

PERFORMANCE OF CHANNEL ESTIMATION TECHNIQUE IN MIMO-OFDM SYSTEM USING m-PSK MODULATION

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Abstract

Multicarrier modulation technique as Orthogonal Frequency Division Multiplexing (OFDM) is able to vanish intersymbol Interferences (ISI) caused by multipath channel. Merging with multi-antenna transmission techniques such as MIMO become MIMO-OFDM system is able to improve (data rate transmission) the transmission of data and capacity of the system. Pilot channel estimation technique with the algorithm Linear Minimum Mean Square Error (LMMSE) with modulation m-PSK is applied in this study. The results obtained in the form of graphs BER against E_b/N_0 which shows that the system performance with LMMSE estimator has a different gain for QPSK modulation better about 0.75 dB, for 8 PSK modulation is about 1.5 dB and for 16 PSK modulation around 1 dB compare to LS estimator. Number of the largest antenna both in the transmitter and receiver produce the best system performance. Observation for QPSK modulation shows a scheme transmitter-receiver antenna 4x2 having gain approximately 9 dB better than the number of the lowest transmitter antenna (1x2). For scheme 4x4 shows gain around 8.5 dB than the number of the lowest receiver antenna.

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1. INTRODUCTION

OFDM is a famous technique of multi-carrier modulation and a lot of researches about it have been conducted. The OFDM technique divides series of high speed information data become parallel series of low speed information data, so that symbol duration becomes larger than duration of delay spread channel so that it is capable of vanishing the effect of ISI [1]. The technology of OFDM has higher spectral efficiency and is able to minimize bandwidth by arranging bandwidth of some subcarrier in overlapping orthogonally so it can not produce Inter Carrier Interference (ICI). Process of transmission can be conducted by providing more antenna at both receiver

and transmitter which is called MIMO to rise transmission rate when the signal through multipath channel. MIMO offers addition of parallel channel in space domain, so MIMO-OFDM system is a combination technique that can fulfill needs of communication system with high data rate [1]. By using space time block coding (STBC), encoder will send some series of replicas data as a number of receiver antenna, and in the receiver the signals will be summed using Maximum Ratio Combining (MRC) and is being detected using Maximum Likelihood Detector (MLD) to obtain similar signal with that's sent.

MIMO-OFDM system still has problem related to channel characteristic mentioned as Channel state information (CSI) which has not been recognized yet so that it is difficult to do detection process coherently. For problem solving, it is being applied channel estimation technique. One of that which has been frequently researched is based on pilot signals insertion. There are two problems for planning channel estimation technique in wireless system. The first is how to manage the pilot information, where pilot means reference signal used in both transmitter and receiver. The second is design of estimator so it will not be difficult and good ability in searching channel characteristics. Both problems are related to each other. Generally, fading channel of OFDM system can be shown as 2 dimensions (2D) signal (time and frequency) based on the complex 2D Wiener filter interpolation and structure of 2D estimator is too complex for practical implementation.

OFDM system usually needs the high accurately and low complexity estimator mentioned as one dimension (1D) channel estimation. The two basic of 1D channel estimator is estimation are block type and comb type channel estimation, where the pilots are inserted in the direction of time and frequency [2].

That block type can be conducted by put pilot in all subcarrier symbol of OFDM periodically called type block. It is used for slow fading channel [3]. The estimation of this can utilize the methods of Least Square (LS), Minimum Mean Square Error (MMSE) and modified MMSE namely Linear Mean Minimum Square Error (LMMSE). LMMSE has better performance than LS estimation [4].

Implementation of channel estimation technique with arranging pilot at OFDM system has been done by Sinem Coleri at all [5]. Otherwise the implementation of channel estimation technique with pilot carriers at MIMO-OFDM system with STBC has been studied by Kala Praveen Bagadi and Susmita Das [6] for modulation of BPSK, QPSK and QAM.

In this research has been conducted the performance analysis of channel estimation technique LMMSE at MIMO-OFDM system with encoder STBC for m-PSK modulation (up to 16 PSK) with change number of receiver and transmitter antenna

2. MODELING OF CHANNEL ESTIMATION SYSTEM OF MIMO-OFDM

System model of channel estimation in MIMO-OFDM shown at figure 1. Methods explained at testing of MIMO-OFDM system using channel

estimation at Rayleigh fading channel.

