

Infrastructure-free indoor localization

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Agenda

- Applications of Indoor localization
- Infrastructure-based vs Infrastructure-free
- Types of sensors and limitations
- Infrastructure-free approaches to indoor localization
- Machine learning/Deep learning approaches
- Problems to be solved

Applications of Indoor localization

- Retail stores (Target, Walmart, etc.)
- Medical monitoring (human activities)
- Intelligent home
- Industrial plants

Infrastructure-based Indoor localization

Definition: approaches that require additional hardware other than user's device or require information about the environment

Examples:

- Wi-Fi:
 - Fingerprinting[1]
 - Known AP location[2]
- RFID[3]
- Building lights[4]
- Bluetooth[5]

Infrastructure-free Indoor localization

Definition: Using existing sensors on an off-the-shelf user device (phone, tablets, smartwatch, etc.)

Includes:

- IMU:
 - Accelerometer
 - Gyroscope
 - Compass/Magnetometer
- Light/Proximity sensor
- Front/Back-facing cameras
- GPS

The problem: Given onboard sensor measurements, can we calculate the a user's path close to the ground truth?

Sensors: Gyroscope

Measurement: 3 Axis angular velocity (rad/sec)

Properties:

- Low noise
- Has temperature-dependent bias
- Unavoidable drift from integration
- Works well in the short term, but inaccurate due to drift in longer period

gyro model: $\tilde{\omega} = \omega + b + \eta$ $\eta \sim N(0, \sigma_{gyro}^2)$

\uparrow true angular velocity \uparrow additive, zero-mean Gaussian noise
 \uparrow bias

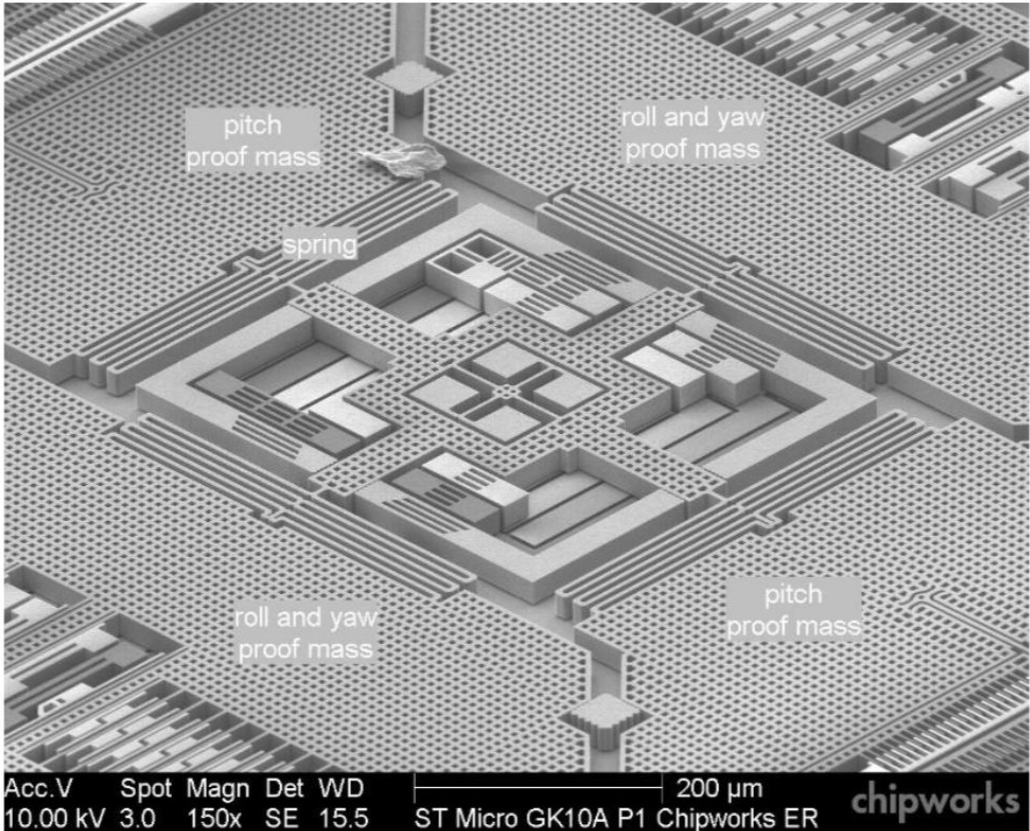
- from gyro measurements to orientation – use Taylor expansion

$$\theta(t + \Delta t) \approx \theta(t) + \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \theta(t) \Delta t + \varepsilon, \quad \varepsilon \sim O(\Delta t^2)$$

