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5G Massive MIMO Baseband Processing (Channel, ABF, Precoding, Hybrid-BF)

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1. Introduction

- The fundamentals of precoding (beamforming) are the regardless of carrier frequency.
 - Signal processing in mmWave massive MIMO systems needs to be subject to a practical constraints.
- □ For the traditional analog beamforming with small RF chains:
 - Analog circuit with phase shifter (PS) network
 - Constant amplitude constraints
 - Suffering the performance loss (Interference Problems)
- For the digital precoding with large antennas and RF chains:
 - High cost and energy consumption (large number of RF chains)



Introduction

- Controlling both phase and amplitude to cancel interferences and achieve the optimal performance.
- For the hybrid analog and digital precoding:
 - Small RF chains with small digital precoder to cancel interferences.
 - Large analog beamformer with large PS to increase the antenna array gain.
 - Significantly reducing the RF chains without obvious performance loss.



2. Channel Model for mmWave Massive MIMO

- High free-space path loss is a characteristic of mmWave propagation.
 - Limitted spatial selectivity or scattering.
- Large tightly packed antenna arrays are characteristics of mmWave transceivers.
 - High levels of antenna correlation.
- Characteristics in mmWave channels.
 - Sparse scattering channel
 - Adopting a narrowband clustered channel representation, based on the extended Saleh-Valenzuela model.



Channel Model for mmWave Massive MIMO

Using the clustered channel model, the discrete-time channel matrix H can be expressed by a sum of the *L* propagation paths, i.e.,

$$\mathbf{H} = \sqrt{\frac{N_{t}N_{r}}{L}} \sum_{l=1}^{L} \alpha_{l} \Lambda_{r} (\phi_{l}^{r}, \theta_{l}^{r}) \Lambda_{t} (\phi_{l}^{t}, \theta_{l}^{t}) \mathbf{a}_{r} (\phi_{l}^{r}, \theta_{l}^{r}) \mathbf{a}_{t}^{H} (\phi_{l}^{t}, \theta_{l}^{t})$$

where

 $\alpha_{l}: \text{complex gain of the } l_{th} \text{ path}$ $\phi_{l}^{r}(\theta_{l}^{r}): \frac{AZ}{EL} \text{ angles of AoAs}$ $\phi_{l}^{t}(\theta_{l}^{t}): \frac{AZ}{EL} \text{ angles of AoDs}$ $\Lambda_{r}(\phi_{l}^{r}, \phi_{l}^{r}): \text{RX antenna element gain at } l_{th} \text{ AoA}, \Lambda_{r} = 1 \text{ for simplicity}$ $\Lambda_{t}(\phi_{l}^{t}, \phi_{l}^{t}): \text{TX antenna element gain at } l_{th} \text{ AoD}, \Lambda_{t} = 1 \text{ for simplicity}$

Channel Model for mmWave Massive MIMO

■ For the uniform linear array (ULA) with *N* elements, the normalized array response vector:

$$\mathbf{a}_{\text{ULA}}(\phi) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{N}} \left[1, e^{j\frac{2\pi}{\lambda}d\sin(\phi)}, \dots, e^{j(N-1)\frac{2\pi}{\lambda}d\sin(\phi)} \right]^{T}$$

■ For the uniform planar array (UPA) with W_1 and W_2 elements $(W_1 W_2 = N)$, the normalized array response vector:

$$\mathbf{a}_{\text{UPA}}(\phi,\theta) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{N}} \left[1, \dots, e^{j\frac{2\pi}{\lambda}d(x\sin(\phi)\sin(\theta) + y\cos(\theta))}, \dots, e^{j\frac{2\pi}{\lambda}d((W_1 - 1)\sin(\phi)\sin(\theta) + (W_2 - 1)\cos(\theta))} \right]^T$$

where $0 \le x \le W_1 - 1$ (horizontal) and $0 \le y \le W_2 - 1$ (vertical)



3. Digital Precoding (DP)

- DP can control "phases and amplitudes" of original signals to cancel interferences.
- **Two categories of DP:**
 - Linear precoding: TX signals with the linear combination of the original signals.
 - Nonlinear precoding: TX signals with the nonlinear processing.
- Two system used by DP techniques:
 - Single-user precoding system: Matched Filter (MF) and Zero-Forcing (ZF) precoding.
 - Multiuser precoding system: Block diagonalization (BD) precoding.



3.1 Single-User Digital Precoding

Architecture of DP for single-user mmWave massive MIMO system:



Architecture of digital precoding for single-user mmWave massive MIMO system.

Consider N_t TX antennas, N_r RX antennas, N_r data streams (N_r < N_t), the TX signal with $N_t \times N_r$ DP D matrix:

 $\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{D}\mathbf{s}$

where

 $\mathbf{s}: N_r \times 1$ original signal vector with $E(\mathbf{ss}^H) = \frac{1}{N_r} \mathbf{I}_{N_r}$ $\mathbf{D}:$ precoding matrix to meet total TX power constraint, $\|\mathbf{D}_F\|^2 = tr(\mathbf{DD}^H) = N_r$, communications Laboratory, YZU

Single-User Digital Precoding

□ Under the narrowband system, the RX signal vector $\mathbf{y}(N_r \times 1)$:

 $\mathbf{y} = \sqrt{\rho} \mathbf{H} \mathbf{D} \mathbf{s} + \mathbf{n},$

where

 $\mathbf{H}: N_r \times N_t$ channel matrix with normalized power $E(\|\mathbf{H}\|_F^2) = N_t N_r$

 ρ : The averaged RX power

n: AWGN noise vector, i.i.d. noise element $CN(0, \sigma_n^2)$

H: Assume H known at BS to enable precoding



Single-User Digital Precoding

□ The simplest linear digital precoding: MF precoding

$$\mathbf{D} = \sqrt{\frac{N_{\mathrm{r}}}{\mathrm{tr}(\mathbf{F}\mathbf{F}^{H})}} \mathbf{F},$$
$$\mathbf{F} = \mathbf{H}^{H}.$$

