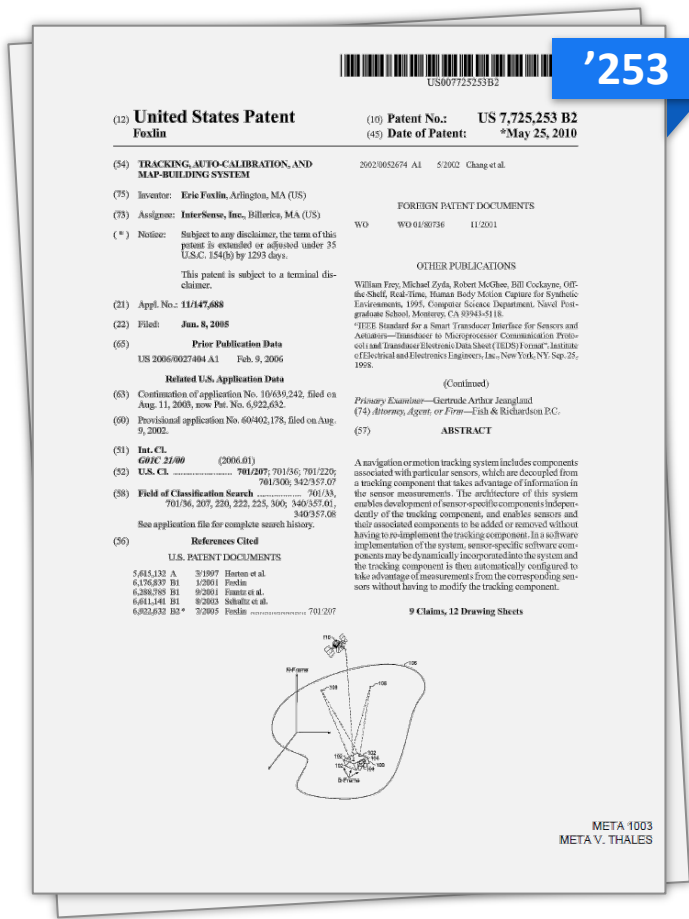


U.S. Patent No. 7,725,253
IPR2022-01308
Petitioner's Demonstratives

Sole Dispute Regarding Claim Is “Configuration Data”



1. A tracking system comprising:
an estimation subsystem; and
a sensor subsystem coupled to the estimation subsystem and configured to provide **configuration data** to the estimation subsystem and to provide measurement information to the estimation subsystem for localizing an object; wherein the estimation subsystem is configured to update a location estimate for the object based on configuration data and measurement information accepted from the sensor subsystem.
2. The system of claim 1 wherein the sensor subsystem includes one or more sensor modules, each providing an interface for interacting with a corresponding set of one or more sensing elements.

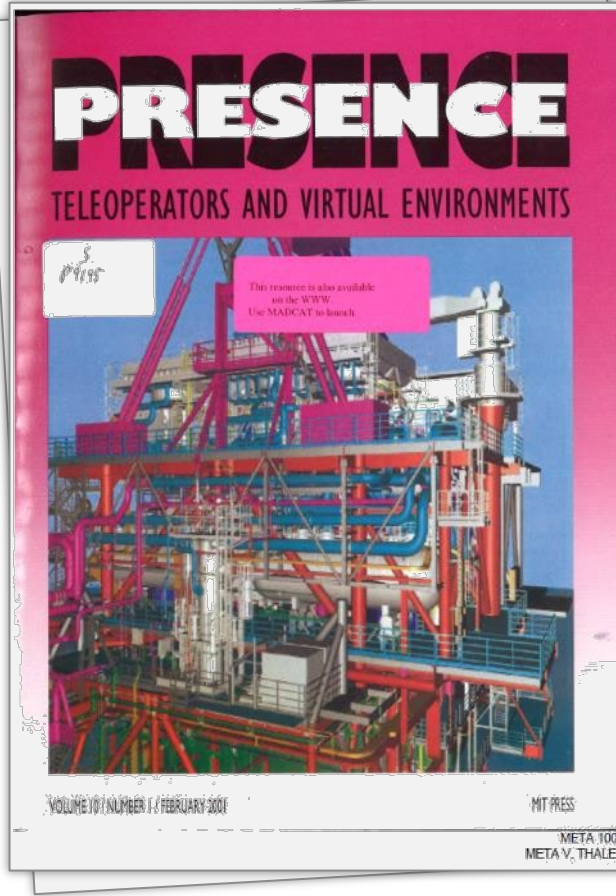
Ground I: Welch-2001 + Welch-1997

See also -01304 Ground I (Welch-2001 + Welch-1997), Claim 1

See also -01305 Ground I (Welch-2001 + Welch-1997), Claim 47[c][1]

Ex. 1003 ('253 Patent) at cls. 1 and 2

Welch's Offline And Online HiBall Measurements Are Used For "Calibration"



5 Methods

5.1 Bench-Top (Offline) HiBall Calibration

After each HiBall is assembled, we perform an offline calibration procedure to determine the correspondence between image-plane coordinates and rays in space. This involves more than just determining the

To determine the mapping between sensor image-plane coordinates and three-space rays, we use a single LED mounted at a fixed location in the laboratory such that it is centered in the view directly out of the top lens of the HiBall. This ray defines the z or up axis for the HiBall coordinate system. We sample other rays by rotating the goniometer motors under computer control. We sample each view with rays spaced about every six minutes of arc throughout the field of view. We repeat each measurement 100 times to reduce the effects of noise on the individual measurements and to estimate the standard deviation of the measurements.

5.2 Online HiBall Measurements

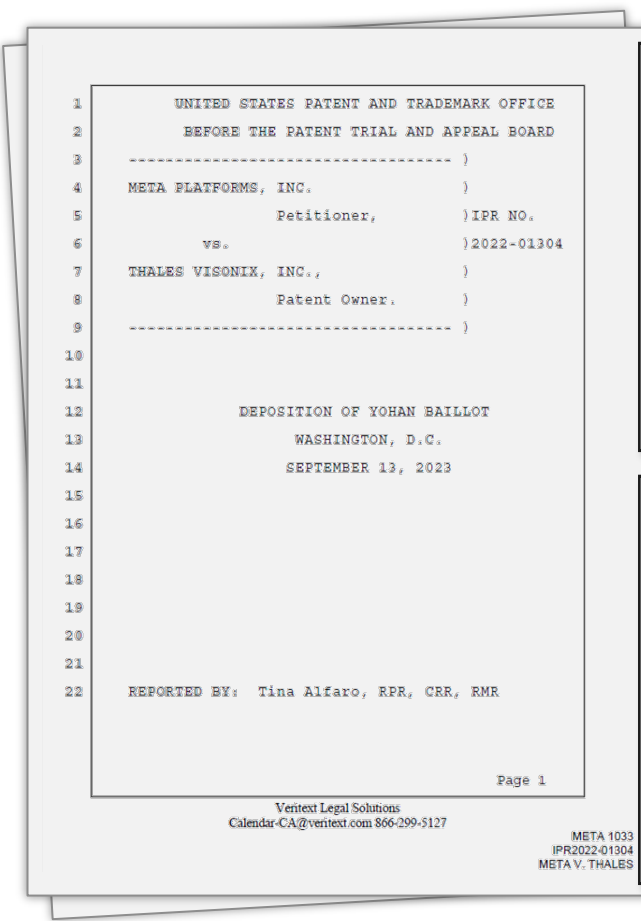
Upon receiving a command from the CIB (section 4.3), which is synchronized with a CIB command to the ceiling, the HiBall selects the specified LEPD and performs three measurements, one before the LED flashes, one during the LED flash, and one after the LED flash. Known as "dark-light-dark," this technique is used to subtract out DC bias, low-frequency noise, and background light from the LED signal. We then convert the measured sensor coordinates to "ideal" coordinates using the calibration tables described in section 5.1.

Ground I: Welch-2001 + Welch-1997

See also -01304 Ground I (Welch-2001 + Welch-1997), Claim 1

See also -01305 Ground I (Welch-2001 + Welch-1997), Claim 47[c][1]

Welch's "Calibration" Data Are Data Used To Configure The Estimation Subsystem → "Configuration Data"



Q Do you agree that Kalman filters are configured at least according to the calibration parameters that they use?

A. **I think in some case, yes.** You might want to be more definitive on that. I don't have really an opinion right now as I stand.

Q. So in view of what the '632 Patent teaches, do you agree that Kalman filters are typically configured according to the calibration parameters that they use?

A. That's what it says here. **I would think in most instances they are.**

Ground I: Welch-2001 + Welch-1997

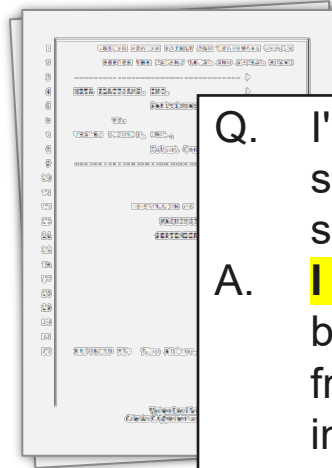
See also -01304 Ground I (Welch-2001 + Welch-1997), Claim 1

See also -01305 Ground I (Welch-2001 + Welch-1997), Claim 47[c][1]

PO's Construction Of "Configuration Data" Is Not Supported

PO's Construction

"data describing characteristics or attributes of a sensor or set of sensors"



- Q. I'm not able to find those specific words in the patent. And so did you find them in the patent or did you get them from somewhere else?
- A. **I do not recall at this time.** I could scan the patent again, but it could be just also a way for me to define this further from reading the specification and seeing the type of information or data we are talking about. Basically I'm trying to say that it describes -- this information describes characteristics and attributes of a sensor.

- Q. So you don't have an opinion as to whether this is the standard definition of the terms "configuration data" and "configuration information"?
- A. **No.** I think "configuration data" and "configuration information" could be thought as many things, but for the purpose of this declaration I'm trying to define them further.

Ground I: Welch-2001 + Welch-1997

Ex. 1033 (Baillot Depo. Tr.) at 203:14-204:2, 205:1-8

See also -01304 Ground I (Welch-2001 + Welch-1997), Claim 1

See also -01305 Ground I (Welch-2001 + Welch-1997), Claim 47[c][1]

Welch's Calibration Measurements "Describe" Pose And Satisfy PO's Construction

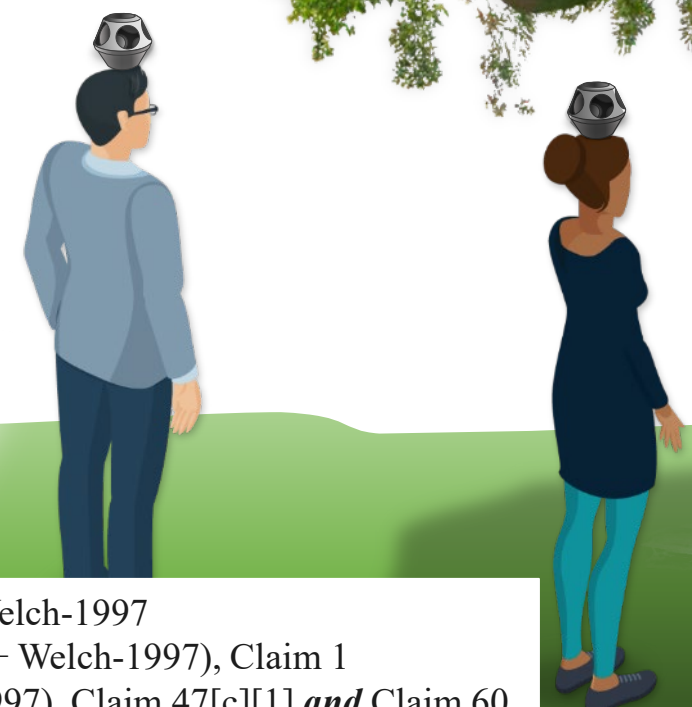
PO's Construction

"data describing characteristics or attributes of a sensor or set of sensors"



may be sensors or targets. Each PSE object has the following attributes:

(1) Pose (location and orientation) relative to the map of the environment or vehicle to which the PSE is attached.



Ground I: Welch-2001 + Welch-1997

See also -01304 Ground I (Welch-2001 + Welch-1997), Claim 1

See also -01305 Ground I (Welch-2001 + Welch-1997), Claim 47[c][1] **and** Claim 60

PO's Construction Of Its Own Construction Is Unsupported And Improper

PO's Construction

“data describing characteristics or attributes of a sensor or set of sensors”

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U.S. PATENT NO. 7,725,253

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PATENT OWNER'S SUR-REPLY

November 3, 2023

measurements can be configuration data under Patent Owner's construction. **The POSITA would not have understood Welch's raw measurements to “describe[e] characteristics or attributes of a sensor or set of sensors.”** Patent Owner's Response

Ground I: Welch-2001 + Welch-1997

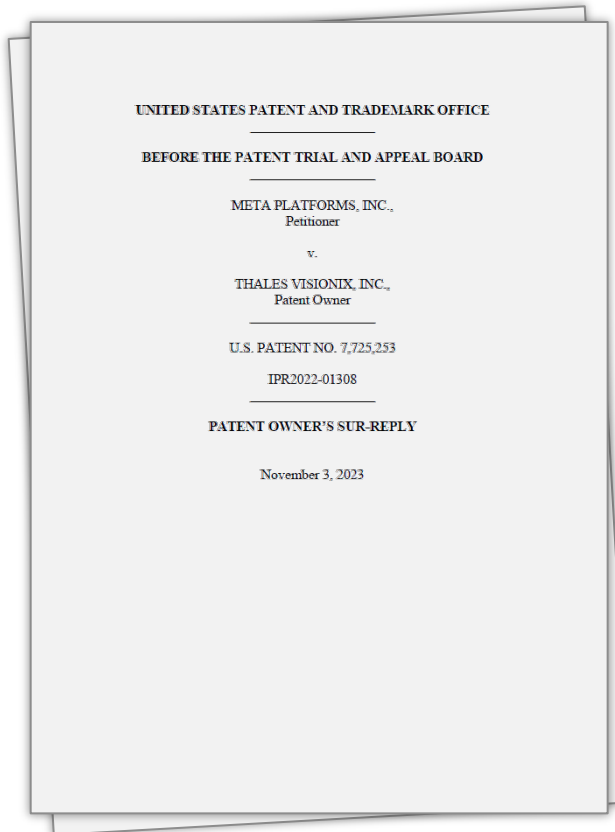
See also -01304 Ground I (Welch-2001 + Welch-1997), Claim 1

See also -01305 Ground I (Welch-2001 + Welch-1997), Claim 47[c][1]

Welch's Metadata Is Admittedly "Configuration Data"

PO's Construction

"data describing characteristics or attributes of a sensor or set of sensors"



does not provide any expert evidence that it is "configuration data." During system design, the Kalman filter would have been configured to work with the particular data type and format produced by the HiBalls. But that information is provided by the system designer; it is not "provid[ed]" by the "sensor subsystem." Ex.1033, 10:12-11:7, 12:4-13. Nor is the Kalman filter "configured" by receiving a

Ground I: Welch-2001 + Welch-1997

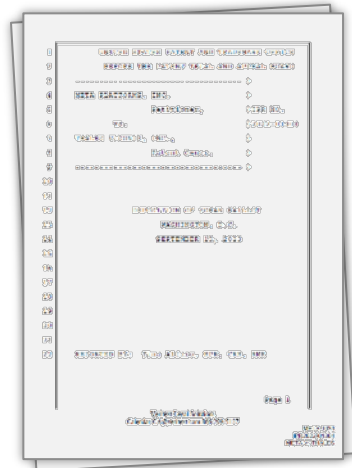
See also -01304 Ground I (Welch-2001 + Welch-1997), Claim 1

See also -01305 Ground I (Welch-2001 + Welch-1997), Claim 47[c][1] **and** Claim 59

PO's Expert Admitted Welch's Metadata Is Supplied By The HiBall Sensors

PO's Construction

“data describing characteristics or attributes of a sensor or set of sensors”



- Q. And so I'd just like to confirm that Welch 2001's Kalman filters are configured according to the type and format of data **that it receives from the HiBall sensors.**
- A. Again, no relationship with what I just read, but as **a general statement and understanding I would say it's correct** that it is done one time at the design stage of the system, and that system is not designed to ensure a configuration of those data of this Kalman filter that can be changed. So it has been done once, just to be clear.

Ground I: Welch-2001 + Welch-1997

See also -01304 Ground I (Welch-2001 + Welch-1997), Claim 1

See also -01305 Ground I (Welch-2001 + Welch-1997), Claim 47[c][1]

PO's Complaints Regarding Allegedly New Argument Are Irrelevant In View Of PO's Post-Institution Constructions



“We hold that where a patent owner in an IPR first proposes a claim construction in a patent owner response, a petitioner must be given the opportunity in its reply to argue and present evidence of anticipation or obviousness under the new construction, at least where it relies on the same embodiments for each invalidity ground as were relied on in the petition”

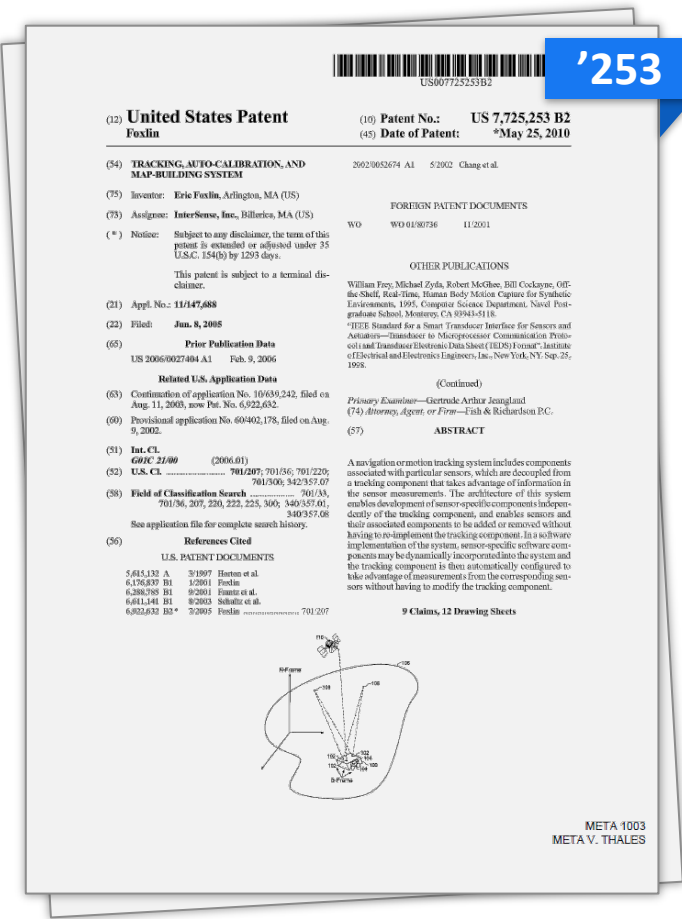
Axonics, Inc. v. Medtronic, Inc., 75 F.4th 1374, 1384 (Fed. Cir. 2023)

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Claims 6 And 8

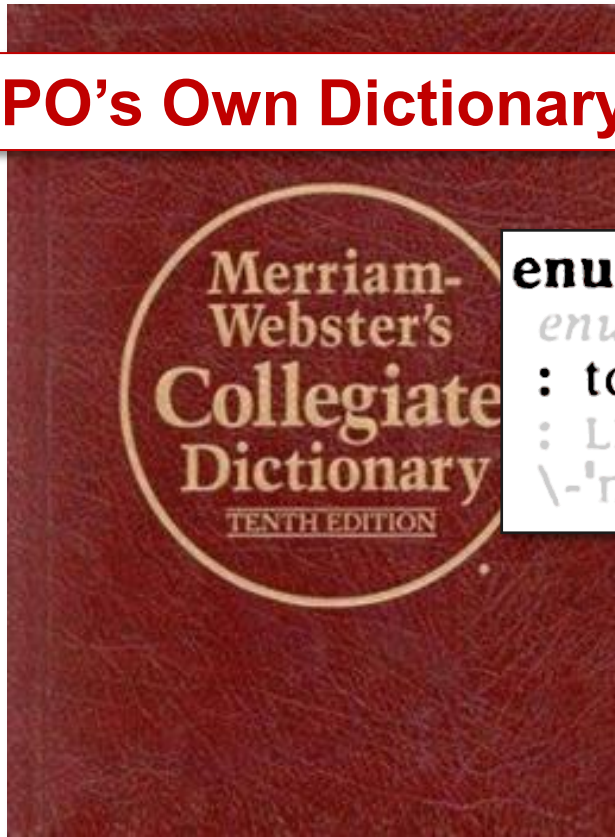


6. A method comprising:
 enumerating sensing elements available to a tracking system that includes an estimation subsystem that estimates a position or orientation of an object; and
 providing parameters specific to the enumerated sensing elements to the tracking system to enable the estimation subsystem to be configured based on the parameters specific to the enumerated sensing elements to enable the estimation subsystem to estimate the position or orientation of the object.

