

Bayesian Inference for Localization, Sensing and Mapping with Learned Models: A Graphical-Model Perspective

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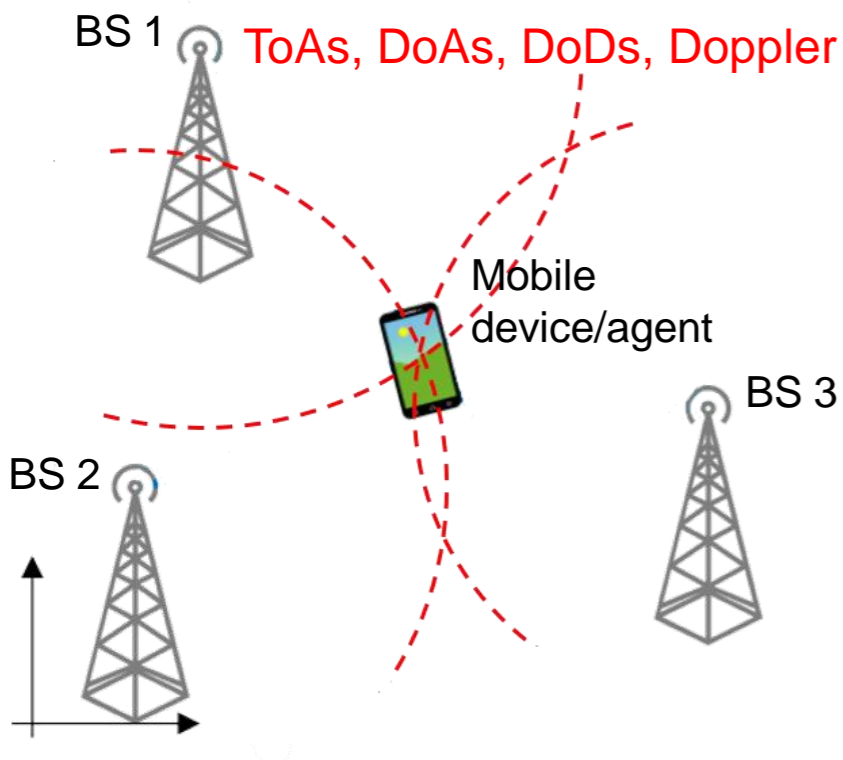
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Outline

- Radio Signal-based Localization
- Multipath-based SLAM
- Graphical Models and Message Passing
- Applications:
 - Adaptive MP-SLAM: D-MIMO
 - Direct MP-SLAM: D-MIMO and coherent XL-MIMO
- Hybrid Bayesian Inference with Learned Models

Radio Signal-based Localization

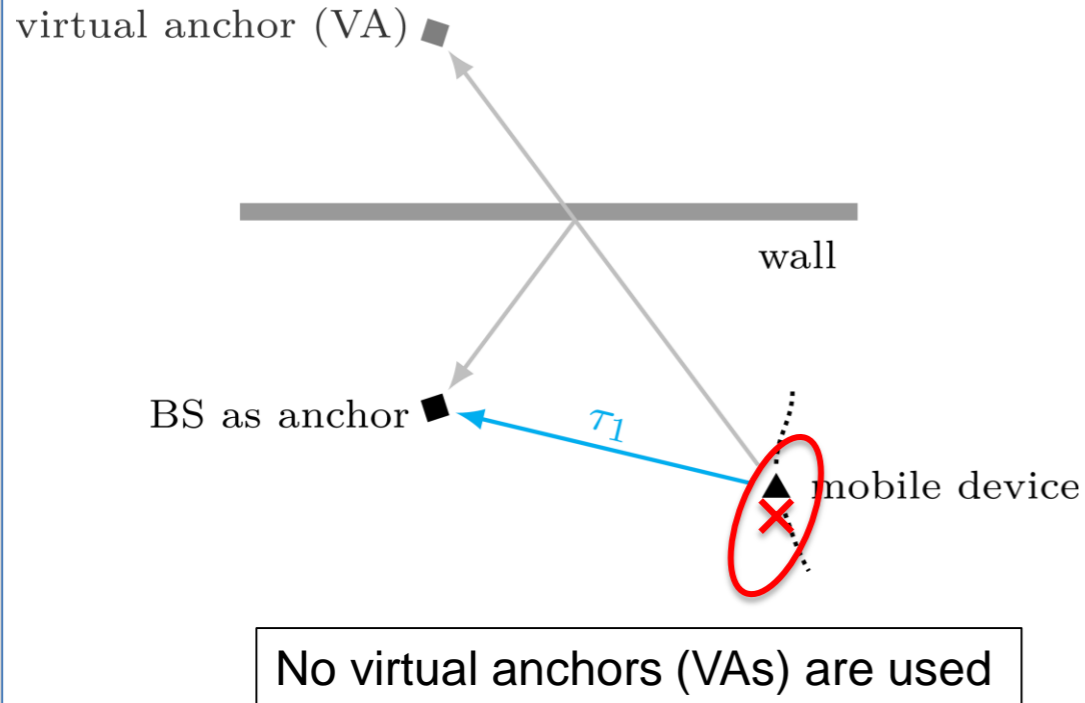
5G/6G wireless communication networks \Rightarrow signal parameters for localization and sensing



- Uses local infrastructure of **wireless communication networks**
 - Network base stations (BSs) are **physical anchors (PAs)** with known positions
 - **ToAs, DoAs, DoDs, Doppler** of LOS paths are used for localization
- **Challenges:**
 - Not only LOS \Rightarrow **multipath propagation**
 - Blocked direct path \Rightarrow **obstructed LOS (OLOS)**

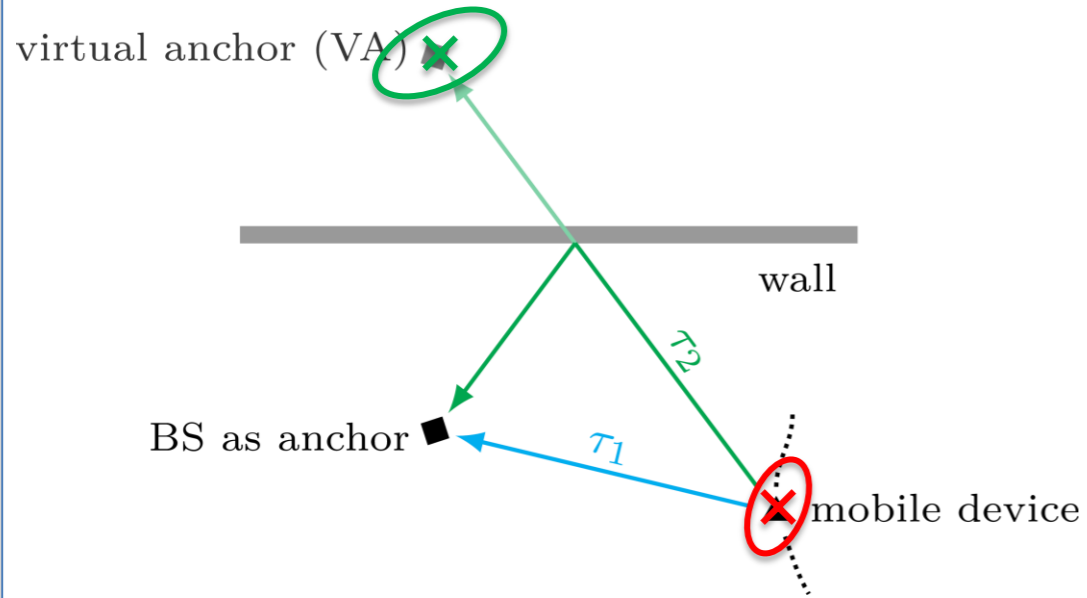
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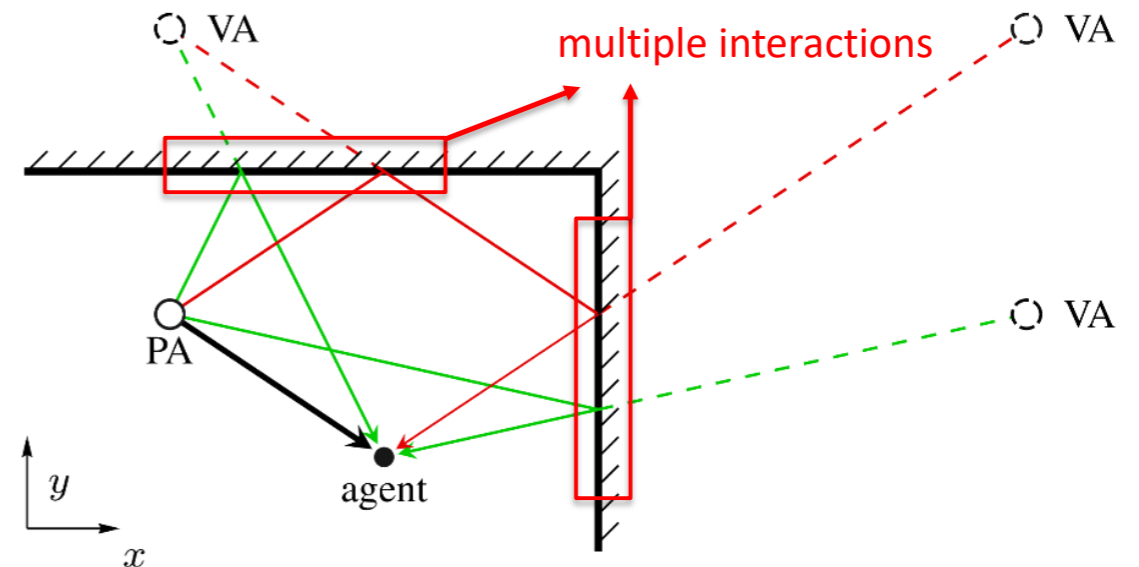
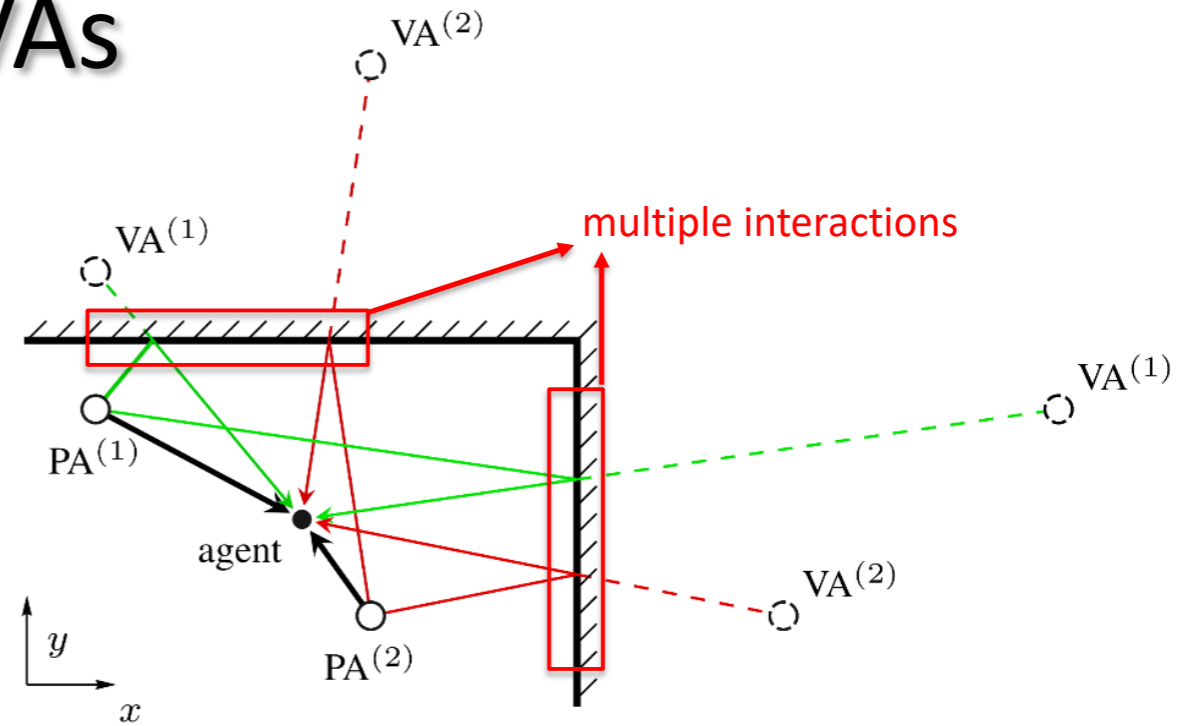
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Estimated VA positions act as additional PAs improving localization accuracy and robustness

MP-SLAM: Limitations of VAs

- For each PA one **individual virtual anchor (VA)** for **each reflecting surface**
- Multiple-bounce path-related VAs are **related to more than one reflecting surface**
- **No data fusion** between PAs and multiple-bounce reflections possible

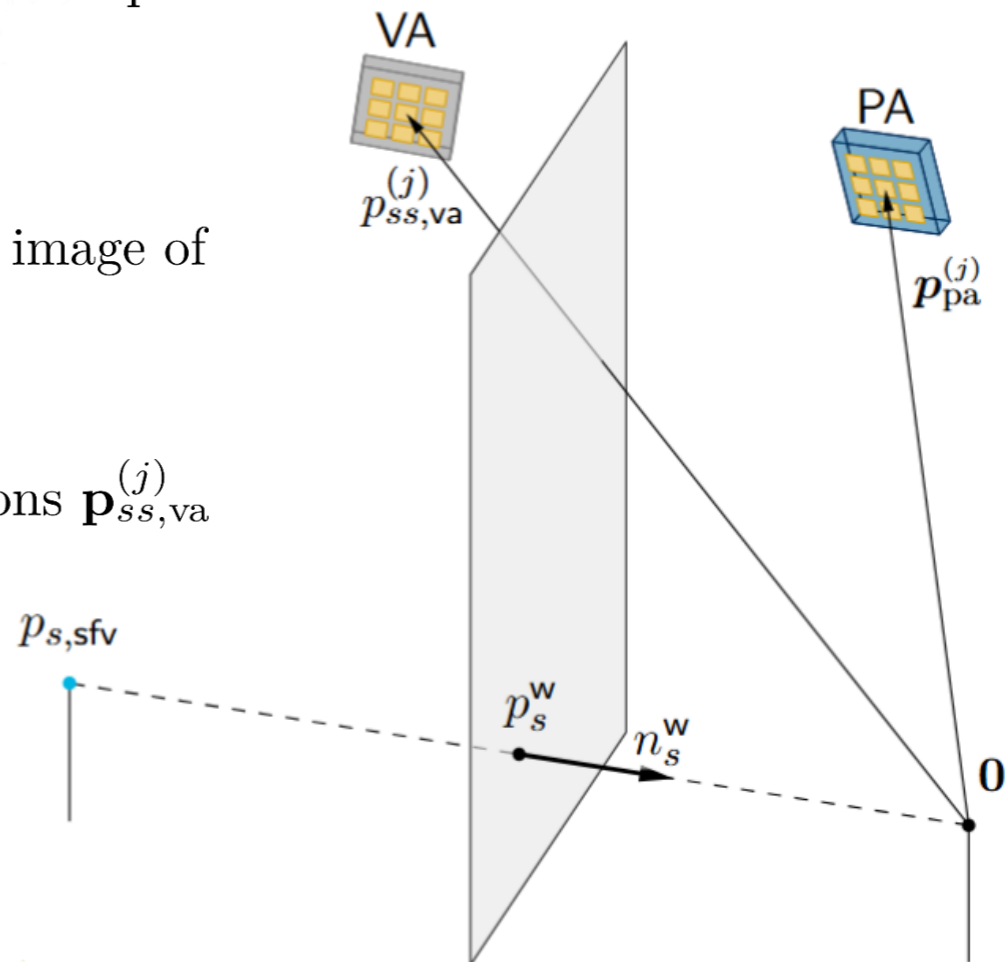


- Multiple measurements of same map feature!
- **VA model**: does not consistently combine measurements related to same map features
- Data fusion with **surface feature vectors (SFVs)**

Surface Feature Vectors To Virtual Anchors

- **Multiple paths per surface:** A reflecting surface generates multiple propagation paths \Rightarrow multiple VAs
- **Surface feature vector (SFV) concept:** A SFV is the mirror image of the origin at each reflecting surface
- **Geometric relation:** SFV position $\mathbf{p}_{s,\text{sfv}}$ maps to VA positions $\mathbf{p}_{ss,\text{va}}^{(j)}$ given PA position $\mathbf{p}_{\text{pa}}^{(j)}$

$$\mathbf{p}_{ss,\text{va}}^{(j)} = \mathbf{p}_{\text{pa}}^{(j)} - \left(\frac{2\mathbf{p}_{\text{pa}}^{(j)\top} \mathbf{p}_{s,\text{sfv}}}{\|\mathbf{p}_{s,\text{sfv}}\|^2} - 1 \right) \mathbf{p}_{s,\text{sfv}}$$



SFV links VAs of the same surface \Rightarrow data fusion across PAs and multiple-bounce paths

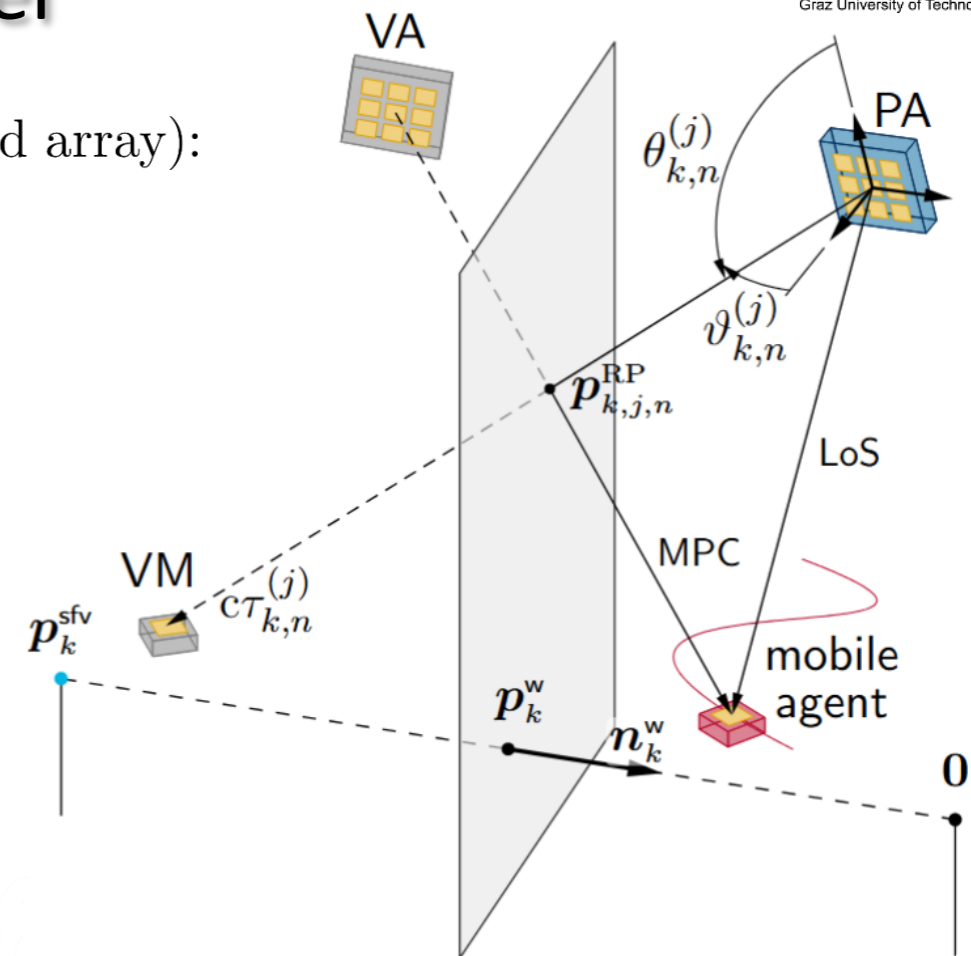
Radio Signal Model

Received radio signal at time n and PA j (BS, sub-array, distributed array):

$$\mathbf{z}_n^{(j)} = \sum_{k=0}^K \rho_{k,n}^{(j)} \boldsymbol{\psi}_k(\boldsymbol{\theta}_{k,n}^{(j)}) + \mathbf{w}_n^{(j)}$$

