

# ESDP Relaxation of Sensor Network Localization Analysis, Extensions and Algorithm

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## Talk Outline

- Sensor network localization.
- ESDP relaxation: properties and accuracy certificate.
- A robust version of ESDP for the noisy case.
- LPCGD algorithm and numerical simulations.
- Refinement heuristics.
- Conclusion.

## Sensor Network Localization

### Basic Problem:

- $n$  pts  $\underbrace{x_1, \dots, x_m}_{\text{sensors}}, \underbrace{x_{m+1}, \dots, x_n}_{\text{anchors}}$  in  $\mathbb{R}^2$ .
- Know last  $n - m$  pts ('anchors')  $x_{m+1}, \dots, x_n$  and Eucl. dist. estimate for some pairs of 'neighboring' pts (i.e. within 'radio range')

$$d_{ij} \geq 0 \quad \forall (i, j) \in \mathcal{A},$$

with  $\mathcal{A} \subseteq \{(i, j) : 1 \leq i < j \leq n\}$ .

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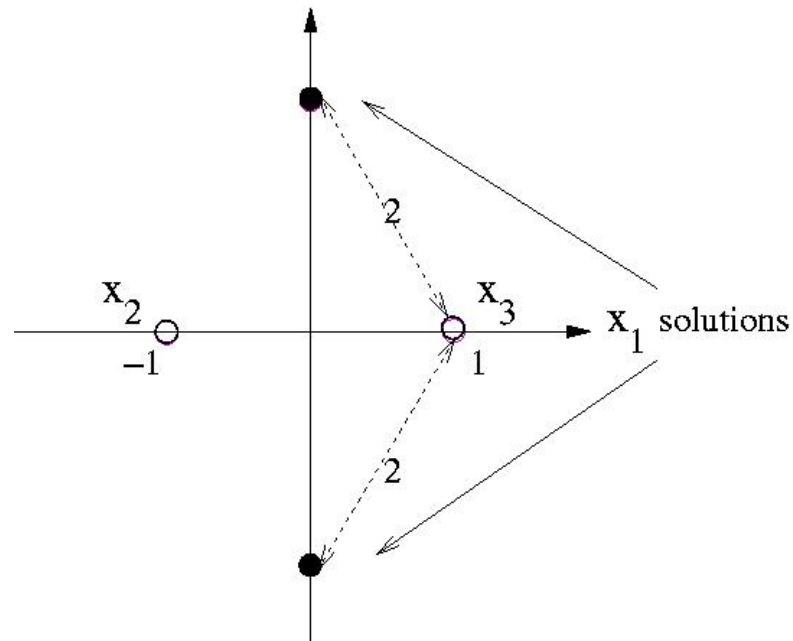
In simulations, ESDP is nearly as strong as SDP relaxation, and solvable much faster by IP method.

