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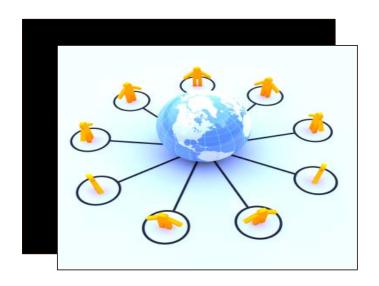




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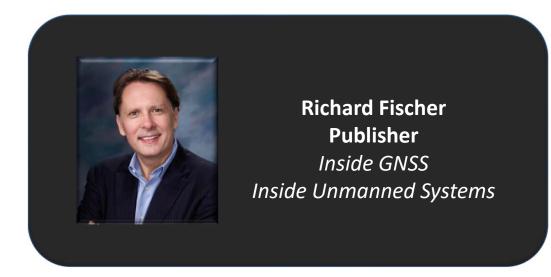








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QUICKPOLL

What type of GNSS vulnerabilities or failures are you most concerned about?

Poll Results (single answer required):

Constellation failure-satellite or ground control segment 9%		
GNSS Correction Network failure		
Atmospheric-induced failure-ionospheric storms, troposphere		
Receiver failure-hardware failure of design/mfr errors 16%		
Spoofing/Jamming	48%	

High Precision Positioning in Automotive



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Traditional Positioning in Automotive

Navigation for Mapping Applications



Several meters of accuracy precision not required



Basic hardware and algorithms

no corrections or sensor fusion



No functional safety

not used to influence vehicle control



IMU data available but rarely coupled with GNSS maximum cost effect









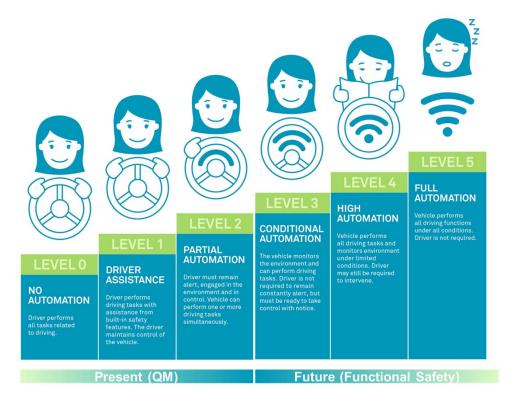






Vehicle Level Positioning Needs

ADAS and Autonomous Driving Level





Lane-level or better resolution



Helps allow vehicles to navigate safely, reliably and efficiently



Provides consistent performance across varying weather conditions













Achieving Precise Positioning in Autonomous Solutions

	Feature	Added Ability	Performance		
	Enhanced Hardware	Multi-frequencyMulti-constellation	Several meters → one meter	>	
	Corrections Services	Satellite and Atmospheric Correction Data	One meter → decimeter	>	
-	Advanced Software	Sensor FusionPrecise Positioning Algorithms	Increased Availability Rapid Convergence	>	

Adding Sensor Fusion provides availability in non-open sky environments











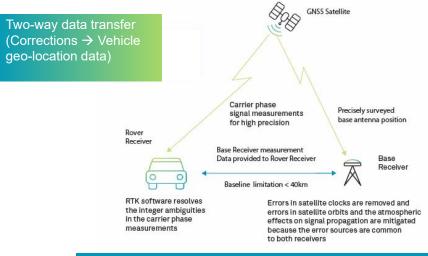


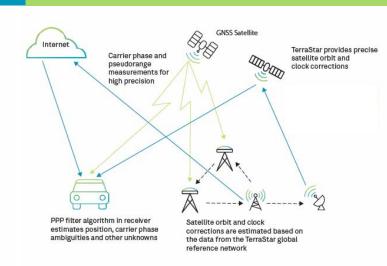
GNSS Corrections

Two Methods of Enabling High Precision

RTK (including Network RTK)

Precise Point Positioning (PPP)





One-way data transfer (Corrections → Vehicle)

	Technology		Implementation	Convergence	2D Accuracy	Coverage	
	Corrects		Direct	1 s	1 cm + 1 ppm	40KM from base	
	RTK	specific measurements	Network	<10 s	2 cm + 1 ppm	Limited to Coverage Zone	
	PPP	Corrects for	Traditional	18 min	2.5 cm	Global	
I	PPP	environment	Fast	<1 min	2.5 CM		





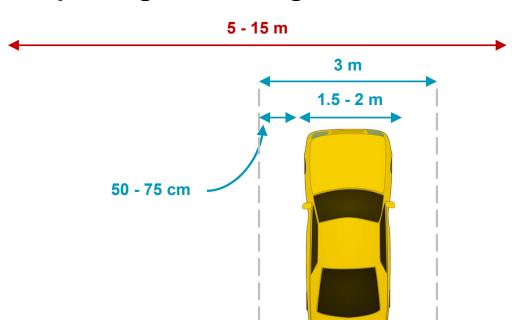








Improving Positioning Solutions for Mass Production



Emerging applications in automotive require increased performance

 $V2V \rightarrow 1.5 \text{ m } 1\sigma$

 $AD/ADAS \rightarrow < 1.0 \text{ m}$



Traditional single frequency GNSS solution used today

- Accuracy of 5 to 15 m in the best conditions.
- Does not include any functional safety standards or protection level algorithms
- · Only suitable for navigation



