



Design and Implementation of Blind Source Separation Based on BP Neural Network in Space-Based AIS

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In space-based AIS (Automatic Identification System), due to the high orbit and wide coverage of the satellite, there are many self-organizing communities within the observation range of the satellite, and the signals will inevitably conflict, which reduces the probability of ship detection. In this paper, to improve system processing power and security, according to the characteristics of neural network that can efficiently find the optimal solution of a problem, proposes a method that combines the problem of blind source separation with BP neural network, using the generated suitable data set to train the neural network, thereby automatically generating a traditional blind signal separation algorithm with a more stable separation effect. At last, through the simulation results of combining the blind source separation problem with BP neural network, the performance and stability of the space-based AIS can be effectively improved.

Keywords: space-based AIS, blind source separation, BP neural network, parallel processing, error function

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INTRODUCTION

In space-based AIS (Automatic Identification System), satellite communications are one of important parts, due to the satellite orbit altitude is relatively high and the number of satellites increasing, the openness of satellite orbits makes satellite communications vulnerable to be jammed from external signals. To solve that problem, improving the efficiency of information processing, new technologies must be developed. The framework of space-based AIS is shown in **Figure 1**. In **Figure 1**, due to the openness of satellite channels, satellite communication is easily disturbed by external signals, therefore, it is great significance to study the security of satellite communication in space-based AIS (Kourogorgas et al., 2015) (Chen et al., 2020).

Blind separation technology can improve the efficiency of signal processing without occupying excess bandwidth. With the increasing processing power of computers, neural network technology has also been introduced into blind separation technology (Lee et al., 2008; Lahat and Christian, 2016; Fu et al., 2014). In 1985, C. Jutten and J. Herault proposed a neural network recursively connecting two initial signals to two mixed signals passing through the channel, gradient descent method is used to change the network weights, the residual error of the output signal is minimized, the separation of the signal under unknown initial conditions is accomplished. In 1991, the variability of the solution of blind separation problem is completed by L. Tong. In recent years, a robust neural network blind separation algorithm is developed by A. Cichockic and R. Unbehauen (Inan and Erdogan, 2015; (Li et al., 2020; Kim et al., 2007. In (Inan and Erdogan, 2015), introduce a family of convolutive Bounded component analysis (BCA) criteria and corresponding algorithms, and prove that the global optima of the proposed criteria, under generic BCA assumptions, are equivalent to a set of perfect separators. In (Li et al., 2020), separate the mixed source signals by Particle swarm optimization

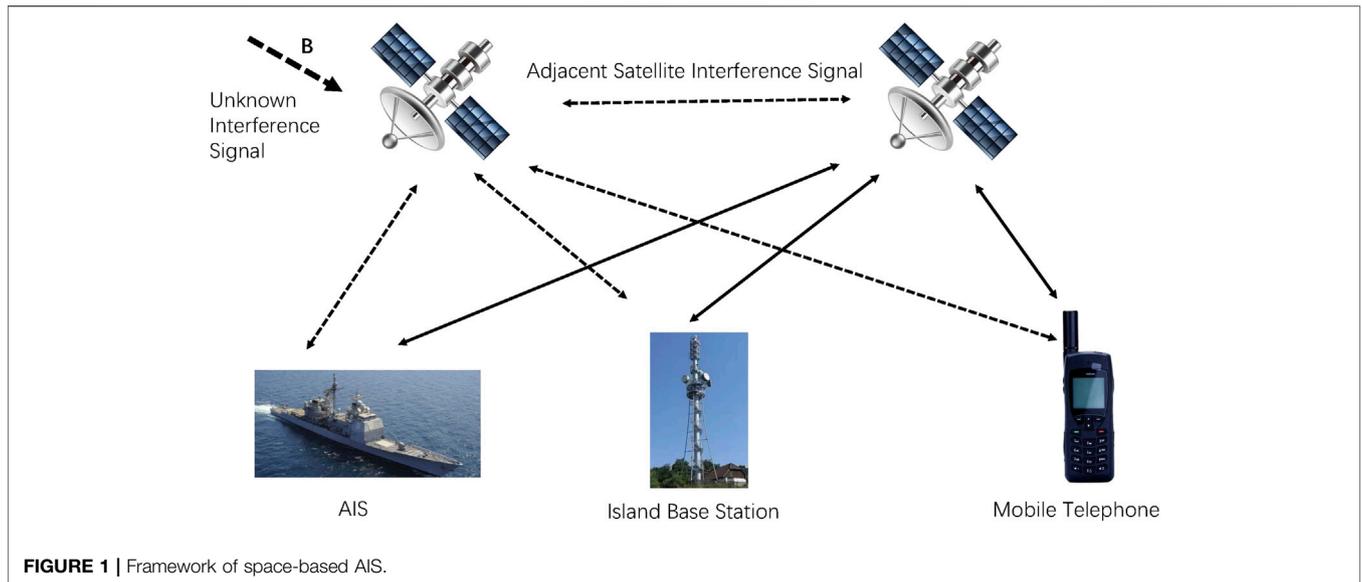


FIGURE 1 | Framework of space-based AIS.

(PSO) clustering. In (Kim et al., 2007), proposes a new algorithm that exploits higher order frequency dependencies of source signals in order to separate them when they are mixed.

In this paper, according to the characteristics of the neural network can find the optimal solution efficiently, a novel method is proposed, which combined blind separation and neural network, the neural network is trained with the generated appropriate data set.

