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LTE IMPLEMENTATION ON CGRA BASED SILAGO PLATFORM

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**ABSTRACT**

This thesis implements long term evolution (LTE) transmission layer on a coarse grained reconfigurable called, dynamically reconfigurable resource array (DRRA). Specifically, we implement physical downlink shared channel baseband signal processing blocks (PDSCH) at high level. The overall implementation follows silicon large grain object (SiLago) design methodology. The methodology employs SiLago blocks instead of mainstream standard cells. The main ambition of this thesis was to prove that a standard as complex as LTE can be implemented using the in-house SiLago framework. The work aims to prove that customized design with efficiency close to application specific integrated circuit (ASIC) for LTE can be generated with the programming ease of MATLAB. During this thesis, we have generated a completely parametrizable LTE standard at high level.

Key words: DRRA, SiLago, HLS, LTE, MIMO, OFDM.
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<tr>
<td>$a_k^{(m)}$</td>
<td>complex modulation symbol during the mth OFDM symbol interval</td>
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<td>$b^{(q)}$</td>
<td>block of bits</td>
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<td>$c(n)$</td>
<td>final scrambling sequence</td>
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<td>$C_{\text{init}}$</td>
<td>second m-sequence initialization of scrambler</td>
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<td>$k$</td>
<td>resource element with frequency-domain index $k$</td>
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<td>$l$</td>
<td>resource element with time-domain index $l$</td>
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<td>$M_{\text{symb}}^{\text{ap}}$</td>
<td>number of modulation symbols to transmit per antenna port</td>
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<td>$M_{\text{symb}}^{\text{layer}}$</td>
<td>number of modulation symbols to transmit per layer</td>
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<td>$N_c$</td>
<td>number of subcarriers</td>
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<td>$N_{\text{cell}}$</td>
<td>physical layer cell identity</td>
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<td>$N_{\text{DL}}$</td>
<td>number of OFDM symbols in downlink slot</td>
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<td>$N_{\text{DL}}^{\text{RB}}$</td>
<td>downlink bandwidth configuration, expressed in multiples of $N_{\text{SB}}^{\text{RB}}$</td>
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<td>$N_{\text{SC}}^{\text{RB}}$</td>
<td>resource block size in frequency domain, as a number of subcarrier</td>
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<td>$n_s$</td>
<td>subframe number</td>
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<td>$n_{\text{RNTI}}$</td>
<td>radio network temporary identifier</td>
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<td>$q$</td>
<td>codeword number</td>
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<td>$T_u$</td>
<td>modulation symbol rate of considered OFDM subcarrier</td>
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<td>$v$</td>
<td>number of transmission layers</td>
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<td>$W$</td>
<td>precoding matrix for downlink spatial multiplexing</td>
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<td>$x_1$</td>
<td>first m-sequence of scrambler</td>
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<td>$x_2$</td>
<td>second m-sequence of scrambler</td>
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<td>$\Delta f$</td>
<td>subcarrier spacing</td>
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<td>3GPP</td>
<td>third generation partnership project</td>
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<td>fourth generation</td>
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<td>5G</td>
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<td>ASIC</td>
<td>application specific integrated circuits</td>
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<td>AlgoSil</td>
<td>algorithm to silicon</td>
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<td>BER</td>
<td>bit error rate</td>
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<td>BW</td>
<td>bandwidth</td>
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<td>CDD</td>
<td>cyclic delay diversity</td>
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<td>CGRA</td>
<td>coarse grain reconfigurable architectures</td>
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<td>CP</td>
<td>cyclic prefix</td>
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<td>CQI</td>
<td>channel quality indicator</td>
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<td>CRC</td>
<td>cyclic redundancy check</td>
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<td>CRS</td>
<td>cell specific reference signal</td>
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<td>DC</td>
<td>direct current</td>
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<td>DCI</td>
<td>downlink control information</td>
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<td>DFT</td>
<td>discrete fourier transforms</td>
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DiMArch  distributed memory architecture
DPU     data path unit
DRRA    dynamically reconfigurable resource array
DSP     digital signal processor
EDA     electronic design automation
eNodeB  evolved node b
FDD     frequency division duplexing
FPGA    field programmable gate array
FFT     fast fourier transform
FDM     frequency division multiplexing
HLS     high level synthesis
IFFFT    inverse fast fourier transform
ITRS    international technology roadmap for semiconductors
ISI     inter symbol interference
LTE     long term evaluation
LFSR    linear feedback shift register
LUT     lookup tables
MAC     medium access layer
MAC     multiply and accumulate unit
MIMO    multiple input multiple output
OFDM    orthogonal frequency division multiplexing
PAPR    peak to average power ratio
PBCH    physical broadcast channel
PCFICH   physical control format indicator channel
PDSCH   physical downlink shared channel
PDCCH   physical downlink control channel
PMCH    physical multicast channel
PMI     precoder matrix indicator
PHICH   physical hybrid indicator channel
QAM     quadrature amplitude modulation
QPP     quadrature permuted polynomial
QPSK    quadrature phase shift keying
RE      resource element
REG     resource element group
RB      resource block
RTL     register transfer level
RFIE    register file
RS      reference signals
SiLago  silicon large grain object
SRAM    static random access memory
SYLVA   system level synthesis
SCFDM   single carrier frequency division multiplexing
SSS     secondary synchronization signal
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<td>TDD</td>
<td>time division duplexing</td>
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<td>VLSI</td>
<td>very large scale integration</td>
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<td>VHDL</td>
<td>very hardware description language</td>
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1. INTRODUCTION

Long term evolution (LTE) is known as the 4th generation cellular technology. It is the latest wireless communication standard, which is developed by third generation partnership project (3GPP). LTE technology has been covered most of the end user demands in terms of better spectral efficiency and maximum throughput. Further improvements in LTE leads fourth generation (4G) technology towards the 5th generation (5G). The standardization for upcoming 5G technology is underway and shall be completed by 2020 [1].

Different design challenges should be considered as in particular from the implementation perspective of LTE on the architecture level, where energy efficiency and computational complexity like problems are still demand to be investigated on different digital signal processing platforms [2]. In general, baseband signal processing algorithms of LTE and the other previous wireless standards are implemented on application specific integrated circuits (ASICs), field programmable gate arrays (FPGAs) and digital signal processors (DSPs) [3]. ASIC has the lack of flexibility as compared to FPGA and on the other side FPGA is less efficient in performance compared to ASIC [4].

Coarse grained reconfigurable architectures (CGRAs) [5] may be considered for the implementation of DSP applications in future. These CGRAs have the efficiency close to ASICs and also have an advantage of flexibility like FPGA. Meanwhile, the cost of CGRAs is quite low as compared to ASICs [6]. On the other hand, international technology roadmap for semiconductors (ITRS) [20] has pushed the very large scale integration (VLSI) community to set new targets by 2020 in terms of performance improvement while the design effort remains constant. These targets are also compelled the VLSI community to look out new architectural innovations [20].

A recently developed heterogeneous dark silicon [7] aware coarse grain reconfigurable fabric is proposed to fulfils the ITRS goals [8, 20]. This CGRA fabric provides micro architecture level hardware centric customization by SiLago platform [23]. It is also known as high-level synthesis methodology from broader perspective. Moreover, customization cost is also reduced by SiLago method. SiLago method is produced a timing and DRC clean GDSII design by using the large grain micro architecture level hardened and characterized blocks. The abstraction gap between Simulink and physical design level is reduced. It shows 2 to 3 orders improvement in synthesis efficiency as well as ability to precisely predict cost metrics. This platform is also used to analysis the system level area, energy and latency of different DSP algorithms [9].

As mentioned before, implementing complex signal processing algorithms on architectural level is a great challenge. VLSI community is trying to solve this problem by providing alternate approaches like high-level synthesis (HLS). HLS tools directly map the algorithm to the hardware. In general algorithm is written in any high-level language and mapped onto hardware by a HLS tool. In our case, one algorithm is modeled one MATLAB function and will be implemented on hardware. SiLago platform is proposed for this purpose. This master thesis addresses the issue related to HLS in particular with SiLago platform’s perspective by using the basic implementation of LTE physical downlink baseband signal processing blocks.

This thesis provides a deep understanding from theoretical to implementation perspective of LTE. Signal processing blocks are considered to bridge the gap between
algorithm development and its implementation from low level to high level perspective. The key points of this thesis are summarized as follows.

- 3GPP standard analysis for considered signal processing blocks.
- Development of MATLAB codes for the SiLago platform.
- Overview of data communication and management flow on architecture level.
- Modeling the signal processing blocks on Simulink.
- Verification of the correct functionality of developed MATLAB codes with golden model MATLAB codes for SiLago platform.

The rest of this thesis report is organized as follows: Chapter 2 explains the SiLago platform overview and LTE physical layer signal processing blocks. Chapter 3 covers the LTE scrambler and mapper implementation. In Chapter 4 MIMO introduction and the related signal processing blocks are discussed. Finally, Chapter 5 explains the OFDM technology and implementation overview from transmission side. At the end, Chapter 6 describes the results section. Discussion of the thesis is also included in Chapter 7 where the conclusion and future work is also presents. At the end Chapter 8 provides the summary of the thesis.
2. OVERVIEW

This chapter describes the background information, for the development of more understanding towards the thesis. First part of this chapter in Section 2.1 is specifically explained the LTE baseband transmission side, which further describes that which signal processing blocks are going to be considered for the implementation on considered signal processing platform. While second part of this chapter in Section 2.2, explains the detail of SiLago platform, as exploring the information related to understands the considered signal processing platform.

