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# AV POSE

- **MAP:** High-def map of ODD
- **MISSION:** Provide destination
- **GO:** Navigate to destination

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- *Position*
  - *Orientation*
  - *Speed*
  - *Acceleration*
  - *Orientation rates*



# GPS-Based Guidance

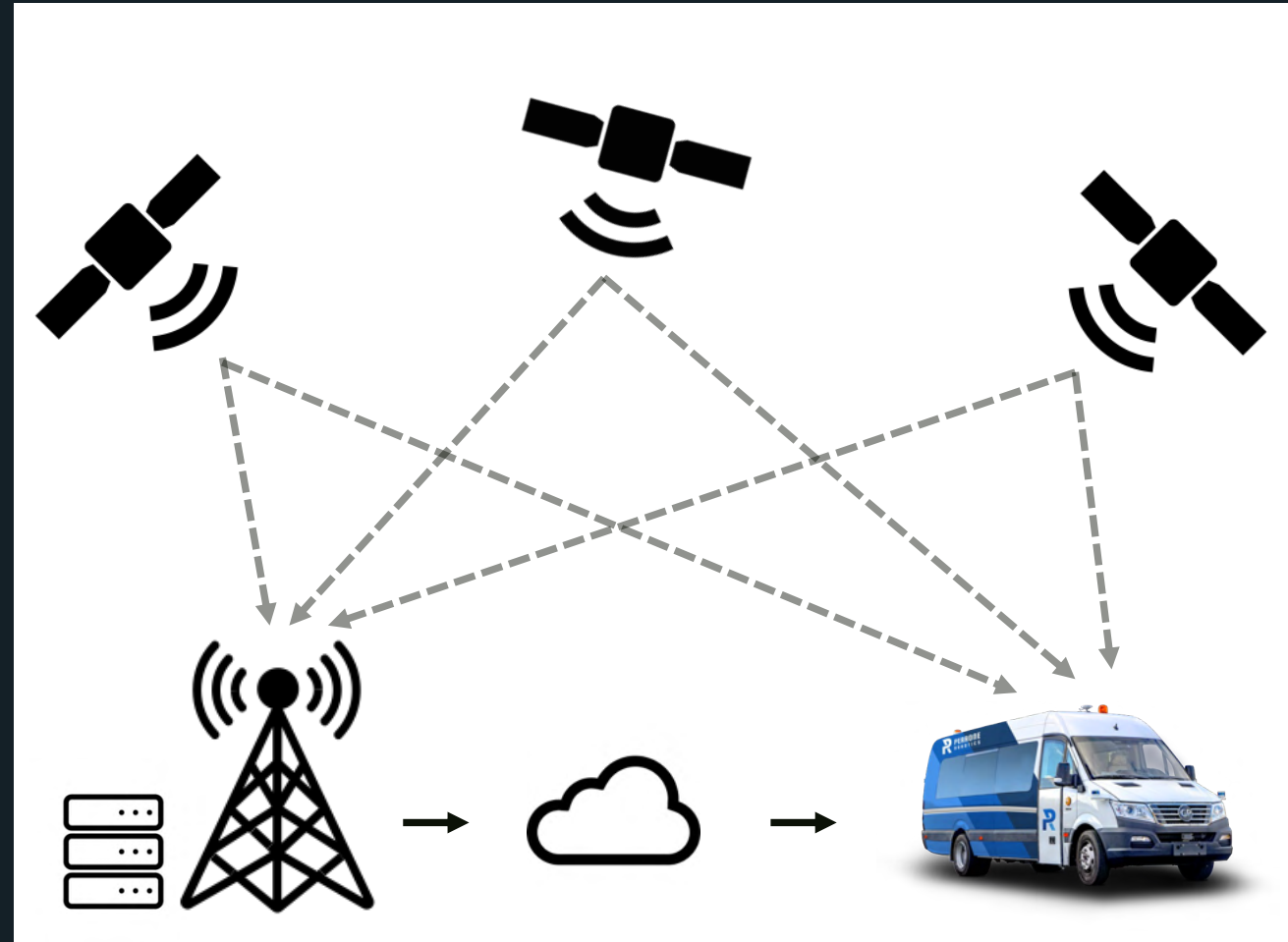
- **ODDs with surveyable GPS**
- **Characterization of routes**
- **Dual antennas**
- **Static & dynamic heading**
- **Encoders & position derived speed**
- **Flexible constellation selection**
- **Built-in & augmented filtering**



