

SEDDIT Project Workshop

Simulation of Vehicle Fleets for KF-based Spatial Phenomenon Estimation

Introduction



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Motivation



Need

Accurate environmental information for energy-efficient vehicle operation



Impact

Sensing accuracy affects energy estimation and control decisions



Opportunity

Truck fleets as distributed mobile sensors



Limitation

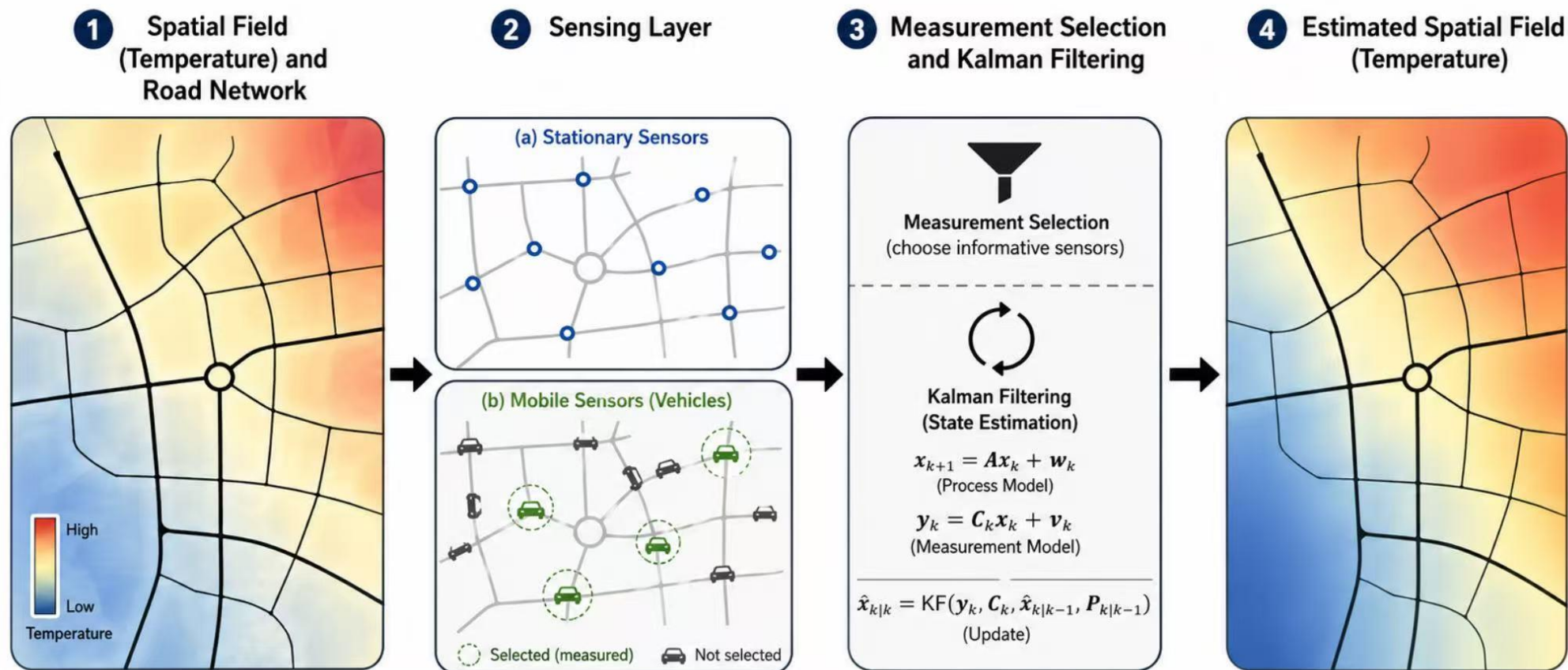
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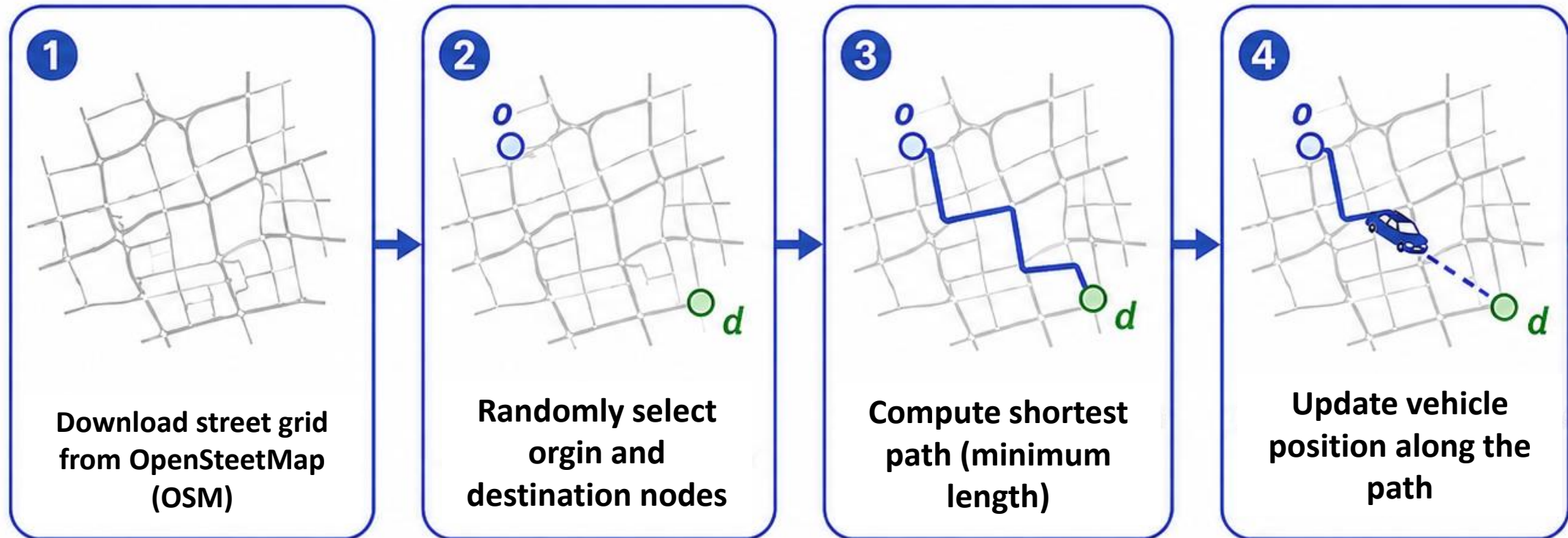
Goal

