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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Global Positioning System (GPS) and other Global Navigation Satellite Systems (GNSS) have enabled widespread adoption of Positioning, Navigation, and Timing (PNT) services in many applications across modern society. PNT services have become an invisible, but essential, utility for critical infrastructure operations across many sectors, including the electric power grid, communications infrastructure, transportation, precision agriculture, financial services, and emergency services. Therefore, disruption of or interference with PNT systems (whether GNSS-dependent or otherwise) has the potential to have adverse impacts on individuals, businesses, and the nation's economic and national security. The existence and nature of threats to PNT services are well known and both government and industry have recognized the need for resilient PNT equipment that is capable of withstanding and recovering from such threats.

This Resilient PNT Conformance Framework was sponsored by U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Science and Technology Directorate (S&T) and the Cybersecurity & Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA) and developed in coordination with industry and federal agency partners. It provides guidance for defining expected behaviors in resilient PNT user equipment (UE), with the goal of facilitating development and adoption of those behaviors through a common framework that enables improved risk management, determination of appropriate mitigations, and decision making by PNT end-users. To encourage industry innovation, this framework is PNT source agnostic and outcome based. It also contains four levels of resilience so that end-users can select a level that is appropriate based on their risk tolerance, budget, and application criticality. Therefore, a lower level receiver is not necessarily better or worse; instead, it simply reflects a level that meets the user's particular needs.

This framework focuses on resilience and applies to UE that outputs PNT solutions, including PNT systems of systems, integrated PNT receivers, and PNT source components (such as GNSS chipsets). While the framework does not cover downstream systems that consume PNT solutions, it remains important to examine downstream systems to reduce PNT risks in operations. Executive Order 13905, Strengthening National Resilience through Responsible Use of Positioning, Navigation, and Timing Services, emphasizes the importance of a risk-based approach to identify where PNT services are required and how they are used to limit the impact of PNT disruptions on critical operations and services.

Recognizing that requirements will vary by sector and application, this framework is limited to broad outcome-based capabilities and behaviors for resilient PNT equipment. It is intended to serve as guidance documentation that can be used by standards development organizations to develop voluntary standards with specific requirements tailored to different PNT sources based on sector and application needs.

The conformance framework's four levels of resilience are based around the core functions of Prevent, Respond, and Recovery. Additionally, the levels are cumulative, with requirements in each level carrying over into the next. This results in higher levels corresponding with greater resilience. PNT resilience arises not just from individual component capabilities (such as holdover devices or new PNT sources), but also how they are architected within PNT systems. The vision for the conformance framework is that it acts as a bridge, with Levels 1 and 2 addressing critical legacy issues and Levels 3 and 4 paving the way for future PNT equipment.

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1.0 INTRODUCTION AND BACKGROUND

The Global Positioning System (GPS) and other Global Navigation Satellite Systems (GNSS) have enabled widespread adoption of Positioning, Navigation, and Timing (PNT) services in many applications across modern society. PNT services have become an invisible, but essential, utility for critical infrastructure operations across many sectors, including the electric power grid, communications infrastructure, transportation, precision agriculture, financial services, and emergency services. Other GNSS have also joined GPS in providing precise location-based services and precise timing to global infrastructure. Therefore, disruption of or interference with PNT systems (whether GNSS-dependent or otherwise) has the potential to have adverse impacts on individuals, businesses, and the nation's economic and national security. The existence and nature of threats to PNT services are well known and both government and industry have recognized the need for resilient PNT user equipment that is capable of withstanding and recovering from such threats.

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This framework focuses on resilience and applies to user equipment (UE) that outputs PNT solutions, including PNT systems of systems, integrated PNT receivers, and PNT source components (such as GNSS chipsets).¹ While the framework does not cover systems that consume PNT solutions, it remains important to examine the systems that consume PNT solutions to reduce PNT risks in operations. Executive Order 13905 Strengthening National Resilience through Responsible Use of Positioning, Navigation, and Timing Services emphasizes the importance of a risk-based approach to identify where PNT services are required and how they are used to limit the impact of PNT disruptions on critical operations and services.

2.0 FRAMEWORK OBJECTIVES

The PNT Conformance Framework provides guidance for defining expected behaviors in resilient PNT UE. The intended audience consists of public and private sector users, manufacturers of PNT UE, and providers of PNT services focused on Critical Infrastructure (CI) some of which may not be readily known, or the depth of support well understood.

The objectives of the PNT Conformance Framework include:

¹ The distinctions between PNT sources, systems, and solutions are further discussed in Section 4.

- Facilitating the development and adoption of resilient PNT UE, from the underlying chipsets, to integrated receivers, to systems of systems approaches.
- Encouraging industry innovation in resilient PNT UE.
- Providing guidance to Standards Development Organizations (SDOs) in the development of standards tailored to their specific CI sectors.
- Serving as a bridge that addresses legacy resiliency issues at lower levels while paving the way for future UE at the higher resilience levels.

The framework focuses on achieving resilience of PNT UE and services and seeks to ensure alignment to a clear definition of resilience. To that end, it is developed around the Presidential Policy Directive - *Critical Infrastructure Security and Resilience (PPD)-21* definition of resilience the relevant portion of which states:

The term "resilience" means the ability to prepare for and adapt to changing conditions and withstand and recover rapidly from disruptions. Resilience includes the ability to withstand and recover from deliberate attacks, accidents, or naturally occurring threats or incidents. [1]

Assessment of the specific PNT performance requirements of individual sectors or users (i.e., accuracy, availability, integrity, continuity, and/or coverage) is outside the scope of this document.

Finally, although the framework mainly uses GNSS-dependent timing sources as examples, the concepts are intended to be applicable to non-GNSS PNT sources and applications including GNSS and non-GNSS-based position and navigation receivers. GNSS-dependent time and frequency sources are specifically used as examples because they are currently the most predominant and most at risk timing and frequency sources in CI [2]. For an overview of data and measurement spoofing related to GPS-dependent systems, along with some mitigation strategies, see [3].

3.0 EXPECTED USAGE

The conformance framework is structured for flexibility and is expected to be used in several ways by different groups and individuals. These include Standards Development Organizations (SDOs) that can work with stakeholders to develop performance requirements and facilitate communication regarding resilience between stakeholders. In practice, CI use cases are anticipated to include a mix of PNT systems and services with different resilience level requirements. For example, a timing device at a main site synchronizing many systems and serving a range of performance requirements may require a higher resilience level than a single timing device at a remote location providing time to a single system.

DHS S&T intends to transition the PNT Conformance Framework to CI users, vendors, and industry-supported bodies for adoption and sustainment. Part of the transition should occur via engagement with the appropriate SDOs. The intention is that industry/SDOs would continue the evolution and refinement of the concepts in this document within CI sectors to address the specific needs of those sectors. Stakeholders focused on particular industries would develop additional performance and assurance requirements and refine evaluation processes and metrics. For example, aviation requirements are best developed by the aviation sector, power grid requirements by the power sector, telecommunications by the telecom sector, and so on.

3.1 Guidance and Standards

This PNT framework is agnostic with regards to applications or sectors of use. DHS S&T expects that each CI sector will develop its own set of standards and requirements as needed for that sector and the applications suitable to the sector, with this framework as a common foundation. The framework is also source agnostic, and thus its concepts can be extended for developing guidance documents pertaining to specific PNT sources or services.

3.2. Stakeholder Communication

Another important use of the framework is fostering communication of both the user needs for, and the resilience capability of, a solution. For example, the conformance framework should aid in making the following type of statement:

For application {X}, subject to threat {Y}, technology/solution {Z} can provide timing at **Resilience Level 3** with an accuracy threshold of 1.8 microseconds 99.9% of the time, and a post-threat recovery time of 80 seconds 95% of the time.

Note that the above statement separates the quantitative performance numbers and other parameters (such as accuracy, availability, integrity, type/magnitude of threat, etc.) from the resilience level. Specific parameters, threats, and threat durations should be consistent with industry use cases and requirements.

4.0 PNT USER EQUIPMENT BOUNDARIES

PNT solutions can be generated by different components and devices and is reflective of how supply chains involve combining multiple components to build progressively more complex systems. The conformance framework addresses these differences by defining three general categories for the boundaries of PNT UE:

1. Fundamental PNT measurements (e.g., GNSS chipset).
2. Use of an integrated receiver (e.g., includes a GNSS chipset, PNT processor, and clock/oscillator).
3. Use of a system of systems (e.g., includes an integrated receiver, an anti-jamming antenna, and any other connected devices used to deliver PNT data).

