
Waveform Diversity and MIMO Radar

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Overview

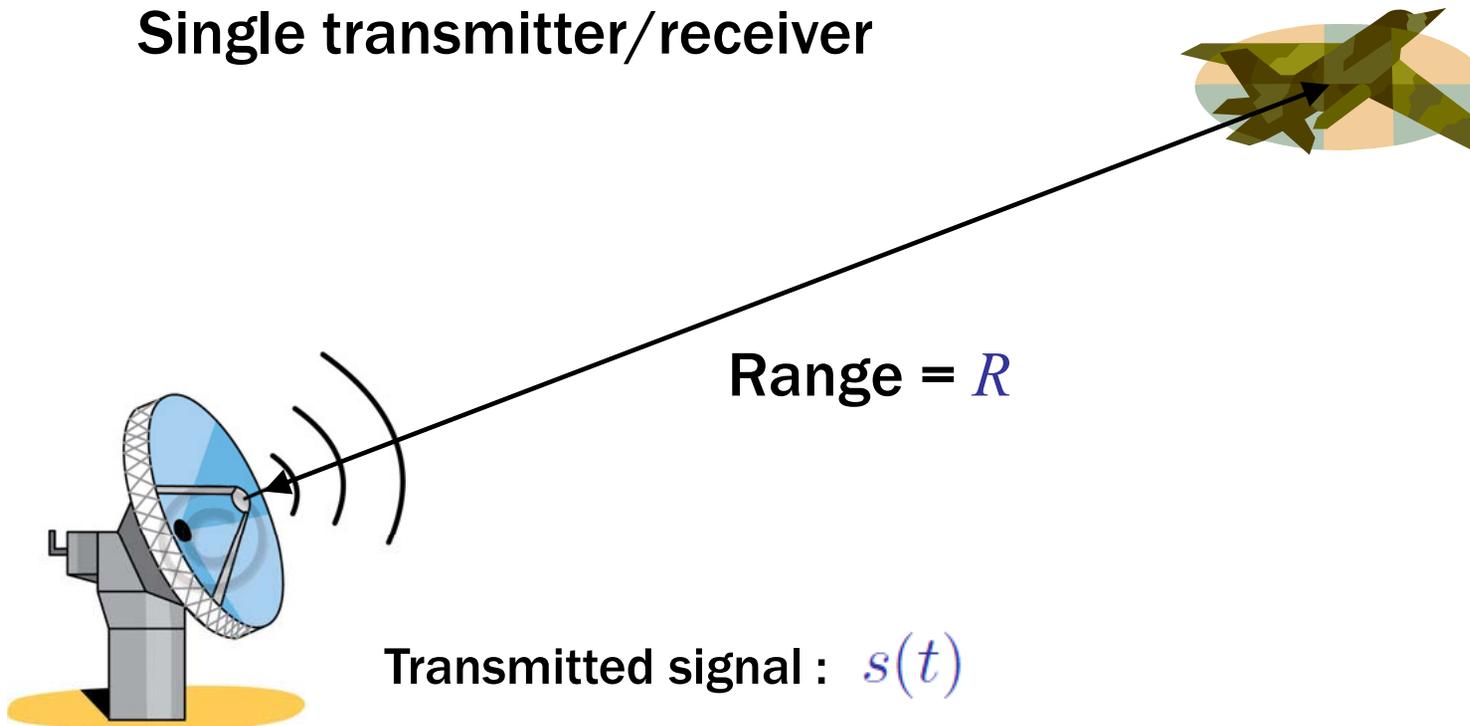
- **Radar basics and background**
 - **waveforms**
 - **pulse compression**
 - **ambiguity function**
 - **phased array radars**
 - **STAP**
 - **target models**
 - **early look at waveform diversity**

Overview (2)

- **MIMO Radar**
 - importance of diversity
 - virtual array representation
 - theoretical analyses
 - target models
 - diversity order
 - STAP with distributed sensors
- **MIMO and Waveform Diversity**
 - MIMO ambiguity function
 - waveform design
 - fast-time & slow-time MIMO

I : Radar Basics

Single transmitter/receiver

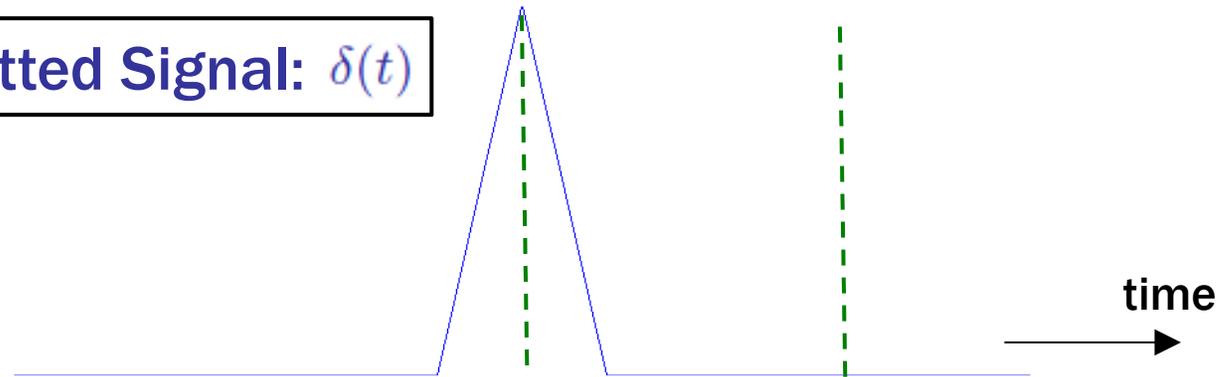


Transmitted signal : $s(t)$

Received signal : $As(t - \tau_0) + n(t)$ $\tau_0 = 2R/c$

I.1: Radar Basics : Ideal

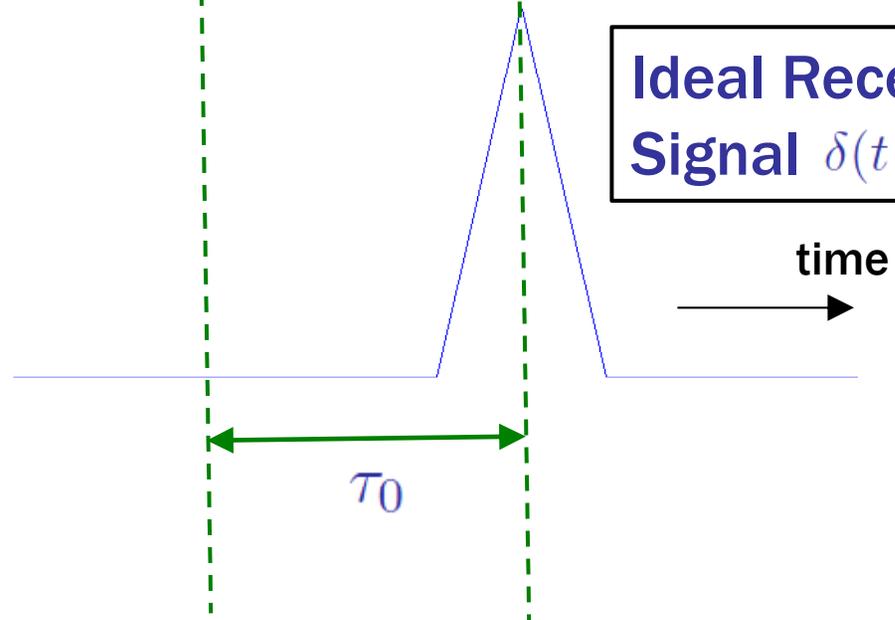
Ideal Transmitted Signal: $\delta(t)$



Issues:

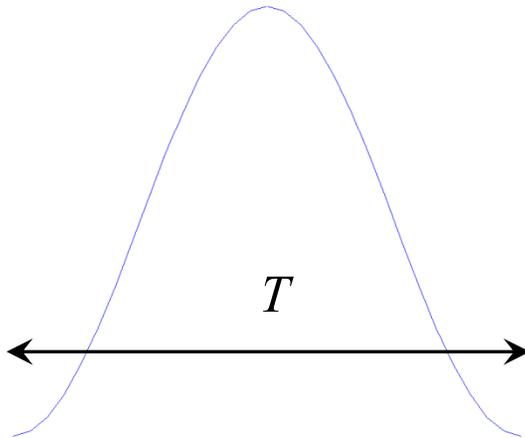
- Noise
- Peak-to-average power
- Bandwidth

Ideal Received Signal $\delta(t - \tau_0)$



Radar Basics : Bandlimited Pulses

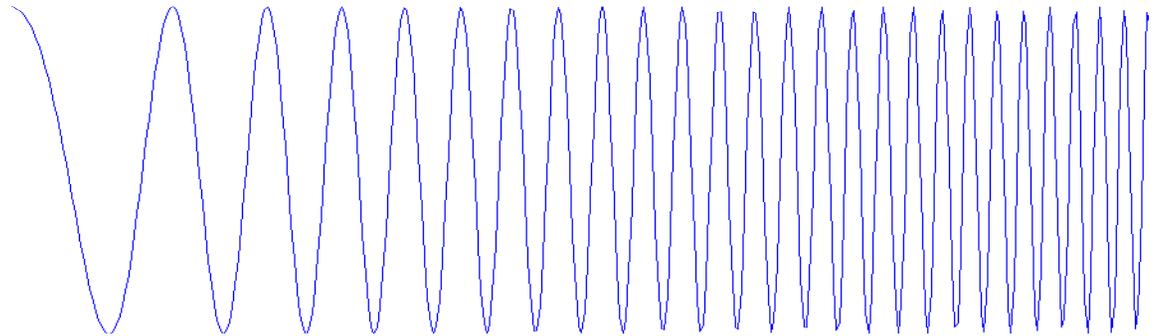
- Transmit a pulse (effectively) limited in time and frequency, e.g.,



- Range resolution (ΔR) proportional to T

Radar Basics : Bandlimited Pulses (2)

Transmitted Signal:



Receiver

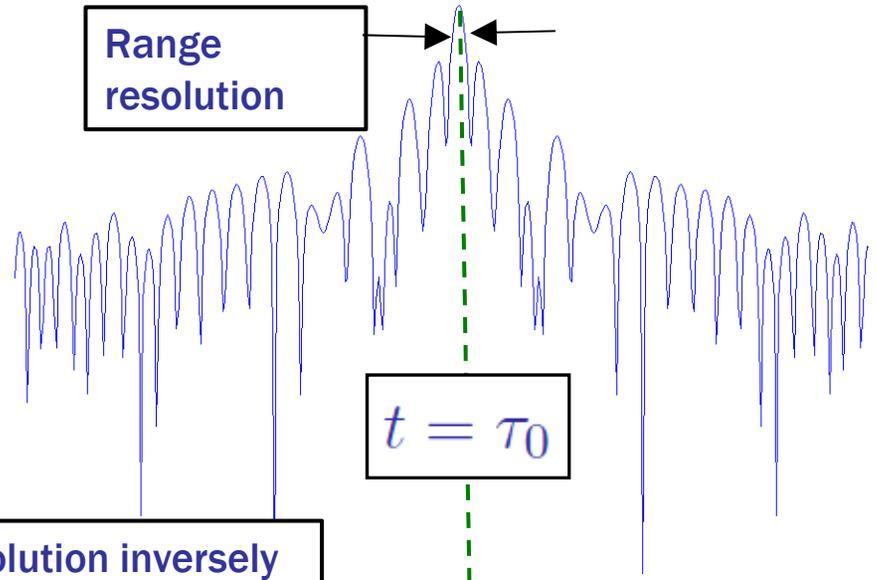
Received Signal

Matched Filter

Range resolution

$t = \tau_0$

Range resolution inversely proportional to bandwidth



Radar Basics : Bandlimited Pulses (3)

- Matched filter: $q(t) = s^*(-t)$:: gathers all energy in $q(t)$
- Detect target by finding the maximum of the output of the matched filter
 - target declared present if signal above some threshold
 - target range from round-trip time
- This is equivalent to **pulse compression**
 - transmitted signal spread over long time
 - receiver creates very narrow signal in time
 - range resolution inversely proportional to bandwidth
($\Delta R \approx c/2B$)
 - improvement in resolution \approx time-bandwidth product

Radar Basics : Doppler Shift

- What if the target is moving? Doppler shift:

$$f_{d0} = \frac{2v}{\lambda} \quad r(t) = As(t - \tau_0)e^{j2\pi f_{d0}t} + n(t)$$

- bank of matched filters $q(t) = s(-t)e^{-j2\pi f_d t}$

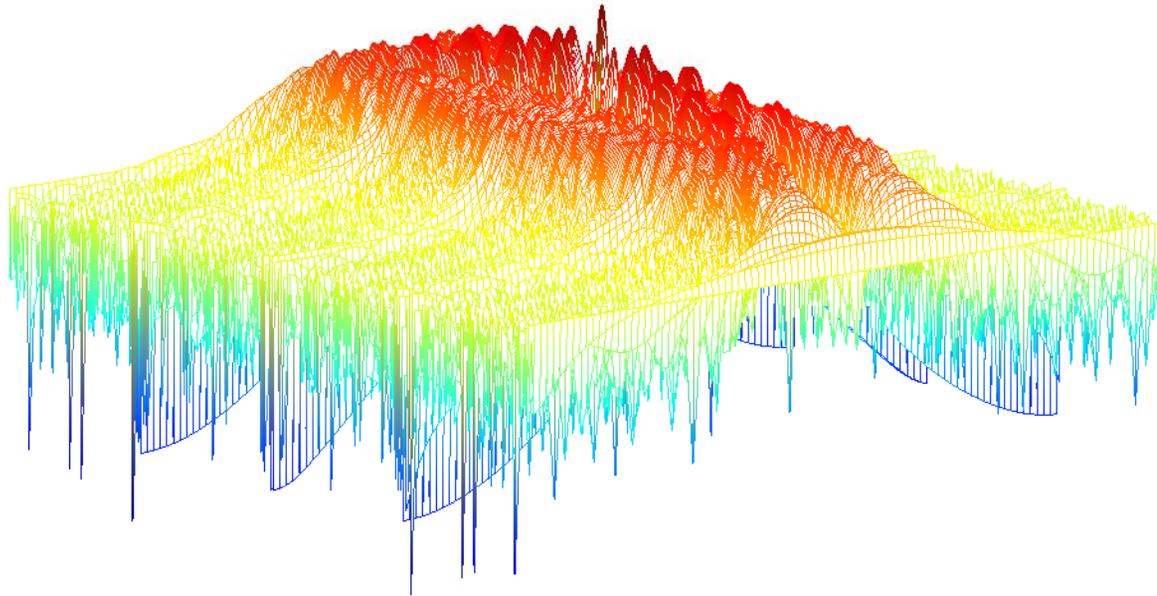
- each matched to a single Doppler frequency f_d

- Detect target by finding the maximum of the output of the matched filters
 - target present if signal above some threshold
 - target range from round-trip time
 - target Doppler from which MF provides the max

Radar Basics : Ambiguity Function

- Range-Doppler resolution determined by the ambiguity function

$$\chi(\tau, f_d) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} s(t)s^*(t - \tau)e^{-j2\pi f_d t} dt$$



Radar Basics : Ambiguity Function (2)

- Indicates the spread in delay (τ) and Doppler (f_d) due to the matched filter
 - determines the resolution in range and Doppler

- Key properties:

- Energy:

$$\chi(0, 0) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} |s(t)|^2 dt = \mathcal{E}$$

- Fixed area:

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} |\chi(\tau, f_d)|^2 d\tau df_d = |\chi(0, 0)|^2 = \mathcal{E}^2$$

Background : Popular Waveforms

- **Linear FM: FM modulate a linear signal**
 - instantaneous frequency is proportional to time
 - time shift implies a frequency shift...
 - ...leading to a coupling in range and Doppler
 - constant envelope signal
 - Doppler tolerant in that characteristics, e.g., sidelobes, not affected by Doppler shift of target
- **Phase-coded waveforms**
 - Subdivide a long pulse into N “chips”
 - in each chip use a different phase for the transmit waveform

Background : Popular Waveforms (2)

- Resolution function of chip length, not pulse length
- Can choose the phase sequence to e.g., minimize sidelobe levels
- Biphase codes
 - phases of 0 and 180 degrees only
 - Barker codes
 - achieve best peak-to-sidelobe ratio
 - Maximal length sequences
 - low peak sidelobes, high average sidelobes compared to LFM
 - poor spectral characteristics without bandlimiting

Background : Popular Waveforms (3)

- **Polyphase codes**
 - polyphase Barker codes through exhaustive search
 - Frank, P1 and P2 codes
 - lower sidelobe levels for same length
 - P1 and P2 codes are robust to bandlimiting
 - All have poor Doppler tolerance
 - range sidelobes raise dramatically with Doppler
 - P3 and P4 codes mimic LFM and can be robust to bandlimiting (P4)