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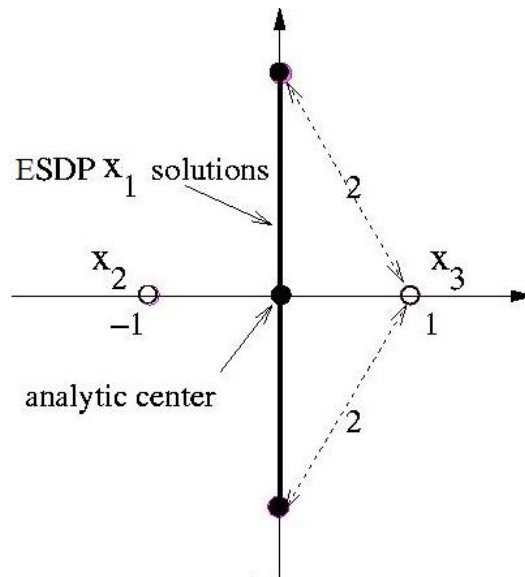
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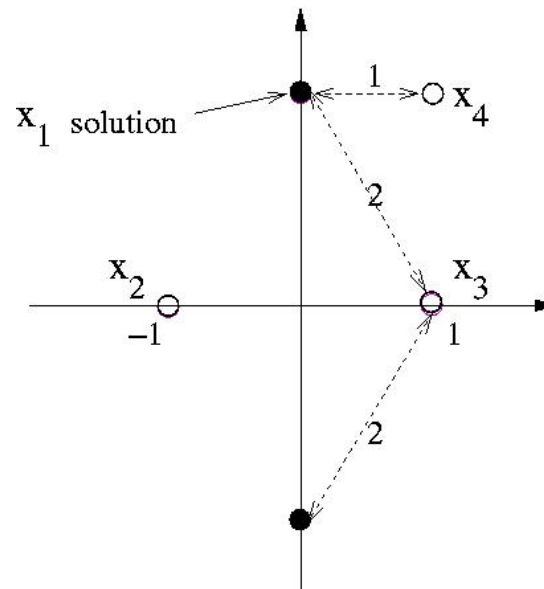
If solve ESDP by IP method,  
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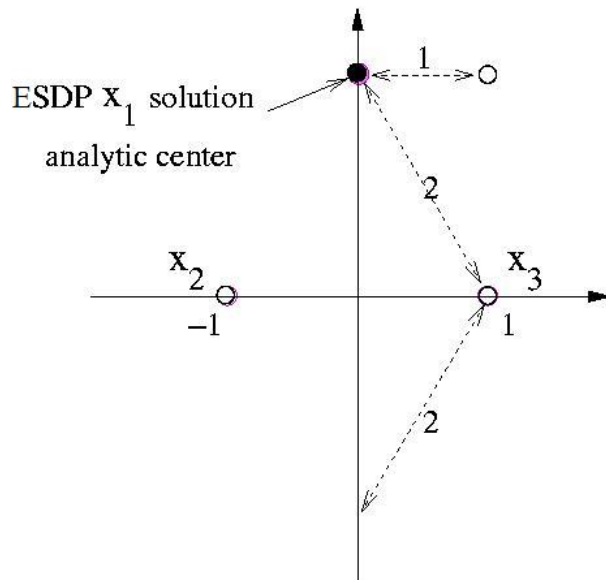
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ESDP has unique soln  $y_{11} = 3$ ,  
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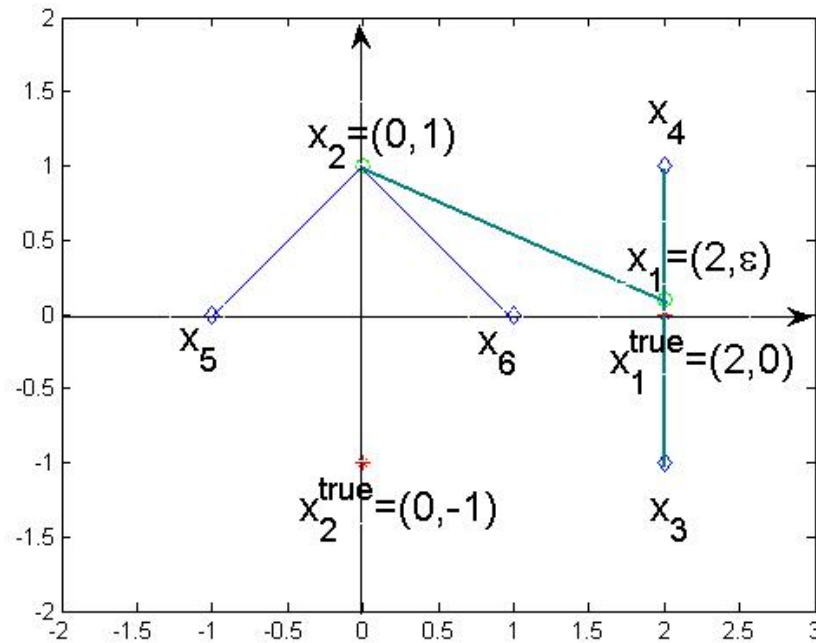
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Proof is by counterexample.