8. The method of claim 6 wherein the set of sensing elements comprises at least one sensor and at least one target, the sensor making a measurement with respect to the target.

“Enumerating” = “Determining The Number Of”

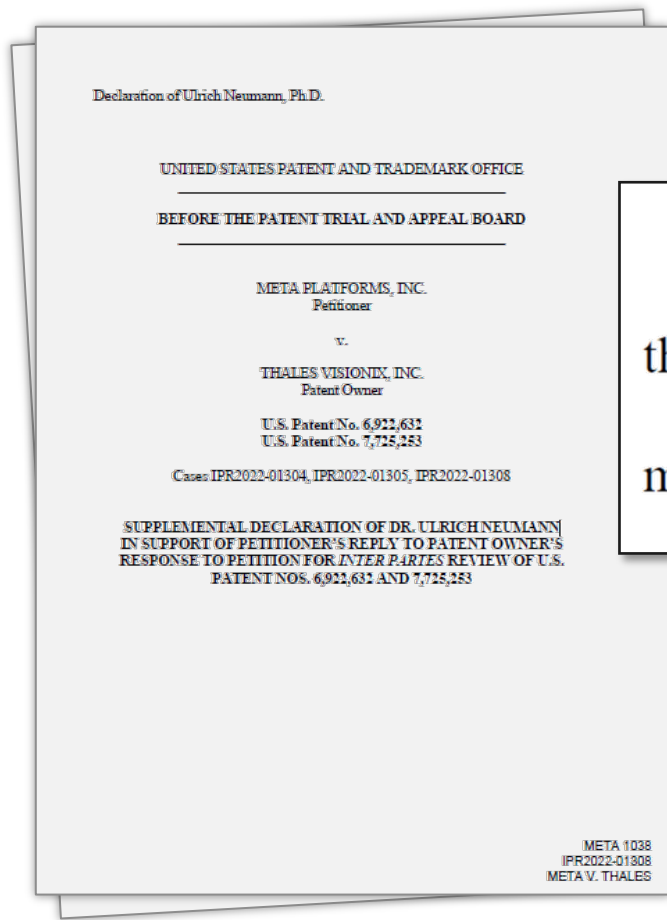
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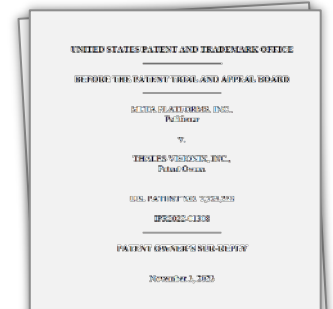
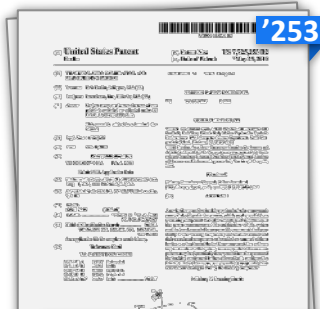
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Ex. 2015

Welch “Enumerates” Under PO’s Express Construction



PO Adds Implied Requirements Beyond Its Express “Enumerating” Construction

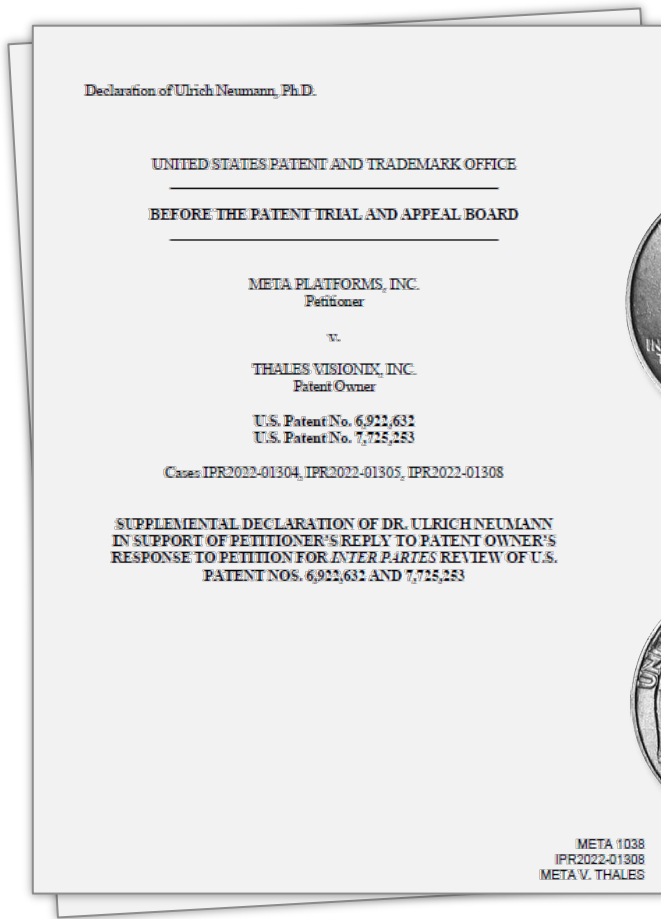


6. A method comprising:
enumerating sensing elements available to a tracking system that includes an estimation subsystem that estimates a position or orientation of an object; and
providing parameters specific to the enumerated sensing elements to the tracking system to enable the estimation subsystem to be configured based on the parameters specific to the enumerated sensing elements to enable the estimation subsystem to estimate the position or orientation of the object.

POR 23-24; Ex.2007 ¶74. Petitioner disputes (Reply 7) whether “enumerating” must involve specifying or listing each available sensor, or whether it can be satisfied by simply determining the number of sensors available, but does not contest that “enumerating,” as claimed in the ’253 patent, is a “process performed by the system.”

The patent repeatedly describes the system itself doing the enumerating, Ex.2007 ¶74, and never suggests that a human could satisfy this step at system design. Petitioner, however, relies on a human programming the sensors into the PC. Reply

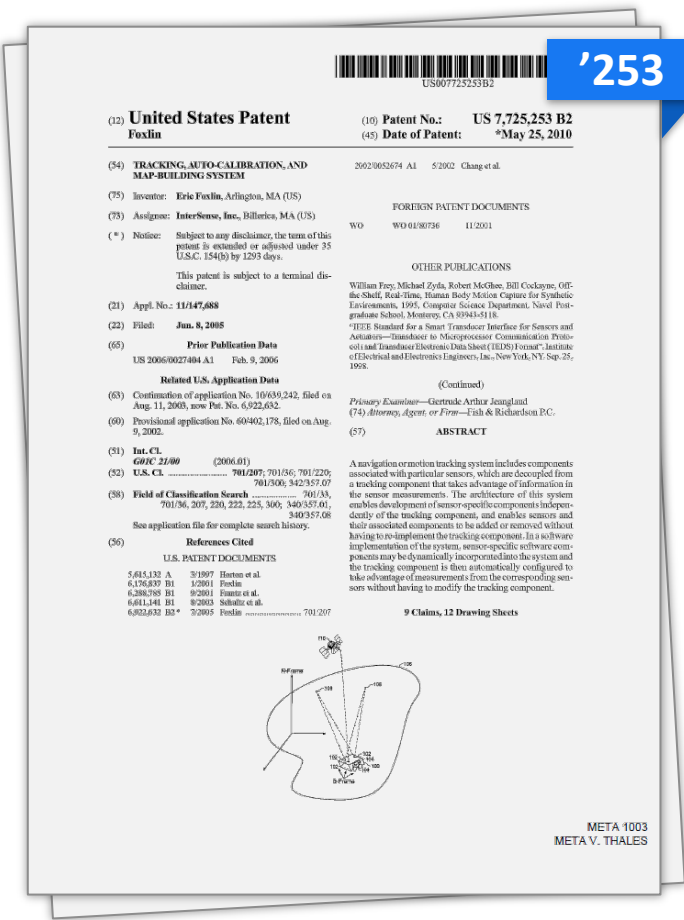
Welch “Enumerates” Under PO’s Express AND Implied Constructions



15. Since “each” HiBall unit needs to be calibrated, and different embodiments of Welch-2001’s system have different numbers of HiBall units attached to it, something must specify to the PC (which performs Welch-2001’s tracking calculations) how many sensing elements are available to it, so that the system knows how many calibration procedures to perform.

16. In practice, a person of ordinary skill in the art would have recognized that this specifying process would be reflected in code as the instantiation of a module associated with each sensor. Even if each HiBall unit were instantiated with

Claim 7: “Highest Expected Utility”



7. The method of claim 6, further comprising selecting a pair of sensing elements from a sequence of candidates of pairs of sensing elements, the selected pair of sensing elements being ready to make a measurement at the time of selection of the pair or at a predefined time after the time of selection of the pair, the selected pair having a **highest expected utility** of a measurement among the sequence of candidates.

Ex. 1003 (US 7,725,253) at cl. 7

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Ground I: Welch-2001 + Welch-1997

See also -01304 Ground I (Welch-2001 + Welch 1997) and Ground IV (Horton), Claim 33

DEMONSTRATIVE EXHIBIT – NOT EVIDENCE

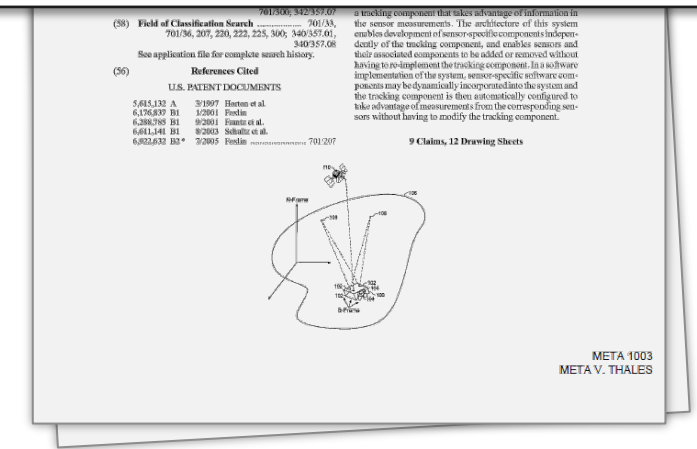
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Claim 7: “Highest Expected Utility” = “Highest Expected Usefulness”

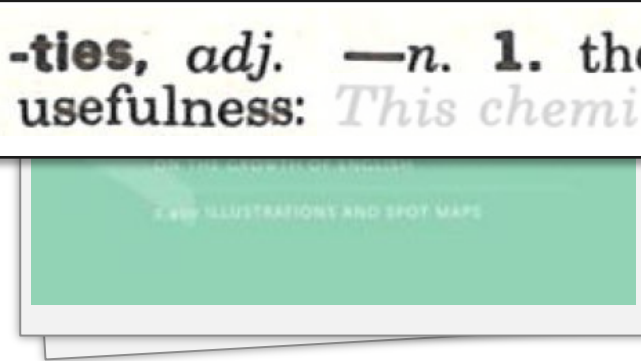
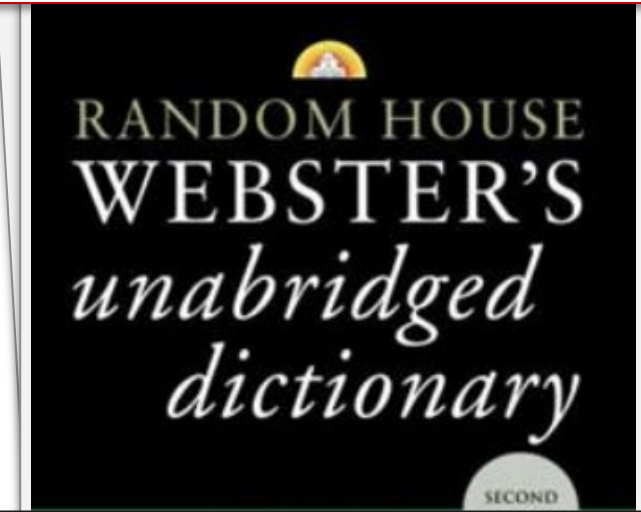
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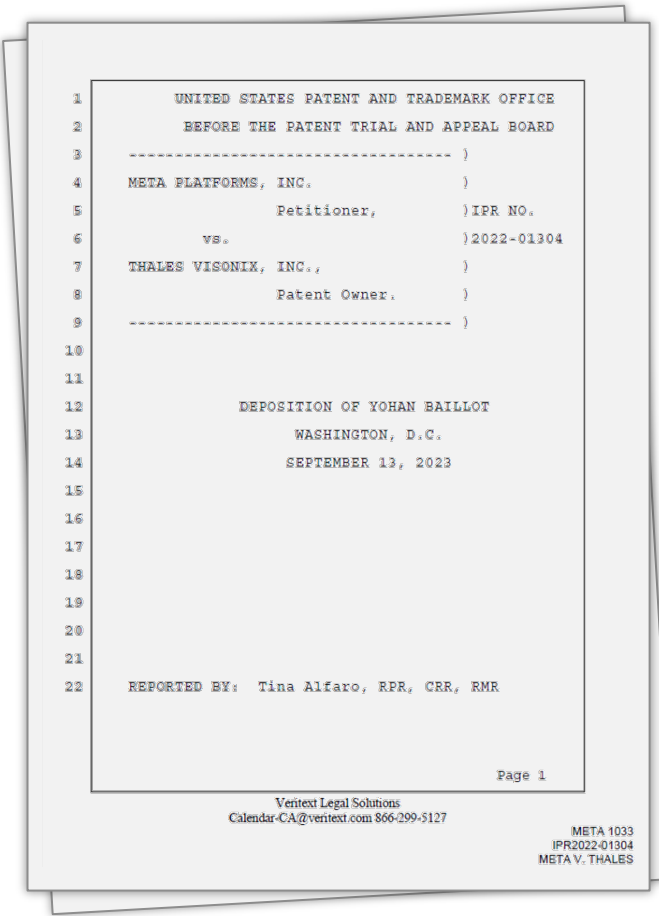
available to make measurements. MMU 304 makes the selection based on an “information gain” that represents the utility (or usefulness) of a measurement by the pair of PSEs to navigation system 90.



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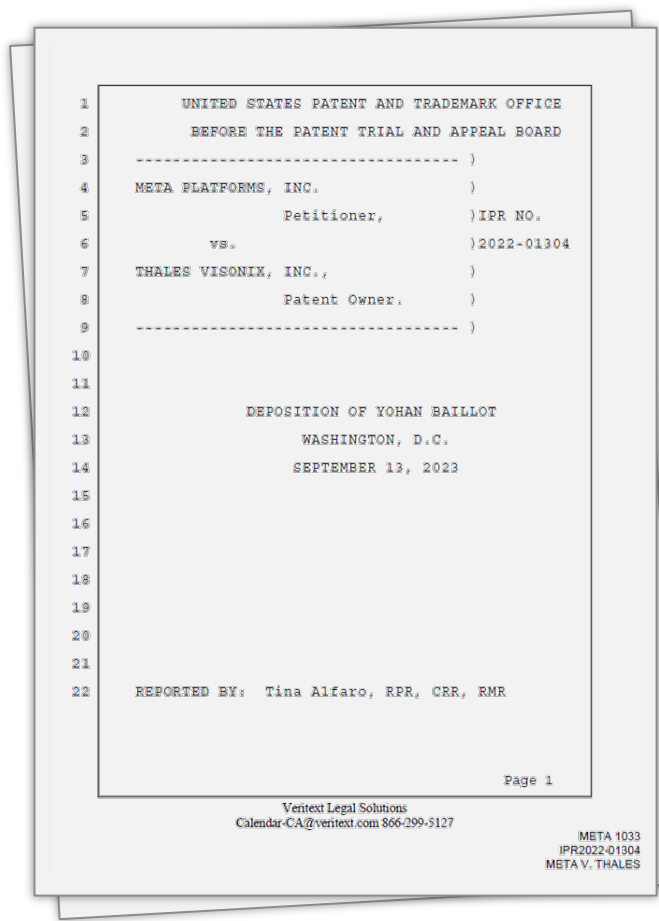
PO Has No Evidence That Welch’s “Least Recently Used” Heuristic Is Not The Most “Useful” Option



Q. Right. And so I just want to know if you have any reason to believe that when Welch chose to use the least recently used heuristic, did he expect it would be less useful than the alternative heuristics available to him?

