



Dynamic and Static Testing

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Introduction: Testing

- The processes used during
 - validation and verification.
- White and black boxes.
- Static and Dynamic techniques
- Case Study...



- Black box tests:
 - tester has no access to information
 - about the system implementation.
- Good for independence of tester.
- But not good for formative tests.
- Hard to test individual modules...



- White box tests:
 - tester can access information about
 - the system implementation.
- Simplifies diagnosis of results.
- Can compromise independence?
- How much do they need to know?



- Module testing:
 - tests well-defined subset.
- Systems integration:
 - tests collections of modules.
- Acceptance testing:
 - system meets requirements?
- Results must be documented.



Dynamic Testing - Process Issues

- Functional testing:
 - test cases examine functionality;
 - see comments on verification.
- Structural testing:
 - knowledge of design guides tests;
 - interaction between modules...
 - test every branch (coverage)?
- Random testing:
 - choose from possible input space;
 - or beyond the ``possible"...



• Dynamic testing:

- execution of system components;
- is environment being controlled?

• Static testing:

- investigation without operation;
- pencil and paper reviews etc.
- Most approaches use both.
- Guide the test selection by using:
 - functional requirements:
 - safety requirements (see previous lecture).



Overview

Lifecycle phase	Dynamic testing	Static testing	
Requirements analysis and specification		×	
Top-level design		×	
Detailed design		×	
Implementation	×	×	
Acceptance testing	×		



Dynamic Testing

- Where do you begin?
- Look at the original hazard analysis;
 - demonstrate hazard elimination?
 - demonstrate hazard reduction?
 - demonstrate hazard control?
- Must focus both on:
 - expected and rare conditions.
- PRA can help but for software?



Dynamic Testing - Leveson's Process Issues

- All of this will cost time and money.
- 1. Review test plans.
- 2. Recommend tests based on the hazard analyses, safety standards and checklists, previous accident and incidents, operator task analyses etc
- 3. Specify the conditions under which the test will be conducted.
- 4. Review the test results for any safety-related problems that were missed in the analysis or in any other testing.
- 5. Ensure that the testing feedback is integrated into the safety reviews and analyses that will be used in design modifications.
- Must be planned, must be budgeted.



Dynamic Testing Techniques

• Partitioning:

- identify groups of input values;
- do they map to similar outputs?
- Boundary analysis:
 - extremes of valid/invalid input.
- Probabilistic Testing:
 - examine reliability of system.
- (State) Transition tests:
 - trace states, transitions and events.



Dynamic Testing Techniques

- Simulation:
 - assess impact on EUC (IEC61508).
- Error seeding:
 - put error into implementation;
 - see is test discover it (dangerous).
- Performance monitoring:
 - check real-time, memory limits.
- Stress tests:
 - abnormally high workloads?



Dynamic Testing: Software Issues

- Boundary conditions.
- Incorrect and unexpected inputs sequences.
- Altered timings delays and over-loading.
- Environmental stress faults and failures.
- Critical functions and variables.
- Firewalls, safety kernels & other safety features.
- Usual suspects...automated tests?

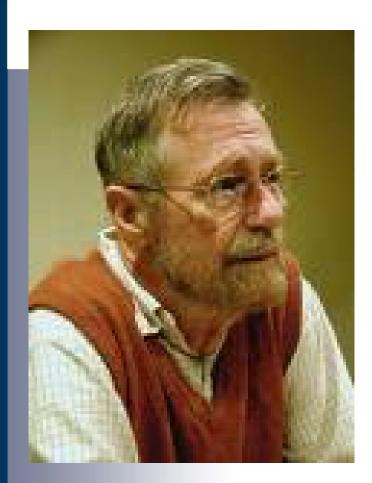


Limitations of Dynamic Testing

- Cannot test all software paths.
- Cannot even text all hardware faults.
- Not easy to test in final environment.
- User interfaces very problematic:
 - effects of fatigue/longitudinal use?
 - see section on human factors.
- Systems CHANGE the environment!
- How can we test for rare events? 10^9 years?



Edsger W Dijkstra (1930-2002)



Testing can prove the presence of errors, but not their absence.



Static Testing

- Don't test the system itself.
- Test an abstraction of the system
- Perform checks on requirements?
- Perform checks on static code.
- Scope depends on representation...



Static Testing Techniques

- Walkthroughs:
 - peer review by other engineers.
- Fagan inspections:
 - review of design documents.
- Symbolic execution:
 - use term-rewriting on code;
 - does code match specification?
- Metrics:
 - lots (eg cyclomatic complexity);
 - most very debatable...

