

# Near Real-Time Airborne Total Propagated Uncertainty Framework Bathy Lidar

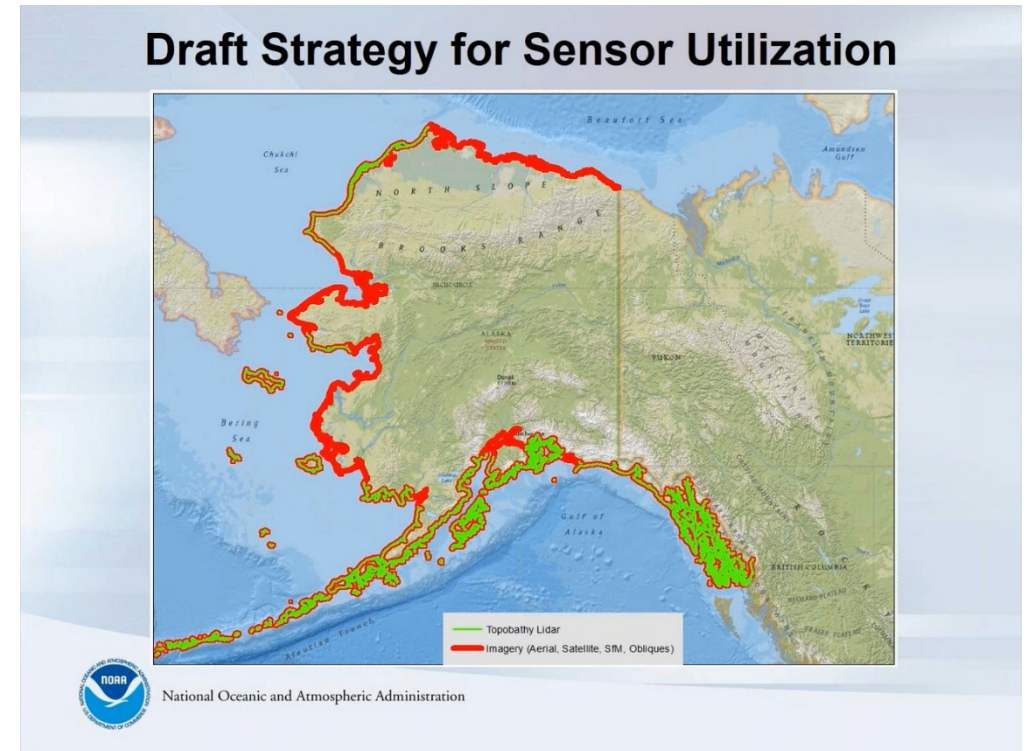


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# Outline

- Why Total Propagate Uncertainty?
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- Calculation Framework
- Modeling and Simulation

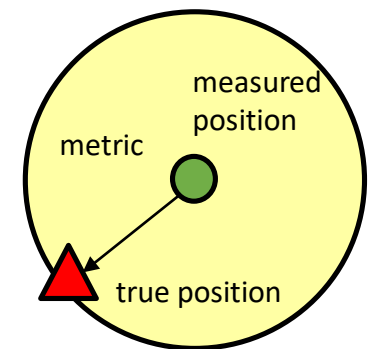
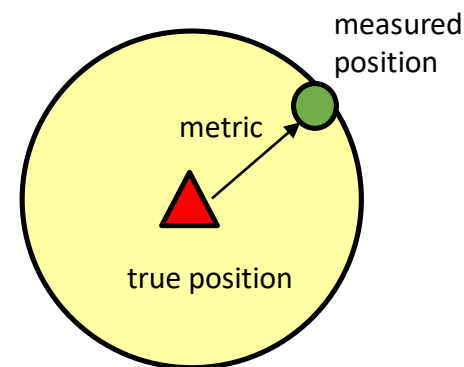


