# An Overview of Applanix





### The Company The Industry Leader in Developing Aided Inertial Technology

- Founded on Canadian Aerospace and Defense Industry Expertise
- Providing Precise Position and Orientation Systems for Airborne, Marine and Land-based Applications



- Firmly Established in the Commercial Sector since 1991
- A Subsidiary of Trimble Navigation

### APPLANiX

# The Origins of POS Technology





#### Military

- GeoReferenced
- Camera System
- SAR motion compensation

#### Commercial

- road inspection &
- survey
- railroad track geometry
- airborne survey & topo mapping
- seafloor mapping

## **APPLAN1X**

Helicopter Integrated Navigation System (HINS) 1986-94

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#### Position and Orientation System (POS) 1993-present

### Aided Inertial Advantage Position and Orientation System (POS)

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### **IMU Only**

#### Advantages:

Full 6 Degrees of
 Freedom solution

IMU

- High dynamic accuracy
  with broad bandwidth
- Self-contained, requires no external data

#### Limitations:

• Solution errors diverges slowly with time

**GPS Only** 

**GPS** 

#### Advantages:

High-accuracy position & velocity

 Moderate accuracy orientation

#### Limitations:

- Low bandwidth
- Satellite signals easily blocked and subject to multipath errors
  - Slow ambiguity resolution

**Aided Inertial Solution** 

#### **Integrated Inertial/GPS**

- Integrates IMU sensed acceleration and orientation with precision GPS position and velocity
- Generates continuous, dynamically-accurate positioning solutions
- Engineered for use with a complete range of sensors

#### Advantages:

All inertial and GPS advantages

#### Limitations:

No significant limitations



### Key Technology Attributes Position and Orientation System (POS)

#### **Generates Very Precise Heading and Orientation Measurements**

 Provides RTK or differential-level position and orientation with high-bandwidth (200 Hz) and low-latency (<3 msec)</li>

#### Is Unaffected by Satellite Signal Loss

Provides continuous position and orientation measurements during GPS dropout

#### **Comprises Off-the-Shelf Components**

Modular, rugged, interchangeable primary components

#### Is a Fully Supported Commercial Product

 Integrated turnkey operation, self-contained system, ready to integrate with various sensors (camera, rut-bar, laser scanner etc)

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**Technology Applications** Engineered for use in a wide variety of survey, mapping and positioning roles

- Airborne Survey and Mapping
- Marine Survey and Sensing
- Land Survey and Resource Exploration
- Road Survey and Mobile Applications
- Railroad Survey and Track Geometry









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**Technology Solution** Serving the professional and scientific communities

Providing the enabling technology behind the systems that generate geospatial information for:

- Urban and Regional planning
- Remote Sensing
- GIS Infrastructure
- Forestry
- Natural Resources
- Oceanography
- Oil and Gas Exploration
- Disaster Response Management
- Transportation Planning
- Agriculture
- Mining and Mineral Exploration



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# **Product Line**

### <u>Airborne</u>

- Airborne Vehicles
  POS AV<sup>™</sup>
- Digital Sensor System DSS<sup>™</sup>
- Post-processing Software POSPac<sup>™</sup>

### Land

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- Land Vehicles
  POS LV<sup>™</sup>
- Track Geometry POS TG<sup>™</sup>
  - Land Survey POS LS™
  - Post-processing software POSPac<sup>™</sup>

### Marine

- Marine Vessels
  POS MV<sup>™</sup>
- GPS Interface GRAM-S<sup>™</sup>



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### **Airborne – POS AV** POS AV is the enabling technology behind these airborne sensors...



**Aerial Cameras** 



Scanning Lasers (LiDAR)



#### Synthetic Aperture Radar

**APPLAN1X** 



**Digital Frame Cameras** 



**Digital Scanners** 

## Airborne – POS AV

Position and orientation system designed specifically for Direct Georeferencing of airborne data

#### Key Attributes:

- Significantly reduces airborne survey cost and turn around time
- In-air-alignment capability
- Directly measures the sensor's position and attitude
- Achieves very high accuracy and data rate
- Offers real-time or post-processed data options
- Computes geometrically corrected and geographically coded data
- Reduces the need for labor-intensive ground control
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## **APPLAN1X**

### Airborne – POS AV A revolution in airborne surveying and mapping

### **Applications:**

- Digital mapping
- Corridor surveys
- DTM data capture
- Orthophoto generation
- Coastal surveying
- Block surveys
- Forestry



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## **APPLAN1X**

### **Airborne – DSS** Digital Sensor System Digital, medium format, rapid response remote sensing solution

#### **Key Attributes:**

- Fully integrated, modular, compact
- All-inclusive system, stores, handles and processes data
- Installed and operational in less than an hour
- Pilot operated
- Ideal for single-engine aircraft and helicopter platforms



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• Offers an increase in performance, reduction in operating costs when compared to large format cameras undertaking small, localized projects

### **Airborne – DSS** Digital Sensor System Designed to generate high-quality, georeferenced, airborne Color and CIR digital imagery

### The ideal solution for:

- Corridor/strip survey and irregular collects
- Small block survey
- Disaster response management when time-critical projects are at stake
- GIS analysis and feature identification
- 3D photogrammetric mapping
- Remote sensing applications
- Resource inventory survey

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# Land Survey - POS LS

All- terrain land positioning/navigation system designed for pedestrian use...

