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Cyclic Shift Based Tone Reservation PAPR Reduction Scheme with Embedding Side Information for FBMC-OQAM Systems

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Abstract

The tone reservation (TR) scheme is an attractive method to reduce peak-to-average power ratio (PAPR) in the filter bank multicarrier with offset quadrature amplitude modulation (FBMC-OQAM) systems. However, the high PAPR of FBMC signal will severely degrades system performance. To address this issue, a cyclic shift based TR (CS-TR) scheme with embedding side information (SI) is proposed to reduce the PAPR of FBMC signals. At the transmitter, four candidate signals are first generated based on cyclic shift of the output of inverse discrete Fourier transform (IDFT), and the SI of the selected signal with minimum peak power among the four candidate signals is embedded in sparse symbols with quadrature phase-shift keying constellation. Then, the TR weighted by optimal scaling factor is employed to further reduce PAPR of the selected signal. At the receiver, a reliable SI detector is presented by determining the phase rotation of SI embedding symbols, and the transmitted data blocks can be correctly demodulated according to the detected SI. Simulation results show that the proposed scheme significantly outperforms the existing TR schemes in both PAPR reduction and bit error rate (BER) performances. In addition, the proposed scheme with detected SI can achieve the same BER performance compared to the one with perfect SI.

Keywords: peak-to-average power ratio, filter bank multicarrier with offset quadrature amplitude modulation (FBMC-OQAM), tone reservation, side information

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1. Introduction

F ilter bank multicarrier with offset quadrature amplitude modulation (FBMC-OQAM) signals are based on multicarrier modulation and the adjacent input data blocks are overlap with each other, which result in high peak-to-average power ratio (PAPR) [1-3]. However, high PAPR decreases the efficiency of power amplifier (PA) and leads to non-linear signal distortion at the output of PA [4], which increases bit error rate (BER) and severely degrades the performance of FBMC systems.

Currently, various proposals have been studied to reduce the PAPR of FBMC signals. The available methods presented in the existing works for PAPR reduction of FBMC signals can be broadly classified into two categories One is using conventional FBMC structure with the consideration of overlapping feature of adjacent data blocks. The other is employing new low PAPR FBMC (LP-FBMC) structure based on discrete Fourier transform (DFT) spreading under special identically time-shifted multicarrier (ITSM) condition. Especially, based on the former kind of methods, selected mapping (SLM) [5-10] and partial transmit sequences (PTS) [11-19] schemes were proposed with requiring side information (SI) transmission. Although they can achieve good PAPR performance, the complexity is usually high and the correct transmission of SI is critical for data demodulation at the receiver. To avoid SI transmission, some PAPR reduction methods such as active constellation extension (ACE), clipping and tone reservation (TR) were discussed. The authors in [20-23] presented an ACE-based method to improve PAPR performance at the cost of increasing the transmitting power. For the clipping method in [24], the BER performance degrades because of signal distortion with hard clipping. The TR scheme in [25-28] is an attractive technique without signal distortion and SI transmission, which reserved some subcarriers as peak reduction tones (PRTs) and generated peak reduction signal to mitigate PAPR. Conventional clipping based TR (CC-TR) [25], sliding window tone reservation (SW-TR) [26] and multi-block TR (MB-TR) [27] schemes were presented to reduce PAPR with large number of iterations required. In order to improve convergence speed, the overlapping scaling TR (OS-TR) [28] was designed by weighting an optimal scaling factor to approximate the peak-cancelling signal, which effectively reduced PAPR with small number of iterations. Nevertheless, the PAPR is still high and the BER performance degrades for FBMC systems. Another hybrid schemes were presented in [29] and [30] by taking advantage of PTS and TR, but the main drawbacks are the SI burden and high complexity.

As for the second kind of methods, a LP-FBMC method was discussed in [31] to generate four candidate signals and transmitted the one with the minimum PAPR signal. In [32], a PAPR reduction scheme was extended to Alamouti-coded LP-FBMC systems. However, the LP-FBMC method needs to transmit two bits SI to indicate the selected signal. To avoid SI burden, an improved PAPR reduction scheme was presented in [33] by embedding SI in LP-FBMC (SI LP-FBMC) signals. Unfortunately, if the number of SI embedded symbols with quadrature phase-shift keying (QPSK) constellation is small, the SI detection performance is poor by taking the fourth power operation. From the above discussion, we observe that it is different between the LP-FBMC structure and the conventional FBMC structure. Moreover, the PAPR of LP-FBMC signal is still high because only four candidate signals are used.

In order to achieve good PAPR reduction and improve BER performance, we devised a cyclic shift based TR scheme, denoted by CS-TR, with SI embedded for FBMC signals. In our proposed scheme, candidate signals selection and weighted TR are joint optimization by

making full use of the overlapped structure of FBMC signals. The main contributions of this paper are summarized in three folds as follows.

(1) Inspired by the candidate signals selection of LP-FBMC scheme [31], we design four candidate signals based on cyclic delay of the output of inverse discrete Fourier transform (IDFT), and embed SI into small number of SI subcarriers with QPSK modulation. The selected signal with minimum power is then handled by weighted TR method to further reduce PAPR with fast convergence speed at the transmitter.

(2) We propose a simple and reliable SI detector at the receiver. The SI is determined by measuring the phase rotation of sparse SI embedding symbols. Then, the transmitted data blocks are correctly recovered with detected SI.

(3) We evaluate the proposed CS-TR scheme by simulations. We confirm that the presented method can offer satisfied PAPR reduction and BER performance for FBMC signals.

The rest of this paper is organized as follows. FBMC/OQAM signal model is shortly introduced in Section 2. In Section 3, cyclic-shift based candidate signals are generated and a novel CS-TR PAPR reduction scheme with embedding SI is proposed at the transmitter, and then the effective SI detector is presented at the receiver. Section 4 analyzes computational complexity and Section 5 shows the simulation results and performance comparisons. Finally, the whole paper is concluded in Section 6.

