



# Geoacoustic Tracking

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**What** is geoacoustic tracking? What is a tracking filter?

- Geoacoustic tracking is the estimation of the evolution of geoacoustic parameters sequentially, temporal and/or spatial. (estimates and underlying posterior densities)
- A tracking filter is a recursive Bayesian estimator.

**Why** do it?

Efficient way of doing sequential estimation. A framework that handles both the previous values of the parameters and the sequential data at each index  $k$ .

**How** to do it?

- Kalman Framework, the optimal recursive Bayesian estimator for linear/Gaussian.
- Sequential Monte Carlo Techniques.



# Inversion vs. Tracking

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## Geoacoustic Inversion

$$\mathbf{d}^{obs} = h(\mathbf{m}) + \mathbf{e}$$

Forward model

$\mathbf{m}$  : state vector

$\mathbf{d}^{obs}$  : measurement vector

$\mathbf{e}$  : measurement noise vector

PPD:

$$p(\mathbf{m} | \mathbf{d})$$

## Geoacoustic Tracking

Environmental evolution model

$$\mathbf{x}_k = f_{k-1}(\mathbf{x}_{k-1}, \mathbf{v}_k) \quad \text{state equation}$$

$$\mathbf{y}_k = h_k(\mathbf{x}_k, \mathbf{w}_k) \quad \text{measurement equation}$$

Forward model

$\mathbf{x}_k$  : state vector

$\mathbf{y}_k$  : measurement vector

$\mathbf{v}_k$  : process/state noise vector

$\mathbf{w}_k$  : measurement noise vector

$$p(\mathbf{x}_k | \mathbf{X}_{k-1}, \mathbf{Y}_k)$$

$$\mathbf{X}_{k-1} = \mathbf{x}_{k-1}, \dots, \mathbf{x}_0$$

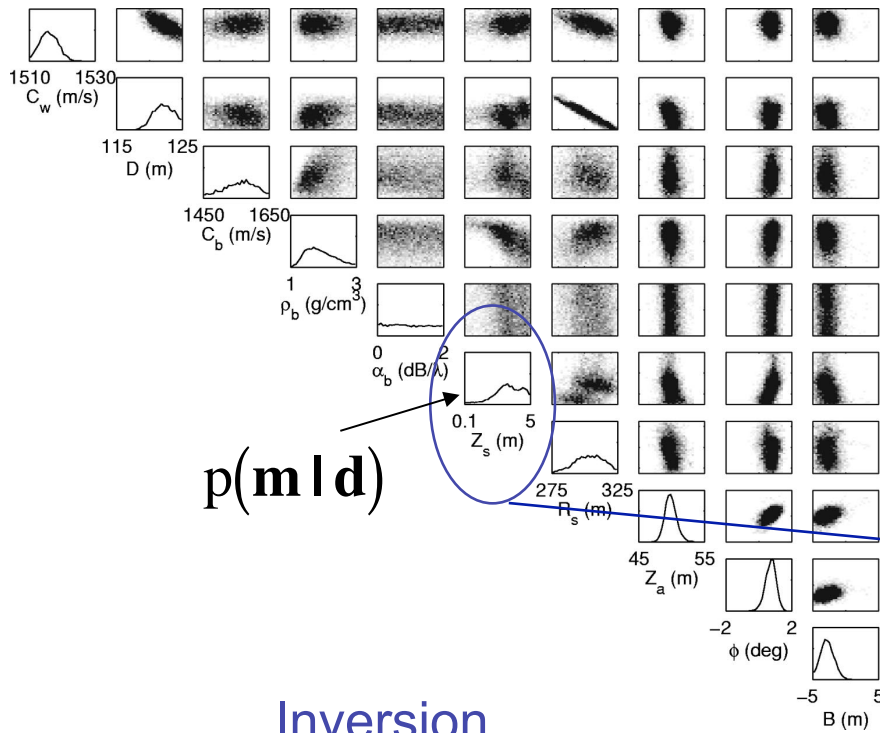
$$\mathbf{Y}_k = \mathbf{y}_k, \dots, \mathbf{y}_0$$