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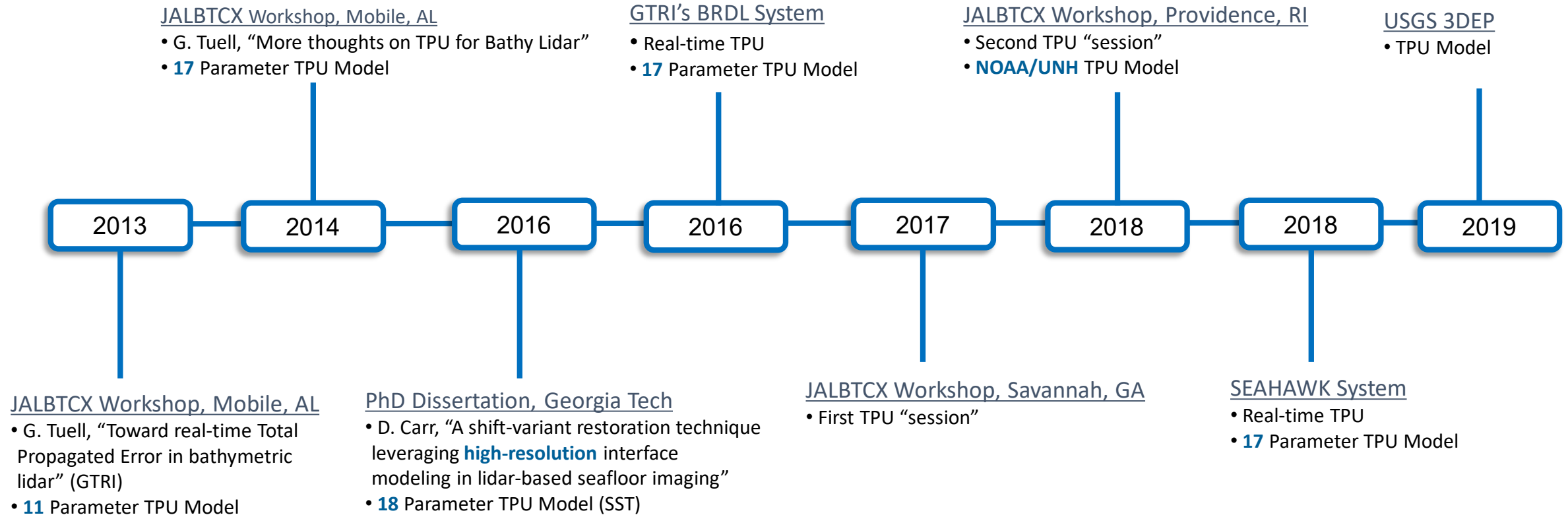


# Why Uncertainty?

- Any **dataset** is only a representation of reality, therefore contains **uncertainty** about the nature of the real world being represented.  
*(De, Goodchild and Longley, 2007)*
- Bathymetry Lidar Sources of Uncertainty
  - Trajectory, boresight, sensor measurements, water characteristics and ranging values with variances.
  - Total Propagated Uncertainty (TPU)
- How much is acceptable?
  - Surveying / Mapping
  - Specification / Standard



# Recent TPU History



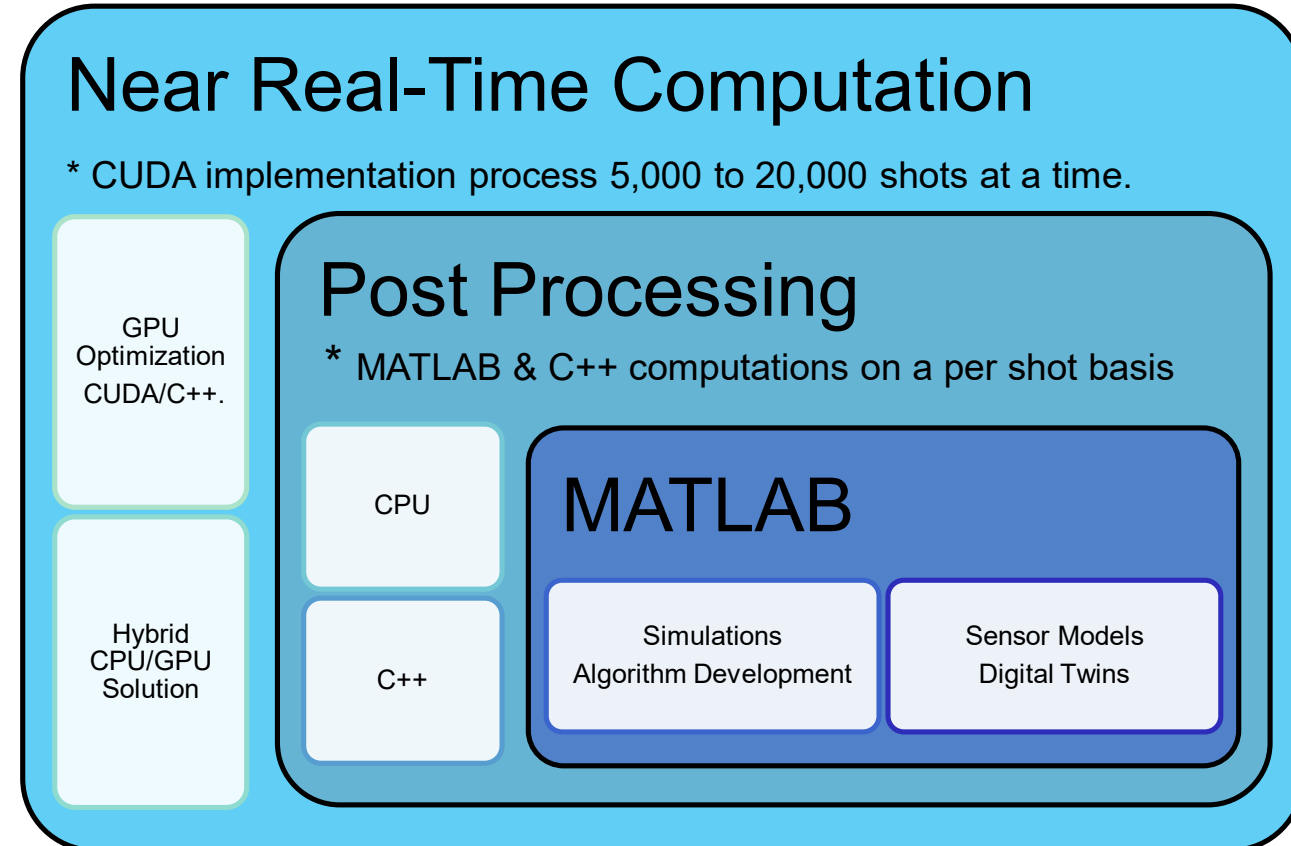
$$\begin{bmatrix} N_P \\ E_P \\ D_P \end{bmatrix} = R_Z(\kappa)R_Y(\varphi)R_X(\omega)R_Z(\theta) \left[ R_Y(\phi_A) \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ l_A \end{bmatrix} + R_Y(\phi_W) \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ l_W \end{bmatrix} \right] + \begin{bmatrix} N_T \\ E_T \\ D_T \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} N_P \\ E_P \\ D_P \end{bmatrix} = R_z(k)R_Y(\varphi)R_x(\omega) \left( R_z(\Delta k)R_Y(\Delta\varphi)R_x(\Delta\omega)R_z(\theta) \left[ R_Y(\phi_a) \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ l_A \end{bmatrix} + R_Y(\phi_w) \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ l_w \end{bmatrix} \right] + \begin{bmatrix} \Delta X \\ \Delta Y \\ \Delta Z \end{bmatrix} \right) + \begin{bmatrix} N_T \\ E_T \\ D_T \end{bmatrix}$$

