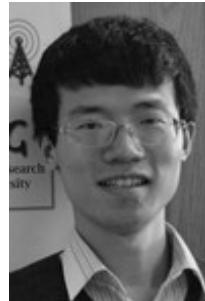


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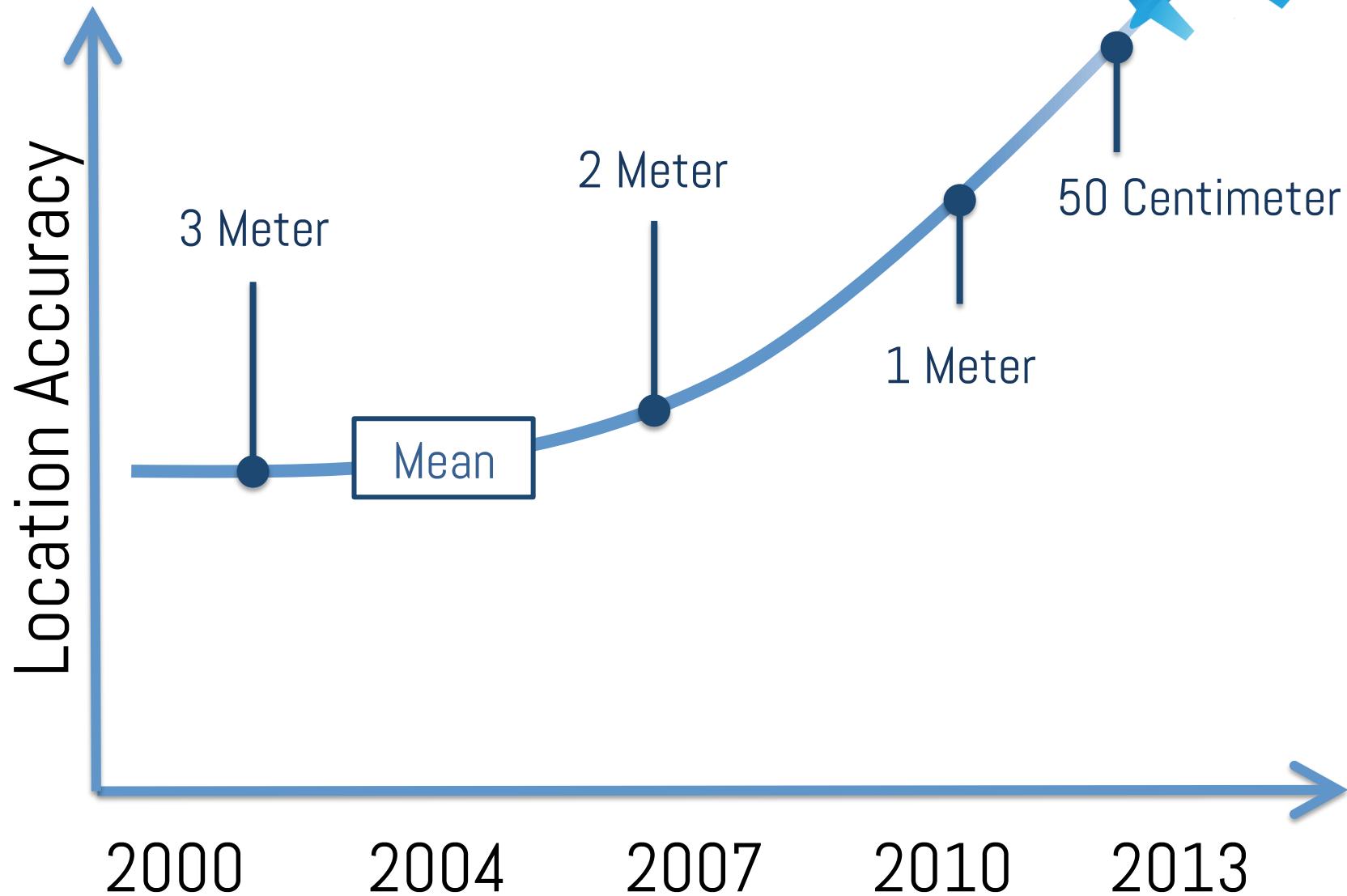


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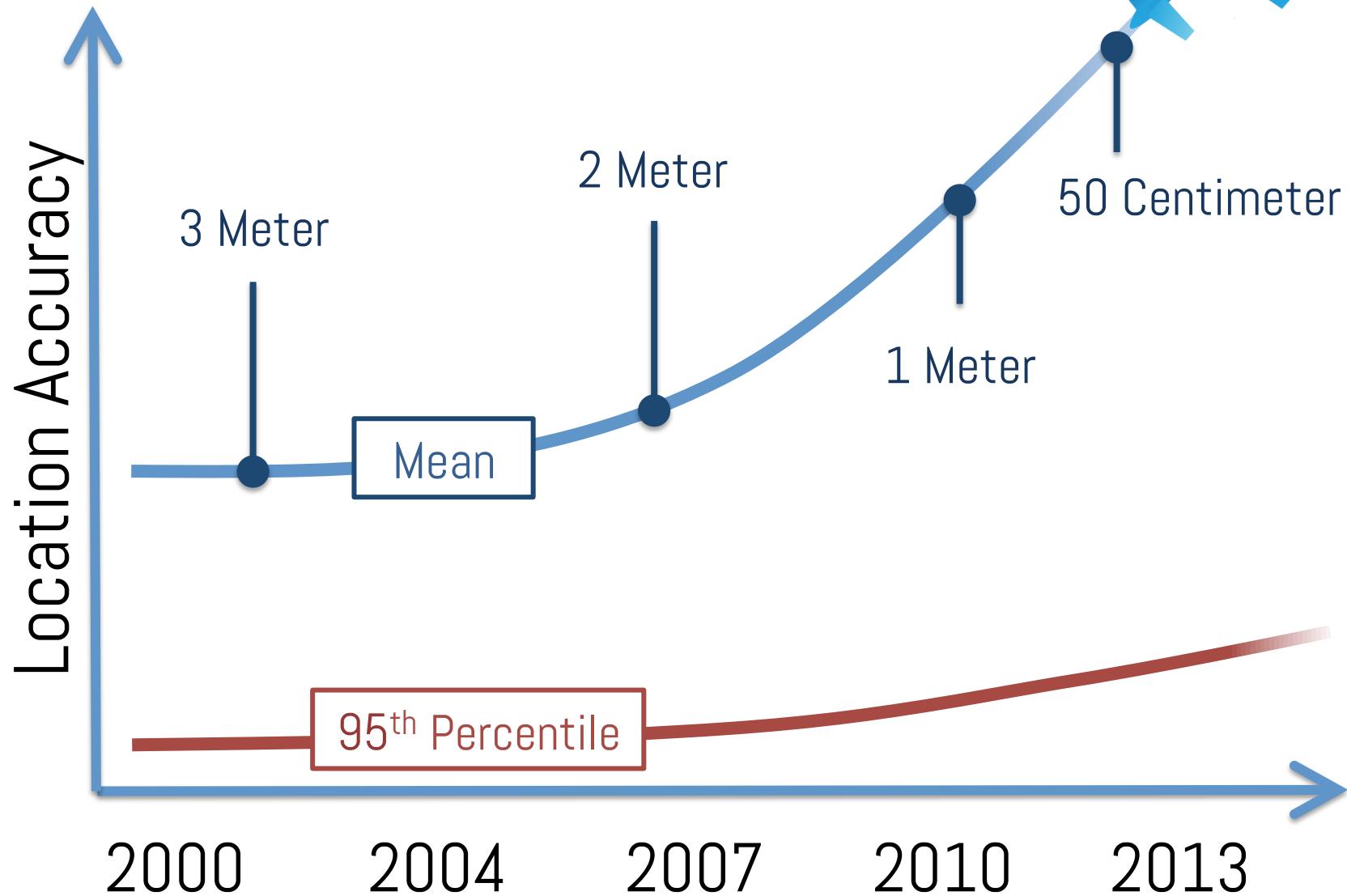


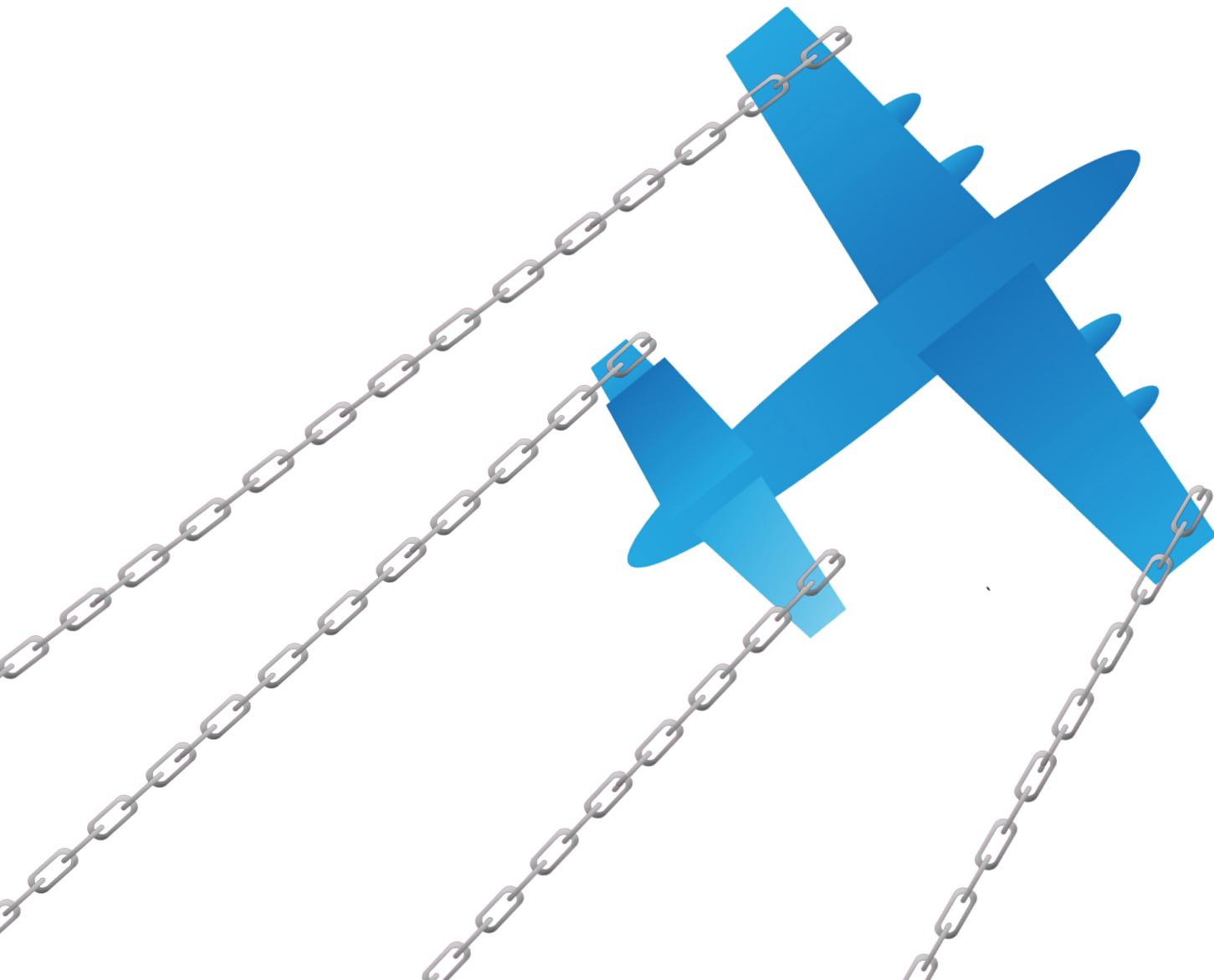
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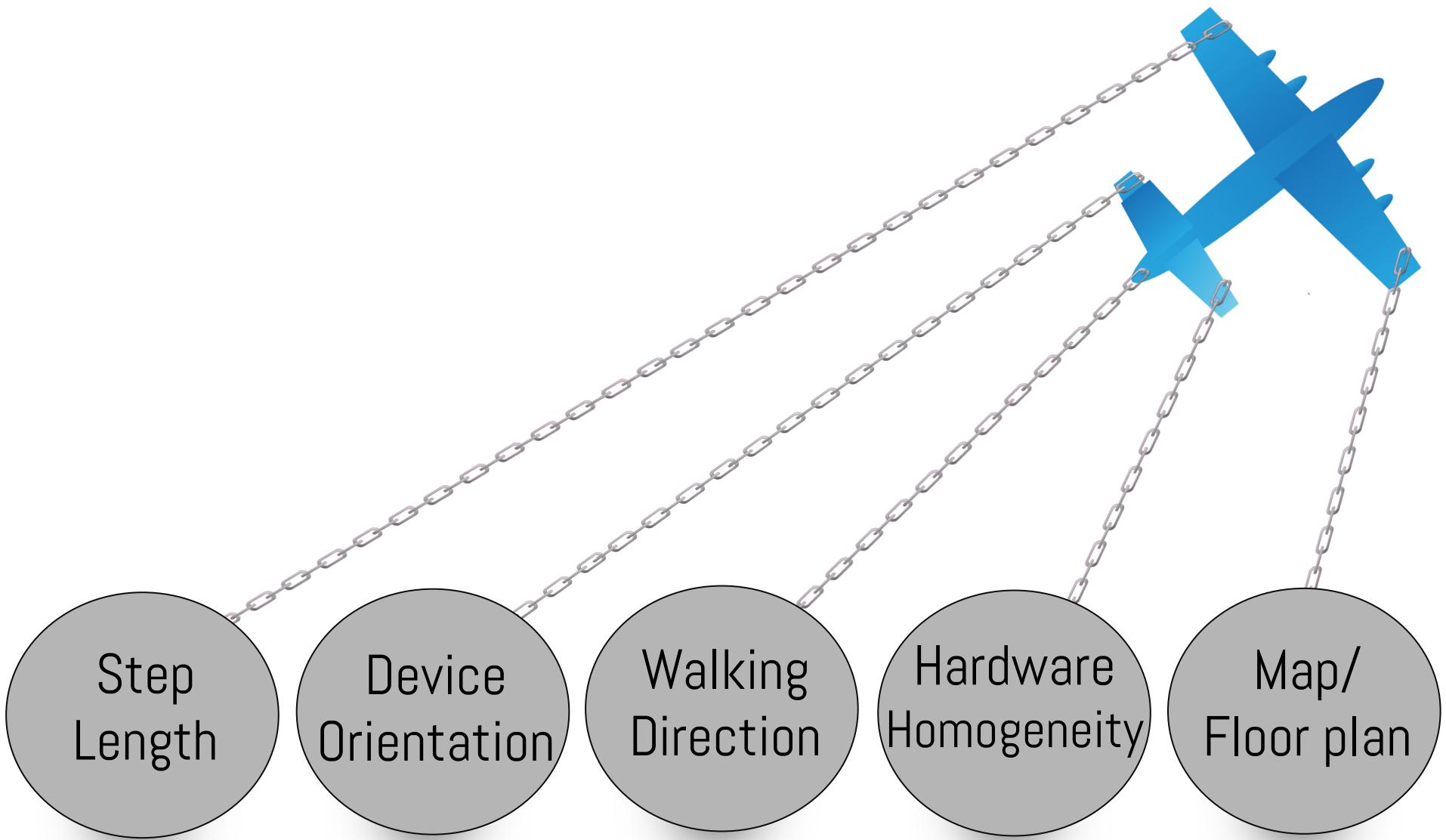
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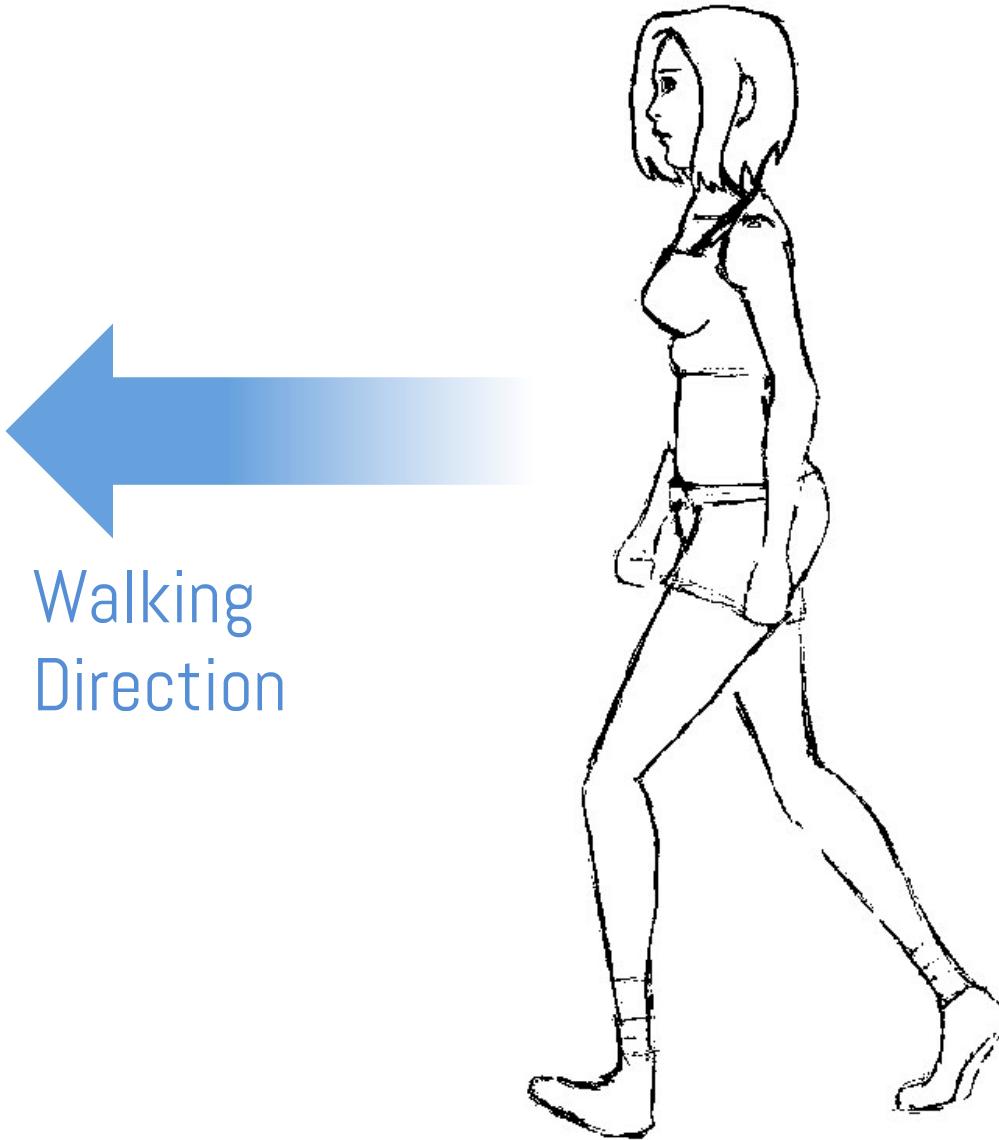