# RTK Corrections

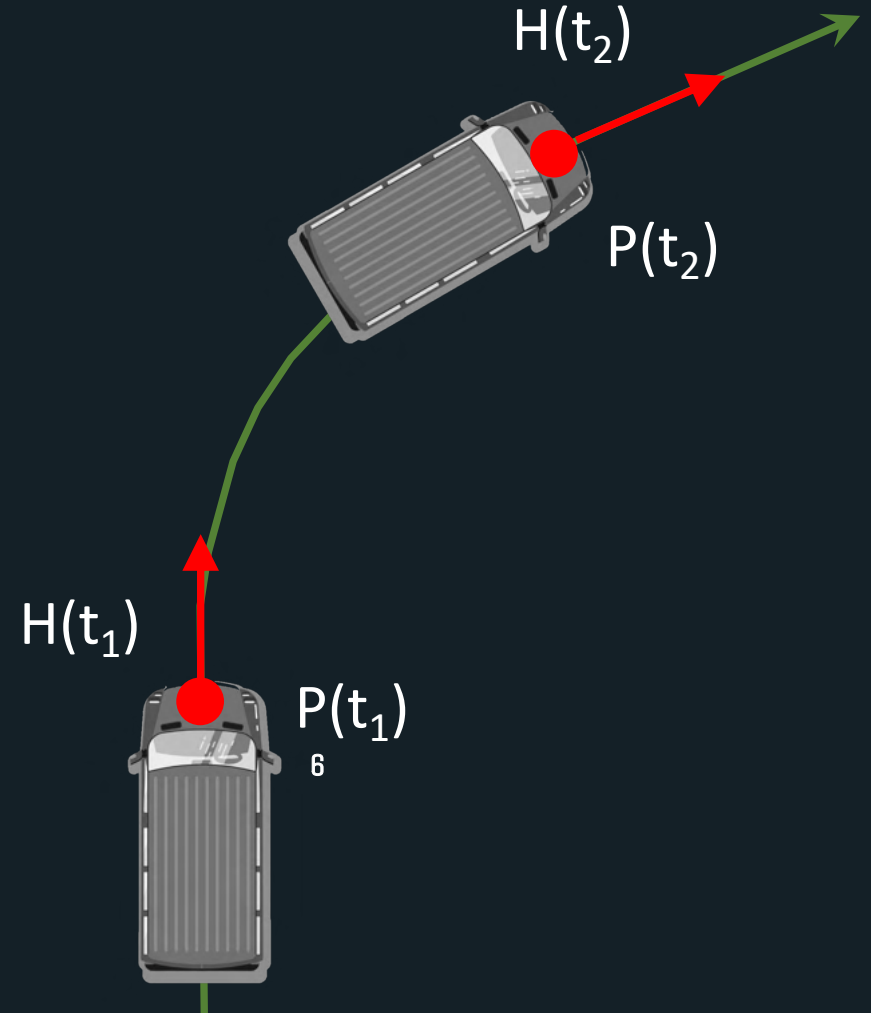
RTK: Real Time Kinematics

- **Correction service for position accuracy**
- **Cellular-based corrections**
  - Redundant cell service
  - Signal enhancement
- **Satellite-based corrections**
- **Fixed base stations**



