

What can geodetic dynamic networks do for sensor orientation?

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what is this?

$$\dot{x}^e = v^e$$

$$\dot{v}^e = R_b^e f^b - 2\Omega_{ie}^e v^e + g^e(x^e)$$

$$\dot{R}_b^e = R_b^e (\Omega_{ei}^b + \Omega_{ib}^b)$$

- a 1st-order differential equation
- an observation equation that relates measurements (red) to parameters
- a stochastic differential equation
- the strapdown inertial mechanisation equations
- that can be solved in real-time (navigation) or in post-processing (orientation/positioning)

difference between positioning and navigation

- navigation is knowing “where” –e.g. $SE(3)$ – you are in real-time
 - navigation is a polysemous word (e.g. robotic navigation)
for “us” navigation is not “guidance and control”
- positioning is knowing “where” you are or were
 - sensor orientation is positioning in $SE(3)$
- real-time is, usually, demanding in terms of computational speed
- post-mission is, usually, demanding in terms of accuracy
- the estimation/numerical methods of real-time & post-mission may differ

diff... between inertial navigation & inertial thinking

- **inertial navigation** is computing

$PVA(t+\Delta t)$ from $PVA(t)$

using inertial measurements

$(\omega, f)(t)$ and/or $(\omega, f)(t+\Delta t)$

- **inertial thinking** is computing

$PVA(t+\Delta t)$ from $PVA(t)$

using the method

$M(t-\infty)$

because others were doing it in the past

a non-inertial approach to inertial tPVA orientation

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$$\begin{aligned} \frac{-x^e(t+2\Delta) + 8x(t+\Delta) - 8x(t-\Delta) - x(t-\Delta))}{12 \cdot \Delta} &= v^e \\ \frac{v^e(t+\Delta) - v^e(t-\Delta)}{2 \cdot \Delta} &= R_b^e f^b - 2\Omega_{ie}^e v^e + g^e(x^e) \\ \frac{R_b^e(t-2\Delta) - 4R_b^e(t-\Delta) + 3R_b^e(t)}{2 \cdot \Delta} &= R_b^e (\Omega_{ei}^b + \Omega_{ib}^b) \end{aligned}$$

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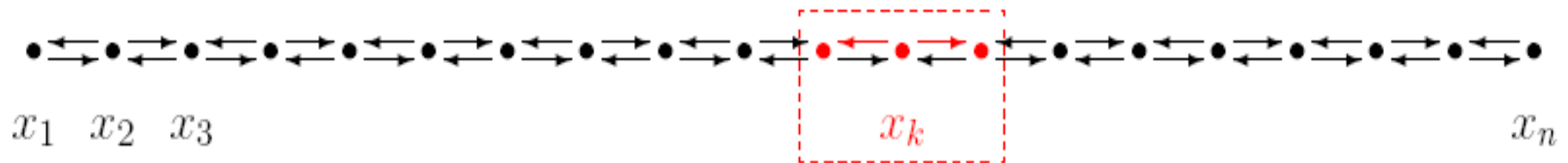
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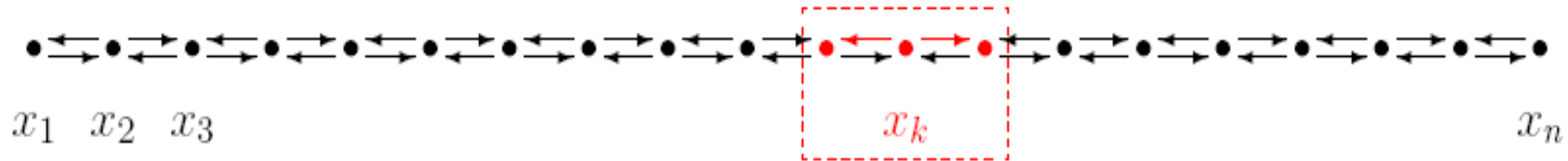
$$\frac{-x_{k+2}^e + 8x_{k+1}^e - 8x_{k-1}^e + x_{k-2}^e}{12 \cdot \Delta} = v_k^e$$

