

# Secure Chaotic Spread Spectrum Systems

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# Outline

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    - Binary correlating detection
      - “Mismatch” problem
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# Introduction

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- LPI/LPD-Secure/covert communications
- Spread-spectrum systems
  - Direct sequences
    - PN binary sequences
    - Chaotic sequences
  - Frequency hopping
  - Time hopping (UWB)
- Interceptors
  - likelihood-ratio test
  - Energy detector



# Chaotic Signals

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- Generate chaotic spreading sequences
  - Discrete Chaotic Map
    - Exponential Map, Triangular Map....
    - For Example: logistic map

$$x_{n+1} = \alpha x_n (1 - x_n) \quad 0 \leq x_n \leq 1, 0 \leq \alpha \leq 4$$

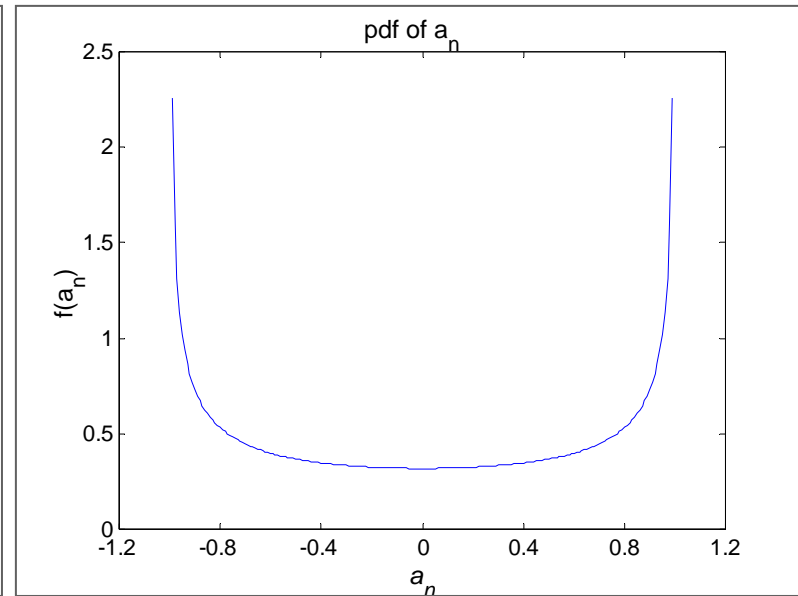
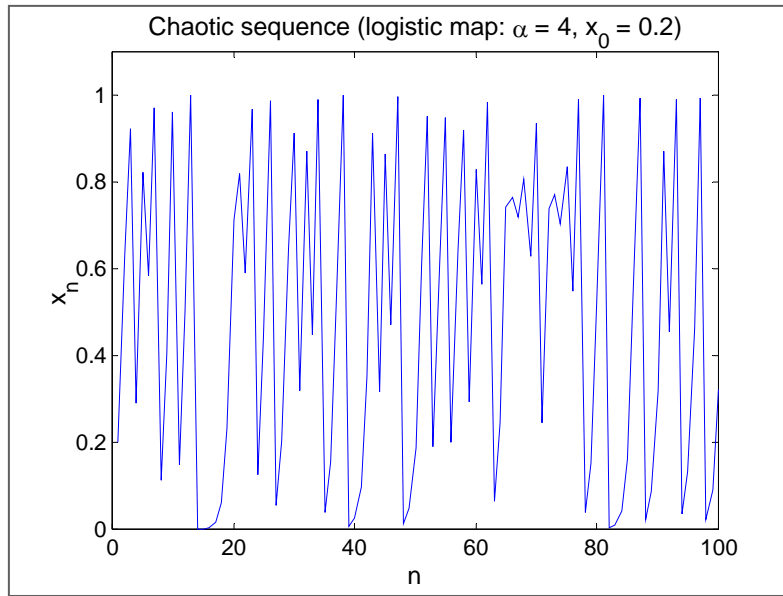
- Bipolar signaling

$$a_n = 2x_n - 1$$

- PDF of  $\{a_n\}$

$$f(a_n) = \frac{1}{\pi \sqrt{1 - a_n^2}}, \quad -1 \leq a_n \leq 1$$

# Properties of Chaotic Sequences



- Non-binary and non-periodic
- Random-like behaviors
- Good auto- and cross-correlation
- Large number of available spreading sequences for multiple-access applications



# System Model

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## ○ Received Signals

$$r(t) = \begin{cases} \sqrt{2P}a(t)\cos(\omega_0 t + \phi) + n(t), & H_1 \\ n(t), & H_0 \end{cases} \quad 0 \leq t \leq T$$

where

$$a(t) = \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} a_n p(t - nT_c - \tau T_c)$$

The chip epoch  $\tau T_c$  is modeled by r.v.  $\tau$ , uniformly distributed in  $[0, 1)$ .