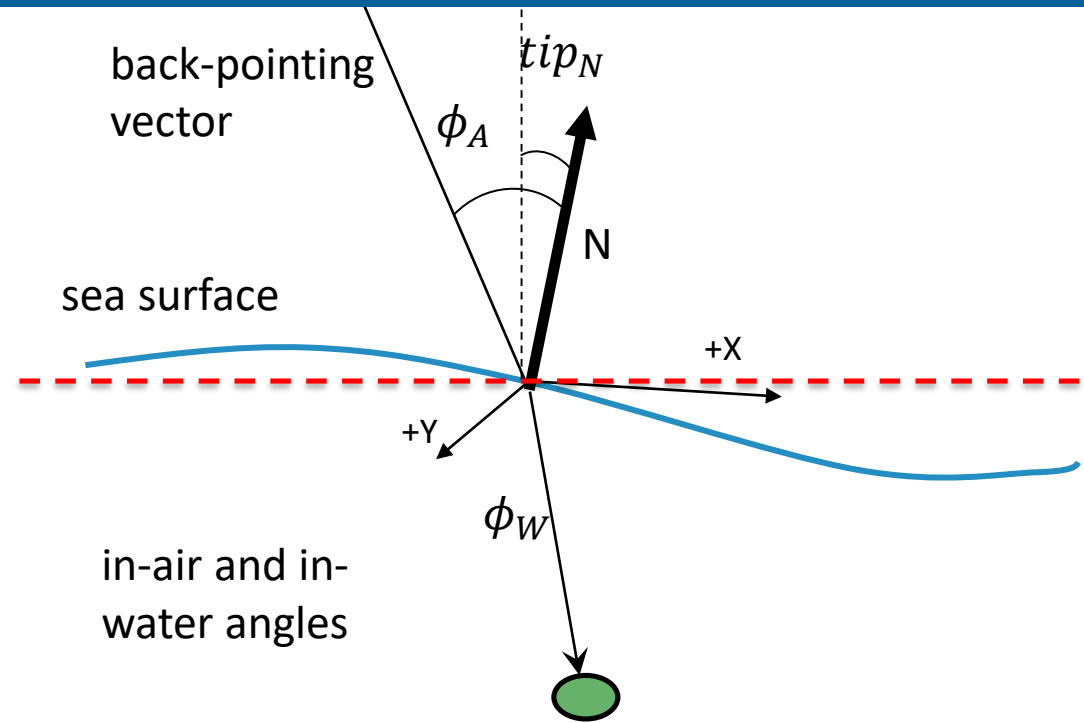
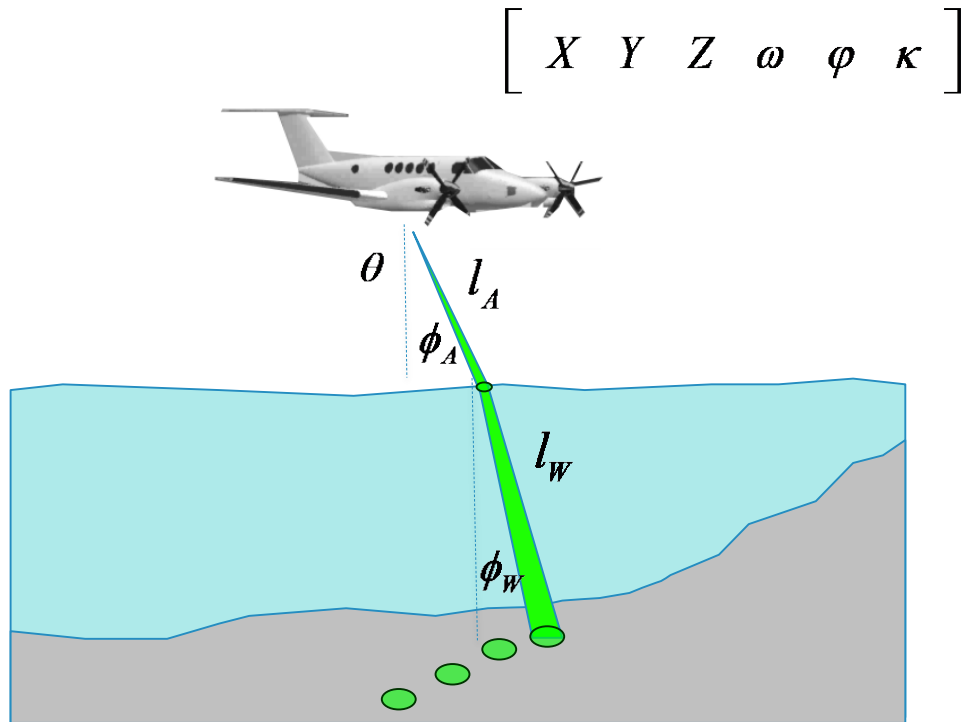


