

Autonomous Robots Reference Design Using ROS on Sitara™ MPU and Antenna-On-Package mmWave Sensor



Description

This reference design showcases autonomous robotics with the Processor SDK Linux running on the Sitara™ AM57x processor, and the mmWave SDK running on the IWR6843ISK, IWR6843AOPEVM, IWR1443BOOST, or IWR1843BOOST. This design demonstrates the functionality of an embedded robotic system where point-cloud data from the mmWave radar sensing is processed by the Sitara™ AM57x processor which runs Robot Operating System (ROS) and is the main processor for the overall system control. This design integrates enhanced processor SoCs, sensors, and builds embedded robotic systems upon widely adopted open source software components. In addition, it also supports the IWR6843 antenna-on-package variant of mmWave sensors which enables reduced design and manufacturing cost, simplified system design, smaller sensor footprint, and eventually faster time to market. This design provides a great entry point to evaluate full autonomous robotics with Sitara processing and mmWave sensing, and enables rapid development of robotics applications by leveraging TI's hardware and software components.

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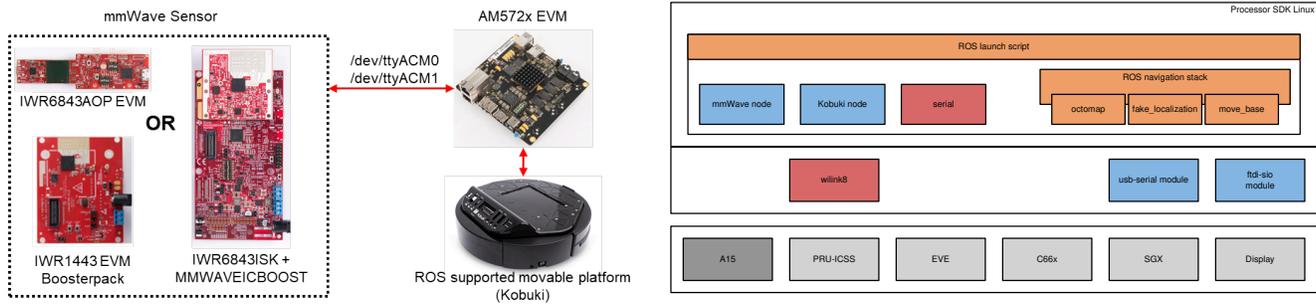
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Features

- Embedded ROS on AM57x SoC
- Seamless integration of the mmWave sensor including antenna-on-package with the AM57x and communicating using ROS
 - Integration with IWR6843, IWR1443, or IWR1843 EVM enables a 120° field of view (FOV) for obstacle detection across a wide azimuth coverage area
 - Integration with IWR6843AOPEVM enables a 130° FOV coverage in both azimuth and elevation to enable smarter decision making based on object height.
- AM57x processor controls the mobile Kobuki platform to navigate and avoid obstacles sensed by mmWave sensors
- Real-time visualization of navigation on a remote Ubuntu Linux box with ROS Rviz
- Step-by-step guide to establish a fully-operational robotic system with sensory data and mobile base
- Open source ROS implementation enables easy adjustment/enhancement of existing modules and addition of new modules

Applications

- **Industrial:**
 - Robotics (Industrial/Logistics/Delivery/Service Robots and Forklifts), object detection and localization, sorting, quality control and inspection, and packaging
- **Smart cities:**
 - Security monitoring and road inspection
- **Drones:**
 - Obstacle avoidance, path planning, and flight control



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1 System Description

Autonomous robotics has seen significant growth recently in various industrial applications, and is anticipated to further grow. The International Federation of Robotics (IFR) reported that global sales of industrial robots reached a new record of 387,000 units in 2017. That is an increase of 31 percent compared to the previous year [1]. It also estimates that more than three million industrial robots will be in use in factories around the world by 2020 [2].

This reference design showcases autonomous robotic system development leveraging hardware and software components from Texas Instruments (TI); specifically, the high-speed, real-time processing with the Sitara™ AM57x processors and accurate sensing with the mmWave radar sensors. This reference design demonstrates the functionality of an embedded robotic system, where point-cloud data from the mmWave sensing is communicated and processed by the Sitara™ AM57x processor. The Sitara™ AM57x processor runs the Robot Operating System (ROS) and is the main processor for overall system control.

With a collection of software libraries and packages, the ROS provides a flexible framework for creating robotic applications. Running ROS on top of Linux is a good starting point of developing robotics software. TI's Processor SDK Linux provides a fundamental software platform for development, deployment and execution of embedded applications on a TI processor running Linux. To enable creation of robotics software, Processor SDK Linux has included ROS (indigo LTS) through the meta-ros open embedded layer. Leveraging widely adopted open source (ROS and Linux) enables easy tuning, enhancement, and addition of robotics modules to meet requirements of various robotics applications.

It is frequently the case that autonomous robotics applications require sensors to enable interaction with the environment. Various types of sensors can be used, such as cameras, ultrasound, time-of-flight RGB-D cameras, and Lidar sensors. An important type of sensor is the mmWave single chip sensor, which enables unprecedented 3D detection and localization of objects across a wide field of view with high spatial and velocity resolution. Compared to optical or light based techniques, an important advantage of mmWave sensors is immunity to challenging sensing conditions including bright or no lighting, translucent or dark surfaces, and dusty or smokey environment. For software, TI's mmWave SDK provides foundation components to facilitate end users to develop mmWave radar applications using TI's mmWave sensors.

This reference design builds a fully operational robot navigation system with embedding processing and modular ROS. The single ROS host runs on Sitara and acts as a broker for all the inter-node transactions. The point-cloud radar data from the mmWave node is seamlessly communicated to the AM57x processor for real-time processing. Meanwhile, the AM57x processor controls a Kobuki node, for example, the mobile platform, to navigate and avoid obstacles detected by the mmWave sensor. The AM57x processor also communicates with a Ubuntu Linux box for real-time visualization of the navigation.

1.1 Key System Specifications

The key system devices used in this reference design include the AM57x SoC and the IWR6843 mmWave Sensor. Other mmWave sensors, including the IWR1443, IWR1843, and IWR6843AOP EVMS, are also supported. Specifics related to enabling these other supported platforms are detailed in [Section 3.2.2.1.2](#)

1.1.1 AM57x SoC

The AM57x is a highly-integrated, pin-compatible, scalable, Sitara™ class processor. It has single- or dual-core Arm® Cortex®-A15 cores. The AM57x is designed for embedded applications including Programmable Logic Controllers (PLCs), industrial network switches, industrial gateways for protocol translation, human machine interface (HMI), grid infrastructure protection and communications, and other industrial use applications. The device includes the following subsystems:

- Cortex®-A15 microprocessor unit (MPU) subsystem, including two Arm® Cortex®-A15 cores
- Two digital signal processor (DSP) C66x subsystems
- Two Embedded Vision Engine (EVE) subsystems
- Two Cortex-M4 subsystems, each including two Arm® Cortex®-M4 cores
- Two dual-core Programmable Real-Time Units for Industrial Communications (PRU-ICSS)
- Display subsystem (DSS)
- Video Processing subsystem (VPE)
- Video Input Capture (VIP)
- 3D-graphics processing unit (GPU) subsystem, including POWERVR™ SGX544 dual-core
- 2D-graphics accelerator (BB2D) subsystem, including Vivante™ GC320 core
- Real-time clock (RTC) and Debug subsystems
- The device provides a rich set of connectivity peripherals, including among others:
 - USB 3.0 and 2.0
 - SATA 2
 - PCIe Gen2 Gigabit Ethernet Switch subsystems
- The device integrates on-chip memory, external memory interfaces and memory management.
- The device includes support for functional safety system requirements:
 - Error Detection and Correction:
 - Parity bit per byte on C66x DSP
 - L1 program cache and Single-Error Correction Dual-Error Detection (SECCED) on L2 memories
 - SECCED on Large L3 memory
 - SECCED on external DDR memory interface (EMIF1 only)
 - MMU/MPU:
 - MMU used for key masters (Cortex-A15 MPU, Cortex-M4 IPU, C66x DSP, EDMA)
 - Memory protection of C66x cores
 - MMU inside the Dynamic Memory Manage

The AM57x can meet the requirement of high data input/output (I/O) bandwidth, for communicating with the sensing component to retrieve the point cloud data. It also has the data processing power for processing the point cloud data in real time.

1.1.2 mmWave Sensor

The IWR6843 device is an integrated single-chip mmWave sensor based on FMCW radar technology capable of operation in the 60- to 64-GHz band. The device is built with a Texas Instruments (TI) low-power 45-nm RFCMOS process to integrate analog RF as well as digital processing in a single chip. Furthermore, the IWR6843AOP variant features a short-range, wide field of view antenna-on-package (AOP), achieving unprecedented levels of integration in an extremely small form factor.

TI mmWave AOP sensors enable a wide variety of robotic applications, such as logistic robots, delivery robots, robotic arms etc. where autonomous robot makers must implement a high level of environmental sensing and redundancy into robot systems to quickly detect and prevent possible collisions, using 3D sensing capabilities to define safe and danger zones.

The AoP sensor design addresses three main challenges for robotics or factory automation:

- **Wide 3D coverage with a single sensor:** The AoP antenna's wide FoV configuration provides a 130-degree view in the azimuth and elevation, which provides true 3D sensing enabling detection of the object height and filtering out ground clutter. This maximizes a sensor's accuracy and measurement performance. The wide azimuth area coverage reduces the number of sensors used for area scanning and hence reduces overall system cost.
- **Small form factor:** The smaller form factor of AoP sensors means that they can fit into smaller enclosures, which is important for sleek, small autonomous robot designs such as autonomous guided vehicles, delivery robots, and smaller robotic arms in factories for sense-and-avoid applications.
- **Fast time to market:** By eliminating expensive PCB substrates and RF expertise, AoP sensors simplify the design and manufacturing process, enabling in-house designs and reducing time to market.

The IWR6843 is an ideal solution for low-power, self-monitored, and accurate radar systems in industrial applications (such as, building automation, factory automation, drones, material handling, traffic monitoring, and surveillance).

