DFT spreading OFDM options for 11ah PHY enhancement

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Abstract

• This presentation proposes DFT spreading OFDM options for 11ah PHY enhancement.

Overview

• TGah decided to support 2/4/8/16MHz signals based on the down clocked versions of 11ac 20/40/80/160 MHz, and an 1MHz signal based on 32FFT.

– Both 2MHz and 1MHz receptions are mandatory in TGah PHY.

- **DFT spreading OFDM (DFTS-OFDM)** is adopted for the uplink in IMT-2000 LTE, and the concept of DFTS-OFDM was presented in IEEE 802.11-11/0753r0.
- We propose DFTS-OFDM options for 11ah PHY enhancement for 1MHz and 2MHz signals, especially for the purpose of sensor applications in this presentation.
 - Advantage of DFT-spreading OFDM
 - Proposal of DFT spreading OFDM option.

Why DFTS-OFDM ?

- Battery driven wireless terminals are used for sensor network applications
- Basic Requirements for the use cases of 1a/1f and 2d/2e/2f
 - Relatively low transmission speed
 - Long battery life time
 - Reduced power consumption at wireless sensor terminals
 - Higher efficiency at HPA, i.e. low output power back-off operation
- Computer simulation results on PAPR, Power spectrum after HPA and BER are shown in the following slides.

- 56 points DFT spreading is assumed.

Comparison of PAPR

DFTS-OFDM achieved lower PAPR than OFDM.



Comparison of output spectrum after HPA

- DFTS-OFDM achieved less ACL (adjacent channel power leakage) when output backoff is small.
- DFTS-OFDM is more suitable for low output backoff operation.



BER performance

DFTS-OFDM achieved better BER performance, when OBO=0dB-3dB. ٠



Transmission flow for DFTS-OFDM options (1)

- DFTS-OMDF options will be useful for 1MH/2MHz BPSK/QPSK signals.
- It is desirable not to change the basic signal design and preamble of OFDM signals.
 - 1MHz (32 FFT)
 - 24 Data tones, 2 Pilot tones, 5 Guard tones, and 1 DC tone
 - -2MHz(64 FFT)
 - 52 Data tones, 4 Pilot tones, 7 Guard tones, and 1 DC tone



DFT Spreading is applied in the data field only.

Transmission flow for DFTS-OFDM options (2)



• DFT on the transmission side

-26 or 27 points DFT for 1MHz, 56 or 57 points DFT for 2MHz

• IDFT and FDE on the reception side

- -26 or 27 points IDFT for 1MHz, 56 or 57 points IDFT for 2MHz
- FDE is performed using CSI

Discussions

- 57 DFT/IDFT is the simplest approach for DFTS-OFDM, however FFT algorithm can not be applied for DFT/IDFT implementation since 57 is not power of two.
 - It needs large amount of signal processing for DFT/IDFT.
- 56 DFT/IDFT is another simple approach for DFTS-OFDM.
 - 56 DFT/IDFT needs less amount of signal processing than 57 DFT/IDFT.
 - DC tone is replaced with one data tone.
- Though 57/56 DFT/IDFT needs large amount of signal processing, it is worth to employ DFTS-OFDM for 1MHz/2MHz signals for sensor network applications where low PAPR is strongly desired.
 - Direct DFT/IDFT will be possible because of its low symbol rate.
 - Other DFTS-OFDM based approaches can be employed based on the trade-off between PAPR and signal processing.

Straw Poll

- Do you support DFTS-OFDM options for 11ah PHY enhancement for its advantage of low PAPR and better BER performance in non-linear HPA operation ?
 - Applied only for 1MHz/2MHz signals with BPSK/QPSK mode.
 - Needs further considerations on other approaches based on trade-off between PAPR and signal processing.

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