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Summary of the tutorial

This tutorial reviews the key aspects of the design of synthetic aperture sonar (SAS) systems for high resolution seabed imaging. After a quick overview of the expected benefits and main features of SAS, the design of the transmitter and receiver arrays is discussed, with emphasis on the mitigation of spatial aliasing with multi-element receiver arrays, wideband operation and extension to interferometric SAS for estimating the seabed bathymetry. The most difficult issue in SAS, which is the micronavigation problem, i.e. estimating the unwanted platform motions with the required sub-wavelength accuracy, will be addressed in detail. The emphasis is on methods that have proven their value at sea, which combine inertial navigation systems (INS) with data-driven methods based on the Displaced Phase Centre Antenna (DPCA) technique.

The topics covered include:
- the theory of spatial backscatter coherence,
- the derivation of ping to ping motion estimates using time delay estimation theory, including the use of bandwidth for phase unwrapping and the appropriate range-dependent near field corrections to arrive at unbiased estimates,
- the establishment of the Cramer Rao lower bounds for motion estimation which demonstrate the need for fusion with an INS to achieve full performance.

The geometrical relationship between the DPCA and INS projection frames, which is necessary for accurate fusion, will be established and shown to depend also on the local seabed slope. The estimation of this slope with interferometric sonar is discussed. Furthermore the impact of the environment, and in particular of the multipath structure in large range to water depth ratios is discussed. Multipath is shown to degrade the quality of the SAS imagery as well as adversely impact the accuracy of interferometric estimates including DPCA. Means to mitigate multipath operation by management of the vertical transmission and reception beams is discussed, showing experimental results which point to some of the limitations of existing sonar performance prediction tools.

Finally different design trade-offs between computational efficiency and robustness for micronavigated SAS imaging algorithms is discussed, and an example of a real-time implementation suited for operation on-board an autonomous underwater vehicle will be described.
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Synthetic Aperture Sonar Tutorial

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Overview

I. SAS array design

II. SAS micronavigation

III. Impact of the shallow water environment on SAS

IV. Applications
I. SAS array design

- Benefit of SAS for high resolution imaging
- Single-element SAS
  - SAS beamforming: principle & examples
  - Ambiguities & spatial sampling
  - Relation to Doppler processing
- Phase Centre Approximation
- Multi-element SAS design
- Multi-aspect SAS

Benefit of SAS

- Today's technology offers very high range resolution using wideband pulses:

\[ RR = \frac{c}{2B} \]

- High cross-range resolution (CRR) is difficult to obtain with real aperture sonar (RAS):

\[ CRR = \frac{\lambda}{L} r \]

- Sound absorption sets the limit on minimum \( \lambda \).
- Platform size sets the limit on maximum \( L \).
- CRR increases with range \( r \).
- SAS will allow CRR independent of \( \lambda \) & \( r \) with practical platform sizes.
- It increases the options for the sonar designer but is not always the best option.
Single-element SAS

- Obtained by displacing a single transducer.
- Virtual array sampled at the ping-to-ping displacement D.

- The ping-to-ping phase shift is twice that of a RAS

\[ \Delta \phi = \frac{4\pi}{\lambda} D \sin \theta \]

- The SAS beampattern is the same as that of a RAS with element spacing 2D or wavelength \( \lambda/2 \).

SESAS image formation (elementary backprojection approach)

- Compute two-way travel times \( \tau_n \) to M for all N pings in the SAS
- Temporal interpolation of the sonar returns and coherent summation:

\[ I(M) = \left| \sum_{n=1}^{N} X_n(\tau_n) \right|^2 \]
Relation to Doppler processing

- The ping to ping changes in round-trip travel time are often interpreted in SAR as resulting from a Doppler effect.

\[
f_d = \frac{1}{2\pi} \frac{\Delta \phi}{PRP} = \frac{2v}{\lambda} \sin \theta
\]

- The corresponding Doppler processing is mathematically equivalent to SAS beamforming.

- The above must not be confused for the Doppler effect resulting from travel time changes during the pulse length.

Cross-range resolution of SAS

- The SAS length is defined by two-way physical transducer 4-dB beampattern:

\[
L_{SAS} = \frac{\lambda}{L} \frac{r}{L}
\]

- The CRR is

\[
CRR = \frac{\lambda}{2L_{SAS}} r = \frac{L}{2}
\]

CRR is independent of range & frequency and decreases with L.
SAS ambiguities

- Range ambiguities are avoided provided
  \[ PRP \geq \frac{2R_{\text{max}}}{c} \]

- Azimuth ambiguities are due to the SAS grating lobes which are spaced at \( \lambda/2D \) when \( D > \lambda/4 \). They lead to ghost targets and loss of image contrast.

