

GPS6D TECHNOLOGY OVERVIEW

GPS6D is a next generation technology, extending GPS position and time by sensing the attitude of the antenna (i.e. 6-DOF orientation) through measuring the configuration of the GPS satellite constellation.

MULTIPATH SENSOR

Detects directions of interference with GPS signal, indicates line of obstruction by nearby physical features





ORIENTATION SENSOR

Determines the 3 navigation directions (NED)



ALIGNMENT SENSOR

which GPS signals are

strongest

Measures the of arrival at



INCLINOMETER SENSOR

Provides 3 body angles relative to local NED





GPS6D Benefits

Body Orientation Data

Extends GPS. providing an independent source of geographical orientation (pitch, roll, yaw)

Miniaturization

Strong candidate for miniaturization, notably smaller footprint than systems requiring separated antennas



GPS Signal Identification

Provides a foundation for identifying fake GPS signals (anti-GPS spoofing) and physical signal obstructions

Reliable Redundancy

Additional standalone redundancy into PNT autonomous systems

Systems Integration

Platform for potential integration with MEMS and electrically small antennas



Low Cost Next Generation Technology Builds on existing GPS infrastructure, allowing streamlined integration path with current systems

GPS6D MILESTONES

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Axial Rotation of Antenna Modulates CN0

Prototype 1- Data taken from precision antennas: 2015

Prototype 2- Miniaturization, software testing: 2018

GPS GPS Rotation Satellite 1 Satellite 2 Axis Alignment Alignment GPS Angle 2 Angle 1 Satellite 1 rotation axis **Rotating GPS Antenna** Alignment Angle 1

Azimuthal Scan of Array Modulates CNO GPS Satellite 1 Alignment Angle 1 GPS Horizontal Array



GPS6D DASHBOARD

GPS6D is read



GPS6D Inclinometer

GPS-Only Attitude and Heading Reference!

PS6D estimates the three geographic rotation angles that specify current spatial attitude and heading of the sensor body.



Elevation (Pitch) zimuth (Yaw)

re this angle in Measure this angle in the local degrees as a bank

nale relative to

Bank (Roll)

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GPS6D Alignment Sensor

GPS Alignment Sensor 'Looks Around' at Satellites

GPS6D rotates the antenna around an axis to measure the angle at which each GPS signal is strongest.



Simulated GPS satellite alignment measurements

X

#	Name	Est.	Meas	QOS
1	13	-71	-74	1.00
2	9	-69	-61	1.00
3	30	-67	-76	1.00
4	5	-54	-64	1.00
5	2	6	9	1.00
6	28	8	4	1.00
7	6	53	63	1.00
8	19	70	74	1.00
9	17	71	78	1.00
10	24	83	78	1.00

GPS6D Analysis

Alignment even in the presence of emitter signals



GPS6D MATHTASTIC CHART



• Complex signal arrives as a plane wave of the form S(t) = R(t)*exp(j*theta(t)); ignore polarization for R(t) and recognize that theta(t) is changing as the GPS frequency. Convenient to describe the arriving signal as having a pseudo-azimuth phiO relative to X and a vertical polar angle thetaO, so the vector direction in X, Y and Z is then:

- $S0 = (sin(\theta 0) * cos(\varphi 0), sin(\theta 0) * sin(\varphi 0), cos(\theta 0))$
- Wave vector: $\vec{k} = (2\pi \lambda) * S0$. Projection of wavevector onto array vectors gives the relative phase delays at the corners of the square
 - $\vec{k} \cdot \vec{r}(1) = (\pi/\sqrt{2}) * sin(\theta 0) * (cos(\varphi 0) + sin(\varphi 0))$
 - $\vec{k} \cdot \vec{r}(2) = (\pi/\sqrt{2}) * sin(\theta 0) * (-cos(\varphi 0) + sin(\varphi 0))$
 - $\vec{k} \cdot \vec{r}(3) = (\pi/\sqrt{2}) * sin(\theta 0) * (-cos(\varphi 0) sin(\varphi 0))$
 - $\vec{k} \cdot \vec{r}(4) = (\pi/\sqrt{2}) * sin(\theta 0) * (cos(\varphi 0) sin(\varphi 0))$
- Coherently sum the complex signals S(i), i=1...4, remove the relative phase shifts to get a matching phase for all 4 elements. The phase exactly matches in the direction of the satellite *S*0. Use the steering vector:

 $F = \Sigma \vec{V}(\vec{k})(i)S(i) \ i \approx 4 * S(t)$

• $\vec{V}(\vec{k}) = [exp(-j\vec{k}\cdot\vec{r}(1)), exp(-j\vec{k}\cdot\vec{r}(2)), exp(-j\vec{k}\cdot\vec{r}(3)), exp(-j\vec{k}\cdot\vec{r}(4))]$

Add coherently to form the complex sum:



INTERESTED IN FURTHERING THIS TECH?

- The company is currently seeking parties interested in further hardware development including antenna design, performance testing and commercialization of GPS6D technology
- All inquiries regarding this technology can be directed to:

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