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# Preamble based SNR Estimation in Frequency Selective Channels for Wireless OFDM System

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**Abstract:** Orthogonal Frequency Division Multiplexing (OFDM) offers high information rates and strong execution in recurrence specific channels by interface adjustment using data about the channel quality. A critical boundary required for versatile transmission is the signal-to-Noise Ratio (SNR). In this paper, we propose a novel SNR estimation calculation for remote OFDM frameworks dependent on the reuse of the synchronization preface. The occasional structure of the preface is used for the computationally productive SNR estimation calculation, in light of the second-request snapshots of got introduction tests. The exhibition of the proposed calculation is contrasted and the MMSE calculation and two prelude based calculations found in the writing. It is demonstrated that the proposed calculation is powerful against recurrence selectivity and may in this manner be utilized for subchannel SNR estimation.

## I. INTRODUCTION

OFDM is a multicarrier tweak plot that gives solid strength against intersymbol obstruction (ISI) by separating the broadband channel into numerous narrowband sub-diverts so that constriction over each subchannel remains level. Orthogonalization of subchannels is performed with low multifaceted nature by utilizing the quick Fourier change (FFT).

The sequential high-rate information stream is changed over into numerous equal low-rate streams, each adjusted on an alternate subcarrier.

A significant errand in the plan of future OFDM framework is to misuse recurrence particular channels by versatile transmission boundaries (transfer speed, coding/information rate, capacity) to protect force and data transmission proficiency as indicated by channel conditions at the collector. So as to accomplish such enhancements, effective and definite signal to-Noise Ratio (SNR) estimation algorithm is essential.

The SNR is characterized as the proportion of the ideal sign capacity to the commotion power and is generally utilized as a standard proportion of sign quality for correspondence frameworks. SNR estimators infer gauge by averaging the recognizable properties of the got signal over various images. Before SNR per subcarrier estimation for versatile transmission, the normal SNR and channel recurrence reaction must be evaluated.

Data Aided (DA) estimators depend on either great or assessed information on the transmitted information. In any case, a certain bit of information is required for estimation purposes, which diminishes transmission capacity proficiency. Daze or in-administration estimators get SNR gauge from an obscure data bearing part of the got signal safeguarding proficiency at the expense of diminished execution. For parcel based interchanges, square of data information is typically gone before by a few preparing images (introductions) of realized information utilized for synchronization and adjustment purposes. In this way, DA SNR estimators can use preludes without extra throughput decrease.

A large portion of the SNR estimators proposed in the writing so far are identified with single transporter transmission. In [1], an itemized examination of different calculations is introduced, along with the inference of the Cramer-Rao bound (CRB). A large portion of these calculations can be legitimately applied to OFDM frameworks in added substance white Gaussian commotion (AWGN) [2], while the SNR estimation in recurrence specific channels moreover requires productive estimation of channel state data (CSI).

In this paper, we propose a proficient calculation for the normal SNR estimation in remote OFDM frameworks. The SNR per subcarrier can be also assessed utilizing channel esti-mates and the evaluated normal SNR. The proposed estimator uses preface structure, proposed by Morelli and Mengali in [3].

Contrasted with Schmidl and Cox synchronization strategy [4], it permits synchronization over a more extensive recurrence counterbalance run with just one prelude, henceforth lessening the preparation image overhead. Since the proposed estimation calculation depends on the sign examples at the yield of the FFT, its presentation relies firmly upon the given introduction structure.

- 1) *System Model:* In numerous remote OFDM frameworks, transmission is ordinarily sorted out in outlines. Ordinary casing structure is appeared in Fig. 1

