

# Smartphone sensor based orientation determination for indoor navigation

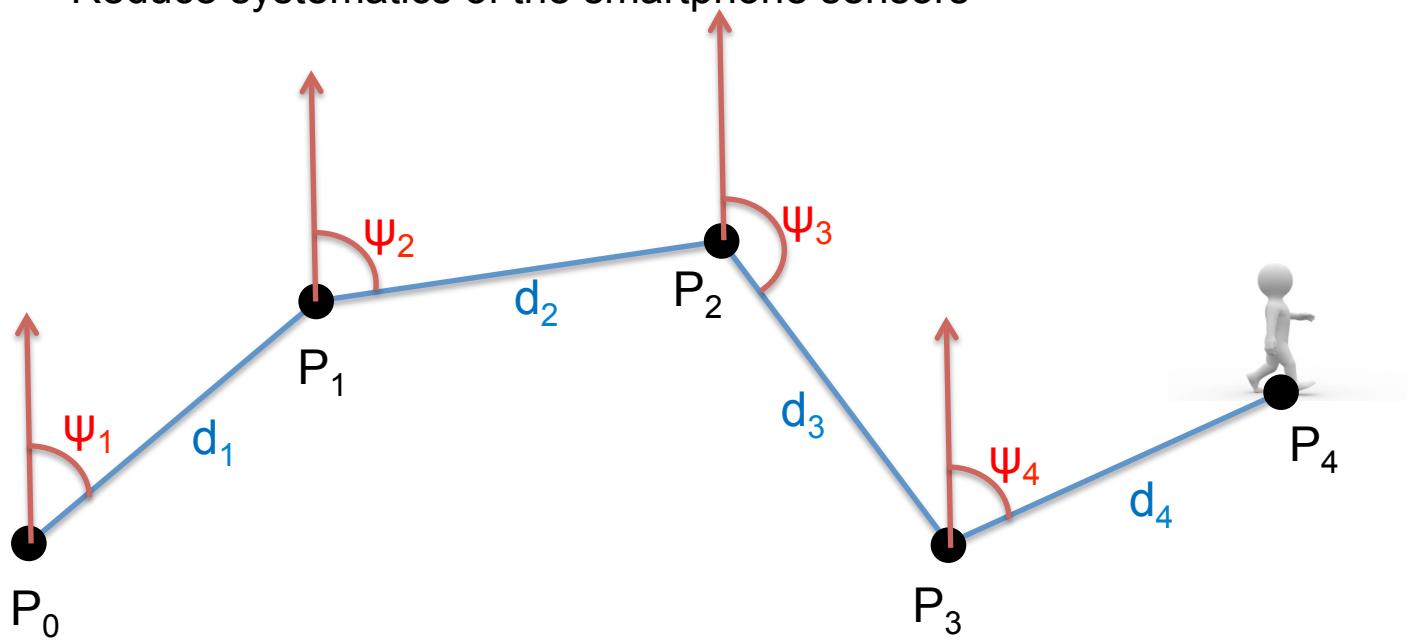
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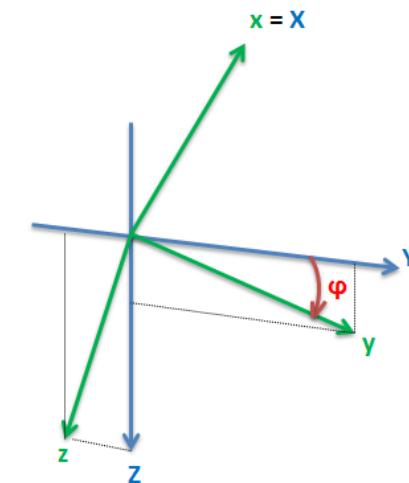
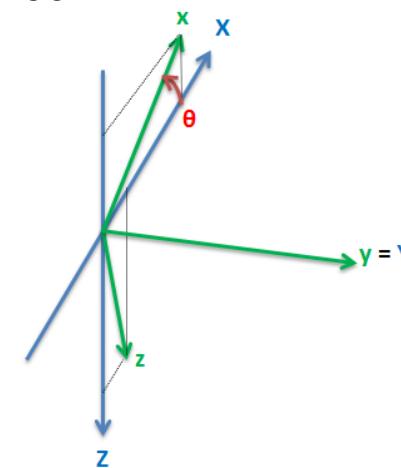
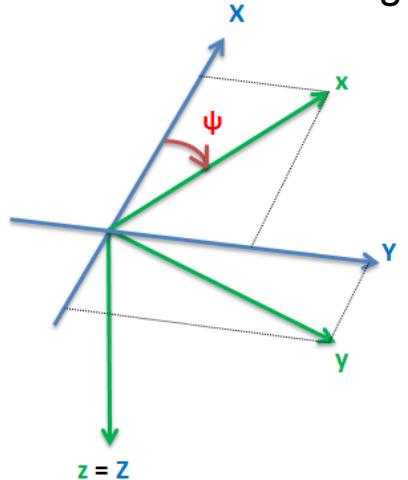
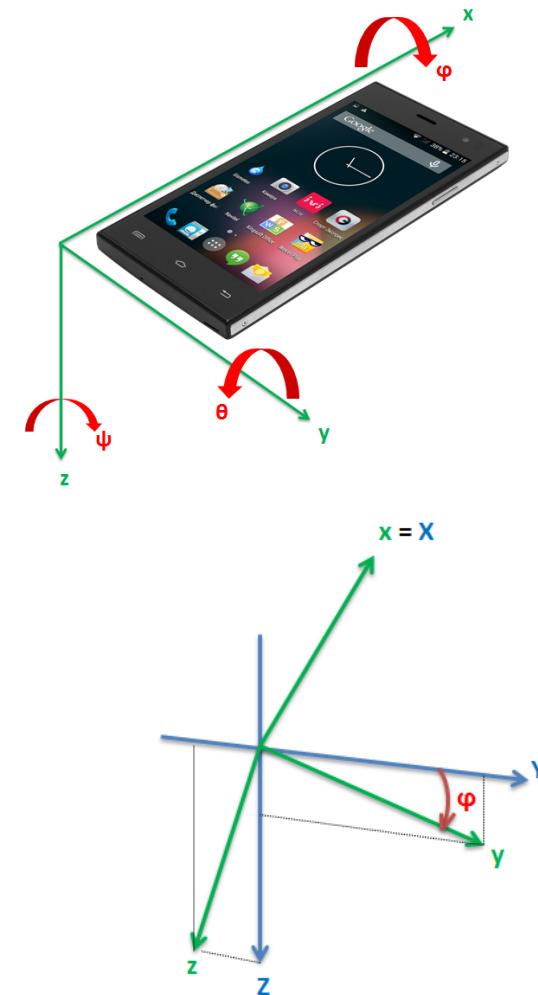
# Motivation and Methodological approach

