

RADIO FREQUENCY COMMUNICATION SYSTEMS WITH COEXISTENCE MANAGEMENT BASED ON DIGITAL OBSERVATION DATA

BACKGROUND

Field

[0001] Embodiments of the invention relate to electronic systems, and in particular, to radio frequency electronics.

Description of Related Technology

[0002] Radio frequency (RF) communication systems can be used for transmitting and/or receiving signals of a wide range of frequencies. For example, an RF communication system can be used to wirelessly communicate RF signals in a frequency range of about 30 kHz to 300 GHz, such as in the range of about 410 MHz to about 7.125 GHz for fifth generation (5G) frequency range 1 (FR1) communications.

[0003] Examples of RF communication systems include, but are not limited to, mobile phones, tablets, base stations, network access points, customer-premises equipment (CPE), laptops, and wearable electronics.

SUMMARY

[0004] In certain embodiments, the present disclosure relates to a mobile device. The mobile device includes a plurality of antennas including a first antenna and a second antenna, a plurality of front end systems including a first front end system and a second front end system, and a plurality of transceivers including a first transceiver and a second transceiver. The first front end system is configured to receive a radio frequency receive signal from the first antenna, and the second front end system is configured to provide a radio frequency transmit signal to the second antenna and to generate a radio frequency observation signal based on observing the radio frequency transmit signal. The second transceiver is configured to process the radio frequency observation signal to generate digital observation data for the first transceiver, and the first transceiver is configured to process the radio frequency receive signal to generate a baseband receive signal, and to compensate the baseband receive signal for an amount of radio frequency signal leakage indicated by the digital observation data.

[0005] In some embodiments, the digital observation data indicates an amount of direct transmit leakage present in the radio frequency transmit signal.

[0006] In various embodiments, the first transceiver includes a spectral regrowth modeling circuit configured to estimate an amount of aggressor spectral regrowth present in the radio frequency receive signal based on the digital observation data. According to a number of embodiments, the spectral regrowth modeling circuit is configured to estimate the amount of aggressor spectral regrowth based on modeling adjacent channel leakage ratio using predistortion.

[0007] In several embodiments, the second front end system includes a directional coupler configured to generate the radio frequency observation signal. According to some embodiments, the directional coupler generates the radio frequency observation signal based on a forward coupled path to the second antenna.

[0008] In various embodiments, the first front end system is a cellular front end system and the second front end system is a WiFi front end system.

[0009] In a number of embodiments, the first front end system is a WiFi front end system and the second front end system is a cellular front end system.

[0010] In some embodiments, the second transceiver is configured to compensate a second baseband receive signal for radio frequency signal leakage based on additional digital observation data from the first transceiver. According to various embodiments, the first transceiver receives a sensed radio frequency signal from a directional coupler of the first front end system, and processes the sensed radio frequency signal to generate the additional digital observation data. In accordance with a number of embodiments, the first front end system includes a duplexer, and the directional coupler is positioned between an output of the duplexer and the first antenna. According to several embodiments, the first front end system includes a duplexer and a power amplifier, the directional coupler positioned between an output of the power amplifier and an input to the duplexer.

[0011] In a number of embodiments, the first transceiver includes a discrete time cancellation circuit configured to compensate the baseband receive signal based on the digital observation data.

[0012] In certain embodiments, the present disclosure relates to a radio frequency communication system. The radio frequency communication system includes a first front end system configured receive a first incoming radio frequency receive signal and to output a first outgoing radio frequency transmit signal, and a second front end system configured to receive a second incoming radio frequency receive signal and to output a

second outgoing radio frequency transmit signal, and to generate a radio frequency observation signal based on observing the second outgoing radio frequency transmit signal. The radio frequency communication system further includes a first transceiver configured to downconvert the first incoming radio frequency receive signal to generate a first baseband receive signal, and to compensate the first baseband receive signal for radio frequency signal leakage based on digital observation data, and a second transceiver configured to generate the digital observation data based on processing the radio frequency observation signal.

[0013] In some embodiments, the digital observation data indicates an amount of direct transmit leakage present in the second outgoing radio frequency transmit signal.

[0014] In various embodiments, the first transceiver includes a spectral regrowth modeling circuit configured to estimate an amount of aggressor spectral regrowth present in the first incoming radio frequency receive signal based on the digital observation data. According to a number of embodiments, the spectral regrowth modeling circuit is configured to estimate the amount of aggressor spectral regrowth based on modeling adjacent channel leakage ratio using predistortion.

[0015] In several embodiments, the second front end system includes a directional coupler configured to generate the radio frequency observation signal. According to some embodiments, the radio frequency communication system further includes an antenna, the directional coupler configured to generate radio frequency observation signal based on a forward coupled path to the antenna.

[0016] In a number of embodiments, the first front end system is a cellular front end system and the second front end system is a WiFi front end system.

[0017] In several embodiments, the first front end system is a WiFi front end system and the second front end system is a cellular front end system.

[0018] In some embodiments, the second transceiver is configured to compensate a second baseband receive signal for radio frequency signal leakage based on additional digital observation data from the first transceiver. According to a number of embodiments, the first transceiver receives a sensed radio frequency signal from a directional coupler of the first front end system, and generates the additional digital observation data based on processing the sensed radio frequency signal. In accordance with several embodiments, the radio frequency communication system further includes an antenna, the first front end system including a duplexer, the directional coupler positioned

between an output of the duplexer and the antenna. According to various embodiments, the first front end system includes a duplexer and a power amplifier, and the directional coupler is positioned between an output of the power amplifier and an input to the duplexer.

[0019] In a number of embodiments, the first transceiver includes a discrete time cancellation circuit configured to compensate the first baseband receive signal based on the digital observation data.

[0020] In certain embodiments, the present disclosure relates to a method of coexistence management in a mobile device. The method includes providing a radio frequency receive signal from a first front end system to a first transceiver, generating a radio frequency transmit signal and a radio frequency observation signal using a second front end system, the radio frequency observation signal generated based on observing the radio frequency transmit signal, generating digital observation data based on the radio frequency observation signal using a second transceiver, downconverting the radio frequency receive signal to generate a baseband receive signal using the first transceiver, and compensating the baseband receive signal for radio frequency signal leakage based on the digital observation data using the first transceiver.

