

Efficient Wireless Channel Estimation using Alamouti STBC with MIMO and 16-PSK Modulation

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ABSTRACT

The wireless communication system is better for the new generation of data communication technology, because it facilitates the user to communicate or share information through mobile devices in mobile situation without any leased or dedicated line. This research field is continuously exploring by the researchers to innovate new techniques to make more and easier for the users with lots of facilities. In this paper the communication system is analyzed for channel with applying Alamouti STBC coding with multiple inputs multiple output (MIMO) system. The proposed system is outperformed when implemented with 16-PSK modulation. The system configured and tested for 4xM and 2xM, where M is number of receiver antennas.

Keywords

STBC, MIMO and 16 PSK.

1. INTRODUCTION

Wireless systems of communication have recently turned to a strategy known as Multiple Input Multiple Output (MIMO) to improve the quality (bit-error rate) and data rate (bits/sec). This advantage can increase the quality of service and revenues of the operator. This is done by using multiple transmit and receive antennas, as well as appropriate coding methods. They take advantage of spatial and temporal diversity to combat the random fading induced by multi-path propagation of the signal and maximize efficient use of bandwidth. There is a basic gain in transmitting data over a matrix rather than vector channel. The transmission of data over MIMO channels has traditionally focused on data rate maximization or diversity maximization, and space-time codes were developed as a means to the latter. There are two types of STCs have been developed, Trellis Codes and Block Code. "The decoding system complexity of space-time trellis decoding (measured by number of trellis states at the decoder) increases exponentially as a function of the diversity level and transmission rate" [5]. The Space-Time Block Codes we'll discuss here are often preferred because, the assumption of flat fading Rayleigh channels (whose coefficients are constant and scalar, they may be decoded using simple linear processing at the receiver (the Maximal Likelihood Sphere Decoder) [5].

1.1 Space-Time Coding Model

Suppose we have a MIMO system with n transmits antennas and m receives antennas. At the transmitter, information symbols belonging to a constellation set, such as QAM or HEX, are parsed into blocks: $s(n) = [s(nK), \dots, s(nK + K - 1)]^T$ of size $K \times 1$. The block $s(n)$ is encoded by the ST encoder which maps $s(n)$ to column vectors in the following $n \times m$ ST

$$\mathbf{c} = \begin{bmatrix} c_{11} & c_{12} & \cdots & c_{1P} \\ c_{21} & c_{22} & \cdots & c_{2P} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ c_{n1} & c_{n2} & \cdots & c_{nP} \end{bmatrix} \quad (1)$$

Where the coded symbol c_{ij} belong to the constellation set and P is the frame(block) length. At each time slot t , signals c_{it} , $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$ are transmitted simultaneously from the n transmit antennas [6]. Ultimately, each transmit antenna sees a differently encoded version of the same signal. Being received, these signals are resolved by the receiver into a single signal. That has the effect of combating multi-path fading that has occurred in the separate channels. There are many approaches to STBCs, the scheme of Alamouti being the first [1]. Very recently [2] and [7] have developed what they call Perfect STCs. These codes are so called because they satisfy a number of design criteria and only occur in a few cases. Simulation results suggest that these PSTBCs often outperform other STBCs p. 26 in [7].

2. PROPOSED METHODOLOGY

The above mentioned wireless communication system is taken into consideration for the simulation and improvement in the performance of the existing system. The existing wireless communication system adopting MISO with 8-PSK Modulation and Alamouti STBC to make system better. But in this paper the proposed system is adopting multiple input multiple output (MIMO) system which is better for reliable delivery of information from source to destination, to increase the security and data rate technique adopt 16-PSK modulation and to achieve better bit error probability the Alamouti STBC is integrate with the mentioned system. The block diagram of the proposed methodology is given below in Figure 1.

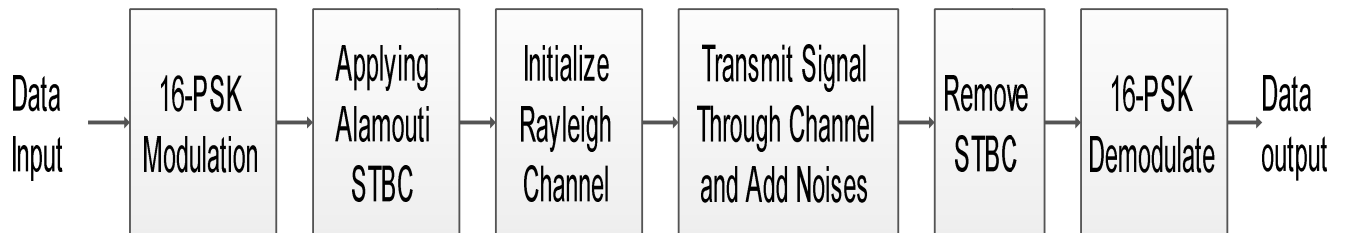


Figure 1: Block diagram of the Proposed Methodology

The major block of the proposed system are 16-PSK modulation applied on the input data, followed by Alamouti STBC coding which needs to be initialize channel.

