

Continuous Wellbore Path Estimation Using Multiple Integrated MEMS Sensors

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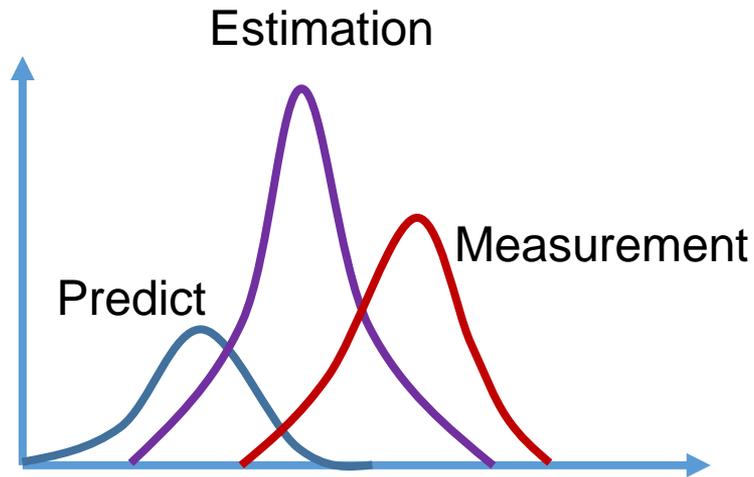
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Outline

- Problems and Challenges
- Objectives
- Methods and Experiments
 - A. Methods (Angle & Position)
 - B. Tests (Lab Scale & Field Scale)
- Summary

Problems and Challenges



1) Low robustness to unknown interference
[Goodall, 2009]



2) Field calibration hard
[Li, 2015]

3) Low accuracy on position estimation
[Stockhausen, 2016]

Objectives

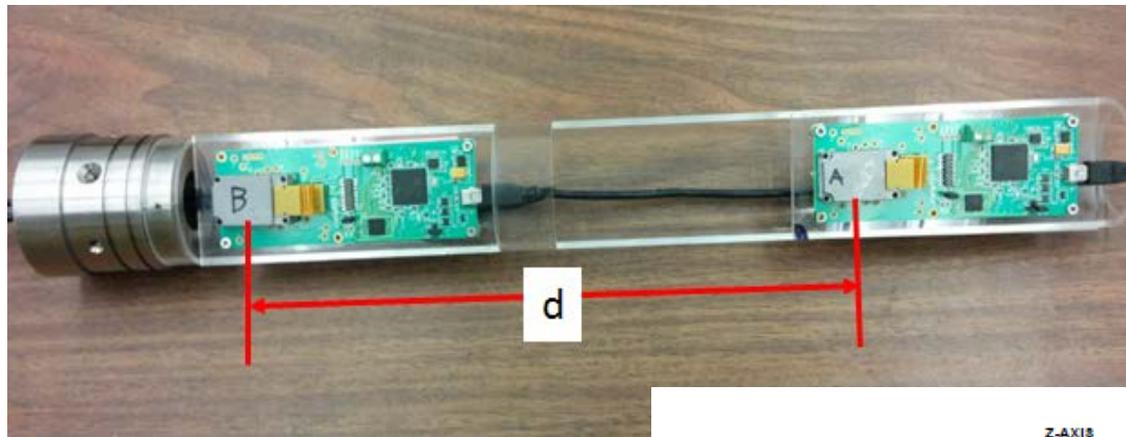
1. Hardware Design of Proposed Subsurface Measurement System

2. Robust Orientation Fusion-minimizing Magnetic Distortions for Azimuth Control

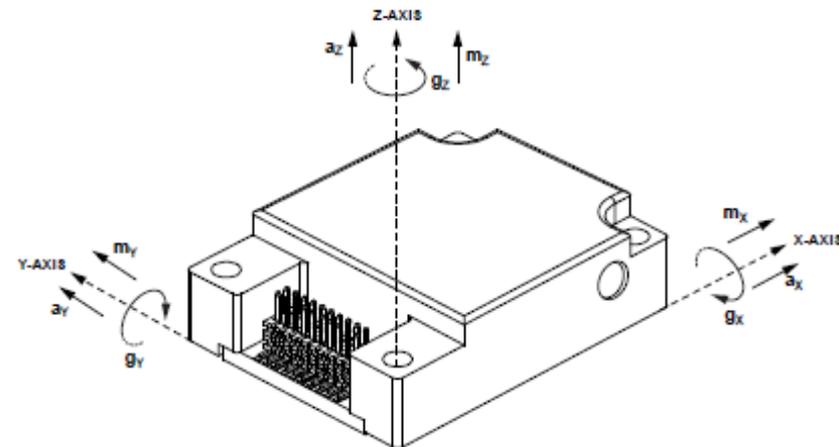
- Local Fusion –Quaternion Kalman Filter(QKF)
- Global Fusion –Adaptive Neuro-Fuzzy(ANFIS)

3. Identification of Position

Experimental Setup



- 2 MEMS IMU sensors
- 3 axis accelerometers
- 3 axis magnetometers
- 3 axis gyroscopes