- $\rho_{k,n}^{(j)} \in \mathbb{C}$ complex amplitude of MPC k
- $\boldsymbol{\theta}_{k,n}^{(j)} = \begin{bmatrix} \tau_{k,n}^{(j)} & \theta_{k,n}^{(j)} & \vartheta_{k,n}^{(j)} \end{bmatrix}^T$
 - $\tau_{k,n}^{(j)}$ delay of MPC $k \longleftrightarrow \frac{\|\dot{\mathbf{r}}_{s,n}^{(j)}\|}{c}$
 - $\theta_{k,n}^{(j)}$ elevation of MPC $k \longleftrightarrow \arccos([\dot{\mathbf{r}}_{s,n}^{(j)}]_3 / \|\dot{\mathbf{r}}_{s,n}^{(j)}\|)$
 - $\vartheta_{k,n}^{(j)}$ azimuth of MPC $k \longleftrightarrow \text{atan2}([\dot{\mathbf{r}}_{s,n}^{(j)}]_2, [\dot{\mathbf{r}}_{s,n}^{(j)}]_1)$

- Array vectors $\boldsymbol{\psi}(\boldsymbol{\theta}) = \frac{\lambda_c}{4\pi\tau} \mathbf{S}(\mathbf{f}) \odot (\exp(j2\pi\mathbf{f}\tau) \otimes \mathbf{a}(\theta, \vartheta)) \exp(-j2\pi f_c \tau) \in \mathbb{C}^{N_f M}$
- Noise described by covariance matrix $\mathbf{C}_{\mathbf{w},n}^{(j)}$



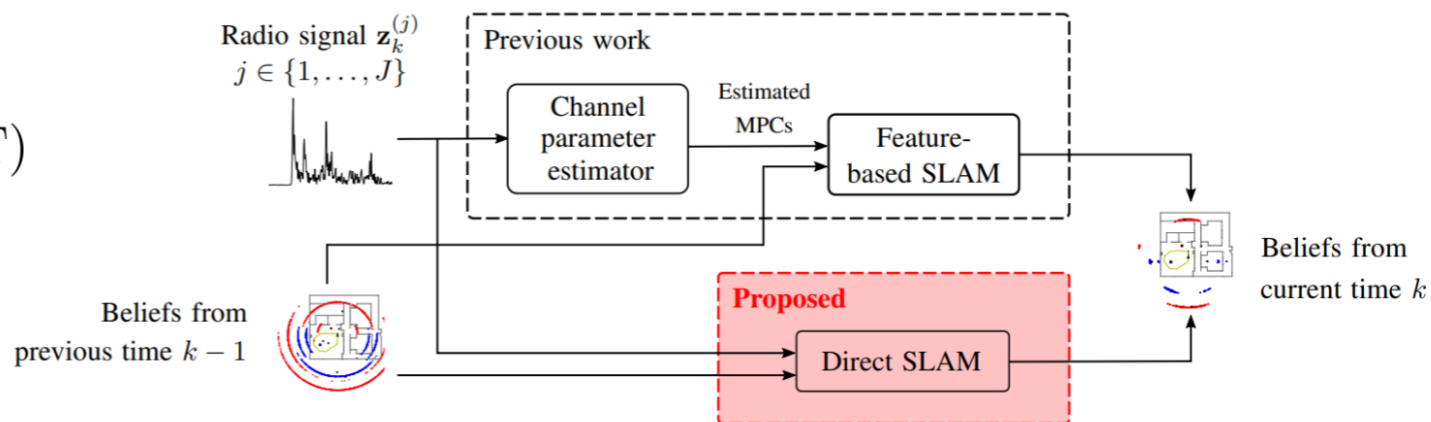
Two-Step Approach versus Direct Approach

Two-step Approaches

- **Detection** and **estimation** of MPC parameters using the radio signal
 - Estimated MPC parameters $\hat{\theta}$:
 - Subspace methods (e.g. Tensor-ESPRIT)
 - orthogonal matching pursuit (OMP)
 - Newtonized OMP (NOMP)
 - RiMAX
 - sparse Bayesian learning (SBL)
 - SBL with dictionary learning (SBLD)
- **Graph-based inference** with **MPC parameters**
 - data association (DA): assignment between MPCs and map features/objects

Direct Approaches (later)

- **Graph-based inference** using **raw radio signal**

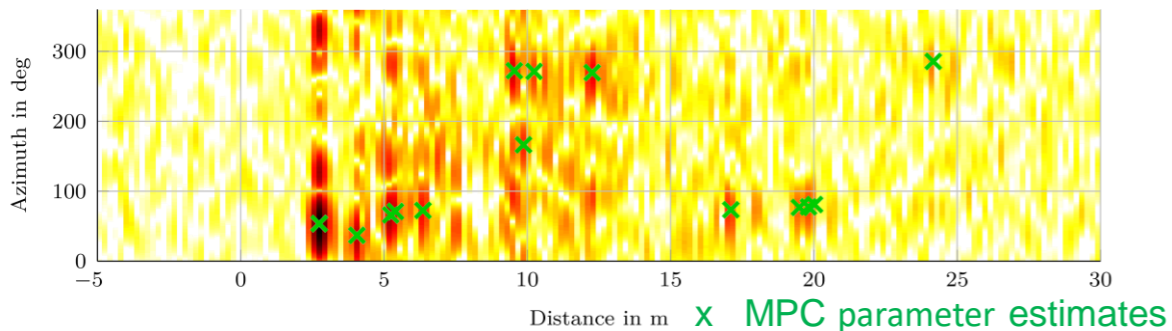


- **Graph-based inference** using **raw radio signal**
 - no DA: implicit probabilistic assignment

Two-Step Approach: Signal Parameter Estimation

- Multi-dimensional multipath parameters: $y = \sum_{k=1}^K \rho_k \psi_k(\theta_k) + v(\eta)$
- **Fast sparse Bayesian learning with dictionary estimation**
 - Number of MPCs via estimation of **sparsity-inducing hyperparameters** $\hat{\gamma}$ (plus detection threshold \rightarrow false positive control)
 - **Dictionary estimation** $\rightarrow \hat{\theta}$ (Resolving of closely spaced SMCs)
 - Estimation of **noise power and statistical multipath parameters** $\hat{\eta}$
 - **Posterior PDF of complex amplitudes** ρ_k estimated based on other parameters

Angular-delay spectrum of a radio signal:



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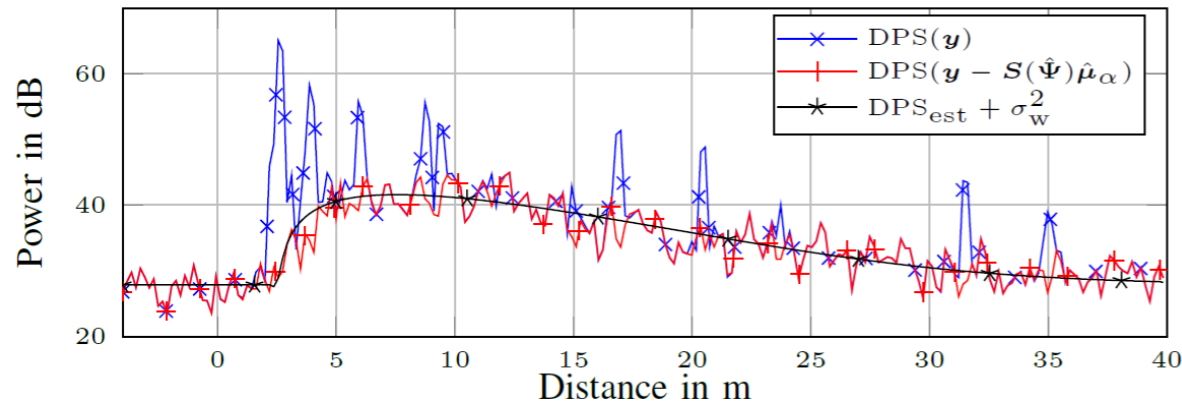
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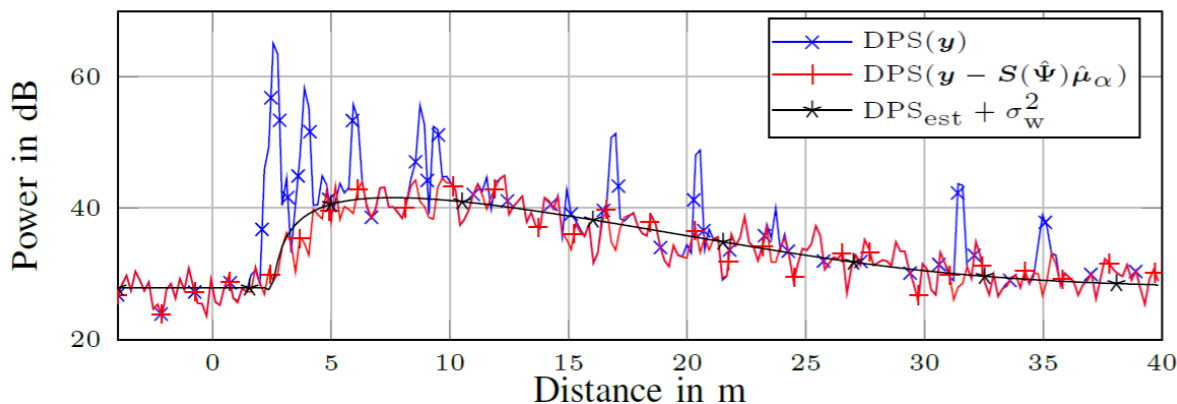
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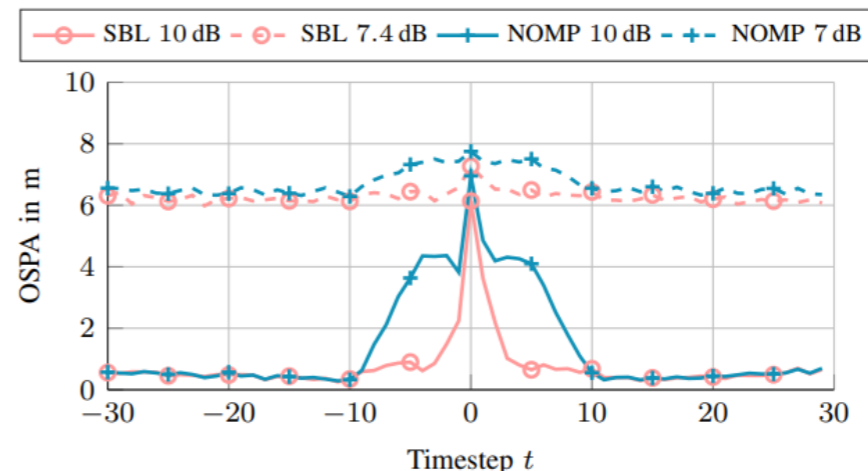
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Resolving two crossing components:



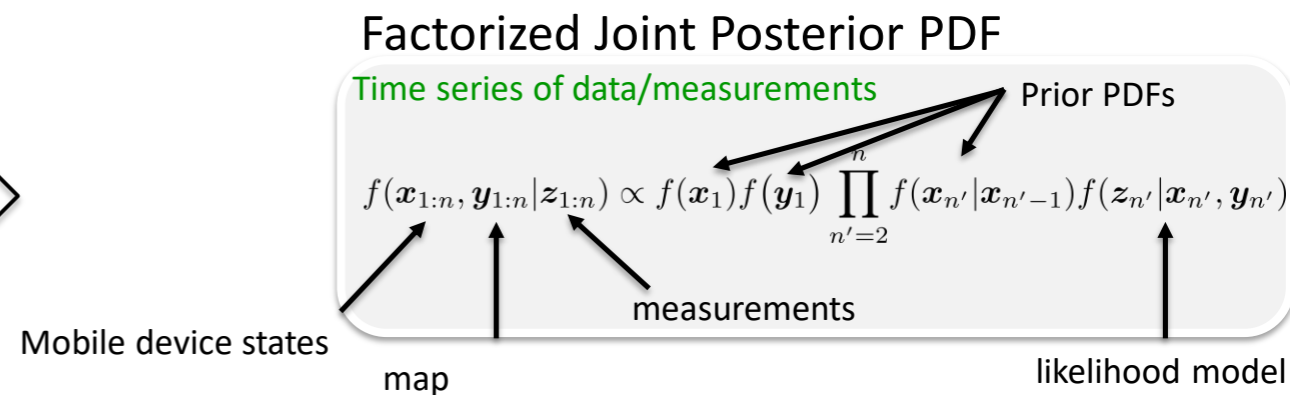
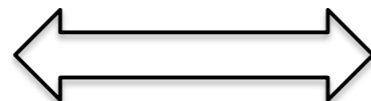
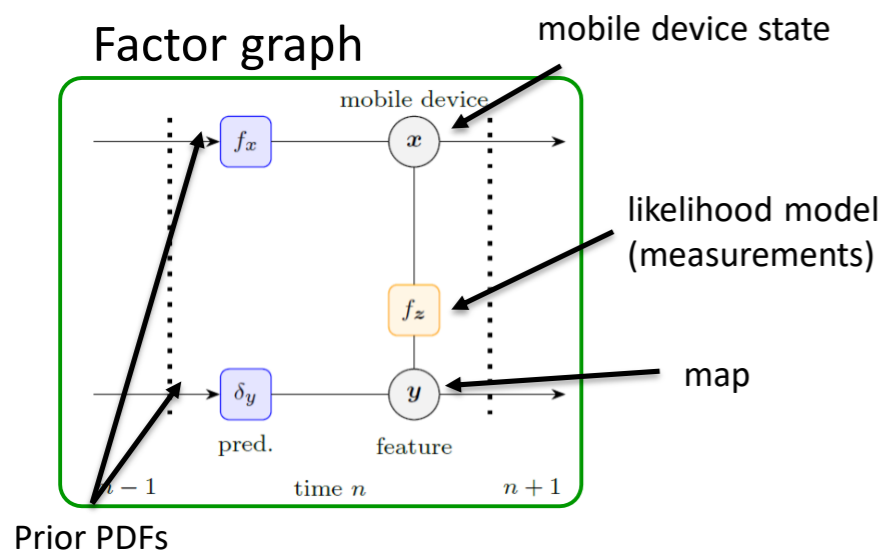
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Graph-based Inference



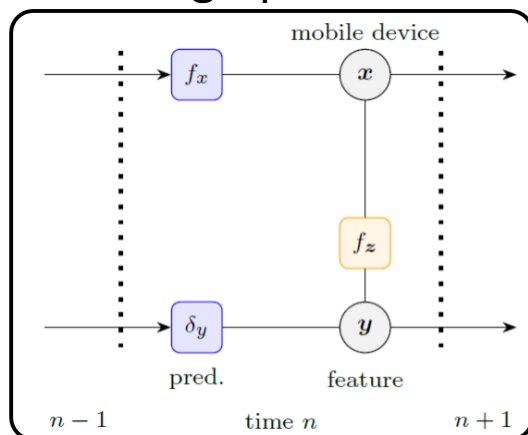
Issues:

- Little structure is exploited (only Markov property)
- High-dimensional random variables
- Algorithms are inefficient and scale not well with system parameters

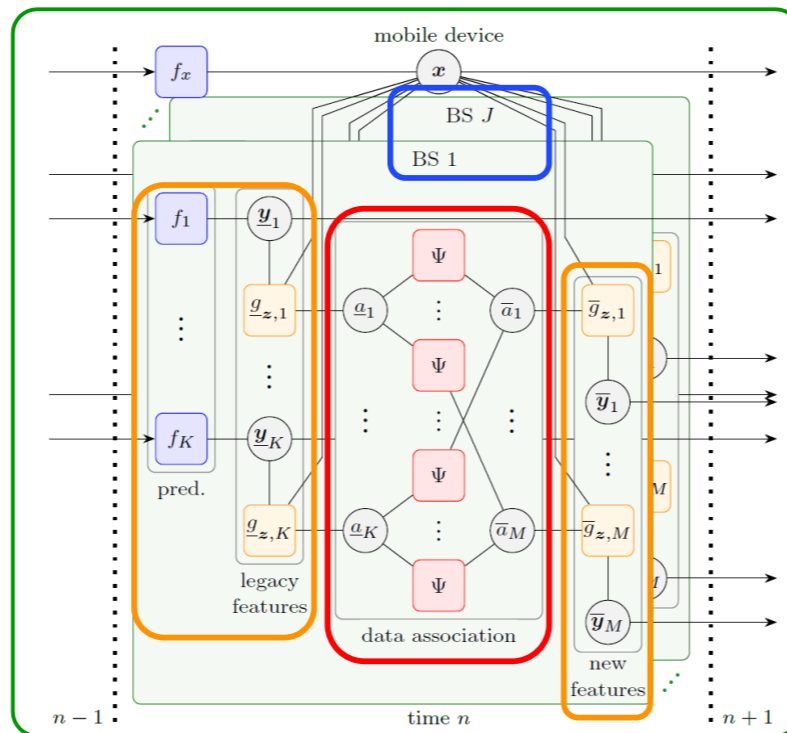
- **Inference model parameters** described by a **joint posterior PDF**
- **Conditional independencies** are used to factorize the posterior PDF
- **Factor graph (FG)** encodes statistical relations in likelihood functions and prior PDFs
- **Efficient message passing methods** exploiting FG structure \rightarrow estimation of the marginal posterior PDFs of parameters
- **“Natural” uncertainty quantification**

Scalable Graph-based Inference

Factor graph



Independency assumptions between BS



Factorized Joint Posterior PDF

Time series of data/measurements

$$\begin{aligned}
 & f(\mathbf{x}_{1:n}, \mathbf{y}_{1:n}, \mathbf{a}_{1:n}, \bar{\mathbf{a}}_{1:n} | \mathbf{z}_{1:n}) \\
 & \propto f(\mathbf{x}_1) \left(\prod_{j'=1}^J \prod_{k'=1}^{K_1^{(j')}} f(\mathbf{y}_{k',1}^{(j')}) \right) \prod_{n'=2}^n f(\mathbf{x}_{n'} | \mathbf{x}_{n'-1}) \\
 & \times \prod_{j=1}^J \left(\prod_{k=1}^{K_{n'-1}^{(j)}} f(\mathbf{y}_{k,n'}^{(j)} | \mathbf{y}_{k,n'-1}^{(j)}) g(\mathbf{x}_{n'}, \mathbf{y}_{k,n'}^{(j)}, \mathbf{a}_{k,n'}^{(j)}; \mathbf{z}_{n'}^{(j)}) \right. \\
 & \left. \prod_{m'=1}^{M_{n'}^{(j)}} \Psi_{km'}(\mathbf{a}_{k,n'}^{(j)}, \bar{\mathbf{a}}_{m',n'}^{(j)}) \right) \\
 & \times \prod_{m=1}^{M_{n'}^{(j)}} f(\bar{\mathbf{y}}_{m,n}^{(j)} | \mathbf{x}_{n'}) h(\mathbf{x}_{n'}, \bar{\mathbf{y}}_{m,n}^{(j)}, \bar{\mathbf{a}}_{m,n}^{(j)}; \mathbf{z}_{n'}^{(j)})
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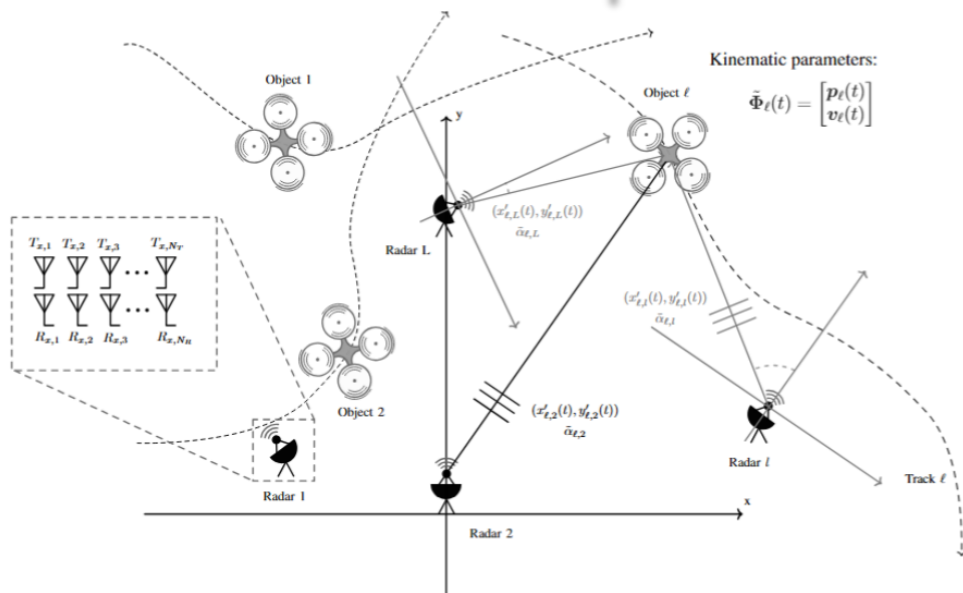
Independency assumptions
between map features (VAs)