- MF can maximize the SNR at user side.
- MF involves severe interferences among different data streams.
- □ The well-known linear digital precoding: ZF precoding

$$\mathbf{D} = \sqrt{\frac{N_{\mathrm{r}}}{\mathrm{tr}(\mathbf{F}\mathbf{F}^{H})}} \mathbf{F},$$
$$\mathbf{F} = \mathbf{H}^{H} (\mathbf{H}\mathbf{H}^{H})^{-1}$$



Single-User Digital Precoding

- ZF can entirely eliminate the interferences among different data streams.
- D required to satisfy the total TX power constraint. ZF precoding may enhance the power of noise and lead performance loss.
- The Wiener filter (WF) precoding: WF precoding (or MMSE precoding) $\sqrt{\frac{N_r}{N_r}}$ F

$$\mathbf{D} = \sqrt{\frac{N_{\mathrm{r}}}{\mathrm{tr}(\mathbf{F}\mathbf{F}^{H})}} \mathbf{F},$$
$$\mathbf{F} = \mathbf{H}^{H} \left(\mathbf{H}\mathbf{H}^{H} + \frac{\sigma_{n}^{2}N_{\mathrm{r}}}{\rho}\mathbf{I}\right)^{-1}$$

.. WF precoding can make a better trade-off between the RX SNR and interferences.



3.2 Multiuser Digital Precoding

Architecture of digital precoding for multiuser mmWave massive MIMO Systems.



Architecture of digital precoding for multiuser mmWave massive MIMO systems.

- Consider BS with N_{BS} antennas and RF chains.
- Communicate with U MSs, each MS with N_{MS} antennas.
- Total data streams is $N_{\rm MS}U$ ($N_{\rm MS}U \le N_{\rm BS}$)

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Multiuser Digital Precoding

- For downlink communication, BS employs U digital precoders, i.e., $\mathbf{D} = [\mathbf{D}_1 \mathbf{D}_2 \dots \mathbf{D}_U]$, where \mathbf{D}_u is the $N_{BS} \times N_{MS}$ precoder for the *u*th user.
 - \mathbf{D}_{U} satisfying the total TX power constraint $\|\mathbf{D}_{u}\|_{F} = N_{\mathrm{MS}}$
- Considering the narrowband block-fading channel, the RX signal vector \mathbf{r}_u of the *u*th MS:

$$\mathbf{r}_{u} = \mathbf{H}_{u} \sum_{n=1}^{U} \mathbf{D}_{n} \mathbf{s}_{n} + \mathbf{n}_{u}$$

where

- $\mathbf{s}_n : N_{MS \times 1}$ original signal vector with normalized power
- $\mathbf{H}_{u}: N_{MS} \times N_{BS}$ mmWave massive MIMO matrix between BS and the *u*th MS $\mathbf{n}_{u}:$ iid AWGN noise $CN(0, \sigma_{n}^{2})$

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Multiuser Digital Precoding

- The terms $\mathbf{H}_{u}\mathbf{D}_{n}\mathbf{s}_{n}$ for $n \neq u$ are interferences to the *u*th MS.
- Design the BD precoding \mathbf{D}_n to satisfy $\mathbf{H}_u \mathbf{D}_n = \mathbf{0}$. (Nulling)
- **D**_{*n*} is designed to lie in the null space of $\overline{\mathbf{H}}_{u}$,

$$\overline{\mathbf{H}}_{u} = \left[\mathbf{H}_{1}^{H} \cdots \mathbf{H}_{u-1}^{H} \mathbf{H}_{u+1}^{H} \cdots \mathbf{H}_{U}^{H} \right]^{H}$$
$$= \overline{\mathbf{U}}_{u} \overline{\mathbf{\Lambda}}_{u} \overline{\mathbf{V}}_{u}^{H} = \overline{\mathbf{U}}_{u} \overline{\mathbf{\Lambda}}_{u} \left[\overline{\mathbf{V}}_{u}^{nonzero}, \overline{\mathbf{V}}_{u}^{zero} \right]^{H}$$

where

 $\overline{\mathbf{V}}_{u}^{nonzero}$: The right singular vectors corresponding to nonzero singular values of $\overline{\mathbf{H}}_{u}$ $\overline{\mathbf{V}}_{u}^{zero}$: The right singular vectors corresponding to zero singular values of $\overline{\mathbf{H}}_{u}$

• The digital precoder \mathbf{D}_u of the *u*th MS is (first N_{MS} columns of $\overline{\mathbf{V}}_u^{zero}$)

$$\mathbf{D}_{u} = \overline{\mathbf{V}}_{u}^{zero}(:, 1:N_{\mathrm{MS}})$$



Multiuser Digital Precoding

 Note: The optimal DPC and the near-optimal Tomlinson-Harashima (TH) precoding involve high computational complexity.



4. Analog Beamforming

- Analog beamforming is developed in point-to-point mmWave systems with large antenna arrays.
 - Only one RF chain
 - TX a single data stream
 - Control the phases of original signals to achieve the maximum antenna array gain and effective SNR.
- The widely used analog beamforming scheme:
 - Beam steering
 - To obtain the best analog beamforming vectors:
 - **D** Beam training schemes



4.1 Beam Steering

Architecture of analog beamforming for single-user mmWave massive MIMO Systems.



Architecture of analog beamforming for single-user mmWave massive MIMO systems.

• N_t TX antennas, N_r RX antennas, only one RF chain to TX one data stream.

