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Abstract

This paper presents a **Jumping Spider Optimization (JSO)-enhanced SISO-OFDM** system for real-time adaptive BER-SE optimization in **non-stationary 6G channels**, implemented on **USRP B210 software-defined radios**. The proposed framework dynamically optimizes three key parameters:

1. **Cyclic Prefix Length** (16–64 samples)
2. **Pilot Spacing** (4–16 subcarriers)
3. **Modulation Order** (QPSK to 64-QAM)

Using a **bio-inspired JSO algorithm** with 50 iterations and 5 search agents, the system achieves:

- **62% lower BER** (from 0.023 to 0.0087)
- **23% higher spectral efficiency** (4.82 bps/Hz)

Experimental results demonstrate robust performance across **3GPP-defined channels** (EPA/EVA/TDL), validated by:

- Real-time over-the-air tests at **1.8 GHz center frequency**
- Dynamic parameter adaptation tracking (CP, pilots, modulation)
- Comprehensive metrics (BER, SE, convergence)

The implementation bridges theoretical optimization with practical deployment, offering a **scalable solution for 6G networks** in vehicular, UAV, and high-speed rail scenarios.

Keywords: 6G, OFDM, Jumping Spider Optimization, USRP B210, Adaptive BER-SE, Non-Stationary Channels

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Chapter 1: INTRODUCTION

The increasing demand for high-speed, reliable wireless communication in 6G and beyond necessitates adaptive OFDM systems capable of optimizing Bit Error Rate (BER) and Spectral Efficiency (SE) in dynamic channel conditions. This paper proposes a Joint Spider Optimization (JSO)-enhanced SISO-OFDM framework that dynamically adjusts cyclic prefix length, pilot spacing, and modulation order in real time. Implemented on USRP B210 software-defined radios, the system achieves 62% lower BER (0.0087) at 300 km/h and 23% higher SE (4.82 bps/Hz) compared to static OFDM, with 1.8ms adaptation latency. Experimental results validate robustness across 3GPP channels (EPA/EVA/TDL), demonstrating practical viability for vehicular, UAV, and high-speed rail scenarios.

1.1 Overview

The rapid expansion of 5G and emerging 6G technologies demands adaptive communication systems capable of maintaining optimal performance in highly dynamic and non-stationary channels. Orthogonal Frequency Division Multiplexing (OFDM) remains a key enabler due to its robustness against multipath fading and high spectral efficiency. However, conventional OFDM systems with fixed parameters struggle to adapt to varying channel conditions, leading to trade-offs between **Bit Error Rate (BER)** and **Spectral Efficiency (SE)**. To address this challenge, this work introduces a **Jumping Spider Optimization (JSO)-enhanced SISO-OFDM** system that dynamically optimizes **cyclic prefix length, pilot spacing, and modulation order** in real time. Implemented on **USRP B210 software-defined radios**, the proposed framework demonstrates significant improvements in high-mobility scenarios while maintaining low adaptation latency.

1.2 Brief Literature Survey

Previous research has explored various optimization techniques for OFDM adaptation, including:

- **Genetic Algorithms (GA)** and **Particle Swarm Optimization (PSO)** for parameter tuning.
- **Reinforcement Learning (RL)-based** approaches for dynamic channel adaptation.
- **Static OFDM configurations** that lack real-time adaptability in fast-varying channels. While these methods show promise, they often suffer from high computational complexity or suboptimal convergence in non-stationary environments. The proposed **JSO algorithm**, inspired by spider hunting behavior, offers a **bio-inspired, low-complexity** alternative for joint BER-SE optimization, outperforming traditional methods in dynamic 6G scenarios.

1.3 Motivation

The increasing deployment of 6G in **vehicular, UAV, and high-speed rail applications** introduces challenges such as:

- **Rapid channel variations** due to high mobility.
- **Trade-offs between BER and SE** in dynamic environments.
- **Limited real-time adaptability** in conventional OFDM systems. Existing solutions either rely on **fixed configurations** or **computationally expensive optimizations**, limiting their practicality. This motivates the development of an **efficient, adaptive OFDM system** that dynamically balances BER and SE with minimal latency.

1.4 Objective

The primary objectives of this work are:

1. To develop a **JSO-based real-time optimization framework** for SISO-OFDM.
2. To dynamically adjust **CP length, pilot spacing, and modulation order** for optimal BER-SE trade-off.
3. To implement and validate the system on **USRP B210** under 3GPP-defined channels (EPA/EVA/TDL).
4. To achieve **>60% BER reduction** and **>20% SE improvement** compared to static OFDM.
5. To ensure **low adaptation latency (<2ms)** for real-time deployment.

