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# **A Survey on Underwater Positioning System Based on GPS and Signals**

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**Abstract-** Underwater acoustic positioning systems are commonly used in a wide variety of underwater work, including oil and gas exploration, ocean sciences, salvage operations, marine archaeology, law enforcement and military activities. This paper displays a portrayal of a submerged situating framework in view of surface hubs furnished with GPS and acoustic transducers. The situating framework computes the directions of a submerged vehicle in one of the surface hubs or reference points, by the discharge, recognition, and answer of acoustic encoded signals. The characterization of the framework has been performed by method for a factual study, considering diverse quantities of guides, signals' position and physical marvels, for example such as noise, multipath, and Doppler spread. The mistake spread brought on by these wonders and the geometrical arrangement of the framework has been quantitatively surveyed in various situating calculations, in view of trilateration also, iterative methodology. The outcomes demonstrate how the diverse wonders influence the vehicle assessed position blunders for the distinctive situating algorithm.

**Technical Keyword:** Underwater acoustic positioning systems, Doppler spread.

## **I. INTRODUCTION**

An underwater acoustic positioning system is a system for the tracking and navigation of underwater vehicles or divers by means of acoustic distance and/or direction measurements, and subsequent position triangulation. Underwater acoustic positioning systems are commonly used in a wide variety of underwater work, including oil and gas exploration, ocean sciences, salvage operations, marine archaeology, law enforcement and military activities. The precise location of underwater nodes remains an active research topic in the underwater community. To obtain the position of a submerged node is crucial in different applications, such as underwater sensor networks, where the recorded data must be attached to a specific location, and the navigation of autonomous underwater vehicles (AUVs) and remotely operated vehicles (ROVs). Whereas obtaining the location of a vehicle at the sea surface can be achieved by means of the GPS, this technology cannot be used underwater due to the high attenuation of the electromagnetic waves in this medium. Close to the sea bottom, localization can be achieved by using different alternatives, such as Doppler velocity log (DVL) or simultaneous localization and mapping. Apart from deploying artificial landmarks, these systems usually do not need any external sensors in the environment to operate, what makes them more convenient than other systems that need certain infrastructure deployed in the ocean. On the other hand, the vehicle needs to be close to the bottom to locate itself, and this imposes an important restriction. The last decade has witnessed the emergence of Ocean Robotics as a major field of research. Remotely Operated Vehicles (ROVs) and, more recently, Autonomous Underwater Vehicles (AUVs) have shown to be extremely important instruments in the study and exploration of the oceans. Free from the constraints of an umbilical cable, AUVs are steadily becoming the tool par excellence to acquire marine data on an unprecedented scale and, in the future, to carry out interventions in undersea structures. Central to the operation of these vehicles is the availability of accurate navigation and positioning systems. The first provide measurements of the angular and linear positions of a vehicle

## **II. MOTIVATION**

Whereas obtaining the location of a vehicle at the sea surface can be achieved by means of the GPS, this technology cannot be used underwater due to the high attenuation of the electromagnetic waves in this medium. Close to the sea bottom, localization can be achieved by using different alternatives, such as Doppler velocity log (DVL) or simultaneous localization and mapping. Apart from deploying artificial landmarks, these systems usually do not need any external sensors in the environment to operate, what makes them more convenient than other systems that need certain infrastructure deployed in the ocean. On the other hand, the vehicle needs to be close to the bottom to locate itself, and this imposes an important restriction. This way, localization in the middle of the water column remains a challenging issue. A common approach is to use dead-reckoning systems to navigate below the sea surface,

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using a DVL as an acoustic Doppler current profiler or other inertial navigation sensors (INSs) to obtain the vehicle speed.

### III. OBJECTIVES

The main objective of this is the characterization of the performance of an underwater acoustic positioning system using DSSS signals by means of a statistical study. Different positioning algorithms have been evaluated. This considers the effect of the geometrical distribution of nodes, as well as the effect of underwater channel phenomena in the TOF estimation using DSSS signals. The positioning system that has been considered consists of different beacons equipped with GPS and acoustic transducers, which is a more versatile alternative than the traditional LBL systems. An underwater vehicle with unknown location equipped with an acoustic transducer is moving in the vicinity of the beacons. In this paper, the location of the underwater vehicle is calculated in one of the beacons (master node), which would typically be the ship where the crew.