Figure 1 illustrates PNT UE boundaries and some of the components contained within the boundaries, including non-resilient components that may also be part of resilient PNT UE. These PNT UE boundaries illustrate opportunities to increase resilience along the signal processing and solution generation chain. This enables system integrators to use a non-resilient chipset (a chipset that does not meet any resilience level as defined in this document) but integrate it in a receiver in a way that that will ultimately result in its resilience. Similarly, end-users may operate “systems-of-systems” to increase resilience levels through the design, integration, configuration, and deployment of their systems. While the conformance framework makes it possible for an equipment manufacturer to develop a resilient receiver using a non-resilient chipset, utilizing a resilient chipset in a system will mitigate threats earlier in the signal processing chain.

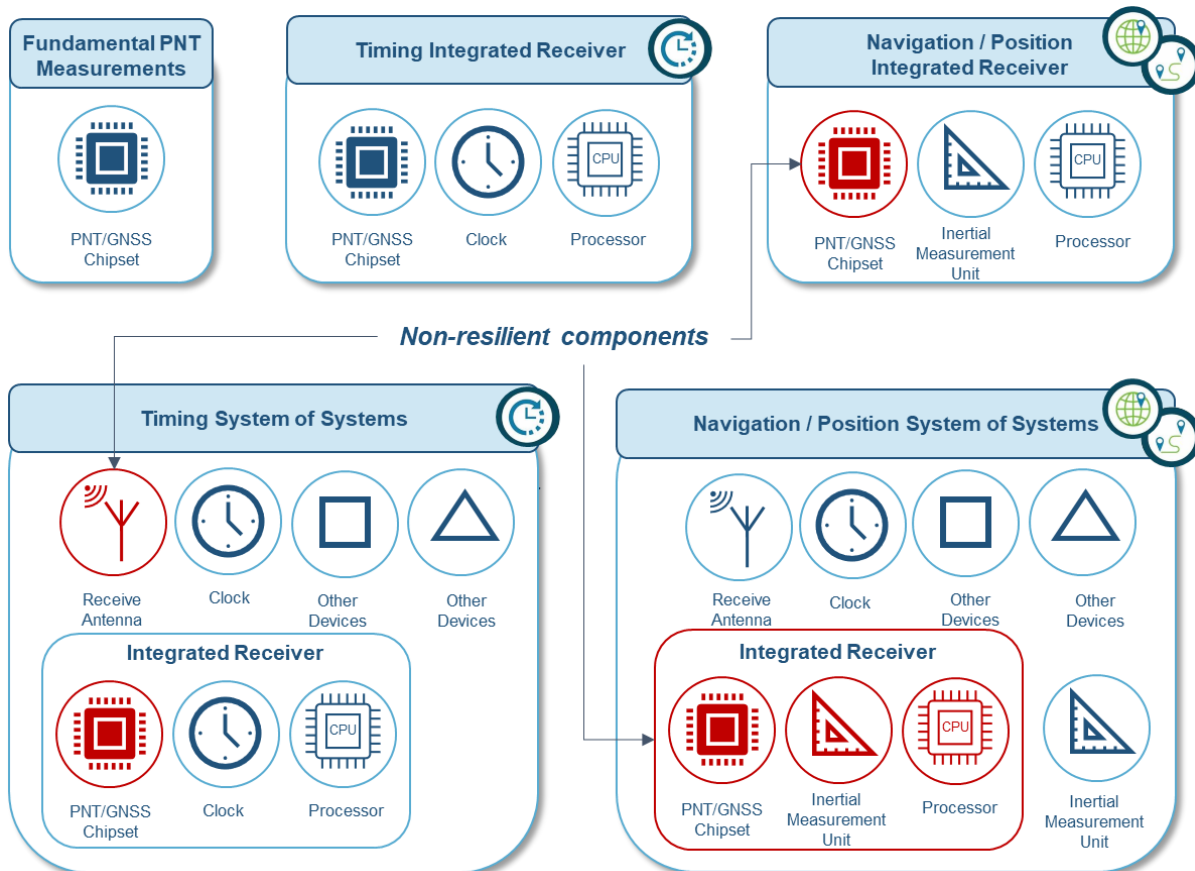


Figure 1. Examples of PNT UE boundaries across (1) Fundamental PNT measurements, (2) integrated receivers, and (3) system of systems.

The PNT UE boundaries can be further described using the following definitions, which are used throughout the conformance framework.

PNT System:

The components, processes, and parameters that collectively produce the final PNT solution for the consumer.

PNT Source:

A PNT system component that is used to produce a PNT solution. Examples include GNSS receivers, networked and local clocks, inertial navigation systems (INS), and/or timing services provided over a wired or wireless connection.

PNT Solution:²

The full solution provided by a PNT system or source, including time, position, and velocity. A PNT system or source may provide a full PNT solution or a part of it. For example, a GNSS receiver provides a full PNT solution, while a local clock provides only a timing/frequency solution.

Component:

A part or element of a larger PNT system with well-defined inputs and outputs and a specific function. Examples may include individual PNT sources or subsystems of PNT sources, discrete software functions that implement resilient PNT processing algorithms, hardware modules providing a supporting function internal to the PNT system, antennas, firewalls (between antenna and receiver), and external detectors such as software defined radio (SDR) detectors.

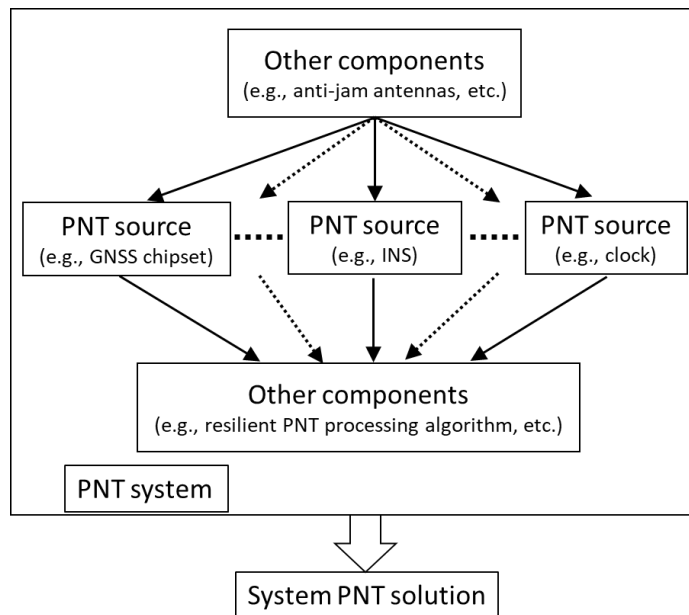


Figure 2. Relationship between PNT source, PNT system, and PNT solution.

The relationship between a PNT system, PNT source, and a PNT solution in the context of the framework is depicted in Figure 2. The dashed lines indicate that a PNT source may include a variety of inputs from other elements of the system. In addition, the distinction between whether the form of PNT information generation (e.g., chipset, integrated receiver, or system of systems) should be considered a PNT source or PNT system, lies in its relationship to the PNT solution for the overall system. For example, a chipset could contain sufficient internal signal processing to provide a system PNT solution if connected to a wireless timing source.

5.0 KEY CONCEPTS OF THE FRAMEWORK

The framework is built upon three key concepts –defense in depth, core functions, and resilience levels – and adheres to three guiding principles:

- It should be **outcome-based** (and therefore industry is free to be innovative in how to meet different levels of resilience).
- It should be **cumulative** (where successive levels build upon previous levels).
- It should be **generalized** (remaining technology and source agnostic).

² Historically, the output of a “PNT source” includes measurements that alone may not provide positioning, navigation, or timing solutions (e.g., altitude). The usage here refers to solutions that generate one or more of the three measurements: positioning, navigation, or timing.

Keeping these guiding principles in mind, the subsections below describe the key concepts of defense in depth, core functions, and resilience levels.

5.1. Defense in Depth

Defense in depth has two dimensions.

- Resilience should be designed and incorporated throughout the entire processing chain and system (via the core functions).
 - The system's required performance and subsequent design requirements should directly address the desired resilience capabilities.
 - Access to observables will support methods to elevate the resilience level.
 - Observables are defined as measured quantities (or calculated values) that:
 - are used by a system during its internal signal processing.
 - could contribute to demonstrating and/or verifying claimed resilience levels when exposed to an interface.
- Diversity of both PNT sources and resilience mechanisms will increase the robustness of the implementation.

