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Robust object tracking in 3D by fusing ultra-wideband and vision



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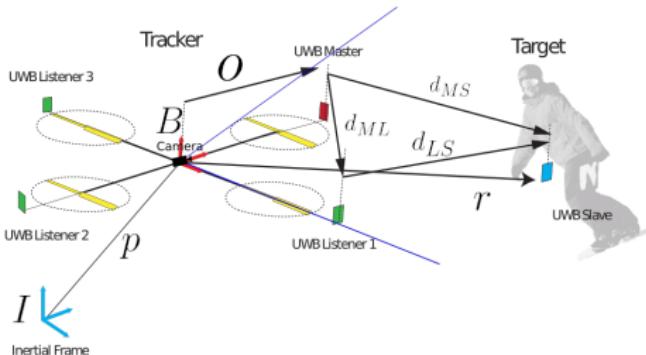
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- Provides 3D position and velocity information
- Accuracy of $\approx 10\text{cm}$

[Tobias Naegeli, 2016]

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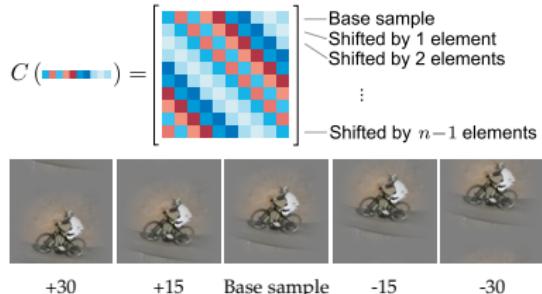
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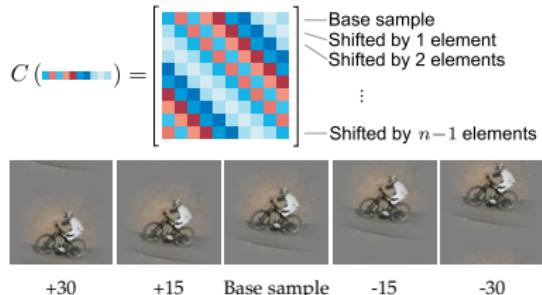
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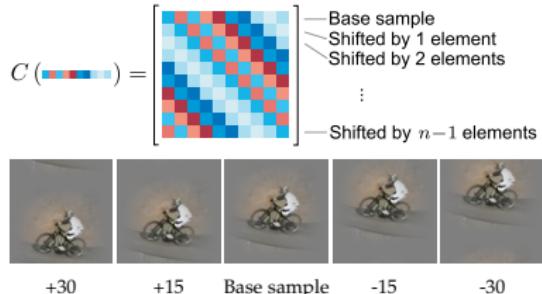
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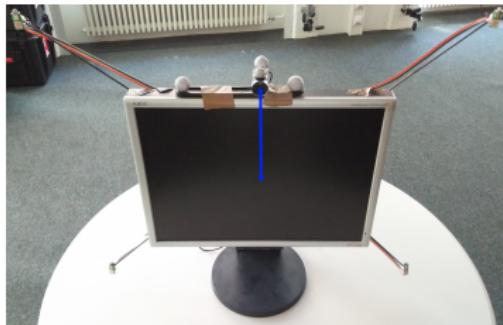
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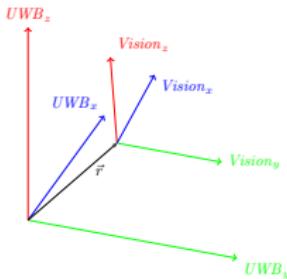
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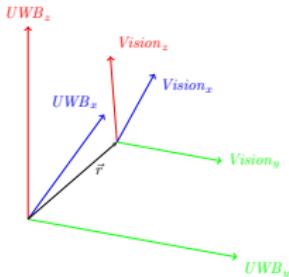
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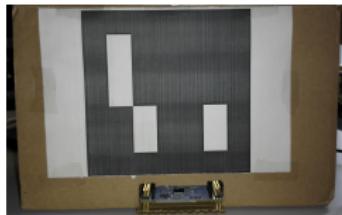
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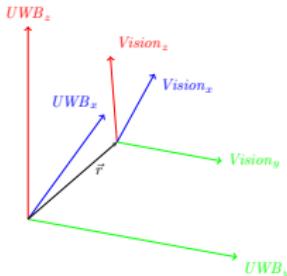
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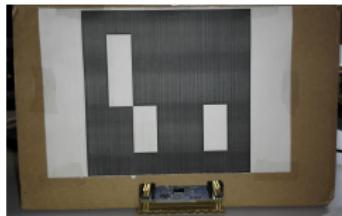
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- Kabsch: Get rotation matrix \mathbf{U} and translation vector \vec{r} which results in the l_{rms}

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Transform a point (position or velocity):

$$\begin{bmatrix} x_{Vision} \\ y_{Vision} \\ z_{Vision} \end{bmatrix} = \frac{1}{scale} \cdot \mathbf{U} \left(\begin{bmatrix} x_{UWB} \\ y_{UWB} \\ z_{UWB} \end{bmatrix} - \vec{r} \right) \quad (1)$$

Transform the covariance matrix of the position and the velocity:

$$\mathbf{C}' = \frac{1}{scale^2} \mathbf{U}' \mathbf{C} \mathbf{U}'^T \quad (2)$$

where

$$\mathbf{U}' = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{U} & \mathbf{0} \\ \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{U} \end{bmatrix} \quad (3)$$