$$\frac{v_{k+1}^e - v_{k-1}^e}{2 \cdot \Delta} = R_{bk}^e f^b - 2\Omega_{ie}^e v_k^e + g^e(x_k^e)$$

$$\frac{R_{bk-2}^e - 4R_{bk-1}^e + 3R_{bk}^e}{2 \cdot \Delta} = R_{bk}^e (\Omega_{ei}^b + \Omega_{ib}^b)$$



a non-inertial approach to inertial tPVA orientation



- time steps shall not be necessarily constant
- finite difference coefficients shall not be necessarily centered
- order of approximation shall not be always de same
- higher-order derivatives can also be approximated by finite differences

dynamic geodetic networks

classical geodetic network

$$f(\ell + v, x) = 0$$

ℓ, v, x : random variables

dynamic geodetic network

$$f(\ell(t) + v(t), x(t), \dot{x}(t)) = 0$$

$\ell(t), v(t), x(t)$: stochastic processes

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dynamic geodetic networks: **original motivation**

- improvement of mobile mapping trajectories in urban environments
- integration of inertial and photogrammetric measurements
- global –as opposed to stripwise– airborne SINS gravimetric methods

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advantages of dynamic geodetic networks

- **stochastic constraints between parameters (states) at different times**
crossovers; rigorous, global “loop closures”
- **integration at the raw measurements’ level**
better modelling, correlations are not neglected
easier outlier detection
software concentration
- **other modelling advantages**
the random constant vs. random walk dilemma level
- **availability of geodetic network techniques and tools**
- **related well known numerical methods from ODEs, PDEs and civil engineering**

challenges of dynamic geodetic networks

- **size of matrices / number of measurements and unknowns**

2 h * 3600 s/h * 200 twf / s * 15+ parameters/twf = 21.600.000 + unknowns

can be reduced (10-100 factor), depending on motion frequency by “downsampling”

$$\Omega \left(\frac{\Delta t}{2} \right) = \frac{\log (R(0)^T R(\Delta t))}{\Delta t} \quad \log R = \frac{\theta}{2 \sin \theta} (R - R^T)$$