\downarrow have: angle at last time step \downarrow have: time step
 \uparrow want: angle at current time step \uparrow approximation error!
 \uparrow have: gyro measurement (angular velocity)

Sensors: Gyroscope

MEMS (microelectromechanical systems) Gyroscope

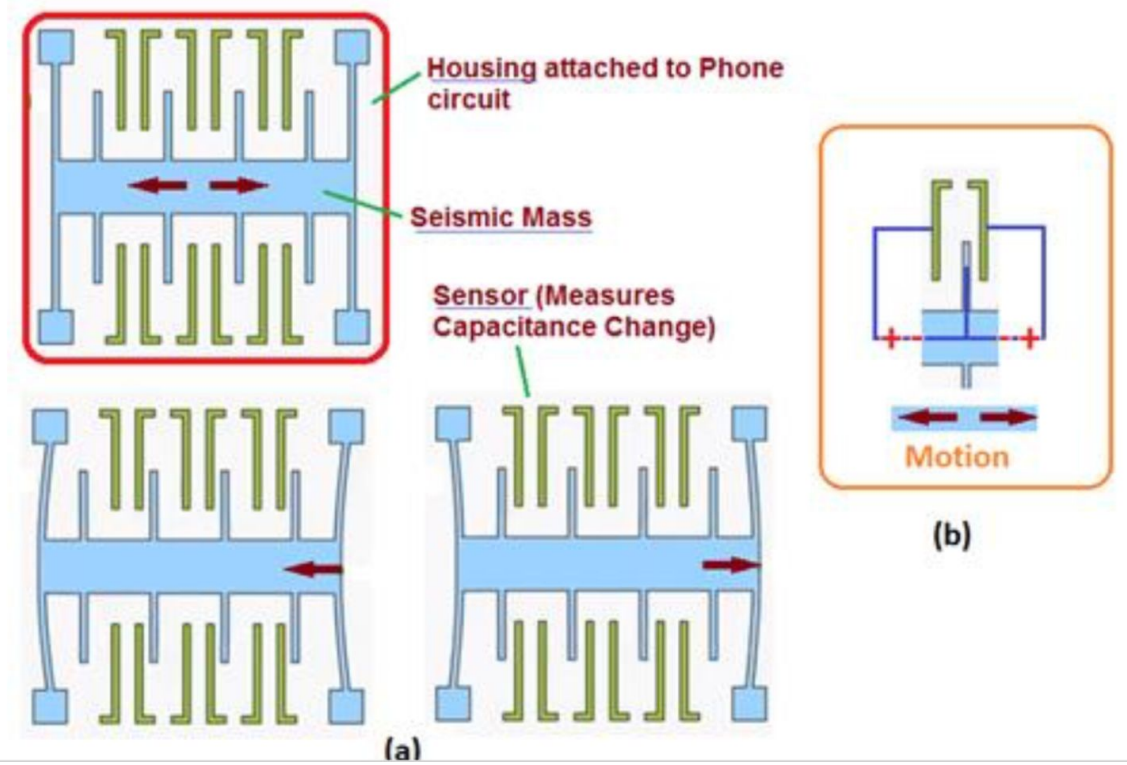
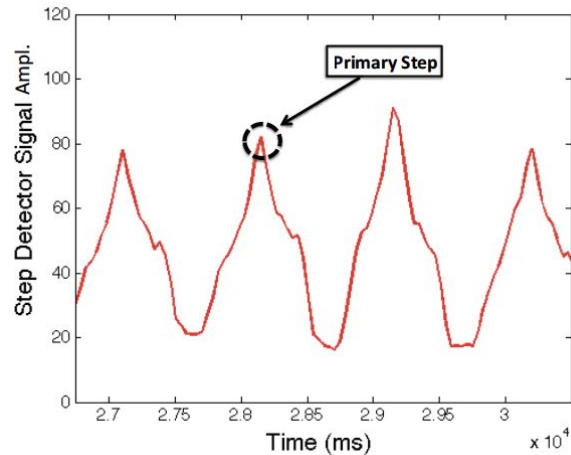