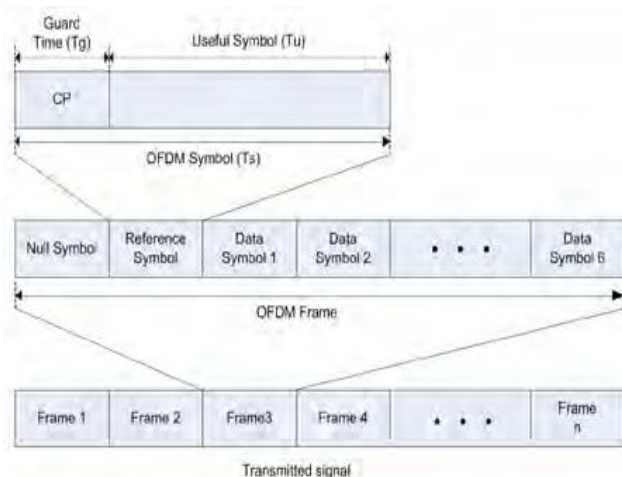


Fig 1: Preamble Structure

Where arrangement of information images is gone before by a few preludes of realized information utilized for the synchronization as well as channel estimation purposes. We consider general model of edge structure made out of  $K$  preludes where each preamble contains  $N$  regulated subcarriers. Let  $C(k, n)$  signify the mind boggling information image on  $n$ th subcarrier in  $k$ th prelude, where  $k = 0, \dots, K - 1$  and  $n = 0, \dots, N - 1$ . It is expected that adjusted subcarrier has unit greatness, i.e  $C(k, n)^2 = 1$  which is the ordinary supposition present OFDM measures for the most part contain preludes made out of QPSK and additionally BPSK adjusted subcarriers. Since we consider SNR estimation acted in recurrence space, given model contains just recurrence area portrayal of got signal in recurrence particular AWGN channels. At the beneficiary, flawless synchronization is expected, thus after FFT, got signal on  $n$ th subcarrier in  $k$ th prelude can be communicated as

$$Y(n) = \sqrt{S}C(k, n)H(k, n) + \sqrt{W}\eta(k, n)$$

Where  $\eta(k, n)$  is examined complex zero-mean AWGN of unit difference,  $S$  and  $W$  are transmitted sign force and commotion power on each subcarrier, separately, and  $H(k, n)$  is the channel recurrence reaction given

$$H(k, n) = \sum_{l=1}^L h_l(kT_s) \cdot e^{-j2\pi n \frac{lt}{MT}}$$

Where  $h_l(kT_s)$  and  $tl$  mean the channel  $l$ th way increase and postponement during the  $k$ th introduction, separately,  $T_s$  is the du-proportion of the OFDM prelude and  $L$  is the length of the channel memory. The channel way gains  $h_l(kT_s)$  in each OFDM image autonomously experience Rayleigh blurring

our underlying supposition that will be that channel is consistent during the entire frame, since we consider snr estimation calculations for the motivations behind versatile transmission. Subsequently time list  $k$  is discarded during the estimation method i.e.,  $H(k, n)$  is supplanted by  $H(n)$ . it is accepted that normal SNR and SNR per subcarrier gauges are legitimate for all data information bearing OFDM images inside the frame. As it is appeared in [5], the normal SNR of  $k$ th got OFDM introduction can be communicated as

$$\rho_{av}(k) = \frac{E_t \left\{ \frac{1}{N} \sum_{n=0}^{N-1} |\sqrt{S}C(k, n)H(k, n)|^2 \right\}}{E_t \left\{ \frac{1}{N} \sum_{n=0}^{N-1} |\sqrt{W}\eta(k, n)|^2 \right\}}$$

- 2) *Objective:* To obtain satisfactory performance over the entire range of SNR Levels by improving the channel Estimation and tracking performance. SNR estimation is derived by using Data Aided estimators Semi blind channel estimation is used for effective estimation of SNR in minimum duration(Fast Estimation)



## II. LITERATURE SURVEY

The Comparison of the exhibitions of different SNR estimation methods for computerized correspondences channels which have been distributed in the writing in the course of the most recent couple of decades. Shockingly, just a bunch of strategies have been accounted for. It is hard to evaluate the overall exhibitions of these SNR estimators dependent on the distributed outcomes since the presentation measurements and the test conditions embraced by the different creators are not steady. The quest for a decent SNR estimation methods is legitimized by the way that different calculations require information on the SNR. In numerous executions, the all out sign in addition to clamor power is utilized rather than the SNR, since it is a lot simpler to quantify the all out force than the proportion of sign force is utilized rather than the SNR, since it is a lot simpler to gauge complete force than the proportion of sign capacity to commotion power. The presentation of different frameworks might be improved if information on the SNR is accessible. The information may either be known or obscure to the beneficiary. Those procedures that get SNR evaluates exclusively from the obscure, data bearing bit of the got signal are known as "in-administration" SNR estimators and are exceptionally compelling since they don't encroach upon the throughput of the channel.