- Their reduction increases with the SAS oversampling factor:
  \[ OSF = \frac{L}{2D} \geq 1 \]

Pattern multiplication paradox
(Why OSF=1 is not enough…)

\[
\frac{\sin(Nu)}{N \sin(u)} \cdot \frac{\sin(u)}{u} = \frac{\sin(Nu)}{Nu}
\]

\[
u = \frac{4\pi}{\lambda} D \sin \theta = \frac{2\pi}{\lambda} L \sin \theta
\]

But the pattern multiplication rule applies only in SAS far field!!
Solution to the paradox

Ghost targets are in nulls of RAS only at the SAS centre. At the extremities of the SAS they move into the mainlobe.
Mitigation by oversampling

OSF=1

OSF=2

Area mapping rate

- The ping-to-ping displacement determines the area mapping rate AMR defined as

\[ AMR = \nu R_{\text{max}} = \nu \frac{c}{2} \left( PRP - \frac{c}{2} D \right) = \frac{cL}{8} \]

- OSF=2 is assumed above.

- Therefore long physical apertures are required to achieve high AMR
**Summary for SESAS**

- SESAS is characterized by a tradeoff between AMR and image quality (resolution and contrast) which severely limits its applicability.

\[
CRR = \frac{L}{2} \quad D = \frac{L}{4} = \frac{CRR}{2}
\]

- In other words, to achieve high resolution at any reasonable range requires going unreasonably slow!

- Example of SESAS design: \(R=150\) m, \(CRR=2.5\) cm, \(\Rightarrow v=6.25\) cm/s!

- SESAS is essentially of academic interest, to facilitate the understanding of the multi-element SAS (MESAS) which is used in most if not all sonar applications.

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**Multi-element SAS (MESAS) design**

- The multi-element SAS design consists of different transmitter and receiver arrays to decouple conflicting requirements on CRR and AMR.

- Typical design is a

  - broad sector transmitter whose length \(L_t\) is determined by the desired CRR.
  - a multi-element receiver array of \(N\) elements of length \(d < L_t\) where \(N\) is determined by the desired AMR.
**Phase Centre Approximation**

- In far field, transmission at T and reception at R is equivalent to transmission & reception at C.
- This also holds in near field provided the signal is advanced by

\[
\tau = \frac{\Delta^2}{4rc}
\]

and

\[
\frac{\Delta^2}{4r} \left(1 - \cos^2 \theta_e\right) \ll \lambda
\]

**Multi-element SAS design**

- The MESAS is equivalent to a SESAS made up by the phase centres and ping to ping displacement \(D_1 = d/2\).
**MESAS design criteria**

- AMR increases with receive array length $L_r$ independently of image quality (contrast or resolution)
  \[ AMR_N = \frac{cL_r}{4} \]
- CRR improves with decreasing transmitter length $L_t$ independently from AMR.
  \[ CRR_N = \frac{L_t}{2} \]
- Higher spatial sampling $d$ of the receive array improves image quality
  \[ OSF = \frac{L_t}{d} \]

**MESAS image formation (factorized backprojection approach)**

- The elementary SESAS approach can be accelerated by using an intermediate stage of beamforming of the physical array.
- Since the physical array is linear equispaced fast beamforming techniques can be used.
- The physical beams are then interpolated in angle and time and summed over the P pings of the SAS.

\[ I(M) = \left| \sum_{p=1}^{P} W_p(\theta_p, \tau_p) \right|^2 \]
**MESAS design example**

- **SESAS**: $R=150 \text{ m}, v=2 \text{ m/s}, \text{OSF}=2$ => $L=1.6 \text{ m}, \text{CRR}=0.8 \text{ m}$.

- **Benefit of MESAS**: $R=150 \text{ m}, v=2 \text{ m/s}, \text{OSF}=2, \text{CRR}=5 \text{ cm}$, => $L_r=0.8 \text{ m}, L_t=10 \text{ cm}, d=5 \text{ cm}, N=16$.

- **Example of long range MESAS**: $R=500 \text{ m}, v=2 \text{ m/s}, \text{OSF}=2, \text{CRR}=5 \text{ cm}$, => $L_r=2.7 \text{ m}, L_t=10 \text{ cm}, d=5 \text{ cm}, N=54$.

- Joined optimisation of the placement of transmission and receive element nulls can allow to reduce $\text{OSF}=1.5$.

- High performance SAS comes at the price of increased size and complexity of the physical array since many elements are required.

