

METHODS AND APPARATUS FOR TRANSMITTING A FRAME STRUCTURE IN A WIRELESS COMMUNICATION SYSTEM

BACKGROUND

Field

[0001] The present disclosure relates generally to wireless communications, and more specifically to methods and apparatus for configuring and transmitting a signal frame structure for use in a wireless communication system.

Background

[0002] Orthogonal frequency division multiplexing (OFDM) is a technique for broadcasting high rate digital signals. In OFDM systems, a single high rate data stream is divided into several parallel low rate substreams, with each substream being used to modulate a respective subcarrier frequency. It should be noted that although the present invention is described in terms of quadrature amplitude modulation, it is equally applicable to phase shift keyed modulation systems.

[0003] The modulation technique used in OFDM systems is referred to as quadrature amplitude modulation (QAM), in which both the phase and the amplitude of the carrier frequency are modulated. In QAM modulation, complex QAM symbols are generated from plural data bits, with each symbol including a real number term and an imaginary number term and with each symbol representing the plural data bits from which it was generated. A plurality of QAM bits are transmitted together in a pattern that can be graphically represented by a complex plane. Typically, the pattern is referred to as a "constellation". By using QAM modulation, an OFDM system can improve its efficiency.

[0004] It happens that when a signal is broadcast, it can propagate to a receiver by more than one path. For example, a signal from a single transmitter can propagate along a straight line to a receiver, and it can also be reflected off of physical objects to propagate along a different path to the receiver. Moreover, it happens that when a system uses a so-called "cellular" broadcasting technique to increase spectral efficiency, a signal intended for a receiver might be broadcast by more than one transmitter. Hence, the same signal will be transmitted to the receiver along more than one path. Such parallel propagation of signals, whether man-made (i.e., caused by broadcasting

the same signal from more than one transmitter) or natural (i.e., caused by echoes) is referred to as "multipath". It can be readily appreciated that while cellular digital broadcasting is spectrally efficient, provisions must be made to effectively address multipath considerations.

[0005] Fortunately, OFDM systems that use QAM modulation are more effective in the presence of multipath conditions (which, as stated above, must arise when cellular broadcasting techniques are used) than are QAM modulation techniques in which only a single carrier frequency is used. More particularly, in single carrier QAM systems, a complex equalizer must be used to equalize channels that have echoes as strong as the primary path, and such equalization is difficult to execute. In contrast, in OFDM systems the need for complex equalizers can be eliminated altogether simply by inserting a guard interval of appropriate length at the beginning of each symbol. Accordingly, OFDM systems that use QAM modulation are preferred when multipath conditions are expected.

[0006] In a typical trellis coding scheme, the data stream is encoded with a convolutional encoder and then successive bits are combined in a bit group that will become a QAM symbol. Several bits are in a group, with the number of bits per group being defined by an integer "m" (hence, each group is referred to as having an "m-ary" dimension). Typically, the value of "m" is four, five, six, or seven, although it can be more or less.

[0007] After grouping the bits into multi-bit symbols, the symbols are interleaved. By "interleaving" is meant that the symbol stream is rearranged in sequence, to thereby randomize potential errors caused by channel degradation. To illustrate, suppose five words are to be transmitted. If, during transmission of a non-interleaved signal, a temporary channel disturbance occurs. Under these circumstances, an entire word can be lost before the channel disturbance abates, and it can be difficult if not impossible to know what information had been conveyed by the lost word.

[0008] In contrast, if the letters of the five words are sequentially rearranged (i.e., "interleaved") prior to transmission and a channel disturbance occurs, several letters might be lost, perhaps one letter per word. Upon decoding the rearranged letters, however, all five words would appear, albeit with several of the words missing letters. It will be readily appreciated that under these circumstances, it would be relatively easy for a digital decoder to recover the data substantially in its entirety. After interleaving

the m-ary symbols, the symbols are mapped to complex symbols using QAM principles noted above, multiplexed into their respective sub-carrier channels, and transmitted.

SUMMARY

[0009] According to an aspect of the present disclosure, a method for transmitting a wireless communication signal frame is disclosed. The method includes transmitting a first pilot symbol in the signal frame, the first symbol configured to communicate at least timing information, and transmitting a second pilot symbol configured to communicate first information including network identification information concerning a first network; transmitting at least first overhead information concerning the first network. The method further includes transmitting a third pilot symbol after transmission of the second pilot symbol and the overhead information concerning the first network, the third pilot symbol configured to communicate second information including network identification information concerning a second network.

[0010] According to another aspect of the present disclosure, a method for transmitting a wireless communication signal frame includes transmitting a first pilot symbol configured to communicate first information including network identification information concerning a first network. The disclosed method further includes transmitting at least first overhead information concerning the first network; transmitting a second pilot symbol after transmission of the first pilot symbol and the overhead information concerning the first network, the second pilot symbol configured to communicate second information including network identification information concerning a second network, and transmitting a first transition channel after transmission of the second pilot symbol, the first transition channel containing no data required to be processed by a receiver.

[0011] According to still another aspect of the present disclosure, a processor for use in a transmitter is disclosed. The processor is configured to transmit a first pilot symbol in the signal frame, the first symbol configured to communicate at least timing information; transmit a second pilot symbol configured to communicate first information including network identification information concerning a first network; transmit at least first overhead information concerning the first network; and transmit a third pilot symbol after transmission of the second pilot symbol and the overhead

information concerning the first network, the third pilot symbol configured to communicate second information including network identification information concerning a second network.

[0012] According to yet another aspect of the present disclosure, a processor for use in a transmitter is disclosed including means for transmitting a first pilot symbol in the signal frame, the first symbol configured to communicate at least timing information. The processor also includes means for transmitting a second pilot symbol configured to communicate first information including network identification information concerning a first network, means for transmitting at least first overhead information concerning the first network, and means for transmitting a third pilot symbol after transmission of the second pilot symbol and the overhead information concerning the first network, the third pilot symbol configured to communicate second information including network identification information concerning a second network.

[0013] According to still another aspect of the present disclosure, a computer-readable medium encoded with a set of instructions is disclosed. The instructions include an instruction for transmitting a first pilot symbol in the signal frame, the first symbol configured to communicate at least timing information. Further an instruction for transmitting a second pilot symbol configured to communicate first information including network identification information concerning a first network is included. The instructions also include an instruction for transmitting at least first overhead information concerning the first network, and an instruction for transmitting a third pilot symbol after transmission of the second pilot symbol and the overhead information concerning the first network, the third pilot symbol configured to communicate second information including network identification information concerning a second network.

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

[0014] FIG. 1a shows a channel interleaver in accordance with an embodiment;

[0015] FIG. 1b shows a channel interleaver in accordance with another embodiment;

[0016] FIG. 2a shows code bits of a turbo packet placed into an interleaving buffer in accordance with an embodiment;

[0017] FIG. 2b shows an interleaver buffer arranged into an N/m rows by m columns matrix in accordance with an embodiment;

[0018] FIG. 3 illustrates an interleaved interlace table in accordance with an embodiment;

[0019] FIG. 4 shows a channelization diagram in accordance with an embodiment;

[0020] FIG. 5 shows a channelization diagram with all one's shifting sequence resulting in long runs of good and poor channel estimates for a particular slot, in accordance with an embodiment; and

[0021] FIG. 6 shows a Channelization diagram with all two's shifting sequence resulting in evenly spread good and poor channel estimate interlaces; and

[0022] FIG. 7 shows a wireless device configured to implement interleaving in accordance with an embodiment.

[0023] FIG. 8 shows a block diagram of an exemplary frame check sequence computation for a physical layer packet.

[0024] FIG. 9 shows a diagram of the duration of an exemplary OFDM symbol.

[0025] FIG. 10 shows the structure of an exemplary superframe and channel structure.

[0026] FIG. 11 shows a block diagram of exemplary TDM Pilot 1 Packet Processing in a Transmitter.

[0027] FIG. 12 shows an exemplary PN Sequence Generator for Modulating the TDM Pilot 1 Sub carriers

[0028] FIG. 13 shows an exemplary signal constellation for QPSK modulation.

[0029] FIG. 14 shows a block diagram illustrating fixed pattern processing of TDM Pilot 2 /WIC/LIC/FDM Pilot/TPC/Unallocated Slots in Data Channel/Reserved OFDM Symbol in a transmitter.

[0030] FIG. 15 is an example of slot allocation in a Wide Area Identification channel.

[0031] FIG. 16 shows an exemplary Slot Bit Scrambler.

[0032] FIG. 17 shows a block diagram of n exemplary LIC slot allocation.

[0033] FIG. 18 shows a block diagram of an exemplary TDM Pilot 2 slot allocation.

[0034] FIG. 19 shows a block diagram illustrating OIS Physical Layer Packet processing in a transmitter

[0035] FIG. 20 shows a block diagram of an exemplary Wide-area/Local-area OIS Channel Encoder.

[0036] FIG. 21 shows a block diagram of an exemplary Turbo encoder architecture.

[0037] FIG. 22 shows a block diagram of a procedure for calculating Turbo Interleaver output addresses.

[0038] FIG. 23 shows a block diagram of an exemplary bit interleaver operation where $N = 20$.

[0039] FIG. 24 shows a block diagram of a Wide-area OIS channel Turbo encoded packet mapping to data slot buffers.

[0040] FIG. 25 shows a Local-area OIS Turbo Encoded Packet Mapping to Data Slot Buffers.

[0041] FIG. 26 shows a block diagram illustrating a procedure for processing Data Channel Physical Layer Packets in a transmitter

[0042] FIG. 27 shows a block diagram of an exemplary Data Channel Encoder.

[0043] FIG. 28 shows an exemplary interleaving of Base and Enhancement component bits for filling a Slot Buffer for Layered Modulation

[0044] FIG. 29 shows a data channel Turbo Encoded Packet occupying three Data Slot Buffers

[0045] FIG. 30 shows an example of multiplexing of Base and Enhancement Component Turbo Encoded packets occupying three Data Slot Buffers

[0046] FIG. 31 shows an example of a Data Channel Turbo Encoded Packet Occupying 3 Data Slot Buffers.

[0047] FIG. 32 shows an example of a slot allocation to multiple MLCs over 3 consecutive OFDM symbols in a frame

[0048] FIG. 33 shows an exemplary signal constellation for 16-QAM Modulation

[0049] FIG. 34 shows an exemplary signal constellation for Layered Modulation

[0050] FIG. 35 shows a diagram of interlace allocations to FDM Pilots.

[0051] FIG. 36 shows a diagram of interlace allocations to slots

[0052] FIG.37 shows a block diagram of an exemplary OFDM common operation.

[0053] FIG. 38 shows a diagram illustrating an overlap of windowed OFDM Symbols according to an example. FIG. 33 shows an exemplary signal constellation for 16-QAM Modulation

[0054] FIG. 39 shows another example of a superframe structure including symbols TDM 1, TDM 2, and TDM 3.

[0055] FIG. 40 is a flow diagram of an exemplary methodology for sequencing and transmitting the superframe illustrated in FIG. 39.

[0056] FIG. 41 is an exemplary transmitter or processor for use in a transmitter for assembling and transmitting the superframe of FIG. 39.

[0057] FIG.42 illustrates another example of a transmitter or a processor for use in a transmitter according to the present disclosure for transmitting the superframe illustrated in FIG. 39.

DETAILED DESCRIPTION

[0058] In an embodiment, a channel interleaver comprises a bit interleaver and a symbol interleaver. Figure 1 shows two types of channel interleaving schemes. Both schemes use bit interleaving and interlacing to achieve maximum channel diversity.

[0059] Figure 1a shows a channel interleaver in accordance with an embodiment. Figure 1b shows a channel interleaver in accordance with another embodiment. The interleaver of figure 1b uses bit-interleaver solely to achieve m-ary modulation diversity and uses a two-dimension interleaved interlace table and run-time slot-to-interlace mapping to achieve frequency diversity which provides better interleaving performance without the need for explicit symbol interleaving.

[0060] Figure 1a shows Turbo coded bits 102 input into bit interleaving block 104. Bit interleaving block 104 outputs interleaved bits, which are input into constellation symbol mapping block 106. Constellation symbol mapping block 106 outputs constellation symbol mapped bits, which are input into constellation symbol interleaving block 108. Constellation symbol interleaving block 108 outputs constellation symbol interleaved bits into channelization block 110. Channelization

block 110 interleaves the constellation symbol interleaved bits using an interlace table 112 and outputs OFDM symbols 114.

[0061] Figure 1b shows Turbo coded bits 152 input into bit interleaving block 154. Bit interleaving block 154 outputs interleaved bits, which are input into constellation symbol mapping block 156. Constellation symbol mapping block 156 outputs constellation symbol mapped bits, which are input into channelization block 158. Channelization block 158 channelizes the constellation symbol interleaved bits using an interleaved interlace table and dynamic slot-interlace mapping 160 and outputs OFDM symbols 162.

Bit Interleaving for modulation diversity

[0062] The interleaver of Figure 1b uses bit interleaving 154 to achieve modulation diversity. The code bits 152 of a turbo packet are interleaved in such a pattern that adjacent code bits are mapped into different constellation symbols. For example, for 2m-Ary modulation, the N bit interleaver buffer are divided into N/m blocks. Adjacent code bits are written into adjacent blocks sequentially and then are read out one by one from the beginning of the buffer to the end in the sequential order, as shown in Figure 2a (Top). This guarantees that adjacent code bits be mapped to different constellation symbols. Equivalently, as is illustrated in Figure 2b (Bottom), the interleaver buffer is arranged into an N/m rows by m columns matrix. Code bits are written into the buffer column by column and are read out row by row. To avoid the adjacent code bit to be mapped to the same bit position of the constellation symbol due to the fact that certain bits of a constellation symbol are more reliable than the others for 16QAM depending on the mapping, for example, the first and third bits are more reliable than the second and fourth bits, rows shall be read out from left to right and right to left alternatively.

[0063] Figure 2a shows code bits of a turbo packet 202 placed into an interleaving buffer 204 in accordance with an embodiment. Figure 2b is an illustration of bit interleaving operation in accordance with an embodiment. Code bits of a Turbo packet 250 are placed into an interleaving buffer 252 as shown in figure 2b. The interleaving buffer 252 is transformed by swapping the second and third columns, thereby creating interleaving buffer 254, wherein $m=4$, in accordance with an embodiment. Interleaved code bits of a Turbo packet 256 are read from the interleaving buffer 254.

[0064] For simplicity, a fixed $m=4$ may be used, if the highest modulation level is 16 and if code bit length is always divisible by 4. In this case, to improve the separation for QPSK, the middle two columns are swapped before being read out. This procedure is depicted in Figure 2b (Bottom). It would be apparent to those skilled in the art that any two columns may be swapped. It would also be apparent to those skilled in the art that the columns may be placed in any order. It would also be apparent to those skilled in the art that the rows may be placed in any order.

[0065] In another embodiment, as a first step, the code bits of a turbo packet 202 are distributed into groups. Note that the embodiments of both figure 2a and figure 2b also distribute the code bits into groups. However, rather than simply swapping rows or columns, the code bits within each group are shuffled according to a group bit order for each given group. Thus, the order of four groups of 16 code bits after being distributed into groups may be {1, 5, 9, 13} {2, 6, 10, 14} {3, 7, 11, 15} {4, 8, 12, 16} using a simple linear ordering of the groups and the order of the four groups of 16 code bits after shuffling may be {13, 9, 5, 1} {2, 10, 6, 14} {11, 7, 15, 3} {12, 8, 4, 16}. Note that swapping rows or columns would be a regressive case of this intra-group shuffling.

