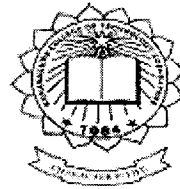




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## ABSTRACT

The modern wireless communication demands reliable data communication at high throughput in severe channel conditions like narrowband interference, fading due to multipath effect and Doppler spread. The existing single carrier systems address these problems by involving complex and computationally intensive channel equalizers. Also, security is of major concern these days. Thus it is desired to have a bandwidth efficient and reliable communication system which would be suitable for wireless channels.

In order to achieve these design objectives of wireless data communication, there are some techniques that are to be considered like channel coding, Adaptive Modulation etc. In recent years, it has been recognized that bit-interleaved coded modulation can improve the performance over a fading channel and by using an appropriate soft-decision metric as an input to a viterbi decoder.

Orthogonal Frequency Division Multiplexing (OFDM) is mostly preferred as it provides good protection against co-channel interference, impulsive parasitic noise and less sensitive to sample timing offsets than single carrier systems. OFDM concept is introduced to make efficient use of the spectrum by allowing overlap and to eliminate Inter Symbol Interference (ISI). In OFDM an advanced FDMA scheme called OFDMA, which uses the orthogonality of the system is available i.e. different users are allowed to use different subsets of the subcarriers.

BICM-OFDM system has been simulated and analyzed with various modulation schemes over AWGN and frequency non-selective, slow fading channel. It has been observed that the proposed Concatenated BICM-OFDM outperforms CM, BICM and BICM-OFDM schemes in fading channel. From the simulation results, it is inferred that proposed BICM-OFDMA with equally concatenated codes improves the performance over Rayleigh Fading Channel than concatenated BICM-OFDM.

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## LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS

|                 |       |  |
|-----------------|-------|--|
| <b>AWGN</b>     | ----- | Additive White Gaussian Noise                            |
| <b>BER</b>      | ----- | Bit Error Rate   |
| <b>BICM</b>     | ----- | Bit Interleaved Coded Modulation                         |
| <b>CM</b>       | ----- | Coded Modulation   |
| <b>CDMA</b>     | ----- | Code Division Multiple Access                            |
| <b>DAB</b>      | ----- | Digital Audio Broadcasting                               |
| <b>DVB</b>      | ----- | Digital Video Broadcasting                               |
| <b>FDMA</b>     | ----- | Frequency Division Multiple Access                       |
| <b>ICI</b>      | ----- | Inter Carrier Interference                               |
| <b>IFFT/FFT</b> | ----- | Inverse Fast Fourier Transform/Fast<br>Fourier Transform |
| <b>ISI</b>      | ----- | Inter Symbol Interference                                |
| <b>MATLAB</b>   | ----- | MATrix LABoratory  |
| <b>OFDM</b>     | ----- | Orthogonal Frequency Division<br>Multiplexing            |
| <b>OFDMA</b>    | ----- | Orthogonal Frequency Division Multiple<br>Access         |
| <b>PSK</b>      | ----- | Phase Shift Keying                                       |
| <b>PDF</b>      | ----- | Probability Density Function                             |
| <b>QAM</b>      | ----- | Quadrature Amplitude Modulation                          |
| <b>SNR</b>      | ----- | Signal to Noise Ratio                                    |
| <b>SICM</b>     | ----- | Symbol Interleaved Coded Modulation                      |
| <b>TCM</b>      | ----- | Trellis Coded Modulation                                 |

## CHAPTER 1

### INTRODUCTION

#### WIRELESS COMMUNICATION

Wireless communication technology, a fundamental part of modern information infrastructure, is growing day by day. Spectrally efficient and reliable transmission schemes are required for high speed transmission data rate over wireless link. However reliable data communication is one of the major problems in modern wireless channels, since these channels should be able to tolerate the effects of signal fading channels and Inter Symbol Interference. Mobile data communication is even more challenging [1]. It requires continuous measurement and updating the Channel State Information and adaptation of the coding/modulation techniques according to the new environmental conditions. It also involves proper power distribution techniques [2].

Channel coding is one of the main tools that increase the transmission reliability at higher data rates. The purpose of the channel coding scheme is to guard the information against channel disturbances, achieved by introducing data redundancy for error detection and correction. In wireless communication systems erroneous signal detection and its correction can be achieved by the use of proper error control coding techniques. The bursty traffic sources which are multiplexed statistically, the fast and dynamic channel capacity allocation can be achieved by multiple-carrier Quadrature Phase Shift keying or Quadrature Amplitude Modulation [3]. However single-carrier systems show their effectiveness in severe multipath applications requiring intensive processing at high data rates [3] only if they use adaptive equalizer. Another problem with single carrier systems operating is susceptibility to interference.

#### PROBLEM DEFINITION

The modern wireless communication demands reliable data communication at high throughput in severe channel conditions like narrowband interference, frequency-selective fading due to multipath and attenuation of high frequencies. The existing Single carrier systems address the above mentioned problems by involving complex and computationally intensive channel

alizers. Also reliable data transmission and security is of major concern these days. Thus a d to make more efficient use of bandwidth transmissions without creating situations where als would be subject to above mentioned phenomenon is generally desired.

In order to achieve these design objectives of wireless data communication there are e key design considerations like channel coding, Multiple access schemes, adaptive dulation, rate adaptive transmission etc which must be taken into considerations and are eussed in the following section.

## DESIGN CONSIDERATIONS

Following parameters must be considered while designing the wireless data munication system, these are

1. Data Rate
2. Power
3. Bandwidth
4. Multiple Access Schemes

*Multiple Access schemes* narrow or wide band, are a very important means of allowing a e number of mobile users to access a finite amount of frequency spectrum simultaneously. oing this capacity can be increased. In simple words they ensure the efficient use of the uency spectrum. They are also preferred over Radio spectrums since they are very expensive.

The *Severity of Wireless Communications* is much greater than that for AWGN channels. AWGN channels, good codes can be designed by making the distance between the code ds as large as possible. But, for fading channel, the severity of channel is mainly tackled by diversity in communication. Diversity in communication means sending a copy of the sage, or part of a copy, on different paths or channels in order to increase the reliability. It be achieved by diversity in carrier frequency, space diversity, coding or combination of all hods.

In order to achieve these design objectives of wireless data communication there are the key design considerations like,

- Channel Coding
- Adaptive Modulation
- Rate-adaptive Transmission

*Channel coding* is also considered as an essential and important element of communication system, one of the main tools that increase the transmission reliability at higher rates. The purpose of the channel coding scheme is to guard the information against channel disturbances during transmission, and this can be achieved by introducing data redundancy for error detection and correction. It protects data against transmission errors to ensure adequate transmission quality (bit or frame error rate). It is power efficient as compared to the uncoded data, the same error-rates are achieved with much less transmit power at the expense of a bandwidth expansion. Error control coding has gained fundamental importance in wireless communication systems and deals with techniques for detecting and correcting signal errors.

*Adaptive modulation schemes* take channel conditions into account at both the transmitter and receiver end. And this knowledge of channel conditions helps transmitter and receiver in dynamically deciding the channel modulation scheme for gaining increased performance which results in high data rate as compared to non adaptive coded schemes.

*Rate Adaptive Transmission* design feature relies more on the quality of the wireless channel and it ensures the maximal use of the transmission bandwidth. It achieves high spectral efficiency by increasing the sending information rate during the good channel conditions and vice-versa. Channel status in form of channel state information is being sent by the receiver to the transmitter on the reverse wireless link. This information will then be used by the transmitter to decide the rate plan for the next transmission. This rate adaptive transmission ensures the maximal utilization of the channel bandwidth for an acceptable Bit-Error-Rate.

## 4 CODING THEORY

Coding theory is the study of the properties of codes and their fitness for a specific application. Codes are used for data compression, cryptography, error-correction and more recently also for network coding. Codes are studied by various scientific disciplines- such as information theory, electrical engineering, mathematics, and computer science-for the purpose of designing efficient and reliable data transmission methods.

The aim of channel coding theory is to find codes which transmit quickly, contain many code words and can correct or at least detect many errors. While not mutually exclusive, performance in these areas is a trade off. So, different codes are optimal for different applications.

Other codes are more appropriate for different applications. Deep space communications are limited by the thermal noise of the receiver which is more of a continuous nature than a bursty nature. Likewise, narrowband modems are limited by the noise, present in the telephone network and also modeled better as a continuous disturbance. Cell phones are subject to rapid fading. The high frequencies used can cause rapid fading of the signal even if the receiver is moved a few inches. Again there are classes of channel codes that are designed to combat fading.

### *1 What Coding Can and Cannot Do?*

The traditional role for error-control coding was to make a troublesome channel acceptable by lowering the frequency of error events. The error events could be bit errors, frame errors, or undetected errors.

*Today's role has expanded tremendously and today coding can do the following:*

- Reduce the occurrence of undetected errors
- Reduce the cost of communications systems
- Overcome Jamming
- Eliminate Interference

*Despite all the new uses of error-control coding, there are limits to what coding can do:*

On the Gaussian noise channel, for example, Shannon's capacity formula sets a lower limit on the signal-to-noise ratio that we must achieve to maintain reliable communications. Shannon's lower limit depends on whether the channel is power-limited or bandwidth-limited.

The deep space channel is an example of a power-limited channel because bandwidth is an abundant resource compared to transmitter power. Telephone channels, on the other hand, are considered bandwidth-limited because the telephone company adheres to a strict 3.1 kHz channel bandwidth.

For strictly power-limited (unlimited bandwidth) channels, Shannon's lower bound on  $E_b/N_0$  is 0.69, or  $-1.6$  dB [4]. In other words, maintain an  $E_b/N_0$  of at least  $-1.6$  dB to ensure reliable communications, no matter how powerful an error-control code we use.

For bandwidth-limited channels with Gaussian noise, Shannon's capacity formula can be written as the following [4]

$$E_b/N_0 \geq (2^r - 1)/r \quad (1.1)$$

where  $r$  is the spectral bit rate in bits/s/Hz.

## ***4.2 Applications of Coding Theory***

- A concern of coding theory is designing codes that help synchronization.
- A code may be designed so that a phase shift can be easily detected and corrected and that multiple signals can be sent on the same channel.
- Application of codes can be used in some mobile phone systems, is code-division multiple access. Each phone is assigned a code sequence that is approximately uncorrelated with the codes of other phones. When transmitting, the code word is used to modulate the data bits representing the voice message. At the receiver, a demodulation process is performed to recover the data.
- Another general class of codes is the automatic repeat-request codes. In these codes the sender adds redundancy to each message for error checking, usually by adding check bits. If the check bits are not consistent with the rest of the message when it arrives, the receiver will ask the sender to retransmit the message.

## 5 ERROR CONTROL TECHNIQUES

This section highlights the six most popular error-control coding techniques and discusses the forward error correction.

- *Automatic Repeat Request*
  - *Stop-and-wait ARQ*
  - *Continuous ARQ*
- *Hybrid ARQ*
- *Interleaving*
- *Erasures Decoding*
- *Concatenation*
- *Forward Error Correction*

Forward error correction is appropriate for applications where the user must get the message right the first time. The one-way or broadcast channel is one example. Today's error correction codes fall into two categories:

- *Linear Block Codes*

Linear block codes have the property of linearity, i.e the sum of any two codewords is a code word, and they are applied to the source bits in blocks, hence the name linear block codes. There are block codes that are not linear, but it is difficult to prove that a code is a good one without this property.

Linear block codes are summarized by their symbol alphabets (e.g., binary or ternary) and their parameters  $(n, m, d_{min})$ , where

- 1.  $n$  is the length of the codeword, in symbols,
- 2.  $m$  is the number of source symbols that will be used for encoding at once,
- 3.  $d_{min}$  is the minimum hamming distance for the code.

- *Convolutional Codes*

The idea behind a convolutional code is to make every codeword symbol be the weighted sum of the various input message symbols. This is like convolution used in LTI systems to find the output of a system, when the input and impulse response is known. So generally find the output of the system convolutional encoder, which is the convolution of the input bit, against the states of the convolution encoder, registers.

## 5 MODULATION

Modulation is a process of mixing a signal with a sinusoid to produce a new signal. This new signal, conceivably, will have certain benefits of an un-modulated signal, especially during transmission. The general function for a sinusoid:

$$f(t) = A\sin(\omega t + \varphi) \quad (1.2)$$

This sinusoid has 3 parameters that can be altered, to affect the shape of the graph. The first term,  $A$ , is called the magnitude, or amplitude of the sinusoid. The next term,  $\omega$  is known as angular frequency, and the last term,  $\varphi$  is known as the phase angle. All 3 parameters can be altered to transmit data.

Clearly the concept of modulation can be a little tricky, especially for the people who don't like trigonometry. The main reason to use modulation is clearly explained by considering a channel that essentially acts like a bandpass filter: The lowest frequency components and the highest frequency components are attenuated or unusable, in some way. If the low-frequency components cannot be sent then shift signal up to the frequency ladder.

Modulation allows sending a signal over a bandpass frequency range. If every signal gets its own frequency range, then transmit multiple signals simultaneously over a single channel, all over different frequency ranges. Another use of modulation is that it allows the efficient use of antennas, a baseband signal to be transmitted will need an antenna of huge length, whereas once



modulated the antenna length will be reduced dramatically (antenna length almost equal 1/10 of the signal wavelength)

## 7 CLASSES OF MODULATION

There are three major classes of digital modulation techniques used for transmission of digitally represented data:

- Amplitude-shift keying
- Frequency-shift keying
- Phase-shift keying

### Definitions

For determining error-rates mathematically, some definitions will be needed:

- $E_b$  = Energy-per-bit
- $E_s$  = Energy-per-symbol =  $nE_b$  with  $n$  bits per symbol
- $T_b$  = Bit duration
- $T_s$  = Symbol duration
- $N_0 / 2$  = Noise power spectral density (W/Hz)
- $P_b$  = Probability of bit-error
- $P_s$  = Probability of symbol-error

## MODULATION TECHNIQUES

### *1 M-ary Quadrature Amplitude Modulation*

QAM is both an analog and a digital modulation scheme. It conveys two analog message signals, or two digital bit streams, by changing (modulating) the amplitudes of two carrier waves, using the amplitude-shift keying digital modulation scheme or amplitude modulation analog modulation scheme. These two waves, usually sinusoids, are out of phase with each other by  $90^\circ$  and are thus called quadrature carriers or quadrature component carriers.

heme. The modulated waves are summed, and the resulting waveform is a combination of both phase-shift keying and amplitude-shift keying, or in the analog case of phase modulation and amplitude modulation.



**Figure 1.1 Constellation diagram for rectangular 8-QAM**

### *Interference and noise*

In moving to a higher order QAM constellation (higher data rate and mode) in hostile/microwave QAM application environments, such as in broadcasting or telecommunications, interference (via multipath) typically increases. Reduced noise immunity due to constellation separation makes it difficult to achieve theoretical performance thresholds. There are several test parameter measurements which help determine an optimal QAM mode for a specific operating environment.

Following three are most significant parameters:

- Carrier/interference ratio
- Carrier-to-noise ratio
- Threshold-to-noise ratio

## **2 M-ary Phase Shift Keying**

PSK is a digital modulation scheme that conveys data by changing, or modulating, the phase of a reference signal (the carrier wave).

