

# Robust Cooperative Localization

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# Research Overview

- **Vision:** teams of humans and robots performing opportunistic, scalable cooperative localization.
- **Important** in uncertain and/or hostile environments, with...
  - Obstructed / limited measurements
  - Minimal communication
- **Approach:**
  - Fuse state estimates among human, robot, and/or vehicle agents tracking and communicating with one another in an ad-hoc, scalable fashion.
  - Use radio ranging as primary opportunistic measurement to maintain precise state estimation when particular agents lose reliable GPS.



Squad X Concept, source: DARPA

# Technical Problem Statement

- Develop and analyze partial state DDF techniques to allow cooperative localization and tracking in a scalable, ad-hoc network of soldiers and vehicles in the presence of obstructed GPS measurements.
  - **Phase I** (Fall 2016 – Spring 2017): Build a simulation to verify successful cooperative localization given Army's available sensors and corresponding characteristics.
  - **Phase II** (Summer 2017 – Spring 2018): Implement framework on hardware using realistic sensors and environments.



# Problem Setup

- “Multi-robot SLAM with moving landmarks that communicate minimally”

- **Agents:** Human, robot, and/or vehicle agents

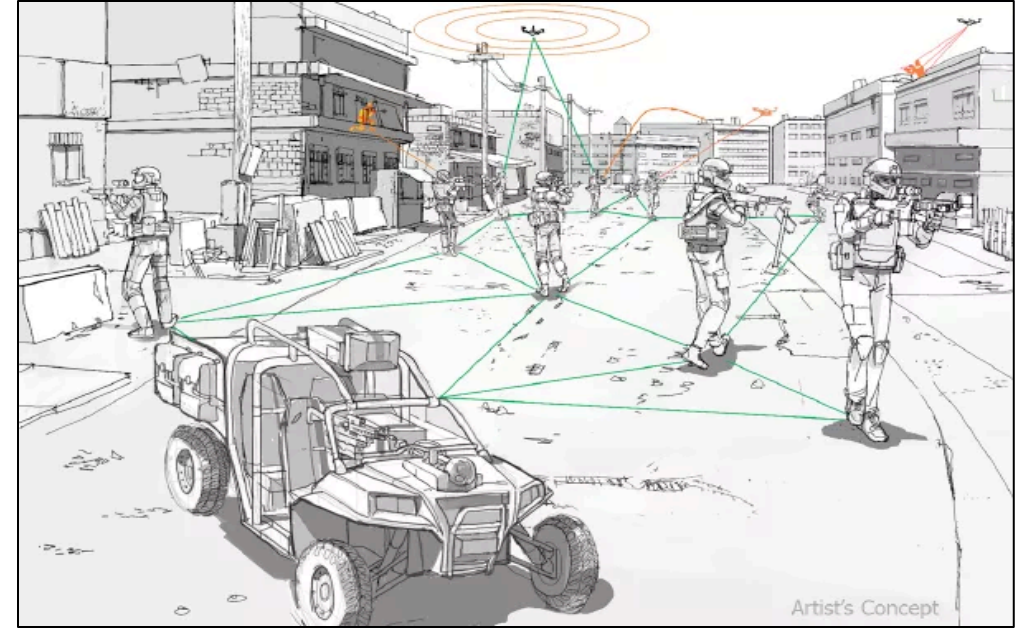
$$A = \{a_i\}_{i=1}^{N_A}$$

- **Tracked Processes:** human, robot, and/or vehicles tracked by Agent  $a_i$

$$P = \{p_i^j\}_{j=1}^{N_p}$$

- **State Space:** combination of local navigation filter + tracking filter states for Agent  $a_i$

$$\mathbf{x}_i = \left[ \delta \mathbf{x}_i \mid \mathbf{s}_i^j \dots \right]^T = \left[ \overbrace{\delta \mathbf{p}_i \ \delta \mathbf{v}_i \ \rho_i \ \delta \mathbf{x}_i^a \ \delta \mathbf{x}_i^g}^{\text{local nav. states}} \mid \overbrace{\mathbf{s}_i^j \ \dot{\mathbf{s}}_i^j \dots}^{\text{tracking states of each } \{p_i^j\}_{j=1}^{N_p}} \right]^T$$

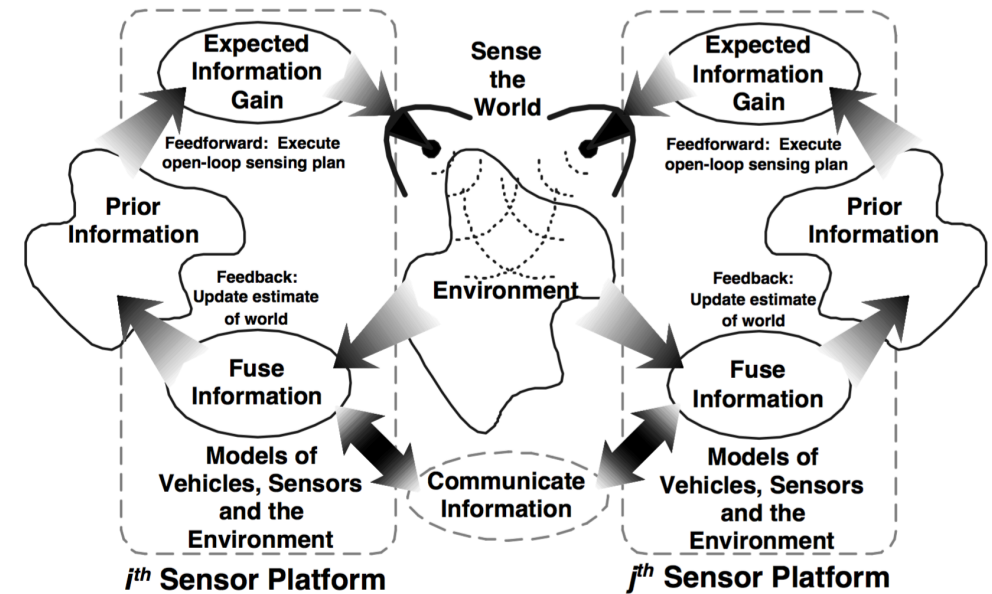


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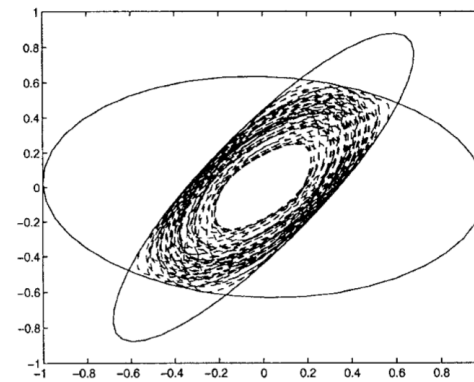


# Previous Work

- **Vanilla Distributed Data Fusion (DDF) (1,2,3)**
  - Assumes uncorrelated state uncertainties, tree network topology, identical states across agents
- **SLAM (4)**
  - Involves nonlinear, iterative least-squares optimization → not scalable because of required uncertainty bookkeeping
- **GPS-denied solutions (5,6)**
  - Computationally expensive, requires high quality sensors, and does not take advantage of sensor data available to other agents (i.e., information sharing) (e.g., LASOIS)
- **Covariance Intersection / Factorized DDF (7,8)**
  - Generally conservative and applied to agents with consistent tracking models