The objective is to locate the best gauge of the sign to-commotion power proportion in an advanced recipient with minimal measure of overhead. The SNR of intrigue is the proportion of the discrete commotion power at ideal testing moments at the contributions to the choice gadget in the beneficiary. The SNR estimators produce evaluates by averaging discernible properties of the got signal over various images. Estimator appraisal was done utilizing a steady presentation metric in a typical domain. Those strategies that get SNR appraises exclusively from the obscure, data bearing segment of the got signal are known as the in administration estimators and are specific enthusiasm since they don't encroach upon. The Orthogonal Frequency Division Multiplexing (OFDM) is a promising approach to achieve higher data rates with sufficient performance. However a measure of channel state is desired in order to decide upon transition to these rates. Signal to noise ratio (SNR) is such a measure and an estimator operating in low transmission rates, such as BPSK or using the preamble data would be proper. In this work two online SNR estimators are developed for OFDM systems, operating on BPSK modulation or on the preamble data. It is shown that the convergence of the algorithms to the actual SNR value is achieved from about 0 dBs or even lower. The impact of the channel estimation used on the SNR estimation accuracy given and improvements, regarding the computational cost, on one of them are given. Finally a transmission procedure for an OFDM modem using these SNR estimators is given. Fourth Generation wireless and mobile systems are currently the focus of research and development. Broadband wireless systems based on orthogonal frequency division multiplexing (OFDM) will allow high-rate data communication. A major advantage of OFDM systems is its ability to divide the input high-rate data stream into many low-rate streams that are transmitted in parallel, thereby increasing the symbol duration and reducing the inter symbol interference over frequency-selective fading channels. This and other features of equivalent importance have motivated the adoption of OFDM as a standard for several applications such as digital video broadcasting (DVB) and broadband indoor wireless systems. The SNR estimators to the best of the knowledge in the most cases handle the issue considering only single carrier schemes. A Split Symbol Moments (SSM) SNR Estimator is presented. Its computational complexity limits its functionality in our application. Another SNR of prohibiting computational cost is presented. The need for a continuous calculation of an exponential function and its iterative nature in order to get the SNR estimate, make it inappropriate for this case. In an SNR estimator for QPSK modulated data is presented, which can not be easily modified for BPSK modulation. The first algorithm is the Squared Signal-to-Noise Variance, which operates on BPSK data. We modify it properly for a multicarrier system such as OFDM and evaluate its performance. In addition the connection among the SNR estimation accuracy and the channel estimation accuracy and the channel estimation method used is examined. Before the transmission of the useful data packet there is the part of the preamble data which is sent in order to achieve frequency and frame synchronization, phase tracking, frequency offset correction. This scheme is based on the transmission of a training symbol composed of two identical halves in the time domain. Its accuracy is close to the Cramer rao bound and its estimation range, which is originally limited to the distance between to adjacent sub carriers, can be widened by exploiting a second training symbol containing some suitable pseudo noise sequence. In this we extended this algorithm by considering a training symbol composed of identical parts. This makes it possible to achieve a better accuracy at the cost of some increase in computational load. Furthermore, the estimation range can be widened in proportional to  $L$  without the need of second training symbol, as required by the Schmidl and Cox method. OFDM has gained increased interest in the last few years for its advantages in digital transmissions over frequency-selective fading channels. The principle weakness of OFDM is its sensitivity to frequency offsets caused by Doppler shifts and oscillator instabilities. As the subcarriers are closely spaced over the channel Bandwidth, the frequency offset must be kept within a small fraction of the subcarrier distance to avoid severe bit error rate degradations. Several frequency estimation schemes for OFDM applications has been investigated. In the packet oriented applications reliable synchronization is achieved by transmitting training symbols multiplexed with the data. The first two identical

halves and serves to measure the frequency offset with an ambiguity equal to the subcarrier spacing. The second a pseudonoise sequence and is used to resolve the ambiguity. This makes it possible to achieve a better accuracy at the cost of some increase in computational load. Furthermore, the estimation range can be widened in proportional to  $L$  without the need of second training symbol, as required by the Schmidl and Cox method. It has gained increased interest in the last few years for its advantage in digital transmissions over frequency selective fading channels.