Any digital modulation scheme uses a finite number of distinct signals to represent digital data. PSK uses a finite number of distinct signals to represent digital data.

usually, each phase encodes an equal number of bits. Each pattern of bits forms the symbol that is represented by the particular phase. The demodulator, which is designed specifically for the symbol-set used by the modulator, determines the phase of the received signal and maps it back to the symbol it represents, thus recovering the original data. This requires the receiver to be able to compare the phase of the received signal to a reference signal - such a system is termed coherent (and referred to as Coherent PSK).

Alternatively, instead of using the bit patterns to set the phase of the wave, it can instead be used to change it by a specified amount. The demodulator then determines the changes in the phase of the received signal rather than the phase itself. Since this scheme depends on the difference between successive phases, it is termed Differential Phase-Shift Keying. DPSK can be significantly simpler to implement than ordinary PSK since there is no need for the demodulator to have a copy of the reference signal to determine the exact phase of the received signal (it is a non-coherent scheme). In exchange, it produces more erroneous demodulations. The exact requirements of the particular scenario under consideration determine which scheme is used.

Multi-level modulation techniques permit high data rates within fixed bandwidth constraints. A convenient set of signals for M-ary PSK is

$$\varphi_i(t) = A \cos(\omega_c t + \theta_i), \quad 0 < t \leq T_s \quad (1.3)$$

where the M phase angles are

$$\theta_i = 0, \frac{2\pi}{M}, \dots, \frac{2\pi(M-1)}{M}. \quad (1.4)$$

Assuming equiprobable ones and zeros the PSD for M-ary PSK is

$$S_\varphi(\omega) = A^2 T_s \text{Sa}^2 \left[ (\omega - \omega_c) \frac{T_s}{2} \right] \quad (1.5)$$

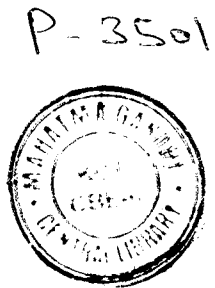
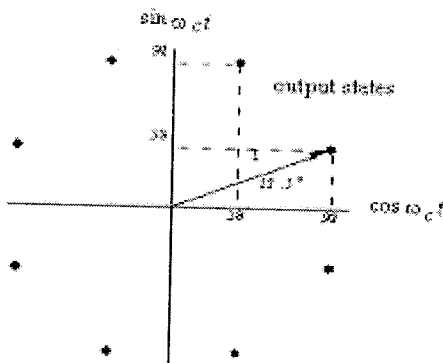
The symbols in this case are of duration  $T_s$ , so the information (or bit) rate  $T_b$  satisfies,

$$T_s = T_b \log_2 M \tag{1.6}$$

The potential bandwidth efficiency of M-ary PSK can be shown to be

$$\frac{f_b}{B} = \log_2 M \text{ bps/Hz} \tag{1.7}$$

Signal constellation diagram for the case of  $M=8$  are shown below:



**Figure 1.2 Constellation diagram for 8-PSK**

All signals have the same energy  $E_s$  over the interval  $(0, T_s)$ , and each signal is correctly demodulated at the receiver if the phase is within  $\pm\pi / M$  of the correct phase  $\theta_i$ . No information is contained in the energy of the signal. A probability of error calculation involves analysing the received phase at the receiver (in the presence of noise), and comparing it to the actual phases. An exact solution is difficult to compute, but for  $P_e < 10^{-3}$  an approximate probability of making a symbol error is

$$P_e \approx 2 \operatorname{erfc} \sqrt{\frac{2E_s}{\eta}} \sin^2 \frac{\pi}{M} \quad M > 2 \tag{1.8}$$

If Gray code is used, then the corresponding bit error is approximately

$$P_{be} \approx P_e / \log_2 M \quad (1.9)$$

Stremler provides a table of the SNR requirements of M-ary PSK for fixed error rates. The results indicate that for QPSK ( $M = 4$ ) has definite advantages over coherent PSK ( $M = 2$ ) - bandwidth efficiency is doubled for only about a 0.3dB increase in SNR. For higher-rate transmissions in band limited channels the choice  $M = 8$  is often used. Values of  $M > 8$  are seldom used due to excessive power requirements.

M-ary PSK requires more complex equipment than BPSK signaling. Carrier recovery is more complicated. The requirement that the carrier be recovered can be mitigated by using a comparison between the phases of two successive symbols. This leads to M-ary Differential PSK, and is in principle similar to DPSK (which is differential PSK for  $M = 2$ ).

At large SNR the probability of error is

$$P_e \approx 2 \operatorname{erfc} \sqrt{\frac{2E_s}{\eta}} \sin^2 \frac{\pi}{\sqrt{2M}} \quad (1.10)$$

As differential detection increases the power requirements by the factor

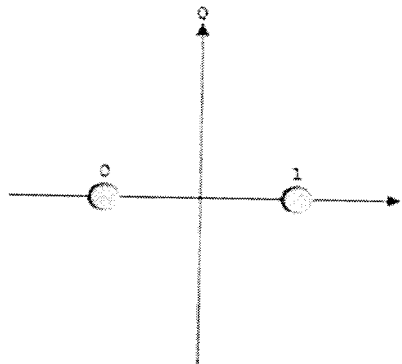
$$\Gamma = \frac{\sin^2 \pi/M}{\sin^2 (\pi/\sqrt{2M})} \quad (1.11)$$

For  $M=4$ , the increase in required power is about 2.5dB, which may be justified by the saving in equipment complexity.

### 3.3 Binary Phase-Shift Keying

BPSK (also sometimes called Phase Reversal Keying or 2PSK) is the simplest form of phase shift keying. It uses two phases which are separated by  $180^\circ$  and so can also be termed 2PSK. It does not particularly matter exactly where the constellation points are positioned, and in the figure 1.3 they are shown on the real axis, at  $0^\circ$  and  $180^\circ$ . This modulation is the most robust of all the PSKs since it takes the highest level of noise or distortion to make the demodulator reach an incorrect decision. It is, however, only able to modulate at 1 bit/symbol and so is unsuitable for high data-rate applications when bandwidth is limited.

In the presence of an arbitrary phase-shift introduced by the communications channel, the demodulator is unable to tell which constellation point is which. As a result, the data is often differentially encoded prior to modulation.



**Figure 1.3 Constellation diagram for BPSK**

## APPLICATIONS OF VARIOUS MODULATION TECHNIQUES

The wireless LAN standard, IEEE 802.11b, uses a variety of different PSKs depending on the data-rate required. At the basic-rate of 1 Mbit/s, it uses DBPSK.

To provide the extended-rate of 2 Mbit/s, DQPSK is used. In reaching 5.5 Mbit/s and the full-rate of 11 Mbit/s, QPSK is employed, but has to be coupled with complementary code keying. The higher-speed wireless LAN standard, IEEE 802.11g-2003 has eight data rates: 6, 9, 12, 18, 24, 36, 48 and 54 Mbit/s.

- The 6 and 9 Mbit/s modes use OFDM modulation where each sub-carrier is BPSK modulated. The 12 and 18 Mbit/s modes use OFDM with QPSK. The fastest four modes use OFDM with forms of quadrature amplitude modulation.
- Because of its simplicity BPSK is appropriate for low-cost passive transmitters, and is used in RFID standards such as ISO/IEC 14443 which has been adopted for biometric passports, credit cards such as American Express's Express Pay, and many other applications.
- Bluetooth 2 will use  $\pi / 4$ -DQPSK at its lower rate (2 Mbit/s) and 8-DPSK at its higher rate (3 Mbit/s) when the link between the two devices is sufficiently robust.
- Bluetooth 1 modulates with Gaussian minimum-shift keying, a binary scheme, so either modulation choice in version 2 will yield a higher data-rate.

## CHAPTER 2

### BIT INTERLEAVED CODED MODULATION

#### 1 CODED MODULATION

This section presents the use of coded signals for bandwidth-constrained channels. For such channels, the digital communication system is designed to use bandwidth-efficient multilevel amplitude and phase modulation, such as PAM, PSK, DPSK, or QAM, and operates in the region where  $R/W > 1$ . When coding is applied to the bandwidth-constrained channel, a performance gain is desired without expanding the signal bandwidth. This goal can be achieved by increasing the number of signals over the corresponding uncoded system to compensate for the redundancy introduced by the code.

If the modulation is treated as a separate operation independent of the encoding, the use of very powerful codes (large-constraint-length convolutional codes or large-block-length block codes) is required to offset the loss and provide some significant code gain. On the other hand, if the modulation is an integral part of the encoding process and is designed in conjunction with the code to increase the minimum Euclidean distance between pair of coded signals, the loss from the expansion of the signal set is easily overcome and a significant coding gain is achieved with relatively simple codes [5]. The key to this integrated modulation and coding approach is to devise an effective method for mapping the coded bits into signal points such that the minimum Euclidean distance is maximized.

#### BICM

One of the most important objectives in the design of digital communication systems is the efficient utilization of the available bandwidth. BICM introduced in [6], has been shown to achieve large coding gain for bandwidth efficient transmission over different communication channels [7]. BICM, which consists of a coding, bit-wise interleaving and constellation mapping, was first proposed by Zehavi. Studies show that BICM is much better than Trellis Coded Modulation and Symbol Interleaved Coded Modulation.

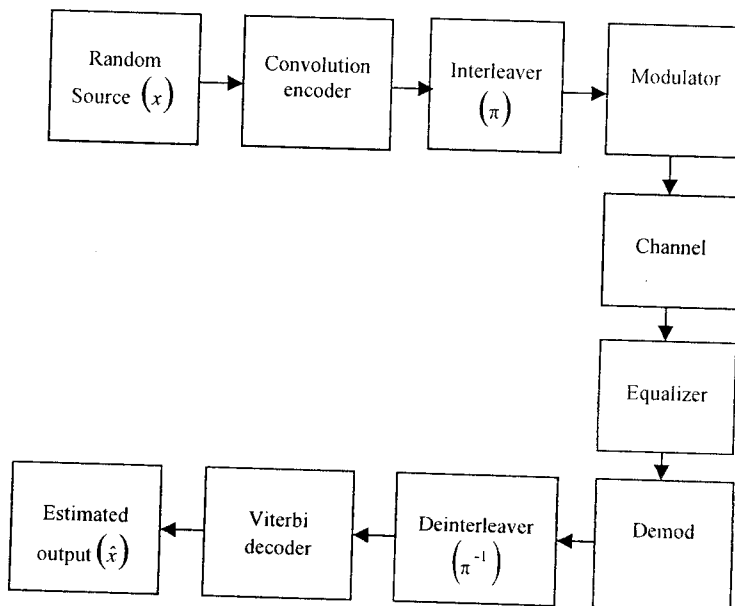


an TCM under AWGN channel. Li et al. [8], proposed iterative decoding with soft feedback for BICM over additive AWGN channel.

This decoder is suboptimal and non-iterative, but offers a very good performance and it is interesting from practical perspective due to its low implementation complexity. Caire *et al.* [9] further elaborated on Zehavi's decoder and, under the assumption of an infinite length interleaver, proposed and analyzed a BICM model as a set of parallel independent binary-input input symmetric channels. Based on the data processing theorem, Caire et al. [10] showed that BICM mutual information cannot be larger than that of CM. However surprisingly a priori, they found that the cutoff rate of BICM might exceed that of CM [11].

The building blocks of BICM system model is given in Figure 2.1: 1) encoder 2) interleaver 3) modulator, modeled by a labeling map and a signal set, i.e., a finite set of points in complex N-dimensional Euclidean space  $C^N$  4) stationary finite-memory vector channel whose transition Probability Density Function as defined in (2.1) may depend on a vector parameter  $\theta$ .

$$p_{\theta}(b/a): a, b \in c^N \quad (2.1)$$



**Figure 2.1 System model of BICM**

Demodulator, in the present scenario plays the role of a branch metric computer 6) branch metric deinterleaver 7) decoder. The remaining of this section is devoted to a detailed description of these blocks for CM and BICM.

Consider a vector channel characterized by a family of transition probability density functions is given by (2.2).

$$p_{\theta}(b/a): \theta \in \mathbb{C}^N; a, b \in \mathbb{C}^N \quad (2.2)$$

parameterized by a complex-valued vector  $\theta$  representing the channel state.  $\theta$  is assumed to be independent of the channel input  $a$ , and that, conditionally on the sequence  $\theta'$ , the channel is memoryless which is given by (2.3).

$$p_{\theta'}(b'/a') = \prod_k p_{\theta'_k}(b_k/a_k) \quad (2.3)$$

Moreover,  $\theta'$  is assumed to be a stationary, finite memory random process. More precisely, an integer  $V \geq 0$  such that, for all  $r$ -tuples  $V < k_1 < \dots < k_r$  and for all  $n$ -tuples  $j_1 < \dots < j_n \leq 0$  is assumed, the sequences  $(\theta_{k_1}, \dots, \theta_{k_r})$  and  $(\theta_{j_1}, \dots, \theta_{j_n})$  are statistically independent.

By this model, a large number of typical communication channels such as the AWGN channel ( $\theta = \text{constant}$ ), with constant or random phase ( $\theta$  is the residual phase due to imperfect carrier phase recovery) and frequency nonselective slow fading channels ( $\theta$  describes the multiplicative fading process) is represented. However, the model cannot take into account Inter Symbol Interference, or frequency selectivity in fading channels since, in these cases, the channel state depends on the input sequence. A CM scheme can be viewed as the concatenation of an encoder  $C$  for a code defined over a label alphabet  $A$  with an  $N$ -dimensional memoryless demodulator over a signal set  $X \in \mathbb{C}^N$  [12], [13]. Assuming  $A$  and  $X$  are finite and  $|A| = |X| = M$ . A transmitted code sequence  $C' \in C$  is mapped onto the signal sequence  $a'$  by the (one-to-one) mapping map,  $A \rightarrow X$  acting component wise.

## **! Interleaver**

Interleaving is a simple yet powerful technique that can be used to enable a random error correcting code to perform burst error correction. It is a tool that can be used in digital communications systems to enhance the random error correcting capabilities of block codes such

Convolutional codes, Reed-Solomon codes etc., to the point that they can be effective in a worst noise environment. The interleaver subsystem rearranges the encoded symbols over multiple code blocks. This effectively spreads out long burst noise sequences so they appear to the decoder as independent random symbol errors or shorter more manageable burst errors. The amount of error protection based on the length of the noise bursts determines the span length or depth of interleaving required.

Interleaving can be classified as either periodic or pseudo-random. The periodic interleaver orders the data in a repeating sequence of bytes. Block interleaving is an example of periodic interleaving. These interleavers accept symbols in blocks and perform identical permutations over each block of data. One way of accomplishing this is by taking the input data and writing the symbols by rows into a matrix with  $i$  rows and  $n$  columns and then reading the data out of the matrix by columns. This is referred to as a  $(n,i)$  block interleaver. Pseudo-random interleavers rearrange the data in a pseudo-random sequence. Periodic interleaving is more commonly invoked because it is more easily accomplished in hardware.

If the code  $C$  is designed for the correct random error, it may be convenient to introduce a symbol interleaver  $\pi$  between the encoder and the mapper  $\mu$ . In this work, assuming that  $\pi$  is an ideal interleaver (i.e., with infinite depth and completely random). Thus, the interleaving/decoding blocks can be excluded from consideration, provided that the sequence is independent and identically distributed, and hence, characterized by its first order PDF.

