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# Passive Source Localization Using Importance Sampling Based on TOA and FOA Measurements

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# Introduction

- Source localization has been widely applied in signal processing fields.
- Variable localization system has been researched in recent years and the corresponding localization algorithms are proposed.
- TOA and FOA localization system can achieve high accuracy when synchronization is achieved, but involves expensive calculations for nonlinearity and nonconvex.
- A Monte Carlo importance sampling (MCIS) algorithm, which achieve the global solution to the ML problem in a computationally efficient manner has been presented in this work.

## TOA and FOA localization model

$$\begin{cases} z_i = \|\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{s}_i\| + e_i = d_i + e_i \\ \dot{z}_i = \frac{(\dot{\mathbf{x}} - \dot{\mathbf{s}}_i)^\top (\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{s}_i)}{\|\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{s}_i\|} + \dot{e}_i = \dot{d}_i + \dot{e}_i \end{cases}, \quad i = 1, \dots, N,$$

## ML estimation of position and velocity

$$\min_{\boldsymbol{\theta}} f(\boldsymbol{\theta}) = \tilde{\mathbf{e}}^\top \mathbf{Q}^{-1} \tilde{\mathbf{e}} = (\tilde{\mathbf{z}} - \tilde{\mathbf{d}})^\top \mathbf{Q}^{-1} (\tilde{\mathbf{z}} - \tilde{\mathbf{d}}),$$

# Steps of MCIS method

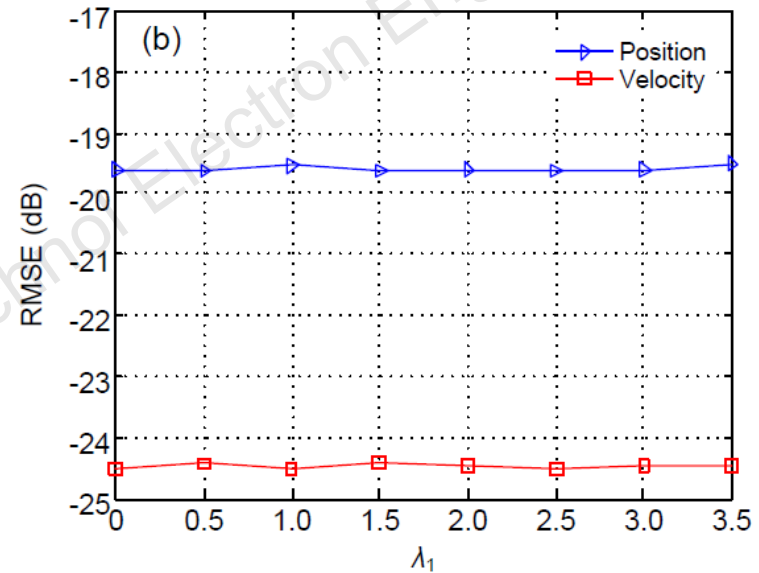
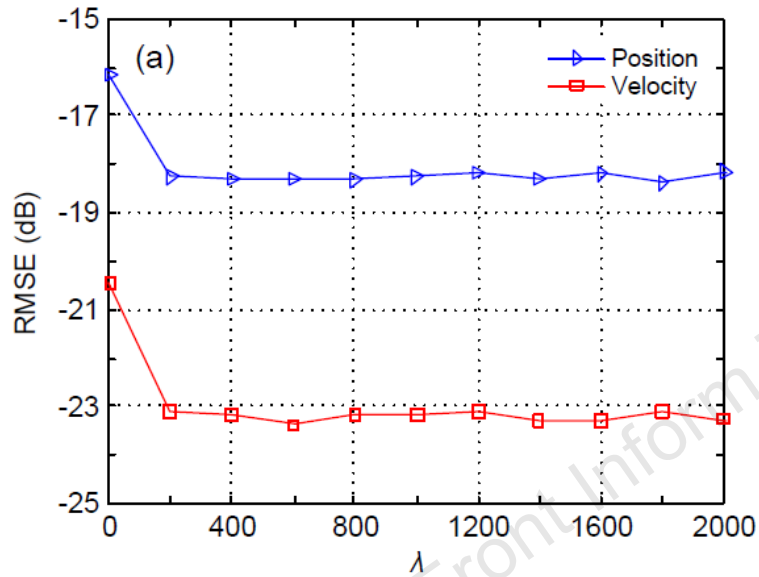
- Compute the mean value and covariance matrix to construct the importance function.