Sensors: Accelerometer

Measurement: 3 linear acceleration (m/sec²)

Properties:

- Significant noise
- Unreliable in short-run
- Relatively accurate in long-term since no drift
- Points up with magnitude of 1g



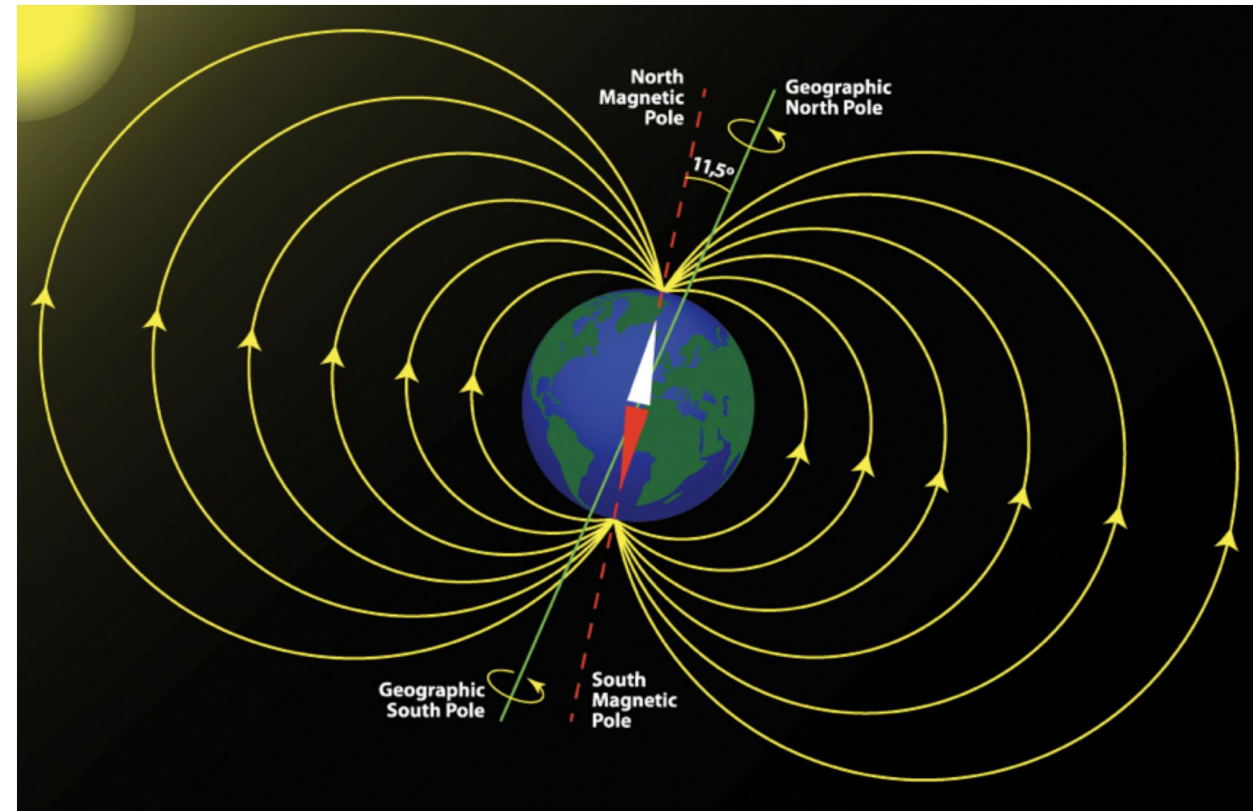
MEMS accelerometer

Sensor: Compass

Measurement: 3 orthogonal axis measuring magnetic field in uT

Properties:

- Affected by metal/electronics
- Complementary to accelerometer
- Varies with longitude and latitude, needs GPS calibration