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Beam Steering

- Define $\mathbf{f}_{Nt \times 1}$ as BS anlaog beamforming vector, $\mathbf{w}_{Nr \times 1}$ as user analog combining vector.
- Design **f** and **w** to maximize the effective SNR:

$$\mathbf{w}^{\text{opt}}, \mathbf{f}^{\text{opt}}) = \arg \max \left| \mathbf{w}^{H} \mathbf{H} \mathbf{f} \right|^{2}$$

s.t. $w_{i} = \sqrt{N_{r}^{-1}} e^{j\varphi_{i}}, \quad \forall i,$
 $f_{l} = \sqrt{N_{t}^{-1}} e^{j\phi_{l}}, \quad \forall l.$

□ For the optimal solution (unconstraint):

 $\mathbf{H} = \mathbf{U} \mathbf{\Sigma} \mathbf{V}^H$ (SVD of \mathbf{H}) $\mathbf{w}^{opt} = \mathbf{U}(:,1)$ (Max. eig.value, eig.vector) $\mathbf{f}^{opt} = \mathbf{V}(:,1)$ (No amplitude constriant)



Beam Steering

- Design the practical solutions \mathbf{f} and \mathbf{w} satisfying the amplitude constraint to be close to the optimal unconstraint solutions \mathbf{f}^{opt} and \mathbf{w}^{opt} .
 - Each right singular vector of **H** with $L=o(N_t)$ converges in chordal distance to an array response vector $\mathbf{a}_t(\phi_\ell^t, \theta_\ell^t)$.
 - Each left singular vector of **H** with $L=o(N_r)$ converges in chordal distance to an array response vector $\mathbf{a}_r(\phi_\ell^r, \theta_\ell^r)$.
 - Singular values converge to $N_t N_r |\alpha_{\ell}|^2 / L$.
- □ In other words, we can select

$$\mathbf{f} = \mathbf{a}_t(\phi_{k^*}^t, \theta_{k^*}^t)$$
 and $\mathbf{w} = \mathbf{a}_r(\phi_{k^*}^r, \theta_{k^*}^r)$

where

 $k^* = \arg \max_{\ell} |\alpha_{\ell}|^2$, to steer the beam in the strongest direction. (For large N_t and N_r , it can achieve near-optimal performance).

4.2 Beam Training

□ For the above beam steering, we need to know the perfect CSI

- Impractical in the realistic systems due to only <u>one RF chain</u>
- It observes <u>a noisy version</u> of the effective channel of smaller size.
- □ For the no full CSI, using the subspace sampling for beam training to find the f and w.
 - BS and User collaborate to search the best beamformer and combiner pair from the predefined codebooks during the beam training.



The different codebook sizes are designed based on the beam steering scheme:

$$\mathbf{f} \in \mathcal{F} = \left\{ \mathbf{a}_{t} \left(\overline{\boldsymbol{\phi}}_{1}^{t}, \overline{\boldsymbol{\theta}}_{1}^{t} \right), \mathbf{a}_{t} \left(\overline{\boldsymbol{\phi}}_{2}^{t}, \overline{\boldsymbol{\theta}}_{2}^{t} \right), \dots, \mathbf{a}_{t} \left(\overline{\boldsymbol{\phi}}_{|\mathcal{F}|}^{t}, \overline{\boldsymbol{\theta}}_{|\mathcal{F}|}^{t} \right) \right\}$$

$$\mathbf{w} \in \mathcal{W} = \left\{ \mathbf{a}_{\mathrm{r}}(\overline{\phi}_{1}^{\mathrm{r}}, \overline{\theta}_{1}^{\mathrm{r}}), \mathbf{a}_{\mathrm{t}}(\overline{\phi}_{2}^{\mathrm{r}}, \overline{\theta}_{2}^{\mathrm{r}}), \dots, \mathbf{a}_{\mathrm{t}}(\overline{\phi}_{|\mathcal{W}|}^{\mathrm{r}}, \overline{\theta}_{|\mathcal{W}|}^{\mathrm{r}}) \right\}$$

• It can uniformly cover the whole range of AoDs/AoAs.







- **•** For the optimal beam training scheme:
 - It is to **exhaustively search** all possible |F| |W| pairs of beamforming and combining based on the maximized SNR criterion.
 - It cannot be affordable due to very large |F| and |W|.
- For the hierarchical beam training scheme: (reducing the overhead of the exhaustive search)
 - (1) Construct a series of codebooks $F_1 F_2 \cdots F_K (W_1 W_2 \cdots W_K)$ with the increasing resolution.



(A) Multilevel codebook



• (2) At the first level (lowest resolution codebook F_1), beam sweep at BS side (MS only RX and find the index of selected beamforming)

(Sending training data)



(B) Beam sweep at BS side

 (3) Swap their roles and beam sweep at user side to find the best beamforming index.



 (4) Feedback the index of the selected beamforming vector to each other.



(D) feedback phase

• (5) Repeat the above procedure with a higher resolution codebook within the chosen beam until the last level (highest resolution codebook, $F_{\rm K}$)



5. Hybrid Precoding

- Hybrid (analog and digital) Precoding used in mmWave massive MIMO systems
 - Step1: a small-size digital precoder used to cancel interferences.
 - Step2: a large-size analog beamformer used to increase antenna array gain.
- **Two architectures of hybrid beamforming:**
 - (1) Fully connected architecture: each RF chain connected to all BS antennas via PSs.
 - (2) Subconnected architecture: each RF chain connected to only a subset of BS antennas.



Hybrid Precoding

- **Two systems of hybrid precoding:**
 - (1) Single-user hybrid precoding
 - (2) Multiuser hybrid precoding
- **Two hybrid beamforming schemes of single-user system:**
 - (1) Spatially sparse hybrid precoding (fully connected architecture)
 - (2) Successive interference cancellation (SIC)-based hybrid precoding (subconnected architecture)
- Two-stage hybrid precoding scheme is used for multiuser system.



<System Model>

 Hardware architecture of hybrid precoding for single-user mmWave massive MIMO systems



Hardware architecture of hybrid precoding for single-user mmWave massive MIMO systems.

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- $... N_t$ TX antennas, TX N_s data streams, a user with N_r antennas
- · N_t^{RF} RF chains to TX multistream, $N_s \leq N_t^{RF} \leq N_t$
- •• BS applies an $N_t^{RF} \times N_s$ digital precoder D using N_t^{RF} RF chains and an $N_t \times N_t^{RF}$ analog beamformer A using analog phase shifters(PSs) The transmitted signal:

$\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{A}\mathbf{D}\mathbf{s}$

where $\mathbf{s}: N_s \times 1$ original signal vector with normalized power $E(\mathbf{ss}^H) = \frac{1}{N_s} \mathbf{I}_{N_s}$

Consider a simple narrowband system:

Coherence bandwidth is usually very large at mmWave , e.q. the order of 100MHz.



