

AAE45 FYP Oral Presentation

FusionFly: A Scalable Open-Source Framework for **AI-Powered Positioning Data Standardization**

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We need positioning & navigation everywhere













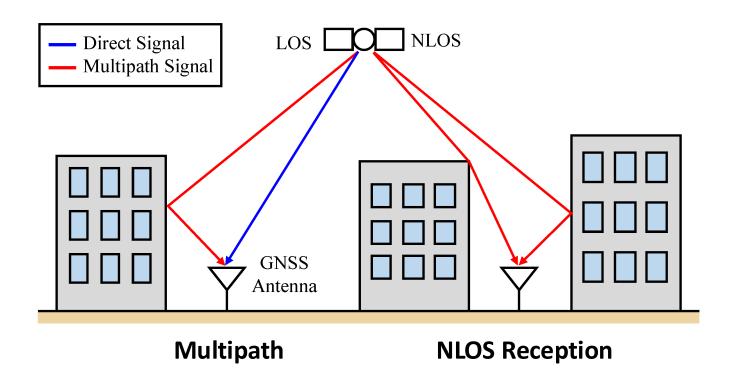
We live in Hong Kong, a highly dense city







GNSS is not always reliable



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Satellite Positioning and Navigation

- Provided a foundational understanding of GNSS and sensor integration
- Explained how GNSS gives accurate outdoor positioning but struggles in urban areas due to multipath interference (Groves, 2013)
- GNSS performance drastically reduces in areas with tall buildings, where signals are often blocked (Xu et al., 2020)
- Explored combing GNSS with IMUs and visual odometry (Yang & Li, 2015)

Track motion Estimate movement





Extended Kalman Filter

- Sensor fusion usually involves careful synchronization and calibration of sensor data
- Complex and time-consuming (Groves, 2013) (Zhao et al., 2019)
- Introduced an adaptive Kalman filter to reduce the manual effort involved in adjusting parameters
- Some manual tuning was still necessary (Yang et al., 2022)

Disadvantages

Limited Historical Data Utilization

Assumption of Gaussian Noise

Sensitivity to Initial Estimates

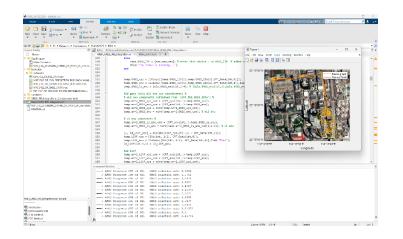
Sensitivity to Outliers





Factor Graph Optimization

- FGO can handle complex sensor interactions better than EKF, especially in dynamic environments (Wang et al., 2021)
- Explored hybrid approaches combining EKF and FGO
- Hybrid methods could balance computational efficiency and accuracy effectively (Chen et al., 2022)

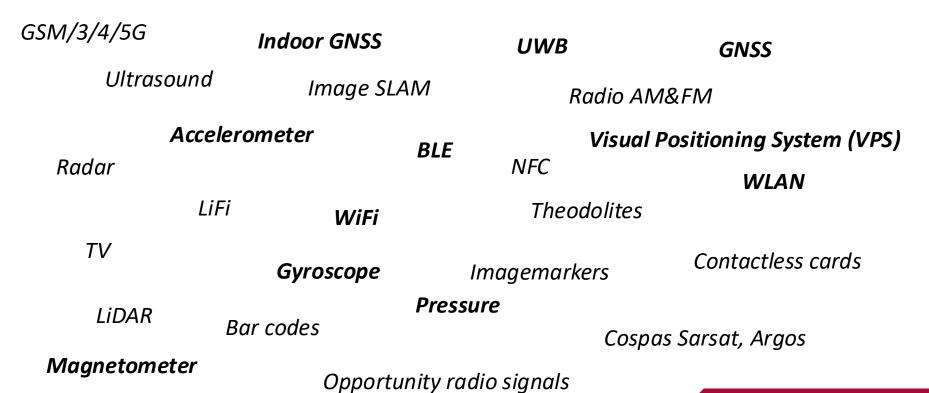


Our FGO algorithm is based on Li et al.'s open-source package





Sensor Fusion







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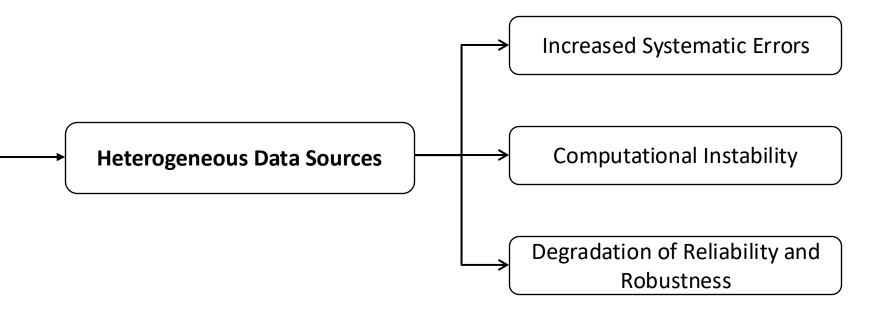
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Heterogeneous Data Sources











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Errors

Scalability

Computational cost

Real-time performance

Flexibility





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

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LLMs look good!

