

Improving the Performance of DS CDMA System over Multipath Fading Channels

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Abstract

This article provides a comprehensive overview of the research on improving the quality of multipath fading channels and lowering their effective Bit Error Rate (BER). Since bit error rate (BER) is inversely related to signal-to-noise ratio (SNR), a lower SNR indicates a lower BER. Enhancing the functionality of digital communication systems is the primary goal of the research. In order to ensure consistent conveying information, the bit error rate (BER) need to be minimised, i.e., improved BER. To improve the Signal-to-Noise Ratio (SNR) and reduce the Bit Error Rate (BER), a rake receiver multiplies the received signal by time-shifted copies of a local code sequence. This specific form of receiver is composed of numerous correlators. Here we analyse the bit error rate (BER) performance of the AWGN and Rayleigh fading channels for 16-QAM and simulate it with the Gold Code carrier for multipath using the Rake receiver. We also evaluate the BER performance for QPSK, 64-QAM, and 256-QAM with the AWGN and Rayleigh fading channels. The MATLAB software is used to run the simulation. The paper discusses baseband modulations for the AWGN channel as a means to increase the BER of DSCDMA systems employing QAM.

Keywords: BER, DS-CDMA, Fading, Multipath Fading Channels, SNR, QAM Rake Receiver

Introduction

With the proliferation of wireless communication as a de facto standard for data transmission, the key issue is finding ways to make the most efficient and reliable use of the limited bandwidth available for data transfer [1]. A number of pathways are used by the signal to reach the receiver. The receiver is responsible for picking up sent signals via A received signal is actually the sum of multiple components, independent of the main component, each of which travelled a different path from the transmitter. This can happen either directly, along a Line of Sight (LOS), or indirectly, due to the scattering, reflection, and diffraction of nearby objects like buildings, trees, and other obstacles. This causes a delay in the multipath components proportional to the length of their paths. The comparable data rate that a channel can handle is limited due to Inter-Symbol Interference (ISI), which is caused by delayed multipath components. Fading is another big issue with multipath channels. [6]. When several multipath components approach at different times and cancel each other out at any location in free space, the received signal intensity drops significantly, a phenomenon known as multipath fading. The multipath environment experiences a rise in interference from numerous directions when several concurrent conversations are carried out. The signal at the receiver side becomes severely distorted and fades due to multipath propagation, which lowers the Signal-to-Noise Ratio (SNR) and leads to a higher Bit Error Rate (BER) [5]. BER is a useful tool for evaluating the dependability of wireless communication systems.

Broadband occupancy is much greater than normal according to the spread spectrum communication theory.

The power spectral density drops with increasing bandwidth, and the signal becomes indistinguishable from noise in the channel. CDMA's superior performance and capacity have made it a prominent and widely used technology in cellular systems. It is known as DS-CDMA because it uses Direct-Sequence Spread Spectrum modulation. Here, several users may share a single channel for data transmission at the same time [6]. The DS-CDMA transmitter takes the data signal from each user and multiplies it by a unique code waveform. The detector then gets a signal that includes all of the overlapping signals from users, both in terms of frequency and duration. The complete received signal is correlated with the same user's code waveform in a conventional DS-CDMA system in order to identify a particular user's signal. Assigning the correct amount of correlators and accurately estimating the amount of pathways at the receiver end are both very demanding tasks.

Multiple Access Interference (MAI) is an additional element that limits the capacity and performance of the DS-CDMA system [4].[6]. The term used to describe the process by which

signals in a wireless communication system make their way from the source to the receiver is "multipath propagation." [1].

Fading describes the signal distortion that occurs as a result of multipath propagation. The performance of a wireless system degrades due to fading, which increases the bit error rate (BER), since the signal is received with numerous numbers of deep fades and the received power is less than the noise power. [1]

DIRECT SEQUENCE-CODE DIVISION MULTIPLE ACCESS SYSTEM

To transmit data using the spread spectrum technique, the signal must occupy more bandwidth than is strictly necessary, but this extra bandwidth is covered by a code that is independent of the data, and the receiver must be in sync with the transmitter in order to despread and recover the data [4]. Spread spectrum signals are often used for purposes such as:

- Ensuring message privacy while other listeners are present.
- Transmitting a weak signal that is difficult for an unknown user to pick up when there is background noise. Among the many popular methods of spreading, the DS-SS approach stands out. The efficacy and ease of direct sequencing implementation are the main reasons behind this.

