Enhanced widely linear filtering to make quasi-rectilinear signals almost equivalent to rectilinear ones for SAIC/MAIC

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Abstract—Wide linear (WL) receivers have the capability to perform single antenna interference cancellation (SAIC) of one rectilinear (R) or quasi-rectilinear (QR) co-channel interference (CCI), a function which is operational in global system for mobile communications (GSM) handsets in particular. Moreover, SAIC technology for QR signals is still required for voice services over adaptive multi-user channels on one slot (VAMOS) standard, a recent evolution of GSM/EDGE standard, to mitigate legacy GSM CCI in particular. It is also required for filter bank multi-carrier offset quadrature amplitude modulation (FBMC-OQAM) networks, which are candidate for 5G mobile networks, to mitigate inter-carrier interference (ICI) at reception for frequency selective propagation channels in particular. In this context, the purpose of this paper is twofold. The first one is to get more insights into the existing SAIC technology, and its extension to multiple antenna called MAIC, by showing analytically that, contrary to what is accepted as true in the literature, SAIC/MAIC implemented from standard WL filtering may be less efficient for QR signals than for R ones. From this result, the second purpose of the paper is to propose and to analyze, for QR signals and frequency selective fading channels, a SAIC/MAIC enhancement based on a three-input WL frequency shift (FRESH) receiver, making QR signals always almost equivalent to R ones for WL filtering in the presence of CCI. The results of the paper, completely new, may contribute to develop elsewhere new powerful WL receivers for QR signals and for both VAMOS and FBMC-OQAM networks in particular.

Index Terms—Non-Circular, Wide Linear, Single Antenna Interference Cancellation (SAIC), Rectilinear, Quasi-Rectilinear, CCI, Continuous-Time, Pseudo-MLSE, FRESH, MSK, GMSK, OQAM, ASK, VAMOS, FBMC

I. INTRODUCTION

SINCE two decades and the pioneer works on the subject [1–4], WL filtering has raised up a great interest for second-order (SO) non-circular (or improper) signals [5], in numerous areas. Nevertheless, the application which has received the greatest interest is CCI mitigation in radiocommunication networks using R or QR modulations. Let us recall that R modulations correspond to mono-dimensional modulations such as amplitude modulation (AM), amplitude shift keying (ASK) or binary phase shift keying (BPSK) modulations, whereas QR modulations are complex modulations corresponding, after a simple derotation operation [6], to a complex filtering of a R modulation. Examples of QR modulations are $\pi/2$-BPSK, minimum shift keying (MSK) or OQAM modulations, while an example of approximated QR modulation is the Gaussian MSK (GMSK) modulation. One of the most important properties of WL filtering is its capability to perform SAIC of one R or QR multi-user CCI, allowing the separation of two users from only one receive antenna [7–9]. The effectiveness of this technology jointly with its low complexity explain why it is currently operational in most of GSM handsets, allowing significant network’s capacity gains for the GSM system [9], [10]. Extension of the SAIC concept to a multi-antenna reception is called MAIC and has been of great interest for GPRS networks in particular [11]. Other works about the SAIC/MAIC concepts by WL filtering are presented in [12–15].

Despite the important development of 3G and 4G mobile cellular networks all over the world for data and video traffic, there is still a significant development of GSM/EDGE networks and their evolutions in emerging markets such as China, India, Africa and Eastern Europe [16]. To accommodate the growing voice traffic and also to make room for increasing data traffic, there is a necessity to increase the spectral efficiency of speech services. For this reason, a new technology, called VAMOS, has been recently standardized [16]. The aim of VAMOS is to increase the capacity of GSM, while maintaining backward compatibility with the legacy system. VAMOS enables the transmission of two GSM voice streams on the same TDMA slot at the same carrier frequency through the so-called orthogonal sub channel (OSC) multiple access technique which aims at doubling the number of users served by a cell. The separation, at the handset level, of the two streams, distorted by frequency selective channels and potentially corrupted by co-channel OSC and/or legacy GMSK interference, coming from out of cell OSC and/or legacy base-stations, requires the implementation of enhanced SAIC techniques for QR signals [16]. Such preliminary enhanced techniques for VAMOS, based on standard WL filtering, have been proposed recently in [17–19] for SAIC and in [20] for SAIC/MAIC, for both OSC downlink and uplink transmissions respectively.

Moreover, 4G networks using LTE [21] or LTE-Advanced [22] technologies employ multiple input multiple output (MIMO) orthogonal frequency division multiplex (OFDM) for transmission in the downlink. In order to avoid frequency planning, a frequency reuse factor of one may be possible, which requires receivers robust to CCI. For this reason, two adaptations of the SAIC/MAIC concept to OFDM transmissions using R modulations have been presented in [23] and [24] for SISO/SIMO and MISO/MIMO systems using the Alamouti scheme respectively. However OFDM waveforms are not well-localized in frequency and require strong time-frequency synchronization constraints, which is not compatible with the needs of the 5G wireless networks such as a high density of device-to-device or machine-to-machine links [25]. For these reasons, filtered multi-carrier waveforms such as FBMC waveforms [26], which are well localized in frequency
and compatible with asynchronous links, are considered as good candidates for 5G networks. The coupling of FBMC waveforms with OQAM modulation, giving rise to FBMC-OQAM waveforms [27], has been shown to maximize the spectral efficiency while removing the ICI induced by the filtering operation for SISO/SIMO links in flat fading channels [27]. However, for frequency-selective channels or for MIMO links, FBMC-OQAM waveforms still generate ICI at reception. As the ICI associated with a given subcarrier is a frequency shifted QR interference, it may be removed effectively by WL filtering. Besides, as an FBMC-OQAM CCI is the sum of frequency shifted QR signals, it is a SO non-circular CCI as shown in [28]. Enhanced SAIC/MAIC techniques aiming at removing both inter-symbol interference (ISI), ICI and potential CCI are thus also required for FBMC-OQAM networks in particular. Preliminary standard WL based solutions are presented in [29–31] for MIMO links using spatial multiplexing at transmission and in [32], [33] for SISO links. Reference [32] concerns CCI mitigation in flat fading channels, while [33] deals with both ISI and ICI mitigation in frequency selective channel.

Thus, as a summary, at least for VAMOS/OSC and FBMC-OQAM networks, which both use QR modulations, enhanced SAIC/MAIC techniques are still required. In this context, the purpose of this paper is twofold. The first one is to get more insights into the existing SAIC/MAIC technology by proving analytically, which is completely original, that, contrary to what is implicitly accepted as true in the literature [6], [7], [9], [17–20], [29–31], [34–36], QR signals may be less efficient than R ones for SAIC/MAIC implemented from some standard WL filtering. Starting from this result, the second purpose of the paper is to propose and to analyse, partially analytically, which is also very original, for QR signals and frequency selective fading channels, an enhanced SAIC/MAIC technique based on a three-input WL FRESH receiver. This new technique makes QR signals always almost equivalent to R ones for WL filtering in the presence of CCI.

To compare QR and R signals for SAIC/MAIC from standard WL filtering and to show the effectiveness of the proposed enhanced SAIC/MAIC technique for QR signals, we adopt a continuous-time (CT) approach. The choice of such an approach here is justified by three reasons. The first one is that the implementation issues are out of the scope of the paper, which is mainly conceptual. The second one is that a CT approach allows us to remove both the filtering structure constraints imposed by a discrete-time (DT) approach and the potential influence of the sample rate. The third one, is that it allows us to obtain analytical and interpretable expressions for the performance at the output of all the linear and WL receivers considered in this paper, which is completely original. Besides, we choose a pseudo maximum likelihood sequence estimation (pseudo-MLSE) approach, much more easy to derive than an MLSE approach and much more powerful than a minimum mean square error (MMSE) approach. Note that the results of the paper may contribute to develop elsewhere alternative powerful WL receivers for QR signals and for both VAMOS and FBMC-OQAM networks in particular. Note that preliminary results of the paper have been introduced briefly in the conference papers [37] and [38].

Let us recall that WL FRESH filtering has already been used these two last decades for applications such as MMSE estimation [2], beamforming [39] or propozition of improper cyclostationary signals [40]. Moreover, WL FRESH filtering for equalization/demodulation purposes in the presence of CCI has been considered in [41–44] for R signals and in [45–47] for QR signals. However, while [45] concerns DS-CDMA systems, [47] considers a particular DT MMSE approach and assumes different cyclostationarity properties of the signal of interest (SOI) and CCI. Besides, [46] mentions the proposed enhanced SAIC/MAIC technique for CCI cancellation in the GSM context but through a DT approach at the symbol rate, which finally reduces to the standard SAIC/MAIC approach. Finally, to the best of our knowledge, analytical performance at the output of a FRESH receiver in the presence of a CCI have never been computed before.

The paper is organized as follows. Section II introduces the observation model and the extended one for standard WL processing of both R and QR signals, jointly with the SO statistics of the total noise. Section III introduces the conventional linear and standard WL pseudo-MLSE receivers for the demodulation of R and QR signals in the presence of multi-user CCI. Section IV presents, for several propagation channels, in the presence of one CCI and in terms of output signal to interference plus noise ratio (SINR) on the current symbol, a comparative performance analysis of SAIC/MAIC from standard WL pseudo-MLSE receivers for both R and QR signals. Section V introduces, for QR signals, the enhanced SAIC/MAIC concept from the three-input WL FRESH receiver and analyzes its performance, in terms of output SINR on the current symbol, in the presence of one CCI. Section VI analyzes some complexity issues of the two and three-input pseudo-MLSE receivers for QR signals and shows that the results obtained through the output SINR criterion are still valid for the output symbol error rate (SER). Finally section VII concludes this paper.

Notations: Before proceeding, we fix the notations used throughout the paper. Non boldface symbols are scalar whereas lower (upper) case boldface symbols denote column vectors (matrices). $(\cdot)^T$, $(\cdot)^H$ and $(\cdot)^*$ means the transpose, conjugate transpose and conjugate, respectively. $0_K$ and $I_K$ are the zero and the identity matrices of dimension $K$ respectively. $\delta(x)$ is the Kronecker symbol such that $\delta(x) = 1$ for $x = 0$ and $\delta(x) = 0$ for $x \neq 0$. Moreover, all Fourier transforms of vectors $x$ and matrices $X$ use the same notation where $t$ or $\tau$ is simply replaced by $f$.

II. MODELS AND TOTAL NOISE SECOND-ORDER STATISTICS

A. Observation model and total noise SO statistics

We consider an array of $N$ narrow-band antennas receiving the contribution of a SOI, which may be R or QR, and a total noise. The $N \times 1$ vector of complex amplitudes of the data at the output of these antennas after frequency synchronization can then be written as

$$x(t) = \sum_k a_k g(t - kT) + n(t).$$  (1)
Here, $o_k = b_k$ for R signals whereas $o_k = j^2 b_k$ for QR signals, where $b_k$ are real-valued zero-mean independent identically distributed (i.i.d.) random variables, corresponding to the SOI symbols for R signals and directly related to the SOI symbols for QR signals [34], [48], [49]. $T$ is the symbol period for R, $\pi/2$-BPSK, MSK and GMSK signals [48], [49] and half the symbol period for QAM signals [34], $g(t) = v(t) \otimes h(t)$ is the $N \times 1$ impulse response of the SOI global channel, $\otimes$ is the convolution operation, $v(t)$ and $h(t)$ are respectively the scalar and $N \times 1$ impulse responses of the SOI pulse shaping filter and propagation channel respectively and $n(t)$ is the $N \times 1$ zero-mean total noise vector. Note that model (1) with $o_k = j^2 b_k$ is exact for $\pi/2$-BPSK, MSK and QAM signals whereas it is only an approximated model for GMSK signals [48].