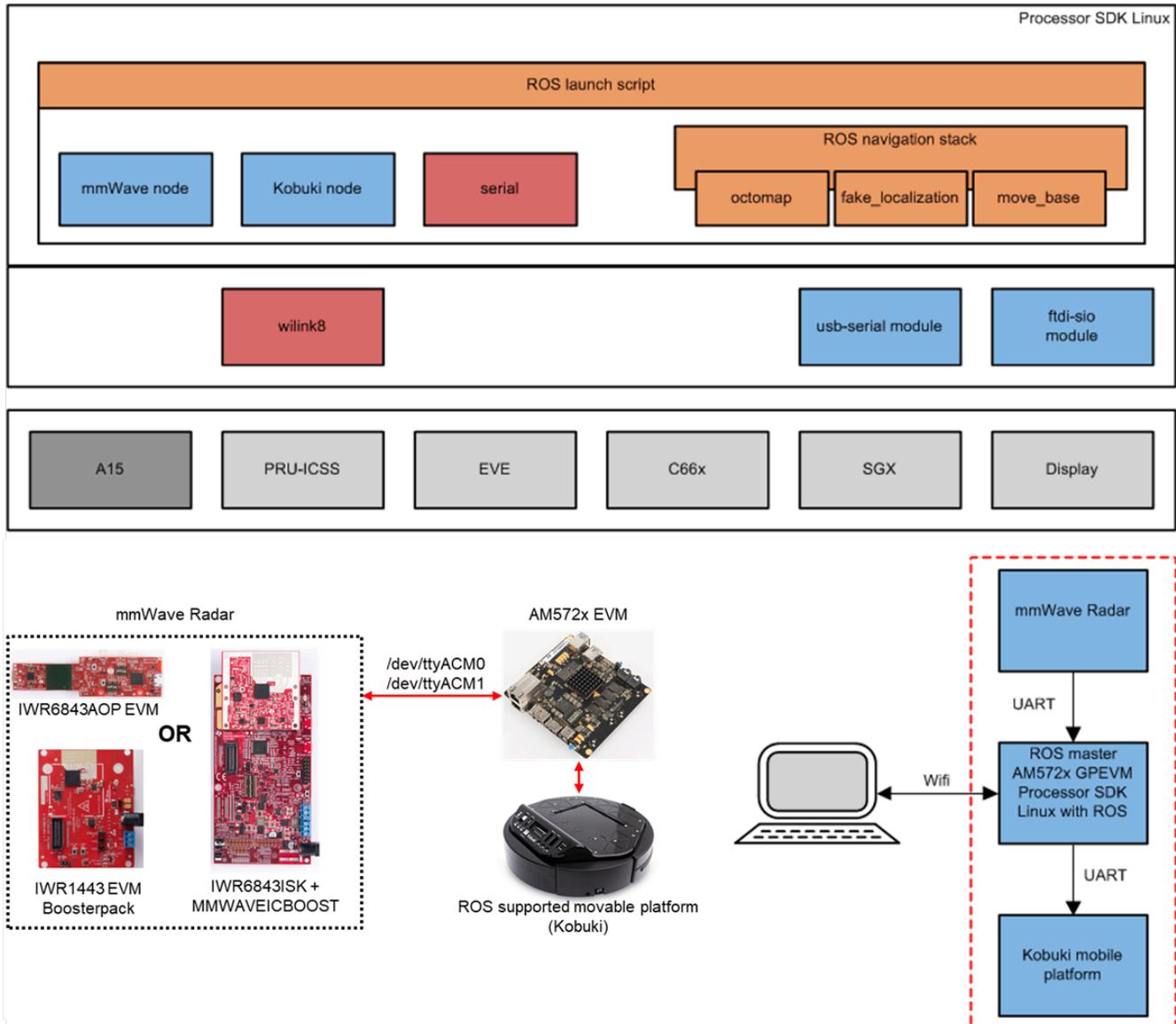
Key features of IWR6843:

- **FMCW transceiver:**
 - Integrated PLL, transmitter, receiver, baseband, and A2D
 - 60- to 64-GHz coverage with 4-GHz continuous bandwidth
 - Four receive channels
 - Three transmit channels
 - Option for integration of 4 receiver and 3 transmitter antenna-on-package (AOP)
 - Ultra-accurate chirp engine based on Fractional-N PLL
 - TX power: 10 dBm
 - RX noise figure: 14 dB
 - Phase noise at 1 MHz: -92 dBc/Hz
- **Built-in calibration and self-test:**
 - Arm® Cortex®-R4F-Based Radio Control System (RCS)
 - Built-in firmware (ROM)
 - Self-calibrating system across frequency and temperature
- **On-Chip programmable core for embedded-user application:**
 - Integrated Arm® Cortex®-R4F Microcontroller clocked at 200 MHz
 - On-Chip Bootloader supports Autonomous mode (Loading User application from QSPI Flash memory)
- **Integrated peripherals:**
 - Internal Memories With ECC
 - ARM-R4F microcontroller for object detection, and interface control
 - Supports autonomous mode (loading user application from QSPI flash memory)
 - Radar Hardware Accelerator (FFT, Filtering, and CFAR processing)
 - C674x DSP for advanced signal processing (IWR6843 or IWR6843 AOP only)

- I²C
- Two SPI ports
- CAN-FD interface
- Up to six general-purpose ADC ports

2 System Overview

2.1 Block Diagram

Figure 1. TIDEP-01006 Block Diagram


As shown in [Figure 1](#), this reference design consists of the following subsystems:

- An AM57x running Processor SDK Linux and ROS. The AM57x processor acts as the ROS master, runs the navigation stack, and interacts with the mmWave sensor (via the mmWave node) and the mobile platform (via the Kobuki node) for autonomous navigation. The AM57x processor also communicates with a Ubuntu Linux box which runs Rviz for visualizing the navigation.
- A mmWave radar sensor for object detection. Objects within the sensor's field of view are represented as 3D point clouds. Each point within the point cloud has an X, Y, and Z location coordinate as well as associated doppler and SNR information. Depending on application requirements, any one of the following mmWave evaluation modules can be used in the system:
 - IWR6843ISK and mmWaveICBOOST
 - IWR6843AOP EVM
 - IWR1443BOOST

- IWR1843BOOST
 - Kobuki mobile platform
 - Ubuntu Linux box for remote control and real-time visualization with ROS Rviz (Ubuntu Linux box is needed since Rviz requires an OpenGL desktop support, while Processor SDK Linux on the AM57x supports OpenGL ES 2.0 only).

2.2 Design Considerations

TI's Processor SDK Linux provides a fundamental software platform for developing embedded applications on a TI processor running Linux. To further enable the autonomous robotics, the Processor SDK Linux has included ROS, added and enhanced ROS packages to support navigation, and integrated the mmWave ROS packages to leverage mmWave sensors for real-time sensing with high accuracy.

2.2.1 Embedded ROS with Processor SDK Linux

To support the development of robotics applications, the Processor SDK Linux has included ROS (indigo distribution) through the meta-ros open embedded layer, starting from version 04.02.00.09. This is specified in the [processor-sdk oe-layersetup](#) config file, which sets up the meta layers for the Processor SDK Linux:

```
meta-ros,https://github.com/bmwcarit/meta-ros.git,master,e2566402ab108a19634354a934788109422cf409,layers=
```

meta-ros [3] provides a stable cross-compilation build system via the Yocto to establish the ROS indigo distribution in an embedded Linux system (for example, TI's Processor SDK Linux system). It provides many common ROS tools, libraries, and packages for developing and deploying robotics applications, including, but not limited to: catkin, control-msgs, hector-slam, kobuki, kobuki-core, kobuki-msgs, laser-geometry, navigation, octomap, roscpp-core, and so forth. The complete list can be found at the [git repo](#).

The target filesystem of the AM57x has indigo ROS installed at /opt/ros/indigo, similar to the indigo ROS installed on a Ubuntu Linux box.

```
root@am57xx-evm:/# ls -l /opt/ros/indigo/
drwxr-xr-x  2 root  root           4096 Oct  2 22:12 bin
drwxr-xr-x  4 root  root           4096 Sep 30 06:26 etc
drwxr-xr-x 141 root  root          20480 Oct  2 22:12 lib
-rw-r--r--  1 root  root            406 Sep 30 08:11 setup.bash
drwxr-xr-x 353 root  root          16384 Oct  2 22:12 share
```

2.2.2 Add and Enhance ROS Packages to Support Navigation in Processor SDK Linux

To support autonomous navigation with the Kobuki, several ROS modules are added or enhanced on top of the meta-ros layer in Processor SDK Linux. The corresponding Yocto recipes can be found from [recipes-ros](#) and listed here:

```
├─ hector-slam
│  └─ hector-map-tools_0.3.5.bb
│     └─ hector-nav-msgs_0.3.5.bb
│        └─ hector-trajectory-server_0.3.5.bb
├─ kobuki-driver
│  └─ files
│     └─ kobuki.conf
│        └─ kobuki-driver_0.6.5.bbappend
├─ navigation
│  └─ files
│     └─ 0001-navigation-rotate-recovery-mmwave-changes.patch
│        └─ 0002-navigation-move-base-mmwave-changes.patch
│     └─ move-base_1.12.14.bbappend
│        └─ rotate-recovery_1.12.14.bbappend
├─ octomap-server
│  └─ octomap-server_0.6.0.bb
```

Among these modules, the octomap-server and hector-slam modules are dependent ROS packages of the navigation but have not been included in the meta-ros. The kobuki-driver is adding the udev rule to insert the kernel modules needed to detect the Kobuki connection. The move-base and rotate-recovery modules under the navigation are enhanced to perform the initial rotation to clear the costmaps before the navigation. The move-base module is also taking the fixes and enhancements from the lab for autonomous robotics with ROS for mmWave [5].

2.2.3 Add ROS Packages to Enable mmWave in Processor SDK Linux

The ROS framework is mainly based on the publisher-subscriber model, and in some cases the server-client mode. The ROS framework and libraries support the point cloud, which is also the data output format of the mmWave sensors. In the ROS environment, the consumer of the point cloud is decoupled from the point cloud producer since the data format is well defined.

Due to this modular nature of ROS, it is easy to replace one sensor with another as long as the data format (in this case point cloud) is the same. Therefore, ROS is a good fit for developing robotics applications with the mmWave sensors.

TI developed an mmWave ROS driver [4], and a lab for autonomous robotics with ROS for mmWave [5], with ROS running on a Ubuntu Linux box. In this reference design, the mmWave driver is added as a ROS package in Processor SDK Linux running on the AM57x. The ROS packages for autonomous robotics with mmWave are also added in Processor SDK Linux:

```
turtlebot_mmwave_launchers
ti_mmwave_ropkg
turtlebot_bringup
turtlebot_description
turtlebot_navigation
```

Below lists the Yocto recipes for integrating the mmWave driver and the autonomous robotics for mmWave in Processor SDK Linux:

```
|— mmwave-ros-autonomous-robotics_[version].bb
|— mmwave-ros-pkg-master_[version].bb
|— serial-ros_0.1.0.bb
```

Among the recipes above, the serial-ros is to build and install the serial driver for detecting the mmWave EVM. The mmwave-ros-pkg-master is to build the mmWave driver ROS package for interfacing with the mmWave EVM. In the lab for autonomous robotics with ROS for mmWave [5], turtlebot modules are modified for achieving autonomous robotics with the mmWave sensor. In mmwave-ros-autonomous-robotics, these modified modules are reused with a few changes to set up the configuration and scripts to accommodate Processor SDK Linux.

