

Adaptive Trellis-Coded Modulation with Imperfect CSI at Receiver and Transmitter, and Receive Antenna Diversity

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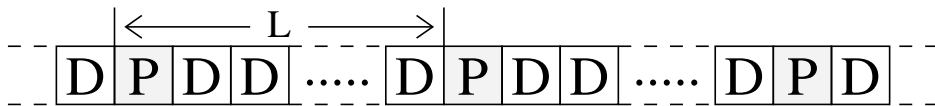
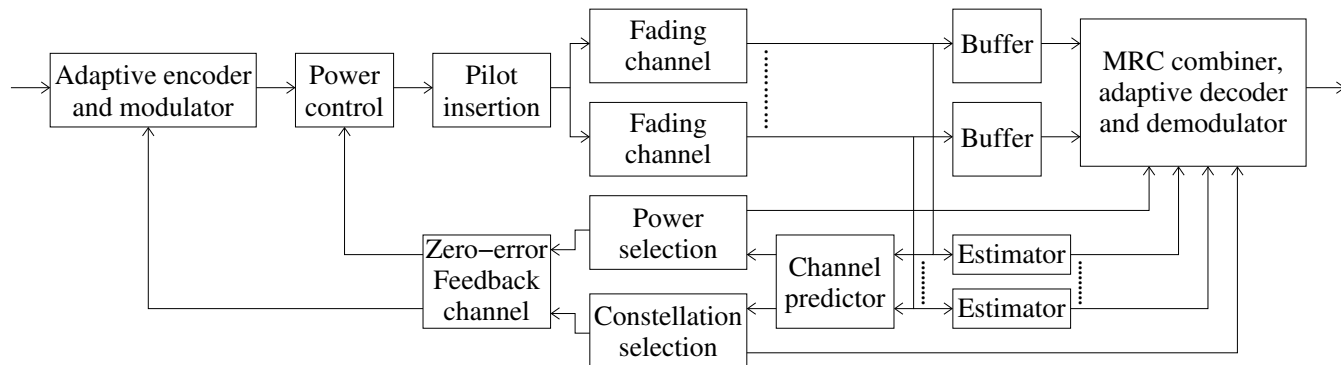
Outline

1. Motivation.
2. System model description.
3. BER analysis for both estimation and prediction cases.
4. ASE analysis and the optimization process.
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Motivation

- Adaptive coded modulation (ACM) is a promising technique to enhance *average spectral efficiency* (ASE) of wireless transmission over fading channels.
- Diversity mitigates fading and makes the channel *look* Gaussian-like.
- Constellation size, transmit power are adjusted according to the channel quality, which increases the ASE without wasting or sacrificing error probability performance.
- Non-zero estimation error.
- **Goal:** Maximize ASE while keeping instantaneous $\text{BER} \leq \text{BER}_0$ when both estimation and prediction error are considered.

System Overview



$$y_{pl,b}(k) = \sqrt{\mathcal{E}_{pl}} h_b(k; l) s(k; l) + \eta_b(k; l) \quad l = 0 \quad (1)$$

$$y_{d,b}(k; l) = \sqrt{\mathcal{E}_d} h_b(k; l) s(k; l) + \eta_b(k; l) \quad l \in [1, L - 1] \quad (2)$$

Assumptions

- $E[|s(k; l)|^2] = |s(k; 0)|^2 = 1$.
- $h_b(k; l)$ is stationary complex Gaussian RP with zero mean, and variance $\sigma_h^2 = 1$.
- Subchannels are mutually uncorrelated.
- $\eta_b(k; l)$ is complex AWGN with zero mean and variance $N_0/2$ per component, with the components being uncorrelated.
- The channel statistics are known.

