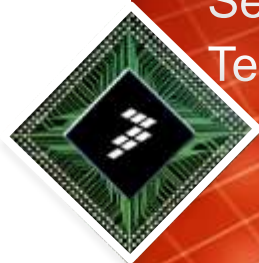




Xtrinsic Sensor Fusion: Alignment to Sensor Framework of Win8, Android™ and Others

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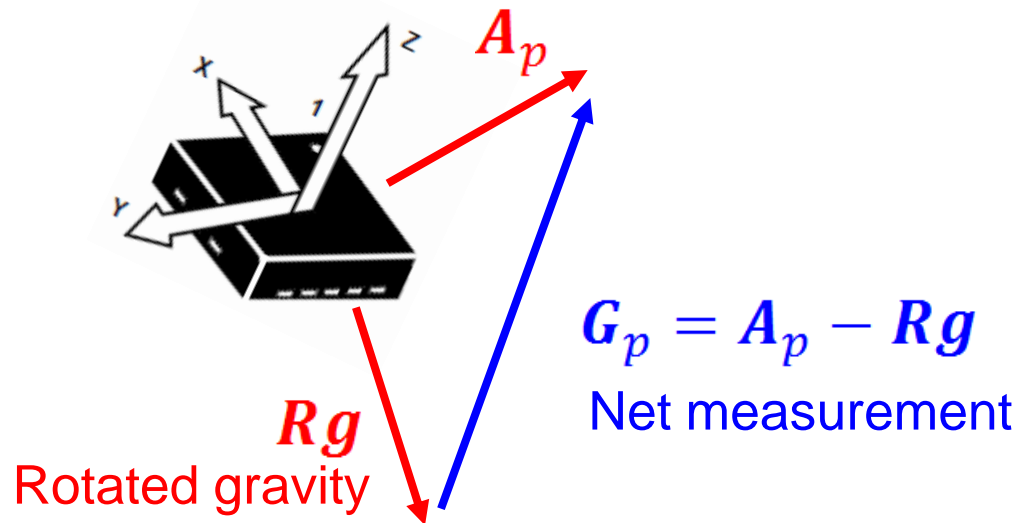


Accelerometer



Accelerometer Sensors: Physics 101 (cont)

- Vector diagram of the forces that the accelerometer sees in its rotated reference frame



- If the orientation is known (using a gyroscope sensor for example) then the rotation matrix R can be computed, g is always 1 gravity downwards and it's possible to solve for A_p :

$$A_p = G_p + Rg$$

- But an accelerometer alone cannot separate acceleration from gravity and that's just the way Physics works

Tilt-Sensing (Windows 8 Coordinate System)

- Previously we introduced the equation defining the accelerometer output

$$\mathbf{G}_p = \mathbf{A}_p - \mathbf{R}\mathbf{g}$$

- Windows 8 is a gravity +ve standard so we need to flip the sign to map the raw accelerometer signal from the package to Windows 8 coordinates

$$\mathbf{G}_p = -\mathbf{A}_p + \mathbf{R}\mathbf{g}$$

- Cannot separate acceleration from gravity so assume zero acceleration

$$\mathbf{G}_p = \mathbf{R}\mathbf{g}$$

- Apply a rotation \mathbf{R} in yaw ψ , then pitch θ and finally roll ϕ :

$$\mathbf{G}_p = \begin{pmatrix} G_{px} \\ G_{py} \\ G_{pz} \end{pmatrix} = \mathbf{R}\mathbf{g} = \mathbf{R}_y(\psi)\mathbf{R}_x(\theta)\mathbf{R}_z(\phi) \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \cos\theta \sin\phi \\ -\sin\theta \\ -\cos\theta \cos\phi \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{Independent of yaw angle } \psi$$

- Simple algebra gives the solution for Windows 8 roll and pitch angles:

$$\tan\phi = \frac{-G_{px}}{G_{pz}} \quad \tan\theta = \left(\frac{G_{py}}{G_{pz} \cos\phi - G_{px} \sin\phi} \right)$$

- No solution is possible for the yaw angle ψ since an accelerometer is insensitive to rotation about gravity and that's just the way Physics works

