

Distributed Estimation with Sparsely Accessible Information

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Abstract—This paper addresses sparse observability constraints in Diffusion Least Mean Squares (DLMS) and proposes a framework for analyzing combination strategies. A thresholding-based algorithm is introduced to identify the sparse support vector under incomplete information. The method effectively handles sparse observations in both time and transform domains, achieving a 30–40 dB improvement in Mean Square Deviation (MSD) over conventional DLMS.

Index Terms—Distributed Estimation, DLMS, Sparse Mask, Signal recovery over network.

I. Introduction

Distributed algorithms are widely used in research fields like signal reconstruction on graphs [1], [2], multi-agent reinforcement learning [3], [4], and the Diffusion Least Mean Square (DLMS) algorithm [5]–[9], due to their robustness, reliability, and fast convergence.

Many studies assume nodes have full access to the target vector, allowing independent estimation. Our approach uniquely addresses masked measurements, an area largely unexplored in previous studies. Prior works typically model censored data using step functions that restrict measurements to nonnegative values [10], [11], which can be adjusted by rotating or negating the regressor vector when zero measurements occur. Unlike partial diffusion, where masked measurements are intentionally used to reduce communication or computation [12], [13], our method treats them as inherent environmental constraints.

This paper focuses on scenarios where nodes have limited visibility of the target and must collaboratively estimate it. We propose a framework inspired by signal flow analysis [14] and introduce a thresholding-based algorithm to recover missing components, leveraging prior work on sparsity-based recovery [15], [16].

Our proposed algorithm enables efficient information sharing and target support extraction while controlling data flow and estimation combinations. Simulations show it improves Mean Square Deviation (MSD) by 30–40 dB over conventional DLMS, achieving near full-observability performance at a given observability ratio.

Contributions of this paper include:

- Introducing the problem of partial observability,
- Mathematical analysis for the optimal combination,

- Introducing a method for estimation diffusion without prior support knowledge.

Section II illustrates the PO scenario, while Sections III and IV discuss optimal combination weighting strategies. Simulation results are presented in Section VI, and the paper concludes in the final section.

II. LMS Diffusion with Partial Observations

The primary algorithm used in this study is DLMS, known for its strong performance [17]. At node i , the local estimation follows three steps:

$$g(\vec{\omega}_i(t), \Theta_i(t)) = \begin{cases} 1. & s_i(t) = \vec{a}_{i,t}^\dagger M_i \vec{\omega}^{\text{opt}} + \nu_i(t) \\ 2. & \text{err}_i(t) = s_i(t) - \vec{a}_{i,t}^\dagger \vec{\omega}_i(t-1) \\ 3. & \vec{\omega}_i(t) = \vec{\omega}_i(t-1) + \mu \cdot \text{err}_i(t) \vec{a}_{i,t} \end{cases},$$

where $\Theta_i(t)$ includes the measurement vector $\vec{a}_{i,t}$ and adaptation rate μ , while $\nu_i(t)$ represents measurement noise. The transpose operator is denoted by \dagger .

In the combination step, DLMS typically assumes full access to $\vec{\omega}^{\text{opt}}$, but real-world scenarios often involve partially observable targets, where nodes rely on limited measurements. This observability is modeled using the mask operator $M_i = \mathcal{T}^\dagger D_i \mathcal{T}$, where the diagonal elements of D_i indicate component observability in the transform domain. Fig. 1 illustrates this pattern.

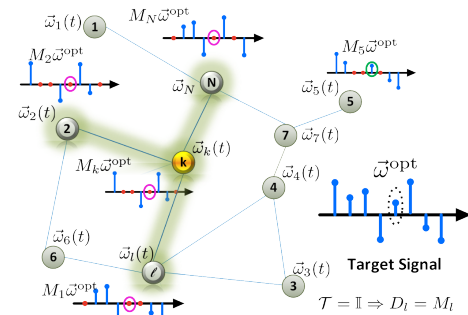


Fig. 1: Illustration of masked data access and cooperative estimation in a network (time domain masking: $\mathcal{T} = \mathbb{I}$).