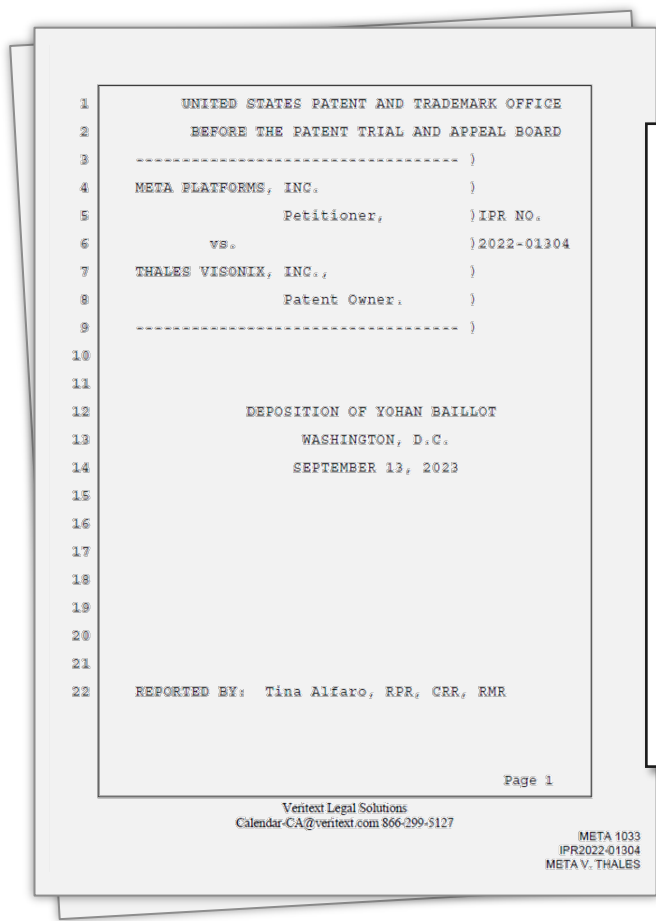
A. I don't see any discussion of that in this paper or reference. I don't believe I have addressed that in my declaration. So without more detail I cannot really form a complete opinion on this today.

Welch's "Least Recently Used" Heuristic Would Admittedly Have A Highest Expected Information Gain At Least Some Of The Time



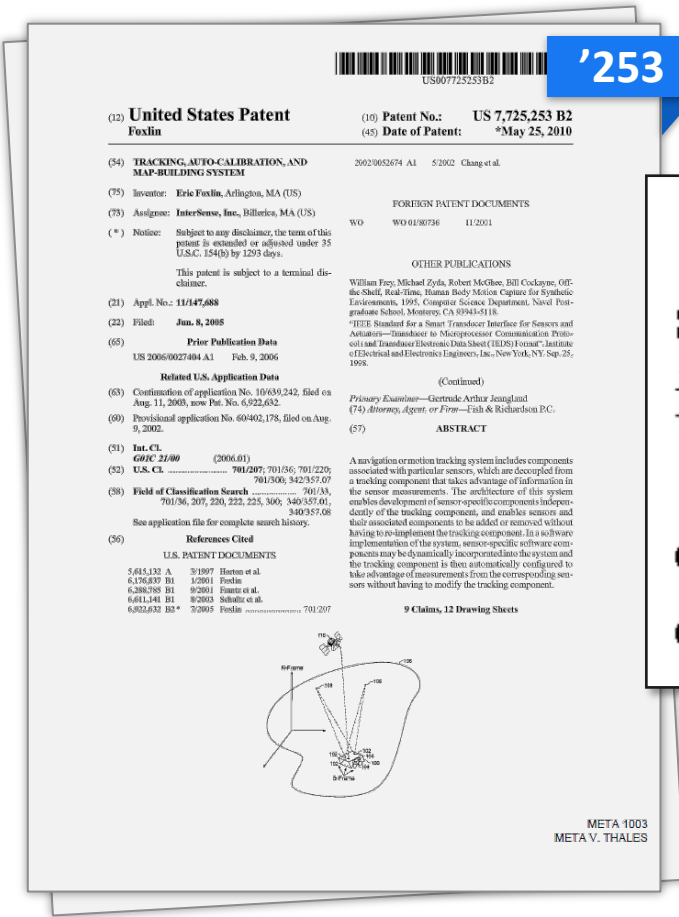
- Q. Are there scenarios where the least recently used LED would provide the greatest information gain?
- A. I think there is some situation where the selected LED as per this process would lead to a greater information gain than another, yes.

Claim 9: Typical Camera Flash Can Replace Welch's "Dark-Light-Dark" Sequence



- Q. So could this dark-light-dark process be performed instead with passive targets where the flash is emitted by the HiBall instead of by the LED target?
- A. **I think there is probably some scenario, yes**, but it depends on how would you build such a system. Probably other factors to consider that are changing between using these LED's and using some other thing that can do what you are suggesting.

Claims 3-4: Only Unique Dispute Is Motivation To Combine



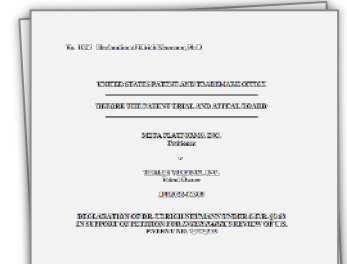
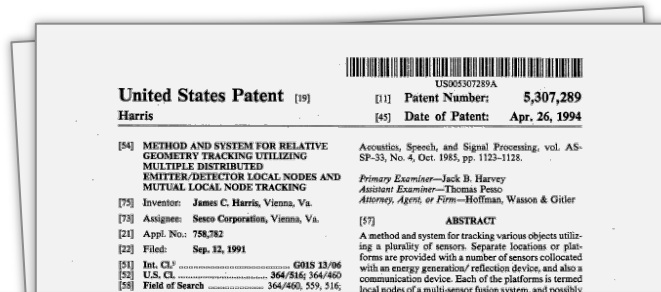
3. The system of claim 2 wherein the interface enables the sensor module to perform computations independently of an implementation of the estimation subsystem.

4. The system of claim 2 wherein the interface enables the estimation subsystem to perform computations independently of an implementation of the sensor modules.

Ex. 1003 ('253 Patent) at cls. 3 and 4

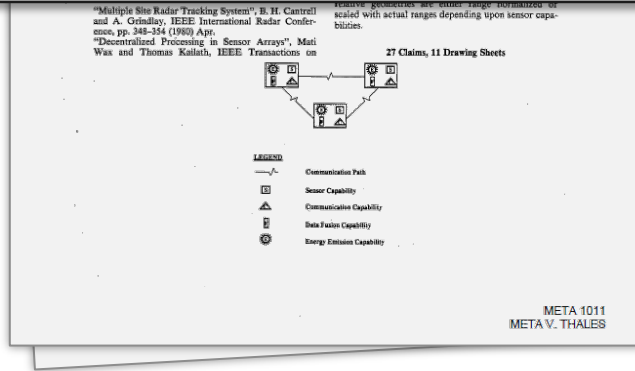
Ground II (Welch-2001/1997 + Harris) and Ground III (Welch-2001/1997 + Reitmayr)

Harris's And Reitmayr's "Distributed" Systems Increase Processing Speed, Which Increases Accuracy



The primary object of this invention is to provide a novel method for relative geometry and relative orientation state tracking which can obtain much greater accuracies than the prior art. An additional object is to

79. In my opinion, it would have been well-known to a POSITA that a distributed processing system would provide efficiency benefits. For example, a POSITA would have understood that implementing a distributed system would allow for increased processing speed, reduced need for communication between processors, the ability to balance the computational load on each processor, and smaller required memory or storage bandwidth and size. Specifically in the tracking



Ex. 1005 (Neumann Declaration) ¶¶ 79 (Harris) and ¶¶ 92 (Reitmayr); Ex. 1011 (Harris) at 4:14-17

Ground II (Welch-2001/1997 + Harris) and Ground III (Welch-2001/1997 + Reitmayr)

See also -01305 Ground III (Welch-2001/1997 + Harris)

PO's Contention That Using Distributed FPGAs Would Reduce "Flexibility" Is Factually False

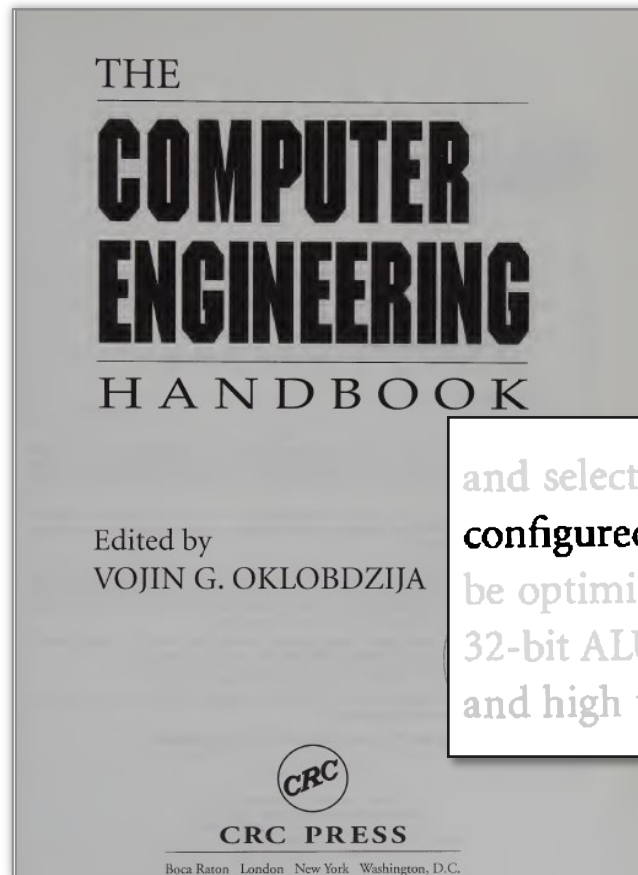


FPGA Advantages:

- **Efficiency:** Data processing pipeline tuned exactly to the needs of software. No need for control units, instruction fetch units, register writeback, and other execution overhead.
- **Custom Instructions:** Instructions not natively supported by CPUs/GPUs can be easily implemented and efficiently executed on FPGAs (e.g., bit manipulations).
- **Data Dependencies across Parallel Work** can be resolved without stalls to the pipeline.
- **Flexibility:** FPGAs can be reconfigured to accommodate different functions and data types, including non-standard data types.

No objection or response by PO

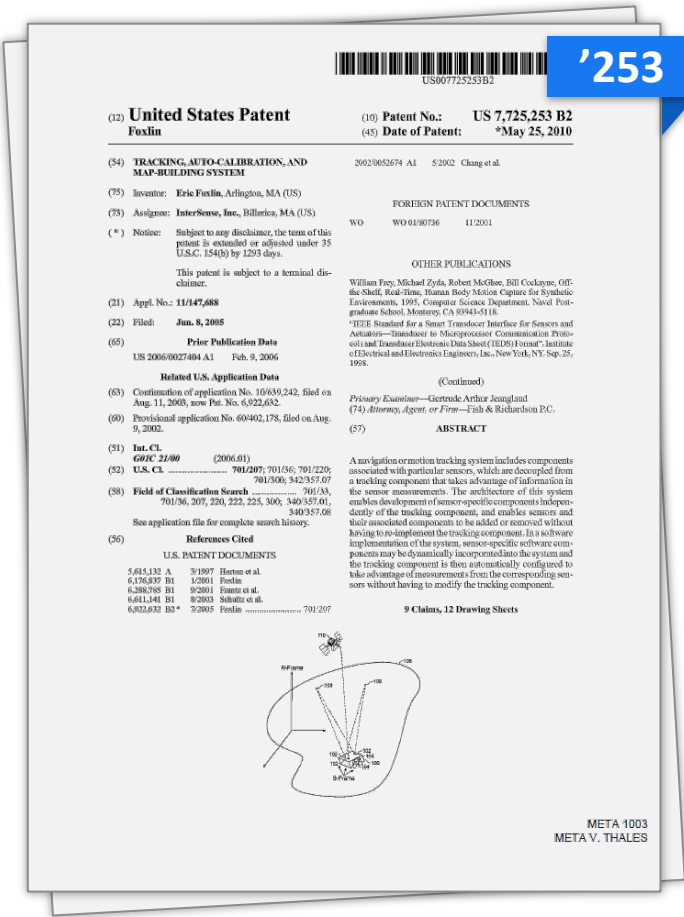
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and selectors as shown in Fig. 19.6. The features are: (1) It is **quite flexible**. Basically, the FPGA can be configured to any dedicated function if integrated gate capacity is enough to map it; (2) Structure can be optimized without being limited to prefixed data width and variation of function unit like a general 32-bit ALU of CPU. Therefore, FPGA is not used only for prototyping but also where high performance and high throughput are targeted. (3) It is very inefficient in power. Switch network for fine-grain level

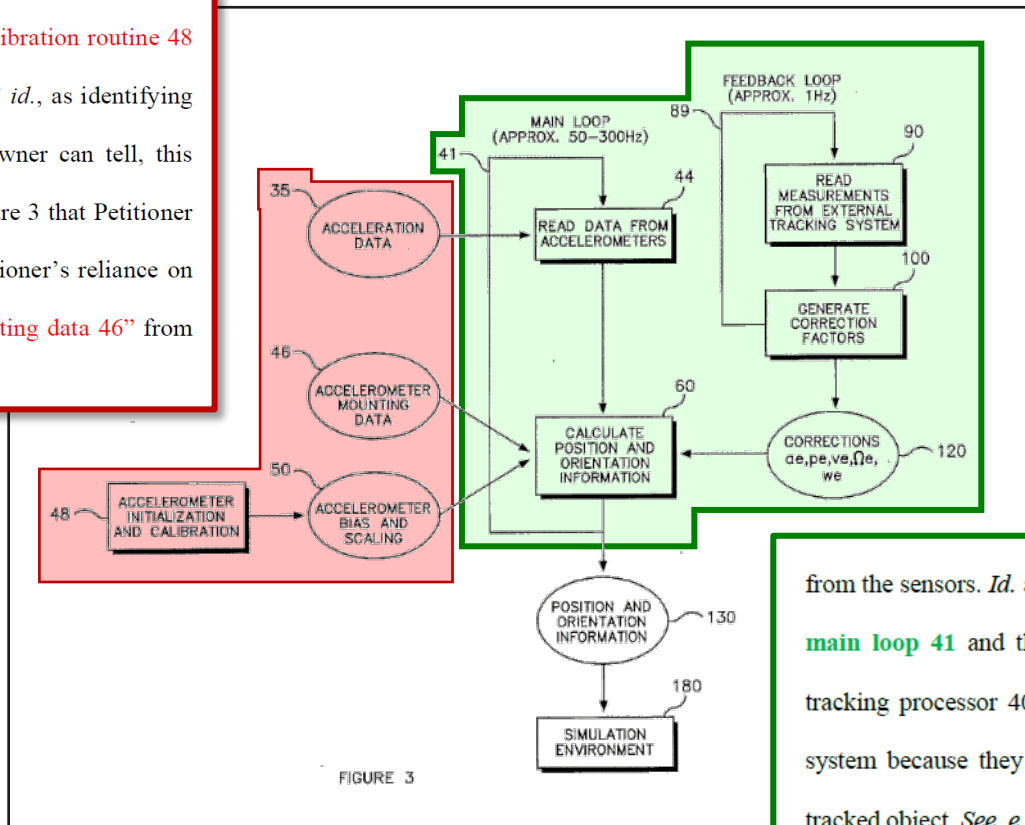
Claim 1



1. A tracking system comprising:
an estimation subsystem; and
a sensor subsystem coupled to the estimation subsystem and configured to provide configuration data to the estimation subsystem and to provide measurement information to the estimation subsystem for localizing an object; wherein the estimation subsystem is configured to update a location estimate for the object based on configuration data and measurement information accepted from the sensor subsystem.

The Petition Identified Two Separate “Subsystems”

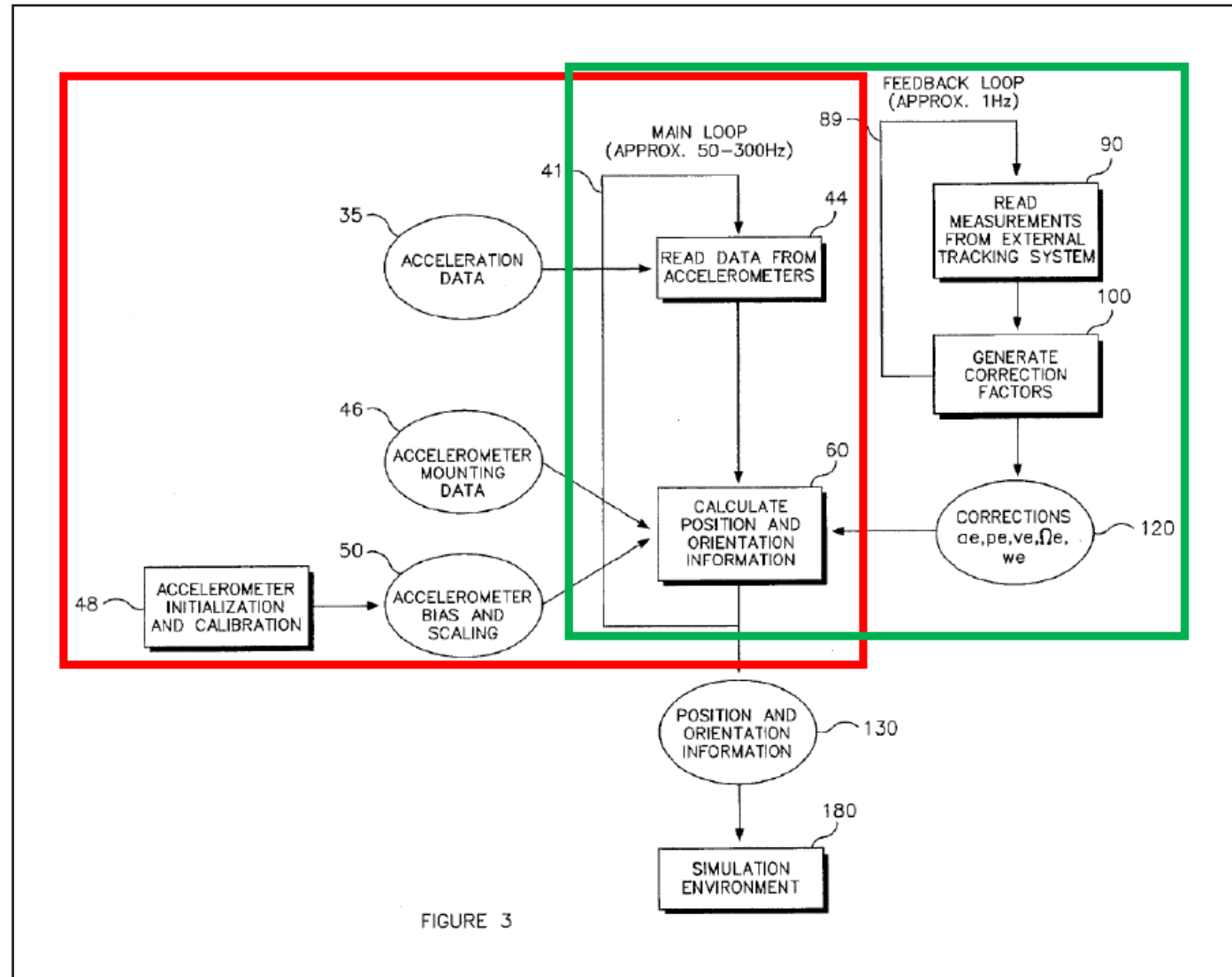
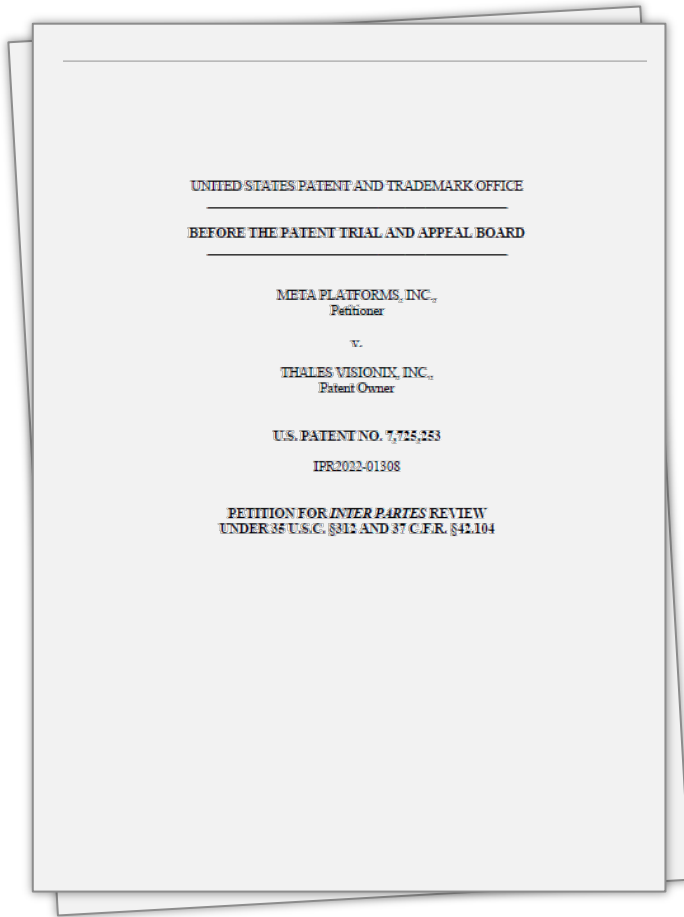
The Petition never expressly states which particular parts of the Horton system constitute the claimed “**sensor subsystem**.” See *id.*, 60. The Institution Decision, however, credited the Petition’s contention that “Horton discloses that the tracking system includes **accelerometers 1-6** that are initialized using **calibration routine 48** and provide **acceleration data 35** to the estimation subsystem,” *id.*, as identifying the “sensor subsystem,” Paper 10, 30. As best as Patent Owner can tell, this appears to correspond with the red annotation of Horton’s Figure 3 that Petitioner provides on page 59 of the Petition. See also *id.* (noting Petitioner’s reliance on “**accelerometer bias and scaling 50**” and “**accelerometer mounting data 46**” from Figure 3); Baillot, ¶¶414-416.



