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1 Summary

It has been proposed to use Concatenated periodically Extended Complementary sequences [2] for inter-base station synchronisation in UTRA TDD. CEC-sequences provide a perfect channel estimation window, i.e. no auto-correlation side lobes at all around the main correlation peak in a window of adjustable size, whilst still exhibiting excellent auto-correlation properties for the overall aperiodic auto-correlation function. Due to the existence of low complexity matched-filter structures for Polyphase complementary pairs, a significant computational complexity reduction can also be achieved for correlation with CEC-sequences.

The option that several Node B's within one RNS transmit their cell sync bursts simultaneously, i.e. in the same PRACH timeslot has been proposed recently [1]. The introduction of this option into the current Node B sync concept could allow a more efficient usage of the allocated resources and could also allow more frequent measurement occasions. A straightforward approach for enabling simultaneous reception and detection of more than one neighbouring Node B is to assign them different code offsets by means of cyclically shifted versions of one common basic sequence.

In this contribution, the construction of CEC-sequences is extended to the multiple code offset case and it is shown that these Node B sync sequences offer the same advantages as the original ones in terms of their auto-correlation properties and low-complexity receiver implementation.

2 Introduction

The construction principle of the original CEC-sequences as proposed in [2] is shown in Figure 1. The basic sequences $s(n)$ and $g(n)$ make up a Golay or Polyphase complementary pair with an integer power of 2 as length. The sum of the aperiodic auto-correlation functions of a complementary pair yields a perfect Dirac-function.

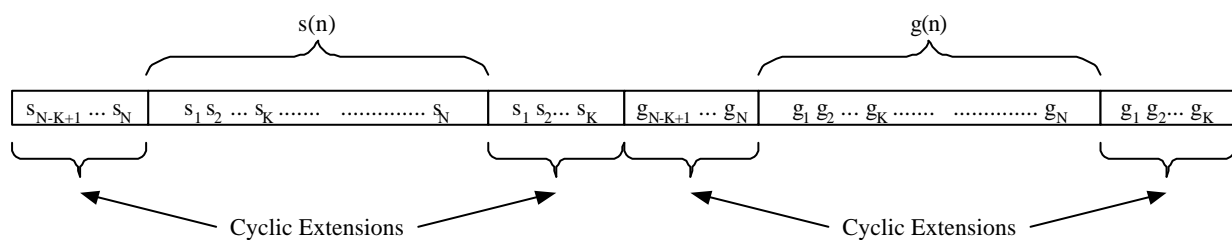


Figure 1: Construction principle of the CEC-sequences without code offset

The receiver in a first step correlates the overall received signal separately with a local replica of $s(n)$. In a second step, it correlates at a $N+2K$ chip offset with a local replica of $g(n)$. Finally, the auto-correlation sum is obtained after adding up corresponding matched-filter outputs.

It can be shown that following the construction principle in Figure 1, a perfect auto-correlation window of size $\pm K$ can be obtained around the main correlation peak. The size of the perfect auto-correlation window is scalable and dependent on the length of the pre- or post extensions. In addition, the overall aperiodic auto-correlation properties, i.e. outside the window are better than can be obtained by a Gold-sequence of comparable length.

In an alternative way, CEC-sequences could be constructed from a complementary pair by either leaving out the pre- or the post-extension for each of the basic sequences. Without pre-extensions, the overall CEC-sequence would look like shown in Figure 2.

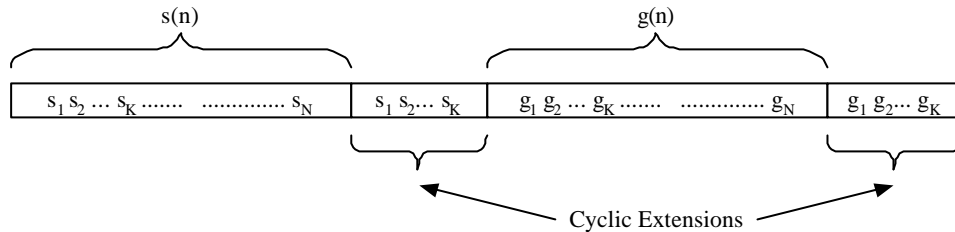


Figure 2: CEC-sequences with post-extensions only

The receiver would in a first step correlate the received signal with a cyclically rotated version of $s(n)$, here denoted as $s'(n)$. The elements of this local replica $s'(n)$ are obtained from the original basic sequence $s(n)$ as being,

$$s'_i = \begin{cases} s_{K+1-2i} & i \leq N-K \\ s_{K+1-2i} & i > N-K \end{cases}$$

Here, K denotes the length of the post-extension and N the length of the complementary pair. If K is an odd number, the nominal code correlation position starts with s_i where $i = \lfloor K/2 \rfloor + 1$.

