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Precise GNSS Positioning for Mass-Market Applications

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Why "Precise GNSS Positioning" for mass-market applications?

- Self-driving cars: require up to cm accuracy for driving assistance/automation
- UAV: requires precise location info to fly in challenging environments
- LBS: precision increases values of services







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Mass-market application requireemnts and challenges

Small, light and low-cost system, continuous and valid positioning solution...

Challenges

- Equipment: they are using low-cost receivers: higher noise level, sensitive to dynamics, frequent cycle slips, biases in mesurmeents
- Environment: they are operating in challenging signal environments: poor visibility, multipath, loss of corrections
- Positioning Technology: RTK is limited by coverage/cost and PPP suffers slow convergence for mass-market applications
- Correction Service: high update rate of corrections and cost are obstacles for mass-market applications





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Innovation areas and some recent efforts



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New low-cost receiver signal tracking architecture

- Carrier phase measurements are limited by antenna, oscillator quality and tracking algorithms, resulting in higher noise level, more cycle slips, high sensitivity to dynamics.
- An adaptive joint vector architecture is proposed to improve tracking performance with low-cost oscillators and high dynamics.



Scalar PLL v.s. Joint VPLL



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Scalable update rate for correction service

- Reducing the updata rate of corrections
- Transmission of Initial Parameters to allow scalable update rate of correction srvice
- Mitigating loss of corrections, reducing correction service cost, increasing availability, enhancing system robustness





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Fast PPP (no-convergence)

- New positioning algorithm development
- Fast precision availability with no convergence time
- Maximizing precision to meet mass-market application requirements





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- There are significant demands for "precise GNSS positioning technology" to support mass-market applications
- All receivers including chipsets will output phase measurements, soon as an industry norm, which will affect future precision GNSS products and applications
- Mass-market applications require "precision" obtainable with low-cost receivers, low-cost correction services, and high availability/robustness
- Some solutions are proposed which require further studies towards product development