The rest of this paper is organized as follows. Section *Knowledge Background* describes the basic knowledge of the novel algorithm, followed by the novel algorithm formulation in Section *Algorithm execution process*. Section *Simulation Results* gives the simulation details of the novel algorithm, experimental results show that the proposed algorithm has better performance and improve communication efficiency and system security significantly. Section *Conclusion* concludes the paper.

KNOWLEDGE BACKGROUND

Blind Source Separation Model

N original signals pass through the mixed channel, the signals are statistically independent of each other, and M sensors receive the mixed signal, the mixed model of the observed signal is

$$x_j(t) = \sum_{i=1}^N a_{ji}s_i(t) + n_i(t), i \in [1, 2, \dots, N], j \in [1, 2, \dots, M] \quad (1)$$

a_{ji} are the unknown mixing coefficients, $s_i(t)$ are the original signals, $x_j(t)$ are the observed signals, $n_i(t)$ are the noise signals. The matrix form of **formula (1)** is

$$\begin{bmatrix} x_1(t) \\ x_2(t) \\ \vdots \\ x_M(t) \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} a_{11}(t) & a_{12}(t) & \cdots & a_{1N}(t) \\ a_{21}(t) & a_{22}(t) & \cdots & a_{2N}(t) \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ a_{M1}(t) & a_{M2}(t) & \cdots & a_{MN}(t) \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} s_1(t) \\ s_2(t) \\ \vdots \\ s_M(t) \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} n_1(t) \\ n_2(t) \\ \vdots \\ n_M(t) \end{bmatrix} \quad (2)$$

Among the numbers of original signal (M) and the numbers of receiving antenna (N), blind source signals can be classified into overdetermined blind separation ($M < N$), determined blind separation ($M = N$) and underdetermined blind separation ($M > N$) (Robert et al., 1995).

The blind source separation model in space-based AIS is slightly different from common blind separation. In this paper, consider only the signal processing methods between satellites, the probability distribution of the channel model obeys Rayleigh distribution, the probability density function is expressed as follows,

$$f(x) = \frac{x}{\sigma^2} \exp\left(-\frac{x^2}{2\sigma^2}\right), x \geq 0 \quad (3)$$

Back Propagation Neural Network

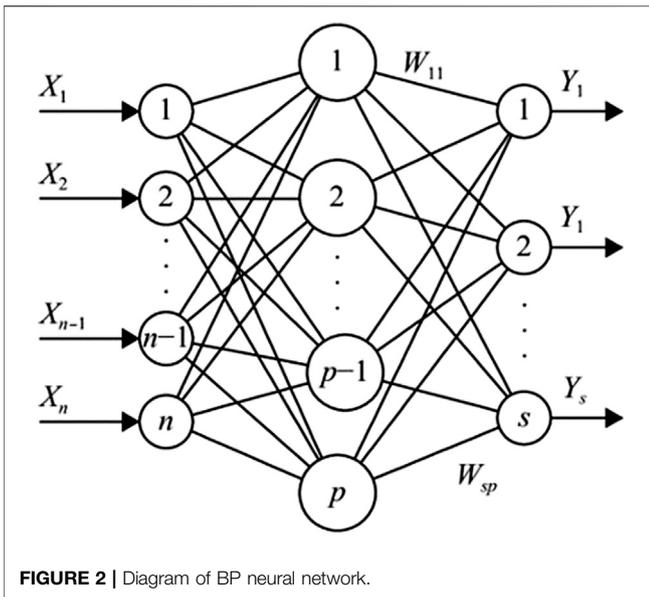
BP (Back Propagation) neural network was proposed by Rumelhart and McClelland in 1986, which is a multi-layer feedforward neural network trained according to error back propagation algorithm. In the BP neural network system, hidden layer connection weight learning of multi-layer neural network is solved, which has four basic features (Wu et al., 2005).

Nonlinear

Each connection unit in BP neural network has a different form, BP neural network can deal with nonlinear problems well. BP neural network contains a large number of specific connection units, and the connection mode of BP neural network is not a specific connection unit, so the BP neural network is nonlinear. The relationship between the initial data and the expected data is not linear, and a neural network is designed to train and learn the initial data and the expected data. Then the trained BP neural network system can simulate the relationship between the initial data the expected data.

Parallel Processing

BP neural network is composed of many parallel concrete join units, and the order in which these join units are used in BP



neural network is parallel. That is, when the initial data is entered, these parallel concrete connection units are activated in parallel, so processing the initial data in this way is very fast.

Fault Tolerance and Associative Ability

In the system model of the human brain, data is stored separately in different places. Information processing is also similar to that in BP neural network, the initial data is stored in each concrete link unit, rather than a specific storage in a fixed. Therefore, even if some of the connection units fail and the data is lost, the main part of the data still exists, the original data can be recovered from the data body part.

Self-Learning, Self-Organization and Adaptive Ability

BP neural network can change the weight of each specific connection unit according to the initial data input. Each input of data leads to an iterative calculation and the weights are adjusted. The self-organization of BP neural network means that when the trained network inputs different types of initial data again, it can adjust the weight according to the change of the initial data type. In this case, change itself structure is called adaptive ability.

BP neural network is a kind of multi-layer feedforward network trained by using the method of transmitting data error from back to forward. It is one of the most commonly used models, which includes both the process of data propagating backwards and the process of error propagating forwards. Classic BP neural network diagram contains a data input layer, an intermediate layer, and a result output layer. The task of data input layer is to receive and detect incoming data and then send it to the neurons at the next layer, the task of intermediate layer is to process and transform the information transmitted from the upper layer accordingly and sends the information to the final layer. These three parts constitute the BP neural network, which

transmit data backwards. The diagram of BP neural network is as follows in **Figure 2** (Jin et al., 2000).