Loopy FG for data association

Solution:

- Introduction of additional structure: physical and statistical knowledge
- “Stretching” and “opening” FG nodes: **high-dimensional (non-linear) → lower-dimensional**
 - Scalable and efficient algorithms

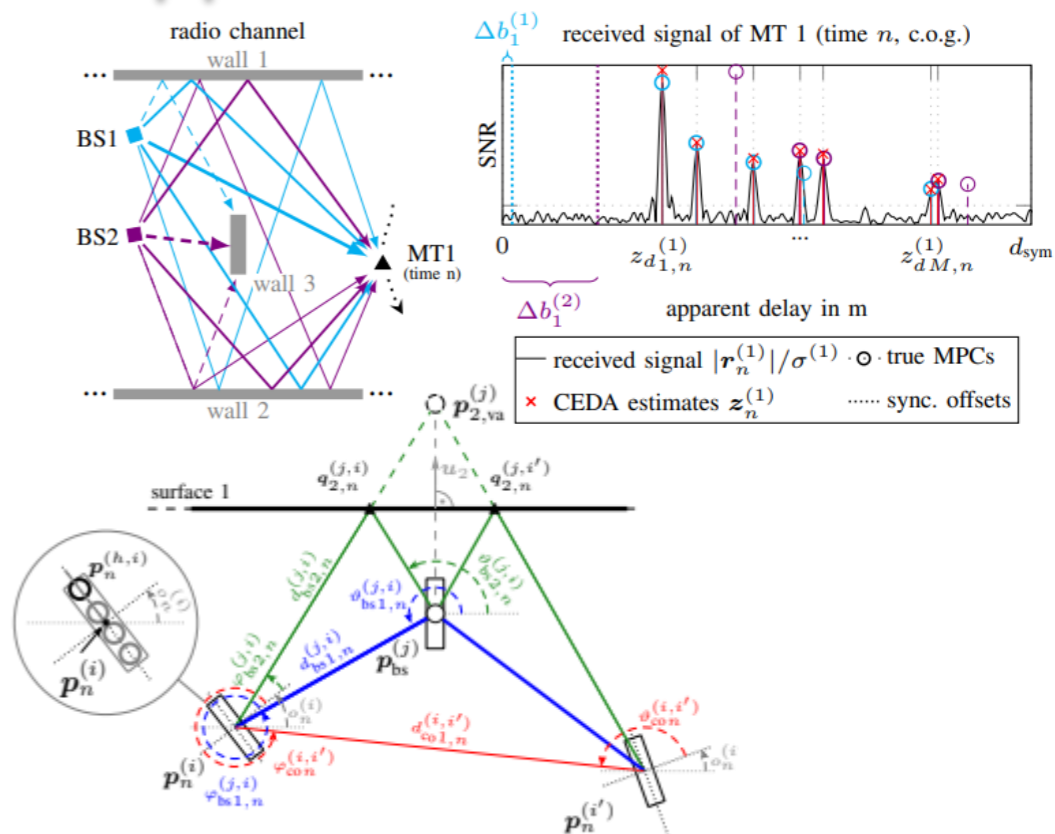
Graphical Models in Diverse Applications



Multi-static MIMO Radar: MOT estimation, and tracking using sparse Bayesian learning, and variational message passing

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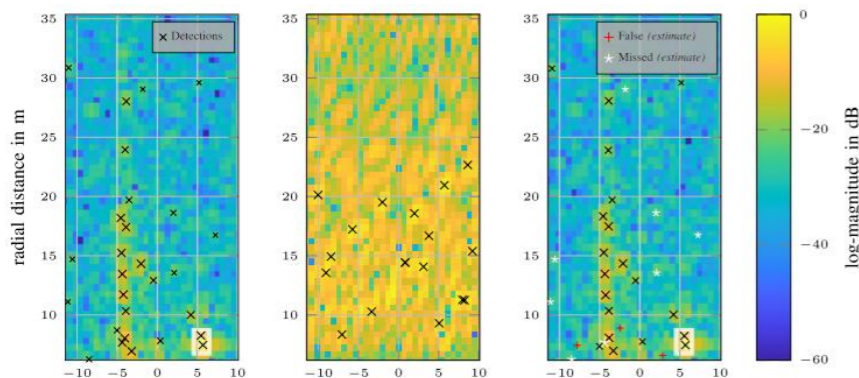


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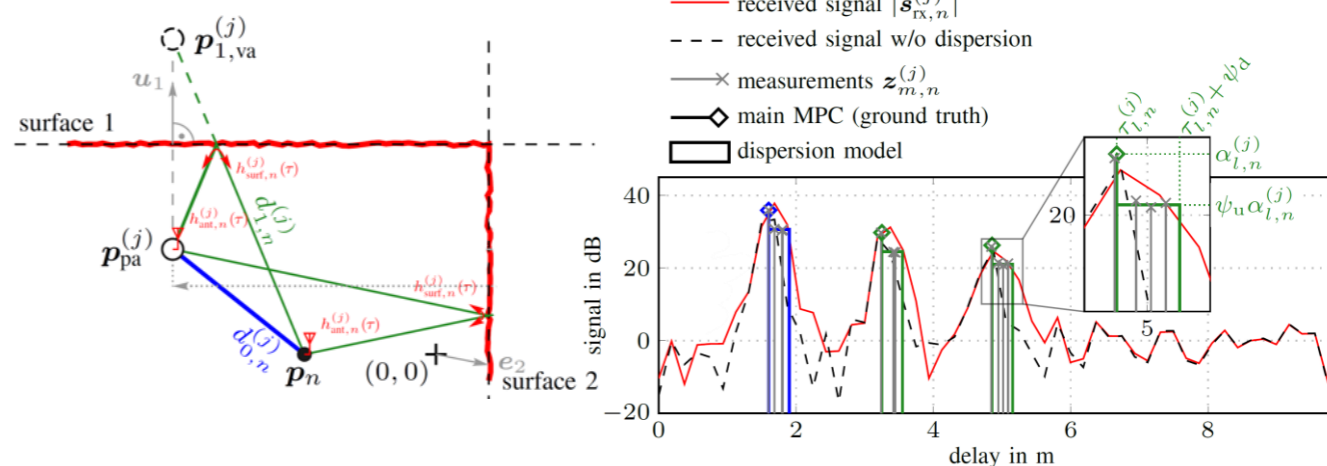
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Variational signal separation for automotive radar
Interference mitigation and MO inference using **sparse Bayesian learning** and **variational message passing**

M. Toth, E. Leitinger and K. Witrisal, "Variational Signal Separation for Automotive Radar Interference Mitigation," in IEEE Transactions on Radar Systems, vol. 2, pp. 1007-1026, 2024, doi: 10.1109/TRS.2024.3477353

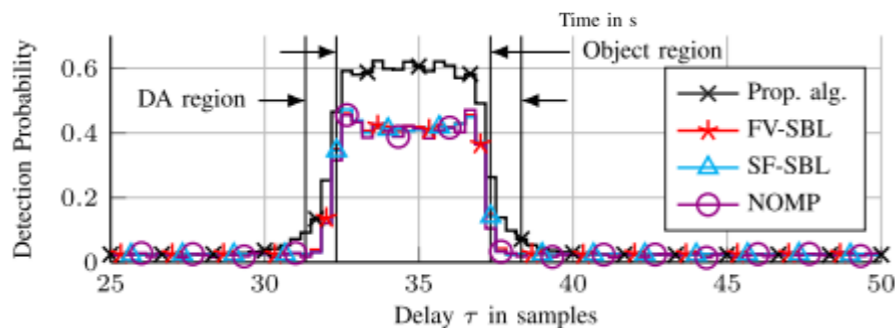
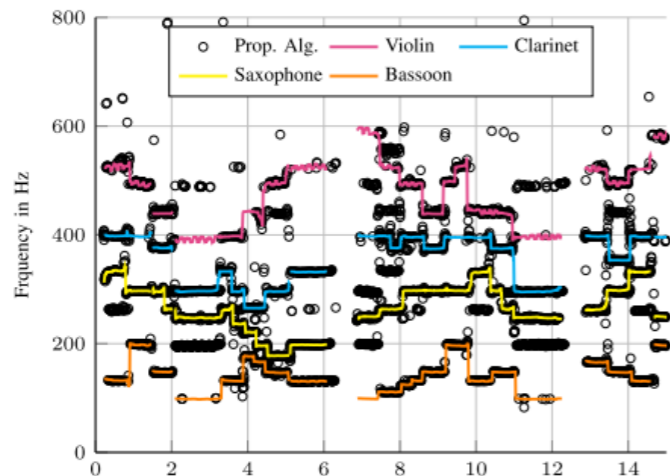


Multiple-measurement SLAM for rough surfaces and extended objects using **factor graphs** and **belief propagation**

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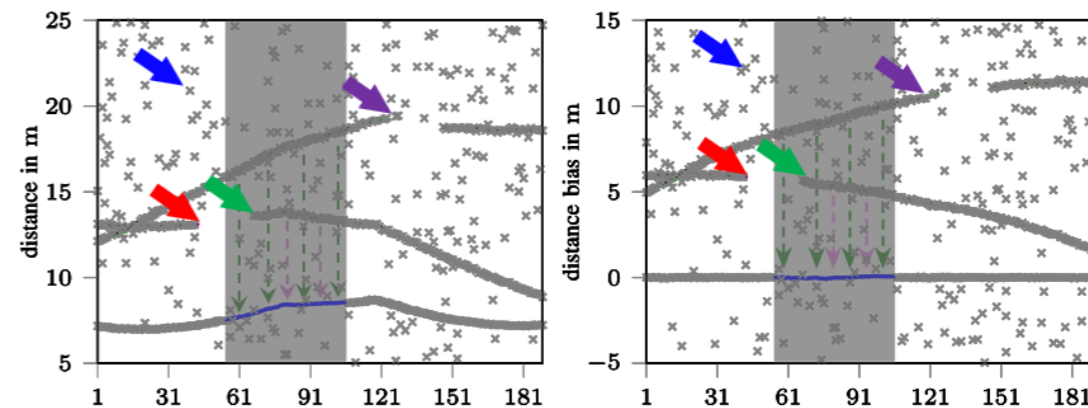
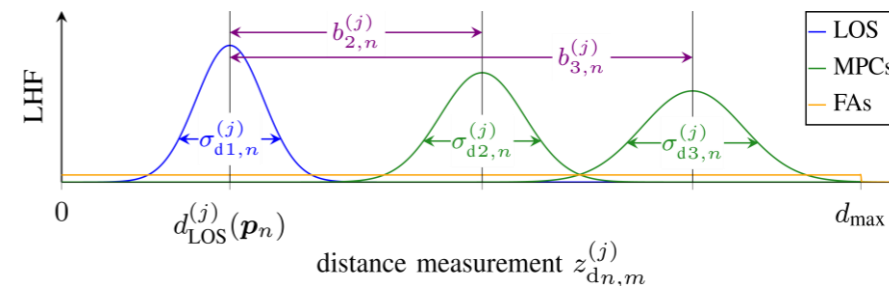
Graphical Models for Bayesian Inference Applications



Multi-pitch tracking in music and extended object estimation using **variational inference exploiting hierarchical group sparsity**

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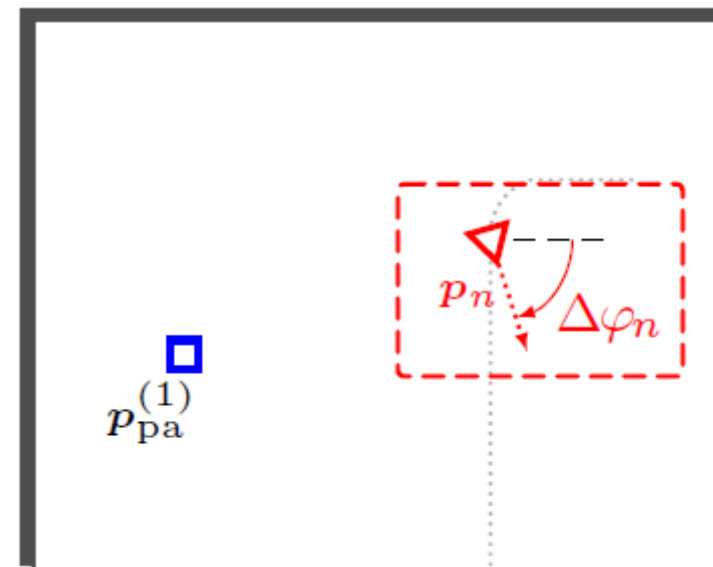
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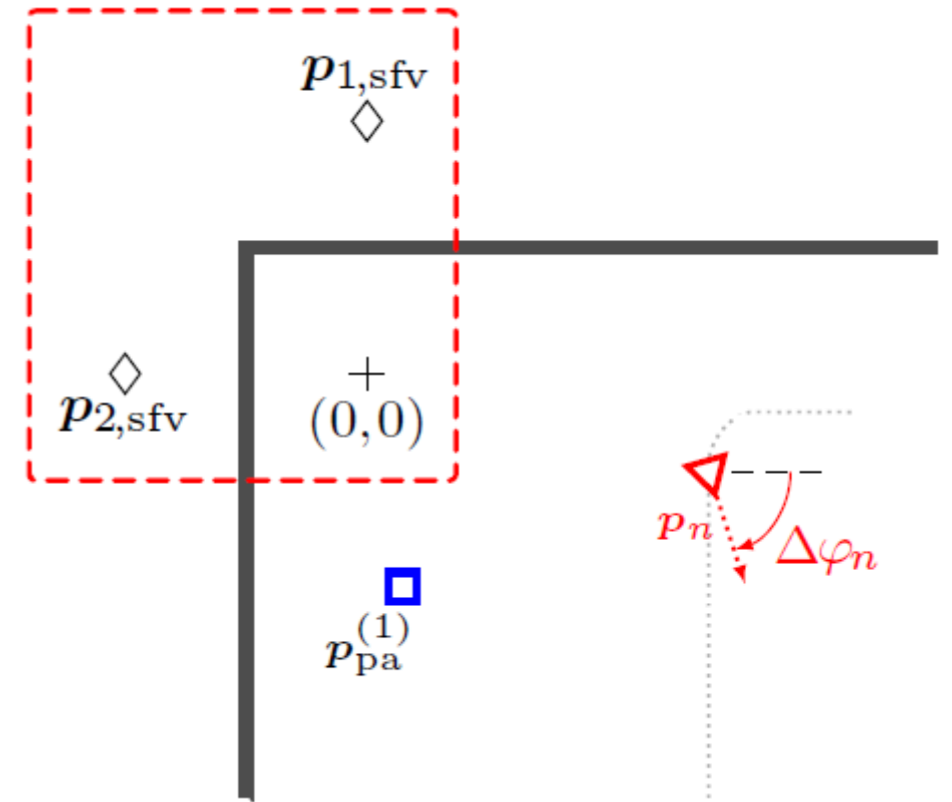
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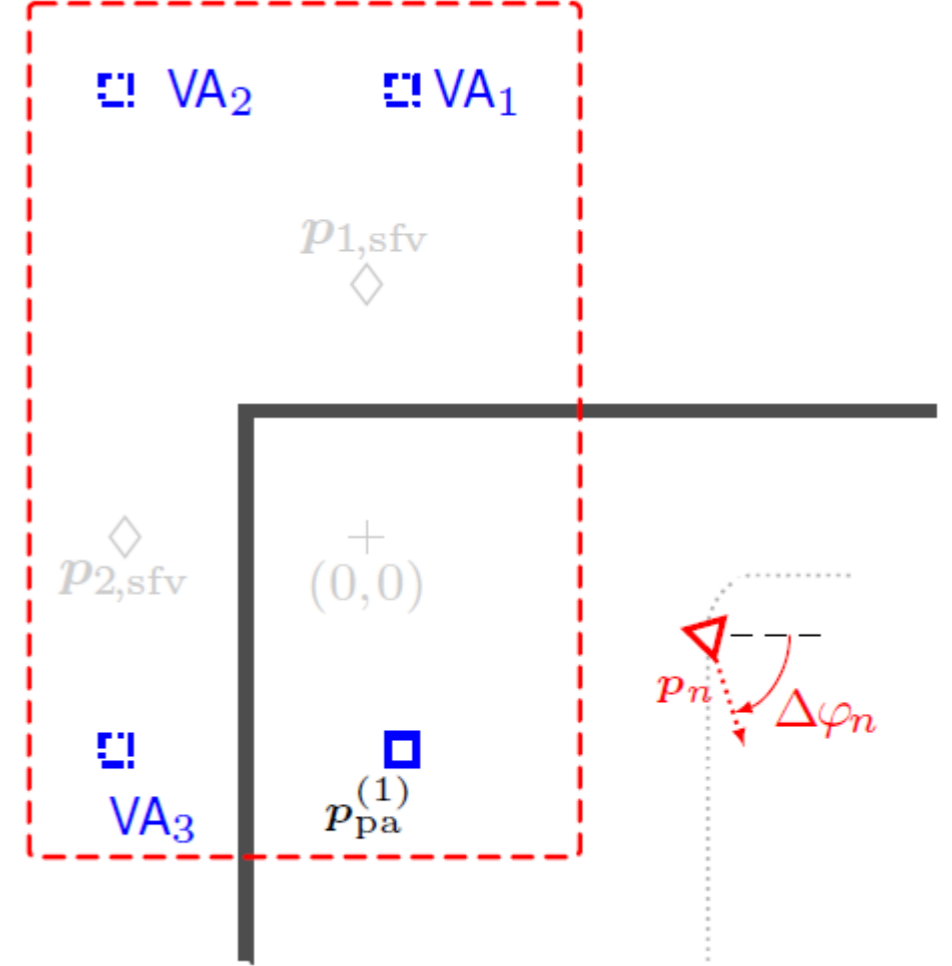
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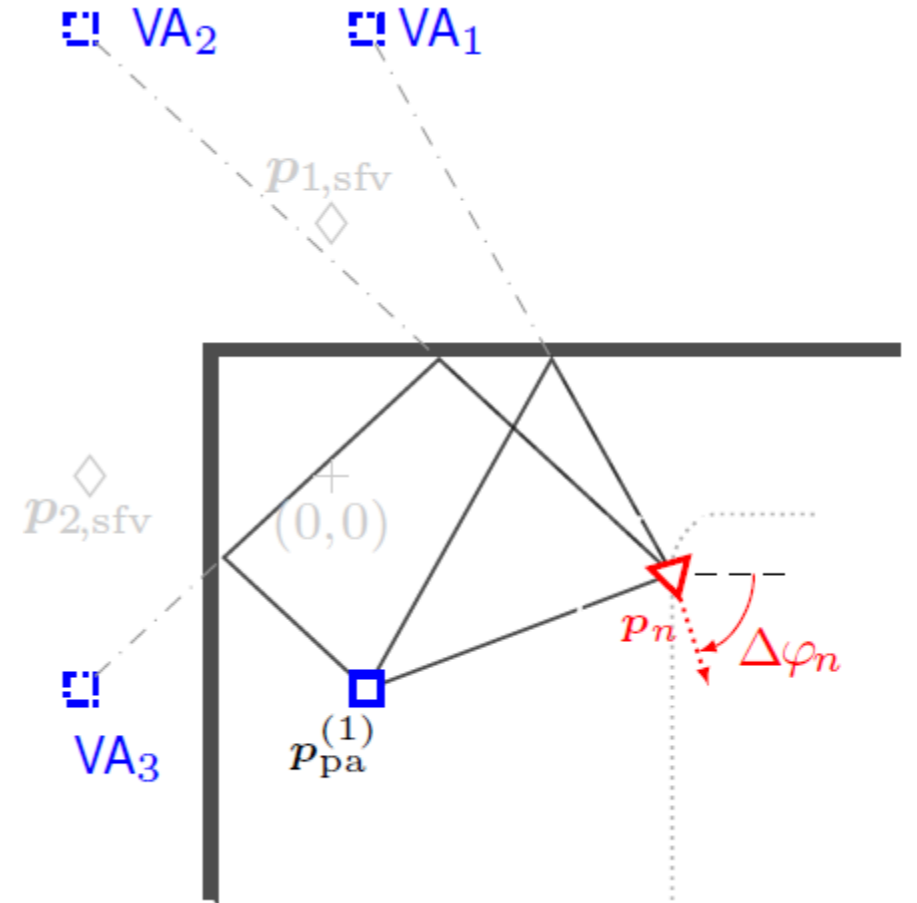
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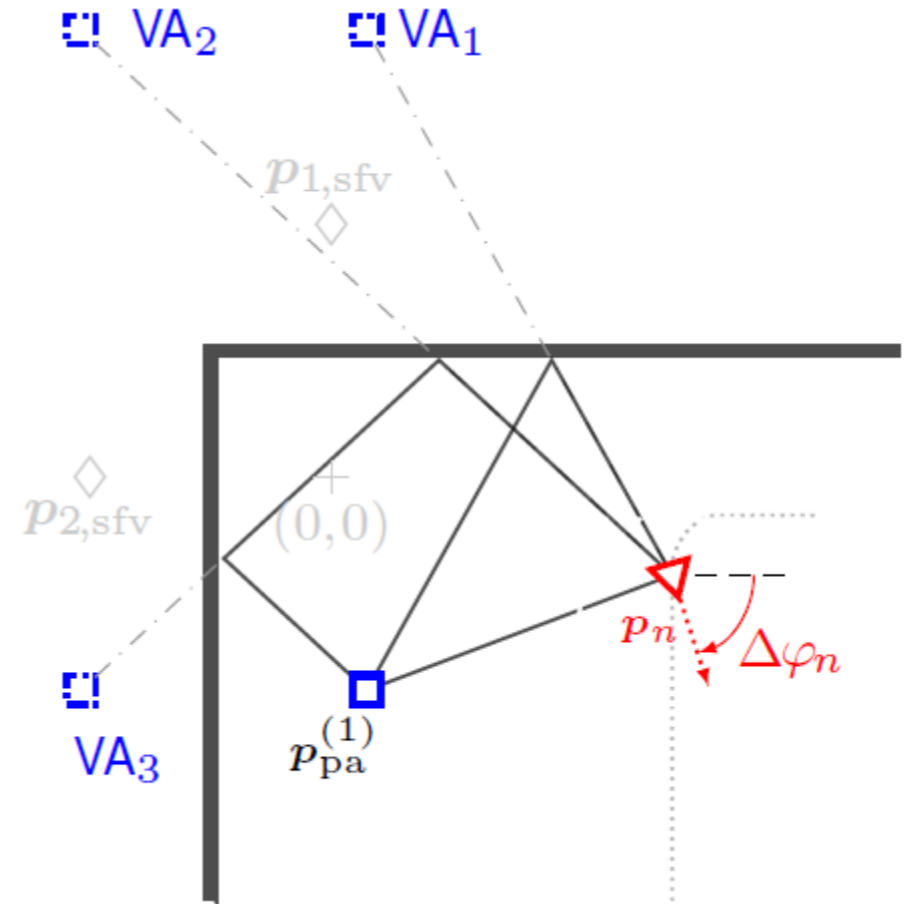
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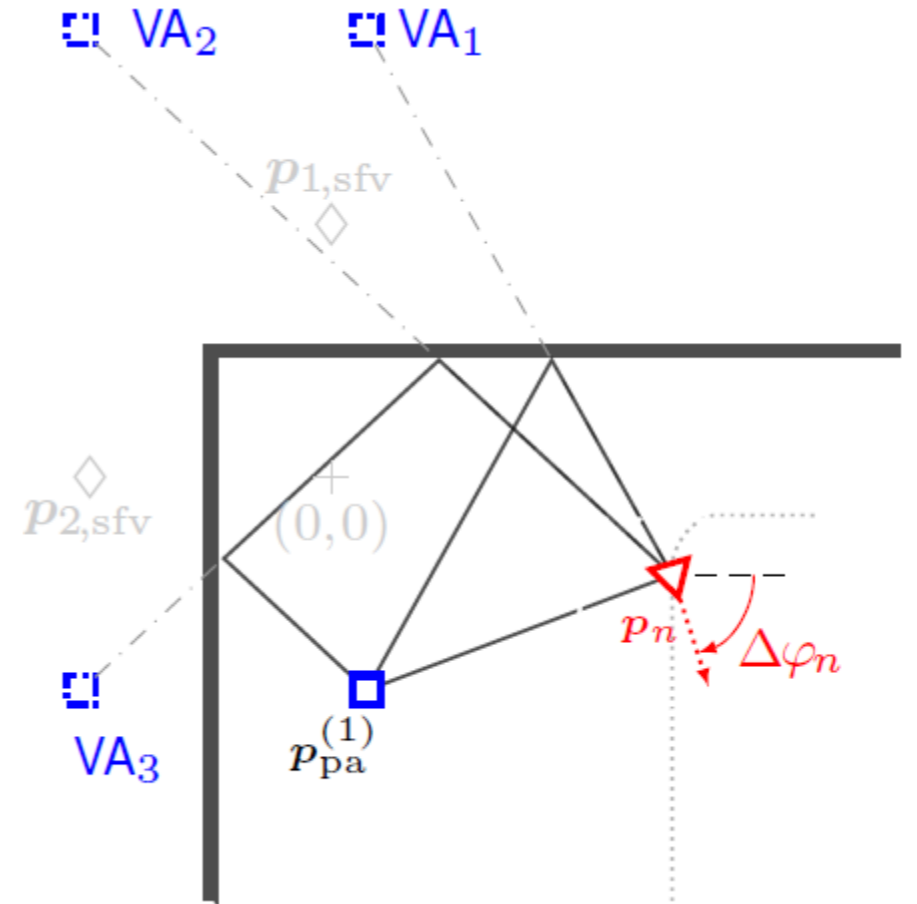


