Record Nr. UNISA996203254303316 2005 4th International Workshop on Information Processing in Sensor **Titolo** Networks Pubbl/distr/stampa [Place of publication not identified], : I E E E, 2005 **ISBN** 1-5090-9770-8 Descrizione fisica 1 online resource Disciplina 025.04 Soggetti Information networks Multisensor data fusion Sensor networks Lingua di pubblicazione Inglese **Formato** Materiale a stampa Livello bibliografico Monografia Note generali Bibliographic Level Mode of Issuance: Monograph Sommario/riassunto We consider a network of distributed sensors, where each sensor takes a linear measurement of some unknown parameters, corrupted by independent Gaussian noises. We propose a simple distributed iterative scheme, based on distributed average consensus in the network, to compute the maximum-likelihood estimate of the parameters. This scheme doesn't involve explicit point-to-point message passing or routing; instead, it diffuses information across the network by updating each node's data with a weighted average of its neighbors' data (they maintain the same data structure). At each step, every node can compute a local weighted least-squares estimate, which converges to the global maximum-likelihood solution. This scheme is robust to unreliable communication links. We show that it works in a network with dynamically changing topology, provided that the infinitely occurring communication graphs are jointly connected.