[0021] In various embodiments, the digital observation data indicates an amount of direct transmit leakage present in the radio frequency transmit signal.

[0022] In some embodiments, compensating the baseband receive signal includes processing the digital observation data using a spectral regrowth modeling circuit to estimate an amount of aggressor spectral regrowth present in the radio frequency receive signal. According to a number of embodiments, the method further includes estimating the amount of aggressor spectral regrowth based on modeling adjacent channel leakage ratio using predistortion.

[0023] In several embodiments, generating the radio frequency observation signal includes sensing the radio frequency transmit signal using a directional coupler.

[0024] In various embodiments, the first front end system is a cellular front end system and the second front end system is a WiFi front end system.

[0025] In a number of embodiments, the first front end system is a WiFi front end system and the second front end system is a cellular front end system.

[0026] In some embodiments, the method further includes compensating a baseband receive signal of the second transceiver for radio frequency signal leakage based on additional digital observation data from the first transceiver.

[0027] In several embodiments, compensating the baseband receive signal for radio frequency signal leakage includes providing discrete time cancellation based on the digital observation data.

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

[0028] Figure 1 is a schematic diagram of one example of a mobile device communicating via cellular and WiFi networks.

[0029] Figure 2 is a schematic diagram of one example of signal leakage for an RF communication system.

[0030] Figure 3A is a schematic diagram of one example of direct transmit leakage for an RF communication system.

[0031] Figure 3B is a schematic diagram of one example of regrowth leakage for an RF communication system.

[0032] Figure 4A is a schematic diagram of an RF communication system with coexistence management according to one embodiment.

[0033] Figure 4B is a schematic diagram of an RF communication system with coexistence management according to another embodiment.

[0034] Figure 5 is a schematic diagram of an RF communication system with coexistence management according to another embodiment.

[0035] Figure 6 is a schematic diagram of an RF communication system with coexistence management according to another embodiment.

[0036] Figure 7 is a schematic diagram of an RF communication system with coexistence management according to another embodiment.

[0037] Figure 8 is a schematic diagram of one embodiment of a mobile device with coexistence management.

[0038] Figure 9A is a schematic diagram of one embodiment of a packaged module with coexistence management.

[0039] Figure 9B is a schematic diagram of a cross-section of the packaged module of Figure 9A taken along the lines 9B–9B.

SUMMARY

[0040] In certain embodiments, the present disclosure relates to.

DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF EMBODIMENTS

[0041] The following detailed description of certain embodiments presents various descriptions of specific embodiments. However, the innovations described herein can be embodied in a multitude of different ways, for example, as defined and covered by the claims. In this description, reference is made to the drawings where like reference numerals can indicate identical or functionally similar elements. It will be understood that elements illustrated in the figures are not necessarily drawn to scale. Moreover, it will be understood that certain embodiments can include more elements than illustrated in a drawing and/or a subset of the elements illustrated in a drawing. Further, some embodiments can incorporate any suitable combination of features from two or more drawings.

[0042] Figure 1 is a schematic diagram of one example of a mobile device 2a communicating via cellular and WiFi networks. For example, as shown in Figure 1, the mobile device 2a communicates with a base station 1 of a cellular network and with a WiFi access point 3 of a WiFi network. Figure 1 also depicts examples of other user equipment (UE) communicating with the base station 1, for instance, a wireless-connected car 2b and another mobile device 2c. Furthermore, Figure 1 also depicts examples of other WiFi-enabled devices communicating with the WiFi access point 3, for instance, a laptop 4.

[0043] Although specific examples of cellular UE and WiFi-enabled devices is shown, a wide variety of types of devices can communicate using cellular and/or WiFi networks. Examples of such devices, include, but are not limited to, mobile phones, tablets, laptops, Internet of Things (IoT) devices, wearable electronics, customer premises equipment (CPE), wireless-connected vehicles, wireless relays, and/or a wide variety of other communication devices.

[0044] In certain implementations, UE, such as the mobile device 2a of Figure 1, is implemented to support communications using a number of technologies, including, but not limited to, 2G, 3G, 4G (including LTE, LTE-Advanced, and LTE-Advanced Pro), 5G NR, WLAN (for instance, WiFi), WPAN (for instance, Bluetooth and ZigBee), WMAN (for instance, WiMax), and/or GPS. In certain implementations, enhanced license assisted access (eLAA) is used to aggregate one or more licensed frequency carriers (for instance, licensed 4G LTE and/or 5G NR frequencies), with one or more unlicensed carriers (for instance, unlicensed WiFi frequencies).

[0045] Furthermore, certain UE can communicate not only with base stations and access points, but also with other UE. For example, the wireless-connected car 2b can communicate with a wireless-connected pedestrian 2d, a wireless-connected stop light 2e, and/or another wireless-connected car 2f using vehicle-to-vehicle (V2V) and/or vehicle-to-everything (V2X) communications.

[0046] Although various examples of communication technologies have been described, mobile devices can be implemented to support a wide range of communications.

[0047] Various communication links have been depicted in Figure 1. The communication links can be duplexed in a wide variety of ways, including, for example, using frequency-division duplexing (FDD) and/or time-division duplexing (TDD). FDD is a type of radio frequency communications that uses different frequencies for transmitting and receiving signals. FDD can provide a number of advantages, such as high data rates and low latency. In contrast, TDD is a type of radio frequency communications that uses about the same frequency for transmitting and receiving signals, and in which transmit and receive communications are switched in time. TDD can provide a number of advantages, such as efficient use of spectrum and variable allocation of throughput between transmit and receive directions.

[0048] Different users of the illustrated communication networks can share available network resources, such as available frequency spectrum, in a wide variety of ways. In one example, frequency division multiple access (FDMA) is used to divide a frequency band into multiple frequency carriers. Additionally, one or more carriers are allocated to a particular user. Examples of FDMA include, but are not limited to, single carrier FDMA (SC-FDMA) and orthogonal FDMA (OFDMA). OFDM is a multicarrier technology that subdivides the available bandwidth into multiple mutually orthogonal narrowband subcarriers, which can be separately assigned to different users.

