Adaptive Detection of Structured Signals in Low-Rank Interference

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Adaptive Detection of Structured Signals



<u>Goal</u>: Test for presence of temporal signal $s \in \mathbb{C}^L$ using M antennas. Challenges (typical):

- unknown steering vector $oldsymbol{h} \in \mathbb{C}^M$ (e.g., multipath propagation)
- additive noise with unknown variance $\nu > 0$
- N additive interferers with unknown steering vectors (and unknown N)

Challenges (new):

- Signal s is known only in probability (i.e., p(s) known)
 - Application: detect/synchronize using both pilots and unknown QAM symbols.
 - Traditionally, unknown symbols are ignored when synchronizing.¹

¹D. W. Bliss and P. A. Parker, "Temporal synchronization of MIMO wireless communication in the presence of interference," *IEEE Trans. Signal Process.*, 2010.

Binary Hypothesis Test

We consider the binary hypothesis test

$$egin{aligned} \mathcal{H}_1: oldsymbol{Y} = oldsymbol{h} oldsymbol{s}^{\mathsf{H}} + oldsymbol{B} oldsymbol{\Phi}^{\mathsf{H}} + oldsymbol{W} \in \mathbb{C}^{M imes L} \ \mathcal{H}_0: oldsymbol{Y} = oldsymbol{B} oldsymbol{\Phi}^{\mathsf{H}} + oldsymbol{W} \in \mathbb{C}^{M imes L} \end{aligned}$$

Assumptions:

- $\boldsymbol{s} \sim p(\boldsymbol{s})$
- unknown steering vector $\boldsymbol{h} \in \mathbb{C}^M$
- \blacksquare unknown white Gaussian noise ${\pmb W}$ with unknown variance $\nu>0$
- unknown low-rank interference $m{B} \in \mathbb{C}^{M imes N}$, $m{\Phi} \in \mathbb{C}^{L imes N}$, N < M
- unknown interference rank N

Prior Work on Known-s Case

Many prior works have considered the case of known s. For example...

• Kelly² modeled the noise-plus-interference $N \triangleq B\Phi^{\mathsf{H}} + W$ as $\operatorname{vec}(N) \sim \mathcal{CN}(\mathbf{0}, I_L \otimes \Sigma)$ with unknown spatial covariance $\Sigma > 0$ and formulated the generalized likelihood ratio test (GLRT), i.e., $\max_{\mathbf{v} \in \mathcal{D}} \exp(\mathbf{V} | \mathcal{H}_{\mathbf{v}}; \mathbf{h}, \Sigma)$

$$\frac{\max_{\boldsymbol{h},\boldsymbol{\Sigma}>0} p(\boldsymbol{Y}|\mathcal{H}_1;\boldsymbol{h},\boldsymbol{\Sigma})}{\max_{\boldsymbol{\Sigma}>0} p(\boldsymbol{Y}|\mathcal{H}_0;\boldsymbol{\Sigma})} \gtrless \eta.$$

Using P_s^{\perp} to denote orthogonal projection away from s, the GLRT reduces to

$$\frac{\prod_{m=1}^{M} \lambda_{0,m}}{\prod_{m=1}^{M} \lambda_{1,m}} \stackrel{\geq}{=} \eta \quad \text{where} \quad \begin{cases} \{\lambda_{0,m}\} = \text{evals}\big(\frac{1}{L} \boldsymbol{Y} \boldsymbol{Y}^{\mathsf{H}}\big) \\ \{\lambda_{1,m}\} = \text{evals}\big(\frac{1}{L} \boldsymbol{Y} \boldsymbol{P}_{\boldsymbol{s}}^{\perp} \boldsymbol{Y}^{\mathsf{H}}\big) \end{cases}$$

²E. Kelly, "An adaptive detection algorithm," IEEE Trans. Aerosp. Electron. Syst., 1986.

Prior Work on Known-*s* Case (cont.)

