Efficient Blind MAI Suppression in DS/CDMA Systems by Embedded Constraint Parallel Projection Techniques

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SUMMARY This paper presents two novel blind set-theoretic adaptive filtering algorithms for suppressing "Multiple Access Interference (MAI)", which is one of the central burdens in DS/CDMA systems. We naturally formulate the problem of MAI suppression as an asymptotic minimization of a sequence of cost functions under some linear constraint defined by the desired user's signature. The proposed algorithms embed the constraint into the direction of update, and thus the adaptive filter moves toward the optimal filter without stepping away from the constraint set. In addition, using parallel processors, the proposed algorithms attain excellent performance with linear computational complexity. Geometric interpretation clarifies an advantage of the proposed methods over existing methods. Simulation results demonstrate that the proposed algorithms achieve (i) much higher speed of convergence with rather better bit error rate performance than other blind methods and (ii) much higher speed of convergence than the non-blind NLMS algorithm (indeed, the speed of convergence of the proposed algorithms is comparable to the non-blind RLS algorithm).

Key words: blind MAI suppression, DS/CDMA system, linearly constrained algorithms, adaptive projected subgradient method

1. Introduction

The goal of this paper is to develop a blind Multiple Access Interference (MAI) suppressing algorithm, being "efficient" in the sense of (i) low computational complexity and (ii) high speed of convergence, for Direct Sequence Code-Division Multiple-Access (DS/CDMA) systems.

One of the noticeable advantages of CDMA systems is that users can share time and frequency by exploiting distinct spreading codes, or, in other words, users can transmit their information symbols at the same time and frequency. CDMA receivers, on the other hand, are usually affected by interference originated from transmitted symbols of other users. This is commonly referred to as MAI and it is known to deteriorate the overall capacity. A great deal of effort has been devoted to MAI suppression [1-11].

To realize high throughput systems, blind methods for MAI suppression, which do not require a training sequence (or pilot signals), have been particularly in great demand [6-11]. In 1995, Honig et. al. proposed a blind adaptive multiuser detection method [6], in which the problem is formulated as a constrained optimization with a linear constraint defined by the desired user's signature. In 1997, Park and Doherty proposed a simple set-theoretic blind method called Space Alternating Generalized Projection (SAGP) [7], which utilizes generalized projections onto non-convex sets (see Remark 2 and [12]). The SAGP exhibits better performance in the steady state at the expense of slower convergence rate than the method in [6]. In [13], it is reported that fast algorithms are necessary to keep good performance especially in wireless communications.

In 1998, Apolíario Jr. et. al. proposed the Constrained Normalized Least Mean Square (CNLMS) algorithm [14], which embeds the constraint used in [6] into the direction of update, providing fast convergence. Unfortunately, the CNLMS does not yet achieve sufficient speed of convergence because it takes just one datum into account at each iteration. In 2004, on the other hand, a fast blind MAI suppression method was proposed [15], which we call Blind Parallel Projection (B2P) algorithm. The B2P developed the idea of the SAGP by using a certain parallel structure and convexification, leading to excellent performance. The filter recursion (update) of the B2P is constructed by two steps at each iteration (cf. Remark 2): (i) shift the filter in descent directions of cost functions and (ii) enforce it in the constraint set.

This paper presents two embedded constraint blind algorithms for an adaptive MAI suppression filter. Embedded constraint and parallel structure are the keys to realize fast convergence with linear order complexity (see Remarks 1 and 2). The proposed algorithms develop the idea of the CNLMS for acceleration of convergence by taking into account more than one datum with several parallel processors at each iteration. Actually, the algorithms are derived from a set-theoretic adaptive filtering scheme named Adaptive Projected Subgradient Method (APSM) [16-18], which has been successfully applied to the stereophonic acoustic echo cancellation problem [19, 20]. Roughly speaking, the algorithms minimize asymptotically a sequence of cost functions that are defined by the received data at every sampling
time. Each iteration is constructed by two stages as follows. The first stage of the algorithms estimates the amplitude of the transmitted signal (as in [7]) and the transmitted bits. By using these estimates and the constraint used in [6], closed convex sets called stochastic property sets [see (9) in Sec. 3] are newly designed and, based on the distances to these sets, a reasonable cost function is defined. The second stage updates the MAI suppression filter in a descent direction of the cost function. The proposed algorithms have no need to enforce the filter in the constraint set unlike the SAGP or the B2P, since the constraint is embedded into the direction of update; i.e., the filter does not step away from the constraint set. Geometric interpretation clarifies an advantage of the proposed algorithms over the CNLMS, the SAGP and the B2P algorithms (see Remark 2). Simulation results exemplify dramatical improvements expected by the geometric interpretation.

Preliminary versions of this paper are presented in [21, 22].

2. Background

2.1 System Model

A Binary Phase-Shift Keying (BPSK) short-code DS/CDMA system is briefly summarized below. The system model considered in this paper is exactly the same as the one presented in [7, 11, 15]. Without loss of generality, assume that the desired user’s signature \( s_1 \) satisfies \( \| s_1 \| = 1 \) as in [7]. The received data process \( \{ r[i] \}_{i \in \mathbb{N}} \subset \mathbb{R}^N \) (\( N \): the length of signature) is

\[
r[i] = A_1 b_1[i] s_1 + \sum_{l=2}^{L} A_l \tilde{b}_l[i] \tilde{s}_l + n[i], \quad \forall i \in \mathbb{N},
\]

where

\( A_1 > 0 \): amplitude of the 1-st (desired) user

\( b_1[i] \in \{-1, 1\} \): i-th transmitted bit of the desired user

\( s_1[i] \in \left\{ -\frac{1}{\sqrt{N}}, \frac{1}{\sqrt{N}} \right\}^N \): signature of the desired user

\( n[i] \in \mathbb{R}^N \): i-th noise vector.