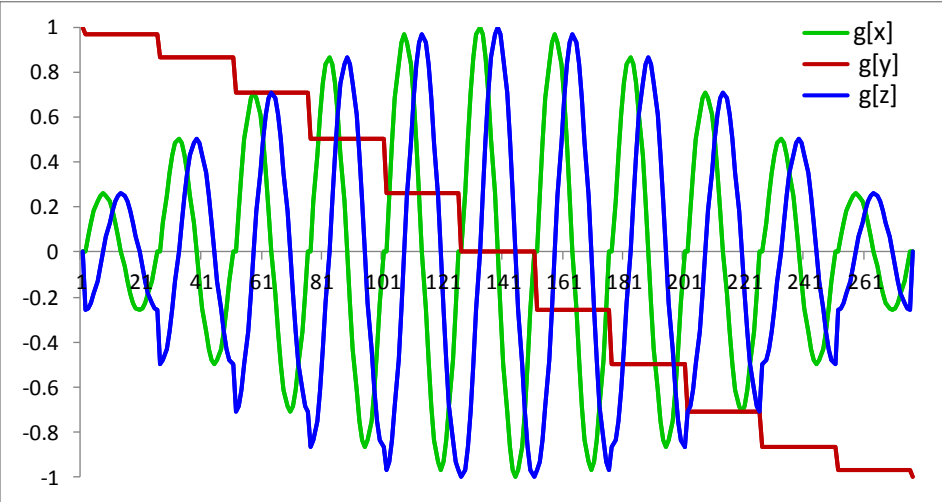
Precision Re-Calibration after Board Mount (i)

- Robot used to rotate accelerometers to 277 positions on the 1g sphere

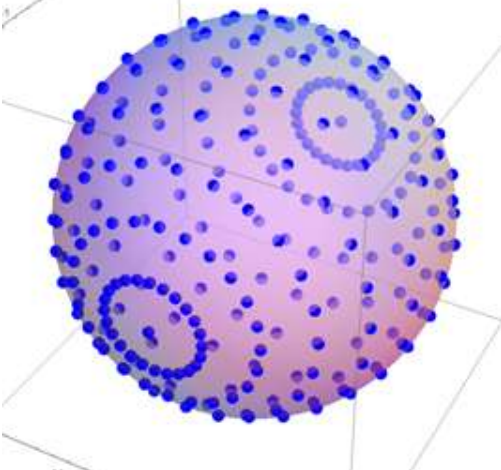
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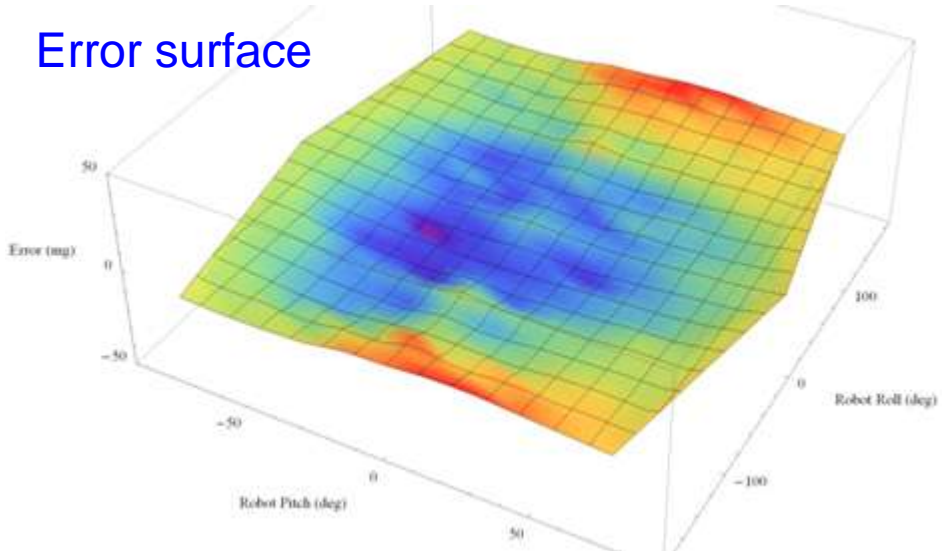
x, y, z gravitational fields



Locations on 1g sphere



Error surface



Precision Re-Calibration after Board Mount (ii)

- With zero acceleration, a perfect accelerometer measures the rotated gravity field:

$$\mathbf{G}_p = -\mathbf{R}\mathbf{g}$$

- Under a general linear model of accelerometer distortion, the accelerometer measures:

$$\mathbf{G}_p = -\mathbf{W}\mathbf{R}\mathbf{g} - \mathbf{V}$$

- \mathbf{W} is a 3x3 matrix modeling gain correction, cross axis interference and rotation of the accelerometer package on the PCB
- \mathbf{V} is a 3x1 matrix correcting for the post board mount offsets