Update to the latest mmWave drivers: to use the latest mmWave SDK or other mmWave EVMs, see [Section 3.2.2.1.2](#)

2.2.4 Recompile and Deploy ROS Packages With Processor SDK Linux

The ROS indigo distribution and the ROS package required for navigation and mmWave sensing are included in the Processor SDK Linux. Autonomous navigation can run out of the box on the AM572x EVM as described in [Test Results](#).

When it is needed to modify an existing or add a new ROS package, follow the procedure below to recompile and deploy the modified/new ROS package with Processor SDK Linux.

First, refer to [Processor SDK Building The SDK](#) to set up the build environment.

Then, create/modify the Yocto recipe for the ROS package, using the hector-trajectory-server_0.3.5.bb and move-base_1.12.14.bbappend (described in [Section 2.2](#)) as the example for creating and modifying a ROS package.

After the recipe is ready, follow [Processor SDK Yocto Recipes](#) to bitbake the recipe and install the newly built ROS package. For example, run the command below to build move-base.

```
MACHINE=am57xx-evm bitbake move-base
```

After the bitbake command above is successfully done, the newly built move-base .ipk files can be found in **`./build/arago-tmp-external-linaro-toolchain/work/armv7ahf-neon-linux-gnueabi/move-base/[version]/deploy-ipks`** directory. Copy these .ipk files to the target file system and run the command below on the target to install the .ipk files:

```
opkg install [package_ipk].ipk
```

2.3 Highlighted Products

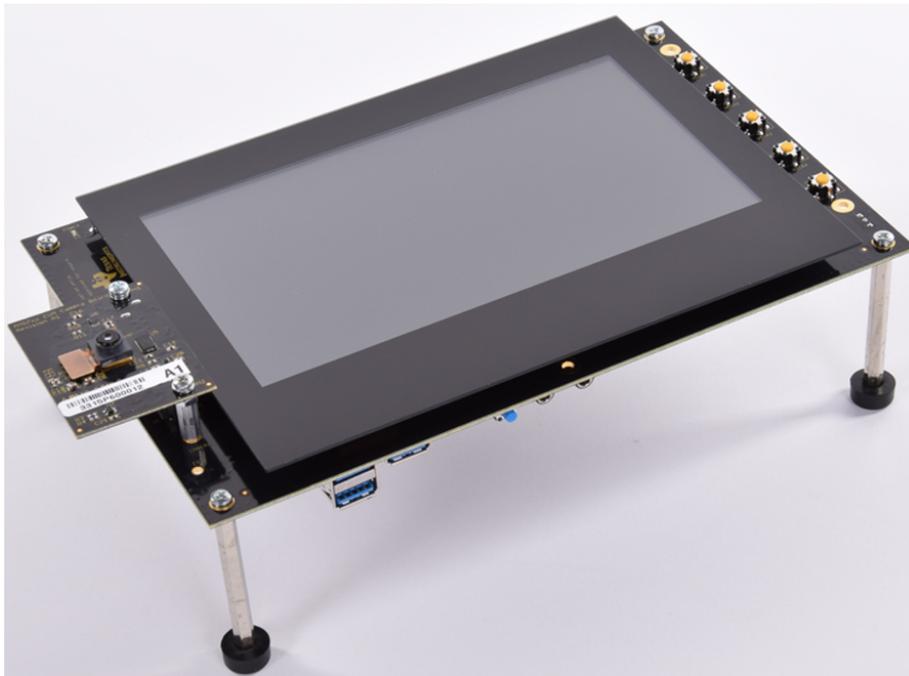
This reference design leverages the AM572x EVM as the main processor and the ROS master. The mmWave sensing is carried out with the IWR6843 Industrial Starter Kit (ISK) mounted on an MMWAVEICBOOST board. Both the AM572x EVM and the MMWAVEICBOOST board are assembled on a Kobuki mobile platform to form a fully operational robot navigation system.

2.3.1 AM572x EVM

The AM572x Evaluation Module (EVM) (see [Figure 2](#)) provides an affordable platform to quickly start evaluation of the Sitara™ Arm® Cortex®-A15 AM57x Processors (AM5728, AM5726, AM5718, AM5716) and accelerate development for HMI, machine vision, networking, medical imaging and many other industrial applications [6]. AM572x EVM is a development platform based on the dual Arm® Cortex®-A15, dual C66x DSP processor that is integrated with tons of connectivity (such as: PCIe, SATA, HDMI, USB 3.0/2.0, dual Gigabit Ethernet, and more).

The AM572x EVM also integrates video and 3D/2D graphics acceleration, as well as a dual-core Programmable Real-time Unit (PRU) and dual Arm® Cortex™-M4 cores.

Figure 2. AM572x EVM



2.3.2 IWR6843ISK and MMWAVEICBOOST Boards

The IWR6843ISK and MMWAVEICBOOST are part of the mmWave EVM Hardware (see [Figure 3](#)). The IWR6843ISK is an easy-to-use evaluation board for the IWR6843 mmWave sensing device and, this board, contains a 60-GHz mmwave Radar transceiver where antennas are etched and act as a Radar front-end board [\[7\]](#). The MMWAVEICBOOST is an add-on board used with the TI mmWave sensor Starter Kits to provide more interfaces and PC connectivity to the mmWave sensors. This carrier card enables debug, emulation, and direct interface to mmWave tools through USB connectivity [\[8\]](#). The IWR6843ISK and MMWAVEICBOOST contain everything required to start developing software for on-chip C67x DSP core and low-power ARM R4F controllers.

Alternatively, the IWR6843ISK and mmWaveICBOOST boards can be interchanged for other compatible mmWave sensors, for example, the IWR6843AOP, which is a standalone EVM using the IWR6843 Antenna-On-Package, which minimizes footprint and design complexity as there is no need for antennas on the PCB. Refer to [Section 3.2.2.1](#) for additional steps required to enable support for other mmWave EVMs.

Figure 3. mmWave EVM: IWR6843ISK Mounted on MMWAVEICBOOST

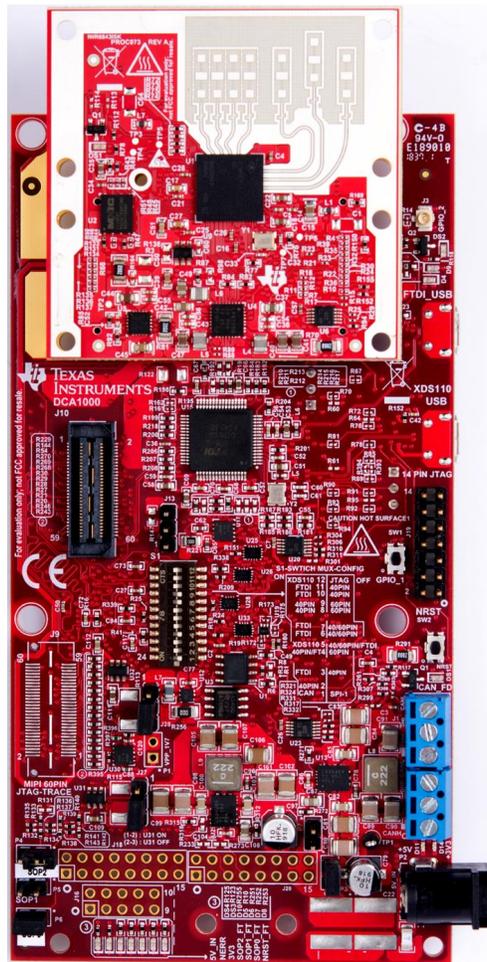
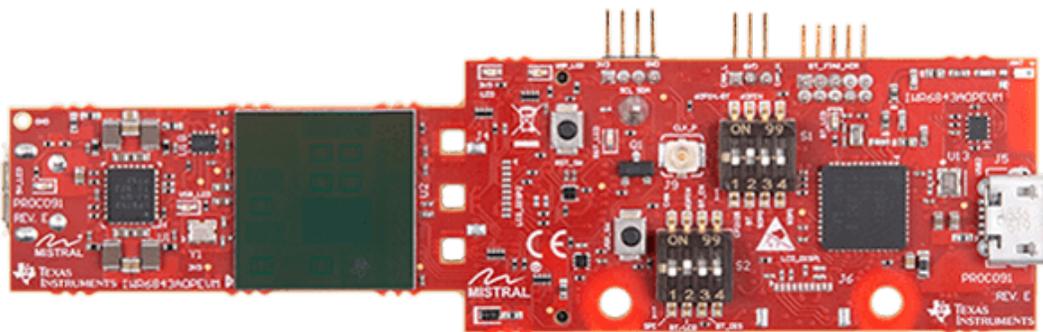


Figure 4. IWR6843AOP



2.3.3 Kobuki

The Kobuki (see [Figure 5](#)) is a low-cost mobile research base designed for education and research on state of the art robotics. It is highly accurate odometry, amended by calibrated gyroscope, and enables precise navigation [9].

The Kobuki is a mobile base with sensors, motors, and power sources. The Kobuki also provides power supplies for an external computer as well as additional sensors and actuators. This reference design attaches the AM572x EVM to be the computational core and the IWR6843ISK (through the MMWAVEICBOOST board) as the 3-D sensor to the Kobuki, and makes it truly functional as a TurtleBot2 platform for autonomous robotics.

Figure 5. Kobuki



3 Hardware, Software, Testing Requirements, and Test Results

3.1 Required Hardware and Software

This section provides the full list of hardware components required to build the autonomous navigation system. It also lists the software SDKs which are needed to flash the mmWave EVM and install on the AM572x EVM.

3.1.1 Hardware

The following hardware setup is needed to run the autonomous robotics demo:

- AM572x EVM with micro SD card
- mmWave EVM: IWR6843ISK and MMWAVEICBOOST Boards
- Kobuki with plate and standoff kit, as used by Turtlebot2
- Ubuntu Linux box for visualization
- TP-Link Wireless N Nano Router (TL-WR702N) with USB and Ethernet cables: follow the [client mode instructions](#) to configure the TP-Link Wireless N Nano Router
- LINKSYS EA3500 Wireless router
- USB 2.0 printer-style cable (A-Male to B-Male): used for connecting the AM572x EVM to Kobuki
- USB to microUSB cable: used for connecting the AM572x EVM to the mmWave EVM
- 2-pin miniFit JR connector/cable to go from Kobuki 12-V, 5-A output port to the AM572x EVM
- 12-V to 5-V DC-to-DC converter (must be able to output at least 2.5 A at 5 V) to allow the EVM to be powered from the Kobuki
- 2-pin miniFit JR connector/cable to go from Kobuki 12-V,1.5-A output port to the 12-V input on the converter
- 2.1-mm barrel jack connector (center positive) with cable/wire to go from the 5-V output on the converter to the mmWave EVM
- Screws, washers, bolts, and nuts for mounting the AM572x EVM, mmWave sensor, and DC converter to the Kobuki platform

3.1.2 Software

TI mmWave EVM

Visit [CCS_UniFlash](#) page to install the UniFlash tool and flash the mmWave EVM with the Out-of-Box demo firmware from the [latest version of the mmWave SDK](#). Refer to the EVM User's Guide and mmWave SDK User's Guide documents for instructions on configuring the EVM for flashing and use with UniFlash. The support for IWR6843 is provided starting from mmWave SDK version 03.01.00.02. Refer to the [Autonomous Robotics with ROS for mmWave lab in the Industrial mmWave Toolbox](#) for information and details on the latest EVM and supported software versions.