In general, BICM can be obtained by concatenating an encoder for a binary code  $C$ , with an  $N$ -dimensional memoryless modulator over a signal set as defined in (2.4), through a bit interleaver  $\pi$  and a one-to-one binary labeling map as given in (2.5).

$$\mathbf{x} \subseteq \mathbf{c}^N \text{ of size } |\mathbf{x}|=M=2^m \quad (2.4)$$

$$\mu : \{0,1\}^m \rightarrow \mathbf{x} \quad (2.5)$$

The code sequence is first interleaved by  $\pi$ . Next, the interleaved sequence  $\pi(\mathbf{c}')$  is broken into subsequences of  $m$  bits each, which is mapped onto signals in  $\mathbf{x}$ . Finally, the resulting signal

sequence  $x'$  is transmitted over the vector channel. The bit interleaver can be seen as a one-to-one correspondence  $\pi: k \rightarrow (k', i)$ , where  $k$  denotes the time ordering of the coded bits  $c_k$ ,  $k'$  denotes the time ordering of the signals  $x_{k'}$  transmitted over the vector channel, and  $i$  indicates the position of the bit in the label of  $x_{k'}$ . Here, ideal bit interleaving is assumed.

## RESULTS AND DISCUSSIONS

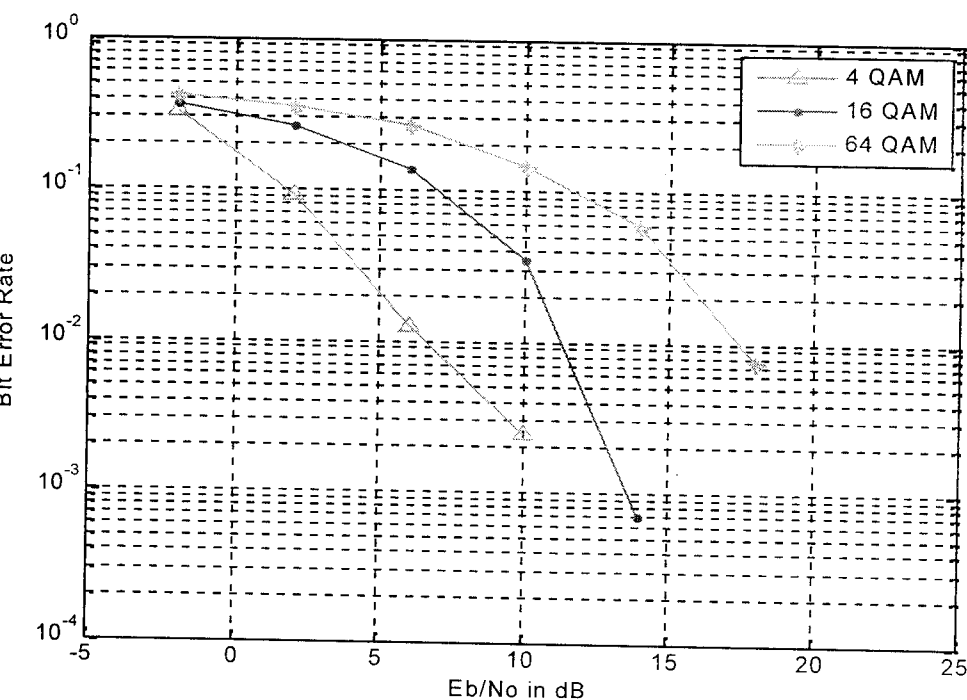
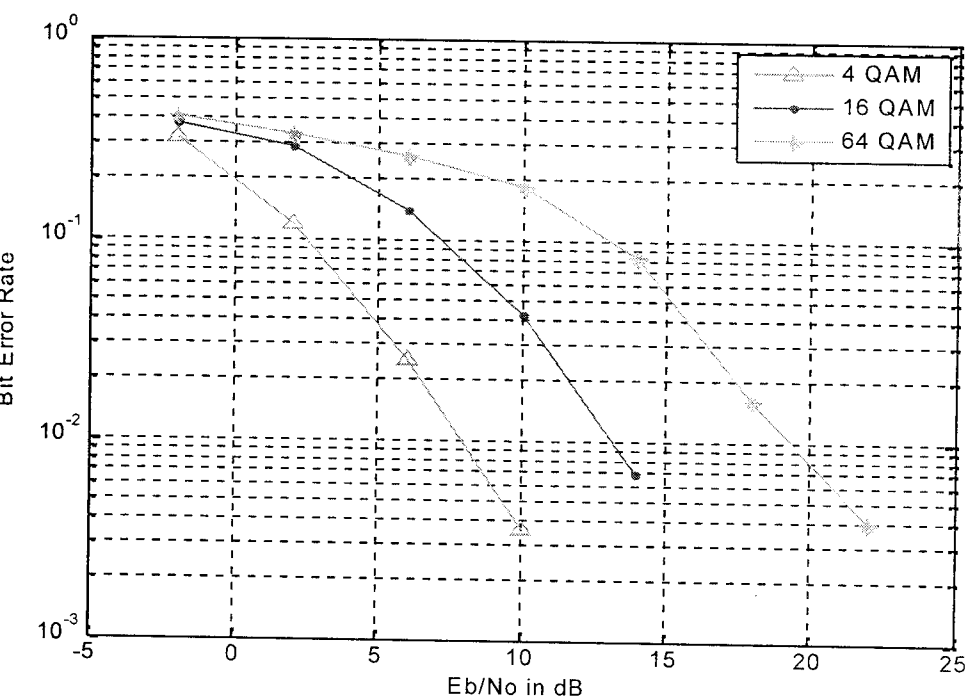


Figure 2.2 BER performance of M-QAM CM through AWGN

Table 2.1 M-QAM CM through AWGN

| BER at $10^{-2}$ for M-QAM | SNR value (dB) |
|----------------------------|----------------|
|                            | AWGN           |
| 4                          | 6.5            |
| 16                         | 11             |
| 64                         | 17.5           |

BER performance of M-QAM with Coded Modulation (without interleaver) through AWGN channel is performed. The number of transmitted bits is 4200 with the code rate=1/2, length=3. As the M-ary increases it yields poor performance. For M=64, the increase in required power is about 11 dB when compared to M=4.

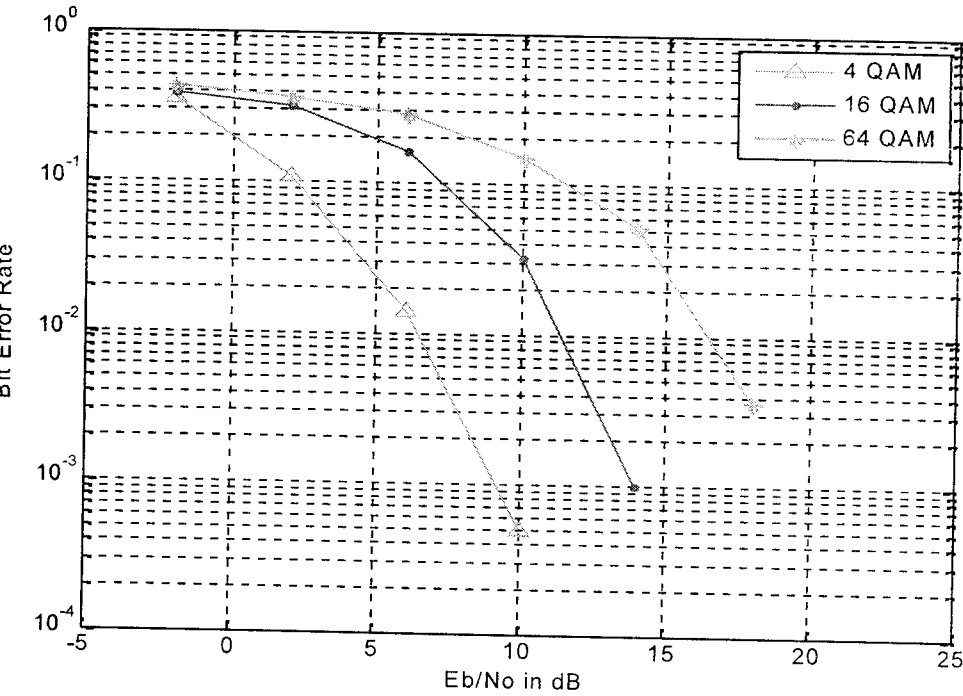


**Figure 2.3 BER performance of M-QAM CM through Rayleigh**

**Table 2.2 M-QAM with CM through Rayleigh**

| BER at $10^{-2}$ for M-QAM | SNR value (dB) |
|----------------------------|----------------|
|                            | Rayleigh       |
| 4                          | 8              |
| 16                         | 13             |
| 64                         | 19             |

BER performance of M-QAM with Coded Modulation (without interleaver) through Rayleigh channel is performed. The number of transmitted bits is 4200 with the code rate=1/2, length=3. As the M-ary increases it yields poor performance. For M=16, the increase in required power is about 5 dB when compared to M=4.

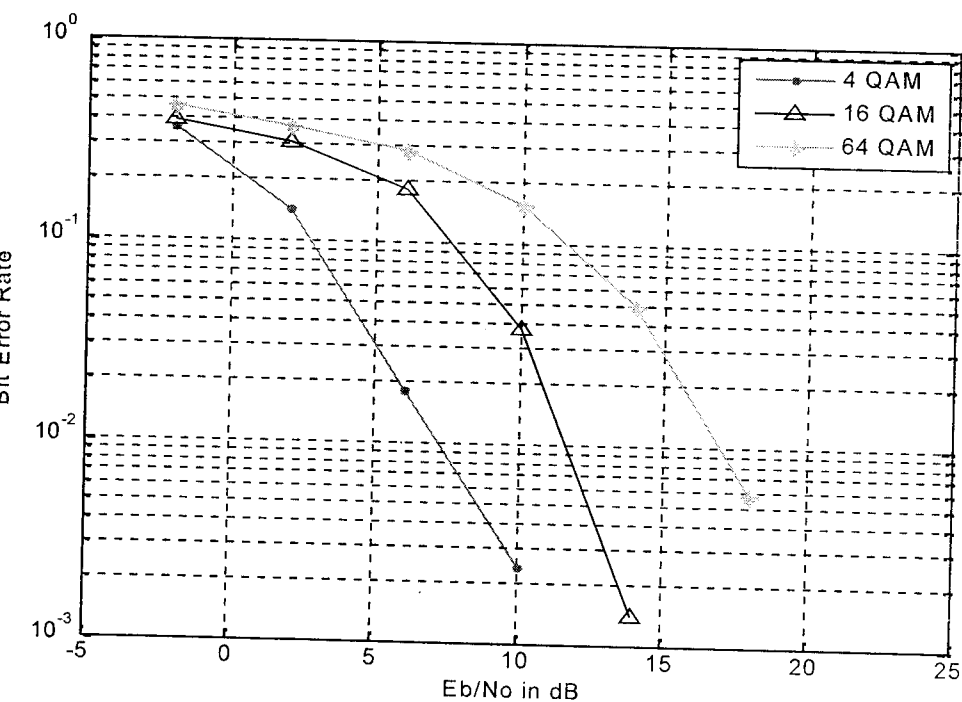


**Figure 2.4 BER performance of M-QAM BICM through AWGN**

**Table 2.3 M-QAM BICM through AWGN**

| BER at $10^{-2}$ for M-QAM | SNR value (dB) |
|----------------------------|----------------|
|                            | AWGN           |
| 4                          | 6.5            |
| 16                         | 11.5           |
| 64                         | 16.5           |

BER performance of M-QAM with Bit Interleaved Coded Modulation (with interleaver) through AWGN channel is performed. The number of transmitted bits is 4200 with the code rate  $1/2$ , code length=3. As the M-ary increases it yields poor performance. For M=64, the increase in required power is about 10 dB when compared to M=4.



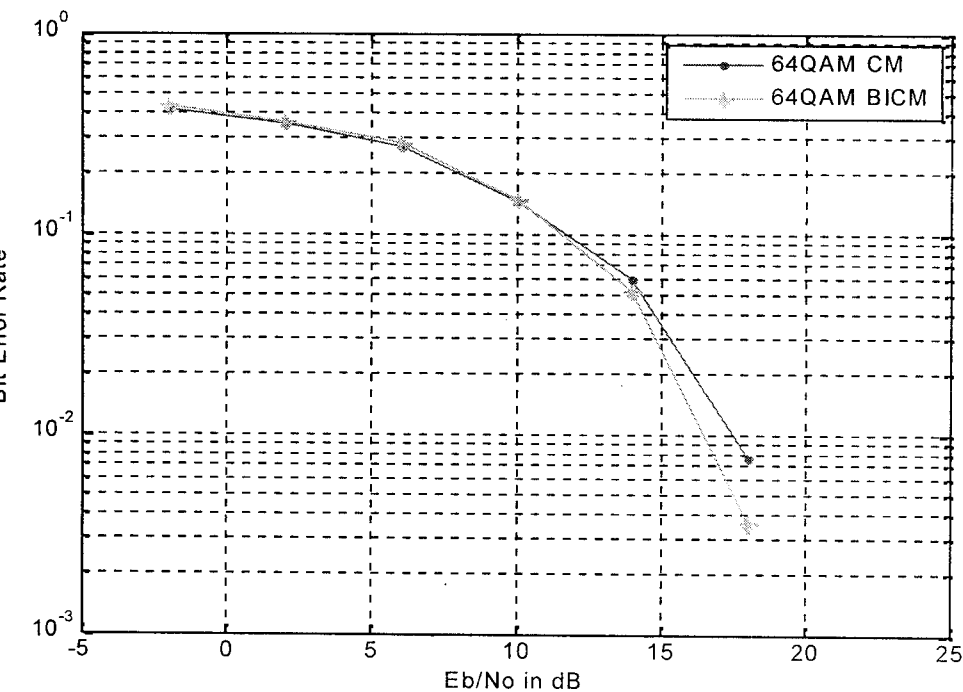
**Figure 2.5 BER performance of M-QAM BICM through Rayleigh**

**Table 2.4 M-QAM BICM through Rayleigh**

| BER at $10^{-2}$ for M-QAM | SNR value (dB) |
|----------------------------|----------------|
|                            | Rayleigh       |
| 4                          | 7              |
| 16                         | 11.5           |
| 64                         | 17             |

BER performance of M-QAM with Bit Interleaved Coded Modulation (with interleaver) through Rayleigh channel is performed. The number of transmitted bits is 4200 with the code rate  $1/2$ , code length=3. As the M-ary increases, it yields poor performance. For M=16, the increase in required power is about 4.5 dB when compared to M=4.