Kang, Monga, and Rangaswamy³ (KMR) modeled the noise-plus-interference
 $N = B \Phi^{\mathsf{H}} + W$ as

 $\operatorname{vec}(N) \sim \mathcal{CN}(\mathbf{0}, \boldsymbol{I}_L \otimes \boldsymbol{\Sigma})$ with unknown $\boldsymbol{\Sigma} \in \mathcal{S}_N$

 $S_N \triangleq \{ \mathbf{R} + \nu \mathbf{I}_M : \operatorname{rank}(\mathbf{R}) = N, \ \mathbf{R} \ge 0, \ \nu > 0 \}$ (note N assumed known) and formulated the GLRT, i.e.,

$$\frac{\max_{\boldsymbol{h},\boldsymbol{\Sigma}\in\mathcal{S}_N}p(\boldsymbol{Y}|\mathcal{H}_1;\boldsymbol{h},\boldsymbol{\Sigma})}{\max_{\boldsymbol{\Sigma}\in\mathcal{S}_N}p(\boldsymbol{Y}|\mathcal{H}_0;\boldsymbol{\Sigma})} \gtrless \eta.$$

This GLRT reduces to

$$\begin{split} &\frac{\prod_{m=1}^{M}\widehat{\lambda}_{0,m}}{\prod_{m=1}^{M}\widehat{\lambda}_{1,m}} \stackrel{\geq}{\underset{\sim}{=}} \eta, \text{ where } \{\widehat{\lambda}_{i,m}\}_{m=1}^{M} \text{ are "smoothed"}.\\ &\text{That is, } \widehat{\lambda}_{i,m} = \begin{cases} \lambda_{i,m} & m \leq N\\ \widehat{\nu}_{i} \triangleq \frac{1}{M-N}\sum_{m=N+1}^{M}\lambda_{i,m} & m > N \end{cases} \text{ for decreasing } \{\lambda_{i,m}\}. \end{split}$$

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³B. Kang, V. Monga, and M. Rangaswamy, "Rank-constrained maximum likelihood estimation of structured covariance matrices," *IEEE Trans. Aerosp. Electron. Syst.*, 2014.

Prior Work on Known-s Case (cont.)

• McWhorter⁴ treated temporal interference Φ as *deterministic* (not as AWGN) in his GLRT formulation:

 $\frac{\max_{\boldsymbol{h},\boldsymbol{B},\boldsymbol{\Phi},\nu>0} p(\boldsymbol{Y}|\mathcal{H}_{1};\boldsymbol{h},\boldsymbol{B},\boldsymbol{\Phi},\nu)}{\max_{\boldsymbol{B},\boldsymbol{\Phi},\nu>0} p(\boldsymbol{Y}|\mathcal{H}_{0};\boldsymbol{B},\boldsymbol{\Phi},\nu)} \stackrel{\geq}{\geq} \eta. \text{ (note } N \text{ assumed known)}$ This GLRT reduces to

$$\frac{\widehat{\nu}_0}{\widehat{\nu}_1} = \frac{\frac{1}{M} \sum_{m=N+1}^M \lambda_{0,m}}{\frac{1}{M} \sum_{m=N+1}^M \lambda_{1,m}} \gtrless \eta',$$

where the eigenvalues $\{\lambda_{i,m}\}$ are the same as defined earlier.

Essentially, McWhorter uses interference cancellation, whereas Kelly and KMR use interference nulling.

⁴L. T. McWhorter, "A high resolution detector in multi-path environments," in *Proc. Workshop ASAP* (Lexington, MA), 2004.