But how to actually build it?





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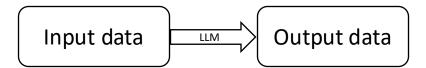
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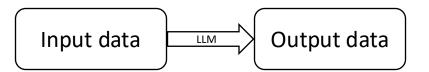






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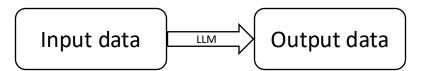




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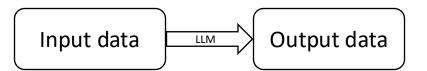




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Agentic workflow

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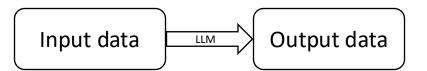


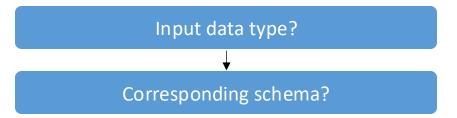


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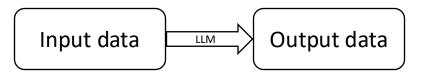


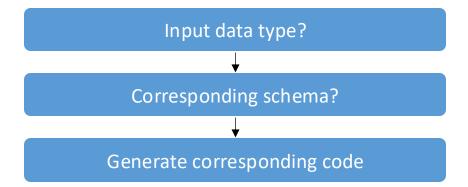


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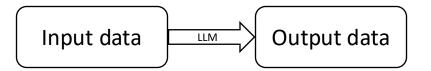


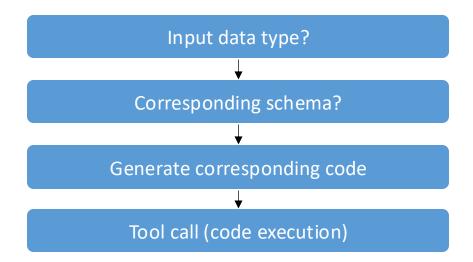


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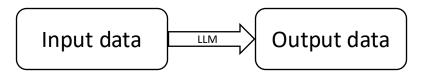


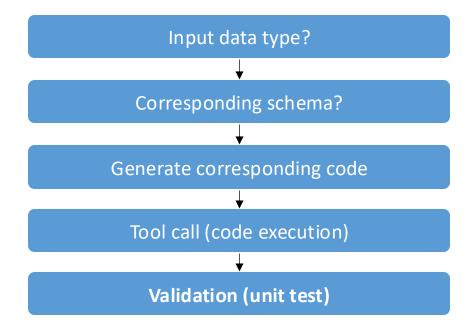


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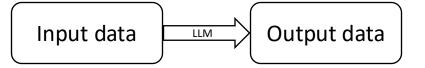


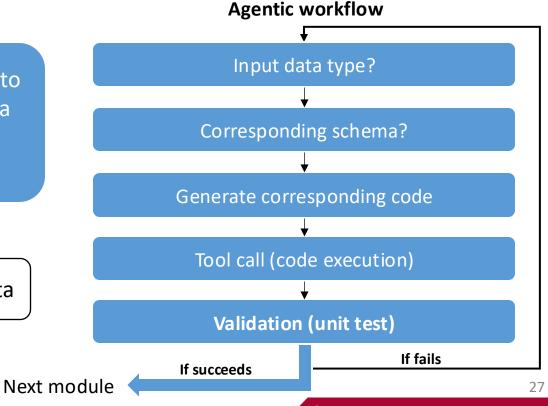


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Agentic Reasoning

Definition:

- Al Agents are autonomous software systems designed to perform complex tasks with minimal human intervention.
- They decompose high-level goals into sub-tasks, self-generate prompts, and use available tools (e.g., web browsing, code execution) to complete tasks.

Why They Matter:

- Shift from interactive chatbots (e.g., ChatGPT) to self-directed systems that proactively execute projects.
- Potential to revolutionize industries such as software development, business process automation, and personal assistance.





AutoGPT: Open-Source Agent Pioneer

Developed as an open-source AI agent that leverages OpenAI's APIs.

