

Ofdm Implementation Using Self-Cancellation Techniques in Wireless Networks

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ABSTRACT

With the rapid growth of digital communication in recent years, the need for high speed data transmission is increased. Moreover, future Wireless Systems are expected to support a wide range of services which includes video, data and voice. OFDM is a promising candidate for achieving high data rates in mobile environment because of its multicarrier modulation technique and ability to convert a frequency selective fading channel into several nearly flat fading channels. Now OFDM is being widely used in wireless communications standards, such as IEEE 802.11a, the multimedia mobile access communication (MMAC), and the HIPERLAN/2. However, one of the main disadvantages of OFDM is its sensitivity against carrier frequency offset and high PAPR which causes intercarrier interference (ICI). This paper deals with design of an OFDM mechanism in a wireless technology and implementation of double frequency hopping in CDMA to overcome inter channel interferences.

Keywords- FHCDMA, HIPERLAN, ICI, MMAC, OFDM

I. INTRODUCTION

This project investigates an efficient ICI cancellation method termed ICI self-cancellation scheme for combating the impact of ICI on OFDM systems. The ICI self-cancellation scheme is a technique in which redundant data is transmitted onto adjacent sub-carriers such that the ICI between adjacent sub-carriers cancels out at the receiver.

OFDM-Impact on Wireless Networks

Orthogonal Frequency Division Multiplexing (OFDM) is a special form of multi carrier modulation technique which is used to generate waveforms that are mutually orthogonal. In an OFDM scheme, a large number of orthogonal, overlapping, narrow band sub-carriers are transmitted in parallel. These carriers divide the available transmission bandwidth. The separation of the sub-carriers is such that there is a very compact spectral utilization. With OFDM, it is possible to have overlapping sub channels in the frequency domain, thus increasing the transmission rate. In order to avoid a large number of modulators and filters at the transmitter and complementary filters and

demodulators at the receiver, it is desirable to be able to use modern digital signal processing techniques, such as fast Fourier transform (FFT). After more than forty years of research and development carried out in different places, OFDM is now being widely implemented in high-speed digital communications. OFDM has been accepted as standard in several wire line and wireless applications. Due to the recent advancements in digital signal processing (DSP) and very large-scale integrated circuits (VLSI) technologies, the initial obstacles of OFDM implementations do not exist anymore. In a basic communication system, the data are modulated onto a single carrier frequency. The available bandwidth is then totally occupied by each symbol. This kind of system can lead to inter-symbol-interference (ISI) in case of frequency selective channel. The basic idea of OFDM is to divide the available spectrum into several orthogonal sub channels so that each narrowband sub channels experiences almost flat fading. Many research centers in the world have specialized teams working in the optimization of OFDM systems. The attraction of OFDM is mainly because of its way of handling the multipath interference at the receiver. Multipath phenomenon generates two effects (a) Frequency selective fading and (b) interference (ISI). The "flatness" perceived by a narrowband channel overcomes the frequency selective fading. On the other hand, modulating symbols at a very low rate makes the symbols much longer than channel impulse response and hence reduces the ISI. Use of suitable error correcting codes provides more robustness against frequency selective fading. The insertion of an extra guard interval between consecutive OFDM symbols can reduce the effects of ISI even more. The use of FFT technique to implement modulation and demodulation functions makes it computationally more efficient. OFDM systems have gained an increased interest during the last years. It is used in the European digital broadcast radio system, as well as in wired environment such as asymmetric digital subscriber lines (ADSL). This technique is used in digital subscriber lines (DSL) to provides high bit rate over a twisted-pair of wires.

