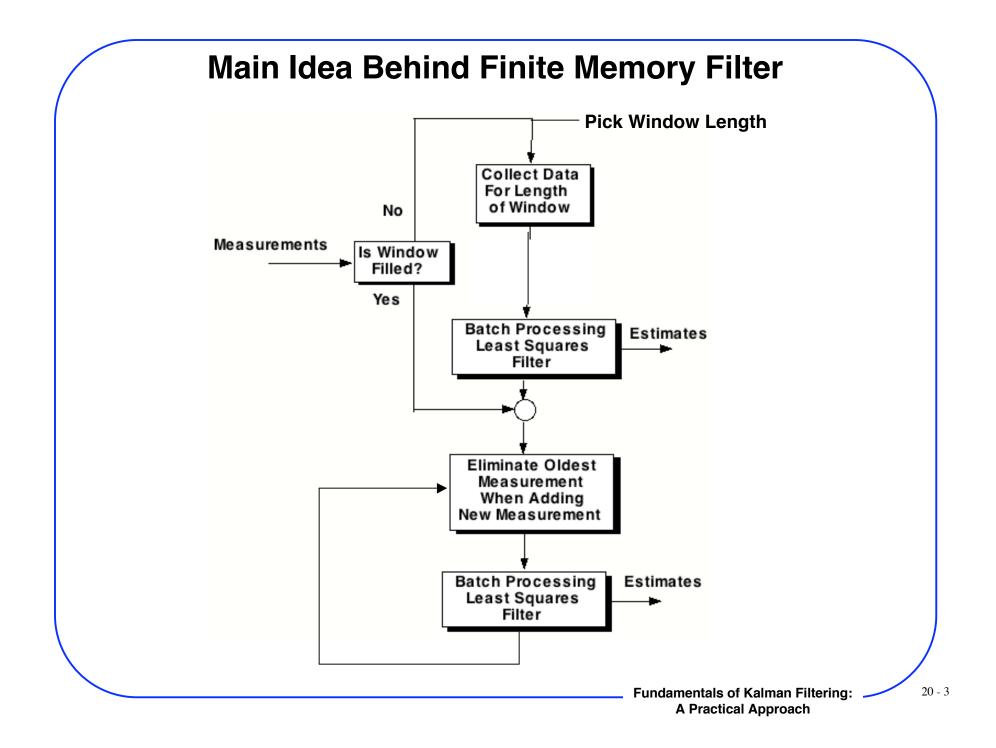
# **Comparison of Finite Memory and Kalman Filters**

# Recall

• A batch processing least squares filter and a Kalman filter are equivalent when Kalman filter has zero process noise and infinite initial covariance matrix

• A Kalman filter with zero process noise will have problems in the real world because the Kalman gains eventually go to zero. This means that the Kalman filter will no longer pay attention to measurements

• If the filter only has to work for a short period of time (window), having zero process noise might be ok



# Review of Least Squares Method For Second-Order System-1

Fit measurement data with "best" parabola

 $\widehat{\mathbf{x}} = \mathbf{a}_0 + \mathbf{a}_1 \mathbf{t} + \mathbf{a}_2 \mathbf{t}^2$ 

Or in discrete form

 $\widehat{x}_k = a_0 + a_1(k\text{-}1)T_s + a_2[(k\text{-}1)T_s]^2$ 

We still want to minimize residual R

$$R = \sum_{k=1}^{n} (\widehat{x}_{k} - x_{k}^{*})^{2} = \sum_{k=1}^{n} [a_{0} + a_{1}(k-1)T_{s} + a_{2}(k-1)^{2}T_{s}^{2} - x_{k}^{*}]^{2}$$

We can expand R

 $R = (a_0 - x_1^*)^2 + [a_0 + a_1 T_s + a_2 T_s^2 - x_2^*)]^2 + ... + [a_0 + a_1 (n-1) T_s + a_2 (n-1)^2 T_s^2 - x_n^*]^2$ 

### Minimize R by setting derivatives to zero

$$\frac{\partial R}{\partial a_0} = 0 = 2(a_0 - x_1^*) + 2[a_0 + a_1 T_s + a_2 T_s^2 - x_2^*)] + \dots + 2[a_0 + a_1(n-1)T_s + a_2(n-1)^2 T_s^2 - x_n^*]$$
  
$$\frac{\partial R}{\partial a_1} = 0 = 2[a_0 + a_1 T_s + a_2 T_s^2 - x_2^*)]T_s + \dots + 2[a_0 + a_1(n-1)T_s + a_2(n-1)^2 T_s^2 - x_n^*](n-1)T_s$$
  
$$\frac{\partial R}{\partial a_2} = 0 = 2[a_0 + a_1 T_s + a_2 T_s^2 - x_2^*)]T_s^2 + \dots + 2[a_0 + a_1(n-1)T_s + a_2(n-1)^2 T_s^2 - x_n^*](n-1)^2 T_s^2$$

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# Review of Least Squares Method For Second-Order System-2

We can simplify preceding three equations

$$na_{0} + a_{1} \sum_{k=1}^{n} (k-1)T_{s} + a_{2} \sum_{k=1}^{n} [(k-1)T_{s}]^{2} = \sum_{k=1}^{n} x_{k}^{*}$$

$$a_{0} \sum_{k=1}^{n} (k-1)T_{s} + a_{1} \sum_{k=1}^{n} [(k-1)T_{s}]^{2} + a_{2} \sum_{k=1}^{n} [(k-1)T_{s}]^{3} = \sum_{k=1}^{n} (k-1)T_{s} x_{k}^{*}$$

$$a_{0} \sum_{k=1}^{n} [(k-1)T_{s}]^{2} + a_{1} \sum_{k=1}^{n} [(k-1)T_{s}]^{3} + a_{2} \sum_{k=1}^{n} [(k-1)T_{s}]^{4} = \sum_{k=1}^{n} [(k-1)T_{s}]^{2} x_{k}^{*}$$

### These equations can also be expressed in matrix form as

$$\begin{array}{cccc} n & & \sum_{k=1}^{n} (k-1)T_{s} & & \sum_{k=1}^{n} [(k-1)T_{s}]^{2} \\ & & \sum_{k=1}^{n} (k-1)T_{s} & & \sum_{k=1}^{n} [(k-1)T_{s}]^{2} & & \sum_{k=1}^{n} [(k-1)T_{s}]^{3} \\ & & \sum_{k=1}^{n} [(k-1)T_{s}]^{2} & & \sum_{k=1}^{n} [(k-1)T_{s}]^{3} & & \sum_{k=1}^{n} [(k-1)T_{s}]^{4} \end{array} \right] \begin{bmatrix} a_{0} \\ a_{1} \\ a_{2} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} & \sum_{k=1}^{n} x_{k}^{*} \\ & \sum_{k=1}^{n} (k-1)T_{s}x_{k}^{*} \\ & \sum_{k=1}^{n} [(k-1)T_{s}]^{2} & & \sum_{k=1}^{n} [(k-1)T_{s}]^{3} \\ & \sum_{k=1}^{n} [(k-1)T_{s}]^{4} \end{bmatrix}$$

