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NON-COHERENT DETECTION OF CONTINUOUS PHASE MODULATION FOR LOW EARTH ORBIT SATELLITE IOT COMMUNICATIONS AFFECTED BY DOPPLER SHIFT

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CONTEXT OF THE PHD The Internet of Things (IoT)





Figure : The number of connected devices in previous years and the expected number in 2024 and 2025

The market is expected to grow by 19% in 2023 !

Source : IoT Analytics (www.iot-analytics.com)



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CONTEXT OF THE PHD **IOT architecture**





CONTEXT OF THE PHD Satellite usage with IoT



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Continuous Phase Modulation (CPM)



CONTEXT OF THE PHD The Doppler problem

- LEO satellites travel at very high velocity.
- It can reach around 7.5 km/s.
- Heavy Doppler present in the object-satellite link !



Figure : Typical Doppler shift and rate profiles received from a LEO satellite with 868 MHz carrier at an altitude of 550 km



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CONTENT



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- 6. CONCLUSION & PERSPECTIVES





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CPM Signal model

Continuous Phase Modulation (CPM) :

$$s(t, \mathbf{a}) = \sqrt{\frac{2E_s}{T_s}} e^{j\theta(t, \mathbf{a})}$$

$$\theta(t, \mathbf{a}) = 2\pi h \sum_{i=0}^{N-1} a_i q(t - iT_s)$$

$$q(t) = \begin{cases} \int_0^t g(u) du, & 0 \le t < \mathbf{L} T_s \\ \frac{1}{2}, & \forall t \ge L T_s \end{cases}$$

- a: modulation alphabet of order M
- *h* : modulation index
- g: frequency pulse shape
- *L* : CPM memory



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CPM Linear decomposition

Laurent decomposition of CPM [1] (extended by Morelli & Mengali [2]) :





[1] P. Laurent, "Exact and approximate construction of digital phase modulations by superposition of amplitude modulated pulses (AMP)," IEEE Trans. on Commun., vol. 34, no. 2, pp. 150–160, 1986.

[2] U. Mengali and M. Morelli, "Decomposition of M-ary CPM signals into PAM waveforms," IEEE Trans. on Inf. Theory, vol. 41, no. 5, pp. 1265–1275, 1995.

CPM Linear decomposition

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Approximation to K_p principle components :



Figure : Comparison of the signal phase between the exact signal of the <u>Quaternary</u> <u>2RC with h = 0.25 and its linear approximation using only the first 3 main components</u>

CPM Coherent detection in AWGN



- Problems with coherent detection in this application :
 - ▲ Highly sensitive to phase mismatch
 - ▲ Highly sensitive to Doppler estimation errors
 - ▲ Need to use pilot symbols
- Use non coherent detection approach !
 - Act on the detection criterion
 - Act on the received signal



CPM State of the art on Non coherent Sequence Detection (NSD)



[1] G. Colavolpe and R. Raheli, "Noncoherent Sequence Detection of Continuous Phase Modulations," IEEE Transactions on Communications, vol. 47, no. 9, pp. 1303–1307, 1999.



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CPM Performance of NSD receiver

 Influence of the size of the detection window :



Figure : Performance of NSD receiver for the <u>GMSK</u> for different values of the estimation window compared to coherent detector on an AWGN channel



- Problem with NSD receiver in the Satellite IoT:
 - ▲ Need to use pilot symbols to estimate the Doppler
 - ▲ Pilot sequence length might be high
- This is a limitation in short frame IoT communications !
- ➢ Need to use a blind approach



CPM State of the art on differential detection





[1] M. Simon and C. Wang, "Differential Versus Limiter - Discriminator Detection of Narrow-Band FM," IEEE Transactions on Communications, vol. 31, no. 11, pp. 1227–1234, 1983..

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CPM Performance of the differential receiver

 \rightarrow significant performance degradation compared to coherent detection !