“soft” ray tracing

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- **Potential ray (PR):** $\beta_{ss',n} \triangleq [u_{ss',n}^{(j)} r_{ss',n}^{(j)}]^\top$
 - Binary existence variable: $r_{ss',n}^{(j)} \in \{0, 1\}$
 - Norm. amplitude: $u_{ss',n}^{(j)}$
 - \Rightarrow measurement-related variance and $P_d(u_{ss',n}^{(j)})$
- **Data association (DA) variables:** $\underline{a}_{s,n}^{(j)}$ and $\bar{a}_{m,n}^{(j)}$

Two layer
existence
model



“soft” ray tracing

Adaptive Multipath-based SLAM for D-MIMO

Parametric channel estimator → Measurements at time n at j th PA:

- $\mathbf{z}_n^{(j)} \triangleq \left[\mathbf{z}_{1,n}^{(j)\top} \cdots \mathbf{z}_{M_n^{(j)},n}^{(j)\top} \right]^\top$, $\mathbf{z}_{m,n}^{(j)} \triangleq \left[\hat{\tau}_{m,n}^{(j)} \hat{\varphi}_{m,n}^{(j)} \hat{\phi}_{m,n}^{(j)} \hat{u}_{m,n}^{(j)} \right]^\top$
- Normalized amplitude: $\hat{u}_{m,n}^{(j)} = \frac{|\hat{\alpha}_{m,n}^{(j)}|^2}{\hat{\sigma}^{(j)2}} \Rightarrow$ **detection probability** and **adaptive measurement variance** via Fisher information

Inference Problem

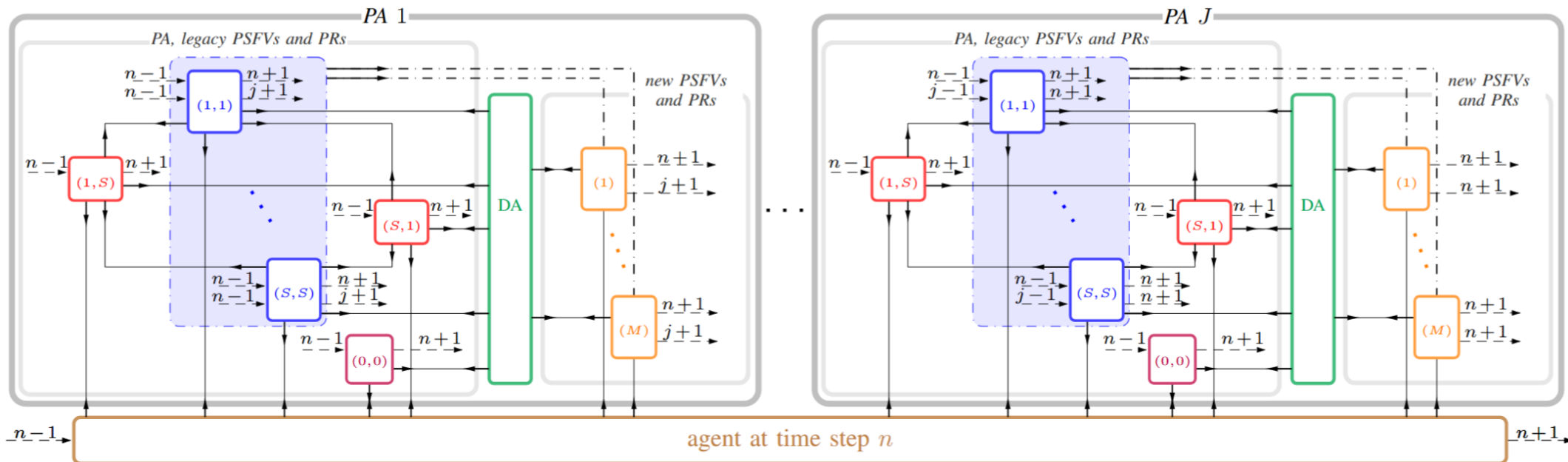
- Given: $\mathbf{z}_{1:n}^{(j)} \triangleq \left[\mathbf{z}_1^{(j)\top} \cdots \mathbf{z}_n^{(j)\top} \right]^\top$ with $j \in \{1, \dots, J\}$
- Goal: Sequential detection and estimation of potential ray states and SFV states and estimation of agent state

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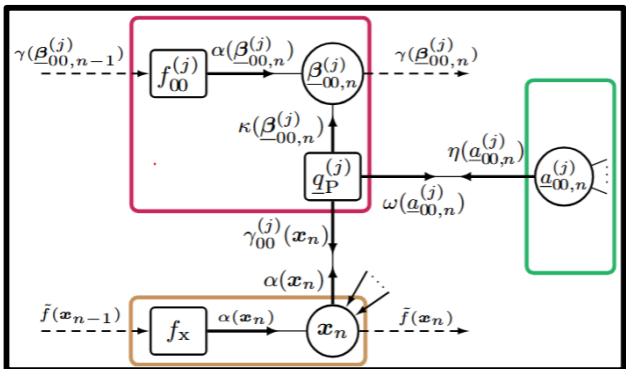
Joint Posterior PDF and Factor Graph

- Joint inference of agent state $\mathbf{x}_{0:n}$, PSFV states $\mathbf{y}_{0:n}$, PR states $\beta_{0:n}$, DA variables $\underline{\mathbf{a}}_{1:n}$ and $\bar{\mathbf{a}}_{1:n}$
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 - Marginal posterior PDFs:
 $p(r_{s,n} = 1 | \mathbf{z}_{1:n}), p(r_{ss',n}^{(j)} = 1 | \mathbf{z}_{1:n}), f(\mathbf{p}_{s,\text{sfv}} | r_{s,n} = 1, \mathbf{z}_{1:n}), f(\beta_{ss',n}^{(j)} | r_{ss',n}^{(j)} = 1, \mathbf{z}_{1:n}), f(\mathbf{x}_n | \mathbf{z}_{1:n})$
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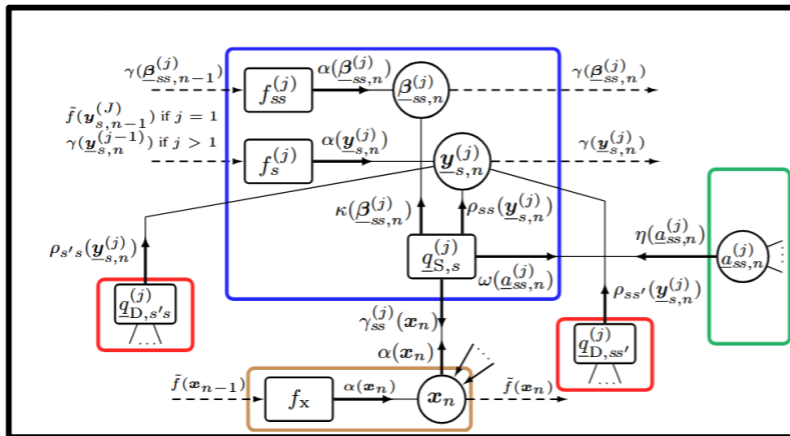
Factor Graph



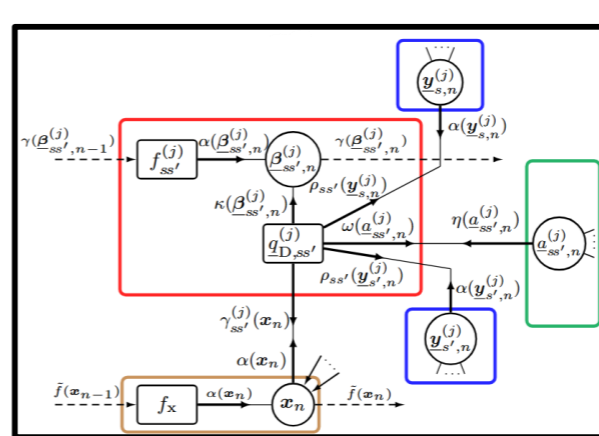
Agent + LOS path



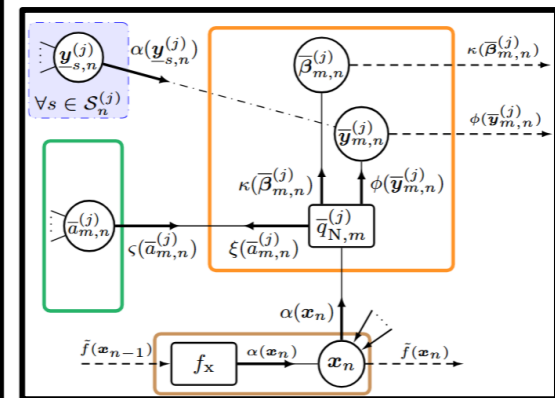
SFV and single-bounce path



2 SFV and double-bounce path



New SFVs and paths

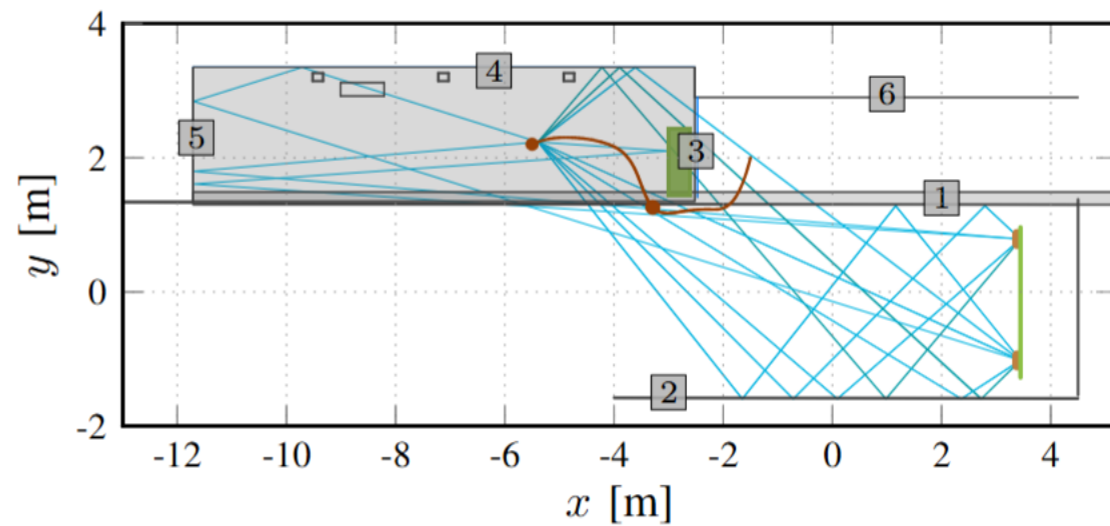
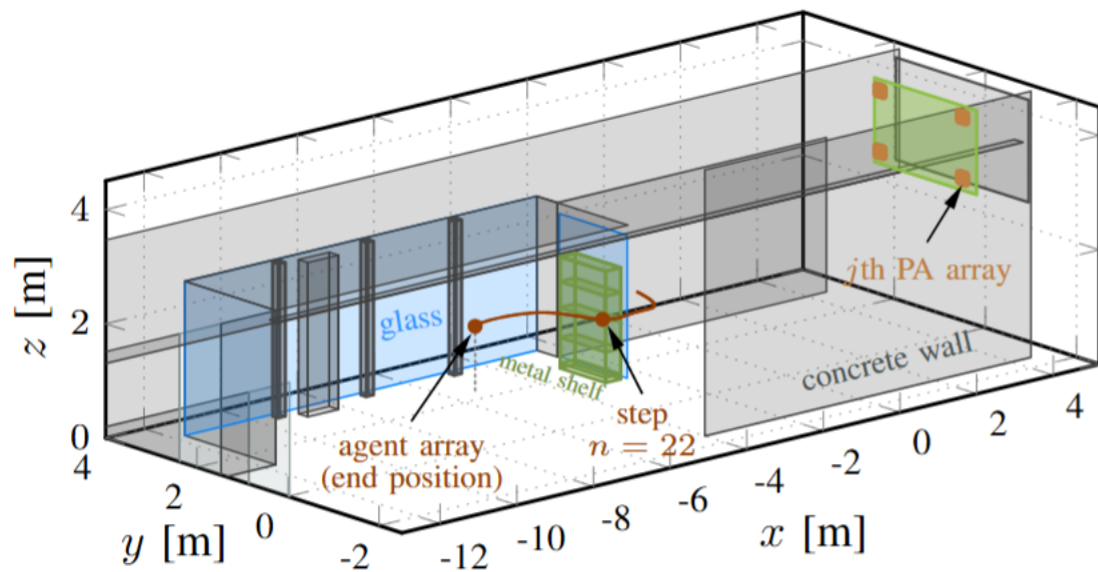