The SO statistics of $n(t)$ are characterized by the two correlation matrices $R_n(t, \tau)$ and $C_n(t, \tau)$, defined by

$$R_n(t, \tau) \triangleq E\left[n\left(t + \frac{\tau}{2}\right)n^H\left(t - \frac{\tau}{2}\right)\right],$$

$$C_n(t, \tau) \triangleq E\left[n\left(t + \frac{\tau}{2}\right)n^H\left(t - \frac{\tau}{2}\right)\right].$$

We assume that $n(t)$ is composed of circular, stationary, temporally and spatially white background noise and multi-user CCI coming from the same network, and then having the same nature (R or QR), the same symbol period and the same pulse-shaping filter as the SOI. Note that the analysis of the impact of CCI having a symbol period or a pulse shaping filter different from that of the SOI is out of the scope of the paper. Under the previous assumptions, it is easy to verify that $R_n(t, \tau)$ and $C_n(t, \tau)$ are periodic functions of $t$, whose periods are equal to $T$ and $T$ respectively for R signals, and to $2T$ respectively for QR signals. Matrices $R_n(t, \tau)$ and $C_n(t, \tau)$ have then Fourier series expansions given by

$$R_n(t, \tau) = \sum_{\alpha_1} \sum_{\beta_1} R_{n,\alpha_1\beta_1}(\tau) e^{j2\pi \alpha_1 t},$$

$$C_n(t, \tau) = \sum_{\alpha_2} \sum_{\beta_2} C_{n,\alpha_2\beta_2}(\tau) e^{j2\pi \beta_2 t}.$$ 

Here $\alpha_1$ and $\beta_1$ are the so-called non-conjugate and conjugate SO cyclic frequencies of $n(t)$ such that $\alpha_1 = \beta_1 = i/T (i \in \mathbb{Z})$ for R signals and $\alpha_1 = i/T$ and $\beta_1 = (2i + 1)/2T (i \in \mathbb{Z})$ for QR signals [50–52]. $R_{n,\alpha_1\beta_1}(\tau)$ and $C_{n,\alpha_2\beta_2}(\tau)$ are the first and second cyclic correlation matrices of $n(t)$ for the cyclic frequencies $\alpha_1$ and $\beta_1$ and the delay $\tau$, defined by

$$R_{n,\alpha_1\beta_1}(\tau) \triangleq \langle n(t) e^{-j2\pi \alpha_1 t} \rangle_{\infty},$$

$$C_{n,\alpha_2\beta_2}(\tau) \triangleq \langle n(t) e^{-j2\pi \beta_2 t} \rangle_{\infty},$$

where $\langle \cdot \rangle_{\infty}$ is the temporal mean operation in $t$ over an infinite observation duration. The Fourier transforms, $R_{n,\alpha_1\beta_1}(f)$ and $C_{n,\alpha_2\beta_2}(f)$, of $R_{n,\alpha_1\beta_1}(\tau)$ and $C_{n,\alpha_2\beta_2}(\tau)$ respectively, are called the first and second cyclostationary of $n(t)$ for the cyclic frequencies $\alpha_1$ and $\beta_1$, respectively. Note that the first and second cyclostationary of the transmitted SOI,

$$s(t) \triangleq \sum_k a_k v(t - kT),$$

for the cyclic frequencies $\alpha_1$ and $\beta_1$, respectively, denoted by $r_{s,\alpha_1}(f)$ and $c_{s,\alpha_1}(f)$ respectively, are given, after elementary computations, for both R and QR SOI, by the expressions

$$r_{s,\alpha_1}(f) = \frac{\pi_b}{T} b \left( f + \frac{\alpha_1}{2} \right) v^* \left( f - \frac{\alpha_1}{2} \right),$$

$$c_{s,\alpha_1}(f) = \frac{\pi_b}{T} b \left( f + \frac{\beta_1}{2} \right) v \left( \frac{\beta_1}{2} - f \right),$$

where $\pi_b \triangleq E\left[|b|^2\right]$.

B. Extended two-input models for standard WL processing

For both R and QR signals, a conventional linear processing of $x(t)$ only exploits the information contained at the zero non-conjugate ($\alpha = 0$) SO cyclic frequency of $x(t)$, through the exploitation of the temporal mean of the first correlation matrix, $R_x(t, \tau) \triangleq E\left[x(t + \tau/2) x^H(t - \tau/2)\right]$, of $x(t)$.

For R signals, a standard WL processing of $x(t)$, i.e. a linear processing of $\tilde{x}(t) \triangleq |x^T(t), x^H(t)|^2$, only exploits the information contained at the zero non-conjugate and conjugate ($\alpha, \beta = (0, 0)$ SO cyclic frequencies of $x(t)$ through the exploitation of the temporal mean of the first correlation matrix, $R_{x,\alpha}(t, \tau) \triangleq E\left|x(t + \tau/2) x^H(t - \tau/2)\right|$, of the extended, or two-input model

$$\tilde{x}(t) \triangleq \left[x^T(t), x^H(t)\right]^T = \sum_k b_k g(t - kT) + n(t),$$

where $g(t) \triangleq |g^T(t), g^H(t)|^2$ and $n(t) \triangleq |n^T(t), n^H(t)|^2$.

For QR signals, as no information is contained at $\beta = 0$, a detoration preprocessing of the data is required before standard WL filtering. Using (1) for QR signals, the derotated observation vector can be written as

$$x_d(t) \triangleq j^{-\tau} x(t) = \sum_k b_k g_d(t - kT) + n_d(t),$$

where $g_d(t) \triangleq j^{-1/T} g(t)$ and $n_d(t) \triangleq j^{-t/T} n(t)$. Expression (2) shows that the derotation operation makes a QR signal looks like a R signal, with a non-zero information at the zero conjugate SO cyclic frequency. Indeed, it is easy to verify that the two correlation matrices, $R_{x,\alpha_d}(t, \tau) \triangleq E\left|x_d(t + \tau/2) x_d^H(t - \tau/2)\right|$ and $C_{x,\alpha_d}(t, \tau) \triangleq E\left|x_d(t + \tau/2) x_d^H(t - \tau/2)\right|$ of $x_d(t)$ are such that

$$R_{x,\alpha_d}(t, \tau) = j^{-\tau} R_x(t, \tau),$$

$$C_{x,\alpha_d}(t, \tau) = j^{-\tau} C_x(t, \tau) \triangleq e^{-j\frac{\pi_b}{2} T} C_x(t, \tau),$$

where $C_x(t, \tau) \triangleq E\left|x(t + \tau/2) x^H(t - \tau/2)\right|$. These expressions show that the non-conjugate, $\alpha_d$, and conjugate, $\beta_d$, SO cyclic frequencies of $x_d(t)$ are such that $\alpha_d = \alpha_i = i/T$ and $\beta_d = \beta_i - 1/2T = i/T$, which proves the presence of information at $\beta_d = 0$. Thus standard WL processing of QR signals, which corresponds to standard WL processing of $x_d(t)$, exploits the information contained at $(\alpha_d, \beta_d) = (0, 0)$ through the exploitation of the temporal mean of the first correlation matrix, $R_{x,\alpha_d}(t, \tau) \triangleq E\left|x_d(t + \tau/2) x_d^H(t - \tau/2)\right|$, of the extended, or two-input, derotated model

$$\tilde{x}_d(t) \triangleq \left[x_d^T(t), x_d^H(t)\right]^T = \sum_k b_k \tilde{g}_d(t - kT) + \tilde{n}_d(t),$$

where $\tilde{g}_d(t) \triangleq |\tilde{g}_d^T(t), \tilde{g}_d^H(t)|^2$ and $\tilde{n}_d(t) \triangleq |\tilde{n}_d^T(t), \tilde{n}_d^H(t)|^2$.
and \( \tilde{x}_d(t) \) for QR signals have similar forms, which explains why similar standard WL processing may be used for R and QR signals provided that the data vector \( x(t) \), used for R signals, is replaced by \( x_d(t) \) for QR signals. Due to the similarity of (11) and (15), it is implicitly accepted as true in the literature, that R and QR signals are equivalent, in terms of processing and performance, for standard WL filtering in the presence of CCI. We will show in section IV, for the first time to the best of our knowledge, that this commonly shared implicit assumption may not be true and that QR signals may be intrinsically less efficient than R ones for some standard WL filtering in the presence of CCI. The reasons explaining this result will be given in section V jointly with the way to make QR signals always almost equivalent to R ones for WL filtering in the presence of CCI.

III. GENERIC PSEUDO-MLSE RECEIVER

To compare R and QR signals for SAIC/MAIC from standard WL filtering, we need to introduce the receiver we have chosen, which corresponds here to a CT pseudo-MLSE receiver. Let us recall that the choice of a CT approach allows us to remove, both the filtering structure constraints generally imposed by a DT approach and the potential influence of the sampling rate. Moreover, contrary to a DT approach, it allows us to obtain analytical interpretable performance computations at the output of all the receivers considered in this paper, which is completely original. On the other hand, the pseudo-MLSE approach is chosen here, since it is much easier to manipulate than an MLSE approach and it is generally much more powerful than an MMSE approach for frequency selective fading channels.

A. Pseudo-MLSE approach

In order to only exploit the information contained in the SO statistics of the data, and for both R and QR signals, the CT MLSE receiver for the detection of the symbols \( b_k \), would assume a Gaussian total noise, despite the fact that the CCI are non-Gaussian R or QR signals. Note that the Gaussian assumption would nevertheless be approximately verified in practice in the presence of a high number of i.i.d. CCI. Moreover, to exploit the SO cyclostationarity and the SO non-circularity properties of the CCI, the total noise would be assumed to be SO cyclostationary and SO non-circular. However, under these assumptions, the CT MLSE receiver, which optimally exploits the CCI SO properties, is very challenging to derive, and even probably impossible to implement, at least for some pulse shaping filters \( v(t) \). Such an MLSE receiver would optimally exploits the information contained in all the SO cyclic frequencies \( (\alpha_i, \beta_i) i \in \mathbb{Z} \) of the total noise through the implementation of a potentially infinite number of time invariant (TI) filters acting on an infinite number of FRESH versions of \( x(t) \) and \( x^*(t) \), at least for some pulse shaping filters.

In this context, to overcome the difficulty to compute the CT MLSE receiver, a standard CT WL approach consists in only exploiting the non-circularity of the data, i.e. of \( x(t) \) and \( x_d(t) \) for R and QR signals, respectively, but not their cyclostationarity. In other words, it consists in computing the CT MLSE receiver from \( x(t) \) or \( x_d(t) \), for R and QR signals respectively, assuming a Gaussian non-circular but stationary total noise \( \tilde{n}(t) \) or \( n_d(t) \). It can be easily verified [53] that this approach is equivalent to computing the CT MLSE receiver from \( x(t) \) (R signals) or \( x_d(t) \) (QR signals) in Gaussian circular stationary extended total noise \( \tilde{n}_d(t) \) or \( n_d(t) \), respectively. To approximate the CT MLSE receiver in cyclostationary non-circular total noise, we adopt in the following the previous sub-optimal approach and we call it a CT two-input pseudo-MLSE approach. We will then compare in the following the output performance of the two-input pseudo-MLSE receivers computed from (11) and (15) for R and QR signals, respectively, corrupted by CCI of the same form.

