

# Perception Applications

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# What happens after the automotive boom?

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- Lidar and perception field has been dominated by the needs of the Automotive market. However, the world is MORE than the automotive market ...
- We addressed a number of possible applications
  - Airports
  - Maritime
  - Sports: Advanced training tools and Player tracking
  - Industrial: We built an autonomous collision/incursion avoidance demo platform including a PLC
- Many more applications are out there for further exploration/exploitation, including
  - Mining
  - Construction sites
  - Perimeter monitoring
  - Man-Overboard detection

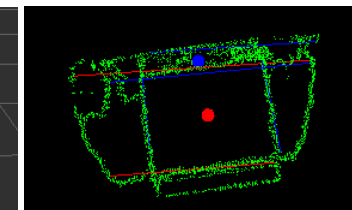
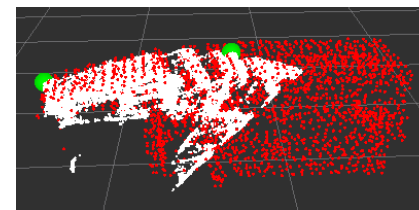
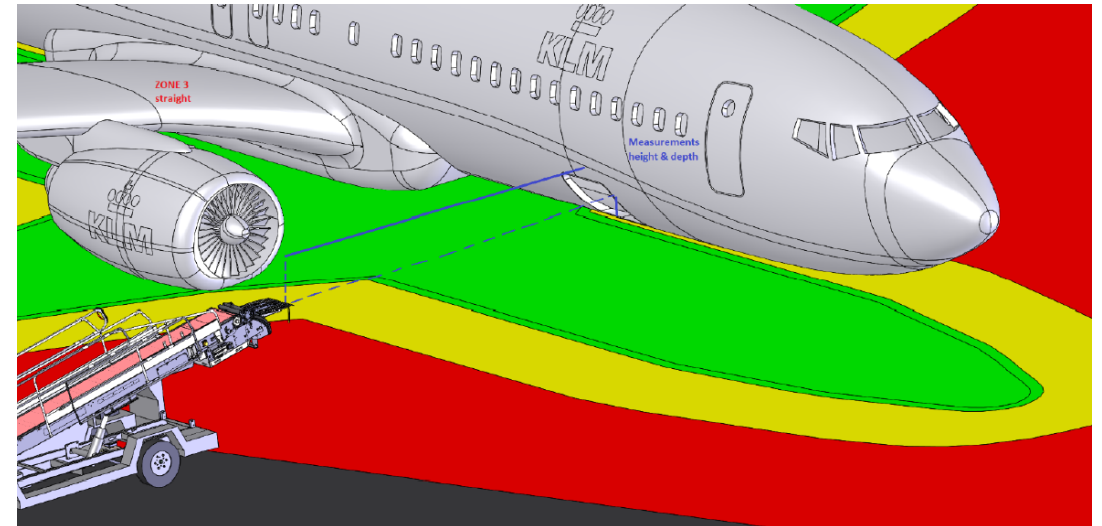
# Problem: Accidents at airport aprons are expensive