MEMS based Monitoring System ⁷

Sensor



100 feet
long cable

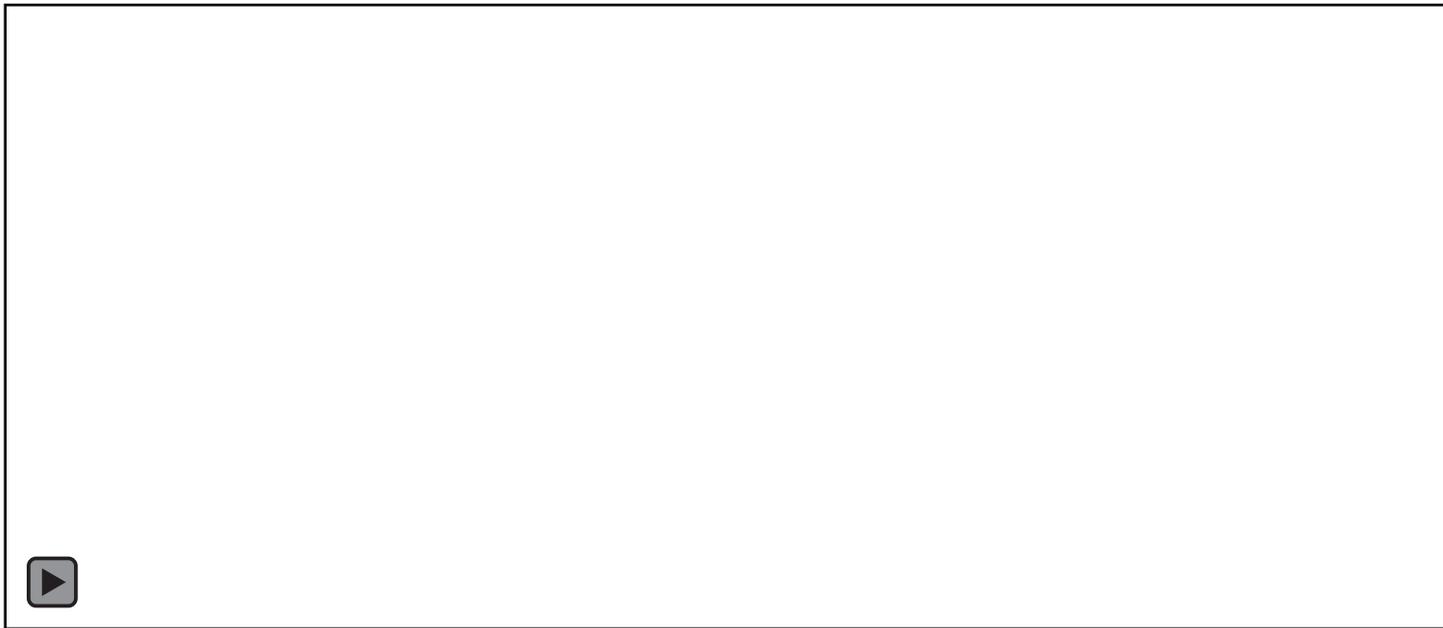


Long distance
data transportation



Data convert
box

Calibration (3D)

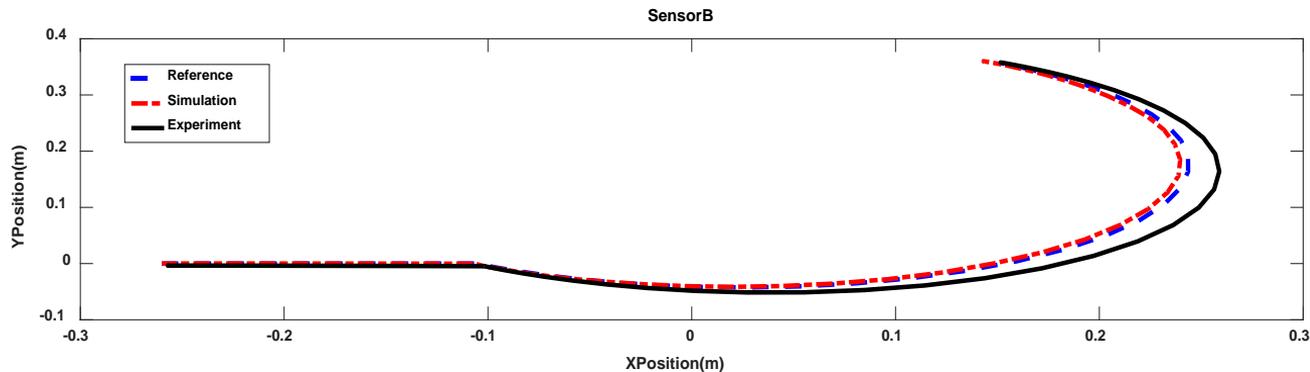
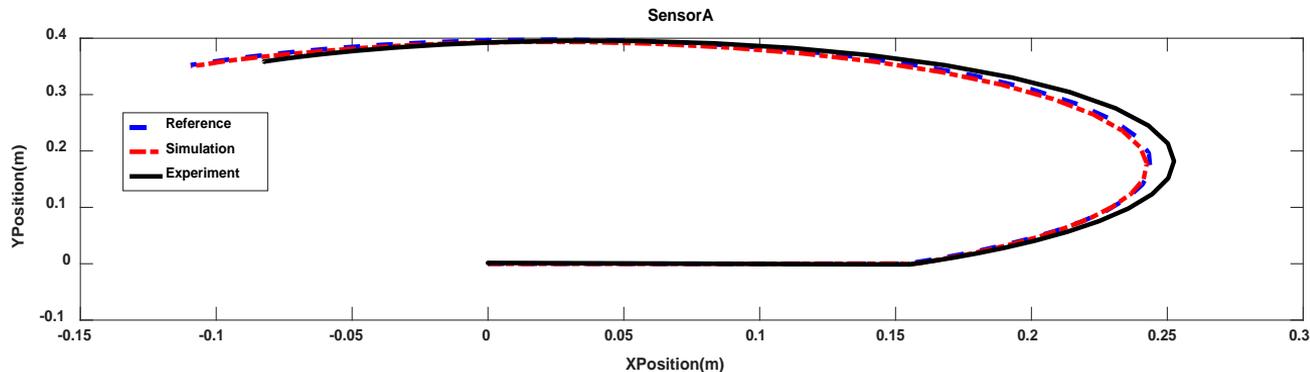


Calibration (2D)