Interleaved Interlace for frequency diversity

[0066] In accordance with an embodiment, the channel interleaver uses interleaved interlace for constellation symbol interleaving to achieve frequency diversity. This eliminates the need for explicit constellation symbol interleaving. The interleaving is performed at two levels:

[0067] Within or Intra Interlace Interleaving: In an embodiment, 500 subcarriers of an interlace are interleaved in a bit-reversal fashion.

[0068] Between or Inter Interlace Interleaving: In an embodiment, eight interlaces are interleaved in a bit-reversal fashion.

[0069] It would be apparent to those skilled in the art that the number of subcarriers can be other than 500. It would also be apparent to those skilled in the art that the number of interlaces can be other than eight.

[0070] Note that since 500 is not power of 2, a reduced-set bit reversal operation shall be used in accordance with an embodiment. The following code shows the operation:

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[0071]         vector<int> reducedSetBitRev(int n)
[0072]         {
[0073]             int m=exponent(n);
[0074]             vector<int> y(n);
[0075]             for (int i=0, j=0; i<n; i++,j++)
[0076]             {
[0077]                 int k;
[0078]                 for (; (k=bitRev(j,m))>=n; j++);
[0079]                 y[i]=k;
[0080]             }
[0081]             return y;
[0082]         }

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[0083] where $n=500$, m is the smallest integer such that $2^m > n$ which is 8, and bitRev is the regular bit reversal operation.

[0084] The symbols of the constellation symbol sequence of a data channel is mapped into the corresponding subcarriers in a sequential linear fashion according to the assigned slot index, determined by a Channelizer, using the interlace table as is depicted in Figure 3, in accordance with an embodiment.

[0085] Figure 3 illustrates an interleaved interlace table in accordance with an embodiment. Turbo packet 302, constellation symbols 304, and interleaved interlace table 306 are shown. Also shown are interlace 3 (308), interlace 4 (310), interlace 2 (312), interlace 6 (314), interlace 1 (316), interlace 5 (318), interlace 3 (320), and interlace 7 (322).

[0086] In an embodiment, one out of the eight interlaces is used for pilot, i.e., Interlace 2 and Interlace 6 is used alternatively for pilot. As a result, the Channelizer can use seven interlaces for scheduling. For convenience, the Channelizer uses Slot as a scheduling unit. A slot is defined as one interlace of an OFDM symbol. An Interlace Table is used to map a slot to a particular interlace. Since eight interlaces are used, there are then eight slots. Seven slots will be set aside for use for Channelization and one slot for Pilot. Without loss of generality, Slot 0 is used for the Pilot and Slots 1 to 7 are used for Channelization, as is shown in Figure 4 where the vertical axis is the slot

index 402, the horizontal axis is the OFDM symbol index 404 and the bold-faced entry is the interlace index assigned to the corresponding slot at an OFDM symbol time.

[0087] Figure 4 shows a channelization diagram in accordance with an embodiment. Figure 4 shows the slot indices reserved for the scheduler 406 and the slot index reserved for the Pilot 408. The bold faced entries are interlace index numbers. The number with square is the interlace adjacent to pilot and consequently with good channel estimate.

[0088] The number surrounded with a square is the interlace adjacent to the pilot and consequently with good channel estimate. Since the Scheduler always assigns a chunk of contiguous slots and OFDM symbols to a data channel, it is clear that due to the inter-interlace interleaving, the contiguous slots that are assigned to a data channel will be mapped to discontinuous interlaces. More frequency diversity gain can then be achieved.

[0089] However, this static assignment (i.e., the slot to physical interlace mapping table does not change over time where the scheduler slot table does not include the pilot slot) does suffer one problem. That is, if a data channel assignment block (assuming rectangular) occupies multiple OFDM symbols, the interlaces assigned to the data channel does not change over the time, resulting in loss of frequency diversity. The remedy is simply cyclically shifting the Scheduler interlace table (i.e., excluding the Pilot interlace) from OFDM symbol to OFDM symbol.

[0090] Figure 5 depicts the operation of shifting the Scheduler interlace table once per OFDM symbol. This scheme successfully destroys the static interlace assignment problem, i.e., a particular slot is mapped to different interlaces at different OFDM symbol time.

[0091] Figure 5 shows a channelization diagram with all one's shifting sequence resulting in long runs of good and poor channel estimates for a particular slot 502, in accordance with an embodiment. Figure 5 shows the slot indices reserved for the scheduler 506 and the slot index reserved for the Pilot 508. Slot symbol index 504 is shown on the horizontal axis.

[0092] However, it is noticed that slots are assigned four continuous interlaces with good channel estimates followed by long runs of interlaces with poor channel estimates in contrast to the preferred patterns of short runs of good channel estimate interlaces and short runs of interlaces with poor channel estimates. In the figure, the interlace that is

adjacent to the pilot interlace is marked with a square. A solution to the long runs of good and poor channel estimates problem is to use a shifting sequence other than the all one's sequence. There are many sequences can be used to fulfill this task. The simplest sequence is the all two's sequence, i.e., the Scheduler interlace table is shifted twice instead of once per OFDM symbol. The result is shown in Figure 6 which significantly improves the Channelizer interlace pattern. Note that this pattern repeats every $2 \times 7 = 14$ OFDM symbols, where 2 is the Pilot interlace staggering period and 7 is the Channelizer interlace shifting period.

[0093] To simplify the operation at both transmitters and receivers, a simple formula can be used to determine the mapping from slot to interlace at a given OFDM symbol time

$$[0094] \quad i = \Re' \{ (N - ((R \times t) \% N) + s - 1) \% N \}$$

where

[0095] $\cdot N = I - 1$ is the number of interlaces used for traffic data scheduling, where I is the total number of interlaces;

[0096] $\cdot i \in \{0, 1, \dots, I - 1\}$, excluding the pilot interlace, is the interlace index that Slot s at OFDM symbol t maps to;

[0097] $\cdot t = 0, 1, \dots, T - 1$ is the OFDM symbol index in a super frame, where T is the total number of OFDM symbols in a frame¹;

[0098] $\cdot s = 1, 2, \dots, S - 1$ s is the slot index where S is the total number of slots;

[0099] $\cdot R$ is the number of shifts per OFDM symbol;

[00100] $\cdot \Re'$ is the reduced-set bit-reversal operator. That is, the interlace used by the Pilot shall be excluded from the bit-reversal operation.

[00101] Example: In an embodiment, I=8, R=2. The corresponding Slot-Interlace mapping formula becomes

$$[00102] \quad i = \Re' \{ (7 - ((2 \times t) \% 7) + s - 1) \% 7 \}$$

[00103] where $\Re'$ corresponds to the following table:

¹ OFDM symbol index in a superframe instead of in a frame gives additional diversity to frames since the number of OFDM symbols in a frame in the current design is not divisible by 14.

$$\underline{x \Rightarrow \mathfrak{R}'\{x\}}$$

$$0 \Rightarrow 0$$

$$1 \Rightarrow 4$$

$$2 \Rightarrow 2 \text{ or } 6$$

$$3 \Rightarrow 1$$

$$4 \Rightarrow 5$$

$$5 \Rightarrow 3$$

$$6 \Rightarrow 7$$

[00104] This table can be generated by the following code:

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[00105]     int reducedSetBitRev(int x, int exclude, int n)
[00106]     {
[00107]         int m=exponent(n);
[00108]         int y;
[00109]         for (int i=0; j=0; i<=x; i++, j++)
[00110]         {
[00111]             for (; (y=bitRev(j, m))==exclude; j++);
[00112]         }
[00113]         return y;
[00114]     }
[00115]     where m=3 and bitRev is the regular bit reversal operation.
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[00116] For OFDM symbol $t=11$, Pilot uses Interlace 6. The mapping between Slot and Interlace becomes:

[00117] ·Slot 1 maps to interlace of $\mathfrak{R}'\{(7 - (2 \times 11) \% 7 + 1 - 1) \% 7\} = \mathfrak{R}\{6\} = 7$;

[00118] ·Slot 2 maps to interlace of $\mathfrak{R}'\{(7 - (2 \times 11) \% 7 + 2 - 1) \% 7\} = \mathfrak{R}\{0\} = 0$;

[00119] ·Slot 3 maps to interlace of $\mathfrak{R}'\{(7 - (2 \times 11) \% 7 + 3 - 1) \% 7\} = \mathfrak{R}\{1\} = 4$;

[00120] ·Slot 4 maps to interlace of $\mathfrak{R}'\{(7 - (2 \times 11) \% 7 + 4 - 1) \% 7\} = \mathfrak{R}\{2\} = 2$;

[00121] ·Slot 5 maps to interlace of $\mathfrak{R}'\{(7 - (2 \times 11) \% 7 + 5 - 1) \% 7\} = \mathfrak{R}\{3\} = 1$;

[00122] ·Slot 6 maps to interlace of $\mathfrak{R}'\{(7 - (2 \times 11) \% 7 + 6 - 1) \% 7\} = \mathfrak{R}\{4\} = 5$;

[00123] Slot 7 maps to interlace of $\Re'\{(7 - (2 \times 11) \% 7 + 7 - 1) \% 7\} = \Re\{5\} = 3$.

[00124] The resulting mapping agrees with the mapping in Figure 6. Figure 6 shows a Channelization diagram with all two's shifting sequence resulting in evenly spread good and poor channel estimate interlaces.

[00125] In accordance with an embodiment, an interleaver has the following features:

[00126] The bit interleaver is designed to taking advantage of m-Ary modulation diversity by interleaving the code bits into different modulation symbols;

[00127] The "symbol interleaving" designed to achieve frequency diversity by INTRA-interlace interleaving and INTER-interlace interleaving;

[00128] Additional frequency diversity gain and channel estimation gain are achieved by changing the slot-interlace mapping table from OFDM symbol to OFDM symbol. A simple rotation sequence is proposed to achieve this goal.

[00129] Figure 7 shows a wireless device configured to implement interleaving in accordance with an embodiment. Wireless device 702 comprises an antenna 704, duplexer 706, a receiver 708, a transmitter 710, processor 712, and memory 714. Processor 712 is capable of performing interleaving in accordance with an embodiment. The processor 712 uses memory 714 for buffers or data structures to perform its operations.

[00130] The following description includes details of further embodiments.

[00131] The transmission unit of the Physical layer is a Physical layer packet. A Physical layer packet has a length of 1000 bits. A Physical layer packet carries one MAC layer packet.

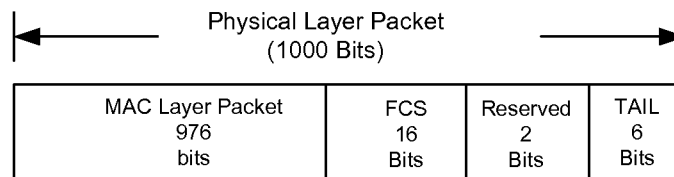
Physical Layer Packet Format

[00132] The Physical layer packet shall use the following format:

Field	Length (bits)
MAC Layer Packet	976
FCS	16
Reserved	2
TAIL	6

where the MAC Layer Packet is a MAC layer packet from the OIS, Data or Control Channel MAC protocol; FCS is a Frame check sequence; Reserved is reserved bits which the FLO network shall set this field to zero and the FLO device shall ignore this field; and TAIL is encoder tail bits, which shall be set to all '0's.

[00133] The following table illustrates the format of the Physical layer packet:



Bit Transmission Order

[00134] Each field of the Physical layer packet shall be transmitted in sequence such that the most significant bit (MSB) is transmitted first and the least significant bit (LSB) is transmitted last. The MSB is the left-most bit in the figures of the document.

Computation of the FCS Bits

[00135] The FCS computation described here shall be used for computing the FCS field in the Physical layer packet.

[00136] The FCS shall be a CRC calculated using the standard CRC-CCITT generator polynomial:

$$g(x) = x^{16} + x^{12} + x^5 + 1.$$

[00137] The FCS shall be equal to the value computed according to the following described procedure also illustrated in FIG. 8.

[00138] All shift-register elements shall be initialized to '1's. It is noted that initialization of the register to ones causes the CRC for all-zero data to be non-zero.

[00139] The switches shall be set in the up position.

[00140] The register shall be clocked once for each bit of the physical layer packet except for the FCS, Reserved, and TAIL bits. The physical layer packet shall be read from the MSB to LSB.

[00141] The switches shall be set in the down position so that the output is a modulo-2 addition with a '0' and the successive shift-register inputs are '0's.

[00142] The register shall be clocked an additional 16 times for the 16 FCS bits.

[00143] The output bits constitute all fields of the Physical layer packets except the Reserved and TAIL fields.

FLO Network Requirements

[00144] The following discussion section defines requirements specific to the FLO network equipment and operation.

Transmitter

[00145] The following requirements shall apply to the FLO network transmitter. The transmitter shall operate in one of eight 6 MHz wide bands, but may also supports transmit bandwidths of 5, 7, and 8 MHz. Each 6 MHz wide transmit band allocation is called a FLO RF Channel. Each FLO RF Channel shall be denoted by an index $j \in \{1, 2, \dots, 8\}$. The transmit band and the band center frequency for each FLO RF channel index shall be as specified in Table 1 below.

FLO RF Channel Number j	FLO Transmit Band (MHz)	Band Center Frequency f_c (MHz)
1	698 - 704	701
2	704 - 710	707
3	710 - 716	713
4	716 - 722	719
5	722 - 728	725
6	728 - 734	731
7	734 - 740	737
8	740 - 746	743

Table 1: FLO RF Channel Number and the Transmit Band Frequencies

[00146] The maximum frequency difference between the actual transmit carrier frequency and the specified transmit frequency shall be less than $\pm 2 \times 10^{-9}$ of the band center frequency in Table 1.

[00147] It is noted that in Band Spectral Characteristics and out of Band Spectrum Mask are to be determined.

[00148] Power Output Characteristics are such that the transmit ERP shall be less than 46.98 dBW, which corresponds to 50 kW.

OFDM Modulation Characteristics

[00149] The modulation used on the air-link is Orthogonal Frequency Division Multiplexing (OFDM). The smallest transmission interval corresponds to one OFDM symbol period. The OFDM transmit symbol is comprised of many separately modulated sub-carriers. The FLO system shall use 4096 sub-carriers, numbered 0 through 4095. These sub-carriers are divided into two separate groups.

[00150] The first group of sub-carriers is guard Sub-carriers Of the available 4096 sub-carriers, 96 shall be unused. These unused sub-carriers are called guard sub-carriers. No energy shall be transmitted on the guard sub-carriers. Sub-carriers numbered 0 through 47, 2048, and 4049 through 4095 shall be used as guard sub-carriers.

[00151] The second group is active Sub-carriers. The active sub-carriers shall be a group of 4000 sub-carriers with indices $k \in \{48..2047, 2049..4048\}$. Each active sub-carrier shall carry a modulation symbol.

[00152] Concerning sub-carrier spacing in the FLO system, the 4096 sub-carriers shall span a bandwidth of 5.55 MHz at the center of the 6 MHz FLO RF Channel. The sub-carrier spacing, $(\Delta f)_{SC}$ shall be given by:

$$(\Delta f)_{SC} = \frac{5.55 \times 10^6}{4096} = 1.35498046875 \text{ kHz}$$

[00153] Concerning sub-carrier frequency, the frequency of the sub-carrier with index i in the k^{th} FLO RF Channel (see Table 1 above), $f_{SC}(k, i)$, shall be computed as per the following equation:

$$f_{SC}(k, i) = f_C(k) + (i - 2048) \times (\Delta f)_{SC}$$

where $f_c(k)$ is the center frequency for the k^{th} FLO RF Channel, and $(\Delta f)_{sc}$ is the sub-carrier spacing.

