

Doppler Impact on Image Transmission over OFDM in IoT Networks

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Abstract: This paper focuses on signal processing methods for receivers handling OFDM encoded signals in IoT networks, emphasizing the transmission of images and evaluating the impact of Doppler frequency on image quality. The OFDM signals are transmitted over multiple frequency channels, with pilot subcarriers aiding in channel estimation. Accurate channel coefficient estimation is essential, particularly in complex IoT environments such as urban, industrial, and rural settings. The process begins with estimating channel coefficients at pilot subcarriers, followed by filtering to reduce noise and a second estimation for data subcarriers. Given the rapidly fluctuating channels in IoT, the frequency response is assumed to vary linearly, and interpolation techniques help track these variations. A comparative evaluation of channel estimation methods—Least Squares (LS), Minimum Mean Square Error (MMSE), TDLMMSE, and TD Qabs LMMSE—shows that MMSE significantly enhances image transmission quality, especially in scenarios impacted by the Doppler effect. The study specifically examines how Doppler frequency influences the visual quality of transmitted images, revealing that MMSE outperforms other methods like LS, TDLMMSE, and TD Qabs LMMSE in dynamic environments. The results demonstrate that selecting the appropriate estimator, particularly MMSE, is crucial for maintaining high quality image transmission over OFDM in IoT environments affected by Doppler variations.

Keywords: OFDM, IoT Networks, Image Transmission, Doppler Frequency, Channel Estimation, Minimum Mean Square Error (MMSE), Pilot Subcarriers, Dynamic Environments.

1. Introduction

This research explores an innovative method for processing digitally encoded Orthogonal Frequency Division Multiplexing (OFDM) signals, along with a signal processor designed specifically for Internet of Things (IoT) applications. It also addresses a receiver and mobile devices intended to receive digitally encoded OFDM signals, including smart sensors, wearable devices, and connected vehicles. OFDM is a widely adopted technique in wireless communication systems dedicated to transmitting digital information, such as voice and video, due to its ability to handle radio channels with frequency fluctuations. In the context of IoT environments, this method is crucial as signals are often subject to interference and obstacles. The proposed signal processing method is designed to be simple yet effective, aiming to improve IoT network reliability, particularly in mobile contexts like connected vehicles.

2. Background

Orthogonal Frequency Division Multiplexing (OFDM) is a modulation technique extensively used in various wireless communication systems, including Digital Audio Broadcasting (DAB) and Digital Terrestrial Video Broadcasting (DVB-T). For example, DVB-T can achieve net bit rates between 5 and 30 Mbps, depending on the

modulation and coding schemes, within an 8 MHz bandwidth. In the 8K mode, 6817 subcarriers are utilized, each with a spacing of 1116 Hz, leading to an OFDM symbol duration of 896 μ s, accompanied by a guard interval [1, 2]. However, in mobile IoT applications, such as vehicles in motion, the channel transfer function experienced by the receiver evolves over time. This dynamic behavior can introduce inter-carrier interference (ICI) due to Doppler broadening of the received signal. As the vehicle's speed increases, the ICI becomes more pronounced, complicating signal detection unless effective countermeasures are implemented [3]. To address this, various methods for channel estimation have been proposed, including Least Squares (LS), Minimum Mean Square Error (MMSE), and advanced techniques like TDLMMSE and TD Qabs LMMSE [4, 5]. These estimation methods involve initial estimation of channel coefficients using pilot subcarriers, followed by refinement steps to improve accuracy. Further interpolation techniques, applied either in the frequency or time domain, help optimize these estimates. The performance of these methods is evaluated based on their Mean Square Error (MSE) across different IoT environments, such as urban, industrial, and rural areas [6, 7, 8].

