GPS-IMU Sensor Fusion System

Advanced Multi-Sensor Navigation Using Factor Graph Optimization
Technical Documentation and Implementation Guide

Based on ROS Implementation
Project: uwb_imu_batch_node

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1 Introduction and System Overview

1.1 Project Architecture

The GPS-IMU sensor fusion system is implemented as a comprehensive ROS package with the following structure:

```
uwb_imu_fusion/
 CMakeLists.txt           # Build configuration
 package.xml              # ROS package manifest
 config/                  # Configuration files
    params.yaml         # System parameters
    uwb_imu*.rviz      # Visualization configs
 include/                 # Header files
    imu_preint.h       # IMU preintegration
    imu_factor.h       # IMU cost functions
    gnss_parser.h      # GNSS data parsing
    gnss_tools.h       # Coordinate transforms
    ceres_logger.h     # Optimization logging
    utility.h          # Helper functions
 src/                     # Source files
    uwb_imu_batch_node.cpp  # Main fusion node
    gnssSpp.cpp            # GPS processing
    test_imu_preint.cpp    # Unit tests
 launch/                  # ROS launch files
     fusion.launch       # Main launch config
     uwb_imu_batch.launch # Batch processing
```

1.2 System Capabilities

This advanced sensor fusion system integrates multiple heterogeneous sensors to provide robust state estimation for autonomous navigation. The key capabilities include:

1. **Multi-Sensor Integration**: Seamlessly fuses IMU, GPS/GNSS, and UWB measurements
2. **High-Frequency Processing**: Handles 400Hz IMU data with real-time state propagation
3. **Factor Graph Optimization**: Employs Google Ceres Solver for nonlinear optimization
4. **Online Bias Estimation**: Continuously estimates and corrects IMU biases
5. **Sliding Window Optimization**: Maintains computational efficiency through marginalization
6. **Robust Outlier Handling**: Statistical consistency checks and adaptive weighting
7. **Multi-Frame Support**: Handles various GNSS message formats (INSPVAX, NMEA, etc.)

2 Mathematical Foundations

2.1 State Representation and Manifold Structure

The system state lives on the manifold $\mathcal{M} = \mathbb{R}^3 \times SO(3) \times \mathbb{R}^9$:

$$\mathbf{x}_k = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{p}_k^{WB} \\ \mathbf{q}_k^{WB} \\ \mathbf{v}_k^{W} \\ \mathbf{b}_k^{a} \\ \mathbf{b}_k^{g} \end{bmatrix} \in \mathbb{R}^{16} \tag{1}$$

where:

- $\mathbf{p}_k^{WB} \in \mathbb{R}^3$: Position of body frame B in world frame W (ENU coordinates)
- $\mathbf{q}_k^{WB} \in SO(3)$: Unit quaternion representing rotation from B to W
- $\mathbf{v}_k^{W} \in \mathbb{R}^3$: Velocity in world frame
- $\mathbf{b}_k^{a} \in \mathbb{R}^3$: Accelerometer bias
- $\mathbf{b}_k^{g} \in \mathbb{R}^3$: Gyroscope bias

2.2 IMU Measurement Model

The IMU provides measurements corrupted by noise and bias:

$$\tilde{\mathbf{a}}_t = \mathbf{R}_t^{BW}(\mathbf{a}_t^W - \mathbf{g}^W) + \mathbf{b}_t^a + \mathbf{n}_t^a \tag{2}$$
$$\tilde{\boldsymbol{\omega}}_t = \boldsymbol{\omega}_t^B + \mathbf{b}_t^g + \mathbf{n}_t^g \tag{3}$$

where:

- $\tilde{\mathbf{a}}_t, \tilde{\boldsymbol{\omega}}_t$: Measured acceleration and angular velocity
- $\mathbf{a}_t^W$: True acceleration in world frame
- $\mathbf{g}^W = [0, 0, -9.81]^T$: Gravity vector in ENU frame
- $\mathbf{n}_t^a \sim \mathcal{N}(0, \sigma_a^2\mathbf{I})$: Accelerometer white noise
- $\mathbf{n}_t^g \sim \mathcal{N}(0, \sigma_g^2\mathbf{I})$: Gyroscope white noise

The bias evolution follows a random walk model:

$$\dot{\mathbf{b}}^a = \mathbf{n}_b^a, \quad \mathbf{n}_b^a \sim \mathcal{N}(0, \sigma_{ba}^2\mathbf{I}) \tag{4}$$
$$\dot{\mathbf{b}}^g = \mathbf{n}_b^g, \quad \mathbf{n}_b^g \sim \mathcal{N}(0, \sigma_{bg}^2\mathbf{I}) \tag{5}$$

2.3 Continuous-Time System Dynamics

The system evolves according to the following differential equations:

$$\dot{\mathbf{p}}^{WB} = \mathbf{v}^W \tag{6}$$
$$\dot{\mathbf{v}}^W = \mathbf{R}^{WB}(\tilde{\mathbf{a}} - \mathbf{b}^a - \mathbf{n}^a) + \mathbf{g}^W \tag{7}$$
$$\dot{\mathbf{q}}^{WB} = \frac{1}{2}\mathbf{q}^{WB} \otimes \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ \tilde{\boldsymbol{\omega}} - \mathbf{b}^g - \mathbf{n}^g \end{bmatrix} \tag{8}$$
$$\dot{\mathbf{b}}^a = \mathbf{n}_b^a \tag{9}$$
$$\dot{\mathbf{b}}^g = \mathbf{n}_b^g \tag{10}$$

3 IMU Preintegration Theory

3.1 Motivation and Concept

IMU preintegration addresses the computational challenge of repeatedly integrating IMU measurements when past states are adjusted during optimization. Instead of re-integrating from scratch, we precompute relative motion constraints that can be efficiently adjusted for bias changes.

3.2 Preintegration Formulation

Given IMU measurements between times t_i and t_j, we define preintegrated measurements:

Definition 1 (Preintegrated Measurements)**.** *The preintegrated measurements* $\Delta\tilde{\mathbf{p}}_{ij}$*,* $\Delta\tilde{\mathbf{v}}_{ij}$*, and* $\Delta\tilde{\mathbf{q}}_{ij}$ *are defined as:*

$$\Delta\tilde{\mathbf{p}}_{ij} = \iint_{t_i}^{t_j} \mathbf{R}_t^{B_iB}(\tilde{\mathbf{a}}_\tau - \mathbf{b}_i^a)d\tau^2 \tag{11}$$

$$\Delta\tilde{\mathbf{v}}_{ij} = \int_{t_i}^{t_j} \mathbf{R}_t^{B_iB}(\tilde{\mathbf{a}}_t - \mathbf{b}_i^a)dt \tag{12}$$

$$\Delta\tilde{\mathbf{q}}_{ij} = \int_{t_i}^{t_j} \frac{1}{2}\Delta\tilde{\mathbf{q}}_{it} \otimes \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ \tilde{\boldsymbol{\omega}}_t - \mathbf{b}_i^g \end{bmatrix} dt \tag{13}$$

These quantities are computed in the frame B_i (body frame at time t_i) and are independent of the world frame.