$$q(\boldsymbol{\theta}) = \frac{\exp\left\{-\lambda_1 (\boldsymbol{\theta} - \bar{\boldsymbol{\theta}})^T \mathbf{R}^{-1} (\boldsymbol{\theta} - \bar{\boldsymbol{\theta}})\right\}}{(2\pi)^{N/2} |\mathbf{R} / 2\lambda_1|^{N/2}}.$$

- Conduct importance sampling to obtain M samples  $\boldsymbol{\theta}_1, \boldsymbol{\theta}_2, \dots, \boldsymbol{\theta}_M$ .
- Compute importance weight and obtain the position and velocity.

$$\hat{\boldsymbol{\theta}} = \sum_{m=1}^M \boldsymbol{\theta}_m \tilde{w}(\boldsymbol{\theta}_m), \quad \tilde{w}(\boldsymbol{\theta}_m) = \frac{w(\boldsymbol{\theta}_m)}{\sum_{m=1}^M w(\boldsymbol{\theta}_m)}.$$

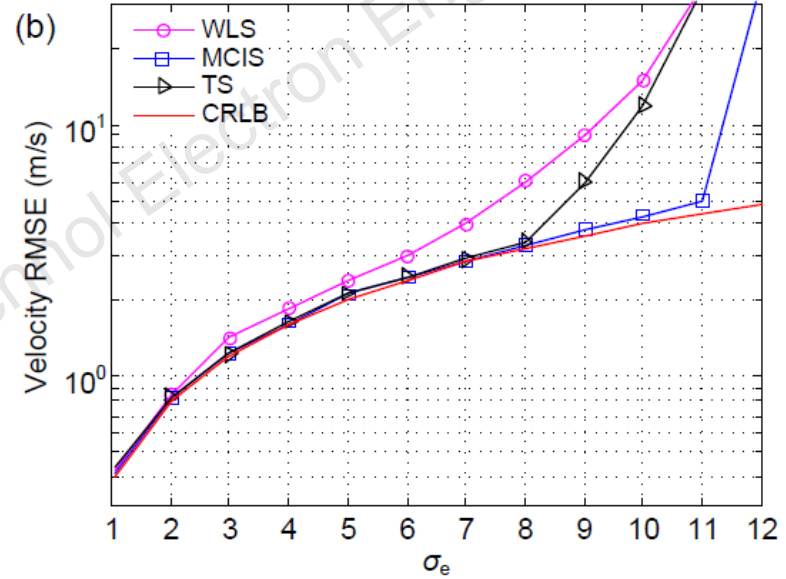
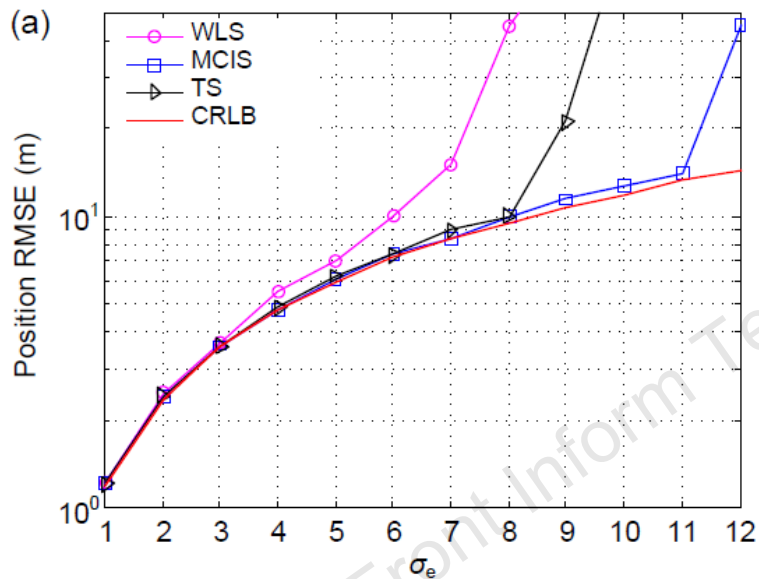
# Measurement results (1)



**Fig. 1** Sensitivity of RMSEs to  $\lambda$  with  $\lambda_1=0.5$  (a) and sensitivity of RMSEs to  $\lambda_1$  with  $\lambda=2000$  (b)

The passive source is located at (600, -50) with velocity (30, -15)

# Measurement results (2)



**Fig. 2** RMSEs of the localization methods compared with the CRLB using four sensors in the 2D scenario when the position and velocity of the source are fixed: (a) RMSEs of source position estimates; (b) RMSEs of source velocity estimates