#### A. SNR Estimators

1) *MMSE Estimators*: MMSE algorithm for SNR estimation in OFDM system is based on the orthogonality between the estimation error and the estimate of the channel frequency response expressed as  $(Y(n) - \hat{H}(n)C(n))(\hat{H}(n)C(n))^* = 0, n = 1, \dots, N$ , where  $\hat{H}$  denotes the estimate of  $H(n)$  and  $(\cdot)^*$  refers to the conjugation operation. The MMSE average SNR estimate is given by [2]

$$\rho_{av,MMSE} = \frac{\hat{S}_{MMSE}}{\hat{W}_{MMSE}} \quad (4.1)$$

$$\hat{S}_{MMSE} = \left| \frac{1}{N} \sum_{n=0}^{N-1} Y(n)C(n)^* \right|^2$$

Where

And

$$\hat{W}_{MMSE} = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{n=0}^{N-1} |Y(n)|^2 - \hat{S}_{MMSE}$$

are the MMSE estimates of  $S$  and  $W$  respectively.

#### B. Boumard's Estimator

In [6], Boumard proposed a second-order moment-based SNR estimator for  $2 \times 2$  MIMO OFDM system in slow varying channel in both time and frequency domain. In [5], Ren et al. derived its corresponding SISO version keeping the presumption that the channel is time-invariant and that two identical preambles are used for SNR estimation, i.e.  $k = 0, 1$  and  $C(0,n) = C(1,n) = C(n)$ , for  $n = 1, \dots, N$ . Average SNR estimate can be expressed as

$$\rho_{av,Bou} = \frac{\hat{S}_{Bou}}{\hat{W}_{Bou}} \quad (4.2)$$

Where

$$\hat{S}_{Bou} = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{n=0}^{N-1} |\hat{H}(n)|^2$$

and

$$\hat{W}_{Bou} = \frac{1}{4N} \sum_{n=1}^{N-1} |C(n-1)(Y(0,n) + Y(1,n)) - C(n)(Y(0,n-1) + Y(1,n-1))|^2$$

are the estimates of  $S$  and  $W$  respectively, and

$$\hat{H}(n) = \frac{C(n)}{2} (Y(0,n) + Y(1,n)) \quad (4.3)$$

Is the least square (LS) estimate of  $H(n)$  averaged over two preamble symbols. Using  $\hat{H}(n)$ , SNR on  $n$ th subcarrier is estimated as

$$\rho(n) = \frac{|\hat{H}(n)|^2}{\hat{W}_{Bou}} \quad (4.4)$$

#### C. REN'S Estimator

The main disadvantage of Boumard's estimator is high sensitivity to frequency selectivity. In [5], Ren et al. proposed more accurate second-order moment-based SNR estimator robust to the frequency selectivity, employed the presumed preamble arrangement from Boumard's estimator. Derived average SNR estimate can be expressed as

$$\rho_{av,REN} = \frac{\hat{S}_{REN}}{\hat{W}_{REN}} \quad 4.5$$

Where

$$\hat{W}_{Ren} = \frac{4}{N} \sum_{n=0}^{N-1} \{Im[Y(0,n)C^*(0,n)H^*(n)/H^*(n)]\}^2$$

And

$$\hat{S}_{Ren} = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{n=0}^{N-1} |Y(n)|^2 - \hat{W}_{Ren}$$

are the estimates of  $W$  and  $S$ , respectively, and  $\hat{H}(n)$  is defined in (7). It is shown that the performance is independent of the channel frequency response estimation although the estimated channel states are used in average SNR estimation. Additionally, SNR on  $n$ th subcarrier is estimated as in (8) using the noise power estimate from (9).

#### D. Proposed PS Estimator

A new estimator based on periodically used subcarriers is explored in this section, named PS estimator in the following. The key idea rests upon the time domain periodic preamble structure for time and frequency synchronization in [4]. In order to cover a wider frequency range, in [3] a preamble of  $Q$  identical parts, each containing  $N/Q$  samples is proposed as depicted. The corresponding frequency domain representation is shown in Fig. 2b. In the sequel we assume that  $Q$  divides  $N$ , so that  $N_p = N/Q$  is integer. Starting from the 0th, each  $Q$ th subcarrier is modulated with a QPSK signal  $C_p(m)$ ,  $m=0, 1, \dots, N_p-1$  with  $|C_p(m)|=1$ . The remainder of  $N_z = N - N_p = (Q-1)Q$  subcarriers is not used (nulled). In order to maintain the total energy level over all symbols within the preamble, the power is scaled by factor  $Q$  yielding a total transmit power of  $SQ$  in the loaded subcarriers.