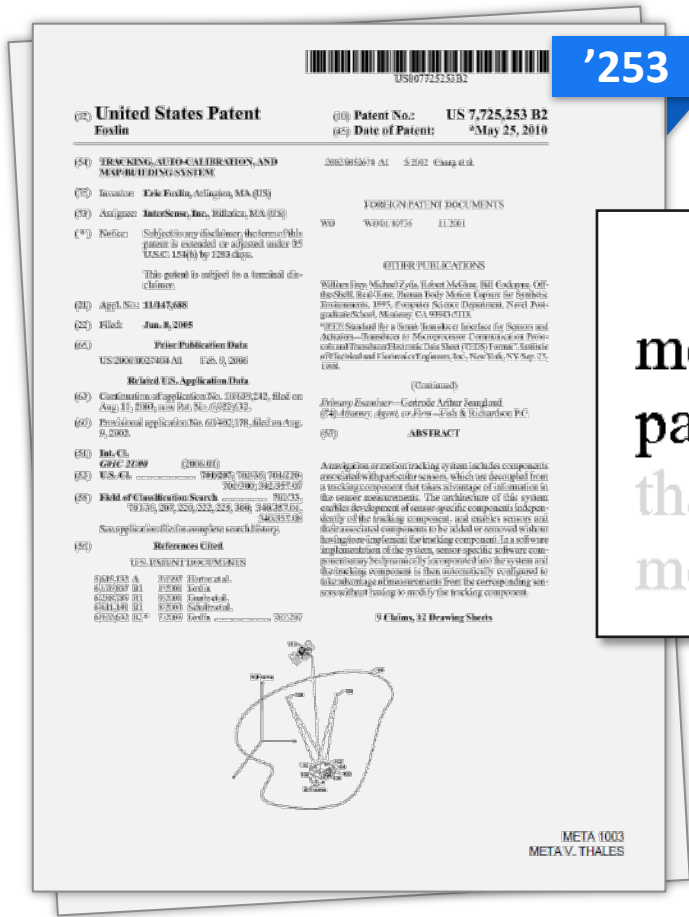
from the sensors. *Id.* at 2:25-30, 41-44. A POSITA would have understood that the **main loop 41** and the Kalman Filter (i.e., **feedback loop 89**) executed by the tracking processor 40 constitutes an “**estimation subsystem**” within the overall system because they are used for estimating the position and orientation of the tracked object. See, e.g., *id.* at 7:56-64 (describing the processor’s calculation of “an

Paper 29 (Patent Owner's Response) at 48; Paper 01 (Petition) at 59; Ex. 1010 (Horton) Figure 3

PO Misconstrues The Petition



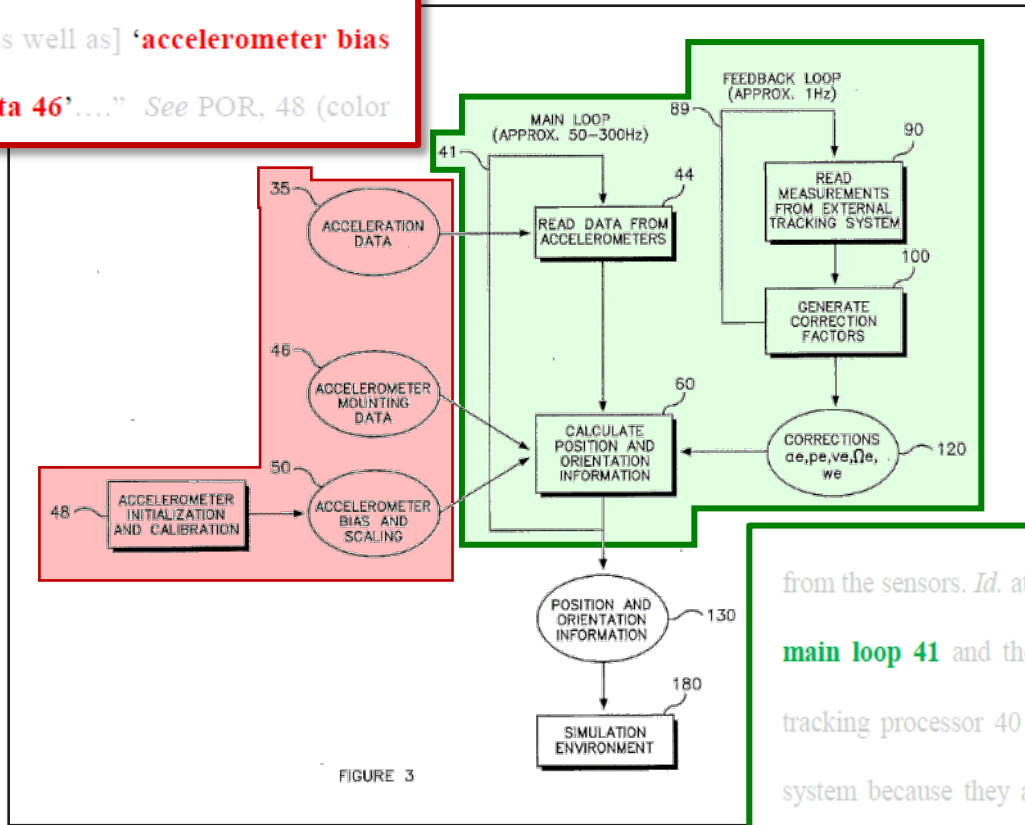
PO's 100% Non-overlapping Construction Is Inconsistent With The Specification



In a general aspect, the invention features a navigation or motion tracking system in which ~~components associated with~~ particular sensors are decoupled from a tracking component that takes advantage of information in the sensor measurements. The architecture of this system enables development

At A Minimum, Petitioner’s Reply Identified Two Separate “Subsystems” (*Axonics v. Medtronic*)

(most emphasis in original). And, the Petition identifies the claimed “sensor subsystem” as follows: “**accelerometers 1-6** that are initialized using **calibration routine 48** and provide **acceleration data 35** ... [as well as] ‘**accelerometer bias and scaling 50**’ and ‘**accelerometer mounting data 46**’...” See POR, 48 (color



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The “Sensor Subsystem” Does *Not* Include Main Loop 41 (During Calibration Or During Tracking)

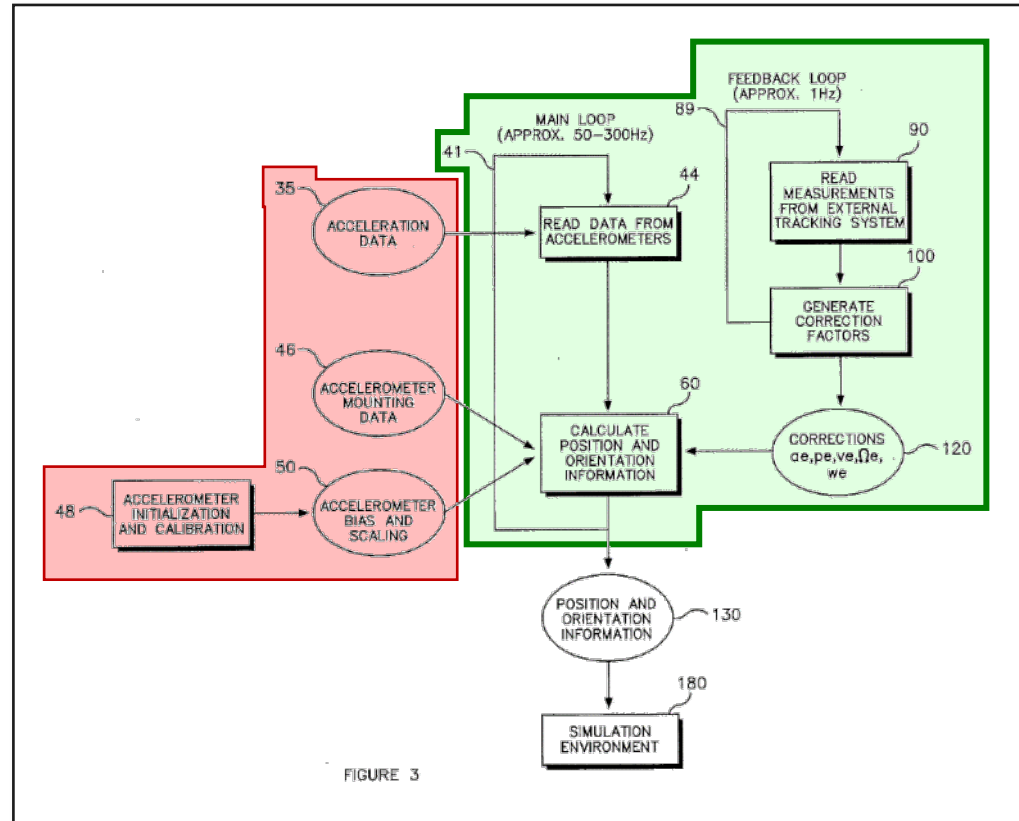


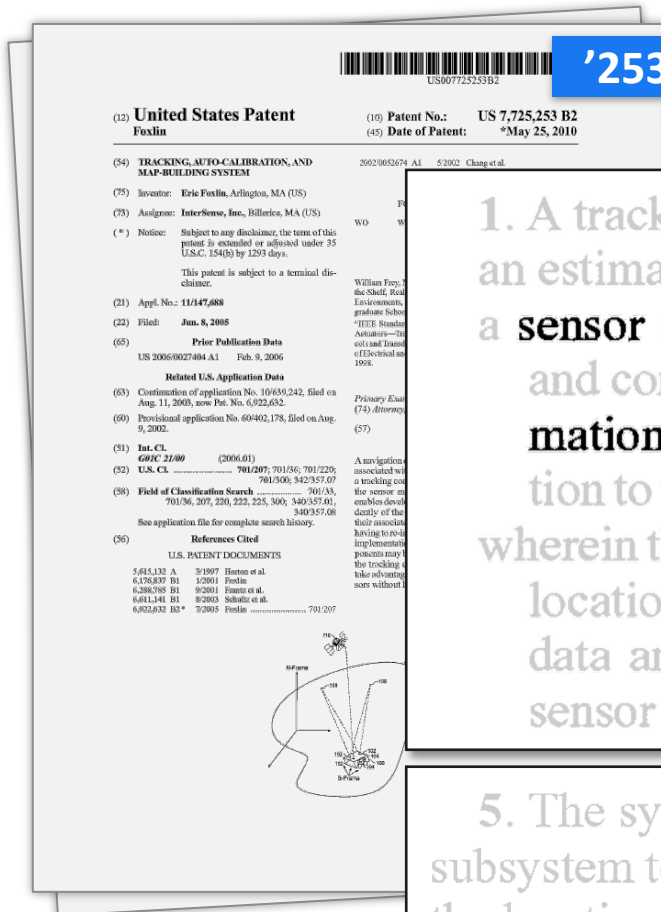
FIGURE 3

PO Improperly Attempts To Define *Petitioner's* Challenge. Petitioner Does Not Identify Horton's Main Loop 41 As Part Of The Claimed "Estimation Subsystem"



Horton does not match up with the claim. The main loop does not switch from being part of the sensor subsystem to being part of the estimation subsystem whenever it suits Petitioner; it is inherently part of both.

Claim 1: Horton Teaches Three Types Of “Configuration Data”



1. A tracking system comprising:
an estimation subsystem; and
a sensor subsystem coupled to the estimation subsystem and configured to provide configuration data to the estimation subsystem and to provide measurement information to the estimation subsystem for localizing an object; wherein the estimation subsystem is configured to update a location estimate for the object based on configuration data and measurement information accepted from the sensor subsystem.

5. The system of claim 1 further comprising a navigation subsystem to navigate the object in an environment based on the location estimate for the object.

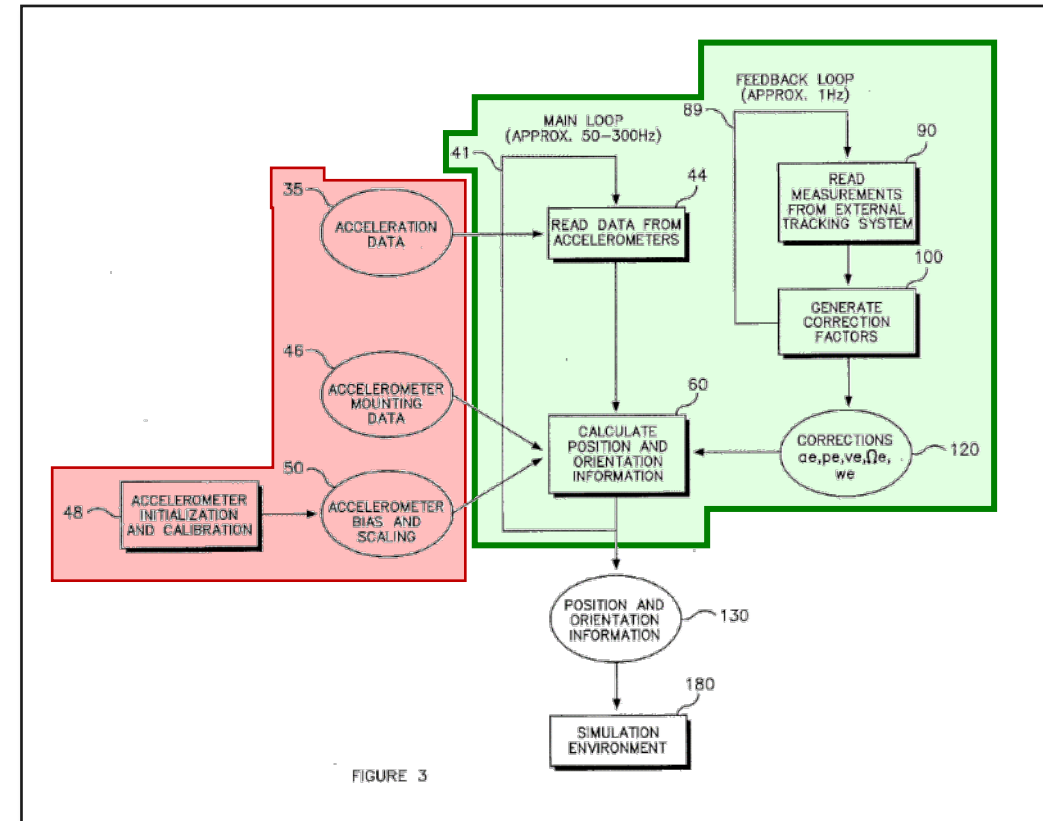
Configuration Data

- 1 Calibration Measurements
- 2 Pre-specified bias
- 3 Mounting Data

Calibration Measurements From The “Sensor Subsystem” Are “Load[ed]” Into The “Estimation Subsystem” During Calibration

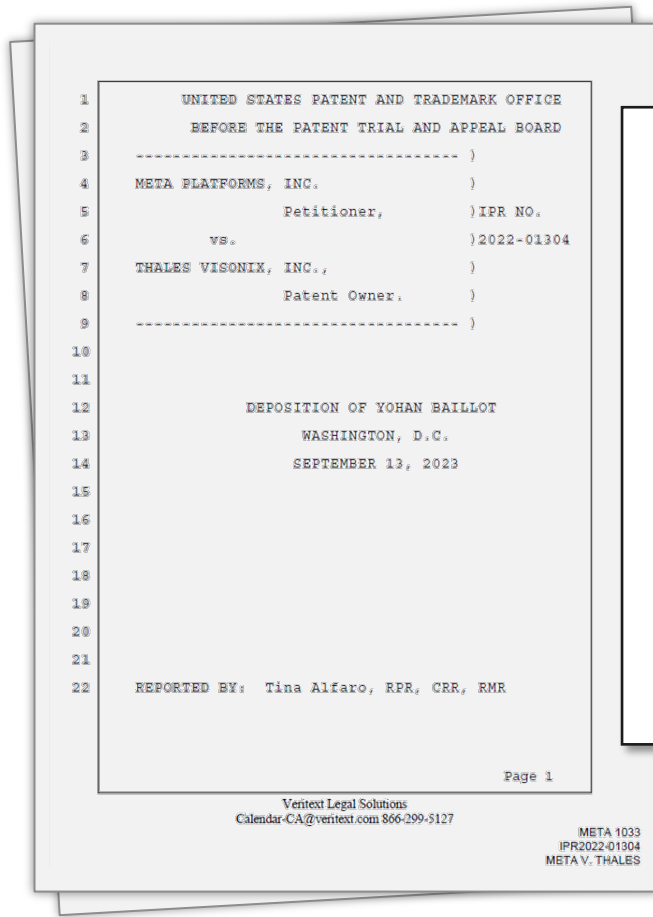
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mechanical jarring and the like. Accelerometers 1–6 are initialized 48 by loading the values of the accelerometer biases which are pre-specified at the factory or obtained from accelerometer specifications. Calibration 48 of accelerometers 1–6 is accomplished by running tracking system 15 while the object to be tracked 300 (e.g., head-mounted display (HMD) on a user) remains stationary. Position and



PO's Expert Admits "Pre-Specified Bias" Data Is Received By The Tracking System

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Q. Do you agree that the tracking system receives these prespecified bias values for purposes of calibration?

