

Safe navigation systems

Robust compass heading in case of jamming and spoofing



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When approaching Ashdod all was fine until approx. 15 nm off the coast.

The GPS was suddenly spoofed and we lost GPS position.

When approx. 3 nm from Ashdod pilot the GPS signal came back.

During Ashdod port stay, there was first minor spoofing, but the all hell broke loose \rightarrow GPS going all over the place – primarily to Beirut.

After departure Ashdod for Haifa we found our GPS spoofed and positions not usable.

GPS 1 was the most unstable. It was in Beirut during most of our stay in Israel. Glonass – did a lot better, but still very far away very frequently – and constantly when in Haifa.

 \rightarrow Jamming and spoofing caused a heading failure

What is Jamming and Spoofing?

Jamming results in the unavailability of a GNSS satellite signal.
→ No Latitude, Longitude, SOG, COG

• Spoofing results in an available but false GNSS signal.

→ False Latitude, Longitude, SOG, COG



Effect on mechanical gyro compasses

- Mechanical gyro compasses determine true north by fast spinning masses, which align with the rotational axis of the earth.
- A mechanical gyro compass can work **without any** external information.
- The **accuracy** of a mechanical gyro compass is subject to a so-called speed error.
- The speed-error depends on the latitude, on the speed and on the heading.
- Example for speed error values:
 - Latitude = 30°, speed = 20kn, heading = 180°; speed error = 1,5°
 - Latitude = 60° , speed = 20kn, heading = 180° ; speed error = $2,5^\circ$
 - Latitude = 30°, speed = 20kn, heading = 90°; speed error = 0°



Standard 22 NX



- Jamming & spoofing reduces the accuracy caused by the missing calculation of the speed error
- To get accuracy back on high level of accuracy the following should be done:
 - Input latitude manually steps of a few degrees are sufficient
 - Connect a speed log (not GNSS based) to the compass system or input speed value manually – changes of a few knots are sufficient



Effect on strapdown gyro compasses

- Strapdown gyrocompasses: Firmly mounted angular rate sensors and accelerometers in gyro compass housing
- Angular rate sensors technologies:
 - Hemispherical Resonant Gyro (HRG)
 - Fiber Optical Gyro (FOG)
 - Ring Laser Gyro (RLG)
- Based on the angular rates and accelerations heading is calculated.
- Speed and position are required in order to differentiate between earth rotation and vessel movements – higher importance compared to mechanical gyro compasses.



Standard 30 MF

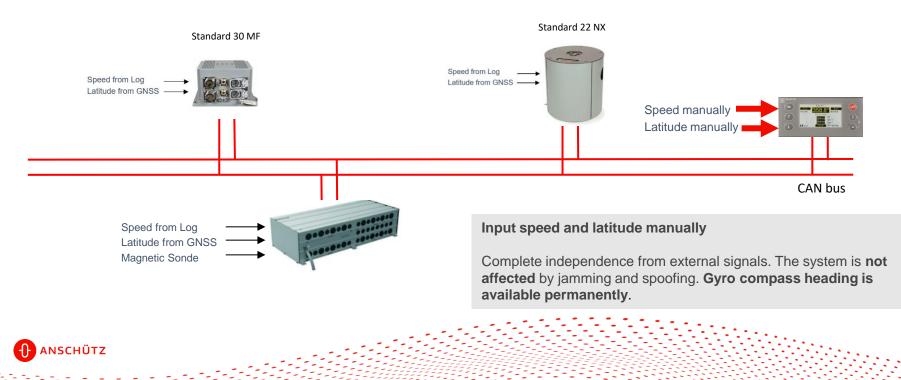


- Standard 30 MF was already tested for **28 days** in 2018 without GNSS input. The result was a maximum heading **deviation of 2°.**
- The test has been repeated in July 2024 on a ferry sailing from Germany to Lithuania. **Results have been confirmed.**
- \rightarrow Standard 30 MF works without latitude
- In case of spoofing Standard 30 MF filters large position jumps
- **Small position errors** may cause a slight heading deviation over long time.



Anschütz heading management system

Avoiding or minimizing effects of jamming and spoofing

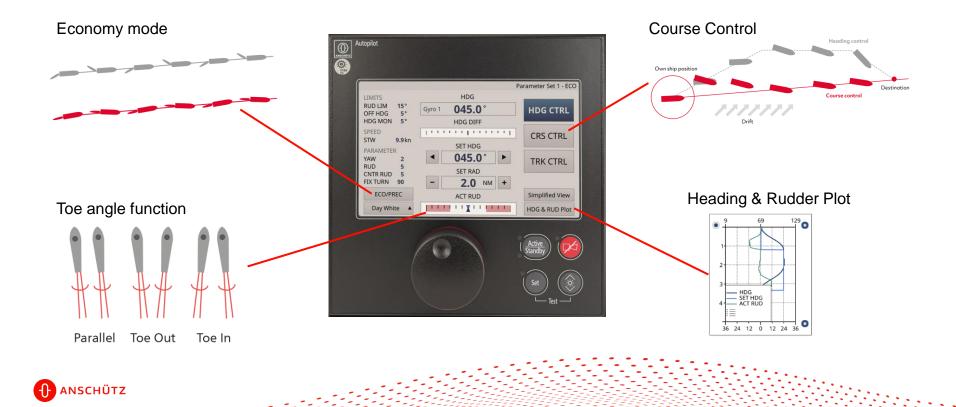


Summary

- Robust against jamming and spoofing
 - Standard 30 MF tested for 28 days without latitude, provides still high accuracy in heading
 - Standard 30 MF settles without latitude
 - Anschütz heading management system combines Standard 22 NX and Standard 30 MF for redundancy in technology.
 - Anschütz heading management system provides safe heading by monitoring features.
 - Standard 22 NX and Standard 30 MF features manual speed and latitude input, which makes the system completely resistant against jamming and spoofing.
- By the way: Standard 30 MF was recently used on an expedition cruise up to 89° latitude north!



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Thank you very much for your attention! olav.denker@anschuetz.com

