

# On the Effect of Random Snapshot Timing Jitter on the Covariance Matrix for JADE Estimation

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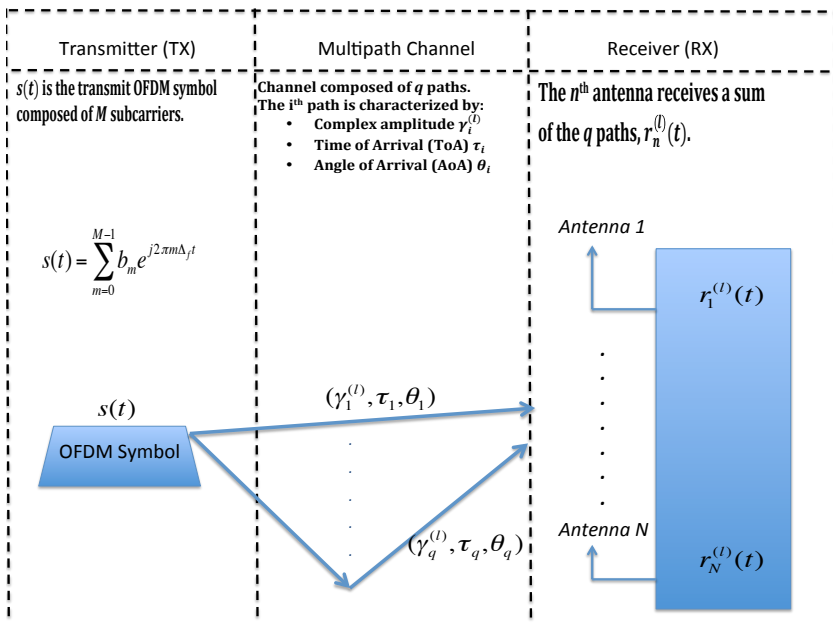
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- In other words, such algorithms fail when model is  $\mathbf{x}^{(l)} = \mathbf{C}^{(l)} \mathbf{A} \boldsymbol{\gamma}^{(l)} + \mathbf{n}^{(l)}$  with unknown  $\mathbf{C}^{(l)}$ .

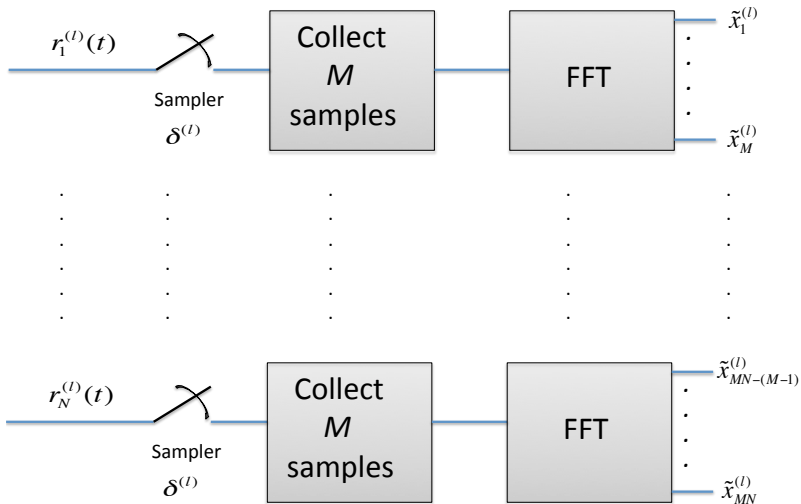
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# Assumptions

- 1  $q < MN$
- 2 The matrix  $\mathbf{A}$  has full column rank.
- 3 The entries of the multipath vector  $\boldsymbol{\gamma}^{(l)}$  are not fully correlated, i.e.  $\mathbf{R}_{\boldsymbol{\gamma}\boldsymbol{\gamma}}$  is full rank.
- 4  $\mathbf{n}^{(l)} \sim \mathcal{N}(0, \sigma_n^2 \mathbf{I}_{MN})$  indep from signal part  $\mathbf{C}^{(l)} \mathbf{A} \boldsymbol{\gamma}^{(l)}$
- 5  $\delta^{(l)} \sim \mathcal{N}(0, \sigma_\delta^2)$  indep from  $\boldsymbol{\gamma}^{(l)}$  and  $\mathbf{n}^{(l)}$ .