2.1. LTE 3GPP

Wireless communications standards are emerging after the introduction of 1G standard in 1980. 1G standard was based on analogue technology while digital technology is introduced in second generation wireless systems. After the evaluation of second generation world experienced the broadband data wirelessly in 3G systems, as the Figure 1 shows the evaluation of cellular technology, adopted from [10]. LTE/LTE advanced released by 3GPP has successfully launched the 4G systems globally with the enhancement of previous wireless standards. Now the emerging trends are near approaching to introduce the 5G systems with new developments from each aspect of existing LTE systems. [11]

![Figure 1. Evolution of Mobile communication standards.](image)

Whereas LTE has introduced the new technologies e.g. MIMO, OFDMA, turbo coding etc. These technological innovations are related to the physical layer of LTE. Physical layer is dealt with the all processing data bit wise from the higher layers. Different signal processing techniques are implemented on physical layer data for the successful transmission and reception of LTE system.
LTE Physical Layer

LTE physical layer signal processing chain is related with the uplink and downlink data transmission from mobile terminal (UE) to base station (eNodeB) and base station to mobile terminal respectively. In signal processing chain the only difference between the uplink and downlink as an additional discrete fourier transform (DFT) block in uplink side for reducing of peak-to-average power ratio (PAPR) [12]. High PAPR is a bottleneck of OFDM technology. Therefore, many different schemes are proposed for reducing PAPR. This is the reason why in uplink side introducing an external signal processing block. Uplink transmission generates the single carrier frequency division multiplexing (SCFDM) symbols as compared to the downlink side while downlink transmission produces the orthogonal frequency division multiplexing (OFDM) symbols. [13]

Figure 2 represents the LTE physical layer transmitter model both for uplink and downlink transmission from signal processing chain perspective. Whereas it is obvious that the specifications for each block are different both for uplink and downlink side, standardization details can be found in [14, 15].

Physical layer processing is taken into account when data is arrived in form of transport blocks from the medium access control (MAC) layer. Data is consisted on different number of bits and one transport block is known as one code word and either one or two code words can be processed, it depends on the scheduling. A very general description of these signal processing blocks is given in Table 1. [11, 13]
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<tr>
<td>CRC attachment</td>
<td>A 24-bit cyclic redundancy check (CRC) is attached to each transport block, in particular before the insertion of data in channel coding (Turbo encoder) block. This process is helpful at receiver side for early termination of turbo decoding iterations, hence computational complexity of turbo decoding procedure sort out.</td>
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<td>Code-block segmentation</td>
<td>This block will be only activated if the inserted data from MAC layer is exceeded from the defined range of bits for turbo encoder, hence this block segmentation divides the number of bits into smaller blocks then CRC appended once again and data bits are inserted into turbo encoder in channel coding block.</td>
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<td>Channel coding</td>
<td>Channel coding in LTE is based on turbo encoding. Turbo encoder is used for this process which consist on a LTE QPP internal inner interleaver, sandwiched between two eight state constituent encoders. Overall turbo encoder rate is 1/3, while constituent encoders have two rate-1/2.</td>
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<td>Rate matching</td>
<td>Rate matching is used to adjust or meet the coding rate requirement as according to the scheduling which is based upon channel condition. Three sub block inter leavers are used to collect the three output bits from turbo encoder, known as systematic, first and second parity bits. Circular buffer is used for the desired code rate, used puncturing or repeating method.</td>
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<td>Code-word reconstruction</td>
<td>Code word reconstruction block is implemented after rate matching block and is used to concatenating the code blocks which come outs from rate matching block for further processing.</td>
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<td>Scrambler</td>
<td>Scrambler block produces the scrambling sequences and these bits are multiplied (exclusive or operation) with coming code word bits. This block helps out to randomized the interferences.</td>
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<tr>
<td>Mapper</td>
<td>In this block, three modulation schemes as quadrature phase shift keying (QPSK), quadrature amplitude modulation (QAM)-16 and QAM-64 are used to mapped the scrambled bits to the complex modulated symbols.</td>
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<tr>
<td>Layer Mapper</td>
<td>This section divides the modulated symbols on to different layers for the requirement as for MIMO transmission mode.</td>
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<td>DFT</td>
<td>DFT block used in uplink transmission and converts the layer mapper symbols from frequency domain to time domain symbols.</td>
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<tr>
<td>Precoding</td>
<td>Precoding section is used to multiplied the symbols with a certain matrix which holds the characteristics of desired MIMO transmission scheme.</td>
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<tr>
<td>Resource Element Mapper</td>
<td>Different symbols from different channels with reference and synchronization signals are re arranged according to the MAC scheduler.</td>
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<tr>
<td>OFDM/SCFDM signal generation</td>
<td>FFT/IFFT butterfly is used for the transformation of the arranged symbols to the time domain signal. At the end, cyclic prefix (CP) is inserted in each OFDM symbol.</td>
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While in this master thesis only considered the downlink transmission chain for the implementation side on SiLago platform as shown in Figure 3. From scrambler to OFDM signal generation all the algorithms are modified according to the SiLago platform.

![Figure 3. PDSCH signal processing blocks.](image)

Receiver side base band signal processing involved very complex algorithms. The complexity issues are discussed in detail in [16]. However, the receiving side algorithms implementation is out of scope at this time.

### 2.2. SiLago Platform

This introduction describes a brief overview of SiLago platform; explanation of different terms is only focused, which are used throughout in this master thesis while the complete references are given for further detail.

A SiLago platform has been developed [17] which is based on coarse grain reconfigurable computation and storage fabrics, as dynamically reconfigurable resource array (DRRA) and distributed memory architecture (DiMArch) respectively as shown in Figure 4 [17].

![Figure 4. Main elements of SiLago Platform.](image)
Dynamically reconfigurable resource array (DRRA) [18] is known as parallel distributed digital signal processing (PDDSP) fabric. It is based upon the CGRA cell and each cell holds one register file, one data path unit (DPU), four address generation units (AGUs) and one sequencer. The number of cells are dependent on the requirements of the application. [19]

- **DPUs**: Data path units [20] are basically designed for the implementation of DSP algorithms. Whereas these are 16-bit integer units with four 16 bit inputs and two 16 bit outputs. In general, DPU consists of two sections as one is known as arithmetic section which deals with different arithmetic operations such as, butterfly operations for FFT/IFFT, MAC, add, subtract, sum of difference etc. Other section of DPU is consist on logical section which deals with logical instructions and single bit shift operations. DPU is also performs the overflow/underflow, saturation, truncation/rounding check [19].

- **Register file**: Register file [21] of DRRA is 64 word 16-bit register file including with two read and two write ports. It is used to provide the data to DPU for the processing. Register file is also holds the AGU which generates the addresses for read and write ports [19].

**DiMArch**

DiMArch [22] known as distributed memory architecture which provides the external large memory to DRRA fabric. This fabric is consisted on static random access memory (SRAM) banks which are interconnected by two network on chips (NOCs). One is known as circuit switched NOC which is used to transfer the data between SRAM banks and DRRA register files. Other NOC known as packet switch control NOC which is used to configure the data.

**SiLago Design Methodology**

SiLago blocks are consisted on arithmetic logic units, register files, sequencer, interconnect elements etc. These blocks are considered as micro architectural level design units that replaces standard cells. Whereas micro architectural operations are divided into three main categories known as computation, storage and configuration. Computation part is dealt with DRRA operations, in which data is route from register file to DPU for computation and then data is routing back to a register file or transfer to the another DPU. Storage unit is used to process the data from storage blocks as data is moved between SRAM bank to SRAM bank in DiMArch region or SRAM bank to register file and register file to SRAM bank. [17]

Figure 5 [17] represents the SiLago design methodology which consists of three major steps. In first step SiLago blocks are hardened and characterized by RTL/Logic/Physical EDA flow [9]. For this step this master thesis also put some effort to investigates how considered signal processing blocks are going to be hardened for SiLago platform.
In second step on the basis of these blocks a general library of signal processing algorithm is created by the algorithm to silicon (AlgoSil) tool. AlgoSil synthesizes hardware which is based on SiLago blocks of an algorithm/function from MATLAB [17]. Major contribution in this thesis for the developments of MATLAB codes for considered signal processing blocks, which helps out to synthesize the hardware.

In final step a system level synthesis tool known as SYLVA [24] is used. Simulink model or application is fed into the SYLVA as input. SYLVA decides the best functions from AlgoSil developed library for Simulink model then perform execution processes [24]. At the end, SiLago platform generates the macro GDSII and reports mainly in terms of system level area, energy, latency etc. For the result section, chosen signal processing blocks are modeled in Simulink. In addition, for the results we also taken the assumptions of different parameters of signal processing blocks for the generation of different functional implementations by SYLVA tool.
3. LTE SCRAMBLING AND MODULATION

Scrambling and modulation blocks are investigated in detail from LTE implementation perspective, based upon 3GPP standardization parameters. First part of this chapter is consists on LTE scrambler part and the second part of the chapter is dealt with modulation detail of LTE. The main idea in this chapter is just to show how the basic implementation of these blocks are taken place at low level.

3.1. Scrambler

Scrambler is the first signal processing block in physical downlink processing chain as shown in Figure 6. This block generates the scrambling sequence, which is implemented on each bit of every code word. In general, scrambler is used to reduce the interference between transmitted data, that is the reason scrambling sequences are increases the randomness of transmitted bits. [10]

![Figure 6. Scrambler block in PDSCH signal processing chain.](image)

Scrambling sequence is pseudo random and generated by the length-31 Gold sequence. The overall procedure for this operation is given in [14] and also described as

\[
\begin{align*}
    x_1(n + 31) &= (x_1(n + 3) + x_1(n)) \mod 2 \\
    x_2(n + 31) &= (x_2(n + 3) + x_2(n + 2) + x_2(n + 1) + x_2(n)) \mod 2.
\end{align*}
\]

The above equations are the m-sequences and also the polynomials of linear feedback shift registers (LFSR) for hardware implementation side, which finally produces the scrambling sequence according to

\[
c(n) = (x_1(n + N_c) + x_2(n + N_c)) \mod 2,
\]

Where \( c(n) \) represents the final scrambling sequence of length \( M_{pn} \) where \( n = 0, 1, \ldots, M_{pn} - 1 \). Moreover, \( N_c = 1600 \) which explains the initializations of m-sequences, which are taken place 1600 times. The initializations of m-sequences are also standardized according to LTE specifications as below.

First m-sequence (\( x_1 \)) initializations will be as
\[ x_1(0) = 1, x_1(n) = 0, n = 1, 2, \ldots, 30, \]

Second m-sequence initialization depends on different parameters and transport channel type; this initialization is denoted by \( C_{\text{init}} \).

This condition is elaborated from parameters perspective as

\[
C_{\text{init}} = \{ n_{RNTI}, 2^{14} + q \cdot 2^{13} + (n_s/2) \cdot 2^{9} + N_{ID}^{\text{cell}} \} \quad \text{for PDSCH}
\]
\[
C_{\text{init}} = \{ (n_s/2) \cdot 2^{9} + N_{ID}^{\text{MBSFN}} \} \quad \text{for PMCH}
\]

Parameters which are used in \( C_{\text{init}} \) are available in detail in different research papers as [25, 26], here is just mentioned the functionality of these parameters in Table 2.

