

# Performance Evaluation of Digital Modulation Techniques on DS-WCDMA

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## ABSTRACT

The objectives of this paper are to study, analyze and evaluate the performance of Direct Sequence – Wide Code Division Multiple Access (DS-WCDMA) systems in Mobile Rayleigh fading propagation channel. The Parameters which are considered for the evaluation performance are Additive white Gaussian noise (AWGN), Rayleigh propagation fading channel and the Code sequence length. The evaluation of DS-WCDMA was derived for different type of digital modulation using Mat lab simulation link. The results were obtained in terms of bit error rates (BER) in graphical form.

## Keywords

DS; WCDMA; AWGN; SIMULATION; QAM ;QPSK  
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## 1. INTRODUCTION

W-CDMA uses noise-like broadband frequency spectrum where it has high resistance to multipath fading where as this was not present in conventional narrowband signal of 2nd generation (2G) communication system [1]. However, the implementation of high data rate modulation techniques that have good bandwidth efficiency in W-CDMA cellular communication requires perfect modulators, demodulators, filter and transmission path that are difficult to achieve in practical radio environment. Modulation schemes which are capable of delivering more bits per symbol are more immune to errors caused by noise and interference in the channel. Moreover, errors can be easily produced as the number of users is increased and the mobile terminal is subjected to mobility. Thus, it has driven many researches into the application of higher order modulations [2] [3]. With growing popularity and usage of the third generation networks, the cost efficient optimization of network capacity and quality of service will become essential to cellular operators. This is achieved with careful network planning and operation, improvements in transmission methods, and advances in receiver techniques. [4] WCDMA is a promising technique for achieving the high data capacity and spectral efficiency requirements for wireless communication system of the near future. [5] W-CDMA is being used by Universal Mobile Telecommunication System (UMTS) as platform of the 3rd generation cellular communication system. High data rate signal transmission can be transmitted over the air by using W-CDMA system, thus enabling of multimedia rich

applications such as video streams and high resolution pictures to end users. Thus, we need suitable modulation technique and error correction mechanism to be used in W-CDMA system. [6] WCDMA is the most commonly adopted radio interface in third generation Universal Mobile Telecommunications System (UMTS) networks. UMTS and WCDMA are widely described in [8] and in 3GPP specifications [7]. Uplink and downlink packet evolutions, HSUPA and HSDPA respectively, to WCDMA are introduced in detail in [8], [9] and [10]. W-CDMA systems can employ the high order modulation (MPSK or M-QAM) to increase the transmission data rate with the link quality control. [6].

## 2. System Model

The system model is depicted in Fig 1.