Key Features:

- Autonomous Task Planning: Automatically breaks down a given goal into sequential sub-tasks without continuous user input.
- Internet Connectivity: Uses web access and plug-ins to fetch real-time data and incorporate external
 information.
- Memory Management: Can manage short- and long-term memory through file and database storage to maintain context during multi-step tasks.
- Applications: From software prototyping to market research and content creation; it demonstrates a new level of task automation.

Significance:

- Sets a benchmark for integrating large language models (LLMs) with task automation.
- Inspires further development in multi-agent systems and highlights both potential and limitations (e.g., challenges with accuracy and potential infinite loops).





Devin AI: The Autonomous Software Engineer

Positioned as the "world's first AI software engineer"

Key Features:

- End-to-End Code Handling: Plans, writes, debugs, tests, and deploys code based on natural language prompts.
- Built-In Developer Tools: Equipped with its own command line, code editor, and web browser to access documentation and execute code in a sandboxed environment.
- Learning and Adaptation: Capable of learning from its errors and refining its approach over time.







Manus AI: The Chinese Contender

Positioned as the world's first fully autonomous general AI agent

Key Features:

- Fully Autonomous Operation: Completes complex, multi-step tasks from a single prompt.
- Multi-Agent Architecture: Utilizes specialized subagents that collaborate asynchronously in the cloud allowing it to work continuously even after user disconnection.
- Advanced Tool Integration: Capable of interacting with web browsers, executing code, and integrating with external systems to generate actionable outputs.
- Performance and Benchmarks: Claims state-of-the-art performance on the GAIA benchmark; some reports suggest it outperforms models like OpenAI's DeepResearch.









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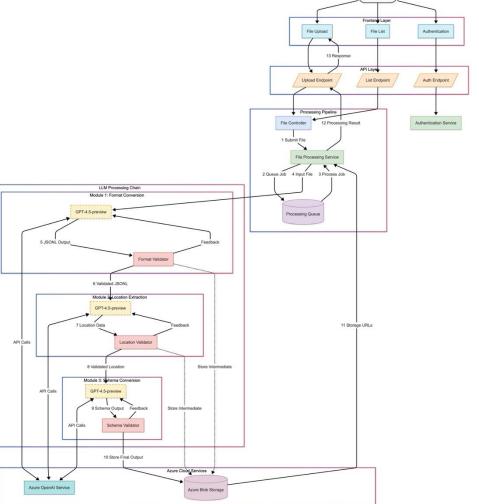




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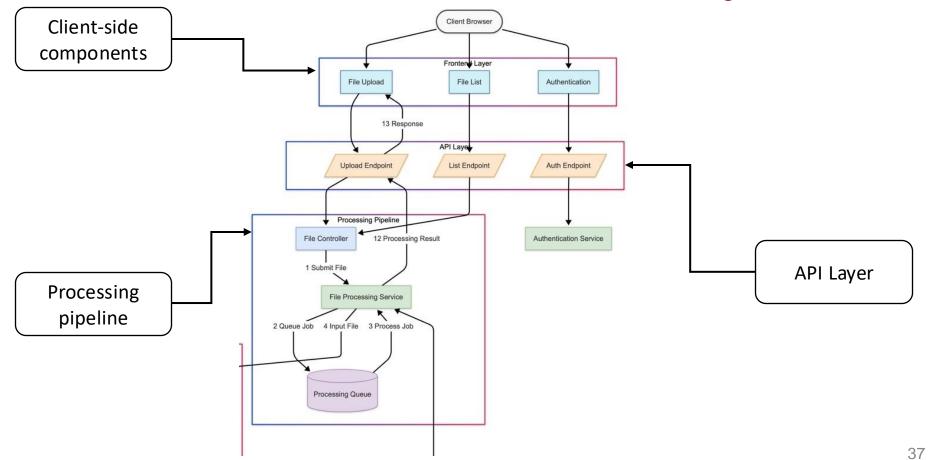
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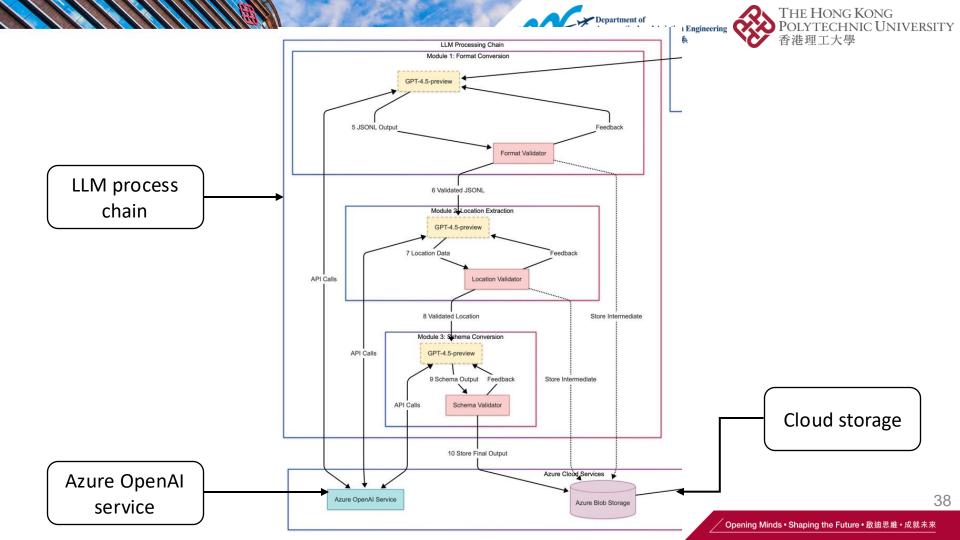