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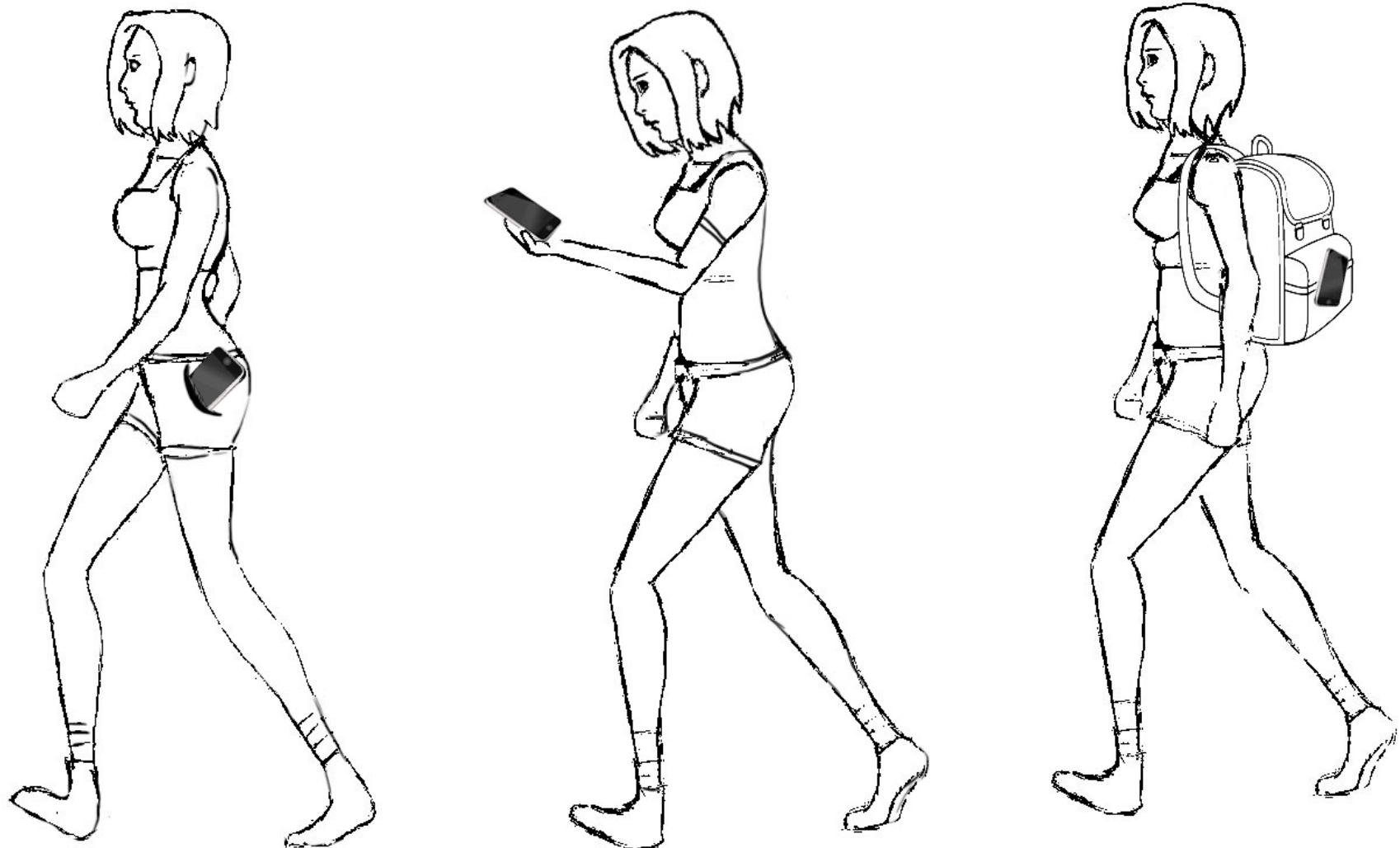
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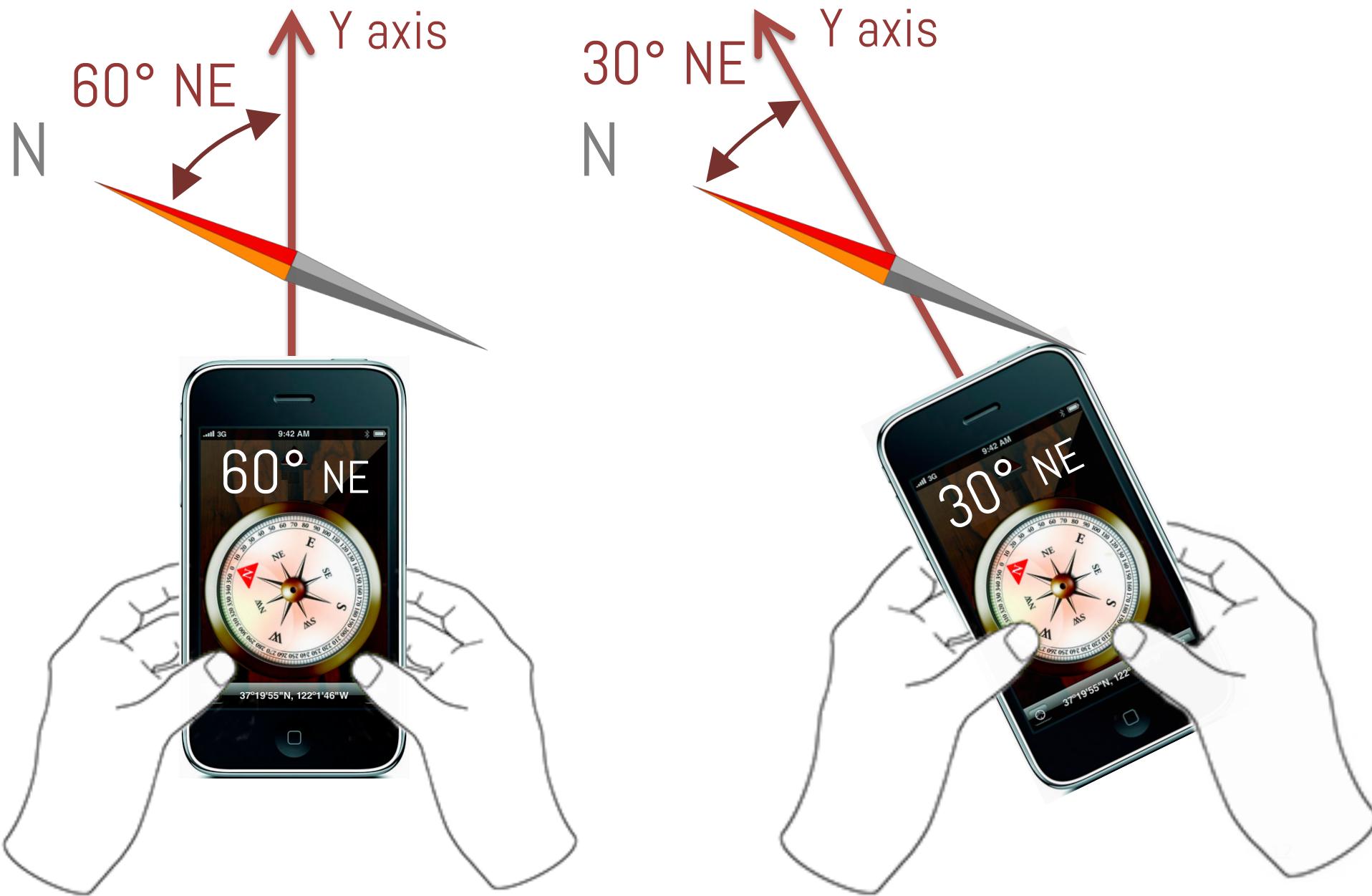


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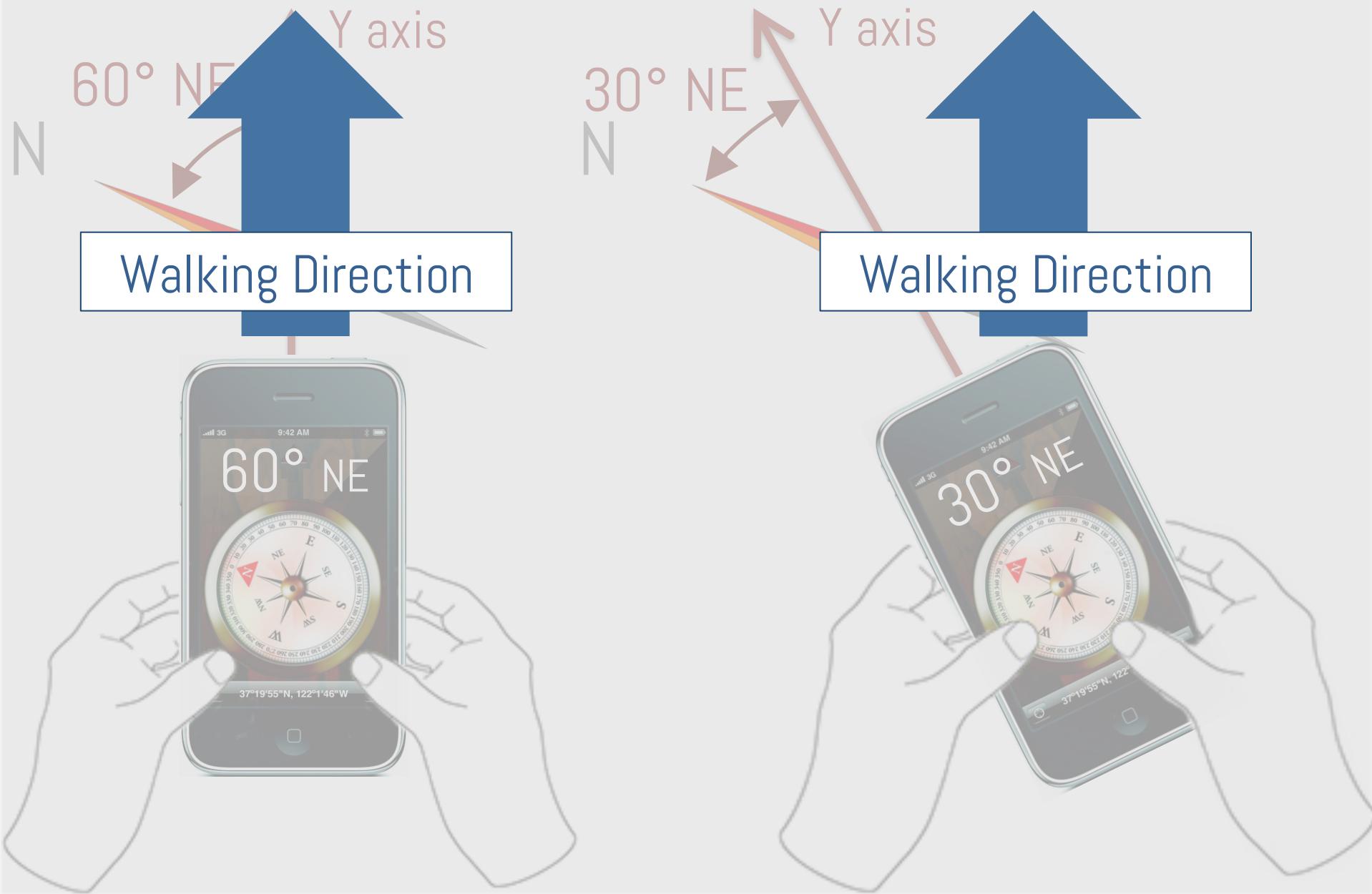
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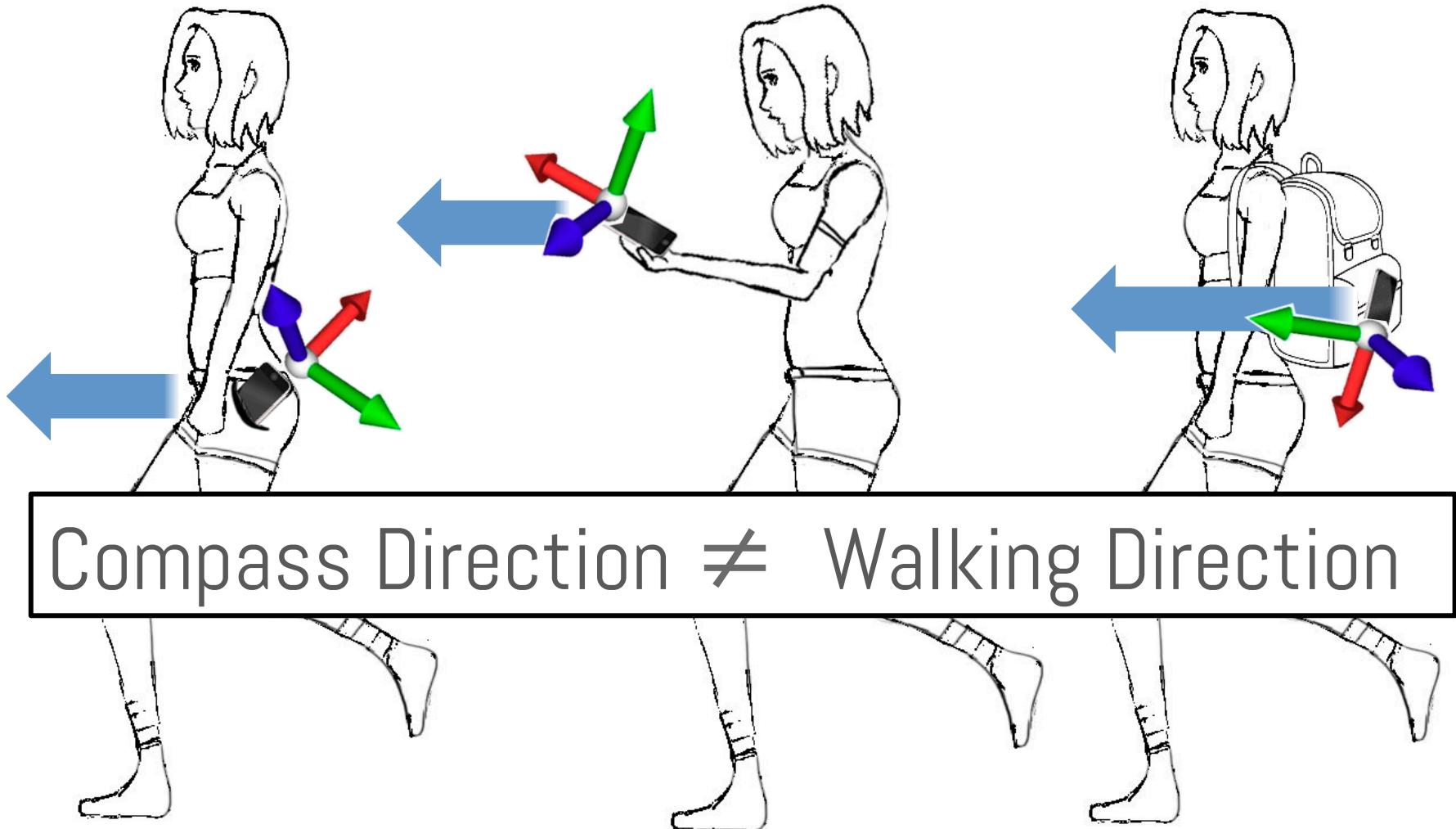
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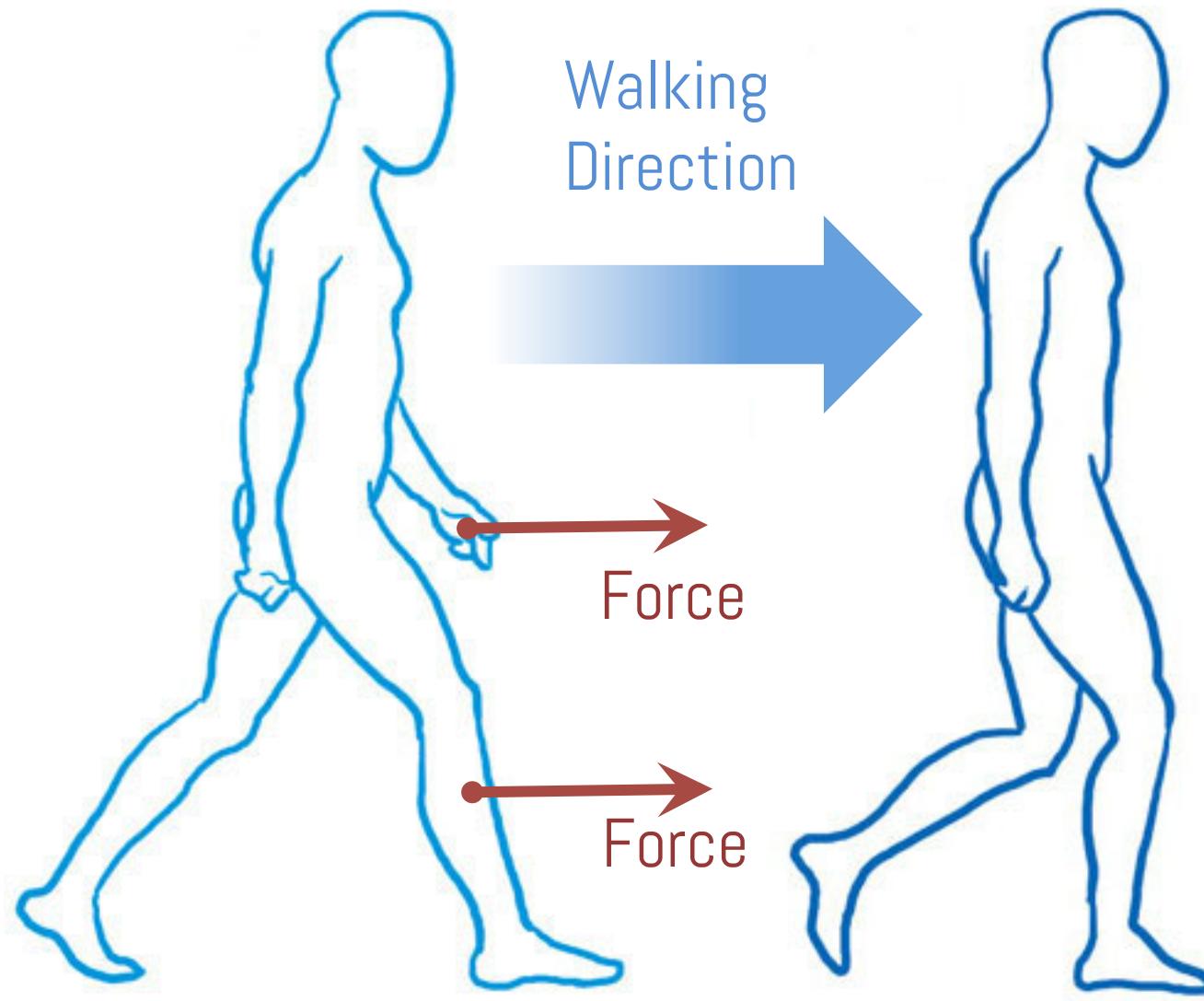


