### **RLS Adaptive Filtering with Sparsity Regularization**

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where  $\mathbf{P}(n)$  is the inverse of the autocorrelation matrix.

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- Future work might include theoretical analysis for the steady state error and simulations studying performance of the proposed algorithm in the case of sparse, slowly time-varying systems.



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