

Theoretical Analysis of BER Performance of Optical ZCZ-CDMA System

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Abstract—In this paper, we analyze the bit error rate (BER) performance of optical code division multiple access (CDMA) system based on the optical zero-correlation zone (ZCZ) code with zero-correlation zone $4n - 2$ or 1 which is called the optical ZCZ-CDMA system, by the electrical and optical processing over the optical fiber and space by computer simulation and theoretical formula. In the optical fiber transmission of this system, the effect of the avalanche photodiode (APD) noise, thermal noise and co-channel interference are considered. Additionally, the effects of the scintillation and background noise are considered in the optical space transmission of this system. The optical ZCZ code, which is a set of pairs of binary and biphasic sequences consisting of 1 or -1 with zero-correlation zone, may be able to provide optical CDMA communication system suppressed co-channel interference, and we have proposed the compact construction of a code generator and a bank of matched filters for this code. As a result, the BER performance of optical ZCZ-CDMA system over the optical space go down compared to that over the optical fiber, and the BER performance of this system by the electrical processing go down compared to that by the optical processing, and this system can't remove completely co-channel interference.

Keywords—optical communication, optical code division multiple access (CDMA), optical ZCZ code, scintillation, avalanche photodiode (APD) noise, co-channel interference.

I. INTRODUCTION

THE optical code division multiple access (CDMA) communication system can expect a high speed communication because this system is able to use a wide band [1], [2], [3]. In addition, this system can give the multiple access without changing the wave length. In the optical CDMA system, a pseudo-noise (PN) sequence used to this system decides the communication performance [4], [5], [6], [7], [8], and an optical orthogonal code is often generally used as a PN sequence. The optical orthogonal code [9] is a set of binary sequences consisting of 1 or 0 , and its crosscorrelation property has low correlation value. Therefore, the optical CDMA communication system based on optical orthogonal code goes down the bit error rate (BER) performance. On the other hand, the optical zero-correlation zone (ZCZ) code [10] is a set of pairs of a binary sequence consisting of 1 or 0 and a biphasic sequence consisting of 1 or -1 with zero-correlation zone. Therefore, this code may be able to

provide optical CDMA communication system suppressed co-channel interference [11], [12], [13], and we have proposed the compact construction of a code generator [14] and a bank of matched filters [15], [16] for this code. In the low- and hi-speed optical communications, the receiver is processed by electrical and optical signals, respectively. The former and latter are called the electrical and optical processing, respectively. The communication performance of this system is influenced from these processing.

In this paper, we analyze the bit error rate (BER) performance of optical CDMA system based on the optical ZCZ code with zero-correlation zone $4n - 2$ or 1 which is called the optical ZCZ-CDMA system, by the electrical and optical processing over the optical fiber and space by computer simulation and theoretical formula. In the optical fiber transmission of this system, the effect of the avalanche photodiode (APD) noise, thermal noise and co-channel interference are considered. Additionally, in the optical space transmission of this system, the effects of the scintillation and background noise are considered.

II. OPTICAL ZCZ CODE

A. Definition of optical ZCZ code

Let a_N^j be a biphasic sequence of length N whose elements take 1 or -1 , written as

$$a_N^j = (a_{N,0}^j, a_{N,1}^j, \dots, a_{N,i}^j, \dots, a_{N,N-1}^j), \quad (1)$$

$$a_{N,i}^j \in \{1, -1\}.$$

Similarly, let $\hat{a}_N^{j,d}$ be a binary sequence of length N whose elements take 1 or 0 , written as

$$\hat{a}_N^{j,d} = (\hat{a}_{N,0}^{j,d}, \hat{a}_{N,1}^{j,d}, \dots, \hat{a}_{N,i}^{j,d}, \dots, \hat{a}_{N,N-1}^{j,d}), \quad (2)$$

$$\hat{a}_{N,i}^{j,d} \in \{1, 0\},$$

$$d \in \{1, 0\},$$

where i denotes $i \bmod N$. Let A be a set of M pairs consisting of a biphasic sequence a_N^j and a binary sequence $\hat{a}_N^{j,d}$, written as

$$A = \{(a_N^1, \hat{a}_N^{1,d}), (a_N^2, \hat{a}_N^{2,d}), \dots, (a_N^j, \hat{a}_N^{j,d}), \dots, (a_N^M, \hat{a}_N^{M,d})\}, \quad (3)$$

where M is the number of sequences in a sequence family and is called family size.

A periodic correlation function between sequences a_N^j and $\hat{a}_N^{j',d}$ at shift i' is defined by

$$\rho_{a_N^j, \hat{a}_N^{j',d}, i'} = \sum_{i=0}^{N-1} a_{N,i}^j \hat{a}_{N,(i+i') \bmod N}^{j',d} \quad (4)$$

