

Navigating Satellite: -A Review

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Abstract— Navigation satellites are an important part of our day to day life even though one may not realize it. In the present scenario wherever one goes he uses the navigation satellite with the help of his smartphone and accesses a lot of data from them for their day to day tasks. However, the use of these satellites is not restricted to just smartphones and other known purposes like for military uses and every day a new application of these satellites comes up, for example, their use in soil moisture sensing etc. to name a few. Thus it becomes important to have knowledge of these satellites. Hence, this article covers a brief review of working of navigation satellites and different satellites systems that are present around the world. Along with this, a comparison of these satellite systems has also been provided. The comparison between the satellite systems gives the basic idea about the better technology used by different countries such as BeiDou Navigating Satellite System (BDS), Galileo, Global Navigation Satellite System (GLONASS), IRNSS /Navigation Indian Constellation (NavIC), Quasi-Zenith Satellite System (QZSS), Global Positioning System (GPS), and this information can be used to develop accuracy in navigating systems.

Keywords— *Global Satellite Navigation System; Navigation Satellite; GPS; IRNSS; NAVIC; Galileo; BeiDou, QZSS; GLONASS*

I. INTRODUCTION

Navigation is defined by the monitoring and controlling the movement of any moving object. Navigation can be referring study that involves the determination of position and direction. [1-2]. Global navigation satellite system (GNSS), its provides PNT (positioning, navigation, and timing) services on a global or regional basis. The main ones are named below.

1. BeiDou Navigating Satellite System (BDS)
2. Galileo
3. Global Navigation Satellite System (GLONASS)
4. IRNSS /Navigation Indian Constellation (NavIC)
5. Quasi-Zenith Satellite System (QZSS)
6. Global Positioning System (GPS)

This paper is divided into five sections including the current introductory section. Section II discusses the basic working ideology for navigational satellites. In section III details of different navigation satellites around the world has been discussed. This is followed by a comparison of these different satellites in a tabular method. At last in section five concluding remarks have been given.

II. WORKING IDEOLOGY

In satellite system the reference co-ordinate structure is consist of [3-5]:

1. Global
2. Earth orbit

Two reference structure are required:

1. Space-fixed (description of motion of the satellites).
2. Earth-fixed (positioning of the observation stations).

Satellite Navigation Systems are divided into three section:-

1. Space section (generate radio navigational signals transferring a huge information content simultaneously)
2. Ground section (composed of site for launching CMC (Command Measuring Complex) and Control Centre.
 - a. CMC serves satellites information supply.
 - b. Control Centre operatrates all the satellites systems.
3. User section (composed of UE (user's equipment). The navigation signals for the end users are served in the user section.



Fig.1 Satellite Navigation System's Segments

Earth-fixed (Terrestrial reference system) is defined by three axes as shown in fig.2:

X-axis: Greenwich meridian

Z-axis: CIO (Conventional International Origin)

Y-axis: orthogonal to both Z and X axis

Fig 2. ECEF coordinate system and ellipsoidal coordinates. Earth Centered, Earth Fixed (ECEF).

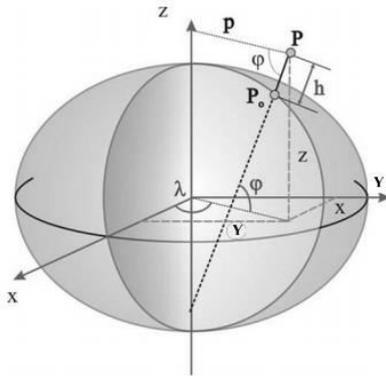


Fig.2 ECEF coordinates system and ellipsoidal coordinates

III. DIFFERENT NAVIGATING SATELLITE

A. BEIDOU NAVIGATION SATELLITE SYSTEM (BDS) [7]

BeiDOU Navigation Satellite System components

1. Space section
2. Ground section
3. User section

Target:

1. Expanding range of application in china's economic and social sector.
2. Maintenance independence and initiative.
3. Global services with open, stable and reliable technology.
4. Strengthening foundation of navigation satellite industrial chain.

B. Galileo

Global Satellite Navigation System (GNSS) of Europe is Galileo[6], [11-12]

Application of Galileo:

1. Location-based services (LBS)
2. IOT
3. Emergency, security and humanitarian services
4. Science, environment, weather
5. Transport
6. Agriculture
7. Fisheries
8. Civil engineering
9. A crucial time-reference function

C. Indian Regional Navigation Satellite System (IRNSS)/ NavIC

IRNSS is developed by India ,is an independent regional navigation satellite system IRNSS will provide two types of services.[14-19].