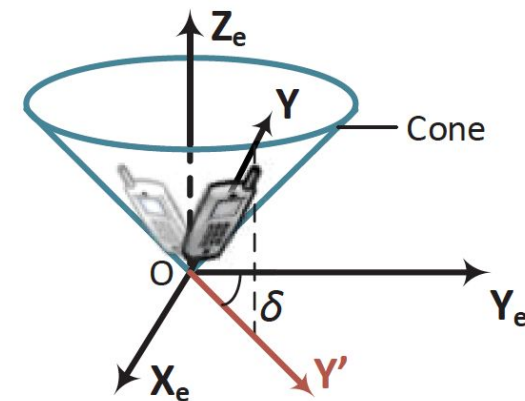


Sensor Fusion

1. Gyro + Acc (complementary filter) -> pitch&roll
2. Acc + Magnetometer -> Yaw

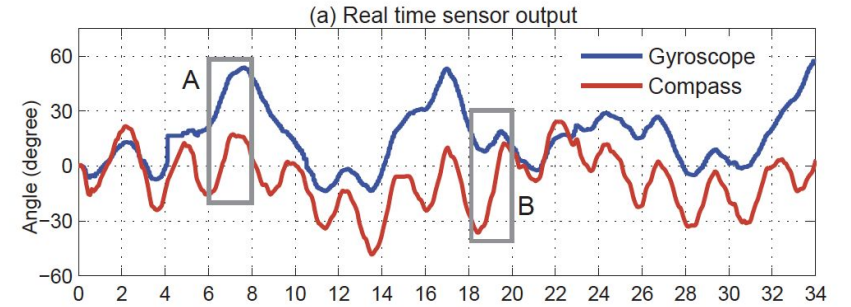
intuition:

- remove drift from gyro via high-pass filter
- remove noise from accelerometer via low-pass filter



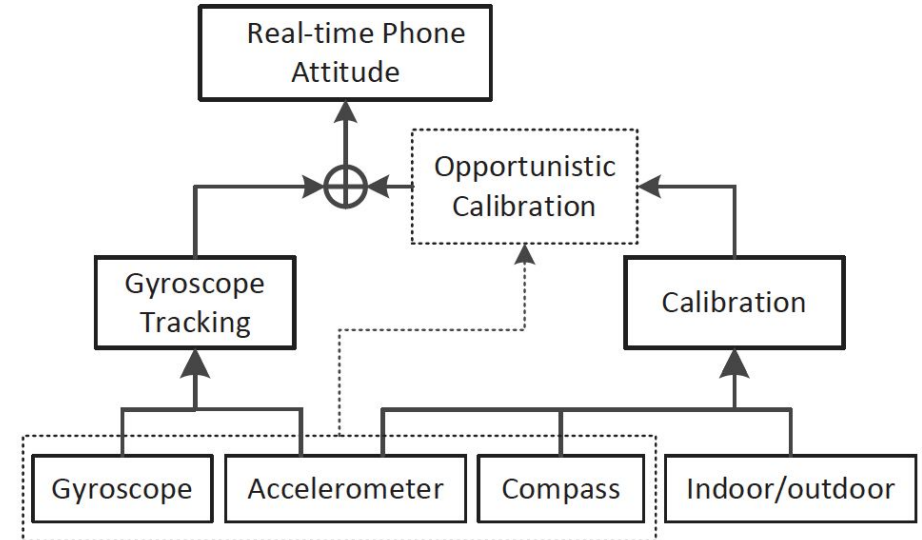
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1. Pengfei Zhou, Mo Li, and Guobin Shen. 2014. **Use it free: instantly knowing your phone attitude.** In Proceedings of the 20th annual international conference on Mobile computing and networking (MobiCom '14)



Takeaways:

- Compass can be very accurate when not corrupted
- Opportunistically calibration