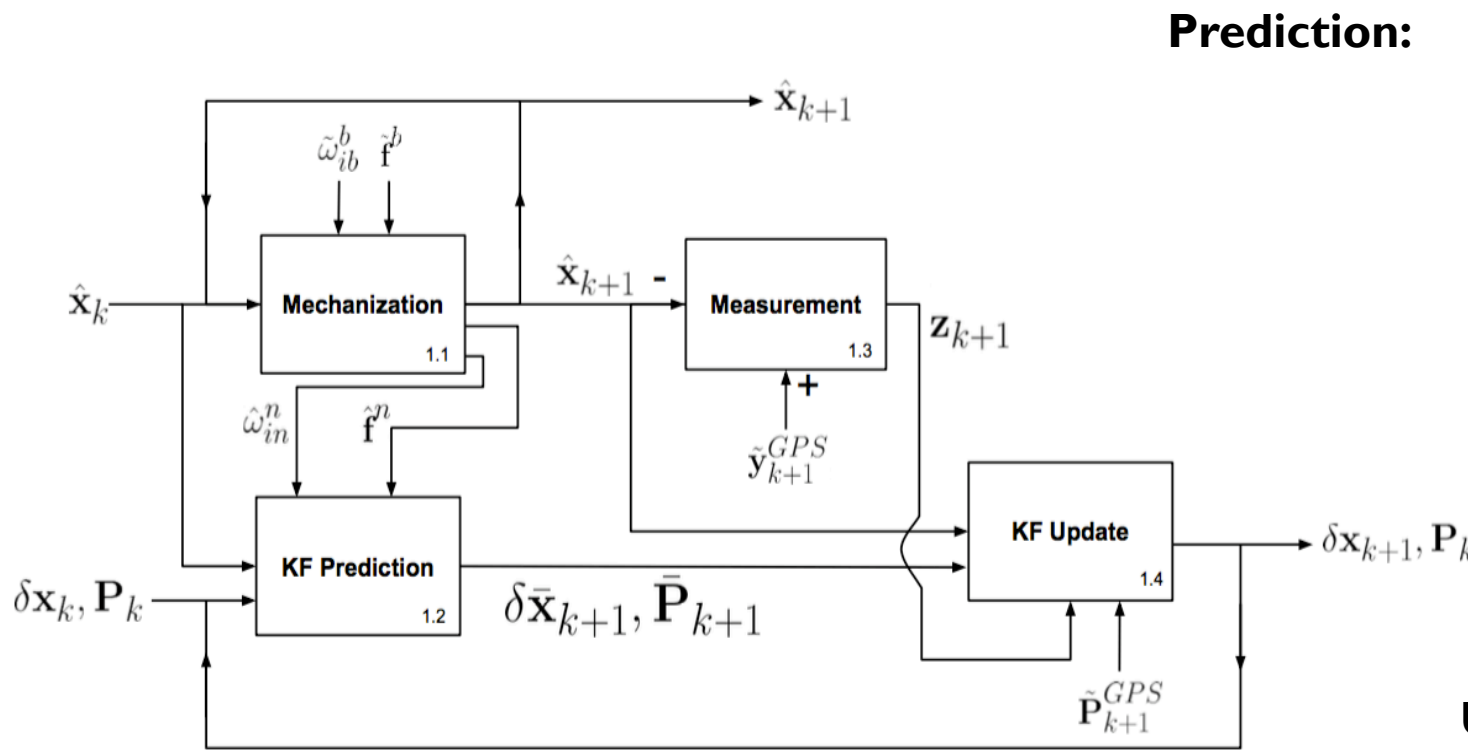


B. Grocholsky et. al.<sup>3</sup>



S. Julier et. al.<sup>7</sup>

# Previous Talk: Nav. Filter



**Prediction:**

$$\begin{bmatrix} \delta \dot{\mathbf{p}} \\ \delta \dot{\mathbf{v}} \\ \dot{\rho} \\ \delta \dot{\mathbf{x}}_a \\ \delta \dot{\mathbf{x}}_g \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{F}_{pp} & \mathbf{F}_{pv} & \mathbf{F}_{p\rho} & \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{0} \\ \mathbf{F}_{vp} & \mathbf{F}_{vv} & \mathbf{F}_{v\rho} & -\hat{\mathbf{R}}_b^n \mathbf{F}_{va} & \mathbf{0} \\ \mathbf{F}_{\rho p} & \mathbf{F}_{\rho v} & \mathbf{F}_{\rho\rho} & \mathbf{0} & \hat{\mathbf{R}}_b^n \mathbf{F}_{\rho g} \\ \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{F}_{aa} & \mathbf{0} \\ \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{F}_{gg} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \delta \mathbf{p} \\ \delta \mathbf{v} \\ \rho \\ \delta \mathbf{x}_a \\ \delta \mathbf{x}_g \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{0} \\ -\hat{\mathbf{R}}_b^n & \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{0} \\ \mathbf{0} & \hat{\mathbf{R}}_b^n & \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{0} \\ \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{I} & \mathbf{0} \\ \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{I} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \nu_a \\ \nu_g \\ \omega_a \\ \omega_g \end{bmatrix}$$

**Update:**

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{z}_{k+1} &= \delta \mathbf{p}^e = [\delta x, \delta y, \delta z] \\ &= \tilde{\mathbf{y}}_{k+1}^{GPS} - (\hat{\mathbf{p}} + \delta \mathbf{p})^e \end{aligned}$$

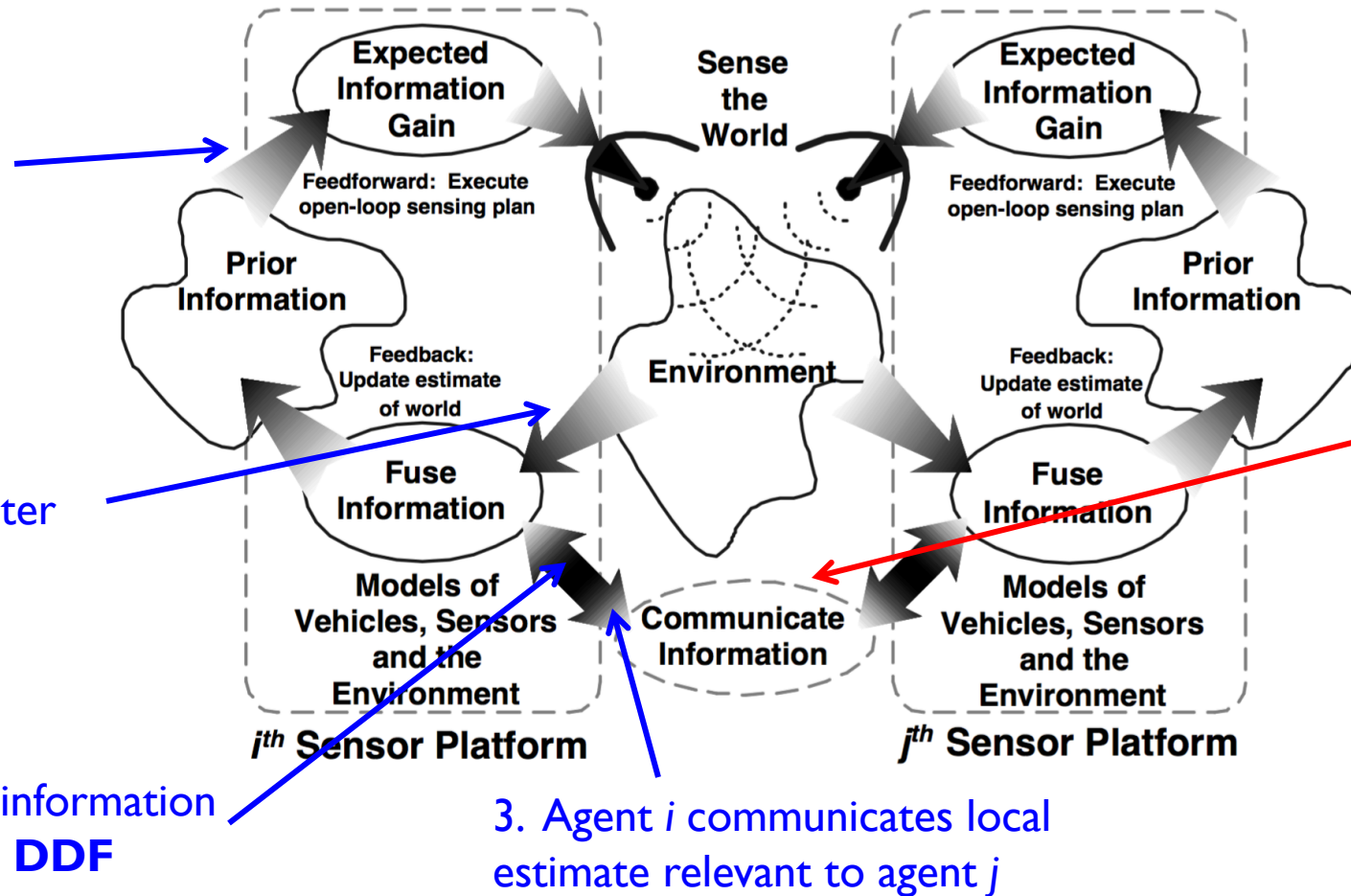
Write-up: <https://tinyurl.com/nav-filter>  $\delta \mathbf{p}^e = \mathbf{R}_n^e \mathbf{D} \delta \mathbf{p}, \longrightarrow \mathbf{z} = [\mathbf{R}_n^e \mathbf{D}, \mathbf{0}, \dots, \mathbf{0}] \delta \mathbf{x} + \omega_{gps}$

# Distributed Data Fusion (DDF) Overview

1. Agent  $i$  runs filter prediction locally

2. Agent  $i$  runs filter update locally

4. Agent  $i$  fuses new information from agent  $j$  through **DDF**



3. Agent  $i$  communicates local estimate relevant to agent  $j$

1. **Channel Filter (CF)** between agents  $i$  and  $j$  predicts propagation of common information

2. CF receives local estimates from agents  $i$  and  $j$

3. CF updates common information

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- **IF prediction:**

$$M_k = F_k^{-T} Y_{k|k} F_k^{-1},$$

$$L_k = [I_n - M_k (M_k + Q_k^{-1})^{-1}]$$

$$\mathbf{y}_{k+1|k} = L_k F_k^{-T} \mathbf{y}_{k|k},$$

$$Y_{k+1|k} = L_k M_k.$$

- IF update:**

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**CF states / covariance:**  $\mathbf{y}^{ij}, Y^{ij}$

## CF prediction

(same as IF)

## DDF update

$$\mathbf{y}_{k+1|k+1}^i = \tilde{\mathbf{y}}_{k+1|k+1}^i + \sum_{j \in N_i} [\tilde{\mathbf{y}}_{k+1|k+1}^j - \mathbf{y}_{k+1|k}^{ij}],$$