Client Browser



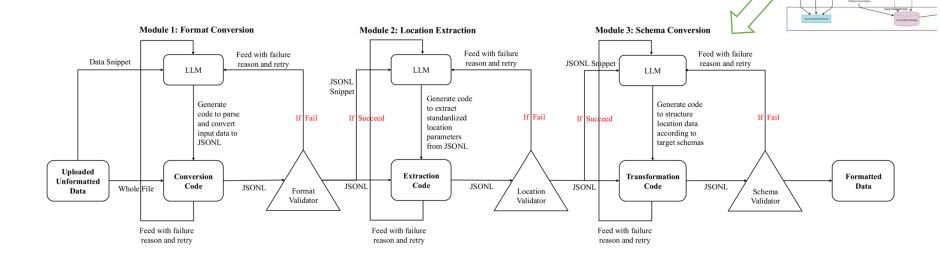








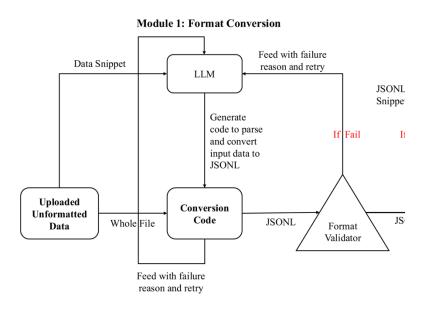
LLM Process Chain







Module 1: Format Conversion







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System Message:

You are a JavaScript developer tasked with writing NODE.JS CODE to convert data files.

Write a complete, executable Node.js script that will:

- Read the input file from "[inputPath]"
- 2. Parse the data based on the format
- 3. Convert to JSONL format (one JSON object per line)
- 4. Write the result to "[outputPath]"

YOUR RESPONSE MUST BE *ONLY* THE JAVASCRIPT CODE WITH NO EXPLANATIONS OR DESCRIPTIONS OUTSIDE THE CODE.

NO markdown formatting or code blocks.

[For NMEA data, additional instructions:]

NMEA Parsing Rules:

- 1. Parse each NMEA sentence based on type (GGA, RMC, GSV, etc.)
- 2. Extract timestamps from data
- 3. Convert coordinates to decimal degrees
- 4. Extract all available data from each sentence





Module 1: Format Conversion

User Message:

JAVASCRIPT CODE GENERATION TASK:

Write a Node.js script to:

- 1. Read the file: "[inputPath]"
- 2. Parse each line of the [FORMAT] format data
- 3. Convert each line to a JSON object
- 4. Write the resulting JSONL to: "[outputPath]"

Requirements:

- Use Node.js fs module
- Handle the entire file processing
- Include error handling
- BE COMPLETELY SELF-CONTAINED AND EXECUTABLE

INPUT SAMPLES:

[sample data from input file]

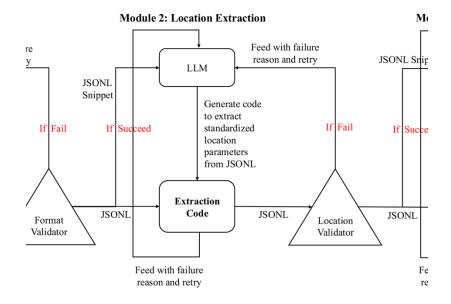
[For NMEA, additional instructions:] Parsing guidelines:

- Parse each valid NMEA line to a JSON object
- Extract all relevant data
- Convert coordinates to decimal degrees
- Include timestamp information when available





Module 2: Location Extraction







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System Message:

You are a JavaScript developer tasked with writing NODE.JS CODE to extract location data.