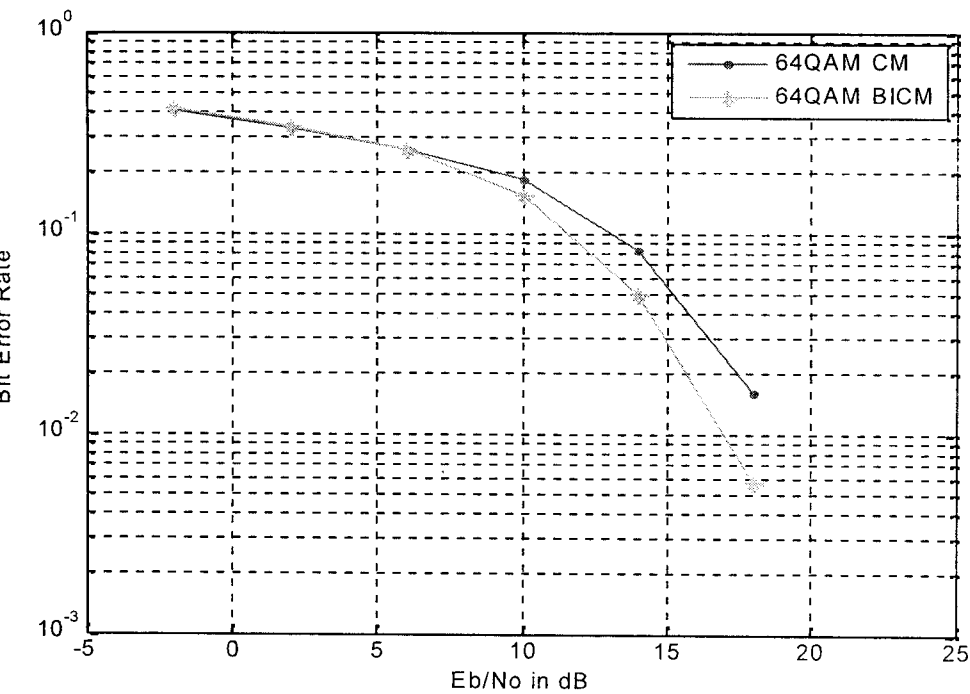


**Figure 2.6 BER performance of 64QAM with CM and BICM through AWGN**

**Table 2.5 64QAM with CM and BICM through AWGN**

| BER at $10^{-2}$ with<br>AWGN | SNR value (dB) |      |
|-------------------------------|----------------|------|
|                               | CM             | BICM |
| 64 QAM                        | 17.5           | 16.5 |

BER performance of 64-QAM with Coded Modulation (without interleaver) and Bit interleaved Coded Modulation (with interleaver) through AWGN channel is performed. The number of transmitted bits is 4200 with the code rate=1/2, code length=3. After interleaver is introduced to eliminate the robust errors, the code gain achieved by BICM is 1 dB when compared to CM.



**Figure 2.7 BER performance of 64QAM with CM and BICM through Rayleigh**

**Table 2.6 64QAM with CM and BICM through Rayleigh**

| BER at $10^{-1.8}$<br>with Rayleigh | SNR value (dB) |      |
|-------------------------------------|----------------|------|
|                                     | CM             | BICM |
| 64 QAM                              | 16             | 18   |

BER performance of 64-QAM with Coded Modulation (without interleaver) and Bit interleaved Coded Modulation (with interleaver) through Rayleigh channel is performed. The number of transmitted bits is 4200 with the code rate=1/2, code length=3. After interleaver is introduced to eliminate the robust errors, the code gain achieved by BICM is 2 dB when compared to CM. From the result it's concluded that, BICM is robust against fading channels as gain achieved for Rayleigh is 2 dB than AWGN which is 1 dB.

## CHAPTER 3

# BIT INTERLEAVED CODED MODULATION - ORTHOGONAL FREQUENCY DIVISION MULTIPLEXING

## INTRODUCTION TO OFDM

Orthogonal Frequency Division Multiplexing is a modulation technique for European standards such as the Digital Audio Broadcasting and the Digital Video Broadcasting Systems. It has received much attention and has been proposed for many applications, including local area networks and personal communication systems. OFDM is a type of multichannel modulation that divides a given channel into many parallel sub channels or subcarriers, so that multiple symbols are sent in parallel.

Multiuser systems that use OFDM must be extended with a proper multiple-access scheme as single carrier transmission systems. Compared to single carrier systems, OFDM is a suitable modulation scheme for multiple access systems in that it intrinsically facilitates both time-division multiple access and frequency-division (subcarrier-division) multiple access. OFDM also has some drawbacks, because OFDM divides a given spectral allotment into many narrow subcarriers each with inherently small carrier spacing, it is sensitive to carrier frequency offsets. Furthermore, to preserve the Orthogonality between subcarriers, the amplifiers need to be linear.

## PRINCIPLES OF OFDM

OFDM is a block transmission technique. In the baseband, complex-valued data symbols modulate a large number of tightly grouped carrier waveforms. The transmitted OFDM signal multiplexes several low-rate data streams-each data stream is associated with a given subcarrier.

The main advantage of this concept is in a radio environment, each of that data streams experiences an almost flat fading channel. In slowly fading channels, the ISI and ICI within an

DM symbol can be avoided with a small loss of transmission energy using the concept of cyclic prefix.

## CONCEPTS OF OFDM

- A type of multi-carrier modulation
- Single high-rate bit stream is converted to low-rate  $N$  parallel bit streams
- Each parallel bit stream is modulated on one of  $N$  sub-carriers
- Each sub-carrier can be modulated differently, e.g. QAM, QPSK or BPSK
- To achieve high bandwidth efficiency, the spectrum of the sub-carriers are closely spaced and overlapped
- Nulls in each sub-carrier's spectrum land at the center of all other sub-carriers (orthogonal)

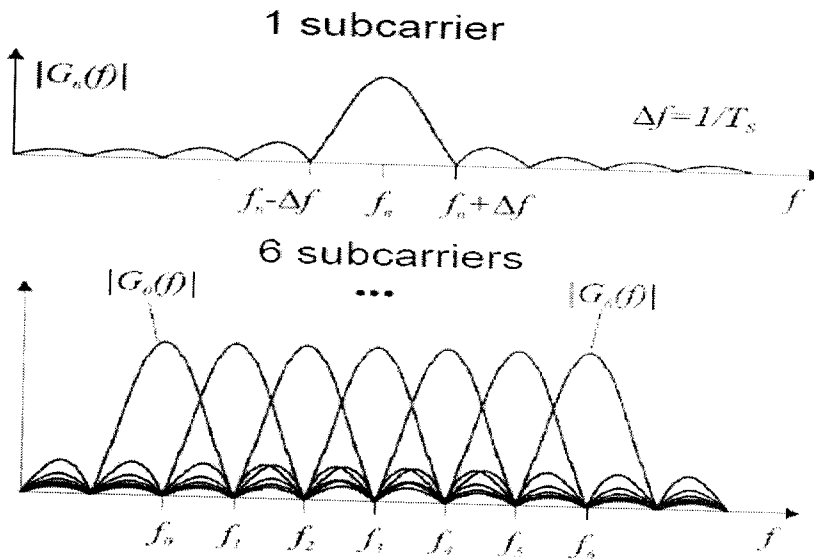
## BASIC CONCEPTS OF OFDM SIGNALS

### 1 Orthogonality

The sub-carrier frequencies are chosen so that they are orthogonal to each other. This means that cross-talk between the sub-carriers is not possible and hence inter-carrier guard bands are not required. The Orthogonality allows:

- Simultaneous transmission on numerous sub-carriers in a tight frequency band without interference from each other
- High spectral efficiency, near the Nyquist rate
- Simpler transmitter and receiver design
- Efficient modulator and demodulator implementation using the FFT algorithm

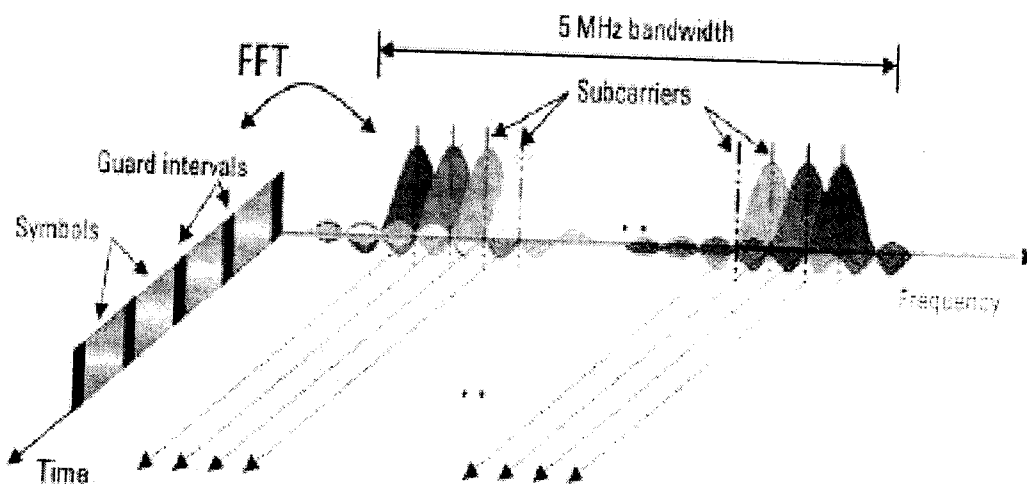
However, in order to maintain Orthogonality, very accurate frequency synchronization is required between the receiver and transmitter. If the frequency deviates, the sub-carriers would no longer remain orthogonal causing inter-carrier interference. Figure 3.1 shows the six sub-carriers which are orthogonal to each other.



**Figure 3.1 Orthogonality of Sub Carriers**

## 2 Guard Interval

OFDM transmits a number of low-rate streams in parallel instead of a single high-rate stream. Lower symbol rate modulation means the symbol duration is comparatively longer and it is possible to insert a guard interval between OFDM symbols.

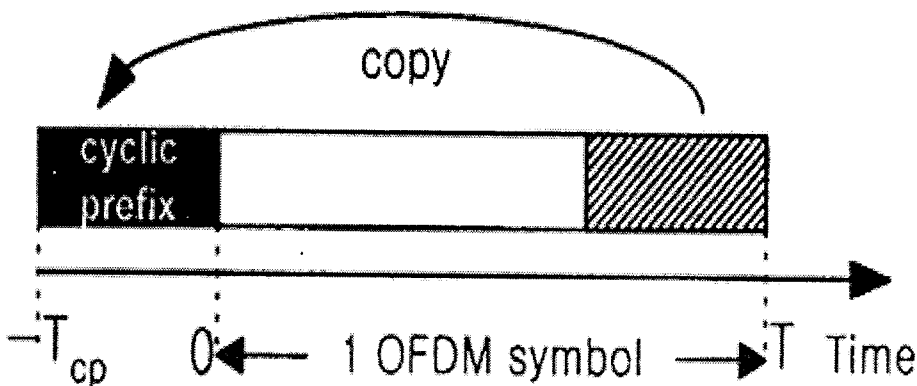


**Figure 3.2 Guard Interval between OFDM symbols**

The presence of this guard interval makes the system resilient to multipath components and helps to eliminate inter-symbol interference. The guard interval also eliminates the need for a pulse-shaping filter and reduces the sensitivity to time synchronization problems.

### 3.3 Cyclic Prefix

The cyclic prefix is transmitted during the guard interval and it consists of the end of the OFDM symbol copied into the guard interval. The cyclic prefix is transmitted followed by the OFDM symbol. Cyclic prefix insertion is shown in below Figure 3.3.



**Figure 3.3 Insertion of Cyclic Prefix**

The reason for the cyclic prefix being a copy of the OFDM symbol's tail is so that the receiver will integrate over an integer number of sinusoidal cycles for each of the multipath components when it performs OFDM demodulation with the FFT. The disadvantage of using a cyclic extension is a less available bandwidth for the real data transmission. In most environments, the length of the Guard interval is equal to a quarter symbol duration. This is a reasonable compromise between the less bandwidth efficiency and the better performance due to inter-symbol interference.

## 4 Channel Estimation

In the receiver, the channel needs to be equalized so that the transmitted information can be correctly interpreted. For this to be possible, the channel must be known. Since the channel constantly changes due to movement of both the mobile unit and the surroundings, the channel cannot be known once and for all. The channel has to be re-estimated every once in a while. So known pilots are used to estimate the channel. These are data that are known to the receiver.

Since the system should also transmit unknown data, pilots cannot be transmitted continuously.

- Pilots are placed in different, strategic places in the time frequency grid
- The other values have to be interpolated from the known values by Simple linear interpolation, MMSE estimation, FIR estimation

## 5 Pilot Carriers

Some of the sub-carriers in OFDM symbols may carry pilot signals for the measurement of channel conditions. Pilot signals may also be used for frequency (to avoid ICI) and time (to avoid ISI) synchronization. Pilots are used to track the residual phase error if present after frequency correction. Without this correction, the constellation points start rotating either clockwise or counter-clockwise. It is very much sensitive at higher constellation. If phase  $\theta$  is estimated from pilots, then it is corrected by multiplying the received signal  $\exp(-j*2*\pi*\theta)$  before demapping.

## Channel Coding and Interleaving

OFDM is invariably used in conjunction with channel coding (forward error correction). OFDM almost always uses frequency and/or time interleaving. Frequency interleaving ensures that random errors that would result from those subcarriers in the faded part of the bandwidth are spread out in the bit-stream rather than being concentrated. This increases resistance to frequency-selective channel conditions. Similarly, time interleaving ensures that bits that are temporally close together in the bit-stream are transmitted far apart in time, thus mitigating the effects of severe fading as would happen when travelling at high speed. Common types of error correction coding used with OFDM-based systems are convolution coding, Reed-Solomon

ing and turbo coding. Error correction coding is employed in the receiver to correct any errors that result from environmental effects.

## OFDM PARAMETERS

When designing an OFDM system, a number of different parameters have to be considered

### 3.5.1 Subcarrier bandwidth

- The subcarrier bandwidth (or spacing) is affected by cost of cyclic prefix
- A small spacing leads to long symbol duration hence less cost of cyclic prefix i.e. Doppler spread
- A small bandwidth leads to high relative doppler spread, thus sensitivity to movement
- The system designer has to trade off these contradicting demands depending on the system
  - How mobile is the system?
  - What data rates are needed?

### 3.5.2 Number of subcarriers

- When the subcarrier separation is decided the number of subcarriers can be calculated – If the system has a limited bandwidth this will give the maximum number of subcarriers
- Some slack is needed to ensure low enough out-of-band transmission – If instead a certain throughput is needed, the number of subcarriers can be calculated based on constellation and coding
- This will then set the total bandwidth of the system

### 3.5.3 Length of cyclic prefix

- The cyclic prefix should be long enough to ensure orthogonality of the system – Multipath spread has to be considered
- Longer transmission distances normally call for longer CPs – However at long distances, e.g. at cell edges, other effects may limit the performance and therefore it is possible to allow a system which is not completely orthogonal everywhere
- Some systems support multiple cyclic prefix lengths to handle different environments



## 6 OFDM ADVANTAGES

- 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 sub channels
  - Information from the affected sub channels can be erased and recovered via the forward error correction codes
- Equalization is very simple compared to Single-Carrier systems
- OFDM has excellent robustness in multi-path environments
  - Cyclic prefix preserves orthogonality between sub-carriers
  - Cyclic prefix allows the receiver to capture multi-path energy more efficiently
- Ability to comply with world-wide regulations:
  - Bands and tones can be dynamically turned on/off to comply with changing regulations
- Coexistence with current and future systems:
  - Bands and tones can be dynamically turned on/off for enhanced coexistence with the other devices.

## OFDM DRAWBACKS

High sensitivity Inter Channel Interference

OFDM is sensitive to frequency, clock and phase offset

The OFDM time-domain signal has a relatively large peak-to-average ratio

- tends to reduce the power efficiency of the RF amplifier
- non-linear amplification destroys the orthogonality of the OFDM signal and introduced out-of-band radiation

## BICM-OFDM

The block diagram of the BICM-OFDM system under investigation is shown in Fig.3.4.

At transmitter side, the system uses convolution encoder and interleaves the data and 1

Symbol mapping is done. Later, OFDM concept is introduced and analyzed under Additive White Gaussian Noise and frequency non-selective, slow fading channel. In the receiver side, the signals are equalized and undo all the steps done at the transmitter side.