Measurement Results

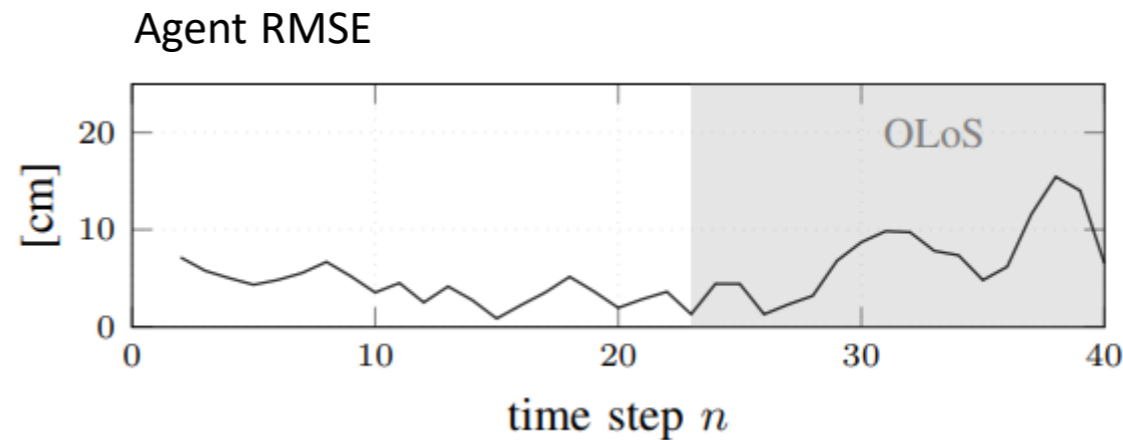
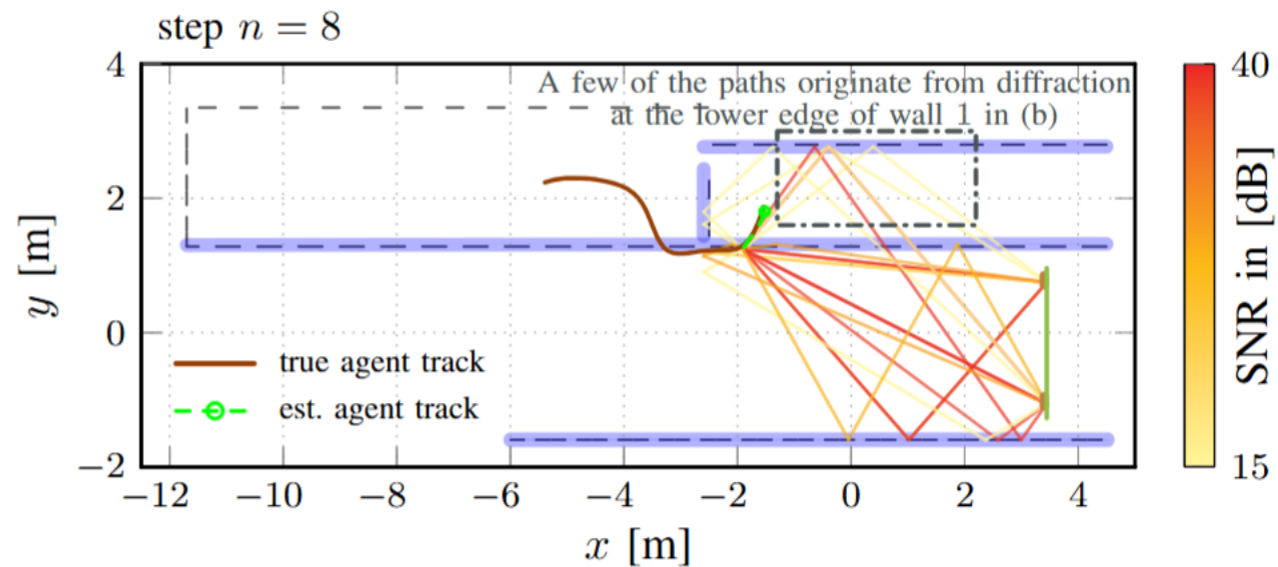
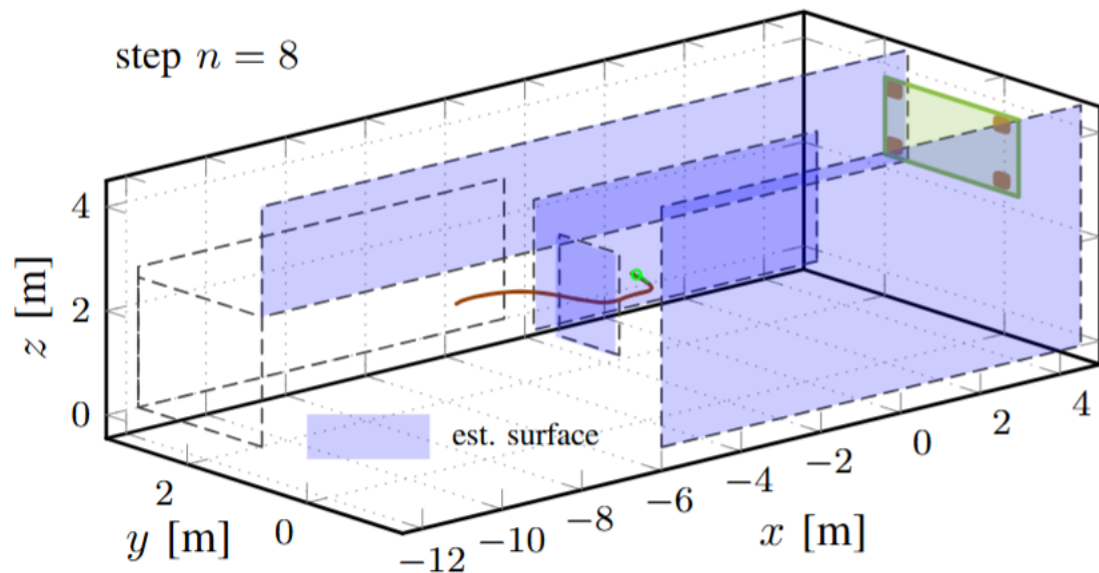


- $BW = 100 \text{ MHz}$
- $f_c = 6.25 \text{ GHz}$
- 4 PAs: uniform array (4×4 -ele.)
- Agent: uniform array (3×3 -ele.)
- 40 snapshots

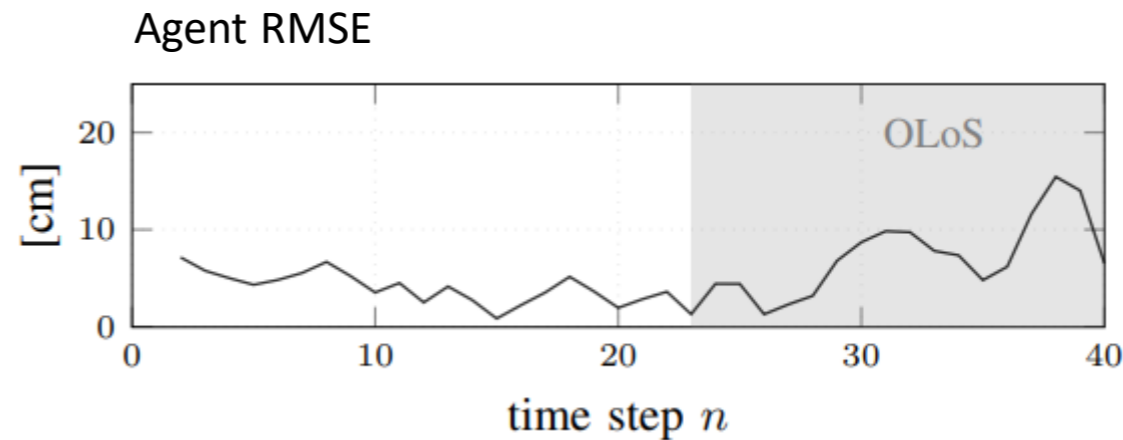
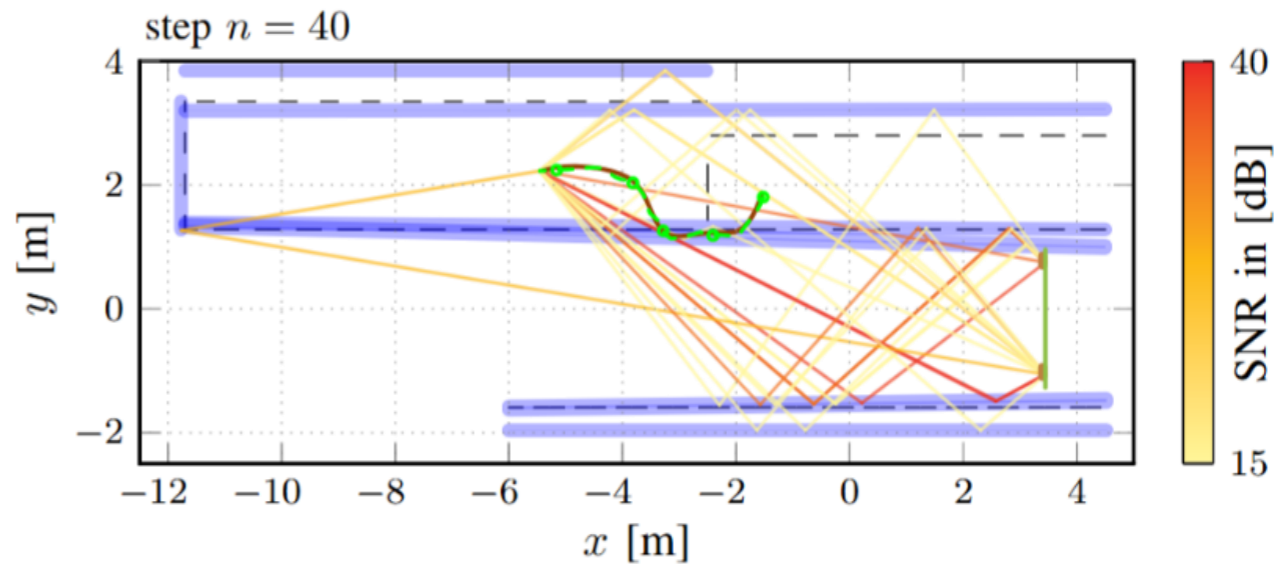
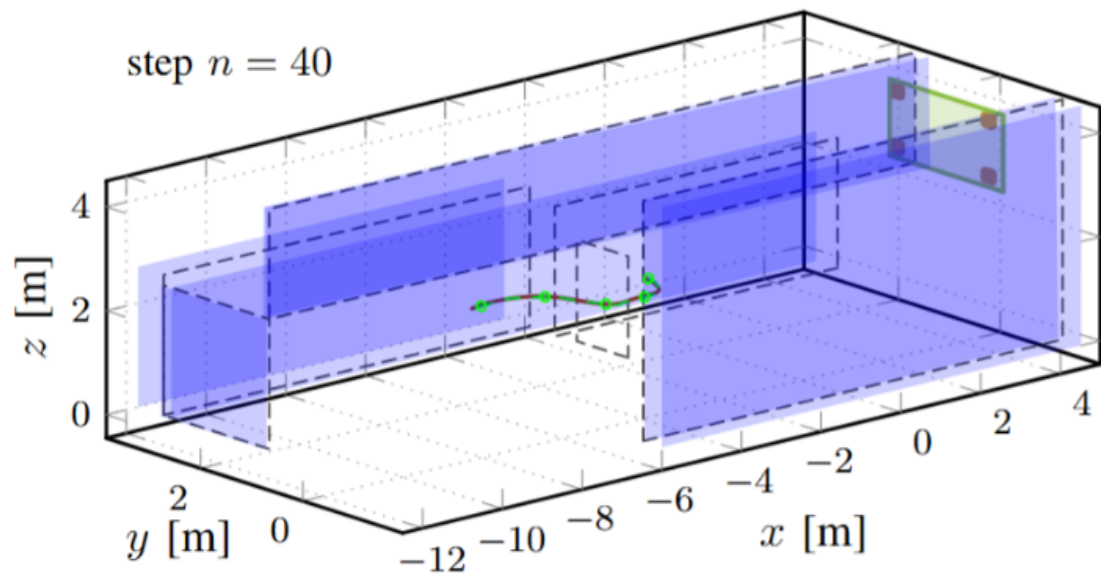
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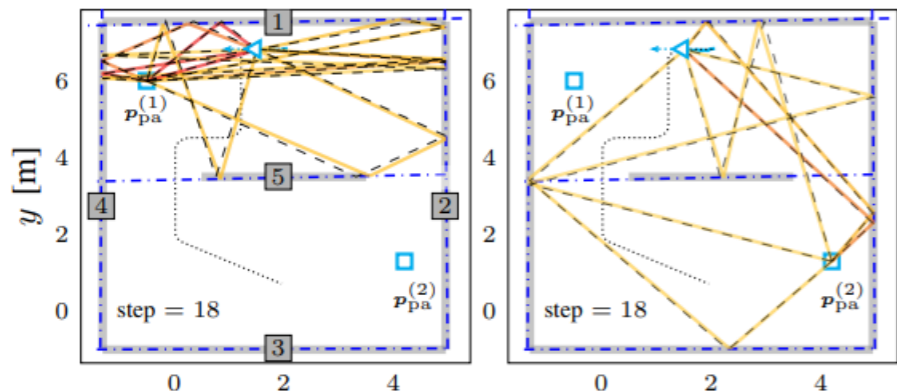
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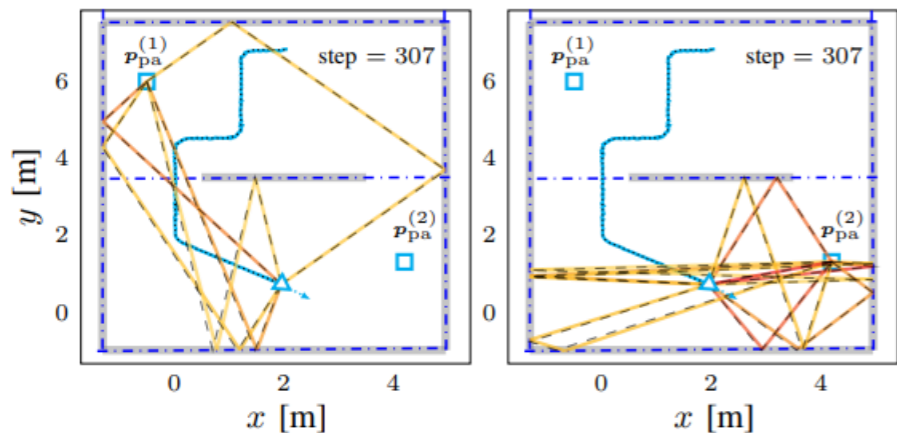


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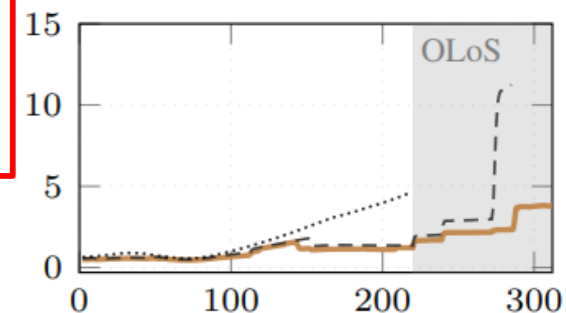
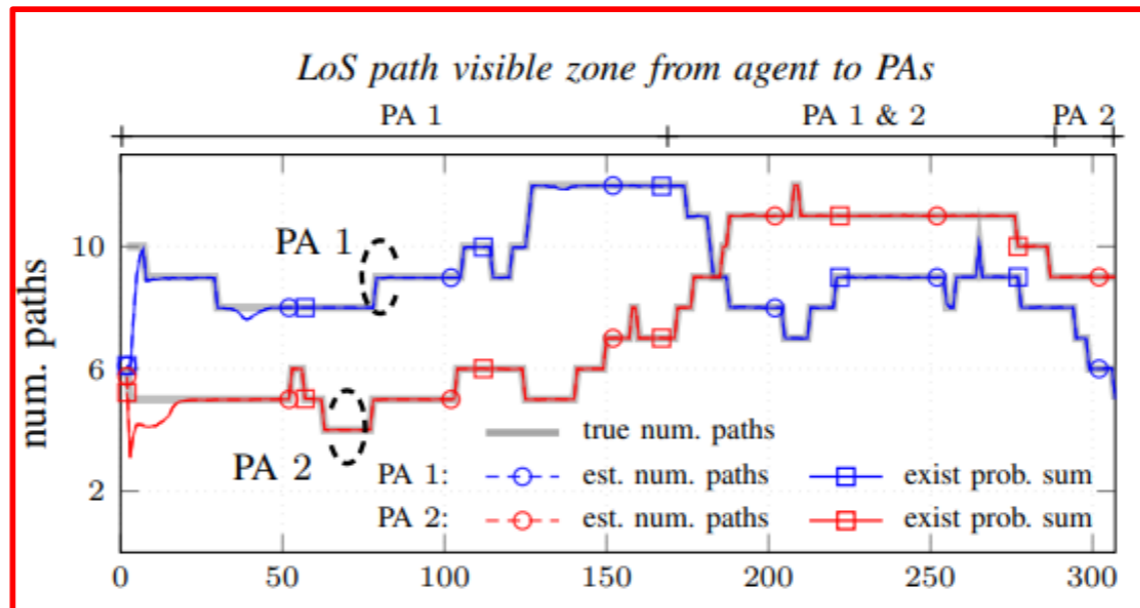
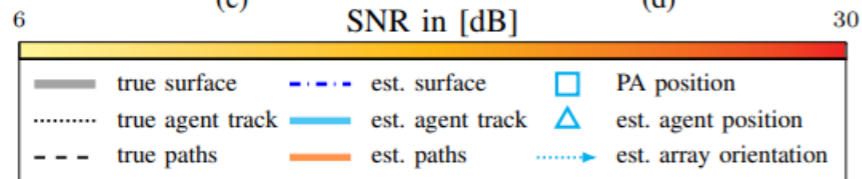
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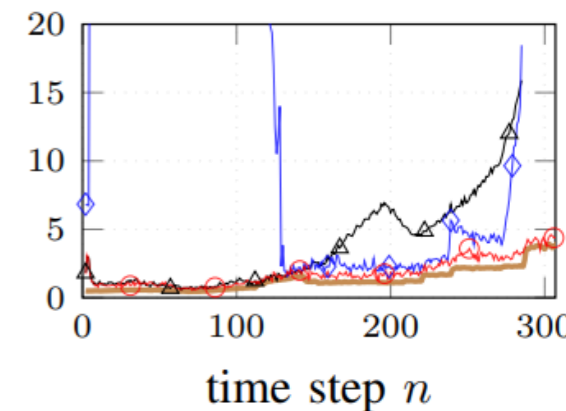
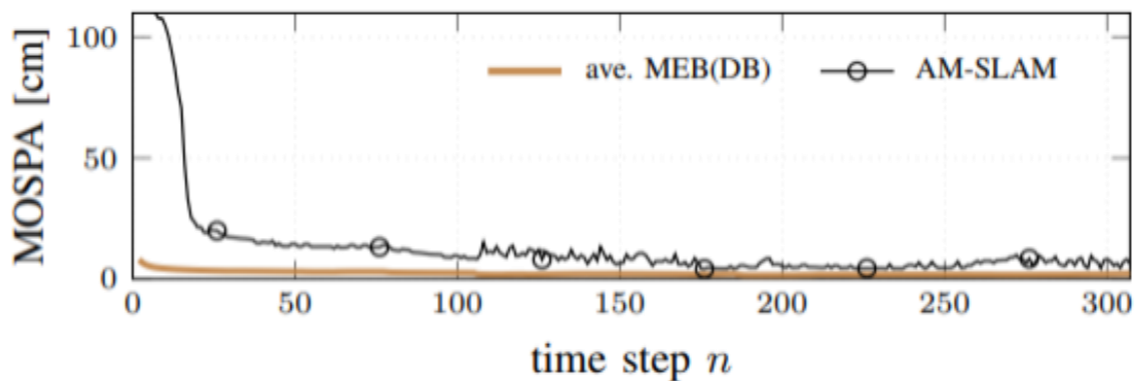


(c)

(d)



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Coherent Direct MP-SLAM

Direct inference \Rightarrow signal model + probabilistic model

Received radio signal at PA j :

$$\mathbf{z}_n^{(j)} = \sum_{s \in S_n} r_{s,n} r_{s,n}^{(j)} \rho_{s,n} \psi^{(j)}(\mathbf{p}_n, \mathbf{p}_s^{\text{sfv}}) + \mathbf{w}_n^{(j)} \in \mathbb{C}^{N_z}$$

- Implicitly absorbs all effects in the signal model

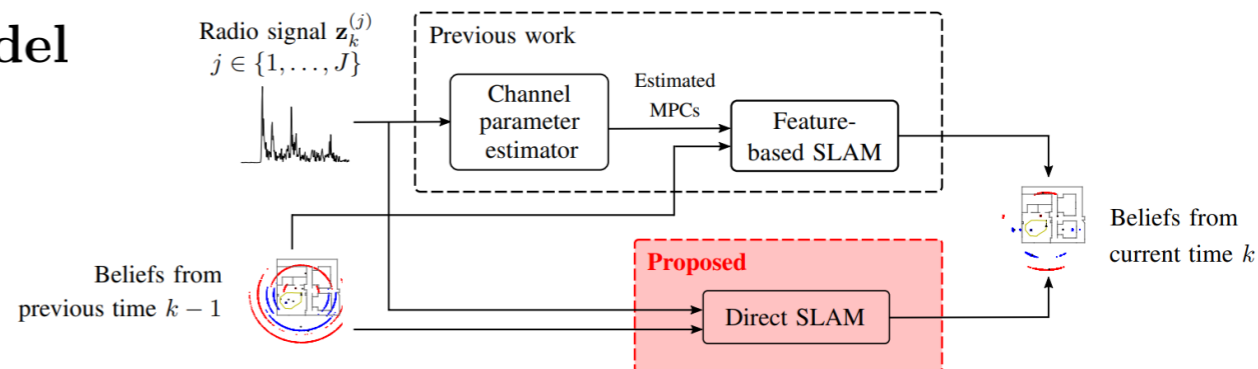
\rightarrow SFV-related existence $r_{s,n}$ and path-related existence $r_{s,n}^{(j)}$

\rightarrow Noise-related parameters such as variance $\eta_n^{(j)}$

\rightarrow **Complex amplitude model:** $\rho_{s,n}^{(j)} \sim \mathcal{CN}(\mu_{s,n}, \gamma_{s,n})$

– Variance $\gamma_{s,n} \rightarrow$ accounts for “non-coherent power”

– Mean value $\mu_{s,n} \rightarrow$ enables coherent processing for large-aperture/D-MIMO systems