Frequency-Hop Signal Model

In space-based AIS, considering to the frequency-hop signal model (Loof and Pratt, 2019a) (Loof and Pratt, 2019b),

$$f(t) = \sqrt{2S} \sum_k \text{rect}_{T_H}(t - kT_H - \alpha T_H) \cdot e^{j2\pi f_k(t - kT_H - \alpha T_H) + j\theta} + n(t), 0 < t \leq L \quad (4)$$

In **formula (4)**, L is the length of signal, T_H is the hop duration, rect_{T_H} stands for is the rectangular window, f_k is the carrier frequency of the k th hop, αT_H is the frequency hopping time, θ is the phase of a frequency hopping signal, S is the signal power; $n(t)$ is the Gaussian white noise. The frequency hopping signal distribution in time-frequency domain is described in **Figure 3**. In **Figure 3**, the time-frequency domain image of frequency hopping signal is determined by the following three factors: the position of the k th hop in the time domain, the position of the k th hop in the frequency domain and the length of the time-frequency domain.

ALGORITHM EXECUTION PROCESS

In the algorithm execution process, BP neural network is the main body of algorithm execution.

Forward Propagation

Sampling data input formula is as follows (Porter et al., 2014; Balouchestani et al., 2014; Logeswari et al., 2014),

$$n_i^m = \sum_{j=1}^{s^{m-1}} \omega_j^m \cdot y_j^{m-1} + b_i^m, m = 1, 2, \dots, M (M \geq 2) \quad (5)$$

In **formula (5)**, n_i^m stands for the connection value of neurons in m row and i column of BP neural network, M stands for the number of layers of the neural network. The output of m layer is $y^m = f^m(n^m)$, m is the number of layers of the neural network, f^m is the transfer function at the m th layer. Then, the output of the first layer is $y^1 = f^1(W^1x + b)$, the output of the last layer is $y = y^M$.

Back Propagation

Back propagation is the main characteristic of BP neural network, in this paper, BP neural network is mainly composed of four parts.

Error Function

In this paper, MSE (Mean Squared Error) function is chosen as the error function of BP network, the expression of MSE is as follows,

$$F(z) = E(e^2) = E\left[\left(y_i - \hat{y}_i\right)^2\right] \quad (6)$$

here, y_i is the output of the BP neural network true value, \hat{y}_i is the output of the BP neural network estimated value.

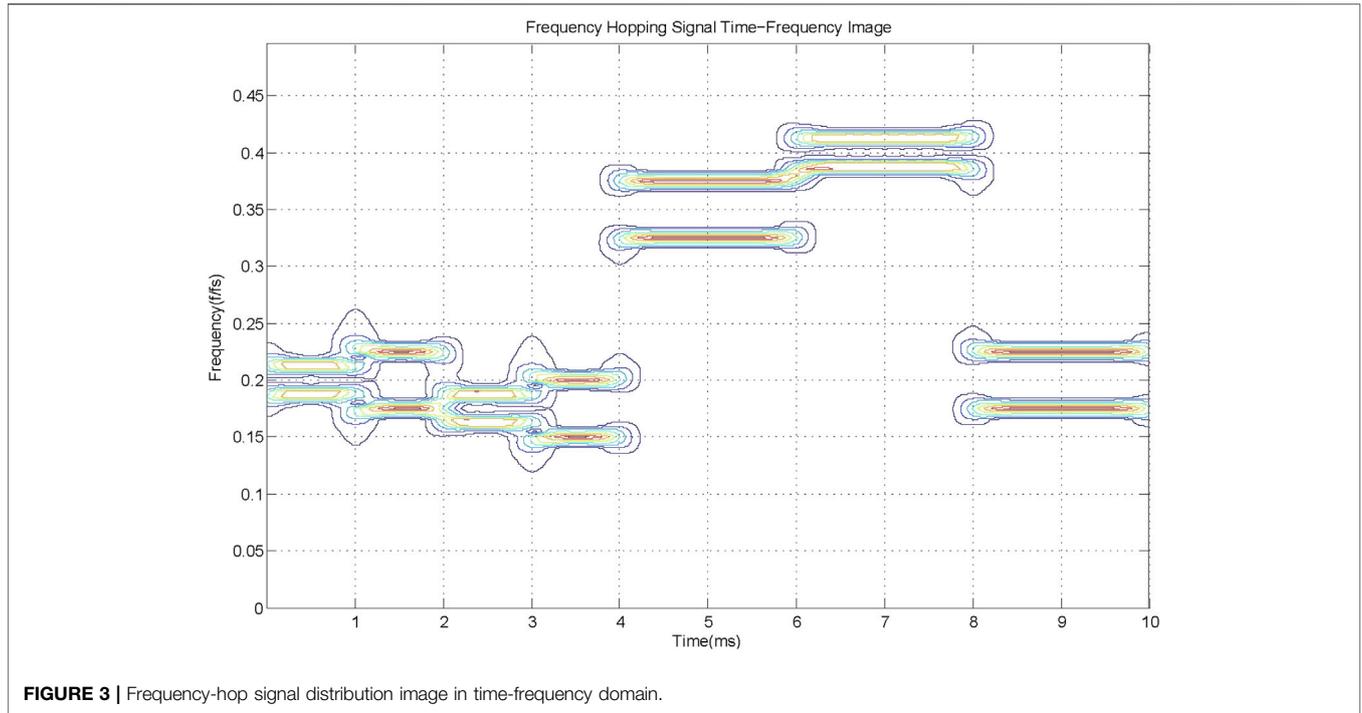


FIGURE 3 | Frequency-hop signal distribution image in time-frequency domain.