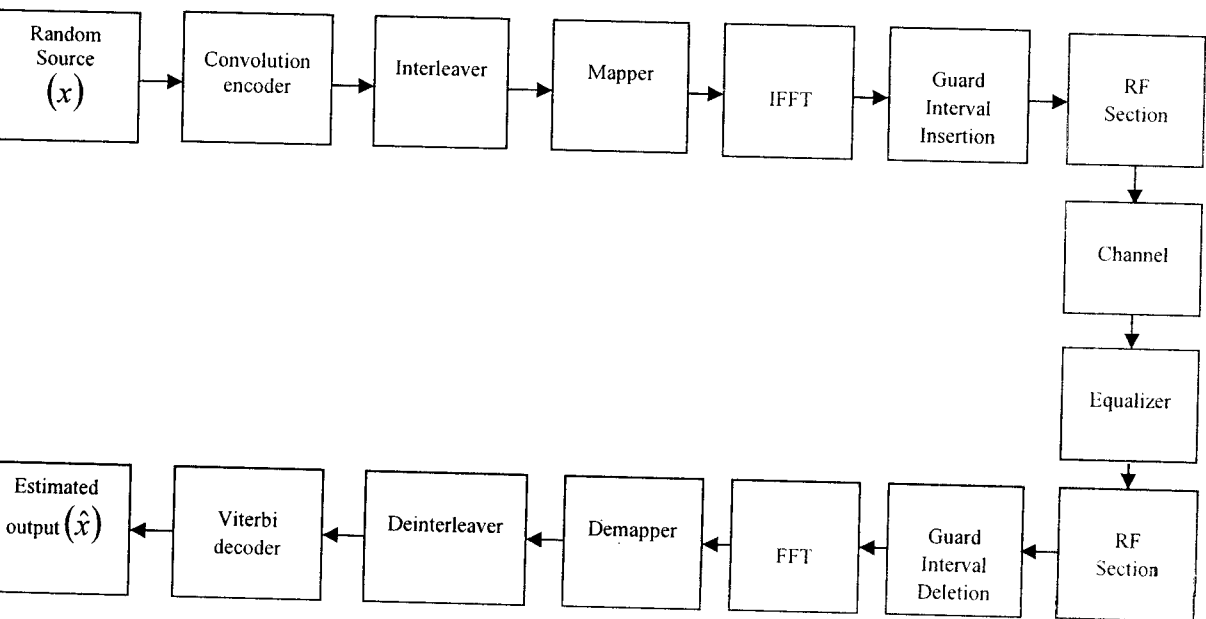
The system main modules are described below:

Source generator:

The transmitted information bits are generated using Bernoulli binary generator.

Channel Coding:

Channel coding is composed of Forward Error Correction (FEC) and interleaving.



**Figure 3.4 BICM-OFDM System model**

For FEC, Convolutional Code (CC) encoder is used, which is the only mandatory coding according to the IEEE 802.16e-2005 specifications. The CC uses the code rate of  $1/2$ , memory  $m = 6$  convolutional encoder with generator matrix  $G(D) = (1 + D + D^2 + D^3 + D^4 + D^5 + D^6)$ . To decode, the Viterbi algorithm is used with original rate  $1/2$ .

erleaving:

The code sequence  $\bar{c}$  is first interleaved by  $\pi$ , denoted as  $\pi(\bar{c})$ . One of the most important objectives in the design of digital communication systems is the efficient utilization of the available bandwidth. BICM introduced in [7], has been shown to achieve large coding gain for bandwidth efficient transmission over different communication channels.

ulation:

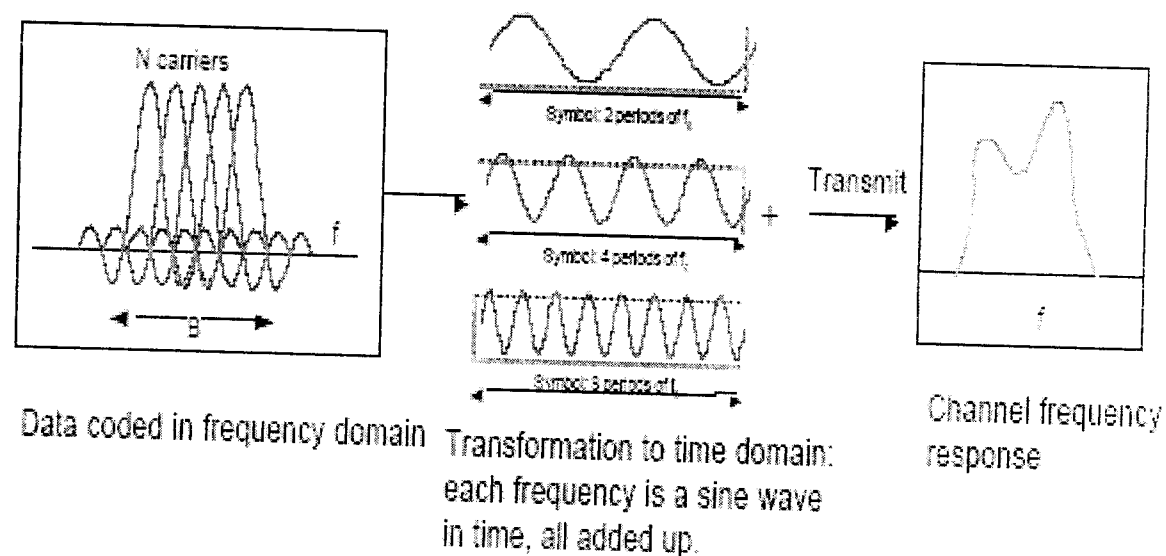
After bit interleaving, the data bits are entered serially to the constellation mapper. The system support M-QAM (Quadrature Amplitude Modulation) and M-PSK (Phase Shift Keying).

DM:

Blocks involved in OFDM Transmission are

- IFFT - for centering the carrier frequency
- Guard Interval Insertion- to perfectly eliminate ISI
- RF Section - for frequency selection

Being an open sensitive design, the reception block is the inverse of OFDM transmission. Orthogonal Frequency Division Multiplexing sometimes called multicarrier or discrete multi-modulation is used for digital TV in Japan, Europe and Australia. In [14] OFDM, being a wideband spectrum by nature, uses a number of carriers, which are spectrally distributed at precise frequencies, for data transmission. Orthogonality is provided by this spectrum spacing which prevents demodulator interference with other frequencies. OFDM offers a number of benefits such as immunity to Radio Frequency (RF) interference, high spectral efficiency and lower multipath distortion. The increasing need for high speed mobile data transmission is a byproduct of recent advancements in the digital wireless communication [15]. As power is the biggest



**Figure 3.5 OFDM Modulation**

ern in most of the wireless communication, OFDM has feasibly gained its high processing er at economical cost in comparison with existing wireless technologies like 4G.

## CHAPTER SUMMARY

A correctly designed OFDM system can be decoupled into a number of single carrier systems

- This makes OFDM, an attractive choice for new systems
- However this comes at a price of wasted power and bandwidth for the cyclic prefix
- It also requires channel coding to avoid information loss due to frequency fading

It is important to know at what conditions the system is designed for different environment and different system parameters

The channel needs to be known in order to extract the information

- In OFDM, correlation between different subcarriers and time instances can be used in order to estimate the channel
- The pilots must not be available on all subcarriers

- In multi user systems, OFDM can be used as an access method where the frequency spectrum is divided between the users.
  - This is an advanced type of FDMA that uses the orthogonality of the OFDM subcarriers
  - To make this possible in the uplink, OFDMA, certain care has to be taken to ensure that the information from different units reaches the base station at approximately the same time (within the cyclic prefix) and same power

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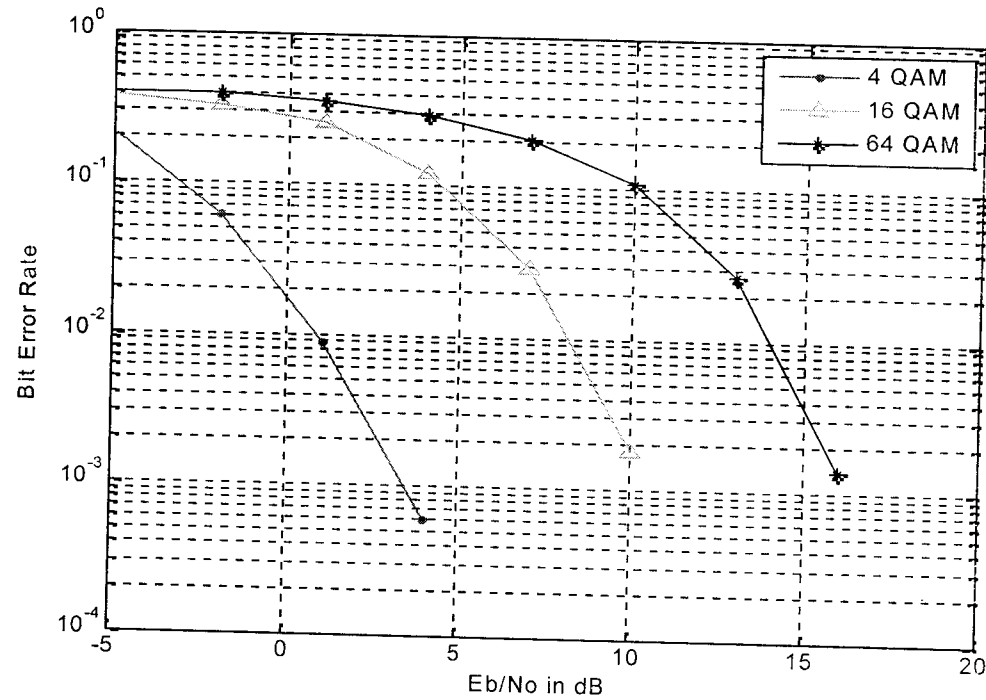
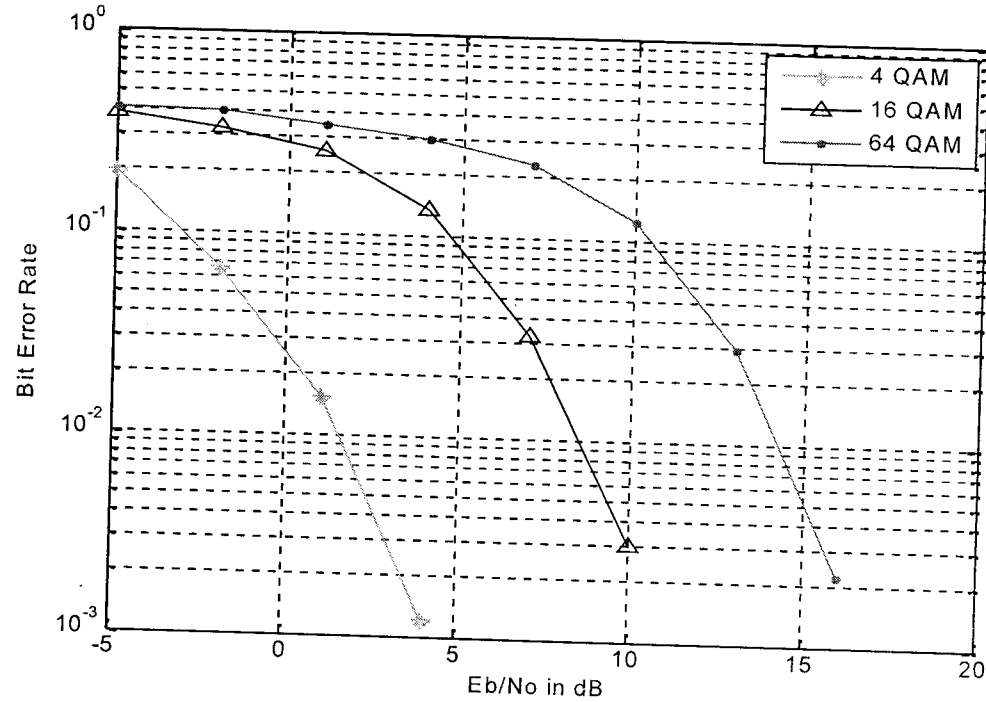


Figure 3.6 BER performance of M-QAM with BICM-OFDM through AWGN

Table 3.1 M-QAM with BICM-OFDM through AWGN

| BER at $10^{-2}$ for M-QAM | SNR value (dB) |
|----------------------------|----------------|
|                            | AWGN           |
| 4                          | 1              |
| 16                         | 8              |
| 64                         | 14             |

BER performance of M-QAM with BICM-OFDM through AWGN channel is performed. number of sub-carriers considered is 1705, with the FFT/IFFT length of 4096, code  $r=1/2$ , code length=3. As the M-ary increases it yields poor performance. For M=64, the increase in required power is about 13 dB when compared to M=4.



**Figure 3.7 BER performance of M-QAM with BICM-OFDM through Rayleigh**

**Table 3.2 M-QAM with BICM-OFDM through Rayleigh**

| BER at $10^{-2}$ for M-QAM | SNR value (dB) |
|----------------------------|----------------|
|                            | Rayleigh       |
| 4                          | 1.5            |
| 16                         | 8.5            |
| 64                         | 14             |

BER performance of M-QAM with BICM-OFDM through Rayleigh channel is compared. The number of sub-carriers considered is 1705, with the FFT/IFFT length of 4096, code rate=1/2, code length=3. As the M-ary increases it yields poor performance. For M=16, the increase in required power is about 7 dB when compared to M=4.

