



UHead: Driver Attention Monitoring System Using UWB Radar

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Driver Attention Monitoring

Enhance Driving Safety

- 90% of road accidents are closely related to distracted driving.



Enrich Driving Experience

- Combined with head-up display.
- Automotive headlight direction adjustment.



Existing Solutions

Wearable



- Physiological discomfort

Camera



- Vulnerable to light
- Privacy issue

Acoustic



- Contaminated by background noise

RF Sensing for Driver Attention Monitoring



- Contactless and no privacy concerns
- Unaffected by light and background noise

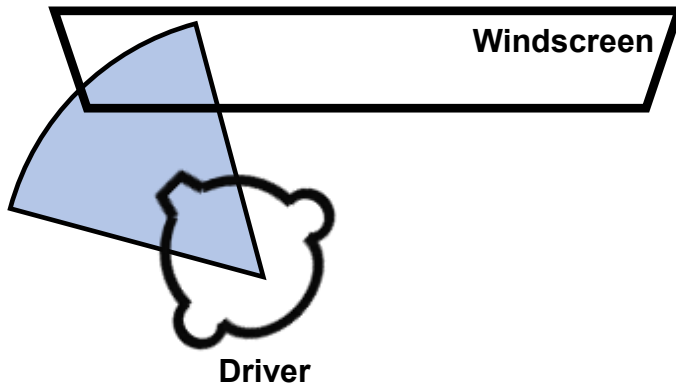


UWB for driver attention monitoring on a phone holder in car.

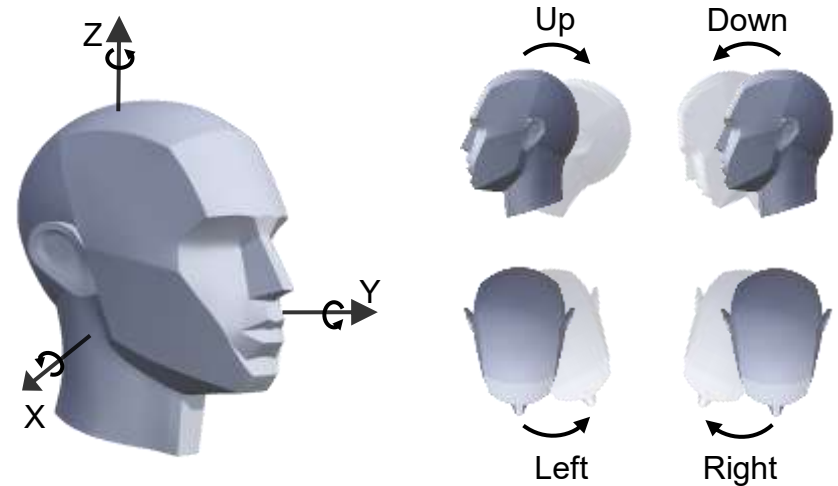
How to Monitor Driver Attention via UWB?

Head rotation is an indication of the driver's attention

- Head direction and driver attention are highly correlated.

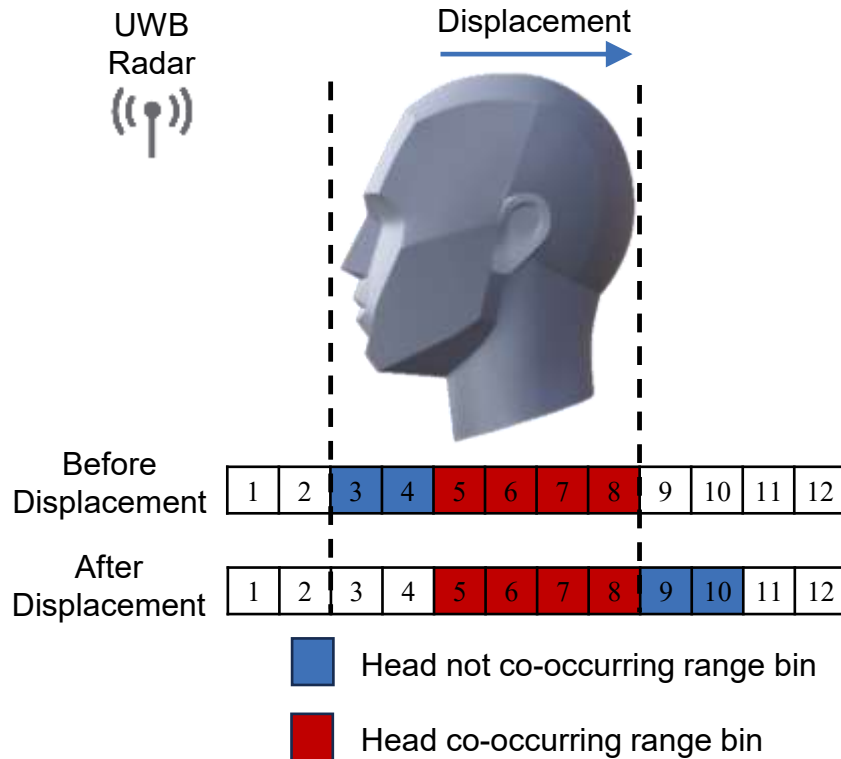


- Four directions of head rotation will affect driver's attention.

