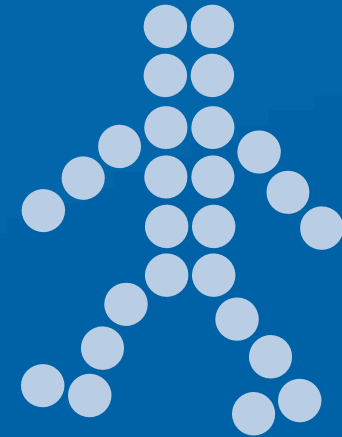




Navigation à l'estime: La marche intelligente



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Research Motivation in IFSTTAR



Pedestrian Dead Reckoning: Smart Walk

Ubiquitous Solution with Sensor Fusion





French institute
of science and technology
for transport, development and networks

1 250 employees

9 locations in France

5 departments

380 PhD students

120 M€ budget in 2012

17 M€ generated from research contracts

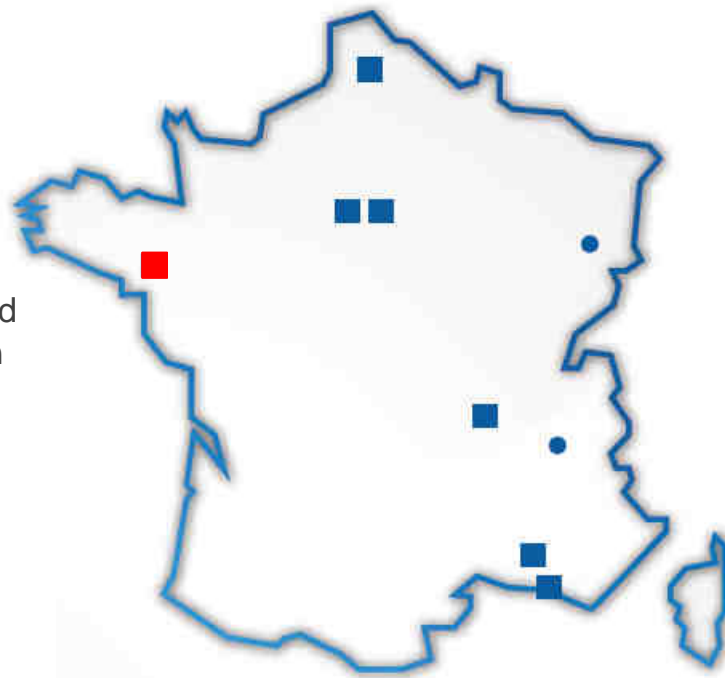
79 European projects

76 patents

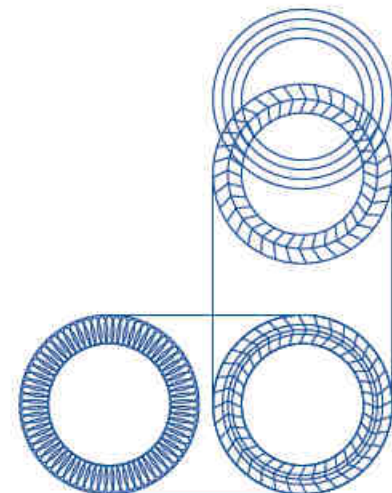
350 publications in international reviews in 2010

