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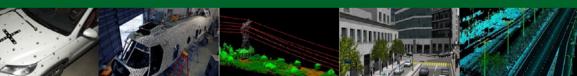




**inside** unmanned systems

# **MAPPING FROM UAVS**

HOW TO OPTIMIZE ACCURACY AND EFFICIENCY USING GNSS-INERTIAL SOLUTIONS



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# WELCOME TO Mapping from UAVs

How to Optimize Accuracy and Efficiency Using GNSS-Inertial Solutions



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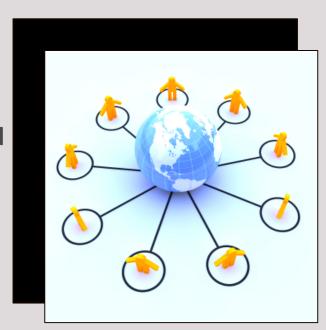
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#### Who's In the Audience?

A diverse audience of over 600 GNSS and unmanned professionals registered from 58 countries, 29 states and provinces representing the following categories:

- 50% GIS/Surveying
- **12% Precision Agriculture**
- 10% Transportation
  - 6% Critical Infrastructure/Utilities/ Power Grid
  - **5% Natural Resource Management**
  - 4% Oil and Gas
- 13% Other





#### Welcome from Inside GNSS





# Welcome from *Applanix*





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#### Poll #1

What type of sensor payload are you interested in using for mapping applications from UAV? (Select all that apply)

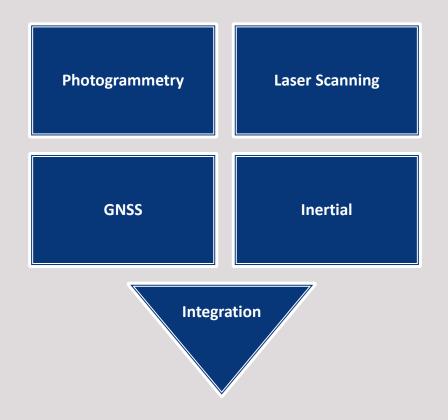
- a. RGB
- b. Infra-red Camera
- c. LiDAR
- d. Multi-spectral Camera
- e. Hyperspectral Camera

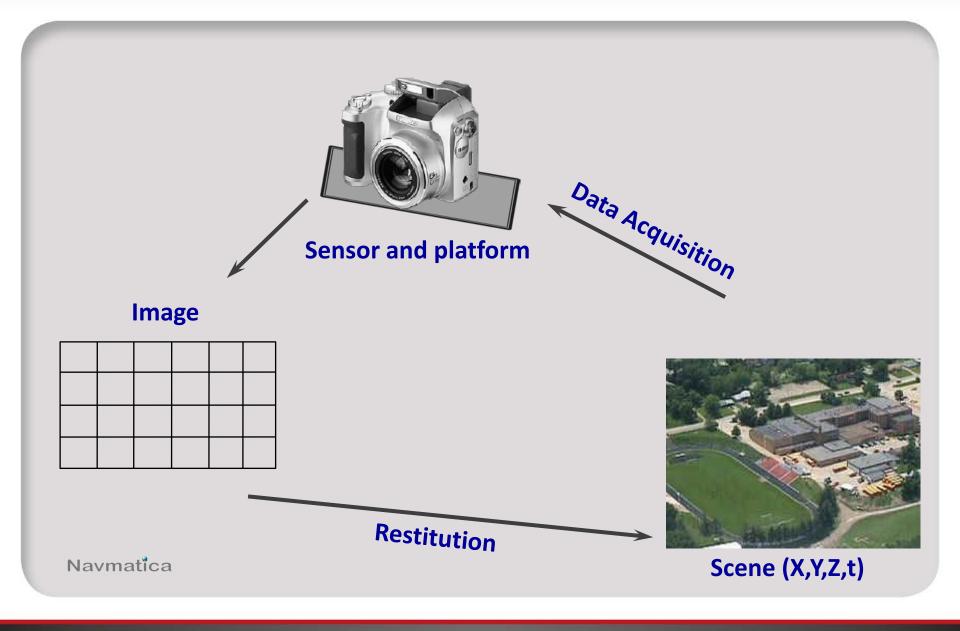
# **UAV Data Georeferencing: Theory and Applications**

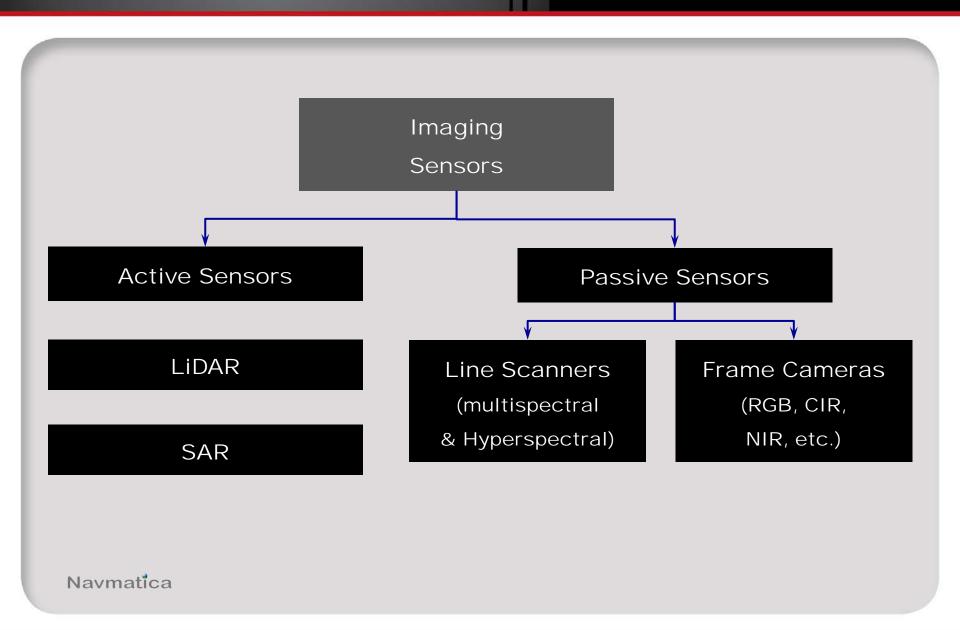


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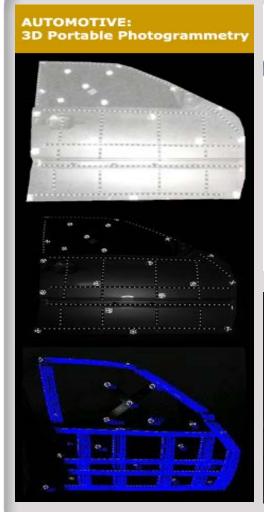


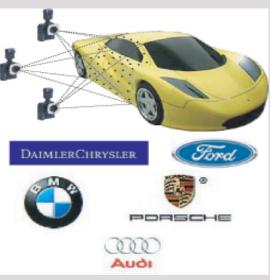


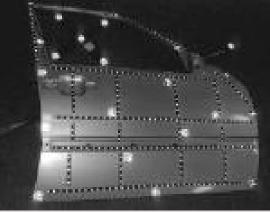


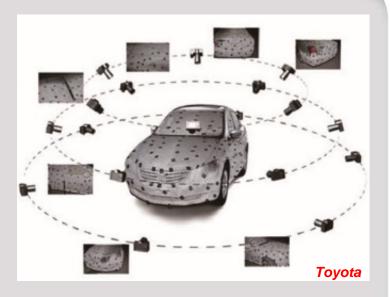
# **Automotive Applications**





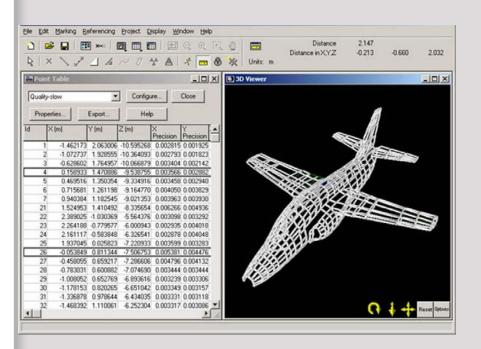








#### **Aerospace Engineering Applications**





Courtesy of NASA, US Navy, FAA, DLR

# **Medical Engineering Applications**







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**Courtesy of University of Toronto** 