Write  $n = mQ + q$ ,  $m=0, \dots, N_p-1$ ,  $q=0, \dots, Q-1$ . The transmitted signal on the  $n$ th subcarrier is written as

$$C(n) = \begin{cases} C_p(m), & q = 0 \\ 0, & q = 1, \dots, Q-1 \end{cases} \quad (4.6)$$

By (1) the  $n$ th received signal is given by

$$Y(n) = Y(mQ + q) = \begin{cases} Y_p(m), & q = 0 \\ Y_s(mQ + q), & q = 1, \dots, Q-1 \end{cases}$$

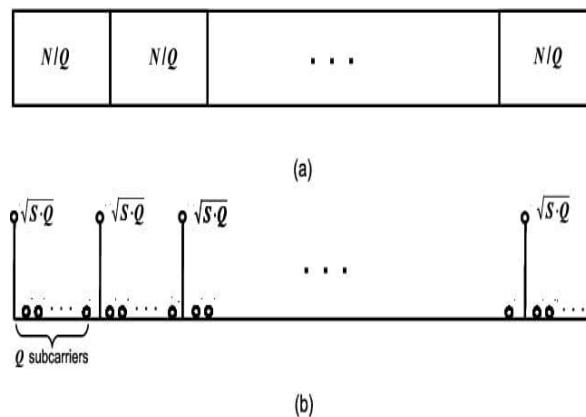


Fig:4.2 Preamble Structure in time and frequency domain

Where

$$Y_p(m) = \sqrt{SQ} C_p(m) H(m) + \sqrt{W} \eta(m) \quad (4.7)$$

Denotes the received signal on loaded subcarriers, and

$$Y_s(mQ + q) = \sqrt{W} \eta(mQ + q) \quad (4.8)$$

The received signal on nulled subcarriers consisting only of noise. The empirical second-order moment of loaded subcarriers is

$$M_{2,p} = \frac{1}{N_p} \sum_{m=0}^{N_p-1} |Y_p(m)|^2 \quad (4.9)$$

Its expected value is given as

$$E\{M_{2,p}\} = \frac{1}{N_p} \sum_{m=0}^{N_p-1} |Y_p(m)|^2 + \frac{QS}{N_p} \sum_{m=0}^{N_p-1} E\{|Y_p(m)|^2\} + \frac{W}{N_p} \sum_{m=0}^{N_p-1} E\{|\eta(m)|^2\} = QS + W$$

Similarly, the empirical second moment of the received signal in nulled subcarriers.

$$M_{2,z} = \frac{1}{N_p(Q-1)} \sum_{m=0}^{N_p-1} \sum_{q=1}^{Q-1} |Y_s(mQ + q)|^2 \quad (4.10)$$

Has exception

$$\{M_{2,z}\} = \frac{1}{N_p(Q-1)} \sum_{m=0}^{N_p-1} \sum_{q=1}^{Q-1} E\{|Y_s(mQ + q)|^2\} = \frac{W}{N_p(Q-1)} \sum_{m=0}^{N_p-1} \sum_{q=1}^{Q-1} E\{|\eta(mQ + q)|^2\} = W$$

In summary, the average SNR can be estimated by forming

$$\rho_{av} = \frac{1}{Q} \frac{M_{2,p} - M_{2,z}}{M_{2,z}} = \frac{1}{Q} \left( (Q-1) \frac{\sum_{m=0}^{N_p-1} |Y_p(m)|^2}{\sum_{m=0}^{N_p-1} \sum_{q=1}^{Q-1} |Y_s(mQ + q)|^2} - 1 \right) \quad (4.11)$$

where, by the strong law of large numbers,  $M_{2,p}$  and  $M_{2,z}$  are strongly consistent unbiased estimators of  $QS + W$  and average noise power  $W$ , respectively. Note that in contrast to the previously described estimators the PS estimator does not need any knowledge of the transmitted symbols on loaded subcarriers. Only the arrangement of loaded and nulled subcarriers must be known to the receiver. The channel estimates  $\hat{H}(m)$ ,  $m = 0, 1, \dots, N_p - 1$ , are available only for the loaded subcarriers. However, they are more accurate since the transmitted power on each loaded subcarriers is increased by factor  $Q$ . Channel estimates for nulled subcarriers  $\hat{H}(mQ + q)$ ,  $m = 0, \dots, N_p - 1$ ,  $q = 1, \dots, Q - 1$ , can be obtained by linear or DFT based interpolation, see [7]. To estimate the SNR on the  $n$ th subcarrier formula (4.4) is used with the noise power estimate from (4.10). Finally, increasing the number of parts  $N_p$  improves the accuracy of the noise power estimation and increases sensitivity of SNR per subcarrier estimates to frequency selectivity due to performed interpolation on nulled subcarriers during the channel estimation. From an implementation point of view the PS estimator has less complexity than Boumard's and Ren's estimator. For average SNR estimation Boumard's estimator (4.2) requires  $5N$  and  $2N$  multiplications and additions per estimate, respectively. Ren's estimator (4.5) needs  $4N$  and  $3N$  multiplications and additions, respectively. The PS algorithm (4.11) requires only  $N$  multiplications and  $N$  additions per estimate. Moreover, the PS estimator is of higher bandwidth efficiency since only one preamble is needed unlike Ren's and Boumard's estimator.