50 exceptional scientific facilities

5 persons in GEOLOC laboratory



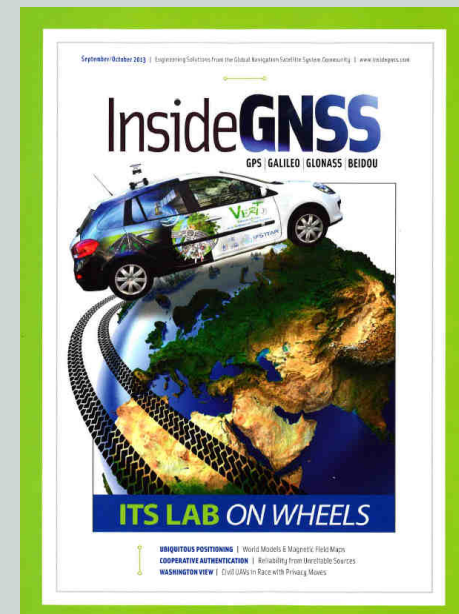
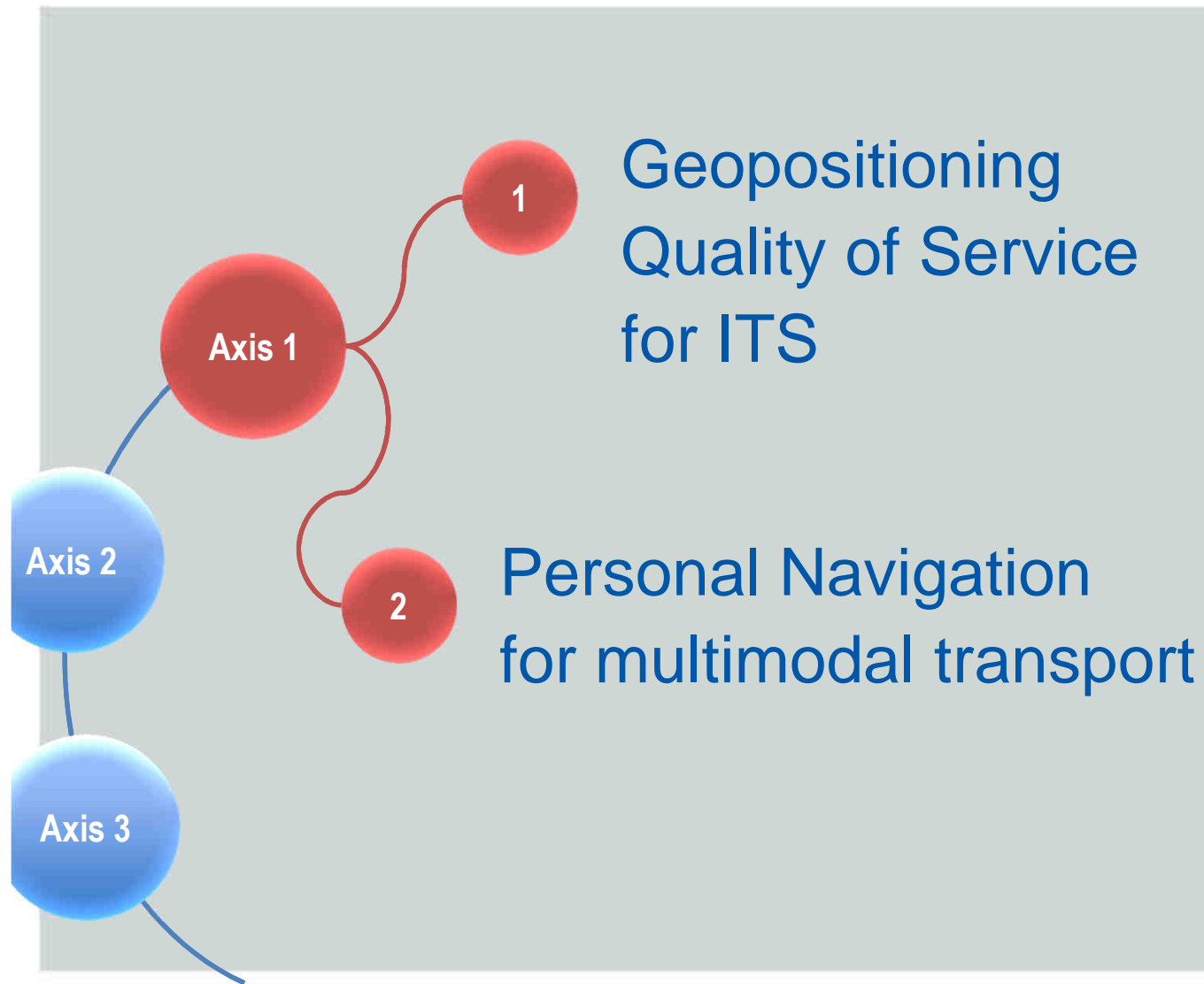
KEY FIGURES



Scientific Strategy for the Decade



Research in GEOLOC Lab



Source: www.republicain-lorraine.fr



Motivation & Objectives

- Develop accurate, available and continuous navigation services in GNSS denied environments for general public



- Application field: Multimodal Transport Services: Promote Active Transport



Motivation & Objectives

- Propose autonomous solutions based on Accelerations, angular rates and magnetic field signals
- Adopt a Pedestrian Dead Reckoning (PDR) navigation strategy with freely carried handheld devices
- Exploit walking gait features sensed with low cost inertial mobile unit (IMU) in hand
- Hybridize with GNSS signals prior to penetrating indoors or even inside buildings



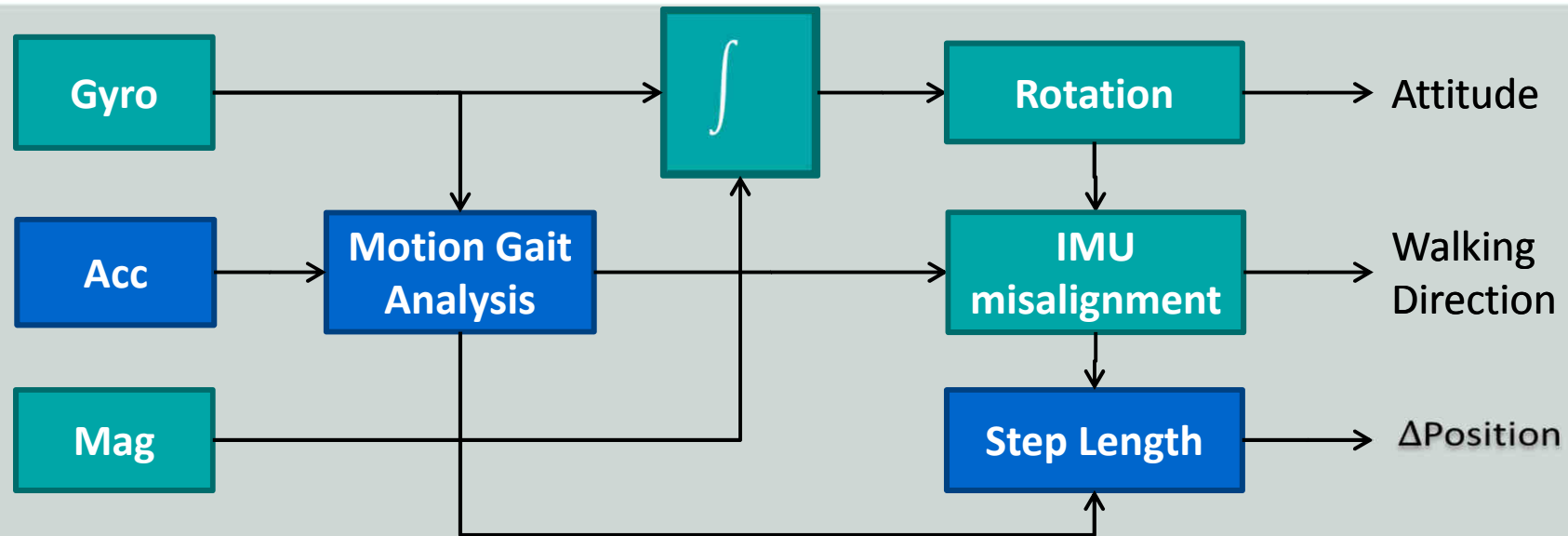
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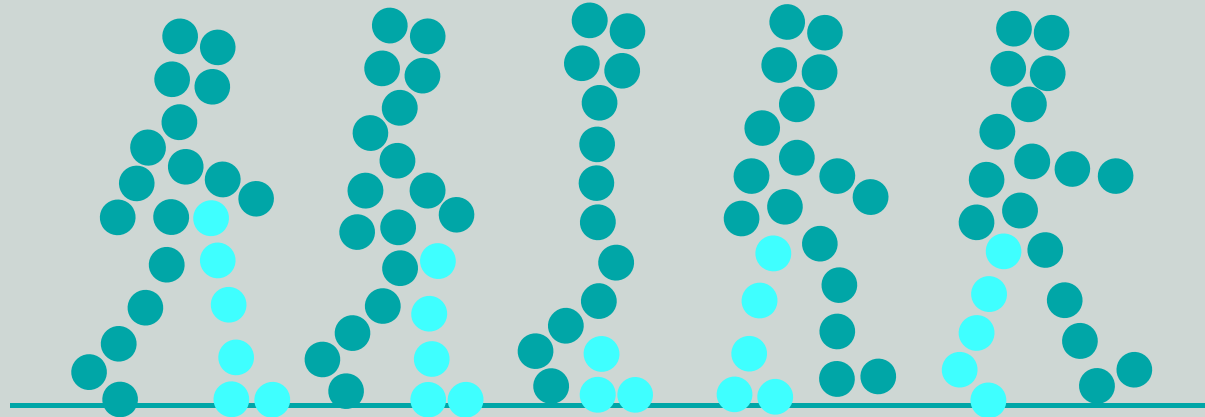
Pedestrian Dead Reckoning (PDR)



