A JITTER DETECTION METHOD BASED ON THE INTEGRATION IMAGING MODEL

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ABSTRACT:

Satellite jitter is a random error source which leads to image degradation. This paper proposes a method to detect the time-variant jitter using multispectral images. In the method, multispectral images are adopted for their large overlap to obtain the parallax map. The imaging process is analyzed in detail, and an integration imaging model is constructed, which takes fully into account the time-variant jitter property and builds the relationship between object space with image space. Besides, multispectral images of ZY-3 satellite were used for experiments, and results show that the presented method obtains the jitter curve with the error of amplitude, frequency and phase not more than 0.0591 px, 0.0006 Hz and 0.007 rad, respectively. Results demonstrate the performance of the presented method in jitter detection.

1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 Satellite jitter

With the development of remote sensing technology, the resolution of optical sensors has been greatly improved, and high-resolution satellites have been widely used in mapping, monitoring and other fields. However, satellite jitter will lead to image degradation, which severely limits the application of high-precision remote sensing images (Mattson et al., 2010; Tong et al., 2015a).

Satellite jitter is a random error source due to the periodic motion of the dynamic structure on board, considerable temperature variation caused by orbital changes, and so on (Iwasaki et al., 2011; Tong et al., 2014). In the push-broom imaging process of optical satellites, satellite jitter directly leads to image distortion and blur, reduces image geometric and radiometric quality, and then affects the application of multisource image fusion, change detection, and other subsequent high-precision remote sensing operations (Wang et al., 2016; Hu et al., 2018). Jitter has been found on many satellites, such as ASTER (Teshima and Iwasaki, 2008), QuickBird (Ayoub et al., 2008), ALSat-1 (Mumtaz and Palmer, 2013), MEX-HRSC (Gwinner et al., 2013), UK-DMC (Mumtaz and Palmer, 2013), ALOS (Takaku and Tadono, 2010), Mapping satellite-1 (Sun et al., 2015), Pleiades-HR (Amberg et al., 2013), Gaofen-1 02/03/04 satellites (Zhu et al., 2018) and so on, as listed in Table 1.

The image degradation caused by satellite jitter will be even worse, if the satellites use the TDI CCD (time delay integration charge coupled devices) imaging system (Wang et al., 2012). TDI CCD is widely used in high-resolution satellites, because it can improve sensitivity and signal-to-noise ratio of the camera. It’s the integration characteristic that gives TDI CCD the advantage, but it also makes TDI CCD sensitive to satellite jitter (Chamberlain and Washkurak, 1990; Wong et al., 1992; Fan and Zhang, 2010). Therefore, it's necessary to do some investigate on the satellite jitter with TDI CCD on board.

1.2 Jitter detection

In order to eliminate the negative effect of satellite jitter on the quality of the images and their products, jitter detection is one of key steps in ground processing systems.

There are two main approaches to achieve the jitter detection. One is to directly take the measurements using the high-precision attitude sensor, such as angular velocity transducer, angular displacement transducer, etc. For example, the angular displacement sensor (ADS) was adopted to detect high-frequency jitter in Landsat (Barker and Seiferth, 1996). Panchromatic Remote-sensing Instrument for Stereo Mapping (PRISM) was used for attitude fluctuation observation of ALOS (Takaku and Tadono, 2010). The other is to obtain the regularity of jitter change indirectly through the images. Teshima and Iwasaki (2008) achieved jitter detection of Terra Spacecraft using ASTER/SWIR imagery. Sun et al. (2015) detected satellite jitter based on short-time asynchronous images. Tong et al. (2014) proposed three methods respectively using multispectral images, stereo images and panchromatic images.