### III. RESULTS

The presentation of PS estimator is assessed and contrasted and the exhibition of MMSE, Boumard's and Ren's estimator utilizing Monte-Carlo recreation. OFDM framework boundaries utilized in the reenactment are taken from WiMAX details giving  $N=256$ , subcarriers and cyclic prefix length of tests [8]. Performance is assessed for three distinct Channels

- 1) AWGN Channel
- 2) a 3-tap time invariant fading channel with a root mean square delay spread of 2 samples
- 3) a 3-tap time-invariant fading channel a 10 samples.

Boundaries for considered channels are taken from [6]. The quantity of autonomous preliminaries is set to  $N_t = 100000$  guaranteeing the high certainty time frame gauges. The assessment of the exhibition is done as far as standardized MSE(NMSE) of the evaluated SNR values

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where  $p_{av,i}$  is the gauge of the normal SNR in the  $i$ th preliminary, and  $p_{av}$  is the genuine worth. Second thought about execution measure is the NMSE of the evaluated SNR per subcarrier

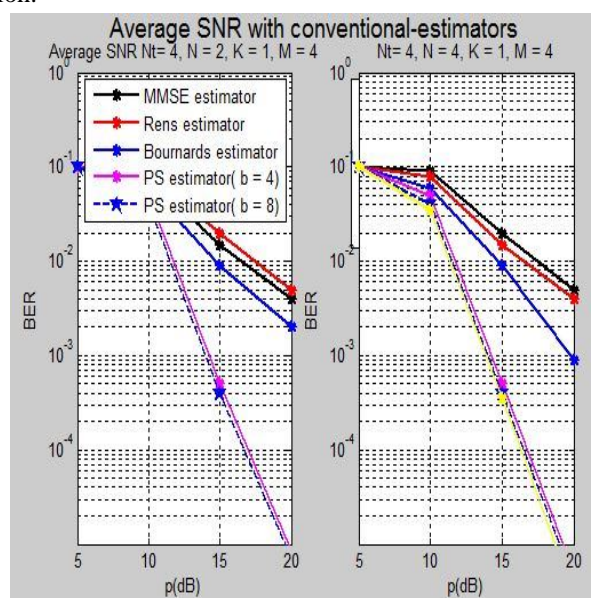
During the reenactment, MMSE and proposed calculation are assessed with just one prelude utilized for estimation method, while Boumard's and Ren's estimators characteristically utilize two pream-bles. Proposed technique is assessed for 3 unique instances of prelude's reshaped parts, for example  $Q = 2, 4$  and  $8$ .