Weight Correction Method

In the above error function (6), gradient descent method as the weight correction method, the iterative formula is as follows,

$$w_{i,j}^m(k+1) = w_{i,j}^m(k) - \eta \frac{\partial F}{\partial w_{i,j}^m} \quad (7)$$

$$b_i^m(k+1) = b_i^m(k) - \eta \frac{\partial F}{\partial b_i^m} \quad (8)$$

here, η stands for training rate.

Chain Rule

To minimize MSE, it's necessary to take the partial derivative of the objective function, the chain rule is the rule that you have to follow when you take partial derivatives, suppose F is the objective function, then the chain rule is as follows,

$$\frac{dF(n(w))}{dw} = \frac{dF(n)}{dn} \frac{dn(w)}{dw} \quad (9)$$

According to **formula (9)**, **formulas (7)** and **8** can be expressed as,

$$\frac{dF}{dw_{i,j}^m} = \frac{dF}{dn_i^m} \frac{dn_i^m}{dw_{i,j}^m} \quad (10)$$

$$\frac{dF}{db_i^m} = \frac{dF}{dn_i^m} \frac{dn_i^m}{db_i^m} \quad (11)$$

In BP neural network, $s_i^m = \frac{\partial F}{\partial n_i^m}$ represents the sensitivity of the iteration, then **formulas (10)** and **(11)** can be expressed as

$$\frac{\partial F}{\partial w_{i,j}^m} = s_i^m y_j^{m-1} \quad (12)$$

$$\frac{\partial F}{\partial b_i^m} = s_i^m \quad (13)$$

Weights Updated

In the above process, according to gradient descent method, the connection value of the BP neural network is as follows,

$$w_{i,j}^m(k+1) = w_{i,j}^m(k) - \eta s_i^m y_j^{m-1} \quad (14)$$

$$b_i^m(k+1) = b_i^m(k) - \eta s_i^m \quad (15)$$

BP Neural Network Algorithm

According to the 3.2, the steps of BP neural network in this paper are as follows.

- 1) Calculate the forward propagation value of BP neural network

$$n^m = W^m y^{m-1} + b^m, m = 1, 2, \dots, M (M > 2) \quad (16)$$

$$y^m = f^m(n^m) \quad (17)$$

$$y = y^m \quad (18)$$

- 2) Calculate the back propagation value of BP neural network

$$s^M = -2(F^M)'(n^M)(t - y) \quad (19)$$

$$s^{m-1} = (F^{m-1})'(n^{m-1})(W^m)^T s^m, m = M, \dots, 2, 1 (M \geq 2) \quad (20)$$

- 3) Change connection value

$$s^{m-1} = (F^{m-1})'(n^{m-1})(W^m)^T s^m, m = M, \dots, 2, 1 (M \geq 2) \quad (21)$$

