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Problem Statement







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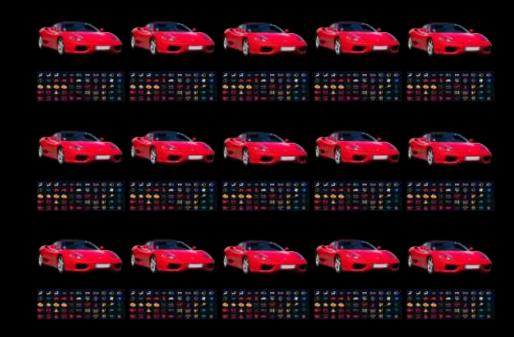


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Most importantly, to develop **insights** using this data.





Proposed Solution

End-to-End Vehicle Data Tracking





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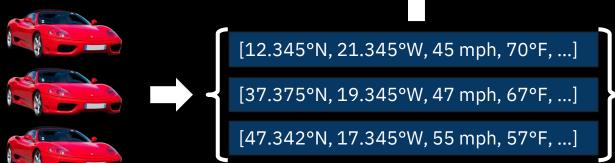
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End-to-End Vehicle Data Tracking

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Serve to the user.













[37.375°N, 19.345°W, 47 mph, 67°F, ...]



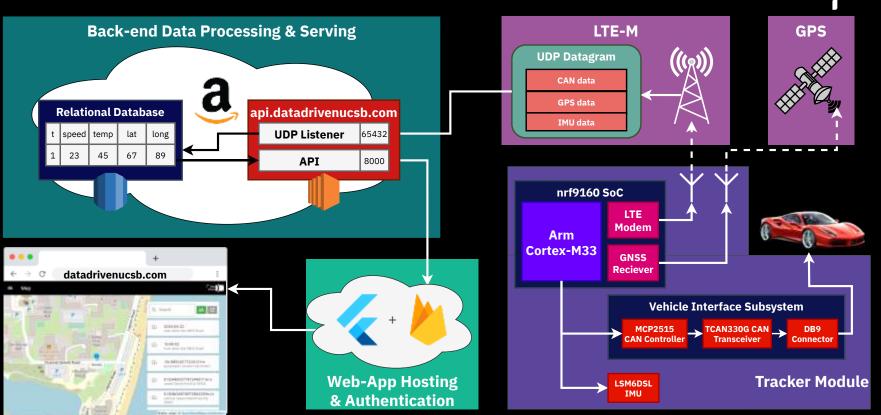


Tracker Module Installation



Web App Overview

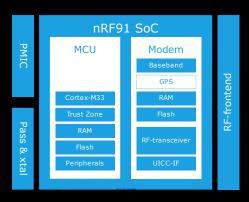




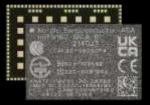


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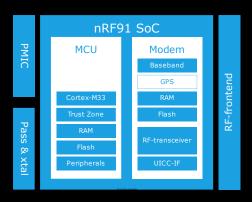






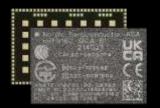
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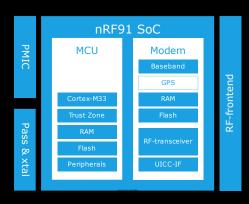






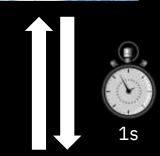


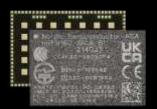
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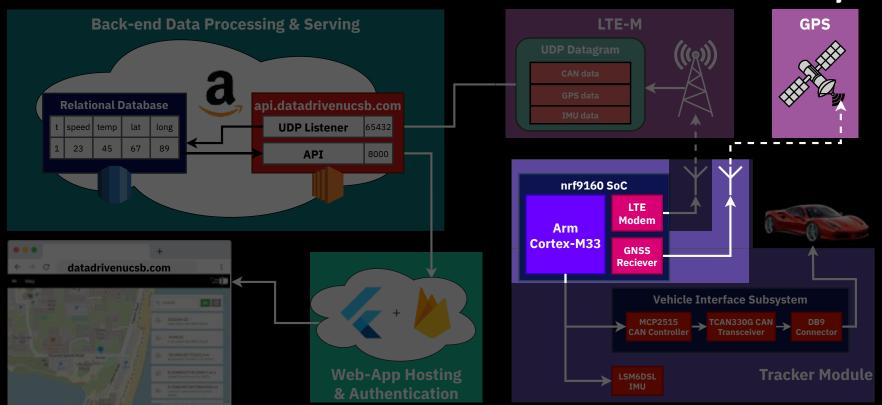














