

# Robust and Optimal Sensor Fusion

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## I. INTRODUCTION

## II. OPTIMAL SUPER SENSOR NOISE: $\mathcal{H}_2$ SYNTHESIS

### A. Sensor Model

### B. Sensor Fusion Architecture

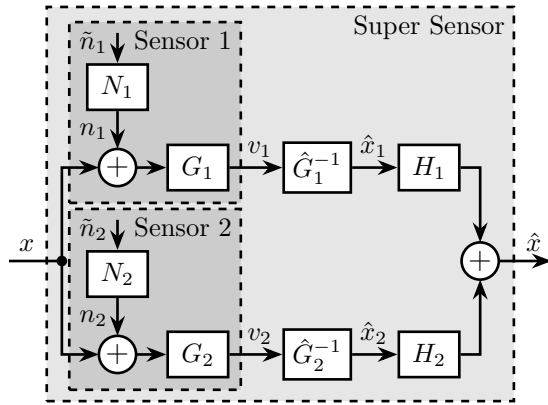


Fig. 1. Sensor Fusion Architecture with sensor noise

Let note  $\Phi$  the PSD.  $\tilde{n}_1$  and  $\tilde{n}_2$  are white noise with unitary power spectral density:

$$\Phi_{\tilde{n}_i}(\omega) = 1 \quad (1)$$

$$\hat{x} = \left( H_1 \hat{G}_1^{-1} G_1 + H_2 \hat{G}_2^{-1} G_2 \right) x + \left( H_1 \hat{G}_1^{-1} N_1 \right) \tilde{n}_1 + \left( H_2 \hat{G}_2^{-1} N_2 \right) \tilde{n}_2 \quad (2)$$

Suppose the sensor dynamical model  $\hat{G}_i$  is perfect:

$$\hat{G}_i = G_i \quad (3)$$

Complementary Filters

$$H_1(s) + H_2(s) = 1 \quad (4)$$

$$\hat{x} = x + \left( H_1 \hat{G}_1^{-1} N_1 \right) \tilde{n}_1 + \left( H_2 \hat{G}_2^{-1} N_2 \right) \tilde{n}_2 \quad (5)$$

Perfect dynamics + filter noise

### C. Super Sensor Noise

Let's note  $n$  the super sensor noise.

Its PSD is determined by:

$$\Phi_n(\omega) = \left| H_1 \hat{G}_1^{-1} N_1 \right|^2 + \left| H_2 \hat{G}_2^{-1} N_2 \right|^2 \quad (6)$$

### D. $\mathcal{H}_2$ Synthesis of Complementary Filters

The goal is to design  $H_1(s)$  and  $H_2(s)$  such that the effect of the noise sources  $\tilde{n}_1$  and  $\tilde{n}_2$  has the smallest possible effect on the noise  $n$  of the estimation  $\hat{x}$ .

And the goal is the minimize the Root Mean Square (RMS) value of  $n$ :

$$\sigma_n = \sqrt{\int_0^\infty \Phi_{\tilde{n}}(\omega) d\omega} = \left\| \begin{matrix} \hat{G}_1^{-1} N_1 H_1 \\ \hat{G}_2^{-1} N_2 H_2 \end{matrix} \right\|_2 \quad (7)$$

Thus, the goal is to design  $H_1(s)$  and  $H_2(s)$  such that  $H_1(s) + H_2(s) = 1$  and such that  $\left\| \begin{matrix} \hat{G}_1^{-1} N_1 H_1 \\ \hat{G}_2^{-1} N_2 H_2 \end{matrix} \right\|_2$  is minimized.

$$\begin{pmatrix} z_1 \\ z_2 \\ v \end{pmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \hat{G}_1^{-1} N_1 & -\hat{G}_1^{-1} N_1 \\ 0 & \hat{G}_2^{-1} N_2 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} w \\ u \end{pmatrix} \quad (8)$$

The  $\mathcal{H}_2$  synthesis of the complementary filters thus minimized the RMS value of the super sensor noise.

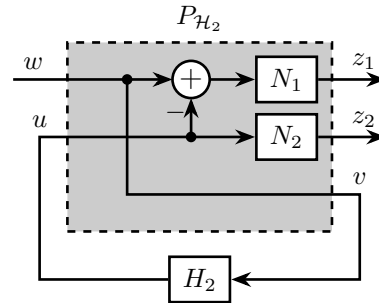


Fig. 2. Generalized plant  $P_{\mathcal{H}_2}$  used for the  $\mathcal{H}_2$  synthesis of complementary filters

E. Example

F. Robustness Problem

III. ROBUST SENSOR FUSION:  $\mathcal{H}_\infty$  SYNTHESIS

A. Representation of Sensor Dynamical Uncertainty

Suppose that the sensor dynamics  $G_i(s)$  can be modelled by a nominal  $\hat{G}_i$

$$G_i(s) = \hat{G}_i(s) (1 + w_i(s)\Delta_i(s)); \quad |\Delta_i(j\omega)| < 1 \forall \omega \quad (9)$$

B. Sensor Fusion Architecture

$$\hat{x} = \left( H_1 \hat{G}_1^{-1} \hat{G}_1 (1 + w_1 \Delta_1) + H_2 \hat{G}_2^{-1} \hat{G}_2 (1 + w_2 \Delta_2) \right) x \quad (10)$$

with  $\Delta_i$  is any transfer function satisfying  $\|\Delta_i\|_\infty < 1$ .