Select informative measurements for spatial field estimation

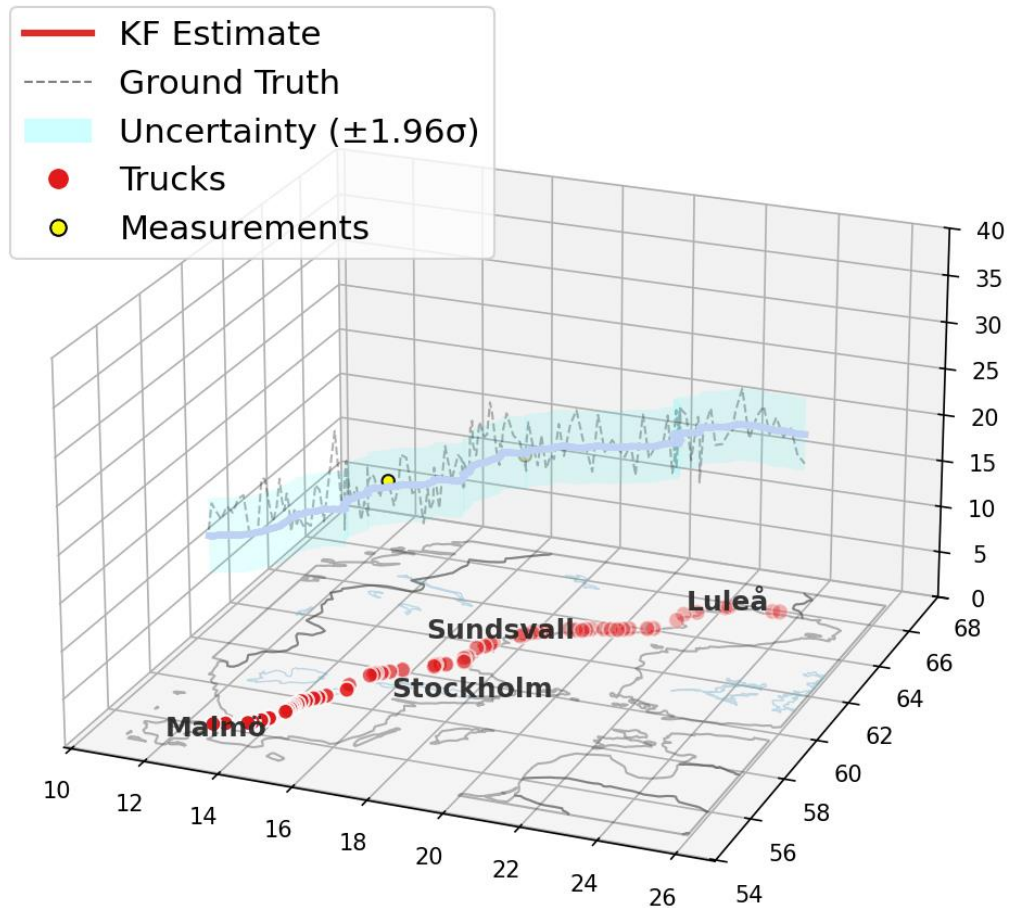
Methodology Overview



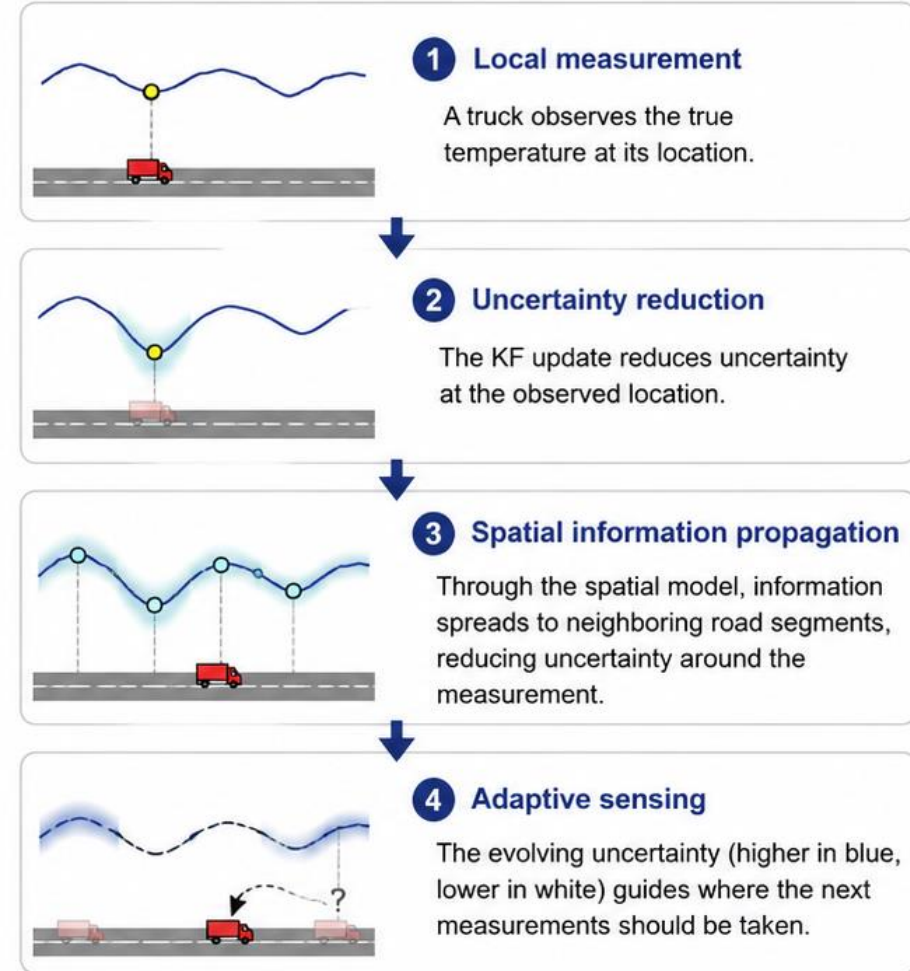
Vehicle Fleet Simulation



How the KF Estimates On-road Temperature



