

# Non Coherent Demodulation

$x_p(t)$  → passband transmit signal

$x(t)$  → baseband complex envelope

$f_c$  → carrier freq.

$$x_p(t) = \operatorname{Re} \left\{ x(t) e^{j2\pi f_c t} \right\}$$

A received signal is delay / attenuation  
of transmit signal with noise

$$y_p(t) = A x_p(t - \tau) + w_p(t)$$

↓ noise

$A$  → Attenuation ; delay  $\tau$

$A \rightarrow$  Attenuation; delay  $\tau$

$$\begin{aligned} x_p(t-\tau) &= \operatorname{Re} \left\{ x(t-\tau) e^{j2\pi f_c(t-\tau)} \right\} \\ &= \operatorname{Re} \left\{ x(t-\tau) e^{-j2\pi f_c \tau} e^{j2\pi f_c t} \right\} \end{aligned}$$

$$\theta = (-2\pi f_c \tau) \bmod (2\pi)$$

$y_p(t)$   $\swarrow$  Convert to baseband

$\downarrow$

$$y(t) = A x(t-\tau) e^{j\theta} + w(t)$$

+ baseband noise

$\theta \rightarrow$  very sensitive to delay  $\tau$   
since  $f_c$  is quite high

$\theta$  is unknown and  $\theta \in [0, 2\pi]$

It is also common to model  $\theta$  as  
random with uniform distribution  
in  $[0, 2\pi]$

Noncoherent Comm. model

(Complex baseband)

M possible symbols  $(s_1, s_2, \dots, s_M)$

Under  $H_i$  ;  $y(t) = s_i(t) e^{j\theta} + w(t)$

$\theta \rightarrow$  unknown       $s_i(t) \rightarrow$  known

We arrive at the same model

if we upconvert using  $e^{j(2\pi f_c t + \phi_1)}$   
and  $e^{-j(2\pi f_c t + \phi_2)}$

↓ down convert using  $e^{-j(2\pi f_c t + \phi_2)}$

$$\text{Here } \theta = \phi_1 - \phi_2$$

We need  $f(y|H_i)$  to do hypothesis testing

- We assume  $\theta$  is random with uniform distribution in  $[0, 2\pi]$

It is easy to get  $f(y|H_i; \theta)$

$$\text{Now } f(y|H_i) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(y|H_i; \theta) \cdot f(\theta|H_i) d\theta$$

$2\pi$

$$= \int_0^1 f(y|H_1; \theta) \cdot \frac{1}{2\pi} d\theta$$

x ————— x

We start with simpler model (Real Case)

Signal Present  
→  $H_0 : y(t) = s_0(t) + w(t)$

Signal absent  
→  $H_1 : y(t) = w(t)$

$s_0(t)$  → signal with some parameter  $\theta$

$w(t)$  → white Gaussian noise

Suppose  $\theta$  is given

Let  $P = \langle y(t), s_0(t) \rangle$

↓  
sufficient statistic for hypothesis testing

$$H_0 : P \sim N(\|s_0(t)\|^2, \sigma^2 \|s_0(t)\|^2)$$

$$H_1 : P \sim N(0, \sigma^2 \|s_0(t)\|^2)$$

Define likelihood function

$$L(y|\theta) = \frac{f(P|H_0)}{f(P|H_1)}$$
$$= e^{\left\{ \frac{1}{\sigma^2} \left( P - \frac{\|s_0\|^2}{2} \right) \right\}}$$



for real case

$$P = \langle y(t), s_0(t) \rangle$$

for complex base band

For complex base band

Suppose

~~$\langle y(t) \rangle$~~   $y(t)$  &  $s(t)$  are complex  
baseband

$$L(y|\theta) = e^{\frac{1}{2\sigma^2} \left\{ \operatorname{Re} \langle y(t), s(t) \rangle - \frac{\|s(t)\|^2}{2} \right\}}$$

