Precision Position, Navigation, and Timing without the Global Positioning System

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The NAVSTAR Global Positioning System (GPS) has revolutionized modern warfare. Since 2005 almost all US precision-guided munitions have used GPS targeting data.[1] Consequently, weapons delivery systems are able to strike enemy targets with precision, often resulting in little or no collateral damage. Furthermore, nearly all military assets, including aircraft, tanks, ships, missiles, mortar rounds, cargo boxes, and dismounted Soldiers rely on the accurate position determination that GPS provides.

For military users of this system, two main limitations emerge. First, the system relies on line of sight—that is, the satellites must be in "view" of the receiver's antenna so that it can acquire the signals. This limitation is most pronounced indoors (including underground) and in urban areas, presenting significant navigational challenges for ground forces, remotely piloted aircraft, and precision munitions. Tall buildings in urban areas block satellites from view and create reflected or "multipath" signals, confusing GPS receivers. Indoors, GPS signals are present but greatly attenuated; as a result, ground forces operating under protective cover have difficulty obtaining a reliable GPS position.

Second, adversaries can easily defeat the system's signals by using simple techniques and readily available equipment. "Jamming" results when adversaries emit signals that interfere with the relatively low-powered GPS signals. Reportedly, China has deployed GPS jammers in a fleet of vans, and several Internet sites even offer small, inexpensive devices to counter GPS-based vehicle tracking.[2]

Finally, a severer yet far less likely denial scenario involves other nations using antisatellite technology to disable or destroy one or more satellites in the GPS constellation. Three nations already possess such technology: the United States, Russia, and China, which demonstrated an antisatellite capability with a surprising attack on one of its own aging weather satellites in 2007.[3]

Regardless of the reason, when GPS capabilities become degraded or unavailable, the military needs a navigation alternative that offers comparable accuracy and utility. Researchers in the Advanced Navigation Technology (ANT) Center at the Air Force Institute of Technology (AFIT) are working to provide GPS-like accuracy without the use of GPS. The ANT Center is investigating methods to calculate position by using radio beacons, man-made and naturally occurring signals of opportunity (SoOP) (including magnetic fields), and vision aiding. In the future, a robust alternative to GPS will

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likely employ a combination of these techniques. A review of basic navigation concepts will help place these non-GPS approaches in perspective.

Navigation: An Overview

What Is Navigation?

In early history, mankind was predominantly interested in localized navigation, which entails determining a position in the vicinity of a local living area. People did so mostly by identifying landmarks and using their known locations to determine position. Later, especially when ship travel greatly expanded mobility, travelers needed a means of global navigation.[4] Early sailors navigated by keeping track of the direction and distance traveled on each leg of a voyage, a technique known as *dead reckoning*.[5] Even though navigation has improved dramatically, many modern systems (such as an inertial navigation system [INS]) are still based on dead reckoning (from the perspective of starting from an assumed position and tracking changes in position, speed, direction, and/or distance over time).

Navigation Trends

Though modern INS can be quite accurate over short periods of time, precise navigation and coordination over vast regions require extremely rigorous positional information—thus the need for GPS technology. GPS has become the cornerstone of modern navigation, and improvements in its technology over the past 20–30 years offer system users the ability not only to navigate precisely to within feet or even inches of the intended destination, but also to synchronize operational systems and equipment for unprecedented efficiency. For military users, these efficiencies translate into operational advantage through economy of force, mass, and the element of surprise. The Department of Defense and commercial industry increasingly use systems in which multiple, interdependent vehicles work together to attain a goal or mission (often automatically)—an objective that almost always requires reliable navigation. In fact, a number of systems need GPS in order to operate (not just navigate), taking for granted the system's availability. Furthermore, improvements in GPS accuracy (in both equipment and the algorithms that support it, such as differential GPS) can remove most of the errors found in its signals. Now, users can routinely obtain near-centimeter-level positioning accuracy for certain applications such as precision landing and, in the future, automated aerial refueling of military aircraft. As the pool of potential "customers" of GPS technology grows, the market is responding with lower-cost, smaller receivers to satisfy demand. The ubiquity of GPS has increased the inclination of users (especially those in the military) to track everything—every Airman or Soldier engaged in combat operations, every piece of airfield equipment, every vehicle, and so forth. In the past, we were content to track only major items of equipment such as aircraft because of the size and expense of traditional navigation devices and early GPS receivers. Today, literally every Soldier can have a GPS receiver in his or her rucksack.

