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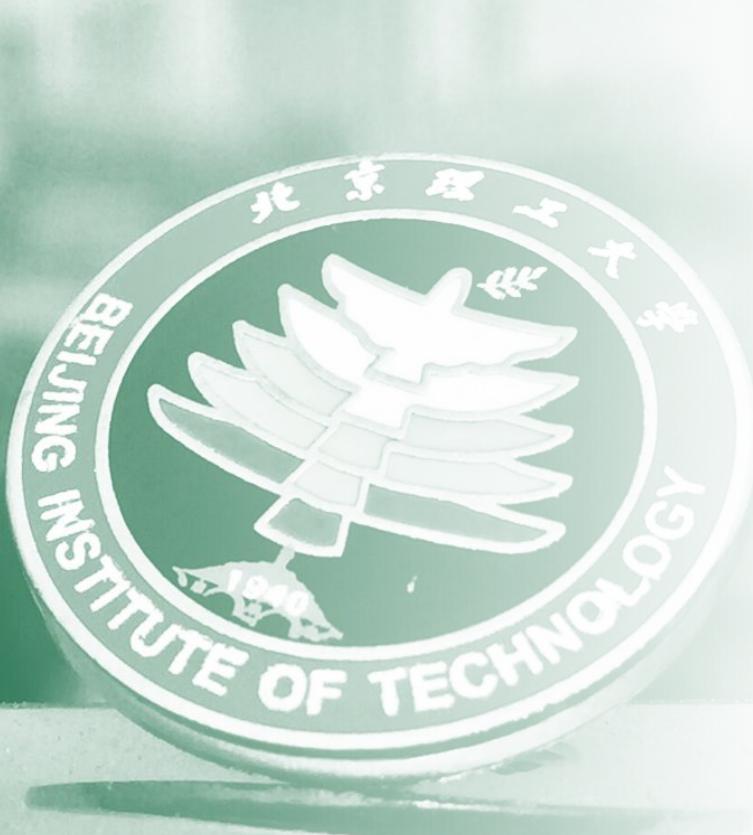
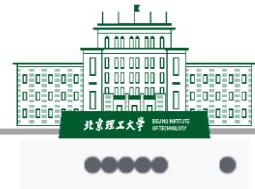
Multi-User Wideband Sparse Channel Estimation for Aerial BS with Hybrid Full-Dimensional MIMO

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Simulation Results



- Consider TDD based hybrid FD-MIMO-OFDM system^[1]
- An aerial BS equipped with UPA adopts K subcarriers to serve U single-antenna UEs
- $N_{\text{BS}} = N_{\text{BS}}^{\text{h}} N_{\text{BS}}^{\text{v}}$ antennas, N_{RF} RF chains, N_s data streams ($U = N_s \leq N_{\text{RF}} \ll N_{\text{BS}}$)
- Uplink received signal \mathbf{y}_k at k -th subcarrier:
$$\mathbf{y}_k = \mathbf{P}_k^H \sum_{u=1}^U \mathbf{h}_{k,u} s_{k,u} + \mathbf{P}_k^H \mathbf{n}_k = \mathbf{P}_{\text{BB},k}^H \mathbf{P}_{\text{RF}}^H \mathbf{H}_k s_k + \mathbf{P}_{\text{BB},k}^H \mathbf{P}_{\text{RF}}^H \mathbf{n}_k \quad (1)$$
- Each entry in \mathbf{P}_{RF} satisfies the constant modulus constraint
- Quantized phase set: $\mathcal{A} = \left\{ -\pi, -\pi + \frac{2\pi}{2^Q}, \dots, \pi - \frac{2\pi}{2^Q} \right\}$

$$\begin{cases} \mathbf{P}_k = \mathbf{P}_{\text{RF}} \mathbf{P}_{\text{BB},k} \\ \mathbf{H}_k = [\mathbf{h}_{k,1}, \dots, \mathbf{h}_{k,U}] \\ \mathbf{s}_k = [s_{k,1}, \dots, s_{k,U}]^T \\ \mathbf{n}_k \sim \mathcal{CN}(\mathbf{0}, \sigma_n^2 \mathbf{I}) \end{cases}$$

