Performance Analysis of LTE system for 2x2 Rayleigh and Rician Fading Channel

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Abstract

Development of LTE is a milestone in the field of communication engineering. Compared to the performance of 2G the network involving LTE provides much higher data rates and support much more services. The evolution to LTE has provided the users to utilize many commercial activities to bring forward to the public and provide them the improved services compared to older versions of communication technologies. As the growth of LTE has provided much faster network still there are improvements going on the new technology. Various performance measures have been taken into considerations has the networks has performed very well on such test. One of the performance analyses has been presented in this paper comparing the performance of the LTE system over the Rayleigh and Rician fading channel. In the paper the performance of the MIMO LTE has been analyzed for the networks with various modulation schemes for Rayleigh and Rician fading channel with a 2x2 MIMO channel for EPA 0Hz, EVA 5Hz, EVA 70Hz. By varying Signal to Noise Ratio (SNR), Bit Error Rate (BER) of LTE is calculated for different Multi-Input Multi-Output (MIMO) schemes. The analysis is concluded in terms of speed of the data rate in Mbps.

Keywords: Fourth Generation (4G), 3GPP (Third Generation Partnership Project), LTE (Long Term Evaluation), MIMO (Multiple Input Multiple Output), Evolved Node B (eNB), User Equipment (UE).

1. Introduction

Wireless communication systems in modern days are highly emphasized on less power requirements, higher data rates, coverage enhancements and reliable communications. Multiple Input Multiple Output (MIMO) system can be identified as a contender for meeting such challenges. Higher spectral efficiency can be achieved by the use of MIMO channel technique and also it provides improved reliability for the ongoing communication environment [1][2]. An improvement in throughput and enhancement in coverage area for a communication system can then be achieved using cooperative relaying [3][4][5][6][7]. Using MIMO system, the need of high power at the transmitter end can be reduced which in turn reduces the co-channel and inter-channel interference. It also ensures low interference with the other nodes of the communication system. Relaying protocols like amplify and forward (AF) and decode and forward (DF) are the two-technique utilized in the MIMO system. Using AF protocol, the relaying node forwards the received signal to the end receiver after amplification while using DF the received signal is forwarded to the destination after re-encoding and modulating the signal [8]. In both the AF and DF systems are implemented and are compared as per the implementation loss and the complexity in implementation. This also showed that the AF protocol is less complex and has low
implementation loss i.e. The performance is very much similar to the theoretical values. Many performance studies on AF MIMO relaying shows that the instantaneous channel state information (CSI) of source-relay and relay-destination channels are available at the relaying node [9]. Moreover, adverse channel fading in wireless system can be overcome by the use of cooperative communication. In such type of fading scenario use of multiple relays helps to provide a reliable transmission from the source to the destination while using relay selection method these adverse channel effects can be mitigated. Relay selection plays a major role in reducing adverse channel effects, to increase the diversity order and to overcome the problem in half duplex loss [10][11]. The statistical approach for the instantaneous SNR at the receiver end is derived on the basis of probability density function (PDF), moments and cumulative distribution function (CDF). Long Term Evolution (LTE) standard is specified by the 3GPP wireless communication. This standard provides higher data rates, frequency flexibility, higher spectral efficiency and short round trip time [12]. This standard depends on Multiple Input and Multiple-Output (MIMO). Orthogonal Frequency. Division Multiplexing (OFDM), scheduling and link adaptation and on robust channel coding schemes [13]. LTE systems are compatible with widely used schemes like GPRS, HSPA, and WCDMA which helps mobile operators deploy LTE and provide faultless and speedy services to the customers [14]. Much modification has been done since LTE has been first presented to the customers. In its subsequent releases it has increased flexible configurations, lowered latencies and improved the data throughput. A peak data rate of 300 Mbps downlink and 75 Mbps uplink, bandwidth sized in 1.4, 3, 5, 10, 15, or 20MHz and a radio-network delay of less than 5 ms was introduced in its release R8. It also provided significant increase in spectrum efficiency compared to previous cellular systems like UMTS and HSPA. In its next release R9 it introduced network architecture improvements and some newer features like dual layer beam forming, location services and evolved multimedia broadcast and multicast services. LTE Advanced i.e., release 10 provided downlink data rates of 3Gbps and uplink data rates of 1.5 Gbps, higher antenna MIMO configurations supporting up to 4×4 uplinks and 8×8 downlinks along with Carrier Aggregation (CA). Enhancements to Carrier Aggregation, relay nodes and MIMO, coordinated multipoint transmission and reception and introduction of new frequency bands were included in release R11 of LTE systems. The LTE transmission and reception are based on OFDMA (Orthogonal Frequency Division Multiple Access) and SC-FDMA (Single Carrier Frequency Division Multiple Access). High PAPR is the drawback of the OFDMA scheme compared to SC-FDMA. OFDMA scheme allocates users in time and frequency domain and using FFT it generates the transmitting signal. In OFDMA during MIMO transmission, optimum receivers can be implemented with allowable complexity since the wideband frequency selective channel is converted into many fading sub-channels. Due to low PAPR SCFDMA is more power efficient as compared to OFDMA which in turn enhances the power efficiency of the user equipment. In contrast to uplink, LTE output power vary depending on the frequency band used also the maximum Transmission power is 23 dBm [15]. Packet Data Convergence Protocol (PDCP), Medium Access Control (MAC), The Physical layer (PHY) and Radio Link Control (RLC) are used in the LTE RAN (Radio Access Network). Using transport blocks which conveys data for at most two subframes the PHY transfers the data to and from the MAC layer. The simulation is carried out using the LTE system toolbox of MATLAB software. The work is performed in the PDSCH (Physical Downlink shared Channel) and PUSCH (Physical Uplink Shared Channel) [16]. The PHY layer carryout antenna mapping, the modulation and demodulation coding and decoding. Highly efficient means of conveying both data and control information between mobile UE (User Equipment) and enhanced base station (eNodeB) is the LTE physical layer [17]. This paper discusses the speed of the 2x2 MIMO systems in terms of Mbps. Like 2G or 3G LTE also has its own architecture. It is simply a network of Evolved Packet Core Network and base stations (eNB) as shown in figure below [18][19].
In LTE no centralized intelligent controller exists, also the eNB systems are normally interconnected by a X2-interface and that of towards the core network via the S1-interface as shown in Figure.1. The simple reason of distribution of the systems in such a way among the base-stations in LTE is just to speed up the time required for connection set-up and to reduce the handover time [20][21][22].