$$b^m(k+1) = b^m(k) - \eta s^m \quad (22)$$

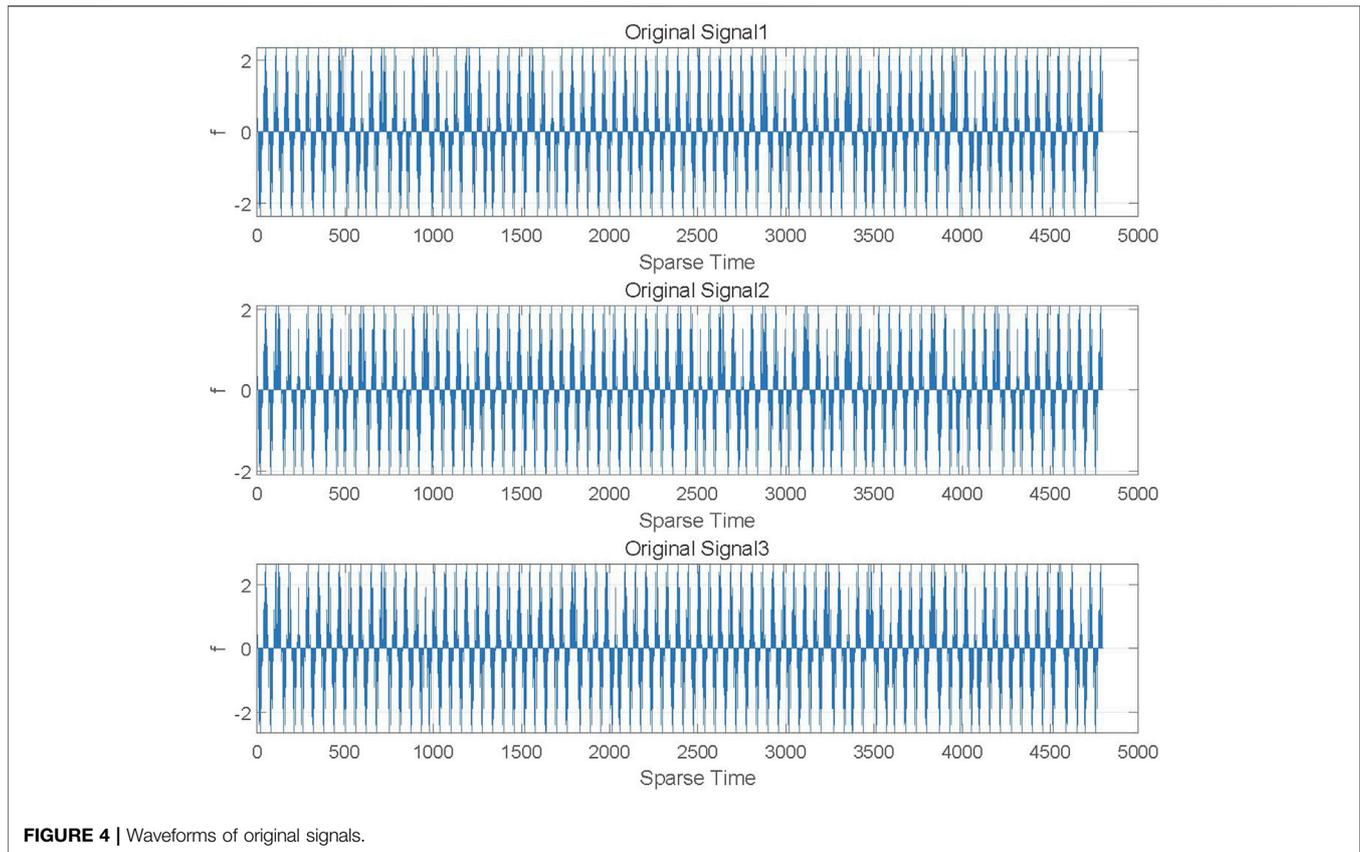


FIGURE 4 | Waveforms of original signals.

SIMULATION RESULTS

Parameter Setting

In this paper, determined blind separation ($M = N$) is considered, the number of original signals is equal to the number of received antennas, $M = N = 3$, the parameters are set as follows.

Sparse Representation

Since the target signal is processed as sparse signal, the sparse processing should be carried out (Meganem et al., 2014).

Definition

Dictionary: It is a collection of waveforms, that is, an analytic function library or a signal sample library, which may not satisfy orthogonality.

Atom: Basic waveforms in dictionaries, that is the basic carrier and representation unit of information and can represent any signal by superposition.

Theorem

Atomic Decomposition Theorem: x is a random signal, and the dictionary Φ consists of many column vectors, each of which is an atom ϕ_γ , then x can be expressed as a weighted sum of some optimal atoms, $x = \sum_{\gamma \in \Gamma} \alpha_\gamma \phi_\gamma = A\alpha$, here α_γ is a decomposition coefficient, γ is the atomic number, Γ is the set of atomic serial numbers.

Residual Signal: In fact, it's very difficult to match α_γ and ϕ_γ , in general, random signals x is obtained by means of signal

approximation, $x = \sum_{i=1}^m \alpha_{\gamma_i} \phi_{\gamma_i} + r_m$, here r_m is the residual signal, the smaller the value of r_m , the higher the matching accuracy.

Sparse Representation: Sparse representation is actually an optimization problem, that is, the signal has as few atoms as possible, but it can't be distorted, suppose $\|\alpha\|_0$ is the objective function of the optimization problem, then the mathematical model of sparse representation is as follows,

$$\min \|\alpha\|_0, \quad s.t. \quad x = \sum_{\gamma \in \Gamma} \alpha_\gamma \phi_\gamma \quad (23)$$

Separation Simulation Results

After the signal is sparse, the signal separation performance will be discussed in this subsection. In this paper, the number of transmitting antennas and receiving antennas is equal to three, the original signal are sparsely processed according to 4.2 and the waveforms are shown in Figure 4, in Figure 4, the X-axis represents sparse time and the Y-axis represents f , the expression for f is described in formula (24),

$$f = A \cdot m(N) \cdot \cos\left(2\pi \cdot \frac{f_c}{f_s} \cdot N\right) \quad (24)$$

In the next experiment, we aim to separate each signal from the received mixed signals. Considering to the realistic signal transmission, we assume that the transmission channel is a Gaussian channel, the initial signal goes through the Gaussian channel and are sparsely processed according to 4.2, the mixed signal's waveforms are shown in Figure 5.