Recovery is a critical component of resilience, but it cannot be the first action taken on PNT systems in an operational environment, as it can cause disruptions. Instead, it should be treated as the last line of defense, so additional layers of defense are needed. Section 5.2 describes the critical functions that should occur in addition to the last resort of recovery.

5.2 Core Functions

Prevention is the first layer of defense. Ideally threats are prevented from entering a device or system, however, it must be assumed that it will not be possible to stop all threats. Therefore, it is imperative to identify how failure modes occur, understand how a device or system responds to specific threats, and how the device or system recovers. Recovery is an essential element of the definition of resilience in Section 2. These core functions shown in Figure 3 as applied to the PNT Conformance Framework, are described further as follows:

Prevent atypical PNT errors and corruption of PNT sources, regardless of whether they are caused by threats or malfunctions.

- Prevention is preferred: There is no need to execute lower-level functions (i.e., Respond and Recover) if prevention is successful.
- Atypical errors are defined as errors outside of the expected performance bounds. This could include the case where the error appears to be less than the expected performance error due to manipulation. Manipulation can also result in biased or ramping errors within the expected performance bounds that are erroneous and misleading.

Respond appropriately to detected atypical errors or anomalies, including reporting, mitigation, and containment.

- The system should ensure an adequate response to externally induced, atypical errors before recovery is needed.

Recover from atypical errors to return to a proper working state and defined performance.

- Recovery is required.
- It serves as the last line of defense.

While in practice detection is a key aspect that can permeate all the core functions, some prevention techniques may not directly require detection (or reporting) to be successful; in such cases they would be optional. For example, every filter that blocks bad signals does not necessarily also detect the bad signals and report them (e.g., a directional anti-spoof antenna pointing at the sky, excluding ground signals, does not perform this function). Another example prevention technique might be anti-spoof algorithms that are based on historical data and consistency models and therefore rely only on internal observables.

The intent of the framework is to remain source agnostic to support innovation in industry, however programs and users should understand two underlying factors. First, that all the resilience levels involve some level of detection of anomalous behavior, whether due to intentional or unintentional causes, but the most basic type of detection allowed may be that a human detects a problem through some means. This may be all that is required for some applications, particularly where Level 1 resilience is acceptable. Second, detection of a problem is generally probabilistic. There is always the potential of either generating false positives (i.e., a problem is detected when one does not actually exist) and not detecting actual problems. It may be necessary to choose a threshold that balances the false-positive and non-detection rates. User training and experience may be necessary for timely recognition of and response to observed and reported anomalies.

5.3 Resilience Levels

The descriptions below cover key features of resilience levels 0 through 4. The capabilities associated with each of the resilience levels are generally increasingly sophisticated and leverage deeper architectural access. The benefits are cumulative with increasing resilience levels; that is, Level 2 is more resilient than Level 1, etc. Finally, descriptions also indicate the depth of architecture access necessary to achieve the resilience levels.

User applications are anticipated to include a mix of PNT systems with different resilience level requirements. The framework provides the flexibility to meet the range of needs by defining hierarchal resilience levels. For example, in a CI timing application, the main site of a distributed timing system may require Level 2 resilience, while Level 1 may be sufficient at remote sites.

In the resilience levels below, “proper working state” is defined as:



Figure 3. Core functions with embedded detection functionality.

A condition in which the device or system contains no compromised internal components and data fields, e.g., data stored to memory, and from which the device or system can recognize and process valid input signals and output valid PNT solutions. An initial pre-deployment configuration is a basic example. The accuracy of the immediate PNT solution is not specified in this definition, as it will depend on the specifics of the device or system's performance and the degradation allowed by different resilience levels.

The descriptions include the desired outcome behaviors and key features of each level, indicating which ones satisfy the core functions of Prevent (P), Respond (RS) and Recover (RC). Some behaviors or features can satisfy more than one of the core functions.

Level 0

A source or system that does not meet Level 1 (or higher) requirements is considered non-resilient. The inability to meet Level 1 requirements may include the following behaviors:

- The possible acceptance and/or usage of unverified input.
- A recovery process that may require manual intervention up to and including replacement of the device (i.e., after the device becomes permanently damaged).

Level 1

Level 1 is the first level of resilience, where a “full recovery” is the critical desired behavior. This recovery process is the last line of defense when all other prevention, response, or recovery behaviors are ineffective or unavailable against threats such as data spoofing. During the recovery process, the PNT solution may be unavailable for some time. Other key features of Level 1 include:

1. Must verify that stored data from external sources adheres to values and formats of established standards. For example, for a GPS-dependent system, this includes compliance with the IS-GPS-200 standard. (P)
2. Must support full system recovery by manual means, making all memory clearable or resettable, enabling return to a proper working state, and returning the system to the defined performance after removal of the threat. (RS, RC)
3. Must include the ability to securely reload or update firmware. (RC)

The necessary architecture depth of access (i.e., what is accessible within the device or system) may be quite minimal (e.g., verify the PNT solution output using basic consistency checks for a simple GNSS-dependent user equipment).

Level 2

Level 2 requires all the resilience behaviors of Level 1 and, in addition, must meet additional requirements in response to compromised PNT sources. A compromised PNT source is defined as a PNT source that generates untrustworthy PNT solutions. The source may contain corrupt data or contamination of the normal data processing and storage capabilities. Note that “untrustworthy” does not always mean the current solution is incorrect.

Level 2 requires the ability to continue providing a PNT solution in the presence of the threat while also responding to the threat. However, the PNT solution may be degraded by an

unbounded³ amount. Continuing the enumeration in Level 1, other key features of Level 2 include:

4. Must identify compromised PNT sources and prevent them from contributing to erroneous PNT solutions. (P, RS)
5. Must support automatic recovery of individual PNT sources and system, without disrupting system PNT output. (RS, RC)

The depth of architectural access (i.e., access to internal processing) necessary to achieve Level 2 resilience is likely at the level of components and their connections. For example, a GNSS-dependent system might verify internal observables from PNT sources and correct the system PNT solution after detecting compromised PNT sources.

Level 3

Level 3 entails a contained and controlled response to the threat. Thus, while in the presence of a threat, a solution must be provided but may be degraded by only a bounded amount. Bounded degradation means that the performance may be reduced compared to nominal operation within well-characterized tolerance limits throughout the degraded period. Adding to the enumeration in Levels 1 and 2, Level 3 includes:

6. Must ensure that corrupted data from one PNT source cannot corrupt data from another PNT source. (P)
7. Must cross-verify between PNT solutions from all PNT sources. (P)

To achieve Level 3, architectural access is likely needed to the internal signal processing steps, and this level of resilience may require hardware, software, and/or system architecture changes.

Level 4

As the highest level of resilience, Level 4 ensures the ability to operate through any compromising events without degradation to the PNT solution. The “No Degradation to Performance” criterion is assumed relative to nominal operations as defined by industry or appropriate SDOs. Level 4 features include:

8. Must have diversity of PNT source technology to mitigate common mode threats. (P, RS, RC)

Beyond source diversity, verification techniques that are fully integrated into the processing of a PNT source might be necessary to achieve Level 4 resilience. For a GNSS-dependent system, this could include validation techniques that are fully integrated into the processing of a PNT source to recover individual PNT sources while a threat persists.

In addition to the features listed for each level, two other important general resilience considerations are:

³ The output can deviate within a manufacturer defined envelope.

- Simply adding PNT sources is not a substitute for a secure radio frequency (RF) processing chain and does not necessarily lead to an increase in resilience.
- Additional PNT sources must be handled in a way that ensures each source meets equivalent resilience criteria and does not introduce new vulnerabilities / attack surfaces to the PNT UE.

5.4 Rationale for Resilience Levels

Defining multiple resilience levels for PNT UE provides several benefits to UE consumers and manufacturers. Distinct attributes and behaviors are assigned to each level to enable UE consumers to identify the appropriate level of UE for their application and support system risk analysis. In addition, the levels help manufacturers communicate the capabilities of their equipment and allows room for manufacturers to develop creative technical solutions that meet varying needs across the CI PNT environment.

To encourage broad adoption of baseline resilience functions, Level 1 is intended to be easily achievable, even for low-cost PNT UE, which account for a large segment of the market. This provides an entry point for introducing basic resilience attributes without requiring a complete product or system redesign and is generally appropriate for non-critical applications. Level 1 creates a sound foundation and building blocks on which to base higher-level systems.

