GPS and Its Use for Vehicle Navigation and Control Systems

ABSTRACT
Many vehicle systems require accurate position, velocity, and attitude information. Such technologies include anti-lock braking, electronic stability control, anti-roll control, adaptive cruise control, lane departure warning, and lane keeping assistance systems. The Global Positioning System (GPS) has provided the ability to determine a body’s position, velocity, and attitude anywhere on the surface of the globe and can be augmented with on-board vehicle sensors in order to provide the needed information for these vehicle navigation and control systems. For example, GPS can be integrated with low cost inertial sensors, cameras, Lidars, or radars to provide vehicle dynamic measurements, lane-level positioning of vehicles, and relative position of vehicles for future safety systems. This talk will provide an overview of GPS and its measurements as well as several uses of GPS, in conjunction with other sensors for vehicle navigation and control systems.

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