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<td>( n_{RNTI} )</td>
<td>Radio network temporary identifier is functionally corresponding user equipment (UE) with physical downlink control channel (PDCCH); value is used to describes the resource allocation for PDCCH.</td>
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<td>( q )</td>
<td>Number of code words, one code word consists on one block of bits. Two code words used for spatial multiplexing.</td>
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<tr>
<td>( n_s )</td>
<td>Number of sub frames which could be any value from 0 to 9, as one LTE frame is consists of 10 sub frames.</td>
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<tr>
<td>( N_{ID}^{\text{cell}} )</td>
<td>Cell Identity associated with synchronization signals, acknowledging about Cell ID Group and Cell ID Sector.</td>
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Equation (3.3) is the output of Gold sequence which is implemented for each code word. This implementation is done by exclusive or operation according to [14] as described in

\[
\tilde{b}^{(q)}(i) = \left( b^{(q)}(i) + c^{(q)}(i) \right) \mod 2. \tag{3.4}
\]

Where \( q \) is code word and \( b^{(q)} \) represents the block of bits, \( b^{(q)}(0), \ldots, b^{(q)} \left( M_{bit}^{(q)} - 1 \right) \), where \( M_{bit}^{(q)} \) is bit number in code word \( q \). Code word \( q \) is exclusive or with generated gold sequence and finally scrambled bits are come out from scrambler block and represented with \( \tilde{b}^{(q)} \). This scrambled bit sequence will be transmitted in one sub frame and the same procedure is also possible if the number of code words are two but in that particular case the value of \( q \) in \( C_{\text{init}} \) will be equal to 1 else if code word is one block then the value of \( q \) will be 0 as \( q \in \{0, 1\} \) [14].

Figure 7 shows the overall operation which already explained above. This Figure represents the LFSR 1 \( (x_1) \) and LFSR 2 \( (x_2) \) operation with respective initialized values and specified polynomials according to the LTE specifications. Finally, at the end scrambled output bits are generated.
Implementation Aspect

As far as implementation on SiLago hardware is concerned, the static initialization condition for LFSR 1 is stored in register file section. For parameters, dependent initialization should be calculated from initialization calculator for LFSR 2, the values for these parameters could be chosen in Table 3 [14] final output from the calculation should be equal to the 32-bit array.

Table 3. Parameter values for calculation

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<td>$n_{RNTI}$</td>
<td>Type is integer range could be any value in range [0, 65535].</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>$q$</td>
<td>Type is integer and the value either [0,1].</td>
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<tr>
<td>$n_s$</td>
<td>Sub frame index integer type value chosen from [0,9].</td>
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<tr>
<td>$N_{ID}^{Cell}$</td>
<td>Consist on CellID_Group and CellID_Sector and the ranges for both parameters are in the range of [0,167] and [0,2] respectively. Finally calculated according to ($3*\text{CellID}<em>{\text{Group}} + \text{CellID}</em>{\text{Sector}}$). Or directly selected Cell ID in the range of [0,503].</td>
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The second initialization is run time decision which depends on the different parameters and different channel types [14]. All parameter values for initial condition are stored initially in register file section and the calculation equation is implemented on DPU. Output of gold sequence generation is calculated according to the Equation (3.3). Finally, at the end scrambler sequence is exclusive-or with input code word bits. The input code word bits are also stored in register file section.

Figure 8 represents the hardware structure for designing the LTE scrambler block on SiLago platform. One point is note that register file element has 16-bit value and LTE specified LFSR has 32 bit, for this problem we can store all operations with two elements jointly in register file section.
At the end MATLAB code is modified for the system level synthesis (SYLVA) compiler. Original MATLAB version code of scrambling block is available in [13]. But according to SiLago platform, modification is done as available in Appendix 1. This code explains that input code word bits are stored in memory and the size of memory is dependent on the length of code word bits. Register file has 64 elements and in each element, 16-bit value is stored. According to that parameter, register file size is parametric which depends on the number of code word bits. Secondly, each initialization condition is also stored in two elements. Output scrambled bits has the same size as the input code word bit length.

### 3.2. Modulation

After scrambling the code word block, the next procedure is mapping these bits for the modulation process. LTE mapper is the next block after the scrambling block for the implementation of modulation as shown in Figure 9.

Three types of modulation schemes are used in LTE according to the 3GPP specifications [14] as are, quadrature phase shift keying (QPSK), 16 QAM and 64 QAM. These modulation schemes are adaptive and adopted according to the channel...
condition, all procedure is done by the instruction of the user equipment (UE) to
evolved node B (eNodeB), with the correct estimation of channel quality indicator
(CQI) [27]. These modulation schemes have different advantages (e.g. data rates, BER
performance) in different LTE configurations, a detail analysis of LTE using different
modulation schemes is present in [28]. Different physical channels have adopted
different modulation schemes in downlink, as per the standard specifications by the
3GPP described in Table 4 [14].

Table 4. Modulations schemes

<table>
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<tr>
<th>Physical Channel</th>
<th>Modulation Schemes</th>
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<tr>
<td>PDSCH</td>
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**Implementation Aspect**

Modulation mapper is used to map the transmitted scrambling bit sequence in each
code word. These scrambling bits are mapped to the complex valued modulated
symbol as depends on, which modulation scheme is going to be use. According to the
[14] 2 bits, 4 bits and 6 bits are used for QPSK, QAM-16 and QAM-64 respectively.
Complex modulated symbol values are given in Section 7.1 of [14].

For QPSK the modulation symbol values are given in Table 5 also present in
Section 7.1.2 in [14]. It means that for each scrambled, pairs of bits, \((b_i, b_{(i+1)})\) are
mapped to these values and generates symbols which are consist on the I and Q
component. These mapping values are static and can be stored in form of look up tables
for the hardware implementation’s perspective, as also suggested in [29]. By
evaluating this concept three different look up tables are used to implement these
modulation schemes. Other two tables are also available in Section 7.1.3 and 7.1.4 in
[14] for QAM-16 and QAM-64 respectively.

Table 5. QPSK modulation mapping values

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<th>Q</th>
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For QAM-16, quadruplets of bits, \((b_i, b_{(i+1)}, b_{(i+2)}, b_{(i+3)})\), are mapped to I and Q
components according to the Table 6 [14]. Moreover, for QAM-64 modulation,
sextuplets of bits, \((b_i, b_{(i+1)}, b_{(i+2)}, b_{(i+3)}, b_{(i+4)}, b_{(i+5)})\), are mapped to the complex
values according to Table 7 [14].
Table 6. 16QAM modulation mapping values

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<th>(b_i, b_{(i+1)}, b_{(i+2)}, b_{(i+3)})</th>
<th>I</th>
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Look up tables of these values can be build up by very hardware description language (VHDL). Symbol values of I and Q outputs are each mapped to the corresponding bit sequence value. Look up tables can be designed, as I and Q values are stored or converted into fixed point value and if MATLAB function is used for the accurate precision [30]. Mux is used to change the modulation scheme. This effort is also helpful for designing the LTE mapper block in SiLago platform. LUTs are stored in memory, as scrambling bits are already stored. Sequencer is used to be change the modulation order with any bit sequence. According to the modulation order, scrambling bits are converting to the respective complex modulated symbols.

Figure 10 shows the hardware implementation view on SiLago platform, describes the functionality of LTE mapping block. Mapping operation will take place in DPU and the output values will be stored back to register file section. Modulation symbol values consist on I and Q components. I represent real value and Q represents imaginary value, both values are stored in register file section.
MATLAB code is modified for SYLVA compiler, as available in Appendix 2. In MATLAB, scrambling bits are converted to modulation symbols as depends on which modulation scheme is used. Modulation symbols are spilt to I and Q symbols separately and then stored back to the memory. At least 384 bits are required for 64QAM higher modulation order. Every symbol has 16-bit value each for I and Q component. Register file has 64 elements, whereas may be there is need to store both I and Q values in SRAM memory block for further processing. All of this procedure is parametric, even if other modulation schemes are selected, the number of scrambling bits are reduced, in scrambling MATLAB section.
Table 7. 64QAM modulation values

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4. MIMO

This chapter describes the overview of MIMO implementation techniques on transmission side. In general, two signal processing blocks are used for the MIMO implementation. Section 1 deals with the general description of MIMO system and the next two sections are covered the layer mapping and precoding signal processing blocks respectively.

4.1. General Description

Multiple input and multiple output is an antenna mapping technique. This technique is used more than one antenna for the transmission and reception of data. High throughput and maximum spectral efficiency is utilized by MIMO. MIMO method is maximized the signal to noise ratio, increases the data rates and provides the directional beams by exploiting different techniques such as transmit diversity, spatial multiplexing and beamforming respectively [11].

Every transmitted subcarrier is multiplied with the channel matrix before the transmission take place on transmitter side as shown in Figure 11, this channel matrix is selected according to the MIMO modes.

![Figure 11. Representation of general block diagram of MIMO system.](image)

Different MIMO transmission modes are available in LTE. These modes have different specifications from implementation perspective as described in Table 8 [13].

<table>
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<th>Mode</th>
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<td>Mode 1</td>
<td>Single antenna transmission</td>
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<td>Mode 2</td>
<td>Transmit diversity</td>
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<td>Open loop spatial multiplexing with cyclic delay diversity (CDD)</td>
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<td>Mode 4</td>
<td>Closed loop spatial multiplexing</td>
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<td>Mode 5</td>
<td>Multi user MIMO</td>
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<td>Mode 6</td>
<td>Close loop spatial multiplexing using single transmission layer</td>
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<td>Mode 7</td>
<td>Non-codebook based precoding utilizes single layer beam forming</td>
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<td>Mode 8</td>
<td>Non-codebook based precoding utilized dual layer beam forming</td>
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<td>Mode 9</td>
<td>Non-codebook based precoding supporting up to eight layers</td>
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In signal processing chain two blocks are related to the MIMO implementation on transmitter side as shown in Figure 12. Layer mapper is used to mapped the modulated symbols into different layers and in precoding section the matrix is multiplied to the layered modulated symbols.

![Figure 12. MIMO block representation.](image)

The detail of these blocks describes in next sections, and on the other hand this detail provides a general overview of that how the MIMO implementation take place on hardware side from transmitter’s perspective.

### 4.2. Layer Mapping

All stored modulated symbols are divided into different layers before precoding block in MIMO section. For this procedure layer mapper is used in signal processing chain.