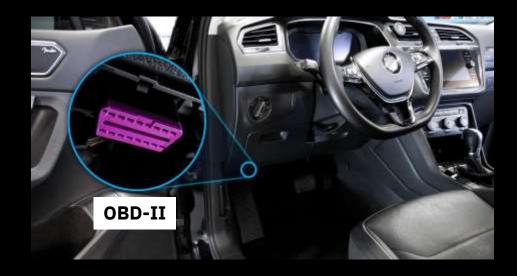
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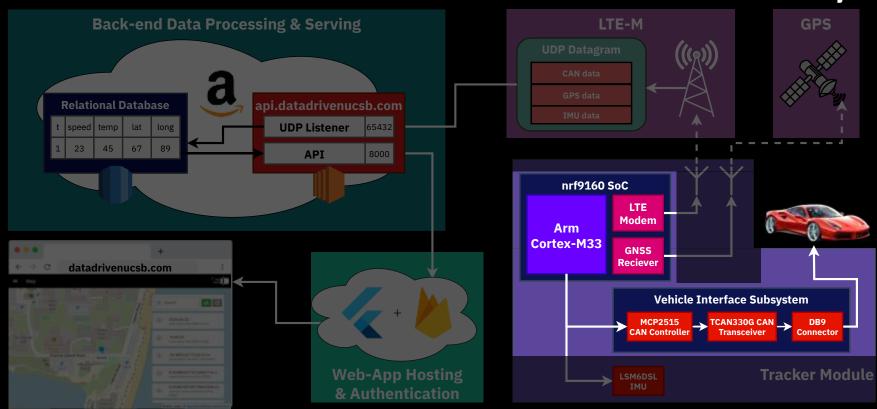
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Data includes:

- Speed
- Engine RPM
- Fuel Level
- Engine Load
- Coolant Temperature
- Intake Air Temperature



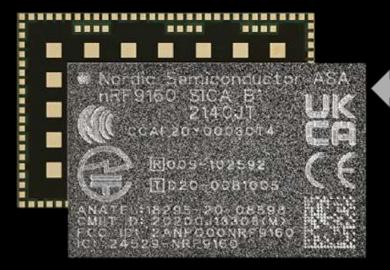






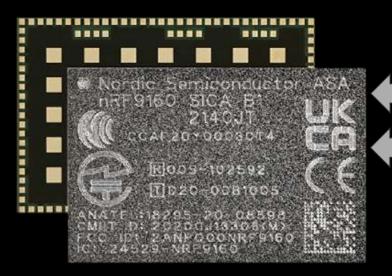
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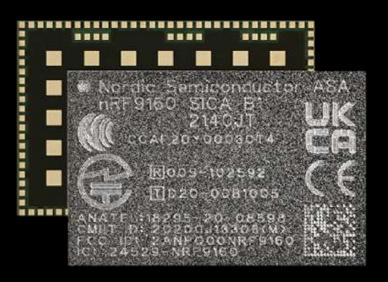


