

Driving Intelligence Validation Platform (DIVP[®]) for AD Safety Assurance - Radar modelling and Applications -

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AD safety Assurance*



For Validation & Verification Methodology

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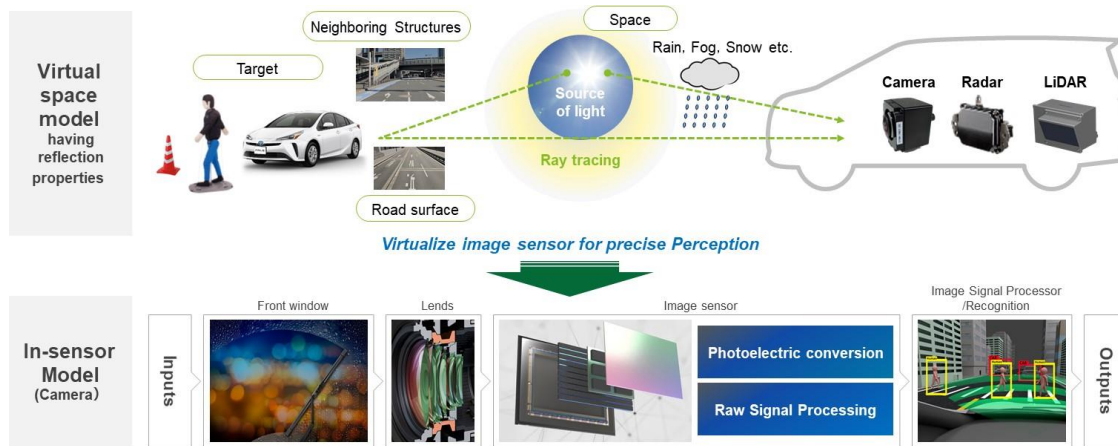
Building a virtual space simulation platform having highly consistent sensor models with real-world phenomena to contribute to the safety assessment of automated driving.

DIVP motivation

- Sensor modeling that is highly consistent with physical phenomena.
- Platform that enables AD-evaluations throughout “scenario creation”, “verification of recognition”, “validation of vehicle control”.
- Enhanced connectivity with existing simulation software.



Real world



Virtual space and Sensor model

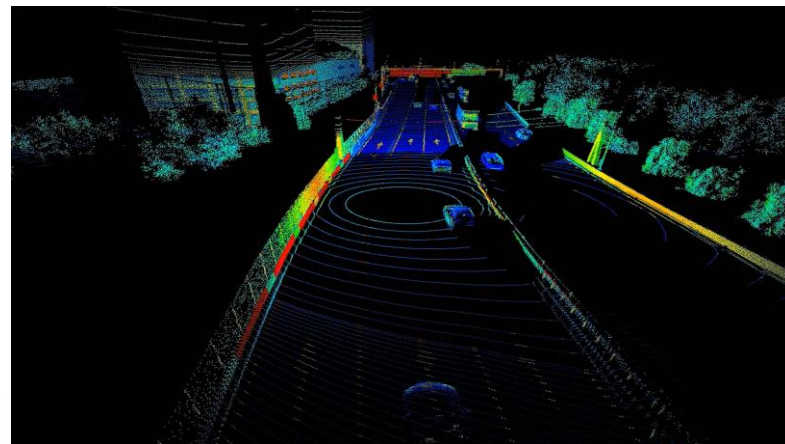
DIVP Simulation results

Virtual sensor views on CI expressway & Odaiba AD-FOT area produced by DIVP simulator

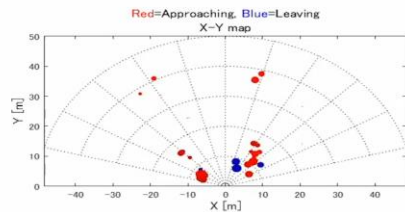
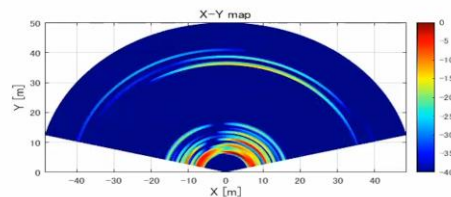


Camera

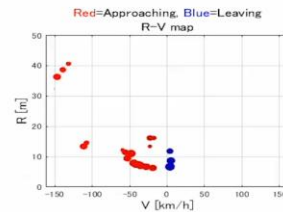
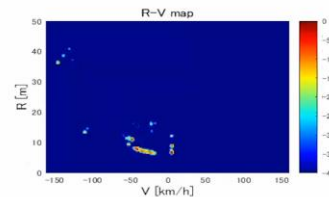
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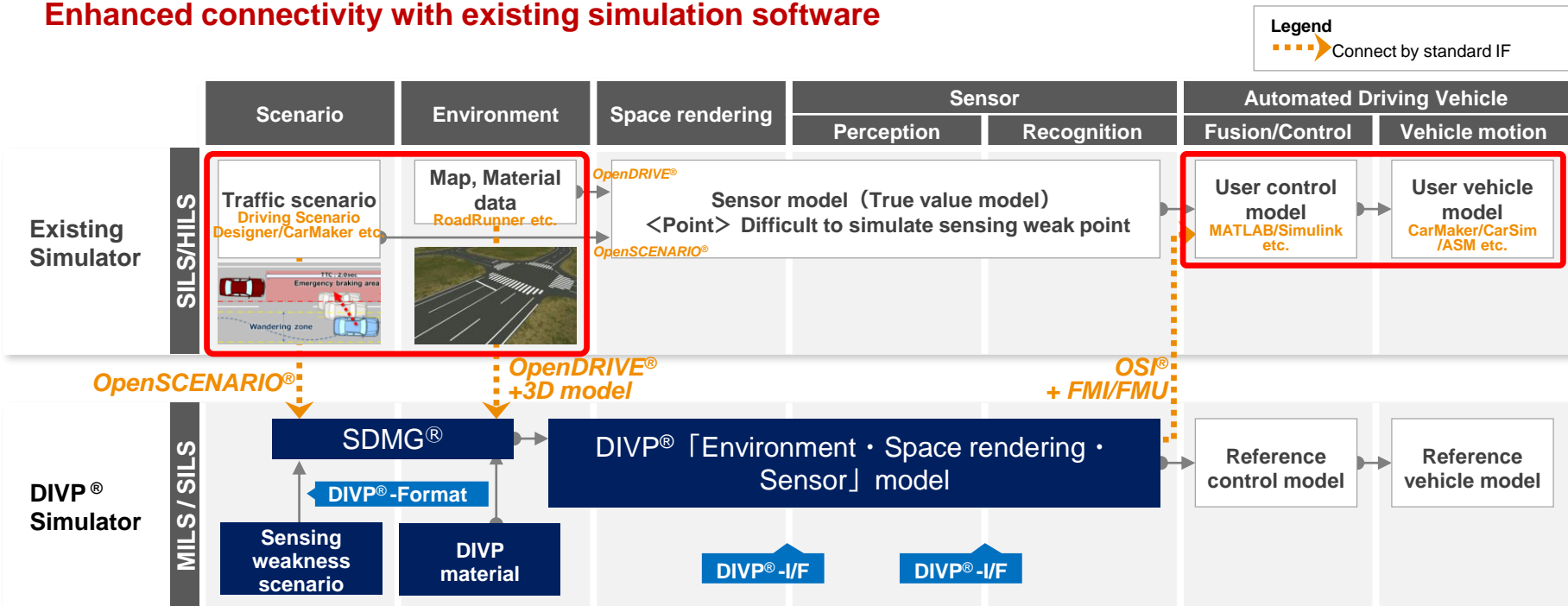


Radar



Comply with OpenSCENARIO[®], OpenDRIVE[®] and other standards of ASAM. Ensure the connectivity with existing simulation software to provide tool chain.

