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Initial contribution: OFDM-based PHY proposal.

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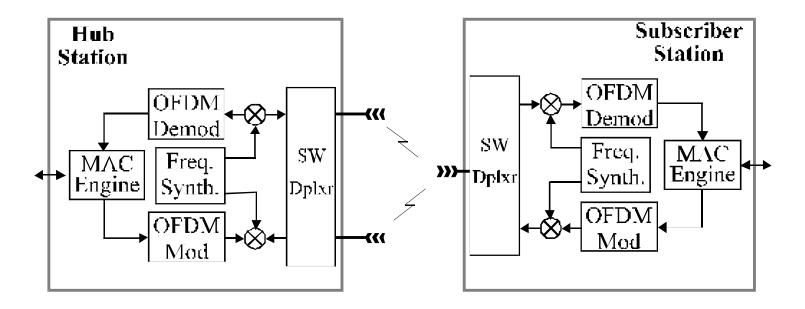
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- Identify key architectural features of proposed PHY
 - **o** Detailed parameter values must await channel/traffic models
- Identify potential drawbacks of proposed PHY
 - Focus 802.16.3 attention to ensure proper consideration
- Identify claimed benefits of proposed PHY
 - o Qualitative description of potential benefits

System Overview



Scalable bi-directional OFDM

- Based on PHY layers of 802.11a and HiperLAN2
- MAC-agnostic, facilitating transition between available and wireless-optimal MACs
- Optional features: return link iterative decoding; 2-fold hub-transmit-diversity
- OFDM modem is compatible with FDD, SFDD or TDD

Proposed PHY Layer

Forward Link

- Modulation: COFDM, based on 64FFT, with cyclic prefix, per HiperLAN2
- FEC: K=7 terminated-state trellis code, with puncturing, per HiperLAN2
- Scrambling + intra-frame interleaving
- o BPSK, QPSK, 16QAM and 64QAM
- o Burst: supports TDD, FDD, FDMA, TDMA
- Optional: 2-way transmit-diversity

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Issues: Peak-to-Average-Power (PAPR)

How does OFDM PAPR compare to single-carrier PAPR?

- Compare two signals, one single-carrier, the other OFDM
- Identical average power level (P_t)
- ⁿ OFDM uses N sub-carriers, each of average power (P_t / N)
- Identical modulation order, coding, excess bandwidth (a)
 - $\mathbf{r} = PAPR$ of single-carrier and of individual OFDM sub-carriers

o then ,
$$P_{\text{peak, single-carrier}} \equiv \mathbf{r} (P_t)$$

- $P_{\text{peak, subcarrier}} \equiv \mathbf{r} (P_t / N); A_{\text{peak, subcarrier}} \equiv \div (\mathbf{r} P_t / N)$
- and, $P_{\text{peak, OFDM}} \equiv [N \div (\mathbf{r} P_t / N)]^2 = N (\mathbf{r} P_t) = N P_{\text{peak, single-carrier}}$

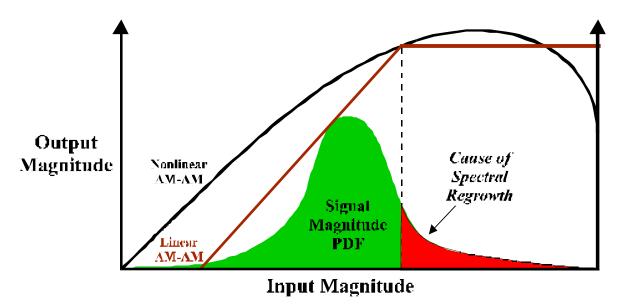
Conclusions:

- (PAPR_{OFDM} / PAPR_{single-carrier}) varies linearly with N
- (PAPR_{OFDM} / PAPR_{single-carrier}) is independent of modulation order