# Binary Correlating Method

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- Likelihood ratio test (Optimum Intercept Receivers)
  - Synchronous coherent
  - Synchronous noncoherent
  - Asynchronous coherent
  - Asynchronous noncoherent
- Gaussian approximation

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$$\Lambda(r(t)) = \kappa_1 E_{\varepsilon, \phi} \left\{ \prod_{n=0}^{N-1} \left[ \sum_{q=0}^{Q-1} \exp \left( \frac{2\sqrt{2P}}{N_0} \int_{nT_c}^{(n+1)T_c} r_{\varepsilon, \phi}(t) b_q(t) \cos(\omega_0 t) dt \right) \right] \right\}$$

# Synchronous Coherent Case

- Using Gaussian approximation, we obtain

$$m_\lambda = N(N_0 T_c)(0.5 + \gamma_c C \delta_{k,1})$$

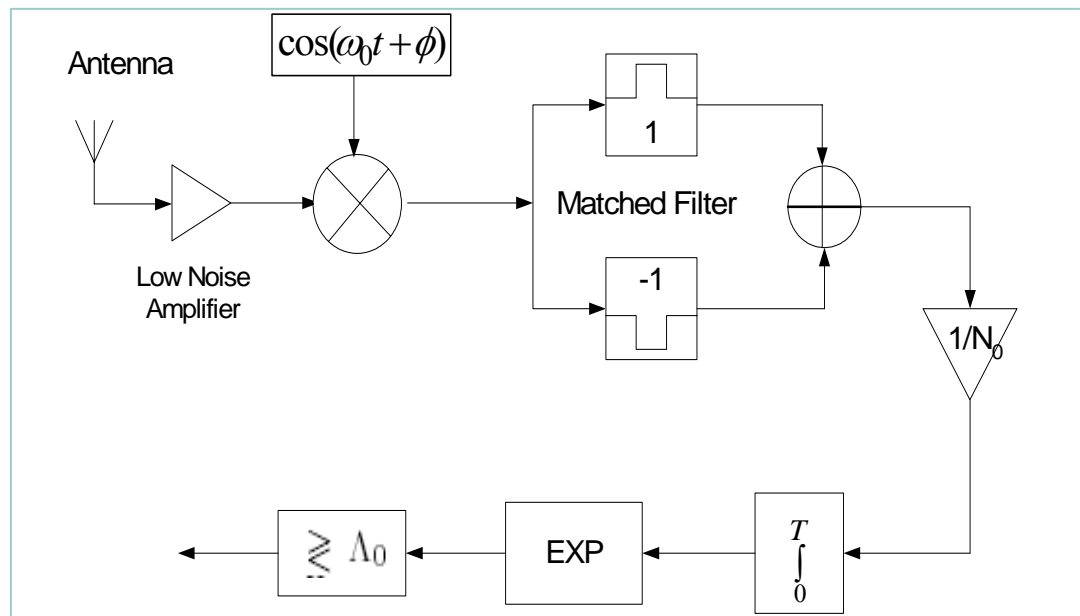
$$\sigma_\lambda^2 = N(N_0 T_c)^2 (0.5 + (2C\gamma_c + D\gamma_c^2) \delta_{k,1})$$

$$P_D = Q\left(\frac{Q^{-1}(P_{FA}) - \sqrt{2N\gamma_c C}}{\sqrt{1 + 4C\gamma_c + 2D\gamma_c^2}}\right)$$

