Performance Evaluation of Wavelet Packet Based MC-CDMA and HHT Based MC-CDMA System

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ABSTRACT: The main aim of this paper is to investigate the performance of multi-carrier code division multiple access (MC-CDMA) technique, which has gained much attention due to its high frequency spectrum efficiency and high data rate transmission and makes the wireless communication more reliable and efficient. MC-CDMA technique is the combination of both orthogonal frequency division multiplexing (OFDM) and code division multiple access (CDMA), which is found to be very effective to mitigate the effects of fading channels and to improve the system performance.

In this paper, we investigate the performance of conventional MC-CDMA system, orthogonal wavelet packet based MC-CDMA system (WP-MC-CDMA), and Huang Hilbert Transformation (HHT) based MC-CDMA system. However, the conventional MC-CDMA has already been discussed in the literature and used as a benchmark for other two schemes. In addition, the orthogonal wavelet packet based MC-CDMA technique is designed with a set of wavelet packets and used as the modulation waveforms in a multicarrier CDMA system. The WP-MC-CDMA shows their superiority over conventional MC-CDMA in terms of bit error rate (BER), and helps to mitigate the effects of interference and channel fading. Moreover, we also investigate the performance of Huang Hilbert Transformation based MC-CDMA. This scheme outperforms than that of other two techniques. This is due to Huang Hilbert Transformation based MC-CDMA is based on the knowledge of the instantaneous channel state information and instantaneous imperfect channel estimates. Therefore, by the knowledge of their instantaneous channel gains, it shows their superiority over conventional MC-CDMA and WP-MC-CDMA in terms of spectral efficiency and data rate transmission. Furthermore, we also present the comparison all three techniques in terms of BER. Finally, our numerical and simulation results validate our proposed theoretical findings.

KEYWORDS: Hilbert Huang Transform Based MC-CDMA, Bit Error Rate (BER), OFDM, MC-CDMA, WP MC-CDMA.

INTRODUCTION

Multi-carrier code division multiple access (MC-CDMA) is a digital modulation technique in which a single data symbol is transmitted at multiple narrowband subcarrier encoded with a phase offset of 0 and π instead of spreading code as in conventional MC-CDMA. The narrowband subcarrier are generated using binary phase shift keying (BPSK) modulated signals, each at different baseband frequencies. Consequently, the subcarriers are orthogonal to each other at baseband frequency, and the component at each subcarrier may be filtered out by modulating the received signal with the frequency corresponding to the particular subcarrier of interest and integrating over a symbol duration [1]. The orthogonality between the subcarriers is maintained if the subcarrier frequencies are spread apart by the multiple of F, where F is an integer (e.g. F=1, 2,…) and the phase of each subcarrier corresponds to one element of the spreading code. For a spreading code of length N, there are N subcarriers. In other words, MC-CDMA transmitter spreads the original signal using a given spreading code in the frequency domain. In addition, a fraction of the symbol corresponding to a chip of the spreading code is transmitted through different subcarriers. For the MC-CDMA transmitter, it is essential to have frequency non-selective fading over each subcarrier. Therefore, if the original symbol rate is high enough for frequency selective fading, the signal needs to be first serial-to-parallel converted before spreading over the frequency...
domain. The MC-CDMA basic transmitter structure is similar to the OFDM, the main difference being that the MC-CDMA transmits the same symbol in parallel through a lot of subcarriers, whereas OFDM transmits different symbols. Moreover, a new technique known as orthogonal wavelet packet based MC-CDMA system (WP-MC-CDMA) has also been presented in literature [2]. In particular, a specialized wavelet packet waveform set, i.e., the waveform generated from a full binary wavelet packet tree is used as a modulation waveform in a multicarrier CDMA system. To deal with this technique, an efficient receiver is designed which utilizes the time domain localization property of the wavelet packets. In this design multipath signals within one chip period are combined in the time domain to achieve time-domain diversity in such a manner so that it can achieve the same performance as conventional RAKE receiver achieved, where each RAKE finger uses a wavelet packet transform to demodulate the corresponding path of the multipath signal in the time–domain rather than the frequency domain. The demodulated signal is then de–spread using the corresponding spreading code [3]. WP-MC-CDMA is much efficient and reliable technique than that of conventional MC-CDMA because need of guard intervals in WP-MC-CDMA is eliminated by using wavelet packet time diversity modulation (FMT) [3], [4]. As such, in wireless application the spectra of each sub carrier in wavelet-packet approach are overlapped, and resulting in more efficient use of the spectrum. In other words, the orthogonality of the transmitted waveforms is achieved not by either cyclic prefix or non-overlapping sub channels, but rather by making use of the unique simultaneous time and frequency localization properties of the WP-MC-CDMA which are not achievable by the conventional MC-CDMA.