Each code word is mapped onto one or more layers; it depends on which MIMO mode is use. Specific instructions are given in [14]. Complex values modulated symbols are represented by

\[
x(i) = [x^{(0)}(i) \ldots x^{(v-1)}(i)]^T.
\]

The equation represents the layer mapper output, where as \(i = 0,1 \ldots, M_{\text{symb}}^{\text{layer}} - 1\) and \(v\) is the number of layers and \(M_{\text{symb}}^{\text{layer}}\) is the number of modulated symbols per layer [14].

In single antenna port case, there is only one layer is needed. It means, there is no need to divide the modulated symbols and layer mapper block, prior to precoding.

In transmit diversity mode, there are two and four layers are used. The number of layers depends upon the number of transmit antennas e.g. for two antennas, two layers are used and same as, for four antennas, four layers are used. Moreover, in this mode only one code word is used and Table 9 presents the code word to layer mapping for transmit diversity [14].
Table 9. Layer mapping for transmit diversity

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Number of Layers</th>
<th>Number of code words</th>
<th>Layer mapping</th>
</tr>
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</table>
| 2                | 1                    | $x^{(0)}(i) = d^{(0)}(2i)$  
                  |                      | $x^{(1)}(i) = d^{(0)}(2i + 1)$ |
| 4                | 1                    | $x^{(0)}(i) = d^{(0)}(4i)$  
                  |                      | $x^{(1)}(i) = d^{(0)}(4i + 1)$  
                  |                      | $x^{(2)}(i) = d^{(0)}(4i + 2)$  
                  |                      | $x^{(3)}(i) = d^{(0)}(4i + 3)$ |

In spatial multiplexing case, up to eight layers are used, which should be less than or equal to the number of antennas. One or two number of code words are also used in spatial multiplexing. There are total 11 different cases are in consideration for the spatial multiplexing, as for up to four layers either one or two code words are used, but from five to eight layers two code words are used. Table 10 only described as the different cases of layer mapping for the spatial multiplexing and mapping details for each case is available in Table 6.3.3.2-1 in Section 6.3.3.2 in [14].

Table 10. Case description for code words to layer mapping for Spatial Multiplexing.

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**Implementation Analysis**

In general, modulated data can be divided into layers on MATLAB, for this procedure original code is given in [13]. Where two code words can be used to get the output, which is equal to the 2D matrix and second dimension represents the number of layers. [13]

But in our case, first we decide that which MIMO scheme should we use, to check out the complexity and storage capability on our platform. In that scenario, we decided to implement the spatial multiplexing case 7 according to our assumption as mention in Table 10. This case divides the data stream of two code words into four layers. As well as this case also covers the transmit diversity mode and most of the generic part
of spatial multiplexing from implementation perspective. According to LTE 3GPP standard the detail for this implementation is given below in Table 11 [14].

Table 11. Spatial multiplexing implementation parameters for Layer Mapping.

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<th>Number of Layers</th>
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<th>Layer Mapping</th>
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| 7    | 4                | 2                    | $x^{(0)}(i) = d^{(0)}(2i)$  
|      |                  |                      | $x^{(1)}(i) = d^{(0)}(2i + 1)$  
|      |                  |                      | $x^{(2)}(i) = d^{(1)}(2i)$  
|      |                  |                      | $x^{(3)}(i) = d^{(1)}(2i + 1)$  

Equations 4.2 to 4.5 represented the operation on code words in layer mapping as

\[
x^{(0)}(i) = d^{(0)}(2i) \\
x^{(1)}(i) = d^{(0)}(2i + 1) \\
x^{(2)}(i) = d^{(1)}(2i) \\
x^{(3)}(i) = d^{(1)}(2i + 1)
\]  

(4.2) \hspace{1cm} (4.3) \hspace{1cm} (4.4) \hspace{1cm} (4.5)

where $x^{(0)}$ ... $x^{(3)}$ are layers, $d^{(0)}$ is the modulated symbols of first code word, $d^{(1)}$ is the modulated symbols of second code word, $i = 0,1, ..., M_{\text{layer}} - 1$ and $M_{\text{layer}} = M_{\text{symb}}^{(0)}/2 = M_{\text{symb}}^{(1)}/2$.

MATLAB code is given in Appendix 3 as for the layer mapping of that case. Modulated data is coming from two LTE mappers. This data is then divides into four layers as according to above equations. But on hardware implementation side, I and Q modulated symbols are stored separately, hence layer mapper implementation also happens separately on these modulated symbols. Layer mapper output is stored back to the SRAM memory, for further proceeding. If there is no need to store the mapped layer data, it could be used directly for matrix multiplication in precoding block. This code is only referring to the spatial multiplexing with two code words and four number of layers.

For the proof of concept, implementation is taken place only for this case for spatial multiplexing but the implementation of the other cases is also possible both for transmit diversity and spatial multiplexing.

### 4.3. Precoding

Next procedure in MIMO block, a predefined matrix is multiplied with the stored layer data block, according to the 3GPP specifications [14]. In precoding block section, final output data is obtained from precoding block for the transmission on different antenna ports. A vector of layer block data is inserted into the precoder block, where output is generated, which is based upon, which MIMO scheme is going to be use for the transmission. Layer block data vector is represented with the Equation 4.1 and output from precoder block is represents with Equation 4.6 [14] as

\[
y(i) = [.. y^{(p)}(i) ..]^T.
\]

(4.6)
Where \( i = 0, 1, \ldots, M_{\text{symb}}^{ap} - 1 \) generated block of vectors is mapped onto resources on each antenna port, \( M_{\text{symb}}^{ap} \) number of symbols per antenna port and \( y^{(p)}(i) \) is signal for antenna port \( p \).

For the transmission on single antenna port, there is no need to multiplication of precoding matrix, but modulated symbols vector is directly used to mapped on relevant antenna port as described in Section 6.3.4.1 in [14].

Moreover, for transmit diversity case, precoding matrix is defined according to 3GPP specification in each antenna port case e.g. two port and four port. This precoding matrix is multiplied with layer data and transmitted on respective antenna port. Precoding matrix specifications are available in Section 6.3.4.3 in [14].

Finally, in case of spatial multiplexing there is also a need for the multiplication of precoder matrix with layer block data in precoding block section. This precoding matrix is based upon the codebook. This codebook index has different matrix values for different antenna ports configuration, as in spatial multiplexing either two or four antenna ports can be used. For two antennas ports the codebook value is specified in Table 6.3.4.2.3-1 in [14].

In general, for the four antenna ports, precoding matrix with code book index is represented with \( W_n \) and this equal to the Equation 4.7 as

\[
W_n = I - 2u_nu_n^H / u_n^H u_n. \tag{4.7}
\]

Where I represent the identity matrix and vector \( u_n \) is given in Table 6.3.4.2.3-2 in [14]. Precoding matrix is represented with other quantity set \( \{S\} \) as \( W_n^{(S)} \), which means that output columns of precoding matrix are interchanged according to the specified values in set \( \{S\} \). All values for precoding matrix for four antenna ports in spatial multiplexing are given in Table 6.3.4.2.3-2 in detail [14].

Spatial multiplexing is divides into two types as, one is without cyclic delay diversity closed loop precoding method and the other is with large cyclic delay diversity open loop precoding method. In both cases precoding matrix \( W(i) \) is multiplied with layer data and the values of precoding matrix are same. The difference is, in case of without cyclic delay diversity, precoding matrix is directly multiplied with layer data but in case of with cyclic delay diversity, two more matrices are multiplied with layer data as well. Description and values of matrices are given in Section 6.3.4.2.1 and 6.3.4.2.2 in [14].

**Implementation Analysis**

In general, for the implementation of precoding block, usually a matrix multiplication is done with layer block data, as either its transmit diversity MIMO mode or spatial multiplexing.

As far as spatial multiplexing is concerned, original MATLAB codes are available in [13], one for the generation of precoding matrix and the other one is matrix multiplication with layer data.
Figure 13 represents the MIMO implementation of spatial multiplexing closed loop based precoding method overview on internal hardware structure. It depicts that modulated symbols are inserted into the layer mapper block, which are already stored in register files. Layer mapper block divides the symbols according to the desired configuration. Output of the layer mapper is inserted in precoding block section for the multiplication with precoding matrix. Precoding matrix values are stored in register file or SRAM. These values are different according to the different codebooks. For each codebook, precoding matrix values are static and can be stored either in LUTs forms or another hardware could be designed for the generation of these values according to the Equation 4.7. Precoding matrix values are most probably complex valued symbols, real and imaginary values for each codebook are stored separately. Finally, precoding matrix as per codebook index is multiplied with layer data vector. Layer data vector has modulated symbol values, with real and imaginary values as well. As a precoding matrix values are dependent on codebook index, this index value could be changed on run time, according to the precoder matrix indicator (PMI) instruction.

![Diagram of MIMO implementation overview](image)

**Figure 13. MIMO implementation overview.**

MATLAB code is modified for the MIMO implementation which is compatible on SiLago platform, as available in Appendix 4. Real and imaginary values of precoding matrix are stored in register files (RFIE). These values are multiplied vector by vector with stored real and imaginary values of layer block. Output of the precoding matrix multiplication is stored back on SRAM memory. Output values are also consisted on real and imaginary values and stored separately on SRAM memory.
5. OFDM

This chapter describes the air interface of LTE which known as OFDM in downlink side. First section is dealt with the description of OFDM system while SCFDM is not explained here because this air interface system is used in LTE uplink side. Second section describes the detail of the OFDM frame structure and its possible implementation methodology. In final section the OFDM signal generation’s description is provided from the implementations perspective.

5.1. Definition

Orthogonal frequency division multiplexing is a type of multi carrier transmission. In this scheme, data is transmitted over the narrowband subcarriers. It means that data is firstly divides and transmitted onto those subcarriers, which have smaller frequency range transmission instead of the large frequency range. This concept is useful for the successful data transmission against the different type of interferences e.g. frequency selective fading, ISI etc. On the other hand, these narrowband subcarriers are multiplexed with each other and transmitted over the efficient bandwidth as illustrate in Figure 14, orthogonality between subcarriers prevents them from the internal interference with each other. [31]

![Efficient Bandwidth utilization with OFDM vs FDM.](image)

Since OFDMA has already been successfully implemented on different digital communications applications such as digital video broadcasting, digital subscriber line and has been the part of many standards, as theoretical and conceptual detail analysis is available in [32]. Moreover, this scheme has also been adopted by the 3GPP LTE due to its diverse advantages, a detail survey is available in [33].
Mathematical expression for the OFDM baseband signal can be expressed as from [11]. $\Delta f$ is the subcarrier spacing and $\Delta f = 1/T_u$ whereas $T_u$ is equal to the modulation symbol rate of respective subcarrier.