- **sorting of unknowns**

new strategies

- **Ill conditioning of normal equations**

next presentation

- **low redundancy / weak geometry of the INS/GNSS problem**

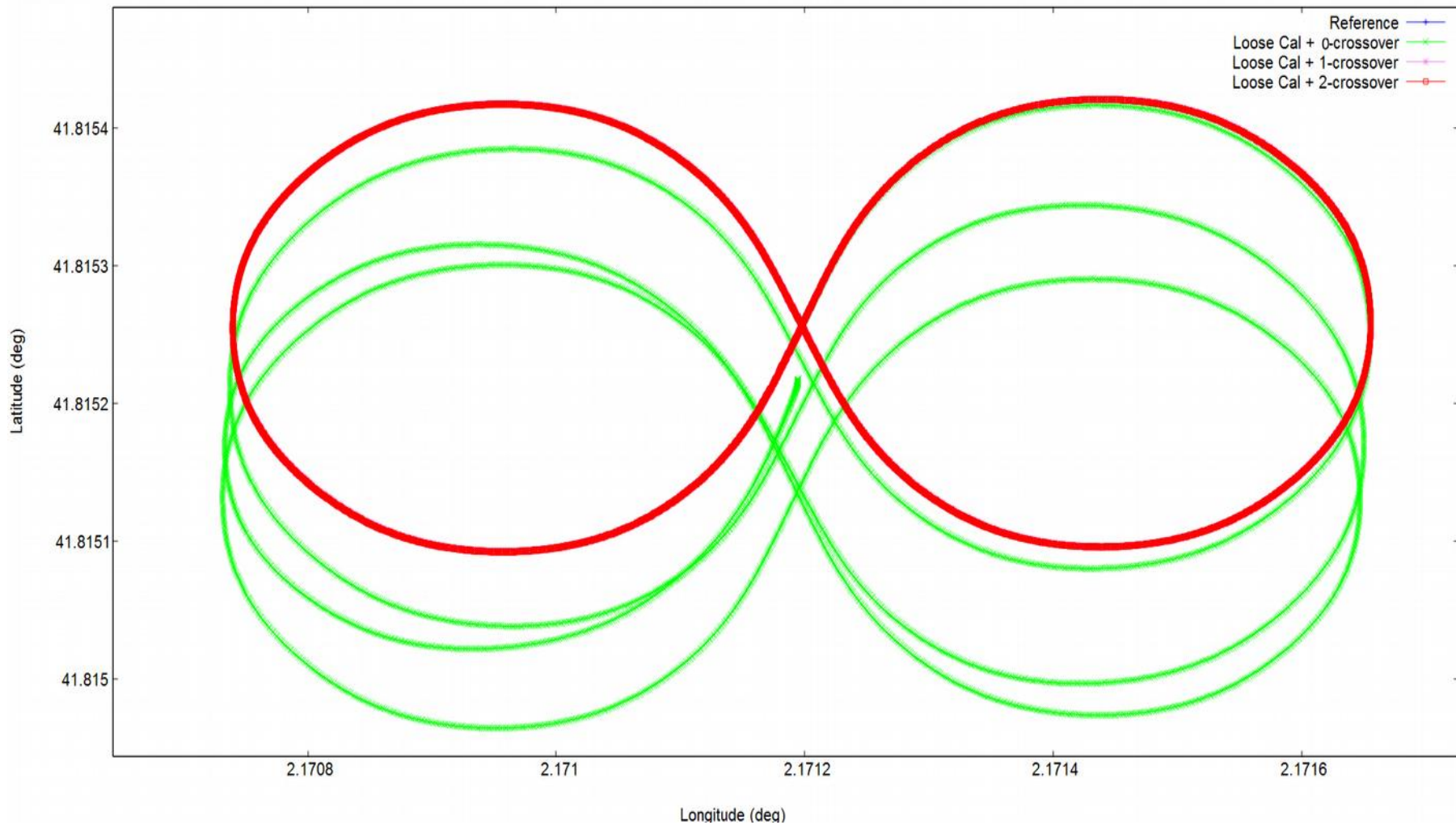
- **the old, known and overlooked wrong Taylor expansions of stochastic processes**

