EE 565: Position, Navigation and Timing Introduction to Navigation

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 - ullet need to initialized and then "integrate" the Δ 's
 - ullet Inertial sensors measure the Δ 's without requiring an external reference

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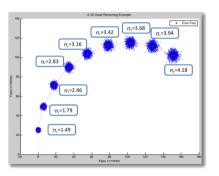


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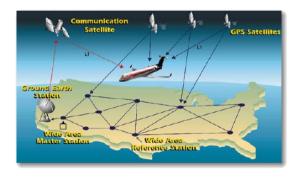
SOCOM Robot (EE NMT project)



Dead Reckoning: Aircraft or UAV Examples



Earth Centered Earth Fixed Coordinate System



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Dead Reckoning: Spacecraft Examples



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- When answering the question "where am I?" the wrt must be very clearly defined!!
 - Lead in to the notion of coordinate systems

Navigation Sensors: Past, Current, and Future





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