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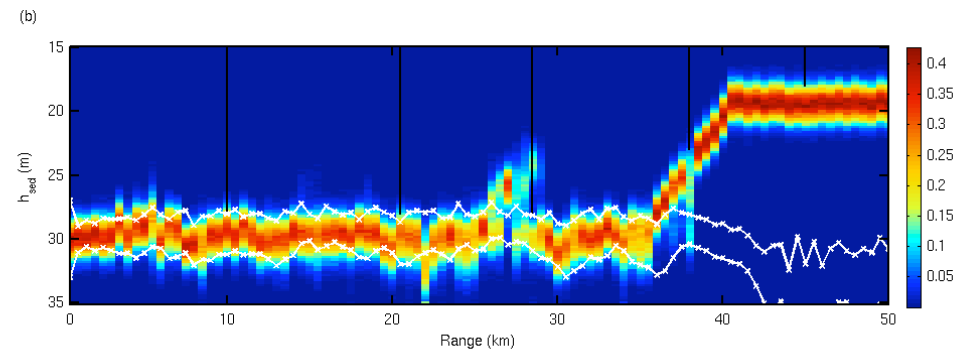
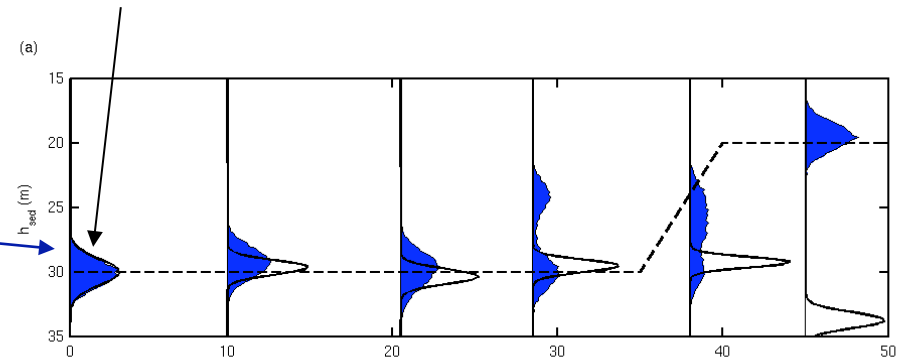
## Tracking



## Inversion

$$p(\mathbf{x}_k | \mathbf{X}_{k-1}, \mathbf{Y}_k)$$

$$\mathbf{X}_{k-1} = \mathbf{x}_{k-1}, \dots, \mathbf{x}_0 \quad \mathbf{Y}_k = \mathbf{y}_k, \dots, \mathbf{y}_0$$



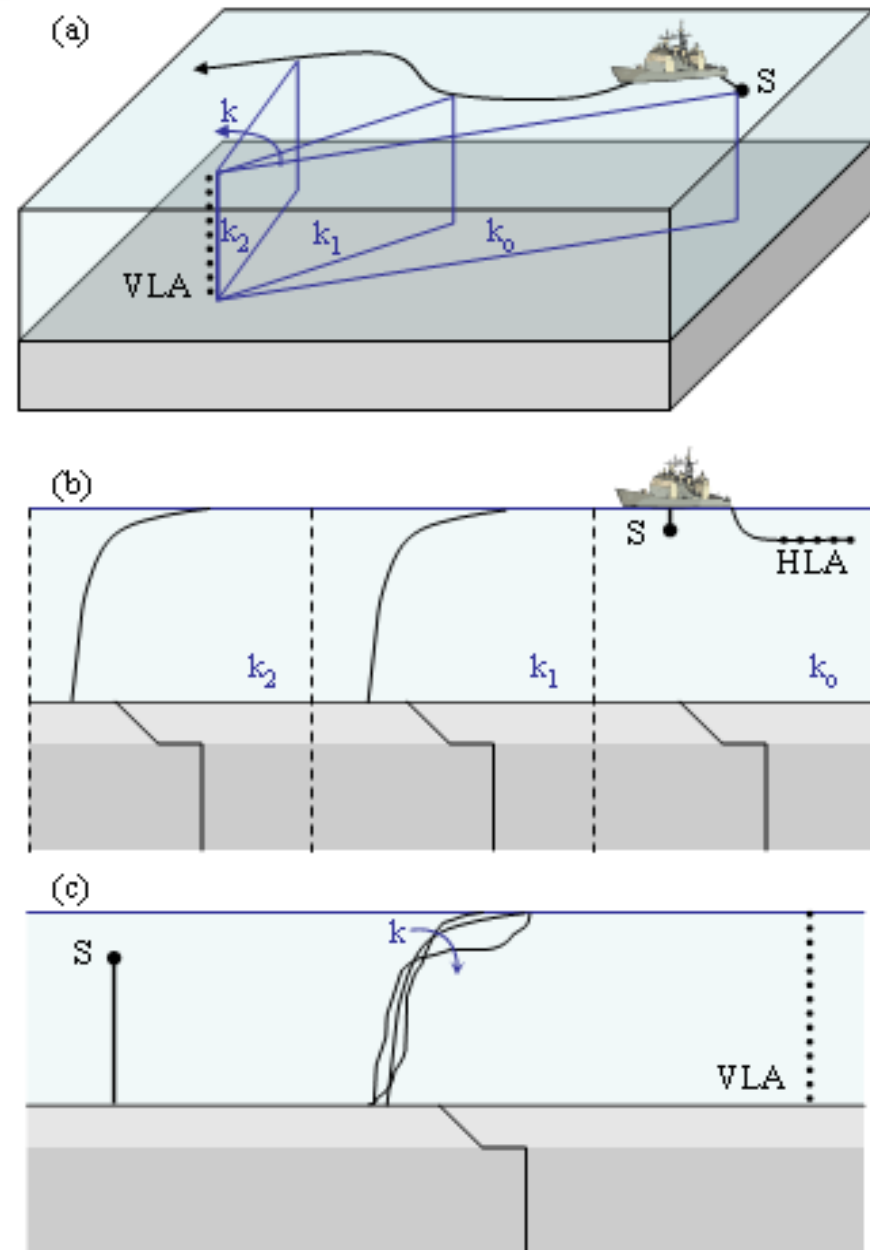


# Scenarios and Possible Applications

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- Towed source/fixed HLA, VLA
- Towed source/HLA platform
- Fixed hydrophone on the seafloor and a towed source
- Tow ship self noise data acquired via a towed HLA
- Passive fathometer from the ocean ambient noise field measured by drifting array
- Fixed source/receiver. Track sound speed evolution

