

# A DPD Algorithm of Maximum Likelihood Based on DOAs and Doppler

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**Abstract.** Direct position determination (DPD) is a single step method that estimates the position of target by received signals. Localization in 3D scene is a complicated problem, because the signal propagation channel is complex, and it has many kinds of interference and noise. This paper establishes the Over-the-horizon (OTH) shortwave signals and line-of-sight propagation of ultra short wave model, and proposes a joint localization algorithm. We compare the Cramér-Rao Bound(CRB) and the root mean square error (RMSE) between the proposed algorithm and DPD used single information like DOA and Doppler. The simulation results verify the superiority of the proposed algorithm, and prove it has higher accuracy.

**Keywords:** Joint estimation; direct position determination (DPD); maximum likelihood (ML);direction of arrival (DOA); Doppler.

## 1. Introduction

Passive localization has always been a hot topic in signal processing, and many scientists have done a lot of research and achievement on passive localization. The most commonly used signals for positioning are shortwave signals and ultrashort wave signals. Traditional method is two-step calculation, such as intersection positioning based on Direction of Arrivals(DOAs)<sup>[1]</sup>, positioning based on Time Difference of Arrival(TDOA) estimation<sup>[2]</sup> and positioning based on Doppler shift<sup>[3]</sup>. Wang studies the joint localization based on DOA and TDOA<sup>[4]</sup>.

Amar and Weiss proposed a signal-level information processing method named Direct Position Determination (DPD) <sup>[5]</sup>, which use single step to localization, and improve the accuracy of positioning. Demissie proposed a DPD algorithm based on subspace data fusion (SDF)<sup>[6]</sup>, and then Oispuu proposed Capon-type and deterministic maximum likelihood(DML) DPDs for multiple transmitters<sup>[7]</sup>.

In this paper, we propose a DPD algorithm for 3D scene based on DOAs and Doppler. According to the different propagation models of shortwave signal and ultrashort wave signal, we establish different propagation models and formulas. Finally, we carry out some simulations to verify the performance of the proposed algorithm. By comparing the root mean square error (RMSE) and the Cramér-Rao Bound(CRB) of different algorithms, we find that joint localization has better accuracy.

## 2. Problem Formulation

### 2.1 Localization Model

Consider a signal emitter on the Earth, which is transmitting shortwave and ultrashort wave signals  $s_1(t)$  and  $s_2(t)$  continuously. The latitude and longitude of the emitter is  $(\zeta_r, \chi_r)$ . Assume that there are  $K_1$  shortwave observers and a moving ultrashort wave observer, the latitude and longitude of the  $k_1$ th shortwave observer is  $(\zeta_{d,k_1}, \chi_{d,k_1}), (1 \leq k_1 \leq K_1)$ . The ultrashort wave observer collects batches of data in  $K_2$  time slots, and the  $k_2$ th time slot latitude and longitude of the ultrashort wave observer is  $(\zeta_{d,k_2}, \chi_{d,k_2}), (1 \leq k_2 \leq K_2)$ . The shortwave signal propagates beyond

the horizon through ionospheric reflection, and the ultrashort wave signal propagates at line of sight. From this we receive the signal propagation model in Fig. 1

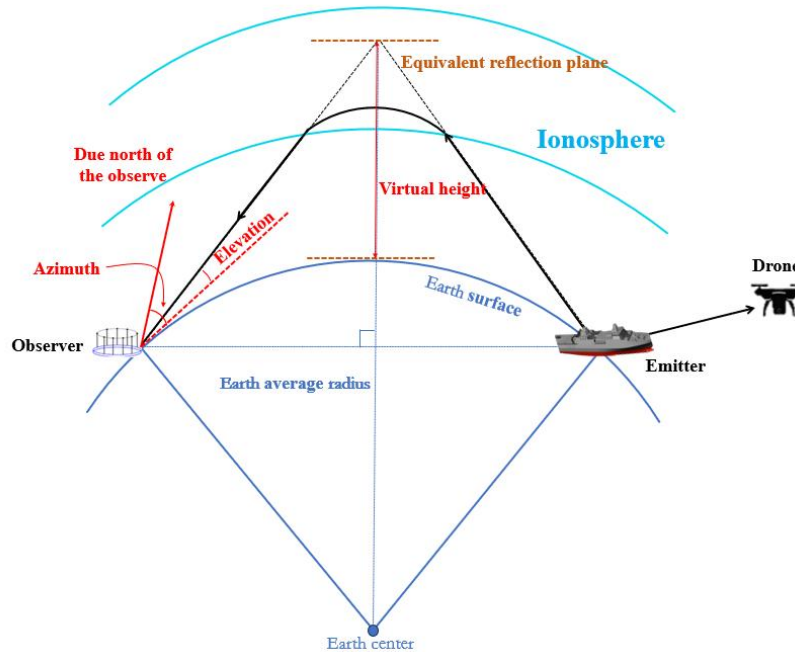


Fig. 1 Signal propagation model

For convenience of calculation, we use the Earth-Centered Earth-Fixed (ECEF) coordinates and assume that the ECEF of the emitter, the shortwave observers, and the ultrashort wave observer are