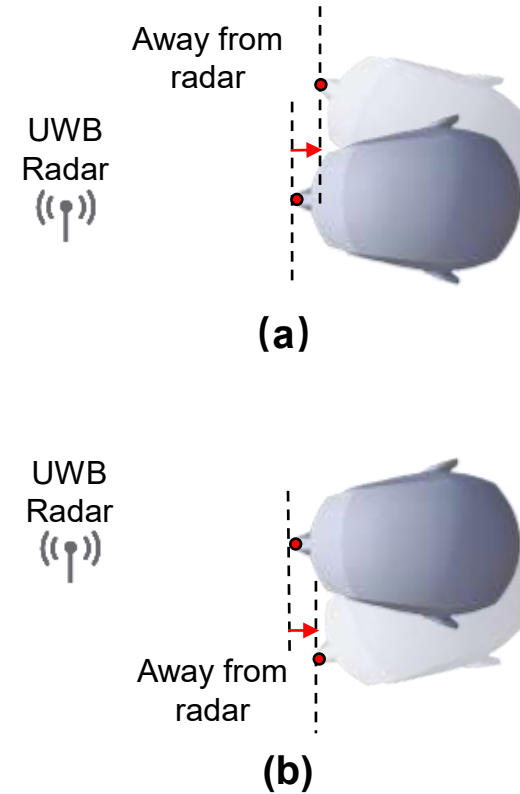


Rotation Direction Classification

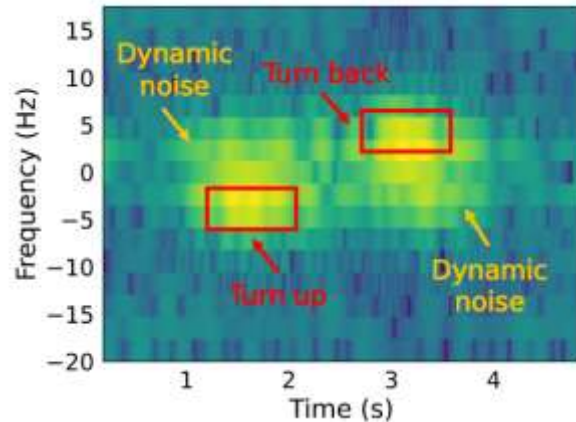
Driver Position Estimation



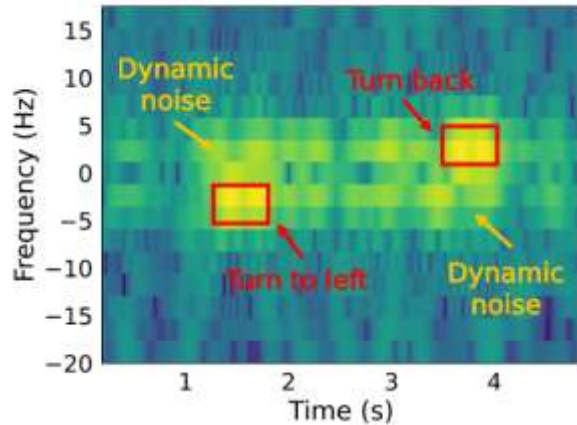
UWB Radar Location



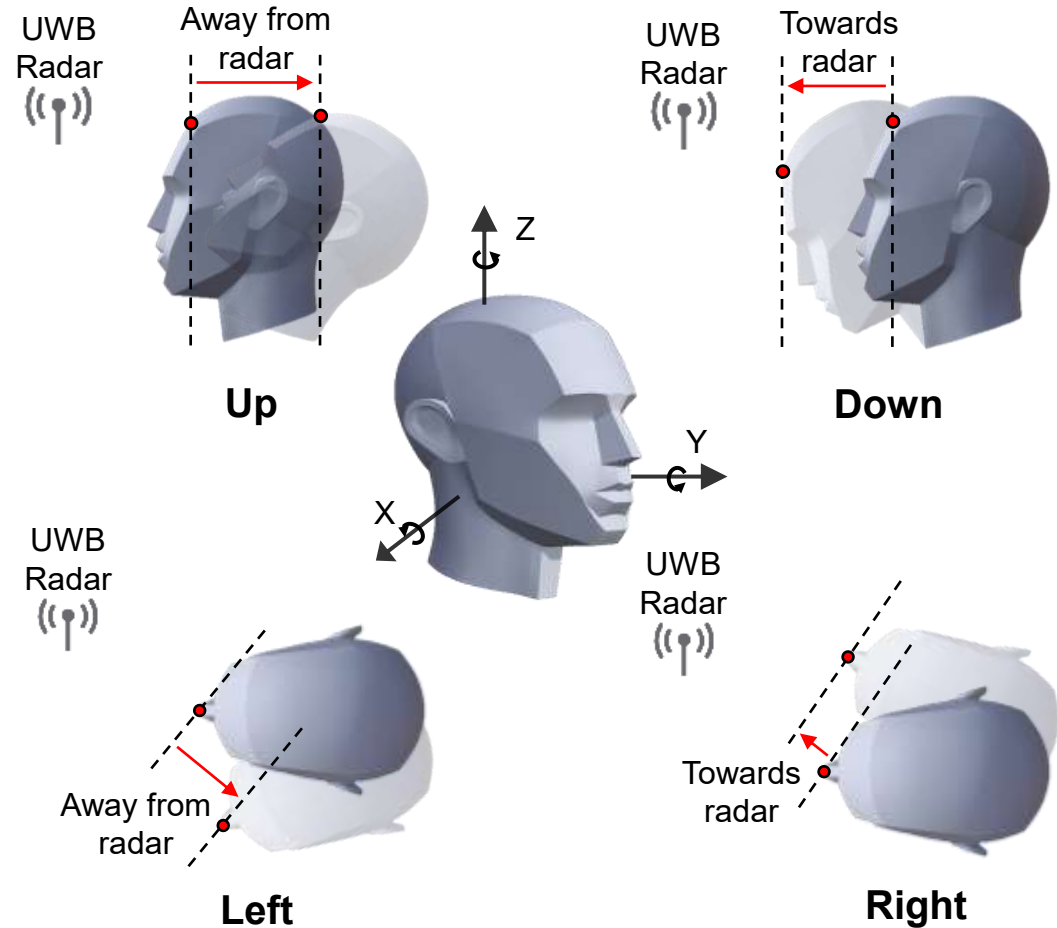
Rotation Direction Recognition



(a) Head rotation around X axis



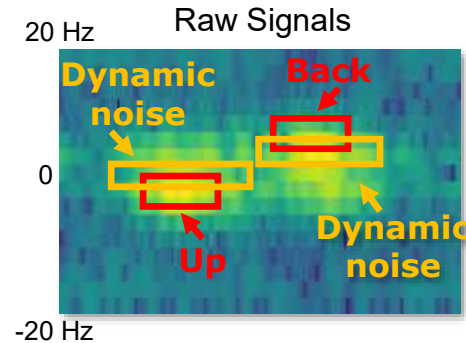
(b) Head rotation around Z axis



Head Rotation Doppler Profiles Extraction



C1: Rotation angle estimation relies on Doppler profiles, but in which head rotation information is coupled with dynamic noises.