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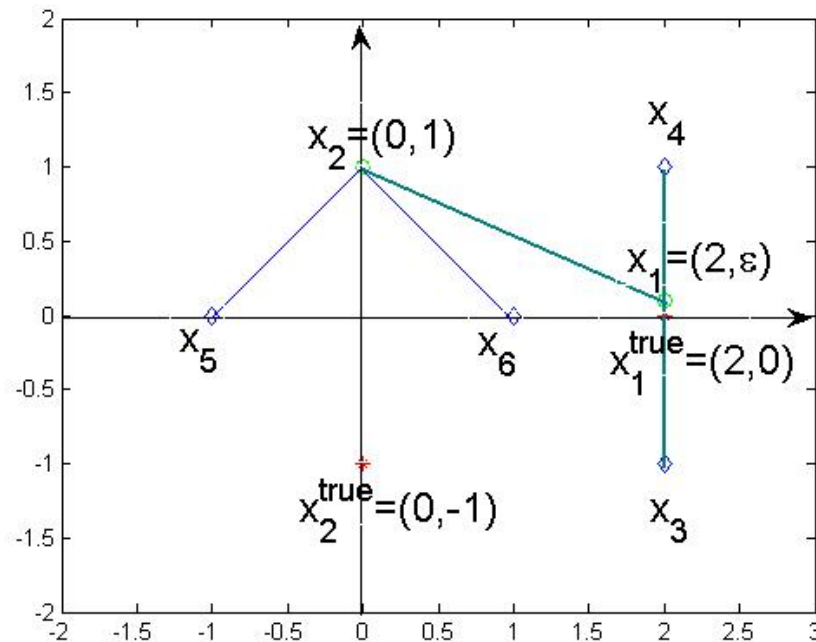
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Thus, even when  $Z \in \text{Sol}(\text{ESDP})$  is unique,  $\text{tr}_i[Z] = 0$  fails to certify accuracy of  $x_i$  in the noisy case!



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**Note:**  $Z^{\text{true}} = \begin{bmatrix} X^{\text{true}} & I \end{bmatrix}^T \begin{bmatrix} X^{\text{true}} & I \end{bmatrix} \in \text{Sol}(\rho\text{ESDP})$ .

Let

$$\begin{aligned}
 Z^{\rho, \delta} &:= \arg \min_{Z \in \text{Sol}(\rho \text{ESDP})} - \sum_{(i,j) \in \mathcal{A}^s} \ln \det \left( \begin{bmatrix} y_{ii} & y_{ij} & x_i^T \\ y_{ij} & y_{jj} & x_j^T \\ x_i & x_j & I \end{bmatrix} \right) \\
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**Fact 4** (P, Tseng '09):  $\exists \eta > 0, \bar{\rho} > 0$  such that for each  $i$ ,

$$\text{tr}_i(Z^{\rho, \delta}) < \eta, \text{ for some } 0 < \rho < \bar{\rho}e \implies \lim_{|\delta| < \rho \rightarrow 0} x_i^{\rho, \delta} = x_i^{\text{true}}.$$

Moreover,

$$\|x_i^{\rho, \delta} - x_i^{\text{true}}\| \leq \sqrt{2|\mathcal{A}^s| + m} (\text{tr}_i[Z^{\rho, \delta}])^{\frac{1}{2}} \quad 0 \leq |\delta| < \rho.$$

## LPCGD Algorithm

Let  $h_a(t) := \frac{1}{2}(t - a)_+^2 + \frac{1}{2}(-t - a)_+^2$  ( $|t| \leq a \iff h_a(t) = 0$ ).

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 f_\mu(Z) := & \sum_{(i,j) \in \mathcal{A}^a} h_{\rho_{ij}}(y_{ii} - 2x_j^T x_i + \|x_j\|^2 - d_{ij}^2) \\
 & + \sum_{(i,j) \in \mathcal{A}^s} h_{\rho_{ij}}(y_{ii} - 2y_{ij} + y_{jj} - d_{ij}^2) \\
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Given  $Z \in \text{dom } f_\mu$ , compute gradient  $\nabla_{Z_i} f_\mu$  of  $f_\mu$  w.r.t.  $Z_i := \{x_i, y_{ii}, y_{ij} : (i, j) \in \mathcal{A}\}$  for each  $i$ .