- Dead Reckoning (DR) based on traditional 'strapdown' mechanization equations for attitude estimation
- Changing misalignment between Attitude and Walking Direction with handheld sensor



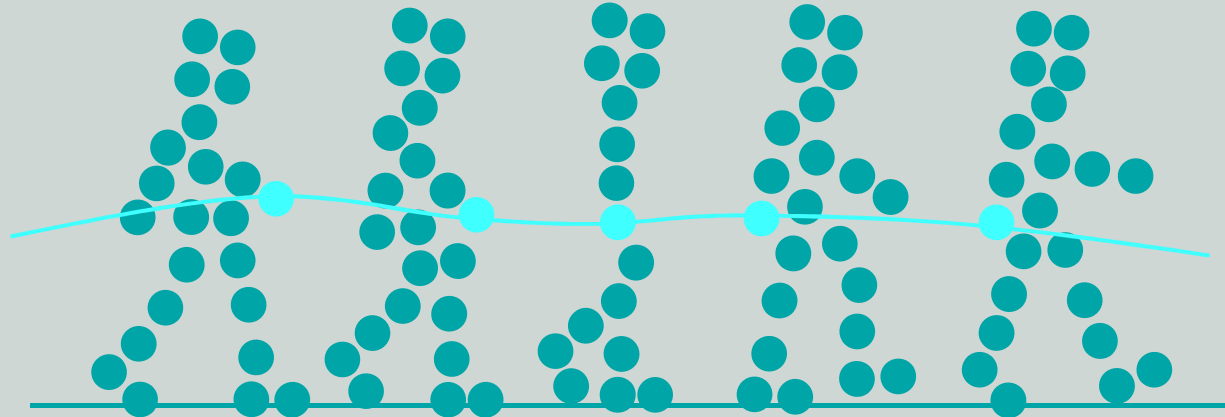
Human Walking Gait



- PDR strategy exploits human walking gait features
- The closest to the foot the better:
Waist, on foot: a mature technology
- Sensor calibration during stance phase:
Zero Velocity Update (ZUPT), Zero Angular Rate Update (ZARU), Principal Building Directions, Trunk Roll Constraint



Biomechanics with Handheld Sensor



- Hand motion can hide the global pedestrian motion
‘body fixed’ methods can not be applied
- Handheld based PDR algorithms for freely carried devices can take several forms depending on the sensors and the context
- Common Assumption

The user is watching the screen while walking ~ ‘body fixed’ like case



Limitations of PDR

Walking Direction

Body fixed like IMU



Attitude angles + Fixed Misalignment
Errors can be mitigated
by zero velocity updates

Handheld IMU



Attitude angles + Changing
orientation relative to the Trunk
Errors can be mitigated by
GNSS signals, Magnetometers,
Sensor arrays, Opportune RF signals

Distance traveled

Body fixed like IMU



Step length estimation with
“strapdown” mechanization
Errors can be mitigated
by zero velocity updates

Handheld IMU



→ Step length estimation with model
relating steps to signal features,
physiological parameters
Errors can be mitigated by
Complementary measurements
Adaptive modeling