Rotation and cross-axis terms in blue

Zero g Offset Corrections

$$\mathbf{W} = \begin{pmatrix} W_{xx} & W_{xy} & W_{xz} \\ W_{yx} & W_{yy} & W_{yz} \\ W_{zx} & W_{zy} & W_{zz} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\mathbf{V} = \begin{pmatrix} V_x \\ V_y \\ V_z \end{pmatrix}$$

Gain correction terms in red



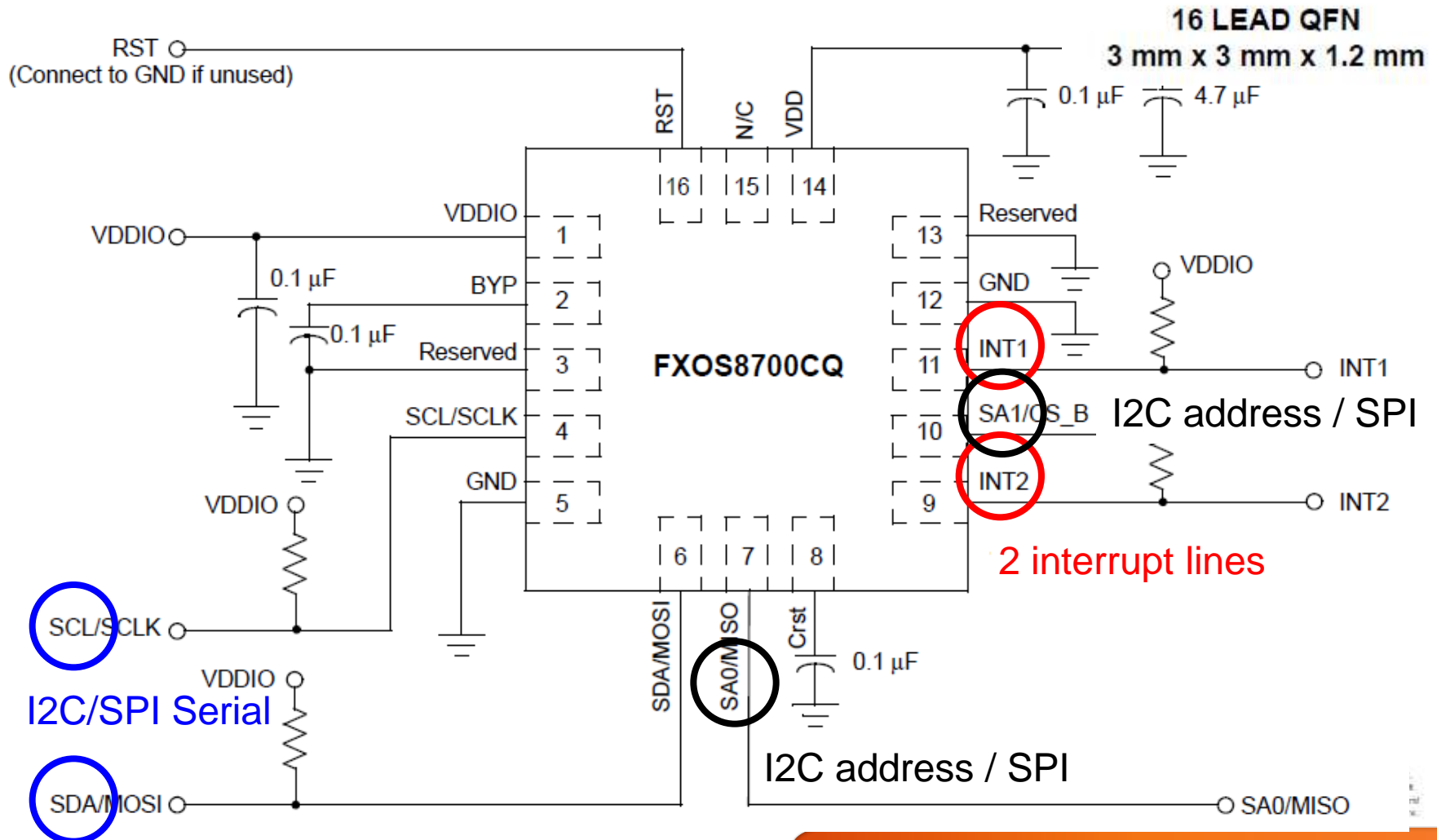
Magnetometer



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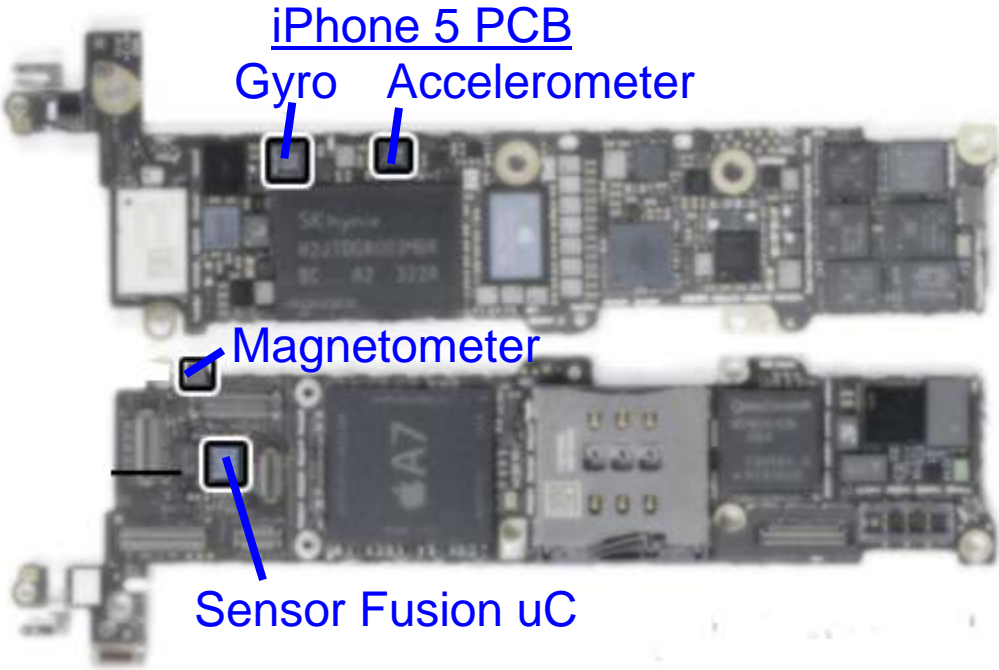


FXOS8700 Combination Accelerometer and Magnetometer