M-ary Signalling with unknown phase

$$H_i : y(t) = s_i(t) e^{j\theta} + w(t)$$

$$L(y|H_i, \theta) = e^{\frac{1}{2\sigma^2} \left\{ \operatorname{Re} \langle z y(t), s_i(t) e^{j\theta} \rangle - \frac{\|s_i(t) e^{j\theta}\|^2}{2} \right\}}$$

$$\text{Let } z_i = \langle y(t), s_i(t) \rangle$$

$$\langle y(t), s_i(t) e^{j\theta} \rangle = e^{-j\theta} \langle y(t), s_i(t) \rangle$$

$$z_i = |z_i| e^{j\phi_i}, \quad \phi_i = \angle z_i$$

$$\operatorname{Re} \langle y(t), s_i(t) e^{j\theta} \rangle = |z_i| \cos(\phi_i - \theta)$$

$$\text{So } L(y|H_i, \theta) = e^{\frac{1}{2\sigma^2} \left\{ |z_i| \cos(\phi_i - \theta) - \frac{\|s_i(t)\|^2}{2} \right\}}$$

$$\text{Assume } \|s_1(t)\|^2 = \|s_2(t)\|^2 = \dots = \|s_m(t)\|^2 = E_s$$

$$L(y|H_i, \theta) = e^{\frac{1}{2\sigma^2} \left\{ |z_i| \cos(\phi_i - \theta) - \frac{E_s}{2} \right\}}$$

$$\text{Now } L(y|H_i) = \int_0^{2\pi} L(y|H_i, \theta) f(\theta) d\theta$$

$2\pi$       $|z_i| \cos(\phi_i - \theta)$

$$= \frac{e^{-\frac{Es}{4\sigma^2}}}{2\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} e^{\frac{1}{2\sigma^2} |z_i| \cos(\phi_i - \theta)} d\theta$$

$$= e^{-\frac{Es}{4\sigma^2}} I_0\left(\frac{|z_i|}{2\sigma^2}\right)$$

increasing function

→  $I_0(x)$  → is modified bessel function  
of 0<sup>th</sup> kind

ML Rule:

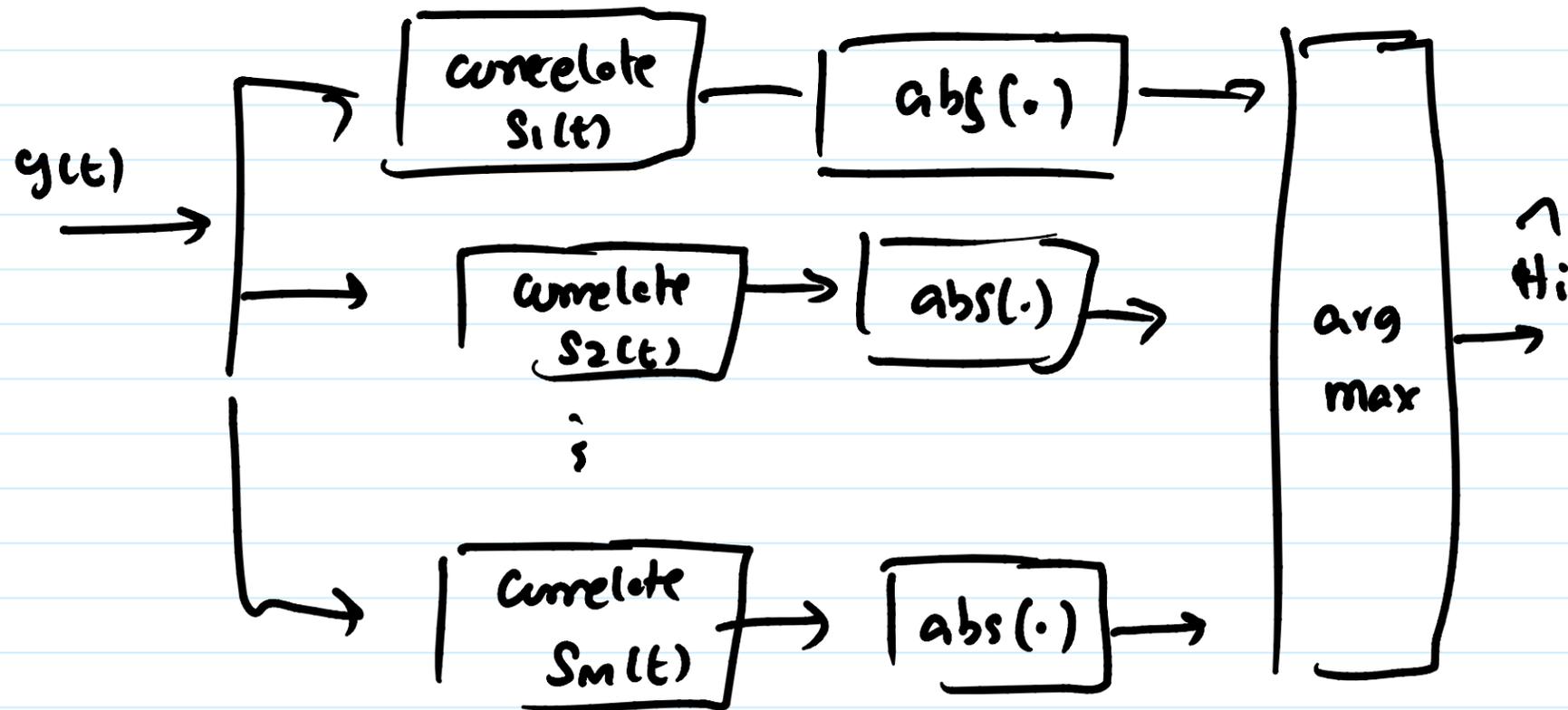
$$\hat{\sigma}_{ML}(y) = \underset{i}{\operatorname{argmax}} L(y|H_i)$$