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In this paper, the above correlation function $\rho_{a_N^j, \hat{a}_N^{j',d}, i'}$ is called the auto-correlation function for $j = j'$ and the cross-correlation function for $j \neq j'$. The set is called an optical ZCZ code [10] if the periodic auto- and cross-correlation functions satisfy

$$\rho_{a_N^j, \hat{a}_N^{j',d}, i'} = \begin{cases} w & ; i' = 0, j = j', d = 0, \\ -w & ; i' = 0, j = j', d = 1, \\ 0 & ; i' = 0, j \neq j', \\ 0 & ; 1 \leq |i'| \leq z, \end{cases} \quad (5)$$

$$w = \sum_{i=0}^{N-1} \hat{a}_{N,i}^{j',d} < N, \quad (6)$$

where w is the number of the nonzero elements in each sequence and z is a zero-correlation zone. The optical ZCZ codes are bounded by

$$M \leq \frac{N}{z+1}. \quad (7)$$

B. Optical ZCZ code with $z = 4n - 2$

Let b_{N_1} be a Legendre sequence [9] of length $N_1 = 4n_1 - 1$ with positive n_1 or an M-sequence of length $N_1 = 2^{n_1} - 1$ with $n_1 \geq 2$, whose elements take values of 1 or -1 , written as

$$b_{N_1} = (b_{N_1,0}, b_{N_1,1}, \dots, b_{N_1,i}, \dots, b_{N_1,N_1-1}), \quad (8)$$

$$b_{N_1,i} \in \{1, -1\}$$

with $\sum_{i=0}^{N_1-1} b_{N_1,i} = 1$. A binary sequence $\hat{b}_{N_1,i} \in \{1, 0\}$ of length N_1 is given by

$$\hat{b}_{N_1,i} = \frac{1 + b_{N_1,i}}{2}. \quad (9)$$

On the other hand, let \mathbf{H}_{N_2} be an Hadamard matrix of order $N_2 = 2^{n_2}$ with $n_2 \geq 2$, written as

$$\mathbf{H}_{N_2} = [h_{N_2}^0, h_{N_2}^1, \dots, h_{N_2}^j, \dots, h_{N_2}^{N_2-1}]^T, \quad (10)$$

$$h_{N_2}^j = (h_{N_2,0}^j, h_{N_2,1}^j, \dots, h_{N_2,i}^j, \dots, h_{N_2,N_2-1}^j), \quad (11)$$

$$h_{N_2,i}^j \in \{1, -1\},$$

where T denotes the matrix transposition, $h_{N_2}^j$ is called an Hadamard sequence and $h_{N_2,i}^0 = 1, 0 \leq i \leq N_2 - 1$. A binary sequence $\hat{h}_{N_2,i}^{j,d} \in \{1, 0\}$ of length N_2 is given by

$$\hat{h}_{N_2,i}^{j,d} = \frac{1 + (-1)^d h_{N_2,i}^j}{2}. \quad (12)$$

If N_1 and N_2 are relatively prime, i.e., $\gcd(N_1, N_2) = 1$, a biphasic sequence a_N^j of length $N = N_1 N_2$ is produced by

$$a_{N,i}^j = b_{N_1, i \bmod N_1} \cdot h_{N_2, i \bmod N_2}^j. \quad (13)$$

Similarly, a binary sequence $\hat{a}_N^{j,d}$ of length $N = N_1 N_2$ is produced by

$$\hat{a}_{N,i}^{j,d} = \hat{b}_{N_1, i \bmod N_1} \cdot \hat{h}_{N_2, i \bmod N_2}^{j,d}. \quad (14)$$

Let A be a set of $M = N_2 - 1$ pairs consisting of a biphasic sequence a_N^j and a binary sequence $\hat{a}_N^{j,d}$ of length $N = N_1 N_2$, written as

$$A = \left\{ (a_N^1, \hat{a}_N^{1,d}), (a_N^2, \hat{a}_N^{2,d}), \dots, (a_N^j, \hat{a}_N^{j,d}), \dots, (a_N^{N_2-1}, \hat{a}_N^{N_2-1,d}) \right\}. \quad (15)$$

The periodic correlation function between a_N^j and $\hat{a}_N^{j',d}$ except when $j = j' = 0$ is given by

$$\rho_{a_N^j, \hat{a}_N^{j',d}, i'} = \begin{cases} \frac{(N_1+1)N_2}{4} & ; i' = 0, j = j', d = 0, \\ -\frac{(N_1+1)N_2}{4} & ; i' = 0, j = j', d = 1, \\ 0 & ; i' = 0, j \neq j', \\ 0 & ; 1 \leq |i'| \leq z = N_1 - 1, \end{cases} \quad (16)$$

where $N/4 < w = (N_1 + 1)N_2/4 \leq N/3$. Therefore, the above set of $M = N_2 - 1$ pairs consisting of a biphasic sequence a_N^j and a binary sequence $\hat{a}_N^{j',d}$ is an optical ZCZ code [10] with $z = N_1 - 1 = 4n_1 - 2$ and $M = N_2 - 1 = N/(z + 1) - 1$.

As an example, we generate an optical ZCZ code of $N = N_1 N_2 = 3 \times 4 = 12$, $z = N_1 - 1 = 2$ and $M = N_2 - 1 = 3$. Let

$$b_3 = (+, +, -)$$

and

$$\mathbf{H}_4 = \begin{bmatrix} h_4^0 \\ h_4^1 \\ h_4^2 \\ h_4^3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} + & + & + & + \\ + & - & + & - \\ + & + & - & - \\ + & - & - & + \end{bmatrix}, \quad (17)$$

where \mathbf{H}_4 is a Sylvester-type Hadamard matrix, $+$ and $-$ denote $+1$ and -1 , respectively. From Eq. (13), we can generate bi-phase sequences a_{12}^j , as follows, respectively.

$$a_{12}^1 = (+, -, -, -, +, +, +, -, -, -, +, +),$$

$$a_{12}^2 = (+, +, +, -, +, -, -, -, -, +, -, +),$$

$$a_{12}^3 = (+, -, +, +, +, +, -, +, -, -, -, -).$$

Similarly, let

$$\hat{b}_3 = (+, +, 0)$$

and

$$\begin{bmatrix} \hat{h}_4^{0,0} \\ \hat{h}_4^{1,0} \\ \hat{h}_4^{2,0} \\ \hat{h}_4^{3,0} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} + & + & + & + \\ + & 0 & + & 0 \\ + & + & 0 & 0 \\ + & 0 & 0 & + \end{bmatrix},$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} \hat{h}_4^{0,1} \\ \hat{h}_4^{1,1} \\ \hat{h}_4^{2,1} \\ \hat{h}_4^{3,1} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & + & 0 & + \\ 0 & 0 & + & + \\ 0 & + & + & 0 \end{bmatrix},$$

where + denotes 1. From Eq. (14), we can generate binary sequences \hat{a}_{12}^j , as follows, respectively.

