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Challenges of Kinematic Measurements

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Motivation

Standard Surveying / Geodesy

- static and descriptive

New Challenges in Surveying / Geodesy

- moving objects or moving sensors
- consideration of time
- consideration of forces / causes

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Motivation

GPS-Antenna

Solar Panel

CabLynx Router

Charge Controller

Back-up Battery

WLAN

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Definitions

Classification of kinematic measurement tasks

object	static		kinematic	
trajectory is	intermediate result		final result	
kinematic sensor	static, acquires trajectory	kinematic, moves on trajectory	static, acquires object	kinematic, moves with object
examples	- hydrographic acquisition with robot tachymeter	- airborne laserscanning - INS for road acquisition	- robot tachymeter tracks construction machine	- GPS receiver moves on construction machine

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Definitions

Classification of kinematic evaluation and modeling

- Identity Model / Congruency Model**
 Geometric changes among minimum two points of time are investigated. The point movements are assumed to be zero. Time and acting forces are not considered. An example is the well-known statistical analysis of deformations.
 - Static Model
 Static states of an object are investigated with respect to the different acting forces. Time is not considered. As an example a load experiment of a bridge may serve.
 - Kinematic Model
 Time-related movements are described without consideration of acting forces. For the modelling more than two points of time are required. The model for the circle movement of a vehicle is an example.
 - Dynamic Model
 Here the time-dependent movements are regarded as reactions of the object on the time-dependent acting forces. This is the most realistic picture of reality. A good example is to use the same model then in the kinematic case but introducing the steering angle as acting force.

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Kinematic and static tasks

The diagram illustrates the classification of tasks into kinematic and static problems, categorized by measurement and evaluation techniques. It is structured as follows:

- Kinematic Problems** (solid box):
 - Kinematic** (Measurement Technique): e.g. navigation, machine guidance.
 - Static** (Measurement Technique): e.g. landslide, recent crustal movements.
- Evaluation Technique**:
 - Kinematic**: Kinematic or Dynamic Models (e.g. circle movement of a car; deformation of an object due to temperature).
 - Static**: Congruence Model or Static Model (e.g. congruence model of deformation analyses; load experiment on a bridge).
- Static Problems** (dashed box): Encompasses the static tasks from both measurement and evaluation techniques.

Multi-Sensor-Systems are required !

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Multi-Sensor-Systems

Components of a multi-sensor-system

The flowchart depicts the components and data flow of a multi-sensor system:

- multisensor system** (overall container):
 - data management** (top layer): Manages data flow across the system.
 - data flow** (middle layer): Shows the direction of data from sensors to evaluation.
 - requirements** (bottom layer): Shows the flow of requirements from evaluation back to sensors.
- Operational Components (Left to Right):**
 - sensors**: sensor n, sensor 2, sensor 1.
 - acquisition and synchronisation**.
 - sensor specific data pre-processing**.
 - evaluation algorithm**.
 - targets**: target qu. 1, target qu. 2, target qu. n.

operation phase: data flow from left to right
design phase: requirement flow from right to left

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Multi-Sensor-Systems

Classification of multi-sensor-systems

- Space-distributed systems
In this case similar sensors are installed at different measurement sites. This is a typical example e.g. for monitoring surveys by measuring time-varying coordinates of a landslide by GNSS or total station.
- Redundant systems
For this system different sensors acquire the same measurement quantity. In this way the possibility to control the measurements and to find errors within the acquired data is given. A good example is the determination of the position using a GNSS receiver and a total station.
- Complementary systems
Here different sensors acquire different measurement quantities that are required to determine a target quantity. Typical examples are the determination of a horizontal angle and a horizontal distance to estimate the 2D-coordinates or the measurement of the yaw rate and the acceleration to realize dead reckoning for moving vehicles.

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Machine guidance and total stations

Total station = complementary multi-sensor-system

Time-related problems: synchronisation and dead time

absolute synchronisation

time →

global time (e.g. GPS time)

local time (e.g. computer time)

dead time sensor 1

dead time sensor 2

synchronisation error

measurement sensor 1 measurement sensor 2 measurements at computer

Dead time is of importance for realtime applications only, especially for control and guidance applications.