#### Airborne Mapping



#### **Indoor Mapping**

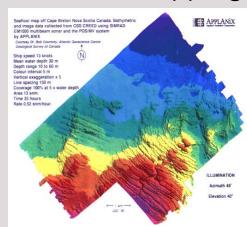




#### Mobile Mapping

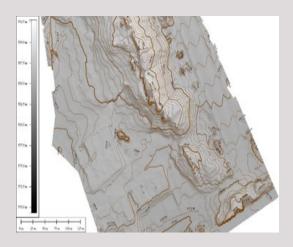


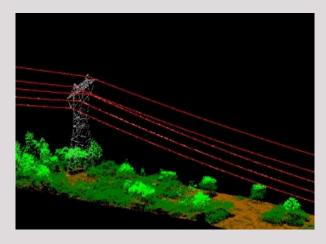
#### **Seafloor Mapping**

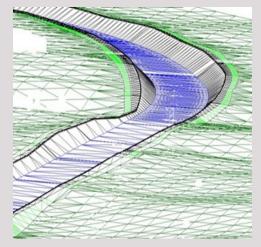
















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Large Format Cameras



**Medium Format Cameras** 



Spherical Camera





**Small Format Cameras** 









LiDAR

Hyperspectral









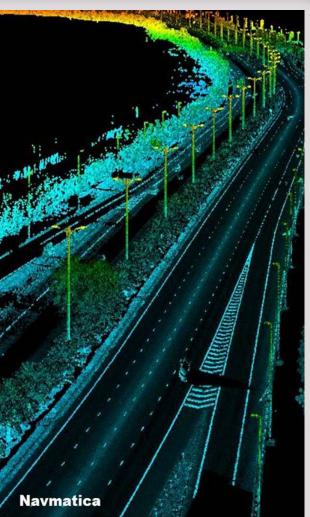


Digital Frame imagery



Video frames



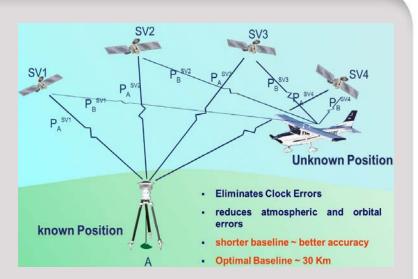


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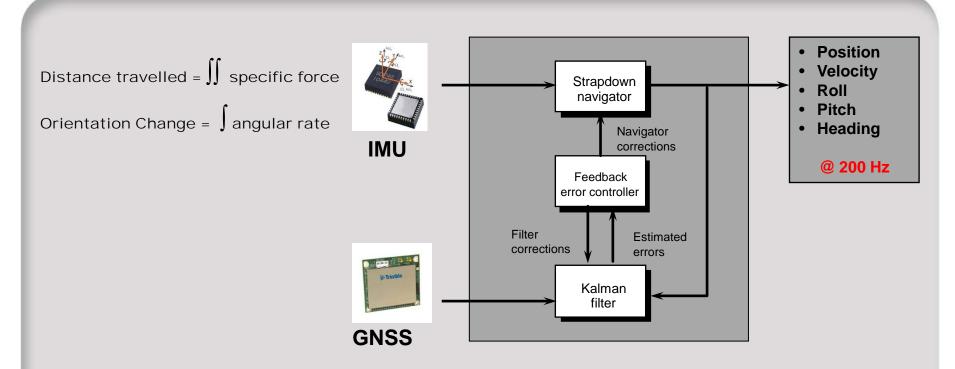
#### **GNSS Revisited**



- GNSS includes GPS, GLONASS, BeiDou, Galileo
- Relative Positioning allows for cm level accuracy using:
  - Base Stations
  - CORS
  - IGS
  - Real-time or post-processed VRS



GNSS	Real Time Accuracy	Post- Processing needed	Range	Integration	Applications
RTK	~ 5 cm	No	Limited to radio link range of 5 km	Limited to loosely coupled	<ul> <li>Emergency Response</li> <li>Reconnaissance</li> <li>Surveillance</li> <li>Monitoring</li> <li>Moderate precision mapping</li> </ul>
PPK	~ 5 m	Yes	• Unlimited	• unlimited	High precision mapping



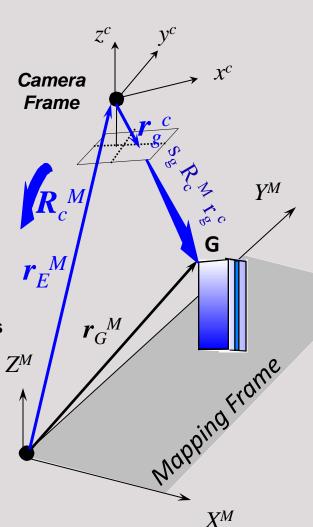
- GNSS is used to aid the inertial navigation solution.
- In airborne applications, this is best done on the tightly coupled level
- When GPS-drops out, the inertial navigation solution continues unaided
- Continuous closed-loop error controller maintains optimal performance by bounding position and orientation errors and calibrating inertial sensor errors

# **Georeferencing in Photogrammetry**



#### **Aerial Triangulation**

- Establish & Survey GCPs
- Measure image points
- Compute camera position
   & orientation using AT
- Produce mapping products



#### **Direct Georeferencing**

- Measure camera position
   & orientation using
   GNSS/Inertial
- QC the data
- Produce mapping products
- No GCP needed

# **Ground Control Points (GCP)**

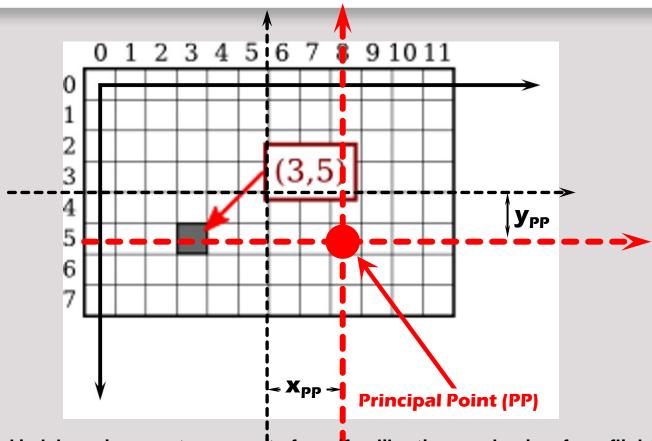


GCP (Established or paneled)



Photo-Identifiable GCP

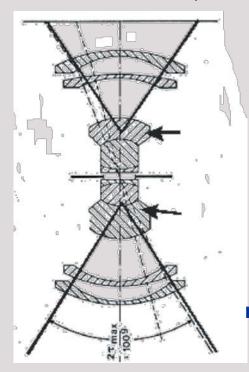
#### **Camera interior geometry**



- Calibrated in lab environment or as part of a self-calibration mechanism from flight data
- Correlated with boresight angles
- Its Stability is engineered in professional grade cameras
- If calibrated over a calibration field, it could be held fixed (known) for the rest of the mission