B. Generic pseudo-MLSE receiver

For the \( M \)-input pseudo-MLSE receivers \( (M = 1, 2) \), we denote by \( \tilde{s}_p(t) \) and \( \tilde{n}_p(t) \) the generic observation and total noise vectors, respectively. For conventional receivers \( (M = 1) \), \( \tilde{s}_p(t) \) and \( \tilde{n}_p(t) \) reduce respectively to \( x(t) \) and \( \tilde{n}(t) \), for R signals, and to \( x_d(t) \) and \( n_d(t) \), for QR signals. For \( M = 2 \), these vectors correspond, for R signals, to \( \tilde{x}(t) \) and \( \tilde{n}(t) \), respectively, defined by (11), and for QR signals, to \( \tilde{x}_d(t) \) and \( n_d(t) \), respectively, defined by (15). Assuming a stationary, circular and Gaussian extended total noise \( \tilde{n}_d(t) \), it is shown in [53], [54] that the sequence \( \tilde{b} \triangleq (\tilde{b}_1, ..., \tilde{b}_K) \) which maximizes its likelihood from \( \tilde{s}_p(t) \), is the one which minimizes the following criterion:

\[
C(b) = \int [\tilde{s}_p(f) - \tilde{s}_p(f)]^H R_{\tilde{n}_p}(f)^{-1} [\tilde{s}_p(f) - \tilde{s}_p(f)] df.
\]

(16)

Here, \( R_{\tilde{n}_p}(f) \), the Fourier transform of \( R_{\tilde{n}_p}(\tau) \), corresponds to the power spectral density matrix of \( \tilde{n}_p(t) \). The signal \( \tilde{s}_p(f) \) is defined by \( \tilde{s}_p(f) \triangleq \sum_{k=1}^{K} b_k \tilde{g}_p(f) e^{-j2\pi f k T_d} \), where \( \tilde{g}_p(f) \) corresponds, for \( M = 1 \), to \( g(f) \) and \( \tilde{g}_p(f) \) for R and QR signals, respectively and for \( M = 2 \) to \( g(f) \) and \( \tilde{g}_p(f) \) for R and QR signals respectively. Considering only terms that depend on the symbols \( b_k \), the minimization of (16) is equivalent to the minimization of the metric:

\[
\Lambda(b) = \sum_{k=1}^{K} \sum_{k'=1}^{K} b_k b_{k'} r_{k,k'} - 2 \sum_{k=1}^{K} b_k z_p(k),
\]

(17)

where \( z_p(k) = \Re[ y_p(k) ] \) and where \( y_p(k) \) and the coefficients \( r_{k,k'} \) are defined by

\[
y_p(k) = \int \tilde{g}_p^H(f) [R_{\tilde{n}_p}(f)]^{-1} \tilde{s}_p(f) e^{j2\pi f k T_d} df,
\]

(18)

\[
r_{k,k'} = \int \tilde{g}_p^H(f) [R_{\tilde{n}_p}(f)]^{-1} \tilde{g}_p^H(f) e^{j2\pi f (k-k') T_d} df.
\]

(19)

Let us note that while \( y_p(k) \) is complex-valued for \( M = 1 \), it becomes real-valued and corresponds to \( z_p(k) \) for \( M = 2 \).

C. Interpretation of the generic pseudo-MLSE receiver

We deduce from (18) that \( y_p(k) \) is the sampled output, at time \( t = k T_d \), of the TI filter whose frequency response is
\( \tilde{w}_F^H(f) \triangleq \left( [\mathbf{R}_{\tilde{g}p}(f)]^{-1} \tilde{g}_p(f) \right)^H \), (20)

and whose input is \( \tilde{x}_F(t) \). The structure of the generic \( M \)-input pseudo-MLSE receiver (\( M = 1, 2 \)) is then depicted at Figure 1.

We assume in this section IV that the total noise \( \mathbf{n}(t) \) is composed of a background noise and one multi-user CCI, having the same nature, symbol period and carrier frequency as the SOI. In this context, the first purpose of this section is then to prove the lower efficiency of the two-input pseudo-MLSE receiver with respect to the conventional one for CCI mitigation for most of frequency selective propagation channels, even for \( N = 1 \). The second purpose of this section is then to prove the lower efficiency of the two-input pseudo-MLSE receiver for QR signals with respect to R ones. Under the previous assumption, \( \mathbf{n}(t) \) can be written as

\[ \mathbf{n}(t) = \sum_k c_k \mathbf{g}_k(t - kT) + \mathbf{u}(t). \] (30)
Here, \( c_k = d_k \) for R signals whereas \( c_k = j^k d_k \) for QR signals, where \( d_k \) are real-valued zero-mean i.i.d. random variables, corresponding to the CCI symbols for an R interference and directly related to the CCI symbols for a QR interference, \( g_{j}(t) \triangleq v(t) \otimes h_I(t), h_f(t) \) is the \( N \times 1 \) impulse response of the propagation channel of the CCI and \( u(t) \) is the \( N \times 1 \) background noise vector, assumed stationary, temporally and spatially white. From (30), it is proved in Appendix A, that for both a R and a QR CCI and for \( M = 1, 2 \), the matrices \( R_{\eta_f}(f) \) and \( C_{\eta_f}(f) \) appearing in (28) can be written as
\[
R_{\eta_f}(f) = \frac{\pi d}{I f} \mathbf{g}_{f} (f + \frac{\alpha_i}{2}) \mathbf{g}_{I f}^{H} (f - \frac{\alpha_i}{2}) + N_0 \delta(\alpha_i) I_{MN},
\]
\[
C_{\eta_f}(f) = \frac{\pi d}{I f} \mathbf{g}_{f} (f + \frac{\alpha_i}{2}) \mathbf{g}_{I f}^{H} (f - \frac{\alpha_i}{2}) + N_0 \delta(\alpha_i) \delta(M - 2) J_{2N},
\]

Here \( \pi_d \triangleq \mathbb{E}[\mu_{\eta_f}^{2}] \), \( N_0 \) is the power spectral density of each component of the background noise \( u(t) \), \( \mathbf{g}_{f}(f) \) is defined as \( \mathbf{g}_{f}(f) \) but with \( g_{j}(f) \) instead of \( g(f) \) and \( J_{2N} \) is the \( (2N \times 2N) \) matrix defined by
\[
J_{2N} \triangleq \begin{bmatrix} 0_{N} & I_{N} \\ I_{N} & 0_{N} \end{bmatrix}.
\]

**B. SINR computation and analysis for \( M = 2 \) and a strong interference**

Let us assume in this section that \( M = 2 \) and let us define the quantity \( \varepsilon_{f}(f) \) by
\[
\varepsilon_{f}(f) \triangleq \frac{\pi_d}{N_0} \mathbf{g}_{f}^{H} (f) \mathbf{g}_{f}(f).
\]

We denote by \( B_{f}^{0} \) the set of frequencies \( f \) such that \( \mathbf{g}_{f}(f) \) is non-zero. Assuming a strong CCI for which \( \varepsilon_{f}(f) \gg 1 \) when \( \varepsilon_{f}(f) \neq 0 \) for \( f \in B_{f}^{0} \), it is proved in Appendix B that SINR_{f} can be approximated, for both R and QR strong CCI, by
\[
\text{SINR}_{f} \approx \frac{\pi b}{N_0} \int_{B_{f}^{0}} \mathbf{g}_{f}^{H} (f) \mathbf{g}_{f}(f) [1 - |\bar{\alpha}_{SI}(f)|^2] df,
\]

as long as SINR_{f} is non-zero. Here, \( \bar{\alpha}_{SI}(f) \), such that \( 0 \leq |\bar{\alpha}_{SI}(f)| \leq 1 \), is the extended spatial correlation coefficient between the SOI and the CCI for the frequency \( f \) and the observation model \( \mathbf{x}_{f}(t) \), defined by
\[
\bar{\alpha}_{SI}(f) \triangleq \frac{\mathbf{g}_{f}^{H} (f) \mathbf{g}_{f}(f)}{\sqrt{\mathbf{g}_{f}^{H} (f) \mathbf{g}_{f}(f)} \sqrt{\mathbf{g}_{f}^{H} (f) \mathbf{g}_{f}(f)}}.
\]

For \( N = 1 \), a receiver performs SAIC as the CCI becomes infinitely strong if the associated SINR_{f} does not converge toward zero. Expression (35) then shows that for \( M = 2 \) and for both R and QR signals, the WL filter (20) performs SAIC for SOI and CCI propagation channels such that \( |\bar{\alpha}_{SI}(f)| \) is not constant and equal to 1 over \( B_{f}^{0} \), i.e. for most of propagation channels. This result, which, to the best of our knowledge, has never been published in the literature, enlightens, for both R and QR signals, the interest and the effectiveness of the associated two-input pseudo-MLSE receivers for most of frequency selective SOI and CCI propagation channels.

**C. SINR computation and analysis for \( M = 1, 2 \) and channels with no delay spread**

1) Propagation channel model: To get more insights into the comparative behavior of the \( M \)-input pseudo-MLSE receivers (\( M = 1, 2 \)) for R and QR signals, we assume in this section IV-C a square root raised cosine (SRCR) pulse shaping filter (1/2 Nyquist filter) \( v(t) \) with a roll off \( \omega \) and, to simplify the analysis and the analytical computations, propagation channels with no delay spread such that
\[
h(t) = \mu \delta(t) h \quad \text{and} \quad h_f(t) = \mu_I \delta(t - \tau_I) h_I.
\]

Here, \( \mu \) and \( \mu_I \) control the amplitude of the SOI and CCI respectively and \( \tau_I \) is the delay of the CCI with respect to the SOI. The vectors \( h \) and \( h_I \), random or deterministic, with components \( h(i) \) and \( h_I(i) \) \( (1 \leq i \leq N) \), respectively and such that \( \mathbb{E}[|h(i)|^2] = \mathbb{E}[|h_I(i)|^2] = 1 \), correspond to the channel vectors of the SOI and CCI, respectively. The mean powers of the SOI and CCI at the output of each antenna are given by \( P_s \triangleq \mathbb{E}[|\mu_s h(I)|^2] = \mu_s^2 \pi_0 / T \) and \( P_I \triangleq \mathbb{E}[|\mu_I h_I|^2] = \mu_I^2 \pi_0 / T \) respectively, where \( j(t) \) is defined by (8) with \( c_k \) instead of \( \alpha_k \).

2) Deterministic channels and zero roll-off: Under the previous assumptions, analytical interpretable expressions of SINR_{f} defined by (28) are only possible for a zero roll-off \( \omega \), which is assumed in this sub-section. Otherwise, the computation of (28) can only be done numerically by computer simulations and will be discussed in the following sub-section. For a zero roll-off, the quantities \( \pi_s \triangleq \mu^2 \pi_0, \pi_I \triangleq \mu_I^2 \pi_0 \) and \( N_0 \) correspond to the mean power of the SOI, the CCI and the background noise per antenna at the output of the pulse shaping matched filter respectively. We then denote by \( \varepsilon_s \) and \( \varepsilon_I \) the quantities \( \varepsilon_s \triangleq \pi_s h^H h / N_0 \) and \( \varepsilon_I \triangleq \pi_I h^H h_I / N_0 \) and by SINR_{R_f} and SINR_{QR_f} the SINR (28) at the output of the \( M \)-input pseudo-MLSE receiver for R and QR signals respectively. Moreover, we assume in this sub-section deterministic channels and we denote by \( \alpha_{sl} \) the spatial correlation coefficient between the SOI and the CCI, such that \( 0 \leq |\alpha_{sl}| \leq 1 \), and defined by
\[
\alpha_{sl} \triangleq \frac{h^H h_f}{\sqrt{h^H h_I} \sqrt{h_f^H h_f}} \triangleq |\alpha_{sl}| e^{j \phi_{sl}}.
\]

Note that (36) reduces to (38) for \( M = 1 \) and propagation channels (37).