3. Estimation Channel in Iot Environnement

In the realm of Internet of Things (IoT) applications, the OFDM transmitter schematic over an IoT channel is represented in Figure 1[9]. The signal emitted by a wireless transmitter can be described by the following equation or an OFDM modulator. If the input signal is $X[k]$ (a discrete

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binary stream), the expression for the output $x[n]$ can be described by the following steps: Modulation: The binary symbols $X[k]$ are first mapped to modulation symbols (e.g., QAM or PSK). IFFT (Inverse Fast Fourier Transform): The IFFT is applied to convert the modulated symbols in the frequency domain into a time domain signal. The expression for the output is given in (1):

$$x[n] = \frac{1}{\sqrt{N}} \sum_{k=0}^{N-1} X[k] e^{j \frac{2\pi k n}{N}} \quad (1)$$

Where $x[n]$ is the time domain signal output from the OFDM modulator. $X[k]$ are the modulated symbols corresponding to the subcarriers. N is the total number of subcarriers. Adding Cyclic Prefix (CP): A cyclic prefix may be added to combat fading and

Interference given in (2):

$$x_{cp}[k] = \begin{cases} x[n + N_{cp}] & \text{for } n \leq N_{cp} \\ x[n] & \text{for } n \geq N_{cp} \end{cases} \quad (2)$$

Where N_{cp} is the length of the cyclic prefix. Thus, the complete steps of an OFDM modulator are: Mapping the bits to $X[k]$ Applying the IFFT to obtain $x[n]$ Adding a cyclic prefix to produce $x_{cp}[k]$. The expression for the discrete signal $y[n]$ after traversing a multipath channel with Doppler effect can be derived from the continuous expression $y[n]$ given in (3)

$$y[n] = \sum_{i=0}^{D(nT)} c_i(nT) x[n - \tau_i(nT)] e^{j(2\pi f_c(n - \tau_i(nT) + \phi_i(nT)))} + w[n] \quad (3)$$

$y[n]$: Output signal sampled at intervals nT . $x[n]$ is that Input signal (modulated in OFDM). $D(nT)$ is the Number of active multipath paths at time nT . $c_i(nT)$ is the Attenuation coefficient of the i th path at time nT . $\tau_i(nT)$ is Delay of the i th path at time nT . f_c is the Carrier frequency. $\phi_i(nT)$ is the Phase of the i th path at time nT . $w[n]$ is the Noise sampled at intervals T . This formula describes how the input signal $x[n]$ is modified by the multipath channel and Doppler effect to produce the output signal $y[n]$. The demodulation of an OFDM signal begins with the removal of the cyclic prefix (CP), which is essential for eliminating interferences caused by the multipath channel. This removal can be expressed in (4)

$$y_1[n] = y[n + L_{cp}] \text{ for } n = 0, 1, 2, \dots, N-1 \quad (4)$$

Subsequently, the Fast Fourier Transform (FFT) is applied to the effective signal, allowing for the recovery of the modulated symbols for each subcarrier given in (5)

$$Y[k] = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{n=0}^{N-1} y_1[n] e^{-j \frac{2\pi k n}{N}} \quad (5)$$

This process ensures the accurate demultiplexing of data, facilitating the faithful reconstruction of transmitted information, even under complex transmission conditions. Next, a channel estimator computes the estimated channel frequency response based on the received signal $Y[k]$: $Y_{est}[k] = \frac{Y[k]}{H_{est}[k]}$ where $H_{est}[k]$ represents the estimated channel response. Finally, equalization is performed to mitigate the effects of the channel on the received symbols. The equalized signal can be expressed as. In the case of the Minimum Mean Square Error (MMSE) channel estimator, the estimated channel frequency response is computed as (6):

$$\hat{H}_{MMSE}[k] = R_{hh}(R_{hh} + \sigma^2 I)^{-1} \hat{H}_{LS}[K] \quad (6)$$

where R_{hh} is the autocorrelation matrix of the channel, σ^2 is the noise power, I is the identity matrix, and $\hat{H}_{LS}[K]$ is the LS channel estimate.