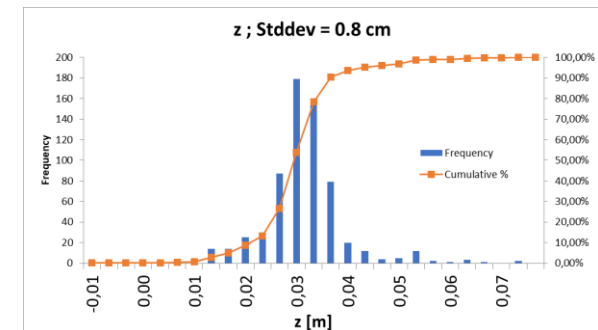
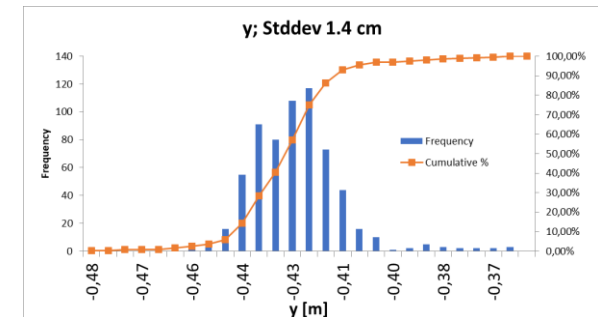
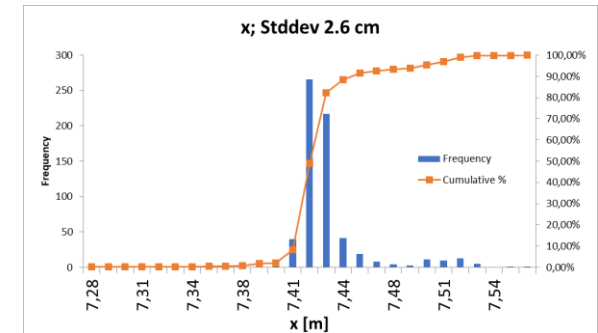
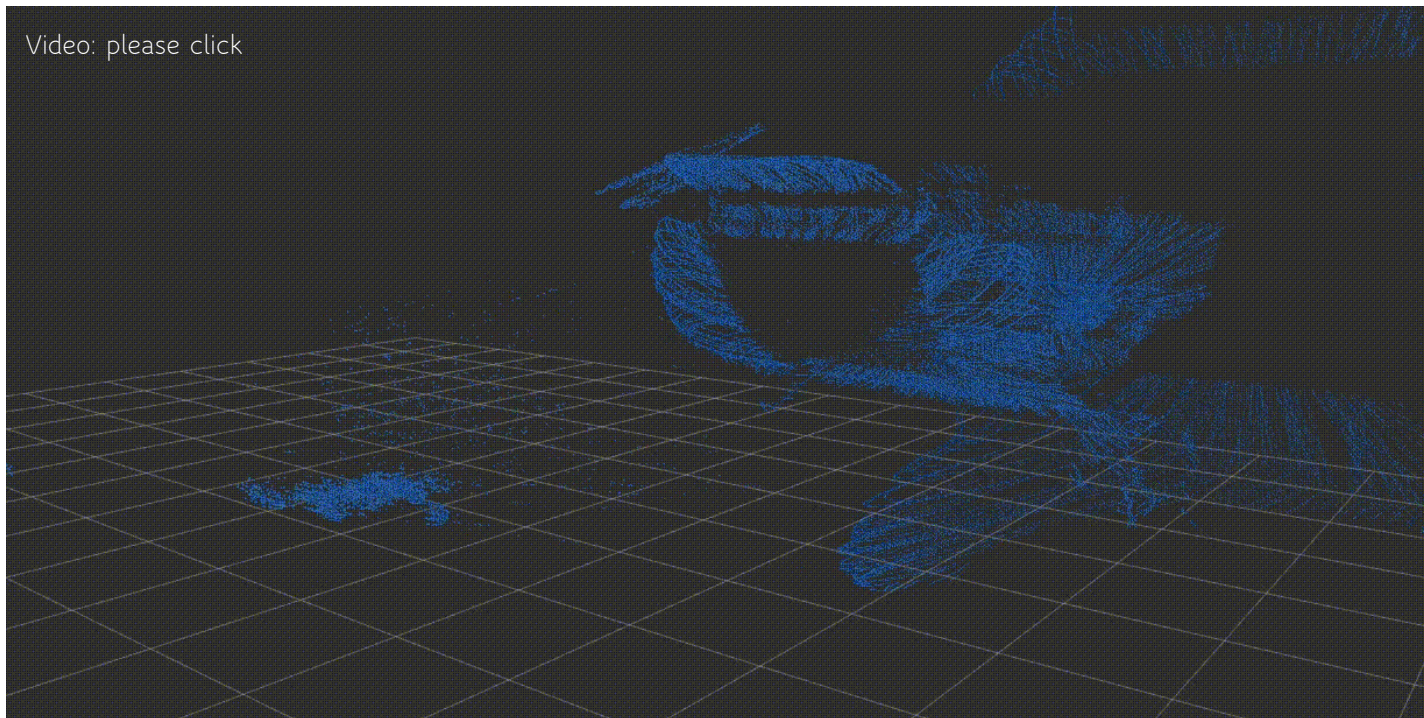
# Airports