Probabilistic s and Gaussian Interference

- We now return to the case where $s \sim p(s)$ with known $p(\cdot)$.
- Treating the interference as Gaussian (like KMR) gives the GLRT numerator

$$\max_{\boldsymbol{h},\boldsymbol{\Sigma}\in\mathcal{S}_{N}}p(\boldsymbol{Y}|\mathcal{H}_{1};\boldsymbol{\widehat{h}},\boldsymbol{\Sigma}) = \max_{\boldsymbol{h},\boldsymbol{\Sigma}\in\mathcal{S}_{N}}\int \frac{\exp(-\operatorname{tr}\{(\boldsymbol{Y}-\boldsymbol{h}\boldsymbol{s}^{\mathsf{H}})^{\mathsf{H}}\boldsymbol{\Sigma}^{-1}(\boldsymbol{Y}-\boldsymbol{h}\boldsymbol{s}^{\mathsf{H}})\})}{\pi^{ML}|\boldsymbol{\Sigma}|^{L}} p(\boldsymbol{s}) \,\mathrm{d}\boldsymbol{s}$$
which is, in general, intractable.

Thus we propose to iteratively maximize this likelihood via EM: $(a_{t+1}) a_{t+1})$

$$\left(\widehat{\boldsymbol{h}}^{(\iota+1)}, \widehat{\boldsymbol{\Sigma}}_{1}^{(\iota+1)}\right) = \operatorname*{arg\,max}_{\boldsymbol{h}\in\mathbb{C}^{M}, \boldsymbol{\Sigma}\in\mathcal{S}_{N}} \mathbb{E}\left\{ \ln p(\boldsymbol{Y}, \boldsymbol{s}|\mathcal{H}_{1}; \boldsymbol{h}, \boldsymbol{\Sigma}) \mid \boldsymbol{Y}; \widehat{\boldsymbol{h}}^{(\iota)}, \widehat{\boldsymbol{\Sigma}}_{1}^{(\iota)} \right\}.$$

• After t EM iterations, the GLRT becomes $\frac{\prod_{m=1}^{M} \hat{\lambda}_{0,m}}{\prod_{m=1}^{M} \hat{\lambda}_{1,m}^{(t)}} \gtrless \eta$, where $\{\hat{\lambda}_{1,m}^{(t)}\}$ are the smoothed evals of $\hat{\Sigma}_{1}^{(t)}$ and $\{\hat{\lambda}_{0,m}\}$ are the smoothed evals of $\frac{1}{L} YY^{\mathsf{H}}$.

(1)

EM Details for Gaussian Interference (cont.)

We show⁵ that

$$\widehat{\boldsymbol{h}}^{(t+1)} = \boldsymbol{Y}\widehat{\boldsymbol{s}}^{(t)}/E^{(t)} \quad \text{for} \quad \begin{cases} \widehat{\boldsymbol{s}}^{(t)} \triangleq \mathbb{E}\left\{\boldsymbol{s} | \boldsymbol{Y}; \widehat{\boldsymbol{h}}^{(t)}, \widehat{\boldsymbol{\Sigma}}_{1}^{(t)}\right\} \\ E^{(t)} \triangleq \mathbb{E}\left\{ \|\boldsymbol{s}\|^{2} | \boldsymbol{Y}; \widehat{\boldsymbol{h}}^{(t)}, \widehat{\boldsymbol{\Sigma}}_{1}^{(t)} \right\} \end{cases}$$

and that minimizing $\mathbf{\Sigma}\in\mathcal{S}_N$ is equivalent to maximizing

$$\frac{\exp(-\operatorname{tr}\{\boldsymbol{Y}\widetilde{\boldsymbol{P}}_{\widehat{\boldsymbol{s}}^{(t)}}^{\perp}\boldsymbol{Y}^{\mathsf{H}}\boldsymbol{\Sigma}^{-1}\})}{\pi^{ML}|\boldsymbol{\Sigma}|^{L}} \quad \text{with} \quad \widetilde{\boldsymbol{P}}_{\widehat{\boldsymbol{s}}^{(t)}}^{\perp} \triangleq \boldsymbol{I}_{L} - \frac{\widehat{\boldsymbol{s}}^{(t)}\widehat{\boldsymbol{s}}^{(t)\mathsf{H}}}{E^{(t)}}$$