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Machine guidance and total stations

Influence of dead time of total station on controlled curve drive

Influence of dead time on control deviation in dependence of velocity

Velocity (v) [m/s]	Control deviation (e) [mm] (200ms)	Control deviation (e) [mm] (300ms)	Control deviation (e) [mm] (400ms)
0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
0.4	0.5	1.0	1.5
0.8	1.5	3.0	4.5
1.2	3.0	6.0	9.0
1.6	5.0	10.0	15.0
2.0	8.0	15.0	22.0

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Machine guidance and total stations

Solution: Anticipated computation point

$$Y_{a.c.p.} = Y_{c.o.g.} + \sin(\theta) \cdot s$$

$$X_{a.c.p.} = X_{c.o.g.} + \cos(\theta) \cdot s$$

Control quality better than 2 mm (in laboratory) !

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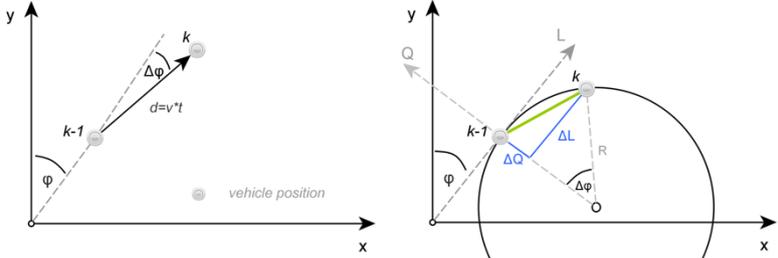
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Modeling of vehicle movements



Redundant and complementary multi-sensor-system



Straight line or circle as dynamic model !

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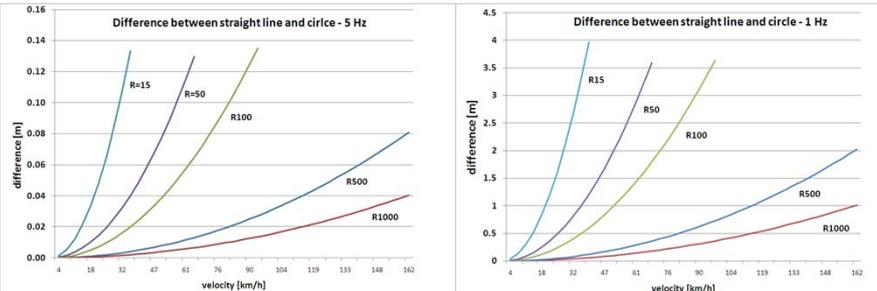
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Modeling of vehicle movements



- Straight line sufficient for most of the applications
- Precise applications (cm-level) require circle model
- Low data rate shows a need for circle model

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Automated low-cost GNSS monitoring system

GNSS receivers = space-distributed multi-sensor-system



CabLynx router including u-blox Lea-6T receiver, ANN-MS antenna and shielding, WLAN antenna, solar pannel, charge controller and battery.

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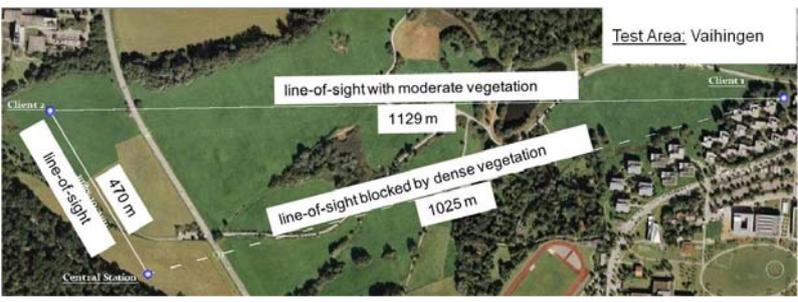
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Automated low-cost GNSS monitoring system

First test measurements using three receivers



Test Area: Vaihingen

- Dynamic routing of mesh topology is working
- Standarddeviation < 1 cm
- Deviations to given coordinates < 2 cm

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Summary

- Kinematic measurements are an important field for surveying
- Multi-Sensor-Systems are widely expected
- Space-distributed, redundant and complementary systems exist
- Time-relations, modelling and efficiency are possible working and research fields
- **FIG Commission 5 „Positioning and Measurements“ offers the possibility to work within these topics in WG 5.4 „Kinematic Measurements“**

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