Enhanced connectivity with existing simulation software



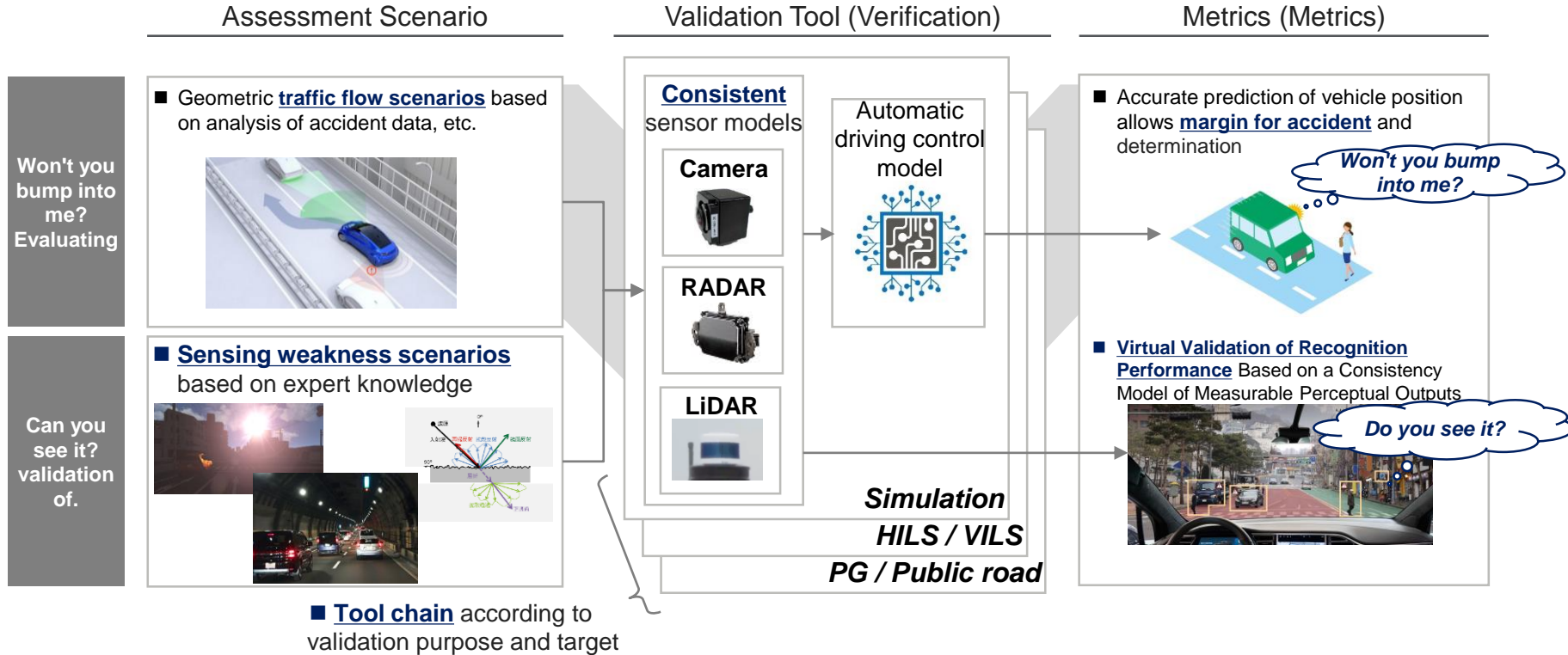
Contribute to international standardization activities, for example, proposing standard format to ASAM utilizing Japan=German cooperation framework.

ASAM2) : Association for Standardization of Automation and Measuring Systems / OSI3) : Open Simulation Interface



For safety assessment, it is essential to materialize scenarios, tools and indicators that enable validation of the two indicators

Validation system required for AD safety assessment



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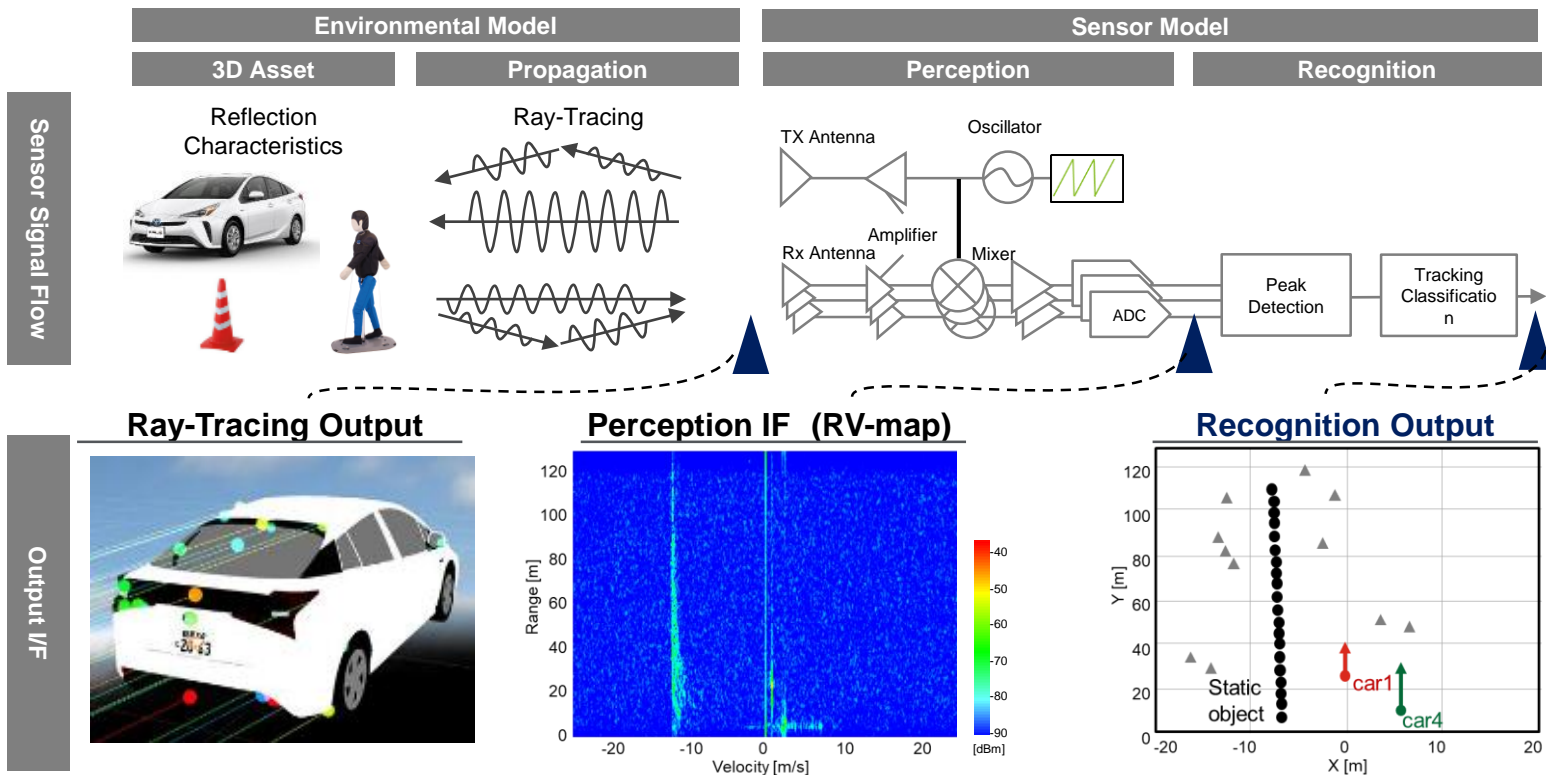
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DIVP models physical phenomena based on the sensor principle and achieves high consistency by verifying each modules I/F.