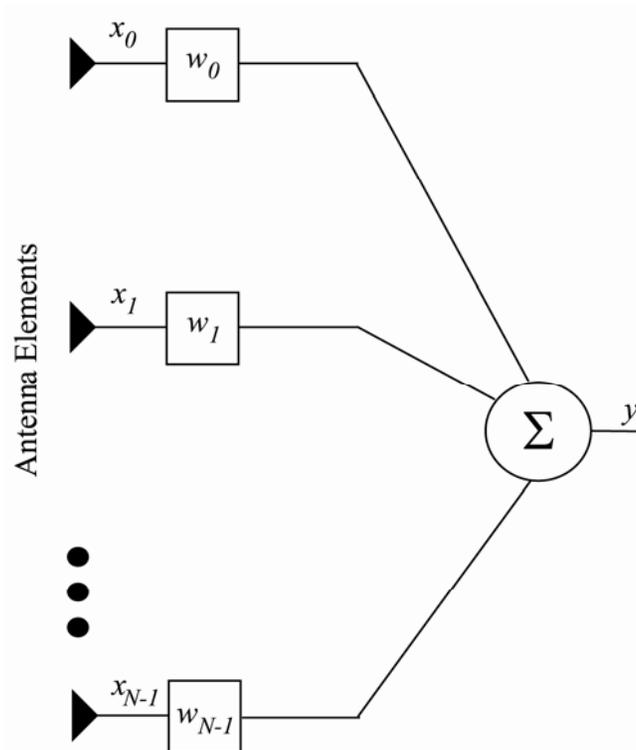
I.2 : Phased Arrays

- So far, we assumed a single transmit antenna with an isotropic pattern
 - energy sprayed in all directions equally
 - radar range improved using directive antennas

$$P_r = P_t \frac{G_t G_r \lambda^2 \sigma}{(4\pi)^3 R^4}$$

- Phased arrays provide digital control of antenna patterns
 - control location of the mainbeam using **phase shifts**

Phased Arrays (2)



- Consider a **linear, equi-spaced** phased array
- d : inter-element spacing
- Controlling phase shift w_k controls the direction of mainbeam
- Can provide gains in SNR of up to N

Phased Arrays (3)

- Received signal

$$\mathbf{x} = \alpha_t \mathbf{s} + \mathbf{n}$$

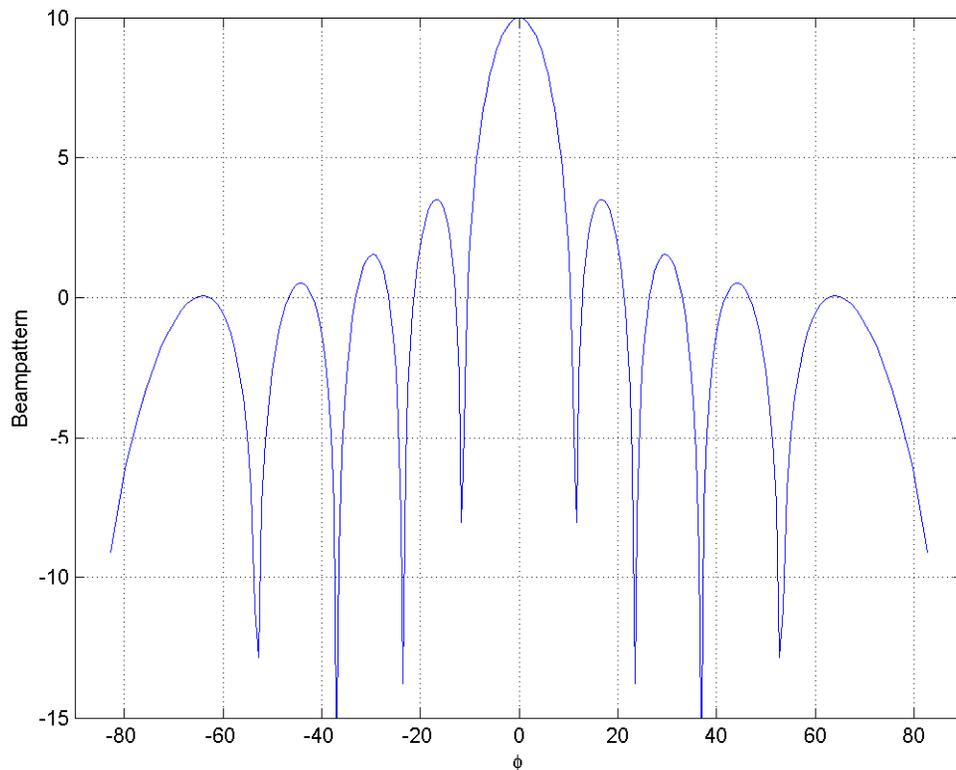
- \mathbf{n} : noise, α_t : target amplitude

$$\mathbf{s} = \left[1, e^{jkd \sin(\phi_t)}, e^{j2kd \sin(\phi_t)}, \dots, e^{j(N-1)kd \sin(\phi_t)} \right]^T$$

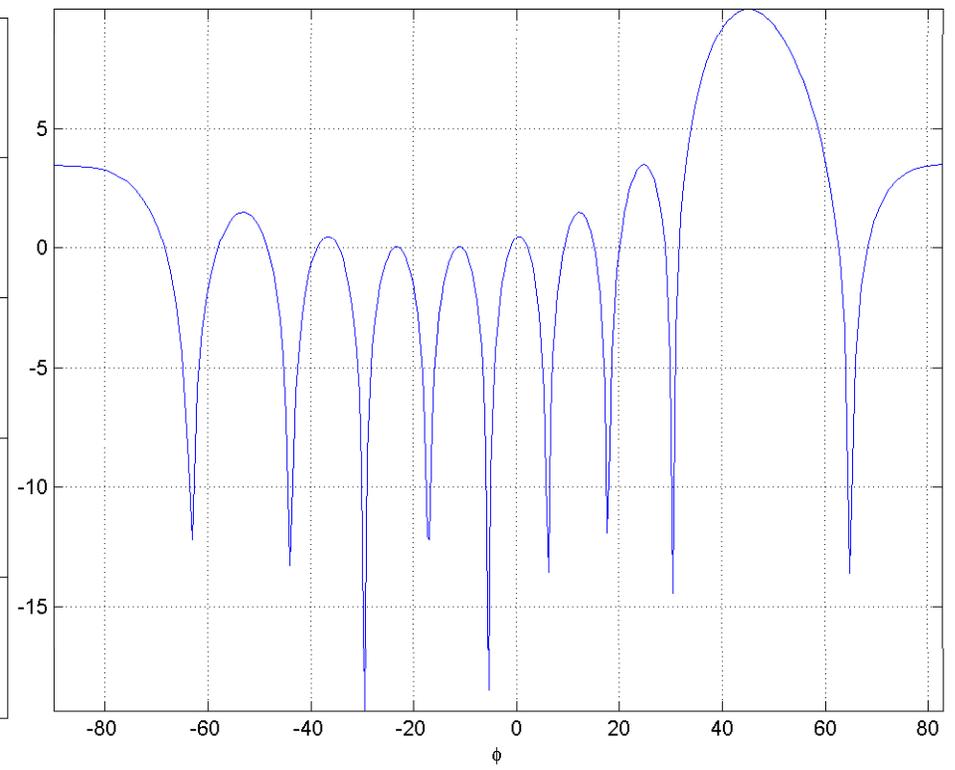
- ϕ_t : look angle, $k = 2\pi/\lambda$ is the wavenumber
- Optimal weights: $w_n = e^{jnkd \sin(\phi_t)} = s_n$
- Optimal because $\mathbf{R} = E[\mathbf{nn}^H] = \sigma^2 \mathbf{I}$ and the matched filter is optimal in white noise

Phased Arrays (4)

The weights cause a **beampattern** - with a peak at the look direction



Look angle = 0°

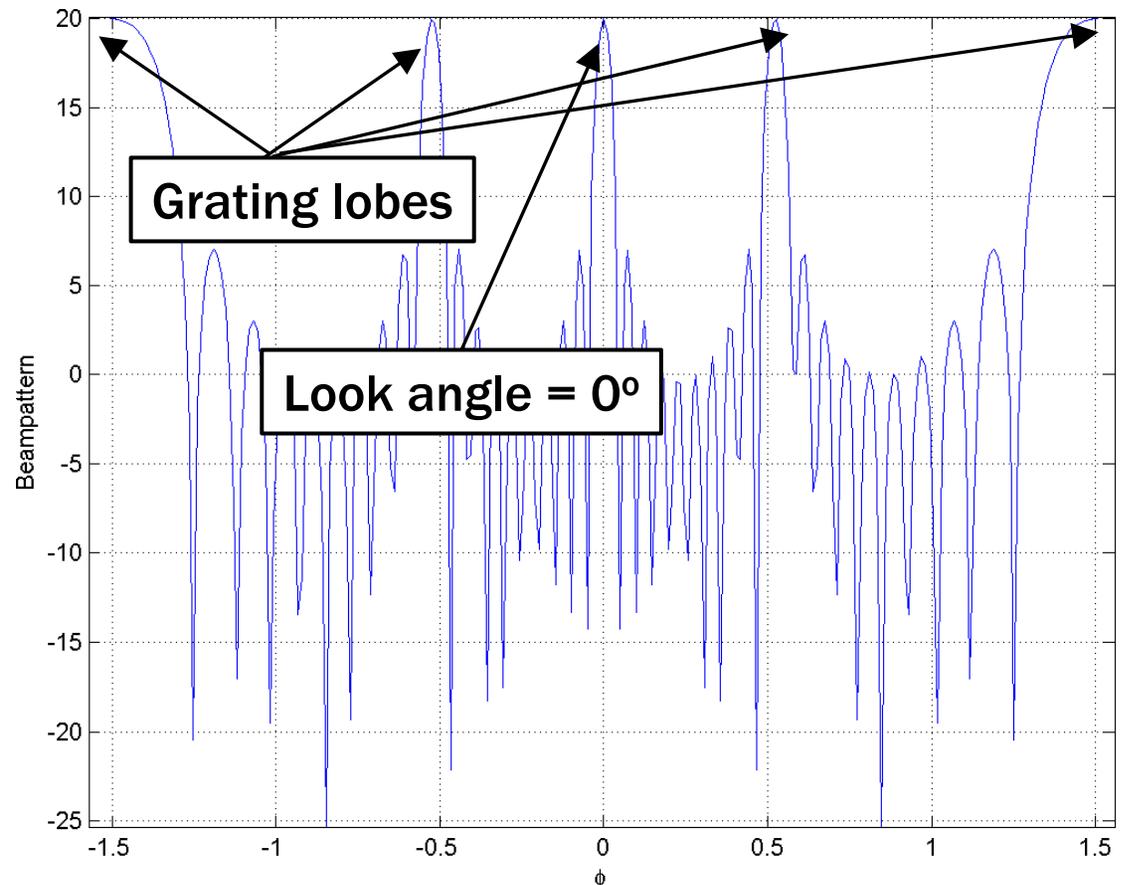


Look angle = 45°

Inter-element spacing = $\lambda/2$

Phased Arrays (5)

- However, depending on the spacing, the entire space may not
 - be visible (closely spaced elements – not really relevant to MIMO radar)
 - be uniquely identifiable: grating lobes with widely spaced elements
 - grating lobes are caused by coherent addition at multiple angles
 - use unequally spaced elements



Inter-element spacing = 2λ

Phased Arrays (6)

- So far, we have focused on detection of a single target in noise
 - what if there is **interference**?
 - e.g., clutter, external sources of interference
 - can use an array to suppress interference while maintaining gain on the target
 - **key: knowing the target signature that we are searching for**

For a linear array with look direction ϕ

$$\mathbf{s} = [1, e^{jkd \sin(\phi)}, e^{j2kd \sin(\phi)}, \dots, e^{j(N-1)kd \sin(\phi)}]^T$$

Phased Arrays (7)

- Received signal

$$\mathbf{x} = \alpha_t \mathbf{s} + \mathbf{n}$$

- Now, \mathbf{n} includes both interference and noise
- Key difference from noise-only case

$$\text{Noise only: } \mathbf{R} = E [\mathbf{nn}^H] = \sigma^2 \mathbf{I}$$

$$\text{With interference: } \mathbf{R} = E [\mathbf{nn}^H] \neq \sigma^2 \mathbf{I}$$

- Interference is now “coloured”

Phased Arrays (8)

- With interference, optimal weights require both amplitude and phase control

$$\mathbf{w} = \mathbf{R}^{-1} \mathbf{s}$$

- \mathbf{s} : the steering vector corresponding to the **look direction**
 - this may not be the target direction
 - target is discrete interference when looking elsewhere!

Phased Arrays (9)

- With these weights

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Output} = y &= \mathbf{w}^H \mathbf{x} = \mathbf{s}^H \mathbf{R}^{-1} \mathbf{x} \\ &= \left[\mathbf{s}^H \mathbf{R}^{-1/2} \right] \left[\mathbf{R}^{-1/2} \mathbf{x} \right] \\ &= \tilde{\mathbf{s}}^H \tilde{\mathbf{x}}\end{aligned}$$

- Also, $\tilde{\mathbf{x}} = \mathbf{R}^{-1/2} \mathbf{x} = \alpha_t \tilde{\mathbf{s}} + \tilde{\mathbf{n}}$

$$\begin{aligned}\tilde{\mathbf{n}} &= \mathbf{R}^{-1/2} \mathbf{n} \\ \Rightarrow E [\tilde{\mathbf{n}} \tilde{\mathbf{n}}^H] &= \mathbf{R}^{-1/2} E [\mathbf{n} \mathbf{n}^H] \mathbf{R}^{-1/2} \\ &= \mathbf{R}^{-1/2} \mathbf{R} \mathbf{R}^{-1/2} = \mathbf{I}\end{aligned}$$

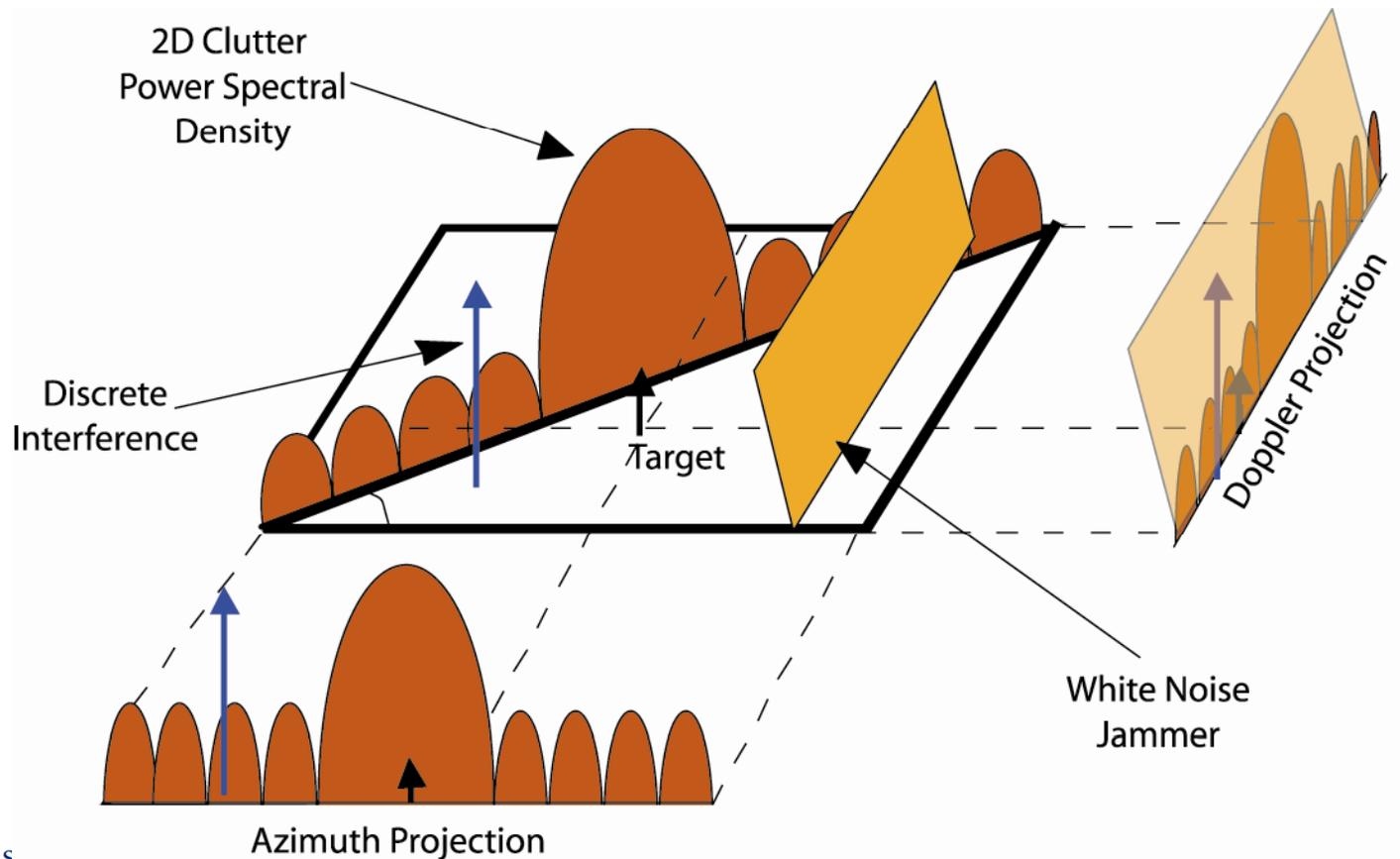
- This is the **whiten-then-match** filter