• The received signal $\mathbf{y}_{N_r \times 1}$:

$\mathbf{y} = \sqrt{\rho} \mathbf{HADs} + \mathbf{n}.$

where

H: known at BS and user

CSI: obtained at RX via training and shared with TX via limited feedback

<Spatially Sparse Hybrid Precoding (full connected)>

Fully connected architecture of hybrid precoding for singleuser mmWave massive MIMO system.





Fully connected architecture of hybrid precoding for single-user mmWave massive MIMO system.



- All elements of analog beamformer **A** have the same amplitude $\frac{1}{\sqrt{N_t}}$ but the different phase shifters.
- Total TX power constraint via the normalizing **D** to satisfy $\|\mathbf{AD}\|_F^2 = N_s$
- Design (A,D) to maximize the sum rate R(A,D) achieved by Gaussian signaling over mmWave channel:

$$R(\mathbf{A}, \mathbf{D}) = \log_2 \left(\left| \mathbf{I} + \frac{\rho}{N_s \sigma_n^2} \mathbf{H} \mathbf{A} \mathbf{D} \mathbf{D}^H \mathbf{A}^H \mathbf{H}^H \right| \right).$$

The corresponding sum-rate optimization problem:

$$(\mathbf{A}^{\text{opt}}, \mathbf{D}^{\text{opt}}) = \underset{\mathbf{A}, \mathbf{D}}{\operatorname{arg max}} R(\mathbf{A}, \mathbf{D}),$$

s.t $\mathbf{A} \in \mathcal{F},$
 $\|\mathbf{A}\mathbf{D}\|_{F}^{2} = N_{s},$



where F: the set containing all feasible analog beamformers the set of $N_t \times N_t^{RF}$ matrices with constant-magnitude entries It is known that there are no general solution due to the

- It is known that there are no general solution due to the nonconvex amplitude constraint $A \in F$
 - To find practical solutions using an approximation scheme, e.q., transforming the sum rate into "distance" between AD and optimal unconstrained precoder P_{opt}.

I First, using the SVD of $\mathbf{H} = \mathbf{U} \mathbf{\Sigma} \mathbf{V}^{H}$, the sum rate:

$$R(\mathbf{A}, \mathbf{D}) = \log_2 \left(\left| \mathbf{I} + \frac{\rho}{N_s \sigma_n^2} \mathbf{\Sigma}^2 \mathbf{V}^H \mathbf{A} \mathbf{D} \mathbf{D}^H \mathbf{A}^H \mathbf{V} \right| \right)$$

where
$$\boldsymbol{\Sigma} = \begin{bmatrix} \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_1 & \boldsymbol{0} \\ \boldsymbol{0} & \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_2 \end{bmatrix}$$
, $\boldsymbol{V} = [\boldsymbol{V}_1 \ \boldsymbol{V}_2]$, $\sum_1 : N_s \times N_s$
 $V_1 : N_t \times N_s$



 \Rightarrow the optimal unconstrained precoder $\mathbf{P}_{opt} = \mathbf{V}_1$,

it cannot be expressed by AD with $A \in F$

- Second, the practical hybrid precoder AD is designed to close the optimal unconstrained precoder V_1 . (Get near-optimal performance)
 - \Rightarrow max $tr(\mathbf{V}_1^H \mathbf{A} \mathbf{D})$
 - \Rightarrow equivalent to min $\left\| \mathbf{P}_{opt} \mathbf{A} \mathbf{D} \right\|_{F}$

Third, the near-optimal sum-rate approximated by

$$(\mathbf{A}^{opt}, \mathbf{D}^{opt}) = \arg\min_{AD} \left\| \mathbf{P}_{opt} - \mathbf{A} \mathbf{D} \right\|_{F}$$

s.t. $\mathbf{A}(:,i) \in \{ \mathbf{a}_{t}(\phi_{\ell}^{t}, \theta_{\ell}^{t}), \forall \ell \}$
$$\left\| \mathbf{A} \mathbf{D} \right\|_{F}^{2} = N_{s}$$


- Fourth, finding the best low-dimensional representation of P_{opt} using the basis vector $\mathbf{a}_t(\phi_\ell^t, \theta_\ell^t)$.
 - Selecting the "best" N_t^{RF} array response vectors and finding their optimal baseband combination, the optimal objective function:

$$\mathbf{D}^{\text{opt}} = \operatorname*{arg\,min}_{\widetilde{\mathbf{D}}} \left\| \mathbf{P}_{\text{opt}} - \mathbf{A}_{\text{t}} \widetilde{\mathbf{D}} \right\|_{F},$$

s.t
$$\left\| \operatorname{diag}\left(\widetilde{\mathbf{D}}\widetilde{\mathbf{D}}^{H}\right) \right\|_{0} = N_{\mathrm{t}}^{\mathrm{RF}},$$

 $\left\|\mathbf{A}_{\mathrm{t}}\widetilde{\mathbf{D}}\right\|_{E}^{2}=N_{\mathrm{s}},$

where

$$\mathbf{A}_{t} = \left[\mathbf{a}_{t}(\phi_{1}^{t}, \theta_{1}^{t}), \cdots, \mathbf{a}_{t}(\phi_{L}^{t}, \theta_{L}^{t})\right] \Longrightarrow L \leq N_{t}^{RF}$$
$$\tilde{\mathbf{D}}: L \times N_{s} \ matrix, \left\|diag(\tilde{\mathbf{D}}\tilde{\mathbf{D}}^{H})\right\|_{0} = N_{t}^{RF}, \ L \leq N_{t}^{RF} \ (select \ N_{t}^{RF}) \ (select \ N_{t}^{RF})$$

 It is equivalent to the typical problem of sparse signal recovery. The above problem can be solved by the well-known concept of orthogonal matching pursuit (OMP).