AM572x EVM

The Autonomous robotics demo with mmWave is included in the AM57x Processor SDK for Linux starting from version 05.01.00.11. Download [version 05.03.00.07](#), and refer to [Processor SDK Linux Getting Started Guide](#) to get started with the Processor SDK Linux, and create an SD card with PLSDK file system.

Ubuntu Linux Box with ROS Indigo LTS

Verification of this reference design is done with Ubuntu 14.04. For visualization of the ROS navigation, install the ROS indigo on the Ubuntu Linux box, that is preferred for compatibility reasons. Follow the [ROS indigo installation instructions](#):

```
sudo sh -c 'echo "deb http://packages.ros.org/ros/ubuntu trusty main" >
/etc/apt/sources.list.d/ros-latest.list'
wget https://raw.githubusercontent.com/ros/rosdistro/master/ros.key -O - | sudo apt-key add -
sudo apt-get update
sudo apt-get install ros-indigo-desktop-full
```

There are a few additional ROS packages required on the Ubuntu Linux box. These additional ROS packages will be discussed in Software Setup for [Ubuntu Linux Box with ROS Indigo LTS](#).

3.2 Testing and Results

This section provides details of the hardware and software setup for running autonomous navigation. Step-by-step testing procedures and results are also provided.

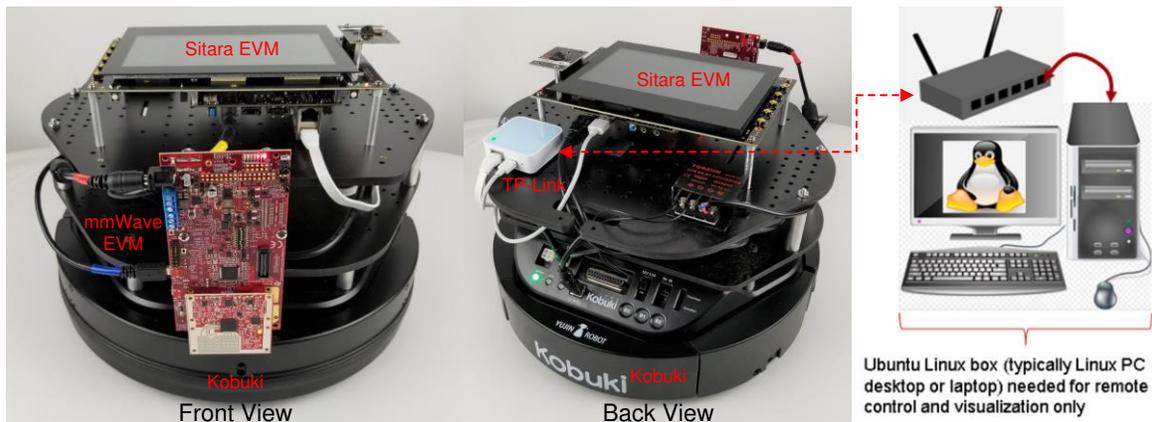
3.2.1 Test Setup

Hardware setup of this autonomous navigation system involves mounting the AM572x EVM and the mmWave EVM on the Kobuki. A few steps are also needed to further set up the software for the Ubuntu Linux box and the AM572x EVM.

3.2.1.1 Hardware Setup

Mounting and interconnection setup (see [Figure 6](#)):

- Mount the IWR6843ISK on the MMWAVEICBOOST Board to be the mmWave EVM
- Mount the mmWave EVM on the Kobuki
- Mount the AM572x EVM on the Kobuki
- Mount the 12-V to 5-V DC-to-DC converter on the Kobuki
- Mount the TP-Link on the Kobuki
- Connect the Kobuki to the AM572x EVM via the USB
- Connect the mmWave to the AM572x EVM via the USB
- Connect the TP-Link USB and the Ethernet cable to the AM572x EVM to make it WIFI enabled
- Power-on the mmWave EVM (make sure the SOP2 jumper on the mmWave EVM has been removed) with firmware flash done
- Power-on the AM572x EVM with the SD card (created with Processor SDK Linux filesystem) inserted
- Connect the Ubuntu Linux box to the wireless router (wired or wireless)

Figure 6. Hardware Mounting and Interconnection Setup


3.2.1.2 Software Setup

The software setup for the autonomous navigation includes several steps on the Ubuntu Linux Box to install the additional binary, plugin, and ROS packages. A few steps are also needed on the AM572x EVM to set up the environment and check the hardware connections.

3.2.1.2.1 Ubuntu Linux Box with ROS Indigo LTS

The ROS is a distributed system that can communicate over a local network with other ROS components. For this demo, the Ubuntu Linux box and the AM572x EVM must be on the exact same network and must be able to ping each other by IP address. The Ubuntu Linux box must also be able to ssh into the AM572x EVM by IP address.

Install ssh on the Ubuntu Linux box using the following command:

```
$ sudo apt-get install ssh
```

In order to run Rviz for visualizing the autonomous navigation, it requires building and installing a ROS plugin of rviz_plugin_covariance.

First, follow the [ROS configuration instructions](#) to create a new ROS workspace:

```
source /opt/ros/indigo/setup.bash
mkdir -p ~/catkin_ws/src
cd ~/catkin_ws/
catkin_make
```

Second, clone and build the rviz_plugin_covariance:

```
cd ~/catkin_ws/src
git clone https://github.com/laas/rviz_plugin_covariance
cd ~/catkin_ws/
catkin_make
```

At the end of the catkin_make, there should be a line as shown below:

```
[100%] Built target rviz_plugin_covariance
```

After the plugin is successfully built, add the following lines to ~/.bashrc to set up the ROS variables on the Ubuntu Linux box for convenience. Replace \$SITARA_IP_ADDR with the IP address found from running "ifconfig" on the AM572x EVM, and \$UBUNTU_IP_ADDR with the IP address found from running "ifconfig" on the Ubuntu Linux box.

```
source /opt/ros/indigo/setup.bash
source /<workspace_dir>/devel/setup.bash
export ROS_MASTER_URI=http://$SITARA_IP_ADDR:11311
export ROS_IP=$UBUNTU_IP_ADDR
```

The last step of the Ubuntu preparation includes copying the navigation demo packages from the AM57x target filesystem (located under `/opt/ros/indigo/share/`) to the Ubuntu Linux box (destination also `/opt/ros/indigo/share/`), including:

```

/opt/ros/indigo/share/turtlebot_description/
/opt/ros/indigo/share/turtlebot_bringup/
/opt/ros/indigo/share/turtlebot_mmwave_launchers/
/opt/ros/indigo/share/kobuki_description
  
```

3.2.1.2.2 AM572x EVM Running Processor SDK Linux

The ROS, mmWave ROS driver, as well as the autonomous navigation demo, have been included in the filesystem of the Processor SDK Linux, in the `/opt/ros/indigo` folder; therefore, no additional installation steps are required. Only setting up the configuration of the AM572x EVM and a few checks are needed.

First, modify `/opt/ros/indigo/setup.bash` to replace `ROS_IP` with the IP address found from running "ifconfig" on the AM572x EVM:

```

root@am57xx-evm:/opt/ros/indigo# cat /opt/ros/indigo/setup.bash
export ROS_ROOT=/opt/ros/indigo
export PATH=$PATH:/opt/ros/indigo/bin
export LD_LIBRARY_PATH=/opt/ros/indigo/lib
export PYTHONPATH=/usr/lib/python3.5/site-packages:/opt/ros/indigo/lib/python3.5/site-packages
export ROS_MASTER_URI=http://$SITARA_IP_ADDR:11311
export ROS_IP=$SITARA_IP_ADDR
export CMAKE_PREFIX_PATH=/opt/ros/indigo
export ROS_PACKAGE_PATH=/opt/ros/indigo/share
touch /opt/ros/indigo/.catkin
  
```

The ROS packages of the Processor SDK Linux are compiled with Python3. As the default python setting in the Processor SDK is Python 2.7, update the symbolic links for python as stated below to run the ROS on the AM572x EVM:

```

cd /usr/bin
ln -sf python3 python.python
ln -sf python3-config python-config.python
  
```

Before running the demo, check that the AM572x EVM has successfully connected to the Kobuki and the mmWave EVM. "dev/kobuki" shows the connection with the Kobuki, and "/dev/ttyACM*" shows the connection with the mmWave EVM.

```

root@am57xx-evm:/opt/ros/indigo# ls -l /dev/kobuki
lrwxrwxrwx  1 root  root          7 Sep 21 02:03 /dev/kobuki -> ttyUSB0

root@am57xx-evm:/opt/ros/indigo# ls -l /dev/ttyACM*
crw-rw----  1 root  dialout  166,  0 Sep 21 02:03 /dev/ttyACM0
crw-rw----  1 root  dialout  166,  1 Sep 21 02:03 /dev/ttyACM1
  
```

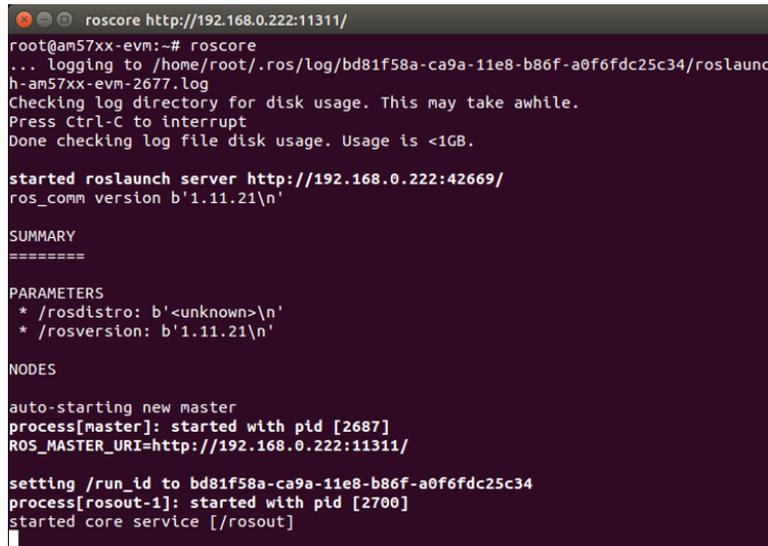
3.2.2 Test Results

Before running the navigation demo, close all of the ROS terminal consoles for both the AM572x EVM and the Ubuntu Linux box. Then, follow the steps below to run the demo.

