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Design and evaluate tracking systems in Simulink

Track objects using PHD tracker in Simulink

Use the Probability Hypothesis Density (PHD) Tracker block in Simulink $^{\tiny (\! 8\!)}$ to track point targets and extended objects.

For more details, see the "Track Point Targets in Dense Clutter Using GM-PHD Tracker in Simulink" example.

Perform track-level fusion in Simulink

Use the Track-To-Track Fuser block in Simulink to fuse tracks generated from trackers and tracking sensors.

For more details, see the "Track-Level Fusion of Radar and Lidar Data in Simulink" example.

Calculate tracking metrics in Simulink

Use the Optimal Subpattern Assignment Metric block in Simulink to calculate the optimal subpattern assignment metric (OSPA) between tracks and truths. The metric is comprised of the localization error, cardinality error, and labeling error components.

Use the Generalized Optimal Subpattern Assignment Metric block in Simulink to calculate the generalized optimal subpattern assignment (GOSPA) metric between tracks and truths. The metric is comprised of the switching error, localization error, missed target error, and false track error components.

For more details, see the "Track-Level Fusion of Radar and Lidar Data in Simulink" example.

Concatenate detections in Simulink

Use the Detection Concatenation block in Simulink to concatenate detection buses originating from multiple sources into a single bus of detections that can be passed to a tracker block.

Concatenate tracks in Simulink

Use the Track Concatenation block in Simulink to concatenate track buses originating from multiple sources into a single bus of tracks that can be passed to a Track-To-Track Fuser block.

Construct tracking architectures and simulate tracking systems

Use the trackingArchitecture System object[™] to systematically model the architecture of a tracking system that consists of trackers and track fusers. You can simulate the constructed tracking system using the created trackingArchitecture object.

For more details, see the "Define and Test Tracking Architectures for System-of-Systems" example.

Smooth tracking filters

Use the smooth function to backward smooth tracking filters including trackingABF, trackingKF, trackingEKF, trackingUKF, trackingMSCEKF, trackingCKF, and trackingIMM objects.

To enable the smooth function on a filter, set the EnableSmoothing property of the filter to true, and optionally set the value for the MaxNumSmoothingSteps property.

Model Automatic Dependent Surveillance-Broadcast (ADS-B) transponder and receiver

Use the adsbTransponder System object to model an ADS-B transponder and generate ADS-B messages.

Use the adsbReceiver System object to receive ADS-B messages and generate tracks.

Comprehensive support for tuning inertial sensor filters

You can tune the parameters of these inertial sensor filter objects using the associated tune object function:

- insfilterNonholonomic
- ahrs10filter
- insfilterMARG
- insfilterErrorState

Previously, the imufilter, ahrsfilter, and insfilterAsync objects had associated tune functions.

The tunerconfig object, which configures the tuning process, has three new properties:

- Filter Class name of the fusion filter.
- FunctionTolerance Minimum change in cost to continue tuning.
- OutputFcn Output function to show tuning results. For example, you can use the tunerPlotPose function to visualize the truth data and state estimates after tuning.

Generate synthetic radar detections using fusionRadarSensor

Use the fusionRadarSensor System object to statistically model a radar sensor and generate synthetic data. This object enables you to model the radar detection mode as monostatic, bistatic, or electronic support measure (ESM). You can generate detections, clustered detections, and tracks using the object.

For more details, see these examples:

- "Introduction to Tracking Scenario and Simulating Sensor Detections"
- "Multiplatform Radar Detection Fusion"
- "Extended Object Tracking With Radar For Marine Surveillance"

Compatibility Considerations

This System object replaces the monostaticRadarSensor and radarSensor, unless you require C/C++ code generation. Currently, the fusionRadarSensor System object does not support C/C++

code generation. For more details, see "radarSensor and monostaticRadarSensor System objects are not recommended" on page 1-6.

Support for K-best joint events in trackerJPDA

The trackerJPDA System object now supports K-best joint probability data association events in detection and track association, which calculate the K most probable events instead of exhausting all possible events. This new option can reduce computation and memory costs when you use trackerJPDA, especially for tracking closely spaced objects.

To enable K-best joint events, specify the MaxNumEvents property of trackerJPDA as a positive integer.