Dual frequency GNSS positioning solution with corrections services

- Improved position accuracy, availability and reliability
- Functional Safety
 - Certified Protection Level output
 - Complete integrity analysis
 - ASIL certified
 - ISO26262 functional safety compliance
 - Safety Certified Corrections Network







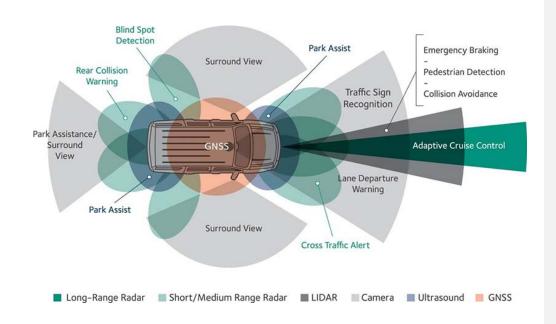






Sensor Fusion at the Vehicle Level

Absolute Reference for Autonomous Technology





GNSS & INS together provide the foundation for localization throughout different environments



GNSS provides absolute localization of a vehicle while other sensors are relative



Complimentary to other sensors, like cameras, Radar and LiDAR, providing precise timing



Robust sensor fusion based on a variety of inputs produces high availability with GNSS at the core.









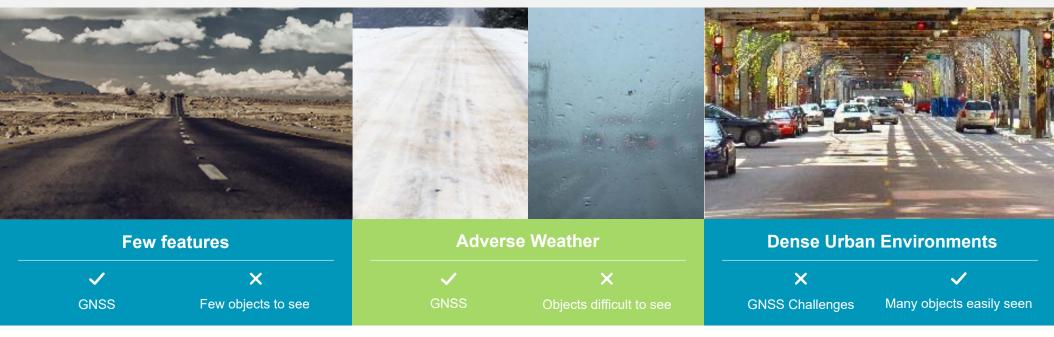




GNSS Positioning vs Other Sensors

Where relative positioning sensors fail, GNSS performs well.

Where GNSS struggles, relative positioning sensors perform well.









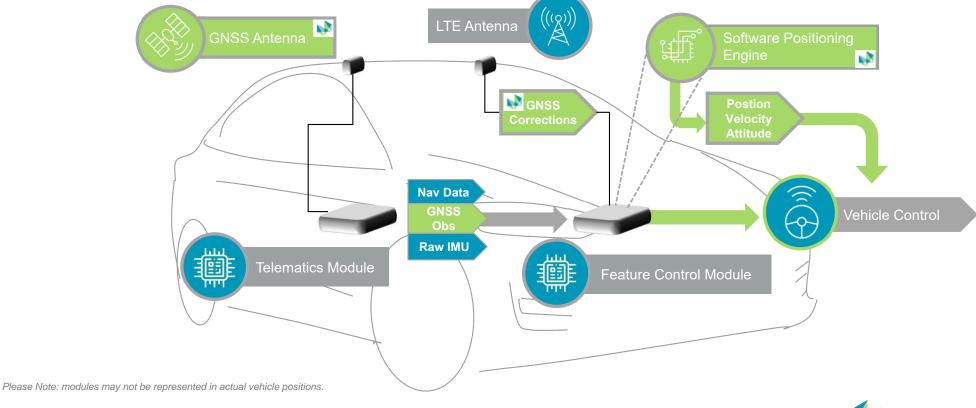






System Architecture and Vehicle Integration

Production Representative Positioning Solution











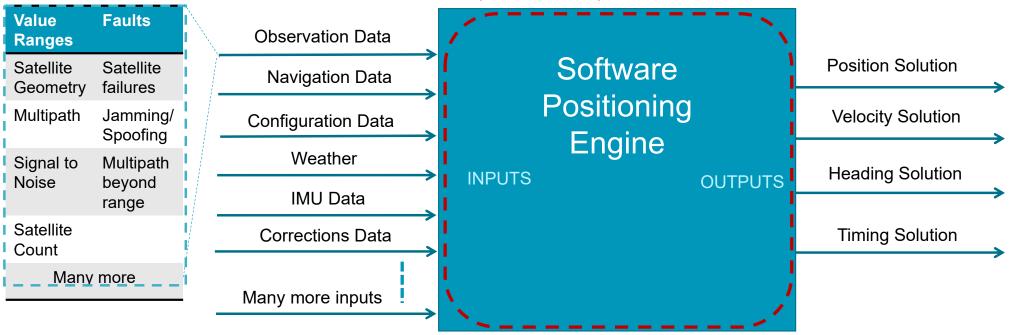




Validation of the Positioning Engine

Boundary Diagram Concept

System Boundary / Device Under Test



Each input needs to be tested to the full functional limit while the output behavior is valid