3.3 Midpoint Integration Algorithm

The implementation uses the midpoint method for numerical stability:

Algorithm 1 Midpoint Integration for IMU Preintegration

Input: Δt, $\mathbf{a}_k$, $\mathbf{a}_{k+1}$, $\boldsymbol{\omega}_k$, $\boldsymbol{\omega}_{k+1}$, current preintegration state
Output: Updated preintegration state
// Compute midpoint angular velocity
$\bar{\boldsymbol{\omega}} = \frac{1}{2}(\boldsymbol{\omega}_k + \boldsymbol{\omega}_{k+1}) - \mathbf{b}^g$
// Update orientation
$\Delta\tilde{\mathbf{q}}_{new} = \Delta\tilde{\mathbf{q}} \cdot \exp(\frac{1}{2}\bar{\boldsymbol{\omega}}\Delta t)$
// Transform accelerations
$\mathbf{a}_k^{B_i} = \Delta\tilde{\mathbf{q}} \cdot (\mathbf{a}_k - \mathbf{b}^a)$
$\mathbf{a}_{k+1}^{B_i} = \Delta\tilde{\mathbf{q}}_{new} \cdot (\mathbf{a}_{k+1} - \mathbf{b}^a)$
$\bar{\mathbf{a}} = \frac{1}{2}(\mathbf{a}_k^{B_i} + \mathbf{a}_{k+1}^{B_i})$
// Update velocity and position
$\Delta\tilde{\mathbf{v}}_{new} = \Delta\tilde{\mathbf{v}} + \bar{\mathbf{a}}\Delta t$
$\Delta\tilde{\mathbf{p}}_{new} = \Delta\tilde{\mathbf{p}} + \Delta\tilde{\mathbf{v}}\Delta t + \frac{1}{2}\bar{\mathbf{a}}\Delta t^2$
return Updated $(\Delta\tilde{\mathbf{p}}_{new}, \Delta\tilde{\mathbf{v}}_{new}, \Delta\tilde{\mathbf{q}}_{new})$

3.4 Jacobian and Covariance Propagation

The preintegration maintains first-order approximations for bias correction:

$$\begin{bmatrix} \Delta\hat{\mathbf{p}}_{ij} \\ \Delta\hat{\mathbf{v}}_{ij} \\ \Delta\hat{\boldsymbol{\theta}}_{ij} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \Delta\tilde{\mathbf{p}}_{ij} \\ \Delta\tilde{\mathbf{v}}_{ij} \\ \mathrm{Log}(\Delta\tilde{\mathbf{q}}_{ij}) \end{bmatrix} + \mathbf{J}_{ij}^b \begin{bmatrix} \delta\mathbf{b}^a \\ \delta\mathbf{b}^g \end{bmatrix} \tag{14}$$

where $\mathbf{J}_{ij}^b$ is the Jacobian matrix with respect to bias perturbations:

$$\mathbf{J}_{ij}^b = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial\Delta\tilde{\mathbf{p}}_{ij}}{\partial\mathbf{b}^a} & \frac{\partial\Delta\tilde{\mathbf{p}}_{ij}}{\partial\mathbf{b}^g} \\ \frac{\partial\Delta\tilde{\mathbf{v}}_{ij}}{\partial\mathbf{b}^a} & \frac{\partial\Delta\tilde{\mathbf{v}}_{ij}}{\partial\mathbf{b}^g} \\ \mathbf{0}_{3\times3} & \frac{\partial\Delta\tilde{\boldsymbol{\theta}}_{ij}}{\partial\mathbf{b}^g} \end{bmatrix} \tag{15}$$

The Jacobian evolves according to:

$$\mathbf{J}_{k+1} = \mathbf{F}_k\mathbf{J}_k \tag{16}$$

where $\mathbf{F}_k$ is the discrete-time state transition matrix.

3.5 Covariance Matrix

The measurement covariance propagates as:

$$\mathbf{P}_{k+1} = \mathbf{F}_k \mathbf{P}_k \mathbf{F}_k^T + \mathbf{V}_k \mathbf{Q} \mathbf{V}_k^T \tag{17}$$

where $\mathbf{Q}$ is the noise covariance matrix and $\mathbf{V}_k$ maps noise to state space.

4 Implementation Details

4.1 Core Classes Structure

4.1.1 IMU Preintegration Class

The imu_preint class manages preintegration computations:

```
class imu_preint {
private:
    // Preintegrated measurements
    Eigen::Vector3d alpha;      // Position: Delta_p
    Eigen::Vector3d beta;       // Velocity: Delta_v
    Eigen::Quaterniond gamma;   // Orientation: Delta_q

    // Jacobians for bias correction
    Eigen::Matrix<double, 15, 15> jacobian;
    Eigen::Matrix<double, 15, 15> covariance;

    // Bias linearization point
    Eigen::Vector3d ba, bg;

    // Noise parameters
    double acc_noise_sigma_;
    double gyro_noise_sigma_;
    double acc_bias_walk_sigma_;
    double gyro_bias_walk_sigma_;

    // Buffered measurements
    std::vector<double> stamp_buf;
    std::vector<Eigen::Vector3d> acc_buf;
    std::vector<Eigen::Vector3d> gyro_buf;

public:
    bool push_back(double stamp,
                   const Eigen::Vector3d& acc,
                   const Eigen::Vector3d& gyro);

    bool repropagate(const Eigen::Vector3d& ba_new,
                     const Eigen::Vector3d& bg_new);

    Eigen::Matrix<double, 15, 1> evaluate(
        const Eigen::Vector3d& Pi, const Eigen::Quaterniond& Qi,
        const Eigen::Vector3d& Vi, const Eigen::Vector3d& Bai,
        const Eigen::Vector3d& Bgi, const Eigen::Vector3d& Pj,
        const Eigen::Quaterniond& Qj, const Eigen::Vector3d& Vj,
        const Eigen::Vector3d& Baj, const Eigen::Vector3d& Bgj);
};
```

Listing 1: IMU Preintegration Class Structure

4.1.2 IMU Factor Implementation

The IMU factor implements the cost function for Ceres optimization:

```
class imu_factor : public ceres::SizedCostFunction<15, 7, 3, 6, 7, 3, 6> {
public:
```

```cpp
    virtual bool Evaluate(double const* const* parameters,
                          double* residuals,
                          double** jacobians) const {
        // Extract states
        Eigen::Vector3d Pi(parameters[0][0],
                           parameters[0][1],
                           parameters[0][2]);
        Eigen::Quaterniond Qi(parameters[0][6],
                               parameters[0][3],
                               parameters[0][4],
                               parameters[0][5]);

        // Compute residuals
        Eigen::Map<Eigen::Matrix<double, 15, 1>> residual(residuals);
        residual = preint->evaluate(Pi, Qi, Vi, Bai, Bgi,
                                   Pj, Qj, Vj, Baj, Bgj);

        // Apply information matrix
        Eigen::Matrix<double, 15, 15> sqrt_info =
            Eigen::LLT<Eigen::Matrix<double, 15, 15>>(
                preint->getCovariance().inverse()
            ).matrixL().transpose();
        residual = sqrt_info * residual;

        // Compute Jacobians if requested
        if (jacobians) {
            // ... Analytical Jacobian computation
        }

        return true;
    }
};
```

Listing 2: IMU Factor Evaluate Function

4.2 Main Fusion Node Architecture

The `uwb_imu_batch_node` implements the complete fusion pipeline:

```cpp
class UwbImuFusion {
private:
    // State representation
    struct State {
        EIGEN_MAKE_ALIGNED_OPERATOR_NEW
        Eigen::Vector3d position;
        Eigen::Quaterniond orientation;
        Eigen::Vector3d velocity;
        Eigen::Vector3d acc_bias;
        Eigen::Vector3d gyro_bias;
        double timestamp;

        // GPS factor flags
        bool has_gps_pos_factor = false;
        bool has_gps_vel_factor = false;
        Eigen::Matrix3d final_gps_pos_cov;
        Eigen::Matrix3d final_gps_vel_cov;
    };

    // State window for optimization
    std::deque<State> state_window_;
    State current_state_;

    // Sensor measurements
    std::deque<sensor_msgs::Imu> imu_buffer_;
    std::vector<GnssMeasurement> gps_measurements_;
    std::vector<UwbMeasurement> uwb_measurements_;
```

```

    // Preintegration map
    std::map<std::pair<double, double>, imu_preint>
        preintegration_map_test;

    // Marginalization
    MarginalizationInfo* last_marginalization_info_;

    // ROS interface
    ros::Subscriber imu_sub_, gnss_sub_, uwb_sub_;
    ros::Publisher optimized_pose_pub_, imu_pose_pub_;

    // Configuration parameters
    int optimization_window_size_;
    double optimization_frequency_;
    bool enable_marginalization_;
    bool enable_bias_estimation_;

public:
    void imuCallback(const sensor_msgs::Imu::ConstPtr& msg);
    void gnssCallback(const gnss_msgs::GnssPVT::ConstPtr& msg);
    void uwbCallback(const geometry_msgs::PointStamped::ConstPtr& msg);

    bool optimizeFactorGraph();
    State propagateState(const State& ref_state, double target_time);
    void prepareMarginalization();
};
```