Channel Estimation

- The linear channel estimate of the b th branch:

$$h_{e,b}(k;l) = \mathbf{w}_e^H \mathbf{y}(k), \quad (3)$$

- MSE of the estimation error:

$$\sigma_{\epsilon_{e,b}}^2 = 1 - \sqrt{\mathcal{E}_{pl}} \mathbf{r}_e^H \mathcal{D}^*(\mathbf{s}) \mathbf{w}_e \quad (4)$$

$$= 1 - \sum_{k=1}^{K_e} \frac{|\mathbf{u}_k^H \mathbf{r}_e|^2 (1 - \alpha) L \bar{\gamma}_b}{(1 - \alpha) L \bar{\gamma}_b \lambda_k + 1} \quad (5)$$

Channel Estimation cont'd

- Given $h_{e,b}(k;l)$, we do symbol-by-symbol ML detection. The CSNR of a single branch [1] and after MRC are respectively given by

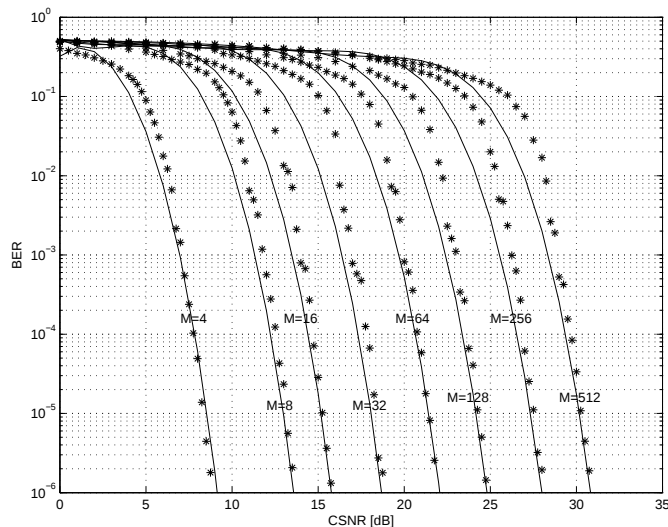
$$\gamma_b(k;l) = \frac{\mathcal{E}_d |h_{e,b}(k;l)|^2}{N_0 + g\mathcal{E}_d\sigma_{\epsilon_{e,b}}^2(l)}, \quad (6)$$

$$\gamma(k;l) = \sum_{b=1}^B \gamma_b(k;l) = \frac{\mathcal{E}_d}{N_0 + g\mathcal{E}_d\sigma_{\epsilon_e}^2(l)} \sum_{b=1}^B |h_{e,b}(k;l)|^2 \quad (7)$$

BER Accounts for Estimation Error

- Approximated BER performance for TCM on AWGN channels

$$\text{BER}(e_n|\gamma) = \sum_{i=1}^I a_n(i) \exp\left(-\frac{b_n(i)}{M_n} \gamma\right) \quad (8)$$



BER Accounts for Estimation Error cont'd

- Replacing (7) into (8) we have

$$\text{BER}(e_n | \{h_{e,b}\}) = \sum_{i=1}^I a_n(i) \prod_{b=1}^B \exp \left(-A_n \mathcal{E}_d |h_{e,b}(k; l)|^2 \right) \quad (9)$$

where $A_n = b_n(i) / (M_n(N_0 + g\mathcal{E}_d\sigma_{\epsilon_e}^2(l)))$.

Channel Prediction

- The linear predicted channel of a single branch:

$$h_{p,b}(k;l) = \mathbf{w}_p^H \mathbf{y}(k), \quad (10)$$

- MMSE of the prediction error

$$\sigma_{\epsilon_{p,b}}^2 = 1 - \sum_{k=1}^{K_p} \frac{|\mathbf{u}_k^H \mathbf{r}_p|^2 (1 - \alpha) L \bar{\gamma}_b}{(1 - \alpha) L \bar{\gamma}_b \lambda_k + 1} \quad (11)$$

BER Accounts for both Prediction and Estimation Errors

- Consider the relationship

$$\begin{aligned} h_{e,b}(k;l) &= h_b(k;l) - \epsilon_{e,b}(k;l) \\ &= h_{p,b}(k;l) + \epsilon_{p,b}(k;l) - \epsilon_e(k;l). \end{aligned} \quad (12)$$

