

A note on the limitations of ZUPTs and the implications on sensor error modeling

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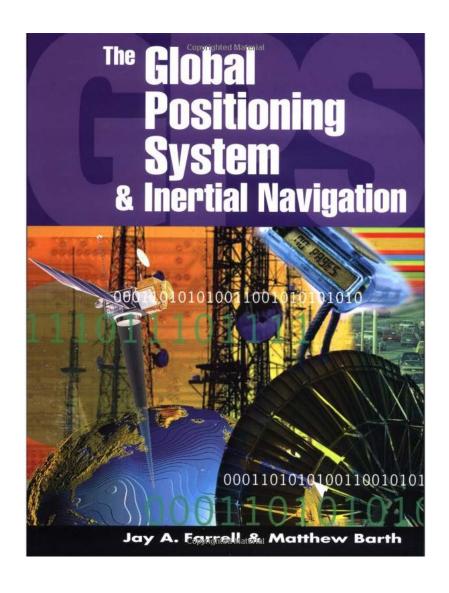
Error comes from ...

1. Measurement errors

2. Modeling errors



The origin



Estimating sensor errors

By position updates

$$\int (\boldsymbol{\omega} + \mathbf{e}_{\omega})dt = \boldsymbol{\theta}$$

$$\int \int \mathbf{R}_{\theta}(\mathbf{a} + \mathbf{e}_{a})dt dt = \mathbf{p}$$

By (zero-) velocity updates

$$\int (\boldsymbol{\omega} + \mathbf{e}_{\omega})dt = \boldsymbol{\theta}$$
$$\int \mathbf{R}_{\theta}(\mathbf{a} + \mathbf{e}_{a})dt = \mathbf{v}$$



Quantify modeling errors

 Why? Its not for certain that sensor errors are dominant in relation to modeling errors

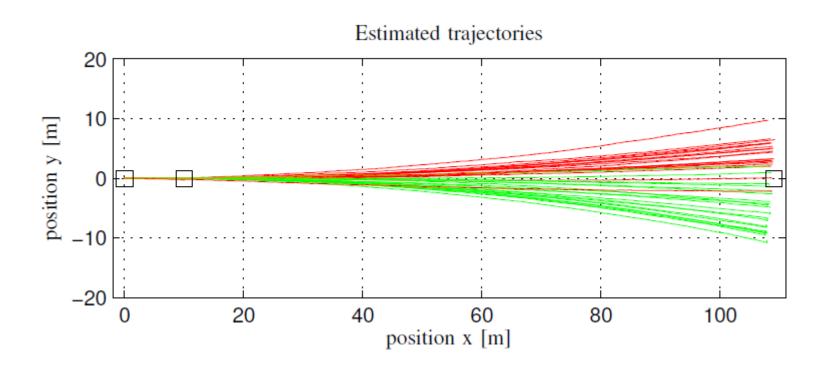
Data collected with OpenShoe Units

(http://www.openshoe.org)