1. Open the first SSH terminal to the AM572x EVM and run `roscore` (see [Figure 7](#)).

```
source /opt/ros/indigo/setup.bash
roscore
```

Figure 7. AM572x EVM "roscore" Screen Capture



```
roscore http://192.168.0.222:11311/
root@am57xx-evm:~# roscore
... logging to /home/root/.ros/log/bd81f58a-ca9a-11e8-b86f-a0f6fdc25c34/roslaunch-am57xx-evm-2677.log
Checking log directory for disk usage. This may take awhile.
Press Ctrl-C to interrupt
Done checking log file disk usage. Usage is <1GB.

started roslaunch server http://192.168.0.222:42669/
ros_comm version b'1.11.21\n'

SUMMARY
=====

PARAMETERS
* /rostdistro: b'<unknown>\n'
* /rosversion: b'1.11.21\n'

NODES

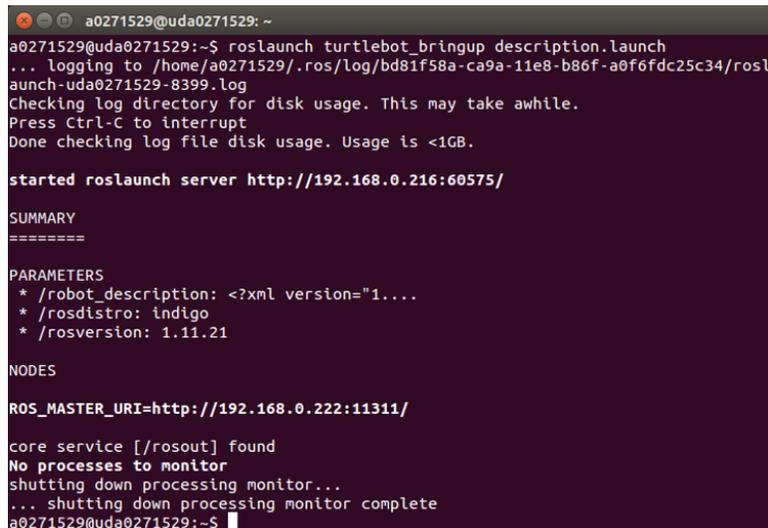
auto-starting new master
process[roscore]: started with pid [2687]
ROS_MASTER_URI=http://192.168.0.222:11311/

setting /run_id to bd81f58a-ca9a-11e8-b86f-a0f6fdc25c34
process[roscout-1]: started with pid [2700]
started core service [/roscout]
```

2. Open a terminal console on the Ubuntu Linux box, and launch the robot description (see [Figure 8](#)).

```
roslaunch turtlebot_bringup description.launch
```

Figure 8. Ubuntu "description.launch" Screen Capture



```
a0271529@uda0271529: ~
a0271529@uda0271529:~$ roslaunch turtlebot_bringup description.launch
... logging to /home/a0271529/.ros/log/bd81f58a-ca9a-11e8-b86f-a0f6fdc25c34/roslaunch-uda0271529-8399.log
Checking log directory for disk usage. This may take awhile.
Press Ctrl-C to interrupt
Done checking log file disk usage. Usage is <1GB.

started roslaunch server http://192.168.0.216:60575/

SUMMARY
=====

PARAMETERS
* /robot_description: <?xml version="1...
* /rostdistro: indigo
* /rosversion: 1.11.21

NODES

ROS_MASTER_URI=http://192.168.0.222:11311/

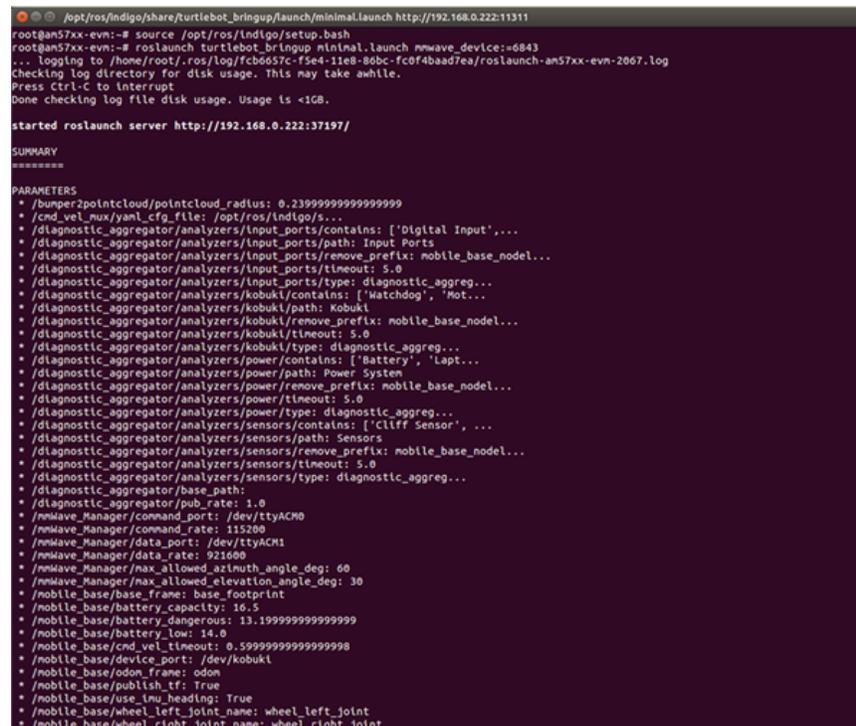
core service [/roscout] found
No processes to monitor
shutting down processing monitor...
... shutting down processing monitor complete
a0271529@uda0271529:~$
```

- Open the second SSH terminal to the AM572x EVM. Run the `minimal.launch` of `turtlebot_bringup` to set up the mmWave sensor and the Kobuki. Set the `mmwave_device` to "6843" at the end of this command. [Section 3.2.2](#) shows the beginning of running `minimal.launch`, and [Figure 10](#) shows the end of `minimal.launch`.

NOTE: For other compatible mmWave sensors, this step will differ. Refer to [Section 3.2.2.1.2](#) for additional steps required to enable support for other mmWave EVMs.

```
source /opt/ros/indigo/setup.bash
roslaunch turtlebot_bringup minimal.launch mmwave_device:=6843
```

Figure 9. AM572x EVM "minimal.launch" Screen Capture - Beginning



```

/opt/ros/indigo/share/turtlebot_bringup/launch/minimal.launch http://192.168.0.222:11311
root@am57xx-evm:~# source /opt/ros/indigo/setup.bash
root@am57xx-evm:~# roslaunch turtlebot_bringup minimal.launch mmwave_device:=6843
... logging to /home/root/.ros/log/fcb6657c-f5e4-11e8-80bc-fc0f4baad7ea/roslaunch-am57xx-evm-2067.log
Checking log directory for disk usage. This may take awhile.
Press Ctrl-C to interrupt
Done checking log file disk usage. Usage is <1GB.

started roslaunch server http://192.168.0.222:37197/

SUMMARY
*****
PARAMETERS
* /bumper2pointcloud/pointcloud_radius: 0.23999999999999999
* /cmd_vel_mux/yaml_cfg_file: /opt/ros/indigo/s...
* /diagnostic_aggregator/analyzers/input_ports/contains: ['Digital Input', ...
* /diagnostic_aggregator/analyzers/input_ports/path: Input Ports
* /diagnostic_aggregator/analyzers/input_ports/remove_prefix: mobile_base_nodel...
* /diagnostic_aggregator/analyzers/input_ports/timeout: 5.0
* /diagnostic_aggregator/analyzers/input_ports/type: diagnostic_aggreg...
* /diagnostic_aggregator/analyzers/kobuki/contains: ['Matchdog', 'Mot...
* /diagnostic_aggregator/analyzers/kobuki/path: Kobuki
* /diagnostic_aggregator/analyzers/kobuki/remove_prefix: mobile_base_nodel...
* /diagnostic_aggregator/analyzers/kobuki/timeout: 5.0
* /diagnostic_aggregator/analyzers/kobuki/type: diagnostic_aggreg...
* /diagnostic_aggregator/analyzers/power/contains: ['Battery', 'Lapt...
* /diagnostic_aggregator/analyzers/power/path: Power System
* /diagnostic_aggregator/analyzers/power/remove_prefix: mobile_base_nodel...
* /diagnostic_aggregator/analyzers/power/timeout: 5.0
* /diagnostic_aggregator/analyzers/power/type: diagnostic_aggreg...
* /diagnostic_aggregator/analyzers/sensors/contains: ['Cliff Sensor', ...
* /diagnostic_aggregator/analyzers/sensors/path: Sensors
* /diagnostic_aggregator/analyzers/sensors/remove_prefix: mobile_base_nodel...
* /diagnostic_aggregator/analyzers/sensors/timeout: 5.0
* /diagnostic_aggregator/analyzers/sensors/type: diagnostic_aggreg...
* /diagnostic_aggregator/base_path:
* /diagnostic_aggregator/pub_rate: 1.0
* /mmWave_Manager/command_port: /dev/ttyACM0
* /mmWave_Manager/command_rate: 115200
* /mmWave_Manager/data_port: /dev/ttyACM1
* /mmWave_Manager/data_rate: 921600
* /mmWave_Manager/max_allowed_azimuth_angle_deg: 60
* /mmWave_Manager/max_allowed_elevation_angle_deg: 30
* /mobile_base/base_frame: base_footprint
* /mobile_base/battery_capacity: 10.5
* /mobile_base/battery_dangerous: 13.199999999999999
* /mobile_base/battery_low: 14.0
* /mobile_base/cmd_vel_timeout: 0.59999999999999998
* /mobile_base/device_port: /dev/kobuki
* /mobile_base/odom_frames: odom
* /mobile_base/publish_tf: True
* /mobile_base/use_lmu_heading: True
* /mobile_base/wheel_left_joint_name: wheel_left_joint
* /mobile_base/wheel_right_joint_name: wheel_right_joint