Phased Arrays (10)

- The most important problem: the matrix \mathbf{R} is unknown a priori
 - must be estimated using training data samples
 - need at least $2N$ samples
 - these samples must
 - not contain any target
 - be “homogeneous”, i.e., statistically independent and identically distributed in relation to the interference
 - usually, for each look range (the primary range cell) choose training data from range cells close by
 - also called secondary data

I.3 : Space-Time Adaptive Processing

- Can extend this to both space and time
 - because target may not be seen in 1D only



Space-Time Adaptive Processing (2)

- N elements (spatial channels), M pulses in a coherent pulse interval (CPI)
 - Use of multiple pulses provides Doppler resolution
 - f_r : pulse repetition rate

$$\mathbf{s} = \mathbf{s}_t(f_d) \otimes \mathbf{s}_s(\phi)$$

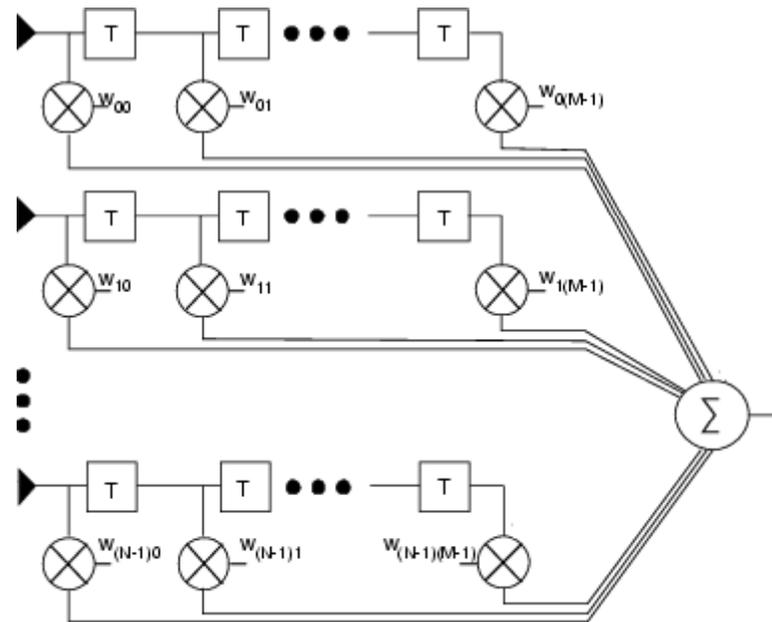
$$\mathbf{s}_s(\phi) = \left[1, e^{jkd \sin(\phi)}, e^{j2kd \sin(\phi)}, \dots, e^{j(N-1)kd \sin(\phi)} \right]^T$$

$$\mathbf{s}_t(f_d) = \left[1, e^{j(2\pi f_d/f_r)}, e^{j2(2\pi f_d/f_r)}, \dots, e^{j(M-1)(2\pi f_d/f_r)} \right]^T$$

- f_d : the look Doppler frequency

Space-Time Adaptive Processing (3)

- Again, $\mathbf{w} = \mathbf{R}^{-1}\mathbf{s}$, however, now...



- ...and \mathbf{R} is an $NM \times NM$ matrix, making estimating this matrix very hard

Space-Time Adaptive Processing (4)

- To deal with estimation issues, usually one reduces the adaptive degrees of freedom (DoF)
 - joint domain localized processing
 - processing in a small region around look angle/Doppler
 - $\Sigma\Delta$ –STAP
 - Use sum (Σ) and difference (Δ) channels only
 - parametric adaptive matched filter
 - parametrize the matched filter
 - fast fully adaptive processing
 - break large problem into a series of small problems
 - many others

STAP (5): Reduced Rank STAP

- Several reduced rank methods can be described as

$$\tilde{\mathbf{x}} = \mathbf{T}^H \mathbf{x}$$

$$\tilde{\mathbf{s}} = \mathbf{T}^H \mathbf{s} \quad \mathbf{T} = (NM \times D) \text{ transformation matrix}$$

$$\tilde{\mathbf{R}} = \mathbf{T}^H \mathbf{R} \mathbf{T}$$

$$\tilde{\mathbf{w}} = \tilde{\mathbf{R}}^{-1} \tilde{\mathbf{s}}$$

- Computational load is reduced by a factor of $(NM/D)^3$
- Required sample support $2NM \rightarrow 2D$
 - in practice, sample support is the fundamental problem

Space-Time Adaptive Processing (6)

- In applying STAP in the real world, a **non-homogeneity detector (NHD)** is important
 - identifies samples within the secondary data set that are statistically inconsistent
 - these samples are discarded
- **Several types of NHD in the literature**
 - all search for some kind of discriminant
- **Reducing DoF coupled with NHD makes it possible to implement STAP**

I.4 : Target Models

- Target amplitude a function of its radar cross section
 - for complex targets, a sum of returns from different parts making the **amplitude a random variable**
- Swerling models:
 - Type I: Amplitude Gaussian, independent scan-to-scan
 - Type II: like type-I, independent pulse-to-pulse
 - Type III: One dominant, other smaller surfaces: constant plus Gaussian independent scan-to-scan
 - Type IV: like type-III, independent pulse-to-pulse
 - Type V: constant throughout
 - best case

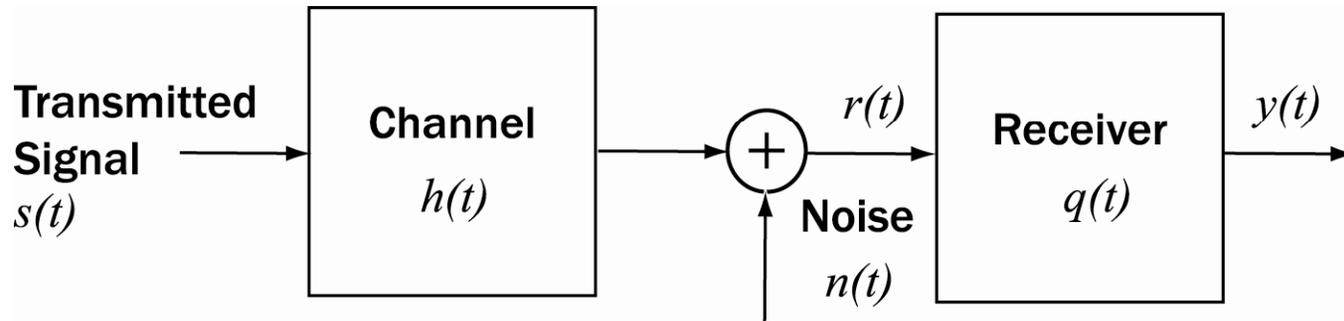
I.5 : Waveform Diversity

- **Broad term covering waveform design and adapting waveforms in real-time to better improve detection/localization**
 - generally try to improve signal-to-interference plus noise ratio
- **“Diversity” implies having a choice of multiple waveforms to achieve a specific purpose**
- **Start with waveform design...**
 - ...followed by MIMO radar...
 - ...followed by joint consideration of MIMO radar and waveforms

A Brief History

- **Waveform Diversity**
 - first discussions in late 1990s at AFRL-Rome
 - had spent 90s working on STAP and knowledge-based processing
 - some work on joint design of waveforms and processing
 - renewed interest in distributed apertures
- **Work at AFRL and other place culminated in the 1st Annual Waveform Diversity Workshop in Feb. 2003**
 - stayed “annual” until 2005 or so...
 - was expanded into the series of **Waveform Diversity and Design** conferences

An Early Waveform Design Problem



- **Received signal:** $r(t) = s(t) \star h(t) + n(t) = p(t) + n(t)$
- **Output signal:** $y(t) = p(t) \star q(t) + n(t) \star q(t)$
- **We want max-SNR in output signal – sampled at appropriate time τ_0**
- **Use the fact that noise is white: $S_n(f) = N_0/2$**

Waveform Design (2)

$$\text{SNR}_{t=\tau_0} = \frac{\left| \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} q(\tau) p(\tau_0 - \tau) d\tau \right|^2}{(N_0/2) \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} |q(\tau)|^2 d\tau}$$

- **By Cauchy-Schwarz**, $q(t) = p^*(\tau_0 - t)$, the matched filter

$$\text{SNR} \propto \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} |p(t)|^2 dt = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} |P(f)|^2 df = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} |S(f)H(f)|^2 df$$

- **In turn, if the transmitter knows $h(t)$ what is the optimal $s(t)$?**
 - the one that maximizes the SNR

Waveform Design (3)

- This leads to an **eigenvalue** equation

$$\lambda s(t) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} s(\tau) K(t - \tau) d\tau$$

where

$$K(t) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} h^*(\tau) h(t - \tau) d\tau$$

is the **kernel** of the channel $K(t) = \mathcal{F}^{-1} [|H(f)|^2]$

- This arises because of the magnitude squared term in the SNR
- Choose eigenfunction corresponding to largest λ
- If noise is coloured, whiten it first

Waveform Design (4)

- Need to normalize the energy to ensure the transmitter meets its power constraint
- So far, no limit on bandwidth
 - incorporate bandwidth constraints by limiting the kernel function in the frequency domain
- Special case: flat channel
 - leads to prolate spheroidal wave functions

II : MIMO Radar

- **Multiple Input Multiple Output radar systems**
 - exploits multiple transmitters, multiple receivers, multiple waveforms
 - i.e., all available degrees of freedom
 - a generalization of multistatic radar
 - let's agree that MIMO radar research did **not** start in 2004
 - called “multistatic radar”, “distributed apertures”, “waveform diversity”, “netted radar”
 - it is important to emphasize that MIMO radar research builds on previous works in this area

MIMO Radar : Introduction (2)

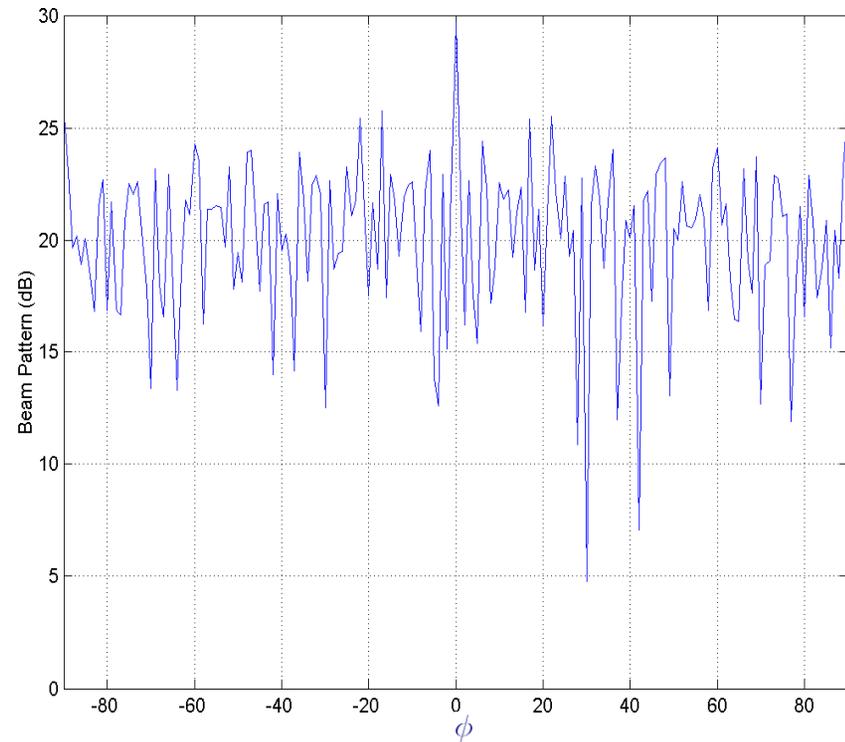
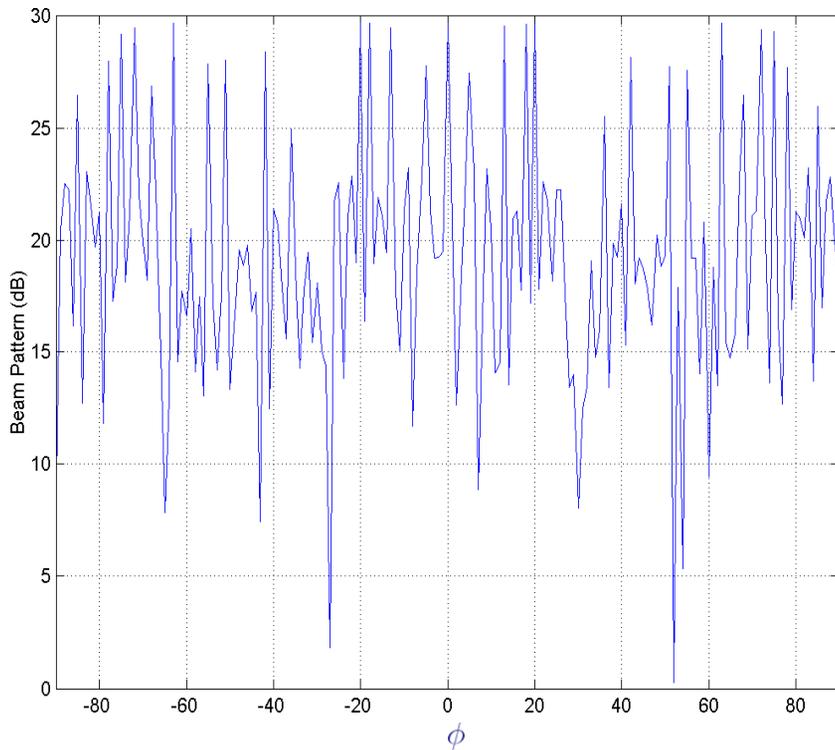
- **Statistical MIMO radar:**
 - often widely spaced apertures
 - conceivably acts as one big aperture
 - the target response for each transmit-receive pair is statistically independent
 - possibly due to different look angles or different frequencies
- **Coherent MIMO radar**
 - closely spaced apertures operating on the same frequency, e.g., French RIAS system (1984)
 - same target response to all tx-rx pairs

II.1 : Sample Result

Beampatterns

Without Frequency Offset (No Diversity)

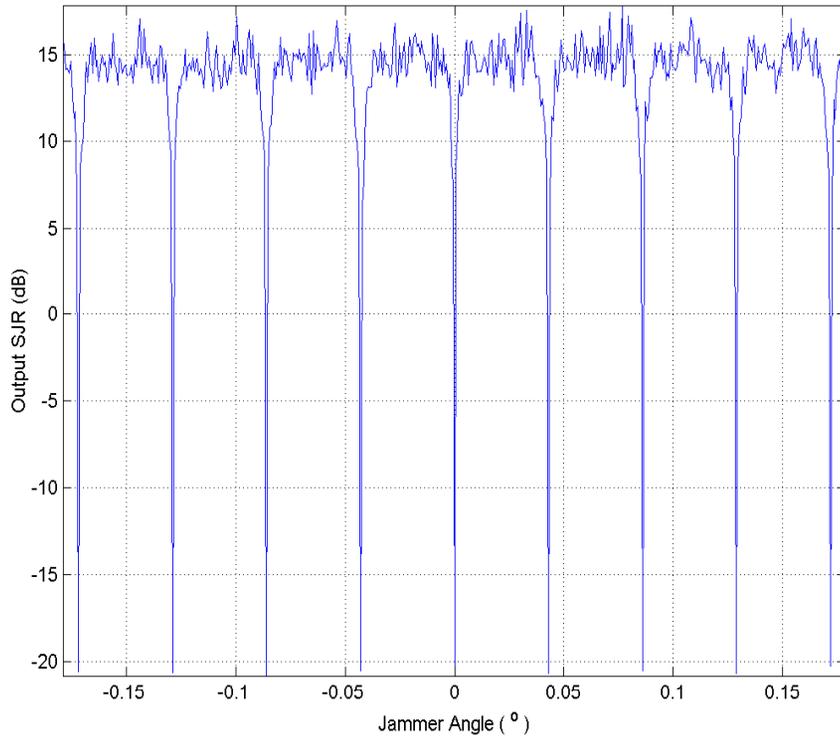
With Frequency Offset (Waveform Diversity)



