

Spectrum Sensing Algorithms for Orthogonal Frequency Division Multiplexing Framework

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The growth and quality of service in wireless applications depends on the availability of the spectrum. The unused spectrum need to utilize in an efficient manner to support the several application of radio frame work. In this work we focused to simulate spectrum sensing algorithm. The detection algorithms namely Energy detection (ED), Matched filter and Geortzel algorithm is applied to the OFDM framework and the performance is analysed using Matlab-2014. Further, the probability of detection is estimated and compared for different algorithms. The projected method estimate the availability of spectrum in presence and absent of primary user. However high SNR for detection is seen is a major constraints in ED.

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1 Introduction

Spectrum detection without interference is the main objective of Cognitive Radio (CR). CR function is based on software defined radio (SDR) which identifies the idle spectrum from primary user (PU) and allocates the resources to the secondary user (SU). Although, efficiency of spectrum detection algorithms reduces noisy environment and unstable channel. To overcome this constraint several methods of detection are proposed [1]. The detection of PU is estimated by comparing the energy of received signal with a predetermined threshold value. If the output energy of the received signal exceeds the threshold value, we assume the signal detection. In some cases, the noise is misrepresented as a signal, which is known as a false alarm rate. ED is a simple and efficient method of determining the spectrum noise. However, the requirement of high SNR is one of the constraints in the implementation of ED [2]. In this work, ED is applied to the OFDMA system, and parameters like probability of detection, false alarm, and BER are estimated. In [2], the challenges of CR were discussed and comprehensively studied. Further, the implementation of spectrum detection algorithms was analyzed with several parameters such as p_d , p_{fa} , and BER. The author [3] studied the existing work on cognitive radio. It is seen that the main task of spectrum sensing algorithms is to detect the primary user without any disturbance. Further, the main constraints of CR, such as interference, cooperative spectrum detection, and gain, were studied, and solutions were also given. In [4], the role of spectrum sensing algorithms in the Internet of Things (IoT) and cellular radio subsystems was investigated and analyzed. The proposed work focuses on the new challenges in the rollout of spectrum algorithms in advanced radio networks. In [5], an energy detection algorithm was implemented in an AWGN channel for different transmission methods. The simulation results reveal that the detection of spectrum increases with an increase in the false alarm rate and QAM scheme gives the best performance compared with other algorithms. In [6], advanced pattern recognition algorithms were implemented to sense the availability of unused spectrum. The proposed algorithm was based on linear and polynomial techniques. It is observed that the efficiency of the detection algorithm is enhanced by increasing the number of users. The work in [7] provides an overview of the challenges, implementation, and overview of cognitive radio. It is observed that the scarcity of spectrum can be solved by implementing a dynamic bandwidth access algorithm. However, there are several constraints, such as interference, channel conditions that may affect the performance of the system. In this paper, spectrum sensing algorithms such as ED, matched filter, and Geertz method were studied for OFDMA frame work.

2 System Model

The structure of OFDMA is shown in figure 1. OFDMA is designed by using Fourier Transform, Cyclic Prefix (CP).

The OFDM signal is given as [8]:

$$r(t) = \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} r_m(t - nT) \quad (1)$$

The symbols are modulated with m subchannels as such by

$$r_n(-1) = \sum_{m=0}^{k-1} s_{n,k} \exp(j2\pi k \Delta f(t)) f(t) \quad (2)$$

where $f(t)$ is the response of the filter and $s_{n,k}$ is the composite signal. The received OFDMA signal is given by:

$$R_m(k) = \frac{1}{M} \sum_{m=0}^{k-1} r_m W_M^k \quad (3)$$

Finally, if the energy of $R_m(k)$ is greater than threshold value the signal is determined. The ED structure is given in fig.2 [9].