Given the estimation of node i as $\vec{\omega}_i = M_i \vec{\omega}^{\text{opt}} + \vec{e}_i$, where \vec{e}_i represents the estimation error at an appropriate

time t (omitted for brevity), the goal is to combine the estimations of its neighboring nodes (nodes in \mathbb{N}_i) to minimize the error. The resulting estimation is $\vec{\psi}_i = \sum_{k \in \mathbb{N}_i} G_{k,i} \vec{\omega}_k$, where $G_{k,i}$ is the weighting matrix indicating the impact of $\vec{\omega}_k$ on the i^{th} node. The error is defined as:

$$J(i) \triangleq \mathbb{E}\{\|\vec{\psi}_i - \vec{\omega}^{\text{opt}}\|_2^2\}, \quad (1)$$

and the objective is to determine the optimal weights that minimize this error.

Throughout this proof procedure, two assumptions are taken into consideration (independence assumption):

- 1- The estimation error, \vec{e}_i , adheres to the orthogonality principle, with zero mean components and variance σ_i^2 .
- 2- Each target component l satisfies $\mathbb{E}\{(\omega_l^{\text{opt}})^2\} = \sigma_0^2(l)$.

Given the diagonal structure of $M_k = \mathcal{T}^\dagger \text{diag}(\vec{d}_k) \mathcal{T}$, the weighting matrices, $G_{k,i}$, are also assumed to be of the form $G_{k,i} = \mathcal{T}^\dagger \text{diag}(\vec{g}_{k,i}) \mathcal{T}$, with the l^{th} component ($g_{k,i}(l)$) determining the impact of the corresponding component of $\vec{\omega}_k$ in the transform domain (\mathcal{T})¹. As a result, the error can be expressed as:

$$\begin{aligned} J_i &= \mathbb{E}\{\|\sum_{k \in \mathbb{N}_i} \mathcal{T}^\dagger \text{diag}(\vec{g}_{k,i}) \mathcal{T} \cdot (M_k \vec{\omega}^{\text{opt}} + \vec{e}_k) - \vec{\omega}^{\text{opt}}\|_2^2\} \\ &= \mathbb{E}\{\|[\sum_{k \in \mathbb{N}_i} \text{diag}(\vec{g}_{k,i}) D_k] - \mathbb{I}\| \vec{\Omega}^{\text{opt}}\|_2^2 + \|\text{diag}(\vec{g}_{k,i}) \vec{E}_k\|_2^2\}, \end{aligned}$$

where, $\vec{\Omega}^{\text{opt}}$ and \vec{E}_k represent transformed versions of $\vec{\omega}^{\text{opt}}$ and \vec{e}_k , respectively.

Consequently, the error can be segmented into two distinct components: estimation error ($J^{\text{est}}(i)$) and combination error ($J^{\text{comb}}(i)$), which can be expressed as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} J_i^{\text{est}} &\triangleq \sum_{j=1}^L \sum_{k \in \mathbb{N}_i} (g_{k,i}(j))^2 \mathbb{E}\{(E_k(j))^2\} = \sum_{j=1}^L \sum_{k \in \mathbb{N}_i} (g_{k,i}(j))^2 \sigma_k^2, \\ J_i^{\text{comb}} &\triangleq \sum_{j=1}^L (\sum_{k \in \mathbb{N}_i} g_{k,i}(j) d_k(j) - 1)^2 \cdot \mathbb{E}\{(\Omega_o(j))^2\} \\ &= \sum_{j=1}^L (\sum_{k \in \mathbb{N}_i} g_{k,i}(j) d_k(j) - 1)^2 \sigma_0^2(j). \end{aligned}$$

It is evident that the minimization problem can be broken down into L separate subproblems, each of which can be independently resolved.

III. Optimal Combination Weighting

Consider a component j . If $d_k(j) = 0$, node $k \in \mathbb{N}_i$ does not contribute in the combination step, preventing error reduction. If $d_k(j) \neq 0$, the error increases by $(g_{k,i}(j))^2 \sigma_k^2$, making it reasonable to set $g_{k,i}(j) = 0$. When no neighboring nodes estimate the l^{th} component, the error equals σ_0^2 .

¹For clarity, we use the following notation throughout the manuscript: \mathcal{T} represents the transform matrix, t denotes the time index, T refers to the simulation time, and \mathbb{T} represents the thresholding level. Each of these terms is defined accordingly in the manuscript.