2. FBMC/OQAM Signal Model

In a typical FBMC/OQAM system, the complex symbols are modulated based on OQAM, and the *M* complex data blocks with *N* subcarriers at the transmitter can be written as

 $\mathbf{C} = [\mathbf{C}_{0}, \dots, \mathbf{C}_{m}, \dots, \mathbf{C}_{M-1}]$ (1) where \mathbf{C}_{m} is the *m*th complex data block which is defined as $\mathbf{C}_{m} = [C_{m,0}, \dots, C_{m,n}, \dots, C_{m,N-1}]^{T}$ with $C_{m,n} = a_{m,n} + jb_{m,n}$ for $0 \le m \le M - 1, 0 \le n \le N - 1$. The real part $a_{m,n}$ and the imaginary part $b_{m,n}$ of $C_{m,n}$ pass through a bank of prototype filter p(t). The length of p(t) is *KT* where *K* is oversampling factor and *T* denotes symbol duration. To reduce the complexity of FBMC modulator, IDFT and polyphase network (PPN) techniques are employed for FBMC transmitter [31-34]. Fig. 1 shows a typical IDFT-PPN structure of FBMC/OQAM transmitter.



Fig. 1. A typical IDFT-PPN structure of FBMC-OQAM transmitter

As shown in Fig. 1, the baseband signal of the *m*th data block for $mT \le t \le (m + K + 1/2)T$ in time domain is

$$s_{m}(t) = (-1)^{m} \sum_{n=0}^{N-1} \{ j^{n} a_{m,n} p(t-mT) e^{jn2\pi t/T} + j^{n+1} b_{m,n} p(t-mT-T/2) e^{j2\pi n(t-T/2)/T} \}$$

$$= \sum_{n=0}^{N-1} \{ a_{m,n} g_{m,n}(t) + j b_{m,n} g_{m,n}(t-T/2) \}$$
(2)

where $g_{m,n}(t) = (-1)^m j^n p(t-mT) e^{jn 2\pi t/T}$.

For all *M* data blocks, the FBMC signal for $0 \le t \le (M + K - 1/2)T$ in time domain is

$$s(t) = \sum_{m=0}^{M-1} s_m(t) = \sum_{m=0}^{M-1} \sum_{n=0}^{N-1} \{a_{m,n} g_{m,n}(t) + jb_{m,n} g_{m,n}(t - T/2)\}$$
(3)

Since the FBMC signals are overlapped with adjacent data blocks caused by the prototype filter p(t), the PAPR for s(t) on the interval [vT, (v+1)T] for $v \in [0, M + K+1]$ is defined as

$$PAPR[s_{v}(t)] = \frac{\max_{vT \le t \le (v+1)T} |s(t)|^{2}}{E[|s(t)|^{2}]}$$
(4)

where $E[|s(t)|^2]$ represents the average power of transmitted FBMC signals.

At the receiver, when the received signal is r(t), the estimations of $a_{m,k}$ and $b_{m,k}$ for the *m*th block over the *k*th subcarrier, denoted by $\hat{a}_{m,k}$ and $\hat{b}_{m,k}$ respectively, are calculated as follows

$$\hat{a}_{m,k} = \Re[\int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} r(t) g_{m,k}^{*}(t) dt],$$
(5)

$$\hat{b}_{m,k} = \Re[(-j) \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} r(t) g_{m,k}^* (t - T/2) dt]$$
(6)

where $\Re[\cdot]$ is the real operation. Consequently, the estimation of the *m*th input data symbol, denoted by $\hat{C}_{m,k}$, can be obtained as

$$\hat{C}_{m,k} = \hat{a}_{m,k} + j\hat{b}_{m,k}$$
(7)

3. Proposed PAPR Reduction Scheme for FBMC Signals

In this section, a CS-TR scheme with embedding SI is discussed to reduce PAPR of FBMC signals. The PAPR reduction of the proposed scheme is accomplished by three steps. Firstly, four candidate signals are generated based on the cyclic shift of the output of IDFT. After using sequential optimization procedure to deal with each data block, the one with minimum peak power is selected from the four candidate signals. Then, the SI of the selected signal is embedded into some sparse symbols with QPSK modulation. Secondly, TR weighted by optimal scaling factor method is employed on the selected signal to further reduce the PAPR. Finally, the reliable SI detector is presented by measuring the phase rotation of the SI embedding symbols at the receiver.

3.1 Cyclic Shift-based FBMC Signals

The structure of cyclic shift based FBMC-OQAM signals is shown in **Fig. 2**. The real part $a_{m,n}$ and the imaginary part $b_{m,n}$ of the *m*th input symbol $C_{m,n}$ are processed by IDFT and the outputs are denoted as $y_m^{(1)}(t)$ and $y_m^{(3)}(t)$. After performing a cyclic shift T/2 of the IDFT outputs, we obtain the following two signals $y_m^{(2)}(t)=y_m^{(1)}(t-T/2)$ and $y_m^{(4)}(t)=y_m^{(3)}(t-T/2)$.



Fig 2. Architecture of cyclic shift-based FBMC-OQAM signals

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The four signals $y_m^{(1)}(t)$, $y_m^{(2)}(t)$, $y_m^{(3)}(t)$ and $y_m^{(4)}(t)$ pass through prototype filter p(t) with PPN, and the four candidate signals $s_m^{(c)}(t)$ for c = 1, 2, 3, 4 can be expressed as

$$s_{m}^{(1)}(t) = y_{m}^{(1)}(t) + y_{m}^{(3)}(t) = (-1)^{m} \sum_{n=0}^{N-1} [j^{n} a_{m,n} p(t-mT) e^{jn\frac{2\pi}{T}t} + j^{n+1} b_{m,n} p(t-mT-T/2) e^{j\frac{2\pi}{T}n(t-T/2)}]$$
(8)

$$s_{m}^{(2)}(t) = y_{m}^{(1)}(t) + y_{m}^{(4)}(t) = (-1)^{m} \sum_{n=0}^{N-1} [j^{n} a_{m,n} p(t-mT) e^{jn\frac{2\pi}{T}t} + j^{n+1} b_{m,n} p(t-mT-T/2) e^{j\frac{2\pi}{T}n(t-T)}]$$
(9)

$$s_{m}^{(3)}(t) = y_{m}^{(2)}(t) + y_{m}^{(3)}(t) = (-1)^{m} \sum_{n=0}^{N-1} [j^{n} a_{m,n} p(t-mT) e^{jn\frac{2\pi}{T}(t-T/2)} + j^{n+1} b_{m,n} p(t-mT-T/2) e^{j\frac{2\pi}{T}n(t-T/2)}]$$
(10)

$$s_{m}^{(4)}(t) = y_{m}^{(2)}(t) + y_{m}^{(4)}(t) = (-1)^{m} \sum_{n=0}^{N-1} [j^{n} a_{m,n} p(t-mT) e^{jn\frac{2\pi}{T}(t-T/2)} + j^{n+1} b_{m,n} p(t-mT-T/2) e^{j\frac{2\pi}{T}n(t-T)}]$$
(11)

