

Floating Point doesn't Solve Everything!

$$\begin{array}{rcl} \text{Example:} & x = 10.0 & (0x41200000) \\ + & y = 0.000000238 & (0x347F8CF1) \end{array}$$

$$z = 10.000000238$$

WRONG!

You cannot represent 10.000000238 with single-precision floating point

$$\begin{array}{lcl} 0x41200000 & = & 10.000000000 \\ & & 10.000000238 - \text{can't represent!} \\ 0x41200001 & = & 10.000000950 \end{array}$$

So z gets rounded down to 10.000000000.