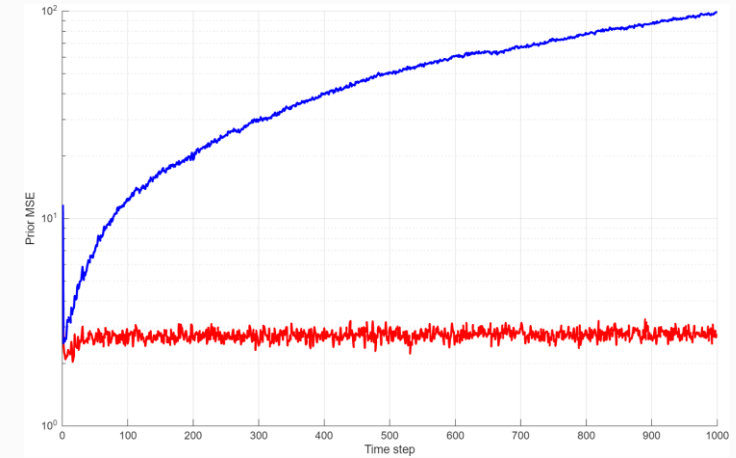
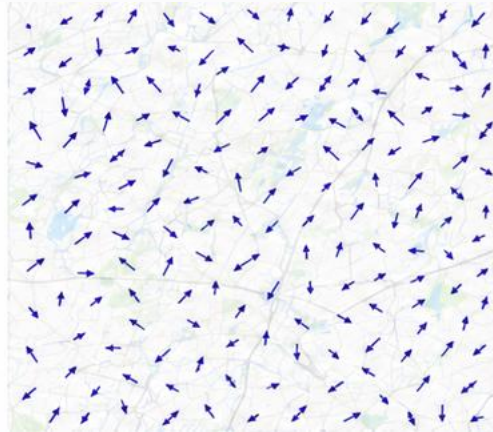
KF estimation mechanism



Effect of Spatial Correlation

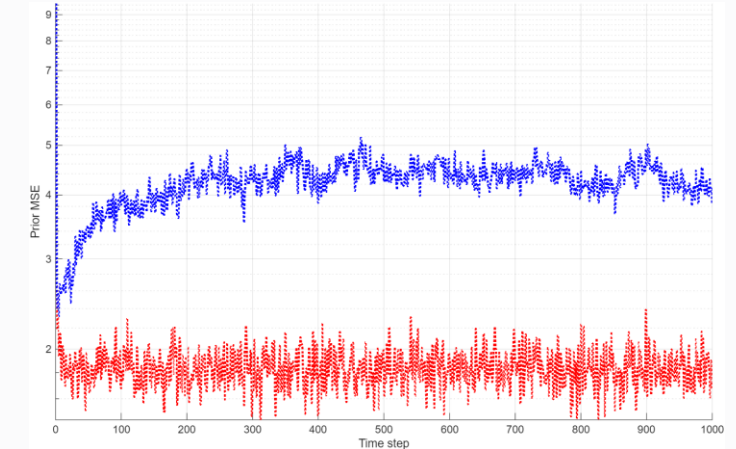
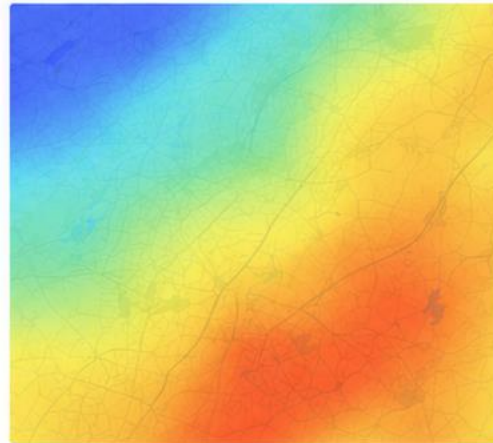
1 Spatially uncorrelated scenario