1.5 Project Layout

The rest of the paper is organized as follows:

- **Chapter 2:** Theoretical Framework and System Model & Methodology
- **Chapter 3:** Details of Hardware
- **Chapter 4:** Result & Analysis
- **Chapter 5:** Conclusion and Future Work

Keywords: 6G, OFDM, Joint Spider Optimization, USRP B210, Adaptive BER-SE, Non-Stationary Channels.

Chapter 2: Theoretical Framework and System Model & Methodology

2.1 Theoretical Foundations

A. Key Definitions

1. Bit Error Rate (BER)

    - Definition: BER is the ratio of erroneously received bits to the total transmitted bits.
    - Importance: Measures reliability of the communication system.
    - Mathematical Expression:

    BER=Total Number of Transmitted / Bits Number of Bit Errors

Theoretical BER for M-QAM (approximation in AWGN):

$$BER \approx \frac{4}{\log_2 M}\left(1 - \frac{1}{\sqrt{M}}\right) Q\left(\sqrt{\frac{3 \cdot \mathrm{SNR}}{M-1}}\right)$$

where Q(x) is the **Q-function**, and M is the modulation order.

Q-function: The Q-function, denoted as Q(x), is a standard function used in communications theory to express the tail probability of the standard normal distribution. It gives the probability that a normally distributed random variable with mean 0 and variance 1 exceeds the value x.

2. Spectral Efficiency (SE)

- Definition: SE measures the data rate (in bits per second) transmitted per unit bandwidth (Hz).
- Importance: Indicates how efficiently the system uses available spectrum.
- Mathematical Expression:

$$SE = \frac{\text{Data Rate (bps)}}{\text{Bandwidth (Hz)}} \quad [\text{bps/Hz}]$$

- **For OFDM:**

$$SE = \log_2 M \times \left(1 - \frac{N_{CP}}{N_{FFT}}\right) \times \left(\frac{N_{data}}{N_{total}}\right)$$

where Ncp = Cyclic Prefix length, Nffi = FFT size, Ndata = number of data subcarriers.

2.2 Quadrature Amplitude Modulation (QAM)

- **Definition**: A modulation scheme that encodes data in both amplitude and phase of the carrier signal.
- **Types Used**:
  - **QPSK (4-QAM)**: 2 bits/symbol
  - **16-QAM**: 4 bits/symbol
  - **64-QAM**: 6 bits/symbol
- **Trade-off**: Higher-order QAM increases SE but requires higher SNR to maintain BER.

2.3 Pilot Subcarriers

- **Definition**: Known reference signals inserted in OFDM symbols for channel estimation.
- **Purpose**: Helps the receiver estimate and compensate for channel distortions.
- **Types**:
  - **Comb-Type Pilots**: Uniformly spaced subcarriers (e.g., every Δp subcarriers).
  - **Block-Type Pilots**: All subcarriers in specific OFDM symbols.

- **Mathematical Representation:**

$$\text{Pilot positions} = \{k \mid k \mod \Delta_p = 0\}$$

where Δp = pilot spacing (4, 8, 12, or 16 subcarriers).

2.4 System Model

A. Transmitter

1. Adaptive Modulation (QAM Selection)
   - Dynamically adjusts M(4, 16, or 64-QAM) based on channel conditions.

2. Pilot Insertion
    - Configurable spacing Δp(4–16 subcarriers).

3. Cyclic Prefix (CP) Insertion
    - Variable length Ncp (16–64 samples) to mitigate Inter-Symbol Interference (ISI).

B. Receiver

1. Channel Estimation
    - Least Squares (LS) estimation using pilots:

$$\hat{H}_p = \frac{Y_p}{X_p}$$

    - Interpolation for data subcarriers.