This Equation as explains the overall structure of OFDM baseband signal as

$$x(t) = \sum_{k=1}^{N_c-1} x_k(t) = \sum_{k=1}^{N_c-1} a_k^{(m)} e^{j2\pi k \Delta f t}.$$  \hspace{1cm} (5.1)

Whereas $x(t)$ belongs to the time interval $mT_u \leq t < (m + 1)T_u$, $N_c$ represents the number of subcarriers, $k$ is the index of modulated subcarrier $x_k(t)$ with frequency $f_k = k. \Delta f$ and $a_k^{(m)}$ is the complex modulation symbol during the $m$th OFDM symbol interval [11].

One important point is that; all subcarriers holds the complex modulated symbols which represents with $a_k$ in frequency domain and when IFFT is implemented on these subcarriers after that an OFDM symbol is generated in time domain which holds many modulated subcarriers in frequency domain and the Equation (5.1) is basically explains a general model of any subcarrier modulated symbol as in accordance with respective OFDM symbol interval.

In implementation scenario of OFDM in LTE is basically consisted on two signal processing blocks as shown in Figure 15.

First block is based on the arrangement of different subcarriers in frequency domain known as resource element mapping [13]. In next block, these subcarriers in terms of resource element vectors are fed into the IFFT for the OFDM symbol generation in time domain [13]. Detail of these blocks is explained in next sections.

### 5.2. Resource Element Mapper

Resource element mapper is the next block, after processing the data from precoding block in signal processing chain. Precoded data is inserted into the resource element mapper block, mapper placed this data onto the different places of resource grid. Whereas, resource grid is a virtual grid which is used to
understand the arrangement of data, later on this arranged data is inserted into the IFFT for the OFDM signal generation [13].

In other words, resource grid is generated from the resource element mapper, as by placing the data which comes from different channels onto the relevant places on the resource grid. For mapping this data on resource grid, it is quite necessary to understand all parameters which are used in resource grid. Usually resource grid is based upon the frequency and time domain structure from the understanding perspective. Some of the instructions in order to arrange the data onto the resource grid are quite same, others are different according to the specifications. In resource element mapper, different type of data comes from different channels from higher layers and some of the signals are generated separately, also fed into the resource element mapper. Resource element mapper takes all data and mapped it on to the resource grid. [11, 14, 10]

Data is extracted from these channels to be mapped on to the resource grid as,

- Physical downlink shared channel (PDSCH)
- Physical multicast channels (PMCH)
- Physical broadcast channel (PBCH)
- Primary synchronization signals (PSS)
- Secondary synchronization signals (SSS)
- Reference signals (RS)
- Physical downlink control channels (PDCCH)
- Physical control format indicator channel (PCFICH)
- Physical hybrid automatic repeat request indicator channel (PHICH)

User data is associated with PDSCH. PMCH is used for the multimedia broadcast single frequency network (MBSFN). PBCH is used for the system information to help out the terminal for cell search. In general PSS, SSS and RS are used to synchronization and equalization purpose on receiver side, these signals are generated separately according to the LTE specifications and not associated with higher layers. PDCCH, PCFICH, PHICH are control channels, also known as L1/L2 control channels and moreover PDCCH has linked with downlink control information (DCI) formats.

The data of all channels are inserted on to the resource grid; the places are arranged by the resource element mapper. Resource grid is based upon the LTE frame structure, as frame structure is either frequency division duplexing (FDD) or time division duplexing (TDD) type. Figure 16 represents FDD frame structure’s generic overview from the time domain’s perspective, as which shows that every frame has a 10ms long duration in time, whereas each sub frame has a 1ms long, which means that each frame is consisted on 10 sub frames. Furthermore, each sub frame is consisted on 2 time slots and each time slot has a 0.5ms duration in time domain. One-time slot is consisted on either 7 or 6 OFDM symbols, depends on CP types as normal CP or extended CP respectively.
Figure 16. Generic Overview of LTE time domain FDD frame structure.

From frequency domain’s perspective, each OFDM symbol is consisted of different number of OFDM subcarriers as according to the bandwidth. In general, resource grid is presented with resource block and this resource block is associated with one-time slot. Each resource block has 12 OFDM subcarriers on y-axis in frequency domain and 6 or 7 OFDM symbols on x-axis in time domain, as depicts in Figure 17. Each element in resource block is known as resource element which is the smallest unit in entire resource grid. Resource element is filled with one complex modulated symbol by the resource element mapper and known as OFDM subcarrier.

Figure 17. LTE Resource Grid.
This resource block is known as a resource grid for FDD frame structure and whole data is mapped directly to the resource block. Number of resource blocks are associated with the transmitted bandwidth. All resource blocks respective to their specified bandwidth are presented within one-time slot, whereas 6 or 7 OFDM symbols are remain same in x axis but number of subcarriers are increases according to the bandwidth on y axis. The arrangement of resource blocks as shown in Figure 18 for 1.4MHz bandwidth which has 72 sub carriers and 6 resource blocks. And for other bandwidths, resource blocks are arranged in the same way.

![Figure 18. Resource Block arrangement in 1.4MHz BW.](image)

Table 11 [34, 35] shows the number of resource blocks and number of subcarriers according to the LTE bandwidth specifications. These parameters are important to understand for the implementation perspective.

<table>
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<tr>
<th>Bandwidth(MHz)</th>
<th>Number of Resource Blocks</th>
<th>Number of Subcarriers</th>
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<tr>
<td>1.4</td>
<td>6</td>
<td>72</td>
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<tr>
<td>3</td>
<td>15</td>
<td>180</td>
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<td>5</td>
<td>25</td>
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<td>900</td>
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<td>20</td>
<td>100</td>
<td>1200</td>
</tr>
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</table>
Implementation Analysis

According to the 3GPP standard the data is mapped to the resource grid with index pair \((k, l)\) which represents the one resource element where \(k = 0, ..., N_{RB}^{DL} \times N_{SC}^{RB} - 1\) is the resource element value in frequency domain and \(l = 0, ..., N_{DL}^{Sym} - 1\) is the resource element value in time domain.

Five different types of reference signals are used in LTE downlink side and these reference signals are transmitted according to the specified antenna ports, the detail of generation and mapping the reference signals on different antenna ports are given in Section 6.10 in [14]. Usually, cell specific reference signals are used for the transmission, which are associated with the PDSCH. Cell specific reference signals are transmitted on 0 to 3 antenna ports. The arrangements of these reference signals in each resource block is taken place separately, for different antenna ports. For synchronization signals, generation and mapping details are available in Section 6.11 in [14]. Whereas these signals are generated with Zadoff-Chu sequences [14]. In FDD frame structure, both PSS and SSS are available in each first slot of sub-frame 0 and 5 at the last and second last OFDM symbol respectively. Control channels are available usually at first OFDM symbol and resource element groups are introduced for the mapping of these signals according to 3GPP, mapping detail is available in Section 6.2.4 in [14]. PBCH are available in first sub-frame of each radio frame and the detail of mapping is available in Section 6.6.4 in [14]. Whereas PDSCH data is mapped on other OFDM symbol as mentioned in Section 6.3.5 in [14].

In real implementation scenario, the data is mapped on frequency domain side, by the correct arrangement as according to the specifications. Data should be arranged by considering the first OFDM symbol specifications with first slot number as with first sub-frame in every radio frame. For example, if the bandwidth is 1.4 MHz, 6 resource blocks with 72 subcarriers are included in first OFDM symbol. Data should be arranged as starts from first slot number and with first OFDM symbol then second OFDM symbol mapping will be considered with another 72 subcarriers arrangement with respective arrangement specification and this process will be continued. Later on, the first OFDM symbol supposition arrangement which consists of 72 OFDM subcarriers whereas in real senses each subcarrier is consists on complex modulated symbol. It means for real and imaginary part, there will be a parallel arrangement is needed for each subcarrier, finally this arrangement is inserted to the IFFT for real OFDM symbol generation.

MATLAB code is given for the implementation of resource grid in [13]. Whereas only cell specific reference signals and user data is considered for the generation of resource grid. Three main entities are under consideration for mapping the data as one is number of subcarriers, second is the slot number and third is sub frame number. The indexes of these entities are used for mapping the data onto the resource grid.

In our case, we just only considered the PDSCH data as which already stored in memory and it could be arranged by resource element mapper or directly inserted into the IFFT block.
5.3. OFDM Signal Generation

After the arrangements of modulated data with resource element mapper, the data is fed into the IFFT block. IFFT is operated on each column or OFDM symbol of resource grid which consists on different number of subcarriers as according to the Table 11. This FFT/IFFT is also different in sizes according to the LTE specified bandwidth describes in Table 12 [34, 35]. According to that table respective size of FFT/IFFT is used. FFT/IFFT is implemented with fast fourier transform algorithm which developed by Cooley and Tukey [36].

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<tr>
<th>Bandwidth(MHz)</th>
<th>Sampling Frequency(MHz)</th>
<th>FFT size</th>
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<td>1.4</td>
<td>1.92</td>
<td>128</td>
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<td>3</td>
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<td>256</td>
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<tr>
<td>5</td>
<td>7.68</td>
<td>512</td>
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<tr>
<td>10</td>
<td>15.36</td>
<td>1024</td>
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<tr>
<td>15</td>
<td>23.04</td>
<td>1536</td>
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<tr>
<td>20</td>
<td>30.72</td>
<td>2048</td>
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From implementation perspective, the vector of subcarriers is taken from the resource element mapper and appended zeros by zero padding block before the insertion to the FFT/IFFT section. Zeros are padded at direct current (DC) subcarrier and around the edges of DC subcarrier [37], until the numbers of subcarriers required for FFT/IFFT size are achieved. After the FFT/IFFT section cyclic prefix is inserted to the OFDM time domain symbol. Cyclic prefix is used as a guard interval provided to the OFDM symbols. Two type of cyclic prefix are used one is known as normal cyclic prefix and the other known as extended cyclic prefix [13].