**LENS Distortion (radial)** 

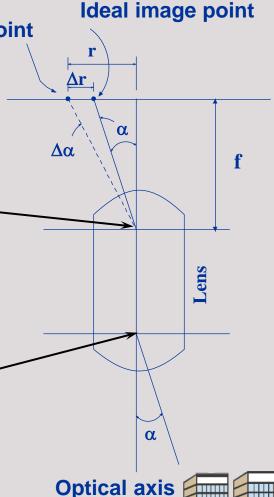


**Image plane** 

Rear (exit) nodal point

Front (entrance) nodal point

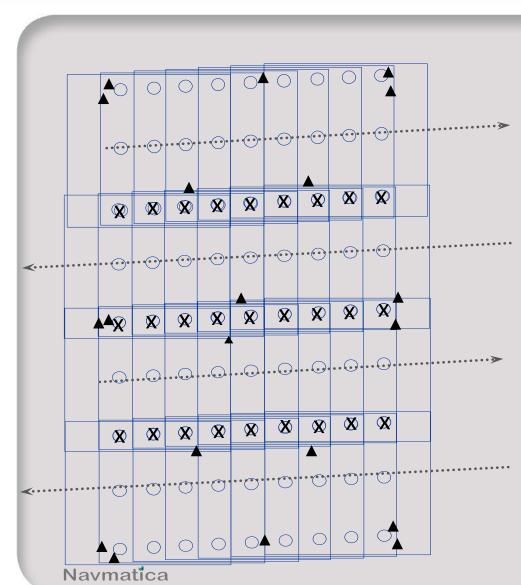
$$\Delta r = k_1 r^3 + k_2 r^5 + k_3 r^7$$





# **Aerial Triangulation (AT)**





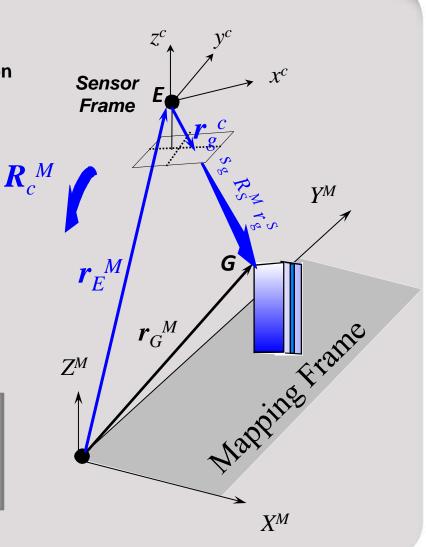
- Fly a block of images
- Must fly 80% x 80% image overlap &sidelap
- Measure tie/pass/GCP on all images
- GCPs are necessary
- An Image Block is necessary
- Block Geometry Strength is necessary
- Thousands of tie/pass points are necessary
- In non-urban environments, tie/pass points are challenging to find
- Self Calibration is necessary

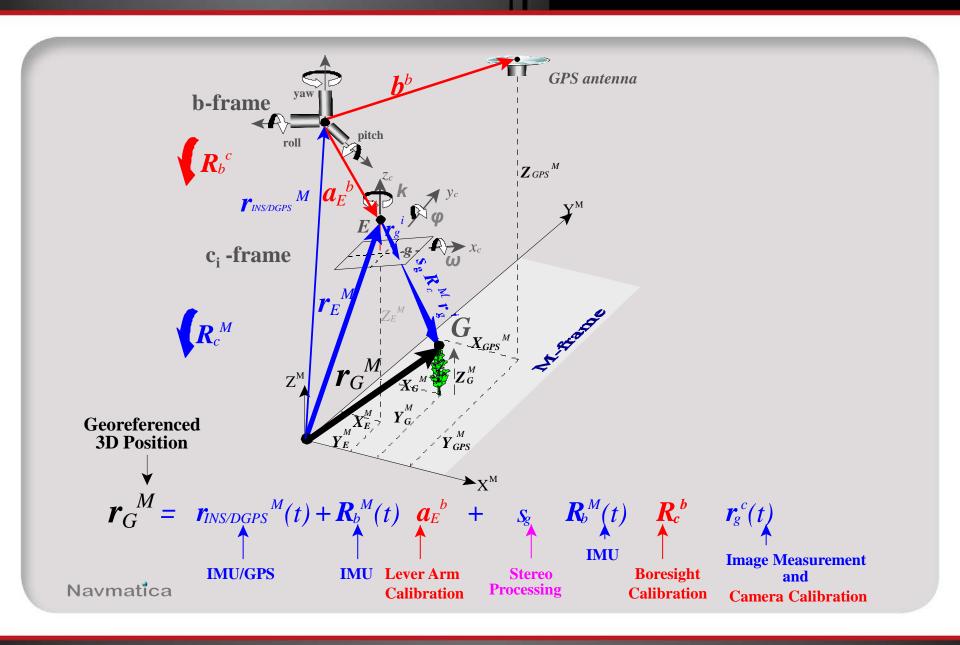
#### What is Direct Georeferencing?



- Measure imaging sensor position & orientation using GNSS/Inertial
- QC the data
- Produce mapping products
- No GCP needed

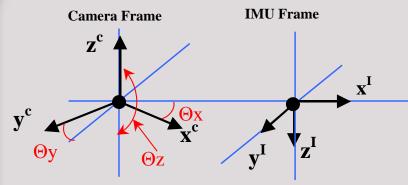
- DG can be used with any type of Imaging Sensor
- DG must be used with LiDAR, SAR and Scanning sensors

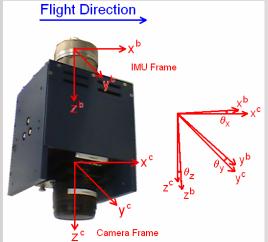




#### **Boresight Calibration**

#### **Direction of Flight**





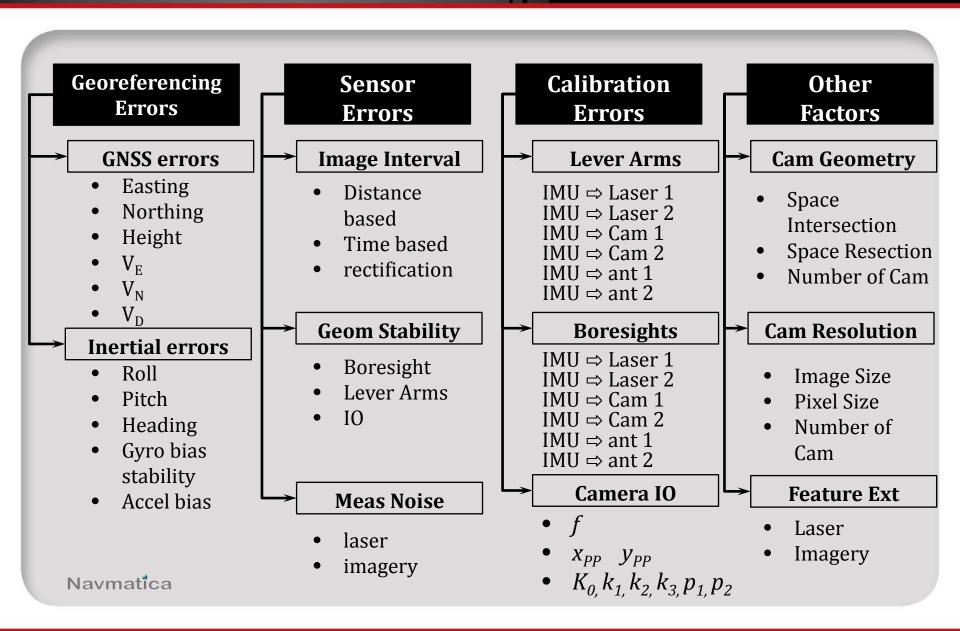
- Boresight is the physical mounting angles of an IMU w.r.t. a camera
- Boresight matrix is assumed constant at all times
- Boresight is computed using:
  - Image rotation matrix
  - IMU-derived rotation matrix
- How well the imaging geometry is established (camera calibration?)
- Correlation between the camera calibration and boresight?
- This necessitates the simultaneous calibration of boresight and camera

