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Datalink Delay Induced UAV
Payload Release Error
Compensation Based on Forward
Estimated Kalman Filter

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Introduction

- UAV is typically composed by aircraft, GCS, datalink and pilot.
- “Airplane and pilot separation”
- Flight state-feedback message delivered to GCS after transmission delay
 - Influences the aiming error and Head-Up Display (HUD) symbol
 - Affects the pilot’s payload release command confirming judgment

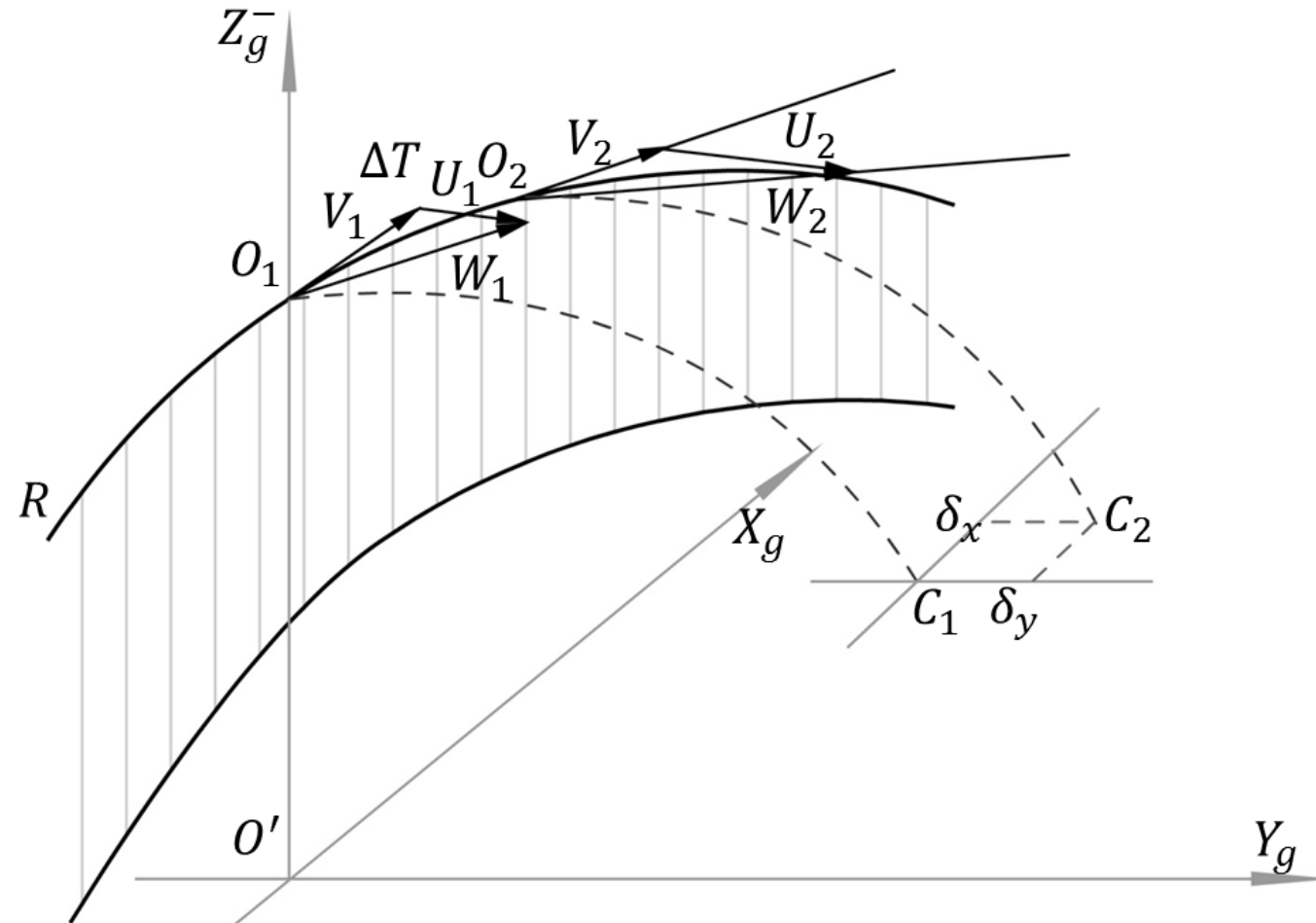
Literature Review

- Hattis and Grisword established the guidance and control dynamics model for aircraft payload releasement¹⁻²
- Guo proposed a new predictive filter which could compensate the UAV message transmission delay³
- Nagarajan and Jawhar improves the UAV datalink communication performance in perspective of communication and network⁴⁻⁵
- Ryo focused on Receding-Horizon Unscented Kalman Filter which was applied in spacecraft attitude estimation⁶
- Jia proposed a sparse gauss-hermite quadrature filter for spacecraft attitude estimation⁷

