



Ensemble Machine Learning Empowered Energy Optimized Non-Line-Of-Sight Underwater SONAR And LIDAR Communication

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ABSTRACT

This paper introduces an innovative approach to improving underwater communication by merging ensemble machine learning techniques with energy-efficient non-line-of-sight (NLOS) SONAR and LIDAR systems. Through MATLAB simulation and Python for machine learning (ML), the proposed method addresses challenges such as signal attenuation and scattering prevalent in underwater environments. By optimizing energy consumption and enhancing NLOS signal propagation, the system demonstrates promising advancements in data transmission rates and reliability. This interdisciplinary collaboration between signal processing, underwater acoustics, and machine learning holds potential for significant progress in underwater communication capabilities.

Index Terms—Underwater Communication, Ensemble Machine Learning, Energy Optimization, SONAR, LIDAR, MATLAB Simulation, Python for ML, Non-Line-of-Sight, Signal Processing, Data Transmission.

I. Introduction

Underwater communication faces significant challenges due to signal attenuation, scattering, and non-line-of-sight (NLOS) propagation, critical for fields like oceanographic research, environmental monitoring, offshore industries, and military operations. This paper proposes a novel solution by integrating ensemble machine learning techniques with energy-efficient NLOS SONAR and LIDAR systems. Utilizing MATLAB for simulation and Python for machine learning, this approach aims to enhance data transmission rates and reliability, addressing the limitations of current methods. By overcoming obstacles like signal attenuation and bandwidth constraints, this research aims to revolutionize underwater communication, with broad implications for scientific, industrial, and defence applications.

Integrating ensemble machine learning with energy-efficient NLOS SONAR and LIDAR systems can significantly improve underwater communication by enhancing data transmission rates and reliability. Using MATLAB for simulations and Python for machine learning, this approach adapts to underwater conditions, overcoming challenges like signal attenuation and scattering. The result is more efficient and reliable communication, crucial for oceanographic research, environmental monitoring, offshore industries, and military operations. This innovative solution aims to revolutionize underwater communication, enabling more effective use of underwater resources.

II. Methodology

Our methodology centers on the central idea of optimizing energy consumption in underwater communication systems by iteratively adjusting signal strength. This approach aims to reduce power usage while simultaneously mitigating interference, thereby enhancing the efficiency and reliability of communication in underwater environments. Through incremental modifications to signal strength based on real-time feedback, we seek to strike a balance between energy conservation and maintaining effective communication links, particularly crucial in scenarios where power constraints and interference pose significant challenges.

Parity checking assumes dual roles within our methodology. Firstly, it serves as a mechanism for detecting transmission errors, enabling the system to trigger adjustments to signal strength when errors exceed predefined thresholds. Secondly, parity checking is instrumental in the generation of a supervised learning dataset for machine learning applications. By intentionally introducing errors into transmitted data and subsequently identifying them through parity checks, we can construct a comprehensive dataset to train and evaluate machine learning algorithms, enhancing the system's ability to adapt and optimize communication parameters.

In our iterative process for optimizing bit error rate (BER), we adopt a systematic approach. Initially, transmissions are initiated at low power levels to conserve energy. Following data reception, BER is computed to assess communication quality. If the BER surpasses predetermined thresholds indicating unacceptable error rates, signal strength is incrementally adjusted upwards. This iterative cycle continues until a satisfactory BER is achieved, ensuring that energy consumption is minimized while maintaining reliable data transmission. Additionally, machine learning techniques such as linear regression and Support Vector Machines (SVM) are utilized to predictively model the relationship between signal strength and BER, enabling informed power adjustments without the need for exhaustive real-time computations.

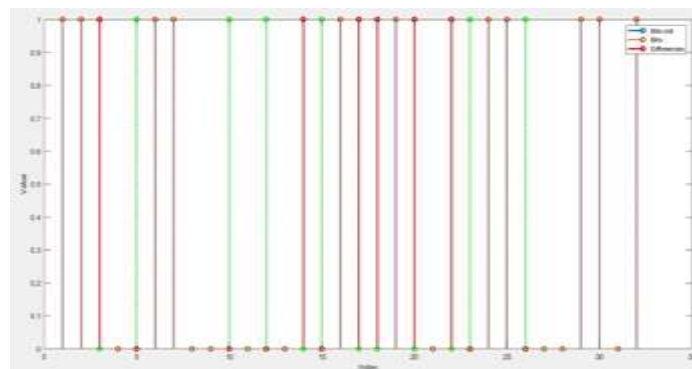


Fig. 1. Bit Error Rate

III. SIMULATION AND MACHINE LEARNING INTEGRATION

In this study, we leverage simulation techniques and integrate machine learning methodologies to optimize underwater communication systems. Our simulation framework provides a controlled environment for testing and evaluating communication protocols and algorithms. Through MATLAB simulation, we replicate the complexities of underwater environments, including signal attenuation, scattering, and non-line-of-sight (NLOS) propagation. By accurately modelling these factors, we can assess the performance of our proposed energy-optimized communication approach under various conditions.