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[1] M. Simon and C. Wang, "Differential Versus Limiter - Discriminator Detection of Narrow-Band FM," IEEE Transactions on Communications, vol. 31, no. 11, pp. 1227–1234, 1983.



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CPM The differential approach

- Differential detection for the Satellite IoT :
 - Easy to implement

- ▲ Does not offer the best performance results !
- Need a solution to enhance performance
 > Use multiple symbols differential approach



CPM DETECTION WITH BLIND DOPPLER ESTIMATION



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CPM DETECTION WITH BLIND DOPPLER ESTIMATION The new non coherent detection approach





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- Let
 - \mathcal{A} : the set of possible symbol sequences
 - \mathcal{F} : the variation interval of f_D (depends on the Doppler profile)
- The generalized likelihood method [1]:

$$\begin{pmatrix} \mathsf{Maximizing} \\ \Gamma(\tilde{\mathbf{a}}, \widetilde{f_D}) \\ \mathsf{over} \ \mathcal{A} \times \mathcal{F} \end{pmatrix} \qquad \longleftarrow \qquad \begin{pmatrix} \mathsf{max} \ \Gamma(\tilde{\mathbf{a}}, \widehat{f_D}(\tilde{\mathbf{a}})) \\ \mathsf{with} \ \widehat{f_D}(\tilde{\mathbf{a}}) = \arg \max_{\widetilde{f_D} \in \mathcal{F}} \left| \int_{T_0} r(t) s^*(t, \tilde{\mathbf{a}}) e^{-j2\pi \widetilde{f_D} t} dt \right|$$

- Using this criterion, we'll derive two detectors
 - Detector A
 - Detector B

[1] H. L. V. Trees, Detection, estimation and modulation theory. New York: John Wiley & Sons, vol. I, 1968.



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CPM DETECTION WITH BLIND DOPPLER ESTIMATION **Detector A**

- Detector A is directly derived from the NSD detector
- Detector A architecture :





[1] H. Meyr, M. Oerder, and A. Polydoros, "On sampling rate, analog prefiltering, and sufficient statistics for digital receivers," IEEE Trans. on Commun., vol. 42, no. 12, pp. 3208–3214, 1994.

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CPM DETECTION WITH BLIND DOPPLER ESTIMATION **Detector A**





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CPM DETECTION WITH BLIND DOPPLER ESTIMATION **Detector A**

• Define a trellis with branch metric :

$$\begin{split} \lambda_{n}(\tilde{\mathbf{a}}_{\mathbf{n}}) &= \left| \sum_{k=0}^{K_{c}-1} \sum_{i=0}^{N_{v}-1} z_{k,n-i} \tilde{y}_{k,n-i}^{*} e^{-j2\pi(n-i)\widehat{f}_{D}(\tilde{\mathbf{a}}_{n-N_{D}}^{n}))T_{s}} \right| & \text{Use the same estimation} \\ & - \left| \sum_{k=0}^{K_{c}-1} \sum_{i=1}^{N_{v}-1} z_{k,n-i} \tilde{y}_{k,n-i}^{*} e^{-j2\pi(n-i)\widehat{f}_{D}(\tilde{\mathbf{a}}_{n-N_{D}}^{n}))T_{s}} \right| & \text{of } \widehat{f}_{D} [1] \\ & \text{The branch metric defines the trellis size} & - \left| \sum_{k=0}^{K_{c}-1} \tilde{y}_{k,n} \right|^{2} & \text{Instead of } \\ & \int_{D} (\tilde{\mathbf{a}}_{n-N_{D}-1}^{n})) \end{split}$$

• The estimation of \hat{f}_D is updated through *data-aided* (DA) frequency estimation algorithms using $(\tilde{\mathbf{a}}_{n-N_D}^n)$



[1] G. Colavolpe, R. Raheli, and G. Picchi, "Detection of linear modulations in the presence of strong phase and frequency instabilities," in IEEE Int. Conf. on Communications., vol. 2, 2000, pp. 633–637.

