

# Performance and assessment of STBC OFDM Downlink Baseband Receiver

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**Abstract-** The development of 802.16 standards for Broadband Wireless Access technologies (BWA) was motivated by the rapidly growing need for high-speed, ubiquitous and cost-effective access. The proposed baseband receiver applied in the system with two transmit antennas and one receive antenna purposes to offer high performance in outdoor mobile environments. It delivers a simple and robust synchronizer and an precise but hardware inexpensive channel estimator to overcome the challenge of multipath fading channels.

**Index Terms-** base band receiver, WMAN, adaptive modulation

## I. INTRODUCTION

Most first generation structures have been added in the mid-1980's and can be characterized by the use of analog transmission techniques and the use of simple more than one get admission to strategies which includes Frequency Division Multiple Access (FDMA). First generation telecommunication structures along with Advanced Mobile Phone Service (AMPS) handiest supplied voice communications. They also suffered from a low user capacity, and security problems due to the simple radio interface used. Second era systems have been introduced in the early 1990's, and all use virtual technology. This supplied a boom within the user capacity of around 3 times. This becomes carried out by means of compressing the voice waveforms earlier than transmission. Third generation systems are an extension on the complexity of 2nd-generation structures and are anticipated to be brought after the year 2000. The device potential is anticipated to be extended to over ten instances authentic first-generation structures. This goes to be performed by way of the usage of complex multiple get access

to strategies consisting of Code Division Multiple Access (CDMA), or an extension of TDMA, and by way of enhancing the flexibility of offerings available. The telecommunications industry faces the hassle of offering smartphone services to rural regions, in which the customer base is small, but the value of installing a stressed mobile network could be very high. One approach to reducing the high infrastructure price of a stressed out gadget is to use a fixed wi-fi radio network. The problem with this is that for rural and urban regions, large cellular sizes are required to get sufficient coverage. Fig.1 shows the evolution of cutting-edge services and networks to the goal of combining them into a unified third generation network. Many currently separate structures and services consisting of radio paging, cordless telephony, satellite phones and personal radio structures for groups and so on could be blended so that each one these services can be provided with the aid of third generation telecommunication systems. Initial proposals for OFDM had been made inside the 60s and the 70s. It has taken more than a quarter of a century for this era to move from the studies area to the industry. The concept of OFDM is quite easy but the practicality of enforcing it has many complexities. So, it's a complete software program undertaking. OFDM depends on Orthogonality principle. Orthogonality way, it permits the subcarriers, which can be orthogonal to every other, meaning that go-communicate among channels is removed and inter-service protect bands are now not required.

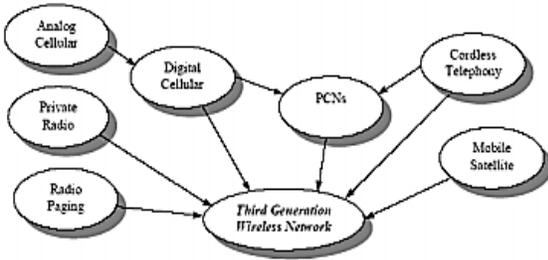


Fig: 1 Evolution of current networks to the next generation of wireless networks

## II. RELATED WORKS

In [1] authors have presented design and implementation of OFDM with 512 subcarriers and 2x2 STBC MIMO transceiver for WiMAX 802.16e standard. The design consists of (Space Time Block Code) STBC, Fast Fourier Transform (FFT / IFFT) for subcarrier division, mapping and de-mapping symbols, and system integration using high level design tool based on VHDL on FPGA. In [2] authors have described performance study of adaptive modulation and various coding schemes in WiMAX OFDM-based system. In [11] authors have presented design of MIMO-OFDM system for Wireless Broadband Communications and have analysed its BER performance. In [12] authors have presented a comprehensive analysis about BER and SNR for various scenarios which include different channels, different modulation techniques and carrier frequency offsets. In [13] authors have presented MIMO-OFDM techniques which are used to increase the performance efficiency by having multiple transmit and receive antenna for the Rayleigh channel. The reference model SISO, MISO, MIMO(2X2) are designed and simulated in MATLAB. The evaluation of Bit Error Rate (BER) and Signal to Noise Ratio (SNR) performance of the MIMO-OFDM technique combined with Alamouti Space Time Block Codes (STBC) based on 16 QAM over Rayleigh Channels are carried out. In [14] authors have presented a new Non-Linear precoding method to the acclimatization for the Worldwide Interoperability for fixed Microwave Access (WiMAX) baseband, in the physical layer performance of multi-antenna techniques. The proposed Non-Linear Precoding Tomlinson-Harashima Precoding (THP) in WiMAX