II. ADVANTAGES & APPLICATIONS OF OFDM

A well-known problem of orthogonal frequency division multiplexing (OFDM), however, is its sensitivity to frequency offset between the transmitted and received signals, which may be caused by Doppler shift in the channel, or by the difference between the transmitter and receiver local oscillator frequencies. This carrier frequency offset causes loss of orthogonality between sub-carriers and the signals transmitted on each carrier are not independent of each other. The orthogonality of the carriers is no longer maintained, which results in inter-carrier interference (ICI). The undesired ICI degrades the performance of the system. Depending on the Doppler spread in the channel and the block length chosen for transmission, ICI can potentially cause a severe deterioration of quality of service (QoS) in OFDM systems. ICI mitigation techniques are essential in improving the performance of an OFDM system in an environment which induces frequency offset error in the transmitted signal. The comparisons of these schemes in terms of various parameters will be useful in determining the choice of ICI mitigation techniques for different applications and mobile environments. The figure 1.2 shows the basic OFDM block diagram.

The baseband OFDM signals can be written as

$$x(t) = \sum_{m=0}^{N-1} X_m \exp(j2\pi \frac{m}{T} t) \quad 0 \leq t \leq T \quad \dots(1)$$
 Where $f_m = m/T$ is the central frequency of the m th sub-channel and X_m is the corresponding transmitted symbol.

The signals are orthogonal over $[0, T]$

$$\frac{1}{T} \int_0^T \exp(j2\pi \frac{m}{T} t) \cdot \exp(-j2\pi \frac{l}{T} t) dt = \delta_{ml} \quad \dots(2)$$

OFDM is spectrally efficient - IFFT/FFT operation ensures that sub-carriers do not interfere with each other. OFDM has an inherent robustness against narrowband interference. Narrowband interference will affect at most a couple of subchannels. Information from the affected subchannels can be erased and recovered via the forward error correction (FEC) codes. Equalization is very simple compared to Single-Carrier systems. Figure 1.1 shows the frequency spectrum of OFDM transmission technique.

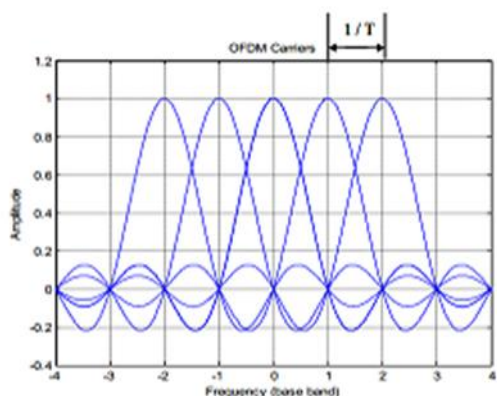


Fig.1.1 Frequency spectrum of OFDM transmission

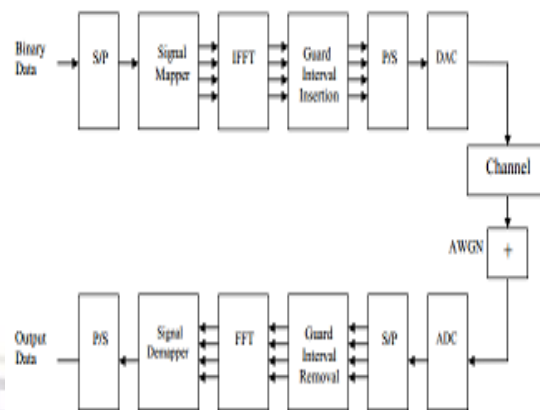


Fig.1.2 The basic OFDM block diagram

III. EXISTING TECHNOLOGY

In OFDM besides the inter-carrier-interference (ICI) caused by receiver frequency offset and by time variation of the mobile channel, its high peak-to-average power ratio (PAPR) is a serious drawback. Many researches concentrated on this problem [9]- [12] because high PAPR generally requires power amplifiers to operate with a large back-off, which reduces amplifier power efficiency [1]. The basic approach for this large PAPR of OFDM signals is to intentionally clip high amplitude signals which increases PAPR and results in more ICI.