- For single antenna systems, given $h_{p,b}(k;l) \Rightarrow p(|h_{e,b}| | h_{p,b}) \sim$ Rice distribution with

$$K = \frac{|(1 - \rho)h_{p,b}(k;l)|^2}{\tilde{\sigma}_{h_{e,b}}^2},$$

where ρ = correlation between estimation error $\epsilon_{e,b}(k;l)$ and the predicted channel $h_{p,b}(k;l)$ (very small $\Rightarrow$ set equal to 0).

$$\tilde{\sigma}_{h_{e,b}}^2 \approx \sigma_{\epsilon_{e,b}}^2 + \sigma_{\epsilon_{p,b}}^2 \quad (\rho = 0, \epsilon_{e,b}(k;l) \text{ and } \epsilon_{p,b}(k;l) \text{ uncorrelated}).$$

BER Accounts for both Prediction and Estimation Errors cont'd

- For multiple uncorrelated receive antenna systems $p(\{|h_{e,b}|\} \mid \{h_{p,b}\}) = \prod_{b=1}^B p(|h_{e,b}| \mid h_{p,b})$
- BER given the set of predicted channel can be obtained as:

$$\text{BER}(e_n \mid \{h_{p,b}\}) = \int_0^\infty \cdots \int_0^\infty \text{BER}(e_n \mid \{|h_{e,b}|\}) \times p(\{|h_{e,b}|\} \mid \{h_{p,b}\}) d|h_{e,1}| \cdots d|h_{e,B}| \quad (13)$$

- Let the predicted CSNR on each subchannel be $\hat{\gamma}_b = \bar{\mathcal{E}}_d |h_{p,b}(k; l)|^2 / N_0$ [2, 3] then the combined CSNR using MRC is

$$\hat{\gamma} = \frac{\bar{\mathcal{E}}_d}{N_0} \sum_{b=1}^B |h_{p,b}(k; l)|^2 \implies \bar{\gamma} = r \bar{\gamma}_b B \quad \text{where } r = \bar{\mathcal{E}}_d (1 - \sigma_{\epsilon_p}^2) / \mathcal{E}$$

BER Accounts for both Prediction and Estimation Errors cont'd

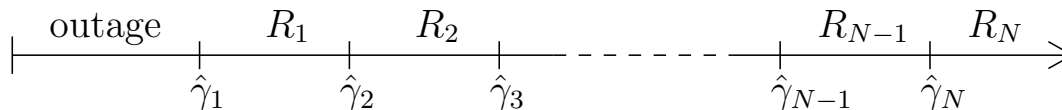
- Assuming $\tilde{\sigma}_{h_{e,b}}^2 = \tilde{\sigma}_{h_e}^2 \forall b$, and letting $d_n = 1/(A_n \mathcal{E}_d \tilde{\sigma}_{h_e}^2 + 1)$, the BER given predicted CSNR is:

$$\text{BER}(e_n | \hat{\gamma}) = \sum_{i=1}^I a_n(i) d_n^B \exp \left(-\frac{\hat{\gamma} d_n A_n \mathcal{E} \mathcal{E}_d}{\bar{\gamma}_b \bar{\mathcal{E}}_d} \right) \quad (14)$$

- The overall BER (over all codes)

$$\text{BER} = \frac{\sum_{n=1}^N R_n \int_{\hat{\gamma}_n}^{\hat{\gamma}_{n+1}} \text{BER}(e_n | \hat{\gamma}) p(\hat{\gamma}) d\hat{\gamma}}{\sum_{n=1}^N R_n P_n}$$

ACM Concept



- Set of codes $\{M_n\}_{n=1}^N$ and the corresponding spectral efficiencies (SE) $\{R_n\}_{n=1}^N$.
- If the predicted CSNR $\hat{\gamma} \in [\hat{\gamma}_n, \hat{\gamma}_{n+1})$, the n th code (thus SE R_n) will be used. $\hat{\gamma}_0 = 0$ and $\hat{\gamma}_{N+1} = \infty$.
- $\text{BER}(e_n|\hat{\gamma}) \leq \text{BER}_0$ for all modes.

