

PAPR Reduction Based Pilots Assisted Channel Estimation in OFDM Systems

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Abstract - Channel estimation plays out an essential part in orthogonal frequency-division multiplexing (OFDM) systems. Insertion of pilot symbols is one of the required techniques for estimation of channel. However, the peak-to-average power ratio (PAPR) suffers the OFDM system. PAPR can be reduced by utilizing various accessible procedures, such as coding, active constellation extension, amplitude clipping, and selective level mapping. The coding approach produces redundant data that significantly reduce the bit rate. The active constellation extension requires higher transmission power. The clipping method and Selective Level mapping (SLM) is the best among the available methods. In this study, we combine the clipping and SLM methods, which is efficient in terms of PAPR reduction value and of spectral efficiency while the channel estimation performance is maintained.

Key Words: PAPR, OFDM, SLM, Clipping, Pilots

1. INTRODUCTION

Orthogonal frequency division multiplexing (OFDM) has turned out to be important in numerous applications amid the most recent decade as a result of its advantages. OFDM can give high information rates and in addition handle multipath channels without requiring confounded equalizers. Given the significance of such a framework, the channel state information(CSI) is assessed to give great quality to the conveyed information. Two important techniques are used to estimate the CSI: blind and non-blind. The visually impaired technique does not send pilots (in any event expressly), though the non-blind sends the embedded pilots to evaluate the CSI. The pilot addition based channel estimation is subdivided into two methodologies: block type channel estimation and comb type channel estimation. The look over sort is the most relevant for multipath channel estimation purposes. Be that as it may, one of the essential issues in the OFDM framework is the peak to average power ratio (PAPR). Various strategies can be utilized to diminish the PAPR values, such as the block-coding technique, active constellation extension, amplitude clipping (AC), and the selected mapping (SLM).In this paper we used AC and the SLM techniques for PAPR reduction. Another issue that emerges when the PAPR decrease strategies are connected is the contortion of the pilot tones before these are sent to the multipath channel. This issue is tended to in this paper utilizing the AC-strategy, wherein the high pinnacles are sliced off to reduce the PAPR. In a typical case, the pilot tones are embedded at high power (high peaks). All information are then subjected to the PAPR reduction to evacuate the high peaks, which brings about the incorrect estimation of CSI by the beneficiary. In the event that the SLM-based PAPR diminishment strategy is utilized rather than the AC approach, a few periods of the embedded pilots would change. Notwithstanding, this change would not influence the CSI estimation at the beneficiary. These marvels are talked about in the consequent segments of the paper.

2. OFDM SYSTEM MODEL

Let $A = [A_0 A_1 \dots A_{N-1}]^T$ be the input symbol vector, where A_k represents the complex data of the k th subcarrier and N is the number of subcarriers. The OFDM signal is generated by adding all the N modulated subcarriers each of which is separated by $1/NT_s$ in the frequency domain, where T_s is the sampling period. Then, $a(t)$ continuous time baseband OFDM signal is defined as:

$$a(t) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{N}} \sum_{k=0}^{N-1} A_k e^{j2\pi \frac{k}{NT} t}; 0 \leq t \leq NT_s \quad [1]$$

where,

$$f_k = k\Delta f, \Delta f = 1/NT_s$$

3. PAPR AND CCDF

3.1. Peak average power ratio

The peak to average power ratio of OFDM signals is defined as the ratio between the maximum power and its average power during an OFDM symbol. PAPR is defined as:

$$PAPR = 10 \log_{10} \frac{P_{PEAAK}}{P_{AV}} \quad [2]$$

In OFDM system, some information groupings would bring about higher PAPR than others. For instance, an information grouping that requires every single such bearer to transmit their greatest amplitudes would absolutely bring about a high yield PAPR. Along these lines by restricting the conceivable info arrangements to a littlest sub set, it ought to be conceivable to get yield signals with an ensured low yield PAPR.