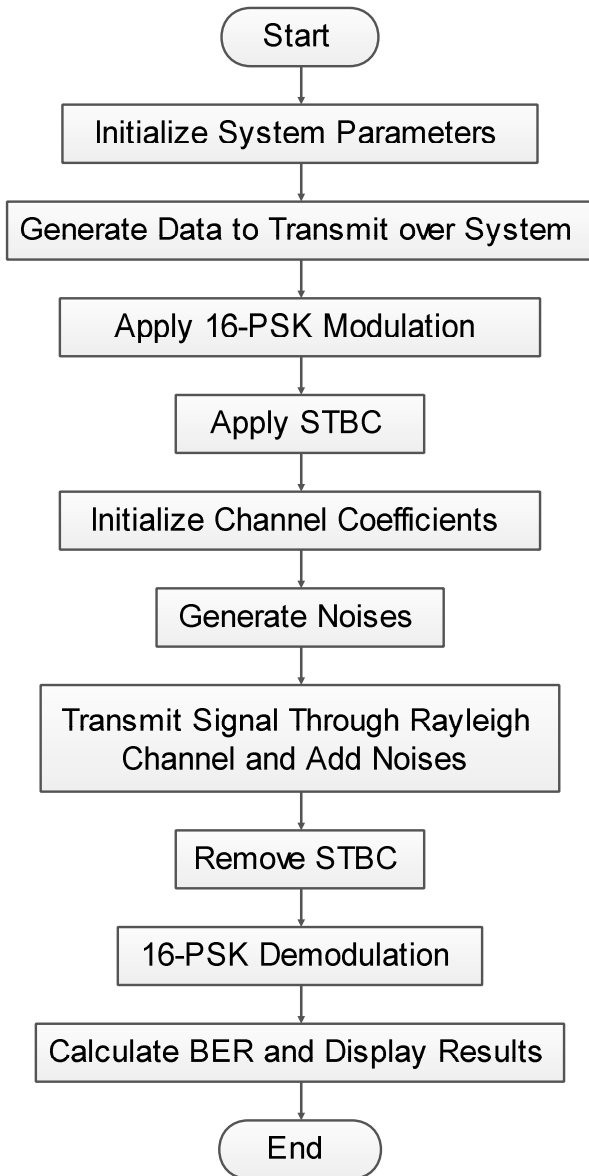


Figure 2: Flow chart of the proposed system implementation of simulation model

Here the system considers Rayleigh Fading Channel, now signal is transmitted through the channel and during transmission noises has been added. At the receiver side STBC is removed and the signal is recovered followed by demodulation with 16-PSK technique and will get output data.

The proposed system implemented on simulation tool and the step by step execution of the implemented system is given in the flow chart of the system refer Figure 2.

The steps of simulation are as follows:

- Start simulation
- Initialization of system parameters(variable) to create artificial environment
- Generate data to transmit over system so that end to end performance of the system is calculated

- Data is modulated with 16-PSK modulation which is better and having increased data rate than 8-PSK modulation
- Applying STBC on modulated signal
- Initialize channel coefficients for MIMO suitable for space time structure
- Generate noise signal which will is being added during transmission through channel
- Transmission through Rayleigh Fading channel
- Remove STBC to recover signal
- Demodulate signal with 16-PSK scheme
- Calculate BER and display results
- End of simulation

3. SIMULATION RESULTS

Wireless communication system is implemented and the outcomes of the proposed system are explained in this section. The outcome is in terms of bit error rate (BER). BER is the figure of merit to analyze end to end performance calculated for certain range of signal to noise ratio (SNR).

The proposed system is evaluated under different MIMO configurations which are shown in the figures given below.

3.1 MIMO 2 x 2 Configurations

This configuration is analyzed with 2 transmitters and 2 receivers and the BER is achieved minimum is of the range of $10^{-3.5}$ which is lower than existing work (i.e. $10^{-2.4}$) as shown in Figure 3.

