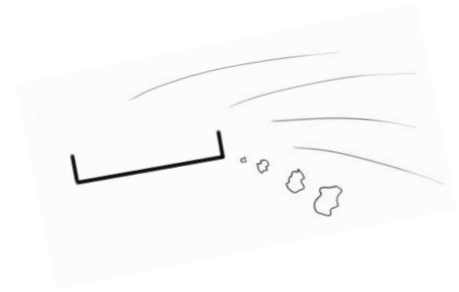


HSR CHALLENGE 2015
Fast & Furious
Presentation 06.11.15

Agenda

- Team / Organisation
- What we did
- Problems
- Next steps
- Questions / discussion

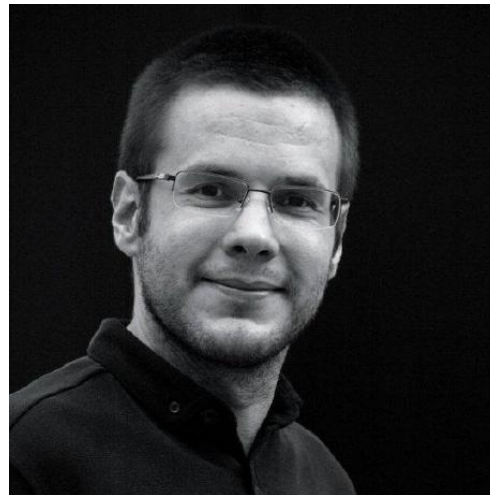
Whitespace Team:



- Stefan Kapferer



- Roberto Cuervo



Team Organisation

- Both part time students
- Collaboration only possible on sundays and mondays
- Pair Programming

Dev-Env Setup day

- Projects forked
- MVN changes (build without local dependencies)
- CI Setup (Jenkins)
- Own artefact repositories created, where snapshots/releases can be deployed
- Snapshots automatically deployed to the SNAPSHOT-Repository after each commit and successful build

Research:

How can we recognize the track?

- Gyro Z sensor Data
- Basic idea :
 - Build a function graph.
 - Find the period of the graph.
 - If the signal repeats (period), we know that we passed one round. (it should be possible to recognize this after 2-3 rounds)