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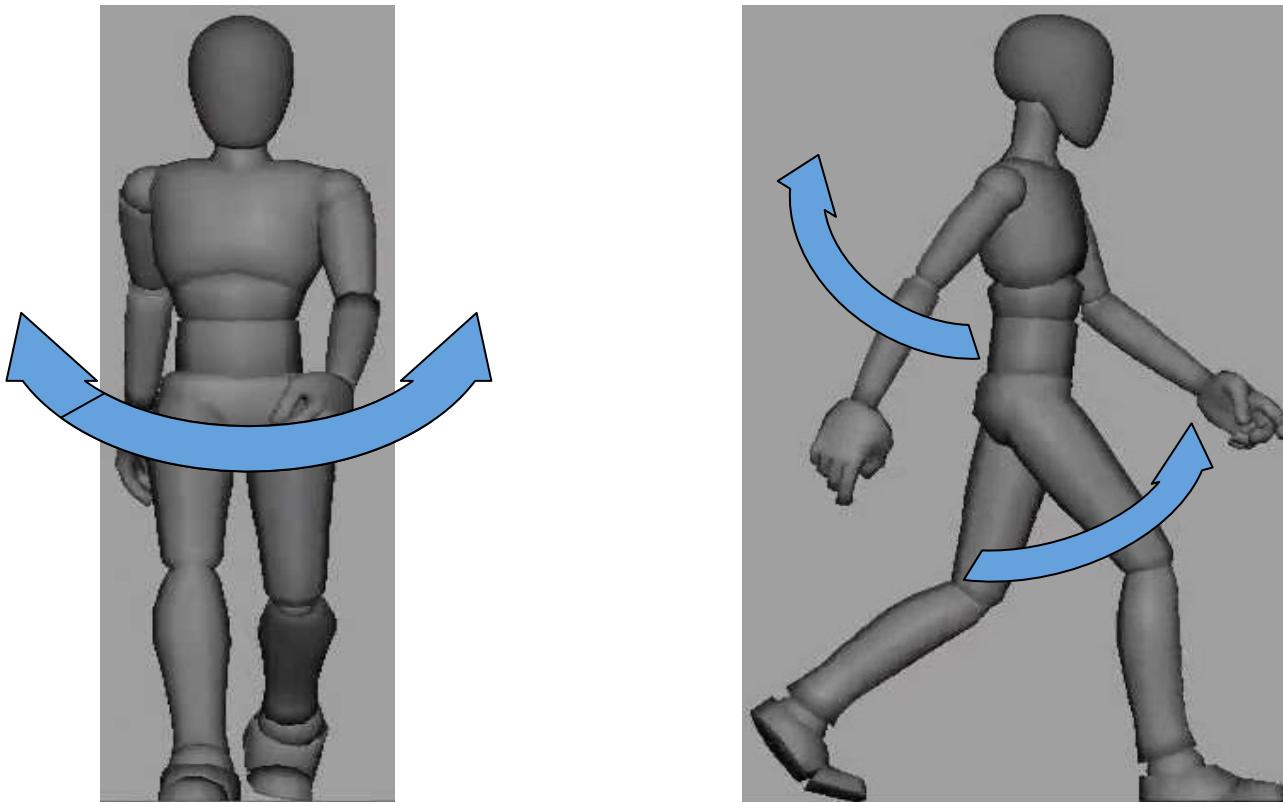
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Challenges

Challenge 1: Finding the Right Force



Complex combination of forces

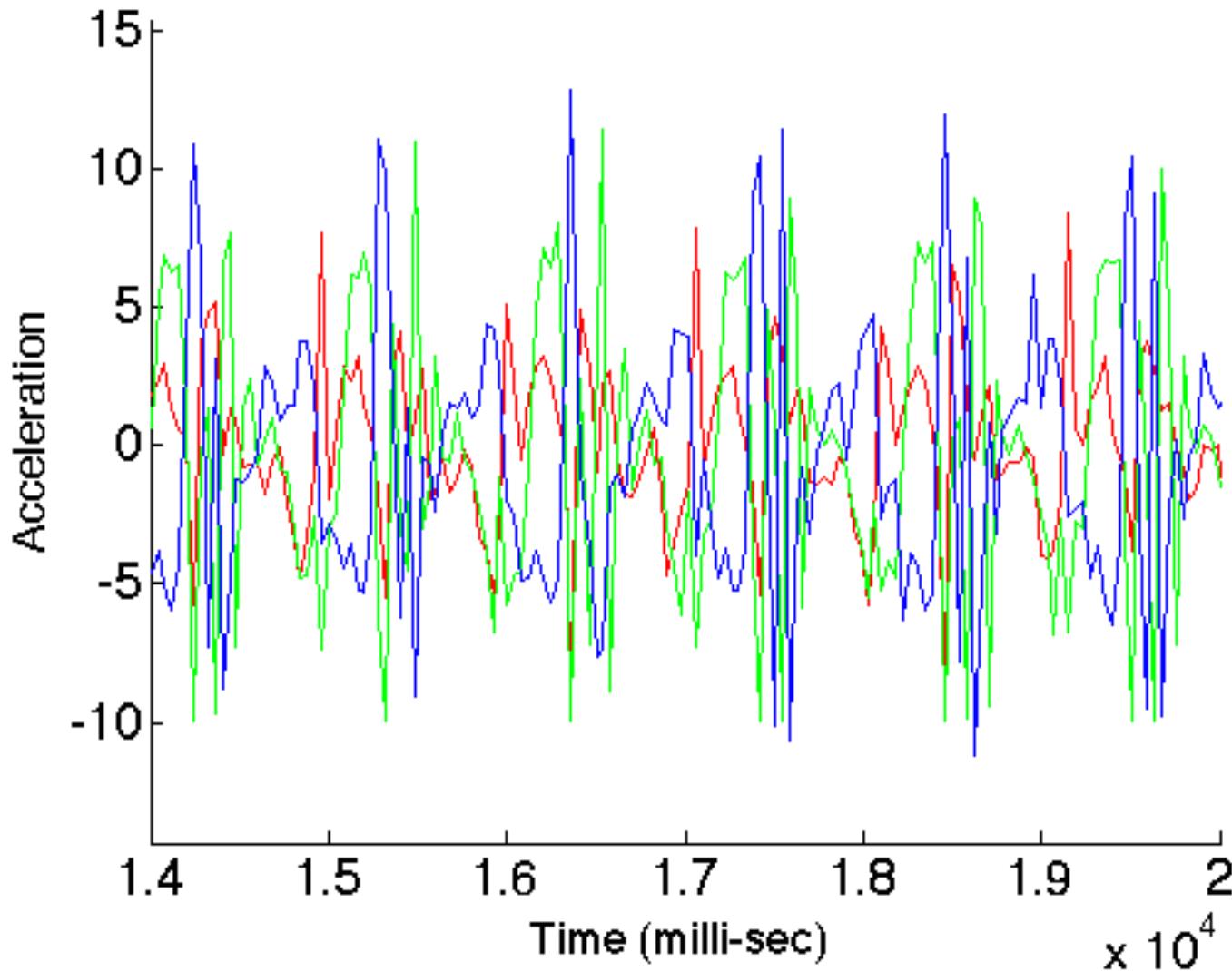
Challenge 2: Finding Common Solution



Different walking patterns

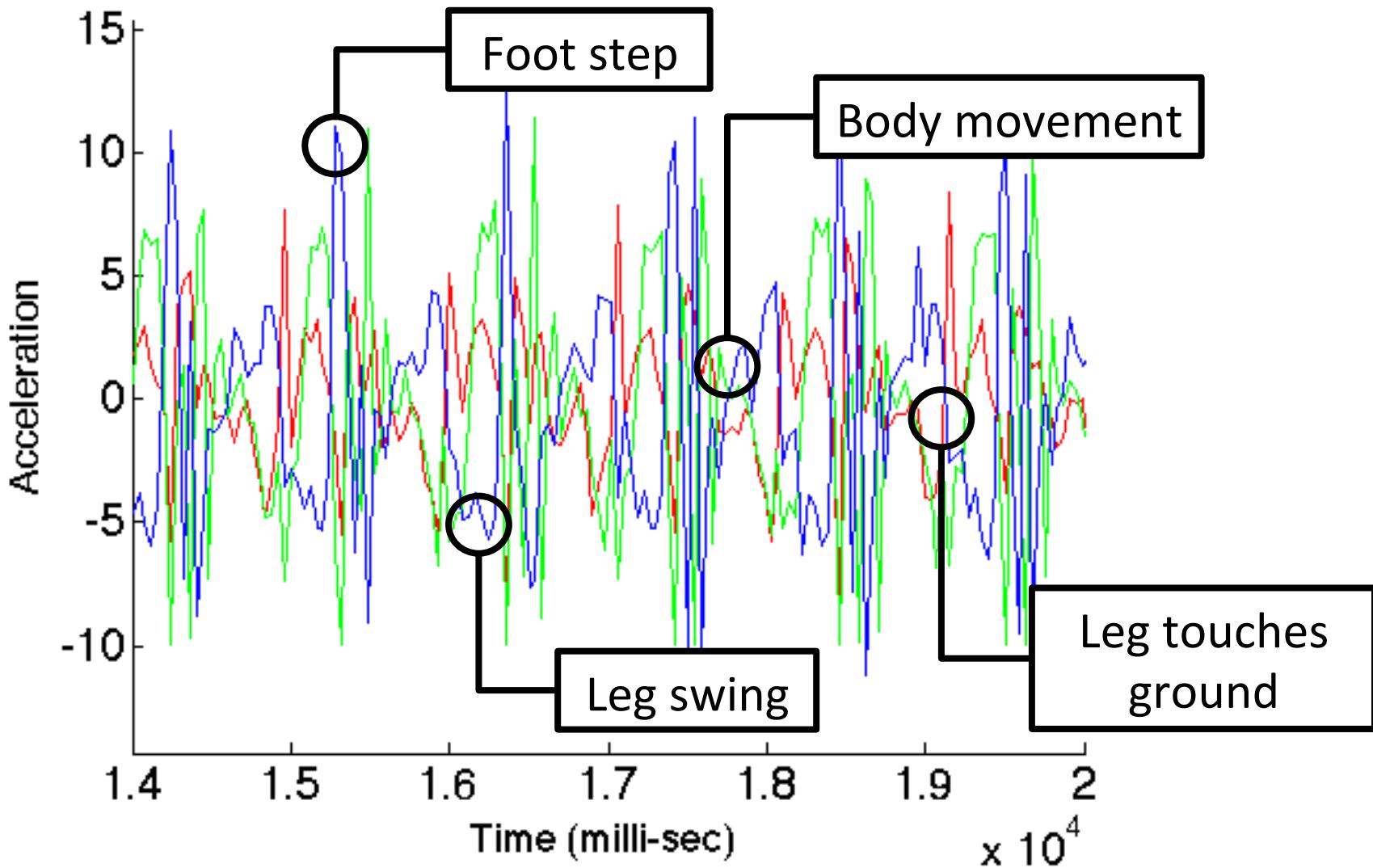
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Understanding a Walk Signal



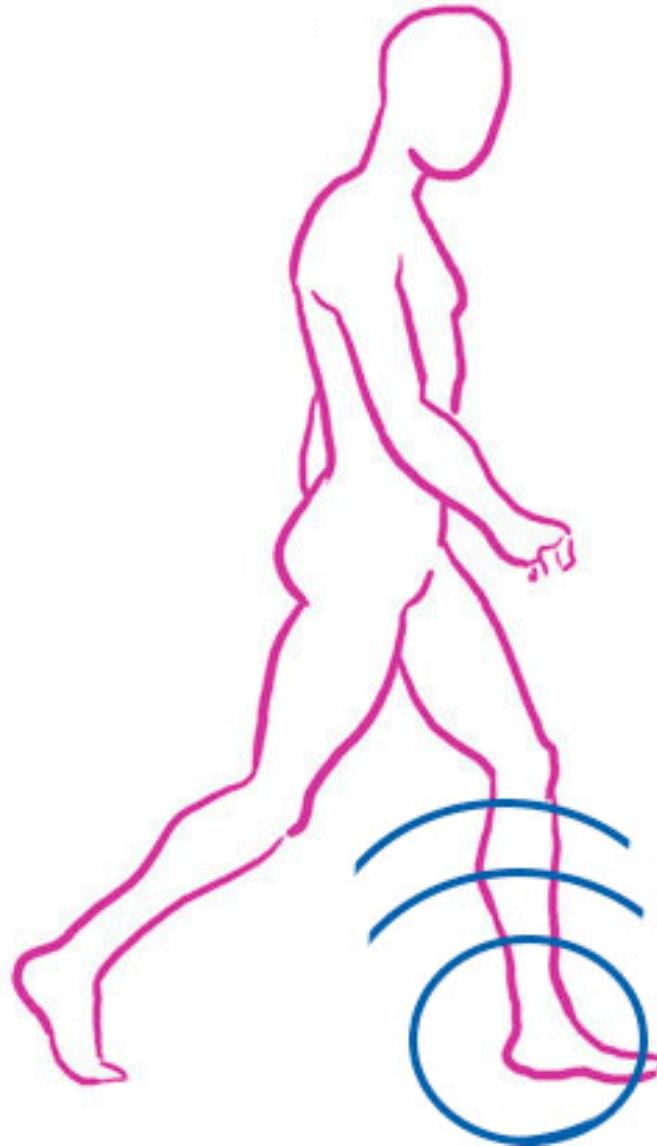
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Segmentation of the Signal: Key Intuition