[0049] Other examples of shared access include, but are not limited to, time division multiple access (TDMA) in which a user is allocated particular time slots for using a frequency resource, code division multiple access (CDMA) in which a frequency resource is shared amongst different users by assigning each user a unique code, space-divisional multiple access (SDMA) in which beamforming is used to provide shared access by spatial division, and non-orthogonal multiple access (NOMA) in which the power domain is used for multiple access. For example, NOMA can be used to serve multiple users at the same frequency, time, and/or code, but with different power levels.

Examples of Radio Frequency Systems with Coexistence Management

[0050] Radio frequency (RF) communication systems can include multiple transceivers for communicating using different wireless networks, over multiple frequency bands, and/or using different communication standards. Although implementing an RF communication system in this manner can expand functionality, increase bandwidth, and/or enhance flexibility, a number of coexistence issues can arise between the transceivers operating within the RF communication system.

[0051] For example, an RF communication system can include a cellular transceiver for processing RF signals communicated over a cellular network and a wireless local area network (WLAN) transceiver for processing RF signals communicated over a WLAN network, such as a WiFi network. For instance, the mobile device 2a of Figure 1 is operable to communicate using cellular and WiFi networks.

[0052] Although implementing the RF communication system in this manner can provide a number of benefits, a mutual desensitization effect can arise from cellular transmissions interfering with reception of WiFi signals and/or from WiFi transmissions interfering with reception of cellular signals.

[0053] In one example, cellular Band 7 can give rise to mutual desensitization with respect to 2.4 Gigahertz (GHz) WiFi. For instance, Band 7 has an FDD duplex and operates over a frequency range of about 2.62 GHz to 2.69 GHz for downlink and over a frequency range of about 2.50 GHz to about 2.57 GHz for uplink, while 2.4 GHz WiFi has TDD duplex and operates over a frequency range of about 2.40 GHz to about 2.50 GHz. Thus, cellular Band 7 and 2.4 GHz WiFi are adjacent in frequency, and RF signal leakage due to the high power transmitter of one transceiver/front end affects receiver performance of the other transceiver/front end, particularly at border frequency channels.

[0054] In another example, cellular Band 40 and 2.4 GHz WiFi can give rise to mutual desensitization. For example, Band 40 has a TDD duplex and operates over a frequency range of about 2.30 GHz to about 2.40 GHz, while 2.4 GHz WiFi has TDD duplex and operates over a frequency range of about 2.40 GHz to about 2.50 GHz. Accordingly, cellular Band 40 and 2.4 GHz WiFi are adjacent in frequency and give rise to a number of coexistence issues, particularly at border frequency channels.

[0055] Desensitization can arise not only from direct leakage of an aggressor transmit signal to a victim receiver, but also from spectral regrowth components generated

in the transmitter. Such interference can lie relatively closely in frequency with the victim receive signal and/or directly overlap it. Although a receive filter can provide some filtering of signal leakage, the receive filter may provide insufficient attenuation of the aggressor signal, and thus the sensitivity of the victim receiver is degraded.

[0056] Conventional techniques alone are insufficient for providing mutual coexistence. In one example, a very high quality-factor (high Q) bandpass filter (for instance, an acoustic bandpass filter) can be included at the output of a power amplifier of an aggressor transmitter to attenuate spectral regrowth. When the attenuation provided by the filter is sufficiently high, the victim receiver may not be significantly desensitized due to non-linearity of the aggressor transmitter. However, such high-Q bandpass filters can be prohibitively expensive and/or introduce insertion loss that degrades transmit performance.

[0057] In another example, a very high Q bandpass filter can be included on the victim receiver to attenuate high power leakage coupled in from the aggressor transmitter. When the attenuation is sufficiently high, the victim receiver is not significantly desensitized from coupling of the high power leakage into non-linear receive circuitry of the victim receiver. However, such high-Q bandpass filters can be prohibitively expensive and/or introduce insertion loss that degrades receiver sensitivity.

[0058] RF communication systems with coexistence management are provided herein. In certain embodiments, a mobile device includes a first antenna, a first front end system that receives an RF receive signal from the first antenna, a first transceiver coupled to the first front end system, a second antenna, a second front end system that provides an RF transmit signal to the second antenna, and a second transceiver coupled to the second front end system. The second front end system observes the RF transmit signal to generate an RF observation signal, which is downconverted and processed by the second transceiver to generate digital observation data that is provided to the first transceiver. The first transceiver downconverts the RF receive signal to baseband, and compensates the baseband receive signal for an amount of RF signal leakage indicated by the digital observation data.

[0059] By implementing the mobile device in this manner, compensation for signal leakage arising from signal coupling from the second antenna to the first antenna is provided. Thus, the mobile device operates with enhanced receiver sensitivity when the first transceiver is receiving and the second transceiver is transmitting.

[0060] In certain implementations, the first transceiver/first front end system can process RF signals of a different type than the second transceiver/second front end system. In one example, the first transceiver/first front end system processes cellular signals while the second transceiver/second front end system processes WLAN signals, such as WiFi signals. Accordingly, in certain implementations herein, coexistence management is provided between cellular and WiFi radios.

[0061] In certain implementations, the first transceiver processes the digital observation data to detect direct transmit leakage. For example, the digital observation data can include extracted samples of aggressor direct transmit leakage.

[0062] Thus, the digital observation signal can be used to compensate for direct transmit leakage. In certain implementations, the first transceiver includes a spectral regrowth model used to estimate spectral regrowth leakage based on the digital observation data. In one example, the spectral regrowth model is generated by pre-distortion, for instance, by modeling adjacent channel leakage ratio (ACLR), such as ACLR2. Accordingly, multiple components of RF signal leakage can be compensated.

[0063] In certain implementations, the baseband receive signal is compensated using discrete time cancellation. For example, compensation can be provided using a discrete time cancellation loop having multiple inputs. The cancellation loop can be adapted to reduce unwanted signal components using any suitable cancellation algorithm, including, but not limited to, a least mean squares (LMS) algorithm. In one embodiment, a transceiver includes a discrete time cancellation circuit including a finite impulse response (FIR) filter having coefficients adapted over time to reduce or eliminate RF signal leakage.

[0064] The RF observation signal can be generated in a wide variety of ways. In one example, the second front end system includes a directional coupler along an RF signal path to the second antenna. Additionally, the directional coupler generates the RF observation signal based on sensing an outgoing RF signal to the second antenna. Thus, the RF observation signal can be generated based on a forward coupled path of the second directional coupler.