Each input failure mode needs to be considered

All combinations of conditions are impossible to achieve with a finite amount of live testing







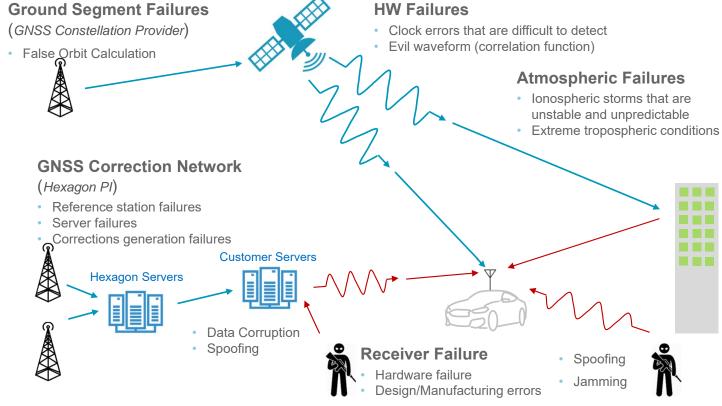






Introduction to Integrity

The Study of How It Can Fail



These failures are studied and accommodated for in algorithms generating the Protection Level output.

Commonly known errors as well as failures difficult to detect and model need to be accounted for and included.

Difficult Multipath Conditions

 Conditions that are difficult to detect but still affect measurements







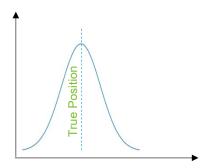






Mathematics of Multipath

Example of a Difficult Error State

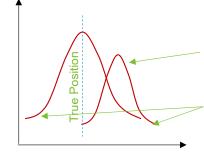


Normal Gaussian Distribution

Not typical for GNSS position data

Typical or predicable GNSS error cases like multipath are not the problem.

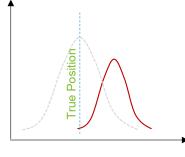
Error cases and conditions difficult to detect and model must be accommodated for safety of life functionality.



Very commonly known error state of multipath, (multimodal)

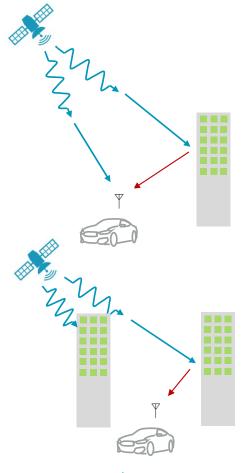
Tails of the distribution are typically higher and farther out from Gaussian model

Normal Multipath Understanding



The situation of only the multipath signals being received is difficult to deal with. PL output needs to accommodate this condition among other difficult error cases.

Difficult GNSS Error Cases













System and Vehicle Level Validation to Automotive Safety Standards

Represents a Billion Possible User Conditions and Faults

GNSS AI		LTE Antenna			
GN33 AI	ASIL-A	ASIL-B	ASIL-C	ASIL-D	
SPF (Single Point Fault) Metric	NA	>90%	>97%	>99%	
LF (Latent Fault) Metric	NA	>60%	>80%	>90%	
Failure Rate	10 ⁻⁶ /hour	10 ⁻⁷ /hour	10 ⁻⁷ /hour	10 ⁻⁸ /hour	
FIT (Failure in Time)	<1,000	<100	<100	Autonomous Driving?	>

Please Note: modules may not be represented in actual vehicle positions.



Part I: Integrity for Precise Positioning in Automotive



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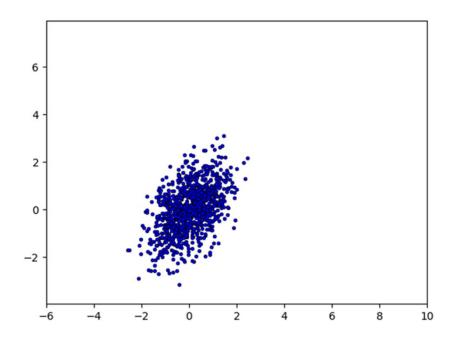












Typical quality metric for GNSS is estimated accuracy

Based on propagation of variance



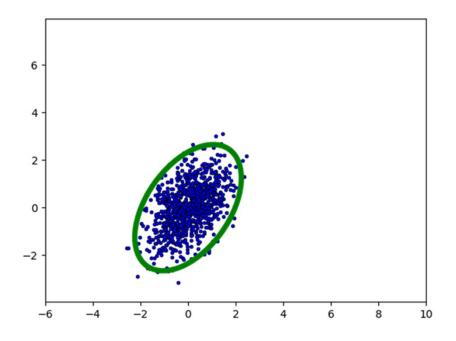












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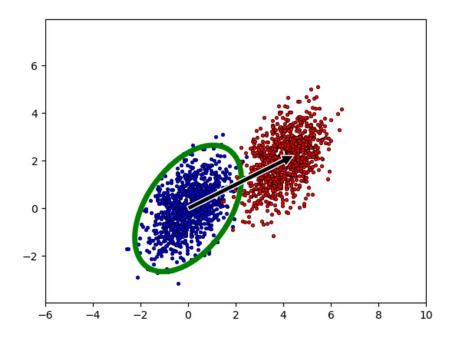