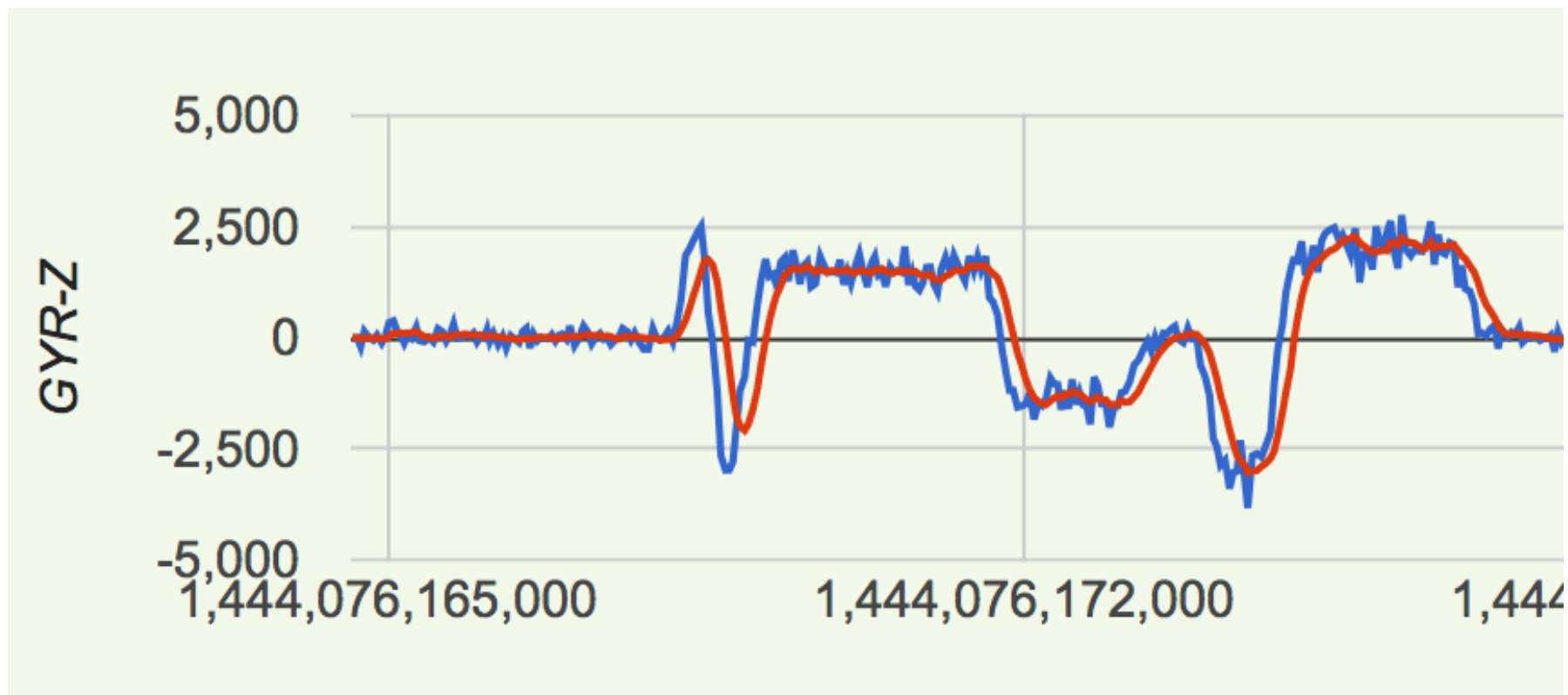
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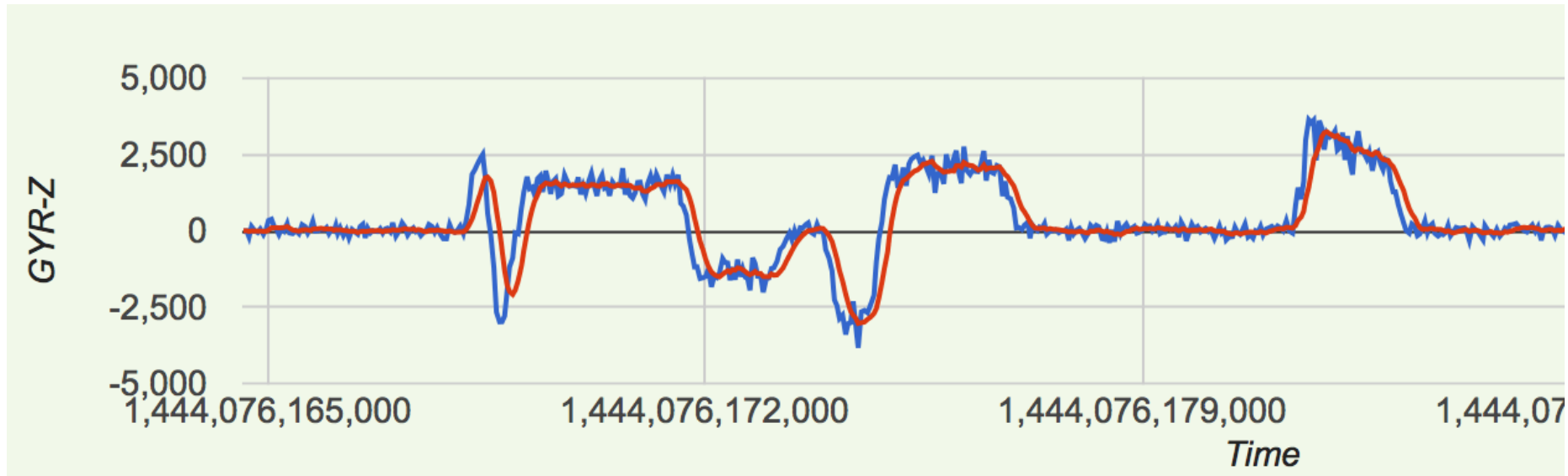
- First idea:
 - Interpolate data to get a function
 - Integrate function to compare regions
- Conversation with Prof. Augenstein
 - Our mathematical approaches were too complex
 - Moving averages to cope with the signal noise
 - How find the track:
 - regularly split the track into two parts and compare them. If they are equal it's maybe a candidate for a match.
 - Just use the signal in order to find out if we drive straight, left or right
 - Pattern like “left-straight-left-left-right...”
 - Search for a repetition in that pattern

Research: How can we recognize the track? (II)