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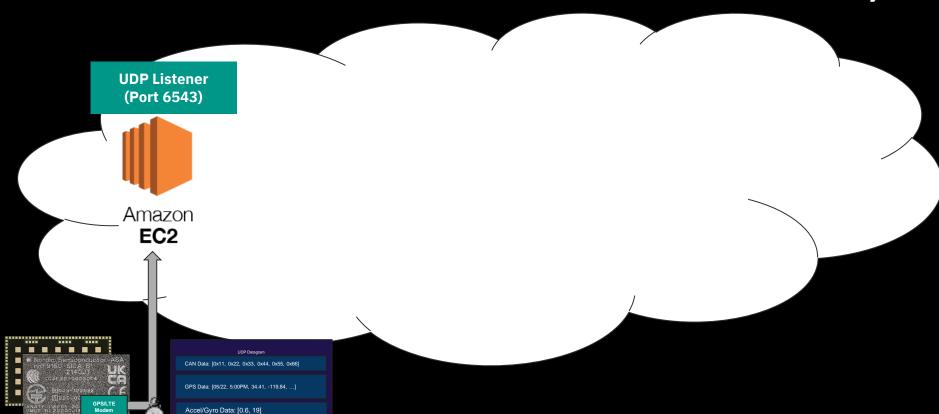
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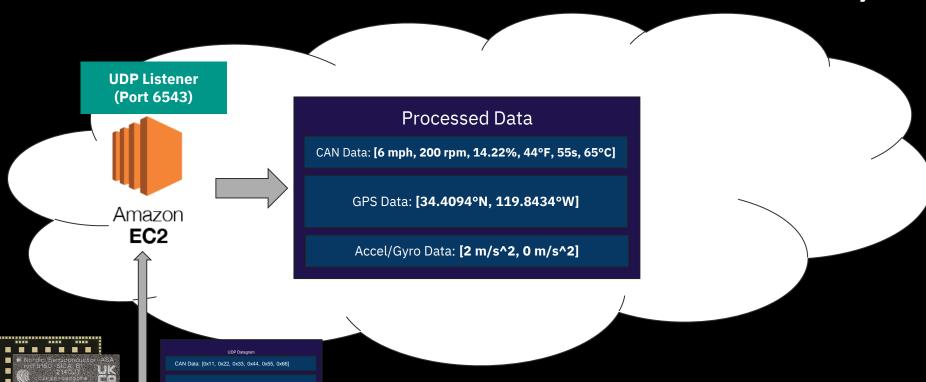


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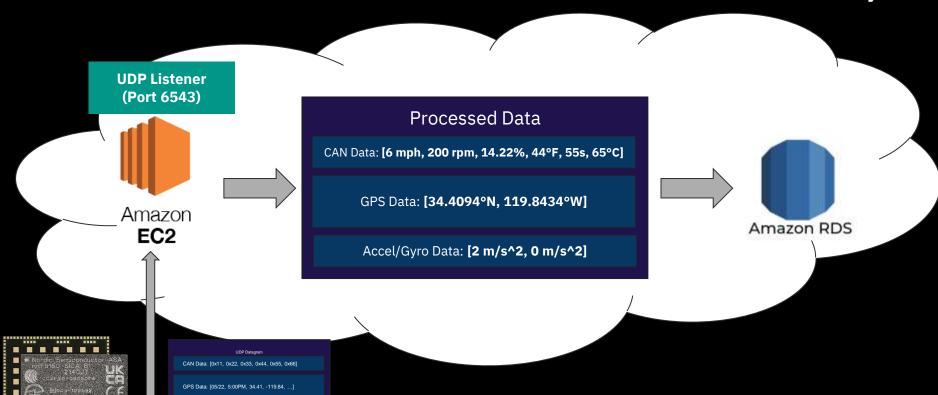