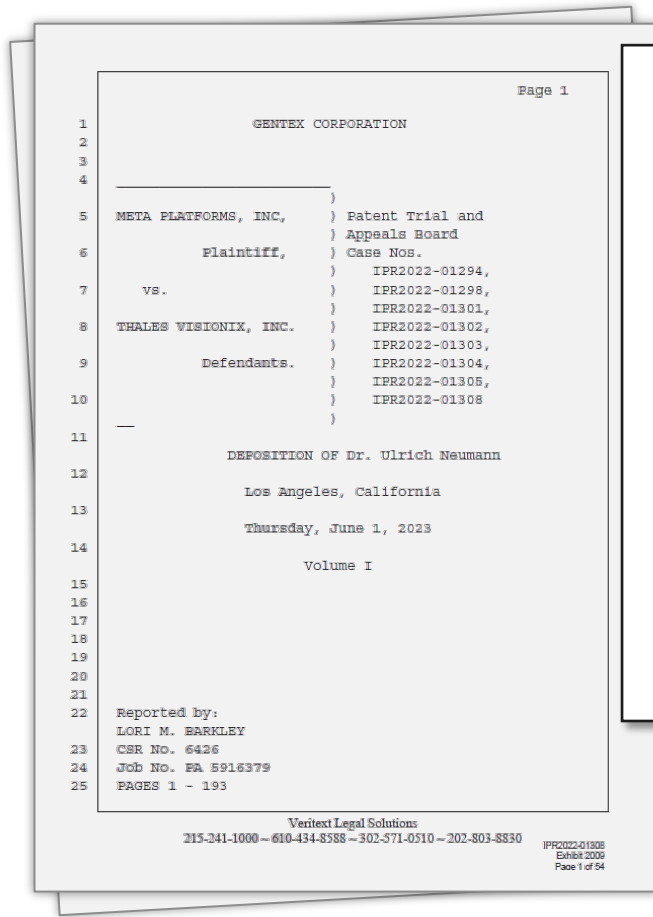
A. That's what it says, yeah, here.

Q. And do you agree that that's what's happening?

A. That's what I'm reading and that seems to be making sense.

The Designer Must Use A Sensor To Measure The Mounting Data, And That Sensor Is Part Of The “Sensor Subsystem” As Defined

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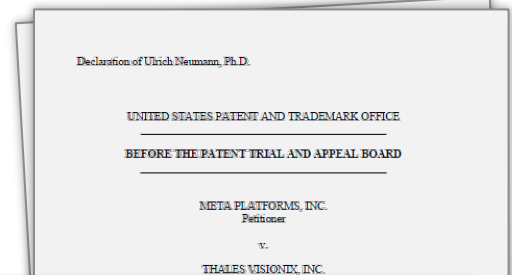
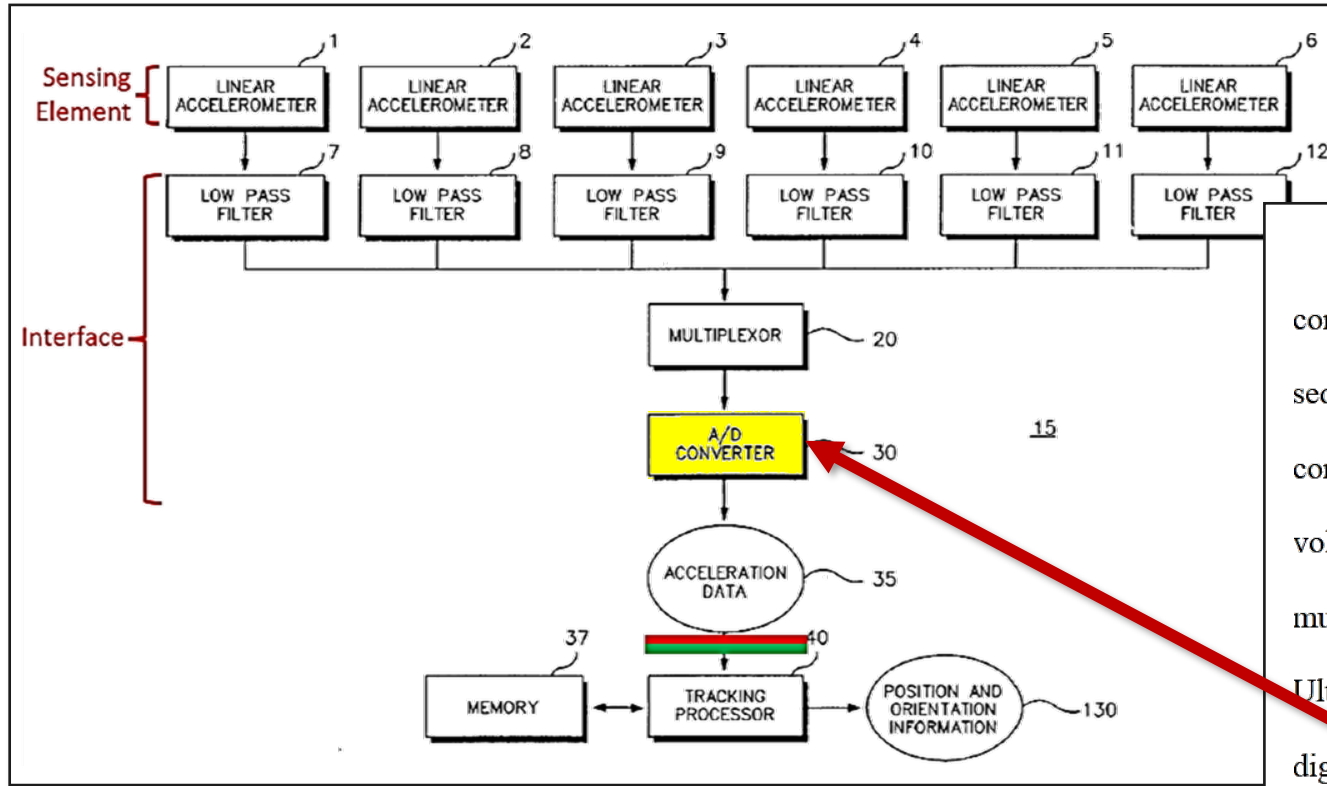


Q. Okay. And the sensors don't determine -- like the accelerometer doesn't determine that mounting data itself, correct? It's the person who set up this system who determines that mounting data?

A. Yeah, it's a physical thing. They construct some sort of module that will hold the accelerometers. You have to mount them somehow so they don't move around.

And you are make them as rigid and accurate as possible. You record the data as best as you can. **You measure it. And that becomes the mounting data.**

Claim 3: Dr. Neumann Confirms Horton Performs “Computations” (Ex. 1038 ¶¶ 19-25)



22. A person of ordinary skill would also have recognized that the A/D converter is itself a small computing system because A/D conversion requires a sequence of computing steps. In an A/D converter, there is a D/A (digital-to-analog) converter that takes an internally generated digital value and converts it to an analog voltage. That voltage is compared to the input voltage (in this case, from the multiplexer) and a decision is made depending on which is the greater voltage. Ultimately, the D/A voltage is found that best matches the input voltage, and the digital value that creates that D/A voltage is the output of the A/D converter. Various computational algorithms may be used to find the digital value quickly, and that algorithm is embedded in the A/D converter and controls its operation.

Claim 6: Horton (At Least Obviously) “Enumerates”

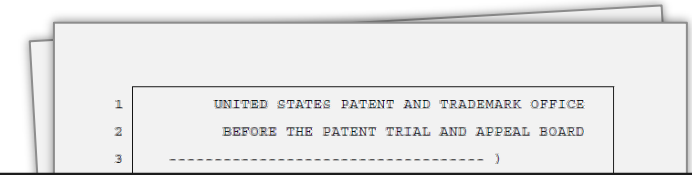
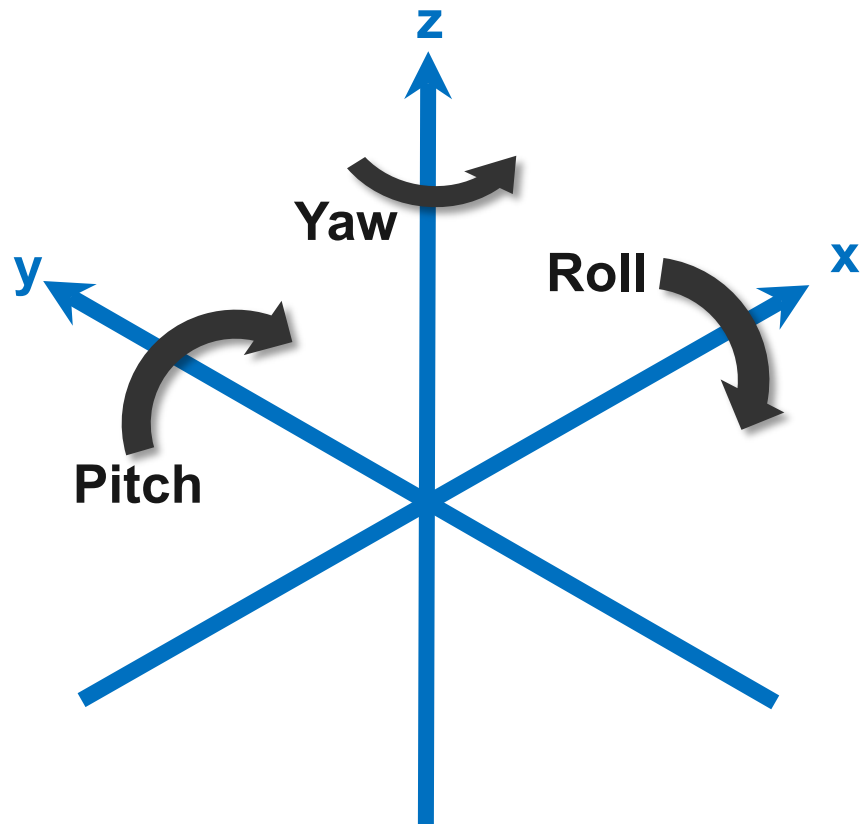
28. Horton goes on to teach that the system then initializes each of the six accelerometers in that embodiment. *See* EX1010, 5:64-6:3. A person of ordinary skill would understand that, as a result of specifying each of the six accelerometers available to the system during the process of initialization, Horton’s main loop 41 is able to go through and read data from each accelerometer 1 through 6, because it knows that there are six accelerometers, and further knows that each accelerometer is an accelerometer (as opposed to another type of sensor taught by Horton, such as a magnetic sensor (*see* EX1010, claim 8)), and further knows what the proper correction calibration factors are for each accelerometer based on their pre-specified bias (EX1010, 5:64-67). *See* EX1010, 12:44-56.

Ex.1010, Table 1, 12:47-50 (“for i = 1 to 6”). All of that information is provided to the system by the designer; Horton suggests no mechanism by which the system does such specifying, listing, or even determining a number itself, as the claim requires. Petitioner also continues to point in passing to the accelerometer



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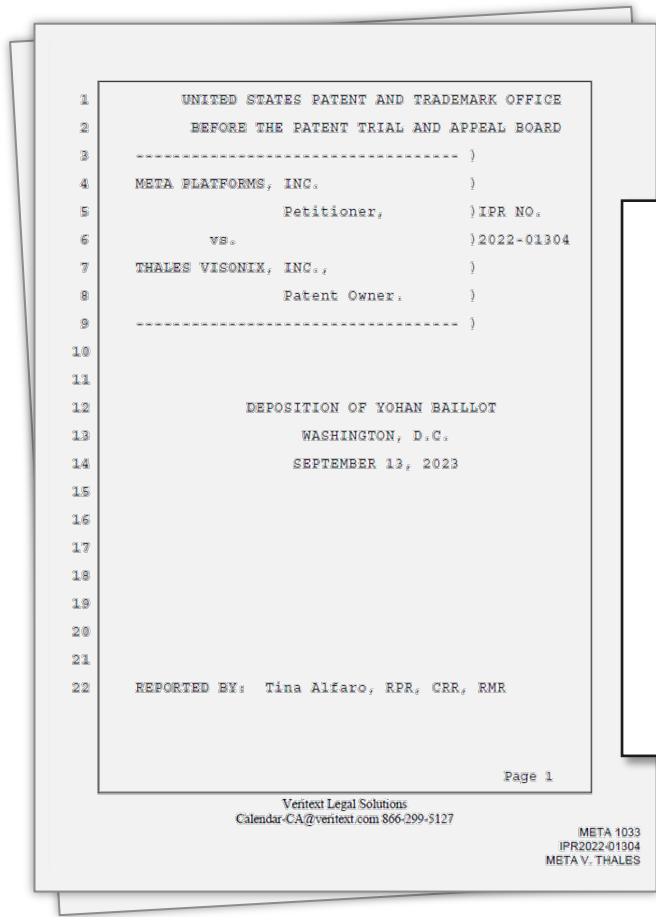
Claim 7: Orientation (Roll-Pitch-Yaw) Accelerometers Are Obviously Paired With Translation (X-Y-Z) Accelerometers



- Q. ...I'm just trying to understand if the X direction accelerometer and the accelerometer that measures rotation about the X direction, are those ever used together to correct each other?
- A. They might in some instances. I'm not super clear about that right now, but there might be some instance where they are.
- Q. And would the same be true for the accelerometer that measures Y direction and pitch, that those could be used to correct each other? A. I would have the same statement on this.
- Q. And the same answer for the Z direction and yaw?
- A. Yeah....

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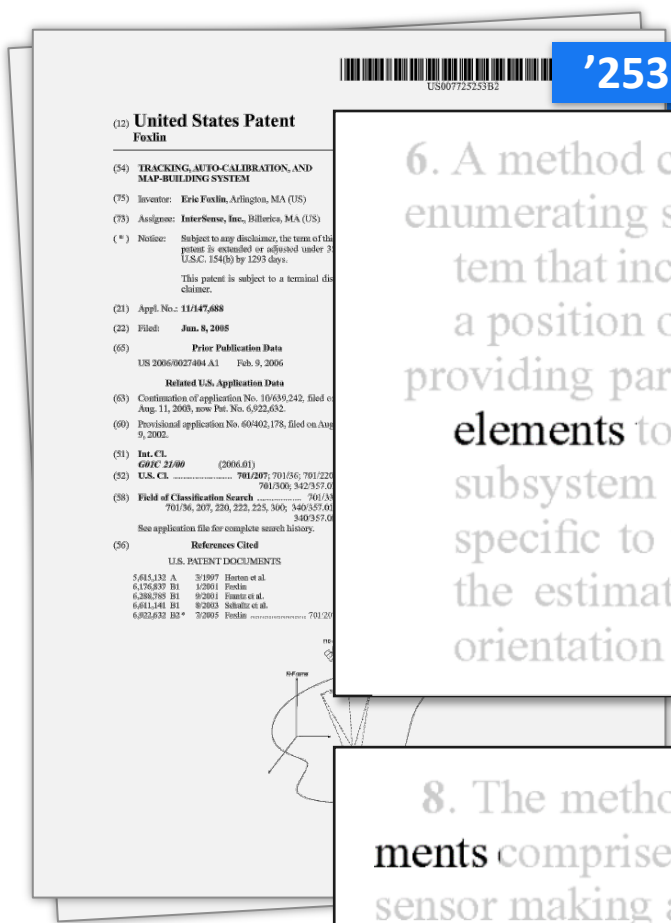
Claim 7: Position Accelerometers Would Obviously Have Been Paired With Orientation Accelerometers



Q. I'm just asking generally if the translation accelerometer and the orientation about that axis accelerometer, meaning those two degree of freedom, if those are ever paired to correct for each other?

A. **They might be.** I'm not so clear about that. I'm not dealing with a scanning sensor in my current job.

Claim 8: Two Errors That Require Expert Testimony To Correct According To PO → NOT Correctible Per *Novo Industries*



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6,802,632 B2*	7/2005	Foxlin

6. A method comprising:
enumerating sensing elements available to a tracking system that includes an estimation subsystem that estimates a position or orientation of an object; and
providing parameters specific to the enumerated sensing elements to the tracking system to enable the estimation subsystem to be configured based on the parameters specific to the enumerated sensing elements to enable the estimation subsystem to estimate the position or orientation of the object.

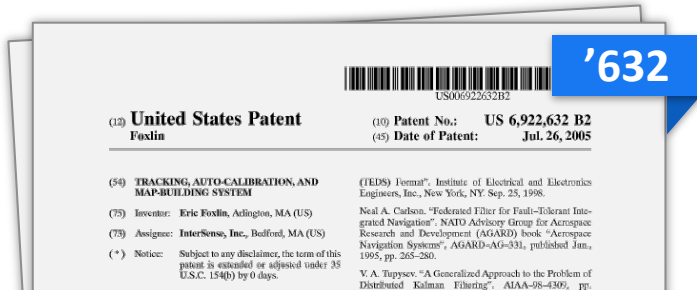
Not referred to in Claim 6 as a “set”

8. The method of claim 6 wherein the set of sensing elements comprises at least one sensor and at least one target, the sensor making a measurement with respect to the target.