Table 1. Examples of satellite jitter

<table>
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<tr>
<th>Satellite /Sensor</th>
<th>Launch Time</th>
<th>Country</th>
<th>Jitter</th>
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<tr>
<td>ASTER</td>
<td>1999</td>
<td>Japan</td>
<td>0.2 px, 1.5 Hz</td>
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<tr>
<td>QuickBird</td>
<td>2001</td>
<td>USA</td>
<td>5 px, 1 Hz; 0.2 px, 4.3 Hz</td>
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<td>ALSat-1</td>
<td>2002</td>
<td>Algeria</td>
<td>0.5 Hz</td>
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<td>MEX-HRSC</td>
<td>2003</td>
<td>Germany</td>
<td>0.1-0.2 Hz; 1.7 Hz</td>
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<td>UK-DMC</td>
<td>2003</td>
<td>UK</td>
<td>0.6 Hz</td>
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<td>ALOS</td>
<td>2006</td>
<td>Japan</td>
<td>1km, 6–7 Hz; 100m, 60–70Hz</td>
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<tr>
<td>Mapping satellite-1</td>
<td>2010</td>
<td>China</td>
<td>0.1 px, 0.105 Hz; 0.05 px, 0.635 Hz; 0.05 px, 4 Hz</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Pleiades-HR</td>
<td>2011</td>
<td>France</td>
<td>70.9-78.4 Hz</td>
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<tr>
<td>Gaofen-1 02/03/04 satellites</td>
<td>2018</td>
<td>China</td>
<td>0.077-1.3 px, 1.1-1.2 Hz</td>
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for jitter detection. Generally, the former direct approach relies on the accuracy of the attitude sensor and has higher requirements on the hardware, which limits its application. Whereas the latter one is more economic and efficient, so that it has been more widely adopted in studies (Teshima and Iwasaki, 2008; Tong et al., 2015b; Wang et al., 2017).

Although there are many researches on jitter detection, the accuracy of the obtained results still can be improved. In this paper, an integration imaging model is proposed and a method based on it is conducted. The main contribution is the transformation from disparity curve to jitter curve provided by the integration imaging model. Main steps of the presented method will be illustrated following the introduction and experiments will be undertaken to validate the presented method.

2. METHODOLOGY

This paper proposes an integration imaging model to describe the time-variant jitter, and then a method based on it is adopted for jitter detection with multispectral images used. Fig.1 shows the workflow of the proposed method. First, the pixel-to-pixel matching is conducted to the large overlap between multispectral images to obtain the parallax map. Then, according to the parallax map, parallax disparities averaged by line are calculated, and the disparity curve is fitted. Finally the integration imaging model is employed to obtain the jitter curve.

Image matching is employed on corresponding lines between adjacent bands, and correlation coefficient is used for coarse matching, least squares algorithm is utilized for fine matching. First, the initial corresponding point is obtained in the neighborhood of the initial image point. The correlation coefficient is used as a measurement tool of coarse matching: the point with the maximum correlation coefficient is selected as the initial corresponding point. The correlation coefficient $\rho(c,r)$ is calculated as follows (Potucková, 2004):

$$\rho(c,r) = \sqrt{\frac{\sum_{i} \sum_{j} (g_{i,j} - \bar{g}_{i,j})(g'_{i,j} - \bar{g'}_{i,j})}{\sqrt{\sum_{i} \sum_{j} (g_{i,j} - \bar{g}_{i,j})^2 \sum_{i} \sum_{j} (g'_{i,j} - \bar{g'}_{i,j})^2}}}$$

(1)

where $(r,c)$ is the coordinate difference between the target point and candidate point, $m$ and $n$ are the size of the target window, $i$ and $j$ are the line number and sample number in the target window respectively, $g_{i,j}$ and $g'_{i,j}$ are the DN values respectively in the target window and the search window.

Afterwards, the least square matching algorithm is adopted to obtain the sub-pixel matching results. According to the error observation model, the geometric and radiometric mapping relation between target window and research window is calculated, so that the accurate corresponding point is determined. The observation model is expressed as follows (Bethel, 1997; Potucková, 2004):

$$g(x,y) + n_0(x,y) = b_0 + b_1 \cdot g_i(a_0 + a_1x + a_2y + b_3x + b_4y) + n_1(x,y)$$

(2)

where $(x,y)$ is the coordinate of the target point; $a_0$, $a_1$, $a_2$, $b_3$, $b_4$, $b_0$, $b_1$, $b_2$ are respectively the parameter of the geometric affine transformation; $h_y$ and $h_t$ are the parameters of the gray transformation; $g_i(*)$ and $g_j(*)$ are respectively the DN values.
values corresponding to the left and right matching windows; \( n_1(*) \) and \( n_2(*) \) are the noise respectively corresponding to the left and right matching windows. The transformation parameters in the formula are calculated by the least square matching algorithm, and then the accurate corresponding points are obtained through the geometric affine transformation.

The parallax map records the coordinate differences between the corresponding points, and parallax disparities averaged by line are calculated from that. A sine function is used to fit the parallax disparities, and then image displacement can be obtained.

### 2.2 Integration imaging model

The disparity in parallax maps represents the overall effect, and it cannot reflect the real-time changes of satellite jitter. The integration imaging model is built to create a connection between parallax disparities in disparity curve and jitter offset in jitter curve, with image displacement as the bridge, as shown in Fig. 3.