which (via Anderson'63) leads to the solution

$$\widehat{\boldsymbol{\Sigma}}_{1}^{(t+1)} = \boldsymbol{V}_{1}^{(t+1)} \operatorname{Diag}(\widehat{\lambda}_{1,1}^{(t+1)}, \dots, \widehat{\lambda}_{1,M}^{(t+1)}) \boldsymbol{V}_{1}^{(t+1)\mathsf{H}} \widehat{\lambda}_{1,m}^{(t+1)} = \begin{cases} \lambda_{1,m}^{(t+1)} & m = 1, \dots, N \\ \widehat{\nu}_{1}^{(t+1)} \triangleq \frac{1}{M-N} \sum_{m=N+1}^{M} \lambda_{1,m}^{(t+1)} & m = N+1, \dots, M \end{cases}$$

where $\{\lambda_{1,m}^{(t+1)}\}\$ are the decreasing-ordered eigenvalues of $\boldsymbol{Y}\widetilde{\boldsymbol{P}}_{\widehat{\boldsymbol{s}}^{(t)}}^{\perp}\boldsymbol{Y}^{\mathsf{H}}$.

⁵E. Byrne and P. Schniter, "Adaptive Detection of Structured Signals in Low-Rank Interference," arXiv:1808.05650.

EM Details for Gaussian Interference (cont.)

To compute $\hat{s}^{(t)}$ and $\mathbb{E}^{(t)}$, we focus on independent priors $p(s) = \prod_{l=1}^{L} p_l(s_l)$. Then...

• Under $h = \widehat{h}^{(t)}$ and $\Sigma = \widehat{\Sigma}_1^{(t)}$, the model becomes $y_l = \widehat{h}^{(t)} s_l^* + \mathcal{CN}(\mathbf{0}, \widehat{\Sigma}_1^{(t)}) \; \forall l.$

• The whitened matched filter gives a sufficient statistic for estimating s_l : $\widetilde{r}_l^{(t)} \triangleq \widehat{\boldsymbol{h}}^{(t)\mathsf{H}}(\widehat{\boldsymbol{\Sigma}}_1^{(t)})^{-1} \boldsymbol{y}_l = \xi^{(t)} s_l + \mathcal{CN}(0,\xi^{(t)}) \text{ for } \xi^{(t)} \triangleq \widehat{\boldsymbol{h}}^{(t)\mathsf{H}}(\widehat{\boldsymbol{\Sigma}}_1^{(t)})^{-1} \widehat{\boldsymbol{h}}^{(t)}.$

• The WMF outputs can be scaled to give an *unbiased estimate* $r_l^{(t)} \triangleq \left[\tilde{r}_l^{(t)} / \xi^{(t)}\right]^* = s_l + \mathcal{CN}(0, 1/\xi^{(t)}).$

• Computation of $\hat{s}_l^{(t)} = \mathbb{E}\{s_l | r_l^{(t)}\}$ is scalar MMSE denoising: easy to do. Likewise, $E^{(t)} = \|\hat{s}^{(t)}\|^2 + \sum_l \text{Cov}\{s_l | r_l^{(t)}\}.$

EM Details for Gaussian Interference (cont.)