#### A. AWGN Channel

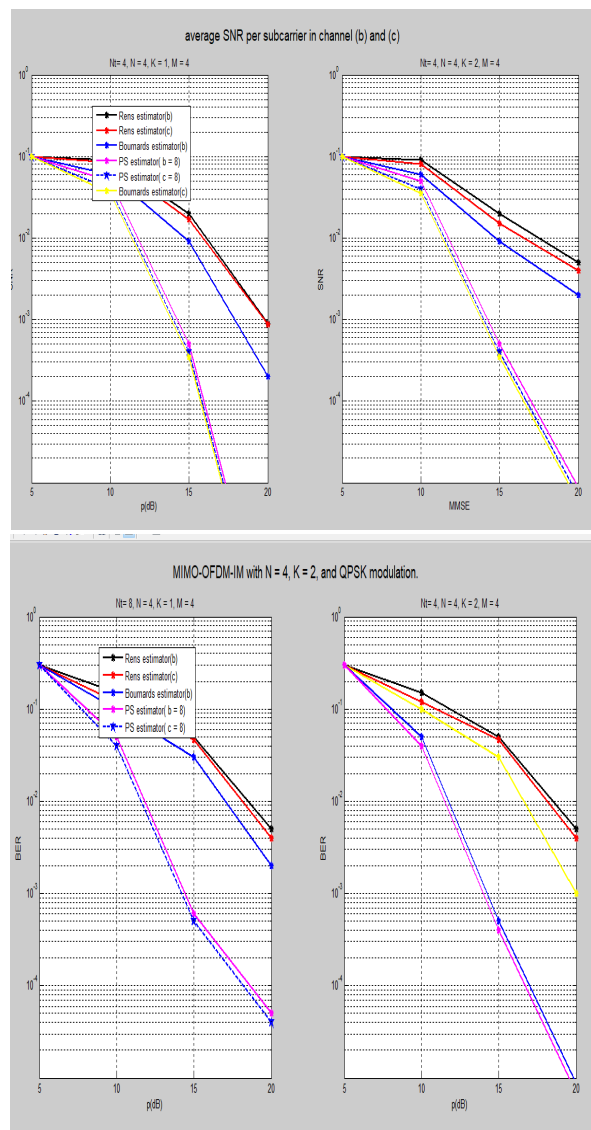
Fig. 3 shows the NMSEav of considered estimators in AWGN channel. So as to evaluate the outright exhibitions of the estimators, they are contrasted and the Cramer-Rao bound (CRB) which is the lower destined for the change of any unprejudiced estimator, see [9]. Standardized CRB (NCRB) for OFDM signal with  $N$  QPSK balanced subcarriers in AWGN channel can be expressed as MMSE estimator shows the best execution with the NMSEav bend undistinguishable from the NCRB characterized in (18). Boumard's estimator for normal SNR values littler than  $10$  dB performs more awful than Ren's and PS estimator. For normal SNR values more noteworthy than  $10$  dB it beats both the Ren's and PS estimator for  $Q = 2$ . Note that the expansion of the quantity of reshaped parts in the prelude ( $Q = 4, 8$ ), carries its exhibition closer to the NCRB. It tends to be clarified with the idea that more subcarriers are utilized for the normal clamor power estimation (14) while simultaneously transmitted signs on stacked subcarriers are getting more force because of the scaling by  $Q$ , giving the more precise gauge in (13).

#### B. Time-Invariant Frequency Selective Channel

Fig. 4 thinks about the NMSEav of considered estimators in time-invariant recurrence specific channels (b) and (c). It is indicated that the presentation of Ren's estimator doesn't rely upon recurrence selectivity, while Boumard's estimator performs exceptionally delicate to channel selectivity. PS estimator in channel (b), which compares to direct selectivity, plays out equivalent to in AWGN channel for every thought about estimation of  $Q$ , beating Ren's and Boumard's estimators. In channel (c), described with the solid selectivity, PS estimator prevents to profit by the expansion of  $Q$ . Fig. 5 shows that PS estimator with  $Q = 8$  gets one-sided in the channel with the solid selectivity, with he steady predisposition estimation of  $1.82$  dB over the entire assessed SNR run. NMSEsc execution of considered estimators is appeared in Fig. 6. Since every considered estimator rely upon channel gauges, awful execution in the locale of low estimations of SNR is normal. Execution can be additionally improved by combin-ing assessed normal commotion power with progressively advanced channel estimation calculations utilizing pilot subcarriers inside the information images. It very well may be seen that in the area of high estimations of SNR, channel gauges stop to go about as decaying component and NMSEsc approaches the NMSEav. PS estimator outflanks Ren's estimator, with the exception of  $Q = 8$  in channel (c), despite the fact that its exhibition relies upon channel selectivity, which is required conduct because of the addition performed during the channel estimation.







#### IV. CONCLUSION

In this paper, a novel prelude based SNR estimator for remote OFDM frameworks has been proposed. Reuse of the synchronization preamble for the SNR estimation purposes by misusing its time area intermittent structure puts no extra overhead on transmitted OFDM outline. Expanding the quantity of rehased parts by nulling the subcarriers on determined positions improves the exhibition of thought about estimator, yet in addition builds its affectability to recurrence selectivity. Low multifaceted nature and power to recurrence selectivity joined with the data transmission effectiveness favors the proposed estimator contrasted with the considered introduction based estimators given in the writing.

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