In the light of preceding discussion, the impact of instantaneous channel condition or channel gain is more noticeable than that of statistical condition of channels as in conventional MC-CDMA and WP-MC-CDMA. To fulfill this gap and to further enhance the system performance a Huang Hilbert Transform (HHT) based MC-CDMA is analyzed. To best of my knowledge, this technique is not discussed and analyzed so far. It is more challenging problem because of its increased dynamics and involved complications.

This paper presents analyze the performance of wavelet packet based MC CDMA, HHT based MC-CDMA and a comparison is also made with its benchmark technique known as conventional MC-CDMA under Rayleigh fading channel. We analyze the bit error rate performance of proposed techniques. HHT based MC-CDMA is a time-frequency based analysis which covers non–stationary and nonlinear signal. HHT based MC-CDMA system is based on instantaneous imperfect channel estimates. Thus, by the knowledge of their channel gains or channel information, it can analyze the data more accurately. Hence, it is a more spectral efficient and high data rate transmission. Our results validate the theoretical analysis. This paper is organized as follows: Section II describes the system modeling. Section III describes the Bit Error Rate and finally the simulation results and their discussions are presented in section IV. Finally the section V includes the concluding remark.

II. SYSTEM MODEL AND ASSUMPTIONS

In this section, we present the system model of MC-CDMA scheme. The system consists of MC-CDMA , WP MC-CDMA , HHT based MC-CDMA transmitter and receiver structure.

A. MC-CDMA Trasmitter

An OFDM carrier signal is the sum of a number of orthogonal sub–carriers, with baseband data on each sub–carrier being independently modulated such as quadrature amplitude modulation (QAM) or phase-shift keying (PSK). This composite baseband signal is typically used to modulate a main RF carrier, where b(i) is a serial stream of binary digits. By doing the inverse multiplexing, bits are first de–multiplexed into N parallel streams, and each one mapped to a complex symbol stream using some modulation constellation (QAM, PSK, etc.) technique. An inverse FFT is computed on each set of symbols, giving a set of complex time–domain samples. These samples are then quadrature–mixed to pass band in the standard way [11].
**B. MC-CDMA Receiver**

The receiver picks up the signal $r(t)$, which is then quadrature-mixed down to baseband using cosine and sine waves at the carrier frequency. This also creates signals centered on $2fc$, so low-pass filters are used to reject these. The baseband signals are sampled and digitized using analog-to-digital converters (ADCs), and a forward FFT is used to convert back to the frequency domain. This returns N parallel streams, each of which is converted to a binary stream using an appropriate symbol detector. These streams are then recombined into a serial stream, $b(i)$, which is an estimate of the original binary stream at the transmitter [12].

**C. Transmitter structure of WP MC-CDMA**

In this, firstly the original data stream using a given spreading code can be spread, and then modulates a different sub carrier with each chip (the spreading operation in the frequency domain). Secondly the spreaded code is then pass through a serial-to-parallel (S/P) converted and then modulates a different sub carrier with each of the data stream (the spreading operation in the time domain). One group spreads the user symbols in the frequency domain and the other spread user symbols in the time domain. Wavelet Packets have the property of both time and frequency localization. In this the spreading code are wavelet packet, which helps to modulated the data.
A series of delayed version of the received signals are detected by single path detectors. In each single path detector, a DWPT (Digital Wavelet Packet Transform) block is used for demodulation of the signal for the corresponding resolved path. The multi-user interference can be effectively reduced if the desired user spreading code is known, which is assumed true in the following. The DWPT demodulated signal is forwarded to the dispreading part to obtain a detected decision variable for the resolved path [13].

**Fig. 2.3 Transmitter of WP-MC-CDMA**

**Fig. 2.4 Receiver of WP MC CDMA**

**E. Transmitter using the Hilbert transforms**

Hilbert transform of x can be thought as the convolution of x(t) with the function \( h(t) = \frac{1}{\pi t} \). Because h(t) is not integrable the integrals defining the convolution do not converge.
F. HHT based MC-CDMA receiver

\[ h(t) = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{h(\tau)}{\tau - t} d\tau \]

Therefore, following the similar step after passing the \( l \)th subcarrier signal to gain blocks and cancelling the interference term as in wavelet multicarrier CDMA we can numerically calculate the bit error rate. Because the closed form solution is very difficult and is intractable. So, we can numerically calculate the Bit Error Rate (BER).

### III. DIFFERENT PARAMETER

#### 1. BIT ERROR RATE

The bit error rate or bit error ratio (BER) is the number of bit errors divided by the total number of transferred bits during a studied time interval. The bit error rate of BPSK in AWGN can be calculated as \( \text{BER} = \frac{\text{Error}}{\text{total number of bit}} \) [14].