Critical Infrastructure applications will likely require Level 2 resilience at a minimum. A key attribute is the ability to provide a PNT solution during the presence of the threat, albeit with possible degradation of the solution. Implementation generally requires increasing hardware and software functionality as compared to Level 1, with an anticipated corresponding increase in cost.

Under increasingly sophisticated threat conditions, Levels 3 and 4 deliver acceptable PNT solutions for a longer duration than either of the lower levels. The techniques for ensuring resilience are expected to increase in complexity, relying on attributes such as cross-verification and integration of diverse technology. Levels 3 and 4, which are built upon levels 1 and 2, reflect evolutionary resilience goals for the CI PNT environment.

5.5 Minimum Requirements for Resilience Levels

Table 1 captures the minimum requirements for each resilience level. The descriptions represent minimum behaviors (either allowable or resulting) that must occur to achieve that resilience level. Note that the resilience levels build upon each other, that is, Level 2 includes all enumerated behaviors in Level 1, and so forth. The final PNT output solution behavior for each level is specified as well.

Vendors or test certification bodies could use the table to assert a device is at Resilience Level {X}, and/or is compliant with a regulation or standard. Note that each resilience level comes with an understanding that the provided PNT solution is within the performance indicated in the system's datasheet (e.g., traceability and/or uncertainty to a stated reference) once the threat is removed (Levels 1,2 and 3) or in the presence of the threat (Level 4). Level 2 allows for an unbounded degradation in performance while the threat is present, while Level 3 reduces the allowance to a bounded degradation. Level 1 does not require a viable PNT solution while in the presence of a threat.

Table 1 Minimum requirements for each resilience level.

| Level* | Minimum Requirements |
|------------------|--|
| Level 1 | <p>Ensures recoverability after removal of the threat.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Must verify that stored data from external inputs adheres to values and formats of established standards. 2. Must support full system recovery by manual means, making all memory clearable or resettable, enabling return to a proper working state, and returning the system to the defined performance after removal of the threat. 3. Must include the ability to securely reload or update firmware. |
| Level 2** | <p>Provides a solution (possibly with unbounded*** degradation) during threat.</p> <p>Includes capabilities enumerated in Level 1 plus:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 4. Must identify compromised PNT sources and prevent them from contributing to erroneous PNT solutions. 5. Must support automatic recovery of individual PNT sources and system, without disrupting system PNT output. |
| Level 3 | <p>Provides a solution (with bounded degradation) during threat.</p> <p>Includes capabilities enumerated in Levels 1 and 2 plus:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 6. Must ensure that corrupted data from one PNT source cannot corrupt data from another PNT source. 7. Must cross-verify between PNT solutions from all PNT sources. |
| Level 4 | <p>Provides a solution without degradation during threat.</p> <p>Includes capabilities enumerated in Levels 1, 2 and 3 plus:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 8. Must have diversity of PNT source technology to mitigate common mode threats. |
| Notes | <p>* Level 0 indicates a source or system that does not meet the criteria in Level 1, and thus is considered a non-resilient system or source.</p> <p>** CI applications will likely require Level 2 resilience at a minimum.</p> <p>*** The output can deviate within a manufacturer defined envelope.</p> |

5.5 Common Mode

The conformance framework focuses primarily on resilience behaviors rather than the specific threats a CI sector may face. However, “common mode” threats are an important consideration (e.g., multiple GNSS constellations may be susceptible to the same jamming or spoofing threat).

Different mechanisms designed to improve resilience should not be susceptible to the same class of threats (i.e., “common mode” threats). For example, resilience behavior that relies on source diversity assumes that the sources are resilient to common mode threats.

As an example of common mode, consider a receiver able to receive the GPS L2 band or the L5 band. A jammer operating on the GPS L1 signal will not affect the GPS L2 or L5, thus avoiding common mode for that scenario. However, if the bandwidth of the jammer covers both bands or has multiple frequency jamming capability, this jamming scenario would represent a common mode failure.

Another example would be incorrect metadata in the signal broadcast from the GPS system that would cause issues regardless of whether the system uses GPS L1, L2 and L5 signals. A proper analysis of different common mode failures helps to illustrate how different redundancy and resilience mechanisms solve some, but not all, of the common mode issues. Different mechanisms often increase resilience when combined.

6.0 REFERENCE ARCHITECTURE EXAMPLES

Figure 4 provides a high-level view of reference architecture examples associated with the resilience levels. Key differentiators include the depth of architectural access (i.e., access to internal processing) to achieve resilience and the number of PNT sources in the system. Note that simply adding more PNT sources is not enough to increase the resilience level of the PNT system: the sources must be implemented without introducing additional vulnerabilities and must improve the resilient behavior of the system. It is assumed that higher levels of resilience will need to draw on multiple sources, implementing resilience through diversity and advanced resilience processing. In general, the sophistication in resilience processing increases as the resilience level increases.

The diagrams in Figure 4 may apply to PNT systems at different scales. In Figure 4, the “User” is the consumer of the output from the PNT system. A PNT system may be a system of systems or a compact integrated system. The PNT sources may be integrated systems themselves with built-in resilient processing, or minimal versions that will require additional system infrastructure to execute the resilient behavior. For example, for GNSS-dependent systems, the

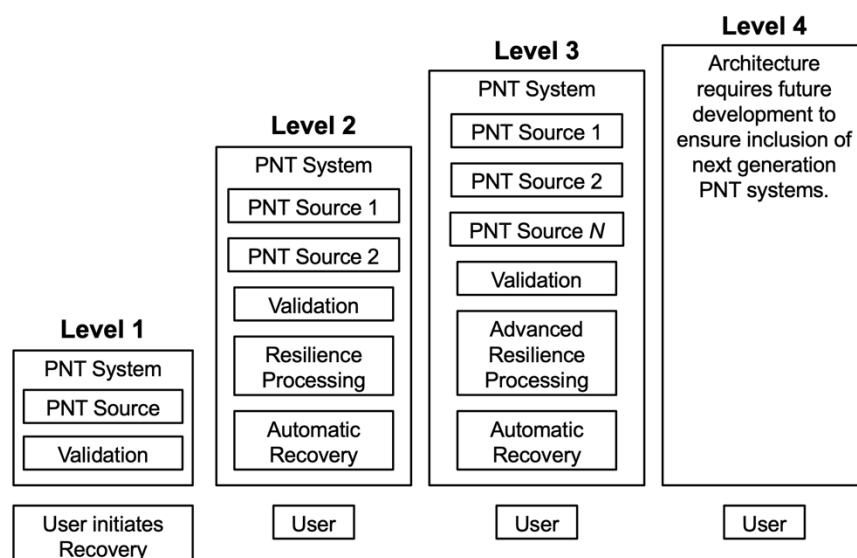


Figure 4. High-level system architectures corresponding to the resilience levels.

PNT sources may include a chipset or integrated receiver. At each level, the PNT system may be an integrated receiver or a system of systems. In the case of multiple PNT sources as shown in Level 2 and higher, the PNT sources may include non-GNSS-dependent sources, such as clocks, network sources, non-GNSS space-based PNT signals, or ground-based location systems. Note that Resilience Level 2 does not explicitly require multiple sources. Sections 6.1 and 6.2 contain more details on reference architectures for Levels 1 and 2. Section 6.3 covers some general architecture considerations for Levels 3 and 4.

6.1 Architecture for Level 1

Figure 5 depicts a basic reference architecture example for Resilience Level 1. The key functionality at Resilience Level 1 is represented by the “recovery message,” which is used to set the PNT source to a proper working state. The base requirement is the ability for the “user” (whether a person or a system) to initiate the recovery process that sets the PNT source to a proper working state. Verification should occur on the PNT solution and stored data; the required verification processes are not specified.

Example observables for Level 1 include:

- Stored data (any data that is stored to memory, such as state information)
- National Marine Electronics Association (NMEA) messages
- PNT solution, which may include any or all of the position, velocity, and timing solutions depending on the purpose of the system.