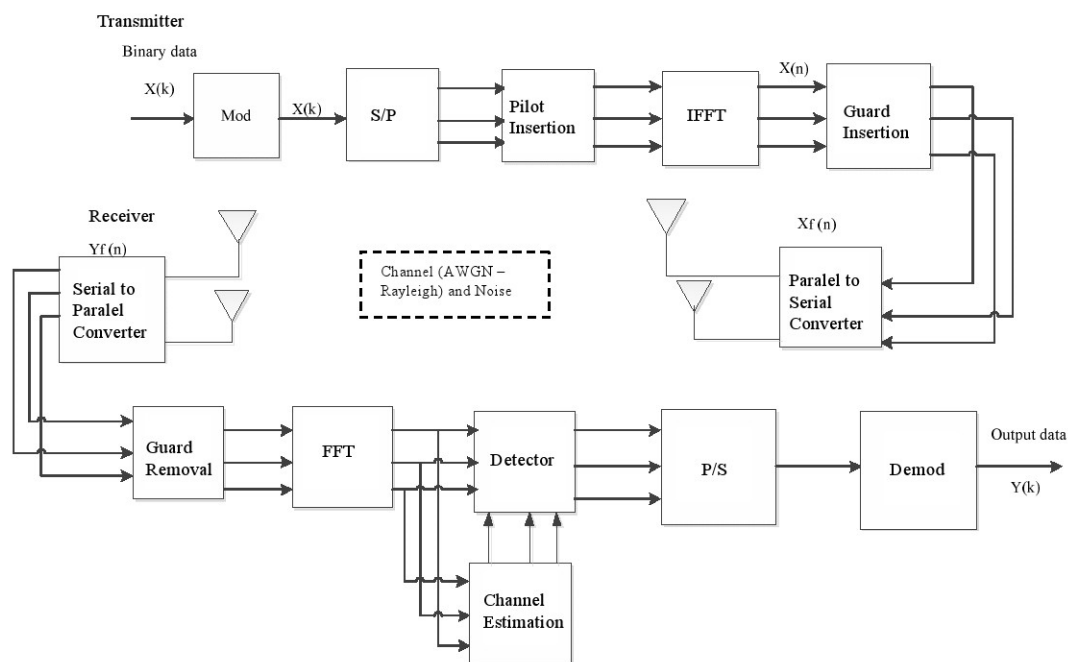


Figure1. System diagram block..

At figure 1, the transmitter generates bits of information $X[k]$, then conducts modulation process, and it is changed to parallel form as number of subcarrier used. The outputs from block Serial to Paralelis inserted pilot signals arranged according to block type channel estimation, pilot signals are initialized based on constellation of m-PSK modulation, pilotis inserted into allsubcarrierfrom OFDM symbol periodically. At figure 2 shows pilot insertion technique of block type channel estimator.

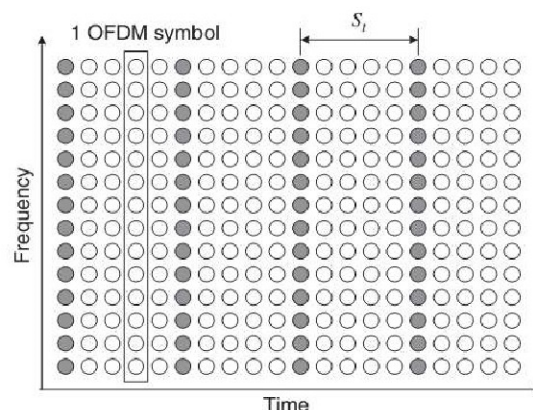


Figure 2. Pilot insertion in block type channel estimator. [3]

As shown in the figure 2 it shows that by inserting pilot signals into all subcarrier periodically with S_t states pilot ratio or distance between one pilot to another. Output of pilot inserting is $X[k]$. Furthermore, $X[k]$ processed IFFT to changed into time domain refers to formulas (1), (2).

$$x(n) = \text{IFFT} \{X(k)\}, \quad n = 1, 2, \dots, N-1 \quad (1)$$

$$x(n) = \sum_{k=0}^{N-1} X(k) e^{j(2\pi kn/N)} \quad (2)$$

where N is length of FFT.

After IFFT block, inserted guard time or cyclic prefix that has longer duration than delay spread to vanish Inter-Symbol Interference (ISI), in this research 32 is length of cyclic prefix (cp) with 128 subcarrier. The OFDM symbol which added cp written as,

$$x_f(n) = \begin{cases} x(N+n), & n = -N_g, -N_g+1, \dots, -1 \\ x(n), & n = -N_g, -N_g+1, \dots, -1 \end{cases} \quad (3)$$

where N_g is length of cp.

3. PLANNING OF CHANNEL ESTIMATION SYSTEM OF MIMO-OFDM

Channel estimation system of MIMO-OFDM which is planned has block diagram as seen at figure 1, by using STB coding technique and the estimation technique applied is LMMS. It is further explained as follows.

The OFDM symbols $x_f(n)$ are going to be transmitted by using multiple antenna in both receiver and transmitter, technique of sending symbol $x_f(n)$ adjust as coding matrix STBC just like a figure 3, if used both 2 receivers and 2 antennas.