# Review of Least Squares Method For Second-Order System-3

We can solve for the coefficients by matrix inversion

$$\begin{bmatrix} a_0 \\ a_1 \\ a_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} n & \sum_{k=1}^n (k-1)T_s & \sum_{k=1}^n [(k-1)T_s]^2 \\ \sum_{k=1}^n (k-1)T_s & \sum_{k=1}^n [(k-1)T_s]^2 & \sum_{k=1}^n [(k-1)T_s]^3 \\ \sum_{k=1}^n [(k-1)T_s]^2 & \sum_{k=1}^n [(k-1)T_s]^3 & \sum_{k=1}^n [(k-1)T_s]^4 \end{bmatrix}^{-1} \begin{bmatrix} \sum_{k=1}^n x_k^* & \sum_{k=1}^n x_k^* \\ \sum_{k=1}^n (k-1)T_s x_k^* & \sum_{k=1}^n (k-1)T_k x_k^* \\ \sum_{k=1}^n (k-1)T_k x_k^* & \sum_{k=1}^n (k-1)T_k x_k^* \end{bmatrix}$$

### **Simplify Notation**

#### Let

- i = k 1
- L = n 1

### Therefore each element in the matrix to be Inverted can be simplified

 $n = L + 1 = S_0$ 

$$\sum_{k=1}^{n} (k-1)T_{s} = T_{s} \sum_{i=0}^{L} i = T_{s} \sum_{i=1}^{L} i = 0.5T_{s} [L(L+1)] = S_{1}T_{s}$$
$$\sum_{k=1}^{n} [(k-1)T_{s}]^{2} = T_{s}^{2} \sum_{i=0}^{L} i^{2} = T_{s}^{2} \sum_{i=1}^{L} i^{2} = T_{s}^{2} \left[\frac{1}{6}L(L+1)(2L+1)\right] = S_{2}T_{s}^{2}$$

 $\sum_{k=1}^{n} \left[ (k-1)T \right]^{3} = T^{3} \sum_{k=1}^{L} i^{3} = T^{3} \sum_{k=1}^{L} i^{3} = T^{3} \left[ \frac{1}{2} L^{2} (L+1)^{2} \right] = S_{2} T^{3}$ 

From Sums of Powers Of the First n Integers\*

$$\sum_{k=1}^{n} \left[ (k-1)T_{s} \right]^{4} = T_{s}^{4} \sum_{i=0}^{L} i^{4} = T_{s}^{4} \sum_{i=1}^{L} i^{4} = T_{s}^{4} \left[ \frac{1}{30} L(L+1)(2L+1)(3L^{2}+3L-1) \right] = S_{4}T_{s}^{4}$$

Therefore we can express coefficients in shorthand notation as

$$\begin{bmatrix} a_0 \\ a_1 \\ a_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} S_0 & S_1 T_s & S_2 T_s^2 \\ S_1 T_s & S_2 T_s^2 & S_3 T_s^3 \\ S_2 T_s^2 & S_3 T_s^3 & S_4 T_s^4 \end{bmatrix}^{-1} \begin{bmatrix} \sum_{i=1}^L x_i^* \\ \sum_{i=1}^L i T_s x_i^* \\ \sum_{i=1}^L (i T_s)^2 x_i^* \end{bmatrix}$$

\*Selby, S.M., "CRC Standard Mathematical Tables, 20th Edition," The Chemical Rubber Co., 1972, p. 37 Fundamentals of Kalman Filtering:

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# **Evaluating Matrix Inverse-1**

Recall that a 3x3 matrix inverse can be evaluated exactly

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 $\mathbf{A} = \begin{bmatrix} a & b & c \\ d & e & f \\ g & h & i \end{bmatrix}$ 

Then exact inverse given by

 $\mathbf{A}^{-1} = \frac{1}{\operatorname{aei} + \operatorname{bfg} + \operatorname{cdh} - \operatorname{ceg} - \operatorname{bdi} - \operatorname{afh}} \begin{bmatrix} \operatorname{ei-fh} & \operatorname{ch-bi} & \operatorname{bf-ec} \\ \operatorname{gf-di} & \operatorname{ai-gc} & \operatorname{dc-af} \\ \operatorname{dh-ge} & \operatorname{gb-ah} & \operatorname{ae-bd} \end{bmatrix}$ 

Note that a matrix is a set of numbers that only has to be evaluated once

Numbers in matrix inverse do not depend on measurements

# **Evaluating Matrix Inverse-2**

Recall

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} S_0 & S_1 T_s & S_2 T_s^2 \\ S_1 T_s & S_2 T_s^2 & S_3 T_s^3 \\ S_2 T_s^2 & S_3 T_s^3 & S_4 T_s^4 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} a & b & c \\ d & e & f \\ g & h & i \end{bmatrix} \text{ and } A^{-1} = \frac{1}{den} \begin{bmatrix} ei - fh & ch - bi & bf - ec \\ gf - di & ai - gc & dc - af \\ dh - ge & gb - ah & ae - bd \end{bmatrix}$$

#### Therefore

 $den = T_s^6 \left( S_0 S_2 S_4 - S_0 S_3^2 - S_1^2 S_4 + 2S_1 S_2 S_3 - S_2^3 \right)$ 

$$\frac{ei-fh}{den} = \frac{T_s^6}{den} \left( S_2 S_4 - S_3^2 \right) = C_1 \qquad \qquad \frac{ch-bi}{den} = \frac{T_s^5 \left( S_2 S_3 - S_1 S_4 \right)}{den} = C_2 \qquad \qquad \frac{bf-ec}{den} = \frac{T_s^4 \left( S_1 S_3 - S_2^2 \right)}{den} = C_3$$

$$\frac{gf - di}{den} = \frac{T_s^5 (S_2 S_3 - S_1 S_4)}{den} = C_2 \qquad \qquad \frac{ai - gc}{den} = \frac{T_s^4 (S_0 S_4 - S_2^2)}{den} = C_4 \qquad \qquad \frac{dc - af}{den} = \frac{T_s^3 (S_1 S_2 - S_0 S_3)}{den} = C_5$$

 $\frac{dh - ge}{den} = \frac{T_s^4 (S_1 S_3 - S_2^2)}{den} = C_3 \qquad \qquad \frac{gb - ah}{den} = \frac{T_s^3 (S_1 S_2 - S_0 S_3)}{den} = C_5 \qquad \qquad \frac{ae - bd}{den} = \frac{T_s^2 (S_0 S_2 - S_1^2)}{den} = C_6$ 