Problem to Solve

- Current research does not propose an effective compensation or estimation method for the UAV payload release error induced by datalink delay and jitter yet
- We proposed Forward Estimation Kalman Filter (FEKF)

Problem Description



Payload release delay induced UAV NWL ground impact point miss-distance

Problem Description

- Error caused by ΔT

$$\Delta\chi = \frac{g \sqrt{n_n^2 - 1}}{|W|} \cdot \Delta T$$

$$W = V + U$$

- Need to get compensated

$$\Delta A = 2R \sin \frac{\Delta\chi}{2}$$

Forward Estimated Kalman Filter (FEKF)

- To reduce the influence of the payload releasement authorization delay induced by datalink communication channel, it is necessary to estimate the actual current state of the UAV.
- For the Linear Time Invariant (LTI) process of UAV lateral NWL payload releasement, Linear Kalman Filter can be used.

Forward Estimated Kalman Filter (FEKF)

$$P_k^- = AP_{k-1}A^T + Q$$

$$K_k = P_k^- H^T (HP_k^- H^T + R)^{-1}$$

$$\hat{\mathbf{x}}_k = \hat{\mathbf{x}}_k^- + K_k \left(\mathbf{z}_k - H \hat{\mathbf{x}}_k^- \right)$$

- state observation \mathbf{z}_k and the prior estimation $\hat{\mathbf{x}}_k^-$ can not be obtained directly

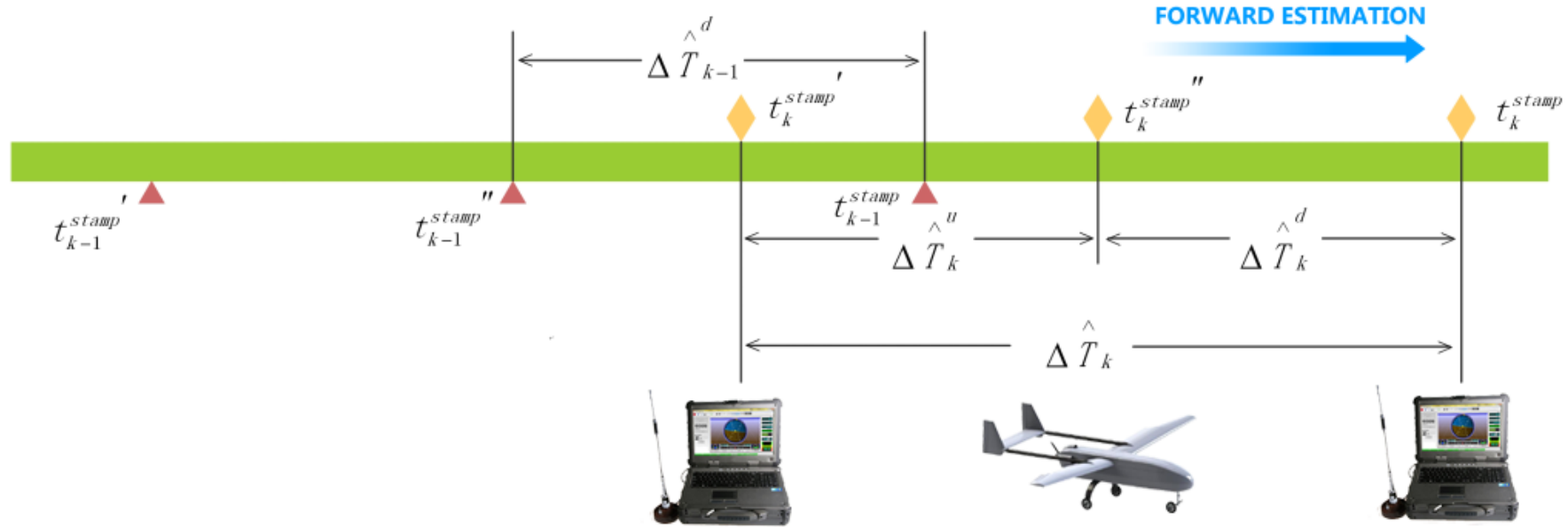
$$P_k = (I - K_k H) P_k^-$$

$$\mathbf{x} = [x_g, y_g, z_g, \chi, \gamma, \mu]^T$$

Forward Estimated Kalman Filter (FEKF)

- How to get $\hat{\mathbf{x}}_k^-$ and \mathbf{z}_k ?