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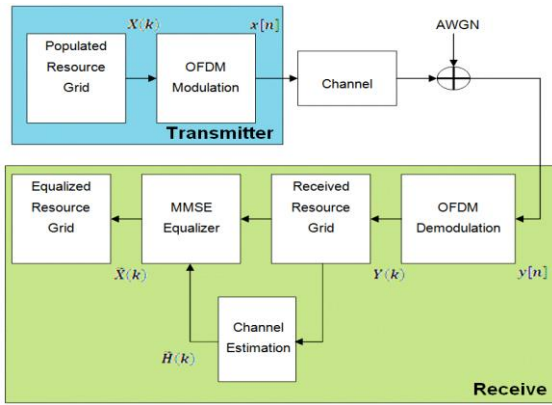


Fig 1: OFDM Transmitter and Receiver

3.1 Least Squares (LS) Estimation

The LS estimator minimizes the squared error between the transmitted and received pilot signals [12,13], assuming no prior knowledge of noise or channel statistics. It is simple but less accurate in noisy environments in (7)

$$\hat{h}_{LS} = (H^H X)^{-1} X^H \quad (7)$$

Where: X is the transmission symbol matrix (or design matrix), of dimension N times M , where N is the number of samples and M is the number of transmitted symbols. y is the received symbol vector, of dimension N . $(H^H X)^{-1}$ is the conjugate transpose of X . $(H^H X)^{-1}$ is the inverse of the matrix $H^H X$. \hat{h}_{LS} is the estimate of the channel vector h , which is the vector of channel parameters that we seek to estimate.

3.2 MMSE Estimation

MMSE estimation minimizes the mean square error (MSE) by using statistical knowledge of the channel and noise [14,15]. It performs better than LS, especially in noisy conditions, by incorporating the channel's covariance matrix R_{hh} and noise variance σ^2 . The MMSE minimizes the mean square error between the actual channel response and its estimation equation (8) gives this response

$$\hat{h}_{MMSE} = R_{hh} (R_{hh} + \sigma^2 I)^{-1} \hat{h}_{LS} \quad (8)$$

where: \hat{h}_{MMSE} is the channel vector estimation using the MMSE approach. R_{hh} is the channel correlation matrix, which describes the statistics of the channel response. σ^2 is the power of the additive noise (reception noise). I is the identity matrix. \hat{h}_{LS} is the channel vector estimation obtained using the least squares (LS) approach.

3.3 TD LMMSE estimator

The TD LMMSE minimizes the mean square error between the actual time domain channel response and its estimation given in (9)

$$\hat{h}_{TDLMMSE} = W \hat{h}_{LS} \quad (9)$$

where: $\hat{h}_{TDLMMSE}$ given in (10) the channel vector estimation using the TD LMMSE approach [17,18].

$$W = R_{gg} (R_{gg} + \sigma^2 I)^{-1} \quad (10)$$

is the time domain weighting matrix derived from the time domain channel correlation matrix R_{gg} , which describes the statistics of the channel taps. σ^2 is the power of the additive noise (reception noise). I is the identity matrix. \hat{h}_{LS} is the channel vector estimation obtained using the least squares (LS) approach. This approach operates in the time domain and uses the channel correlation matrix to provide a more accurate estimation compared to LS, especially in scenarios with high noise or fast time varying channels. The TD LMMSE minimizes the mean square error between the actual time domain channel response and its estimation given in (11)

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$$\hat{h}_{TDQabsLMMSE} = W \hat{h}_{LS} \quad (13)$$

where: $\hat{h}_{TDQabsLMMSE}$ is the channel vector estimation using the TD Qabs LMMSE approach. $W = \text{diag}(R_{gg}) (\text{diag}(R_{gg}) + \sigma^2 I)^{-1}$ is the weighting matrix where only the diagonal elements of the time domain channel correlation matrix (R_{gg}) are considered, ignoring the off diagonal elements to simplify the computations. σ^2 is the power of the additive noise (reception noise). I is the identity matrix. \hat{h}_{LS} is the channel vector estimation obtained using the least squares (LS) approach. This estimator provides a balance between complexity and performance, where some approximations are made to reduce computational burden while still achieving a reasonable level of channel estimation accuracy. It's particularly useful when computational resources are limited.