Sensor Model (Radar)

▲ : I/F



DIVP models 3D maps and assets based on precise measurements.

3D modeling based on measurement results

- MMS(Mobile Mapping System) measurement results



- Virtual Proving Ground (Tokyo Waterfront City)

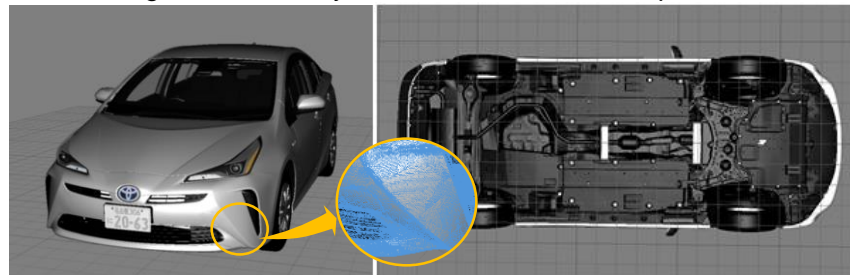


- Laser 3D measurement with an accuracy of 1 mm or less



- High-precision polygons

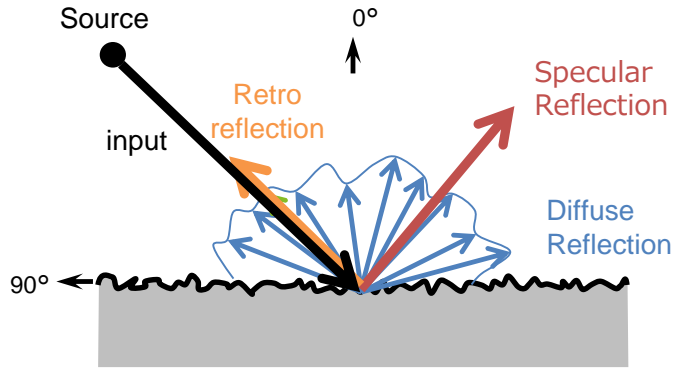
Modeling the underbody for millimeter-wave multipath reflection



Detail characteristics Measurement based on Environmental & Space designed modeling

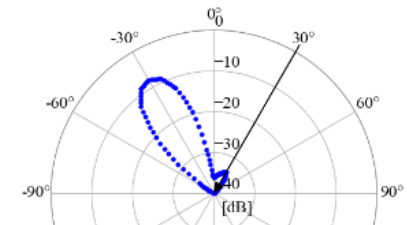
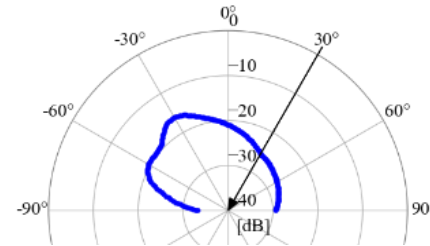
Reflection characteristics modeling based on measurement results

■ Measurement characteristics

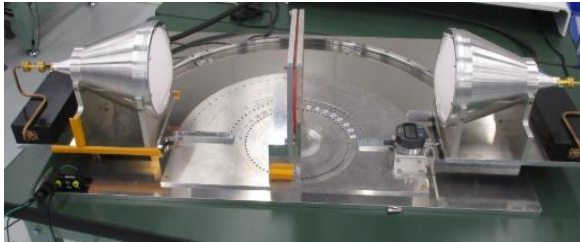


■ Measurement example

asphalt road surfaces with different surface roughness



■ Measurement system

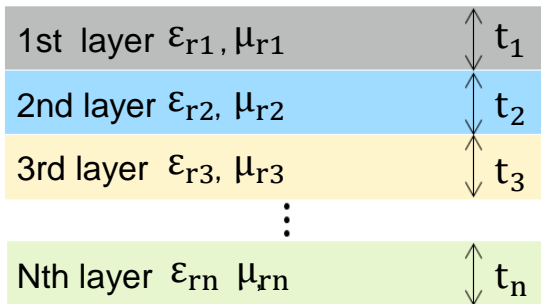


Three reflection models are defined and used according to the behavior of radio waves at reflective targets

Features of the radar reflection model

Scattered model

For small target (vehicle, person etc.)
Radar equation (distance 4th power)
Physical Optics approximation



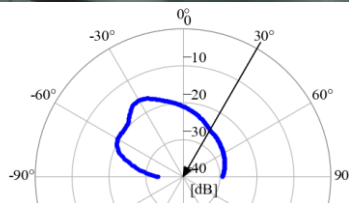
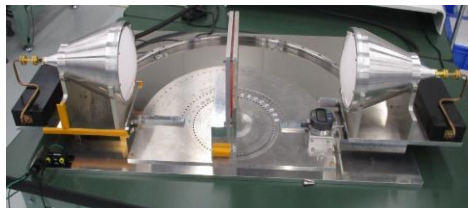
Multi-layer model
(Transfer Matrix Method)

Input parameters

Dielectric constant,
Magnetic permeability, Thickness
(from reflection characteristics)