- Indoor navigation
  - Applications are augmented by 2D-PDR (“Pedestrian Dead Reckoning”)
    - Distance  $d_i$  and yaw  $\Psi_i \rightarrow$  Position  $P_i$
  - Critical part → calculation of users moving direction respectively yaw
- Methodological approach
  - Calculate yaw with Kalman filter
  - Detect turns of the user
  - Smooth trajectory when user is walking straight
  - Reduce systematics of the smartphone sensors



# Orientation and Smartphone Measurement Data

- Orientation
  - Rotation of Sensor-Coordinate System  $x, y, z$  according to a superordinate Coordinate System  $X, Y, Z$
- Different representations of orientation
  - Elements of the Direction-Cosine-Matrix
  - Euler angles
  - Quaternions
- Euler angles
  - pitch  $\theta$ , roll  $\varphi$  and yaw  $\psi$
  - Disadvantage: „gimbal lock“



# Orientation and Smartphone Measurement Data

## ■ Pitch and Roll

- Part of the orientation
- Used to level measurement data
- Necessary for calculation of yaw

## ■ Accelerometer: $a_x, a_y, a_z$

- Calculation of roll and pitch directly

$$\varphi_k = f(a_{y,k}, a_{z,k})$$

$$\theta_k = f(a_{x,k}, a_{y,k}, a_{z,k})$$

- Gravity → low-pass filter

## ■ Gyroscope: $\omega_x, \omega_y, \omega_z$

- Calculation of the angular changes of roll and pitch

$$\overset{g}{\varphi}_k = f(\omega_{x,k}, \omega_{y,k}, \omega_{z,k}, \varphi_{k-1}, \theta_{k-1})$$

$$\overset{g}{\theta}_k = f(\omega_{y,k}, \omega_{z,k}, \varphi_{k-1})$$

- Initial values are necessary

$$\tan(\varphi) = \frac{a_y}{a_z}$$

$$\tan(\theta) = \frac{-a_x}{a_y \sin(\varphi) + a_z \cos(\varphi)}$$

$$\overset{g}{\varphi}_k = (\omega_y \sin(\varphi_{k-1}) + \omega_z \cos(\varphi_{k-1})) \tan(\theta_{k-1}) + \omega_x$$

$$\overset{g}{\theta}_k = \omega_y \cos(\varphi_{k-1}) - \omega_z \sin(\varphi_{k-1})$$

$$\varphi_k = \varphi_{k-1} + \Delta t \cdot \overset{g}{\varphi}_k$$

$$\theta_k = \theta_{k-1} + \Delta t \cdot \overset{g}{\theta}_k$$

# Orientation and Smartphone Measurement Data

- Yaw
- Magnetometer:  $m_x, m_y, m_z$ 
  - Calculation of yaw directly

$$\psi_k = f(m_{x,k}, m_{y,k}, m_{z,k}, \varphi_k, \theta_k)$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} m_x \\ m_y \\ m_z \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \cos\theta & \sin\theta\sin\phi & \sin\theta\cos\phi \\ 0 & \cos\phi & -\sin\phi \\ -\sin\theta & \cos\theta\sin\phi & \cos\theta\cos\phi \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} m_x \\ m_y \\ m_z \end{pmatrix}$$