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The states: $\vec{x} = [\vec{r}, \dot{\vec{r}}]^T$ with positon $\vec{r} \in \mathbb{R}^3$, velocity $\dot{\vec{r}} \in \mathbb{R}^3$
System model:

$$\vec{x}(k) = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{I}_3 & \Delta\mathbf{T} \\ \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{I}_3 \end{bmatrix} \vec{x}(k-1) + \vec{v}(k-1))$$
$$\vec{v}(k-1) \sim \mathcal{N}(\vec{0}, \mathbf{Q})$$

Fusing with an Extended Kalman Filter (EKF)

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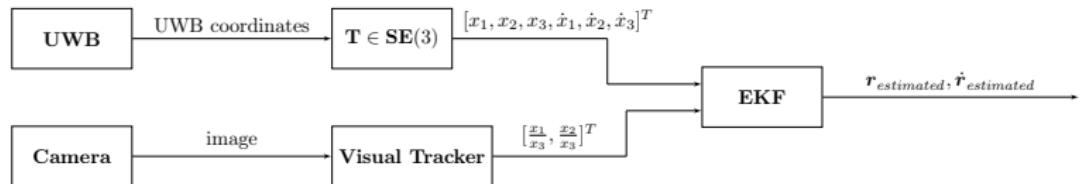
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The information gained from the measurements is used to perform an a posteriori update, resulting in an updated mean of the states $\hat{\vec{x}}_m(k)$ and an updated co-variance matrix $\mathbf{P}_m(k)$.

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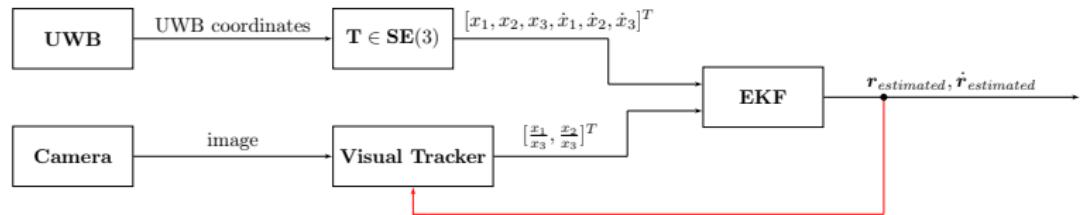
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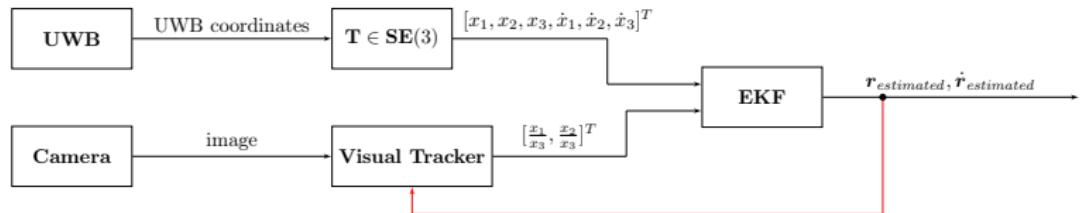
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1: while true do
2:   if target not detected then
3:     Adapt PSR and response threshold
4:     Set re-detection = true
5:   else
6:     if Object was detected in 5 consecutive frames then
7:       Reset PSR and response threshold
8:       Set re-detection flag = false
9:     end if
10:   end if
11:   if re-detection flag = true then
12:     Take 2D position from EKF
13:   end if
14: end while
  
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See demo video!

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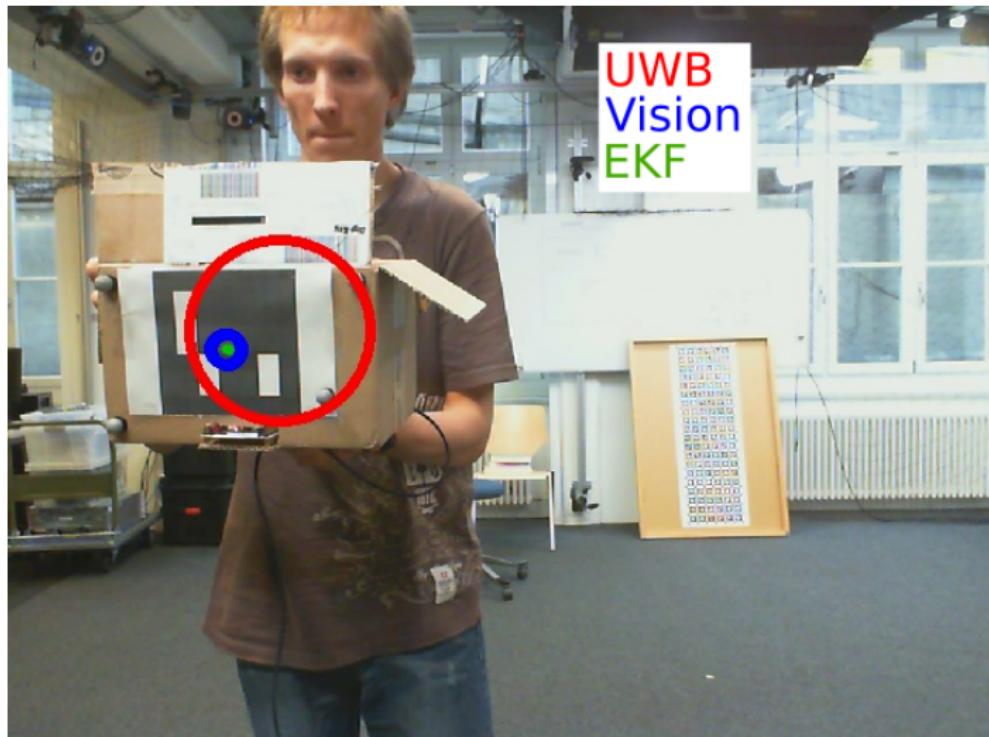
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