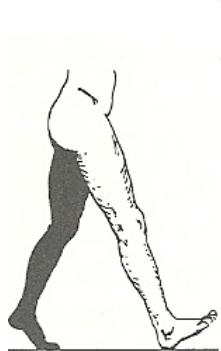


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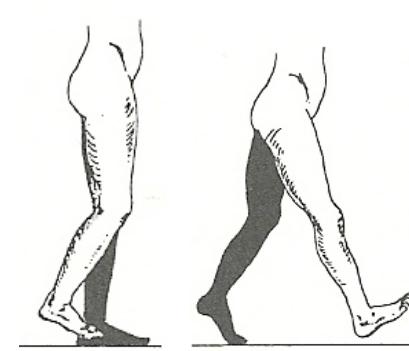
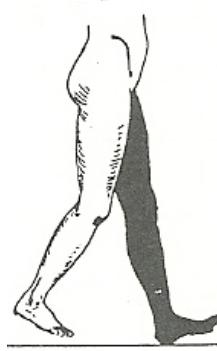
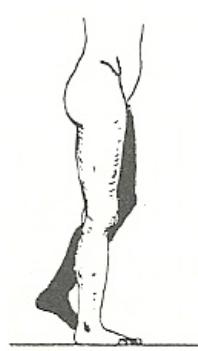
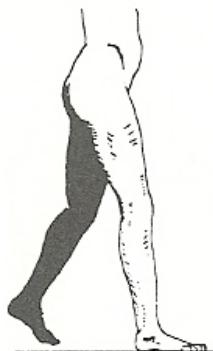
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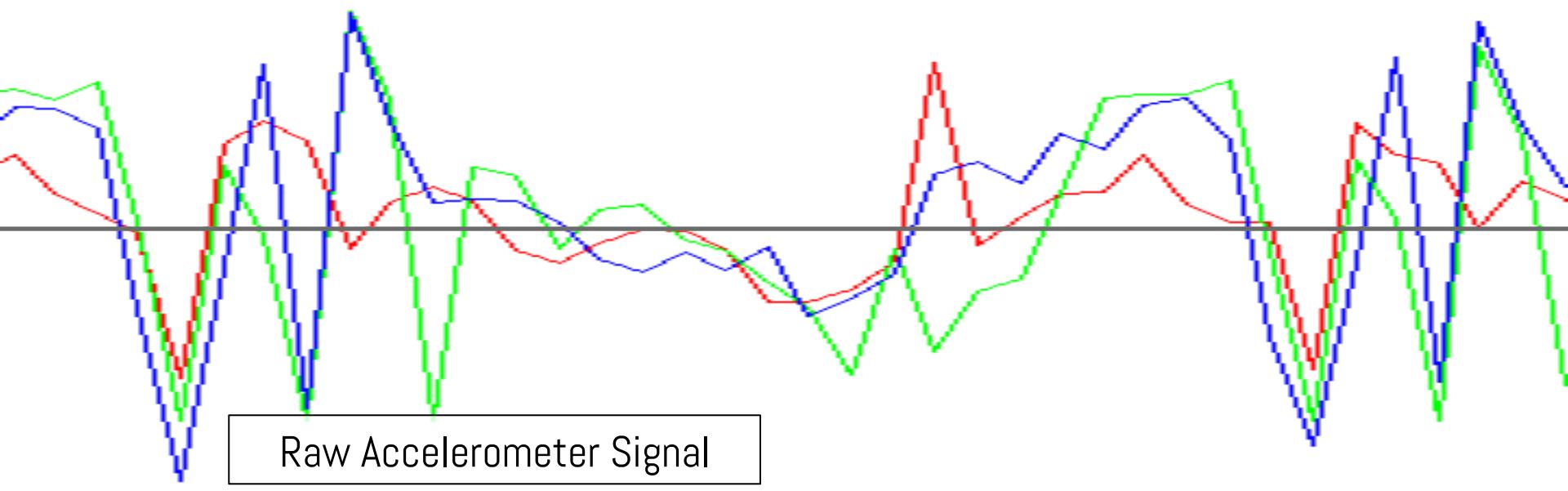
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Heel-touch
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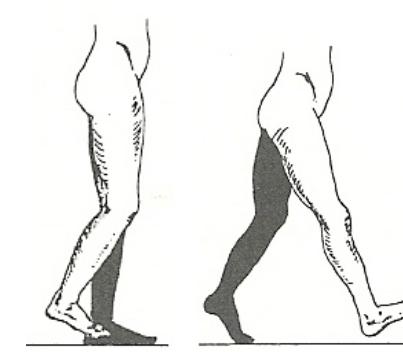
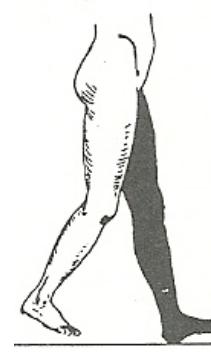
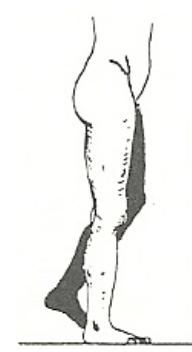
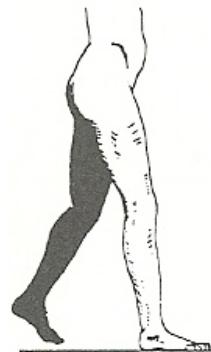
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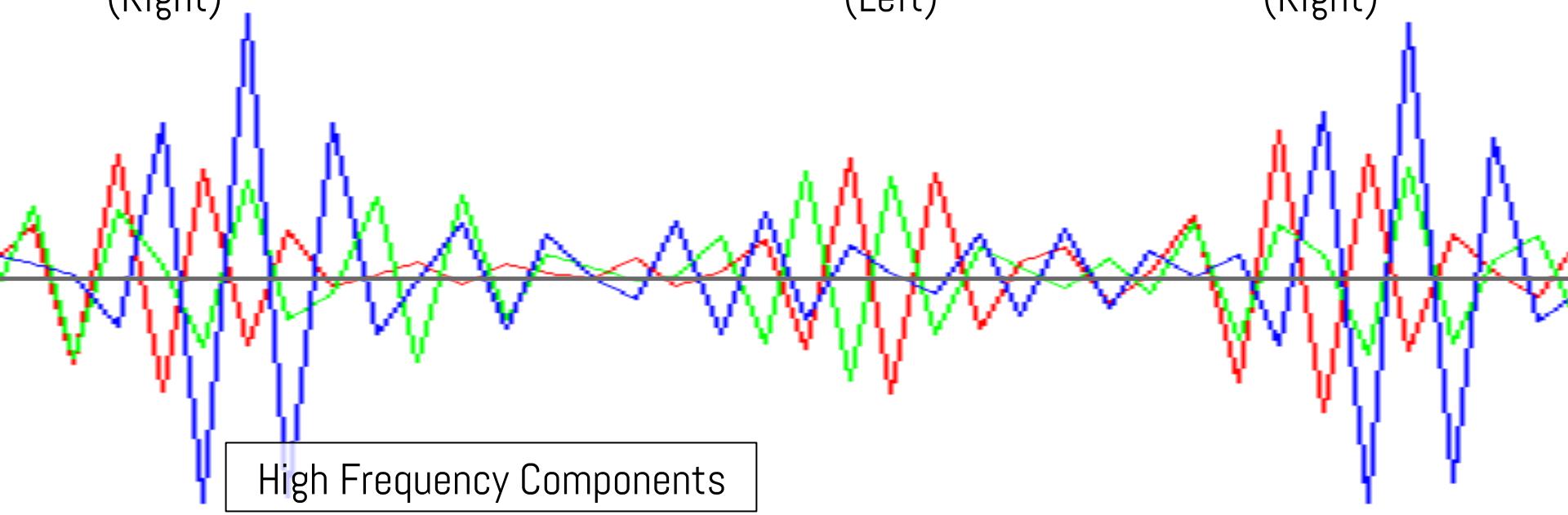
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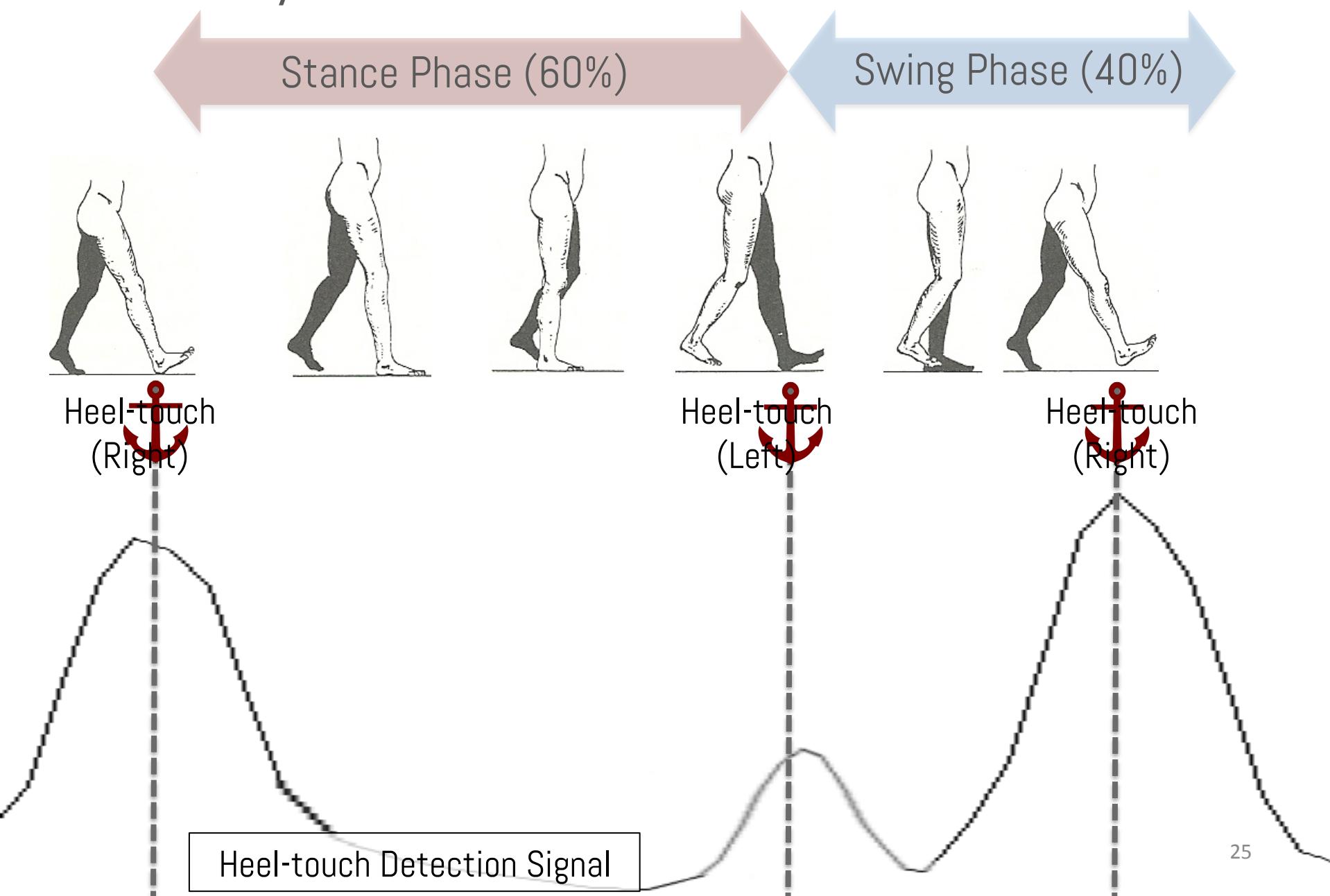
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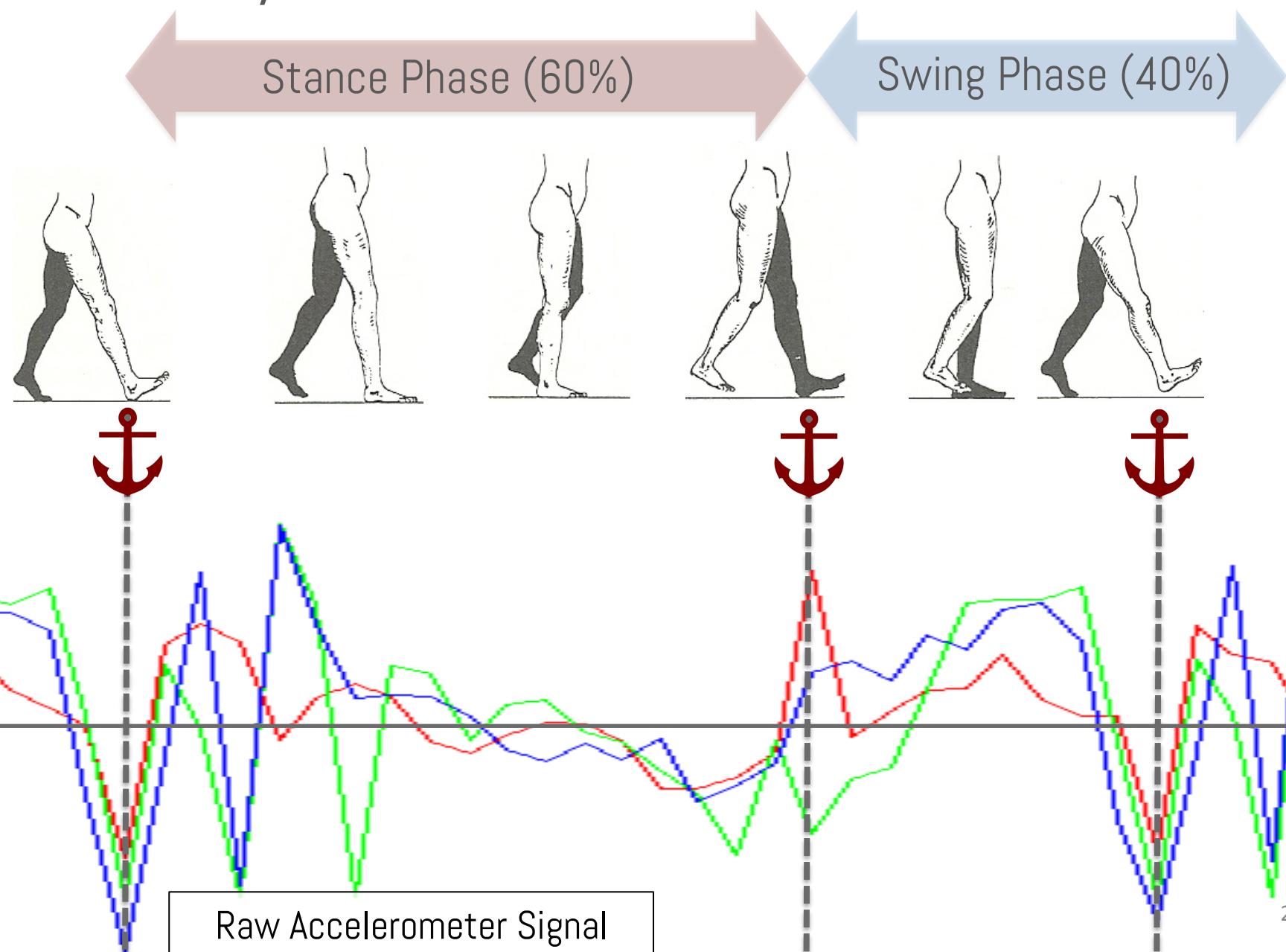
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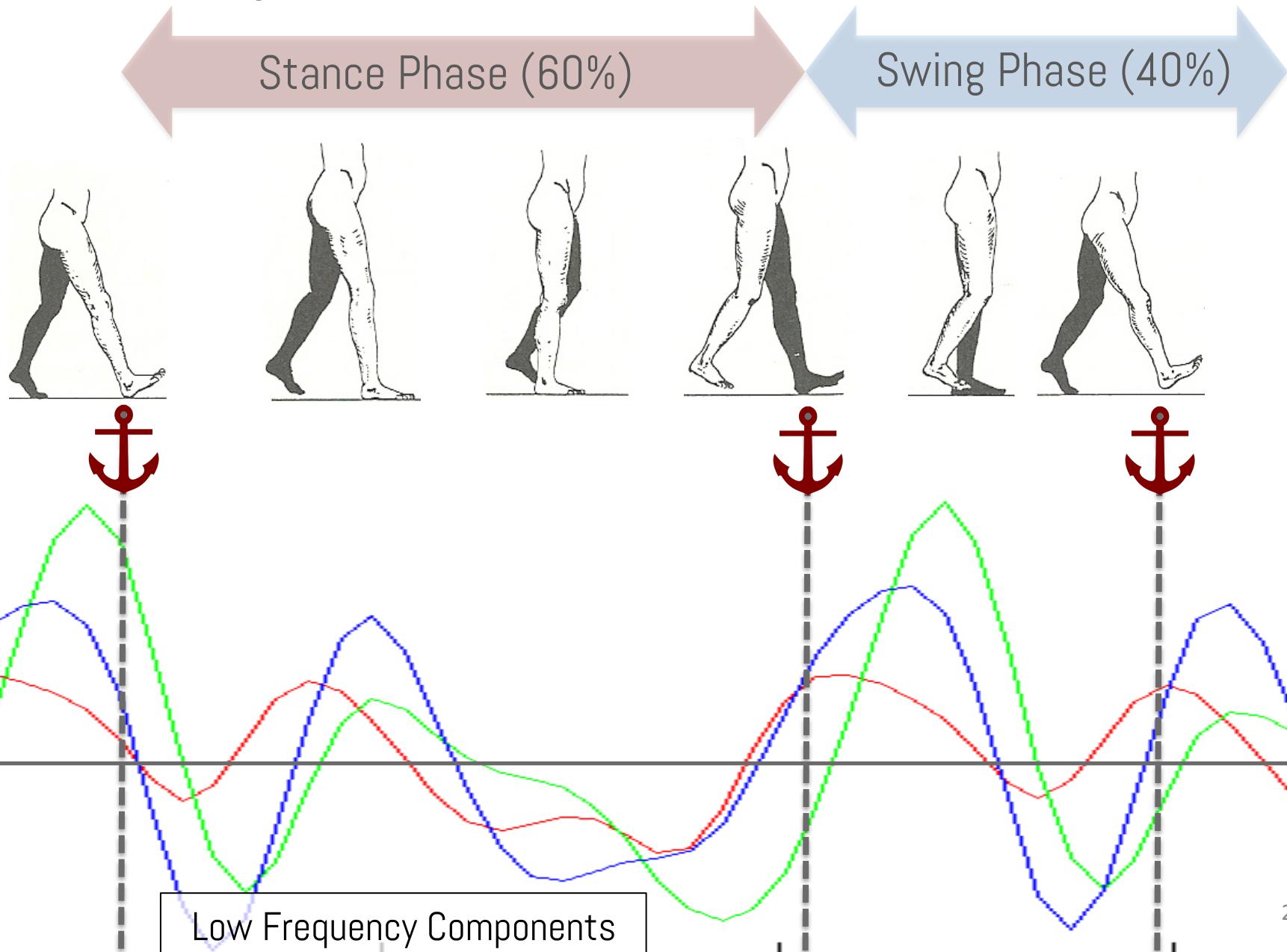
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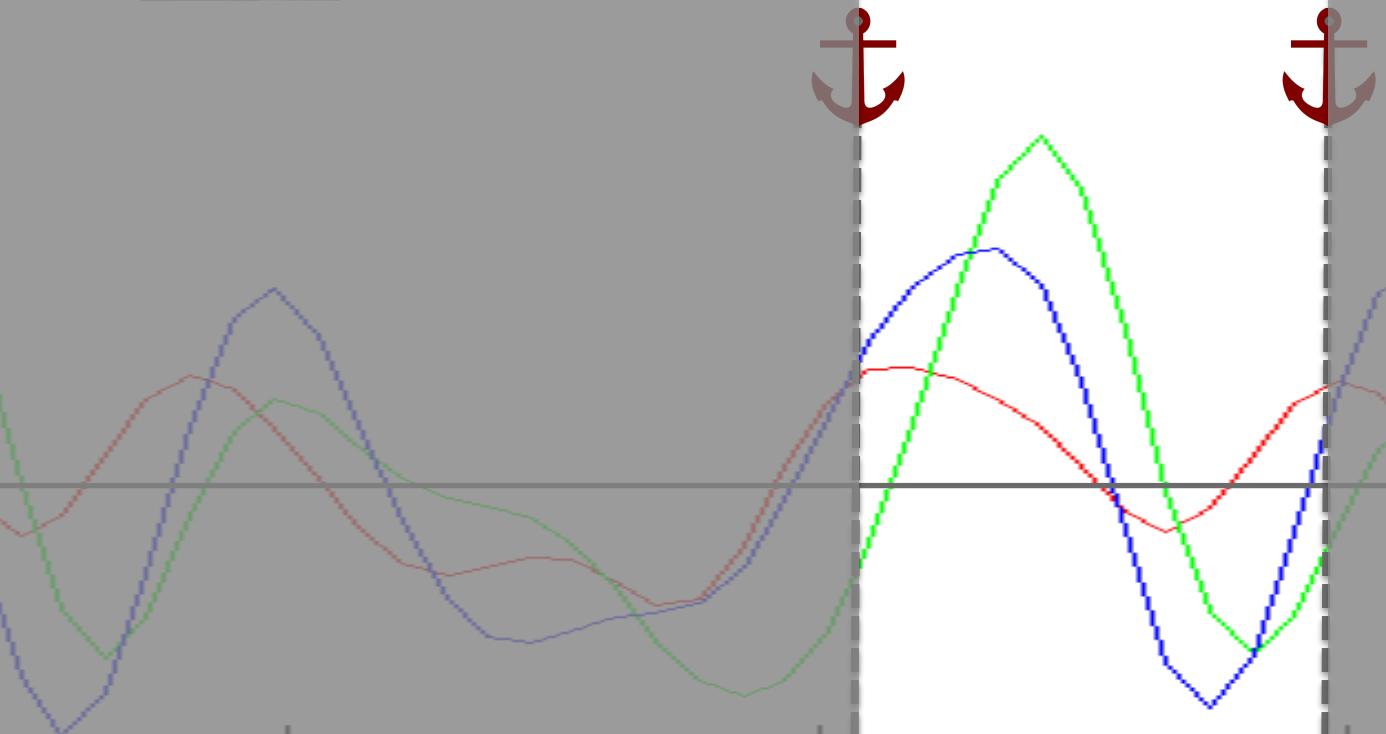
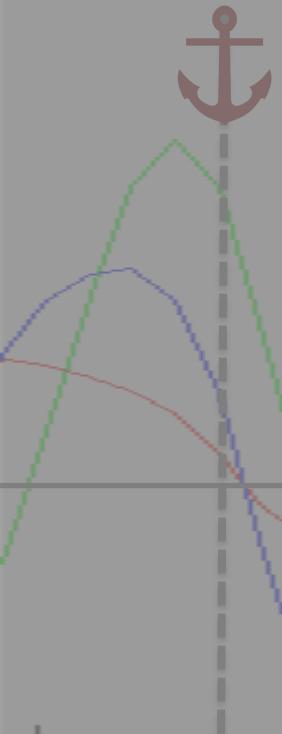
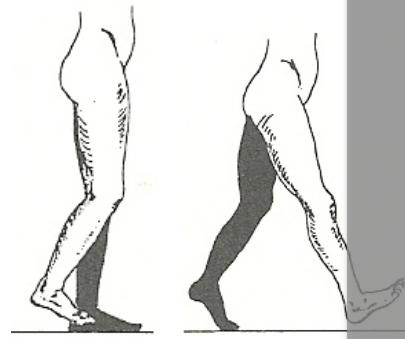
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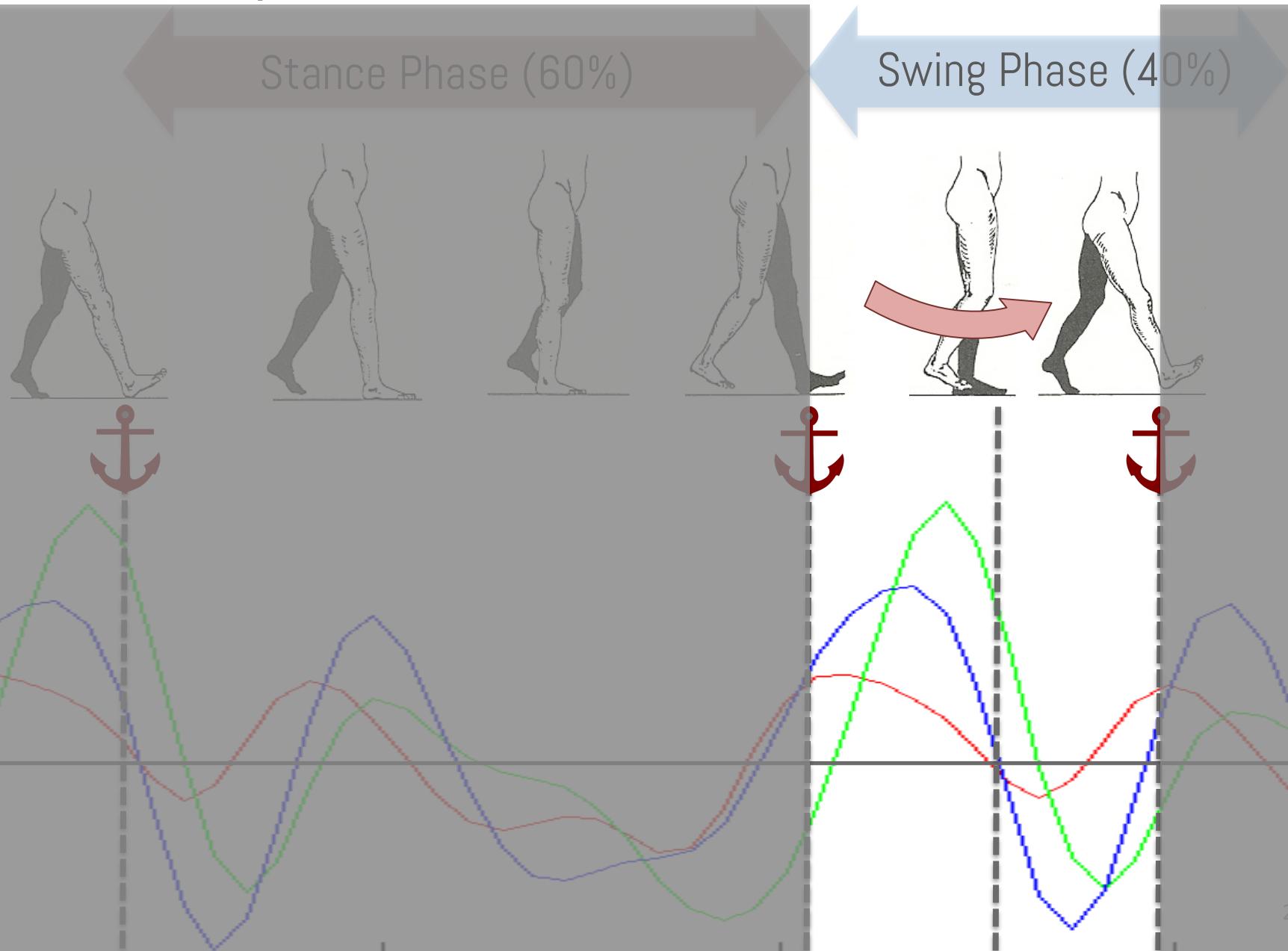
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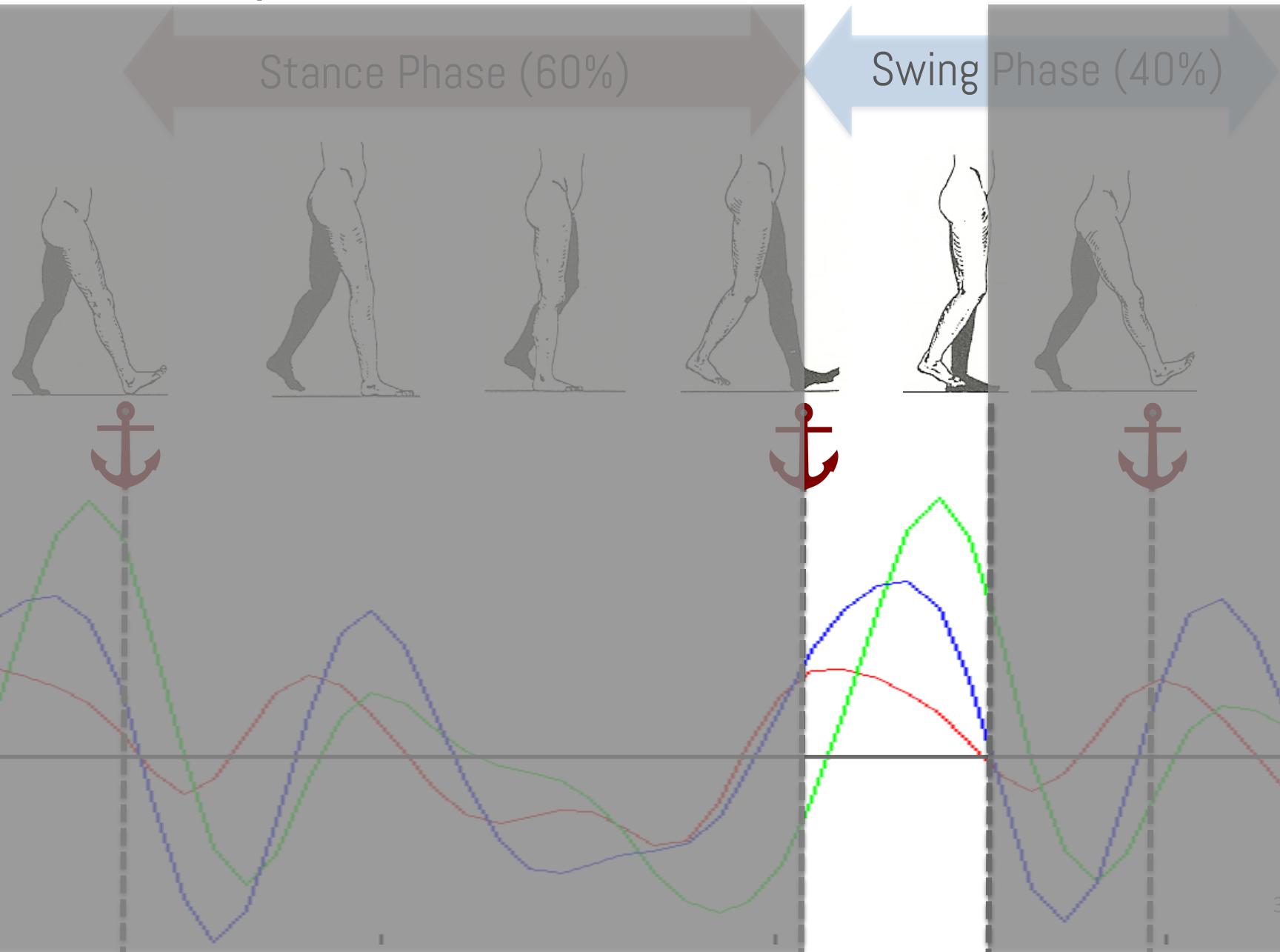
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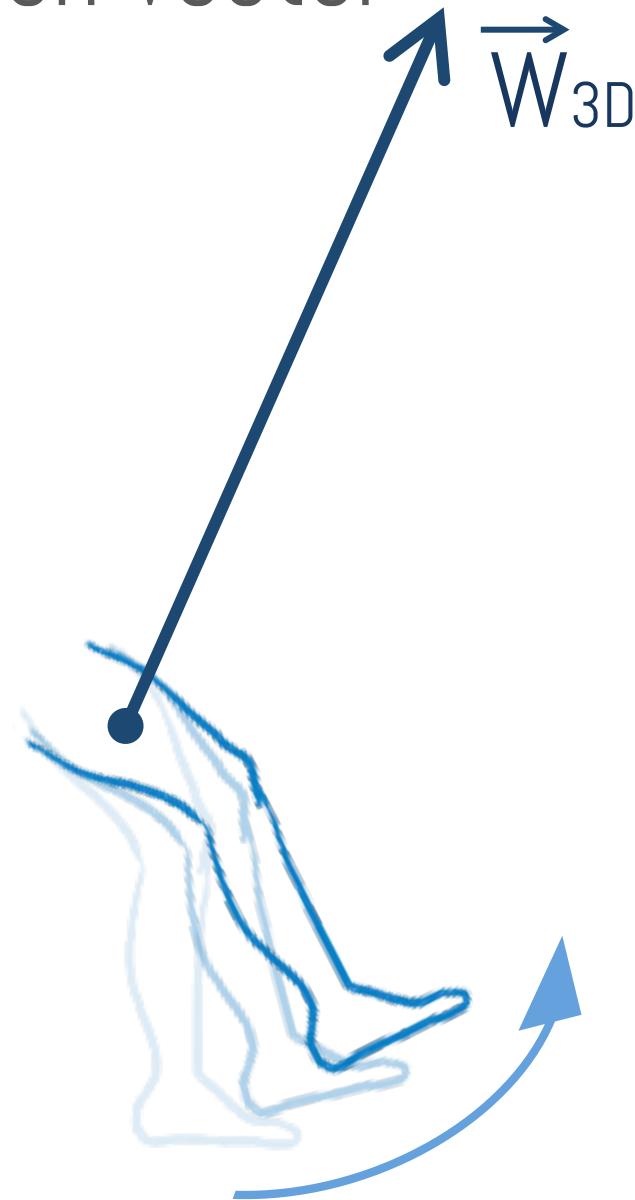
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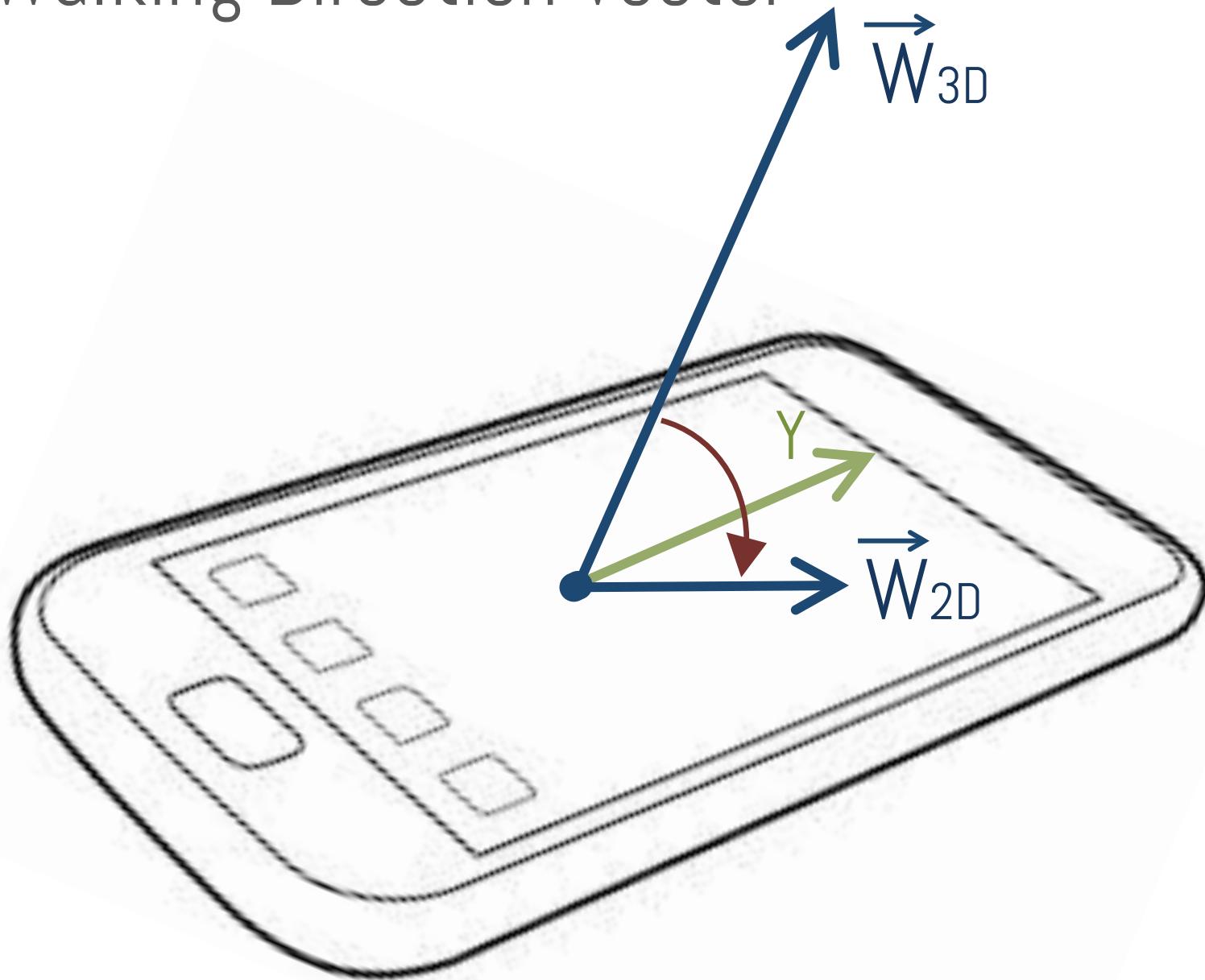
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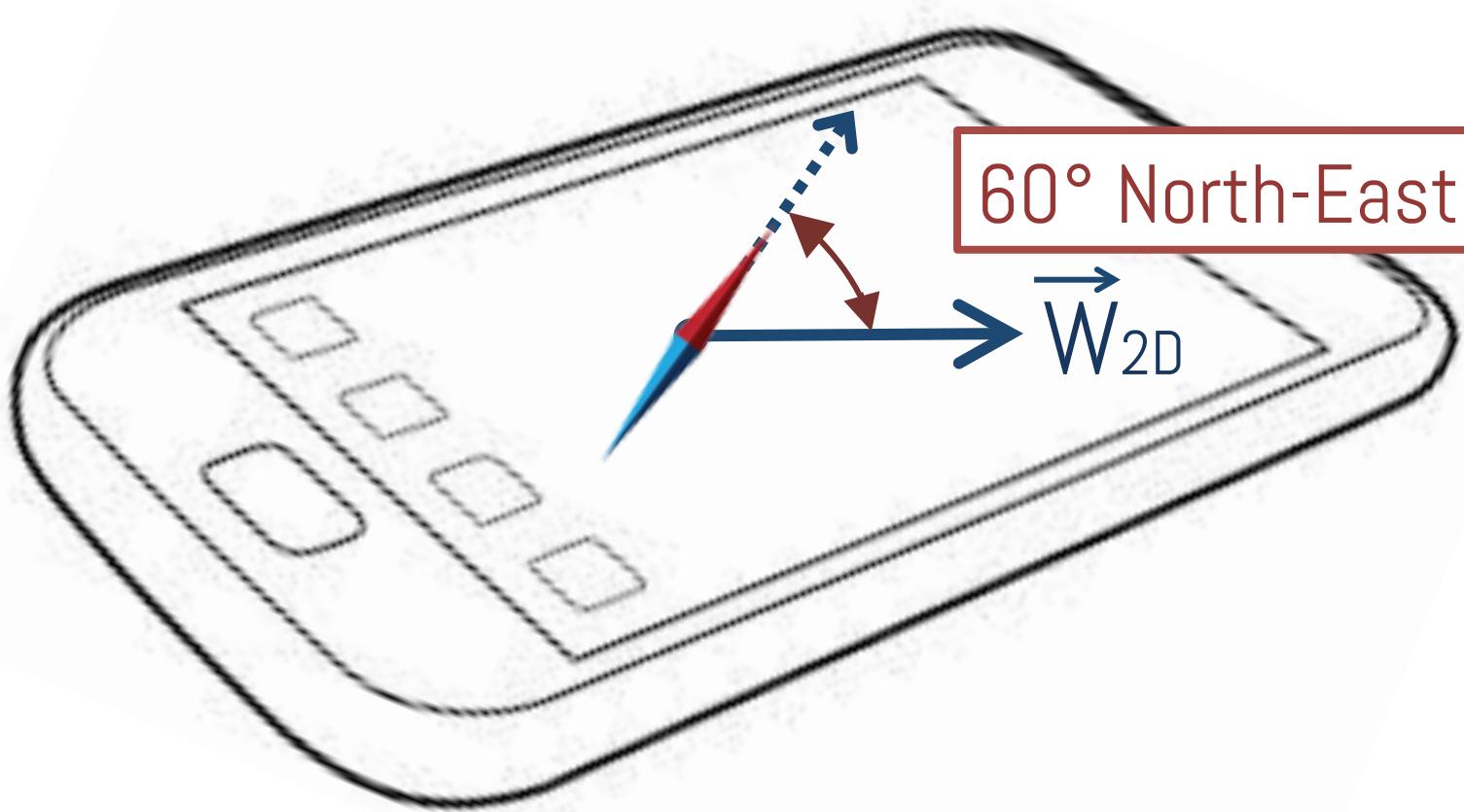
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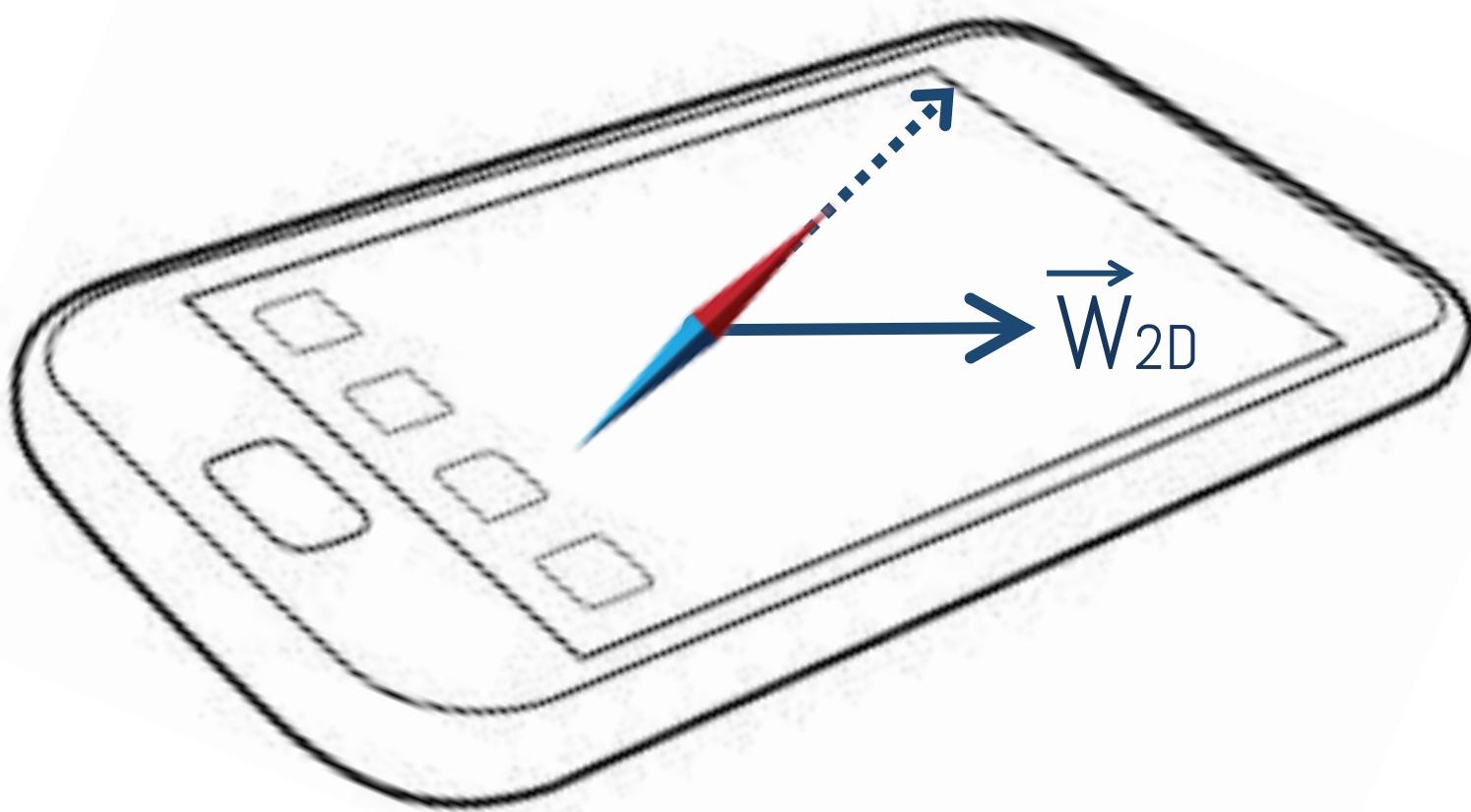


