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Sensor selection for localization application

- **Sensor Selection**
 - Increase efficiency of the sensor network by reduced resource consumption
 - Depends heavily on sensing application and utility metric
- **Utility function**

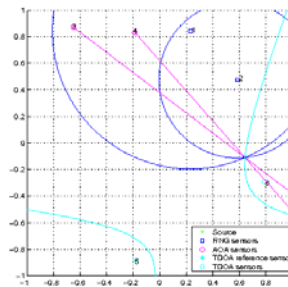
The utility function must capture the essence of the sensing application such as the model of the environment, the signature of the source and the estimation/detection/data fusion algorithm that will be used to operate on the sensed data.
- **Two Classes of Utility Function**
 - Sub modular: can be formulated as linear programming problem and the greedy algorithm can provide a good solution
 - Super modular: difficult to solve

Localization application sensor selection

Model Considered

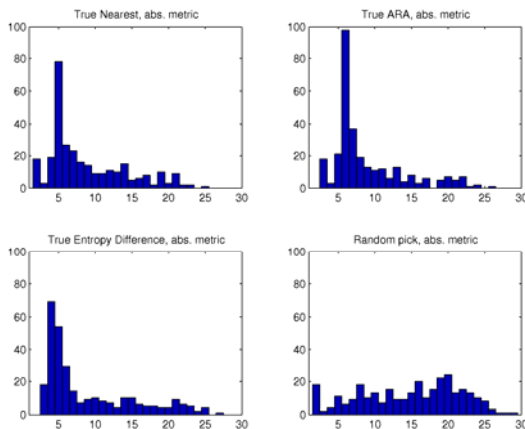
- Mixture of Range (RNG) and Angle of Arrival (AOA) sensors
- Using the trace of Fisher Information Matrix (FIM) as utility function for the selected sensors
- Already selected sufficient number of sensors to resolve source location ambiguity (i.e., at least 2 AOA sensor or 3 RNG sensors)

When the source falls within the convex hull of the sensors, this utility function is sub modular utility function



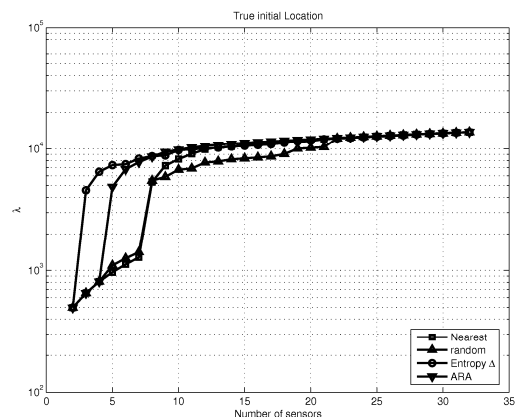
In a more complex environment, how to select the next sensor?

Sensor selection Algorithm Statistic



- Most intelligent algorithms behave similarly
- Minor differences in first few sensors
- Behavior driven by utility function

One trial Sample



Utility function selected above caused the utility function to improve by $O(\log(k))$, k = number of sensors used.

This behavior can be expected for all utility functions that are summations of the utilities of individual sensors.