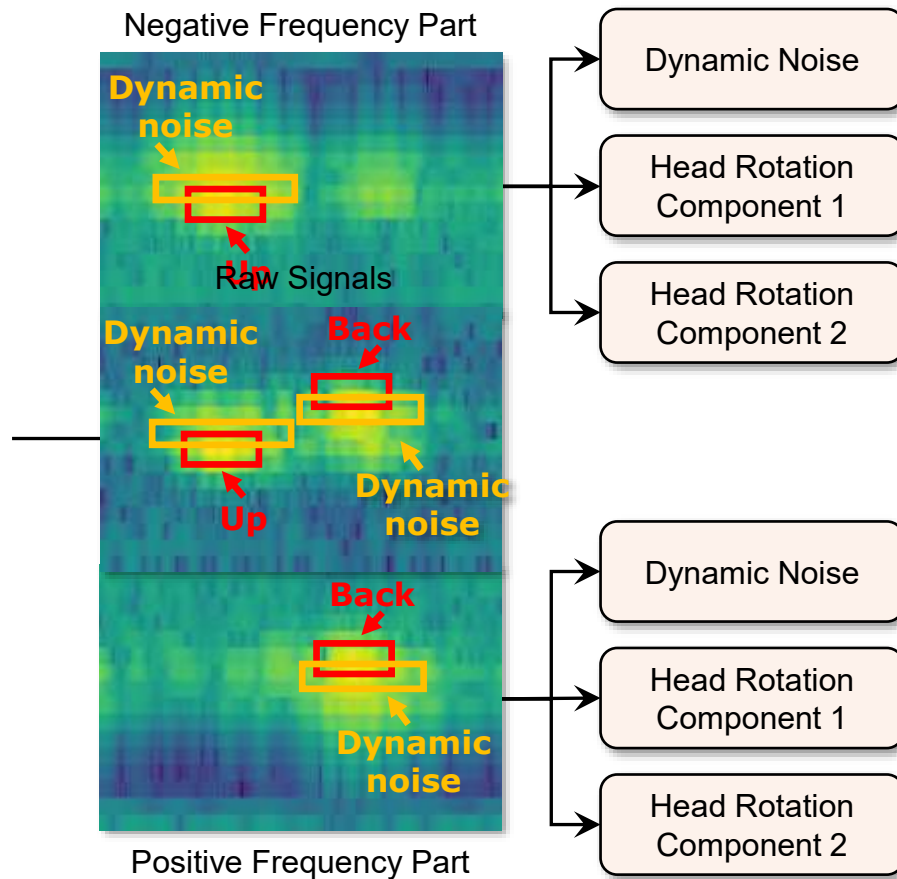
Dynamic noises: tiny body swing

- Temporal randomness
- Frequency coupled with head rotation

Head Rotation Doppler Profiles Extraction



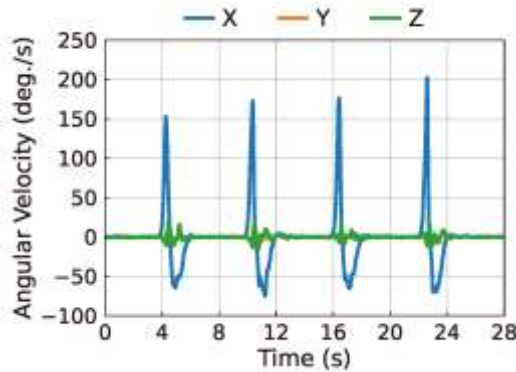
$$f_D = \frac{2f}{c} wr$$



High Resolution TF Representation

C2: Rotation angle estimation requires precise angular velocity, which causes Doppler shifts, but it is not constant in time.

$$f_D = \frac{2f}{c} \omega r$$

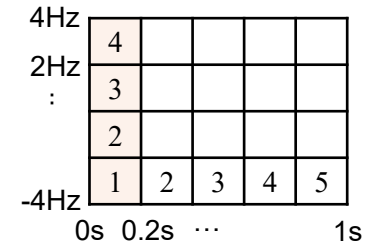
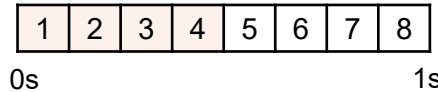


The trade-off of STFT: time and frequency resolution.

Window = 4 (small):

Time resolution = 0.2 s **High**

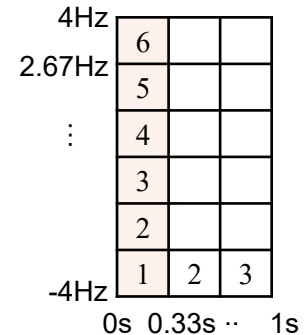
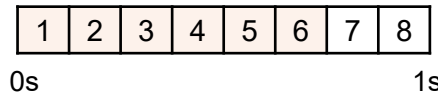
Frequency resolution = 2 Hz



Window = 6 (large):

Time resolution = 0.33 s

Frequency resolution = 1.33 Hz **High**



Note: TF Representation is Time-Frequency Representation

High Resolution TF Representation

STFT

$$STFT(t, \omega) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} s_n(\tau) \omega(\tau - t) e^{-j\omega\tau} d\tau$$

Wigner-Ville Distribution (WVD)

$R(t, \tau)$

$$WVD_s(t, \omega) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} s_n\left(t + \frac{\tau}{2}\right) s_n^*\left(t - \frac{\tau}{2}\right) e^{-j\omega\tau} d\tau$$

$$= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} [s_1\left(t + \frac{\tau}{2}\right) + s_2\left(t + \frac{\tau}{2}\right)] \cdot [s_1\left(t - \frac{\tau}{2}\right) + s_2\left(t - \frac{\tau}{2}\right)]^* e^{-j\omega\tau} d\tau$$

$$= W_{s_1}(t, \omega) + W_{s_2}(t, \omega) + W_{s_1 s_2}(\omega) + W_{s_2 s_1}(\omega)$$