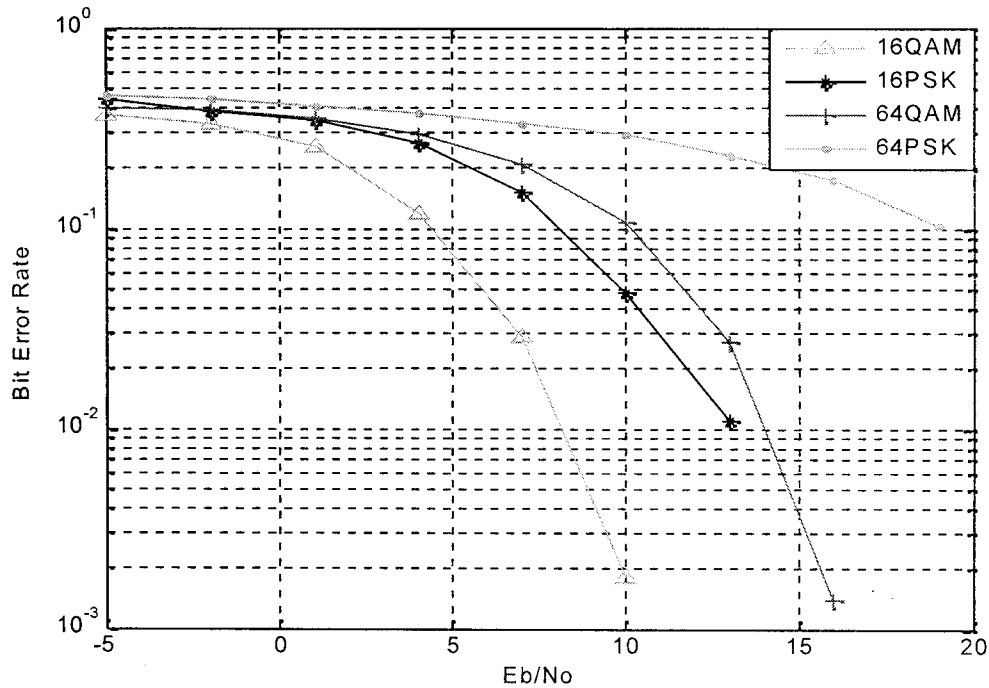


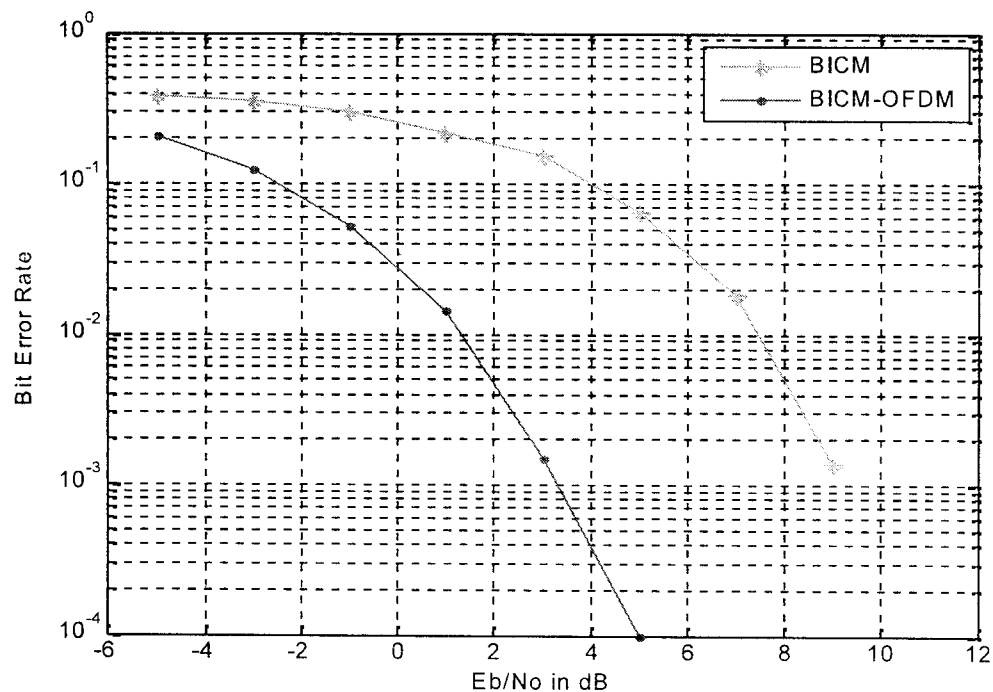
Figure 3.8 BER performance of MQAM and MPSK with BICM-OFDM through AWGN

Table 3.3 MQAM and MPSK with BICM-OFDM through AWGN

| SNR at 10 dB<br>with AWGN | BER value    |              |
|---------------------------|--------------|--------------|
|                           | QAM          | PSK          |
| 16                        | $10^{-1.27}$ | $10^{-1.32}$ |
| 64                        | $10^{-0.97}$ | $10^{-0.53}$ |

BER performance of M-QAM and M-PSK with BICM-OFDM through AWGN channel performed. The number of sub-carriers considered is 1705, with the FFT/IFFT length of 4096, the rate=1/2, code length=3. For M=16, the difference in BER value at 10 dB SNR of QAM and PSK is  $10^{-0.05}$ . From the result it's concluded that QAM yields better performance than PSK.





**Figure 3.9 BER performance of 4QAM with BICM and BICM-OFDM through AWGN**

**Table 3.4 4QAM with BICM and BICM-OFDM through AWGN**

| BER value for<br>4 QAM with<br>AWGN | SNR value (dB) |           |
|-------------------------------------|----------------|-----------|
|                                     | BICM           | BICM-OFDM |
| $10^{-2}$                           | 7.5            | 1.3       |

Comparison of BICM and BICM-OFDM for 4-QAM is analyzed over AWGN channel. The number of transmitted bits is 4200 with the code rate=1/2, code length=3. At BER of  $10^{-2}$ , the increase in required power for BICM is about 6.2 dB when compared to BICM-OFDM. So it is concluded that, BICM-OFDM gives better performance by achieving high code gain.

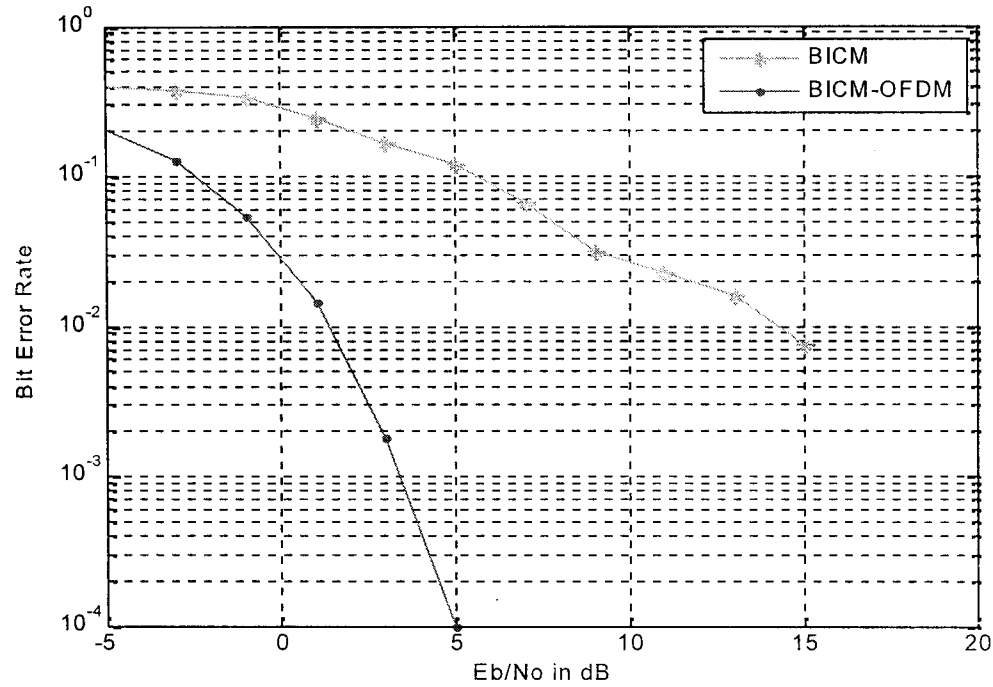


Figure 3.10 BER performance of 4QAM with BICM and BICM-OFDM through Rayleigh

Table 3.4 4QAM with BICM and BICM-OFDM through Rayleigh

| BER value for<br>4 QAM with<br>Rayleigh | SNR value (dB) |           |
|---|----------------|-----------|
|   | BICM           | BICM-OFDM |
| $10^{-2}$                               | 14             | 1         |

Comparison of BICM and BICM-OFDM for 4-QAM is analyzed over Rayleigh Fading channel. The number of transmitted bits is 4200 with the code rate=1/2, code length=3. At BER  $10^{-2}$ , the increase in required power for BICM is about 13 dB when compared to BICM-OFDM. So it's concluded that, BICM-OFDM gives better performance by achieving high code rate.

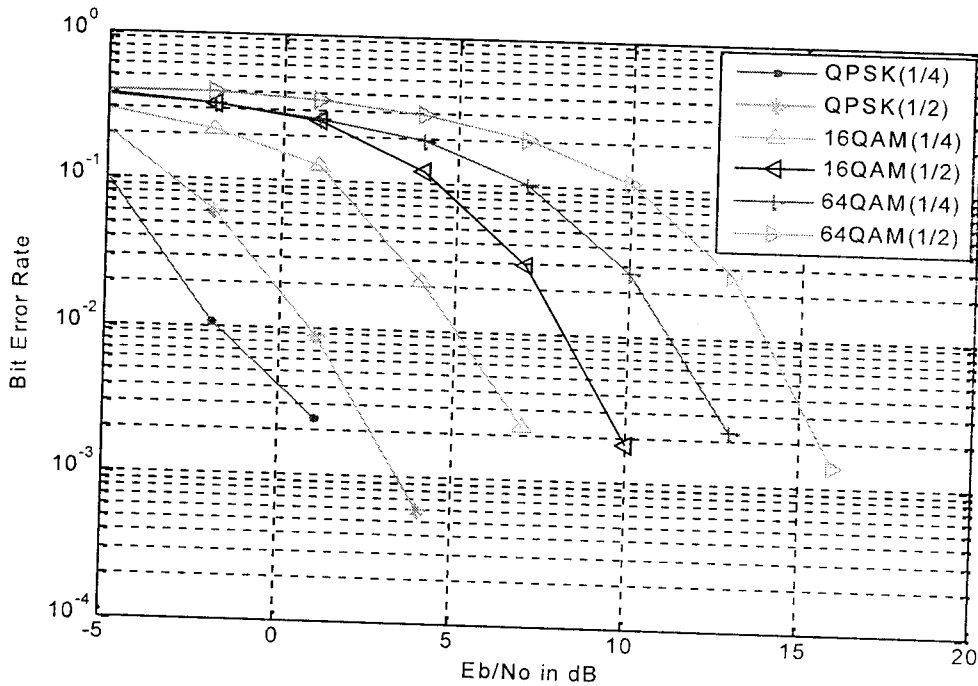


Figure 3.12 BER performance of M-QAM BICM-OFDM through AWGN with different code rates

Table 3.6 M-QAM BICM-OFDM through AWGN with diff code rates

| Modulation | SNR value (dB) at BER of 10 <sup>-2</sup> |
|------------|---|
|            | AWGN                                      |
| 16QAM(1/4) | 5   |
| 16QAM(1/2) | 8   |
| 64QAM(1/4) | 11  |
| 64QAM(1/2) | 14  |

Comparison of M-QAM BICM-OFDM with different code rates like  $\frac{1}{2}$ ,  $\frac{1}{4}$  through AWGN is analyzed. For the same code rate, a lower modulation scheme provide better performance with less  $E_b/N_o$  and for the same modulation scheme with lower code rate provides better performance.

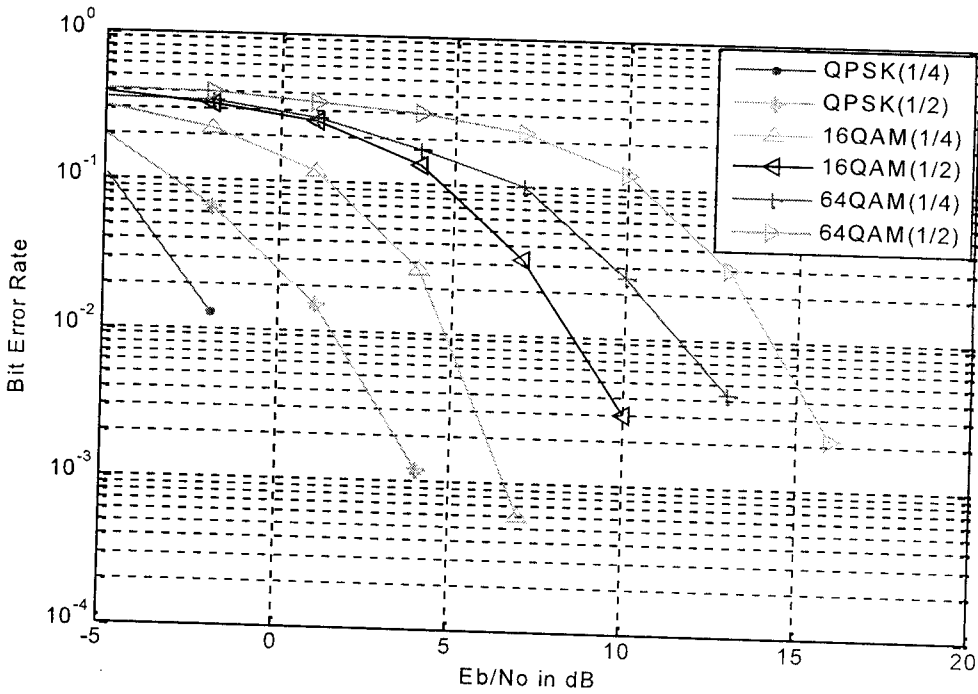


Figure 3.12 BER performance of M-QAM BICM-OFDM through Rayleigh with different code rates

Table 3.7 M-QAM BICM-OFDM through Rayleigh with diff code rates

| Modulation | SNR value (dB) at BER of $10^{-2}$ |
|------------|------------------------------------|
|            | Rayleigh                           |
| 16QAM(1/4) | 5                                  |
| 16QAM(1/2) | 8.5                                |
| 64QAM(1/4) | 12                                 |
| 64QAM(1/2) | 14                                 |

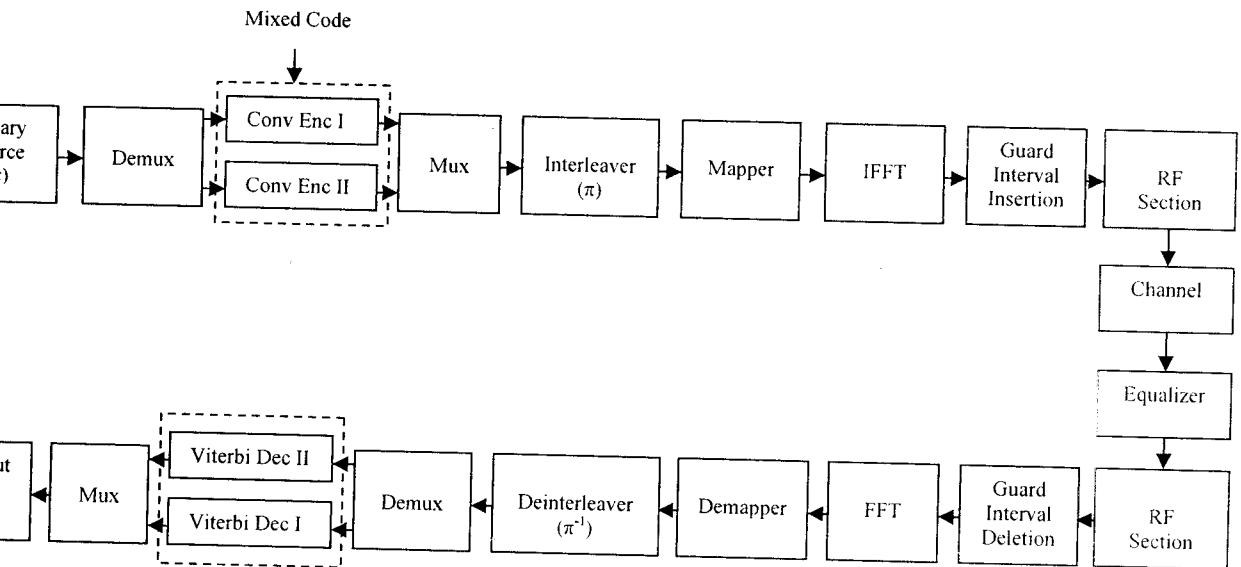
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## CHAPTER 4

### CONCATENATED BICM-OFDM SYSTEM

#### PROPOSED SYSTEM MODEL

A block diagram of the proposed concatenation scheme of BICM-OFDM system is described in this Section. The proposed mixed codes block explanation is given below, other block details can be referred in previous section.