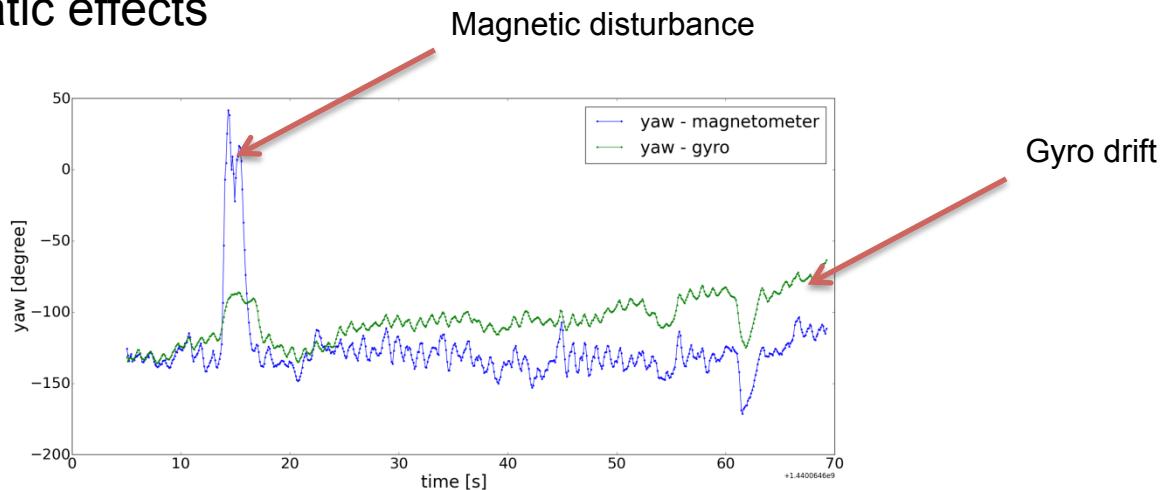
$$\tan(\psi) = \frac{-m_y}{m_x}$$

- Gyroscope:  $\omega_x, \omega_y, \omega_z$ 
  - Calculation of angular change of yaw
  - Initial value necessary

$$\overset{\text{g}}{\psi}_k = f(\omega_y, \omega_z, \varphi_{k-1}, \theta_{k-1})$$

$$\begin{aligned} \overset{\text{g}}{\psi}_k &= (\omega_y \sin(\varphi_{k-1}) + \omega_z \cos(\varphi_{k-1})) \cos(\theta_{k-1})^{-1} \\ \psi_k &= \psi_{k-1} + \Delta t \cdot \overset{\text{g}}{\psi}_k \end{aligned}$$

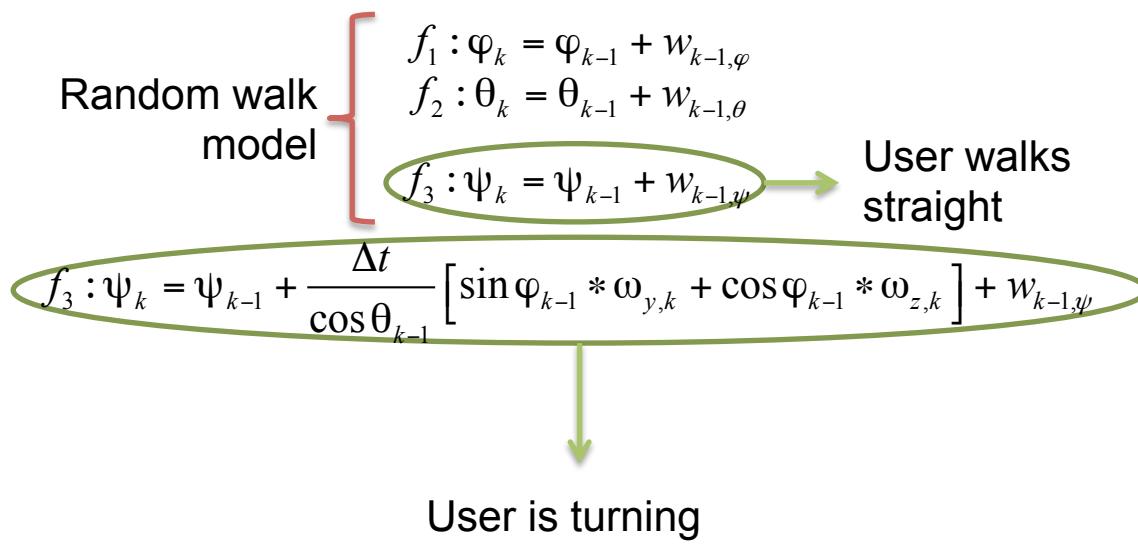
- Systematic effects



# Kalman Filter for Orientation Determination

- System equations

- State vector contains  $\varphi$ ,  $\theta$  and  $\psi$
- Control inputs: gyro measurements  $\omega_y$  and  $\omega_z$
- Disturbance:  $w_\varphi$ ,  $w_\theta$  and  $w_\psi$



$$\mathbf{T}_k = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ \frac{\delta f_3}{\delta \varphi} & \frac{\delta f_3}{\delta \theta} & 1 \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{Transition}$$

$$\mathbf{B}_k = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{\delta f_3}{\delta \omega_y} & \frac{\delta f_3}{\delta \omega_z} \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{Control}$$

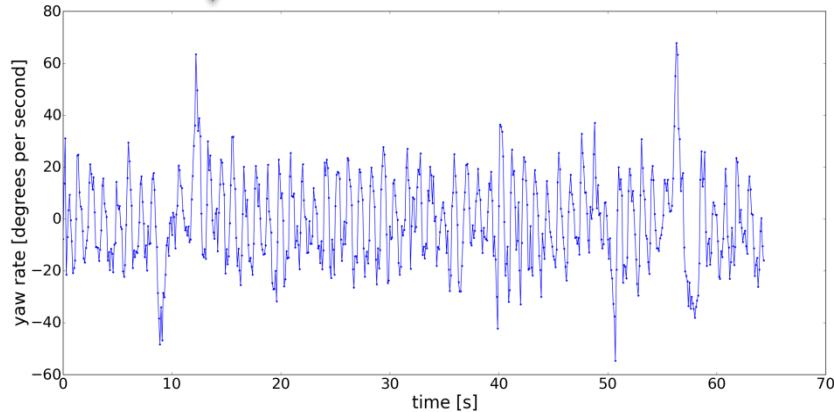
$$\mathbf{C}_k = \Delta t \cdot \mathbf{T}_k \quad \text{Disturbance}$$