Write a complete, executable Node.js script that will:

- 1. Read the ENTIRE input JSONL file from "[inputPath]"
- 2. Extract ONLY location-related information from each JSON object
- 3. Convert to JSONL format (one JSON object per line)
- 4. Write the result to "[outputPath]"

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Module 2: Location Extraction

User Message:

JAVASCRIPT CODE GENERATION TASK:

Write a Node.js script to:

- 1. Read the ENTIRE file: "[inputPath]"
- 2. Extract location data from each JSON object
- 3. Transform each line to a new JSON object with location data
- 4. Write the resulting JSONL to: "[outputPath]"

Requirements:

- Use Node.js fs module
- Handle the entire file processing (potentially thousands of records)
- Include error handling
- BE COMPLETELY SELF-CONTAINED AND EXECUTABLE

CRITICAL INSTRUCTION: I am showing you only SAMPLES from the input file below. Your script must process the ENTIRE FILE, not just these samples.

INPUT SAMPLE:

[sample data from second conversion input] REQUIRED OUTPUT FIELDS PER LINE:

- timestamp_ms: number (Unix timestamp in milliseconds)
- latitude: number (decimal degrees, between -90 and 90)
- longitude: number (decimal degrees, between -180 and 180)
- altitude: number (meters, if available, otherwise null)
- hdop: number (horizontal dilution of precision, if available, otherwise null)





Module 3: Schema Conversion

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Property	GNSS Schema	IMU Schema
Top-Level Structure	Object with position data	Object with motion data
Required Fields	time_unix, position_lla	time_unix, linear_acceleration, angular_velocity, orientation
Time Field	time_unix (number)	time_unix (number)
Position Data	position_lla object with: - latitude_deg (-90 to 90) - longitude_deg (-180 to 180) - altitude_m	Not applicable
Motion Data	Not applicable	Three motion components:1. linear_acceleration (x, y, z)2. angular_velocity (x, y, z)3. orientation (w, x, y, z quaternion)
Quality Metrics	- clock_error_estimate (number)- dop (Dilution of Precision)	Not applicable
Coordinate System	Geographic (lat/lon/alt)	Cartesian (x, y, z)
Units	– Latitude/Longitude: degrees– Altitude: meters	 Acceleration: m/s² Angular velocity: rad/s Orientation: quaternion (unitless)
Data Source	GNSS/GPS receivers, RINEX, NMEA	IMU sensors, accelerometers, gyroscopes





Module 3: Schema Conversion

Submodule 1:

Schema

Conversion LLM



Submodule 2:

Conversion Script LLM





System Message:

You are a data format conversion specialist.

Your task is to directly convert the input JSON data to match the target schema.

DO NOT write code or explanations.

ONLY return the converted JSON objects, one per line.

Each converted object must strictly conform to the target schema.

User Message:

Convert these input JSON objects to match the target schema:

TARGET SCHEMA:

```json

[GNSS or IMU schema]

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INPUT JSON (one object per line):

[sample data from Module 2]

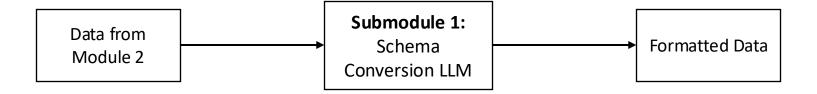
#### FIELD MAPPING:

[GNSS or IMU specific field mapping]

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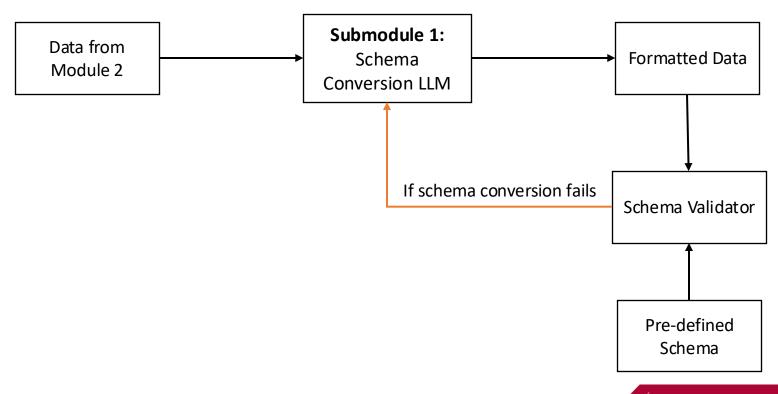






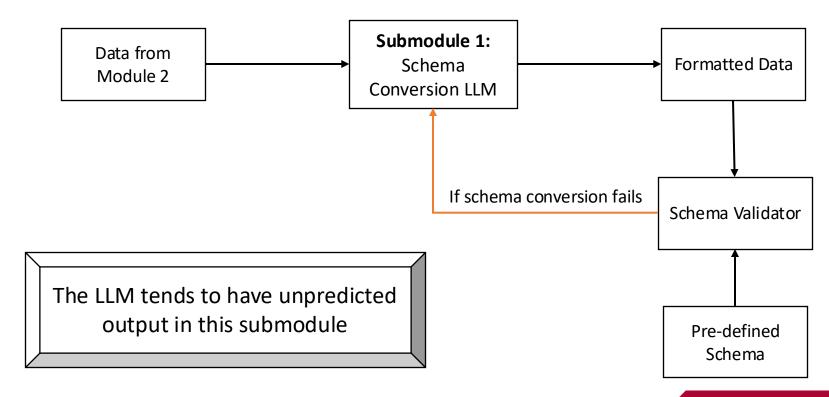
















# Submodule 1: Supervised Fine-tuning (SFT)

### Fine-Tuning & Training

- Dataset: 800 training + 200 validation pairs
- Structure: JSONL.

### **Training Loss**

 The training loss curve shows a consistent decrease, indicating effective learning.

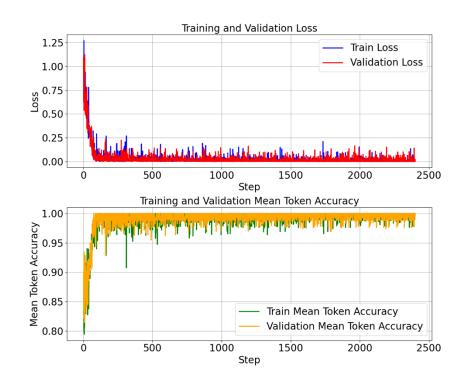
#### **Validation Loss**

 The validation loss curve stabilizes after an initial decrease around 200 steps.

#### Mean Token Accuracy

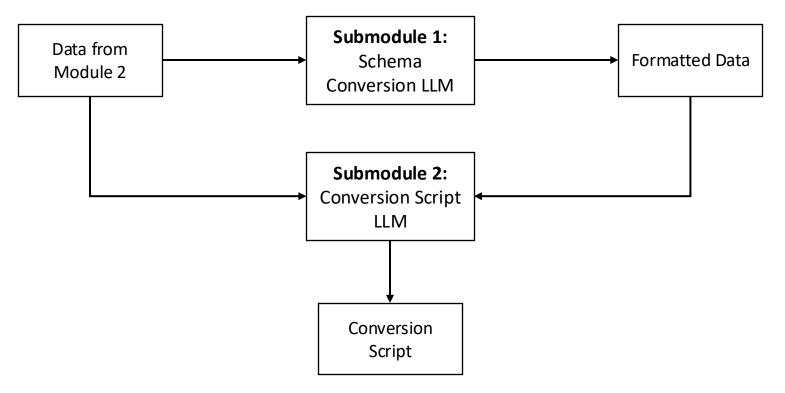
 Training accuracy rises rapidly and stabilizes at a high level, while validation accuracy remains consistently above 98%, confirming effective generalization.

As expected, lower validation loss corresponds to higher validation accuracy.













### System Message:

You are a JavaScript developer tasked with writing a NODE.JS TRANSFORMATION SCRIPT to convert data according to a specific schema.

Write a complete, executable Node.js script that will:

- 1. Read the ENTIRE input JSONL file from "[inputPath]"
- 2. Transform each JSON object to match the required schema structure
- 3. Convert to JSONL format (one JSON object per line)
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You have been provided with both raw input data and an example of how it should be transformed.

Analyze both to understand the transformation pattern, then create a script to apply this pattern to all records.





#### User Message:

JAVASCRIPT CODE GENERATION TASK:

Write a Node.js transformation script to:

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TARGET SCHEMA:

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[GNSS or IMU schema]

CRITICAL INSTRUCTION: I am showing you sample data below. Your script must process the ENTIRE FILE, not just these samples.

INPUT SAMPLE (raw data):

[sample data from Module 2]

CONVERTED SAMPLE (how the data should look after transformation):

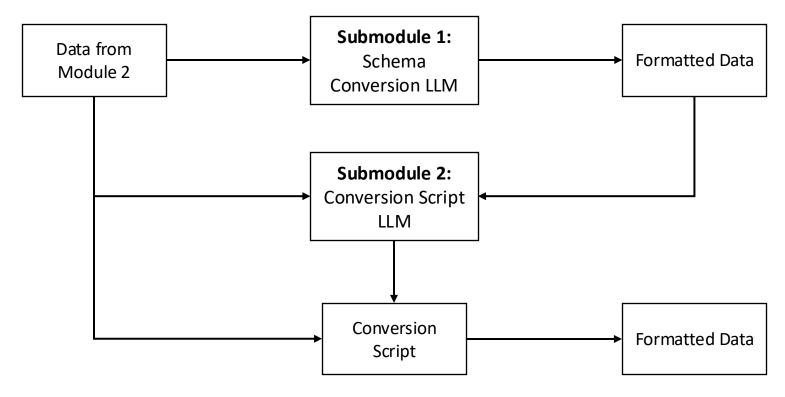
[output from Submodule 1]

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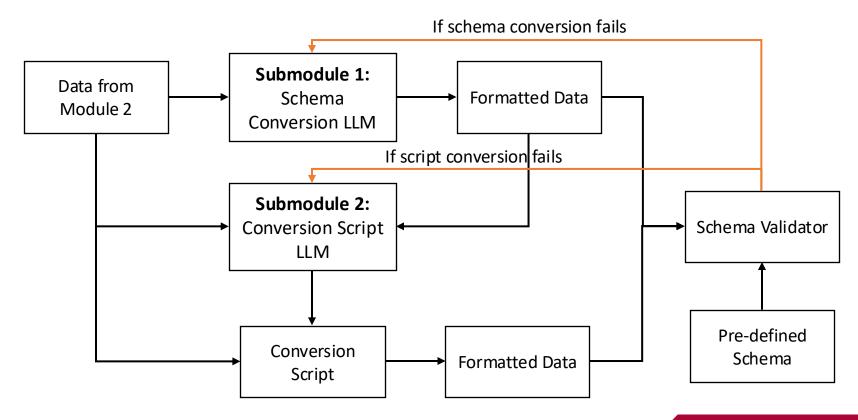








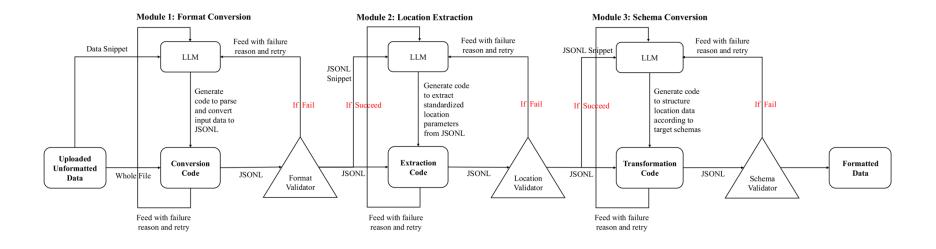
Module 3: Schema Conversion







LLM Process Chain







Backend Architecture

Language & Framework:

Node.js with Express and TypeScript

Structure:

 Follows MVC pattern with dedicated routes, controllers, and services

API Routes:

- Authentication (/api/auth/*) User registration, login, profile management
- File Processing (/api/files/*) File upload, processing, listing, and download

Error Handling:

Comprehensive error handling with fallback mechanisms

Deployment:

 Azure-ready with configuration for production environments

File Processing Pipeline:

- Multer for file uploads with custom storage and validation
- Bull queue system for asynchronous processing
- Multi-step conversion process





Frontend Stack

Framework: React with React Router for navigation

State Management: Local state and React hooks

Authentication: Token-based auth with localStorage

API Communication: Axios with interceptors for auth token handling

Components:

- Protected routes requiring authentication
- · File upload with multi-file handling
- File listing and downloading
- User authentication (login/register) forms

UI: Modern styling with Tailwind CSS





Database Integration

Primary Database: Azure Cosmos DB

- Container: users with email as partition key
- Database: fusionfly-db

Local Development Fallback: File-based JSON storage system

- Automatic directory creation for local storage
- Structured fallback mechanism for development without Azure

Storage: Azure Blob Storage

Organized containers for uploads, processed data, and results

Local Fallback: Directory-based file storage

Automatic creation of needed directories





Demo Video



https://youtu.be/oGyyChs1mSo





Benchmark

Comprehensive Test Cases

 The benchmark directory includes various test cases for normal scenarios (Medium Urban Environment with NMEA/OBS) and edge cases (missing data, corrupted data, format variations).

Scientific Evaluation Approach

 Rigorous scientific framework for evaluating transformation quality rather than just positioning performance.

