RESEARCH SUMMARY

All sensors synchronized

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Pot hole

3D Mapping of Unpaved Road Surfaces

1) **3D mapping system for unpaved road surfaces** built upon a novel interpolation method that estimates the point depth by utilizing corresponding LiDAR depth.

2) **LiDAR intensity-weighted point cloud registration**, which robust to noise and dust particle.

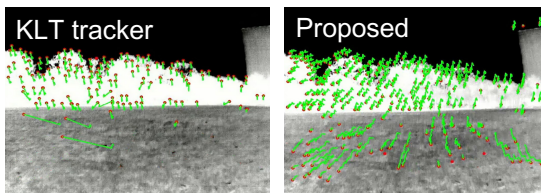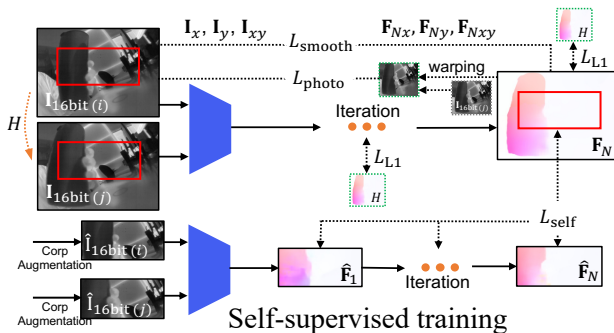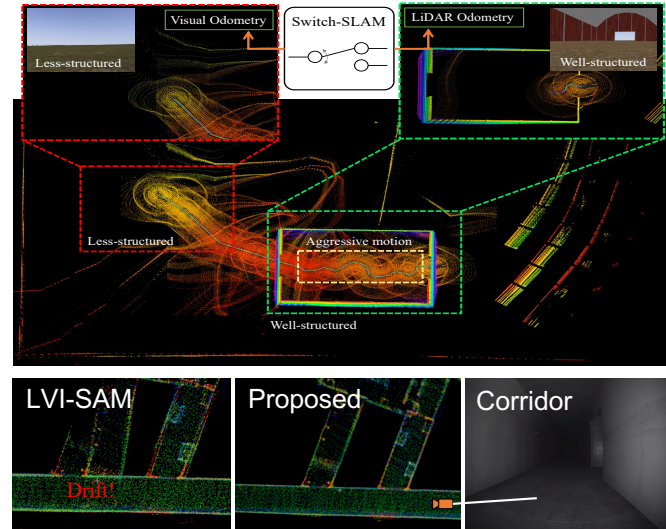**Keyword:** Sensor fusion, Point cloud registration, LiDAR degeneration, 3D mapping

[Journal of Field Robotics 2024], [Video]

Robust LiDAR-visual-inertial SLAM

1) **Switching-based sensor fusion approach** that utilizes a switching structure to effectively prevent failure information from propagating throughout the entire SLAM system.

2) **Non-heuristic degeneracy detection**, which eliminates the need for heuristic tuning for LiDAR degeneracy detection.

Keyword: Sensor fusion, LiDAR degeneration, Statistical detection, Extreme environments

[IEEE RA-L 2024], [Video]

Visual Odometry   Switch-SLAM   LiDAR Odometry

Less-structured   Well-structured

Less-structured

Aggressive motion

Well-structured

LVI-SAM   Proposed   Corridor

Drift!

I_x, I_y, I_{xy} F_{Nx}, F_{Ny}, F_{Nxy} H

L_{smooth} L_{L1}

L_{photo} warping

$I_{16bit\,(i)}$ $I_{16bit\,(j)}$

H Iteration L_{L1} F_N

H

Corp Augmentation $\hat{I}_{16bit\,(i)}$ L_{self}

Corp Augmentation $\hat{I}_{16bit\,(j)}$ $\hat{F}_1$ Iteration $\hat{F}_N$

Self-supervised training

KLT tracker   Proposed

Self-supervised Thermal-inertial SLAM

1) **Learning-based feature point tracker** that is robust and accurate for 16-bit thermal images, with lightweight real-time inference.

2) **Fully self-supervised training strategies** to address the issue of insufficient ground truth data and improve generability.

Keyword: Optical flow, Feature point tracking, Self-supervised Learning, Thermal-inertial odometry

[IEEE RA-L 2025], [ICCAS 2024], [Video]