The existing transmission techniques in CDMA over wireless networks for spreading the bandwidth of the signal are:

Three types of spread spectrum techniques

There are three ways to spread the bandwidth of the signal:

Frequency hopping: The signal is rapidly switched between different frequencies within the hopping bandwidth pseudo-randomly, and the receiver knows beforehand where to find the signal at any given time.

Time hopping: The signal is transmitted in short bursts pseudo-randomly, and the receiver knows beforehand when to expect the burst.

Direct sequence: The digital data is directly coded at a much higher frequency. The code is generated pseudo-randomly, the receiver knows how to generate the same code, and correlates the received signal with that code to extract the data. CDMA is a Direct Sequence Spread Spectrum system. The CDMA system works directly on 64kbit/sec digital signals.

IV. PROPOSED TECHNOLOGY

In this project we have investigated an efficient ICI cancellation method termed ICI self-cancellation scheme for combating the impact of ICI on OFDM systems. The ICI self-cancellation scheme is a technique in which redundant data is transmitted

onto adjacent sub-carriers such that the ICI between adjacent sub-carriers cancels out at the receiver. We introduced HPA (high power amplification) technique to reduce PAPR. We propose a two level FH-CDMA in OFDM transmission technique which increases the flexibility of transmission of high data bits along with increasing the security of data without wastage of bandwidth.

Algorithm:

1. The input parameters are initialized
2. The random input signal is reshaped; the input data bits are converted into decimals.
3. The Inverse Fast Fourier Transform (IFFT) is performed.
4. Sampling at $\Delta t = T/N A_1$, the OFDM signal sampled at time instant $t = k\Delta t$ can be expressed as |

$$x_k = \sum_{n=-\frac{N}{2}}^{\frac{N}{2}-1} a(n)e^{j2\pi n k / NA_1}$$

Where A_1 is an oversampling factor.

5. High power amplification (HPA) is done to reduce the effect of PAPR.

$$PAPR = \frac{\max_k |x_k|^2}{\frac{1}{NA_1} \sum_k |x_k|^2}$$

Two level Frequency Hopping Technique is introduced by spreading the signal on to different frequencies at the transmission end.

6. The signal is transmitted through AWGN channel with added noise.
7. The vice versa is performed at the receiver end.

Figure 2 shows the process of frequency spreading. In general, the bandwidth of a digital signal is twice its bit rate. The bandwidths of the information data (f_i) and the PN code are shown together. The bandwidth of the combination of the two, for $f_c > f_i$, can be approximated by the bandwidth of the PN code

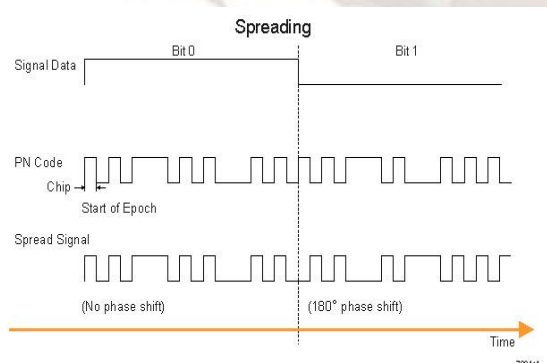


Fig.2. Frequency spreading of the signal.

V. PERFORMANCE EVALUATION

The bit error rate (BER) is calculated for BPSK and 16-QAM techniques implemented in OFDM with a total band width of 1MHz, carrier

frequency of 2GHz, 52 number of bits per symbol, 64 subcarriers, symbol period of 128μsec. For the analyzing purpose MATLAB and MATLAB tools have been used.

Figure 3.1 shows the MATLAB simulation result of BER calculated for BPSK OFDM using self-cancellation coding scheme.