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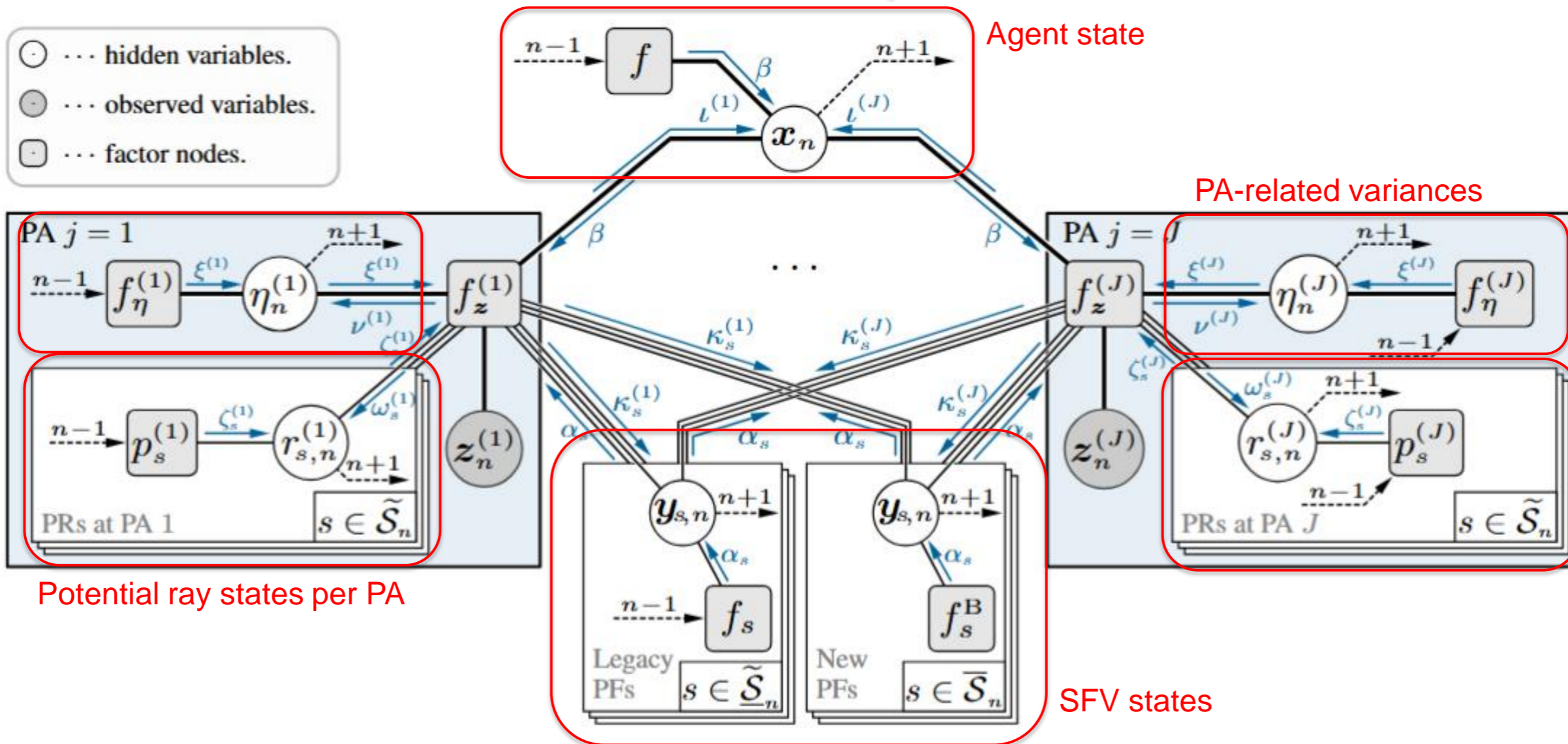
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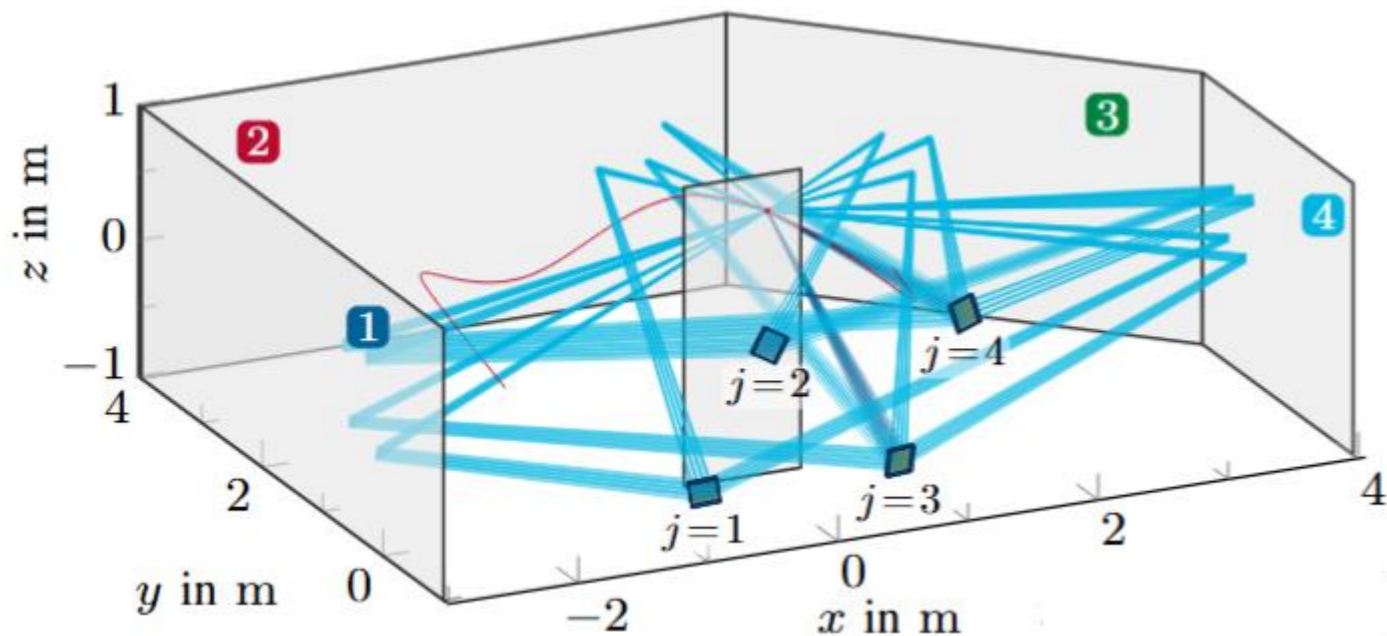
Factor Graph

- \odot ... hidden variables.
- \ominus ... observed variables.
- \square ... factor nodes.



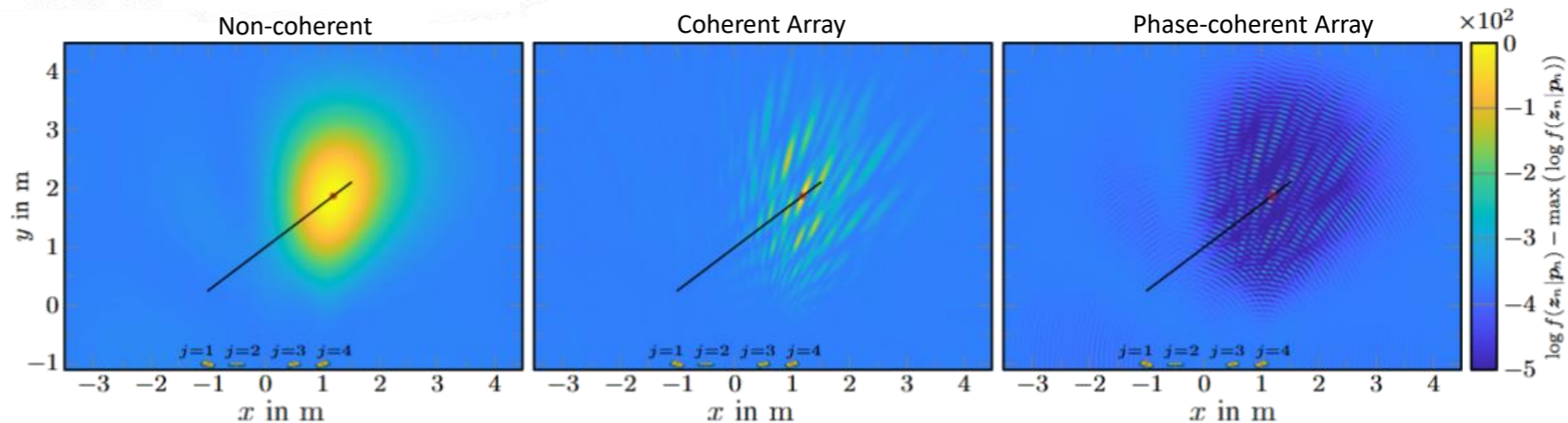
⇒ Additional synchronization parameters such as clock and timing offsets of PAs can be incorporated as well!

Numerical Simulations



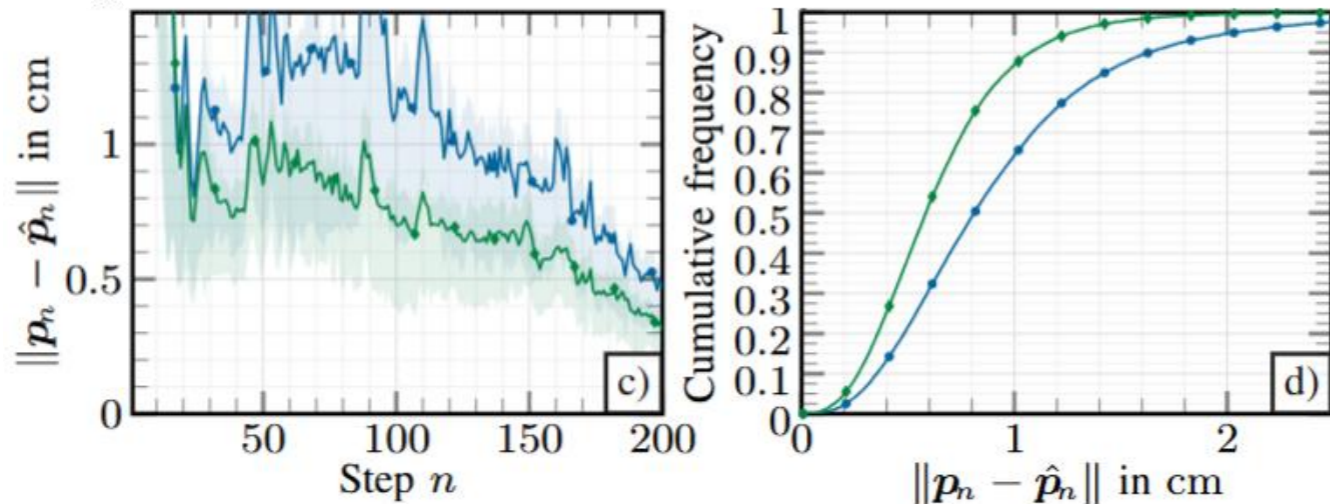
System Parameters:

- Number of PAs $J = 4$
- Bandwidth $B = 100$ MHz
- Carrier frequency $f_c = 3.5$ GHz
- URA $(M_y \times M_z) = (4 \times 4)$ at $\lambda/2$ spacing

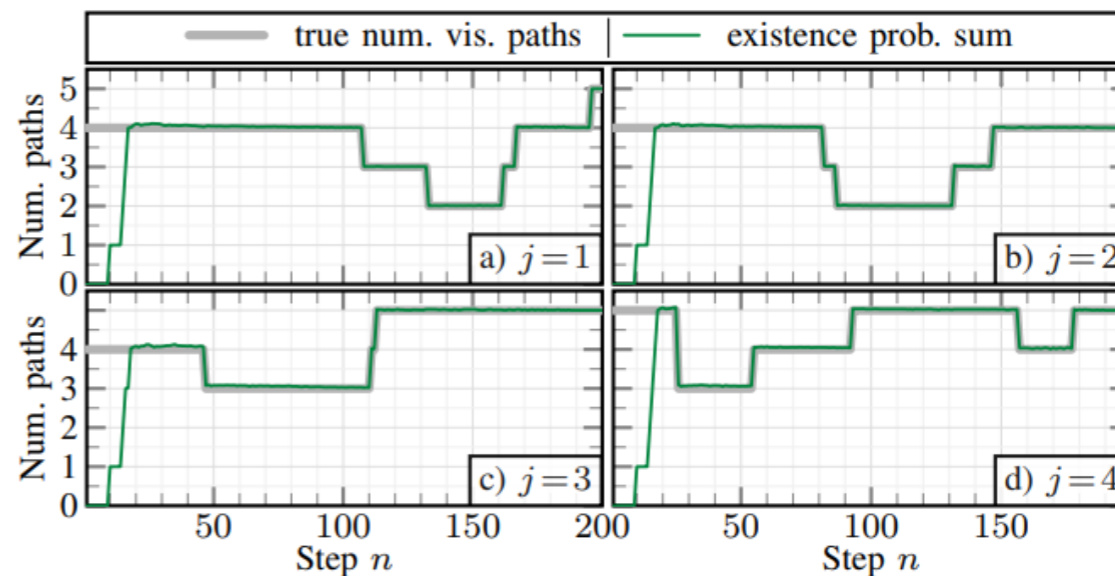


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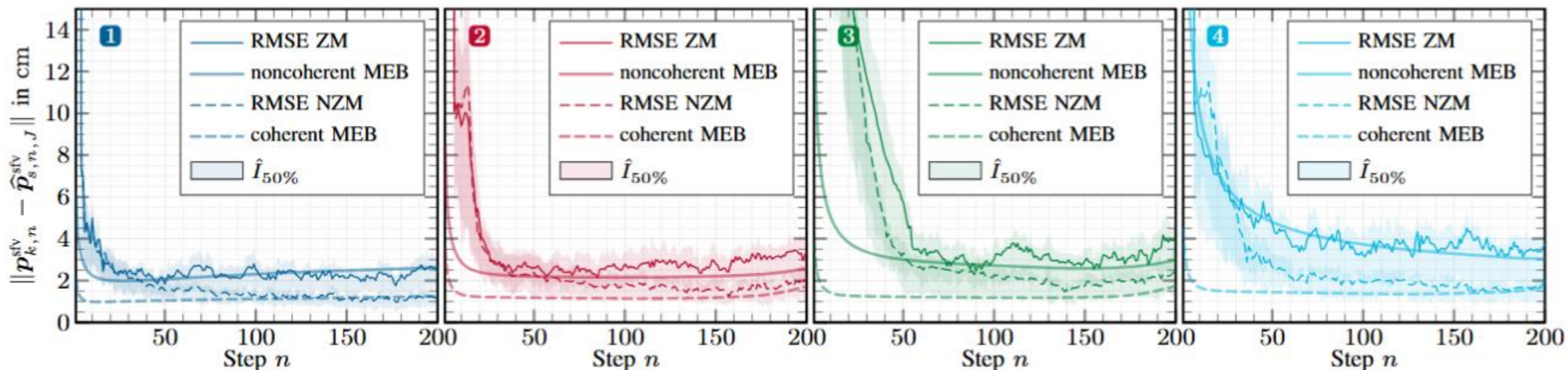
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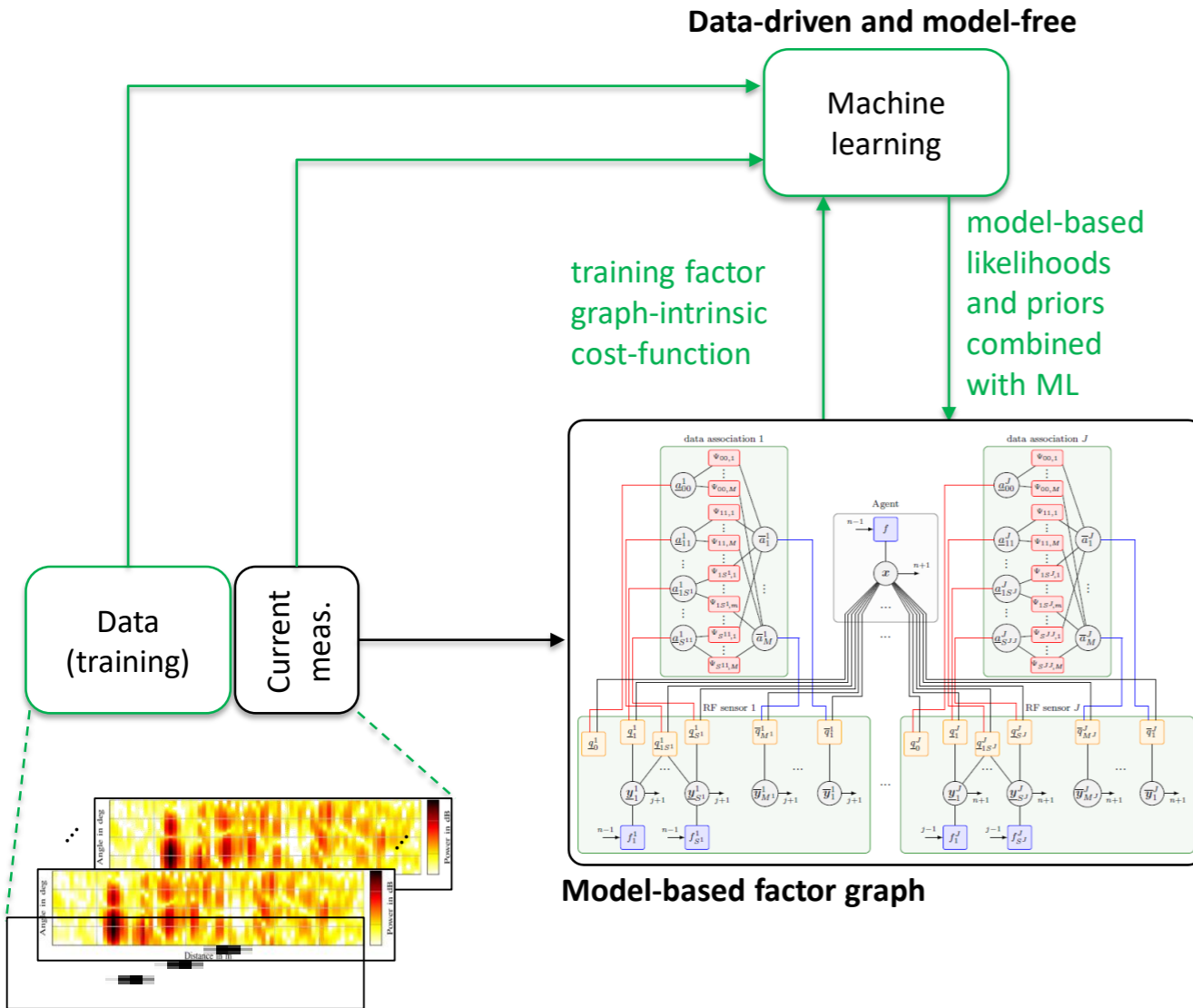
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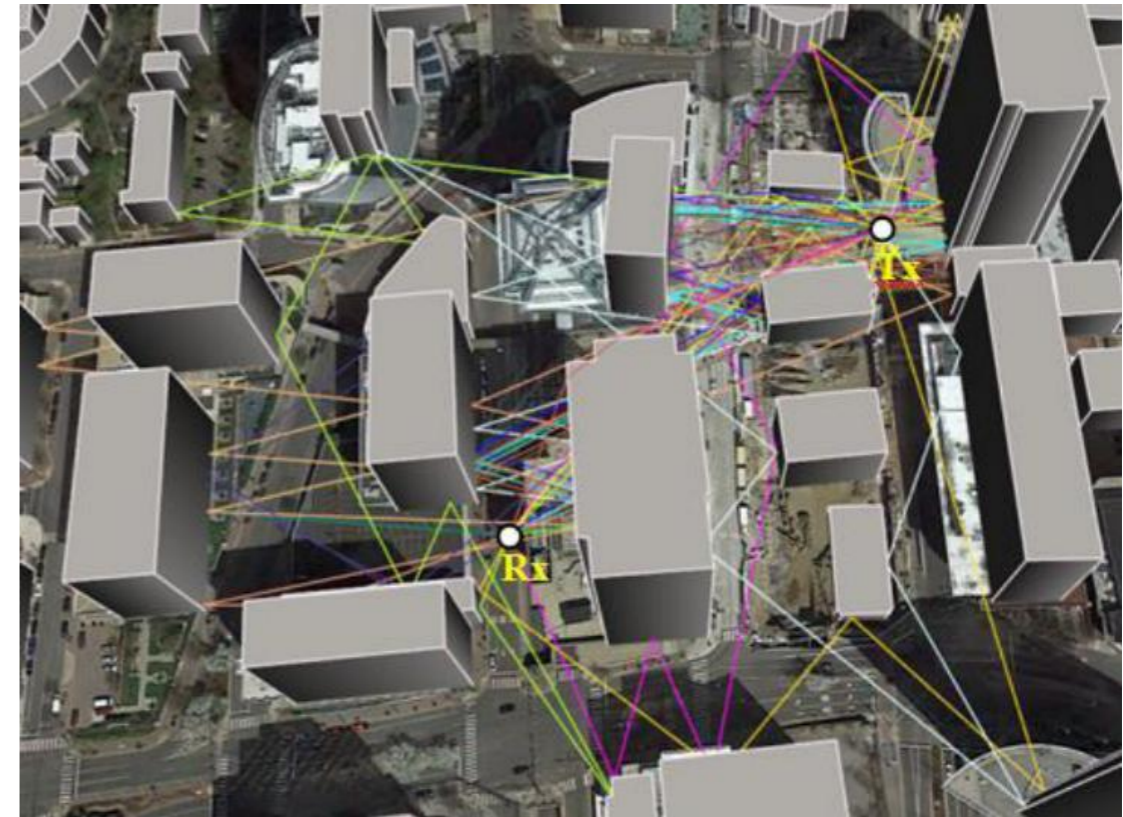
SFV RMSE:



Hybrid Graph-based Inference with Learned Models

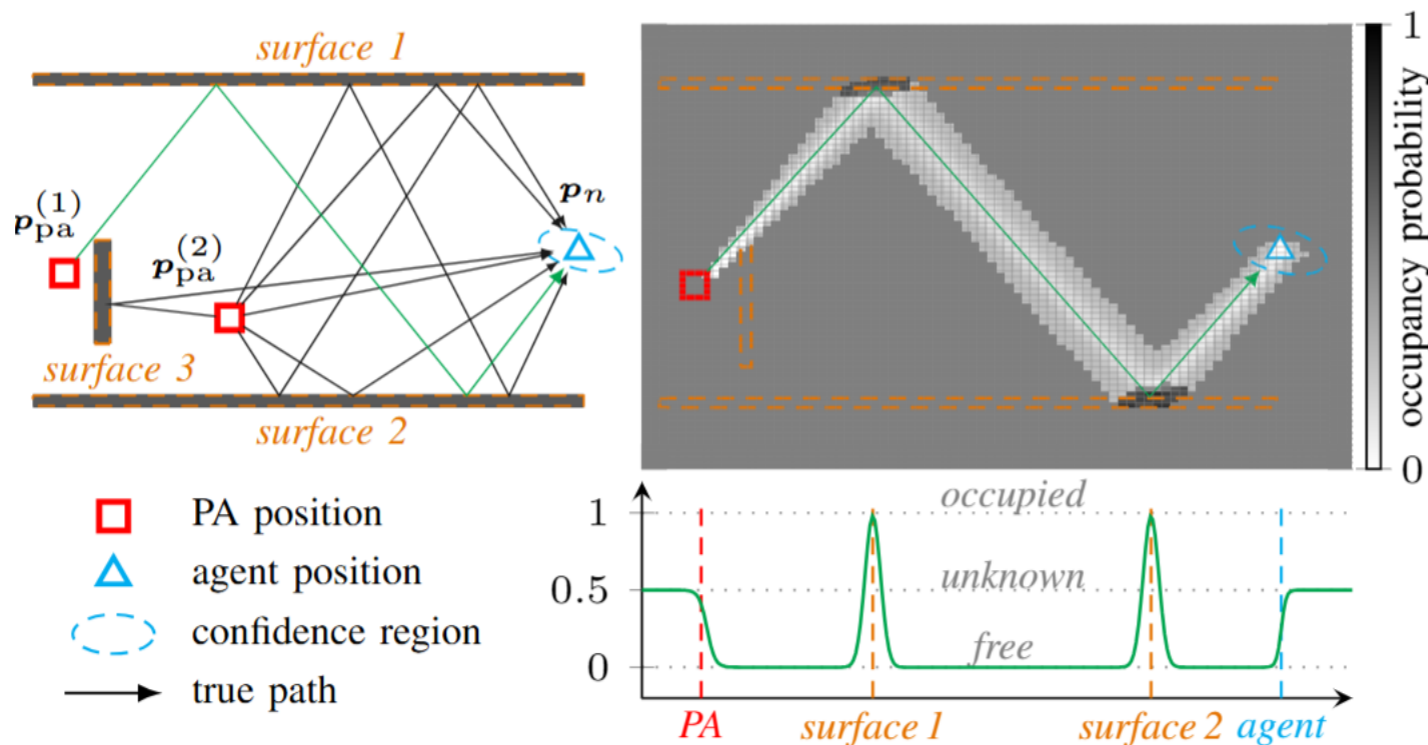


Large-scale Environment



Account for model-mismatch, hardware impairments, ...

MP-SLAM with Probabilistic Occupancy-grid

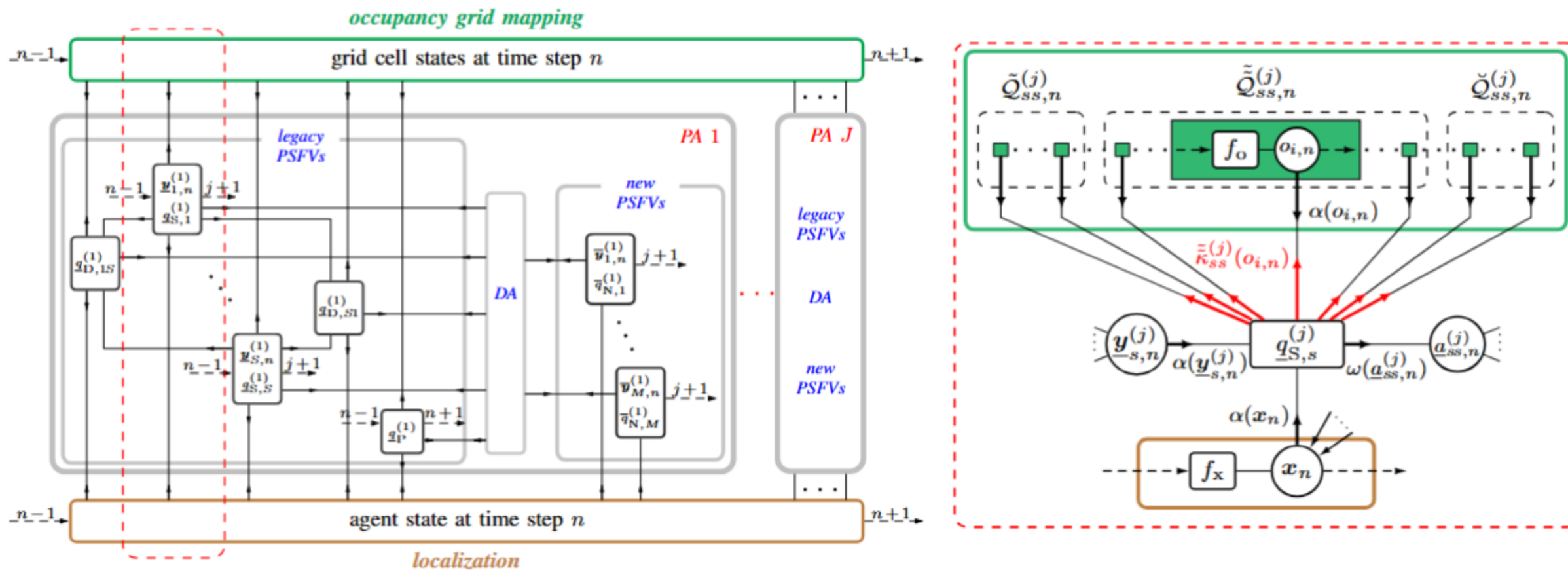


First step toward a general map represented by a learned model

- **SFV-based data fusion:** SFVs (again) enable consistent fusion of single-bounce paths, double-bounce paths, and PAs
- **SFV-based amplitudes:** SFVs have reflection coefficients → normalized path amplitudes
- **Occupancy ⇒ visibility:** Grid-cell occupancy implicitly captures path existence/visibility replacing explicit two-layer models

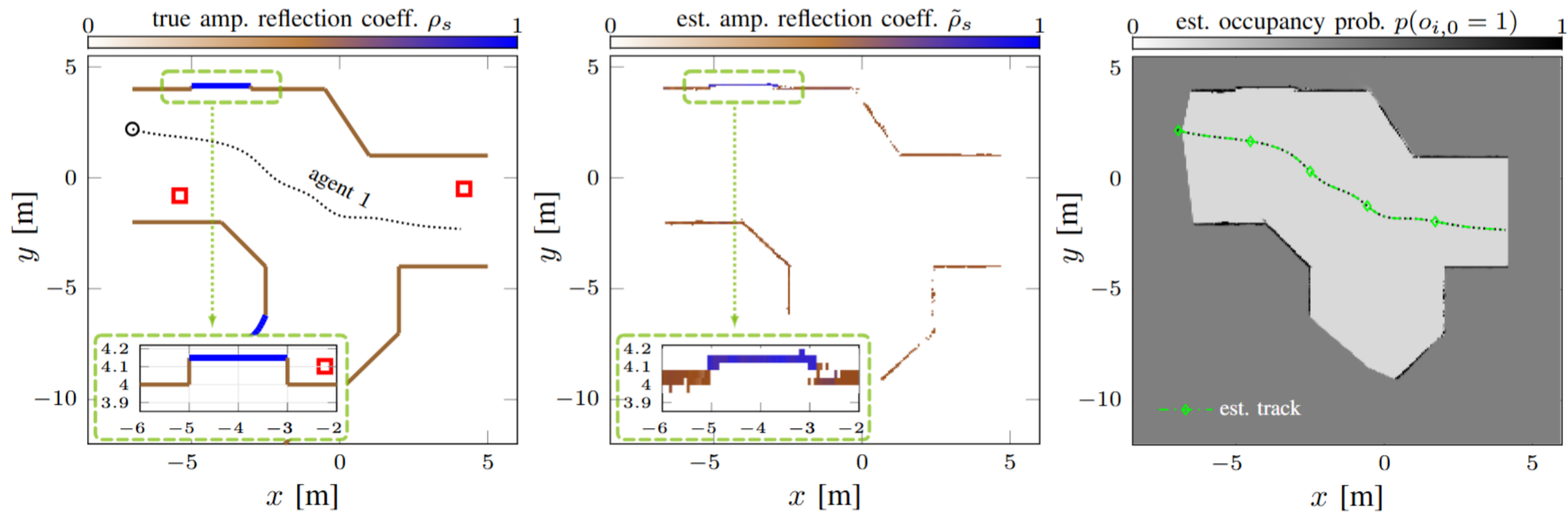
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Extension of Factor Graph

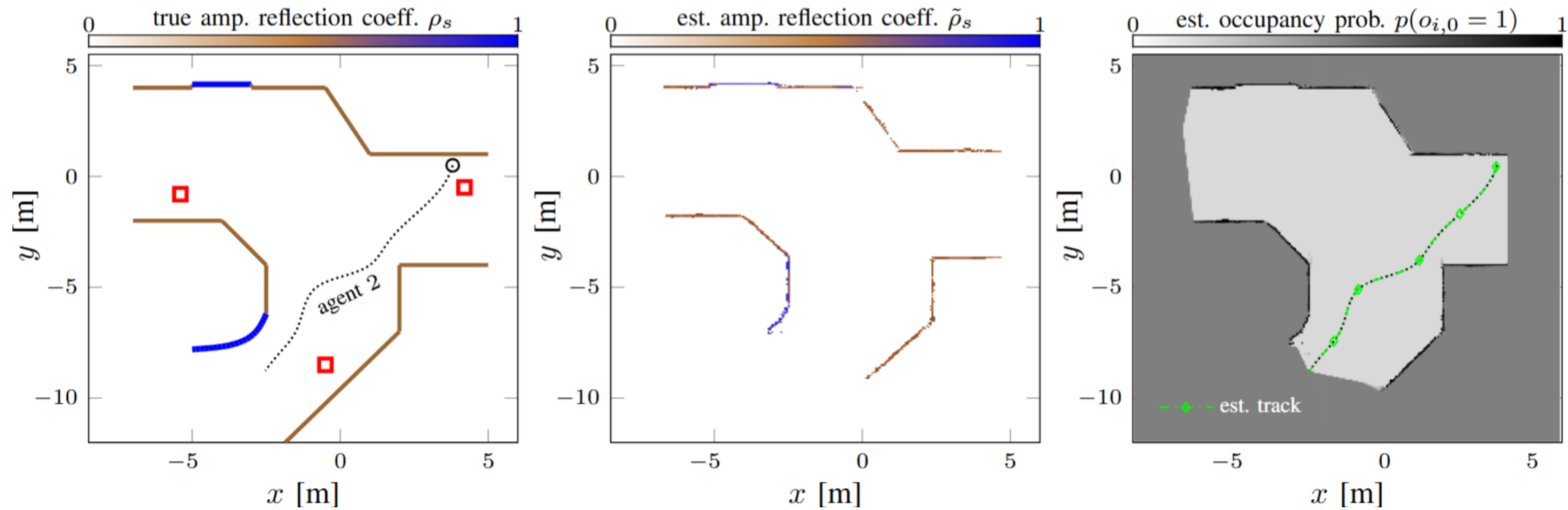


- **Bayesian inference:** Agent, SFVs, and occupancy states inference via factor graphs

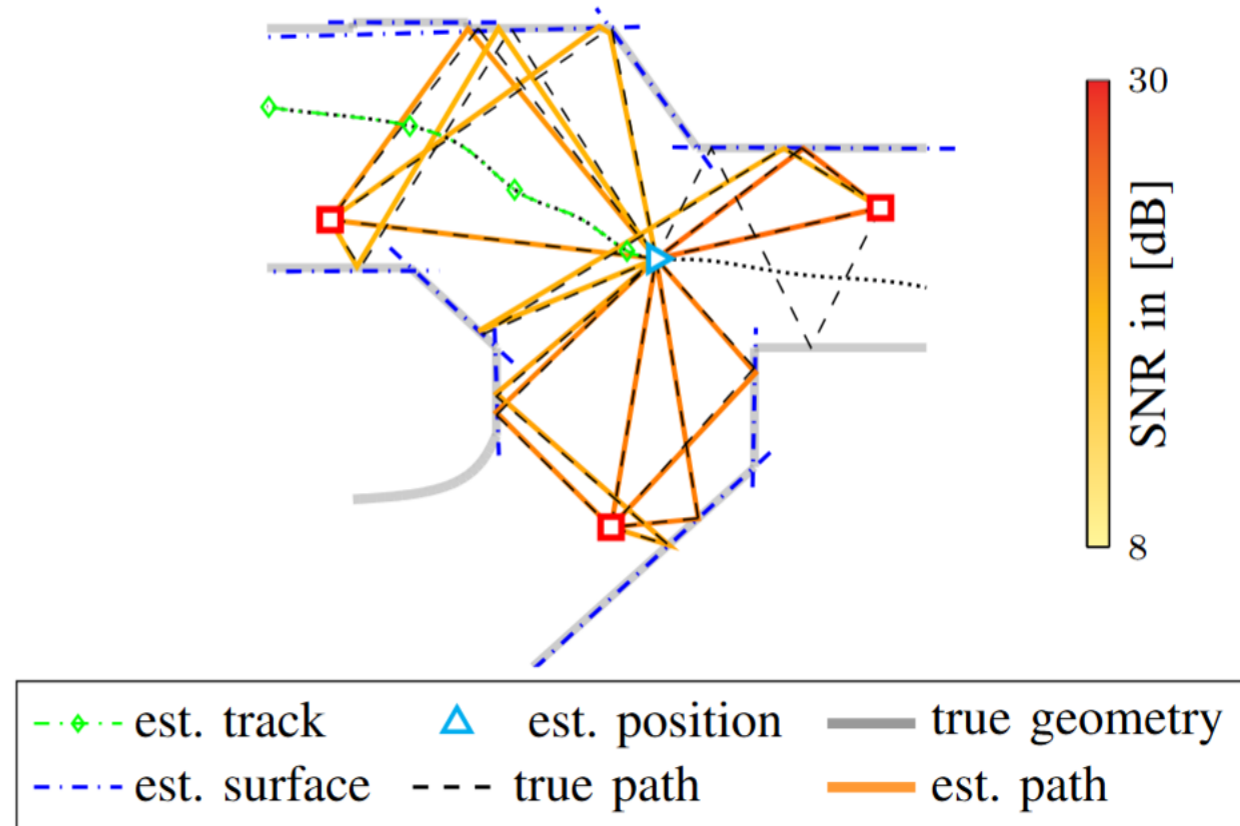
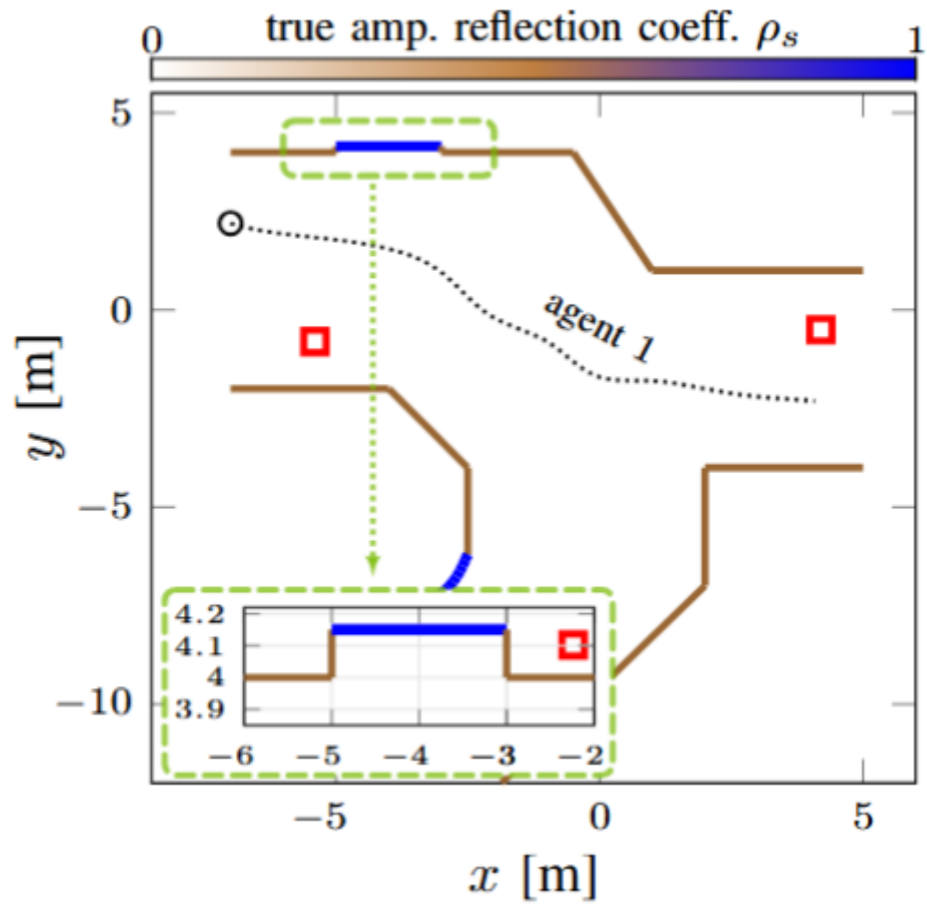
Results



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Unsupervised Learning for AI-enhanced Direct SLAM

- The model combines
 - **model-based part** → known LOS physics and the steering vector
 - **learned part** → captures environment-induced multipath and potentially unknown array calibration parameters (**learned model**)
- **Graph-based inference algorithm** estimates the agent state, while AI model is learned **unsupervised** from the measurement evidence

Key idea: **Preserve the physical structure** where it is known, and **learn only the difficult environment-dependent part**

Signal Model

Direct MP-SLAM approach based on signal:

$$\mathbf{z}_n^{(j)} = \sum_{l=1}^{L_n^{(j)}} \rho_{l,n}^{(j)} \mathbf{h}_{\boldsymbol{\chi}}(\tau_{l,n}^{(j)}, \mathbf{u}_{l,n}^{(j)}) + \boldsymbol{\epsilon}_n^{(j)}$$