As military and commercial reliance on GPS increases, so does vulnerability to interruption or defeat of the system. Therefore, users need equipment with backup navigational and synchronizing capability for situations in which GPS does not work. The chief scientist of the Air Force recently identified "PNT [position, navigation, and timing] in GPS-denied environments" as one of the top 12 (in terms of priority) research areas that we should emphasize in the near future.[6] Researchers at the ANT Center focus on exactly this problem by considering navigation approaches that do not rely upon GPS.

Since the system does offer accurate PNT in most situations, a suitable alternative usually demands combining two or more sensors using a navigation algorithm. The remainder of this article explains the general

concepts underlying navigation algorithms and sensor integration and then describes four different non-GPS navigation techniques under research at the ANT Center.

Navigation Algorithms and Sensor Integration

A navigation algorithm blends information, conveniently expressed through a *predict-observe-compare* cycle (fig. 1). "Navigation State" at the lower right of the figure represents the user's current navigation state or all of the information about the user's position, velocity, and so forth, as well as estimates of that information's quality. One can think of this state as the system's best guess of the user's position and the system's estimation of the accuracy of that guess. As depicted in the "Sensor" box, the system measures or observes data that gives it some insight into the user's navigation state. For GPS, the system observes the range to a satellite. It also uses a model of the real world, depicted as the "World Model" box. In the case of GPS, this model might consist of the locations (orbits) of the GPS satellites.

During the *predict* phase, the system uses the world model and the navigation state to predict what the system expects to observe; the "Prediction Algorithm" box in the figure depicts this process. During the *observe* phase, the system receives a noise-corrupted measurement from the real world. During the *compare* phase, the algorithm matches the predicted measurement to the actual measurement and uses discrepancies to improve the navigation state and possibly the model of the world.

Consider the following simplistic navigation example: a user attempts to determine his position from a wall. Using his eyesight to judge the distance, he *predicts* that it is about 30 feet. (At this point, the navigation state is 30 feet with high uncertainty.) The user then measures or *observes* the distance as 31.2 feet, based upon the calculation of a precise laser range finder. Next, he *compares* the prediction to the observation, quickly dismissing the former and trusting the latter because the user trusts the laser-based observation much more than the current navigation state (which was based upon eyesight).

The most interesting applications blend prediction with observation, a condition that arises when a comparable degree of trust exists in both the prediction and observation even though they disagree. To handle this blending, typical INS/GPS applications use a Kalman filter to perform the predict-