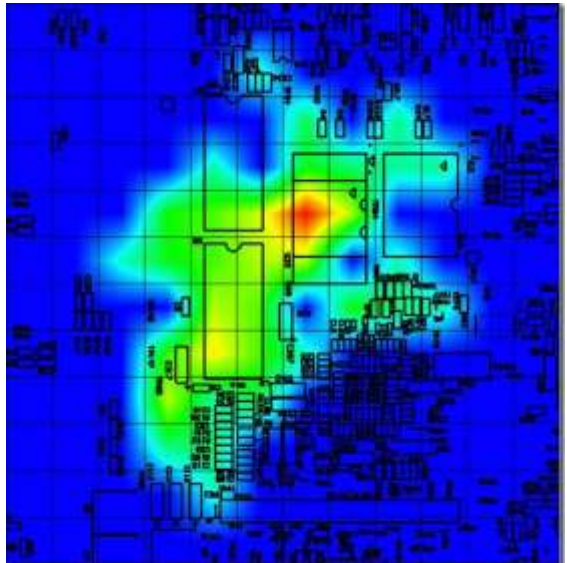


Magnetic Environment inside PCB

- Speaker magnets, high power current traces, steel RF shields combine to create interfering magnetic fields up to 1000uT
- The earth's geomagnetic field which provides the compass heading is only 40uT or so and is swamped by the interfering fields
- The magnetic calibration software must track and subtract the interfering fields to an accuracy of 0.25uT
- Magnetometer must be carefully placed - typically at the PCB edge