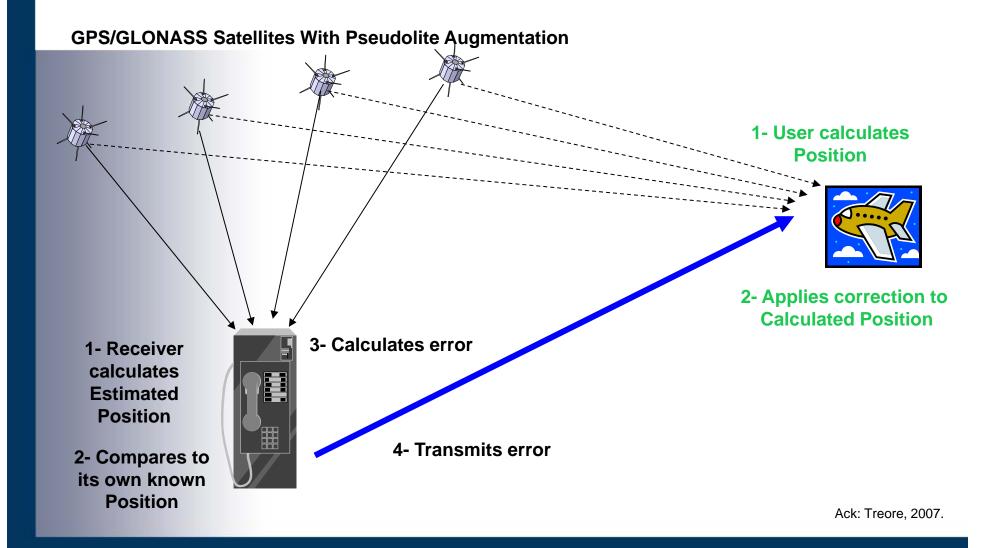


Static Testing Techniques

- Sneak Circuit Analysis:
 - find weak patterns in topologies;
 - for hardware not software.
- Software animation:
 - trace behaviour of software model;
 - Petri Net animation tools.
- Performance/scheduling theory:
 - even if CPU scheduling is static;
 - model other resource allocations.
- Formal methods cf 00-60 with DO-178B...

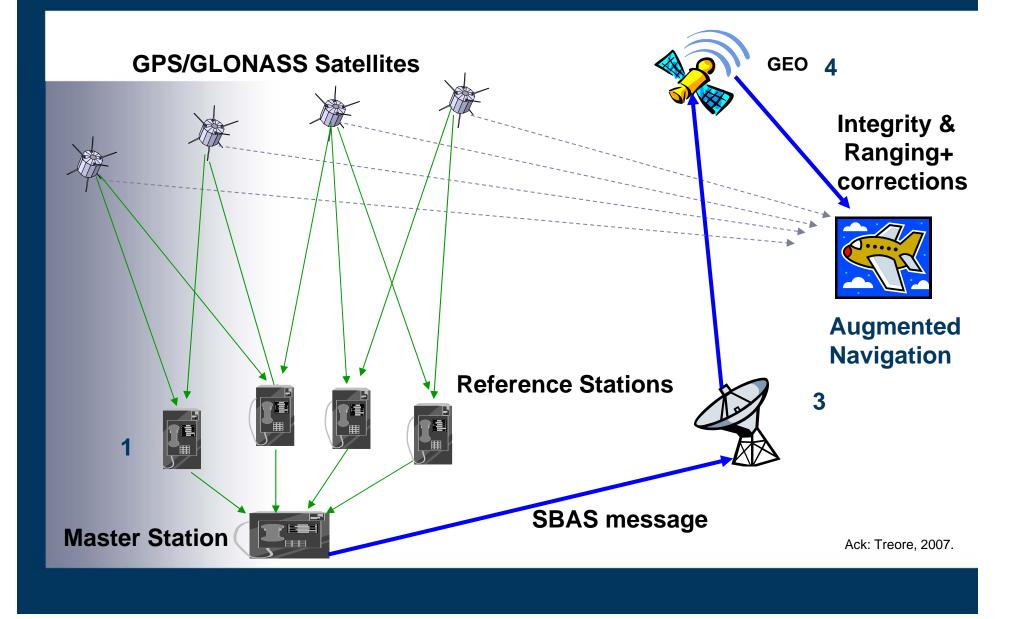


GPS and GLONASS Augmentation





Space-Based Augmentation System





ICAO Required Navigation Performance

• Accuracy.

- How correct is the aircraft position estimate.

• Integrity.

- Largest aircraft position error without detection;
- Availability.
 - How often systems give desired Accuracy/ Integrity;
- Continuity.
 - Probability that operation can be completed.