For brevity, we redefine $d_k(j)$, $g_{k,i}(j)$, and $\sigma_0(j)$ as d_k , c_k , and σ_0 , respectively, and assume $k \in [1, N]$. The cost function is then:

$$J = (\sum_{k=1}^N c_k d_k - 1)^2 \cdot \sigma_0^2 + \sum_{k=1}^N c_k^2 \sigma_k^2. \quad (2)$$

By taking the derivative of the cost function J with respect to c_l , and equating it to zero, we obtain:

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial J}{\partial c_l} &= 2d_k (\sum_{k=1}^N c_k d_k - 1) \cdot \sigma_0^2 + 2c_l \sigma_l^2 \\ \xrightarrow{\frac{\partial J}{\partial c_l} = 0} c_l &= \frac{1 - \sum_{k \neq l} c_k d_k}{d_l^2 + \lambda_l^{-2}} \times d_l, \end{aligned}$$

where $\lambda_l = \frac{\sigma_0}{\sigma_l}$ represents the SNR for the given index l . Notably, if $d_l = 0$, then $c_l = 0$. In the special case where $\sigma_k = \sigma$ and $d_k \in \{0, 1\}$, all coefficients take a uniform value $c_k = c = \frac{1}{m + \lambda^{-2}}$, where $\lambda^2 = \frac{\sigma_0^2}{\sigma^2}$ and m is the number of nonzero d_k values.

The optimal weights can be obtained by solving for the column vector \vec{c} , where m non-zero d_i 's are arranged from 1 to m , using the following matrix equation:

$$\begin{bmatrix} d_1^2 + \lambda_1^{-2} & d_1 \cdot d_2 & \cdots & d_1 \cdot d_m \\ d_2 \cdot d_1 & d_2^2 + \lambda_2^{-2} & \cdots & d_2 \cdot d_m \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ d_m \cdot d_1 & d_m \cdot d_2 & \cdots & d_m^2 + \lambda_m^{-2} \end{bmatrix} \vec{c} = \begin{bmatrix} d_1 \\ d_2 \\ \vdots \\ d_m \end{bmatrix}$$

In order to solve the problem, the coefficient matrix is decomposed as the sum of a diagonal matrix (Λ^{-2}) and a rank-1 matrix ($B = \vec{d} \cdot \vec{d}^\dagger$), defined as follows:

$$\Lambda \triangleq \text{diag}([\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_m]); \vec{d}^\dagger \triangleq [d_1 \quad d_2 \quad \cdots \quad d_m].$$

This transforms the problem to the form $(\Lambda^{-2} + B)\vec{c} = \vec{d}$. The Sherman-Morrison formula can then be used to compute the inverse of $(\Lambda^{-2} + B)$ as follows:

$$(\Lambda^{-2} + B)^{-1} = \Lambda^2 - \frac{\Lambda^2 \vec{d} \cdot \vec{d}^\dagger \Lambda^2}{1 + \vec{d}^\dagger \Lambda^2 \vec{d}}$$

This yields a solution for the vector \vec{c} :

$$\begin{aligned} \vec{c} &= \left(\Lambda^2 - \frac{\Lambda^2 \vec{d} \cdot \vec{d}^\dagger \Lambda^2}{1 + \vec{d}^\dagger \Lambda^2 \vec{d}} \right) \vec{d} = \Lambda^2 \vec{d} \times \left(1 - \frac{\vec{d}^\dagger \Lambda^2 \vec{d}}{1 + \vec{d}^\dagger \Lambda^2 \vec{d}} \right) \\ &= \frac{1}{1 + \vec{d}^\dagger \Lambda^2 \vec{d}} \Lambda^2 \vec{d}, \end{aligned} \quad (3)$$

with each element computed as²:

$$c_l = \frac{d_l \lambda_l^2}{1 + \sum_{k=1}^m d_k^2 \lambda_k^2}, \quad (4)$$

where l is the index of a typical node.

This outcome highlights how each node's observation of target signal components and its estimation error affect the combination step. When all components have equal

²We will refer to this group of coefficients as Least Squares Solution (LSS) in case of comparison.

observability ($d_k = d_0$), the following equation holds: $c_l = (d_0 \lambda_l^2) / (1 + d_0^2 \sum_{k=1}^m \lambda_k^2)$. An increase in relative SNR raises the relative weight among neighboring nodes and necessitates attenuation of the observation.

