

Hybrid Beamforming for 5G Millimeter-Wave Systems

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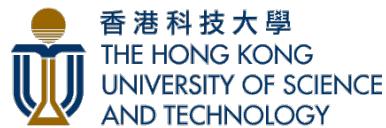


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Background and Motivation

❖ Era of mobile data deluge

7 x
Data growth by
2021



60 %
Video traffic in 2016

8.0 Billion
Mobile devices/connections
in 2016



Cisco VNI, March 2017

Background and Motivation

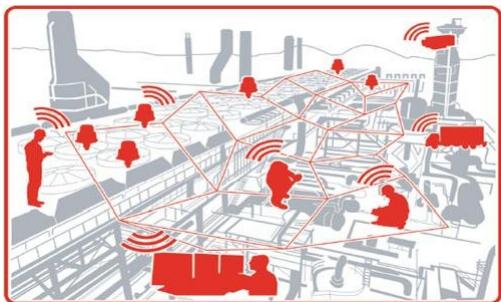
❖ Requirements of 5G systems



High data rate



Massive connections



Uniform coverage



Green communications



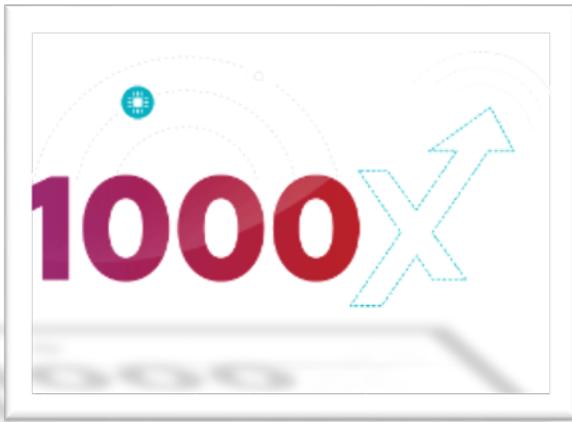
Massive connections



Security & privacy

Background and Motivation

- ❖ The 1000x Capacity Challenge for 5G

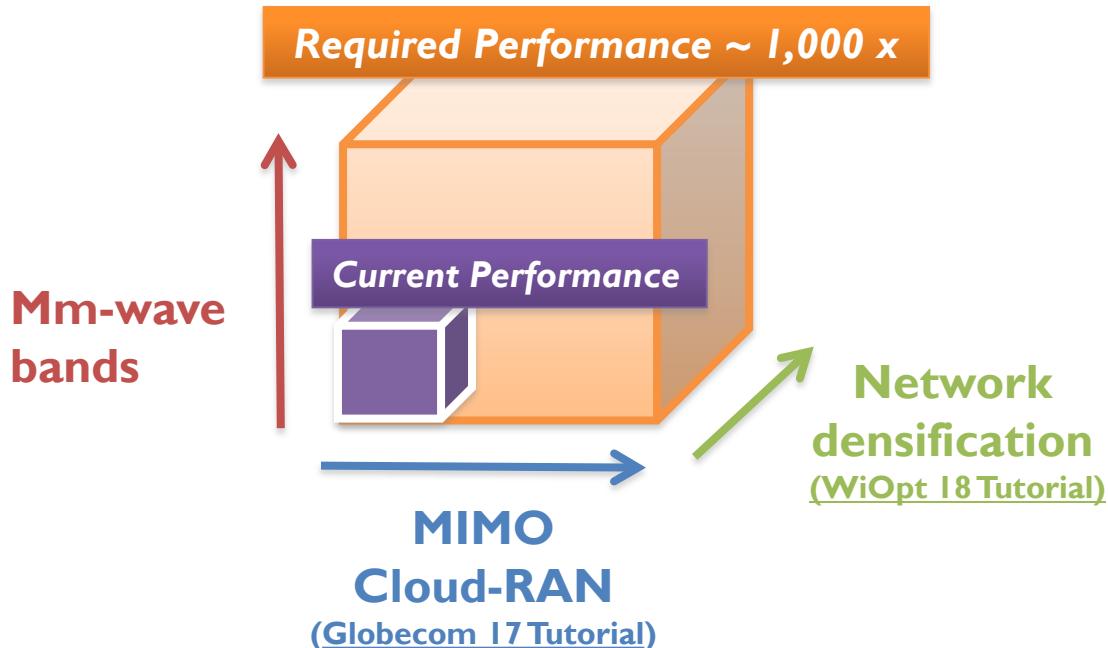


Background and Motivation

❖ The 1000x Capacity Challenge for 5G

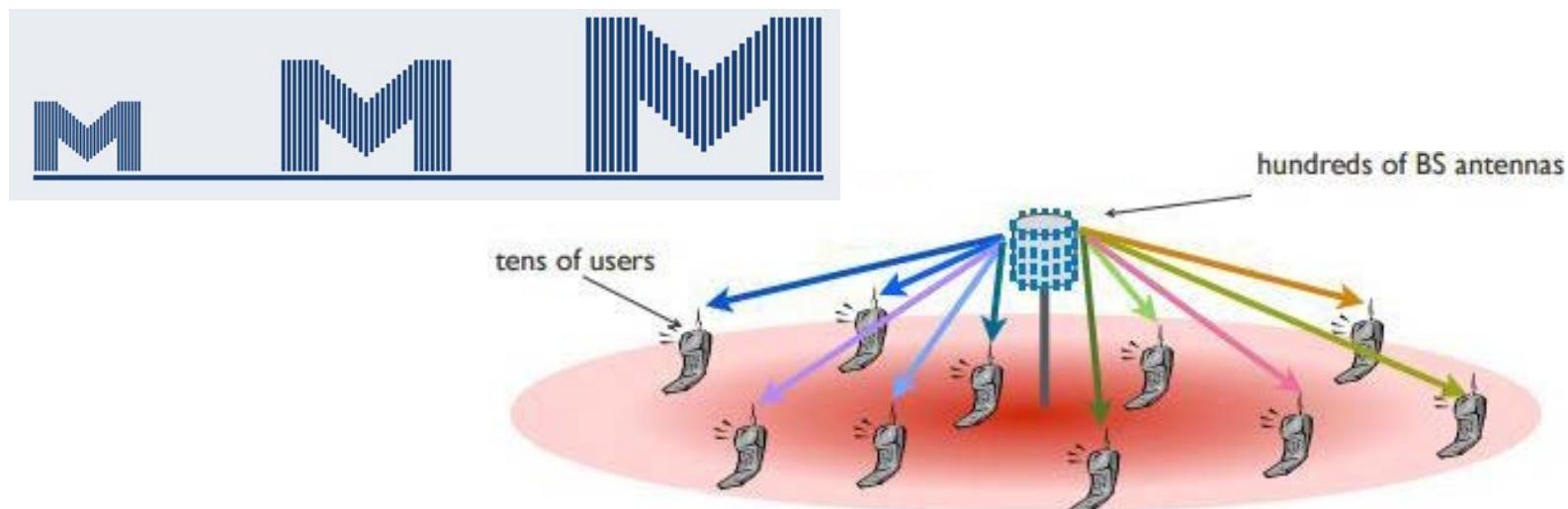
Capacity = Bandwidth (Hz) × Spectral Efficiency (bps/Hz) × # Links