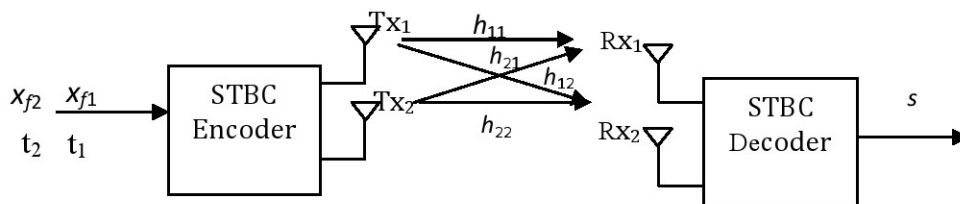


Figure 3. STBC with both 2 receiver and transmitter antennas

To simplify the writing of sent symbols, it will be written as following equation:

$$x_f = [x_1 x_2] = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 & -x_2^* \\ x_2 & x_1^* \end{bmatrix} \quad (4)$$

By using antenna 2x2, signals sent are divided in time slots t_1 and t_2 . At the

time t_1 transmitter antenna Tx1 dan Tx2 transmit symbols x_1 and x_2 while at the time t_2 transmit symbols $-x_2^*$ and x_1^* .

The fading channel for each transmitter defined:

$$h_{ij} = \alpha_{ij} e^{j\theta_i} \quad (5)$$

where $i=1,2$ is path number from i th transmitter antenna to j th receiver antenna. At the time slot t_1 antennas of Rx1 and Rx2 both accept symbols r_1^1 and r_2^1 , at time slot t_2 antennas of Rx1 and Rx2 both receive symbols of r_1^2 and r_2^2 , as stated in follow equation:

$$\begin{bmatrix} r_1^1 \\ r_2^1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} h_{11} & h_{12} \\ h_{21} & h_{22} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} n_1^1 \\ n_2^1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} r_1^2 \\ r_2^2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} h_{11} & h_{12} \\ h_{21} & h_{22} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} -x_2^* \\ x_1^* \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} n_1^2 \\ n_2^2 \end{bmatrix} \quad (6)$$

where n is noise additive Gaussian, h_{ij} is channel impulse response between transmitter and receiver, and r is symbol attained by receiver antenna. Equation (6) is able combined and arranged as below.

$$\begin{bmatrix} r_1^1 \\ r_2^1 \\ r_1^{2*} \\ r_2^{2*} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} h_{11} & h_{12} \\ h_{21} & h_{22} \\ h_{12}^* & -h_{11}^* \\ h_{22}^* & -h_{21}^* \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} n_1^1 \\ n_2^1 \\ n_1^{2*} \\ n_2^{2*} \end{bmatrix} \quad (7)$$

Further, it is conducted decoding symbol process using MRC, obtained series of symbol estimation as [7],

$$\tilde{x}_1 = h_{11}^* r_1^1 + h_{12}^* r_1^{2*} + h_{21}^* r_2^1 + h_{22}^* r_2^{2*}$$

$$\tilde{x}_2 = h_{12}^* r_1^1 + h_{11}^* r_1^{2*} + h_{22}^* r_2^1 + h_{21}^* r_2^{2*} \quad (8)$$

With using MLD, symbols received are stated as following equation (9) [7].

$$\left| \left[\sum_{i=1}^2 (r_i^1 h_{i1}^* + r_i^{2*} h_{i,2}) \right] - x_1 \right|^2 + \psi |x_1|^2$$

$$\left| \left[\sum_{i=1}^2 (r_i^1 h_{i2}^* + r_i^{2*} h_{i,1}) \right] - x_2 \right|^2 + \psi |x_2|^2$$

$$\psi = \left(-1 + \sum_{i=1}^2 \sum_{j=1}^2 |h_{ij}|^2 \right) \quad (9)$$

If used size of antennatransmitter 2 and 4, transmission matrix using Orthogonal Space Time Block- Codesconcept is shown as,

$$X_3 = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 - x_2 - x_3 - x_4 & x_1^* - x_2^* - x_3^* - x_4^* \\ x_2 & x_1 & x_4 & -x_3 \\ x_3 & x_4 & x_1 & x_2 \end{bmatrix} \quad (10)$$

$$X_4 = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 - x_2 - x_3 - x_4 & x_1^* - x_2^* - x_3^* - x_4^* \\ x_2 & x_1 & x_4 & -x_3 \\ x_3 - x_4 & x_1 & x_2 & x_3^* - x_4^* \\ x_4 & x_3 & -x_2 & x_1 \end{bmatrix} \quad (11)$$

After coding and detectionprocess, symbols $y_f(n)$ are obtained then began to eliminate cpand changed to time domain by DFT process,

$$Y(k) = DFT \{y(n)\}, \quad n = 1, 2, \dots, N - 1$$

$$Y(k) = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{n=0}^{N-1} y(n) e^{-j(2\pi kn/N)} \quad (12)$$