# Measurement results (3)

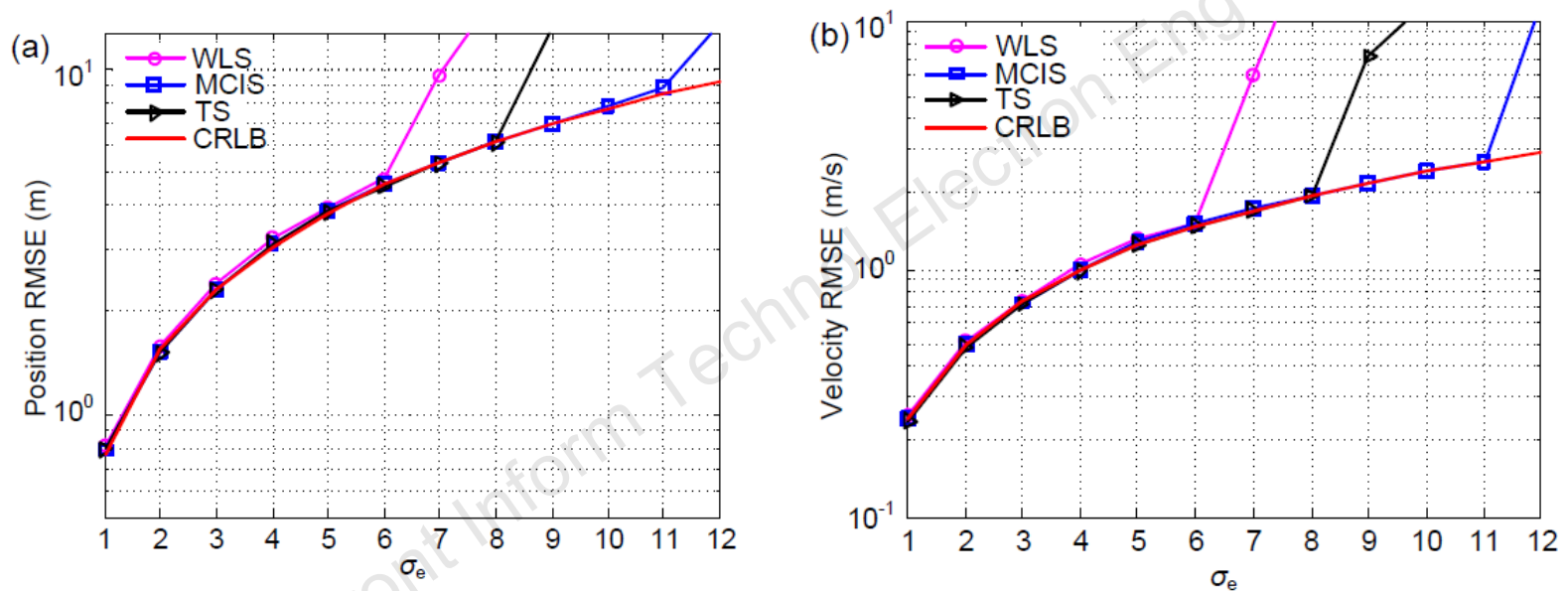
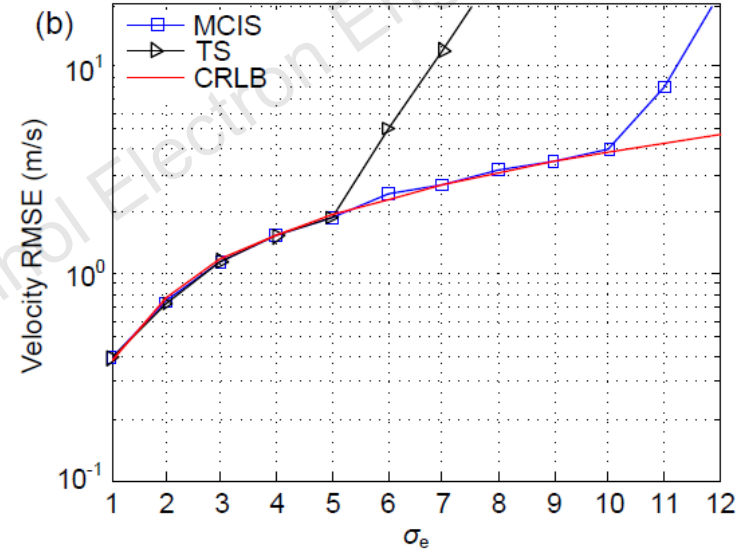
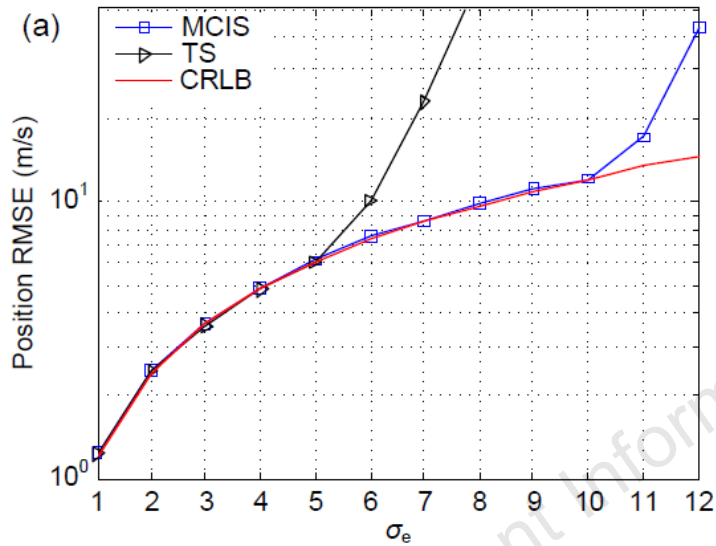


