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Reconstructing locomotion in VR from WIP (Walking-In-Place) motion : an IMU-based, inside-out approach

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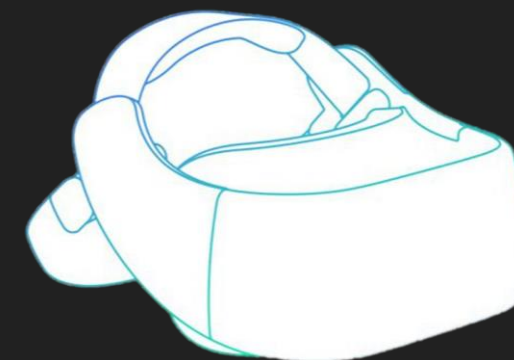


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Motivation

- Develop a low-cost (IMU), natural interface (WIP) for navigating Virtual Environments (VE)
 - WIP - navigate unlimited virtual space within the limits of finite physical space
 - IMU – track foot kinematics (position, velocity, attitude) using accelerometer and gyroscope
- Synthesize a personalized natural motion from WIP with gait tracking results of user's normal walking.
- Performance Criterion :
 - Latency : rapid transition between stationary and moving state
 - Smoothness : no sudden jerks in the frame
 - Precision : sensitivity/accuracy of motion
 - Speed & Efficiency : little effort needed to complete a task





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System Overview

○ Process:

- *calibrate, kita* (offline version of 'calibrate') : obtain gait parameters (Kitagawa, 2016)
- *run, playback* (offline version of 'run') : track WIP motion and generate locomotion

○ Language:

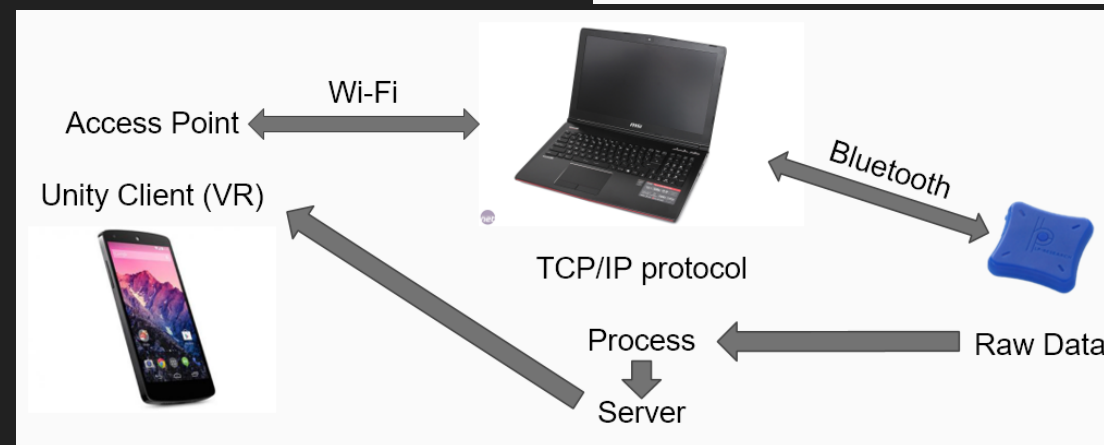
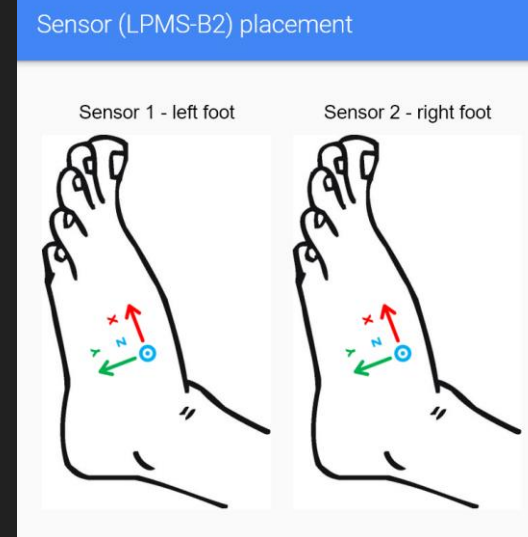
- C# (server & unity client), C++ (processing client)

○ Platform & IDE:

- Windows 10 & Visual Studio 2015, Unity 5.6.1f1
- Android 4.4 KitKat or above
(requires Google Cardboard)

○ Communication:

- TCP/IP socket communication (server)
- Bluetooth (LPMS-B2 IMU sensor)





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Results