The receiver would in a second step proceed in an analogue way correlate the received signal with a cyclically rotated version of $g(n)$ at the time offset $N+K$ chips and finally add up corresponding correlation values from the first and second step in order to obtain the auto-correlation sum.

When removing the pre-extension and correlating with a cyclically rotated version of the basic sequences, the size of the perfect auto-correlation window around the main correlation peak is reduced to $\pm K/2$. If K is not an odd number, the perfect auto-correlation window becomes very slightly asymmetrical.

CEC-sequences derived following either Figure 1 or Figure 2 are equivalent, both have excellent aperiodic auto-correlation properties and for both the possibility to use low-complexity receiver structures for Polyphase complementary pairs exists. However, CEC-sequences with post-extension only, such as shown in Figure 2 are conceptually closer to the multiple code offset case that is described in the next section.

3 CEC-sequences with multiple code offsets

If CEC-sequences are derived as in Section 2, a single Node B sync sequence is obtained from a single Golay or Polyphase complementary pair. When several Node B's in a RNS shall be enabled to transmit simultaneously, they can be differentiated by either

- (1) using different complementary pairs or
- (2) using different code offsets of the same complementary pair

for constructing different Node B sync sequences.

The second option offers the advantage that because of the perfect auto-correlation sum property of complementary pairs, orthogonality is preserved between different Node B sync sequences derived from the same complementary pair by means of a different code offset. It is therefore advantageous to generate a family of CEC-sequences from one particular Golay or Polyphase complementary pair by allowing variable cyclic shifts of the basic sequences $s(n)$ and $g(n)$. The construction principle is shown in Figure 3 and Figure 4.

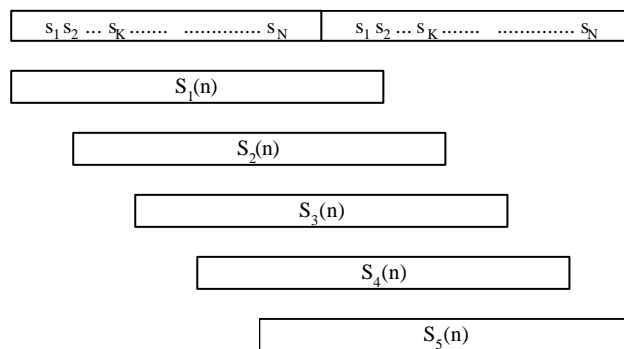


Figure 3: Deriving different code offset versions of the basic sequence $s(n)$

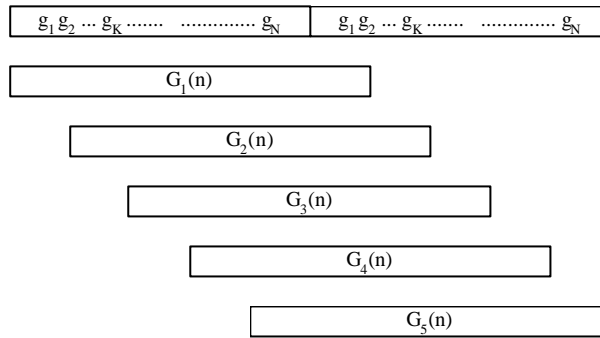


Figure 4: Deriving different code offset versions of the basic sequence $g(n)$

The cyclically shifted versions of $s(n)$ and $g(n)$, referred to as $S_m(n)$ and $G_m(n)$ for code offset m are derived by selecting appropriate elements from the repetitions of $s(n)$ and $g(n)$ respectively. The periodically repeated version of $s(n)$ is

denoted by $s_e(n)$, with its elements given as $s_{e,i} = \begin{cases} s_i & i \leq N \\ s_{i-N} & i > N \end{cases}$.

Then the elements of $S_m(n)$, denoted as $S_{m,i}$ are given by $S_{m,i} = s_{e,i-w}$, where w is the offset in terms of the number of code elements. Typically w is chosen to equal K and the total available number of offsets M is then given by $M=N/K$ although other relationships are not excluded. The corresponding cyclically shifted versions of $G_m(n)$ are constructed in identical fashion.