$$1000 = 10 \times 5 \times 20$$



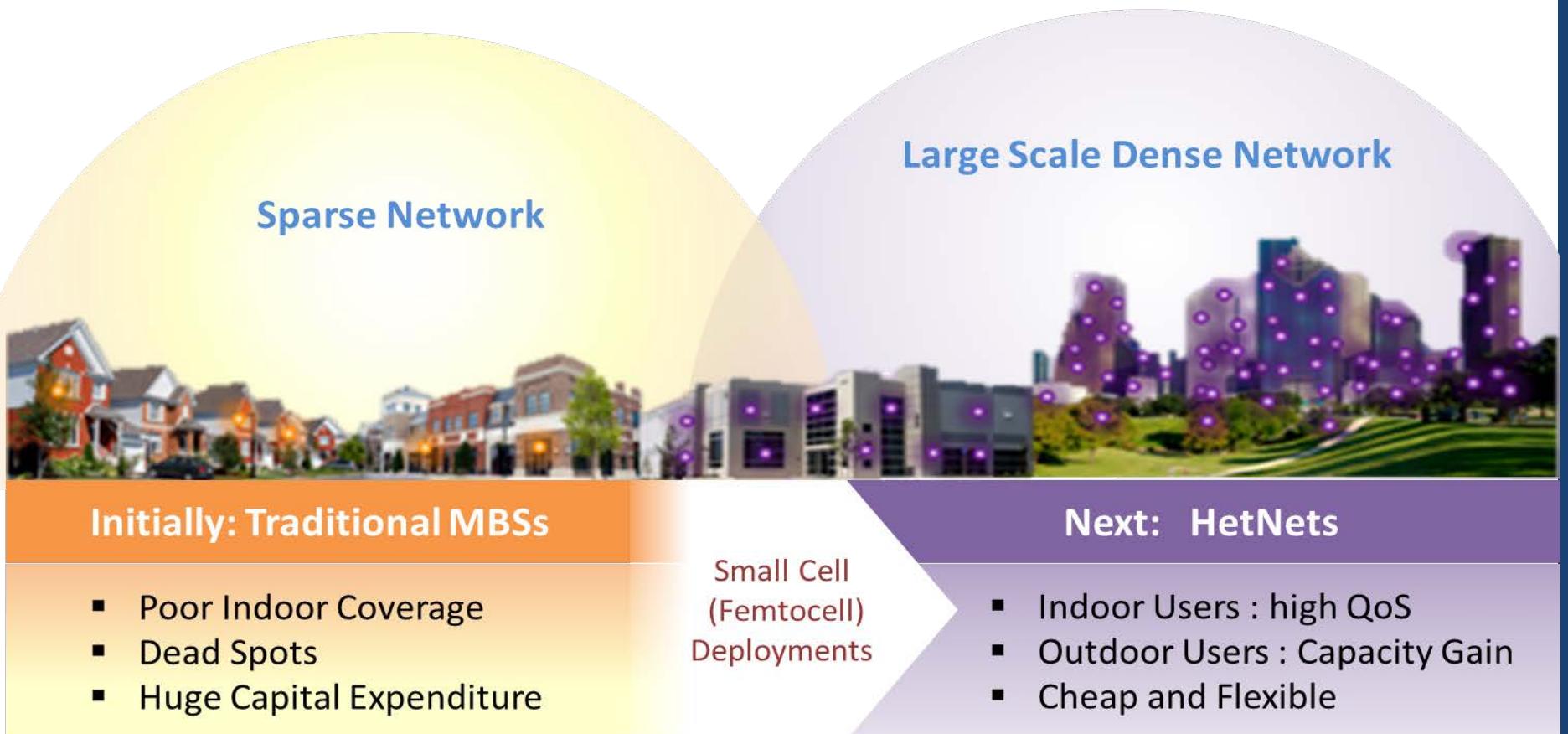
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❖ Higher spectral efficiency