application to terrestrial mobile mapping: crossovers

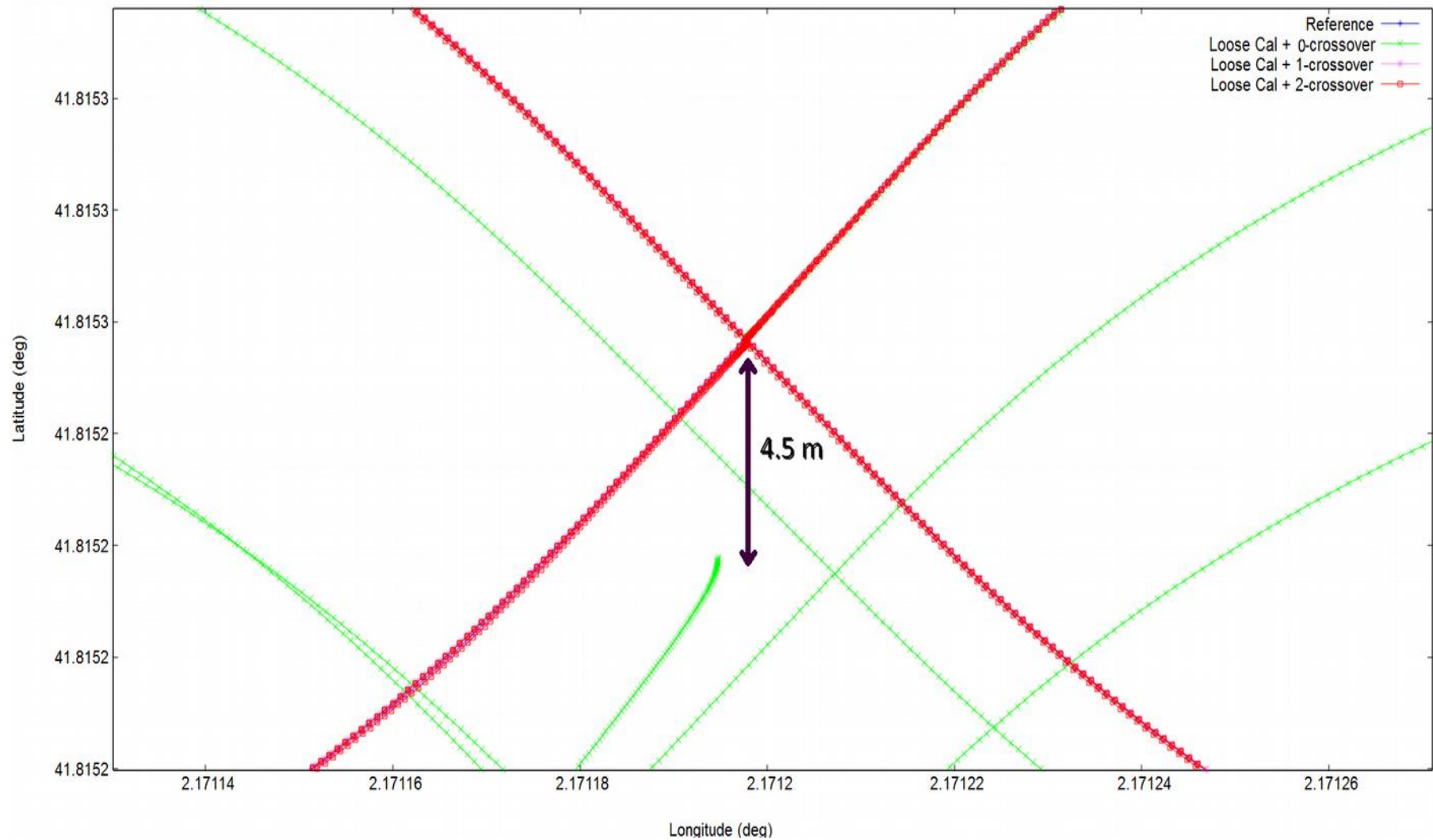
gyro noise	accel noise	gyro repeatability	accel repeatability
0.09 deg / sqrt(h)	0.008 m/s/sqrt(h)	1 deg/s (0.05) 1- σ	4 mg 1- σ

- 3 ∞ - shaped loops in $SE(3)$ (3D space)
- 50 s length, 20 m radius
- 6 crossovers (only 2 used)
- initial 2 s “calibration”
- coordinate systems: cartesian (x,v) e-frame & exponential (R, $SO(3)$)
- processing: GeoNumerics’ IMU simulator, GENA and dynamicSURVEY toolbox
- data validation: GN’s NEXA (Predictor-Corrector 4) and dynamicSURVEY toolbox