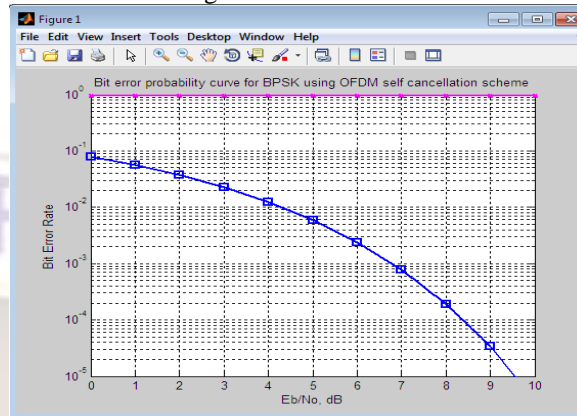


Fig 3.1. BER curve for BPSK using OFDM self-cancellation scheme

Figure 3.2 shows the MATLAB simulation result of 16-QAM OFDM calculated theoretically and by simulation with the same parameters used for the BPSK OFDM technique. The graph is plot between E_b/N_0 in db and BER (bit error rate).

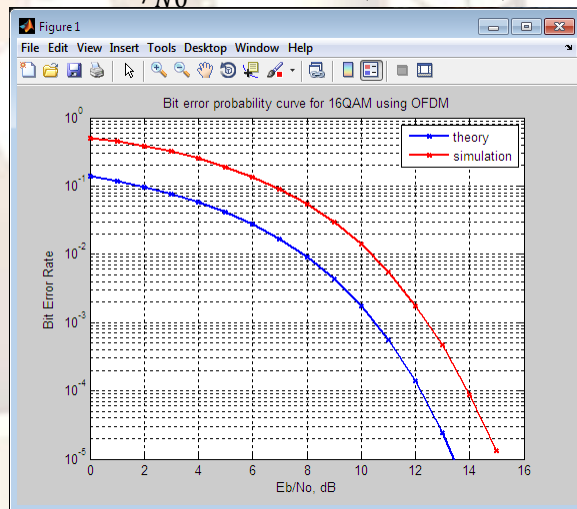


Fig.3.2 BER curve for 16 QAM using OFDM self-cancellation scheme

Figure 3.3(a) shows the OFDM signal transmitted and 3.3(b) shows the signal after performing high the power amplification (HPA) which clearly shows that the high PAPR has been reduced by observing the result itself.

