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Data Standardization in Positioning: The Role of Large Language Models

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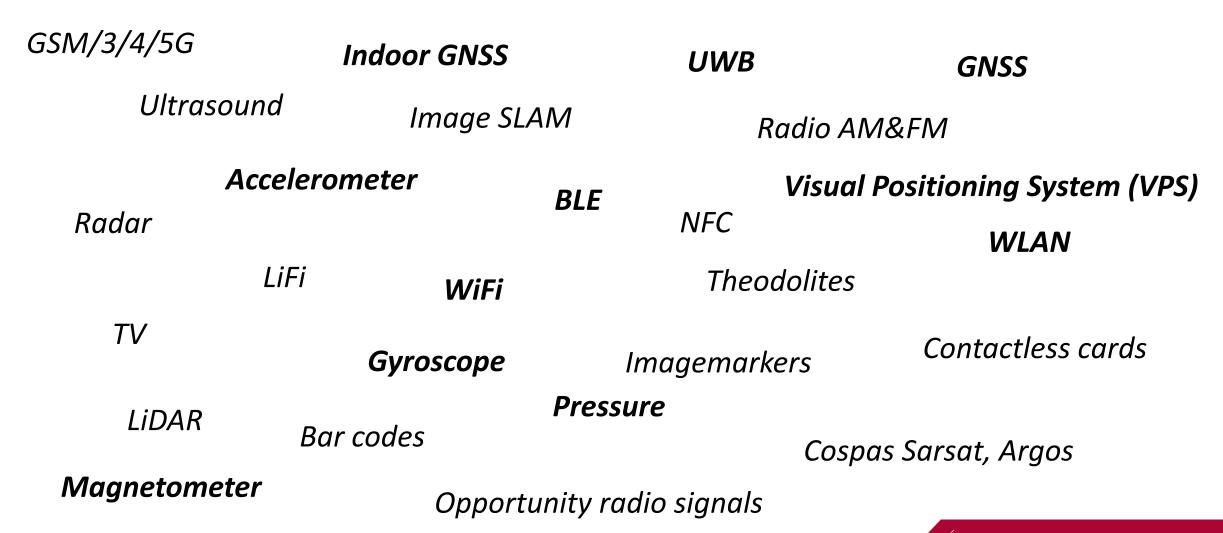
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Sensor Fusion?







Any Trouble?

- > Inconsistent Data Format
 - Variety of **formats**, **units**, or **conventions**
 - UTC time or Local time?
 - UNIX or YYYY-MM-DDTHH:mm:ss.sssZ?
 - Degree or Radian?
 - Cartesian or Polar Coordinate?
- > Which can lead to
 - Error during execution
 - Incorrect state estimates

> Current Solutions

- Sensor Calibration and Preprocessing Pipelines
- Manual Unit Conversions
- Manual Coordinate Transformations

> Drawbacks

- High complexity and maintenance cost
- Manual errors -> error propagation
- Limited flexibility & scalability
- Compromised real-time performance





Can LLMs Help?

- > LLMs as a Solution
 - Contextual Understanding of Diverse Data
 - Automatic Detection and Standardization
 - Adaptability to New Sensors
 - Reduction of Manual Effort and Error

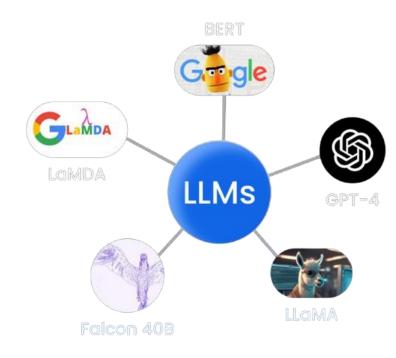
Complexity

Flexibility

Errors

Scalability

Real-time performance



Computational cost



Schema





The Pre-defined Schema

- The schema is based on common inputs to the Kalman filter for sensor fusion
- Assumption: Coordinate System is Android or WGS84/HK1980 format

Sensor	Required	Values Object	Description	Pedometer	name,	steps (count)	Tracks the number of
Type	Fields	Properties	_		time,		steps taken (count).
Magneto-	name,	x (μT), y (μT), z	Measures magnetic field		steps		
meter	time,	(μΤ)	strength along x, y, and z	Ori-	name,	qx, qy, qz, qw	Provides orientation de-
	values		axes in microteslas (µT).	entation	time,		tails in quaternion format.
Gyro-	name,	x (rad/s), y	Measures angular velocity		values		
scope	time,	(rad/s), z (rad/s)	along x, y, and z axes in	Baro-	name,	relative altitude	Measures relative altitude
	values		radians per second (rad/s).	meter	time,	(m), pressure	in meters (m) and atmo-
Accelero-	name,	x (m/s²), y (m/s²),	Measures acceleration		values	(mBar)	spheric pressure in mil-
meter	time,	$z (m/s^2)$	along x, y, and z axes in				libars (mBar).
	values		meters per second squared	Location	name,	latitude (°),	Provides comprehensive
			(m/s²).		time,	longitude (°),	location data including
Gravity	name,	x (m/s²), y (m/s²),	Measures gravity effects		values	altitude (m),	coordinates (degrees),
	time,	$z (m/s^2)$	along x, y, and z axes in			speed (m/s),	speed (meters per
	values		meters per second squared			speed accuracy	second), altitude (meters),
			(m/s²).			(m/s), horizontal	and accuracies (meters).
Ultra-	name,	x (m), y (m), z	Determines spatial posi-			accuracy (m),	
Wideband	time,	(m)	tion in meters (m).			vertical accuracy	
(UWB)	values					(m)	
Bluetooth	name,	x (m), y (m), z	Determines spatial posi-	Image	name,	image (data)	Provides image data in bi-
	time,	(m)	tion in meters (m).		time,		nary format.
	values				image		