In fully observable cases, $G_{k,i}$ reduces to a scalar weight $g_{k,i}$, simplifying the objective function to:

$$\begin{aligned} J(i) &= \mathbb{E}\{\|\sum_{k \in \mathbb{N}_i} g_{k,i}(M_i \vec{\omega}^{\text{opt}} + \vec{e}_i) - \vec{\omega}^{\text{opt}}\|_2^2\} \\ &= \mathbb{E}\{\|\sum_{k \in \mathbb{N}_i} g_{k,i} \vec{E}_i\|_2^2\} + \mathbb{E}\{\|(\sum_{k \in \mathbb{N}_i} g_{k,i} D_k - \mathbb{I}) \vec{\Omega}^{\text{opt}}\|_2^2\}. \end{aligned}$$

Thus, the objective function can be expressed as:

$$J(i) = \sum_{k \in \mathbb{N}_i} g_{k,i} L \sigma_k^2 + \sum_{j=1}^L (\sum_{k \in \mathbb{N}_i} g_{k,i} d_k(j) - 1)^2 \sigma_0^2.$$

To simplify the notation, the index i can be eliminated, resulting in a linear system of equations:

$$(\tilde{\Lambda} + \sum_{j=1}^L \vec{d}_j \vec{d}_j^\dagger) \vec{g} = \sum_{j=1}^L \vec{d}_j,$$

where $\tilde{\Lambda} \triangleq L \cdot \text{diag}([\lambda_1^{-2}, \dots, \lambda_m^{-2}])$, $\vec{d}_j \triangleq [d_1(j), \dots, d_m(j)]^\dagger$, and $\vec{g} \triangleq [g_{1,i}, \dots, g_{m,i}]^\dagger$. By using the Sherman-Morrison formula, the solution $S = (\tilde{\Lambda} + \sum_{j=1}^L \vec{d}_j \vec{d}_j^\dagger)^{-1}$ can be recursively found as:

$$S_r = S_{r-1} + \frac{S_{r-1} \vec{d}_r \vec{d}_r^\dagger S_{r-1}}{1 + \vec{d}_r^\dagger S_{r-1} \vec{d}_r}; \quad S_0 = \tilde{\Lambda}^{-1}, S = S_L. \quad (5)$$

The matrix $\tilde{D} = \sum_{j=1}^L \vec{d}_j \vec{d}_j^\dagger$ encapsulates the cooperation between nodes x and y as neighbors of node i , with elements $\tilde{D}_{x,y}$ representing their interaction via the inner product $\langle \vec{d}_x, \vec{d}_y \rangle$. Here, $\vec{d}_a = [d_a(1), d_a(2), \dots, d_a(L)]^\dagger$ for $a \in \mathbb{N}_i$. Additionally, each g_l is influenced by its aggregate contribution $\sum_{j=1}^L d_l(j)$ across the combined vector components.

IV. Unbiased Estimation

Regarding the combination weights derived in (3), the resulting combination is biased, with the bias given by:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{bias} &= \mathbb{E}\left\{\sum_{k \in \mathbb{N}_i} \mathcal{T}^\dagger \text{diag}(\vec{g}_{k,i}) \mathcal{T} \cdot (M_k \vec{\omega}^{\text{opt}} + \vec{e}_k) - \vec{\omega}^{\text{opt}}\right\} \\ &= \mathcal{T}^\dagger \text{diag}([b_1, \dots, b_L]) \mathcal{T} \vec{\omega}^{\text{opt}}. \end{aligned} \quad (6)$$

By following a similar procedure as in (3), we consider a generic component j , yielding:

$$b_j \triangleq \sum_{k \in \mathbb{N}_i} g_{k,i}(j) d_k(j) - 1 = \frac{1}{1 + \sum_{l \in \mathbb{N}_i} [d_l(j) \lambda_l(j)]^2}. \quad (7)$$

To achieve an unbiased combination, the optimization in (1) is constrained by enforcing the unbiasedness condition, $\mathbb{E}\{\vec{\psi}_i\} = \vec{\omega}^{\text{opt}}$, which leads to the following problem:

$$\min J(i) \quad \text{s.t.} \quad \mathbb{E}\{\vec{\psi}_i\} = \vec{\omega}^{\text{opt}}. \quad (8)$$

For a generic component j , the optimization is formulated using a Lagrange multiplier by constraining (2) with $\sum_{k=1}^N c_k d_k = 1$:

$$R(\vec{c}) = \sum_{k=1}^N c_k^2 \sigma_k^2 - \gamma \left(\sum_{k=1}^N c_k d_k - 1 \right). \quad (9)$$

Taking the derivative of the cost function R with respect to c_l and setting it to zero gives:

$$\frac{\partial R(\vec{c})}{\partial c_l} = 2c_l \sigma_l^2 - \gamma d_l \implies c_l = \frac{\gamma d_l}{2\sigma_l^2}.$$