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**Alternatives to MESAS**

- Are there any alternatives to the complex MESAS design?
- Many ideas (and patents) proposed based on
  - Multiple transmitters,
  - Multiple frequencies,
  - Multiple transmission waveforms
  - Combinations of the above

- In most cases there is a price to pay in terms of image quality with respect to the MESAS solution.

- The loss in image quality is basically that of an undersampled MESAS.
II. SAS micronavigation

- I. Purpose
- II. DPCA micronavigation
- III. DPCA micronavigation accuracy
- IV. Experimental results
- V. Fusion with Inertial Navigation Sensors
- VI. Effect of the environment on DPCA

Purpose of micronavigation

- Travel time errors result from errors in motion sensing of the sonar displacement, leading to image defocusing & distortion, and inaccurate geo-referencing.
- Line-of-sight (LOS) motion must be known with sub-wavelength accuracy (within $\lambda/16$ for random errors).
- Motion sensing errors must not be confused with track-keeping errors!!
Relation to SAR terminology

- Platform motion sensing using inertial navigation sensors is used in airborne SAR. The ratio of the track-keeping errors to the motion sensing errors is known as the “motion compensation” ratio.

- Additional data-driven techniques, known as “autofocusing” are used to compensate for inertial errors in LOS. They typically assume the presence of point-like targets in the field of view.

- Micronavigation is used as motion sensing with the accuracy required to focus the SAS. It will in general combine inertial instrumentation with data-driven techniques which typically do not assume presence of point-targets.

Displaced Phase Centre Antenna

\[ L = Nd \]

\[ (N-M)d \]

\[ \bullet T_p \]

\[ R_{lp} \bullet \]

\[ \bullet \]

\[ R_{mp} \bullet \]

\[ \bullet \]

\[ R_{hp} \bullet \]

Ping p

\[ C_{lp} \]

\[ \bullet \]

\[ d/2 \]

\[ C_{hp} \]

N-M overlapping phase centres

\[ C_{lp+1} \]

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\[ C_{hp+1} \]

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\[ R_{lp+1} \bullet \]

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Ping p+1

\[ D = Md/2 \]

\[ (N-M)d \]
Waveform invariance

- The reverberation signals of Rx channels with overlapped phase centres have maximum correlation.

DPCA ping to-ping estimation

The often-used terminology of sway and yaw is somewhat improper. Sway refers to a component of the motion projected in the slant range plane and Yaw to the same projection of the change in the array heading.
Time delay estimation (TDE) on baseband data

“coarse” TDE for:
- phase estimation
- phase unwrap

“fine” TDE unwrap phase

Cramer Rao Lower Bound (CRLB) on time delay estimate

\[ \sigma_{\tau} = \frac{1}{2\pi f_0} \frac{1}{\sqrt{BW}} \sqrt{\frac{1 - \mu^2}{2\mu^2}} \]

- where \( B \) is bandwidth,
- \( W \) is correlation window length
- \( \mu \) is the correlation coefficient, which depends on the reverberation to noise ratio

\[ \mu = \frac{\rho}{1 + \rho} \]
CRLBs on DPCA sway & yaw

\[ \sigma_\gamma \approx \frac{\lambda}{4\pi} \sqrt{\frac{\alpha}{\alpha - 1}} \frac{1}{\sqrt{\rho_{\text{eff}}}} \]

\[ \sigma_\psi \approx \frac{\sqrt{3}}{\pi} \frac{\lambda}{L} \frac{\alpha^3}{\alpha - 1} \frac{1}{\sqrt{\rho_{\text{eff}}}} \]

\[ \alpha = \frac{L}{2D} \]

\[ \rho_{\text{eff}} \approx NBW\rho \]

• The sway (resp. yaw) standard deviation decreases with \( \alpha \).
• Their value for big \( \alpha \) is limited by \( \rho_{\text{eff}} \) and \( \lambda \) (resp. \( \lambda/L \)).

Experimental validation of CRLB
**DPCA micronavigation error analysis**

- Ping-to-ping motion estimates have to be integrated along the SAS.
- DPCA errors accumulate leading to an integrated random walk of the cross-track errors. Thus the accuracy requirement becomes increasingly challenging as the SAS length increases. Ultimately this is what will limits the achievable SAS performance.
- The most important errors are not the errors on the sway estimates themselves but projection errors induced by errors in estimation the heading of the physical array.