- If  $\|\nabla_{Z_i} f_\mu\| \geq \max\{\mu, 1e - 7\}$  for some  $i$ , update  $Z_i$  by moving along the Newton direction  $-\left(\partial_{Z_i Z_i}^2 f_\mu\right)^{-1} \nabla_{Z_i} f_\mu$  with Armijo stepsize rule.
- Decrease  $\mu$  when  $\|\nabla_{Z_i} f_\mu\| < \max\{\mu, 1e - 7\}$  for all  $i$ .

$\mu_{\text{initial}} = 1e - 1$ ,  $\mu_{\text{final}} = 1e - 14$ . Decrease  $\mu$  by a factor of 10.

Coded in Fortran. Computation easily distributes.

## Simulation Results

- Compare  $\rho$ ESDP, as solved by LPCGD, and ESDP, as solved by Sedumi (with the interface to Sedumi coded by Wang et al.).
- Uniformly generate  $\{x_1^{\text{true}}, \dots, x_n^{\text{true}}\}$  in  $[-.5, .5]^2$ ,  $m = .9n$ . Two pts are neighbors iff  $\text{dist} < rr$ . Set

$$d_{ij} = \|x_i^{\text{true}} - x_j^{\text{true}}\| \cdot |1 + \sigma\epsilon_{ij}|,$$

where  $\epsilon_{ij} \sim N(0, 1)$ .

- Sensor  $i$  is judged as “accurately positioned” if

$$\text{tr}_i[Z^{\text{found}}] < (.01 + 30\sigma)\bar{d}_i^2.$$

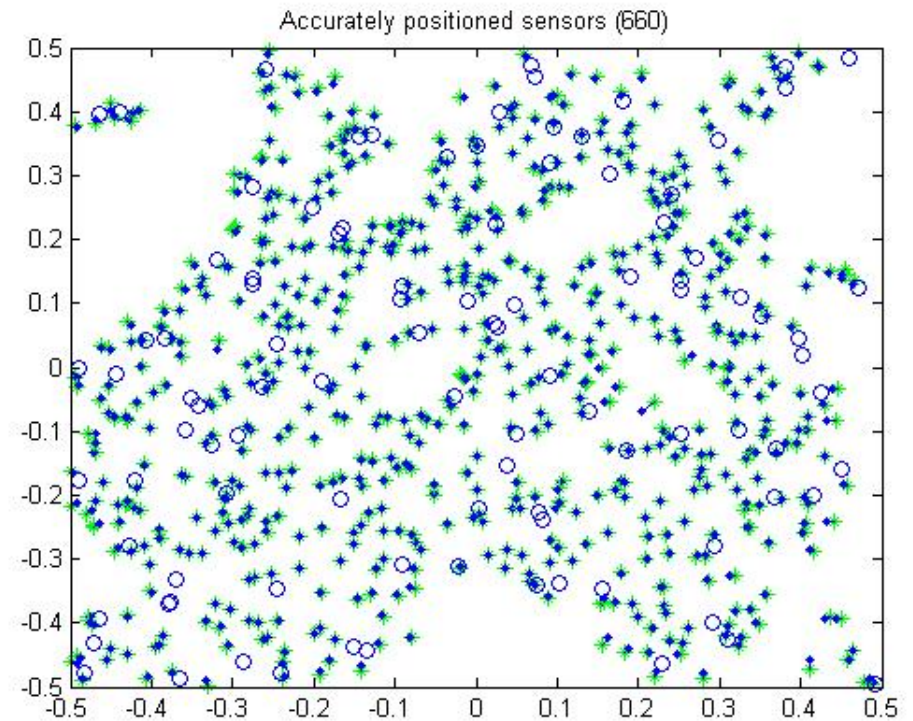
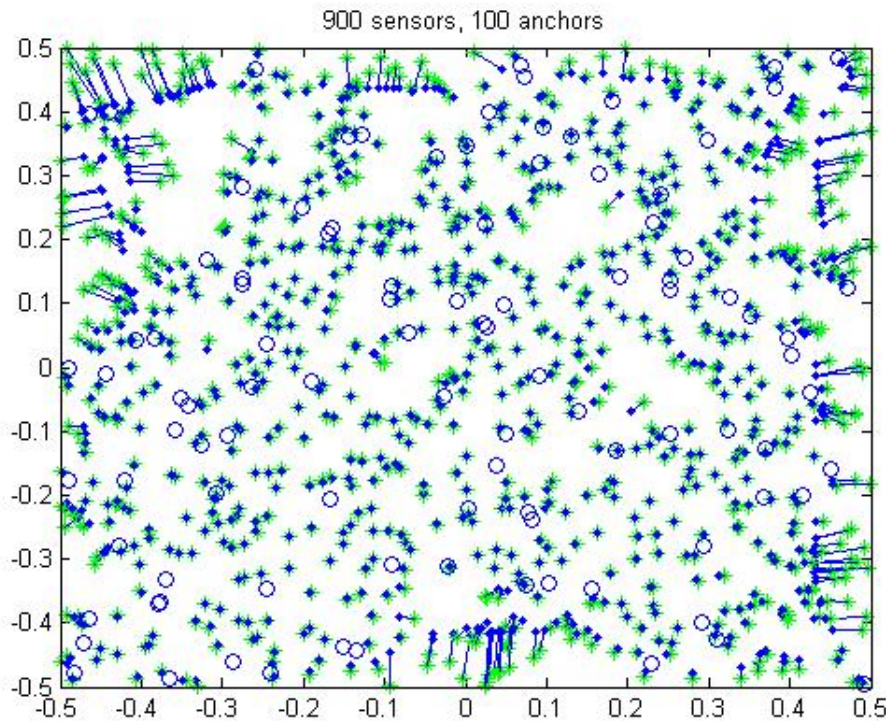