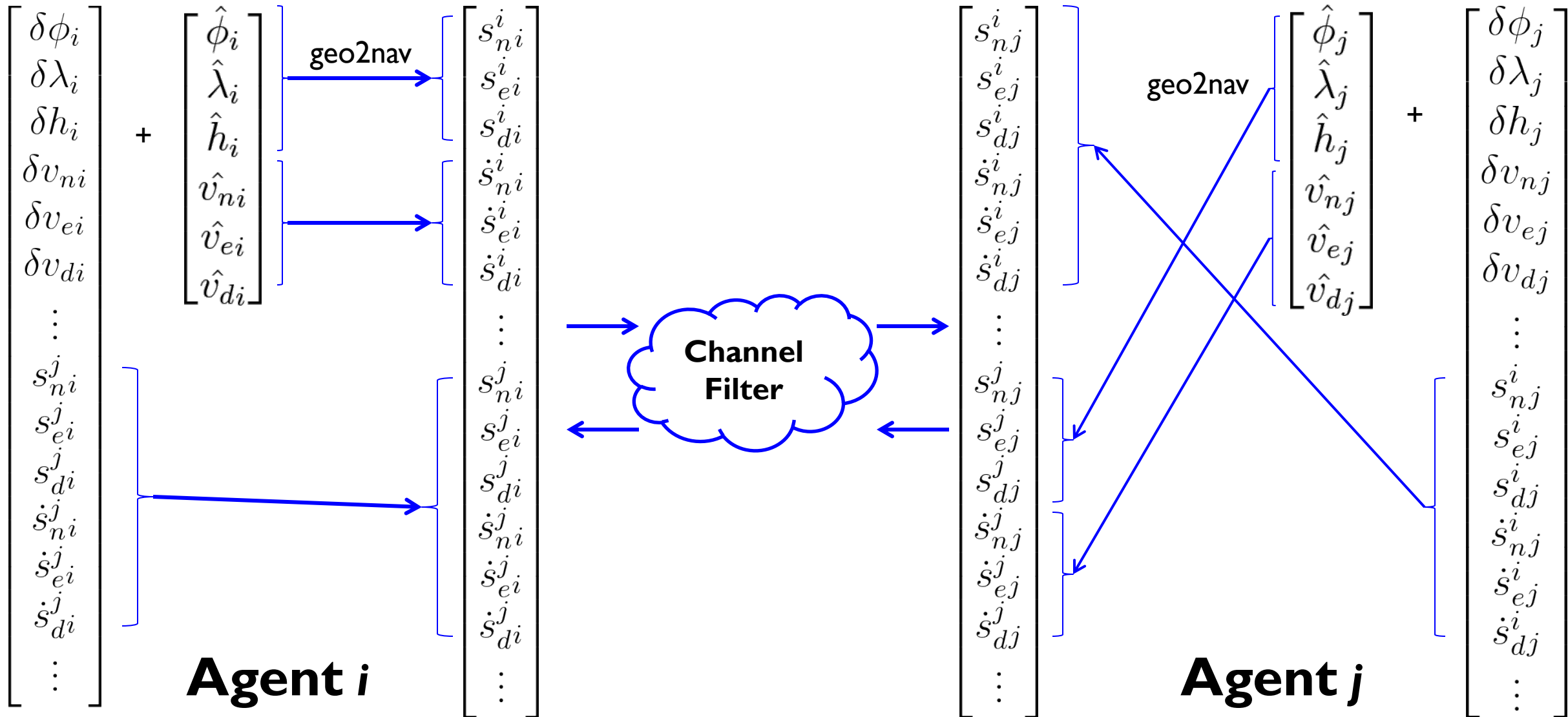
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# DDF Implementation

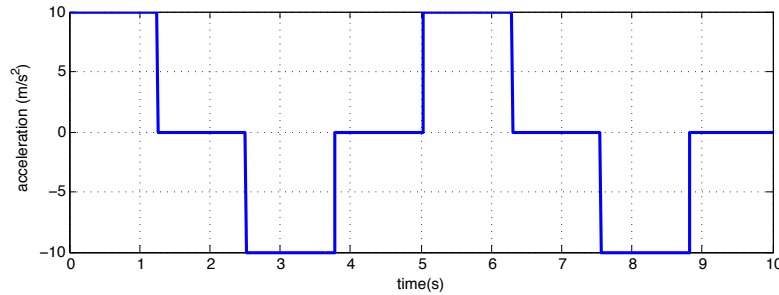


# Motion of Tracked States

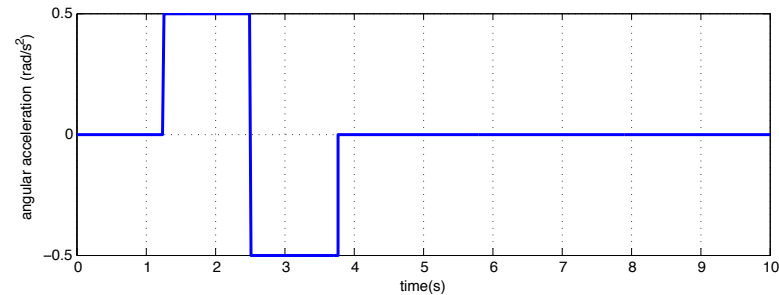
Truth: Dubin's (Unicycle) Model

$$\dot{v}_n = V \cos(\psi), \dot{v}_e = V \sin(\psi), \dot{\psi} = \omega$$

$\dot{V}$  :



$\dot{\omega}$  :



Local Nav. Filter: Complex, linearized dynamics

$$\begin{bmatrix} \delta \dot{\mathbf{p}} \\ \delta \dot{\mathbf{v}} \\ \dot{\rho} \\ \delta \dot{\mathbf{x}}_a \\ \delta \dot{\mathbf{x}}_g \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{F}_{pp} & \mathbf{F}_{pv} & \mathbf{F}_{pp} & \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{0} \\ \mathbf{F}_{vp} & \mathbf{F}_{vv} & \mathbf{F}_{v\rho} & -\hat{\mathbf{R}}_b^n \mathbf{F}_{va} & \mathbf{0} \\ \mathbf{F}_{\rho p} & \mathbf{F}_{\rho v} & \mathbf{F}_{\rho\rho} & \mathbf{0} & \hat{\mathbf{R}}_b^n \mathbf{F}_{\rho g} \\ \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{F}_{aa} & \mathbf{0} \\ \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{F}_{gg} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \delta \mathbf{p} \\ \delta \mathbf{v} \\ \rho \\ \delta \mathbf{x}_a \\ \delta \mathbf{x}_g \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{0} \\ -\hat{\mathbf{R}}_b^n & \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{0} \\ \mathbf{0} & \hat{\mathbf{R}}_b^n & \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{0} \\ \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{I} & \mathbf{0} \\ \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{I} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \nu_a \\ \nu_g \\ \omega_a \\ \omega_g \end{bmatrix}$$

Modeled: Nearly-Constant Acceleration (NCA)

$$\begin{bmatrix} \dot{s}_n \\ \dot{s}_e \\ \dot{s}_d \\ \ddot{s}_n \\ \ddot{s}_e \\ \ddot{s}_d \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{I} \\ \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{0} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} s_n \\ s_e \\ s_d \\ \dot{s}_n \\ \dot{s}_e \\ \dot{s}_d \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} \omega_n \\ \omega_e \\ \omega_d \\ \nu_n \\ \nu_e \\ \nu_d \end{bmatrix}$$

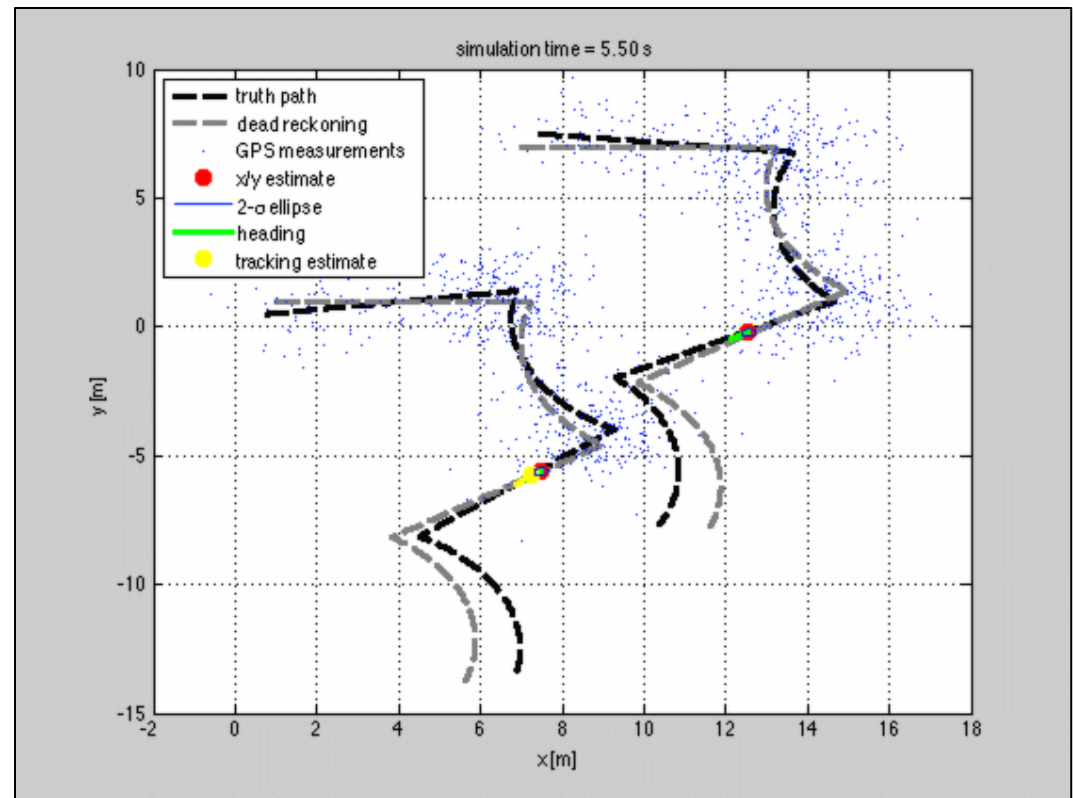
# Toy Problem

- Two agents moving in unicycle motion, communicating and tracking each other with Cartesian range measurements.