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- Detector A
 - ✓ Adjustable trellis
 - Uses few signal samples for detection
 - ▲ Depends on linear decomposition
 - ▲ Depends on WMF

Need a more flexible solution !



CPM DETECTION WITH BLIND DOPPLER ESTIMATION **Detector B**

- Detector B focuses on resisting much larger Doppler orders
 > Use the exact expression of CPM signal !
- Detector B architecture :





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- Using the same principles of windowing
 - For Viterbi detection
 - For Doppler estimation
- The branch metrics becomes :

$$\lambda_n(\tilde{\mathbf{a}}) = \left| \int_{(n-N_v)T_s}^{nT_s} v_n(t,\tilde{\mathbf{a}}) s^*(t,\tilde{\mathbf{a}}) dt \right| - \left| \int_{(n-N_v)T_s}^{(n-1)T_s} v_n(t,\mathbf{a}) s^*(t,\tilde{\mathbf{a}}) dt \right|$$

• Where
$$v_n(t, \tilde{\mathbf{a}}) = r(t, \mathbf{a})e^{-j2\pi \hat{f}_D(\tilde{\mathbf{a}}_{n-N_D}^n)^t}$$

Use the same PSP

approach for the estimation



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- Detector B
 - ✓ Generic architecture
 - ✓ theoretically offers the best Doppler robustness
 - ▲ More calculation operations due to oversampling



Simulation parameters :

Frame length	120
Symbol time (ms)	0.1
Oversampling factor	8
Viterbi detection window length N_v	5
Doppler estimation window length N_D	8
Frequency estimation algorithm	Rife & Boorstyn (ML estimation [1])
Number of FFT points N_{FFT} for frequency estimation	$N_{FFT} = 32$ (detector A) $N_{FFT} = 256$ (detector B)



[1] D. C. Rife and R. R. Boorstyn, "Single tone parameter estimation from discrete-time observations," IEEE Trans. Inf. Theory, vol. 20, pp. 591–598, 1974.

NON COHERENT CPM DETECTION IN PRESENCE OF DOPPLER Performance comparison between detector A and B





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NON COHERENT CPM DETECTION IN PRESENCE OF DOPPLER **Performance limitation**





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CPM DETECTION WITH BLIND DOPPLER ESTIMATION The Doppler rate

- Doppler can vary at a rate of 250 Hz/s !
- ▲ If the frame is long enough, the Doppler can not be considered constant

- Detector A and B solve this problem by using narrow sliding Doppler estimation window !
 - > Up to 8 symbols of few ms



Figure : example of Doppler shift profile received from a LEO satellite when it gets close to the object with 868 MHz carrier at an altitude of 550 km



CPM DETECTION WITH BLIND DOPPLER ESTIMATION Performance in presence of Doppler rate



Figure : BER comparison between detector A and B for <u>binary 4RC with $h = \frac{2}{3}$ where $f_D T_s = 0.05$ in presence of Doppler rate $f_R = 250$ Hz/s with $N_v = 5$ and $N_D = 8$ </u>



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- Detector A and B for the Satellite IoT :
 - Robustness to Doppler shift
 - Robustness to Doppler rate
 - Detection in a blind way
- ▲ Still suffer from few drawbacks !
- Exploit a different detection approach



OPTIMIZED DELAY DIFFERENTIAL CPM DETECTION



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OPTIMIZED DELAY DIFFERENTIAL CPM DETECTION

Transmission model



[1] D. Makrakis and K. Feher, "Multiple Differential Detection of Con tinuous Phase Modulation signals," IEEE Transactions on Vehicular Technology, vol. 42, no. 2, pp. 186–196, 1993,



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OPTIMIZED DELAY DIFFERENTIAL CPM DETECTION The detection strategy

- ML Detection :
 - > maximize the correlation between $R_K(t)$ and all possible realizations of $S_K(t)$

