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4 Distributed MIMO

- This research topic emerged ca. 10 years ago and is still a very active area of research
- Simple relaying schemes have been included in recent standards such as IEEE 802.16 (WiMAX) and LTE-Advanced
- Advantages: relay-assisted communications:
 - Relays can help to reduce the effective overall pathloss
 - Relays can also combat small-scale fading effects
 - Relays can help to realize MIMO gains with single-antenna nodes
- Challenges in relays-assisted communication:
 - Network architectures are becoming more complex
 - Synchronization across different nodes may be necessary (*Anm.: untersch. Trägerfrequenzen der Relays \rightarrow Offset, Fehler, etc.*)
 - Exchange of channel state information (CSI) across nodes may be required

4.1 Half-Duplex One-Way Relaying

Basic Relay Network Hier Bild einfügen

- Relay R assists source S in communication with destination D
- Two basic nodes of transmission (at the relay):

Full-Duplex relaying: R can receive and transmit at the same time and in the same frequency band (*Anm.: effizient, da restliche Zeit und restliche Frequenzband von anderen genutzt werden kann*)

- \rightarrow Since the TX signal power is orders of magnitude larger than the RX power, there is self-interference (at the relay) **Hier Bild einfügen**
- \rightarrow Full-duplex relays are difficult to implement. The design of full-duplex relays is an active area of research.
- \rightarrow Majority of existing literature assumes half-duplex relaying.

Half - duplex relaying: R transmits and receives in different time slots and/or different frequency bands. Typically, a two - phase protocol is used:

Phase 1: S transmits, R and D receive **Hier Bild einfügen**

Phase 2: R transmits, D receives, S may or may not transmit **Hier Bild einfügen**

There are different relaying strategies that differ in the processing applied at the relay. The most popular are:

- Decode - and - Forward
- Amplify - and - Forward
- (Compress - and - Forward)

4.1.1 Decode - and - Forward (DF) Relaying

In DF relaying, the relay detects and decodes the signal received from the source before encoding it and forwarding it to the destination. **Hier Bild einfügen**

Phase 1:

- R receives: $y_R = h_{SR}x + n_R$
- D receives: $y_{D1} = h_{SD}x + n_{D1}$
- with:
 - transmit signal $x, \mathcal{E}_s = \mathcal{E}\{|x|^2\}$
 - AWGN n_R and $n_{D1}, \sigma_n^2 = \mathcal{E}\{|n_R|^2\} = \mathcal{E}\{|n_{D1}|^2\}$

Phase 2:

- R decodes and forwards x_R (estimate of x)
- D receives: $y_{D2} = h_{RD}x_R + n_{D2}$
 - x_R is estimate of x after decoding at R
 - $\sigma_n^2 = \mathcal{E}\{|n_{D2}|^2\}; \quad \mathcal{E}_R = \mathcal{E}\{|x_R|^2\}$
 - we assume: S is silent in Phase 2
- The capacity at the three node relay channel is not known!
- We provide an achievable rate under the following simplifying assumption: The direct source - relay link is not used/ exploited.
- Achievable rate without S - D link:

$$C_{DF} = \frac{1}{2} \min \left\{ \log_2 \left(1 + \frac{\mathcal{E}_S |h_{SR}|^2}{\sigma_n^2} \right), \log_2 \left(1 + \frac{\mathcal{E}_R |h_{RD}|^2}{\sigma_n^2} \right) \right\}$$

- factor $\frac{1}{2}$ is due to the fact that we use two time slots to transmit one packet
- $\min\{\dots\}$ means we are limited by the weaker link (bottle-neck)
- If power allocation is possible, the total power $\mathcal{E} = \mathcal{E}_S + \mathcal{E}_R$ should be divided between S and R to guarantee:

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{\mathcal{E}_S|h_{SR}|^2}{\sigma_n^2} &= \frac{\mathcal{E}_R|h_{RD}|^2}{\sigma_n^2}, \\ \mathcal{E}_R &= \frac{|h_{SR}|^2}{|h_{SR}|^2 + |h_{RD}|^2} \cdot \mathcal{E}, \\ \mathcal{E}_S &= \frac{|h_{RD}|^2}{|h_{SR}|^2 + |h_{RD}|^2} \cdot \mathcal{E}\end{aligned}$$

- Outage-probability in fading:

- We transmit with fixed rate R
- An outage occurs, if:

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{1}{2} \log_2 \left(1 + \underbrace{\frac{\mathcal{E}_S|h_{SR}|^2}{\sigma_n^2}}_{=\gamma_{SR}} \right) &< R \quad \text{or} \\ \frac{1}{2} \log_2 \left(1 + \underbrace{\frac{\mathcal{E}_R|h_{RD}|^2}{\sigma_n^2}}_{=\gamma_{RD}} \right) &< R\end{aligned}$$

$$\boxed{\gamma_{SR} < \underbrace{2^{2R} - 1}_{\gamma_T} \quad \text{or} \quad \gamma_{RD} < 2^{2R} - 1}$$