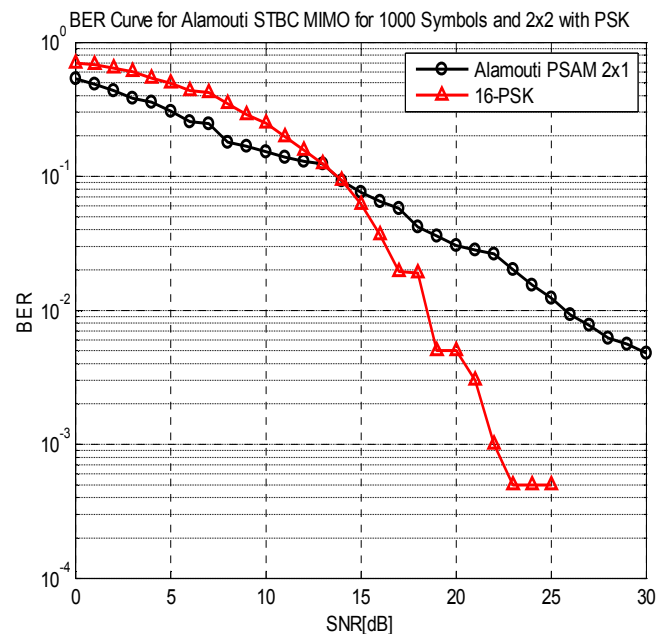


Figure 3: BER versus Curve for 2x2 MIMO with 16-PSK and Alamouti STBC

3.2 MIMO 2 x 4 Configurations

This configuration is analyzed with 2 transmitters and 4 receivers and the BER is achieved minimum is of the range of $10^{-2.9}$ which is lower than existing work (i.e. $10^{-2.4}$) as shown in Figure 4.

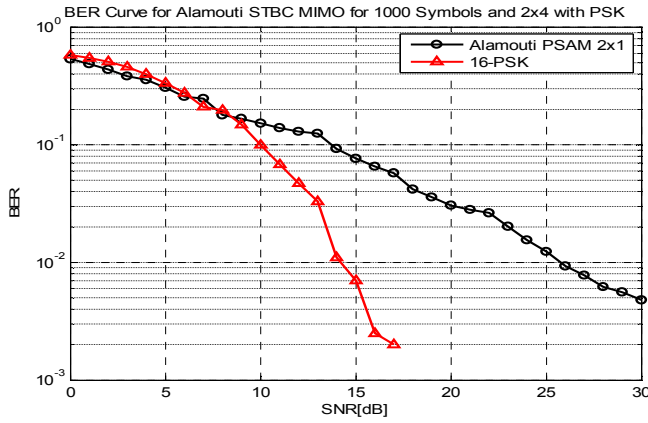


Figure 4: BER versus Curve for 2x4 MIMO with 16-PSK and Alamouti STBC

3.3 MIMO 2 x 6 Configurations

This configuration is analyzed with 2 transmitters and 6 receivers and the BER is achieved minimum is of the range of 10^{-3} which is lower than existing work (i.e. $10^{-2.4}$) as shown in Figure 5.

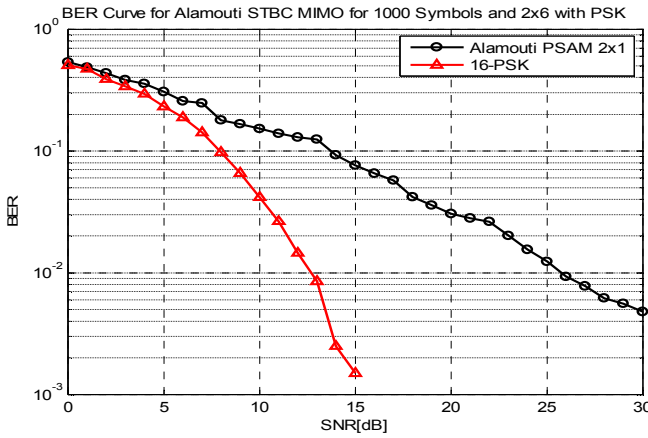


Figure 5: BER versus Curve for 2x6 MIMO with 16-PSK and Alamouti STBC

3.4 MIMO 2 x 8 Configurations

This configuration is analyzed with 2 transmitters and 8 receivers and the BER is achieved minimum is of the range of $10^{-3.3}$ which is lower than existing work (i.e. $10^{-2.4}$) as shown in Figure 6.

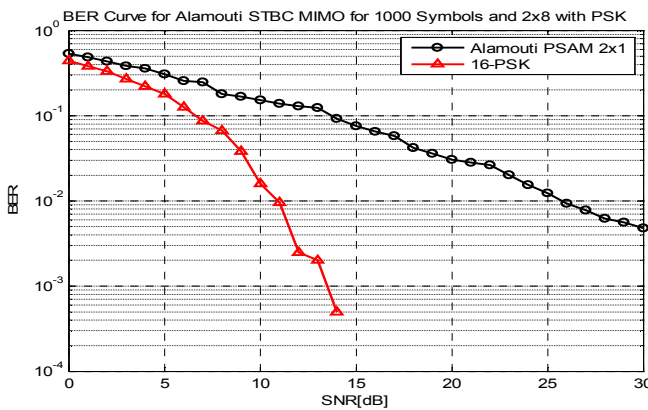


Figure 6: BER versus Curve for 2x8 MIMO with 16-PSK and Alamouti STBC

3.5 MIMO 4 x 2 Configurations

This configuration is analyzed with 4 transmitters and 2 receivers and the BER is achieved minimum is of the range of $10^{-3.5}$ which is lower than existing work (i.e. $10^{-2.9}$) as shown in Figure 7.