Fig.3. RMSEs of the localization methods compared with the CRLB using four sensors in the 2D scenario when the source is located at a determinate square: (a) RMSEs of source position estimates; (b) RMSEs of source velocity estimates

# Measurement results (4)



**Fig. 4** RMSEs of the localization methods compared with the CRLB using four sensors located in a line in the 2D scenario: (a) RMSEs of source position estimates; (b) RMSEs of source velocity estimates

# Measurement results (5)

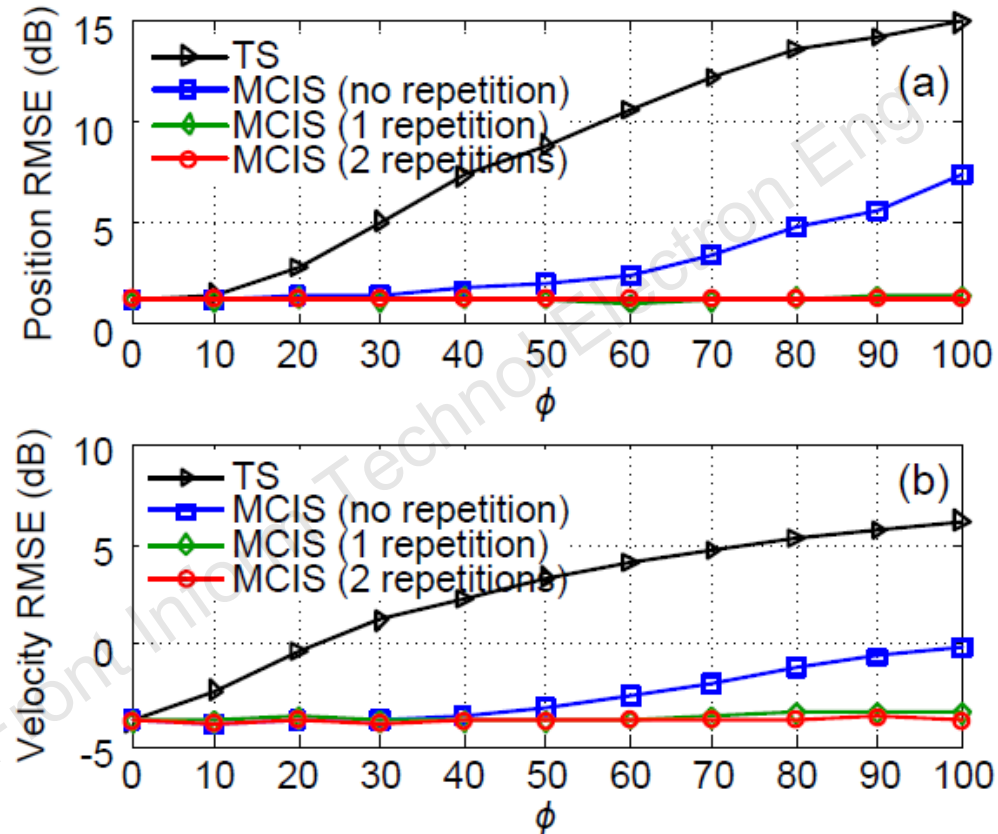
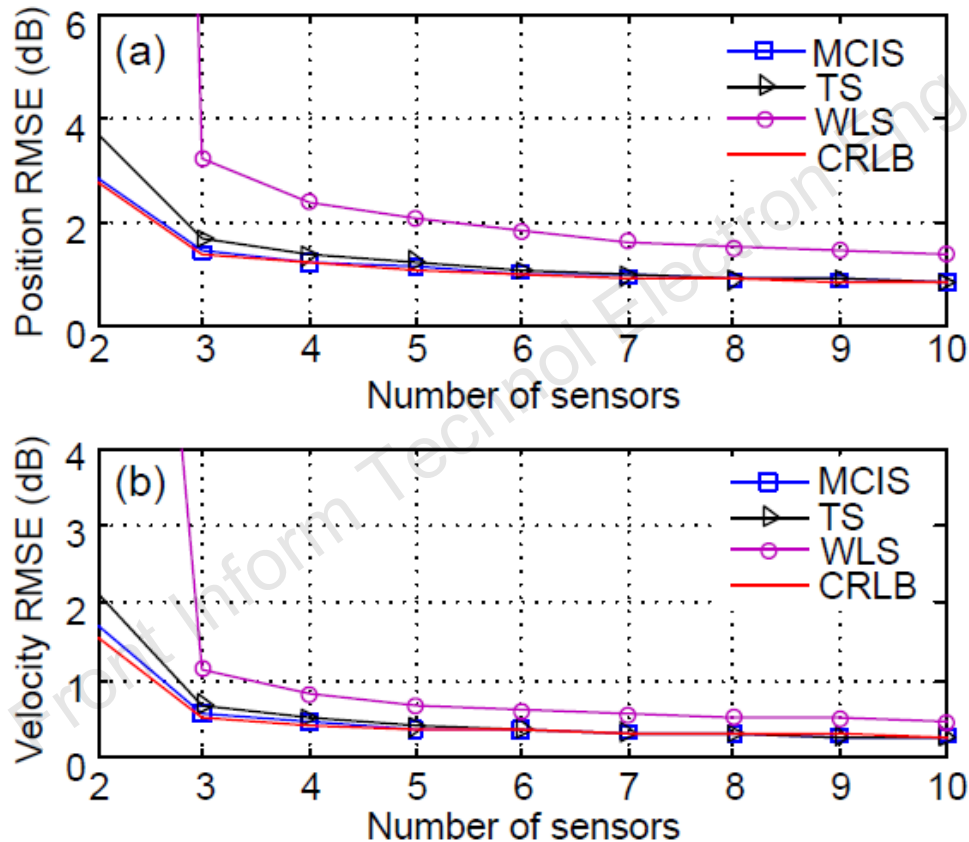


Fig.5. Sensitivities of the estimation methods to the initial estimate errors in the 2D scenario when the position and velocity of the source are fixed: (a) RMSEs of the position estimates; (b) RMSEs of the velocity estimates

# Measurement results (6)



**Fig.6. Sensitivities of the estimation methods to the number of sensors used in the 2D scenario when the position and velocity of the source are fixed: (a) RMSEs of the position estimates; (b) RMSEs of the velocity estimates**

# Complexity comparison

**Table 1 Complexity assessment of the existing algorithms**

Algorithm	Complexity	CR	RT (s)
MCIS	$O(20NK+10K^2+2MK+MN^2)$	1.0000	1.012
WLS	$O(20NK+2K^2+N^2)$	0.1916	0.656
TS	$O((20NK+4K^2+N^2)N_{\text{Itr}})$	4.0839	1.690
GS	$O((2NK + 4K^2)N_{\text{grid}}^{2K})$	6559.0000	53.631

TS: Taylor series; GS: grid search. CR: complexity ratio; RT: running time.  $N$ : number of sensors;  $K$ : dimensionality of the estimation;  $M$ : number of sampling points;  $N_{\text{Itr}}$ : number of iterations in the iterative method;  $N_{\text{grid}}$ : number of grids used in the grid search method

# Conclusions

- The proposed method can achieve high-accuracy and low-complexity based on TOA and FOA measurements.
- Global optimum of ML estimate can be obtained based on Pincus theorem.
- Importance sampling method significantly decreases the computational cost and outperforms the existing method with fewer available sensors.