Reflector model

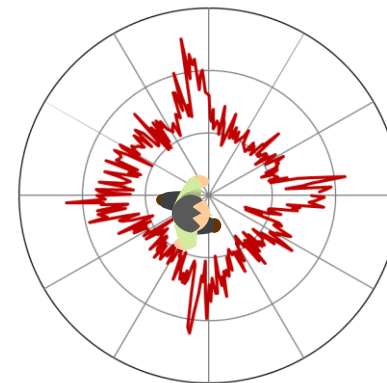
For large target (Building, road surface etc.)
Friis equation (distance squared rule)
Geometrical Optics approximation



Angle characteristics of
reflection characteristics

RCS model

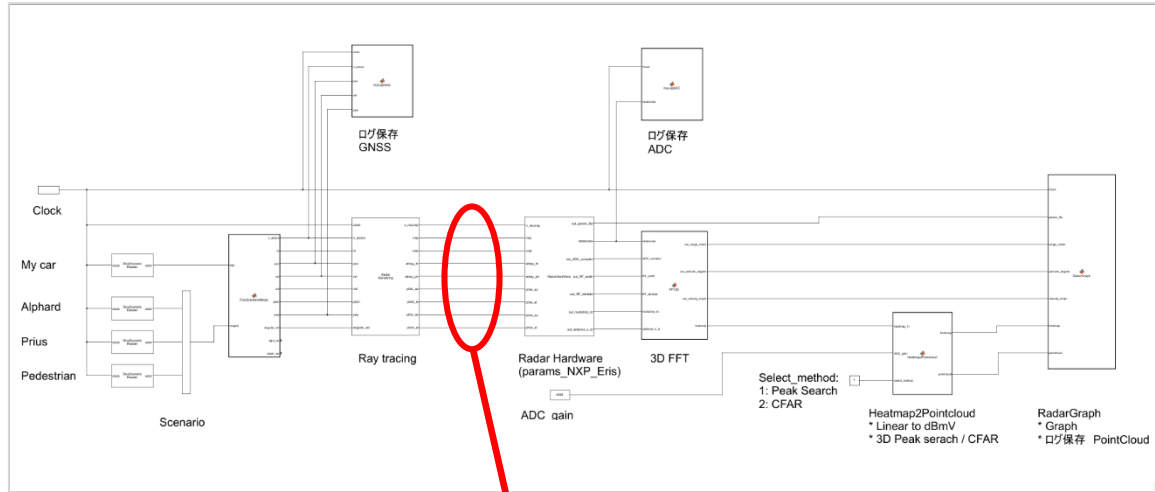
For analysis duration reduction
Radar equation (distance 4th power)



Bi-static RCS

Format of ray trace output to radar model.

Simulink model



Format of ray trace output

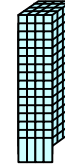
Name	Content	Data type
n_recvray	Number of output ray	UInt16
rray	Propagation distance of ray [m]	Double, 1D-array
vray	Relative radial velocity of the reflected points [m/s]	Double, 1D-array
attray_th	Loss factor (Complex, Propagation and reflection) [linear] (<i>Horizontal polarization</i>)	Double, 1D-array
attray_ph	Loss factor (Complex, Propagation and reflection) [linear] (<i>Vertical polarization</i>)	Double, 1D-array
phitx_az	Angle of radiation from TX antenna [rad] (<i>Horizontal</i>)	Double, 1D-array
phitx_el	Angle of radiation from TX antenna [rad] (<i>Vertical</i>)	Double, 1D-array
phirx_az	Angle of receiving to RX antenna [rad] (<i>Horizontal</i>)	Double, 1D-array
phirx_el	Angle of receiving to RX antenna [rad] (<i>Vertical</i>)	Double, 1D-array

Algorithm to compute radarcube

Clock loop

Step1

Reset radarcube to zero.



Step2

Ray trace computation once.



for i = 1 : n_recvray % Ray loop

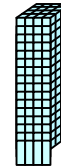
Step3

Compute received voltage Vrecv.



Step4

Copy Vrecv into 3D-array,
with phase rotation type 1,2,3.



Accumulate
3D-array data
with radarcube.



end

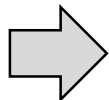
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Three types of phase delay

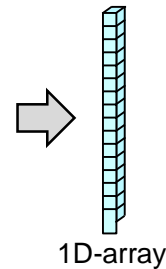
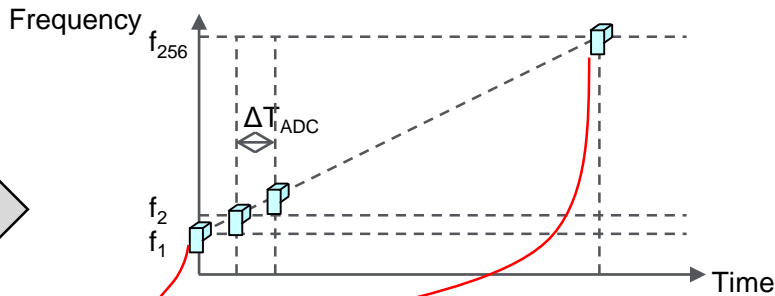
r _{ray}
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at _{rray} _ph
ph _{itx} _az
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Compute antenna gain in that direction.

Compute received voltage V_{recv} .

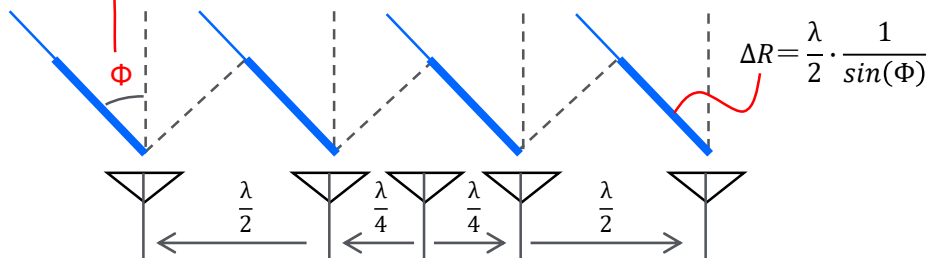


Phase delay (type 1)

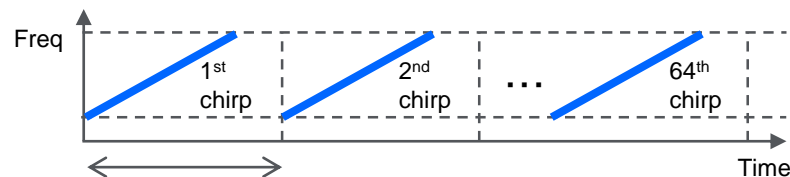


$$V_{256} = V_{recv} \cdot e^{-j\beta_{256} \cdot R_{256}} \quad \beta_{256} = \frac{2\pi \cdot f_{256}}{c} \quad R_{256} = r_{ray} + v_{ray} \cdot (254 \cdot \Delta T_{ADC})$$

$$V_1 = V_{recv} \cdot e^{-j\beta_1 \cdot R_1} \quad \beta_1 = \frac{2\pi \cdot f_1}{c} \quad R_1 = r_{ray}$$