$$= \underset{i}{\operatorname{argmax}} I_0\left(\frac{|z_i|}{2\sigma^2}\right)$$

$$d_{ML}(y) = \arg \max_i |z_i|$$

Recall  $z_i = \langle y(t), s_i(t) \rangle$

Square-law detector (commonly known as)



x \_\_\_\_\_ x

## Differential Demodulation

(discrete-time)

$$y = s_i e^{j\theta} + w$$

$\theta \rightarrow$  random ( $\neq$  unknown)

$$\theta \in [0, 2\pi]$$

If  $\theta$  remains constant over

multiple symbol durations

then information can be encoded

using phase difference in adjacent symbols.

Recall Differential BPSK:  $b[0] = 1$

$$b[n] = \begin{cases} b[n-1] & \text{if } n^{\text{th}} \text{ bit} = 0 \\ -b[n-1] & \text{if } n^{\text{th}} \text{ bit} = 1 \end{cases}$$

Differential QPSK  $b[0] = e^{j\pi/4}$

$$b[n] = e^{j\frac{\pi}{2}q} b[n-1]$$

where  $q$  takes one out of  
4 values (0, 1, 2, 3)

For Differential PSK schemes,

$b(n)$  lies in unit circle for all  $n$

$$\text{re) } |b(n)| = 1$$

## Demodulator

$$y(n) = e^{j\theta} b(n) + w(n)$$

↓  
complex white  
noise

To demodulate  $n^{\text{th}}$  symbol,

we need both  $y(n-1)$  &  $y(n)$

$$\begin{bmatrix} y(n) \\ y(n-1) \end{bmatrix} = e^{j\theta} \begin{bmatrix} b(n) \\ b(n-1) \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} w(n) \\ w(n-1) \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= e^{j\theta} b(n-1) \begin{bmatrix} \frac{b(n)}{b(n-1)} \\ \cdot \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} w(n) \\ \cdot \end{bmatrix}$$

$$a(n) = \frac{b(n)}{b(n-1)}$$

$$= e^{j\tilde{\theta}} \begin{bmatrix} b(n-1) \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} w(n-1) \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} y(n) \\ y(n-1) \end{bmatrix} = e^{j\tilde{\theta}} \begin{bmatrix} a(n) \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} w(n) \\ w(n-1) \end{bmatrix}$$