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	values		radians per second (rad/s).	meter	time,
Accelero-	name,	x (m/s ²), y (m/s ²),	Measures acceleration		value
meter	time,	$z (m/s^2)$	along x, y, and z axes in		
	values		meters per second squared	Location	name
			(m/s²).		time,
Gravity	name,	x (m/s²), y (m/s²),	Measures gravity effects		value
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	time,		steps taken (count).
	steps		
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]		(m)	
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	time,		nary format.
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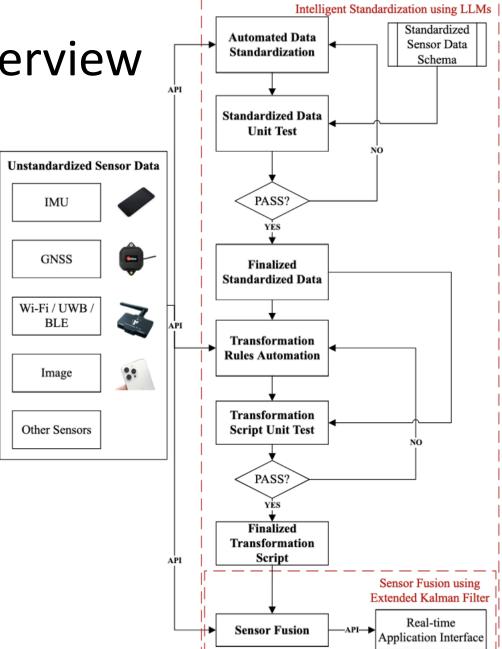


Framework





Framework Overview





Automated Data Standardization

> Overview

- The standardization module leverages GPT-4-0613 for standardizing sensor data.
- Trained Sensors: Pedometers, Magnetometers, Orientation Sensors, Gyroscopes, Accelerometers, Gravity Sensors, Barometers, GNSS Receivers, Bluetooth, and UWB

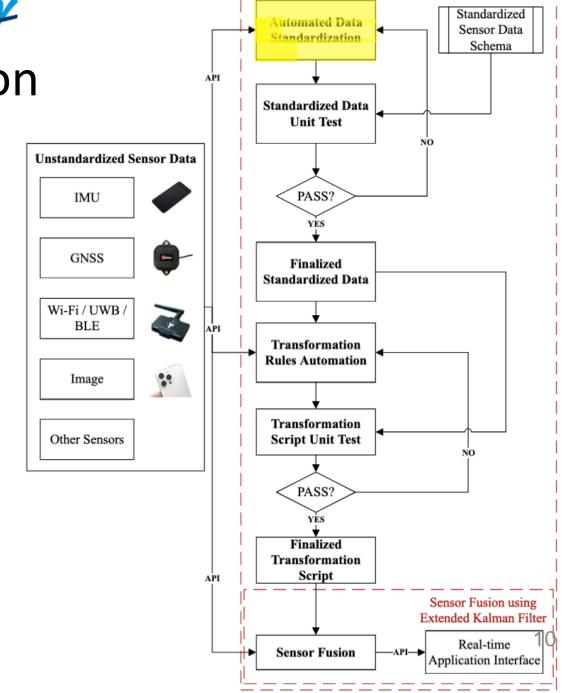
> Data Standardization Process

Input Data: $\mathcal{D} = \bigcup_{i=1}^{n} a_i$

• Standardization Process: $S = \mathcal{F}_{ADS}(\mathcal{D}) = \bigoplus_{i=1}^{n} \phi(d_i)$

> Fine-Tuning & Training

- Dataset: 100 training + 30 test pairs
- Structure: JSON-like format.



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Automated Data Standardization – Training

> Training Loss

• Decreased from **0.3484** loss to near zero by step **27**.

> Training Accuracy

Increased from 93.38% to 100% by step 14.

> Validation Loss

• Started at **0.1724**, briefly increased to **0.6984** at step **2**, then declined to nearly zero by step **27**.

> Validation Accuracy

Increased from 96.14% to near 100% by step 27.