Example: wind direction



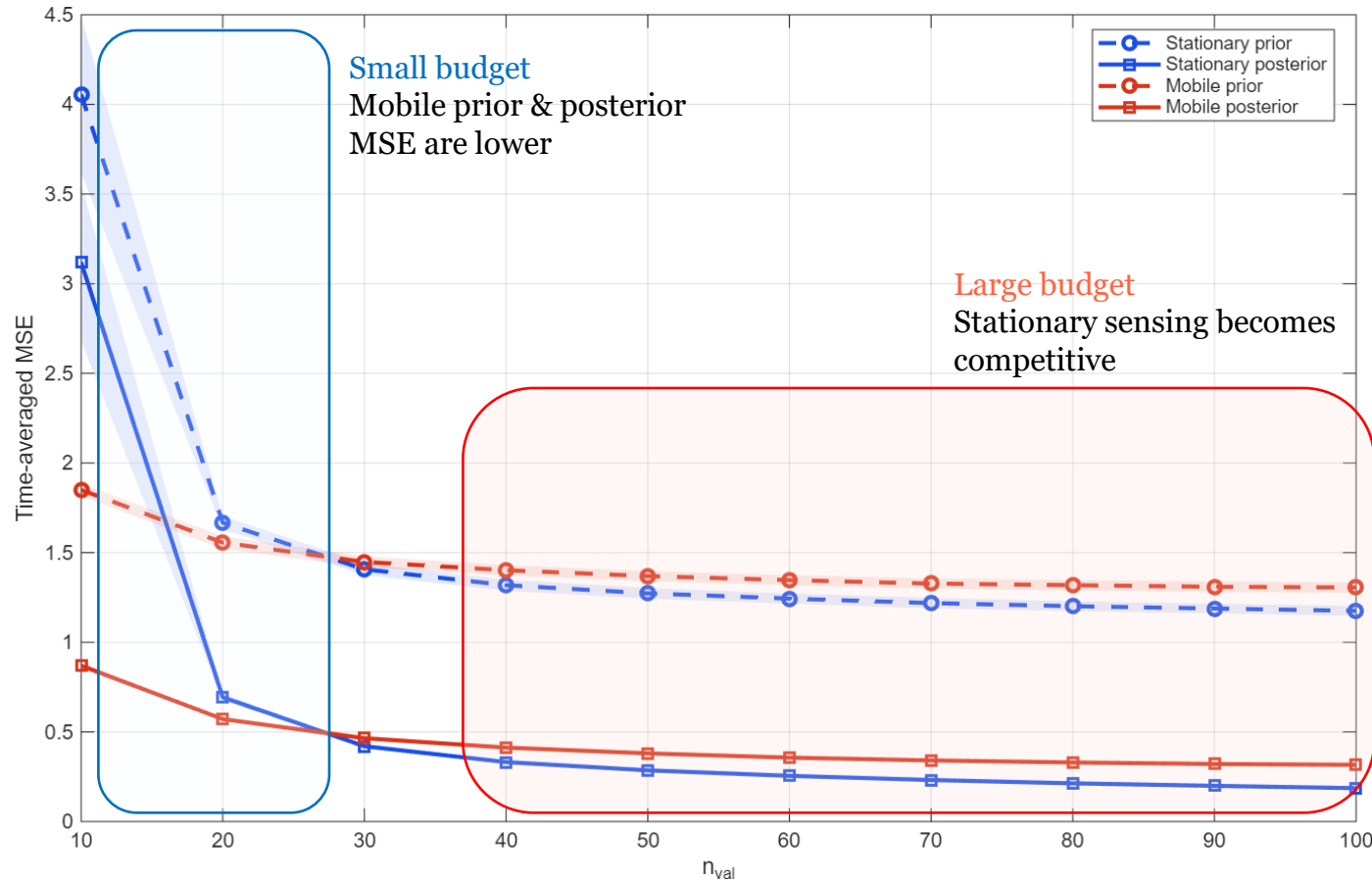
2 Spatially correlated scenario

Example: temperature



Mobile sensing has a larger advantage when the spatial correlation is weak.