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# Consequence on Estimating $q$

## No Jitter

Assume no jitter, i.e. the model is:

$$\mathbf{x}^{(l)} = \mathbf{A}\boldsymbol{\gamma}^{(l)} + \mathbf{n}^{(l)} \Rightarrow \mathbf{R}_{\mathbf{xx}} = \mathbf{A}\mathbf{R}_{\boldsymbol{\gamma}\boldsymbol{\gamma}}\mathbf{A}^H + \sigma_n^2\mathbf{I}_{MN} \text{ (Using Assumption 4).}$$

## Eigenvalues of $\mathbf{R}_{\mathbf{xx}}$

- 1 The matrix  $\mathbf{A}\mathbf{R}_{\boldsymbol{\gamma}\boldsymbol{\gamma}}\mathbf{A}^H$  is of rank  $q$  (Under Assumptions 1-3).
- 2 Sorting the non-zero eigenvalues of  $\mathbf{A}\mathbf{R}_{\boldsymbol{\gamma}\boldsymbol{\gamma}}\mathbf{A}^H$  in decreasing order ( $\lambda_1 \geq \dots \geq \lambda_q$ ), the  $q$  large eigenvalues of  $\mathbf{R}_{\mathbf{xx}}$  are  $\{\lambda_i + \sigma_n^2\}_{i=1}^q$  and its complementary  $MN - q$  eigenvalues are equal to  $\sigma_n^2$ .

## Conclusion

This means that, under high SNR, one could estimate the number of sources using the  $q$  largest eigenvalues of  $\mathbf{R}_{\mathbf{xx}}$ .

## Theorem (C. S. Ballantine<sup>1</sup>)

*Let  $\mathbf{E}$  and  $\mathbf{F}$  be  $m \times n$  matrices. If  $\mathbf{A}$  is positive definite and  $\mathbf{B}$  is positive semi-definite with  $r$  positive diagonal elements, then  $\text{rank}(\mathbf{A} \odot \mathbf{B}) = r$ .*

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<sup>1</sup>C. S. Ballantine; On the Hadamard product; *Mathematische Zeitschrift* 105; 1968; 365-366.

## Presence of Jitter

$$\tilde{\mathbf{x}}^{(l)} = \mathbf{C}^{(l)} \mathbf{A} \boldsymbol{\gamma}^{(l)} + \mathbf{n}^{(l)}$$

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## Conclusion

Assuming one antenna ( $N = 1$ ) and using the previous theorem, the rank of  $\boldsymbol{\Upsilon} \odot \mathbf{A} \mathbf{R}_{\boldsymbol{\gamma}\boldsymbol{\gamma}} \mathbf{A}^H$  is  $M$  for any  $q$ .

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## Definition

Let  $\mathbf{B}$  be an  $MN \times MN$  matrix, i.e.  $\mathbf{B} = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{B}_{1,1} & \cdots & \mathbf{B}_{1,N} \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ \mathbf{B}_{N,1} & \cdots & \mathbf{B}_{N,N} \end{bmatrix}$ , where  $\mathbf{B}_{i,j}$  is the  $(i,j)^{th}$  block matrix of size  $M \times M$ .

We define the following function:

$$F^{\mathbf{B}}(k) = \frac{1}{2(M-k)N^2} \sum_{\substack{|m-n|=k \\ i=1\dots N \\ j=1\dots N}} |\mathbf{B}_{i,j}^{\langle m,n \rangle}|, \quad k = 1 \dots M - 1$$

Recall that

$$\mathbf{R}_{\tilde{x}\tilde{x}} = \mathbf{\Upsilon} \odot \mathbf{R}_{xx} = (\mathbf{J}_N \otimes \mathbf{T}) \odot \mathbf{R}_{xx}$$

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It is easy to verify that

$$F^{\mathbf{R}_{\tilde{x}\tilde{x}}}(k) = F^{\mathbf{R}_{xx}}(k).e^{-\frac{(2\pi\Delta_f k\sigma_\delta)^2}{2}}, \quad k = 1 \dots M - 1$$

## LS Estimate

For large  $M$ , we can say that  $F^{\mathbf{R}_{xx}}(k)$  is almost invariant compared to  $e^{-\frac{(2\pi\Delta_f k\sigma_\delta)^2}{2}}$ , i.e.  $F^{\mathbf{R}_{xx}}(k) = F^{\mathbf{R}_{xx}}$ . We have:

$$\mathbf{f} = \mathbf{P}\mathbf{g}$$

where:

- $\mathbf{f} = [\log(F^{\mathbf{R}_{xx}}(1)) \dots \log(F^{\mathbf{R}_{xx}}(M-1))]^T$
- $\mathbf{P} = \begin{bmatrix} -\frac{(2\pi\Delta_f)^2}{2} & 1 \\ \vdots & \vdots \\ -\frac{(2\pi(M-1)\Delta_f)^2}{2} & 1 \end{bmatrix}$
- $\mathbf{g} = \begin{bmatrix} \sigma_\delta^2 \\ \log(F^{\mathbf{R}_{xx}}) \end{bmatrix}$

## LS Estimate

The LS estimate is obtained by solving:

$$\hat{\mathbf{g}}^{LS} = \arg \min_{\mathbf{g}} \|\mathbf{f} - \mathbf{P}\mathbf{g}\|_2^2 = (\mathbf{P}^H \mathbf{P})^{-1} \mathbf{P}^H \mathbf{f} = \begin{bmatrix} \hat{\sigma}_\delta^2 \\ \log(\hat{F}^{\mathbf{R}_{xx}}) \end{bmatrix}$$