# TPU Computational Framework

- Nested Approach
  - MATLAB
  - Implementation in C++ /CPU
  - GPU optimization in CUDA/C++
    - **Compute Unified Device Architecture (CUDA)** is a new approach to solve complex problems by transforming the GPU into a massive parallel processor
    - **140,000** TPU values per second
    - **Hybrid** CPU/GPU solution create a live point cloud with TPU in real time



# Traditionally ...TPU is computed using 17-parameter model



surface often assumed to be horizontally flat

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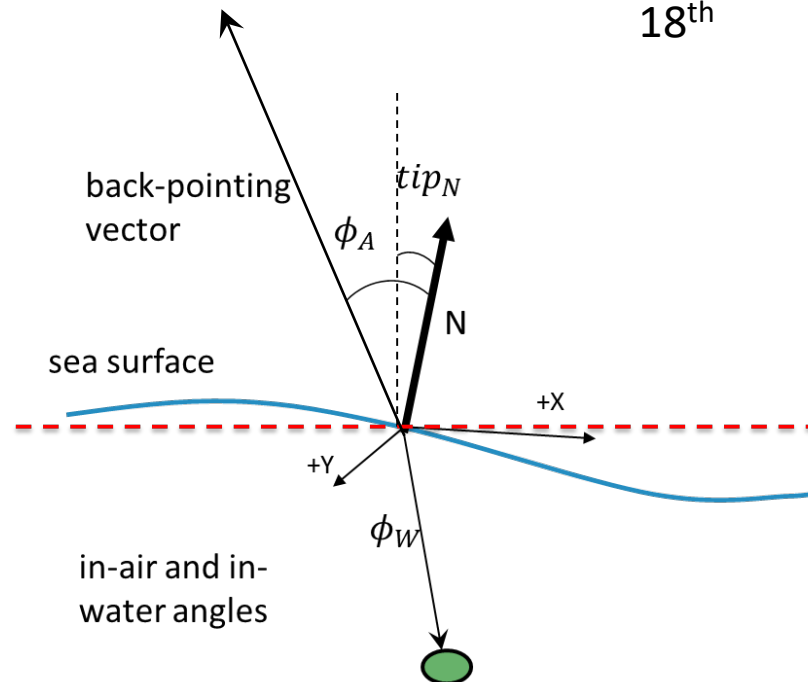
# 18 Parameter TPU Model

