Radiolabs

A public-private organisation for innovation projects

Profile & Expertise July 2025













We are a public-private entity for Research, Innovations and Technology transfer

- created in 2001 as consortium between universities and industries
- non profit organisation
- SME status
- members of the consortium are three universities, Roma-TRE, Roma Tor Vergata, L'Aquila and three industries, Hitachi Rail STS, Intecs, and Cegeka

Organisation & Governance

- 15 highly skilled resources, MD, PhD
- President, Vice-President, Technical Director are full professors
- Scientific commette
- Board of directors: 2 representatives for each member with equal vote right
- Three specialised laboratories at each of the three Universities
 - > Roma TRE Research on Multi-sensor positioning, Phased array antennas with meta-materials
 - > Roma Tor Vergata: Research on Multi-bearer telecom based on Satcom & Cellular for rail applications
 - > L'Aquila: V2X, V2I Telecom, Virtual Testing, Cybersecurity, Connected –autonomous car applications
- Turn-over 2024: 1.37 M€
- Scientific pubblications on international journals and conferences collected about 500 citations





Vision

The <u>3S</u> priorities:

Vehicle positioning with <u>Safety</u> proof

Sustainability leveraging on a mix of technologies including satellites

Synergy between rail, road and maritime technologies for autonomous driving



Mission

Applied Research, Innovation and Knowledge Sharing in the emerging fields of ICT

Support for young Graduates PhD Students, PostDocs, through scholarships, awards internship

Preparing for the digitalisation of transportation



Main Research areas

- Next Generation
 Communications
 - Integration of SATCOM into 5G and 6G
 - Low Latency Multi-Access Edge Computing
- Secure Communications
 - State of the Art Crypto Engine
 - NIST Elliptic Curves
 - Post Quantum Computing NIST Encryption

Our competences

High Accuracy, High Integrity Positioning For Automating Transportation Systems

Multi-Sensor Positioning

Al-based connectivity platform to use cellular-satcom networks

Laboratories to simulate, test and validate new technologies for safety critical operational scenarios











The digitalisation of the transports relies on the availability of accurate geo-localization to guarantee the vehicle's positioning everywhere with high integrity and safety. GNSS absolute positioning is complemented by other sensors leading to multi-sensors application-tailored solutions.



Radia abs A plan for 2-Tier Augmentation Network for Rail and Automotive

The goal is to use EGNOS, GALILEO, HAS and Local networks







All-in-one infrastructure providing incremental services with the latest technologies DGNSS, NRTK, PPP-RTK RTCM SC-104 and SC-134 standards



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Development and prototyping of an Augmentation Network for Rail and Automotive applications



Liaison with Europe's Rail FA6 FutuRe project

Automotive - CCAM-Smart Roads

Multi – tiers architecture: EGNOS

+ Local networks

National coverage

ERTMS and CCAM applications

Compatible with COTS receivers RTCM SC-104, 134

Demo tests for Rail & Automotive applications

RAIL: EGNOS only, AUmessages using a FRMCS channel RAIL & Automotive: 2-Tier

AU-network (EGNOS + Local)











Focus on Resiliency proof: make the multimodal augmentation network and consequently the entire EGNSS-based positioning system <u>robust and resilient</u> against potential cyber-attacks



Radiolabs multimodal-secure GNSS augmentation network architecture supports multiple Service Levels (SLs), where each SL satisfies a set of requirements linked to specific rail, automotive and maritime. High accuracy and integrity positioning. SBAS and Local Networks are combined in twotiers to elaborate corrections for the on-board positioning system

Service Level	Augmentation	95% Accuracy	1 - 10 ⁻⁷ Protection Level
1(a)	DF GPS + Galileo SBAS (EGNOS)	0.3 – 1.0 m	5 – 25 m
1(b)	(add) DF LADGNSS	0.15 – 0.4 m	2.5 – 10 m
2	(add) PPP-AR	0.02 – 0.10 m	0.5 – 2.5 m
3	(add) RTK/NRTK	0.01 – 0.05 m	0.2 – 1.0 m

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Novel **PVT engine** using GPS, GALILEO, EGNOS, IMU, dual frequencies together with SS-ARAIM processing for feared events mitigation to ensure a train positioning estimation with the required integrity and accuracy

Mitigation techniques against feared events

- Ionospheric Free Combination
- Carrier smoothing of pseudorange measurements

FE Barriers

- Iono-free Code Minus Carrier Monitor
- Geometry Free Combination Monitor
- Signal to Noise Ratio Indicator
- o Doppler Coherence Indicator
- o Satellite Visibility Detector

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Our new GNSS-IMU Positioning platform is compatible with the virtual balise application and the requirements of the Advanced Safe Train Positioning ASTP device.