SWARM95, SWAMI98, MAPEX2000,  
SCARAB98, ASCOT01, Boundary03,  
Yellow Shark94, MREA/BP07, SW06





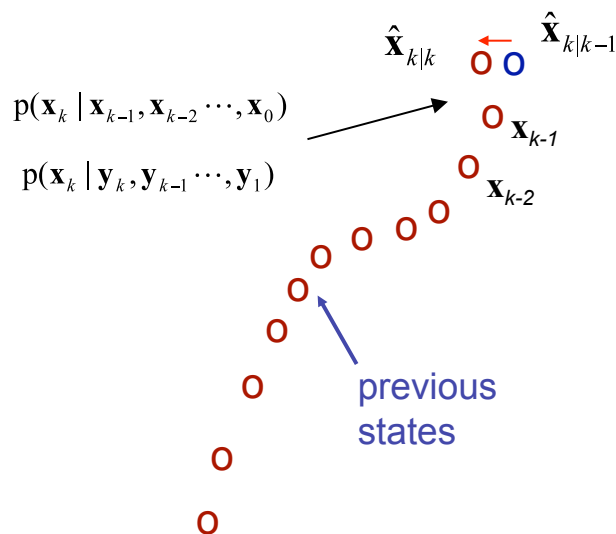
# Kalman Framework

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## A Single Kalman Iteration

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{x}_k &= \mathbf{F}_{k-1} \mathbf{x}_{k-1} + \mathbf{v}_k \\ \mathbf{y}_k &= \mathbf{H}_k \mathbf{x}_k + \mathbf{w}_k \end{aligned}$$

$$\mathbf{x}_{k|k} \sim \mathcal{N}(\hat{\mathbf{x}}_{k|k}, \mathbf{P}_{k|k})$$



1. Predict the mean  $\hat{\mathbf{x}}_{k|k-1}$  using previous history.

$$p(\mathbf{x}_k | \mathbf{x}_{k-1})$$

$$\hat{\mathbf{x}}_{k|k-1} = E\{\mathbf{x}_k | \mathbf{x}_{k-1}\} = \int \mathbf{x}_k p(\mathbf{x}_k | \mathbf{x}_{k-1}) d\mathbf{x}_k$$

2. Predict the covariance  $\mathbf{P}_{k|k-1}$  using previous history.

PREDICT

3. Correct/update the mean using new data  $\mathbf{y}_k$

$$p(\mathbf{x}_k | \mathbf{Y}_k)$$

$$\hat{\mathbf{x}}_{k|k} = E\{\mathbf{x}_k | \mathbf{Y}_k\} = \int \mathbf{x}_k p(\mathbf{x}_k | \mathbf{Y}_k) d\mathbf{x}_k$$

4. Correct/update the covariance  $\mathbf{P}_{k|k}$  using  $\mathbf{y}_k$

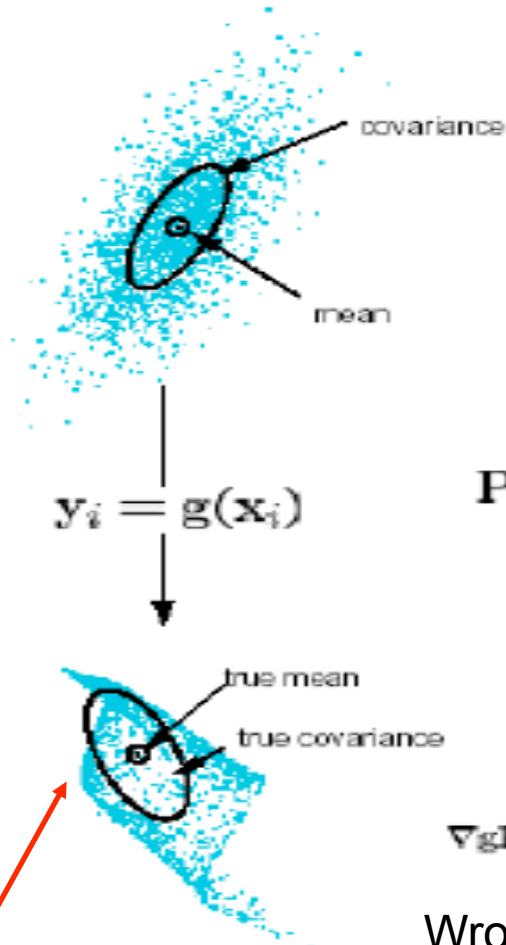
UPDATE

$$\dots \Rightarrow p(\mathbf{x}_{k-1} | \mathbf{Y}_{k-1}) \Rightarrow p(\mathbf{x}_k | \mathbf{Y}_{k-1}) \Rightarrow p(\mathbf{x}_k | \mathbf{Y}_k) \Rightarrow \dots$$