#### **Therefore Coefficients Become**

$$\begin{bmatrix} a_0 \\ a_1 \\ a_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} S_0 & S_1 T_s & S_2 T_s^2 \\ S_1 T_s & S_2 T_s^2 & S_3 T_s^3 \\ S_2 T_s^2 & S_3 T_s^3 & S_4 T_s^4 \end{bmatrix}^{-1} \begin{bmatrix} \sum_{i=1}^{L} x_i^* \\ \sum_{i=1}^{L} i T_s x_i^* \\ \sum_{i=1}^{L} (i T_s)^2 x_i^* \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{Or} \quad \begin{bmatrix} a_0 \\ a_1 \\ a_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} C_1 & C_2 & C_3 \\ C_2 & C_4 & C_5 \\ C_3 & C_5 & C_6 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \sum_{i=1}^{L} x_i^* \\ \sum_{i=1}^{L} i T_s x_i^* \\ \sum_{i=1}^{L} (i T_s)^2 x_i^* \end{bmatrix}$$

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# **Quadratic Finite Memory Filter-1**

Collect measurements for certain period of time initially (Specify window or L) Evaluate quadratic coefficients

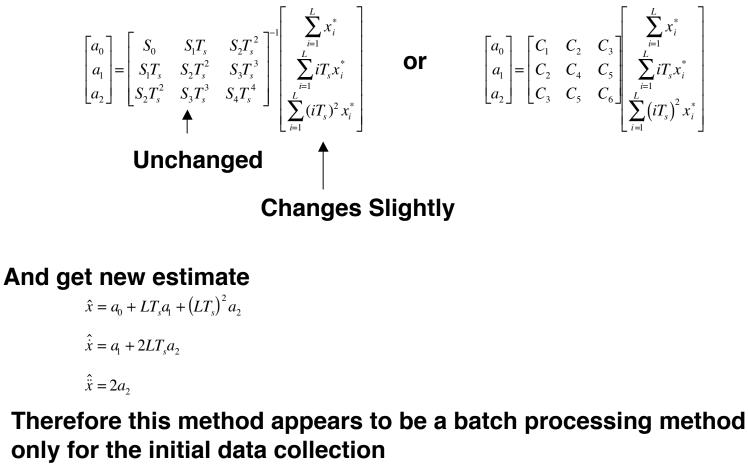
$$\begin{bmatrix} a_{0} \\ a_{1} \\ a_{2} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} S_{0} & S_{1}T_{s} & S_{2}T_{s}^{2} \\ S_{1}T_{s} & S_{2}T_{s}^{2} & S_{3}T_{s}^{3} \\ S_{2}T_{s}^{2} & S_{3}T_{s}^{3} & S_{4}T_{s}^{4} \end{bmatrix}^{-1} \begin{bmatrix} \sum_{i=1}^{L} x_{i}^{*} \\ \sum_{i=1}^{L} iT_{s}x_{i}^{*} \\ \sum_{i=1}^{L} (iT_{s})^{2}x_{i}^{*} \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{Or} \qquad \begin{bmatrix} a_{0} \\ a_{1} \\ a_{2} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} C_{1} & C_{2} & C_{3} \\ C_{2} & C_{4} & C_{5} \\ C_{3} & C_{5} & C_{6} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \sum_{i=1}^{L} x_{i}^{*} \\ \sum_{i=1}^{L} iT_{s}x_{i}^{*} \\ \sum_{i=1}^{L} (iT_{s})^{2}x_{i}^{*} \end{bmatrix}$$

At end of data collection period estimate states using coefficients

$$\hat{x} = a_0 + LT_s a_1 + (LT_s)^2 a_2$$
$$\hat{x} = a_1 + 2LT_s a_2$$
$$\hat{x} = 2a_2$$

**Quadratic Finite Memory Filter-2** 

After initial data collection period, add new measurement and eliminate oldest measurement and reevaluate



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### Recall We Have Shown That a Quadratic Batch Processing Least Squares Filter Can Be Made Recursive

#### Gains

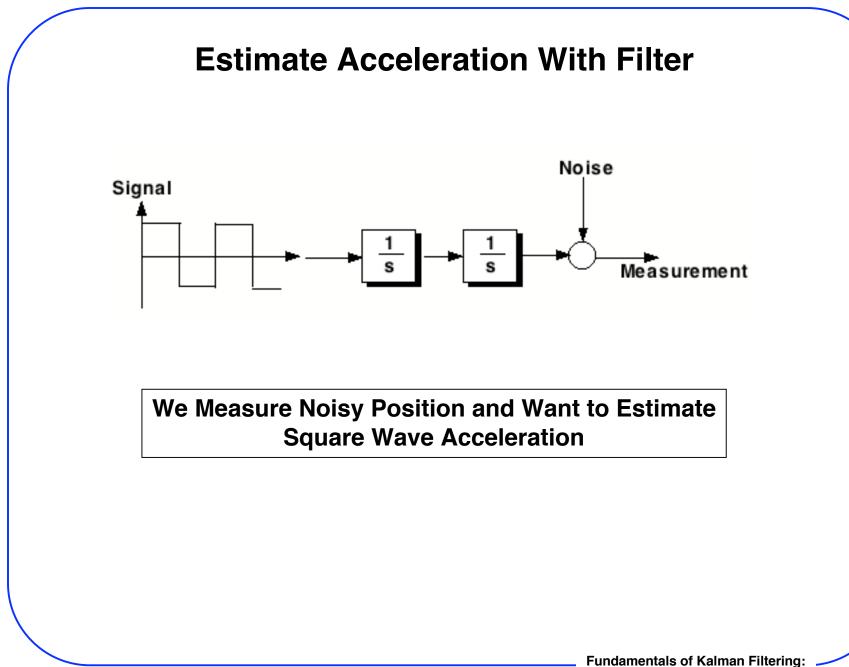
$$K_{1_{k}} = \frac{3(3k^{2}-3k+2)}{k(k+1)(k+2)} \quad k=1,2,...,n$$
$$K_{2_{k}} = \frac{18(2k-1)}{k(k+1)(k+2)T_{s}}$$
$$K_{3_{k}} = \frac{60}{16k}$$