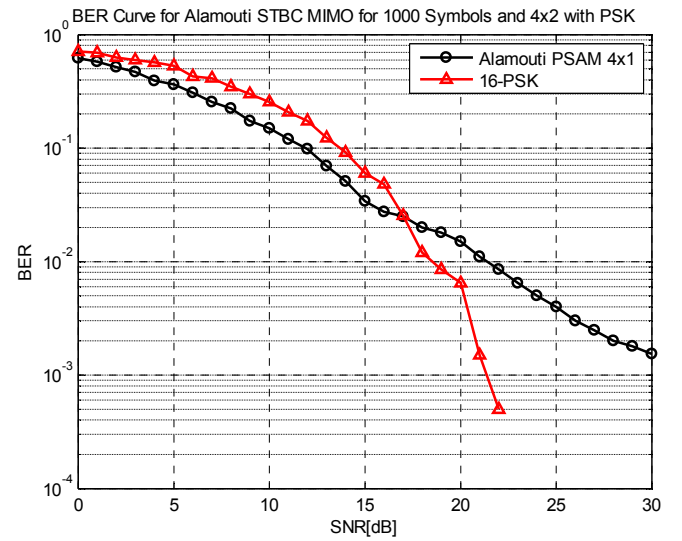


Figure 7: BER versus Curve for 4x2 MIMO with 16-PSK and Alamouti STBC

3.6 MIMO 4x 4 Configurations

This configuration is analyzed with 4 transmitters and 4 receivers and the BER is achieved minimum is of the range of $10^{-3.5}$ which is lesser than existing work (i.e. $10^{-2.9}$) as shown in Figure 8.

Table 1. Comparison between proposed & previous work-

S. No.	SNR	Previous results	Proposed results
1	0	0.61	0.58
2	1	0.57	0.54
3	2	0.51	0.49
4	3	0.47	0.43
5	4	0.39	0.37
6	5	0.36	0.33
7	6	0.30	0.28
8	7	0.25	0.23
9	8	0.22	0.20
10	9	0.17	0.14
11	10	0.15	0.09
12	11	0.12	0.06
13	12	0.09	0.03

14	13	0.06	0.03
15	14	0.05	0.009
16	15	0.03	0.005
17	16	0.027	0.002
18	17	0.025	0.001
19	18	0.02	0.001
20	19	0.018	-
21	20	0.015	-
22	21	0.011	-
23	22	0.008	-
24	23	0.006	-
25	24	0.005	-
26	25	0.004	-
27	26	0.003	-
28	27	0.002	-
29	28	0.002	-
30	29	0.001	-
31	30	0.001	-

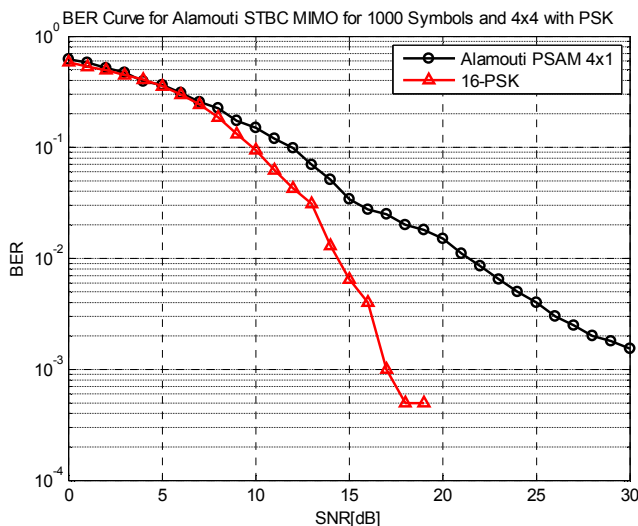


Figure 8: BER versus Curve for 4x4 MIMO with 16-PSK and Alamouti STBC

4. CONCLUSION AND FUTURE SCOPE

The results of the proposed model after simulation is displayed in the previous section and the analysis of the system with BER tell us that the proposed approach is better with the reduced

error probability with the MIMO architecture used in the technique. The 2xM and 4xM configuration giving better BER for higher signal power range keeping number of receivers (M) lower or equal to number of transmitters. But when number of receivers is increased than the transmitters BER for all the signal powers perform better than the existing work which was pilot assisted STBC MISO system.

The MIMO architecture shown that the performance can be better than MISO used with 16-PSK modulation and Alamouti STBC, and it is also definite that with the more efficient modulation technique like QAM instead of PSK, the proposed system will perform.

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