The jitter offset at imaging time \( t \), i.e., \( d(t) \), can be described by the sine function (Hadar et al., 1992), that is

\[
d(t) = A \sin(2\pi ft + \theta)
\]

where \( A \) is the amplitude, \( f \) is the frequency and \( \theta \) is the initial phase. The jitter offsets are accumulated during the TDI CCD integration imaging, and they are transmitted to the image plane, resulting in the image displacement. Take \( N \) integration stages of TDI CCD for instance, \( i \) is recorded as the line number, \( T \) is recorded as the time needed for one integration, the image displacement \( E(i,N) \) in a multi-spectral band can be given by

\[
E(i,N) = \frac{1}{N} \left[ \frac{1}{2} d((i - N)T) + E(i, N - 1) + \frac{1}{2} A \sin(2\pi ft_i + \theta) \right]
\]

where

\[
\sum_{k=0}^{N-1} \sin(2\pi ft_i + 2\pi ft_i(k + N) + \theta) + \frac{1}{2} A \sin(2\pi ft_i + \theta)
\]

Substituting Eq. (5) into Eq. (4), there is

\[
E(i,N) = \frac{A}{N} \left[ \cos(\pi ft) \sin(2\pi ft - \pi ft + \theta) \right]
\]

Since the parallax disparity \( r(i) \) reflects the difference between image displacements of corresponding lines in adjacent bands, i.e. \( E(i + L, N_i) \) and \( E(i, N_i) \), the relationship can be expressed as

\[
r(i) = E(i + L, N_i) - E(i, N_i)
\]

where \( i \) is the line number, \( L \) is the distance between the two bands, \( N_i \) and \( N_{i+1} \) are the integration stages of TDI CCD for adjacent bands respectively. By substituting Eq. (6) into Eq. (7), the parallax disparity can be calculated by
In order to simplify the expression, $C$, $\alpha$, $D$ and $\beta$ are used as the substitutes.

$$C = \frac{1}{N_i} \cos(\pi fTN_i) + \sum_{k=1}^{N_i-1} 2 \cos(\pi fT(2k-N_i)) + 1$$

$$\alpha = 2\pi fT - \pi fTN_i + \theta$$

$$D = \frac{1}{N_i} \cos(\pi fTN_i) + \sum_{k=1}^{N_i-1} 2 \cos(\pi fT(2k-N_i)) + 1$$

$$\beta = -\pi fTN_i + \theta$$

(9)

Thus, Eq. (8) can expressed as:

$$r(i) = A \left[ C \sin(2\pi fT_i + \alpha) + D \sin(2\pi fT_i + \beta) \right]$$

$$= A \left[ C \sqrt{C^2 + D^2 + 2CD \cos(\alpha - \beta)} \sin(2\pi fT_i + \frac{\alpha + \beta}{2} + \phi) \right]$$

(10)

where

$$\phi = \arctan \left( \frac{C - D}{C + D} \tan \frac{\alpha - \beta}{2} \right)$$

(11)

It worth noting that because the model works on the overlap of the three bands, while the overlap of B2 and B3 bands is larger than that of the three bands, the interval should be taken into account when jitter detection is conducted by using B2 and B3 bands. $r(i+\Delta l)$ is used to replace $r(i)$ to represent parallax disparity between adjacent bands, where $\Delta l = 0$ for B1-B2 and $\Delta l = l_1$ for B2-B3; $l_1$ and $l_2$ are the distance between B1 and B2, B2 and B3, respectively. A sine function is used to describe the parallax disparity $r(i+\Delta l)$, i.e.

$$r(i+\Delta l) = A_i \sin(2\pi f_i j + \theta_i)$$

(12)

where the amplitude $A$, frequency $f_i$ and initial phase $\theta_i$ are obtained based on Eq. (9) (10) and (11), which can be expressed as follows:

$$A = A_i \left[ \sqrt{C^2 + D^2 + 2CD \cos(2\pi fTL + \pi fT(N_i - N_j))} \right]$$

$$f_i = \frac{f}{T}$$

$$\theta_i = \theta + 2\pi f_i \Delta l + \pi fT(N_i - N_j)$$

$$+ \arctan \left( \frac{C - D}{C + D} \tan \pi fT + \pi fT(N_i - N_j) \right)$$

(13)