Supposed to ISI not happened, relation between $Y(k)$ and $H(k) = DFT \{h(n)\}$ is

$$Y(k) = X(k)H(k) + W(k) \quad (13)$$

After through DFT block, signal (k)is processed by creating channel estimatorand also detect that signal. The estimator utilizesLMMSE algorithm which formulated as,

$$H_{lmmse}(k) = R_{hh} \left(R_{hh} + \frac{\beta}{SNR} I \right)^{-1} H_{ls} \quad (14)$$

Where R_{hh} is matrix auto-correlation of channel, I is matrix identity, SNR is noise power generation and H_{ls} is estimator of LS, then β based on modulation type m-PSK used, at this research taken β value is one, creating R_{hh} conducted according to equation (14), subcarrier $k1$ and $k2$, which is given by equation (15)

$$R_h(k1, k2) = \frac{1 - e^{-L[\frac{1}{\tau(rms)} + 2\pi j(k1 - k2)/N]}}{\tau(rms)(1 - e^{-\frac{L}{\tau(rms)}})(\frac{1}{\tau(rms)} + j2\pi(k1 - k2)/N)} \quad (15)$$

with L is length of cyclic prefix and $\tau(rms)$ is RMS factor delay spread assumed $\frac{1}{4}$ of length cyclic prefix and calculation of R_{hh} applied as number of subcarrier to form LMMSE estimator. Otherwise for LSE estimator written as follow:

$$H_{ls} = \frac{Y(k)}{X} \quad (16)$$

Where $Y(k)$ is received pilot and X is pilot sequence that's sent.

After achieving value of H_{lmmse} from equation (14), then signal $Y(k)$ is detected using detector Zero Forcing (ZF). In this simulation, detector ZF is formulated as equation (17).

$$X_e(k) = \frac{Y(k)}{H_{lmmse}(k)} \quad (17)$$

Where $Y(k)$ is a symbol of OFDM without pilot signal and H_{lmmse} is estimator LMMSE. Output of diagram block is a complex signal $X(k)$, then it will be demodulated to reobtained signal $x(k)$.

Simulation Parameter

Parameters used to build OFDM system with channel estimation base on pilot arranging block type are in the Table 1.

Table 1. Simulation Parameter

Parameter	Specification
Number of Bit	153600
Pilot ratio	1/6
Number of subcarrier	128
Length of cyclic prefix	32
Channel estimation technique	Ttpe block
Channel Model	Rayleigh and AWGN
Estimator	Linier Minimum Mean Square Error
Modulation type	M-PSK (QPSK, 8PSK and 16 PSK)
Number of Antenna	1x2, 2x2, 3x2, 4x2, 4x1, 4x3, 4x4

4. SIMULATION RESULT

For testing channel estimation system MIMO-OFDM it is conducted by changing size of transmitter-receiver antenna 2x2, 3x2, 4x2 and receiver antenna 4x1, 4x2, 4x3, 4x4 with applying m -PSK modulation. The testing is being conducted by using QPSK, 8PSK and 16 PSK modulation. The observation presented in graph Bit Error Rate (BER) to Signal To Noise Ratio (SNR) or E_b/N_0 for observing the performance of system, BER valued observed is 10^{-5} .

4.1 Simulasi result of channel estimation technique at MIMO-OFDM system with the changing of receiver antenna number, QPSK modulation.

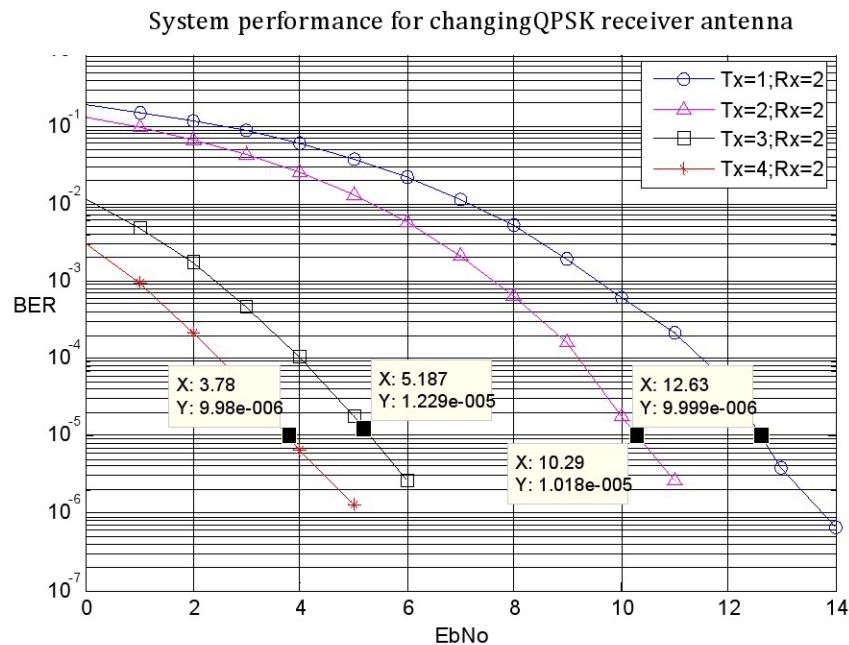


Figure 4. System performance for changing transmitter antenna and 2 receivers antenna with QPSK modulation

At figure 4 obtained performance for scheme transmitter-receiver antenna 4x2 reaches $BER = 10^{-5}$ at value $E_b/N_0 = \pm 4$ dB and scheme of performance 3x2 at value $E_b/N_0 = \pm 5$ dB, scheme 2x2 $BER = 10^{-5}$ at $E_b/N_0 = \pm 10$ dB and scheme 1x2 reaching $BER = 10^{-5}$ at value $E_b/N_0 = \pm 13$ dB.