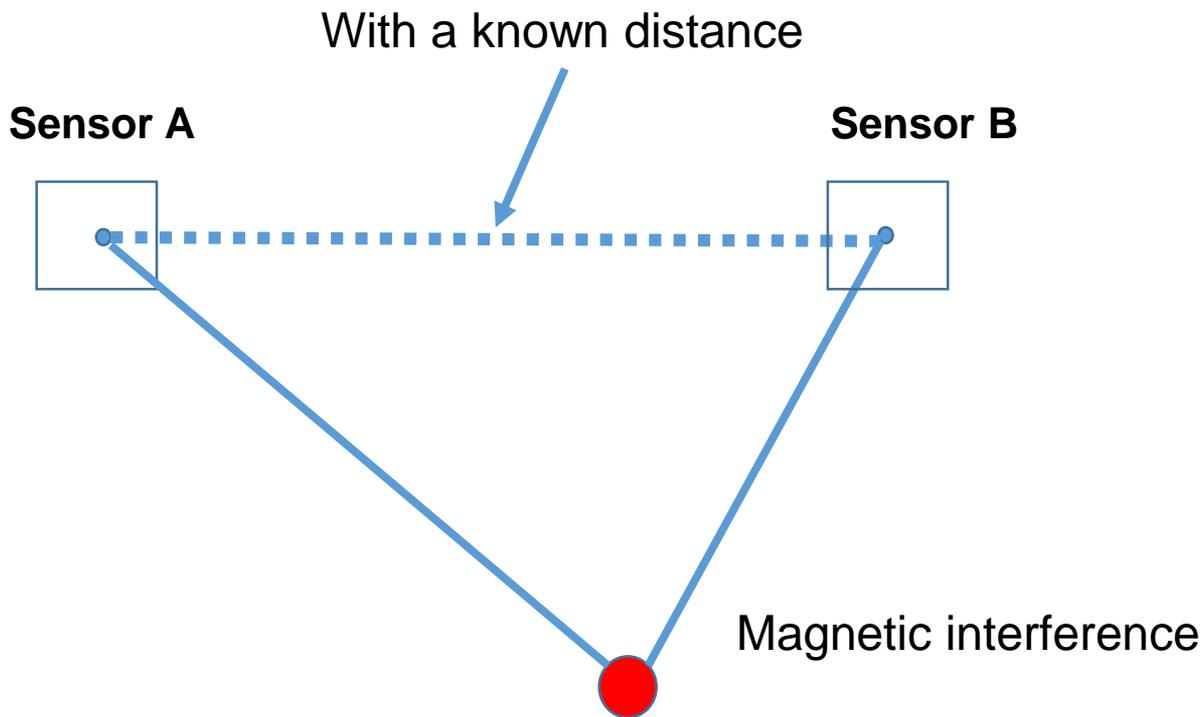
Horizontal
movement



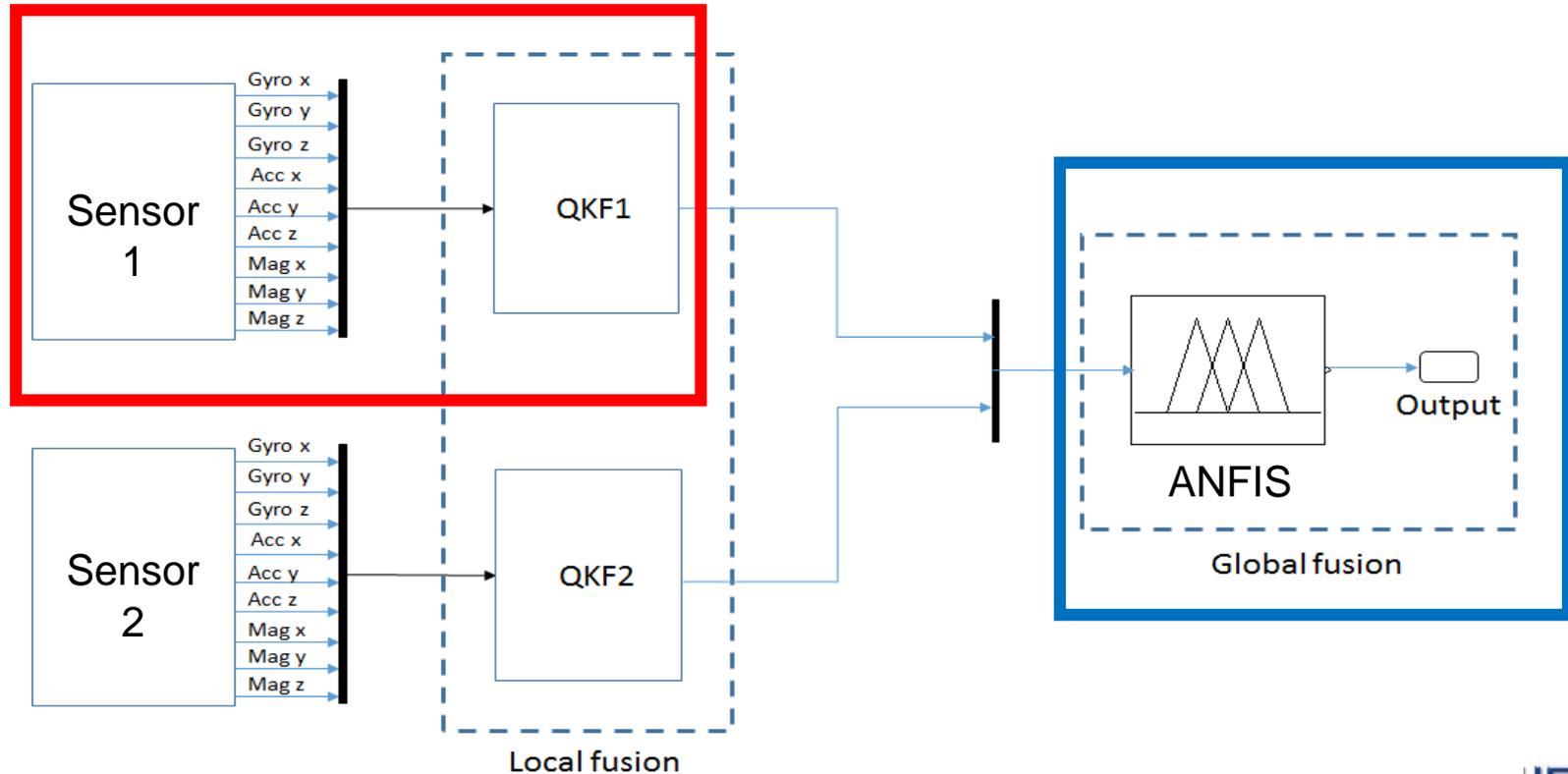
Calibration (Positions)



How to reduce the magnetic disturbances?