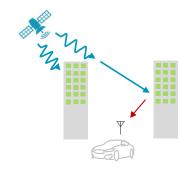


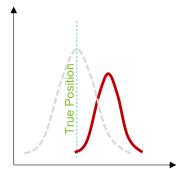
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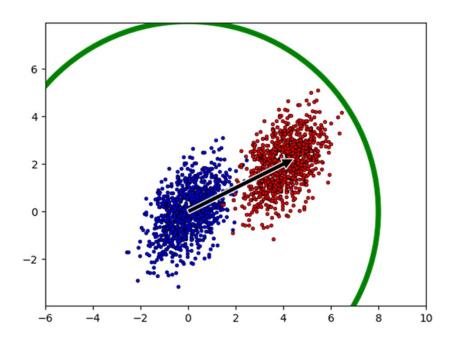












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Confidence ellipse

Does not reflect faults in measurements

For high integrity, we use a protection level (PL)

Estimate of the maximum possible error in the position

- · Considers possible measurement faults
- Makes no claim about distribution of error











Terms in Integrity



Protection Level: estimate of the maximum possible error in the position

Output from positioning



Alert Limit: The maximum error the system can tolerate

Part of system design



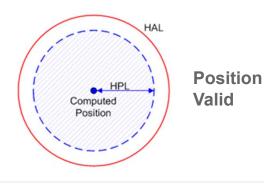
Integrity Risk: Probability that the true error exceeds the PL

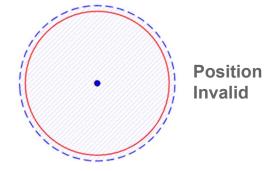
Safety requirement



Availability: Probability that the PL <= AL

Performance requirement















Required Performance



No fixed standard



Performance and safety requirements depend on application and safety concept



Potential alert limits

- · Geogating, HD map initialization: Several metres
- V2V: ~1 metre
- · AD, ADAS: sub-metre



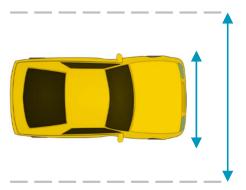
Availability on the order of 90 - 99%



Integrity risk depends strongly on safety concept

- May range from 10⁻³/h to 10⁻⁸/h
- Compare to ISO-26262 hardware failure rates
 - 10-7/h at ASIL B/C, 10-8/h at ASIL D
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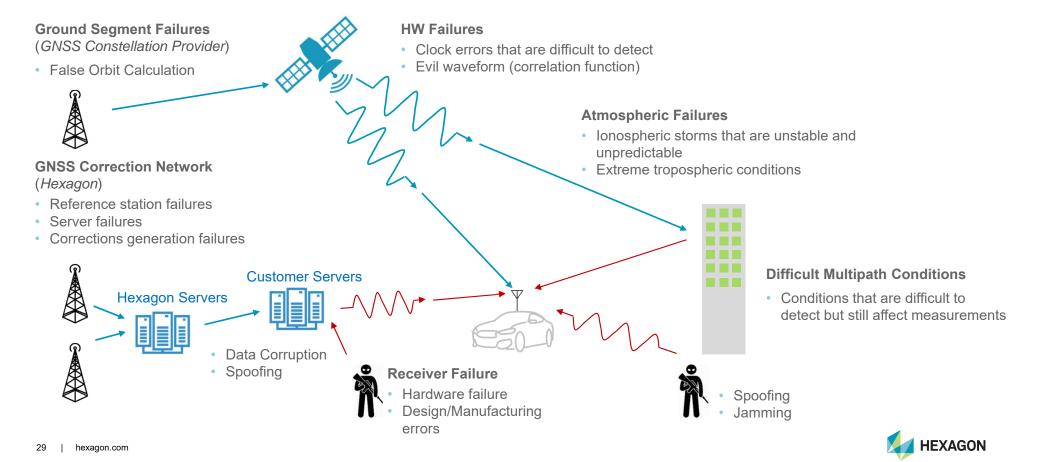








How to Account for Failures?



