

CARLA-Based Sensor Fusion for Improved Trajectory Mapping

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This guide integrates camera and LiDAR data for Simultaneous Localization and Mapping (SLAM) in AV using the CARLA simulator

Objectives:

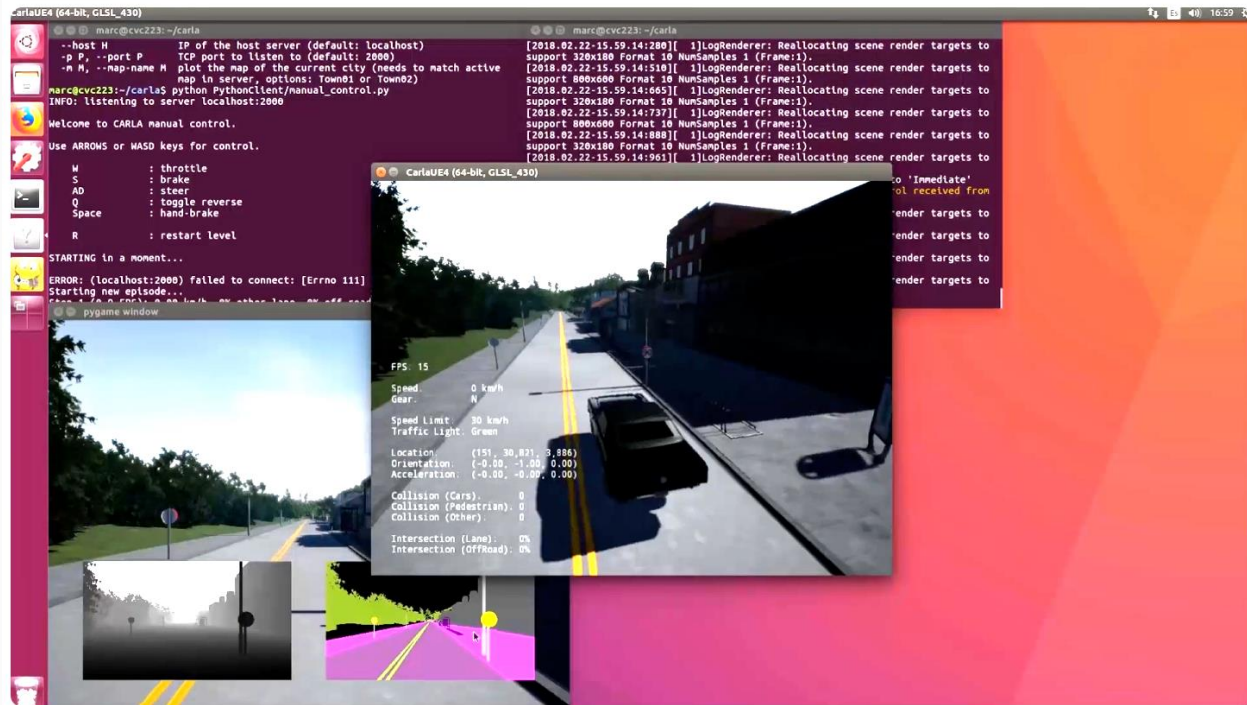
- Estimate vehicle trajectory using visual odometry from camera data
- Build a 3D mapped point cloud of the environment using LiDAR data
- Combine trajectory and 3D map data to enhance localization and navigation

Tools and Technologies:

- CARLA Simulator for data generation
- OpenCV, Open3D

Methodology

Methodology: Jupyter Notebooks



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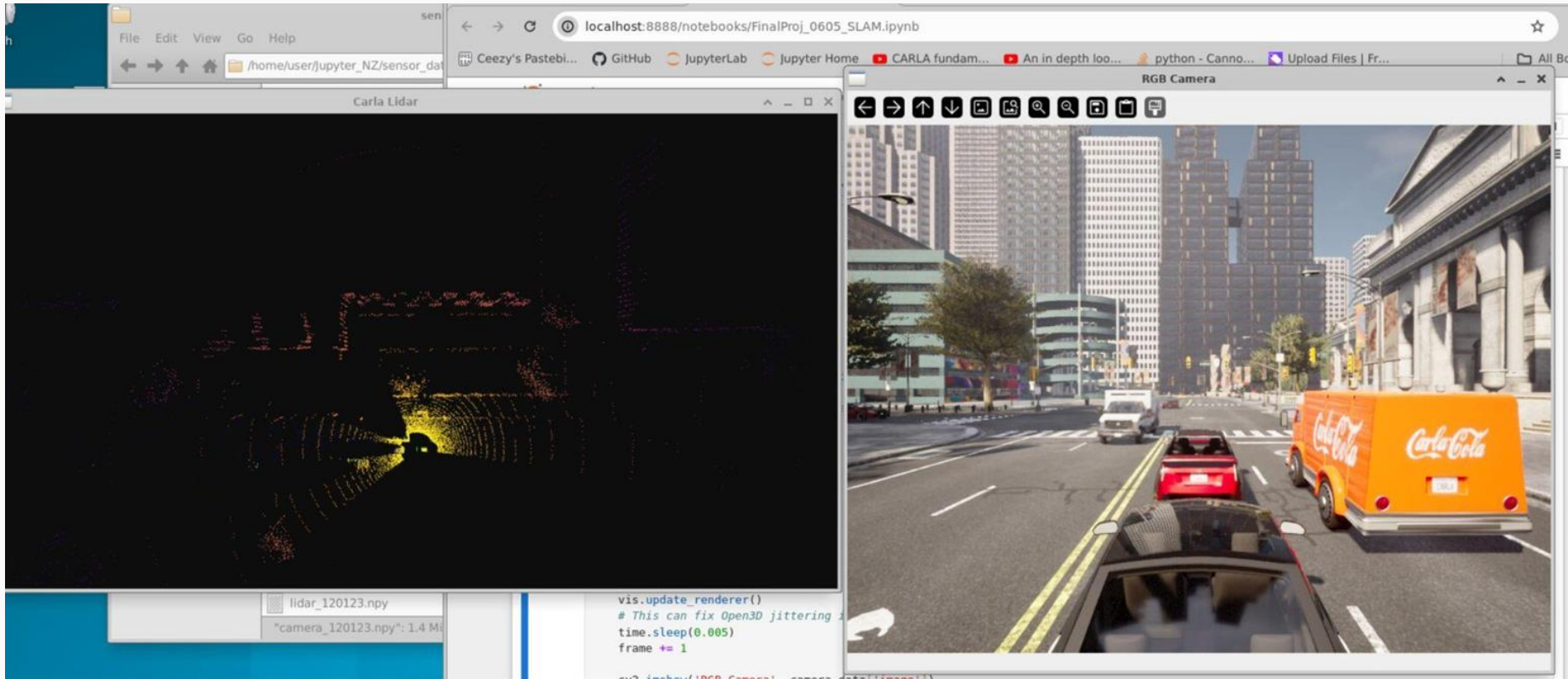
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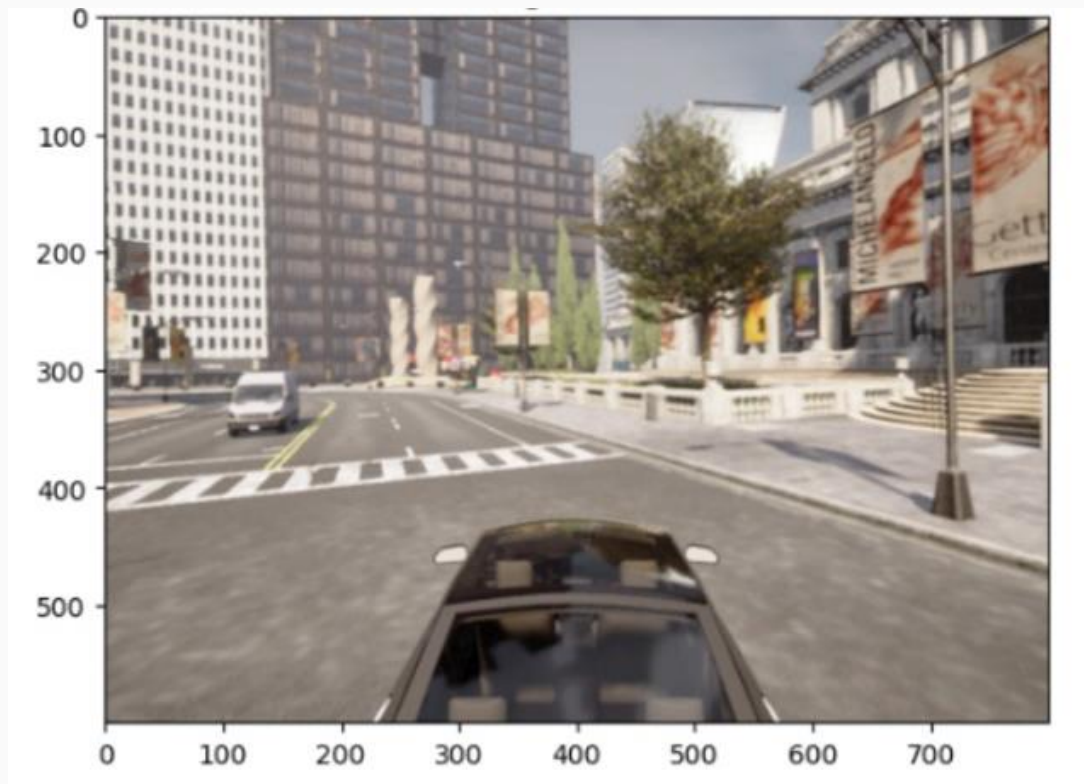