Applying the constraint results in:

$$\sum_{k=1}^N \frac{\gamma d_k}{2\sigma_k^2} d_k = 1 \implies \gamma = \frac{2}{\sum_{k=1}^N \frac{d_k^2}{\sigma_k^2}}, \quad (10)$$

leading to the final unbiased coefficients³:

$$c_l = \frac{d_l}{\sigma_l^2 \sum_{k=1}^N \frac{d_k^2}{\sigma_k^2}}. \quad (11)$$

Substituting (11) into (2), the combination error is expressed as:

$$R(\vec{c}) = \sum_{l=1}^N \left(\frac{d_l}{\sigma_l^2 \sum_{k=1}^N \frac{d_k^2}{\sigma_k^2}} \right)^2 \sigma_l^2 = \frac{1}{\sum_{k=1}^N \frac{d_k^2}{\sigma_k^2}}. \quad (12)$$

Under identical performance and statistically similar conditions for all nodes $l \in \mathbb{N}_i$, we assume $\sigma = \sigma_l$, simplifying the coefficients to $c_l = \frac{d_l}{\sum_{k=1}^N d_k^2}$. For a binary mask representing node l , this reduces to $c_l = \frac{d_l}{m}$, where m is the number of nonzero d_k values, effectively averaging over available estimations.

With a locally converging estimator, σ_l^2 tends to decrease over time, leading the least squares solution in (4) to eventually align with (11). In this case, for each SNR term, we have $\lambda_l \gg 1$, implying:

$$\begin{aligned} c_l^{\text{LSS}} &= \frac{d_l \lambda_l^2}{1 + \sum_{k=1}^m d_k^2 \lambda_k^2} \approx \frac{d_l \lambda_l^2}{\sum_{k=1}^m d_k^2 \lambda_k^2} \\ &= \frac{d_l}{\sigma_l^2 \sum_{k=1}^N \frac{d_k^2}{\sigma_k^2}} = c_l^{\text{unbiased}}. \end{aligned} \quad (13)$$

V. No Information on Observability

In practical settings, observability vector information is often unavailable, making support and values unknown. Assuming trivial attenuation ($D_i(j) \in \{0, 1\}$), knowing the support vector is crucial. To address this, we use a thresholding approach inspired by sparse signal recovery. As each estimator approaches its local target $M_i \vec{\omega}^{\text{opt}}$, we estimate support using component magnitudes in the transform domain. Defining the threshold level as $\beta(t) = \beta_1 e^{-t/\tau} + \beta_0$, components with magnitudes above $\beta(t)$ are considered observed values of $\vec{\omega}^{\text{opt}}$, enabling information diffusion across the network.

Each node shares its estimated components in 3 steps:

³For clarity, this set of coefficients will be referred to as the unbiased case for comparison purposes.

Algorithm 1 Threshold-based Diffusion LMS.

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for  $t = 1, \dots, T$  do
  1- Adaptation,  $\tilde{\Omega}_i = g(\tilde{\omega}_i, \Theta_i)$ 
  2- Thresholding,  $\tilde{D}_i = \Xi(\tilde{\Omega}_i, \beta)$ 
  3- Combination,  $\vec{\psi}_i, \tilde{\omega}_i = h(\vec{\psi}_j, \tilde{\Omega}_j, \tilde{D}_j | j \in \mathfrak{N}_i)$ 
end for

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The function $h(\cdot)$ consists of three operations:

$$\begin{cases} \text{Locally update: } \vec{\psi}_i \leftarrow D_i((1-\eta)\vec{\psi}_i + \eta\tilde{\Omega}_i) + (\mathbb{I} - D_i)\vec{\psi}_i \\ \text{Diffuse: } \vec{\psi}_i \leftarrow \sum_{j \in \mathfrak{N}_i} D_{\text{comb},j} \vec{\psi}_j \\ \text{Combine: } \tilde{\omega}_i \leftarrow \mathcal{T}^\dagger[D_i((1-\alpha)\vec{\psi}_i + \alpha\tilde{\Omega}_i) + (\mathbb{I} - D_i)\tilde{\Omega}_i] \end{cases}$$

Here, $D_{\text{comb},j}$ defines a combination strategy, averaging active components across neighboring nodes when observability power and noise variance are uniform.

The parameters α and η control information flow: α regulates inflow from the network into a node's estimation and η manages outflow from each node into the network.

VI. Simulation Results and Discussion

In this section, MSD serves as the performance measure for simulation output, reported at both node ("local") and network ("consensus") levels. The local target for node i is $M_i \vec{\omega}^{\text{opt}}$, while the network target is $\vec{\omega}^{\text{opt}}$ for all nodes.