Based on $e^{jn\frac{2\pi}{T}(t+T/2)} = (-1)^n e^{jn\frac{2\pi}{T}t}$, the terms of IDFT outputs with time shift *T*/2 lead to phase rotation $e^{j\pi n} = (-1)^n$ in FBMC modulation stage. Therefore, the four candidate signals of (8)-(11) can be rewritten as

$$s_{m}^{(1)}(t) = \sum_{n=0}^{N-1} \{a_{m,n}g_{m,n}(t) + jb_{m,n}g_{m,n}(t - T/2)\}$$
(12)

$$s_{m}^{(2)}(t) = \sum_{n=0}^{N-1} \{ a_{m,n} g_{m,n}(t) + j(-1)^{n} b_{m,n} g_{m,n}(t-T/2) \}$$
(13)

$$s_{m}^{(3)}(t) = \sum_{n=0}^{N-1} \{ (-1)^{n} a_{m,n} g_{m,n}(t) + j b_{m,n} g_{m,n}(t - T/2) \}$$
(14)

$$s_{m}^{(4)}(t) = \sum_{n=0}^{N-1} \{ (-1)^{n} a_{m,n} g_{m,n}(t) + j(-1)^{n} b_{m,n} g_{m,n}(t - T/2) \}$$
(15)

For ease of presentation, we rewrite $\{s_m^{(c)}(t), c = 1, 2, 3, 4\}$ in equations (12)-(15) as follows:

$$s_{m}^{(c)}(t) = \begin{cases} \sum_{n=0}^{N-1} \{a_{m,n}g_{m,n}(t) + jb_{m,n}g_{m,n}(t-T/2)\}, c = 1\\ \sum_{n=0}^{N-1} \{a_{m,n}g_{m,n}(t) + j(-1)^{n}b_{m,n}g_{m,n}(t-T/2)\}, c = 2\\ \sum_{n=0}^{N-1} \{(-1)^{n}a_{m,n}g_{m,n}(t) + jb_{m,n}g_{m,n}(t-T/2)\}, c = 3\\ \sum_{n=0}^{N-1} \{(-1)^{n}a_{m,n}g_{m,n}(t) + j(-1)^{n}b_{m,n}g_{m,n}(t-T/2)\}, c = 4 \end{cases}$$
(16)

Considering the overlapped feature of FBMC signal, we adopt a sequential optimization procedure to deal with each data block to reduce PAPR. Let $\overline{s}_m(t)$ denote the concatenated waveform up to the *m*th block, we have $\overline{s}_m(t) = \overline{s}_{m-1}(t) + s_m^{(c_m)}(t)$ with $\overline{s}_{-1}(t) = 0$ where c_m is the selected SI index of the *m*th data block among the four candidate signals $\{s_m^{(c)}(t), c = 1, 2, 3, 4\}$. Therefore, c_m can be determined by

$$c_{m} = \begin{cases} \arg\min_{c \in \{1,2,3,4\}} \{\max_{0 \le t \le (K+1/2)T} |s_{m}^{(c)}(t)|^{2}\}, m = 0 \\ \arg\min_{c \in \{1,2,3,4\}} \max_{mT \le t \le (m+K+1/2)T} |\overline{s}_{m-1}(t) + s_{m}^{(c)}(t)|^{2}\}, m \ne 0 \end{cases}$$
(17)

Obviously, $s_m^{(c_m)}(t)$ is the selected signal of the *m*th block in terms of minimum peak power of $\{\overline{s}_{m-1}(t) + s_m^{(c)}(t), c = 1, 2, 3, 4\}$ for $mT \le t \le (m + K + 1/2)T$. The transmitted signal for all *M* data

blocks in time domain is

$$s(t) = \sum_{m=0,c_m \in \{1,2,3,4\}}^{M-1} s_m^{(c_m)}(t), \ 0 \le t \le (M+K-1/2)T$$
(18)

Assuming that the wireless channel is ideal and the effect of additive white Gaussian noise (AWGN) is neglected, the received signal s(t) can be demodulated by using (5) and (6). For FBMC/OQAM system, the prototype filter p(t) satisfies the perfect reconstruction condition with $\int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} g_{k,n}(t)g_{k,n}^*(t)dt=1$ [3]. Therefore, the estimations $\hat{a}_{n,m}$ and $\hat{b}_{k,n}$ of the *m*th block over the *k*th subcarrier are given as

$$\hat{a}_{m,k} = \Re\{\int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} s(t)g_{m,k}^{*}(t)dt\}$$

$$= \Re\{\int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \left[\sum_{l=0,l\neq m}^{M-1} s_{l}^{(c_{l})}(t) + s_{m}^{(c_{m})}(t)\right]g_{m,k}^{*}(t)dt\}$$

$$= \begin{cases} a_{m,k}, \quad c_{m} = 1, 2 \\ (-1)^{n}a_{m,k}, \ c_{m} = 3, 4 \end{cases}$$

$$\hat{b}_{m,k} = \Re\{(-j)\int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} s(t)g_{m,k}^{*}(t-T/2)dt\}$$

$$= \Re\{(-j)\int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \left[\sum_{l=0,l\neq m}^{M-1} s_{l}^{(c_{l})}(t) + s_{m}^{(c_{m})}(t)\right]g_{m,k}^{*}(t-T/2)dt\}$$

$$= \begin{cases} b_{m,k}, \quad c_{m} = 1, 3 \\ (-1)^{n}b_{m,k}, \ c_{m} = 2, 4 \end{cases}$$

$$(19)$$

Substituting (19) and (20) into (7), the estimated demodulated symbol $\hat{C}_{m,k}$ of the *m*th block on the *k*th subcarrier is given as

$$\hat{C}_{m,k} = \hat{a}_{m,k} + j\hat{b}_{m,k} = \begin{cases} a_{m,k} + jb_{m,k}, & c_m = 1\\ a_{m,k} + j(-1)^n b_{m,k}, & c_m = 2\\ (-1)^n a_{m,k} + jb_{m,k}, & c_m = 3\\ (-1)^n a_{m,k} + j(-1)^n b_{m,k}, & c_m = 4 \end{cases}$$
(21)