For implementation perspective FFT/IFFT is already developed for SiLago platform as in [18] and we just need to inserts the data to the MATLAB code which is also designed and available for the FFT/IFFT functionality. CP implementation is out of scope at this time.
6. RESULTS

Two parts are considered for the results section. One part consists of the development of MATLAB codes for SiLago platform. These codes are modified version of already available golden model of MATLAB functions in [20]. The developed MATLAB codes are in generally arranged in the manner of SYLVA compiler. The modifications are made according to the compilers instruction. In these codes, real and imaginary data is divided for the implementation on SiLago platform.

After the development of these codes when input is inserted in MATLAB original codes and the modified version codes, the output is same. Later on, these MATLAB codes are useful for the high-level synthesis of considered signal processing blocks on SiLago platform.

In the other part of results section, the assumptions of three models with different specifications are considered and modeled it on MATLAB as available in Table 13.

Table 13. Assumptions for modeling

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<th>Case</th>
<th>Number of bits</th>
<th>Modulation</th>
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<tr>
<td>1</td>
<td>1200</td>
<td>QPSK</td>
<td>512</td>
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<tr>
<td>2</td>
<td>4800</td>
<td>QAM-16</td>
<td>1024</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>3</td>
<td>14400</td>
<td>QAM-64</td>
<td>2048</td>
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In first part, we designed the modeling library on Simulink for considered signal processing blocks as shown in Figure 19. In this library, we have assigned the parameter values according to our assumptions which are mapped directly on SiLago platform.

For this purpose, meanwhile we have also updated the lib file for the results generation on the basis of these parameters, this lib file is also available in Appendix 5 and different functional implementations are also presents for the more computational complex blocks for example in precoding and FFT section.

After that on the basis of this library three systems are interconnected on Simulink on the behalf of this library which represents the three-different cases.

Figure 20 represents the first case of our assumptions. We have considered two code words and 1200 scrambler bits input.
QPSK scheme is considered as a modulated implementation part. Layer mapper divides the symbols into four independent streams. In precoding section a matrix is multiplied with layer mapper symbols. Resource element mapper is just passed through the four streams towards the IFFT block. In IFFT section 512 FFT size is implemented. Four frequency domain streams are converted into the time domain streams. Time domain streams are ready to be inserted into digital front end processing part of transmitter. After the analog domain these four streams data are out from four different antennas.

Figure 21 represents the synchronous data flow graph for the insertion of our models into the SiLago platform.

Moreover, synthesis result values are present in Table 14 for case 1.

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<tr>
<th>FIMPS</th>
<th>Area (SiLago Cells)</th>
<th>Latency (Cycles)</th>
<th>Sample Interval</th>
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<tr>
<td>22</td>
<td>49</td>
<td>5523</td>
<td>2398</td>
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Table 14 represents the implementation results of QPSK modeling blocks on SiLago platform using the system level synthesis tool, called Sylva [17]. Sylva evaluated 22 different functions (FIMP in Table 14). The total area consumed by in terms of SiLago blocks was 49. i.e. 49 was the optimal number of SiLago cells to implement the LTE transmitter taking into consideration the design constraints. Sylva synthesized the design on 400 MHz clock frequency. The first output from the
transmitter took a latency of 5523 cycles. After filling the pipeline, the design was able to generate an output after every 2398 cycles (referred to as sample interval in the Table 14).

Figure 21 shows the second case of modeling blocks on our assumption. In this case 4800 bits are used in scrambler part.

Figure 21. QAM-16 PDSCH Simulink blocks.

QAM 16 is considered for the modulated implementation part. At the end 1024 point FFT size is used for the IFFT implementation. The data flow procedure is same from implementation scenario as mentioned in case 1.

Table 15 represents the synthesis results of QAM-16 mode. According to these results Sylva evaluates the 20 different functions.

Table 15. Synthesis results for QAM-16 mode

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<td>20</td>
<td>47</td>
<td>15951</td>
<td>9598</td>
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The total area is consumed by in terms of SiLago blocks was 47. In this implementation, the first output comes from transmitter took a latency of 15951 cycles. After the filling of pipeline, this design was able to generate an output after every 9598 intervals.

The final assumptions are taken place in case 3 as shown in Figure 22. Whereas 14400 bits are used as in scrambler part. QAM-64 is used for the mapping scheme as in modulation part. In IFFT block 2048 point FFT is considered for the IFFT implementation. The data flow procedure is same as mentioned in above cases.

Figure 22. QAM-64 PDSCH Simulink blocks.
Table 16 shows the synthesis results for QAM-64 mode as a case 3 on SiLago platform. Sylva evaluates the 24 different functions (FIMP in Table 16).

Table 16. Synthesis results for QAM-64 mode

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<tr>
<td>24</td>
<td>51</td>
<td>42553</td>
<td>28798</td>
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The total area consumed by in terms of SiLago blocks was 51. i.e. 51 was the optimal number of SiLago cells to implement the LTE transmitter taking into consideration the design constraints. As already mentioned above, Sylva synthesized the design on 400 MHz clock frequency. The first output from the transmitter took a latency of 42553 cycles. After filling the pipeline, the design was able to generate an output after every 28798 cycles (referred to as sample interval in the Table 16).

In Figure 23 chart shows the comparison between three different cases with the normalization factor of synthesis results. This chart depicts that case 3 is one of the more resource hungry part on SiLago platform. It means that FIMPs, area, latency and sample intervals are huge in case 3 as in comparison to case 2 and case 1. While in case 2 the number of FIMPs and area are slightly less as compared to the case 1. But latency and sample intervals are greater in case 2 than in case 1.

![Normalization of synthesis result](image)

Figure 23. Normalization chart of synthesis result.
7. DISCUSSION

In this master thesis, we have implemented the PDSCH base band signal processing blocks on the SiLago platform from high level synthesis perspective. For this purpose, we have theoretically studied about these blocks. Scrambler, mapper, MIMO and OFDM blocks are studied from LTE standards perspective. LTE scrambler consists on the two LFSR. One LFSR initial condition is given but the other LFSR initial condition is parametric which is based upon LTE radio resource scheduling scheme. This scheme is also discussed in this thesis for the LTE scrambler part. LTE mapper block depends on the three modulation schemes namely as QPSK, 16-QAM and 64-QAM. The implementation technique of these modulation schemes for SiLago platform is also presented in this thesis. MIMO signal processing block which is based on further two signal processing blocks as layer mapper and precoding block, also explained in detail in this thesis. While OFDM block consists on the resource element mapper and OFDM signal generation block. In resource element mapper section the detail of different LTE channels and its implementation scenario is discussed. And in OFDM signal generation block the explanation is presented relating to how the modulated data is inserts from resource element block to the IFFT block.

SiLago platform is based upon the two-coarse grain reconfigurable architectures and the behaviour of SiLago platform is considered as a high-level synthesis perspective. The detail of SiLago platform and its design methodology is also explained in this thesis.

We have done an analysis of considered signal processing blocks for the implementation scenario on the SiLago platform. We have developed the MATLAB codes for the SiLago platform. The codes are based upon the SYLVA compilers instructions. Real and imaginary data is also divides in these codes. On the other hand, we have also managed the data flow on architectural level. The data flow is managed in terms of register files and SRAM. Three different modes of these blocks are considered for the implementation on SiLago platform that is why three different types of data flow is managed. At the end, we have modeled considered signal processing blocks on Simulink. The blocks are used for SYLVA compiler after that we present the results in terms of area, latency, functional implementations and time interval, generated with the help of the SYLVA tool.

We have found that the dynamic behaviour of these blocks is a challenge to implement on SiLago platform. The Sylva compiler is not able to switch one functionality to the other on runtime. For example, in our case it is not possible yet that Sylva tool switch QPSK to QAM-16 or QAM-64 on run time. That is why we have developed three different cases on our platform.

From future perspective, we will try to implement the receiver side signal processing blocks of LTE on SiLago platform. We will also need to improve the dynamic behaviour of SiLago platform in future. In other terms the implementation of radio resource management of LTE on SiLago platform is the next challenge.
8. SUMMARY

Long term evolution is a latest wireless standard known as fourth generation cellular technology which is developed by 3GPP. The base band signal processing of LTE standard is quite complex for implementation perspective on hardware. Different hardware platforms are used for signal processing algorithms of LTE. A newly developed SiLago platform is introduced in this master thesis which is used the CGRA based architecture. While SiLago platform consists on the SiLago design methodology. SiLago design methodology depends on the three steps. While LTE PDSCH base band signal processing blocks are considered for the implementation on SiLago platform. PDSCH blocks are the main building blocks of LTE. Whereas LTE scrambling, modulation, MIMO and OFDM signal processing blocks are included in PDSCH signal processing chain.

One advantage of scrambler is the reduction of interference in LTE. LTE scrambler is based upon the two LFSR which are used to produce the gold sequence of bits. These bits are exclusive or with incoming bits from the previous block of LTE signal processing chain. After scrambling the bits, LTE mapper is used to map these bits on three different modulation schemes. Different number of bits are mapped to the complex modulation symbols as depends on which modulation scheme is used. For example, in QPSK 2 bits are mapped to the complex modulated symbols same as 4 bits and 6 bits are used in QAM 16 and QAM 64 modulation schemes respectively.

After modulation of the symbols the data is inserted into the MIMO section. Two blocks are considered for the MIMO implementation. As one is known as layer mapping block in this block the modulated symbols are divides into different layers. Layers division is based upon the MIMO antenna transmission scheme. In our case, we assumed that the data is transmitted on four antennas. That is why the modulated symbols are divides into four number of layers. While the next block of MIMO named as precoding block deals with the complex matrix multiplication of the layered modulated symbols. In precoding, different cases of matrix multiplication are used which is based upon the MIMO transmission mode. As in general transmit diversity, spatial multiplexing and beamforming is used in MIMO. In our case, we assumed the spatial multiplexing case for four antenna transmission. For this different number of codebook based complex matrices are used for the multiplication of layer modulated data.

When the complex matrix multiplication of layer data is done in MIMO block then these modulated symbols are inserted into the OFDM block. OFDM block consist on the resource element mapper and OFDM signal generation block. In resource element mapper, the complex modulated data which comes from previous block is arranged with other channels data. Resource element mapper is quite complex for understanding perspective which is based on the time frequency grid. When data is arranged in resource element mapper then this data is ready to inserts in the OFDM signal generation block. Where IFFT is implemented on inserted data and converts this data from frequency domain to the time domain.