$$\mathbf{u}_r = [x_r, y_r, z_r]^T, \quad (1)$$

$$\mathbf{u}_{d,k_1} = [x_{d,k_1}, y_{d,k_1}, z_{d,k_1}]^T, \quad (1 \leq k_1 \leq K_1), \quad (2)$$

$$\mathbf{u}_{f,k_2} = [x_{f,k_2}, y_{f,k_2}, z_{f,k_2}]^T, \quad (1 \leq k_2 \leq K_2). \quad (3)$$

The calculation formula is as follows.

$$\mathbf{u}_r = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1-e^2 \sin^2 \chi_r}} \begin{bmatrix} r_a \cos(\chi_r) \cos(\zeta_r) \\ r_a \cos(\chi_r) \sin(\zeta_r) \\ r_a (1-e^2) \sin(\chi_r) \end{bmatrix} \quad (4)$$

$$\mathbf{u}_{d,k_1} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1-e^2 \sin^2 \chi_{d,k_1}}} \begin{bmatrix} r_a \cos(\chi_{d,k_1}) \cos(\zeta_{d,k_1}) \\ r_a \cos(\chi_{d,k_1}) \sin(\zeta_{d,k_1}) \\ r_a (1-e^2) \sin(\chi_{d,k_1}) \end{bmatrix} \quad (5)$$

$$\mathbf{u}_{f,k_2} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1-e^2 \sin^2 \chi_{f,k_2}}} \begin{bmatrix} r_a \cos(\chi_{f,k_2}) \cos(\zeta_{f,k_2}) \\ r_a \cos(\chi_{f,k_2}) \sin(\zeta_{f,k_2}) \\ r_a (1-e^2) \sin(\chi_{f,k_2}) \end{bmatrix} \quad (6)$$

In the formulations above,  $e = \frac{\sqrt{r_a^2 - r_b^2}}{r_a} = 0.0818198$ , and  $r_a = 6378.137\text{km}$  means the major axis of the Earth reference ellipsoid, and  $r_b = 6371.393\text{km}$  means the minor axis of the Earth reference ellipsoid.

Assume that the ionospheric virtual height at which the shortwave signal reaches the  $k_1$ th observer is  $h_{k_1}$ , the azimuths (clockwise location from true north) and the elevation angles of shortwave observers are  $\theta_{k_1}$  and  $\psi_{k_1}$ , expressed as

$$\theta_{k_1} = \arctan\left(\frac{x_r - x_{d,k_1}}{y_r - y_{d,k_1}}\right) \quad (k_1 = 1, 2, \dots, K_1) \quad (7)$$

$$\psi_{k_1} = \arctan\left(\cot(\beta_{k_1}) - \frac{r_b}{r_b + h_{k_1}} \csc(\beta_{k_1})\right) = \arctan\left(\frac{(r_b + h_{k_1}) \cos(\beta_{k_1}) - r_b}{(r_b + h_{k_1}) \sin(\beta_{k_1})}\right) \quad (k_1 = 1, 2, \dots, K_1) \quad (8)$$

In equation (8),  $\beta_{k_1} = \arcsin\left(\frac{1}{2r_b} \|\mathbf{u}_r - \mathbf{u}_{d,k_1}\|_2\right)$  ( $k_1 = 1, 2, \dots, K_1$ ). Assuming that the length of each time slot is significantly shorter than the time interval between two time slots, the spatial array response and the Doppler frequency shift remain constant during each time slot. The signal vector of the  $k_1$ th shortwave observer is

$$\mathbf{x}_{k_1}(\mathbf{t}) = [\mathbf{x}_{k_1}(t_1), \mathbf{x}_{k_1}(t_2), \dots, \mathbf{x}_{k_1}(t_N)] = \mathbf{a}_{k_1}(\theta_{k_1}, \psi_{k_1}) \mathbf{s}_{k_1} + \mathbf{n}_{k_1} \quad (k_1 = 1, 2, \dots, K_1), \quad (9)$$