Moreover, \( A_l \) \((2 \leq l \leq L)\) is the amplitude of the l-th interference, and \( \tilde{b}_l[i] \) and \( \tilde{s}_l \) are respectively the i-th interfering symbol bit and the interfering vector generated by l-th interfering user’s parameters such as associated data bits and signature. In the presence of \( K \) users, the number of interferences \( L = 1 \) can range from \( K - 1 \) to \( 2(K - 1) \), due to relative delays of the \( K - 1 \) interfering users [4].

The problem addressed in this paper is to suppress efficiently the MAI, \( \sum_{l=2}^{L} A_l \tilde{b}_l[i] \tilde{s}_l \) in (1), with a linear filter without amplifying the noise \( n[i] \) severely.

2.2 Adaptive Projected Subgradient Method [16–18]

Let \( C \subset \mathbb{R}^N \) be a nonempty closed convex set; a set \( K \subset \mathbb{R}^N \) is said to be convex provided that \( \forall x, y \in K \), \( \forall \nu \in (0, 1), \nu x + (1 - \nu) y \in K \). Then, the projection operator \( P_C : \mathbb{R}^N \rightarrow C \) maps a vector \( x \in \mathbb{R}^N \) to the unique vector \( P_C(x) \in C \) s.t.

\[
d(x,C) := \| x - P_C(x) \| = \min_{y \in C} \| x - y \|,
\]

where \( \| x \| := (x,x)^{1/2} \), \( \forall x \in \mathbb{R}^N \).

\((x, y) := x^T y, \forall x, y \in \mathbb{R}^N, \) and the superscript \( T \) stands for transposition. Also let \( \Theta_n : \mathbb{R}^N \rightarrow [0, \infty) \) be a continuous convex function and \( \partial \Theta(y) \) the subdifferential of \( \Theta \) at \( y \); a function \( \Theta : \mathbb{R}^N \rightarrow \mathbb{R} \) is said to be convex if \( \Theta(\nu x + (1 - \nu) y) \leq \nu \Theta(x) + (1 - \nu) \Theta(y) \), \( \forall x, y \in \mathbb{R}^N \) and \( \forall \nu \in (0, 1) \). Then, the following scheme asymptotically minimizes \( (\Theta_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \) over \( C \).

**Scheme 1:** (Adaptive Projected Subgradient Method (APSM) [16–18]) Generate a sequence \( (h_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \) by

\[
h_{n+1} := \begin{cases} P_C \left( h_n - \lambda_n \frac{\Theta'_{n}(h_n)}{\| \Theta_{n}(h_n) \|} \Theta'_{n}(h_n) \right), \\ h_n, \quad \text{otherwise,} \end{cases}
\]

where \( h_0 \in \mathbb{R}^N \), \( \Theta'_{n}(h_n) \in \partial \Theta(h_n) \) and \( \lambda_n \in [0,2] \) is the relaxation parameter.

Basic properties of Scheme 1 are given in Appendix A.

3. Proposed Embedded Constraint Adaptive Algorithms

This section provides two set-theoretic algorithms for adaptation of a blind MAI suppression filter \( h_n \in \mathbb{R}^N \), where \( n \in \mathbb{N} \) denotes the iteration number. All available data for the adaptation are assumed to be the sequence of received vectors \( \{ r[i] \}_{i \in \mathbb{N}} \) and the desired user’s signature \( s_1 \) (NOTE: In the absence of Inter-Chip Interference (ICI), the signature coincides with the spreading code and may be readily available [10]).

3.1 Set Design

To avoid the self-nulling\(^\dagger\) (i.e., canceling the desired user’s signals), the following constraint is commonly imposed on the filter [e.g., [6]]:

\[
h_n \in C_s := \{ h \in \mathbb{R}^N : \langle h, s_1 \rangle = 1 \}, \quad \forall n \in \mathbb{N}.
\]

\(^\dagger\)The subdifferential of \( \Theta \) at \( y \) is the set of all the subgradients of \( \Theta \) at \( y \); \( \partial \Theta(y) := \{ a \in \mathbb{R}^N : \langle x - y, a \rangle \leq \Theta(x), \forall x \in \mathbb{R}^N \} \).

In the case when the amplitude of some interference is greater than that of a desired user, the filter may track not the desired user but the interference. In such a case, the desired user’s signal is suppressed. The set \( C_s \) can avoid such a situation.
Actually, \(\langle h_n, s_1 \rangle\) can be any positive constant, however, for simplicity, we let \(\langle h_n, s_1 \rangle = 1\). For any \(h_n \in C_s, \forall i \in N\),

\[
\langle h_n, r[i] \rangle = A_1 b_1[i] + \sum_{i=2}^{L} A_i \tilde{b}_i[i] \langle h_n, \tilde{s}_i \rangle + \langle h_n, n[i] \rangle, \tag{4}
\]

For suppressing the MAI without amplifying noise severely, the second and third terms on the right side of (4) should be reduced as much as possible. Thus, a Minimum Mean-Squared Error (MMSE) filter is defined as follows [9]:

\[
h^* \in \arg \min_{h \in C_s} E \left\{ \left( \langle h, r[i] \rangle - A_1 b_1[i] \right)^2 \right\}, \tag{5}
\]

where \(E\{\cdot\}\) denotes the expectation; see Appendix B for relationship between the MMSE and the Minimum Output Energy (MOE) optimal filters. Since \(A_1\) and \(b_1[i]\) in (5) are not available, we use the following estimates [7]:

\[
\hat{A}_{1,n+1} = \hat{A}_{1,n} + \gamma \left( \langle h_n, r[n] \rangle - \hat{A}_{1,n} \right), \quad \forall n \in N, \tag{6}
\]

\[
\hat{b}_{1,n}[i] = \text{sgn} \left( \langle h_n, r[i] \rangle \right), \quad \forall n \in N, \tag{7}
\]

where \(\hat{A}_{1,n} (\hat{A}_{1,1} = 0)\) and \(\hat{b}_{1,n}[i]\) are respectively estimates of the amplitude \(A_1\) and the \(i\)-th transmitted bit \(b_1[i]\) at iteration number \(n\), and \(\gamma \in (0, 1]\) is the forgetting factor; see Remark 3. For simplicity, we define the signum function \(\text{sgn}: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \{-1, 1\}\) as, if \(a > 0\), \(\text{sgn} a = 1\), otherwise, \(\text{sgn} a = -1\) (\(\forall a \in \mathbb{R}\)). With the estimates in (6) and (7), the problem is reformulated as finding a point in

\[
\arg \min_{h \in C_s} E \left\{ \left( \langle h, r[i] \rangle - \hat{A}_{1,n+1} \hat{b}_{1,n}[i] \right)^2 \right\}. \tag{8}
\]