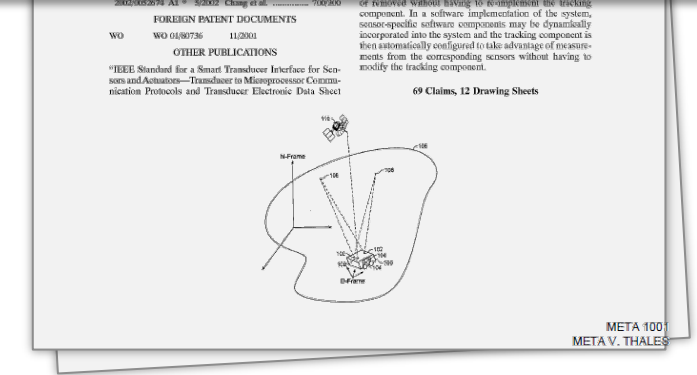
Not referred to in Claim 8 as “enumerated” sensing elements

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Claim 2: Kalman Filter Software Modules Are Coupled (By The CIB) To *Each* Sensor



2. The method of claim 1 wherein coupling the sensor subsystem to the estimation subsystem includes **coupling software modules** each associated with one or more of the **sensing elements.**



3.2.1 Device Filters
For each device (source, sensor, landmark, etc.) we create a **distinct device filter** as follows. Let $\hat{\pi}$ represent the corresponding

Ex. 1001 ('632 Patent) at cl. 2; Ex. 1008 (Welch-1997) at 6

Claim 2: PO Misleadingly Quotes Dr. Neumann's Testimony

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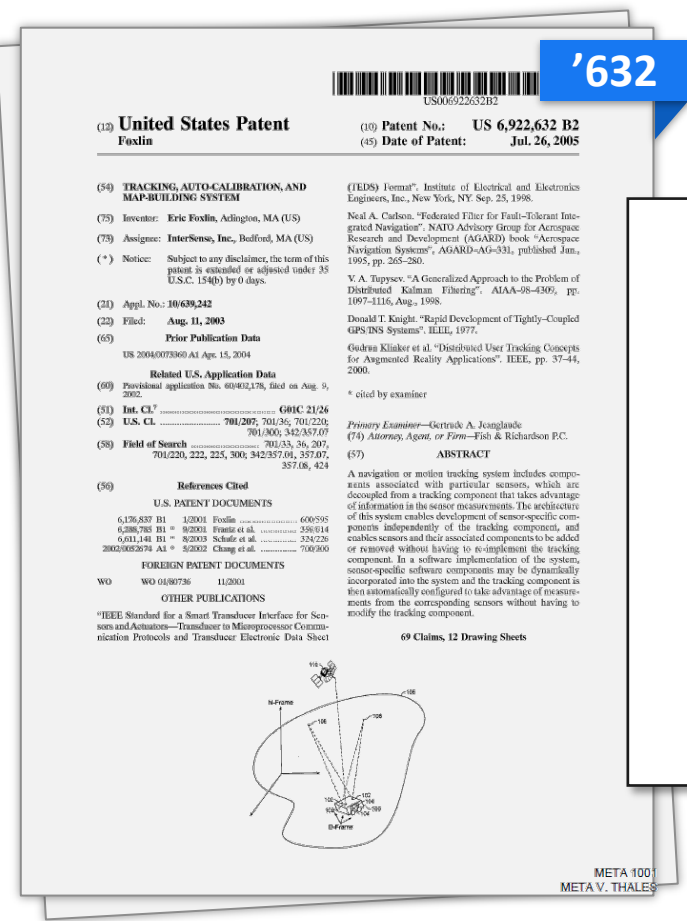
to the sensor subsystem, as the claim requires. POR 33. Petitioner's expert acknowledged he did not "see a mention of a software module interacting with the sensor subsystem." Ex.2009, 101:6-6. Welch 2001 teaches a hardware connection

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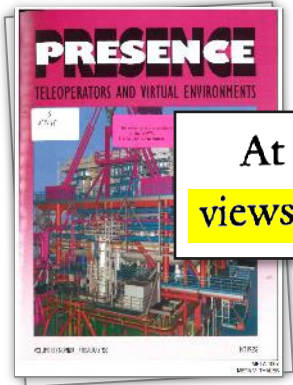
- Q. I see where you say, "each Kalman filter is performed in software in the PC estimation subsystem and in my opinion constitutes a software module," right? That's **in your opinion 68**.
- A. Yes, I see that.
- Q. I'm not seeing any other opinion about any other software module; is that correct?
- A. Well, I'm talking about the sensors and the sensor elements, the ceiling and the HiBall. So the implication there is at minimum there should be some software that interacts with those and makes those work.
- Q. But you don't offer an opinion in this claim 2 about any other software module other than the Kalman filter performed in software in the PC?
- THE WITNESS: Yeah, I think I assumed it was understood it was there. I didn't explicitly mention it in this paragraph.
- Q. So you don't mention anything else here **beyond that software module of the Kalman filter**?
- A. **I don't see a mention of a software module interacting with the sensor system.**
- Q. Okay.
- A. It may be elsewhere. But I don't see it here.

Claim 11: “Information *Related To* An Expected Sensor Measurement”

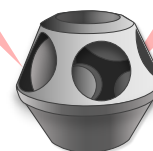
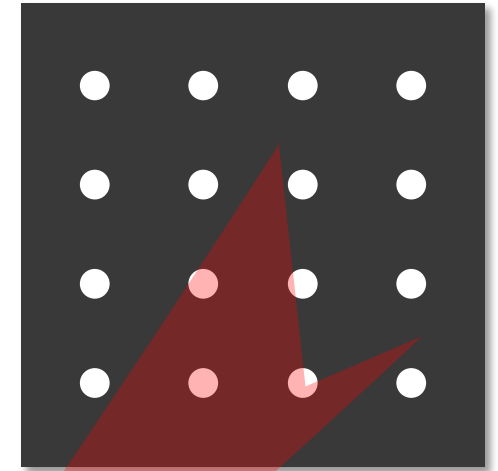


11. The method of claim 1 wherein repeatedly updating the state further includes:
providing to the sensor subsystems information related to an expected sensor measurement; and
wherein accepting the measurement information from the sensor subsystem includes accepting information related to an actual sensor measurement.

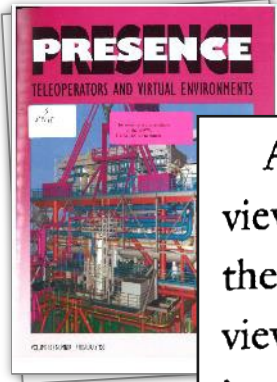
Claim 11: LED Selection Is Based On Predicted Pose



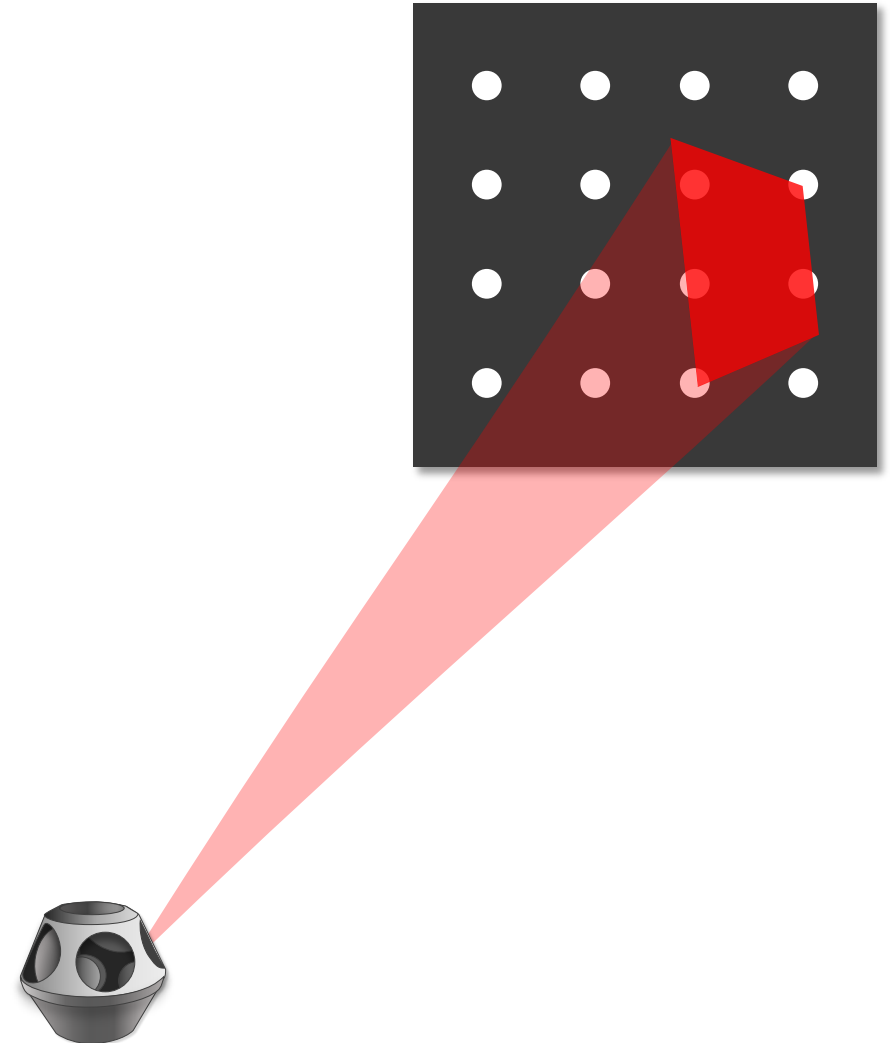
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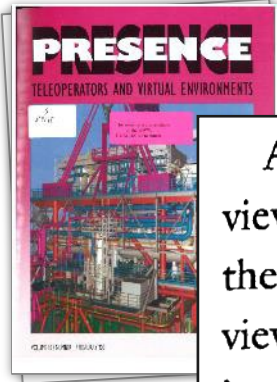
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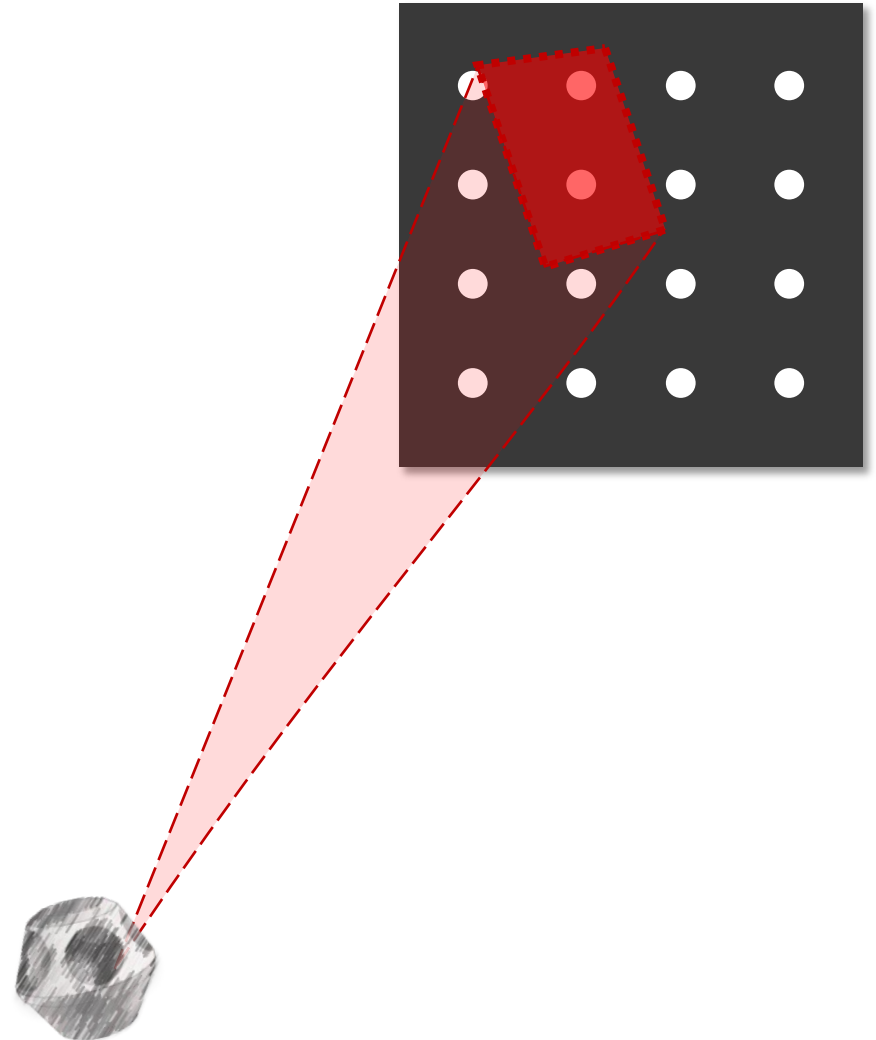
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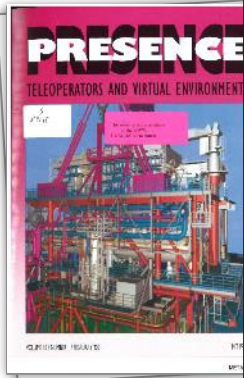
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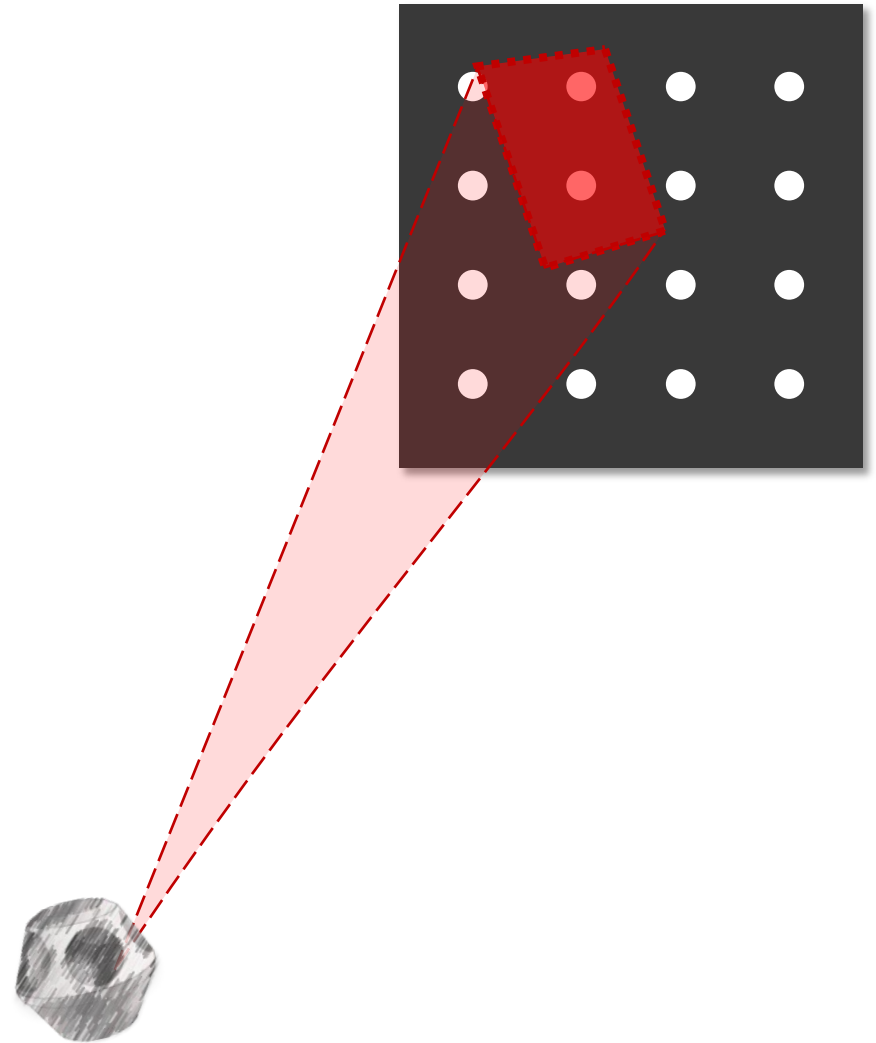


Claim 11: LED Selection Is Based On Predicted Pose

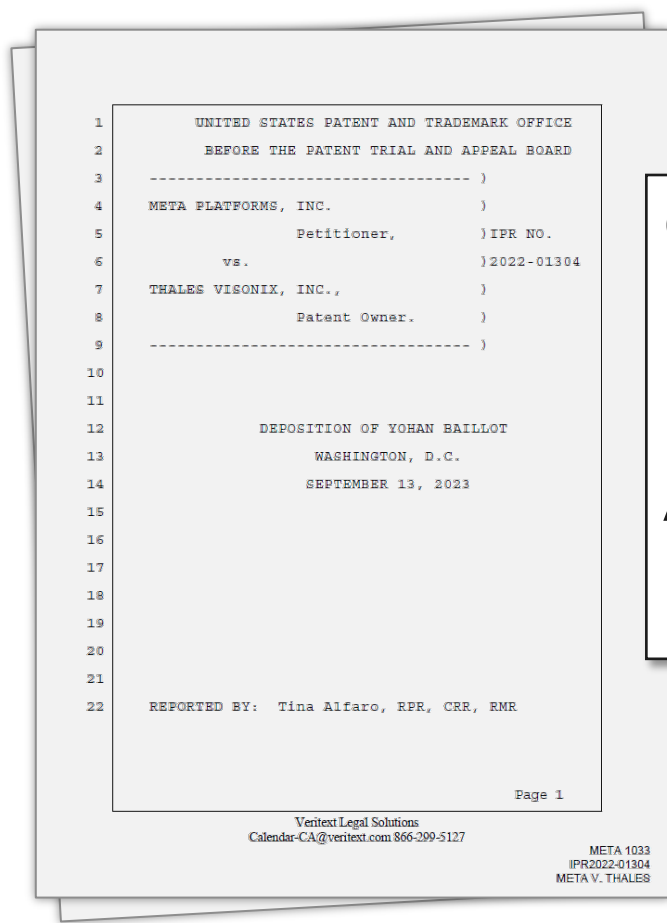


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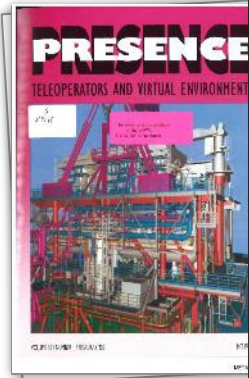
Claim 11: PO's Expert Admitted LED Trigger Data Is Related To Predicted (=“Expected” According To PO) Sensor Measurement



Q. Would the decision of which LED to flash be based at all on the predicted sensor measurement?

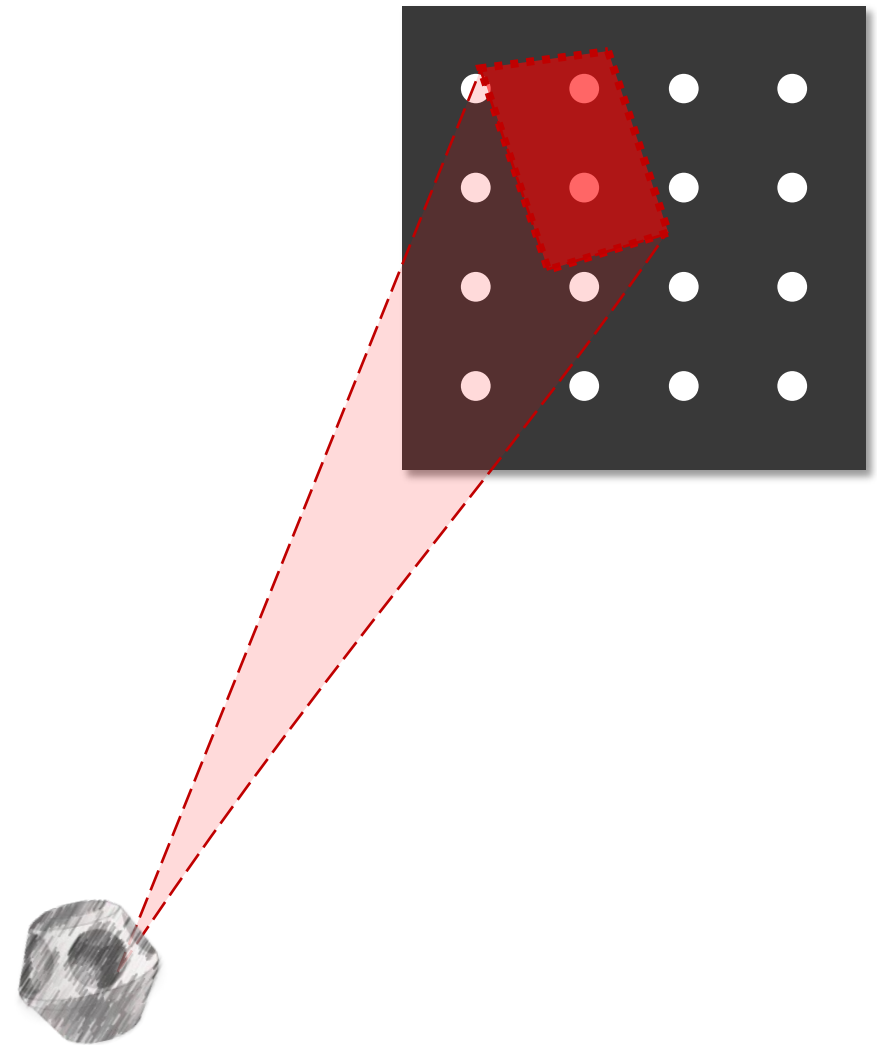
A. **It can be dependent in part**, but it's not the only thing that will be involved.