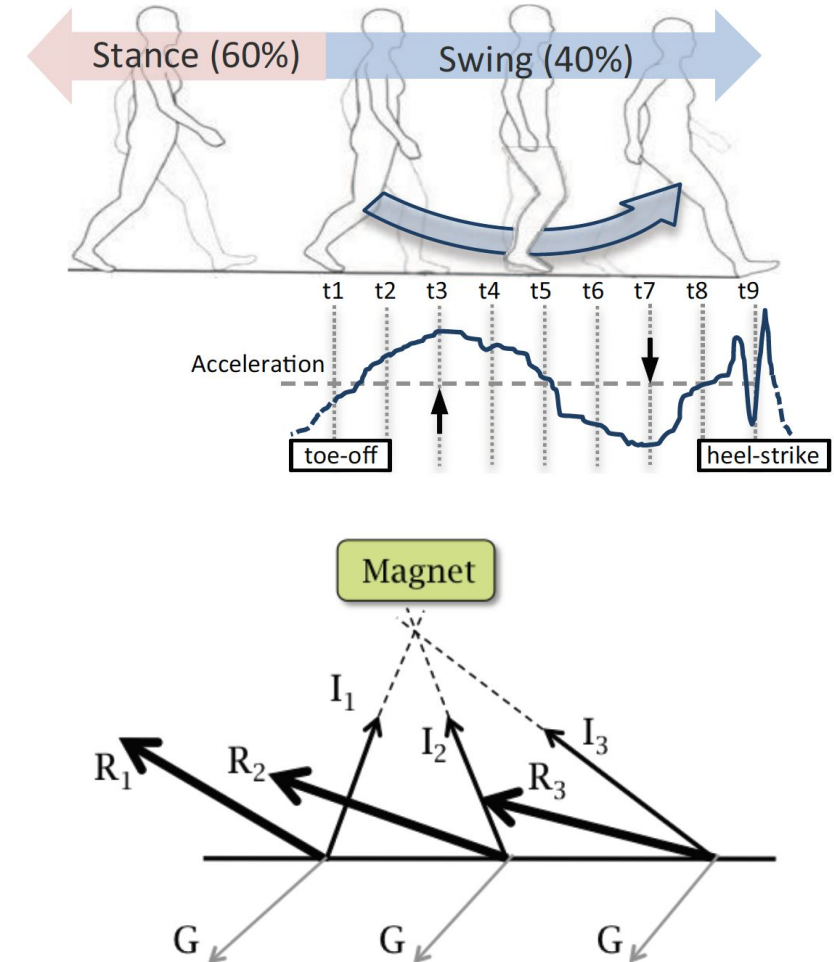


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2. Nirupam Roy, He Wang, and Romit Roy Choudhury. 2014. **I am a smartphone and i can tell my user's walking direction.** In Proceedings of the 12th annual international conference on Mobile systems, applications, and services (MobiSys '14).

Takeaways:

- Only a small portion of sensor data provides reliable information about local walking direction. Only a small portion of swing phase w/ minimum acceleration (around t7) provides useful information.
- Magnetometer readings can be corrected by identifying interference source and subtract the source.

