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What is Project Dragonfly?

- Project Dragonfly serves as a way to consolidate several low-profile sensors into a single, peripheral device, which attaches via USB to an drone in order to provide an estimation of state while keeping the device as small as possible
- In doing so, we hope to create a modular, more cost effective way of providing state estimation, reducing the individual sensor configuration workload for drone manufacturers and hobbyists



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Firmware

Packages data w/ timestamp and sends over USB Retrieves data and implements ROS for virtual drone flight visualization as well as state estimation.

Software

Hardware Overview

- Block Diagram
- Printed Circuit Board Overview & Challenges
- Sensor Functionality & Motivation

Block Diagram





Printed Circuit Board



Microcontroller Specifications

• STM32L412RBT6

- \circ 64 pins
- 10mm x 10mm
- 128Kb Flash
- Supported Communication Interfaces
 - 3x I2C
 - 3x USART
 - o 2x SPI
- Price: \$4.13





Inertial Measurement Unit -BMI088

- Accelerometer:
 - 16-bit precision
 - \circ ±2, ±4, ±8 or ±16 g range
- Gyroscope:
 - 16-bit precision
 - ± 125°/s, ± 250°/s, ± 500°/s, ±
 1000°/s, or ± 2000°/s range
 - Data Output Rates: 12.5 Hz ... 2 kHz
- SPI protocol
- Dimensions: 3.0mm x 4.5mm x 0.95mm
- Price: \$3.46





Magnetometer - IIS2MDCTR

- Gives 3-axis digital magnetic direction
- I2C protocol
- 16 bit data output
- Price: \$2.82





Air Speed Sensor - 45525D0

- Differential pressure sensor that is used to find airspeed
- I2C protocol
- Output: 14 bit differential pressure, 11 bit temperature
- $V = \frac{1}{2} (K(\Delta p))^{1/2}$
- Accuracy: ±0.25% of span
- Dimensions: 24.7mm x 16.8mm
- Price: \$72.25





Barometer - DPS310XTSA1

- Temperature and pressure readings used to calculate altitude
- I2C protocol
- 24-bit data output
- Accuracy: ±0.06 hPa ±0.5°C
- Dimensions: 2mm x 2.5mm x 2mm
- Price: \$2.83





GPS - NEO 6M

- Outputs Latitude and Longitude of current position
- UART protocol
- Accurate within 2.5 meters
- 5 Hz update rate
- Optionally get current speed
- Price: \$10.99





Firmware Overview

- USB Data Packet Structure
- Software Flow Diagram
 - Sensor Timing & Interrupt Handling
 - USB Data aggregation
 - USB packet timing

USB Packet Header Fields

Device ID							
7 6 5 4 3 2 1 0							
0 1 0 0 1 0 1							

Stale Bits							
7	7 6 5 4 3 2 1 0						
X X IMU Accel IMU Gyro Mag Airspeed Barometer GPS							

General USB Packet Structure

Device ID	Stale	IMU Data	Mag Data	Barometer	DP	GPS Data
	Byte			Data	Data	

- IMU data: 24 bytes
- Magnetometer Data: 12 bytes
- Barometer Data: 12 bytes
- Differential Pressure Data: 8 bytes
- GPS Data: 8 bytes
- Total Packet Size: 72 bytes



Software Flow

Software Overview

- ROS Background
- ROS Overview
- State & State Estimation Background
- Using robot_localization and RViz for Visualization

What is ROS (Robot Operating System)?

- NOT an operating system
- Set of software frameworks for robot software development
- Open-sourced collection of software libraries and pre-built packages
- Used for robot functionality
 - Control, perception, simulation, state estimation, etc

EROS

How We Use ROS

- The data packet reaches Jetson Nano via USB
- Use ROS to publish data for each sensor as its own topic
- Subscriber nodes subscribe to the sensor they wish to read from
- Data is sent to the visualization setup for the virtual drone to mirror the movement of the PCB
- Robot_localization nodes utilize

sensor data to perform state estimation



What is State?

- In UAV systems, the state (x) of the aircraft is represented by position and orientation, as well as its first and second order derivatives
- We define $x \in \mathbb{R}^{5x^3}$,
 - x = (<x,y,z>, <yaw, pitch, roll>, d<x,y,z>/dt, d<yaw, pitch, roll>/dt, d²<x,y,z>/dt²)
- We use an Extended Kalman Filter to process noisy sensor data and create an estimation of state

State Estimation

- Our device performs state estimation using an Extended Kalman Filter, which seeks to minimize the equation that defines our state estimation covariance
- The algorithm works in 2 phases: predict & update
- Using robot_localization ROS library



How We Use ROS (cont.)

- Open-source and readily available ROS Melodic packages
 - robot_localization EKF and NavSatTransform Nodes
 - ROS IMU+Mag Filter Node
 - \circ RViz visualization of state
 - \circ Standard ROS message formats (IMU, MagneticField, NavSatFix, etc.)







DEMO VIDEO



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