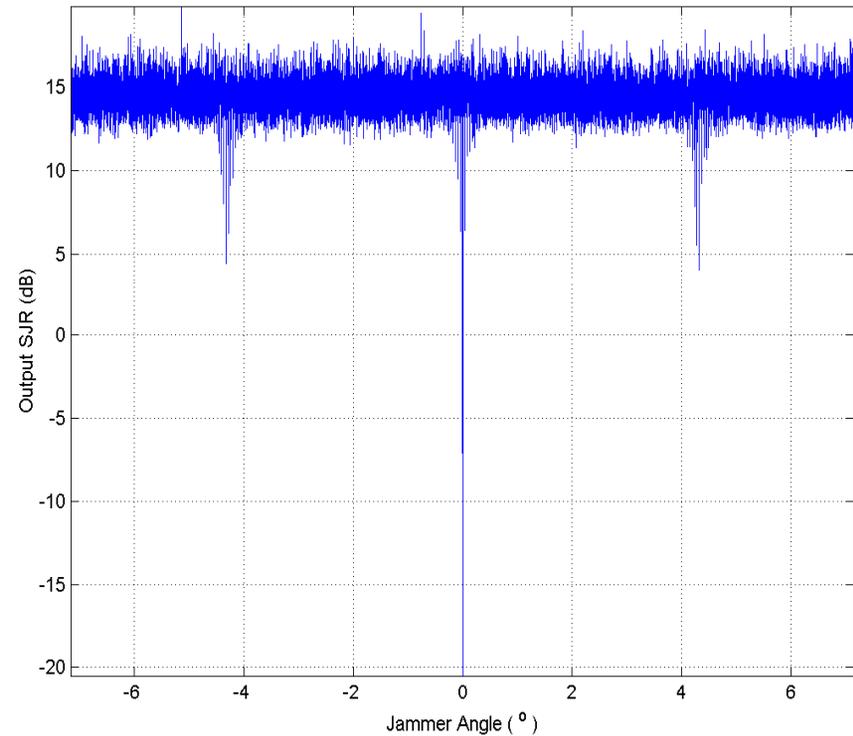
Sample Results : Uniform Spacing

Ability to distinguish signal from interference

Without Frequency Offset (No Diversity)



With Frequency Offset (Waveform Diversity)



II.2 Virtual Array Representation

- Consider N_t transmit and N_r receive antennas
 - transmitters at $\mathbf{p}_n, n = 0, \dots, N_t - 1$
 - receivers at $\mathbf{q}_m, m = 0, \dots, N_r - 1$
 - assume that the transmitters transmit N_t orthogonal coherent waveforms
 - e.g., using orthogonal codes
 - the receiver can distinguish each waveform without error
 - after matching to the n^{th} transmit signal at the m^{th} receiver the received signal from target is

$$x_{nm} = \alpha_t h_{nm} + \text{noise}$$

Virtual Array Representation (2)

- where

$$h_{nm} = e^{j\mathbf{k} \cdot (\mathbf{p}_n + \mathbf{q}_m)}$$

- This is equivalent to a receive aperture at locations $(\mathbf{p}_n + \mathbf{q}_m)$
- Another interpretation: each transmitter has its own receive aperture
 - the positions of the virtual array are a **convolution** of the transmitter and receiver positions

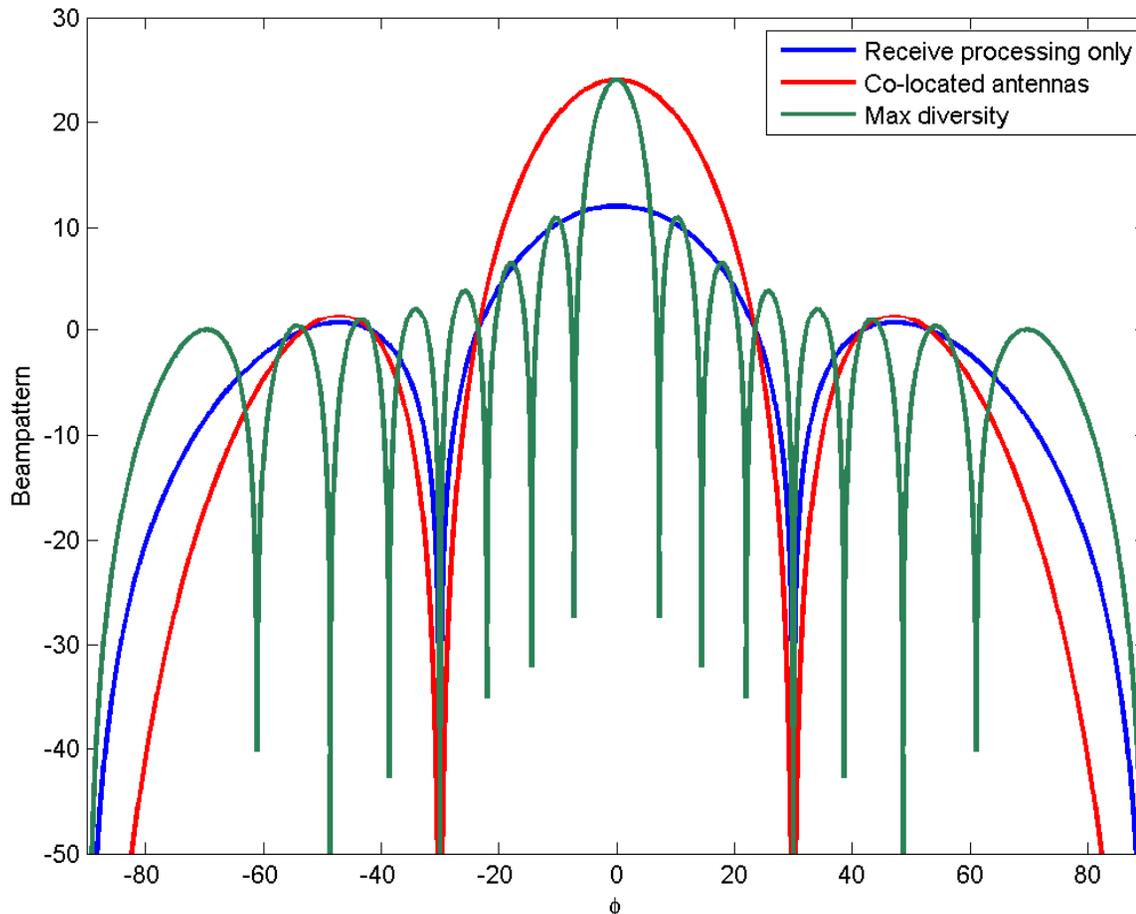
Virtual Array Representation (3)

- Consider the transmitters and receivers on a grid
 - usually grid of $\lambda/2$ spacing
 - for now consider a 1-D line
- Example: 3 transmitter antennas at $[1 \ 1 \ 1]$
3 receive antennas at $[1 \ 1 \ 1]$ (co-located)
- Equivalent to 5 receive antennas with relative weighting of $[1 \ 2 \ 3 \ 2 \ 1]$
 - acts a **virtual** array of 5 elements
 - some elements have excess weighting because they are sampled repeatedly
 - e.g., Tx1-to-Rx3 is the same as Tx3-to-Rx1

Virtual Array Representation (4)

- Can be further improved by using a thinned array
- Example: 3 antenna elements at $[1 \ 1 \ 0 \ 1]$ and co-located receive antennas results in a virtual array of $[1 \ 2 \ 1 \ 2 \ 2 \ 0 \ 1]$ (a 6-element virtual array)
- Transmitter and receiver not necessarily co-located
- Example: 3 transmitter antennas at $[1 \ 1 \ 1]$
3 receive antennas at $[1 \ 0 \ 0 \ 1 \ 0 \ 0 \ 1 \ 0 \ 0]$
results in $[1 \ 1 \ 1 \ 1 \ 1 \ 1 \ 1 \ 1 \ 1]$ (9 elements)
- Here, there are no repeated paths and each transmit-receive pair is unique

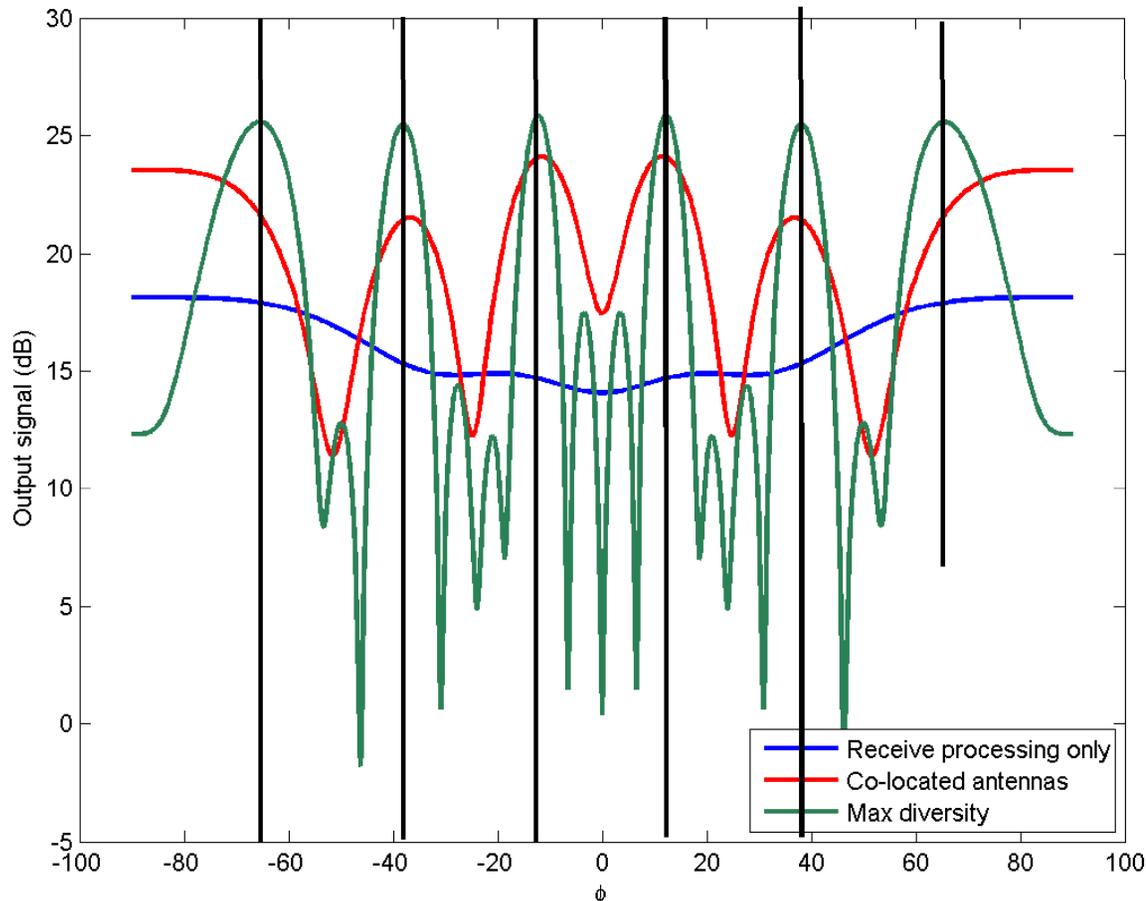
Impact on Resolvability



$$N_t = N_r = 4$$

- **Co-located antennas provides only a little improvement in resolvability**
 - improves antenna due to transmit and receive
- **Max diversity creates the largest virtual array**
 - leads to improvements in both gain and resolvability

Impact on Resolvability (2)

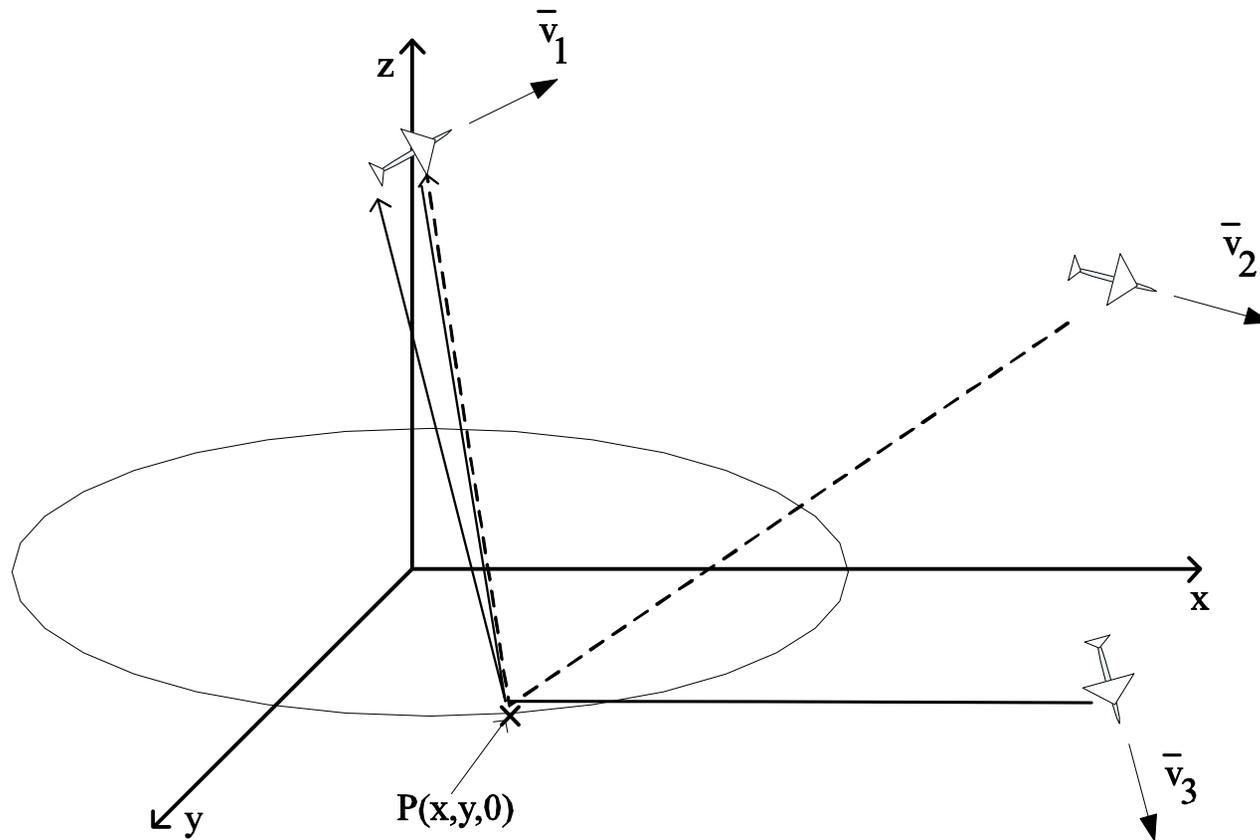


- 6 targets equally spaced in angle
- Vertical lines indicate locations of targets
- The max-diversity array can detect all 6
- The co-located antennas case detects 4 of the 6 reliably
 - small errors visible
- Receive only processing cannot detect any
- **Depends on orthogonal transmissions**

Parameter Estimation

- With a receive phased array: N_r elements in array
 - can estimate up to $\left\lceil \frac{2N_r}{3} \right\rceil$ parameters
- With co-located tx/rx MIMO array: $N_t + N_r - 1$ in virtual array
- Max # elements in virtual MIMO array: $N_t N_r$
 - can estimate up to between $\left\lceil \frac{2(N_t + N_r - 1)}{3} \right\rceil$ and $\left\lceil \frac{2N_t N_r}{3} \right\rceil$ parameters

II.3 : Theoretical Analysis



II.3.1 : Target Models

- In the case of co-located antennas, the target response is the same to all antennas
- N_t transmit antennas, N_r receive antennas, M pulses
 - transmit antennas at $\mathbf{p}_i, i = 0, \dots, N_t - 1$
 - receiver antennas at $\mathbf{q}_j, j = 0, \dots, N_r - 1$
 - parameter vector for transmitter i , receiver j : $\Theta_{i,j}$
 - target at location: \mathbf{p} , velocity \mathbf{v} , parameters $\Theta = (\mathbf{p}, \mathbf{v})$

$$\tau_{ij} = \tau_i(\mathbf{p}) + \tau_j(\mathbf{p}) \quad f_{ij} = f_i(\Theta) + f_j(\Theta)$$

- τ_{ij} relative delay, f_{ij} relative Doppler, $\Theta_{i,j} = (\tau_{ij}, f_{ij})$

Target Models (2)

- Signal transmitted by antenna i : $s_i(t)$
- Signal received by antenna j :

$$x_j(t) = \sum_{i=1}^{N_t} \alpha_{ij} s_i(t - \tau_{ij}) e^{j2\pi f_{ij}t} + n_j(t)$$

$\sqrt{-1}$ not
antenna index!