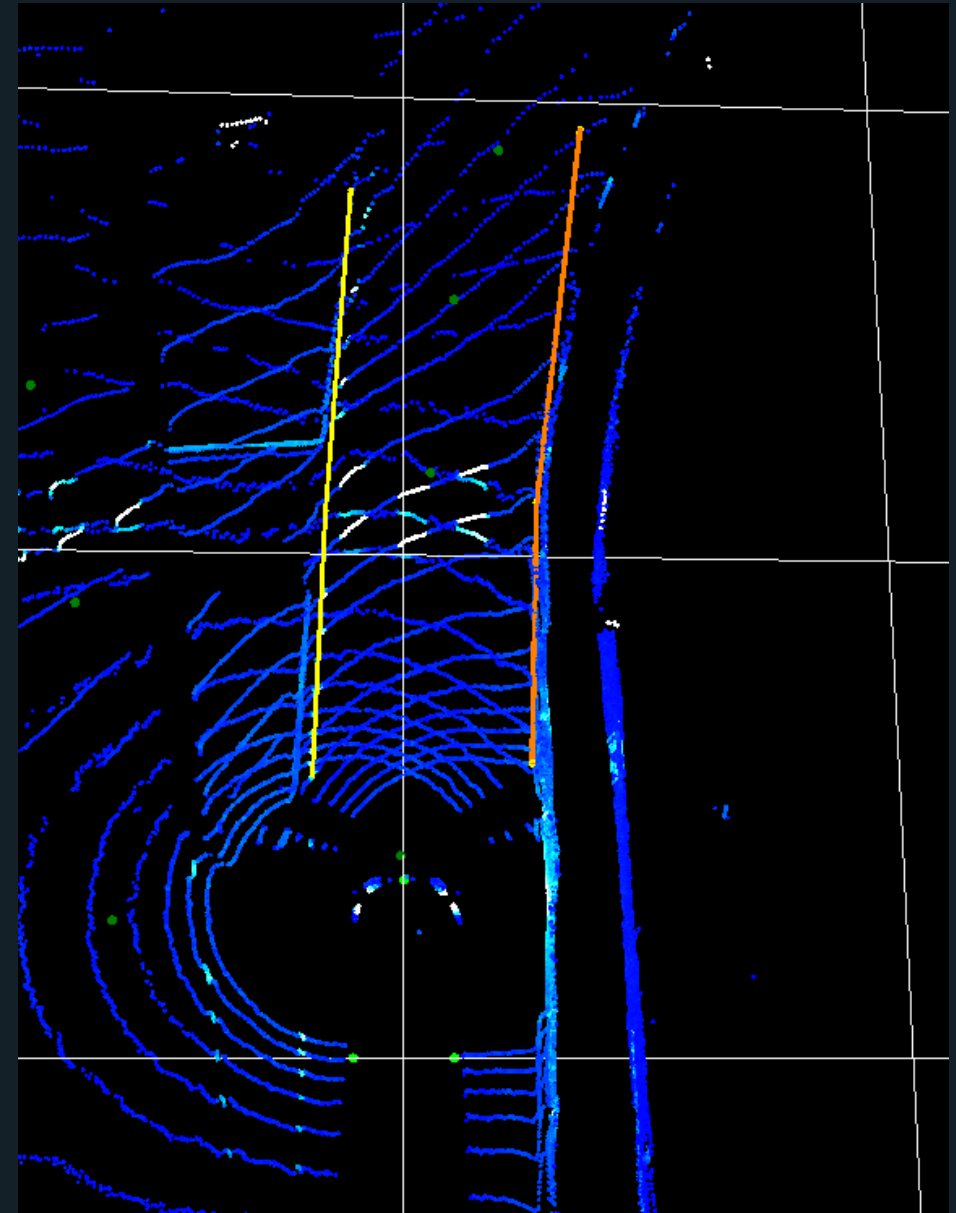
# Dead Reckoning

- Projection of positions & heading in degraded conditions
- Short distance “patch”