- Propagation of covariance

$$\sum_{xx,k}^{-} = \mathbf{T}_k \sum_{xx,k-1} \mathbf{T}_k^T + \mathbf{B}_k \sum_{uu} \mathbf{B}_k^T + \mathbf{C}_k \sum_{ww} \mathbf{C}_k^T$$

# Kalman Filter for Orientation Determination

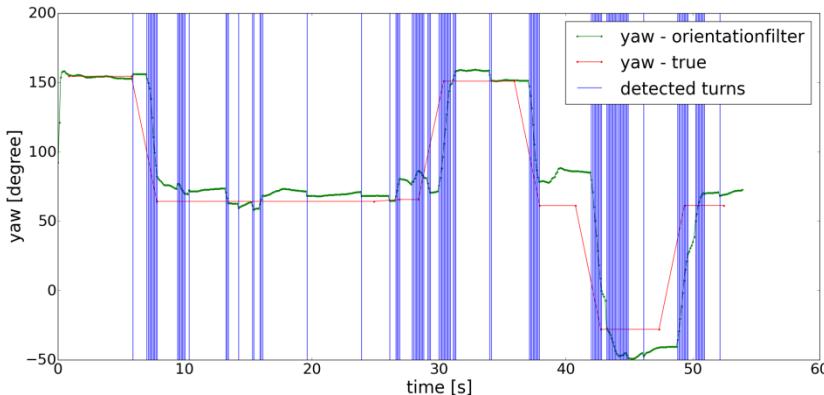
- Indicators for changing system equation
  - Statistical test on innovations  $d_k$
  - Yaw-rate



$$H_0 : E(d_k) = 0$$

$$H_A : E(d_k) \neq 0$$

$$P\left\{\frac{d_{\psi}^2}{\sigma_{d_{\psi}}^2} \leq \chi^2_{1;1-\alpha} \mid H_0\right\} = 1 - \alpha$$



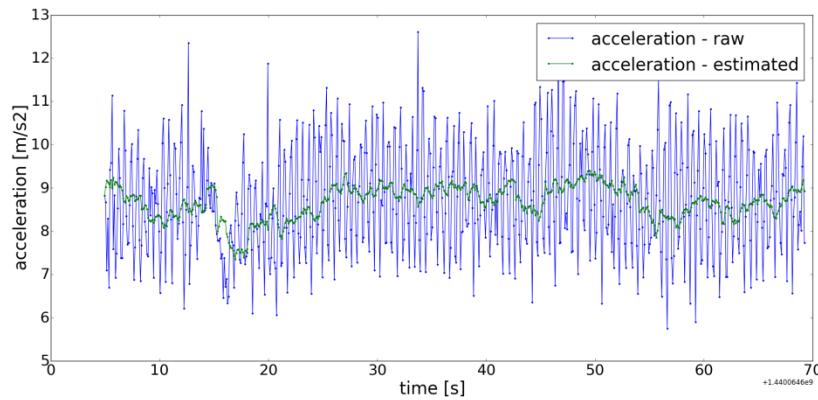
Innovation test responds > 0.3s  
Yaw-rate > 30°/s

# Kalman Filter for Orientation Determination

- Observations

- Pitch, roll and yaw are introduced as directly observed
- Separate Kalman filter for acceleration measurements  
 $\rightarrow \ddot{a}_{x,k}, \ddot{a}_{y,k}, \ddot{a}_{z,k}, \Sigma_{\ddot{a}\ddot{a},k}$

$$\mathbf{l}_k = \begin{pmatrix} \varphi_k \\ \theta_k \\ \psi_k \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} g_1(\dot{a}_{y,k}, \dot{a}_{z,k}) \\ g_2(\dot{a}_{x,k}, \dot{a}_{y,k}, \dot{a}_{z,k}) \\ g_3(m_{x,k}, m_{y,k}, m_{z,k}, \dot{a}_{x,k}, \dot{a}_{y,k}, \dot{a}_{z,k}) \end{pmatrix}$$



- Adaptive covariance matrix of the observations

$$\Sigma_{ll,k} = \mathbf{F}_k \left( \begin{pmatrix} \Sigma_{\ddot{a}\ddot{a},k} & 0_{3 \times 3} \\ 0_{3 \times 3} & \overline{\sigma}_{m,k}^{-2} * I_{3 \times 3} \end{pmatrix} \right) \mathbf{F}_k^T$$