### IV. LITERATURE SURVEY

In literature, the problem and the previous techniques of underwater acoustic positioning systems is described

#### A. Ultra Short or Super Short Baseline (USBL or SSBL)

This framework measures phase comparison on an arriving "ping" between individual components inside a multi-component (2-3) transducer. This stage comparison is utilized to decide the bearing from the USBL handset to a reference point. On the off chance that a period of flight cross examination procedure is utilized (Transponder or Responder), a range to that reference point will likewise be accessible from the USBL framework. A USBL framework can work in pinger, responder, or transponder mode. Any range and bearing (position) got from a USBL framework is as for the handset mounted to the vessel and all things considered a USBL framework needs a Vertical Reference Unit (VRU), a Gyro, and possibly a surface navigation system to provide a position that is seafloor (earth) referenced.

The advantages of Ultra Short Baseline (USBL) positioning systems are:

Low system complexity makes USBL an easy and simple instrument to utilize.

Ship based framework - no compelling reason to convey transponders on the ocean bottom.

Only a solitary handset at the surface – one post/sending machine. Good range exactness with time of flight frameworks.

The disadvantages of Ultra Short Baseline (USBL) positioning systems are:

Detailed adjustment of framework required – for the most part not thoroughly finished.

Absolute position exactness relies on upon extra sensors - ship's gyro and vertical reference unit.

Minimal excess i.e. redundancy - just a couple of business frameworks offer an over-decided arrangement.

Large transceiver/transducer entryway valve or shaft required with a high level of repeatability of arrangement.

#### B. Short Baseline (SBL)

Short baseline systems infer an orientation to a beacon from various surface mounted handsets. This bearing is derived from the identification of the relative "time of entry" as a ping passes each of the handsets. On the off chance that a period of flight cross examination method is utilized (Transponder or Responder) a range to that signal will likewise be accessible from the SBL framework. A SBL framework can work in pinger, responder or transponder mode. Any range and bearing (position) got from a SBL framework is regarding the handsets mounted on the vessel and accordingly a SBL framework needs a Vertical Reference Unit (VRU), a Gyro, and possibly a surface navigation system to provide a position that is seafloor (earth) referenced

The advantages of Short Baseline (SBL) positioning systems are

Spatial redundancy worked in.

Ship based framework - no compelling reason to convey

Small transducers/door values.

Low framework many-sided quality makes SBL a simple instrument to utilize.

Good go precision with time of flight framework.

transponders on the ocean bottom.

The disadvantages of Short Baseline (SBL) positioning systems are:

System needs huge baselines for precision in profound water (\*Om).

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Very great dry dock structure adjustment required.

### C. Long Baseline (LBL)

Long Baseline frameworks infer a position concerning an ocean bottom sent exhibit (lattice) of transponders. The position is created from utilizing at least 3 time of flight extents to/from the ocean bottom stations ("run/extend"). A LBL framework can work in responder or transponder mode. Any range/position got from a LBL framework is concerning relative or outright ocean bottom directions.. A LBL framework does not require a VRU or GYRO.

The advantages of Long Baseline (LBL) positioning systems are::

Good position precision autonomous of  
Observation excess.

Water profundity Can give high relative precision situating over huge territories. Frameworks

Small transducer - just a single arrangement machine/post.

The disadvantages of Long Baseline (LBL) positioning systems are:

Complex framework requiring master administrators.

Large arrays of expensive equipment..

Operational time devoured for arrangement/recuperation

Conventional frameworks require exhaustive adjustment at every sending.

H.-C. Lee et.al,[1] they have proposed an ease strategy to measure water streams i.e. water currents. A proof-of-idea trial has been led to demonstrate the possibility and adequacy of this strategy. The got parameter maps give data about the streams in a conduit and can be utilized to recognize potential turbulence and vortexes in streams or harbors. They can additionally be utilized to determine portability models for floating articles in the water. They have demonstrated that the created virtual directions are fundamentally the same as the gathered directions and can in this manner reflect genuine practices. The strategy can likewise be connected to different applications, such as the study of fish migration paths, renewable energy harvesting systems based on surface currents, channel safety mechanisms for boats, and how the greenhouse effect changes tides and currents offshore.[1]

A. Munafò et al., [2] This work introduced a novel way to support navigation of AUVs, which are also part of an underwater acoustic sensor network. This is done by including localisation administrations into the acoustic interchanges i.e. acoustic communications. The utilization of customized data inside the ordinary system movement helped the vehicle localisation capacity, keeping the correspondence overhead constrained (under 3%). The approach depends on a LBL-like plan, where the AUVs are themselves the (moving) transponders of the standard. The cross examination strategy incorporates including timing information into the messages, through which it is conceivable to know the correct time of transmission in connection to its gathering, and consequently ascertain the message round-trip time. No extra instrumentation or synchronized timekeepers are required.[2]