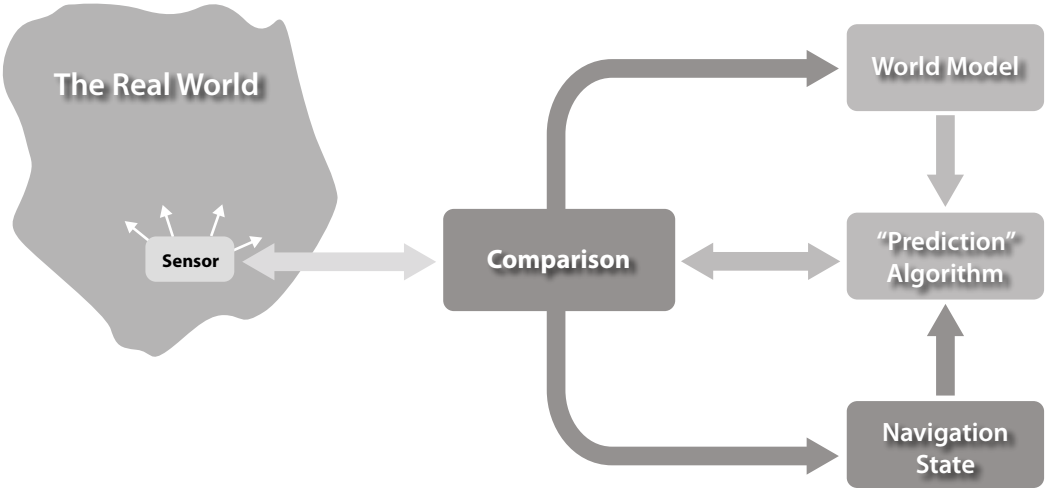

Figure 1. Notional navigation algorithm

observe-compare cycle.[7] The INS predicts the user's position by keeping track of his or her movements, and then the GPS receiver "observes" the user's position by using measurements from the system's satellites. Finally, a Kalman filter compares the INS prediction to the GPS observation, generating a blended solution based upon the relative quality of the two results.

Typical modern navigation systems blend an INS with GPS updates to produce a robust navigation estimate—"robust" because the dual inputs complement each other. The INS provides a nearly continuous, accurate estimate of vehicle motion but accumulates errors over time. For example, even the most precise INS initialized very close to the true position will eventually amass errors that render its position estimate unusable. Conversely, GPS updates occur less frequently, but errors do not accumulate. Used in tandem, the INS supplies an accurate navigation estimate over the short term while GPS provides an accurate solution over the longer term. In other words, the GPS sensor constrains the drift of INS errors.

Four Promising Navigation Techniques for Position, Navigation, and Timing in GPS-Denied Environments

Navigation Using Beacons

Beacons (i.e., sources of man-made signals broadcast for navigational purposes that augment or replace GPS signals) can counteract the effects of intentional interference or weak signal environments. The Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency (DARPA) instituted a program to "demonstrate the use of airborne pseudolites, which are high-power, GPS-like transmitters on aircraft, to broadcast a powerful replacement GPS signal that 'burns through' jammers and restores GPS navigation over a theater of operations."[8] Actual field demonstrations showed that airborne pseudolites could replace satellite broadcasts, providing good-quality navigation signals to military GPS receivers with only software modifications to the receivers.

Other researchers use beacons to transmit unique signals that require receivers specifically designed to navigate, based upon those signals. One company uses terrestrial beacons placed in a local area to assist GPS or to navigate without that system.[9] One can even use these beacons to locate someone's position within a subterranean mining complex; moreover, they might prove useful to ground troops operating in enclosed locations. From an operational viewpoint, this approach necessitates fielding transmitters from either ground sites or airborne platforms.

Navigation Using Man-Made Signals of Opportunity

GPS navigates by tracking signals transmitted from satellites. Navigation that uses SoOPs builds upon this concept, except that SoOP navigation tracks signals transmitted for purposes other than navigation (e.g., AM and FM radio, satellite radio, television, cellular phone transmissions, wireless computer networks, and numerous satellite signals). ANT Center researchers have explored television signals, AM radio signals, digital audio/video broadcasts, and wireless networks.[10] Given the wide variety of SoOPs available, researchers developed a mathematical tool to determine such a signal's usefulness for navigation.[11]

SoOP navigation enjoys several advantages over GPS. First, SoOPs are abundant, ensuring the availability of sufficient signals for position determination and for reducing position error. Second, SoOPs are often received at higher signal strength than GPS signals.[12] (Unlike GPS signals, those from FM radio stations or cellular phones are often available and usable indoors.) Finally, the navigational user incurs no deployment costs or operating expenses related to the SoOPs. (Of course, mobile receivers, akin to

GPS receivers, would require design and fabrication to field such a system.)

Using SoOPs for navigation purposes does have disadvantages, however. Because the system did not intend that these signals be used for navigation, their timing is neither necessarily linked nor synchronized. Additionally, the navigation user may not know exactly what was transmitted. To alleviate these two issues, typical SoOP navigation scenarios employ a base station—a receiver at a known location within the vicinity of the user's receiver. The base station enables the latter device to extract features from the SoOP, making the timing issues less severe. Most algorithms also assume that the SoOP transmitter (e.g., the radio station tower or wireless router) occupies a known location although methods exist for determining this information. Multipath or reflected signals—predominant error sources in SoOP navigation—often prove difficult to eliminate.