4. simulation channel estimation in an OFDM communication system

4.1 Simulation Parameters

The study focuses on channel estimation in a communication system based on orthogonal frequency division multiplexing (OFDM). The estimation is performed using several methods, including Least Squares (LS), Minimum Mean Square Error (MMSE), Time Domain LMMSE (TD LMMSE), TDD LMMSE (LMMSE with channel covariance ignored), TD Qabs LMMSE, as well as the theoretical bounds for LS (Theoretical LS) and LMMSE (Theoretical LMMSE). The system parameters include a cyclic prefix length set to 8 and a discrete Fourier transform size fixed at 64. The total symbol duration is calculated as the sum of the FFT size and the cyclic prefix, while the normalized DFT matrix is obtained by $F = \frac{dftmtx(NFFT)}{\sqrt{NFFT}}$. The number of Monte Carlo realizations is set to 1500, and the energy to noise ratio spans from 0 to 40 dB. The signal to noise ratio is calculated with the relation $snr = 10^{\frac{EsNo dB}{10}}$ and an estimation parameter β is determined as $\beta = \frac{17}{9}$. Finally, the QAM modulation order is set to 16. QAM symbols are generated and normalized to ensure unit average power, utilizing appropriate modulation and demodulation functions. The main loop executes a simulation for each SNR value. Random channel coefficients are generated, normalized, and their frequency response is calculated using the Fourier transform. Here is the technical and academic translation of the summary. The communication channels are analyzed across four distinct environments: INDOOR, URBAN, INDUSTRIAL, and RURAL. For each environment, the carrier frequencies are set at 915 MHz, 2.4 GHz, 868 MHz, and 915 MHz, respectively. The average vehicle speeds vary, with 1 m/s indoors, 30 m/s in urban areas, 10 m/s in industrial settings, and 5 m/s in rural regions. In terms of multipath propagation, the number of paths is 3 for indoor and rural environments, 8 for urban areas, and 15 for industrial contexts. The average delays observed are 0.1 μ s, 0.5 μ s, 1 μ s, and 0.01 μ s for the respective environments. The ranges of signal-to-noise ratio (SNR) vary from 0 to 10 dB indoors, from 10 to 30 dB in urban areas, also from 10 to 30 dB in industrial settings, and from 20 to 40 dB in rural environments. Finally, the fast Fourier transform (FFT) parameters are defined by $nFFT = 64$ and $nCP = 16$. These parameters provide a foundation for analyzing the performance of communication systems in various environments.

4.2 Results and Discussions

The results of the simulations are presented in the following figures, which show the evolution of the Mean Squared

Error (MSE) as a function of the Signal to Noise Ratio (SNR) in different environments and at various speeds. Figure 2: Indoor environment Conditions: Speed of 3.6 km/h, 3 paths. Observations: At an SNR of 0 dB, the MSE is approximately 0.35. At 10 dB, the MSE decreases to 0.15. At 20 dB, it reaches 0.05, showing a significant improvement in signal quality. Notably, the MMSE estimator provides better results than other estimators, with an MSE ranging from 0.8 to 0.08, while the LS estimator exhibits much poorer performance, with an MSE varying from 8 to 80. Figure 3: Urban environment Conditions: Speed of 109 km/h, 8 paths. Observations: At 0 dB, the MSE is high, reaching 0.50. At 10 dB, it decreases to 0.20. At 20 dB, the MSE is about 0.08. The MMSE estimator and the TD LMMSE estimator perform particularly well, showing lower MSEs than in Figure 2, indicating optimized performance in this environment. Figure 4: Industrial environment Conditions: Speed of 36 km/h, 10 paths. Observations: At 0 dB, the MSE starts at 0.45. At 10 dB, it drops to 0.18. At 20 dB, the MSE reaches 0.07. As in the previous environments, the MMSE and TD LMMSE estimators display superior results, with lower MSEs than those observed in Figure 1. Figure 5: Rural environment Conditions: Speed of 54 km/h, 3 paths. Observations: At 0 dB, the MSE is at 0.30. At 10 dB, it decreases to 0.12. At 20 dB, the MSE stabilizes at 0.04. Once again, the MMSE and TD LMMSE estimators offer superior performance, with lower MSEs than in the previous figures. These figures clearly demonstrate that the MSE varies with the SNR and environmental conditions. In general, performance is better in indoor and rural environments compared to urban and industrial settings, particularly at high speeds where interference and multipath effects are more pronounced. The results highlight the importance of the environment and propagation conditions in the design of effective