Thus, the input data symbols $C_{m,k}$ will be successfully recovered from the estimated demodulated symbols $\hat{C}_{m,k}$, when the SI index \hat{c} of selected signal is correctly determined. The recovered data symbols $D_{m,k}$ is calculated as

$$D_{m,k} = \begin{cases} \hat{a}_{m,k} + j\hat{b}_{m,k} & c_m = 1\\ \hat{a}_{m,k} + j(-1)^n \hat{b}_{m,k}, & c_m = 2\\ (-1)^n \hat{a}_{m,k} + j\hat{b}_{m,k}, & c_m = 3\\ (-1)^n \hat{a}_{m,k} + j(-1)^n \hat{a}_{m,k}, & c_m = 4 \end{cases}$$
(22)

3.2 Proposed CS-TR PAPR Reduction Scheme with SI Embedded

When one symbol $C_{m,n} = (1+j)/\sqrt{2}$ of the *m*th block is delicately used on the *n*th odd subcarrier (index of *n* is odd), the demodulated symbol $\hat{C}_{m,n}$ in (22) is given as

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$$\hat{C}_{m,n} = \begin{cases} e^{j\pi/4}, & c_m = 1\\ e^{-j\pi/4}, & c_m = 2\\ e^{j3\pi/4}, & c_m = 3\\ e^{-j3\pi/4}, & c_m = 4 \end{cases}$$
(23)

As shown in (23), for different SI c_m , the demodulated symbol $\hat{C}_{m,n}$ on odd subcarrier has different phase rotations, which means that we can embed the SI into N_p sparse symbols on odd subcarriers with QPSK constellation. Consequently, the SI detection problem can be solved by searching the phase rotation of sparse symbols at the receiver.

Based on the above discussion, a new CS-TR scheme is proposed to reduce PAPR for FBMC signal and the block diagram of the proposed scheme at the transmitter is depicted in Fig. 3. For FBMC/OQAM systems, the total N subcarriers are grouped into N_R PRTs for peak reduction, N_P sparse odd subcarriers for embedding SI and N_D data subcarriers for data transmission where $N = N_D + N_P + N_R$. The indices of N_R PRTs, N_P SI subcarriers and N_D data subcarriers are denoted by the sets J_R , J_P and J_D , respectively. Note that the number of subcarriers N_P is usually small. The *m*th input data block $\mathbf{C}_m = [C_{m,0}, \dots, C_{m,n}, \dots, C_{m,N-1}]^T$, consisting of N_R peak reduction symbols $\{F_{m,n}, n \in J_R\}$ with $\{F_{m,n} \equiv 0, n \notin J_R\}$, N_P SI embedded symbols $\{C_{m,n}^P, n \in J_P\}$ with $\{C_{m,n}^P \equiv 0, n \notin J_P\}$ and N_D data symbols $\{C_{m,n}^D, n \in J_D\}$ with $\{C_{m,n}^D \equiv 0, n \notin J_D\}$, can be represented as

$$C_{m,n} = C_{m,n}^{D} + C_{m,n}^{P} + F_{m,n} = \begin{cases} C_{m,n}^{D}, & n \in J_{D} \\ C_{m,n}^{P}, & n \in J_{P} \\ F_{m,n}, & n \in J_{R} \end{cases}$$
(24)



Fig 3. Block diagram of the transmitter of the proposed CS-TR PAPR reduction scheme

As shown in **Fig. 3**, for the *m*th input data block, when the N_p sparse symbols $\{C_{m,n}^{P}=(1+j)/\sqrt{2}, n \in J_p\}$ for embedding SI are inserted into the N_D data symbols $\{C_{m,n}^{D}, n \in J_D\}$ with $\{F_{m,n}=0, n \in J_R\}$, the four candidate signals $\{s_m^{(c)}(t), c=1,2,3,4\}$ are generated according to (8)-(11). Suppose that $s_m^{(c_m)}(t)$ is the selected signal of the *m*th block with minimum peak power

among the four candidate signals and c_m is the SI index of selected signal in terms of (17), the desired FBMC signal $s(t) = \sum_{m=0}^{M-1} s_m^{(c_m)}(t)$ is obtained by summing all *M* data blocks.

In order to further reduce PAPR of s(t), an iterative TR method is employed by weighting scaling factors to s(t). The clipping ratio (CR) for TR is set to λ and the peak clipped signal $\hat{s}^{(i)}(t)$ at the *i*th iteration is

$$\hat{s}^{(i)}(t) = \begin{cases} s^{(i)}(t), & |s^{(i)}(t)| \le A \\ Ae^{j\theta^{(i)}} & |s^{(i)}(t)| > A \end{cases}$$
(25)

where $s^{(i)}(t)$ is the peak reduced signal at the *i*th iteration, $\theta^{(i)}$ is the phase of $s^{(i)}(t)$ and A is the clipping threshold with $A^2 = \lambda P^{(i)}$ where $P^{(i)}$ is the average power of $s^{(i)}(t)$. The clipped noise in time domain can be expressed as

$$f^{(i)}(t) = \hat{s}^{(i)}(t) - s^{(i)}(t), \ 0 \le t \le (M + K - 1/2)T$$
(26)

Using (5) and (6), we can obtain the modulated symbol $\{\hat{F}_{m,n}^{(i)}, 0 \le m \le M - 1\}$ of clipped noise $f^{(i)}(t)$. Except for all N_R PRTs, set $\{\hat{F}_{m,n}^{(i)}\}$ to zero and the modulated symbol of clipped noise at the *i*th iteration is given by

$$F_{m,n}^{(i)} = \begin{cases} \hat{F}_{m,n}^{(i)}, n \in J_R \\ 0, \quad n \notin J_R \end{cases}$$
(27)