- **Mission:** Due to the introduction of carbon fiber planes, a “no-touch” policy has been introduced at the Aprons of airports → GSE may not touch airplane during operations
- **Focus:** Assist baggage handling roller tracks to land inside an airplane with  $\pm 1$  cm accuracy
- **Target:** Develop a system to assist the driver to navigating inside the cargo hold of a plane
- **Execution:**
  1. Identify a plane
  2. Identify the cargo hold
  3. Identify and track 5 points inside the cargo hold during approach



# Solution: Lidars + Cameras + Perception

We achieved target performance using 2 x Livox-Mid-40 Lidars & a MYNT-EYE stereo camera (distribution of center point detection statistic shown in graphs). We simultaneously tracked 5 points in the cargo hold and the head of the roller belt (red point cloud). The system was retrofitted and tested on a Diesel system from 1994 (!!). Data set in animation below was recorded during snow.



# Airport specifications Table

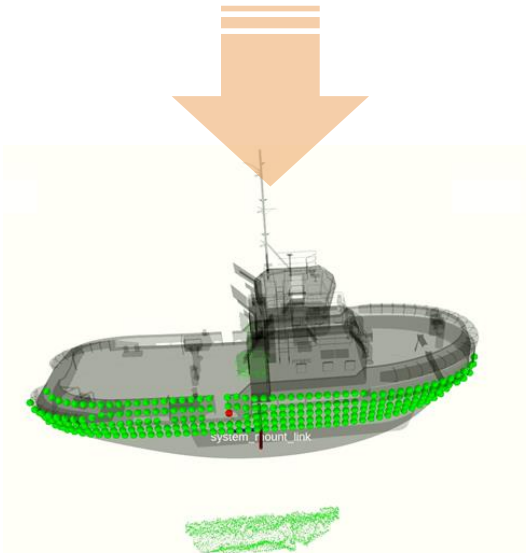
- The system has quite relaxed specifications for Lidar + Camera sensor suite
- Only local data required → no need for GPS, IMU or other sensors (Temp, Humidity, etc.)
- Velocities of moving objects (including self) are rather low
- Data record buffer of up to 20s is required for incident logging
- System must be compact to be fitted on top of (the rather small) airport GSE vehicles

Parameter	Unit	Value	Tolerance
Range	m	25 MAX	± 1
Latency	ms	300	± 100
Accuracy longitudinal (x)	cm	5	± 1
Accuracy in-plane (y,z)	cm	2	± 1
Velocities	km/h	20 MAX	± 5
Weather	N.A.	Snow Rain Sunshine Fog	N.A.
Power consumption	W	Unlimited (Vehicle Power)	N.A.
Lidar	N.A.	Yes	N.A.
Camera	N.A.	Yes	N.A.
GPS	N.A.	No	N.A.
IMU	N.A.	No	N.A.
Interfaces	N.A.	PLC Mechanical Power	N.A.
System Volume	cm	20 x 20 x 20	N.A.
Obstacle detection	N.A.	Must Have	N.A.