Communication system

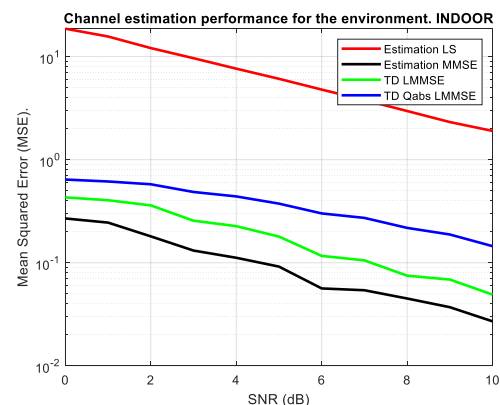


Fig 2: Curve of MSE as a function of SNR

in an indoor environment for $v = 3.6$ km/h, 3 paths.

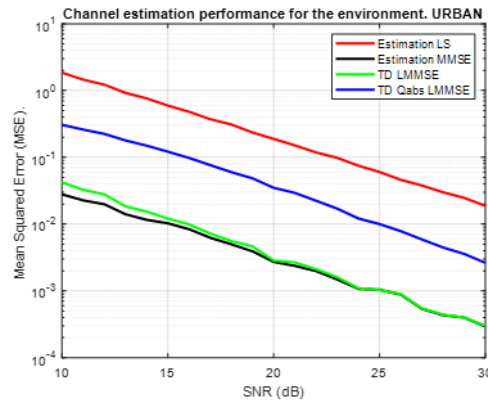


Fig 3: Curve of MSE as a function of SNR in an urban environment for $v = 109$ km/h, 8 paths

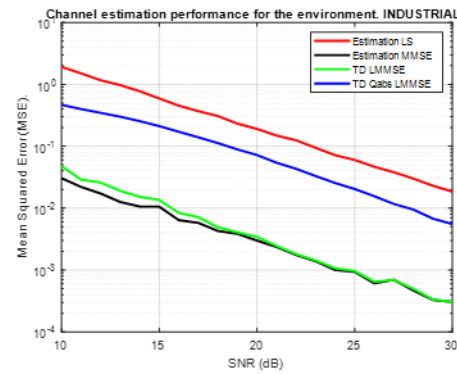


Fig 4 Curve of MSE as a function of SNR in an industrial environment for $v = 36$ km/h, 10paths

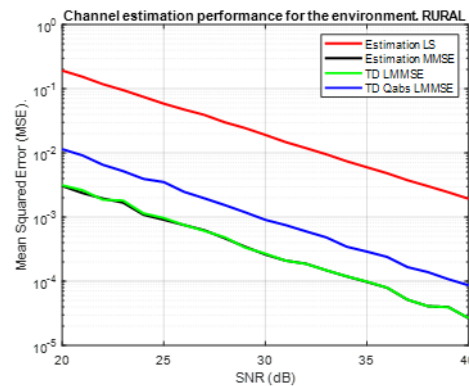


Fig 5 Curve of MSE as a function of SNR in a rural environment for $v = 54$ km/h, 3 paths

5 impact of doppler effects on color image transmission via ofdm in Rayleigh channels

This process involves the OFDM modulation of a color image and simulates transmission through a Rayleigh multipath channel, accounting for Doppler effects relevant for speeds ranging from 0 to 250 km/h, which is particularly crucial in the context of Vehicle to Vehicle (V2V) communication given in figure 6. The image, with a resolution of 148x270 pixels, is loaded and its color channels (red, green, and blue) are extracted and processed individually. Each channel is resized to 256x256 pixels to match the dimensions required for modulation. This resizing step ensures that the image data is suitable for the application of modulation techniques. Subsequently, each channel is normalized to ensure that the intensity values

vary within a standard range, facilitating the conversion of intensities into numerical symbols. This normalization is essential to prevent distortions during modulation. The normalized values of each channel are then modulated into QAM symbols (128 QAM), enabling efficient transmission of visual information. An Inverse Fast Fourier Transform (IFFT) is then applied, converting the modulated symbols into a time domain signal. This OFDM signal is prepared for transmission and adheres to OFDM modulation specifications, offering improved resistance to interference and enhanced spectral efficiency. The process simulates a Rayleigh multipath channel, representing a realistic transmission environment characterized by multiple reflections and various signal paths [20]. Doppler effects are integrated to model the frequency variations caused by