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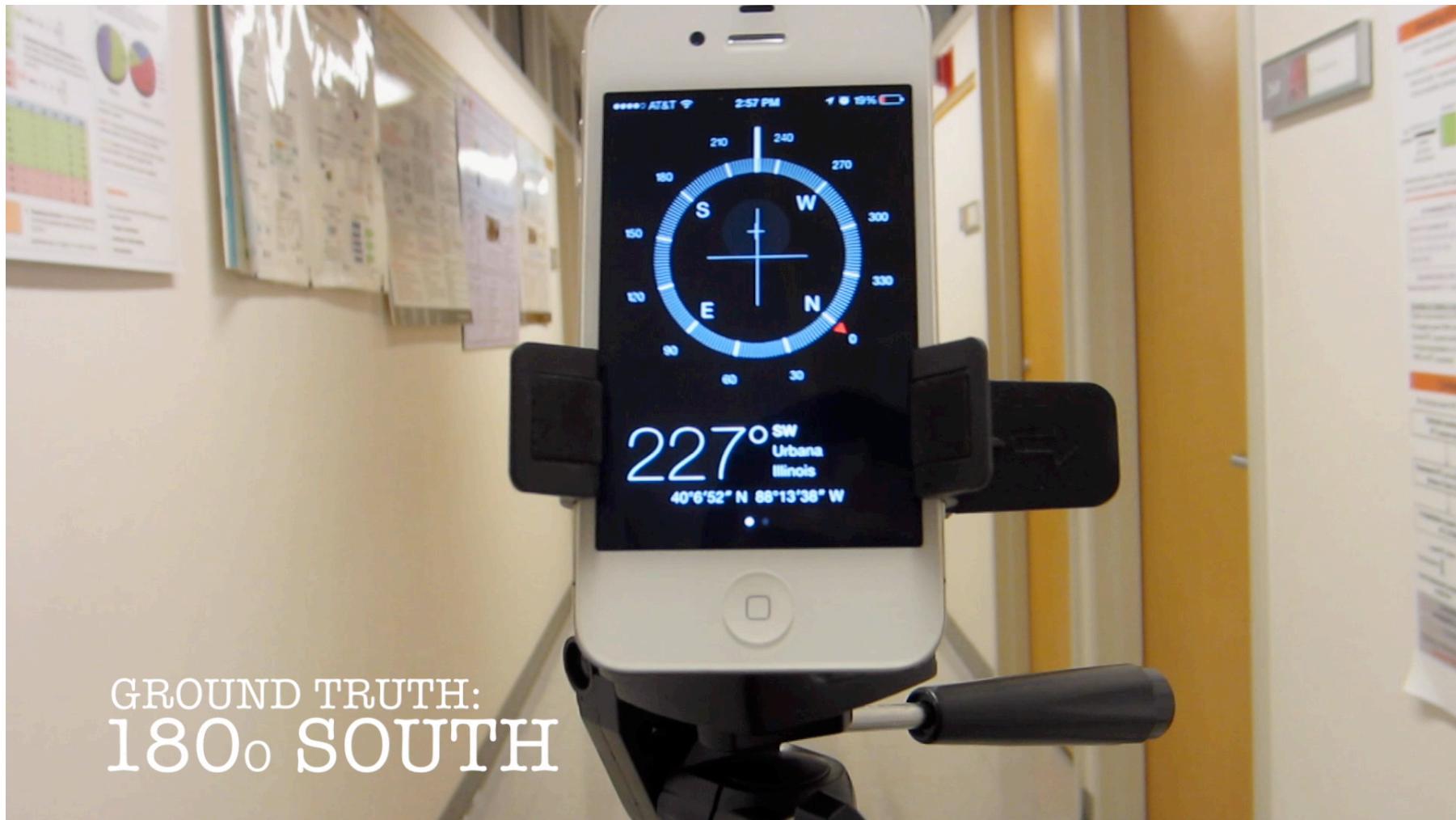