 $k(k+1)(k+2)T_s^2$ 

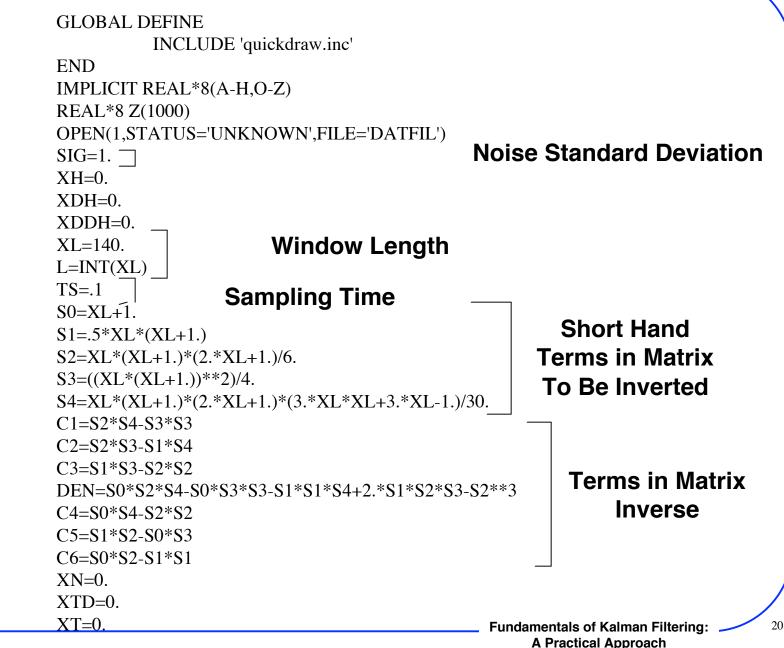
#### Filter

 $\begin{aligned} \operatorname{Res}_{k} &= x_{k}^{*} \cdot \widehat{x}_{k-1} - \widehat{x}_{k-1} T_{s} - .5 \, \widehat{x}_{k-1} T_{s}^{2} \\ \widehat{x}_{k} &= \widehat{x}_{k-1} + \widehat{x}_{k-1} T_{s} + .5 \, \widehat{x}_{k-1} T_{s}^{2} + \, K_{1_{k}} \operatorname{Res}_{k} \\ \widehat{x}_{k} &= \widehat{x}_{k-1} + \widehat{x}_{k-1} T_{s}^{2} + \, K_{2_{k}} \operatorname{Res}_{k} \\ \widehat{x}_{k} &= \widehat{x}_{k-1} + \, K_{3_{k}} \operatorname{Res}_{k} \end{aligned}$ 

Therefore initial data collection period can be made recursive so that estimates are always available

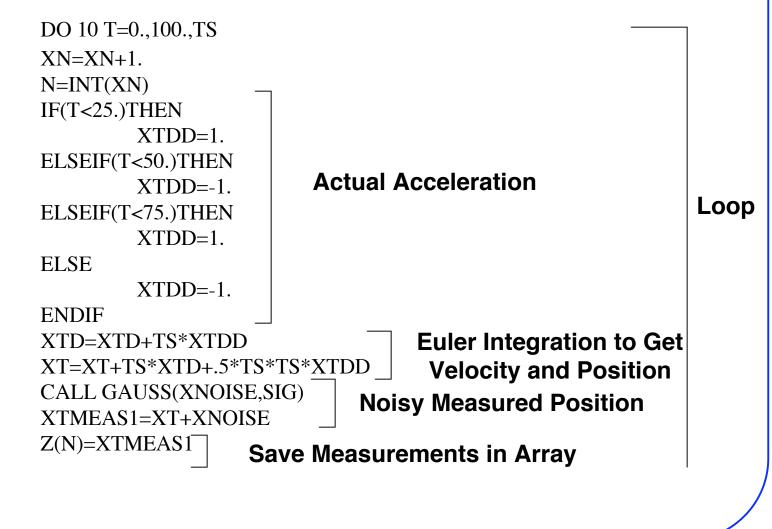


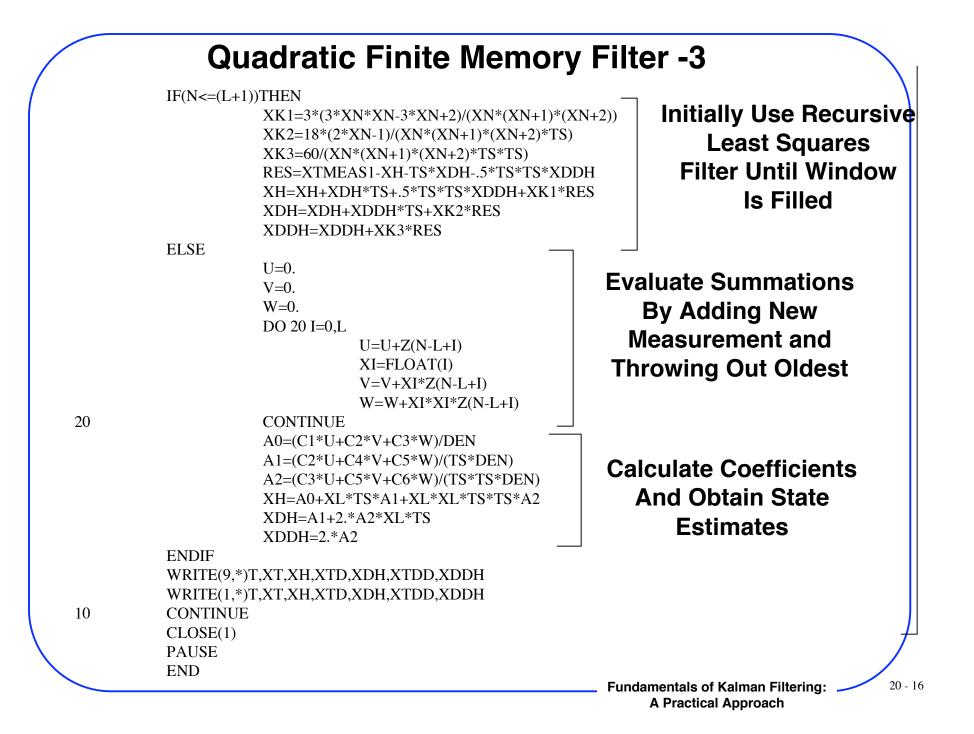
### **Quadratic Finite Memory Filter -1**