Access dynamicEvidentialGridMap from trackerGridRFS

You can choose to output a dynamicEvidentialGridMap object when running a trackerGridRFS System object. Using the object functions of dynamicEvidentialGridMap, you can directly access and monitor the grid map maintained in the tracker, which enables you to tune the tracker more efficiently and predict the motion of the target using the grid map.

You can also use the predictMapToTime object function of the trackerGridRFS object to predict the dynamic evidential map maintained in the tracker.

For more details, see the "Motion Planning in Urban Environments Using Dynamic Occupancy Grid Map" example.

Allow out-of-sequence measurements (OOSM) in trackers and corresponding Simulink blocks

You can choose to neglect out-of-sequence measurements (OOSM) when using the trackers and Simulink blocks listed in this table. The table also describes how to enable or disable this option.

Tracker System Objects or Simulink Blocks	OOSM Management	
trackerGNN	Set the OOSMHandling property of the tracker to	
trackerJPDA	one of these options:	
trackerTOMHT	 'Terminate' — The tracker stops running when it encounters an out-of-sequence measurement. 	
	• 'Neglect' — The tracker ignores any out-of- sequence measurements and continues to run.	
Global Nearest Neighbor Multi Object Tracker	Set the Out-of-sequence measurements handling parameter of the block to one of these options:	
Joint Probabilistic Data Association Multi Object Tracker		
Track-Oriented Multi-Hypothesis Tracker	• Terminate — The block stops running when it encounters an out-of-sequence measurement.	
	• Neglect — The block ignores any out-of- sequence measurements and continues to run.	

Transform between geodetic coordinates and local Cartesian coordinates

Use these functions to transform between geodetic coordinates and local north-east-down (NED) or east-north-up (ENU) coordinates.

- enu2lla Transform local ENU coordinates to geodetic coordinates.
- ned2lla Transform local NED coordinates to geodetic coordinates.
- lla2enu Transform geodetic coordinates to local ENU coordinates.
- lla2ned Transform geodetic coordinates to local NED coordinates.

Use geodetic coordinates as inputs for gpsSensor

You can use geodetic coordinates as inputs for a gpsSensor System object. To enable this option, specify the PositionInputFormat property of the gpsSensor object as 'Geodetic'.

insSensor provides more properties to specify its characteristics

The insSensor System object provides six new properties to model an inertial navigation system sensor:

- MountingLocation Location of sensor on platform
- AccelerationAccuracy Standard deviation of acceleration noise
- AngularVelocityAccuracy Standard deviation of angular velocity noise
- TimeInput Enable or disable input of simulation time
- HasGNSSFix Enable or disable GNSS fix
- **PositionErrorFactor** Drift rate of position without GNSS fix

trackingScenario provides new properties to control and monitor scenario simulation

You can use the new InitialAdvance property of the trackingScenario object to specify the initial timestamp when running the scenario simulation. Specify one of the following values:

- 'Zero' The scenario simulation starts at time 0 in the first call to the advance object function.
- 'UpdateInterval' The scenario simulation starts at time 1/F, where F is the value of a nonzero UpdateRate property. If you specify the UpdateRate property as 0, the scenario ignores the InitialAdvance property and starts at time 0.

You can use the new read-only property SimulationStatus to monitor the status of the scenario simulation. In the course of a scenario simulation, the SimulationStatus property changes from NotStarted to InProgress to Completed.

Compatibility Considerations

Using the IsRunning property to monitor simulation status is no longer recommended. Use the SimulationStatus property instead.

Variable-sized input support for timescope object

The timescope object allows you to visualize scalar or variable-sized input signals. If the signal is variable-sized, the number of channels (columns) must remain constant.