Instead of the expectation in (8), we newly introduce the following stochastic property sets [cf. Remark B.1 (c)]:

\[
C_p^{(n)}[i] := \left\{ h \in \mathbb{R}^N : \langle h, r[i] \rangle - \hat{A}_{1,n+1} \hat{b}_{1,n}[i] \leq \rho \right\}, \quad \forall n \in N, \forall i \in I_n := \{n, n-1, \cdots, n-q+1\}, \tag{9}
\]

where \(I_n\) is the so-called control sequence [cf. (23)] with \(q\) elements (see Remark 3) and \(\rho \geq 0\) is a parameter that determines the reliability of the set to contain the MMSE optimal filter \(h^*\) in (5). Intuitively, an increase of \(\rho\) inflates the set \(C_p^{(n)}[i]\), and thus we call \(\rho\) inflation parameter (\(\rho\) should be described as \(\rho_{n,i}\) because it can be designed independently for each set: in the following, however, such subscripts are omitted for notational simplicity).

Since \(C_s\) is completely reliable to contain \(h^*\), our strategy is to use \(C_s\) as a hard (absolute) constraint set and \(\{C_p^{(n)}[i]\}_{i \in I_n}\) as a collection of sets to which the distances should be reduced.

### 3.2 Proposed Algorithms

Let us derive the proposed algorithms from Scheme 1 with the sets in (3) and (9). Given \(q \in N \setminus \{0\}\), let \(\{\omega^{(n)}[i]\}_{i \in I_n} \subset [0, 1]\) satisfying \(\sum_{i \in I_n} \omega^{(n)}[i] = 1, \forall n \in N\), be the weights. Define the cost function

\[
\Theta_n(h) := \begin{cases} 
\sum_{i \in I_n} \omega^{(n)}[i] d(h_n, C_p^{(n)}[i] \cap C_s) \\
0, \quad \text{otherwise},
\end{cases} \tag{10}
\]

where \(d(h, C_p^{(n)}[i] \cap C_s) := \left\| h - P_{C_p^{(n)}[i] \cap C_s}(h) \right\|, \forall i \in I_n,\)

is the distance function of the vector variable \(h \in \mathbb{R}^N\) to the set \(C_p^{(n)}[i] \cap C_s\) (which should be reduced). When \(L^{(1)} \neq 0\) (\(\iff h \notin \bigcap_{i \in I_n} C_p^{(n)}[i] \cap C_s\)), the weighting \(\frac{\omega^{(n)}[i]}{L^{(1)}} d(h_n, C_p^{(n)}[i] \cap C_s)\) is given to each distance function, where \(L^{(1)}\) is the normalizing factor; the sets far from \(h_n\) have large weighting. When \(L^{(1)} = 0\), we have \(h_n \notin \bigcap_{i \in I_n} C_p^{(n)}[i] \cap C_s\), hence nothing is left to do in this case. A subgradient of \(\Theta_n(h)\) at \(h_n\) is given by

\[
\Theta'_n(h_n) = \frac{1}{L^{(1)}} \sum_{i \in I_n} \omega^{(n)}[i] \left( h_n - P_{C_p^{(n)}[i] \cap C_s}(h_n) \right) \in \partial \Theta_n(h_n) \quad \text{if } L^{(1)} \neq 0; \quad \text{for details, see [18, p.607, Example 3].}
\]

Application of \(C = \mathbb{R}^N\) and \(\Theta_n(h)\) in (10) to Scheme 1 yields the following algorithm.

**Algorithm 1:** (Blind Parallel Constrained Projection Algorithm)

**Requirements:** the control sequence \(I_n\), the weights \(\omega^{(n)}[i] > 0\) s.t. \(\sum_{i \in I_n} \omega^{(n)}[i] = 1\), the signature \(s_1\), the projection matrix \(Q := I - s_1 s_1^T\) (\(I\): the identity matrix, \(\text{NOTE}: \|s_1\| = 1\), the inflation parameter \(\rho \geq 0\), the step size \(\lambda_n \in [0, 2]\) and the forgetting factor \(\gamma \in (0, 1]\).

**Initialization:** \(\hat{A}_{1,0} = 0, h_0 = s_1 \in C_s\).

**Algorithm:**

1. Estimation of \(A_1\) and \(b_1[i]\)

\[
\hat{A}_{1,n+1} = \hat{A}_{1,n} + \gamma \left( \langle h_n, r[n] \rangle - \hat{A}_{1,n} \right)
\]

\[
\hat{b}_{1,n}[i] = \text{sgn} (h_n, r[i]), \quad i \in I_n
\]

2. Update of filter

\[
h_{n+1} = h_n + \lambda_n M_n^{(1)} \left( \sum_{i \in I_n} \omega^{(n)}[i] P_{C_p^{(n)}[i] \cap C_s}(h_n) - h_n \right). \tag{11}
\]

where, for any \(h \in C_s\),
Table 1. Adaptive Blind Algorithms. \( P_{C_1}(x) = Qx + s_1, \forall x \in \mathbb{R}^N \).