Sub-carrier Interlaces

[00154] The active sub-carriers shall be sub-divided into 8 interlaces indexed from 0 through 7. Each interlace shall consist of 500 sub-carriers. The sub-carriers in an interlace shall be spaced $[8 \times (\Delta f)_{sc}]$ Hz apart (with the exception of interlace zero, where two sub-carriers in the middle of this interlace are separated by $16 \times (\Delta f)_{sc}$, since the sub-carrier with index 2048 is not used) in frequency, with $(\Delta f)_{sc}$ being the sub-carrier spacing.

[00155] The sub-carriers in each interlace shall span 5.55 MHz of the FLO RF Channel bandwidth. An active sub-carrier with index i shall be allocated to interlace I_j , where $j = i \bmod 8$. The sub-carrier indices in each interlace shall be arranged sequentially in ascending order. The numbering of sub-carriers in an interlace shall be in the range 0, 1, ..., 499.

Frame and Channel Structure

[00156] The transmitted signal is organized into superframes. Each superframe shall have duration T_{SF} equal to 1s, and shall consist of 1200 OFDM symbols. The OFDM symbols in a superframe shall be numbered 0 through 1199. The OFDM symbol interval T_s shall be $833.33... \mu s$. The OFDM symbol consists of a number of time-domain baseband samples, called OFDM chips. These chips shall be transmitted at a rate of 5.55×10^6 per second.

[00157] The total OFDM symbol interval T_s' is comprised of four parts: a useful part with duration T_U , a flat guard interval with duration T_{FGI} and two windowed intervals of duration T_{WGI} on the two sides, as illustrated in FIG. 9. There shall be an overlap of T_{WGI} between consecutive OFDM symbols (see FIG. 9).

[00158] The effective OFDM symbol interval shall be $T_s = T_{WGI} + T_{FGI} + T_U$,

$$\text{where } \begin{cases} T_U = 4096 \text{ chips} = \frac{4096}{5.55 \times 10^6} = 738.018018... \mu s \\ T_{FGI} = 512 \text{ chips} = \frac{512}{5.55 \times 10^6} = 92.252252... \mu s \\ T_{WGI} = 17 \text{ chips} = \frac{17}{5.55 \times 10^6} = 3.063063... \mu s \end{cases}$$

[00159] The total symbol duration in FIG. 9 shall be $T_s' = T_s + T_{WGI}$.

[00160] The effective OFDM symbol duration shall henceforth be referred to as the OFDM symbol interval. During an OFDM symbol interval, a modulation symbol shall be carried on each of the active sub-carriers.

[00161] The FLO Physical layer channels are the TDM Pilot Channel, the FDM Pilot Channel, the OIS Channel, and the Data Channel. The TDM Pilot Channel, the OIS Channel, and the Data Channel shall be time division multiplexed over a superframe. The FDM Pilot Channel shall be frequency division multiplexed with the OIS Channel and the Data Channel over a superframe as illustrated in FIG. 10.

[00162] The TDM Pilot Channel is comprised of the TDM Pilot 1 Channel, the Wide-area Identification Channel (WIC), the Local-area Identification Channel (LIC), the TDM Pilot 2 Channel, the Transition Pilot Channel (TPC) and the Positioning Pilot Channel (PPC). The TDM Pilot 1 Channel, the WIC, the LIC and the TDM Pilot 2 Channel, shall each span one OFDM symbol and appear at the beginning of a superframe. A Transition Pilot Channel (TPC) spanning one OFDM symbol shall precede and follow each Wide-area and Local-area Data or OIS Channel transmission. The TPC flanking the Wide-area Channel (Wide-area OIS or Wide-area Data) is called the Wide-area Transition Pilot Channel (WTPC). The TPC flanking the Local-area channel (Local-area OIS or Local-area Data Channel) transmission is called the Local-area Transition Pilot Channel (LTPC). The WTPC and the LTPC shall each occupy 10 OFDM symbols and together occupy 20 OFDM symbols in a superframe. The PPC shall have variable duration and its status (presence or absence and duration) shall be signaled over the OIS Channel. When present, it shall span 6, 10, or 14 OFDM symbols at the end of the superframe. When PPC is absent, two OFDM symbols shall be reserved at the end of the superframe.

[00163] The OIS Channel shall occupy 10 OFDM symbols in a superframe and shall immediately follow the first WTPC OFDM symbol in a superframe. The OIS Channel is comprised of the Wide-area OIS Channel and the Local-area OIS Channel. The Wide-area OIS Channel and the Local-area OIS Channel shall each have duration of 5 OFDM symbols and shall be separated by two TPC OFDM symbols.

[00164] The FDM Pilot Channel shall span 1174, 1170, 1166, or 1162 OFDM. These values correspond to either 2 Reserved OFDM symbols or 6, 10 and 14 PPC OFDM symbols, respectively, being present in each superframe symbols in a superframe. It is noted that these values correspond to either 2 Reserved OFDM symbols or 6, 10 and 14 PPC OFDM symbols, respectively, being present in each superframe. The FDM Pilot channel is frequency division multiplexed with Wide-area and Local-area OIS and Data Channels.

[00165] The Data Channel shall span 1164, 1160, 1156 or 1152 OFDM symbols. It is noted that these values correspond to either 2 Reserved OFDM symbols or 6, 10 and 14 PPC OFDM symbols, respectively, being present in each superframe. The Data Channel transmission plus the 16 TPC OFDM symbol transmissions immediately preceding or following each data channel transmission are divided into 4 frames.

[00166] Let frame parameters be set where P is the number of OFDM symbols in the PPC or the number of Reserved OFDM symbols in the case where the PPC is absent in a superframe; W is the number of OFDM symbols associated with the Wide-area Data Channel in a frame; L is the number of OFDM symbols associated with the Local-area Data Channel in a frame; and F is the number of OFDM symbols in a frame. These frame parameters may then be related by the following set of equations:

$$F = 295 - \frac{P - 2}{4}$$

$$F = W + L + 4$$

[00167] FIG. 10 illustrates the superframe and the channel structure in terms of P, W, and L. When the PPC is absent, each frame shall span 295 OFDM symbols and have duration T_F equal to 245.8333. ms. It is noted there are two Reserved OFDM symbols at the end of each superframe. When the PPC is present at the end of the superframe, each frame shall span a variable number of OFDM symbols as specified in Table 3 below.

Number of PPC OFDM Symbols	Frame Duration (F) in units of OFDM symbols	Frame Duration in ms
6	294	245
10	293	244.166...
14	292	243.333...

Table 3 - Frame Duration for Different Numbers of PPC OFDM Symbols

[00168] The Data Channel during each frame shall be time division multiplexed between the Local-area Data Channel and the Wide-area Data Channel. The fraction of the frame allocated to Wide-area Data is $\frac{W}{W+L} \times 100$ % and may vary from 0 to 100%.

[00169] The Physical layer packets transmitted over the OIS Channel are called OIS packets and the Physical layer packets transmitted over the Data Channel are called Data packets.

Flow Components and Layered Modulation

[00170] The audio or video content associated with a flow multicast over the FLO network may be sent in two components, i.e. a base (B) component that enjoys widespread reception and an enhancement (E) component that improves upon the audio-visual experience provided by the base component over a more limited coverage area.

[00171] The base and the enhancement component Physical layer packets are jointly mapped to modulation symbols. This FLO feature is known as layered modulation.

MediaFLO Logical Channel

[00172] The Data packets transmitted by the Physical layer are associated with one or more virtual channels called MediaFLO Logical Channels (MLC). An MLC is a decodable component of a FLO service that is of independent reception interest to a FLO device. A service may be sent over multiple MLCs. However, the base and enhancement component of an audio or video flow associated with a service shall be transmitted over a single MLC.

FLO Transmit Modes

[00173] The combination of modulation type and the inner code rate is called the “transmit mode”. The FLO system shall support the twelve transmit modes listed in Table 4 found below.

[00174] In the FLO network, the transmit mode is fixed when an MLC is instantiated and is changed infrequently. This restriction is imposed in order to maintain a constant coverage area for each MLC.

Mode Number	Modulation	Turbo Code Rate
0	QPSK	1/3
1	QPSK	1/2
2	16-QAM	1/3
3	16-QAM	1/2
4	16-QAM	2/3
5 ²	QPSK	1/5
6	Layered Modulation with energy ratio 4	1/3
7	Layered Modulation with energy ratio 4	1/2
8	Layered Modulation with energy ratio 4	2/3
9	Layered Modulation with energy ratio 6.25	1/3
10	Layered Modulation with energy ratio 6.25	1/2
11	Layered Modulation with energy ratio 6.25	2/3

Table 4. FLO Transmit Modes

FLO Slots

[00175] In the FLO network, the smallest unit of bandwidth allocated to a MLC over an OFDM symbol corresponds to a group of 500 modulation symbols. This group of 500 modulation symbols is called a slot. The scheduler function (in the MAC layer) allocates slots to MLCs during the data portion of the superframe. When the scheduler

² This mode is used for the OIS channel only.

function allocates bandwidth for transmission to a MLC in an OFDM symbol, it does so in integer units of slots.

[00176] There are 8 slots during every OFDM symbol except for the TDM Pilot 1 Channel in a superframe. These slots shall be numbered 0 through 7. The WIC and LIC channels shall each occupy 1 slot. The TDM Pilot 2 Channel shall occupy 4 slots. The TPC (Wide-area and Local-area) shall occupy all 8 slots. The FDM Pilot Channel shall occupy 1 slot with index 0 and the OIS/Data Channel may occupy up to 7 slots with indices 1 through 7. Each slot shall be transmitted over an interlace. The mapping from slot to interlace varies from OFDM symbol to OFDM symbol and is described in further detail to follow.

FLO Data Rates

[00177] In the FLO system the calculation of data rates is complicated by the fact that different MLCs may utilize different modes. The computation of data rates is simplified by assuming that all MLCs use the same transmit mode. Table 5 below gives the Physical layer data rates for the different transmit modes assuming all 7 data slots are used.

Transmit Mode	Slots per Physical Layer Packet	Physical Layer Data Rate (Mbps)
0	3	2.8
1	2	4.2
2	3/2	5.6
3	1	8.4
4	3/4	11.2
5	5	1.68
6	3	5.6
7	2	8.4
8	3/2	11.2
9	3	5.6
10	2	8.4
11	3/2	11.2

Table 5 - FLO Transmit Modes and Physical Layer Data Rates

[00178] It is noted that in Table 5 above that for the values in the column labeled “Physical layer data rate,” the overhead due to the TDM Pilot channel and the outer code is not subtracted. This is the rate at which data is transmitted during the Data channel. For modes 6 through 11, the rate quoted is the combined rate of the two components. The rate for each component will be half of this value.

FLO Physical Layer Channels

[00179] The FLO Physical layer is comprised of the following sub-channels: the TDM Pilot Channel; the Wide-area OIS Channel; the Local-area OIS Channel; the Wide-area FDM Pilot Channel; the Local-area FDM Pilot Channel; the Wide-area Data Channel; and the Local-area Data Channel

TDM Pilot Channel

[00180] The TDM Pilot Channel is comprised of the following component channels: TDM Pilot 1 Channel; wide-area identification channel (WIC); Local-area Identification Channel (LIC); and TDM Pilot 2 Channel; Transition Pilot Channel (TPC)

TDM Pilot 1 Channel

[00181] The TDM Pilot 1 Channel shall span one OFDM symbol. It shall be transmitted at the OFDM symbol index 0 in the superframe. It signals the start of a new superframe. It may be used by the FLO device for determining the coarse OFDM symbol timing, the superframe boundary and the carrier frequency offset.

[00182] The TDM Pilot 1 waveform shall be generated in the transmitter using the steps illustrated in FIG. 11.

TDM Pilot 1 Sub-carriers

[00183] The TDM Pilot 1 OFDM symbol shall be comprised of 124 non-zero sub-carriers in the frequency domain, which are uniformly spaced among the Active sub-carriers. The i^{th} TDM Pilot 1 sub-carrier shall correspond to the sub-carrier index j defined as follows:

$$j = \begin{cases} 64 + (i) \times 32, \forall i \in \{0, 1..61\} \\ 64 + (i+1) \times 32, \forall i \in \{62, \dots, 123\}. \end{cases}$$

[00184] Note that the TDM Pilot 1 Channel does not use the sub-carrier with index 2048.

TDM Pilot 1 Fixed Information Pattern

[00185] The TDM Pilot 1 sub-carriers shall be modulated with a fixed information pattern. This pattern shall be generated using a 20-tap linear feedback shift register (LFSR) with generator sequence $h(D) = D^{20} + D^{17} + 1$ and initial state '11110000100000000000'. Each output bit shall be obtained as follows: if the LFSR state is the vector $[s_{20} s_{19} s_{18} s_{17} s_{16} s_{15} s_{14} s_{13} s_{12} s_{11} s_{10} s_9 s_8 s_7 s_6 s_5 s_4 s_3 s_2 s_1]$ then, the output bit shall be $[s_{19} \oplus s_4]$, where $\oplus$ denotes modulo-2 addition, which corresponds to the mask associated with slot 1 (see Table 6, which follows later). The LFSR structure shall be as specified in FIG. 12

[00186] The fixed information pattern shall correspond to the first 248 output bits. The first 35-bits of the fixed pattern shall be '11010100100110110111001100101100001', with '110' appearing first.

[00187] The 248-bit TDM Pilot 1 fixed pattern is called the TDM Pilot 1 Information packet and is denoted as P1I.

[00188] Each group of two consecutive bits in the P1I packet shall be used to generate QPSK modulation symbols.

Modulation Symbols Mapping

[00189] In the TDM Pilot 1 information packet, each group of two consecutive bits, $P1I(2i)$ and $P1I(2i+1)$, $i = 0, 1, \dots, 123$, which are labeled as s_0 and s_1 , respectively, shall be mapped into a complex modulation symbol $MS = (mI, mQ)$ with $D = 4$ as specified in Table 6 below. This factor is calculated using the fact that only 124 of the 4000

available carriers are being used. $\sqrt{\frac{1}{2} \times \frac{4000}{124}} \cong 4$.

Input bits		Modulation Symbols MS	
s_1	s_0	m_I	m_Q
0	0	D	D
0	1	-D	D
1	0	D	-D
1	1	-D	-D

Table 6 - QPSK Modulation Table

[00190] FIG. 13 shows the signal constellation for the QPSK modulation.

Modulation Symbols to Sub-carrier Mapping

[00191] The i^{th} modulation symbol $MS(i)$, $i = 0, 1, \dots, 123$, shall be mapped to the sub-carrier with index j as specified previously.

OFDM Common Operation

[00192] The modulated TDM Pilot 1 sub-carriers shall undergo common operations as will be discussed later.

Wide-area Identification Channel (WIC)

[00193] The Wide-area Identification Channel (WIC) shall span one OFDM symbol. It shall be transmitted at OFDM symbol index 1 in a superframe. It follows the TDM Pilot 1 OFDM symbol. This is an overhead channel that is used for conveying the Wide-area Differentiator information to FLO receivers. All transmit waveforms within a Wide-area (which includes Local-area channels but excludes the TDM Pilot 1 Channel and the PPC) shall be scrambled using the 4-bit Wide-area Differentiator corresponding to that area.

[00194] For the WIC OFDM symbol in a superframe only 1 slot shall be allocated. The allocated slot shall use as input a 1000-bit fixed pattern, with each bit set to zero. The input bit pattern shall be processed according to the steps illustrated in FIG. 14. No processing shall be performed for the un-allocated slots.

Slot Allocation

[00195] The WIC shall be allocated the slot with index 3. The allocated and un-allocated slots in the WIC OFDM symbol are illustrated in FIG. 15. The slot index

chosen is the one that maps to interlace 0 for OFDM symbol index 1, which will be discussed later.