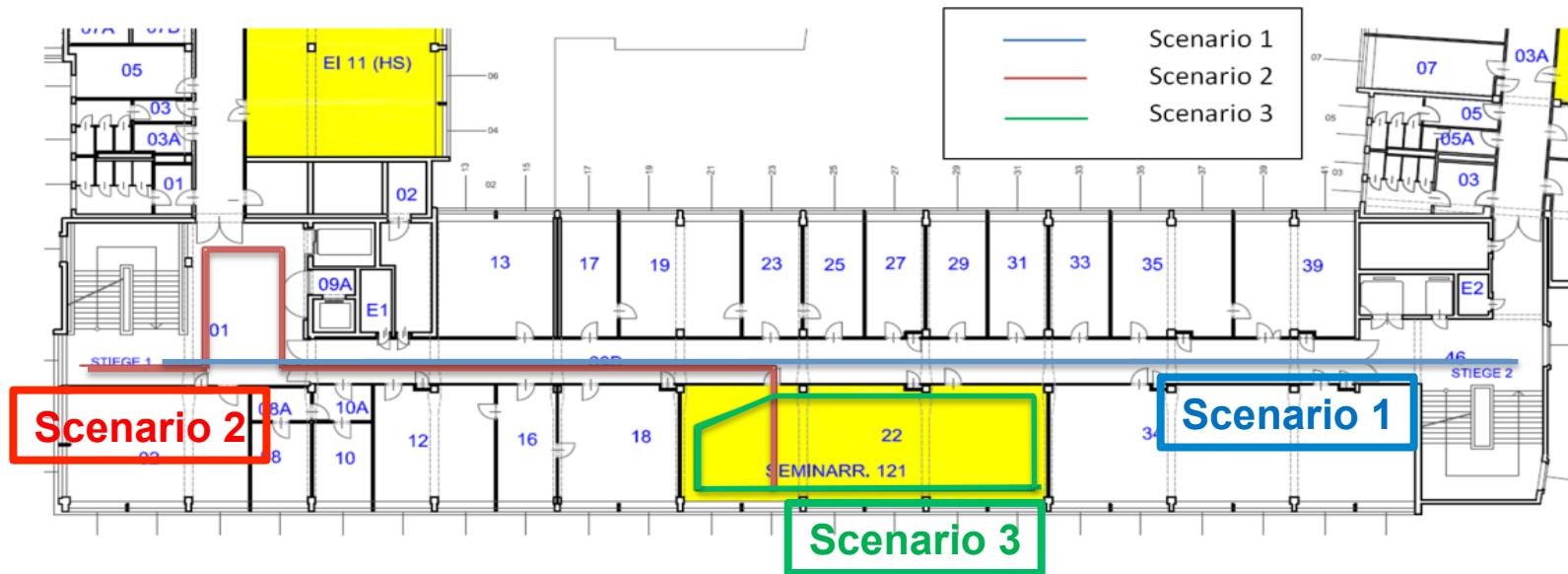
$$\mathbf{F}_k = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{\partial g_1}{\partial \dot{a}_{x,k}} & K & \frac{\partial g_1}{\partial m_{z,k}} \\ \frac{\partial g_2}{\partial \dot{a}_{x,k}} & K & \frac{\partial g_3}{\partial m_{z,k}} \\ \frac{\partial g_3}{\partial \dot{a}_{x,k}} & K & \frac{\partial g_3}{\partial m_{z,k}} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\overline{\sigma}_{m,k}^{-2} = (\sigma_m + \Delta m_{k-1,k})^2$$

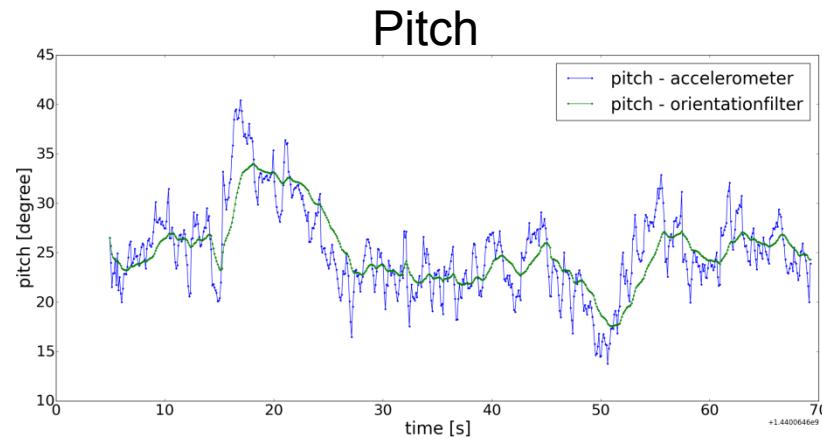
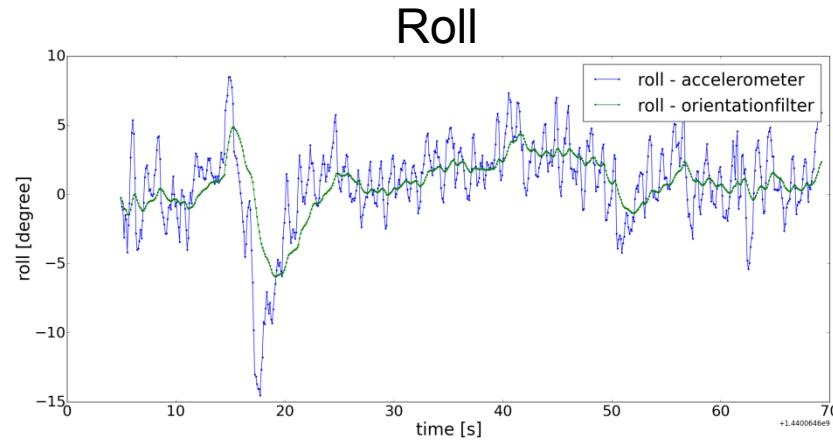
$$\Delta m_{k-1,k} = \left\| \mathbf{m}_k \right\| - \left\| \mathbf{m}_{k-1} \right\|$$