Effect of Sensor Budget on Mobile and Stationary Sensing



1. Mobile sensing is more effective with a small sensor budget.

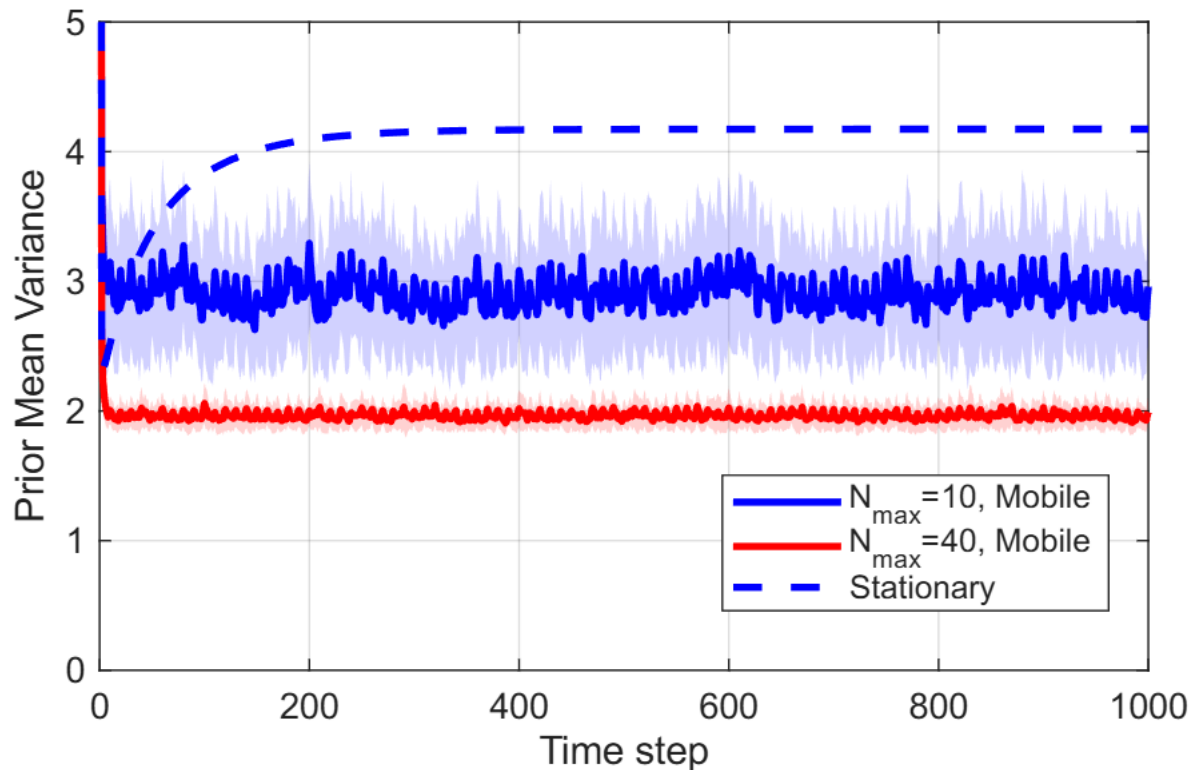
With limited sensors, mobile sensors explore more locations and achieve lower MSE.



2. With more sensors, stationary sensing becomes competitive.

Stable, fixed locations provide better spatial coverage, leading to slightly lower MSE.

Effect of Fleet Size on Estimation Performance

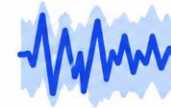


1



Even with only 10 active vehicles, **mobile sensing outperforms** stationary sensing in mean variance / MSE.

2



Mobile sensing has more stochastic behavior due to random vehicle positions. This causes **larger temporal fluctuations** and **wider uncertainty bands**, making the results less stable than stationary sensing.

3



Increasing the fleet size **lowers mean variance / MSE** and **reduces variability** across runs.

Thank you