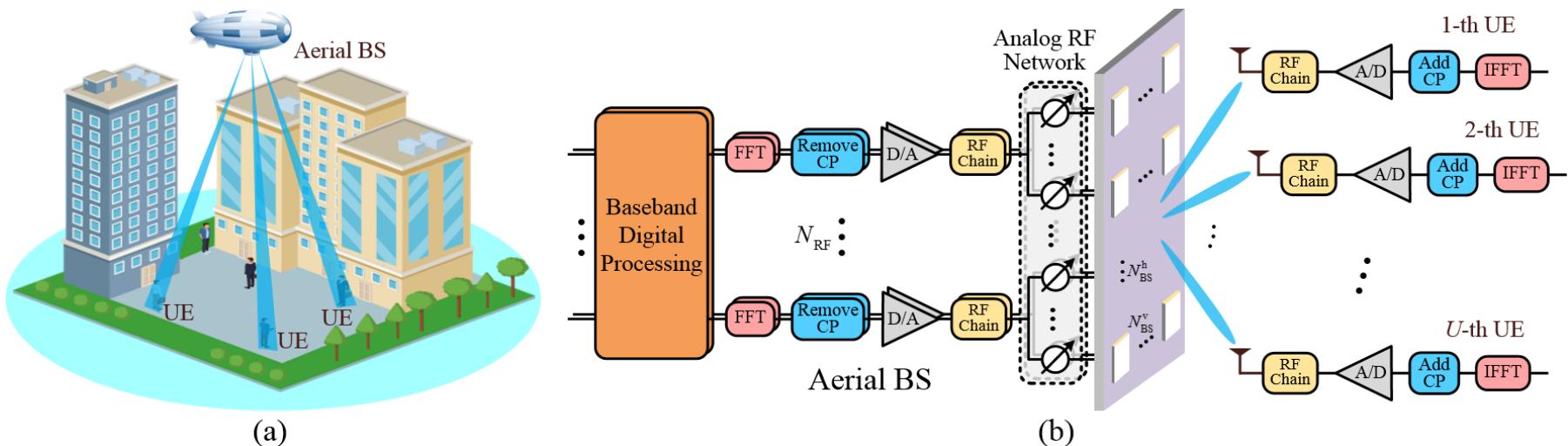


Fig. 1. (a) The air-ground mmWave channels between the aerial BS and multiple UEs; and (b) transceiver diagram of a typical uplink hybrid FD-MIMO-OFDM system.



● Channel model

- The air-ground mmWave channels generated by the LoS paths exhibit inherent sparsity^[1,2]
- Uplink delay-domain channel $\mathbf{h}_u(\tau)$ between BS and u -th UE can be modeled as

$$\mathbf{h}_u(\tau) = \sqrt{\frac{N_{\text{BS}}}{U}} \alpha_u \mathbf{a}_{\text{BS}}(\mu_u, \nu_u) p(\tau - \tau_u) \quad (2)$$



$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \alpha_u \sim \mathcal{CN}(0,1) \text{ — path gain} \\ \mathbf{a}_{\text{BS}}(\mu_u, \nu_u) = \mathbf{a}_\nu(\nu_u) \otimes \mathbf{a}_\mu(\mu_u) \text{ — array response vector} \\ \mu_u = \pi \sin(\theta_u) \cos(\phi_u) \text{ — spatial frequencies} \\ \nu_u = \pi \sin(\phi_u) \\ \theta_u / \phi_u \text{ — horizontal/vertical AoA} \end{array} \right.$$