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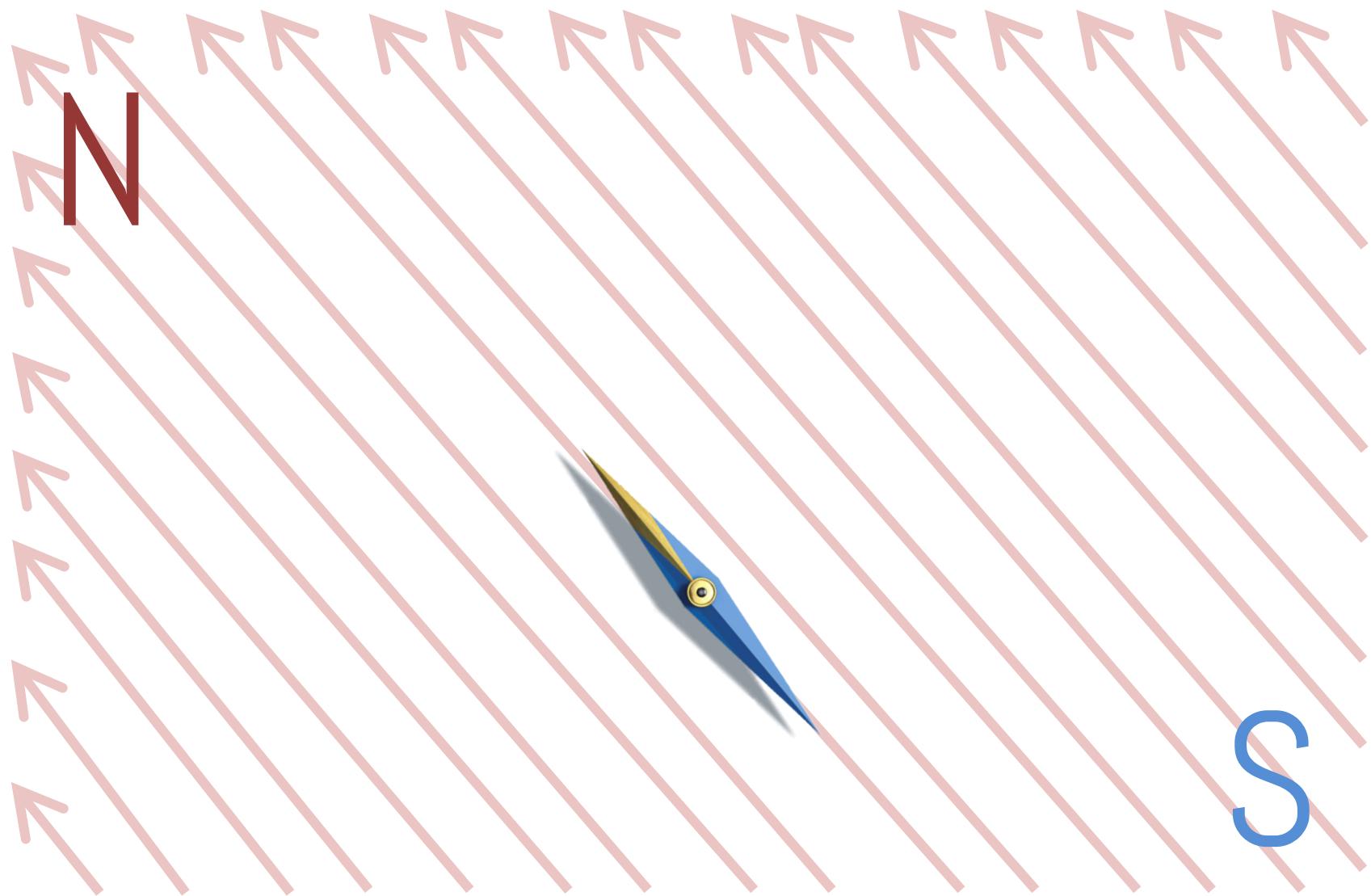
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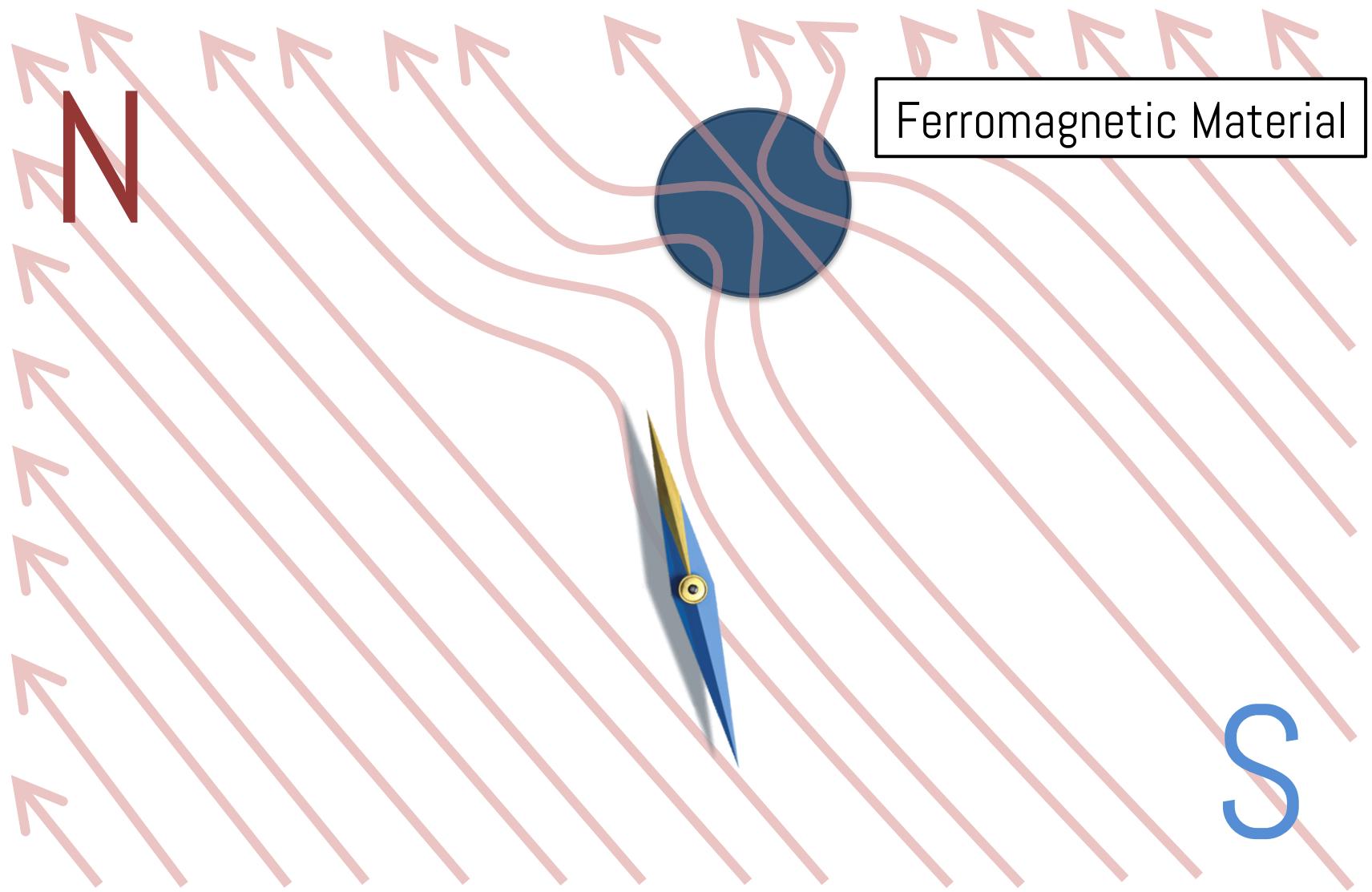
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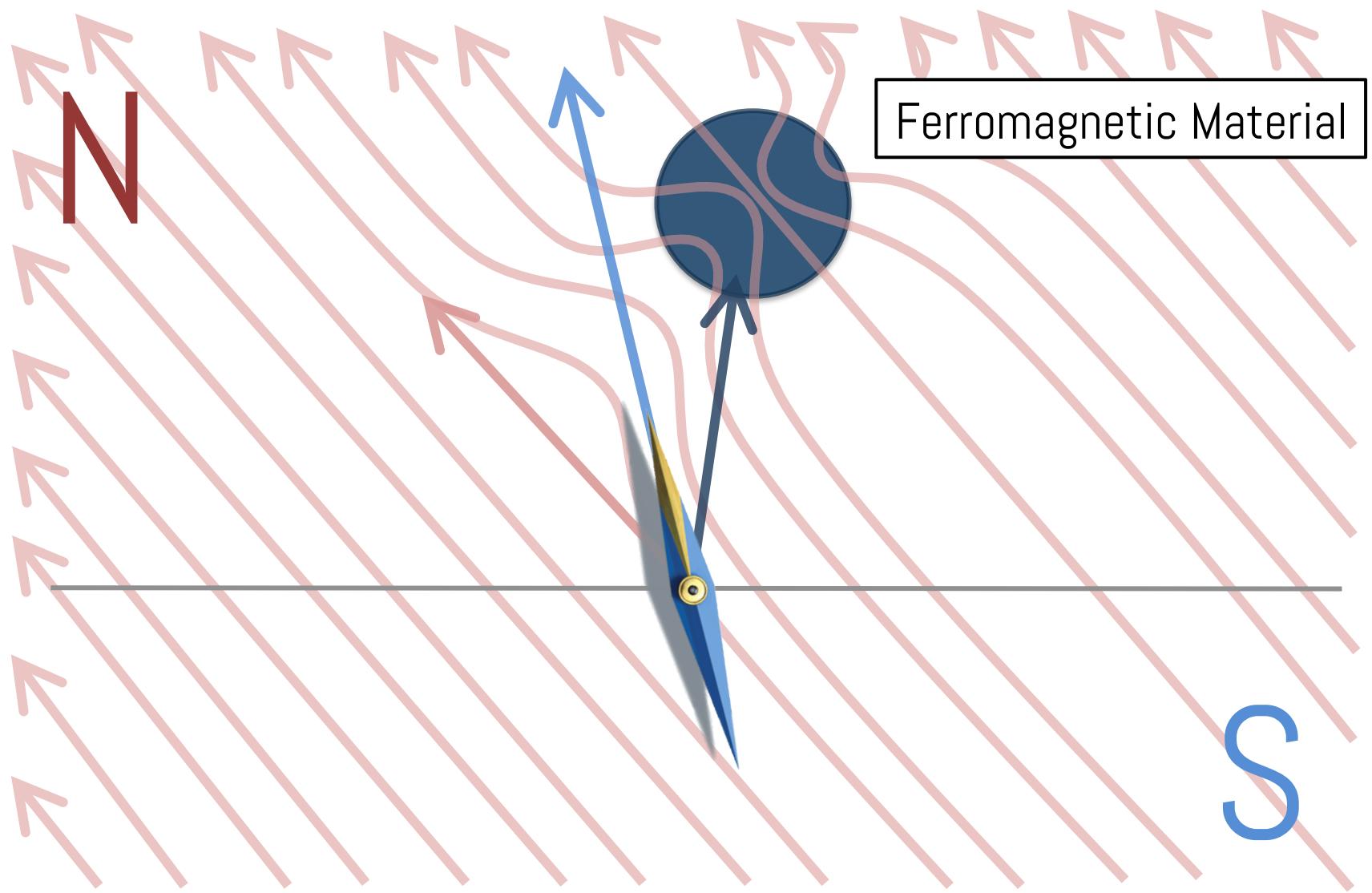
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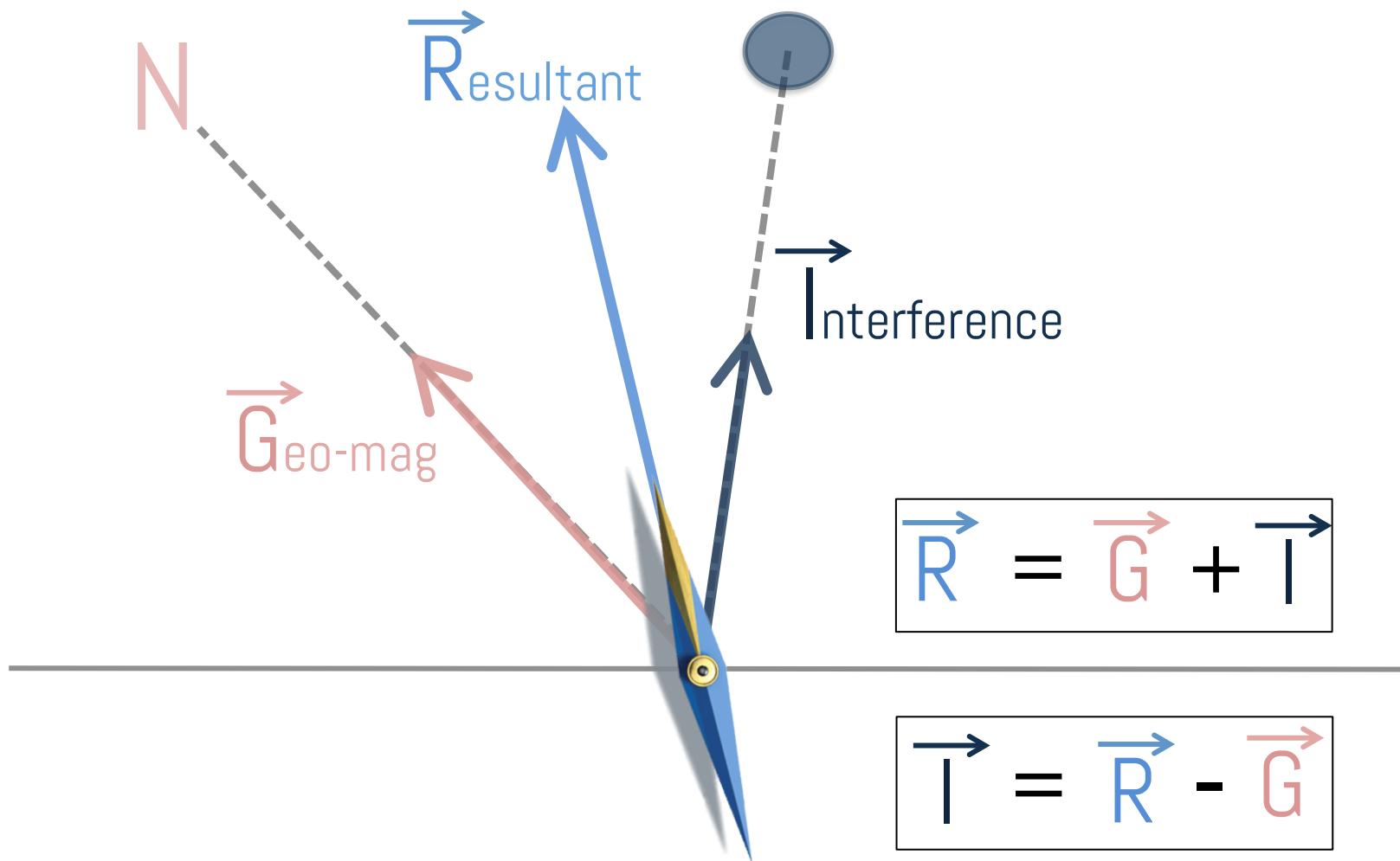
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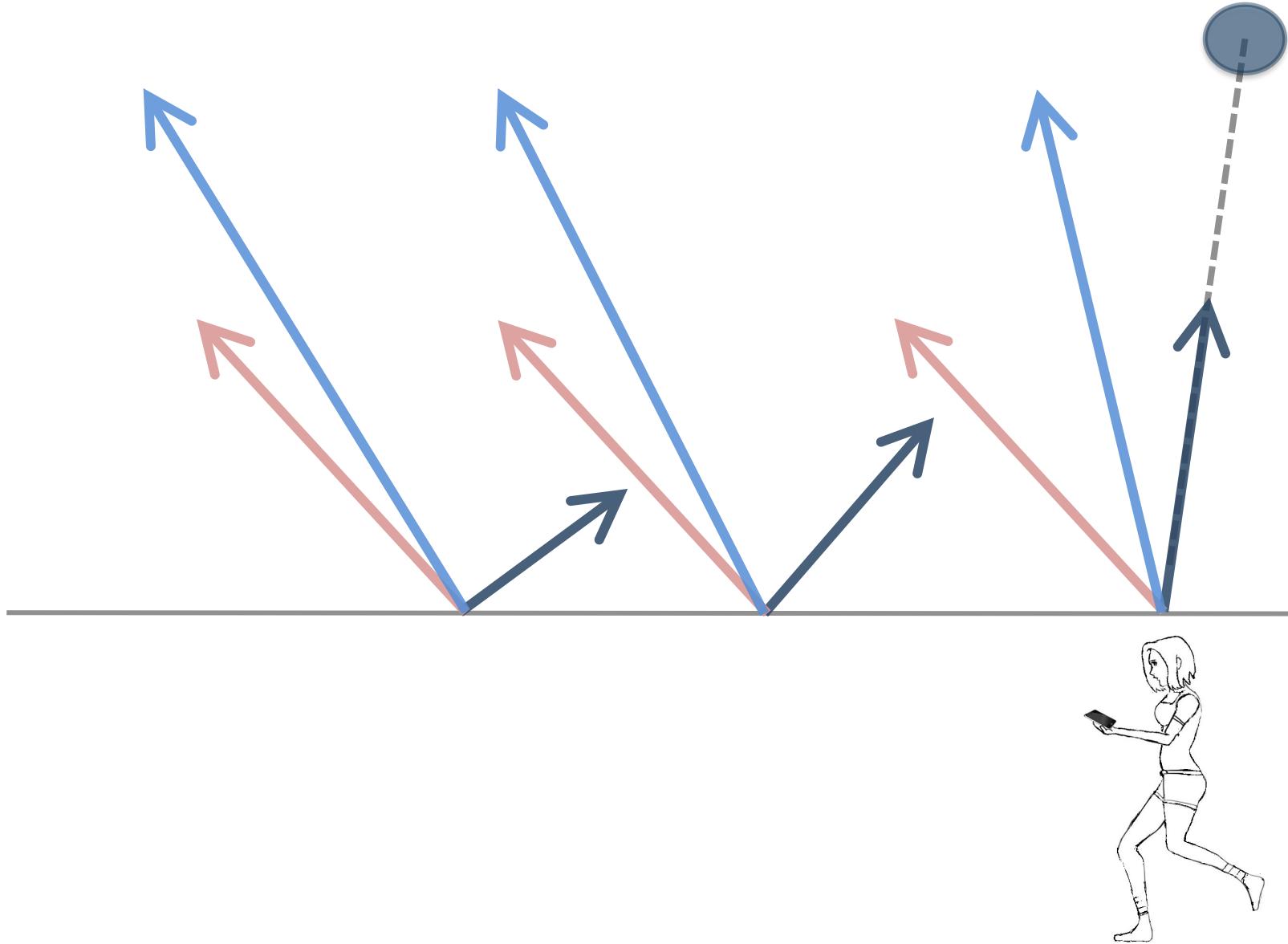
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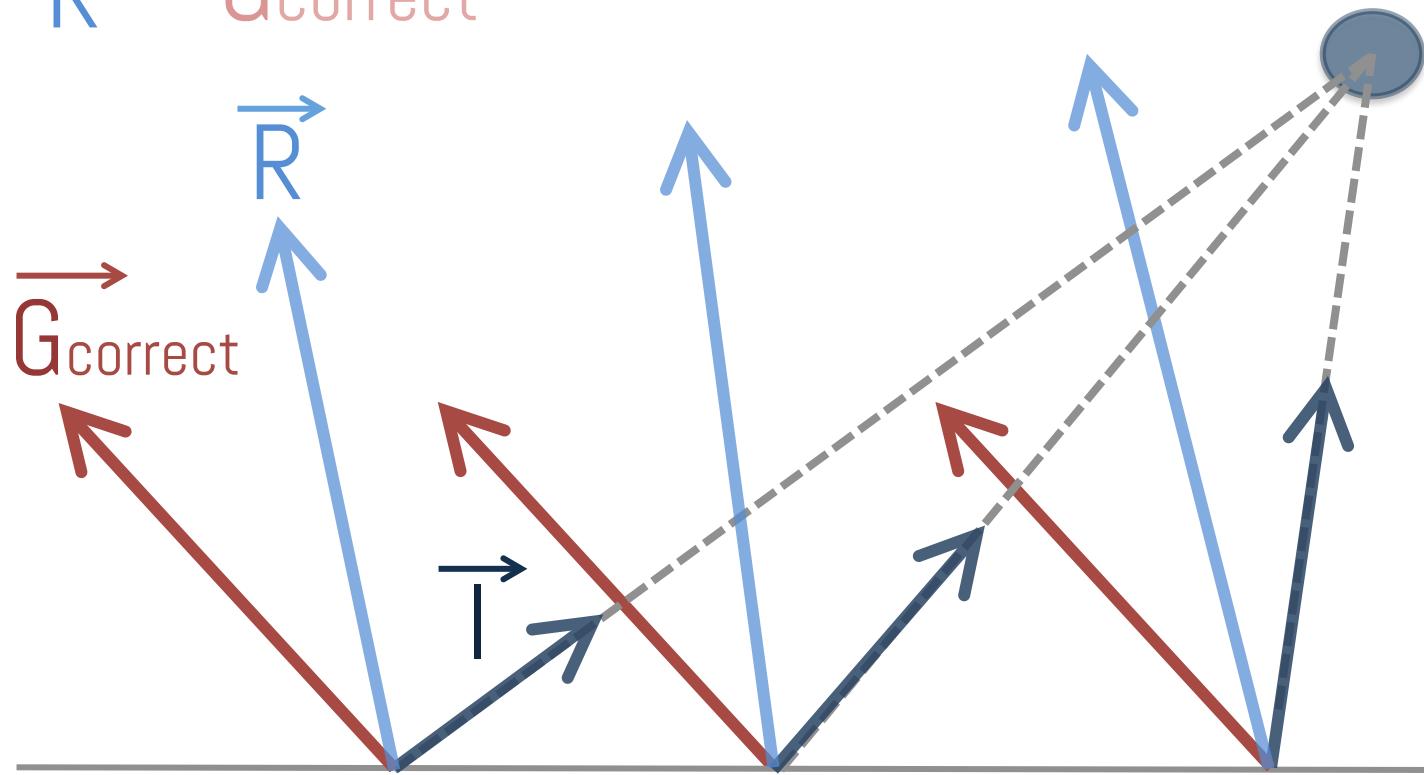


