Optimizing the Digital Processing Workflow Using Direct Georeferencing

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Outline

- **Overview**
- **Data Flow**
- **Quality Control**

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Applanix Corporation

Applanix Today

- Head Office - 100 people, Richmond Hill, Ontario
- World Renowned in-house expertise in GPS/Inertial Technology
- Global operations: offices in USA, Germany, and UK, with agents worldwide
- Over **600 POS systems sold** -> **300+ POS AV** systems
- Created the market of using GPS/inertial for aerial surveys in 1994
- A Subsidiary of Trimble Navigation

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POS System Evolution

1986 - 1991

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1996 - 2003

2004

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Direct Georeferencing Systems in Survey Practice

Inertial Measurement Unit
IMU

Real Time Computer System with embedded GPS receiver and Data Logger

Top-RMK Mount

Leica ALS 50

RC30 Mount

Embedded IMU in Z/I DMC

Embedded IMU in LHS ADS 40

Optech ALTM

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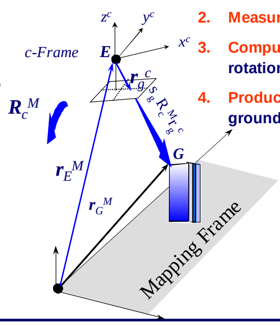
What is Image Georeferencing

Direct Georeferencing

1. **Measure translation and rotation (EO) using Navigation Sensors**
2. **Produce Orthophoto or collect features on stereopairs**
3. **No GCP needed**
4. **QC is needed**



Indirect Georeferencing

1. **Survey GCPs**
2. **Measure image points**
3. **Compute translation and rotation using AT**
4. **Produce 3D Coordinates of ground Points**

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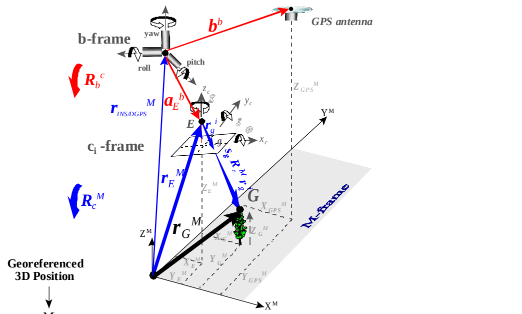
Direct Image Georeferencing



$$r_G^M = r_{INS/DGPS}^M(t) + R_b^M(t)\, a_E^b + s_g\, R_b^M(t)\, R_c^b\, r_g^c(t)$$

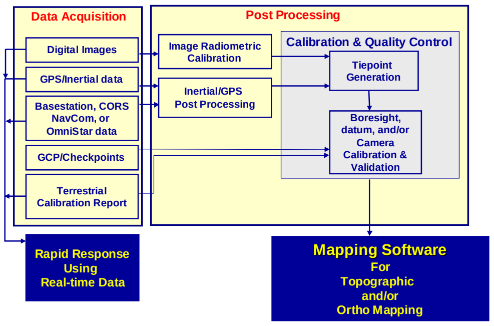
The Digital Sensor System (DSS)

Complete Mapping System

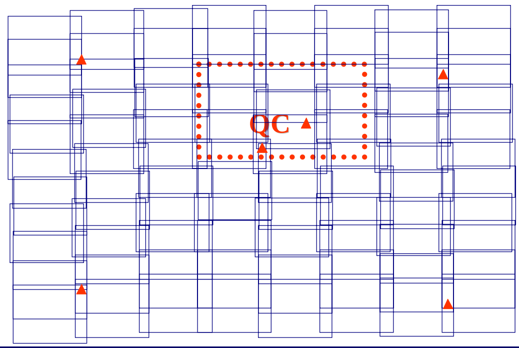
- turn-key
- fully-digital
- medium format

- Built-in FMS
- Integrated POS AV Aided Inertia Direct Georeferencing System
- 4k by 4k Color and CIR Digital Imager
- Azimuth Mount (*new*)
- Ruggedized data logger and pressurized drive

The DSS Data Flow



Airborne Calibration and Quality Control



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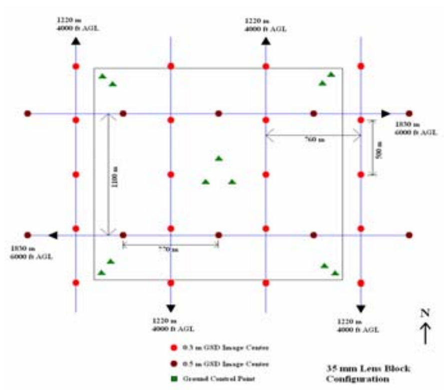
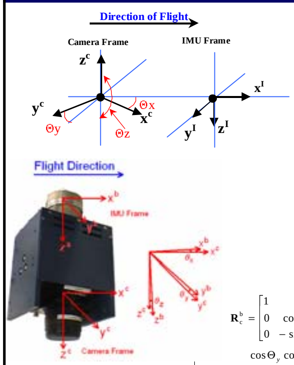