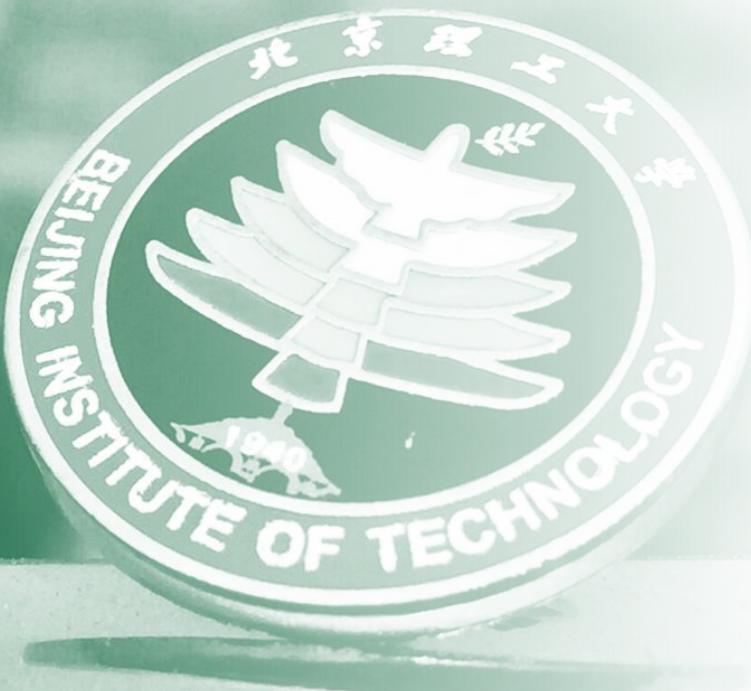
- Frequency-domain channel $\mathbf{h}_{k,u}$ at the k -th subcarrier^[3]

$$\mathbf{h}_{k,u} = \sqrt{\frac{N_{\text{BS}}}{U}} \alpha_u \mathbf{a}_{\text{BS}}(\mu_u, \nu_u) e^{-j2\pi \frac{k f_s}{K} \tau_u} \quad (4)$$



$$\mathbf{H}_k = [\mathbf{h}_{k,1}, \dots, \mathbf{h}_{k,U}] = \mathbf{A}_{\text{BS}} \mathbf{D}_k \quad (5) \quad \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \mathbf{A}_{\text{BS}} = [\mathbf{a}_{\text{BS}}(\mu_1, \nu_1), \dots, \mathbf{a}_{\text{BS}}(\mu_U, \nu_U)] = \mathbf{A}_{\text{BS}}^\nu \odot \mathbf{A}_{\text{BS}}^\mu \\ \mathbf{D}_k = \text{diag}(\mathbf{d}_k), \mathbf{d}_k = \text{diag}(\boldsymbol{\alpha}) \boldsymbol{\tau}_k \end{array} \right.$$

- $\{\alpha_u, \theta_u, \phi_u, \tau_u\}_{u=1}^U$ — channel parameters

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● A. Problem Formulation

- Digital UPA ($\mathbf{M}_{\text{BS}}^{\text{h}} \times \mathbf{M}_{\text{BS}}^{\text{v}}$) is visualized from hybrid UPA ($N_{\text{BS}}^{\text{h}} \times N_{\text{BS}}^{\text{v}}$)

- $s_k = s, \mathbf{P}_{\text{BB},k} = \mathbf{P}_{\text{BB}} \Rightarrow \mathbf{P}_k = \mathbf{P}, 0 \leq k \leq K-1$

- $\mathbf{N}_t = \lceil M_{\text{BS}}^{\text{h}} M_{\text{BS}}^{\text{v}} / N_s \rceil$ time-blocks, N_o OFDM symbols $\Rightarrow \mathbf{T}_{\text{CE}} = N_t N_o$

- $\mathbf{y}_{k,n_t}^{(n_o)} = \mathbf{P}_{n_t}^H \mathbf{H}_k s_{n_o} + \mathbf{P}_{n_t}^H \mathbf{n}_{n_o}$ (1)

N_o OFDM

- $\mathbf{Y}_{k,n_t} = [\mathbf{y}_{k,n_t}^{(1)}, \dots, \mathbf{y}_{k,n_t}^{(N_o)}] = \mathbf{P}_{n_t}^H \mathbf{H}_k \mathbf{S} + \mathbf{N}_{k,n_t}$ (6) \mathbf{P}_{n_t} — n_t -th hybrid combiner

N_t time-blocks

- $\tilde{\mathbf{Y}}_k = [\mathbf{Y}_{k,1}^T, \dots, \mathbf{Y}_{k,N_t}^T]^T = \tilde{\mathbf{P}}^H \mathbf{H}_k \mathbf{S} + \text{Blkdiag}(\tilde{\mathbf{P}}^H) \tilde{\mathbf{N}}_k$ (7) $\tilde{\mathbf{P}} = [\mathbf{P}_1, \dots, \mathbf{P}_{N_t}]$
— aggregated hybrid combiner