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<td>OPM-GP</td>
<td>( h_{n+1} = P_{C_1} \left( h_n + \mu P_{\hat{h}_n}(h_n) \right) = h_n - \frac{\langle h_n, r[n] \rangle}{| r[n] |^2} Qr[n] ) where ( \hat{h}_n := { h : \langle h, r[n] \rangle = 0 } )</td>
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<td>SAGP</td>
<td>( \hat{A}<em>{1,n+1} ) and ( b</em>{1,n} ) are computed by (6) &amp; (7) ( h_{n+1} = P_{C_1} \left[ h_n + \mu \left( P_{\hat{A}<em>{1,n+1}}(h_n) \right) \right] ) where ( P</em>{\hat{A}<em>{1,n+1}}(h_n) := \begin{cases} \frac{P</em>{\hat{n}}(h_n)}{P_{\hat{n}}(h_n)} = h_n - \frac{\langle h_n, r[n] \rangle}{| r[n] |^2} r[n], &amp; \text{if } \langle h_n, r[n] \rangle &gt; 0, \ 0, &amp; \text{otherwise}, \end{cases} ) with ( \hat{n} := { h : \langle h, r[n] \rangle = \pm \hat{A}_{1,n+1} } )</td>
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<td>CNLMS</td>
<td>( \hat{A}<em>{1,n+1} ) and ( b</em>{1,n} ) are computed by (6) &amp; (7) ( h_{n+1} = h_n + \mu \left( P_{C_{1}\hat{n}</td>
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<td>( \hat{A}<em>{1,n+1} ) is computed by (6) ( h</em>{n+1} = P_{C_1} \left[ h_n + \lambda_n \left( \sum_{\hat{n} \in \hat{C}<em>s} W</em>{\hat{n}}(h_n) \right) - h_n \right] ) where ( \hat{C}<em>s := { h : \langle h, s_1 \rangle = 0 } ) is a translated linear subspace of ( C_s ) and ( P</em>{\hat{C}_s}(h) = Qh )</td>
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\[
P_{C_1}(n)_{[k]}/C_1(h) = \begin{cases} h - \hat{A}_{1,n+1} \hat{b}_{1,n}[k] - \sqrt{\rho} r[k], & \text{if } \langle h, r[k] \rangle - \hat{A}_{1,n+1} \hat{b}_{1,n}[k] > \sqrt{\rho}, \\ h - \hat{A}_{1,n+1} \hat{b}_{1,n}[k] + \sqrt{\rho} r[k], & \text{if } \langle h, r[k] \rangle - \hat{A}_{1,n+1} \hat{b}_{1,n}[k] < -\sqrt{\rho}, \\ h, & \text{otherwise}, \end{cases}
\]

\[
M_n^{(1)} := \begin{cases} \sum_{\hat{n} \in \hat{C}_s} W_{\hat{n}}(h_n) - h_n \|^2, & \text{if } h_n \notin \bigcap_{\hat{n} \in \hat{C}_s} C_{\hat{n}}, \\ \frac{\sum_{\hat{n} \in \hat{C}_s} W_{\hat{n}}(h_n) - h_n \|^2}{\sum_{\hat{n} \in \hat{C}_s} W_{\hat{n}}(h_n) - h_n \|^2}, & \text{otherwise}, \end{cases}
\]

\[
\Phi_n(h) := \begin{cases} \sum_{\hat{n} \in \hat{C}_s} W_{\hat{n}}(h_n) - h_n \|^2, & \text{if } L_{n}^{(2)} := \sum_{\hat{n} \in \hat{C}_s} W_{\hat{n}}(h_n) - h_n \|^2 \neq 0, \\ \sum_{\hat{n} \in \hat{C}_s} W_{\hat{n}}(h_n) - h_n \|^2, & \text{otherwise}, \end{cases}
\]

Algorithm: 1) Estimation of \( A_1 \) and \( b_1[k] \): the same as Algorithm 1 2) Update of filter

\[
h_{n+1} = h_n + \lambda_n M_n^{(2)} P_{C_1} \left( \sum_{\hat{n} \in \hat{C}_s} W_{\hat{n}}(h_n) \right) - h_n
\]

\[
M_n^{(2)} := \begin{cases} \frac{M_n^{(1)}(h_n) - h_n \|^2}{L_{n}^{(2)}}, & \text{if } \sum_{\hat{n} \in \hat{C}_s} W_{\hat{n}}(h_n) - h_n \|^2 \neq 0, \\ 1, & \text{otherwise}. \end{cases}
\]

Algorithm 2: (Blind Constrained Parallel Projection Algorithm)

Requirements & Initialization: the same as Algorithm 1.

For any linear subspace \( M \subset \mathbb{R}^N, M^+ \subset \mathbb{R}^N \) is defined as \( M^+ := \{ x \in \mathbb{R}^N : \langle x, m \rangle = 0, \forall m \in M \} \). Algorithm 2 belongs to the family of Embedded Constraint Adaptive Projected Subgradient Method (EC-APSM) [16-18]. Moreover, Algorithm 1 can be generalized into a new family of embedded constraint algorithms shown in Appendix D.

Remark 1: (Computational Complexity) Note that the computation of \( Qa = a - s_1(s_1^T a) \), \( \forall a \in \mathbb{R}^N \), requires \( 2N \) multiplications. Moreover,
∀t ∈ T \ {n}, “r[t]Qr[t]” and “||r[t]||^2” in Algorithm 1” and “||r[t]||^2” in Algorithm 2” are computed at the previous iterations. Hence, we see that both Algorithms 1 and 2 require (4q + 3)N multiplications at each iteration. Furthermore, note that each term in the summation in (11) (or (13)) can be computed in parallel (independently). Therefore, with q concurrent processors, the number of multiplications imposed on each processor is reduced to 9N no matter how many projections are used; i.e., the complexity order imposed on each processor is linear. This implies that the proposed algorithms are suitable for real-time implementation. On the other hand, the RLS-based-MMSE method [8] and the subspace approach [9], which are well-known blind methods, require O(N^2) and (4L^2 + 3)N + O(L) multiplications, respectively. Moreover, for good performance, the subspace approach needs to detect the exact number of strong interferences, which increases the overall system complexity.