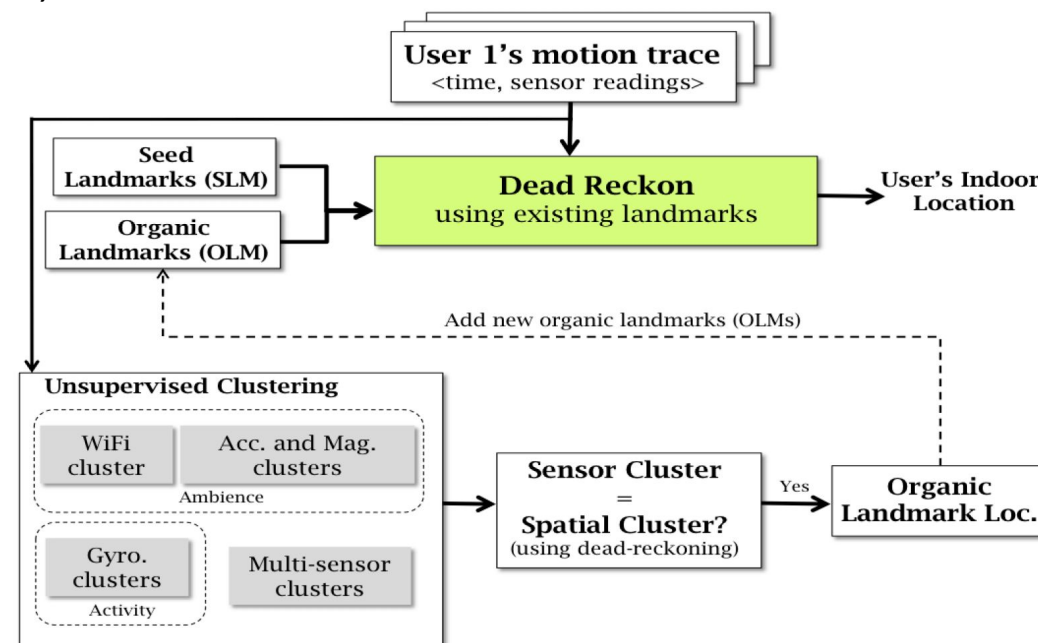


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3. He Wang, Souvik Sen, Ahmed Elgohary, Moustafa Farid, Moustafa Youssef, and Romit Roy Choudhury. 2012. **N war-drive: unsupervised indoor localization**. In Proceedings of the 10th international conference on Mobile systems, applications, and services (MobiSys '12).

Takeaways:

- Landmarks in the environment (Wi-Fi signal strength, acceleration abnormalities, compass abnormalities) can be used to correct for the drift in dead-reckoning
- More users, more landmarks detected, more accurate the system will be.



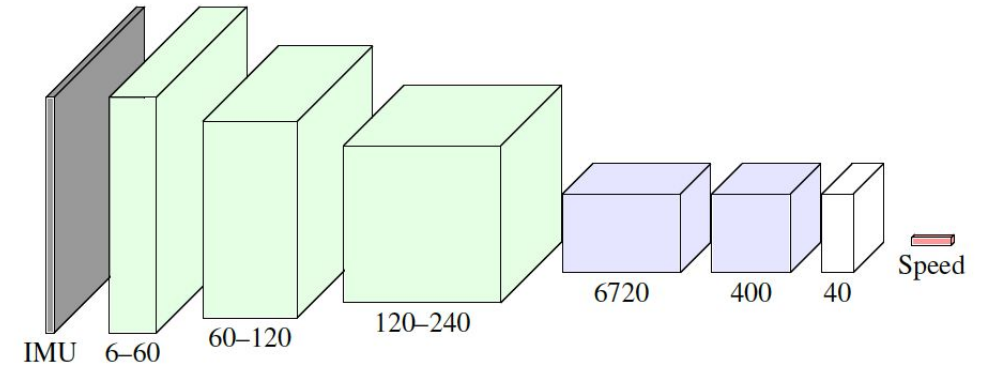
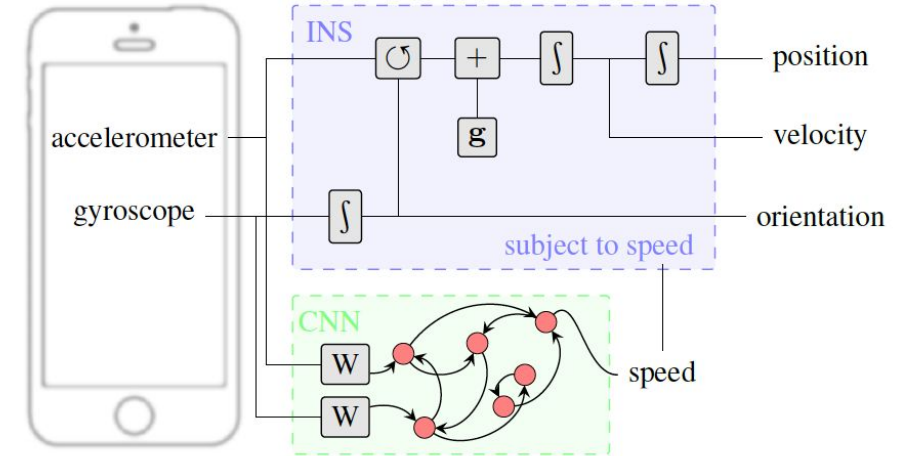
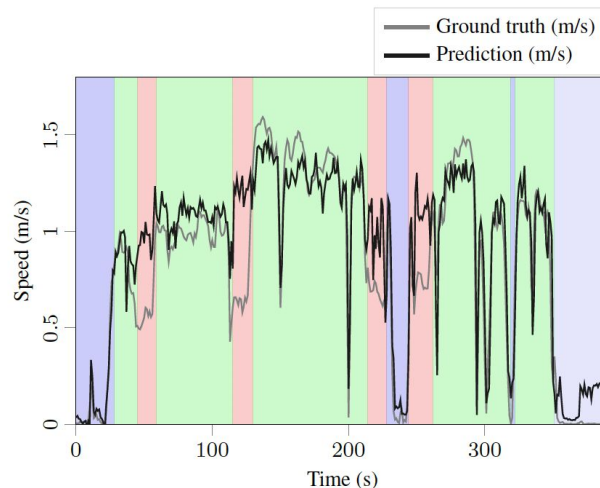
Machine learning/Deep learning approaches