When \( |\alpha_{sl}| \neq 1 \), i.e. when there exists a spatial discrimination between the SOI and the CCI (which requires \( N > 1 \)), assuming a strong CCI (\( \varepsilon_I \gg 1 \)), we obtain from (20), (28), (31), (32), (37), (38), and after straightforward derivations, the following expressions:
\[
\text{SINR}_{R_f} \approx \text{SINR}_{QR_f} \approx 2\varepsilon_s \left[ 1 - |\alpha_{sl}|^2 \right],
\]
\[
\text{SINR}_{R_f} \approx 2\varepsilon_s \left[ 1 - |\alpha_{sl}|^2 \cos^2 (\phi_{sl}) \right],
\]
\[
\text{SINR}_{QR_f} \approx 2\varepsilon_s \left[ 1 - \frac{|\alpha_{sl}|^2}{2} \left[ 1 + \cos^2 (\psi_{sl}) \right] \right],
\]

where \( \psi_{sl} \triangleq \phi_{sl} - \pi t / 2T \). However, when \( |\alpha_{sl}| = 1 \), i.e. when there is no spatial discrimination between the SOI and
the CCI, which is in particular the case for \( N = 1 \), after simple computations, SINR\(_R\) and SINR\(_{QR}\) can be written as

\[
\text{SINR}_R = \frac{2\varepsilon_s}{1 + 2\varepsilon_I \cos^2(\phi_s)} ,
\]

\[
\text{SINR}_{QR} = \frac{2\varepsilon_s}{1 + \varepsilon_I \left[ 1 - \cos \left( \frac{\pi I}{2} \right) + 2 \cos \left( \frac{\pi I}{2} \right) \cos^2(\phi_I) \right]} ,
\]

whereas, assuming a strong CCI \( (\varepsilon_I \gg 1) \), SINR\(_R\) and SINR\(_{QR}\) can be written as

\[
\text{SINR}_R \approx \frac{2\varepsilon_s}{1 - \cos^2(\phi_s)} , \quad \phi_s \neq k\pi ,
\]

\[
\text{SINR}_{QR} \approx \frac{2\varepsilon_s}{1 - 1 + \cos^2(\psi_s)} , \quad \psi_s \neq k\pi .
\]

Finally, for R signals such that \( |\alpha_s| = 1 \) and \( \phi_s = k\pi \) and for QR signals such that \( |\alpha_s| = 1 \) and \( \psi_s = k\pi \), we obtain

\[
\text{SINR}_R = \frac{2\varepsilon_s}{1 + 2\varepsilon_I} , \quad \phi_s = k\pi ,
\]

\[
\text{SINR}_{QR} = \frac{2\varepsilon_s}{2\varepsilon_I [3 + 2 \cos(4\phi_s)]} , \quad \psi_s = k\pi .
\]

Note that (39), (40), (42), (44) and (46), i.e. output SINR for R signals, have been obtained in [8] but from a DT MMSE approach. However, concerning the output SINR of QR signals, (45) and (47) have been given in [37], [38] but without any proof, whereas (41) and (43) have never been presented and are completely new. A receiver performs MAIC (for \( N > 1 \)) or SAIC (for \( N = 1 \)) as \( \varepsilon_I \to \infty \), if the associated SINR does not converge toward zero. We deduce from (39), (42) and (43) that, for both R and QR signals, the conventional receivers perform MAIC as soon as \( |\alpha_s| \neq 1 \), but perform SAIC very scarcely, only when \( \phi_s = (2k+1)\pi/2 \) for R signals and when \( (\tau_I/T, \phi_s) = (2k_1, (2k_2 + 1)\pi/2) \) or \((2k_1 + 1, 2k_2)\pi\) for QR signals, where \( k, k_1 \) and \( k_2 \) are integers. Moreover, we deduce from (40), (41), (44) and (45) that, for both R and QR signals, the two-input pseudo-MLSE receivers perform MAIC as soon as \( |\alpha_s| \neq 1 \), but perform SAIC as long as \( \phi_s \neq k\pi \) for R signals and \( \psi_s \neq k\pi \) for QR signals, enlightening the great interest of the two-input WL filtering (20) in both cases. However, despite similar processing (20) and similar extended models (11) and (15) for R and QR signals respectively, the output SINRs (40) and (41), for \( |\alpha_s| \neq 1 \), and (44) and (45), for \( |\alpha_s| = 1 \), correspond to different expressions. This proves the non equivalence of R and derotated QR signals for the efficient WL filtering (20) in the presence of CCI, result which may be surprising for most of researchers on WL filtering. In particular, for a zero roll-off \( \omega \), while (40) only depends on \( 2\varepsilon_s \), the maximum output SINR obtained without interference, and the parameters \( \alpha_s \) and \( \phi_s \), (41) depends not only on the previous parameters but also on \( \tau_I/T \).

Figure 2 and 3 show the variations of SINR\(_{R,M}\) and SINR\(_{QR,M}\) \((M = 1, 2)\) as a function of \( \phi_s \) for \( N = 1 \), \( \varepsilon_s = 10 \, \text{dB} \), \( \varepsilon_I = 20 \, \text{dB} \) for synchronous (\( \tau_I = 0 \)) and asynchronous (\( \tau_I = T \)) SOI and CCI, respectively. Let us note that for \( \tau_I = T \), the curves related to QR signals are simply shifted of \( -\pi/2 \) with respect to those obtained for \( \tau_I = 0 \). Contrary to the conventional receiver, we note a SAIC capability of the two-input pseudo-MLSE receiver for both R and QR signals as soon as there is a phase discrimination between the sources. For \( \tau_I = 0 \), we note better performance obtained for R signals with respect to QR signals and, for QR signals, the surprising better performance obtained with a 1-input instead of a 2-input pseudo-MLSE receiver for the very particular case \( \phi_s = \pi/2 \). This surprising result for this very specific case is nothing else than an artefact due to the sub-optimality of the pseudo-MLSE approach for a SO cyclostationary and non-circular total noise. For \( \tau_I = T \), the same very specific artefact holds for \( \phi_s = 0 \) (i.e. for \( \psi_s = \pi/2 \)) for the same reasons and the performance obtained for QR signals may be either better or worse than those obtained with R signals, depending on the value of \( \phi_s \).

For this reason, to compare SINR\(_R\) and SINR\(_{QR}\) for \( \omega = 0 \) and \( \varepsilon_I \gg 1 \) whatever the value of \( \tau_I \), we must adopt a statistical perspective. Consequently, we now assume that \( \varepsilon_I \to \infty \) and \( \phi_s \) and \( \pi \tau_I/2T \) are independent random variables uniformly distributed on \([0, 2\pi]\). Under these assumptions, we easily deduce from (40), (41), (44) and (45) the
expectation value of the output SINRrs given by
\[
E[\text{SINR}_R] \approx 2\varepsilon_s \left[ 1 - \frac{|\alpha_s|^2}{2} \right], \quad (48)
\]
\[
E[\text{SINR}_{QR}] \approx 2\varepsilon_s \left[ 1 - \frac{3|\alpha_s|^2}{4} \right], \quad (49)
\]
which reduce, for \( N = 1 \), to
\[
E[\text{SINR}_R] \approx \varepsilon_s \quad \text{and} \quad E[\text{SINR}_{QR}] \approx \varepsilon_s^2 \frac{1}{2} \quad (50)
\]
We clearly observe that \( E[\text{SINR}_{QR}] < E[\text{SINR}_R] \) for \( |\alpha_s| \neq 0 \), which definitely proves, at least for a zero roll-off, that QR signals are less efficient than R ones for the WL receiver (20) in the presence of one CCI, result which is unknown by most of the researchers. As, for \( \tau_I \neq 0 \), the curve showing the variations of SINR_{QR} as a function of \( \phi_{sI} \) is a shifted version, by the value \(-\pi\tau_I/2T\), of the same curve for \( \tau_I = 0 \). \( E[\text{SINR}_{QR}] \) would be the same as (49) and (50) for a fixed value of \( \tau_I \), assuming that \( \phi_{sI} \) is uniformly distributed on \([0,2\pi]\). This proves that the delay \( \tau_I \) does not impact the average value of SINR_{QR}.

3) Deterministic channels and arbitrary roll-off: To extend the previous results for arbitrary values of the roll-off \( \omega \), we still assume that \( \phi_{sI} \) and \( \pi\tau_I/2T \) are independent random variables uniformly distributed on \([0,2\pi]\). Under these assumptions, choosing \( \varepsilon_s = 10 \) dB and \( \varepsilon_I = 20 \) dB, Figure 4 shows, for R and QR signals, for \( N = 1, M = 1, 2 \) and \( \omega = 0, 0.5 \), the variations of \( P_r[(\text{SINR}_R)/2\varepsilon_s] \geq x \) dB \( \equiv P_r(x) \) as a function of \( x \) (dB). Note that the curves appearing in this Figure are obtained from Monte-Carlo simulations where SINR_R has been computed from the general expressions (28) and (29).

![Fig. 4: P_{F,LR}(x) as a function of x (N = 1, \varepsilon_s = 10 dB, \varepsilon_I = 20 dB, \omega = 0, 0.5, deterministic one-tap channels, R and QR signals)](image)

Note, for both R and QR signals, poor performance whatever \( \omega \) for \( M = 1 \), i.e. for the conventional receiver. Note for \( M = 2 \), increasing and constant performance with \( \omega \) for QR and R signals respectively, and the best performance of the receiver implemented from (11) with respect to (15) whatever \( \omega \). This confirms, for arbitrary values of \( \omega \), the lowest efficiency of QR signals with respect to R ones for SAIC from the two-input pseudo-MLSE receiver. Note in particular, for \( \omega = 0.5 \) and \( x = -3 \) dB, that \( P_{QR}(x) = P_{R_1}(x) = 0\% \), \( P_{QR_2}(x) = 26\% \) and \( P_{R_2}(x) = 50\% \), proving the much better performance of the receiver implemented from (11) with respect to (15).

V. ENHANCED SAIC/MAIC RECEIVER FOR QR SIGNALS

We describe in this section the reasons why QR signals may be less efficient than R ones for standard WL filtering in the presence of CCI and we propose, for QR signals, a WL filtering enhancement to make them always almost equivalent to R signals.

A. The lower efficiency of QR signals

The lower efficiency of QR signals with respect to R ones for SAIC/MAIC from the two-input pseudo-MLSE receiver is directly related to the different SO non-circularity and SO cyclostationarity properties of QR and R signals. Indeed, the main information about the SO non-circularity of R signals is contained in the conjugate SO cyclic frequency \( \beta_0 = 0 \) whatever the real-valued filter \( v(t) \), and this is all the more true as the filter roll-off \( \omega \) decreases. As the two-input pseudo-MLSE receiver applied to the model (11) exploits the information contained in \( (\alpha_0, \beta_0) = (0, 0) \), it always exploits most of the SO non-circularity information of R signals, hence its very good performance. On the contrary, the main information about the SO non-circularity of QR signals is always symmetrically contained in the two conjugate SO cyclic frequencies \( (\beta_0, -\beta_1) = (1/2T, -1/2T) \), as illustrated in [51], [52], or equivalently in \( (\beta_{d_0}, \beta_{d_{-1}}) = (0, -1/T) \) for derotated QR signals. As a consequence, as the two-input pseudo-MLSE receiver applied to the model (15) exploits the information contained in \( (\alpha_{d_0}, \beta_{d_0}) = (0, 0) \), or in \( (\alpha_0, \beta_0) = (0, 1/2T) \), it only exploits half of the main SO non-circularity information of QR signals, hence its sub-optimality.