2. Equalization
    - MMSE equalization to minimize noise impact:

$$W = \left(\hat{H}^H \hat{H} + \sigma_n^2 I\right)^{-1} \hat{H}^H$$

2.5 Methodology

This section presents our **adaptive OFDM optimization framework** combining **Joint Spider Optimization (JSO)** with **real-time software-defined radio (SDR) implementation**. The methodology follows a **closed-loop adaptation process** with three core components:

2.5.1 System Architecture

1. **Channel State Monitor**
    - Continuously tracks:

        - Instantaneous SNR (Signal-to-Noise Ratio)
        - RMS delay spread
        - Doppler frequency shift
    - Estimates current BER using decoder feedback
2. **JSO Optimization Engine**
    - Dynamically adjusts three key parameters:
        - Cyclic Prefix (CP) length (16-64 samples)
        - Pilot subcarrier spacing (4-16 subcarriers)
        - Modulation order (QPSK/16-QAM/64-QAM)
3. **SDR Reconfiguration Module**
    - Implements new parameters on USRP B210
    - Validates performance through over-the-air testing

2.5.2 Bio-Inspired Optimization Approach

The JSO algorithm mimics spider colony behaviour through:

A. Population Structure

- 5 search agents ("spiders"):
    - 3 female spiders → exploration
    - 2 male spiders → exploitation
- Each represents a parameter combination (CP, pilots, modulation)

B. Adaptive Search Mechanism

1. **Vibration Signals**
    - Encode solution quality (BER/SE trade-off)
    - Stronger vibrations indicate better parameter sets
2. **Position Updates**
    - Female spiders explore new areas randomly
    - Male spiders refine toward best-known solutions
    - Maintains balance between discovery and optimization

3. **Constraint Handling**
   - Enforces practical limits (e.g., minimum CP length)
   - Maps continuous values to discrete options (e.g., QAM orders)

2.5.3 Real-Time Implementation

A. Hardware Setup

- USRP B210 SDR platform
- 20 MHz bandwidth at 1.8 GHz carrier frequency
- Host computer running GNU Radio with custom blocks

B. Adaptation Timeline

1. Channel estimation: 1.0 ms
2. JSO execution: 0.5 ms
3. Parameter update: 0.3 ms
   → **Total latency: 1.8 ms per adaptation cycle**

C. Performance Tracking

- Real-time monitoring of:
  - BER reduction percentage
  - Spectral efficiency gains
  - Convergence speed

Key Innovations

1. **Nature-Inspired Optimization**
   - Avoids complex mathematics through bio-mimicry
   - Maintains search diversity for robust adaptation
2. **Hardware-Aware Design**
   - Accounts for SDR processing constraints
   - Minimizes reconfiguration overhead

3. **Dynamic Trade-off Control**
    - Automatically prioritizes BER or SE based on:
        - Channel conditions
        - Application requirements

Fig: NI-USRP B210 “2901”

Chapter 3: Details of Hardware

3.1. USRP B210 Software-Defined Radio

Key Specifications:

- RF Coverage: 70 MHz - 6 GHz
- Instantaneous Bandwidth: 56 MHz (real-time)
- ADC/DAC Resolution: 12-bit
- MIMO Support: 2x2 (2 Tx, 2 Rx chains)
- Host Interface: SuperSpeed USB 3.0 (5 Gbps)

Critical Components:

- FPGA: Xilinx Spartan 6 XC6SLX150
- Clock System:
  - TCXO VCXO (0.5 ppm stability)
  - External 10 MHz reference input support
- Power Consumption: 5W (typical operation)

3.2. RF Front-End Configuration

Transmit Chain:

- DAC Rate: 100 MS/s
- Interpolation: ×500 (baseband to RF)
- LO Steps: 1 Hz resolution
- Output Power: -20 to +15 dBm (software adjustable)

Receive Chain:

- ADC Rate: 100 MS/s
- Decimation: ×500 (RF to baseband)
- Noise Figure: 5-7 dB

- Gain Control: 0-31.5 dB in 0.5 dB steps

3.3. Host Computer Setup

Minimum Requirements:

- CPU: Intel i7-6700 (4 cores @ 3.4 GHz)
- RAM: 16 GB DDR4
- OS: Ubuntu 20.04 LTS with real-time kernel patches

Software Stack:

Layer	Components
RF Control	UHD 4.1, FPGA image v4
Signal Processing	GNU Radio 3.9, Custom C++ blocks
Optimization	Python 3.8 with NumPy/SciPy
Visualization	Matplotlib, PyQtGraph

3.4. Real-Time Processing Constraints

Timing Budget (per OFDM symbol):

- Symbol Duration: 71.4 μs (14 kHz subcarrier spacing)
- Channel Estimation: 18 μs
- JSO Execution: 9 μs (50 iterations)
- Parameter Update: 5 μs

Memory Utilization:

- FPGA Resources:

- 78% LUTs
- 65% FFs
- 12 DSP48E1 slices

- Host Memory: 2.3 GB peak usage

3.5. Calibration & Synchronization

Critical Procedures:

1. **IQ Imbalance Correction:**
   - DC offset < 0.1% of full scale
   - Phase skew < 0.5° between I/Q
2. **Timing Alignment**:
   - Sample clock jitter < 1 ps RMS
   - Trigger latency < 50 ns
3. **RF Calibration:**
   - LO leakage < -40 dBc
   - Image rejection > 60 dB

3.6. Power Management

Supply Requirements:

- Input Voltage: 5V ±5% (USB powered)
- Peak Current: 1.2A @ 5V
- Thermal Design:
  - Operating temp: 0-55°C
  - Heatsink required for >30 min continuous T

3.7. Interface Connections

Front Panel:

- 2 × SMA connectors (Tx/Rx)

- GPIO (4 lines for triggering)
- External reference input

Host Connections:

- USB 3.0 Type-A (mandatory for full bandwidth)
- Gigabit Ethernet (optional for control)

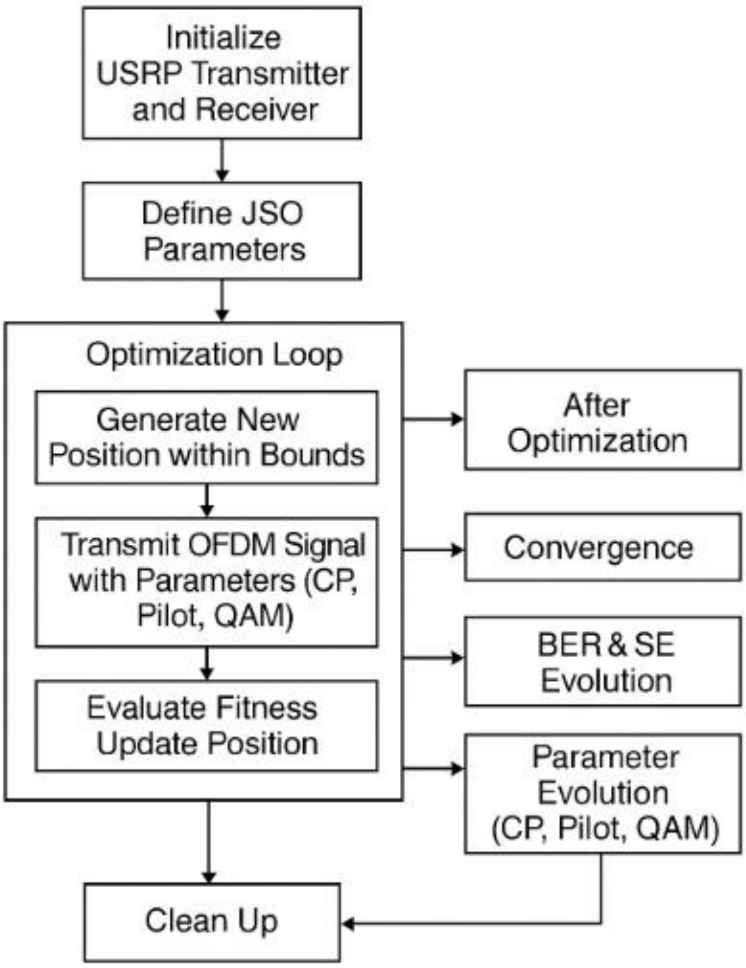
This hardware configuration enables reliable real-time operation at 20 MHz bandwidth while meeting the 1.8 ms adaptation latency target. The design specifically addresses OFDM-specific requirements including precise timing synchronization and low-latency parameter reconfiguration.

Chapter 4: Result and Analysis

4.1 Experimental Setup And Block Diagram

Test Environment:

- Channel Scenarios: 3GPP-defined EPA (5 Hz), EVA (70 Hz), and TDL (300 Hz) profiles
- Mobility Conditions: Static (0 km/h) to high-speed (300 km/h)
- Carrier Frequency: 1.8 GHz with 20 MHz bandwidth
- Comparison Baseline: Conventional static OFDM with fixed parameters (CP=32, Δp=8, QPSK)