# Maritime

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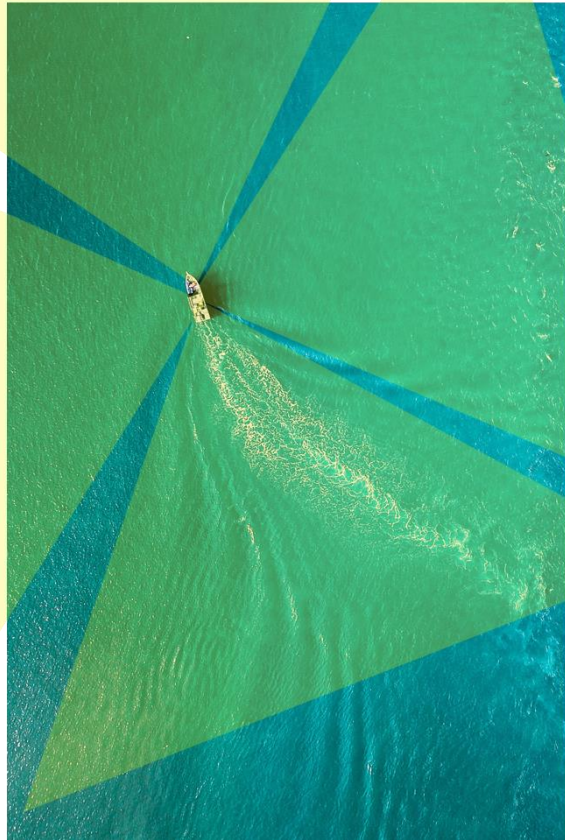
- **Mission:** To bring digital technologies to the (currently analogue) maritime sector
- **Focus:** Mooring/Berthing, perimeter security, dynamic near-shore mapping
- **Target:**
  1. Build a vessel wide sensor network
  2. Enable the captain to have a 360° situational awareness
  3. Accurately log incidents for insurance purposes
  4. Build shipping specific applications within the LuxC development framework



A set of Collision monitoring sensors around the vessel



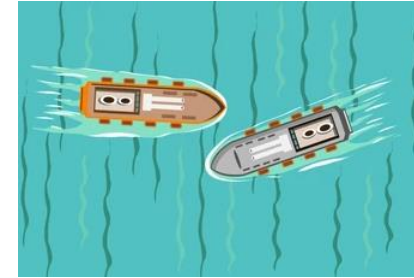