Boresight Calibration



- Boresight is the physical mounting angles of an IMU w.r.t. a camera
- Boresight is assumed constant matrix at all times
- Boresight is computed using:
  - Image rotation matrix computed by photogrammetry
  - IMU-derived rotation matrix
- How well the imaging geometry is established (camera calibration?)
- Correlation between the camera calibration and boresight ???
- This necessitates the simultaneous calibration of boresight and camera

$$R_c^b = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \cos\Theta_x & \sin\Theta_x \\ 0 & -\sin\Theta_x & \cos\Theta_x \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \cos\Theta_y & 0 & -\sin\Theta_y \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ \sin\Theta_y & 0 & \cos\Theta_y \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \cos\Theta_z & \sin\Theta_z & 0 \\ -\sin\Theta_z & \cos\Theta_z & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} \cos\Theta_y\cos\Theta_z & \cos\Theta_y\sin\Theta_z & -\sin\Theta_y \\ \sin\Theta_x\sin\Theta_y\cos\Theta_z - \cos\Theta_x\sin\Theta_z & \sin\Theta_x\sin\Theta_y\sin\Theta_z + \cos\Theta_x\cos\Theta_z & \sin\Theta_x\cos\Theta_y \\ \cos\Theta_x\sin\Theta_y\cos\Theta_z + \sin\Theta_x\sin\Theta_z & \cos\Theta_x\sin\Theta_y\sin\Theta_z - \sin\Theta_x\cos\Theta_z & \cos\Theta_x\cos\Theta_y \end{bmatrix}$$

Effect of GCP on Boresight Calibration

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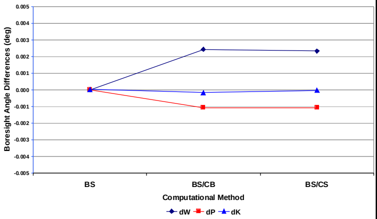
The plot shows the difference between boresight calibration *with and without GCPs* for three different configurations:

- Boresight Calibration
- Boresight Calibration + Camera calibration
- Boresight Calibration + Camera Calibration for each strip

Difference in calibrated boresight angles is within POS/AV 510 used in the OEEPE project

- Δ Omega ~ 0.001 deg
- Δ Phi ~ 0.003 deg
- Δ kappa ~ 0.0 deg



Effect of Number of Image Points

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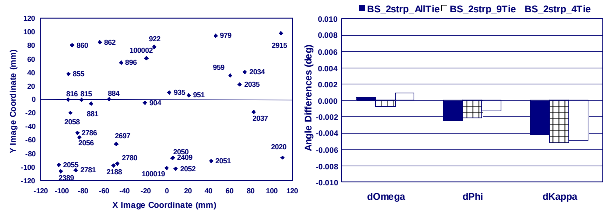
- Boresight calibration has been done three times
  1. Using all available photo measurements (left plot)
  2. Using only Von Gruber Points (9 per photo)
  3. Using only 4 points per photo
- Results of boresight calibration have been compared (right plot)
- Difference in boresight is within the POS/AV 510 system specs



Airborne Calibration and Quality Control software

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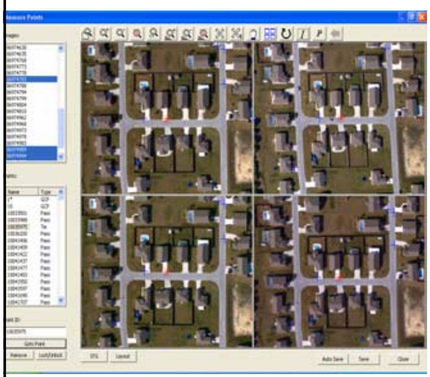

Calibration & Quality Control Software is equipped with:

- Online Calibration of boresight, camera, and datum
- Imports
  1. image coordinates from any AAT software
  2. POS Data
- Generates its own tie points using STG (semi-automatic Tiepoint Generation) Engine

Airborne Calibration and Quality Control - Auto IO

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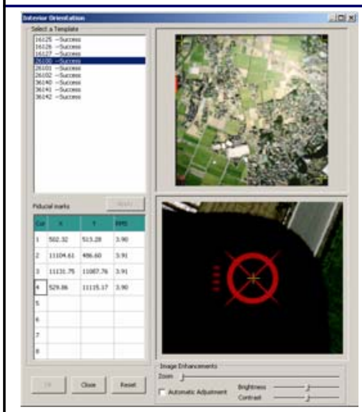
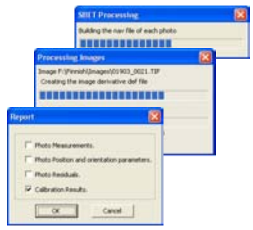