```


Figure 11. AM572x EVM "radar_navigation.launch" Screen Capture - Beginning

```

/opt/ros/indigo/share/turtlebot_mmwave_launchers/launch/radar_navigation.launch http://192.168.0.222:11311
a0271529@uda0271529:~$ ssh root@192.168.0.222
root@an57xx-evn:~# source /opt/ros/indigo/setup.bash
root@an57xx-evn:~# roslaunch turtlebot_mmwave_launchers radar_navigation.launch
... logging to /home/root/.ros/log/bd81f58a-ca9a-11e8-b86f-a0f6dc25c34/roslaunch-an57xx-evn-4520.log
Checking log direction for disk usage. This may take awhile.
Press Ctrl-C to interrupt
Done checking log file disk usage. Usage is <1GB.

started roslaunch server http://192.168.0.222:38191/

SUMMARY
*****

PARAMETERS
* /fake_localization/use_map_topic: True
* /l_filt/filter_field_name: Intensity
* /l_filt/filter_linit_max: 100
* /l_filt/filter_linit_min: 28
* /l_filt/filter_linit_negative: False
* /move_base/DWAPLannerROS/acc_lin_theta: 2.0
* /move_base/DWAPLannerROS/acc_lin_x: 2.0
* /move_base/DWAPLannerROS/acc_lin_y: 0.0
* /move_base/DWAPLannerROS/forward_point_distance: 0.12
* /move_base/DWAPLannerROS/global_frame_id: odom
* /move_base/DWAPLannerROS/goal_distance_bias: 0.01
* /move_base/DWAPLannerROS/holonomic_robot: False
* /move_base/DWAPLannerROS/latch_xy_goal_tolerance: True
* /move_base/DWAPLannerROS/max_rot_vel: 2.0
* /move_base/DWAPLannerROS/max_scaling_factor: 0.20000000000000001
* /move_base/DWAPLannerROS/max_trans_vel: 0.5
* /move_base/DWAPLannerROS/max_vel_x: 0.20000000000000001
* /move_base/DWAPLannerROS/max_vel_y: 0.0
* /move_base/DWAPLannerROS/min_rot_vel: 0.40000000000000002
* /move_base/DWAPLannerROS/min_trans_vel: 0.10000000000000001
* /move_base/DWAPLannerROS/min_vel_x: 0.0
* /move_base/DWAPLannerROS/min_vel_y: 0.0
* /move_base/DWAPLannerROS/occdist_scale: 0.01
* /move_base/DWAPLannerROS/oscillation_reset_angle: 0.0
* /move_base/DWAPLannerROS/oscillation_reset_dist: 0.0
* /move_base/DWAPLannerROS/path_distance_bias: 32.0
* /move_base/DWAPLannerROS/publish_cost_grid_pc: True
* /move_base/DWAPLannerROS/publish_traj_pc: True
* /move_base/DWAPLannerROS/rot_stopped_vel: 0.40000000000000002
* /move_base/DWAPLannerROS/scaling_speed: 0.25
* /move_base/DWAPLannerROS/sim_time: 1.7
* /move_base/DWAPLannerROS/stop_time_buffer: 0.20000000000000001
* /move_base/DWAPLannerROS/trans_stopped_vel: 0.05000000000000003
* /move_base/DWAPLannerROS/vtheta_samples: 20
* /move_base/DWAPLannerROS/vx_samples: 3
* /move_base/DWAPLannerROS/vy_samples: 0
* /move_base/DWAPLannerROS/xy_goal_tolerance: 0.17000000000000001
* /move_base/DWAPLannerROS/yaw_goal_tolerance: 0.40000000000000002
* /move_base/GlobalPlanner/allow_unknown: True
* /move_base/GlobalPlanner/cost_factor: 3.0
* /move_base/GlobalPlanner/default_tolerance: 0.0
* /move_base/GlobalPlanner/lethal_cost: 255
* /move_base/GlobalPlanner/neutral_cost: 66

```

Figure 12. AM572x EVM "radar_navigation.launch" Screen Capture - End

```

/opt/ros/indigo/share/turtlebot_mmwave_launchers/launch/radar_navigation.launch http://192.168.0.222:11311
z_filt (nodelet/nodelet)

ROS_MASTER_URI=http://192.168.0.222:11311

core service [/rosout] found
process[pcl_manager-1]: started with pid [4538]
process[x_filt-2]: started with pid [4539]
process[y_filt-3]: started with pid [4540]
process[z_filt-4]: started with pid [4541]
[ INFO] [1538963731.716047753]: Loading nodelet /x_filt of type pcl/PassThrough to manager pcl_manager with the following remappings:
[ INFO] [1538963731.716570076]: /x_filt/input -> /mmWaveDataHd/RScan
[ INFO] [1538963731.716873775]: /x_filt/output -> /x_filt_out
process[l_filt-5]: started with pid [4548]
[ INFO] [1538963731.756073753]: waitForService: Service [/pcl_manager/load_nodelet] has not been advertised, waiting...
process[octomap_server-6]: started with pid [4556]
process[fake_localization-7]: started with pid [4564]
process[navigation_velocity_smoother-8]: started with pid [4576]
[ INFO] [1538963731.932690147]: Loading nodelet /y_filt of type pcl/PassThrough to manager pcl_manager with the following remappings:
[ INFO] [1538963731.933011089]: /y_filt/input -> /x_filt_out
[ INFO] [1538963731.933106574]: /y_filt/output -> /xy_filt_out
process[robust_safety_controller-9]: started with pid [4590]
[ INFO] [1538963732.031702419]: Loading nodelet /z_filt of type pcl/PassThrough to manager pcl_manager with the following remappings:
[ INFO] [1538963732.032017504]: /z_filt/input -> /xy_filt_out
[ INFO] [1538963732.032115918]: /z_filt/output -> /xyz_filt_out
process[move_base-10]: started with pid [4594]
[ INFO] [1538963732.103090637]: waitForService: Service [/pcl_manager/load_nodelet] has not been advertised, waiting...
process[voxel_grid_2_point_cloud-11]: started with pid [4607]
[ INFO] [1538963732.23257493]: Loading nodelet /l_filt of type pcl/PassThrough to manager pcl_manager with the following remappings:
[ INFO] [1538963732.231843256]: /l_filt/input -> /xyz_filt_out
[ INFO] [1538963732.232113120]: /l_filt/output -> /xyz_filt_out
[ INFO] [1538963732.246891386]: waitForService: Service [/pcl_manager/load_nodelet] has not been advertised, waiting...
[ INFO] [1538963732.379290815]: Initializing nodelet with 2 worker threads.
[ INFO] [1538963732.403045844]: waitForService: Service [/pcl_manager/load_nodelet] is now available.
[ INFO] [1538963732.510391826]: waitForService: Service [/pcl_manager/load_nodelet] is now available.
[ INFO] [1538963732.548013980]: waitForService: Service [/pcl_manager/load_nodelet] is now available.
[ INFO] [1538963734.532044263]: Using plugin "static_layer"
[ INFO] [1538963734.617682406]: Requesting the map...
[ INFO] [1538963735.095634648]: Resizing static layer to 38 X 29 at 0.050000 m/pix
[ INFO] [1538963735.195515722]: Received a 38 X 29 map at 0.050000 m/pix
[ INFO] [1538963735.246814589]: Using plugin "obstacle_layer"
[ INFO] [1538963735.270546698]: Subscribed to Topics: scan bump
[ INFO] [1538963735.861698539]: Using plugin "inflation_layer"
[ INFO] [1538963736.242833991]: Using plugin "static_layer"
[ INFO] [1538963736.265771943]: Requesting the map...
[ INFO] [1538963736.286704866]: Resizing static layer to 38 X 29 at 0.050000 m/pix
[ INFO] [1538963736.384361961]: Received a 38 X 29 map at 0.050000 m/pix
[ INFO] [1538963736.414709789]: Using plugin "obstacle_layer"
[ INFO] [1538963736.427042604]: Subscribed to Topics: scan bump
[ INFO] [1538963736.683044150]: Using plugin "inflation_layer"
[ INFO] [1538963737.070168693]: Created local_planner dwa_local_planner/DWAPLannerROS
[ INFO] [1538963737.114620938]: Sim period is set to 0.20
[ INFO] [1538963738.298215809]: odom received!

```

- Open a terminal console on the Ubuntu Linux box, and launch the Rviz (navigation_visualization_2.rviz) for real-time visualization of the navigation. [Figure 13](#) shows the console output and [Figure 14](#) shows the Rviz display.

```
rosrun rviz rviz -d
/opt/ros/indigo/share/turtlebot_mmwave_launchers/launch/navigation_v
isualization_2.rviz
```

Figure 13. Ubuntu "navigation_v isualization_2.rviz" Screen Capture

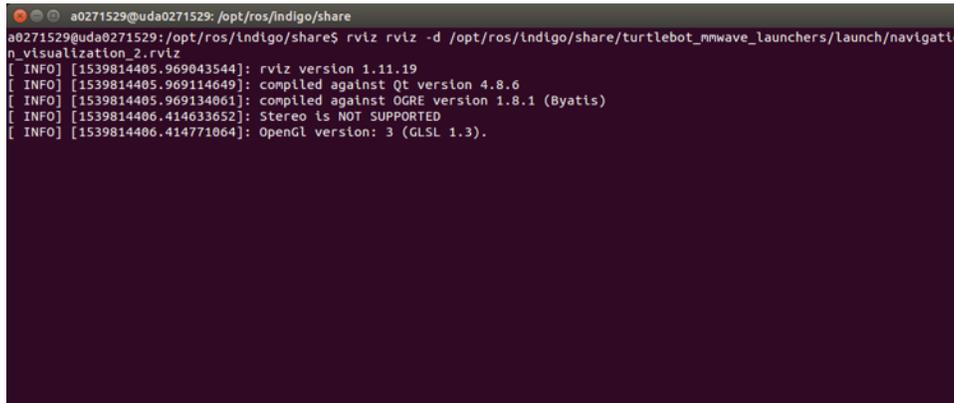
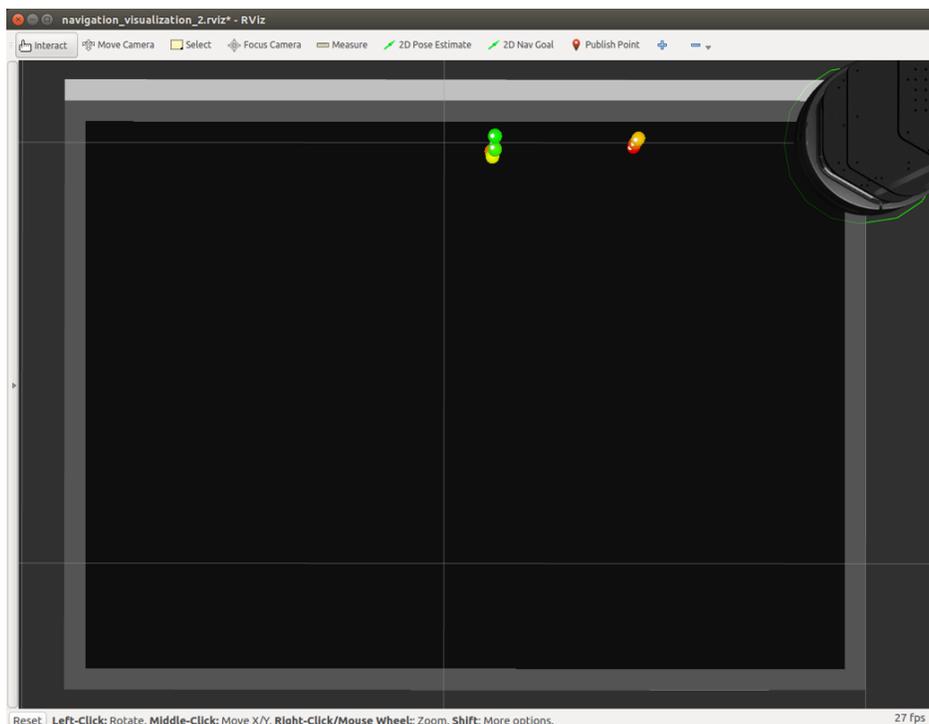