$$\begin{aligned}\hat{a}_{12}^{1,0} &= (+, 0, 0, 0, +, 0, +, 0, 0, 0, +, 0), \\ \hat{a}_{12}^{2,0} &= (+, +, 0, 0, +, 0, 0, 0, 0, +, 0, 0), \\ \hat{a}_{12}^{3,0} &= (+, 0, 0, +, +, 0, 0, +, 0, 0, 0, 0), \\ \hat{a}_{12}^{1,1} &= (0, +, 0, +, 0, 0, 0, +, 0, +, 0, 0), \\ \hat{a}_{12}^{2,1} &= (0, 0, 0, +, 0, 0, +, +, 0, 0, +, 0), \\ \hat{a}_{12}^{3,1} &= (0, +, 0, 0, 0, 0, +, 0, 0, +, +, 0).\end{aligned}$$

A set consisting of a bi-phase sequence a_{12}^j and a binary sequence $\hat{a}_{12}^{j,d}$, is an optical ZCZ code with $N = 12$, $z = 2$ and $M = 3$.

Its auto-correlation functions are given by

$$\begin{aligned}\rho_{a_{12}^j, \hat{a}_{12}^{j,d}, i'} &= (4, 0, 0, -4, 0, 0, 4, 0, 0, -4, 0, 0), \\ \rho_{a_{12}^2, \hat{a}_{12}^{2,0}, i'} &= (4, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, -4, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0), \\ \rho_{a_{12}^3, \hat{a}_{12}^{3,0}, i'} &= (4, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, -4, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0), \\ \rho_{a_{12}^1, \hat{a}_{12}^{1,1}, i'} &= (-4, 0, 0, 4, 0, 0, -4, 0, 0, 4, 0, 0), \\ \rho_{a_{12}^2, \hat{a}_{12}^{2,1}, i'} &= (-4, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 4, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0), \\ \rho_{a_{12}^3, \hat{a}_{12}^{3,1}, i'} &= (-4, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 4, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0)\end{aligned}$$

and its cross-correlation functions

$$\begin{aligned}\rho_{a_{12}^1, \hat{a}_{12}^{2,0}, i'} &= (0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0), \\ \rho_{a_{12}^2, \hat{a}_{12}^{3,0}, i'} &= (0, 0, 0, 4, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, -4, 0, 0), \\ \rho_{a_{12}^3, \hat{a}_{12}^{1,0}, i'} &= (0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0), \\ \rho_{a_{12}^1, \hat{a}_{12}^{2,1}, i'} &= (0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0), \\ \rho_{a_{12}^2, \hat{a}_{12}^{3,1}, i'} &= (0, 0, 0, -4, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 4, 0, 0), \\ \rho_{a_{12}^3, \hat{a}_{12}^{1,1}, i'} &= (0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0).\end{aligned}$$

C. Optical ZCZ code with $z = 1$

Let \mathbf{S}_{N_2} be a Sylvester-type Hadamard matrix of order $N_2 = 2^{n_2}$ with $n_2 \geq 2$, written as

$$\mathbf{S}_{N_2} = [s_{N_2,0}^0, s_{N_2,1}^1, \dots, s_{N_2,i}^j, \dots, s_{N_2,N_2-1}^{N_2-1}]^T, \quad (18)$$

$$\begin{aligned}s_{N_2}^j &= (s_{N_2,0}^j, s_{N_2,1}^j, \dots, s_{N_2,i}^j, \dots, s_{N_2,N_2-1}^j), \quad (19) \\ s_{N_2,i}^j &\in \{1, -1\},\end{aligned}$$

where T denotes the matrix transposition. It can also be expressed as

$$\mathbf{S}_{N_2} = \mathbf{S}_{\frac{N_2}{2}} \otimes \mathbf{S}_2, \quad (20)$$

$$\mathbf{S}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & -1 \end{bmatrix}, \quad (21)$$

where the operation \otimes denotes the Kronecker product. Each row $s_{N_2}^j$ is called a Sylvester-type Hadamard sequence.

A biphasic sequence $a_{N_2}^j$ with length $N = 2N_2$ is given by

$$a_{N_2,i}^j = \alpha_{N_2,i} \cdot s_{N_2,i \bmod N_2}^j, \quad (22)$$

$$\alpha_{N_2,i} = \begin{cases} s_{N_2,i \bmod N_2}^0 = 1 & ; 0 \leq i \leq \frac{N}{2} - 1, \\ -s_{N_2,i \bmod N_2}^1 = (-1)^{i+1} & ; \frac{N}{2} \leq i \leq N - 1. \end{cases} \quad (23)$$

From Eqs. (22) and (23), the mean value of this sequence $a_{N_2}^j$ is given by

$$\sum_{i=0}^{N-1} a_{N_2,i}^j = \sum_{i=0}^{N_2-1} s_{N_2,i}^0 s_{N_2,i}^j - \sum_{i=0}^{N_2-1} s_{N_2,i}^1 s_{N_2,i}^j = 0, \quad (24)$$

where $j \neq 0, 1$. Therefore, a biphasic sequence $a_{N_2}^j$ is called a biphasic balanced sequence.

