

# PERFORMANCE IMPROVEMENTS IN SNR OF A MULTIPATH CHANNEL USING OFDM-MIMO

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**Abstract:** When using the 2-11 GHz frequency range, the Non Line of Sight (NLOS) broadband wireless access offered by Worldwide Interoperability for Microwave Access (WiMAX) is vulnerable due to the impacts of factors such as multipath propagation, diffraction fading, vegetation attenuation, shadowing loss, and more effects. To get around these impacts, you need to put fade mitigation strategies into action. An effective strategy for fighting fading and increasing the WiMAX system's signal-to-noise ratio (SNR) is Orthogonal Frequency Division Multiplexing with Multiple Inputs and Outputs (OFDM-MIMO). The IEEE 802.16 standard states that in order for the connection to function, a minimum signal-to-noise ratio (SNR) of 6 dB is necessary for QPSK modulation. This study uses OFDM-MIMO to obtain a signal-to-noise ratio (SNR) higher than the operational threshold.

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## Introduction

Combining multiple-input multiple-output (MIMO) with orthogonal frequency-division multiplexing (OFDM) modulation creates a wireless communication system known as a MIMO-OFDM. Modern technology makes use of several antennas at the sender and receiver ends of a system to boost its capacity, enhance its performance, and decrease interference while simultaneously increasing the signal quality. However, orthogonal frequency division multiplexing (OFDM) modulation separates the data stream into several subcarriers. This enhances the system's spectral efficiency and helps to reduce the impact of channel fading. By combining the two, MIMO-OFDM systems provide dependable, high-speed wireless communication across long distances. Digital broadcasting, cellular networks, and wireless local area networks are just a few of the many popular uses for multiple-input multiple-output (MIMO-OFDM) wireless communication systems. Greater data speeds, more extensive coverage, and enhanced resilience to interference and fading are just a few of the benefits they provide over more conventional wireless communication methods. Distributed orthogonal frequency division multiplexing (MIMO-OFDM) is based on the idea of using OFDM modulation to convey information via these subcarriers. In order to make the most efficient use of the available spectrum, the data is dispersed among all of the subcarriers, and each subcarrier carries a tiny percentage of the total data.

A multiple-input multiple-output (MIMO-OFDM) system takes use of the spatial diversity of the wireless channel by using several antennas at the transmitter and reception ends. By

merging the signals sent by each antenna at the receiver, the data rate and signal quality are both enhanced.

The MIMO-OFDM system employs state-of-the-art signal processing methods to lessen the impact of interference and multipath fading. Various algorithms are used by the system to process such as STBC, SM, and beamforming, which are used to encode the received signals. The signal quality is enhanced, the error rate is decreased, and such that the wireless communication system as a whole works better.

Establishing a fast and dependable wireless connection between several devices is the main goal of a Multiple-Input Multiple-Output Orthogonal Frequency Division Multiplexing (MIMO-OFDM) communication system. The goals that the system is meant to accomplish are:

First, a multi-input multiple-output (MIMO-OFDM) system may increase the data rate by using several antennas at the reception and transmitter ends. By taking use of the geographical diversity of the wireless channel, the system is able to send and receive various streams of data consecutively.

Second, the MIMO-OFDM system may increase spectral efficiency by transmitting data across several channels at once by splitting the available frequency range into multiple subcarriers. In doing so, the system's spectral efficiency is enhanced and the available spectrum is used to its fullest potential.

Third, improve the wireless connection's quality by reducing interference and multipath fading with the help of the MIMO-OFDM system's sophisticated signal processing tools. The wireless communication system's overall performance is enhanced, the error rate is decreased, and the signal quality is improved using these strategies.

## TECHNIQUES FOR CHANNEL ESTIMATION

In order to adjust for channel impairments and estimate the parameters of the wireless channel, channel estimation is essential in wireless communication systems. One of the main features of MIMO-OFDM wireless communication systems is the presence of several antennas on both the sender's and receiver's ends, thus complicating the task of channel estimate. Most often used methods for channel estimate include the following: maximum likelihood, Kalman filter, compressed sensing, and pilot-based estimation. estimate based on piloting requires known pilot symbols to be included into the broadcast signal, while compressed sensing-based estimate makes use of the sparse characteristics of the wireless channel. When estimating the channel, maximum likelihood estimation makes the most of the received signal's likelihood function, whereas Kalman filter-based estimation use a recursive approach. If we want MIMO-OFDM systems to work better and achieve dependable wireless communication, we need to use these methods.

## PROBLEM STATEMENT

MIMO and Orthogonal Frequency Division Multiplexing has been developed. For MIMO-OFDM systems to function at their best, precise channel estimate is essential. Nevertheless, there are a number of obstacles that make it difficult to accurately estimate the channel state information, including channel fading, noise, and interference.