- $\mathbf{h}_{\boldsymbol{\chi}}(\tau, \mathbf{u}) = \mathbf{h}_{\boldsymbol{\chi}_f}(\tau) \otimes \mathbf{a}_{\boldsymbol{\chi}_u}(\mathbf{u})$ with $M = M_f M_u$
- $\boldsymbol{\epsilon}_n^{(j)} \sim \mathcal{CN}(\mathbf{0}, \eta_n^{(j)} \mathbf{I})$
- $\boldsymbol{\chi}$ unknown array calibration parameter

$$\mathbf{h}_{\boldsymbol{\chi}_f}(\tau) = \frac{1}{4\pi f_c \tau} \left[w_{f,1} S(-(M_f - 1)\Delta/2) e^{j2\pi(-(M_f - 1)\Delta/2)\tau} \right. \\ \left. \cdots w_{f,M_f} S((M_f - 1)\Delta/2) e^{-j2\pi((M_f - 1)\Delta/2)\tau} \right]^T$$

$$\mathbf{a}_{\boldsymbol{\chi}_u}(\mathbf{u}) = \left[w_{u,1} e^{-j\frac{2\pi}{\lambda_c} \mathbf{u}^T (\mathbf{a}_1 + \Delta \mathbf{a}_1)} \right. \\ \left. \cdots w_{u,M_u} e^{-j\frac{2\pi}{\lambda_c} \mathbf{u}^T (\mathbf{a}_{M_u} + \Delta \mathbf{a}_{M_u})} \right]^T$$

$$\boldsymbol{\chi} = [\boldsymbol{\chi}_f^T \ \boldsymbol{\chi}_u^T]^T$$

$$\boldsymbol{\chi}_f = [w_{f,1} \ \cdots \ w_{f,M_f}]^T$$

$$\boldsymbol{\chi}_u = [w_{u,1} \ \cdots \ w_{u,M_u} \ \Delta \mathbf{a}_1^T \ \cdots \ \Delta \mathbf{a}_{M_u}^T]^T$$

Inference Signal Model

Separating line-of-sight (LOS) and environment-induced multipath components:

$$\underbrace{\mathbf{z}_n^{(j)}}_{\text{raw signal}} = \underbrace{r_n^{(j)} \rho_{\text{lo},n}^{(j)} \mathbf{h}_{\chi}^{\text{lo}(j)}(\mathbf{p}_n)}_{\text{physics-based LOS}} + \underbrace{\sum_{i=1}^D \rho_{\theta,i}^{\text{ai}(j)} \mathbf{h}_{\tilde{\theta},i}^{\text{ai}(j)}(\mathbf{p}_k)}_{\text{learned environment model}} + \epsilon_n^{(j)}$$

- $r_n^{(j)}$ existence variable models LOS visibility and $\rho_{\text{lo},k}^{(j)} \sim \mathcal{CN}(\rho_{\text{lo},k}^{(j)}; 0, \gamma_k^{(j)})$
- $\mathbf{h}_{\chi}^{\text{lo}(j)}(\mathbf{p}_n) \triangleq \mathbf{h}_{\chi}(\tau_{\text{lo},n}^{(j)}, \mathbf{u}_{\text{lo},n}^{(j)})$ determined by the LOS delay and direction
 - LOS delay: $\tau_{\text{lo},n}^{(j)} = \|\mathbf{p}^{(j)} - \mathbf{p}_n\|/c$
 - LOS DoA: $\mathbf{u}_{\text{lo},n}^{(j)} = \mathbf{R}(o_n)(\mathbf{p}^{(j)} - \mathbf{p}_n)/\|\mathbf{p}^{(j)} - \mathbf{p}_n\|$

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- Complex amplitudes $\rho_{\theta,n,k}^{\text{ai}(j)} \sim \mathcal{CN}(\rho_{\theta,n}^{\text{ai}(j)}; 0, \gamma_{\theta,n}^{\text{ai}(j)})$

$$\rightarrow \gamma_{\theta}^{\text{ai}(j)} = f_{\rho,\theta}^{\text{ai}}(\mathbf{p}^{(j)}) \in \mathbb{R}_+^D$$

DNN predicts power-related variances

- $\mathbf{h}_{\tilde{\theta},i}^{\text{ai}(j)}(\mathbf{p}_n) \triangleq \mathbf{h}_{\chi}(\tau_{\theta,i,n}^{\text{ai}(j)}, \mathbf{u}_{\theta,i,n}^{\text{ai}(j)})$ models environment-induced MPCs generated by the learned map

$$\rightarrow \mathbf{P}_{\theta}^{\text{ai}(j)} = f_{\mathbf{p},\theta}^{\text{ai}}(\mathbf{p}^{(j)}) \in \mathbb{R}^{(d+1) \times D}$$

DNN predicts feature locations and delay biases

- $\tau_{\theta,i,n}^{\text{ai}(j)} = \|\mathbf{p}_{\theta,i}^{\text{ai}(j)} - \mathbf{p}_n\|/c + b_{\theta,i}^{\text{ai}(j)}$
- $\mathbf{u}_{\theta,i,n}^{\text{ai}(j)} = \mathbf{R}(o_k)(\mathbf{p}_{\theta,i}^{\text{ai}(j)} - \mathbf{p}_n)/\|\mathbf{p}_{\theta,i}^{\text{ai}(j)} - \mathbf{p}_n\|$
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Statistical and AI Model

- Zero-mean **type-II** likelihood function

$$f_{\tilde{\boldsymbol{\theta}}}(z_n^{(j)} | \mathbf{x}_n, \mathbf{y}_n^{(j)}, \eta_n^{(j)}) = \mathcal{CN}(z_n^{(j)}; \mathbf{0}, \mathbf{C}_{\tilde{\boldsymbol{\theta}},n}^{(j)})$$

- Covariance matrix: $\mathbf{C}_{\tilde{\boldsymbol{\theta}},n}^{(j)} = \eta_n^{(j)} \mathbf{I}_M + r_n^{(j)} \mathbf{C}_{\boldsymbol{\chi},n}^{(j)} + \mathbf{C}_{\tilde{\boldsymbol{\theta}},n}^{\text{ai}(j)}$

- **LOS-related covariance matrix:** $\mathbf{C}_{\boldsymbol{\chi},n}^{(j)}(\mathbf{p}_n, \gamma_n^{(j)}) = \gamma_n^{(j)} \mathbf{h}_{\boldsymbol{\chi},n}^{(j)}(\mathbf{p}_n) \left(\mathbf{h}_{\boldsymbol{\chi},n}^{(j)}(\mathbf{p}_n) \right)^H$

- **AI-enhanced map-related covariance matrix:** $\mathbf{C}_{\tilde{\boldsymbol{\theta}},n}^{\text{ai}(j)}(\mathbf{p}_n) = \sum_{i=1}^D \gamma_{\boldsymbol{\theta},i}^{a(j)} \mathbf{h}_{\tilde{\boldsymbol{\theta}},n}^{\text{ai}(j)}(\mathbf{p}_n) \left(\mathbf{h}_{\tilde{\boldsymbol{\theta}},n}^{\text{ai}(j)}(\mathbf{p}_n) \right)^H$

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 $f(\mathbf{y}_n^{(j)} | \mathbf{z}_{1:n}), f(\mathbf{x}_n | \mathbf{z}_{1:n}), f(\eta_n^{(j)} | \mathbf{z}_{1:n})$
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Unsupervised learning of AI Parameters

- The AI parameters $\tilde{\theta} = [\chi^T \theta^T]^T$ are learned by **maximizing the evidence**

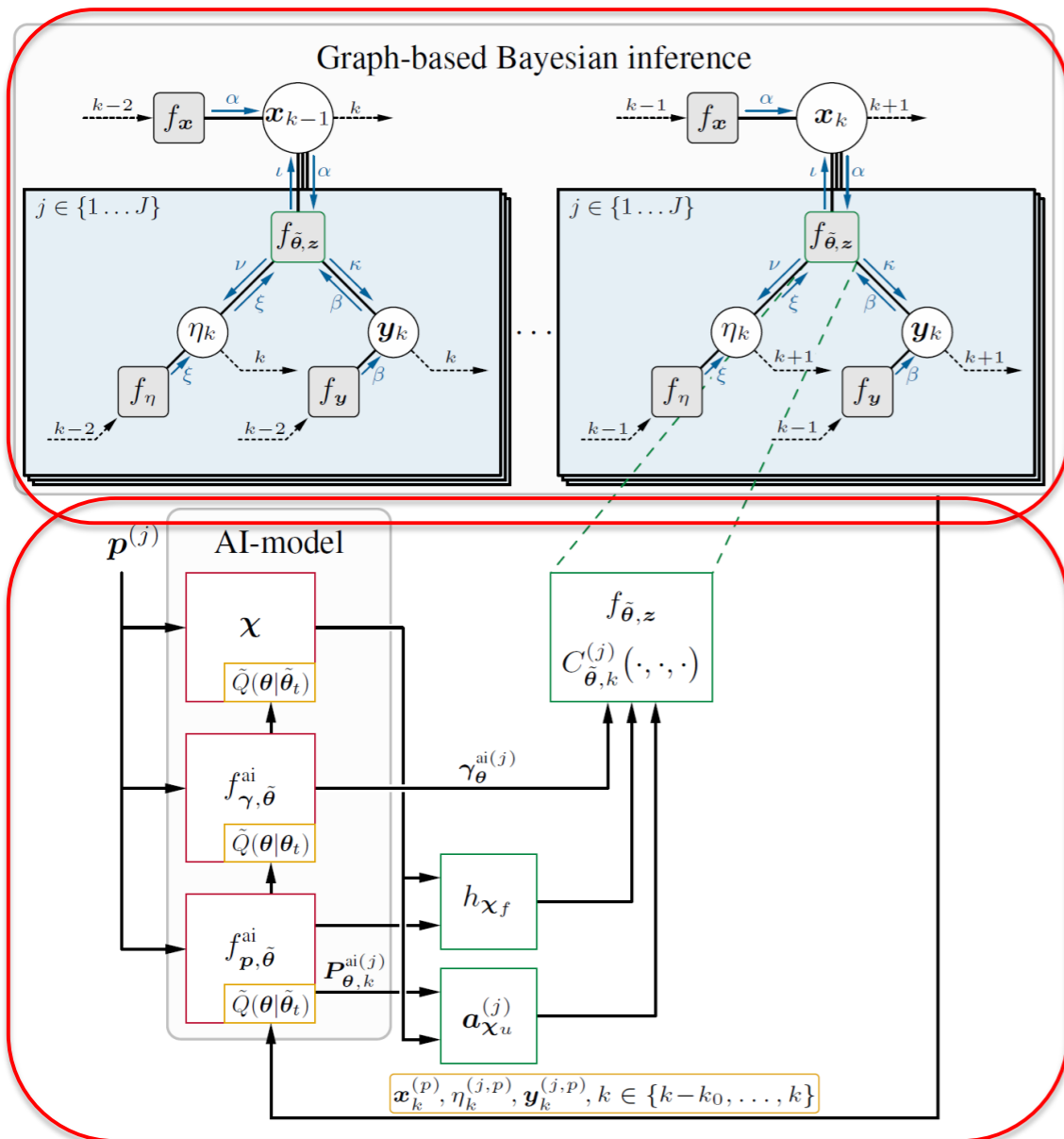
$$\begin{aligned} \tilde{\theta}^* &= \arg \max_{\tilde{\theta}} \log f_{\tilde{\theta}}(\mathbf{z}_{1:n}) \\ &= \arg \max_{\tilde{\theta}} \log \sum_{\mathbf{r}_{0:n}} \int \cdots \int f_{\tilde{\theta}}(\mathbf{x}_{0:n}, \mathbf{r}_{0:n}, \mathbf{y}_{0:n}, \boldsymbol{\eta}_{0:n}, \mathbf{z}_{1:n}) d\mathbf{x}_{0:n} d\mathbf{y}_{0:n} d\boldsymbol{\eta}_{0:n}. \end{aligned}$$

- The evidence is approximated via the **evidence lower bound (ELBO)** and exploiting posterior PDF factorization:

$$\begin{aligned} Q(\tilde{\theta} | \tilde{\theta}_t) &\triangleq \mathbb{E}_{f_{\tilde{\theta}_t}(\mathbf{x}_{0:n}, \mathbf{y}_{0:n}, \boldsymbol{\eta}_{0:n} | \mathbf{z}_{1:n})} [\log f_{\tilde{\theta}}(\mathbf{x}_{0:n}, \mathbf{y}_{0:n}, \boldsymbol{\eta}_{0:n}, \mathbf{z}_{1:n})] \\ &= \sum_{k=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^J \mathbb{E}_{f_{\tilde{\theta}_t}(\mathbf{x}_k, \mathbf{y}_k^{(j)}, \eta_k^{(j)} | \mathbf{z}_k)} [\log f_{\tilde{\theta}}(\mathbf{z}_k^{(j)} | \mathbf{x}_k, \mathbf{y}_k^{(j)}, \eta_k^{(j)})] \end{aligned}$$

- $Q(\tilde{\theta} | \tilde{\theta}_t) = \sum_{k=1}^n Q_k(\tilde{\theta} | \tilde{\theta}_t)$ depends on AI parameters $\tilde{\theta}$ given “previous” AI parameters $\tilde{\theta}_t$

Unsupervised learning of AI parameters



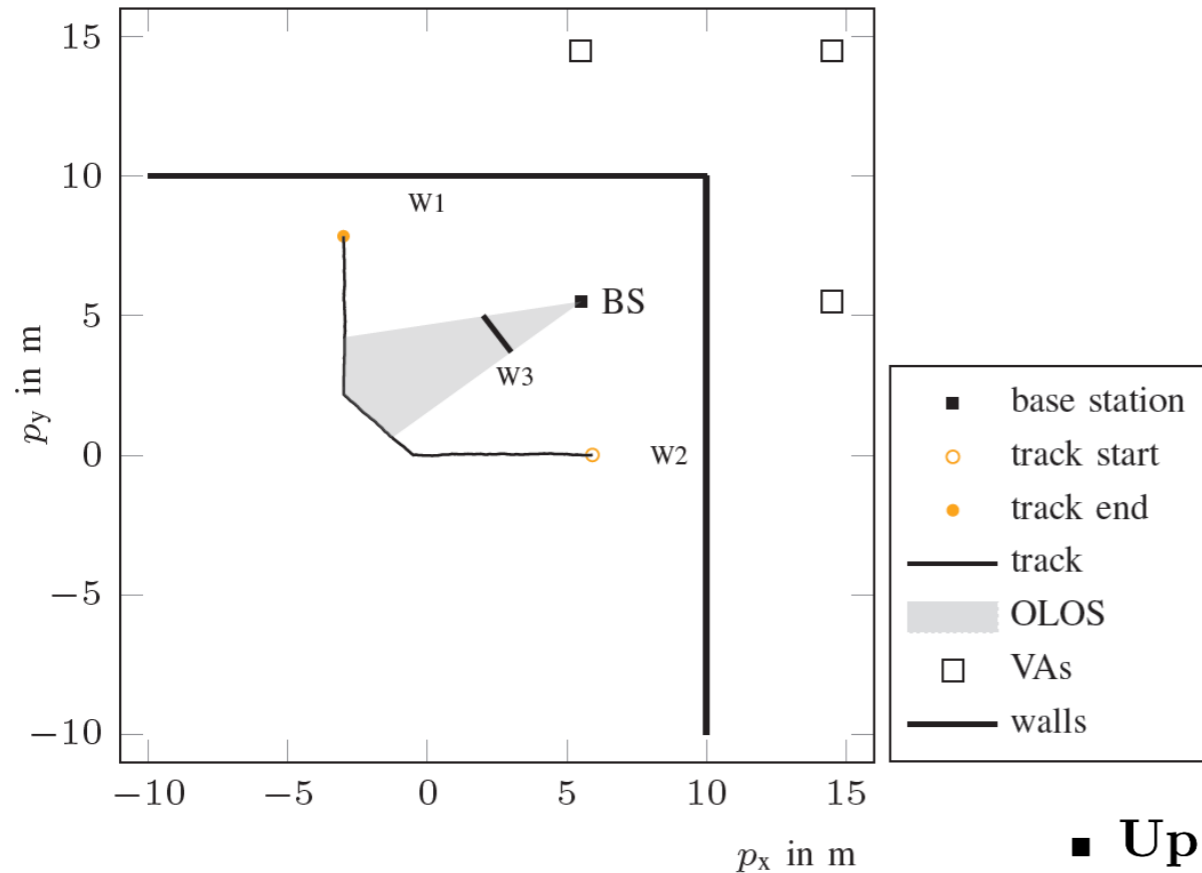
- **Inference step:** Posterior PDF $f_{\tilde{\theta}_t}(\mathbf{x}_{0:n}, \mathbf{y}_{0:n}, \boldsymbol{\eta}_{0:n} | \mathbf{z}_{1:n})$ determined by FG-based message passing algorithm provides particle representations of marginal PDFs

- **Learning step:** $\tilde{\theta}_{t+1}$ determined by maximizing

$$\tilde{\theta}_{t+1} = \arg \max_{\tilde{\theta}} \sum_{k=n-n_0}^{n_0} \tilde{Q}_k(\tilde{\theta} | \tilde{\theta}_t)$$

- $\tilde{Q}_k(\tilde{\theta} | \tilde{\theta}_t)$ particle-based approximation of $Q_k(\tilde{\theta} | \tilde{\theta}_t)$

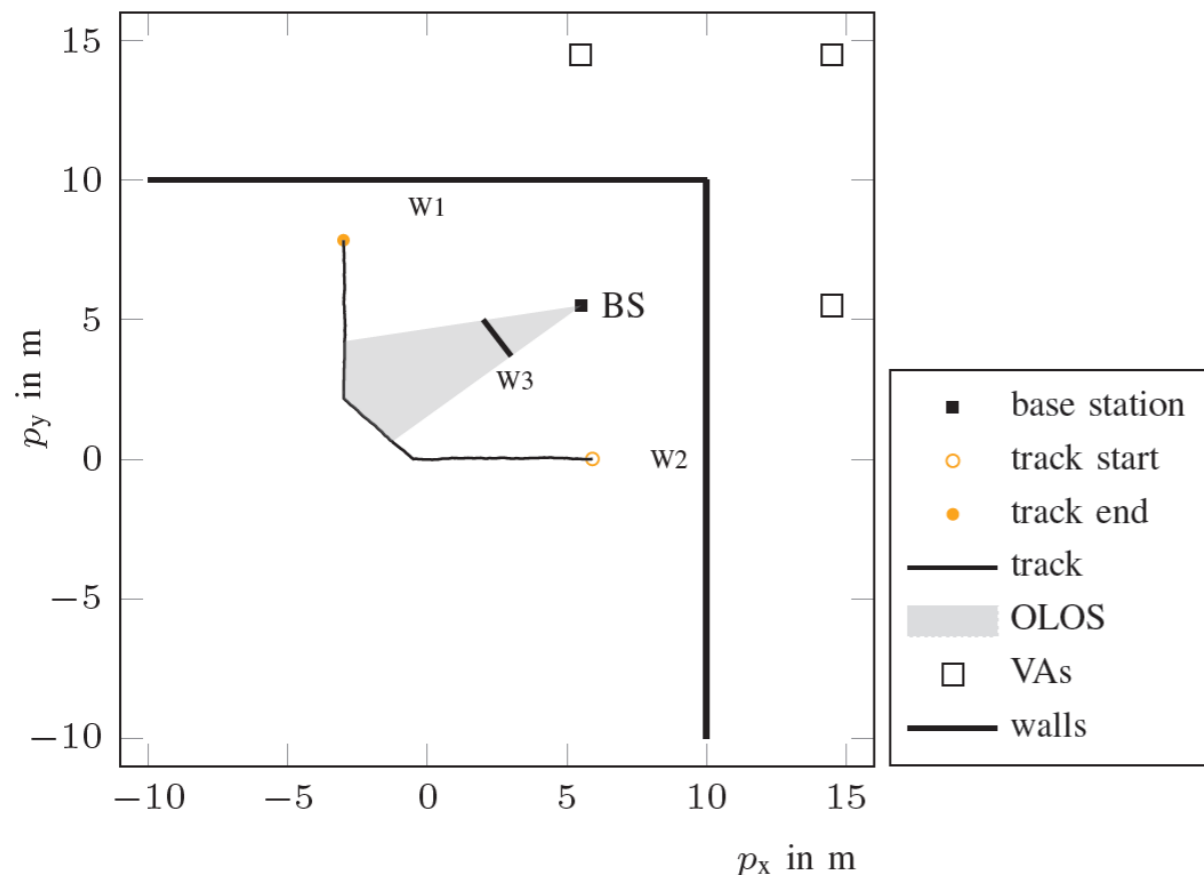
Simulation Results



Simulation Parameters:

- Number of PAs $J = 1$
 - Bandwidth 500 MHz, center frequency $f_c = 7$ GHz
 - Uniform rectangular array with $\lambda/2$ -spacing and $M_a = 4$ (agent)
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- **Update interval:** $k_0 = 30$ time steps (track segment)
 - **Particles:** $P = 5000$ inference, $P_0 = 30$ for learning
 - **Training iterations:** 300 backpropagation steps per segment
 - **AI model size:** $D = 30$ components

Simulation Results



- Gray area: full obstruction to PA
- Agent RMSE along track
- Comparison:
 - Algorithm that uses only LOS
 - Benchmark: Algorithm that perfectly knows map

