

# RSS-Based Sensor Localization in Underwater Acoustic Sensor Networks

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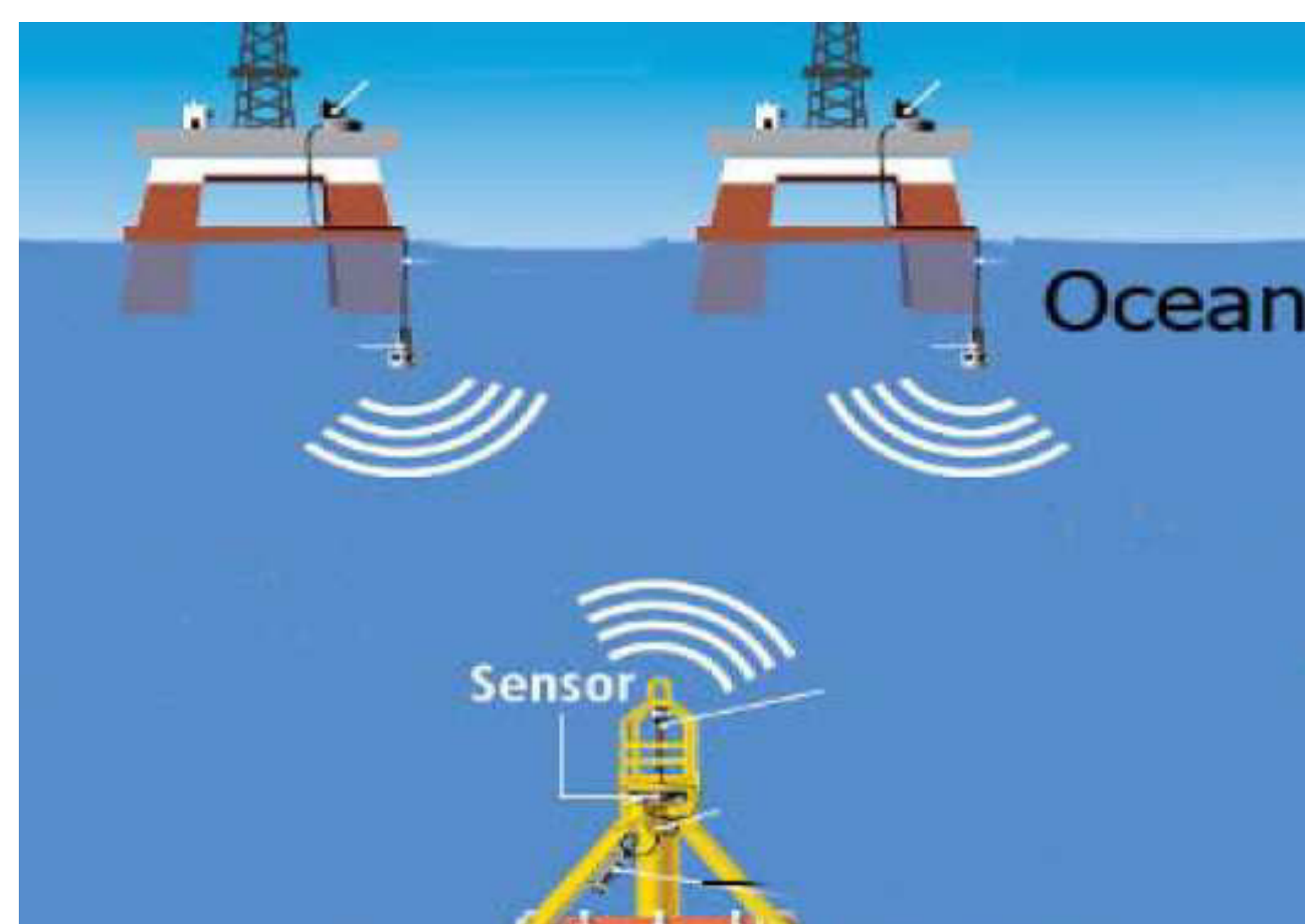
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## Objectives

- ① Underwater acoustic (UWA) sensor localization approaches
- ② received signal strength (RSS) measurement