(a) Binary Synchronous Coherent Detector

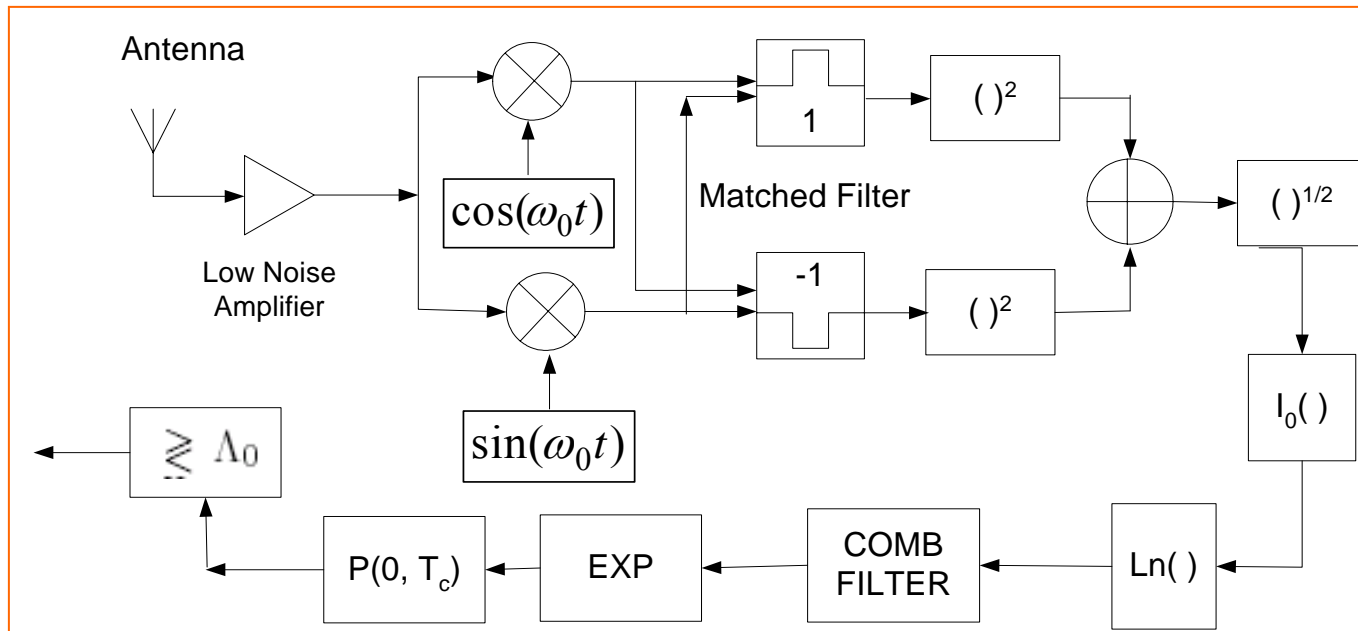
$$C = \frac{E[a^2]}{E[|a|]}$$

$$D = \frac{\text{Var}(a^2)}{E^2[|a|]}$$





# Synchronous Noncoherent Case



The mean and variance of  $\lambda$  is

$$m_\lambda = N(N_0 T_c)(1 + \gamma_c C \delta_{k,1})$$

$$\sigma_\lambda^2 = N(N_0 T_c)^2 (1 + (2C\gamma_c + 0.5D\gamma_c^2) \delta_{k,1})$$

$$\Rightarrow P_D = Q\left(\frac{Q^{-1}(P_{FA}) - \sqrt{N}\gamma_c C}{\sqrt{1 + 2C\gamma_c + 0.5D\gamma_c^2}}\right)$$



# Asynchronous Cases

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○ Assume chip epoch is  $U[0, T_c)$

● Coherent case

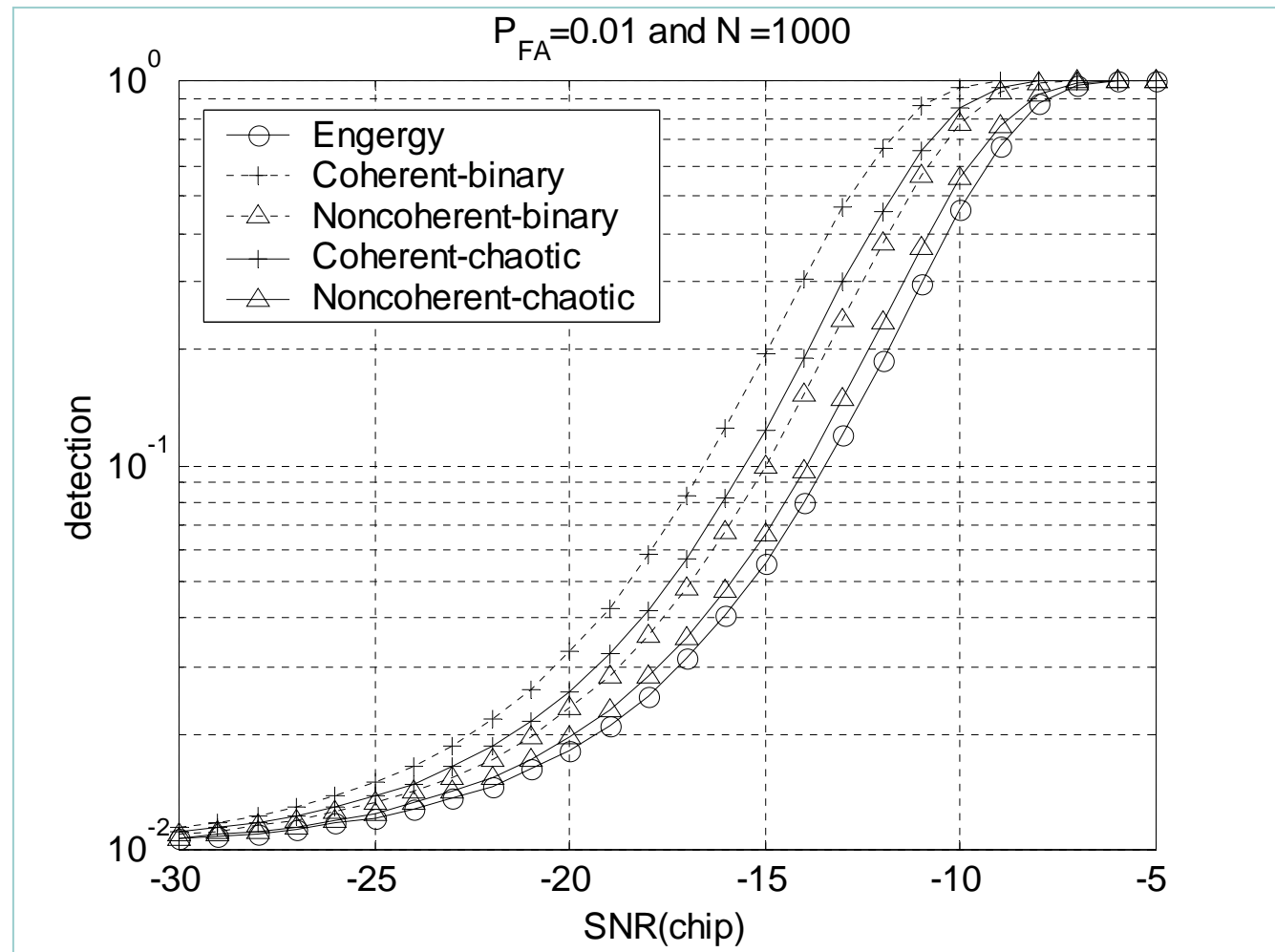
$$P_D(\lambda/\tau) = Q\left(\frac{Q^{-1}(P_{FA}) - \sqrt{2NC}(1-2\tau+2\tau^2)\gamma_c}{\sqrt{1+4C\gamma_c}}\right)$$
$$\Rightarrow \bar{P}_D = \int_0^1 Q\left(\frac{Q^{-1}(P_{FA}) - \sqrt{2NC}(1-2\tau+2\tau^2)\gamma_c}{\sqrt{1+4C\gamma_c}}\right) d\tau$$