Filling of Slot Buffer

[00196] The buffer for the allocated slot shall be completely filled with a fixed pattern consisting of 1000 bits, with each bit set to '0'. The buffers for the un-allocated slots shall be left empty.

Slot Scrambling

[00197] The bits of each allocated slot buffer shall be XOR'd sequentially with the scrambler output bits to randomize the bits prior to modulation. The scrambled slot buffer corresponding to slot index i is denoted as $SB(i)$, where $i \in \{0, 1, \dots, 7\}$. The scrambling sequence used for any slot buffer depends on the OFDM symbol index and the slot index.

[00198] The scrambling bit sequence shall be equivalent to one generated with a 20-tap linear feedback shift register (LFSR) with the generator sequence $h(D) = D^{20} + D^{17} + 1$, as shown in FIG. 16. The transmitter shall use a single LFSR for all transmissions.

[00199] At the start of every OFDM symbol, the LFSR shall be initialized to the state $[d_3 d_2 d_1 d_0 c_3 c_2 c_1 c_0 b_0 a_{10} a_9 a_8 a_7 a_6 a_5 a_4 a_3 a_2 a_1 a_0]$, which depends on the channel type (the TDM Pilot or the Wide-area or the Local-area Channel), and the OFDM symbol index in a superframe.

[00200] Bits ' $d_3 d_2 d_1 d_0$ ' shall be set as follows. For all the Wide-area channels (the WIC, the WTPC, the Wide-area OIS and the Wide-area Data Channel), the Local-area channels (the LIC, the LTPC, the Local-area OIS and the Local-area Data Channel) and the TDM Pilot 2 Channel and the 2 Reserved OFDM symbols when the PPC is absent, these bits shall be set to the 4-bit Wide-area Differentiator (WID).

[00201] Bits ' $c_3 c_2 c_1 c_0$ ' shall be set as follows: for the TDM Pilot 2 Channel, the Wide-area OIS Channel, the Wide-area Data Channel, the WTPC and the WIC these bits shall be set to '0000'; for the Local-area OIS Channel, the LTPC, the LIC and the Local-area Data Channel and the 2 Reserved OFDM symbols when the PPC is absent, these bits shall be set to the 4-bit Local-area Differentiator (LID). Bit b_0 is a reserved bit and shall be set to '1'. Bits a_{10} through a_0 shall correspond to the OFDM symbol index number in a superframe, which ranges from 0 through 1199.

[00202] The scrambling sequence for each slot shall be generated by a modulo-2 inner product of the 20-bit state vector of the sequence generator and a 20-bit mask associated with that slot index as specified in Table 7 below.

Slots Index	m ₁₉	m ₁₈	m ₁₇	m ₁₆	m ₁₅	m ₁₄	m ₁₃	m ₁₂	m ₁₁	m ₁₀	m ₉	m ₈	m ₇	m ₆	m ₅	m ₄	m ₃	m ₂	m ₁	m ₀
0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
2	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	1	1
3	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
4	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
5	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0
6	0	1	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0
7	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Table 7. Mask Associated with Different Slots

[00203] The shift register shall be reloaded with a new state [d₃d₂d₁d₀c₃c₂c₁c₀b₀a₁₀a₉a₈a₇ a₆a₅a₄a₃a₂a₁a₀] for each slot at the start of every OFDM symbol.

Modulation Symbol Mapping

[00204] Each group of two consecutive bits from the i^{th} scrambled slot buffer, SB(i , $2k$) and SB(i , $2k + 1$), $i=3$, $k = 0,1,\dots,499$, which are labeled as s_0 and s_1 , respectively, shall be mapped into a complex modulation symbol $MS = (mI, mQ)$ as specified in Table 6 with $D = 2$. It is noted that the value of D is chosen to keep the OFDM symbol energy constant, since only 500 of the 4000 available sub-carriers are used. FIG. 13 shows the signal constellation for the QPSK modulation.

Slot to Interlace Mapping

[00205] The mapping of slots to interlaces for the WIC OFDM symbol shall be as specified as discussed later in this specification.

Mapping of Slot Buffer Modulation Symbols to Interlace Sub-carriers

[00206] The 500 modulation symbols in the allocated slot shall be sequentially assigned to 500 interlace sub-carriers as follows: the i^{th} complex modulation symbol (where $i \in \{0, 1, \dots, 499\}$) shall be mapped to the i^{th} sub-carrier of that interlace.

OFDM Common Operation

[00207] The modulated WIC sub-carriers shall undergo common operations as specified later in this specification.

Local-area Identification Channel (LIC)

[00208] The Local-area Identification Channel (LIC) shall span one OFDM symbol. It shall be transmitted at OFDM symbol index 2 in a superframe. It follows the WIC channel OFDM symbol. This is an overhead channel that is used for conveying the Local-area Differentiator information to FLO receivers. All Local-area transmit waveforms shall be scrambled using a 4-bit Local-area Differentiator, in conjunction with the Wide-area Differentiator, corresponding to that area.

[00209] For the LIC OFDM symbol in a superframe only a single slot shall be allocated. The allocated slot shall use a 1000-bit fixed pattern as input. These bits shall be set to zero. These bits shall be processed according to the steps illustrated in FIG. 14. No processing shall be performed for the un-allocated slots.

Slot Allocation

[00210] The LIC shall be allocated the slot with index 5. The allocated and un-allocated slots in the LIC OFDM symbol are illustrated in FIG. 17. The slot index chosen is the one that maps to interlace 0 for OFDM symbol index 2.

Filling of Slot Buffer

[00211] The buffer for the allocated slot shall be completely filled with a fixed pattern consisting of 1000 bits, with each bit set to '0'. The buffers for the un-allocated slots shall be left empty.

Slot Scrambling

[00212] The bits of the LIC slot buffer shall be scrambled as specified in 0. The scrambled slot buffer is denoted by SB.

Modulation Symbol Mapping

[00213] Each group of two consecutive bits from the i^{th} scrambled slot buffer, $SB(i, 2k)$ and $SB(i, 2k + 1)$, $i=5$, $k = 0,1,...499$, which are labeled as s_0 and s_1 , respectively, shall be mapped into a complex modulation symbol $MS = (mI, mQ)$ as specified in Table 6 with $D = 2$. The value of D is chosen to keep the OFDM symbol energy constant, since only 500 of the 4000 available sub-carriers are used. FIG. 13 shows the signal constellation for the QPSK modulation.

Slot to Interlace Mapping

[00214] The mapping of slots to interlaces for the LIC OFDM symbol shall be as specified as discussed later.

Mapping of Slot Buffer Modulation Symbols to Interlace Sub-carriers

[00215] The 500 modulation symbols in the allocated slot shall be sequentially assigned to 500 interlace sub-carriers as follows: the i^{th} complex modulation symbol (where $i \in \{0,1,...499\}$) shall be mapped to the i^{th} sub-carrier of that interlace.

OFDM Common Operation

[00216] The modulated LIC sub-carriers shall undergo common operations as specified as discussed later.

TDM Pilot 2 Channel

[00217] The TDM Pilot 2 Channel shall span one OFDM symbol. It shall be transmitted at OFDM symbol index 3 in a superframe. It follows the LIC OFDM symbol. It may be used for fine OFDM symbol timing corrections in the FLO receivers.

[00218] For the TDM Pilot 2 OFDM symbol in each superframe only 4 slots shall be allocated. Each allocated slot shall use as input a 1000-bit fixed pattern, with each bit set to zero. These bits shall be processed according to the steps illustrated in FIG.14. No processing shall be performed for the un-allocated slots.

[00219] In FIG. 14 the mapping of slots to interlaces ensures that the allocated slots are mapped into interlaces 0, 2, 4, and 6. Therefore, the TDM Pilot 2 OFDM symbol is comprised of 2000 non-zero sub-carriers which are uniformly spaced among the Active sub-carriers (see [00151]). The i^{th} TDM Pilot 2 sub-carrier shall correspond to the sub-carrier index j defined as follows:

$$j = \begin{cases} 48 + (i) \times 2, \forall i \in \{0, 1..999\} \\ 48 + (i+1) \times 2, \forall i \in \{1000, \dots, 1999\} \end{cases}$$

[00220] Note that the TDM Pilot 2 Channel does not use the sub-carrier with index 2048.

Slot Allocation

[00221] For the TDM Pilot 2 OFDM symbol, the allocated slots shall have indices 0, 1, 2, and 7.

[00222] The allocated and un-allocated slots in the TDM Pilot 2 OFDM symbol are illustrated in FIG. 18.

Filling of Slot Buffer

[00223] The buffer for each allocated slot shall be completely filled with a fixed pattern consisting of 1000 bits, with each bit set to '0'. The buffers for the un-allocated slots shall be left empty.

Slot Scrambling

[00224] The bits of the TDM Pilot 2 Channel slot buffers shall be scrambled as specified as discussed above. The scrambled slot buffer is denoted by SB.

Modulation Symbol Mapping

[00225] Each group of two adjacent bits from the i^{th} scrambled slot buffer, $SB(i, 2k)$ and $SB(i, 2k + 1)$, $i=0, 1, 2, 7$, $k = 0, 1, \dots, 499$, which are labeled as s_0 and s_1 , respectively, shall be mapped into a complex modulation symbol $MS = (mI, mQ)$ as specified in Table 6 with $D = 1$. The value of D is chosen to keep the OFDM symbol energy constant, since only 2000 of the 4000 available sub-carriers are used. FIG. 13 shows the signal constellation for the QPSK modulation.

Slot to Interlace Mapping

[00226] The mapping of slots to interlaces for the TDM Pilot 2 Channel OFDM symbol shall be as specified herein.

Mapping of Slot Buffer Modulation Symbols to Interlace Sub-carriers

[00227] The 500 modulation symbols in an allocated slot shall be sequentially assigned to 500 interlace sub-carriers as follows: the i^{th} complex modulation symbol (where $i \in \{0, 1, \dots, 499\}$) shall be mapped to the i^{th} sub-carrier of that interlace.

OFDM Common Operation

[00228] The modulated TDM Pilot 2 Channel sub-carriers shall undergo common operations as specified herein.

Transition Pilot Channel (TPC)

[00229] The Transition Pilot Channel consists of 2 sub-channels: the Wide-area Transition Pilot Channel (WTPC) and the Local-area Transition Pilot Channel (LTPC). The TPC flanking the Wide-area OIS and the Wide-area Data channel is called the WTPC. The TPC flanking the Local-area OIS and the Local-area Data Channel is called the LTPC. The WTPC spans 1 OFDM symbol on either side of every Wide-area channel transmission with the exception of the WIC (the Wide-area Data and the Wide-area OIS Channel) in a superframe. The LTPC spans 1 OFDM symbol on either side of every Local-area Channel transmission with the exception of the LIC (the Local-area Data and the Local-area OIS Channel). The purpose of the TPC OFDM symbol is two-fold: to allow channel estimation at the boundary between the Local-area and the Wide-area channels and to facilitate timing synchronization for the first Wide-area (or Local-area) MLC in each frame. The TPC spans 20 OFDM symbols in a superframe, which are equally divided between the WTPC and the LTPC as illustrated in FIG. 10. There are nine instances where the LTPC and the WTPC transmissions occur right next to each other and two instances where only one of these channels is transmitted. Only the WTPC is transmitted after the TDM Pilot 2 Channel, and only the LTPC is transmitted prior to the Positioning Pilot Channel (PPC)/Reserved OFDM symbols.

[00230] It is assumed that P is the number of OFDM symbols in the PPC or the number of Reserved OFDM symbols in the case where the PPC is absent in a superframe, W is the number of OFDM symbols associated with the Wide-area Data Channel in a frame, L is the number of OFDM symbols associated with the Local-area Data Channel in a frame, and F be the number of OFDM symbols in a frame.

[00231] The values of P shall be 2, 6, 10, or 14. The number of Data Channel OFDM symbols in a frame shall be F-4. The exact locations of the TPC OFDM symbols in a superframe shall be as specified in Table 8 below.

Transition Pilot Channel	Index for the WTPC OFDM Symbol	Index for the LTPC OFDM Symbol
TDM Pilot 2 Channel→Wide-area OIS Channel	4	---
Wide-area OIS Channel →Local-area OIS Channel	10	11
Local-area OIS Channel→Wide-area Data Channel	18	17
Wide-area Data Channel→Local-area Data Channel	$19 + W + F \times i$ $\{i=0,1,2,3\}$	$20 + W + F \times i$ $\{i=0,1,2,3\}$
Local-area Data Channel →Wide-area Data Channel	$18 + F \times i$ $\{i=0,1,2,3\}$	$17 + F \times i$ $\{i=0,1,2,3\}$
Local-area Data Channel → PPC/Reserved Symbols	---	1199-P

Table 8 - TPC Location Indices in a Superframe

[00232] All slots in the TPC OFDM symbols use as input a 1000-bit fixed pattern, with each bit set to zero. These bits shall be processed according to the steps illustrated in FIG. 14.

Slot Allocation

[00233] The TPC OFDM symbol shall be allocated all 8 slots with indices 0 through 7.

Filling of Slot Buffer

[00234] The buffer for each allocated slot shall be completely filled with a fixed pattern consisting of 1000 bits, with each bit set to '0'.

Slot Scrambling

[00235] The bits of each allocated TPC slot buffer shall be scrambled as specified previously. The scrambled slot buffer is denoted by SB.

Modulation Symbol Mapping

[00236] Each group of two consecutive bits from the i^{th} scrambled slot buffer, $SB(i, 2k)$ and $SB(i, 2k + 1)$, $i=0,1,2,\dots,7$, $k = 0,1,\dots,499$, which are labeled as s_0 and s_1 respectively, shall be mapped into a complex modulation symbol $MS = (mI, mQ)$ as specified in Table 6 with $D = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$. FIG. 13 shows the signal constellation for the QPSK modulation.

Slot to Interlace Mapping

[00237] The mapping of slots to interlaces for the TPC OFDM symbol shall be as specified herein.

Mapping of Slot Buffer Modulation Symbols to Interlace Sub-carriers

[00238] The 500 modulation symbols in each allocated slot shall be sequentially assigned to 500 interlace sub-carriers as follows: the i^{th} complex modulation symbol (where $i \in \{0,1,\dots,499\}$) shall be mapped to the i^{th} sub-carrier of that interlace.

OFDM Common Operation

[00239] The modulated TPC sub-carriers shall undergo common operations as specified in herein.

Positioning Pilot Channel /Reserved Symbols

[00240] The Positioning Pilot Channel (PPC) may appear at the end of a superframe. When present it has a variable duration of 6, 10, or 14 OFDM symbols. When the PPC is absent, there are two Reserved OFDM symbols at the end of the superframe. The presence or absence of the PPC and its duration are signaled over the OIS Channel.

Positioning Pilot Channel

[00241] The PPC structure including the information transmitted and the waveform generation is TBD.

[00242] The FLO device may use the PPC either autonomously or in conjunction with the GPS signal to determine its geographical location.

Reserved OFDM Symbols

[00243] When the PPC is absent, there are two Reserved OFDM symbols at the end of the superframe.

[00244] All slots in the Reserved OFDM Symbols use as input a 1000-bit fixed pattern, with each bit set to zero. These bits shall be processed according to the steps illustrated in FIG. 14

Slot Allocation

[00245] The Reserved OFDM symbol shall be allocated all 8 slots with indices 0 through 7.

Filling of Slot Buffer

[00246] The buffer for each allocated slot shall be completely filled with a fixed pattern consisting of 1000 bits, with each bit set to '0'.

Slot Scrambling

[00247] The bits of each allocated Reserved OFDM symbol slot buffer shall be scrambled as specified in 0. The scrambled slot buffer is denoted by SB.