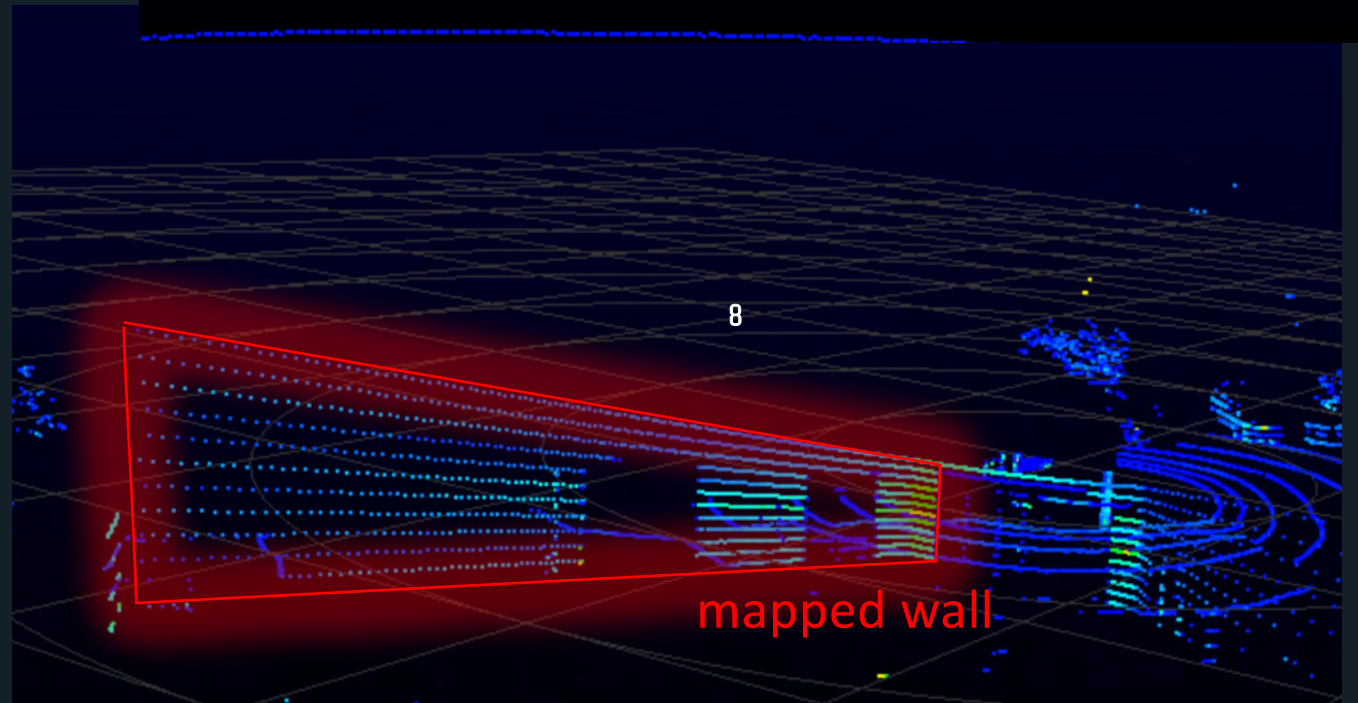
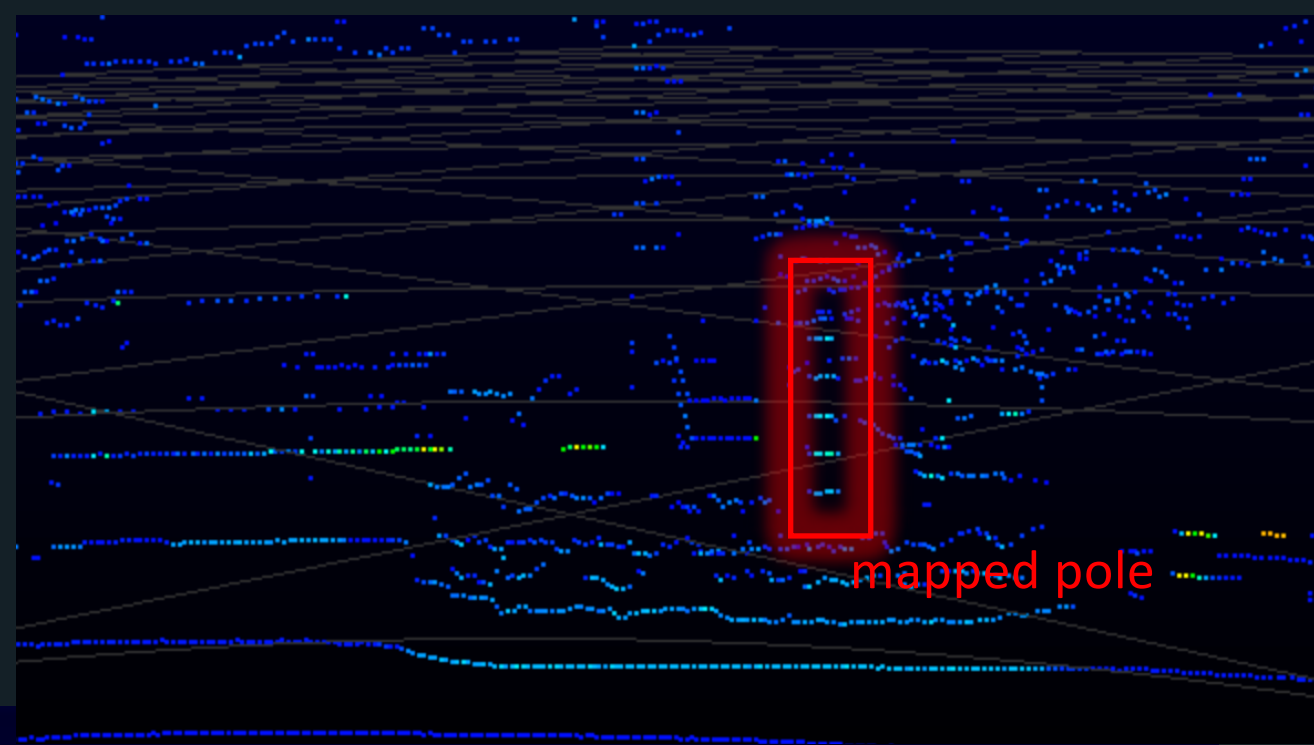
# Lane Keeping

- Lane lines & curbs
- Paved/gravel/grass/dirt
- Lateral position alignment
- Longitudinal position estimation