$$\mathbf{R}_{c}^{b} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \cos\Theta_{x} & \sin\Theta_{x} \\ 0 & -\sin\Theta_{x} & \cos\Theta_{x} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \cos\Theta_{y} & 0 & -\sin\Theta_{y} \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ \sin\Theta_{y} & 0 & \cos\Theta_{y} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \cos\Theta_{z} & \sin\Theta_{z} & 0 \\ -\sin\Theta_{z} & \cos\Theta_{z} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

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# **Simplified Error Budget**



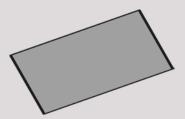


# **Direct Georeferencing**

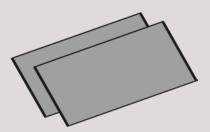


- GCPs are not needed (control is in the air)
- Single image + DEM = Orthophoto generation
- One stereo pair with minimum overlap for Topo
   Mapping & DEM Extraction
- NO Image Blocks needed
- Fly any Overlap
- Fly any Sidelap
- No Tie Points needed (QC only)
- No Self Calibration is necessary (QC only)

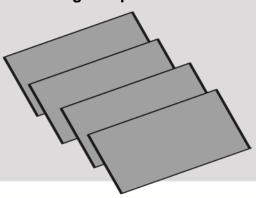
Single image + DEM = Ortho



**Stereo pair for Topo Mapping & DEM Extraction** 

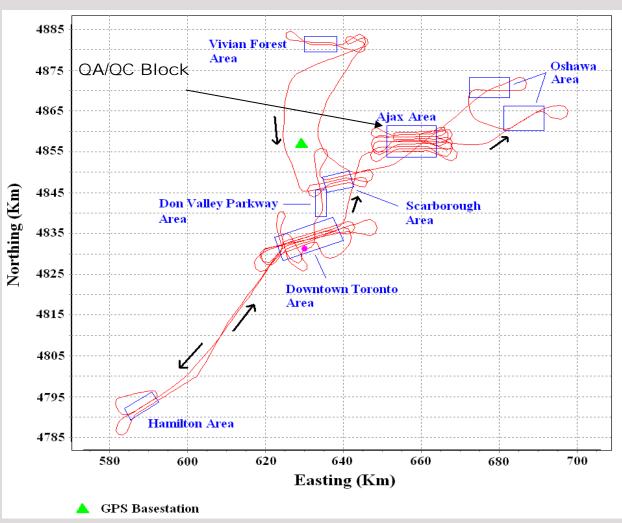


One or more image strips for Corridor mapping



# **Direct Georeferencing QC Example**







#### **Aerial Triangulation**

- Must fly 80% overlap
- Must fly 80% sidelap
- Tie Point quality & volume depends on AOI
- An image Block is necessary
- Block geometric strength is necessary
- Self-Calibration every mission
- GCP always required

#### **Direct Georeferencing**

- Can fly any overlap (to address mapping)
- minimal sidelap (to address mapping)
- Tie Points are not required— (only for QC)
- Can fly one or more strips
- No Need for Blocks
- No Self Calibration necessary (only QC)
- No GCP required (only QC)

#### Real-World Examples (1/2)



#### Company

Avyon

#### Project

- Location: Fryer Dam near Richelieu, QC
- 450 m x 100 m block (0.7cm GSD)

#### Platform

microdrones md4-1000

#### Payload

- Sony a7R camera with APX-15 UAV
- Zeiss Sonnar T\* 35 mm lens

#### Flight profile

- 2 flight lines ~30% sidelap & ~85% endlap
- 12-minute flight time
- 14 km/h platform speed
- 5 GCP's distributed at each end of the dam





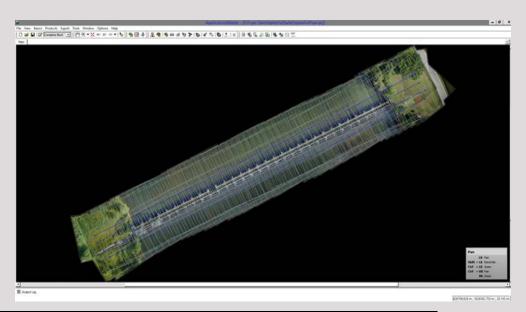






#### **Processing Workflow**

- POSPac:
  - GNSS/Inertial processing
  - Boresight calibration
  - Interior geometry calibration
  - Lens distortion held fixed
- Inpho photogrammetric SW:
  - Extract DSM from stereo imagery
  - Generate 1 cm GSD orthomosaic



	dE	dN
Number of Points	5	5
Mean Error	0.031	-0.009
Standard Deviation (m)	0.017	0.014
RMSE (m)	0.034	0.015

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# md4-1000 High Precision Solution: Accuracy and Efficiency

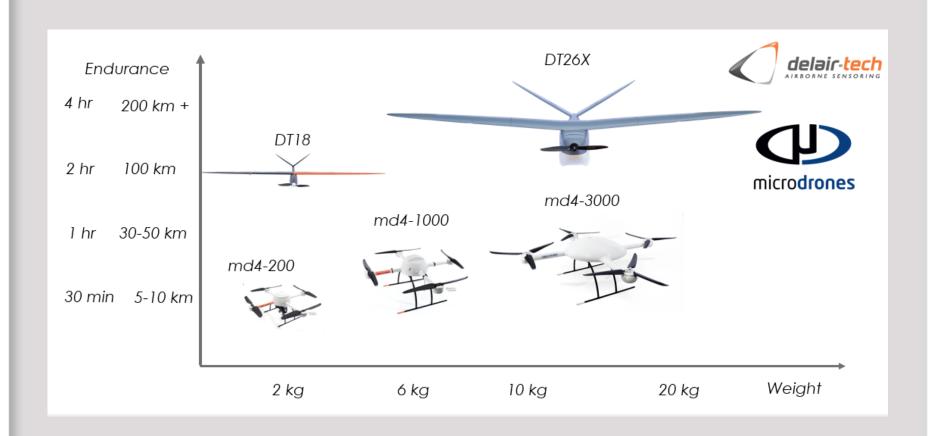


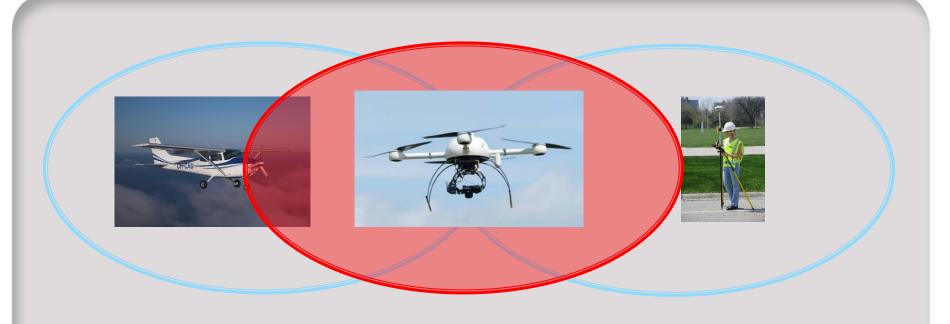
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- Avyon provides professional small Unmanned Aerial System (UAS) solutions to various industries and markets in North America
- Main focus: survey and mapping
- Avyon Partners: Delair-Tech and microdrones