At figure 5 attained system performance for scheme transmitter-receiver antenna 4x1 reaches $BER = 10^{-5}$ at value $E_b/N_0 = \pm 8$ dB and performance of scheme 4x2 at $E_b/N_0 = \pm 4$ dB, performance of scheme 4x3 at $E_b/N_0 = \pm 1$ dB and performance 4x4 up to $BER = 10^{-5}$ at value $E_b/N_0 = \pm 0.5$ dB.

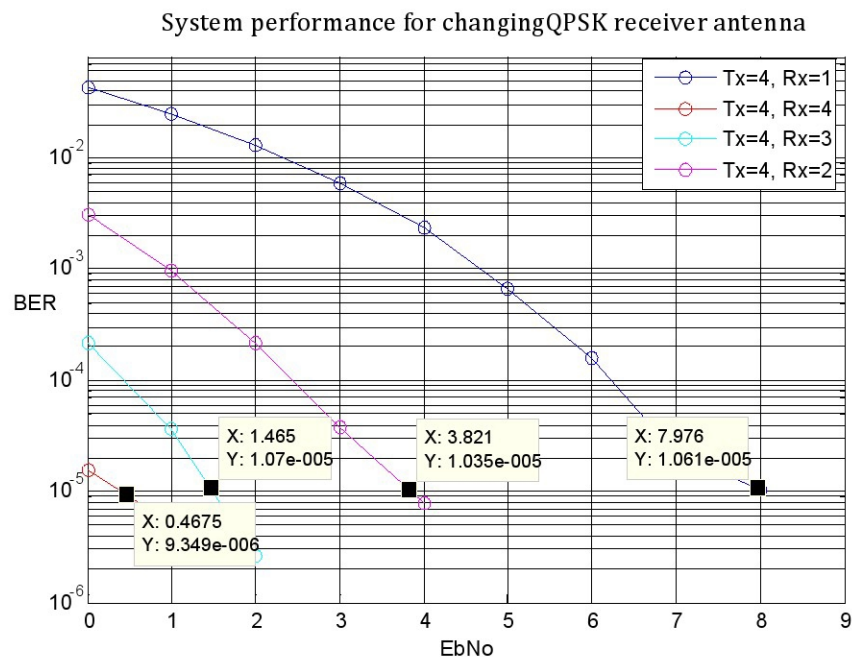


Figure5. System performance for changing receiver antenna and 4 transmitter antennas with QPSK modulation

Performance of estimator LMMSE and LS in the MIMO OFDM using QPSK

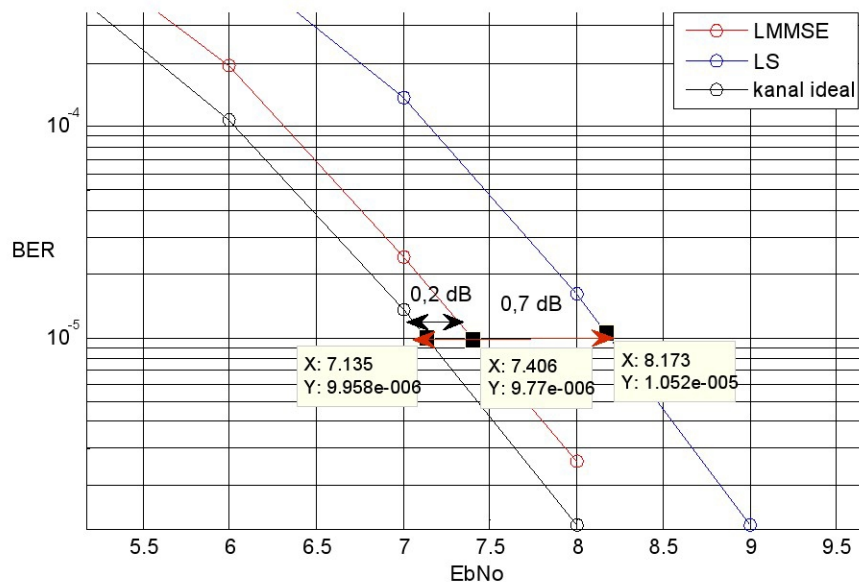


Figure6. Performance of estimator LMMSE and LS in the MIMO OFDM system using QPSK modulation

The performance of both estimator LS and LMMSE at figure 6 shows that LMMSE has performance ± 0.7 dB that is better than performance of estimator LS using QPSK modulation.