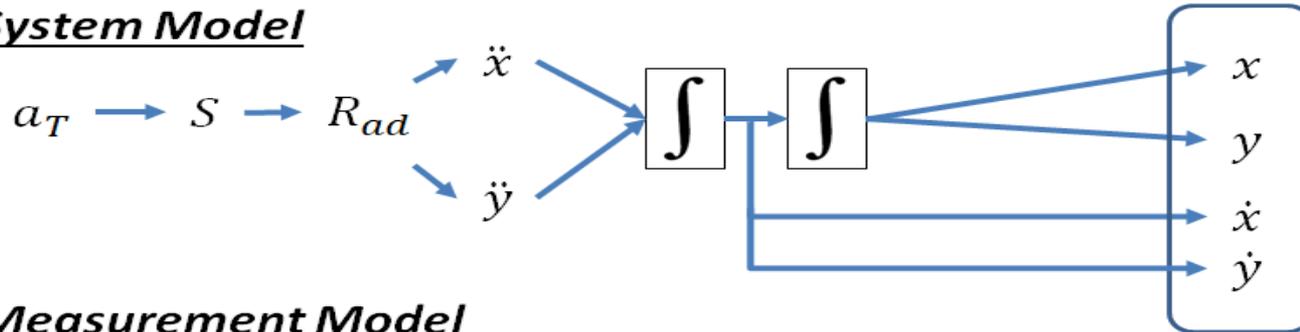


Angular Sensor Fusion

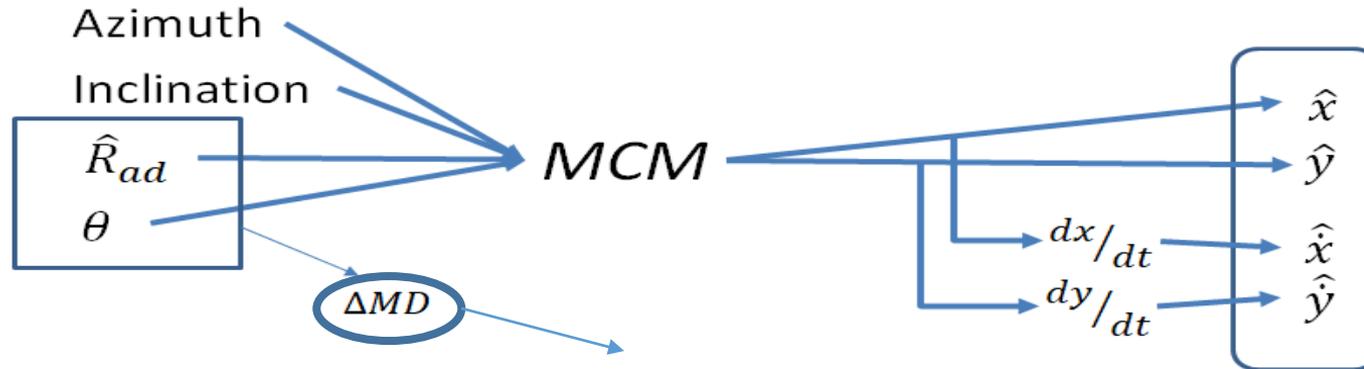


Sensor Fusion Method (Position, 2D)