Listing 3: Main Fusion Class Structure

5 Factor Graph Optimization Framework

5.1 Factor Graph Construction

The optimization problem is formulated as Maximum a Posteriori (MAP) estimation:

$$\mathbf{X}^* = \arg\max_{\mathbf{X}} P(\mathbf{X}|\mathbf{Z}) = \arg\min_{\mathbf{X}} \sum_i ||h_i(\mathbf{X}_i) - \mathbf{z}_i||^2_{\mathbf{\Sigma}_i} \tag{18}$$

where $\mathbf{X} = \{\mathbf{x}_0, \mathbf{x}_1, ..., \mathbf{x}_n\}$ is the state trajectory and $\mathbf{Z}$ are measurements.

5.2 Factor Types

5.2.1 IMU Factor

The IMU factor connects consecutive states through preintegrated measurements:

$$\mathbf{r}_{IMU}(\mathbf{x}_i, \mathbf{x}_j) = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{r}_p \\ \mathbf{r}_q \\ \mathbf{r}_v \\ \mathbf{r}_{ba} \\ \mathbf{r}_{bg} \end{bmatrix} \tag{19}$$

where:

$$\mathbf{r}_p = \mathbf{R}_i^T(\mathbf{p}_j - \mathbf{p}_i - \mathbf{v}_i\Delta t_{ij} - \frac{1}{2}\mathbf{g}^W\Delta t_{ij}^2) - \hat{\Delta\mathbf{p}}_{ij} \tag{20}$$

$$\mathbf{r}_q = 2[\hat{\Delta\mathbf{q}}_{ij}^{-1} \otimes (\mathbf{q}_i^{-1} \otimes \mathbf{q}_j)]_{xyz} \tag{21}$$

$$\mathbf{r}_v = \mathbf{R}_i^T(\mathbf{v}_j - \mathbf{v}_i - \mathbf{g}^W\Delta t_{ij}) - \hat{\Delta\mathbf{v}}_{ij} \tag{22}$$

$$\mathbf{r}_{ba} = \mathbf{b}_j^a - \mathbf{b}_i^a \tag{23}$$

$$\mathbf{r}_{bg} = \mathbf{b}_j^g - \mathbf{b}_i^g \tag{24}$$

5.2.2 GPS Position Factor

GPS position measurements are incorporated with full covariance:

```
class GpsPositionFactor {
public:
    GpsPositionFactor(const Eigen::Vector3d& measured_position,
                      const Eigen::Matrix3d& covariance)
        : measured_position_(measured_position) {

        // Compute information matrix
        Eigen::Matrix3d information = covariance.inverse();

        // Cholesky decomposition: Info = L * L^T
        Eigen::LLT<Eigen::Matrix3d> llt(information);

        if (llt.info() == Eigen::Success) {
            sqrt_information_ = llt.matrixL().transpose();
        } else {
            // Fallback for ill-conditioned covariance
            sqrt_information_ = Eigen::Matrix3d::Identity() * 1e-6;
        }
    }

    template <typename T>
    bool operator()(const T* const pose, T* residuals) const {
        Eigen::Map<const Eigen::Matrix<T, 3, 1>> position(pose);
        Eigen::Matrix<T, 3, 1> error =
            position - measured_position_.cast<T>();

        // Apply information weighting
        Eigen::Map<Eigen::Matrix<T, 3, 1>> res(residuals);
        res = sqrt_information_.cast<T>() * error;

        return true;
    }
};
```

Listing 4: GPS Position Factor with Covariance

5.2.3 GPS Velocity Factor

Velocity measurements provide additional constraints:

$$\mathbf{r}_{vel}(\mathbf{v}) = \mathbf{\Sigma}_{vel}^{-1/2}(\mathbf{v} - \mathbf{v}_{GPS}) \tag{25}$$

5.3 Analytical Jacobians

Analytical Jacobians significantly improve optimization convergence. For the IMU factor:

5.3.1 Jacobian with respect to $\mathbf{x}_i$

$$\frac{\partial \mathbf{r}_{IMU}}{\partial \mathbf{x}_i} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial \mathbf{r}_p}{\partial \mathbf{p}_i} & \frac{\partial \mathbf{r}_p}{\partial \mathbf{q}_i} & \frac{\partial \mathbf{r}_p}{\partial \mathbf{v}_i} & \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{0} \\ \mathbf{0} & \frac{\partial \mathbf{r}_q}{\partial \mathbf{q}_i} & \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{0} \\ \mathbf{0} & \frac{\partial \mathbf{r}_v}{\partial \mathbf{q}_i} & \frac{\partial \mathbf{r}_v}{\partial \mathbf{v}_i} & \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{0} \\ \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{0} & -\mathbf{I} & \mathbf{0} \\ \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{0} & -\mathbf{I} \end{bmatrix} \tag{26}$$

Key Jacobian blocks:

$$\frac{\partial \mathbf{r}_p}{\partial \mathbf{p}_i} = -\mathbf{R}_i^T \tag{27}$$

$$\frac{\partial \mathbf{r}_p}{\partial \mathbf{q}_i} = \text{skew}(\mathbf{R}_i^T(\mathbf{p}_j - \mathbf{p}_i - \mathbf{v}_i\Delta t - \frac{1}{2}\mathbf{g}\Delta t^2)) \tag{28}$$

$$\frac{\partial \mathbf{r}_p}{\partial \mathbf{v}_i} = -\mathbf{R}_i^T\Delta t \tag{29}$$

$$\frac{\partial \mathbf{r}_q}{\partial \mathbf{q}_i} = -\mathbf{Q}_L(\mathbf{q}_j^{-1}\mathbf{q}_i)\mathbf{Q}_R(\hat{\Delta \mathbf{q}}_{ij})_{(1:3,1:3)} \tag{30}$$

$$\frac{\partial \mathbf{r}_v}{\partial \mathbf{q}_i} = \text{skew}(\mathbf{R}_i^T(\mathbf{v}_j - \mathbf{v}_i - \mathbf{g}\Delta t)) \tag{31}$$

$$\frac{\partial \mathbf{r}_v}{\partial \mathbf{v}_i} = -\mathbf{R}_i^T \tag{32}$$

where skew$(\cdot)$ creates a skew-symmetric matrix and $\mathbf{Q}_L$, $\mathbf{Q}_R$ are quaternion multiplication matrices.

6 Sliding Window Optimization with Marginalization

6.1 Marginalization Theory

To maintain constant-time complexity, old states are marginalized using the Schur complement. Given a partitioned system:

$$\begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{H}_{mm} & \mathbf{H}_{mk} \\ \mathbf{H}_{km} & \mathbf{H}_{kk} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \delta \mathbf{x}_m \\ \delta \mathbf{x}_k \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{b}_m \\ \mathbf{b}_k \end{bmatrix} \tag{33}$$

where subscript m denotes marginalized states and k denotes kept states.