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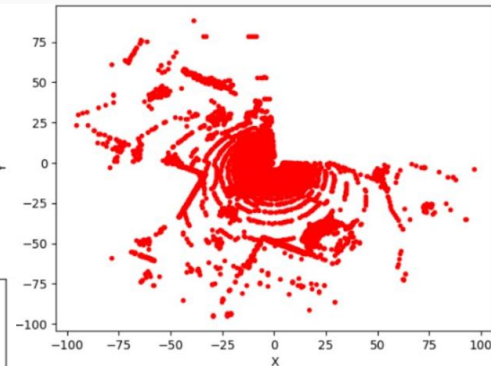
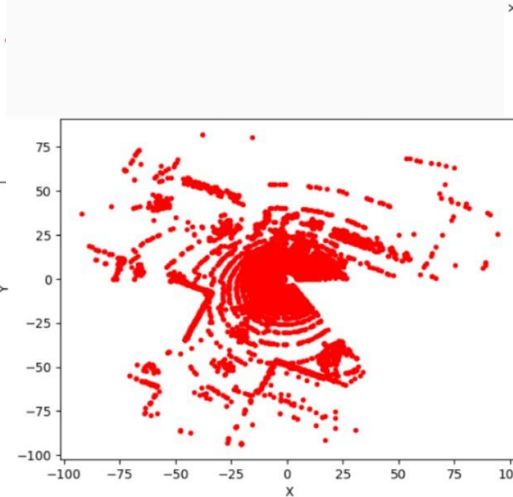
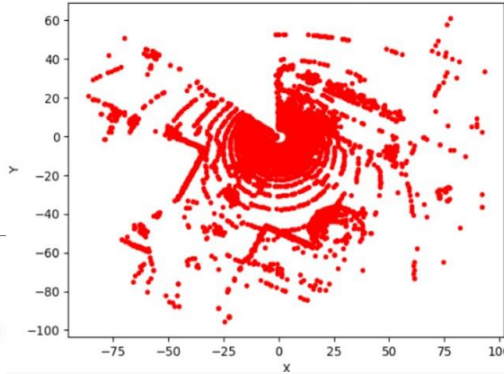
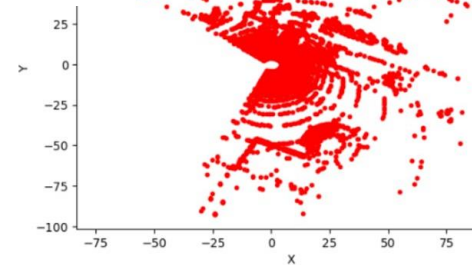
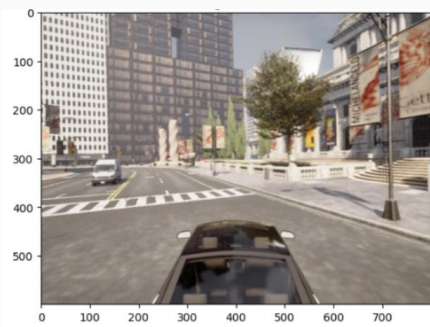
Methodology: CARLA Working