- Software Tools Work for:
  - Digital Camera
  - Scanned Film



Work Flow Design - CalQC

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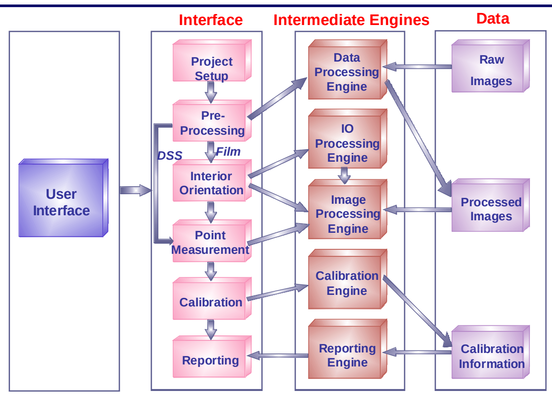

Semi-Automatic Tiepoint Generation (STG)

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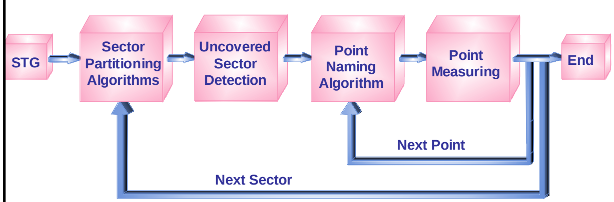


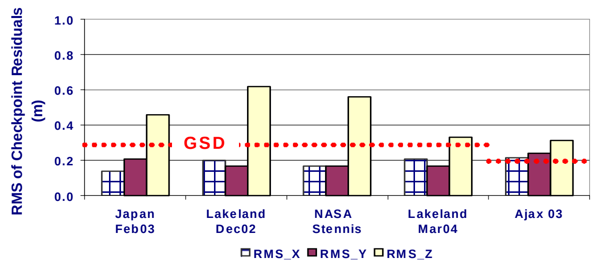
The DSS Performance

- The Performance of the DSS is discussed using results from five test flights

Flight ID	Flight Altitude AGL (m)	GSD (m)	#Strips/Photos	# Checkpoints
Lakeland Dec02	2000	0.3	6/65	37
NASA Stennis	2000	0.3	12/242	96
Japan Feb03	1300-1900	0.2-0.3	5/41	60
Ajax 03	1200	0.2	9/165	46
PASCO Toyonaka	300	0.05	6/150	16

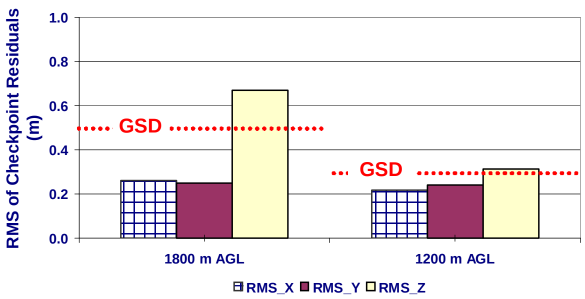
Statistical Summary of Different Test Flights

- Accuracy of Checkpoints is repeatable - sub-pixel in horizontal and 2-3 pixels in elevation (Geometry)



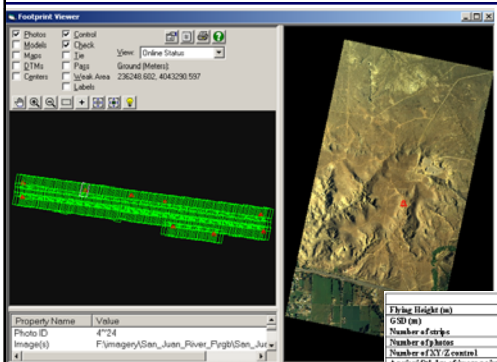
Statistical Summary of Different Test Flights

- Same results are repeatedly achieved using a 35 mm lens



Georeferencing The DMC Images Using POS

Georeferencing The DMC Images – An Example



	Block F	F-Strip
Flying Height (m)	2,600	2,600
GSD (m)	0.25	0.25
Number of strips	4	1
Number of photos	287	89
Number of XY/Z control	8 / 9	4 / 5
Apriori Std dev of image point (um)	5	5
Apriori Std dev of control (m)	0.1	0.1
Apriori Std dev of GPS (m)	0.2	0.2
Apriori Std dev of INS (deg)	0.1	0.1

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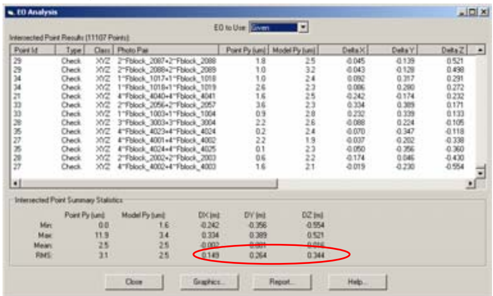
Georeferencing The DMC Images – Results

- Remaining Errors are well within the GSD
- Remaining Errors include POS errors, image measurement errors, calibration errors, etc..



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