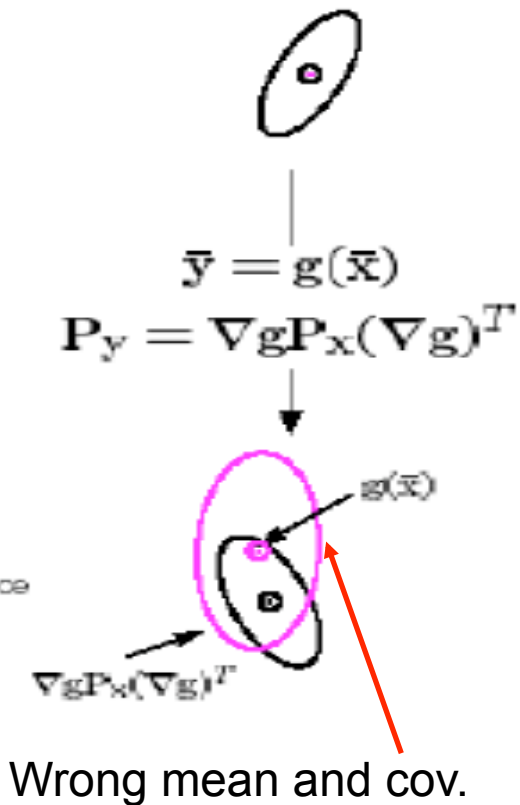
PREDICTOR-CORRECTOR

DENSITY PROPAGATOR

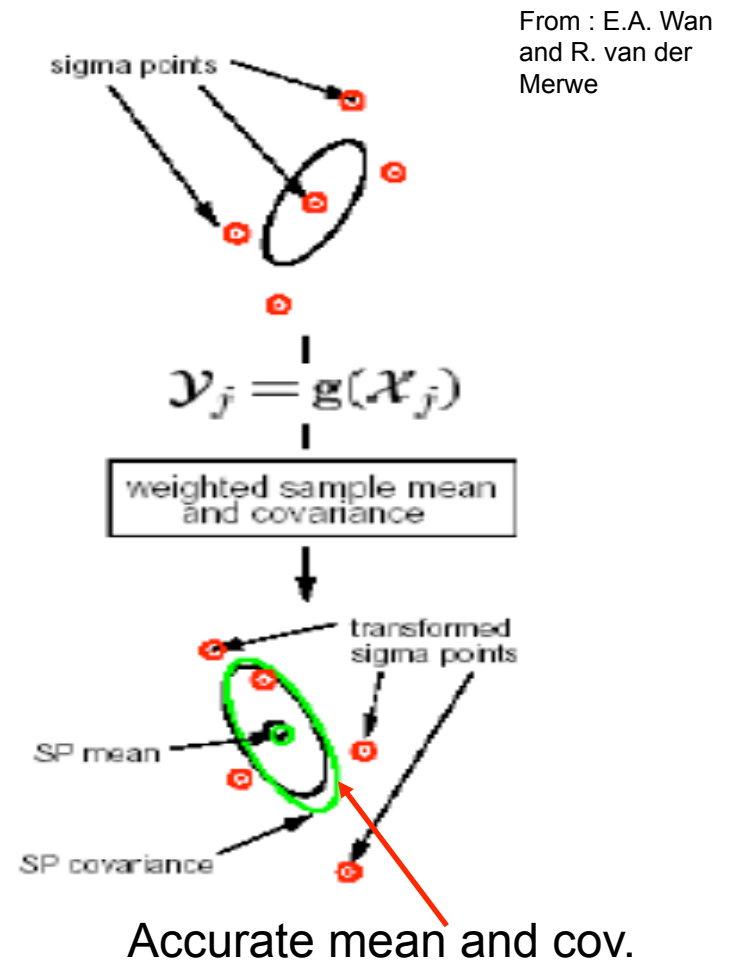
Actual (sampling)



Linearized (EKF)



Sigma-Point







# Particle Filter (PF)

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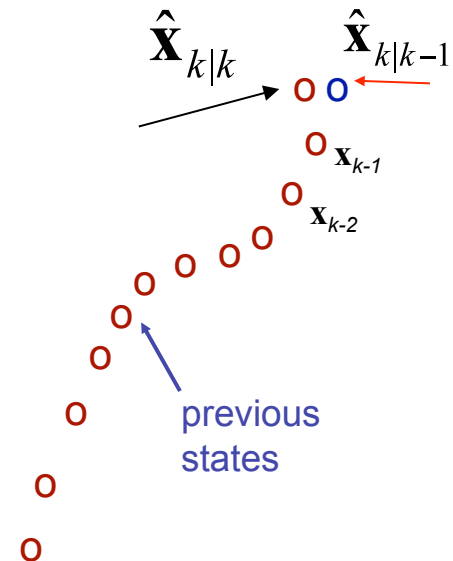
$$\mathbf{x}_k = f_{k-1}(\mathbf{x}_{k-1}, \mathbf{v}_k)$$