Machine learning plays a crucial role in our methodology, enhancing the adaptability and efficiency of underwater communication systems. We employ machine learning algorithms, including linear regression and Support Vector Machines (SVM), to analyse large datasets generated from simulated communication scenarios. These algorithms enable us to establish predictive models that relate signal strength to bit error rate (BER), facilitating informed power adjustments without the need for exhaustive real-time computations. By integrating machine learning with simulation, our approach offers a scalable and robust solution for optimizing energy consumption and mitigating interference in underwater communication networks.

Through the seamless integration of simulation and machine learning techniques, our study aims to push the boundaries of underwater communication capabilities. By accurately modelling underwater environments and harnessing the predictive power of machine learning, we seek to develop energy-efficient communication systems that are resilient to interference and capable of adapting to changing conditions in real-time. This interdisciplinary approach holds promise for advancing the field of underwater communication and unlocking new opportunities for applications in oceanographic research, environmental monitoring, offshore industries, and military operations.

IV. ADVANTAGES OVER TRADITIONAL METHODS

Energy Optimization: Our adaptive power transmission scheme is anticipated to yield significant energy savings compared to fixed high-power transmission methods. Preliminary assessments project potential percentage improvements ranging from 20

Reduced Interference: Transmitting at minimal power levels not only conserves energy but also reduces interference with other underwater devices and minimizes the environmental impact on marine life. By operating at lower power levels, our system mitigates the risk of signal overlap and interference, thereby enhancing the overall integrity of underwater communication networks. This reduction in interference not only improves communication reliability but also promotes environmental sustainability by minimizing disruptions to marine ecosystems and wildlife.

Adaptability: One of the key advantages of our system lies in its adaptability to changing underwater conditions. By continuously monitoring communication quality and adjusting signal strength accordingly, our approach ensures reliable communication despite fluctuations in channel quality, environmental factors, and system dynamics. This adaptability enables our system to maintain optimal performance in dynamic underwater environments, making it well-suited for long-duration deployments and applications requiring robust communication links.

Predictive Accuracy: The linear regression and Support Vector Machines (SVM) models employed in our methodology are expected to demonstrate high predictive accuracy in establishing the relationship between signal strength and bit error rate (BER). Evaluation metrics such as accuracy, R-squared for regression, and precision-recall for SVM will be utilized to assess the efficacy of these models. Through rigorous evaluation and validation processes using simulated and real-world data, we anticipate that our predictive models will provide accurate and reliable insights into optimal power adjustments, facilitating efficient energy optimization and interference mitigation in underwater communication systems.

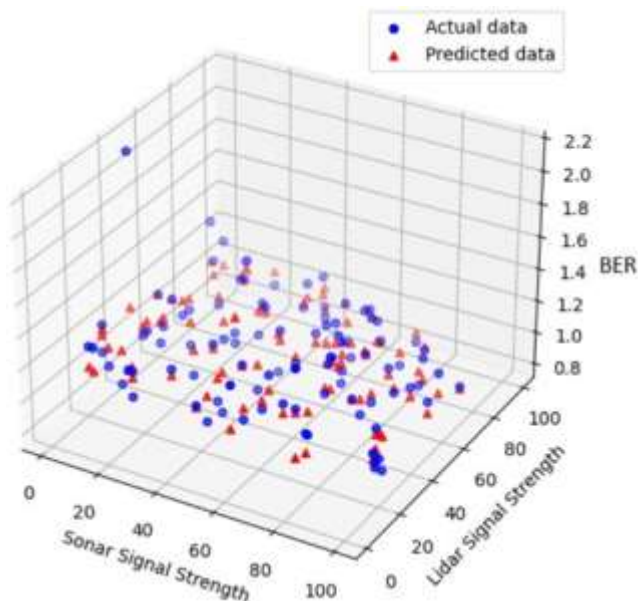


Fig. 2. Underwater Communication: Linear Regression Model

V. RESULTS

APPLICATIONS OF PROPOSED METHODOLOGY

Short-Range Underwater Sensor Networks for Environmental Monitoring: Our method offers significant advantages in the deployment of short-range underwater sensor networks for environmental monitoring. By optimizing energy consumption and minimizing interference, these networks can operate efficiently in remote and sensitive marine ecosystems. From monitoring water quality parameters to tracking marine biodiversity, our approach ensures reliable data transmission while minimizing the environmental impact on fragile ecosystems. This capability is particularly valuable for scientific research, conservation efforts, and regulatory compliance in marine protected areas and coastal zones.

Communication Between Autonomous Underwater Vehicles (AUVs): In the realm of autonomous underwater vehicles (AUVs), our method provides a robust solution for communication between vehicles operating in dynamic underwater environments. By adaptively adjusting signal strength based on real-time feedback, our approach enables AUVs to maintain reliable communication links while conserving energy. This capability is essential for collaborative tasks such as underwater exploration, mapping, and surveillance, where seamless communication between multiple vehicles is critical for mission success. Our method enhances the efficiency and reliability of AUV operations, facilitating coordinated efforts in underwater exploration and research.