$$\mathbf{X}_i = \begin{bmatrix} x_i \\ y_i \\ \theta_i \\ \hline s_{xi}^j \\ s_{yi}^j \\ \vdots \end{bmatrix}$$

local "nav." states

tracked position states





# NCV Tracking Setup

**NCV Model:**  $\mathbf{x}_{k+1}^j = \mathbf{x}_k^j + \omega_k^j, E[\omega_k^j \omega_l^{jT}] = Q \delta_{kl}$

$$Q = \begin{bmatrix} q_x & 0 \\ 0 & q_y \end{bmatrix}, q_x = q_y = q$$

**Truth (unicycle):**

$$|v_c|_{max} = 5 \text{ m/s} \quad E[\mu_v \mu_v^T] = (0.1)^2$$

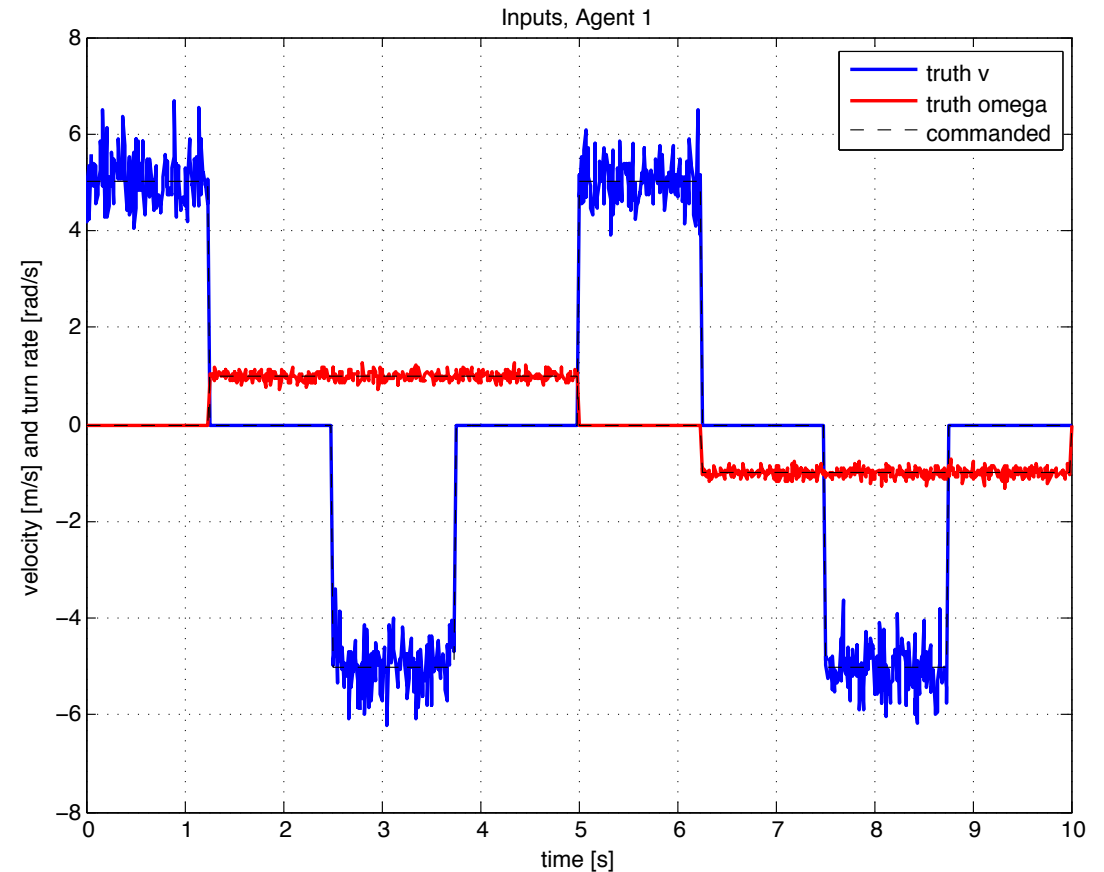
$$\dot{x} = v_c(1 + \mu_v) \cos \theta$$

$$\dot{y} = v_c(1 + \mu_v) \sin \theta$$

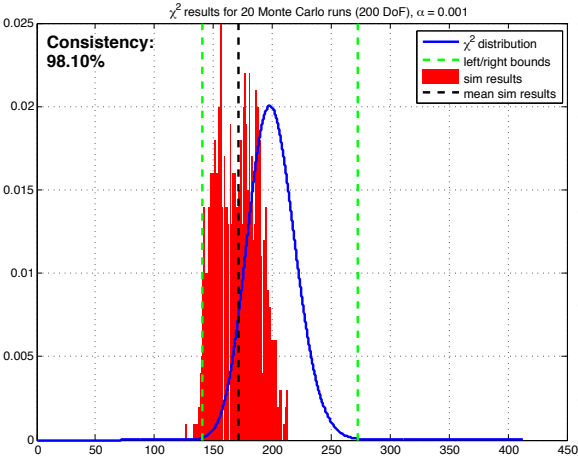
$$\dot{\theta} = \omega_c(1 + \mu_\omega)$$

$$|\omega_c|_{max} = 1 \text{ rad/s}$$

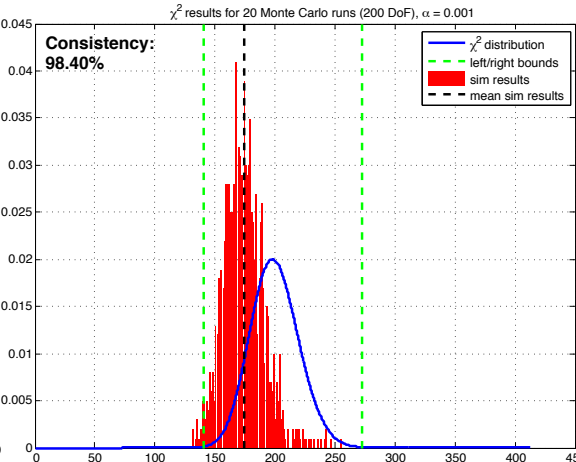
NCV Tuning  
Parameter



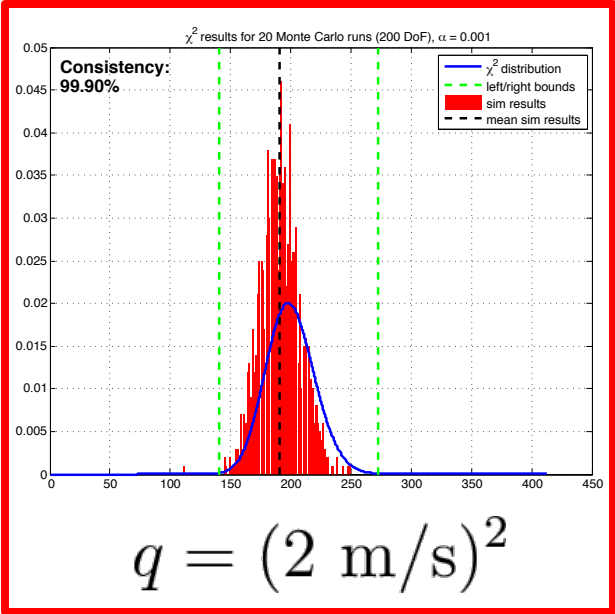
# Chi-squared Results for different NCV q values, 20 sims