Forward Estimated Kalman Filter (FEKF)



$$\Delta \hat{T}_k^d = \frac{t_k^{stamp} - t_{k-1}^{stamp}}{2}$$

Forward Estimated Kalman Filter (FEKF)

$$\dot{\mathbf{x}} = \mathbf{A}\mathbf{x} + \mathbf{B}\mathbf{u}$$

$$\dot{\mathbf{x}} = \frac{\mathbf{x}(t + \Delta T) - \mathbf{x}(t)}{\Delta T}$$

$$\frac{\mathbf{x}(t + \Delta T) - \mathbf{x}(t)}{\Delta T} \cong \mathbf{A}\mathbf{x}(t) + \mathbf{B}\mathbf{u}(t)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{x}(t + \Delta T) &\cong \Delta T \mathbf{A}\mathbf{x}(t) + \mathbf{x}(t) + \Delta T \mathbf{B}\mathbf{u}(t) \\ &\cong (\Delta T \mathbf{A} + \mathbf{I})\mathbf{x}(t) + \Delta T \mathbf{B}\mathbf{u}(t) \end{aligned}$$

- After $\Delta \hat{T}_k^d$ estimated, states can be revealed by Eulerian method



$$\hat{\mathbf{x}}_k^- = \begin{pmatrix} \Delta \hat{T}_k^d \\ \Delta \hat{T}_k^d \mathbf{A} + \mathbf{I} \end{pmatrix} \hat{\mathbf{x}}_{k-1}$$



$$\mathbf{z}_k = \begin{pmatrix} \Delta \hat{T}_k^d \\ \Delta \hat{T}_k^d \mathbf{A} + \mathbf{I} \end{pmatrix} \mathbf{z}_{k-1}$$

- Look $\Delta \hat{T}_k^d$ Forward

Forward Estimated Kalman Filter (FEKF)

$$\begin{cases} \dot{\mathbf{x}}(t) = \mathbf{A}\mathbf{x}(t) \\ \mathbf{x}(t_k^{stamp}) = \mathbf{x}_0 \end{cases}, t \in [t_k^{stamp}, t_{k-1}^{stamp}]$$

$$\hat{\mathbf{x}}_k^- = \mathbf{x}\left(t + \Delta \hat{T}_k^d\right) = \mathbf{x}(t) + \frac{\Delta \hat{T}_k^d}{6} (\mathbf{K}_1 + 2\mathbf{K}_2 + 2\mathbf{K}_3 + \mathbf{K}_4)$$

$$\mathbf{K}_1 = \mathbf{f}\left(t_k^{stamp}, \mathbf{x}(t_k^{stamp})\right)$$

$$\mathbf{K}_2 = \mathbf{f}\left(t_k^{stamp} + \frac{\Delta \hat{T}_k^d}{2}, \mathbf{x}\left(t_k^{stamp}\right) + \frac{\Delta \hat{T}_k^d}{2} \cdot \mathbf{K}_1\right)$$

$$\mathbf{K}_3 = \mathbf{f}\left(t_k^{stamp} + \frac{\Delta \hat{T}_k^d}{2}, \mathbf{x}\left(t_k^{stamp}\right) + \frac{\Delta \hat{T}_k^d}{2} \cdot \mathbf{K}_2\right)$$

$$\mathbf{K}_4 = \mathbf{f}\left(t_k^{stamp} + \Delta \hat{T}_k^d, \mathbf{x}\left(t_k^{stamp}\right) + \Delta \hat{T}_k^d \mathbf{K}_3\right)$$

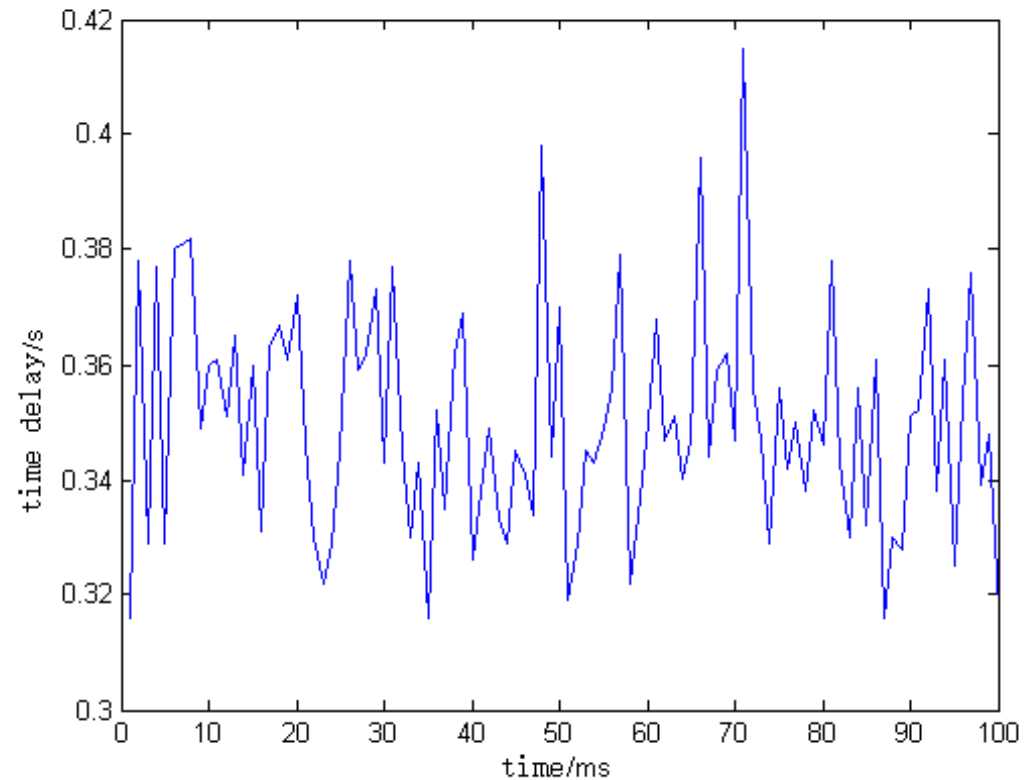
- 4th order Runge-Kutta = **Better Estimation**

