



EENGM4221: Broadband Wireless Communications

Lecture 5: Solutions Overview

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Review of Challenges



- As we have seen, facilitating Broadband Wireless Communications imposes some significant challenges:
 - Spectral Efficiency, Energy efficiency, cost etc
 - QoS demands
 - Significant Channel Impairments
 - Slow/Fast Fading
 - Interference
 - Wireless Medium Access challenges

Other units provide us with some solutions (1)



- Not surprisingly, we require many tools in our Engineering ‘toolbox’ to tackle these challenges
- Many of these tools are covered elsewhere in your studies:
 - Large scale loss and fading effects can be mitigated by cellular deployments (Mobile Comms Systems unit)
 - Fading can be mitigated by Diversity (Mobile Comms Systems unit)
 - Time, Frequency, Space/Polarisation

Other units provide us with some solutions (2)



- Dispersion can be mitigated by:
 - Equalisation (Advanced Mobile Radio Techniques unit)
 - Multicarrier (Advanced Mobile Radio Techniques unit)
 - Spread Spectrum/CDMA (Advanced Mobile Radio Techniques unit)
- MIMO can exploit spatial diversity for SNR gain or spatial multiplexing (AMRT)
- Errors in General can be mitigated by Error Control Coding (Coding Theory Unit)

What's New in Broadband Wireless Communications



- We will not duplicate these here. However, we will introduce some others:
 - Link Adaptation
 - mitigates free space and shadowing loss
 - Dynamic Resource Allocation
 - Another source of diversity: ‘Multi-user Diversity’
 - HARQ
 - mitigates errors and exploits diversity
- These ‘tools’ add to the rest of the ‘tool box’; they don’t replace the others

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- These three techniques are additions to what we have covered in other units:
 - Link Adaptation
 - Dynamic Resource Allocation
 - HARQ