$\mathbf{J}_s = \left[\mathbf{I}_{N_{\text{BS}}^{\text{sub}}}, \dots, \mathbf{O}_{N_{\text{BS}}^{\text{sub}} \times (N_t N_s - N_{\text{BS}}^{\text{sub}})} \right]$

- $\tilde{\mathbf{y}}_k = \text{vec}((\mathbf{J}_s \tilde{\mathbf{Y}}_k)^T) = ((\mathbf{J}_s \tilde{\mathbf{P}}^H \mathbf{A}_{\text{BS}}) \odot \mathbf{S}^T) \text{diag}(\boldsymbol{\alpha}) \boldsymbol{\tau}_k + \tilde{\mathbf{n}}_k$ (8)

$\{\tilde{\mathbf{y}}_k\}_{k=0}^{K-1}$



● A. Problem Formulation

$$\bullet \tilde{\mathbf{Y}} = [\tilde{\mathbf{y}}_0, \tilde{\mathbf{y}}_1, \dots, \tilde{\mathbf{y}}_{K-1}] = (\bar{\mathbf{A}}_{\text{BS}} \odot \mathbf{S}^T) \text{diag}(\boldsymbol{\alpha}) \mathbf{A}_{\tau}^T + \tilde{\mathbf{N}} \quad (9)$$

vec

$$\bullet \tilde{\mathbf{y}} = \text{vec}(\tilde{\mathbf{Y}}) = (\mathbf{A}_{\tau} \odot \bar{\mathbf{A}}_{\text{BS}} \odot \mathbf{S}^T) \boldsymbol{\alpha} + \tilde{\mathbf{n}} \quad (10)$$

mat

$$\bullet \bar{\mathbf{Y}} = \text{mat}(\tilde{\mathbf{y}})^T = (\mathbf{A}_{\tau} \odot \bar{\mathbf{A}}_{\text{BS}}) \text{diag}(\boldsymbol{\alpha}) \mathbf{S} + \bar{\mathbf{N}}^T \quad (11)$$

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \bar{\mathbf{A}}_{\text{BS}} = \mathbf{J}_s \tilde{\mathbf{P}}^H \mathbf{A}_{\text{BS}} \\ \mathbf{A}_{\tau} = [\mathbf{a}_{\gamma}(\gamma_1), \dots, \mathbf{a}_{\gamma}(\gamma_U)] \\ \gamma_u = -2\pi f_s \tau_u / K \end{array} \right.$$

- Our objective is to estimate the $\{\theta_u, \varphi_u, \tau_u\}_{u=1}^U$ from $\bar{\mathbf{Y}}$
- However, $\bar{\mathbf{A}}_{\text{BS}} = \mathbf{J}_s \tilde{\mathbf{P}}^H \mathbf{A}_{\text{BS}} \rightarrow \tilde{\mathbf{P}}$ destroys the shift-invariance structure of \mathbf{A}_{BS}
- Design appropriate hybrid combiners $\{\mathbf{P}_{n_t}\}_{n_t=1}^{N_t}$



● B. Design Hybrid Combiner at BS

- Based on Algorithm 1 $\rightarrow \{\mathbf{P}_{\text{RF},n_t}\}_{n_t=1}^{N_t} \rightarrow \tilde{\mathbf{P}} \rightarrow$ (11) to yield

$$\bar{\mathbf{Y}} = \mathbf{A}_{\tau_{\text{BS}}} \bar{\mathbf{S}} + \bar{\mathbf{N}}^T \quad (13)$$

- $\mathbf{A}_{\tau_{\text{BS}}}$ can be further written as

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{A}_{\tau_{\text{BS}}} &= \mathbf{A}_\tau \odot \left(\mathbf{J}_s \tilde{\mathbf{P}}^H (\mathbf{A}_{\text{BS}}^\nu \odot \mathbf{A}_{\text{BS}}^\mu) \right) \\ &= \mathbf{A}_\tau \odot \bar{\mathbf{A}}_{\text{BS}}^\nu \odot \bar{\mathbf{A}}_{\text{BS}}^\mu \end{aligned} \quad (14)$$