### IV. SIMULATION RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

In this section, we have presented various BER vs. SNR plots. The performance of the MC-CDMA and wavelet packet based MC-CDMA, and HHT based MC-CDMA system
Fig. 4.1 BER Vs SNR for Conventional MC-CDMA for different users

Fig. 4.1. Shows the bit error rate versus SNR curves for different users of conventional MC-CDMA scheme. It can be observed from the figure that as the number of users increases the bit error rate decreases significantly for broad range of SNR. For example, when the SNR = 20 dB, the bit error rate is less than $10^{-3}$ (BER < $10^{-3}$) for $K=1$, but at the same SNR = 20 dB, the bit error rate is equal to $10^{-3}$ (BER = $10^{-3}$) for $K=2$.

Fig. 4.2 BER Vs SNR for Wavelet packet based MC-CDMA for different users

Fig 4.2 shows the bit error rate versus SNR curves for different users of Wavelet packet based MC-CDMA scheme. It can be noted from the figure that as the number of users increases the bit error rate decreases in the whole range of SNR. Although, for the low SNR region (SNR=0dB ~ 10dB) the bit error rate performance is almost same as number of users increases. This is because in the low SNR region this scheme does not provide much improvement in the spectral efficiency, and hence shows the similar performance. However, in high SNR region the bit error rate performance increases significantly for different number of users. For example, when the SNR = 25 dB, the bit error rate is equal to $10^{-4}$ (BER = $10^{-5}$) for $K=1$, but at the same SNR = 25 dB, the bit error rate is greater than $10^{-5}$ (BER > $10^{-5}$) for $K=2$.

Fig 4.3 BERVs. SNR for HHT based MC-CDMA for different users
Fig. 4.3 shows the bit error rate versus SNR curves for different users of HHT based MC-CDMA scheme. It can be noted from the figure that as the number of users increases the bit error rate decreases in the whole range of SNR. For the low SNR region (SNR=0dB ~5dB) the bit error rate performance is greatly improved as the number of users increases compared to wavelet packet based MC-CDMA. For example, in the low SNR regime when the SNR =10 dB, the bit error rate is greater than $10^{-3}$ (BER >$10^{-3}$) for K=1, but at the same SNR =10 dB, the bit error rate is greater than $10^{-5}$ (BER >$10^{-5}$) for K=2. This is because HHT based MC-CDMA scheme in the low SNR region provides much improvement in the spectral efficiency, and hence outperforms the wavelet packet based MC-CDMA. In the high SNR region the bit error rate performance increases significantly for different number of users. For example, in the high SNR regime when the SNR =25 dB, the bit error rate is greater than $10^{-3}$ (BER >$10^{-3}$) for K=1, but at the same SNR =25 dB, the bit error rate is greater than $10^{-7}$ (BER >$10^{-7}$) for K=2.

Fig. 4.4 shows the bit error rate versus SNR curves comparison for all three schemes for K=1. It can be noted from the figure that for K=1, HHT based MC-CDMA scheme outperforms both conventional MC-CDMA and wavelet packet based MC-CDMA. In the very low SNR region (SNR=0dB ~5dB) the bit error rate performance of HHT based MC-CDMA scheme is slightly poorer compared to other two scheme. This is due to the fact that HHT based MC-CDMA scheme slightly less spectral efficient compared to other two schemes in low SNR. But, as the SNR increases the bit error rate performance of HHT based MC-CDMA scheme increases drastically and outperforms other two schemes. For example, in the high SNR regime when the SNR =25 dB, the bit error rate of conventional MC-CDMA scheme is greater than $10^{-3}$ (BER >$10^{-3}$) and bit error rate of wavelet packet based MC-CDMA scheme is equal to $10^{-4}$ (BER =$10^{-4}$), whereas, the bit error rate of HHT based MC-CDMA scheme is greater than $10^{-5}$ (BER >$10^{-5}$). Thus, it can be concluded that HHT based MC-CDMA scheme superior to both conventional MC-CDMA and wavelet packet based MC-CDMA.

V. CONCLUSION

In this paper, we investigated the performance of conventional MC-CDMA system, orthogonal wavelet packet based MC-CDMA (WP-MC-CDMA), and Huang Hilbert Transformation (HHT) based MC-CDMA system. In particular, we have analyzed the performance of orthogonal wavelet packet based MC-CDMA system by designing a set of wavelet packets and used as the modulation waveforms in a multicarrier CDMA system. Moreover, we have also investigated the performance of HHT based MC-CDMA. Numerical and simulation results show that the HHT based MC-CDMA outperforms both WP-MC-CDMA and conventional MC-CDMA in terms of bit error rate (BER), and helps to mitigate the effects of interference and channel fading.

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