The overall Node B sync sequence derived from a particular Golay or Polyphase complementary pair $s(n)$ and $g(n)$ and corresponding to a particular code offset m is finally given by the concatenation of $S_m(n)$ and $G_m(n)$ as illustrated in Figure 5. Node B sync sequences build from CEC-sequences with multiple code offsets have an overall length of $2(N+K)$ chips.

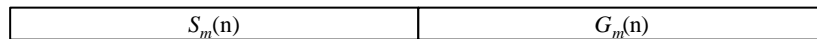


Figure 5: Node B sync sequence derived from a complementary pair $s(n)$ and $g(n)$ for code offset m

The receiver in a first step cyclically correlates the first half of the overall received signal with a local replica $s'(n)$ whose elements are derived from $s(n)$ as in Section 2. The first K chips of the $N+K$ chip long segment corresponding to $s(n)$ are discarded. This is equivalent to the computation of the periodic auto-correlation with the local replica $s'(n)$ by means of a cyclic shift register.

The correlation with $g'(n)$ is done in a second step in an analogue manner on the second half of the overall received signal. By discarding the first K chips, any undesired cross-correlation between the parts corresponding to $s(n)$ and $g(n)$ due to a multi-path channel with channel impulse response length smaller than K can be avoided. Finally, the auto-correlation sum is obtained after adding up corresponding matched-filter outputs from the first and second step.

A typical auto-correlation obtained for the case of $N=1024$ and $M=16$ possible code offsets with a resolution of $K=64$ chips between different simultaneously transmitting Node B's is shown in the Appendix for the case of code offsets 1, 3 and 7 being present.

4 Conclusion

CEC-sequences with multiple code offsets have all the benefits of the original proposed CEC-sequences in terms of ease of implementation of the decoder [2] and ideal auto-correlation properties. In addition, multiple code offsets are available for a particular Golay or Polyphase complementary pair. Due to the complementary property of the CEC-sequences their offset versions also remain orthogonal, i.e. without any undesired cross-correlation.

Golay complementary pairs of length $N=1024$ seem to be a good choice for building the CEC-sequences, as the EGC-receiver structure simplifies the most for this special binary case of Polyphase complementary pairs. Providing $M=16$ possible code offsets for one RNS leaves $K=64$ chips of resolution between different Node B's which should be more than sufficient. The overall length of a Node B sync sequence would then be 2176 chips which yields a maximum usage of the available time in the cell sync timeslots. Also, we propose that at least 8 Golay complementary pairs are chosen for deriving the CEC-sequences with multiple code offsets. These basic Golay complementary pairs could be chosen based on their aperiodic auto-correlation properties which are important in the initial Node B sync scenario.

Note also that when applying a continuously increasing phase offset to the elements of a Node B sync sequence derived from CEC-sequences, the order of applying the phase offset and deriving the code offset versions are inter-changeable as all code parameters are multiple's of 4. The same holds for the receiving side.

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Appendix

The following figures show a typical auto-correlation sum for CEC-sequences with multiple code offsets. The code offset versions of the CEC-sequence are derived from a Golay complementary pair with weight vector $\mathbf{W}=[W_1 W_2 \dots W_{10}]=[1 -1 1 1 -1 -1 -1 -1 -1 -1]$ and permutation vector $\mathbf{P}=[P_1 P_2 \dots P_{10}]=[9 0 8 1 7 2 6 3 5 4]$. Code offsets 1, 3 and 7 were selected.