Forward Estimated Kalman Filter (FEKF)

- We need simulation to demonstrate our idea.

Simulation System Modeling - Datalink Delay

$$y = f(x|\lambda) = \frac{\lambda^x}{x!} e^{-\lambda} I_{(0,1,\dots)}(x)$$



Simulation System Modeling - Flight Mechanics

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l}
 \frac{dx_g}{dt} = v_{dx} = v \cos \gamma \cos \chi \\
 \frac{dy_g}{dt} = v_{dy} = v \sin \gamma \\
 \frac{dz_g}{dt} = v_{dz} = -v \cos \gamma \sin \chi \\
 \frac{dv}{dt} = -[D_0 + D_i(n_D^2 + n_T^2)]/m - g \sin \gamma \\
 \frac{d\gamma}{dt} = g(n_D - \cos \gamma)/v \\
 \frac{d\chi}{dt} = gn_T/(v \cos \gamma)
 \end{array} \right.$$

$$\vec{R} = \begin{bmatrix} -D \\ L \cos \mu \\ L \sin \mu \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -C_D qS \\ C_L qS \cos \mu + C_c qS \sin \mu \\ C_L qS \sin \mu - C_c qS \cos \mu \end{bmatrix}$$

Simulation System Modeling - Steering

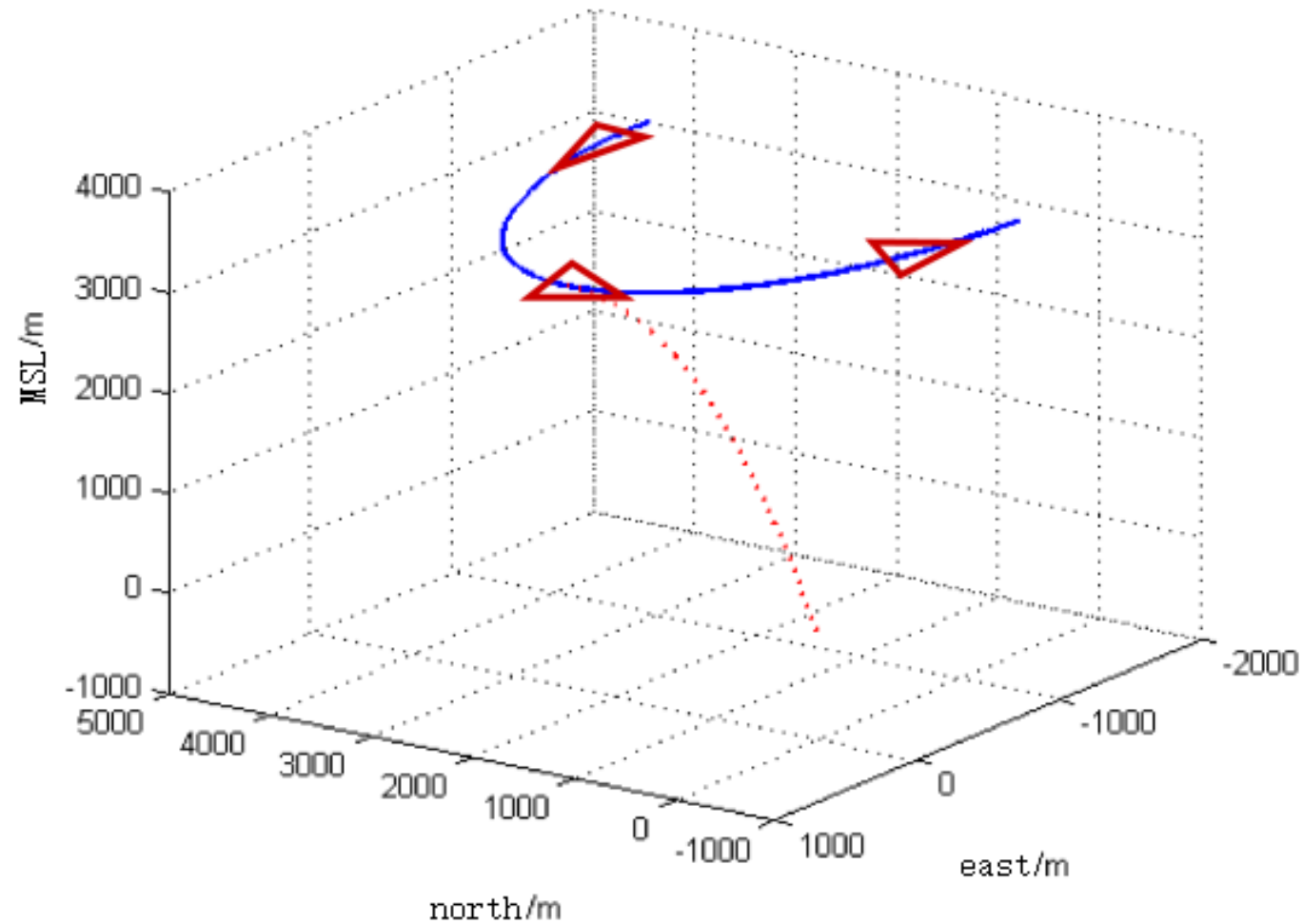
$$A \sin\left(\frac{A_n v}{R_p^2 - A_t^2}\right) - A_n \cos\left(\frac{A_n v}{R_p^2 - A_t^2} t\right) + A_t \sin\left(\frac{A_n v}{R_p^2 - A_t^2} t\right) = 0$$

