



“Flexible Channel Estimation for 3GPP 5G IoT on a Vector Digital Signal Processor”

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Motivation: Introduction of RedCap for 3GPP 5G IoT

- NR Reduced Capability (RedCap/REDCAP/NR-Lite/NR-Light) to cover applications in the mMTC use case.

3GPP Release 17 for 5G IoT
(NB-IoT, Cat-M, RedCap)



Requirements
and Workloads?

Algorithmic
Approaches?

Suitable HW
Platforms?

Workload, Platforms, Algorithms

Algorithmic Optimisation and 32-bit RISC Implementation

Further Algorithmic Optimisations:

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- *instead of (1-)*

$$\tilde{H}(k, l) = \frac{1}{N_1 + N_2 + 1} \sum_{i=l-N_1}^{l+N_2} \hat{H}(k, i)$$

$$\tilde{H}(k, l) = \alpha \hat{H}(k, l) + (1-\alpha) \tilde{H}(k, l-1)$$

$$\tilde{H}(k, l) = \alpha \sum_{i=l-N_2}^{l+N_2} \hat{H}(k, l+i) = \sum_{i=l-N_2}^{l+N_2} \alpha \cdot \hat{H}(k, l+i)$$

$$\tilde{H}(k, l) = \alpha \hat{H}(k, l) + \beta \tilde{H}(k, l-1)$$

Operations [1/ms]:

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TABLE IV
NUMBER OF OPERATIONS.

Workload	Pilots [1/ms]	Operations [1/ms]		Filtering Axis
		SMA	EMA	
11	4	24	8	one axis
12	12	72	24	only t
13	4	24	8	both t and f
14	12	72	24	both t and f

Pseudo Code of Optimised Equations:

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Algorithm 1: Moving Average in the SMA Form
input : Channel measurement  $\hat{H}$  and filter coefficient  $\alpha$ 
output : Filtered channel measurement  $\tilde{H}$ 
// Data register  $w$ 
// MAC register  $w_1$ 
for  $j \leftarrow 0$  to  $K-1$  do
  for  $k \leftarrow 0$  to  $N-1$  do
     $w_1 \leftarrow \alpha \hat{H}(k, j) + (1-\alpha) w_1$ 
  end
end
 $\tilde{H} = w_1$ 
end

Algorithm 2: Moving Average in the EMA Form
input : Channel measurement  $\hat{H}$  and filter coefficients  $\alpha, \beta$ 
output : Filtered channel measurement  $\tilde{H}$ 
// Data register  $w$ 
// MAC register  $w_1$ 
// ACC register  $w_2$ 
for  $j \leftarrow 0$  to  $K-1$  do
  for  $k \leftarrow 0$  to  $N-1$  do
     $w_1 \leftarrow \alpha \hat{H}(k, j) + (1-\alpha) w_1$ 
     $w_2 \leftarrow \beta w_2 + (1-\beta) w_1$ 
  end
end
 $\tilde{H} = w_2$ 
end
    
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32-bit reference Implementation:

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TABLE V
32-BIT SCALAR REFERENCE: REQUIRED CLOCK FREQUENCY AND MAC REGISTER UTILISATION



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Results: Key Contributions

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Algorithm	Moving Average based Channel Estimation					
Architecture	32-bit scalar		vDSP128		vDSP512	
Metric	Req. Clock	Arithmetic Ops/Cycles	Req. Clock	SIMD Efficiency	Req. Clock	SIMD Efficiency
	[MHz]	[%]	[MHz]	[%]	[MHz]	[%]
NB-IoT	0.25	89	0.08	67	0.04	33
Cat-M	1.28	97.8	0.34	92	0.11	74
FR1 RedCap	25.9	99.89	6.5	99.48	1.65	97.9
FR2 RedCap	128.9	99.98	32.4	99.89	8.09	99.58

Standard	NB-IoT	Cat-M	FR1 RedCap	FR2 RedCap
Suitable Architecture	32-bit	32-bit to 128-bit	128-bit to 512-bit	512-bit