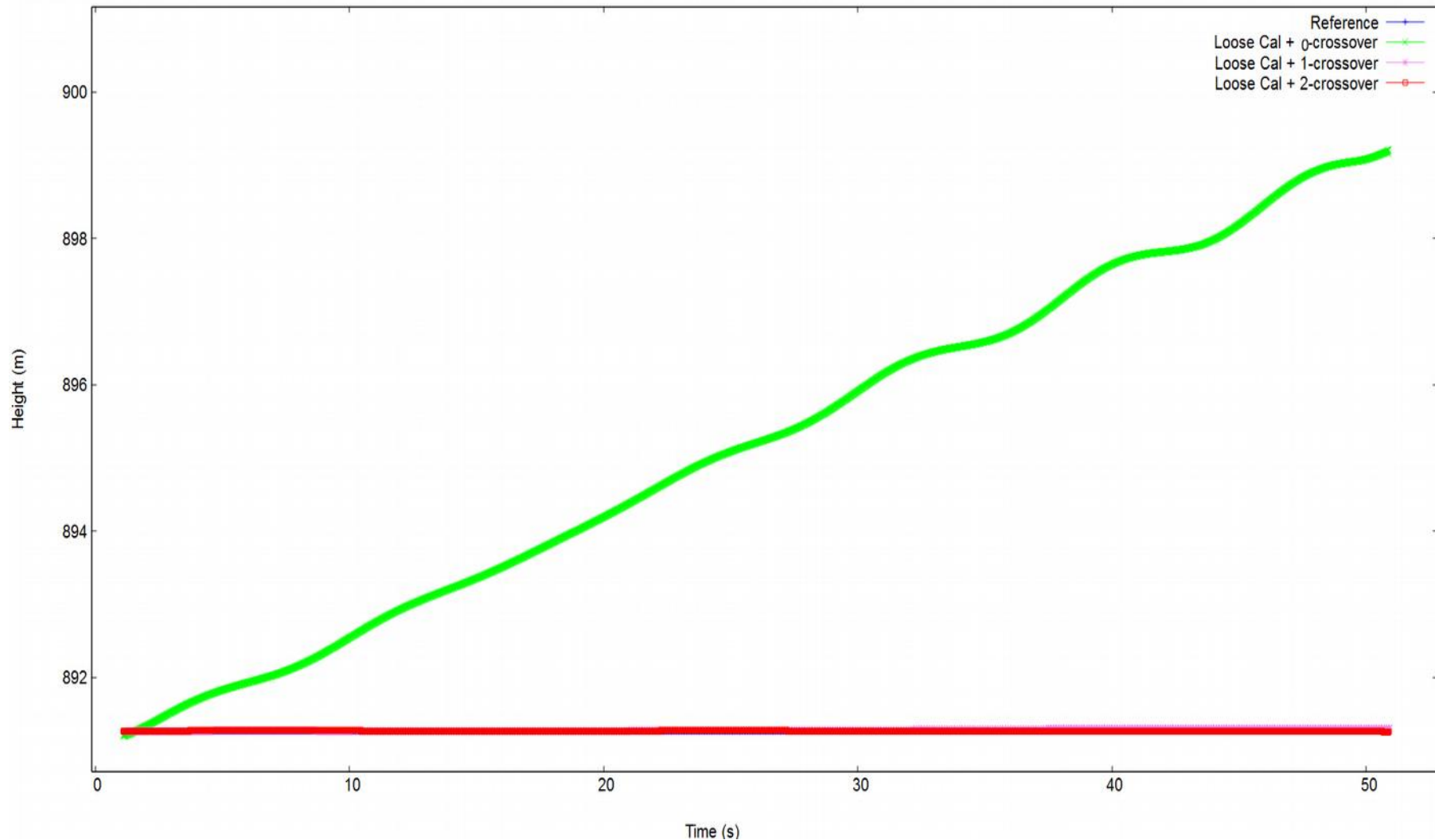
reference, 0, 1 & 2 crossovers