# Test Measurements and Results

- 3 scenarios
- One smartphone → Samsung Galaxy S4
- Ground truth from indoors mobile toolkit
- Evaluation
  - Inner and outer accuracy
- Comparison to results from orientation sensor of android



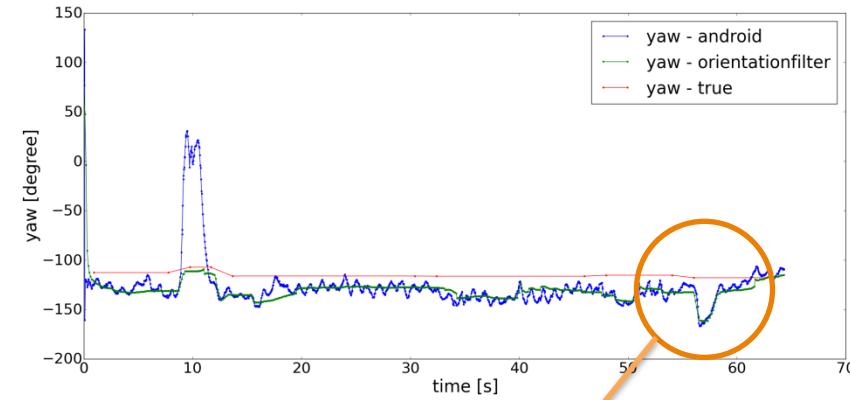
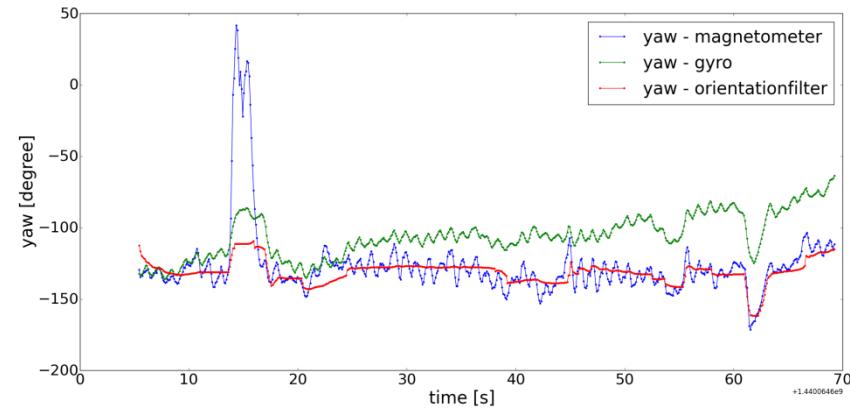
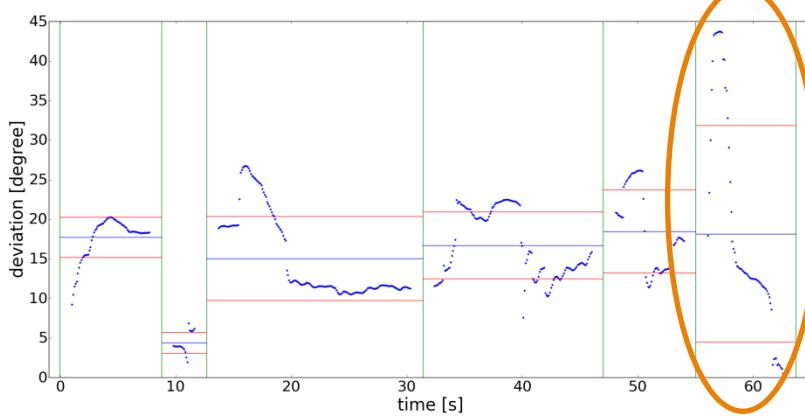
- Random walk model
  - Smooth filter result
  - Time shift ~2s
- No reference values
  - Smartphone was held in texting mode
  - Results are reasonable



# Test Measurements and Results

## Scenario 1

- Yaw – filter result
  - No drift
  - Minimized influence of magnetic disturbance
  - Constant offset
- Outer accuracy:  $16.2^\circ$ 
  - Mean deviation from ground truth
- Inner accuracy:  $5.4^\circ$ 
  - Mean standard deviation of deviations