- α_{ij} : target amplitude seen at receiver j due to signal from transmitter i
- Next step: matched filtering and sampling
 - possibly matching to N_t pulse shapes
 - M pulses in a CPI

Target Models (3)

- Writing the signal over M pulses into a vector

$$\mathbf{x}_j = \mathbf{S}_j(\Theta)\alpha_j + \mathbf{n}_j$$

- $\mathbf{S}_j(\Theta) : M \times N_t$: signal matrix, $\alpha_j : N_t \times 1$ amplitude vector
- Now, combining all N_r receive antennas

$$\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{S}(\Theta)\alpha + \mathbf{n}$$

$$\alpha = [\alpha_1^T, \alpha_2^T, \dots, \alpha_{N_r}^T]^T$$

\mathbf{n} : noise vector

Target Models (4)

- Also,

$$\mathbf{S} = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{S}_1(\Theta) & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ 0 & \mathbf{S}_2(\Theta) & \dots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & \dots & \mathbf{S}_{N_r}(\Theta) \end{bmatrix}$$

- The data covariance matrix given by

$$\mathbf{R} = E [\mathbf{x}\mathbf{x}^H] = \mathbf{S}\Sigma\mathbf{S}^H + \sigma^2\mathbf{I}$$

$$\Sigma = E [\alpha\alpha^H]$$

Target Models (5)

- Rank of Σ is the key : an $N_r N_t \times N_r N_t$ matrix

$$\Sigma = \mathbf{U} \Lambda \mathbf{U}^H$$

- If rank-1, $\Sigma = \lambda \mathbf{u} \mathbf{u}^H$ and the target signal is **coherent** across the $N_r N_t$ transmit-receive pairs
 - a coherent target, for example with co-located MIMO radar
- If rank = $N_r N_t$ (maximum possible), the target returns are non-coherent across the $N_r N_t$ transmit-receive pairs
 - a non-coherent target and **maximum** diversity
- Could be somewhere in between too

II.3.2 : Diversity Order

- In wireless communications, **diversity order** measures the number of independent paths in multi-antenna systems
 - slope of the BER v/s SNR curve at high SNR
 - usually achieved at moderate SNR regime
- Can we use this idea in MIMO radar systems?
- A few concerns:
 - High SNR is irrelevant in radar systems
 - Probabilities of detection/miss only make sense if false alarm is kept constant
 - The rising part of the P_D curve is of most interest

Background

- A regular radar is characterized by its probability of detection P_D for a fixed probability of false alarm P_{FA}
- We wish to analyze the impact of using multiple independent (K) platforms
- Let's start with a single platform; the received signal vector is given by

$$\mathbf{z}_k = \begin{cases} \alpha_k \mathbf{s}_k + \mathbf{n}_k, & \text{if target is present} \\ \mathbf{n}_k, & \text{if target is absent} \end{cases}$$

Background (2)

- This signal is processed using the weights

$$\mathbf{w}_k = \mathbf{s}_k$$

leading to the statistic

$$\eta = |\mathbf{w}^H \mathbf{x}|^2$$

- Neyman-Pearson test uses the likelihood ratio:

$$\frac{f(\eta|H_1)}{f(\eta|H_0)} \underset{H_0}{\overset{H_1}{\geq}} t_0$$

H_1 : the target present hypothesis

H_0 : the target absent hypothesis

t_0 : threshold that determines P_{FA}

Background (3)

- Under H_0 , η is exponentially distributed with mean λ_0 and

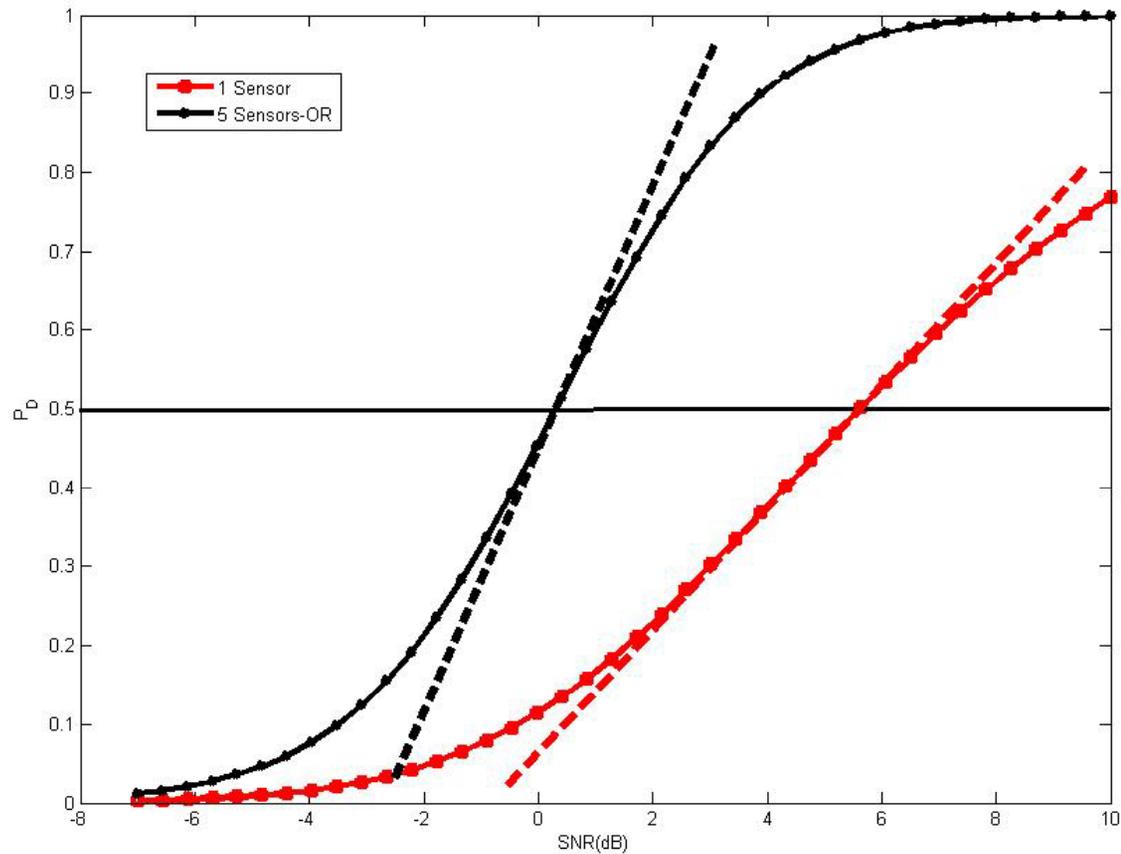
$$P_{FA} = e^{-t_0/\lambda_0}$$

- Similarly, under H_1 , η is exponentially distributed with mean λ_1 and

$$P_D = e^{-t_0/\lambda_1}$$

- Note that reducing the threshold (increasing sensitivity) **increases both P_D and P_{FA}**
- As we use a MIMO radar, the analysis must account for this increase in both measures

Illustrating Diversity Order in MIMO



Diversity Order : Definition

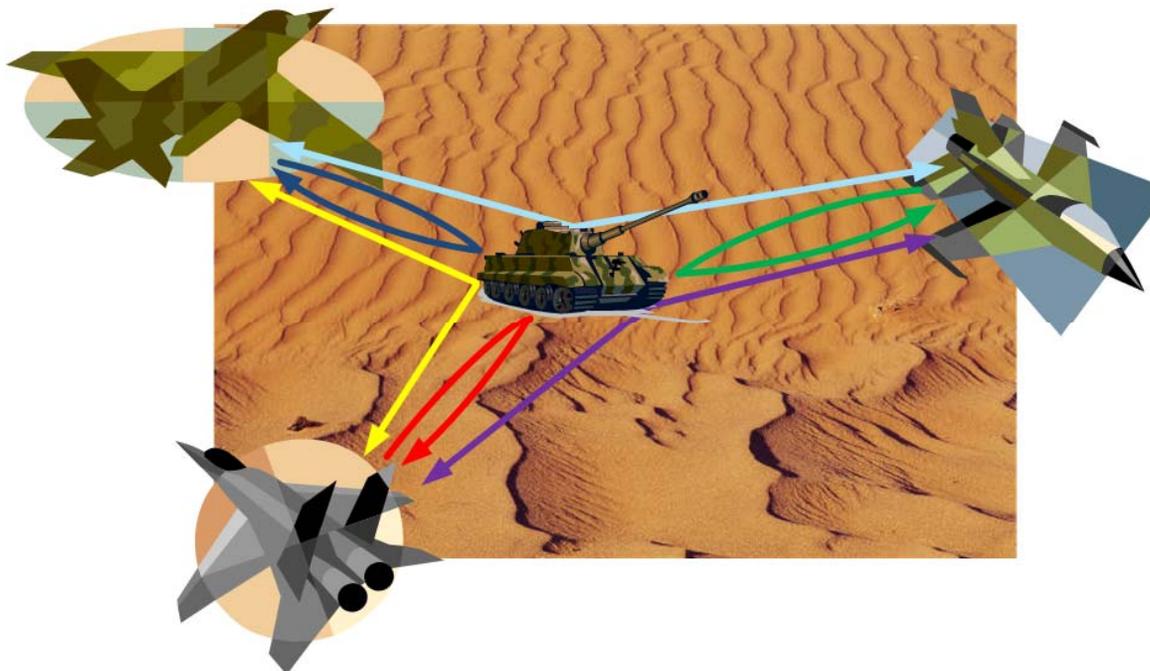
- Our definition also uses a slope:

The *diversity order* of a radar system is the slope in a **linear scale** of the probability of detection versus SNR curve at $P_D = 0.5$ for a *fixed probability of false alarm*.

- Definition captures
 - the SNR range of interest
 - is valid only for a fixed false alarm rate
 - the interaction of the spatial degrees of freedom and processing scheme

System Model

- K sensors, N antennas each
- Noise limited
- Uses the Swerling-II model for the target
- Signal received at sensor :



$$\mathbf{x}_k = \begin{cases} \alpha_k \mathbf{s}_k + \mathbf{n}_k, & \text{if target is present} \\ \mathbf{n}_k, & \text{if target is absent} \end{cases}$$

Single Sensor

- For a single sensor

$$\lambda_0 = \frac{N\gamma}{1 + N\gamma} \quad \lambda_1 = N\gamma$$

and diversity order is N

- For co-located antennas that see the same target amplitude (not really MIMO) diversity order is KN

Joint Detection

- Each sensor transmits its exact likelihood ratio to a fusion center
 - the fusion center combines the LR from all K sensors
 - the LR are proportional to signal power
 - similar to **maximal ratio combining** in communications
 - each sensor contributes an exponential RV
 - the sum follows a gamma distribution

$$f(x; K, \theta) = x^{K-1} \frac{e^{-x/\theta}}{\theta^K \Gamma(K)}$$

Joint Detection (2)

- PDF under H_0 provides the threshold by finding the false alarm rate (P_{FA})
- PDF under H_1 then finds P_D
- For large K , the diversity order proportional to $N\sqrt{K}$
- The improved detection probability is **partially** offset by increased false alarm rate

Distributed Detection

- The Neyman-Pearson test is optimal under CFAR
 - Each sensor reports a local decision (u_k) to the fusion center
- The fusion center combines the decisions into a final decision
- Optimal combiner needs knowledge of statistics at the sensors:

$$\Lambda(\mathbf{u}) = \sum_{i=1}^{n_{H_1}} \log \frac{\Pr(1_i|H_1)}{\Pr(1_i|H_0)} + \sum_{i=1}^{n_{H_0}} \log \frac{\Pr(0_i|H_1)}{\Pr(0_i|H_0)},$$

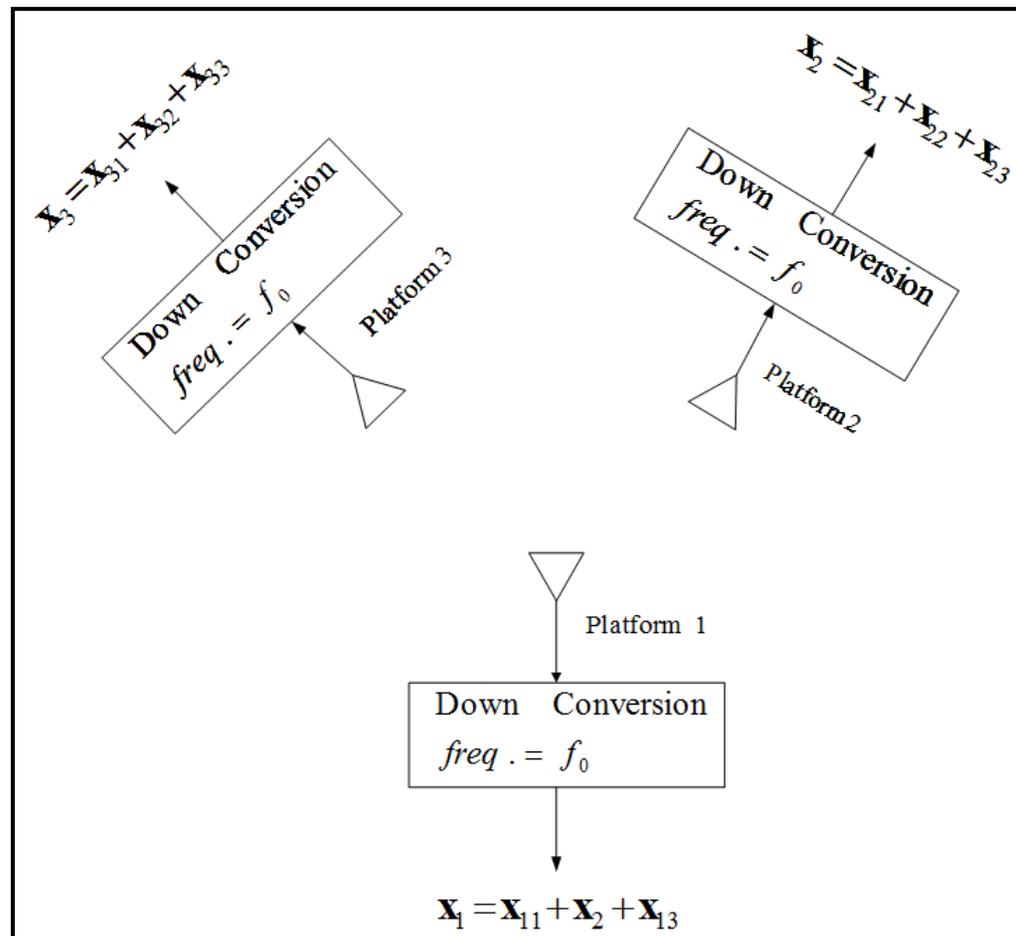
- compare $\Lambda(\mathbf{u})$ to a threshold that sets P_{FA}
- Again, the diversity order is proportional to $N\sqrt{K}$

Distributed Detection (2)

- More practically,
 - OR, AND, MAJ rules
- OR rule: the diversity order is proportional to $N \ln K$
- AND rule: the diversity order is proportional to N
 - *there is no gain due to distributed sensors*
 - the **reduced** detection probability is offset exactly by the **reduced** false alarm rate
- MAJ rule: somewhere in between

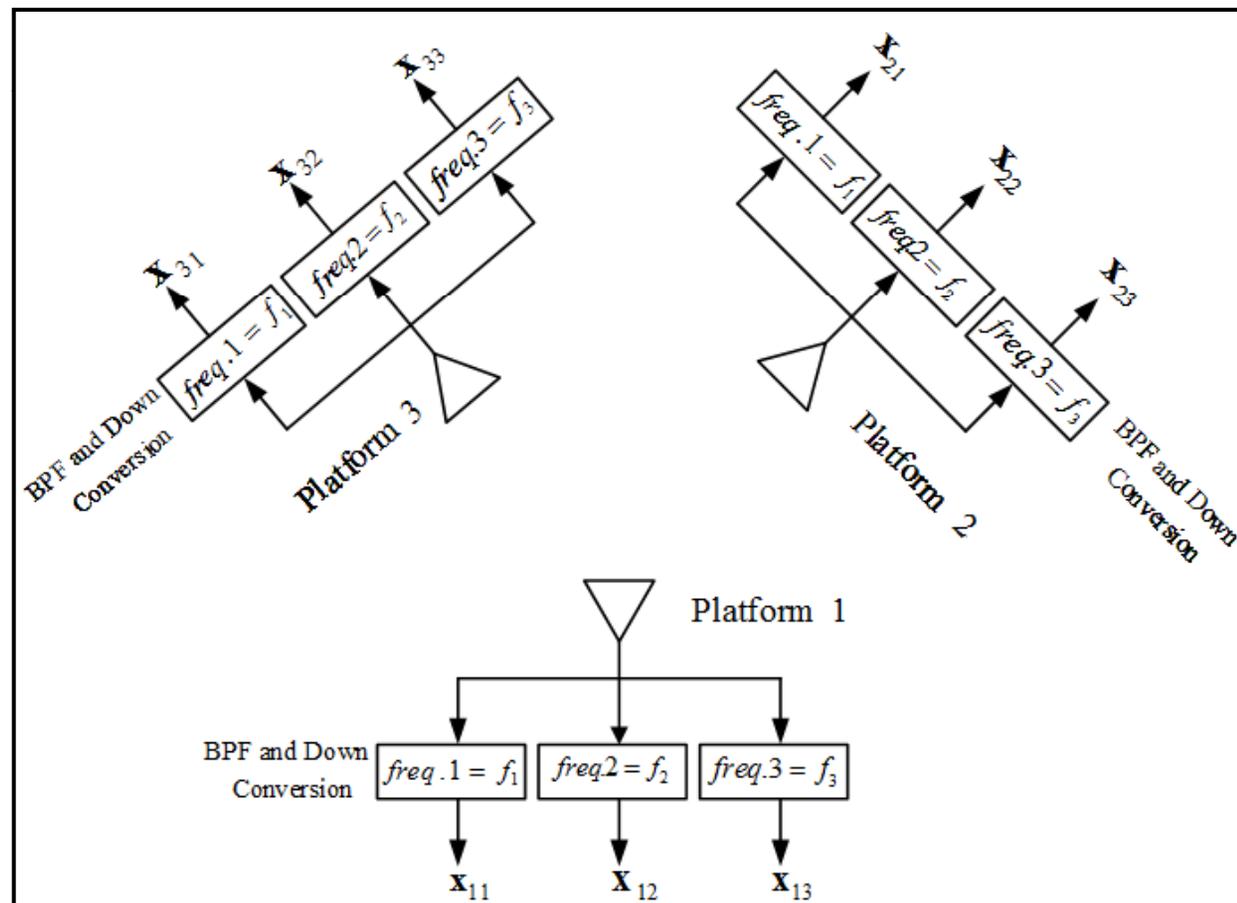
II.4 : STAP with Distributed Sensors

- Non-Frequency Diversity (NFD) Case : K platforms use same frequency (overlapping waveforms)