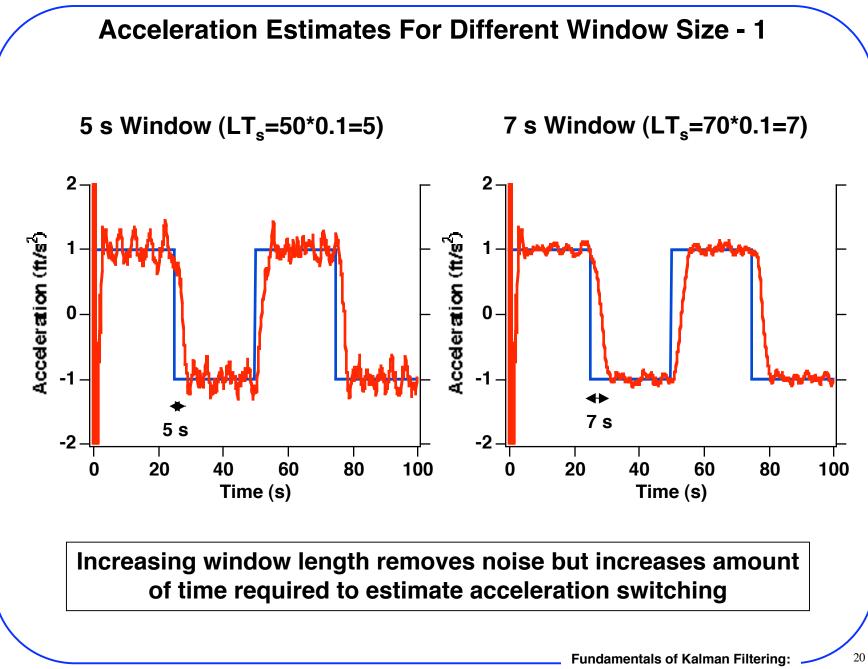


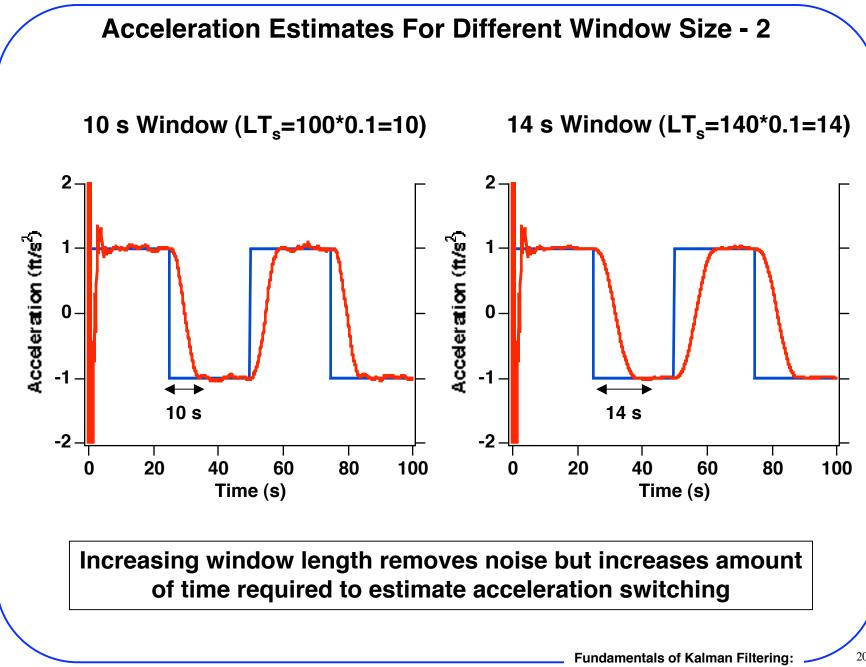
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### **Quadratic Finite Memory Filter -2**



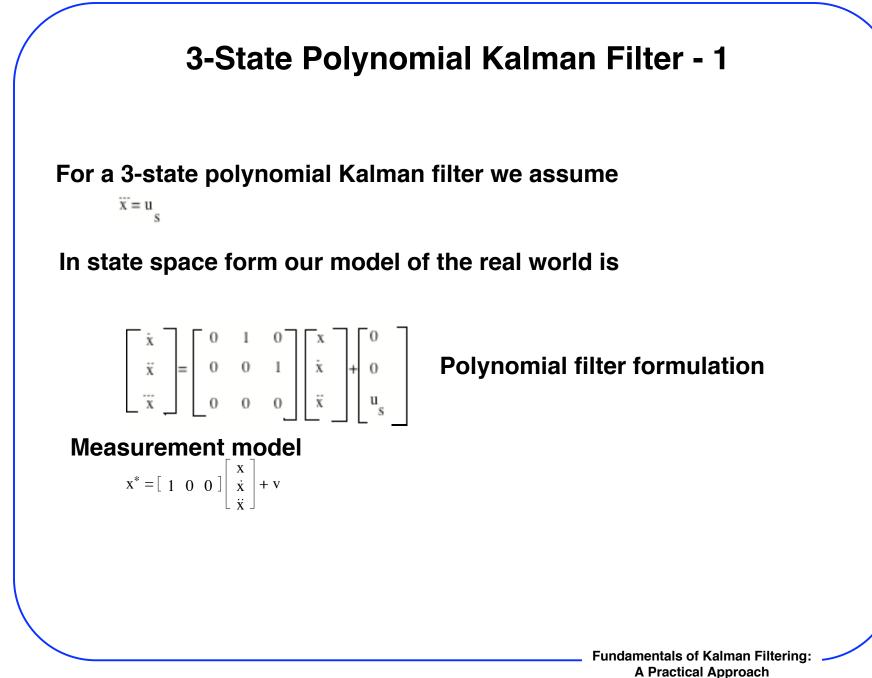






### **Important Matrices For 3-State Kalman Filter**

Order	Continuous Q	Fundamental	Discrete Q
0	$\mathbf{Q} = \Phi_{s}$	$\mathbf{\Phi}_{\mathbf{k}} = 1$	$\mathbf{Q}_{\mathbf{k}} = \Phi_{s}$
1	$\mathbf{Q} = \Phi_{\rm s} \left[ \begin{array}{cc} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{array} \right]$	$\mathbf{\Phi}_{\mathbf{k}} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & T_{\mathbf{s}} \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$	$\mathbf{Q}_{\mathbf{k}} = \boldsymbol{\Phi}_{\mathbf{s}} \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\mathbf{T}_{\mathbf{s}}^3}{3} & \frac{\mathbf{T}_{\mathbf{s}}^2}{2} \\ \frac{\mathbf{T}_{\mathbf{s}}^2}{2} & \mathbf{T}_{\mathbf{s}} \end{bmatrix}$
2	$\mathbf{Q} = \Phi_{\rm s} \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$	$\mathbf{\Phi}_{\mathbf{k}} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & T_{s} & .5T_{s}^{2} \\ 0 & 1 & T_{s} \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$	$\mathbf{Q_{k}} = \mathbf{\Phi_{s}} \begin{bmatrix} \frac{T_{s}^{5}}{20} & \frac{T_{s}^{4}}{8} & \frac{T_{s}^{3}}{6} \\ \frac{T_{s}^{4}}{8} & \frac{T_{s}^{3}}{3} & \frac{T_{s}^{2}}{2} \\ \frac{T_{s}^{3}}{6} & \frac{T_{s}^{2}}{2} & T_{s} \end{bmatrix}$