New examples

The following new examples are available:

- "Custom Tuning of Fusion Filters"
- "Define and Test Tracking Architectures for System-of-Systems"
- "Detect and Track LEO Satellite Constellation with Ground Radars"
- "Adaptive Tracking of Maneuvering Targets with Managed Radar"
- "Track Point Targets in Dense Clutter Using GM-PHD Tracker in Simulink"
- "Track-Level Fusion of Radar and Lidar Data in Simulink"
- "Highway Vehicle Tracking with Multipath Radar Reflections"
- "Motion Planning in Urban Environments Using Dynamic Occupancy Grid Map"
- "Use theaterPlot to Visualize Tracking Scenario"
- "Model Platform Motion Using Trajectory Objects"

Functionality being removed or changed

radarSensor and monostaticRadarSensor System objects are not recommended Still runs

The radarSensor and monostaticRadarSensor System objects are not recommended, unless you require C/C++ code generation. Instead, use the fusionRadarSensor System object. The fusionRadarSensor object provides additional properties for modeling radar sensors, including the ability to generate tracks and clustered detections. Currently, fusionRadarSensor doe not support code generation.

There are no current plans to remove the radarSensor and monostaticRadarSensor System objects. MATLAB[®] code that use these features will continue to run. In addition to the new fusionRadarSensor object, you can still import a scenario containing monostaticRadarSensor objects into the **Tracking Scenario Designer** app. Also, when you export a scenario to MATLAB code, the app exports the sensors as fusionRadarSensor objects.

IsRunning property of trackingScenario object is not recommended Still runs

The IsRunning property of the trackingScenario object is not recommended. Instead, use the SimulationStatus property. There are no current plans to remove the IsRunning property.

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New Features

Bug Fixes

Create Earth-centered waypoint trajectory

Use the geoTrajectory System object to create an Earth-centered waypoint trajectory. To define a geoTrajectory object in a tracking scenario, set the value of the IsEarthCentered property of the trackingScenario object to true.

For more details, see the Simulate and Track En-Route Aircraft in Earth-Centered Scenarios example.

Track objects using grid-based RFS tracker

Use the grid-based random finite set (RFS) tracker, the trackerGridRFS System object, to track objects using a grid-based occupancy evidence approach. To visualize the dynamic occupancy grid map of the tracking scene, use the showDynamicMap function.

For more details, see the Grid-based Tracking in Urban Environments Using Multiple Lidars example.

Generate synthetic point cloud data using simulated lidar sensor

Use the monostaticLidarSensor System object to model a lidar sensor and generate synthetic point cloud data from platforms in a tracking scenario. The monostaticLidarSensor System object obtains data from mesh representations of platforms within the scenario.

- To define a mesh representation other than the default cuboid mesh for a platform, use the extendedObjectMesh object. The toolbox also provides a predefined mesh object, tracking.scenario.airplaneMesh.
- To obtain the meshes of platforms in a tracking scenario, use the targetMeshes function.
- To obtain point cloud data from all the monostaticLidarSensor objects mounted on a platform, use the lidarDetect function of the platform. To obtain point cloud data from all the monostaticLidarSensor objects in a tracking scenario, use the lidarDetect function of the scenario.

For more details, see the Extended Object Tracking with Lidar for Airport Ground Surveillance example.

Improve inertial sensor fusion performance using filter tuner

Use the tune function and the tunerconfig object to adjust properties of the imufilter, ahrsfilter, and insfilterAsync objects for performance improvement.

For more details, see the Automatic Tuning of the insfilterAsync Filter example.

Perturb tracking scenarios, sensors, and trajectories for Monte Carlo simulation

Use the perturbations and perturb functions to perturb tracking scenarios, sensors, and trajectories. You can run Monte Carlo simulations on the perturbed objects using the monteCarloRun function.

For more details, see the Simulate, Detect, and Track Anomalies in a Landing Approach example.

Import trackingScenario object into Tracking Scenario Designer app

Import a trackingScenario object into the **Tracking Scenario Designer** app to visualize and redesign the imported tracking scenario. For the limitations of importing a trackingScenario object, see the Programmatic Use section.

Model and simulate INS sensor in Simulink

Use the INS block to model and simulate an INS sensor and generate INS measurements in Simulink.

Model and simulate Singer acceleration motion

Use the singer function to model and simulate Singer acceleration motion. You can also use the initsingerekf, singerjac, singermeas, singermeasjac, and singerProcessNoise functions to construct a Singer model-based extended Kalman filter as a trackingEKF object.

For more details, see the Track Multiple Lane Boundaries with a Global Nearest Neighbor Tracker example.