STAP with Distributed Sensors (2)

- Frequency Diversity (FD)/orthogonal waveforms case
 - Each platform uses a different frequency



System Model

- Received signal

- NFD case

$$H_0 : \mathbf{x}_p = \sum_{q=1}^K \mathbf{x}_{pq} = \sum_{q=1}^K \mathbf{c}_{pq} + \mathbf{n}_p$$

$$H_1 : \mathbf{x}_p = \sum_{q=1}^K \mathbf{x}_{pq} = \sum_{q=1}^K [\alpha_{pq} \mathbf{s}_{pq} + \mathbf{c}_{pq}] + \mathbf{n}_p$$

- FD case

$$H_0 : \mathbf{x}_{pq} = \mathbf{c}_{pq} + \mathbf{n}_p$$

$$H_1 : \mathbf{x}_{pq} = [\alpha_{pq} \mathbf{s}_{pq} + \mathbf{c}_{pq}] + \mathbf{n}_p$$

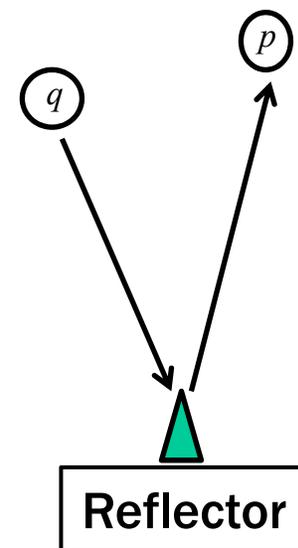


$$\mathbf{x}_p = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{x}_{p1} \\ \mathbf{x}_{p2} \\ \vdots \\ \mathbf{x}_{pK} \end{bmatrix}$$

\mathbf{c}_{pq} : clutter signal

α_{pq} : target amplitude

\mathbf{s}_{pq} : target steering vector



Interference Covariance Matrix

- Define

$$\mathbf{R}_p = E [\mathbf{x}_p \mathbf{x}_p^H] \quad \mathbf{R}_{pq} = E [\mathbf{x}_{pq} \mathbf{x}_{pq}^H]$$

- NFD case

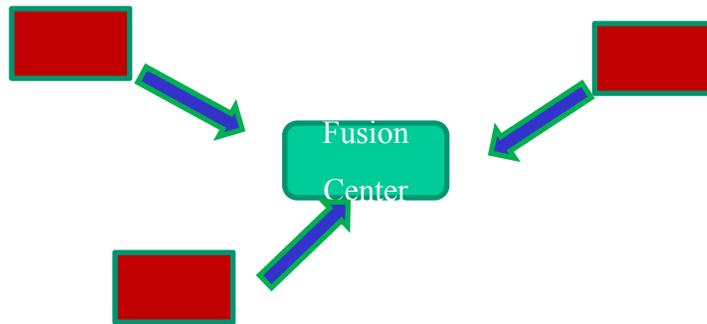
$$\mathbf{R}_p = \mathbf{R}_{p1} + \mathbf{R}_{p1} + \cdots + \mathbf{R}_{pK}$$

- FD case

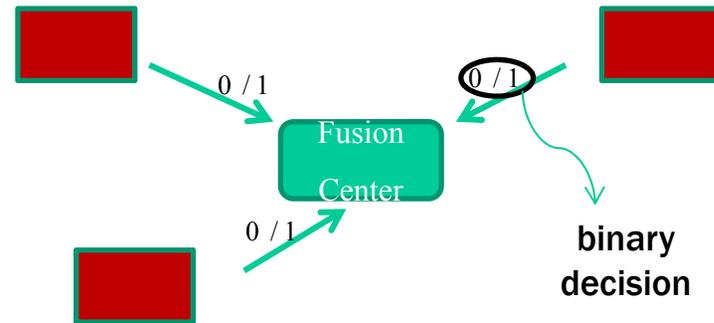
$$\mathbf{R}_p = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{R}_{p1} & 0 & \cdots & 0 \\ 0 & \mathbf{R}_{p2} & \cdots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & \cdots & \mathbf{R}_{pK} \end{bmatrix}$$

(De)Centralized? (Sub)Optimum?

- **Centralized Algorithm**



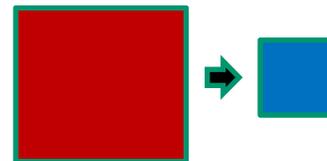
Decentralized Algorithm



- ◆ **Optimum Algorithm**

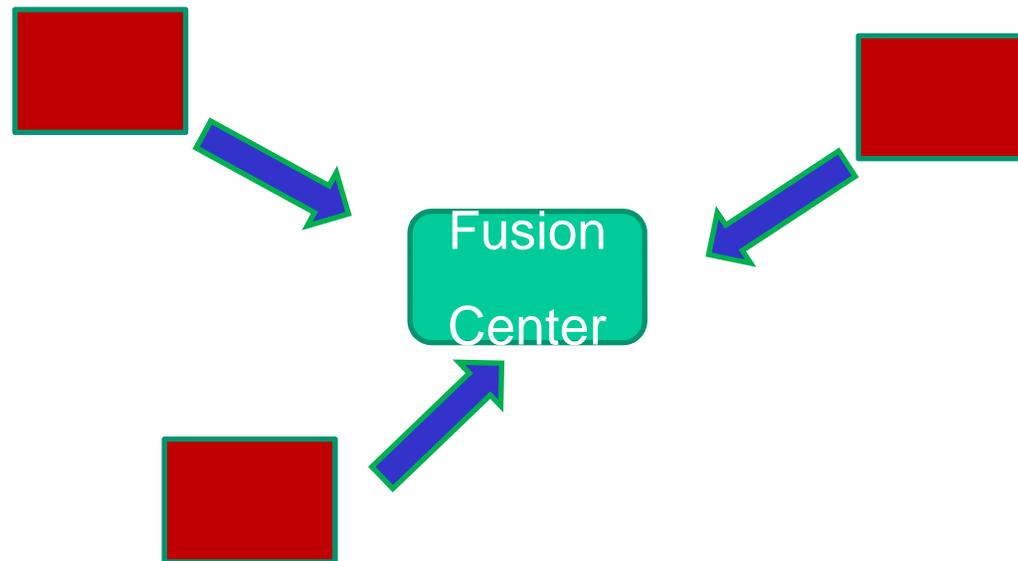


Suboptimum (Reduced Rank) Algorithm



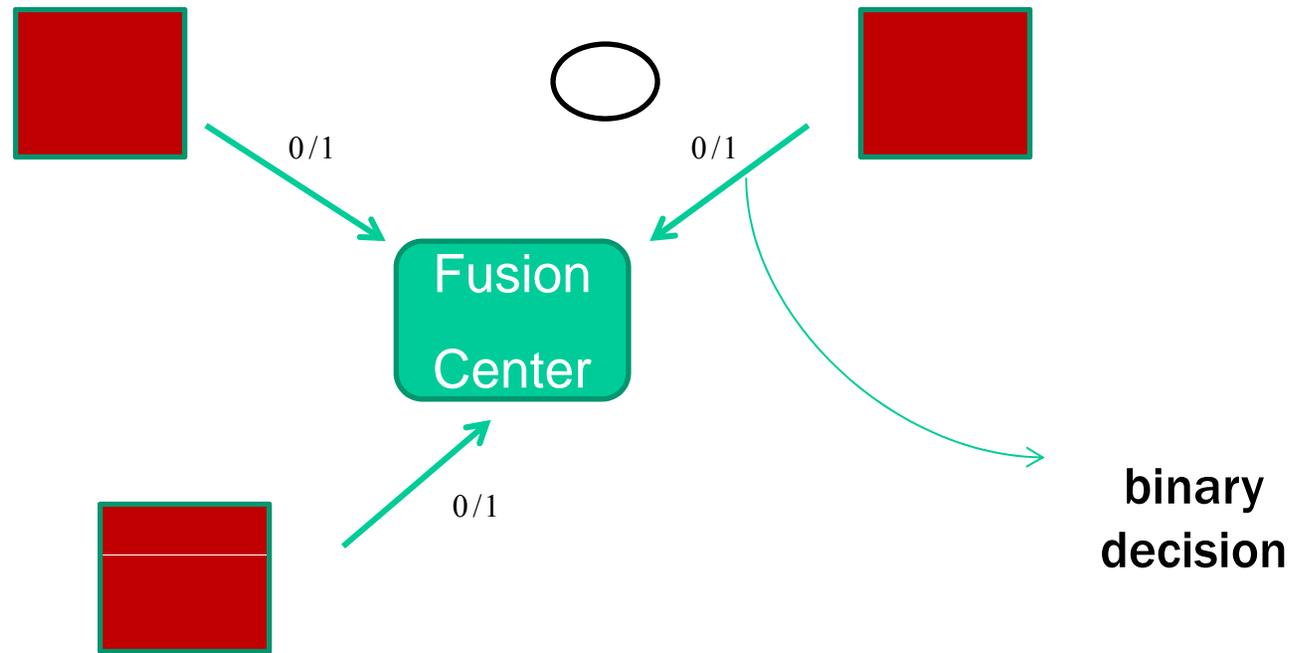
Decentralized Reduced Rank Algorithm

- Optimum Centralized Algorithm
 - – Computation Load
 - – Sample Support
 - – Large Communication BW
 - + Optimum Performance



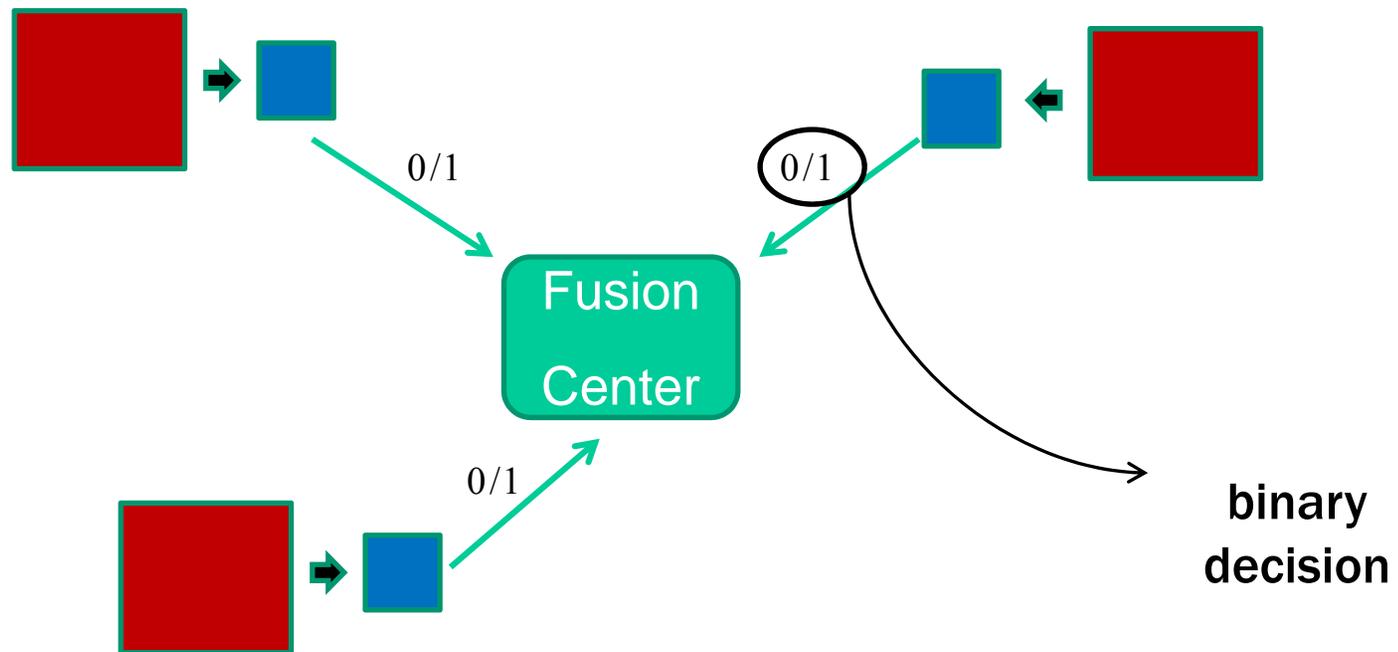
Decentralized Reduced Rank Algorithm

- Optimum Decentralized Algorithm
 - – Still have computation load & sample support problem
 - + Reduced Communication BW



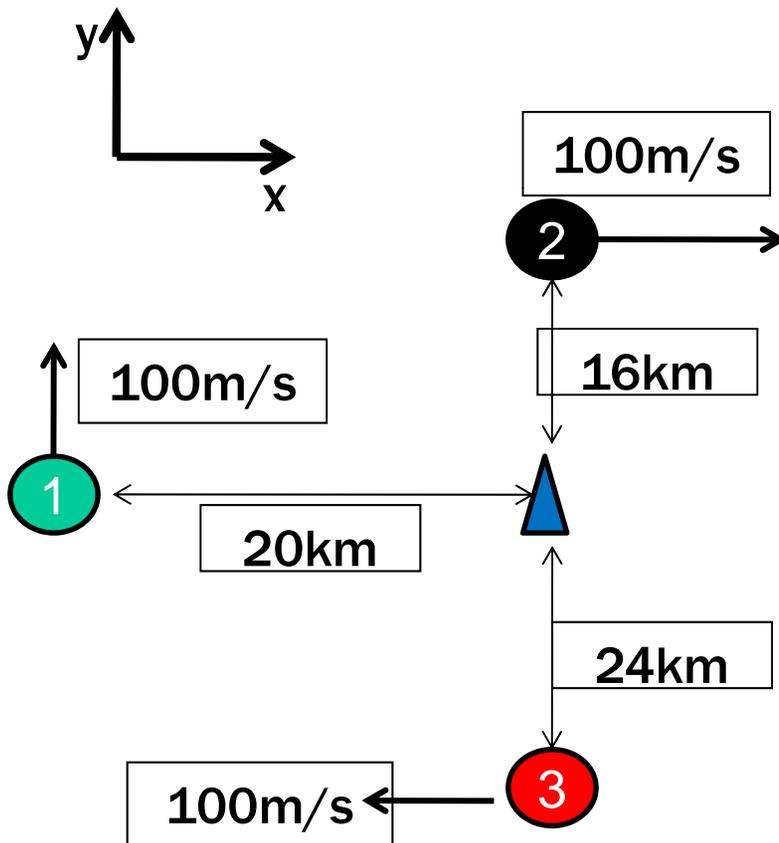
Decentralized Reduced Rank Algorithm

- **Sub-Optimum Decentralized Algorithm**
 - - Performance Degradation
 - + Reduced Computation Load
 - + Reasonable Sample Support



Simulation Results

- Simulation Scenario



Carrier freq.