A binary sequence $\hat{a}_{N_2}^{j,d}$ of length N is given by

$$\hat{a}_{N_2,i}^{j,d} = \frac{1 + (-1)^d a_{N_2,i}^j}{2}. \quad (25)$$

Let A be a set of $M = N/2 - 2$ pairs consisting of a biphasic sequence $a_{N_2}^j$ and a binary sequence $\hat{a}_{N_2}^{j,d}$ of length $N = 2N_2$, written as

$$A = \left\{ (a_{N_2}^2, \hat{a}_{N_2}^{2,d}), (a_{N_2}^3, \hat{a}_{N_2}^{3,d}), \dots, (a_{N_2}^j, \hat{a}_{N_2}^{j,d}), \dots, (a_{N_2}^{\frac{N}{2}-1}, \hat{a}_{N_2}^{\frac{N}{2}-1,d}) \right\}. \quad (26)$$

The periodic correlation function between $a_{N_2}^j$ and $\hat{a}_{N_2}^{j',d}$ except when $j, j' \leq 1$ is given by

$$\rho_{a_{N_2}^j, \hat{a}_{N_2}^{j',d}, i'} = \begin{cases} \frac{N}{2} & ; i' = 0, j = j', d = 0, \\ \frac{-N}{2} & ; i' = 0, j = j', d = 1, \\ 0 & ; i' = 0, j \neq j', \\ 0 & ; i' = \pm z = \pm 1, \end{cases} \quad (27)$$

where $w = N/2$. Therefore, the above set of $M = N/2 - 2$ pairs consisting of a biphasic sequence $a_{N_2}^j$ and a binary sequence $\hat{a}_{N_2}^{j',d}$ is an optical ZCZ code with $z = 1$ and $M = N/2 - 2 = N/(z + 1) - 2$.

As an example, we generate an optical ZCZ code of $N = 2N_2 = 2 \times 4 = 8$, $z = 1$ and $M = N/2 - 2 = 2$. From Eqs. (17), (22) and (23), we can generate bi-phase sequences a_8^j , as follows, respectively.

$$\begin{aligned}a_8^2 &= (+, +, -, -, -, +, +, -), \\ a_8^3 &= (+, -, -, +, -, -, +, +).\end{aligned}$$

From Eq. (25), we can generate binary sequences $\hat{a}_8^{j,d}$, as follows, respectively.

$$\begin{aligned}\hat{a}_8^{2,0} &= (+, +, 0, 0, 0, 0, +, +), \\ \hat{a}_8^{3,0} &= (+, 0, 0, +, 0, 0, +, +), \\ \hat{a}_8^{2,1} &= (0, 0, +, +, +, 0, 0, +), \\ \hat{a}_8^{3,1} &= (0, +, +, 0, +, +, 0, 0).\end{aligned}$$

A set of pairs consisting of a bi-phase sequence a_8^j and a binary sequence $\hat{a}_8^{j,d}$ is an optical ZCZ code with $N = 8$, $z = 1$ and $M = 2$.

Its auto-correlation functions are given by

$$\begin{aligned}\rho_{a_8^2, \hat{a}_8^{2,0}, i'} &= \rho_{a_8^3, \hat{a}_8^{3,0}, i'} = (4, 0, -2, 0, 0, 0, -2, 0), \\ \rho_{a_8^2, \hat{a}_8^{2,1}, i'} &= \rho_{a_8^3, \hat{a}_8^{3,1}, i'} = (-4, 0, 2, 0, 0, 0, 2, 0)\end{aligned}$$

and its cross-correlation functions are given by

$$\begin{aligned}\rho_{a_8^2, \hat{a}_8^{3,0}, i'} &= \rho_{a_8^3, \hat{a}_8^{2,0}, i'} = (0, 0, 2, 0, -4, 0, 2, 0), \\ \rho_{a_8^2, \hat{a}_8^{3,1}, i'} &= \rho_{a_8^3, \hat{a}_8^{2,1}, i'} = (0, 0, -2, 0, 4, 0, -2, 0).\end{aligned}$$

III. OPTICAL ZCZ-CDMA SYSTEM

The optical CDMA system based on the optical ZCZ code is called the optical ZCZ-CDMA system. In the transmitter, the binary sequence is used to send optical signal corresponding to a short pulse and the absence of light. A transmitter sends a binary sequence \hat{a}_N^{j,d_j} in according to input data $d_j \in \{1, 0\}$ as optical signal. On the other hand, in the receiver, the biphasic sequence is used as the reference sequence.

In a low-speed communication, the receiver is processed by an electrical signal, which is called the electrical processing. This system needs one avalanche photodiode (APD) element. Figure 1 shows optical ZCZ-CDMA system by the electrical processing. The received signal r_i is passed through a filter matched to the biphasic sequence, a_N^j , which is called the electrical correlator, and is recovered to the bit data in the detector. From Eq. (4), the input of a detector R_0 is given by

$$R_0 = \sum_{i=0}^{N-1} a_{N,i}^j r_i. \quad (28)$$

Similarly, in a high-speed communication, the receiver is processed by an optical signal, which is called the optical processing. This system needs two avalanche photodiode (APD) elements because the reference sequence is the biphasic sequence which takes as 1 or -1 . Figure 2 shows optical ZCZ-CDMA system by the optical processing. In splitter, the received signal is switched to the optical correlator 0 and 1 according to element values 1 and -1 of the reference sequence a_N^j , respectively, and is added as \hat{R}_0^0 and \hat{R}_0^1 in the optical correlator 0 and 1, respectively. The difference output signal of APD 0 and APD 1 is recovered to the bit data in the detector. From Eq. (28), the input of a detector R_0 is given by

$$\begin{aligned} R_0 &= \sum_{i=0}^{N-1} \left(\frac{1 + a_{N,i}^j}{2} \right) r_i - \sum_{i=0}^{N-1} \left(\frac{1 - a_{N,i}^j}{2} \right) r_i \\ &= \hat{R}_0^0 - \hat{R}_0^1. \end{aligned} \quad (29)$$

Note that if $z = 1$ then $(1 + a_{N,i}^j)/2$ and $(1 - a_{N,i}^j)/2$ are $\hat{a}_{N,i}^{j,0}$ and $\hat{a}_{N,i}^{j,1}$ from Eq. (25), respectively.