Figure 14. Ubuntu "navigation_v isualization_2.rviz" Rviz Screen Capture



6. Start navigation on the AM572x EVM by setting the initial position and the goal to be reached
 The demo uses a pre-defined size 4-by-6 feet map file, with three locations (a, b, and c for top, middle, and bottom, respectively) on each side (left and right). Open the fourth SSH terminal to the AM572x EVM, and set the initial position with the side (left or right) and the location (a, b, or c), and then, set the location (a, b, or c) on the other side as the goal, by running the scripts below (see [Figure 15](#)):

```
source /opt/ros/indigo/setup.bash
cd /opt/ros/indigo/share/turtlebot_mmwave_launchers/scripts/
./start_nav.sh
```

First, the Kobuki has the initial left-side middle-point B position set (see [Figure 16](#)).

Then, the Kobuki navigates to the right-side middle-point B goal (see [Figure 17](#)), following the shortest path available. After it reaches the goal, the Kobuki rotates and faces toward the initial position.

If there are objects between the initial position and the goal, the mmWave sensor detects them (shown as red/yellow/green circles in Rviz as in [Figure 18](#)). With the radar sensing data, a new path (the thin blue line connecting the initial position and the goal) is found in real-time to avoid the obstacles, demonstrating the "sense and avoid" capability of the autonomous navigation in this reference design (see [Figure 18](#)).

To re-run the navigation demo, simply specify the starting side/position and the goal position from the console of `./start_nav.sh`(see [Figure 15](#)).

Figure 15. Sitara "start_nav.sh" Output Screen Capture

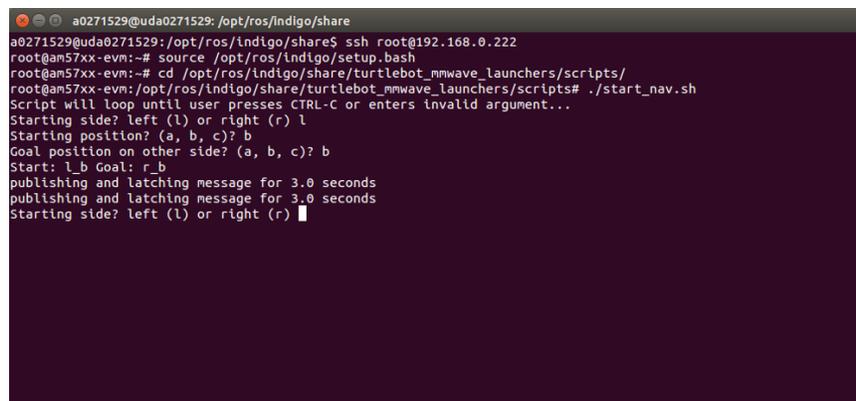


Figure 16. Ubuntu Rviz Screen Capture - Initial Left-Side Point B Position

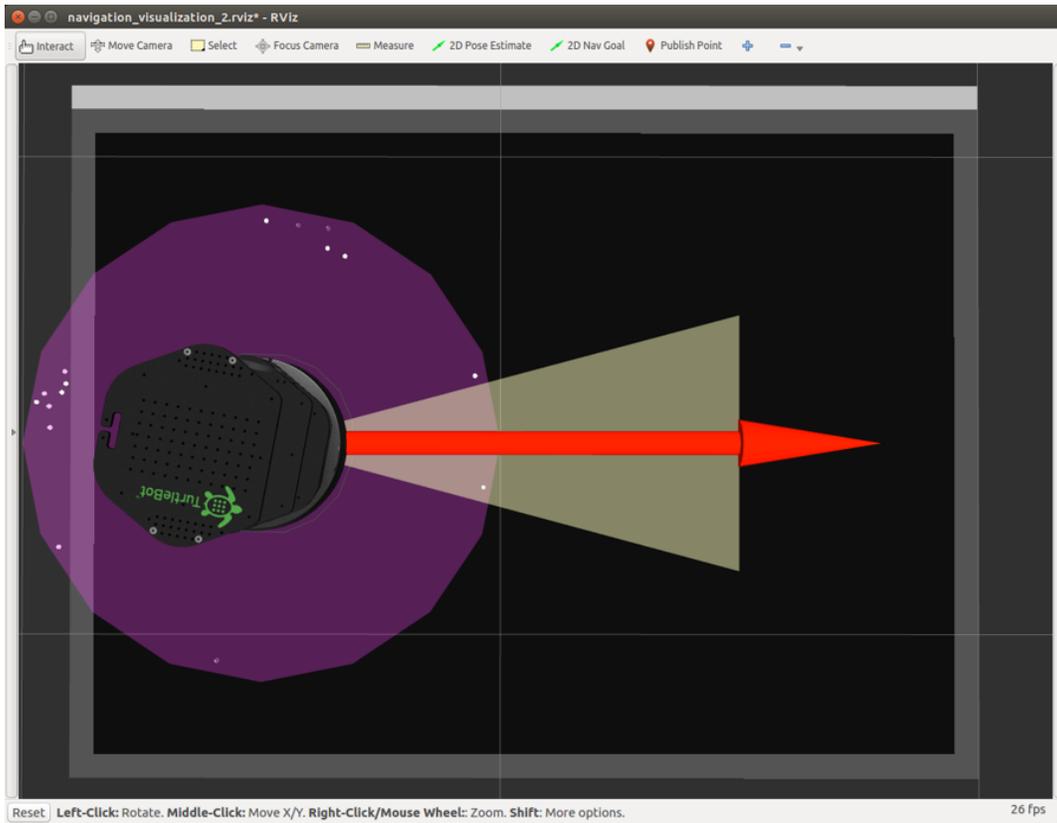


Figure 17. Ubuntu Rviz Screen Capture - Right-Side B Point Goal Reached

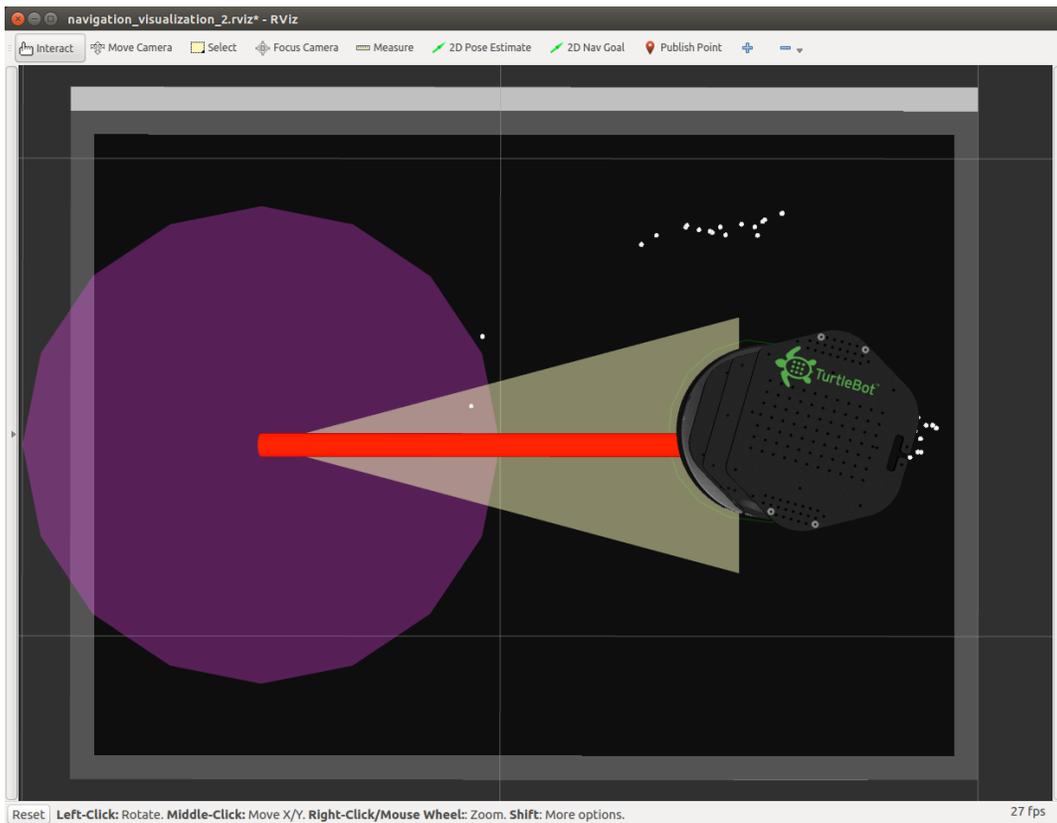
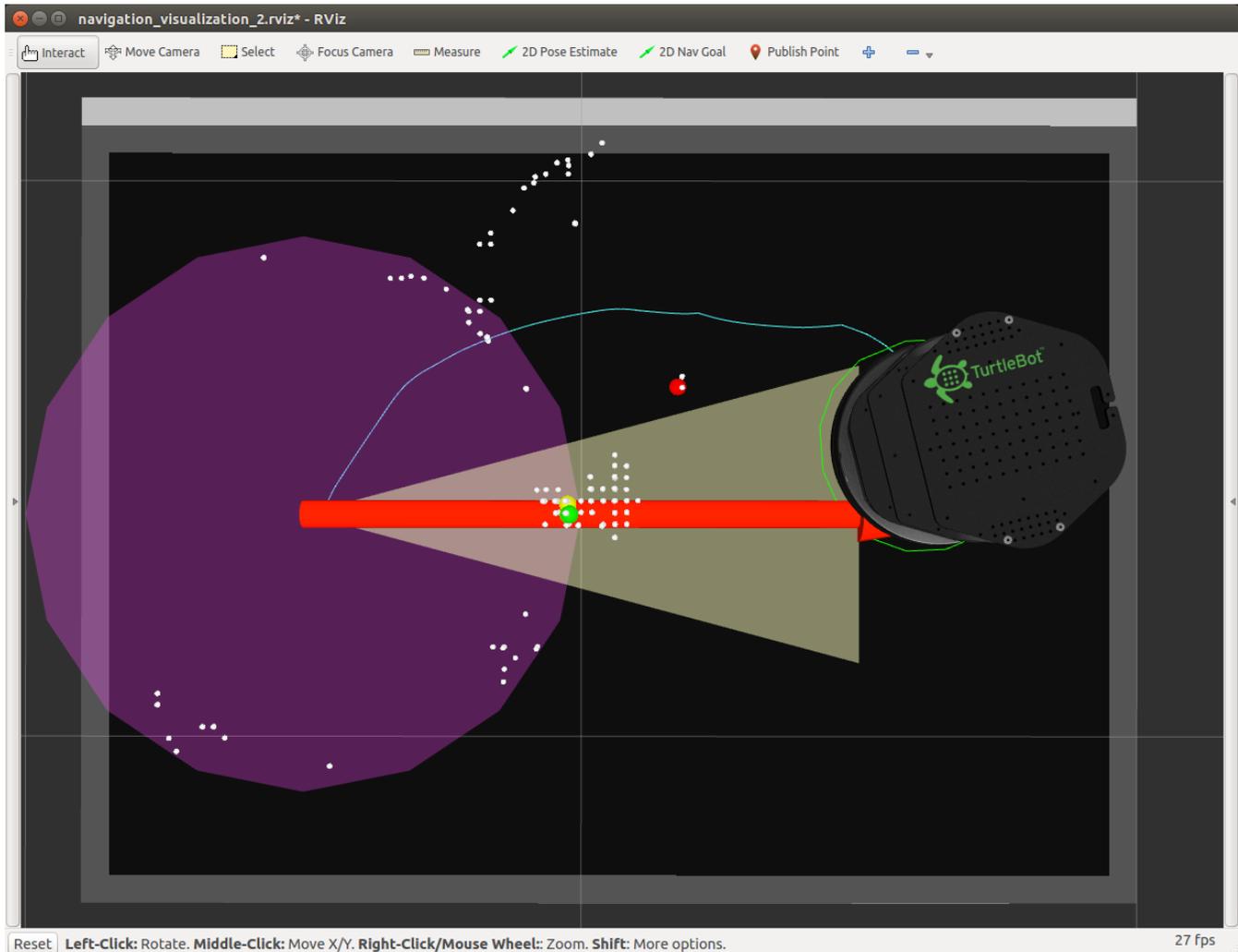