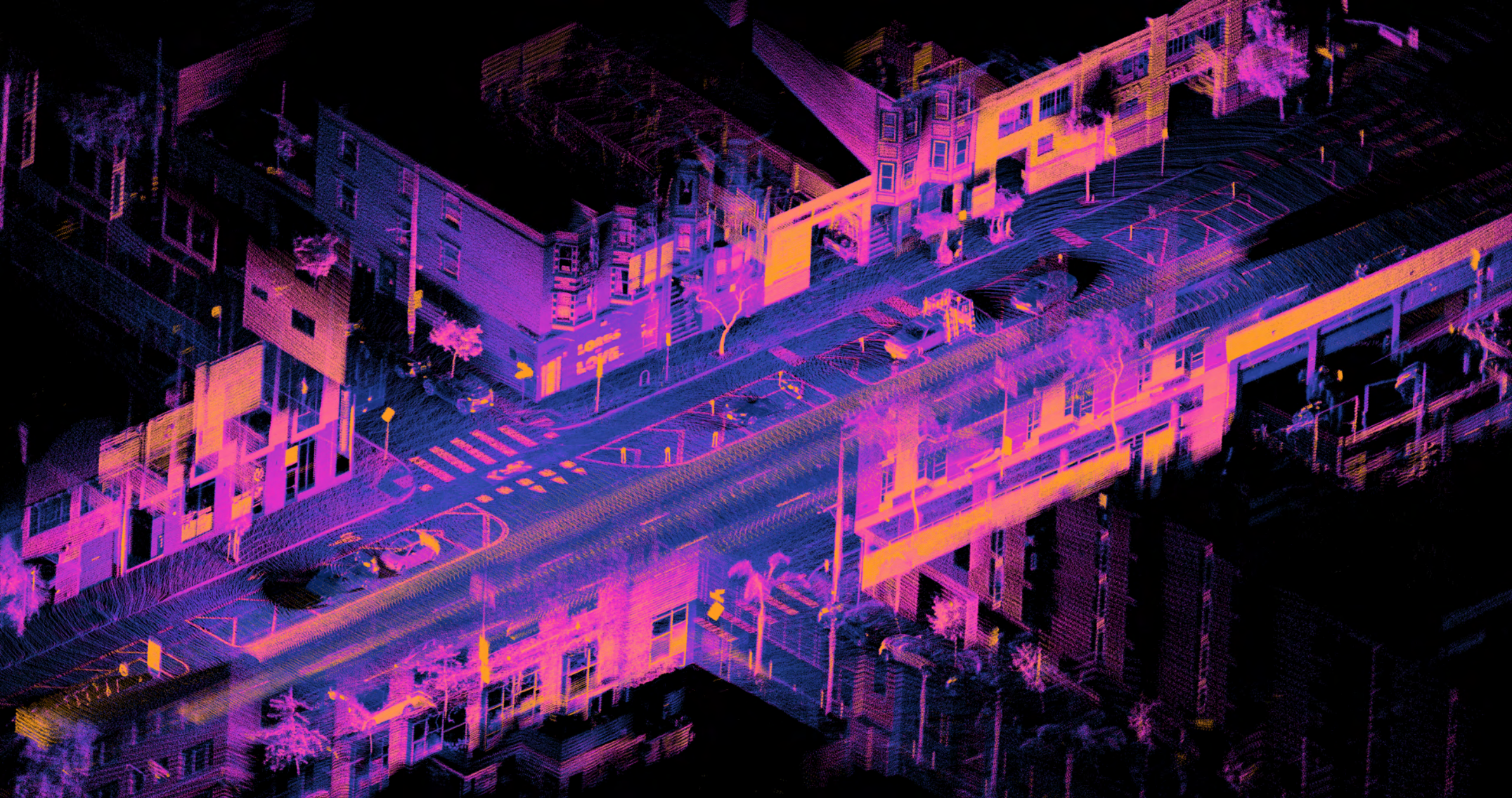


# SLAM

- Map world features
- Detect features while driving
- Triangulate location





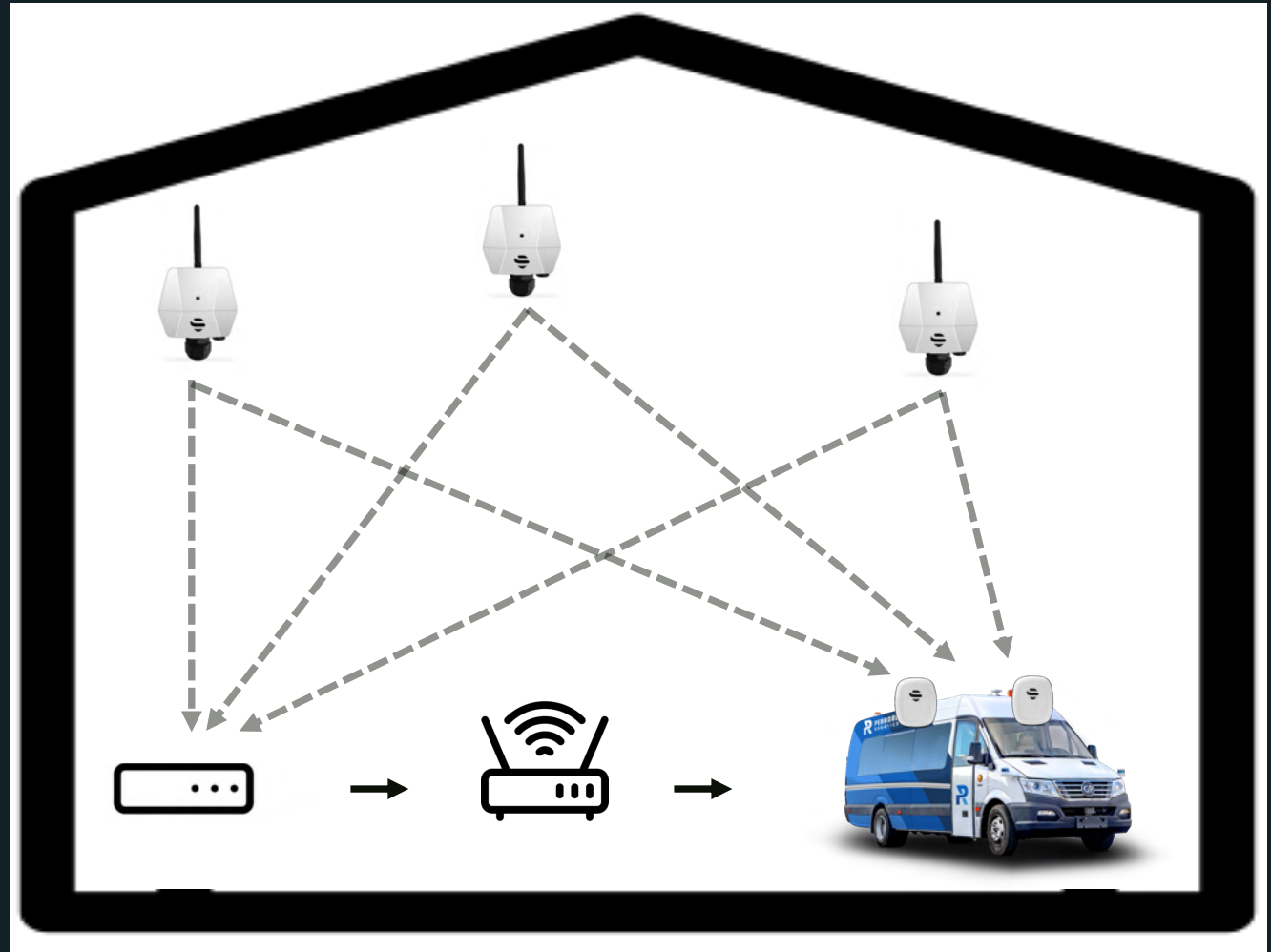


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# UWB

- Indoor environments
- Mount anchors in infrastructure
- Place tags on AV
- Obtain tag positions on vehicle
- Derive position & heading



# Layered & Redundant Design

- **GPS/RTK as foundation**
- **Dead Reckon for patches**
- **Lane Keeping for longer patches**
- **SLAM for simple features**
- **UWB for indoor environments**