1. Deep Learning Based Speed Estimation for Constraining Strapdown Inertial Navigation on Smartphones.

A Cortés, Santiago; Solin, Arno; Kannala, Juho
eprint arXiv:1808.03485

Takeaways:

- Use CNN learned speed to constrain PDR



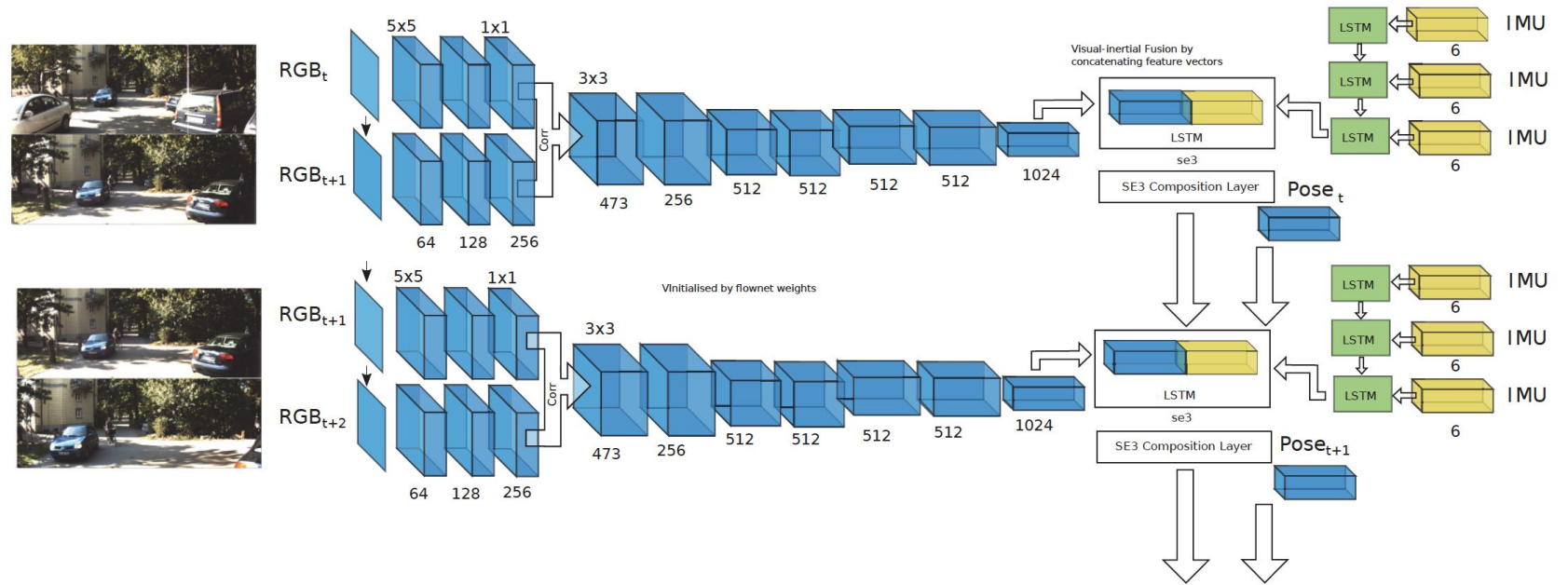
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2. VNet: Visual-Inertial Odometry as a Sequence-to-Sequence Learning Problem

