

Real-Time Road Slope Estimation and 3D Map Generation Algorithm for Energy Management Systems

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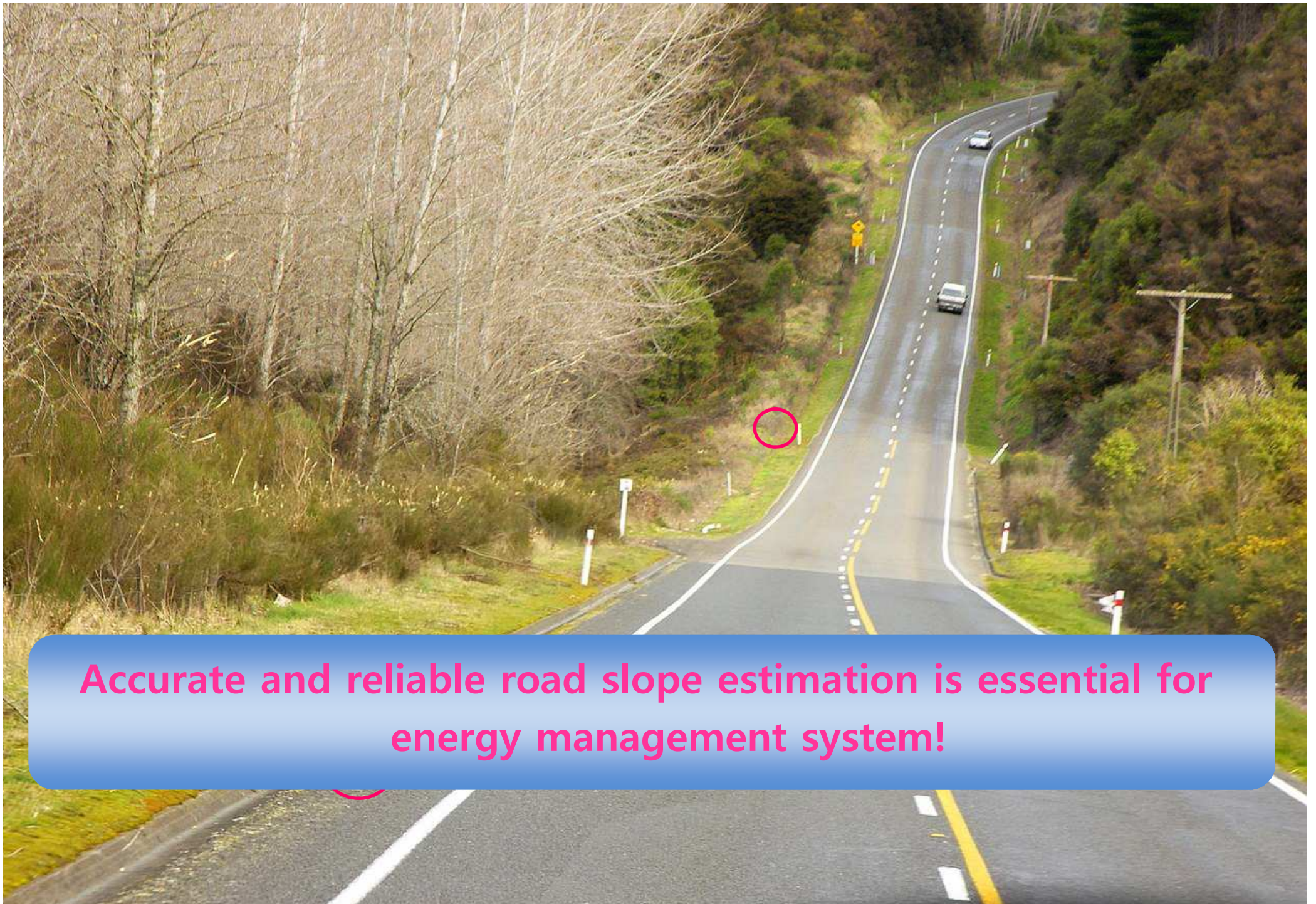


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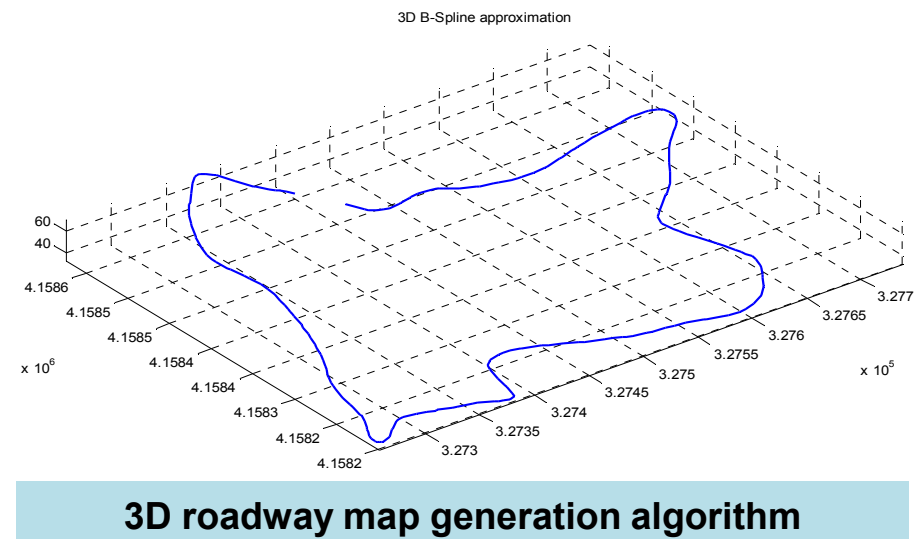
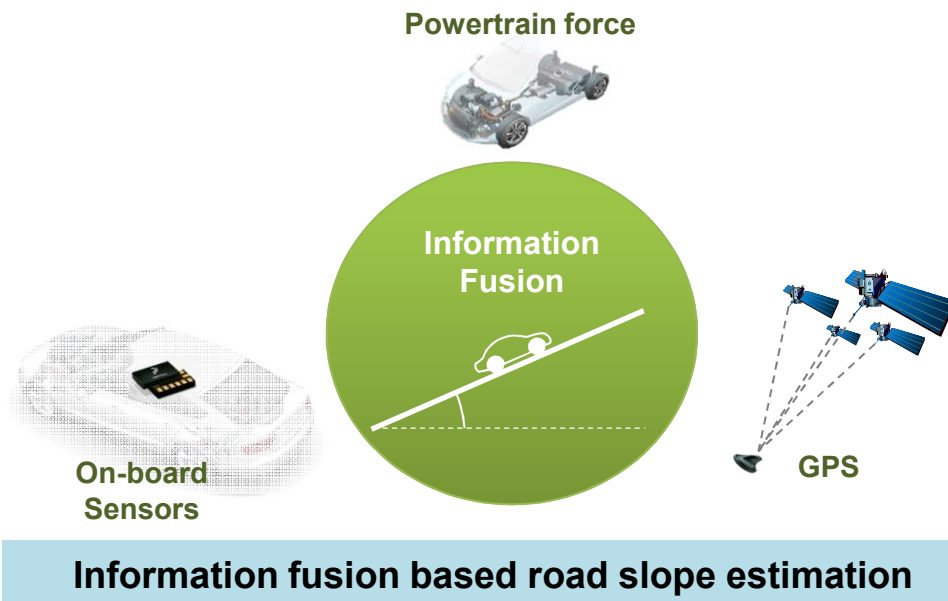
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Accurate and reliable road slope estimation is essential for energy management system!

Research Objectives

- **Road slope estimation algorithm based on information fusion**
 - ▶ On-board sensors: accelerometer, wheel speed sensors
 - ▶ GPS information
 - ▶ Powertrain force information
- **3D map generation algorithm based on the road slope estimate**



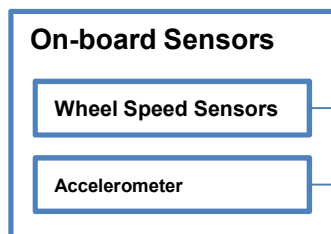
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Road slope estimation based on information fusion

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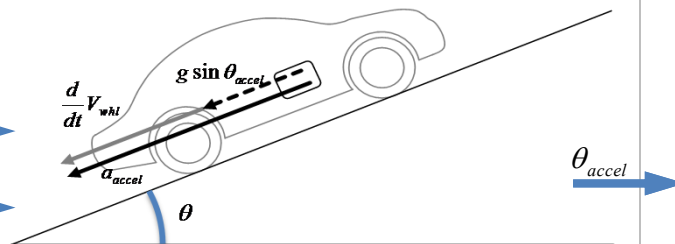
System Overview