# Solution: Enable 360° situational awareness



## Rescue Aid

Thermal Cameras - the industry standard- are challenging to use in Northern Waters

Lidar generated 3D point clouds are excellent for Artificial Intelligence based target search



## Collision Avoidance

Limited visibility at the Wheelhouse can cause collisions due to dead angle

Existing charts and cameras provide only a 2D situational awareness



## SMART BERTHING

16% of accidents occur during arrival and 21% during anchorage

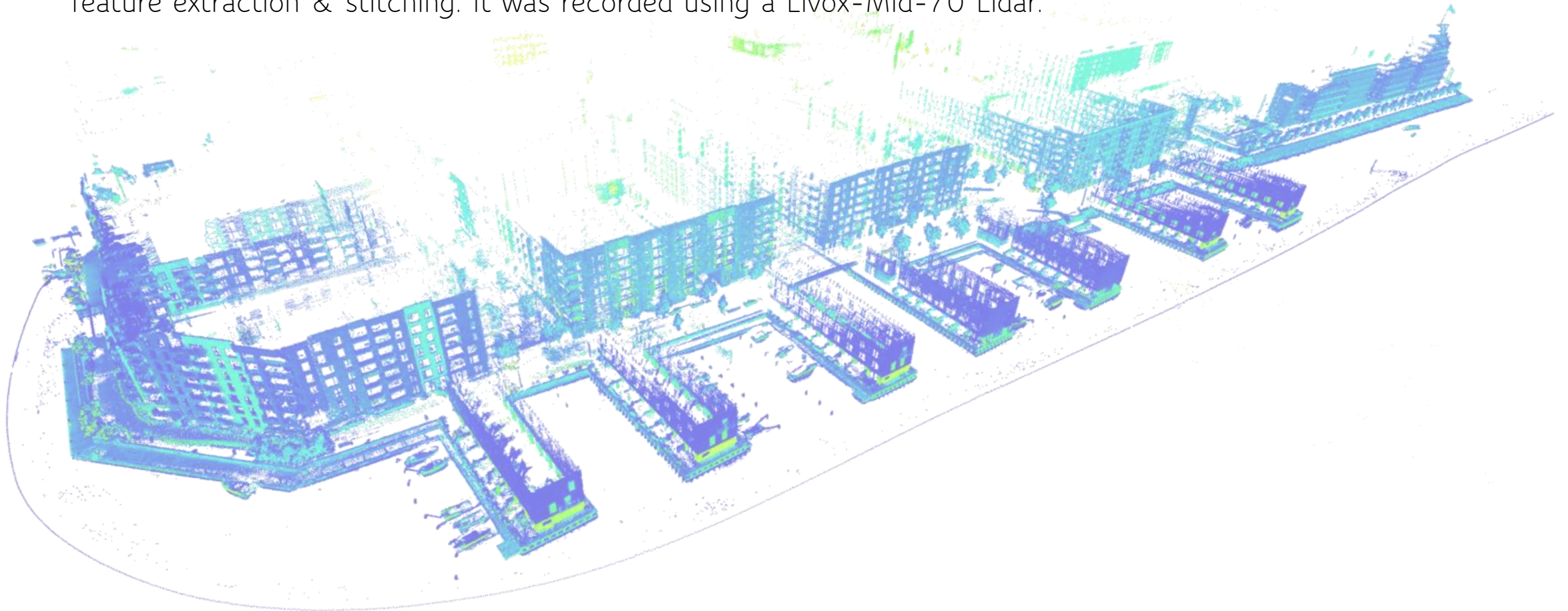
Bad weather visibility can seriously affect the fuel consumption