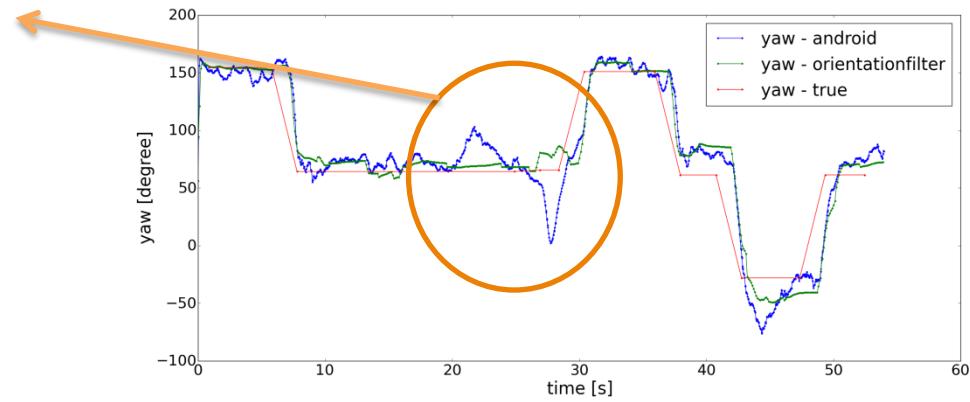


Error in ground truth

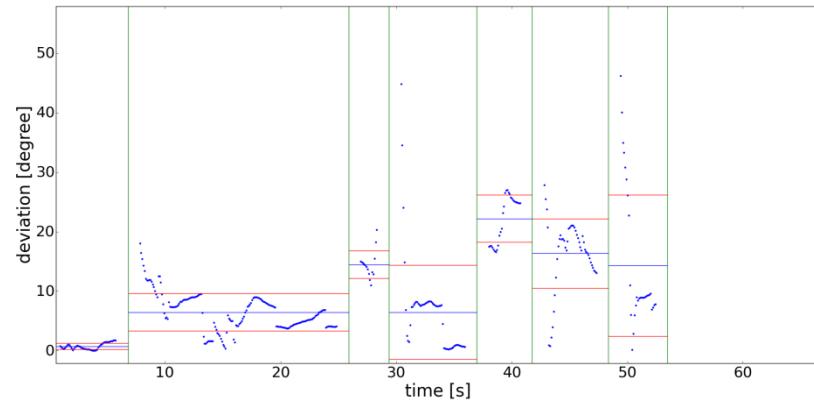
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Scenario 2

Reduced influence of magnetic disturbance



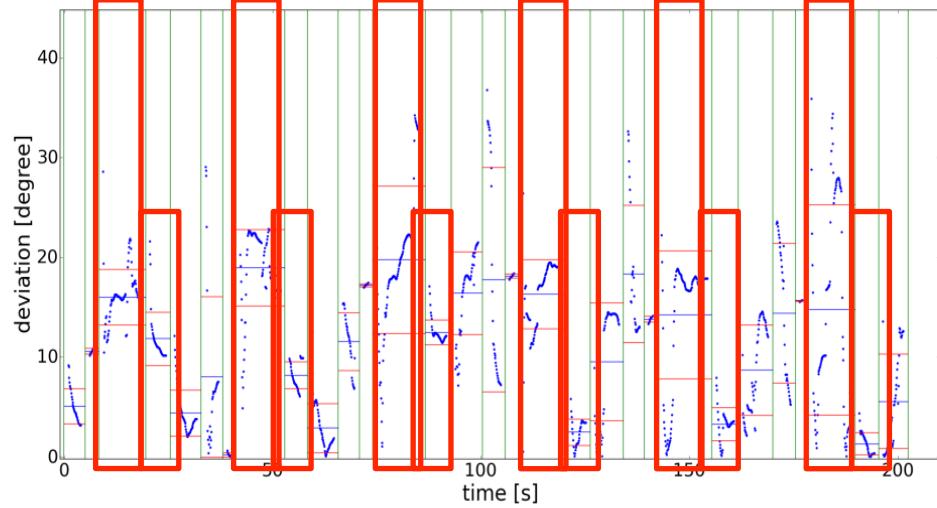
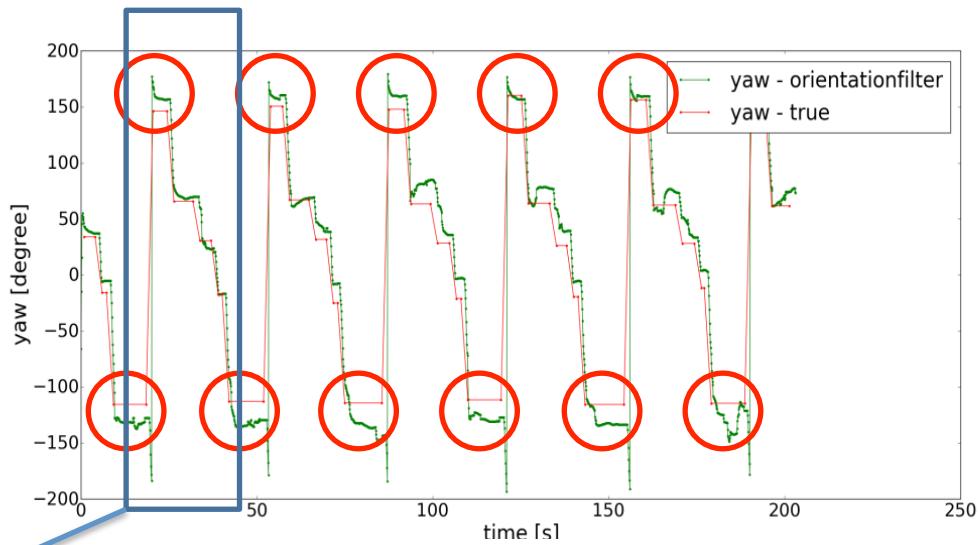
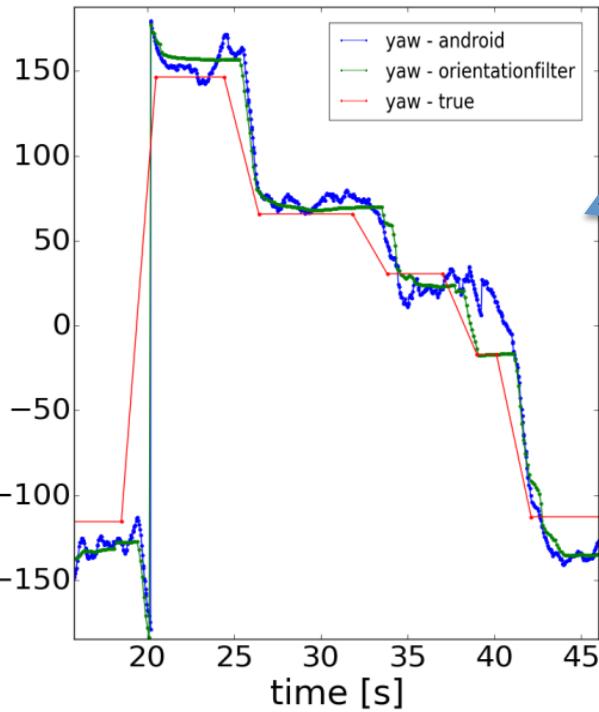
- Outer accuracy
  - $8.9^\circ$
- Inner accuracy
  - $5.1^\circ$