Time Scope object: Bilevel measurements, triggers, and compiler support

The timescope object now includes support for:

- Bilevel measurements Measure transitions, overshoots, undershoots, and cycles.
- Triggers Set triggers to sync repeating signals and pause the display when events occur.
- MATLAB Compiler[™] support Use the mcc function to compile code for deployment.

New examples

This release contains several new examples:

- Simulate and Track En-Route Aircraft in Earth-Centered Scenarios
- Grid-based Tracking in Urban Environments Using Multiple Lidars
- Extended Object Tracking with Lidar for Airport Ground Surveillance
- Detect, Classify, and Track Vehicles Using Lidar
- Simulate, Detect, and Track Anomalies in a Landing Approach
- Track Multiple Lane Boundaries with a Global Nearest Neighbor Tracker
- Automatic Tuning of the insfilterAsync Filter
- Generate Code for a Track Fuser with Heterogeneous Source Tracks

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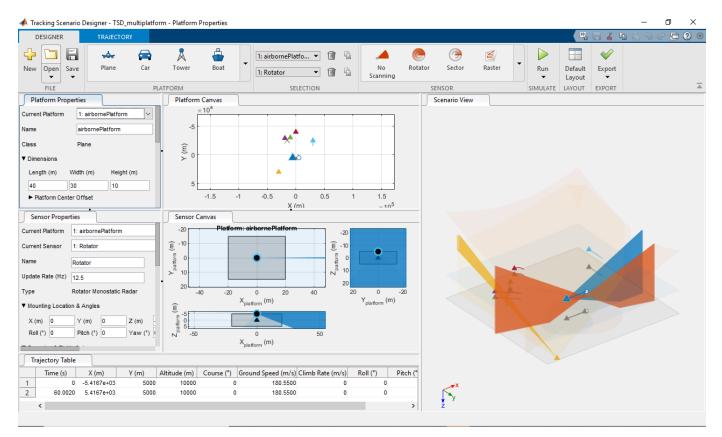
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Tracking Scenario Designer App: Interactively design tracking scenarios

Use the Tracking Scenario Designer app to interactively design a tracking scenario composed of platforms, sensors, and trajectories. You can also output scripts for the designed tracking scenario.

For more details, see the Design and Simulate Tracking Scenario with Tracking Scenario Designer example.



Design and run Monte Carlo simulations

Use trackingScenario, trackingScenarioRecording, and monteCarloRun to design and run Monte Carlo simulations for tracking applications.

Visualize sensor coverage area

Use coveragePlotter and plotCoverage along with theaterPlot to plot and visualize beam and coverage area of sensors in a tracking scenario.

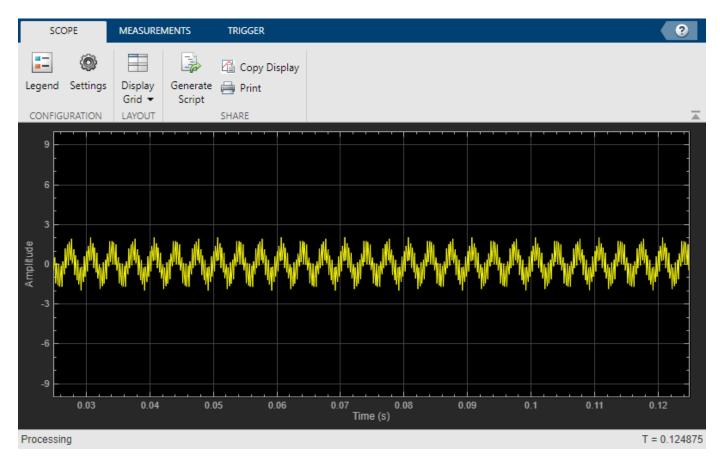
New time scope object: Visualize signals in the time domain

Use the timescope object to visualize real- and complex-valued floating-point and fixed-point signals in the time domain.

The Time Scope window has two toolstrip tabs:

Scopes Tab

On the **Scopes** tab, you can control the layout and configuration settings, and set the display settings of the Time Scope. You can also generate script to recreate your time scope with the same settings. When doing so, an editor window opens with the code required to recreate your timescope object.



Measurements Tab

In the **Measurements** tab, all measurements are made for a specified channel.