[0065] The second transceiver can also be implemented with circuitry for compensating for RF signal leakage. For example, the first front end system can observe an outgoing transmit signal to the first antenna to generate a second RF observation signal, which the first transceiver downconverts to generate second digital observation data that is

provided to the second transceiver. Additionally, the second transceiver downconverts an incoming receive signal from the second antenna to generate a second baseband receive signal, which the second transceiver compensates for RF signal leakage based on the second digital observation data. Accordingly, in certain implementations, both the first transceiver and the second transceiver operate with coexistence management.

[0066] In certain implementations, observation paths used for power control (for instance, transmit power control or TPC) and/or predistortion control (for instance, digital pre-distortion or DPD) are also used for RF signal observations. By implementing the RF communication system in this manner, circuitry is reused. Not only does this reduce cost and/or component count, but also avoids inserting additional circuitry into the RF signal path that may otherwise degrade receiver sensitivity and/or transmitter efficiency.

[0067] The coexistence management schemes herein can provide a number of advantages. For example, the coexistence management schemes can reduce an amount of receive filtering and/or transmitter filtering, thereby relaxing filter constraints and permitting the use of lower cost filters. Furthermore, compensation for RF signal leakage enhances receiver sensitivity and/or transmitter efficiency with little to no increase in power consumption and/or componentry to RF signal paths. Moreover, multiple types of aggressor leakage components can be compensated using common cancellation circuitry, thereby providing a centralized and effective mechanism for coexistence management.

[0068] Figure 2 is a schematic diagram of one example of signal leakage for an RF communication system 70. As shown in Figure 2, the RF communication system 70 includes a first transceiver 51, a second transceiver 52, a first front end system 53, a second front end system 54, a first antenna 55, and a second antenna 56.

[0069] Including multiple transceivers, front end systems, and antennas can enhance the flexibility of the RF communication system 70. For instance, implementing the RF communication system 70 in this manner can allow the RF communication system 70 to communicate using different types of networks, for instance, cellular and WiFi networks.

[0070] In the illustrated embodiment, the first front end system 53 includes a transmit front end circuit 61, a receive front end circuit 63, and an antenna access circuit 65, which can include one or more switches, duplexers, diplexers, and/or other circuitry for controlling access of the transmit front end circuit 61 and the receive front end circuit 63

to the first antenna 55. The second front end system 54 includes a transmit front end circuit 62, a receive front end circuit 64, and an antenna access circuit 66.

[0071] Although one example implementation of front end systems is shown in Figure 2, the teachings herein are applicable to front end systems implemented in a wide variety of ways. Accordingly, other implementations of front end systems are possible.

[0072] RF signal leakage 69 between the first antenna 55 and the second antenna 56 can give rise to a number of coexistence issues. The coexistence management schemes herein provide compensation to reduce or eliminate the impacts of such RF signal leakage.

[0073] Figure 3A is a schematic diagram of one example of direct transmit leakage for an RF communication system 80. The RF communication system 80 includes a power amplifier 81, a victim receiver 82, a first antenna 83, and a second antenna 84.

[0074] In this example, the RF signal outputted from the power amplifier 81 serves an aggressor transmit signal that is close in frequency to RF signals processed by the victim receiver 82. Thus, direct transmit leakage from the aggressor transmit signal gives rise to a degradation in receiver sensitivity.

[0075] Figure 3B is a schematic diagram of one example of regrowth leakage for an RF communication system 90. The RF communication system 90 includes a power amplifier 81, a victim receiver 82, a first antenna 83, and a second antenna 84.

[0076] In this example, the power amplifier 81 receives an RF input signal, which is amplified by the power amplifier 81 to generate an RF output signal that is wirelessly transmitted using by the first antenna 83. Additionally, non-linearity of the power amplifier 81 gives rise to spectral regrowth in the RF output signal that is close in frequency to RF signals processed by the victim receiver 82. Thus, regrowth leakage from the RF output signal gives rise to a degradation in receiver sensitivity.

[0077] Figure 4A is a schematic diagram of an RF communication system 150 with coexistence management according to one embodiment. The RF communication system 150 includes a first baseband modem 101, a first transceiver 103, a first front end system 105, a first antenna 107, a second baseband modem 102, a second transceiver 104, a second front end system 106, and a second antenna 108.

[0078] In the illustrated embodiment, the first transceiver 103 includes a leakage correction circuit 110, a transmit channel 111, and a receive channel 114. Additionally, the first front end system 105 includes a transmit front end circuit 115, a

receive front end circuit 118, and an antenna access circuit 122. Furthermore, the second transceiver 104 includes a transmit channel 131, an observation channel 132, and a receive channel 134. Additionally, the second front end system 106 includes a transmit front end circuit 135, an observation front end circuit 136, a receive front end circuit 138, a directional coupler 141, and an antenna access circuit 142.

[0079] Although one embodiment of circuitry for front end systems and transceivers is shown, the teachings herein are applicable to front end system and transceivers implemented in a wide variety of ways. Accordingly, other implementations are possible.

[0080] In the illustrated embodiment, the first front end system 105 receives an RF receive signal from the first antenna 107. The RF receive signal is processed by the receive front end circuit 118 and provided to the receive channel 114 of the first transceiver 103.

[0081] With continuing reference to Figure 4A, baseband transmit data from the second baseband modem 102 is provided to the transmit channel 131 of the second transceiver 104, which processes the baseband transmit data to generate an RF input signal to the transmit front end circuit 135. The RF input signal is processed by the transmit front end circuit 135 to generate an RF transmit signal that is provided to the second antenna 108.

[0082] As shown in Figure 4A, the directional coupler 141 senses the RF transmit signal outputted by the transmit front end circuit 135. Additionally, the sensed signal by the directional coupler 141 is processed by the observation front end circuit 136 and the observation channel 132 to generate digital observation data, which is provided to the leakage correction circuit 110.

[0083] With continuing reference to Figure 4A, the receive channel 114 of the first transceiver 103 processes the RF receive signal from the first front end system 105 to generate a baseband receive signal that serves as an input to the leakage correction circuit 110.

[0084] The leakage correction circuit 110 compensates the baseband receive signal for RF signal leakage based on the digital observation data from the second transceiver 104. Additionally, the leakage correction circuit 110 provides a compensated baseband receive signal to the first baseband modem 101 for further processing.