3.2. Complementary cumulative distribution function

CCDF gives the measure of time a signal spends above given power level. In current correspondence, CCDF estimation is considered as one of the valuable instrument offers comprehensive analysis of signal power peaks. For adequate huge number of sub carriers, the amplitude of multicarrier signal, CCDF expression for OFDM signal can be given as

$$\begin{aligned} CCDF &= (PAPR > z) \\ &= 1 - (PAPR \leq z) \\ &= 1 - (z)^N \\ &= 1 - (1 - \exp(-z))^N \end{aligned} \quad [3]$$

where N signal samples are statistically independent uncorrelated.

4. CLIPPING AND SELECTIVE MAPPING

4.1 Clipping

In amplitude clipping, IFFT equation generates L times oversampled discrete time signal. (K) with N(L-1) zero padding in frequency domain) is then modulated its carrier frequency to get pass band signal and clipped version of the signal which is given by

$$a_c^p(m) = \begin{cases} -A & a^p(m) \leq -A \\ A & a^p(m) \geq A \end{cases} \quad [4]$$

clipping ratio is defined as CR= A/σ. Where A is specified clipping level and σ is RMS value of OFDM signal.

4.2. Selective mapping

In the SLM, the information arrangements are duplicated by each of the stage successions to produce elective info image groupings. Each of these option input information groupings is made the IFFT operation, and afterward the one with the most reduced PAPR is chosen for transmission. A_k is the OFDM data block, B_u is the phase vectors and A_u is the modified data vectors in the frequency domain.

$$a_u(t) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{N}} \sum_{k=0}^{N-1} A_k B_{u,k} e^{j2\pi k \Delta f t} \quad [5]$$

Where u=1, 2... U is the number of sub-carriers. Among the adjusted data blocks, the one with the most reduced PAPR is chosen for transmission. The measure of PAPR reduction for SLM relies on upon the quantity of stage groupings U and the plan of the stage arrangements must be known to both transmitter and receiver

5. PROPOSED METHOD

The proposed strategy utilizes dedicated pilots for PAPR decrease issue prompting spectral efficiency loss. In this suggestion, we utilize a portion of the scattered pilots dedicated to channel estimation for both PAPR deduction and channel estimation purposes. The main issue turns out then to discover the pilot symbols at the transmitter which limits the PAPR esteem additionally to discover these pilot symbols at the beneficiary so as to accomplish channel estimation. That is, with a specific end goal to accomplish both operations, that is, PAPR reduction and channel estimation, the set c decided for PAPR decrease needs to experience some specific laws known at the receiver.

$$C_{k+1} = C_k \times \Omega \quad \forall k [0, \dots, M - 2]$$

$$C_k = \Omega_k C_0, \quad [6]$$

where Ω denotes the step between two consecutive pilots and C_0 is the first pilot symbol.