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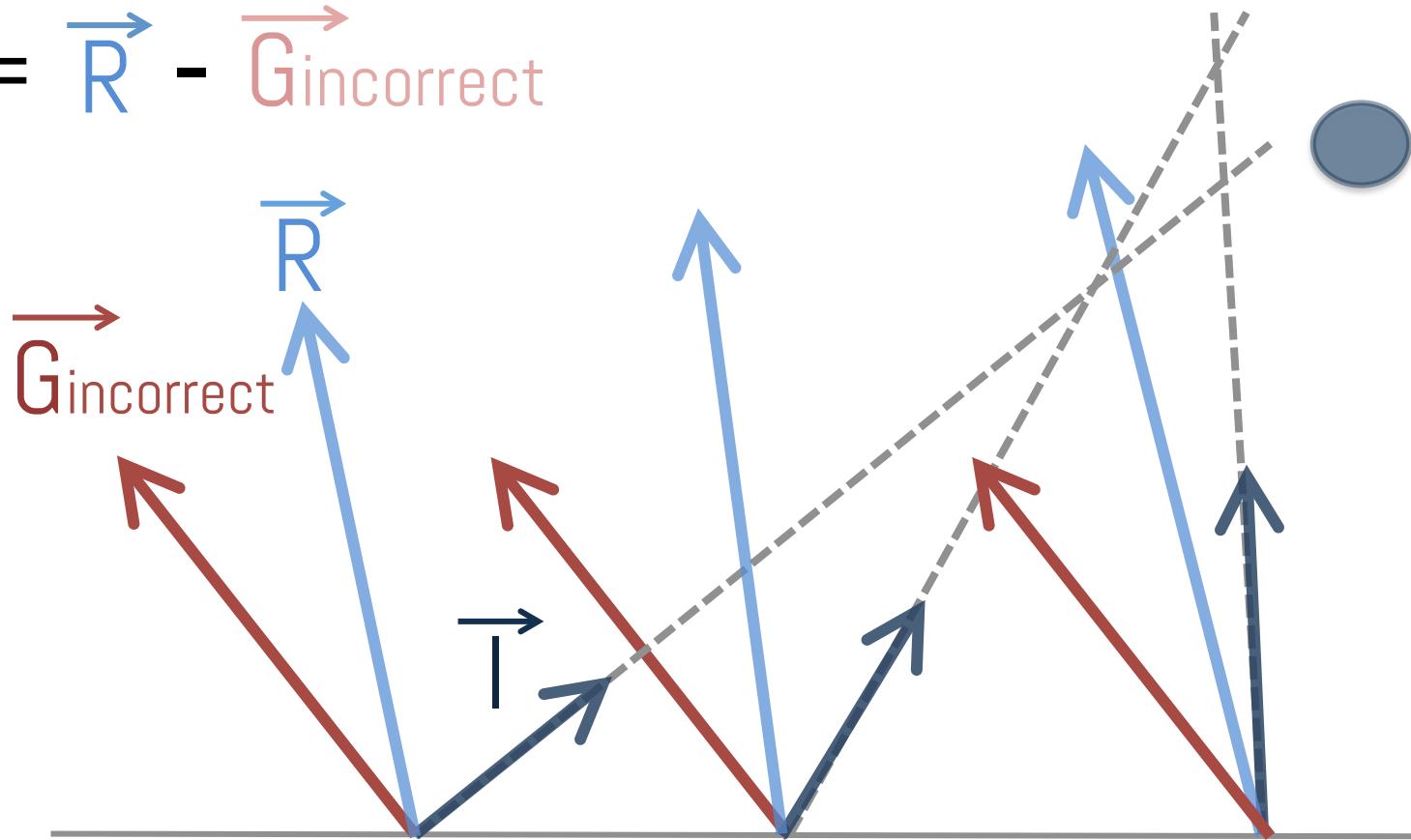
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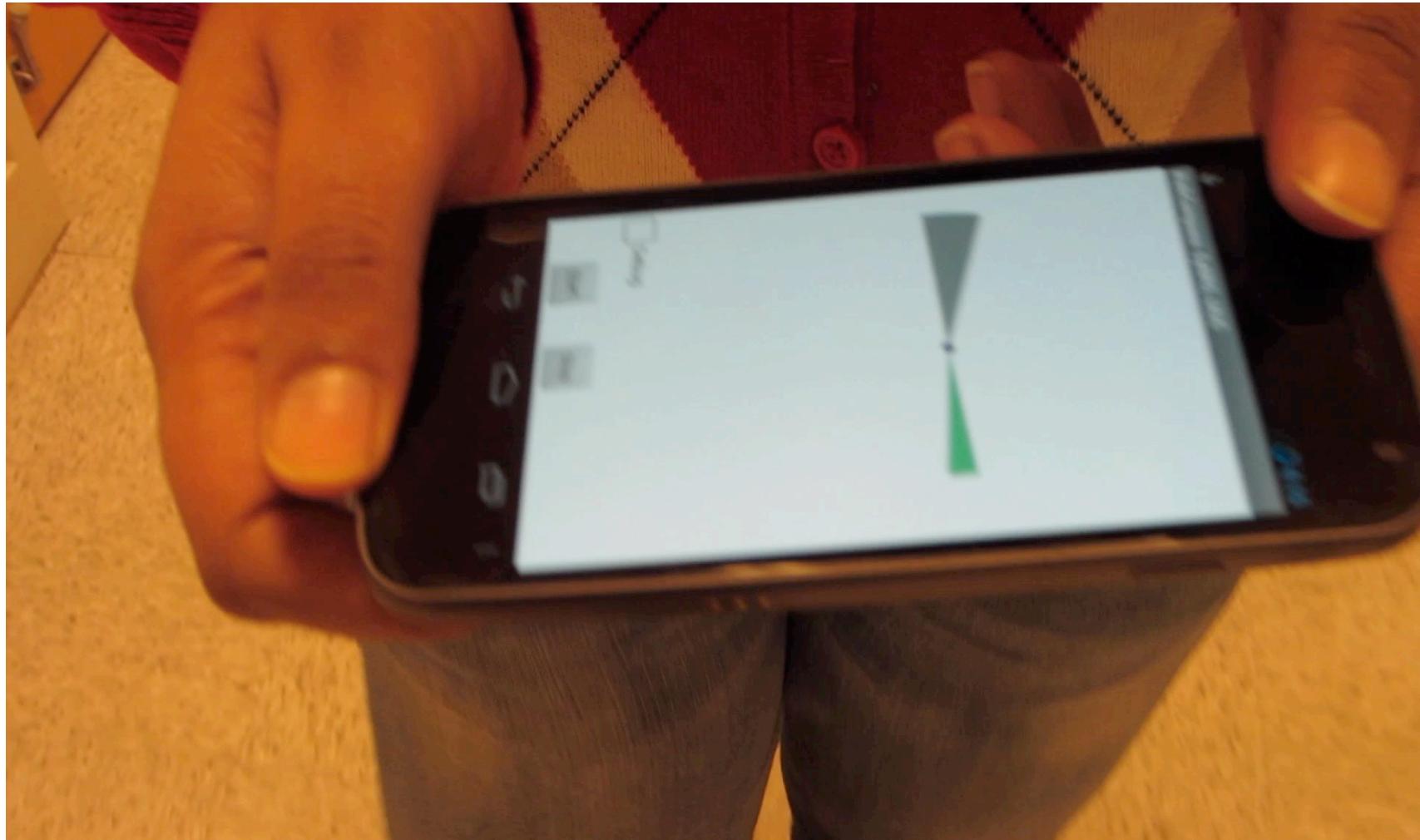
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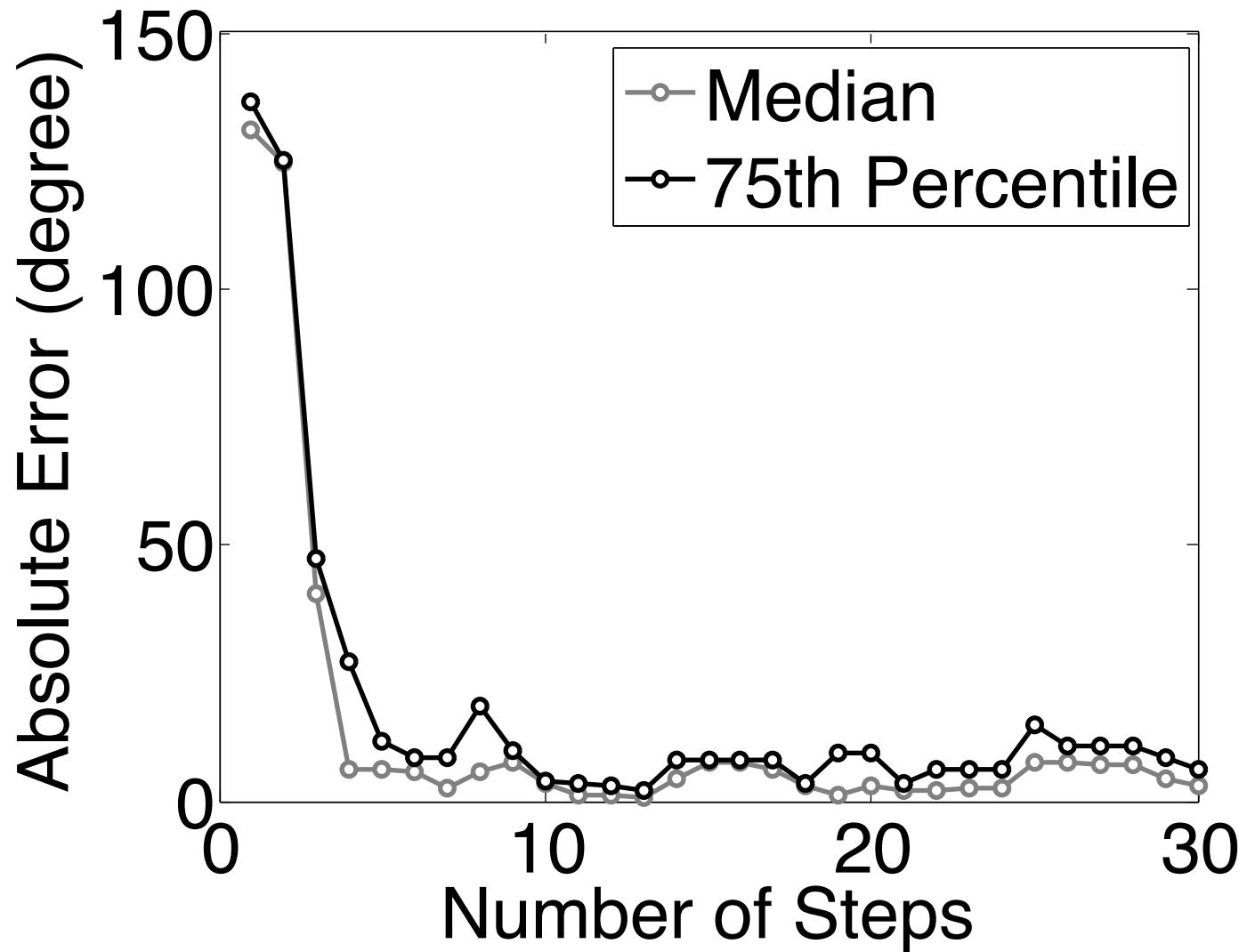