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1000	900	0	.06	4/666/1.6e-3	45(30)/676/2.1e-3
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2000	1800	0	.06	14/1762/3.6e-4	206(101)/1759/4.9e-4
2000	1800	.01	.06	11/1699/1.4e-2	182(79)/1750/2.2e-2
10000	9000	0	.02	33/7845/2.3e-3	3148(424)/6472/2.5e-3
10000	9000	.01	.02	27/8334/9.9e-3	3130(403)/8600/8.7e-3

- cpu(sec) times are on an Dell POWEREDGE 1950 with Matlab Version 7.8. ESDP is solved by Sedumi; cpus:= time taken in running Sedumi.
- Take  $\rho_{ij} = d_{ij}^2 \cdot ((1 - 2\tilde{\sigma})^{-2} - 1)$ ;  $\tilde{\sigma} = \max\{\sigma, 1e - 6\}$ .
- $m_{ap} := \#$  accurately positioned sensors.  
 $err_{ap} := \max_{i \text{ accurate. pos.}} \|x_i^{\text{found}} - x_i^{\text{true}}\|$ .

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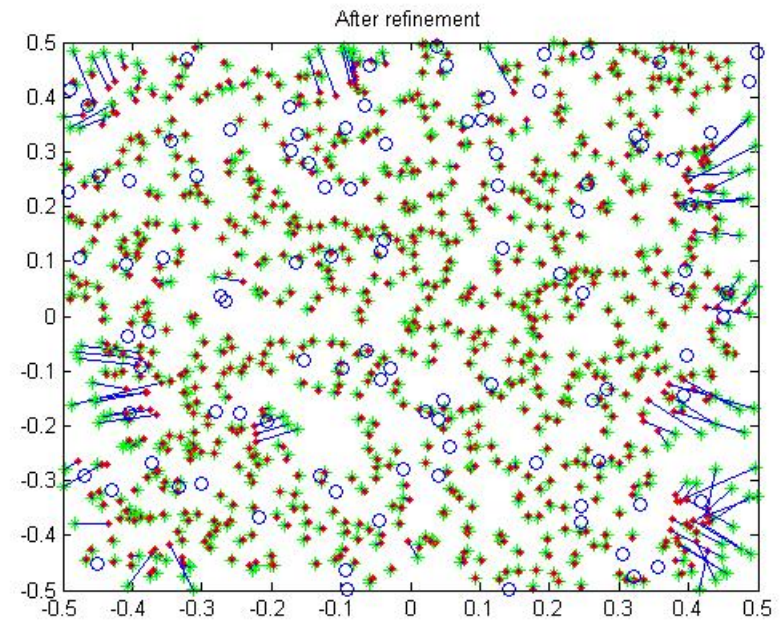
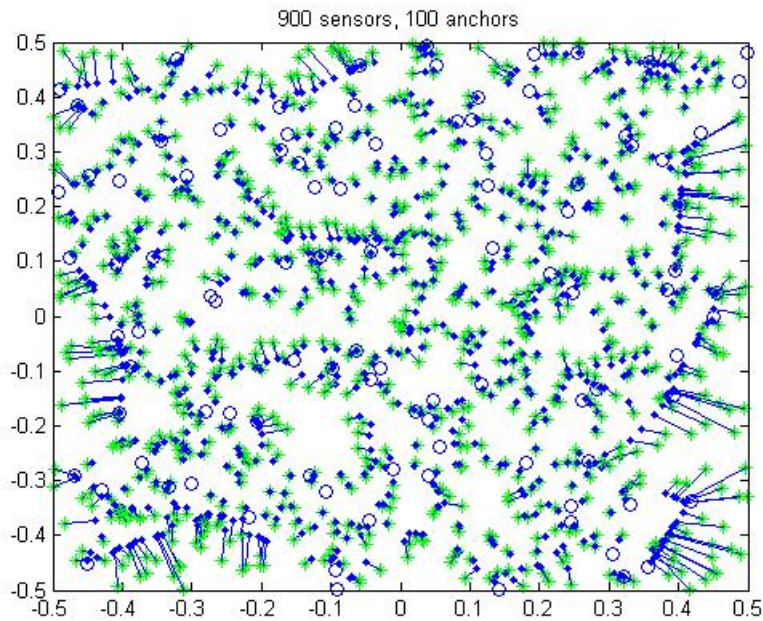
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$$\text{s.t. } \|x_i - x_j\| \geq r_{ij} \quad \forall (i, j) \in \bar{\mathcal{A}}^s \cup \bar{\mathcal{A}}^a.$$

- Assume  $r_{ij}$  are realistic; i.e.  $Z^{\text{true}} \in \text{Sol}(\text{ESDP}_{\text{lb}})$ .

## ESDP Relaxation with Lower Bound Constraints (ESDP<sub>lb</sub>)

$$\begin{aligned}
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& + \sum_{(i,j) \in \mathcal{A}^s} |y_{ii} - 2y_{ij} + y_{jj} - d_{ij}^2| \\
\text{s.t. } & Z = \begin{bmatrix} Y & X^T \\ X & I \end{bmatrix} \\
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Robust version?


## Robust ESDP<sub>1b</sub>

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**Fact 6** (P '09):  $\exists \eta > 0, \bar{\rho} > 0$  such that for each  $i$ ,

$$\text{tr}_i(Z^{\rho, \delta, r}) < \eta, \text{ for some } 0 < \rho < \bar{\rho}e \implies \lim_{|\delta| < \rho \rightarrow 0} x_i^{\rho, \delta, r} = x_i^{\text{true}}.$$