Safety of Life requirements

ICAO SARPS high-level integrity requirements on Signal In Space

Typical Operation	Horizontal Alert Limit	Vertical Alert Limit	Integrity	Time to alert	Continuity	Availability
En-route	2 NM	N/A	1x10 ⁻⁷ /h	15 s	1x10 ⁻⁴ /h to 1x10 ⁻⁸ /h	0.999 to 0.999999
En-route (terminal)	1NM	N/A	1x10 ⁻⁷ /h	15 s		
Innitial approach, NPA departure	0.3 NM	N/A	1x10 ⁻⁷ /h	10 s		
APV-I	40.0 m	50 m	1-2x10 ⁻⁷ /app (150s)	10 s	1x10 ⁻⁶ /h in any 15s	
APV-II	40.0 m	20 m	1-2x10 ⁻⁷ /app (150s)	6 s		
CATI	40.0 m	15-10 m	1-2x10 ⁻⁷ /app (150s)	6 S		



Three EGNOS Services



EGNOS

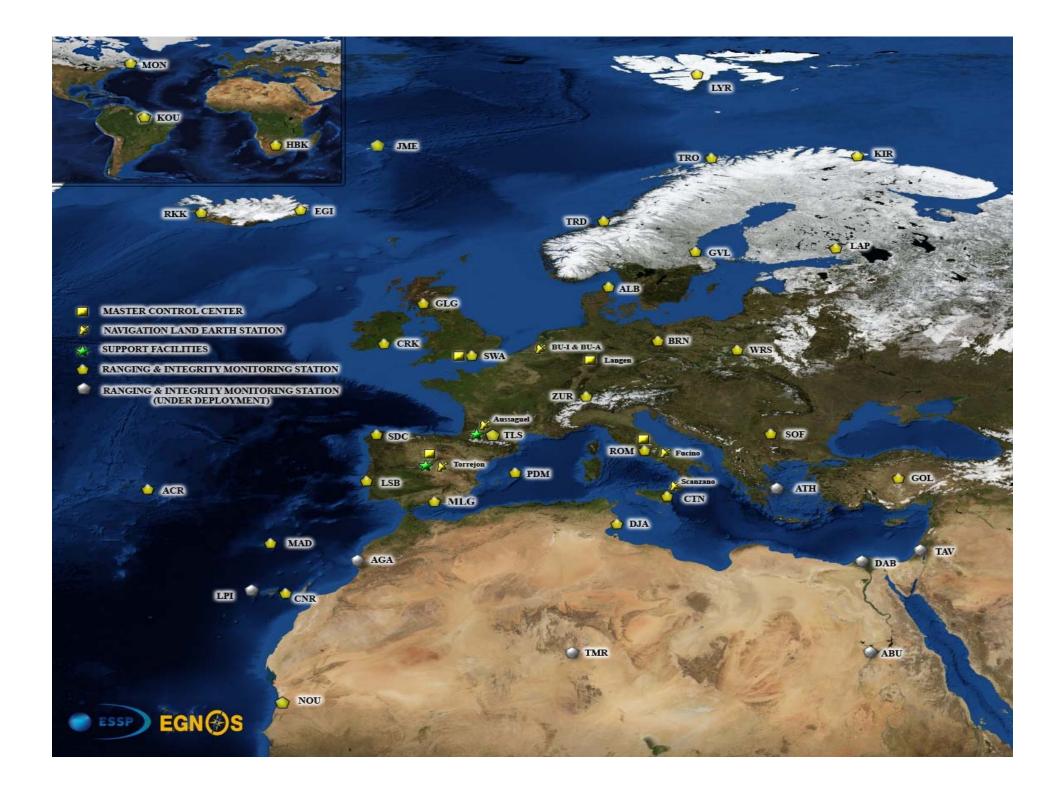
User Support

Open Service

- Free service started October 2009.
- Safety-of-Life Service (SoL).
 - For safety-critical industries certified against
 Single European Sky/ICAO requirements 2011.

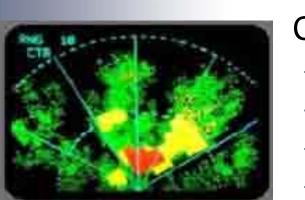
EGNOS Data Access Server (EDAS):

 Terrestrial commercial data disseminates through non-GEO means, EGNOS data within performance boundaries in real time supporting professional market.