4.2. Simulation result channel estimation technique at MIMO-OFDM system with changing number of receiver antenna, 8 PSK modulation.

At figure 7 it is shown that system performance of scheme transmitter-receiver 4x2 reaches $\text{BER} = 10^{-5}$ at value $E_b/N_0 = \pm 13$ dB and performance of scheme 3x2 at $E_b/N_0 = \pm 15$ dB, scheme 2x2 at $E_b/N_0 = \pm 20$ dB and scheme 1x2 up to $\text{BER} 10^{-5}$ at $E_b/N_0 = \pm 23$ dB.

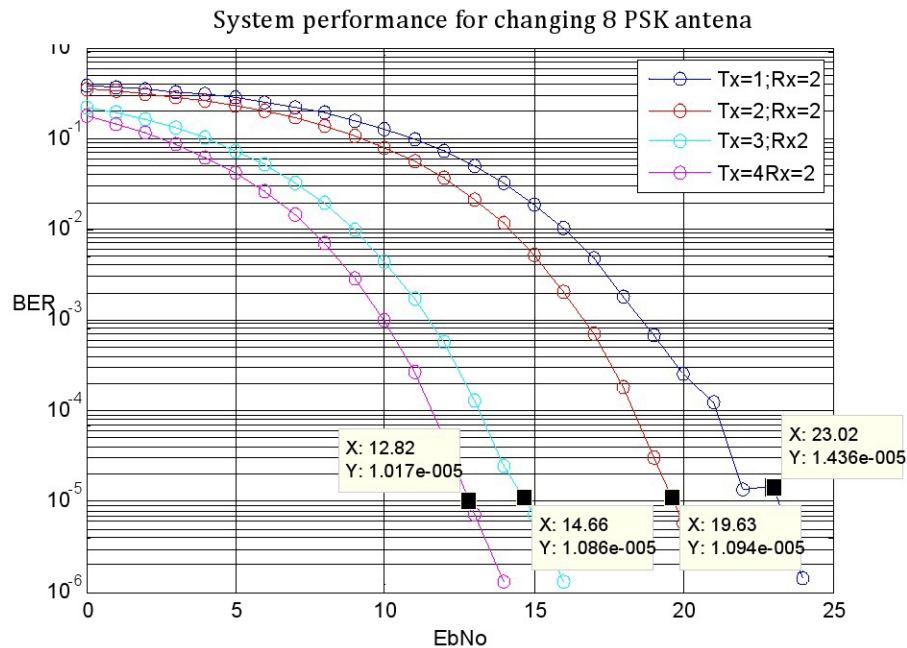


Figure7. System performance for changing transmitter antenna and 2 receiver antenna with 8PSK modulation

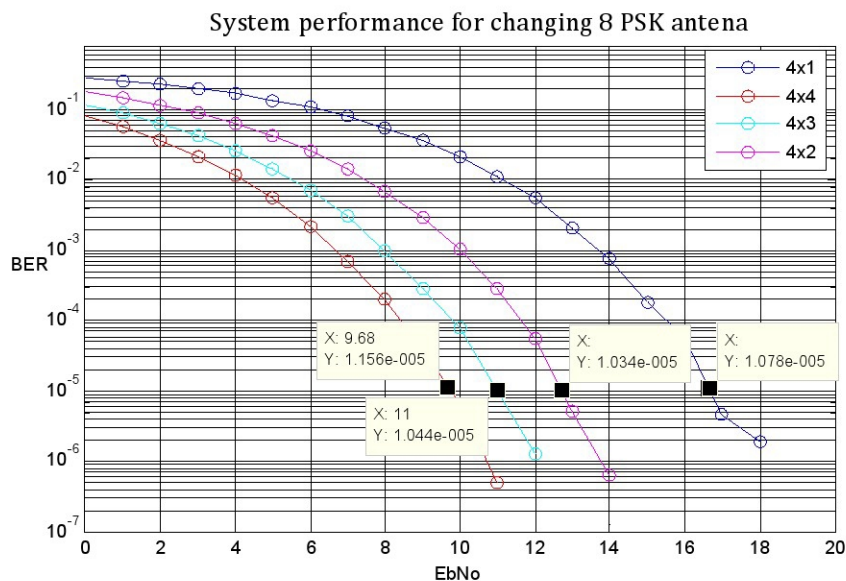


Figure8. System performance for changing transmitter antenna, and 4 transmitter antennas with 8 PSK modulation

At Figure 8, for changing receiver antenna it was obtained performance of scheme 4x1 reaches $BER = 10^{-5}$ at value $E_b/N_0 = \pm 17$ dB and performance of scheme 4x2 at $E_b/N_0 = \pm 13$ dB, scheme 4x3 at $E_b/N_0 = \pm 11$ dB and scheme 4x4 up to $BER 10^{-5}$ at $E_b/N_0 = \pm 13$ dB.