Input
signal

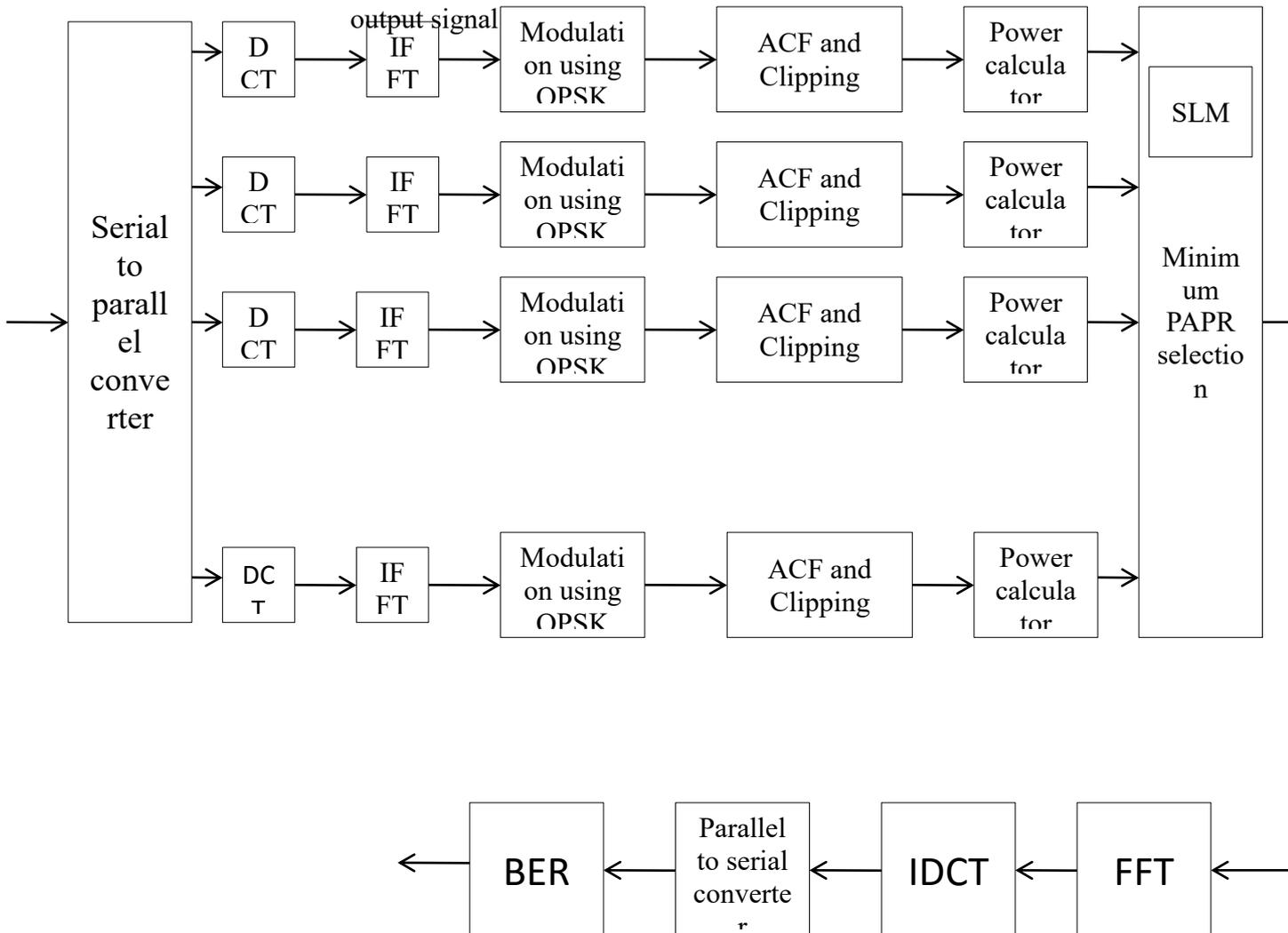


Fig -1: General principle of the proposed method.

The choice of C_k and Ω could be either in continuous domain, that is, the pilots could take any consistent incentive in C , or they could take any discrete incentive from a discrete predefined set in discrete domain with a discrete value Ω . Since the estimation of the pilots and Ω at the receiver in continuous domain could yield to a residual estimation error, and after that to slight system execution degradation, we propose to perform research in a discrete subset of C . It is given as

$$\begin{aligned} C_0 &= \lambda e^{j\varphi} \\ \Omega &= e^{j\Delta}, \\ C_k &= \lambda e^{j(\varphi+k\Delta)}, \end{aligned} \quad [7]$$

where λ , φ , and Δ take values from a predefined set of discrete values. λ is the boost factor applied to the dedicated subcarriers, φ is the initial phase value of the first pilot symbol, and Δ is the phase increment. λ , φ , and Δ have to be selected to optimize the PAPR reduction gain and to limit channel estimation errors. This compromise will be detailed in next sections.