- Data visualization
- Easier to recognize possible patterns



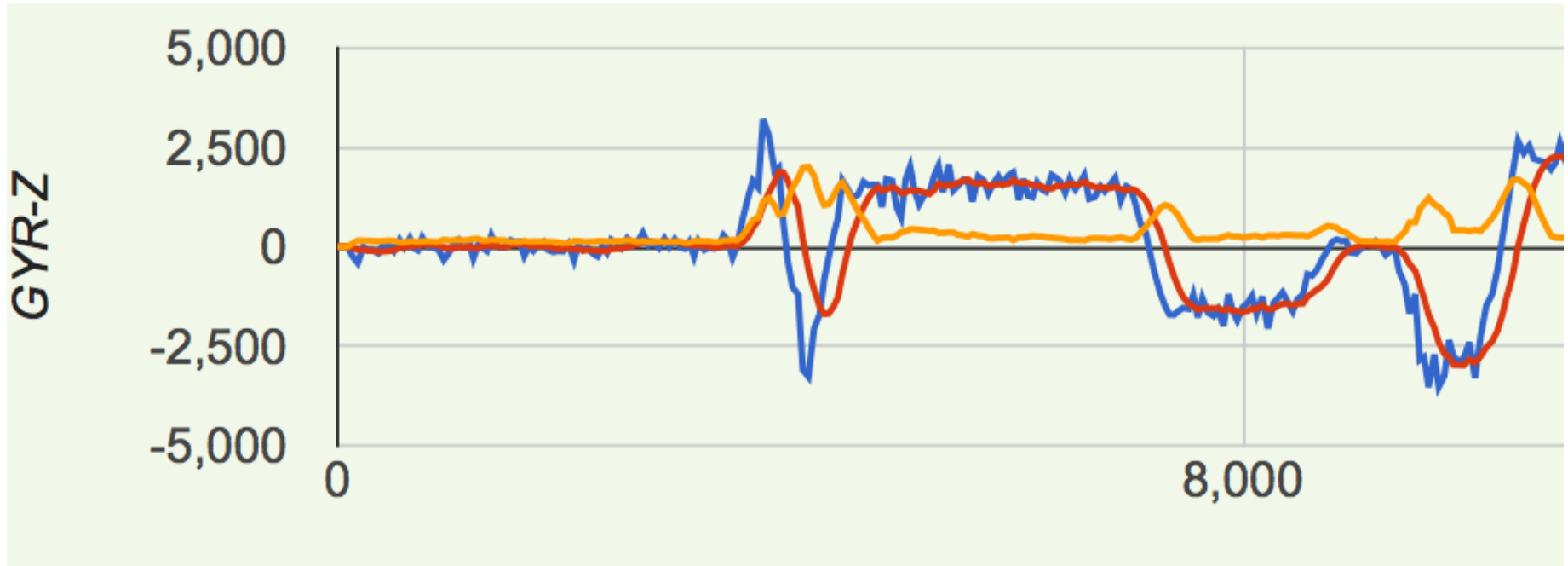
Research: How can we recognize the track? (II)



- Raw data, a.k.a the signal with noise
- In order to recognize the track, it's necessary to remove the big signal variations
- Moving averages
 - This curve is softer, without big peaks or jumps

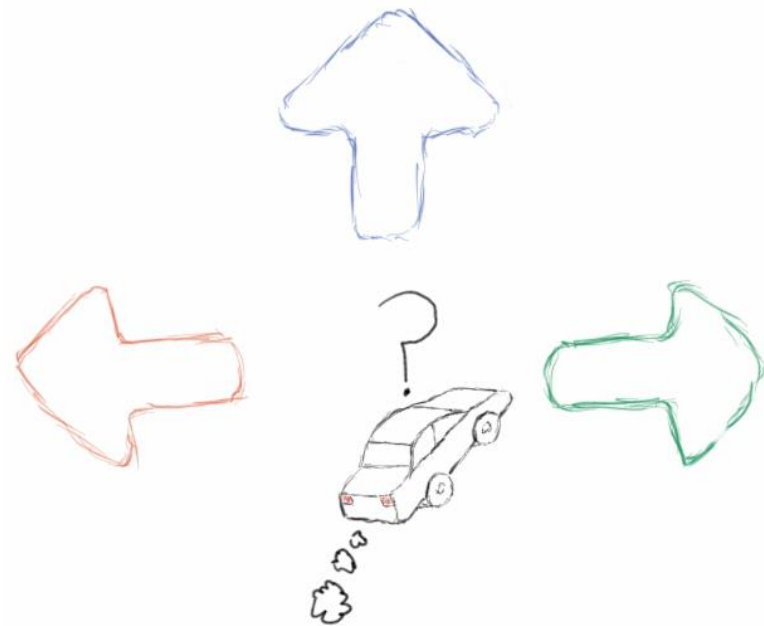
Right-Left-Straight...