IV. THEORETICAL ANALYSIS OF BER PERFORMANCE

We theoretically analyse the BER performance of optical ZCZ-CDMA systems by the electrical and optical processing, and evaluate it by computer simulation. Table I shows specifications of theoretical analysis and computer simulation.

A. BER performance in optical fiber transmission

The theoretical formula of BER characteristics of the optical ZCZ-CDMA system by the electrical processing over the optical fiber is given by

$$\begin{aligned} p_{BER} &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\sigma^2(m)}} \int_{-\infty}^0 \exp\left\{ \frac{-(a - \mu)^2}{2\sigma^2(m)} \right\} da \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \operatorname{erfc}\left(\frac{\mu}{\sqrt{2\sigma^2(m)}} \right), \end{aligned} \quad (30)$$

$$\mu = wGT_c\lambda_s \left(\frac{M_e - 1}{M_e} \right), \quad (31)$$

TABLE I

SPECIFICATIONS OF THEORETICAL ANALYSIS AND COMPUTER SIMULATION.

Spreading sequence	optical ZCZ code	
	Sequence length N	24
Family size M	7	6
Zero correlation zone z	2	1
Num. of the nonzero elements w	4	
Num. of trials	10 ⁶	
Bit rate	156Mbps	234Mbps
Chip rate	3,744Mcps	
Laser wavelength λ	830nm	
APD quantum efficiency η	0.6	
APD gain G	100	
APD effective ionization ratio K_{eff}	0.02	
Bulk leakage current I_b	0.1nA	
Surface leakage current I_s	10nA	
Modulation extinction ratio M_e	100	
Receiver noise temperature T_r	1,100K	
Receiver load resistor R_L	1,030 Ω	
Background noise P_b	-45 dBm	
Scintillation logarithm variance σ_s^2	0.1	

$$\begin{aligned} \sigma^2(m) &= G^2 F_e T_c \left\{ \lambda_s \left(w + \frac{N-w}{M_e} \right) m + N \frac{I_b}{e} \right\} \\ &\quad + N \frac{I_s T_c}{e} + N \sigma_{th}^2, \end{aligned} \quad (32)$$

$$\lambda_s = \frac{\eta P_w}{hf}, \quad (33)$$

$$P_w = \frac{1}{w} P_{bit}, \quad (34)$$

$$F_e = K_{eff} G + (1 - K_{eff}) \left(\frac{2G-1}{G} \right), \quad (35)$$

$$\sigma_{th}^2 = \frac{2k_B T_r T_c}{e^2 R_L}, \quad (36)$$

$$f = \frac{c}{\lambda}, \quad (37)$$

$$w = \begin{cases} \frac{(z+2)N}{4(z+1)} & ; z = 4n - 2, \\ \frac{N}{2} & ; z = 1, \end{cases} \quad (38)$$

where μ and $\sigma^2(m)$ are the average and variance of the correlation output, m is the number of users, G is the APD gain, T_c is the chip duration, N is the sequence length, M_e is the modulation extinction ratio, λ_s is the average number of absorbed photons over T_c , w is the number of the nonzero elements in each sequence, F_e is the excess noise factor, I_b is the bulk leakage current, I_s is the surface leakage current, e is the elementary electric charge, σ_{th}^2 is the variance of thermal noise, η is the APD quantum efficiency, P_w is the received laser power per chip without scintillation, P_{bit} is the average received laser power per bit without scintillation, P_b is the background noise per chip duration T_c , h is Planck's constant, f is the optical frequency, K_{eff} is the APD effective ionization ratio, k_B is Boltzmann constant, T_r is the receiver noise temperature, R_L is the receiver load resistor, c is velocity of light, and λ is the laser wavelength. Note that the background noise isn't considered over the optical fiber. Figures 3 and 4 show BER performance of optical ZCZ-CDMA system with $z = 2$ and 1 by the electrical processing

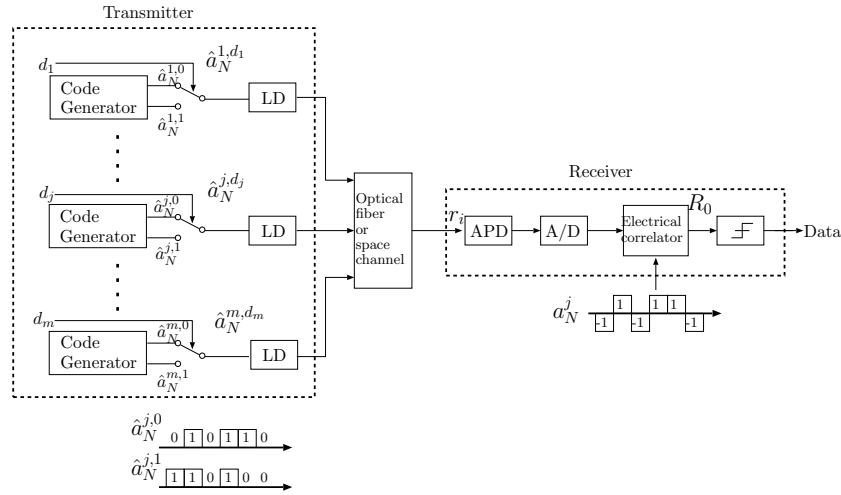


Fig. 1. Optical ZCZ-CDMA system by the electrical processing.