High accuracy - integrity positioning based on GNSS-RTK and smart phones



Intelligent Speed Assistance (ISA) with GNSS-Digital Map, Video



Platform for the production of high integrity digital maps





EGNOS-Galileo-Dual Frequency ready

cloud-based architecture

VIRGILIO is a digital environment entirely developed by Radiolabs to simulate with H/W in the loop the performance of GNSS-based multi-sensor positioning solutions – including Augmentation networks - for safety-critical rail, road and maritime applications. The performance of VIRGILIO, for the most stringent safety requirements SIL-4 of the ERTMS, have been validated through the MAAST (MatLab Algorithm Availability Simulation Tool) of the Stanford University GPS Laboratory within a cooperation with Radiolabs and also by several intensive test campaigns





Geo-localization with high accuracy-integrity for autonomous ship berthing



The trustworthy reference trajectory is an indispensable tool to assess the performance of the ship geo-localization system to guarantee compliancy with safety requirements and minimisation of the risk of possible damages from excessive positioning, speed and bow angles estimation and possible interferences. Radiolabs is co-prime contractor of the GSAB project led by Grimaldi <u>Radiolabs partner of</u> Grimaldi for the GSAB project | Radiolabs





The signals of the antennas are demodulated using the same oscillator, clock, and a common carrier phase tracking loop. So far signal differences eliminate the need to solve both phase ambiguities and receiver clock signal errors, with a drastic increase of the navigation data availability. Moreover, the use of a common digital loop for carrier phase tracking reduces the probability of having a misleading information due to cycle slip. In addition, high rejection of interference signals, including jamming and spoofing, is provided. The GNSS receiver is the evolution of the Digital Beamforming developed for rail applications



Use of GNSS, Video, LiDAR sensors for train applications

Track Discrimination



Enhanced Odometer



3D landmark detection

3D & 1D Positioning

- **Track Discrimination** Responsible for discriminating the Track in view where the train is located.
- Enhanced Odometer Providing odometer information with performances better than those described in Subset 041 ISSUE 3.2.0.
- 1D and 3D Position
 - **1D position** information is the estimated relative position on the track of the Train
 - **3D position** information is the estimated position information when the track has not been discriminated yet or the localization is totally unknown (e.g. start-up).

Go ahead to VOLIERA-2 project | Radiolabs



Virtual environment for digital twin of rail scenarios







Digital maps and object recognition for GNSS-based | Radiolabs





contain noise and outliers, especially in

large-scale or rugged terrain scenarios.

FDE for camera starts with calibration, where thresholds are set to determine image quality based on the mean and standard deviations of the above four KPIs. Next is the detection phase, where the dataset is tested against these thresholds. Images scoring below the thresholds are marked as "good," while those above are "bad." The final detection results are computed using an OR operation on each image quality evaluator's results.



FDE for a Camera-LiDAR sensor fusion solution





Camera-based methods leverage feature tracking and visual odometry for localization but are sensitive to illumination changes and occlusions. LiDAR-based approaches rely on geometric features and point cloud registration but struggle in textureless environments and suffer from drift. Both modalities degrade under challenging environmental conditions: cameras suffer from poor contrast and occlusions, while LiDAR returns become sparse or noisy due to scattering and absorption. The fusion of these two modalities enhances perception robustness by mitigating individual sensor limitations, thereby enabling more accurate and complete mapping of railway environments







The growth of cellular and satellite telecom systems with the 5G and broadband mobile satellites are creating a global and pervasive telecom infrastructure offering connectivity services in any place of the world. Furthermore, 5G will provide millisecond latencies and network "slicing" capabilities that are ideal to realize bespoke virtual networks. Satcom constellations of small satellites in low earth orbits are delivering internet access globally with latency comparable to fiber optics without building a dedicated infrastructure





3GPP Release 17+ NTN: Direct-to-Device Satellite

Release 17 allows direct access to satellite with standard mobile phones opening the way for the interoperability among different networks that can be used overcoming the distinction between satellite and terrestrial access with seamless roaming capabilities between the two segments This standard allows today data rate up to tens of kilobits anticipating Releases 18 and 19 that will allow higher data rates and better performance with on board processing satellite payloads, ensuring global connectivity

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Radiolabs leading a study on emerging telecom bearers for railways | Radiolabs

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Multi-bearer network with same KPI and resiliency of dedicated networks already tested with RFI in Sardinia and other projects





Reference The Economist

Same KPI and Resiliency of a dedicated network

FR(M)CS-System



Migration from legacy-GSM-R to technology neutral FRMCS

Migration from wired networks to wire-less solutions for Smart Wayside Object Controller SWOC