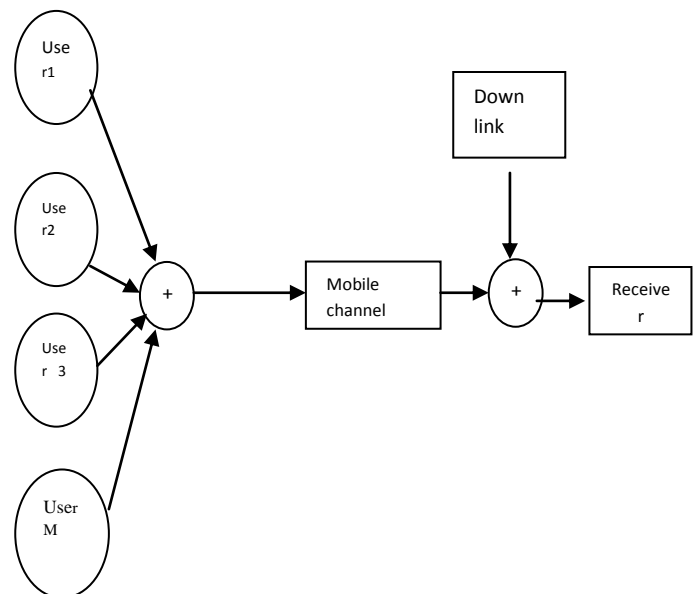


Fig (1): DS- WCDMA system model

In DS-WCDMA, users employ their own sequence to spread the information data. The information data of each user is modulated by narrowband digital modulation then the first bits of modulated data is spreaded by the code sequence and the spreaded data of all users are transmitted to the base station at the same time. The base station detects the information data of each user by correlating the received signal with the code sequence allocated to each user. The transmitted data in the in-phase channel and Quadrature phase modulated by digital modulation are multiplied by the code sequence used to spread the transmitted data then the transmitted signal is contaminated in a Rayleigh fading channel.

At the receiver, AWGN is added to the received data, the resample data are the data of all users. By correlating the data with the spread code used at the transmitter, the transmitted data of all users is detected.

### 3. Mathematical Model

Provide an expression to determine the average bit error rate for user in a single channel, WCDMA mobile radio system.

In WCDMA system using binary signalling the radio signal received at the base station from the kth mobile user is given by:[11]

$$S_k(t - \tau_k) = \sqrt{2P_k} a_k(t - \tau_k) b_k(t - \tau_k) \cos(\omega_c t + \phi_k) \dots \dots \dots (1)$$

Where:

- $b_k$  : data sequence for user  $k=[-1,1]$
- $a_k$ : spreading sequence for user  $k=[-1,1]$
- $\tau_k$ :is delay for user k relative to some reference for user 0
- $P_k$ :is the received power of user k
- $\Phi_k$ :is the carrier phase offset for user k relative to reference user 0

At the receiver the signal available to the input to the correlator is given by:

$$r(t) = \sum S_k(t - \tau_k) + n(t) \dots \dots \dots (2)$$

Where  $n(t)$  is AWGN with spectral density  $N_0/2$

The received signal contains both the desired user and (k-1) undesired users and is mixed down to base band multiplied by PN sequence of the desired user and integrated over one period.

Assuming that the receiver is delayed and phase synchronized user 0 the decision static user 0 is given by:

$$Z_0 = \int_{jT_b}^{(j+1)T_b} r(t) a_0(t) \cos \omega_c t dt \dots \dots \dots (3)$$

May be expressed as :

$$Z = I_0 + \eta + \zeta \dots \dots \dots (4)$$

where  $I_0$  :is desired contribution of to decision statistic from user  $k=0$

$$I_0 = \sqrt{2p_0} \int_{t=0}^{T_b} a_k^2(t) b_k(t) \cos^2 \omega_c t dt = \frac{\sqrt{P_0}}{2} b_{k,0} T_b \dots \dots \dots (5)$$

$\zeta$  :is multiple access interference from all cochannel users

$\eta$ :is thermal noise contribution(AWGN)

$$\eta = \int_{t=0}^{T_b} n(t) a_0(t) \cos \omega_c t \dots \dots \dots (6)$$

With mean  $\mu_\eta = 0$  and variance  $\sigma_\eta = \frac{N_0 T_b}{4}$  for  $\omega_c \gg \frac{2}{T_b}$

The multiple access interference is the summation of K-1 terms  $\zeta = \sum_{k=1}^{K-1} I_k \dots \dots \dots (7)$

each of which is given by:

$$I_k = \int_{t=0}^{T_b} \sqrt{2P_k} a_k(t - \tau_k) b_k(t - \tau_k) \cos(\omega_c t + \phi_k) + n(t) a_0(t) \cos(\omega_c t + \phi_k) \cos \omega_c t dt \dots \dots \dots (8)$$

The average bit error rate probability is given by:

$$p_e = \left[ \frac{1}{\sqrt{(k-1) + \frac{N_0}{2E_b}}} \right] \dots \dots \dots (9)$$

### 4. Simulation

A computer program using Matlab software program is implemented to simulate the BER performance in a AWGN and Rayleigh fading environments of DS-WCDMA.