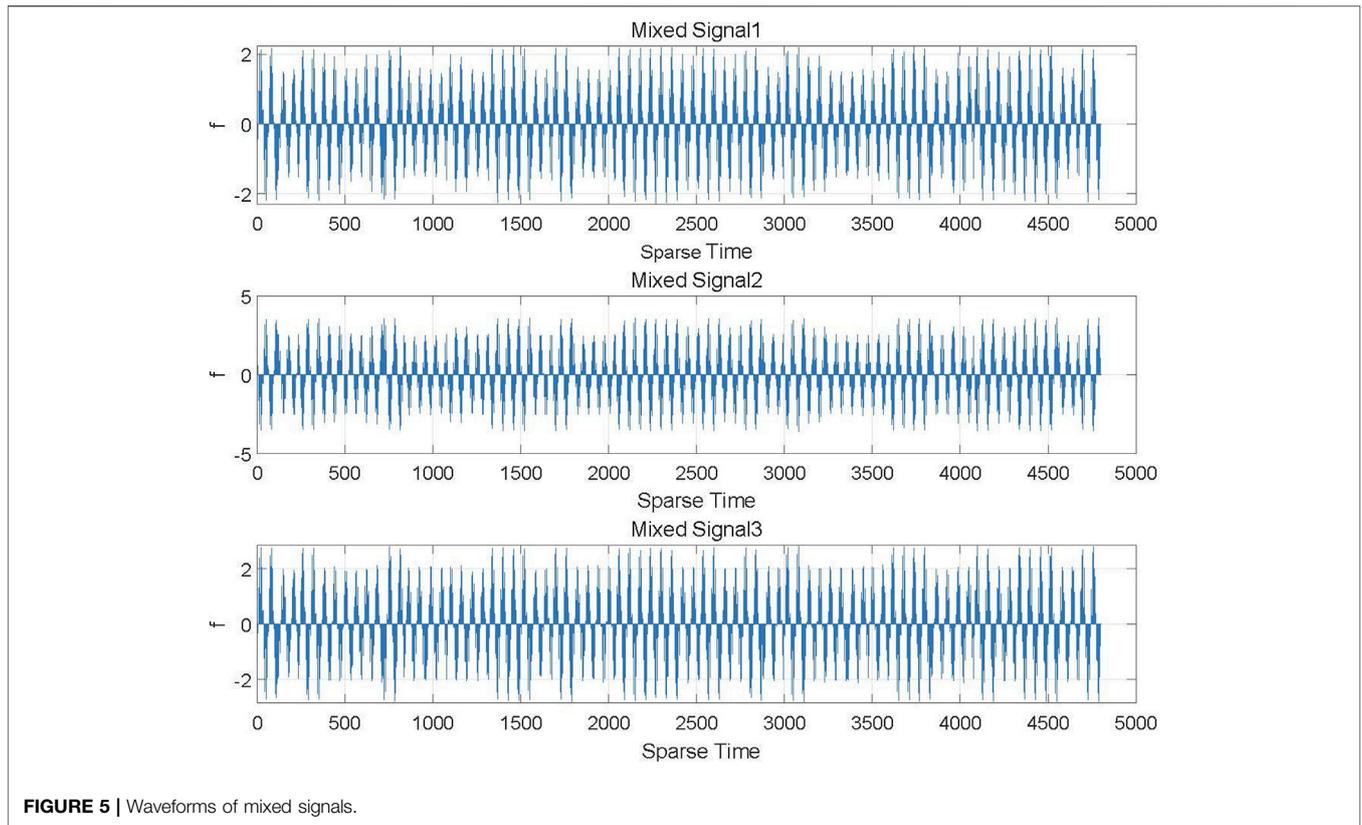


FIGURE 5 | Waveforms of mixed signals.

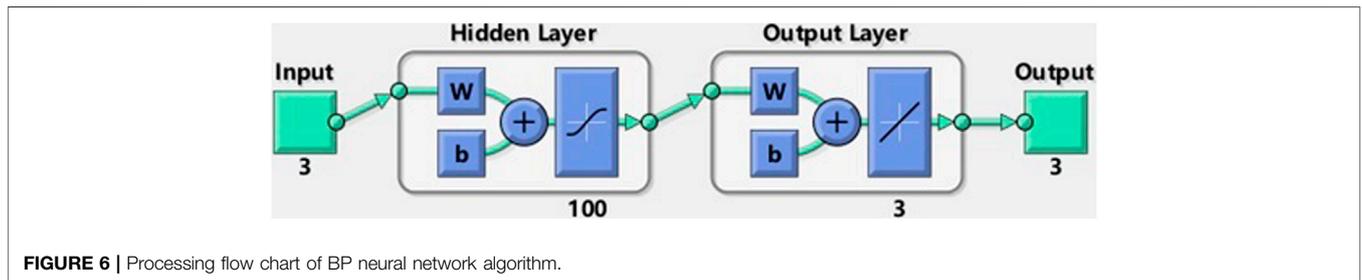


FIGURE 6 | Processing flow chart of BP neural network algorithm.

We use the proposed algorithm in this article, in BP neural network algorithm, the number of hidden layers is 100, the processing flow chart is given in Figure 6. In the data training process, 70% of the data set is used as the training set, 15% of the data set as the verification set and the remaining 15% of the data set as the test set. After the proposed algorithm in this article, the original signals are recovered efficiently, the separated signal waveforms are displayed in Figure 7. From Figure 7, it is clear that the signal waveform after separation is very similar to the original signal waveform.

To measure the separation effect, we compare the signals in Figure 4 and Figure 7 with correlation coefficient value as the evaluation standard. The correlation coefficient expression is given in formula (25) (Li et al., 2016),

$$r = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \bar{x})(y_i - \bar{y})}{\sqrt{\sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \bar{x})^2 \cdot \sum_{i=1}^n (y_i - \bar{y})^2}} \quad (25)$$

To measure the advantages of the algorithm in this paper, we further compare the separation performance with Classical FastICA Algorithm. The algorithm performance comparison results are shown in Figure 8. In Figure 8, the algorithm has better separation performance than Classical FastICA Algorithm (Reju et al., 2010).

Network Security Analysis

Blind separation belongs to signal processing, it can not only improve the information processing ability of the system, but also improve the security of space-based AIS network. To measure the security of the system, invulnerability analysis of space-based AIS network is used as the safety standard, the parameter settings are shown in Table 1. A cost function is constructed to measure the invulnerability analysis of the space-based AIS network in formula (26),

