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Verification of Digital Numerics for High Consequence Systems

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Overview

- Sandia National Labs is a US government research & development center
- Sandia develops software for high-consequence embedded control systems



Livermore, California site



Overview

- The systems are relatively simple
- The cost for error is very high
- Requirements relatively complex
- A good use case for formal methods



Emergency Services Sector



Energy Sector



Financial Services Sector



Critical Manufacturing Sector



Dams Sector



Defense Industrial Base Sector



Information Technology



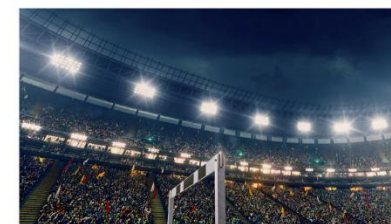
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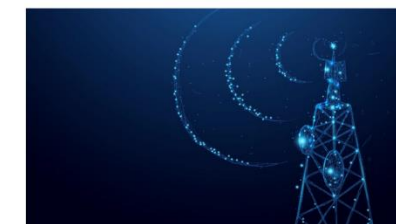
Transportation Systems Sector



Chemical Sector



Commercial Facilities Sector



Communications Sector



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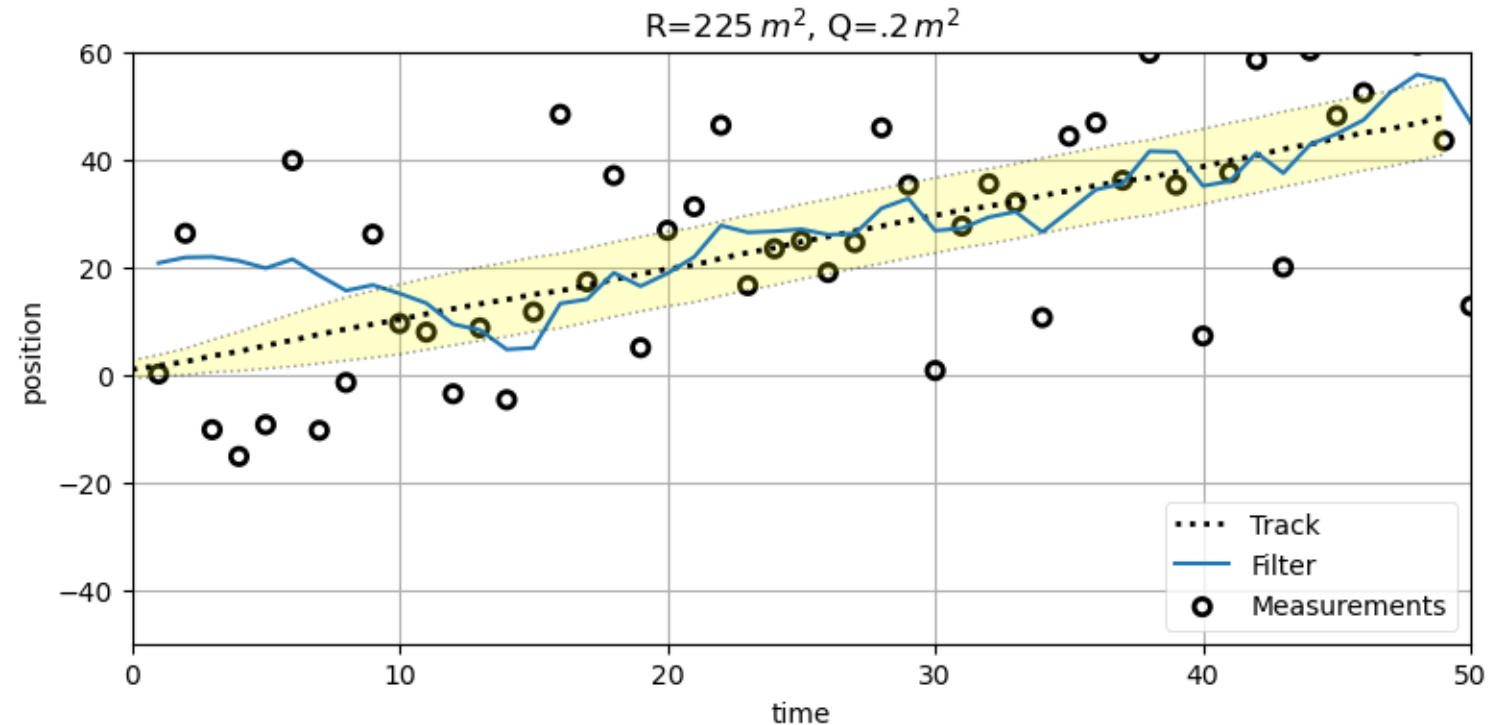
Several Numerics projects

1. Verified Kalman Filter
2. Improving floating-point support with Frama-C
3. A secret third thing (currently under peer review!)



Verified Kalman Filter

- Verify an EKF in C
- Properties to verify
 1. memory safety
 2. numerics
 3. concurrency/
scheduling
- (1) good for Frama-C
- less so (2) and (3)





Verified Kalman Filter: Building complexity

1. Start with simple examples
 - 1D up to 3D Kalman filters
 - These may make good FPBench examples, thoughts?
 - VST proofs for some, but
 - Full Kalman filter requires LU-decomposition
2. For the real codebase, VST is not feasible
 - Build up Frama-C annotations
 - Floating-point keeps causing hang-ups
 - 2 models of numerics in Frama-C: float & real



Improving Floating-Point Support for Frama-C

- In theory
 - Frama-C in theory supports numerics via gappa
- In practice
 - most C constructs not supported
- Goal
 - Add support for FPTaylor
 - Translate code to support analysis (e.g., unroll loops)
- Challenge
 - ACSL + C + Frama-C are complex
 - Likely require modifying WP

```
1 #include <math.h>
2 /*@ requires 0. <= a <= 1e+6;
3   @ requires 0. <= b <= 1e+6;
4   @ requires 0. <= c <= 100.;
5   @ requires a + b >= c || b + c >= a || a + c >= b;
6   @ ensures \is_finite(result);
7   @ ensures \result >= 0.;
8   @ ensures \round_error(\result) <= 1e-10;
9 */
10 double area(double a, double b, double c) {
11     double s = (a + b + c) / 2.;
12     return sqrt(s * (s - a) * (s - b) * (s - c));
13 }
```