System Model



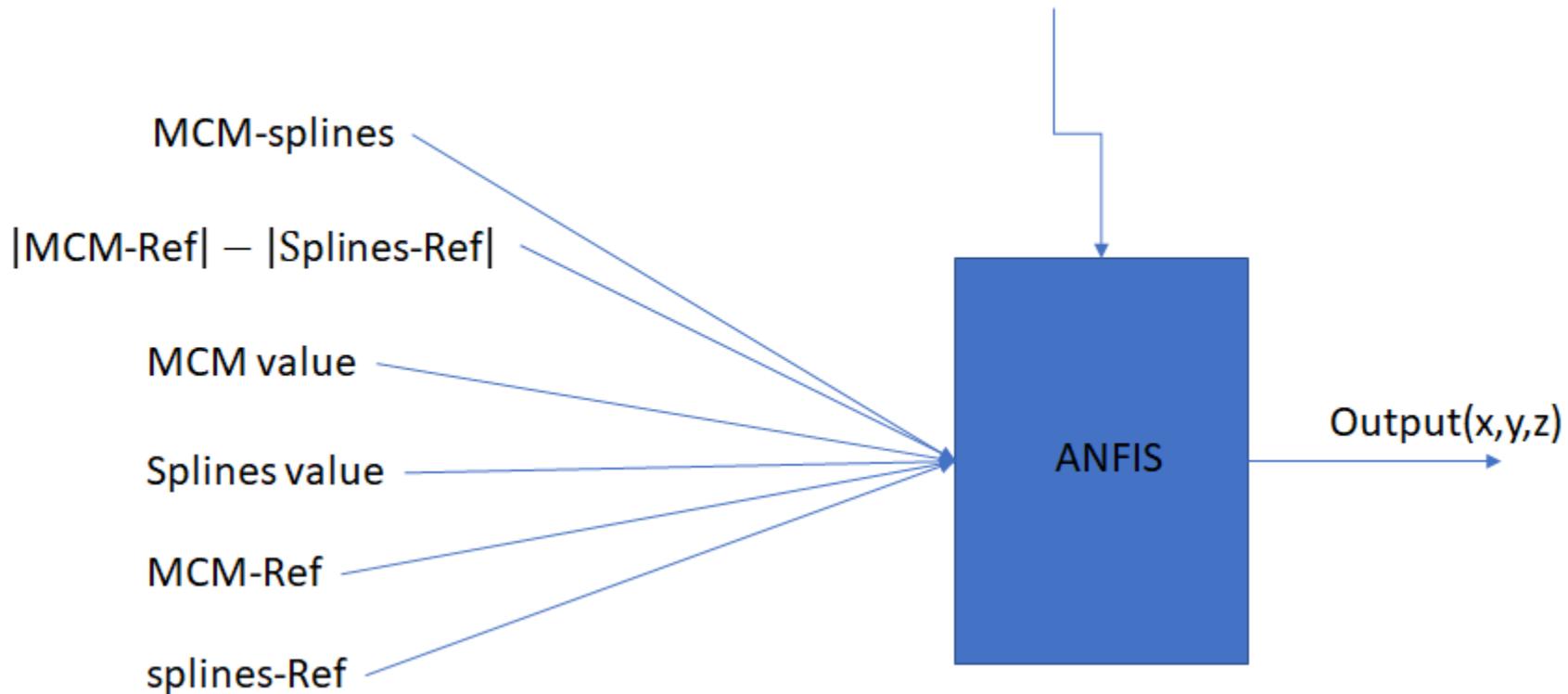
Measurement Model

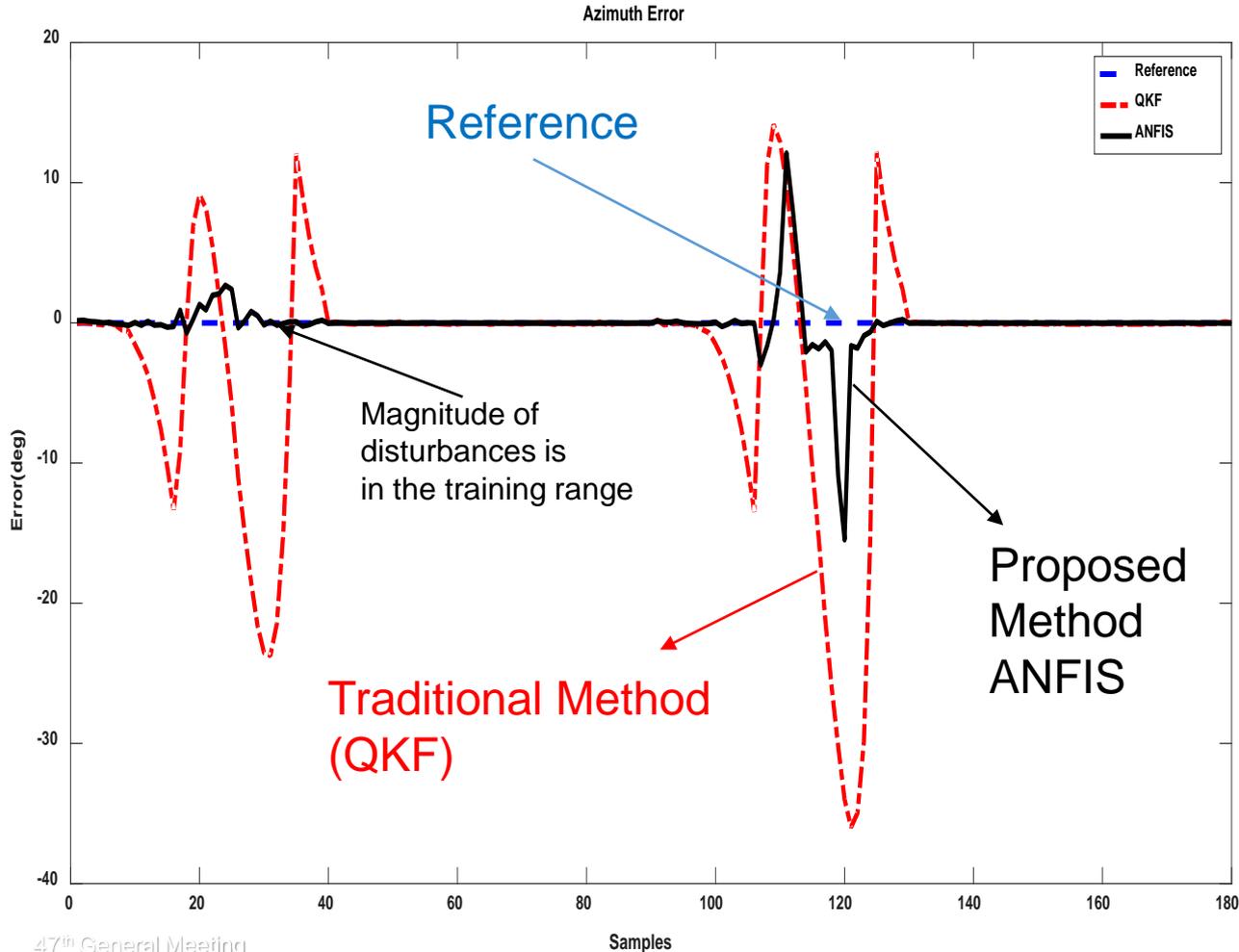


Not pipe length!

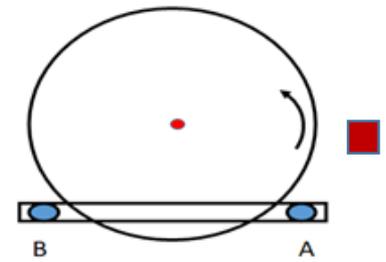
Sensor Fusion Method (Position,3D)

Teaching signal (Survey data)





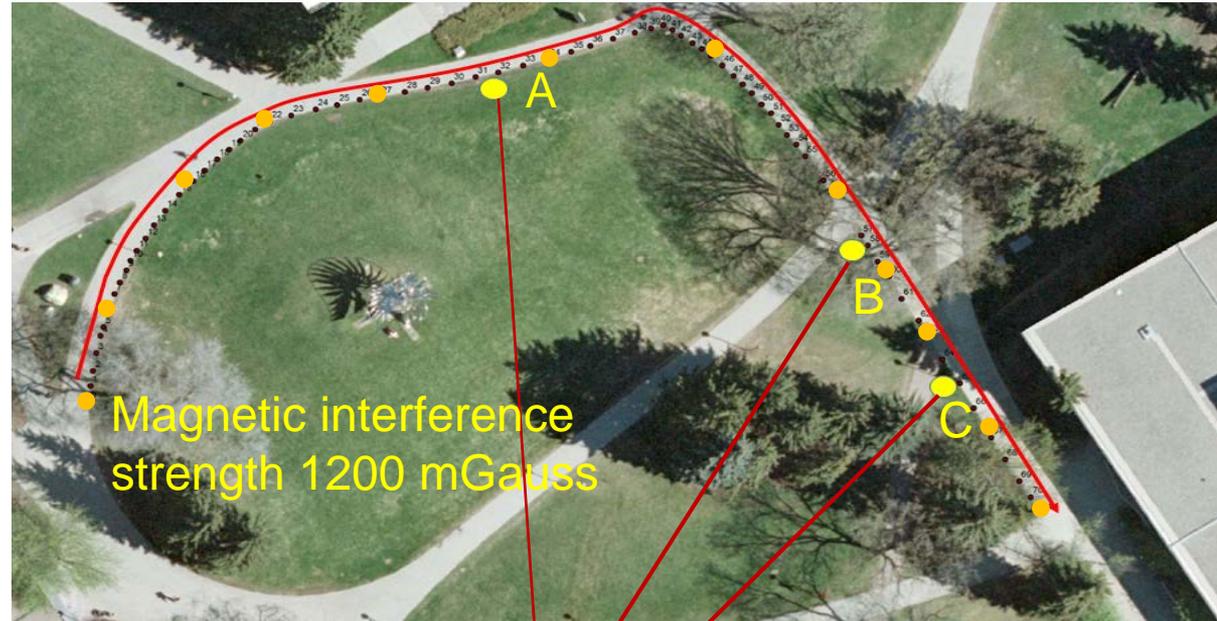
Lab Test (Angles)



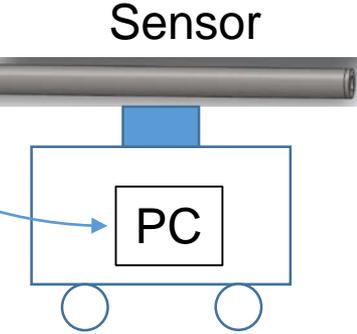
Curvilinear motion

Field Test (Angles)