K. Clare Xu et.al[3] The plan design and the performance of underwater acoustic networks for tracking swimmers are reported in this thesis. The time distinction of entry i.e. arrival (TDoA) strategy together with the Spherical Interpolation Approach is used for localization. A parametric review on the design of the system and the size of the system is exhibited to comprehend their impact on the situating precision. It is found that the design of the system, i.e., the game plan of the grapple hubs, has a solid impact on the situating exactness. The littler the number of the stay hubs, the more delicate the CDFs are to the system setup. At the point when the stay hub number expands, the impact of system design diminishes. The more prominent the quantity of the stay hubs, the higher the situating precision. At the point when the quantity of stay hubs is extensive, say more than ten, the system estimate turns into the commanding element. With 1cm standard deviation for extending, a 2cm situating exactness in the even plane can be accomplished by utilizing three levels with fifteen stay hubs on every, which is satisfactory for observing the speed of swimmers. Attributable to the constrained profundity of a swimming pool, nonetheless, it is demonstrated that observing the 3D development of swimmers ended up being extremely testing, requesting a going exactness of no less than a couple of millimeters.[3] Rick Lumpkin et.al [4] Worldwide close surface streams i.e. Global near-surface currents are figured from satellite-followed drogued wanderer speeds on a 0.5° 0.5° latitude-longitude grid utilizing another strategy. Information utilized at every matrix point exist in a focused canister of set region with a shape characterized by the difference circle of current variances inside that receptacle. The time-mean current, its yearly consonant, semiannual symphonious, connection with the Southern Oscillation Index (SOI), spatial inclinations, and residuals are assessed alongside formal blunder bars for every segment. The time-mean field settle the significant surface current frameworks of the world.[4]



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## V. PROPOSED SYSTEM

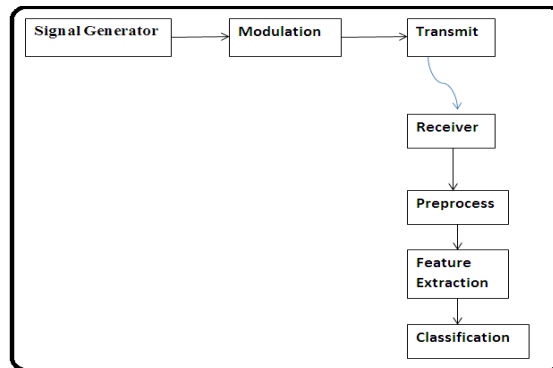


Fig 1: block diagram of proposed system

As shown in figure 5 the block diagram of proposed system. In this system firstly generate the acoustic signal, acoustic signal processing, which enable the mean grain size of the sediment. The following table provides the values of mean grain size and the RMS roughness for various sediment types. The properties of the underwater medium are too varied amazingly, and change both in space and time. Changes because of ecological attributes incorporate, occasional changes, geographical variations both in temperature and salinity, seabed relief, currents, tides, internal waves, movement of the acoustic frameworks and their targets. This makes the underwater acoustic signal to be arbitrarily fluctuating. Underwater Communication Systems utilize a signal that have to be chosen for how well they can convey information. These signals are not much different from the electromagnetic waves use in radio transmissions for air and space joins. The distinctive show up from the distinctions in the material science of the encompassing submerged environment, such as propagation, noise, transducer types. There exists two fundamental aspects to the good performance of an underwater communication link, they are: -utilize and meaning of signals that perform well, and the environmental conditions. the utilization of good preparing systems in the getting site, considering the qualities of the signal and perturbations in the medium, and very important is to consider the level of complexity and cost. After the modulation process to transmit the acoustic information to the receiver. Than receive the signal from receiver and extract the feature of the object.

## VI. CONCLUSION

In this paper, a submerged situating framework in light of reference points furnished with GPS and acoustic transducers has been portrayed for various estimation blunders identified with natural conditions and geometrical arrangements. This framework utilizes Kasami codes to enhance the identification of the acoustic signs, acquiring a superior estimation of the separations between the hubs, prepare pick up against commotion and taking into consideration multiuser capacities. Considering the estimation procedure of the framework, any extra submerged vehicle in the earth just requires an alternate code to be distinguished and found. The vehicles would react to a similar code transmitted by the ship, and taking leverage of good cross-connection properties of certain coding plans, for example, Kasami codes, no time protect convention is required, and a similar estimation cycle and situating calculations can be utilized. Thusly, the number of submerged vehicles situated by the situating framework could be effortlessly expanded, to a detriment of marginally expanding the computational time in the ship. The codes used by the underwater vehicles should be known by the beacons and the ship, so they can distinguish from which one the received signal is coming, in order to calculate their position.

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