1. Standard Positioning Service (SPS): for all the users

2. Restricted Service (RS): use by only specific person.

Some applications of IRNSS are:

1. Ground base and Marine based Navigation
2. Disaster Management
3. Object tracking(any moving object like cars ,humans ,aeroplances etc.)
4. Accurate position (position accuracy= upto 20 m) .

D. Quasi-Zenith Satellite System (QZSS)

QZSS is a Japanese satellite positioning system composed mainly of satellites in quasi-zenith orbits (QZO). The QZSS is known as the "Japanese GPS." [20].

Some plus point of QZSS:

1. highly compatible with GPS
2. Low cost receiver
3. Highly precise, stable positioning possible
4. Lesser the positioning errors

E. Global Positioning system (GPS)

The Global Positioning System (GPS) owned by the US government and operated by the US Air Force. The GPS provides précised positioning capabilities to military, civil, and commercial users around the world. [21-22].

Application of GPS:

1. Aviation.
2. Marine.
3. Farming.
4. Science.
5. Surveying.
6. Military.

F. GLONASS

GLONASS or "Global Navigation Satellite System" is a space-based satellite navigation system operating in the radio navigation-satellite service. Its owned by the Russia[23].

Advantages of GPS/GLONASS use:

1. Double warranty of positioning when a satellite of one system does not work
2. Allow to catch the signal even in buildings near windows and in city
3. In northern hemisphere GPS may work worse than GLONASS;
4. Low price of GPS/GLONASS in future
5. Power consumption in GPS mode and in GLONASS mode is equally low.

Application of GLONASS is

1. Providing real time position .
2. Surveying, mapping and GIS.
3. Transport

- 4. Agriculture
- 5. Fisheries

IV. COMPARISION OF DIFFERENT NAVIGATION SATELLITE

TABLE I. COMPARISON OF NAVIGATION SATELLITE

Navigation satellite	GPS	BeiDou	GLONASS	NAVIC	Galileo	QZSS
Country	United States	China	Russia	India	EUROPE	Japan
Channel Access Method	Code- DMA*	Code- DMA*	Frequency- DMA*	Code- DMA*	Code- DMA*	Code- DMA*
Satellite's numbers	31	GEO*(5)+ MEO*(30)	28	GEO*(3)+ GSO*(4)	14	4
Accurateness	Civil (15m)	Civil (10m)	4.5m – 7.4m	Civil (10m)	Civil (1m)	Civil (1m)

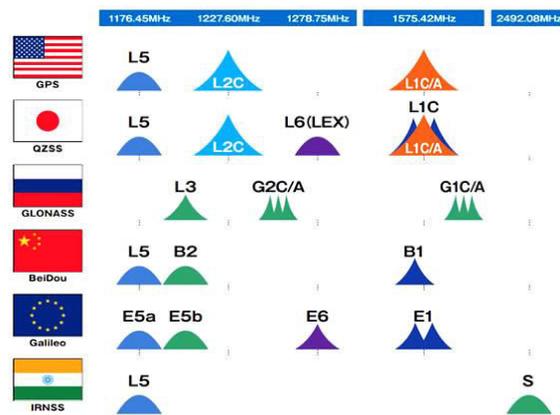


Fig.3 . The frequency band for different navigation satellite

*NOTE: Geostationary Orbit (GEO) Satellites, Medium Earth Orbit (MEO) Satellites, Geosynchronous (GSO), DMA (division multiple access)

V. CONCLUSION & RECOMENDATIONS

This article reviews different navigation satellites which are being used all around the world. It provides an overview of different satellites, including their specifications and their purpose. GPS, IRNSS, GLONASS etc. satellite systems have been discussed which includes their working, specifications and purpose. It further highlights that apart from being used for the navigation purpose, what other onus these satellites are given for example disaster management, science and technologies, GIS etc. to name a few.

Currently, GPS is at the helm of navigation technologies and is being used world over because it was the primary system of its kind and possessed good level of accuracy. But it is to be highlighted that being a project developed by a government organization there were a lot of politically motivated issues surrounding the use of GPS, an example of which can be taken from Kargil war for India where it was denied the use of this particular facility for military purpose. Thus, finally IRNNS has been discussed which is India’s independent venture in this

domain. And even though it is in nascent phase, it has begin to show good results not only for navigation purposes nut other research related fields as well.

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