Information sources for road slope



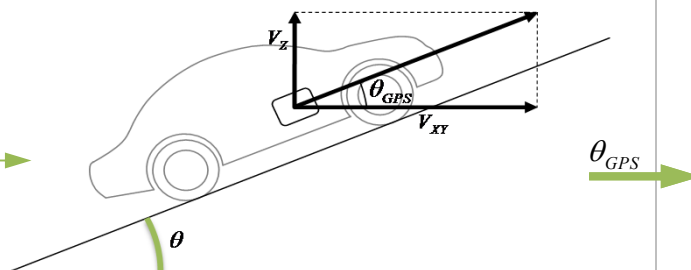
V_{whl}

a_{accel}



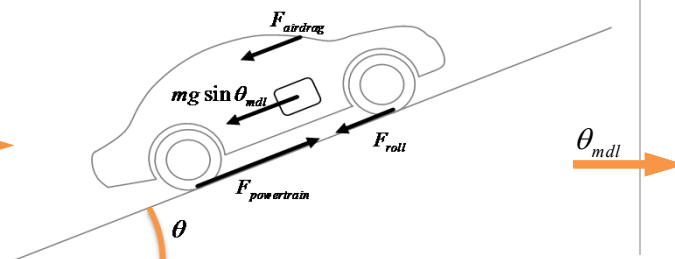
GPS Receivers

$V_X V_Y V_Z$



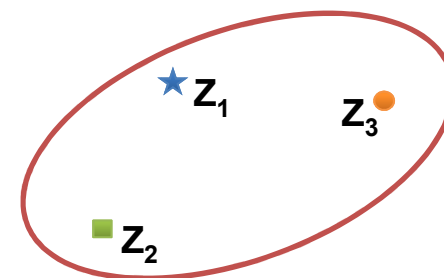
Powertrain Force

$F_{powertrain}$

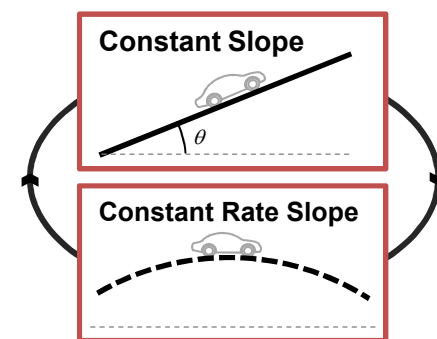


Information fusion : IMMPDAF

Probabilistic Data Association



Multiple Road Slope Model



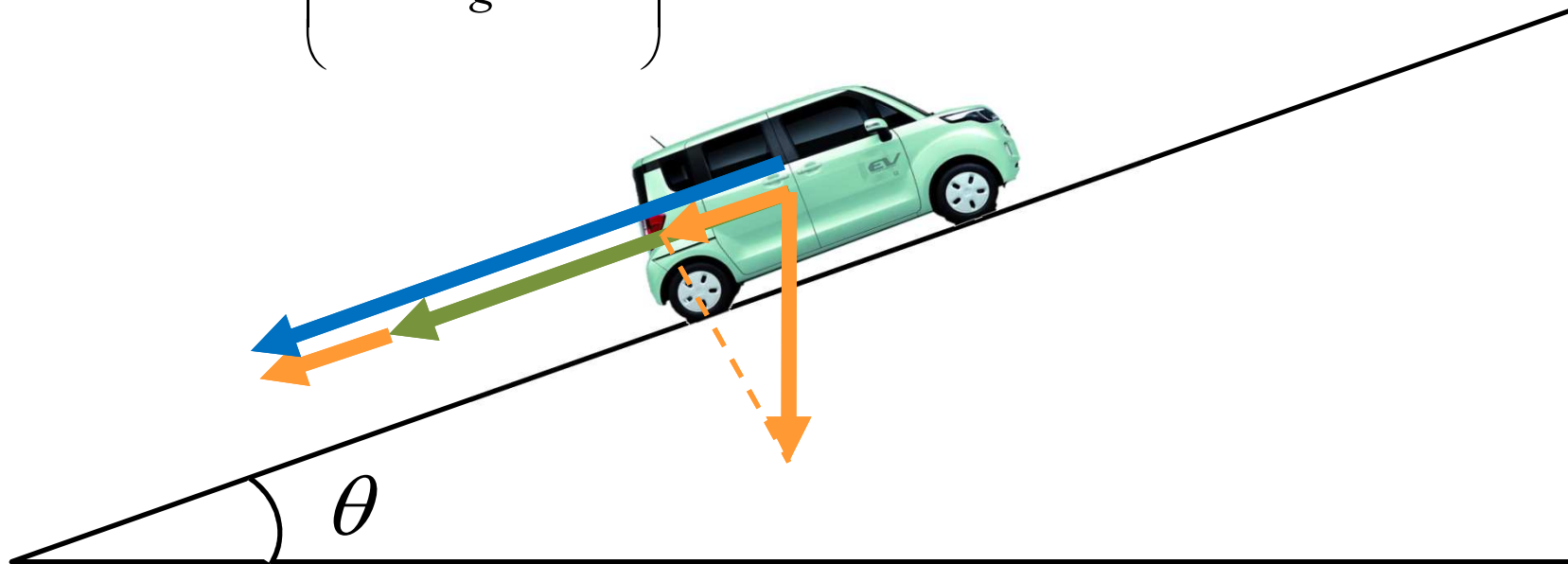
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On-board Sensors based Estimation (I)

■ On-board sensors based road slope estimation

- ▶ Wheel speed sensors V_{wheel}
- ▶ Longitudinal accelerometer = Vehicle acceleration + Gravity

$$a_{acc} = \frac{d}{dt}V_{wheel} + g \sin \theta$$
$$\theta = \sin^{-1} \left(\frac{a_{acc} - \frac{d}{dt}V_{wheel}}{g} \right)$$



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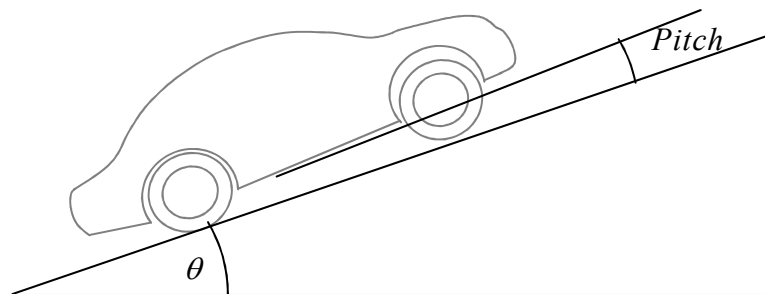
On-board Sensors based Estimation (II)

■ Advantages

- ▶ Does not required the prior knowledge of the vehicle model and parameters
- ▶ Independent to the external environment condition

■ Disadvantages

- ▶ Acceleration sensor noise
- ▶ **Differential error** of wheel speed sensors
- ▶ **High-frequency noise** from the vehicle pitch motion

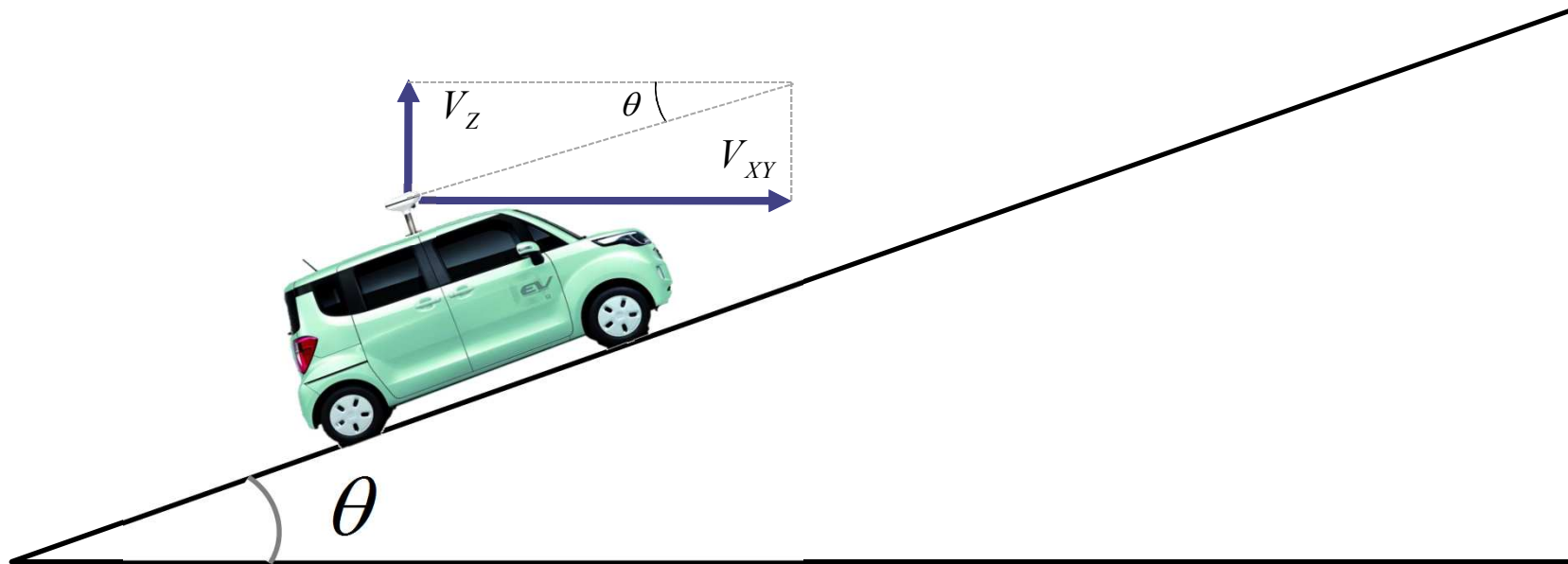


GPS based Estimation (I)

■ GPS based road slope estimation

- ▶ The ratio of vertical to horizontal velocity from **GPS receiver**

$$\theta = \tan^{-1} \left(\frac{V_z}{V_{XY}} \right)$$



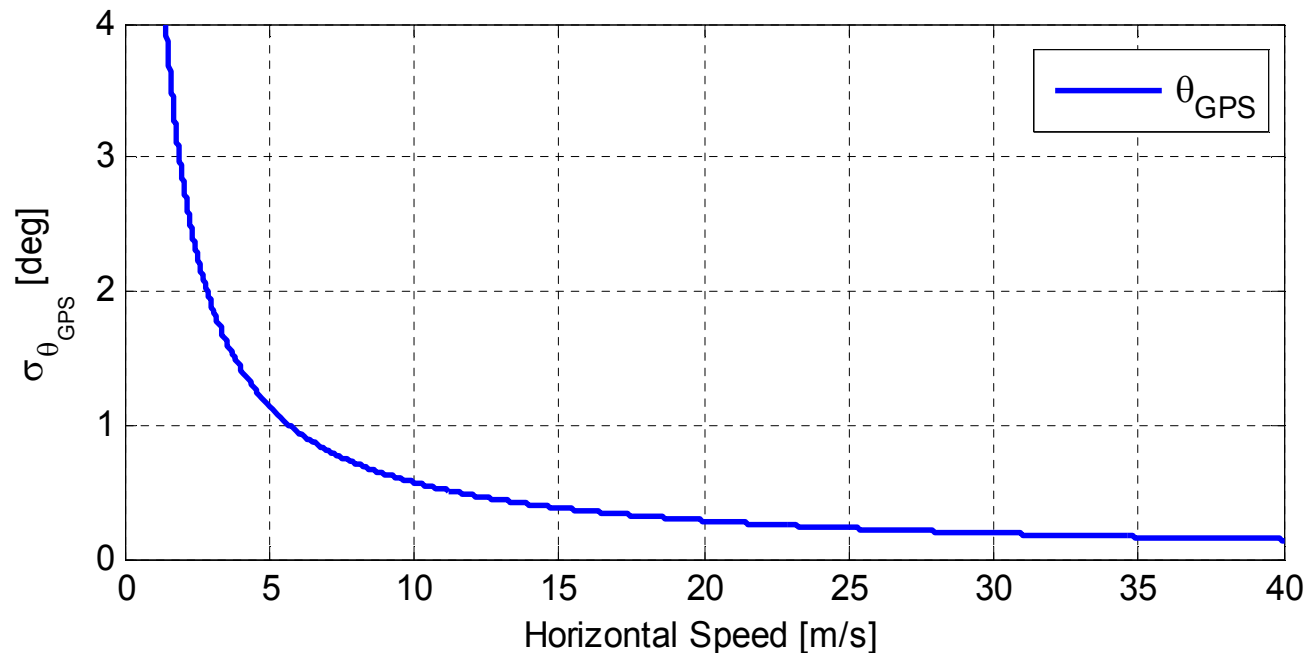
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GPS based Estimation (II)

■ Disadvantages

- ▶ Highly depend on the GPS signal condition
- ▶ Cannot update the road slope during the **stop or low speed condition**

$$\theta = \tan^{-1} \left(\frac{V_z}{V_{XY}} \right)$$

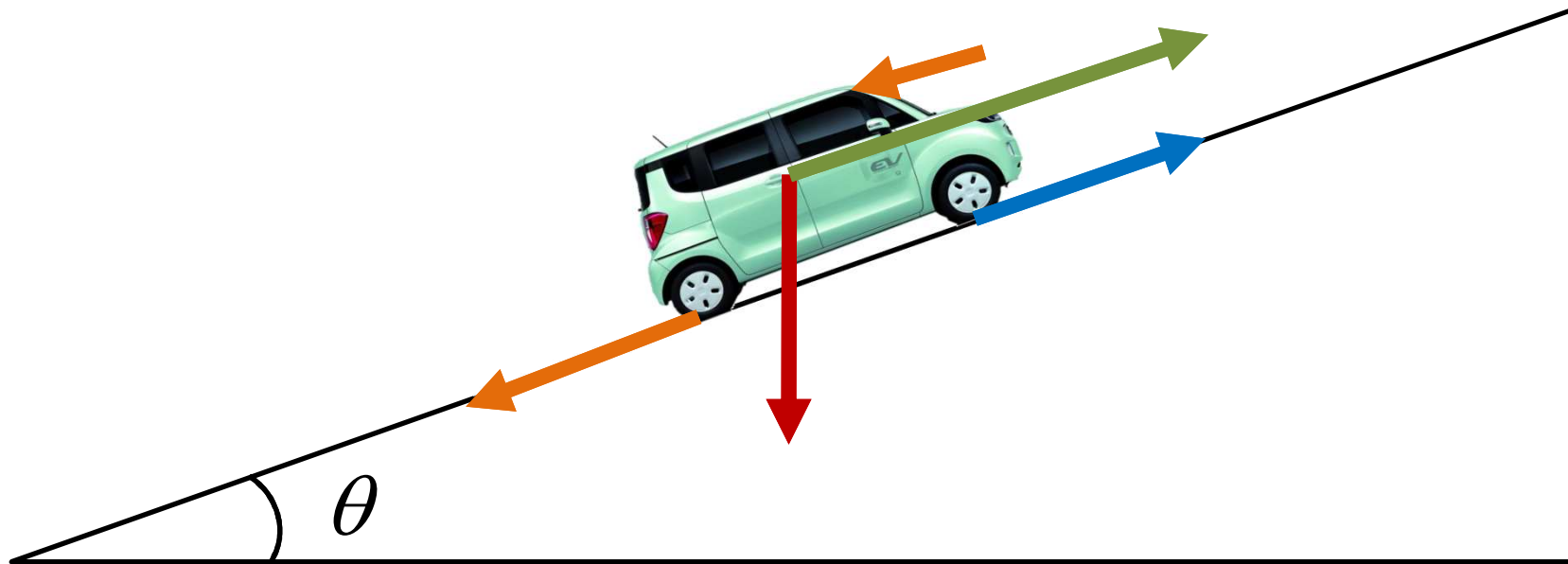


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Powertrain Force based Estimation (I)