Motion and Carrying Mode Recognition

Input Space

$$X = [x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n]$$

IMU Signal Features

Classifier

$f(X)$

Decision Rule:

$$X \rightarrow f(X) \rightarrow y_k \in Y$$

mapping function

Output Space

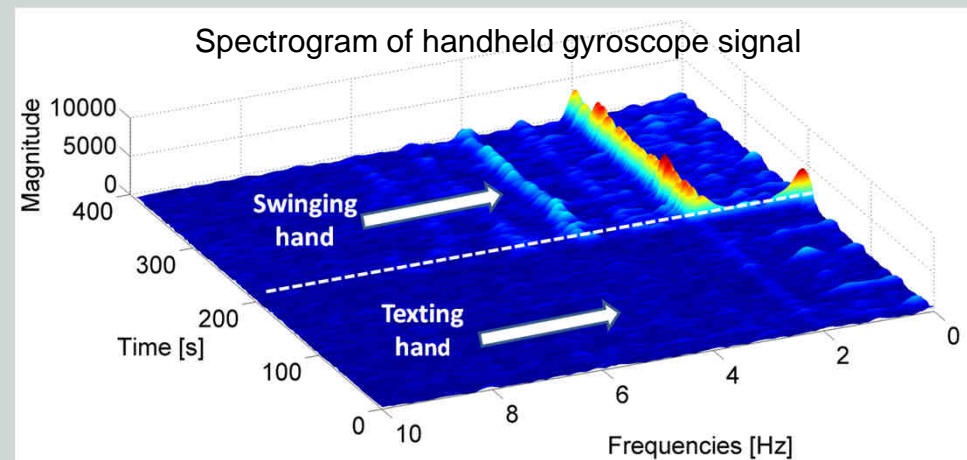
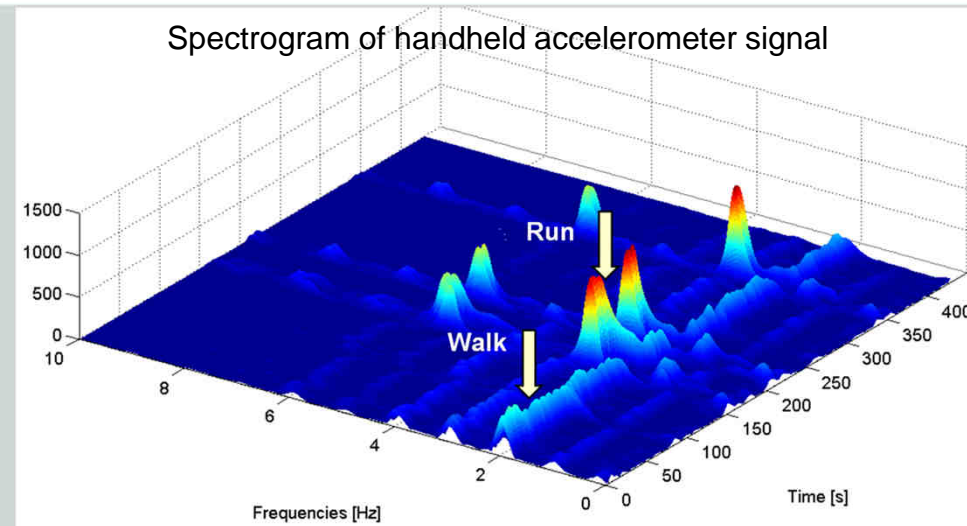
$$y_{k \in \{1, m\}} \in Y = [y_1, y_2, \dots, y_m]$$

- Adapt the navigation algorithms to the user context to bound the pedestrian position
- A classification Problem
Pre-processing \rightarrow Feature extraction \rightarrow Decision Making
- Motion States
User: Standing, Running, Walking, Up/Down Stairs
IMU/Hand: Phoning, Texting, Bag Carrying, Swinging,
Irregular Motion