● Noncoherent case

$$P_D(\lambda/\tau) = Q\left(\frac{Q^{-1}(P_{FA}) - \sqrt{NC}(1-\tau+\tau^2)\gamma_c}{\sqrt{1+2C\gamma_c}}\right)$$
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# Performance Comparison

## Chaotic vs. Binary PN (Sync)





# Particle-Filtering Based Detector

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- Uncertainties in Chaotic Signals
  - Amplitude uncertainty (mismatch problems)
    - For all detection scenarios with chaotic signals
  - Phase uncertainty
    - Noncoherent detections
  - Delay uncertainty
    - Asynchronous detections



# Particle-Filtering Based Detector

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- Design particle sets
  - approximate the unknown random variables
  - select the most likely particle statistically
  - combat the impact due to uncertainties
- Reduce computational complexity
  - Updated particles for each iteration
  - Fixed particles for each iteration

# Particle-Filtering Based Detector

- LRT function with particle filtering

$$\Lambda(r(t)) = \frac{p(\mathbf{r}_I | H_1)}{p(\mathbf{r}_I | H_0)} \underset{H_0}{\overset{H_1}{\approx}} \Lambda_0 \quad \leftarrow \quad \boxed{\text{Coherent detection}}$$

$$\Lambda(r(t)) = \frac{\prod_{i=1}^N \left( \sum_{j=1}^{L_a} p(\mathbf{r}_{I,i} | a_i(j)) \right)}{L_a^N \prod_{n=1}^N p(\mathbf{r}_{I,n})}$$