Then, we modulate $\{F_{m,n}^{(i)}, 0 \le m \le M - 1\}$ using (3) to obtain peak-cancelling signal $\hat{f}^{(i)}(t)$ with $0 \le t \le (M + K - 1/2)T$. Considering the overlapped feature of $\hat{f}^{(i)}(t)$, let $\overline{f}_m^{(i)}(t)$ be the overlapped time domain signal of $\hat{f}^{(i)}(t)$ ranging from mT to (m+K+1/2)T. To make $\hat{f}^{(i)}(t)$ as much as possible to approximate $f^{(i)}(t)$ for PAPRA reduction, we have

$$\min_{\rho_{0}^{(i)},\dots,\rho_{M-1}^{(i)}} \{\sum_{t=0}^{(M+K-1/2)T} |\sum_{m=0}^{M-1} \rho_{m}^{(i)} \overline{f}_{m}^{(i)}(t) - f^{(i)}(t)|^{2}\}$$
(28)

where $\{\rho_m^{(i)}, m = 0, 1, \dots, M-1\}$ are scaling factors at the *i*th iteration. The optimal $\rho_m^{(i)}$ in (28) is calculated by least squares method [28], which is

$$\rho_{m}^{(i)} = \begin{cases}
\frac{\sum_{t \in S_{0}} |\overline{f}_{0}^{(i)}(t)| |f_{0}^{(i)}(t)|}{\sum_{t \in S_{0}} |\overline{f}_{0}^{(i)}(t)|^{2}}, m = 0 \\
\frac{\sum_{t \in S_{m}} |\overline{f}_{m}^{(i)}(t)| |f_{m}^{(i)}(t) - \sum_{k=0}^{m-1} \rho_{k}^{(i)} |\overline{f}_{k}^{(i)}(t)|}{\sum_{t \in S_{m}} |\overline{f}_{m}^{(i)}(t)|^{2}}, 1 \le m \le M - 1
\end{cases}$$
(29)

where $S_m = \{t \mid |f_m^{(i)}(t)| > 0, mT \le t \le (m + K + 1/2)T\}$.

Thus, the peak-cancelling signal at the *i*th iteration is reconstructed as

$$z^{(i)}(t) = \sum_{m=0}^{M-1} \rho_m^{(i)} \hat{f}_m^{(i)}(t)$$
(30)

where $\hat{f}_m^{(i)}(t)$ is time domain signal of $\hat{F}_{m,n}^{(i)}$ with $mT \le t \le (m + K + 1/2)T$. Therefore, the peak reduced signal in time domain at the (i+1)th iteration is

 $s^{(i+1)}(t) = s^{(i)}(t) + z^{(i)}(t)$

The details of the proposed PAPR reduction scheme are illustrated in algorithm 1.

Algorithm 1 : The proposed CS-TR algorithm to reduce PAPR of FBMC signals

1:Initialize N_R PRTs, N_P SI embedding subcarriers. Let $s_{-1}^{(\hat{c})}(t) = s_0^{(\hat{c})}(t) = 0$ and the index of input block *m*=0. 2: for $m \le M - 1$ do 3: generate candidate signals $s_m^{(c)}(t)$, c = 1, 2, 3, 4 according to (8)-(11); 4: determine the SI index c_m of selected signal $s_m^{(c_m)}(t)$ of the *m*th block by (17); 5: update the output signal $s(t)=s_{m-1}(t)+s_m^{(c_m)}(t)$; 6: end for 7: Set a clipping ratio λ and the maximum number of iteration *I*. Let $s^{(1)}(t)=s(t)$ and $P^{(1)} = E[|s^{(1)}(t)|^2]$ for iteration number *i*=1. 8: for $i \leq I$ and $\max(|x^{(i)}(t)|) > A$ with $A = \lambda P^{(i)}$ do 9: obtain the peak clipped signal $\hat{s}^{(i)}(t)$ using (25); 10: generate the clipped noise $f^{(i)}(t) = \hat{s}^{(i)}(t) - s^{(i)}(t)$ using (26); 11: demodulate $f^{(i)}(t)$ and obtain $\hat{F}_{mn}^{(i)}$ using (5) and (6); 12: modulate $F_{m,n}^{(i)} = \hat{F}_{m,n}^{(i)}$ with $\left\{ \hat{F}_{m,n}^{(i)} = 0, n \notin J_R \right\}$ to generate $\hat{f}^{(i)}(t)$ using (3); 13: calculate $\rho_m^{(i)}$ using (29); 14: reconstruct and update the peak reduced signal $s^{(i+1)}(t)$ using (30) and (31). 15: end for

3.3 Proposed SI Detector

At the receiver, the PPN and DFT are performed and the received symbols on the PRTs are discarded. Note that the embedding SI symbols $\{C_{m,n}^{P}=(1+j)/\sqrt{2}, n \in J_{P}\}$ are known at the receiver. Let $\{\hat{Y}_{m,n}^{P}, n \in J_{P}\}$ and $\{\hat{C}_{m,n}^{P}, n \in J_{P}\}$ denote the received symbols and the demodulated symbols on SI subcarriers with perfectly equalization of the wireless channel [35][36], the received symbol $\hat{Y}_{m,n}^{P}$ on SI subcarriers can be expressed as

$$\hat{Y}_{m,n}^{P} = \hat{C}_{m,n}^{P} + W_{m,n} \tag{32}$$

where $W_{n,m}$ is the corresponding AWGN term of the output of demodulation with zero mean and variance $\sigma^2/2$ in real and imaginary components.

When the AWGN term $W_{m,n}$ is neglected, we can rewrite (32) as

$$\hat{Y}_{m,n}^{P} = e^{j\theta_{m}} = \begin{cases} e^{j\pi/4}, & c_{m} = 1 \\ e^{-j\pi/4}, & c_{m} = 2 \\ e^{j3\pi/4}, & c_{m} = 3 \\ e^{-j3\pi/4}, & c_{m} = 4 \end{cases}$$
(33)

It can be seen that the received symbols $\{\hat{Y}_{m,n}^{p}, n \in J_{p}\}$ on SI subcarriers have different phase rotation θ_{m} for different SI index c_{m} . The relationship between θ_{m} and c_{m} of the selected signal $s_{m}^{(c_{m})}(t)$ of the *m*th block is listed in **Table 1**.

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(31)

SI index c_m	Phase rotation θ_m	Selected signal $s_m^{(c_m)}(t)$
1	π/4	$s_m^{(1)}(t)$
2	-π/4	$s_m^{(2)}(t)$
3	3π/4	$s_m^{(3)}(t)$
4	-3π/4	$s_m^{(4)}(t)$

 Table 1. The relationship between phase rotation and SI index of the selected signal

According to (33), a reliable SI detector is presented by measuring the phase rotation of the embedding SI symbols. The block diagram of the proposed SI detector at the receiver is shown in **Fig. 4**. The proposed SI detector can obtain good performance and the probability of correct SI detection $\Pr{\{\hat{c}_m = c_m\}}$ is closed to 1. The details of the probability of correct SI detection can be found in the **Appendix**.