Campus of University of Calgary



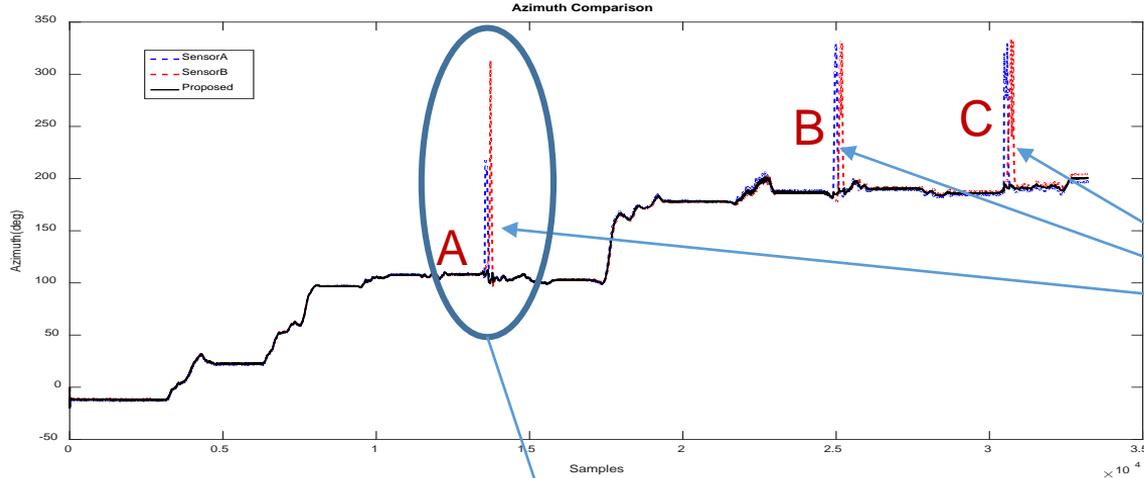
Three points of the locations of magnetic disturbance



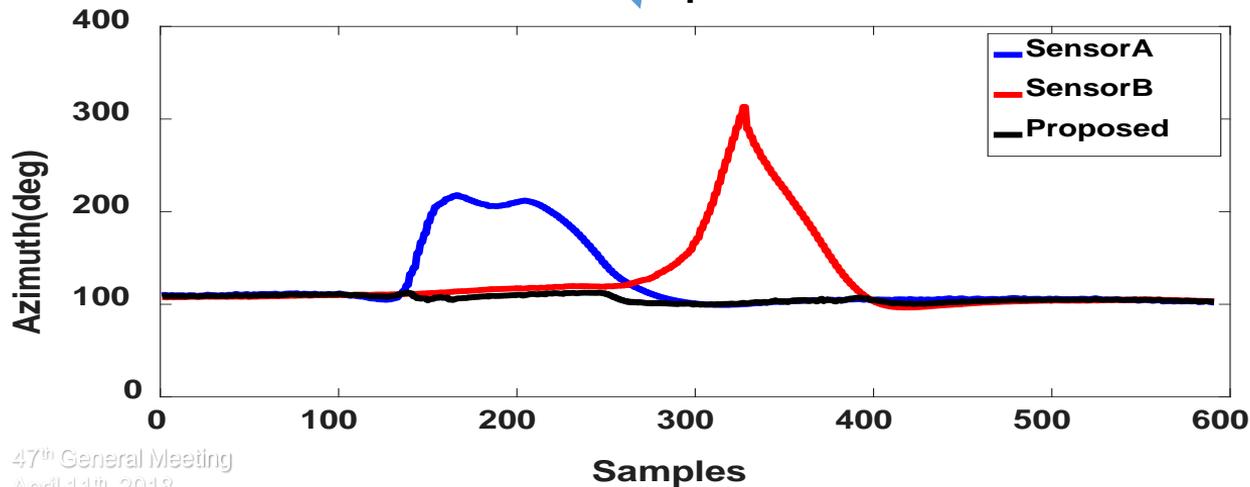
Data collection
Equipment

Continuous survey results

Magnetic disturbance

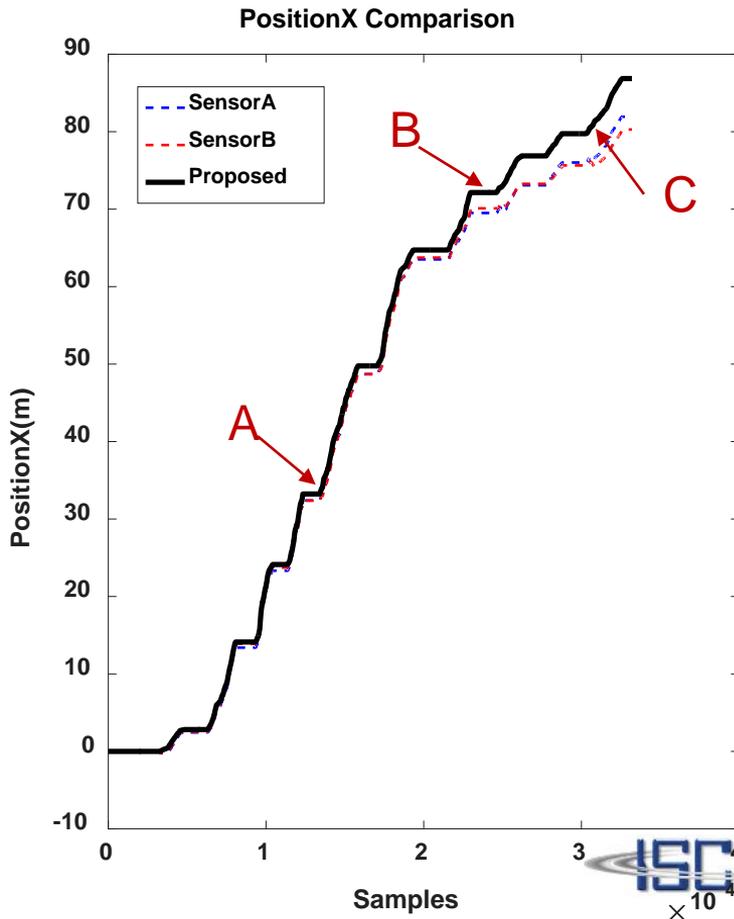
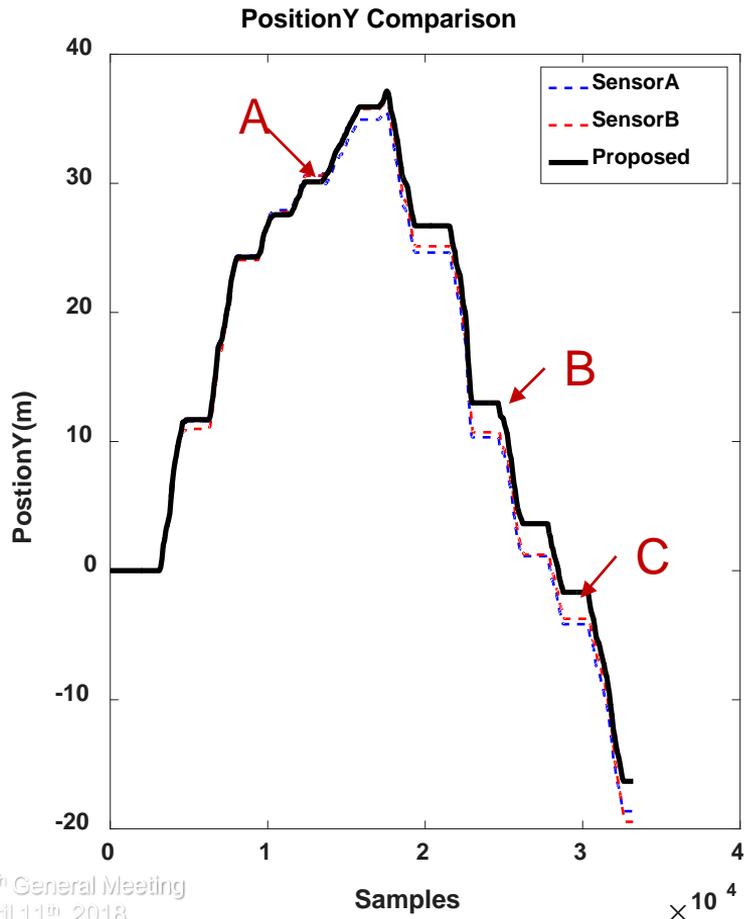