- **Data Cursors** Display the screen cursors.
- **Signal Statistics** Display the various statistics of the selected signal, such as maximum/ minimum values, peak-to-peak values, mean, median, and RMS.
- **Peak Finder** Display peak values for the selected signal.

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Evaluate tracking performance using GOSPA metric

Use trackGOSPAMetric to evaluate the performance of a tracking system against truths based on the global optimal subpattern assignment metric.

For more details, see the Introduction to Tracking Metrics example.

Collect emissions and detections from platforms in tracking scenario

Use emit, propagate, and detect to collect emissions and detections from platforms in a trackingScenario.

Access residuals and residual covariance of insfilters and ahrs10filter

You can access the residuals and residual covariance information of insfilters (insfilterMARG, insfilterAsync, insfilterErrorState, and insfilterNonholonomic) and ahrs10filter through their object functions such as fusegps, fusegyro, residual, and residualgps.

For more details, see the Detect Noise in Sensor Readings with Residual Filtering example.

Track objects using TOMHT tracker Simulink block

Use the Track-Oriented Multi-Hypothesis Tracker Simulink block to track objects.

Model inertial measurement unit using IMU Simulink block

Use the IMU Simulink block to model an inertial measurement unit (IMU) composed of accelerometer, gyroscope, and magnetometer sensors.

For more details, see the IMU Sensor Fusion with Simulink example.

Estimate device orientation using AHRS Simulink block

Use the AHRS Simulink block to estimate the orientation of a device from its accelerometer, magnetometer, and gyroscope sensor readings.

For more details, see the IMU Sensor Fusion with Simulink example.

Calculate angular velocity from quaternions

Use angvel to calculate angular velocity from an array of quaternions.

Transform position and velocity between two frames to motion quantities in a third frame

Use transformMotion to transform position and velocity between two coordinate frames to motion quantities in a third coordinate frame.

For more details, see the Generate Off-centered IMU Readings examples.

Import Parameters to imuSensor

Use the loadparams object function to import parameters in JSON files to the imuSensor System object.

New examples

This release contains several new examples:

- Track-Level Fusion of Radar and Lidar Data
- Track Point Targets in Dense Clutter Using GM-PHD Tracker
- Track Space Debris Using a Keplerian Motion Model
- Introduction to Tracking Metrics
- Tuning a Multi-Object Tracker
- Detect Noise in Sensor Readings with Residual Filtering
- Generate Off-centered IMU Readings
- IMU Sensor Fusion with Simulink

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Perform track-level fusion using a track fuser

Use trackFuser to fuse tracks generated by tracking sensors or trackers and architect decentralized tracking systems.

For more details, see the Track-to-Track Fusion for Automotive Safety Applications example.

Track objects using a Gaussian mixture PHD tracker

Use trackerPHD with a gmphd filter to track point objects and extended objects with designated shapes. With gmphd, you can also use rectangular object models (such as ctrect and ctrectmeas) to track objects of rectangular shape.

For more details, see the Extended Object Tracking and Performance Metrics Evaluation example.

Evaluate tracking performance using the OSPA metric

Use trackOSPAMetric to evaluate the performance of a tracking system against truth based on the optimal subpattern assignment metric.

For more details, see the Extended Object Tracking and Performance Metrics Evaluation example.

Estimate orientation using a complementary filter

You can use **complementaryFilter** to estimate orientation based on accelerometer, gyroscope, and magnetometer sensor data.

For more details, see the Estimate Orientation with a Complementary Filter and IMU Data example.

Track objects using tracker Simulink blocks

You can use the GNN tracker and JPDA tracker Simulink blocks to track objects.

For more details on how to use these two blocks, see these example:

- Track Vehicles Using Lidar Data in Simulink
- Track Closely Spaced Targets Under Ambiguity in Simulink
- Track Simulated Vehicles Using GNN and JPDA Trackers in Simulink

Features supporting ENU reference frame

By specifying the 'ReferenceFrame' argument, you can set the output reference frame for the following functions and objects as the ENU (east-north-up) frame. The default reference frame for these functions and objects is the NED (north-east-down) frame.

