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I. INTRODUCTION

This report describes progress under Naval Air Systems Command Contract N00019-82-C-0190 for the third quarterly period. This contract involves research in two areas: (1) the effectiveness of adaptive arrays with frequency hopped signals, and (2) the performance of adaptive arrays based on the Frost algorithm[1].

During the third quarter, we have completed our studies on adaptive arrays with frequency hopped signals and have begun studies on the Frost algorithm. Our progress is described below.

II. PROGRESS

A. Adaptive Arrays with Frequency Hopped Studies

During the third quarter we have completed our investigation of adaptive array performance with frequency hopped signals. We have calculated a large number of curves of output desired signal envelope variation, phase variation, output SINR (signal-to-interference-plus-noise ratio) and bit error probability as functions of hopping frequency, frequency jump size, bandwidth, interference frequency, desired and interference signal arrival angles and powers. We have also computed numerous array patterns needed to check and understand the other results obtained. These curves have been used to explore the array behavior and to determine how it varies with the signal parameters.

A technical report has been published summarizing these results and describing how the adaptive array is affected by frequency hopping[2].

B. The Frost Beamformer

During this quarter we have also begun studies on the performance of

The Frost Beamformer[1]. As a first step, we have generalized Frost's algorithm by making two changes. First, we have derived a more general form of the algorithm that allows complex weights to be used at each delay line tap. (Frost assumed a tapped delay line processor with real weights.) This change is important because it allows us to use the algorithm to impose pattern constraints on an array that has a single complex weight behind each element. For applications in narrowband radio communications, the Frost beamformer will most likely take this form. Second, we have also generalized Frost's constraint equations to allow the array to be steered to angles other than broadside.

III. PLANS FOR NEXT QUARTER

Next quarter we plan to continue on the Frost beamformer. Computer programs will be developed to evaluate the output SINR from a Frost array as a function of the signal scenario and for different types of constraints.

IV. FINANCIAL

As of March 31, 1983, a total of $63,616.39 has been expended and an additional $1424.05 has been committed but not yet paid, leaving $14,926.56 available to be spent on this contract.

V. REFERENCES

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