$$\mathbf{y}_k = h_k(\mathbf{x}_k, \mathbf{w}_k)$$

$f, h$  : nonlinear

$\mathbf{x}_k, \mathbf{y}_k, \mathbf{v}_k, \mathbf{w}_k$  : non-Gaussian

$p(\mathbf{x}_o) \sim \{\chi_o^i\}_{i=1}^{N_p}$	Initial distribution
$p(\mathbf{x}_k   \mathbf{x}_{k-1}) \sim \{\chi_{k k-1}^i\}_{i=1}^{N_p}$	Prediction
$p(\mathbf{x}_k   \mathbf{y}_k) \sim \{\chi_{k k}^i\}_{i=1}^{N_p}$	Update



MC

Importance Sampling (IS)



SMC

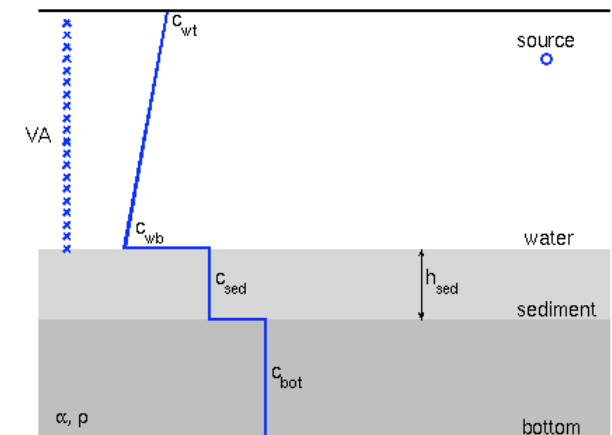
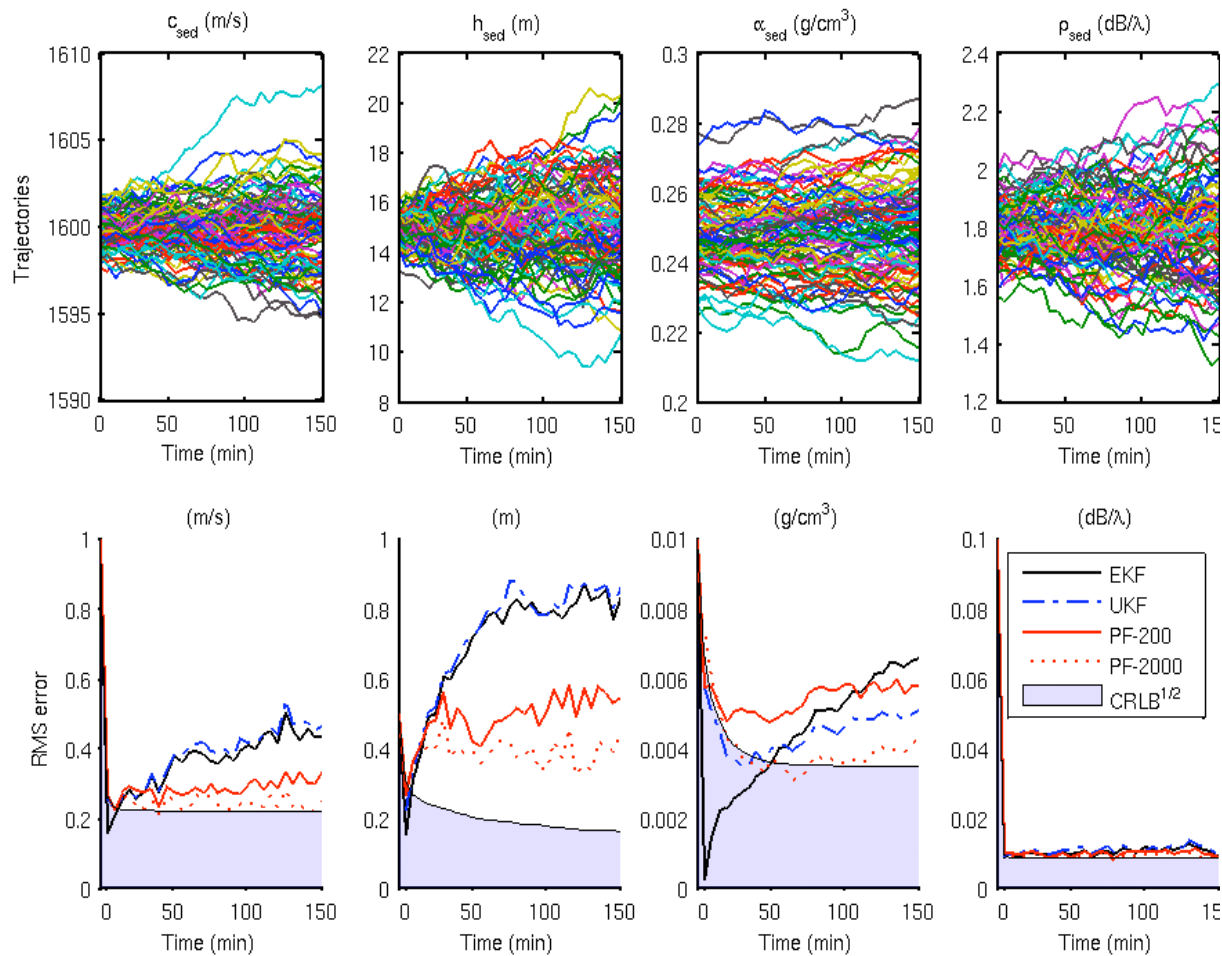
Sequential Importance Resampling (SIR)