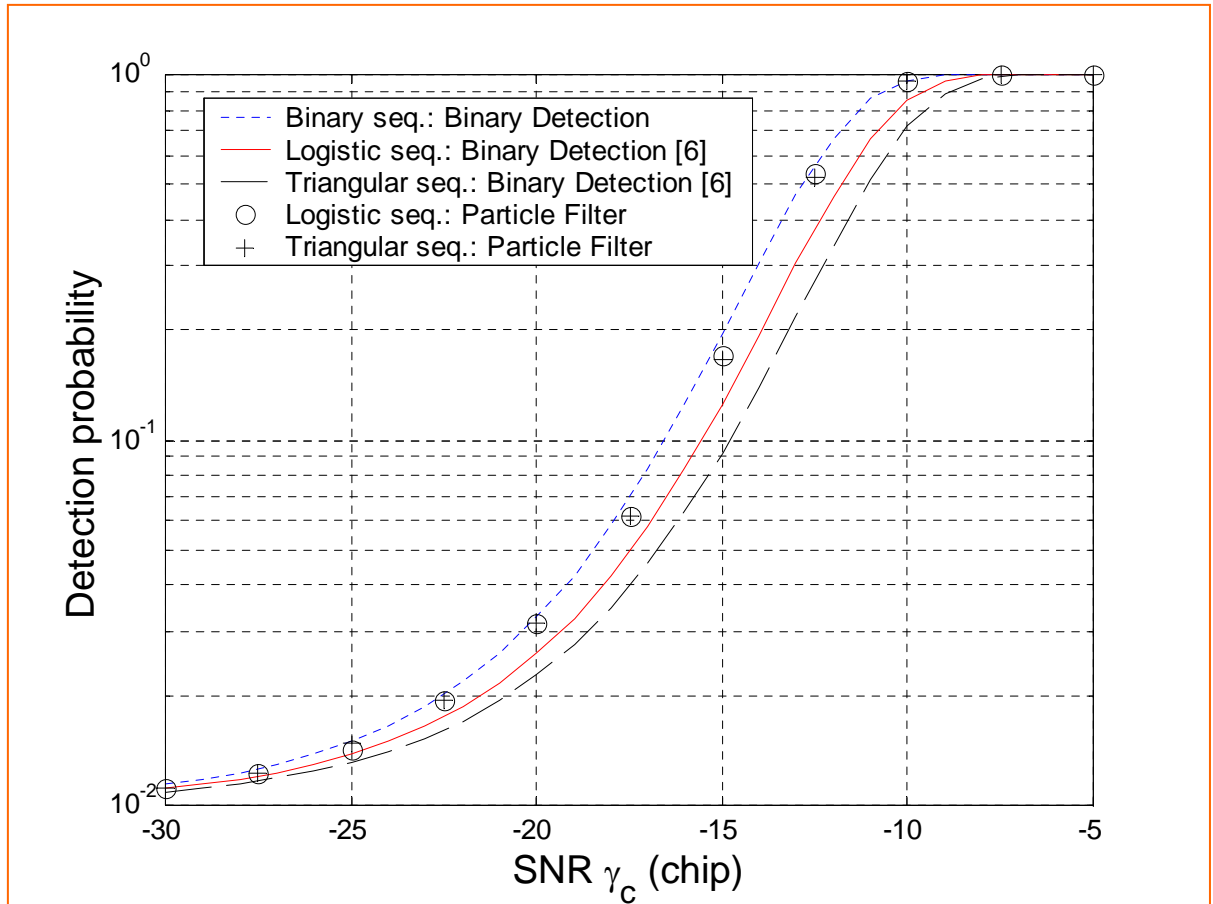
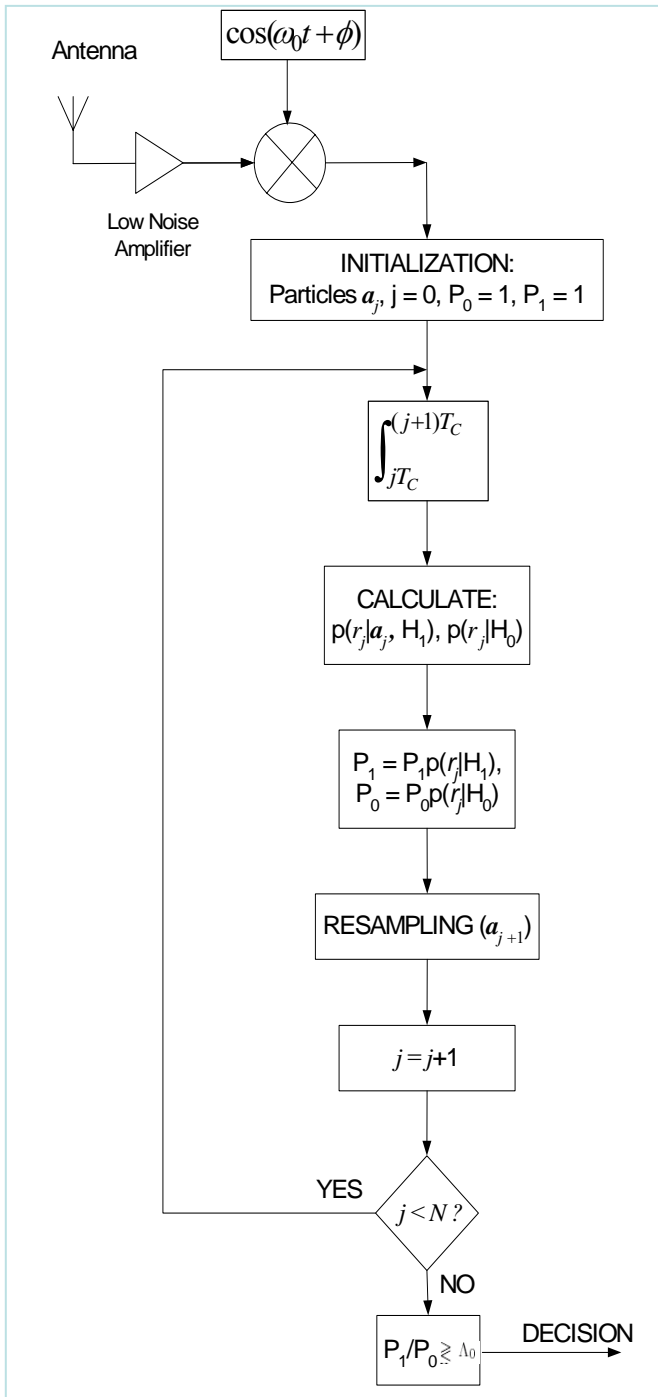
$$\Lambda(r(t)) = \frac{p(\mathbf{r}_I, \mathbf{r}_Q | H_1)}{p(\mathbf{r}_I, \mathbf{r}_Q | H_0)} \underset{H_0}{\overset{H_1}{\approx}} \Lambda_0 \quad \leftarrow \quad \boxed{\text{Noncoherent detection}}$$

$$\Lambda(r(t)) = \frac{\prod_{i=1}^N \left( \sum_{j=1}^{L_a} \sum_{p=1}^{L_p} p(\mathbf{r}_{I,i}, \mathbf{r}_{Q,i} | a_i(j), \phi_i(p)) \right)}{L_a^N L_p^N \prod_{n=1}^N p(\mathbf{r}_{I,n}, \mathbf{r}_{Q,n})}$$

Notice: probability density functions  $p(\bullet)$  is used to select **the particles**  $a_i(j)$  and  $\phi_i(p)$  which are mostly close to the actual amplitude and phase.

# Particle-Filtering Based Detector

Synchronous coherent receivers with  $P_{FA} = 0.01$ ,  $L_a = 50$ , and  $N = 1000$



# Asynchronous Detection: Multiple sampling

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- Obtain multiple observations by multiple sampling at  $\tau_n$  (combat delay uncertainty)

$$\mathbf{R}_I = \begin{pmatrix} r_{I,1}^1 & r_{I,2}^1 & \cdots & r_{I,N}^1 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ r_{I,1}^{N_d} & r_{I,1}^{N_d} & \cdots & r_{I,N}^{N_d} \end{pmatrix} \quad \mathbf{R}_Q = \begin{pmatrix} r_{Q,1}^1 & r_{Q,2}^1 & \cdots & r_{Q,N}^1 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ r_{Q,1}^{N_d} & r_{Q,1}^{N_d} & \cdots & r_{Q,N}^{N_d} \end{pmatrix}$$