# Application example: Mapping

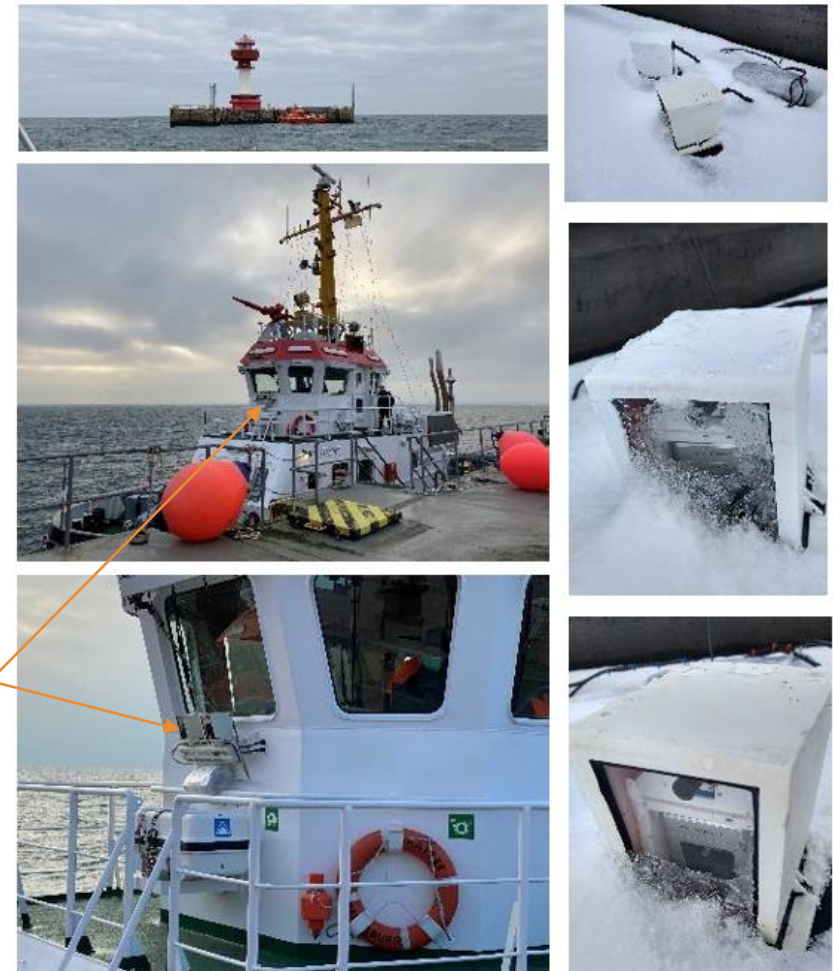
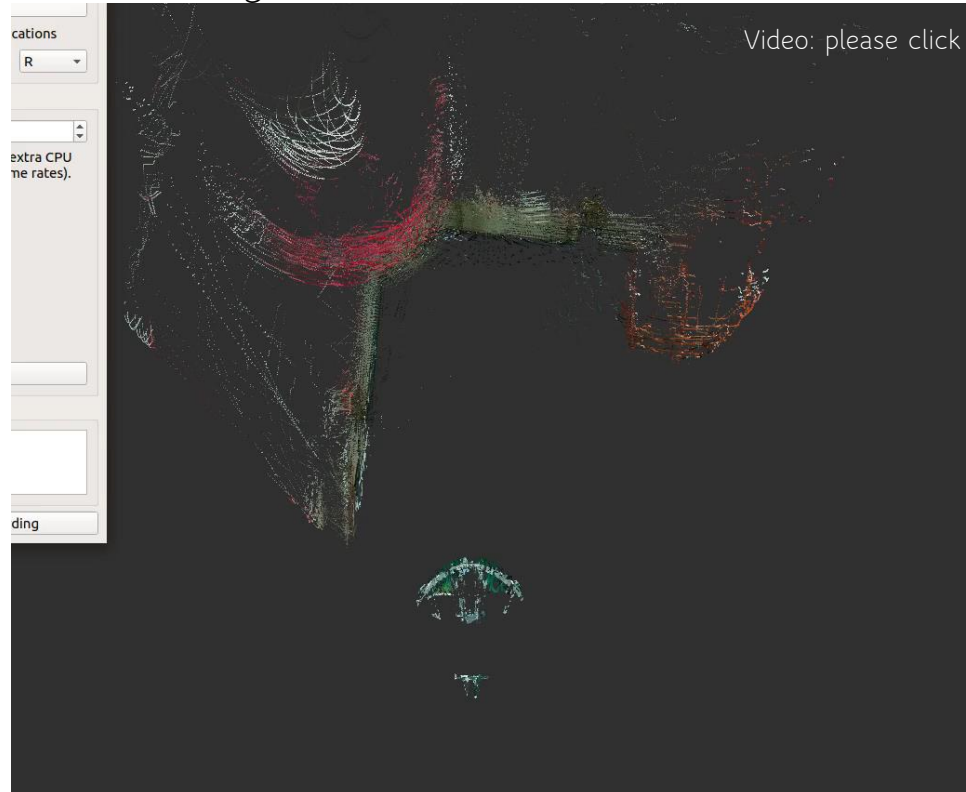
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An example of 2 km long,  $\pm 10$  cm accuracy 3D map of the Copenhagen harbor that was built using feature extraction & stitching. It was recorded using a Livox-Mid-70 Lidar.