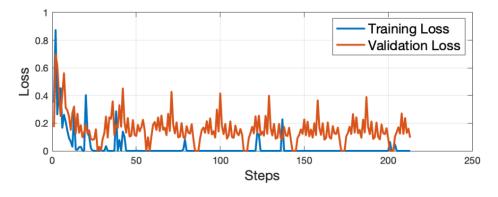


Fig. 2. Training and Validation Loss of the LLM over Steps.

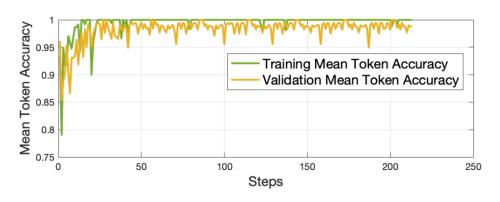


Fig. 3. Mean Token Accuracy of the LLM over Steps.





Automated Data Standardization – Example

Unstandardized Data

```
"time": {
           "time": "Saturday, 04
May 2024 14:00:00 GMT"
          "x": 0.456,
          "x": 0.123,
          "z": 0.789,
          "x": -24.321,
          "y": -12.849,
          "z": -0.233,
          "x": -0.654,
          "y": 1.234, "z": 2.931,
```

Converted Data

- Timestamp Format
- Sensor Data Labels
- Data Structure
- Correction of Axis Labels
- Etc.

Automated Data Standardization

Standardized Data

```
"name": "Accelerometer",
"time": 1714831200000,
"values": {
    "x": 0.456,
    "y": 0.123,
    "z": 0.789
"name": "Magnetometer",
"time": 1714831200000,
"values":
    "x": -24.321,
    "y": -12.849,
    "z": -0.233
"name": "Gyroscope",
"time": 1714831200000,
"values": {
    "x": -0.654,
    "y": 1.234,
    "z": 2.931
```



Standardized Dataset Unit Tests

> Overview

- Validate compliance of sensor data with predefined JSON schemas.
- > Validation Function

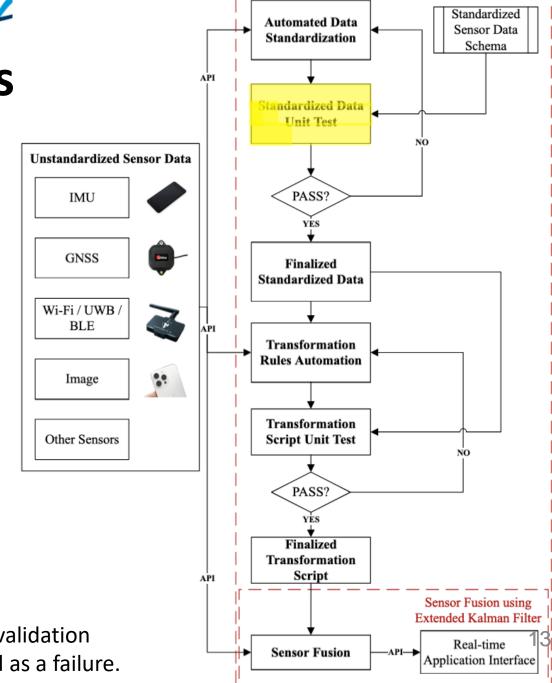
$$(\nu, e) = \mathcal{V}_{ADS}(\mathcal{S}, \sigma) = \begin{cases} 1, & \text{if } \operatorname{schema}(\mathcal{S}) \equiv \sigma \\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

• If errors are detected ($e \neq \emptyset$), these errors are fed back into the transformation function:

$$\mathcal{S} = \mathcal{F}_{\text{ADS}}(\mathcal{D}, e) = \bigcup_{i=1}^{N} \operatorname{adjust}(\mathcal{D}_i, e_i)$$

- > Validation Process
 - Library Used:
 - JSON Schema
 - Checks Performed:
 - Correct Data Types
 - Required Fields

Most datasets (24 out of 30) required only **one iteration** for successful validation The process typically completes in **5 iterations**; otherwise, it is regarded as a failure.



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Standardized Dataset Unit Tests – Edge Cases

Edge Case	Expected Outcome	Example Adjustments	Success Rate (%)
Non-uniform Units	Accurately convert various input units to predefined standard units.	Input units successfully standardized to meters and Unix nanoseconds.	89.47
Missing Entries	Appropriately handle missing data using default values.	Missing data entries were identified and marked as Null.	82.35
Unstructured Data	Correct non- conforming data structures to fit expected formats.	Unstructured data was reorganized to desired JSON format.	100.00
Data Type Mismatches	Convert various inputs into their corresponding numerical data types.	Textual strings were accurately converted and formatted as numerical data.	100.00