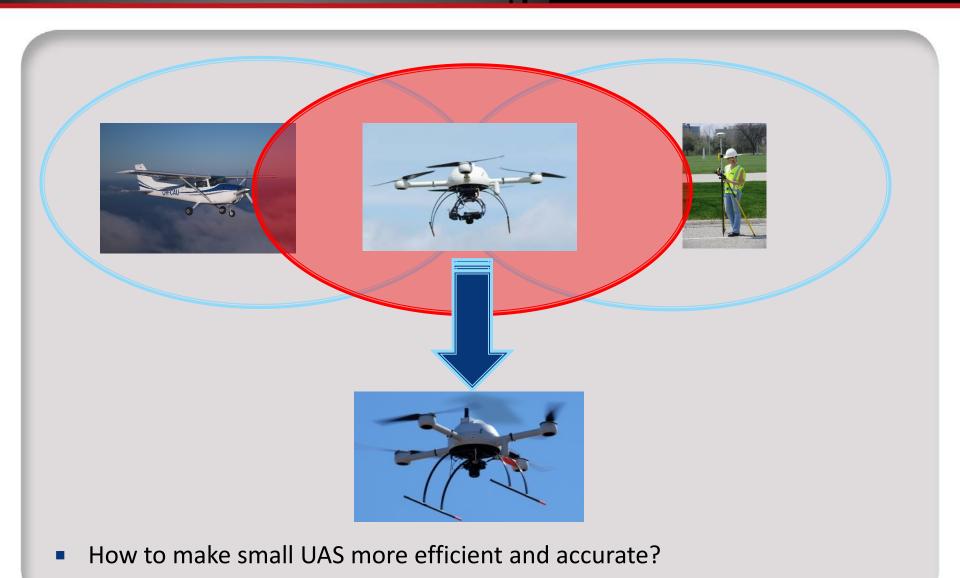




- Efficiency
- Safety
- Flexibility
  - Multiple Sensors
- Economical
- Repeatability



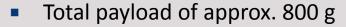
Greater Access to Geospatial Data

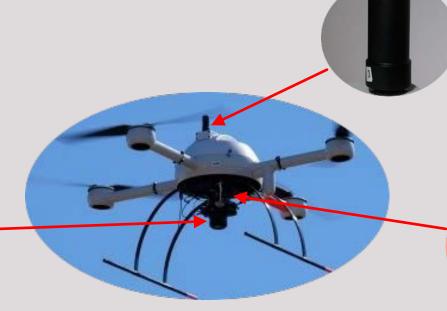


## md4-1000 High Precision Solution



- md4-1000 platform + Direct Georeferencing = md4-1000 High Precision
- Output Accurate position, orientation and timing





- Light Weight GPS/GLONASS Antenna
- 25 g



- Full Frame COTS camera – 42 MP
- 35 mm fixed lens
- Calibrated
- 507 g



- 220 channel GNSS Receiver
- Calibrated IMU with Data rate of 200 Hz
- 60 g

## Ask the Experts – Part 1



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### Poll #2

The accuracy of which PNT measurement is most important for direct geo-referencing? (please select your top two)

- a. Accurate position
- b. Accurate attitude
- c. Sensor geometric accuracy
- d. Accurate time tagging

# md4-1000 High Precision Solution: Accuracy and Efficiency



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## **Opportunities for Efficiency**



### **Potential Savings**

- Project planning
- GCP layout and installation = no requirement for GCP
- Flight time less side lap = decrease flt time or more area covered
- Data processing

### Other opportunities

- Corridor mapping
- Mapping inaccessible areas

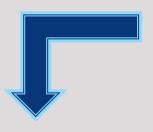
## Example One (1/3) – Efficiency



- Sample Area: 500 m x 500 m
  - Typical area for Line of sight small UAS operations
- Flying Ht: 120 m
- Flying Speed: 6 m/s
- Camera: Sony RX1R ii
- Front lap: 80%
- Side lap: will depend on mapping configuration

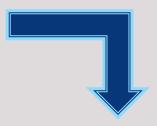


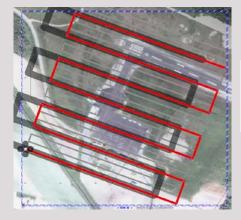
md4-1000 High Precision 40% Side Lap



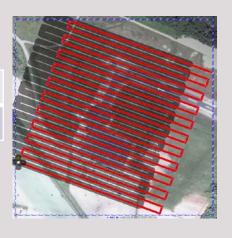


md4-1000 80% Side Lap





15 mins	Flt Time	35 min
215	# Photos	650







Workflow Task	md4-1000 (Aerial Triangulation)	md4-1000 High Precision (Direct Georeferencing)	Difference
Plan Project	1 hrs	1 hrs	-
GCP Layout	2 hrs	-	2 hrs
Flight	35 mins	15 mins	20 mins
Data Processing	12 hrs	4 hrs	8 hrs
Total	15hrs 35 mins	5 hrs 15 mins	10 hrs 20 min

## Example Two (1/3) Accuracy

- Fryer Dam
- Challenges
  - Could not access
  - Crossing river
- Requirement
  - Orthomosaic/DSM Sub meter



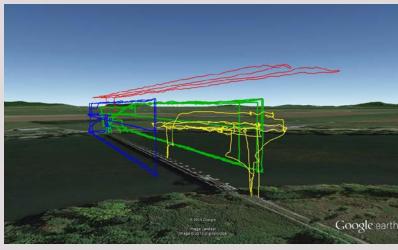


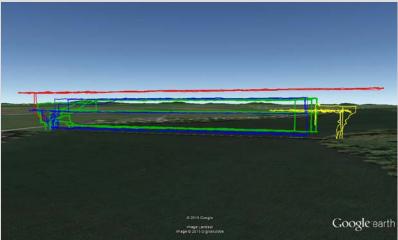


## Example Two (2/3) Accuracy

- 11 Flights
  - 1 NADIR APX-15 UAV (red)
  - 4 North (blue)
  - 4 South (green)
  - 3 Over structures (yellow)







## Example Two (3/3) Accuracy

- Horizontal accuracy was less than 4 cm (RMS) approx. 4 x GSD
- Vertical accuracy was less than 10 cm (RMS) or approx. 10 x GSD

	dE	dN	dH
Number of Points	5	5	5
Mean Error	0.031	-0.009	-0.023
Standard Deviation (m)	0.017	0.014	0.101
RMSE (m)	0.034	0.015	0.093

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- md4-1000 High Precision provides:
  - Potential for considerable efficiency in operations (Time/Money)
  - Ability to meet required accuracy standards using proven methodologies and workflow
- Under development:
  - md4-3000 High Precision
    - Medium format professional cameras
    - LiDAR
    - Hyperspectral
  - BVLOS
    - Corridor mapping



## Scientific Grade Hyperspectral UAV Solution: HySpex Mjolnir-1024

Key Specifications and Performance



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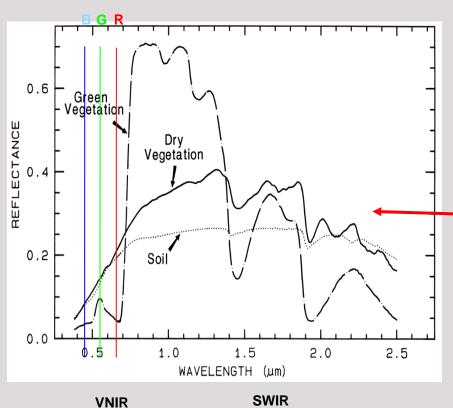