Table 1 gives a unified view, with projection operators, to the following blind algorithms: the normalized OPM-based gradient projection (OPM-GP) [6, 7], the SAGP [7], the blind CNLMS that is based on the idea of [14] combined with our defining sets in (9), and the B2P [15]. The OPM-GP [7] is a normalized version of the blind MOE algorithm [6]; the algorithms are called respectively projected NLMS and projected LMS in [25]. It is not hard to see that the CNLMS is a special case of Algorithm 1 with q = 1 and ρ = 0. It should be remarked that the steady state performance of the B2P and the SAGP may be different, since the algorithms use different sets as shown in Table 1. The SAGP utilizes the so-called generalized projection P^{(n)}(h_n) (see e.g., [12]), which gives a nearest point from h_n in the non-convex set H^{(n)} \cup H^{(n-1)}. The generalized projection is not a strict projection because it is not always unique (cf. the definition of projection in Sec. 2-B). In fact, if \langle h_n, r[n] \rangle = 0, there exist two nearest points from h_n in H^{(n)} \cup H^{(n-1)}, P^{(n)}(h_n) and P^{(n-1)}(h_n). Fortunately, a geometric comparison of the SAGP with the proposed algorithms is possible (see Remark 2), since C^{(n)} is coincides with H^{(n)} or H^{(n-1)} when \text{sgn}(h_n, r[n]) = 1 (or \text{sgn}(h_n, r[n]) = -1), by (7), (9) and Table 1. It is easily seen that C^{(n)} used in the B2P is a closed convex set bounded by the hyperplanes H^{(n)} and H^{(n-1)} used in the SAGP.

Figures 1 and 2 illustrate geometric interpretations of the proposed algorithms compared with a simple embedded constraint method (the CNLMS) and non-embedded constraint methods (the SAGP and the B2P), respectively. A geometric interpretation of the OPM-GP is also possible; the set H_n is nothing but the translated subspace of H^{(n)} or H^{(n-1)}. For visual clarity, however, it is omitted. For the proposed algorithm and the B2P, the uniform weights, \omega^{(n)} = 1/2 (∀t = 1, 2), are employed with q = 2 parallel processors. For the B2P, the step size is set to \lambda_n. For the other methods, the step sizes are set to 1. The MMSE optimal filter \hat{h}^* is assumed to satisfy \hat{h}^* ∈ C^{(n)} \cap C^{(n-1)} \cap C_s. All algorithms are assumed to have, if necessary, a common amplitude estimation \hat{A}_{1,n-1} and a correct bit estimation \hat{b}_{1,n}.

Remark 2: (Geometric Comparisons)

Referring to Fig. 1, we see that the proposed algorithms generate closer points to the MMSE optimal filter \hat{h}^* than the CNLMS due to its parallel structure; i.e., the proposed algorithms utilize multiple data simultaneously. As also seen in the figure, Algorithm 1 takes an averaged direction of exact projections onto \{C^{(n)} \cap C_s\}_{t \in T}, while Algorithm 2 takes an averaged direction of relaxed projections. The “relaxation” de
depends on the angle between $s_1$ (the normal vector of the hyperplane $C_n$) and $r[k]$ (the one of the boundary hyperplanes of $C_{\rho}^{(n)}[k]$).

Referring to Fig. 2, we see that the B2P generates a closer point to $h^*$ than the SAGP due to its parallel structure. The proposed algorithms generate even closer points than the B2P due to its embedded constraint structure in addition to its parallel structure. We also see that the SAGP and the B2P are constructed by two steps; the second step $P_{\ell_c}(\cdot)$ in Table 1 is to enforce the filter in the constraint set. On the other hand, the CNLMS and the proposed algorithms update the filter along the constraint set, and hence they are constructed by one step.

Finally, from our observation, a simple strategy for the design of $\gamma$ and $q$ [cf. (6) and (9)] is given below.

**Remark 3:** (On Design of $\gamma$ and $q$)

From Remark B.1 (d) in Appendix B, $A_{1,n+1} \approx A_1$ should be valid for good steady state performance, which can be obtained with small $\gamma$, although it may decrease the speed of convergence [7]. From our experience, $q$ leads to good performance when $T_{a,c.}/qT_b > 0.1$, where $T_{a,c.}$ and $T_b$ denote the period when the channels are almost constant and the bit period, respectively.

To exemplify the discussion in Remark 2, we present numerical comparisons in the following section.

### 4. Simulation Results

This section provides the results of some computer simulations, all of which are performed under the following conditions. The number of interfering users is $(K - 1) = 5$, and all users have amplitude 10 times greater than the amplitude of the desired signal $A_1 = 1$. Signals are modulated by 31-length Gold sequences.

**Fig. 3** SINR curves of Algorithm 1 with different values of inflation parameter $\rho$ under SNR=15 dB.

**Fig. 4** Proposed algorithms versus other blind methods in SINR under SNR=15 dB.

**Fig. 5** BER curves of the proposed algorithms with $\rho$ (i) fixed throughout simulations and (ii) switched after convergence.

$(N = 31)$, which are chosen randomly. For all algorithms, $h_0 = s_1 \in C_n$ is employed and, if the estimation of the amplitude is needed, the forgetting factor is set to $\gamma = 0.01$, by following the way in [7, 15].

#### 4.1 Effects of Inflation Parameter

First, the effects of the inflation parameter $\rho$ in (9) are examined. Figure 3 compares the output Signal to Interference-plus-Noise Ratio (SINR) performance of Algorithm 1, which at the $n$-th iteration is obtained by

$$
\text{SINR}_n := \frac{\sum_{u=1}^{U} \left( h_n^{(u)} \cdot r^{(u)}[n] A_{n}^{(w)[u]} s_1[n] \right)^2}{\sum_{u=1}^{U} \left[ \frac{A_{n}^{(w)[u]} s_1[n] s_1[n]}{A_{n}^{(w)[u]} s_1[n] s_1[n]} \right]^2}.
$$
steady states will be simultaneously realized by assigning "\( \rho = 0 \)" at the beginning and "an appropiate value of \( \rho \)" after convergence; this suggestion is consistent with the results in [26]. To verify this suggestion, additional experiments are performed below.