Azimuth Comparison



Samples

Results (Position)



Field Test (Positions)

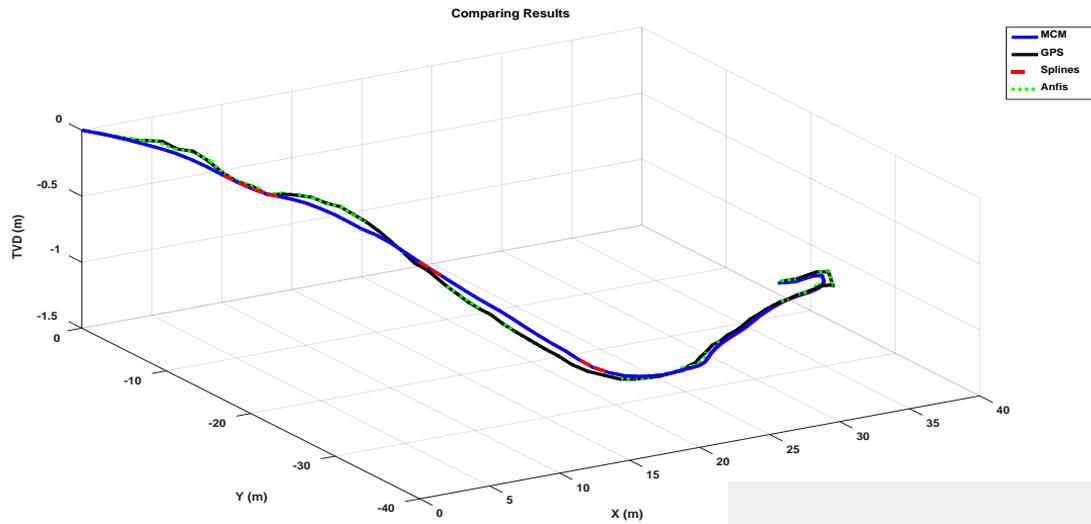


GPS signal was used as reference (survey)

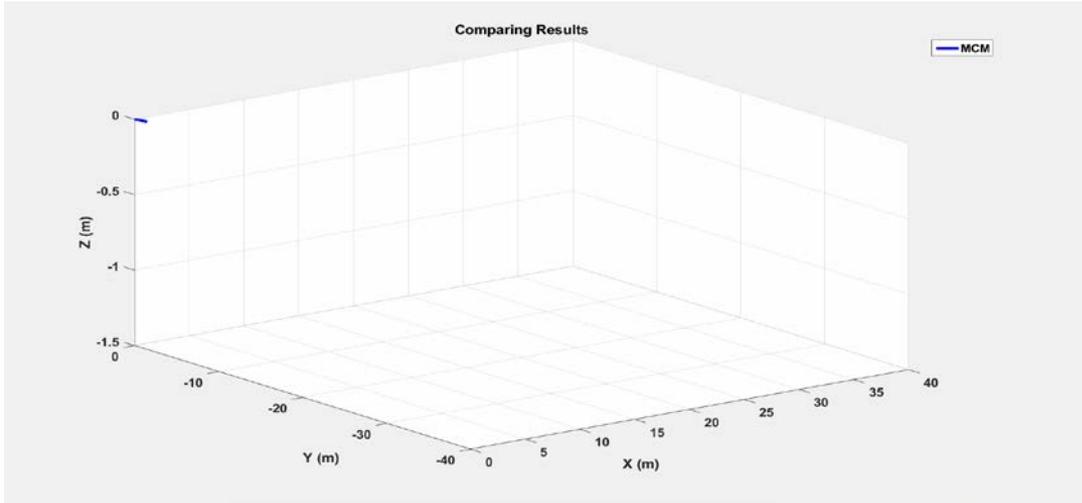
Route with rigid body and two IMU sensors