Where  $t_n$  means the time of  $n_{th}$  snapshot, and  $N$  represents the snapshot number,  $\mathbf{a}_{k_1}(\theta_{k_1}, \psi_{k_1})$  is the array epidemic vector of the emitter to the  $k_1$ th shortwave observer,  $\mathbf{s}_{k_1} = [s_{k_1}(t_1), s_{k_1}(t_2), \dots, s_{k_1}(t_N)]$  is the vector of the complex envelope of a shortwave signal.  $\mathbf{n}_{k_1}$  is the additive white Gaussian noise in the signal receiving process at the  $k_{th}$  observer. The received signal is sampled at  $t = nT_s$  ( $n = 1, 2, \dots, N$ ), and we can receive

$$\mathbf{x}_{k_1}(n) = \mathbf{a}_{k_1}(\theta_{k_1}, \psi_{k_1}) \mathbf{s}_{k_1}(n) + \mathbf{n}_{k_1}(n) \quad (n = 1, 2, \dots, N). \quad (10)$$

Similarly, the signal vector of the ultrashort wave observer in  $k_2$ th time slot is

$$\mathbf{x}_{k_2}(n) = \mathbf{a}_{k_2}(\theta_{k_2}) \mathbf{s}_{k_2}(n) e^{j2\pi f_{k_2}(\mathbf{u}_r) n T_s} + \mathbf{n}_{k_2}(n) \quad (n = 1, 2, \dots, N, k_2 = 1, 2, \dots, K_2) \quad (11)$$

$\mathbf{a}_{k_2}(\theta_{k_2})$  is the array epidemic vector of the emitter to the ultrashort wave observer in  $k_2$ th time slot, The formula for  $\theta_{k_2}$  is

$$\theta_{k_2} = \arccos\left(\frac{x_r - x_{f,k_2}}{\|x_r - x_{f,k_2}, y_r - y_{f,k_2}, z_r - z_{f,k_2}\|_2}\right) \quad (k_2 = 1, 2, \dots, K_2), \quad (12)$$

$\mathbf{s}_{k_2} = [s_{k_2}(t_1), s_{k_2}(t_2), \dots, s_{k_2}(t_N)]$  is the vector of the complex envelope of the ultrashort wave signal in  $k_2$ th time slot.  $f_{k_2}(\mathbf{u}_r)$  is the Doppler shift generated by the received signal when the ultrashort wave observer is moving, which is expressed as

$$f_{k_2}(\mathbf{u}_r) = f_c \frac{\mathbf{v}_{k_2}^T (\mathbf{u}_r - \mathbf{u}_{k_2})}{c \|\mathbf{u}_r - \mathbf{u}_{k_2}\|_2}. \quad (13)$$

$f_c$  is the carrier frequency of ultrashort wave signal,  $\mathbf{v}_{k_2} = [v_{x,k_2} \quad v_{y,k_2} \quad v_{z,k_2}]^T$  is the velocity of ultrashort wave observer,  $\mathbf{n}_{k_2}$  is the additive white Gaussian noise in the signal receiving process in the  $k_2$ th time slot.

## 2.2 Proposed algorithm

### 2.2.1 Cost function of shortwave signal

Because of the gaussian noise, we can write the likelihood function of  $\mathbf{x}_{k_1}$ , which is

$$p(\mathbf{x}_{k_1} | \boldsymbol{\eta}_1) = \frac{1}{(\pi\sigma_{k_1}^2)^{M_{k_1}K_1N}} \cdot \exp \left\{ -\frac{1}{\sigma_{k_1}^2} \sum_{k_1} \|\mathbf{x}_{k_1} - \mathbf{a}_{k_1}(\theta_{k_1}, \psi_{k_1}) \mathbf{s}_{k_1}\|_2^2 \right\} (k_1 = 1, 2, \dots, K_1), \quad (14)$$

where  $\boldsymbol{\eta}_1 = [\mathbf{u}_r, \mathbf{s}_{k_1}]$ . The log-ML-based function is expressed as

$$L(\boldsymbol{\eta}_1) = -M_{k_1}K_1N \ln(\pi\sigma_{k_1}^2) - \frac{1}{\sigma_{k_1}^2} \sum_{k_1} \|\mathbf{x}_{k_1} - \mathbf{a}_{k_1}(\theta_{k_1}, \psi_{k_1}) \mathbf{s}_{k_1}\|_2^2 (k_1 = 1, 2, \dots, K_1). \quad (15)$$