Phase delay (type 2) $e^{-j\beta \cdot \Delta R}$

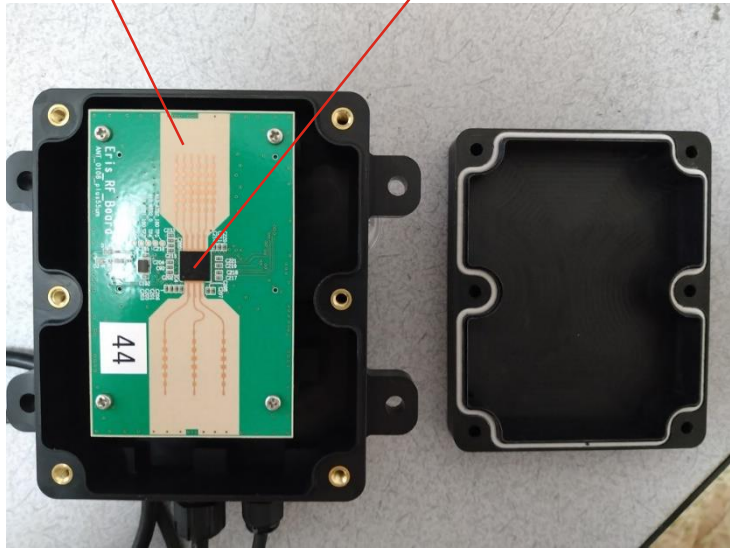


Time difference	ΔT_{chirp}
Distance difference	$\Delta R = v_{ray} \cdot \Delta T_{chirp}$
Phase delay (type 3)	$e^{-j\beta \cdot \Delta R}$

Radar module, and experiment scenario.

TX antenna	3
RX antenna	4
Virtual array	3 x 4 = 12

Radar chip	NXP TEF810X (77GHz)
MCU chip	NXP S32R274



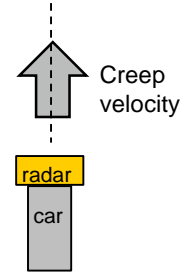
in	DC 12V
out	Ethernet (100Mbps)

Radar setting

fc	76.5 GHz
Max range	About 50m
Number of ADC sampling	256 (※)
Number of multi-chirp	64 (※)

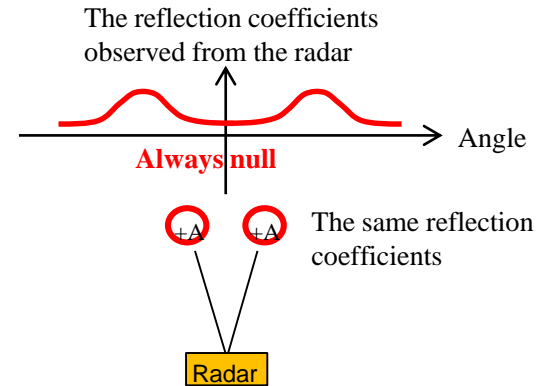
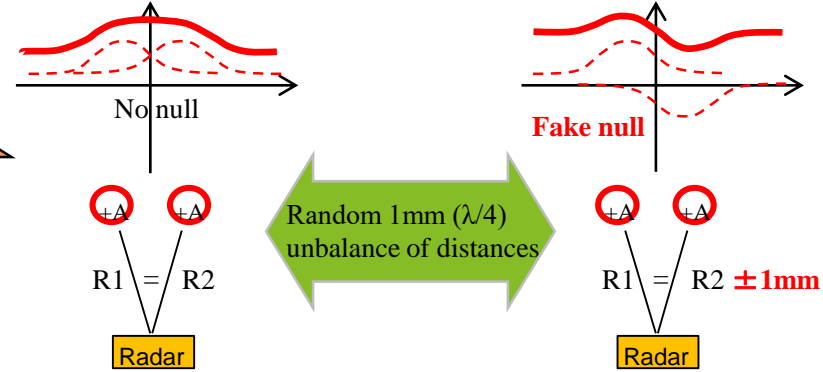
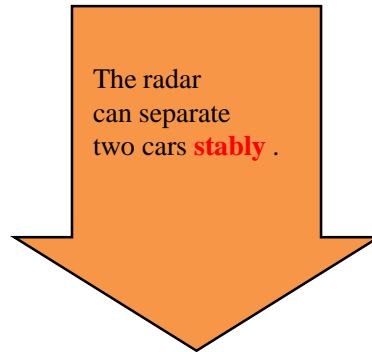
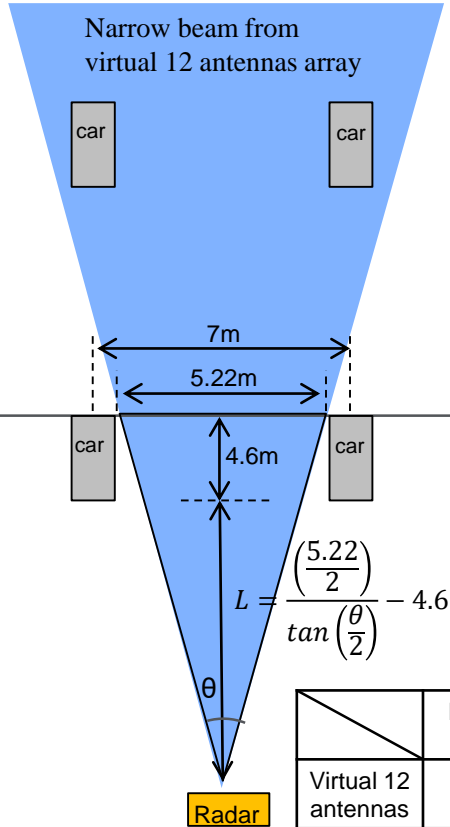
(※) Parameters are reduced in order to suppress the data size to capture all the radarcude in real time.

The antenna board was designed by U-Shin and S-Takaya in Japan.



Very simple experiment to estimate angular separation distance

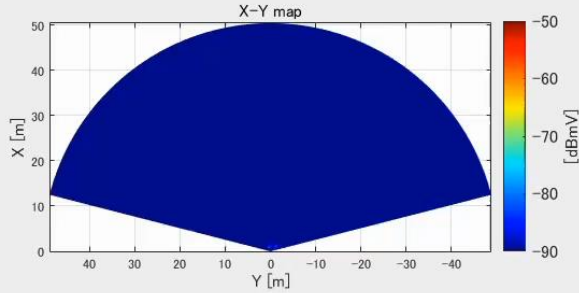
Complex behavior, predicted from theory.



The complex phenomena correctly computed in simulation.