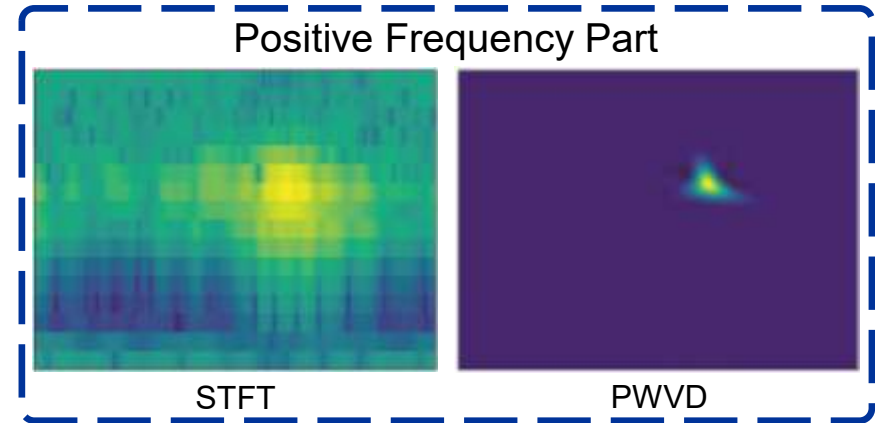
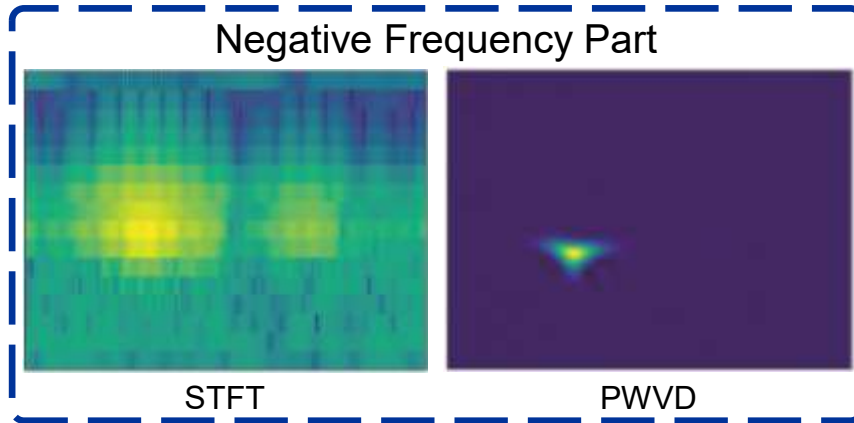
Pseudo Wigner-Ville Distribution (PWVD)

$$PWVD_s(t, \omega) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} h(\tau) s\left(t + \frac{\tau}{2}\right) s^*\left(t - \frac{\tau}{2}\right) e^{-j\omega\tau} d\tau$$

High Resolution TF Representation

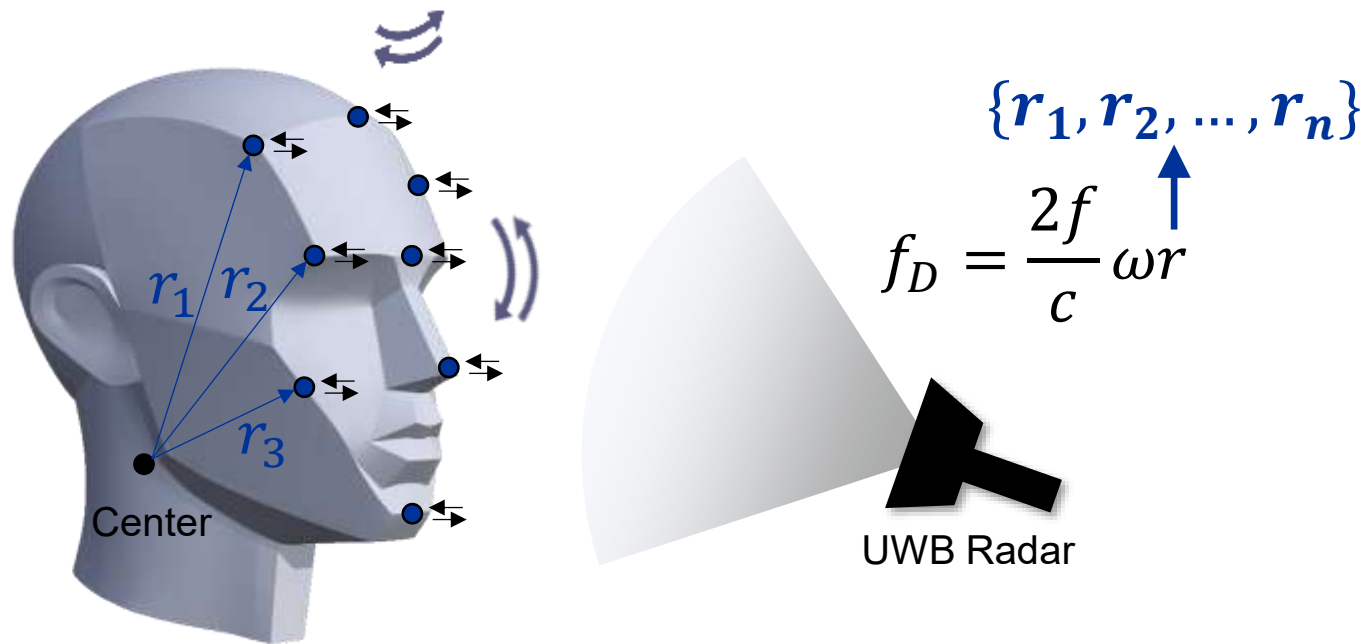
Pseudo Wigner-Ville Distribution (PWVD)

$$PWVD_s(t, \omega) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \underbrace{h(\tau)}_{\text{Hamming window}} \underbrace{s\left(t + \frac{\tau}{2}\right) s^*\left(t - \frac{\tau}{2}\right)}_{\text{Instantaneous autocorrelation function}} e^{-j\omega\tau} d\tau$$



Head Rotation Angle Estimation

C3: Head rotation angle is hard to estimate because the signals from multiple reflection points on the head are coupled together.