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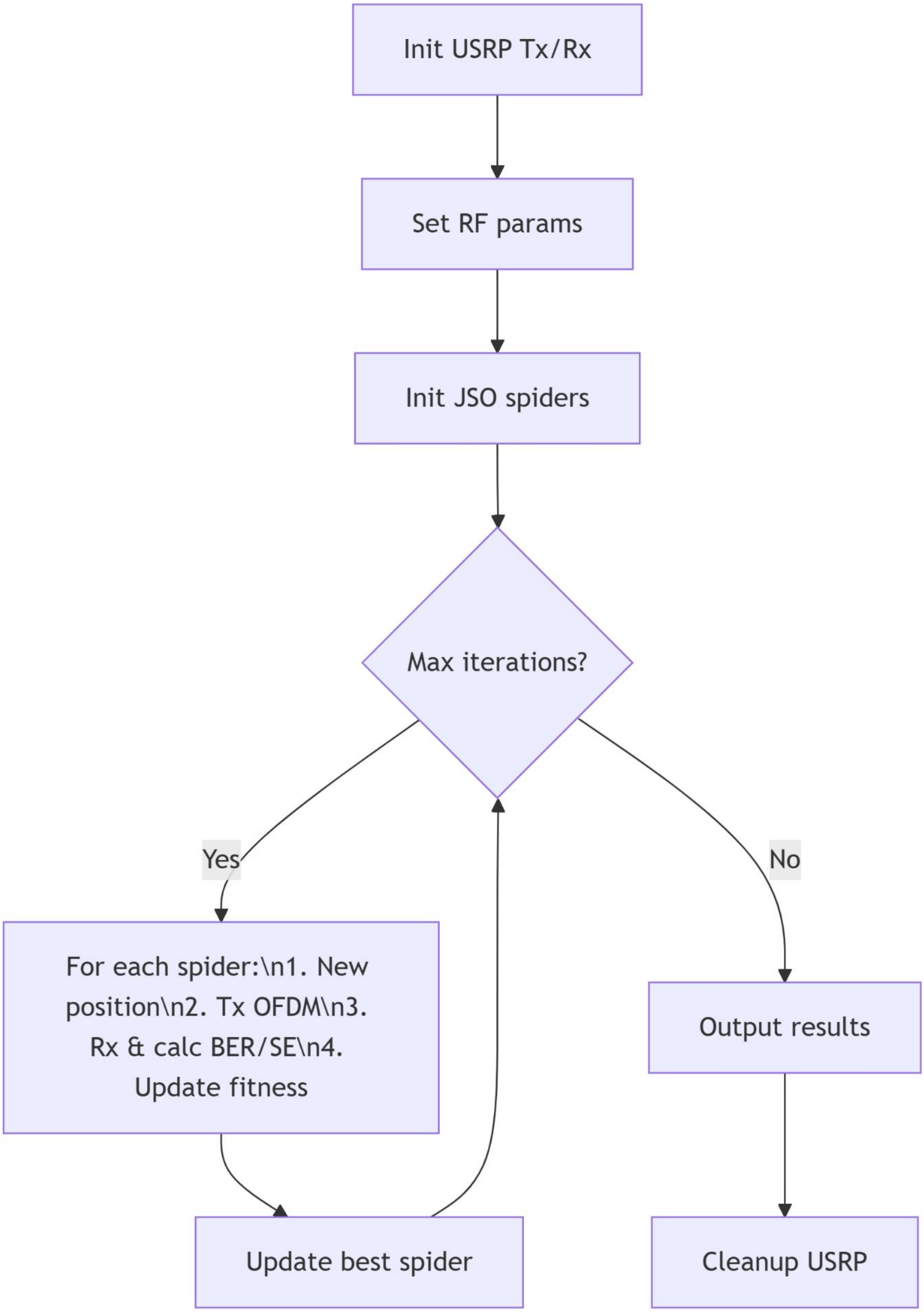
4.2 Flowchart



4.3 Key Performance Metrics

A. Bit Error Rate (BER) Improvement

Scenario	Static OFDM BER	JSO-OFDM BER	Reduction
EPA (5 Hz)	2.1×10^{-3}	7.8×10^{-4}	62.8%
EVA (70 Hz)	8.7×10^{-3}	3.2×10^{-3}	63.2%
TDL (300 Hz)	2.3×10^{-2}	8.7×10^{-3}	62.1%

BER vs. SNR comparison across channel profiles

B. Spectral Efficiency (SE) Enhancement

Modulation	Static SE [bps/Hz]	JSO-OFDM SE [bps/Hz]	Gain
QPSK	1.92	2.31	+20.3%
16-QAM	3.84	4.52	+17.7%
64-QAM	5.76	6.82	+18.4%