# Filter Performance and PCRLB

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- 5 km range Circular arc
- Performance of 100 tracks
- EKF, UKF, PF-200, PF-2000
- Posterior or Bayesian CRLB (MC sampled)





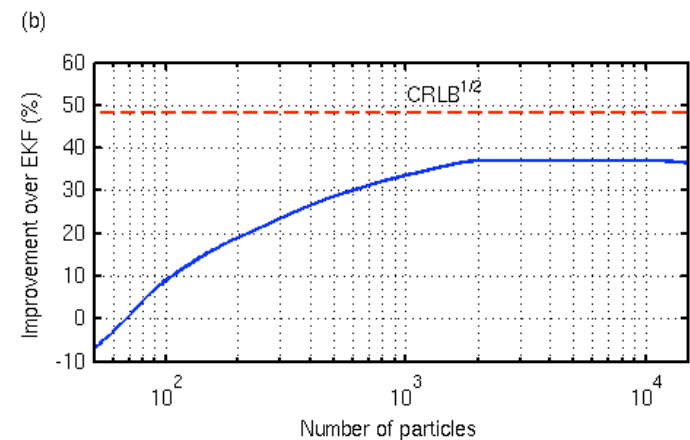
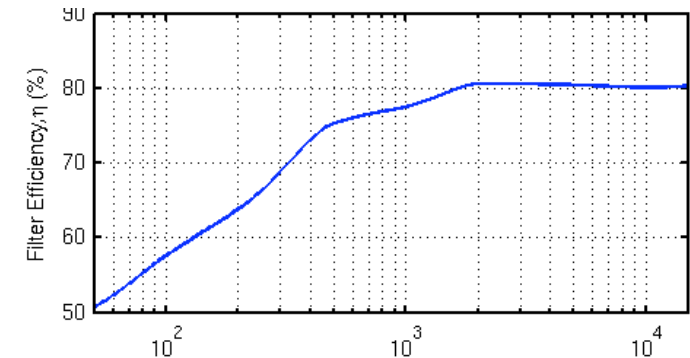
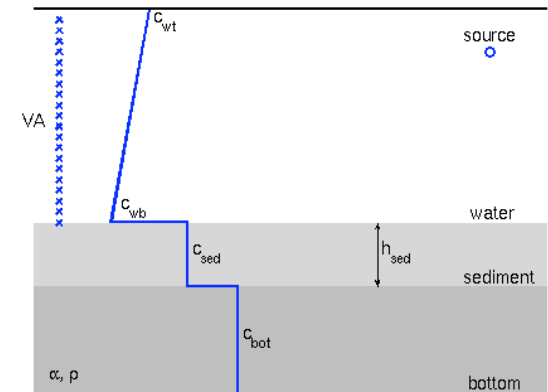
# Filter Performance and PCRLB

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TABLE II. Performance Comparison for Example I

Method	RMS at $t = 150$ min				Avg. $\eta$	RTAMS (100–150 min)				Avg. % Improv. Over EKF
	$c_{\text{sed}}$ (m/s)	$h_{\text{sed}}$ (m)	$\alpha_{\text{sed}}$ (dB/ $\lambda$ )	$\rho_{\text{sed}}$ (g/cm <sup>3</sup> )		$c_{\text{sed}}$ (m/s)	$h_{\text{sed}}$ (m)	$\alpha_{\text{sed}}$ (dB/ $\lambda$ )	$\rho_{\text{sed}}$ (g/cm <sup>3</sup> )	
<b>EKF</b>	0.43	0.77	$6.5 \cdot 10^{-3}$	$10.7 \cdot 10^{-3}$	52	0.44	0.82	$6.1 \cdot 10^{-3}$	$11.3 \cdot 10^{-3}$	0
<b>UKF</b>	0.45	0.80	$5.0 \cdot 10^{-3}$	$11.1 \cdot 10^{-3}$	55	0.46	0.84	$4.9 \cdot 10^{-3}$	$11.8 \cdot 10^{-3}$	2
<b>PF-200</b>	0.30	0.53	$5.8 \cdot 10^{-3}$	$9.9 \cdot 10^{-3}$	63	0.31	0.54	$5.8 \cdot 10^{-3}$	$10.4 \cdot 10^{-3}$	19
<b>PF-2000</b>	0.22	0.39	$4.2 \cdot 10^{-3}$	$9.3 \cdot 10^{-3}$	80	0.24	0.39	$3.9 \cdot 10^{-3}$	$9.6 \cdot 10^{-3}$	36
<b>PF-10000</b>	0.22	0.39	$4.2 \cdot 10^{-3}$	$9.310^{-3}$	81	0.24	0.39	$3.9 \cdot 10^{-3}$	$9.6 \cdot 10^{-3}$	37
<b><math>\sqrt{\text{CRLB}}</math></b>	0.22	0.16	$3.5 \cdot 10^{-3}$	$8.8 \cdot 10^{-3}$	100	0.22	0.17	$3.5 \cdot 10^{-3}$	$8.8 \cdot 10^{-3}$	48