Observables are important to inform decisions on response behaviors, such as when to isolate a compromised source. However, resilience levels are not determined by the specific

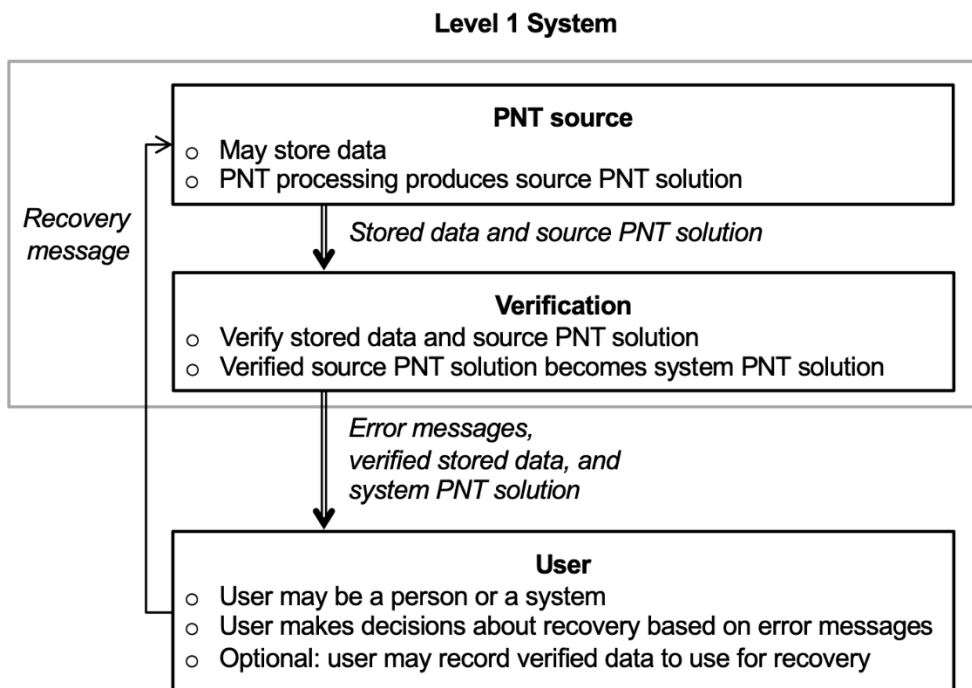


Figure 5. Example reference architecture for Level 1 resilience.

observables that are used or available in the source or system. Simply adding more observables to a source or system does not improve the resilience.

6.2 Architecture for Level 2

Figure 6 depicts a basic reference architecture example for Resilience Level 2. Key features of the architecture (beyond the Resilience Level 1 architecture) include an additional PNT source, verification of internal observables, and the ability to reset individual components. The secondary PNT source must increase the resilience behavior of the PNT system to a higher level than is possible with the primary source alone (i.e., it should be resilient to common mode

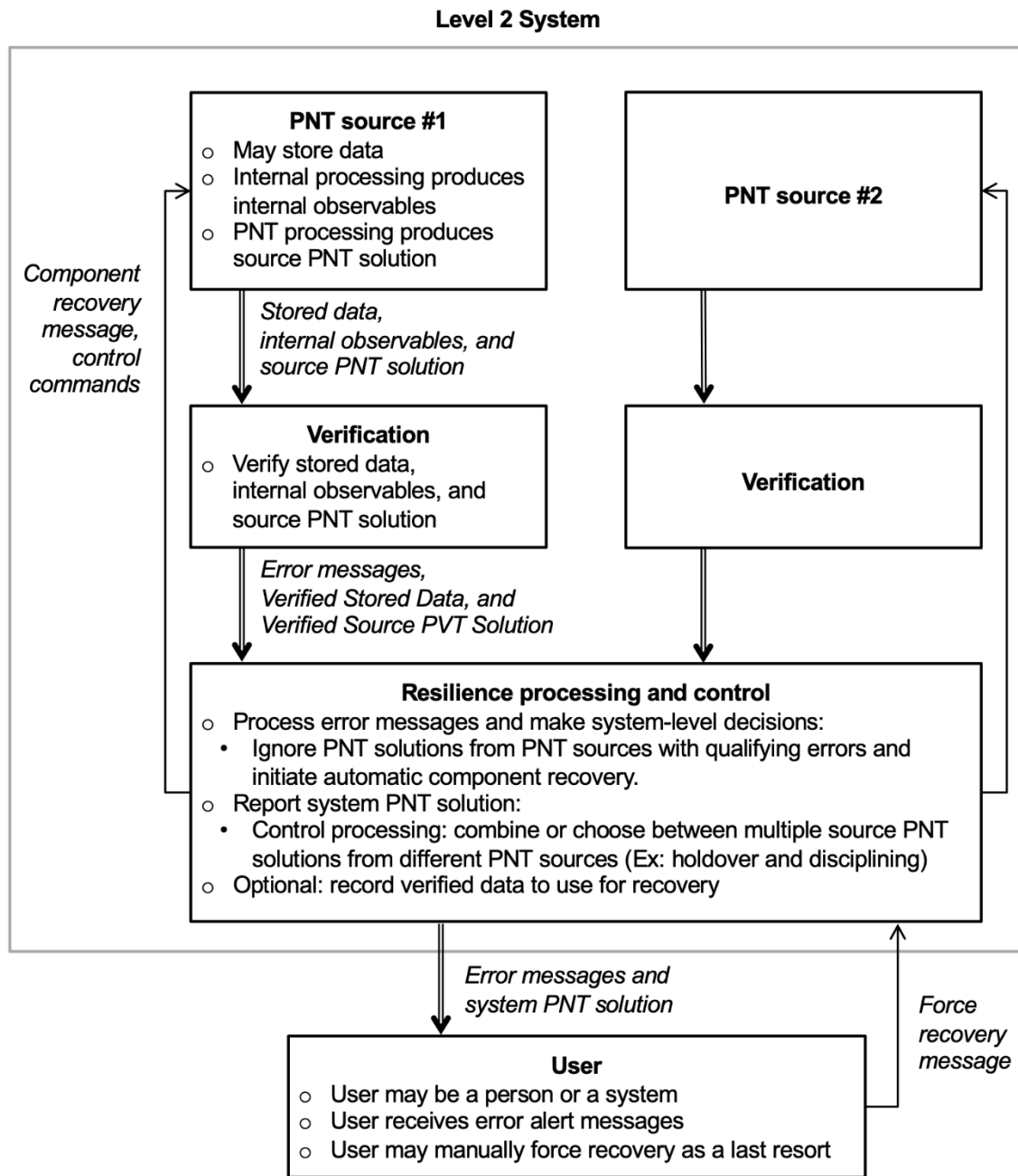


Figure 6. Example reference architecture for Level 2 resilience.

threats, and it should not introduce additional vulnerabilities). Not all features of the architecture, such as verification of internal observables, may be required for a specific implementation.

Example observables for Level 2 include:

- Level 1 observables
- Internal observables for GNSS PNT sources
 - Power observables: Automatic Gain Control (AGC), power, or Carrier-to-Noise Density ratio (C/N_0)
 - Raw signal observables: replica code phase, carrier Doppler frequency, phase, and amplitude
 - Solution observables: pseudorange, delta pseudorange, and integrated carrier Doppler phase measurements.

6.3 Architectural Considerations for Levels 3 and 4

Level 3 resilient PNT systems are expected to operate through threats with an allowed bounded degradation to performance. Suitable reference architectures may include access to PNT processing steps internal to the PNT sources to enable advanced mitigation and detection techniques that will likely increase processing complexity. The result of the mitigation or detection techniques employed by the system to withstand the threat can cause performance degradation. For example, the advanced mitigation techniques in a Level 3 PNT system for a timing application may cause delays due to the increase in the processing load and force the clock locking loop to update at a lower rate, causing in turn the bounded degradation of the overall system performance.

Level 4 resilient PNT systems operate through threats without degradation in performance. These systems will depend on multiple independent PNT sources (possibly different technologies) to achieve this performance. In addition, PNT sources that accept external inputs must perform integrated resilience processing directly in the path of the external input. For example, a GNSS receiver at Level 4 is expected to be able to distinguish the true GNSS signals from false signals, even if the true signals are intermixed with adversarial waveforms.

6.4 Additional Observables

The number and nature of observables play a critical role in achieving resilience. While listing a comprehensive set of observables is beyond the scope of this document, some observables besides those identified in the example Level 1 and Level 2 architectures above include:

- Clock correction – bias, frequency
- Filter specifics
- Tracking loop parameters
- Complete or partial In-phase/Quadrature (I/Q) data
- Outputs from correlators
- Cross-ambiguity Function (CAF).

7.0 SOFTWARE ASSURANCE

While not focused on software assurance (SA), the conformance framework seeks to ensure that SA is incorporated in resilience solutions as appropriate. As pointed out in [4], a “GPS receiver is more computer than radio...”, which serves as a reminder of the need to address SA within PNT sources and systems more generally.