B. Three-input FRESH model

To overcome, for QR signals, the limitations of the two-input pseudo-MLSE receiver implemented from model (15), it is necessary to implement a WL receiver which is able to take full account of the main SO non-circularity information of QR signals. Such a receiver can be obtained by implementing the pseudo-MLSE receiver from the three-input FRESH model defined by

\[
x_{F3}(t) \triangleq [x^T(t), e^{j2\pi t/T}x^H(t), e^{-j2\pi t/T}x^H(t)]^T
\]

\[= j^{HT}x^T(t), e^{j2\pi t/T}x^H(t)]^T \triangleq j^{HT}x_{DF3}(t), \quad (51)
\]
or equivalently from \( x_{DF3}(t) \). Here, \( x_{F3}(t) \) corresponds to \( x_{F3}(t) \) with \( n(t) \) instead of \( x(t) \) whereas \( g_{F3}(t) \) is defined as

\[
g_{F3}(t) \equiv [g_T(t), e^{j2\pi t/2T}g_H(t), e^{-j2\pi t/2T}g^H(t)]^T.
\]

It is straightforward to verify that the temporal mean of the first correlation matrices, \( R_{x_{F3}}(t, \tau) \triangleq E[x_{F3}(t + \tau/2)x_{F3}^H(t - \tau/2)] \) and \( R_{x_{DF3}}(t, \tau) \triangleq E[x_{DF3}(t + \tau/2)x_{DF3}^H(t - \tau/2)] \), of \( x_{F3}(t) \) and \( x_{DF3}(t) \) respectively exploit the information contained in \( (\alpha_0, \alpha_{-1}, \alpha_1, \beta_0, -\beta_1) = (0, -1/T, 1/T, 1/2T, -1/2T) \).
which allows us to exploit almost exhaustively both the SO
cyclostationarity and the SO non-circularity properties of QR
signals. Note that a TI linear processing of $x_{p3}(t)$ (resp.
$x_{DF3}(t)$) becomes now a time variant (TV) WL processing of
$x(t)$ (resp. $x_{d}(t)$), called here three-input WL FRESH
processing of $x(t)$ (resp. $x_{d}(t)$). Note finally that, since model
(51) allows us to take into account, at least for SRRC filters,
the main information about SO cyclostationarity and SO non-
circularity of QR signals, there is little interest to consider
$M$-input FRESH models with $M > 3$ for SAIC/MAIC.

C. Three-input pseudo-MLSE receiver

Applying the generic pseudo-MLSE approach described
in section III-B to model (51) gives rise, for QR signals,
to the three-input pseudo-MLSE receiver. This receiver still
generates the sequence $b \triangleq (b_1, ..., b_K)$ which minimizes
(17) but where $z_{p}(k)$, now denoted by $z_{p3}(k)$, is defined by
$z_{p3}(k) \triangleq \Re[j^{-k}y_{F3}(k)]$, where $y_{F3}(k)$ is given by

$$y_{F3}(k) = \int g_{F3}^{H}(f)[R_{0}^{0}_{nF3}(f)]^{-1}x_{F3}(f)e^{j2\pi f/kT}df.$$  

(52)

Here, $R_{0}^{0}_{nF3}(f)$ is the power spectral density matrix of $n_{F3}(t)$, while $r_{k,k'}$ is now defined by

$$r_{k,k'} = j^{-k-k'}\int g_{F3}^{H}(f)[R_{0}^{0}_{nF3}(f)]^{-1}g_{F3}(f)e^{j2\pi f(k-k')}df.$$  

(53)

Noting that $y_{F3}(k)$ is the sampled version, at time $t = kT$, of the output of the TI filter whose frequency response is

$$w_{F3}^{H}(f) \triangleq [(R_{0}^{0}_{nF3}(f))^{-1}g_{F3}(f)]^{H},$$

(54)

and whose input is $x_{F3}(t)$, the structure of the three-input pseudo-MLSE receiver is then depicted at Figure 5. It is composed of the TI WL filter (54), followed by a sampling at the symbol rate, a derotation operation, a real part capture and a decision box implementing the Viterbi algorithm since

$$r_{k,k'} = r_{k',k}. \quad \text{Fig. 5: Structure of the three-input pseudo-MLSE receiver for QR signals}$$

Note that the implementation of the three-input pseudo-
MLSE receiver requires the knowledge or the estimation of
g_{F3}(f)$ and $R_{0}^{0}_{nF3}(f)$ for each frequency $f$. This implementation is again out of the scope of the paper but it requires the estimation of the channel impulse response of both the SO
and the CCI and the estimation of the background noise power spectral density.

D. SINR at the output of the three-input pseudo-MLSE receiver

It is easy to verify from (51), (52) and (53) that $z_{p3}(n)$ can
be written as (21) where $z_{n,F}(n)$ is replaced by $z_{n,F3}(n) = \Re[j^{-n}y_{n,F3}(n)]$ and where $y_{n,F3}(n)$ is defined by (52) for
$k = n$ with $n_{F3}(f)$ instead of $x_{p3}(f)$. The SINR on the
current symbol $n$ at the output of the three-input pseudo-
MLSE receiver is then defined by

$$\text{SINR}_{F3}(n) \triangleq \frac{\pi b r_{n,n}^{2}}{E[z_{n,F3}^{2}(n)]}$$

$$= \frac{2\pi b r_{n,n}^{2}}{E[y_{n,F3}(n)]^2} + (-1)^{n}Re \left( E[y_{n,F3}^{2}(n)] \right).$$  

(55)

In the presence of QR CCI, the total noise, $y_{n,F3}(t)$, at the output of (54) is SO cyclostationary, which implies that $E[y_{n,F3}(n)]^2$ and $E[y_{n,F3}(n)]$ have Fourier series expansions given by (23) and (24) respectively, where $r_{y_{n,F3}}(f)$ and $c_{n_{y_{n,F3}}}^{\delta_{1}}(f)$ are replaced by $r_{y_{n,F3}}^{\gamma_{1}}(f)$ and $c_{y_{n,F3}}^{\delta_{1}}(f)$ respectively. Here, the quantities $\gamma_{1}$ and $\delta_{1}$ now denote the non-conjugate and conjugate SO cyclic frequencies of $y_{n,F3}(t)$ respectively, whereas $r_{y_{n,F3}}^{\gamma_{1}}(f)$ and $c_{y_{n,F3}}^{\delta_{1}}(f)$ are the Fourier transforms of the first, $r_{y_{n,F3}}^{\gamma_{1}}(f)$, and second, $c_{y_{n,F3}}^{\delta_{1}}(f)$, cyclic correlation functions of $y_{n,F3}(t)$ for the delay $\tau$, and the cyclic frequencies $\gamma_{1}$ and $\delta_{1}$ respectively. Moreover, as $y_{n,F3}(t)$ is the output of the TI filter (54), whose input is $n_{F3}(t)$, we can write

$$r_{y_{n,F3}}^{\gamma_{1}}(f) = w_{F3}^{H}(f + \frac{\gamma_{1}}{2})R_{\gamma_{1}}^{\gamma_{1}}(f)w_{F3}(f - \frac{\gamma_{1}}{2}), \quad (56)$$

$$c_{y_{n,F3}}^{\delta_{1}}(f) = w_{F3}^{H}(f + \frac{\delta_{1}}{2})C_{\delta_{1}}^{\delta_{1}}(f)w_{F3}(f - \frac{\delta_{1}}{2}), \quad (57)$$

where $R_{\gamma_{1}}^{\gamma_{1}}(f)$ and $C_{\delta_{1}}^{\delta_{1}}(f)$ are the Fourier transforms of the first, $R_{\gamma_{1}}^{\gamma_{1}}(f)$, and second, $C_{\delta_{1}}^{\delta_{1}}(f)$, cyclic correlation matrices of $n_{F3}(t)$ for the delay $\tau$ and the cyclic frequency $\gamma_{1}$ and $\delta_{1}$, respectively. Using (53), (23), (24), (56) and (57) into (55), we obtain an alternative expression of (55) given by

$$\text{SINR}_{F3}(n) =$$

$$\frac{2\pi b}{\sum_{n=1}^{2} \Re[j^{n}y_{n,F3}(n)]} \left\{ \sum_{\gamma_{1}} e^{j2\pi \gamma_{1} nT} \int w_{F3}^{H}(f + \frac{\gamma_{1}}{2})R_{\gamma_{1}}^{\gamma_{1}}(f)w_{F3}(f - \frac{\gamma_{1}}{2}) df + \Re[\sum_{\delta_{1}} e^{j2\pi \delta_{1} nT} \int w_{F3}^{H}(f + \frac{\delta_{1}}{2})C_{\delta_{1}}^{\delta_{1}}(f)w_{F3}(f - \frac{\delta_{1}}{2}) df] \right\}.$$  

(58)

In the presence of CCI having same nature (QR), symbol period and carrier frequency as the SO, the non-conjugate $\gamma_{1}$ and conjugate $\delta_{1}$ SO cyclic frequencies at the output $y_{n,F3}(t)$ of the filter $w_{F3}(f)$ are those of the input $n_{F3}(t)$ which are from (13) and (14) $\gamma_{i} = \alpha_{i} / T$ and $\delta_{i} = \beta_{i} / (2t+1)/2T$, $i \in Z$. This implies that $\text{SINR}_{F3}(n)$, given by (58) does not depend on $n$ and is simply denoted by $\text{SINR}_{F3}$, given by

$$\text{SINR}_{F3} = \frac{2\pi b}{\sum_{n=1}^{2} \Re[j^{n}y_{n,F3}(n)]} \left\{ \sum_{\gamma_{1}} e^{j2\pi \gamma_{1} nT} \int w_{F3}^{H}(f + \frac{\gamma_{1}}{2})R_{\gamma_{1}}^{\gamma_{1}}(f)w_{F3}(f - \frac{\gamma_{1}}{2}) df + \Re[\sum_{\delta_{1}} e^{j2\pi \delta_{1} nT} \int w_{F3}^{H}(f + \frac{\delta_{1}}{2})C_{\delta_{1}}^{\delta_{1}}(f)w_{F3}(f - \frac{\delta_{1}}{2}) df] \right\}.$$  

(59)

E. SINR at the output of the three-input pseudo-MLSE receiver

for one CCI

1) Observation model and statistics: Using again the model
(30) with $c_{k} = j^{k}c_{k}$, where the total noise $n(t)$ is composed of a background noise and one multi-user QR CCI having the same symbol period and carrier frequency as the SO, we have proved with the same approach as in Appendix A, that
the matrices $R_{\alpha M}^\alpha (f)$ and $C_{\alpha M}^\beta (f)$ appearing in (59) can be written as

$$R_{\alpha M}^\alpha (f) = \frac{\pi d}{T} g_{I M}^x (f + \frac{\alpha_1}{2}) g_{I M}^H (f - \frac{\alpha_1}{2})$$

(60)

$$+ N_0 \delta(\alpha_1) I_{3 N} + N_0 \delta(\alpha_1 - \frac{1}{T}) J_1 + N_0 \delta(\alpha_1 + \frac{1}{T}) J_1^T,$$

$$C_{\alpha M}^\beta (f) = \frac{\pi d}{T} g_{I M}^x (f + \frac{\beta_1}{2}) g_{I M}^H (\frac{\beta_1}{2} - f)$$

(61)

$$+ N_0 \delta(\beta_1 - \frac{1}{2T}) J_2 + N_0 \delta(\beta_1 + \frac{1}{2T}) J_3.$$ 

Here, $g_{I M}^x (f) \triangleq [g_{I M}^x (f), g_{I M}^H (1/2T - f), g_{I M}^H (-1/2T - f)]^T$ whereas $J_1$, $J_2$ and $J_3$ are the $(3N \times 3N)$ matrices defined by

$$J_1 \triangleq \begin{bmatrix} 0_N & 0_N & 0_N \\
0_N & I_N & 0_N \\
0_N & 0_N & 0_N \end{bmatrix}; J_2 \triangleq \begin{bmatrix} 0_N & I_N & 0_N \\
I_N & 0_N & 0_N \\
I_N & 0_N & 0_N \end{bmatrix}; J_3 \triangleq \begin{bmatrix} 0_N & 0_N & I_N \\
0_N & 0_N & 0_N \\
0_N & 0_N & 0_N \end{bmatrix}$$

(62)

2) Deterministic channels and zero roll-off: Assuming a SRRC pulse shaping filter $v(t)$ with a zero roll-off, deterministic propagation channels with no delay spread such that (37) holds, and denoting by SINR$_{QR}$, the SINR at the output of the 3-input pseudo-MLSE receiver for QR signals, SINR$_{QR}$ can be computed from (37), (38), (54), (58), (59), (60), (61).