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# Parallel Detection Algorithm

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- LRT function

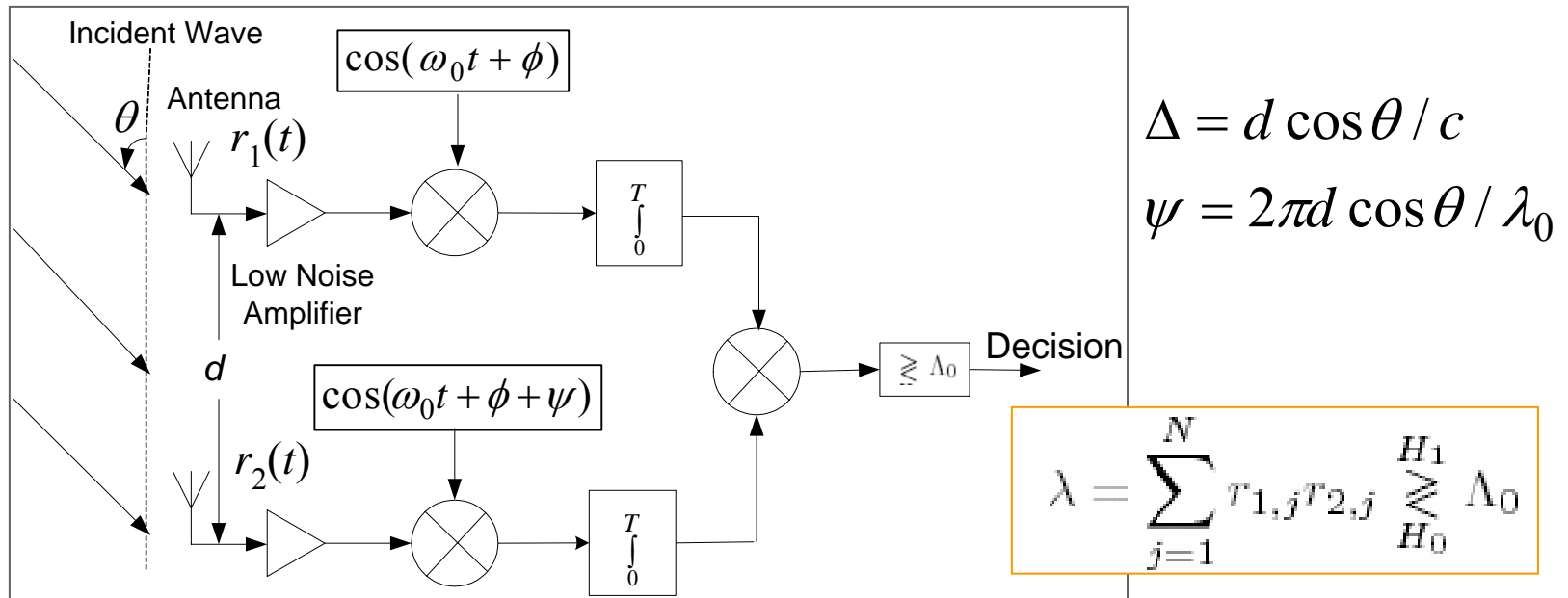
$$\Lambda(r(t)) = \max_n \left\{ \frac{p(\mathbf{r}_I^n | H_1)}{p(\mathbf{r}_I^n | H_0)}, n = 1, 2, \dots, N_d \right\} \underset{H_0}{\overset{H_1}{\gtrless}} \Lambda_0$$

$$\Lambda(r(t)) = \max_n \left\{ \frac{p(\mathbf{r}_I^n, \mathbf{r}_Q^n | H_1)}{p(\mathbf{r}_I^n, \mathbf{r}_Q^n | H_0)}, n = 1, 2, \dots, N_d \right\} \underset{H_0}{\overset{H_1}{\gtrless}} \Lambda_0$$

Notice: The row having the minimum delay is automatically selected by probability density functions  $p(\bullet)$  to detect the presence of radio signals.