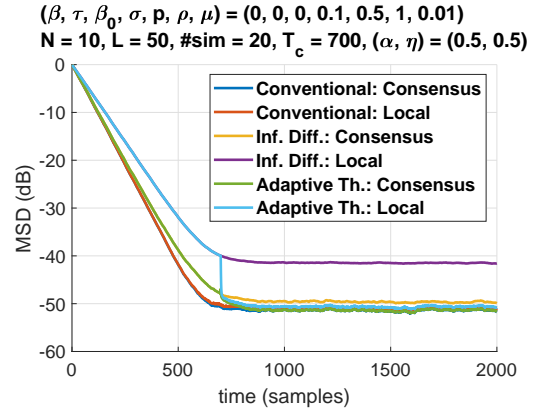
For fair comparisons, local MSD is normalized by $\frac{L}{\sum_j D_i(j)}$, where L is the length of $\vec{\omega}^{\text{opt}}$ and $D_i(j)$ follows probability ρ . The combination strategy is averaging. Each link among N nodes is generated with probability p , and changes in η and α follow step functions at $t = T_c < T$. Measurements $\vec{a}_{i,t}$ are normally distributed, with noise $\nu_i \sim \mathcal{N}(0, \sigma^2)$. Results are averaged over multiple simulations.

We examine two partial observation scenarios: time-domain observation ($\mathcal{T} = \mathbb{I}$, Fig. 2) and DCT-domain observation (Fig. 3). The results show that tuning α and η regulates network-wide information flow (Section V), ensuring robustness under various noise conditions. Fig. 2 highlights the shortcomings of conventional combination strategies, where ignoring observability disrupts consensus and local convergence (Section II, Eq. 5). Our thresholding method ("Inf. Diff.") enhances diffusion without relying on local data, while the adaptive approach ("Adaptive Th.") selectively improves estimation.

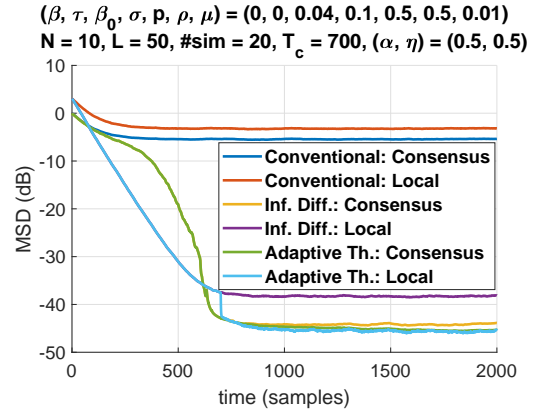
Additionally, Fig. 3 demonstrates the proposed method's effectiveness in handling DCT-domain partial observations across noise levels. For low noise ($\sigma = 0.1$), parameters $(\beta_0, \alpha, \eta, \mu)$ were set to $(700, 0.5, 0.5, 0.04)$, and for very low noise ($\sigma = 0.01$), they were adjusted to $(1000, 0.7, 0.4, 0.01)$.

VII. Conclusion

We introduced a framework for analyzing combination strategies in Diffusion LMS with partial observations, including unknown support scenarios. The optimal weighting was derived, converging to the unbiased constrained



(a) Fully observable: $\rho = 1$.



(b) Time PO: $\rho = 0.5$.

Fig. 2: The DLMS with Time-Domain PO.

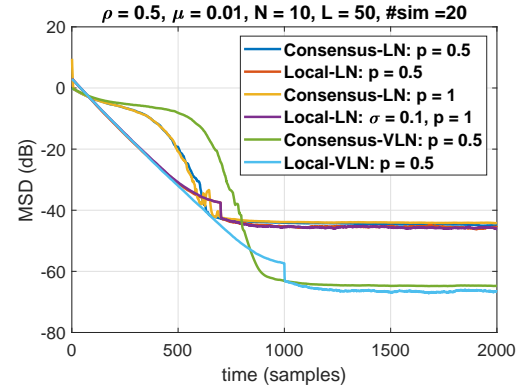


Fig. 3: The DLMS with DCT-Domain PO.

solution. We proposed a thresholding-based algorithm to enhance information flow and estimation accuracy without prior mask knowledge. Simulations confirmed its robustness under various noise conditions, effectively handling partial observability in time and transform domains. The results highlight its advantages over conventional DLMS and its potential for practical applications.

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