- $\bar{\mathbf{A}}_{\text{BS}}^\mu$ takes from first M_{BS}^h rows of $\mathbf{A}_{\text{BS}}^\mu$
- $\bar{\mathbf{A}}_{\text{BS}}^\nu$ takes from first M_{BS}^v rows of $\mathbf{A}_{\text{BS}}^\nu$
- $\mathbf{A}_{\tau_{\text{BS}}}$ holds triple invariance structure
- Using 3-D unitary ESPRIT algorithm



$$\{\theta_u, \varphi_u, \tau_u\}_{u=1}^U$$

Algorithm 1 Hybrid Combiner Design

Input: $N_t, N_s, N_{\text{RF}}, N_{\text{BS}}^h, N_{\text{BS}}^v, M_{\text{BS}}^h$, and M_{BS}^v

Output: $\tilde{\mathbf{P}}$

- 1: Generate unitary matrix $\mathbf{U}_{\text{RF}} = [\mathbf{u}_1, \dots, \mathbf{u}_{N_{\text{RF}}}]$
 - 2: Construct index matrix Ξ based on (12)
 - 3: **for** $n_t = 1, 2, \dots, N_t$ **do**
 - 4: $\mathbf{P}_{\text{BB},n_t} = \mathbf{U}_{\text{RF}} \{:, 1:N_s\}$
 - 5: Initialize $\mathbf{P}_{\text{RF},n_t} = \mathbf{1}_{N_{\text{BS}}}^T \otimes \mathbf{u}_{N_{\text{RF}}}^H$
 - 6: Extract $\Xi_{n_t}^{\text{sub}} = \Xi \{:, (n_t-1)N_s+1:n_t N_s\}$ and $\mathbf{p} = \text{vec}(\Xi_{n_t}^{\text{sub}})$
 - 7: Get index set $\mathcal{I}_{n_t} = \text{mod}(\text{find}(\mathbf{p} \neq 0), N_{\text{BS}})$
 - 8: Replace $\mathbf{P}_{\text{RF},n_t \{\mathcal{I}_{n_t}, : \}} \leftarrow \mathbf{P}_{\text{BB},n_t}^H$
 - 9: Quantize phase values of $\mathbf{P}_{\text{RF},n_t}$
 - 10: $\mathbf{P}_{n_t} = \mathbf{P}_{\text{RF},n_t} \mathbf{P}_{\text{BB},n_t}$
 - 11: **end for**
 - 12: **return** $\tilde{\mathbf{P}} = [\mathbf{P}_1, \dots, \mathbf{P}_{N_t}]$
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● C. 3-D Unitary ESPRIT Algorithm^[4,5,6]

- Step 1. 3-D spatial smoothing preprocessing

$$\downarrow \bar{\mathbf{Y}}_s$$

- Step 2. Forward backward averaging

$$\downarrow \bar{\mathbf{Y}}_{re}$$

- Step 3. Signal subspace approximation

$$\downarrow \mathbf{E}_s$$

- Step 4. Solve shift-invariance equations

$$\downarrow \hat{\boldsymbol{\Phi}}_\mu, \hat{\boldsymbol{\Phi}}_\nu, \hat{\boldsymbol{\Phi}}_\gamma$$

- Step 5. SSD algorithm pairing

$$\downarrow \boldsymbol{\Gamma}_\mu, \boldsymbol{\Gamma}_\nu, \boldsymbol{\Gamma}_\gamma$$

$$\{\hat{\mu}_u, \hat{\nu}_u, \hat{\gamma}_u\}_{u=1}^U$$

$$\downarrow$$

$$\{\hat{\theta}_u, \hat{\phi}_u, \hat{\tau}_u\}_{u=1}^U$$

Algorithm 2 3-D Unitary ESPRIT Algorithm

Input: $\bar{\mathbf{Y}}, U, M_{BS}^h, M_{BS}^v, K, \mathbf{G}_\mu, \mathbf{G}_\nu$, and \mathbf{G}_γ .

Output: $\{\hat{\mu}_u, \hat{\nu}_u, \hat{\gamma}_u\}_{u=1}^U$.