Transformation Rules Automation

> Overview

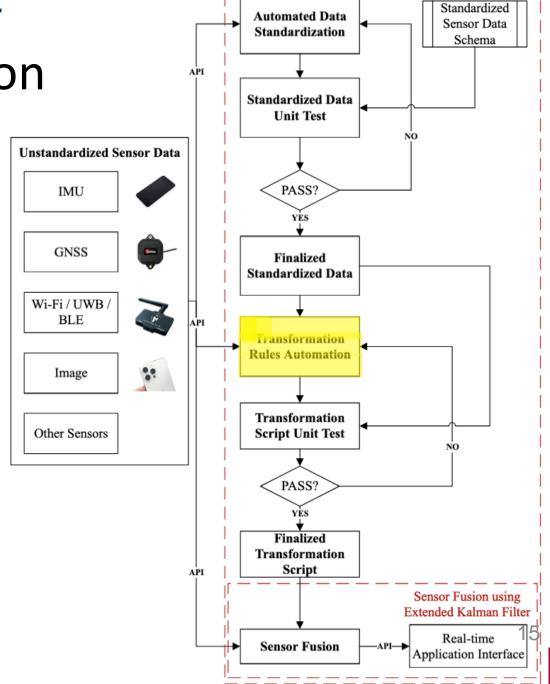
 TRGM leverages GPT-4-0613 to generate transformation script for standardization

> Transformation Process

$$\mathcal{T} = \mathcal{F}_{\text{TRA}}(\mathcal{S}, \mathcal{D}) = \bigcup_{i=1}^{M} \operatorname{transform}(\mathcal{S}_i, \mathcal{D}_i)$$

> Transformation Rules

Field Name	Data Type	Description
inputPath	String	JSONPath expression pointing to the
		source field in the input JSON structure.
outputPath	String	JSONPath expression pointing to the
		target field in the output JSON struc-
		ture.
transformation	Function	A function or expression used to trans-
		form the input data before mapping it
		to the output path.
Example		
inputPath	String	\$.sensor_data.Accelerometer.timestamp
outputPath	String	\$[?(@.name == 'Accelerometer')].time
transformation	Function	float(re.search(r'[-+]?*?+',
		value).group(0))



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Transformation Script Unit Tests

> Overview

- Ensure accuracy and functionality of transformation scripts generated by LLMs.
- Scripts convert input JSON data (I) into the standardized format (S).

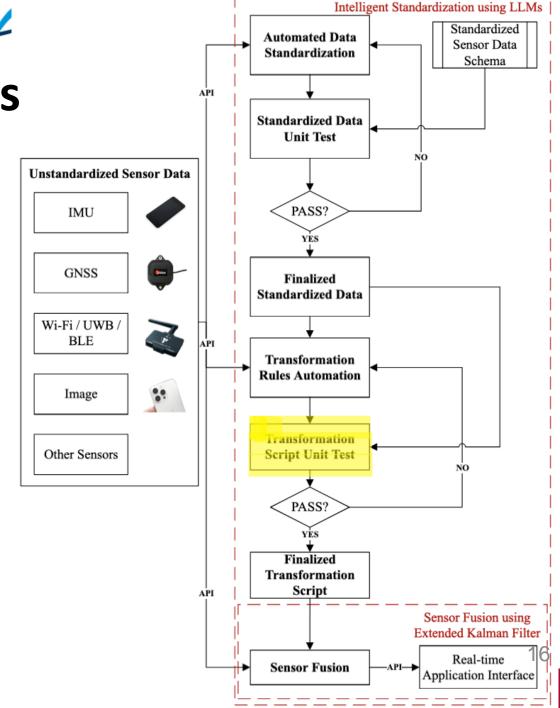
> Validation Function

$$(\nu, e) = \mathcal{V}_{TRA}(\mathcal{T}(\mathcal{D}), \mathcal{S}) = \begin{cases} 1, & \text{if } compare(\mathcal{T}(\mathcal{D}), \mathcal{S}) \\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

 If discrepancies or errors (e ≠ Ø) are identified, these errors are fed back into the transformation function:

$$\mathcal{T} = \mathcal{F}_{\mathsf{TRA}}(\mathcal{S}, \mathcal{D}, e) = \bigcup_{j=1}^{s} \mathsf{modify}(\mathcal{S}_j, \mathcal{D}_j, e_j)$$