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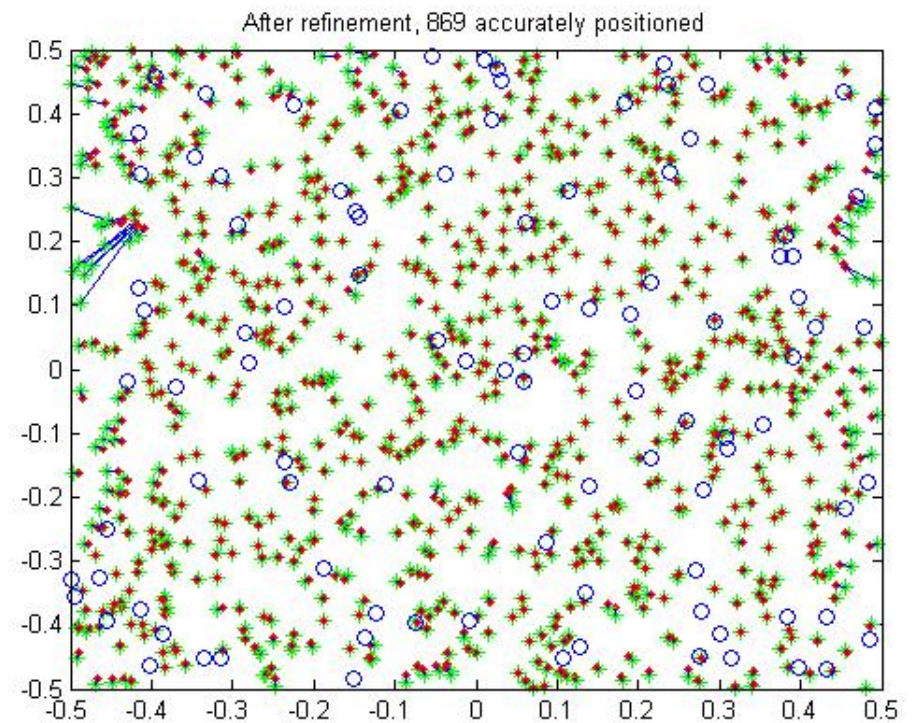
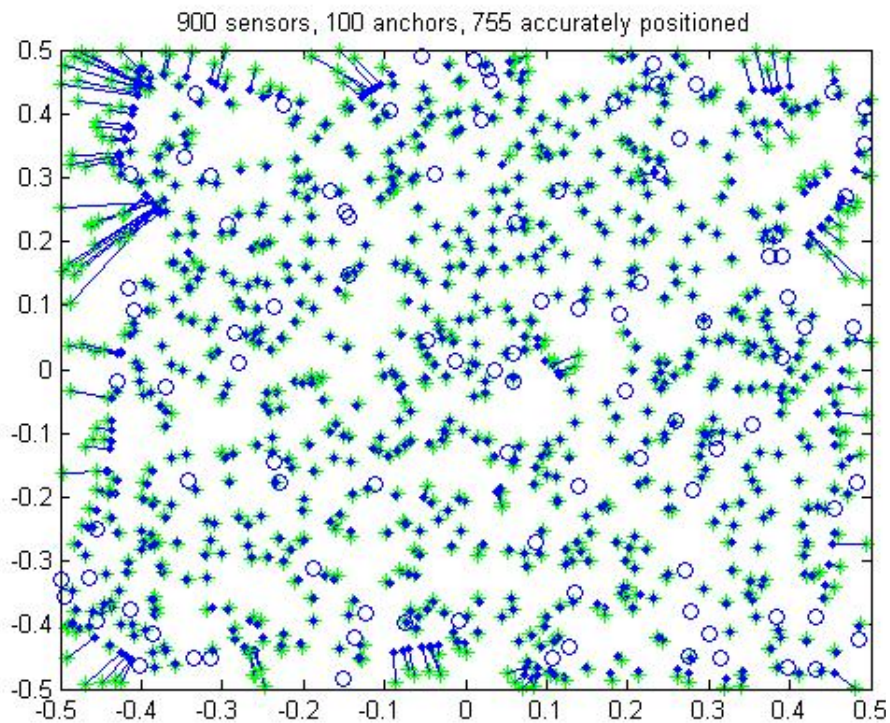
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- In simulation
  - ★ Lead to at least 20% improvement in RMSD;
  - ★ Take less than 20% extra solution time (when  $m_{ap} > 0.7m$ );
  - ★ Identify accurately positioned sensors using trace AFTER refinement.

900 sensors, 100 anchors,  $rr = 0.06$ ,  $\sigma = 0.01$ , solving  $\rho$ -ESDP by LPCGD, and then using  $\rho$ -ESDP<sub>lb</sub> as refinement.  $x_i^{\text{true}}$  denoted by green asterisks,  $x_i^{\text{LPCGD}}$  denoted by blue dots, anchors denoted by circles.  $x_i^{\text{true}}$  and  $x_i^{\text{LPCGD}}$  joined by blue straight line.



## Conclusion & Extension

- ESDP is sensitive to dist. measurement noise. Lack soln accuracy certificate.
- $\rho$ ESDP has soln accuracy certificate when  $\rho > |\delta|$ . Can  $\rho > |\delta|$  be relaxed? seems not.
- ESDP/ $\rho$ ESDP solns can be refined by performing gradient descent/adding lower bound constraints.
- Extension of our analysis to SOS relaxation (Nie '06)?

Thanks for coming! ☺