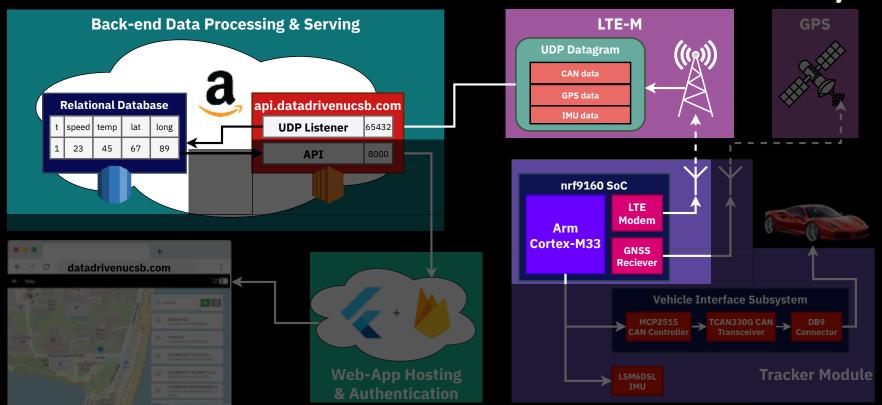
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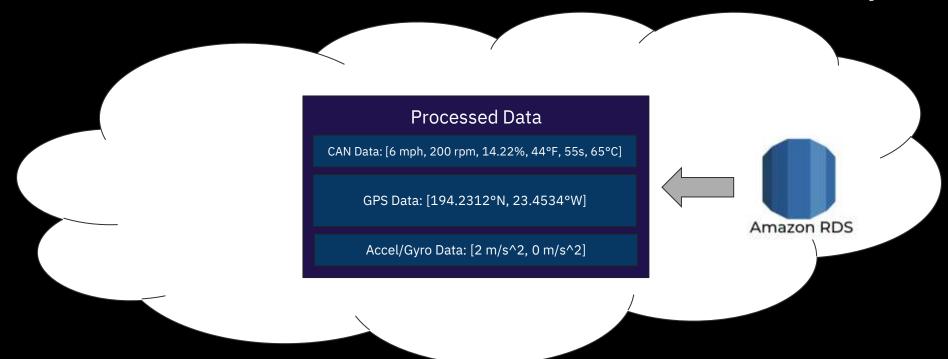


Serving Data to the User

Data Serving Data via API Driven Amazon RDS

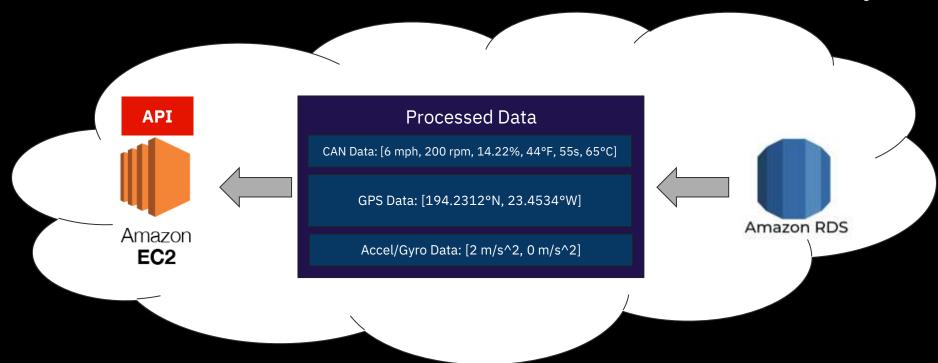
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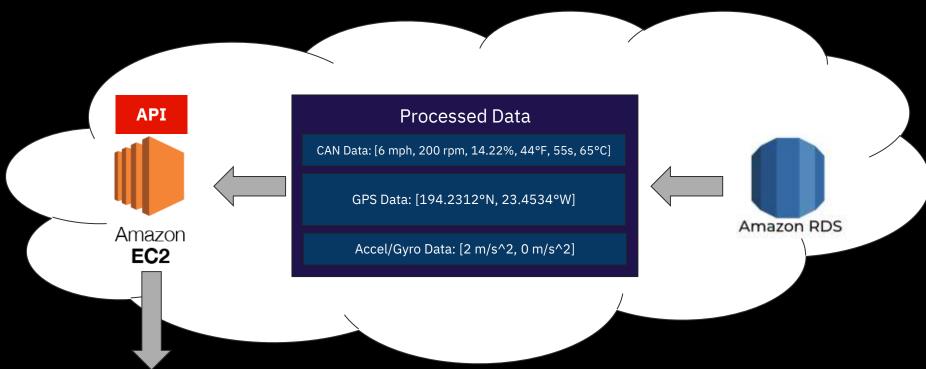
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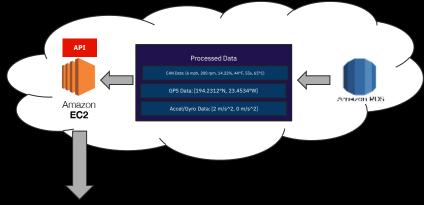
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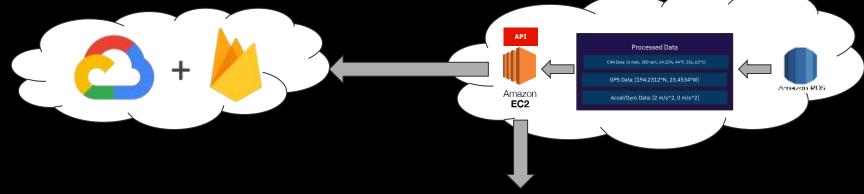