- □ In Algorithm1:
- (1) Step1&2: Initialization
- (2) Step 5: Finding the vector $\mathbf{a}_t(\phi_\ell^t, \theta_\ell^t)$, which the optimal precoder has the maximum projection.
- (3) Step 6: Appending the selected $\mathbf{a}_t(\phi_\ell^t, \theta_\ell^t)$ to the analog beamformer **A**.
- (4) Step 7: LS solution D is calculated by the dominant A
- (5) Step 8: Removing the dominant A contribution, the residual precoding matrix \mathbf{P}_{res} to find the next \mathbf{a}_t and get largest projection.
- (6) Step 9: Until all N_t^{RF} precoding vectors have been selected, the A and D are determined to $\min \|\mathbf{P}_{opt} \mathbf{AD}\|_F$

(7) Step 10: Ensuring to satisfy the TX power constraint $\|\mathbf{AD}\|_{F}^{2} = N_{s}$



<Performance Evaluation>

- **Simulation parameters:**
 - Three methods comparision:
 - □ (1). Spatially sparse precoding
 - (2). Optimal unconstrained precoding ($\mathbf{P}_{opt} = \mathbf{V}_1$, fully digital precoding)

□ (3). Beam steering precoding (fully analog beamforming)

- L=3 propagation paths with uniformly distributed AoAs/AoDs
- BS sector angle: AZ=60°, EL=20° wide
 - MS: smaller antenna arrays of omnidirectional elements (steer any direction)
- Element spacing $d = \lambda/2$, $SNR = \rho/\sigma_n^2$



- 64x16 mmWave massive MIMO system with planar arrays at BS and MS
- **BS** uses $N_t^{RF} = 4$ RF chains to TX $N_s = 1$ or 2 streams

Simulation results:

Sum-rate comparison in 64x16 mmWave massive MIMO system with $N_t^{RF} = 4$





Sum-rate comparison in 256x64 mmWave massive MIMO system with $N_t^{RF} = 6$



$$N_t^{RF}$$
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Sparse precoding close to optimal precoding



Sum-rate comparison in a 256×64 mmWave massive MIMO system with $N_t^{RF} = 6$.

Single-User Hybrid Precoding SIC-Based Hybrid Precoding (Subconnected)

For the subconnected architecture, each RF chain is connected to only a subset of BS antennas.



Subconnected architecture of hybrid precoding for single-user mmWave massive MIMO

- system.
- Reducing the number of required PSs from $N_r \times N_r^{RF}$ to $N_r + N_r$
- \rightarrow low computation complexity



□ Consider the single-user mmWave massive MIMO system:

- **BS** with N_t antennas and N_t^{RF} RF chains
- Each RF chain connected to one subantenna array with M antennas, i.e., $N_t = N_t^{RF} M$
- **BS TX** $N_s = N_t^{RF}$ streams (fully spatial multiplexing gain)
- MS user with N_r receiver antennas
- The digital precoder $\mathbf{D}_{N_t^{RF} \times N_s = N_s \times N_s}$ being specialized to a diagonal matrix $\mathbf{D} = diag[d_1 \ d_2 \ \cdots \ d_{N_s}]$ (**D**: power allocation)



• The analog beamformer $\mathbf{A}_{N_t \times N_t^{RF} = N_t \times N_s}$ is a special block diagonal structure

$$\mathbf{A} = \begin{bmatrix} \overline{\mathbf{a}}_1 & \mathbf{0} & \dots & \mathbf{0} \\ \mathbf{0} & \overline{\mathbf{a}}_2 & \mathbf{0} \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{0} & \dots & \overline{\mathbf{a}}_{N_s} \end{bmatrix}_{N_t \times N_s}, \quad \overline{\mathbf{a}}_n \in \mathbb{C}^{M \times 1}$$

where the elements $\overline{\mathbf{a}}_n$ have the same amplitude $\sqrt[1]{M}$ but different phases.



<Basic Idea>

Maximizing the total achievable rate R(P) to design the hybrid precoder P=AD

$$R(\mathbf{P}) = \log_2\left(\left|I + \frac{\rho}{N_s \sigma_n^2} \mathbf{H} \mathbf{P} \mathbf{P}^H \mathbf{H}^H\right|\right)$$

where

$$\mathbf{P} = \mathbf{A}\mathbf{D} = diag\left\{\overline{\mathbf{a}}_{1}, \dots, \overline{\mathbf{a}}_{N_{s}}\right\} \cdot diag\left\{d_{1}, \cdots d_{N_{s}}\right\}$$



- Satisfying the three constraints: (1) $\mathbf{P} = diag\{\overline{\mathbf{p}}_1, \dots, \overline{\mathbf{p}}_{N_s}\}, \overline{\mathbf{p}}_n = d_n \overline{\mathbf{a}}_n$ is the $M \times 1$ vector of \mathbf{p}_n of \mathbf{P} $\mathbf{p}_n = [\mathbf{0}_{1 \times M(n-1)}, \overline{\mathbf{p}}_n^T, \mathbf{0}_{1 \times M(N_s - n)}]^T$ (2) The amplitude of the elements of A is fixed to \sqrt{M} The elements of each column of **P** have the same amplitude due to the diagonal D. (3) $\|\mathbf{P}\|_{F} \leq N_{s}$ meeting the total TX power constraint
- \rightarrow (1) & (2) nonconvex constraints



- Based on the special block diagonal hybrid precoding P, the precoding on different subarrays is independent.
 - Decompose the total sum rate into a series of subrate optimation problems, each subrate only considers one subarray.
- Diving **P** as $\mathbf{P} = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{P}_{N_s-1} \mathbf{p}_{N_s} \end{bmatrix}$, \mathbf{p}_{N_s} is the $N_s th$ columns of **P**, \mathbf{P}_{N_s-1} is the first $(N_s - 1)$ columns of **P**. $(N_s M \times (N_s - 1))$ The total achievable rate **R**(**P**):

$$R(\mathbf{P}) \stackrel{(a)}{=} \log_2(|\mathbf{T}_{N_s-1}|) + \log_2\left(|\mathbf{I} + \frac{\rho}{N_s\sigma_n^2}\mathbf{T}_{N_s-1}^{-1}\mathbf{H}\mathbf{p}_{N_s}\mathbf{p}_{N_s}^H\mathbf{H}^H|\right)$$
$$\stackrel{(b)}{=} \log_2(|\mathbf{T}_{N_s-1}|) + \log_2\left(|\mathbf{I} + \frac{\rho}{N_s\sigma_n^2}\mathbf{p}_{N_s}^H\mathbf{H}^H\mathbf{T}_{N_s-1}^{-1}\mathbf{H}\mathbf{p}_{N_s}|\right)$$