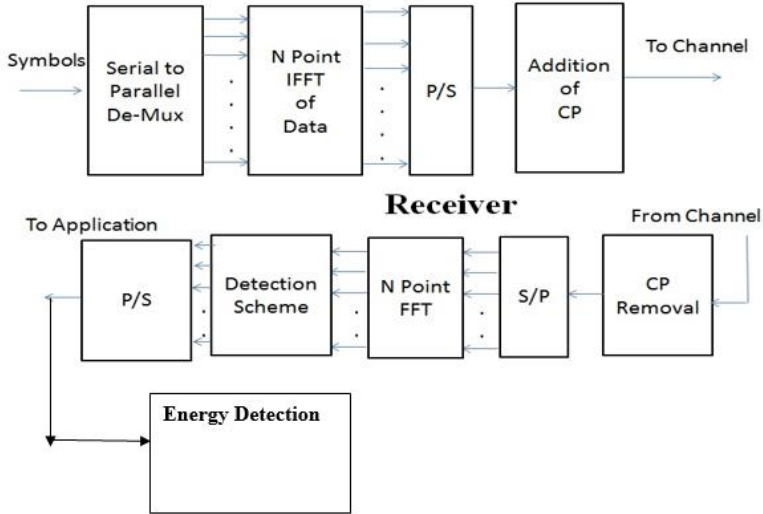


Fig.1. Schematic of OFDM structure

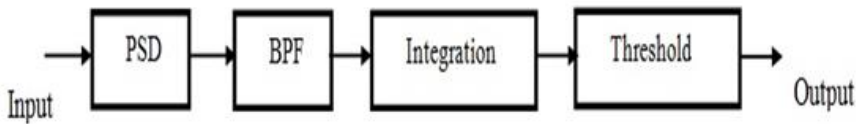


Fig.2. Energy detection structure

3 Simulation Results

The projected system is designed on MATLAB 2014. The simulation parameters are given in table.

Table 1. Parameter

S. No	Parameters
1	OFDMA system
2	QAM-16
3	Subcarrier=64
4	FFT=64

We proposed a spectrum detection algorithm for OFDM. The performance of mathematical mode of several detection algorithms were applied and performance was estimated. It is also seen that the

complexity of system increased with detection performance. The probability of detection of Ed on OFDMA structure is given in fig. 3. The maximum detection is obtained at SNR of -16dB. Hence, it is noticed that the performance of Ed is enhanced in the projected work. However, the requirement of SNR is high in Ed, which needs to be improved. The matched filter spectrum algorithm is applied on OFDMA structure given in fig.4. The detection is accomplished at the SNR of -35dB. It is seen that the matched filter is robust to noise but need a prior knowledge of the channel. However, the high SNR problem of ED is overcome in matched filter. The Goertzel algorithm is applied to the OFDMA structure. The detection is obtained at SNR of -30dB given in fig.5. However, it is noted that the design of Goertzel algorithm is complex as compared with existed algorithms.

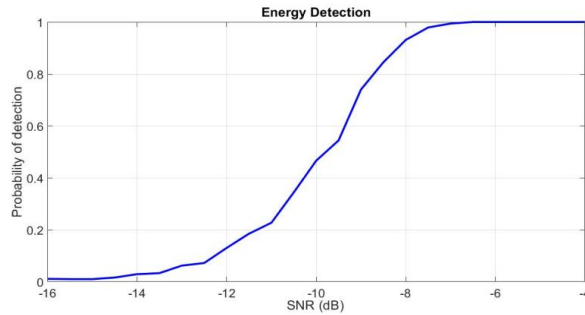


Fig.3. Pd Vs SNR for ED

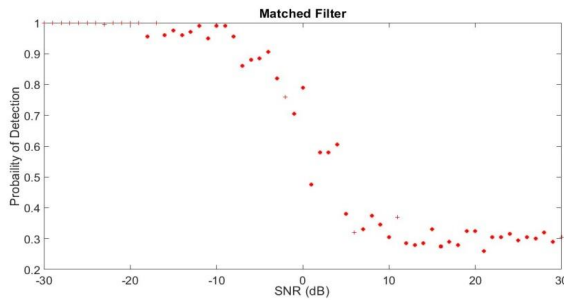


Fig.4. Pd Vs SNR for Matched filter

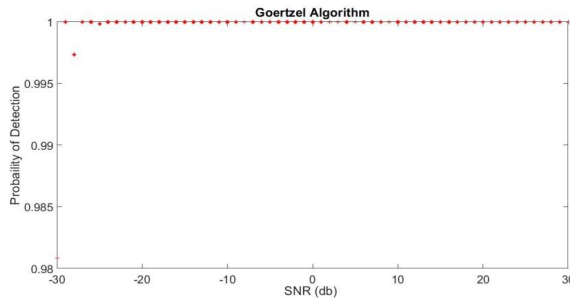


Fig.5. Pd Vs SNR for Goertzel algorithm

4 Conclusion

Spectrum sensing will play a significant role in the forthcoming wireless radio framework. The unused spectrum is utilized by implementing CR. In this work, the spectrum sensing algorithm is detected by utilizing several algorithms. The outcome of work reveals that the performance of ED increases with increase in SNR. Further, it is also seen that the matched filter obtained an optimal performance. However, the design of matched filter and Geortzelis complex as compared with ED. In future, the hybrid algorithm which is a combination of ED and matched filter is suggested to overcome the complexity constraints of detection methods. Further, the conventional algorithms can be modified for the advanced waveforms.

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