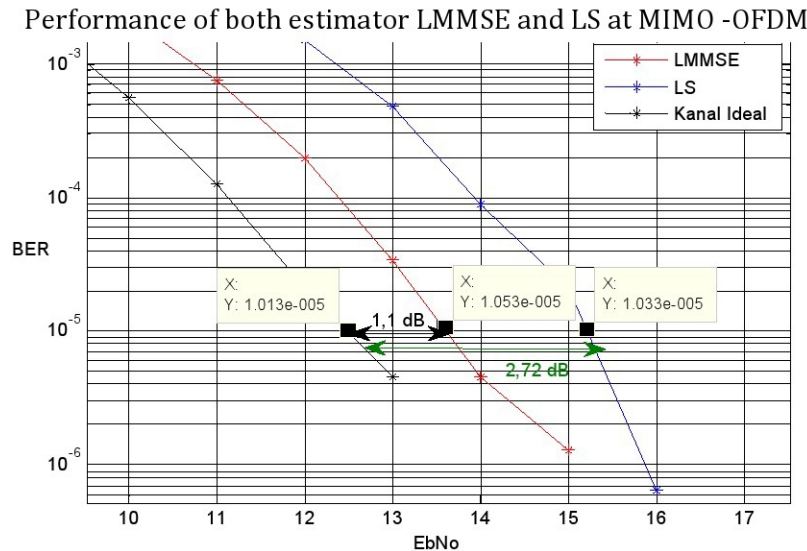


Figure 9. Performance of both estimator LMMSE and LS at MIMO -OFDM system using 8 PSK modulation

The performance of both estimator LS and LMMSE pointed at Figure 9, it is shown that performance LMMSE has gain value $\pm 2,3$ dB better than performance LS with 8 PSK modulation.

4.3. Testing at channel estimation technique MIMO-OFDM using 16 PSK modulation.

At figure 10 it is interpreted that performance of scheme transmitter-receiver 4x2 reaches $BER = 10^{-5}$ at value $E_b/N_0 = \pm 23$ dB and performance of scheme 3x2 at rate $E_b/N_0 = \pm 24$ dB, scheme 2x2 at $E_b/N_0 = \pm 29$ dB and scheme 1x2 up to $BER 10^{-5}$ at $E_b/N_0 = \pm 31$ dB.

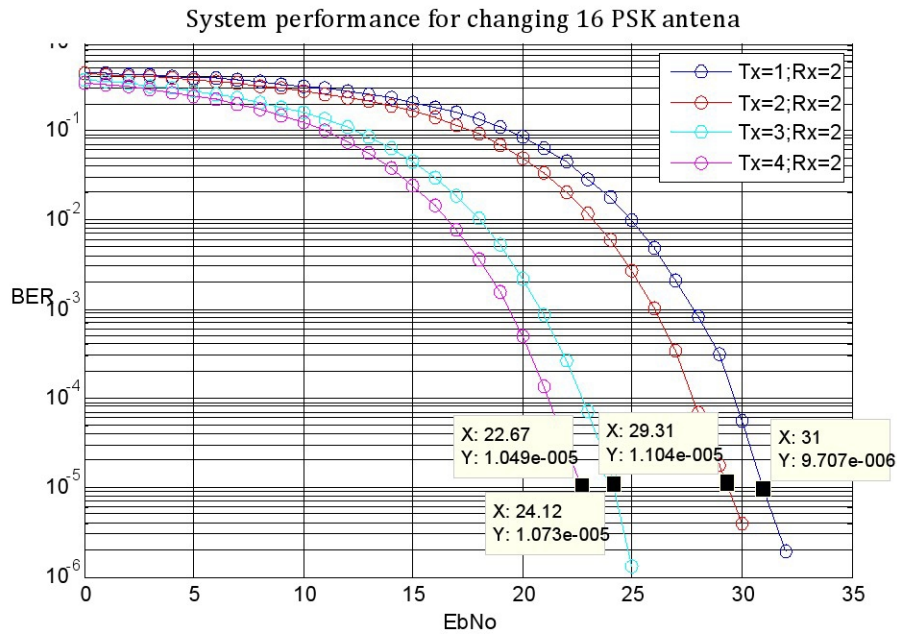


Figure 10. System performance for changing transmitter antenna and 2 receiver antennas with 16 PSK modulation