Algorithm 1 EM update for the interference-nulling GLRT

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Require: Data \mathbf{Y} \in \mathbb{C}^{M \times L}, signal prior p(\mathbf{s}) = \prod_{l=1}^{L} p_l(s_l).
  1: Initialize \widehat{s} \in \mathbb{C}^L and E > 0.
  2: repeat
  3: \widehat{h} \leftarrow \frac{1}{E} Y \widehat{s}
                                                                                                                                      steering-vector estimate
  4: \widehat{\Sigma}_1 \leftarrow \frac{1}{T} Y Y^{\mathsf{H}} - \frac{E}{T} \widehat{h} \widehat{h}^{\mathsf{H}}
                                                                                                                                      estimate of interference+noise covariance \Sigma
  5: \widehat{N} \leftarrow \mathsf{rank}_\mathsf{estimate}(\widehat{\Sigma}_1)
  6: \{\overline{V}_1, \overline{\Lambda}_1\} \leftarrow \text{principal}_{eigs}(\widehat{\Sigma}_1, \widehat{N})
  7: \widehat{\nu}_1 \leftarrow \frac{1}{M - \widehat{\Sigma}} \left( \operatorname{tr}(\widehat{\Sigma}_1) - \operatorname{tr}\{\overline{\Lambda}_1\} \right)
                                                                                                                                      estimate of noise variance
                oldsymbol{g} \leftarrow rac{1}{\widehat{lpha_1}} \widehat{oldsymbol{h}} + \overline{oldsymbol{V}}_1 igl( \overline{oldsymbol{\Lambda}}_1^{-1} - rac{1}{\widehat{lpha_1}} oldsymbol{I}_{\widehat{oldsymbol{N}}} igr) \overline{oldsymbol{V}}_1^{\mathsf{H}} \widehat{oldsymbol{h}}
                                                                                                                                      \widehat{\boldsymbol{\Sigma}}_{1}^{-1}\widehat{\boldsymbol{h}}
  8:
9: \xi \leftarrow \widehat{\boldsymbol{h}}^{\mathsf{H}} \boldsymbol{g}
10: \boldsymbol{r} \leftarrow \boldsymbol{Y}^{\mathsf{H}} \boldsymbol{g} / \xi where \boldsymbol{r} \sim \mathcal{CN}(\boldsymbol{s}, \boldsymbol{I} / \xi)
                                                                                                                                      precision of error on r
                                                                                                                                      AWGN-corrupted pseudo-measurement of s
11: \widehat{s}_l \leftarrow \mathbb{E}\{s_l | r_l; \xi\} \quad \forall l = 1, \dots, L
12: E \leftarrow \sum_{l=1}^{L} \mathbb{E}\{|s_l|^2 | r_l; \xi\}
13: until Terminated
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Estimation of Interference Rank N

Although the previous approaches assumed known interference rank N, standard model-order selection methods⁶ can be used to estimate N:

$$\widehat{N} = \underset{N \in \{0, \dots, N_{\max}\}}{\arg \max} \ln p(\boldsymbol{Y} | \mathcal{H}_{1}, \widehat{\boldsymbol{\Theta}}_{N}) - J(N)$$

where

$$\begin{split} \widehat{\boldsymbol{\Theta}}_{N} &= \mathsf{ML} \text{ parameter estimate under rank hypothesis } N \text{, i.e.,} \\ \boldsymbol{\Theta}_{N} &= \begin{cases} \{\boldsymbol{h}, \boldsymbol{\Sigma} \in \mathcal{S}_{N}\} & \mathsf{KMR} \\ \{\boldsymbol{h}, \boldsymbol{B} \in \mathbb{C}^{M \times N}, \boldsymbol{\Phi} \in \mathbb{C}^{Q \times N}, \nu\} & \mathsf{McWhorter} \end{cases} \end{split}$$

 $J(N) = \text{penalty with respect to the degrees-of-freedom "}D_{\text{oF}}(N)$," e.g.,

$$J(N) = \begin{cases} D_{\mathsf{oF}}(N) \\ \frac{2MQ}{2MQ - D_{\mathsf{oF}}(N) - 1} D_{\mathsf{oF}}(N) \\ 0.5D_{\mathsf{oF}}(N) \ln(2MQ) \\ G D_{\mathsf{oF}}(N) \end{cases}$$

Akaike's Information Criterion (AIC) corrected AIC (AICC)

Bayesian Information Criterion (BIC) Generalized Info Criterion (GIC)

⁶M. Wax and T. Kailath, "Detection of signals by information theoretic criteria," *IEEE Trans. Acoust. Speech & Signal Process.*, 1986.