# Dual-Antenna Approach: Synchronous coherent case



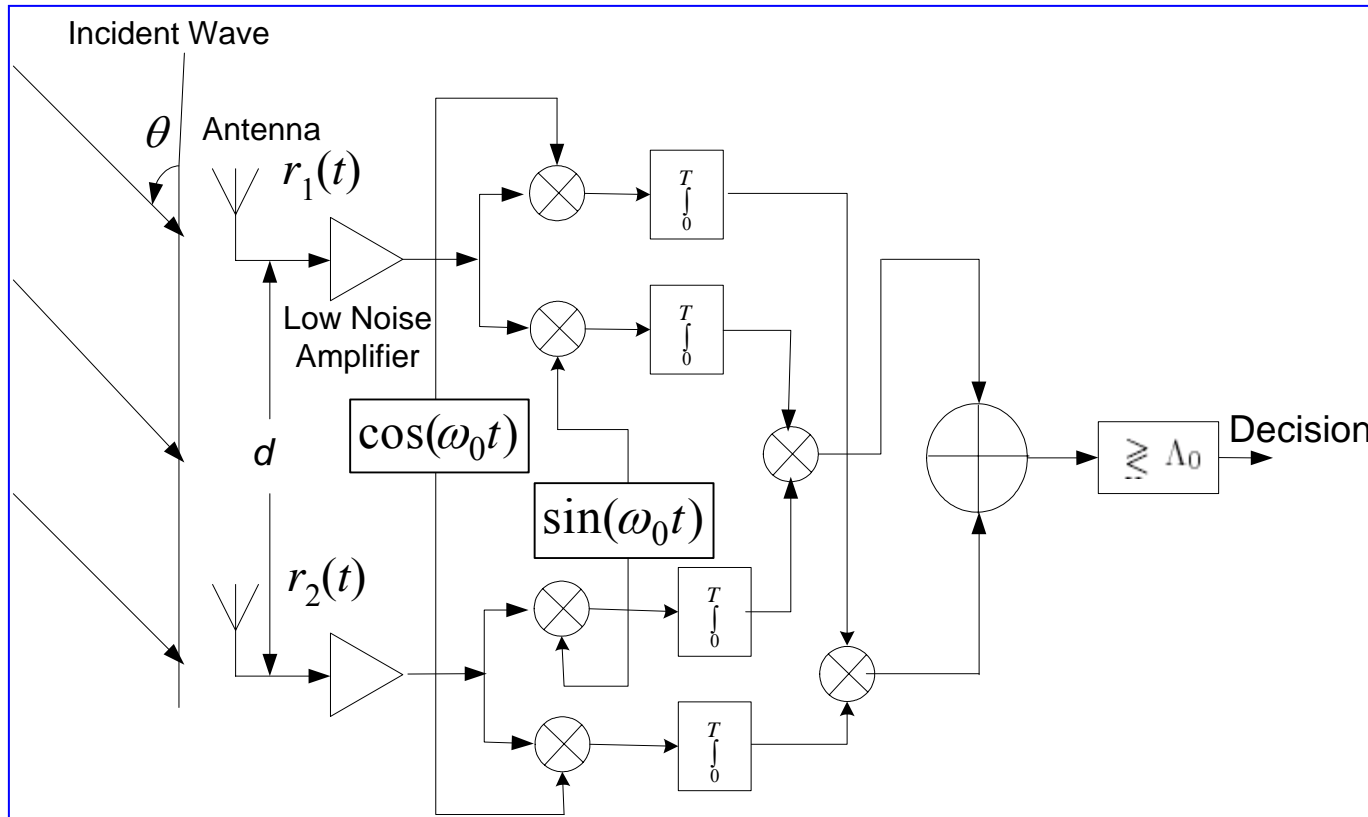
## Signal Model

$$\begin{cases} r_1(t) = \sqrt{2P}a(t) \cos(\omega_0 t + \phi) + n_1(t) \\ r_2(t) = \sqrt{2P}a(t) \cos(\omega_0 t + \phi + \psi) + n_2(t) \end{cases}$$

## Detection Probability

$$P_D = Q\left(\frac{Q^{-1}(P_{FA}) - 2\sqrt{N}\gamma_c}{\sqrt{1+4\gamma_c}}\right)$$

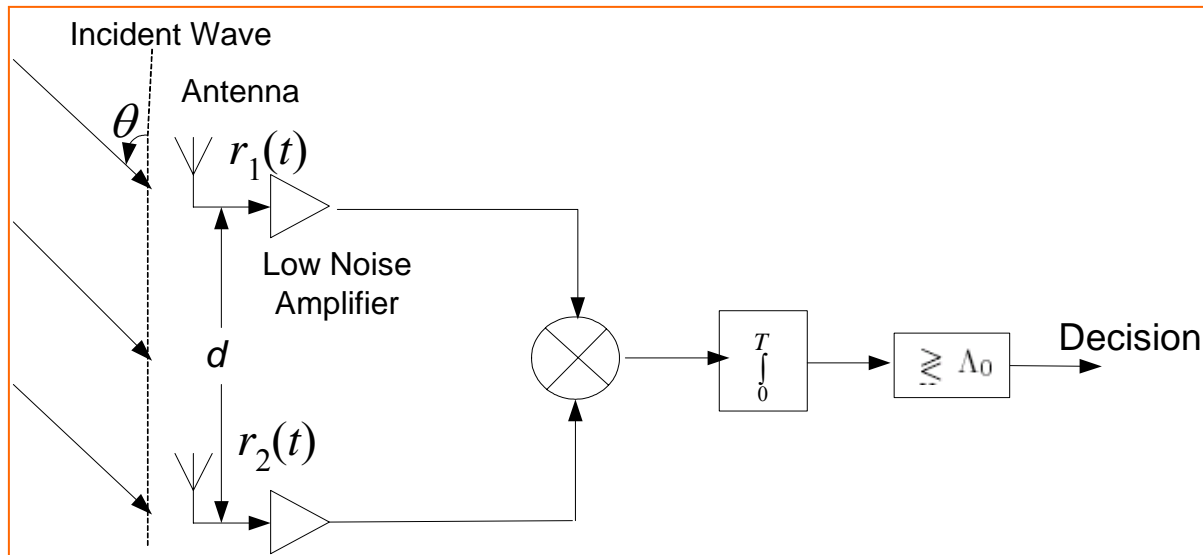
# Dual-Antenna Approach: Synchronous noncoherent case



$$\lambda = \sum_{j=1}^N (r_{I,1,j} r_{I,2,j} + r_{Q,1,j} r_{Q,2,j}) \underset{H_0}{\overset{H_1}{\gtrless}} \Lambda_0$$

$$P_{D|\theta} = Q \left( \frac{Q^{-1}(P_{FA}) - \sqrt{2N} \Omega(\theta) \gamma_c}{\sqrt{1 + 2\gamma_c}} \right)$$