# Application example: Sensor fusion (Camera + Lidar)

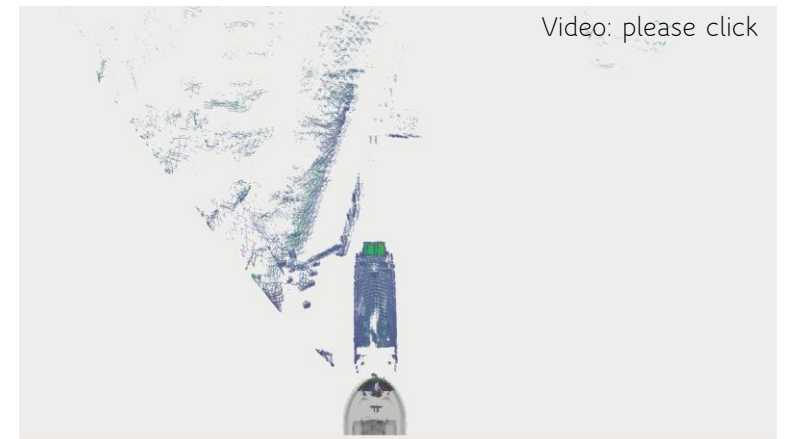
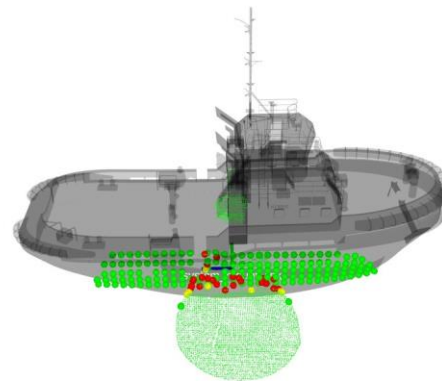
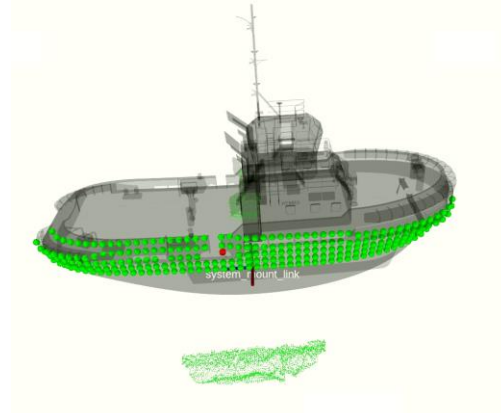
A top-view of a 3D Lidar & camera fused data set during approach to a light house in rough waters near Keil, Germany. Sensors were mounted in front of the vessel (see right)



Our sensor nodes

# Application example: SMART Berthing

- Current solutions rely on (uncorrected) fisheye camera images
- With LIDAR and virtual collision sensors around the ship, the captain achieves 360° situational awareness
- We built a two-node system, where each node had
  - One Livox mid-70 Lidar
  - One fisheye camera
  - One IMU
  - One Raspberry-PI4 for preprocessing



Video: [please click](#)



# Maritime specifications Table

- Data density is very important → Multiple Lidars with overlapping fields are preferred
- Real-time analysis is required → Higher density points are preferred
- IMU is a MUST to compensate for wave motion
- Velocities of moving objects (including self) are rather low as compared to automotive
- Data record of up to 100s is required for incident logging
- Range requirements are complex and must be tailored to individual vessel dimensions

Parameter	Unit	Value	Tolerance
Range	m	25 to 1000	± 1 to ± 10
Latency	ms	500	± 100
Accuracy longitudinal (x)	cm	20	± 1
Accuracy in-plane (y,z)	cm	10	± 1
Velocities	km/h	1 to 20	± 0.5 to ± 1
Weather	N.A.	Snow Rain Sunshine Fog Splash	N.A.
Power consumption	W	Unlimited (Vessel Power)	N.A.
Lidar	N.A.	Yes	N.A.
Camera	N.A.	Yes	N.A.
GPS	N.A.	Yes	N.A.
IMU	N.A.	Yes	N.A.
Temp & Humidity	N.A.	Good to have	N.A.
Interfaces	N.A.	Mechanical Power	N.A.
System IP rating	N.A.	Ipv8	N.A.
System Volume	cm	Unlimited	N.A.

# Feature example: Virtual proximity detection sensor grid

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- Using functions of our library, higher level product features can be developed
- As an example, we have developed “Virtual proximity detection sensors”
  - Perimeter is defined by a virtual grid
  - Object for detection must be within the FoV of sensor suite
  - Lidar & Camera required
- Markets
  - Military
  - Construction sites/Marinas/Law enforcement
  - Security/Safety