$\tilde{\theta}$  is unknown  $\rightarrow \underline{s}_a$

$\underline{y}$

Note

$a(n)$  also lies in unit circle

$\underline{s}_a \rightarrow$  Signal vector

It depends on symbol  $a(n)$

$\|\underline{s}_a\|$  is constant for any value of  $a(n)$

(since  $|a(n)| = 1$ )

$\Downarrow$

Equal Energy Signalling

# Equal Energy Signalling

Optimal Non coherent demodulator is

$$\hat{a}(n) = \underset{a(n) \in \Lambda}{\text{arg max}} \left| \langle \underline{y}, \underline{s}_a \rangle \right|$$

demod output

$\Lambda \rightarrow$  set of all possible values for  $a(n)$

Note: Diff. BPSK  $\Lambda = \{+1, -1\}$

Diff QPSK  $\Lambda = \left\{ e^{j\pi/2^q}, q=0,1,2,3 \right\}$

$$\hat{a}(n) = \underset{a(n) \in \Lambda}{\text{arg max}} \left| \langle \underline{y}, \underline{s}_a \rangle \right|^2$$

Example:

Example.

Diff. BPSK ( $a(n) = \pm 1$ )

Optimal demod

$$|\langle \underline{y}, \underline{s}_{+1} \rangle|^2 \begin{matrix} > \\ < \\ = \end{matrix} |\langle \underline{y}, \underline{s}_{-1} \rangle|^2$$

$$\underline{s}_{+1} = \begin{bmatrix} +1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad \underline{s}_{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Note:  $\underline{s}_{+1}, \underline{s}_{-1}$  are orthogonal

$\underline{y}$  with some algebra

$$\boxed{\operatorname{Re} \{ y(n) y^*(n-1) \} \begin{matrix} > \\ < \\ = \end{matrix} 0}$$

→ ML Rule for Diff. BPSK

In general for Diff. MPSK

$\Lambda$  → denote set of all values  
for  $a(n)$

Optimal ML demod

$$\hat{a}(n) = \operatorname{argmax}_{a \in \Lambda} \operatorname{Re} \{ y(n) y^*(n-1) a^* \}$$

x \_\_\_\_\_ x

# Performance Analysis for Noncoherent Demodulation

## Binary Equal Energy Signalling

$$H_0 : y(t) = s_0(t) e^{j\theta} + w(t)$$

$$H_1 : y(t) = s_1(t) e^{j\theta} + w(t)$$

Suff. Statistics

$$Z_0 = \langle y(t), s_0(t) \rangle$$

$$Z_1 = \langle y(t), s_1(t) \rangle$$

$$\|s_0(t)\|^2 = \|s_1(t)\|^2$$

$$= E_s$$

$$= E_b$$

$$w(t) = w_c(t) + jw_s(t)$$

Complex  
WGN

~~$Z_0$~~   
Conditional Prob of Error given  $H_0$

decision rule

$$|Z_0| \begin{matrix} H_0 \\ > \\ < \\ H_1 \end{matrix} |Z_1|$$

$$P_{e|0} = \Pr \{ |Z_0| < |Z_1| \mid H_0 \}$$

~~$Z_0$~~  Under  $H_0$  :  $y(t) = s_0(t)e^{j\theta} + w(t)$

$$\begin{aligned} Z_0 &= \|s_0(t)\|^2 e^{j\theta} + \langle w(t), s_0(t) \rangle \\ &= E_s e^{j\theta} + w_0 \end{aligned}$$

$$Z_1 = \langle w(t), w(t) \rangle + w_1$$

Note

$$Z_1 = \langle s_0(t), s_1(t) \rangle e^{j\theta} + w_1$$

$\downarrow$   
 $\langle w(t), s_1(t) \rangle$

Let us define correlation coefficient

$$-1 \leq \rho \leq 1$$

$$\rho = \frac{\langle s_0(t), s_1(t) \rangle}{\|s_0(t)\| \|s_1(t)\|}$$

$$\rho E_s = \langle s_0(t), s_1(t) \rangle$$

$$Z_1 = \rho E_s e^{j\theta} + w_1$$

$$Z_0 = E_s e^{j\theta} + w_0$$

$$P. \{ |Z_0| < |Z_1| \mid H_0 \}$$

Joint statistic of  $w_1$  &  $w_0$  can  
be got from properties of WGN

Probability computation  
involves integration of  
Gaussian pdfs over some  
(decision) region