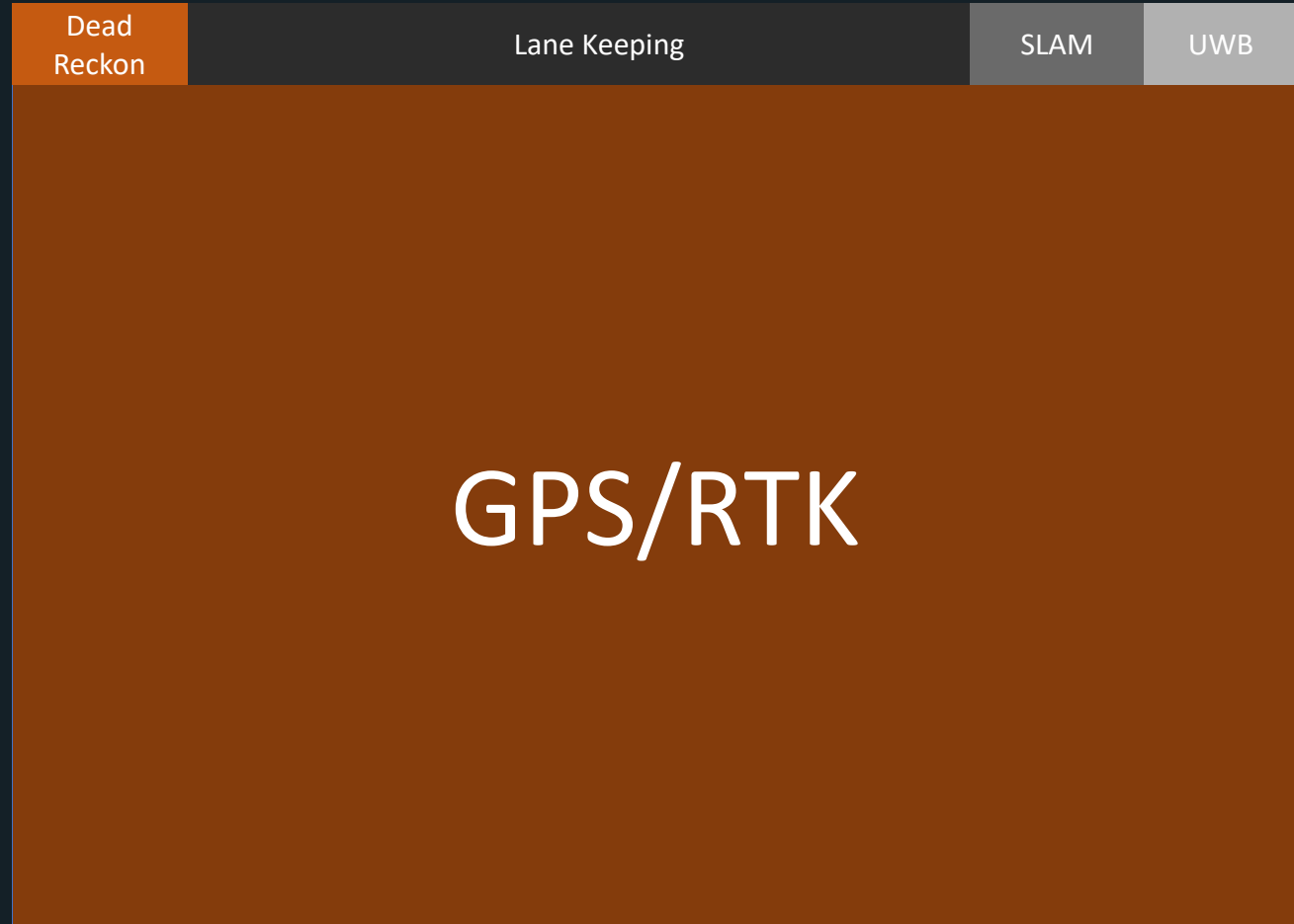
# Graceful Degradation

- Configurable max speeds based on modes & confidence
- Switch modes based on confidence during operation
- Build confidence and speed cues into maps
- Come to halt if no further recourse - teleop



# Coverage

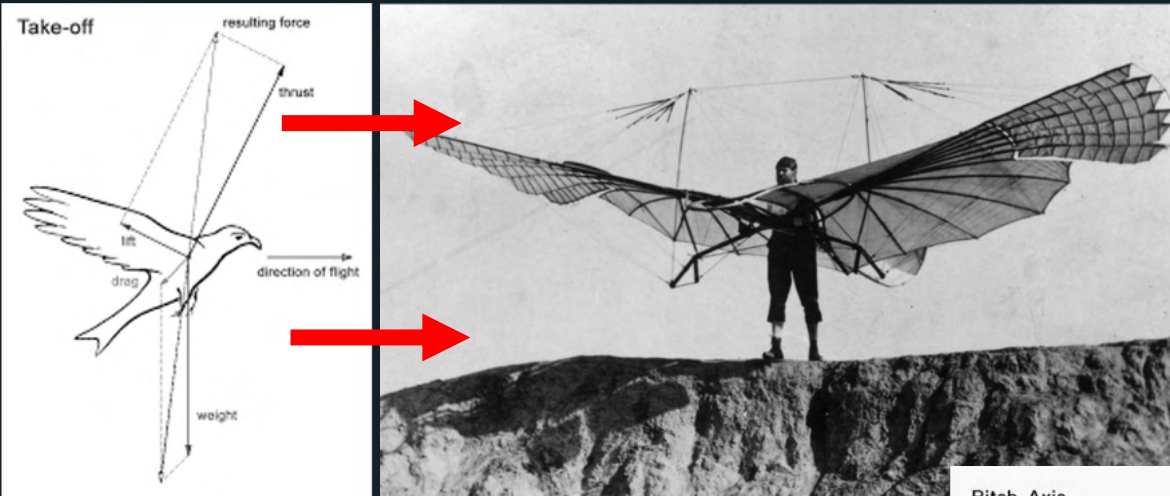
- **GPS/RTK can provide 95%-100% coverage for targeted L4 ODDs**
- **Dead Reckon & Lane Keeping to patch through outages**
- **Simple SLAM for simple environments**
- **UWB for complex indoor environments**