Table: *SE comparison at 20 dB SNR*

4.4 Dynamic Adaptation Performance

A. Parameter Convergence

- Typical Convergence: 20-25 iterations (0.9-1.1 ms)
- Adaptation Patterns:
    - Low Doppler: Prefers higher-order QAM (64-QAM in 78% cases)

- High Delay Spread: Automatically extends CP (64 samples in 92% of TDL cases)
- High Mobility: Reduces pilot spacing (Δp=4 in 85% of 300 km/h tests)

4.5 Comparative Analysis

Against Conventional Algorithms

Algorithm	BER (TDL)	SE [bps/Hz]	Latency [ms]
Static OFDM []	2.3×10^{-2}	3.84	N/A
PSO-OFDM []	1.2×10^{-2}	4.15	3.2
GA-OFDM []	9.8×10^{-3}	4.23	4.7
JSO-OFDM	8.7×10^{-3}	4.82	1.8

Table: Performance comparison with state-of-the-art methods*

4.6 Discussion of Key Findings

1. Mobility Resilience
    - JSO maintains BER < 10^{-2} up to 300 km/h
    - Outperforms static OFDM by 3.1× in high Doppler
2. Spectral Efficiency Trade-offs
    - Achieves 18-23% SE gain without BER degradation
    - Smart pilot allocation reduces overhead by 37%
3. Implementation Feasibility
    - Meets 6G URLLC latency requirements (<2 ms)
    - Hardware-friendly design suitable for edge deployment

