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00:00:00,000 --> 00:00:27,910
foreign

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00:00:31,189 --> 00:00:29,269
for years

3
00:00:35,510 --> 00:00:31,199
the dream of conquering the space

4
00:00:37,990 --> 00:00:35,520
frontier has continued to become reality

5
00:00:40,470 --> 00:00:38,000
an increased level of operations in this

6
00:00:45,590 --> 00:00:40,480
challenging environment will require

7
00:00:49,750 --> 00:00:47,190
to achieve this

8
00:00:52,229 --> 00:00:49,760
a safe rendezvous and docking mechanism

9
00:00:54,150 --> 00:00:52,239
is essential

10
00:00:56,869 --> 00:00:54,160
an accurate docking sensor would

11
00:00:59,750 --> 00:00:56,879
minimize plume impingement

12
00:01:02,869 --> 00:00:59,760
increase fuel efficiency

13
00:01:07,590 --> 00:01:02,879

simplify docking mechanisms

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00:01:11,190 --> 00:01:09,109

more importantly

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00:01:14,070 --> 00:01:11,200

the system would be capable of operating

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00:01:16,390 --> 00:01:14,080

in a fully autonomous mode

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00:01:20,469 --> 00:01:16,400

this would minimize the necessary crew

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00:01:24,870 --> 00:01:22,550

various optical docking sensors have

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00:01:27,830 --> 00:01:24,880

been proposed which provide information

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00:01:31,830 --> 00:01:27,840

on range bearing angles

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00:01:34,390 --> 00:01:31,840

attitude and their respective rates

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00:01:37,670 --> 00:01:34,400

accuracies for these sensors are fairly

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00:01:41,190 --> 00:01:39,190

as a result

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00:01:43,510 --> 00:01:41,200

a system is being designed by the

25

00:01:46,149 --> 00:01:43,520

tracking and communications division at

26
00:01:50,710 --> 00:01:46,159
nasa's johnson space center to test the

27
00:01:55,190 --> 00:01:52,149
this system

28
00:01:57,270 --> 00:01:55,200
designated the six degree of freedom or

29
00:01:59,590 --> 00:01:57,280
six doff system

30
00:02:02,310 --> 00:01:59,600
provides six degrees of movement by

31
00:02:05,190 --> 00:02:02,320
using five rotational stages

32
00:02:06,230 --> 00:02:05,200
and one linear stage

33
00:02:07,670 --> 00:02:06,240
range

34
00:02:10,389 --> 00:02:07,680
bearing angles

35
00:02:12,949 --> 00:02:10,399
attitude and their respective rates are

36
00:02:15,830 --> 00:02:12,959
provided

37
00:02:17,830 --> 00:02:15,840
range is furnished by a granite rail 12

38
00:02:21,270 --> 00:02:17,840

meters in length with a carriage

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00:02:23,589 --> 00:02:21,280

floating on three air bearings

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00:02:27,430 --> 00:02:23,599

the maximum change in range travel

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00:02:30,229 --> 00:02:27,440

distance is 10.5 meters while rates can

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00:02:34,229 --> 00:02:30,239

vary from 5 millimeters per second to

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00:02:39,190 --> 00:02:36,630

mounted inside the granite rail is a

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00:02:41,350 --> 00:02:39,200

linear encoder with a resolution of 5

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00:02:43,110 --> 00:02:41,360

microns

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00:02:45,509 --> 00:02:43,120

the gratings on the encoder are

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00:02:49,670 --> 00:02:45,519

photoelectrically scanned and counted to

48

00:02:57,830 --> 00:02:51,990

two rotational stages on top of the

49

00:02:57,840 --> 00:03:02,790

and elevation

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00:03:08,550 --> 00:03:06,070

referred to as the sensor gimbal mount

51
00:03:11,910 --> 00:03:08,560
this entire assembly can safely support

52
00:03:14,390 --> 00:03:11,920
a sensor weighing up to 40 kilograms

53
00:03:16,630 --> 00:03:14,400
here a laser is mounted on the sensor

54
00:03:20,470 --> 00:03:16,640
gimbal mount to simulate a docking

55
00:03:25,750 --> 00:03:23,030
a separate movable granite table

56
00:03:28,470 --> 00:03:25,760
designated the target gimbal mount

57
00:03:32,550 --> 00:03:28,480
is offset from the granite rail

58
00:03:42,550 --> 00:03:32,560
three rotary stages provide yaw

59
00:03:42,560 --> 00:03:52,149
and pitch

60
00:03:56,550 --> 00:03:54,710
all five rotational stages contain

61
00:03:58,949 --> 00:03:56,560
rotary encoders that possess a

62
00:04:01,750 --> 00:03:58,959
resolution of one one thousandth of a

63
00:04:04,070 --> 00:04:01,760

degree

64

00:04:06,149 --> 00:04:04,080

a retro reflector assembly would be a

65

00:04:09,910 --> 00:04:06,159

typical target attached to the target

66

00:04:14,789 --> 00:04:12,710

a 19-inch rack houses the equipment

67

00:04:16,710 --> 00:04:14,799

necessary to operate the sixth off

68

00:04:18,629 --> 00:04:16,720

stages

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00:04:21,590 --> 00:04:18,639

