

OsmoBTS - Feature #1752

Improve RACH detection / rejection

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Description

The current RACH burst detection/rejection logic in osmo-bts is quite sub-optimal.

At least for osmo-bts-sysmo and osmo-bts-lc15, we currently only have a threshold based on the fLinkQuality parameter.

However, there is no threshold based on the RSSI, and particularly none on the BER.

According to some theoretical analysis, it seems like a good choice for the BER threshold is "7/41", i.e. 7 out of the 41 bits of the RACH training sequence can be wrong, but 35bits should be correct.

To quote from *Martin Kollár: METHOD FOR EVALUATION OF OUTAGE PROBABILITY ON RANDOM ACCESS CHANNEL IN MOBILE COMMUNICATION SYSTEMS*

the theoretical BER limits of GMSK and BPSK based on $E_b/N_0 = 0$ dB, the BER of GMSK is 0.16. For the GSM where 41 represent the total number of bits in a RACH synchronization sequence this corresponds to ratio 7/41. So the threshold k can be set to 7.

So we should have a configurable but default fBER limit of $7/41 = 0.17073170$

It probably makes sense to pass BER, Link Quality and RSSI up into the common part via L1SAP, and have the thresholds implemented there. This ensures uniform behavior across hardware.

History

#1 - 06/14/2016 11:53 PM - laforge

laforge wrote:

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this is true at least for osmo-bts-{sysmo,octphy,lc15} where we get both BER and RSSI. Not sure how osmo-bts-trx will fit in.

#2 - 06/22/2016 10:12 PM - laforge

- Assignee changed from msuraev to laforge

#3 - 06/27/2016 05:03 PM - laforge

- File 0001-RACH-decoding-Use-BER-threshold-for-RACH-ghost-detec.patch added

- % Done changed from 0 to 30

proposed patch in attachment, untested so far.

#4 - 06/27/2016 05:05 PM - laforge

#5 - 07/01/2016 03:38 PM - laforge

- Status changed from New to In Progress

I've done quite an extensive test series and I cannot reproduce the issue.

I've used a RF pattern generator and tested with

- a PN23 sequence of pseudo-random bits modulated at GSM bitrate
- AWGN at 270kHz and 1MHz bandwidth
- both over a range of -110 dBm to -30 dBm

osmo-bts-sysmo did not report a single ghost RACH in about one hour of testing.

in /dev/rfif0/dsp_trace, we could see RACH being detected, but none of them reached the existing min_qual_rach threshold in osmo-bts-sysmo:

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[3200]____[279612:0]____[L1]____[RX]____[RACH]____[ACCESS TYPE 1]____[-75.8 dBm, 49 qbits, LQ = -4.2819, BSIC = 3F, BER = 0.1944 (7/36)]____
[3201]____[279769:0]____[L1]____[RX]____[RACH]____[ACCESS TYPE 2]____[-74.7 dBm, -8 qbits, LQ = -3.8764, BSIC = 3F, BER = 0.1111 (4/36)]____
[3202]____[279780:0]____[L1]____[RX]____[RACH]____[ACCESS TYPE 2]____[-76.4 dBm, 35 qbits, LQ = -5.3870, BSIC = 3F, BER = 0.2500 (9/36)]____
[3203]____[279893:0]____[L1]____[RX]____[RACH]____[ACCESS TYPE 1]____[-74.6 dBm, 64 qbits, LQ = -5.0313, BSIC = 3F, BER = 0.1389 (5/36)]____
[3204]____[279911:0]____[L1]____[RX]____[RACH]____[ACCESS TYPE 0]____[-76.3 dBm, 87 qbits, LQ = -5.0002, BSIC = 3F, BER = 0.1389 (5/36)]____
[3205]____[279934:0]____[L1]____[RX]____[RACH]____[ACCESS TYPE 0]____[-76.0 dBm, -6 qbits, LQ = -5.3354, BSIC = 3F, BER = 0.1944 (7/36)]____
[3206]____[280046:0]____[L1]____[RX]____[RACH]____[ACCESS TYPE 1]____[-76.0 dBm, 11 qbits, LQ = -1.5729, BSIC = 3F, BER = 0.1111 (4/36)]____
[3207]____[280166:0]____[L1]____[RX]____[RACH]____[ACCESS TYPE 1]____[-74.8 dBm, 87 qbits, LQ = -7.0291, BSIC = 3F, BER = 0.1944 (7/36)]____
[3208]____[280315:0]____[L1]____[RX]____[RACH]____[ACCESS TYPE 2]____[-71.0 dBm, 72 qbits, LQ = -6.1674, BSIC = 3F, BER = 0.1944 (7/36)]____
[3209]____[280632:0]____[L1]____[RX]____[RACH]____[ACCESS TYPE 1]____[-63.4 dBm, 60 qbits, LQ = -1.6252, BSIC = 3F, BER = 0.1389 (5/36)]____
[3210]____[280636:0]____[L1]____[RX]____[RACH]____[ACCESS TYPE 1]____[-61.4 dBm, 60 qbits, LQ = -7.9217, BSIC = 3F, BER = 0.1667 (6/36)]____
[3211]____[280774:0]____[L1]____[RX]____[RACH]____[ACCESS TYPE 1]____[-61.5 dBm, 59 qbits, LQ = -4.0441, BSIC = 3F, BER = 0.1944 (7/36)]____
[3212]____[280891:0]____[L1]____[RX]____[RACH]____[ACCESS TYPE 2]____[-59.6 dBm, 34 qbits, LQ = -6.3125, BSIC = 3F, BER = 0.1944 (7/36)]____
[3213]____[280931:0]____[L1]____[RX]____[RACH]____[ACCESS TYPE 2]____[-58.6 dBm, 2 qbits, LQ = -3.8033, BSIC = 3F, BER = 0.1389 (5/36)]____
[3214]____[280936:0]____[L1]____[RX]____[RACH]____[ACCESS TYPE 2]____[-58.5 dBm, 45 qbits, LQ = -3.7295, BSIC = 3F, BER = 0.1389 (5/36)]____
[3215]____[280981:0]____[L1]____[RX]____[RACH]____[ACCESS TYPE 1]____[-58.4 dBm, 48 qbits, LQ = -5.2272, BSIC = 3F, BER = 0.1111 (4/36)]____
[3216]____[281142:0]____[L1]____[RX]____[RACH]____[ACCESS TYPE 2]____[-56.1 dBm, 9 qbits, LQ = -5.7374, BSIC = 3F, BER = 0.1111 (4/36)]____
[3217]____[281208:0]____[L1]____[RX]____[RACH]____[ACCESS TYPE 1]____[-57.7 dBm, 22 qbits, LQ = -1.4843, BSIC = 3F, BER = 0.1389 (5/36)]____
[3218]____[281464:0]____[L1]____[RX]____[RACH]____[ACCESS TYPE 2]____[-53.3 dBm, 11 qbits, LQ = -5.3268, BSIC = 3F, BER = 0.1389 (5/36)]____
[3219]____[281636:0]____[L1]____[RX]____[RACH]____[ACCESS TYPE 1]____[-46.3 dBm, 80 qbits, LQ = -5.1819, BSIC = 3F, BER = 0.1944 (7/36)]____
[3220]____[281677:0]____[L1]____[RX]____[RACH]____[ACCESS TYPE 0]____[-45.4 dBm, 10 qbits, LQ = -5.4181, BSIC = 3F, BER = 0.1944 (7/36)]____
[3221]____[281694:0]____[L1]____[RX]____[RACH]____[ACCESS TYPE 1]____[-44.2 dBm, 4 qbits, LQ = -5.4208, BSIC = 3F, BER = 0.1389 (5/36)]____