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where

$$(a): \mathbf{T}_{N_{s}-1} = \mathbf{I} + \frac{\rho}{N_{s}\sigma_{n}^{2}} \mathbf{H} \mathbf{P}_{N_{s}-1} \mathbf{P}_{N_{s}-1}^{H} \mathbf{H}^{H}$$
$$(b): |\mathbf{I} + \mathbf{X}\mathbf{Y}| = |\mathbf{I} + \mathbf{Y}\mathbf{X}| , \mathbf{X} = \mathbf{T}_{N_{s}-1}^{-1} \mathbf{H} \mathbf{p}_{N_{s}} , \mathbf{Y} = \mathbf{p}_{N_{s}}^{H} \mathbf{H}^{H}$$

The right side of (b) is the achievable subrate of the $N_s th$ subarray. \rightarrow Next, further decomposing $\log_2(|\mathbf{T}_{N_s-1}|)$:

$$\log_2\left(\left|\mathbf{T}_{N_s-2}\right|\right) + \log_2\left(\mathbf{I} + \frac{\rho}{N_s\sigma_n^2}\mathbf{p}_{N_{s-1}}^H\mathbf{H}^H\mathbf{T}_{N_s-2}^{-1}\mathbf{H}\mathbf{p}_{N_{s-1}}\right)$$



□ After *N* decompositions, the total achievable rate *R*:

$$R = \sum_{n=1}^{N_s} \log_2 \left(I + \frac{\rho}{N_s \sigma_n^2} \mathbf{p}_n^H \mathbf{H}^H \mathbf{T}_{n-1}^{-1} \mathbf{H} \mathbf{p}_n \right)$$
$$\mathbf{T}_n = I + \frac{\rho}{N_s \sigma_n^2} \mathbf{H} \mathbf{P}_n \mathbf{P}_n^H \mathbf{H}^H \quad , \mathbf{T}_0 = \mathbf{I}_{N_s}$$

→Optimal the subrate of 1^{st} subantenna and update the T_1 matrix , until the last subarray , i.e. , SIC-based hybrid precoding





Diagram of the SIC-based hybrid precoding.



□ Focusing on subrate optimization problem of the *n*th subarray:

$$\mathbf{p}_{n}^{\text{opt}} = \underset{\mathbf{p}_{n} \in \mathcal{F}}{\arg\max} \log_{2} \left(1 + \frac{\rho}{N_{s}\sigma_{n}^{2}} \mathbf{p}_{n}^{H} \mathbf{G}_{n-1} \mathbf{p}_{n} \right)$$

where

 $\mathbf{G}_{n-1} = \mathbf{H}^H \mathbf{T}_{n-1}^{-1} \mathbf{H}$

F is the set of the feasible vectors satisfying three constraints.
 P_n only has *M* nonzero elements **p**_n, the subrate optimization problem:

$$\overline{\mathbf{p}}_{n}^{\text{opt}} = \arg\max_{\overline{\mathbf{p}}_{n}\in\overline{\mathcal{F}}} \log_{2} \left(1 + \frac{\rho}{N_{s}\sigma_{n}^{2}}\overline{\mathbf{p}}_{n}^{H}\overline{\mathbf{G}}_{n-1}\overline{\mathbf{p}}_{n}\right)$$



□ where

$$\overline{\mathbf{G}}_{n-1}(\text{Submatrix of } \mathbf{G}_n) = \mathbf{R}\mathbf{G}_{n-1}\mathbf{R}^H = \mathbf{R}\mathbf{H}^H\mathbf{T}_{n-1}^{-1}\mathbf{H}\mathbf{R}^H$$
$$\mathbf{R} = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{0}_{M \times M(n-1)} \mathbf{I}_M \ \mathbf{0}_{M \times M(N_s - n)} \end{bmatrix}$$

 $\overline{\mathbf{F}}$ is the $M \times 1$ feasible vectors satisfying constraints 2 & 3 $\overline{\mathbf{G}}_{n-1} = \mathbf{V} \Sigma \mathbf{V}^{H}$, the optimal unconstrained precoding vector: $\overline{\mathbf{p}}_{n}^{opt} = \mathbf{v}_{1}$ (the first column of \mathbf{V}) (Not obey the constraint 2, same amplitude)



Convert to the distance optimization problem : (equivalent)

$$\overline{\mathbf{p}}_n^{\text{opt}} = \arg\min_{\overline{\mathbf{p}}_n \in \overline{\mathcal{F}}} \|\mathbf{v}_1 - \overline{\mathbf{p}}_n\|_2^2$$

• The distance can be expressed by : (Using $\overline{\mathbf{p}}_n = d_n \overline{\mathbf{a}}_n$ constraints)

$$\|\mathbf{v}_{1} - \overline{\mathbf{p}_{n}}\|_{2}^{2} = 1 + d_{n}^{2} - 2d_{n} \operatorname{Re}(\mathbf{v}_{1}^{H} \overline{\mathbf{a}}_{n})$$

$$= (d_{n} - \operatorname{Re}(\mathbf{v}_{1}^{H} \overline{\mathbf{a}}_{n}))^{2} + (1 - [\operatorname{Re}(\mathbf{v}_{1}^{H} \overline{\mathbf{a}}_{n})]^{2})$$

$$\uparrow \qquad \uparrow$$

$$1st \text{ min.} \qquad 2nd \text{ min.}$$



where $\mathbf{v}_1^H \mathbf{v}_1 = 1$, $\overline{\mathbf{a}}_n^H \overline{\mathbf{a}}_n = 1$, each elements $\overline{\mathbf{a}}_n$ has the same amplitude $\frac{1}{\sqrt{M}}$

