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Brief Survey on Rate Adaption Techniques with Adaptive Modulation

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ABSTRACT: Modulation is nothing but a transmitting process of data from information source to the information destination. Adaptive Modulation and Coding (AMC) is a choice of modulation, signal depending on the channel condition. This paper analyses different modulation techniques and adaptive modulation techniques for wireless network. According to the particular instant of channel condition Adaptive modulation provides different modulation scheme and modulation level. To take the advantage of good channel condition and to increase the throughput, modulation at high data rate or higher order modulations are chosen when received signals are not faded. Modulations are shifted to lower order modulations as the received signals are faded, hence the bandwidth utilization is reduced.

KEYWORDS: Adaptive Modulation, Fading Channel, Spectral Efficiency, Bit Error Rate (BER).

I. INTRODUCTION

The communication era in which everything may be audio, video, or data which is information in the form of electrical signal need to be transmitted between one or more source to destination. The problems like spectral congestion, cochannel interference, noise corrupted data reception etc, are the big threats to this communication system. This resulted in need of an encoding technique called modulation techniques. The design of communication system is decided by the type of signal. Digital modulation technique becomes more evident over analog since it provides immunity to the noise and provides bandwidth efficiency. The noise, interference, hardware problems are reduced in digital signal compared to analog signal which require larger bandwidth to transmit symbol for large number of waveform [1].

In recent years research has been undertaken targeting on improving spectral efficiency so that within given bandwidth higher data rates are achieved. Focusing on inherent capacity of underlying channel, based on link quality technique which support and adjust to the transmission parameter (in real time) have been proposed. This feature totally called as "Adaptive Modulation and Coding" (AMC) technique and based on the feedback information and in accordance with targeted Quality of Service, they provide the values of transmission parameter to be employed in the following transmission period as output [2]. Full channel capacity utilization can be given in two ways in the presence of multipath fading and interference from other user. They are adaption and diversity technique. By adaption refer to adapt different modulation by transmitter according to channel condition.



Figure 1: Illustration of Adaptive Modulation and Coding

Figure 1 shows the illustration of adaptive modulation schema. Here the different modulation techniques are used by channel estimation. As the base station is nearer higher order modulations are used since throughput is increased, once the range of communication moves away from the base station lower order modulations are used and the bandwidth



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utilization is reduced. This schema is used to reduce multipath fading and other interference in the system. For the better transmission of data at higher rate in accordance to the state of channel, this way is a better to optimize the modulation schema [3].



Figure 2 shows the system model of Adaptive Modulation and Technique. Here the from transmitter to receiver input message is sent. At time i the input message is encoded as x and sent as x[i] over time varying channel. Over the transmission of codeword channel gain g[i] changes. At time i the receiver to know the channel power gain g[i] perfect instantaneous channel estimation is assumed. It also consider the case when g[i] is known to both the receiver and transmitter at time i, as could be obtained through an error-free delay less feedback path. This allows the transmitter to adapt x[i] to the channel gain at time i, and is a genuine model for a slowly varying channel with channel estimation and transmitter feedback [4].

At transmitter AMC must require channel state information (CSI); this can be obtained by having information about channel condition at receiver and its feedback to the transmitter. So related to channel characteristics transmission schema is adapted. Depending on the average power constraints, Bit Error Rate (BER), maximizing spectral efficiency, predicted SNR, adjustment of modulation schema is done during the transmission process. Modulations like QPSK, QAM with different constellation are chosen in the transmitter. Below figure 3 gives a block diagram of adaptive modulation schema [5].



Figure 3: Block Diagram of Adaptive Modulation Schema

II. RELATED WORK

In paper [1], literature survey on the analog and digital modulation techniques are done. By considering the growth in the area of digital communication, many new technology and applications are coming day by day. Restricting to the modulation technique particular modulation has been glanced and application of specific modulation is analyzed. In paper [2], brief overview of fundamental limits in particular channel capacity is given. It gives review of technique which makes best use of resources available in wireless communication system and accurate performance modeling in AMC is given by the example. In paper [3], the utilization of full channel based on the channel condition is done to



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increase the data rate. For this purpose channel estimation is done and multi-carrier with AMC is used. In this paper adaptive modulation based M-array QAM, M-PSK and M-array CPM are applied to MC-CDMA system and BER performance of all digital modulation is done. In paper [4], review of different modulation techniques is done. To implement variable rate, variable error probability and hybrid technique or variable coding different adaptive methods are used. Here in this paper focusing is on variable power techniques, description of two or three power technique is done and they are compared each other. In paper [6], over time varying fading channel survey on potential of adaptive modulation and coding is done. Performance measure of spectral efficiency is done here. Higher rate modulation mode is chosen when received signal is not faded and otherwise lower rate modulations are used. In paper [7], by observing other fading channel adaptive modulation aided. Here adaptive modulation is performed without feedback to another correlated carrier by predicting future CSI using past channel observation of one carrier. Depending on the time and frequency correlation statistical model of prediction error is developed.

III. CLASSIFICATION OF MODULATION TECHNIQUES

When there is a variation in the sinusoidal waveform to use it as a signal for conveying a message, it's called as a modulation. High frequency sinusoidal waveform is used as carrier normally. When there is continue nous variation in carrier signal in accordance to input signal it is called as analog modulation technique and whenever there is a discrete variation it is called as digital modulation technique.