### Key Attributes:

- Maintains positional accuracy for hours in the absence of GPS
- Extremely accurate in areas where optical or GPS survey is impossible
- Simple to operate
- Minimizes environmental impact no need for vegetation clearing line-of-sight
- Comprises a rugged, impact resistant, hardshell backpack
- Improves productivity faster production, less manpower





# **APPLAN1X**

### Land Survey - POS LS Ruggedized system for accurate inertial positioning under the most demanding survey conditions

### **Applications:**

- Single-pass survey operations
- Seismic surveys in rugged terrain with limited GPS reception
- Cadastral surveys in dense urban environments where high-rise buildings cause GPS dropout
- Continuous positioning in buildings - even underground





### Land Vehicles – POS LV Mobile position and orientation system for vehicle dynamics, road profiling and vehicle navigation

#### Key Attributes:

- Designed to operate under the most difficult GPS conditions found in urban and suburban environments
- Generates precise, high-rate (200 Hz), low-latency (<3 msec) real-time data
- Combines easy vehicle installation and user-friendly system operation





### **APPLAN1X**

# Land Vehicles – POS LV

The aided inertial advantage in a suburban environment – DGPS maps only 40% of the track area, POS LV maps 100%

#### **Applications:**

- Continuous data capture through:
  - Urban canyons
  - Under full tree canopy
  - In tunnels, under bridges
- Precision measurement of vehicle dynamics
- Pavement management data collection
- Vehicle testing
- Corridor surveys (video-logging)





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### Marine – POS MV featuring TrueHeave Sets the International Hydrographic Organization industry standard

#### Key Attributes cont...

- Continuity of all data during drop-outs
- Self-calibrating for rapid deployment
- Extreme roll, pitch and true heading accuracy in all dynamics
- Enhanced heave processing for near real-time QC of heave data





Image courtesy USGS - www.walrus.wr.usgs.gov/pacmaps

## **APPLAN1X**

Marine – POS MV featuring TrueHeave Proven high-accuracy aided inertial navigation system for the marine industry

### **Key Attributes:**

- The most reliable system for multibeam sonar motion compensation
- Virtually eliminates line run-ins
- Enables data collection through turns
- Provides immunity to long period swell heave errors





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# **Applanix Marine Products**

### **POS MV 320**

- Roll and pitch accuracy to 0.01° in all dynamics
- True heading accuracy to 0.01° independent of latitude and dynamics



#### **POS MV 220**

- Roll and pitch accuracy to 0.05° in all dynamics
- True heading accuracy to 0.05° independent of latitude and dynamics



Marine – GRAM-S GPS Interface A Precise Positioning GPS interface for military applications

#### Key Attributes:

- Plug-and-play GRAM-S compliant interface for military applications
- Specifically designed to accommodate
  Trimble Force 5 receivers
- The Force 5 corrects for Selective Availability

#### **Applications:**

 The Force 5 is used under military conditions with single/multibeam sonar systems





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Track Geometry – POS TG A precision measurement system designed to compute railroad track geometry

#### **Key Attributes:**

- Provides mm accuracy Track Geometry measurements using non-contact technology at revenue-traffic speeds
- Integrates with onboard display & control systems for a turnkey, track geometry solution of the highest quality and accuracy
- Provides submeter geographic positioning for railroad surveys
- A cost-effective and extremely accurate alternative to traditional measurement methods





# Software – POSPac

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### Modular, precision-enhanced post-processing software



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#### **Key Attributes:**

- Integrated suite of software tools
- Maximizes POS system data accuracy using forward and reverse processing techniques
- Multiple GPS base-station processing
  - Automatic setup, straightforward operation

### **Applications:**

- Computes boresight directly from POS data and ground control
- New POSEO/POSCal Modules for airborne photogrammetry
- Eliminates the need for third party aerotriangulation
- QA/QC tools allow for complete data analysis
- Computes camera/IMU calibration parameters
- Generates Direct Georeferenced output data

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# GAMS

# GPS Azimuth Measurement Subsystem

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# **GAMS** Function

- GAMS provides heading aiding to POS MV
- Without heading aiding, POS MV has the following performance attributes:
  - Heading accuracy is 0.25° RMS (frequent manoeuvres) to 2.0° RMS (few manoeuvres) once POS MV is aligned fully.
  - To obtain a faster alignment and better accuracy, the survey vessel must turn or perform a calibration manoeuvre once every 10 minutes.
  - Heading accuracy degrades at higher latitudes.



# **GAMS** Function

- With heading aiding, POS MV has the following performance attributes:
  - Heading accuracy is 0.02° RMS independent of manoeuvres and latitude
  - Alignment occurs within two minutes
  - Tolerance of GAMS outages lasting several tens of minutes with no significant heading accuracy degradation
  - Re-resolution of ambiguities is 1 second