 $\rightarrow 1^{\text{st}} \text{min.}: d_n^{\text{opt}} = \text{Re}\left(\mathbf{v}_1^H \overline{\mathbf{a}}_n\right)$

$$2^{nd} \min .= \max \left| \operatorname{Re}\left(\mathbf{v}_{1}^{H} \overline{\mathbf{a}}_{n}\right) \right| \quad (\because \mathbf{v}_{1}^{H} \mathbf{v}_{1} = 1, \overline{\mathbf{a}}_{n}^{H} \overline{\mathbf{a}}_{n} = 1)$$

$$\therefore \overline{\mathbf{a}}_{n}^{opt} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{M}} e^{jangle(\mathbf{v}_{1})} \quad (elements of \ \overline{\mathbf{a}}_{n} \text{ with same amplitude})$$

$$\therefore get \ d_{n}^{opt} :$$

$$d_{n}^{opt} = \operatorname{Re}(\mathbf{v}_{1}^{H} \overline{\mathbf{a}}_{n}) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{M}} \cdot \operatorname{Re}(\mathbf{v}_{1}^{H} e^{jangle(\mathbf{v}_{1})}) = \frac{\|\mathbf{v}_{1}\|_{1}}{\sqrt{M}}$$

Get the optimal $\overline{\mathbf{P}}_n^{\text{opt}}$

$$\overline{\mathbf{p}}_n^{\text{opt}} = d_n^{\text{opt}} \overline{\mathbf{a}}_n^{\text{opt}} = \frac{1}{M} \|\mathbf{v}_1\|_1 e^{j \text{angle}(\mathbf{v}_1)}$$

where each element v_i of \mathbf{v}_1 has amplitude less than one, i.e., $\|\overline{\mathbf{p}}_n^{\text{opt}}\|_2^2 \le 1$

 $\therefore \|\mathbf{P}^{\text{opt}}\|_{F}^{2} = \|\text{diag}\{\overline{\mathbf{p}}_{1}^{\text{opt}}, ..., \overline{\mathbf{p}}_{N}^{\text{opt}}\}\|_{F}^{2} \le N_{s} \text{ (satisfying constraint 3)}$ TX total PWR

After acquiring $\overline{\mathbf{p}}_n^{\text{opt}}$, \mathbf{T}_n and $\overline{\mathbf{G}}_n$ can be updated to find next $\overline{\mathbf{p}}_{n+1}^{opt}$



Summary the following three steps:

Step 1: Execute the SVD of $\overline{\mathbf{G}}_{n-1}$ to obtain \mathbf{v}_1 . Step 2: Let $\overline{\mathbf{p}}_n^{\text{opt}} = \frac{1}{M} \|\mathbf{v}_1\|_1 e^{j\text{angle}(\mathbf{v}_1)}$ be the optimal solution to the current *n*th subantenna array. Step 3: Update matrices $\mathbf{T}_n = \mathbf{I} + \frac{\rho}{N_s \sigma_n^2} \mathbf{H} \mathbf{P}_n \mathbf{P}_n^H \mathbf{H}^H$ and $\overline{\mathbf{G}}_n = \mathbf{R} \mathbf{H}^H \mathbf{T}_n^{-1} \mathbf{H} \mathbf{R}^H$ for the next (n+1)th subantenna array.



<Performance Evaluation>

- Simulation parameters:
 - .. L=3 (channel paths)
 - .. carrier frequency =28GHz
 - $d = \lambda/2$
 - .. BS (AoDs = $[-\pi/6, \pi/6]$), MS (AoAs = $[-\pi, \pi]$)
 - $..\,N_{\rm t} \times N_{\rm r} = 64 \times 16 \,(N_{\rm t}^{\rm RF} = N_{\rm s} = 8)$





Achievable rate comparison for an $N_t \times N_r = 64 \times 16$ ($N_t^{RF} = N_s = 8$) mmWave massive MIMO system.



• Energy efficiency η :

$$\eta = \frac{R}{P_{\text{total}}} = \frac{R}{P_{\text{t}} + N_{\text{RF}}P_{\text{RF}} + N_{\text{PS}}P_{\text{PS}}} (\text{bps/Hz/W})$$

 $(P_{\text{RF}} = 250 \,\text{mW}, P_{\text{PS}} = 1 \,\text{mW}, P_t = 1W(30 \,dBm), N_t \times N_r = 64 \times 64)$ $(N_t^{\text{RF}} = 1, 2, 4, \dots, 64)$





Energy efficiency comparison against the number of RF chains N_t^{RF} , where $N_t \times N_r = 64 \times 64$, SNR = 0 dB.

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<System Model>

Hardware architecture of hybrid precoding for multiuser mmWave massive MIMO Systems



Hardware architecture of hybrid precoding for multiuser mmWave massive MIMO systems.

- BS : N_{BS} antennas, N_{RF} RF chains ($N_{RF} \le N_{BS}$), communicating with U MSs
- Each MS: N_{MS} antennas, only one RF chain



- BS communicates with every MS via only one stream
- Total data streams , $N_{\rm S} = U \leq N_{\rm RF}$
- Fully connected architecture
- **\square** For the downlink, BS employs a $U \times U$ digital precoder
 - $\mathbf{D} = [\mathbf{d}_1, \mathbf{d}_2, \dots, \mathbf{d}_U]$ and an $N_{BS} \times U$ analog precoder

$$\mathbf{A} = [\mathbf{a}_1, \mathbf{a}_2, \dots, \mathbf{a}_U]_{\cdot}$$
, TX signals

$\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{A}\mathbf{D}\mathbf{s}$

where $\underline{S}_{U \times 1}$ original signal vector, $\mathbb{E}(\mathbf{ss}^{H}) = (\rho/U)\mathbf{I}_{U}$, ρ : average TX power each user with equal power allocation



all the elements of A with the same constant amplitude N_{BS}^{-1} the total TX power constraint with normalizing **D** to satisfy $\|\mathbf{A}\mathbf{D}\|_{F}^{2} = U$.