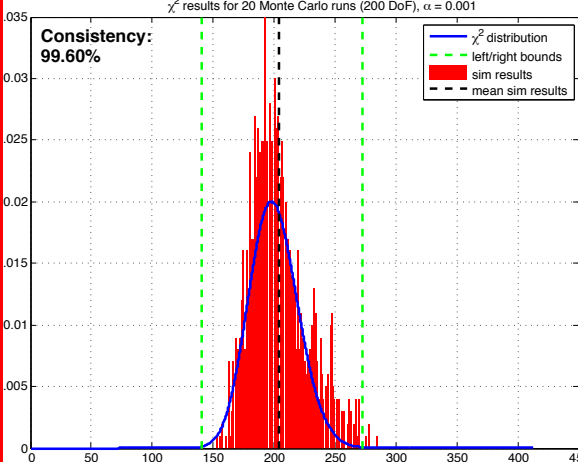
$$q = (0.5 \text{ m/s})^2$$



$$q = (1 \text{ m/s})^2$$

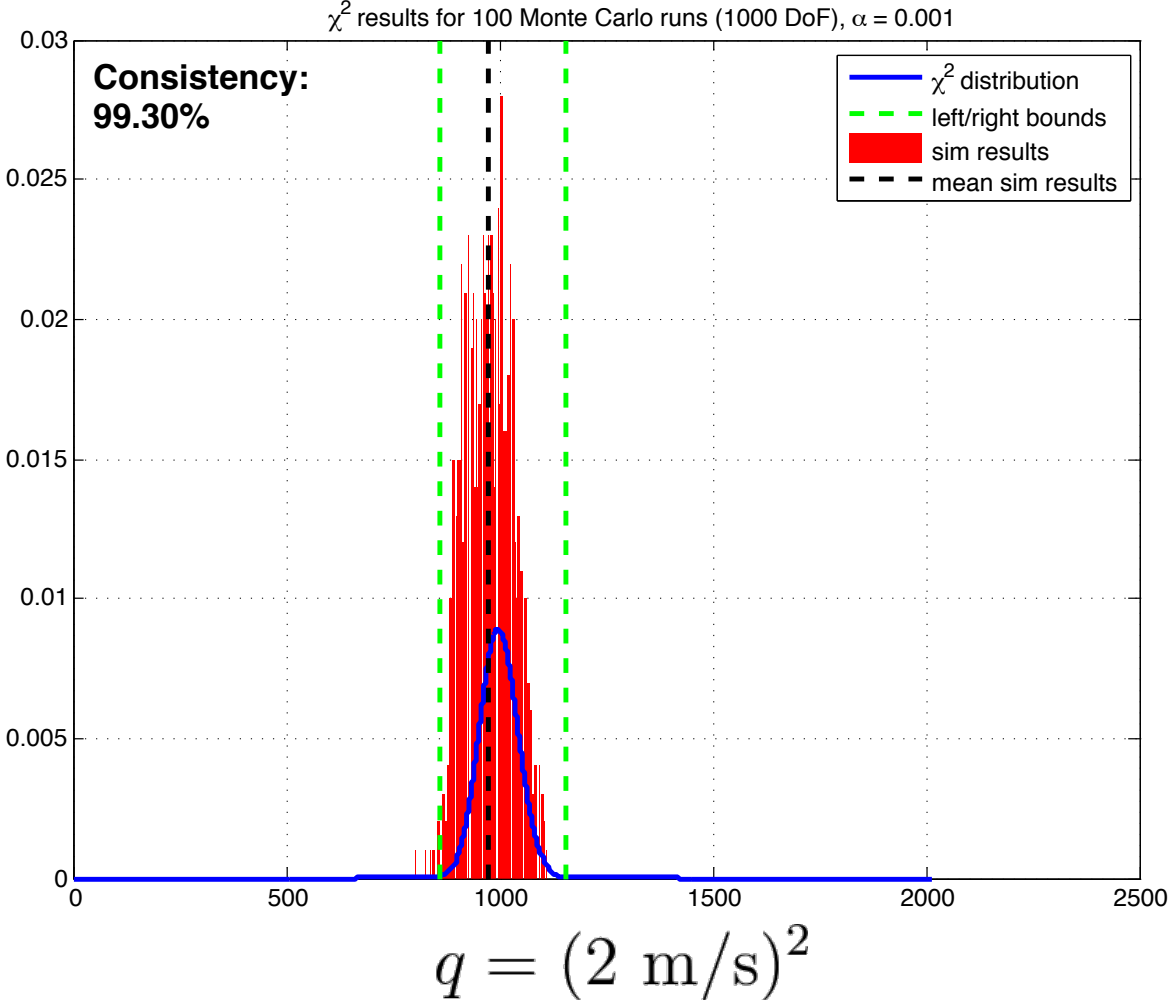


$$q = (2 \text{ m/s})^2$$

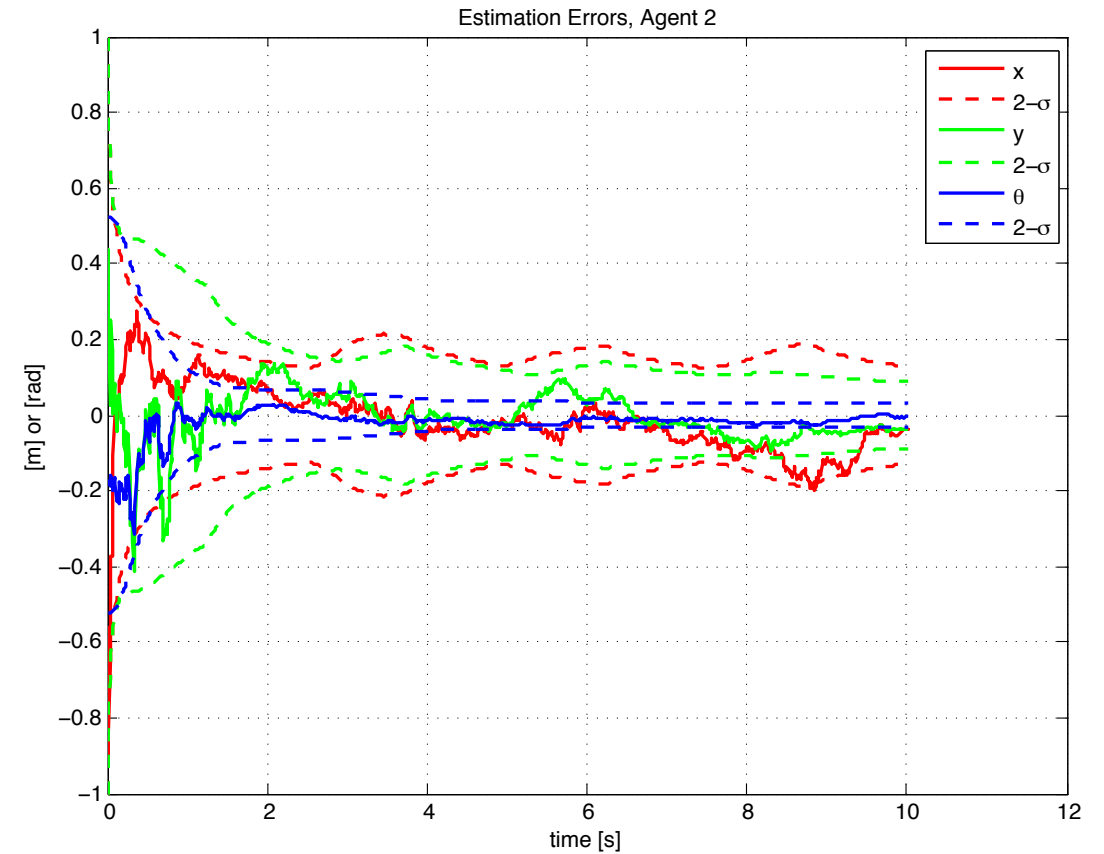
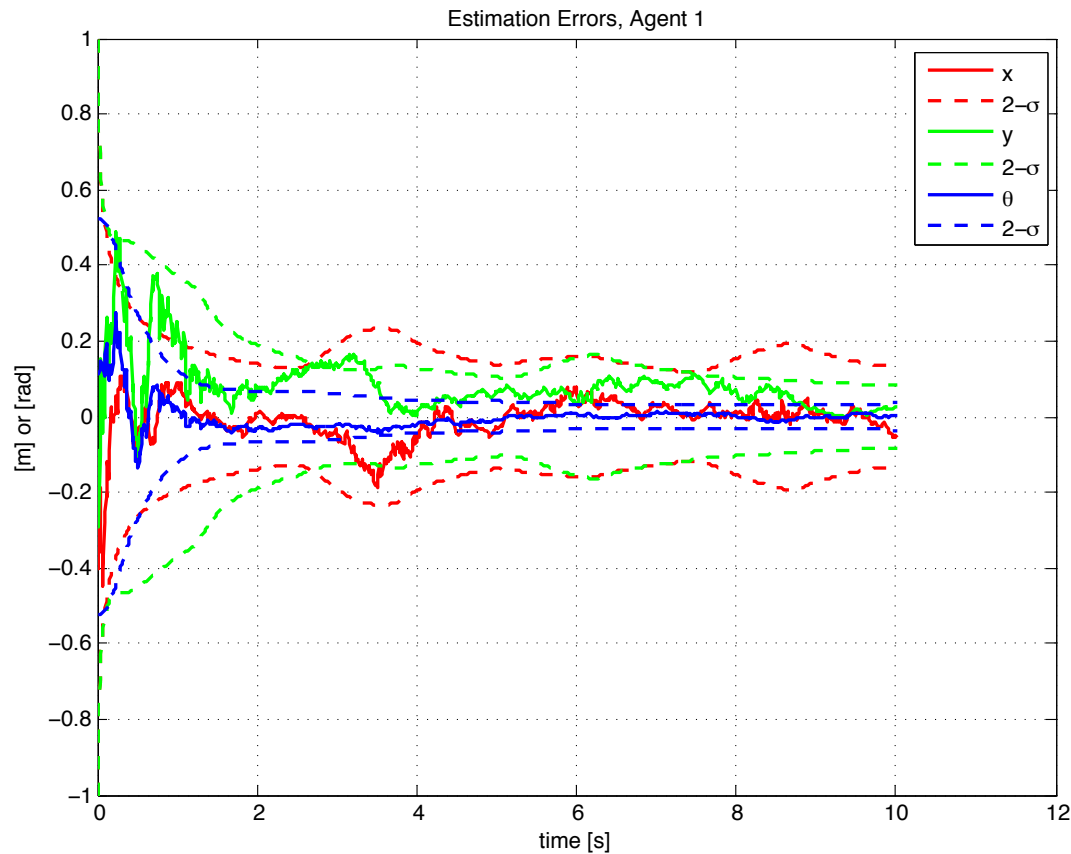