```
benchmark dataset/
                 # Raw, unformatted navigation data
    ·raw/
      gnss/
                   # NMEA format GNSS data
         nmea/
                 # RINEX observation format GNSS data
         obs/
      - imu/
                 # Raw IMU data in CSV format
    standardized/
                     # Standardized data following the schema
       gnss data/
                    # Standardized GNSS data
     -imu data/
                    # Standardized IMU data
    test_cases/
                   # Test cases for benchmarking
      - normal/
                   # Normal scenarios
                   # Medium Urban Environment (GNSS NMEA + IMU)
         case1/
         -case2/
                   # Medium Urban Environment (GNSS OBS + IMU)
        -case3/
                  # Tunnel Environment (IMU only)
      edge cases/ # Edge cases for robustness testing
        – missing data/ # Data with missing fields
         corrupted data/ # Data with corrupted values
        format variations/# Variations in data format
    ·metadata/
                    # Dataset metadata
       dataset info.json
                             # General information about the dataset
      sensor specifications.json # Specifications of sensors used
      schema documentation.json # Documentation of the standardized schema
   evaluation/
                   # Evaluation tools
                   # Script for evaluating conversion accuracy
      benchmark.py # Script for benchmarking conversion speed
     results template/ # Templates for evaluation results
```





Dataset – Normal Scenario

Medium Urban Environment with NMEA (case1)

- Complete GNSS (NMEA format) and IMU data
- Typical urban canyon with high-rising buildings
- Real data from UrbanNav Dataset

Medium Urban Environment with OBS (case2)

- Complete GNSS (RINEX OBS format) and IMU data
- Same environment as case1 but with different GNSS format
- Real data from UrbanNav Dataset

Tunnel Environment (case3)

- IMU data only (no GNSS)
- Simulates tunnel environment with no GNSS reception
- Uses real IMU data from UrbanNav Dataset





Dataset – Edge Cases

Missing Data

GNSS data with missing position

GNSS data with missing time

GNSS data with missing DOP

IMU data with missing linear acceleration

IMU data with missing angular velocity

IMU data with missing orientation

Corrupted Data

GNSS data with invalid coordinates

GNSS data with extreme DOP values

GNSS data with inconsistent timestamps

IMU data with outliers in acceleration

IMU data with NaN values

IMU data with inconsistent timestamps

Format Variation

NMEA data with different sentence types

RINEX observation data with varying satellite counts

IMU data with different field ordering

IMU data with extra fields

IMU data with different units

GNSS data with different position formats (ECEF vs. LLA)





Evaluation Metrics

Data Field Accuracy Metrics Robustness Metrics





Data Field Accuracy Metrics

Core Principle:

 Point-by-point comparison between ground truth and transformed data

Matching Algorithm:

- Pairs data points by closest timestamps (within 0.1s threshold)
- Uses dot notation to access nested fields (e.g., position_lla.latitude_deg)
- Evaluates numerical differences across all relevant navigation parameters

Implementation