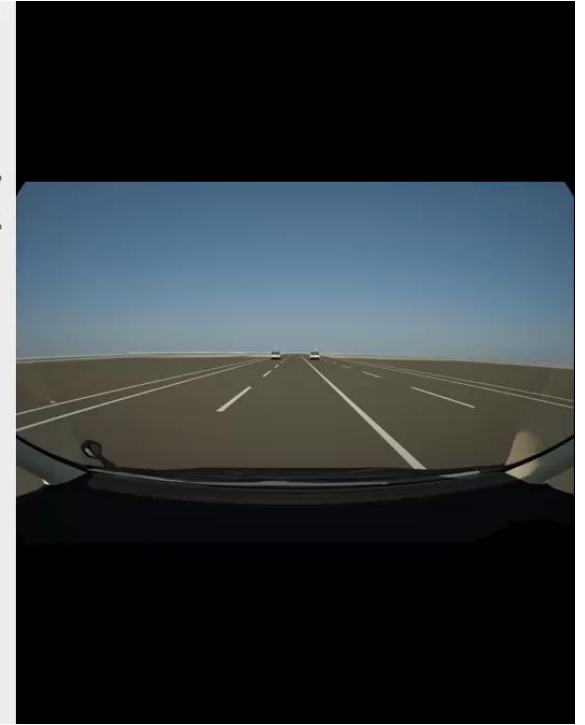
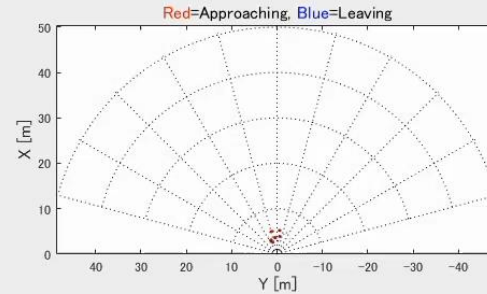
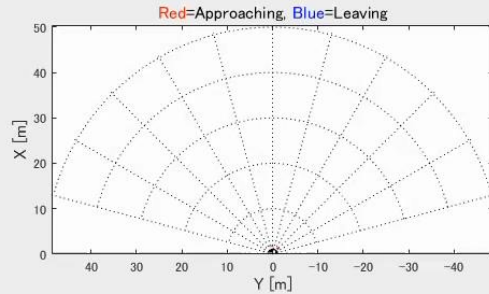
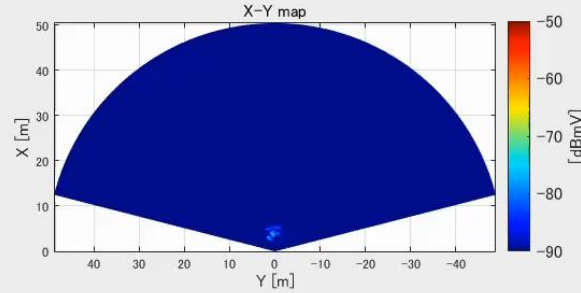
Measurement

Time = 12635[sec]



Simulation

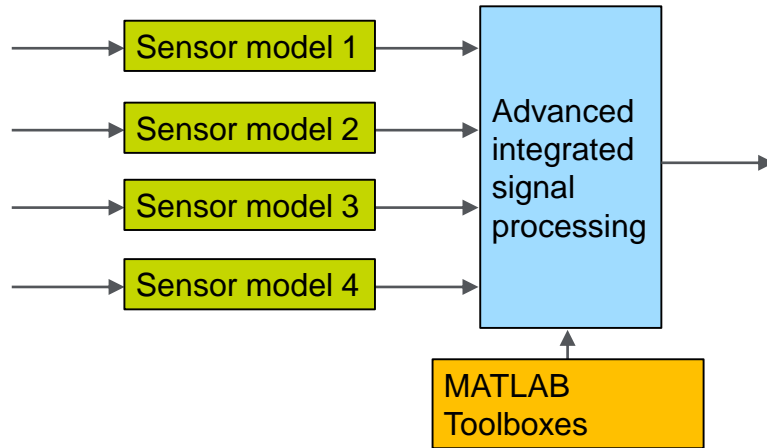
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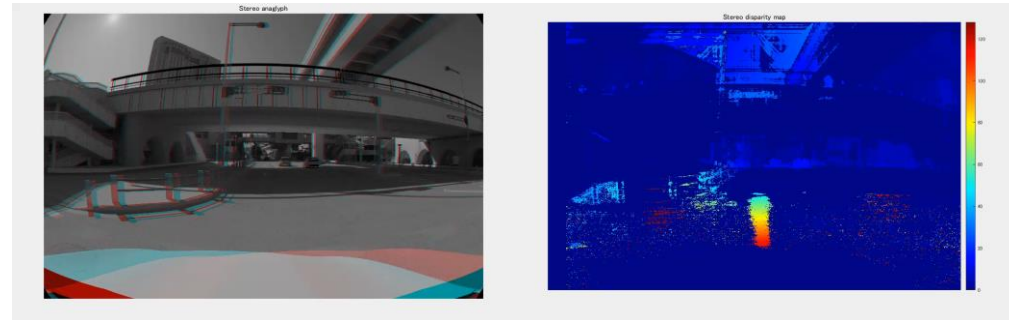
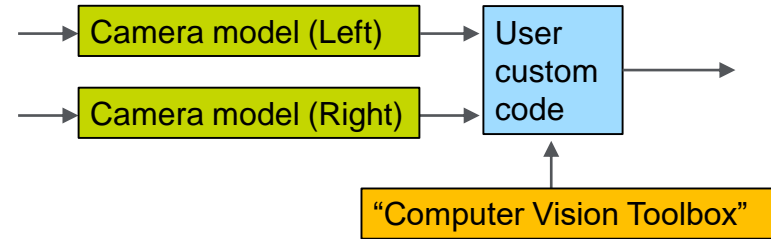
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The Co-Simulation environment of DIVP and MATLAB/Simulink is very effective for studying sensor model applications.