vehicle movement, making the channel model dynamic and relevant for Vehicle to Vehicle (V2V) scenarios. After transmission, a Fast Fourier Transform (FFT) is applied to demodulate the received symbols. This step facilitates the recovery of the original symbols from the received signal, which is essential for image reconstruction. The channels are then reformatted and normalized to recover intensity values within the range [0, 1], a crucial step for the accurate visualization of image data. Finally, the process displays both the original image and the reconstructed image after passing through the multipath channel. This comparison clearly illustrates the impact of the multipath channel on transmission, particularly concerning image quality degradation, potential artifacts, and the visible effects of signal variations due to channel characteristics.

5.1 Impact of doppler effects on histogram analysis

The transmission of images over OFDM systems through a Rayleigh fading channel presents challenges related to time dispersion and rapid channel variations, which are amplified by the Doppler effect [21- 23]. This effect, caused by mobility between the transmitter and receiver, degrades signal quality and impacts channel estimation using techniques like Least Squares (LS). The histogram of the received image, reflecting pixel intensity distribution, can be distorted by these errors. This study aims to analyze the impact of Doppler on this histogram to understand its influence on the visual quality of transmitted images [24 25]. The expression $h_R(k)$ calculates the histogram of the image R, where k represents a specific intensity (for example, between 0 and 255 for a grayscale image). $h_R(k)$ is the number of pixels in the image that have an intensity equal to k . This formula allows for representing the distribution of intensities in the image and provides an overall view of the distribution of pixel values. The Expression is decomposed in (14)

$$h_R(k) = \sum_{i=1}^m \sum_{j=1}^n \delta(R'_{(i,j)}, k) \quad (14)$$

$$R'_{(i,j)} = h(i,j)R_{(i,j)} + n(i,j)$$

$h(i,j)$ represents the Rayleigh channel response with Doppler effect for the pixel. (i,j) . $n(i,j)$ is the additive white Gaussian noise (AWGN) for the pixel (i,j) . $\delta(R'_{(i,j)}, k)$ counts the occurrences of the intensity modified by the channel and noise, equal to $\delta(k)$, $R_{(i,j)}$ represents the intensity (or value) of the pixel located at position (i, j) in the image R. For example, for a grayscale image, this value can vary from 0 to 255 (if it is an 8 bit image). $\delta(R_{(i,j)}, k)$: It is a discrete Dirac delta function which is equal to 1 if $R_{(i,j)} = k$ and 0 otherwise. It allows you to “count” the number of pixels having an intensity equal to k . The multipath channel response with Doppler effect discretized

at times nT_s is given in (17)

$$h[i, j] = \sum_{l=0}^{D(nT)} h_l[i] e^{j2\pi f_d^l i T_s} \delta[j - \tau_l] \quad (17)$$

where $h[i,j]$ is the discretized impulse response of the channel at time i and delay j , $h_l[i]$ is the complex coefficient of the l th path at discrete time iT_s , f_d^l is the Doppler shift associated with the l th path, T_s is the sampling time interval, i and j are sampling indices, τ_l is the delay associated with the l th path (discretized if necessary), $\delta[j - \tau_l]$ is the discrete delta function, which selects the delay instants associated with each path. Similarly, the expression $h_G(k)$ and $h_B(k)$ calculates the histogram of the green and blue channel of the image. Finally, the script displays both the original image and the reconstructed image after passing through the multipath channel. This comparison clearly illustrates the impact of the multipath channel on transmission, particularly concerning image quality degradation, potential artifacts, and the visible effects of signal variations due to channel characteristics.