2. Research Method

This architecture helps in the design of the LTE system for the transmission and reception of the data. The data is created randomly and is passed through various modules in the transmitter section to the fading channel and then to various block of receiver section. The Simulink model of the above-mentioned system is shown below:
The above figure explains the transmitter, receiver and measurement part of the simulation respectively. Transmitter section contains the data source generator, the CRC Generator, the Turbo Channel Coder and the Transmit PDSCH processing block. The MIMO Fading channel with AWGN is used as the channel to transmit the generated signal. At the receiver section, the Receive PDSCH processing block, Turbo Channel Decoder and the General CRC Syndrome Detector are present. The data source which is a random number generator is used to generate the data source which is to be transmitted to the receiver. The data source generated here is passed to the CRC Generator which adds the sufficient CRC bits to identify any error in the received bit while transmission. The Turbo channel coder codes the generated bits so as to effectively use the channel bandwidth which is then passed to the PDSCH processing block to transmit the data. The PDSCH processing block contains the PDSCH scrambler which is then passed to the modulator section. Till now the data sources are processed individually now the layer mapper performs the spatial multiplexing to make a single source then it is processed by the spatial multiplexing precoder then it is again remapped by resource element mapper to map it according to the resource grid chosen and then finally OFDM modulation is done for transmitting the processed data. This data or signal is then transmitted over the MIMO fading channel and AWGN Channel for modeling the channel transmission. At the receiver end firstly the Receive PDSCH process the received data which OFDM demodulates the received signal then the data is extracted from the signal which is passed to the MIMO receiver to demultiplex the data the layer demapper is employed [23][24]. The data
obtained from the layer demapper is then passed to demodulator and then to the PDSCH descrambler.

The data obtained after descrambling are the received code words [25]. These codewords may or may not contain error which may occur at the channel section. At last, the error introduced by the fading AWGN channel is measured with the speed of transmission. In the measurement section a MATLAB function block is used to obtain the speed of the communication in terms of Mbps [26]. The system is configured as per the parameter shown below:

| PARAMETER                        | VALUE                                      |
|----------------------------------|--------------------------------------------|
| Channel Bandwidth                | 5MHz                                       |
| Duplex mode                      | FDD                                        |
| Transmit Channel Modulation      | OFDM                                       |
| Channel type                     | Flat Static MIMO, EPA 0Hz, EVA 5Hz, EVA 70Hz|
| Fading Channel                   | Rayleigh / Rician                          |
| FEC coding                       | Turbo coding                               |
| SNR                              | 12.1dB                                     |
| Modulation                       | QPSK, 16-QAM, 64-QAM                       |
| Subcarrier spacing               | 15KHz                                      |
| Antenna diversity                | 2×2 MIMO                                   |

Table 1: System Configuration

3. Simulation Result and Analysis

For the configured system as shown in Table 1, the performance is measured in terms of speed of the data transmission based on the acceptable SNR value given to the system [27][28]. The transmitted and received signal over the channel has been viewed in a spectrum analyzed as shown below:
Figure 5: Transmit and received Signal spectrum for 16QAM, 2x2, EVA 5Hz channel with Rayleigh Fading Channel.