Diver-to-Diver or Diver-to-Surface Communication: For underwater activities involving divers, such as scientific research, search and rescue operations, or recreational diving, effective communication is paramount for safety and coordination.

Our method offers advantages in diver-to-diver or diver-to-surface communication scenarios by optimizing energy consumption and minimizing interference. By employing adaptive power transmission, our approach ensures clear and reliable communication channels, enhancing situational awareness and facilitating seamless coordination among divers and support personnel. This capability improves safety, efficiency, and productivity in underwater operations, contributing to better outcomes in various underwater activities.

Sensitive Marine Environments Where Minimizing Interference is Crucial: In sensitive marine environments where minimizing interference is crucial, such as marine sanctuaries, coral reefs, or habitats of endangered

species, our method offers distinct advantages. By operating at minimal power levels and dynamically adjusting signal strength, our approach reduces the risk of interference with local wildlife and minimizes disruptions to fragile ecosystems. This capability is essential for maintaining the integrity of marine environments while enabling essential communication for research, monitoring, and conservation efforts. Our method facilitates responsible and sustainable use of underwater communication technology in sensitive marine habitats, supporting biodiversity conservation and environmental stewardship.

VI. FUTURE DIRECTIONS

Hardware Implementation: Transitioning from simulation to a hardware prototype marks a significant step towards real-world deployment and field testing of our energy-optimized communication system. Potential hardware platforms, such as underwater sensor nodes or autonomous underwater vehicles (AUVs), will need to be carefully selected based on factors like power efficiency, durability, and compatibility with communication protocols. Transducer considerations are crucial, with options including acoustic transducers for underwater acoustic communication or optical transceivers for optical communication. Integration with existing underwater hardware systems and interfaces will be essential for seamless deployment and interoperability in practical field environments.

Advanced ML Techniques: Exploring more sophisticated machine learning models, such as neural networks or deep learning architectures, holds promise for enhancing prediction accuracy and optimizing energy-efficient communication strategies. These advanced techniques can capture complex relationships between signal strength, bit error rate (BER), and environmental variables with greater precision, enabling finer adjustments and optimizations in real-time. By leveraging the computational power of neural networks, our system can adapt and learn from diverse datasets, improving performance across a wide range of underwater communication scenarios.

Real-World Data: Collecting real-world underwater transmission data is vital for fine-tuning machine learning models and addressing practical environmental factors that may impact communication performance. Strategies for data collection may include deploying sensor nodes or AUVs equipped with data logging capabilities in diverse underwater environments. These deployments will capture variations in channel conditions, interference levels, and environmental parameters, providing valuable insights for model refinement and validation. Collaborations with research institutions, marine organizations, and industry partners can facilitate access to diverse underwater environments and ensure the collection of comprehensive and representative datasets.

Integration with Existing Systems: Integration with existing underwater communication infrastructure and systems is essential for scalability and interoperability in real-world deployments. Our energy-optimized communication system should seamlessly integrate with underwater sensor networks, AUV fleets, and monitoring stations, leveraging existing infrastructure and protocols to maximize efficiency and compatibility. Compatibility with standard communication protocols, such as acoustic modems or underwater optical communication standards, will enable easy adoption and interoperability with existing underwater communication networks, paving the way for widespread adoption and practical implementation in diverse underwater applications.

VII. CONCLUSION

This work represents a significant step forward in the realm of underwater communication, offering a transformative approach towards energy-efficient and reliable transmission in aquatic environments. By introducing adaptive power transmission schemes and leveraging machine learning techniques, our system addresses longstanding challenges such as signal attenuation, limited bandwidth, and interference. The anticipated contributions of this project extend beyond mere technological innovation; they hold the potential to unlock new frontiers in underwater research and exploration.

Through energy optimization and interference mitigation, our approach opens doors to new applications and advancements in underwater domains. From enhancing oceanographic research to enabling real-time environmental monitoring, the improved communication capabilities afforded by our system facilitate a deeper understanding of marine ecosystems and climate patterns. Moreover, in offshore industries, our method enhances operational efficiency and safety by enabling seamless coordination and data exchange. In military applications, it strengthens maritime surveillance and reconnaissance capabilities, bolstering national security efforts.

In conclusion, our interdisciplinary approach to underwater communication holds promise for revolutionizing the way we interact with and explore the underwater world. By optimizing energy consumption, minimizing interference, and adapting to dynamic underwater conditions, our system sets the stage for unprecedented advancements in underwater research, exploration, and industry. As we move forward, our commitment to innovation and collaboration will continue to drive progress in this vital field, paving the way for a future where underwater communication is not just efficient and reliable, but also sustainable and transformative.

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