- 1: Obtain smoothed matrix $\bar{\mathbf{Y}}_s$ in (16) using 3-D spatial smoothing preprocessing.
 - 2: Obtain real-valued matrix $\bar{\mathbf{Y}}_{re}$ in (17) using forward backward averaging.
 - 3: Extract approximate signal subspace matrix \mathbf{E}_s through SVD.
 - 4: Solve three shift-invariance equations in (18) to obtain $\hat{\boldsymbol{\Phi}}_\mu, \hat{\boldsymbol{\Phi}}_\nu$, and $\hat{\boldsymbol{\Phi}}_\gamma$ using LS or total LS estimator.
 - 5: Yield three approximate upper triangular matrices $\boldsymbol{\Gamma}_\mu, \boldsymbol{\Gamma}_\nu$, and $\boldsymbol{\Gamma}_\gamma$ using SSD algorithm.
 - 6: Extract main diagonal elements of these matrices and calculate $\{\hat{\mu}_u, \hat{\nu}_u, \hat{\gamma}_u\}_{u=1}^U$ based on (20).
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● D. Reconstruct MIMO Channel

- Based on $\{\hat{\theta}_u, \hat{\phi}_u, \hat{\tau}_u\}_{u=1}^U \rightarrow \hat{A}_{\text{BS}}, \hat{A}_{\tau} \rightarrow \hat{A} = (\hat{A}_{\tau} \odot (\mathbf{J}_s \tilde{\mathbf{P}}^H \hat{A}_{\text{BS}})) \odot S^T$

$$\downarrow (10)$$

- $\hat{\mathbf{a}} = \sqrt{N_{\text{BS}}/U} [\hat{a}_1, \dots, \hat{a}_U]^T = \arg \min_{\mathbf{a}} \| \tilde{\mathbf{y}} - \hat{A} \mathbf{a} \|_2^2 = (\hat{A}^H \hat{A})^{-1} \hat{A}^H \tilde{\mathbf{y}}$ (21)

$$\downarrow$$

$$\hat{\mathbf{H}}_k = [\hat{\mathbf{h}}_{k,1}, \dots, \hat{\mathbf{h}}_{k,U}] \quad (22)$$

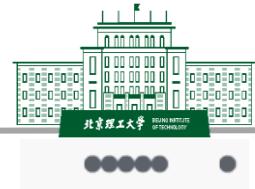
- where $\hat{\mathbf{h}}_{k,u} = \sqrt{\frac{N_{\text{BS}}}{U}} \hat{\alpha}_u \mathbf{a}_{\text{BS}}(\hat{\mu}_u, \hat{\nu}_u) e^{j\hat{\gamma}_u}$, $u = 1, \dots, U$

$$\begin{cases} \hat{\mu}_u = \pi \sin(\hat{\theta}_u) \cos(\hat{\phi}_u) \\ \hat{\nu}_u = \pi \sin(\hat{\phi}_u) \\ \hat{\gamma}_u = -2\pi k f_s \hat{\tau}_u / K \end{cases}$$

3-D Unitary ESPRIT Algorithm

TABLE I. Computational Complexity

Operation	Complexity
Step 1	$\mathcal{O}(M_{\text{sub}} N_{\text{BS}}^{\text{sub}} N_o G)$
Step 2	$\mathcal{O}(8M_{\text{sub}} N_o G)$
Step 3	$\mathcal{O}(\frac{1}{4} M_{\text{sub}} U^2)$
Step 4	$\mathcal{O}(\frac{3}{4}(U^3 + 2U^2 M_{\text{sub}}) + \frac{1}{2}(M_{\mu} + M_{\nu} + M_{\tau}) M_{\text{sub}} U)$
Step 5	$\mathcal{O}(\frac{3}{4} U^4)$
(21)	$\mathcal{O}(U^3 + 2U^2 K N_{\text{BS}}^{\text{sub}} N_o)$
(22)	$\mathcal{O}(KUN_{\text{BS}})$