Frequency/Time Analysis

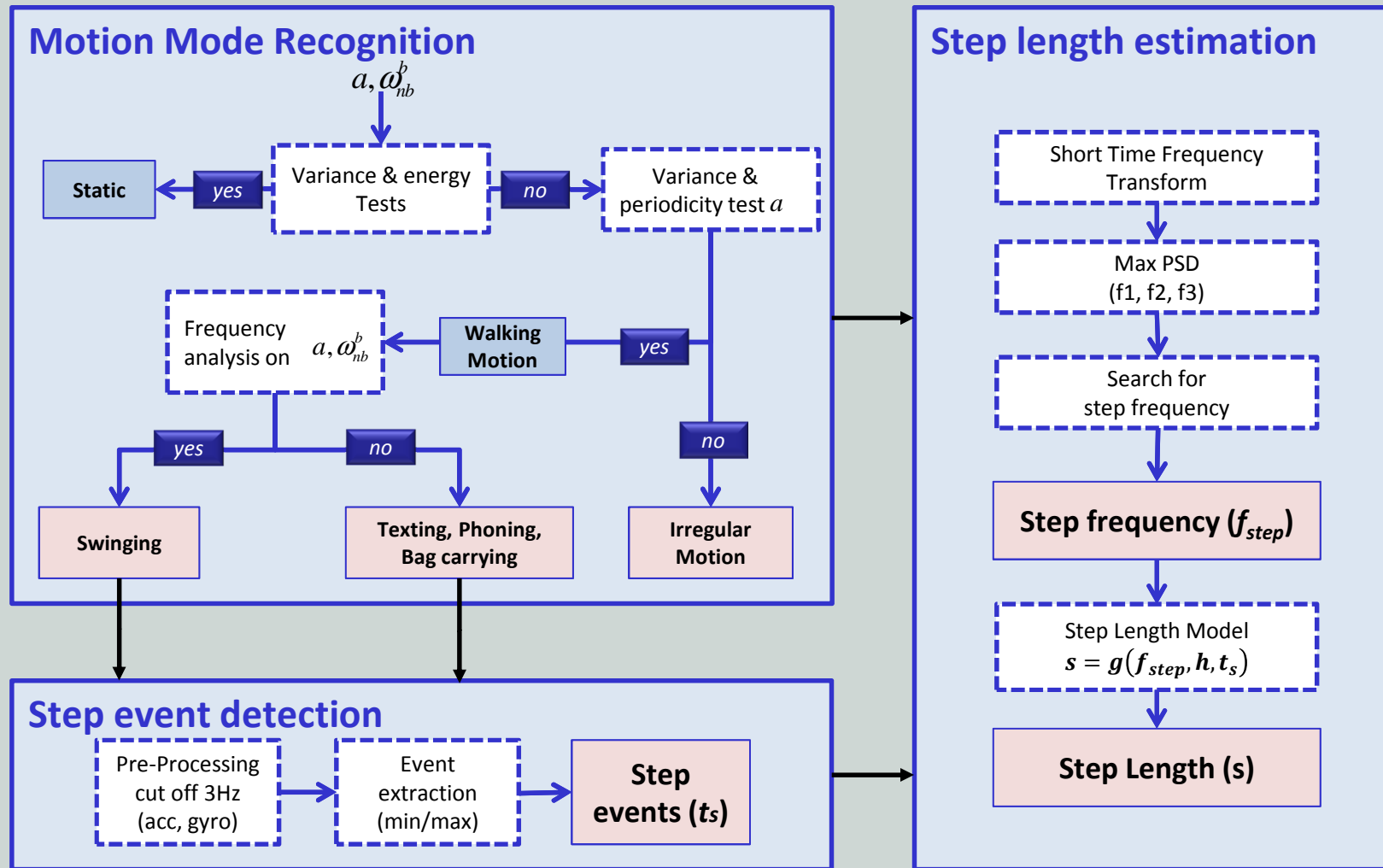
- Feature selection: energy, variance, standard deviation, frequencies in sub-bands
- Faster Motion modes migrate the signal energy toward highest frequencies (acc. signal)
- Periodic arm rotation induce frequency peaks (gyro signals)



Source: Ref [3]



Step Length Estimation in 3 phases

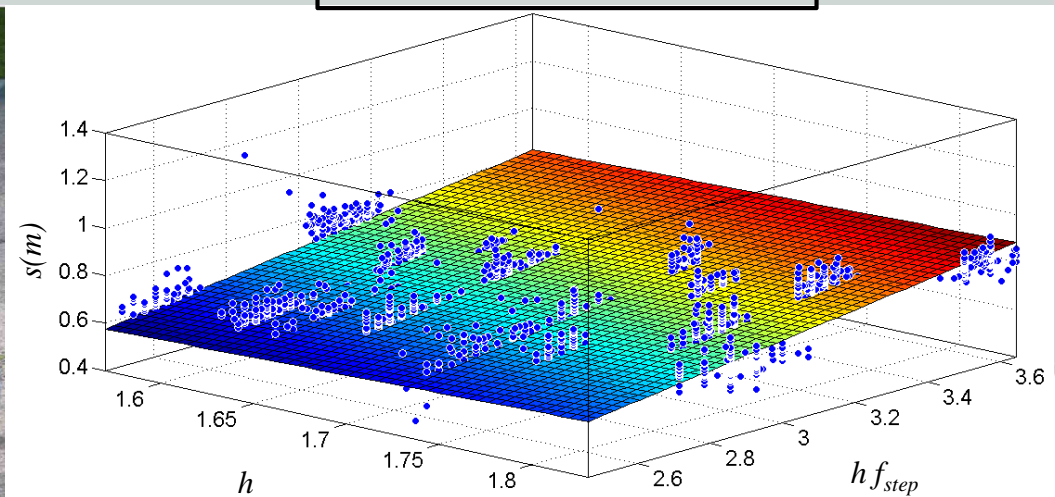
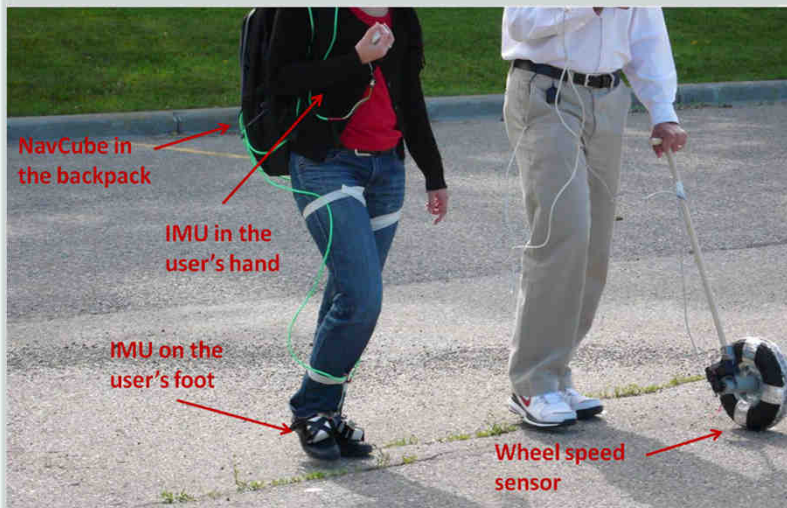


Step Length Model

- Step length model performance depend on the sensor fixation point
- Experimental approach with controlled walking pace

$$s = h \cdot (a \cdot f_{Step} + b) + c \text{ with } K = \{a, b, c\} \in \mathbb{R}$$