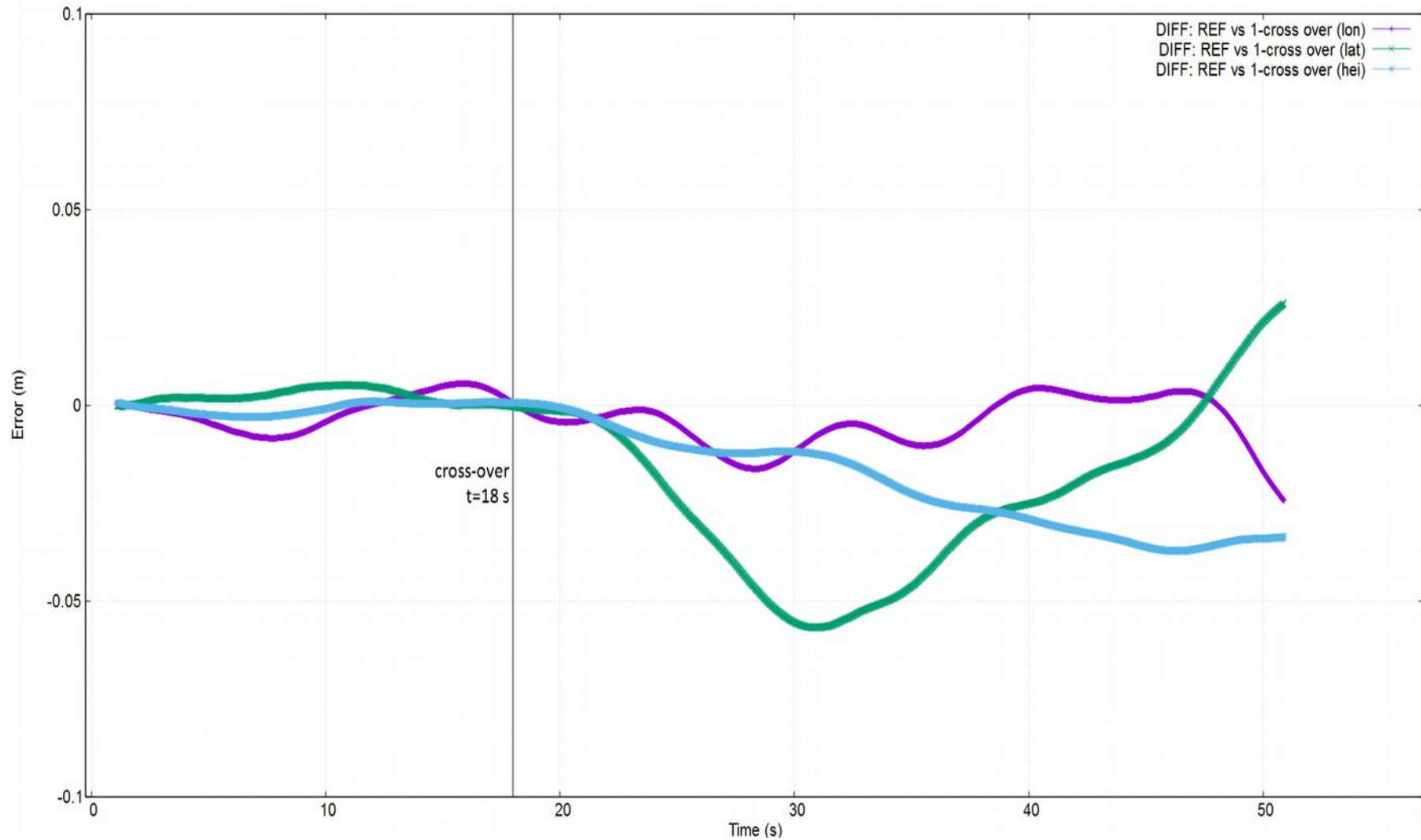
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