■ Longitudinal dynamic Model

$$\theta = \sin^{-1} \left(\frac{1}{g} \left(\frac{\frac{T_{wheel}}{R_{eff}} - F_L}{M} - a \right) \right)$$



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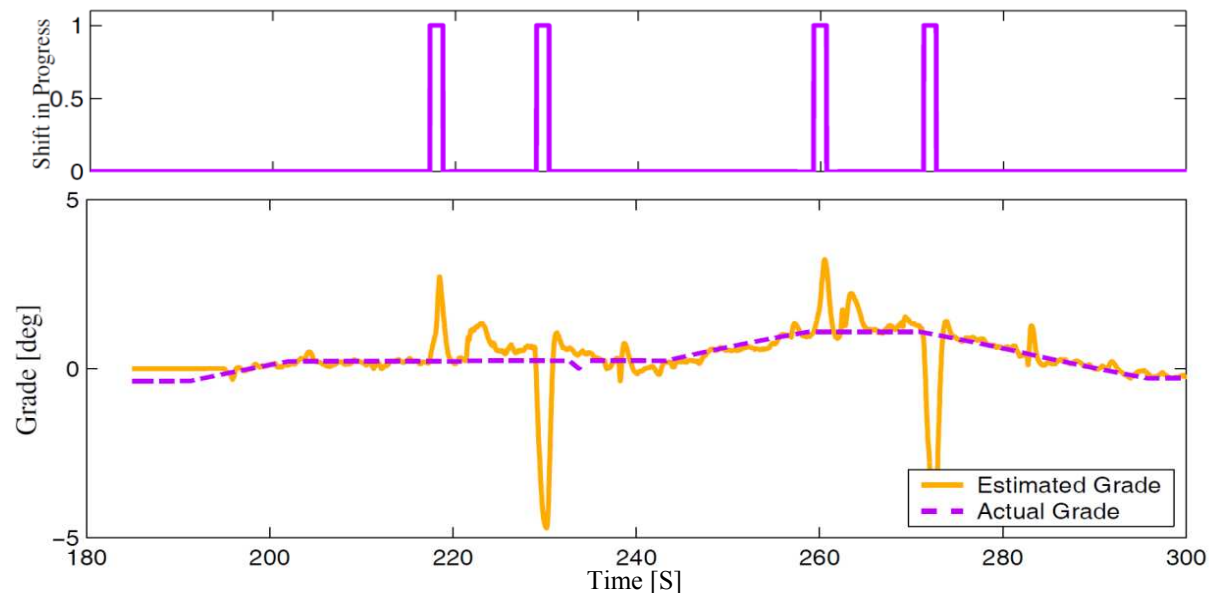
Powertrain Force based Estimation (II)

■ Advantages

- ▶ Independent to the external environment condition
- ▶ Additional sensors do not require for road slope estimation

■ Disadvantages

- ▶ Sensitive to the changes of model parameters
- ▶ Cannot update the road slope during **braking and stop**



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Characteristics of Road Slope Measurement Sources

■ Summary

	On-board sensor based Estimation	GPS based estimation	Powertrain force based estimation
Independent to pitch motion	X	○	X
Independent to external environment	O	X	O
Can work in stop condition	○	X	X
Independent to braking	O	O	X
No additional cost	X	X	○

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IMMPDA-based Road Slope Estimation

■ Information fusion with IMMPDA filter

Powertrain force

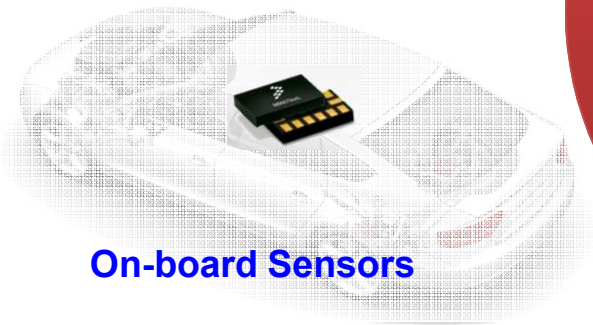


Information
Fusion



IMM-PDA
filter

On-board Sensors



GPS

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Probabilistic Data
Association
- Sensor fusion

IMMPDAF

Interacting Multiple
Model
- Adapting road slope conditions

Filter
- Bayesian Theory

Multiple Road Slope Model

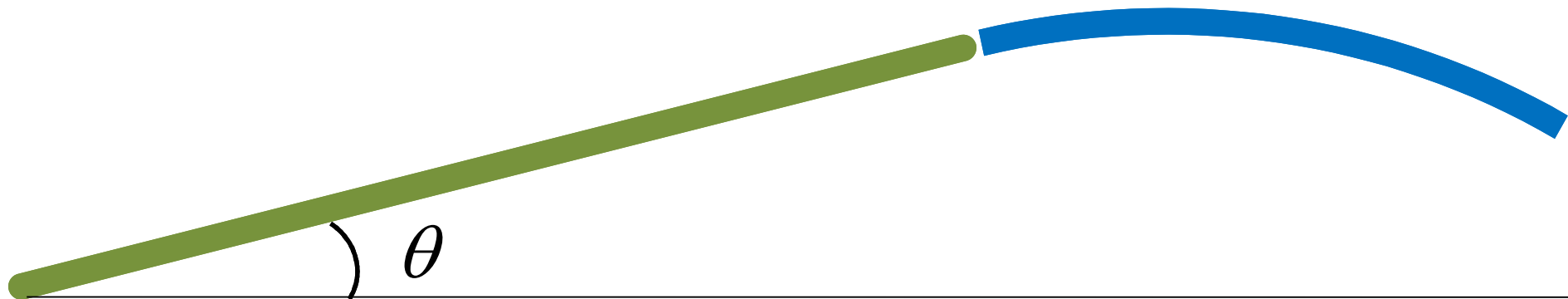
■ Constant Slope Road (CSR) Model

$$\theta = \text{constant} \quad \longrightarrow \quad \dot{\theta} = 0 \quad \longrightarrow \quad \theta_{k+1} = \theta_k$$

■ Constant Rate Slope Road (CRSR) Model

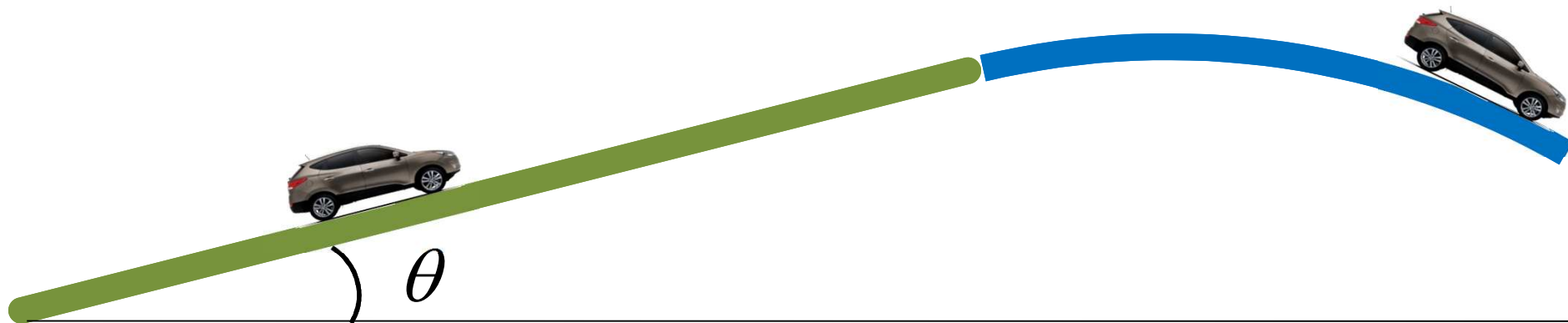
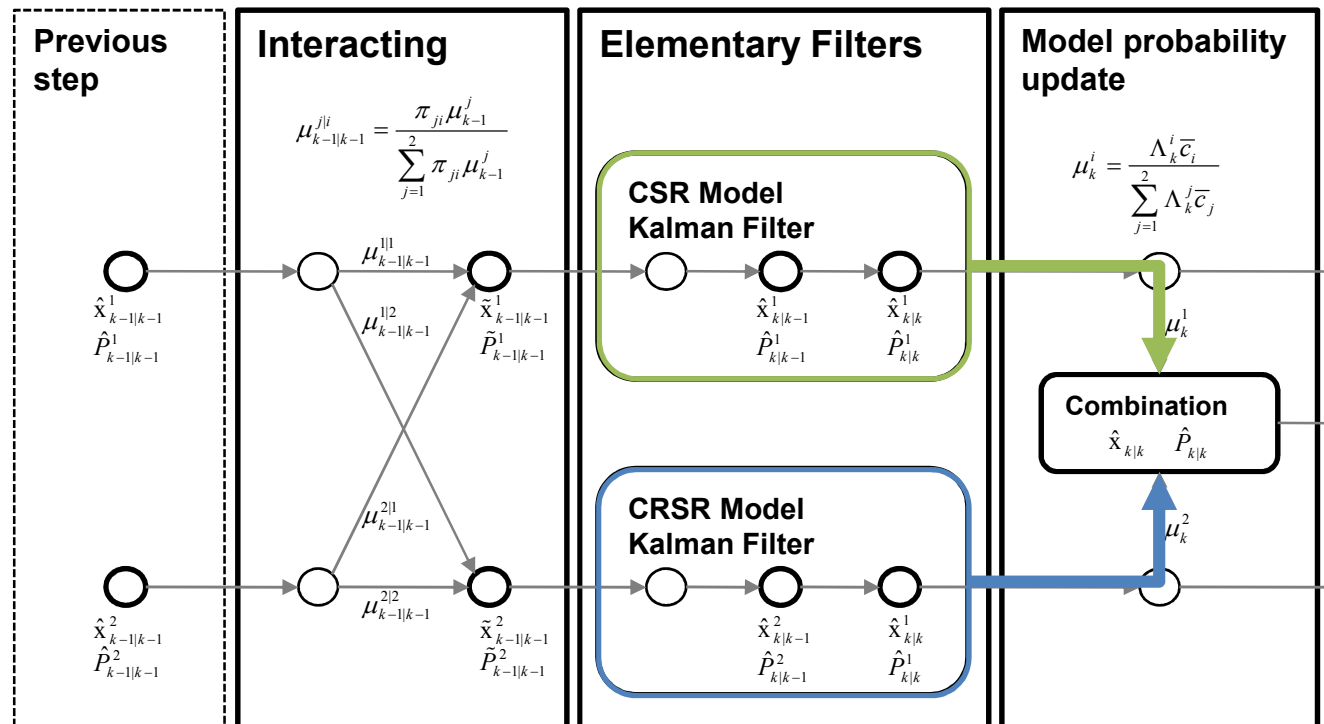
$$\dot{\theta} = \text{constant} \quad \longrightarrow \quad \begin{matrix} x_1 = \theta \\ x_2 = \dot{\theta} \end{matrix} \quad \longrightarrow \quad \frac{d}{dt} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\longrightarrow \quad \begin{bmatrix} \theta \\ \dot{\theta} \end{bmatrix}_{k+1} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & T \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \theta \\ \dot{\theta} \end{bmatrix}_k$$



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Interacting Multiple Model (IMM) Filter



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Probabilistic Data Association (PDA) Filter