baseband consider a new way to further reduce the level of interference and signals achieved much lower bit error rates and increase spectral efficiency.

## III. SUGGESTED SYSTEM

Space-time block code (STBC)-orthogonal frequency division multiplexing (OFDM) techniques (STBC-OFDM) have been shown to be very promising. With multiple transmit antennas, STBC can provide transmit diversity gain to improve system performance in wireless communications, especially when receive diversity is too expensive to deploy. STBC-OFDM systems have been adopted in IEEE 802.16e which is an extension of IEEE 802.16-2004 for supporting the mobility of wireless metropolitan area network (WMAN). However, for STBC decoding, STBC-OFDM systems require accurate channel state information (CSI), which is particularly difficult to obtain in mobile wireless channels. Therefore, high quality channel estimation with acceptable hardware complexity is a crucial challenge for realizing a successful STBC-OFDM system. Various channel estimation methods have been proposed for OFDM systems. Among these methods, discrete Fourier transform (DFT)-based channel estimation methods using either minimum mean square error (MMSE) criterion or maximum likelihood (ML) criterion have been studied for OFDM systems with preamble symbols. Since no information on channel statistics or operating signal-to-noise ratio (SNR) is required in the ML scheme, the ML scheme is simpler to implement than the MMSE scheme. Additionally, when the number of pilots is sufficient, the two schemes have comparable performances. For this reason, the decision-feedback (DF) DFT-based channel estimation method is adopted to use the decided data as pilots to track channel variations for providing sufficient tracking information. Recently, Ku and Huang presented a DF DFT-based method derived from ML criterion and Newton's method. Moreover, they concluded that a refined two-stage channel estimation method is more robust than the classical DF DFT-based method to apply in fast time-varying channels. Thus, the two-stage channel estimation method with an initialization stage and a tracking stage is adopted in this paper.

The MPIC-based decorrelation estimates CIR path-by-path and cancels out the known multipath interference. The channel estimation for each transceiver antenna pair can be independently performed because the preambles transmitted from different antennas do not interfere with each other. First, two parameters are defined as a presumptive path number of a channel and an observation window set, respectively. Second, the cyclic cross-correlation between the received and transmitted preambles as well as the normalized cyclic auto-correlation of the transmitted preamble are calculated. The indexes and which stand for a path counting variable and the number of the legal paths found by the MPIC-based decorrelation are initialized to zero. Third, the process is started by picking only one path whose time delay yields the largest value in, for it. If the path delay is larger than the length of CP, this path is treated as an illegal path and discarded by setting . Otherwise, this path is recorded as the legal path with a time delay and a complex path gain . Then, the interference associated with this legal path is canceled from to obtain a refined cross-correlation function.

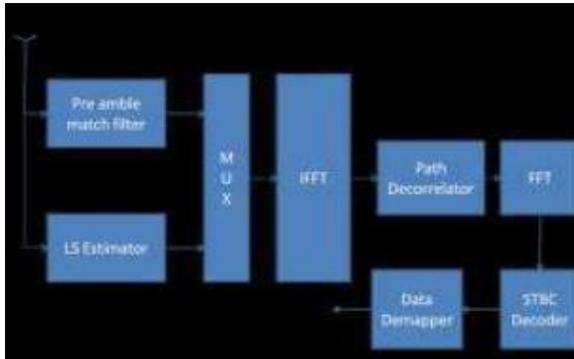


Figure 1. Architecture of Downlink baseband receiver  
**A. Tracking Stage:** After the initialization stage, we can obtain the information of the path numbers, the multipath delays, the multipath complex gains, and the corresponding channel frequency responses, where is corresponding to the transmit antenna. Under the assumption that the multipath delays do not change over the duration of a frame, the DFDFFT-based channel estimation method can be equivalently expressed in Newton's method as According to, the vector calculates the difference between the previous estimated channel