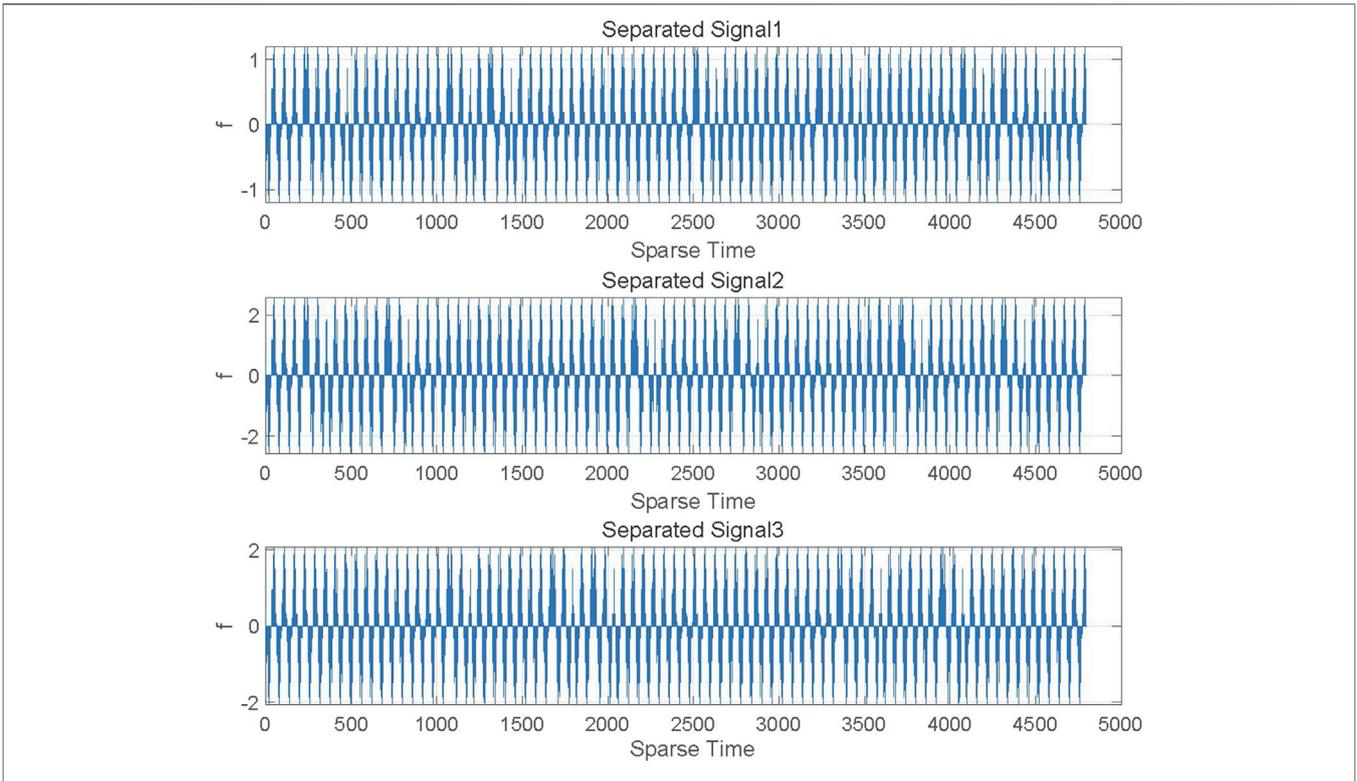


FIGURE 7 | Waveforms of separated signals.

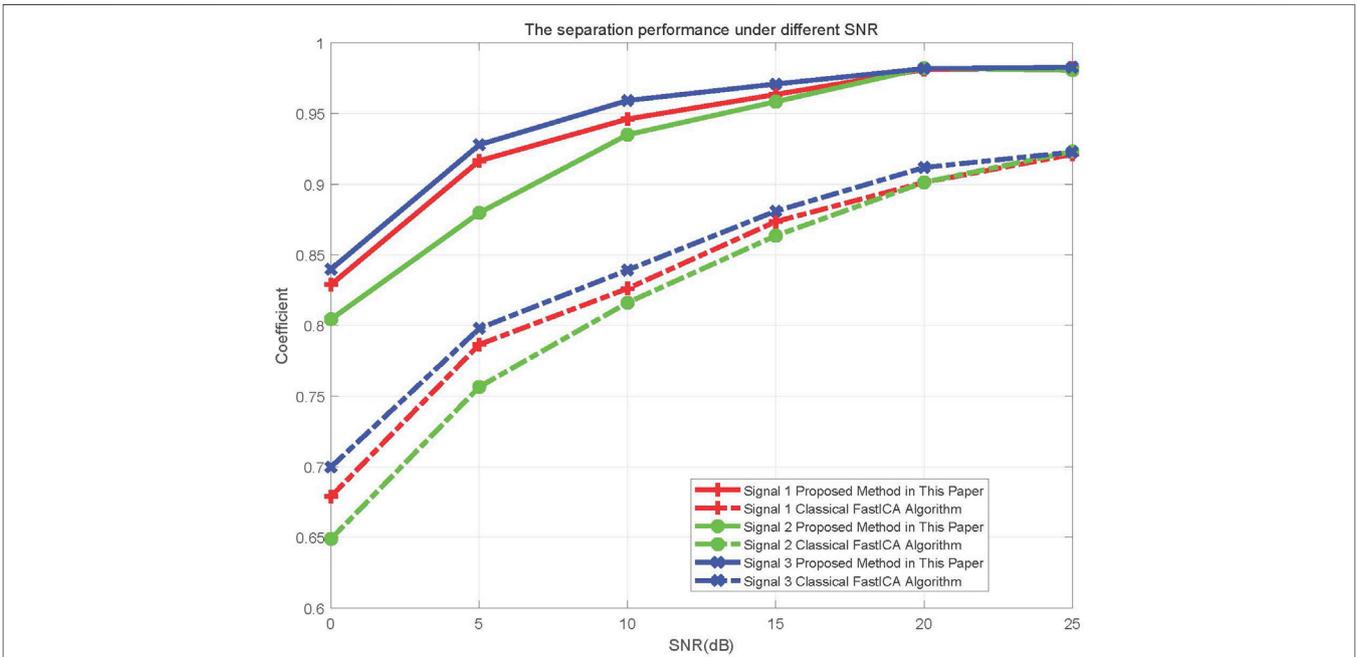


FIGURE 8 | Separation performance comparison with classical fastICA algorithm.