Features Supporting ENU	Description
imuSensor	IMU simulation model
gpsSensor	GPS receiver simulation model
altimeterSensor	Altimeter simulation model

Features Supporting ENU	Description
ecompass	Orientation from magnetometer and accelerometer readings
imufilter	Orientation from accelerometer and gyroscope readings
ahrsfilter	Orientation from accelerometer, gyroscope, and magnetometer readings
ahrs10filter	Height and orientation from MARG and altimeter readings
insfilterMARG	Estimate pose from MARG and GPS data
insfilterAsync	Estimate pose from asynchronous MARG and GPS data
insfilterErrorState	Estimate pose from IMU, GPS, and monocular visual odometry (MVO) data
insfilterNonholonomic	Estimate pose with nonholonomic constraints
complementaryFilter	Orientation estimation from a complementary filter

INS filter name and creation syntax changes

The names of these four INS (inertial navigation system) filters have changed.

Old Name	New Name
MARGGPSFuser	insfilterMARG
AsyncMARGGPSFuser	insfilterAsync
ErrorStateIMUGPSFuser	insfilterErrorState
NHConstrainedIMUGPSFuser	insfilterNonholonomic

Also, the old creation syntaxes, which can create INS filters with new names, will be removed in a future release. The new and recommended creation syntaxes directly create these filters by calling their names.

Old and Discouraged	New and Recommended
filter = insfilter	filter = insfilterMARG
<pre>filter = insfilter('asyncimu')</pre>	filter = insfilterAsync
<pre>filter = insfilter('errorstate')</pre>	filter = insfilterErrorState
<pre>filter = insfilter('nonholonomic')</pre>	filter = insfilterNonholonomic

New examples

This release contains several new examples:

- Track-to-Track Fusion for Automotive Safety Applications
- Simulate a Tracking Scenario Using an Interactive Application

- Estimate Orientation with a Complementary Filter and IMU Data
- Logged Sensor Data Alignment for Orientation Estimation
- Track Vehicles Using Lidar Data in Simulink
- Track Closely Spaced Targets Under Ambiguity in Simulink
- Track Simulated Vehicles Using GNN and JPDA Trackers in Simulink
- Convert Detections to objectDetection Format
- Remove Bias from Angular Velocity Measurement
- Estimating Orientation Using Inertial Sensor Fusion and MPU-9250
- Read and Parse NMEA Data Directly From GPS Receiver

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Track objects using a Joint Probabilistic Data Association (JPDA) tracker

Sensor Fusion and Tracking Toolbox includes trackerJPDA as an alternative to the existing trackerGNN and trackerTOMHT. trackerJPDA applies a soft assignment where multiple detections can contribute to each track, and balances the robustness and computational cost between trackerGNN and trackerTOMHT.

For more details on using trackerJPDA, see these examples:

- Track Vehicles Using Lidar: From Point Cloud to Track List
- Tracking Closely Spaced Targets Under Ambiguity

Track extended objects using a Probability Hypothesis Density (PHD) tracker

You can use trackerPHD to track extended objects using a Gamma Gaussian Inverse Wishart (GGIW) PHD filter, ggiwphd. trackerPHD creates a multisensor, multiobject tracker utilizing the multitarget PHD filters to estimate the states of the target.

For more details on using trackerPHD, see these examples:

- Marine Surveillance Using a PHD Tracker
- Extended Object Tracking

Simulate radar and IR detections from extended objects

To represent a platform's location as a "spatial extent" instead of a single point, you can use radarSensor and irSensor to simulate radar and IR detections from extended objects by specifying the Dimensions property of platform.

For more details on how to simulate radar detections from extended objects, see the Marine Surveillance example.

Improve tracker performance for large number of targets

trackerGNN, trackerTOMHT and trackerJPDA enable you to reduce the time required to update the tracker by setting a cost calculation threshold via the AssignmentThreshold property. This, along with other performance improvements, reduces the processing time when tracking a large number of targets.

For more details, see these examples:

- How to Efficiently Track Large Numbers of Objects
- Tracking a Flock of Birds

Estimate pose using accelerometer, gyroscope, GPS, and monocular visual odometry data

The insfilter can create an error-state Kalman filter suitable for pose (position and orientation) estimation based on accelerometer, gyroscope, GPS, and monocular visual odometry data. To create the error-state Kalman filter, use the 'errorState' input argument.