The DS- WCDMA model is simulated for s gold spreading sequences code in the presence of Rayleigh channel by considering multi users and binary, Quadrate Phase Shift Keying (BPSK & QPSK) and M-array-QAM as modulation scheme. The simulation parameters used in the simulation are given in Table 1. Then the BER performance of DS-WCDMA is calculated and compared by varying the length of above mentioned sequences. The BER is the number of bit received as errors divided by the total number of transmitted bits during a studied time interval

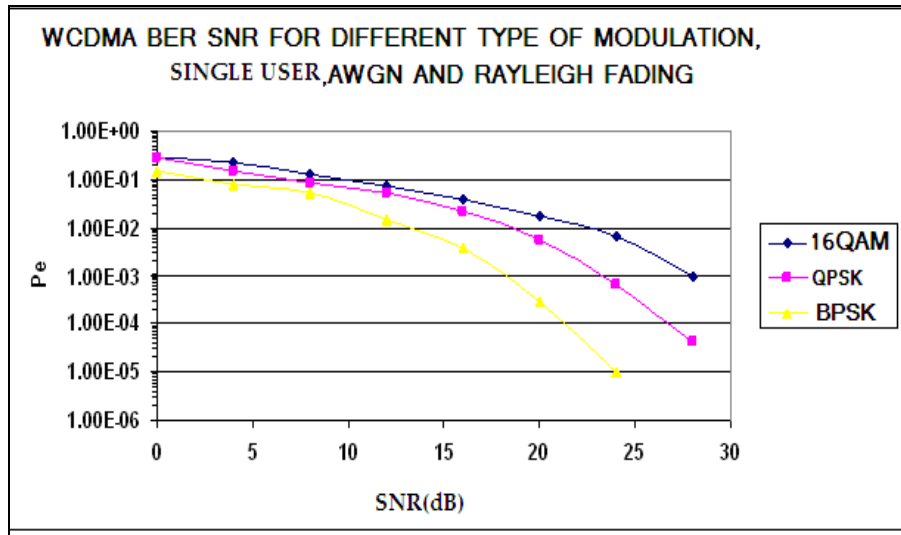
**TABLE 1 ,Simulation environment**

Parameter	Value
Spreading code	M-Sequence
Code length	63,127,255,511
NO. of users	FROM 1 TO 100
Modulation techniques	BPSK,QPSK,16-QAM
SNRdB	FROM 0 TO 40 dB
Channel	Rayleigh channel with AWGN

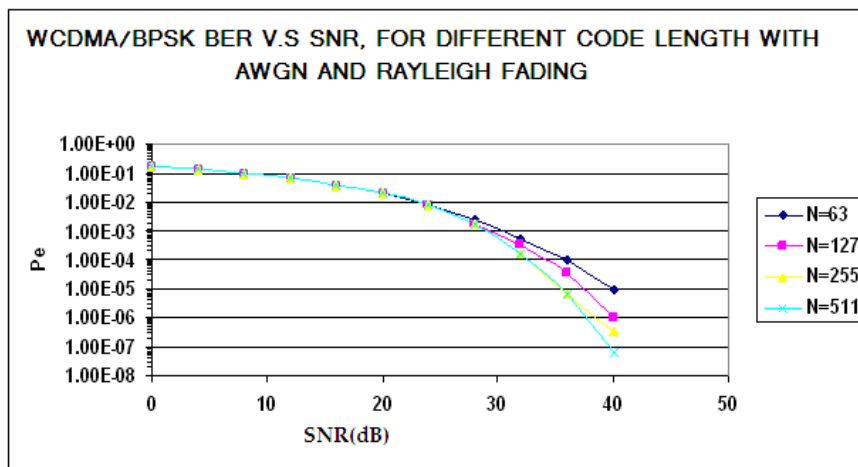
### 5. RESULT AND DISCUSSION

Fig (1): below shows the performance results for single user WCDMA and QPSK, BPSK,16QAM digital modulation in mobile AWGN and Rayleigh fading ,the result shows the bit error rate decrease as signal to noise increased. And