The cost function :
$$\Gamma_N(\tilde{\mathbf{a}}) = \operatorname{Re}\left[\int_0^{NT_s} R_K(t) S_K^{\star}(t, \tilde{\mathbf{a}}) dt\right]$$

• Use Viterbi algorithm on the trellis defined by $\Theta_K(t, \mathbf{a})$

• The branch metric :
$$\Lambda_n(\tilde{\mathbf{a}}) = \operatorname{Re}\left[\int_{(n-1)T_s}^{nT_s} R_K(t) S_K^{\star}(t, \tilde{\mathbf{a}}) dt\right]$$

• The full architecture :



Simulation parameters :

Frame length	120
Symbol time (ms)	0.1
Oversampling factor	8
Delay values K	1,2,3,4



OPTIMIZED DELAY DIFFERENTIAL CPM DETECTION Numerical results : influence of the delay



Figure : BER of differential detection for two binary CPM formats for different values of delay K



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OPTIMIZED DELAY DIFFERENTIAL CPM DETECTION The differential approach

- Multiple symbol differential detection
 - ✓ Shows performance improvement

- ▲ Increasing the delay does not always enhance the performance !
- Need to find the optimized delay value !



OPTIMIZED DELAY DIFFERENTIAL CPM DETECTION The delay optimization strategy

• At high SNR :

$$P_e \propto Q\left(\sqrt{\frac{4\varepsilon_b}{N_0^2 + 2A^2N_0}} d_{\min}^2(K)\right)$$

with
$$d_{\min}^2(K) = \min_{\substack{\mathbf{a}, \tilde{\mathbf{a}} \\ a_0 \neq \tilde{a_0}}} \left(d_K^2(\mathbf{a}, \tilde{\mathbf{a}}) \right)$$

and $d_K^2(\mathbf{a}, \tilde{\mathbf{a}}) = \frac{\log_2(M)}{T_s} \int_0^{NT_s} [1 - \cos(\Theta_K(t, \mathbf{e}))] dt$

and $\mathbf{e} = \mathbf{a} - \tilde{\mathbf{a}}$ is the difference symbol sequence

- Finding the minimum Euclidean distance is done by searching over all possible pairs of sequences.
- These pairs are those whose respective paths on a phase tree diverge at time 0 and merge again as soon as possible.
- \succ For each value of the delay K corresponds d_{min}
- \succ K_{opt} is the value that yields the highest d_{min} !



OPTIMIZED DELAY DIFFERENTIAL CPM DETECTION Numerical results : optimized delay values



OPTIMIZED DELAY DIFFERENTIAL CPM DETECTION The Doppler problem with differential detector

- In presence of Doppler shift, a constant phase term appears in $R_K(t)$
- The phase term depends on $f_D T_s$:
 - $\Psi = 2\pi K f_D T_s$
- In presence of Doppler rate, the phase term can still be considered constant when having short frames
- The optimized delay differential detector showed robustness to this phase term up to a certain order !



OPTIMIZED DELAY DIFFERENTIAL CPM DETECTION Performance in presence of Doppler rate



Figure : BER comparison of <u>GMSK</u> with the differential detector with $K_{opt} = 3$ in presence of no Doppler, Doppler shift only and Doppler shift and rate



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OPTIMIZED DELAY DIFFERENTIAL CPM DETECTION Performance in presence of Doppler shift



Figure : Comparison of BER evolution with $f_D T_s$ for <u>GMSK</u> for the coherent detector, the differential detector for K = 1 and $K_{opt} = 3$ at 11 dB of SNR



OPTIMIZED DELAY DIFFERENTIAL CPM DETECTION Performance in presence of Doppler shift



Figure : Comparison of BER evolution with $f_D T_s$ for <u>GMSK</u> for the differential detector with K_{opt} = 3 at 11 dB of SNR using pilot sequence for frequency estimation



OPTIMIZED DELAY DIFFERENTIAL CPM DETECTION Conclusion

- Optimized delay differential detector for the Satellite IoT :
 - Better performance than the conventional differential detection
 - ✓ Fair robustness to Doppler shift
 - Robustness to Doppler rate
- ▲ Need to use few pilot symbols in very high Doppler order !