To ensure proper consideration and implementation of SA in achieving resilience solutions, this section provides a non-exhaustive list of SA methods and techniques. Depending on the PNT source or system, not all the listed techniques and methods may apply. For example, a starting point for a GPS-dependent source should ensure that the firmware conforms to the GPS IS-200 standard.

Examples of suggested SA techniques to achieve various levels of resilience include:

- Failsafe firmware upgrade, dual-booting, or recovery image
- Secure firmware loader (Level 0 or 1)
- Dual booting of firmware (Level 1 or 2)
- Error-correcting code on all memory: flash, RAM, processor cache
- Error checking of filesystem and memory – checksums of files, check for stuck bits, etc.
- Sandboxing (Level 3 or 4)
- System design to handle power up and power down scenarios (e.g., what happens if power is cut in the middle of writing data to memory?).

Once a resilient PNT solution is established, maintaining SA to ensure the resilience level over time may include:

- End-user notification of defects, security vulnerabilities, product changes, etc.
- Continuous monitoring of in-process and field failures
- Signed firmware updates
- Third-party software monitoring.

For additional justification of the need for SA in CI timing applications, see the cyber security challenges and potential mitigations with timing in the power grid as discussed in [5], Sections 6 and 7, respectively.

8.0 EVALUATION

The evaluation process and approach described in section 8.0 outlines recommendations for determining the UE resilience level as defined in Table 1 above. Included are the attributes of several evaluation methods for determining system resilience levels and the achievement of coverage. Examples of scenarios and evaluation methods are offered to serve as a reference for organizations implementing this framework into more detailed plans. Note the examples are general in nature, so that CI sectors and SDOs can address the appropriate metrics, threat conditions, and thresholds for their specific requirements. For example, the telecommunications and power CI sectors are highly interested in resilience impacts to timing, availability, and integrity (i.e., the “Timing” in PNT). Other sectors, such as transportation, may be focused on resilience impacts to position and navigation (i.e., the “PN” component of PNT). CI sectors

should leverage applicable existing standards that establish performance and evaluation requirements relevant to their sectors.

Programs can evaluate UE against the resilience levels using multiple methods (or a combination of them), such as static analysis and dynamic analysis (e.g., the application of test vectors). When applying test vectors, the relevant observables should be identified and tracked. Application resilience requirements coupled with the UE technology will determine the appropriate evaluation process as well as the necessary reporting and supporting documentation

Testing should include validation and verification of manufacturer specifications that are intended to meet the desired resilience level as determined by end-user requirements. For example, after a firmware upgrade, tests should verify that the device(s) continue to meet the application requirements and defined system performance. The testing can include negative testing of high-level processes to account for key failure modes of concern (i.e., testing with inputs that are invalid, to check that the system remains stable and does not crash with invalid inputs).

8.1 Evaluation Coverage

In designing evaluation methods, considerations will need to be made on the breadth and depth of evaluation activities needed to provide sufficient coverage for validating resilience level requirements. Evaluation coverage is likely to be provided by a mix of dynamic analysis (e.g., fuzz testing or test vectors) and static analysis (e.g., architecture or code reviews), each with their own set of tradeoffs.

Dynamic analysis methods are straightforward and can be designed with clear-cut pass/fail criteria. It is therefore expected to be the most prevalent evaluation method. However, there are requirements where dynamic analysis alone is insufficient for validation, either due to challenges with observing the required response (such as resilience requirement #2 in Table 1) and/or requirements reliant on applying best practices and architecture design (such as resilience requirement #6 in Table 1). In such cases, static analysis would provide greater confidence that the required behaviors occur under all conditions. However, while static analysis has the potential to provide greater coverage, it is more complex and subjective to evaluate.

Ensuring appropriate coverage may be viewed as the proper application of a balance of static and dynamic evaluation methods.

8.2 Static Analysis

Static analysis is a non-testing centric evaluation method. Static analysis may include a review of the system architecture, engineering designs, and processing code. The key characteristic of

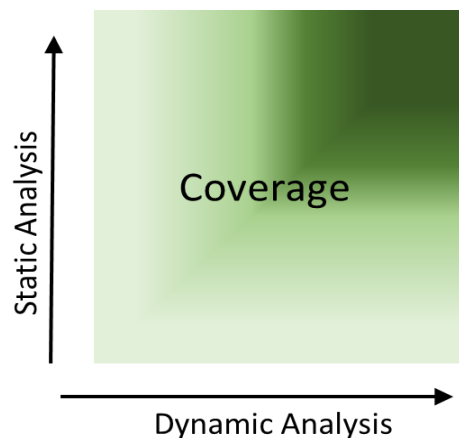


Figure 7. Evaluation coverage provided by a mix of static and dynamic analysis.

this method is that the system is not actively exposed to a threat to determine its response, as occurs when applying test vectors. Static analysis may be more suitable at validating certain types of requirements compared to test vectors. Additionally, due to constantly evolving threats, static analysis is critical to ensure resilient design and initial implementation practices are followed. For example, Level 1 includes the ability to manually reset a device after an attack, which might be demonstrated by static analysis of the architecture. In Level 4, a requirement for source diversity is an example of an architecture statement that can be verified without testing.

8.3 Dynamic Analysis

Dynamic analysis, including test vectors, is an important method of evaluation. For the purposes of evaluation for resilience, a test vector is defined as a surrogate for a threat condition(s) and may represent a specific or generic threat. Individual SDOs will need to determine the test vectors that are appropriate for their certification/acceptance process(es). Development of test vectors that provide clear delineation between resilience levels requires careful consideration to establish clear distinctions between the different resilience levels. Threat modeling plays a key role in developing the appropriate test vectors.

General classes of issues to test for in establishing the UE resilience level are:

- Failures in the source of the timing signal, whether a satellite system or a clock of some kind
- Disruption or manipulation in the transmission of data or signals, such as jamming, spoofing, or multipath interference
- Problems in the PNT system itself, such as a software bug, oscillator failure, or other hardware failure.

Testing methods include (but are certainly not limited to) the use of simulators (e.g., GNSS simulators) to generate jamming or spoofing signals, signal generators to produce signals that simulate clock or hardware failures, simulated network attacks, or open-air attacks on RF signals. Any simulation that involves RF transmissions must be done by trained personnel, according to manufacturer instructions, and in accordance with laws and regulations to avoid impacts on operations or to others.

8.4 Evaluation Process

An evaluation process is necessary to determine whether the resilience requirement is met. This applies to the overall requirement of the resilience level as well as the enumerated sub-requirements. In general, the overall evaluation process is shown in Figure 7.

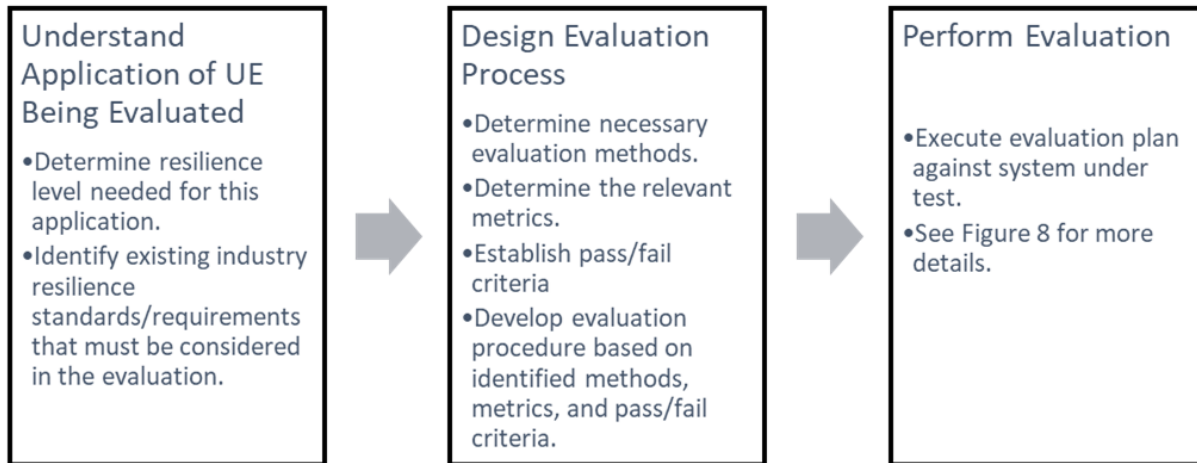


Figure 8. Overall Evaluation Process

The first stage in evaluation is to understand the application resilience requirements and the PNT technology under test so that the appropriate metrics can be identified. The target resilience level should be identified, along with the appropriate evaluation methods and the threat conditions. Existing industry standards or requirements should be considered when identifying the relevant metrics. For example, metrics for testing the overall performance associated with a resilience level may include accuracy, availability, or assurance. The second stage is to determine the evaluation methods, metrics, and pass/fail criteria, and then design the evaluation procedure, e.g., develop a test plan. The process to determine the achieved resilience level is carried out as shown in Figure 9.