When $|\alpha_M| \neq 1$, assuming a strong CCI ($\varepsilon_I \gg 1$), we obtain the following expression whose main steps of the proof are given in Appendix C

$$\text{SINR}_{QR} \approx 2\varepsilon_I \left[ 1 - \left| \alpha_M \right|^2 \left( \frac{(1 - |\phi_{si}|^2)(1 + \Gamma)^2 + (2 - \Gamma)\Gamma}{(1 - |\phi_{si}|^2)(5 + 2\Gamma) + (2 - \Gamma)\Gamma} \right) \right]$$

(63)

where $\Gamma \triangleq \cos^2(\psi_{si}) + \cos^2(\zeta_{si})$, where we recall that $\psi_{si} \triangleq \phi_{si} - \pi T_I/2T$ whereas $\zeta_{si} \triangleq \phi_{si} + \pi T_I/2T$.

When $|\alpha_M| = 1$ and $\varepsilon_I \gg 1$, (63) reduces to

$$\text{SINR}_{QR} \approx 2\varepsilon_I \left( 1 - \frac{\cos^2(\psi_{si}) + \cos^2(\zeta_{si})}{2} \right)$$

$$\left( \psi_{si}, \zeta_{si} \right) \neq (k\pi, k\pi),$$

(64)

$$\text{SINR}_{QR} \approx \frac{\varepsilon_I}{\varepsilon_I} \left( \psi_{si}, \zeta_{si} \right) = (k\pi, k\pi).$$

(65)

Note that the value of SINR$_{QR}$ for $|\alpha_M| \neq 1$ (63) reduces to its value for $|\alpha_M| = 1$ (64) except for $\psi_{si} = \zeta_{si} = k\pi$. We deduce from (63) that the three-input pseudo-MLSE receiver for QR signals performs MAIC as soon as $|\alpha_M| \neq 1$, while (64) and (65) show that for $|\alpha_M| = 1$, it performs SAIC as long as $(\psi_{si}, \zeta_{si}) \neq (k\pi, k\pi)$, enlightening its interest. Moreover, comparing (45) and (64), we see that SINR$_{QR} \geq$ SINR$_{QR}$, for $|\alpha_M| = 1$, proving the best performance of the three-input pseudo MLSE receiver with respect to the two-input one. In particular, for $|\alpha_M| = 1$ and synchronous signals ($T_I = 0$), (44) and (64) show that SINR$_{QR} \approx$ SINR$_{QR}$, proving that the three-input receiver for QR signals behaves similarly as the two-input receiver for R signals.

To compare, for $\omega = 0$ and $\varepsilon_I \gg 1$, SINR$_{QR}$ with SINR$_{QR}$ and SINR$_{R2}$ whatever the value of $\tau_I$, we must again adopt a statistical perspective. Consequently, we now assume that $|\alpha_M| = 1$, $\varepsilon_I \rightarrow \infty$ and $\phi_{si}$ and $\pi T_I/2T$ are independent random variables uniformly distributed on $[0, 2\pi]$. Under these assumptions, we easily deduce from (64) the expectation of SINR$_{QR}$ given by

$$E[\text{SINR}_{QR}] \approx \varepsilon_I,$$

(66)

and we deduce from (50) and (66) that $E[\text{SINR}_{QR}] < E[\text{SINR}_{R2}] \approx E[\text{SINR}_{R2}]$ for $|\alpha_M| = 1$, which definitely proves, at least for a zero roll-off, that the three-input pseudo-MLSE receiver for QR signals gives similar performance, in the mean, than the two-input pseudo-MLSE receiver for R signals, hence the great interest of the three-input receiver.

3) Deterministic channels and arbitrary roll-off: To extend the previous results for arbitrary values of both the roll-off $\omega$ and $\varepsilon_I$, we still assume that $\phi_{si}$ and $\pi T_I/2T$ are independent random variables uniformly distributed on $[0, 2\pi]$. Under these assumptions, choosing $\varepsilon_I = 10 \text{ dB}$, Figure 6 shows, for R and QR signals, for $N = 1$, $M = 1, 2$ for R signals and $M = 1, 2, 3$ for QR signals, and for $\omega = 0, 0.5, 1$ the variations of $P_{F_I}(x)$ as a function of $x$ (dB) for $\varepsilon_I = 20 \text{ dB}$. To complete these results, Figure 7 shows the same variations in the same context but for $\omega = 0$ and several values of $\varepsilon_I$ corresponding to $\varepsilon_I = 10 \text{ dB}$, $20 \text{ dB}$ and $30 \text{ dB}$, respectively.
roll-off $\omega$ and $\varepsilon_I$, is applied in this sub-section, and under the same assumptions, to Rayleigh fading channels instead of deterministic channels and for R and QR signals. In this case, each component of $h$ and $h_I$ are i.i.d. random variables and follows a circular complex Gaussian distribution such that $\varepsilon_I = \pi E[|h|^2]/N_0 = N\pi_s/N_0$ and $\varepsilon_I = \pi E[|h|^2]/N_0 = N\pi_s/N_0$. Under these assumptions, Figure 8 shows the same variations as Figure 6 but for Rayleigh fading channels while Figure 9 reports results analogous to Figure 7 for Rayleigh fading channels and $\varepsilon_I = 10$ dB and 30 dB. Again these figures show the better performance obtained, for QR signals, with $M = 3$ with respect to $M = 2$ whatever the value of both the roll-off $\omega$ and $\varepsilon_I$ and the even better performance obtained with $M = 3$ for QR signals with respect to $M = 2$ for R ones in most cases.

Fig. 7: $P_{F,0}(x)$ as a function of $x$ ($N = 1$, $\varepsilon_s = 10$ dB, $\omega = 0$, $\varepsilon_I = 10, 20, 30$ dB, deterministic one-tap channels, R and QR signals)

(a) $\varepsilon_I = 10$ dB 
(b) $\varepsilon_I = 30$ dB

Fig. 9: $P_{F,0}(x)$ as a function of $x$ ($N = 1$, $\varepsilon_s = 10$ dB, $\omega = 0$, $\varepsilon_I = 10, 30$ dB, Rayleigh one-tap channels, R and QR signals)

VI. COMPLEXITY ELEMENTS AND OUTPUT SER OF THE PSEUDO-MLSE RECEIVERS FOR ONE CCI

We give in this section some complexity elements of the $M$-input pseudo-MLSE receiver and we verify that, in the presence of one CCI, the results obtained in section V through the output SINR criterion are still valid for the output symbol error rate (SER) criterion. To this aim, after giving some insights into the global complexity of the $M$-input pseudo-MLSE receiver, we analyse, for both R and QR signals, the ISI length the Viterbi algorithm has to take into account at the output of the $M$-input pseudo-MLSE receiver. Finally we present some comparative performance in terms of output SER.

A. Complexity elements of the $M$-input pseudo-MLSE receiver for one CCI

The complexity of the $M$-input pseudo-MLSE receiver for one CCI is the sum of three terms. The first one is the complexity required to estimate the global channel impulse responses, $g(t)$ and $g_I(t)$, of the SOI and CCI respectively, jointly with the estimation of the background noise power spectral density. This first term is not dependent on $M$, is the same for all the receivers for R and QR signals and its computation is out of the scope of the paper. The second term is the complexity required to compute the output of the $M$-input pseudo-matched filter defined by (20) for $M = 1, 2$ (R and QR signals) and by (54) for $M = 3$ (QR signals). This complexity, which depends on $M$, is briefly discussed in this sub-section. The third term is the complexity of the Viterbi algorithm which a priori depends on the signal nature (R or QR) and on $M$ and which is analyzed in the next sub-section.

Nevertheless if we take the same Viterbi algorithm for all the receivers, the differential complexity of the receivers is only due to the second term, hence its brief analysis hereafter.

We deduce from (31) and (60) that, for given values of $f$ and $M$ ($M = 1, 2, 3$), the computation of the power
spectral density matrix of the extended total noise requires \((MN)^2 + MN\) complex operations (cops), whereas its inversion requires \(8(MN)^3/3\) cops. The product of this matrix inverse with a vector of the same size requires \(MN(2MN-1)\) cops. Thus, for a given value of \(f\), the \(M\)-input pseudo-matched filter (20) or (54) requires \((MN)^2(3 + 8MN/3)\) cops. In practice (20) and (54) are computed for a given number, \(N_{fft}\), of frequency bins and the associated temporal coefficients are obtained from an inverse FFT. The computation of the \(M\)-input pseudo-matched filter then requires \(N_{fft}((MN)^2(3 + 8MN/3)) + MN \times O(MN \log(MN))\) cops. Finally if we only keep \(N_s\) temporal samples of this filter, each output of the filter requires \(N_s(2N_s-1)\) additional cops. This result shows that the complexity of the \(M\)-input pseudo-MLSE receiver has an order \(O(8(MN)^3/3)\), without taking into account the Viterbi part.