Therefore, the relationship between parameters of jitter offset ($A$, $f_i$, $\theta_i$) and parameters of parallax disparity ($A_i$, $f_i$, $\theta_i$) can be given by:

$$A = A_i \left[ \sqrt{C^2 + D^2 + 2CD \cos(2\pi fTL + \pi fT(N_i - N_j))} \right]$$

$$f_i = \frac{f}{T}$$

$$\theta_i = \theta + 2\pi f_i \Delta l + \pi fT(N_i - N_j)$$

$$+ \arctan \left( \frac{C - D}{C + D} \tan \pi fT + \pi fT(N_i - N_j) \right)$$

(14)

The integration imaging model achieves the transformation from parallax disparities to jitter offset, in fact, it also connects the image space and object space so as to make the detailed time-variant jitter extracted from the overall effect in images.

3. EXPERIMENTS AND ANALYSIS

3.1 Data description

The performance of the presented method was checked using a number of multispectral images of ZY-3 satellite.

![Figure 5. Multispectral image of ZY-3 satellite](image)

Table 2. Description of the experimental data

<table>
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<tr>
<th>Data</th>
<th>113.2°E, 34.6°N</th>
<th>5.8</th>
<th>9307 × 8813</th>
<th>B1</th>
<th>B2</th>
<th>B3</th>
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<tr>
<td>Location</td>
<td>Resolution (m)</td>
<td>Size (px)</td>
<td>Bands used</td>
<td>TDI</td>
<td>CCD</td>
<td>Single integration time (ms)</td>
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<td>B1</td>
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ZY-3 satellite is equipped with 5.8-m optical cameras, capable of recording images in four spectral bands: blue (B1), green (B2), red (B3), and infrared (B4). The B1, B2, and B3 bands are
used for experiments. The adopted data, near Dengfeng, Henan province, China, was originally collected on 3rd February 2012, as shown in Fig. 5. Table 2 lists the detailed description of the experimental data.

3.2 Results

Fig. 6 shows the parallax maps of experimental data after pixel to pixel matching, where the results obtained with B1-B2 and B2-B3 bands are respectively demonstrated in Fig. 6(a) and (b). The matching was conducted in both across- and along-track direction. An apparent sinusoidal jitter can be found according to parallax maps.

![Figure 6. Parallax maps obtained with (a) B1-B2 used and (b) B2-B3 used](image)

![Figure 7. Parallax disparities between (a) B1 and B2, (b) B2 and B3, respectively](image)

In addition to the parallax maps, the parallax disparities averaged by line are displayed in Fig. 7. Fig. 7(a) and (b) shows the parallax disparities, respectively related to Fig. 6(a) and (b) with B1-B2 and B2-B3 bands used separately. The distribution of disparities in across-track direction shows regular sine curve, whereas disparities in along-track direction is not agreement with that in across-track direction. Even though disparities in along-track also waves along the image line number, such pattern cannot expressed directly by a sine function. This is because the topographic information of this area covered by the experiment data varies a lot, which makes the disparities composed of not only image motion caused by satellite jitter but also image parallax due to elevation change. Many mountains are in the experiment data which has been displayed in Fig. 5, so that the topographic information affects the jitter detection in the along-track direction because the parallax due to topography may greater than that due to satellite jitter. Thus, in order to extract the offset caused by jitter itself, the experiments were undertaken in across-track direction.

![Table 3. Parameters of the disparity curve](image)

![Table 4. Parameters of the jitter curve](image)

The parallax disparities are fitted by the sine function and parameters of the fitted disparity curve are listed in Table 3. The distances vary between multispectral bands, resulting in different imaging intervals of corresponding lines in each band, so that parallax obtained with different bands is different. Hence, the amplitude or phase obtained by using B1-B2 varies from that obtained with B2-B3 bands, and only the frequency is similar. According to the integration imaging model, the disparity curve is transferred to the jitter curve, as shown in Table 4. The jitter with amplitude, frequency, phase in terms of approximately 0.9 px, 0.6 Hz and -0.1 rad is detected, where the deviation between B1-B2 and B2-B3 is no more than 0.0567 px, 0.0001 Hz and 0.0004 rad. The small deviation indicates that the presented method is reliable.