# **3-State Polynomial Kalman Filter - 2**

Therefore the fundamental and measurement noise matrices are

$$\mathbf{\Phi}_{\mathbf{k}} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & T_{s} & .5T_{s}^{2} \\ 0 & 1 & T_{s} \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \qquad \mathbf{H} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

**Recall Kalman filtering equation is given by** 

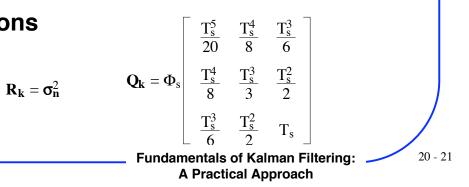
 $\widehat{\mathbf{x}}_{\mathbf{k}} = \mathbf{\Phi}_{\mathbf{k}} \widehat{\mathbf{x}}_{\mathbf{k}-1} + \mathbf{K}_{\mathbf{k}} (\mathbf{z}_{\mathbf{k}} - \mathbf{H} \mathbf{\Phi}_{\mathbf{k}} \widehat{\mathbf{x}}_{\mathbf{k}-1})$ 

Substitution and simplification yields second-order polynomial Kalman filter

 $RES_{k} = x_{k}^{*} - \hat{x}_{k-1} - T_{s}\hat{\dot{x}}_{k-1} - .5T_{s}^{2}\hat{\ddot{x}}_{k-1}$  $\hat{x}_{k} = \hat{x}_{k-1} + T_{s}\hat{\dot{x}}_{k-1} + .5T_{s}^{2}\hat{\ddot{x}}_{k-1} + K_{1k}RES_{k}$  $\hat{\dot{x}}_{k} = \hat{\dot{x}}_{k-1} + T_{s}\hat{\ddot{x}}_{k-1} + K_{2k}RES_{k}$  $\hat{\ddot{x}}_{k} = \hat{\ddot{x}}_{k-1} + K_{3k}RES_{k}$ 

Gains obtained from Riccati equations

$$\mathbf{M}_{\mathbf{k}} = \mathbf{\Phi}_{\mathbf{k}} \mathbf{P}_{\mathbf{k}-1} \mathbf{\Phi}_{\mathbf{k}}^{\mathrm{T}} + \mathbf{Q}_{\mathbf{k}}$$
$$\mathbf{K}_{\mathbf{k}} = \mathbf{M}_{\mathbf{k}} \mathbf{H}^{\mathrm{T}} (\mathbf{H} \mathbf{M}_{\mathbf{k}} \mathbf{H}^{\mathrm{T}} + \mathbf{R}_{\mathbf{k}})^{-1}$$
$$\mathbf{P}_{\mathbf{k}} = (\mathbf{I} - \mathbf{K}_{\mathbf{k}} \mathbf{H}) \mathbf{M}_{\mathbf{k}}$$



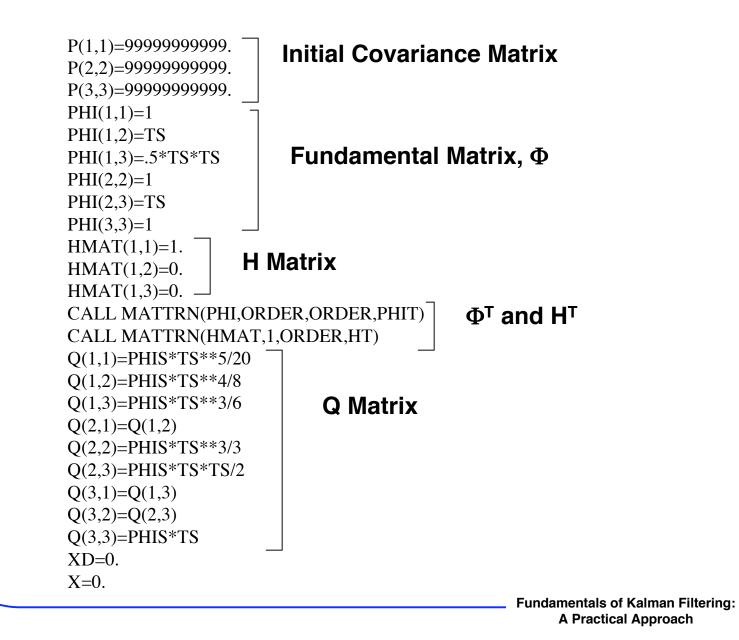
### 3-State Kalman Filter - 1

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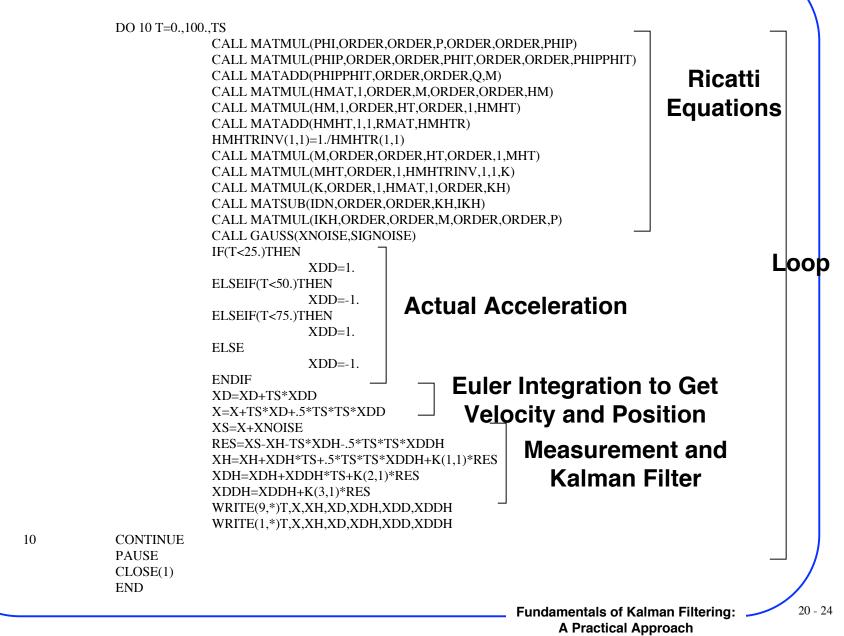
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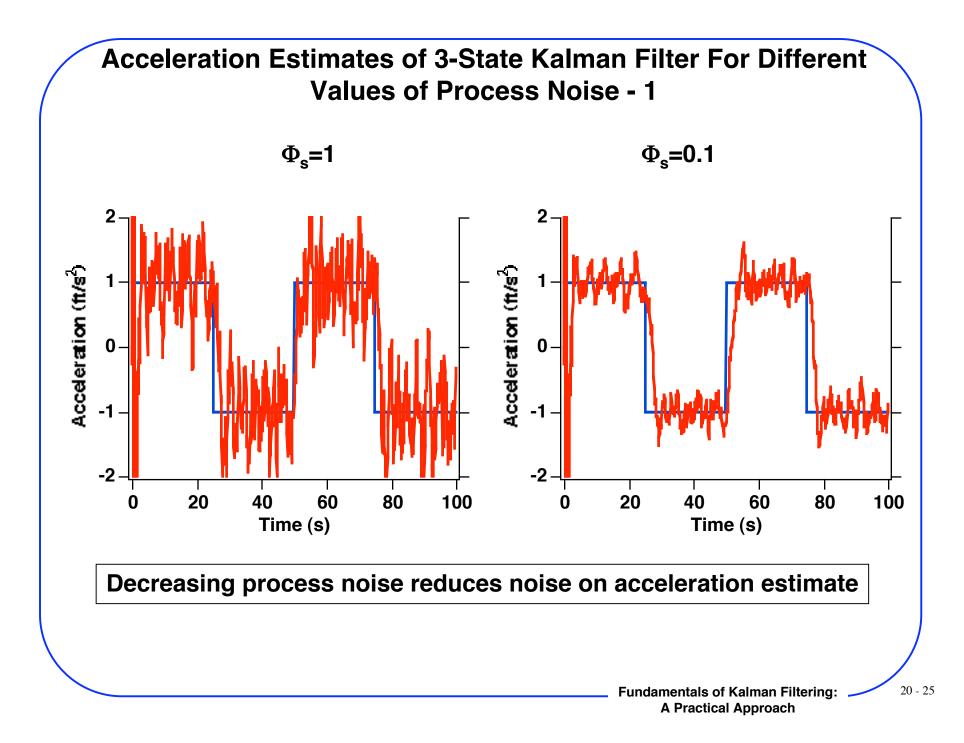
IDN(2,2)=1. IDN(3,3)=1.