The marginalization creates a prior:

$$\mathbf{H}_{prior} = \mathbf{H}_{kk} - \mathbf{H}_{km}\mathbf{H}_{mm}^{-1}\mathbf{H}_{mk} \tag{34}$$

$$\mathbf{b}_{prior} = \mathbf{b}_k - \mathbf{H}_{km}\mathbf{H}_{mm}^{-1}\mathbf{b}_m \tag{35}$$

6.2 Implementation Strategy

The marginalization process follows these steps:

Algorithm 2 Sliding Window Marginalization

1: **Input:** State window $\mathcal{W} = \{\mathbf{x}_i\}_{i=t-w}^{t}$, window size w
2: **Output:** Marginalization prior, updated window
3: **if** $|\mathcal{W}| > w$ **then**
4: // Collect factors connected to oldest state
5: $\mathcal{F}_{old} \leftarrow$ GetFactors($\mathbf{x}_{t-w}$)
6: // Linearize at current estimate
7: **for** each factor $f \in \mathcal{F}_{old}$ **do**
8: Evaluate f to get residual $\mathbf{r}_f$ and Jacobian $\mathbf{J}_f$
9: **end for**
10: // Build linearized system
11: $\mathbf{H} = \sum_f \mathbf{J}_f^T \mathbf{\Sigma}_f^{-1} \mathbf{J}_f$
12: $\mathbf{b} = -\sum_f \mathbf{J}_f^T \mathbf{\Sigma}_f^{-1} \mathbf{r}_f$
13: // Compute Schur complement
14: $\mathbf{H}_{prior}$ = SchurComplement($\mathbf{H}$)
15: // Create marginalization factor
16: AddFactor(MarginalizationFactor($\mathbf{H}_{prior}$, $\mathbf{b}_{prior}$))
17: // Remove oldest state
18: $\mathcal{W} \leftarrow \mathcal{W} \setminus \{\mathbf{x}_{t-w}\}$
19: **end if**
20: **return** $\mathcal{W}$, MarginalizationPrior

6.3 Numerical Stability

The implementation includes several techniques for numerical stability:

1. **Eigenvalue Thresholding**: Small eigenvalues are set to zero during matrix inversion
2. **Regularization**: Add small values to diagonal of $\mathbf{H}_{mm}$
3. **Incremental Updates**: Use QR decomposition for incremental updates

```cpp
// Compute Schur complement with regularization
Eigen::SelfAdjointEigenSolver<Eigen::MatrixXd> saes(H_marg);
Eigen::VectorXd S = saes.eigenvalues();
Eigen::MatrixXd V = saes.eigenvectors();

// Apply eigenvalue thresholding
Eigen::VectorXd S_inv = Eigen::VectorXd::Zero(S.size());
double lambda_threshold = 1e-8;
for (int i = 0; i < S.size(); i++) {
    if (S(i) > lambda_threshold) {
        S_inv(i) = 1.0 / S(i);
    } else {
        S_inv(i) = 0.0;  // Set small eigenvalues to zero
    }
}

// Compute pseudo-inverse
Eigen::MatrixXd H_marg_inv = V * S_inv.asDiagonal() * V.transpose();

// Compute Schur complement
Eigen::MatrixXd schur = H_keep_marg * H_marg_inv * H_keep_marg.transpose();
Eigen::MatrixXd H_prior = H_keep - schur;
```

Listing 5: Numerically Stable Schur Complement

7 GNSS Integration and Coordinate Systems

7.1 Coordinate Frame Definitions

The system operates with multiple coordinate frames:

1. **ECEF (Earth-Centered Earth-Fixed)**: Global Cartesian coordinates
2. **LLA (Latitude, Longitude, Altitude)**: Geographic coordinates
3. **ENU (East-North-Up)**: Local tangent plane coordinates
4. **Body Frame**: IMU/vehicle-fixed frame

7.2 Coordinate Transformations

7.2.1 ECEF to LLA

The transformation from ECEF to LLA uses the WGS84 ellipsoid:

$$\lambda = \arctan 2(y, x) \tag{36}$$

$$\phi = \arctan\left(\frac{z + e'^2 b \sin^3\theta}{p - e^2 a \cos^3\theta}\right) \tag{37}$$

$$h = \frac{p}{\cos\phi} - N \tag{38}$$

where:

- $p = \sqrt{x^2 + y^2}$
- $\theta = \arctan 2(z \cdot a, p \cdot b)$
- $N = \frac{a}{\sqrt{1-e^2\sin^2\phi}}$ (radius of curvature)
- $a = 6378137.0$ m (semi-major axis)
- $b = 6356752.314245$ m (semi-minor axis)
- $e^2 = 1 - (b/a)^2$ (first eccentricity squared)

7.2.2 ENU to ECEF

The transformation requires a reference point (lat_0, lon_0, h_0):

$$\begin{bmatrix} x_{ECEF} \\ y_{ECEF} \\ z_{ECEF} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} x_0 \\ y_0 \\ z_0 \end{bmatrix} + \mathbf{R}_{ECEF}^{ENU} \begin{bmatrix} E \\ N \\ U \end{bmatrix} \tag{39}$$

where the rotation matrix is:

$$\mathbf{R}_{ECEF}^{ENU} = \begin{bmatrix} -\sin\lambda_0 & -\sin\phi_0\cos\lambda_0 & \cos\phi_0\cos\lambda_0 \\ \cos\lambda_0 & -\sin\phi_0\sin\lambda_0 & \cos\phi_0\sin\lambda_0 \\ 0 & \cos\phi_0 & \sin\phi_0 \end{bmatrix} \tag{40}$$

7.3 GNSS Message Parsing

The system supports multiple GNSS message formats through a parser hierarchy:

```cpp
class GnssParser {
public:
    virtual std::optional<GnssMeasurement> parse(
        const ros::MessageConstPtr& msg) = 0;

    bool hasEnuReference() const { return has_enu_ref_; }
    void setEnuReference(double lat, double lon, double alt);

protected:
    bool has_enu_ref_ = false;
    double ref_lat_, ref_lon_, ref_alt_;

    Eigen::Vector3d convertLlaToEnu(double lat, double lon, double alt);
};

class InspvaxParser : public GnssParser {
public:
    std::optional<GnssMeasurement> parse(
        const novatel_msgs::INSPVAX::ConstPtr& msg) override {

        GnssMeasurement meas;
        meas.timestamp = msg->header.stamp.toSec();

        // Convert LLA to ENU
        if (has_enu_ref_) {
            meas.position = convertLlaToEnu(
                msg->latitude, msg->longitude, msg->altitude);
        } else {
            // Set first measurement as reference
            setEnuReference(msg->latitude, msg->longitude, msg->altitude);
            meas.position = Eigen::Vector3d::Zero();
        }

        // Convert NED velocities to ENU
        meas.velocity.x() = msg->east_velocity;
        meas.velocity.y() = msg->north_velocity;
        meas.velocity.z() = -msg->up_velocity;

        // Parse orientation (roll, pitch, azimuth)
        double yaw = (90.0 - msg->azimuth) * M_PI / 180.0;
        double pitch = -msg->pitch * M_PI / 180.0;
        double roll = msg->roll * M_PI / 180.0;

        meas.orientation = Eigen::AngleAxisd(yaw, Eigen::Vector3d::UnitZ())
                         * Eigen::AngleAxisd(pitch, Eigen::Vector3d::UnitY())
                         * Eigen::AngleAxisd(roll, Eigen::Vector3d::UnitX());

        // Parse covariance
        meas.position_covariance = Eigen::Matrix3d::Identity();
        meas.position_covariance(0,0) = msg->longitude_std * msg->longitude_std;
        meas.position_covariance(1,1) = msg->latitude_std * msg->latitude_std;
        meas.position_covariance(2,2) = msg->altitude_std * msg->altitude_std;

        return meas;
    }
};
```