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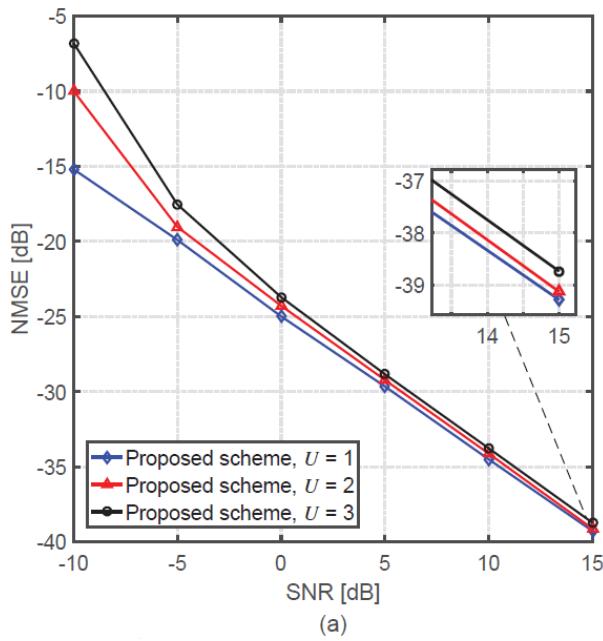
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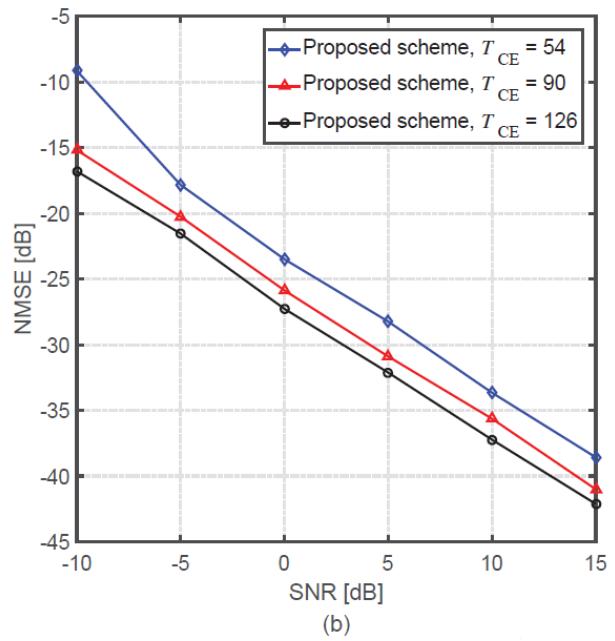
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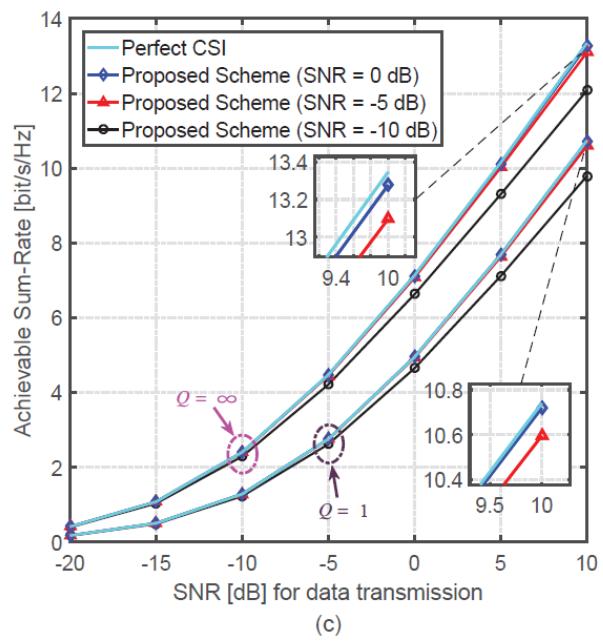
- $f_c = 30 \text{ GHz}$, $f_s = 200 \text{ MHz}$, $N_{\text{BS}} = N_{\text{BS}}^{\text{h}} \times N_{\text{BS}}^{\text{v}} = 10 \times 10 = 100$, $N_{\text{RF}} = 4$, $Q = 1 \text{ bit}$
- $K = 128$, θ_u , $\varphi_u \sim \mathcal{U}[-\pi/3, \pi/3]$, $\tau_u \sim \mathcal{U}[0, \tau_{\max}]$, $\tau_{\max} = 16/f_s$
- $M_{\text{BS}}^{\text{h}} = M_{\text{BS}}^{\text{v}} = 6$, $G_{\mu} = G_{\nu} = 2$, $G_{\gamma} = K/2$
- Normalized Mean Square Error (NMSE) of channel estimation
- Achievable sum-rate of downlink data transmission



(a)



(b)



(c)

Fig. 2. NMSE and achievable sum-rate performance comparison of the proposed scheme versus SNRs: (a) $T_{\text{CE}} = 72$; (b) $U=2$; and (c) $T_{\text{CE}} = 54$ and $U=2$.

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