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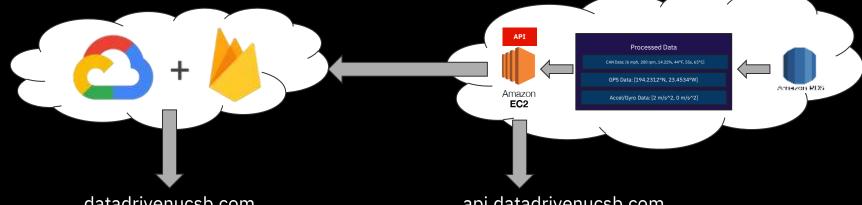




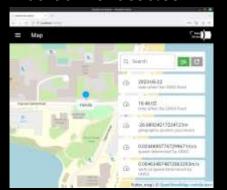


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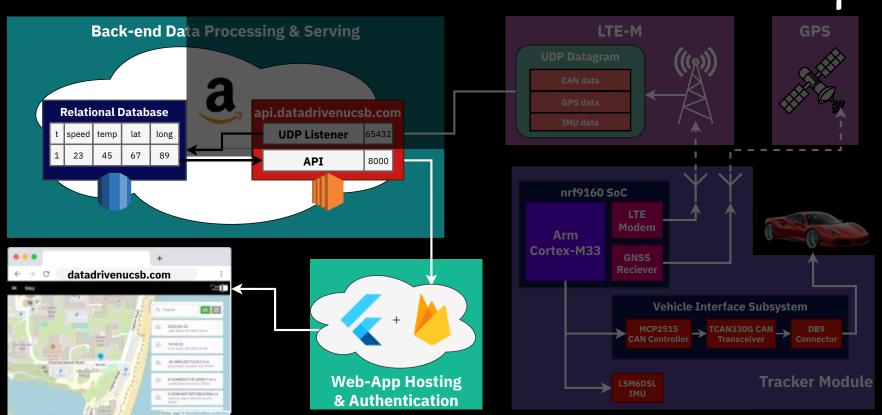


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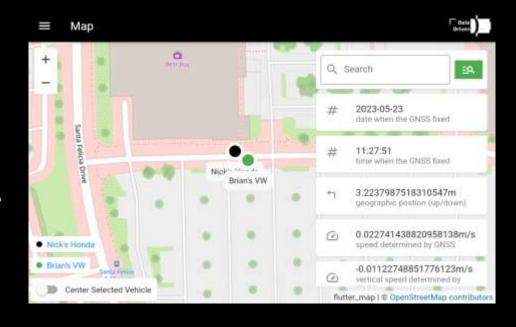


Web App

Web App: Live Tracking



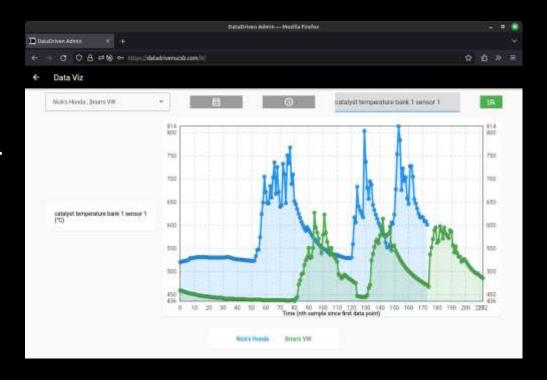
- Track vehicles live on an interactive map.
- Monitor vehicle parameters live by selecting individual vehicles on the map.
- **Search** for parameters available from the dynamically populated sidebar.