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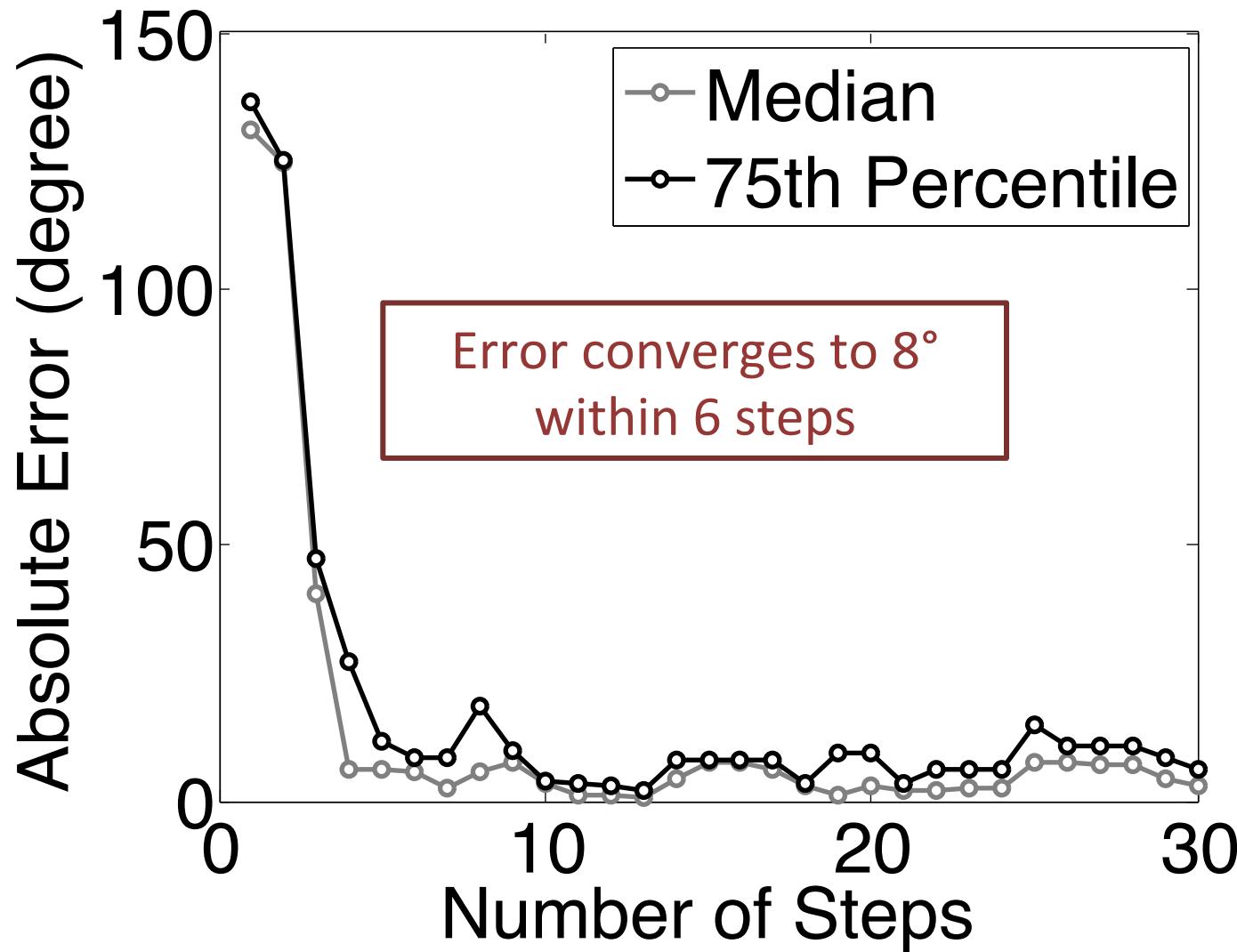
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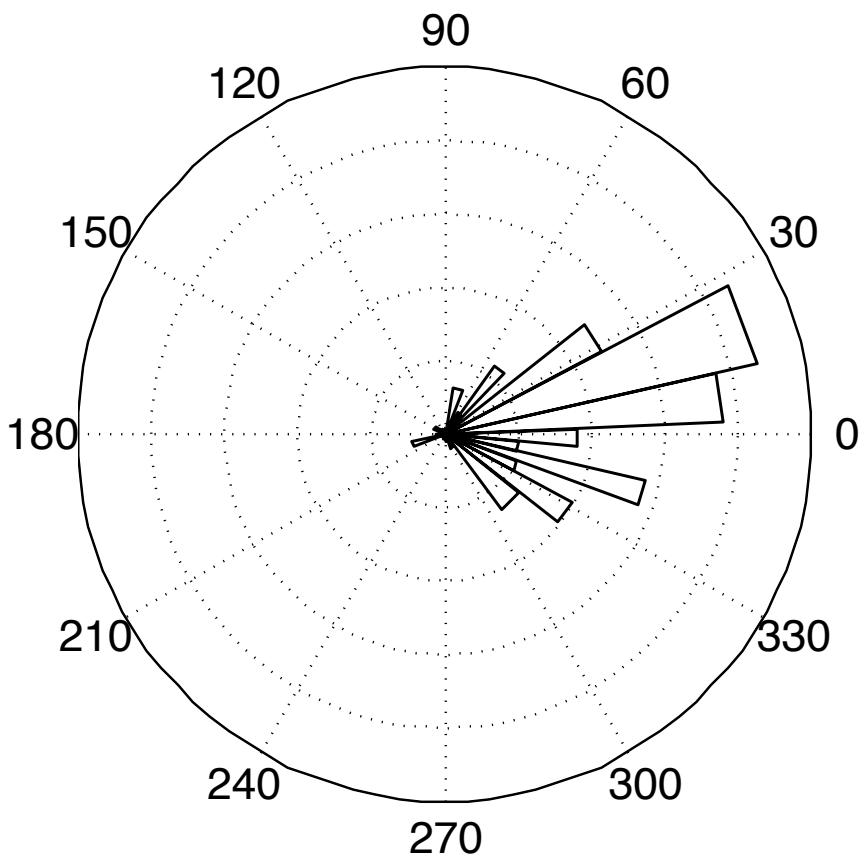
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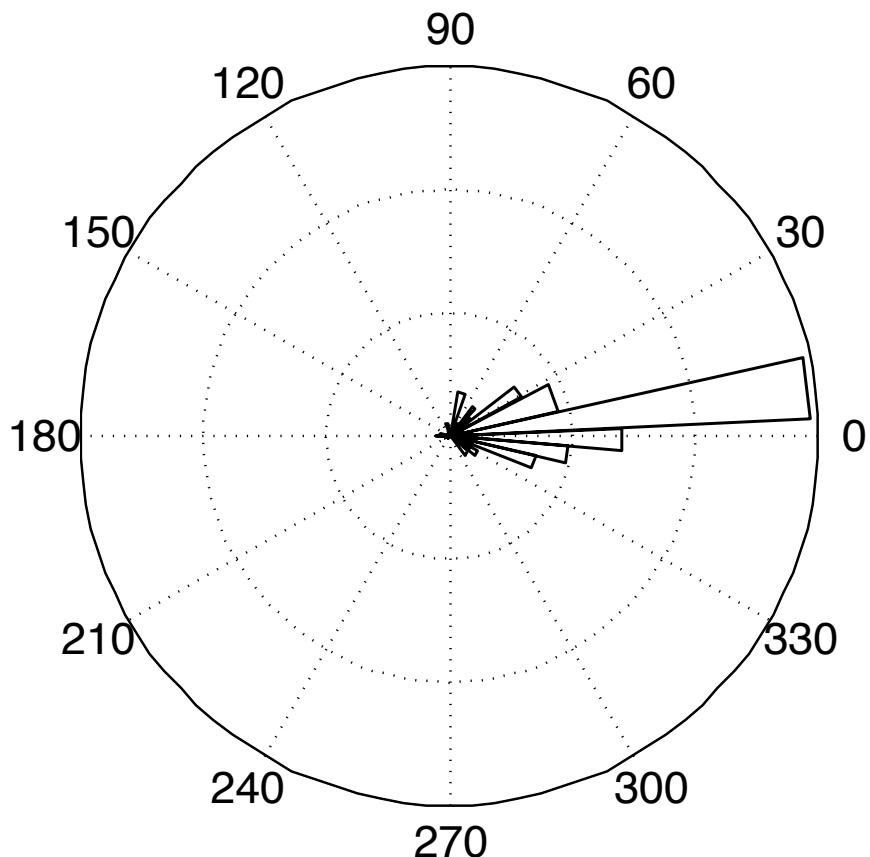
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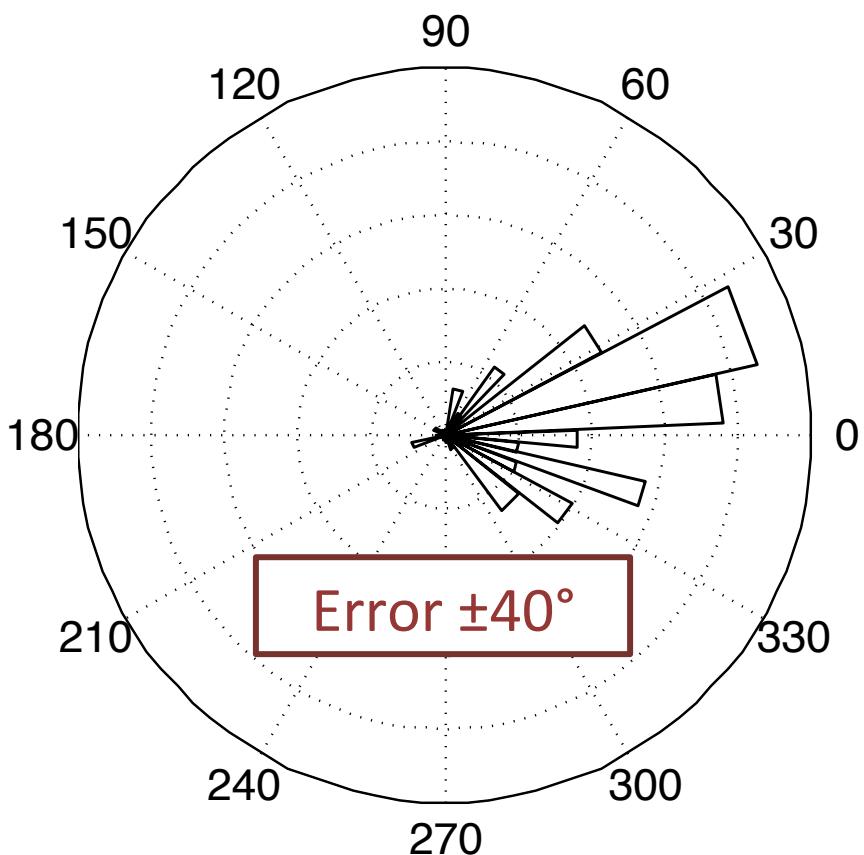


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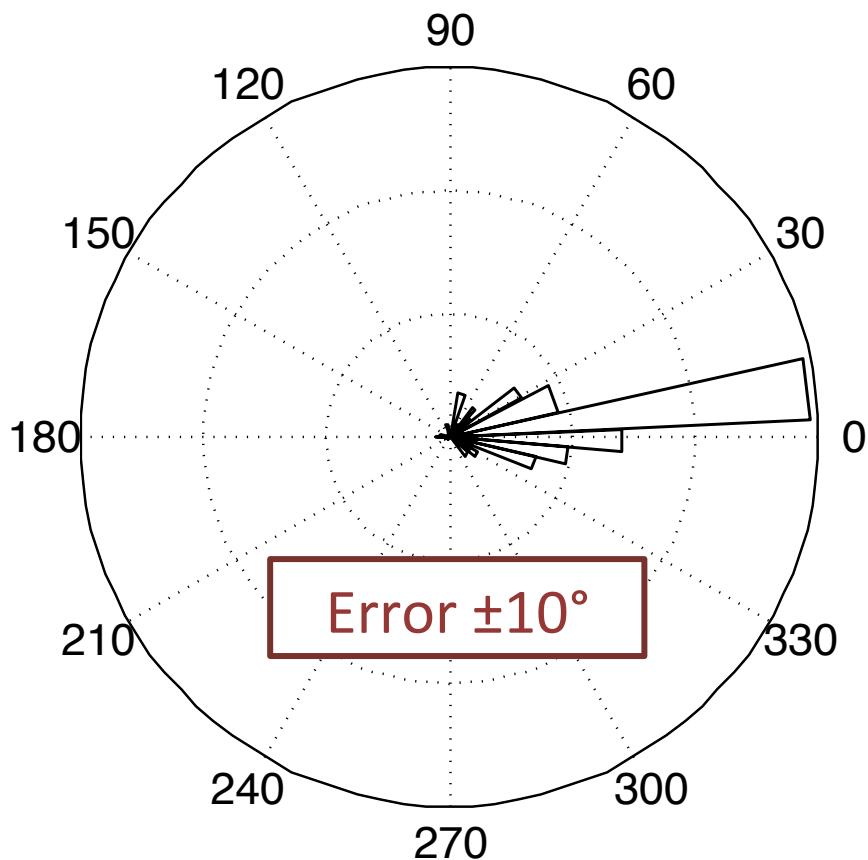


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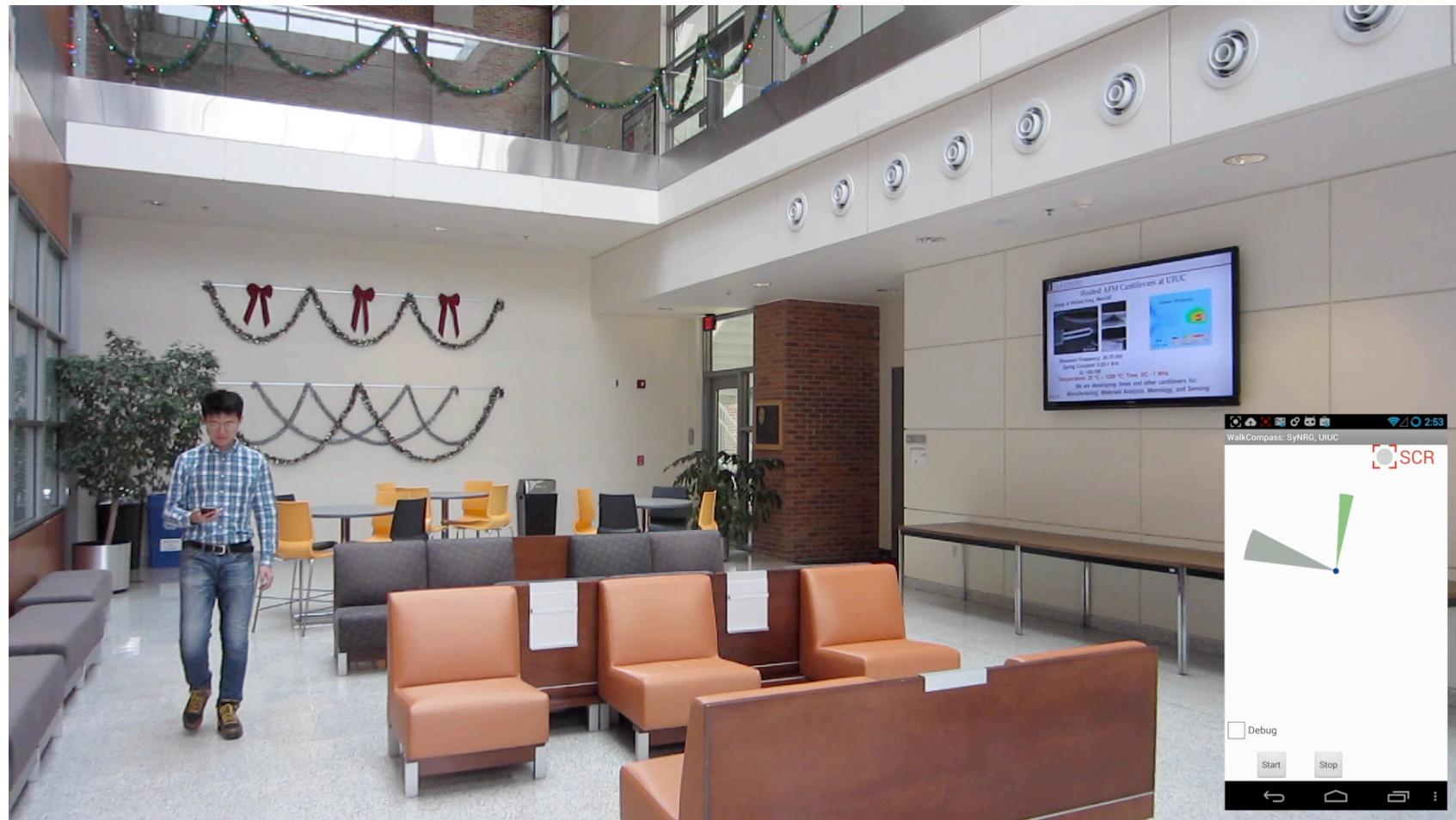


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Discussion and Future Work

- Convergence time of the system
- Performance when the phone is in a bag

Conclusion



Thank You.

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