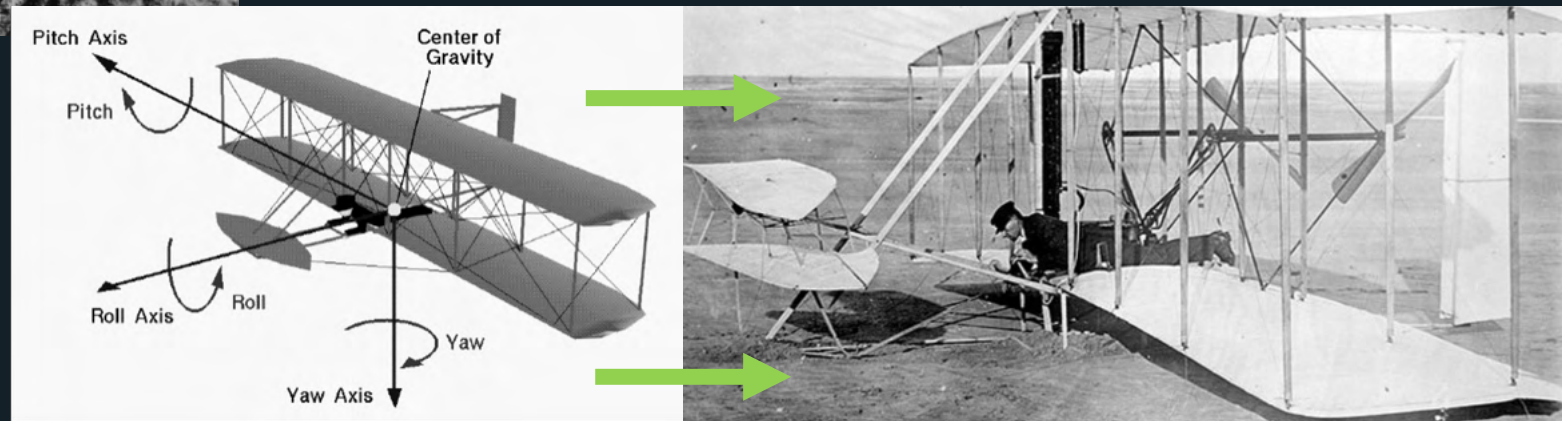
# Pitfalls of SLAM & Machine Learning

- **SLAM evolved from indoor nav in labs & offices**
- **Poorly suited for complex and changing environments**
- **SLAM & Machine Learning (ML) as probabilistic vs deterministic augmentation**

# Probabilistic Bio-Inspired VS. Deterministic Controls-First



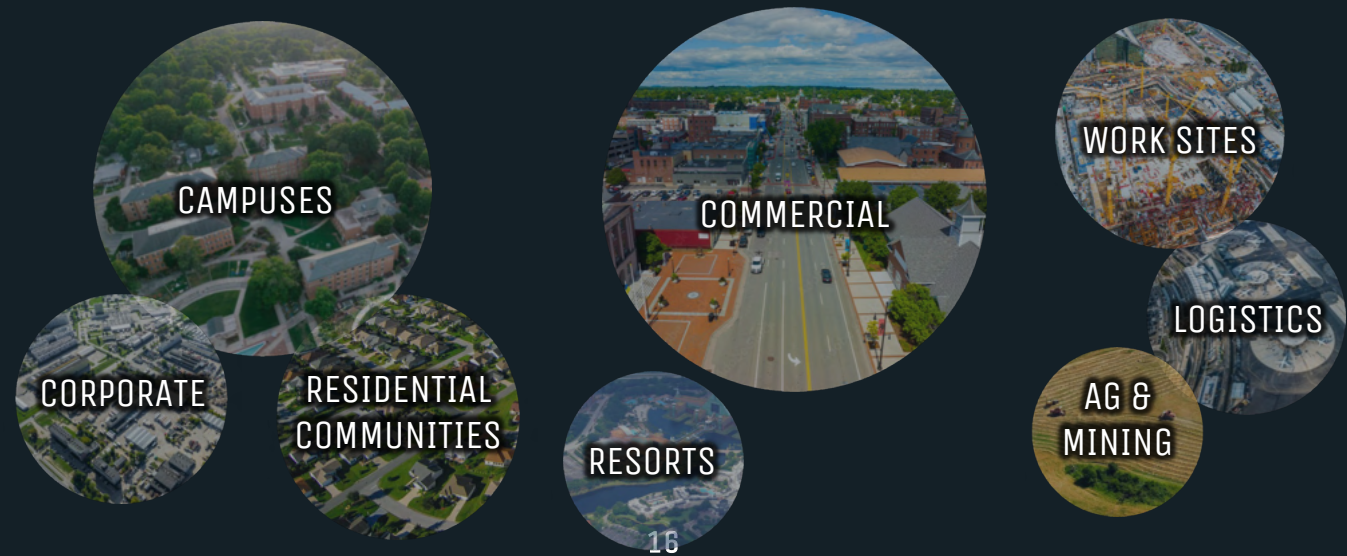
“Bio-Inspired”



“Controls First”

# Lead with Determinism

- L4 ODDs can be characterized for GPS/RTK
- 95%-100% coverage across many ODDs
- Lead with determinism
- Gracefully degrade with other modes
- Redundancy of algorithms







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