ACM cont'd

- The average power per data symbol and pilot symbol:

$$\bar{\mathcal{E}}_d = \alpha L \mathcal{E} / (L - 1) \quad \text{and} \quad \mathcal{E}_{pl} = (1 - \alpha) L \mathcal{E}$$

- Since no transmission when $\hat{\gamma} < \hat{\gamma}_1$

$$\mathcal{E}_d = \frac{\bar{\mathcal{E}}_d}{\int_{\hat{\gamma}_1}^{\infty} p(\hat{\gamma}) d\hat{\gamma}} = \frac{\bar{\mathcal{E}}_d}{Q(B, \hat{\gamma}_1 / r \bar{\gamma})}$$

where $p(\hat{\gamma})$ is the pdf of the predicted CSNR, which is Gamma distributed, and $Q(\cdot, \cdot)$ is *normalized incomplete gamma function*.

ASE Performance

- Average spectral efficiency is given by

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{ASE} &= \frac{L-1}{L} \sum_{n=1}^N R_n P_n \\
 &= \frac{L-1}{L} \sum_{n=1}^N \left(\log_2(M_n) - \frac{1}{G} \right) \\
 &\quad \times \left\{ Q(B, \hat{\gamma}_n / r \bar{\gamma}_b) - Q(B, \hat{\gamma}_{n+1} / r \bar{\gamma}_b) \right\}
 \end{aligned} \tag{15}$$

- For each value of $L \in [2, \lfloor 1/(2f_d T_s) \rfloor]$ [4] we find

$$\begin{aligned}
 &\max_{\alpha} \text{ASE}(\alpha) \\
 &\text{subject to } 0 < \alpha < 1
 \end{aligned} \tag{16}$$

Outage Probability

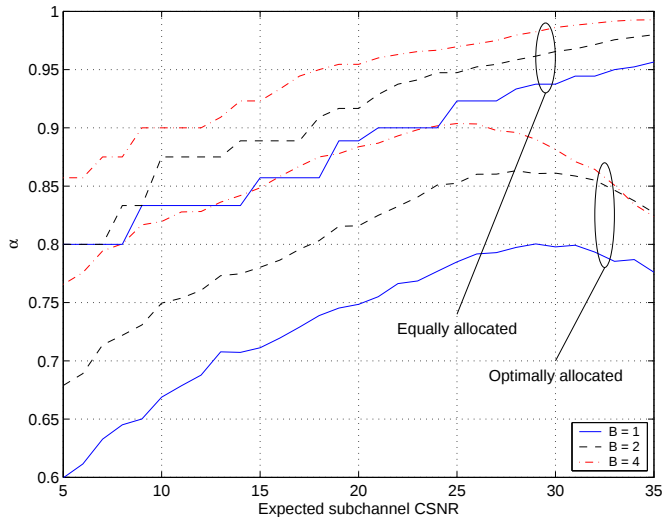
- No data is transmitted when $\hat{\gamma} < \hat{\gamma}_1$, the system suffers an outage of

$$P_{out} = \int_0^{\hat{\gamma}_1} p(\hat{\gamma}) d\hat{\gamma} = 1 - Q(B, \hat{\gamma}_1 / r\bar{\gamma})$$