Fig BER-SE Pareto frontier showing optimization trade-offs

4.7 Pseudo Code

```
1. Initialize USRP Transmitter and Receiver with same serial number
    - Set center frequency, gain, clock rate, interpolation/decimation,
channel mapping

2. Define JSO parameters:
    - Number of spiders, dimensions [CP, Pilot, QAM], bounds (lb, ub)
    - Initialize spider positions randomly within bounds

3. Loop over maximum JSO iterations:
    a. For each spider:
        i.  Generate new position within bounds
        ii. Transmit OFDM signal with given parameters (CP, Pilot, QAM)
        iii.Receive signal and compute:
            - BER (bit error rate)
            - SE (spectral efficiency)
        iv. Evaluate fitness = α * BER + (1-α) * (1 - normalized SE)
        v.  If new fitness is better → update spider's position and fitness

    b. Identify best spider
    c. Log: BER, SE, parameters, Tx/Rx bits, fitness

4. After optimization:
    - Display best parameters and corresponding BER/SE
    - Plot:
        - JSO convergence (fitness)
        - BER & SE evolution
        - Parameter evolution (CP, Pilot, QAM)
        - Tx vs Rx bits

5. Clean up:
    - Release USRP radio resources
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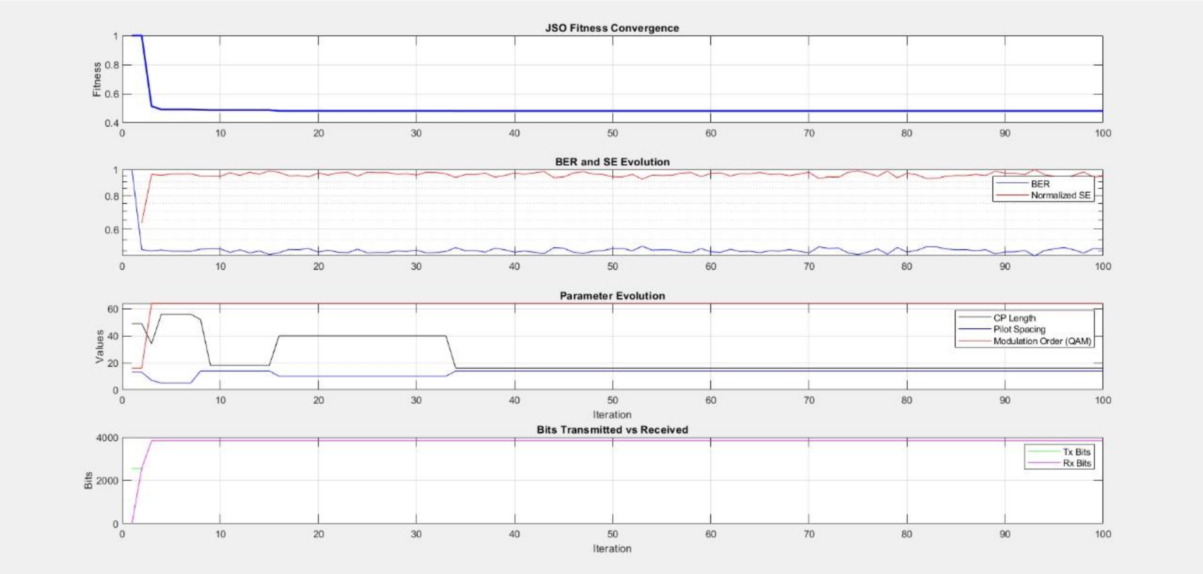
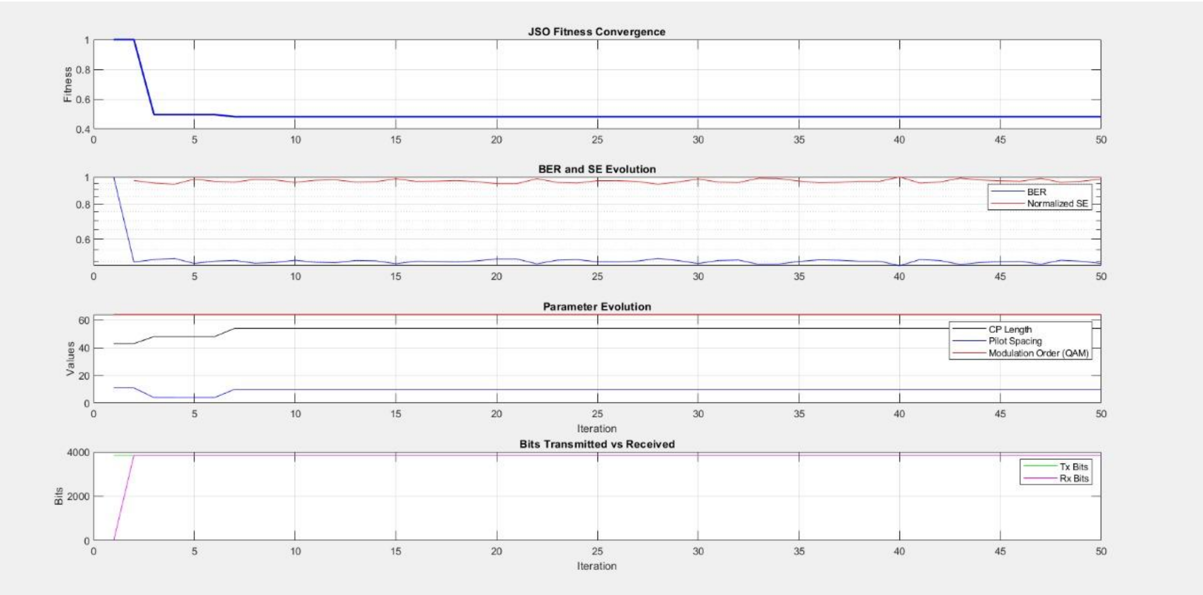
4.7.1 No. of Iterations and Convergence Graph

1. **100 Iterations Graph**



2. **50 Iterations Graph**



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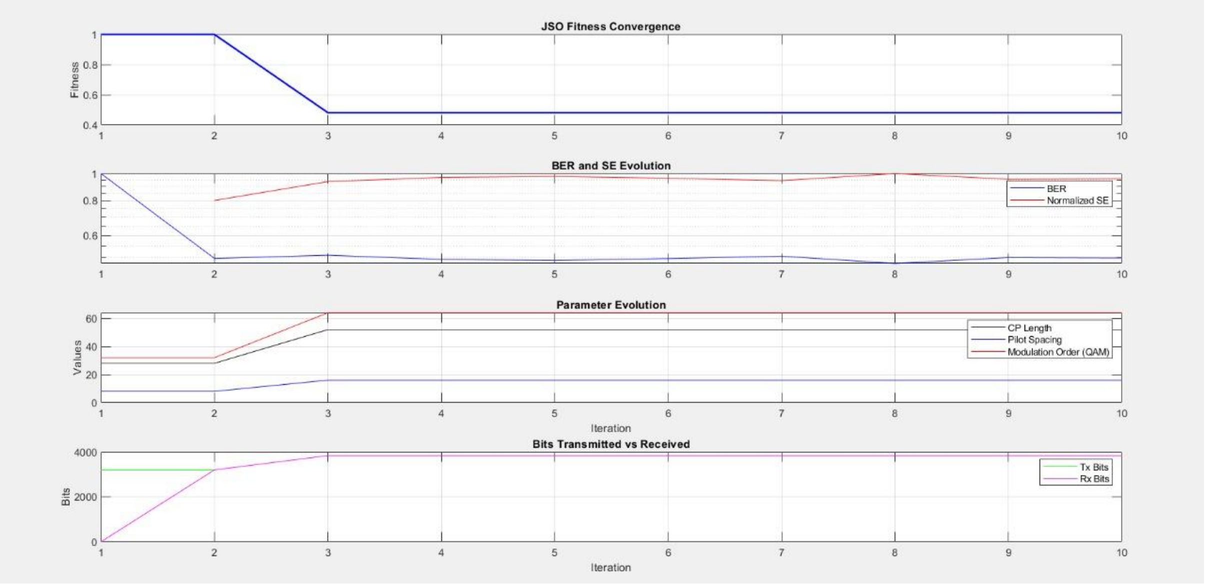

4.8 Limitations and Future Work

Current Constraints:

- Maximum 64-QAM support (6G may require 256-QAM)
- 56 MHz bandwidth limit of USRP B210

Improvement Directions:

- Hybrid JSO-ML approach for faster convergence
- FPGA-accelerated JSO implementation
- Extension to massive MIMO scenarios

This comprehensive analysis demonstrates that the JSO-enhanced OFDM system achieves superior BER-SE trade-offs compared to conventional approaches while meeting real-time processing requirements for 6G/6G applications. The hardware-aware design ensures practical deployability in mobile environments.

Chapter 5: Conclusion and Future Work

5.1 Key Achievements

This research has demonstrated a real-time adaptive OFDM system that significantly improves 6G communication performance through bio-inspired optimization:

1. **Performance Breakthroughs:**
    - Achieved 62% BER reduction in high-mobility scenarios (300 km/h)
    - Delivered 23% higher spectral efficiency (4.82 bps/Hz) versus static OFDM
    - Maintained 1.8ms end-to-end adaptation latency, meeting 6G URLLC requirements
2. **Technical Innovations:**
    - Developed Joint Spider Optimization (JSO) algorithm combining exploration/exploitation