After omitting the constant term, we can get the cost function of received shortwave signal model, which is expressed as

$$V_1(\mathbf{u}_r, \mathbf{s}_{k_1}) = \sum_{k_1} \|\mathbf{x}_{k_1} - \mathbf{a}_{k_1}(\theta_{k_1}, \psi_{k_1}) \mathbf{s}_{k_1}\|_2^2, (k_1 = 1, 2, \dots, K_1). \quad (16)$$

We can calculate the estimation of  $\mathbf{s}_{k_1}$  by the least squares estimate:

$$\hat{\mathbf{s}}_{k_1} = [\mathbf{a}_{k_1}^H(\theta, \psi_{k_1}) \mathbf{a}_{k_1}(\theta, \psi_{k_1})]^{-1} \mathbf{a}_{k_1}^H(\theta, \psi_{k_1}) \mathbf{x}_{k_1} \quad (17)$$

Substitute  $\hat{\mathbf{s}}_{k_1}$  into equation (15), the cost function can be written as

$$V_1(\mathbf{u}_r) = \sum_{k_1} \|\boldsymbol{\Pi}_{k_1}^\perp(\mathbf{a}_{k_1}(\theta, \psi_{k_1})) \mathbf{x}_{k_1}\|_2^2, \quad (18)$$

where  $\boldsymbol{\Pi}_{k_1}^\perp(\mathbf{a}_{k_1}(\theta, \psi_{k_1})) = \mathbf{I}_{M_{k_1}} - \mathbf{a}_{k_1}^\dagger(\theta, \psi_{k_1}) \mathbf{a}_{k_1}(\theta, \psi_{k_1})$  is the orthogonal projection matrix of the  $\mathbf{a}_{k_1}(\theta, \psi_{k_1})$  complement,  $M_{k_1}$  is the order of  $\mathbf{a}_{k_1}(\theta, \psi_{k_1})$ .

### 2.2.2 Cost function of ultrashort wave signal

The likelihood function of  $\mathbf{x}_{k_2}$  is

$$p(\mathbf{x}_{k_2} | \boldsymbol{\eta}_2) = \frac{1}{(\pi\sigma_{k_2}^2)^{M_{k_2}K_2N}} \cdot \exp \left\{ -\frac{1}{\sigma_{k_2}^2} \sum_{k_2} \|\mathbf{x}_{k_2} - \mathbf{a}_{k_2}(\theta_{k_2}) \mathbf{s}_{k_2}\|_2^2 \right\} (k_2 = 1, 2, \dots, K_2), \quad (19)$$

where  $\boldsymbol{\eta}_2 = [\mathbf{u}_r, \mathbf{s}_{k_2}]$ . The log-ML-based function is expressed as

$$L_2(\mathbf{u}) = -M_{k_2}LK_2N \ln(\pi\sigma_{k_2}^2) - \frac{1}{\sigma_{k_2}^2} \sum_{k_2} \|\mathbf{x}_{k_2} - \mathbf{a}_{k_2}(\theta_{k_2}) \mathbf{s}_{k_2} e^{j2\pi f_{k_2}(\mathbf{u})nT_s}\|_2^2 (k_2 = 1, 2, \dots, K_2). \quad (20)$$

For convenience of calculation, write the ultrashort wave signal model as

$$\mathbf{x}_{k_2}^T(n) = \mathbf{b}_{k_2}(\theta_{k_2}, f_{k_2}(\mathbf{u}_r)) \mathbf{s}_{k_2}^T(n) + \mathbf{n}_{k_2}^T(n) (n = 1, 2, \dots, N, k_2 = 1, 2, \dots, K_2), \quad (21)$$

where  $\mathbf{b}_{k_2}(\theta_{k_2}, f_{k_2}(\mathbf{u}_r)) = \mathbf{F}_{k_2,2}(\mathbf{u}_r) \otimes \mathbf{a}_{k_2}(\theta_{k_2})$ ,

$$\mathbf{F}_{k_2,2}(\mathbf{u}_r) = \text{diag} \left( \left[ e^{j2\pi f_{k_2}(\mathbf{u}_r)T_s}, e^{j4\pi f_{k_2}(\mathbf{u}_r)T_s}, \dots, e^{j2N\pi f_{k_2}(\mathbf{u}_r)T_s} \right]^T \right) \quad (22)$$