Imaging: Measurement of light (radiance) as a function of spatial position

Spectrometry: Measurement of light (radiance) as a function of wavelength

- Different substances have different reflection spectra
- Hyperspectral imaging provides a detailed spectrum from each pixel in a 2d image
- -> Very well suited for automatic image processing and quantitative measurements



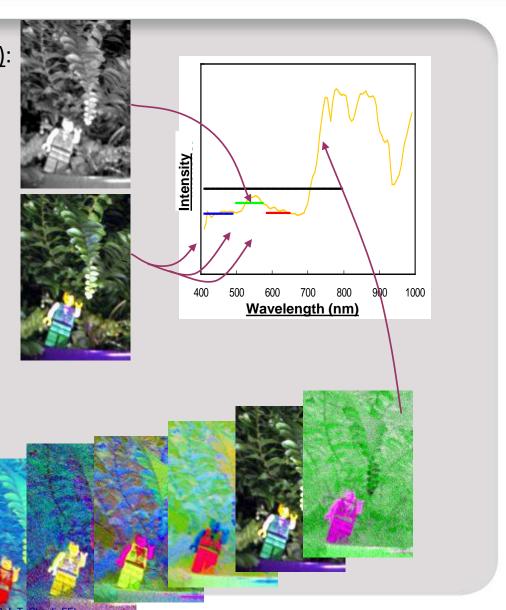


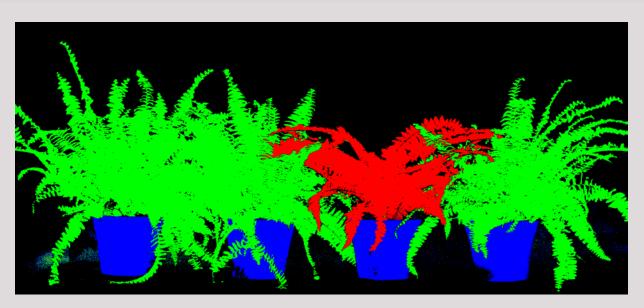


- For illustration, consider this model landscape containing
  - plants, one of which is artificial (which?)
  - a Lego "missing person" (where?)

- Monochromatic or broadband (B/W): one grey level value per pixel, no spectral information
- Multispectral (incl RGB):
   3 10 spectral bands,
   limited spectral information
- Hyperspectral\*: tens or hundreds of narrow and contiguous bands, detailed spectral information

\*Also known as imaging spectroscopy or spectroscopic imaging





Result from spectral classification

- Classification
  - pixels assigned to classes representing different materials
  - classifier trained on a small part of data for which class is known
  - classification is automatically generalized to the entire image
- Here, the artificial plant is easily separated out



#### Result from spectral anomaly detection

- Detection
  - searches for extraordinary pixel spectra (anomaly detection) or for spectra consistent with a known material (signature detection)
  - finds needles in haystacks!
  - can automate search tasks in military and civilian applications
- Here, the Lego man is detected as a strong spectral anomaly

## Some applications of airborne hyperspectral imaging



Defense and security: Military target detection/identification, surveillance, search and rescue.

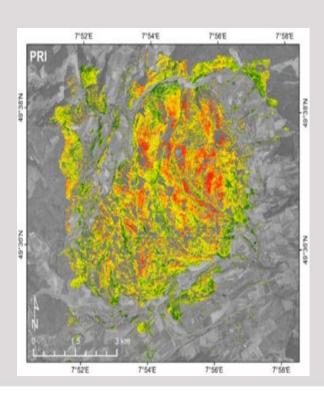
Forest mapping/classification, forest health monitoring Forestry: Agriculture: Precision farming, growth monitoring, yield prediction

Geology: Mineral mapping, environmental impact around mine areas

Environmental: Algae blooming, oil spill detection, land and sea monitoring

Land use monitoring, urban planning/management Government:

#### **Forestry:**



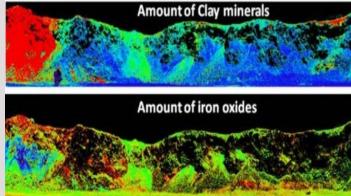
#### Oil spill detection and identification:







Mineral mapping:



The first (and only?) truly scientific grade hyperspectral solution for small UAVs....



## Demo in Toulouse 04/04-16

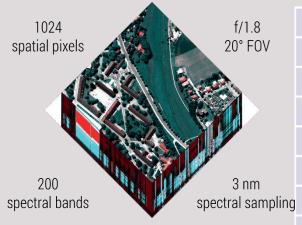


- Based on ODIN optical design
- Key components:
  - PicolTX i7 computer
  - Hyperspectral camera based on resampling (1392x480 -> 1024x200)
  - Mjolnir controller card (IOs, shutter, frequency divider, 3,3V ->5V, APX interface)
  - Applanix APX-15 UAV
- Optional:
  - Video link
  - HD RGB video camera (GoPro/BlackMagic)
  - FLIR Video camera (IR)
  - Video from mission computer screen
  - CamFlight FX8HL UAV





## Camera specifications:



	Spectral range	400 – 1000 nm
	Spatial pixels	1024
	Spectral channels and sampling	200 bands @ 3 nm
	F-number	F1.8
	FOV	20°
	Pixel FOV across/along	0.34/0.34 mrad
ıg	Bit resolution	16 bit
	Noise floor	2.34 e <sup>-</sup>
	Dynamic range	4400
	Peak SNR (at full resolution)	> 180
	Max speed	285 fps
	Power consumption*	50 W
	Dimensions (l–w–h)*	250 – 175 – 170 mm
	Weight*	< 4.5 kg

## HySpex spectrometer calibration and characterization



#### Instrument calibration:

#### Radiometric/sensor:

- Dark signal (automatic shutter)
- Pixel responsivity, nonuniformity
- Bad pixels

#### Spectral:

 Wavelength as a function of sensor row number (band number)

#### **Geometric:**

 FOV per pixel (for georeferencing)

Calibration data for image calibration.

**Essential!** 

http://www.hyspex.no/guide/



#### Instrument characterization:

#### Radiometric/sensor:

- Linearity
- Noise, SNR, NER
- Dynamic range
- Stray light

#### Spectral:

- Spectral resolution, spectral misregistration

#### **Geometric:**

- FOV per pixel (sensor model)
- Total FOV
- Spatial resolution,
- Spatial misregistration

All hyperspectral instruments should be delivered with:

- Calibration data
- Detailed test/calibration report
- Sensor model

Documenting system performance.

Nice to have!

Applanix APX-15 UAV

	SPS	DGPS	RTK <sup>4</sup>	Post-Processed <sup>5</sup>
Position (m)	1.5 - 3.0	0.5 - 2.0	0.02 - 0.05	0.02 - 0.05
Velocity (m/s)	0.05	0.05	0.02	0.015
Roll & Pitch (deg)	0.04	0.03	0.03	0.025
True Heading <sup>3</sup> (deg)	0.30	0.28	0.18	0.080

- The APX-15 provides the best weight/size/price/performance trade-off on the market
- Mjolnir will work with any external INS as well with an event input.