$$A_t = x_i \cos \chi_c + y_i \sin \chi_c - |\mathbf{U}|(t + T) \cos(\varepsilon - \chi_c)$$

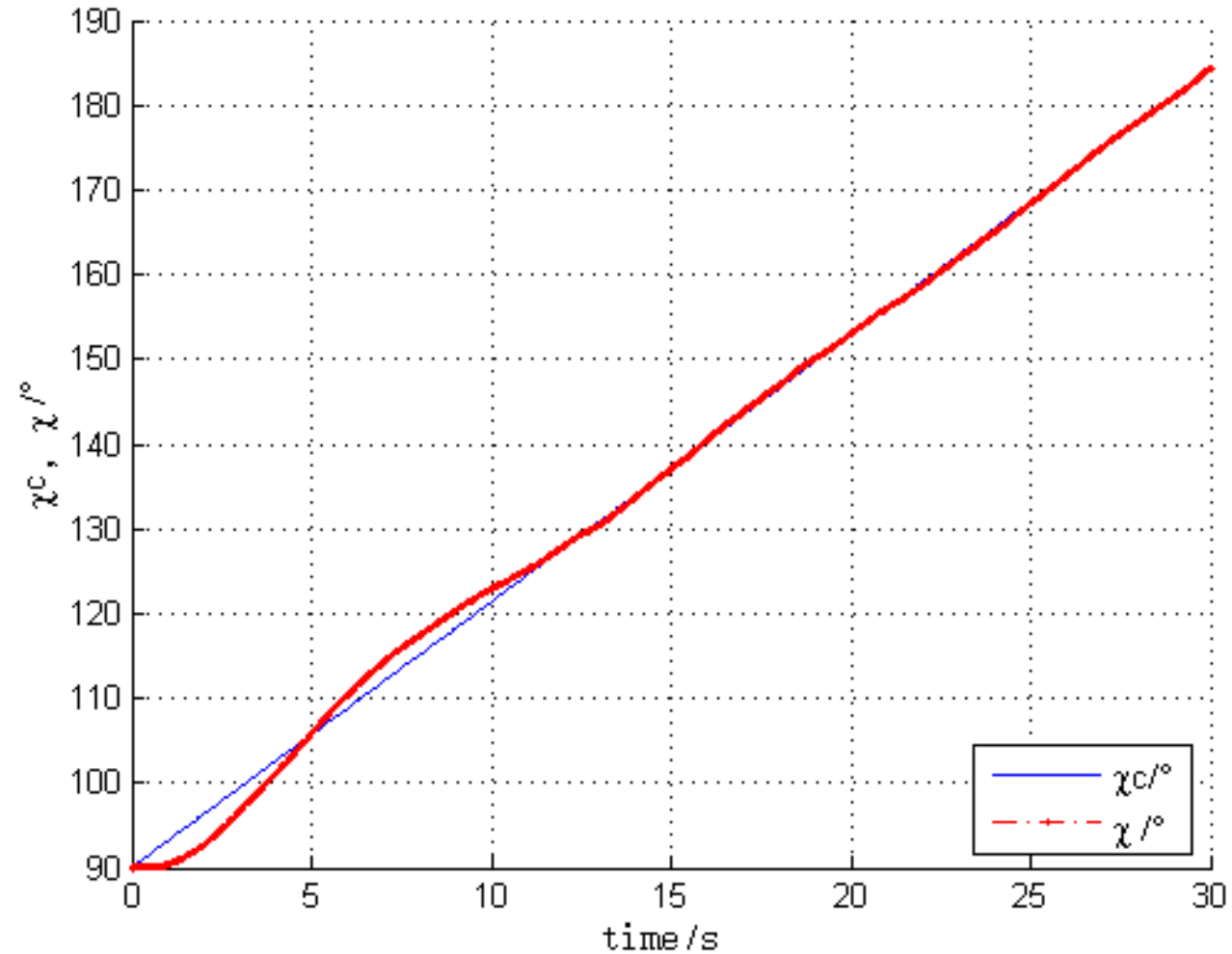
$$A_n = y_i \cos \chi_c + x_i \sin \chi_c - |\mathbf{U}|(t + T) \sin(\varepsilon - \chi_c)$$