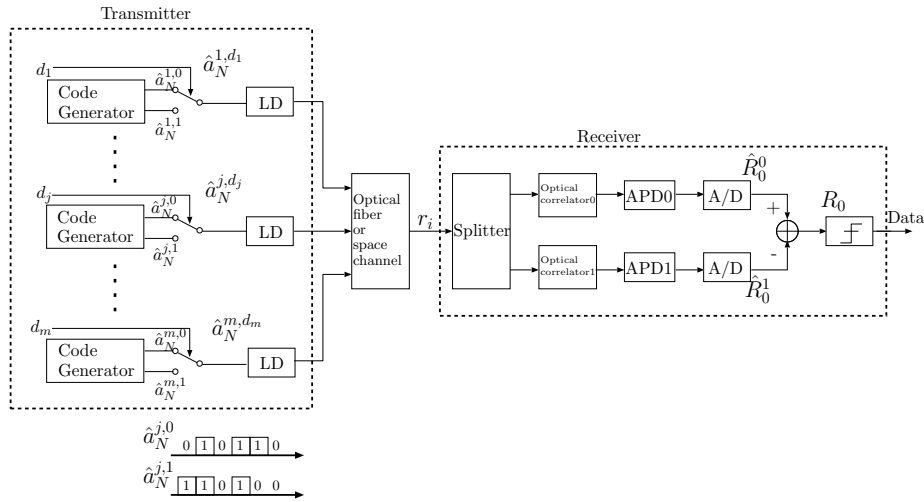


Fig. 2. Optical ZCZ-CDMA system by the optical processing.

over the optical fiber, respectively.

Similarly, the theoretical formula of BER characteristics of the optical ZCZ-CDMA system by the optical processing over the optical fiber is given by

$$\tilde{p}_{BER} = \frac{1}{2} \text{erfc} \left(\frac{\tilde{\mu}}{\sqrt{2\tilde{\sigma}^2(m)}} \right), \quad (39)$$

$$\tilde{\mu} = wGT_c\lambda_s \left(\frac{M_e - 1}{M_e} \right) = \mu, \quad (40)$$

$$\tilde{\sigma}^2(m) = G^2 F_e T_c \left\{ \lambda_s \left(w + \frac{N-w}{M_e} \right) m + 2 \frac{I_b}{e} \right\} + 2 \frac{I_s T_c}{e} + 2\sigma_{th}^2. \quad (41)$$

Figures 5 and 6 show BER performance of optical ZCZ-CDMA system with $z = 2$ and 1 by the optical processing over the optical fiber, respectively.

From Figs. 3, 4, 5 and 6, the optical ZCZ-CDMA system by the electrical and optical processing over the optical fiber

can't remove completely co-channel interference, and the BER performance of this system by the electrical processing over the optical fiber go down compared to that by the optical processing.

B. BER performance in optical space transmission

The theoretical formula of BER characteristics of the optical ZCZ-CDMA system by the electrical processing over the

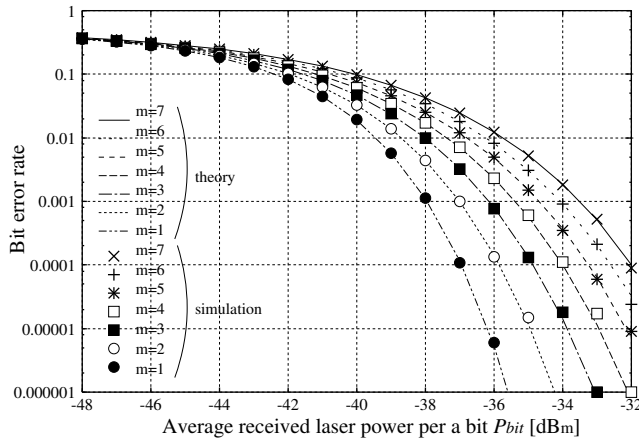


Fig. 3. BER performance of optical ZCZ-CDMA system with $z = 2$ by the electrical processing over the optical fiber.

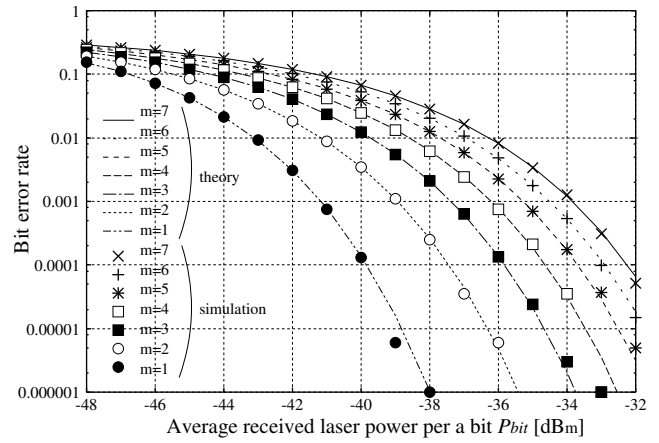


Fig. 5. BER performance of optical ZCZ-CDMA system with $z = 2$ by the optical processing over the optical fiber.