Figure 9 illustrates the process flow where meeting a combination of numbered requirements and the output performance requirement determine the resulting resilience level. The descriptions of the numbered requirements are abbreviated versions of the requirements listed in Table 1. The boxes immediately below and to the right of boxes containing the enumerated requirements are the output performance requirements that also must be met. For example, to be designated as Level 1, the UE must meet both the number requirements (i.e., #1- #3) and the overall performance requirement. Similarly, to be designated as Level 2, the UE must meet requirements #1- #5 and the Level 2 output performance requirement. Note that a UE must meet several enumerated requirements, including those associated with lower levels (e.g., a Level 2 UE must meet requirements #1- #3 as well as #4 and #5), but only one output performance requirement.

Start with numbered requirements

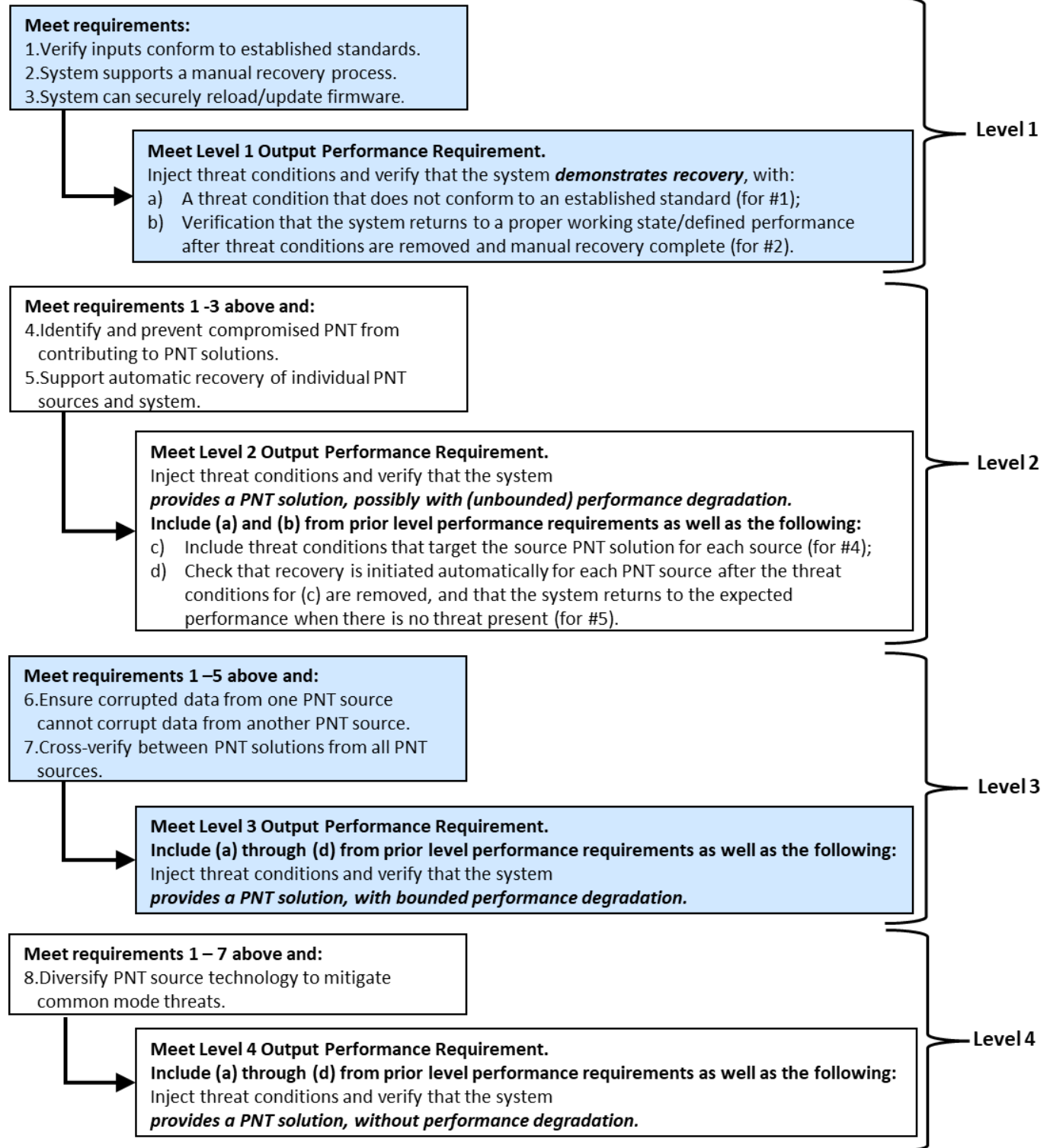


Figure 9. Process flow for determining UE Resilience Level.

8.5 Evaluation Methods

The evaluation process is further delineated into test and evaluation methods necessary to demonstrate that the UE achieves the targeted resilience level. The evaluation process requires test plans and identification of the data needed in the verification process. Testing requirements and necessary data are determined by the PNT source type as well as the targeted resilience level.

Table 2 through Table 5 contain descriptions of potential evaluation methods mapped to resilience levels. The methods described illustrate important elements of appropriate evaluation methods, e.g., inputs needed, observation points, testing considerations. Comprehensive coverage of all potential evaluation methods is beyond the scope here. After deciding on evaluation methods, they will need to be implemented into a test plan with detailed evaluation procedures and pass/fail criteria.

Table 2. Evaluation for Level 1.

| Requirement | Evaluation Methods |
|--|--|
| Ensures recoverability after removal of the threat | Use test vector(s) with and without fault condition. Observe whether UE returns to proper working state after fault condition is removed and reset. |
| 1. Must verify that stored data from external inputs adheres to values and formats of established standards. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Inject data messages that do not adhere to standards and observe that system rejects or "flags" bad messages. • Inject impaired signals or data (e.g., interference, reference clock, network traffic) to observe response. |
| 2. Must support full system recovery by manual means, making all memory clearable or resettable, enabling return to a proper working state, and returning the system to the defined performance after removal of the threat. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Use test vector(s) that puts the device into non-operable state and observe if system can recover. • Utilize a combination of fuzz testing, fault state analysis, and code review as determined by the standard, industry needs, and threat space coverage. |
| 3. Must include the ability to securely reload or update firmware. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Observe that system comes back up after firmware reloading or update. • Observe performance after reloading or update. • Check that device verifies firmware reload or update. <p>Note: This assumes the device utilizes firmware that is updatable.</p> |

Table 3. Evaluation for Level 2.

| Requirement | Evaluation Methods |
|---|--|
| Provides a solution (possibly with unbounded** degradation) during threat. | Inject threat(s) and observe if the system continues to provide a PNT solution. |
| 4. Must identify compromised PNT sources and prevent them from contributing to erroneous PNT solutions. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Inject impaired signals or data (e.g., interference, reference clock, network traffic) for each independent PNT source and observe that the PNT solution continues to meet the desired criteria. Repeat the test for all the PNT sources supported. • Track messages reported by system under test to confirm that the compromised PNT source is identified in a timely manner and that PNT solutions continue to be generated by the system. |
| 5. Must support automatic recovery of individual PNT sources and system. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Include test vector with and without fault condition. Observe PNT output availability after removal of fault condition, without using manual reset. • Observe performance of "Automatic Recovery" as defined in the standard. • Track messages reported by the system under test to confirm that the compromised PNT sources is utilized again automatically and in a timely manner when the PNT source is no longer compromised. |

Table 4. Evaluation for Level 3.