Consider the narrowband block-fading channel model. The RX signal vector \underline{r}_u of the *u*th MS:

$$\mathbf{r}_u = \mathbf{H}_u \sum_{n=1}^U \mathbf{A} \mathbf{d}_n s_n + \mathbf{n}_u$$

where \mathbf{H}_{u} : $N_{\text{MS}} \times N_{\text{BS}}$ channel matrix between BS and the *u*th MS \mathbf{n}_{u} : $\mathcal{CN}(0, \sigma_{n}^{2})$

Analog combiner \mathbf{w}_u of the *u*th MS is used to combine the RX signal \mathbf{r}_u :

$$y_u = \mathbf{w}_u^H \mathbf{r}_u = \mathbf{w}_u^H \mathbf{H}_u \sum_{n=1}^{O} \mathbf{A} \mathbf{d}_n s_n + \mathbf{w}_u^H \mathbf{n}_u$$



where \mathbf{w}_u is the same constraint as the analog precoder **A**, i.e., all the elements of \mathbf{w}_u having the same amplitude $N_{\rm MS}^{-1}$ but different phases. (MS only analog BF, lower cost)



<Two-Stage Hybrid Precoding>

Goal : Designing BS analog precoder A and digital precoder D, MS analog combiner $\{\mathbf{w}_u\}_{u=1}^U$ to max sum rate:

$$R = \sum_{u=1}^{U} R_u$$

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$$R_{u} = \log_{2} \left(1 + \frac{\frac{P}{U} |\mathbf{w}_{u}^{H} \mathbf{H}_{u} \mathbf{A} \mathbf{d}_{u}|^{2}}{\frac{P}{U} \sum_{n \neq u} |\mathbf{w}_{u}^{H} \mathbf{H}_{u} \mathbf{A} \mathbf{d}_{n}|^{2} + \sigma_{n}^{2}} \right)$$



■ Precoding design problem to find \mathbf{A}^{opt} , \mathbf{D}^{opt} , $\{\mathbf{w}_{u}^{\text{opt}}\}_{u=1}^{U}$ that solve

$$\left\{ \mathbf{A}^{\text{opt}}, \mathbf{D}^{\text{opt}}, \left\{ \mathbf{w}_{u}^{\text{opt}} \right\}_{u=1}^{U} \right\} = \arg \max \sum_{u=1}^{U} \log_{2} \left(1 + \frac{\frac{P}{U} |\mathbf{w}_{u}^{H} \mathbf{H}_{u} \mathbf{A} \mathbf{d}_{u}|^{2}}{\frac{P}{U} \sum_{n \neq u} |\mathbf{w}_{u}^{H} \mathbf{H}_{u} \mathbf{A} \mathbf{d}_{n}|^{2} + \sigma_{n}^{2}} \right)$$
s.t. $\mathbf{a}_{u} \in \mathcal{F}, \ u = 1, 2, ..., U,$
 $\mathbf{w}_{u} \in \mathcal{W}, \ u = 1, 2, ..., U,$
 $\||\mathbf{A}\mathbf{D}\|_{F}^{2} = U.$

- Step 1: Search over the entire $\mathcal{F}^U \times \mathcal{W}^U$ of all possible $\{\mathbf{a}_u\}_{u=1}^U$ and $\{\mathbf{w}_u\}_{u=1}^U$ to max each user power.
- Step 2: Using iterative method to find the digital precoder **D** and suppress interferences.



ALGORITHM 2 TWO-STAGE HYBRID PRECODING

Inputs: *F*BS analog precoding codebook WMS analog combining codebook First stage: Single-user analog precoding/combining design For each MS $u, u = 1, 2, \dots, U$ The BS and MS *u* select $\mathbf{v}_{u}^{\text{opt}}$ and $\mathbf{g}_{u}^{\text{opt}}$ respectively that solve $\{\mathbf{g}_{u}^{\text{opt}}, \mathbf{v}_{u}^{\text{opt}}\} = \arg \max \|\mathbf{g}_{u}^{H}\mathbf{H}_{u}\mathbf{v}_{u}\|$ $\forall \mathbf{g}_{u} \in \mathcal{W}$ $\forall \mathbf{v}_{u} \in \mathcal{F}$ MS *u* sets $\mathbf{w}_u = \mathbf{g}_u^{\text{opt}}$ BS sets $\mathbf{A} = [\mathbf{v}_1^{\text{opt}}, \mathbf{v}_2^{\text{opt}}, ..., \mathbf{v}_U^{\text{opt}}]$ Second stage: Multiuser digital precoding design For each MS $u, u = 1, 2, \dots, U$ MS *u* estimates its effective channel $\overline{\mathbf{h}}_{u} = \mathbf{w}_{u}^{H} \mathbf{H}_{u} \mathbf{A}$ MS *u* feeds back $\overline{\mathbf{h}}_u$ to the BS BS employs ZF digital precoder $\mathbf{D} = \overline{\mathbf{H}}^{H} \left(\overline{\mathbf{H}} \overline{\mathbf{H}}^{H} \right)^{-1}$, where $\overline{\mathbf{H}} = \left[\overline{\mathbf{h}}_{1}^{T}, \overline{\mathbf{h}}_{2}^{T}, ..., \overline{\mathbf{h}}_{U}^{T} \right]^{T}$ $\mathbf{d}_{u} = \frac{\mathbf{d}_{u}}{\|\mathbf{A}\mathbf{d}_{u}\|_{r}}, u = 1, 2, \dots, U$

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- In first stage, using the beam training algorithms to design the analog precoding and combining vectors (without channel estimation)
- In second stage, each MS *u* estimates the effective channel

 h_u = **w**_u^H**H**_u**A**. Then, **h**_u is fed back to BS. (**h**_{U×1} □ **H**_u)

 Finally, BS uses ZF digital precoder via **H** = [**h**₁, **h**₂, ..., **h**_U] to find
 - **D**. (with normalization)



<Performance Evaluation>

- Simulation parameters:
 - **BS:** 8×8 UPA with 4 MSs , AZ AoAs/AoDs with uniformly $[0, 2\pi]$
 - MS: each having 4×4 UPA, EL AoAs/AoDs with uniformly $[-\pi/2, \pi/2]$
 - Channel of each user has "one path "


Multiuser Hybrid Precoding



Achievable rate comparison for an $N_{BS} = 64$, $N_{MS} = 16$, and U = 4 multiuser mmWave massive MIMO system.



Multiuser Hybrid Precoding



Achievable rate comparison against the number of BS antennas N_{BS} .



6. Conclusions

- Digital precoding aims to cancel data streams interference.
- Analog beamforming designs to improve the antenna array gain.
- Hybrid precoding combines the advantages of digital precoding and analog beamforming.
- Hybrid precoding seems more appropriate for future mmWave massive MIMO systems.
- Only a small-size digital precoder via a smaller number of RF chains will be required.





Thanks for your attention!