## Compensate

- 1 Form the matrix  $\hat{\mathbf{Y}} = (\mathbf{J}_N \otimes \hat{\mathbf{T}})$ , where

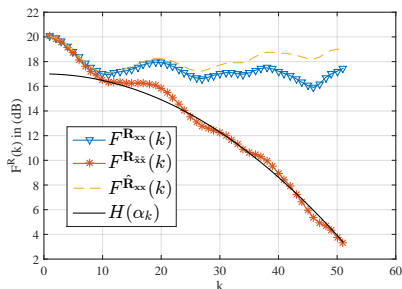
$$\hat{\mathbf{T}}\langle m,n \rangle = e^{-\frac{(2\pi\Delta_f(m-n)\hat{\sigma}_\delta)^2}{2}}$$

- 2 Compensate by:

$$\hat{\mathbf{R}}_{xx} = \hat{\mathbf{Y}}^H \odot \mathbf{R}_{\tilde{x}\tilde{x}}$$



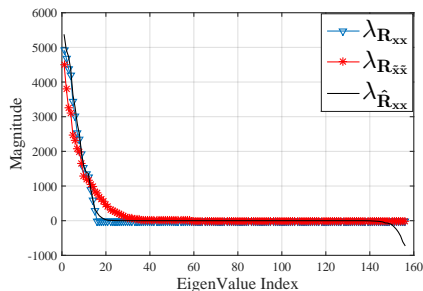
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## Simulation parameters

- $q = 15$  paths.
- $M = 52$  subcarriers and  $N = 3$  antennas.
- SNR = 20 dB and  $L = 100$  Snapshots.
- $\Delta_f = 0.3125$  MHz
- $\sigma_\delta = 25$  nsec, we get  $\hat{\sigma}_\delta = \mathbf{27.2}$  nsec

# LS approach (cont'd)



## The Over-Compensated Case

- $\sigma_{\delta} = 25 \text{ nsec} < \hat{\sigma}_{\delta} = 27.2 \text{ nsec}$ .
- The "over-compensated" covariance matrix  $\hat{\mathbf{R}}_{xx}$  admits negative eigenvalues.

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# Negative Eigenvalues approach

## Idea

Search for the smallest value of  $\check{\sigma}_\delta \in [0, S]$  that yields

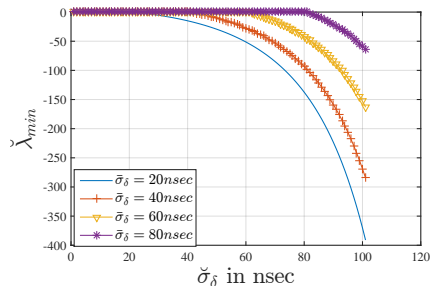
$$\check{\lambda}_{min} = \lambda_{min}(\check{\mathbf{R}}_{\mathbf{xx}}) < 0$$

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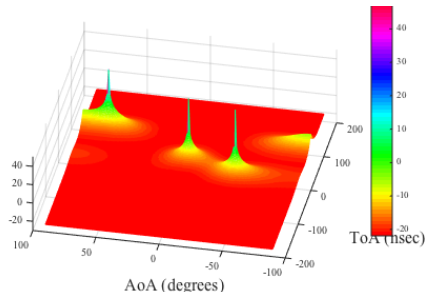
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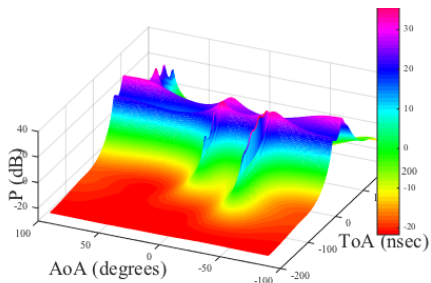
- $M = 52$ ,  $N = 3$ ,  $\text{SNR} = 20\text{dB}$ ,  $L = 100$
- $q = 3$  paths:
  - 1  $(\theta_1, \tau_1) = (-40^\circ, 0\text{nsec})$
  - 2  $(\theta_2, \tau_2) = (0^\circ, 30\text{nsec})$
  - 3  $(\theta_3, \tau_3) = (70^\circ, 95\text{nsec})$

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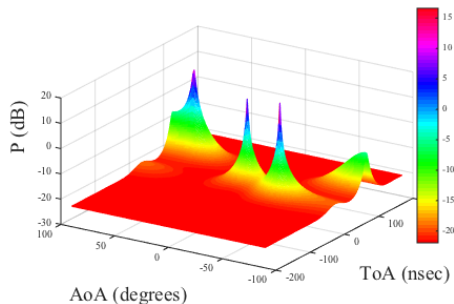


- Same parameters as previous slide but  $\sigma_{\delta} = 95\text{nsec}$

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# JADE after Compensating for Jitter



## Compensate then JADE

- True jitter variance:  $\sigma_{\delta} = 95\text{nsec}$
- Estimated jitter variance:  $\hat{\sigma}_{\delta} = 99\text{nsec}$

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