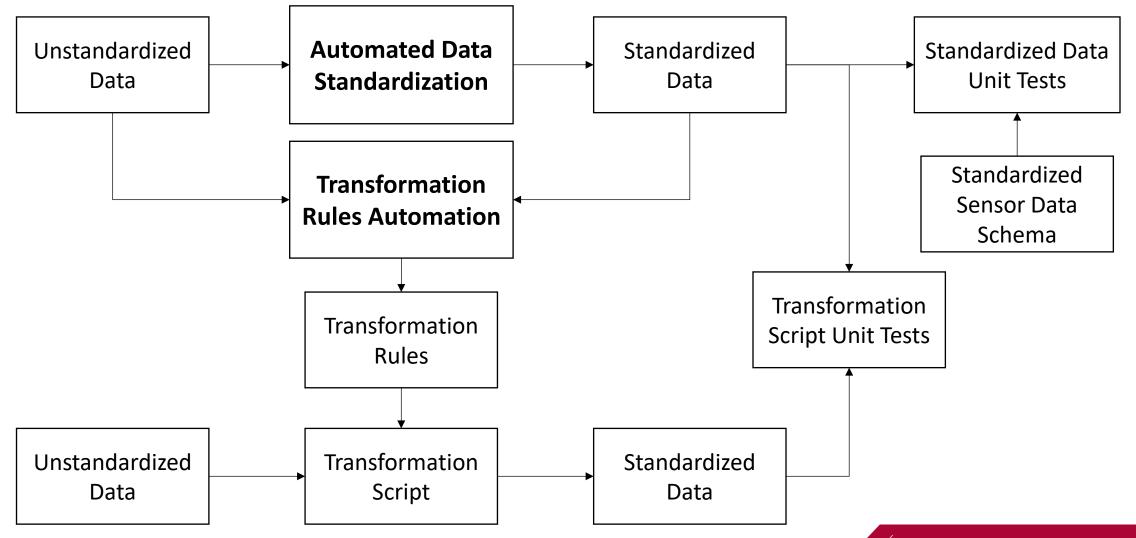
Process repeats until no errors are detected ($v = 1 \& e = \emptyset$).







Proposed Framework





Unstandardized Data

```
"sensor data": {
 "Accelerometer": {
    "timestamp": 1683302400000,
   "readings": {
      "x": 9.81,
      "y": 0.02,
      "z": -0.03
  "Magnetometer": {
    "timestamp": 1683302400000,
   "accuracy_level": 2,
   "coordinates": {
     "x": 0.012,
      "y": -0.030,
      "z": 0.022
  "Gyroscope": {
   "timestamp": 1683302400000,
   "axis": {
     "x": 1.23,
      "y": 0.45,
      "z": -0.67
```

Standardized Data

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"values": {
 "x": 1.23,
 "y": 0.45,
  "z": -0.67
```

Transformation Rules

```
"rules": [
    "inputPath": "$.sensor_data.Accelerometer.timestamp",
    "outputPath": "$[?(@.name == 'Accelerometer')].time"
    "inputPath": "$.sensor data.Accelerometer.readings.x",
    "outputPath": "$[?(@.name == 'Accelerometer')].values.x"
    "inputPath": "$.sensor data.Magnetometer.timestamp",
    "outputPath": "$[?(@.name == 'Magnetometer')].time"
    "inputPath": "$.sensor_data.Magnetometer.coordinates.x",
    "outputPath": "$[?(@.name == 'Magnetometer')].values.x"
    "inputPath": "$.sensor data.Gyroscope.timestamp",
    "outputPath": "$[?(@.name == 'Gyroscope')].time"
    "inputPath": "$.sensor data.Gyroscope.axis.x",
    "outputPath": "$[?(@.name == 'Gyroscope')].values.x"
```

Transformation Rules





Generic Transformation Script

```
def apply_transformation(input_JSON, transformation_rules):
    """Applies transformation rules to input JSON and produces output JSON."""
    output_JSON = {}

for rule in transformation_rules["rules"]:
    # Convert inputPath to list of keys for dictionary access
    input_keys = rule['inputPath'].replace('$.', ").split('.')
    value = get_from_dict(input_JSON, input_keys)

# Check if a transformation is needed and apply it
    if "transformation" in rule:
        transformation_code = rule["transformation"]
        value = eval(transformation_code)

# Convert outputPath to list of keys and set value in output JSON
    output_keys = rule['outputPath'].replace('$.', ").split('.')
    set_in_dict(output_JSON, output_keys, value)

return output_JSON
```

Change in Location

Change in Value

"speed": "1.5 m/s"

Transformation Rules