Modulation Symbol Mapping

[00248] Each group of two consecutive bits from the i^{th} scrambled slot buffer, $SB(i, 2k)$ and $SB(i, 2k + 1)$, $i=0, 1, 2, \dots, 7$, $k = 0, 1, \dots, 499$, which are labeled as s_0 and s_1 , respectively, shall be mapped into a complex modulation symbol $MS = (mI, mQ)$ as specified in Table 6 with $D = 1/\sqrt{2}$. FIG. 13 shows the signal constellation for the QPSK modulation.

Slot to Interlace Mapping

[00249] The mapping of slots to interlaces for the Reserved OFDM symbols shall be as specified herein.

Mapping of Slot Buffer Modulation Symbols to Interlace Sub-carriers

[00250] The 500 modulation symbols in each allocated slot shall be sequentially assigned to 500 interlace sub-carriers as follows: the i^{th} complex modulation symbol (where $i \in \{0, 1, \dots, 499\}$) shall be mapped to the i^{th} sub-carrier of that interlace.

OFDM Common Operation

[00251] The modulated Reserved OFDM Symbol sub-carriers shall undergo common operations as specified herein.

Wide-area OIS Channel

[00252] This channel is used to convey overhead information about the active MLC's associated with the Wide-area Data Channel, such as their scheduled transmission times and slot allocations, in the current superframe. The Wide-area OIS Channel spans 5 OFDM symbol intervals in each superframe (see FIG. 10).

[00253] The Physical layer packet for the Wide-area OIS Channel shall be processed according to the steps illustrated in FIG. 19.

Encoding

[00254] The Wide-area OIS Channel Physical layer packets shall be encoded with code rate $R = 1/5$. The encoder shall discard the 6-bit TAIL field of the incoming Physical layer packet and encode the remaining bits with a parallel turbo encoder as specified herein. The turbo encoder shall add an internally generated tail of $6/R (=30)$ output code bits, so that the total number of turbo encoded bits at the output is $1/R$ times the number of bits in the input Physical layer packet.

[00255] FIG. 20 illustrates the encoding scheme for the Wide-area OIS Channel. The Wide-area OIS Channel encoder parameters shall be as specified in Table 9 below.

Bits	Turbo Encoder Input Bits N_{turbo}	Code Rate	Turbo Encoder Output bits
1000	994	1/5	5000

Table 9 -Parameters of the Wide-area/Local-area OIS Channel Encoder

Turbo Encoder

[00256] The turbo encoder employs two systematic, recursive, convolutional encoders connected in parallel, with an interleaver, the turbo interleaver, preceding the second recursive convolutional encoder. The two recursive convolutional codes are called the constituent codes of the turbo code. The outputs of the constituent encoders are punctured and repeated to achieve the desired number of turbo encoded output bits.

[00257] A common constituent code shall be used for turbo codes of rates 1/5, 1/3, 1/2, and 2/3. The transfer function for the constituent code shall be as follows:

$$G(D) = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & \frac{n_0(D)}{d(D)} & \frac{n_1(D)}{d(D)} \end{bmatrix}$$

[00258] where $d(D) = 1 + D^2 + D^3$, $n_0(D) = 1 + D + D^3$, and $n_1(D) = 1 + D + D^2 + D^3$.

[00259] The turbo encoder shall generate an output symbol sequence that is identical to the one generated by the encoder shown in FIG. 20. Initially, the states of the constituent encoder's registers in this figure are set to zero. Then, the constituent encoders are clocked with the switches in the position noted.

[00260] The encoded data output bits are generated by clocking the constituent encoders N_{turbo} times with the switches in the up positions and puncturing the output as specified in Table 10, which is shown below. Within a puncturing pattern, a '0' means that the bit shall be deleted and a '1' means that the bit shall be passed. The constituent encoder outputs for each bit period shall be passed in the sequence X, Y₀, Y₁, X', Y'₀, Y'₁ with the X output first. Bit repetition is not used in generating the encoded data output bits.

[00261] The constituent encoder output symbol puncturing for the tail period shall be as specified in Table 11, shown below. Within a puncturing pattern, a '0' means that the symbol shall be deleted and a '1' means that a symbol shall be passed.

[00262] For rate 1/5 turbo codes, the tail output code bits for each of the first three tail periods shall be punctured and repeated to achieve the sequence $XXY_0Y_1Y_1$, and the tail output code bits for each of the last three tail bit periods shall be punctured and repeated to achieve the sequence $X'X'Y'_0Y'_1Y'_1$.

	Code Rate
Output	1/5
X	1
Y_0	1
Y_1	1
X'	0
Y'_0	1
Y'_1	1

Table 10 - Puncturing Patterns for the Data Bit Periods for the OIS Channel

[00263] It is noted that in Table 10 above, the puncturing table is to be read from top to bottom.

	Code Rate
Output	1/5
X	111 000
Y_0	111 000
Y_1	111 000
X'	000 111
Y'_0	000 111
Y'_1	000 111

Table 11 -Puncturing Patterns for the Tail Bit Periods for the OIS Channel

[00264] It is noted that in Table 11, for rate-1/5 turbo codes, the puncturing table is to be read first from top to bottom repeating X, X', Y_1 , and Y'_1 and then from left to right.

Turbo Interleaver

[00265] The turbo interleaver, which is part of the turbo encoder, shall block interleave the turbo encoder input data that is fed to the Constituent Encoder 2.

[00266] The turbo interleaver shall be functionally equivalent to an approach where the entire sequence of turbo interleaver input bits are written sequentially into an array at a

sequence of addresses and then the entire sequence is read out from a sequence of addresses that are defined by the procedure described below.

[00267] Let the sequence of input addresses be from 0 to $N_{\text{turbo}} - 1$. Then, the sequence of interleaver output addresses shall be equivalent to those generated by the procedure illustrated in FIG. 22 and described below. It is noted that this procedure is equivalent to one where the counter values are written into a 25-row by $2n$ column array by rows, the rows are shuffled according to a bit-reversal rule, the elements within each row are permuted according to a row-specific linear congruential sequence, and tentative output addresses are read out by column. The linear congruential sequence rule is $x(i + 1) = (x(i) + c) \bmod 2n$, where $x(0) = c$ and c is a row-specific value from a table lookup.

[00268] Concerning the procedure in FIG. 22, the process includes determining the turbo interleaver parameter, n , where n is the smallest integer such that $N_{\text{turbo}} \leq 2n + 5$. Table 12 shown below gives this parameter for the 1000-bit physical layer packet. The process also includes initializing an $(n + 5)$ -bit counter to 0 and extracting the n most significant bits (MSBs) from the counter and adding one to form a new value. Then, discard all except the n least significant bits (LSBs) of this value. The process further includes obtaining the n -bit output of the table lookup defined in Table 13 shown below with a read address equal to the five LSBs of the counter. Note that this table depends on the value of n .

[00269] The process further includes multiplying the values obtained in the previous steps of extracting and obtaining, and then discarding all except the n LSBs. Next bit-reverse the five LSBs of the counter is performed. A tentative output address is then formed that has its MSBs equal to the value obtained in the bit-reverse step and its LSBs equal to the value obtained in the multiplying step.

[00270] Next, the process includes accepting the tentative output address as an output address if it is less than N_{turbo} ; otherwise, it is discarded. Finally, the counter is incremented and the steps after the initialization step are repeated until all N_{turbo} interleaver output addresses are obtained.

Physical Layer Packet Size	Turbo Interleaver Block Size N_{turbo}	Turbo Interleaver Parameter n
1,000	994	5

Table 12 - Turbo Interleaver Parameter

Table Index	$n = 5$ Entries	Table Index	$n = 5$ Entries
0	27	16	21
1	3	17	19
2	1	18	1
3	15	19	3
4	13	20	29
5	17	21	17
6	23	22	25
7	13	23	29
8	9	24	9
9	3	25	13
10	15	26	23
11	3	27	13
12	13	28	13
13	1	29	1
14	13	30	13
15	29	31	13

Table 13 - Turbo Interleaver Lookup Table Definition

Bit Interleaving

[00271] For the OIS Channel and the Data Channel, the bit interleaving is a form of block interleaving. The code bits of a turbo encoded packet are interleaved in such a pattern that adjacent code bits are mapped into different constellation symbols.

[00272] The Bit Interleaver shall reorder the turbo encoded bits as per the following procedure:

- a. For N bits to be interleaved, the bit interleaver matrix M shall be a 4 columns by $N/4$ rows block interleaver. The N input bits shall be written into the interleaving

array column-by-column sequentially. Label the rows of the matrix M by index j , where $j = 0$ through $N/4 - 1$ and row 0 is the first row.

b. For every row j , with even index ($j \bmod 2 = 0$), the elements in the 2nd and the 3rd column shall be interchanged.

c. For every row with odd index ($j \bmod 2 \neq 0$), the elements in the 1st and the 4th column shall be interchanged.

d. Denote the resulting matrix by $\overline{M}$. The contents of $\overline{M}$ shall be read out row-wise, from left to right.

[00273] FIG. 23 illustrates the output of the bit-interleaver for the hypothetical case of $N = 20$.

Data Slot Allocation

[00274] For the Wide-area OIS Channel, 7 data slots shall be allocated per OFDM symbol for the transmission of OIS Channel turbo encoded packets. The Wide-area OIS Channel shall use transmit mode 5. Therefore, it requires 5 data slots to accommodate the content of a single turbo encoded packet. Some Wide-area OIS Channel turbo encoded packets may span two consecutive OFDM symbols. The data slot allocations are made at the MAC layer.

Filling of Data Slot Buffer

[00275] The bit-interleaved code bits of a Wide-area OIS Channel turbo encoded packet shall be written sequentially into 5 consecutive data slot buffers in either one or two consecutive OFDM symbols as illustrated in FIG. 24. These data slot buffers correspond to slot indices 1 through 7. The data slot buffer size shall be 1000 bits. It is noted that the data slot buffer size is 1000 bits for QPSK and 2000 bits for 16-QAM and layered modulation. The 7 Wide-area OIS Channel turbo encoded packets (TEP) shall occupy consecutive slots over 5 consecutive OFDM symbols in the Wide-area OIS Channel (see FIG. 10).

Slot Scrambling

[00276] The bits of each allocated slot buffer shall be scrambled as specified in Table . The scrambled slot buffer is denoted by SB.

Mapping of Bits to Modulation Symbols

[00277] Each group of two consecutive bits from the i^{th} scrambled slot buffer, $SB(i, 2k)$ and $SB(2k + 1)$, $i = 1, 2, \dots, 7$, $k = 0, 1, \dots, 499$, which are labeled as s_0 and s_1 , respectively, shall be mapped into a complex modulation symbol $MS = (mI, mQ)$ as specified in Table 6 with $D = 1/\sqrt{2}$. FIG. 13 shows the signal constellation for the QPSK modulation.

Slot to Interlace Mapping

[00278] The mapping of slots to interlaces for the Wide-area OIS Channel OFDM symbols shall be as specified herein.

Mapping of Slot Buffer Modulation Symbols to Interlace Sub-carriers

[00279] The 500 modulation symbols in each allocated slot shall be sequentially assigned to 500 interlace sub-carriers as per the following procedure:

- a. Create an empty Sub-carrier Index Vector (SCIV);
- b. Let i be an index variable in the range ($i \in \{0, 511\}$). Initialize i to 0;
- c. Represent i by its 9-bit value i_b ;
- d. Bit reverse i_b and denote the resulting value as i_{br} . If $i_{br} < 500$, then append i_{br} to the SCIV;
- e. If $i < 511$, then increment i by 1 and go to step c; and
- f. Map the symbol with index, j ($j \in \{0, 499\}$), in a data slot to the interlace sub-carrier with index SCIV [j] assigned to that data slot.

[00280] It is noted that index SCIV needs to be computed only once and can be used for all data slots.

OFDM Common Operation

[00281] The modulated Wide-area OIS Channel sub-carriers shall undergo common operations as specified herein.

Local-area OIS Channel

[00282] This channel is used to convey overhead information about the active MLCs associated with the Local-area Data Channel, such as their scheduled transmission times

and slot allocations, in the current superframe. The Local-area OIS channel spans 5 OFDM symbol intervals in each superframe (see FIG. 10).

[00283] The Physical layer packet for the Local-area OIS Channel shall be processed according to the steps illustrated in FIG. 14

Encoding

[00284] The Local-area OIS Channel Physical layer packets shall be encoded with code rate $R = 1/5$. The encoding procedure shall be identical to that for the Wide-area OIS Channel Physical layer packets as specified herein.

Bit Interleaving

[00285] The Local-area OIS Channel turbo encoded packet shall be bit interleaved as specified herein.

Data Slot Allocation

[00286] For the Local-area OIS Channel, 7 data slots shall be allocated per OFDM symbol for the transmission of turbo encoded packets. The Local-area OIS Channel shall use transmit mode 5. Therefore, it requires 5 data slots to accommodate the content of a single turbo encoded packet. Some Local-area OIS turbo-packets may span two consecutive OFDM symbols. The data slot allocations are made at the MAC layer.

Filling of Data Slot Buffers

[00287] The bit-interleaved code bits of a Local-area OIS Channel turbo encoded packet shall be written sequentially into 5 consecutive data slot buffers in either one or two consecutive OFDM symbols as illustrated in FIG. 25. These data slot buffers correspond to slot indices 1 through 7. The data slot buffer size shall be 1000 bits. The 7 Local-area OIS Channel turbo encoded packets (TEP) shall occupy consecutive slots over 5 consecutive OFDM symbols in the Local-area OIS Channel (see FIG. 25).

Slot Scrambling

[00288] The bits of each allocated slot buffer shall be scrambled as specified in 0. The scrambled slot buffer is denoted by SB.

Mapping of bits to Modulation Symbols

[00289] Each group of two consecutive bits from the i^{th} scrambled slot buffer, $SB(i, 2k)$ and $SB(i, 2k + 1)$, $i=1,2,\dots,7$, $k = 0,1,\dots,499$, which are labeled as s_0 and s_1 respectively, shall be mapped into a complex modulation symbol $MS = (mI, mQ)$ as specified in Table 6 with $D = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$. FIG. 13 shows the signal constellation for the QPSK modulation.

Slot to Interlace Mapping

[00290] The mapping of slots to interlaces for the Local-area OIS Channel OFDM symbols shall be as specified herein.

Mapping of Slot Buffer Modulation Symbols to Interlace Sub-carriers

[00291] This procedure shall be identical to that for the Wide-area OIS Channel as specified herein.

OFDM Common Operation

[00292] The modulated Local-area OIS Channel sub-carriers shall undergo common operations as specified herein.

Wide-area FDM Pilot Channel

[00293] The Wide-area FDM Pilot Channel is transmitted in conjunction with the Wide-area Data Channel or the Wide-area OIS Channel. The Wide-area FDM Pilot Channel carries a fixed bit pattern that may be used for Wide-area Channel estimation and other functions by the FLO device.

[00294] For the Wide-area FDM Pilot Channel a single slot shall be allocated during every OFDM symbol that carries either the Wide-area Data Channel or the Wide-area OIS Channel.

[00295] The allocated slot shall use a 1000-bit fixed pattern as input. These bits shall be set to zero. These bits shall be processed according to the steps illustrated in FIG. 14.

Slot Allocation

[00296] The Wide-area FDM Pilot Channel shall be allocated the slot with index 0 during every OFDM symbol that carries either the Wide-area Data Channel or the Wide-area OIS Channel.

Filling of Slot Buffer

[00297] The buffer for the slot allocated to the Wide-area FDM Pilot Channel shall be completely filled with a fixed pattern consisting of 1000-bits, with each bit set to '0'.