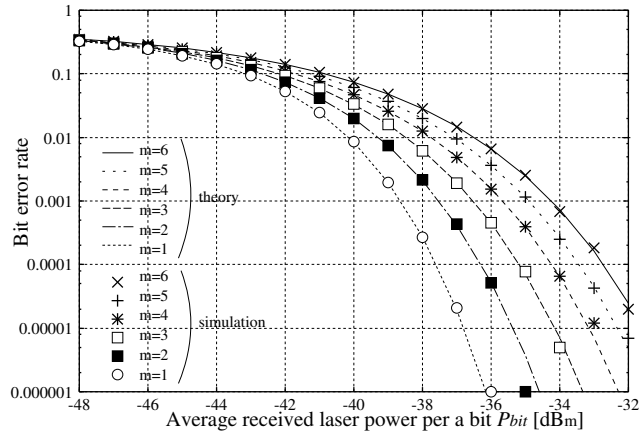


Fig. 4. BER performance of optical ZCZ-CDMA system with $z = 1$ by the electrical processing over the optical fiber.

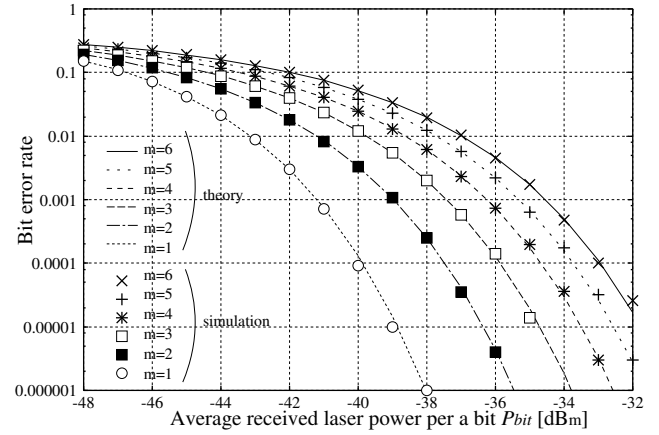


Fig. 6. BER performance of optical ZCZ-CDMA system with $z = 1$ by the optical processing over the optical fiber.

optical space is given by

$$P_{BER} = \frac{1}{2} \int_0^\infty p(A_1) \int_0^\infty p(A_2) \cdots \int_0^\infty p(A_m) \cdot \text{erfc} \left(\frac{\mu(A_1)}{\sqrt{2\sigma^2(A_1, A_2, \dots, A_m)}} \right) dA_1 dA_2 \cdots dA_m = \frac{1}{2} \int_0^\infty p(A_1) \int_0^\infty p(A) \cdot \text{erfc} \left(\frac{\mu(A_1)}{\sqrt{2\sigma^2(A_1, A)}} \right) dA_1 dA, \quad (42)$$

$$A = \sum_{j=2}^m A_j, \quad (43)$$

$$p(A_j) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\sigma_s^2}} \exp \left\{ -\frac{(\ln A_j + \frac{\sigma_s^2}{2})^2}{2\sigma_s^2} \right\}, \quad (44)$$

$$p(A) = p(A_2) * \cdots * p(A_m), \quad (45)$$

$$\mu(A_1) = wGT_c \lambda_s \left(\frac{M_e - 1}{M_e} \right) A_1, \quad (46)$$

$$\sigma^2(A_1, A) = G^2 F_e T_c \left\{ \lambda_s \left(w + \frac{N-w}{M_e} \right) (A_1 + A) + N\lambda_b + N \frac{I_b}{e} \right\} + N \frac{I_s T_c}{e} + N\sigma_{th}^2, \quad (47)$$

where $p(A_j)$ is the probability density function of the scintillation A_j for j th ($1 \leq j \leq m$) user, σ_s^2 is the scintillation logarithm variance, $\mu(A_1)$ and $\sigma^2(A_1, A)$ are the average and variance of the correlation output, respectively and $*$ denotes the convolution as

$$p(a) * p(a) = \sum_{a'=0}^{\infty} p(a') p(a - a'). \quad (48)$$

Figures 7 and 8 show BER performance of optical ZCZ-CDMA system with $z = 2$ and 1 by the electrical processing over the optical space, respectively.

Similarly, the theoretical formula of BER characteristics of the optical ZCZ-CDMA system by the optical processing over

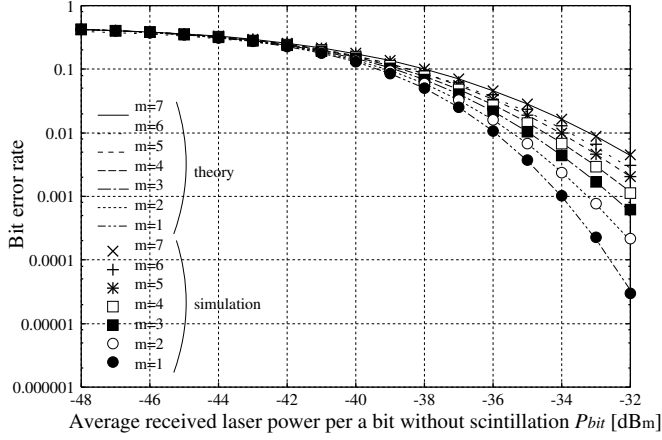


Fig. 7. BER performance of optical ZCZ-CDMA system with $z = 2$ by the electrical processing over the optical space.