frequency response vector and the least-square (LS) estimation vector in, where is the iteration index. The matrix is the re-encoded STBC matrix with decided symbols, and, as its entries. The decided symbols are obtained by applying the previous estimated channel frequency responses to decode the received signal vector, where is the symbol index within a time slot. The value is the energy normalization factor. The inverse DFT (IDFT) matrix multiplying by the vector in is to form the gradient vector in Newton's method, where is a subset of. In addition, the weighting matrix is in fact the inverse of the Hessian matrix in Newton's method. The entry of is given by in the previous. It is demonstrated that the two-stage channel estimation method has better performance than the classical DF DFT-based method, the STBC-based MMSE method, and the Kalman filtering method for estimating channels in high mobility, and its computational complexity is quite the same with these methods. However, the high complexity problem still needs to be solved for hardware implementation. Hence, we propose a modified two-stage channel estimation method and its architecture for hardware design.

**B. FFT/IFFT:** The FFT and IFFT are required by the proposed two-stage channel estimator and can be shared by the initialization stage and the tracking stage. A parallel memory-based FFT/IFFT architecture with multiple inputs and outputs in normal order is used to have a lower cost and reduce the latency which is targeted to be less than 1/4 of an OFDM symbol time. The 1024-point FFT/IFFT module that is composed of eight independent memory modules, four radix-8 processing elements (PEs), two radix-2 butterfly elements, and two commutators. The memory modules are implemented with single-port SRAM modules which consume less area and power than dual-port SRAM modules. The PE adopts the pipelined single-path delay feedback (SDF) FFT architecture with a reorder buffer, a complex multiplier and the associated twiddle factor table.

By the symmetry property of sine/cosine functions, the lookup table just requires to store the sine/cosine values from 0 to 1. For radix-8 FFT operation, the read-out data index of the memory access is the 3-bit

reversal of the write-in data index. In order to achieve the parallel inputs and outputs in normal order, the memory access addressing for eight memory modules must avoid the memory conflict occurring. Assume that the binary index of the write-in data is, and the binary index of the read-out data. 3-bit reversal write-in index. The parallel write-in data assigned to the eight independent memory modules are based on the addressing scheme. The data located in the different memory modules can be parallel outputted in normal order.

**C. STBC Decoder And Demapper:** This technique used in wireless communications to transmit multiple copies of data stream across a number of antenna and to exploit the various received versions of the data to improve the reliability of data transfer. The fact that the transmitted signal must traverse a potentially difficult environment with scattering, reflection, refraction and so on and may then be further corrupted by thermal noise in the receiver means that some of the received copies of the data will be better chosen. In the tracking stage, from the LS estimator is used to calculate the LS estimations followed by calculating the vector that can be expressed. Before the LS estimation calculation, the decided symbols and must be determined first. Based on the latest estimated channel frequency responses, the STBC decoder, the symbol demapper are used to decode these two received symbols and can be formulated as where is the demapper process. The hardware design of a divider is very costly; therefore, a demapping dichotomy method with two stages is adopted to avoid the divider implementation.

## V. CONCLUSION

In this paper, we propose a downlink baseband receiver for mobile WMAN that is applied in the STBC-OFDM machine with two transmit antennas and one gets hold of the antenna. A simple image boundary detector, a service frequency recovery loop modified by way of the ping-pong algorithm, and a correct two-degree channel estimator is efficiently carried out. Although the 2-stage channel estimator requires higher hardware cost compared with the interpolation based totally channel estimators, it has good sized performance development for efficiently figuring out the STBC-OFDM system in

outdoor cellular environments. From the simulation outcomes, we have shown that the proposed receiver improves about 8.5dB of the normalized MSE for 16QAM modulation in comparison with that adopting the 2-D interpolation strategies in multipath fading channels.

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