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Introduction

- Increasing the transmission antenna, the pilot density would be increased. The expansion of Legacy MIMO pilot allocation for larger number of antenna may waste the time-frequency resource, then reduce the system throughput.
- In this contribution, MIMO pilot allocation using the cyclic-shift(CS) is presented. It would be worth introducing the CS pilot concept in SDD as a new main function for reducing the overhead and improving the channel estimation accuracy.

MIMO pilot using cyclic-shift (CS)

- Transmitter sends impulse signal as pilot signal, the receiver can observe the multipath channel.
- When the interval of each antenna transmission (K samples) is longer than the multipath channel delay, the receiver can extract the multipath channel from each antenna using time-window based on the interval.
- The transmission interval can generate from the cyclic shift of OFDM symbol.
- When K samples is same as the CP length, N antennas pilots can be allocated in one OFDM symbol in case of Reference system.

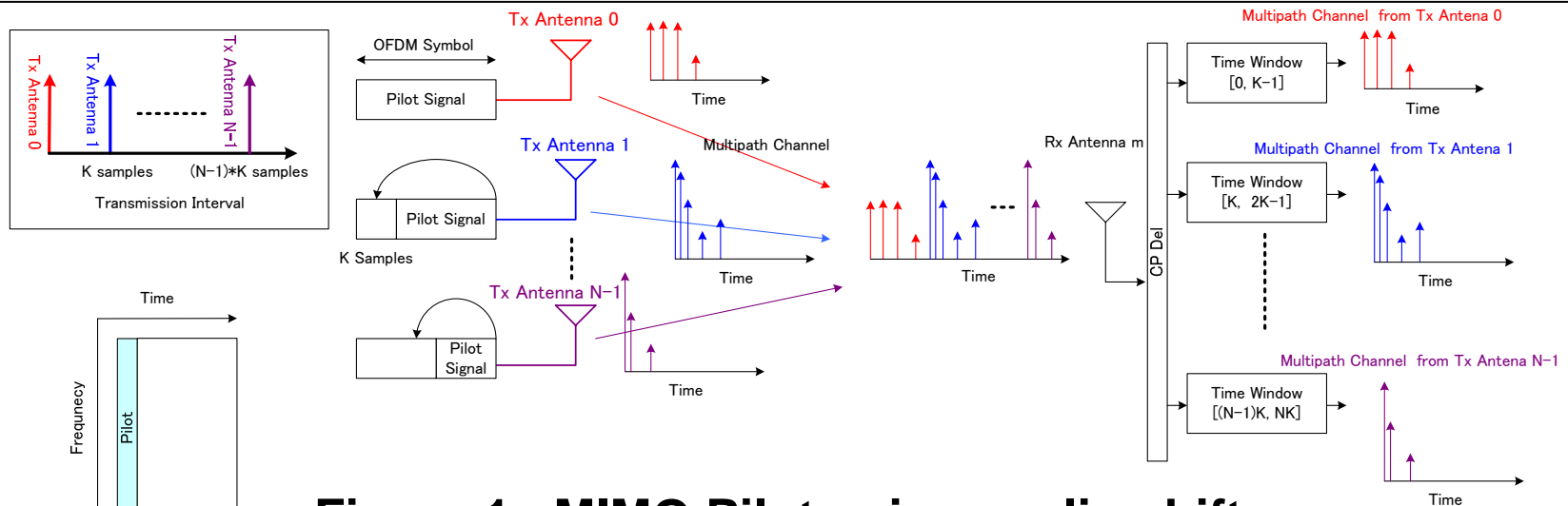


Figure 1 MIMO Pilot using cyclic-shift

Noise Elimination

- In the CS pilot allocation, firstly, the receiver extracts the target samples from the total samples using the time-window. Then by the zero-padding, the noise except the target samples is eliminated.
- Secondly, the receiver finds the peak over a certain threshold and detects the multipath for target antenna. This zero-padding also can eliminate the noise except the multipath samples.