- For every seafloor coordinate

$$\begin{bmatrix} E \\ N \\ U \end{bmatrix}_M = R_Z(-h)R_x(p)R_y(r) \left[ R_Z(-\Delta h)R_x(\Delta p)R_y(\Delta r)R_Z(-\theta - \Delta\theta) \left( R_x(\phi_A) \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ -l_A \end{bmatrix} + R_x(\phi_W)R_y(\omega_W) \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ -l_W \end{bmatrix} \right) + \begin{bmatrix} \Delta Y \\ \Delta X \\ -\Delta Z \end{bmatrix} \right] + \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

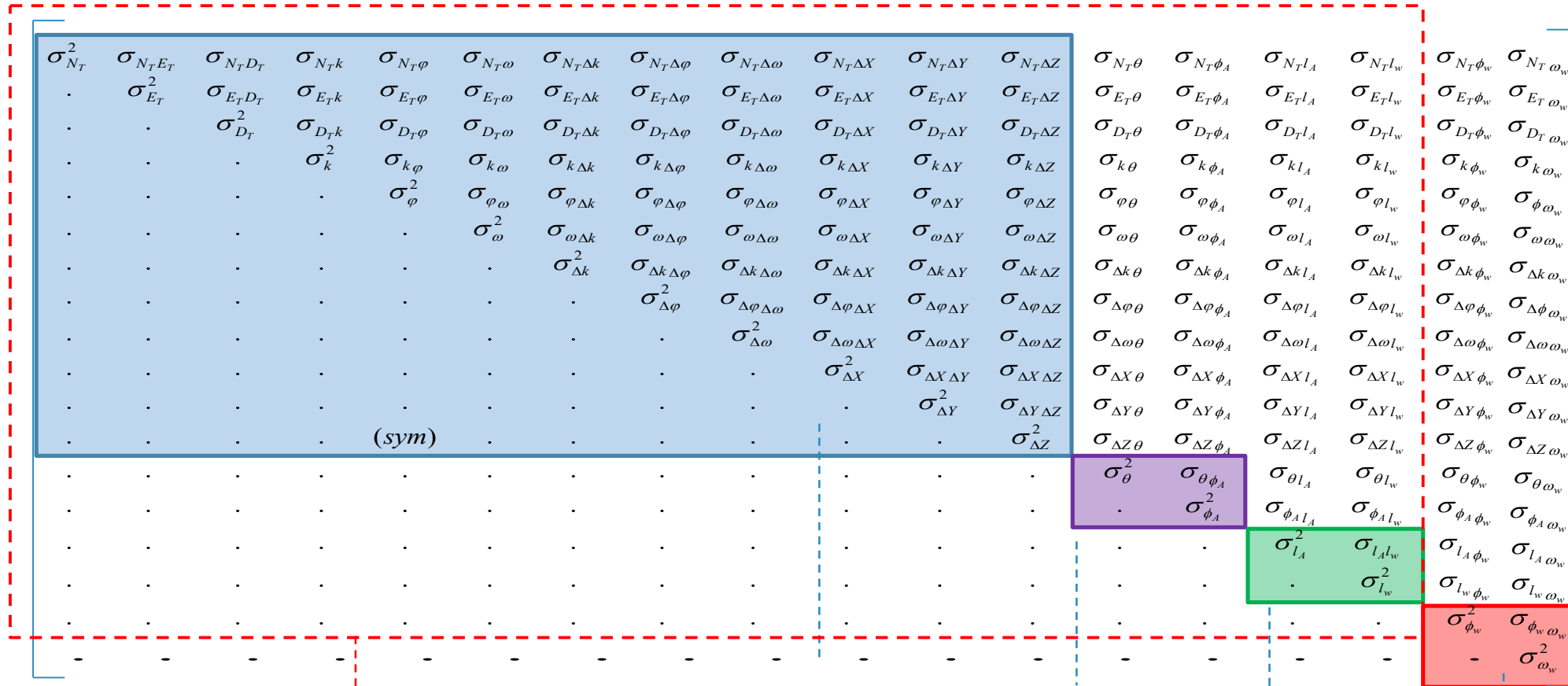
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- 18 Parameters
  - Trajectory
  - Boresight
  - Sensor measurements
  - Water characteristics
  - Ranging values with variances
  - **Sea Surface Topography**



# TPU Computation

- A series of matrix operations compute the partial and inner derivatives



$$\tilde{\Sigma}_M(1:16;1:16) = \Sigma_M(1:16;1:16)$$

From Tuell (2014)