**Error accumulation in DPCA micronavigation**
Performance metrics for DPCA-micro-navigated SAS

- Loss in SAS array gain is a simple metric to quantify loss in SAS imaging quality due to micronavigation errors.

\[
G = \frac{1}{P^2} \left| \sum_{p=1}^{P} e^{j\phi_p} \right|^2
\]

\[
\phi_p = \frac{4\pi}{\lambda} \delta y_p
\]

Optimum DPCA performance

- The build up of DPCA errors limits the number of pings \( P \) in the SAS, hence the SAS resolution gain

\[
Q = 1 + \frac{P - 1}{\alpha}
\]

- DPCA accuracy is dominated by yaw accuracy requirements.
- Practical optimum is \( \alpha \approx 2 \).
**DPCA-micronavigated SAS design**

- The higher spatial sampling required for DPCA limits the area mapping rate achievable by DPCA micronavigated SAS.
- The use of DPCA for yaw estimation practically limits the resolution gain Q of the SAS to less than 10 for $\alpha=2$.
- Example of SAS design $R=150$ m, $v=2$ m/s, OSF=2, CRR=5 cm, $\alpha=2 \Rightarrow L_r=1.6$ m, $L_t=10$ cm, $d=5$ cm, $N=16$. This is compatible with an operating frequency of $f_0=400$ kHz since the required $Q$ is only 7.

**Integrated navigation**

- Integrated navigation
- Wideband sonar
- DPCA concept
- Optimal fusion by Kalman filter
- Inertial navigation
**Gyro-stabilized DPCA**

- Gyro-stabilized DPCA is an rudimentary way to implement integrated navigation.
- The idea is to sense the heading changes of the physical array using inertial gyroscopes.
- The accuracy requirement for these gyroscopes is modest due to the short SAS integration time compared to typical mission times.
- Knowledge of local grazing angle is necessary to project inertial estimates in slant range plane. This can be provided by an interferometric sonar.
- G-DPCA should allow a significant increase in both SAS mapping rate ($\alpha=1.3$) and resolution ($Q=20-30$).

**Theoretical Accuracy G-DPCA vs DPCA.**

DPCA

$$\div \frac{\alpha^4}{(\alpha - 1)^3}$$

Gyrostabilized DPCA

$$\div \frac{\alpha^2}{\alpha - 1}$$

- 0.25 dB array gain loss
INSAS’00 Experiment

150 kHz
Bandwidth 60 kHz
26 cm length

Mechanically Induced Attitudes
Comparison between DPCA and INS yaw estimations (rail data).

Gyro-stabilization Gain ($\alpha=4$)

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Gyro-DPCA

DPCA
### “Final touch” ($\alpha=4$)

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**Gyro-DPCA**

![Gyro-DPCA Images](image1)

**DPCA**

![DPCA Images](image2)

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**Gyro-DPCA**

![Gyro-DPCA Images](image3)

**DPCA**

![DPCA Images](image4)
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**Gyro-DPCA**

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**DPCA**

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Grazing angle estimation using wideband interferometric sonar

- Two vertically superposed linear arrays separated by many wavelengths (>10).
- High accuracy local grazing angle estimation based on time delay estimation.
- Similar in principle to DPCA with a physical across-track interferometer in place of a synthetic along-track interferometer.

Along-track motion estimation

- The sonar can be slaved to the navigation system so that along-track ping-to-ping displacements are constant, effectively cancelling surge.
- Alternatively the DPCA can be extended to estimate the along-track displacement. The DPCA sway estimation is repeated for various DPCA lengths to retain the length for which the correlation is maximum (spatial interpolation requires d<Lt).
III. Shallow water operations

- Effect of multipath on micronavigated SAS
- Effect on SW fluctuations

Effect of multipath on DPCA correlation

- Multipath has been found experimentally to be a major factor degrading the ping-to-ping coherence of seafloor backscatter in shallow water.
- Multipath has negative impact on
  - Image contrast (shadow filling)
  - Interferometry performance (e.g. DPCA)
- Highlight structure is less affected due to large SAS array gain against ping-to-ping incoherent noise.
Multipath experiment

- 100 kHz array mounted vertically at 10.7 m depth in 20 m water depth
- 64 channel programmable transmitter array of length 48 cm
- 256 channel receiver array of length 192 cm.
- Bottom type: flat bottom of hard mud (Cinque Terre, Italy)
- Calm sea states

Multipath structure

- Figure shows multipath interference of first order ($B_s,sB$) and second order ($B_{sb},bsB$) arriving at the receiver at the same time as the direct path $B$.
- SW sonar performance can be expressed as a function of a generalised SNR, giving the ratio of the direct path $B$ to multipath and noise.
- A broad transmission beam shaped to insonify a wide swath of the sea-floor whilst avoiding first order multipaths
- RX a 7° beam with -20 dB side-lobe
- SNR, derived from ping-to-ping correlation, plotted in figure for various depression angles of the receive beam. SNR falls dramatically beyond 125 m
- Conjecture: Drop is caused by Bsb-bsB which is not coherent ping-to-ping.