B. Complexity elements of the Viterbi algorithm for the \(M\)-input pseudo-MLSE receivers for one CCI

It is well-known [54] that the complexity of the Viterbi algorithm is directly linked to both the number of symbols of the constellation and the number of non-zero coefficients \(r_{k,k'} = r_{k-k'}\) ((19) and (53)) appearing in the pseudo-MLSE metric (17), which both determine the number of states of the algorithm. To compute analytically these coefficients at the output of the \(M\)-input \((M = 1, 2, 3)\) pseudo-MLSE receivers considered in this paper, we consider the total noise model (30), we assume a SRRC pulse shaping filter \(v(t)\) with a zero roll-off, deterministic propagation channels with no delay spread such that (37) holds and we denote by \(r_{k}^{\text{A}}\) the coefficient \(r_k\) at the output of the \(M\)-input pseudo-MLSE receiver for A (R or QR) signals. Under these assumptions, we obtain the following expressions proved in Appendix D:

\[
r_{R1}^{QR} = r_k^{QR} = \frac{\mu^2 \|h\|^2}{N_0} \left(1 - |\alpha_s|^2 \frac{\epsilon_I}{1 + \epsilon_I}\right) \delta(k),
\]

\[
r_k^{QR} = \frac{\mu^2 \|h\|^2}{N_0} \left[\frac{1 - |\alpha_s|^2}{1 + 2\epsilon_I} \frac{\epsilon_I}{1 + \epsilon_I} \delta(k)\right],
\]

\[
r_k^{QR2} = \frac{\mu^2 \|h\|^2}{N_0} \left[2\delta(k) - |\alpha_s|^2 \text{sinc}(k\pi/2) \left(\frac{(-1)^k \epsilon_I}{1 + \epsilon_I} + \frac{\epsilon_I}{1 + 2\epsilon_I}\right)\right],
\]

\[
r_k^{QR3} = \frac{\mu^2 \|h\|^2}{N_0} \left[3\delta(k) - |\alpha_s|^2 \text{sinc}(k\pi/2) \left(\frac{\epsilon_I}{1 + 2\epsilon_I} + \frac{(-1)^k \epsilon_I}{1 + \epsilon_I}\right) + \frac{2\epsilon_I}{1 + 2\epsilon_I} \left(1 + \cos(2\psi_s)\right)\right],
\]

where \(\text{sinc}(x) \triangleq \sin(x)/x\). Expression (67) indicates that \(r_k^{QR} = r_k^{QR3} = 0\) for \(k \neq 0\), which means that for both R and QR signals, no ISI is present at the output of the associated conventional receiver. In this case, no Viterbi algorithm is required and the decision is done symbol by symbol. This situation also occurs at the output of the two-input pseudo-MLSE receiver for R signals as shown by (68), hence its very simple implementation. However expressions (69) and (70) show that \(r_k^{QR2} = r_k^{QR3} = 0\) for \(k \neq 0\) but, for \(\alpha_s \neq 0\), we obtain in the general case \(r_k^{QR2} \neq 0\) and \(r_k^{QR3} \neq 0\), which shows that ISI is generally present at the output of the \(M\)-input pseudo-MLSE receiver \((M = 2, 3)\) for QR signals and which means that a Viterbi algorithm is required for demodulation. This proves the higher complexity of the two and three-input pseudo-MLSE receiver for QR signals with respect to the two-input receiver for R signals and this gives an additional proof of the non-equivalence of R and QR signals for the two-input pseudo-MLSE receivers. Moreover, assuming \(|\alpha_s| = 1\), a strong interference \((\epsilon_I \gg 1)\) and \((\psi_s, \zeta_s) \neq (k\pi, k\pi)\), we obtain from (69) and (70):

\[
\frac{r_k^{QR3}(r_k^{QR2})}{r_k^{QR3}(r_k^{QR2})} \approx \frac{\sin^2\psi_s - \sin^2\zeta_s}{\sin^2\psi_s + \sin^2\zeta_s} \leq 1,
\]

which shows, for QR signals, a lower power of ISI in general for the three-input pseudo-MLSE receiver with respect to the two-input pseudo-MLSE receiver, hence the great interest of the former also from a complexity point of view. In particular, in the case of synchronous sources \((\tau_1 = 0)\), we obtain \(\psi_s = \zeta_s\) and \(r_k^{QR2} = 0\) whatever the value of \(\phi_s\), whereas \(r_k^{QR2} \neq 0\) for \(\phi_s \neq k\pi\). In this latter case, for QR signals, a Viterbi algorithm is required for \(M = 2\), but not for \(M = 3\).

Note that expressions (69) and (70), obtained for a zero roll-off, correspond to a worst case for the coefficients \(r_k^{QR2}\) and \(r_k^{QR3}\) for \(k \neq 0\). In practice the roll-off of the SRRC pulse shaping filter is greater than zero and the latter values are lower.

For the computer simulations of the following sub-section, we have constrained the memory of the Viterbi algorithm to be equal to 16 symbols, i.e. we have assumed that \(r_k^{QR2} = r_k^{QR3} = 0\) for \(|k| > 8\).

C. Symbol Error Rate at the output of the \(M\)-input pseudo-MLSE receivers for one CCI

1) One Tap deterministic channels: To compare the \(M\)-input \((M = 1, 2)\) pseudo-MLSE receivers for R signals and the \(M\)-input \((M = 1, 2, 3)\) pseudo-MLSE receivers for QR signals, from a SER criterion, we consider the transmission of 1000 frames of 184 symbols and we assume, in this sub-section, one tap deterministic channels which are constant over a frame and random from a frame to another. For each frame, we assume that \(\phi_s\) and \(\pi\tau_1/2T\) are independent random variables uniformly distributed on \([0, 2\pi]\). Under these assumptions, Figure 10 shows the variations of the SER at the output of the considered receivers for both R and QR signals, as a function of \(\epsilon_s\), for \(N = 1\), \(\omega = 0.5\) and \(\epsilon_I/\epsilon_s = 10\) dB. Note the poor performance of the conventional receivers \((M = 1)\) and the much better performance of the \(M\)-input receivers for \(M > 1\). Note also the best performance obtained for \(M = 3\) for QR signals, which even outperform the results obtained with \(M = 2\) for R signals. This is due to more SO informations exploited by the 3-input pseudo-MLSE receiver for QR signals with respect to the 2-input pseudo-MLSE receiver for R signals, jointly with the different distributions of \(\text{SINR}_{QR2}\) and \(\text{SINR}_{R2}\).

2) One Tap Rayleigh channels: To complete the previous results and under the assumptions of Figure 10, Figure 11
In this sub-section a one-tap deterministic channel for the SOI
shows the same variations as Figure 10, but as a function of
of $E[\varepsilon_s] = 10$ dB for Rayleigh fading channels for which $h$
and $h_I$ are circular Gaussian channels, such that $E[\varepsilon_I]/E[\varepsilon_s] = 10$
dB. The conclusions of Figure 10 hold for Figure 11.

3) Two-Tap Deterministic channels: Finally, we consider
in this sub-section a one-tap deterministic channel for the SOI
and a two-tap frequency selective deterministic channel for the
CCI such that

$$h(t) = \mu \delta(t) h$$

$$h_I(t) = \mu_I \delta(t - \tau_I) h_{I1} + \mu_I \delta(t - \tau_I - T) h_{I2},$$

where $\mu_I$ and $\mu_I$ control the amplitudes of the first and
second paths of the CCI, whereas $h_{I1}$ and $h_{I2}$ correspond to
the channel vectors of the latter, such that $h_{I1}^T h_{I1} = h_{I2}^T h_{I2} = N$. Under these assumptions and for SRR pulse shaping
filters, it is straightforward to verify that $\sigma_I = (\mu_I^2 + \mu_I^2) \sigma_d$.
We consider again the transmission of 1000 frames of 184
symbols, constant channels per frame, random channels from a
frame to another, and we assume, for each frame, that $\phi_s$, $\phi_I$, $\phi_I$ and $\pi \tau_I/2T$ are independent random variables uniformly
distributed on $[0, 2\pi]$, where $\phi_I$ and $\phi_I$ are the phases of $h_{I1}(1)$ and $h_{I2}(1)$ respectively. Under these assumptions,
Figure 12 shows the variations of the SER at the output of the
considered receivers for both R and QR signals, as a function of
$\varepsilon_s$, for $N = 1$, $\omega = 0.5$, $\varepsilon_I/\varepsilon_s = 10$ dB and $\mu_I = \mu_I$.
The conclusions of Figure 10 hold for Figure 12.

VII. CONCLUSION

We have shown in this paper, both analytically and by
computer simulations, that contrary to what is accepted as
true in the literature, standard (or two-input) WL filtering in
the presence of CCI may be less efficient for QR signals,
ompresent in radiocommunications networks such as GSM,
VAMOS or FBMC-OQAM networks, than R ones. This result,
which is directly linked to the different SO non-circularity
and cyclostationarity properties of these signals, has been
proved in this paper using a CT pseudo-MLSE approach for
propagation channels with or without delay spread. Such an
approach is much more powerful than an MMSE approach,
is not dependent of the sample rate of a DT implementation
and allows us to develop original analytical performance
computations, hence its choice here. Moreover, for both R
and QR signals, the capability of two-input pseudo-MLSE
receivers to perform SAIC has been proved for most of
frequency selective propagation channels. To improve the
standard WL filtering of QR signals in the presence of CCI
and to make QR signals at least almost equivalent to R ones
for WL filtering in such contexts, an enhanced WL receiver
has been proposed and analyzed in this paper for arbitrary
propagation channels. This enhanced WL receiver is a WL
FRESH receiver corresponding to the three-input WL pseudo-
MLSE receiver. This new receiver has been shown, both
analytically and by computer simulations, to be much more
powerful than the standard WL receiver for SAIC/MAIC of
QR signals. Note that these receivers are able to process up to \(2N - 1\) CCI from an array of \(N\) antennas, hence their interest for many kinds of networks for which the number of CCI may exceed one. The results of the paper, completely new, should open new perspectives and should contribute to develop new powerful WL receivers for CCI mitigation in radiocommunication networks using QR signals. The main reason for this is that the results of the paper should remain valid not only for other CT approaches, such as MMSE ones, but also for DT approaches. Indeed, as explained in the paper, the reason for the non-equivalence between R and QR signals for standard WL filtering is directly related to their different SO cyclostationarity and non-circularity properties and this difference gets beyond the chosen optimization criterion or the kind of implementation (CT or DT). The comparison of R and QR signals for DT WL filtering using MMSE or MLSE criteria, jointly with implementation issues and the role of the oversampling rate, is currently under investigation and will be considered elsewhere. Nevertheless note that preliminary results about the non-equivalence between R and QR signals for DT WL filtering has already been pointed out in [8] through an MMSE approach.

**Appendix**

A. Proof of (31) and (32)

Consider the case of a QR CCI for \(M = 2\). The other cases are proved similarly. Applying the definitions (2) and (3) to \(n_F(t) \triangleq [n_F^T(t)e^{-j2\pi f/4T}, n_F^H(t)e^{j2\pi f/4T}]^T\), we get:

\[
\begin{align*}
R_{\tilde{n}_F}(f, t, \tau) &= \sum_{\alpha_i} R_{\tilde{n}_F}^\alpha(\tau) e^{-j2\pi f\alpha_i T} e^{j2\pi f\alpha_i T}, \\
C_{\tilde{n}_F}(f, t, \tau) &= \sum_{\alpha_i} C_{\tilde{n}_F}^\alpha(\tau) e^{-j2\pi f\alpha_i T} e^{j2\pi f\alpha_i T}
\end{align*}
\]  

(74)

Replacing (4) and (5) into (73) and (74), we derive:

\[
\begin{align*}
R_{\tilde{n}_F}(f, t, \tau) &= \sum_{\alpha_i} R_{\tilde{n}_F}^\alpha(\tau) e^{-j2\pi f\alpha_i T} e^{j2\pi f\alpha_i T}, \\
C_{\tilde{n}_F}(f, t, \tau) &= \sum_{\alpha_i} C_{\tilde{n}_F}^\alpha(\tau) e^{-j2\pi f\alpha_i T} e^{j2\pi f\alpha_i T}
\end{align*}
\]  

(75)

where

\[
\begin{align*}
R_{\tilde{n}_F}^\alpha(\tau) &= \sum_{\beta_i} R_{\tilde{n}_F}^{\beta_i}(\tau) e^{-j2\pi f\beta_i T} e^{j2\pi f\beta_i T}, \\
C_{\tilde{n}_F}^\alpha(\tau) &= \sum_{\beta_i} C_{\tilde{n}_F}^{\beta_i}(\tau) e^{-j2\pi f\beta_i T} e^{j2\pi f\beta_i T}
\end{align*}
\]  

