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- To maintain accuracy, this internal representation must be updated periodically using some source of external "truth data" (sensor measurements)



## Coordinate Systems

Planet-Fixed Coordinates


## Basic Reference Coordinate System

- Inertial coordinate system
- All nav stars and lunar/solar ephemerides were referenced to this system
- All vehicle state vectors referenced to this system except during Lunar Module (LM) powered flight
- Epoch at nearest beginning of year
- Simplified inertial-to-Earth-fixed computations


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- Y axis completed righthanded system


## I MU Stable Member Coordinate System

- Inertial coordinate system
- Defined relative to BRCS by REFerence to Stable Member MATrix (REFSMMAT)
- Many possible alignments during a mission (discussed later)



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## CSM/ LM Body Coordinate Systems

- Axes parallel to vehicle coordinate system
- Origin at vehicle center of mass



## Navigation Base Coordinate System

- Rotating coordinate system, fixed to navigation base
- IMU gimbal angles define the transformation between stable member coordinates and nav base coordinates
- Origin at center of navigation base
- Axes parallel to vehicle body axes



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- Apollo used three-gimbal IMU
- Lighter and less complex than fourgimbal IMU, but vulnerable to gimbal lock when all three gimbals in same plane
- Spacecraft attitudes operationally constrained to avoid gimbal lock
- Apollo Flight Director Attitude Indicator (FDAI) driven directly by IMU gimbal angles rather than computer
- Allowed IMU to operate independently of computer
- Allowed gimbal lock region to be graphically depicted as red circles on FDAI ball
- Periodic IMU aligns to different REFSMMATs required to:
- Accommodate variety of mission attitudes while avoiding gimbal lock
- Provide meaningful FDAI attitude display to crew



## Common REFSMMATs

- Preferred
- Nominal (LVLH)
- Launch Pad (CSM only)
- Landing Site
- Liftoff
- Passive Thermal Control (PTC)
- Entry (CM only)


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- $\quad+X$ in orbit plane in direction of velocity (+Vbar)
- FDAI read 0,0,0 when in "airplane attitude" at time of align
- Note that this was an inertial orientation aligned with LVLH only at one point in time
- Inertial pitch angle diverged from LVLH pitch angle at orbital rate
- Crew used Orbital Rate Display - Earth and Lunar (ORDEAL) to bias FDAI pitch angle to display LVLH attitude



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- At liftoff, FDAI read pitch 90, yaw 0, roll 90 plus flight azimuth



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- Liftoff REFSMMAT identical except defined at planned lunar liftoff time



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- PTC roll initiated from 90 deg pitch attitude to place CSM/LM stack perpendicular to ecliptic (and hence, line of sight to sun)


## Entry REFSMMAT

- Aligned with LVLH at predicted time of Entry Interface (EI), 122 km (400 kft) altitude
- FDAI read pitch 180, 0, 0 in heads-down heatshield forward attitude at El
- Note that nominal El attitude pitched 20 degrees above local horizontal



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- Crew marked on two stars (or other known celestial bodies) using the sextant (SXT) or scanning telescope (SCT)
- Auto optics modes allowed SXT/SCT shaft and trunnion to be pointed directly at stars selected by the computer
- Manual optics modes allowed tweaking of SXT/SCT shaft/trunnion using optics controller
- Minimum Impulse Controller (MIC) could be used to tweak CSM attitude
- Crewman Optical Alignment Sight (COAS) could be used as backup alignment device if optics failed
- Not attached to navigation base calibration required prior to use



## LM Docked I MU Alignment

- Initial coarse alignment used CM gimbal angles
- Docking mechanism did not tightly constrain relative roll
- Crew recorded docking angle $\left(R_{c}\right)$ from index marks on tunnel during initial LM activation
- Required LM gimbal angles computed manually from CM gimbal angles as follows:

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\begin{aligned}
& \mathrm{OGA}_{L M}=300^{\circ}+\mathrm{R}_{\mathrm{C}}-\mathrm{OGA} \\
& \mathrm{CM} \\
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& \mathrm{MGA}_{\mathrm{LM}}=360^{\circ}-\mathrm{MGA}_{\mathrm{CM}}
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## LM Orbital I MU Alignment

- Crew marked on two stars (or other known celestial bodies) using the alignment optical telescope (AOT)
- AOT had six detent positions; however, only forward position could be used while docked to CSM
- Rendezvous Radar (RR) antenna required to be positioned out of AOT field-of-view
- Crew entered detent position code and star code manually into computer
- COAS could be used as backup (same calibration restrictions as CSM)



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## CSM SCS Attitude Management

- Stabilization and Control System (SCS) served as backup control system for the Primary Guidance, Navigation, and Control System (PGNCS)
- Attitude reference provided by two Gyro Assemblies (GAs), each of which contained three Body Mounted Attitude Gyros (BMAGs)
- GA2 BMAGs measure attitude rate
- GA1 BMAGs nominally measure attitude change from reference attitude but could be configured to measure rates as backup to GA2


## CSM SCS Attitude Management

- Gyro Display Coupler (GDC) combined GA1 attitude difference with reference attitude to produce total attitude for display to crew
- Reference attitude set to current IMU attitude on Attitude Set Control Panel (ASCP), then GDC aligned to reference
- BMAGs were more "drifty" than IMU



## LM AGS Attitude Management

- Abort Sensor Assembly (ASA) was strapdown inertial navigation system for the Abort Guidance System (AGS)
- AGS had access to PGNS downlist data via telemetry link
- Crew had capability to command AGS to align ASA to IMU
- AGS could also calibrate ASA gyro/accelerometer biases using IMU as reference