Suppose the model inversion is equal to the nominal model:

$$\hat{G}_i = G_i \quad (11)$$

$$\hat{x} = (1 + H_1 w_1 \Delta_1 + H_2 w_2 \Delta_2) x \quad (12)$$

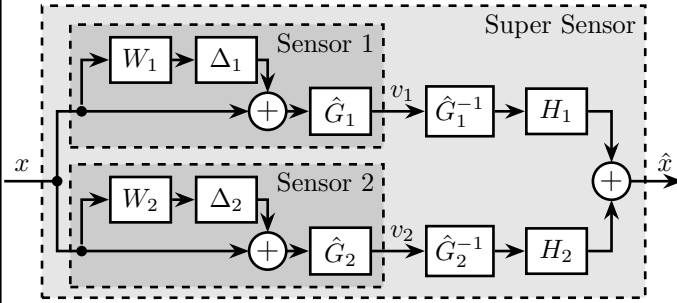


Fig. 3. Sensor Fusion Architecture with sensor model uncertainty

C. Super Sensor Dynamical Uncertainty

The uncertainty set of the transfer function from  $\hat{x}$  to  $x$  at frequency  $\omega$  is bounded in the complex plane by a circle centered on 1 and with a radius equal to  $|w_1(j\omega)H_1(j\omega)| + |w_2(j\omega)H_2(j\omega)|$ .

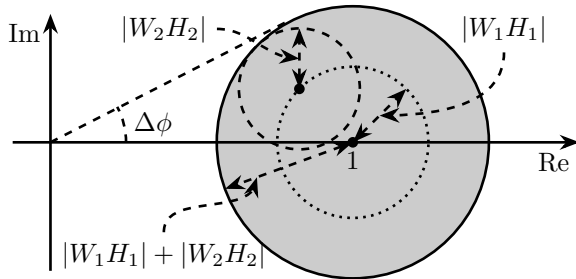


Fig. 4. Super Sensor model uncertainty displayed in the complex plane

D.  $\mathcal{H}_\infty$  Synthesis of Complementary Filters

In order to minimize the super sensor dynamical uncertainty

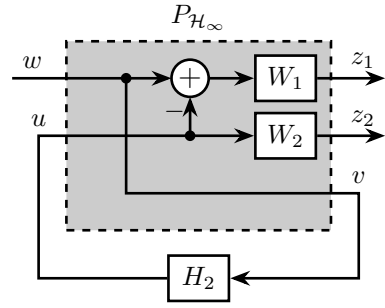


Fig. 5. Generalized plant  $P_{\mathcal{H}_\infty}$  used for the  $\mathcal{H}_\infty$  synthesis of complementary filters

E. Example

IV. OPTIMAL AND ROBUST SENSOR FUSION: MIXED  $\mathcal{H}_2/\mathcal{H}_\infty$  SYNTHESIS

A. Sensor Fusion Architecture

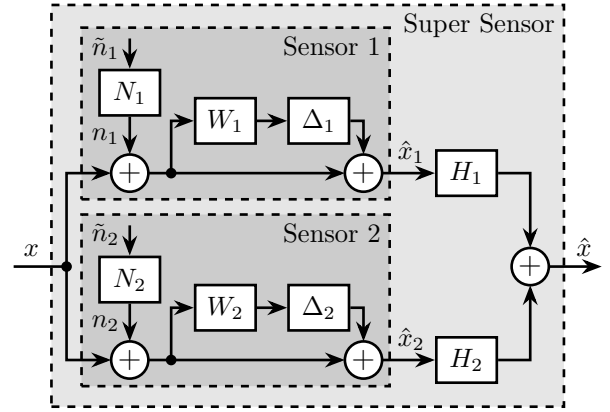


Fig. 6. Super Sensor Fusion with both sensor noise and sensor model uncertainty

B. Synthesis Objective

C. Mixed  $\mathcal{H}_2/\mathcal{H}_\infty$  Synthesis

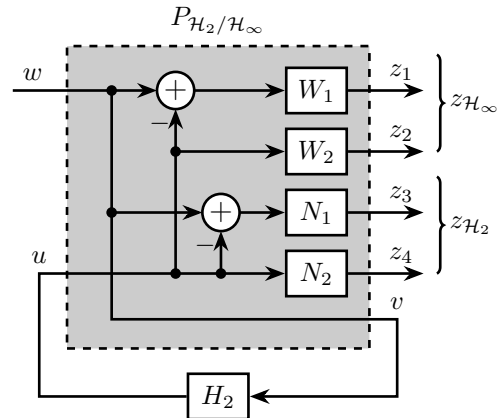


Fig. 7. Generalized plant  $P_{\mathcal{H}_2/\mathcal{H}_\infty}$  used for the mixed  $\mathcal{H}_2/\mathcal{H}_\infty$  synthesis of complementary filters

#### D. Example

### V. EXPERIMENTAL VALIDATION

#### A. Experimental Setup

#### B. Sensor Noise and Dynamical Uncertainty

#### C. Mixed $\mathcal{H}_2/\mathcal{H}_\infty$ Synthesis

#### D. Super Sensor Noise and Dynamical Uncertainty

### VI. CONCLUSION

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