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Title: Alignment of model training and dataset parameters for AI/ML-based CSI compression

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Introduction

This document captures the discussion on the AI/M model training and dataset parameters for AI/ML-based CSI compression for RAN4 study.

Discussion

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| **Parameter/Configurations** | **Options/Values** | **Comments** |
| **Channel/data-set related** |
| UE antenna element assumptions | * Option 1: Omni-directional antenna elements
* Option 2: Directional antenna elements
* Option 3: [Apple]: Directional in Vertical, Omni in Horizontal
 | [Apple] We provided 2 simulation results:* Directional (both horizontal/vertical)
* Omni (both horizontal/vertical)
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| Sub-band channel averaging | * [Nokia, QC,Apple] Average of covariance channel matrix per RBs in the sub-band before SVD
 | CATT: Prefer not to do the averaging before SVD.  |
| Any other pre-processing | * To be listed if used
* [QC] Normalize the phase of all entries of the eigenvector based on the phase of the 1st entry of the eigenvector
* [Apple]: Normalize the phase of all entries of the eigenvector based on the phase of that entry that has the maximum amplitude averaged over the sub-bands
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| Data collection assumptions | * [Nokia, CATT] Each channel realization is collected from independent UE drop
* Multiple channel realization can be collected from the same UE
* Other
* [QC] Multiple channels realizations are collected from multiple UEs and multiple drops of same UE
* [Apple]: Multiple drops. Each drop collect data from multiple UEs. Additionally collect samples from channel realization from each UE spaced at de-correlated interval.
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| Training dataset size | * [Nokia]: 630K
* [QC]: 450K
* [Samsung]: 25K
* [R&S]: 614,440
* [MTK]: 700K
* [Ericsson]: 800K
* [Intel]: 200K
* [CATT]: 102,600
* [Apple]: 600K
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| Dataset quantization | * Float32
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| Other data-set characteristics/statistics | * Companies to propose
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| **Model-related** |
| Quantization of encoder output | * Non-trainable quantization (bypassed during training)
* [QC] Quantization aware training
* [Apple]: Quantization in forward and approximation in backward to enable learning. (avoid zero gradient of round function)
 | CATT: Consider to align the activation function and quantization method.  |
| Normalization before quantization in the encoder | * [Nokia, Ericsson]: Normalization with tanh function after FC layer
* [CATT]: Sigmoid function used after FC layer
* [QC] Normalization not done due to the use of quantization aware training
* [Apple]: Normalization with tanh function after FC layer. We don’t apply inverse of that in de-quantization
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| Use and configuration of drop-out | * [Nokia]: Use of on single drop-out layer after FC layer in the encoder and decoder, Drop-out rate = 0.4.
* [CATT, QC]: No drop-out used.
* [Apple]: No drop-out used
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| Training loss function, use of regularization | * [Nokia]: - SGCS with L2 regularization with weight decay, λ = 10-2
* [QC]: SGCS + additional terms for quantization aware training
* [Apple, CATT]: 1- SGCS
* [R&S, MTK, Intel]: SGCS
* [Ericsson]: NMSE
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| Optimizer | * [Samsung, QCM, Apple, MTK, Intel, CATT]: Adam
* [Nokia]: RMSProp (Root Mean Square Propagation)
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| Learning rate | * [Nokia]:
* [QC, R&S, CATT]: 10^-4
	+ [R&S]: Learning rate adaptation: Reduce on plateau by factor 0.5 with patience of 50 epochs.
* [Apple]: 0.0025
* [Samsung, Intel, MTK]: 0.001
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| Batch size | * [Nokia]:1024
* [QC, MTK]: 128
* [Apple]: 256
* [Samsung]: 200
* [R&S, CATT]: 512
* [Ericsson]: 32
* [Intel]: 10
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| (Max) Number of epochs | * [QC]: 150
* [Apple]: 100
* [R&S, Nokia, CATT]: 200
* [MTK]: 300
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| Stopping criteria | * [Nokia, Apple, CATT, QC]: No change in metric over a given number of epochs
* Validation patience: 10, [QC] 50
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| Weight initialization | * [Apple, CATT, QC]: Default
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| Kernel Parameters:* Dilation
* Padding Type

The value of groups (VG) | * [CMCC, Samsung, Vivo, CATT]: Dilation:1, Padding type=0, VG= 1
* [QC]: Default
* [Apple]: Default
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| [Apple proposal] | * Each company provides a graph with training plus testing error as a function of epoch
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