```
{
"rules": [
{"inputPath": "$.name", "outputPath": "$.name"},
{"inputPath": "$.time", "outputPath": "$.values.latitude"},
{"inputPath": "$.values.longitude", "outputPath": "$.values.longitude"},
{"inputPath": "$.values.altitude", "outputPath": "$.values.longitude"},
{"inputPath": "$.values.altitude", "outputPath": "$.values.altitude"},
{
    "inputPath": "$.values.speed",
    "outputPath": "$.values.speed",
    "transformation": "float(re.search(r'[-+]?\\d*\\.?\\d+', value).group(0))"
    "},
{"inputPath": "$.values.speedAccuracy", "outputPath": "$.values.speedAccuracy"},
{"inputPath": "$.values.bearingAccuracy", "outputPath": "$.values.bearingAccuracy"},
{"inputPath": "$.values.horizontalAccuracy", "outputPath": "$.values.horizontalAccuracy"},
{"inputPath": "$.values.verticalAccuracy", "outputPath": "$.values.verticalAccuracy"},
{"inputPath": "$.values.bearing", "outputPath": "$.values.bearing"}
}
```





Extended Kalman Filter (EKF)

> Method:

 The standardized data is passed to the Extended Kalman Filter (EKF) for sensor fusion.

> Outcome:

• The EKF integrates data from multiple sensors (GNSS, UWB, IMU, BLE...) to provide real-time positional and velocity estimates.

> State Transition Matrix & State Vector

$$\mathbf{F}_{k} = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{I}_{3 \times 3} & \Delta t \mathbf{I}_{3 \times 3} \\ \mathbf{0}_{3 \times 3} & \mathbf{I}_{3 \times 3} \end{bmatrix} \qquad \mathbf{x} = \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \\ v_{x} \\ v_{y} \\ v_{z} \end{bmatrix}$$

Sensor Type	Measurement Vector	Measurement Covariance Matrix
GNSS Receiver	$\mathbf{z}_{ ext{GNSS}} = egin{bmatrix} \phi_{ ext{GNSS}} \ \lambda_{ ext{GNSS}} \ h_{ ext{GNSS}} \end{bmatrix}$	$\begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{R}_{\text{GNSS}} & & = \\ 655.00 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 655.00 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 655.00 \end{bmatrix}$
UWB Sensor	$\mathbf{z}_{\text{UWB}} = \begin{bmatrix} x_{\text{UWB}} \\ y_{\text{UWB}} \\ z_{\text{UWB}} \end{bmatrix}$	$\begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{R}_{\text{UWB}} & & = \\ 1.00 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1.00 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1.00 \end{bmatrix} =$
Camera	$\mathbf{z}_{cam} = img_{cam}$	$\begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{R}_{\text{cam}} & & & = \\ 0.15 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0.15 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0.15 \end{bmatrix}$