```
# Field comparison logic
for gt_entry in ground_truth_data:
    # Find closest timestamp in converted data
    closest_entry =
find_closest_by_timestamp(converted_data, gt_entry)

# If match found within threshold
if closest_entry and time_difference < 0.1:
    # Calculate absolute error for each field
    error = abs(gt_value - conv_value)
    errors.append(error)</pre>
```





Data Field Accuracy Metrics – Scoring

Mean Absolute Error (MAE):

- mae = np.mean(errors) Average absolute difference
- Simple, interpretable measure of error magnitude

Root Mean Square Error (RMSE):

- rmse = sqrt(mean(errors²)) Penalizes larger errors
- Key metric for assessing overall accuracy

Normalized RMSE (NRMSE):

- nrmse = rmse / (max_original min_original)
- Makes errors comparable across different measurement types





Robustness Metrics

Core Principle:

Systematic testing with intentionally degraded data

Quantifies resilience to real-world data issues including:

- Missing data points
- Corrupted values (extreme/invalid readings)
- Inconsistent sampling rates
- Special values (NaN, infinite)

Test Case Design:

- Controlled corruption of specific data points
- Various degrees of data degradation (5%, 10%, 20%, 30%)
- Multiple error types tested independently

Implementation

```
{
"time_unix": 1621218775.5489783,
"linear_acceleration": {
"x": 100.0, // Extreme value (corrupted)
"y": -100.0, // Extreme value (corrupted)
"z": 100.0 // Extreme value (corrupted)
},
"angular_velocity": {
"x": -0.0562, "y": 0.0114, "z": -0.0098
}
}
```





Data Field Accuracy Metrics – Scoring

Success Rate:

- success_rate = successful_conversions / total_test_cases
- Measures basic ability to process problematic inputs

Error Recovery Rate:

- recovery_rate = properly_handled / total_corrupted_points
- Assesses how well the system identifies and handles anomalies

Accuracy Under Stress:

- Combines field accuracy metrics on edge case data
- Measures degradation compared to normal condition





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More testing are needed

Can we introduce a supervising agent to make the pipeline more robust?





Future Work

Integrate standardized data output with FGO Create a complete pipeline from raw data to highly accurate position estimates Help in real-world applications (Autonomous vehicles; Indoor navigation)





Future Work

Expanding FusionFly to support more types of sensors and data formats

Positioning systems often use additional sensors (Cameras; UWB)

Allow FusionFly to be used more widely in various applications (Smart city solutions)





Thank you for your attention!

Questions, Comments and Collaboration are welcome.

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