In result section three different modes are considered for the PDSCH base band signal processing blocks. According to these modes three Simulink models are developed. One general library is also developed for these blocks on Simulink. In parallel the MATLAB codes are also developed for SiLago platform. The developed models are inserted into the SYLVA compiler for results generation. SYLVA mapped
these models onto the SiLago platform from high level synthesis perspective. At the end results are generated in terms of area, latency and the sample interval of SiLago platform.
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10. APPENDICES

Appendix 1. Scrambler code

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Appendix 1. Scrambler code

```matlab
Mode=1; % M=1,2,3 then 4QAM, 16QAM, 64QAM respectively.
if Mode==1
  type=1;
elseif Mode==2
  type=2;
elseif Mode==3
  type=4;
end

Number_of_bits=1200*Mode*type;
bits_from_scrambler=Number_of_bits;

% SRAM to declaration
M_1=[1:Number_of_bits/16]; %!MEM<0,0>
% Memory initialization
M_1=randi([0 1],Number_of_bits/16,1);
reg_size=64;
reg_loop_size=64*ceil((Number_of_bits/16)/reg_size);
reg_1=[1:64]; %!REFI
% LFSR_1_condition
LFSR_1_condition=zeros(1, 30); %!REFI <0,1>
% LFSR_2_initialcondition_parameters
RNTI=1; q=0; nS=1; NcellID=0; %!REFI <0,1>
% Codeword_input= %!MEM<0,0>
for i=1:64:Numero_bits/16
  temp=min(i+63, Number_of_bits/16); %!DPU <0,0>
  reg_1=M_1(i:temp);
  reg_1=scrambler_DPU(reg_1, LFSR_1_condition, RNTI, q, nS, NcellID) %!DPU<> [0,0]
  M_1(i:temp)=reg_1
end
```
Appendix 2. Mapper code

register_size=64;
% Memory size
M_size_original=1024;
M_size=(bits_from_scrambler)/(2*Mode);
% Register file size
R=(bits_from_scrambler/Mode);

if Mode==1

Memory_real = [1:(M_size+40)]; %! MEM<> [1,1]
Memory_real = [1:((M_size+32)-(M_size_original))]; %! MEM<> [1,2]
Memory_imag = [1:((M_size+32)-(M_size_original)+(M_size+32)-(2*M_size_original))]; %! MEM<> [1,3]

elseif Mode==2

Memory_real = [1:M_size_original]; %! MEM<> [1,1]
Memory_real = [1:((M_size+16)-(M_size_original))]; %! MEM<> [1,2]
Memory_imag = [1:((M_size+16)-(M_size_original)+(M_size+16)-(M_size_original))]; %! MEM<> [1,3]

elseif Mode==3

Memory_real = [1:M_size_original]; %! MEM<> [1,1]
Memory_real = [1:M_size_original]; %! MEM<> [1,2]
Memory_real = [1:((M_size+32)-(2*M_size_original))]; %! MEM<> [1,3]
Memory_imag = [1:M_size_original]; %! MEM<> [1,4]
Memory_imag = [1:((M_size+32)-(M_size_original)+(M_size_original-(M_size+32)-(2*M_size_original)))); %! MEM<> [1,5]

end

% Register file declaration
Reg1_real=[1:register_size]; %! RFILE<> [1,1]
Reg2_imag=[1:register_size]; %! RFILE<> [1,2]

for n=1:ceil((R/2)/register_size)

Reg1_real=mapper_DPU_real(Scrambler_output,Mode,n,register_size,R,bits_from_scrambler); %! DPU<> [1,1]
Reg2_imag = mapper_DPU_imag(Scrambler_output, Mode, n, register_size, R, bits_from_scrambler); %! DPU<> [1,1]
Memory_real((n-1)*64+1:n*64) = Reg1_real;
Memory_imag((n-1)*64+1:n*64) = Reg2_imag;
end
Appendix 3. Layer Mapper Code

```matlab
% Instruction for Layer mapper 
c=2;  % Number of Codewords 
v=4;  % Number of Layers 

% comes from other mapper. 
LayerMapper1_real=Memory_real;  %! MEM<> [1,1] 
LayerMapper2_real=Memory_real;  %! MEM<> [1,1] 
LayerMapper1_imag=Memory_imag;  %! MEM<> [1,1] 
LayerMapper2_imag=Memory_imag;  %! MEM<> [1,1] 

% Real layer mapping 
size_real=size(LayerMapper1_real,1); 
LayerMapper1_real_out=zeros(size_real/2,v); 
size_imag=size(LayerMapper1_imag,1); 
LayerMapper1_imag_out=zeros(size_imag/2,v); 

for n=1:size_real/2
    L1_real(n)=LayerMapper1_real(n*2-1); 
    L2_real(n)=LayerMapper1_real(n*2); 
    L3_real(n)=LayerMapper2_real(n*2-1); 
    L4_real(n)=LayerMapper2_real(n*2); 
    L1_imag(n)=LayerMapper1_imag(n*2-1); 
    L2_imag(n)=LayerMapper1_imag(n*2); 
    L3_imag(n)=LayerMapper2_imag(n*2-1); 
    L4_imag(n)=LayerMapper2_imag(n*2); 

LayerMapper1_real_out(n,:)=[L1_real(n);L2_real(n);L3_real(n);L4_real(n)] 
LayerMapper1_imag_out(n,:)=[L1_imag(n);L2_imag(n);L3_imag(n);L4_imag(n)] 
end
```
Appendix 4. MIMO code

% Memory allocation for precoding Matrix
Precoder_Matrix_size=16;
Precoder_real_M= [1:Precoder_Matrix_size]; %! MEM <> [1,1]
Precoder_imag_M= [Precoder_Matrix_size+1:2*Precoder_Matrix_size]; %! MEM<> [1,1]

% Memory allocation for layer block data
if Mode==1
    % Mode 1 -- > Layer block data size 1200 complex symbols
    M_size_original=1024;
    Layer_size=1200;
    MIMO_real = [1:M_size_original]; %! MEM <>[1,1]
    MIMO_real = [1:(Layer_size)-(M_size_original)]; %! MEM <>[1,2]
    MIMO_imag = [((Layer_size)-(M_size_original))+1:M_size_original]; %! MEM <> [1,3]
elseif Mode==2
    % Mode 2 -- > Layer block data size is 2400 complex symbols
    M_size_original=2048;
    Layer_size=2400;
    MIMO_real = [1:M_size_original]; %! MEM <> [1,1]
    MIMO_real = [1:2*M_size_original]; %! MEM <> [1,2]
    MIMO_real = [1:((Layer_size)-(2*M_size_original))]; %! MEM<> [1,3]
    MIMO_imag = [((Layer_size)-(2*M_size_original))+1:M_size_original]; %! MEM <> [1,3]
elseif Mode==3
    % Mode 3 -- > Layer block data size is 4800 complex symbols
    M_size_original=4096;
    Layer_size=4800;
    MIMO_real = [1:M_size_original]; %! MEM <> [1,1]
    MIMO_real = [1:M_size_original]; %! MEM <> [1,2]
    MIMO_real = [1:M_size_original]; %! MEM <> [1,3]
    MIMO_real = [1:M_size_original]; %! MEM <> [1,4]
    MIMO_real = [1:((Layer_size)-(4*M_size_original))]; %! MEM <> [1,5]
    MIMO_imag = [((Layer_size)-(4*M_size_original))+1:M_size_original]; %! MEM <> [1,5]
    MIMO_imag = [1:M_size_original]; %! MEM <> [1,6]
    MIMO_imag = [1:M_size_original]; %! MEM <> [1,7]
    MIMO_imag = [1:M_size_original]; %! MEM <> [1,8]
    MIMO_imag = [1:M_size_original]; %! MEM <> [1,9]
MIMO_imag = [1:(Layer_size-(4*M_size_original+(M_size_original-((Layer_size)-(4*M_size_original)))))]; % MEM <> [1,10]
end

% Register file allocation
Reg_real_MIMO=[1:16]; %!RFIE <> [1,1]
Reg_imag_MIMO=[17:32]; %!RFIE <> [1,1]

% Precoding block Instructions
cbIdx=4; % codebook index
numTx=4; % Transmit antennas
v=4; % number of layers
% Wn pre define matrix which can be stored in register or Mem
PrecoderMatrix_output=PrecoderMatrix(cbIdx, numTx, v);
% cycles=16
Precoder_real_M=real(PrecoderMatrix_output);
% cycles=16
Precoder_imag_M=imag(PrecoderMatrix_output);
Wn_size=size(PrecoderMatrix_output,1);
% Layer Mapper output is used to multiply with Wn.
LayerMapper_Symbols_real=LayerMapper1_real_out; %! RFILE<> [4,4]
LayerMapper_Symbols_imag=LayerMapper1_imag_out; %! RFILE<> [4,4]

% Matrix Multiplication
MIMO_out_real = complex(zeros(size(LayerMapper_Symbols_real)));
MIMO_out_imag = complex(zeros(size(LayerMapper_Symbols_imag)));
inLen = size(LayerMapper_Symbols_real, 1);
for n = 1:inLen % this executes 300/600/1200 times
   for p=1:Wn_size % this executes 4 times
      W_real=Precoder_real_M(1:p,:);
      W_imag=Precoder_imag_M(1:p,:);
   end
   % cycles=2
   Reg_real_MIMO = [W_real W_imag] * [(LayerMapper_Symbols_real(n, :)) - (LayerMapper_Symbols_imag(n, :) ) ]'; %! DPU<> [4,4]
   Reg_imag_MIMO = [W_imag W_real] * [(LayerMapper_Symbols_real(n, :)) (LayerMapper_Symbols_imag(n, :) ) ]'; %! DPU<> [4,4]
end

% cycles= 2
   MIMO_out_real(n,:) = Reg_real_MIMO.';
   MIMO_out_imag(n,:) = Reg_imag_MIMO.';
   MIMO_real=MIMO_out_real
   MIMO_imag=MIMO_out_imag
% MIMO_out ;%! MEM <> [0,0]
end
Appendix 5. Modeling Lib file

# output is for the last input
"Scrambler":
{
   "count": 1,
   "0": {
      "output_phase": 1,
      "name": "Scrambler",
      "area": 1,
      "height": 1,
      "input_phase": 1,
      "width": 1,
      "computation_phase": 1,
      "type_name": "fimp_0",
      "actors": [],
      "type": 0,
      "energy": 1
   },