As a result, channel estimation methods should be the centre of attention in any thorough evaluation of the performance of MIMO-OFDM wireless communication systems. This research study sets out to fill that need by exploring and assessing the current state of channel estimation approaches in MIMO-OFDM systems, highlighting their advantages and disadvantages and suggesting ways to enhance them. This study intends to provide helpful insights and suggestions for improving the precision and efficacy of channel estimation in MIMO-OFDM wireless communication systems by doing a thorough performance analysis.

## TIME-FREQUENCY RESOURCE GRID OF LTE

For data transmission via the air interface, the Long-Term Evolution (LTE) wireless communication standard employs a Time-Frequency Resource Grid. A two-dimensional matrix depicting the frequency and duration of resources is the Resource Grid regions of the signal. Time slots and subcarriers are the two fundamental components of the Resource Grid that allow for the transmission of data in the time domain and the frequency domain, respectively. High data speeds and effective spectrum utilisation are achieved by the use of Orthogonal Frequency Division Multiplexing (OFDM) modulation on each subcarrier. Physical Resource Blocks (PRBs) are another way the Resource Grid is organised. Each PRB has its own set of subcarriers and time slots. To adapt to various channel conditions and data rates, the PRBs may be resized. An essential part of the Long Term Evolution (LTE) standard, the Resource Grid is essential for establishing fast wireless connections.

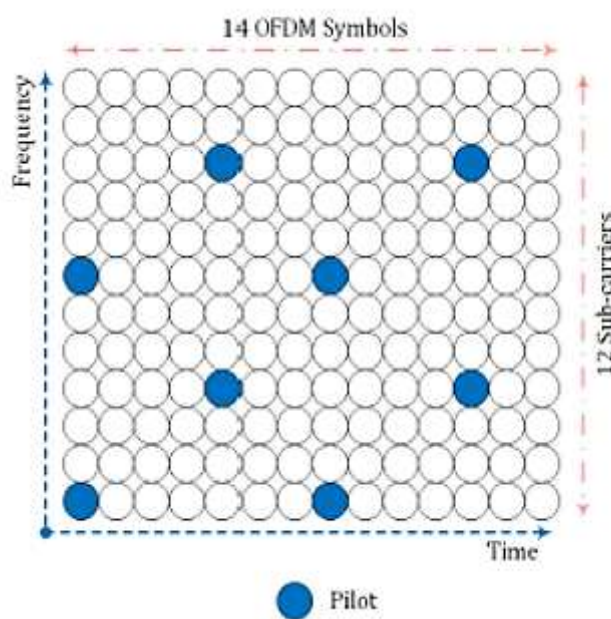


Figure 1-: An example of the time-frequency resource grid for LTE-A

Wireless communication systems are frequently subjected to challenging propagation environments, and one of the primary impediments is the multipath channel. Multipath fading results from signal reflections, diffractions, and scattering, causing variations in signal amplitude and phase. This phenomenon often leads to a degradation in the Signal-to-Noise Ratio (SNR), impacting the overall reliability and quality of wireless communications. In response to these challenges, the integration of Orthogonal Frequency Division Multiplexing (OFDM) and Multiple Input Multiple Output (MIMO) has emerged as a powerful methodology for mitigating the effects of multipath channels and improving SNR.

## Conclusion

The available RG configurations for OSBCE will be put to excellent use during the eventual implementation of wireless communication networks. At the time This objective was considered when building the RG arrangements. A number of implementation options, such as an LTE-A prototype configuration, are used to accomplish this. The names "Mode 1" and "Mode 2" reflect the different designations given to the two tactics. Once the Mode 1 encoding receipt is successful, the MASK signals and MPSK symbols are sent to several RE sites for decoding. No other transmit antennas are transmitting MPSK symbols because the RE sites are being nulled. Since the encoding permits the extraction of the necessary MASK symbol for each transmit aerial, OSBCE may be used without problem in Mode 1. We are temporarily disabling the RE sites of all other transmitting antennas to ensure that Mode 2 operations remain uninterrupted. This ensures that MASK- and MPSK-encoded signals may be sent over the same aerial on the same frequency. Mode 2 may be able to outperform Mode

1 in terms of spectral efficiency, but that doesn't mean it will. Compared to the normal Mode 2, the non-default Mode 1 setup performs better. As a default, Mode 2 is selected. By default, Mode 2 is selected. In terms of mean squared error (MSE), the OSBCE RG settings that are suggested outperform the LTE RG configuration. This is particularly the case when looking at instances of MIMO Mode 2. Even though it only creates half as many interpolation points, the suggested RG uses half as many receive antennas as the pilot-based system to achieve the same level of performance.

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