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ORIENTATION

The orientation data product characterizes the vertical orientation of a MiniPAT or Benthic sPAT that has been attached to an animal with a single-point tether attachment. When an animal is stationary, a tag with this type of tether attachment should float vertically; when the animal moves, the tag will be "knocked down" and trail behind the animal in a less-vertical orientation. This data product uses an onboard accelerometer, sampling at 1 Hz, to detect when the tag moves from a vertical orientation (i.e. being "knocked down"). It is only available on shorter deployments (\leq 96 days).

Tags Containing This Data Product

MiniPAT

Benthic sPAT

Users can adjust two parameters for this data product:

- 1. Threshold to determine a "knock down."
- 2. Threshold definition of "upright." This is used to determine the amount of time a tag is upright vs tilted.

Daily Messages

This data product produces daily messages. Each UTC day, one message is generated that contains 2-hour summary periods with:

- 1. Time the tag was upright.
- 2. Number of times the tag was "knocked down."
- 3. Wet/dry summarization

The data are reported in the orientation.csv file.

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