(76)

with \(\alpha_i = i/T\) and \(\beta_i = (2i + 1)/2T\), \(i \in \mathbb{Z}\). Noting that \(\beta_i - 1/2T = i/T = \alpha_i\), (75) and (76) can be rewritten as:

\[
\begin{align*}
R_{\tilde{n}_F}^\alpha(\tau) &= \sum_{\alpha_i} R_{\tilde{n}_F}^{\alpha_i, +}(\tau) + \sum_{\alpha_i} R_{\tilde{n}_F}^{\alpha_i, -}(\tau) = \sum_{\alpha_i} R_{\tilde{n}_F}^{\alpha_i}(\tau), \\
C_{\tilde{n}_F}^\alpha(\tau) &= \sum_{\alpha_i} C_{\tilde{n}_F}^{\alpha_i, +}(\tau) + \sum_{\alpha_i} C_{\tilde{n}_F}^{\alpha_i, -}(\tau) = \sum_{\alpha_i} C_{\tilde{n}_F}^{\alpha_i}(\tau)
\end{align*}
\]  

(77)

Consequently the Fourier transforms \(R_{\tilde{n}_F}^{\alpha_i}(f)\) and \(C_{\tilde{n}_F}^{\alpha_i}(f)\) of \(R_{\tilde{n}_F}^\alpha(\tau)\) and \(C_{\tilde{n}_F}^\alpha(\tau)\), respectively, are given by:

\[
\begin{align*}
R_{\tilde{n}_F}^{\alpha_i}(f) &= \frac{R_{\tilde{n}_F}^{\alpha_i, +}(f) + iR_{\tilde{n}_F}^{\alpha_i, -}(f)}{2}, \\
C_{\tilde{n}_F}^{\alpha_i}(f) &= \frac{R_{\tilde{n}_F}^{\alpha_i, +}(f) - iR_{\tilde{n}_F}^{\alpha_i, -}(f)}{2}
\end{align*}
\]  

(79)

where

\[
\begin{align*}
R_{\tilde{n}_F}^{\alpha_i, +}(f) &= \int \left[ R_{\tilde{n}_F}^{\alpha_i, +}(\tau) e^{-j2\pi f\tau} \right] e^{j2\pi f\tau} d\tau, \\
R_{\tilde{n}_F}^{\alpha_i, -}(f) &= \int \left[ R_{\tilde{n}_F}^{\alpha_i, -}(\tau) e^{-j2\pi f\tau} \right] e^{j2\pi f\tau} d\tau, \\
C_{\tilde{n}_F}^{\alpha_i, +}(f) &= \int \left[ C_{\tilde{n}_F}^{\alpha_i, +}(\tau) e^{-j2\pi f\tau} \right] e^{j2\pi f\tau} d\tau, \\
C_{\tilde{n}_F}^{\alpha_i, -}(f) &= \int \left[ C_{\tilde{n}_F}^{\alpha_i, -}(\tau) e^{-j2\pi f\tau} \right] e^{j2\pi f\tau} d\tau
\end{align*}
\]  

(80)

Under the assumption (30), where the first and second cyclo-spectrum of \(n(t)\), appearing in (79) and (80), are respectively:

\[
\begin{align*}
R_{\alpha_i}(f) &= \frac{n_{\tilde{n}_F}(f + \frac{\alpha_i}{2}) + n_{\tilde{n}_F}(f - \frac{\alpha_i}{2})}{2}, \\
C_{\alpha_i}(f) &= \frac{n_{\tilde{n}_F}(f + \frac{\beta_i}{2}) + n_{\tilde{n}_F}(f - \frac{\beta_i}{2})}{2}
\end{align*}
\]  

(81)

(82)

(79) and (80) reduce to (31) and (32), respectively, where

\[
\begin{align*}
\bar{\tilde{g}}_{\tilde{n}_F}(f) &= \left| \tilde{g}_{\tilde{n}_F}(f + \frac{\alpha_i}{2}) \right|, \\
\bar{\tilde{g}}_{\tilde{n}_F}(f) &= \left| \tilde{g}_{\tilde{n}_F}(f + \frac{\beta_i}{2}) \right|
\end{align*}
\]  

(83)

(84)

Thus, using (20), (83) and (31), we get after some algebra manipulations for \(\alpha_i \neq 0\) and \(f \in B_{\tilde{n}_F}^{\alpha_i} \cap B_{\tilde{n}_F}^{\beta_i}\) (where \(B_{\tilde{n}_F}^{\alpha_i}\) denotes the set of frequencies \(f\) such that \(\tilde{g}_{\tilde{n}_F}(f + \frac{\alpha_i}{2})\) is non-zero):

\[
\begin{align*}
\bar{w}_{\tilde{n}_F}^{\alpha_i}(f) &= \frac{n_{\tilde{n}_F}(f + \frac{\alpha_i}{2}) - n_{\tilde{n}_F}(f - \frac{\alpha_i}{2})}{2}, \\
\bar{w}_{\tilde{n}_F}^{\beta_i}(f) &= \frac{n_{\tilde{n}_F}(f + \frac{\beta_i}{2}) - n_{\tilde{n}_F}(f - \frac{\beta_i}{2})}{2}
\end{align*}
\]  

(85)

(86)

(87)

(88)
It is easy to verify that for flat fading CCI propagation channels and non-zero CCI, \( \bar{g}_{E_{H}}(f) \neq 0 \) for \( f \in B_{H}^{0} \) whereas for frequency selective CCI propagation channels, \( \bar{g}_{E_{H}}(f) \) may be 0 inside \( B_{H}^{0} \) only for discrete values of \( f \). Consequently, using (84) into (88), assuming a strong CCI for which \( \bar{e}_{f}(f) \gg 1 \) when \( \bar{e}_{f}(f) \neq 0 \) for \( f \in B_{H}^{0} \), we obtain the approximation (35) for both R and QR strong CCI.

C. Proof of (63)

For \( v(f) = \sqrt{T} \mathbb{1}_{[-1/2T,+1/2T]}(f) \), the cyclic frequencies reduce to \( \alpha_{r} \in \{0,-1/T,+1/T\} \) and \( \beta_{r} \in \{-1/2T,+1/2T\} \) and (59) can be written as:

\[
\text{SINR}_{F_{3}} = \frac{2\pi \|A_{0}(f)\|^2}{\|A_{0}(f) + A_{H}(f) + A_{H}(f)\|^2 + \|B_{H}(f) + B_{H}(f)\|^2} \tag{89}
\]

with

\[
A_{0}(f) \triangleq \mathbf{w}_{F_{3}}^{H}(f) \mathbf{R}_{\alpha_{r} F_{3}}(f) \mathbf{w}_{F_{3}}(f) \quad \alpha_{r} = \frac{f - \alpha_{r}}{2T} \tag{90}
\]

\[
B_{0}(f) \triangleq \mathbf{w}_{F_{3}}^{H}(f) \mathbf{R}_{\beta_{r} F_{3}}(f) \mathbf{w}_{F_{3}}(f) \quad \beta_{r} = \frac{f - \beta_{r}}{2T} \tag{91}
\]

Applying the matrix inversion lemma to \( \mathbf{R}_{\alpha_{r} F_{3}}(f) \) deduced from (60), we straightforwardly get:

\[
A_{0}(f) = \frac{1}{N_{0}} \left( \|g_{F_{3}}(f)\|^2 - \frac{\|g_{F_{3}}(f)\|g_{F_{3}}(f)\|^2}{\|g_{F_{3}}(f)\|^2 + \frac{T N_{0}}{\pi}} \right) \tag{92}
\]

with

\[
\|g_{F_{3}}(f)\|^2 = \|g_{F_{3}}(f)\|^2 = v^{2}(f) + v^{2}(f - \frac{1}{2T}) + v^{2}(f + \frac{1}{2T}) \tag{67}
\]

\[
\frac{\|g_{F_{3}}(f)\|^2}{\|h_{I}(f)\|^2} = \mu^{2} + v^{2}(f) e^{-j2\pi f} + v^{2}(f + \frac{1}{2T}) e^{-j2\pi f} \tag{68}
\]

\[
\frac{\|g_{F_{3}}(f)\|^2}{\|h_{I}(f)\|^2} = \mu^{2} + v^{2}(f - \frac{1}{2T}) e^{j2\pi f} + v^{2}(f + \frac{1}{2T}) e^{j2\pi f} \tag{69}
\]

By integrating \( A_{0}(f) \) on \([ -\frac{1}{2T}, \frac{1}{2T} ] \cup[ -\frac{1}{2T}, 0 ] \cup[ 0, \frac{1}{2T} ] \cup[ 1/2T, 1/2T ] \), we obtain after tedious computations:

\[
\int A_{0}(f) df \approx \varepsilon_{s} \left[ -\|A_{r}\|^2 \left( \frac{1}{1 + \frac{1}{\varepsilon_{t}}} + \frac{2T}{2 + \frac{1}{\varepsilon_{t}}} \right) \right] \tag{93}
\]

which gives the approximation

\[
\int A_{0}(f) df \approx \varepsilon_{s} \left[ -\|A_{r}\|^2 \left( 1 + \frac{2T}{2 + \frac{1}{\varepsilon_{t}}} \right) \right] \tag{94}
\]

for strong CCI.

Using (60) into (90), the terms \( A_{0}(f) \) for \( \alpha_{r} = -\frac{1}{2T} \) and \( \alpha_{r} = \frac{1}{2T} \) can be written as

\[
A_{0}(f) = \frac{1}{N_{0}^{2}} \frac{\|g_{F_{3}}(f + \alpha_{r})\|^{2}}{2} \left[ I - \frac{g_{F_{3}}(f + \alpha_{r})}{\|g_{F_{3}}(f + \alpha_{r})\|^2} \frac{\|g_{F_{3}}(f + \alpha_{r})\|^2 + \frac{T N_{0}}{\pi}}{\|g_{F_{3}}(f + \alpha_{r})\|^2} \right]
\]

\[
\times \left[ \frac{\pi}{T} g_{F_{3}}(f + \alpha_{r}) g_{F_{3}}(f + \alpha_{r})^{*} + N_{0} \right] \tag{95}
\]

where \( \mathbf{J}(\cdot) \triangleq \mathbf{J}(\cdot) \) and \( \mathbf{J}(\cdot) \triangleq \mathbf{J}(\cdot) \).

Then using \( g_{F_{3}}^{H}(f + \alpha_{r}) \mathbf{J}(\alpha_{r}) g_{F_{3}}(f + \alpha_{r}) = \|g_{I}(f)\|^2 \), the computations of (92) survive.

Plugging the approximations (94), (96) and (97) into (89) completes the proof.

D. Proof of (67) to (70)

The coefficients \( r_{k} \) are deduced from the expressions of \( r_{k}, k^{\prime} + k \) given by (19) for \( M = 1, \) 2, for both R and QR signals, and by (53) for \( M = 3 \) for QR signals.

Noting that for \( v(f) = \sqrt{T} \mathbb{1}_{[-1/2T,+1/2T]}(f) \) the different terms \( \|g_{F_{3}}(f)\|^2, \|g_{F_{3}}(f + \alpha_{r})\|^2 \) and \( g_{F_{3}}^{H}(f + \alpha_{r}) \) are constant piecewise functions on intervals \([-c/2T, c/2T],\ c \in \{-2, -1, 0, 1\}\) and zero elsewhere, for which

\[
\int_{-c/2T}^{c/2T} e^{j2\pi f \frac{k}{c}} df = \frac{1}{2} e^{j\pi k (c + \frac{1}{2})} \sin \left( \frac{\pi k}{2} \right),
\]

the different coefficients \( r_{k} \) deduced from (70) are shown to be straightforward computations.

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