**Figure 4.1 The Proposed BICM-OFDM Concatenation Scheme**

For FEC, Convolution code encoder, which is the only mandatory coding scheme, is used [5]. First, a binary information block  $x$  of length  $L_x$  is divided into two binary sequences  $x_1$  and  $x_{II}$  of lengths  $L_I$  and  $L_{II}$  respectively, using a demultiplexer. Each sequence  $x_i$   $i \in \{I, II\}$  is encoded by a suitable rate-  $k_i/n_i$  binary encoder  $c_i$  into a coded sequence  $\bar{c}_i$ . These binary sequences could be simple convolutional or repetition codes. Coded sequences  $\bar{c}_I$  and  $\bar{c}_{II}$  are then combined by a multiplexer to create a coded sequence  $\bar{c}$ . The mixed code provides a flexible structure to control the convergence of the system.

If the length of the code  $L_x$  is divided equally then it is equally concatenated system, if the length of the code  $L_x$  is divided unequally then it is unequal concatenated system.

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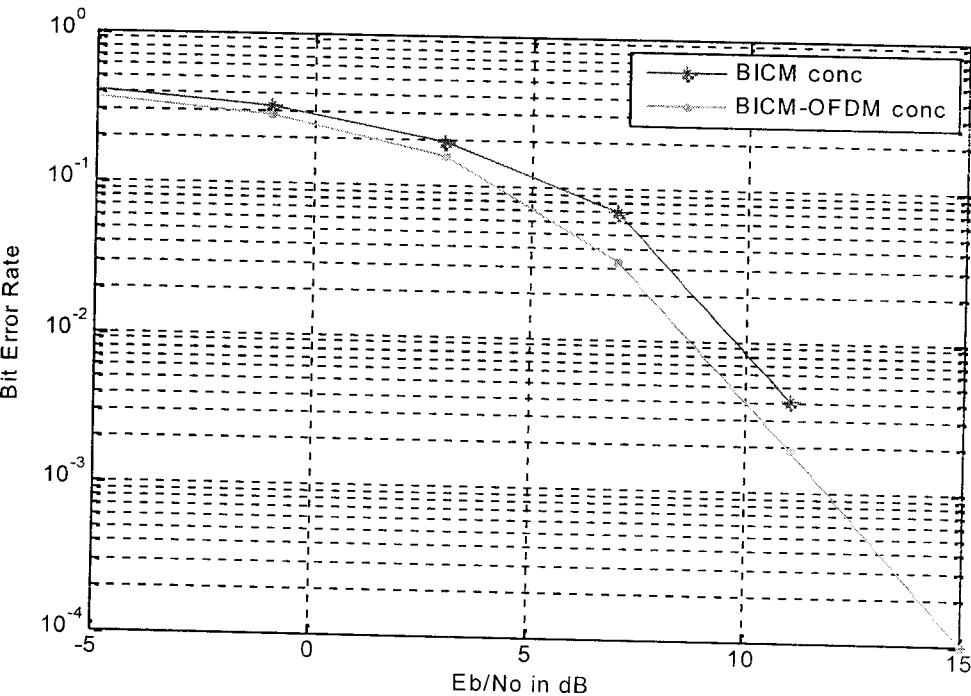
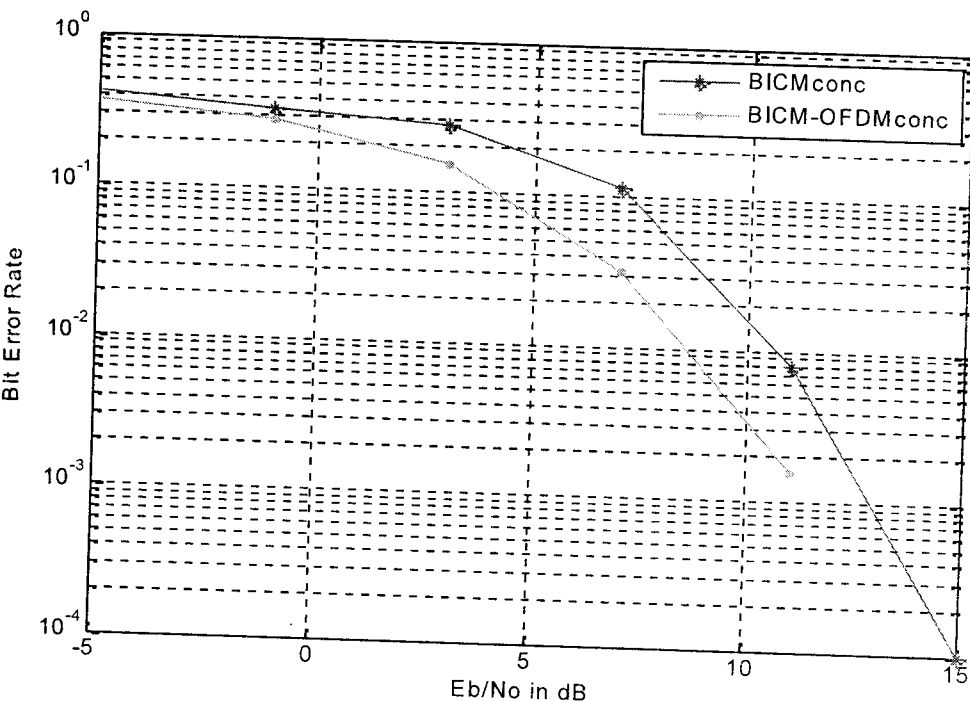


Figure 4.2 BER performance of 8QAM with BICM conc, BICM-OFDM conc through AWGN

Table 4.1 8QAM with different schemes through AWGN

| BER value for<br>8 QAM with<br>AWGN | SNR value (dB)       |                           |
|-------------------------------------|----------------------|---------------------------|
|                                     | BICM<br>Concatenated | BICM-OFDM<br>Concatenated |
| 10 <sup>-2</sup>                    | 9.7                  | 8.7                       |

Comparison of BICM Concatenated and BICM-OFDM Concatenated for 8-QAM is analyzed over AWGN channel. The number of transmitted bits is 4200 with the code rate=1/2, length=3. At BER of 10<sup>-2</sup>, the increase in required power for BICM-OFDM Concatenated is 1 dB when compared to BICM Concatenated scheme. So it's concluded that, proposed concatenated BICM-OFDM scheme gives better performance by achieving high code gain.



**Figure 4.3 BER performance of 8QAM with BICM conc, BICM-OFDM conc through Rayleigh**

**Table 4.2 8QAM with different schemes through Rayleigh**

| BER value for<br>8 QAM with<br>Rayleigh | SNR value (dB)       |                           |
|---|----------------------|---------------------------|
|   | BICM<br>Concatenated | BICM-OFDM<br>Concatenated |
| 10 <sup>-2</sup>                        | 10.7                 | 8.5                       |

Comparison of BICM Concatenated and BICM-OFDM Concatenated for 8-QAM is made over Rayleigh Fading channel. The number of transmitted bits is 4200 with the code rate  $1/2$ , code length=3. At BER of  $10^{-2}$ , the increase in required power for BICM-OFDM Concatenated is about 2.2 dB when compared to BICM Concatenated scheme. So it's concluded that the proposed Concatenated BICM-OFDM scheme gives better performance over Rayleigh by providing high code gain 2.2 dB than AWGN which gives 1 dB.

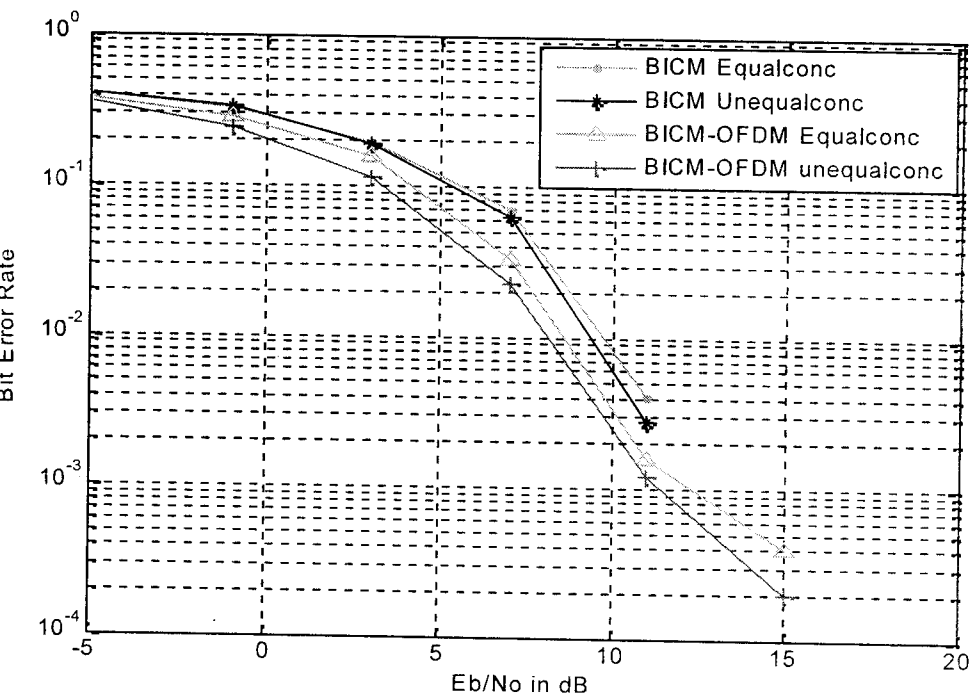


Figure 4.4 BER performance of 8QAM with BICM equal, unequal conc, BICM-OFDM equal, unequal conc through AWGN

Table 4.3 8QAM with different schemes through AWGN

| BER at 10 <sup>-2</sup> dB for 8 QAM | SNR value (dB) |
|--------------------------------------|----------------|
|                                      | AWGN           |
| BICM equal conc                      | 9.8            |
| BICM unequal conc                    | 9.4            |
| BICM-OFDM equal conc                 | 8.6            |
| BICM-OFDM unequal conc               | 8.1            |

BER performance of BICM equally, unequally concatenated and BICM-OFDM equally, unequally concatenated for 8-QAM is analyzed over AWGN channel. The number of transmitted symbols is 4200 with the code rate=1/2, code length=3. At BER of 10<sup>-2</sup>, the increase in required SNR for BICM equally concatenated is about 1.7 dB when compared to BICM-OFDM unequally concatenated code.



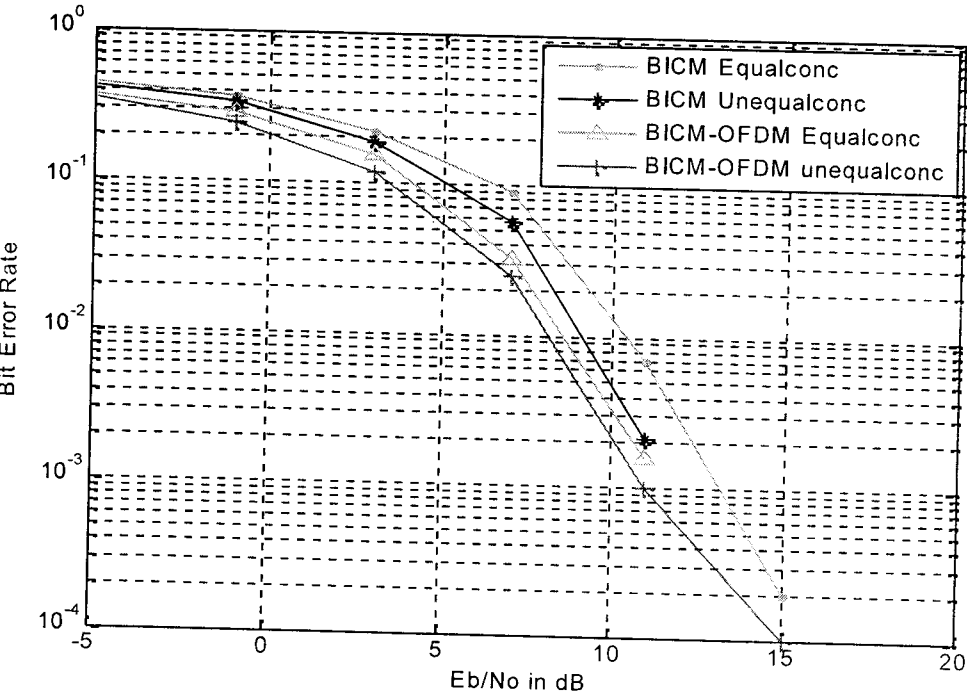


Figure 4.5 BER performance of 8QAM with BICM equal, unequal conc, BICM-OFDM Equal, unequal conc through Rayleigh

Table 4.4 8QAM with different schemes through Rayleigh

| BER at 10 <sup>-2</sup> dB for 8 QAM | SNR value (dB) |
|--------------------------------------|----------------|
|                                      | Rayleigh       |
| BICM equal conc                      | 10.4           |
| BICM unequal conc                    | 9.1            |
| BICM-OFDM equal conc                 | 8.62           |
| BICM-OFDM unequal conc               | 8.12           |

BER performance of BICM equally, unequally concatenated and BICM-OFDM equally, unequally concatenated for 8-QAM is analyzed over Rayleigh channel. The number of transmitted bits is 4200 with the code rate=1/2, code length=3. From the inference it's concluded that the code gain achieved by BICM-OFDM unequal concatenation is 2.3 dB when compared with BICM equally concatenated code.

## CHAPTER 5

# CONCATENATED BIT INTERLEAVED CODED MODULATION- ORTHOGONAL FREQUENCY DIVISION MULTIPLE ACCESS

## INTRODUCTION TO OFDMA

Mobile communication has gone through generations of evolution to bring enhanced and new-added features and services to consumers. Second generation (2G), 2.5G, and third generation (3G) standards of mobile systems are being deployed while efforts are ongoing toward the development and standardization of beyond 3G (B3G) systems and, ultimately, to the next talk about fourth generation (4G) [16].

Researchers are currently developing frameworks for future 4G networks. Different research programs, such as Mobile VCE, MIRAI, and DOCOMO, have their own visions on 4G features and implementations. Some key features (mainly from the users' point of view) of 4G networks are stated as follows [17]:

- High usability: anytime, anywhere, and with any technology
- Support for multimedia services at low transmission cost
- Personalization
- Integrated services

For satisfying this demand, one of the main issues is to choose a multiple access technology for efficient share of the available scarce bandwidth among a large number of users, which can offer higher data rate and cope with the harsh mobile environment. The main advantages of OFDM over other communication modes are that it solves the problem of Inter-carrier Interference, has high bandwidth efficiency, scalable to high data rates, flexible modulation scheme which can be made adaptive, good at minimizing the effects of time dispersion, no requirement of channel equalization, no need for phase lock of the local oscillators

Besides, OFDM is easier to implement than code division multiple accesses by small companies, as CDMA networks need more experienced engineers.

An OFDMA symbol consists of a number of carriers equal to the size of the Fourier transform. The OFDMA symbols are constructed from data, pilot, and null carriers:

**Data carriers:** for data transmission.

**Pilot carriers:** the magnitude and phase of these carriers are known to the receiver and they are used for channel estimation.

**Null carriers:** there is no transmitted energy on these carriers to enable the signal to naturally pass through and prevent leakage of energy into adjacent channels.

To support multiple accessing, the data subcarriers are divided into groups that make up subchannels. The subcarriers that make up a sub channel are distributed across all of the available carriers. Particular users are allocated a number of different sub channels to send and receive data. Fig.5.1 shows OFDMA frequency description.