Estimate pose using an extended continuous-discrete Kalman filter

The insfilter can create a continuous-discrete Kalman filter suitable for pose (position and orientation) estimation based on accelerometer, gyroscope, GPS, and magnetometer input. To create the continuous-discrete Kalman filter, use the 'asyncIMU' input argument.

For more details, see the Pose Estimation From Asynchronous Sensors example.

Estimate height and orientation using MARG and altimeter data

Use ahrs10filter to estimate height and orientation based on altimeter readings and MARG (magnetic, angular rate, gravity) data. Typically, MARG data is derived from magnetometer, gyroscope, and accelerometer readings.

Simulate altimeter sensor readings

Use altimeterSensor to simulate altimeter sensor readings based on a ground-truth position.

Model and simulate bistatic radar tracking systems

radarSensor, radarEmitter, and radarChannel support modeling a radar tracking system with bistatic sensors (physically separated transmitter and receiver), including the effects of signal reflections from the target. To create a bistatic radar sensor, set the DetectionMode property of radarSensor to 'bistatic'.

For more details, see the Tracking Using Bistatic Range Detections example.

Correct magnetometer readings for soft- and hard-iron effects

Use magcal to determine the coefficients needed to correct uncalibrated magnetometer data. You can correct for soft-iron effects, hard-iron effects, or both.

For more details, see the Magnetometer Calibration example.

Determine Allan variance of gyroscope data

Use allanvar to determine the Allan variance of gyroscope data. You can use the Allan variance to set noise parameters on your sensor models.

Generate quaternions from uniformly distributed random rotations

Use randrot to generate unit quaternions drawn from a uniform distribution of random rotations.

New application examples

This release contains several new application examples:

- Marine Surveillance Using a PHD Tracker shows how to use a PHD tracker to track extended ship targets with radar detections.
- Track Vehicles Using Lidar: From Point Cloud to Track List shows how to use a JPDA tracker to track vehicles with Lidar detections.
- How to Efficiently Track Large Numbers of Objects.
- Tracking a Flock of Birds.
- Tracking Using Bistatic Range Detections.
- Pose Estimation From Asynchronous Sensors.
- Magnetometer Calibration.
- How to Generate C Code for a Tracker.

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New Features

Single-Hypothesis and Multi-Hypothesis Multi-Object Trackers

Sensor Fusion and Tracking Toolbox provides multi-object trackers that fuse information from various sensors. Use trackerGNN to maintain a single hypothesis about the objects it tracks. Use trackerTOMHT to maintain multiple hypotheses about the objects it tracks.

Estimation Filters for Tracking

Sensor Fusion and Tracking Toolbox provides estimation filters that are optimized for specific scenarios, such as linear or nonlinear motion models, linear or nonlinear measurement models, or incomplete observability.

Estimation filters include:

Estimate Filters	Description
trackingABF	Alpha-beta filter
trackingKF	Linear Kalman filter
trackingEKF	Extended Kalman filter
trackingUKF	Unscented Kalman filter
trackingCKF	Cubature Kalman filter
trackingPF	Particle filter
trackingMSCEKF	Extended Kalman filter in modified spherical coordinates
trackingGSF	Gaussian-sum filter
trackingIMM	Interacting multiple model filter

Inertial Sensor Fusion to Estimate Pose

Sensor Fusion and Tracking Toolbox provides algorithms to estimate orientation and position from IMU and GPS data. The algorithms are optimized for different sensor configurations, output requirements, and motion constraints.

Inertial sensor fusion algorithms include:

Inertial Sensor Fusion Algorithm	Description
ecompass	Estimate orientation using magnetometer and accelerometer readings.
imufilter	Estimate orientation using accelerometer and gyroscope readings
ahrsfilter	Estimate orientation using accelerometer, gyroscope, and magnetometer readings
insfilter	Estimate position and orientation (pose) using IMU and GPS readings.

Active and Passive Sensor Models

Sensor Fusion and Tracking Toolbox provides active and passive sensor models. You can mimic environmental, channel, and sensor configurations by modifying parameters of the sensor models. For active sensors, you can model the corresponding emitters and channels as separate models.