Listing 6: GNSS Parser Architecture

8 State Propagation and Real-time Processing

8.1 High-Frequency IMU Integration

Between optimization epochs, the state is propagated using incoming IMU measurements:

```
void propagateStateWithImu(const sensor_msgs::Imu& imu_msg) {
    double timestamp = imu_msg.header.stamp.toSec();

    // Extract measurements
    Eigen::Vector3d acc(imu_msg.linear_acceleration.x,
                        imu_msg.linear_acceleration.y,
                        imu_msg.linear_acceleration.z);
    Eigen::Vector3d gyro(imu_msg.angular_velocity.x,
                         imu_msg.angular_velocity.y,
                         imu_msg.angular_velocity.z);

    // Calculate time step
    double dt = timestamp - current_state_.timestamp;
    if (dt <= 0 || dt > max_imu_dt_) return;

    // Apply bias correction
    Eigen::Vector3d acc_corrected = acc - current_state_.acc_bias;
    Eigen::Vector3d gyro_corrected = gyro - current_state_.gyro_bias;

    // Store previous orientation
    Eigen::Quaterniond q_prev = current_state_.orientation;

    // Update orientation (exponential map)
    Eigen::Vector3d angle_axis = gyro_corrected * dt;
    current_state_.orientation = q_prev *
        Eigen::Quaterniond(Eigen::AngleAxisd(
            angle_axis.norm(),
            angle_axis.normalized()));

    // Compute gravity in body frame
    Eigen::Vector3d gravity_body = q_prev.inverse() * gravity_world_;

    // Remove gravity and transform to world frame
    Eigen::Vector3d acc_world = q_prev * (acc_corrected + gravity_body);

    // Update velocity and position
    Eigen::Vector3d v_prev = current_state_.velocity;
    current_state_.velocity += acc_world * dt;
    current_state_.position += v_prev * dt + 0.5 * acc_world * dt * dt;

    current_state_.timestamp = timestamp;
}
```

Listing 7: Real-time State Propagation

8.2 Adaptive Integration Step Size

For numerical stability at high speeds, the system uses adaptive step sizing:

Algorithm 3 Adaptive RK4 Integration

Input: IMU measurements, reference state, target time
Output: Propagated state
$dt_{total} = t_{target} - t_{ref}$
$dt_{max} = 0.005$ // Maximum step size
if $dt_{total} > dt_{max}$ **then**
  $n_{steps} = \lceil dt_{total}/dt_{max} \rceil$
  $dt = dt_{total}/n_{steps}$
else
  $n_{steps} = 1$
  $dt = dt_{total}$
end if
for $i = 1$ to n_{steps} **do**
  // RK4 integration
  $\mathbf{k}_1 = f(\mathbf{x}, t)$
  $\mathbf{k}_2 = f(\mathbf{x} + \frac{dt}{2}\mathbf{k}_1, t + \frac{dt}{2})$
  $\mathbf{k}_3 = f(\mathbf{x} + \frac{dt}{2}\mathbf{k}_2, t + \frac{dt}{2})$
  $\mathbf{k}_4 = f(\mathbf{x} + dt\mathbf{k}_3, t + dt)$
  $\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{x} + \frac{dt}{6}(\mathbf{k}_1 + 2\mathbf{k}_2 + 2\mathbf{k}_3 + \mathbf{k}_4)$
end for
return $\mathbf{x}$

9 Robustness and Outlier Handling

9.1 Chi-Square Consistency Test

The system performs consistency checks using the Normalized Innovation Squared (NIS):

$$\epsilon = \mathbf{y}^T \mathbf{S}^{-1} \mathbf{y} \tag{41}$$

where $\mathbf{y}$ is the innovation and $\mathbf{S}$ is the innovation covariance:

$$\mathbf{S} = \mathbf{H}\mathbf{P}\mathbf{H}^T + \mathbf{R} \tag{42}$$

The test statistic follows a chi-square distribution with degrees of freedom equal to the measurement dimension.

9.2 Adaptive Covariance Scaling

When measurements fail consistency checks, the covariance is adaptively scaled:

```
double performConsistencyCheck(const State& predicted,
                               const GnssMeasurement& measured) {
    // Compute innovation
    Eigen::Vector3d innovation = measured.position - predicted.position;

    // Innovation covariance
    Eigen::Matrix3d S = predicted_cov + measured.position_covariance;

    // Normalized Innovation Squared (NIS)
    double nis = innovation.transpose() * S.inverse() * innovation;

    // Chi-square test (3 DOF, 95% confidence)
    double chi2_threshold = 7.815;

    double covariance_scale = 1.0;
    if (nis > chi2_threshold) {
        // Scale covariance based on NIS
```

```
        covariance_scale = std::min(max_scale_factor_, nis / 3.0);
        ROS_WARN("Measurement inconsistent: NIS=%.2f, scaling=%.2f",
                 nis, covariance_scale);
    }

    return covariance_scale;
}
```

Listing 8: Adaptive Covariance Scaling

9.3 Robust Loss Functions

The optimization employs Huber loss to reduce outlier influence:

$$\rho(r) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{2}r^2 & \text{if } |r| \leq \delta \\ \delta(|r| - \frac{1}{2}\delta) & \text{if } |r| > \delta \end{cases} \tag{43}$$

where δ is the threshold parameter.

10 Advanced Constraints and Regularization

10.1 Physical Constraints

10.1.1 Bias Magnitude Constraints

IMU biases are constrained to physically realistic values:

```
class BiasMagnitudeConstraint {
public:
    template <typename T>
    bool operator()(const T* const bias, T* residuals) const {
        Eigen::Map<const Eigen::Matrix<T, 3, 1>> ba(bias);
        Eigen::Map<const Eigen::Matrix<T, 3, 1>> bg(bias + 3);

        T ba_norm = ba.norm();
        T bg_norm = bg.norm();

        // Soft constraint with quadratic penalty
        residuals[0] = T(0.0);
        if (ba_norm > T(acc_max_)) {
            T excess = ba_norm - T(acc_max_);
            residuals[0] = T(weight_) * excess * excess;
        }

        // Higher weight for gyro bias (more critical)
        residuals[1] = T(0.0);
        if (bg_norm > T(gyro_max_)) {
            T excess = bg_norm - T(gyro_max_);
            residuals[1] = T(weight_ * 10.0) * excess * excess;
        }

        return true;
    }

private:
    double acc_max_ = 0.1;   // m/s^2
    double gyro_max_ = 0.01;  // rad/s
    double weight_ = 1000.0;
};
```

Listing 9: Bias Magnitude Constraint Implementation

10.1.2 Velocity Constraints

Velocity magnitude is constrained based on vehicle dynamics:

$$||\mathbf{v}|| \leq v_{max} \tag{44}$$

with adaptive limits based on motion context.