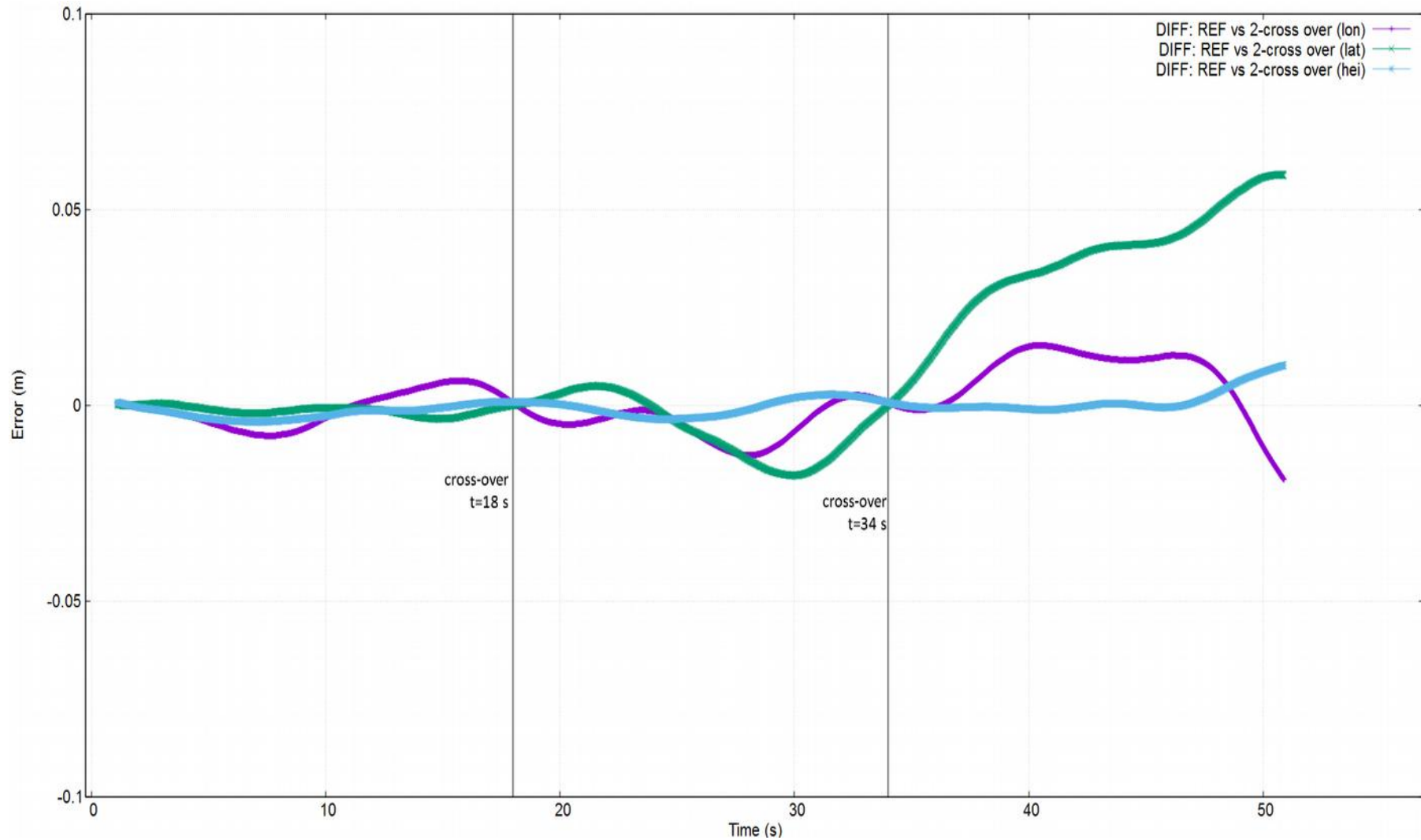
reference, 0, 1 & 2 crossovers: height error