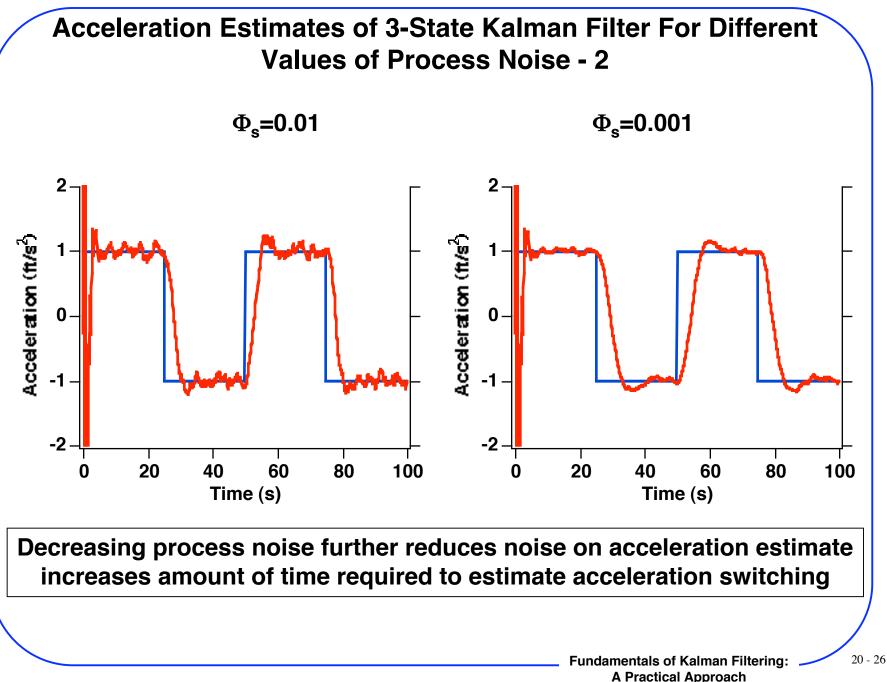
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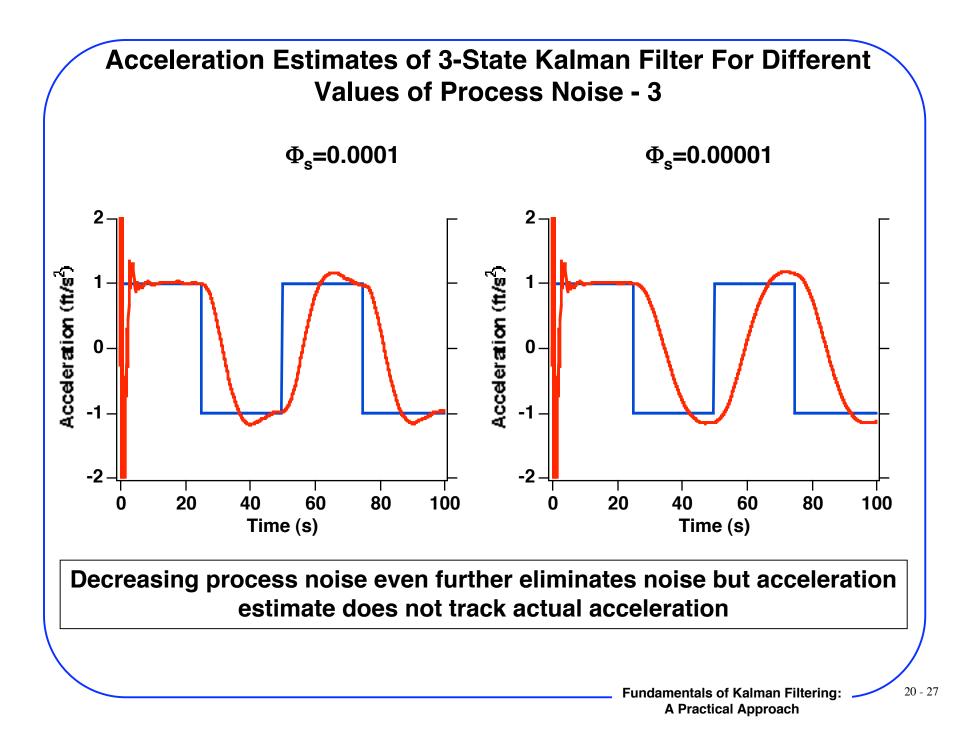