#### Antenna:

Selected the best antenna when it comes to suppressing PWM noise from the UAV on L2

#### Grounding plane:

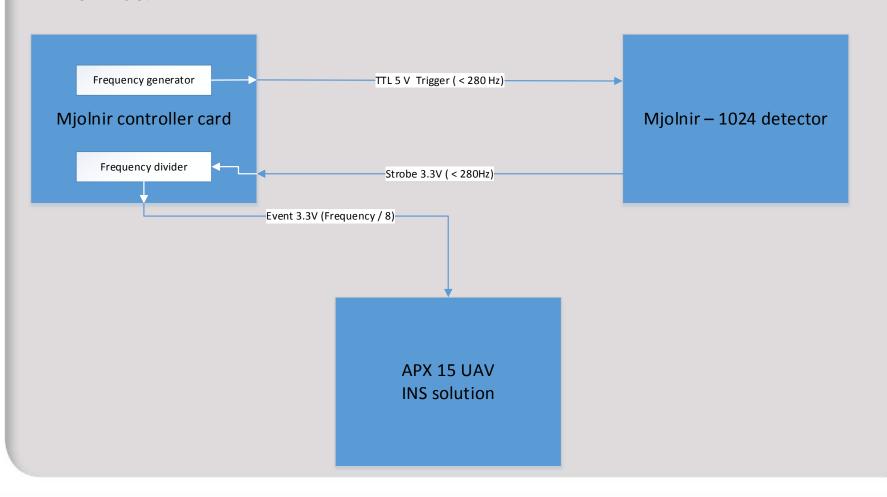
Putting a 10cm diameter aluminum plate under the GPS antenna reduces the noise further.

#### Signal to noise ratio:



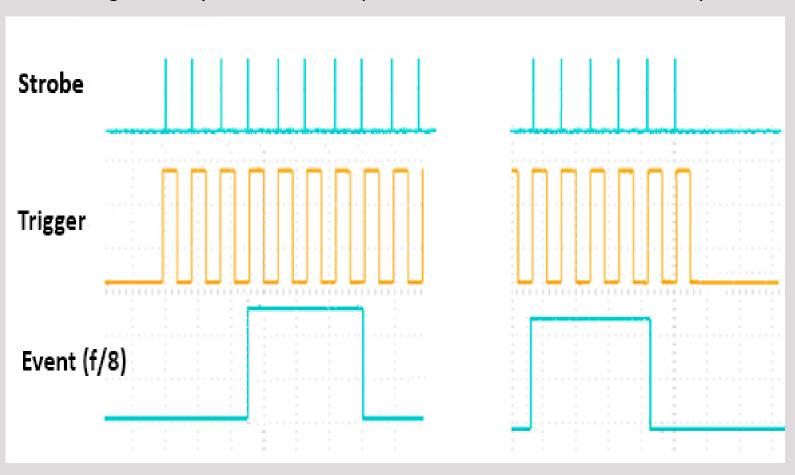
#### **Timing of every frame**

Normal timing accuracy on the event input on different navigation system is< 1us.</li>



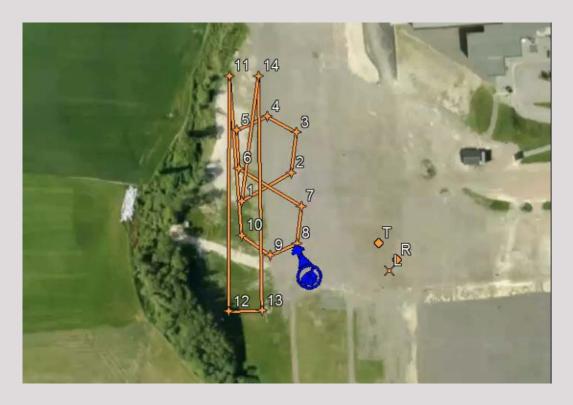
### Frequency divider

Timing accuracy on the event input on APX-15 UAV is better than  $1\mu s$ .





- Having all the hardware and timing accuracies mentioned above gives us the potential to get extremely good georeferencing results.
- For UAS flight we need to align the INS fast. We do this by first flying a straight line for 30s, then flying an 8.



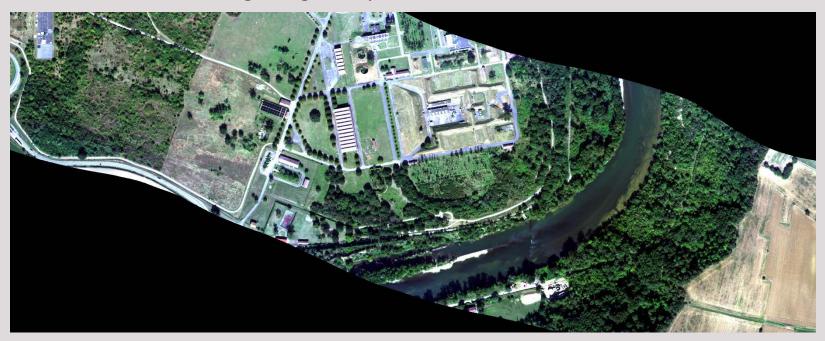


- Find offsets between the coordinate system of the camera and the coordinate system of the IMU.
- Needs at least 20 GCPs on the ground
- Only necessary to do this once.
- After you have the offsets, direct georeferencing is possible without GCPs.





- Pixel size of Mjolnir 1024 is approx. 0.02 degrees.
- For post processed INS data we can achieve 0.025 degrees roll/pitch accuracy, this is 125% of a pixel.
- On 100m altitude flights, the pixel size is 3.4cm, with post processed GPS data you can achieve down to 2cm absolute accuracy.
- So the errors we are getting is on pixel level.





- We supply Mjolnir-1024 as a complete package with APX-15 INS solution and the Camflight UAV.
- Mjolnir is a generic system and can be interfaced to any navigation system (only requirement is an event input). The event can even be divided down by a customized value if the navigation system cannot handle the full rate.
- It should also be compatible with most UAVs that can lift the weight of Mjolnir.
- Via a breakout cable, all outputs from the mission computer is available.
- The battery is galvanically isolated from all the electronic inside Mjolnir. There is a lot of filtering being done to be sure that there is no noise inside Mjolnir.
- Removing ripple on the voltage will also increase the lifespan of the LiPo batteries.

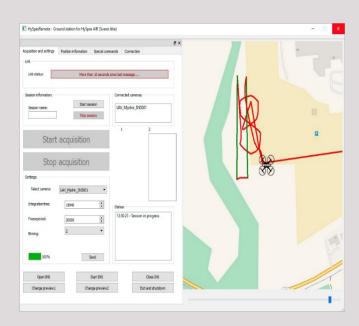






### Link options:

- TCP/IP link
- HD Video link + serial link
- Only serial link.