Sensor Type	Control Input Vector	Control In- put Matrix	Process Noise Covariance	
IMU	$egin{array}{c} \mathbf{u}_{\mathrm{IMU}} &= & & & & & & & & & & & & & & & & & $	$ \mathbf{B}_{\text{IMU}} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\Delta t^2}{2} \mathbf{I}_{3 \times 3} \\ \Delta t \mathbf{I}_{3 \times 3} \end{bmatrix} $	$ \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{Q} & = \\ \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\sigma_a^2 \Delta t^4}{4} \mathbf{I}_{3 \times 3} & \frac{\sigma_a^2 \Delta t^3}{2} \mathbf{I}_{3 \times 3} \\ \frac{\sigma_a^2 \Delta t^3}{2} \mathbf{I}_{3 \times 3} & \sigma_a^2 \Delta t^2 \mathbf{I}_{3 \times 3} \end{bmatrix} $	

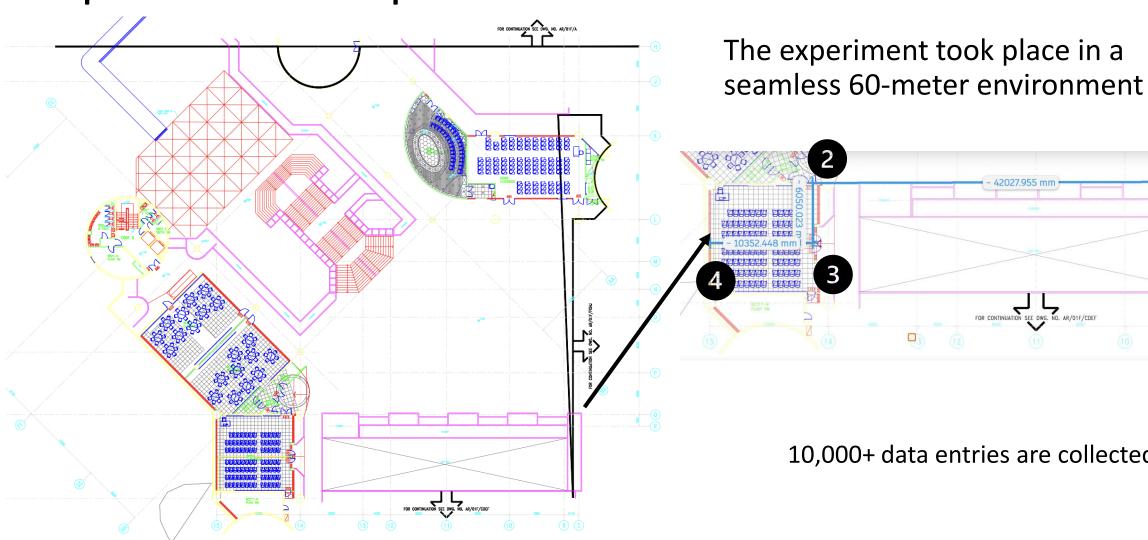


Experiment





Experiment Setup



The experiment took place in a

10,000+ data entries are collected





Experiment Setup

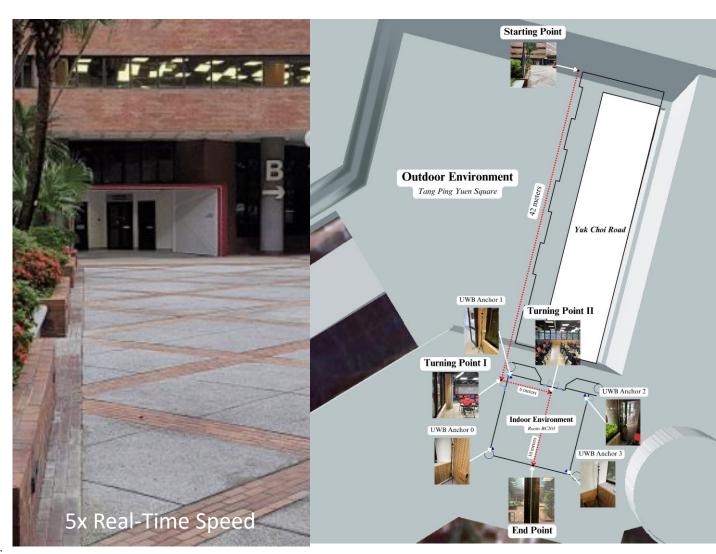
- > Streaming Sensors:
 - GNSS [11]
 - U-blox F9P
 - iPhone 14 Pro
 - UWB [12]
 - Nooploop LinkTrack P-A Series
 - VPS [13 14]
 - Samsung Galaxy Note 20 Ultra
 - IMU [15]
 - iPhone 14 Pro
- > Location
 - Tang Ping Yuen Square + BC203



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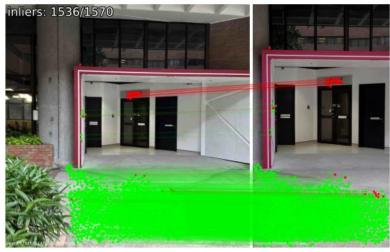
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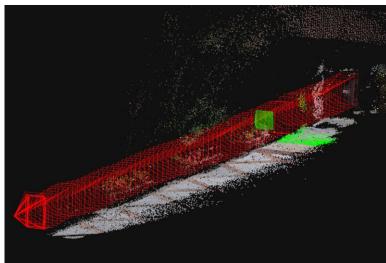




Experiment Setup Visual Positioning System*

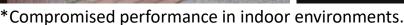






Ultra-wideband





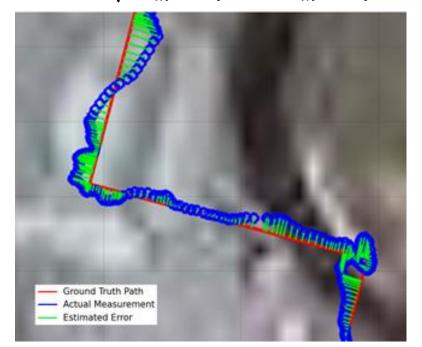


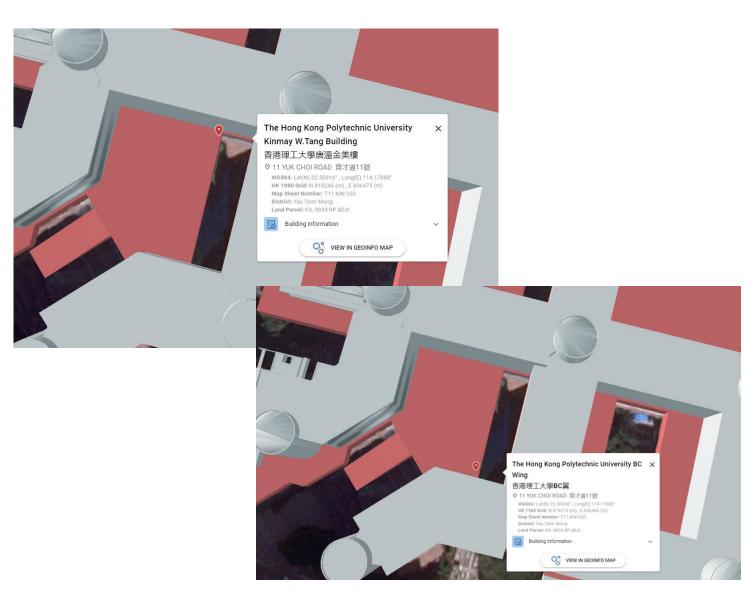


Experiment Setup

- > Ground Truth
 - HKSAR Gov's GeoInfo Map
 - Detailed Floor Plan
- > Absolute Trajectory Error (ATE)

•
$$E = \sqrt{(x_m - x_t)^2 + (y_m - y_t)^2}$$

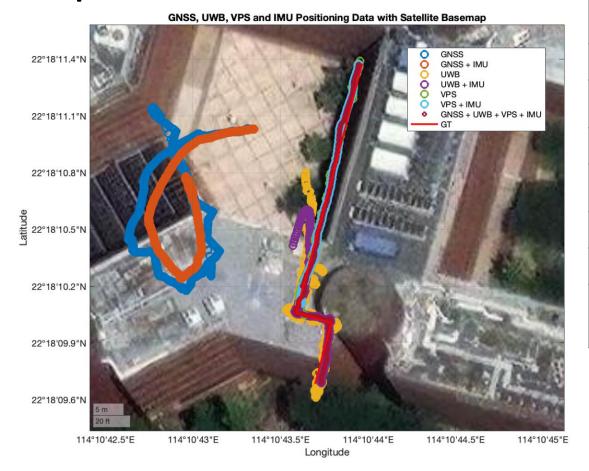






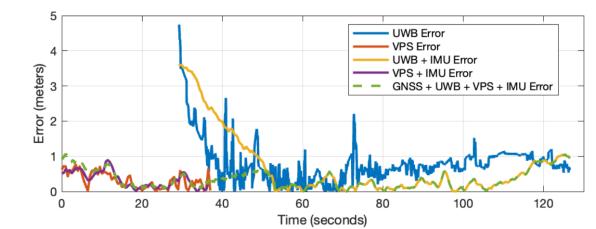


Experiment Results



Sensor data from multiple devices can be seamlessly fused under our proposed framework to achieve optimized positioning results.

Method	Mean Error (m)	Std. Dev. (m)	RMSE (m)	Median Error (m)	Max Error (m)
GNSS	25.02	5.47	25.61	25.21	33.75
GNSS + IMU	23.24	4.22	23.62	23.38	29.40
UWB	0.79	0.62	1.00	0.71	4.75
UWB + IMU	0.69	0.89	1.13	0.31	3.92
VPS	0.32	0.23	0.39	0.30	0.76
VPS + IMU	0.33	0.23	0.41	0.31	0.91
GNSS + VPS + UWB + IMU	0.33	0.24	0.41	0.27	0.95







Evaluation of Common Data Input Issues & Success Rate

> Non-uniform Units

- The framework achieved an 89.47% success rate in converting specified units to standard units
- Examples of correct and incorrect conversion:

Attribute	Input	Output	Correct Conver-
			sion?
Name	"UWB"	"UWB"	Yes
Time	1683302400000	1683302400000000000	Yes
X	180cm	1.8	Yes
Y	230cm	2.3	Yes
Z	420cm	4.2	Yes

Attributes	Input	Output	Correct Conver- sion?
Name	"UWB"	"UWB"	Yes
Time	1683302400000	1683302400000000000	Yes
X	180	180	No
Y	230	230	No
Z	420	420	No

Cause: The current system has some limitations in unit recognition.





Evaluation of Common Data Input Issues & Success Rate

- > Missing Entries
 - The framework demonstrated an 82.35% accuracy in identifying and labeling missing entries as Null
 - Example of incorrect conversion:

Attributes	Input	Output	Correct
			Conver-
			sion?
Name	"Location"	"Location"	Yes
Time	1683302400000	16833024000000000000	Yes
Latitude	0	0	Yes
Longitude	-122.4194	-122.4194	Yes
Altitude	10.0	10	Yes
Speed	(missing)	0	No
Speed	0.5	0.5	Yes
Accuracy			
Bearing	(missing)	0	No
Accuracy			
Horizontal	1.5	1.5	Yes
Accuracy			
Vertical	(missing)	0	No
Accuracy			
Bearing	(missing)	0	No

• Cause: The model often fail to recognize the absence of data correctly, mistakenly inserting default numeric values like 0 instead of Null with datasets that contain large or inconsistent missing entries.





Evaluation of Common Data Input Issues & Success Rate

- > Unstructured Data & Data Type Mismatches
 - The framework effectively addressed all issues related to these two issue types
 - Example of correct conversion of data type mismatches:

Attributes	Input	Output	Correct
			Conver-
			sion?
Name	"UWB"	"UWB"	Yes
Time	1683302400000	1683302400000000000	Yes
X	"1.8"	1.8	Yes
Y	"2.3"	2.3	Yes
Z	"4.2"	4.2	Yes





Conclusion

> Innovation

Successfully integrated LLMs with EKF for real-time sensor data standardization.

> Performance

- Reduced positioning errors to 0.33 meters by fusing data from diverse sensors.
- Achieved 89.47% accuracy for correcting non-uniform units.
- Achieved 82.35% accuracy for addressing missing data.
- Converted all Unstructured Data & Data Type Mismatches issue types.

> Limitations

- High computational demands in real-time and resource-constrained environments.
- Dependency on high-quality training data.
- Privacy concerns in dynamic environments.





Future Directions

- > Develop adaptive algorithms for real-time schema updates and environmental feedback.
- > Optimize **LLM training** to reduce computational overhead and handle edge cases.
- > Enhance data security and improve integration with both legacy and modern IoT infrastructures.





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