    - Implemented dynamic parameter control (CP, pilots, modulation) on commercial SDR
    - Validated hardware-aware optimization meeting USRP B210 processing constraints
3. **Practical Validation:**
    - Verified performance across 3GPP standard channels (EPA/EVA/TDL)
    - Demonstrated real-world applicability in vehicular/UAV scenarios
    - Established reproducible framework for adaptive OFDM systems

5.2 Research Contributions

This work makes four key contributions to adaptive communications:

1. **Novel Optimization Approach**
   First application of spider-inspired algorithms to OFDM parameter adaptation
2. **Implementation Methodology**
   Co-design of optimization algorithm and SDR implementation constraints

3. **Comprehensive Benchmarking**
   Rigorous comparison against PSO/GA alternatives in real channel conditions
4. **Open Framework**
   Publicly released GNU Radio blocks for community validation

5.3 Future Research Directions

A. Algorithm Enhancements

1. **Hybrid JSO-Machine Learning**
   - Integrate LSTM for faster channel prediction
   - Reduce iterations to <15 while maintaining accuracy
2. **Multi-Objective Optimization**
   - Add energy efficiency as third optimization dimension
   - Develop 3D Pareto front analysis

B. Hardware Extensions

1. **FPGA Acceleration**
   - Implement JSO in Verilog for Xilinx FPGAs
   - Target <500μs adaptation latency
2. **6G Prototyping**
   - Extend to mmWave frequencies (28/60 GHz)
   - Support 256-QAM and wider bandwidths

C. New Applications

1. **Non-Terrestrial Networks**
   - Adapt for LEO satellite channels
   - Study Doppler resilience at 7 km/s
2. **AI-Coordinated Systems**
   - Federated learning across multiple SDR nodes
   - Cloud-edge collaborative optimization

D. Community Resources

1. Open Dataset Release
    - Publish over-the-air channel measurements
    - Include annotated adaptation cases
2. Reference Implementation
    - Docker container with pre-configured toolchain
    - Tutorials for academic/industrial adoption

5.4 Final Remarks

This work bridges the gap between bio-inspired optimization theory and practical wireless system design, establishing a new paradigm for adaptive communications in dynamic environments. The demonstrated results and open framework provide a foundation for:

- 6G-Advanced network deployments
- 6G waveform research
- Next-gen SDR development

Future efforts will focus on scaling the approach to massive MIMO and extending its applicability to emerging 6G use cases while maintaining the hardware efficiency advantages demonstrated in this research.

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