► PDA Algorithm

$$\beta_{k,j} = \Pr(\theta_j | z_k, m_k, Z_{k-1}) = \frac{f(z_k | \theta_j, m_k, Z_{k-1}) \Pr(\theta_j | m_k, Z_{k-1})}{\sum_{j=0}^m (z_k | \theta_j, m_k, Z_{k-1}) \Pr(\theta_j | m_k, Z_{k-1})}$$

$$\beta_{k,j} = \frac{\exp(-\frac{1}{2} v_{k,j}^T S_k^{-1} v_{k,j})}{b + \sum_{j=1}^{m_k} \exp(-\frac{1}{2} v_{k,j}^T S_k^{-1} v_{k,j})}$$

$$\Pr(\theta_j | m_k, Z_{k-1}) = \frac{\frac{1}{m} P_D P_G \mu_F(m-1)}{(1 - P_D P_G) \mu_F(m) + P_D P_G \mu_F(m-1)}$$

$$\beta_{k,0} = \frac{b}{b + \sum_{j=1}^{m_k} \exp(-\frac{1}{2} v_{k,j}^T S_k^{-1} v_{k,j})}$$

$$\Pr(\theta_0 | m_k, Z_{k-1}) = \frac{(1 - P_D P_G) \mu_F(m)}{(1 - P_D P_G) \mu_F(m) + P_D P_G \mu_F(m-1)}$$

$$b = \lambda (2\pi)^{\frac{n}{2}} |S_k|^{-\frac{1}{2}} (1 - P_D P_G) / P_D$$

$$f(z_k | \theta_j, m_k, Z_{k-1}) = \frac{1}{P_G} N(z_k; H \bar{x}_k, S_k) V_G^{-(m-1)}$$

$$v_{k,j} = z_{k,j} - H \bar{x}_k$$

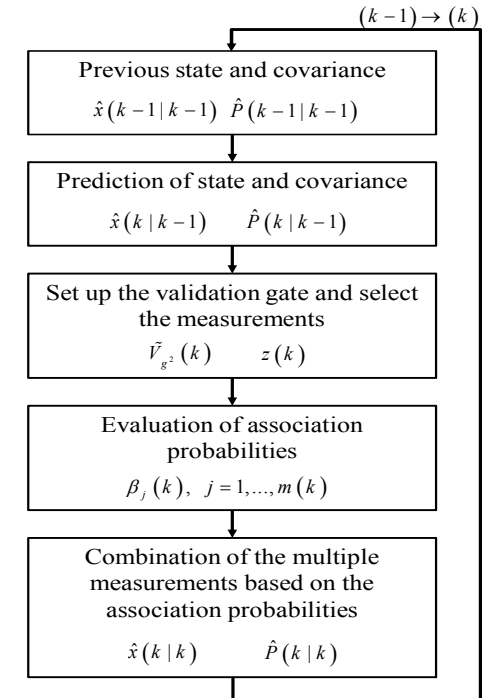
$$f(z_k | \theta_j, m_k, Z_{k-1}) = V_G^{-m}$$

► PDA Filter

$$\hat{x}_k = \bar{x}_k + K_k \sum_{j=1}^{m_k} \beta_{k,j} v_{k,j}$$

$$\hat{P}_k = \beta_{k,0} \bar{P}_k + (1 - \beta_{k,0}) \hat{P}_k^j + K_k \left[\sum_{j=1}^{m_k} \beta_{k,j} v_{k,j} v_{k,j}^T - v_k v_k^T \right] K_k^T$$

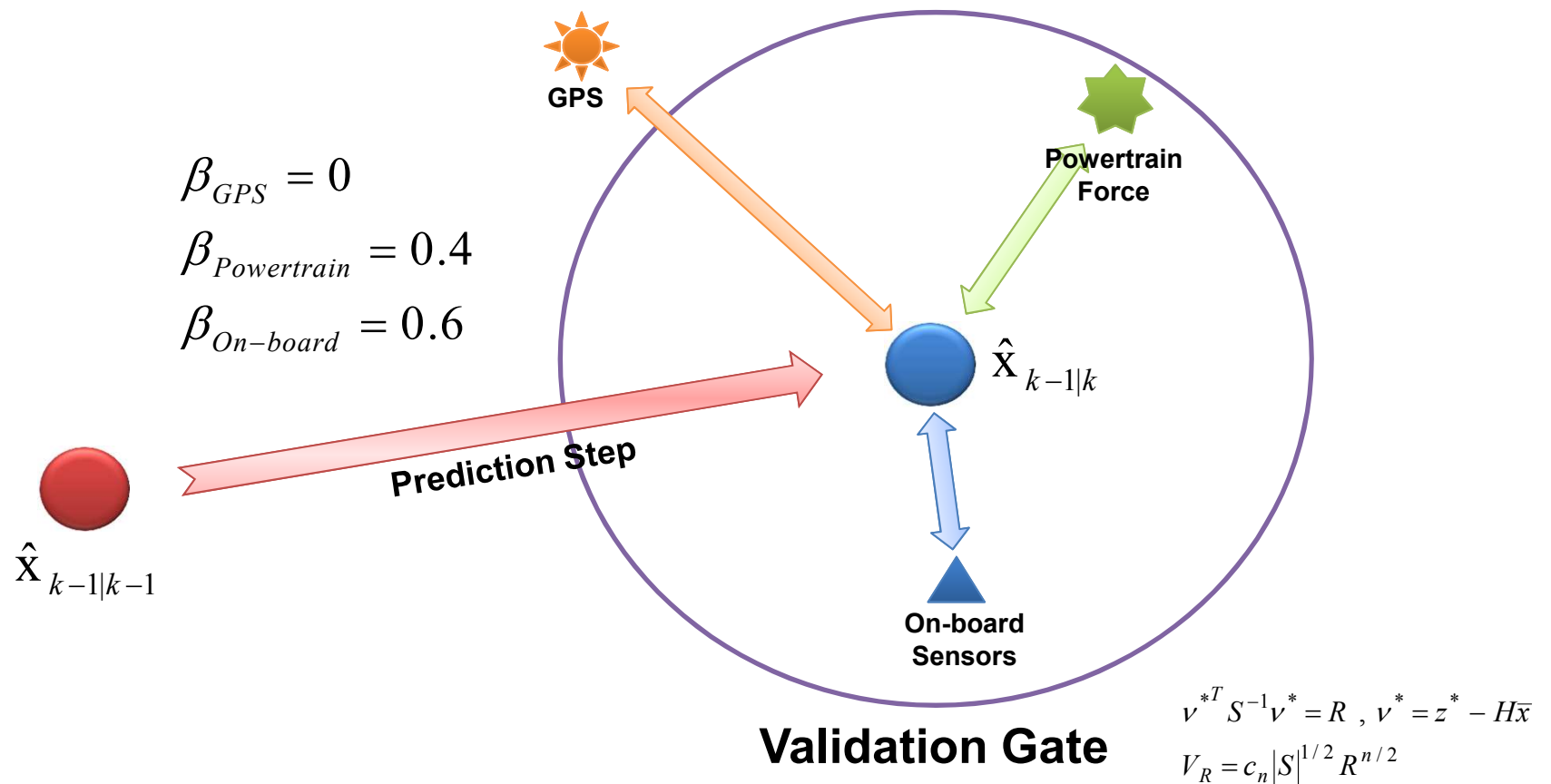
$$v_k = \sum_{j=1}^{m_k} \beta_{k,j} v_{k,j}$$



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PDA Filter Concepts

- Weighting each measurement using Bayesian filtering theory



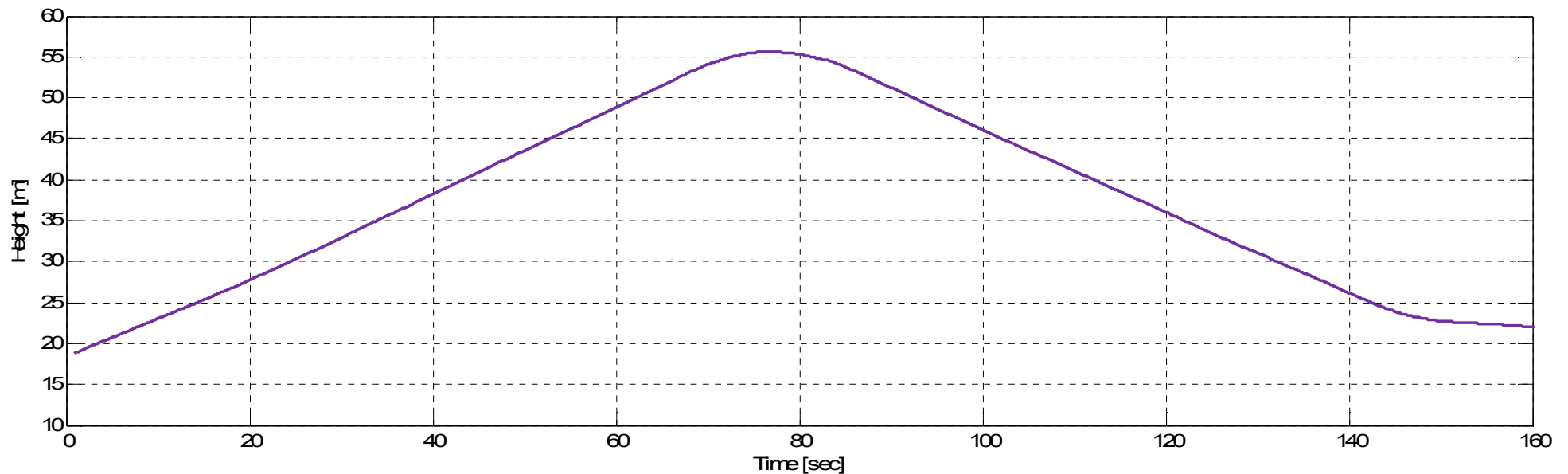
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Experiments

Experiments – Constant Slope Condition (I)

■ Test site – Yeongjong Grand Bridge

- ▶ Reference slope angle: 1.95 %

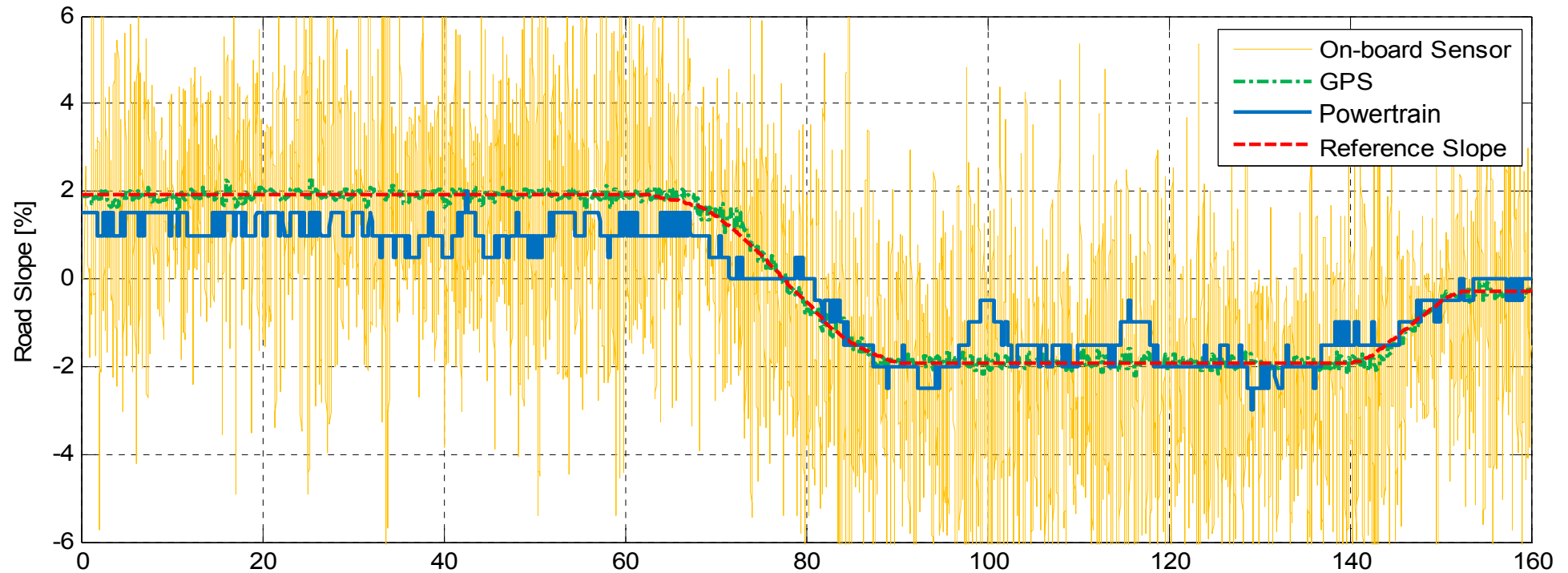


Test Site

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Experiments – Constant Slope Condition (II)