Sensor models include:

Sensor Model	Description
imuSensor	IMU measurements of accelerometer, gyroscope, and magnetometer
gpsSensor	GPS position, velocity, groundspeed, and course measurements
insSensor	INS/GPS position, velocity, and orientation emulator
monostaticRadarSensor	Radar detection generator
sonarSensor	Active or passive sonar detection generator
irSensor	Infrared (IR) detection generator
radarSensor	Radio frequency detection generator

Trajectory and Scenario Generation

Generate ground-truth trajectories to drive sensor models using the kinematicTrajectory and waypointTrajectory System objects. Simulate tracking of multiple platforms in a 3-D arena using trackingScenario.

Visualization and Analytics

Use theaterPlot with trackingScenario to plot the ground-truth pose, detections, and estimated pose tracks for multi-object scenarios. Get error metrics for tracks using trackErrorMetrics. Analyze and compare the performance of multi-object tracking systems using trackAssignmentMetrics.

Orientation, Rotations, and Representation Conversions

The quaternion data type enables efficient representation of orientation and rotations. Sensor Fusion and Tracking Toolbox provides the following functions for use with the quaternion data type:

Rotations	
rotateframe	Quaternion frame rotation
rotatepoint	Quaternion point rotation
Representation Conversion	
Representation conversion	
rotmat	Convert quaternion to rotation matrix
rotvec	Convert quaternion to rotation vector (radians)

Representation Conversion	
rotvecd	Convert quaternion to rotation vector (degrees)
parts	Extract quaternion parts
euler	Convert quaternion to Euler angles (radians)
eulerd	Convert quaternion to Euler angles (degrees)
compact	Convert quaternion array to N-by-4 matrix

Metrics and Interpolation	
dist	Angular distance in radians
norm	Quaternion norm
meanrot	Quaternion mean rotation
slerp	Spherical linear interpolation

Initialization and Convenience Functions	
	Create quaternion array with real parts set to one and imaginary parts set to zero
zeros	Create quaternion array with all parts set to zero
classUnderlying	Class of parts within quaternion
normalize	Quaternion normalization

Mathematics	
times, .*	Element-wise quaternion multiplication
mtimes, *	Quaternion multiplication
prod	Product of a quaternion array
minus, -	Quaternion subtraction
uminus, -	Quaternion unary minus
conj	Complex conjugate of quaternion
ldivide, .\	Element-wise quaternion left division
rdivide, ./	Element-wise quaternion right division
exp	Exponential of quaternion array
log	Natural logarithm of quaternion array
power, .^	Element-wise quaternion power

Array Manipulation

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ctranspose, '	Complex conjugate transpose of quaternion array
transpose, .'	Transpose of quaternion array

Sensor Fusion and Tracking Examples

The release of Sensor Fusion and Tracking Toolbox includes the following examples.

Applications

Air Traffic Control

Multiplatform Radar Detection Fusion

Passive Ranging Using a Single Maneuvering Sensor

Tracking Using Distributed Synchronous Passive Sensors

Search and Track Scheduling for Multifunction Phased Array Radar

Extended Object Tracking

Visual-Inertial Odometry Using Synthetic Data

IMU and GPS Fusion for Inertial Navigation

Multi-Object Trackers

Multiplatform Radar Detection Fusion

Tracking Closely Spaced Targets Under Ambiguity

Tracking Using Distributed Synchronous Passive Sensors

Extended Object Tracking

Introduction to Using the Global Nearest Neighbor Tracker

Introduction to Track Logic

Estimation Filters

Tracking Maneuvering Targets

Tracking with Range-Only Measurements

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Inertial Sensor Fusion

Estimate Orientation Through Inertial Sensor Fusion

IMU and GPS Fusion for Inertial Navigation

Estimate Position and Orientation of a Ground Vehicle

Estimate Orientation and Height Using IMU, Magnetometer, and Altimeter

Sensor Models

Inertial Sensor Noise Analysis Using Allan Variance

Simulating Passive Radar Sensors and Radar Interferences

Introduction to Simulating IMU Measurements

Introduction to Tracking Scenario and Simulating Radar Detections

Scanning Radar Mode Configuration

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Benchmark Trajectories for Multi-Object Tracking

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Quaternion Representation

Rotations, Orientation and Quaternions

Lowpass Filter Orientation Using Quaternion SLERP