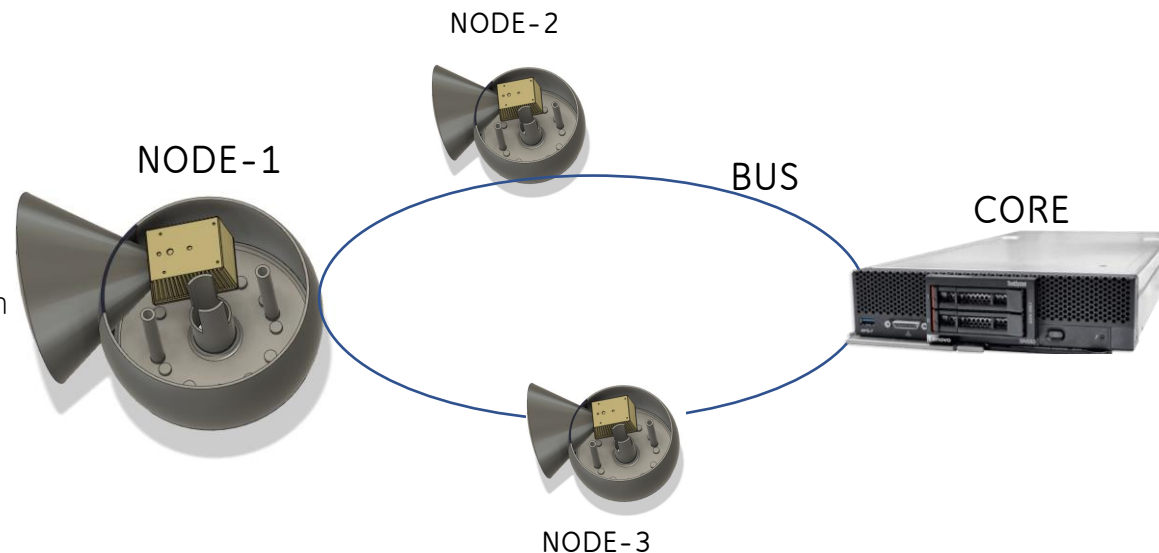
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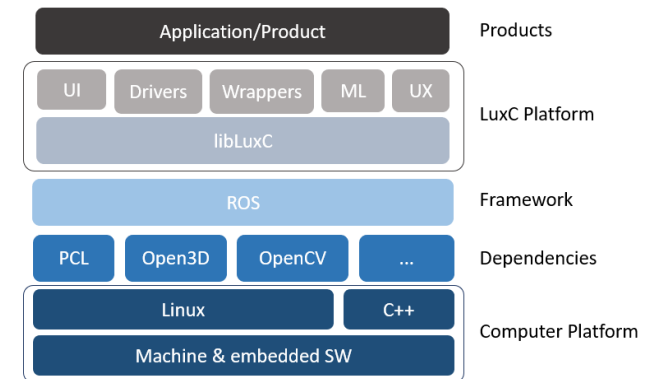
# Architecture

## NODE

- ✓ Lidar
- ✓ Camera
- ✓ GPS & IMU
- ✓ IPv8 Housing
- ✓ Power Distribution
- ✓ PCB
- ✓ Mounts
- ✓ Node Network



## LuxC Software Platform



Our system architecture has 3 main parts: (I) **The sensor node**, which contains all the sensors, a local network and may even have a local CPU for pre-processing; (II) **the BUS**, which is TCP/IP based and has a ring architecture that supports POE and the (III) **the CORE** which runs the perception software. This architecture can be complemented with a User Interface and a display.



# Deliverables

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- User Journey/Exploration → System and product specifications
- Solution analysis and requirements engineering → Specifications
- Consultancy based
  - support for system design → System Architecture
  - support for adaption of core architecture and system design
- First Steps
  - Consultancy
  - Product definition/Technology-product-matching
  - Team training/development/recruitment
  - Full system development until customer hand-off
  - Advise on future development & Road mapping
- Technology and market analysis
- Strategic development/deployment
- Execution / Interim management

# Summary

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- Proven software
- Proven System & Concept
- IP & Source available → Scalable
- Our software is a result of ~100k manhours of design, development, testing and verification cycles
- Lean Development mindset used to build key functionalities suitable for edge computing

Thank you for your time.

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