

Embedding a Software GPS Application within a JTRS Software Defined Radio Architecture

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Summary of the Problem

- JTRS-HMS requires GPS position and time for networking and waveform initialization
- SAASM is mandated for DoD GPS operations to provide Precise Positioning Service
- Adding SAASM to small form factor JTRS-HMS would exceed size, weight, power budget
- Unattended sensors for Future Combat System (FCS) architecture require accurate GPS position
- Security policy dictates that SAASM devices cannot be left unrecoverable and unattended in UGS sensors



Multi-Level Network Assisted GPS SAASM Architecture





JTRS Network Assisted GPS (N08-198)

Level 1: JTRS with GPS-Lite Type 1 (Core Radio 2)

JTRS with SAASM

Level 0:



Provides SAASM, NAV and DGPS Network Assisted GPS (NAG) Services

Computes SAASM assisted PPS solution and provides PY Network Assisted GPS (NAG) Services

Level 2: JTRS with GPS-Lite2 Type 2 (Core Radio 1)



Computes SAASM assisted PPS solution using NAG Services in Type 2 Radio



TIDGET Ultra Low Power GPS



Commercial components can collect PPS snapshots if they cover GPS 20 MHz bandwidth

- RF front-end takes GPS snapshot (Patented)
- Small size < 13 gms
- Lithium battery supports 12 fixes/hr for 1 year
- GPS solution computed in external processor
- Can be adapted for integration with JTRS radio



GPS-Lite JTRS-PPS Approach





TIDGET snapshot module addon to JTRS-HMS

- GPS-Lite in JTRS-HMS
- NAG services speed TTFF
- Snapshot GPS enables low power per fix
- Direct-Y code acquisition supported







Benefits of JTRS-PPS Approach

- Provides equivalent performance to SAASM using Network Assistance
 - Direct P(Y) code acquisition
 - Extended functions
- Low Power Operation
 - Takes 1/6th power of a DAGR under low dynamic scenarios
 - Power per Fix improved further when using FPGAs
 - Reduces size, weight, and cost for small form factor radios
 - Avoids need for embedded SAASM in every JTRS-HMS form factor
- High Sensitivity
 - Improved operation in GPS degraded environment