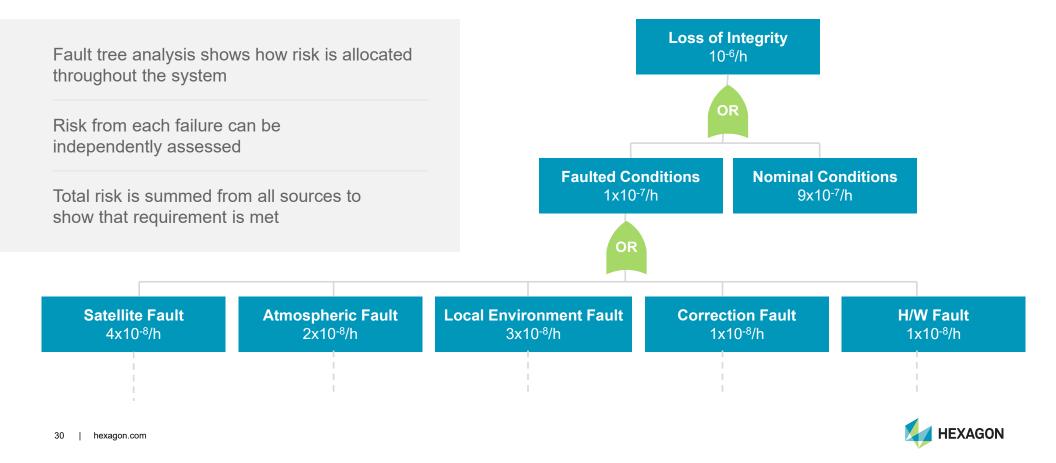








Fault Tree Analysis













Individual Failure Sources

Contribution of each individual failure is the product of:

- · Probability of failure
- Probability of mis-detection for each mitigation method

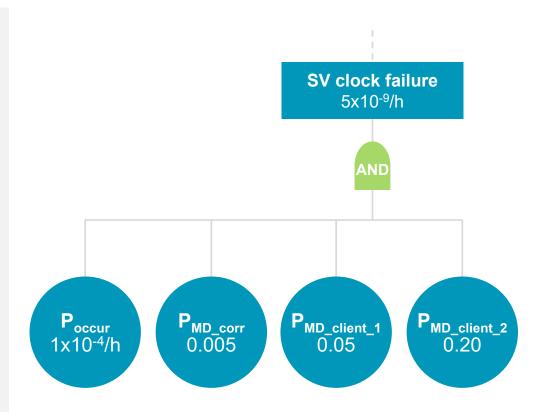
Probability of failure is based on analysis of the error source

Mitigation effectiveness based on analysis and testing

· Primarily testing through simulation due to low probability of occurrence

Some errors can only be mitigated at the user, e.g.

- Multipath
- HW failure (GNSS or IMU)















Ask the Experts Part I

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What level of positioning accuracy do you think autonomous driving requires?

Poll Results (single answer required):

0 – 10 cm	32%
10 – 50 cm	49%
50 cm - 1 Meter	17%
Greater than 1 Meter	2%

Part II: Integrity for Precise Positioning in Automotive



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Mitigation at the User: RAIM



Fault tolerance in GNSS uses Receiver Autonomous Integrity Monitoring (RAIM)



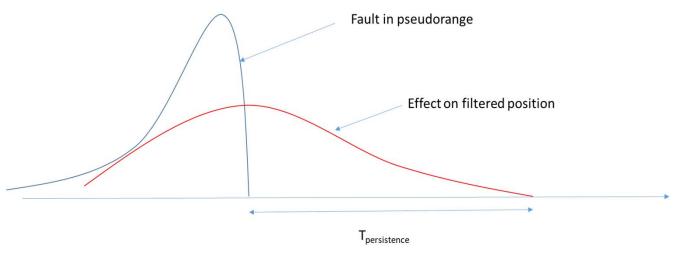
Originally developed for the aviation industry



Techniques can be adapted to land based applications

A few differences:

- Environment, e.g. more multipath
- Corrections
- Sensor fusion
- Ambiguity resolution
- Use of carrier phase and inertial measurements requires a filtered solution















CRAIM Techniques



No standardized approach yet for carrier phase RAIM



Residual based approaches consider faults in measurement domain Similar to classical aviation RAIM



Solution separation observes impact of faults in position domain Similar to ARAIM

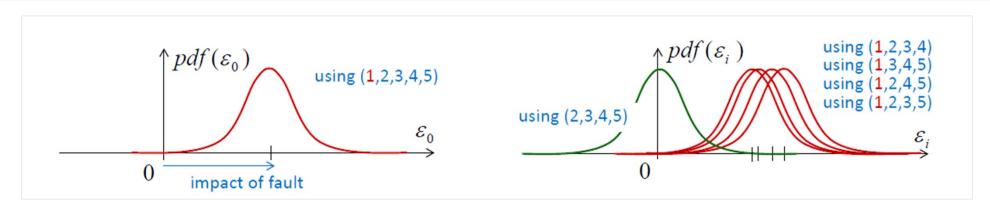


Figure source: Brenner, M., 1996. Integrated GPS/inertial fault detection availability. Navigation, 43(2), pp.111-130













Sample Results – Open Sky Kinematic







Industrial district near Calgary airport



Automotive grade hardware:

- · Dual frequency antenna
- GNSS receiver



Hexagon's PPP algorithm and TerraStar X corrections



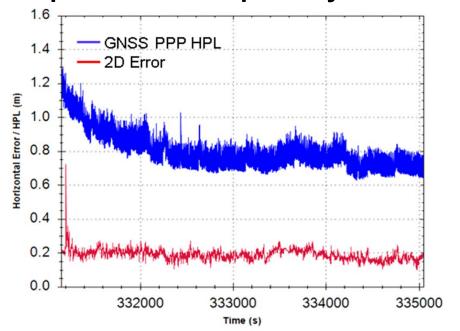


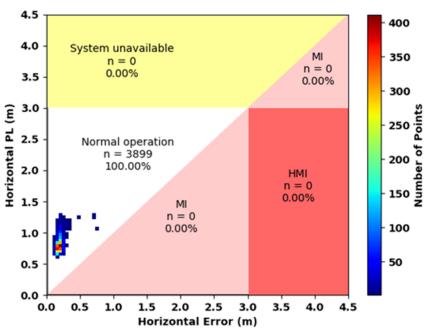






Sample Results – Open Sky Kinematic





Percentile	50	68	95
2D Error (m)	0.19	0.20	0.23
HPL (m)	0.78	0.83	1.04













Impact of GNSS Outages



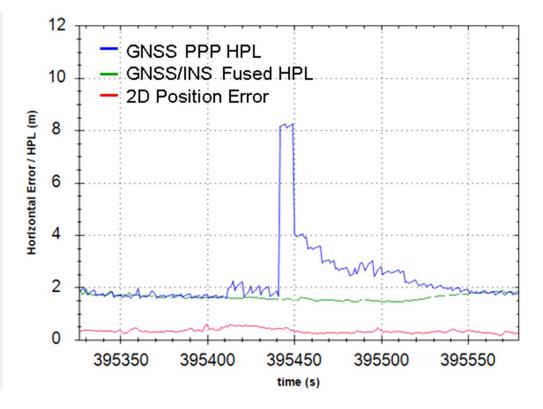
GNSS outages cause carrier phase ambiguities to reset



This causes a jump in the PL



Sensor fusion helps to bridge these gaps















Sample Results – Overpasses

Freeway in California







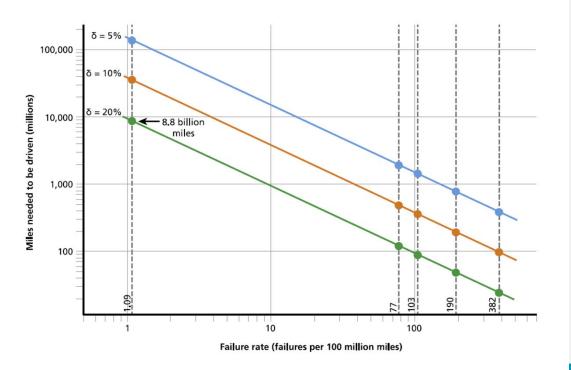








Testing For GNSS Integrity



Source: Kalra, N. and Paddock, S.M., 2016. Driving to safety: How many miles of driving would it take to demonstrate autonomous vehicle reliability?. *Transportation Research Part A: Policy and Practice, 94*, pp.182-193



Automotive safety deals with extremely low probabilities of failure, e.g. 0.000001%



Can we prove this with live testing?



A fleet of 100 vehicles driving 24/365 at 25 mph must drive for:

- 12.5 years with **no failures** to show AVs are as good as human drivers (95% confidence)
- 400 years with failures to show AVs are roughly as good as human drivers (95% confidence)

This is clearly impractical.



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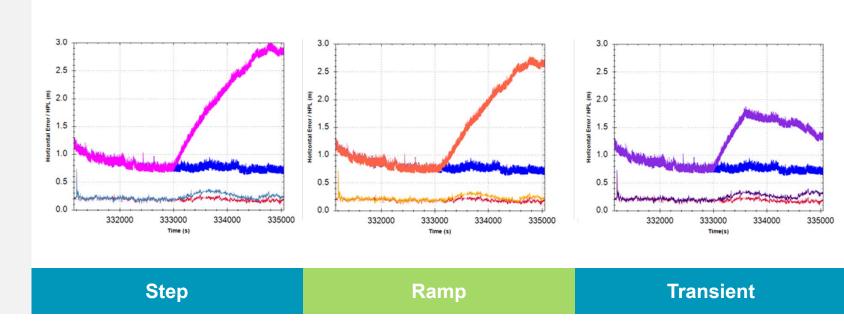


Testing For GNSS Integrity

Instead, we must force faults to occur (e.g. a 15 m pseudorange fault on one SV)

Techniques

- Manipulation of input data
- Simulation the next topic





Validating performance of Safety critical autonomous vehicle PNT systems



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Redefine Validation statement

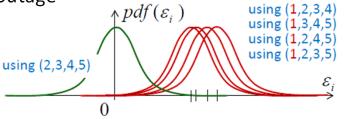
Required Performance

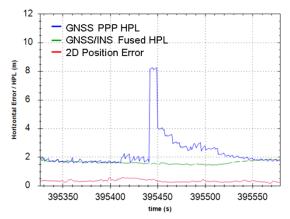
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Challenges

- Faults in PR
- GNSS outage



















PNT Methods

Common Navigation Solutions







CAV Sensor Types and Challenges



Vision System

- Weather
- low light
- Dirt
- incomplete lane markings





Radar

Obstructions like

- dirt
- ice
- snow





Lidar

- Weather
- dirt
- · low feature areas





GNSS

- · Urban canyons &
- Interference
- GNSS outages















GNSS Outages

- GLONASS Suffers Temporary Systemwide Outage
 - Outages continued for more than 10 hours, with the Russian GLONASS monitoring center showing satellites in unhealthy statuses: "failure" and "illegal ephemeris. [source: InsideGNSS April 3, 2014]
- GPS Experiences UTC Timing, IIF Satellite Launcher Problems
 - Although the core navigation systems were operating normally, the coordinated universal time (UTC) timing signal was off by 13 microseconds, which exceeded the design specifications and affected some timing user equipment [source: InsideGNSS January 28, 2016]