EM Initialization for Gaussian Interference

- The EM algorithm benefits from a good initialization of \hat{s} .
- Let's focus on $s^{\mathsf{H}} = [s_{\mathsf{t}}^{\mathsf{H}} \ s_{\mathsf{d}}^{\mathsf{H}}]$ with known training $s_{\mathsf{t}} \in \mathbb{C}^{Q}$. Our goal is then to MMSE-estimate $\hat{s}_{\mathsf{d}} = \mathbb{E}\{s_{\mathsf{d}}|\mathbf{Y}_{\mathsf{d}}; \hat{h}, \hat{\Sigma}\}$ for some $(\hat{h}, \hat{\Sigma})$.
- One option is training-based ML estimation. With full rank N = M, we'd get $\widehat{h}_t \triangleq Y_t s_t / \|s_t\|^2$ and $\widehat{\Sigma}_t \triangleq Y_t P_{s_t}^{\perp} Y_t^{H} / Q$.
- When N < M, could try to estimate N via model-order selection, but this leads to problems in estimating the bias of the WMF outputs.
- We instead suggest to use "diagonal loading"

$$\widehat{\boldsymbol{\Sigma}}_{\mathbf{t}}^{(\alpha)} = (1-\alpha)\widehat{\boldsymbol{\Sigma}}_{\mathbf{t}} + \alpha \frac{\operatorname{tr}\{\widehat{\boldsymbol{\Sigma}}_{\mathbf{t}}\}}{M} \boldsymbol{I}, \quad \alpha \in (0,1],$$

where α is chosen via leave-one-out cross-validation (LOOCV).⁷

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⁷J. Tong, P. J. Schreier, Q. Guo, S. Tong, J. Xi, and Y. Yu, "Shrinkage of covariance matrices for linear signal estimation using cross-validation," *IEEE Trans. Signal Process.*, 2016.

Relation to Forsythe's Iterative Method

• When $p(s) = \prod_{l=1}^{L} p_l(s_l)$ and rank N = M, our EM algorithm becomes $w \leftarrow (YY^{\mathsf{H}})^{-1}Y\widehat{s} \frac{\|\widehat{s}\|^2}{\|P_{Y^{\mathsf{H}}}\widehat{s}\|^2}$ $r \leftarrow Y^{\mathsf{H}}w$ $\widehat{s} \leftarrow \mathbb{E}\{s|r\}$ where $r = s + \mathcal{CN}(\mathbf{0}, \xi^{-1}I)$

where \boldsymbol{w} plays the role of a beamformer.

The above becomes equivalent to Forsythe's Iterative ML scheme⁸ if our MMSE signal estimate is replaced with the "hard" ML estimate

$$\widehat{s}_{\mathsf{ML}} \leftarrow rg\min_{oldsymbol{s}\in\mathcal{A}^L} \|oldsymbol{s}-oldsymbol{r}\|^2.$$

Thus our EM scheme is the "soft" and low-rank (N < M) counterpart of Forsythe's scheme.

⁸K. W. Forsythe, "Utilizing waveform features for adaptive beamforming and direction finding with narrowband signals," *Lincoln Lab. J.*, 1997.

Probabilistic s and Deterministic Interference

Now let's treat Φ as deterministic interference (like McWhorter). In this case, the GLRT numerator becomes

$$\max_{\boldsymbol{\Theta}} p(\boldsymbol{Y}|\mathcal{H}_{1};\boldsymbol{\Theta}) = \max_{\boldsymbol{\Theta}} \int \frac{\exp(-\|\boldsymbol{Y}-\boldsymbol{B}\boldsymbol{\Phi}^{\mathsf{H}}-\boldsymbol{h}\boldsymbol{s}^{\mathsf{H}}\|_{F}^{2}/\nu)}{(\pi\nu)^{ML}} p(\boldsymbol{s}) \,\mathrm{d}\boldsymbol{s}$$
for $\boldsymbol{\Theta} \triangleq \{\boldsymbol{h}, \boldsymbol{B}, \boldsymbol{\Phi}, \nu\}$

which, is in general, intractable.