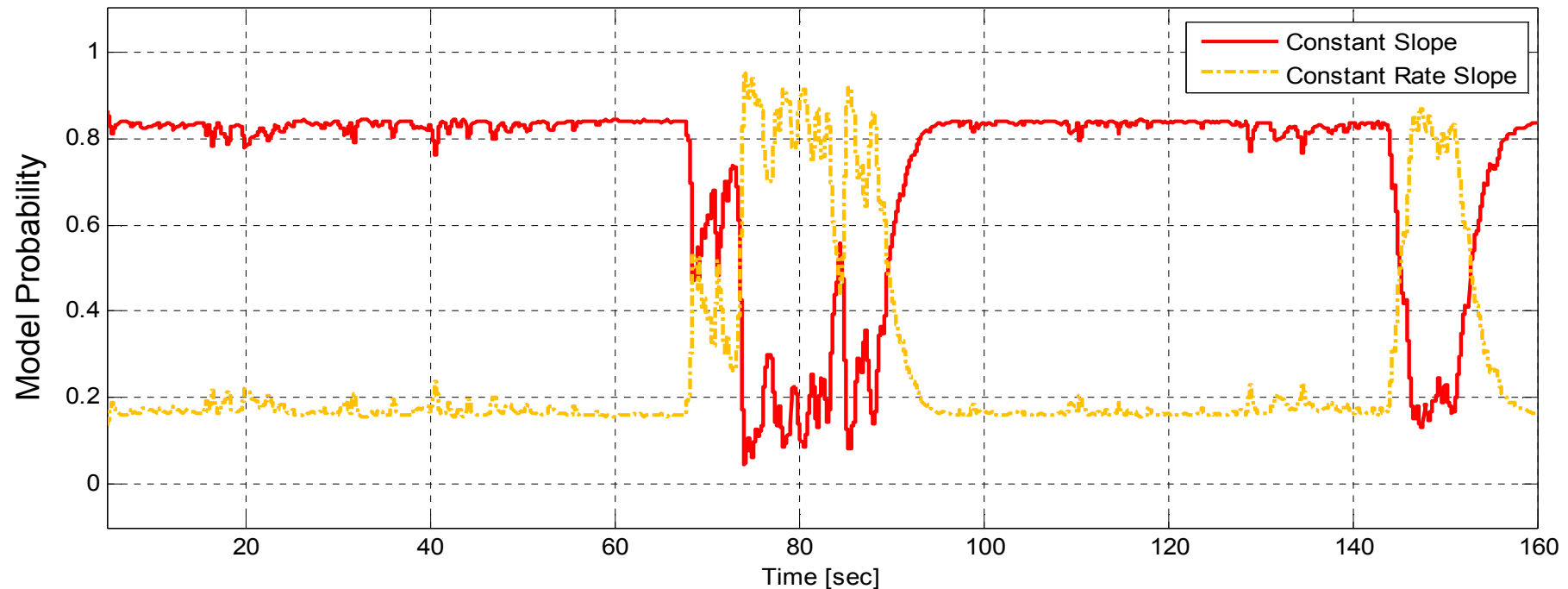
■ Raw data from each measurement method



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Experiments – Constant Slope Condition (IV)

■ Slope estimation with IMMPDA filter



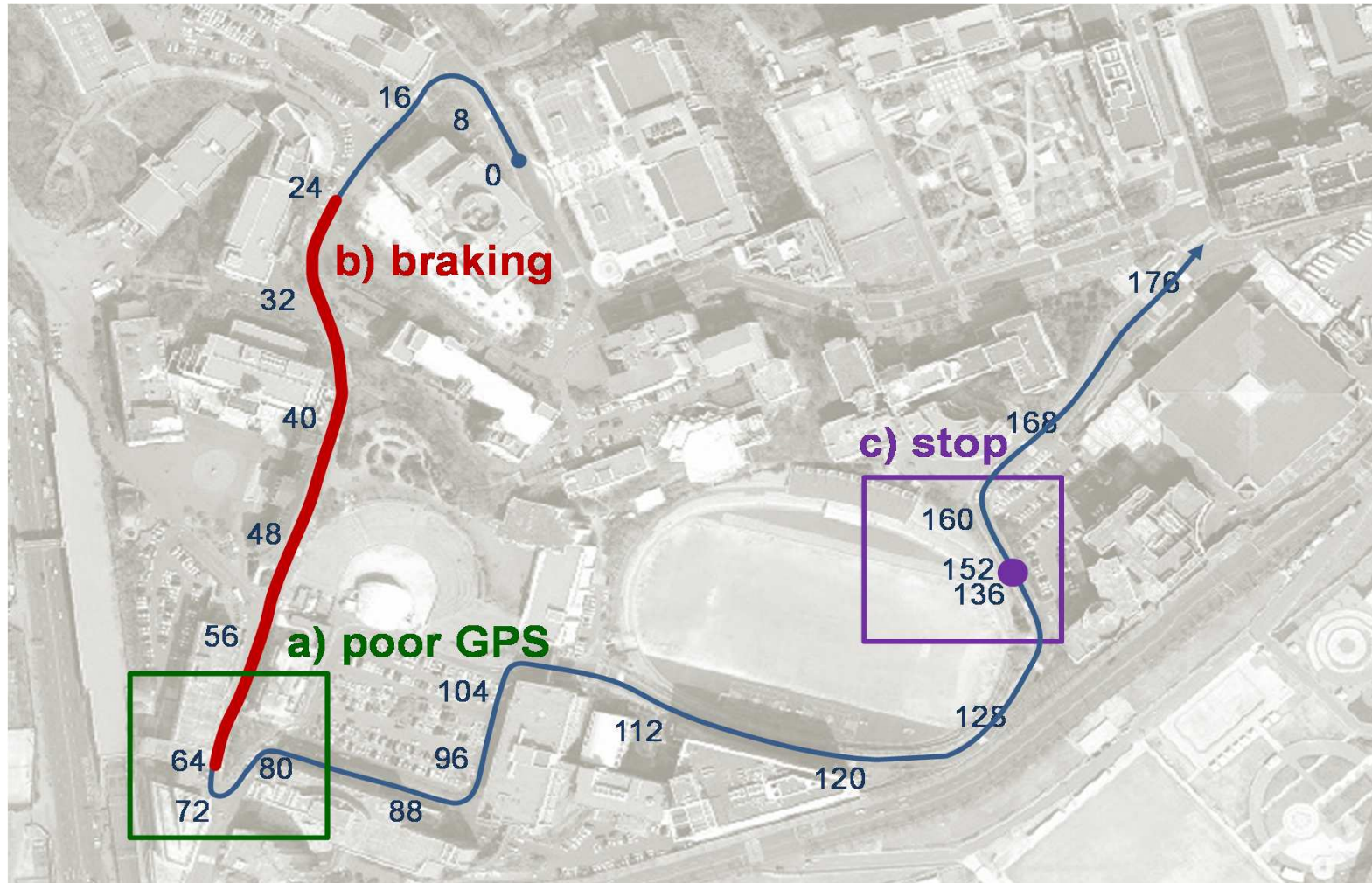
RMS Error of the IMMPDA filter

On-board	GPS	PT	CSRM-PDAF	CRSRM-PDAF	IMM-PDAF
1.83	0.10	0.53	0.08	0.08	0.06

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Experiments – Poor Measuring Condition (I)

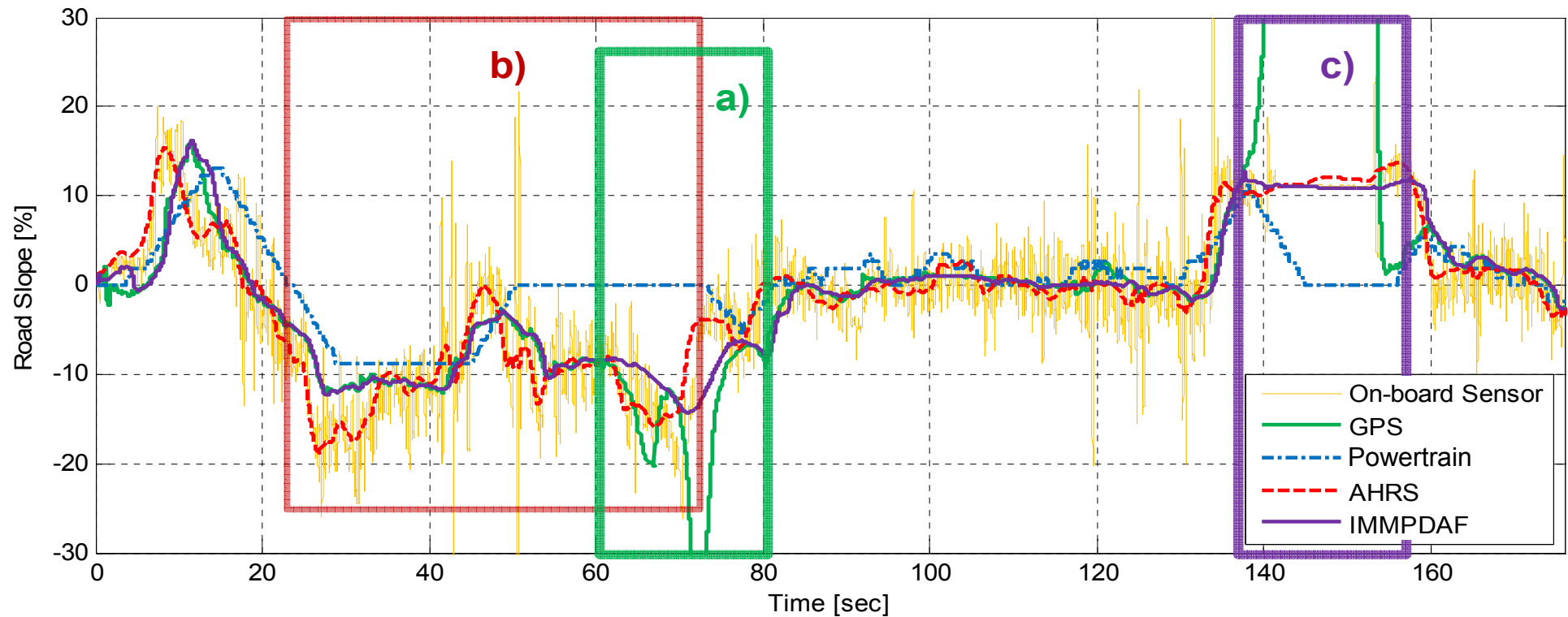
■ Test site – Hanyang University



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Experiments – Poor Measuring Condition (II)