   "name": "Scrambler",
   "input_ports": {
      "din": "bit"
   },
   "output_ports": {
      "dout": "bit"
   },
   "generics": {},
   "types": [0]
},

# output is for the last input
"QPSK":
{
   "count": 1,
   "0": {
      "output_phase": 1,
      "name": "QPSK",
      "area": 1,
      "height": 1,
      "input_phase": 2,
      "width": 1,
      "computation_phase": 2,
      "type_name": "fimp_0",
      "actors": [],
      "type": 0,
      "energy": 20,
   },

   "name": "QPSK",
   "input_ports": {
      "din": "bit"
   },
   "output_ports": {
      "dout": "bit"
   },
   "generics": {},
   "types": [0]
"name": "QPSK",
"input_ports": {
  "din": "bit"
},
"output_ports": {
  "dout": "complex"
},
"generics": {},
"types": []
}

# output is for the last input
"QAM_16": {
  "count": 1,
  "0": {
    "output_phase": 1,
    "name": "QAM_16",
    "area": 1,
    "height": 1,
    "input_phase": 4,
    "width": 1,
    "computation_phase": 4,
    "type_name": "fimp_0",
    "actors": [],
    "type": 0,
    "energy": 30,
  },

  "name": "QAM_16",
  "input_ports": {
    "din": "bit"
  },
  "output_ports": {
    "dout": "complex"
  },
  "generics": {},
  "types": []
}

# output is for the last input
"QAM_64": {
  "count": 1,
"0": {
    "output_phase": 1,
    "name": "QAM_64",
    "area": 1,
    "height": 1,
    "input_phase": 6,
    "width": 1,
    "computation_phase": 6,
    "type_name": "fimp_0",
    "actors": [],
    "type": 0,
    "energy": 50,
},

"name": "QAM_64",
"input_ports": {
    "din": "bit"},
"output_ports": {
    "dout": "complex"
},
"generics": {},
"types": [
0
],

# input: 2 streams
# each stream is 600 complex symbols
# output: 300 X 4 matrix complex symbols
"LayerMapper_600_300": {
    "count": 1,
    "0": {
        "output_phase": 300,
        "name": "LayerMapper_600_300",
        "area": 1,
        "height": 1,
        "input_phase": 600,
        "width": 1,
        "computation_phase": 900,
        "type_name": "fimp_0",
        "actors": [],
        "type": 0,
        "energy": 128
    },

    "name": "LayerMapper_600_300",
    "input_ports": {

"din1": "complex",
"din2": "complex"
},
"output_ports": {
"dout1": "complex",
"dout2": "complex",
"dout3": "complex",
"dout4": "complex"
},
"generics": {},
"types": [
0
],

# input: 2 streams
# each stream is 600 complex symbols
# output: 300 X 4 matrix complex symbols
"LayerMapper_1200_600": {
  "count": 1,
  "0": {
    "output_phase": 600,
    "name": "LayerMapper_1200_600",
    "area": 1,
    "height": 1,
    "input_phase": 1200,
    "width": 1,
    "computation_phase": 1800,
    "type_name": "fimp_0",
    "actors": [],
    "type": 0,
    "energy": 256
  },

  "name": "LayerMapper_1200_600",
  "input_ports": {
    "din1": "complex",
    "din2": "complex"
  },
  "output_ports": {
    "dout1": "complex",
    "dout2": "complex",
    "dout3": "complex",
    "dout4": "complex"
  },
  "generics": {},
  "types": [}
# input: 2 streams
# each stream is 600 complex symbols
# output: 300 x 4 matrix complex symbols
"LayerMapper_2400_1200": {
    "count": 1,
    "0": {
        "output_phase": 1200,
        "name": "LayerMapper_2400_1200",
        "area": 1,
        "height": 1,
        "input_phase": 2400,
        "width": 1,
        "computation_phase": 3600,
        "type_name": "fimp_0",
        "actors": [],
        "type": 0,
        "energy": 512
    },
    "name": "LayerMapper_2400_1200",
    "input_ports": {
        "din1": "complex",
        "din2": "complex"
    },
    "output_ports": {
        "dout1": "complex",
        "dout2": "complex",
        "dout3": "complex",
        "dout4": "complex"
    },
    "generics": {},
    "types": [0]
},

# 1 symbol to 1 symbol
# it has internal states
"Precoding": {
    "count": 5,
    "0": {
        "output_phase": 1,
"name": "Precoding",
"area": 1,
"height": 1,
"input_phase": 1,
"width": 1,
"computation_phase": 164,
"type_name": "fimp_0",
"actors": [],
"type": 0,
"energy": 9088 }

"1": {
  "output_phase": 1,
  "name": "Precoding",
  "area": 2,
  "height": 2,
  "input_phase": 1,
  "width": 1,
  "computation_phase": 84,
  "type_name": "fimp_1",
  "actors": [],
  "type": 1,
  "energy": 9200 }

"2": {
  "output_phase": 1,
  "name": "Precoding",
  "area": 4,
  "height": 2,
  "input_phase": 1,
  "width": 2,
  "computation_phase": 44,
  "type_name": "fimp_2",
  "actors": [],
  "type": 0,
  "energy": 9500 }

"3": {
  "output_phase": 1,
  "name": "Precoding",
  "area": 8,
  "height": 4,
  "input_phase": 1,
  "width": 2,
  "computation_phase": 32,
"type_name": "fimp_3",
"actors": [],
"type": 0,
"energy": 9700
},

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    "name": "Precoding",
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    "height": 4,
    "input_phase": 1,
    "width": 4,
    "computation_phase": 24,
    "type_name": "fimp_3",
    "actors": [],
    "type": 0,
    "energy": 9900
}

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"input_ports": {
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    "din2": "complex",
    "din3": "complex",
    "din4": "complex",
},
"output_ports": {
    "dout1": "complex",
    "dout2": "complex",
    "dout3": "complex",
    "dout4": "complex",
},
"generics": {},
"types": [0, 1, 2, 3, 4]
}

# PDSCH
"Remapper_300_512": {

"count": 1,
"0": {
    "output_phase": 512,
    "name": "Remapper_300_512",
    "area": 1,
    "height": 1,
    "input_phase": 300,
    "width": 1,
    "computation_phase": 512,
    "type_name": "fimp_0",
    "actors": [],
    "type": 0,
    "energy": 1
},

"name": "Remapper_300_512",
"input_ports": {
    "din": "complex",
},

"output_ports": {
    "dout": "complex",
},

"generics": {},
"types": [
    0
]
},

# PDSCH
"Remapper_600_1024": {
    "count": 1,
    "0": {
        "output_phase": 1024,
        "name": "Remapper_600_1024",
        "area": 1,
        "height": 1,
        "input_phase": 600,
        "width": 1,
        "computation_phase": 1024,
        "type_name": "fimp_0",
        "actors": [],
        "type": 0,
        "energy": 1
    },

    "name": "Remapper_600_1024",
    "input_ports": {

"In1": "complex",
},
"output_ports": {
    "Out1": "complex",
},
"generics": {},
"types": [
    0
]
},

# PDSCH
"Remapper_1200_2048":
{
    "count": 1,
    "0": {
        "output_phase": 2048,
        "name": "Remapper_1200_2048",
        "area": 1,
        "height": 1,
        "input_phase": 1200,
        "width": 1,
        "computation_phase": 2048,
        "type_name": "fimp_0",
        "actors": [],
        "type": 0,
        "energy": 1
    },
    "name": "Remapper_1200_2048",
    "input_ports": {
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    "output_ports": {
        "Out1": "complex",
    },
    "generics": {},
    "types": [
    0
]
},

"IFFT_512":
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    "count": 1,
    "0": {
        "output_phase": 512,
"name": "IFFT_512",
"area": 1,
"height": 1,
"input_phase": 512,
"width": 1,
"computation_phase": 2304,
"type_name": "fimp_0",
"actors": [],
"type": 0,
"energy": 881100
},

"1": {
    "output_phase": 512,
    "name": "IFFT_512",
    "area": 2,
    "height": 1,
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    "width": 2,
    "computation_phase": 1152,
    "type_name": "fimp_1",
    "actors": [],
    "type": 1,
    "energy": 883055
},

"2": {
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    "name": "IFFT_512",
    "area": 4,
    "height": 2,
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    "type_name": "fimp_2",
    "actors": [],
    "type": 2,
    "energy": 916666
},

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    "din": "complex"
},
"output_ports": {
    "dout": "complex"
},
"generics": {},
"types": [
  0,
  1,
  2
],

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  "0": {
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    "width": 1,
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    "actors": [],
    "type": 0,
    "energy": 1958000
  },

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    "output_phase": 1024,
    "name": "IFFT_1024",
    "area": 2,
    "height": 1,
    "input_phase": 1024,
    "width": 2,
    "computation_phase": 2560,
    "type_name": "fimp_1",
    "actors": [],
    "type": 1,
    "energy": 1962344
  },

  "2": {
    "output_phase": 1024,
    "name": "IFFT_1024",
    "area": 4,
    "height": 2,
    "input_phase": 1024,
    "width": 2,
"computation_phase": 1280,
"type_name": "fimp_2",
"actors": [],
"type": 2,
"energy": 2037035
},

"name": "IFFT_1024",
"input_ports": {
  "din": "complex"
},
"output_ports": {
  "dout": "complex"
},
"generics": {},
"types": [
  0,
  1,
  2
],

"IFFT_2048":
{
  "count": 3,
  "0": {
    "output_phase": 2048,
    "name": "IFFT_2048",
    "area": 1,
    "height": 1,
    "input_phase": 2048,
    "width": 1,
    "computation_phase": 11264,
    "type_name": "fimp_0",
    "actors": [],
    "type": 0,
    "energy": 2883600
  },

  "1": {
    "output_phase": 2048,
    "name": "IFFT_2048",
    "area": 1,
    "height": 1,
    "input_phase": 2048,
    "width": 2,
    "computation_phase": 5632,
"type_name": "fimp_1",
"actors": [],
"type": 1,
"energy": 2890000
},

"2": {
  "output_phase": 2048,
  "name": "IFFT_2048",
  "area": 1,
  "height": 2,
  "input_phase": 2048,
  "width": 2,
  "computation_phase": 2816,
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  "actors": [],
  "type": 2,
  "energy": 3000000
},

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},

"output_ports": {
  "dout": "complex"
},

"generics": {},

"types": [
  0,
  1,
  2
]
}