Co-simulation between DIVP and MATLAB/Simulink



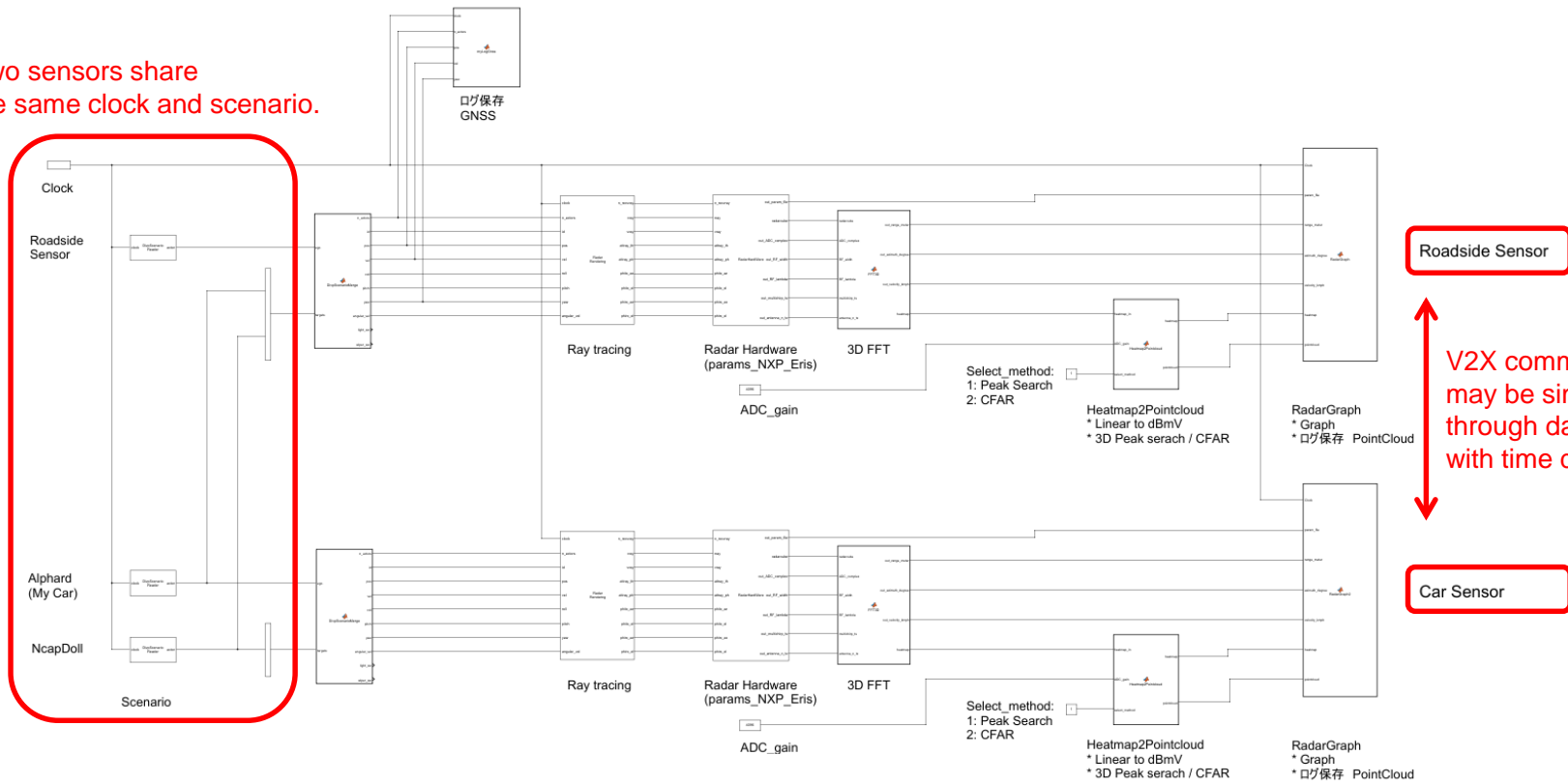
- Sensor models can be connected in parallel.
- Full access to MATLAB Toolboxes.



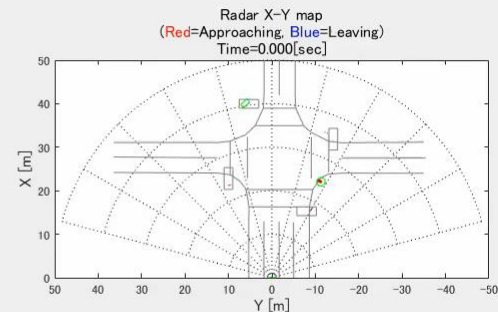
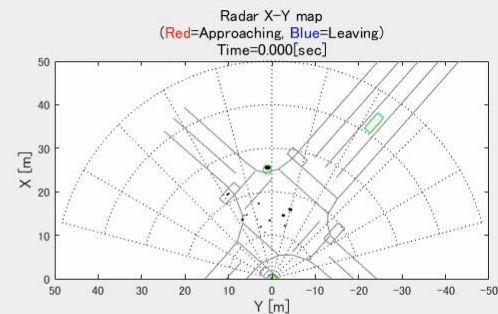
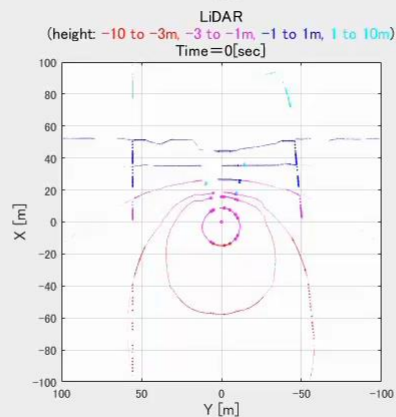
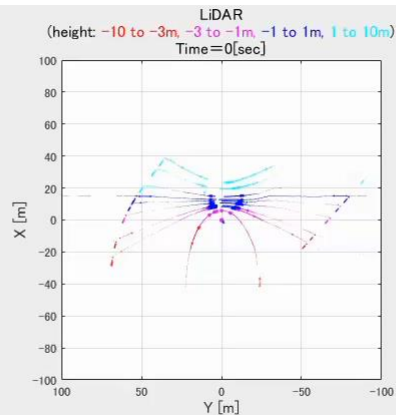
Example of stereo camera

A radar model application on “Vehicle-to-infrastructure cooperative driving system”