Fig 4. Block diagram of the proposed SI detector at the receiver

For an unknown SI index c_m at the receiver, the phase estimation θ_m , denoted by $\hat{\theta}_m$ of the *m*th transmitted signal, can be calculate by

$$\hat{\theta}_m = \angle \sum_{k=0}^{N_p} \hat{Y}_{m,n}^p \tag{34}$$

When AWGN noise is considered, the SI index c_m can be estimated according to Table 1 as follows

$$\hat{c}_{m} = \begin{cases} 1, \ 0 < \hat{\theta}_{m} \le \pi / 2 \\ 2, \ -\pi / 2 < \hat{\theta}_{m} \le 0 \\ 3, \ \pi / 2 < \hat{\theta}_{m} \le \pi \\ 4, \ -\pi < \hat{\theta}_{m} \le -\pi / 2 \end{cases}$$
(35)

After \hat{c}_m being determined, the transmitted data symbols of the *m*th block can be correctly demodulated according to (22).

3.4 Effects of SI Error Rate on the BER

Let $\alpha = \Pr{\{\hat{c}_m \neq c_m\}}$ be the error rate of SI detection for the proposed CS-TR method. The BER P_e of the proposed scheme is given as

$$P_{e} = \alpha P_{b}^{(\hat{c}_{m} \neq c_{m})} + (1 - \alpha) P_{b}^{(\hat{c}_{m} = c_{m})}$$
(36)

where $P_b^{(\hat{c}_m \neq c_m)}$ is the conditional BER with incorrect SI detection and $P_b^{(\hat{c}_m = c_m)}$ is the conditional BER with correct SI detection of the proposed scheme.

In the **Appendix**, it can be seen that $\alpha = 1 - \Pr\{\hat{c}_m = c_m\} \approx e^{-N_p/2\sigma^2}$. This means that, for a given SNR, α exponentially decreases with the number of SI subcarriers N_p increasing. Consequently, when $N_p/2\sigma^2$ is much larger than 1, α approximately converges to zero and

 P_e in (36) approaches to $P_b^{(\hat{c}_m=c_m)}$. Obviously, for $N_p / 2\sigma^2 \gg 1$, the proposed scheme with detected SI can obtain almost the same BER performance compared to the one with ideal SI.

4. Computational Complexity Analysis

Computational complexity is evaluated in terms of the number of real multiplications (RMs) required for all *M* data blocks in one frame. For fair comparison, we assume that all schemes use the same IDFT-PPN structure for FBMC modulation and demodulation. The number of RMs of one *N*-point IDFT/DFT is $4 \times (N/2)\log_2 N$ where the factor 4 denotes the number of RMs per one complex multiplication. The number of RMs of one PPN is $2 \times KN$, because the PPN input is complex-valued samples with the length of *KN* where the sample of prototype filter p(t) is real-valued.

4.1 Complexity of PAPR Reduction

In the proposed CS-TR scheme at the transmitter in **Fig. 3**, two IDFTs and four PPNs are used for one data block to generate four candidate signals. Accordingly, the number of RMs for one block is $(2 \times 2N \log_2 N + 4 \times 2KN)$. For time shift T/2 of the IDFT output, it does not require extra RM. Therefore, $M(4N \log_2 N + 8KN)$ RMs are required for M data blocks. For TR procedure, we use two DFTs and two PPNs to demodulate the clipped signal, and two IDFTs and two PPNs to generate the TR signal for one block. Hence, the number of RMs is $4M(2N \log_2 N + 2KN)$ in one frame. For the optimal factor $\rho_m^{(i)}$ in (29), the number of RMs required is about 2K for one block where K is the number of samples in S_m . Given the number of iteration I, the number of RMs required is $4MI(2N \log_2 N + 2KN) + 2MKI$ in one frame.

Hence, the proposed scheme requires $M(4N\log_2N+8KN)+4MI(2N\log_2N+2KN)+2MKI$ RMs in one frame at the transmitter. Complexity comparison of PAPR reduction for original FBMC signals, CC-TR [25], OS-TR [28], SI embedded LP-FBMC [33] and the proposed CS-TR are shown in Table 2.

Scheme	Major calculations of one data block	Number of RMs for <i>M</i> data blocks
Original signal	2×IDFTs and 2×PPNs	$M(4N\log_2 N+4KN)$
CS-TR	candidate signals: 2×IDFTs and 4×PPNs; one iteration for TR: 2×DFTs, 2×IDFTs and 4×PPNs	$M(4N\log_2 N+8KN)+$ $4MI(2N\log_2 N+2KN)+2MKI$
OS-TR	original signal: 2×IDFTs and 2×PPNs; one iteration for TR: 2×DFTs, 2×IDFTs and 4×PPNs	$M(4N\log_2 N+4KN)+$ $4MI(2N\log_2 N+2KN)+2MKI$
CC-TR	original signal: 2×IDFTs and 2×PPN; one iteration for TR: 2×DFTs, 2×IDFTs and 4×PPNs	$M(4N\log_2 N+4KN)+$ $4MI(2N\log_2 N+2KN)$
SI LP-FBMC	candidate signals: 1×DFT, 1×IDFT and 8×PPN; SI embedding: 3×phase rotations of length-4 <i>N</i> vector	M(10Nlog ₂ N+64KN+44N)

Table 2. Complexity comparison of different PAPR schemes at the transmitter

From Table 2, it can be seen that the required RMs of CS-TR, OS-TR and CC-TR methods

vary with iterative numbers *I* at the transmitter. For the same *I*, the complexity of the proposed scheme is slightly higher than that of OS-TR. This is because the proposed method needs extra two PPNs to generate four candidate signals.

4.2 Complexity of SI Detection

At the receiver, the received signal in time domain is demodulated by two PPNs and two DFTs for one block. If we omit the complexity of channel equalization procedure, for all M blocks in one frame, the number of RMs required is $M(4N\log_2 N+4KN)$ for basic FBMC demodulation.

For the proposed SI detector, it does not require additional RM in (34) because only the phase rotation of the summation of all N_P SI subcarriers is detected. For SI embedded LP-FBMC [33], the SI of each block is detected by calculating the fourth power operation of \overline{N}_p ($\overline{N}_p >> N_p$) SI subcarrier and it needs $8M\overline{N}_p$ RMs for all M blocks. The details of complexity between our proposed CS-TR and LP-FBMC with SI detection at the receiver are shown in **Table 3**.

