

Sector VAD processing

1) Define the following cost function

$$L = \sum_n (\mathbf{u} \cdot \hat{\mathbf{r}}_n - u_{r_n})^2$$

where

$\hat{\mathbf{r}}_n = \sin(az) \cos(el) \hat{\mathbf{x}} + \cos(az) \cos(el) \hat{\mathbf{y}} + \sin(el) \hat{\mathbf{z}}$, Radial unit vector from the lidar to a point on the “range ring.”

u_{r_n} = Radial velocity measured by the lidar

$\mathbf{u} = u\hat{\mathbf{x}} + v\hat{\mathbf{y}}$, this is the vector we’re solving for.

\sum_n = summation over all the radial velocity measurements within the range ring

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2) Minimize L with respect to u and v. Compute

$$\frac{\partial L}{\partial u} = 2 \sum_n (\mathbf{u} \cdot \hat{\mathbf{r}}_n - u_{r_n}) \sin(az_n) \cos(el_n)$$

$$\frac{\partial L}{\partial v} = 2 \sum_n (\mathbf{u} \cdot \hat{\mathbf{r}}_n - u_{r_n}) \cos(az_n) \cos(el_n)$$

Setting $\frac{\partial L}{\partial u} = 0$ and $\frac{\partial L}{\partial v} = 0$ gives a 2x2 linear system. Solve it for u and v.

3) Build the vertical profile of u and v by repeating steps (1) and (2) for each range ring. The height of each range ring is $z = r \sin(el)$.