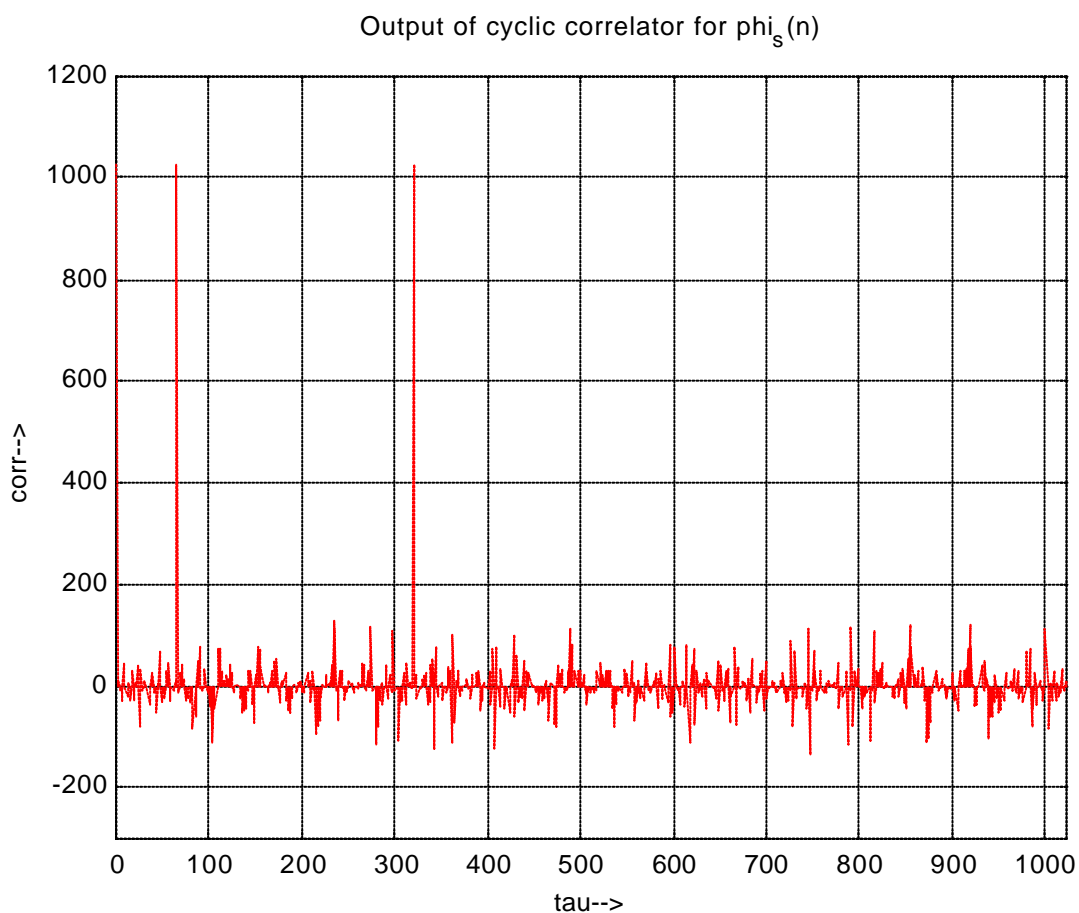


Figure 6: Cyclic correlator output for correlation with $s'(n)$

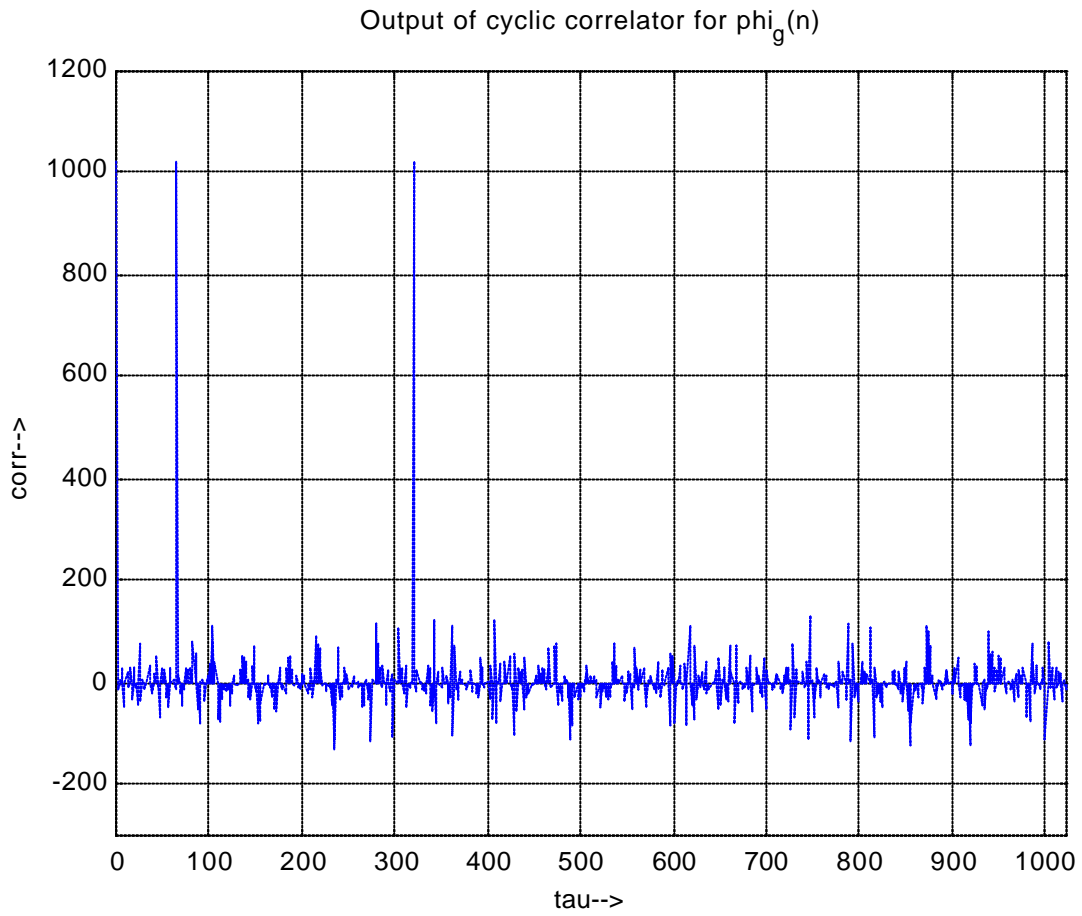