- EKF and UKF:  $(2 \cdot 4 + 1) = 9$  forward model runs/step
- CPU time: a factor  $\sim 20$  (PF-200), 200 (PF-2000), 1000 (PF-20000) more than EKF.

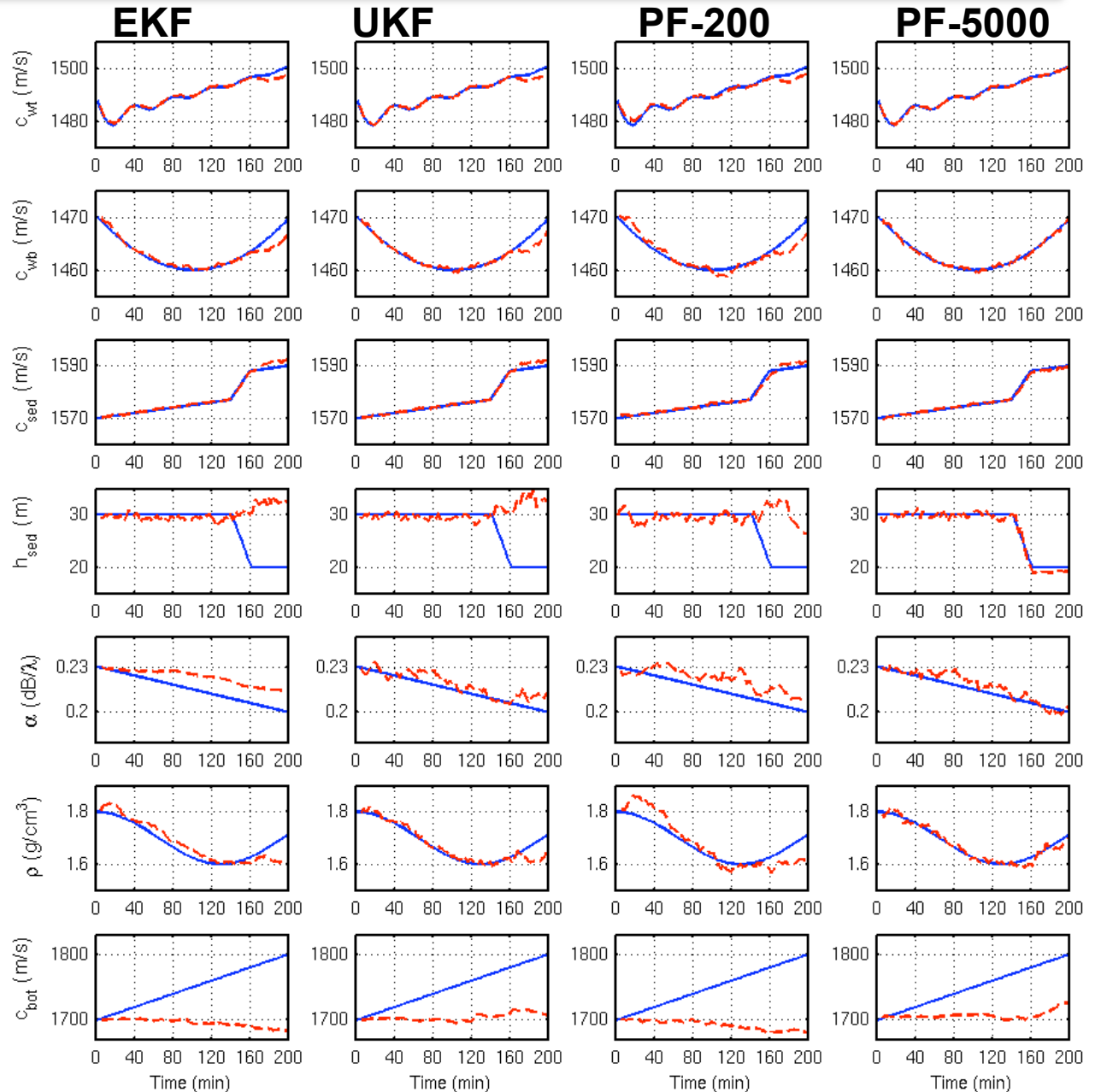
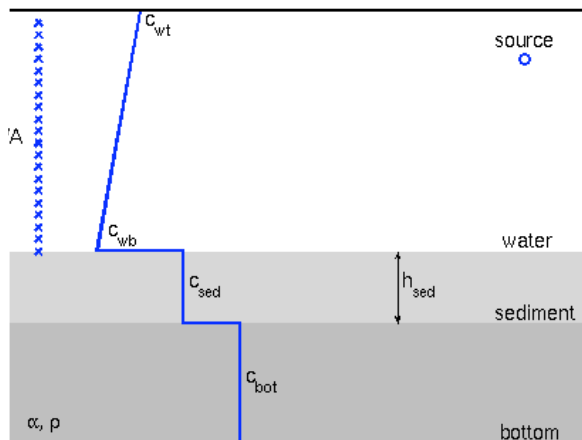