Again we propose to iteratively maximize via EM:

$$\widehat{\boldsymbol{\Theta}}^{(t+1)} = \arg \max_{\boldsymbol{\Theta}} \mathbb{E} \left\{ \ln p(\boldsymbol{Y}, \boldsymbol{s} | \mathcal{H}_1; \boldsymbol{\Theta}) \, \big| \, \boldsymbol{Y}; \widehat{\boldsymbol{\Theta}}^{(t)} \right\}$$

■ After *t* EM iterations, the resulting GLRT becomes

$$\frac{\widehat{\nu}_0}{\widehat{\nu}_1^{(t)}} = \frac{\frac{1}{M} \sum_{m=N+1}^M \lambda_{0,m}}{\frac{1}{M} \sum_{m=N+1}^M \lambda_{1,m}^{(t)}} \gtrless \eta',$$

EM Details for Deterministic Interference

Similar to before, $\{\lambda_{1,m}^{(t+1)}\}$ are the eigenvalues of $Y\widetilde{P}_{\widehat{s}^{(t)}}^{\perp}Y^{\mathsf{H}}/L$ with

$$\begin{split} \widetilde{\boldsymbol{P}}_{\widehat{\boldsymbol{s}}^{(t)}}^{\perp} &= \boldsymbol{I}_{L} - \frac{\widehat{\boldsymbol{s}}^{(t)} \widehat{\boldsymbol{s}}^{(t)} \mathsf{H}}{E^{(t)}} \\ \widehat{\boldsymbol{s}}^{(t)} &= \mathbb{E} \left\{ \boldsymbol{s} \big| \boldsymbol{Y}; \widehat{\boldsymbol{\Theta}}^{(t)} \right\} \\ E^{(t)} &= \mathbb{E} \left\{ \| \boldsymbol{s} \|^{2} \big| \boldsymbol{Y}; \widehat{\boldsymbol{\Theta}}^{(t)} \right\} \end{split}$$

• Can initialize \hat{s} as before, using diagonal loading of $\hat{\Sigma}_t$ and LOOCV.

• Can estimate rank N as before, but now with a different $D_{oF}(N)$.

EM Details for Deterministic Interference

Algorithm 2 EM update for the interference-canceling GLRT

Require: Data $\mathbf{Y} \in \mathbb{C}^{M \times L}$, signal prior $p(\mathbf{s}) = \prod_{l=1}^{L} p(s_l)$. 1: Initialize $\hat{\mathbf{s}} \in \mathbb{C}^{L}$ and E > 0.

2: repeat

$$\begin{aligned} 3: \quad \zeta \leftarrow \sqrt{1 - \|\widehat{s}\|^2 / E} \\ 4: \quad g \leftarrow Y\widehat{s} / \|\widehat{s}\|^2 \\ 5: \quad \overline{Y} \leftarrow Y + (\zeta - 1)g\widehat{s}^{\mathsf{H}} \\ 6: \quad \widehat{N} \leftarrow \mathsf{rank_estimate}(\overline{Y}) \\ 7: \quad \{\overline{V}, \overline{D}_1, \overline{U}^{\mathsf{H}}\} \leftarrow \mathsf{principal_svd}(\overline{Y}, \widehat{N}) \\ 8: \quad \widehat{\nu}_1 \leftarrow \frac{1}{ML} \left(\|\overline{Y}\|_F^2 - \operatorname{tr} \{\overline{D}_1^2\} \right) \\ 9: \quad \widehat{h} \leftarrow \frac{1}{E} \left(\|\widehat{s}\|^2 g - \frac{1}{\zeta} \overline{V} \overline{D}_1 \overline{U}^{\mathsf{H}} \widehat{s} \right) \\ 10: \quad \xi \leftarrow \frac{\|\widehat{h}\|^2}{\widehat{\nu}} \\ 11: \quad r \leftarrow \frac{1}{\|\widehat{h}\|^2} \left(\overline{Y}^{\mathsf{H}} \widehat{h} - \overline{U} \overline{D}_1 \overline{V}^{\mathsf{H}} \widehat{h} \right) + \frac{1}{1+\zeta} \widehat{s} \\ & \text{where } r \sim \mathcal{CN}(s, \frac{1}{\zeta}I) \\ 12: \quad \widehat{s}_l \leftarrow \mathbb{E} \{s_l | r_l; \xi\} \ \forall l = 1, \dots, L \\ 13: \quad E \leftarrow \sum_{l=1}^L \mathbb{E} \{|s_l|^2 | r_l; \xi\} \end{aligned}$$

