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#### Pedestrian Navigation in Indoor Environments Based on Foot-Mounted Sensors

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# Main Research ITE

#### Systems

#### Micro Aerial Vehicle

- Fusion of IMU, Cameras, Laserscanner and GNSS
- Focus on GNSS-denied envinroments
- Navigation and exploration indoors
- Collision avoidance
- Map generation
- Semantic segmentation

#### Pedestrian Navigation





### Introduction



#### Wide field of applications:

- Task force members
- Security & rescue personnel
- Visually impaired people
- Private users



#### Challenges:

- Independence of pre-installed infrastructure
- Outdoor-Indoor transitions
- Accurate localization
- Restrictions in weight, cost and size



# Outline



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# Hardware Configuration

#### **Foot Module**

- MEMS MPU-9250
- Air Pressure Sensor BMP 280
- **NEO M8T GNSS Receiver**
- MEMS Adis16448 Connector
- Bluetooth antenna
- Microprocessor STM32



Bluetooth



#### **Processing Unit / User Interface**

Lenovo X1 Yoga

**Air Pressure Sensor** 

- Intel i7-7500U (2.7GHz)
- 16GB DDR3-RAM





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Zero Velocity Update (ZUPT)

#### Challenges of MEMS sensors for INS:

• Accumulation of biased ACC+GYRO values  $\rightarrow$  increasing drift

#### Solutions:

- Additional aiding sensors (Laser, camera,...)  $\rightarrow$  increasing cost, weight and size
- Physical or model-based knowledge

#### Zero Velocity Update (ZUPT):

- $\sigma^2$  based technique  $\rightarrow$  imprecise
- New: model-based technique  $\rightarrow$  high-precision





Finite State Machine (FSM) - Idea

Goal: Robust and accurate detection of the Midstance phase



Finite State Machine (FSM) - Step Detection









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#### **Experimental Results**





- Absolute position and attitude estimation with GNSS signals
- Tightly Coupled GNSS/INS Integration
- Indoor/Outdoor transitions possible
- Time delay correction between GNSS and IMU data
- GPS support (GLONASS in future)
- Detection and exclusion of GNSS satellites with multipath errors











#### **Check Elevation**

•  $\phi > \delta_{\phi}$ 

 Satellites with low elevation angles have a high probability of multipath errors especially in urban environments

#### Check SNR

•  $SNR > \delta_{SNR}$ 

Reduction of the signal power by reflection, deflection or scattering

#### Mahalanobis Distance

• 
$$m < \delta_{mahal}$$
  $m = \sqrt{\frac{r^2}{\sigma_S^2}}$   $r = H\hat{\vec{x}} - \tilde{y}$   $\sigma_S^2 = HPH^T + \sigma_R^2$ 

- Adaptive outlier detection depending on P
- Check if there is a big gap between predicted and received measurement respect to their covariances

### **Experimental Results**





- ADIS 16448 IMU
- GPS only with 10Hz







#### ZUPT not always indoors



 $\rightarrow$  Robust and exact detection of moving platforms

Source of [1]: https://ozoneelevators.co.in/images/backgrounds/bg-main-2.jpg Source of [2]: https://upload.wikimedia.org/wikipedia/commons/thumb/4/42/Copenhag en\_Metro\_escalators.jpg/1920px-Copenhagen\_Metro\_escalators.jpg

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#### **Experimental Results**





	vert. distance	hor. distance	Δh	Δ2D	Δ3D
Test 1	105.23m	240.00m	0.33m	0.40m	0.52m
Test 2	63.52m	140.07m	0.89m	0.57m	1.05m
Test 3	124.03m	153.79m	0.98m	0.62m	1.16m





$$v_{hor} = \sqrt{v_{north}^2 + v_{east}^2}$$





#### **Experimental Results**



Without constraints

With constraints

	vert. distance	hor. distance	Δh	Δ2D	Δ3D
Test 1	28.95m	111.53m	0.49m	0.82m	0.97m
Test 2	36.90m	168.37m	0.06m	2.38m	2.38m
Test 3	25.99m	123.34m	0.11m	0.57m	0.58m
Test 4	20.46m	324.99m	0.05m	1.37m	1.37m





#### With constraints and steps on the escalator

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Conclusion

- High accurate relative positioning system
- Tightly integration of GNSS/IMU data for absolute localization
- Detection of elevators and escalators
- Real-time localization in outdoor and indoor scenarios

#### Outlook

- Mounting electronics in heel
- Body camera with RGBD sensor for reconstruction of 3D map



### **Conclusion & Outlook**



current grayscale-frame with detected features (red)







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X(m)



Realsense D435(IMU Integration)



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Thank you!



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