NFD

$f_0 = 450\text{MHz}$

FD

$f_1 = 450\text{MHz}$

$f_2 = 430\text{MHz}$

$f_3 = 410\text{MHz}$

Target speed : 10m/s

PRF : 1KHz

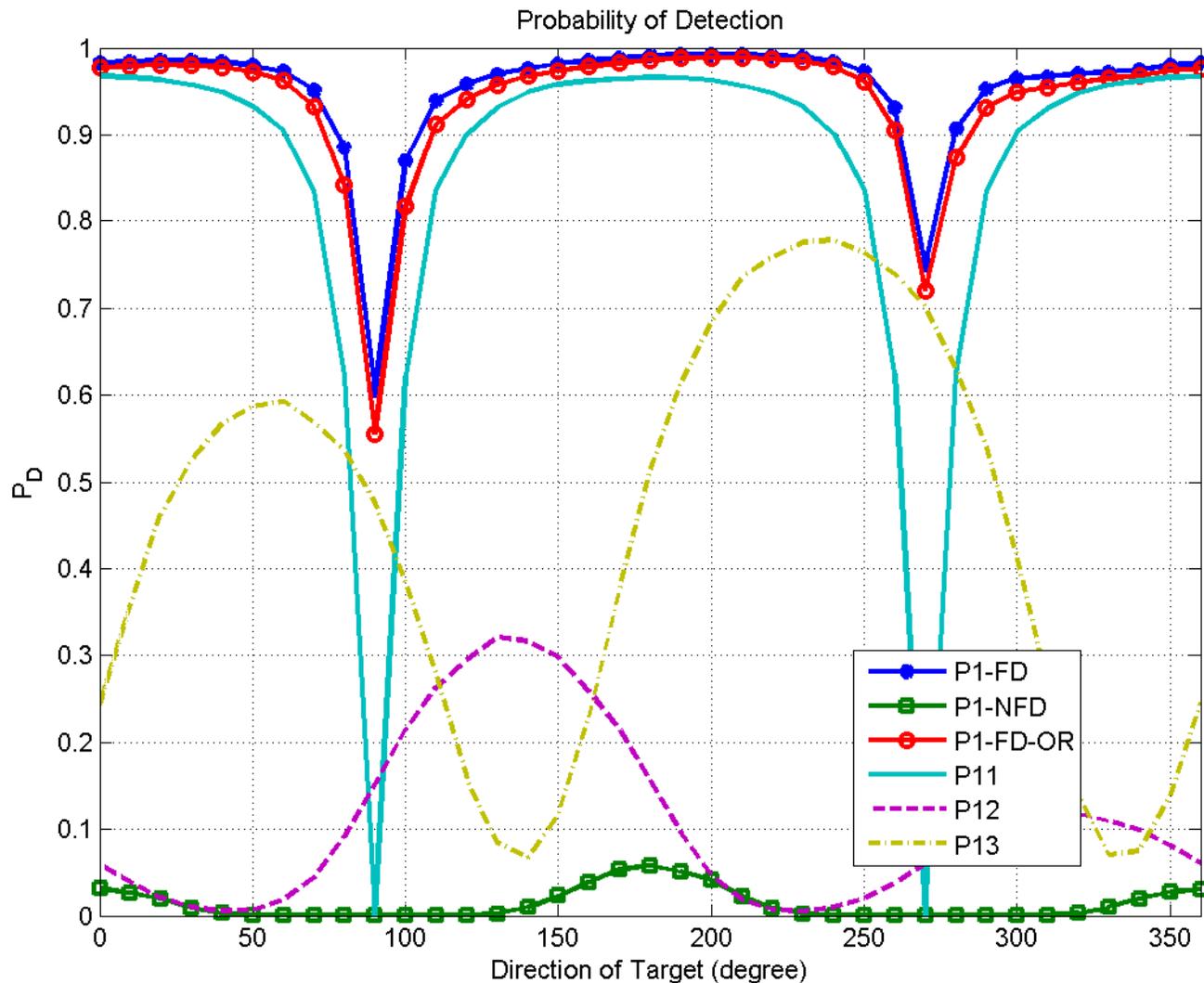
of array elements : 10

of pluses : 10

of platforms : 3

of clutter patches : 360

Simulation Results

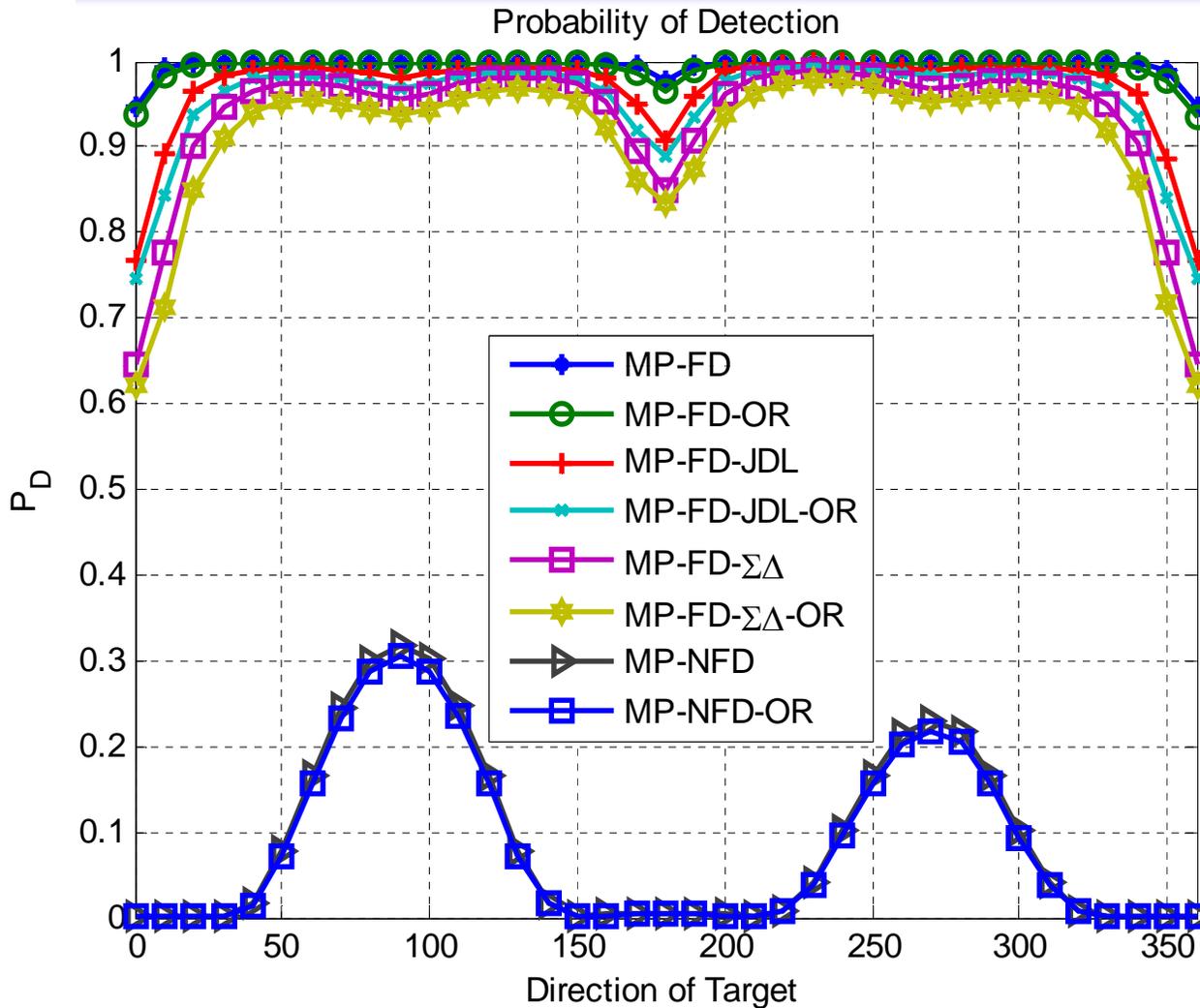


Prob. of detection for individual platforms

Note both the poor performance and the sensitivity to target direction

SNR=15dB

Simulation Results : Multiple Platforms

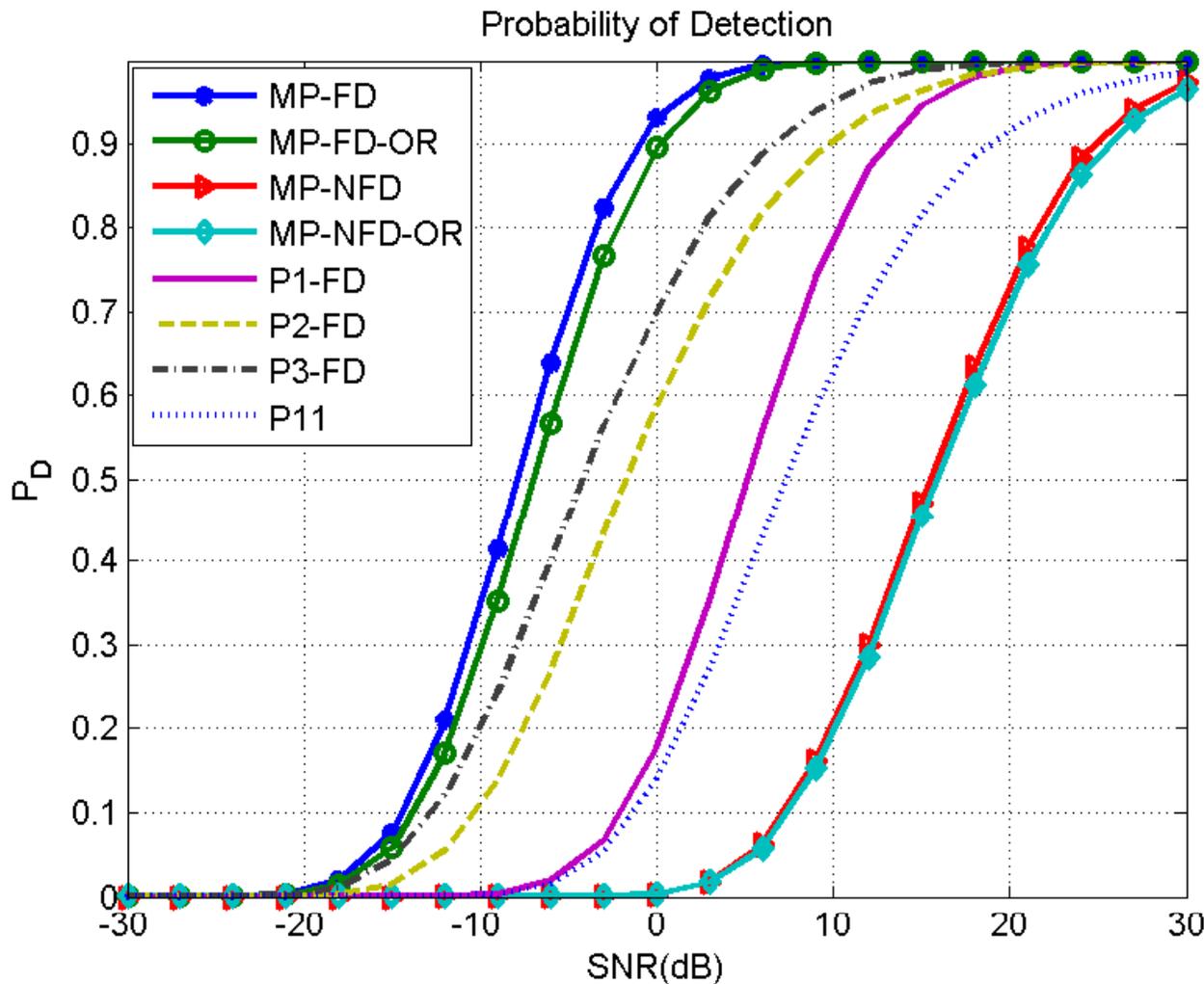


Prob. of detection for MIMO case platforms

Note both the poor performance for the NFD case and the robustness in the FD case

$$P_{FA} = 10^{-6}$$

Results : Single v/s Multiple Platforms

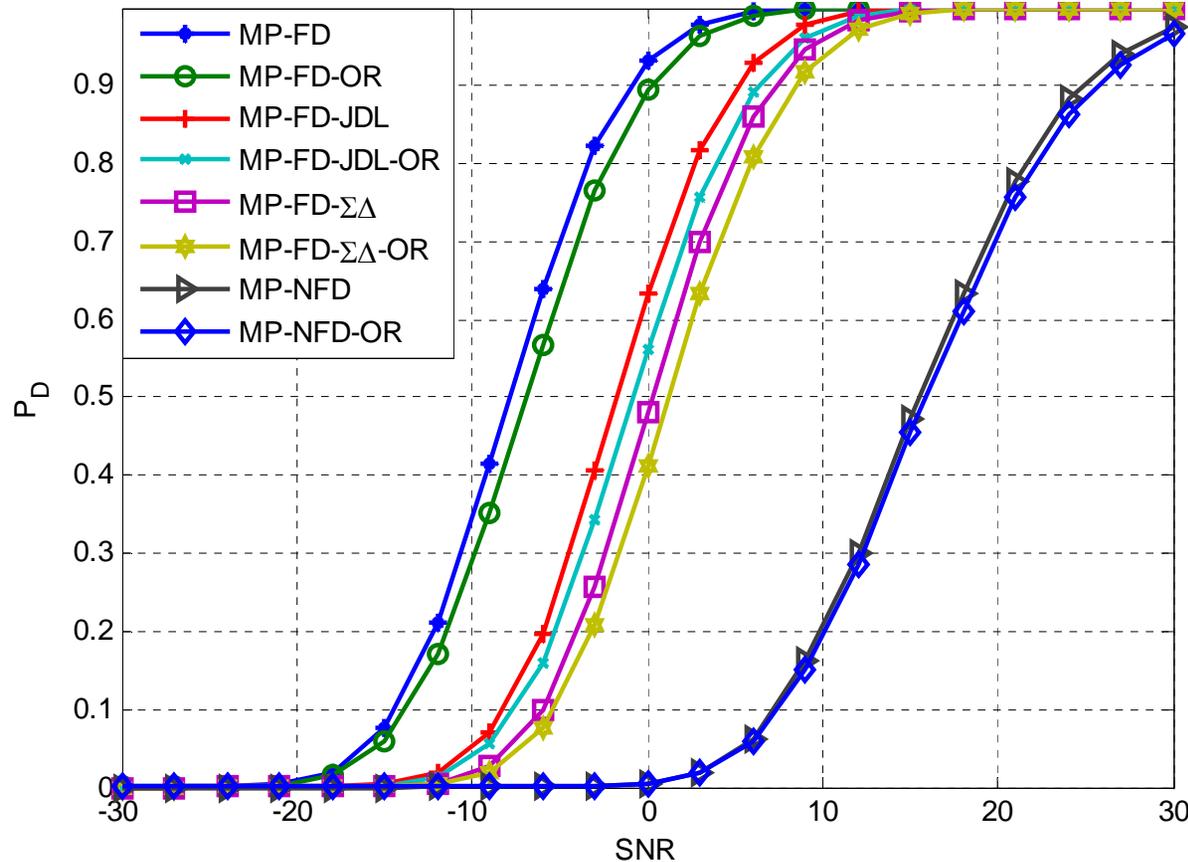


Comparing detection probability of the single and multiple platforms

Note the difference in diversity order

$$P_{FA} = 10^{-6}$$

Results : Multiple Platforms



Comparing detection probability of different processing schemes

Note they all appear to have the same diversity order

$$P_{FA} = 10^{-6}$$

Discussion : Diversity Order

- There is no loss in diversity due to using a sub-optimum STAP approach
 - the JDL and $\Sigma\Delta$ approaches have curves that are parallel
 - appears to have the same diversity order as the fully adaptive, centralized, scheme
 - though theoretically, asymptotically in K :
 - centralized scheme: \sqrt{K} ;
 - distributed OR scheme: $\ln K$
- Clear loss in diversity for the NFD scheme

Discussion : Issues Not Addressed

- The results shown here – and most research in MIMO systems – are based on a key assumption
 - synchronization across platforms
 - in radar, each sample corresponds to range bin
 - in processing across multiple platforms, a key assumption is that the samples at a specific time at all platforms refers to the same range bin
 - this is crucial also for secondary data in STAP for MIMO radar
 - essentially, in these results, we have assumed **true time delay**

Part III : MIMO and Waveform Diversity

- So far we have considered detection and estimation using a MIMO radar
 - no discussion of the choice of waveform
 - first deal with case without constraints and then we will add some practical constraints
- **MIMO ambiguity function**
 - generalization of the ambiguity function to MIMO
 - interpret the ambiguity function as the cross-correlation between estimating the true target parameters $\Theta_0 = (\tau_0, f_{d0})$ and test parameters $\Theta_1 = (\tau_1, f_{d1})$

SISO Ambiguity Function Revisited

- Transmitted signal: $s(t)$
- Received signal due to target with parameters

$$\Theta_0 = (\tau_0, f_{d0})$$

$$s(t - \tau_0)e^{j2\pi f_{d0}t}$$

- Cross correlation between signal due to $\Theta_0 = (\tau_0, f_{d0})$ and $\Theta_1 = (\tau_1, f_{d1})$

$$\begin{aligned}\chi(\Theta_0, \Theta_1) &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} s(t - \tau_0)e^{j2\pi f_{d0}t} s^*(t - \tau_1)e^{-j2\pi f_{d1}t} dt \\ &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} s(t)s^*(t - \tau)e^{j2\pi f_d t} dt = \chi(\tau, f_d)\end{aligned}$$



III.1 : MIMO Ambiguity Function

- MIMO ambiguity function a function of the waveforms, target parameters and geometry
- N_t transmit antennas, N_r receive antennas, M pulses
 - transmit antennas at $\mathbf{p}_i, i = 0, \dots, N_t - 1$
 - receiver antennas at $\mathbf{q}_j, j = 0, \dots, N_r - 1$
 - parameter vector for transmitter i , receiver j : $\Theta_{i,j}$
 - target at location: \mathbf{p} , velocity \mathbf{v} , parameters $\Theta = (\mathbf{p}, \mathbf{v})$

$$\tau_{ij} = \tau_i(\mathbf{p}) + \tau_j(\mathbf{p}) \quad f_{ij} = f_i(\Theta) + f_j(\Theta)$$

- τ_{ij} relative delay, f_{ij} relative Doppler, $\Theta_{i,j} = (\tau_{ij}, f_{ij})$

MIMO Ambiguity Function (2)

- To focus on the waveform, consider a unit point target
 - perfectly correlated across all transmit-receive pairs
 - set $\Sigma = \mathbf{1}\mathbf{1}^H$ ($\mathbf{1}$ is a length- $N_r N_t$ vector of ones)

$$\begin{aligned}\chi(\Theta_1, \Theta_0) &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x(t, \Theta_1) x^*(t, \Theta_0) dt \\ &= \sum_{j=1}^{N_r} \sum_{i=1}^{N_t} \sum_{i'=1}^{N_t} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} s_i(t - \tau_{ij}(\mathbf{p}_1)) s_{i'}^*(t - \tau_{i'j}(\mathbf{p}_0)) \times \\ &\quad e^{-2\pi f_c \tau_{ij}(\mathbf{p}_1)} e^{2\pi \tau_{i'j} f_c(\mathbf{p}_0)} e^{j2\pi(f_{ij}(\Theta_1) - f_{i'j}(\Theta_0))} dt\end{aligned}$$

MIMO Ambiguity Function (3)

- This expression includes
 - $s_i(t - \tau_{ij}(\mathbf{p}_1))$: signal from element i delayed due to presumed target location \mathbf{p}_1
 - similar expression for true location \mathbf{p}_0 (note the i')
 - $e^{2\pi f_c \tau_{ij}(\mathbf{p}_1)}, e^{2\pi \tau_{i'j} f_c(\mathbf{p}_0)}$: phase shifts due to distance travelled
 - $e^{j2\pi(f_{ij}(\Theta_1) - f_{i'j}(\Theta_0))}$: difference in Doppler shift
 - further simplification using matrix notation

MIMO Ambiguity Function (4)

- Define a matrix associated with the transmit signals

$$\mathbf{R}_{i,i'}(\Theta_1, \Theta_0, j) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} s_i(t - \tau_{ij}(\mathbf{p}_1)) s_{i'}^*(t - \tau_{i'j}(\mathbf{p}_0)) e^{j2\pi(f_{ij}(\Theta_1) - f_{i'j}(\Theta_0))} dt$$

- and the corresponding steering vectors,

$$\mathbf{a}_t(\Theta, j) = \left[e^{j2\pi f_c \tau_{1j}}, e^{j2\pi f_c \tau_{2j}}, \dots, e^{j2\pi f_c \tau_{N_t j}} \right]^T$$

- then,

$$\chi(\Theta_1, \Theta_0) = \sum_{j=1}^{N_r} \mathbf{a}_t^H(\Theta_1, j) \mathbf{R}(\Theta_1, \Theta_0, j) \mathbf{a}_t(\Theta_0, j)$$

MIMO Ambiguity Function (5)

- Note that the ambiguity function is a complicated function of the geometry of the transmit-receive arrays
 - and depends on the target model
- Also, there is no free lunch
 - let $N_t = N_r$. The “clear” area that can be created in delay-Doppler space is reduced by a factor of N_t (work of Y. Abramovich and G. Frazer)

III.2 : MIMO Waveform Design

- Many different approaches
 - covariance matrix design
 - in frequency domain
 - max. mutual information/MMSE
 - with and without clutter statistics
 - IEEE search for ‘waveform design <and> MIMO radar’ results in **157** choices!