[3222]____[281789:0]____[L1]____[RX]____[RACH]____[ACCESS TYPE 1]____[-42.4 dBm, 27 qbits, LQ = -1.6029, BSIC
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= 3F, BER = 0.1389 (5/36)]____
[3223]____[281794:0]____[L1]____[RX]____[RACH]____[ACCESS TYPE 1]____[-42.5 dBm, 70 qbits, LQ = -1.5491, BSIC
= 3F, BER = 0.1111 (4/36)]____
[3224]____[281843:0]____[L1]____[RX]____[RACH]____[ACCESS TYPE 0]____[-40.8 dBm, 2 qbits, LQ = -6.7427, BSIC
= 3F, BER = 0.1389 (5/36)]____
[3225]____[281904:0]____[L1]____[RX]____[RACH]____[ACCESS TYPE 1]____[-39.8 dBm, 60 qbits, LQ = -7.0963, BSIC
= 3F, BER = 0.1944 (7/36)]____
[3226]____[281909:0]____[L1]____[RX]____[RACH]____[ACCESS TYPE 0]____[-39.7 dBm, 88 qbits, LQ = -7.3934, BSIC
= 3F, BER = 0.1389 (5/36)]____
[3227]____[282098:0]____[L1]____[RX]____[RACH]____[ACCESS TYPE 2]____[-33.1 dBm, 56 qbits, LQ = -3.7389, BSIC
= 3F, BER = 0.1111 (4/36)]____
[3228]____[282163:0]____[L1]____[RX]____[RACH]____[ACCESS TYPE 2]____[-33.7 dBm, 45 qbits, LQ = -4.1827, BSIC
= 3F, BER = 0.1389 (5/36)]____
[3229]____[282207:0]____[L1]____[RX]____[RACH]____[ACCESS TYPE 1]____[-30.9 dBm, -1 qbits, LQ = -5.1973, BSIC
= 3F, BER = 0.1944 (7/36)]____
[3230]____[282212:0]____[L1]____[RX]____[RACH]____[ACCESS TYPE 1]____[-31.1 dBm, 42 qbits, LQ = -5.1664, BSIC
= 3F, BER = 0.1389 (5/36)]____
[3231]____[282217:0]____[L1]____[RX]____[RACH]____[ACCESS TYPE 1]____[-31.1 dBm, 85 qbits, LQ = -5.2099, BSIC
= 3F, BER = 0.1389 (5/36)]____
[3232]____[282258:0]____[L1]____[RX]____[RACH]____[ACCESS TYPE 0]____[-32.2 dBm, 15 qbits, LQ = -5.4180, BSIC
= 3F, BER = 0.1944 (7/36)]____
[3233]____[282304:0]____[L1]____[RX]____[RACH]____[ACCESS TYPE 2]____[-30.8 dBm, 20 qbits, LQ = -5.9130, BSIC
= 3F, BER = 0.1389 (5/36)]____
[3234]____[282370:0]____[L1]____[RX]____[RACH]____[ACCESS TYPE 1]____[-32.5 dBm, 32 qbits, LQ = -1.6946, BSIC
= 3F, BER = 0.1389 (5/36)]____
[3235]____[282454:0]____[L1]____[RX]____[RACH]____[ACCESS TYPE 2]____[-31.1 dBm, 56 qbits, LQ = -6.7238, BSIC
= 3F, BER = 0.1667 (6/36)]____
[3236]____[282512:0]____[L1]____[RX]____[RACH]____[ACCESS TYPE 1]____[-32.1 dBm, 32 qbits, LQ = -4.1076, BSIC
= 3F, BER = 0.1667 (6/36)]____
[3237]____[282517:0]____[L1]____[RX]____[RACH]____[ACCESS TYPE 1]____[-32.4 dBm, 75 qbits, LQ = -4.0598, BSIC
= 3F, BER = 0.1944 (7/36)]____

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So we need to understand how to reproduce the bug first.

#6 - 03/10/2017 09:27 PM - laforge

- Status changed from In Progress to New

- Assignee deleted (laforge)

#7 - 05/30/2017 03:32 PM - laforge

- Assignee set to daniel

#8 - 12/03/2017 10:41 AM - laforge

- Assignee changed from daniel to laforge

#9 - 02/26/2018 02:22 PM - laforge

- % Done changed from 30 to 80

A BER based RACH threshold has now been introduced as part of the <https://gerrit.osmocom.org/#/c/6933/> patch. On the positive side, all BTS/PHY models should now have the same behavior in terms of RACH detection threshold.

#10 - 03/24/2018 02:49 PM - laforge

- Status changed from New to Resolved

- % Done changed from 80 to 100

Files

0001-RACH-decoding-Use-BER-threshold-for-RACH-ghost-detec.patc	8.94 KB	06/27/2016	laforge
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