Web App: Data Visualization



- **Plot** vehicle data parameters.
- Supports selecting multiple vehicles for comparing data parameters in a date range.

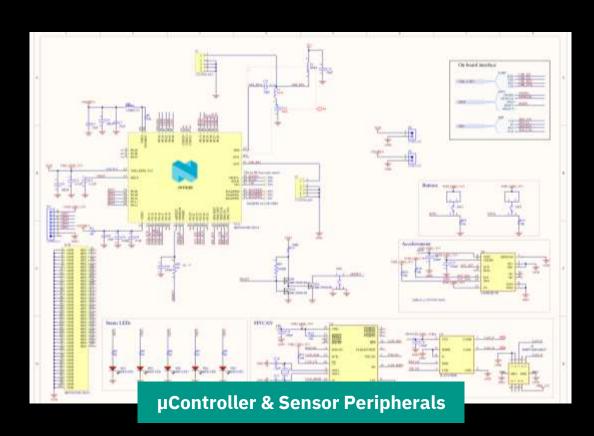


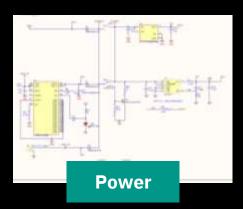


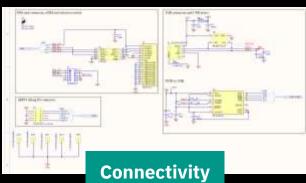
PCB Design

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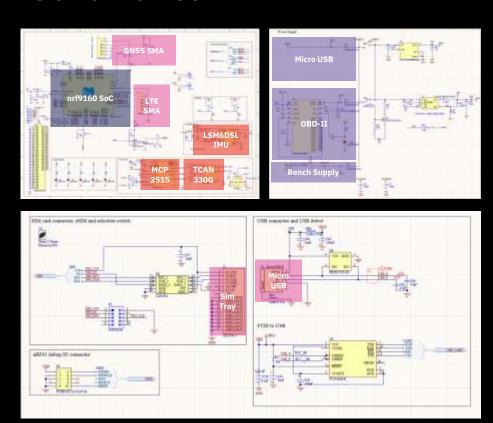


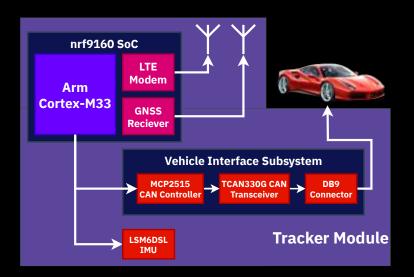




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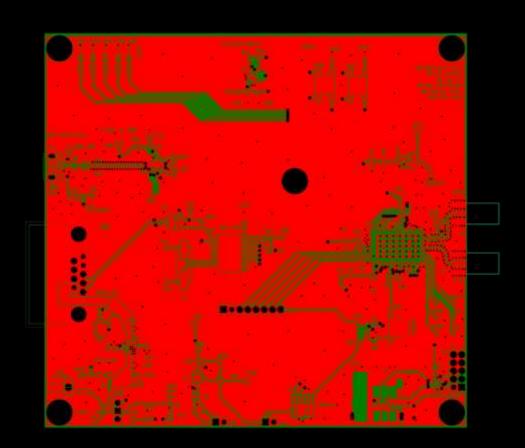






