Hybrid Precoding in Millimeter-Wave Massive MIMO Systems

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 - Massive MIMO provides sufficient gains to compensate the serious path-loss by using precoding
 - Avoid multi-cell interference, more appropriate for small cell

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Hybrid Analog and Digital Precoding

- Actual degree of freedom (i.e., number of users) is much smaller than number of antennas
- Divide digital precoding with large size into:
 - Digital precoding with small size
 - Analog precoding with large size (realized by phase shifter, PS)
- Significantly reduced number of RF chains
- Power-efficient, low complexity, without obvious performance loss

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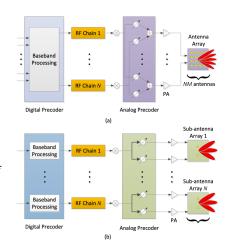
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Sub-connected Architecture

- RF chain is partially connected to a subset of antennas
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 - More energy-efficient

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Aim

- To develop a low-complex energy-efficient solution for the hybrid precoder design problem
- To consider the application of deep learning (DL) to develop optimal hybrid precoder

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- Three non-convex constraints
 - Structure constraint: $\mathbf{P} = \mathbf{A}\mathbf{D} = \operatorname{diag}\{\bar{\mathbf{a}}_1, ..., \bar{\mathbf{a}}_N\} \cdot \operatorname{diag}\{d_1, ..., d_N\}$
 - Amplitude constraint: The amplitude of non-zero elements of the analog precoding matrix **A** is fixed to $1/\sqrt{M}$
 - Power constraint: $\|\mathbf{P}\|_F \leq N$

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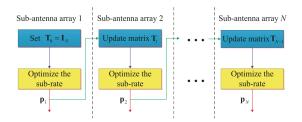
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 - Total rate \rightarrow sub-rate of sub-antenna array
 - Optimize the sub-rate of each sub-antenna array one by one by exploiting the concept of SIC for multi-user detection



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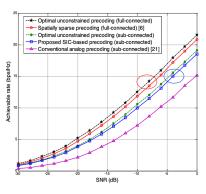
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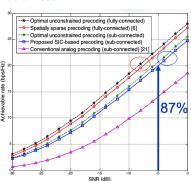
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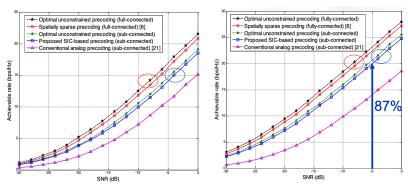
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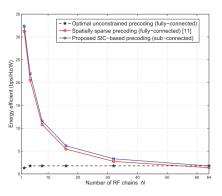
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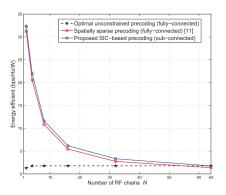
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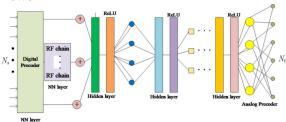
Constraints on the elements of \mathbf{D}_A and \mathbf{B}_A :

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Deep-Neural Network

DNN Framework



■ Input Layer: 128 units

■ Hidden Layers: 400 units and 256 units

■ Noise Layer: 200 units

■ Hidden Layers: 128 units and 64 units

Output Layer: Deployed to generate output signals

■ Input and hidden layers activation: ReLU

Output layer activation:

$$f(\mathbf{s}) = \min(\max(\mathbf{s}, \mathbf{0}), N_{\mathbf{s}})$$



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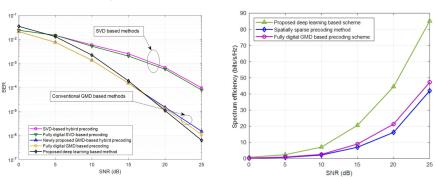
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