Orthogonal frequency-division multiplexing represents a particularly promising SoOP signal structure used for digital audio/video broadcasts and many wireless network devices. These signals exhibit navigation benefits not found in others, such as redundant information interwoven within the signals, from which a user may obtain navigation data by eavesdropping (i.e., passively listening to a signal) without using a base station.[13] Closely related research includes attempts to use radio-frequency fingerprinting to associate each signal with a particular transmitter.[14]

There are also SoOP navigation methods other than the ones that use timing information obtained from tracking a SoOP (akin to GPS navigation). For example, we can make use of angle-of-arrival data (typically found using multiple antennas) for navigation by bisecting multiple arrival angles to determine the receiver's position by triangulation. Additionally, we can utilize a SoOP's received signal strength (RSS) to estimate the range to a particular transmitter. A commercial vendor even offers a database of wireless network locations and transmitted power for use in RSS calculations.[15]

Navigation Using Naturally Occurring Signals of Opportunity

Although man-made SoOPs represent a rich field of study, naturally occurring SoOPs are also available. Fundamentally, any source that allows someone to distinguish one position on Earth from another is suitable for navigation. A phenomenon's usefulness for positioning often depends upon how reliably we can measure it; how well the measurement corresponds to a user's position; and the size, weight, and power of the sensor. Numerous naturally occurring SoOPs are potentially suitable for navigation, including magnetic fields, gravitational fields, and lightning strikes; however, navigation based on magnetic fields remains the most promising for military applications.

We find magnetic fields (in varying intensities) everywhere on Earth. In addition to Earth's main magnetic field, other such fields occur in any conductive material (such as rebar, wall studs made of steel, pipes, wiring, etc.). Thus, the magnetic field intensity at a specific point in a particular hallway in a particular building is unique. Researchers at the ANT Center have tested the feasibility of using such intensities to aid navigation systems indoors by first comparing measurements from a small magnetometer (about the size of a deck of cards) to a previously determined magnetic field map of the indoor area.[16] Then, they determined the user's position by finding the location on the map having the highest correlation with the magnetometer measurement. Although the results proved quite promising, a couple of areas require more research. First, the system relied upon a previously determined magnetic field map. Because we cannot realistically expect war fighters to survey an area, research is under way to build a magnetic field map as they move. Second, researchers are exploring variations in magnetic fields over time and the resistance of the magnetic field

navigation algorithm to large deviations in the observed field (which may occur with the addition or removal of metal objects from the scene).

Vision-Aided Navigation

Vision-aided navigation uses cameras to produce an alternative and highly complementary system for constraining inertial drift. Instead of directly computing the location of the vehicle, vision systems use the perceived motion from image sensors to aid the INS. For example, suppose a person rotates as he or she sits in a chair. Physiologically, the vestibular system senses the rotation; however, eyesight can aid in the rotation estimate by observing the motion of visual cues. In a similar fashion, vision sensors can aid an INS and thereby improve navigation.

Other than improved navigation performance, several advantages accompany vision-aided navigation systems. First, computer vision techniques are immune to attacks that disable GPS (although vision-based tools do have their own limitations, such as those imposed by fog or smoke). Second, as cameras and computers become more capable and less expensive, computer vision is quickly becoming a realizable and cost-effective solution. Third, a camera used for navigation can also gather intelligence. Similarly, a camera used for intelligence gathering may also lend itself to navigation. Furthermore, we can integrate data with mapping information from the National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency or commercial imagery providers such as Google Maps.