# Dual-Antenna Approach: Asynchronous case



$$\lambda = \int_0^T r_1(t)r_2(t)dt \underset{H_0}{\overset{H_1}{\gtrless}} \Lambda_0$$

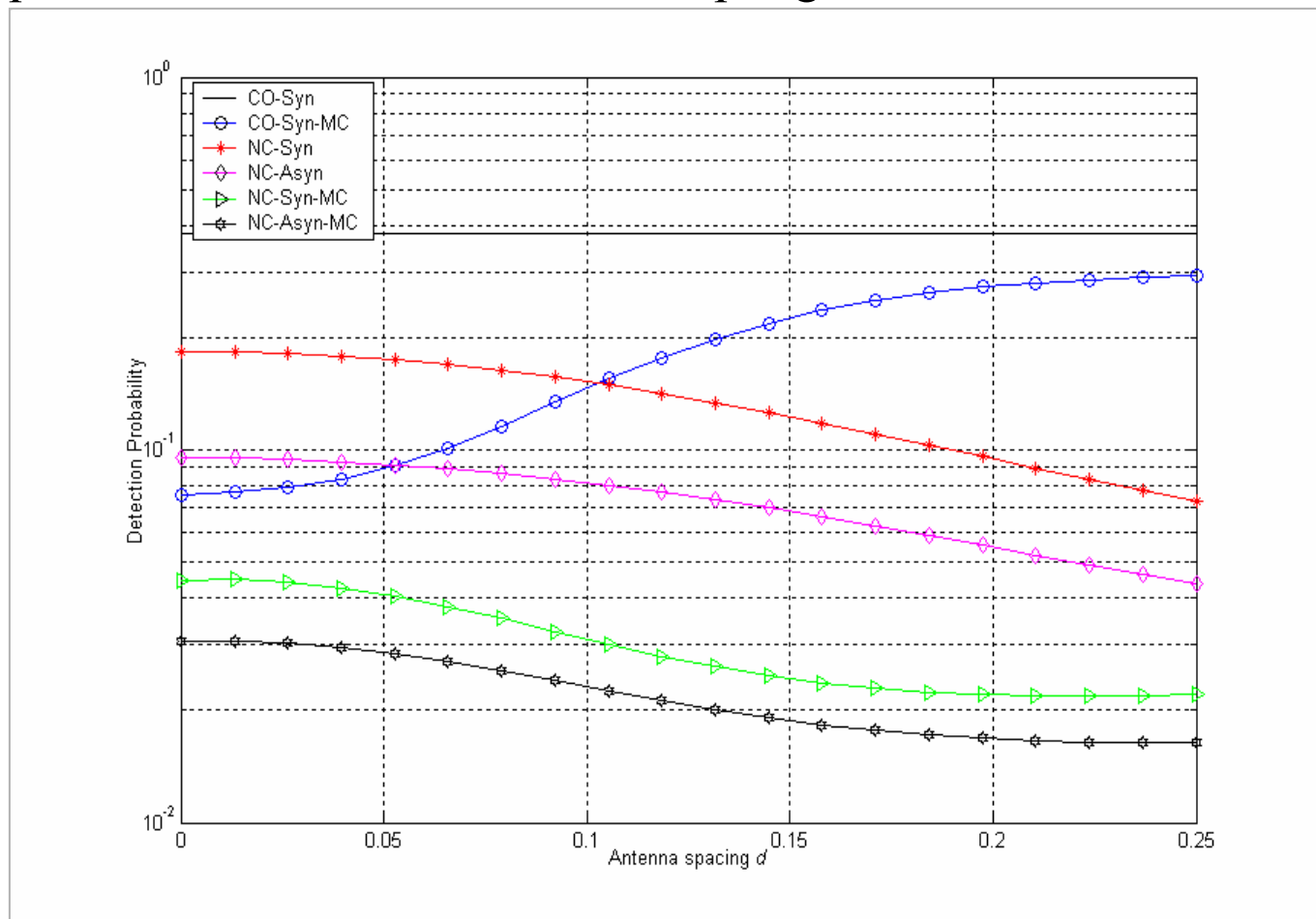
$$P_{D|\theta} = Q\left(\frac{Q^{-1}(P_{FA}) - \Omega(\theta)\sqrt{N}\gamma_c}{\sqrt{1+2\gamma_c}}\right)$$

$$\Omega(\theta) = \cos(2\pi d \cos \theta / \lambda_0)$$



# Numerical Results

LPI performance of chaotic DS SS signals with various  $d$ ,  $N = 1000$ , and chip SNR = -15 dB. MC: Mutual coupling.





# Conclusions

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- The mismatch between chaotic sequences and binary detection results in the LPI performance improvement;
- Particle-filtering based approach can be used to combat the uncertainties and then improve the detection performance;
- Dual antenna approach can also suppress the uncertainties; however, it is subject to mutual coupling.





Thank You!

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Any Questions?