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An 11 mm2, 70 mW Fully Programmable Baseband Processor for Mobile WiMAX and DVB-T/H in 0.12 um CMOS

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Abstract

Rapid evolution of wireless standards and the increasing demand for multi-standard products make traditional fixed-function hardware for baseband processing too rigid. Programmable solutions are needed. At the same time, traditional DSP architectures cannot meet cost and power requirements in handheld devices. As a response to this, a new processor architecture dedicated for baseband processing has been developed. In this paper a fullyprogrammable baseband processor enabling standards such as mobile WiMAX and DVB-T/H is presented. This processor outperforms comparable fixed-function circuits for DVB-T/H.