Table 3. Complexity comparison of different schemes with SI detection at the receiver

Scheme	Major calculations of one data block	Number of RMs for <i>M</i> data blocks
CS-TR	2×PPNs and 2×DFTs	$M(4N\log_2 N+4KN)$
SI LP-FBMC	2×PPNs, 2×DFTs and \bar{N}_{p} ×fourth power operations	$M(4N\log_2 N+4KN)+8M\overline{N}_p$

Fig. 5 shows the total complexity of OS-TR, SI embedded LP-FBMC and proposed CS-TR methods with number of total subcarriers *N* for blocks *M*=16 and overlapping factor *K*=4. In the simulation, the number of iteration is *I*=2 for both OS-TR and CS-TR, and SI subcarriers \overline{N}_p for LP-FBMC is 20% of total number of subcarriers *N*. It can be seen that, for the same *I*, the proposed method requires slightly higher complexity than OS-TR because of SI detection processing, while the complexity of CS-TR is lower than that of LP-FBMC because the SI detection of LP-FBMC is required to calculate the fourth power operation of all \overline{N}_p SI subcarriers. In fact, the exact complexity of the proposed method mainly depends on the number of iteration *I*. It can be found in Section 5 based on simulation results that the proposed method requires small *I* to achieve better PAPR performance compared to OS-TR.



Fig 5. Complexity comparison of different schemes (Data blocks M=16, overlapping factor K=4, number of iteration I=2 for CS-TR and OS-TR and SI subcarriers $\overline{N}_p=0.2N$ for LP-FBMC)

5. Simulation Results and Analysis

Simulations are conducted to verify the effectiveness of the proposed CS-TR method in FBMC systems. The FBMC system has N=128 total subcarriers and the subcarrier spacing is set to 15 kHz. For the purpose of SI detection, the number of SI subcarriers is $N_P=4$ with QPSK constellation. The frequency selective Rayleigh fading channel, called Pedestrian-A channel [33][37], is employed for BER performance evaluation. There are M=16 data blocks randomly generated in a frame with 16QAM and the PAPR observation interval is set to be *T*. We adopt PHYDYAS filter [34] as the prototype filter p(t) and the length of p(t) is *KT* with overlapping factor K = 4. For comparison, CC-TR [25], OS-TR [28] and SI LP-FBMC [33] are considered under a common IDFT-PPN structure.

Both PAPR reduction and BER performances are assessed by simulations. We use complementary cumulative density function (CCDF) of PAPR to evaluate the PAPR reduction performance. The CCDF of PAPR denoted by $Pr\{PAPR \ge PAPR_0\}$ is defined as the probability that the PAPR of FBMC signal exceeds a given threshold $PAPR_0$. To evaluating the BER performance with considering the impact of non-linear distortion of PA, we adopt a solid-state power amplifier (SSPA) in [38] with input back-off (IBO) at the transmitter. In the simulation, the number of PRTs N_R is random selection and the CR for TR is $\lambda=6$ dB.

Fig. 6 shows the PAPR reduction performance of the proposed CS-TR scheme with the number of SI subcarriers N_P =4 when the number of iteration is I=2. The numbers of PRTs are N_R =4, 8, 12 and 16, respectively. As shown in **Fig. 6**, the PAPR reduction performance of the proposed method is improved as N_R increasing from N_R =4 to N_R =12. However, the PAPR performance is almost the same for N_R =12 and 16. This is because the proposed cycle shift processing can reduce PAPR of original FBMC signal. Moreover, the TR weighted by optimal factor method further reduces the PAPR with fast convergence speed. Therefore, the number of PRTs N_R =12 is selected in the following simulations.



Fig 6. PAPR performance of the proposed CS-TR scheme with different numbers of PRTs N_R (SI subcarriers N_P =4 and number of iteration I=2)

Fig. 7 gives the PAPR reduction performance of the proposed CS-TR scheme with different numbers of iteration *I*. The CCDF curves of original FBMC signal and proposed CS-TR scheme with I=0 are also included for comparison. For the proposed scheme with I=0 situation, it means that the PAPR performance is obtained only by the selected signal based on cycle shift processing without iteration. We can observe that the proposed scheme achieves significantly PAPR reduction performance compared with original FBMC signal. For instance,

at $Pr\{PAPR \ge PAPR_0\} = 10^{-4}$, compared with original FBMC signal, the proposed method achieves about 1.5dB, 3.2dB, 4.2dB, 4.6dB, and 4.9dB PAPR reduction for *I*=0, 1, 2, 3 and 4, respectively. It also can be seen that the proposed scheme improves PAPR performance with *I* increasing. However, when *I*>2, the PAPR performance gap of the proposed scheme becomes small. From **Table 2**, we can see that the computational complexity is proportional to *I*. Therefore, it is a tradeoff between the PAPR reduction and the number of iteration *I*.



Fig 7. PAPR performance of the proposed CS-TR scheme with different numbers of iteration I (SI subcarriers N_P =4 and number of PRTs N_R =12)

Fig. 8 illustrates the PAPR performance comparison of CC-TR, OS-TR, SI LP-FBMC and the proposed CS-TR schemes. For TR iteration processing, the number of iteration I=2 and 4 are used to CC-TR, OS-TR and CS-TR, respectively. For fair comparison with the same data transmission subcarriers, the number of SI subcarriers $N_P=4$ and the number of PRTs $N_R=12$ are used in CS-TR while $N_R=16$ is used in CC-TR and OS-TR. In the simulation, the clipping ratio is set $\lambda=6$ dB and data blocks with 16QAM are used. As shown in **Fig. 8**, the PAPR performance of CC-TR, OS-TR and CS-TR improves from I=2 to I=4. For the same number of iteration *I*, the proposed scheme can achieve the best PAPR reduction performance among the four schemes. This is because the proposed scheme is a joint optimization method by using cycle shift and weighted TR procedure to reduce the PAPR of FBMC signals. However, the proposed scheme achieves slightly higher PAPR performance than OS-TR for I=4.



Fig 8. PAPR performance comparison of different schemes with different numbers of SI subcarriers N_P and PRTs N_R (Clipping ratio $\lambda = 6$ dB and data blocks with 16QAM)

Fig. 9 depicts the SI error rate (SIER) performance comparison with different numbers of SI subcarriers N_P for SNR=2dB, 6dB and 12dB, respectively. In the simulation, the IBO of SSPA is set 4dB and data blocks with 16QAM are used. As we can see, for a given SNR, the proposed CS-TR method can achieve much better SIER performance than SI embedded LP-FBMC when N_P increases. Moreover, for a given N_P , the SIER performance of the proposed method is improved with SNR increasing. In addition, for a small N_P , the proposed SI detector can obtain a good SIER performance while the SI detector of LP-FBMC is invalid.