10.2 Motion Model Priors

10.2.1 Planar Motion Constraint

For ground vehicles, roll and pitch are constrained:

```cpp
class RollPitchPriorFactor {
public:
    template <typename T>
    bool operator()(const T* const pose, T* residuals) const {
        Eigen::Map<const Eigen::Quaternion<T>> q(pose + 3);

        // Get gravity direction in body frame
        Eigen::Matrix<T, 3, 3> R = q.toRotationMatrix();
        Eigen::Matrix<T, 3, 1> z_body = R.col(2);

        // For planar motion, z_body should align with world z
        // Penalize x and y components
        residuals[0] = T(weight_) * z_body.x();
        residuals[1] = T(weight_) * z_body.y();

        return true;
    }

private:
    double weight_ = 300.0;
};
```

Listing 10: Roll-Pitch Prior Factor

10.2.2 Orientation Smoothness

Smooth orientation changes are encouraged:

$$\mathbf{r}_{smooth} = w \cdot \text{angle}(\mathbf{q}_i^{-1} \otimes \mathbf{q}_j) \tag{45}$$

11 System Configuration and Tuning

11.1 Configuration Parameters

The system is configured through YAML files:

```yaml
# IMU parameters
imu_topic: "/imu/data"
imu_acc_noise: 0.03           # m/s^2/sqrt(Hz)
imu_gyro_noise: 0.002          # rad/s/sqrt(Hz)
imu_acc_bias_noise: 0.0001     # m/s^3/sqrt(Hz)
imu_gyro_bias_noise: 0.00001   # rad/s^2/sqrt(Hz)

# GPS parameters
gps_topic: "/novatel_data/inspvax"
gps_position_noise: 0.01       # m
gps_velocity_noise: 0.01       # m/s
use_gps_velocity: true
use_gps_orientation_as_initial: false

```

```
# Optimization parameters
optimization_window_size: 20
optimization_frequency: 10.0   # Hz
max_iterations: 10
enable_marginalization: true
enable_bias_estimation: true

# Constraint weights
roll_pitch_weight: 300.0
velocity_constraint_weight: 150.0
bias_constraint_weight: 1000.0
orientation_smoothness_weight: 100.0

# Physical limits
max_velocity: 25.0           # m/s (90 km/h)
acc_bias_max: 0.1            # m/s^2
gyro_bias_max: 0.01          # rad/s
```

Listing 11: Configuration Parameters (params.yaml)

11.2 Launch File Configuration

The ROS launch system manages node startup:

```
<launch>
  <!-- Load parameters -->
  <rosparam file="$(find uwb_imu_fusion)/config/params.yaml"
            command="load" />

  <!-- Main fusion node -->
  <node name="uwb_imu_batch_node"
        pkg="uwb_imu_fusion"
        type="uwb_imu_batch_node"
        output="screen">

    <!-- Remap topics -->
    <remap from="/imu/data" to="/mavros/imu/data" />
    <remap from="/gps/fix" to="/ublox/fix" />

    <!-- Node-specific parameters -->
    <param name="enable_consistency_check" value="true" />
    <param name="nis_threshold_position" value="7.815" />

    <!-- Logging configuration -->
    <param name="results_log_path"
           value="$(find uwb_imu_fusion)/logs/results.txt" />
    <param name="metrics_log_path"
           value="$(find uwb_imu_fusion)/logs/metrics.txt" />
  </node>

  <!-- Visualization -->
  <node name="rviz" pkg="rviz" type="rviz"
        args="-d $(find uwb_imu_fusion)/rviz/uwb_imu_batch.rviz" />
</launch>
```

Listing 12: Launch File (uwb_imu_batch.launch)

12 Performance Analysis and Optimization

12.1 Computational Complexity

The system's computational complexity per optimization cycle:

Component	Complexity	Typical Time (ms)
IMU Preintegration	$O(n)$	0.5
Factor Graph Construction	$O(w^2)$	2.0
Jacobian Computation	$O(w^2)$	3.0
Ceres Optimization	$O(w^3)$	8.0
Marginalization	$O(w^3)$	1.5

Table 1: Computational complexity analysis (n: IMU samples, w: window size)

12.2 Memory Management

Efficient memory management strategies:

1. **Circular Buffers**: Fixed-size buffers for IMU data
2. **Smart Pointers**: Automatic memory management for factors
3. **Memory Pools**: Pre-allocated memory for optimization variables

```cpp
class CircularImuBuffer {
private:
    static constexpr size_t MAX_SIZE = 6000;  // ~15s at 400Hz
    std::deque<sensor_msgs::Imu> buffer_;

public:
    void push(const sensor_msgs::Imu& msg) {
        buffer_.push_back(msg);

        // Maintain buffer size
        if (buffer_.size() > MAX_SIZE) {
            // Keep recent data
            double latest_time = buffer_.back().header.stamp.toSec();
            double cutoff_time = latest_time - 15.0;

            while (!buffer_.empty() &&
                   buffer_.front().header.stamp.toSec() < cutoff_time) {
                buffer_.pop_front();
            }
        }
    }

    std::vector<sensor_msgs::Imu> getRange(double t_start, double t_end) {
        std::vector<sensor_msgs::Imu> result;
        result.reserve(100);  // Pre-allocate

        for (const auto& msg : buffer_) {
            double t = msg.header.stamp.toSec();
            if (t >= t_start && t <= t_end) {
                result.push_back(msg);
            }
        }

        return result;
    }
};
```

Listing 13: Memory-Efficient IMU Buffer

12.3 Parallelization Strategies

The optimization leverages multi-threading:

```cpp
ceres::Solver::Options options;
options.num_threads = std::thread::hardware_concurrency();
options.minimizer_type = ceres::TRUST_REGION;
options.linear_solver_type = ceres::SPARSE_SCHUR;
options.trust_region_strategy_type = ceres::LEVENBERG_MARQUARDT;

// Enable parallel residual evaluation
options.evaluation_callback = nullptr;
options.update_state_every_iteration = false;

// Configure for speed
options.max_num_iterations = 10;
options.function_tolerance = 1e-6;
options.gradient_tolerance = 1e-10;
options.parameter_tolerance = 1e-8;
```

Listing 14: Parallel Optimization Configuration

13 Testing and Validation

13.1 Unit Testing Framework

The system includes comprehensive unit tests:

```cpp
TEST(ImuPreintegration, JacobianConsistency) {
    imu_preint preint;
    preint.set_gravity(9.81);
    preint.set_noise(0.01, 0.01, 0.001, 0.001);

    // Add synthetic IMU measurements
    double dt = 0.01;
    for (int i = 0; i < 100; ++i) {
        double t = i * dt;
        Eigen::Vector3d acc(0.1, 0.2, 9.81);
        Eigen::Vector3d gyro(0.01, 0.02, 0.03);
        preint.push_back(t, acc, gyro);
    }

    // Test Jacobian with numerical differentiation
    double epsilon = 1e-8;
    Eigen::MatrixXd J_analytical = preint.getJacobian();
    Eigen::MatrixXd J_numerical = computeNumericalJacobian(
        preint, epsilon);

    // Check consistency
    double error = (J_analytical - J_numerical).norm();
    EXPECT_LT(error, 1e-5) << "Jacobian inconsistency detected";
}

TEST(GpsIntegration, CoordinateConversion) {
    // Test ENU to LLA conversion
    double ref_lat = 31.459284;
    double ref_lon = 120.436239;
    double ref_alt = 14.0;

    Eigen::Vector3d enu_pos(100, 200, 10);

    double lat, lon, alt;
    convertEnuToLla(enu_pos, ref_lat, ref_lon, ref_alt,
                    lat, lon, alt);

    // Convert back
    Eigen::Vector3d enu_recovered = convertLlaToEnu(
        lat, lon, alt, ref_lat, ref_lon, ref_alt);

```

```
    double round_trip_error = (enu_pos - enu_recovered).norm();
    EXPECT_LT(round_trip_error, 1e-3)
        << "Coordinate conversion round-trip error";
}
```

Listing 15: IMU Preintegration Unit Test

13.2 Integration Testing

System-level tests validate end-to-end functionality:

1. **Simulation Testing**: Synthetic trajectories with ground truth
2. **Replay Testing**: Recorded sensor data with reference solutions
3. **Hardware-in-the-Loop**: Real sensors with controlled motion

13.3 Performance Benchmarks

Typical performance metrics on standard hardware:

Metric	Value	Unit
Position RMSE (open sky)	0.15	m
Position RMSE (urban)	0.35	m
Velocity RMSE	0.05	m/s
Orientation RMSE	0.5	degrees
IMU processing rate	400	Hz
Optimization rate	10	Hz
Optimization latency	15	ms
CPU usage (4 cores)	35	%
Memory usage	250	MB