4.2 Proposed Methods with Change of Inflation Parameter & Comparison with Other Blind Methods

We assign 0 at the beginning and 0.7 after iteration number 500 to the inflation parameter \( \rho \), and the other parameters are the same as employed in Fig. 3. Figure 4 compares the SINR performance, under SNR =15 dB, of the proposed algorithms with the ones presented in Table 1 (For comparisons with another major blind method, the Constant Modulus with Amplitude Estimation (CMAE) [11], see [15]). For Algorithm 2 and the B2P, the same parameters as Algorithm 1 are employed (For the B2P, the step size is set to \( \lambda_n = 0.2M_n \)). For the OPM-GP, the SAGP and the CNLMS, step sizes are set to 0.2 for a fair comparison. As expected from Remark 2, we observe that the proposed algorithms outperform all other methods in terms of speed of convergence, while attaining excellent SINR in the steady state. Moreover, the additional computational complexity imposed by the proposed algorithms can be somehow alleviated by using processors in parallel (see Remark 1). As suggested in the end of Sec. 4-A, we observe that the steady state performance of Algorithm 1 is improved by around 1 dB, although, judged from Fig. 3, the choice of \( \rho = 0.7 \) may not be the best.

To highlight the steady state performance, the Bit Error Rate (BER) performance is depicted in Figs. 5 and 6 over SNR ranging from 5 to 15 dB. To capture the steady state performance in a fair manner, 6000 bits are transmitted at each realization and the last 1000 bits for 100 realizations are used to calculate the BER. For a comparison, the line by the optimal filter \( h^* \) is depicted, which is computed by (B.1) and \( R_e = A_i^2 s_i s_i^T + \sum_{i=2}^L A_i^2 s_i s_i^T + \sigma_n^2 I \), with full information, based on the independence assumption.

Figure 5 compares the BER of the proposed algorithms with "changing the inflation parameter \( \rho \) as in Fig. 4" and "fixing \( \rho = 0 \)." We see that the BER performance is significantly improved due to the change of \( \rho \). In Fig. 6, the BER performance of the proposed algorithms with changing \( \rho \) is compared with the blind methods employed in Fig. 4. Referring to Figs. 4 and 6, we observe that the proposed algorithms achieve much faster convergence in SINR than the SAGP and the CNLMS as well as almost the same BER performance as the optimal filter. Also we observe that the proposed algorithms drastically outperform the OPM-GP and the B2P in BER. Reviewing Fig. 3 and considering that the CNLMS is a special case of Algorithm 1 with \( q = 1 \) (see [11] and Table 1), another suggestion

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**Fig. 6 Proposed algorithms versus other blind methods in BER.**

Here \( h_n^{(u)} \) and \( r^{(u)}[n] \) are the respective vectors at the \( u \)-th realization, \( A_1^{(u)} \) and \( b_1^{(u)}[n] \) are respectively the amplitude and the \( n \)-th transmitted bits of the desired user at the \( u \)-th realization, and \( U = 500 \) is the number of realizations. For simplicity, the path delays of users 2 to 6 are integer multiples of the chip rate \( aT_c \in [0,T_c] \), \( a \in \mathbb{N} \), which are chosen randomly with equal probability among the given multiples at every realizations. The simulations are performed under Signal (or bit energy) to Noise Ratio (SNR) := 10\log_{10}\frac{\bar{A}_i^2}{\sigma_n^2} = 15 \text{ dB}, where \( \sigma_n^2 \) is the variance of additive noise. Different fixed values, \( \rho = 0, 0.2, 0.4 \) and 0.7, are assigned to the inflation parameter. For simplicity, we set \( r[i] = r[1] \) for \( i \leq 1 \), and \( \omega^{(u)} = \frac{1}{\rho} \forall i \in I_n \). The step size \( \lambda_n = 0.2 \) (see also below) is employed with \( q = 16 \) parallel projections.

We observe that, although "\( \rho = 0 \)" exhibits the fastest initial convergence in the experiments, "\( \rho = 0.2 \)" achieves better steady state performance ("\( \rho = 0.4 \)" and "\( \rho = 0.7 \)" are also expected to achieve higher SINR than "\( \rho = 0 \)" after more iterations). Considering the performance in the initial and steady states, "\( \rho = 0.2 \approx 6\sigma_n^2 \)" may be an effective fixed value in this simulation. Note, however, that \( \rho \) should be designed by taking into account influence of MAI and estimation errors in \( \hat{A}_{i,n+1} \) & \( \hat{b}_{i,n}[n] \) as well as noise. Hence, the design of inflation parameter needs additional discussion, which will be addressed in a future work; a simple fundamental analysis on this designing problem is reported in [26]. With an appropriately designed inflation parameter, the step size \( \lambda_n \) can naturally be set to 1; \( \hat{h}^* \) may not belong to the simple sets we designed herein, and \( \lambda_n = 0.2 \) realizes robustness against such a situation in our simulations.

A simple review of Fig. 3 brings a natural suggestion that excellent performance in both initial and
is brought that the steady state performance of Algorithm 1 will also be improved by switching $q$ to 1 after convergence.

To verify this second suggestion, further experiments for the proposed algorithms are performed under SNR = 15 dB, where the number of parallel projections is set to $q = 16$ at the beginning and it is switched to 1 at iteration number 500 and the inflation parameter is fixed to $\rho = 0$ throughout the simulations. The other parameters are the same as in Fig. 4. Figure 7 compares the SINR performance of the proposed algorithms with the blind methods used in Fig. 4. We observe that the performance in the steady state is efficiently improved by decreasing the number of parallel projections after convergence, as expected by the second suggestion. This switching strategy is easily realized in hardware implementation.