S5LECT - 5G & Satcom for Railways | Radiolabs

The emulradio4Rail project has been completed successfully - The first test in virtual mode | Radiolabs

orbit and new ones to allow smartphones to

connect to sat using the 4G mobile standard,

3200 sat constellation. In Europe OneWeb of

Eutelsat and the IRIS-2 from EU-Commission

without any special antenna. Kuiper of

Amazon started launching first sats of a

are following this path



Simulator-emulator tool to analyse the performance of various telecom networks in the operational scenario





Cognitive Algorithms













GNSS positioning has to be resilient

< to signal jamming and spoofing



The platform consists of a 4-element phased array antenna and a 4-coherent channels front-end to detect, mitigate the jammers and cleaning GNSS signals at the input of the receiver. This platform – already verified for the ERTMS - will be engineered & tested for the Rail & Maritime applications





- □ Vehicle protection architecture from Cyber attacks through encryption and information signature algorithms implemented by the individual onboard control units (Distributed security platform)
- □ **Bblockchain-based architecture** to record sequences of exchanged information flows
- **Crypto Engine in a post-quantum cryptography perspective**.











The overall development process must be verified by identifying risks and mitigation measures gaining statistical confidence in a system's ability to handle use cases, and identifying edge cases impacting the safety. Each system has to be tested in operational scenarios and an hybrid approach consisting of virtual tests in controlled environments (simulation, track, hardware-in-the-loop, software-in-the-loop, etc.) and in field tests is our approach as cost-efficient approach allowing to evaluate the behaviour of the system by injecting faults to reproducing very rare events that are difficult to identify with field tests.

Train and car positioning based on multiple sensors from prototyping stages to production release involve several development phases. These include the ability for these technologies to perform their functions in known use cases to demonstrate a safe state when there are identified system and sensor failures, and react reasonably safely in edge cases.

We have pioneered this hybrid testing approach for the Train applications with the Gate4Rail project leading to the Vice4Rail architecture under development in the European context. For the automotive applications we are developing P-CAR a virtualised testing environment for the connected and autonomous cars aiming to become an accredited laboratory.

GATE4RAIL





Radiolabs is partner of the VICE4RAIL project to develop and deploy HyVICE - the Hybrid Virtualized Testing Certification platform to validate GNSS.-based positioning devices. The Vice4Rail system consists of a dedicated train, the railways circuit at S.Donato (5.5 Km), the laboratories of Radiolabs to emulate GNSS signals including global/local hazards, augmentation signals and of CEDEX for the ERTMS. The GNSS unit on board the train is fed by synthetic RF signals to emulating different operational scenarios. The IMU data - synchronised with GNSS – are recorded on the field to reproduce realistic behaviours. The GNSS and IMU data are then transmitted to the ERTMS laboratory to assess in one place the end2end performance of the ERTMS with GNSS-based train positioning devices under different operational scenarios.

https://www.linkedin.com/in/vice4rail-project/



- ★ Baseline infrastructure for validation of a first set of Connected and Autonomous Driving (CAD) functions according to current regulations and recommendations
- ★ CCAM services assisted by smart road/smart infrastructure
- ★ Extension to terrestrial and non-terrestrial **communications**
- ★ Resilience to **cyber-attacks** of positioning services
- ★ Geo-distributed laboratory platform
- ★ Inclusion of **on-field testing**
- ★ Prepare for the **pilot exploitation**
- ★ Involvement of OEM,Tier Xs to start services, and
- ★ ASI, ESA, CCAM community for the qualification accreditation of P-CAR laboratory







PHASE 2 – ON GOING Smart road use cases validation

Cybersecure advanced ISA

Intersection crossing with increased awareness Highway chauffeur- auto pilot with lane keeping, ISA, AEBS for Emergency braking and ACC for safe distance from vehicles, Platooning



PHASE 3 – 2026 Pilot exploitation + connected tram

Connected, autonomous driving Trams





The performance of a **GNSS-Based Positioning Terminal** (GBPT) can be **tested**, **validated and verified by the manufacturer** as individual subsystems and as part of the entire vehicle architecture









P-CAR Operational Modes

Starting from the customer's hazard and safety risk analysis, P-CAR will:

- reproduce the operational environment where the system is to be tested
- inject faults typical of the selected environment
- ➤ analyse the results
- ➤ collect the results into a report.