- Standard deviation of the gyro z value
 - Better straights detection



Right-Left-Straight...

- Recognize curves and straights
- Split the track into simple parts
 - TrackPart Class
- Read the values, when they reach certain thresholds, create a new instance of the TrackPart class in which we save the direction, start and end times.
- When the values reach another threshold, we create again the corresponding instance.
- Use the standard deviation in order to avoid the detection of a STRAIGHT-Part between every curve



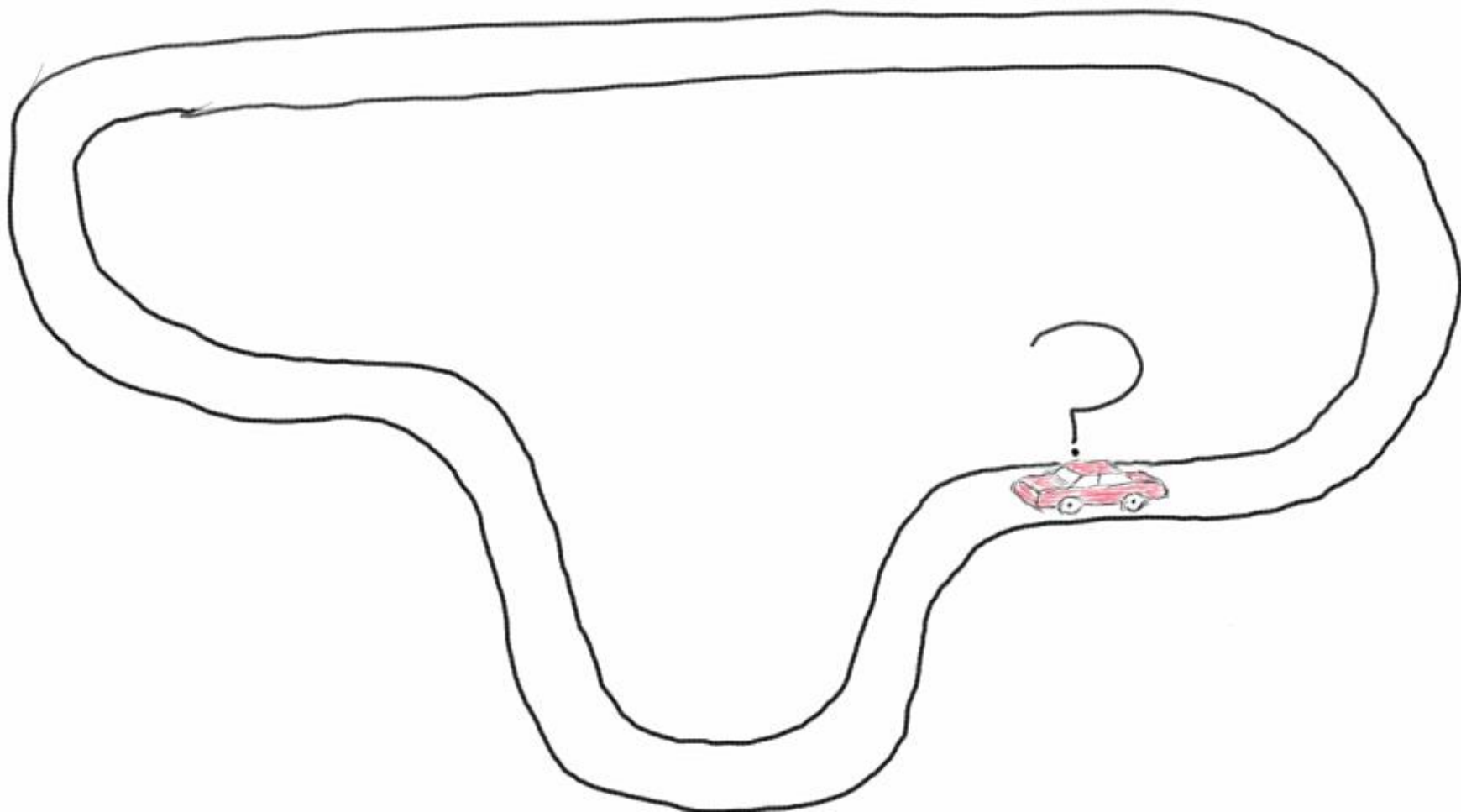
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2015-10-18 21:12:14.109 INFO 4126 --- [lt-dispatcher-9] c.h.w.j.akka.TrackRecognizerActor : Matched with pattern:
TrackPart[direction=STRAIGHT, start=0, end=3097]
TrackPart[direction=RIGHT, start=3097, end=3568]
TrackPart[direction=LEFT, start=3568, end=3959]
TrackPart[direction=RIGHT, start=3959, end=6249]
TrackPart[direction=LEFT, start=6249, end=7599]
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TrackPart[direction=LEFT, start=7948, end=8779]
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TrackPart[direction=LEFT, start=23078, end=23557]
TrackPart[direction=STRAIGHT, start=23557, end=23639]
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- Compare the given round time with the added time of all our track parts
- If this difference is smaller than a threshold, we have a best match:

Pattern:

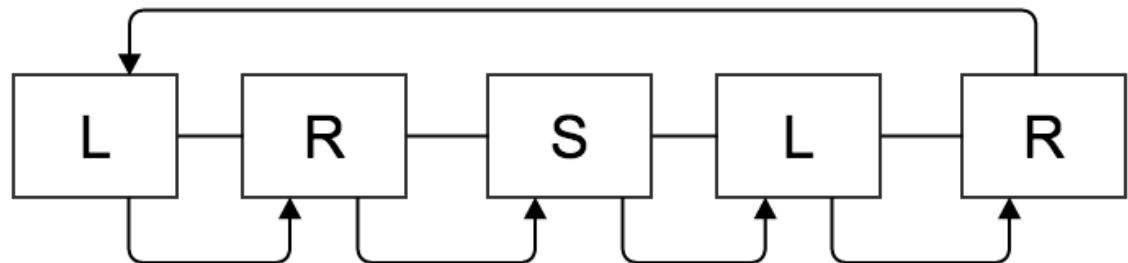
STRAIGHT- RIGHT- LEFT- RIGHT- LEFT- STRAIGHT- LEFT...

Position



Position

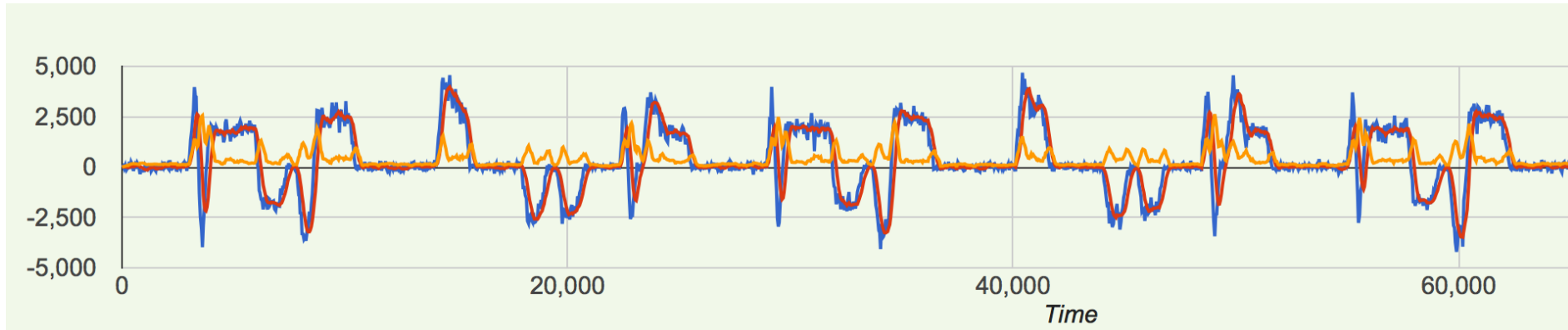
- PositionDetector actor is created as soon as the track is matched
 - Keeps the track model
- Similar as the TrackRecognizer, detects direction changes on the basis of the gyro values
- Based on these direction changes, it updates the current car position on the track
- Updates the start and end times of each track part