Slot Scrambling

[00298] The bits of the Wide-area FDM Pilot Channel slot buffer shall be scrambled as specified herein. The scrambled slot buffer is denoted by SB.

Modulation Symbol Mapping

[00299] Each group of two consecutive bits of the i^{th} scrambled slot buffer, $SB(i, 2k)$ and $SB(i, 2k+1)$, $i = 0$, $k = 0, 1, \dots, 499$, which are labeled as s_0 and s_1 , respectively, shall be mapped into a complex modulation symbol $MS = (mI, mQ)$ as specified in Table 6 with $D = 1/\sqrt{2}$. FIG. 13 shows the signal constellation for the QPSK modulation.

Slot to Interlace Mapping

[00300] The mapping of the Wide-area FDM Pilot Channel slots to interlaces shall be as specified herein.

Mapping of Slot Buffer Modulation Symbols to Interlace Sub-carriers

[00301] The 500 modulation symbols in the allocated slot shall be sequentially assigned to 500 interlace sub-carriers as follows: the i^{th} complex modulation symbol (where $i \in \{0, 1, \dots, 499\}$) shall be mapped to the i^{th} sub-carrier of that interlace.

OFDM Common Operation

[00302] The modulated Wide-area FDM Pilot Channel sub-carriers shall undergo common operations as specified herein.

Local-area FDM Pilot Channel

[00303] The Local-area FDM Pilot Channel is transmitted in conjunction with the Local-area Data Channel or the Local-area OIS Channel. The Local-area FDM Pilot

Channel carries a fixed bit pattern that may be used for Local-area channel estimation and other functions by the FLO device.

[00304] For the Local-area FDM Pilot Channel a single slot shall be allocated during every OFDM symbol that carries either the Local-area Data Channel or the Local-area OIS Channel.

[00305] The allocated slot shall use a 1000-bit fixed pattern as input. These bits shall be set to zero. These bits shall be processed according to the steps illustrated in FIG. 14.

Slot Allocation

[00306] The Local-area FDM Pilot Channel shall be allocated the slot with index 0 during every OFDM symbol that carries either the Local-area Data Channel or the Local-area OIS Channel.

Filling of Pilot Slot Buffer

[00307] The buffer for the slot allocated to the Local-area FDM Pilot Channel shall be completely filled with a fixed pattern consisting of 1000-bits with each bit set to '0'.

Slot Buffer Scrambling

[00308] The bits of the Local-area FDM Pilot slot buffer shall be scrambled as specified in 0. The scrambled slot buffer is denoted by SB.

Modulation Symbols Mapping

[00309] Each group of two consecutive bits of the i^{th} scrambled slot buffer, $SB(i, 2k)$ and $SB(i, 2k+1)$, $i=0$, $k=0,1,\dots,499$ which are labeled as s_0 and s_1 , respectively, shall be mapped into a complex modulation symbol $MS=(mI, mQ)$ as specified in Table 6 with $D=1/\sqrt{2}$. FIG. 13 shows the signal constellation for the QPSK modulation.

Slot to Interlace Mapping

[00310] The mapping of the Wide-area FDM Pilot Channel slots to interlaces shall be as specified herein.

Mapping of Slot Buffer Modulation Symbols to Interlace Sub-carriers

[00311] The 500 modulation symbols in the allocated slot shall be sequentially assigned to 500 interlace sub-carriers as follows: the i^{th} complex modulation symbol (where $i \in \{0, 1, \dots, 499\}$) shall be mapped to the i^{th} sub-carrier of that interlace.

OFDM Common Operation

[00312] The modulated Local-area FDM Pilot Channel sub-carriers shall undergo common operations as specified herein.

Wide-area Data Channel

[00313] The Wide-area Data Channel is used to carry Physical layer packets meant for Wide-area multicast. The Physical layer packets for the Wide-area Data Channel can be associated with any one of the active MLCs transmitted in the Wide-area.

Wide-area Data Channel Processing for Allocated Slots

[00314] The Physical layer packet for the Wide-area Data Channel shall be processed according to the steps illustrated in FIG. 26.

[00315] For regular modulation (QPSK and 16-QAM), the Physical layer packet is turbo-encoded and bit interleaved before being stored in the Data slot buffer(s). For layered modulation, the base-component Physical layer packet and the enhancement-component Physical layer packet are turbo-encoded and bit interleaved independently before being multiplexed in to the Data slot buffer(s).

Encoding

[00316] The Wide-area Data Channel Physical layer packets shall be encoded with code rate $R = 1/2, 1/3$, or $2/3$. The encoder shall discard the 6-bit TAIL field of the incoming Physical layer packet and encode the remaining bits with a parallel turbo encoder as specified herein. The turbo encoder shall add an internally generated tail of $6/R$ ($=12, 18$ or 9) output code bits, so that the total number of turbo encoded bits at the output is $1/R$ times the number of bits in the input Physical layer packet.

[00317] FIG. 27 illustrates the encoding scheme for the Wide-area Data Channel. The Wide-area Data Channel encoder parameters shall be as specified in Table 14 below.

Bits	Turbo Encoder Input Bits N_{turbo}	Code Rate	Turbo Encoder Output bits
1000	994	1/2	2000
1000	994	1/3	3000
1000	994	2/3	1500

Table 14 - Parameters of the Data Channel Encoder

Turbo Encoder

[00318] The turbo encoder used for Wide-area Data Channel Physical layer packets shall be as specified herein.

[00319] The encoded data output bits are generated by clocking the constituent encoders N_{turbo} times with the switches in the up positions and puncturing the output as specified in Table 15 shown below. Within a puncturing pattern, a '0' means that the bit shall be deleted and a '1' means that the bit shall be passed. The constituent encoder outputs for each bit period shall be passed in the sequence $X, Y_0, Y_1, X', Y'_0, Y'_1$ with the X output first. Bit repetition is not used in generating the encoded data output symbols.

[00320] The constituent encoder output symbol puncturing for the tail period shall be as specified in Table 16 shown below. Within a puncturing pattern, a '0' means that the symbol shall be deleted and a '1' means that a symbol shall be passed.

[00321] For rate 1/2 turbo codes, the tail output code bits for each of the first three tail bit periods shall be XY_0 , and the tail output code bits for each of the last three tail bit periods shall be $X'Y'_0$.

[00322] For rate 1/3 turbo codes, the tail output code bits for each of the first three tail bit periods shall be XXY_0 , and the tail output code bits for each of the last three tail bit periods shall be $XX'Y'_0$.

[00323] For rate 2/3 turbo codes, the tail output code bits for the first three tail bit periods shall be XY_0, X and XY_0 respectively. The tail output code bits for the last three tail bit periods shall be $X', X'Y'_0$ and X' , respectively.

Output	Code Rate		
	1/2	1/3	2/3
X	11	11	1111
Y_0	10	11	1000
Y_1	00	00	0000
X'	00	00	0000
Y'_0	01	11	0001
Y'_1	00	00	0000

Table 15 - Puncturing Patterns for the Data Bit Periods

[00324] It is noted that in Table 15 above, the puncturing table is to be read from top to bottom.

Output	Code Rate		
	1/2	1/3	2/3
X	111 000	111 000	111 000
Y_0	111 000	111 000	101 000
Y_1	000 000	000 000	000 000
X'	000 111	000 111	000 111
Y'_0	000 111	000 111	000 010
Y'_1	000 000	000 000	000 000

Table 16 - Puncturing Patterns for the Tail Bit Periods

[00325] It is noted concerning Table 16 above, for rate-1/2 turbo codes, the puncturing table is to be read first from top to bottom and then from left to right. For Rate 1/3 turbo code, the puncturing table is to be read from top to bottom repeating X and X', and then from left to right. For rate-2/3 turbo codes, the puncturing table is to be read first from top to bottom and then from left to right.

Turbo Interleaver

[00326] The turbo interleaver for the Wide-area Data Channel shall be as specified herein.

Bit Interleaving

[00327] The Wide-area Data Channel turbo encoded packets shall be bit interleaved as specified herein.

Data Slot Allocation

[00328] For the Wide-area Data Channel, up to 7 data slots may be allocated per OFDM symbol for the transmission of multiple turbo encoded packets associated with one or more MLCs. For certain modes (2, 4, 8 and 11, see Table 5 above) a turbo encoded packet occupies a fraction of a slot. However, slots are allocated to MLCs in a manner that avoids multiple MLCs sharing slots within the same OFDM symbol.

Filling of Data Slot Buffers

[00329] The bit-interleaved code bits of a Wide-area Data Channel turbo encoded packet shall be written into one or more data slot buffers. These data slot buffers correspond to slot indices 1 through 7. The data slot buffer size shall be 1000 bits for QPSK and 2000 bits for 16-QAM and layered modulation. For QPSK and 16-QAM modulation, the bit-interleaved code bits shall be sequentially written into the slot buffer(s). For layered modulation, the bit-interleaved code bits corresponding to the base and the enhancement components shall be interleaved as illustrated in FIG. 28, prior to filling the slot buffer(s).

[00330] FIG. 29 illustrates the case where a single turbo encoded packet spans three data slot buffers.

[00331] FIG. 30 illustrates the case where a base component turbo encoded packet with code rate $1/3$ is multiplexed with an enhancement component turbo packet (with the same code rate) to occupy 3 data slot buffers.

[00332] FIG. 31 illustrates the case where a Data Channel turbo encoded packet occupies a fraction of a data slot and four turbo encoded packets are required to fill up an integer number of data slots.

[00333] The three slots in the FIG. 31 may span one OFDM symbol or multiple consecutive OFDM symbols. In either case, the data slot allocation over an OFDM symbol for an MLC shall have consecutive slot indices.

[00334] FIG. 32 illustrates a snapshot of slot allocations to five different MLCs over three consecutive OFDM symbols in a frame. In the figure, TEP n,m denotes n^{th} turbo encoded packet for the m^{th} MLC. In that figure:

- a. MLC 1 uses transmit mode 0 and requires three slots for each turbo encoded packet. It uses 3 consecutive OFDM symbols to send one turbo encoded packet.
- b. MLC 2 uses transmit mode 1 and utilizes 2 slots to transmit a single turbo encoded packet. It uses OFDM symbols n and $n+1$, to send two turbo encoded packets.
- c. MLC 3 uses transmit mode 2 and requires 1.5 slots for transmitting one turbo encoded packet. It uses three consecutive OFDM symbols to transmit 6 turbo encoded packets.
- d. MLC 4 uses transmit mode 1 and requires 2 slots to transmit a single turbo encoded packet. It uses 2 consecutive OFDM symbols to send two turbo encoded packets.
- e. MLC 5 uses transmit mode 3 and requires 1 slot to transmit a turbo encoded packet. It uses one OFDM symbol to send a turbo encoded packet.

Slot Scrambling

[00335] The bits of each allocated slot buffer shall be scrambled as specified in 0. The scrambled slot buffer is denoted by SB.

Mapping of Bits to Modulation Symbols

[00336] For the Wide-area Data Channel, depending on the transmit mode, either QPSK, 16-QAM or Layered Modulation may be used.

QPSK Modulation

[00337] Each group of two consecutive bits from the i^{th} scrambled slot buffer, $SB(i,2k)$ and $SB(i,2k + 1)$, $i=1,2,\dots,7$, $k = 0,1,\dots,499$, which are labeled as s_0 and s_1 , respectively, shall be mapped into a complex modulation symbol $MS = (mI, mQ)$ as specified in

Table 6 with $D = 1/\sqrt{2}$. FIG. 13 shows the signal constellation for the QPSK modulation.

16-QAM Modulation

[00338] Each group of four consecutive bits from the i^{th} scrambled data slot buffer, $SB(i,4k)$, $SB(i,4k+1)$, $SB(i, 4k+2)$ and $SB(i,4k+3)$, $i=1,2,...,7$, $k = 0,1,...,499$ shall be grouped and mapped to a 16-QAM complex modulation symbol $S(k)=(m_I(k), m_Q(k))$, $k = 0,1,...,499$ as specified in Table 17 below with $A = 1/\sqrt{10}$. FIG. 33 shows the signal constellation of the 16-QAM modulator, where $s_0=SB(i,4k)$, $s_1=SB(i,4k+1)$, $s_2=SB(i,4k+2)$, and $s_3 = SB(i,4k + 3)$.

Interleaved Bits				Modulation Symbols	
s_3 $SB(i,4k + 3)$	s_2 $SB(i,4k + 2)$	s_1 $SB(i,4k + 1)$	s_0 $SB(i,4k)$	$m_Q(k)$	$m_I(k)$
0	0	0	0	3A	3A
0	0	0	1	3A	A
0	0	1	1	3A	-A
0	0	1	0	3A	-3A
0	1	0	0	A	3A
0	1	0	1	A	A
0	1	1	1	A	-A
0	1	1	0	A	-3A
1	1	0	0	-A	3A
1	1	0	1	-A	A
1	1	1	1	-A	-A
1	1	1	0	-A	-3A
1	0	0	0	-3A	3A
1	0	0	1	-3A	A
1	0	1	1	-3A	-A
1	0	1	0	-3A	-3A

Table 17 - 16-QAM Modulation Table

Layered Modulation with Base and Enhancement Components

[00339] Each group of four consecutive bits from the i^{th} scrambled data slot buffer, $SB(i,4k)$, $SB(i,4k+1)$, $SB(i,4k+2)$ and $SB(i,4k+3)$, $i=1,2,\dots,7$, $k = 0,1,\dots,499$ shall be grouped and mapped to a layered modulation complex symbol $S(k)=(mI(k), mQ(k))$, $k = 0,1,\dots,499$ as specified in Table 18 below. If r denotes the energy ratio between the base component and the enhancement component, then α and β shall be given by:

$$\alpha = \sqrt{\frac{r}{2(1+r)}} \quad \text{and} \quad \beta = \sqrt{\frac{1}{2(1+r)}} \quad (\text{see Table 4}).$$

[00340] FIG. 34 shows the signal constellation for the layered modulation, where $s_0=SB(i,4k)$, $s_1=SB(i,4k+1)$, $s_2=SB(i,4k+2)$, and $s_3 = SB(i,4k + 3)$. It should be noted that the procedure for filling the slot buffer(s) ensures (see FIG. 28) that bits s_0 and s_2 correspond to the enhancement component and bits s_1 and s_3 correspond to the base component.

Interleaved Bits				Modulation Symbols	
s ₃ SB(i,4k + 3)	s ₂ SB(i,4k + 2)	s ₁ SB(i,4k + 1)	s ₀ SB(i,4k)	m _Q (k)	m _I (k)
0	0	0	0	$\alpha + \beta$	$\alpha + \beta$
0	0	0	1	$\alpha + \beta$	$\alpha - \beta$
0	0	1	1	$\alpha + \beta$	$-\alpha + \beta$
0	0	1	0	$\alpha + \beta$	$-\alpha - \beta$
0	1	0	0	$\alpha - \beta$	$\alpha + \beta$
0	1	0	1	$\alpha - \beta$	$\alpha - \beta$
0	1	1	1	$\alpha - \beta$	$-\alpha + \beta$
0	1	1	0	$\alpha - \beta$	$-\alpha - \beta$
1	1	0	0	$-\alpha + \beta$	$\alpha + \beta$
1	1	0	1	$-\alpha + \beta$	$\alpha - \beta$
1	1	1	1	$-\alpha + \beta$	$-\alpha + \beta$
1	1	1	0	$-\alpha + \beta$	$-\alpha - \beta$
1	0	0	0	$-\alpha - \beta$	$\alpha + \beta$
1	0	0	1	$-\alpha - \beta$	$\alpha - \beta$
1	0	1	1	$-\alpha - \beta$	$-\alpha + \beta$
1	0	1	0	$-\alpha - \beta$	$-\alpha - \beta$

Table 18 - Layered Modulation Table

[00341] Note that $\alpha = \sqrt{\frac{r}{2(1+r)}}$, $\beta = \sqrt{\frac{1}{2(1+r)}}$ in the above Table 18, where r is the

ratio of the base component energy to the enhancement component energy

Layered Modulation with Base Component Only

[00342] The 2nd and 4th bits from each group of four consecutive bits from the ith scrambled slot buffer, SB(i, 4k+1) and SB(i, 4k + 3), i = 1,2,...,7, k = 0,1,...,499, which are labeled as s₀ and s₁, respectively, shall be mapped into a complex modulation symbol MS= (mI, mQ) as specified in Table 6 with $D = 1/\sqrt{2}$. FIG. 13 shows the signal constellation for the QPSK modulation.