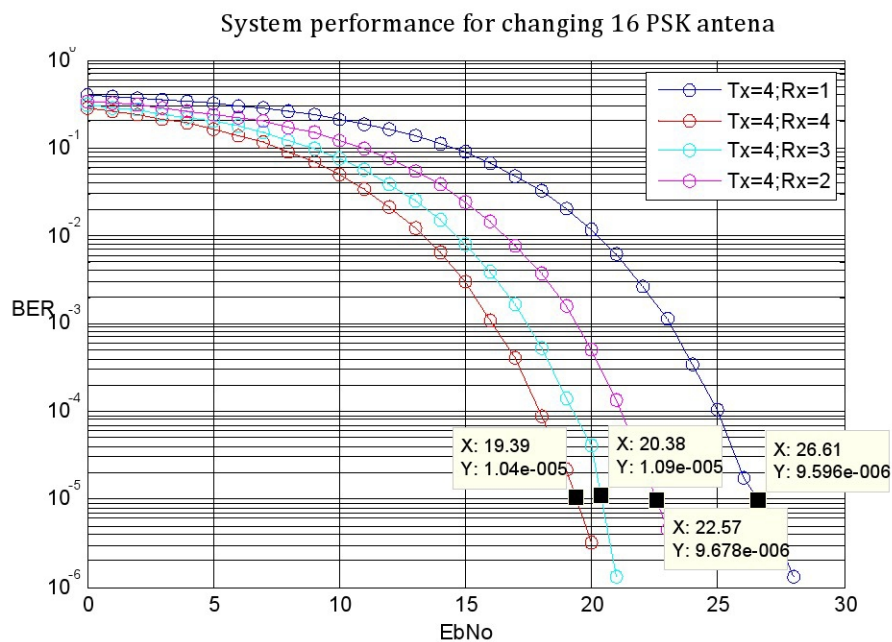


Figure 11. System performance for changing receiver antenna and 2 transmitter antenna with 16 PSK modulation

At figure 11 is shown that changing receiver antenna obtained performance outcomes scheme 4x1 reaches $BER = 10^{-5}$ at value $E_b/N_0 = \pm 27$ dB,

performance of scheme 4x2 at $E_b/N_0 = \pm 23$ dB, scheme 4x3 at $E_b/N_0 = \pm 20$ dB and performance of scheme 4x4 up to BER 10^{-5} at $E_b/N_0 = \pm 19$ dB.

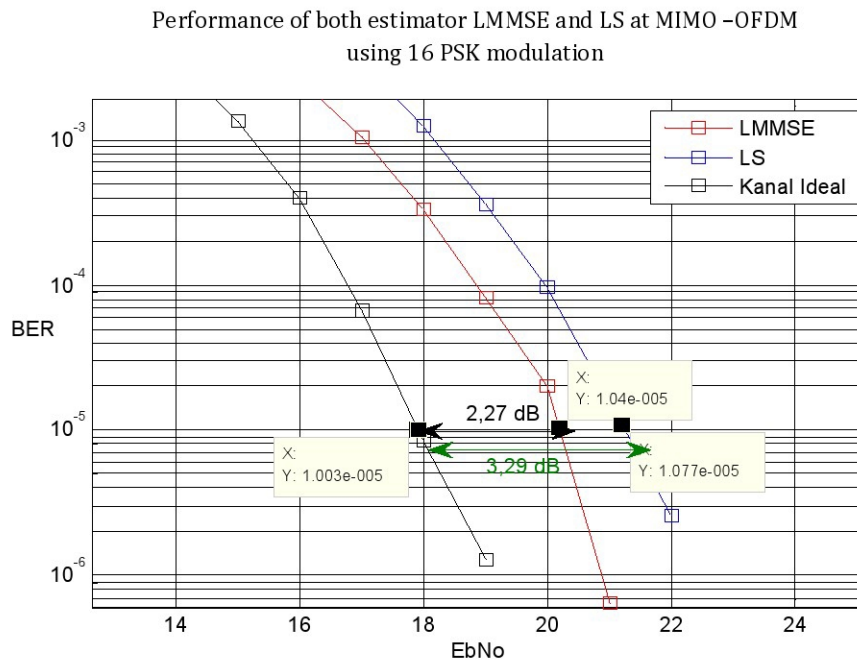


Figure 12. Performance of both estimator LMMSE and LS at MIMO -OFDM system using 16 PSK modulation

Performance of both estimator LMMSE and LS which shown at Figure 12 proves that performance of estimator LMMSE has gain 1 dB better than estimator LS at 16 PSK modulation.

5. CONCLUSION

Based on the result of testing system using simulation, it can be concluded as follow:

- Performance of channel estimation technique LMMSE at MIMO OFDM system with M-PSK modulation for the largest receiver antenna, scheme 4x2 has the best performance, approximately 9 dB compared with number of lowest transmitter antenna (one piece), for QPSK modulation.
- For changing receiver antenna, scheme with the largest receiver antenna namely 4x4 also show the best performance, about 8,5 dB compared with number of the lowest receiver (one piece), for QPSK modulation.
- Estimator LMMSE produce better performance than estimator LS for all scheme transmitter-receiver antenna. For QPSK modulation is better around 0,75 dB, for 8 PSK modulation approximately 1,5 dB and for 16 PSK modulation round 1 dB.

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