The cost function of received ultrashort wave signal model is

$$V_2(\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{s}_{k_2}) = \sum_{k_2} \|\mathbf{x}_{k_2}^T - \mathbf{b}_{k_2}(\theta_{k_2}, f_{k_2}(\mathbf{u})) \mathbf{s}_{k_2}^T\|_2^2, (k_2 = 1, 2, \dots, K_2). \quad (23)$$

We can calculate the estimation of  $\mathbf{s}_{k_2}$  by the least squares estimate:

$$\hat{\mathbf{s}}_{k_2}^T = [\mathbf{b}_{k_2}^H(\theta_{k_2}, f_{k_2}(\mathbf{u})) \mathbf{b}_{k_2}(\theta_{k_2}, f_{k_2}(\mathbf{u}))]^{-1} \mathbf{b}_{k_2}^H(\theta_{k_2}, f_{k_2}(\mathbf{u})) \mathbf{x}_{k_2}^T. \quad (24)$$

Substitute  $\hat{\mathbf{s}}_{k_2}$  into equation (22), the cost function can be written as

$$V_2(\mathbf{u}) = \sum_{k_2}^{K_2} \left\| \mathbf{I}_{k_2}^\perp \left( \mathbf{b}_{k_2}^H(\theta_{k_2}, f_{k_2}(\mathbf{u})) \right) \mathbf{x}_{k_2} \right\|_2^2, (k_2 = 1, 2, \dots, K_2). \quad (25)$$

### 2.2.3 Joint localization method

We can obtain the final cost function by a weighted sum of  $V_1$  and  $V_2$ , which is expressed as

$$V(\mathbf{u}) = W_1 V_1(\mathbf{u}) + W_2 V_2(\mathbf{u}). \quad (26)$$

$W_1$  and  $W_2$  can be obtained by the covariance matrix of  $\mathbf{x}_{k_1}$  and  $\mathbf{x}_{k_2}$ , which is expressed as

$$\mathbf{R}_{K_1} = \mathbf{x}_{k_1} \mathbf{x}_{k_1}^H, \quad (27)$$

$$\mathbf{R}_{K_2} = \mathbf{x}_{k_2} \mathbf{x}_{k_2}^H. \quad (28)$$

We can decompose  $\mathbf{R}_{K_1}$  by eigenvalues and get  $M_{k_1}$  eigenvalues, then average the eigenvalues of the smallest  $M_{k_1} - 1$ , finally get the estimation of  $\sigma_{k_1}^2$ , which is expressed as

$$\hat{\sigma}_{k_1}^2 = \frac{1}{M_{k_1} - 1} \text{sum} \left( \text{eig}_2(\mathbf{R}_{K_1}), \text{eig}_3(\mathbf{R}_{K_1}), \dots, \text{eig}_{M_{k_1}}(\mathbf{R}_{K_1}) \right). \quad (29)$$

$W_1$  is written as  $\frac{1}{\hat{\sigma}_{k_1}^2}$ . Similarly,  $W_2$  is written as  $\frac{1}{\hat{\sigma}_{k_2}^2}$ ,

$$\hat{\sigma}_{k_2}^2 = \frac{1}{M_{k_2} - 1} \text{sum} \left( \text{eig}_2(\mathbf{R}_{K_2}), \text{eig}_3(\mathbf{R}_{K_2}), \dots, \text{eig}_{M_{k_2}}(\mathbf{R}_{K_2}) \right). \quad (30)$$

Finally, we can use the grid search method to find the estimated coordinates of the emitter, the result is expressed as

$$\hat{\mathbf{u}}_{r,ML} = \text{argmin} \{V(\mathbf{u})\}. \quad (31)$$

## 3. Simulation and Analysis

In this section, we carry out some simulations to check the performance of the proposed algorithm. We use 3 shortwave observers, each of which has uniform circular arrays with  $M_{k_1} = 10$ . And the ultrashort wave moving observer has uniform linear array with  $M_{k_2} = 3$ . The velocity vector of the ultrashort wave observer is  $\mathbf{v}_{k_2} = [0.1 \ 0.2 \ 0.2] \text{km/s}$ . Their latitude and longitude coordinates are in the Table 1. Fig. 2 shows their location.