- SOTIF Safety of the Intended Functionality (ISO 21448)
- Cybersecurity (ISO 21434)









Mobile-Lab for GNSS, Lidar, Camera, IMU data acquisition and processing. Ground truth unit for independent and trustable reference trajectory against which to evaluate the performance of each sensor in the position domain. Storage and playback processing for performance and safety assessment and for training AI algorithms. Data acquisition rate 8h @1.5Gb/s with local storage of 6TB. The standardised set-up can be installed on different vehicles and a motorcycle to get a massive data set







The EMERGE project - Light Commercial Vehicles with Emerging Technologies for "everyday" and "emergency aid" operations - has provided innovative services for smart mobility, through the integration of advanced technologies for high integrity positioning, multi-bearer sat & terrestrial coms and cybersecurity

Green Light to EMERGE | Radiolabs





SCENARIO	USE CASE	
DAILY	UC_D1: Virtual electronic horizon	
	UC_D2: AI techniques for efficient traffic management	
EMERGENCY	UC_E1: Detection and monitoring of critical events	
		UC_D1
	UC_E3: Emergency corridor	



ExEmerge – Excellence Emerge



UC_D1: Virtual electronic horizon

Objective: provide a dynamic map to the ground service center of the region of interest and enable vehicle to setup the virtual electronic horizon

Requirements: V2X connectivity and high-accuracy localization.

UC_D2: AI techniques for traffic efficiency

Objective: congestion events detection and/or prediction through **Al/estimation algorithms** to provide an alternative route to the drivers by balancing the traffic in a given area.

Requirements: V2X connectivity and communications towards the ground service center. The service center has to be enabled for AI/estimation algorithms computation.





UC_E1: Critical events detection and monitoring

Objective: (1) detect the critical event and (2) make the ground service center aware of the road condition.

Requirements: high-reliable communication; satellite communication; highintegrity navigation system; on-board camera and other perception system. The ground service center is enabled to compute AI/estimation algorithms.

UC_E3: Special vehicle warning for a dynamic emergency corridor

Objective: the special vehicle signals its presence and provides the required information to make the other vehicles able to give-way and free an emergency corridor

Requirements: V2X communications/smart road infrastructure. High-reliable communication for the special vehicle.















- Vehicle-to-everything (V2X)
- Vehicle-to-vehicle (V2V)
- Vehicle-to-pedestrian (V2P)
- Vehicle-to-infrastructure (V2I), e.g., communication with roadside units (RSUs), traffic lights, or, in the case of a cellular network, a base station
- Vehicle-to-network (V2N), where the vehicle connects to an entity within the network, e.g., a backend server or a traffic information system



Short/medium-range communication technology such as

- IEEE 802.11-based V2X: it defines enhancements to basic 802.11 required to support Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS) applications in the ITS band of 5.9 GHz (5.895-5.925 GHz);
- European ETSI ITS G5: mainly based on IEEE 802.11 for V2X, in the band of 5.875-5.925 GHz
- 700 MHz BAND INTELLIGENT TRANSPORT SYSTEMS defined in the ARIB-STD T109 Japanese standard.
- Cellular networks such as long-term evolution (LTE-V2X), 5G New Radio Cellular V2X (NR C-V2X)...



Since 2015, 3GPP introduced a new enabling technologies to support **C-V2X** communication, with two innovative solutions:

- Network communications with Uu Interface (RBS involved)
- Direct communications with PC5 Interface (Mode3 Mode4)





Experimental validation of V2X and C-V2X technologies





2 Cohda Wireless MK6c OBU LTE-V2X Sidelink compliant

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Tx Power [dBm]	Vehicle Distance [m]	Packet generation period [ms]	L _{min} [ms]	L _{max} [ms]	Lavg [ms]	IPG _{avg} [ms]	PDR [%]
0	2.5	1000	12.23	26.21	17.40	1000.00	100
0	2.5	100	12.30	36.40	17.75	100.00	100
23	2.5	1000	12.29	26.54	17.24	1000.00	100
23	2.5	100	11.89	38.83	18.02	100.00	100
23	10	1000	9.51	26.91	18.18	1000.03	100
23	10	100	9.99	37.91	18.47	100.00	100
23	50	1000	12.94	31.88	18.09	999.99	100
23	50	100	10.81	39.91	18.63	100.00	100
23	100	1000	12.26	27.17	17.60	1000.01	100
23	100	100	9.85	41.72	19.41	100.00	100





In line with the threshold requirements defined for 3GPP R14, the max E2E for a message size of 350 bytes, never exceed 50 ms

Category	Use case example	Tx rate [Hz]	Latency [ms]
Co operative road safety	Pre-crash sensing warning	10	50
Co-operative toad safety	Vulnerable road user warning	1	100
	Co-operative adaptive cruise control	2	100
Traffic Efficiency and Environmental friendliness	Co-operative vehicle-highway automation system (Platooning)	2	100
	Traffic light optimal speed advisory	2	100
Co-operative local services	Map download and update	1	100





Average E2E latency for different Transmission Intervals, with Message Size = 250 bytes

CDF of latency for different message sizes and transmission rates



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