$$q = (5 \text{ m/s})^2$$

# Chi-squared NCV, 100 sims

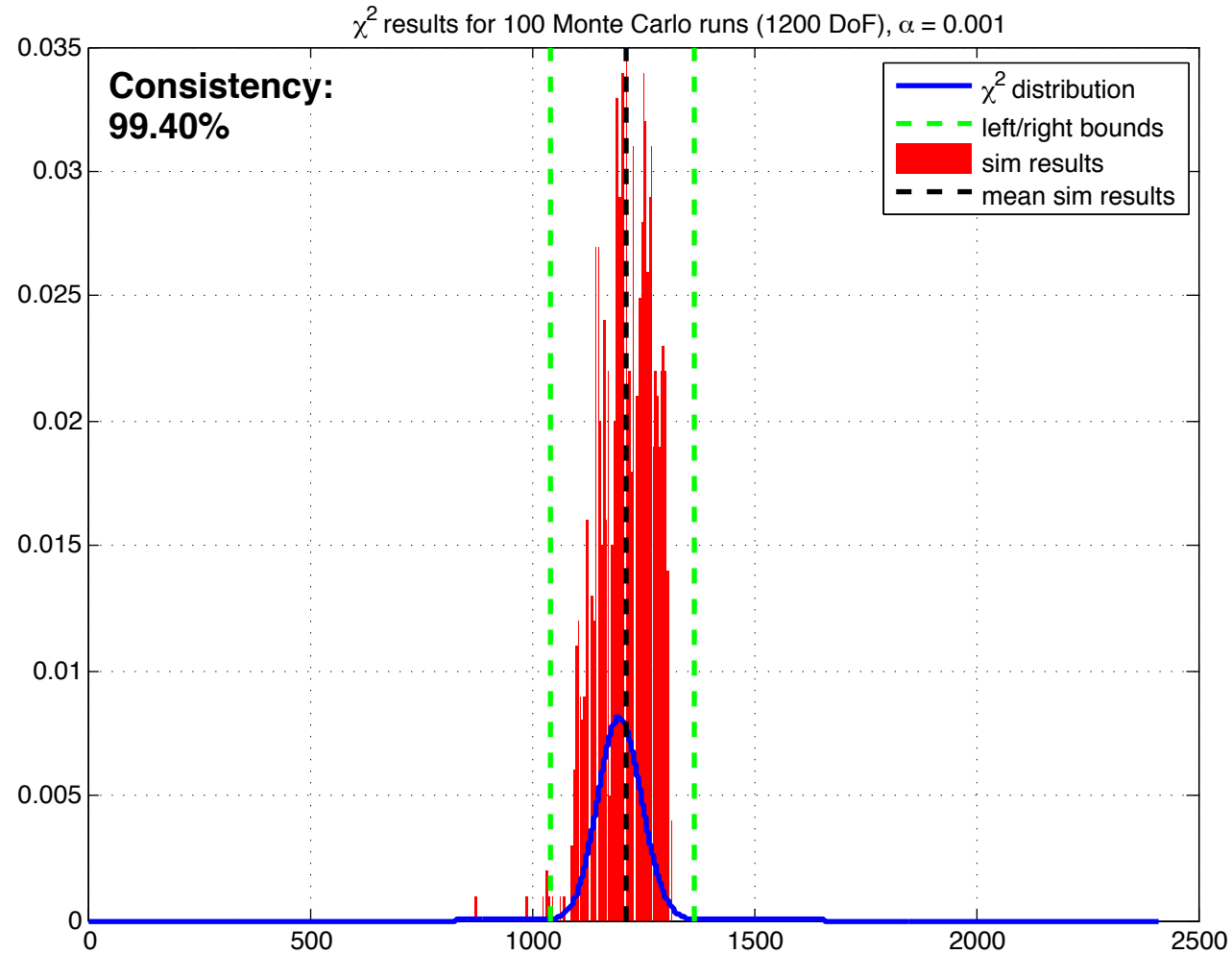


# 2-agent EKF with unicycle + shared input tracking, no DDF – example estimation errors for both agents



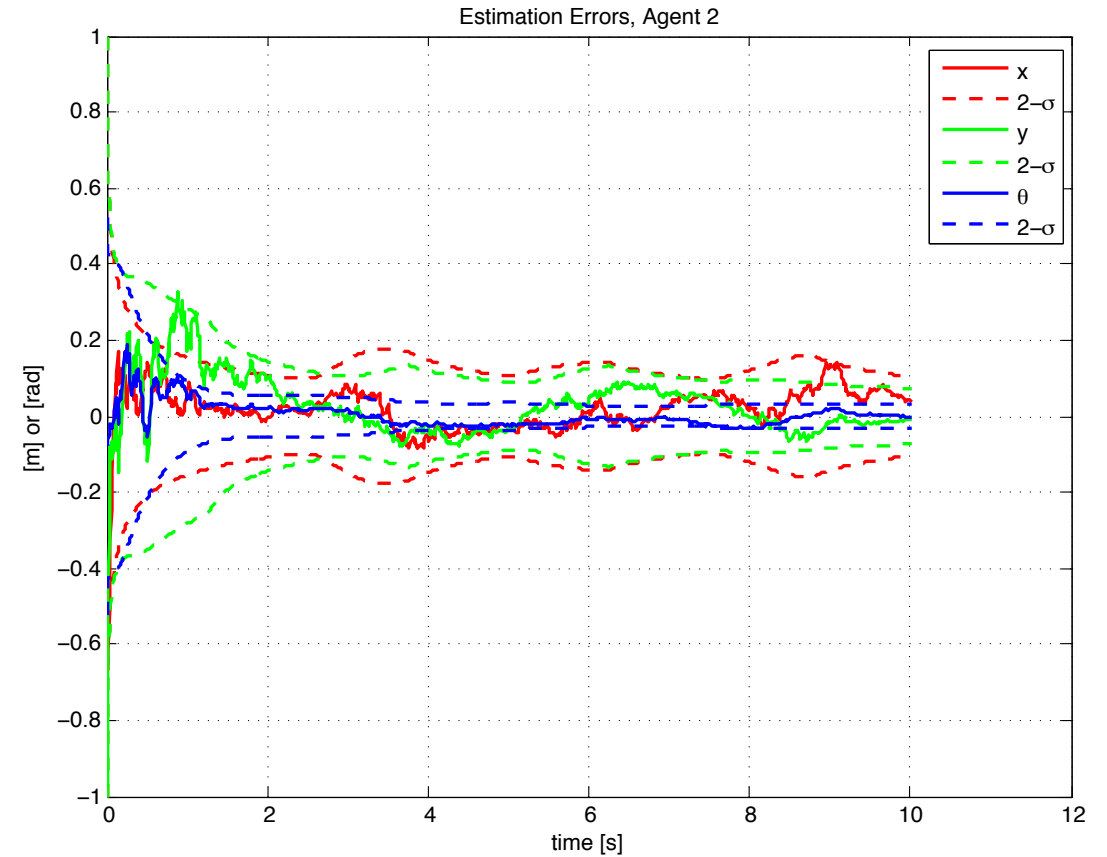
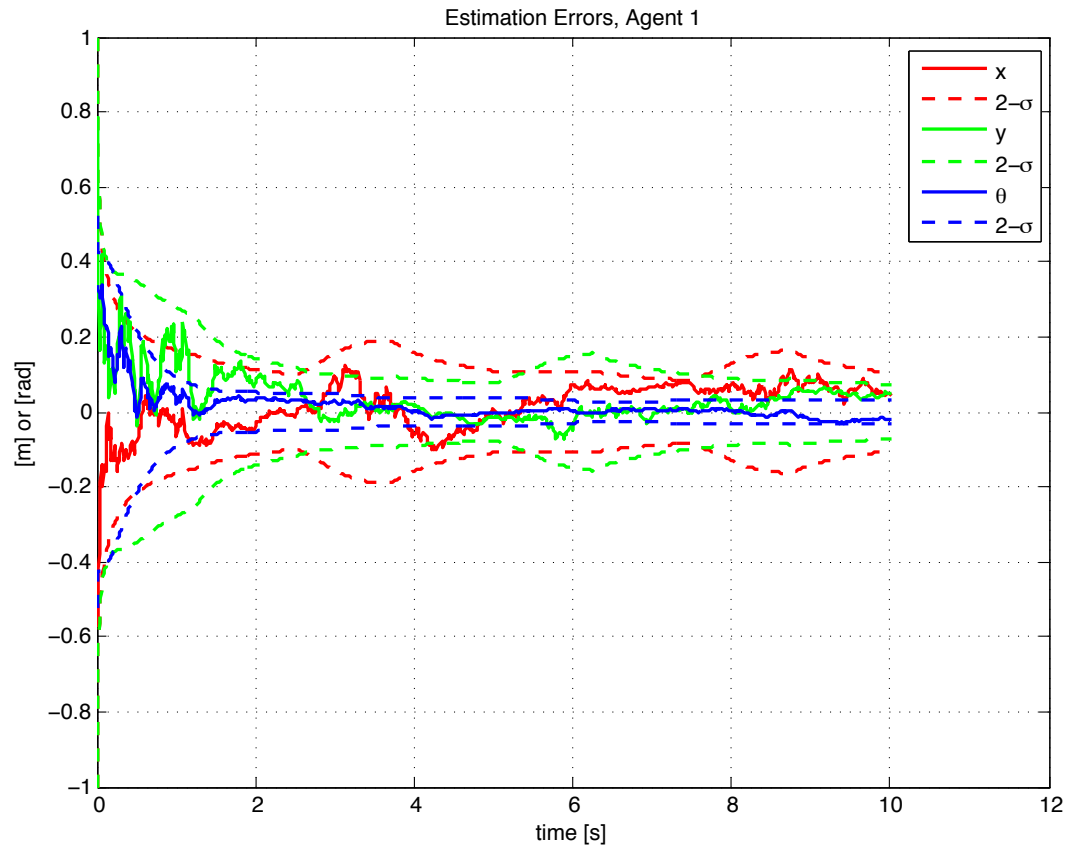


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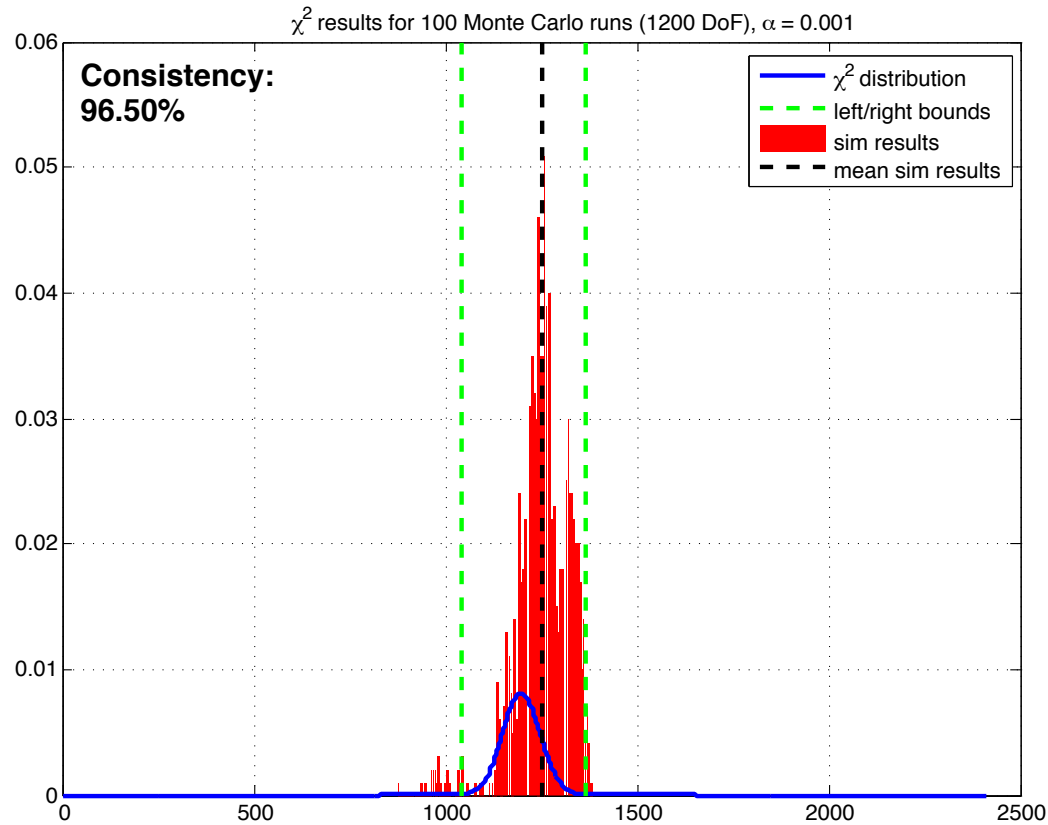