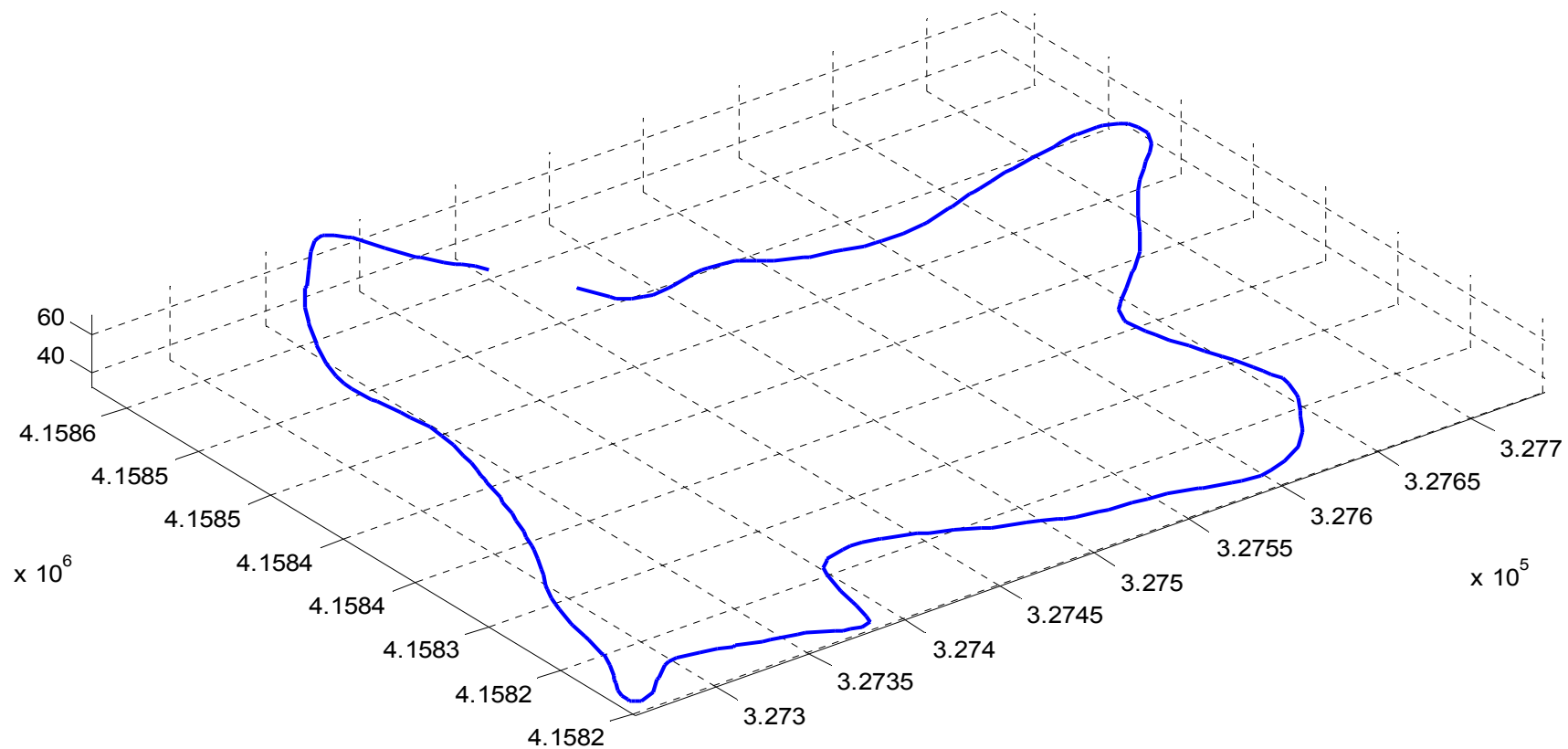
■ Estimation results



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3D Road Map Generation

- 3D road map can provides future condition of road slope to the energy management system in order to generate optimal driving strategy



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Conclusion

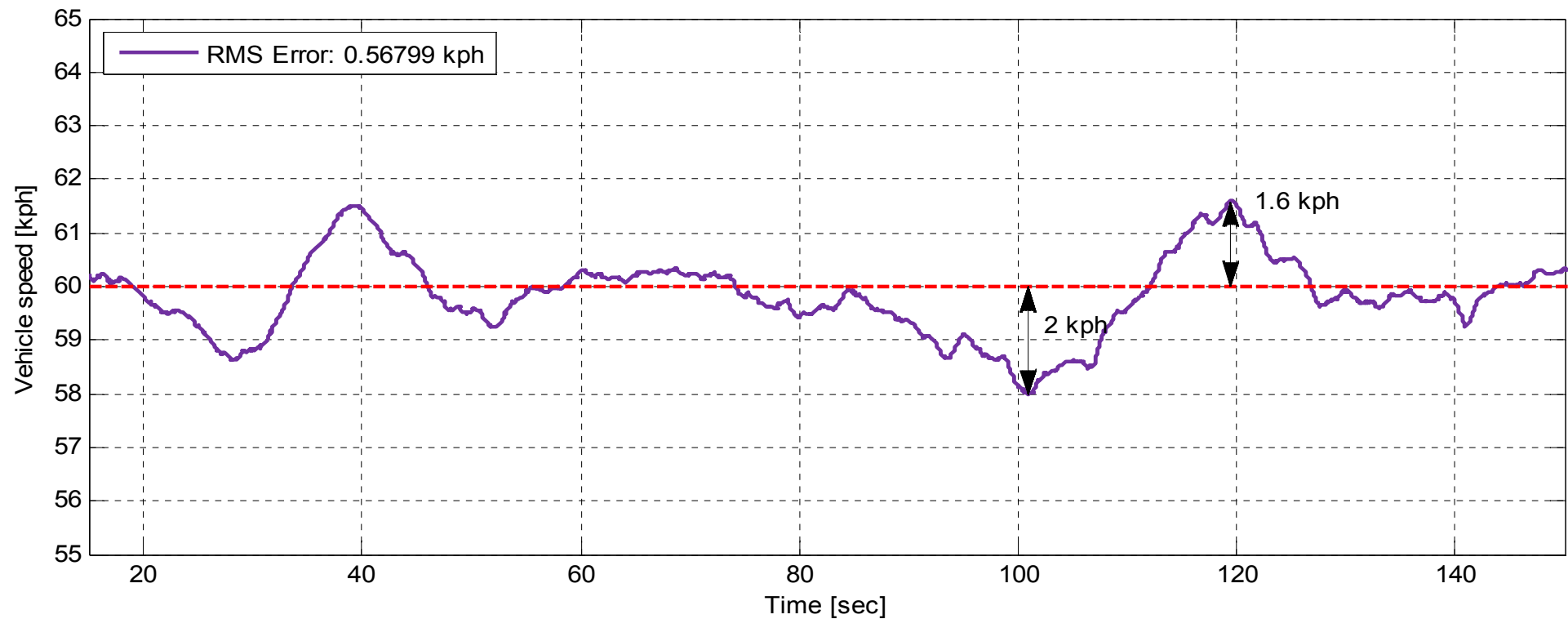
- A real-time road slope estimation algorithm based on information fusion of GPS, on-board sensors, and powertrain force is proposed to apply for the energy management system of electric vehicles
- The proposed information fusion algorithm can improve accuracy and reliability of the road slope estimate based on the IMMPDA filter
- Road slope estimated from the suggested estimation algorithm is used for 3D map generation
- The generated 3D map can provide predicted information of road slope to energy management system in order to generate optimal driving strategy

Thank you for your attention.

Case Studies

Speed Control of Autonomous Car A1

■ In the Variable Slope Condition

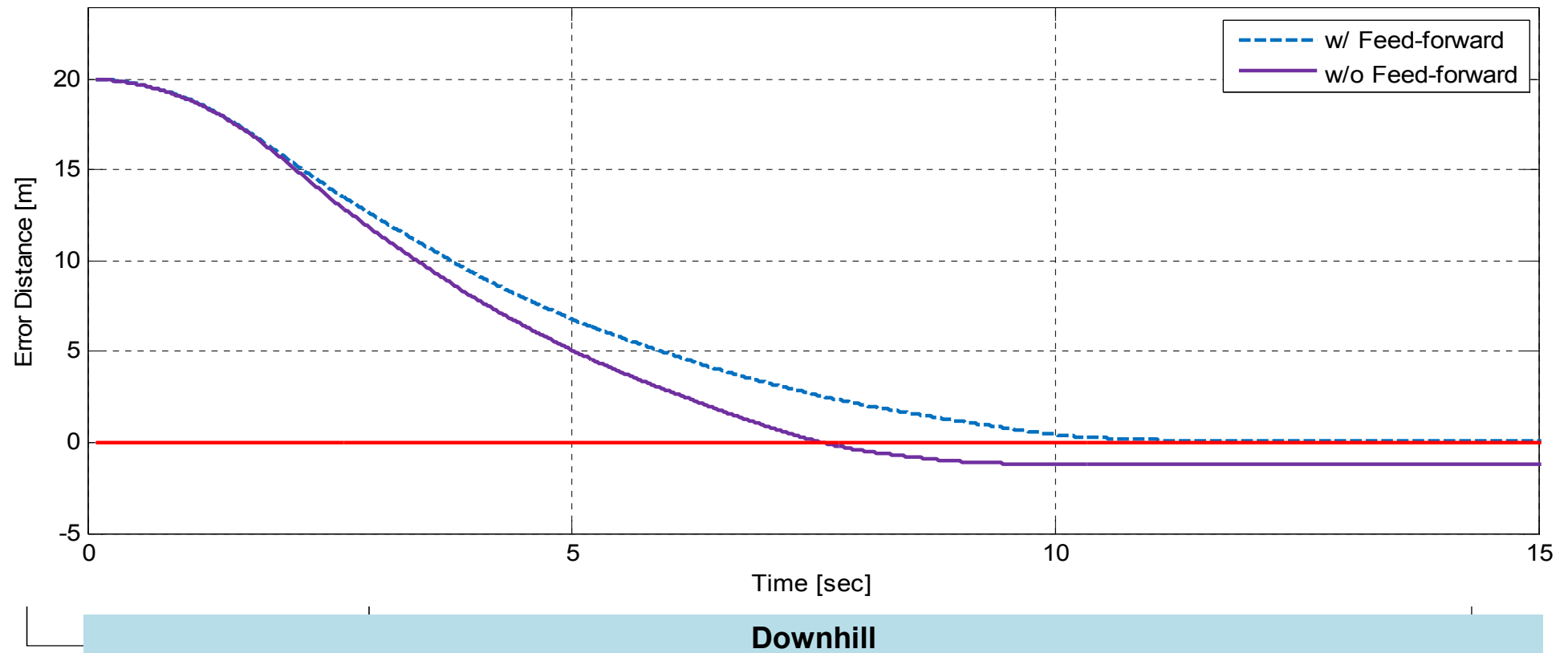


With Road Slope Compensator

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Distance Control of Autonomous Car A1

■ In the Variable Slope Condition



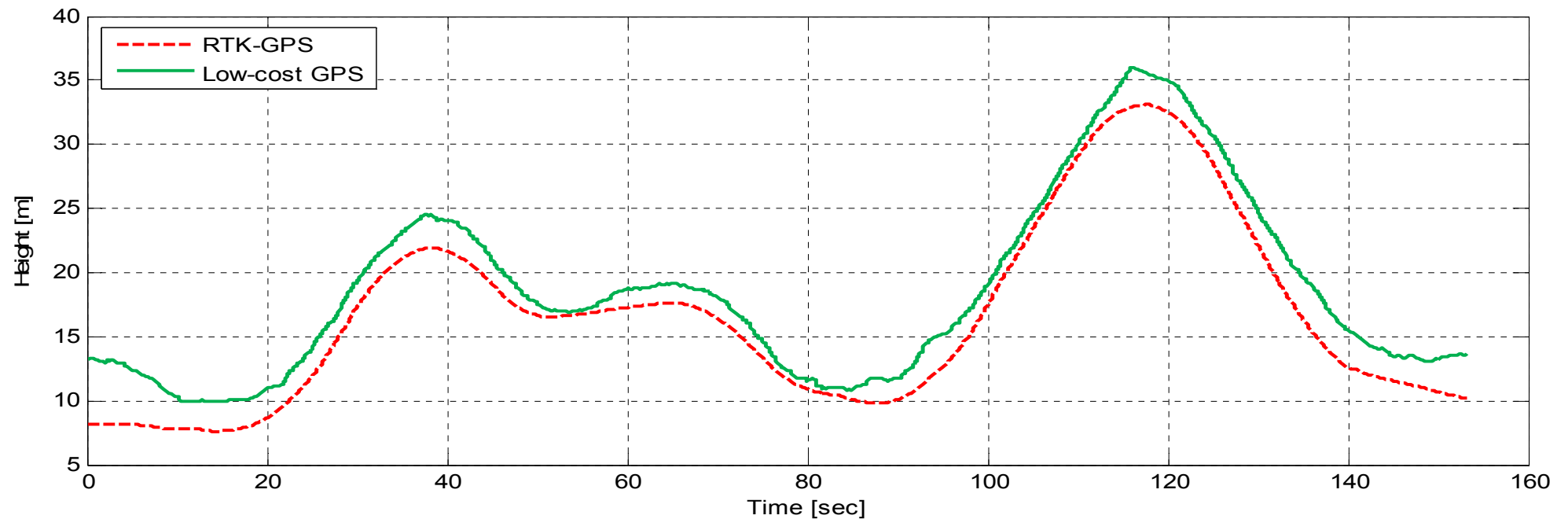
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→ Power-train model based estimation
- Bae, H. S., et al.,
“Road grade and vehicle parameter estimation for longitudinal control using GPS,” in 2001 IEEE IV
→ GPS based estimation