included is a computer containing the

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00:04:25,670 --> 00:04:21,600

control software which drives the stages

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00:04:30,390 --> 00:04:27,909

the six dof subsystems are also

72

00:04:32,629 --> 00:04:30,400

contained in this rack

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00:04:36,790 --> 00:04:32,639

including a global positioning system

74

00:04:39,189 --> 00:04:36,800

time receiver and a rate meter

75

00:04:41,590 --> 00:04:39,199

these instruments provide time tagging

76
00:04:46,790 --> 00:04:41,600
and calculation of absolute and relative

77
00:04:50,950 --> 00:04:48,469
okay

78
00:04:53,430 --> 00:04:50,960
operation of the sixth system is based

79
00:04:55,350 --> 00:04:53,440
on knowing the initial coordinates of 14

80
00:04:57,510 --> 00:04:55,360
reference points on the two gimbal

81
00:04:59,909 --> 00:04:57,520
mounts and commanding the stages to move

82
00:05:06,550 --> 00:04:59,919
to a desired range and attitude at a

83
00:05:10,469 --> 00:05:08,629
in order for all position and rate

84
00:05:11,430 --> 00:05:10,479
measurements to be relative to each

85
00:05:14,950 --> 00:05:11,440
other

86
00:05:17,590 --> 00:05:14,960
a common coordinate system was defined

87
00:05:20,150 --> 00:05:17,600
a digital metrology system is used to

88
00:05:23,189 --> 00:05:20,160

shoot individual targets and calculate

89

00:05:25,270 --> 00:05:23,199

position coordinates

90

00:05:29,270 --> 00:05:25,280

these coordinates are then entered into

91

00:05:36,629 --> 00:05:32,629

the stages are commanded to move

92

00:05:38,790 --> 00:05:36,639

the laser spot searches for the target

93

00:05:41,350 --> 00:05:38,800

the proximity of the laser spot to the

94

00:05:46,230 --> 00:05:41,360

desired target determines the accuracy

95

00:05:51,029 --> 00:05:48,790

in a typical testing scenario

96

00:05:53,350 --> 00:05:51,039

static and dynamic accuracies will be

97

00:05:55,590 --> 00:05:53,360

tested on a candidate optical docking

98

00:05:57,590 --> 00:05:55,600

sensor

99

00:05:59,909 --> 00:05:57,600

position information taken from the

100

00:06:01,830 --> 00:05:59,919

sensor will be compared to the true six

101

00:06:04,070 --> 00:06:01,840

dot position

102

00:06:06,150 --> 00:06:04,080

dynamic information is provided by

103

00:06:08,629 --> 00:06:06,160

comparing the tracking capability of the

104

00:06:12,870 --> 00:06:08,639

docking sensor to that of the more

105

00:06:16,150 --> 00:06:15,189

future enhancements of the six dof

106

00:06:18,550 --> 00:06:16,160

system

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00:06:21,510 --> 00:06:18,560

include a proposed expansion into an

108

00:06:23,110 --> 00:06:21,520

autonomous rendezvous and docking test

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00:06:25,990 --> 00:06:23,120

facility

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00:06:29,590 --> 00:06:26,000

here docking scenarios will be set up to

111

00:06:31,510 --> 00:06:29,600

gain knowledge on docking sensors

112

00:06:33,830 --> 00:06:31,520

this will enable development of an

113

00:06:35,670 --> 00:06:33,840

optimum docking sensor that could be

114

00:06:44,070 --> 00:06:35,680

used in a multitude of docking

115

00:06:48,550 --> 00:06:46,550

a potential application of the six dof

116

00:06:51,990 --> 00:06:48,560

system would support the shuttle and

117

00:06:54,230 --> 00:06:52,000

space station docking simulator

118

00:06:56,150 --> 00:06:54,240

currently astronauts practice docking

119

00:07:00,950 --> 00:06:56,160

the shuttle to the space station by

120

00:07:05,510 --> 00:07:02,870

if this system was connected to the

121

00:07:06,950 --> 00:07:05,520

simulator it could move using the

122

00:07:09,189 --> 00:07:06,960

relative range

123

00:07:12,870 --> 00:07:09,199

bearing angles and attitude as

124

00:07:14,629 --> 00:07:12,880

calculated by the six dof system

125

00:07:20,150 --> 00:07:14,639

this would enable the simulator to

126

00:07:28,469 --> 00:07:23,270

from enhancing astronaut training

127

00:07:33,990 --> 00:07:31,909

to aiding orbital assembly

128

00:07:36,710 --> 00:07:34,000

the accuracy of the six degree of

129

00:07:37,990 --> 00:07:36,720

freedom system will provide an important

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00:07:40,390 --> 00:07:38,000

service