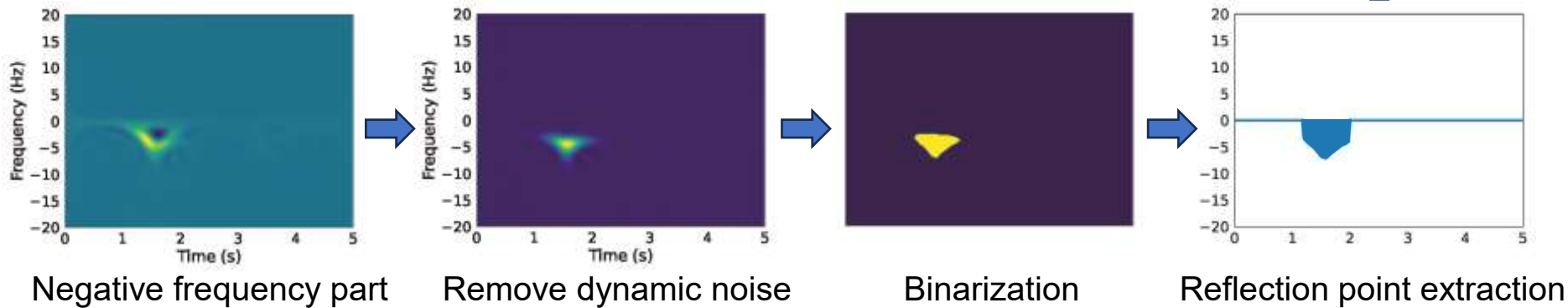
Head Rotation Angle Estimation

Head Structure-Based Rotation Angle Estimation Algorithm

- Time-Frequency Representation Binarization
- Reflection Point Extraction
- Head Rotation Angle Estimation

$$S_D = \int \frac{2f}{c} \omega(t) r dt = \frac{2f}{c} \boxed{\theta} r$$

Rotation Angle
↑



Experiment Setup



Novelda X4M05
UWB Radar



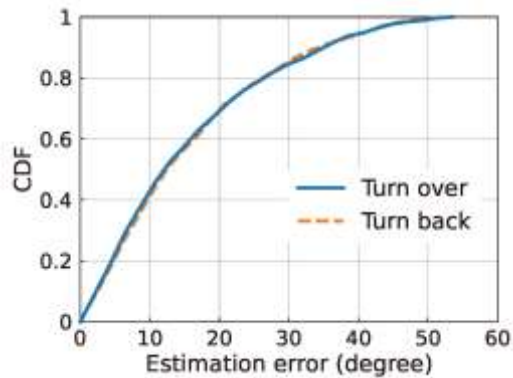
Experiment Settings

Overall Performance

$$r_x = 0.16m$$

$$r_z = 0.15m$$

Angle Estimation



Median error

Turn over: 12.59°

Turn back: 12.96°

Direction Recognition

	Up	Down	Left	Right
Up	94.44%	0.00%	5.56%	0.00%
Down	0.00%	91.67%	0.00%	8.33%
Left	5.26%	0.00%	93.42%	1.32%
Right	0.00%	2.78%	8.33%	88.89%

Test set

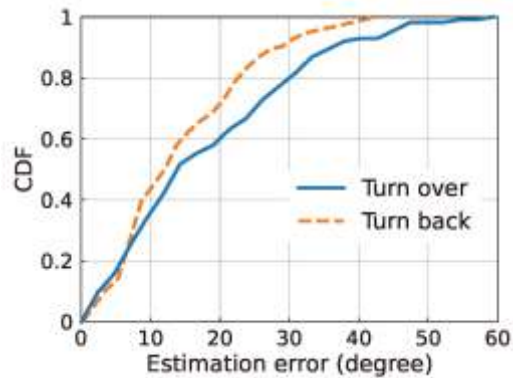
	Up	Down	Left	Right
Up	83.33%	0.00%	16.67%	0.00%
Down	0.00%	95.00%	0.00%	5.00%
Left	14.17%	0.00%	85.83%	0.00%
Right	0.00%	0.83%	9.17%	90.00%