Claim 14: Welch Calculates The Difference Between Actual And Expected Measurements

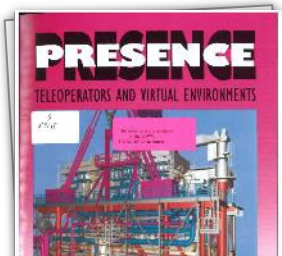


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Claims 12-13: LED Selection Related To Relative Geometric Configuration And Location Of Sensing Elements In The HiBall

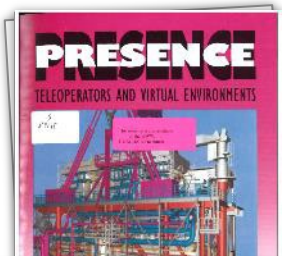


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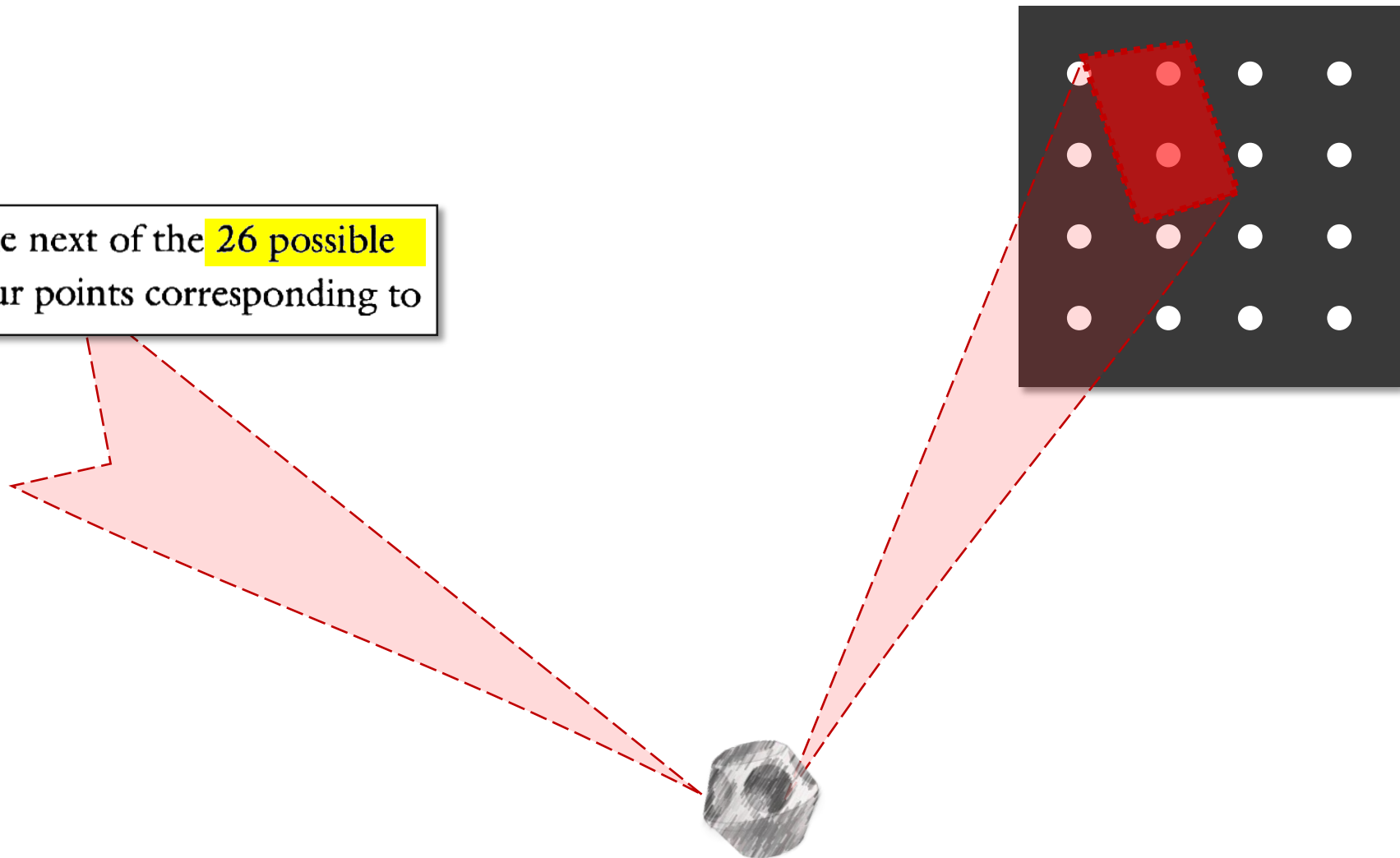
tion errors. In part to address this problem, the HiBall sensor unit was designed as a single, rigid, hollow ball having dodecahedral symmetry, with lenses in the upper six faces and LEPDs on the insides of the opposing six lower faces (figure 7). This immediately gives six primary “camera” views uniformly spaced by 57 deg. The views efficiently share the same internal air space and are rigid with respect to each other. In addition, light entering any lens sufficiently off axis can be seen by a neighboring LEPD, giving rise to five secondary views through the top or central lens, and three secondary views through the five other lenses. Overall, this provides 26 fields of view that are used to sense widely separated groups of LEDs in the environment. Although the extra

Ex. 1007 (Welch-2001) at 13 (left) and 6-7 (right); -01304, Paper 34 (Petitioner's Reply) at 12 (section heading) and 13-14 (“The selection of which LED to flash”)

Claims 12-13: LED Selection Related To Relative Geometric Configuration And Location Of Sensing Elements In The HiBall

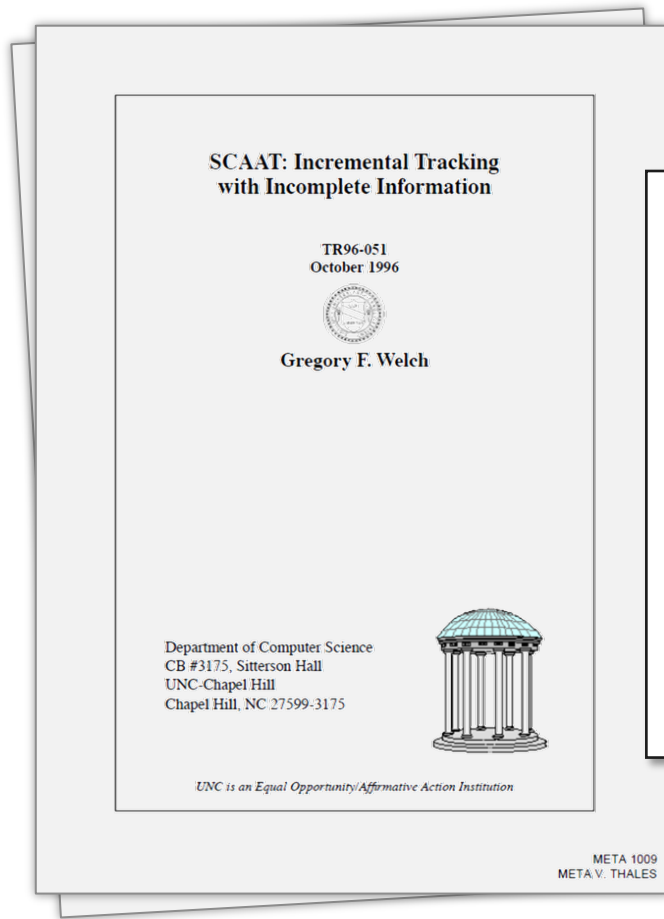


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Claim 23: POSITA Motivated To Develop Hybrid Systems



2.4.1 Hybrid Systems, the Past and the Future

Tracking systems that employ only one form of sensing all suffer inherent drawbacks. For example, purely inertial trackers suffer from drift, optical trackers require a clear line of sight, and magnetic trackers are affected by ferromagnetic and conductive materials in the environment [Raab79]. To maintain more consistent performance throughout a working environment, across the frequency spectrum, and over a wide range of dynamics, researchers have sought to develop *hybrid tracking systems*.

Claim 2: Horton's Code Is Comprised Of Two Inextricably Linked Software Modules That Are Each Coupled To Sensors

TABLE 4

System Flow - MAIN LOOP

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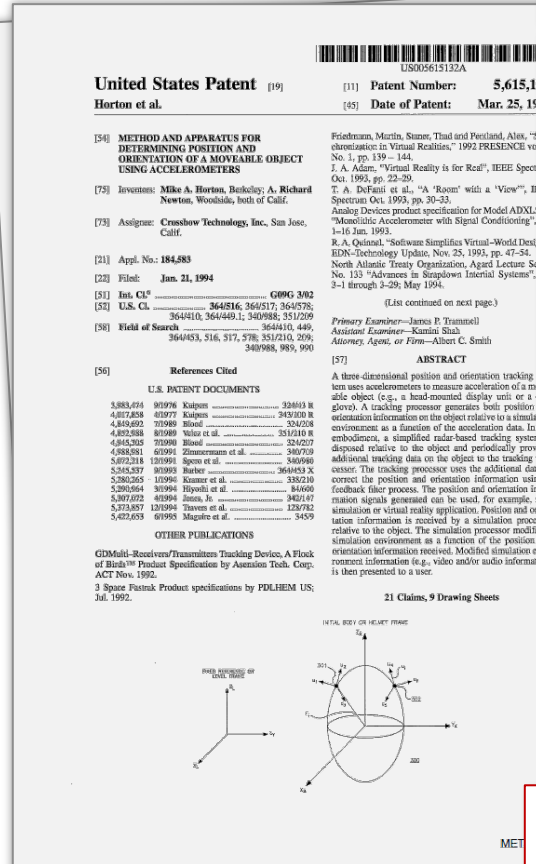
/* increase update counter */
n = n + 1
/*read accelerometer data */
for i = 1 to 6
  /* get new data from A/D converter */
  read v(i)
    
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TABLE 1

CONSTANTS - MAIN LOOP

Symbol	Dimension	Description
T	Scalar	Update period for main loop. 0.01 seconds
T _D	Scalar	Update rate of simulation software. Typ. 1/30 sec.
B	N/A	Body or helmet coordinate frame
L	N/A	Room or chair coordinate frame. Also referred to as Level or Reference frame.
i	Scalar	1, 2, . . . , 6 accelerometer number . . . see schematic

**Table 4 Module That Reads Accelerometers
Calls Table 1 Module That Sets Number Of Accelerometers**



Ex. 1010 (Horton) at cols. 11 and 12; -01304, Paper 34 (Petitioner's Reply) at 23 ("Table 1")

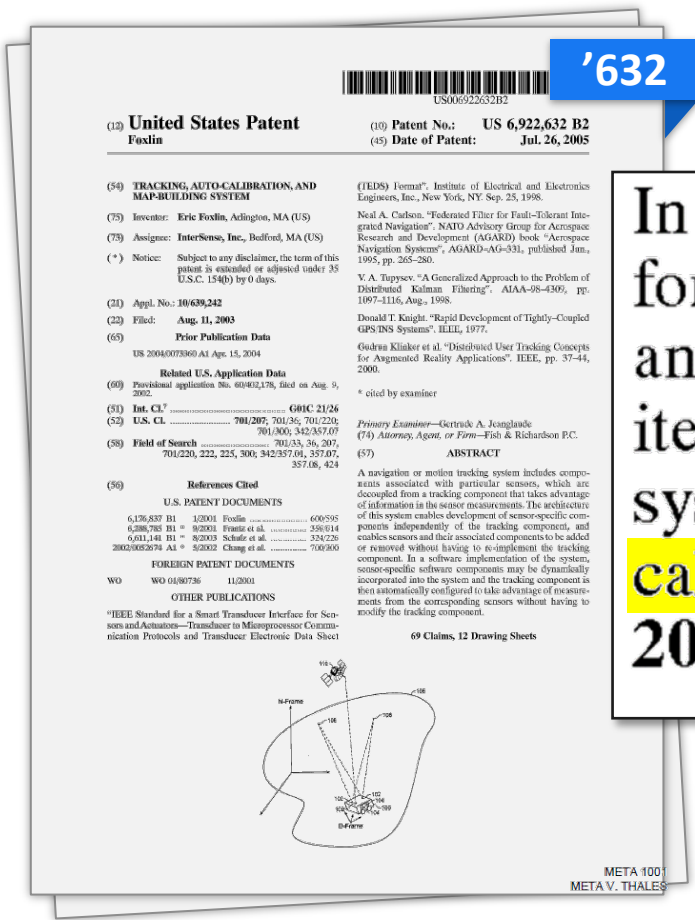
Claim 6: Directed To Iterative Refinement Of Configuration Information

1. A method for tracking an object comprising:
coupling a sensor subsystem to an estimation subsystem, said sensor subsystem enabling measurement related to relative locations or orientations of sensing elements;
accepting configuration data from the sensor subsystem;
configuring the estimation system according to the accepted configuration data;
repeatedly updating a state estimate, including accepting measurement information from the sensor subsystem, and updating the state estimate according to the accepted configuration data and the accepted measurement data.

6. The method of claim 1 wherein the state estimate characterizes configuration information for one or more sensing elements fixed to the object.

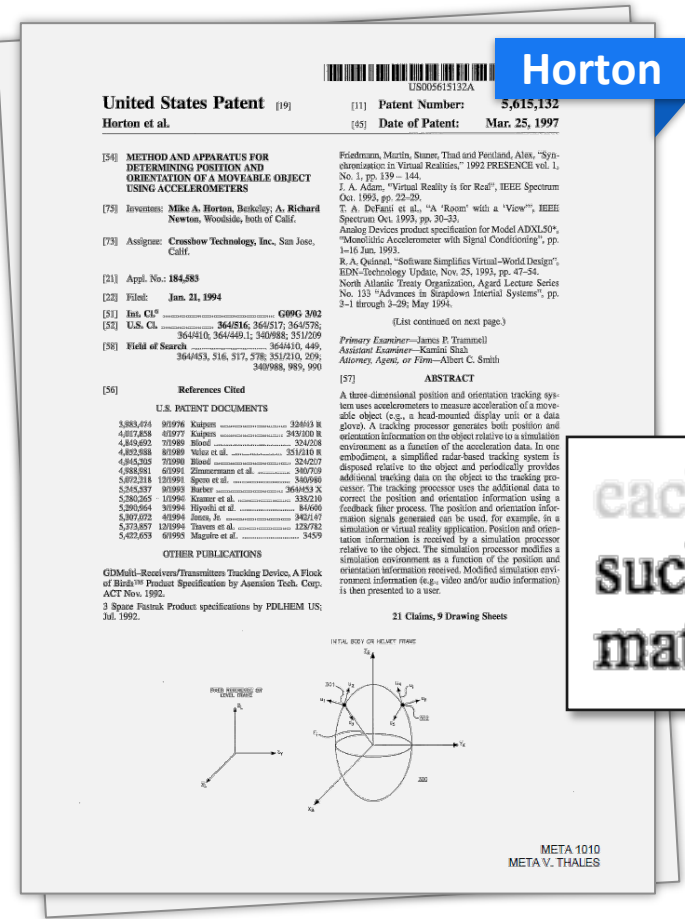


Claim 6: Directed To Iterative Refinement Of Configuration Information



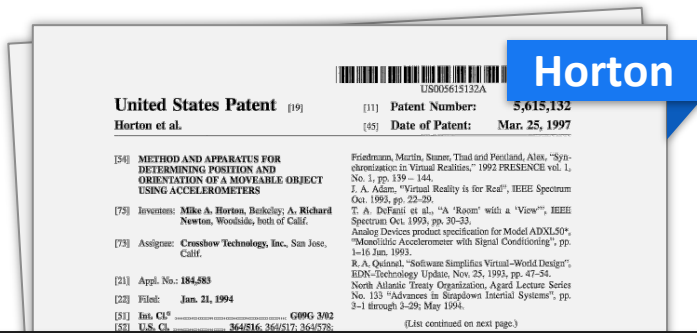
In a second mode of operation, navigation system **90** performs **simultaneous localization and calibration (SLAC)**, and updates vehicle state **202** and vehicle map **204** in the iterative process. In a third mode of operation, navigation system **90** performs **simultaneous localization, mapping, and calibration**, and updates the vehicle state **202**, vehicle map **204**, and the environment map **206** in the **iterative process**.