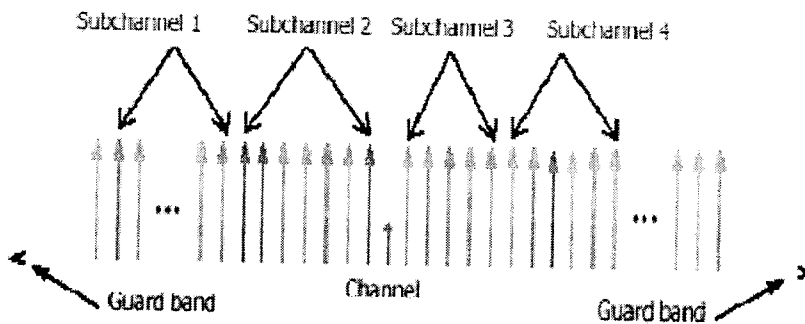


Figure 5.1 OFDMA Frequency Description

## CONCATENATED BICM-OFDMA SYSTEM MODEL

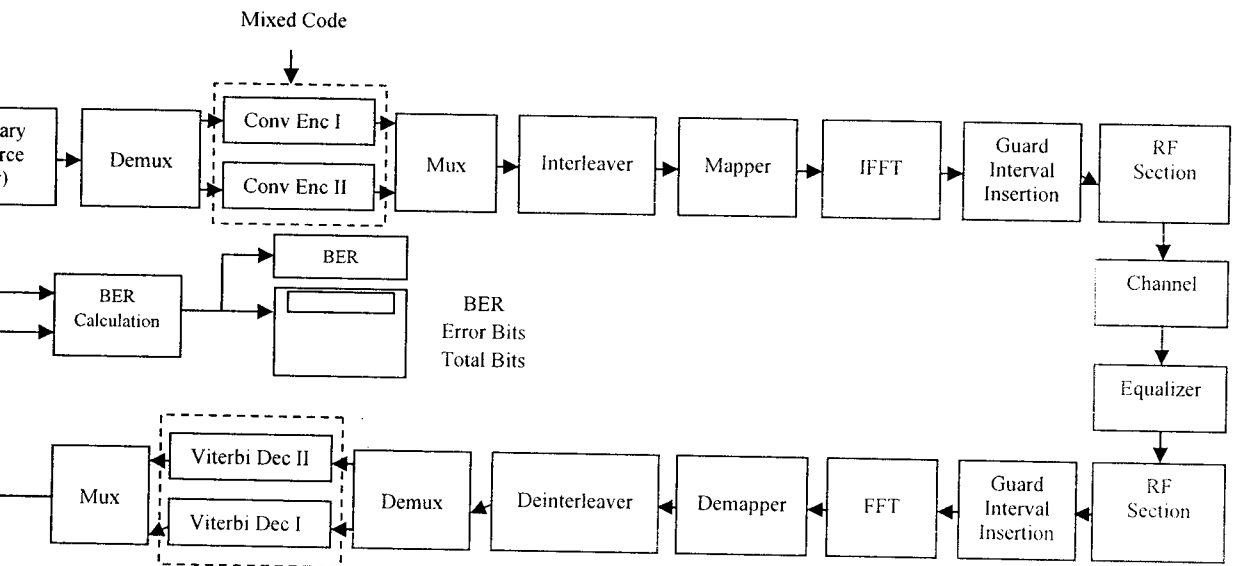
The block diagram of the proposed concatenation scheme of BICM-OFDMA system under investigation is shown in Fig.5.2. At the transmitter side, the system uses concatenated codes (Mixed codes) and interleaves the data. Next the data bits are entered serially to the modulation mapper.



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OFDMA modulation:

At the input of the Inverse Fast Fourier Transform, for e.g., data selector was used to form OFDMA symbols which consist of 1024 carriers. This OFDMA symbols constructed from 900 data sub-carriers, 120 pilot carriers, 183 guard sub-carriers and one DC sub sub-carrier used as center frequency. Before transmitting the OFDMA symbols, cyclic prefix is added to mitigate the effect of the multipath. Before the data being transmitted, OFDM symbols are converted from parallel to serial.



**Figure 5.2 The Proposed Concatenated scheme of BICM-OFDMA System**

Receiver side:

At the receiver side, undo all steps which are done at the transmitter. At first, data are converted from serial to parallel. After that, we extract the data subcarriers and pilots from the OFDMA symbol.

BER calculation:

The BER is calculated using Communication tool box-Error Rate Calculation tool box.

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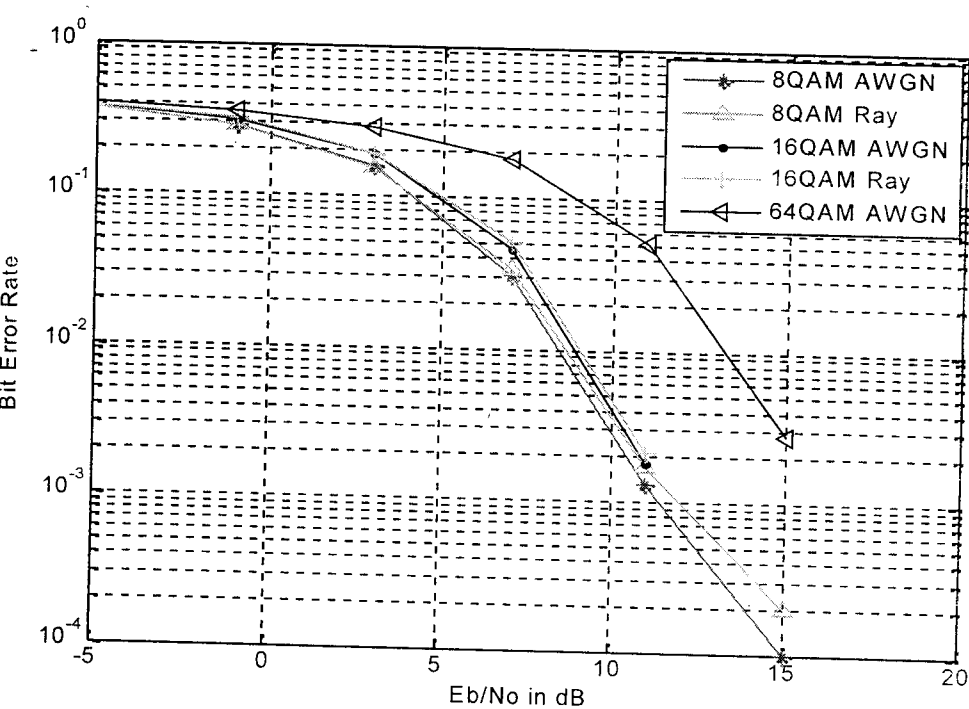
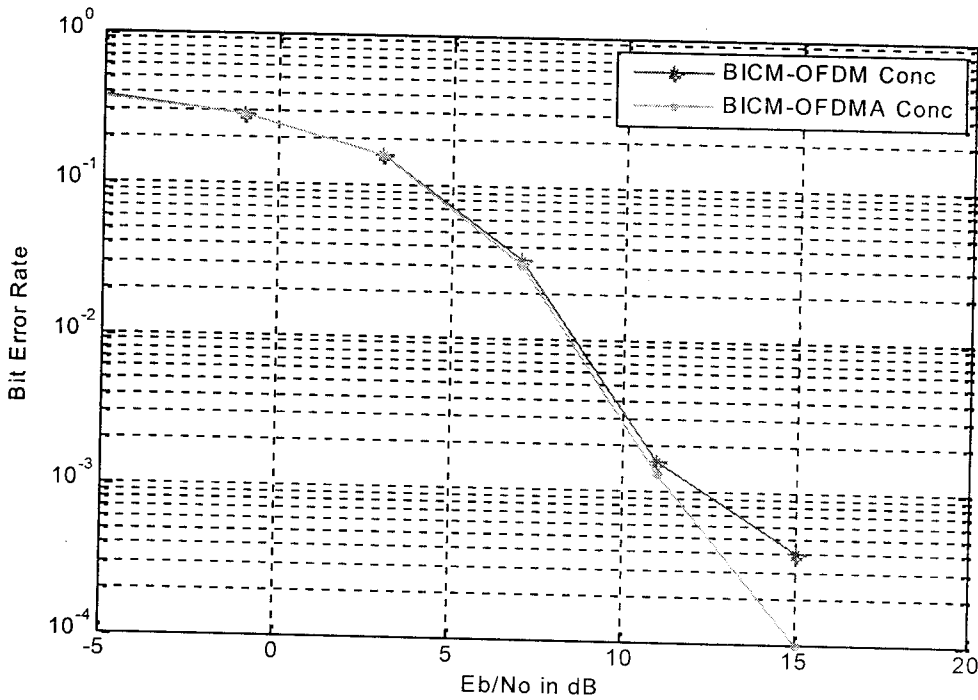


Figure 5.3 BER performance of M-QAM with BICM-OFDMA conc through AWGN and Rayleigh

Table 5.1 M-QAM with BICM-OFDMA Conc through AWGN and Rayleigh

| BER at $10^{-2}$ for M-QAM with AWGN and Rayleigh | SNR value (dB) |
|---|----------------|
| 8 QAM Awgn  | 8.5            |
| 8 QAM Rayleigh                                    | 9              |
| 64 QAM Awgn                                       | 13             |

BER performance of M-QAM with BICM-OFDMA through AWGN and Rayleigh is performed. The number of sub-carriers considered is 1705, with the FFT/IFFT length 96, code rate=1/2, code length=3, users=6. As the M-ary increases it yields poor performance. For M=64 QAM, the increase in required power is about 4.5 dB when compared to M through AWGN

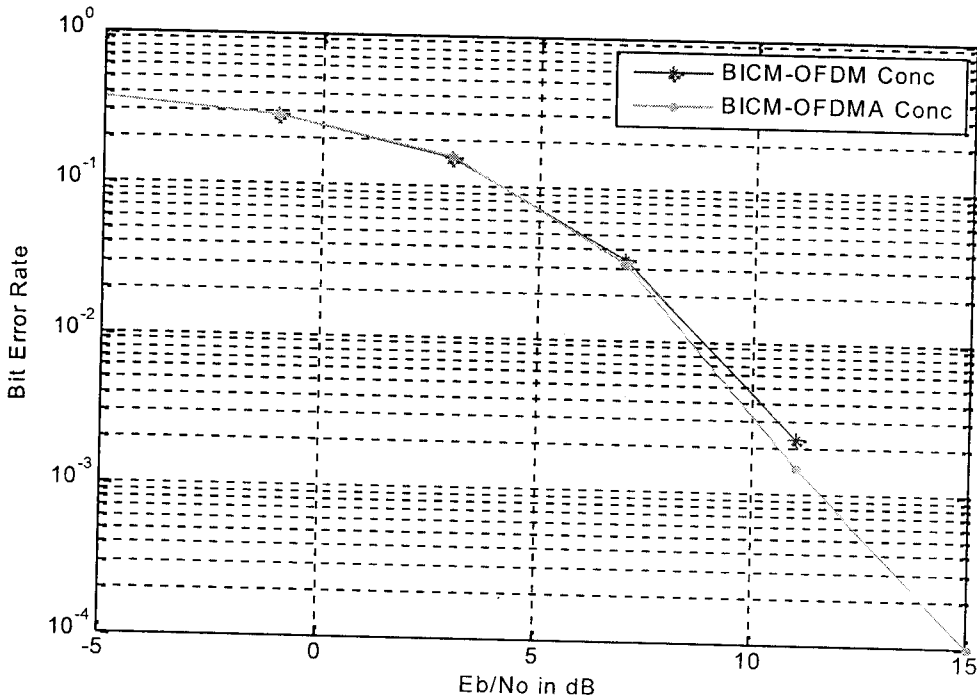


**Figure 5.4 BER performance of 8QAM with BICM-OFDM Conc, BICM-OFDMA Conc through AWGN**

**Table 5.2 8QAM with BICM-OFDM Conc, BICM-OFDMA Conc through AWGN**

| BER value for<br>8 QAM with<br>AWGN | SNR value (dB)    |                    |
|-------------------------------------|-------------------|--------------------|
|                                     | BICM-OFDM<br>Conc | BICM-OFDMA<br>Conc |
| $10^{-3.4}$                         | 15                | 12.8               |

Comparison of BICM-OFDM Concatenated and BICM-OFDM Concatenated for 8-QAM analyzed over AWGN. The number of sub-carriers considered is 1705, with the FFT/IFFT length of 4096, code rate=1/2, code length=3, users=6. At BER of  $10^{-3.4}$ , the increase in required power for BICM-OFDM Concatenated (equal) is about 2.2 dB when compared to BICM-OFDMA Concatenated (equal). So it's concluded that, BICM-OFDMA gives better performance achieving high code gain



**Figure 5.5 BER performance of 8QAM with BICM-OFDM Conc, BICM-OFDMA Conc through Rayleigh**

**Table 5.3 8QAM with BICM-OFDM Conc, BICM-OFDMA Conc through Rayleigh**

| BER value for<br>8 QAM with<br>Rayleigh | SNR value (dB)    |                    |
|---|-------------------|--------------------|
|   | BICM-OFDM<br>Conc | BICM-OFDMA<br>Conc |
| $10^{-2.5}$                             | 10.5              | 10                 |

Comparison of BICM-OFDM Concatenated and BICM-OFDM Concatenated for 8-QAM analyzed over AWGN. The number of sub-carriers considered is 1705, with the FFT/IFFT length of 4096, code rate=1/2, code length=3, users=6. At BER of  $10^{-2.5}$ , the increase in required power for BICM-OFDM Concatenated (equal) is about 0.5 dB when compared to BICM-OFDMA Concatenated (equal). So it's concluded that, BICM-OFDMA gives better performance achieving high code gain.

## CHAPTER 6

### CONCLUSION AND FUTURE SCOPE

The proposed Concatenated BICM-OFDM system has been simulated and analyzed over AWGN and frequency non-selective, slow fading channel. The analysis and numerical results shows that, BICM method can provide better result for fading channel. And also, the impact of signaling schemes like QAM and PSK is examined. It is observed that, the Concatenated BICM-OFDM outperforms CM, BICM and BICM-OFDM schemes in fading channel. From the simulation results, it is inferred that proposed BICM-OFDM with unequally concatenated codes improves the performance over Rayleigh Fading Channel with high code gain. The proposed system simulated with different modulation and coding schemes. The BER vs  $E_b/N_0$  curves were used to compare the performance of different modulation and coding scheme under AWGN and fading channel. It is observed that the lower modulation and coding scheme provides better performance. Finally, the implemented system focus on the mandatory physical layer aspects of OFDMA defined by The IEEE 802.16 standards. In OFDM, an advanced scheme known as OFDMA, in which different users are allowed to use different subsets of the subcarriers. From the simulation results, it is concluded that the proposed Concatenated BICM-OFDM with unequally concatenated outperforms CM, BICM and BICM-OFDM schemes in fading channel with high code gain.

While it comes with many optional PHY layer features, which can be implemented to further improve the performance. The optional Block Turbo Coding (BTC) can be implemented to enhance the performance of FEC. Also, here are several areas that warrant further investigation. In particular, the additional performance benefits provided by advanced antenna techniques (e.g., MIMO, STC, and AAS) are of particular interest for IEEE 802.16e systems.



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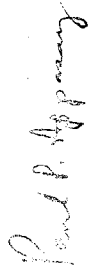
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