GNSS Challenging Environments

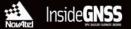




- Overpasses
- Garages
- Multilevel roads
- Urban canyon

Source: Google images







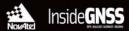


IMU Grades

	Navigational Grade	Tactical Grade	Commercial Grade
Example Application Area	High precision applications such as geo-referencing	Applications with short time stability needs such as Mapping	Low cost navigation such as automotive
Gyro drift	< 0.01°/hr	1-10°/hr	0.1°/sec
Accel bias	<100µg	1-5μg	100-1000μg
Cost	~\$100,000	~\$2000 - \$50,000	~\$1 - \$50

Source: "Inertial sensors technologies for navigation applications: state of the art and future trends", Naser El-Sheimy and Ahmed Youssef, 2020









IMU Parameters to be modelled

- Deterministic errors
 - Bias stability
 - Scale factor
 - Axis Misalignment
- Stochastic errors
 - Angle/velocity random walk noise
- A typical land-based vehicle has more than one inertial sensor, in a cluster or as independent sensors to sense vehicles long track and cross track dynamics

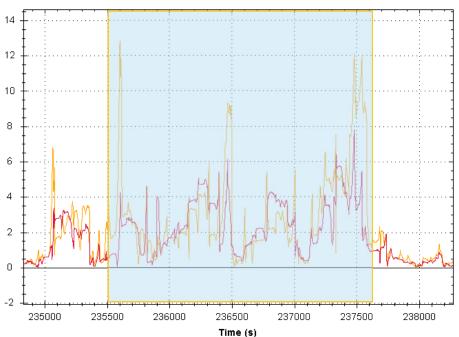


Impact of wrongly tuned IMU

A wider spread of the fault case positions (red) vs. the nominal case (green) over the 5 passes through this section



Drive through an urban canyon, and the effect of having the IMU being noisier than it should be is very pronounced







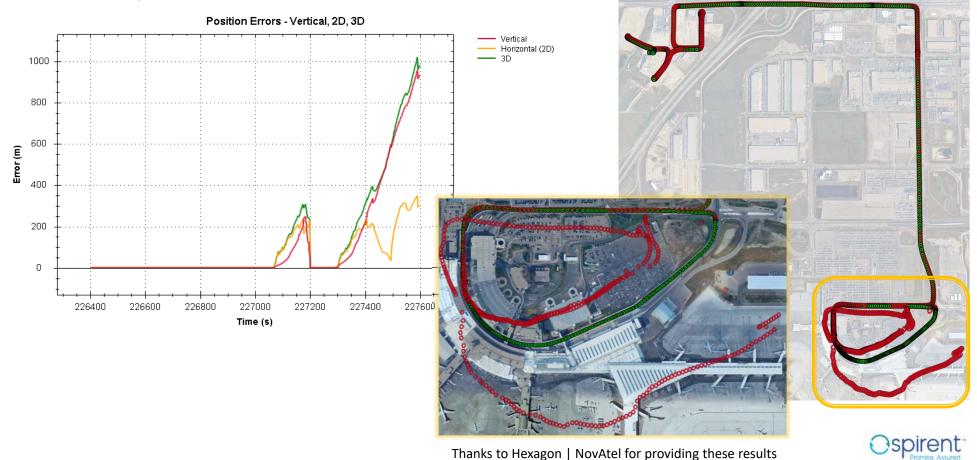








Use Case: Impact of IMU Axis-mismatched





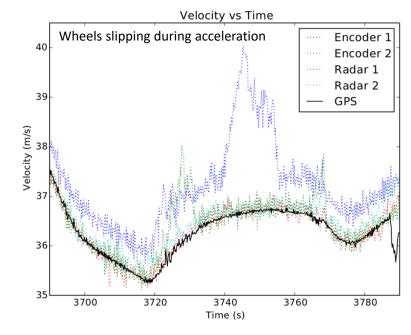






Odometry

- There is a current trending of using any and everything possible to improve the position accuracy, availability and integrity
- Wheel ticks, steering angle, ...
- Wheel ticks come in two major flavors:
 - Absolute wheel ticks
 - Differential wheel ticks (over front wheels, rear wheels or all four)



Plot source: "Robust Odometry using Sensor Consensus Analysis", Andrew W. Palmer and Navid Nourani-Vatani