Methodology: Data Export Camera

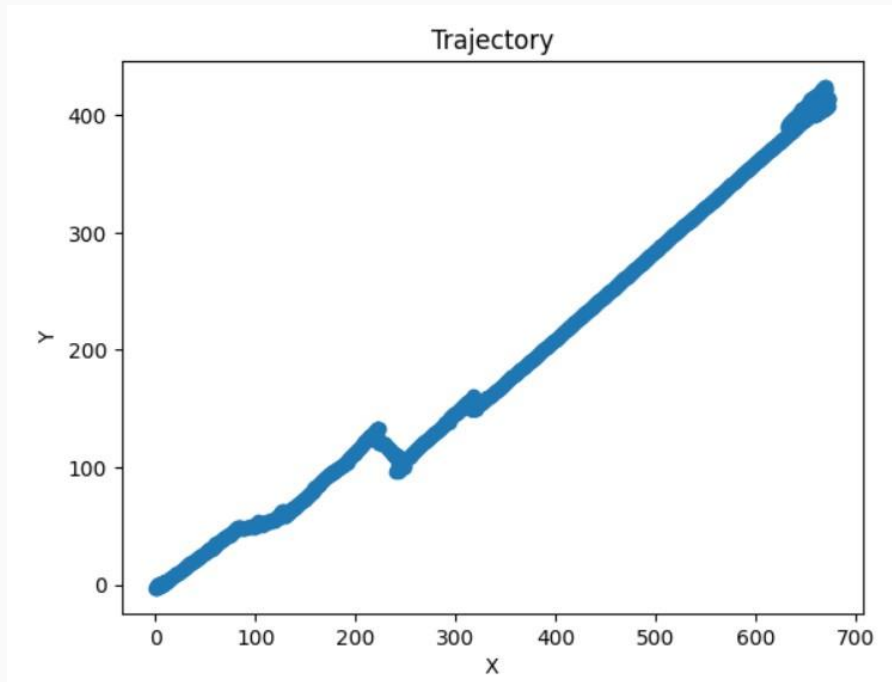
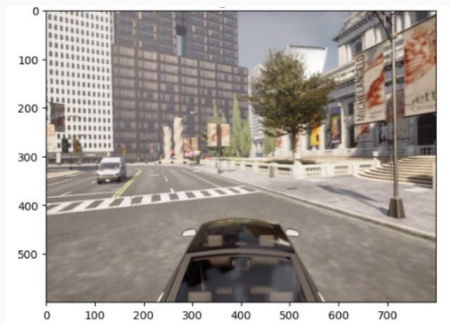