5.1. Pilot recovery and channel estimation

In order to explain the channel estimation scheme and pilots recovery, frequency non selective weakening per subcarrier and time unchangeableness throughout one OFDM image are assumed. Besides, the absence of inter symbol interference and inter carrier interference is bonded by the utilization of a guard interval longer than the utmost excess delay of the impulse response of the channel. In typical OFDM systems and beneath these assumptions, the received signal at the output of the FFT operation might be written as

$$R = HS + W \tag{8}$$

where H denotes the $N \times N$ matrix that contains the advanced channel coefficients, and W is that the additive white Gaussian noise vector. In typical OFDM systems, the channel estimation is completed by estimating the pilot channel coefficients h_p first and then by filtering the obtained coefficients using some typical filters. In our scheme, the pilot symbols C_p used for PAPR reduction are not best-known a priori at the receiver. Therefore, the pilots recovery and channel estimation procedure is performed in 2 steps. First, we verify the transmitted sequence C_p used for PAPR reduction. Within the second step, we tend to confirm the particular channel coefficients H_k .

6. SIMULATION RESULT

We completed broad simulation using MATLAB to assess the PAPR reduction execution of the proposed approach. OFDM systems with $N=256$ subcarriers was utilized for the simulation with QPSK modulation

Table -1 Simulation parameters

Modulation	QPSK
Number of subcarriers	256
Number of data symbols	1000
Size of the phase sequence	256

A total of 10000 data blocks were generated to obtain the CCDF plot of PAPR

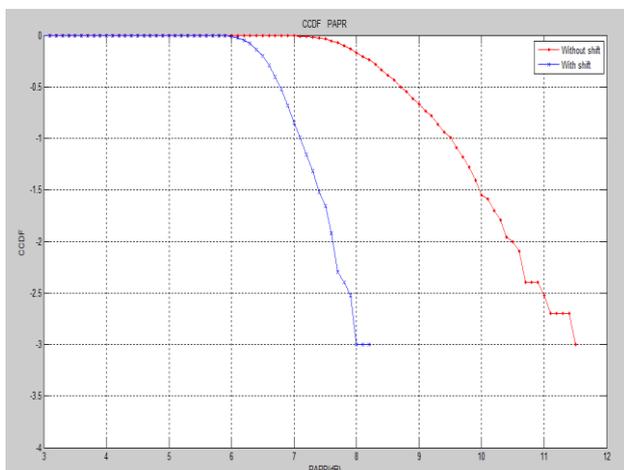


Chart- 1: CCDF plot of PAPR for proposed method

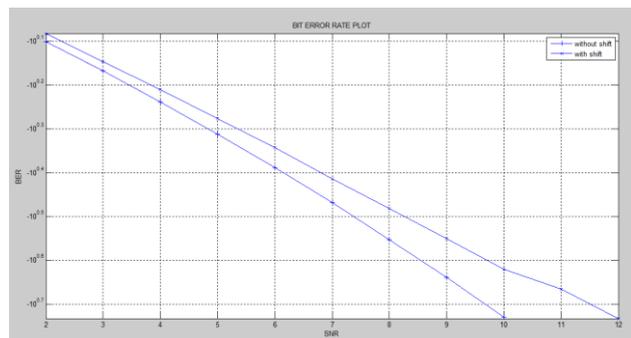


Chart- 2: BER comparison

Our method achieved about 3 dB in PAPR reduction and by adding the DCT in our algorithm we had a further reduction on the PAPR by about 1 dB less than the initial PAPR of the original OFDM signal with significant reduction on complexities compared.

7. CONCLUSION

In this paper we considered the PAPR decrease based channel estimation pilots. Clipping and SLM techniques were utilized to reduce the Peak to average power ratio. The PAPR reduction performances were assessed utilizing MATLAB simulation tools. Experimental outcome clearly demonstrates that there is a significant reduction in PAPR . The proposed scheme reduced the PAPR by around 4 dB with low complexities.

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