Navigation

Pointing Ranging Performance  
Calibration

Sea surface:  
2 variables





# TPU Computation

- 3x3 matrix of variance – covariance

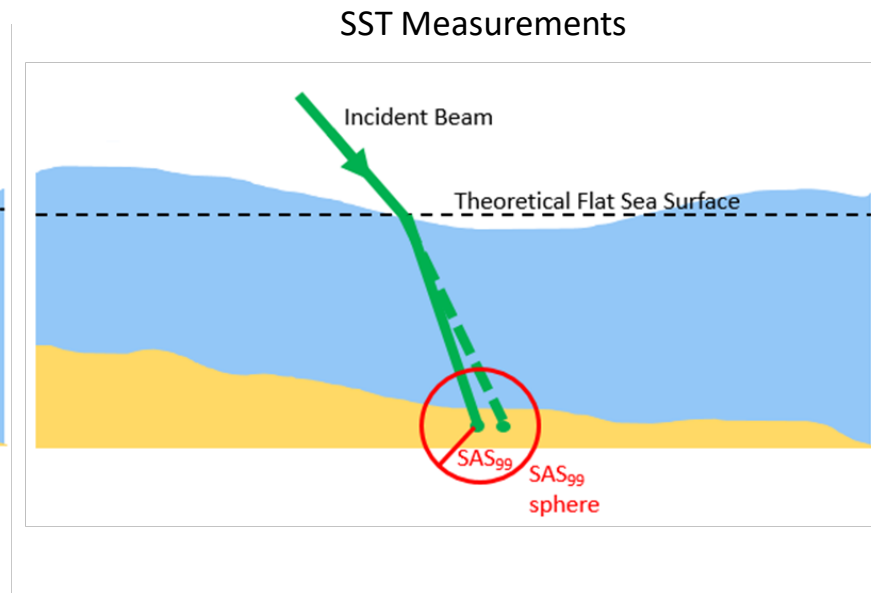
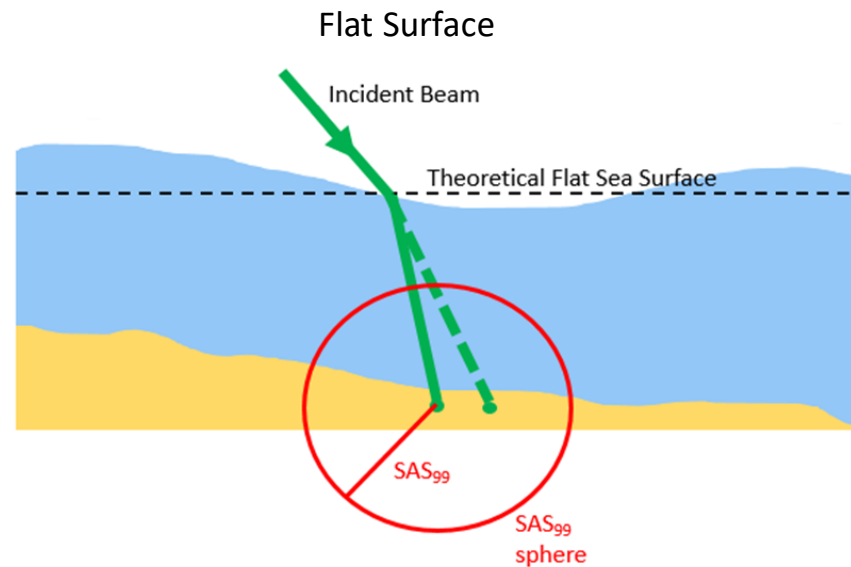
$$\Sigma_V = \begin{bmatrix} \sigma_E^2 & \sigma_{EN} & \sigma_{EU} \\ \sigma_{NE} & \sigma_N^2 & \sigma_{NU} \\ \sigma_{UE} & \sigma_{UN} & \sigma_U^2 \end{bmatrix} = J \Sigma_M J^T$$