Figure 6: Transmit and received Signal spectrum for 16QAM, 2x2, EVA 5Hz channel with Rician Fading Channel.

Figure 7: Bit Error Rate of the QPSK Signal.
Figure 8: Bit Error Rate of the 64-QAM Signal

Figure 9: Bit Error Rate of the 16-QAM Signal

Figure 10: Received Data for 16QAM, 2x2, EVA 5Hz channel
The speed analysis and Bit Error Rate for the configured system is shown in the table below:

| Configuration          | Speed in Mbps | Bit Error Rate (CW1, CW2) |
|------------------------|---------------|---------------------------|
|                        |               | Rayleigh Fading Channel   | Rician Fading Channel |
| 16QAM,2x2, EPA 0Hz     | 12.96         | 0.1125, 0.0584            | 0.1263, 0.4927       |
| 64QAM,2X2, EPA 0HZ     | 19.6968       | 0.2079, 0.1456            | 0.2204, 0.4946       |
| QPSK, 2x2, EPA 0Hz     | 6.2           | 0.0013, 0.0003            | 0.0158, 0.4920       |
| 16QAM,2x2, EVA 5Hz     | 12.96         | 0.1651, 0.1454            | 0.1263, 0.4927       |
| 64QAM,2x2, EVA 5Hz     | 19.6968       | 0.2513, 0.2343            | 0.2204, 0.4946       |
| QPSK, 2x2, EVA 5Hz     | 6.2           | 0.0400, 0.0228            | 0.0158, 0.4920       |
| 16QAM,2x2, EPA 5Hz     | 12.96         | 0.1977, 0.0700            | 0.1263, 0.4927       |
| 64QAM,2x2, EPA 5Hz     | 19.6968       | 0.2855, 0.1633            | 0.2204, 0.4946       |
| QPSK, 2x2, EPA 5Hz     | 6.2           | 0.0388, 0.0036            | 0.0158, 0.4920       |
| 16QAM,2x2, EVA 70Hz    | 12.96         | 0.1300, 0.1326            | 0.1263, 0.4927       |
| 64QAM, 2x2, EVA70Hz    | 19.6968       | 0.2172, 0.2200            | 0.2204, 0.4946       |
| QPSK, 2x2, EVA 70Hz    | 6.2           | 0.0310, 0.0321            | 0.0158, 0.4920       |

Figure.11: Received Data for 64QAM, 2X2, EPA 0HZ channel
### Table 2: Performance Analysis of LTE System

| Modulation Type | BER | Speed (Mbps) |
|-----------------|-----|--------------|
| 16QAM, 2x2, flat static MIMO | 12.96 | 0.2785, 0.0485, 0.1263, 0.4927 |
| 64QAM, 2x2, flat static MIMO | 19.6968 | 0.3597, 0.1463, 0.2204, 0.4946 |
| QPSK, 2x2, flat static MIMO | 6.2 | 0.0549, 0.0000, 0.0158, 0.4920 |

Above table shows speed of the transmission in Mbps and Bit Error Rate of the two code words considered for the transmission for 16QAM, 64QAM and QPSK Modulation for 2x2 MIMO fading channel of OFDM channel modulation. It has been observed that in case of Rician fading channel the BER is changing according to the modulation type used unlike the changes observed in case of Rayleigh fading channel which is changing according to the modulation type used as well as the channel type selected. It has also been observed that there is no change in the speed of the data transmission in Rayleigh or Rician fading channel used.

### 4. Conclusion

The result obtained from the LTE system shown in Figure 2 to Figure 7 is presented in Table 2. It is observed that for Rayleigh fading channel and a 2x2 MIMO system the speed of the system remains the same for all modulation types i.e., 16QAM, 64QAM and QPSK using OFDM at the transmitting section. However, the Bit Error Rate changes significantly of these modulation types. It is observed that for QPSK, 2x2, EPA 0Hz the Bit Error Rate is minimum for Code Word 1, while for Code Word 2 the minimum Bit Error Rate is obtained for QPSK, 2x2, flat static MIMO. It is also observed that the Bit Error Rate of QPSK, 2x2, EPA 0Hz is minimum for both the Code Words. So, it is inferred from this result that in case of QPSK for 2x2 MIMO channel the transmitting data undergoes minimum Bit Error. The BER is not affected much in case of Rician fading channel. Rather it is observed that in Rician fading channel the BER remains the same irrespective of channel type selected it only changes with respect to the modulation type used.

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