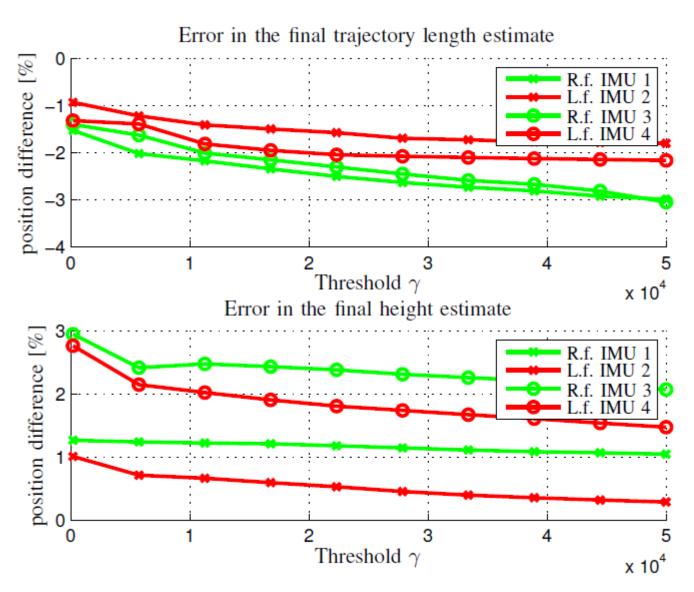


Systematic heading error



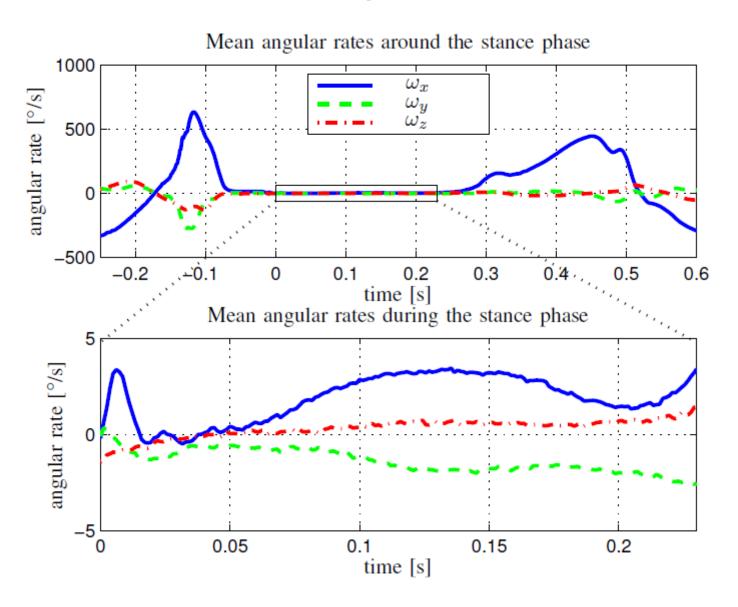


Systematic height and distance error



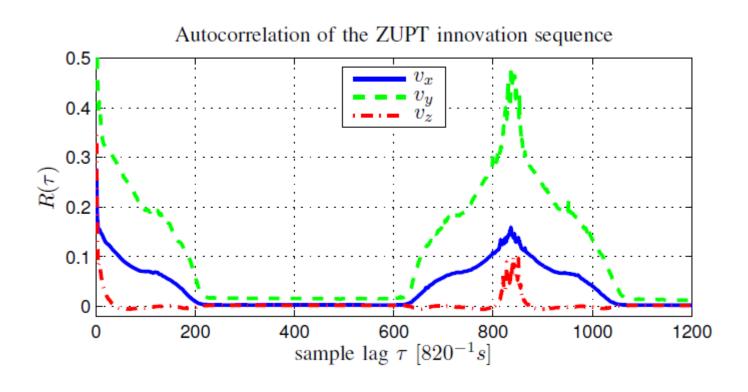


The zero velocity assumption



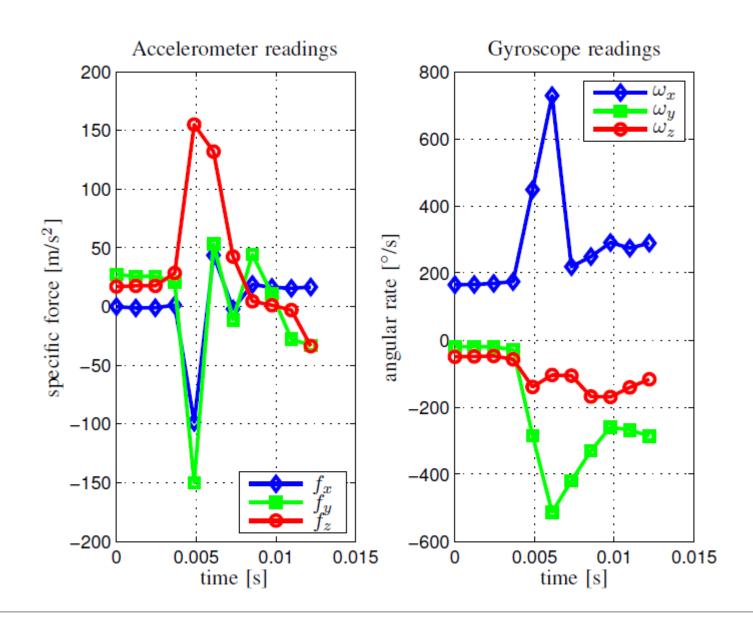


Innovation sequence





Finite bandwidth





Summary

- The situation for estimating systematic sensor errors with ZUPTs is poor
- A multitude of systematic errors which are not due to systematic sensor errors



Conclusion

 There are significant modeling errors in the system in addition to sensor errors

Implication

- Be careful when combining ZUPTs and sensor error modeling
- Improved motion models rather than improved error models



The end