- Universal
- Calibrated



Step Length Model Assessment



Subject	%P _{det} (motion)	%P _{det} (steps)	% Distance Travelled		Coverage Iterations
			Universal Model	Fitted Model	
M1	100	99	5.8	5	4
M2	100	100	4.8	4.3	3
M3	99	100	5	4.5	3
M4	100	99	8	4.2	6
M5	100	100	9	3.8	7
W1	98	97	5.2	4.3	4
W2	100	100	3.2	2.5	3
W3	98	99	4.5	4	3
W4	100	98	5.6	5	3
W5	100	100	5.8	5	4
Mean	99.6	99.2	5.7	4.2	4

- Reference path and estimated trajectories for the test subject with the worst performance (M5)
- Mean error of 5.7% over 600 m distance travelled





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Ubiquitous in time

- Walking Gait influenced by varying physiological conditions tiredness, injuries, carrying a bag, ...

Source: <http://www.blog.trepreneur.com/>



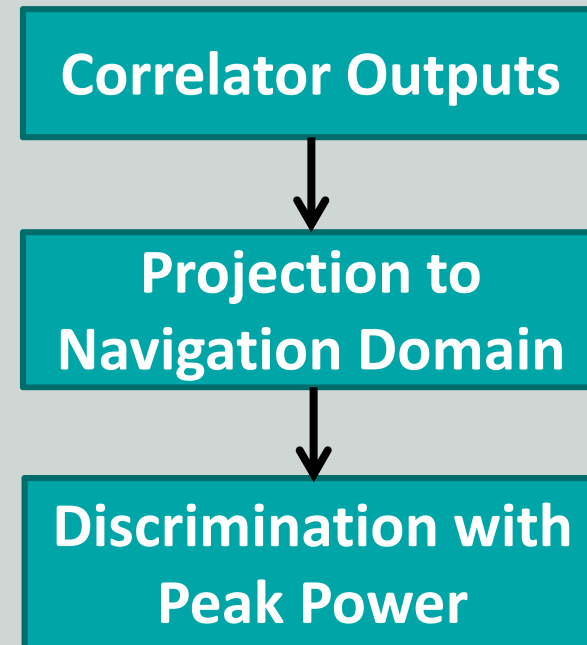
→ **Frequent calibration is needed**

- Several approaches are possible depending on the application
 - Walking along a known footpath
 - Use departure / destination info
 - Hybridization with opportune signal



GNSS Doppler Update

- PDR/GPS Doppler EKF designed for handheld device
 - Pseudorange measurements strongly perturbed indoors (multipath, echo only)
 - Doppler (phase rate) errors depend on pedestrian velocity in the presence of multipath
 - Direct Vector GNSS Receiver architecture proposed with discriminator implemented in the position/velocity domain



Adaptive to Physiological Variations

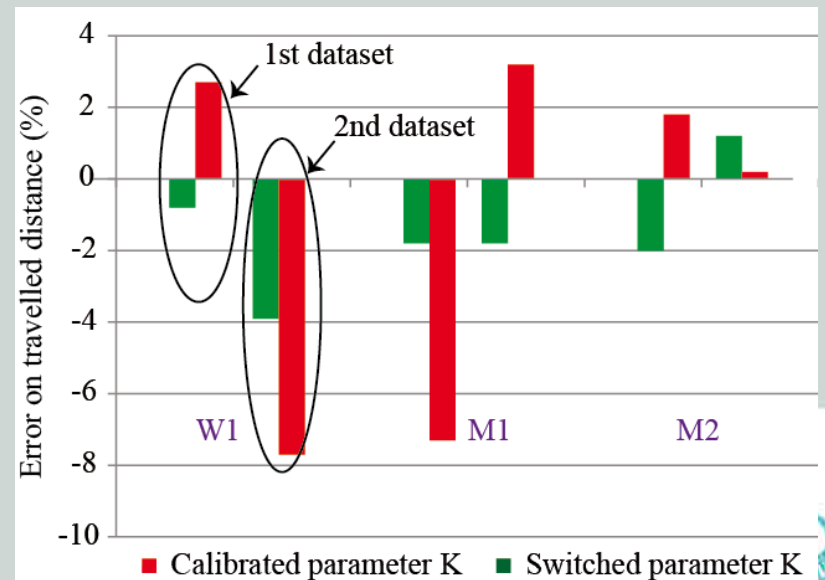
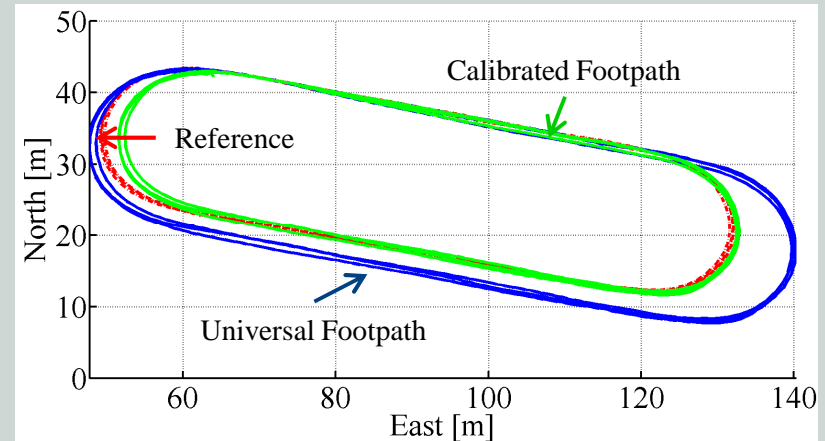
- 10 sec. PDR/GPS
Doppler calibration prior to penetrating indoors