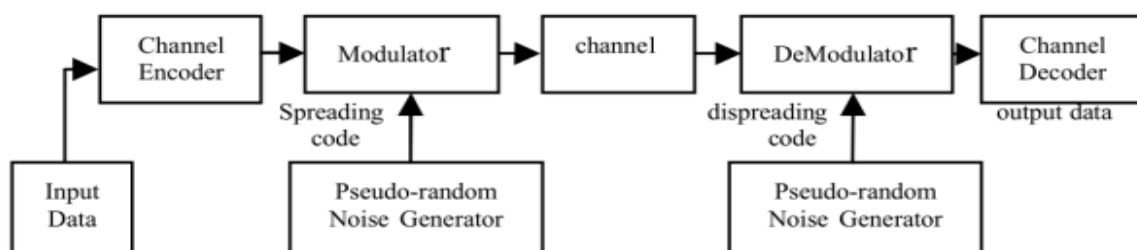


Fig -1: General implementation model of the DS-SS communications system

When the input data bit is set to zero, it generates a PN sequence with transmitted code bits that should not be inverted. On the other hand, when the input data bit is set to one, the coding bits are inverted. Instead of using bits 0s and 1s to represent binary data, the input signal and PN sequence are transformed into a bipolar waveform with their respective values of ± 1 for the amplitude.

Here, we get more bandwidth occupancy by spreading the frequency spectrum of a code-signal using a code that is uncorrelated with that same signal. This transmission method is known as "spread spectrum systems," and it works in CDMA systems where all users transmit data with the same bandwidth simultaneously. The dissemination codes that are unique to each user and have minimal cross-correlation values! [4].

In a DS-CDMA system, a code sequence is modulated into a carrier signal to produce direct sequence signals. In the event that the incoming data is not already digital, modulo-2 is added to the code sequence to make it faster. The QAM modulation technique modifies an RF carrier using a mix of data and code. Because high-speed code is so prevalent in the modulating function, it discovers the RF signal bandwidth, which in turn generates the spread spectrum signal [3].

MULTIPATH PROPAGATION AND FADING

A modulated telecommunication signal undergoes distortion known as fading as it travels across a propagation medium. Phasing, or multipath induced fading, is a problem in any wireless communication system because of multipath propagation. As a notion in propagation, multipath in wireless communications systems causes radio

two or more pathways for signals to reach the antenna for reception. Buildings, mountains, and tiny objects may all refract, reflect, and diffract a signal, leading to multipath fading. When there is more than one way for a radio signal to be transmitted, it causes the signals to be distorted in a way that is commonly referred to as fading. In reality, multipath causes both constructive and destructive interference, as well as phase shifting. Beyond the direct optical line-of-sight (LOS) route between the transmitter and receiver, there are other radio propagation channels that are caused by diffraction, reflection, and scattering [10].

4. FADING CHANNELS A Fading Channel is nothing but a communication channel which has endure various fading phenomenon's, during transmission of the signal [9]. Although in real world application, the radio propagation effects add together and multipath is generated by the same fading channels due to multiple signal propagation paths, due to these multiple signals the actual received signal at the receiver is the vector sum of the all the received signals [3]. These signals may be incident from direction with different angle of arrival. Therefore in multipath fading, some signals add the direct path while some others subtract the direct path. In a wireless communication channel, the signal which is transmitted from transmitter can go from transmitter to receiver over multiple reflective paths and giving rise to multipath fading which causes fluctuations in phase, angle of arrival and amplitude of the received signal [9]. The data signal which is transmitted from the BTS (Base Transceiver Station) suffers multiple reflections from the nearby buildings, and other obstacles in their way before coming to it's mobile station. Such multipath fading channels are generally divided into slow fading channels, fast fading and channels or frequency-selective or flat fading channels.

5. TYPES OF FADING CHANNELS 5.1 Rayleigh Fading channel The Rayleigh fading is primarily occurred due to multipath reception of signals [4]. This is used to simulate an environment which has multiple scatters of signal and not a single Line of Sight (LOS) path. But if there are sufficient multiple scatters in the environment, then all the reflected signals which are appearing at the receiver side becomes uncorrelated in amplitude level with mean being equal to zero and phase is evenly distributed between the limit of 0 to 2π . 5.2 Rician fading channel: The Rician fading channel is same as that of Rayleigh fading channel, except in Rician fading, a strong main dominant component is there which a stationary (non fading) signal is and it is generally said to be the LOS (Line of Sight) Component. Consider about two Gaussian random variables that are A and B. Here A models the specular component (LOS) and B models the random component.

Conclusion

The performance of AWGN channel is found to be better as compared to Rayleigh fading channel for QAM Modulation. As far as QAM modulation is concerned it is observed that 16 QAM gives better performance than other QAM schemes for AWGN channel whereas 64 QAM gives better performance for Rayleigh fading channel compared to other QAM schemes. As number of path increases, BER also increases which affect the performance of communication system. For 16 QAM AWGN channel gives better performance than Rayleigh fading channel. The effective error rate in multipath fading channel is significantly reduced by the use of Rake receiver. Adding multiuser degrade the performance of system. BER increases as number of user increases, it has been observed due to adding user causes interference which is distributed (share) among existing users equally and SNR decreases slightly.

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