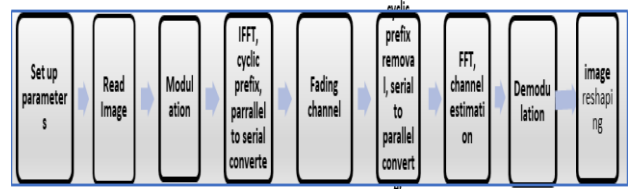
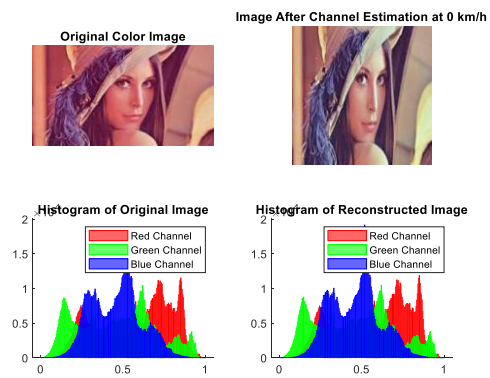


Fig 6. Process flow incorporated for image transmission using OFDM.

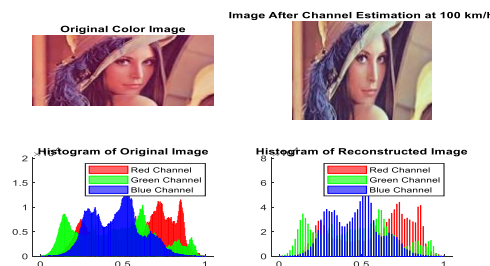
5.2 Critique of Simulation Results

During the simulation, the results of channel estimation using the LS method were examined at different speeds: 0, 100, 200, and 250 km/h. At each stage, the original image and the reconstructed image after channel estimation were displayed, along with their respective histograms. At 0 km/h, corresponding to Figure 7, the received image is generally the clearest. The absence of movement reduces interference, allowing for good preservation of details. The histogram shows a balanced distribution of intensities, indicating effective conservation of nuances and contrasts. At 100 km/h, as illustrated in Figure 8, the image begins to show signs of blurriness. Doppler effects impact the clarity of details, leading to the appearance of artifacts. The histogram reveals variations in intensities, with a slight loss of detail in dark and light areas, signaling a degradation in image quality. At 200 km/h, represented in Figure 9, the increase in speed exacerbates the blurriness and distortions in the reconstructed image. Fine details become less discernible, and the image may appear smoother. The histogram shows an increased concentration of intensity values towards the medians, indicating a loss of contrast and increased uniformity, reflecting significant degradation at 250 km/h, illustrated in Figure 10, The degradation of colors becomes more pronounced, accompanied by a histogram

showing fewer colors. The image then begins to exhibit noticeable degradations. At 350 km/h, illustrated in Figure 11, the received image is markedly less clear. The effects of motion blur and artifacts due to the Rayleigh multipath channel are very pronounced. The histogram reveals a more compressed distribution, signaling a major loss of detail and a homogenization of intensities, which negatively affects the visual perception of the image. In summary, the clarity of the received image decreases with increasing speed. At 0 km/h, the image is the clearest, while at 250 km/h, the degradation is the most pronounced. The histograms corroborate these observations, showing a reduction in contrast and details with increasing speed. This underscores the importance of managing Doppler effects and interference in V2V communications to ensure effective transmission of visual data. Summary of the Impact of Increased Doppler Frequency on Received Image Histogram in OFDM Systems. In OFDM systems, an increase in Doppler frequency adversely affects the quality of received symbols, as evidenced by the histogram of the reconstructed image. Higher Doppler frequencies lead to less accurate channel estimations, resulting in increased symbol recovery errors and greater variability in pixel intensity levels. This variability manifests as visible artifacts in the received image. Poor channel estimation introduces phase shifts and unaccounted attenuations, causing fluctuating pixel intensities. Consequently, the histogram exhibits a broader distribution of intensity values, with diminished peak prominence and a rise in extreme values. The fidelity of color representation also deteriorates, as increased Inter-Carrier Interference (ICI) and phase errors disrupt the subcarriers responsible for color information. This results in a dispersed distribution of color components within the histogram, losing concentration around original values. Additionally, higher Doppler frequencies contribute to artifacts such as blurring and noise, leading to a wider spread of pixel values that deviate from the original distribution. Significant phase shifts may cause pixel values to saturate, shifting histogram bars toward extreme levels (0 or 255), indicating excessively dark or bright pixels. Moreover, the visible noise level escalates due to inadequate channel estimation, increasing the frequency of outlier values in the histogram. Overall, the challenges posed by increased Doppler frequency complicate channel estimation, significantly degrading the quality of the received image. This degradation is reflected in the histogram, characterized by broader dispersion, less distinct peaks, and an increase in extreme pixel values, ultimately indicating a decline in image quality.