$$|\mathbf{R}_p|^2 = A_t^2 + A_n^2$$

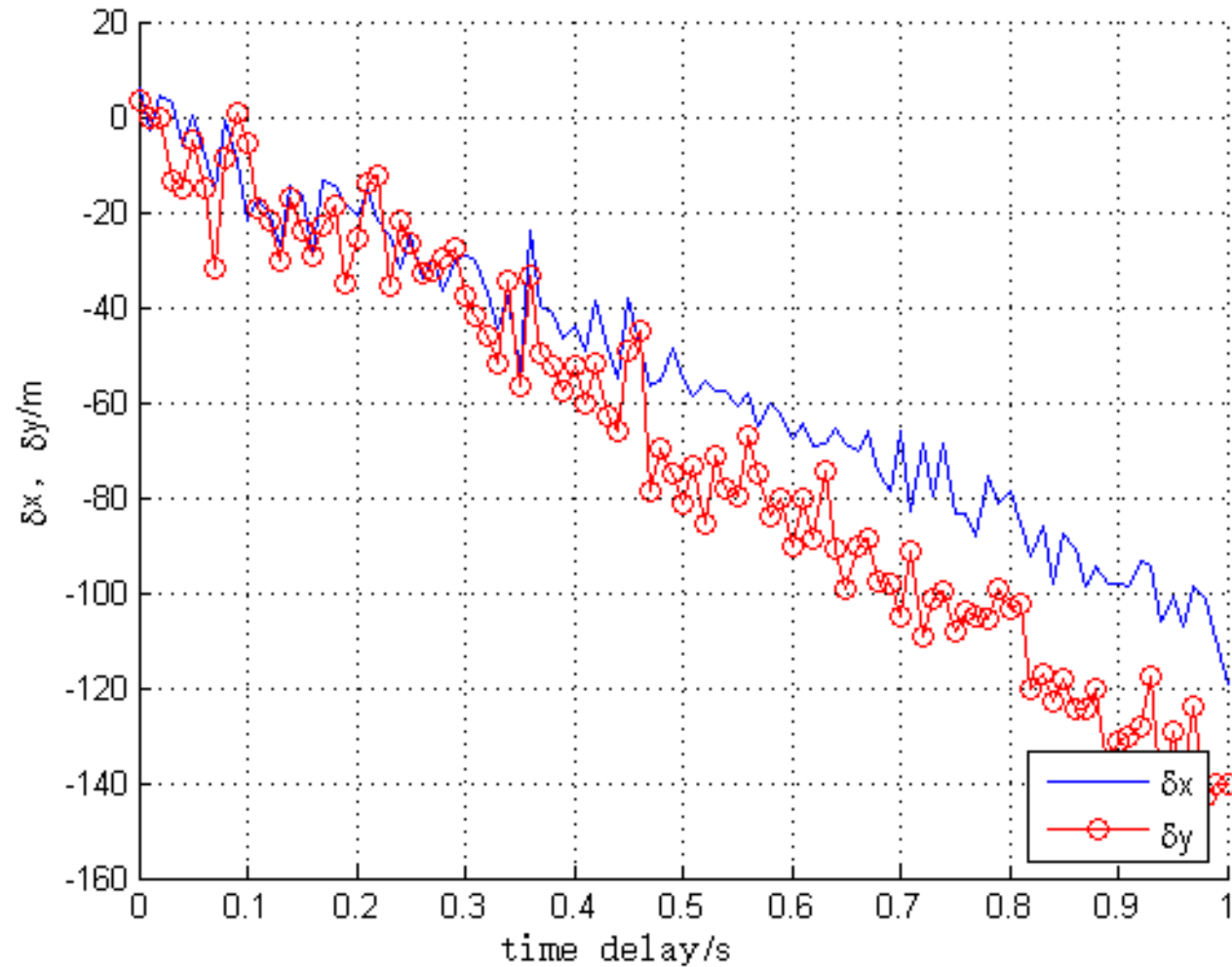
Simulation Result Analysis pre FEKF



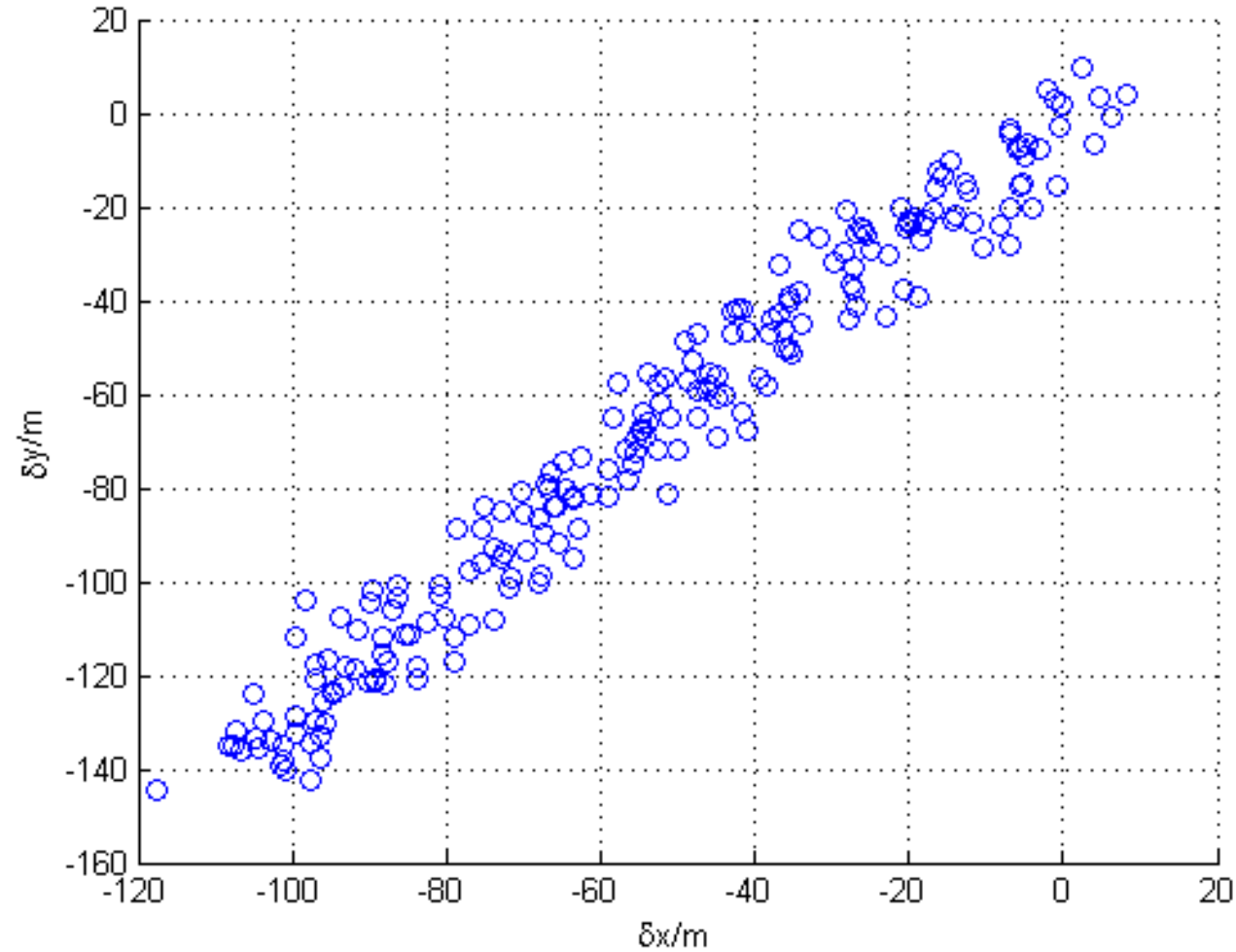
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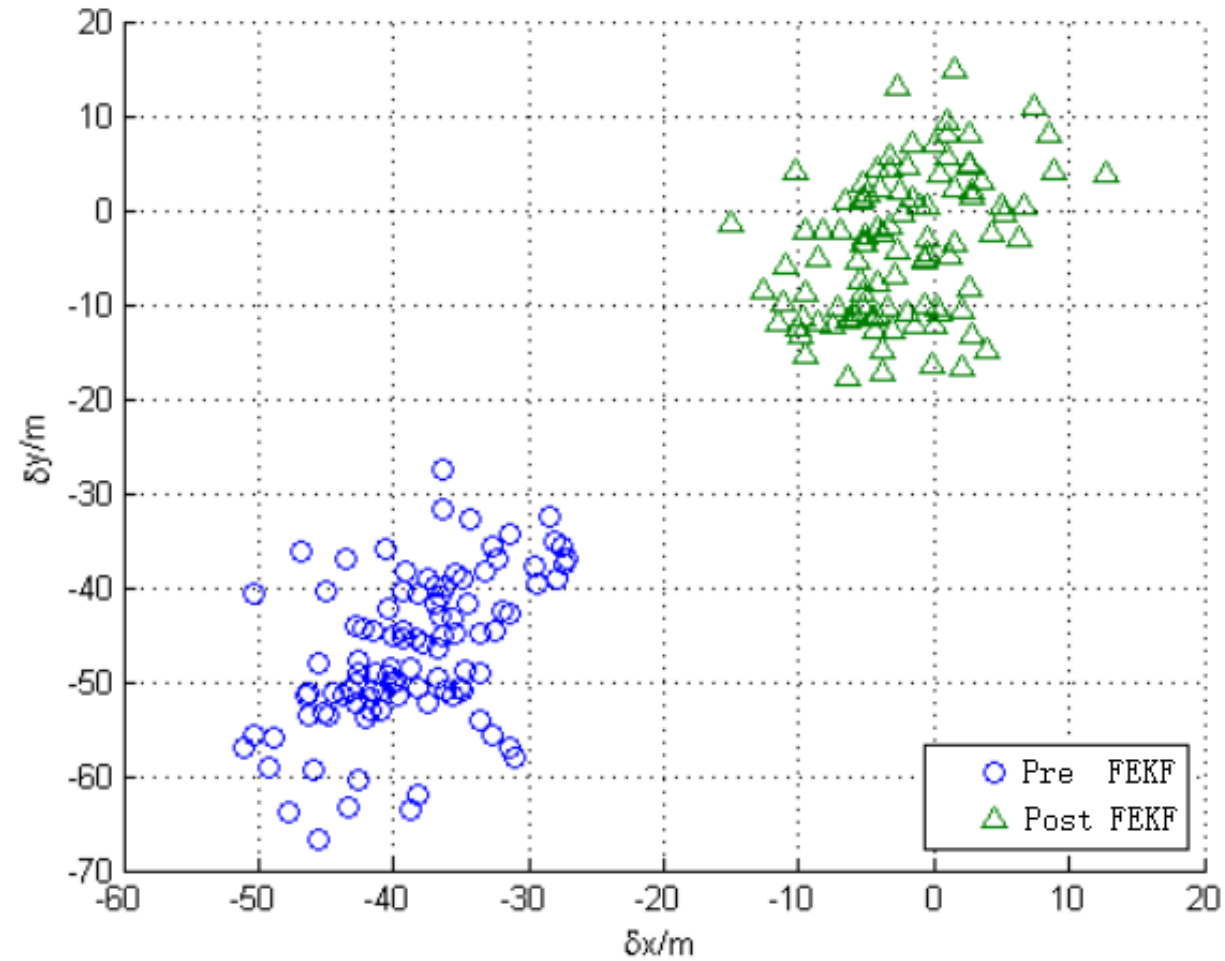
Simulation Result Analysis pre FEKF

Payload impact point miss-distance and RMSE without FEKF

Serial	ΔT /ms	Miss-distance/m	RMSE/m
1	0ms	4.34	5.57
2	100ms	22.34	7.02
3	200ms	32.66	7.76

- Rapidly increasing, not acceptable

Simulation Result Analysis post FEKF



Simulation Result Analysis post FEKF

Payload impact point miss-distance and RMSE without FEKF

Serial	ΔT /ms	Miss-distance/m	RMSE/m
1	0ms	4.21	4.77
2	100ms	3.94	5.02
3	200ms	4.79	4.58

- FEKF = Much Better !

Conclusion

- Forward Estimation Kalman Filter (FEKF)
- Employs a datalink delay forward estimation strategy to predict current state observation and state variable's prior estimation
- Simulation results revealed that FEKF method could significantly improve the UAV payload releasing miss-distance and RMSE



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