Experiments – Variable Slope Condition (I)

■ Test Site – Mountain Roads in Yeonjong Island



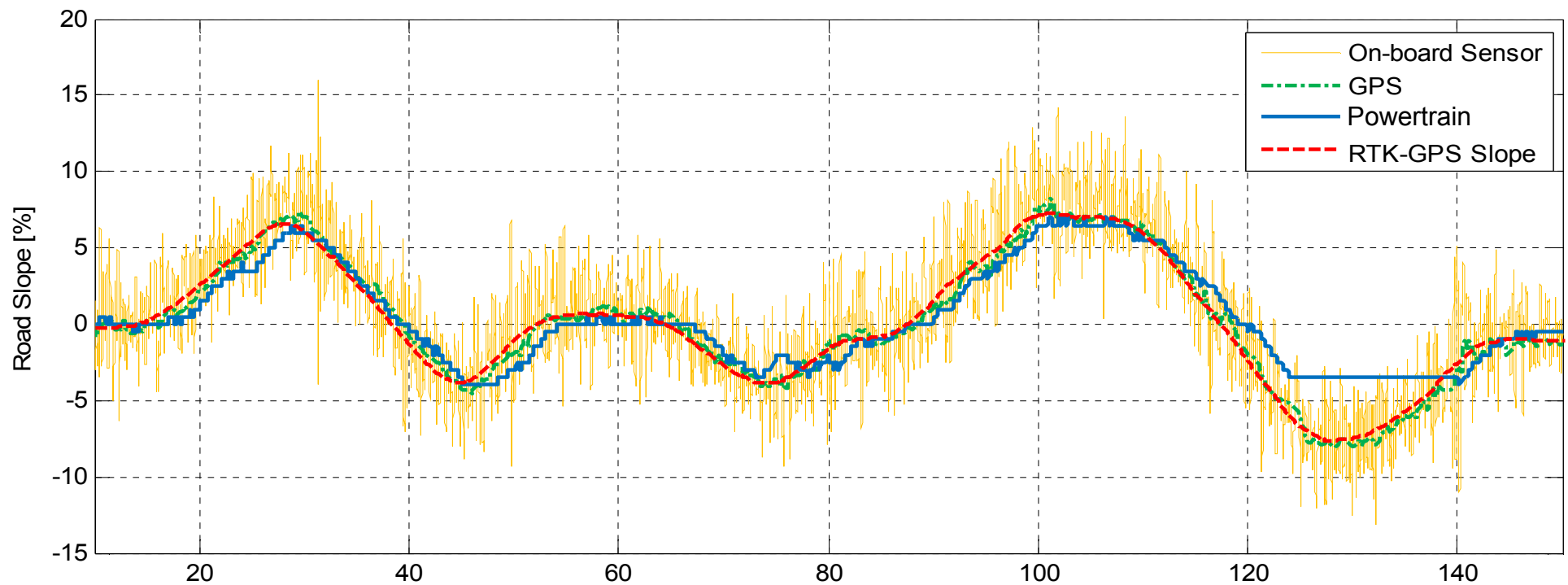
Test Site

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Experiments – Variable Slope Condition (II)

■ Information Sources for Road Slope

- ▶ On-board Sensors
- ▶ GPS
- ▶ Powertrain Model

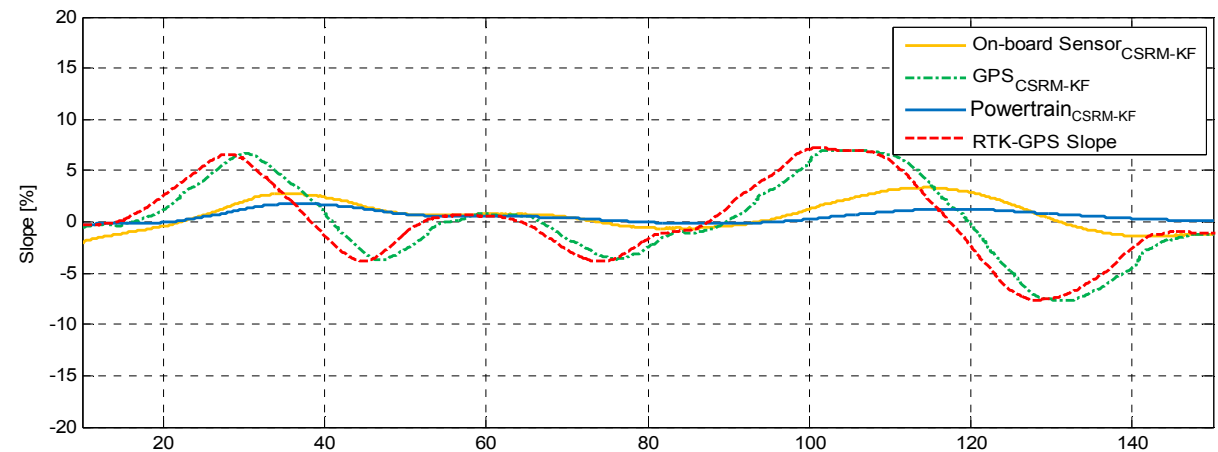
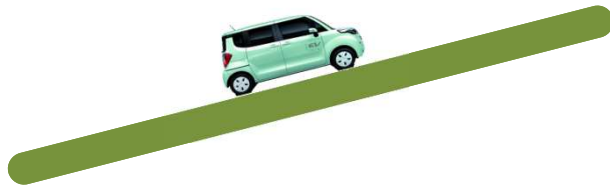


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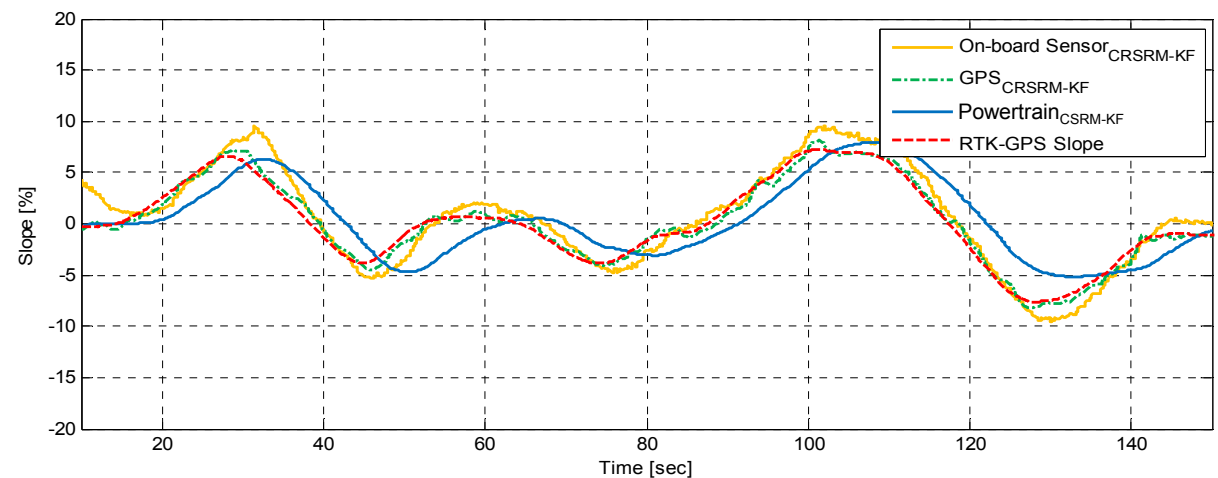
Experiments – Variable Slope Condition (III)

■ Slope Estimation with Single-Model Kalman Filter

Constant Slope Model



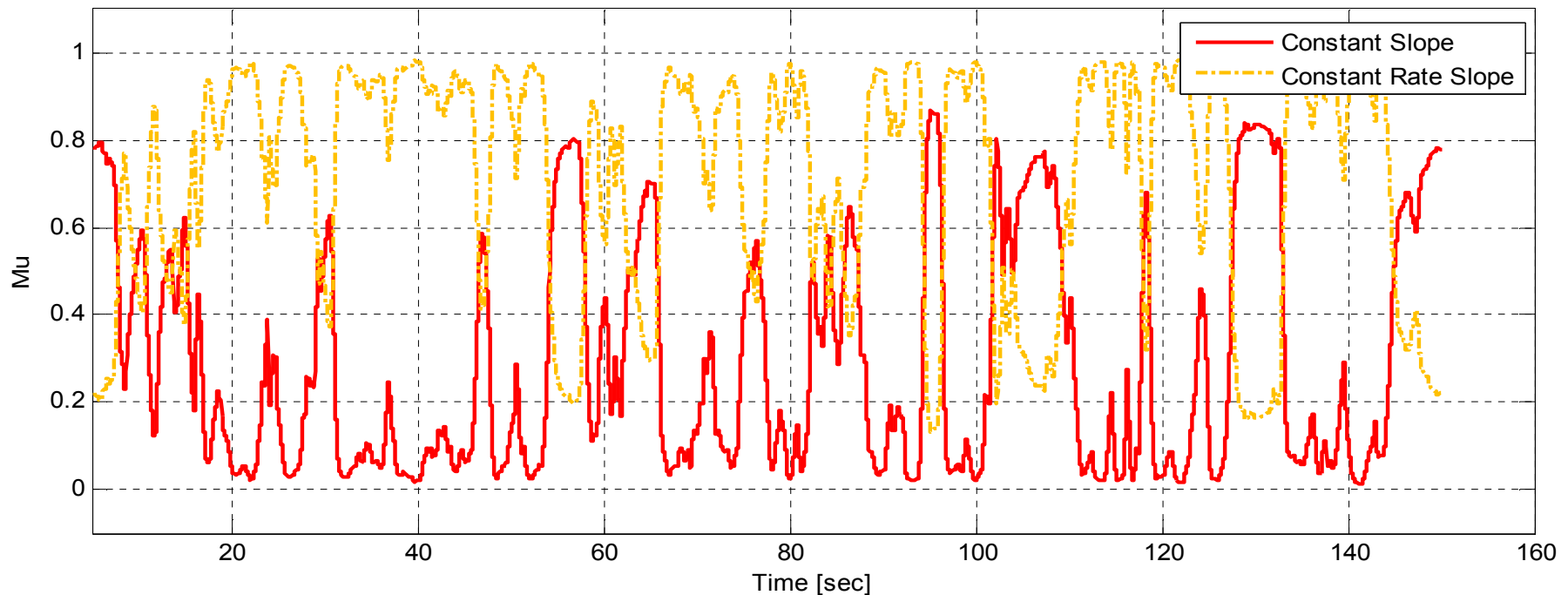
Constant Rate Slope Model



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Experiments – Variable Slope Condition (IV)