[0085] In certain implementations, the leakage correction circuit 110 uses the digital observation data to detect direct transmit leakage. For example, the digital observation data can include extracted samples of aggressor direct transmit leakage associated with RF transmit signal wirelessly transmitted on the second antenna 108.

[0086] Thus, the digital observation signal can be used to compensate for direct transmit leakage. In the illustrated embodiment, the leakage correction circuit 110 includes a spectral regrowth modeling circuit 119 used to estimate spectral regrowth leakage based on the digital observation data. In one example, the spectral regrowth modeling circuit 119 includes a spectral regrowth model generated by pre-distortion, for instance, by modeling ACLR2.

[0087] Thus, the leakage correction circuit 110 can serve to provide compensation for multiple components of RF signal leakage, thereby providing a centralized and effective mechanism for coexistence management.

[0088] As shown in Figure 4A, the RF observation signal is generated based on a forward coupled path to the second antenna 108. For example, the RF observation signal is generated based on the directional coupler 141 sensing an outgoing RF signal to the second antenna 108.

[0089] In certain implementations, the baseband modem 101, the first transceiver 103, the first front end system 105, and the first antenna 107 handle a first type of RF signals, while the second baseband modem 102, the second transceiver 104, the second front end system 106, and the second antenna 108 handle a second type of RF signals. In one example, the first type of RF signals are cellular signals and the second type of RF signals are WLAN signals, such as WiFi signals. In a second example, the first type of RF signals are WLAN signals and the second type of RF signals are cellular signals. Although two examples of RF signal types have been provided, the RF communication system 150 can operate using other RF signal types. Accordingly, other implementations are possible.

[0090] Figure 4B is a schematic diagram of an RF communication system 160 with coexistence management according to another embodiment. The RF communication system 160 of Figure 4B is similar to the RF communication system 150 of Figure 4A, except that the RF communication system 160 illustrates a specific implementation of a leakage correction circuit.

[0091] For example, the RF communication system 160 includes a first transceiver 153 that includes a discrete time cancellation circuit 151. In the illustrated embodiment, the discrete time cancellation circuit 151 receives digital observation data from the second transceiver 104. The discrete time cancellation circuit 151 compensates a baseband receive signal received from the receive channel 114 to generate a compensated baseband receive signal in which spectral regrowth and/or direct transmit leakage is reduced and/or eliminated.

[0092] The RF communication system 160 of Figure 4B illustrates one embodiment of coexistence management provided by a discrete time cancellation loop. The cancellation loop can be adapted to reduce unwanted signal components using any suitable cancellation algorithm. Although one example of a discrete time cancellation loop is shown, the teachings herein are applicable to other implementations of coexistence management. In one embodiment, the discrete time cancellation circuit 151 includes a FIR filter having coefficients adapted over time to reduce or eliminate RF signal leakage.

[0093] Figure 5 is a schematic diagram of an RF communication system 170 with coexistence management according to another embodiment. The RF communication system 170 includes a first baseband modem 101, a first transceiver 163, a first front end system 165, a first antenna 107, a second baseband modem 102, a second transceiver 164, a second front end system 166, and a second antenna 108.

[0094] In the illustrated embodiment, the first transceiver 163 includes a discrete time cancellation circuit 151, a transmit channel 111, an observation channel 113, and a receive channel 114. Additionally, the first front end system 165 includes a transmit front end circuit 115, an observation front end circuit 117, a receive front end circuit 118, a directional coupler 121, and an antenna access circuit 122. Furthermore, the second transceiver 164 includes a discrete time cancellation circuit 152, a transmit channel 131, an observation channel 132, and a receive channel 134. Additionally, the second front end system 166 includes a transmit front end circuit 135, an observation front end circuit 136, a receive front end circuit 138, a directional coupler 141, and an antenna access circuit 142.

[0095] The RF communication system 170 of Figure 5 is similar to the RF communication system 160 of Figure 4B, except that the RF communication system 170 is implemented not only to provide discrete time cancellation in the first transceiver 163, but also to provide discrete time cancellation in the second transceiver 164. Thus, mutual coexistence is provided.

[0096] For example, as shown in Figure 5, the directional coupler 121 senses an outgoing RF signal to the first antenna 107 to generate a sensed RF signal that is processed by the observation front end circuit 117 and the observation channel 113 to generate digital observation data provided to the discrete time cancellation circuit 152 of the second transceiver 164. Additionally, the incoming RF signal from the second antenna 108 is processed by the receive front end circuit 138 and the receive channel 134 to generate a second baseband receive signal, which the discrete time cancellation circuit 152 compensates for RF signal leakage using the digital observation data from the first transceiver 151.

[0097] In certain implementations, the discrete time cancellation circuit 152 uses the digital observation data to detect direct transmit leakage. For example, the digital observation data can include extracted samples of aggressor direct transmit leakage associated with RF transmit signal wirelessly transmitted on the first antenna 107. In the illustrated embodiment, the discrete time cancellation circuit 152 also includes a spectral regrowth modeling circuit 159 used to estimate spectral regrowth leakage based on the digital observation data from the first transceiver 163. In one example, the spectral regrowth modeling circuit 159 includes a spectral regrowth model generated by pre-distortion, for instance, by modeling ACLR2.

[0098] Figure 6 is a schematic diagram of an RF communication system 450 with coexistence management according to another embodiment. The RF communication system 450 includes a cellular antenna 301, a WiFi antenna 302, a cellular transceiver 303, a WiFi transceiver 304, a cellular front end system 305, and a WiFi front end system 306.

[0099] Although one embodiment of an RF communication system is shown, the teachings herein are applicable to RF communication systems implemented in a wide variety of ways. For example, an RF communication system can include different implementations of antennas, transceivers, and/or front end systems.

[0100] In the illustrated embodiment, the cellular transceiver 303 includes a digital baseband circuit 360 including a cellular transmit baseband sampling circuit 361, a cellular transmit power control circuit 363, a discrete time cancellation circuit 381, a digital receiver 382, a digital switch 383, a digital distortion/ACLR generation circuit 384, and a digital mixer 385. The digital receiver 382 is coupled to a cellular modem (not shown in Figure 6). The cellular transceiver 303 operates using Band 7 (B7), in this example.

