Deep Space 1 Autonomous Navigation

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Deep Space 1 Project

- Primary objective
  - Flight validate advanced technologies selected by the New Millennium program
- Launched on October 24, 1998
  - 39 months from concept initiation
  - 26 months from formulation of level-1 requirements.
- Primary mission ended on September 18, 1999
- Extended mission devoted to encounters in 2001 with Comet Wilson-Harrington and Comet Borrelly

Boeing Delta 7326 launch vehicle lifts off with DSI onboard.

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AUTONOMOUS OPTICAL NAVIGATION (AutoNav) for NEW MILLENNIUM DS1

CONVENTIONAL NAVIGATION

**Encounter Phase:**
Ground Based Approach Optical Navigation. Limited in accuracy, Large flyby ranges required, also reduce science.

**Maneuvers:**
Maneuver Computed on Ground, Parameters Uplinked, requiring ground processing and analysis.

AUTONOMOUS NAVIGATION

**Encounter Phase:** Optimum return of science with onboard Nav closed-loop target tracking.

**Images processed onboard.**

**Maneuvers:**
Autonomous Maneuver Computation onboard.

**Cruise Phase:**
Spacecraft Position, Velocity and Forces Estimated Onboard from Optical Data triangulation.

**Doppler and Range**

**Radio-metric data requires costly tracking**

**Images downlinked, Nav Commands developed sequenced and uplinked**

Earth-Based radio and optical data Processing
DS1 AutoNav System

- Sequencing Subsystem (Main Sequence)
- Fault-Protect Subsystem
- Onboard-built MicroSequence
- AutoNav Executive
- Nav Real Time
- Nav Main
- Ion Prop. Subsystem
- Imaging Subsystem
- ACS
- RCS
- Non-Grey History Maintenance
- Data-Update Management
- Planetary Ephemeris Service
- Orbit Determination
- Maneuver SEP Control
- Encounter Operations
- Image Planning and Processing

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High-precision Astrometry for Navigation in Space from a Deadband-motioned Camera, using Multiple Cross-Correlation.

Ensemble of Star and Asteroid Shift Vectors Determine to High Precision Locations of all Images in Picture, from which Precise Navigation Data (measurement of parallax) is Obtained.

Long Duration Exposure of Asteroid and Background Stars

Extracted Data Blocks

Predicted Image centers.

Convolutional Inner Product Responses:

\[ F_1 \otimes F_2 \text{ vs. } F_2 \otimes F_1 \]

Normalization of Data Blocks to produce Image Filters

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Orbit Determination

- **Dynamical equations of motion**
  - Includes central body acceleration, 3rd body perturbations from other planets, solar radiation pressure, thrust from the ion engines, and miscellaneous accelerations
  - 2nd order differential equation modeled as two 1st order differential equations

\[
\begin{align*}
\dot{r} &= v \\
\ddot{v} &= -\frac{\mu_s}{r^3} r + \sum_{i=1}^{n_p} \mu_i \left[ \frac{r_i}{r^3} - \frac{r_{pi}}{r_{pi}^3} \right] + \frac{AG}{m r^3} r + \frac{k}{m} T + a
\end{align*}
\]

where
- \( r \) = the heliocentric cartesian position vector of the spacecraft
- \( v \) = the heliocentric cartesian velocity vector of the spacecraft
- \( r_{pi} \) = the heliocentric cartesian position vector of the \( i \)th perturbing planetary body
- \( r_i \) = the position of the spacecraft relative to the \( i \)th perturbing body
- \( \mu_s \) = the gravitational constant of the sun
- \( \mu_i \) = the gravitational constant of the \( i \)th perturbing planet
- \( n_p \) = the number of perturbing planets
- \( A \) = the cross-sectional area of the spacecraft
- \( G \) = the solar flux constant
- \( T \) = the thrust vector from the ion engine
- \( k \) = the thrust scale factor
- \( m \) = the spacecraft mass
- \( a \) = miscellaneous accelerations acting on the spacecraft
Orbit Determination - Filter

Given \( q^* \), the nominal trajectory parameters, as

\[
q^* = [r \quad v \quad k \quad a]
\]

Filter estimates corrections, \( q \), to nominal trajectory parameters

\[
q(t) = \begin{bmatrix} \Delta x & \Delta y & \Delta z & \Delta \dot{x} & \Delta \dot{y} & \Delta \dot{z} & \Delta k & \Delta a_x & \Delta a_y & \Delta a_z \end{bmatrix}
\]

The correction at time \( t \) is a linear mapping of the correction from time \( t_0 \)

\[
q(t) = \Phi q(t_0)
\]

where \( \Phi \), the state transition matrix, is defined as

\[
\Phi(t) = \frac{\partial q^*(t)}{\partial q^*(t_0)}
\]
Orbit Determination - Filter

(continued)

The partial derivatives of the observed pixel and line locations, \( p, l \), with respect to the state, at time \( t \) is

\[
\mathbf{H}(t) = \begin{bmatrix}
\frac{\partial p}{\partial \mathbf{r}} & 0_{1\times7} \\
\frac{\partial l}{\partial \mathbf{r}} & 0_{1\times7}
\end{bmatrix}
\]

This can be mapped back to the epoch, \( t_0 \), via the state transition matrix

\[
\mathbf{H}(t_0) = \mathbf{H}(t)\Phi
\]