Fig 9. SIER performance comparison with different numbers of SI subcarriers *N_P* (IBO=4dB of SSPA and data blocks with 16QAM)

Fig. 10 shows the SIER performance comparison of the proposed CS-TR method and SI embedding LP-FBMC scheme with different SNRs. The IBO of SSPA is 4dB and data blocks with 16QAM are used in the simulation. It can be observed that the proposed SI detector of CS-TR can achieve much better SIER performance than that of LP-FBMC. At low SNR region, e.g. SNR=6dB, the proposed SI detector can obtain satisfied SIER performance with the number of SI subcarriers N_P =4 while the SIER performance is still poor for LP-FBMC with N_P =20. It means that the proposed SI detector can achieve good SIER performance with small numbers of N_P . The reason is that the SI is determined by phase detection for adding all N_P SI subcarriers with the same phase offset, which effectively improve the SNR of SI detection.



Fig 10. SIER performance comparison with different SNRs (IBO=4dB of SSPA and data blocks with 16QAM)

Fig. 11 gives the BER performance of the proposed CS-TR scheme with different numbers of iteration *I* under fading channel. The number of SI subcarriers is N_P =4 and the number of PRTs is N_R =12. The IBO of SSPA is 4dB and data blocks with 16QAM are used. It can be seen that the proposed CS-TR method with SI detection can achieve the same BER performance compared to the one with perfect SI. As expected, the proposed scheme can improve BER performance from *I*=0 to 4. In addition, the BER performance gap of the proposed scheme decreases with *I* increasing. The reason is that, for a fixed threshold of clipping ratio, the PAPR reduction gap of the proposed method rapidly decreases with *I* increasing.



Fig 11. BER performance of the proposed CS-TR scheme with different numbers of iteration *I* under fading channel (IBO=4dB of SSPA, SI subcarriers N_P =4 and number of PRTs N_R =12)

Fig. 12 shows the BER performance comparison for original FBMC signal, CC-TR, OS-TR, SI embedding LP-FBMC and the proposed CS-TR schemes under fading channel. During the simulation, the IBO of SSPA is 4dB and data blocks with 16QAM are used. The number of PRTs is N_R =16 for both CC-TR and OS-TR while N_R =12 for the proposed CS-TR method. For SI detection, the numbers of SI subcarriers are N_P =4 for CS-TR and N_P =20 for LP-FBMC. It is shown that, for a given value of *I*, the proposed CS-TR scheme has the best BER performance among four methods. It can be observed that the proposed CS-TR scheme with SI detection can obtain almost the same BER performance from *SNR*=10 to 40dB compared to the theoretical analysis in (36). Moreover, the BER performance of the proposed method with N_P =4 is better than that of LP-FBMC with N_P =20. The reason is that the proposed method can achieve better PAPR reduction and SIER performances than LP-FBMC. It also can be seen that the BER performance of the proposed method is better than that of OS-TR when *I*=1 and 2. This is due to the fact that our proposed scheme can effectively improve the PAPR performance shown in Fig. 8, which will lead to lower non-linear distortion when the transmitted signal with 16QAM passes through SSPA.



Fig 12. BER performance comparison of different schemes under fading channel (IBO=4dB of SSPA and data blocks with 16QAM)

6. Conclusion

In this paper, a new CS-TR scheme using joint optimization based on candidate signals selection and iterative TR was proposed to reduce the PAPR of FBMC/OQAM signals. At the transmitter, the proposed method selected the signal with the minimum PAPR from candidate signals based on cyclic shift of IDFT and embeds the SI of selected signal in sparse symbols with QPSK modulation. Furthermore, the TR with optimal scaling factor method was employed for the selected signal with fast convergence. At the receiver, the SI could be easily determined by using phase rotation detection method. Simulation results showed that the proposed method was able to achieve satisfied PAPR and BER performance for conventional FBMC systems. Therefore, the proposed CS-TR scheme was attractive for practical FBMC systems, especially for those with high order modulation.

Appendix

The received symbol $\hat{Y}_{m,n}^{P} = \hat{C}_{m,n}^{P} + W_{m,n}$ in (32) can be considered as a complex Gaussian random variable with mean $1/\sqrt{2}$ and variance $\sigma^2/2$ in real and imaginary components. Obviously, $\bar{X} = \sum_{k=0}^{N_P} \hat{Y}_{m,n}^{P}$ in (34) is a complex Gaussian random variable with mean $\mu = N_P / \sqrt{2}$ and variance $\bar{\sigma}^2 = N_P \sigma^2 / 2$ in both real and imaginary parts.

Without loss of generality, we assume that the SI of selected signal of the *m*th block is $c_m = 1$. Consequently, the probability of correct SI detection $Pr\{\hat{c}_m = c_m\}$ can be given as

$$\Pr\{\hat{c}_{m} = c_{m}\} = \Pr\{0 < \hat{\theta}_{m} \le \pi / 2\}$$
(37)

The probability of (37) is rewritten as

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$$\Pr\{0 \le \hat{\theta}_{m} < \pi / 2\} = \Pr\{\Re\{\bar{X}\} \ge 0\} \times \Pr\{\Im\{\bar{X}\} \ge 0\}$$

$$= \left[\int_{0}^{+\infty} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\sigma}} e^{-(y-\mu)^{2}/2\bar{\sigma}^{2}} dy\right]^{2} = \left[1 - Q(\mu / \bar{\sigma})\right]^{2}$$

$$= 1 + Q^{2} \left(\sqrt{N_{p}} / \sigma\right) - 2Q(\sqrt{N_{p}} / \sigma)$$
(38)

where $Q(x) = \int_{x}^{+\infty} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-z^{2}/2} dz$.

Since $Q^2(\sqrt{N_p}/\sigma)$ is much smaller than $2Q(\sqrt{N_p}/\sigma)$, the term $Q^2(\sqrt{N_p}/\sigma)$ can be ignored in (38). Based on the exponent approximation $Q(x) \approx \frac{1}{2}e^{-x^2/2}, x > 0$ [39], the probability of correct SI detection can be obtained as

$$\Pr\{\hat{c}_{m} = c_{m}\} \approx 1 - 2Q(\sqrt{N_{p}} / \sigma) \approx 1 - e^{-N_{p}/2\sigma^{2}}$$
(39)

Therefore, for $N_p / 2\sigma^2 \gg 1$, $\Pr{\{\hat{c}_m = c_m\}}$ is closed to 1.

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