Due to computing complexity, typical vision-aiding algorithms employ features selected from an image rather than the entire image. The algorithm matches features between successive images to estimate the relative motion of the platform. The quality of feature matching depends upon the characterization and identification of the features in subsequent images. We can further reduce computational complexity by limiting the analysis to a small portion of an image. These computational improvements allow us to utilize vision systems on relatively small platforms. ANT Center researchers have combined a faster but less robust feature-tracking algorithm with a commercial-grade INS to attain real-time performance on a small indoor remotely piloted aircraft.[17]

The distance from the camera to a feature (i.e., depth perception) represents a key aspect of image-aided navigation. ANT Center researchers have mimicked human eyesight by using two cameras for stereo, image-aided navigation and have demonstrated their algorithms in near real time.[18] Unfortunately, this method relies on physical separation between the cameras, so we cannot readily employ it in miniaturized applications (e.g., on board a micro aerial vehicle).

Augmenting a single camera with a small, gimbaled laser range sensor avoids the physical requirements of stereo vision systems. The ANT Center has used such a sensor to measure the depth to any near object within a camera's field of view.[19] These sensors, along with an inertial sensor, can help navigate a micro aerial vehicle without the use of GPS—an ideal setup for indoor exploration and mapping missions. In addition to providing a non-GPS navigation solution, this small, lightweight sensor combination can locate and image objects or targets for use in intelligence or targeting applications.

Unlike selecting features, predictive rendering—another area of active research in vision-aided navigation—uses knowledge about an object to estimate a platform's motion. Researchers at the ANT Center are applying this method to air-refueling scenarios. Specifically, a three-dimensional model of the tanker aircraft permits computers to predict an image of the aircraft from the perspective of the receiver platform. After cameras capture an actual image, an algorithm compares the predicted to the observed image. This navigation scheme uses image-processing techniques that simplify the correlation between predicted and true images (i.e., the extent to which the two images match).[20]

Combining a Communications/ Navigation Device with a Vision-Aided Inertial Navigation System

One promising concept may give the war fighter an integrated handheld device for communications and navigation. Dismounted Soldiers frequently carry both a handheld radio and a GPS receiver. Combining these devices into one unit would allow those Soldiers to use the communications link between the radios to make positioning less reliant upon GPS. Furthermore, an onboard vision-aided INS offers short-term stability and attitude information. Just as a GPS-aided INS combines the long-term stability of GPS solutions with the short-term stability of an INS, so may the proposed integrated device have potential for relatively long-term, precise non-GPS navigation.

Researchers at the ANT Center and Raytheon Corporation are using ranging measurements based upon a Raytheon DH-500 handheld communication device to determine the user's position without resorting to GPS.[21] This packet radio system features ranging capability in addition to robust communication. Recently, the ANT Center combined Raytheon DH-500 radio-ranging measurements with a stereo vision-aided INS for precise non-GPS navigation.[22]

This type of research serves as the gateway to a broader class of problems—namely, using combined navigation/communications handheld devices augmented with other sensors to navigate and communicate synergistically. These devices may also permit multiple platforms to cooperate within a network, offering even more information from which to navigate.

One Size Does Not Fit All

For the vast majority of military applications, GPS (or GPS with INS) meets navigation performance requirements when it is available. If the system is not available, we must fall back on alternative navigation approaches like those described above. However, compared with GPS, all of the latter have significant drawbacks. For example, beacon-based navigation does not apply worldwide and requires deployment of beacons. Navigation using SoOPs must have access to the right kinds of signals (it is also susceptible to all of the other downsides described previously). Vision-based navigation does not work well in fog or over the ocean. Radio-ranging-based navigation works only in the context of multiple vehicles. Consequently, no single approach would serve well as an alternative to GPS in all environments. Research that develops our ability to navigate using non-GPS signals is important and should continue. However, simply having more options does not offer a complete answer.

The Way Ahead: All-Source Navigation

The Air Force must embrace an all-source navigation approach to solve precision navigation without GPS.[23] An all-source navigation algorithm computes a precise solution from the platform dynamics, using all available information. Figure 2 depicts a notional scenario that relies upon an INS and uses the following additional sensor information: GPS, SoOPs, vision, light detecting and ranging, magnetic fields, gravity, and radar. Note the intentional inclusion of GPS (an all-source navigation system should use that system when it is available). Thus, the system combines all available information and employs a reduced sensor subset when some sensors are not accessible.