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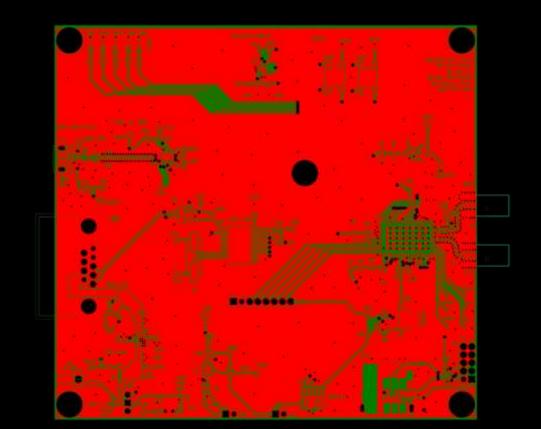
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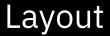
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4-layer PCB

- Top Layer
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- Bottom Layer

131 components



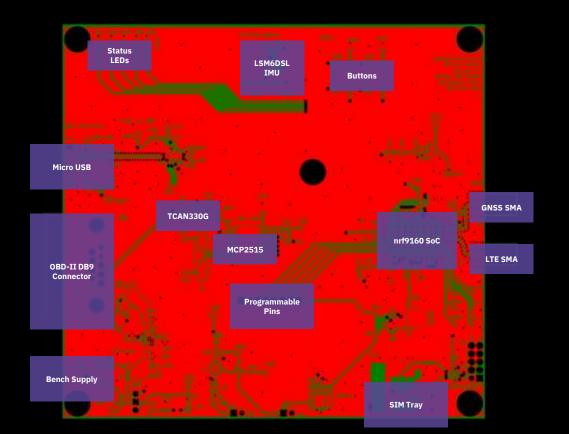


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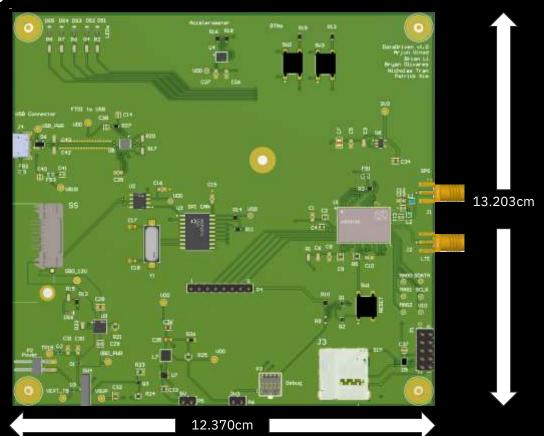
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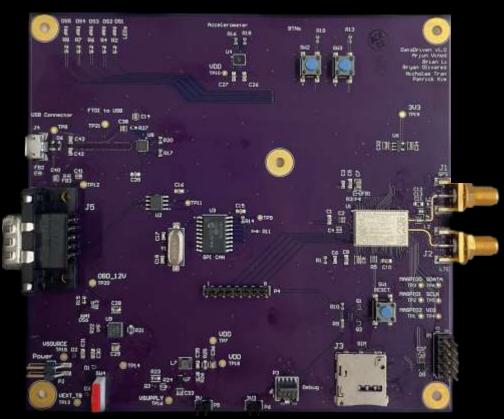
3D Rendering





Final Product





Design Challenges



- RF circuitry is very sensitive.
- Learning & applying best practices on the fly.
- Keeping track of dynamic requirements.
 - Reworked GNSS & LTE RF circuitry from onboard antenna to external antennas.
 - Accelerometer went out of stock.
 - MicroSIM on nRF reference board was costprohibitive, so we pivoted to Nano SIM.
- **Coordinating** efforts within the team (not easily parallelizable).





Live Tracking Demo

Retrospective



- Modular design made it easy to develop each part of the system independently.
 - Web App
 - API
 - UDP Listener
 - Tracker
- Learned a lot in every level of the technology stack:
 - Web to Firmware to PCB design
- Got working PCBs in the first spin!
 - On-board RF added significant complexity to the design process.



Retrospective (cont.)



- More test points.
- Better labels for non-power TPs, like SPI, I2C, etc. signals.
- One incorrect resistor used for OBD-II power supply, so we needed to solder an external resistor for target resistance.
- One board didn't have functioning UART, cause is TBD.
- Would've used separate LTE and GPS modem so we could use streaming protocols like MQTT.





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