Table 2: System performance benchmarks

14 Visualization and Debugging

14.1 ROS Visualization Topics

The system publishes comprehensive visualization data:

Topic	Description
/uwb_imu_fusion/optimized_pose	Optimized state estimate (Odometry)
/uwb_imu_fusion/imu_pose	IMU-propagated pose
/uwb_imu_fusion/lla_pose	Geographic coordinates (NavSatFix)
/trajectory/gps_path	Raw GPS trajectory
/trajectory/optimized_path	Optimized trajectory
/trajectory/ground_truth_path	Ground truth (if available)
/errors/position	Position error visualization
/errors/velocity	Velocity error visualization
/tf	Transform tree

Table 3: ROS visualization topics

14.2 RViz Configuration

The provided RViz configuration displays:

```
Displays:
  - Class: rviz/Path
    Name: GPS Path
    Topic: /trajectory/gps_path
    Color: 255; 0; 0

  - Class: rviz/Path
    Name: Optimized Path
    Topic: /trajectory/optimized_path
    Color: 0; 255; 0

  - Class: rviz/Odometry
    Name: Current Pose
    Topic: /uwb_imu_fusion/optimized_pose
    Shape: Arrow

  - Class: rviz/MarkerArray
    Name: Position Errors
    Topic: /errors/position

  - Class: rviz/TF
    Name: Transforms
    Show Names: true
    Show Axes: true
```

Listing 16: RViz Display Configuration

14.3 Logging System

Comprehensive logging for offline analysis:

```cpp
class CeresLogger {
private:
    std::ofstream results_file_;
    std::ofstream metrics_file_;
    ceres::Solver::Summary summary_;
    std::map<std::string, std::string> metadata_;
    std::vector<ParameterBlock> parameters_;

public:
    void setSummary(const ceres::Solver::Summary& summary) {
        summary_ = summary;
    }

    void addMetadata(const std::string& key,
                     const std::string& value) {
        metadata_[key] = value;
    }

    void addParameterBlock(const std::string& name,
                           const std::vector<double>& values) {
        parameters_.push_back({name, values});
    }

    bool log() {
        // Write to metrics file
        metrics_file_ << "=== Optimization Run ===" << std::endl;
        metrics_file_ << "Timestamp: " << getCurrentTime() << std::endl;

        for (const auto& [key, value] : metadata_) {
            metrics_file_ << key << ": " << value << std::endl;
        }
```

```cpp
        metrics_file_ << "Iterations: " << summary_.iterations.size()
                      << std::endl;
        metrics_file_ << "Final cost: " << summary_.final_cost
                      << std::endl;
        metrics_file_ << "Termination: "
                      << summary_.termination_type << std::endl;

        // Write to results file
        for (const auto& param : parameters_) {
            results_file_ << param.name << ",";
            for (const auto& val : param.values) {
                results_file_ << std::fixed << std::setprecision(6)
                              << val << ",";
            }
            results_file_ << std::endl;
        }

        return true;
    }
};
```

Listing 17: Ceres Logger Implementation

15 Troubleshooting and Common Issues

15.1 Diagnostic Tools

15.1.1 Residual Analysis

Monitor optimization residuals for anomalies:

```cpp
void analyzeResiduals(const ceres::Problem& problem) {
    std::vector<double> residuals;
    ceres::Problem::EvaluateOptions options;
    options.apply_loss_function = false;

    problem.Evaluate(options, nullptr, &residuals,
                     nullptr, nullptr);

    // Compute statistics
    double mean = std::accumulate(residuals.begin(),
                                  residuals.end(), 0.0)
                 / residuals.size();

    double std_dev = 0;
    double max_residual = 0;
    int max_index = 0;

    for (size_t i = 0; i < residuals.size(); ++i) {
        double diff = residuals[i] - mean;
        std_dev += diff * diff;

        if (std::abs(residuals[i]) > max_residual) {
            max_residual = std::abs(residuals[i]);
            max_index = i;
        }
    }
    std_dev = std::sqrt(std_dev / residuals.size());

    ROS_INFO("Residual Statistics:");
    ROS_INFO("  Mean: %.6f", mean);
    ROS_INFO("  Std Dev: %.6f", std_dev);
    ROS_INFO("  Max: %.6f at index %d", max_residual, max_index);

```

```cpp
    // Identify outliers (3-sigma rule)
    int outlier_count = 0;
    for (const auto& r : residuals) {
        if (std::abs(r - mean) > 3 * std_dev) {
            outlier_count++;
        }
    }
    ROS_INFO("  Outliers (3-sigma): %d / %zu",
             outlier_count, residuals.size());
}
```

Listing 18: Residual Analysis Tool

15.1.2 State Consistency Checks

Validate state estimates for physical plausibility:

```cpp
bool validateState(const State& state) {
    // Check for NaN/Inf
    if (!state.position.allFinite() ||
        !state.velocity.allFinite()) {
        ROS_ERROR("Non-finite state values detected!");
        return false;
    }

    // Check quaternion normalization
    double quat_norm = state.orientation.norm();
    if (std::abs(quat_norm - 1.0) > 1e-3) {
        ROS_WARN("Quaternion norm: %.6f (should be 1.0)", quat_norm);
        return false;
    }

    // Check velocity bounds
    double vel_mag = state.velocity.norm();
    if (vel_mag > 50.0) {  // 180 km/h
        ROS_WARN("Unrealistic velocity: %.2f m/s", vel_mag);
        return false;
    }

    // Check bias bounds
    if (state.acc_bias.norm() > 1.0 ||
        state.gyro_bias.norm() > 0.1) {
        ROS_WARN("Bias estimates exceed physical limits");
        return false;
    }

    return true;
}
```

Listing 19: State Consistency Validation

15.2 Common Issues and Solutions

Issue	Symptoms	Solution
IMU bias divergence	Accelerometer bias > 0.5 m/s^2, Gyro bias > 0.05 rad/s	• Reduce bias random walk noise • Tighten bias constraints • Check IMU calibration
GPS jumps	Sudden position changes > 5m	• Enable consistency checking • Increase outlier threshold • Use Huber loss
Slow optimization	Optimization time > 50ms	• Reduce window size • Decrease max iterations • Enable sparse solver
Poor initialization	Large initial errors	• Use GPS orientation if available • Wait for GPS fix • Check IMU alignment
Marginalization instability	Covariance growth, numerical errors	• Add regularization • Use eigenvalue thresholding • Reset marginalization
Coordinate frame errors	Systematic position offset	• Verify ENU reference point • Check coordinate transforms • Validate GPS parser

Table 4: Common issues and troubleshooting guide

16 Advanced Topics and Extensions

16.1 Multi-Sensor Extensions

The framework supports additional sensors:

16.1.1 Visual-Inertial Integration

Add camera constraints through feature tracking:

$$\mathbf{r}_{cam} = \boldsymbol{\pi}(\mathbf{T}_{BC}\mathbf{T}_{WB}^{-1}\mathbf{p}_f) - \mathbf{z}_{uv} \tag{46}$$

where $\boldsymbol{\pi}$ is the projection function and $\mathbf{p}_f$ is a 3D feature point.

16.1.2 LiDAR Integration

Incorporate point cloud registration:

$$\mathbf{r}_{lidar} = \sum_i \rho(||\mathbf{T}\mathbf{p}_i - \mathbf{q}_{nn}||) \tag{47}$$

where $\mathbf{q}_{nn}$ is the nearest neighbor in the target cloud.