- Free inertial PDR trajectory estimated with

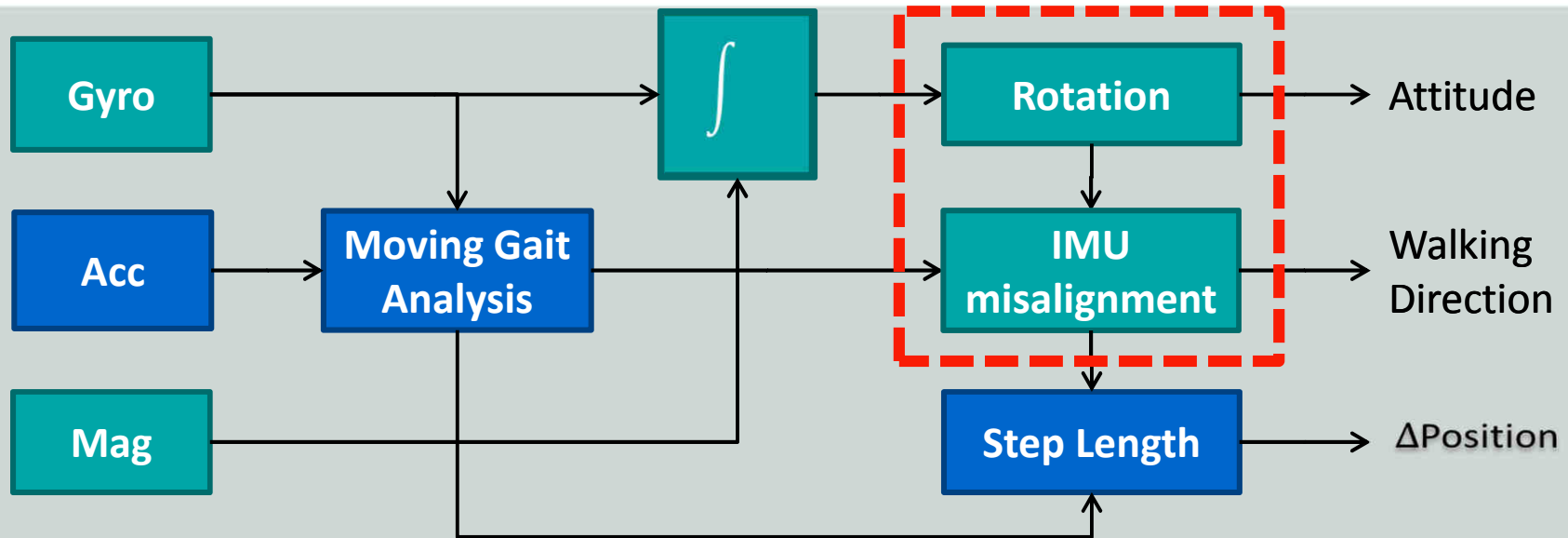
$$s = h \cdot (a \cdot f_{Step} + b) + c$$

$$K = \{a, b, c\} \in \mathbb{R}$$

- 700 m with freely carried device (texting, swinging):
2% mean error over traveled distance