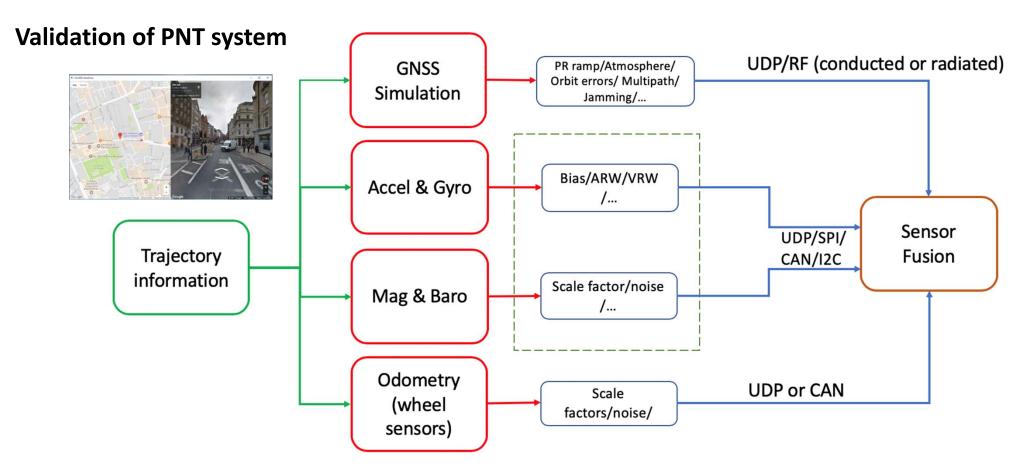












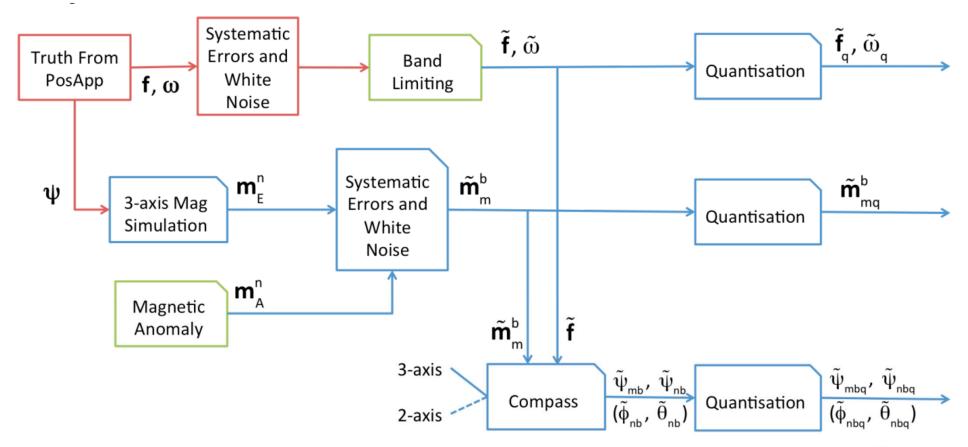








How Simulation works















Simulation Credibility

INERTIAL SENSOR SIMULATION

- QinetiQ/ UK Ministry Of Defense (MOD) paper
 & results
 - A series of logical investigative steps, described in this paper, has provided firm evidence that STANAG 4572 and the **Spirent** implementation of it meet the MOD's requirement of not introducing a radial position error growth of greater than 1.8 metres/hour, when a perfect IMU is simulated.

GNSS SIMULATION

- Italdesign leading automotive design company
 - Objective: To create an integrated system for testing connected autonomous vehicles (CAV) during their development
 - Method: Integrated hardware-in-the-loop (HIL) testing using Spirent's GSS7000 and SimHIL application programming interface (API)
 - Benefit: CAV developers can reduce their product development times with greater confidence in the positioning accuracy of their vehicles

"Hardware-In-The-Loop Testing of the NATO Standardisation Agreement 4572 Interface Using High Precision Navigation Equations", R.J. Handley, R.F. Stokes, J. Stevenson, QinetiQ, United Kingdom J.I.R. Owen, Dstl, United Kingdom









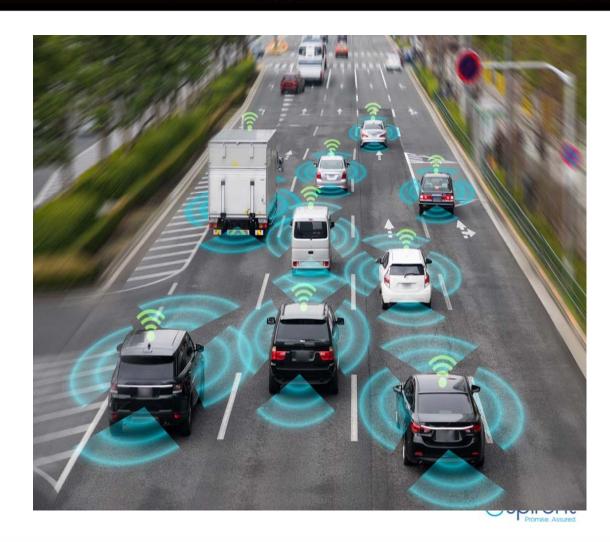




Better tuning of fusion filters— Simulation

- Simulation as an effective tool:
 - Simulate trajectory with realistic vehicle dynamics
 - Simulate Orientation
 - Simulate mismatch

Above all provides ground truth



QUICKPOLL

What type of IMU errors are you most concerned about?

Poll Results (single answer required):

Bias stability	44%
Scale factor	4%
Axis misalignment	19%
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Ask the Experts



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