![Figure 8 shows the registration residuals between each band with the orthoimage](image)

Due to the high geometric accuracy and ability to reflect the real ground conditions, the 2-m orthoimage is further utilized for providing the reference value of the jitter curve, so as to verify the presented method in this paper. For objectivity, ERDAS IMAGINE, is used for image registration between each band and their corresponding orthoimage. A total of 3737, 3416, 2816 GCPs are obtained for B1, B2, B3 band respectively. Fig. 8 shows the registration residuals between each band with the orthoimage.
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Figure 8. Registration residuals between the orthoimage and (a) B1, (b) B2, (c) B3, respectively

The registration residuals between the orthoimage and each band is in fact the image motion in the band, which is formulated in Eq. (6). It is worth noting that the overlap area between bands is used, and the time varies when bands scan the corresponding area, so that the intervals between bands should be taken into account. If \( l_i \) represents the distance between B1 and B2, \( l_i \) represents the distance between B2 and B3, according to Eq. (6), the parallax between the orthoimage and the band \( E_o \) can be expressed as:

\[
E_o = E(i + \Delta l, N) = \frac{A}{N} \left[ \cos(\pi fN) + \sum_{k=1}^{N-2} 2 \cos(\pi f(2k - N)) + 1 \right] (16)
\]

where \( \Delta l = 0 \) for B1, \( \Delta l = l_i \) for B2, \( \Delta l = l_i + l_l \) for B3, respectively. Thus, the integration imaging model is expended for the use of orthoimage, which can be expressed as

\[
\begin{align*}
A &= N\lambda_f \left[ \cos(\pi fN) + \sum_{k=1}^{N-2} 2 \cos(\pi f(2k - N)) + 1 \right] \\
f &= \frac{fT}{fT} \\
\theta &= \theta - 2\pi fT \Delta l + \pi fT (17)
\end{align*}
\]

Hence, the reference value of the jitter curve can be derived from the registration residuals between each image band and the orthoimage. The detailed values, obtained by using B1, B2 and B3 respectively, are listed in Table 5. As there is the inevitable calculation error, the average value is taken as the final reference of the jitter curve.

Table 5. Reference values of the jitter curve

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<th>B1</th>
<th>B2</th>
<th>B3</th>
<th>average</th>
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<td>Amplitude (px)</td>
<td>0.9047</td>
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<td>Frequency (Hz)</td>
<td>0.6552</td>
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<td>0.6561</td>
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<tr>
<td>Phase (rad)</td>
<td>-0.1031</td>
<td>-0.1313</td>
<td>-0.0976</td>
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The presented method to panchromatic images.

Table 6 lists the detected results of the jitter curve, including a comparison with the method based on the jitter displacement estimation model (Pan et al., 2017), where the error illustrates the difference between the detected value and the reference value. As shown in Table 6, the error of amplitude, frequency and phase in the jitter curve is not more than 0.0591 px, 0.0006 Hz and 0.007 rad, respectively. Besides, the results illustrate that the main differences between the method based on the jitter displacement estimation model and the presented method in this paper are the amplitude and phase. The frequencies obtained by two method are the same. In contrast, this pattern cannot be observed from the amplitude and phase. Anyway, the errors of both amplitude and phase detected by the presented method are smaller than that obtained by the method based on the jitter displacement estimation model. Taking the results obtained by using B1 and B2 bands for instance, for the amplitude, the error in the method based on the jitter displacement estimation model is 0.0840 px, while that in the presented method is 0.0591 px; for the phase, the error in the method based on the jitter displacement estimation model is 0.0267 rad, while that in the presented method is 0.0066 rad. It validates the advantage of the integration imaging model, which takes fully into account the time-variant characteristic of satellite jitter in the imaging process, so as to make the transformation from disparity curve to jitter curve more accurate. The results demonstrate the performance of the presented method in jitter detection.

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<th>Frequency (Hz)</th>
<th>Phase (rad)</th>
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<td>The method based on the jitter displacement estimation model</td>
<td>B1-B2 detected error</td>
<td>0.9911</td>
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Table 6. Detected results of the jitter curve

4. CONCLUSIONS

Satellite jitter widely exists in many satellites and affects their imaging process. Jitter detection is the precondition of the compensation for satellite jitter. This paper has proposed a jitter detection method based on the integration imaging model. The main contribution of the presented method is the construction of the integration imaging model, which achieves the transformation from disparity curve to jitter curve, as well as from image space to object space, according to the detailed imaging analysis. Experiments were conducted to evaluate the performance of the presented method. And the results have demonstrated that the application of the integration imaging model increased the jitter detection accuracy with the error of obtained amplitude, frequency and phase not more than 0.0591 px, 0.0006 Hz and 0.007 rad, respectively. Other advanced researches about image matching may further provide reference for the step of pixel-to-pixel matching in the presented method. Moreover, the future work will focus on applying the presented method to panchromatic images.

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