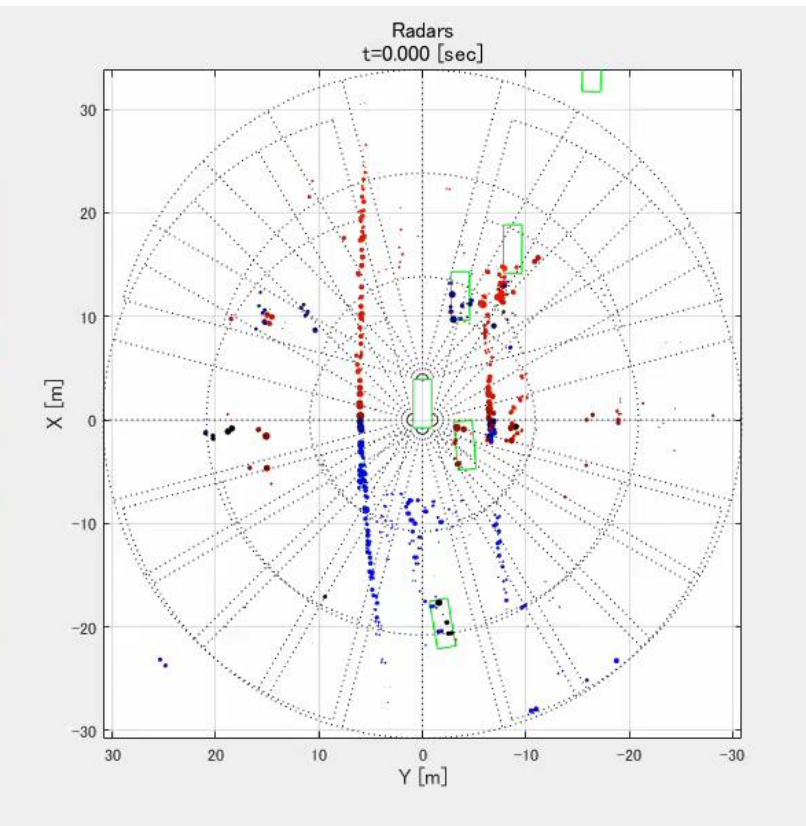
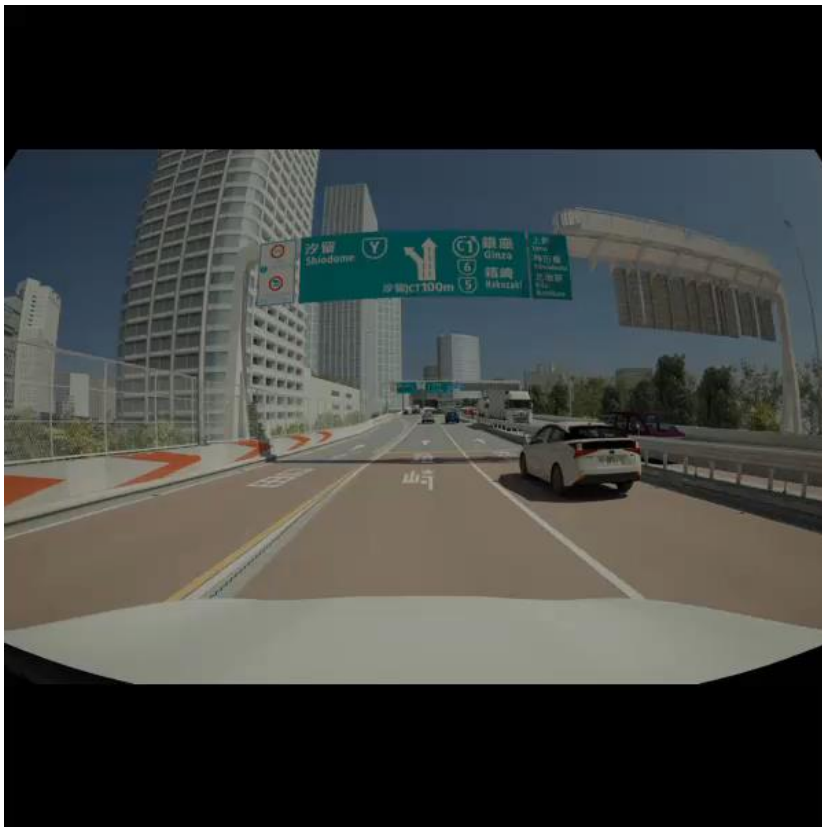
Two sensors share the same clock and scenario.



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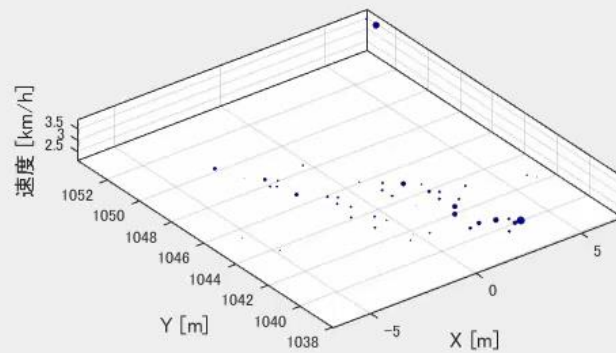
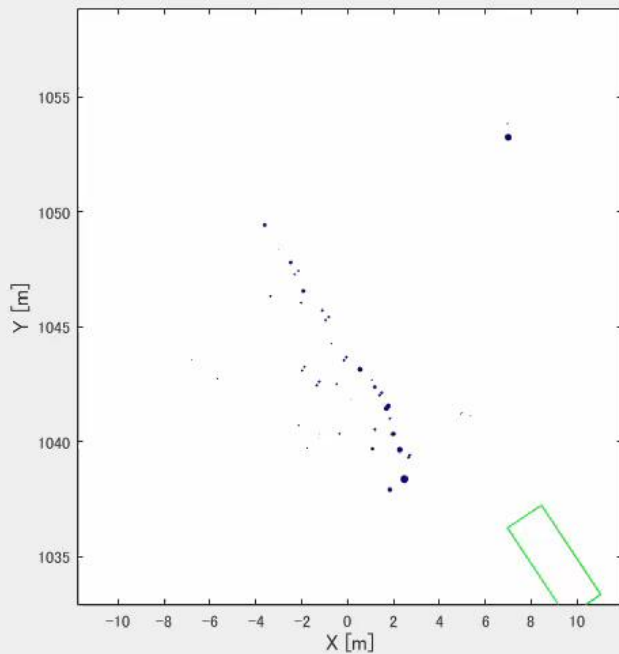


A radar model application on early fusion with camera image



A radar model application on “Free space mapping”

Extracting static objects



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Summary on Radar modelling

1. DIVP's Radar model can efficiently calculate the radarcube from a single ray tracing result using three different phase differences
2. With 77-GHz millimeter-wave radar, which has a wavelength of only 4 mm, complex phenomena often occur in even the simplest experiments. Using azimuth separation performance experiments as an example, we show that the Radar model can reproduce such complex phenomena.
3. The DIVP simulator enables the study of advanced complex sensor systems while making maximum use of the MATLAB/Simulink Toolbox group. Examples of potential applications are shown in the study of road-vehicle cooperative driving systems, sensor fusion, and free space generation.

Through VIVID collaboration, DIVP® accelerates its original contributions to global standardization of simulation-based AD safety assurance methodology

Summary; DIVP® contributions

Interface standardization
AD Safety assurance

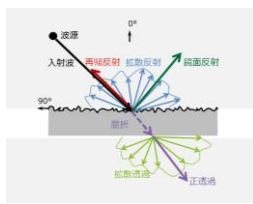


$$\text{VIVALDI} + \text{DIVP} = \text{VIVID_JTs}$$

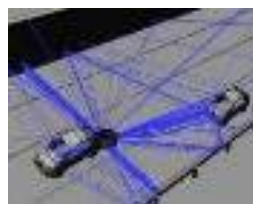
Sensing Weaknesses Scenario Package



Environmental models with physical properties



Raytracing for each sensors



Measurement technology / Verification technology
→ Consistency verification DB



- Sensing weakness scenario: JT2
- Environmental models with physical library: JT2
- Interface; JT3
- Sensor models with ray tracing:
 - Camera: JT3.1
 - LiDAR: JT3.2
 - Radar: JT3.3
- Sensor measurements & test metrics: JT4,
- Tool chain: JT1

Thank you for your kind attention!

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