Title: Sensor Fusion for Autonomous Driving

Abstract: Autonomous driving poses unique challenges for real world sensor fusion systems due to the complex driving environment where autonomous vehicle finds itself in and interacts itself with surrounding objects. Precise knowledge of the relevant participants (e.g., vehicle/bicyclist/pedestrian) becomes a key component for the task of comprehensive environmental perception and scene understanding. We will talk about why/what/how autonomous driving is developed in Mercedes-Benz (Daimler AG) and the trend in Silicon Valley. We will introduce different environment representations from heterogeneous automotive sensors e.g. Radars, stereo/mono cameras and Lidars. The relevant state estimation algorithms, sensor fusion frameworks and evaluation procedures will be presented. A special interest will be put on Autonomous Driving in China; this is nowadays a tremendously active research/social field due to its scientific complexity, industrial strategy importance, and big social impact.

We address the talk to researchers/engineers/faculty members interested in cooperation on autonomous driving related topics and to Ph.D./M.S./bachelor students interested in an internship in Mercedes-Benz R&D, China (Beijing). Any further questions, please contact me at: ting.yuan@daimler.com or dr.ting.yuan@ieee.org



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