Methodology: Data Export LiDAR

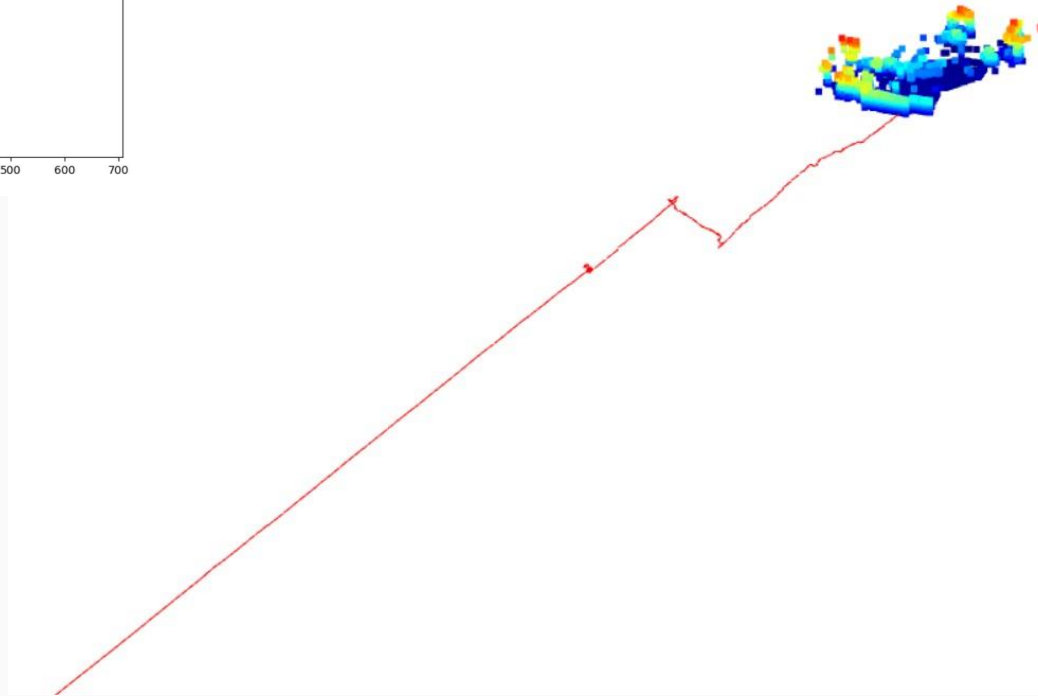
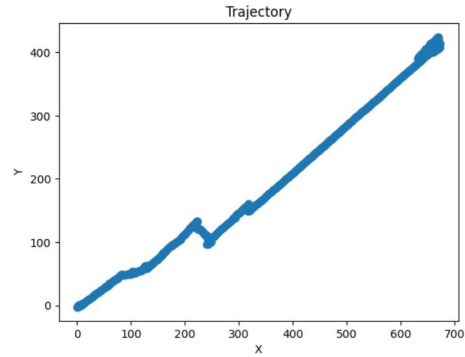