TABLE 1 | Simulation parameters.

Parameters	Value	Parameters	Value
Sensor Node	200	Satellite Attitude altitude	600 km
DPC Position	Static Random	Hash Algorithm	SHA-256
Sensing Area	100 × 100km ² -400 × 400 km ²	Antenna	Dual-polarization VHF
Mobility	Random-way point	Packet Size	512 bytes
Sample Rate	$f_b = 2 \times 10^6 \text{ Hz}$	Transmission Bit Rate	$R_b = 10^9 \text{ bps}$
Hopping Speed	$v = 500 \text{ hop/s}$	Modulation Frequency	$f_0 = 2 \times 10^9 \text{ Hz}$
Original Signal Numbers	$M = 3$	Receiving Antenna Numbers	$N = 3$

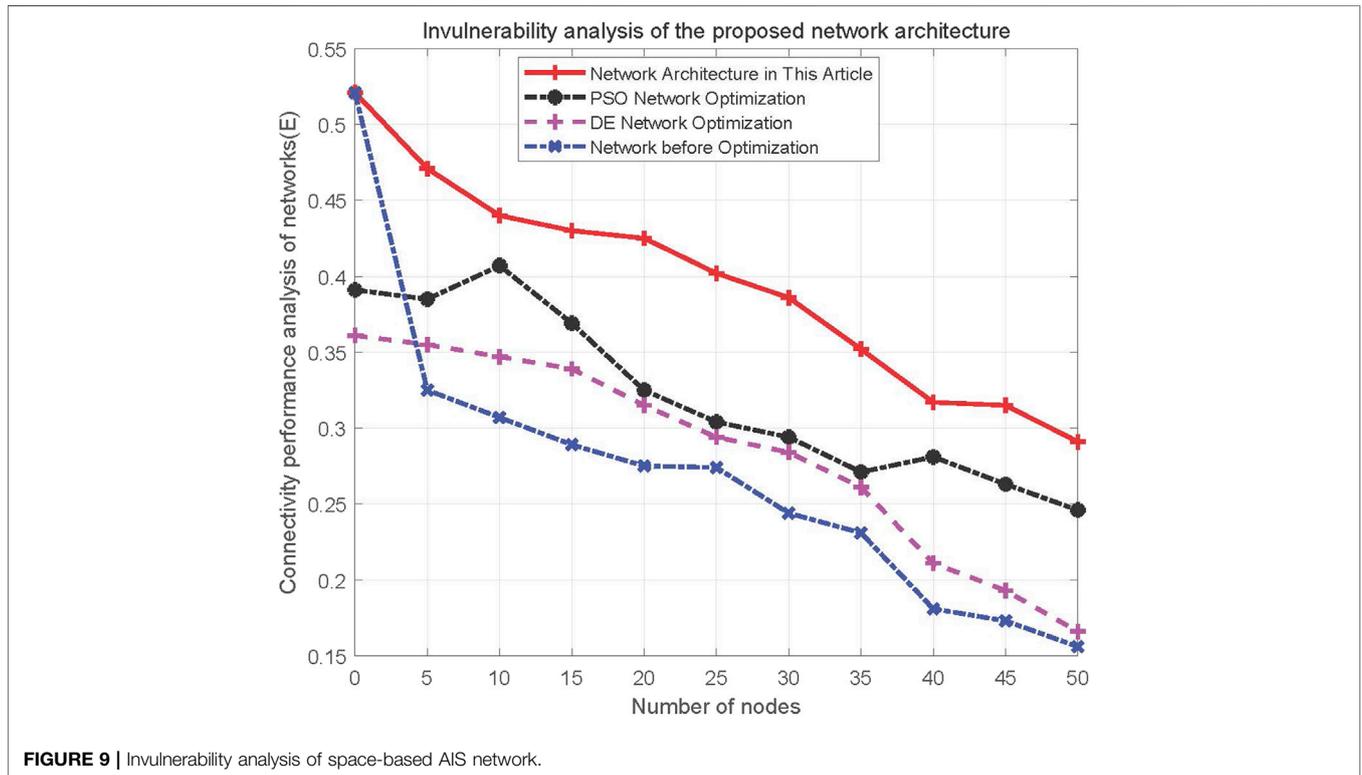


FIGURE 9 | Invulnerability analysis of space-based AIS network.

$$E = \frac{1}{N(N-1)} \sum_{i \neq j} \frac{1}{l_{ij}} \tag{26}$$

where l_{ij} is the distance of node i and node j .

The results of the analysis are shown in **Figure 9**. The results show that: 1) The invulnerability performance of space-based AIS network under random attack has significant advantages than the DE (Differential Evolution algorithm) network optimization and PSO (Particle Swarm Optimization) network optimization; 2) As the number of nodes increases, the invulnerability of the system decreases; 3) The invulnerability performance of space-based AIS network with blind source separation was significantly better than that without blind source separation (Yang et al., 2019) (Tai et al., 2017).

CONCLUSION

In this paper, the blind separation technique is used to deal with the conflict between signal receivers of space-based AIS network. This method not only improves the signal processing capability of the system, but also improves the security of the space-based AIS network. That fundamentally solves the security of the system and belongs to the category of Endogenous Safety and Security (ESS). Finally, the paper discusses the signal processing ability and the security of the system through the simulation experiment. The simulation results show that the algorithm in this paper has better advantages than conventional information processing methods.

DATA AVAILABILITY STATEMENT

The raw data supporting the conclusions of this article will be made available by the authors, without undue reservation.

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