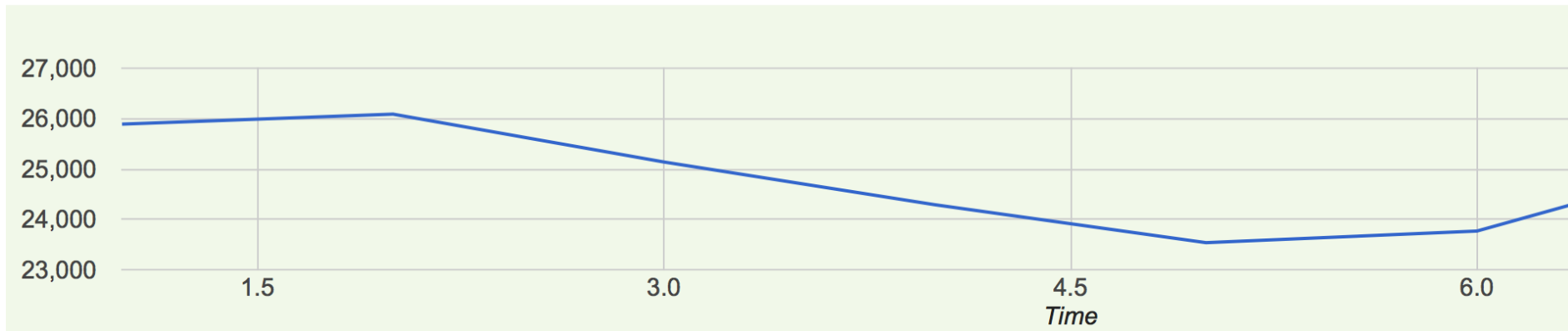
First driving

- First approach:
 - Start speeding up as soon as we are in a straight
 - Brake down before getting into the curve
 - Problem: how much should we reduce the power?
- Current Approach:
 - Speed up in straights until we get penalties
 - In the curves we keep the power from the previous straight
 - As soon as we receive a penalty, we map the penalty to the track part and we save the power value
 - Next round, we drive with less power in this track part

Round Time Comparison Graph

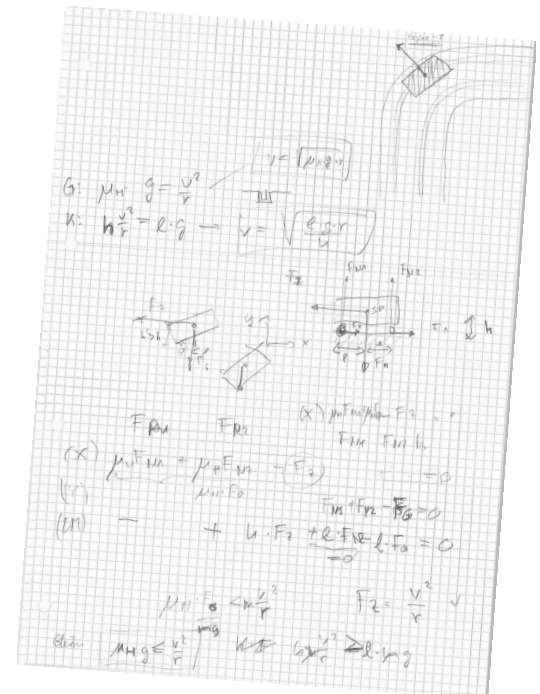


1 Times



Problems

- Lost position while speeding up
 - Change thresholds during the race
 - Improved logic with light barriers for correction
- Speedup in small straight parts without barriers
 - No penalties
- Curves
 - How much power is maximum
 - No working approach till now



What did we learn today 6.Nov.15?

- We cannot use the round time message for pattern matching
- We don't consider latency
- Use as less constants as possible
- Our logic was basically not so bad at all...

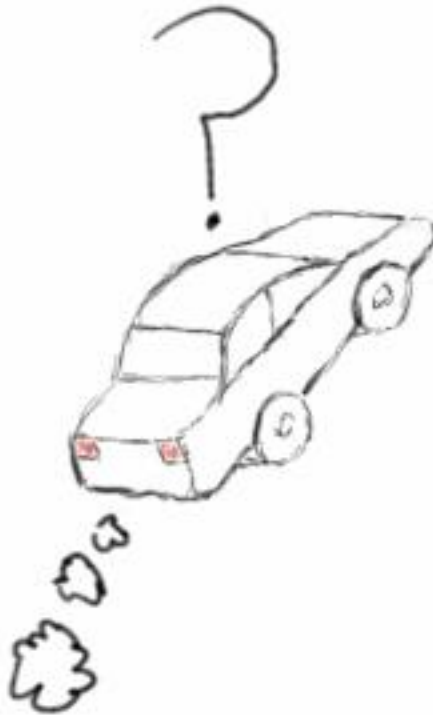
Next steps

- Reconsider pattern matching algorithm, without round time message
- Consider latency
- Configure algorithm constants dynamically
- Curve logic
- Improve speeding up in straights
- Improve error tolerance

Sources

- Prof. Augenstein (Math)
- Wikipedia (Moving Averages)
- AKKA (akka.io)
- Prof. Sourlier (Physics)

Questions?



Thanks for your attention.