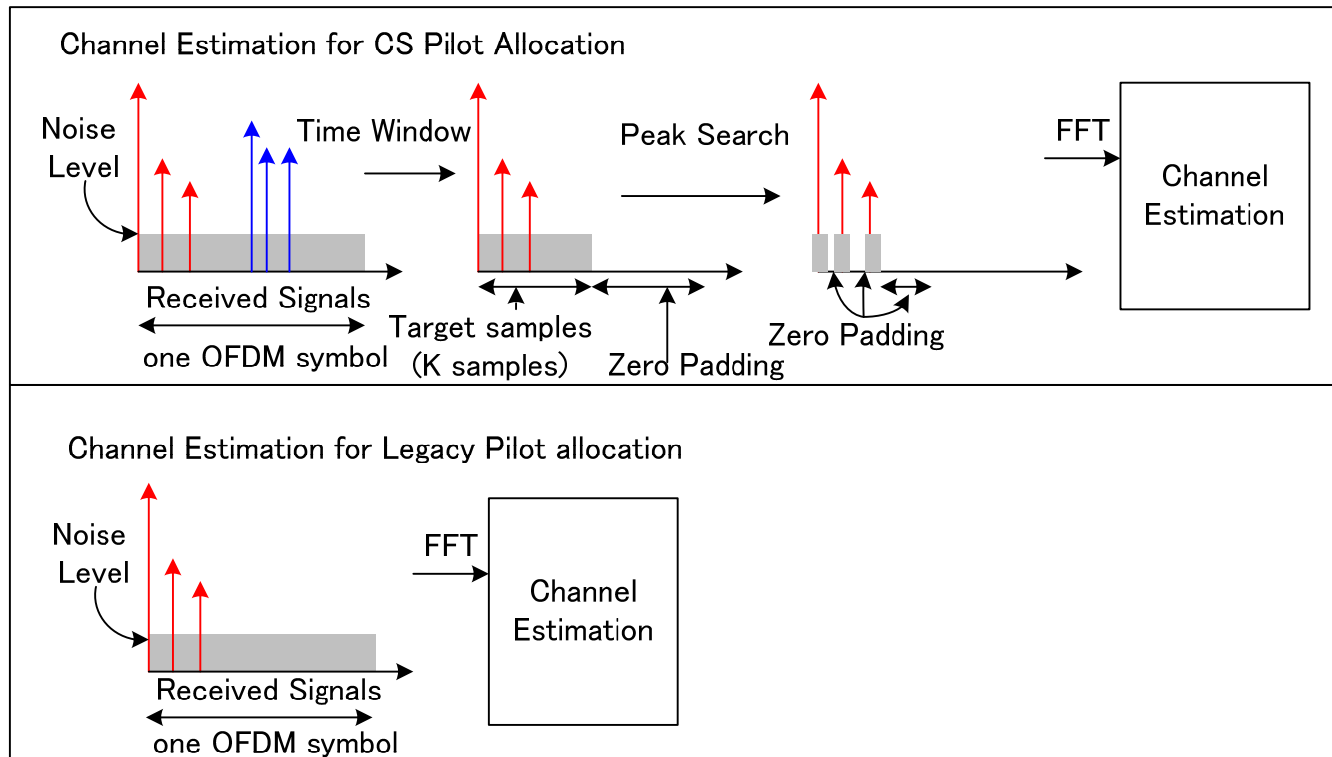


Figure 2 Noise Elimination

NMSE (Normalized Mean Square Error) of Channel Estimation

- NMSEs of the channel estimation for the CS pilot allocation and Legacy are evaluated in order to confirm the two characteristics of CS pilot.
- The simulation assumes 4x4 MIMO Pedestrian B model (3km/h).
- Channel estimation for Legacy is Zero-Forcing method with linear interpolation. Figure 4 shows that the CS pilot is about 20dB in NMSE better than Legacy and the effect is almost same as the noise elimination effect.

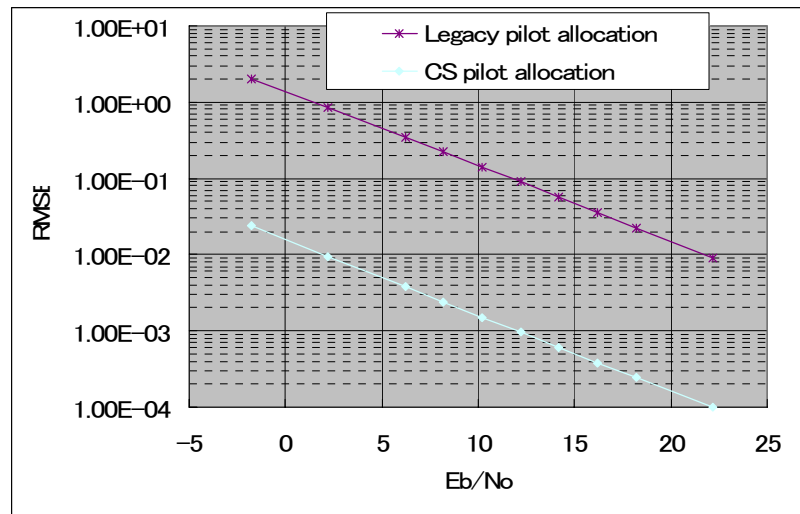


Figure 4 NMSE (4x4 MIMO) PB 3km/h

Conclusion

- Increasing pilot density could be one issue in case more than 5 antennas transmissions.
- The CS pilot can reduce the pilot density in time-frequency resource comparing Legacy system without the channel estimation degradation.
- In SDD, the pilot structure for more antennas than that of Legacy system should be discussed.
- It would be worth introducing the CS pilot concept in SDD as a new main function.