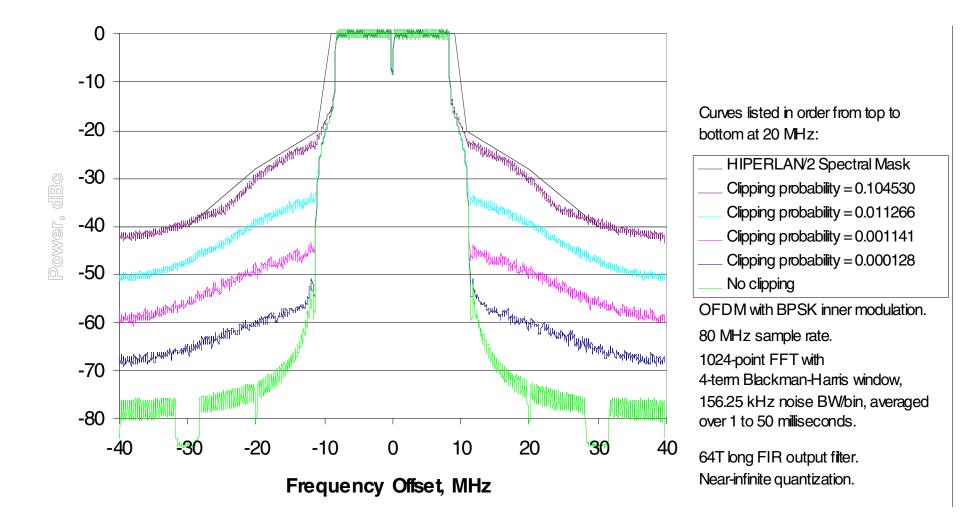
"Effective" PAPR: HPA Backoff

" 'Peak' vs 'Effective Peak' Issue

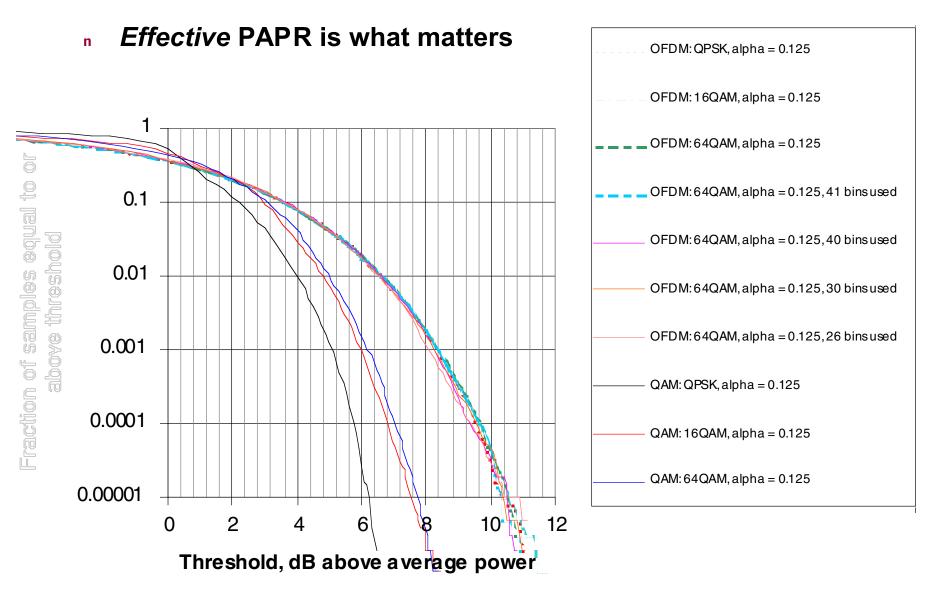
- Actual 'peak' of OFDM increases linearly with # of channels
- 'Effective Peak' is determined by HPA spectral regrowth
- Modern HPAs well modeled as piecewise-linear amplifiers
 - Digital linearization is available in modern modern ASICs
- 'Effective Peak' ~ magnitude CDF value of 0.999 to 0.9999



HIPERLAN2 HPA Spectral Regrowth



PAPR Issue: OFDM "penalty" is modest



PAPR Reduction Options

Numerous options mitigate HPA sensitivity to PAPR

- Numerous OFDM waveform processing techniques
- Advanced pre-HPA processing techniques (e.g. LINC)