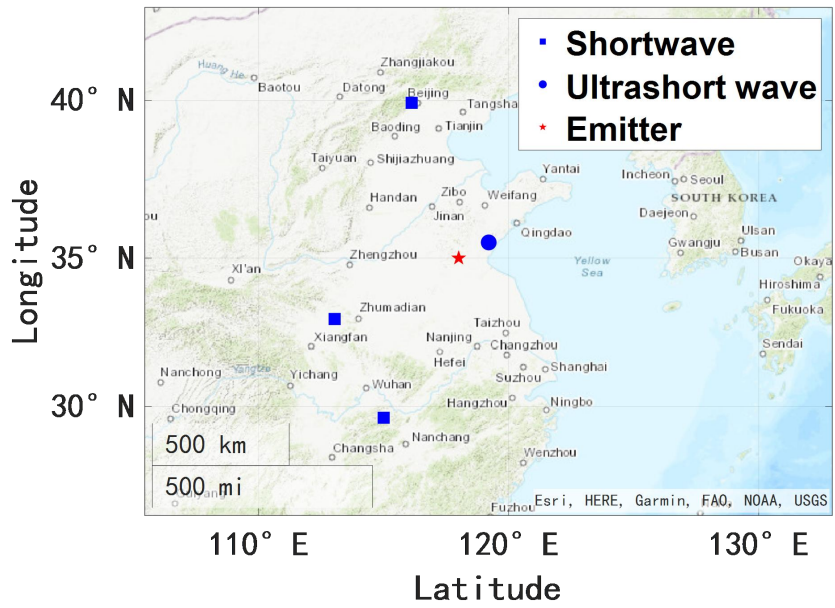


Fig 2 Location of emitter and observers

Table 1. Latitude and longitude coordinates of emitter and observers

	Emitter	Shortwave 1	Shortwave 2	Shortwave 3	Ultrashort wave
Latitude/°	118.00°E	116.12°E	113.04°E	115.00°E	119.20°E
longitude/°	35.00°N	39.92°N	32.98°N	29.61°N	36.51°N
Ionospheric height/km	\	340	360	375	\

We use the RMSE of localization to represent the performance of the algorithm:

$$RMSE = \frac{1}{num} \sqrt{\sum_{i=1}^{num} \|u_r - \hat{u}_{r,i}\|_2^2}, \tag{32}$$

where *num* means the times of Monte Carlo experiments, and *num* is set to 100. The Cramér-Rao Bound(CRB) provides a benchmark for the highest localization accuracy achievable for any unbiased estimator.

Firstly, we verify the effectiveness of joint localization by comparing the CRB between the algorithms, Fig. 3 shows the proposed algorithms has lower CRB, which proved that combining multiple information can improve the performance limit of localization.

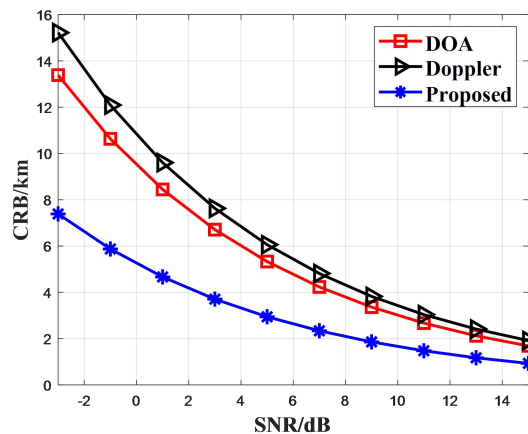


Fig. 3 Comparison of CRB versus SNR

Then, we compare the RMSE of each algorithms, and Fig. 4 shows the results. From Fig. 4, we can find that joint localization has better accuracy.

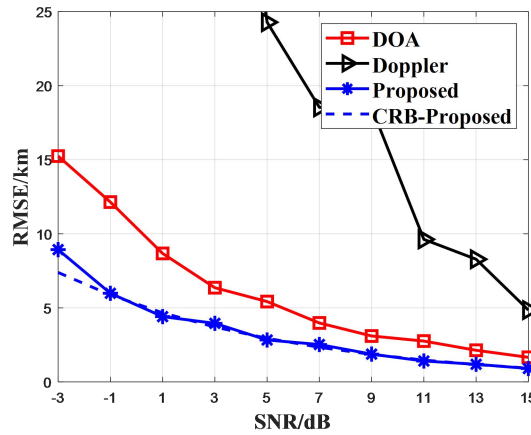


Fig. 4 Comparison of RMSE versus SNR

#### 4. Summary

This paper studies the problem of passive localization, and modeled the joint information localization in 3D scene. According to the propagation characteristics of shortwave signal and ultrashort wave signal, we calculate their DOAs information, Doppler information. Limited by the length of the article, the calculation formula of CRB is not derived in detail. We prove that the combination of multiple information can improve the positioning accuracy, obtain the CRB and RMSE.

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