MIMO Waveform Design (2)

- N_t transmit antennas, N_r receive antennas, M pulses
 - simple case: point transmitters and receivers
 - transmitter i transmits $s_i(t)$
- In continuous time, target response between transmitter i and receiver j : $\alpha_{ij}(t)$
- In discrete time, signal component at element j

$$x_j[n] = \sum_{i=1}^{N_c} \sum_{\ell=0}^{\nu} \alpha_{ij}[\ell] s_i[n - \ell], \quad n = 0, 1, \dots, L - 1$$

- L : observation window

MIMO Waveform Design (3)

- Rewriting as matrix equation

$$\mathbf{x}_j = \sum_{i=1}^{N_t} \mathbf{S}_i \alpha_{ij}$$

$$\mathbf{S}_i = \begin{bmatrix} s_i[0] & s_i[-1] & \dots & s_i[-\nu] \\ s_i[1] & s_i[0] & \dots & s_i[1 - \nu] \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ s_i[L - 1] & s_i[L - 2] & \dots & s_i[L - 1 - \nu] \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\alpha_{ij} = [\alpha_{ij}[0], \alpha_{ij}[1], \dots, \alpha_{ij}[\nu]]^T$$

MIMO Waveform Design (4)

- Rewriting as matrix equation

$$\mathbf{x}_j = \sum_{i=1}^{N_t} \mathbf{S}_i \alpha_{ij} = \mathbf{S} \alpha_j$$

$$\mathbf{S} = [\mathbf{S}_1, \mathbf{S}_2, \dots, \mathbf{S}_{N_t}] \quad \alpha_j = [\alpha_{1j}^T, \alpha_{2j}^T, \dots, \alpha_{N_t j}^T]^T$$

- Combining all N_r vectors, $\mathbf{x} = [\mathbf{x}_1^T, \mathbf{x}_2^T, \dots, \mathbf{x}_{N_r}^T]^T$

$$\bar{\mathbf{S}} = \mathbf{I}_{N_r} \otimes \mathbf{S} = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{S} & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ 0 & \mathbf{S} & \dots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & \dots & \mathbf{S} \end{bmatrix} \quad \mathbf{x} = \bar{\mathbf{S}} \alpha$$
$$\alpha = [\alpha_1^T, \alpha_2^T, \dots, \alpha_{N_r}^T]^T$$

MIMO Waveform Design (5)

- MMSE estimate : given \mathbf{x} find the minimum mean squared error estimate of α
 - given $\bar{\mathbf{S}}$ MMSE estimate is well known

$$\hat{\alpha} = \left(\bar{\mathbf{S}}^H \bar{\mathbf{S}} + \sigma^2 \mathbf{\Sigma}^{-1} \right)^{-1} \bar{\mathbf{S}}^H \mathbf{x}$$

$$\text{MMSE} = \text{tr} \left[\left(\sigma^2 \bar{\mathbf{S}}^H \bar{\mathbf{S}} + \mathbf{\Sigma}^{-1} \right)^{-1} \right]$$

- Optimal waveform: find the waveform ($\bar{\mathbf{S}}$) that minimizes this MMSE
 - however we must meet a power constraint

MIMO Waveform Design (6)

- The optimization problem is

$$\bar{\mathbf{S}}^* = \arg \min_{\bar{\mathbf{S}}} \text{tr} \left[\left(\sigma^2 \bar{\mathbf{S}}^H \bar{\mathbf{S}} + \boldsymbol{\Sigma}^{-1} \right)^{-1} \right]$$

such that $\text{tr} \left[\bar{\mathbf{S}}^H \bar{\mathbf{S}} \right] \leq LP_0$

- P_0 : energy available per time-slot over all N_r transmitters
- Generally requires an eigenvalue decomposition of $\boldsymbol{\Sigma}$
 - transmit on the eigenvectors of $\boldsymbol{\Sigma}$

MIMO Waveform Design (7)

- Eigendecompose $\Sigma = \mathbf{U}\Lambda\mathbf{U}^H$
 - these are $N_r N_t M \times N_r N_t M$ matrices
- The optimal $\bar{\mathbf{S}}$ is given by

$$\bar{\mathbf{S}} = \Psi\sqrt{\mathbf{P}}\mathbf{U}^H$$

- \mathbf{P} is a power allocation matrix obtained using waterfilling
 - a result that shows up in many applications that impose a power constraint
- $\Psi: LN_r \times N_r N_t M$ matrix with orthonormal columns

MIMO Waveform Design (8)

- The key is the power allocation matrix

$$\mathbf{P} = \begin{bmatrix} P_1 & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ 0 & P_2 & \dots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & \dots & P_{N_t N_r M} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= \text{diag} \left[\left(\eta - \frac{\sigma^2}{\Lambda_1} \right)^+, \left(\eta - \frac{\sigma^2}{\Lambda_2} \right)^+, \dots, \left(\eta - \frac{\sigma^2}{\Lambda_{N_t N_r M}} \right)^+ \right]$$

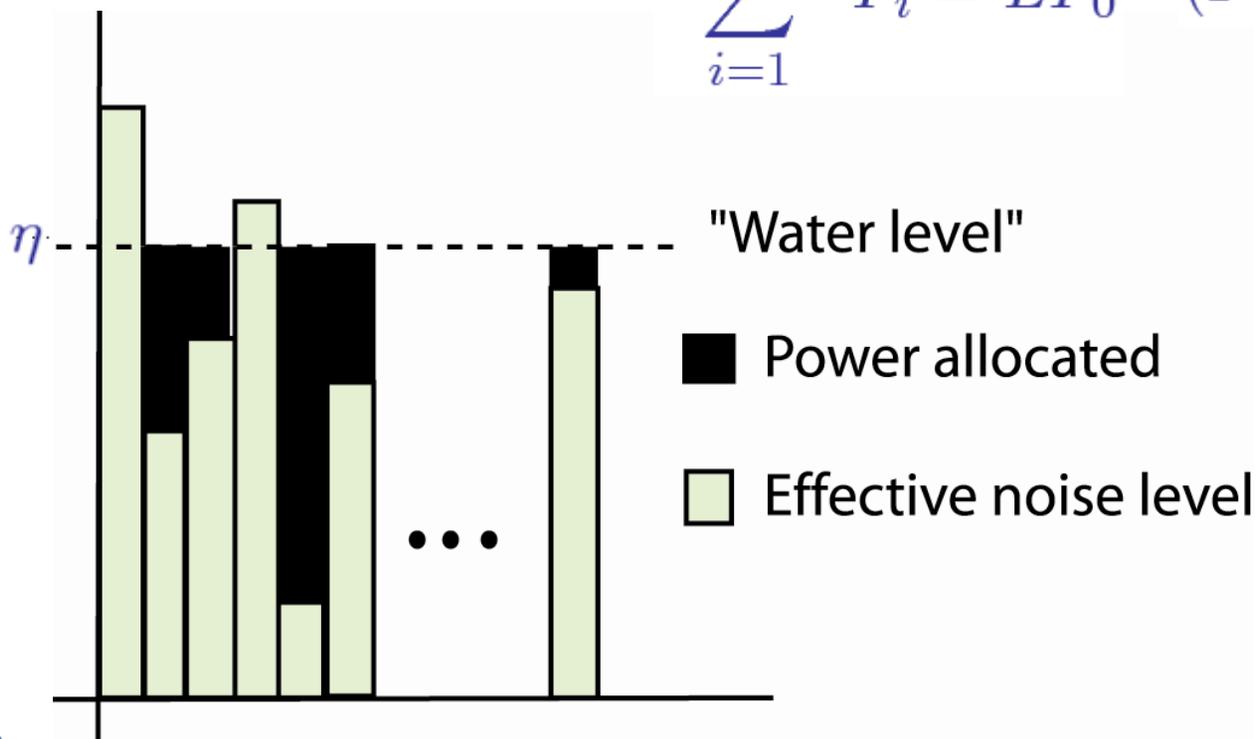
Effective noise level
of Channel 1

$$(x)^+ = \max(0, x)$$

MIMO Waveform Design (9)

- η is the “water level”, chosen such that

$$\sum_{i=1}^{N_t N_r M} P_i = LP_0 \quad (\text{Power constraint})$$



Note that some “channels” are too weak to be allocated power

MIMO Waveform Design (10)

- **This is a first cut at optimize waveforms**
 - assumes target statistics are known
 - other than power constraint, no other constraints
 - assumes perfect synchronization
 - ignores interference
- **Each of these issues has been addressed in the literature**
 - constant modulus waveforms, waveforms formed by a chosen basis set, etc. etc.
 - furthermore, other optimization criteria are also considered, e.g., mutual information

III.3 : Fast-Time & Slow-Time MIMO

- MIMO waveforms still see the same total “amount” of range-Doppler space
 - fast-time versus slow-time MIMO
 - in fast-time, use time-staggered waveforms
 - reduction in PRF implies reduction in unambiguous Doppler
 - in slow-time use Doppler-shifted waveforms
 - this reduces the unambiguous Doppler
 - which is better depends on your application
 - consistent with the work of Abramovich and Frazer
- Focus here on a single-receive antenna ($N_r = 1$)
 - N_t transmit antennas, M pulses in CPI as before

Fast-Time MIMO & Non-Causal Beamforming

- Each antenna transmits an orthogonal waveform
 - time-orthogonality achieved by time-staggering waveforms
 - consider simple case of uniform linear array
 - all waveforms share the same frequency
 - transmitter i transmits $s_i(t)$
 - Received signal from target:

$$x(t) = \sum_{i=1}^{N_t} \alpha s_i(t - \tau_0) e^{j2\pi(i) \sin(\phi_{t0})} e^{j2\pi f_d t}$$

ϕ_{t0} : Target direction with respect to transmit array

Non-Causal Beamforming (2)

- Similar expression for clutter and other forms of interference
- Key: on matched filtering, each waveform separates
 - in addition, there are M pulses in a CPI
 - resulting in a vector of the form

$$\mathbf{x} = \alpha \mathbf{s} + \mathbf{n}$$

- \mathbf{s} : space-time steering vector
 - the spatial component comes from the angle **with respect to the transmitter**
- \mathbf{n} : the noise and interference vector

Non-Causal Beamforming (3)

$$\mathbf{x} = \alpha \mathbf{s} + \mathbf{n}$$

- This is the exact same model as we had for STAP!
 - this is adaptive processing at a **single receive antenna** using the transmitted waveforms
 - can use all of what we know about STAP
 - rather dramatically called **non-causal beamforming**
 - though the beamforming “happens” after the transmission, not before
 - if multiple receive elements, size of problem increases, no conceptual change
 - has been applied to the Jindalee OTHR in Australia
(see Frazer, Abramovich and Johnson, Radar 2008)

Slow-Time MIMO

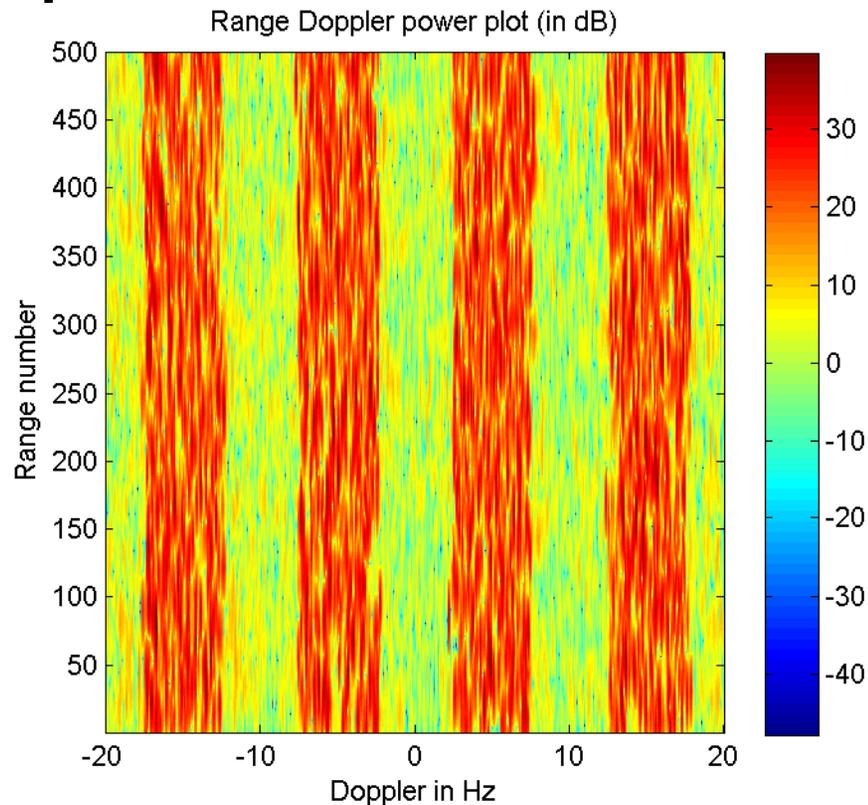
- All transmitters transmit at the same time and use the same waveform
 - however, sub-divide the Doppler space into N_t regions
 - can be achieved by using an effective PRF that is reduced by a factor of N_t : f_r/N_t
 - signal transmitted from element i

$$s_i(t) = \sum_{m=0}^{M-1} u_p(t - mT_r) e^{j2\pi(f_c + \alpha_i m T_r)}$$

$$\alpha_i = \frac{f_r}{2} (N_t - 1 - 2i)$$

Slow-Time MIMO (2)

- This choice divides the unambiguous Doppler space of $(-f_r/2, f_r/2)$ into N_t regions
- Implemented in a new Canadian OTHR system



4-transmit antenna array

$$f_r = 40$$

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Slow-Time MIMO (3)

- Again we end up with

$$\mathbf{x} = \alpha \mathbf{s} + \mathbf{n}$$

- However, now the steering vector is shorter
 - the spatial steering vector is the same as in the fast-time MIMO case
 - the Doppler steering vector is of length M/N_t

$$\mathbf{s} = \mathbf{s}_t(f_d) \otimes \mathbf{s}_s(\phi_{t0})$$

$$\mathbf{s}_s(\phi_{t0}) = \left[1, e^{jkd \sin(\phi_{t0})}, e^{j2kd \sin(\phi_{t0})}, \dots, e^{j(N-1)kd \sin(\phi_{t0})} \right]^T$$

$$\mathbf{s}_t(f_d) = \left[1, e^{j(2\pi f_d/f_r)}, e^{j2(2\pi f_d/f_r)}, \dots, e^{j(M/N_t-1)(2\pi f_d/f_r)} \right]^T$$

Slow-Time MIMO (3)

- The problem size (with a single receive antenna) is therefore $M \times M$
 - M/N_t temporal degrees of freedom
 - N_t spatial degrees of freedom
- Again, one can apply one's favourite STAP algorithm as desired
 - note that the orthogonality here is in the Doppler domain

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