## Introduction

- **Location-awareness** is important task for underwater acoustic sensor networks.
- Measurements for localization:
  - **TOA** and **TDOA**: Synchronization is expensive, unpredictable velocity;
  - **AOA**: no line-of-sight (LOS) ;
  - **✓RSS**: practical simplicity of implementation;
- However, **complicated** underwater channels and hence very **few** attention:
- For certain water depths, the **Urlick** propagation model shall be considered;
- **The transmission loss**:  
 $\psi_{TL}(f, d) = 10\beta \log_{10} d + \alpha^{(f)} d + \xi^{(f,d)}$ 
  - $\beta$  is the path-loss exponent (PLE);
  - $\alpha^{(f)}$  is the absorption coefficient (dB/km) and obtained by Thorp's empirical formula  
 $0.11 \frac{f^2}{1+f^2} + 44 \frac{f^2}{4100+f^2} + 2.75 \times 10^{-4} f^2 + 0.003$ ;
  - $\xi^{(f,d)}$  contains residual factors;
- **The RSS measurement**:  
 $P_i^{(f)} = P_0^{(f)} - 10\beta \log_{10} \frac{d_i}{d_0} - \alpha^{(f)}(d_i - d_0) + n_i^{(f)}$ ,
  - $d_i = \|\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{s}_i\|_2 > 0$  and  $d_0$  is the reference distance, normally  $d_0 = 1 m$
  - $P_0^{(f)}$  is measured power at  $d_0$ , i.e., the transmit power.
  - $n_i^{(f)} = \xi^{(f,0)} - \xi^{(f,d)}$  is the *Gaussian* distributed measurement noise;



## Optimization Problems

Non-convex but Maximum likelihood (ML) problem:

$$\operatorname{argmin}_{\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^M} \sum_i^N (P_i^{(f)} + 10\beta \log_{10} d_i + \alpha^{(f)} d_i)^2$$

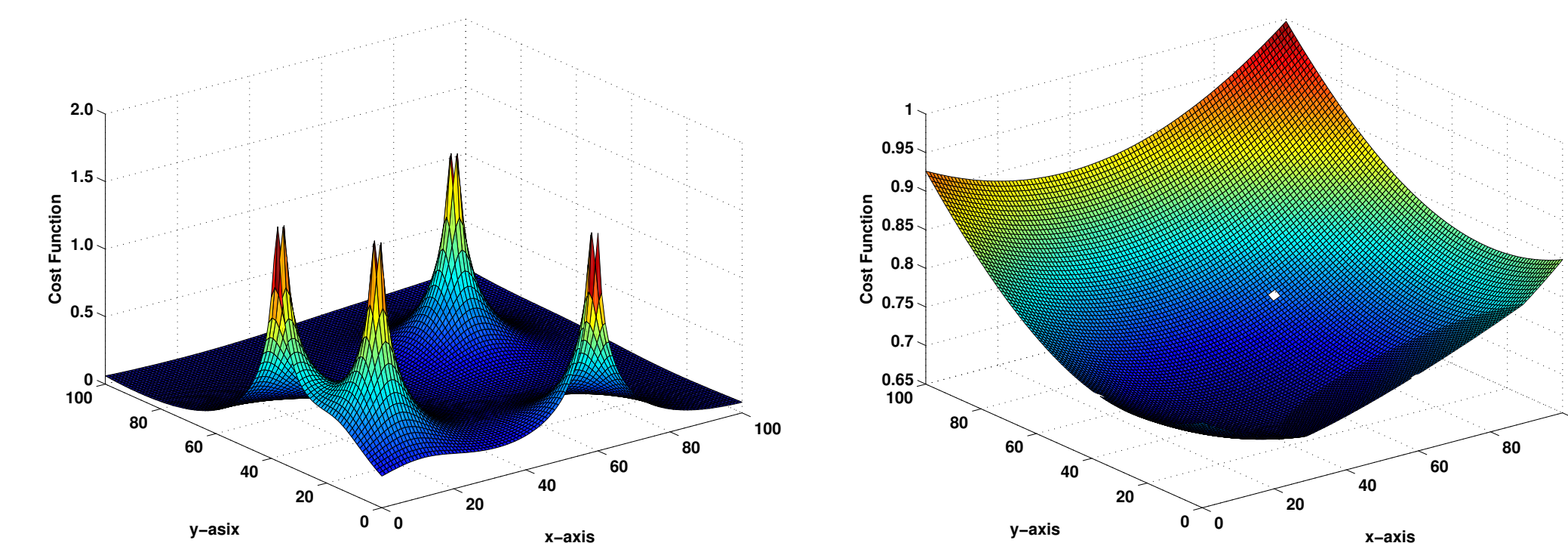
Convex problem:

$$\min_{\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^M} \sum_i^N |\lambda_i^{(f_k)} d_i^2 + \gamma^{(f)} d_i - 1|$$

$$\gamma_i^{(f)} = 10^{\frac{P_i^{(f)} - P_0^{(f)} - \alpha^{(f)}}{10\beta}} \text{ and } \lambda_i^{(f)} = \frac{\gamma_i^{(f)} \alpha^{(f)} \ln 10}{10\beta}$$

## CRLB

In  $\mathbb{R}^2$ , 4 anchors located at (59, 26), (35, 5), (10, 40) and (26, 1).



## Important Result

- ① We introduce a new smooth optimization model for RSS-based acoustic localization.
- ② We propose a semi-definite programming (SDP) approach using the RSS measurement.
- ③ Another SDP approach is also developed using the FDRSS measurement.

## RSS-based Approach

- First introduce two new variables:
  - $\mathbf{D} \doteq \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{d} \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{d}^T & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{d}\mathbf{d}^T & \mathbf{d} \\ \mathbf{d}^T & 1 \end{bmatrix}$ ;
  - $\mathbf{X} \doteq \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{x} \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{x}^T & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{x}\mathbf{x}^T & \mathbf{x} \\ \mathbf{x}^T & 1 \end{bmatrix}$ ;
- $\mathbf{d}$  collects all  $d_i$ ,  $d_i^2 = [\mathbf{D}]_{i,i}$  and  $d_i = [\mathbf{D}]_{N+1,i}$ ;
- $[\mathbf{D}]_{i,i} = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{I}^T & -\mathbf{s}_i \\ -\mathbf{s}_i^T & \mathbf{s}_i^T \mathbf{s}_i \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{x} \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \operatorname{Trace}[\mathbf{X}\mathbf{S}_i]$
- Then the semi-definite relaxation (SDR) dumps the rank constraints  $\operatorname{Rank}(\mathbf{X}) = \operatorname{Rank}(\mathbf{D}) = 1$ .
- Finally, introduce the slack variables  $t_i$  and solve the semi-definite programming (SDP):

$$\min_{\mathbf{D}, \mathbf{X}, t_i} \sum_i^N t_i,$$

$$\text{s.t. } -t_i < \lambda_i^{(f)} [\mathbf{D}]_{i,i} + \gamma^{(f)} [\mathbf{D}]_{N+1,i} - 1 < t_i$$

$$[\mathbf{D}]_{i,i} = \operatorname{Trace}[\mathbf{X}\mathbf{S}_i]$$

$$\mathbf{X} \succeq \mathbf{0}, \mathbf{D} \succeq \mathbf{0}$$

$$[\mathbf{X}]_{M+1,M+1} = [\mathbf{D}]_{N+1,N+1} = 1$$

## FDRSS-based Approach

- **The frequency differential RSS (FDRSS) measurement**:  
 $P_i^{(\Delta)} = P_0^{(\Delta)} - \alpha^{(\Delta)}(d_i - d_0) + n_i^{(\Delta)}, k \neq p$ 
  - $P_i^{(\Delta)} = P_i^{(f_k)} - P_i^{(f_p)}$  and  $P_0^{(\Delta)} = P_0^{(f_k)} - P_0^{(f_p)}$ ;
  - $\alpha^{(\Delta)} = \alpha^{(f_k)} - \alpha^{(f_p)}$  and  $n_i^{(\Delta)} = n_i^{(f_k)} - n_i^{(f_p)}$
- Apply least squares (LS) criterion on  $\alpha^{(\Delta)} d_i - \eta_i^{(\Delta)} = n_i^{(\Delta)}$  with  $\eta_i^{(\Delta)} = P_0^{(\Delta)} + \alpha^{(\Delta)} - P_i^{(\Delta)}$
- Similarly, solve the SDP:
 
$$\min_{\mathbf{D}, \mathbf{X}} \sum_i^N (\alpha^{(\Delta)^2} [\mathbf{D}]_{i,i} - 2\alpha^{(\Delta)} \eta_i^{(\Delta)} [\mathbf{D}]_{N+1,i} + \eta_i^{(\Delta)^2}),$$