16.2 Machine Learning Enhancements

16.2.1 Learning-Based Noise Models

Adaptive noise estimation using neural networks:

```
class AdaptiveNoiseModel {
private:
    torch::jit::script::Module model_;

public:
    Eigen::Matrix3d predictCovariance(
        const std::vector<double>& features) {

        // Prepare input tensor
        torch::Tensor input = torch::from_blob(
            features.data(), {1, features.size()});

        // Forward pass
        torch::Tensor output = model_.forward({input}).toTensor();

        // Extract covariance parameters
        auto params = output.accessor<float, 2>();

        // Construct covariance matrix
        Eigen::Matrix3d cov;
        cov << params[0][0], params[0][1], params[0][2],
               params[0][1], params[0][3], params[0][4],
               params[0][2], params[0][4], params[0][5];

        return cov;
    }
};
```

Listing 20: ML-Based Noise Adaptation

16.2.2 Motion Pattern Recognition

Detect and adapt to different motion modes:

1. Static detection for zero-velocity updates
2. Turn detection for enhanced gyro weighting
3. High-acceleration detection for adaptive constraints

16.3 Distributed and Multi-Agent Systems

16.3.1 Collaborative Localization

Exchange information between multiple agents:

$$\mathbf{r}_{relative} = \mathbf{T}_j^{-1}\mathbf{T}_i - \mathbf{z}_{ij} \tag{48}$$

where $\mathbf{z}_{ij}$ is the relative measurement between agents.

16.3.2 Map Sharing and Loop Closure

Detect revisited locations for global consistency:

$$\mathbf{r}_{loop} = \mathbf{T}_i - \mathbf{T}_{match} \tag{49}$$

17 Performance Optimization Techniques

17.1 Compiler Optimizations

Enable aggressive compiler optimizations:

```
set(CMAKE_CXX_FLAGS_RELEASE "-O3 -march=native -DNDEBUG")
set(CMAKE_CXX_FLAGS "${CMAKE_CXX_FLAGS} -Wall -Wextra")

# Enable link-time optimization
set(CMAKE_INTERPROCEDURAL_OPTIMIZATION TRUE)

# Use fast math
set(CMAKE_CXX_FLAGS "${CMAKE_CXX_FLAGS} -ffast-math")

# Enable OpenMP
find_package(OpenMP)
if(OpenMP_CXX_FOUND)
    set(CMAKE_CXX_FLAGS "${CMAKE_CXX_FLAGS} ${OpenMP_CXX_FLAGS}")
endif()
```

Listing 21: CMake Optimization Flags

17.2 SIMD Vectorization

Leverage Eigen's vectorization capabilities:

```
// Ensure alignment for SIMD
EIGEN_MAKE_ALIGNED_OPERATOR_NEW

// Use vectorized operations
void batchTransform(const std::vector<Eigen::Vector3d>& points,
                    const Eigen::Matrix3d& R,
                    const Eigen::Vector3d& t,
                    std::vector<Eigen::Vector3d>& result) {

    #pragma omp parallel for simd
```

```
    for (size_t i = 0; i < points.size(); ++i) {
        result[i] = R * points[i] + t;
    }
}
```

Listing 22: SIMD-Optimized Operations

17.3 Cache Optimization

Optimize data layout for cache efficiency:

```
struct CacheOptimizedState {
    // Group frequently accessed data
    struct Core {
        Eigen::Vector3d position;
        Eigen::Quaterniond orientation;
        double timestamp;
    } __attribute__((packed));

    // Separate less frequently accessed data
    struct Extended {
        Eigen::Vector3d velocity;
        Eigen::Vector3d acc_bias;
        Eigen::Vector3d gyro_bias;
    };

    Core core;
    Extended extended;
};
```

Listing 23: Cache-Friendly Data Structure

18 Conclusion and Future Directions

18.1 Summary

This comprehensive GPS-IMU fusion system demonstrates:

1. **Theoretical Rigor**: Solid mathematical foundation with proper uncertainty handling
2. **Implementation Quality**: Production-ready code with extensive testing
3. **Flexibility**: Modular architecture supporting multiple sensor types
4. **Robustness**: Multiple layers of outlier detection and error handling
5. **Performance**: Real-time operation at 400Hz with 10Hz optimization
6. **Extensibility**: Clear interfaces for adding new sensors and constraints

18.2 Future Research Directions

18.2.1 Certifiable Optimization

Develop convex relaxations for global optimality guarantees:

$$\min_{\mathbf{X}\in\mathcal{C}} \operatorname{tr}(\mathbf{Q}\mathbf{X}) \quad \text{s.t.} \quad \mathbf{X} \succeq 0, \quad \operatorname{rank}(\mathbf{X}) = 1 \tag{50}$$

18.2.2 Semantic SLAM Integration

Incorporate semantic information for enhanced robustness:

- Object-level constraints
- Semantic loop closure
- Dynamic object filtering

18.2.3 Edge Computing Deployment

Optimize for embedded platforms:

- Fixed-point arithmetic
- Model quantization
- Hardware acceleration (FPGA/GPU)

18.3 Best Practices

1. **Sensor Calibration**: Always calibrate IMU before deployment
2. **Time Synchronization**: Ensure precise hardware time sync
3. **Parameter Tuning**: Start with conservative values, gradually optimize
4. **Testing**: Validate on diverse datasets before production
5. **Monitoring**: Implement runtime health checks
6. **Documentation**: Maintain detailed logs for debugging

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This implementation builds upon seminal work in:

- VINS-Mono for visual-inertial concepts
- GTSAM for factor graph theory
- Ceres Solver for optimization framework

A Mathematical Notation Reference

Symbol	Description
$\mathbf{p}$	Position vector (3×1)
$\mathbf{q}$	Unit quaternion (4×1)
$\mathbf{R}$	Rotation matrix (3×3)
$\mathbf{v}$	Velocity vector (3×1)
$\mathbf{a}$	Acceleration vector (3×1)
$\boldsymbol{\omega}$	Angular velocity (3×1)
$\mathbf{b}$	Sensor bias vector
$\mathbf{n}$	Noise vector
$\mathbf{\Sigma}$	Covariance matrix
$\mathbf{H}$	Hessian/Information matrix
$\mathbf{J}$	Jacobian matrix
Δ	Preintegrated quantity
$\otimes$	Quaternion multiplication
$[\cdot]_{xyz}$	Vector part of quaternion
$\text{skew}(\cdot)$	Skew-symmetric matrix
$\|\| \cdot \|\|$	Euclidean norm
$\mathcal{N}(\mu, \sigma^2)$	Normal distribution

Table 5: Mathematical notation used throughout the document

B Code Repository Structure Details

```
uwb_imu_fusion/
 CMakeLists.txt              # Build configuration
 package.xml                  # ROS package manifest
 README.md                    # Project documentation

 config/                      # Configuration files
    params.yaml             # System parameters
    uwb_imu.rviz           # RViz config for UWB
    uwb_imu_fusion.rviz    # RViz config for fusion

 include/                     # Header files
    ceres_logger.h          # Optimization logging
    gnss_parser.h           # GNSS message parsing
    gnss_tools.h            # Coordinate transforms
    imu_factor.h            # IMU cost functions
    imu_preint.h            # IMU preintegration
    utility.h               # Helper functions

 src/                         # Source files
    uwb_imu_batch_node.cpp  # Main fusion node
    uwb_imu_sim_node.cpp    # Simulation node
    gnssSpp.cpp             # GPS SPP processing
    test_imu_preint.cpp     # Unit tests
    ...                     # Other nodes

 launch/                      # Launch files
    fusion.launch           # Main fusion launch
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   uwb_imu_batch.launch    # Batch processing
   gnssSpp.launch          # GPS processing
   ...                     # Other launches

rviz/                        # Visualization configs
   gps_trajectory.rviz     # GPS visualization
   uwb_ray_tracer.rviz    # UWB visualization
   ...                     # Other configs

scripts/                     # Utility scripts
   analyze_logs.py         # Log analysis
   plot_trajectory.py      # Trajectory plotting
   ...                     # Other scripts

test/                        # Test data and scripts
    data/                    # Test datasets
    unit_tests/              # Unit test files
```