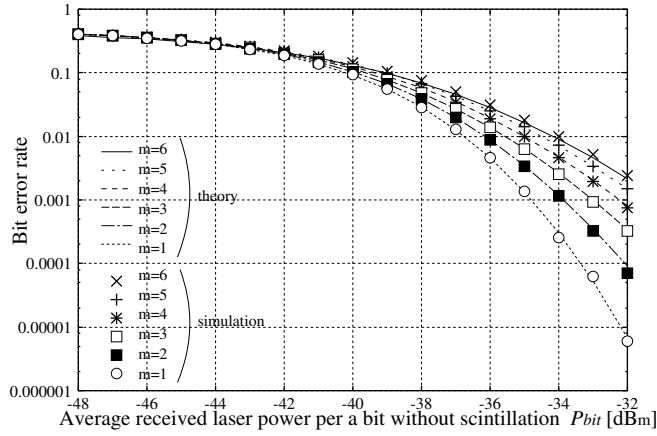


Fig. 8. BER performance of optical ZCZ-CDMA system with $z = 1$ by the electrical processing over the optical space.

the optical space is given by

$$\begin{aligned} \tilde{P}_{BER} &= \frac{1}{2} \int_0^\infty p(A_1) \int_0^\infty p(A_2) \cdots \int_0^\infty p(A_m) \\ &\quad \cdot \text{erfc} \left(\frac{\tilde{\mu}(A_1)}{\sqrt{2\tilde{\sigma}^2(A_1, A_2, \dots, A_m)}} \right) dA_1 \\ &\quad dA_2 \cdots dA_m \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \int_0^\infty p(A_1) \int_0^\infty p(A) \\ &\quad \cdot \text{erfc} \left(\frac{\mu(\tilde{A}_1)}{\sqrt{2\tilde{\sigma}^2(A_1, A)}} \right) dA_1 dA, \end{aligned} \quad (49)$$

$$\tilde{\mu}(A_1) = wGT_c\lambda_s \left(\frac{M_e - 1}{M_e} \right) A_1 = \mu(A_1), \quad (50)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \tilde{\sigma}^2(A_1, A) &= G^2 F_e T_c \left\{ \lambda_s \left(w + \frac{N - w}{M_e} \right) (A_1 + A) \right. \\ &\quad \left. + N\lambda_b + 2\frac{I_b}{e} \right\} + 2\frac{I_s T_c}{e} + 2\sigma_{th}^2. \end{aligned} \quad (51)$$

Figures 9 and 10 show BER performance of optical ZCZ-CDMA system with $z = 2$ and 1 by the optical processing

over the optical space, respectively.

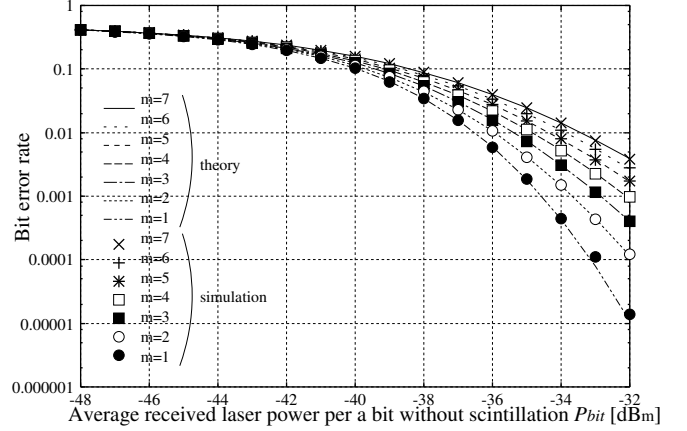


Fig. 9. BER performance of optical ZCZ-CDMA system with $z = 2$ by the optical processing over the optical space.

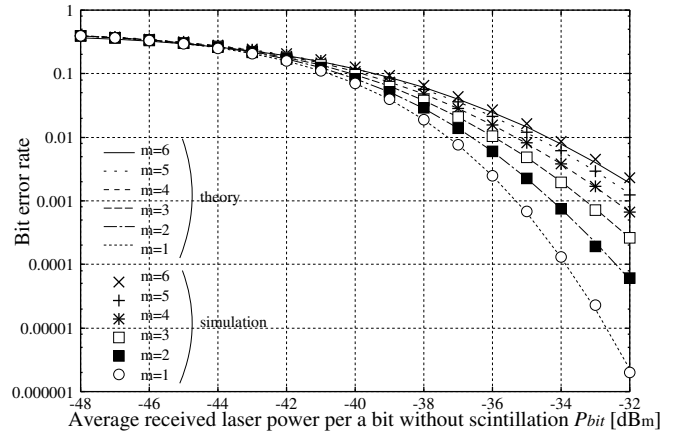


Fig. 10. BER performance of optical ZCZ-CDMA system with $z = 1$ by the optical processing over the optical space.

From Figs. 7, 8, 9 and 10, the optical ZCZ-CDMA system by the electrical and optical processing over the optical space can't remove completely co-channel interference, and the BER performance of this system by the electrical processing over the optical space go down compared to that by the optical processing. From Figs. 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9 and 10, the BER performance of this system over the optical space go down compared to that over the optical fiber.

V. CONCLUSIONS

In this paper, we analyze the BER performance of optical ZCZ-CDMA system with zero-correlation zone $4n - 2$ or 1 by the electrical and optical processing over the optical fiber and space with considering the effects of the scintillation, APD noise, thermal noise and co-channel interference by computer simulation and theoretical formula.

As a result, the BER performance of this system over the optical space go down compared to that over the optical fiber, and the BER performance of this system by the electrical processing go down compared to that by the optical processing.

The optical ZCZ-CDMA system by the electrical and optical processing can't remove completely co-channel interference.

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