Figure 18. Ubuntu Rviz Screen Capture - Sense and Avoid



3.2.2.1 Additional Support for mmWave Sensors

3.2.2.1.1 IWR1443

Besides the IWR6843ISK (*operating within 60- to 64-GHz*, which is an open band for most industrial applications), the Processor SDK Linux also maintains support for the IWR1443 (*operating within a 76- to 81-GHz band*) for autonomous robotics.

To use the IWR1443 with this reference design, on the hardware side, use [IWR1443BOOST](#) as the mmWave EVM.

For the software when using IWR1443, follow the same procedure described in [Section 3.2.2, Test Results](#) but for [step 3](#), set the `mmwave_device` to "1443" when running the `minimal.launch` command.

```
roslaunch turtlebot_bringup minimal.launch mmwave_device:=1443
```

3.2.2.1.2 IWR6843AOP, IWR1843 or updating to the Latest SDK

To add support for IWR6843AOP or IWR1843, or for updating to the latest compatible mmWave SDK software, download and refer to [Autonomous Robotics with ROS for mmWave](#). The lab user's guide contains instructions for hardware set up of the EVMs as well as details on the latest supported SDK for the EVMs.

For the software, the Processor SDK package is not continuously updated to maintain compatibility for all variants of mmWave sensors or newer versions of the mmWave SDK. For this reason, users are directed to download the Autonomous Robotics with ROS for mmWave from the mmWave Industrial Toolbox where the latest scripts and configuration files for mmWave sensors are maintained. Users will then replace the relevant files on the AM57x with those from the mmWave Industrial Toolbox. These steps are further detailed below:

Remove the existing files on the AM572x:

- Open a new terminal and SSH into the AM57x EVM
- Navigate to the existing `ti_mmwave_ropkg` folder

```
cd/opt/ros/indigo/share/ti_mmwave_ropkg
```

- Delete the existing `cfg` folder

```
rm -r cfg
```

- Navigate to the launch files

```
cd/opt/ros/indigo/share/turtlebot_bringup/launch/includes
```

- Delete existing `robot.launch.xml`

```
rm robot.launch.xml
```

Add the downloaded files from the Linux machine to the AM572x:

- On the Linux machine, download the mmWave Industrial Toolbox and follow *Installing ROS and the TI mmWave ROS Driver* in the User's Guide of the `autonomous_robotics_ros` lab within the toolbox
- With the latest autonomous robotics package installed, copy the `cfg` folder to the AM572x

```
sudo scp -
```

```
r
```

```
/home/rosi/catkin_ws/ti_mmwave_ros_map_nav_vlp4/turtlebot/turtlebot/turtlebot_bringup/launch/includes/robot.launch.xml root@am57xxevm: /
```

```
opt/ros/indigo/share/turtlebot_bringup/launch/includes
```

- Copy the `robot.launch.xml` folder to the AM572x

```
sudo scp -
```

```
r
```

```
/home/rosi/catkin_ws/ti_mmwave_ros_map_nav_vlp4/turtlebot/turtlebot/turtlebot_bringup/launch/includes/robot.launch.xml root@am57xxevm: /
```

```
opt/ros/indigo/share/turtlebot_bringup/launch/includes
```

Continue with the same procedure described in [Section 3.2.2](#), Test Results but for , set the `mmwave_device` to match the desired device when launching the `minimal.launch` command.

- For IWR6843ISK

```
roslaunch turtlebot_bringup minimal.launch mmwave_device:=6843ISK
```

- For IWR6843AOP

```
roslaunch turtlebot_bringup minimal.launch mmwave_device:=6843AOP
```

- For IWR1843BOOST

```
roslaunch turtlebot_bringup minimal.launch mmwave_device:=1843
```

- For IWR1443BOOST

```
roslaunch turtlebot_bringup minimal.launch mmwave_device:=1443
```

4 Design Files

4.1 Schematics

To download the schematics for the AM572x, see the design files at [TIDEP-01006](#).

4.2 Bill of Materials

To download the bill of materials (BOM), see the design files at [TIDEP-01006](#).

5 Software Files

Download the [Processor SDK Linux for AM57x Sitara Processors](#)

Download the [mmWave SDK](#)

Download the [Autonomous Robotics with ROS for mmWave lab in the Industrial mmWave Toolbox](#)

6 Related Documentation

1. [IFR Press Release, IFR CEO Roundtable, Munich, Jun 20, 2018](#)
2. [IFR Press Release, Frankfurt, May 30, 2018](#)
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4. [Texas Instruments, mmWave sensors: industrial toolbox: labs: ROS point cloud visualizer](#)
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6. [Texas Instruments, AM572x evaluation module](#)
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8. [Texas Instruments, mmWave sensors carrier card platform](#)
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7 Terminology

EVM	Evaluation Module
IFR	International Federation of Robotics
ISK	Industrial Starter Kit
LTS	Long Term Support
PLC	Programmable Logic Controller
PLSDK	Processor SDK for Linux
PRU	Programmable Real-Time Unit
ROS	Robotic Operating System
SDK	Software Development Kit
SoC	System on Chip
SSH	Secure Socket Shell

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• Added ...for example, the IWR6843AOP, which is a standalone EVM using the IWR6843 Antenna-On-Package, which minimizes footprint and design complexity as there is no need for antennas on the PCB.	11
• Added Figure 4: IWR6843AOP	12

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• Added IWR1443, or IWR1843 EVM	1
• Added Other mmWave sensors, including the IWR1443, IWR1843, and IWR6843AOP EVMS, are also supported. Specifics related to enabling these other supported platforms are detailed in Section 3.2.2.1.2	3
• Added IWR1843BOOST	7
• Added Update to the latest mmWave drivers: to use the latest mmWave SDK or other mmWave EVMS, see Section 3.2.2.1.2	9
• Changed software version.....	14
• Added For other compatible mmWave sensors, this step will differ. Refer to Section 3.2.2.1.2 for additional steps required to enable support for other mmWave EVMS.	18
• Changed "IWR6843AOP and Latest SDK" to "IWR6843AOP, IWR1843 or updating to the Latest SDK".....	24
• Added IWR1843	24
• Added paragraph	25

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• Changed "IWR6843" to "IWR6843ISK and IWR6843AOPEVM".....	1
• Added sentence: In addition, it also supports the IWR6843 antenna-on-package variant of mmWave sensors which enables reduced design and manufacturing cost, simplified system design, smaller sensor footprint, and eventually faster time to market.	1
• Added Integration with IWR6843AOPEVM enables a 130° FOV coverage in both azimuth and elevation to enable smarter decision making based on object height.	1
• Deleted mmWave radar sending and seamlessly communicating with AM57x processor over ROS	1
• Deleted the Autonomous Robotics with ROS for mmWave lab in the Industrial mmWave Toolbox	24

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• Added IWR6843AOPEVM	1
• Changed paragraph adding additional information	2
• Changed "...and this solution enables unprecedented levels of integration in an extremely small form factor." to "... to integrate analog RF as well as digital processing in a single chip."	4
• Added Option for integration of 4 receiver and 3 transmitter antenna-on-package (AOP)	4
• Added ARM-R4F microcontroller for object detection, and interface control	4
• Added Supports autonomous mode (loading user application from QSPI flash memory).....	4
• Added C674x DSP for advanced signal processing (IWR6843 or IWR6843 AOP only)	4
• Deleted IWR1443 mmWave radar sensing	6
• Added Alternatively, the IWR6843ISK and mmWaveICBOOST boards can be interchanged for other compatible mmWave sensors. Refer to Section 3.2.2.1 for additional steps required to enable support for other mmWave EVMS.	11
• Changed IWR6843ISK to WR6843ISK	13

• Added text regarding the EVM User's Guide and mmWave SDK	14
• Changed subsection title from "For IWR1443 User Support" to "Additional Support for mmWave Sensors	24
• Added new section for IWR1443	24
• Added IWR6843AOP and Latest SDK subsection	24
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• Added sentence with move_base change details.....	8
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• Changed this section to detail the IWR6843ISK and MMWAVEICBOOST boards within the mmWave EVM Hardware..	11
• Changed paragraph to include the correct mmWave SDK version which supports IWR6843	14
• Changed sentence stating the Ubuntu version used for verifying this reference design	14
• Changed paragraph to discuss the mounting of the IWR6843ISK and MMWAVEICBOOST boards to the Kobuki	14
• Changed the hardware setup to include the mounting of the IWR6843ISK and MMWAVEICBOOST boards to the Kobuki	14
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