Figure 7: Cyclic correlator output for correlation with $g'(n)$

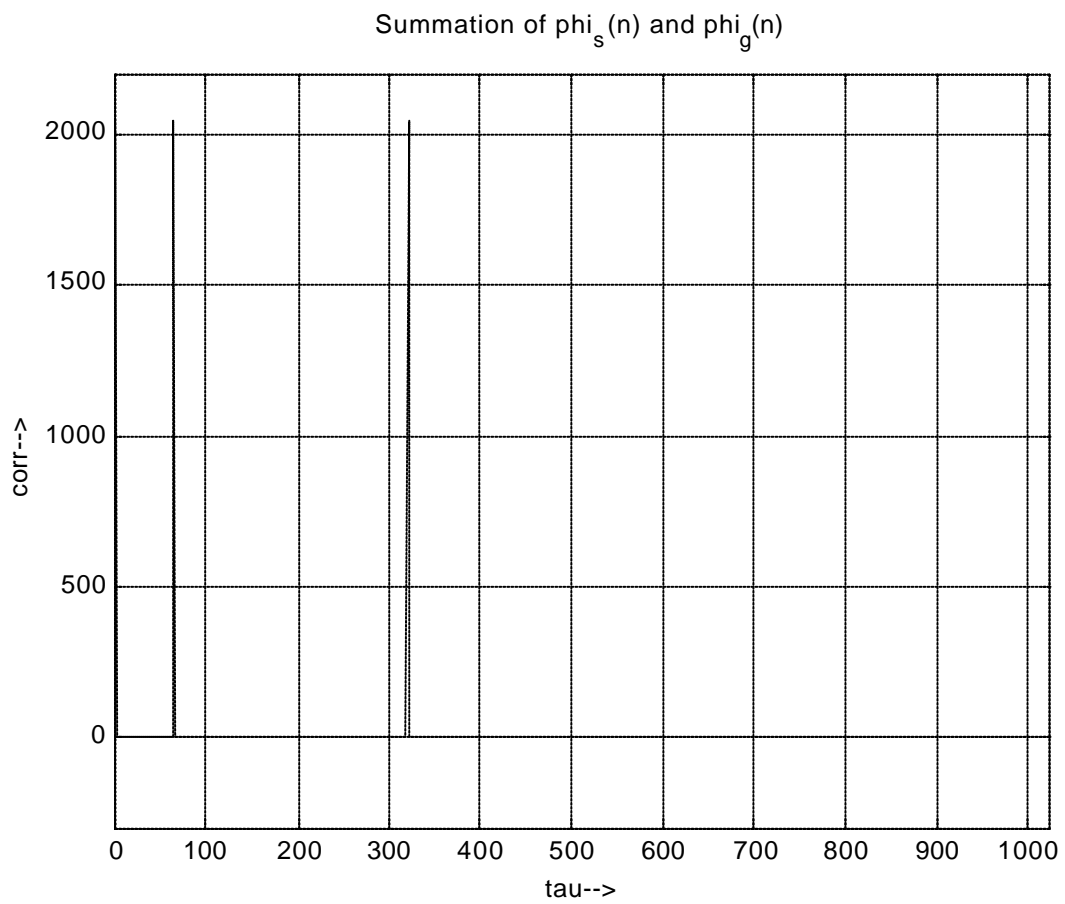


Figure 8: Sum of the correlation outputs obtained by cyclic correlation with $s'(n)$ and $g'(n)$