A Clark, Ronald; Wang, Sen; Wen, Hongkai; Markham, Andrew; Trigoni, Niki. J eprint arXiv:1701.08376)

Takeaways:

- Using visual cues to correct for IMU calculations.
- Core LSTM to remember past position (Pose)



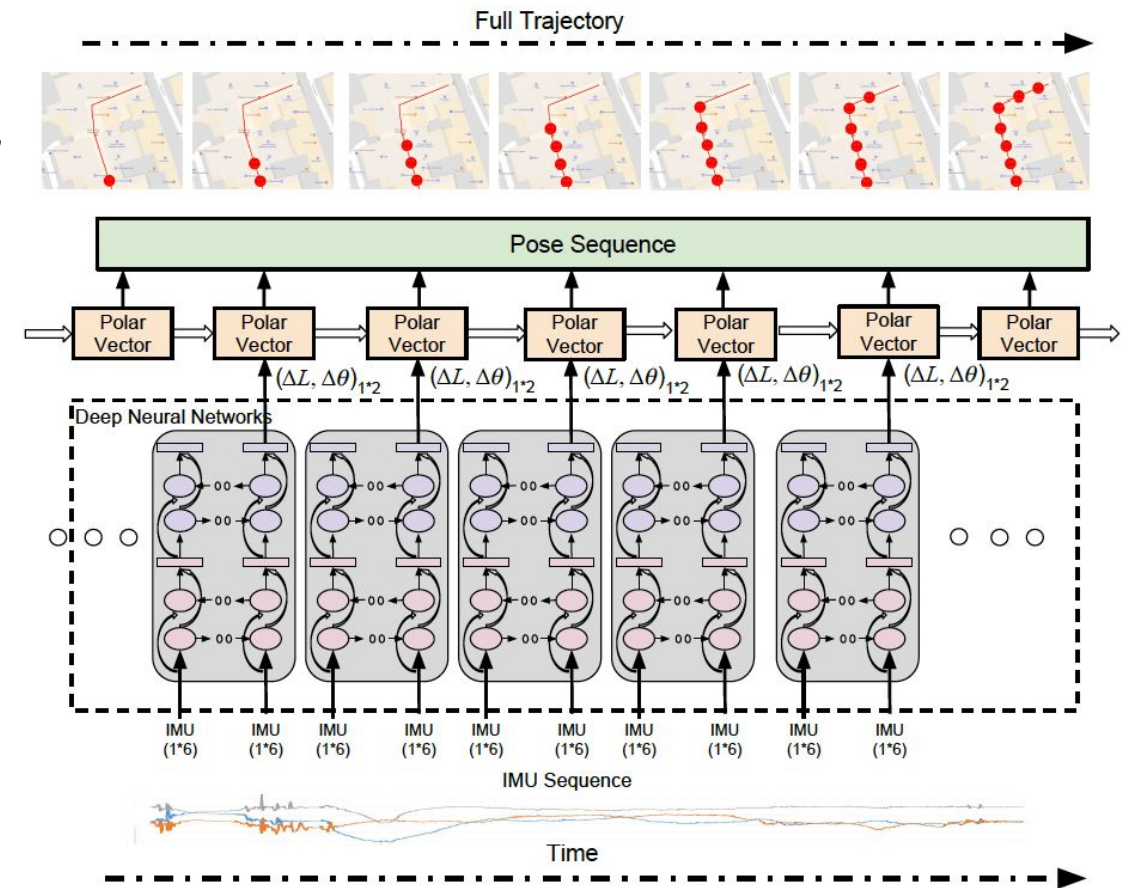
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3. IONet: Learning to Cure the Curse of Drift in Inertial Odometry

A Chen, Changhao; Lu, Xiaoxuan; Markham, Andrew; Trigoni, Niki. eprint arXiv:1802.02209

Takeaways:

- Proved time windows are pseudo-independent.
- Bi-directional LSTM



Problems to be solved

- Required amount of data is large to train good model
- Few solutions for multi-floor localization
- Generalization abilities of model
 - Across different users
 - Across different use case scenarios

Thank you!