3 variances representing ENU  
6 representing off-axis components

- Single value representing accuracy

$$SAS_{99} = 1.122(\sigma_N + \sigma_E + \sigma_D)$$

Spherical Accuracy Standard 99%

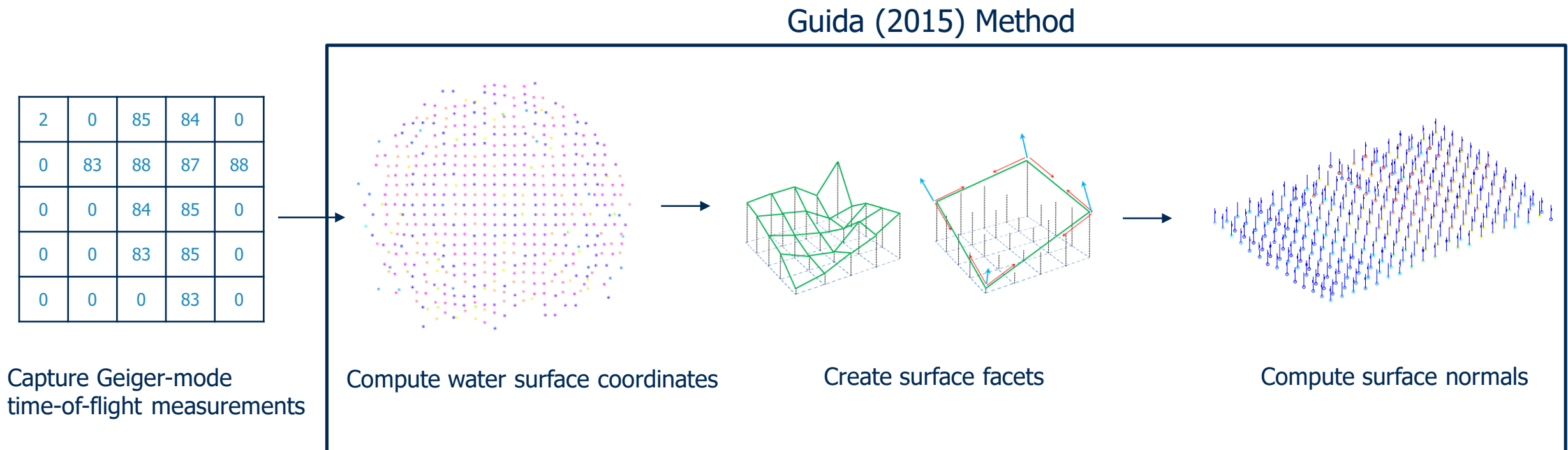


Geo location error and uncertainty are amplified when a flat surface is assumed.



# High Resolution SST

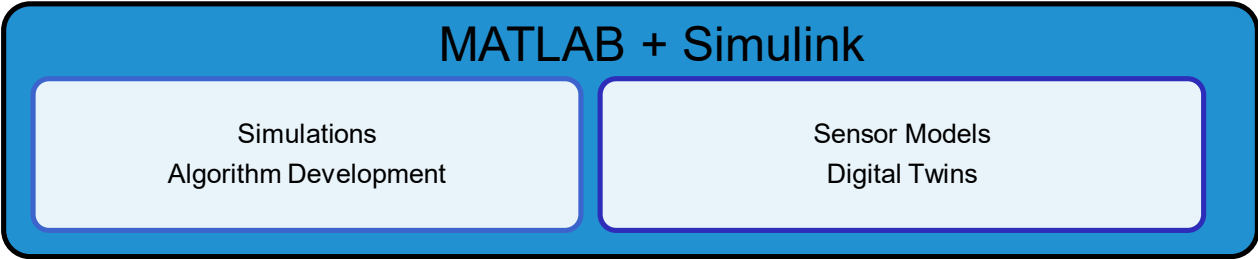
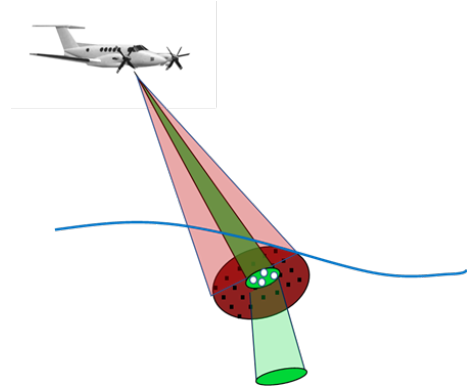
- Segmented detectors on Co-located Green and IR.