Slot to Interlace Mapping

[00343] The mapping of slots to interlaces for the Wide-area Data Channel OFDM symbols shall be as specified herein.

Mapping of Slot Buffer Modulation Symbols to Interlace Sub-carriers

[00344] The 500 modulation symbols in each allocated slot shall be sequentially assigned to 500 interlace sub-carriers using the procedure specified herein.

OFDM Common Operation

[00345] The modulated Wide-area Data Channel sub-carriers shall undergo common operation specified herein.

Wide-area Data Channel Processing for Unallocated Slots

[00346] The unallocated slots in the Wide-area Data Channel use as input a 1000-bit fixed pattern, with each bit set to zero. These bits shall be processed according to the steps illustrated in FIG. 14.

Filling of Slot Buffer

[00347] The buffer for each unallocated slot of the Wide-area Data Channel shall be completely filled with a fixed pattern consisting of 1000 bits, with each bit set to '0'.

Slot Scrambling

[00348] The bits of each unallocated slot buffer in the Wide-area Data Channel shall be scrambled as specified in 0. The scrambled slot buffer is denoted by SB.

Modulation Symbol Mapping

[00349] Each group of two consecutive bits from the i^{th} scrambled slot buffer, $SB(i,2k)$ and $SB(i,2k + 1)$, $i=1,2,\dots,7$, $k = 0,1,\dots,499$, which are labeled as s_0 and s_1 , respectively, shall be mapped into a complex modulation symbol $MS = (mI, mQ)$ as specified in Table 6 with $D = 1/\sqrt{2}$. FIG. 13 shows the signal constellation for the QPSK modulation.

Slot to Interlace Mapping

[00350] The mapping of slots to interlaces for the unallocated slots in the Wide-area Data Channel OFDM symbol shall be as specified in 0

[00351] Mapping of Slot Buffer Modulation Symbols to Interlace Sub-carriers

[00352] The 500 modulation symbols in the slot buffer shall be sequentially assigned to 500 interlace sub-carriers as follows: the i^{th} complex modulation symbol (where $i \in \{0, 1, \dots, 499\}$) shall be mapped to the i^{th} sub-carrier of that interlace.

OFDM Common Operation

[00353] This modulated Wide-area Data Channel OFDM symbol sub-carriers shall undergo common operations as specified herein.

Local-area Data Channel

[00354] The Local-area Data Channel is used to carry Physical layer packets meant for Local-area multicast. The Physical layer packets for the Local-area Data Channel can be associated with any one of the active MLCs transmitted in the Local-area.

Local-area Data Channel Processing for Allocated Slots

[00355] The Physical layer packet for the Local-area Data Channel shall be processed according to the steps illustrated in FIG. 26.

[00356] For regular modulation (QPSK and 16-QAM), the physical layer packet is turbo-encoded and bit interleaved before being stored in the Data slot buffer(s). For layered modulation, the base-component Physical layer packet and the enhancement-component Physical layer packet are turbo-encoded and bit interleaved independently before being multiplexed in to the Data slot buffer(s).

Encoding

[00357] The Local-area Data Channel Physical layer packets shall be encoded with code rates $R = 1/3, 1/2$, or $2/3$. The encoding procedure shall be identical to that for the Wide-area Data Channel as specified herein.

Bit Interleaving

[00358] The Local-area Data Channel turbo encoded packet shall be bit interleaved as specified herein.

Data Slot Allocation

[00359] For the Local-area Data Channel, the slot allocation shall be as specified herein

Filling of Data Slot Buffers

[00360] The procedure for filling the slot buffer for the Local-area Data Channel shall be as specified herein.

Slot Scrambling

[00361] The bits of each allocated slot buffer shall be scrambled as specified herein. The scrambled slot buffer is denoted by SB.

Mapping of Slot Bits to Modulation Symbols

[00362] For the Local-area Data Channel, depending on the transmit mode QPSK, 16-QAM or Layered Modulation may be used.

QPSK Modulation

[00363] Each group of two consecutive bits from the scrambled slot buffer shall be mapped in to a QPSK modulation symbol as specified herein.

16-QAM Modulation

[00364] Each group of four consecutive bits from the scrambled slot buffer shall be mapped in to a 16-QAM modulation symbol as specified herein

Layered Modulation with Base and Enhancement Components

[00365] Each group of four consecutive bits from the scrambled slot buffer shall be mapped in to a layered modulation symbol as specified herein.

Layered Modulation with Base Component Only

[00366] The 2nd and 4th bits from each group of four consecutive bits from the scrambled slot buffer shall be mapped into a QPSK modulation symbol as specified herein.

Slot to Interlace Mapping

[00367] The mapping of slots to interlaces for Local-area Data Channel OFDM symbols shall be as specified herein.

Mapping of Slot Modulation Symbols to Interlace Sub-carriers

[00368] The 500 modulation symbols in each allocated slot shall be sequentially assigned to 500 interlace sub-carriers using the procedure specified herein.

OFDM Common Operation

[00369] The modulated Wide-area Data Channel sub-carriers shall undergo common operations as specified herein.

Local-area Data Channel Processing for Unallocated Slots

[00370] The unallocated slots in the Local-area Data Channel use as input a 1000-bit fixed pattern, with each bit set to zero. These bits shall be processed according to the steps illustrated in FIG. 14.

Filling of Slot Buffers

[00371] The buffer for each unallocated slot of the Local-area Data Channel shall be completely filled with a fixed pattern consisting of 1000 bits, with each bit set to '0'.

Slot Scrambling

[00372] The bits of each unallocated slot buffer in the Wide-area Data Channel shall be scrambled as specified in 0. The scrambled slot buffer is denoted by SB.

Modulation Symbol Mapping

[00373] Each group of two consecutive bits from the scrambled slot buffer shall be mapped in to a QPSK modulation symbol as specified herein.

Slot to Interlace Mapping

[00374] The mapping of slots to interlaces for the unallocated slots in the Local-area Data Channel OFDM symbol shall be as specified herein.

Mapping of Slot Buffer Modulation Symbols to Interlace Sub-carriers

[00375] The 500 modulation symbols in the slot buffer shall be sequentially assigned to 500 interlace sub-carriers as follows: the i^{th} complex modulation symbol (where $i \in \{0, 1, \dots, 499\}$) shall be mapped to the i^{th} sub-carrier of that interlace.

OFDM Common Operation

[00376] This modulated Local-area Data Channel OFDM symbol sub-carriers shall undergo common operations as specified herein.

Mapping of Slots to Interlaces

[00377] The slot to interlace mapping varies from one OFDM symbol to the next as specified in this section. There are 8 slots in every OFDM symbol. The FDM Pilot Channel shall utilize slot 0. Slot 0 shall be assigned interlace $I_p[j]$ for OFDM symbol index j in a superframe as follows:

if $(j \bmod 2 = 0)$, then $I_p[j] = 2$.

Otherwise, $I_p[j] = 6$

[00378] The interlace assignment procedure for slot 0 ensures that the FDM Pilot Channel is assigned interlace 2 and 6 for even and odd OFDM symbol indices respectively. The remaining 7 interlaces in each OFDM symbol are assigned to slots 1 through 7. This is illustrated in FIG. 35, where P and D denote the interlaces assigned to the slots occupied by the FDM Pilot Channel and the Data Channel, respectively.

[00379] The slot to interlace mapping for slots 1 through 7 shall be as follows:

- a. Let i be the 3-bit value of the interlace index i ($i \in \{0,7\}$). Denote the bit-reversed value of i as i_{br} .
- b. Let I_j denote the j^{th} interlace as defined earlier herein. Permute the interlace sequence $\{I_0 I_1 I_2 I_3 I_4 I_5 I_6 I_7\}$ by replacing the index i ($i \in \{0,7\}$) in I_i with i_{br} to generate the permuted sequence, $PS = \{I_0 I_4 I_2 I_6 I_1 I_5 I_3 I_7\}$.
- c. Club interlaces I_2 and I_6 in the PS to generate shortened interlace sequence, $SIS = \{I_0 I_4 I_2/I_6 I_1 I_5 I_3 I_7\}$.
- d. For the OFDM symbol with index j ($j \in \{1,1199\}$) in a superframe, perform a right hand cyclic shift on SIS in step 3, by a value equal to $(2 \times j) \bmod 7$ to generate the permuted shortened interlace sequence $PSIS(j)$.
- e. If $(j \bmod 2 = 0)$, then choose interlace I_6 in the $PSIS(j)$. Otherwise, choose I_2 in the $PSIS[j]$.
- f. For the j^{th} OFDM symbol interval in a superframe, the k^{th} data slot (for $k \in \{1, \dots, 7\}$) shall be assigned the interlace $PSIS(j)[k-1]$.

[00380] It is noted for step c above, since interlaces 2 and interlace 6 are used alternatively for the pilot, the remaining seven interlaces are used for assignment to data slots. Additionally, it is noted that a super-frame spans 1200 OFDM symbol intervals and that slot to interlace mapping for OFDM symbol index 0 is not used. Furthermore, for step d above it is noted that the right hand cyclic shift of the sequence $s = \{1\ 2\ 3\ 4\ 5\}$ by 2 yields the sequence $s(2) = \{4\ 5\ 1\ 2\ 3\}$.

[00381] FIG. 36 illustrates the interlace assignment to all 8 slots over 15 consecutive OFDM symbol intervals. The mapping pattern from slots to interlaces repeats after 14 consecutive OFDM symbol intervals. FIG. 36 shows that all interlaces get assigned next to the Pilot interlace about the same fraction of time, and the channel estimation performance for all interlaces is about the same

OFDM Common Operation

[00382] This block transforms the complex modulation symbols $X_{k,m}$, associated with sub-carrier index k for OFDM symbol interval m , into the RF transmitted signal. The operations are illustrated in FIG. 37.

IFT Operation

[00383] The complex modulation symbols $X_{k,m}$, $k = 0, 1, \dots, 4095$, associated with the m^{th} OFDM symbol shall be related to the continuous-time signal $x_m(t)$ by the inverse Fourier Transform (IFT) equation. Specifically,

$$x_m(t) = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{k=0}^{N-1} X_{k,m} e^{j2\pi(\Delta f)_{SC} (k - \frac{N}{2})(t - T_{WGI} - T_{FGI})}, \text{ for } 0 \leq t \leq T_s'.$$

[00384] In the above equation, $(\Delta f)_{SC}$ is the sub-carrier spacing, while T_{WGI} , T_{FGI} and T_s' are defined as was discussed previously in this application

Windowing

[00385] The signal $x_m(t)$ shall be multiplied by the window function $w(t)$, where

$$w(t) = \begin{cases} 0.5 + 0.5 \cos(\pi + \pi t / T_{WGI}) & 0 \leq t \leq T_{WGI} \\ 1 & T_{WGI} < t < (T_{WGI} + T_{FGI} + T_U) \\ 0.5 + 0.5 \cos(\pi + \pi (T_s' - t) / T_{WGI}) & (T_{WGI} + T_{FGI} + T_U) \leq t \leq (2 T_{WGI} + T_{FGI} + T_U) \end{cases}.$$

[00386] The windowed signal is denoted by $y_m(t)$, where

$$y_m(t) = x_m(t) w(t).$$

[00387] In the above, T_U and T_s are as defined previously herein.

Overlap and Add

[00388] The base-band signal $s_{BB}(t)$ shall be generated by overlapping the windowed, continuous-time signals from successive OFDM symbols by T_{WGI} . This is illustrated in FIG. 38. Specifically, $s_{BB}(t)$ is given by:

$$s_{BB}(t) = \sum_{m=-\infty}^{\infty} y_m(t - mT_s).$$

Carrier Modulation

[00389] The in-phase and quadrature base-band signals shall be up-converted to RF frequency and summed to generate the RF waveform $s_{RF}(t)$. In FIG. 37, $f_c(k)$ is the centre frequency of the k^{th} FLO RF channel (see Table 1).

Alternate Superframe Structure

[00390] In another example, it is noted that the superframe structure illustrated in FIG. 10 may be modified to differently optimize processing of the superframe. It is noted that, as discussed previously in connection with the examples of FIGs. 10-18, network identifiers (IDs) may be used to identify or discriminate wide-area networks and local-area networks. In those examples, four (4) OFDM symbols in the preamble were dedicated to the TDM Pilot Channel, which included the TDM Pilot 1 channel, the Wide-area identification Channel (WIC), the Local-area Identification Channel (LIC), and the TDM Pilot 2 Channel. Since TDM Pilot 2 channel is scrambled with the wide area network ID, the channel and timing estimated is for the wide area network not for local area network. Therefore, when the wide area channel and timing estimate is used for the local channel, the local channel performance is compromised.

[00391] According to the present example, the structure of the superframe may be modified from that shown in FIG. 10 to improve the local channel reception performance to the same level of wide area performance. The presently disclosed

alternate superframe structure utilizes a scheme including three dedicated OFDM symbols for timing and frequency acquisition, and network ID acquisition as discussed in more detail in co-pending application entitled "METHODS AND APPARATUS FOR COMMUNICATING NETWORK IDENTIFIERS IN A COMMUNICATION SYSTEM" by Michael Wang having Attorney Docket No. 040645U3B1, and incorporated herein by reference. Specifically, the WIC and LIC symbols are removed and a TDM Pilot 3 is added to the superframe. The TDM Pilot 3 has the same structure as TDM Pilot 2 except the PN scrambling sequence is seeded by a wide-area operational infrastructure ID (WOI ID) combined with a local-area operational infrastructure ID (LOI ID). Accordingly, TDM Pilot 2, which is scrambled by the wide-area ID, is used for wide-area network fine timing acquisition or re-acquisition. For local-area network fine timing acquisition or re-acquisition, the TDM Pilot 3 channel is used instead of TDM Pilot 2. Because the TDM Pilot 3 channel is scrambled by including the local-area ID, the acquired timing is more accurate than acquired via TDM Pilot 2 as in the frame structure illustrated in FIG. 10.

[00392] Furthermore, the TDM Pilot 2 and TDM Pilot 3 channels disclosed in the above-mentioned incorporated disclosure utilizes longer pilot symbols, such as 2048 samples. Such symbols provide enhanced detection performance over using WIC/LIC symbols, which typically have a length of 512 samples, by affording a more accurate baseline estimation in the detection metric, as was also discussed in the above-mentioned disclosure.

[00393] FIG. 39 illustrates a superframe structure 3900 according to the presently disclosed example, utilizing TDM 1, TDM 2, and TDM 3 Pilot symbols. As shown the frame 3900 includes a TDM Pilot 1 symbol 3902 at the start of the preamble of frame 3900. As mentioned previously, TDM 1 is used by a transceiver for, among other things, coarse timing acquisition. TDM 1 3902 is followed in time by TDM Pilot 2 3904. TDM 2 3904 is used by a transceiver for wide-area network fine timing acquisition or reacquisition. Rather than next including TDM Pilot 3 in the time arrangement of the superframe 3900, a wide-area transition pilot channel (WTPC) 3906 is included in frame 3900. WTPC 3906 is a transition channel containing no data to be sampled, demodulated, or decoded by a transceiver prior to transmission of data or information concerning the wide-area network.