Original Image and Received Image After Channel Estimation in Rural Channel at 0 km/h



Original Image and Received Image After Channel Estimation in Rural Channel at 100 km/h

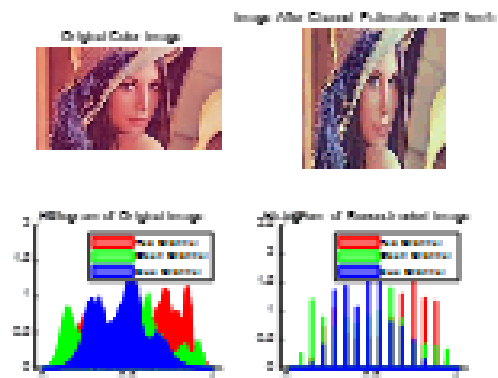
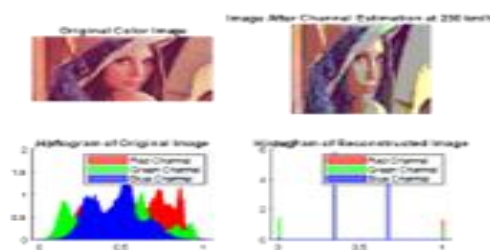
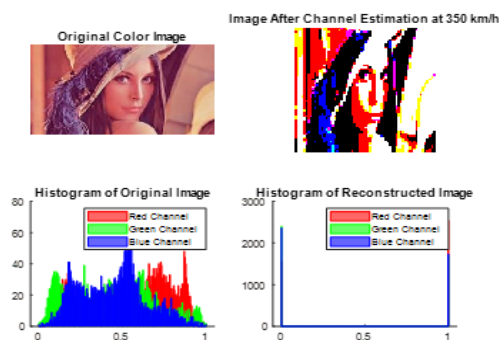


Figure 9: Original Image and Received Image After Channel Estimation in Rural Channel at 200 km/h



Original Image and Received Image After Channel Estimation in Rural Channel at 250 km/h



Original Image and Received Image After Channel Estimation in Rural Channel at 350/h

6. Conclusion

The simulation results presented in the figures highlight the evolution of the Mean Squared Error (MSE) as a function of the Signal to Noise Ratio (SNR) across different environments and vehicle speeds. In general, the results demonstrate that the MMSE and TD LMMSE estimators outperform other estimation methods, particularly the LS estimator, which exhibits significantly higher MSE values. The performance differences become more evident in environments with high mobility, such as urban and industrial settings, where the combination of interference and multipath effects is more severe. Indoor and rural environments, on the other hand, exhibit better performance overall due to more stable transmission conditions.

Additionally, the examination of color image transmission over Rayleigh channels at various speeds shows a progressive degradation in image quality as speed and Doppler frequency increase. At higher speeds, such as 250 km/h, the clarity of the reconstructed image diminishes considerably, with artifacts and blurriness becoming prominent. This degradation is further illustrated by the histograms, which show a reduction in contrast, detail, and color fidelity at higher Doppler frequencies.

In conclusion, the results underscore the critical role of channel estimation techniques and Doppler effect mitigation in ensuring reliable transmission of visual data in vehicular-to-vehicular (V2V) communication systems. The ability to maintain low MSE and mitigate inter-carrier interference (ICI) is crucial for enhancing image quality and transmission robustness, especially in high-mobility environments typical of IoT applications.

Declaration Statement

Ethical Statement

I will conduct myself with integrity, fidelity, and honesty. I will openly take responsibility for my actions, and only make agreements, which I intend to keep. I will not intentionally engage in or participate in any form of malicious harm to another person or animal.

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