Sl no.	Modulation Technique	Туре	Notation
	Analog Modulation	Amplitude Modulation	A.M
01	Technique	Frequency Modulation	F.M
		Phase Modulation	P.M
	Digital Modulation	Amplitude Shift Keying	A.S.K
02	Technique	Frequency Shift Keying	F.S.K
		Phase Shift Keying	P.S.K

Table 1:	Types	of Modulation	Techniques
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3.1 ANALOG MODULATION TECHNIQUES

Analog Modulation Technique has three types, amplitude, frequency and phase modulation techniques. Amplitude modulation signal requires non-linear amplifier. It generates spurious out-of –band spectral components which are filtered out with great difficulty. For the better comparison of amplitude and phase modulation Frequency modulation technique can be used. The derivative of frequency modulation is called Narrow Band Frequency Modulation (NBFM) which is used to solve above said problem in communication system. At the receiver end these analog modulations like AM, FM,PM are sensitive to the noise present at receiver end, in contrast to this the received signal is far less sensitive to the receiver end if the digital signals are modulated and sent. This resulted in the disadvantage of analog modulation in which noise has been carried out till the end, once it has been introduce at any place in the channel for communicating over long channel [1, 8].

3.2 DIGITAL MODULATION TECHNIQUE

By using Sampling analog signals are converted digital signal. Thus in the carrier signal by varying different parameter different type of digital modulation schema's are achieved. If the amplitude is varied in carrier signal then it gives BASK, if frequency is varied in carrier signal then BFSK is given, if phase is varied then BPSK is produced. Also a combinational variation can also be done, if variation is done for amplitude and phase shift keying then APSK is given. Depending on the type and application of signal some more digital signals can be given or designed. To yield discrete signal switching or keying between two discrete values, modulation signal should be in the form of NRZ rectangular pulse, thus discrete signal is achieved [1, 8].

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IV. CLASSIFICATION OF DIGITAL MODULATION



Figure 4: Classification of Digital Modulation

Figure 4 shows the full classified form of digital modulation technique. Here these digital techniques are mainly divided on the basis of amplitude, frequency, phase, continuous phase and trellis coded modulation method. QPSK and different QAM modulations like 64-QAM, 16-QAM are used in adaptive modulation process during transmission.

4.1 Binary Phase Shift Key [BPSK]

With reference to the modulated signal, when phase of a carrier wave is changed then schema is called phase shift key. The simplest form of digital modulation with two state in the carrier signal is called BPSK. In BPSK there exist two different states for each symbol or it also has one bit per symbol. The states are such as 0=0 and 180=1. Thus according to the two possible signals, according to two values, phase of a constant amplitude carrier is switched. 2-QAM modulation is also a BPSK. Balanced modulator is used to generate BPSK [9]. Carrier need to be transmitted along with signal since receiver requires referring the transmitter signal to demodulate BPSK signal. For low SNR giving power efficiency BPSK gives good BER.

4.2 Ouadrature Phase Shift Key [OPSK]

For the BPSK two more phases are added and they are called as QPSK. The phases added are of 90 degree and 270 degree. So during transition two symbols are transmitted for a bit. Looking at the previous symbols present symbol phase is considered. It is a highly bandwidth efficient modulation technique since it contain four points in the constellation diagram [10]. So having high bandwidth efficiency is advantage of QPSK then BPSK. The transmitter and receiver of QPSK is complicated then a BPSK. The phase shifts are given by bit representation. For phase shift 0 degree bit representation is given as 00, bits 11 for the phase shift of 180 degree, 01 is for 90 degree and 10 for 270 degree phase shift.

4.3 Quadrature Amplitude Modulation [QAM]

This modulation schema is the combined form of amplitude and phase shift key. It consists of different order of modulation like 16-QAM, 64-QAM, 64-QAM, 128-QAM, and 256-QAM. This different order modulation helps to increase throughput since more bits per symbol is send for different order modulation. For digital cable television and cable modem application QAM-64 and QAM-256 are usually used [11, 12]. These different QAM modulations are also used in wireless and in different cellular topology. Comparisons of these variant modulations are shown below by representing in constellation diagram and tabular representation of bits per symbol transmission for different modulations.





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Figure 5: Constellation diagram of different modulations

Thus within different forms of QAM modulation techniques, different position of each state is represented by the constellation diagram as shown in figure 5 above. So when 1 bit per symbol is transmitted it's given same as BPSK modulation process and as bits per symbol rate are increased, points in constellation also increase [11, 12]. Thus symbol rate and bits per symbol for different QAM modulation is shown in the table [2] below.

MODULATION	BITS PER SYMBOL	SYMBOL RATE		
BPSK	1	1 x bit rate		
QP SK	2	1/2 bit rate		
8PSK	3	1/3 bit rate		
16QAM	4	1/4 bit rate		
32QAM	5	1/5 bit rate		
64QAM	6	1/6 bit rate		

Table 2: Symbol rate for different modulations

When bits per symbol are increased for different order modulation, better spectral efficiency is obtained. Thus throughput is gained. Table [3] below shows the spectral efficiency for different order modulations.

Typ es of Modulation	Spectral Efficiency (Bits/Sec/Hz)
FSK	<1 (depends on modulation index)
N-MSK	>1 & <1.35
GMSK	1.35
BPSK	1
QPSK	2
16 QAM	4
64 QAM	6

Table 3: Spectral Efficiency for different modulations

V. CONCLUSION

This paper gives brief literature survey on modulation techniques. System model and block diagram of Adaptive Modulation and Coding is explained. Thus during transmission process how the CSI is estimated and used is briefly explained through the block diagram. Types of analog and digital modulations are given where some of the digital modulations are explained. QAM modulation is one of the techniques where different types of modulations from lower order to higher order are present. These different order modulations are used in the process of AMC. Comparison between these digital modulations is given with respect to bits per symbol, symbol rate and spectral efficiency. Hence as the order modulation is increased symbol rate is also increased.



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