[00394] After WTPC 3906 is transmitted, frame 3900 includes wide-area overhead information symbols (OIS) 3908 and a concomitant frequency division multiplexed (FDM) pilot 3910 for the wide-area network. After symbols 3908 and 3910, another WTPC channel 3912 is transmitted. After the WTPC channel is transmitted, then TDM Pilot 3 channel 3914 is included in superframe 3900 and may be used by the transceiver for local area network fine timing acquisition or reacquisition if a transceiver user desires local area content.

[00395] Subsequent to TDM Pilot 3 3914 transmission, superframe 3900 includes a local area network transition pilot channel (LTPC) 3916. Next in frame 3900 is the concurrent transmission of the Local area OIS 3918 and FDM pilot symbol 3920. After transmission of FDM Pilot 3920 and Local area OIS 3918, another LTPC channel 3922 is transmitted to delineate the FDM and OIS associated with the local area network. After the LTPC channel 3922 is transmitted, the data for the wide area and local area networks and any postamble information (shown bracketed as indicated by reference number 3922) is transmitted.

[00396] The superframe structure 3900 affords a superframe providing a local channel estimation/timing mechanism, while using one less overhead OFDM symbol than the superframe illustrated in FIG. 10, for example. In addition, since TDM3 3914 is next to the local area OIS 3918, the channel or timing acquired from TDM3 is optimally updated for local area data processing. Further, it is note that because TDM2 3904 and TDM3 3914 are followed by a WTPC (e.g., 3906) and LTPC (e.g., 3916), respectively, which do not contain data which needs processing, this allows more time for TDM2 (3904) and TDM3 (3914) processing without affecting the processing of wide area OIS 3908 and local area OIS 3918.

[00397] FIG. 40 is a flow diagram of an exemplary methodology for sequencing and transmitting the superframe 3900 illustrated in FIG. 39. As illustrated the method 4000 begins at block 4002, where the process 4000 is initialized. Next flow proceeds to block 4004, wherein a first symbol configured to communicate at least timing information is transmitted (e.g., TDM 1). From block 4004, flow proceeds to block 4004, where a second pilot symbol configured to communicate timing information (e.g., TDM2) is transmitted. The second pilot symbol includes first information including

network identification information concerning a first network (e.g., the wide-area network WOI ID).

[00398] After the operation of block 4006 is executed flow proceeds to block 4008 where a first network transition pilot channel (e.g., WTPC 3906) may be transmitted. Additionally, block 4008 may also feature transmission of at least overhead information concerning the network. Examples of this information includes the Wide-area OIS 3908 and the FDM pilot 3910. It is noted that the transmission of a transition channel, such as WTPC 3906 succeeds the transmission of the second pilot (TDM2) in block 4006. When these transmitted symbols are received by a receiver (not shown), the transition channel after TDM2 affords time for the receiver processor to acquire timing information and network ID information prior to demodulating and decoding the Wide-area OIS 3908, as an example.

[00399] After block 4008, flow proceeds to block 4010 where a third pilot symbol is transmitted. The third symbol (e.g., TDM3) is configured to communicate second information including network identification information concerning a second network (e.g., LOI ID). The network identification information concerning the second network may include at least a portion of the network identification information concerning the first network (e.g., WOI ID), as was discussed in co-pending application entitled "METHODS AND APPARATUS FOR COMMUNICATING NETWORK IDENTIFIERS IN A COMMUNICATION SYSTEM" by Michael Wang having Attorney Docket No. 040645U3B1 and filed August 28, 2006.

[00400] After the third pilot symbol (e.g., TDM 3) has been transmitted at block 4010, flow proceeds to block 4012 for transmission of a second network transition pilot channel (e.g., LPTC 3916) and at least overhead information concerning the second network (e.g., Local area OIS 3918 and FDM pilot 3920). Again, since a transition channel succeeds the TDM pilot symbol (e.g., TDM 3), when these transmitted symbols are received by a receiver (not shown), the transition channel after TDM3 affords time for the receiver processor to acquire timing information and network ID information prior to demodulating and decoding the local-area OIS 3918, as an example. Flow then proceeds from block 4012 to block 4014 where the process 4000 terminates.

[00401] It is noted that the process 4000 may be effected by a transmitter or similar device. An example of such a transmitter 4100 or processor 4102 for use in a

transmitter is illustrated in FIG. 41. In this example, the transmitter 4100 includes a processor 4102 having a modulator 4104 that modulates data to be assembled into a superframe to be transmitted. Examples include the TDM and FDM pilot symbols, as well as OIS data and wide and local. The modulator outputs modulated data to a superframe assembler 4106, which is configured to assemble the superframe with data from modulator 4104 as well as the transition pilot channels in the manner illustrated in the examples of FIGs. 39 and 40. The assembled data frame is actually transmitted wirelessly by a transmitter circuitry 4108, such as RF chips, and an antenna 4110. The processor 4102, which may be implemented the functionality of block 4104 and 4106 in firmware, hardware, software, or a combination thereof, may also be in communication with a memory 4112, which stores instructions used and implemented by the processor 4102.

[00402] FIG. 42 illustrates another example of a processor 4200 for use in a transmitter (or simply a transmitter) according to the present disclosure for transmitting a frame. As illustrated the transmitter or processor used in a transmitter 4200 includes means 4202 for transmitting a first symbol configured to communicate at least timing information. An example disclosed earlier of the first symbol is OFDM pilot symbol TDM 1. Processor 4200 also includes means 4204 for transmitting a second pilot symbol configured to communicate first information including network identification information concerning a first network, such as the wide-area network. Examples of the second pilot symbol include TDM 2, discussed above, which includes WOI ID information concerning the wide-area network.

[00403] Processor 4200 also includes means 4206 for transmitting at least first overhead information concerning the first network. As an example, this would include transmitting the wide-area OIS 3908. Furthermore, this means may also effect transmission of transition pilot channels prior to and after transmission of the OIS. Additionally, processor 4200 includes means 4208 for transmitting a third pilot symbol after transmission of the second pilot symbol and the overhead information concerning the first network, the third pilot symbol configured to communicate second information including network identification information concerning a second network. As an example, the third pilot symbol transmitted by means 4208 is TDM 3. It is noted in this example that means 4208 waits until means 4206 transmits the OIS information, before transmitting TDM 3.

[00404] Finally, processor 4200 also includes transmitting circuitry or means 4210 for assembling the transmissions of means 4202, 4204, 4206, and 4208 into a frame or superframe, such as the superframe illustrated in FIG. 39, as an example, and transmitting wirelessly via an antenna 4212. It is noted that means 4202, 4204, 4206, and 4208 may operate either sequentially as illustrated, such as according to the method of FIG. 40, or in concurrence with means 4210 ensuring the sequential arrangement of the superframe.

[00405] The previously disclosed examples in connection with FIGs. 39-42, by featuring a frame preamble in which the TDM 2 and TDM 3 pilot channels are transmitted prior to the wide area and local area OIS symbols, respectively, rather than simply in sequential order in the preamble, afford better use of processing resources, as well as better updated timing information at a receiver. Additionally, the transmission of the TDM pilot channels TDM 2 and TDM 3 prior to transition pilot channels having no meaningful data (e.g., WPTC and LTTC), allow time for processing and acquisition of timing information and network ID information by the receiver prior to receiving OIS data, for example.

[00406] The various illustrative logical blocks, modules, and circuits described in connection with the embodiments disclosed herein may be implemented or performed with a general purpose processor, a digital signal processor (DSP), an application specific integrated circuit (ASIC), a field programmable gate array (FPGA) or other programmable logic device, discrete gate or transistor logic, discrete hardware components, or any combination thereof designed to perform the functions described herein. A general purpose processor may be a microprocessor, but in the alternative, the processor may be any conventional processor, controller, microcontroller, or state machine. A processor may also be implemented as a combination of computing devices, e.g., a combination of a DSP and a microprocessor, a plurality of microprocessors, one or more microprocessors in conjunction with a DSP core, or any other such configuration.

[00407] The steps of a method or algorithm described in connection with the embodiments disclosed herein may be embodied directly in hardware, in a software module executed by a processor, or in a combination of the two. A software module may reside in RAM memory, flash memory, ROM memory, EPROM memory,

EEPROM memory, registers, hard disk, a removable disk, a CD-ROM, or any other form of storage medium known in the art. An exemplary storage medium is coupled to the processor such the processor can read information from, and write information to, the storage medium. In the alternative, the storage medium may be integral to the processor. The processor and the storage medium may reside in an ASIC. The ASIC may reside in a user terminal. In the alternative, the processor and the storage medium may reside as discrete components in a user terminal.

[00408] The previous description of the disclosed embodiments is provided to enable any person skilled in the art to make or use the present invention. Various modifications to these embodiments will be readily apparent to those skilled in the art, and the generic principles defined herein may be applied to other embodiments without departing from the spirit or scope of the invention. Thus, the present invention is not intended to be limited to the embodiments shown herein but is to be accorded the widest scope consistent with the principles and novel features disclosed herein.

[00409] Those of skill in the art would understand that information and signals may be represented using any of a variety of different technologies and techniques. For example, data, instructions, commands, information, signals, bits, symbols, and chips that may be referenced throughout the above description may be represented by voltages, currents, electromagnetic waves, magnetic fields or particles, optical fields or particles, or any combination thereof.

[00410] Those of skill would further appreciate that the various illustrative logical blocks, modules, circuits, and algorithm steps described in connection with the embodiments disclosed herein may be implemented as electronic hardware, computer software, or combinations of both. To clearly illustrate this interchangeability of hardware and software, various illustrative components, blocks, modules, circuits, and steps have been described above generally in terms of their functionality. Whether such functionality is implemented as hardware or software depends upon the particular application and design constraints imposed on the overall system. Skilled artisans may implement the described functionality in varying ways for each particular application, but such implementation decisions should not be interpreted as causing a departure from the scope of the present invention.

CLAIMS**[00411] WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:**

1. A method for transmitting a wireless communication signal frame comprising:

transmitting a first pilot symbol in the signal frame, the first symbol configured to communicate at least timing information;

transmitting a second pilot symbol configured to communicate first information including network identification information concerning a first network;

transmitting at least first overhead information concerning the first network; and

transmitting a third pilot symbol after transmission of the second pilot symbol and the overhead information concerning the first network, the third pilot symbol configured to communicate second information including network identification information concerning a second network.

2. The method as defined in claim 1, further comprising:

transmitting a transition pilot channel after transmission of the third pilot symbol, wherein the transition pilot channel contains no information required to be processed by a receiver.

3. The method as defined in claim 1, further comprising:

transmitting a transition pilot channel after transmission of the second pilot symbol, wherein the transition pilot channel contains no information required to be processed by a receiver.

4. The method as defined in claim 3, further comprising:

transmitting at least second overhead information concerning the second network after transmission of the transition pilot channel.

5. The method as defined in claim 1, wherein the second and third pilot symbols include 2048 samples.

6. The method as defined in claim 1, wherein the first network is a wide-area content network and the second network is a local-area content network.

7. A method for transmitting a wireless communication signal frame comprising:

transmitting a first pilot symbol configured to communicate first information including network identification information concerning a first network;

transmitting at least first overhead information concerning the first network;

transmitting a second pilot symbol after transmission of the first pilot symbol and the overhead information concerning the first network, the second pilot symbol configured to communicate second information including network identification information concerning a second network; and

transmitting a first transition channel after transmission of the second pilot symbol, the first transition channel containing no data required to be processed by a receiver.

8. The method as defined in claim 7, further comprising:

transmitting a second transition pilot channel after transmission of the first pilot symbol and before transmission of the at least first overhead information, wherein the second transition pilot channel contains no information required to be processed by a receiver.

9. The method as defined in claim 1, further comprising:

transmitting at least second overhead information concerning the second network after transmission of the second pilot symbol.

10. The method as defined in claim 7, wherein the first and second pilot symbols include 2048 samples.

11. The method as defined in claim 7, wherein the first network is a wide-area content network and the second network is a local-area content network.

12. A processor for use in a transmitter, the processor configured to:
transmit a first pilot symbol in the signal frame, the first symbol configured to communicate at least timing information;
transmit a second pilot symbol configured to communicate first information including network identification information concerning a first network;
transmit at least first overhead information concerning the first network; and
transmit a third pilot symbol after transmission of the second pilot symbol and the overhead information concerning the first network, the third pilot symbol configured to communicate second information including network identification information concerning a second network.

13. The processor as defined in claim 12, wherein the processor is further configured to:
transmit a transition pilot channel after transmission of the third pilot symbol, wherein the transition pilot channel contains no information required to be processed by a receiver.

14. The processor as defined in claim 12, wherein the processor is further configured to:
transmit a transition pilot channel after transmission of the second pilot symbol, wherein the transition pilot channel contains no information required to be processed by a receiver.

15. The processor as defined in claim 14, wherein the processor is further configured to:
transmit at least second overhead information concerning the second network after transmission of the transition pilot channel.

16. The processor as defined in claim 12, wherein the second and third pilot symbols include 2048 samples.

17. The processor as defined in claim 12, wherein the first network is a wide-area content network and the second network is a local-area content network.

18. A processor for use in a transmitter comprising:
means for transmitting a first pilot symbol in the signal frame, the first symbol configured to communicate at least timing information;
means for transmitting a second pilot symbol configured to communicate first information including network identification information concerning a first network;
means for transmitting at least first overhead information concerning the first network; and
means for transmitting a third pilot symbol after transmission of the second pilot symbol and the overhead information concerning the first network, the third pilot symbol configured to communicate second information including network identification information concerning a second network.

19. The processor as defined in claim 18, further comprising:
means for transmitting a transition pilot channel after transmission of the third pilot symbol, wherein the transition pilot channel contains no information required to be processed by a receiver.

20. The processor as defined in claim 18, further comprising:
means for transmitting a transition pilot channel after transmission of the second pilot symbol, wherein the transition pilot channel contains no information required to be processed by a receiver.

21. The processor as defined in claim 20, further comprising:
means for transmitting at least second overhead information concerning the second network after transmission of the transition pilot channel.

22. The processor as defined in claim 18, wherein the second and third pilot symbols include 2048 samples.

23. The processor as defined in claim 18, wherein the first network is a wide-area content network and the second network is a local-area content network.

24. A computer-readable medium encoded with a set of instructions, the instructions comprising:

- an instruction for transmitting a first pilot symbol in the signal frame, the first symbol configured to communicate at least timing information;

- an instruction for transmitting a second pilot symbol configured to communicate first information including network identification information concerning a first network;

- an instruction for transmitting at least first overhead information concerning the first network; and

- an instruction for transmitting a third pilot symbol after transmission of the second pilot symbol and the overhead information concerning the first network, the third pilot symbol configured to communicate second information including network identification information concerning a second network.

25. The computer readable medium as defined in claim 24, further comprising:

- an instruction for transmitting a transition pilot channel after transmission of the third pilot symbol, wherein the transition pilot channel contains no information required to be processed by a receiver.

26. The computer readable medium as defined in claim 24, further comprising:

- an instruction for transmitting a transition pilot channel after transmission of the second pilot symbol, wherein the transition pilot channel contains no information required to be processed by a receiver.

27. The computer readable medium as defined in claim 26, further comprising:

an instruction for transmitting at least second overhead information concerning the second network after transmission of the transition pilot channel.

28. The computer readable medium as defined in claim 24, wherein the second and third pilot symbols include 2048 samples.

29. The computer readable medium as defined in claim 24, wherein the first network is a wide-area content network and the second network is a local-area content network.