The ANT Center is developing systems that can easily adapt to specific situations by using the most appropriate sensors. For example, image-based navigation may prove suitable for an urban environment in daytime, whereas a less accurate gravity-field-based approach may be the most appropriate for en route navigation over the ocean. Clearly, different situations call for different sensor suites. Problematically, however, current integration architectures generally do

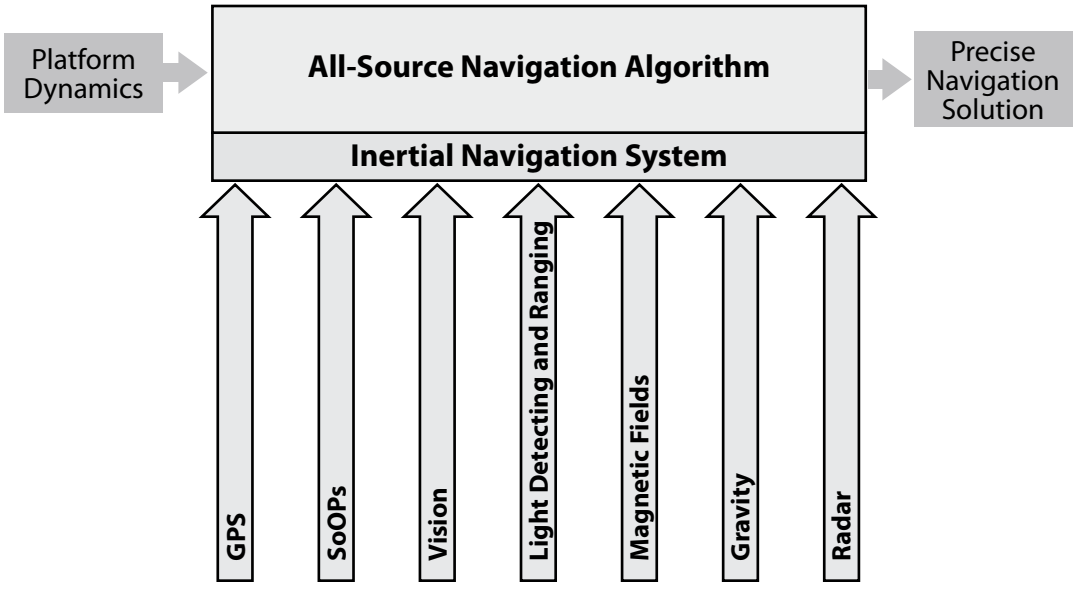

Figure 2. Notional all-source navigation algorithm

not allow for easy swapping of navigation sensors. Because most integrated navigation systems are custom designed for a particular set of sensors, adding a sensor generates significant amounts of work. It is possible to make a system consisting of a multitude of GPS and non-GPS sensors, which would work in almost all environments, but such a system would be extremely unwieldy in terms of size, weight, and power, as well as computational complexity. In reality, different missions call for different sensor suites; therefore, as missions change, the suites need to change with them. Ideally, we could simply attach whatever set of navigation sensors we need for a particular mission to a core integration processor in order to match capabilities to the mission's needs.

Implementing such a "plug-and-play" navigation system, however, requires research and development in the underlying integration algorithms as well as in the integration architecture (including both hardware and software) that connects and combines inputs from multiple physical sensors. The navigation research community has a growing interest in this topic. For example, DARPA has just released a broad area announcement for a program that seeks to "develop the architectures, abstraction method, and navigation filtering algorithms needed for rapid integration and reconfiguration of any combination of sensors."[24] Although flexible system integration presents a difficult challenge, it will have significant payoff to military users if we can make systems capable of navigating in almost any environment—but those systems must also be practical in terms of size, weight, power, and cost.

ANT Center researchers have developed technologies that will begin producing the all-source navigation algorithm and sensor suite we need to field an all-source navigation system. The Air Force must continue to invest in integration algorithms, sensor capabilities, and modular technologies if it wishes to succeed in maintaining precision navigation in GPS-denied environments. ✪

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