[0101] The cellular transceiver 303 further includes an observation channel including an input amplifier 351a, a controllable attenuator 352a, a downconverting mixer 353a, a low pass filter 354a, a post-filtering amplifier 355a, and an analog-to-digital converter (ADC) 356a. The cellular transceiver 303 further includes a receive channel including an input amplifier 371, a downconverting mixer 373, a low pass filter 374, a post-filter amplifier 375, and an ADC 376. As shown in Figure 6, an observation local oscillator (LO) 359 generates an observation LO signal for providing downconversion in the observation channels, while a receive LO 379 generates a receive LO signal for providing downconversion in the receive channel.

[0102] The cellular front end system 305 includes a diplexer 311, a directional coupler 313, and a cellular front end module 315. The cellular front end module 315 includes an antenna switch module (ASM) 321, a low noise amplifier and switches (LNA/SW) 322, a diplexer 323, a power amplifier module 324, a control circuit 325, and a transmit input switch 326.

[0103] With continuing reference to Figure 6, the WiFi transceiver 304 includes a digital baseband circuit 410 including a WiFi transmit baseband sampling circuit 411, a discrete time cancellation circuit 431, a digital receiver 432, a digital switch 433, a digital distortion/ACLR generation circuit 434, and a digital mixer 435. The digital receiver 432 is coupled to a WiFi modem (not shown in Figure 6). The WiFi transceiver 303 operates using 2.4 GHz WiFi, in this example.

[0104] The WiFi transceiver 304 further includes an observation channel including an input amplifier 401a, a controllable attenuator 402a, a downconverting mixer 403a, a low pass filter 404a, a post-filtering amplifier 405a, and an ADC 406a. The WiFi transceiver 304 further includes a receive channel including an input amplifier 421, a downconverting mixer 423, a low pass filter 424, a post-filter amplifier 425, and an ADC 426. As shown in Figure 6, an observation LO 409 generates an observation LO signal for providing downconversion in the observation channels, while a receive LO 429 generates a receive LO signal for providing downconversion in the receive channel.

[0105] As shown in Figure 6, a first transceiver-to-transceiver connection 307 and a second transceiver-to-transceiver connection 308 provide connectivity between the cellular transceiver 303 and the WiFi transceiver 304. In certain implementations, the cellular transceiver 303 and the WiFi transceiver 304 are a relative far distance from one

another, and the connections 307-308 include printed circuit board (PCB) trace and/or cables (for instance, cross-UE cables).

[0106] The WiFi front end system 306 includes a diplexer 312, a directional coupler 314, and a WiFi front end module 316. The WiFi front end module 316 includes a transmit/receive switch 341, a power amplifier 342, and an LNA 343.

[0107] With continuing reference to Figure 6, the directional coupler 313 of the cellular front end system 305 provides sensing of an outgoing cellular signal to the cellular antenna 301 travelling along the cellular signal path 317. The sensed cellular signal from the directional coupler 313 is processed by the cellular transceiver 303 to generate first digital observation data for the WiFi transceiver 304. Additionally, the directional coupler 314 of the WiFi front end system 306 provides sensing of an outgoing WiFi signal to the WiFi antenna 302 travelling along the WiFi signal path 318. The sensed WiFi signal from the directional coupler 314 is processed by the WiFi transceiver 304 to generate second digital observation data for the cellular transceiver 303.

[0108] The discrete time cancellation circuit 381 of the cellular transceiver 303 and the discrete time cancellation circuit 431 of the WiFi transceiver 304 operate in a manner similar to that described above with respect to Figure 5.

[0109] In the illustrated embodiment, the digital baseband circuit 360 of the cellular transceiver 303 includes the distortion/ACLR generation circuit 384 and the digital mixer 385, which correspond to one embodiment of a spectral regrowth modeling circuit. Although one embodiment of spectral regrowth modeling is shown, the teachings herein are applicable to spectral regrowth modeling implemented in other ways.

[0110] In certain implementations, the distortion/ACLR generation circuit 384 generates digital distortion/ACLR data based on the second digital observation data received from the WiFi transceiver 304. In certain implementations, the distortion/ACLR data has a bandwidth greater than a channel bandwidth, for instance, at least about twice the channel bandwidth. The digital mixer 385 digitally upconverts the digital distortion/ACLR data to generate data estimating spectral regrowth leakage. In certain implementations, the digital mixer 385 performs digital operations representing upconversion to intermediate frequency (IF).

[0111] In the illustrated embodiment, the digital baseband circuit 410 of the WiFi transceiver 304 includes the distortion/ACLR generation circuit 434 and the digital mixer 435, which correspond to one embodiment of a spectral regrowth modeling circuit.

In certain implementations, the distortion/ACLR generation circuit 434 generates digital distortion/ACLR data based on the first digital observation data received from the cellular transceiver 303. In certain implementations, the distortion/ACLR data has a bandwidth greater than a channel bandwidth, for instance, at least about twice the channel bandwidth. The digital mixer 435 digitally upconverts the digital distortion/ACLR data to generate data estimating spectral regrowth leakage. In certain implementations, the digital mixer 435 performs digital operations representing upconversion to IF.

[0112] Figure 7 is a schematic diagram of an RF communication system 500 with coexistence management according to another embodiment. The RF communication system 500 of Figure 7 is similar to the RF communication system 450 of Figure 6, except that the RF communication system 500 includes a different implementation of a cellular transceiver 451 and of a cellular front end 455.

[0113] Relative to the cellular transceiver 303 of Figure 6, the cellular transceiver 451 of Figure 7 includes an additional observation path including a second input amplifier 351b, a second controllable attenuator 352b, a second downconverting mixer 353b, a second low pass filter 354b, a second post-filtering amplifier 355b, and a second ADC 356b.

[0114] The cellular front end system 455 of Figure 7 is similar to the cellular front end system 301 of Figure 6, except that the cellular front end system 455 includes a cellular front end module 465 including a directional coupler 327 between an output of the power amplifier 324 and an input to the duplexer 323. As shown in Figure 7, the directional coupler 327 provides a sensed RF signal to a first switch 466. The first switch 466 also selectively receives a sensed RF signal from the directional coupler 313 via a second switch 467.