Claim 6: Horton's Iterative Refinement Of Configuration Information Is Exactly What Claim 6 Contemplates



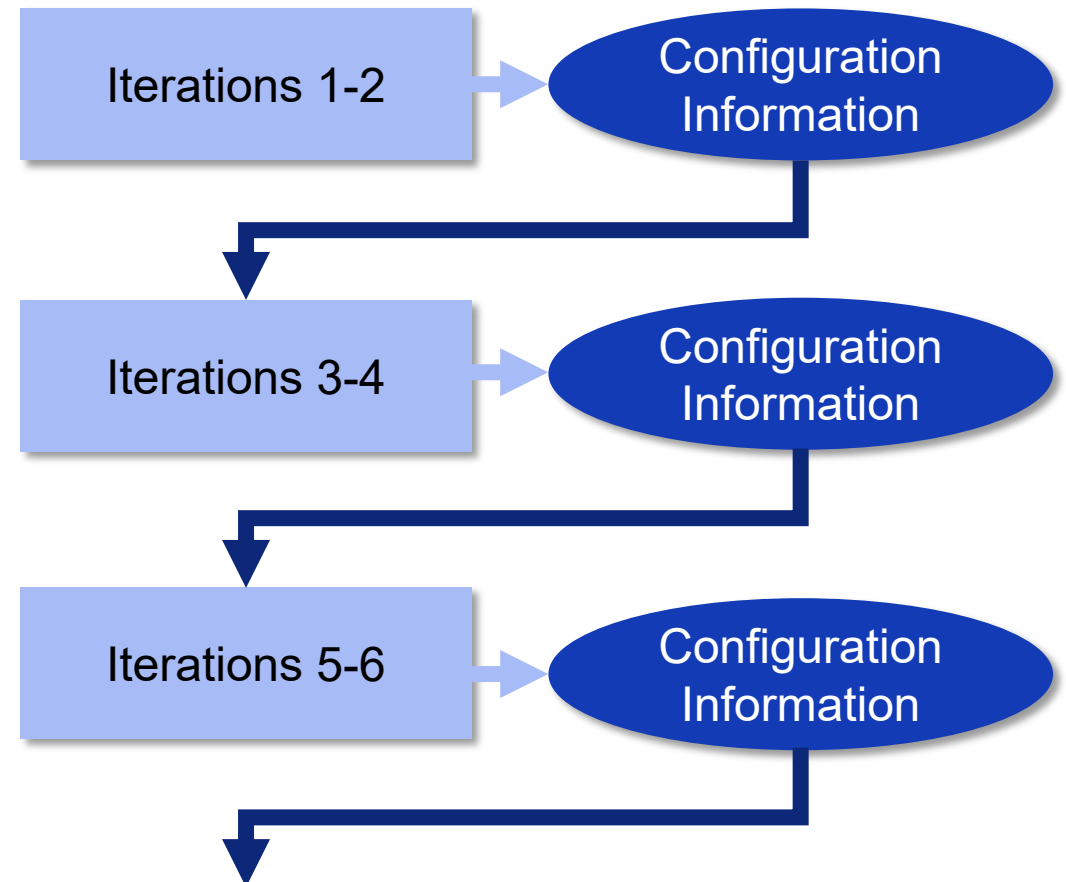
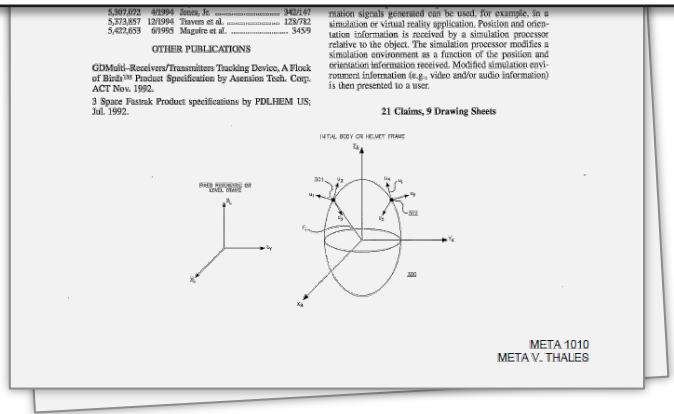
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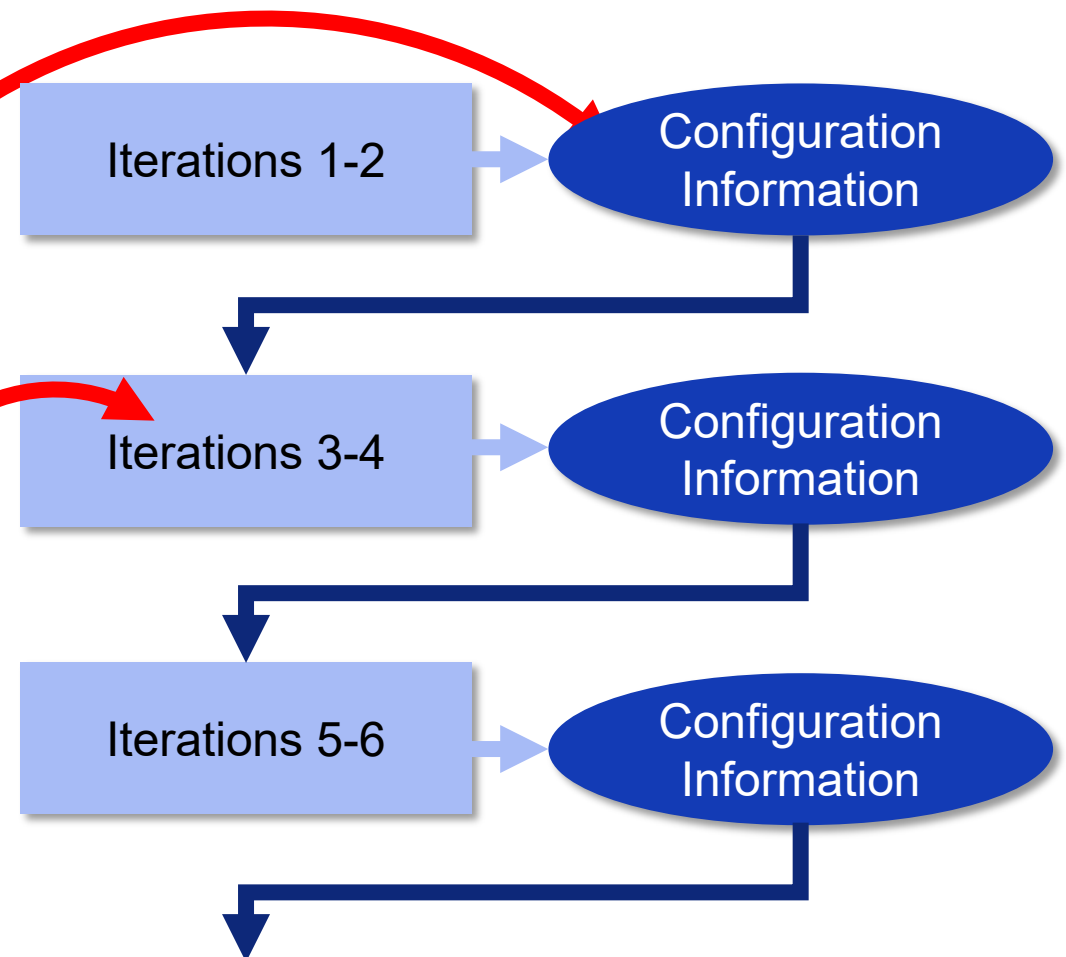


Ex. 1010 (Horton) at 6:12-14

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subsystem, and
updating the state estimate according to the accepted
configuration data and the accepted measurement
data.

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sensing elements fixed to the object.



Claim 11: PO Adds Non-Existent Requirements

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data.

11. The method of claim 1 wherein repeatedly updating
the state further includes:

providing to the sensor subsystems information related to
an expected sensor measurement; and

wherein accepting the measurement information from the
sensor subsystem includes accepting information
related to an actual sensor measurement.

**No requirement that this
information is provided by the
estimation subsystem**

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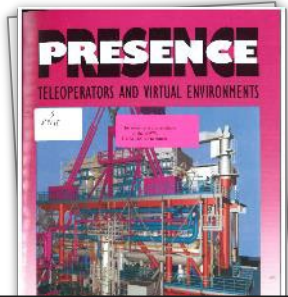
Claim 30: Trigger For HiBall Sensor Is Tied To The LED Trigger, Which Is “Related To An Expected Sensor Measurement”



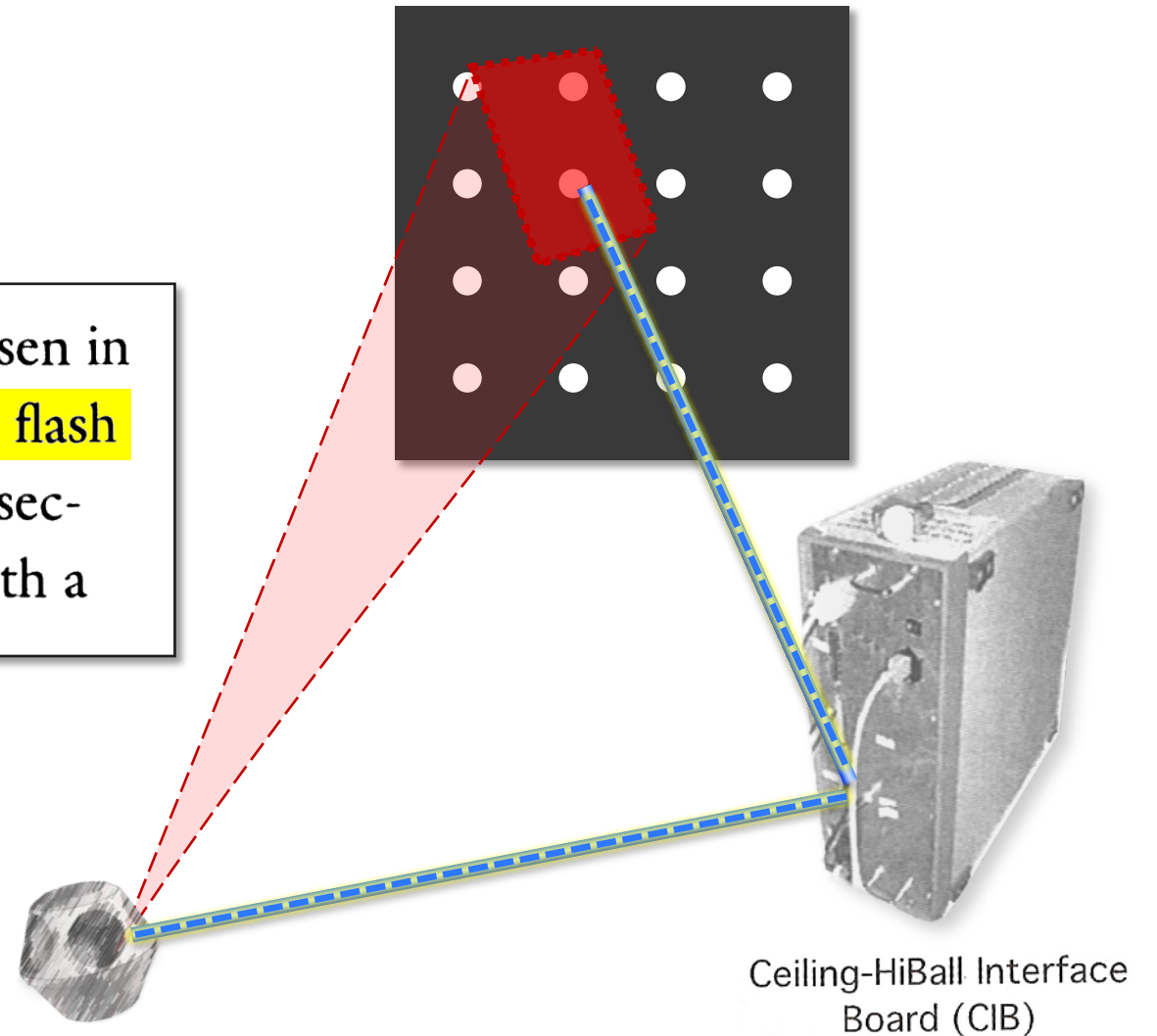
30. A sensor module comprising:
a sensor interface for communicating with a measurement sensor;
a communication interface for communication with an estimation system;
wherein the sensor module is configured to receive information related to an expected sensor measurement over the communication interface, receive a measurement signal over the sensor interface, provide measurement information based on the measurement signal over the communication interface.

Ex. 1001 ('632 Patent) at cl. 30; -01305, Paper 2 (Petition) at 19 ("Once the view and LED are selected, the CIB flashes the selected LED and the HiBall takes a single measurement.")

Claim 30: LED Selection Is Based On Predicted Pose, and HiBall Trigger Is *Directly Connected* To LED Selection Trigger



Once a particular view and LED have been chosen in this fashion, the CIB (section 4.3) is instructed to flash the LED and take a measurement as described in section 5.2. This single measurement is compared with a



Ex. 1007 (Welch-2001) at 13 and Fig. 6; -01305, Paper 2 (Petition) at 19 (“Once the view and LED are selected, the CIB flashes the selected LED and the HiBall takes a single measurement.”)

Claim 33: Welch's "Reacquisition" Sequence Satisfies This Claim Element



33. A method comprising:

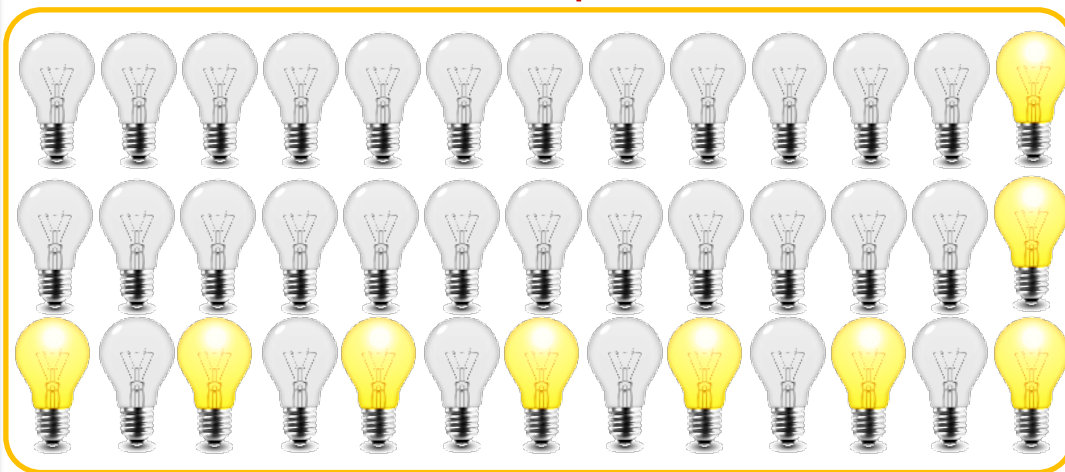
enumerating a set of sensing elements available to a tracking system that includes an estimation subsystem that estimates a position or orientation of an object; providing parameters specific to the set of sensing elements to the tracking system to enable the estimation subsystem to be configured based on the parameters specific to the set of sensing elements; and generating a sequence of candidates of pairs of sensing elements selected from the set of sensing elements, the sequence based on an expected utility of a measurement associated with said elements to the estimation subsystem.

Claim 33: Welch “Reacquisition” Process Is **One** Sequence Of Candidates Where The Pairs In The Beginning Of The Sequence Have A Higher Expected Utility Than The Pairs At The End



We begin with an exhaustive LED scan of sufficiently fine granularity to ensure that the central primary field of view is not missed. For the present ceiling, we flash every thirteenth LED in sequence, and look for it with the central LED until we get a hit. Then, a sufficiently large patch of LEDs, centered on the hit, is sampled to ensure that several of the views of the central LED will be hit. The fields of view are disambiguated by using the initial hits to estimate the yaw of the HiBall (rotation about vertical); finally, more-selective measurements are used to refine the acquisition estimate sufficiently to switch into tracking mode.

ONE Sequence



Higher expected utility portion of sequence

Lower expected utility portion of sequence

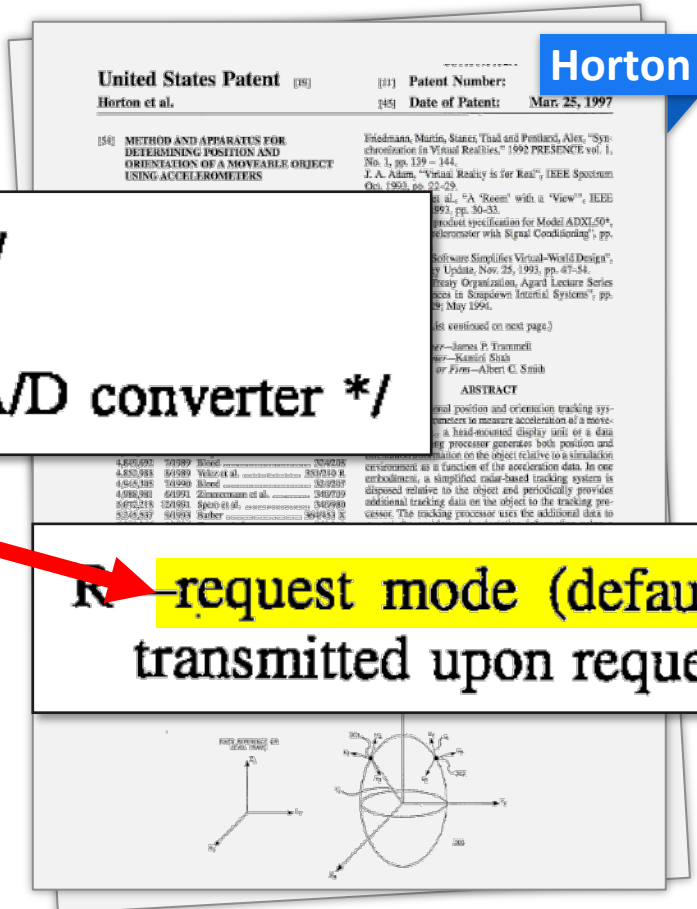
“Expected” = “Anticipated,” Not “Predicted Value” As PO Contends



The patent intentionally distinguishes between “expected” and “predicted”

The received information related to an expected sensor measurement includes a predicted pose of a sensing element relative to the measurement sensor.

Claim 30: “Request Mode” At Least Obviously Applies To “Get” New Accelerometer Data When Helpful, Rather Than At Arbitrary Intervals



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/*read accelerometer data */  
for i = 1 to 6  
    /* get new data from A/D converter */
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request mode (default). Position and orientation is transmitted upon request.

Claim 59: Ignoring PO's Unclaimed Requirements, Accelerometer Mounting Data Satisfies This Claim

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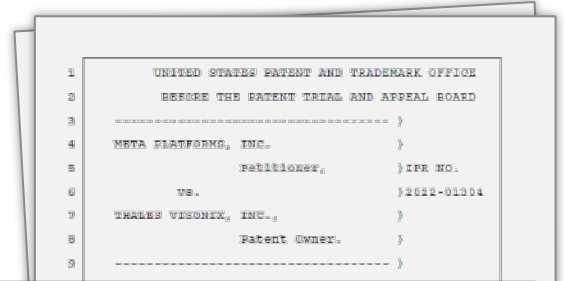
No requirement to *uniquely* characterize a sensor

59. The method of claim 47 wherein providing configuration information from the sensor modules includes providing information characterizing a type of a sensor associated with a sensor module.

No requirement that characterizing information is provided *directly by* the sensors

47. A method of using multiple sensors in a tracking system comprising:

...
providing configuration information from each of the sensor modules to the estimation module regarding the characteristics of the sensors associated with the sensor module, and



Q. I guess would the mounting -- or would the typical mounting for a set of accelerometers expect it to be the same as a typical mounting for a set of ultrasonic sensors?

A. **It's a completely different setup. So there is no constraint that will apply from one to the other.**