

# Spacecraft attitude determination and three-axis magnetometer calibration

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**Abstract:** The paper presents three novel attitude determination filters for a low-Earth spacecraft with a three-axis magnetometer and a three-axis gyro, which on purpose are designed to remove the effects of magnetometer biases, scale factors and non-orthogonality corrections on accuracy of normal attitude determination. The first filter is an augmented UKF by augmenting the original state with those calibration parameters. The rest two filters are dual UKFs which include an attitude determination filter and a magnetometer calibration parameter filter and they are different in using the geomagnetic field observation. Computer-based simulations are used to test the validity of the three filters and compare their performances.

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