COMPARISON BETWEEN DETECTORS



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COMPARISON BETWEEN DETECTORS Complexity comparison

- Algorithm used for frequency estimation : Rife & Boorstyn
 Involve usage of FFT
- Complexity is assessed through
 - number of trellis states S
 - > number of multiplications for metric calculation per trellis section Q_M
 - > number of multiplications for Doppler Shift estimation per trellis section Q_D

WMF (<i>I</i> Estimat	(_w) ion wind	ows (N_v/N_D) $\begin{cases} CP \\ Est \end{cases}$	M memory (L) imation windows (N_v/N_D)	{ CPM mer	nory (<i>L</i>) d delay (<i>K_{opt}</i>
	Label	Detector A	Detector B	Optimized delay differential detector	\triangleright
	S	$M^{N_v + L_w - 1}$	M^{N_v+L-2}	$M^{K_{\text{opt}}+L-1}$	
	Q_M	$ \begin{array}{ccc} (L_w + 1)K^2 & + \\ N_v SM \end{array} $	$ ho N_v SM$	ho SM	
	Q_D	$\rho S(N_D + M - 1) -$	$+MS\frac{N_{\rm FFT}}{2}\log_2(N_{\rm FFT})$	none]

Table : Comparison of the detectors in terms of complexity figures S, Q_M and Q_D

• With ρ : number of samples per symbol time (ρ =1 for detector A)



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Viterbi detection window length N_v	5
Doppler estimation window length N_D	8



COMPARISON BETWEEN DETECTORS **BER performance**



Figure : BER comparison between detectors A (ρ =1, N_{FFT} =32) and B (ρ =8, N_{FFT} =256) with optimized-delay differential detector for <u>GMSK</u> with N_{v} =5, N_{D} =8 in presence of Doppler



COMPARISON BETWEEN DETECTORS **BER performance**



differential detector with N_{ν} =5, N_{D} =8 in presence of Doppler for two CPM schemes

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• For the Satellite IoT context :

	Error rates without Doppler	Error rates in presence of Doppler	Robustness to Doppler shift	Robustness to Doppler rate	Complexity	Generic architecture
Detector A	***	**	**	***	**	No
Detector B	***	**	***	***	*	Yes
Optimized differential detector	**	**	**	**	***	Yes

• More stars means better !



CONCLUSION & PERSPECTIVES



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CONCLUSION & PERSPECTIVES **Conclusion**



• Performances comparison depends on the selected CPM format !



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PhD contributions :

- A novel CPM non-coherent detection based on the direct application of the generalized maximum likelihood principle with the insertion of blind Doppler estimation principle of [1] in the proposed algorithm as well as in the CPM non-coherent detection of [2].
- The extension of the usual CPM differential detection algorithm to consider a delay higher than one symbol period (including the description of the phase trellis and the derivation of the equations of the branch and cumulative metrics).
- A method to systematically determine an optimized delay value based on the application of the minimum Euclidean distance criterion between two CPM differential signals.
- The optimized delay values for different CPM formats (modulation index, frequency pulse length, frequency pulse type).

 G. Colavolpe, R. Raheli, and G. Picchi, "Detection of linear modulations in the presence of strong phase and frequency instabilities," in IEEE Int. Conf. on Communications., vol. 2, 2000, pp. 633–637.
 G. Colavolpe and R. Raheli, "Noncoherent Sequence Detection of Continuous Phase Modulations," IEEE Transactions on Communications, vol. 47, no. 9, pp. 1303–1307, 1999.



- Satellite IoT application :
 - Connection of a large number of objects
 - Channel access is mostly random
 - ▲ High risk of packet collision !!
- Next step :
- Investigate a solution for multiuser detection
- ➡ Focus on synchronization issues



PUBLICATIONS

International Journal

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