[0115] Thus, in this embodiment, the first switch 466 selectively provides the sensed RF signal from the directional coupler 327 or the sensed RF signal from the directional coupler 313 to the first observation channel for processing and subsequent sampling by the baseband sampling circuit 361. Additionally, the second switch 467 selectively provides the sensed RF signal from the directional coupler 313 to the second observation channel for processing and subsequent use by the transmit power control circuit 363.

[0116] The sensed RF signal from the directional coupler 327 has less group delay effects relative to the sensed RF signal from the directional coupler 313. Thus, in

this embodiment, the first digital observation data provided from the cellular transceiver 451 to the WiFi transceiver 304 includes additional observation information that can be used to enhance the precision of RF signal leakage compensation. Thus, enhanced reduction of RF signal leakage can be achieved.

[0117] In certain implementations, the low pass filter 354a has a wider bandwidth than a channel bandwidth, for instance, three or more times the channel bandwidth. Implementing the low pass filter 354 in this manner can aid in providing samples of ACLR, thereby aiding modeling of spectral regrowth leakage in the distortion/ACLR generation circuit 434 and/or allowing the distortion/ACLR generation circuit 434 to be bypassed. In one embodiment, the channel bandwidth of the low pass filter 354a is controllable (for instance, digitally programmable by digital data received over a serial interface or bus) to provide configurability for discrete time cancellation (for instance, flexibility to widen low pass filter bandwidth to selectively accommodate ACLR sampling).

[0118] In certain implementations, the low pass filter 404a has a wider bandwidth than a channel bandwidth, for instance, three or more times the channel bandwidth. Implementing the low pass filter 404a in this manner can aid in provide samples of ACLR, thereby aiding modeling of spectral regrowth leakage in the distortion/ACLR generation circuit 384 and/or allowing the distortion/ACLR generation circuit 384 to be bypassed. In one embodiment, the channel bandwidth of the low pass filter 404a is controllable.

[0119] Figure 8 is a schematic diagram of one embodiment of a mobile device 800 with coexistence management. The mobile device 800 includes a digital processing system 801, a first transceiver 802, a second transceiver 812, a first front end system 803, a second front end system 813, a first antenna 804, a second antenna 814, a power management system 805, a memory 806, and a user interface 807.

[0120] The mobile device 800 can be used communicate using a wide variety of communications technologies, including, but not limited to, 2G, 3G, 4G (including LTE, LTE-Advanced, and LTE-Advanced Pro), 5G NR, WLAN (for instance, WiFi), WPAN (for instance, Bluetooth and ZigBee), WMAN (for instance, WiMax), and/or GPS technologies.

[0121] In the illustrated embodiment, the digital processing circuit 801 includes a first baseband modem 821 and a second baseband modem 822. In certain

implementations, the first baseband modem 821 and the second baseband modem 822 control communications associated with different types of wireless communications, for instance, cellular and WiFi. As shown in Figure 8, the first baseband modem 821, the first transceiver 802, and the first front end system 803 operate to transmit and receive RF signals using the first antenna 804. Additionally, the second baseband modem 822, the second transceiver 812, and the second front end system 813 operate to transmit and receive RF signals using the second antenna 814. Although an example with two antennas is shown, the mobile device 800 can include additional antennas including, but not limited to, multiple antennas for cellular communications and/or multiple antenna for WiFi communications.

[0122] The first front end system 803 operates to condition RF signals transmitted by and/or received from the first antenna 804. Additionally, the second front end system 804 operates to condition RF signals transmitted by and/or received from the second antenna 814. The front end systems can provide a number of functionalities, including, but not limited to, amplifying signals for transmission, amplifying received signals, filtering signals, switching between different bands, switching between different power modes, switching between transmission and receiving modes, duplexing of signals, multiplexing of signals (for instance, diplexing or triplexing), or some combination thereof.

[0123] In certain implementations, the mobile device 800 supports carrier aggregation, thereby providing flexibility to increase peak data rates. Carrier aggregation can be used for both Frequency Division Duplexing (FDD) and Time Division Duplexing (TDD), and may be used to aggregate a plurality of carriers or channels. Carrier aggregation includes contiguous aggregation, in which contiguous carriers within the same operating frequency band are aggregated. Carrier aggregation can also be non-contiguous, and can include carriers separated in frequency within a common band or in different bands.

[0124] The first antenna 804 and the second antenna 814 can include antenna elements implemented in a wide variety of ways. In certain configurations, the antenna elements are arranged to form one or more antenna arrays. Examples of antenna elements include, but are not limited to, patch antennas, dipole antenna elements, ceramic resonators, stamped metal antennas, and/or laser direct structuring antennas.

[0125] In certain implementations, the mobile device 800 supports MIMO communications and/or switched diversity communications. For example, MIMO communications use multiple antennas for communicating multiple data streams over a

single radio frequency channel. MIMO communications benefit from higher signal to noise ratio, improved coding, and/or reduced signal interference due to spatial multiplexing differences of the radio environment. Switched diversity refers to communications in which a particular antenna is selected for operation at a particular time. For example, a switch can be used to select a particular antenna from a group of antennas based on a variety of factors, such as an observed bit error rate and/or a signal strength indicator.

[0126] In certain implementations, the mobile device 800 operates with beamforming. For example, the first front end system 803 and/or the second front end system 813 can include phase shifters having variable phase to provide beam formation and directivity for transmission and/or reception of signals. For example, in the context of signal transmission, the phases of the transmit signals provided to an antenna array used for transmission are controlled such that radiated signals combine using constructive and destructive interference to generate an aggregate transmit signal exhibiting beam-like qualities with more signal strength propagating in a given direction. In the context of signal reception, the phases are controlled such that more signal energy is received when the signal is arriving to the antenna array from a particular direction.

[0127] The first transceiver 802 includes one or more transmit channels 831, one or more receive channels 832, one or more observation channels 833, and a discrete time cancellation circuit 834. Additionally, the second transceiver 812 includes one or more transmit channels 841, one or more receive channels 842, one or more observation channels 843, and a discrete time cancellation circuit 844.

[0128] The mobile device 800 of Figure 8 illustrates one embodiment of a mobile device implemented with coexistence management using discrete time cancellation. Although one example of a mobile device is shown, the teachings herein are applicable a wide range of coexistence management schemes.