Typical magnetic field scan



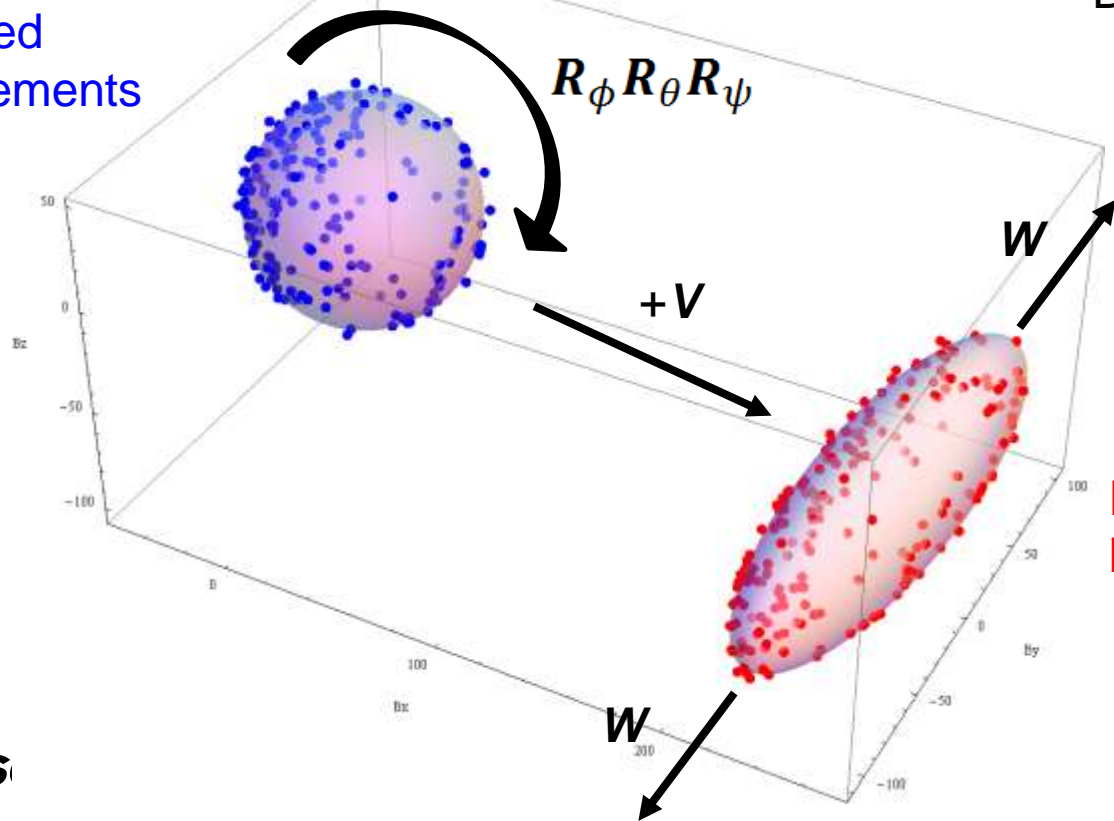
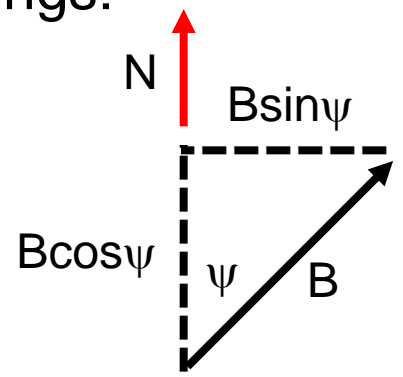
Tilt-Compensated eCompass in Brief

- Simple algebra gives the yaw (compass) angle ψ as the arctan of the horizontal de-rotated and calibrated readings:

$$R_\psi B_r = \boxed{R_\theta^{-1} R_\phi^{-1}} \boxed{W^{-1}} (B_p - \boxed{V})$$

From Accel From Calibration

Calibrated measurements



Raw, uncalibrated Measurements



Gyroscope



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Classic Applications for Sensor Fusion: Demonstration Session (v)

- Accelerometer:
 - Inclinometer provides roll and pitch (tilt) estimation (eg camera horizon)
 - **But cannot determine yaw (compass) angle and the performance degrades when linear accelerations is present**
- Accelerometer + Magnetometer (eCompass)
 - Tilt compensated eCompass provides complete orientation solution including yaw (compass) heading
 - **But tilt-compensation algorithm uses the accelerometer and so degrades when linear acceleration is present**
 - **Compass is perturbed by external magnetic interference**
- Accelerometer + Gyroscope (Gaming consoles)
 - Gyroscope separates gravity from linear acceleration in accelerometer signal
 - Robust estimates of rotation rate and pitch / roll (from gravity component)
 - **But cannot determine absolute yaw (compass) angle since accelerometer is insensitive to rotation about the vertical gravity axis**
- Accelerometer + Magnetometer + Gyroscope (Gyro stabilized eCompass)
 - Provides accurate orientation even under high accelerations and external magnetic interference
 - **No significant drawbacks**



Other Resources





Pressure



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Additional Accelerometers: SPI and Analog