■ Slope Estimation with IMMPDA Filter



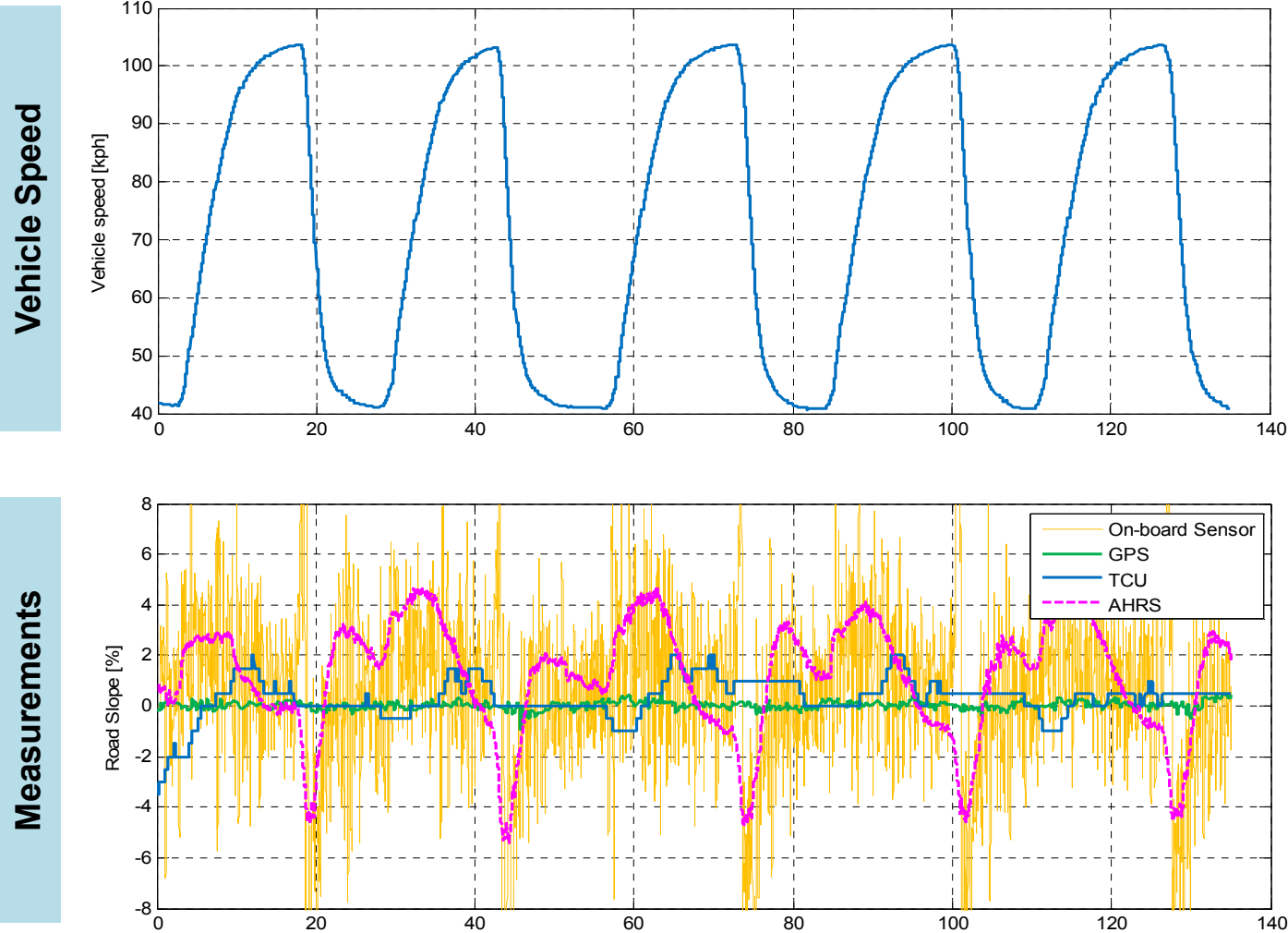
Model Probability of the IMMPDA filter

On-board	GPS	PT	On-board CSRM KF	GPS CSRM KF	PT CSRM KF	On-Board CRSRM KF	GPS CRSRM KF	PT CRSRM KF	CSRM PDAF	CRSRM PDAF	IMM-PDAF
3.01	1.15	1.43	3.58	1.57	3.01	2.49	1.05	2.41	2.88	1.05	1.04

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Experiments – Large Pitch Condition (I)

■ Large Pitch Condition on the Flat Road



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Experiments – Large Pitch Condition (II)

■ Large Pitch Condition on the Flat Road



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3D map construction based on road slope information

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Map Generation Based on Optimal Smoothing (I)

1. System Model

$$\begin{aligned}x_k &= F_{k-1}x_{k-1} + G_{k-1}u_{k-1} + w_{k-1} & \text{where } w_{k-1} &\sim (0, Q_k) \\y_k &= H_k x_k + v_k & \text{where } v_{k-1} &\sim (0, R_k)\end{aligned}$$

2. Initialize the forward filter

$$\hat{x}_0^f = E(x_0), \quad P_0^f = E\left[(x_0 - \hat{x}_0^f)(x_0 - \hat{x}_0^f)^T\right]$$

3. Execute the standard forward Kalman filter, $K = 1, \dots, N$

$$\begin{aligned}\hat{x}_k^{f-} &= F_{k-1}\hat{x}_{k-1}^{f+} & K_k^f &= P_k^+ H_k^T R_k^{-1} & \hat{x}_k^{f+} &= \hat{x}_k^{f-} + K_k^f (y_k - H_k \hat{x}_k^{f-}) \\P_k^{f-} &= F_{k-1}P_{k-1}^{f+}F_{k-1}^T + Q_{k-1} & P_k^{f+} &= (I - K_k^f H_k)P_k^{f-}\end{aligned}$$

4. Initialize the RTS smoother

$$\hat{x}_N^b = \hat{x}_N^f, \quad P_N^b = P_N^f$$

5. Execute the RTS smoother, $K = N-1, \dots, 0$

$$\begin{aligned}K_k &= P_k^{f+} F_k^T (P_{k+1}^{f-})^{-1} \\ \hat{x}_k &= \hat{x}_k^{f+} + K_k (\hat{x}_{k+1}^{f-} - \hat{x}_{k+1}^{f+}) \\ P_k &= P_k^{f+} - K_k (P_{k+1}^{f-} - P_{k+1}^{f+}) K_k^T\end{aligned}$$

Map Generation Based on Optimal Smoothing (II)

■ System model

$$x_k = f_{k-1}(x_{k-1}, u_{k-1})$$

$$\rightarrow x_1 \rightarrow a_{XY_k} = a_{XY_{k-1}}$$

$$\rightarrow x_2 \rightarrow V_{XY_k} = V_{XY_{k-1}} + T \cdot a_{XY_{k-1}}$$

$$\rightarrow x_3 \rightarrow q_k = q_{k-1}$$

$$\rightarrow x_4 \rightarrow \theta_k = \theta_{k-1} + T \cdot q_{k-1}$$

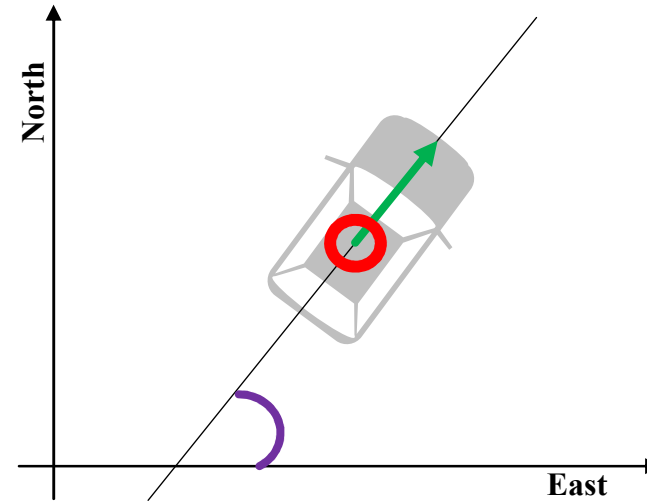
$$\rightarrow x_5 \rightarrow \psi_k = \psi_{k-1} + T \cdot r_{gyro}$$

$$\rightarrow x_6 \rightarrow X_k = X_{k-1} + T \cdot V_{XY_{k-1}} \cos(\psi_{k-1})$$

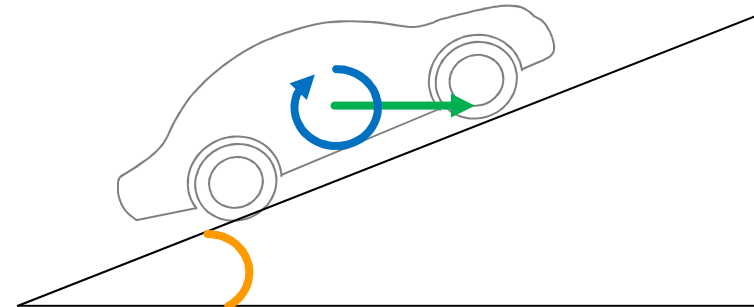
$$\rightarrow x_7 \rightarrow Y_k = Y_{k-1} + T \cdot V_{XY_{k-1}} \sin(\psi_{k-1})$$

$$\rightarrow x_8 \rightarrow Z_k = Z_{k-1} + T \cdot V_{XY_{k-1}} \tan(\theta_{k-1})$$

Horizontal Alignment



Vertical Alignment



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Map Generation Based on Optimal Smoothing (III)

■ Measurement model

$$y_k = h_{k-1}(x_{k-1})$$

→ $y_1 \rightarrow \sqrt{V_{X,GPS_k}^2 + V_{Y,GPS_k}^2} = \hat{V}_{XY_k}$

→ $y_2 \rightarrow \tan^{-1}\left(\frac{V_{Y,GPS_k}}{V_{X,GPS_k}}\right) = \hat{\psi}_k$

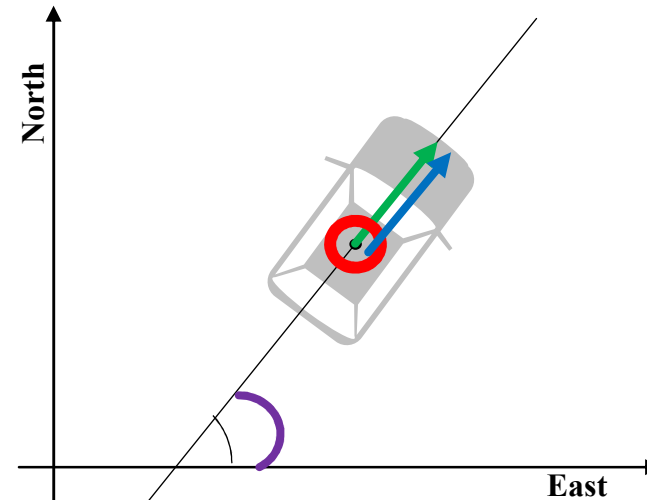
→ $y_3 \rightarrow \theta_{InformationFusion} = \hat{\theta}_{k-1}$

→ $y_4 \rightarrow X_{GPS_k} = \hat{X}_k$

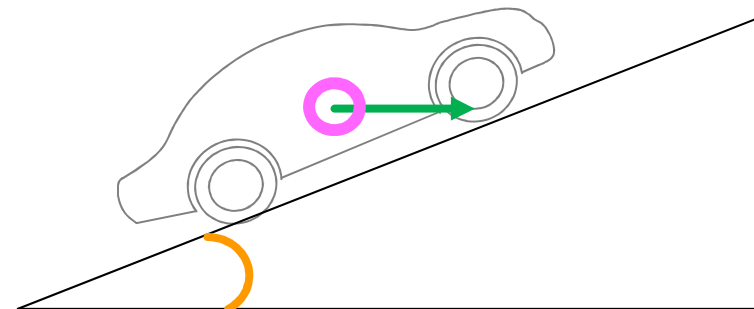
→ $y_5 \rightarrow Y_{GPS_k} = \hat{Y}_k$

→ $y_6 \rightarrow Z_{GPS_k} = \hat{Z}_k$

Horizontal Alignment



Vertical Alignment



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