# **HySpex UAV softwares** HySpex AIR peed: Camera framerat control HySpex AIR **HySpex Remote** Change camera settings · Realtime UAV position on map, with recording status

#### Status message:

- IsRecording
- Cameras detected
- Integrationtime
- Framerate
- Last INS
- Is logging INS(status)
- Session status
- Session name

#### Commands:

- Start\_session
- Get\_status
- Start\_acq.
- Stop\_acq.
- Get\_camera
- Get\_integrationtime Get\_frameperiod
- Set\_frameperiod
- Set\_integrationtime
- Get\_speed
- Get\_position
- Get\_altitude
- Get\_number\_of\_cameras
- Get\_available\_binning
- Get\_available\_aperture
- Set\_binning
- Set\_aperture\_option
- Get\_current\_state
- Start\_preview
- Stop\_preview

#### Preview:

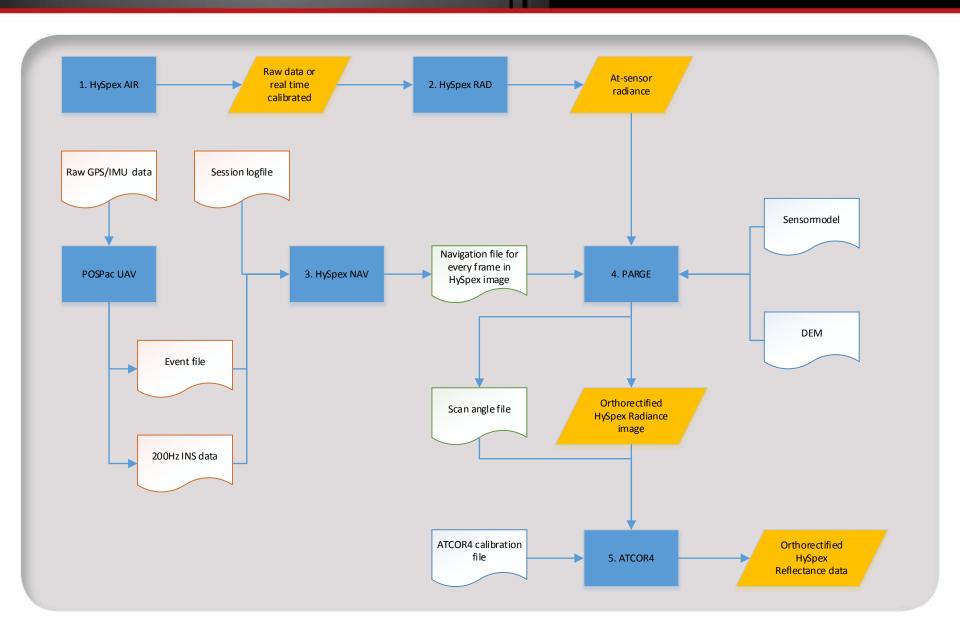
- Grayscale 200pix
- RGB 200pix

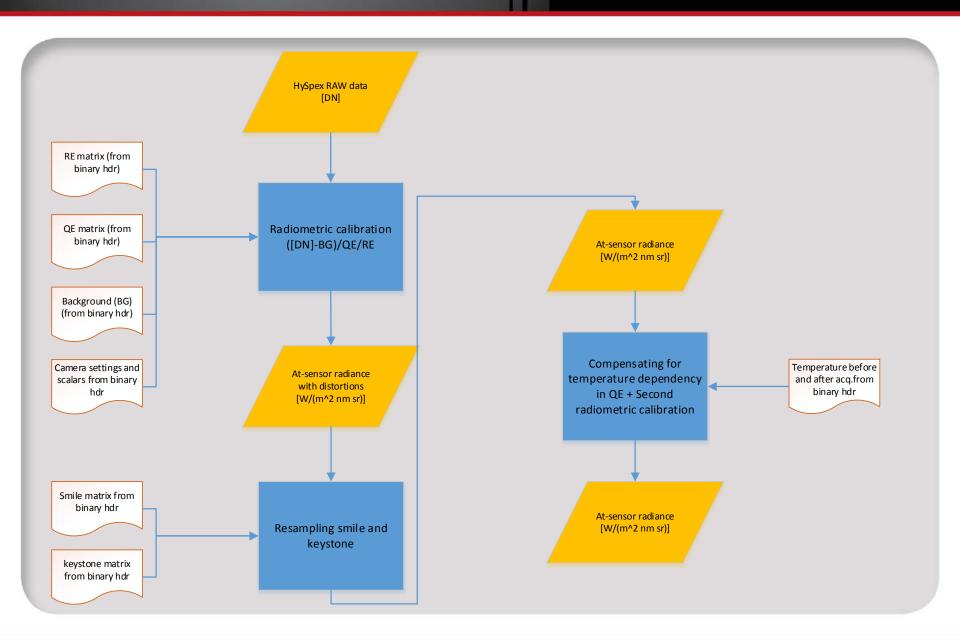




### Airborne/UAV processing chain



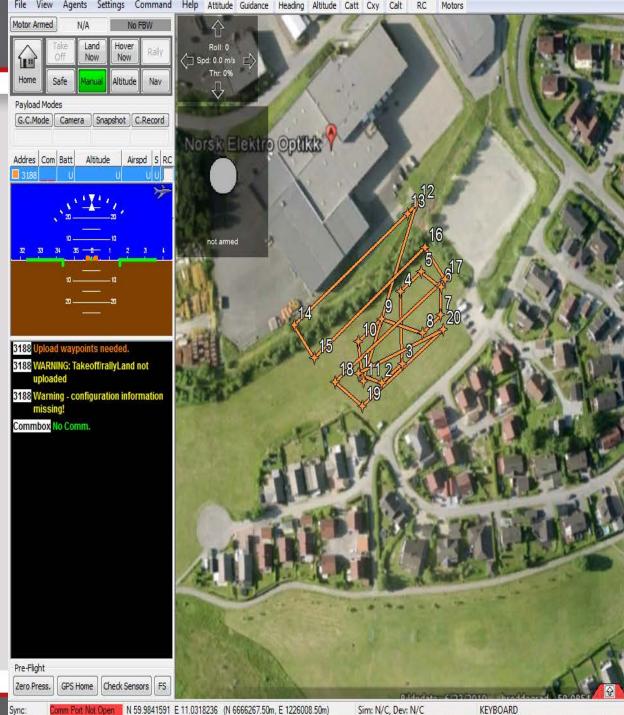






# **Virtual Cockpit**

- Flight planning
- **UAV** operation
- Payload control

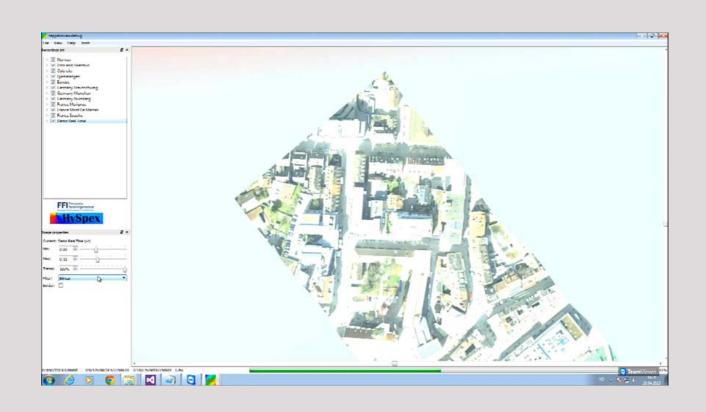


Sim: N/C, Dev: N/C

# Real-time processing software for airborne applications



- Real time georeferencing and visualization
- Real time classification: CRX, PCA, MNF
- A goal in the long run is to implement custom algorithms to make real-time classified maps, real-time "target" detection, real-time indices maps etc.
- RTGEO was tested successfully already in 2013, we have one beta customer using it in Germany
- Our goal is to include this software in the UAV package.



- Mjolnir-1024 is a state of the art scientific grade hyperspectral imaging system designed specifically for UAVs.
- Based on NEO's more than 20 years experience in hyperspectral imaging
- High quality components and rigorous testing ensures optimal performance
- Demo data set available for evaluation, contact me and I will send you ftp info.

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- Visit <u>www.insidegnss.com/webinars</u> for a PDF of the presentations and a list of resources.
- Review the recorded version of today's webinar

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### **Poll #3**

Having attended today's webinar, my plans to purchase or acquire a GNSS-inertial solution:(please select one)

- a. Increased
- b. Was just researching but now intend to purchase
- c. Was just researching but now see no need
- d. Decreased

## Ask the Experts – Part 2



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## Thank you!