4.3 Comparison with Non-Blind Methods

Finally, Fig. 8 compares the proposed algorithms, under SNR=15 dB, with the non-blind (semi-blind) algorithms; Generalized Projection (GP) algorithm [7] with known amplitude of desired user, the Normalized Least Mean Square (NLMS) and the Recursive Least Squares (RLS) algorithms [27] with training sequences. For the non-blind methods, parameters are adjusted to achieve the fastest noticeable rate of convergence. For the proposed algorithms and the B2P, the employed parameters are the same as in Fig. 4. We observe that the proposed algorithms achieve rather faster convergence than the non-blind NLMS, and exhibit comparable speed of convergence to the non-blind RLS. These remarkable improvements are accomplished by the embedded constraint and parallel structures.

5. Concluding Remarks

This paper has presented two blind adaptive filtering algorithms for the MAI suppression in DS/CDMA systems. Since the proposed algorithms are based on the parallel projection with the embedded constraint structure, they achieve closer points to the MMSE optimal filter than the existing methods at each iteration. Simulation results have demonstrated that the proposed algorithms exhibit excellent performance.

The extensive experiments presented in this paper suggest that the A-PCP (see Appendix D) and the EC-APSM may include excellent embedded constraint algorithms. Those two families of embedded constraint algorithms (i.e., A-PCP and EC-APSM) are expected to be useful not only in communications but also in a wide range of applications. In the presented simulations, we focus on the uniform weights ($\omega^{(0)}_t = \frac{1}{3}$, $\forall t \in T_n$; see the previous section) for simplicity. For further improvements, an efficient strategic weighting technique such as the one proposed in [28, 29] would be effective. An extension of the proposed algorithms is possible, by following the way in [30], to the more general case when the signature at the receiver is complex-valued in multipath channels. Furthermore, to employ the proposed algorithms in multipath channels, channel estimation techniques should be used and the algorithms must be robust against errors in the channel estimation. An extension of the proposed algorithms to such cases will be addressed in a future work.

Appendix A: Properties of Scheme 1

Scheme 1 has the following properties [16–18].
(a) (Monotonicity) \[ \left\| h_{n+1} - h^* \right\| \leq \left\| h_n - h^* \right\|, \forall n \in \mathbb{N}, \]
\[ \forall h^{*}(n) \in \Omega_n := \{ h \in C : \Theta_n(h) = \inf_{x \in C} \Theta_n(x) \}. \]

(b) (Asymptotic minimization) Suppose \((\Theta_n(h_n))_{n \in \mathbb{N}}\) is bounded and \(\exists N_0 \text{ s.t. } (i) \inf_{x \in C} \Theta_n(x) = 0, \forall n \geq N_0 \) and (ii) \(\Omega := \bigcap_{n \geq N_0} \Omega_n \neq \emptyset\). Then, we have
\[ \lim_{n \to \infty} \Theta_n(h_n) = 0. \]

Note that \(\Theta_n^*\) used to derive Algorithm 1 (or Algorithm 2) in Sec. 3 is automatically bounded [17].

Appendix B: MMSE and MOE Detectors

Let us show a simple observation.

Observation 1: Suppose (I) the auto-correlation matrix \(R_r := E\{r_i r_i^T\}\) is full rank (= \(h^*\) is unique), and (II) \(y_{r+b} := E\{r_i b_{1}[i]\} = \beta s_1, \exists \beta \in \mathbb{R}\). Then, for any given \(\alpha \in \mathbb{R}\),
\[ h^* = \frac{R_r^{-1} s_1}{s_1^T R_r^{-1} s_1} = \arg\min_{h \in C,} E \{ (h, r[i]) - \alpha b_{1}[i] \}^2 \]. \hspace{1cm} (B.1)

Sketch of proof:
By the condition (I) and “Lagrangian multiplier” methodology (e.g., [31]), we can easily obtain
\[ h_\alpha^* = \frac{R_r^{-1} s_1}{s_1^T R_r^{-1} s_1} + \alpha \left[ \frac{s_1^T R_r^{-1} y_{r+b} - s_1^T R_r^{-1} y_{r+b} R_r^{-1} s_1}{s_1^T R_r^{-1} s_1} \right]. \]

and, by imposing the condition (II), we readily verify
\[ h_\alpha^* = h^* = \frac{R_r^{-1} s_1}{s_1^T R_r^{-1} s_1}. \]

Remark B.1:
(a) Without (I), \(h_\alpha^*\) is not necessarily unique.
(b) The condition (II) holds under slow time-varying fading situations with the following assumption: \(E\{b_{1}[i] b_{1}[i]\} = 0, \forall i \in \{2,3,\cdots,L\}\), and \(E\{b_{1}[i] b_{1}[i]\} = 0\).
(c) The filters \(h_0^*\) and \(h_{\lambda}^* (= h^*)\) are called the MOE detector and the (constrained) MMSE detector, respectively. Observation 1 shows that the MMSE and the MOE detectors coincide under (I) and (II).
(d) By \(h^* = h_\alpha^*\) (\(\forall \alpha \in \mathbb{R}\) under (I) and (II), a natural question would be: Does the set
\[ \hat{C}_\rho^{(n)}[i] := \{ h \in \mathbb{R}^N : (h, r[i]) - \alpha b_{1,n}[i] \leq \rho \} \]
with an arbitrarily chosen \(\alpha\) contain the optimal filter \(h^*\)? If “yes,” we could get an optimistic conclusion that the amplitude estimation \(\hat{A}_{1,n+1}\) is not necessary. Unfortunately, however, the answer is “no,” of which the reason is as follows. By (4), \((h, r[i]) - \alpha \hat{b}_{1,n}[i] \) has the term \(A_1 b_{1}[i] - \alpha \hat{b}_{1,n}[i] \) in addition to the terms of MAI and noise. Hence, bounding \((h, r[i]) - \alpha \hat{b}_{1,n}[i] \) by small \(\rho\) does not necessarily suppress MAI sufficiently (without amplifying noise severely) when \(|A_1 - \alpha| \geq 0\), which implies, from the context between (4) and (5), that \(\alpha\) should be close to \(A_1\) in order to ensure \(h^* \in \hat{C}_\rho^{(n)}[i] \). Therefore, high accuracy of the estimation of \(A_1\) is essential for good steady state performance.

