

# Collaborative Navigation using GPS Distributed Aperture Positioning

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# **GPS** Issues to be Overcome

- GPS signals may be attenuated when operating under foliage, in an urban canyon, or inside a building to the extent that they cannot be detected by a conventional GPS receiver.
- GPS signals can be denied when in close proximity to a GPS jammer or interference source
- The GPS signals can be corrupted with multipath when operating in urban canyons
- GPS navigation is not possible without sufficient satellites to provide good geometry (PDOP)





# **GPS** Distributed Aperture Solution

- Combines individual GPS observations and intra-network ranges from a sparse network
- Calculates ensemble network location solution even when no locations can be "anchor points"



# One Way GPS/TOA with SRW Ranging



# Use of common clock allows GPS time-stamping of SRW Tx signal frames for 1-way TOA ranging

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# Software GPS Solution enables precise timing on



#### GPS-Lite Snapshot Solution

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# **GPS Snapshot Timing Testing**



Timing Test-Bed captured snapshots from two different receivers using a common timemark Histogram of Pseudorange Difference Between Paired Snapshot/Ranges for Device Addresses 4.0.2.13 and 4.0.2.14, Standard Deviation = 0.447168



Time Differences were accurate to within 0.44m or 1.5 nsec (1-sigma)



# **GDAP Simulation Tool**

- Calculates ray paths from transmitters to receivers
  - TOA between units
  - Jammers
  - SoA
- Calculates ray path passing through buildings
- Models signal loss from RF propagation and dB/meter propagation loss in Building





# **GDAP 3D Models**

- GDAP simulates urban environment using Google 3D model
- Building a GDAP Google Earth 3D Model:
  - 3D Warehouse includes downloadable city models
  - Sketch-Up exports into 3D model file
  - Matlab reads as shape file for GDAP simulation
  - GDAP user paths entered in using Google Earth





# NY 3-D Model





# New York Satellite Visibility





# **NY GDAP Results**





# **NY Simulation Example**











### **NY Performance**



- For each time step, GDAP on left, GPS only on right
- Compare GDAP green/blue with GPS green
- No jammers



# **Denver 3-D Model**





# **Denver GPS Visibility**

GPS Satellite Visibility, Denver Model





# **Denver Receiver Paths**







# **Denver with Jammer, step 2**





# **Other Ranging Signal (SoA)**

- GPS Jammers: Time Difference of Arrival (TDOA) + Jammer Location (LOC)
- Television: TDOA + TV transmitter location database







# **JLOC Processing Run**

processJLOCobs ZTEST=100 k=1 Nrec=59 0.4 0.3 0.2 0.1 North (km) 0 -0.1 -0.2 -0.3 -0.4 ► -0.4 -0.3 0.2 0.3 -0.2 -0.1 0 0.1 0.4 East (km)



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#### Denver with Jammer and TV SOA, step 3

Receiver status, Timestep 3

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#### **Denver Performance**

• Compare GDAP (Green/Blue) with GPS only (Green)





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# **GDAP Test Bed**





# Conclusion

- GPS Distributed Aperture Positioning provides robust collaborative positioning in an urban environment where GPS satellite visibility is occluded
- GDAP leverages GPS + RF Ranging Network assistance to allow positioning of users in an environment where GPS is completely obstructed or denied
- GDAP urban simulation tool can be used to generate simulated scenarios in a complicated urban environment.
- Lab and field testing planned with GDAP test bed under US Army contract with DARPA SBIR funding



# Back-Up







# **GDAP Test Bed Hardware**





# **GDAP System Architecture**