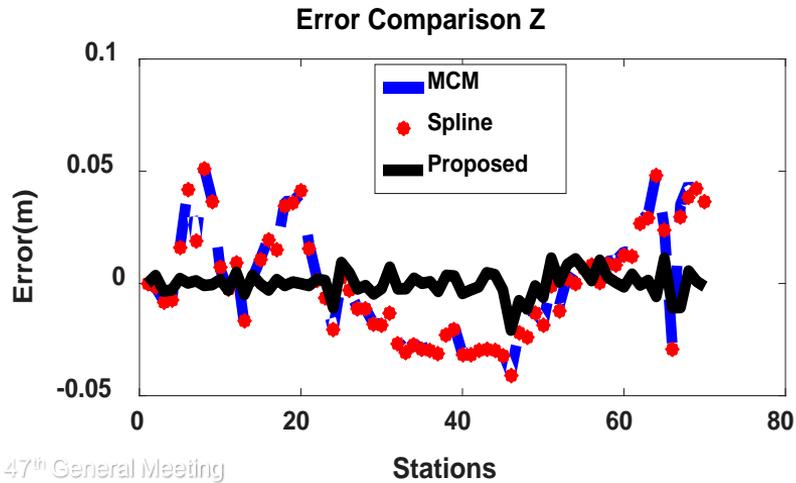
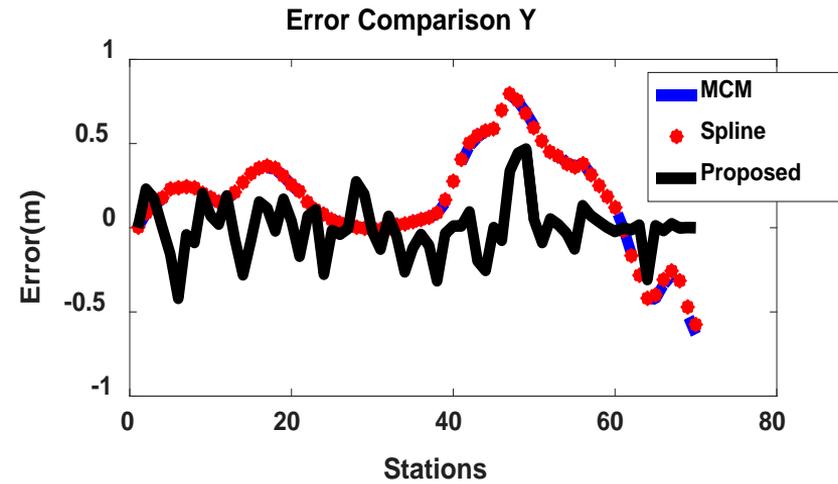
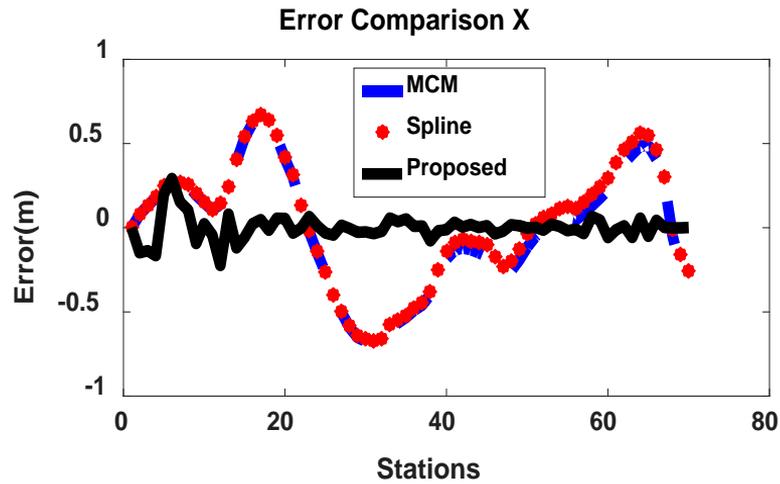


GPS receiver



Results

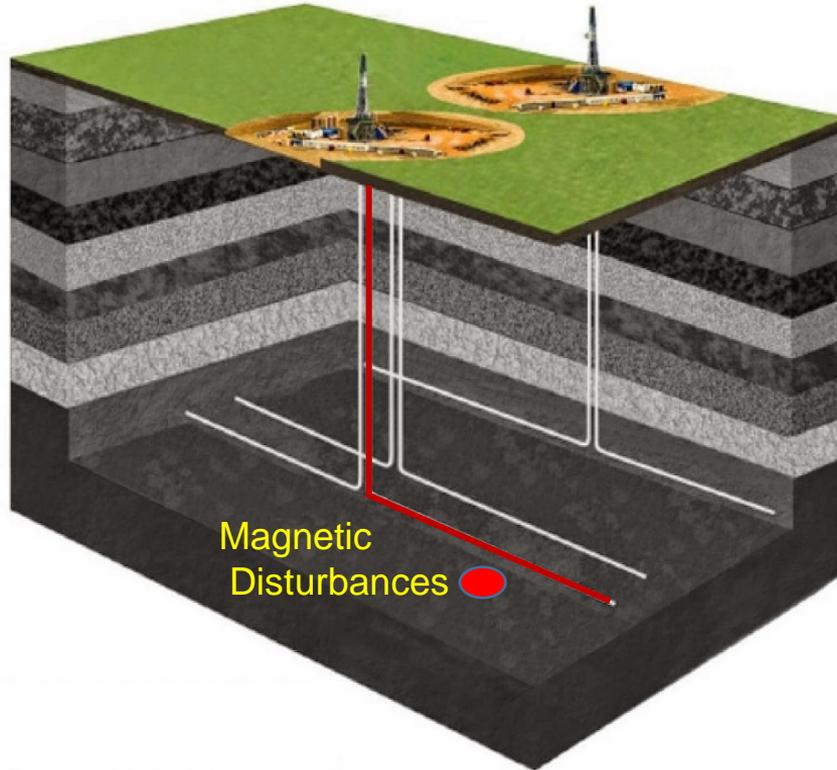




Accuracy
MCM & Spline [SPE 178796, 2016] same,
proposed method is better

Potential Industry Applications

Pad Drilling: Many Wells Are Drilled by a Single Drilling Rig



Multiple paths with same formation



Same inclination and azimuth angles
the moving distances are similar too



One path can be used as teaching
signal then high accuracy can be
duplicated to the other paths

Source: eaglefordshale.com

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<http://www.resilience.org/stories/2015-01-27/tight-oil-production-will-fade-quickly-the-truth-about-rig-counts/>

Wellbore Positioning Technical Section



The Industry Steering Committee on Wellbore
Survey Accuracy (ISCWSA)

Assumptions

- Two sensors were not influenced by magnetic disturbances at the same time with the same magnitude.

Limitations

- Need high accurate survey data as teaching signal.
- High accuracy only can be duplicated in the similar conditions

Summary

A subsurface measurement system with **two redundant IMUs sit on a rigid body with a special distance d** was designed.

Two level structure of filter which combined local and global to remove **unknown magnetic disturbances** was proposed and investigated.

High accuracy orientation and position estimation can be realized by this proposed method which proved by lab and field tests

This technique can be applied to pad drilling to reduce the **drilling cost and manual work**

Thank you for your attention!

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