Evaluations

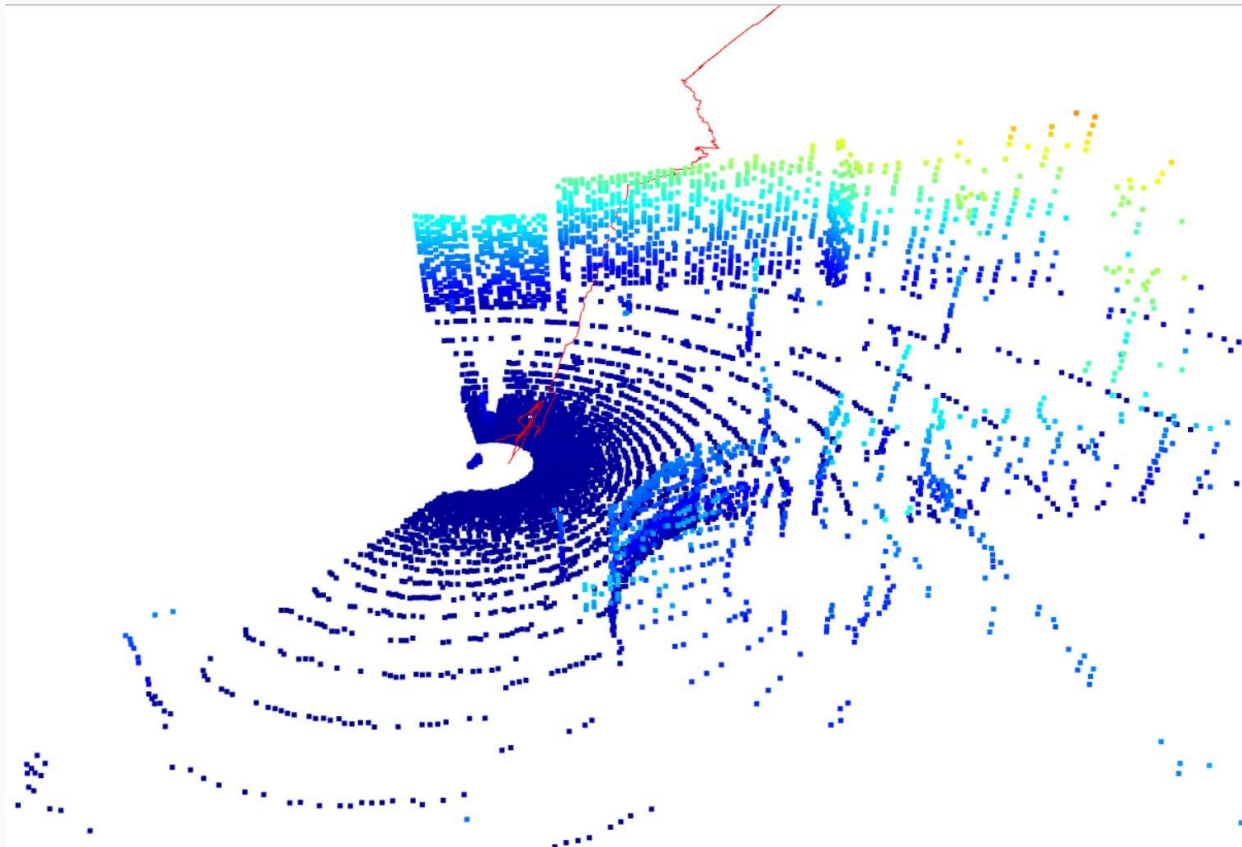
Evaluation: Odometric Trajectory



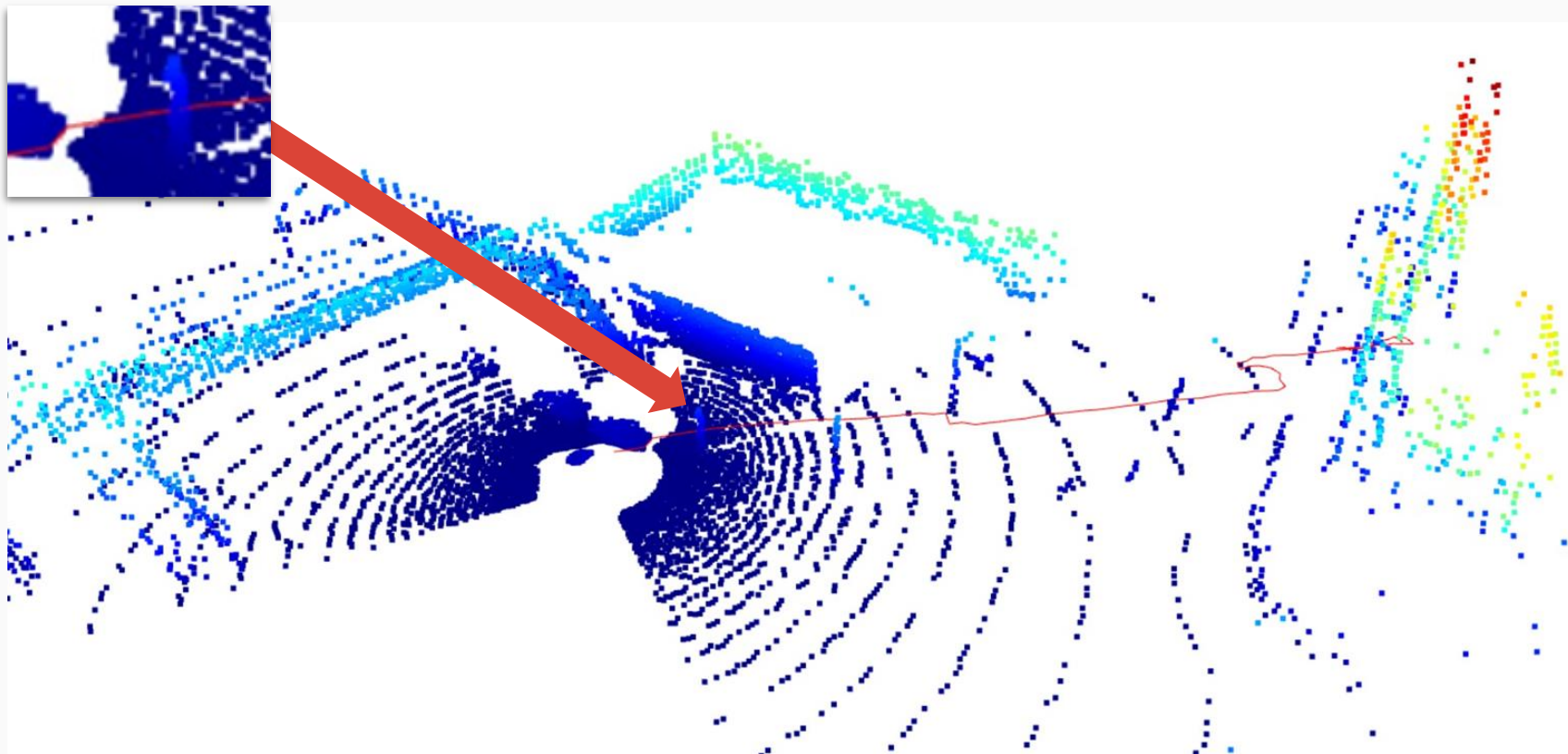
Evaluation: Point Cloud + Trajectory



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Related work

Creating a map of the environment:

- HD Maps for Autonomous Vehicles
- Semantic SLAM for Dynamic Environments



(a) Original input RGB image



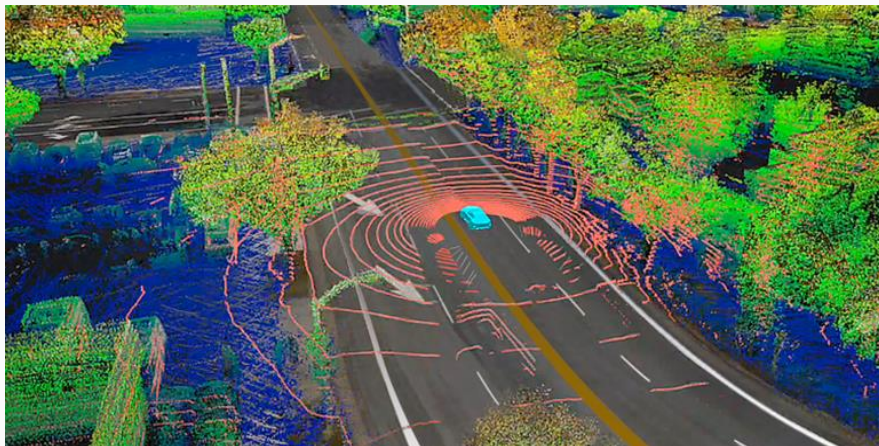
(b) Semantic segmentation image



(c) All keypoints before dynamic point removal



(d) Preliminary removal of dynamic feature points in the scene based on semantic segmentation results



Localization

Determining vehicle position and orientation:

- Determine vehicle position relative to a starting point or within a global map
- Simultaneous Localization and Mapping: Extract and track distinct features in environment



