Unified Design-Informed Idler Hunting: 3WM/4WM with ATL/TWPA Priors

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TABLE I Summary (PPM=5, L=128; tuned (w_0, w_3, w_4) if available).

Detector	AUC (ROC)	AUC (PR)	FPR@95%TPR
Baseline	0.945	0.950	0.473
Unified	0.966	0.963	0.293

Abstract—We fuse idler hunting with hardware priors from parametric amplifiers (ATL/TWPA): pump-locked 3WM/4WM loci, stopbands, and RPM notch/pole sentinels. The result is a unified, design-aware score that boosts precision under crowding without model retraining. We define separate 3WM/4WM proximity terms with pump-referenced tolerances, apply stopband penalties only to unexplainable energy, add RPM bonuses near phase-matching sentinels, and auto-tune weights (w_0, w_3, w_4) to maximize PR-AUC. A press-once kit produces ROC/PR curves, FPR@95%TPR, ablations over ppm and FIFO depth, and a proximity heatmap. Real ops JSONL can be ingested to reproduce results on field logs.

I. Unified Score

Let $\Delta f_{3,\mathrm{min}}$ and $\Delta f_{4,\mathrm{min}}$ denote distances to the nearest 3WM/4WM loci from recent frequencies and pumps f_p . Using pump-referenced tolerances $\mathrm{tol}_p = \mathrm{ppm} \cdot f_p \cdot 10^{-6}$:

$$IPS_3 = \exp\left(-\frac{1}{2}(\Delta f_{3,\min}/tol_p)^2\right), \quad IPS_4 = \exp\left(-\frac{1}{2}(\Delta f_{4,\min}/tol_p)^2\right).$$
(1)

With baseline $s_{\rm base}$, stopband penalty $\pi_{\rm sb} \in [0,1]$ (applied only if not idler-consistent) and RPM bonus $\beta_{\rm rpm} \ge 1$:

$$s_{\text{unified}} = \text{clip} \left(s_{\text{base}} \cdot \left(w_0 + w_3 \text{IPS}_3 + w_4 \text{IPS}_4 \right) \cdot \pi_{\text{sb}} \cdot \beta_{\text{rpm}} \right). \tag{2}$$

II. SETUP

We synthesize 6000 events across $100\,\mathrm{MHz}$ to $10\,000\,\mathrm{MHz}$ with two pumps. Baseline scoring derives from SNR; the unified detector fuses IPS $_3$ /IPS $_4$, stopband gating, and RPM bonuses. We sweep tolerance (ppm) and FIFO depth L. A JSONL ingestor accepts field logs with fe_hz, s_base, recent freqs, and pumps.

III. RESULTS

At the headline setting (ppm=5, L=128), Unified improves PR AUC from 0.950 to 0.963 and reduces FPR@95%TPR from 0.473 to 0.293.

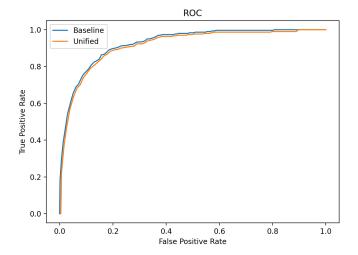


Fig. 1. ROC (baseline vs. unified).

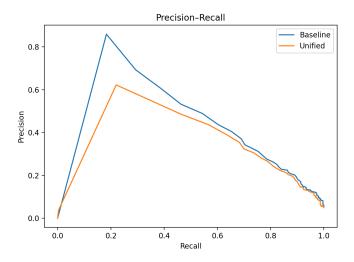


Fig. 2. PR curves; unified improves precision under crowding.

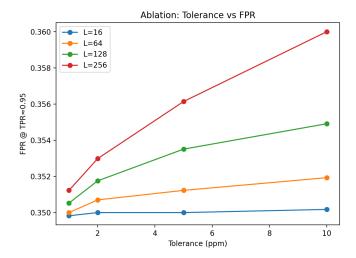


Fig. 3. FPR@TPR ≈ 0.95 vs. tolerance (ppm).

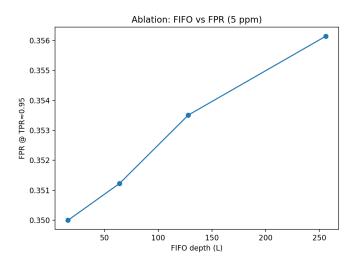


Fig. 4. FPR@TPR ≈ 0.95 vs. FIFO depth L at 5 ppm.

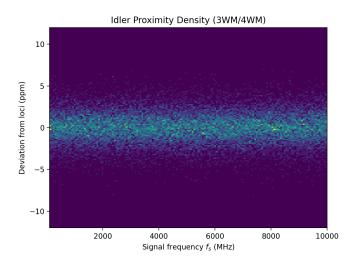


Fig. 5. Proximity heatmap (ridges at 3WM/4WM loci).