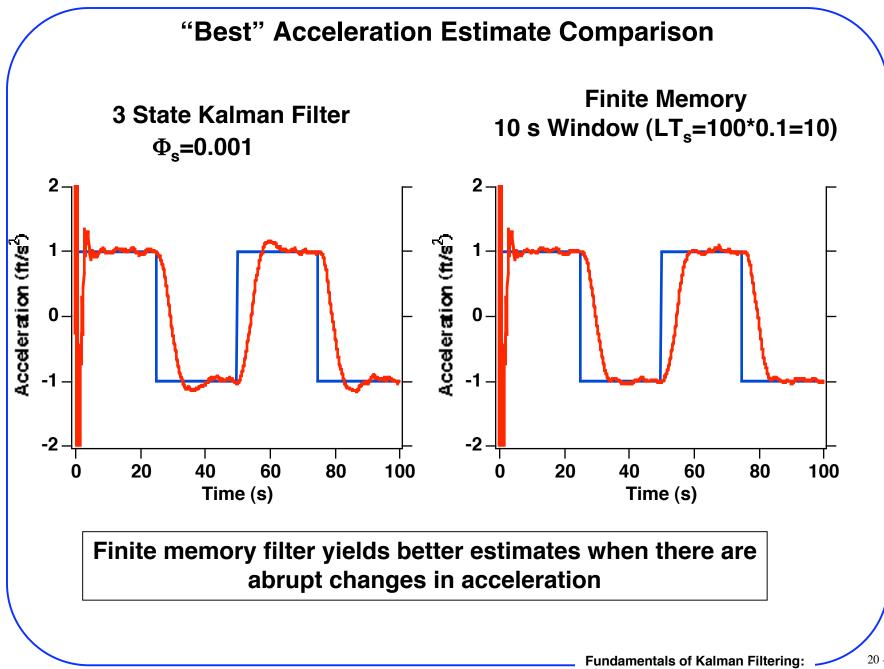
### **3-State Kalman Filter - 3**











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### **Draper Prize**

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2004: <u>Alan C. Kay, Butler W. Lampson, Robert W. Taylor, and Charles P. Thacker</u> for the vision, conception, and development of the first practical networked personal computers.

2003: Ivan A. Getting\* and Bradford W. Parkinson for the concept and development of the Global Positioning System (GPS).

2002: Robert Langer for the bioengineering of revolutionary medical drug delivery systems.

2001: <u>Vinton G. Cerf, Robert E. Kahn, Leonard Kleinrock, and Lawrence G. Roberts</u> for the development of the Internet.

1999: Charles K. Kao, Robert D. Maurer, and John B. MacChesney for the development of fiber optics.

1997: Madimir Haensel\* for his invention of the PlatformingTM process.

1995: John R. Pierce\* and Harold A. Rosen for their development of communication satellite technology.

**1993**: John Backus\* for his development of FORTRAN, the first widely used, general purpose, high-level computer language.

1991: Sir Frank Whittle\* and Hans J.P. von Ohain\* for their independent development of the turbojet engine.

1989: Jack S. Kilby\* and Robert N. Noyce\* for their independent development of the monolithic integrated circuit.

### My Nominating Letter For Dr. Kalman - 1

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Dear Dr. Bass

In the past the Draper Prize has mainly been awarded for significant hardware developments that have influenced the world. In 1993 John Backus was awarded the Draper Prize for his development of FORTRAN which was a revolutionary software development for the time. Although FORTRAN is still in use today it has taken the back seat to other computer languages. The Kalman filter can also be considered to be a software development, but unlike FORTRAN, it is even more popular today than it was 44 years ago when it was invented. There are still no serious software filtering rivals to the Kalman filter. In fact many of the software innovations which were required from the 1960's through the 1980's for the practical implementation of the Kalman filter are no longer required today because of the advances in computer technology. In other words, the Kalman filter is even easier to implement today than it was years ago.

I also believe that the development of the Kalman filter also satisfies each of the criteria developed by the Draper Prize Committee. For example

• Anybody who uses a GPS receiver or flies in a commercial aircraft benefits from the Kalman filter

• The idea that filtering could be done systematically was a breakthrough during the 1960's because most filtering schemes were ad hoc at the time. I believe the original paper on Kalman filtering was first rejected by the IEEE journals because they felt the idea behind the paper could not possibly be true.

• The Wiener filter was a popular theoretical filter before the Kalman filter. Its only disadvantage was that engineers could not apply it to practical problems because of the complex equations in the frequency domain that had to be solved. The Kalman filter was a straight forward time domain algorithm for solving the filtering problem. In fact today it can be shown that the Wiener filter is a subset of the Kalman filter.

### My Nominating Letter For Dr. Kalman - 2

• The richness in the technical ramifications of the Kalman filter were enormous. Even if one forgets about all the filtering ramifications new insights were gained in the field of optimal control because it is actually related to the dual of the filtering problem. Kalman filtering also popularized the statistical analysis technique of covariance analysis. In fact the Kalman filter automatically provides internal estimates of how well it is doing by using covariance analysis.

• The follow-through in the Kalman filter after it was developed was also enormous. Practical innovations were made to get the filtering algorithm to work on the primitive computers of the time. In recent years computer technology has developed to the point where most, if not all, of the innovations are no longer necessary because often the original Kalman filter works quite well on modern flight computers.

• The economic impact of the Kalman filter is difficult to quantify but it must be measured at least in billions or possibly trillions of dollars.

To further clarify why I think that Dr. Kalman should receive the Draper prize I have included some exhibits which go in to more explicit detail on the importance of Kalman filtering. two testimonials from Dr. Fred Daum and Dr. Howard Musoff. I totally agree with Dr. Fred Daum's testimonial in regard to the importance of the invention of the Kalman filter and to Dr. Howard Musoff's testimonial in regard to the importance of Kalman filtering to inertial navigation systems. In addition, I was personally involved with one of the first successful implementations of the Kalman filter to a homing missile guidance system during the 1960's. On a personal note, Howard died this week and I know he was honored in being asked to provide information that might enable Dr. Kalman to receive the Draper Prize.

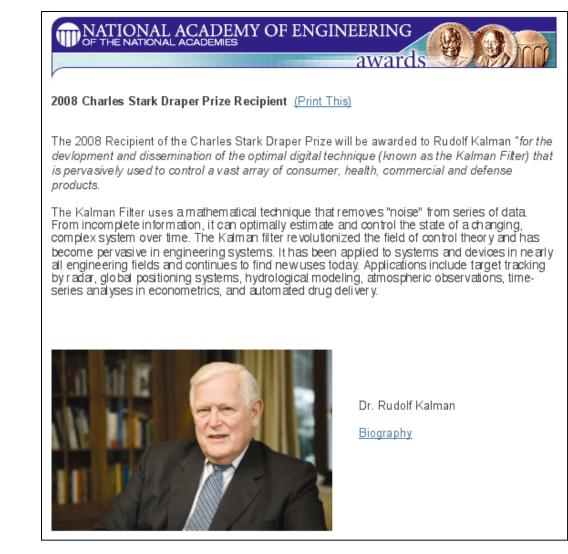
I believe that the award of the Draper Prize to Dr. Kalman will be consistent with the excellent choices that have already been made by the Charles Stark Draper Prize selection committee since the award's inception.

Sincerely yours

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