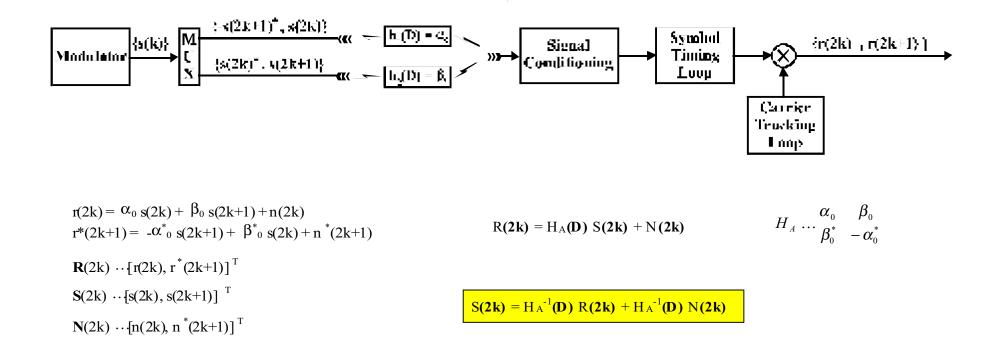
Assessment

• PAPR issue is only a minor issue

Hub-based 2-fold Transmit-Diversity

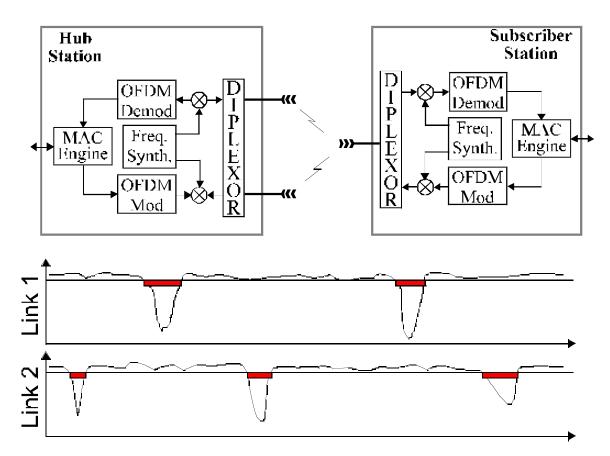
Alamouti's [1] recent breakthrough

- Full two-fold diversity achieved with negligible subscriber cost
- T-D already embraced by 3G standards
- Substantial link reliability gain in Rayleigh fading channels
- T-D is a very low risk, low cost form of space-time processing



¹ S. Alamouti, ÒA Simple Transmit Diversity Technique for Wireless Communications,Ó IEEE J. Select. Areas Commun., vol. 16, pp. 1451 -1458, October 1998.

Transmit-Diversity



n Transmit-diversity enhances link reliability

- Two antennas at hub; single antenna at subscriber
- Bi-directional 2-fold diversity

Transmit-Diversity & Standards

- Transmit-diversity: (Already adopted by all 3G open standards)
 - WCDMA 3GPP FDD mode
 - WCDMA 3GPP TDD mode
 - CDMA2000
 - EDGE
 - Receiver processing for T-D is mandatory for all 3G mobiles.

Key Issues/Concerns

n Forward Error Correction

- How much FEC vs ARQ?
- Which FEC technique: RS, trellis or iterative decoding (ID)?
- Cost might dictate different FEC for forward/return links.

OFDM must be tailored to our specific channel model

- Number of sub-channels
- Guard Interval
- Symbol Rate
- FEC
- Diversity
- Compatibility with future MIMO extensions

What specific problem are we solving?

• What is the CDF of K-factors? What is the CDF of delay spread?

Summary: Proposed PHY Benefits

OFDM is highly robust

- to channel distortion and in-band interference
- to partial-band co-channel interference

Based on existing standards \rightarrow Rapid time-to-market

Powerful and flexible FEC

- Soft-decisions plus Euclidean metric; no IPR cost
- Iterative decoding on return link might enhance capacity

Transmit-diversity offers high bang-for-buck

- Full 2-fold diversity with 1 subscriber antenna and 2 hub antennas
- Reliable links, even over severe Rayleigh fading channels
- "Low hanging fruit" of MIMO technology; not beamforming

Proposed PHY is responsive to the 802.16.3 FRD

• Satisfies our stated evaluation criteria