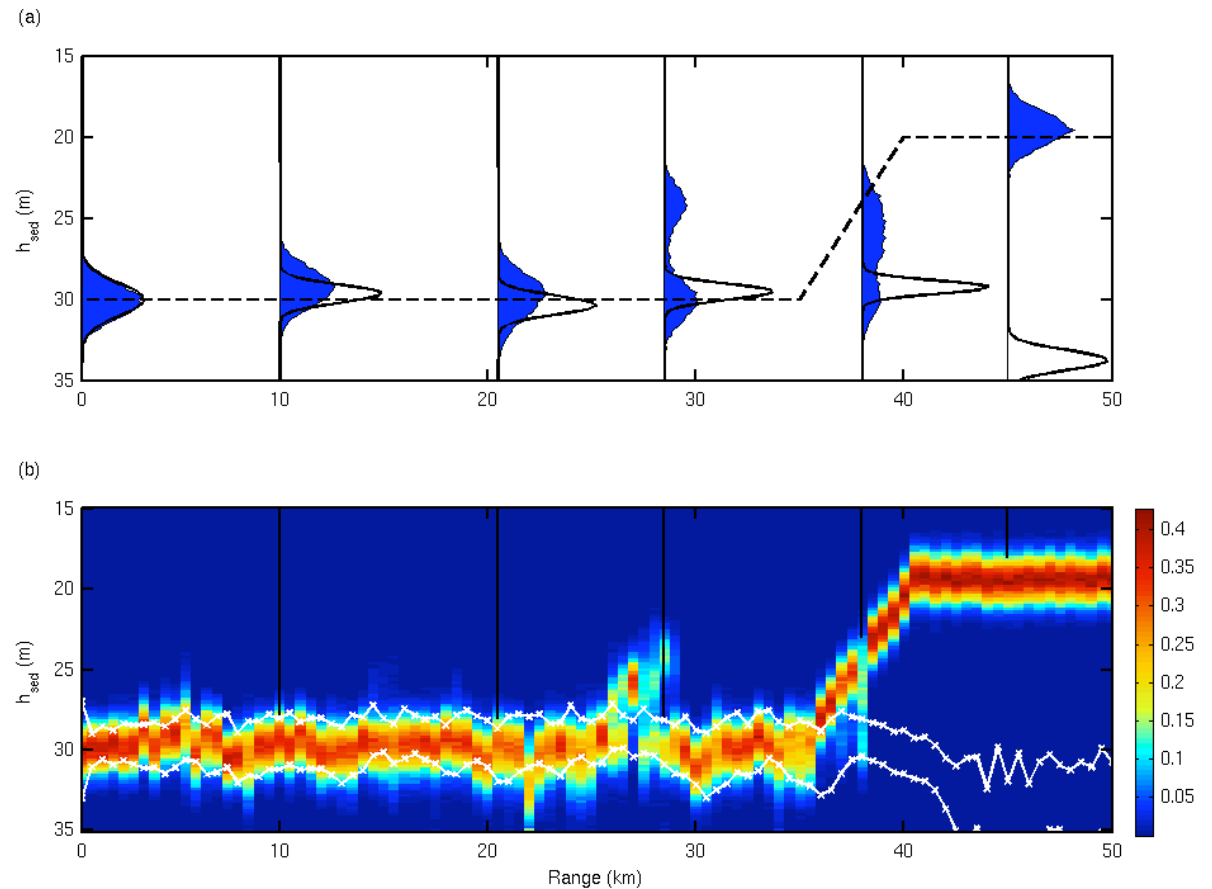
## Tracking Example 2

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- Evolution of a 200 min track with jump in sediment, VLA 5km range
- True environment
- Tracked environment
- PF-5000 tracks sediment jump



- PPD of sediment thickness
- Black curves: EKF (Gaussian)
- PF with 10k particles
- MCMC requires typically 100 k to 1 M particles
- PF requires less particles, because it is based on the history





# Conclusions

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Geoacoustic tracking can help improve the estimating the evolution of the environmental parameters and their associated uncertainties and can be a useful tool to complement classical geoacoustic inversion algorithms.

- EKF: Easy and fast but not for most geoacoustic tracking problems which can be highly nonlinear and non-Gaussian.
- UKF: Higher order nonlinearities, but still high nonlinearity and non Gaussian pdfs are problematic.
- PF: No assumptions. for nonlinear, non-Gaussian problems.