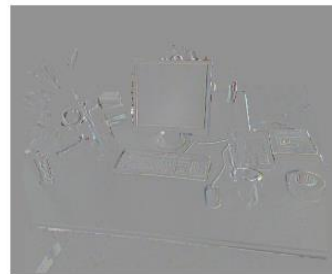
(a) First input image



(b) Second input image



(c) Warped second image

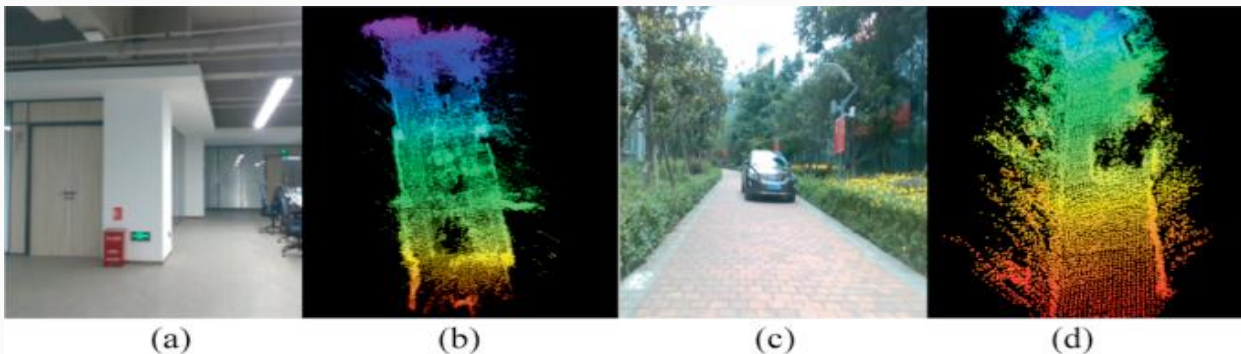


(d) Difference image

Real-Time Navigation

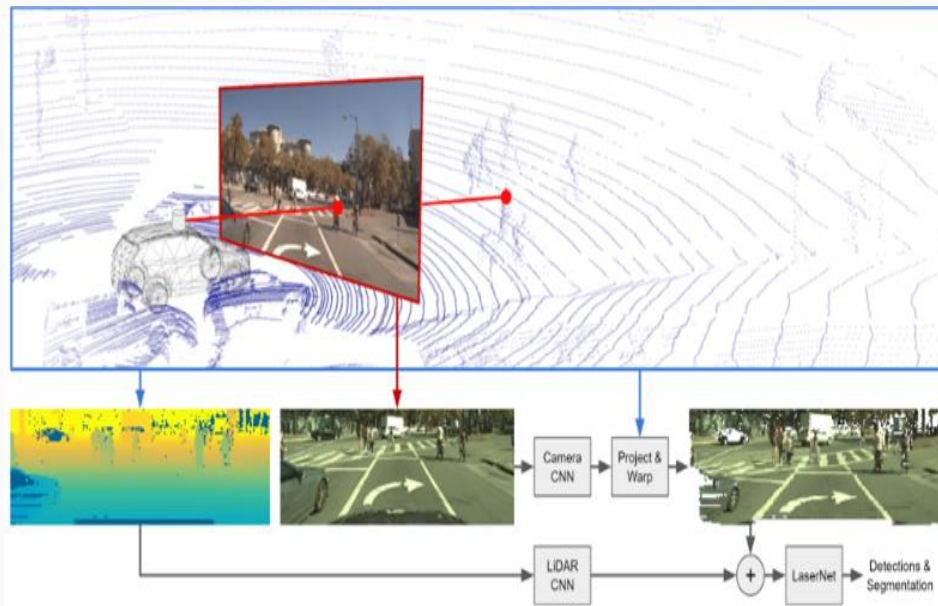
Dynamic navigation and positioning:

- Dynamic vehicle position and orientation updates via odometry
- Visual Odometry for vehicle navigation from Dense RGB-D Images



Exploring Advanced Sensor Integration Techniques:

- Multi-sensor Fusion (Early Fusion, Mid Fusion)
- Novel techniques, BEVFusion, LaserNet



Conclusion

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- Generate data after running the CARLA simulator
- Export sensor data to disk
- Camera data goes to OpenCV to detect and match **keypoints** between frames
- Keypoint matches are used through odometry to estimate trajectory
- LiDAR data goes to Open3D to create a **3D point cloud** of environment
- 3D point cloud visualized to analyze the spatial layout
- Combine the estimated trajectory with generated point cloud to perform SLAM
- SLAM provides comprehensive view of the vehicle's path and environment

Questions?