softness factor; $\zeta = 0$ for hard estimate \hat{s} steering-vector estimate before IC estimate of noise+interference samples

estimate of noise variance steering-vector estimate after IC precision of error on \boldsymbol{r} AWGN-corrupted pseudo-measurement of \boldsymbol{s}

Setup for Numerical Experiments

Dimensions:

Monte-Carlo:

 $\begin{array}{ll} \boldsymbol{s} : \text{ i.i.d. QPSK} & \mathbb{E}\{|\boldsymbol{s}_l|^2\} = 1 \\ \boldsymbol{h} : \text{ random on 2D-UPA manifold} & \mathbb{E}\{|\boldsymbol{h}_m|^2\} = 1 \\ \boldsymbol{B} : \text{ 2D-UPA sidelobe peaks} & \mathbb{E}\{|[\boldsymbol{B}\boldsymbol{\Phi}]_{ml}|^2\} = \sigma_i^2 \\ \boldsymbol{W} : \text{ AWGN} & \mathbb{E}\{|\boldsymbol{w}_{ml}|^2\} = \sigma_w^2 \propto Q \end{array}$

Performance: $Pr\{\text{detection}\}\$ under $Pr\{\text{false-alarm}\} = 10^{-4}$

Pr(detection) versus SNR — EM & Training-only



Note: noise variance = interference variance

Ranking:

- 1 EM-based low-rank: oo
- 2 training-only low-rank: ++
- 3 EM-based full-rank: o
- 4 training-only full-rank: +

Pr(detection) versus SNR — Iterative Hard Estimation



- Again: noise variance = interference variance
- Ranking:
 hard low-rank: oo
 hard full-rank: o
- These "hard" detectors are outperformed by their "soft" counterparts in the previous figure.

Pr(detection) versus SIR at fixed SNR



- Now noise variance fixed at $\nu = Q$
- Ranking:
 - EM-based low-rank: oo
 - 2 training-only low-rank: ++
 - 3 EM-based full-rank: o
 - 4 training-only full-rank: +
- Dip in ++ results from mis-estimating N.

Pr(detection) versus training length Q for fixed L = 1024



- Now variances fixed at $\nu = \sigma_i^2 = Q$
- Ranking for Q > M/2:
 - 1 EM-based low-rank: oo
 - 2 training-only low-rank: ++
 - 3 EM-based full-rank: o
 - 4 training-only full-rank: +

Pr(detection) versus # Interferers N



 Now variances are ν = Q and σ_i² = QN

Ranking:

- 1 EM-based low-rank: oo
- 2 training-only low-rank: ++
- 3 EM-based full-rank: o
- 4 training-only full-rank: +

\widehat{N} versus # Interferers N



 Rank-estimation successful in all cases.

Conclusions

- For adaptive detection of known signals in unknown-interference/noise environments, prior work includes:
 - Kelly'86: full-rank interference
 - Kang-Monga-Rangaswamy'14: low-rank interference nulling
 - McWhorter'04: low-rank interference cancellation
- For detection/synchronization of wireless communications signals, the common approach is to *ignore* the unknown data symbols, as in Bliss-Parker'10.
- For probabilistic signals $s \sim p(s)$ we proposed three EM-based schemes:
 - full-rank interference (inspired by Kelly)
 - low-rank interference nulling (inspired by KMR)
 - low-rank interference cancellation (inspired by McWhorter)
- Numerical experiments suggest that
 - the EM-based methods outperform training-only methods
 - Iow-rank methods outperform full-rank methods
 - soft/EM-iterative methods outperform hard-iterative methods