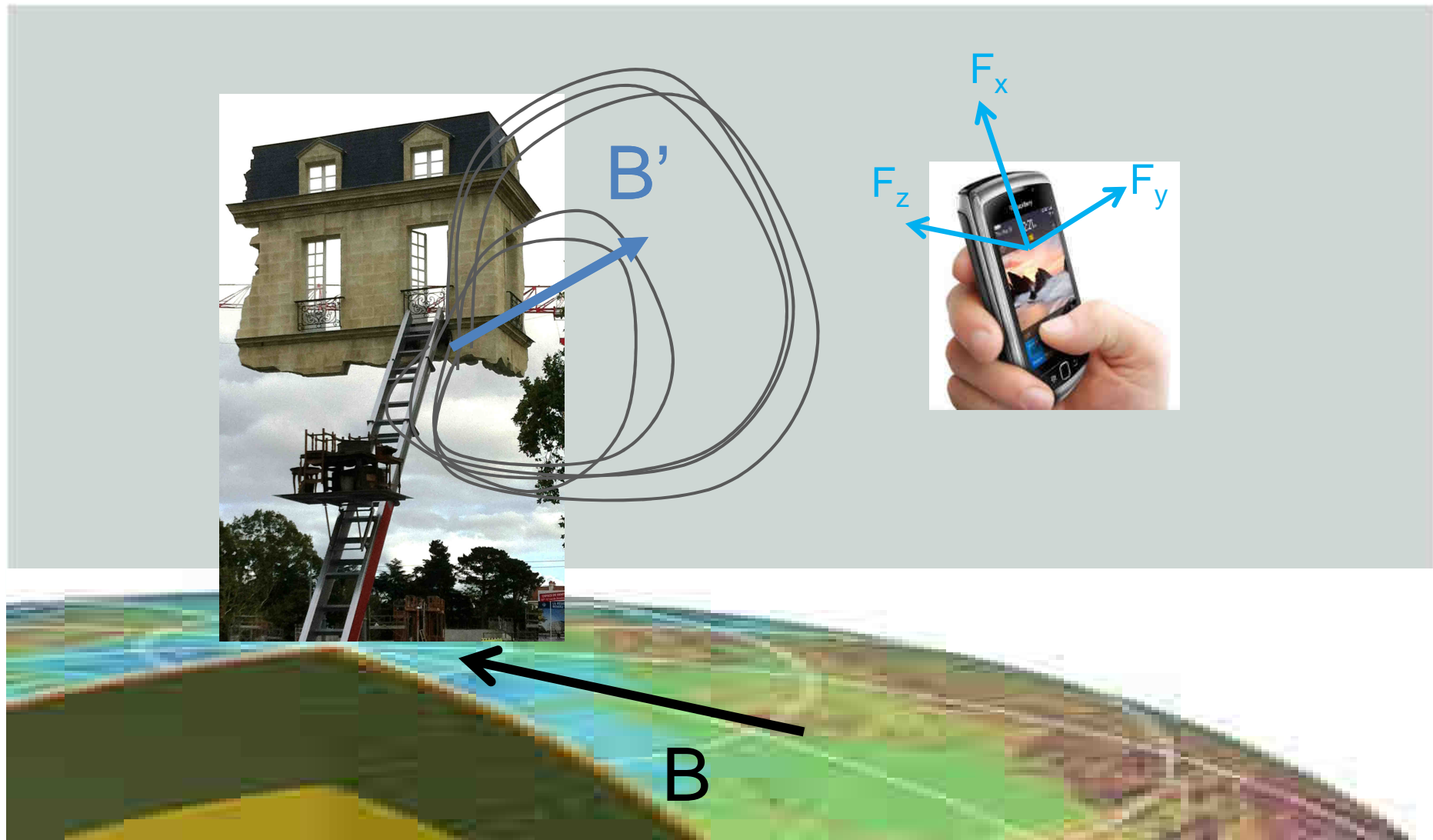
Walking Direction Estimation



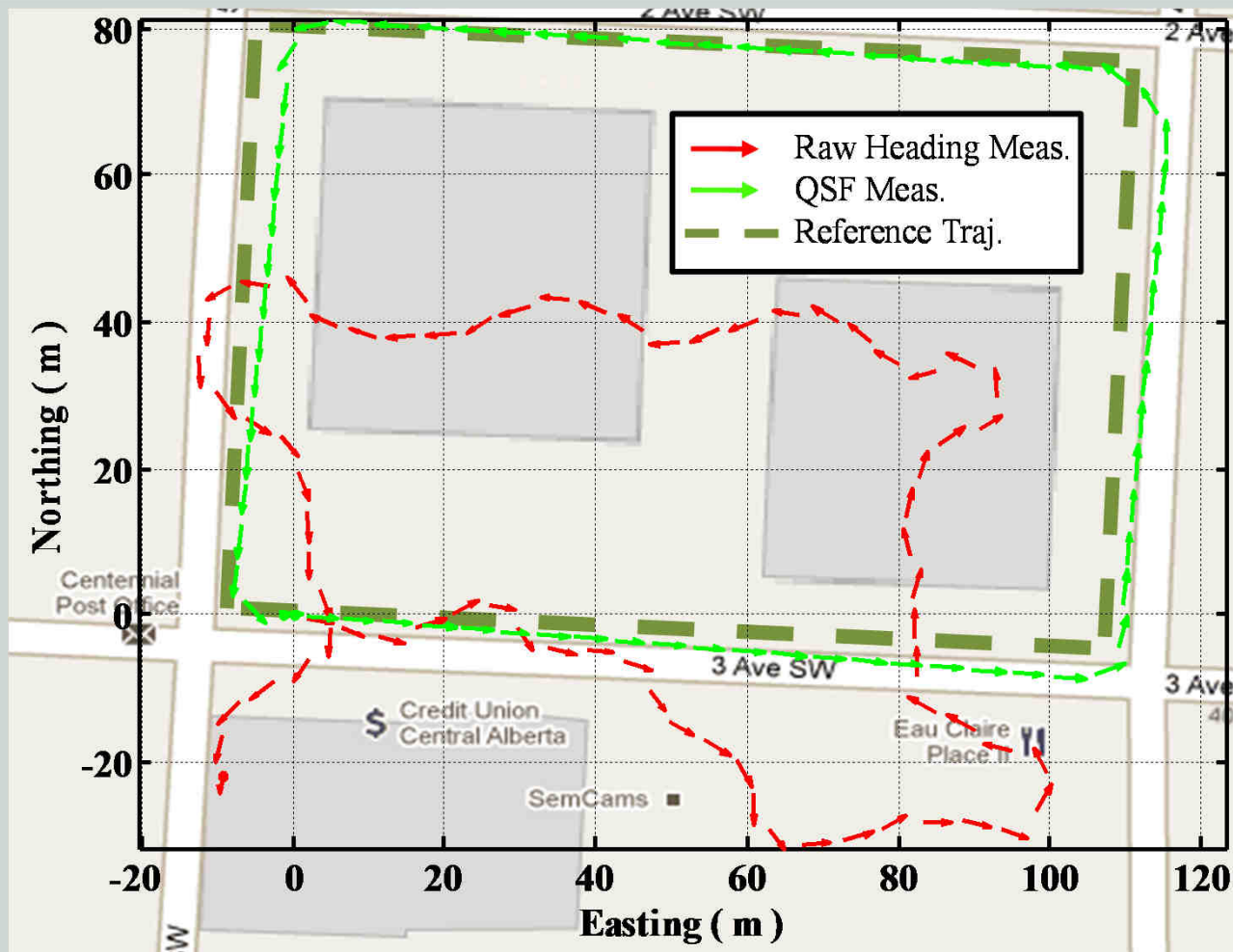
- PDR performance is limited by
 - azimuth which can be controlled by GNSS updates, Map constraints and **Magnetic Field**
 - IMU misalignment which requires dynamic estimation



Use perturbed magnetic field to mitigate gyroscope's errors



Magnetic Angular Rate Update





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