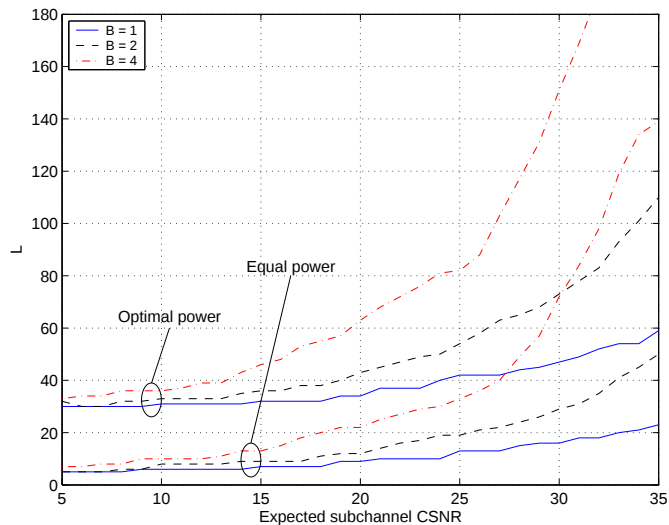
Simulation Parameters

- $\{M_n\} = \{4, 8, 16, 32, 64, 128, 256, 512\}$.
- $f_c = 2$ GHz.
- Symbol period $T_s = 5 \mu s$.
- Mobile velocity $v = 30$ m/s.
- System delay $\tau = DLT_s = 1$ ms (or $\tau = 0.2/f_d$).
- Estimator order $K_e = 20$, and predictor order $K_p = 250$.
- $BER_0 = 10^{-5}$.
- $B = \{1, 2, 4\}$