[0129] The digital processing system 801 is coupled to the user interface 807 to facilitate processing of various user input and output (I/O), such as voice and data. The digital processing system 801 provides the transceivers with digital representations of transmit signals, which are processed by the transceivers to generate RF signals for transmission. The digital processing system 801 also processes digital representations of received signals provided by the transceivers. As shown in Figure 8, the digital processing system 801 is coupled to the memory 806 of facilitate operation of the mobile device 800.

[0130] The memory 806 can be used for a wide variety of purposes, such as storing data and/or instructions to facilitate the operation of the mobile device 800 and/or to provide storage of user information.

[0131] The power management system 805 provides a number of power management functions of the mobile device 800. In certain implementations, the power management system 805 includes a PA supply control circuit that controls the supply voltages of the power amplifiers of the front end systems. For example, the power management system 805 can be configured to change the supply voltage(s) provided to one or more of the power amplifiers to improve efficiency, such as power added efficiency (PAE).

[0132] In certain implementations, the power management system 805 receives a battery voltage from a battery. The battery can be any suitable battery for use in the mobile device 800, including, for example, a lithium-ion battery.

[0133] Figure 9A is a schematic diagram of one embodiment of a packaged module 900 with coexistence management. Figure 9B is a schematic diagram of a cross-section of the packaged module 900 of Figure 9A taken along the lines 9B–9B.

[0134] The packaged module 900 includes radio frequency components 901, a semiconductor die 902, surface mount devices 903, wirebonds 908, a package substrate 920, and encapsulation structure 940. The package substrate 920 includes pads 906 formed from conductors disposed therein. Additionally, the semiconductor die 902 includes pins or pads 904, and the wirebonds 908 have been used to connect the pads 904 of the die 902 to the pads 906 of the package substrate 920.

[0135] The semiconductor die 902 includes an RF communication system implemented with discrete time cancellation 941 in accordance with the teachings herein. Although the packaged module 900 illustrates one example of a module implemented in accordance with the teachings herein, other implementations are possible.

[0136] As shown in Figure 9B, the packaged module 900 is shown to include a plurality of contact pads 932 disposed on the side of the packaged module 900 opposite the side used to mount the semiconductor die 902. Configuring the packaged module 900 in this manner can aid in connecting the packaged module 900 to a circuit board, such as a phone board of a wireless device. The example contact pads 932 can be configured to provide radio frequency signals, bias signals, and/or power (for example, a power supply voltage and ground) to the semiconductor die 902. As shown in Figure 9B, the electrical

connections between the contact pads 932 and the semiconductor die 902 can be facilitated by connections 933 through the package substrate 920. The connections 933 can represent electrical paths formed through the package substrate 920, such as connections associated with vias and conductors of a multilayer laminated package substrate.

[0137] In some embodiments, the packaged module 900 can also include one or more packaging structures to, for example, provide protection and/or facilitate handling. Such a packaging structure can include overmold or encapsulation structure 940 formed over the packaging substrate 920 and the components and die(s) disposed thereon.

[0138] It will be understood that although the packaged module 900 is described in the context of electrical connections based on wirebonds, one or more features of the present disclosure can also be implemented in other packaging configurations, including, for example, flip-chip configurations.

Applications

[0139] Some of the embodiments described above have provided examples in connection with mobile devices. However, the principles and advantages of the embodiments can be used for any other systems or apparatus that have needs for coexistence management. Examples of such RF communication systems include, but are not limited to, mobile phones, tablets, base stations, network access points, customer-premises equipment (CPE), laptops, and wearable electronics.

Conclusion

[0140] Unless the context clearly requires otherwise, throughout the description and the claims, the words “comprise,” “comprising,” and the like are to be construed in an inclusive sense, as opposed to an exclusive or exhaustive sense; that is to say, in the sense of “including, but not limited to.” The word “coupled”, as generally used herein, refers to two or more elements that may be either directly connected, or connected by way of one or more intermediate elements. Likewise, the word “connected”, as generally used herein, refers to two or more elements that may be either directly connected, or connected by way of one or more intermediate elements. Additionally, the words “herein,” “above,” “below,” and words of similar import, when used in this application, shall refer to this application as a whole and not to any particular portions of this application. Where the context permits, words in the above Detailed Description using the singular or plural number may also

include the plural or singular number respectively. The word “or” in reference to a list of two or more items, that word covers all of the following interpretations of the word: any of the items in the list, all of the items in the list, and any combination of the items in the list.

[0141] Moreover, conditional language used herein, such as, among others, “may,” “could,” “might,” “can,” “e.g.,” “for example,” “such as” and the like, unless specifically stated otherwise, or otherwise understood within the context as used, is generally intended to convey that certain embodiments include, while other embodiments do not include, certain features, elements and/or states. Thus, such conditional language is not generally intended to imply that features, elements and/or states are in any way required for one or more embodiments or that one or more embodiments necessarily include logic for deciding, with or without author input or prompting, whether these features, elements and/or states are included or are to be performed in any particular embodiment.

[0142] The above detailed description of embodiments of the invention is not intended to be exhaustive or to limit the invention to the precise form disclosed above. While specific embodiments of, and examples for, the invention are described above for illustrative purposes, various equivalent modifications are possible within the scope of the invention, as those skilled in the relevant art will recognize. For example, while processes or blocks are presented in a given order, alternative embodiments may perform routines having steps, or employ systems having blocks, in a different order, and some processes or blocks may be deleted, moved, added, subdivided, combined, and/or modified. Each of these processes or blocks may be implemented in a variety of different ways. Also, while processes or blocks are at times shown as being performed in series, these processes or blocks may instead be performed in parallel, or may be performed at different times.

[0143] The teachings of the invention provided herein can be applied to other systems, not necessarily the system described above. The elements and acts of the various embodiments described above can be combined to provide further embodiments.

[0144] While certain embodiments of the inventions have been described, these embodiments have been presented by way of example only, and are not intended to limit the scope of the disclosure. Indeed, the novel methods and systems described herein may be embodied in a variety of other forms; furthermore, various omissions, substitutions and changes in the form of the methods and systems described herein may be made without departing from the spirit of the disclosure. The accompanying claims and their equivalents

are intended to cover such forms or modifications as would fall within the scope and spirit of the disclosure.