For a general value of  $\rho$ ,  
we do not have closed form  
expression for  $P(|z_0| < |z_1| | H_0)$

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But we have asymptotic characterization

For  $\rho = 0$ ,  $|z_0|$  is Ricean distributed

$|z_1|$  is Rayleigh distributed

We have closed-form expression for  $P_e$

Theorem

Binary Equal energy ( $E_s$ ) Signalling

$E_s = \text{Avg. Symbol energy}$

For binary signalling,  
we have  $E_s = E_b$

$$P_e (\text{non-coh. ML Rule}) \sim \rho^{-\left\{ \frac{E_s}{2N_0} (1 - |\rho|) \right\}}$$

$$P_e (\text{non-coh. ML Rule}) \sim e^{-E_s/2N_0}$$

↓  
asymptotic

$$\text{as } \frac{E_s}{N_0} \rightarrow \infty$$

When  $\rho=0$  (binary orthogonal equal energy signalling)

$$P_e (\text{non-coh}) = \frac{1}{2} e^{-E_s/2N_0}$$

↓  
equality

Recall coherent binary signalling

$$P_e = Q\left(\frac{\|S_1 - S_0\|}{2\sigma}\right)$$

we have

$$\|S_1 - S_0\|^2 = 2E_s [1 - \operatorname{Re}\{\rho\}]$$

$$\sigma^2 = \frac{N_0}{2}$$

$$\rho = \frac{\langle S_0, S_1 \rangle}{\|S_1\| \|S_0\|}$$

$$Q(x) \sim e^{-x^2/2} \quad \text{as } x \rightarrow \infty$$

$$P_e(\text{coh}) \sim e^{-\frac{E_s}{2N_0} [1 - \operatorname{Re}\{\rho\}]}$$

Remarks.

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\* Coherent Comm. with  $\text{Re}\{e\} < 0$

is better than non-coh. Comm.

\* For Coherent Comm, best error performance

is got when  $\text{Re}\{e\} = -1$

↳

This happens for BPSK

$$S_0 = p(t)$$

$$S_1 = -p(t)$$

\* For non-coh. Comm, best error perf. is got

error perf. is got  
when  $|e| = 0$

↳  
This happens when  
we have orthogonal signalling

x \_\_\_\_\_ ∞  
M-ary orthogonal equal energy signalling

$$\|S_1\| = \|S_2\| = \dots = \|S_M\| = E_s$$

Union Bound

$$P_{e|1} \leq \sum_{i=2}^M P(S_1 \rightarrow S_i)$$

↳ Pairwise error Prob.  
...

$$\downarrow \\ \frac{1}{2} e^{-\frac{E_s}{2N_0}}$$

$$P_{e|1} \leq \frac{(M-1)}{2} e^{-\left(\frac{E_s}{2N_0}\right)}$$

Because of symmetry

$$\text{Avg } P_e \leq \frac{(M-1)}{2} e^{-\frac{E_s}{2N_0}}$$

$$E_b = \frac{E_s}{\log M}$$

$$P_e \underset{\text{(non coh)}}{\leq} \frac{(M-1)}{2} e^{-\frac{E_b \log M}{2 N_0}}$$

We can establish that for M-ary orthogonal signalling (equal energy)

$$P_e(\text{non coh}) \rightarrow 0 \text{ as } M \rightarrow \infty$$

$$\downarrow \text{ if } \frac{E_b}{N_0} > \ln 2 \text{ (-1.6 dB)}$$

Same limit as coherent comm