# 2-agent EKF with unicycle + shared input tracking & DDF – example

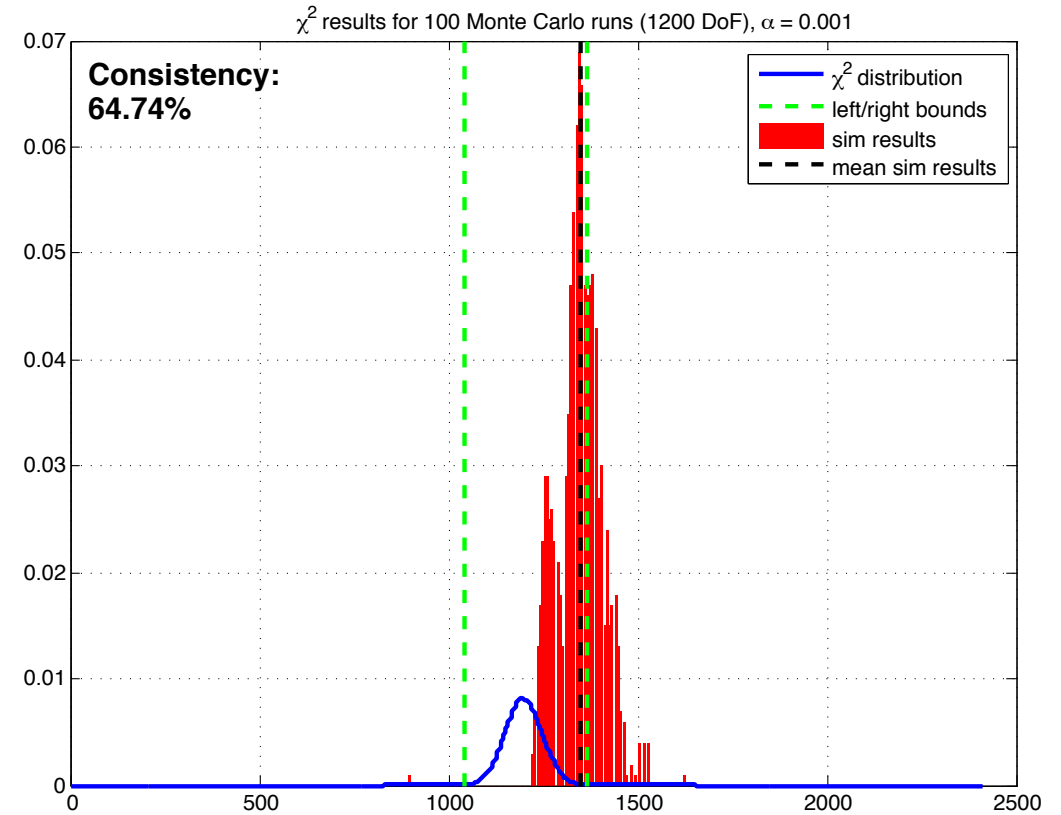
## estimation errors for both agents



# 2-agent EKF with unicycle + shared input tracking & DDF – chi-squared results



**30 runs**



**100 runs**

# Next Steps

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1. Achieve consistency of channel filter DDF implementation of unicycle tracking model.
2. Test channel filter implementation with alternate tracking models
  - NCV model
  - Unicycle without shared inputs
3. Implement DDF algorithm + tracking model in nav. filter and verify consistency.
4. Simulate more realistic range measurements / characteristics (e.g., through radio-ranging)



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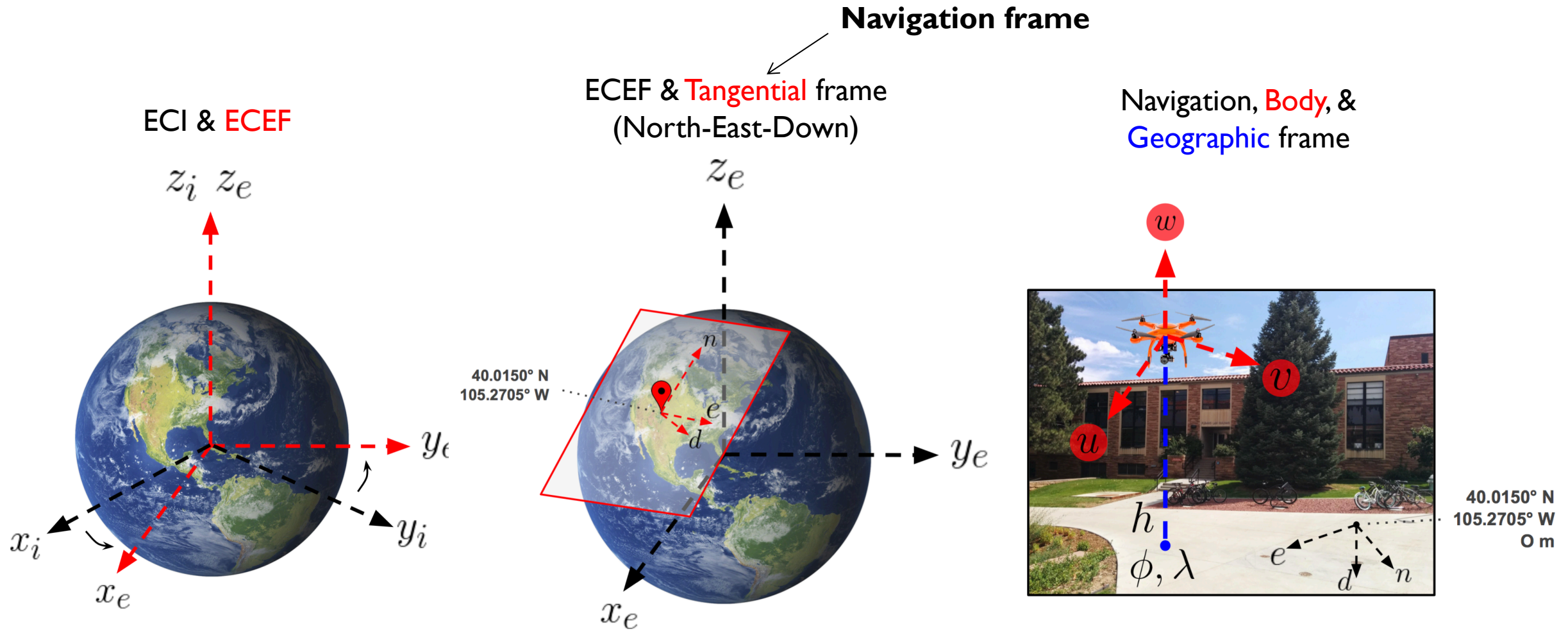
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1. Will 2011 (Decentralized Geolocation and Bias Estimation for Uninhabited Aerial Vehicles with Articulating Cameras)
2. Uhlmann 1999 (application of covariance intersection and DDF to a Mars rover)
3. Hurley 2002 (which talks about generalizing the covariance intersection idea)
4. Noack 2014 (distributed fusion of KFs with unequal state vectors)
5. Nisar 2014 MFI paper (my original paper on the idea of FDDF)
6. Nisar FUSION 2016 paper (multiple agents tracking a common target with local sensor biases that they don't want to fuse, but need to maintain estimates for)
7. Carillo-Arce IROS 2013 (the one I sent you earlier on cooperative localization)
8. Sijs 2010 (ellipsoidal intersection)
9. Noack 2017 (which talks about fixing consistency issues with ellipsoidal intersection)
10. Martin and Chang FUSION 2005 (Data Fusion trees)