Cross person

System Robustness

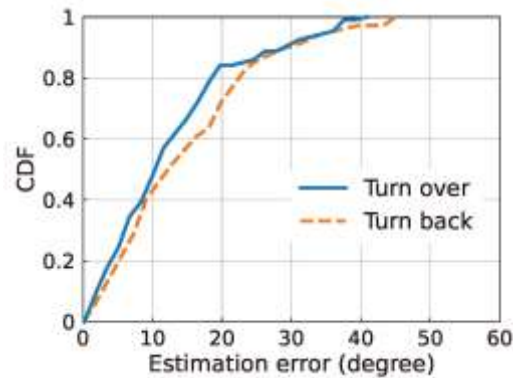


Road Bumps

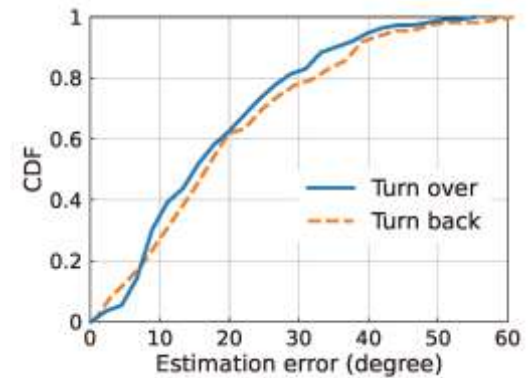


Median error
Turn over: 14.49°
Turn back: 13.09°

Presence of Passenger



Rear

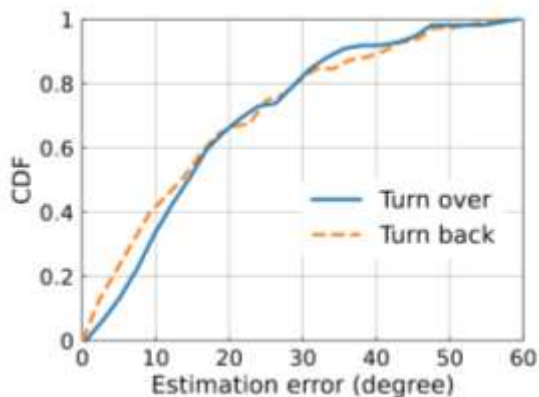


Copilot

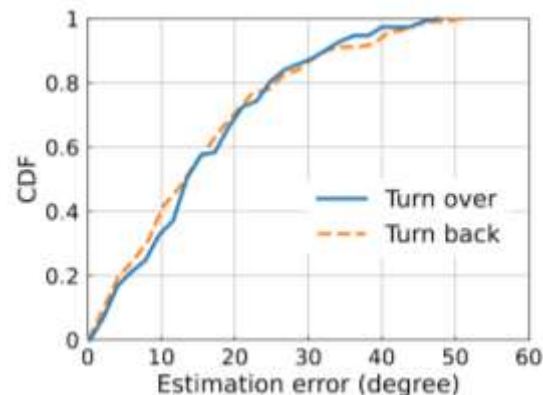
System Robustness



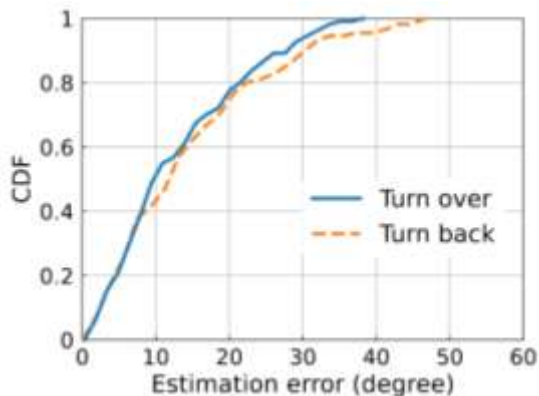
Relative Locations of Radar



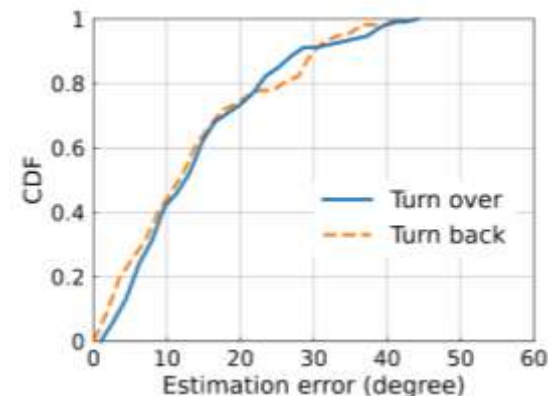
Left 30 degree



Right 30 degree

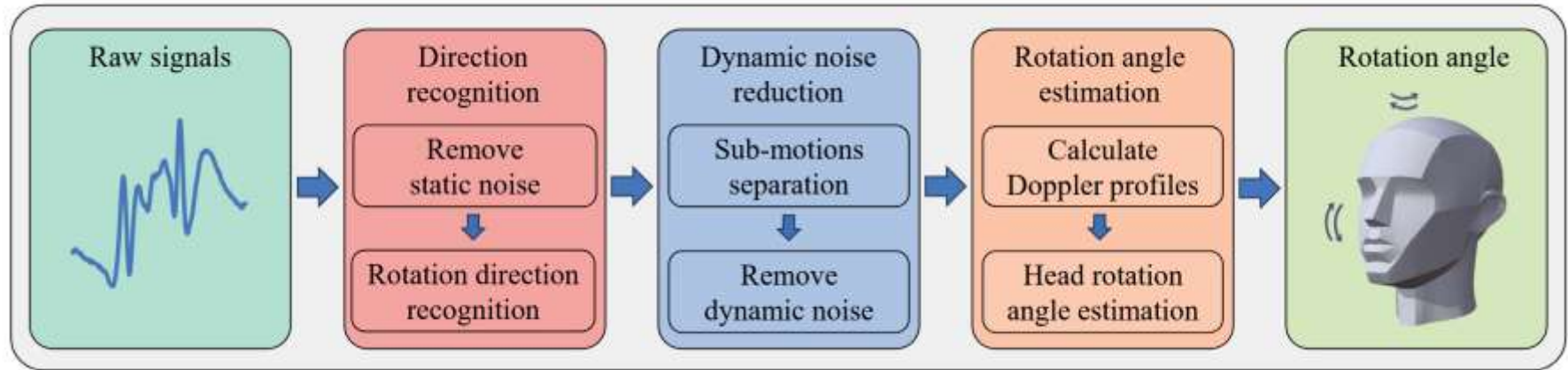


Right 45 degree



Right 60 degree

Conclusion



Thanks for listening!
Q&A

Complex Variational Mode Decomposition (CVMD)

(1) 分离正负频率分量

- 对复信号 $s(t)$ 应用理想带通滤波器，分离出**正频率分量** $s_+(t)$ 和**负频率分量** $s_-(t)$:

$$B(e^{j\omega}) = \begin{cases} 1, & 0 \leq \omega < \pi \\ 0, & -\pi \leq \omega < 0 \end{cases}$$

- $s_+(t)$ 包含正频率信息 (如头部向雷达靠近的正多普勒频移)。
- $s_-(t)$ 包含负频率信息 (如头部远离雷达的负多普勒频移)。

(2) 解析信号生成

- 将实信号转换为解析信号，保留单边频谱:

$$m_k^+(t) = (\delta(t) + \frac{j}{\pi t}) * m_k(t)$$