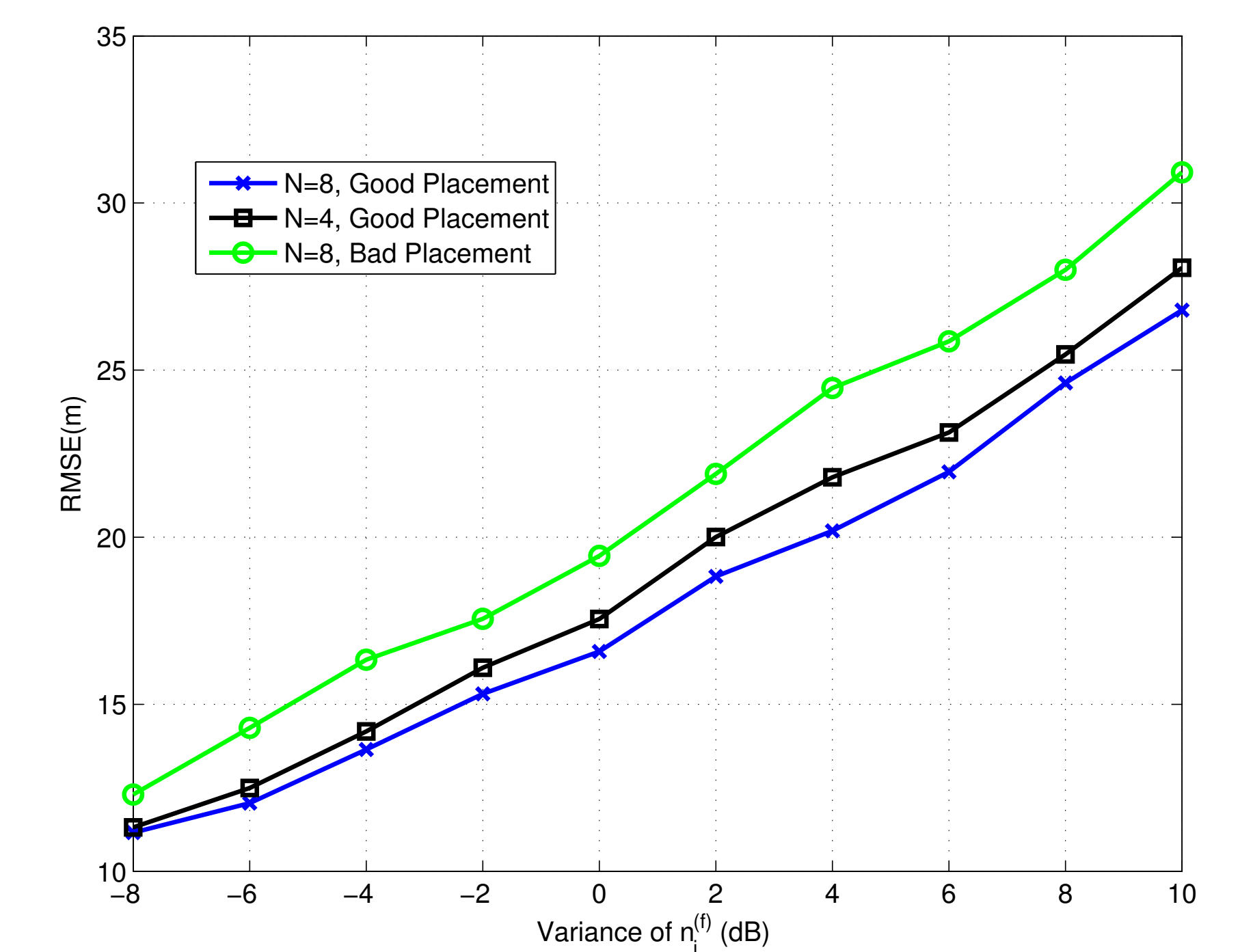
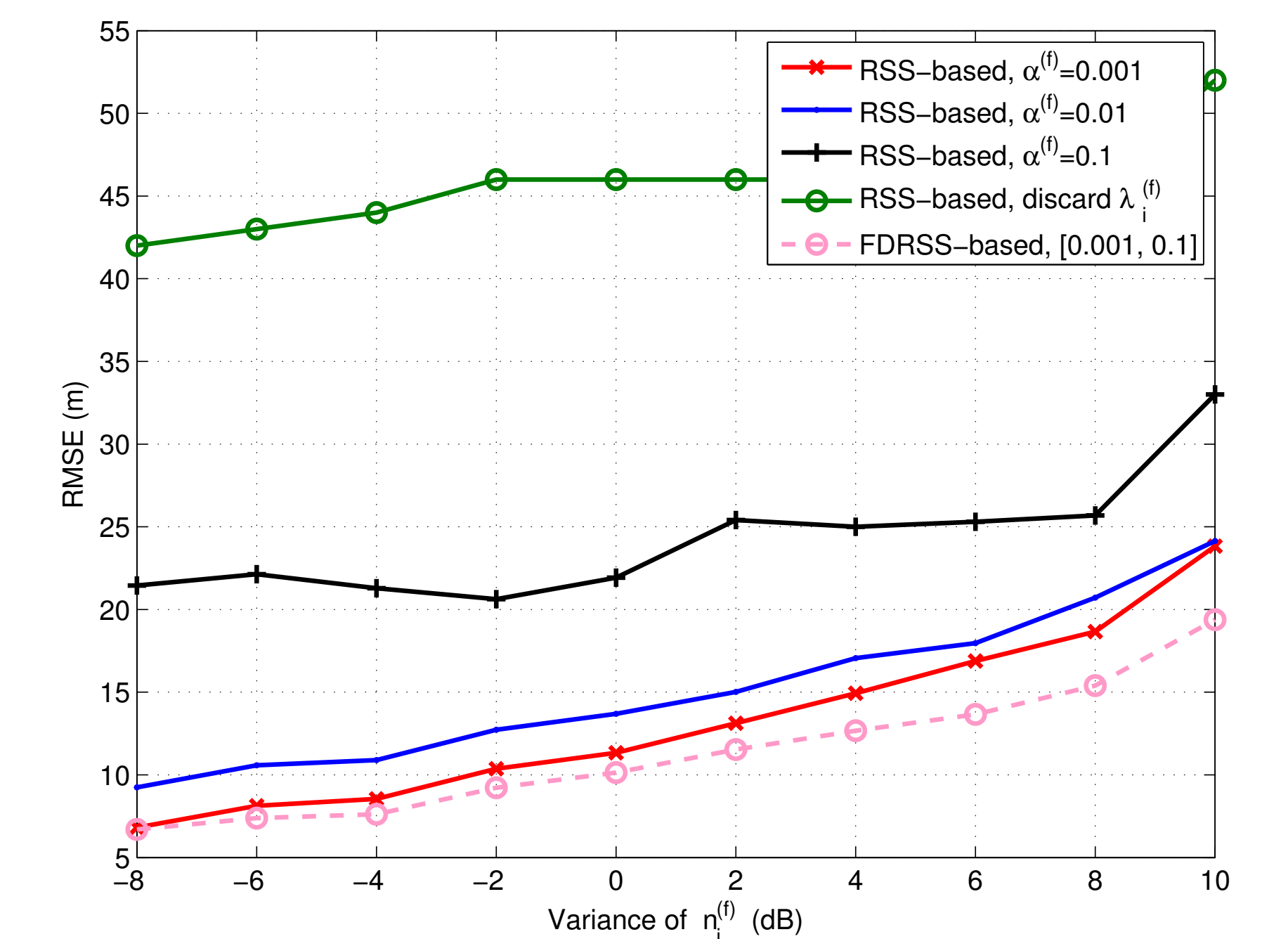
$$\text{s.t. } [\mathbf{D}]_{i,i} = \operatorname{Trace}[\mathbf{X}\mathbf{S}_i]$$

$$\mathbf{X} \succeq \mathbf{0}, \mathbf{D} \succeq \mathbf{0}$$

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## Simulation Results

10 anchors is randomly deployed;  $\beta = 2$ ; use *CVX* to solve SDPs.



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