Modelling the Noise of GNSS Signals under Jamming Conditions

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1. Motivation

- Positioning, Navigation and Timing information mainly derived from GNSS
- GNSS signals can easily be disturbed by Personal Privacy Devices (PPD)
- PPD of vehicle affecting WRS at Leesburg, Virginia, USA on 9th of April 2011^[1]



[1] S. Pullen, G. Gao, et al., "The Impact of Uninformed RF Interference on GBAS and Potential Mitigations", Proceedings of the 2012 International Technical Meeting of The Institute of Navigation



Motivation II

- Measurement campaign in the Baltic Sea using allocated civilian maritime GNSS jamming testbed^[2]
- Using GNSS + onboard sensors in Kalman filter
- How to estimate "quality" of GNSS observations?
- Estimating noise of signals without position reference



[2] R. Ziebold, D. Medina, et al. "Performance Characterization of GNSS/IMU/DVL Integration under Real Maritime Jamming Conditions", Sensors 2018, 18(9)



Jamming on selective frequencies Jammer K1001 at GPS L1: 1575.42 MHz



- Common way of jamming: sweeping with linear increasing frequency around center frequency of L1
- Here band with only 17 MHz
- Jamming Galileo E1 too
- GLONASS L1 not affected by jamming
- => Generation of reference trajectory possible Periodogram Power Spectral Density Estimate





GPS single point positioning results of the three antennas



2. Theory

• Code and phase measurements [m] for different frequencies (Li):

$$R_{i} = \rho + c(\delta t_{rcv} - \delta t^{sat}) + Tr + I_{i} + M_{i} + \varepsilon_{i}$$

$$\Phi_{i} = \rho + c(\delta t_{rcv} - \delta t^{sat}) + Tr - I_{i} + \lambda_{i}N_{i} + \lambda_{i}w + m_{i} + \epsilon_{i}$$

- R_i , Φ_i : Code and phase measurement of Li [m]
- *M_i*, *m_i*: Multipath error
- ε_i , ϵ_i : Receiver noise
- Use linear combination of code and phase measurements to get noise:

$$\widetilde{\sigma_1} = R_1 - \Phi_1 - \frac{2}{\gamma - 1} (\Phi_1 - \Phi_2)$$



Code-carrier residuals with bias and cycle slips



3. Experimental setup



- One antenna on the roof of the Institute of Communications and Navigation in Neustrelitz, Germany, connected to two receivers (Javad Delta receiver, dual frequency)
- Strength of jamming adjusted using variable attenuator



Measurement scenarios

- Two 48 hours 2 Hz measurements (A and B) with different jamming strength
- Decrease in C/N₀ compared to unjammed signal: 9.4 dB-Hz (A), 10 dB-Hz (B)



Noise models

• Elevation angle weighting:

$$\sigma_1^2 = \frac{a_1}{\sin^2 \alpha}$$

Additive noise model:

$$\sigma_2^2 = \frac{a_2}{\sin \alpha} + 10^{-\frac{b_2 \cdot C/N_0}{10} + c_2} + d_2(a_2, b_2, c_2)$$

• Multiplicative noise model^[3]:

$$\sigma_3^2 = \frac{10^{-\frac{a_3 \cdot C/N_0}{10} + b_3}}{\sin^2 \alpha} + c_3$$

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[3] S. Tay and J. Marais "Weighting models for GPS Pseudorange observations for land transportation in urban canyons", 6th European Workshop on GNSS Signals and Signal Processing, 2013



4. Results - Noise of GPS signals w.r.t. elevation





Noise of GPS signals w.r.t. C/N₀





Number of measurements (Reference & Jamming)



Variance from measurement scenarios



Additive Model



Quality of fit

Noise model	<i>L</i> ₁ residual fit	L_2 residual fit
Elevation angle	$2.35 \cdot 10^{-1}$	$1.08 \cdot 10^{-1}$
Additive	$3.43 \cdot 10^{-2}$	$4.59 \cdot 10^{-3}$
Multiplicative	$1.65 \cdot 10^{-1}$	$4.23 \cdot 10^{-2}$

- Additive model: Best fit
- Elevation model good for low elevation

Reminder - Motivation II

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Positioning results from campaign in Jamming testbed



5. Outlook

- Noise model for GNSS signals depending on C/N₀ and elevation angle that works with and without jamming \Rightarrow Variance estimation in a Kalman filter
- Conduct more measurement scenarios
- Weighting scheme for least squares position solver
- Potential to be used as a Jamming detector

Thank you for your attention!

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Knowledge for Tomorrow

Common Jammers – Personal Privacy Devices (PPD)

- Low transmitting power: model K320
- Blocks single frequency (GPS L1)
- Range 2 10 m (producer)
- Measured disturbances: up to 50 m (loss of lock)

- High transmitting power: model K1001
- Blocks several frequencies (GPS L1, L2; GSM, Wi-Fi, …)
- Range 5 15 m (producer)
- Measured disturbances: up to 1500 m (loss of lock)