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- When deviances exceed threshold, compute new reference conic and zero the deviations (rectification)



## Coasting I ntegration

- Compare to Cowell's Method (shuttle):
- Sum all accelerations on vehicle (including primary body gravity) and propagate directly to advance the state vector
- Cowell's advantage: simpler, brute-force algorithm
- Encke's advantages:
- Maintains more precision at larger stepsizes
- More suitable for slow computers with limited precision (i.e. Apollo Guidance Computer)



## Perturbing Accelerations

- Depended on phase of mission
- Earth or lunar orbit: non-spherical gravity of primary body (up to fourth order terms)
- Translunar/transearth coast: Earth, lunar, and solar gravity (spherical terms only)
- No drag
- No IMU acceleration


## Measurement I ncorporation

- Several different programs available, not all on both vehicles
- MCC prime for most forms of navigation; onboard capability intended as loss-ofcomm backup

| Program | CSM | LM | Prime |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Rendezvous | $\sqrt{ }$ | $\sqrt{ }$ | Onboard |
| Orbital | $\sqrt{ }$ |  | MCC |
| Cislunar- <br> midcourse |  | MCC |  |
| Lunar Surface | $\sqrt{ }$ | MCC |  |

## LM Rendezvous Navigation



- The state vectors for both vehicles are propagated to the current time


## LM Rendezvous Navigation



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Measurement
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- The LM RR takes a measurement (range, range rate, shaft, or trunnion angle) of the CSM


## LM Rendezvous Navigation



- The navigation software computes an estimate of the RR measurement based on the current state vectors, and a measurement geometry vector
- The navigation software computes the difference (residual) between the actual RR measurement and the estimated measurement


## LM Rendezvous Navigation



- The navigation software computes a weighting vector based on the current states, the measurement geometry vector, and predefined sensor variances


## LM Rendezvous Navigation



- The navigation software computes an update to the state vector and the estimated RR biases using the weighting vector and the measurement residual


## LM Rendezvous Navigation



- The state vector update is tested against a predefined threshold
- If the test passes, the state vector and RR biases are updated
- Otherwise, alarm annunciated and crew either accepts or rejects the update


## LM Rendezvous Navigation



- State vector update can be applied to either vehicle (usually the active vehicle, LM)
- If CSM performs maneuver, maneuver $\Delta V$ should be externally applied to CSM vector in the LM to prevent excessive RR updates and improve state vector convergence


## If it quacks like one...

- Apollo navigation software initial development by Battin was concurrent with (and independent of) Kalman's work on recursive estimators (later named Kalman filters)
- Early Apollo documents didn't use Kalman's nomenclature
- Battin discovered Kalman's work during development
- Apollo navigation software contained several simplifications/differences from "orthodox" Kalman filter
- W-matrix instead of error covariance matrix
- Square root of covariance: $[E]=[W][W]^{\top}$
- Eliminating negative numbers from matrix improved convergence
- One measurement incorporation at a time
- Reduced a lot of matrix-vector math to vector-scalar math
- Measurement edit test used state vector update rather than ratio
- Ratio test incorporates covariance, becomes more stringent as state vector converges


## CSM Rendezvous Navigation



- CSM rendezvous measurements are performed using VHF (range) and SXT (shaft and trunnion angles)
- Sensor biases are not propagated


## LM Lunar Surface Navigation



- The LM vehicle state is stored in Moon-Fixed Coordinates and updated by transforming to inertial coordinates
- The CSM state vector is updated using LM RR data
- Only RR range and range rate are incorporated, not angles
- RR biases are not propagated


## CSM Orbital Navigation



- Only the CSM state vector is propagated
- Measurements are SCT shaft and trunnion angles on a landmark on the Earth or lunar surface
- All updates must be accepted or rejected by the crew
- Landmark may be known (update CSM state vector) or unknown (update landmark position)
- Sensor biases are not propagated


## CSM Cislunar-Midcourse Navigation



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## Powered Flight Navigation

- Both CSM and LM used Average-G algorithm for state vector propagation during powered flight
- Used IMU accumulated $\Delta \mathrm{V}$ over one guidance cycle ( 2 seconds)
- Used average gravitational acceleration over one cycle, primary body only
- Earth gravity model: spherical and J2 (equatorial bulge) terms only
- Lunar gravity model: spherical term only
- Estimated vehicle mass updated based on IMU sensed $\Delta V$
- No measurement incorporation for CSM
- LM Average-G incorporated Landing Radar (LR) measurements only
- Slant range data available starting at $12.2 \mathrm{~km}(40 \mathrm{kft})$ altitude
- Velocity data available starting at 10.6 km ( 35 kft ) altitude
- Both range and velocity subjected to simple independent reasonableness checks
- All data inhibited at 15.2 m ( 50 ft ) altitude
- LM state vector propagated in Stable Member coordinates (rather than Basic Reference coordinates) during powered descent, ascent, and aborts
- Since IMU aligned to landing/liftoff REFSMMAT, sometimes referred to as landing site coordinates
- Average-G output transformed back to BRCS for downlink


## LM AGS Navigation

- AGS state vectors initialized from PGNS telemetry link upon crew command
- AGS state vectors could also be initialized via manual keyboard entries of vectors voiced up from MCC
- AGS propagated CSM/LM state vectors from last initialized data using acceleration data from ASA
- If LM under PGNS control, AGS acquired rendezvous radar (RR) data (range, range rate, and angles) automatically from PGNS
- If LM under AGS control, AGS acquired rendezvous radar data via manual DEDA entries
- Range and range rate only
- Crew manually pointed LM +Z axis at CSM to zero RR angles


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