Appendix C: Proof of Equation (12)

Suppose \(h \in C_s\). For notational simplicity, in this section, we represent the stochastic property set \(C_{\rho}^{(n)}[i]\) as \(C\) [see (9)]. The set \(C\) is a closed convex set bounded by two hyperplanes
\[ H_+ := \{ x \in \mathbb{R}^N : (x, r[i]) - \hat{A}_{1,n+1} \hat{b}_{1,n}[i] = \sqrt{\rho} \}, \]
\[ H := \{ x \in \mathbb{R}^N : (x, r[i]) - \hat{A}_{1,n+1} \hat{b}_{1,n}[i] = - \sqrt{\rho} \}. \]

(a) Assume \(-\sqrt{\rho} \leq \langle h, r[i] \rangle - \hat{A}_{1,n+1} \hat{b}_{1,n}[i] \leq \sqrt{\rho} \), \(\iff h \in C\). In this case,
\[ P_{C_{\rho}^{(n)}[i]}(h) = h. \]

In the other cases, \(P_{C_{\rho}^{(n)}[i]}(h) = P_{H_+ \cup H}(h)\), where \(H_{\text{sgn}}(\text{sgn: + or -})\) is the nearest hyperplane, from \(h\), of the two \(H_+\) and \(H\).

(b) Assume \((h, r[i]) - \hat{A}_{1,n+1} \hat{b}_{1,n}[i] > \sqrt{\rho} \), \(\Rightarrow h \notin C\). In this case, the nearest hyperplane is obviously \(H_+\), and hence \(P_{C_{\rho}^{(n)}[i]}(h) = P_{H_+}(h)\). Since
\[ H_+ \cap C_s = \{ x : x^T s_1, r[i] = [1, \hat{A}_{1,n+1} \hat{b}_{1,n}[i] + \sqrt{\rho}] \}, \]
we have (cf. e.g., [32, p.65 Theorem 2])
\[ P_{H_+ \cap C_s}(h) = h - G(G^T G)^{-1} G^T h - v, \]
where \(G := [r[i], s_1]\) and \(v := [\hat{A}_{1,n+1} \hat{b}_{1,n}[i] + \sqrt{\rho}] \). Using \((s_1, h) = 1, ||s_1|| = 1\) and \(I - s_1 s_1^T = Q\) (see Requirements in Algorithm 1), we obtain
\[ P_{C_{\rho}^{(n)}[i]}(h) = h - \frac{(h, r[i]) - \hat{A}_{1,n+1} \hat{b}_{1,n}[i] - \sqrt{\rho}}{r[i] \cdot Q r[i]} \cdot v[i]. \]

(c) Assume \((h, r[i]) - \hat{A}_{1,n+1} \hat{b}_{1,n}[i] < - \sqrt{\rho} \), \(\Rightarrow h \notin C\). In this case, the nearest hyperplane is obviously \(H_+\), and hence \(P_{C_{\rho}^{(n)}[i]}(h) = P_{H_+}(h)\). In analogy with (b), we can verify
P_{\text{CRC}}(h) = h - \frac{\langle h, r[n] \rangle - \hat{A}_{t+1} \hat{h}_{t,n} + \sqrt{P} Qr[n]}{r[n]^T Qr[n]},

which completes the proof.

Appendix D: New Family of Embedded Constraint Algorithms

Let us consider the following problem.

Problem 1: Suppose $q$ sets $\{S_i(n)\}_{i=1}^q \subseteq \mathbb{R}^N$ are defined for each $n \in \mathbb{N}$. Find a sequence $(h_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \subseteq \mathbb{R}^N$ that asymptotically minimizes the distance to $\{(S_i(n))_{i=1}^q \}_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$ over a linear variety $V$.

Setting $V = C_s$ and $S_i(n) = C_{i}^{(n)}[n]$, $\forall n \in \mathbb{N}$, $\forall i \in I_n := \{1, 2, \ldots, q\}$, Problem 1 is reduced to the one in Sec. 3. Conversely, using $V$ and $S_i(n)$ instead of $C_s$ and $C_{i}^{(n)}[n]$, $\forall n \in \mathbb{N}$, $\forall i \in I_n$, in Algorithm 1, respectively, we obtain the following scheme to solve Problem 1.

Scheme 2: Adaptive Parallel Constrained Projection [A-PCP] Method Generate a sequence $(h_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$ by

$$h_{n+1} = h_n + \lambda_n M_n \left( \sum_{i=1}^q \omega_{i}^{(n)} P_{S_i(n) \cap V}(h_n) - h_n \right),$$

$\forall n \in \mathbb{N}$, where $h_0 \in V$, $\mu_n \in [0, 2]$ and

$$M_n := \begin{cases} \frac{\sum_{i=1}^q \omega_{i}^{(n)} \|P_{S_i(n) \cap V}(h_n) - h_n\|^2}{\sum_{i=1}^q \omega_{i}^{(n)} \|P_{S_i(n) \cap V}(h_n) - h_n\|^2}, & h_n \notin \bigcap_{i=1}^q S_i(n) \cap V, \\ 1, & \text{otherwise}. \end{cases}$$

If, in Scheme 2, the projection onto $S_i(n) \cap V$ is computationally expensive, an outer approximating closed half-space can be used instead of $S_i(n)$ as in the adaptive parallel subgradient projection algorithm (see [33]). When $S_i(n)$ ($\forall n \in \mathbb{N}$) is a hyperplane, the choice of $q = 1$ in Scheme 2 derives the CNLMS algorithm [14].

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