The minimum variance least squares solution to the epoch state corrections is

\[
\hat{\mathbf{q}} = \left[ \mathbf{P}_0 + \mathbf{H}^T \mathbf{W} \mathbf{H} \right]^{-1} \mathbf{H}^T \mathbf{W} \mathbf{Y}
\]

where

\( \mathbf{P}_0 \) = the a-priori covariance of the state parameters

\( \mathbf{W} \) = the weighting values of the pixel and line observables

\( \mathbf{Y} \) = the residual vector between the observed pixel/line locations and their predicted values
Adjusting a Low-Thrust Trajectory  
(And Targeting for Encounter)

$X_e =$ Target encounter conditions $(B \cdot R, B \cdot T, tof)$

$\Delta X_e =$ Deviations from desired encounter

$\alpha_i =$ Rt. ascention of thrust segment $i$

$\delta_i =$ Declination of thrust segment $i$

$\tau_\kappa =$ Burn duration of final segment $\kappa$

$\Delta X_e = K \Delta s$, where...

$$
K^T = \begin{bmatrix}
(\partial X_e / \partial \alpha_{k_1}) \\
(\partial X_e / \partial \delta_{k_1}) \\
(\partial X_e / \partial \alpha_{k_1+1}) \\
(\partial X_e / \partial \delta_{k_1+1}) \\
\vdots \\
(\partial X_e / \partial \alpha_{k_2}) \\
(\partial X_e / \partial \delta_{k_2}) \\
(\partial X_e / \partial \tau_\kappa)
\end{bmatrix}, \text{ and } \Delta s = \begin{bmatrix}
\Delta \alpha_{k_1} \\
\Delta \delta_{k_1} \\
\Delta \alpha_{k_1+1} \\
\Delta \delta_{k_1+1} \\
\vdots \\
\Delta \alpha_{k_2} \\
\Delta \delta_{k_2} \\
\Delta \tau_\kappa
\end{bmatrix}
$$

Then, by the calculus of variations,

$\Delta s = K^T (KK^T)^{-1} \Delta X_e$

Segmented Low-Thrust Trajectory. Each Segment is “a few” days long, typically a week. Retargeting and updates in burn direction (and final segment duration) are made weekly.

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Performance of AutoNav on Approach to Braille

Flight OD vs. Ground Radio OD 7/21/99

Position error (km)

Velocity error (m/s)
Performance of AutoNav on Approach to Braille

July 12, 1999

Flight OD 7/6/99
Edited flight OD: 7/6/99
Radio OD #32
Performance of AutoNav on Approach to Braille
Performance of AutoNav on Approach to Braille

July 27, 1999

A priori Braille Ephemeris
Covariance

Radio OD41 + 4 KD sightings

Optical (includes 4 KD sightings)

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Performance of AutoNav on Approach to Braille

July 27, 1999 23:00:00

Post E-1d TCM optical solutions

Desired Aim Point

Pre E-1d TCM optical solution

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Countdown of Encounter Events

- **5 Day TCM:** planned optical only (using onboard-planned, taken images of non-Braille beacons, edited on ground, shipped to s/c).

- **3.0 day PhotoOp:** Braille “phantom” detected, but with insufficient confidence (and “close-enough” to nominal position) to cancel -2 Day TCM.

- **1.5 day PhotoOp:** 2 “reliable” but very-dim images, for -1.2 Day TCM design (AutoNav not yet locked on).

- **1 day PhotoOp:** “reliable” but still very-dim images from -24hr PhotoOp indicate no 18-hour TCM necessary.

- **17hr PhotoOp,** strong signal, AutoNav “locks-on” to Braille. S/C safes at end of Photo-Op Session, due to code-bug in Nav.

- **12 hr TCM** cancelled due to safing recovery.

- **6hr TCM:** Existing optical data collected and “seeded onboard” with optical-only design (using latest available -17hr data). -3hr TCM cancelled.

- **6hr TCM:** executes nominally

- **Down to ACA-70 minutes:** AutoNav takes and processes data normally keeping Braille in FOV. No Science frames taken or preserved.

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Countdown of Encounter Events (Continued)

- **ACA-27 minutes**, switch to APS sensor. No signal from Braille comes above AutoNav APS threshold.
- **ACA-20 minutes**, unknown signal (cosmic ray?) spoofs AutoNav into 1/4 APS FOV correction. Braille still in FOV of APS, CCD, no Science frames taken.
- **Down to ACA-3 minutes**: Braille in APS and CCD FOV, no Science frames taken or preserved.
- **ACA-150 seconds**, first CCD Science frame taken. Braille barely out of MICAS CCD FOV due to picture-editing, out of all subsequent picture FOV’s.
- **ACA-20 seconds**, s/c stops tracking Braille inbound.
- **Inside 20 seconds**, Braille in the IR FOV.
- **ACA+15 minutes**, s/c back on nominal Braille track. First returned close images of Braille. APS images indicate extraordinarily dim image (10 DN, expected 1000 DN). CCD images 400DN, 1/10 “fullwell”, expected 1/2 to 1 “fullwell”.) -- and this was the “bright side.”
- **Post Encounter reconstruction**: indicates approach Braille images 1 to 2 Magnitudes dimmer than outbound, perhaps due to presented geometry of irregular figure. Outbound images also very dim.

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Missions and Mission-Types that can (or are planning to) use DS1 AutoNav to Advantage

**Europa Orbiter:** Missions with very sensitive trajectory control requirements and/or extreme fuel constraints.

**Stardust:** Missions requiring precise terminal targeting of spacecraft position and/or remote sensing instruments.

**Deep Impact:** Missions with autonomously delivered and/or guided penetrators.

**ST4:** Missions requiring autonomous precision landing and/or minimum tracking.