New Forms of Interaction with SBAS



GPWS Display

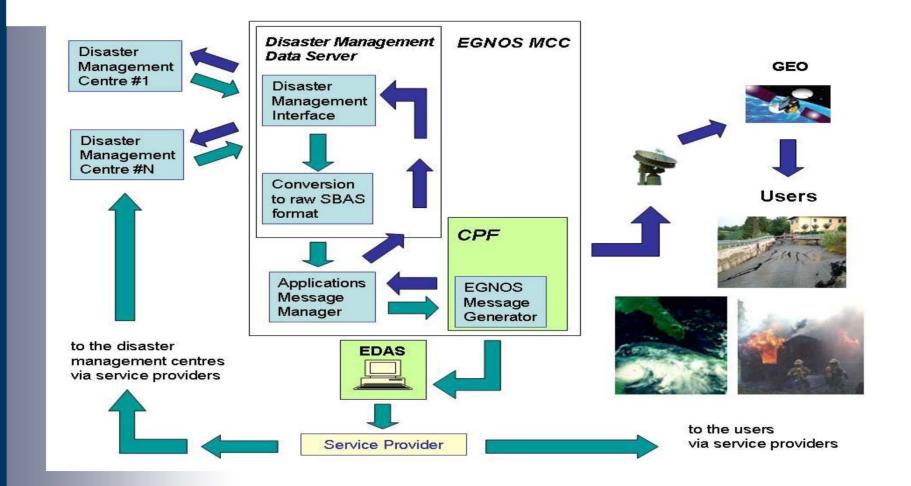
• 40% of losses Controlled Flight into Terrain

Crews must assimilate

- barometric and radio altitude instruments,
- vertical speed indicator,
- ground proximity warning systems,
- terrain depiction systems,
- flight management computer (FMC) etc.
- Opportunity for SBAS support...



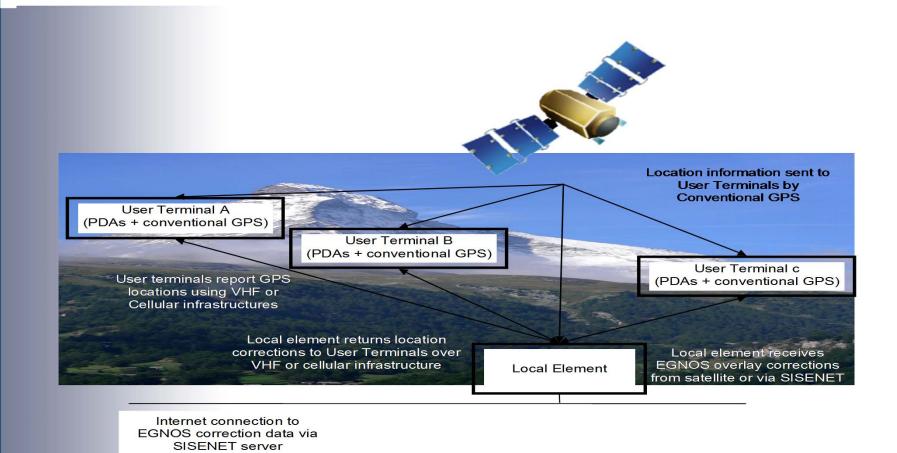
New Forms of Interaction– ALIVE Architecture



Emergency broadcast if cellular infrastructure destroyed/unavailable.



New Forms of Interaction– CNSAS Architecture



Integration of EC Projects in Emergency Infrastructures.



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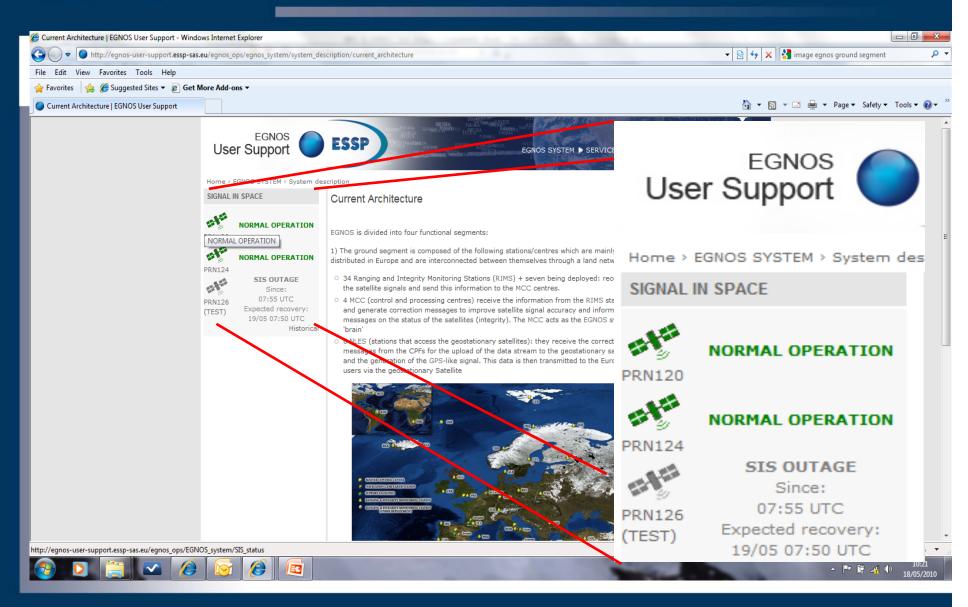
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There Can Still Be Problems...





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Any Questions...