其中 $m_k(t)$ 是分解后的子信号， $\delta(t)$ 是狄拉克函数，确保频谱单边化。

(3) 变分问题构造

- 目标: 将信号分解为 K 个**本征模态函数 (IMF)**，每个 IMF 围绕中心频率 ω_k ，且带宽最小化。
- 约束条件: 分解后的子信号之和等于原信号 $f(t)$ 。
- 优化问题:

$$\min_{\{m_k\}, \{\omega_k\}} \sum_{k=1}^K \|\partial_t [m_k^+(t) e^{-j\omega_k t}]\|_2^2, \quad \text{s.t.} \sum_{k=1}^K m_k(t) = f(t)$$

其中 ∂_t 表示时间导数，通过最小化导数的范数来约束带宽。

Complex Variational Mode Decomposition (CVMD)



(4) 拉格朗日乘数法与 ADMM 求解

- 引入拉格朗日乘数 $\lambda(t)$ 和二次惩罚项, 构造增广拉格朗日函数:

$$\mathcal{L} = \alpha \sum_{k=1}^K \left\| \partial_t [m_k^+(t) e^{-j\omega_k t}] \right\|_2^2 + \left\| f(t) - \sum_{k=1}^K m_k(t) \right\|_2^2 + \left\langle \lambda(t), f(t) - \sum_{k=1}^K m_k(t) \right\rangle$$

- α 平衡数据保真度与带宽约束。
- 使用 ** 交替方向乘子法 (ADMM) ** 迭代更新每个 IMF m_k 和中心频率 ω_k , 通过 Wiener 滤波优化频域分解, 确保抗噪声和采样鲁棒性。

(5) 中心频率更新

- 每个 IMF 的中心频率 ω_k 由其功率谱的重心确定:

$$\omega_k^{n+1} = \frac{\int_0^\infty \omega |\hat{m}_k^{n+1}(\omega)|^2 d\omega}{\int_0^\infty |\hat{m}_k^{n+1}(\omega)|^2 d\omega}$$

确保 IMF 紧密围绕其主导频率。