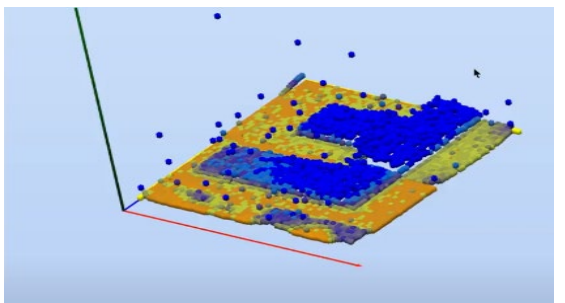
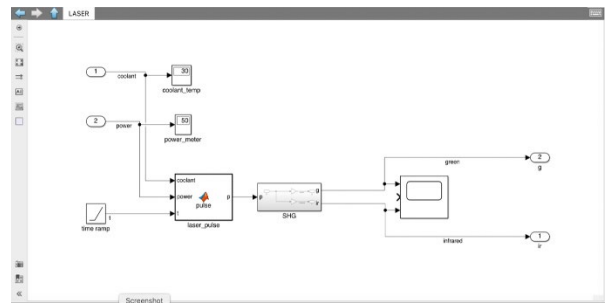
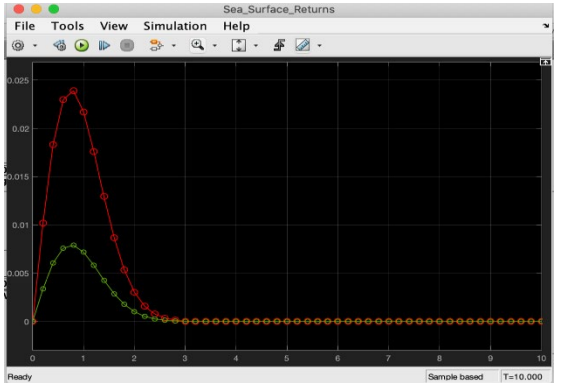
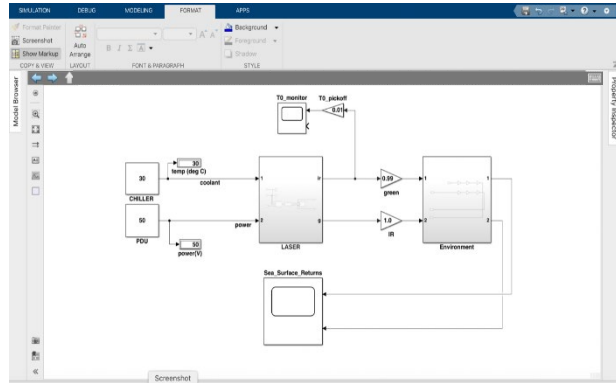
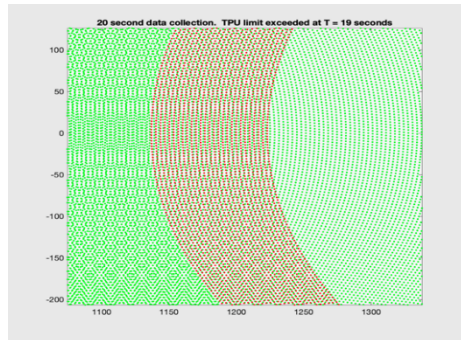
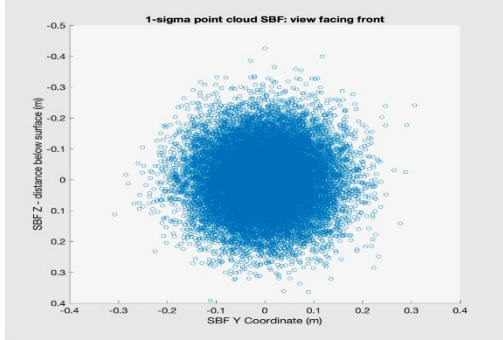
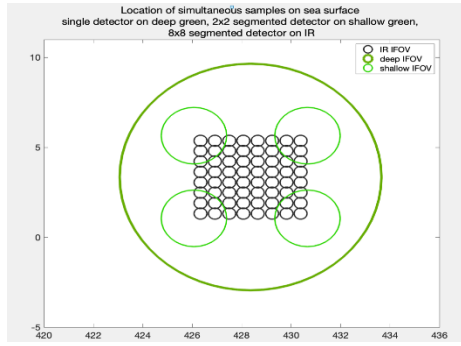
From Carr (2016)



# Development Design and Testing



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% 5. Enter lidar measurements and their sigmas .....
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110 nA = environment.indexAir; % lidar scan angle in degrees
111 pA = system.indexWater; % lidar in-air incidence angle in degrees
112 t = 0; % lidar scan angle in degrees
113 LA = 3078.0; % optical path length in air in meters
114 pW = environment.indexWater; % in-water incidence angle in degrees
115 oW = 0; % sea surface roll angle in degrees
116 LW = 0; % optical path length in water in meters
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118
119 spA = 0.05; % sigma of pA orientation in degrees
120 st = 0.05; % sigma of t orientation in degrees
121 sIA = 0.1; % sigma of IA in meters
122 spW = 5.0; % sigma of pW in degrees
123 soW = 0; % sigma of oW in degrees
124 slW = 0.1; % sigma of LW in meters
125
126 % 6. Compute LGF coordinate vector of deep green at sea surface, (V) ....
127
128 A = [cosd(-h) -sind(-h) 0.0; sind(-h) cosd(-h) 0.0; 0.0 0.0 1.0];
129 R = [1 0 0; 0 cosd(n) -sind(n); 0 sind(n) cosd(n)];
Command Window
Screenshot
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# SUMMARY

- A GPU accelerated TPU calculation from multiple channels, each creating thousands of waveforms per second is achievable, reliable, and useful.
- Near real-time TPU will be especially beneficial for assessing data quality when performing airborne surveying operations in remote locations.



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