- To validate this assumption a narrow 3° TX beam is steered at close range (32 m)
- The bsB multipath whose specular reflection b is at 32 m is clearly seen in the region around 145 m
- Implication: in order to avoid higher order multipath effects at long range one should avoid transmitting towards the sea-floor at short ranges
To validate this assumption a narrow 3° Tx beam is steered at far range

SNR plotted as function of range (top). High SNR from 125m up to 300m.
- bsB suppressed on Tx
- Bsb suppressed on Rx

Effect of sea surface waves

- Experiment arrangement
- Environmental data
- Data Examples
- Basis of model
- Comparison of data and model
- Impact on SAS
Experimental Arrangement

Marina di Carrara

10m contour line

Experimental area

Drawing not to scale
**Experimental Arrangement**

Dominant direction of waves is from 220°

**Phase variation across receive array**

Data
Impact on SAS array gain

10\times \log (0) for Days 12, 17 and 18 versus SAS aperture size
Findings of environmental study

- Phase variation across the ~60 m aperture at a range of ~60m from the transmitter TX3 is approximately linear in both calm and rough seas.

- The temporal coherence function for the phase gradient is an oscillatory function and is driven by the sea surface wave spectrum.

IV. Applications

- Rail-based experiments
- Tow-body experiments
- AUV experiments
Shadow blur

- Excessive viewing angle differences at the extremities of the array lead to shadow blur.
- This leads to a lower limit on the SAS resolution given by

\[ CRR \geq \sqrt{\frac{\lambda l}{2}} \]

where \( l \) is the shadow length at the centre of the array.

- Effect is minimized by increasing operating frequency.

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SAS vs SSS images of a wreck

- Remus 600 HF Synthetic Aperture Sonar
- Remus 100 Side Scan Sonar
- Hugin 1000 Side Scan Sonar
Wideband HFSAS

120-180 kHz
Rx: Lr=26.7 cm, N=32.
Tx: 20 deg x 10 deg
L_{SAS} = 5 m
CRR = 5 cm.
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**SAS image & coherence map**

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**Multi-aspect SAS**

- Combines benefits of strip-map, squinted & spotlight SAS.
- Individual SAS lengths are limited by onset of viewing angle differences of targets (echo & shadow blur).
- Multi-aspect SAS exploits this viewing angle diversity.
- The drawback is system complexity due to
  - large number of receiver channels,
  - large transmission power.
100kHz multi-aspect imaging

Equa WW II wreck (La Spezia area)

At sea validation of DPCA
**At sea validation of DPCA**

- $\alpha = 4.3$, $\rho_{\text{eff}} = 50.4\, \text{dB}$

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**Multi-Aspect Imaging II.**

- Equa WW II wreck (La Spezia area)*

* Editorial note: Original slide linked to a movie file, not available in this reprint.
AUV based Synthetic Aperture Systems

- AUVs are the future of commercial and military seafloor surveys
- AUVs are well suited to SAS:
  - operate at low speeds (3-4 knots) for endurance
  - equipped with high performance navigation
  - good stability independent of sea state
- Major collaborative R&D program on-going at Saclantcen which includes AUV-based SAS

Ocean Explorer AUV

Examples of Synthetic Aperture Sonar and Side Scan Sonar

Remus-600 HF SAS

Remus-600 LF SAS

Hugin

EdgeTech

4400 SAS

Remus-100 MS 900kHz SSS

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MUSCLE

- Compact (3.5 m) and lightweight (400 kg) 21” vehicle (Bluefin)
- High accuracy (<5 m/hr) IXSEA PHINS aided inertial navigation system
- Real-team multi-beam SSS (13 beams spaced at 4 cm)
  - Programmable transmission with down to 2 deg beam width
  - Long range and short range transmissions in two sub-bands
  - Receive elements with selectable vertical beampatterns
- Plan to implement on-board SAS processing up to 2.5 cm at 225m

NATO SONAR DESIGN

Long-range: Red frequency (270-300 kHz), Narrow-beam Tx/Rx with 4 deg depression
Short range: Blue frequency (300-330 kHz), Wide-beam Tx/ Rx with 8 deg depression
Multipath is rejected by a combination of spatial & temporal filtering
ESPRESSO PERFORMANCE PREDICTION

- Blue line: Short range sonar
- Red line: Long range sonar
- Black line: conventional sonar (for comparison)

Water depth 20 m
Sonar altitude 15 m
Range: 1.5 to 10 x water depth

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