Results: Optimum α and L

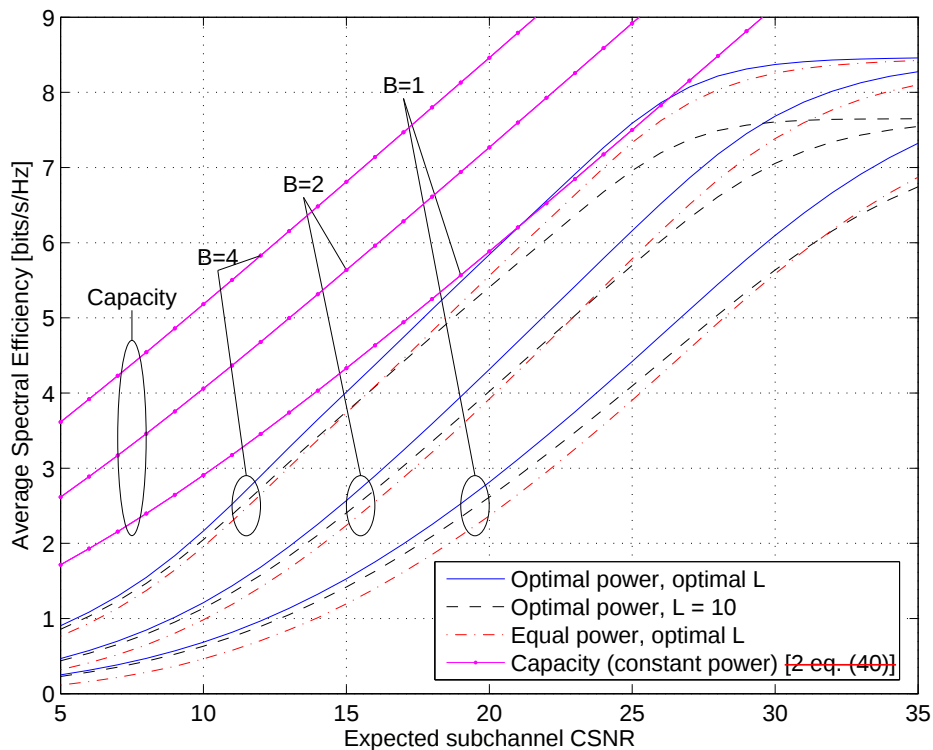


(a) Optimum power allocation

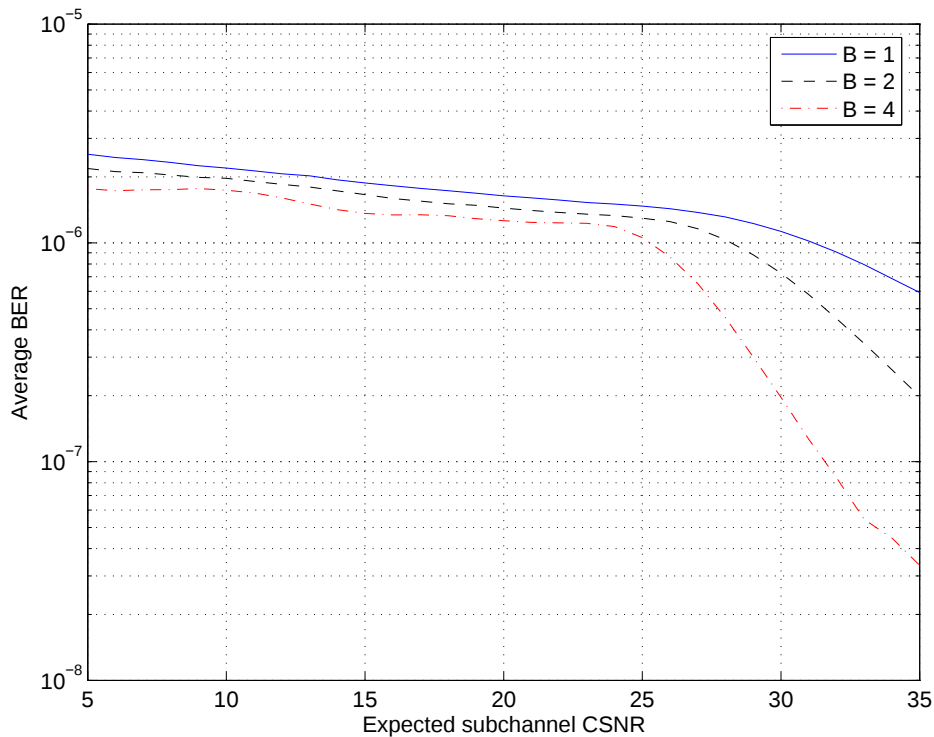


(b) Optimum pilot symbol spacing

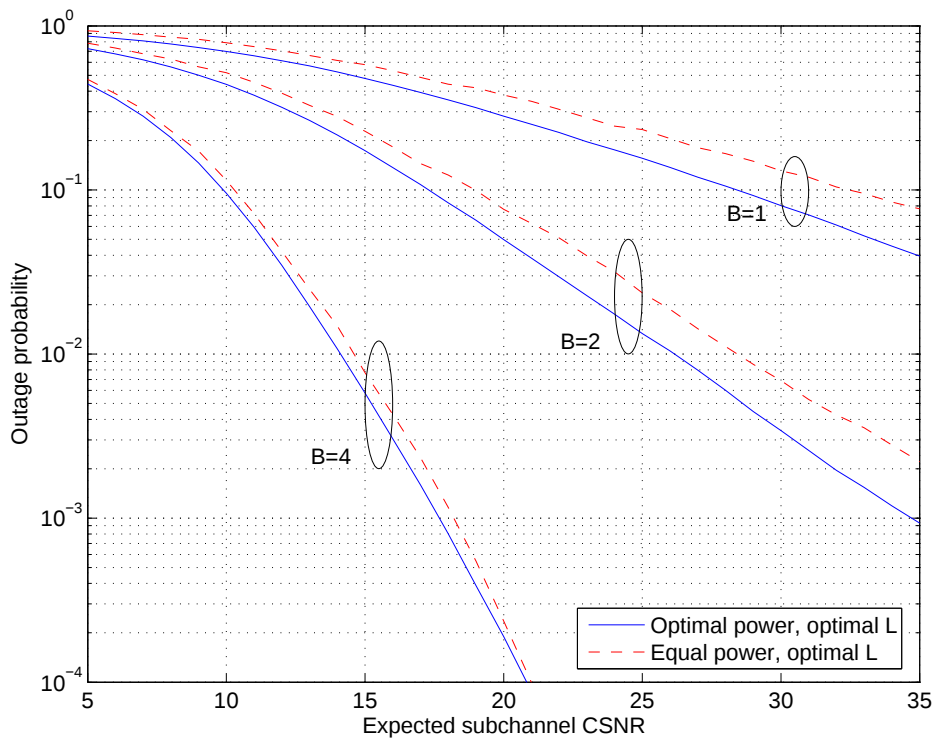
Results: ASE



Results: BER



Results: Outage probability



Conclusion

- Adaptive trellis-coded PSAM with receive antenna diversity is investigated.
- The pilot symbol period and power allocation between pilot and data symbols were optimized to maximize ASE.
- We achieved higher ASE and lower probability of outage without sacrificing BER performance.

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