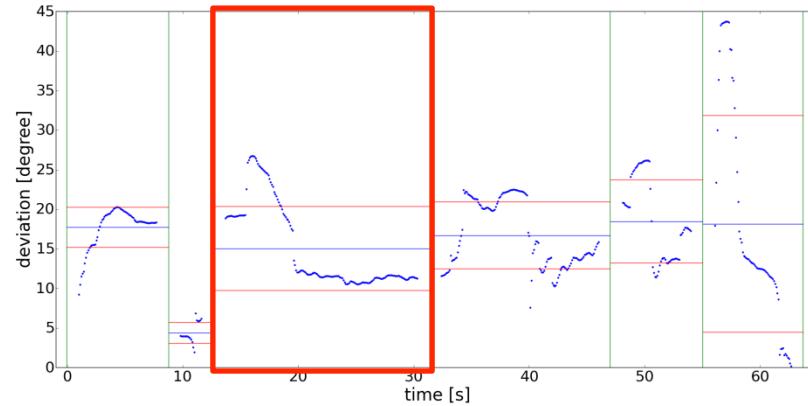
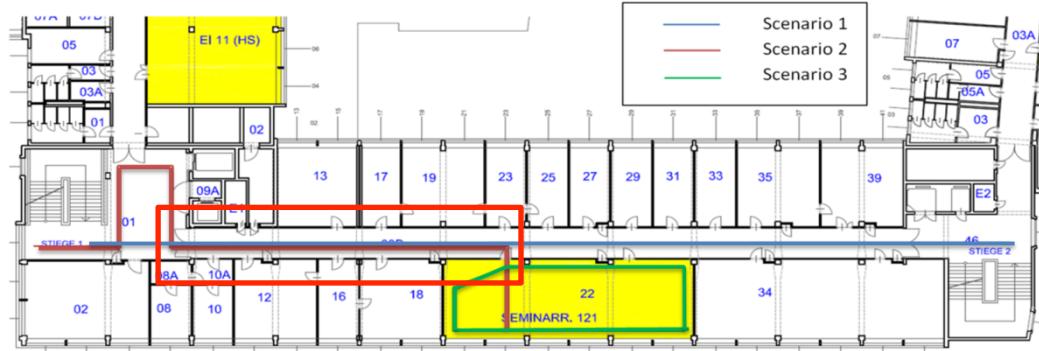
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## Scenario 3

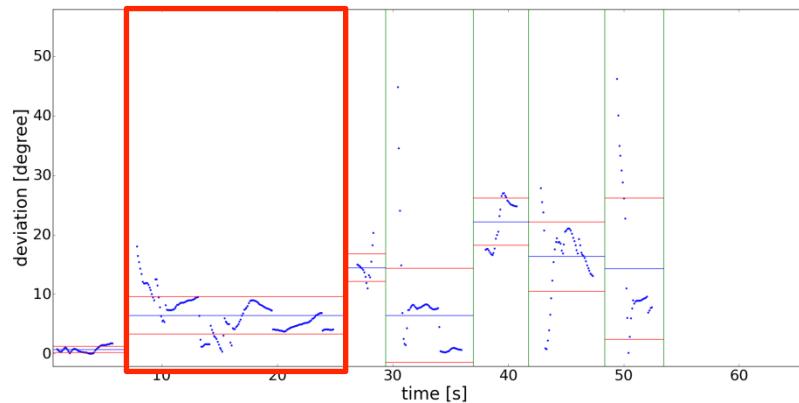
- Outer accuracy
  - $12.2^\circ$
- Inner accuracy
  - $3.6^\circ$
- Properties of deviations
  - Varying most of the time



# Results – Comparison of Scenario 1 and Scenario 2



- Offset and residuals differ



# Conclusion and Outlook

## ■ Conclusions

- Systematic effects of the sensors are minimized
- Turns are detected correctly
- Residuals are rarely reproducible and not normally distributed
- Filter result ~20% better than android solution
- Inner accuracy ~60% better than outer accuracy

Scenario	Outer accuracy		Inner accuracy
	Orientation filter	Android	
1 (straight)	16.2°	18.5°	5.4°
2 (straight with turns)	8.9°	12.4°	5.1°
3 (polygonal, repeatedly)	12.2°	14.5°	3.6°

## ■ Outlook

- Tests on different smartphones
- Improving ground truth
- Additional orientation information to overcome remaining systematic effects
- Adaption of test statistics

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