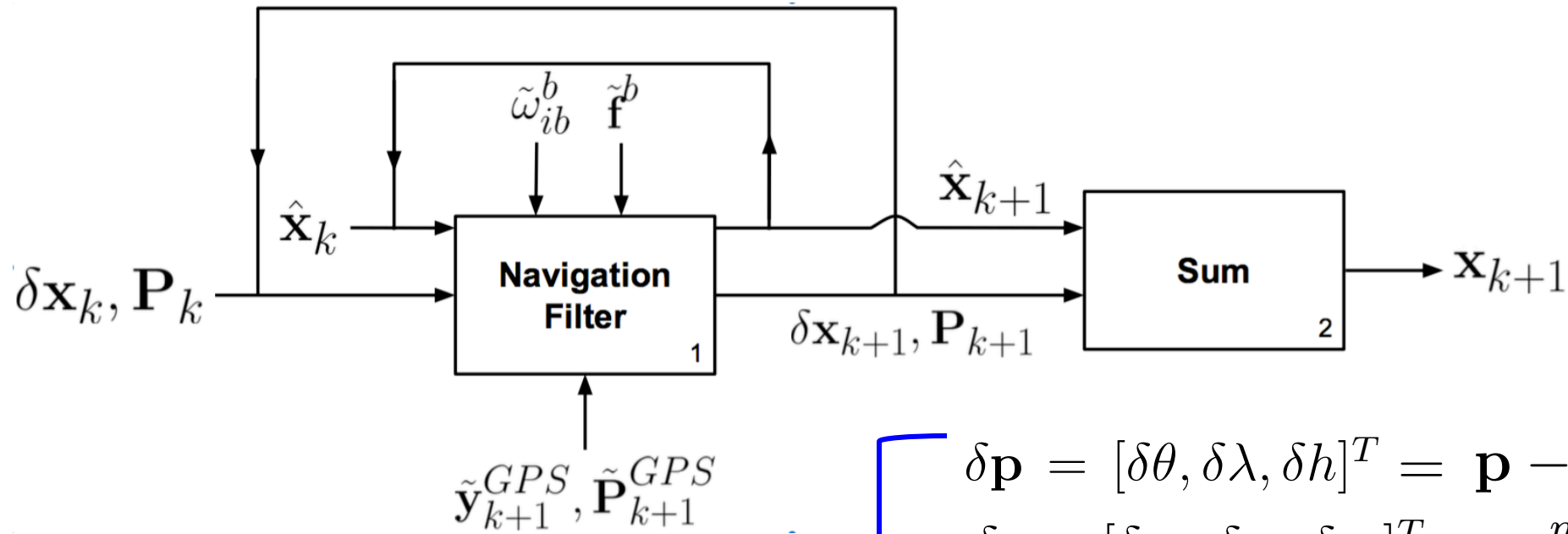
# Appendix



# Coordinate Systems



# Navigation Filter Block Diagram – High Level

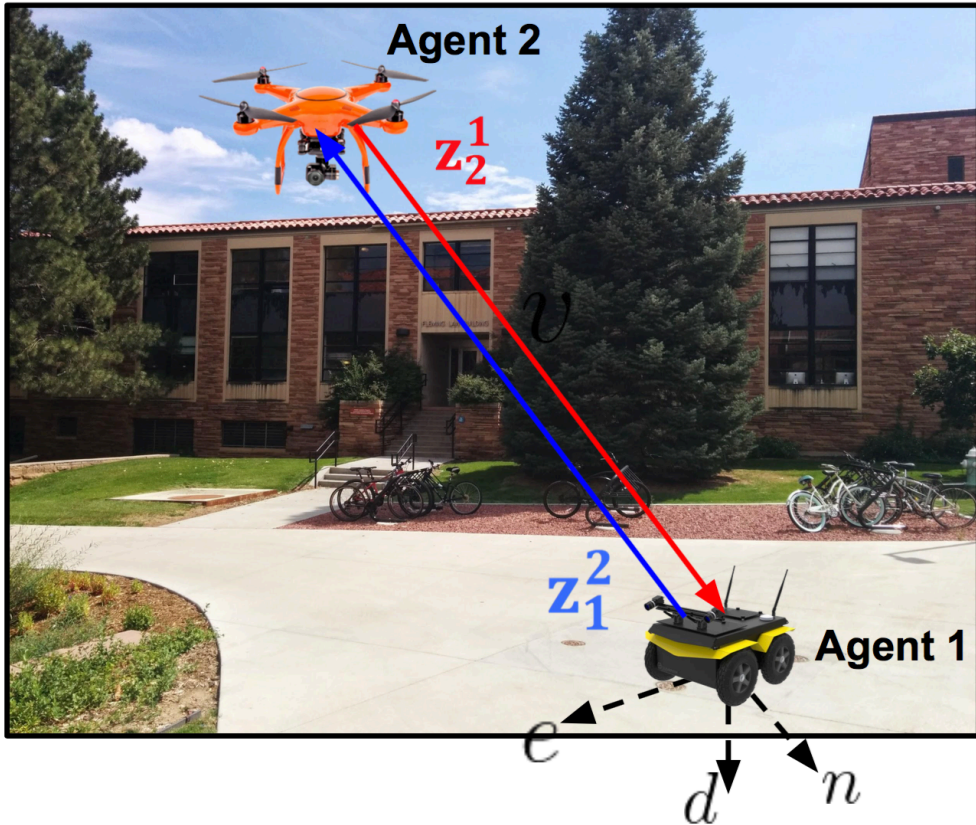


33 states

$$\dot{\delta \mathbf{x}} = [\delta \mathbf{p}, \delta \mathbf{v}, \rho, \delta \mathbf{x}_a, \delta \mathbf{x}_g]^T \longrightarrow$$

$$\left[ \begin{aligned} \delta \mathbf{p} &= [\delta \theta, \delta \lambda, \delta h]^T = \mathbf{p} - \hat{\mathbf{p}} \\ \delta \mathbf{v} &= [\delta v_n, \delta v_e, \delta v_d]^T = \mathbf{v}_e^n - \hat{\mathbf{v}}_e^n \\ \rho &= [\epsilon_N, \epsilon_E, \epsilon_D], \hat{\mathbf{R}}_b^n = (\mathbf{I} - [\rho \times]) \mathbf{R}_b^n \\ \delta \mathbf{x}_a &= [\mathbf{x}_{b_a}^T, \mathbf{x}_{A_a}^T, \mathbf{x}_{k_a}^T], \delta \mathbf{f}^b = \mathbf{F}_{va} \delta \mathbf{x}_a + \nu_a \\ \delta \mathbf{x}_g &= [\mathbf{x}_{b_g}^T, \mathbf{x}_{A_g}^T, \mathbf{x}_{k_g}^T], \delta \omega_{ib}^b = \mathbf{F}_{\rho g} \delta \mathbf{x}_g + \nu_g \end{aligned} \right.$$

# Tracking Measurement Equation



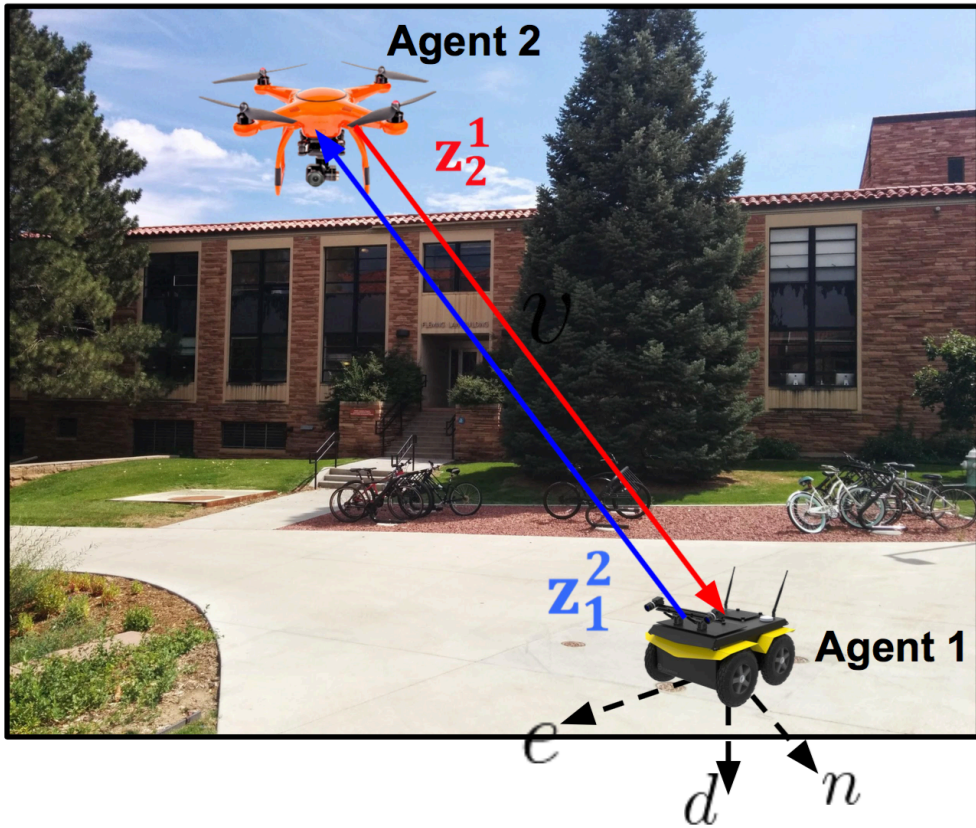
Range Meas.	Tracking States	Corrected Nav. States	Range Sensor Noise
$\begin{bmatrix} \Delta p_{1,n}^2 \\ \Delta p_{1,e}^2 \\ \Delta p_{1,d}^2 \end{bmatrix}$	$=$	$\begin{bmatrix} s_n^2 - (\hat{p}_{n,1} + \delta p_{n,1}) + \omega_n \\ s_e^2 - (\hat{p}_{e,1} + \delta p_{e,1}) + \omega_e \\ s_d^2 - (\hat{p}_{d,1} + \delta p_{d,1}) + \omega_d \end{bmatrix}$	

$$z' = \mathbf{H}\delta\mathbf{x} + \omega$$

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# Meas. Sharing Measurement Equations



Agent 2  $\xrightarrow{\text{Tracking, GPS: } \mathbf{z}_2^1, \tilde{\mathbf{y}}_2^{GPS}}$  Agent 1

I. Tracking:

$$\mathbf{z}_2^1 = -\mathbf{z}_1^2 \rightarrow \text{same tracking meas. eq.}$$

I. GPS:

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(same as IF)

## DDF update

$$\mathbf{y}_{k+1|k+1}^i = \tilde{\mathbf{y}}_{k+1|k+1}^i + \sum_{j \in N_i} [\tilde{\mathbf{y}}_{k+1|k+1}^j - \mathbf{y}_{k+1|k}^{ij}],$$

$$Y_{k+1|k+1}^i = \tilde{Y}_{k+1|k+1}^i + \sum_{j \in N_i} [\tilde{Y}_{k+1|k+1}^j - Y_{k+1|k}^{ij}],$$

## CF update

$$\mathbf{y}_{k+1|k+1}^{ij} = -\mathbf{y}_{k+1|k}^{ij} + \tilde{\mathbf{y}}_{k+1|k+1}^i + \tilde{\mathbf{y}}_{k+1|k+1}^j,$$

$$Y_{k+1|k+1}^{ij} = -Y_{k+1|k}^{ij} + \tilde{Y}_{k+1|k+1}^i + \tilde{Y}_{k+1|k+1}^j,$$