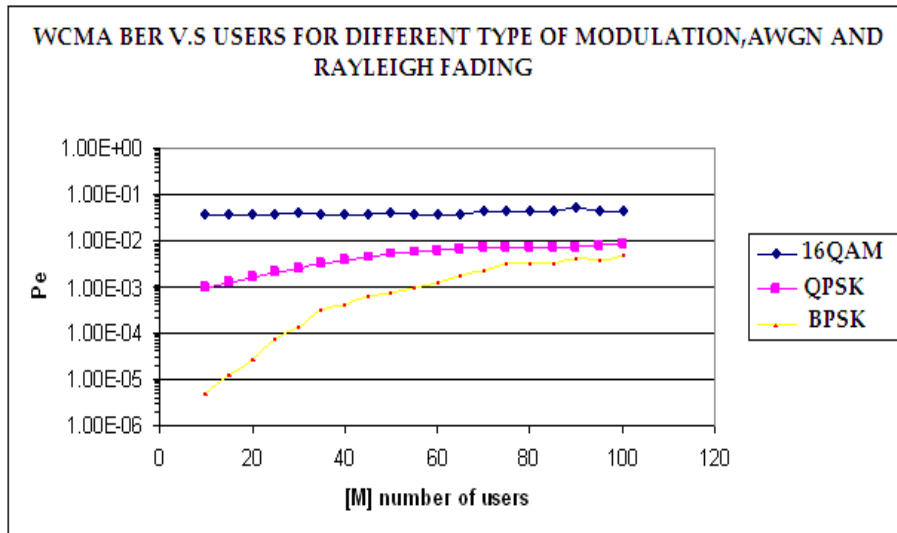
fig(2):shows that the bit error rate decrease as the code length increase on the performance of WCDMA/BPSK while fig(3): shows that the bit error rate increased as the number of users increased for WCDMA with different type digital modulation.



Fig(2): performance of WCDMA against Signal to noise ratio for AWGN and Rayleigh fading



Fig(3):performance of WCDMA/BPSK with different code length, AWGN AND Rayleigh fading



**Fig(4): performance of WCDMA against Number of users with AWGN and Rayleigh fading channel**

## 6. CONCLUSION

In this paper we analyze three modulation techniques, BPSK, QPSK and 16-QAM to reduce the error performance of the signal and compare which technique is better through Rayleigh Fading Channel in the presence of AWGN. The performance of W-CDMA system in AWGN channel shows that BPSK modulation technique has a better performance compared to that of QPSK and 16-QAM. The performance of BPSK, QPSK and 16-QAM modulation technique in W-CDMA system degrades. As the However, QPSK shows better performance compared to that of 16-QAM in LOS channel and multipath Rayleigh fading channel. In other words, 16-QAM suffers signal degradation and error prone when the simulations are done in these channels. As the number of users is increased, the BPSK modulation technique performs poorly in W-CDMA system. It is expected that 16-QAM will show performance degradation similar like QPSK as the number of users is increased but with lower performance compared to that of QPSK. In general, the reason that causes poor performance of W-CDMA system when the number of users increased is because the value of cross correlation between the codes is not 0 and thus it causes interference. Many studies and researches have showed that 16-QAM modulation technique is a primary candidate for high speed data transmission in 3G mobile communication. However, higher data rate modulation scheme (e.g. 16-QAM) suffers significant degradation in noise and Multipath Rayleigh fading channel compared to lower data rate modulation technique (e.g. QPSK). The errors are resulted from interference between adjacent carriers phase in constellation of M-ary QAM. Larger value of M of M-ary QAM suffers more signal degradation. Thus, it is suggested that high data rate modulation technique such as 16-QAM needs an error correction coding such as convolutional coding or turbo coding so that the interference from the adjacent carrier phase in the constellation of 16-QAM can be eliminated if not minimized.

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