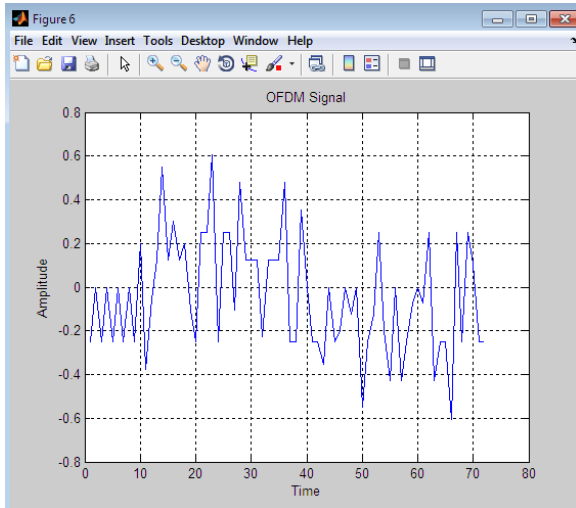


Fig.3.3 (a).modulated OFDM signal

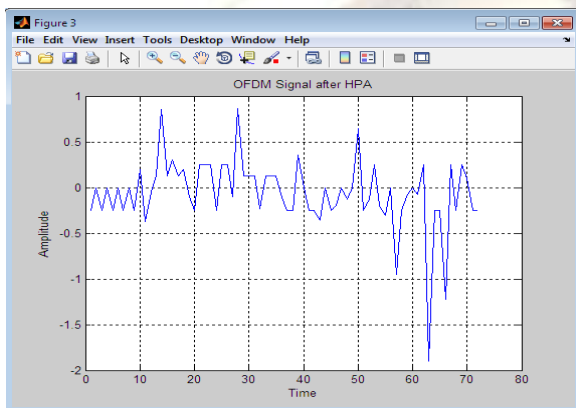


Fig.3.3 (b) OFDM signal after HPA

Figure 3.4(a) shows the BPSK OFDM signal which is single frequency hopped at the transmission end before passing through the channel. FH-CDMA provides frequency diversity and helps modulation codes and FH patterns in order to meet different system multipath fading and diversify interference [1], [2]. Major advantages of FH-CDMA over direct-sequence CDMA [3], [4] include better resistance to multiple access interference (MAI), less stringent power control, and reduced near-far problem and multipath interference. By assigning a unique FH pattern to each user, a FH-CDMA system allows multiple users to share the same transmission channel simultaneously.

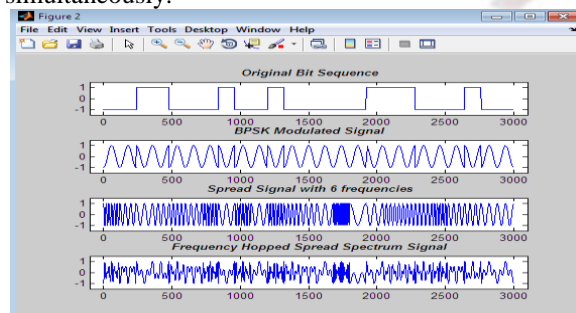


Fig.3.4(a) Frequency hopped spread spectrum signal

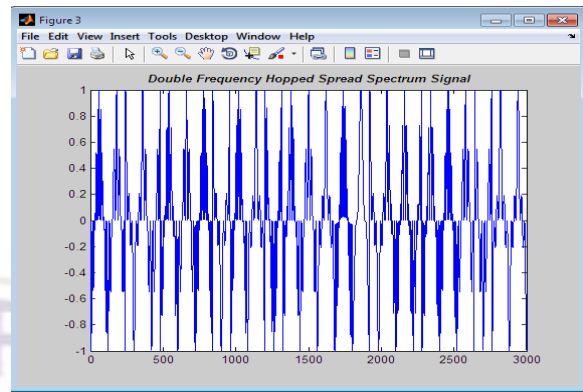


Fig.3.4(b) Double frequency hopped spread spectrum signal

The final output after reception of signal at the receiver end is shown in the figure 3.5. The transmitted input signal is almost equal to the received signal.

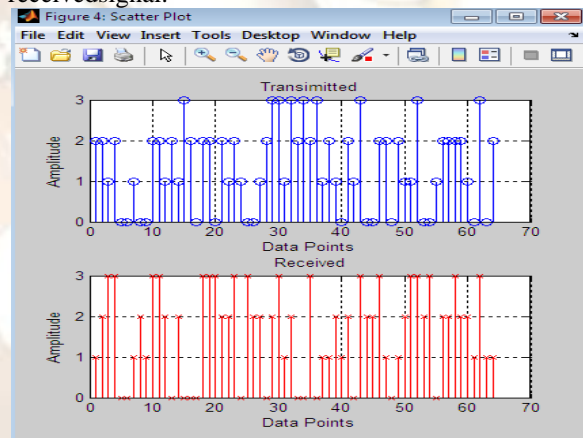


Fig 3.5 Scattered plot of transmitted and received signals.

VI. CONCLUSION

In this paper, theoretically and by simulation, we clarify the behavior of self-cancellation coding concerning the high Peak-to-Average-Power Ratio (PAPR) problem observed in OFDM and compared their efficiencies with the normal OFDM. High power amplification (HPA) is shown as solution for high PAPR. We proposed a new two-level FH-CDMA scheme. The performance analyses showed that the two-level FH-CDMA scheme provided a trade-off between performance and data rate. The two-level FH-CDMA scheme increased the number of possible users and exhibited higher data rate scheme offered more flexibility in the design of FH-CDMA systems to meet different operating requirements.

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