| Requirement | Evaluation Methods |
|---|--|
| Provides a solution (with bounded degradation) during threat. | Inject threat(s) and observe if the PNT output degradation is within defined bounds. |
| 6. Must ensure that corrupted data from one PNT source cannot corrupt data from another PNT source. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Inject system inputs for each PNT source (one at a time, not simultaneously) that simulate a corruption of data for that source. For each test case, observe that the data for the other PNT sources are not corrupted. Monitor the observables for each PNT source during the test and compare them to previous observations using statistical methods. • Utilize a combination of fuzz testing, fault state analysis, and code review as determined by the standard, industry needs, and threat space coverage. <p>Note: Ensure test set-up follows best practices for avoiding external signal interference between PNT sources.</p> |
| 7. Must cross-verify between PNT solutions from all PNT sources | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Inject impaired signals or data (e.g., interference, reference clock, network traffic) for a particular PNT source, and observe that the system catches or flags the corrupted PNT source. One at a time, repeat the test for all the PNT sources supported. • Utilize historical performance of individual PNT sources and their relative alignment to identify outlier conditions from baseline operation. Use statistical methods for comparisons between "normal" and "abnormal" device behaviors as may be required. |

Table 5. Evaluation for Level 4.

| Requirement | Evaluation Methods |
|--|---|
| Provides a solution without degradation during threat. | Inject threat(s) and observe if the PNT output does not exceed baseline performance thresholds. |
| 8. Must have diversity of PNT source technology to mitigate common mode threats. | Review the input source types and how the PNT sources are used, recovery characteristics (e.g., response time to detect and adapt system to the threat), and output characteristics during threat presence. |

Besides the evaluation methods described above that target specific requirements, threat conditions should be clearly described, including the threat level and limits as appropriate.

8.6 Test Plans

An important stage of testing as an evaluation method is the development of a test plan. A test plan should include, but not be limited to, the elements described in Table 6. Two examples for a GPS-based PNT system are shown in Table 7 and Table 8. While the examples focus on a GPS-based PNT system, the process, methods, and observables should be similar for other PNT systems, such as GNSS-based or time-over-fiber systems.

Table 6. Test Plan Elements.

| Item | Description |
|--|--|
| Resilience Level | Specify resilience level under evaluation. |
| Requirement | Specify the requirement from the resilience table. This is either the overall requirement for the level or one of the enumerated sub-requirements. |
| Inputs | Identify inputs required for the evaluation. |
| References | List references used to complete the evaluation. |
| Data access needed for verification | Identify data needed for the evaluation. This includes observables both internal and external to the device or system under evaluation. |
| Test Plan | Describes methods and steps need to execute the test or evaluation. This includes the pass/fail criteria. |
| Test Results | Document output of observables, intermediate pass/fail results, and overall pass/fail result. |
| Notes | Capture important observations not covered elsewhere in the process. |

Table 7. Example test plan for Level 1, Requirement 1 of a GPS-based PNT system.

| Item | Description |
|-------------------------------------|---|
| Resilience Level | Level 1, Requirement 1 |
| Requirement | Must verify that stored data from external inputs adheres to values and formats of established standards. |
| Inputs | GPS |
| References | IS-GPS-200 Rev M, system user manual |
| Data access needed for verification | Satellites used in Position, Velocity, Time (PVT) solution, position, 1PPS Optional – Raw NAV data |
| Test Plan | 1.Using a GPS simulator, introduce the following errors (one at a time, select one with a valid range established)- a) Error in subframe 1 parameters – see table 20-I b) Error in satellite ephemeris data – see table 20-III c) Error in Almanac Parameters – see table 20-VI 2.Optional – Verify that the error was properly received by receiver (requires NAV data access) |
| Test Results | Verify that the errors in the satellite messages are not used in the PVT solution, or other indicators |
| Notes | Error means value out of given range. Verification cannot test every possible error in every possible field. Need to test all GNSS that are active on the system |

Table 8. Example test plan for Level 2, Requirement 4 of a GPS-based PNT system.

| Item | Description |
|-------------------------------------|--|
| Resilience Level | Level 2, Requirement 4 |
| Requirement | Must identify compromised PNT sources and prevent them from contributing to erroneous PNT solutions. |
| Inputs | GPS |
| References | System user manual |
| Data access needed for verification | Position, 1PPS, reference validity, references used |
| Test Plan | 1. Spoof the system position. a) Use a knock-off jammer if necessary to lock onto the spoofer signal 2.Spoof the system time a) Use a knock-off jammer if necessary to lock onto the spoofer signal |
| Test Results | For part 1, verify that the system does not show GPS as a valid reference, and it is not used. For part 2, verify that the system does not show GPS as a valid reference, and it is not used. |
| Notes | Spoofing is not the only way to compromise a system |

8.7 Other Analysis and Documentation

A range of approaches may provide means of determining a source or system resilience level. In addition, documentation and development standards can aid in assessing the resilience level of a source or system. Any assignment of a resilience level to a source or system should include

accompanying documentation, descriptions, and explanations on how the resilience level was determined. Some potential assessment methods and relevant information include:

- Documented development processes and training for personnel
- Moderation and review processes
- Defect logging and review processes
- Code coverage analysis – establish whether all code and functionality are tested, reviewed, etc.
- Requirements traceability
- Vulnerability analysis
- Failure Mode and Effects Analysis (FMEA)
- Fuzz testing i.e., the injection of invalid inputs in some random fashion, for the purpose of exposing implementation issues, in this case as pertaining to a PNT receiver.
- Evaluation, maintenance, monitoring processes for third-party software
- Functional testing
- Verification testing
- Highly accelerated life testing (HALT).

In addition, some relevant standards and associated verifications include:

- Type testing against internal standards, industry standards, regulatory standards, etc.
- Design standards: comparison to reference resilience architectures
- Coding standards, such as High Integrity C++ (HICPP); consistent practices to reduce defects
- Security standards (determine if formalized practices are in place).

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APPENDIX A: DEFINITIONS

atypical error

Error outside of the expected performance bounds. This could include the case where the error is less than the expected performance error due to manipulation.

common mode

Common mode threat/failure refers to the case in which two or more PNT systems (or sources), while appearing independent, in fact have a common dependence that makes them susceptible (vulnerable) to the same threat or failure.

component:

A part or element of a larger PNT system with well-defined inputs and outputs and a specific function. Examples may include individual PNT sources or subsystems of PNT sources, discrete software functions that implement resilient PNT processing algorithms, or hardware modules providing a supporting function internal to the PNT system.

compromised PNT source

A PNT source that generates untrustworthy PNT solutions. The source may contain corrupt data or contamination of the normal data processing and storage capabilities. Note that untrustworthy does not always mean the current solution is incorrect.

observables

Measured quantities or calculated values that are used during the internal signal processing of a system that, when exposed on an interface, could contribute to demonstrating and/or verifying resiliency level claims.

PNT system

The components, processes, and parameters that collectively produce the final PNT Solution for the user.

PNT source

A PNT system component that produces a PNT solution. Examples include GNSS receivers, local clocks, inertial measurement units (IMUs), and/or timing services provided over a wired or wireless connection.

proper working state

A condition in which the device or system contains no compromised internal components and data fields, e.g., data stored to memory, and from which the device or system can recognize and process valid input signals and output valid PNT solutions. An initial pre-deployment configuration is a basic example. The accuracy of the immediate PNT solution is not specified in this definition, as it will depend on the specifics of the device or system's performance and the degradation allowed by different resilience levels.

PNT solution

The full navigation solution provided by a PNT system or source, including time, position, and velocity. A PNT system or source may provide a full PNT solution or a part of it.

resilience

The ability to prepare for and adapt to changing conditions and withstand and recover rapidly from disruptions. Resilience includes the ability to withstand and recover from deliberate attacks, accidents, or naturally occurring threats or incidents.

user equipment

Equipment that outputs PNT solutions, including PNT systems or systems, integrated PNT receivers, and PNT source components (such as GNSS chipsets).

APPENDIX B: ACRONYMS

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| AGC | Automatic Gain Control |
| CAF | Cross-Ambiguity Function |
| CI | Critical Infrastructure |
| C/N ₀ | Carrier to Noise Density |
| DHS | Department of Homeland Security |
| FMEA | Failure Mode and Effects Analysis |
| GNSS | Global Navigation Satellite System |
| GPS | Global Positioning System |
| HALT | Highly Accelerated Life Testing |
| I/Q | In-phase/Quadrature |
| HICPP | High Integrity C++ |
| INS | Inertial Navigation System |
| NMEA | National Marine Electronics Association |
| PNT | Positioning, Navigation, and Timing |
| PPD | Presidential Policy Directive |
| RF | Radio Frequency |
| SA | Software Assurance |
| SDR | Software Defined Radio |
| SDO | Standards Development Organization |
| SV | Space Vehicle |
| UE | User Equipment |