1 crossover



2 crossovers



application to airborne gravimetry

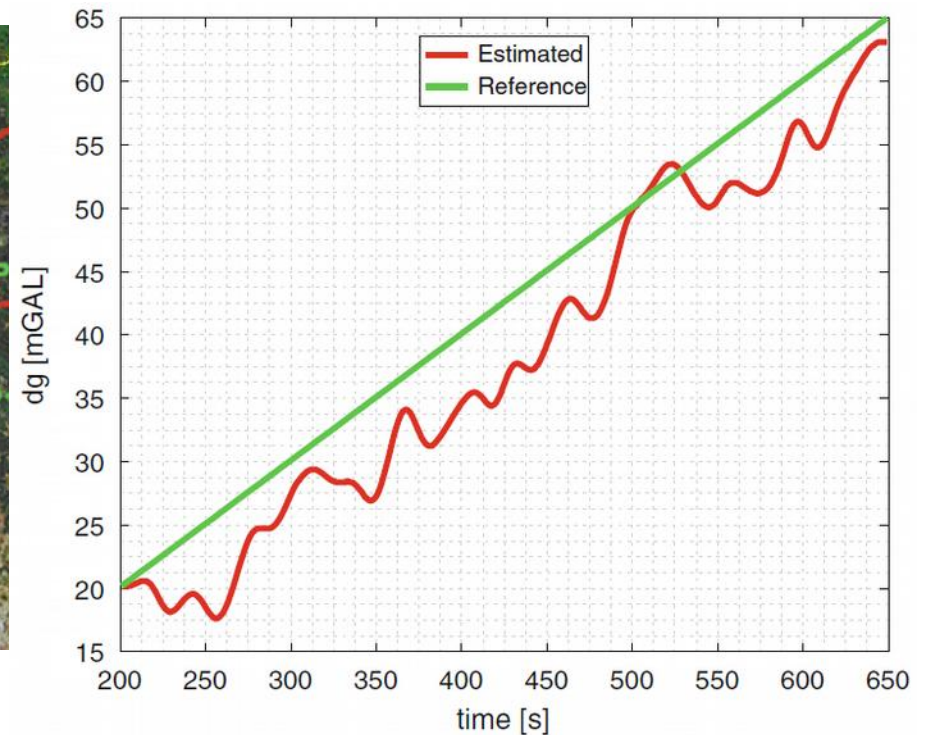
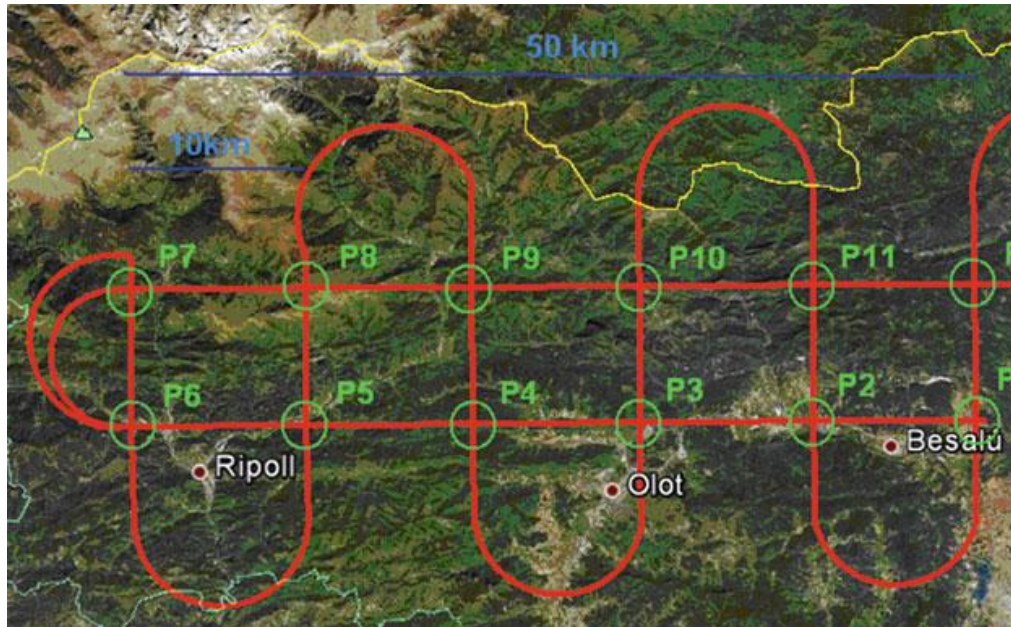
airborne gravimetry: kinematic gravimetry from aircraft.

SINS gravimetry: kinematic gravimetry with strapdown IMUs and GNSS.

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- removal of strip gravity-disturbance-vector biases using the flight line crossovers

Galileo for Gravity (GAL) EU-funded project



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application to photogrammetry

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summary

- reviewed the concept of dynamic networks: clear advantages and some issues
- an old idea seems to go into practice as a geodetic post-processing method for refinement of sequential KF or SLAM results.
- 3 original visions validated/demonstrated:
 - mobile mapping (esp. in GNSS unfriendly environments),
 - Airborne SINS gravimetry and
 - integration with photogrammetric networks.
- more on next presentation...

Thanks!

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