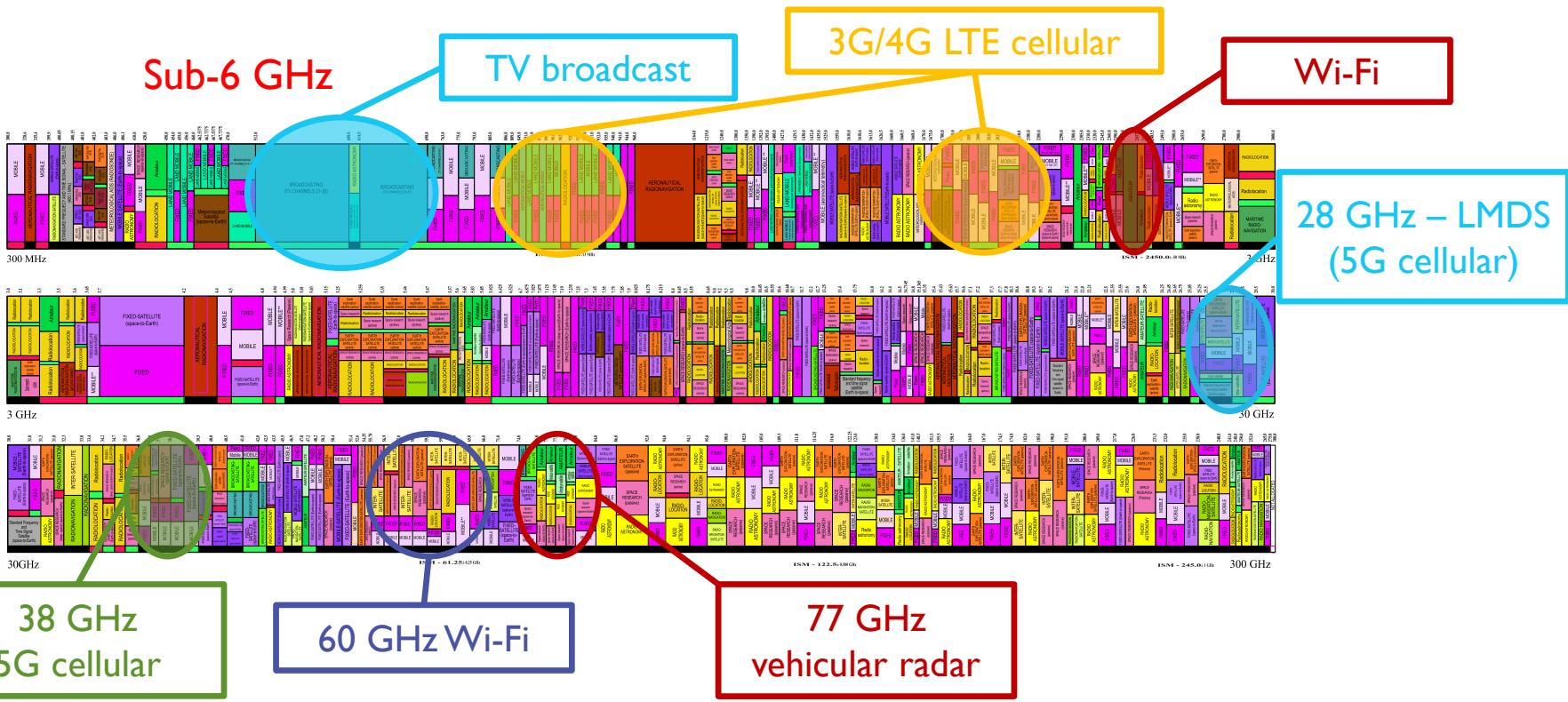
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❖ Ultra dense networks



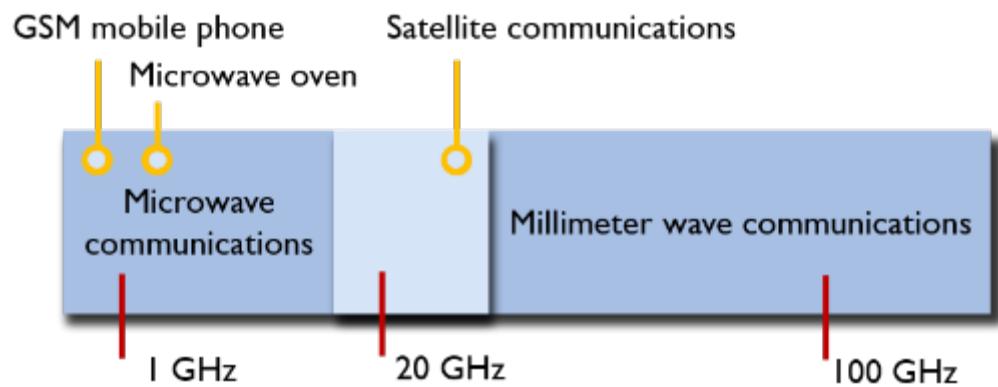
Background and Motivation

❖ Spectrum crunch: A fundamental bottleneck



Background and Motivation

❖ New Spectrum: Beyond sub-6 GHz



5G = Millimeter wave

At least to someone

Background and Motivation

- ❖ Latest activities at mm-wave bands



Standardization
(IEEE 802.11 ad)



Hardware products



Channel models



Small cell networks

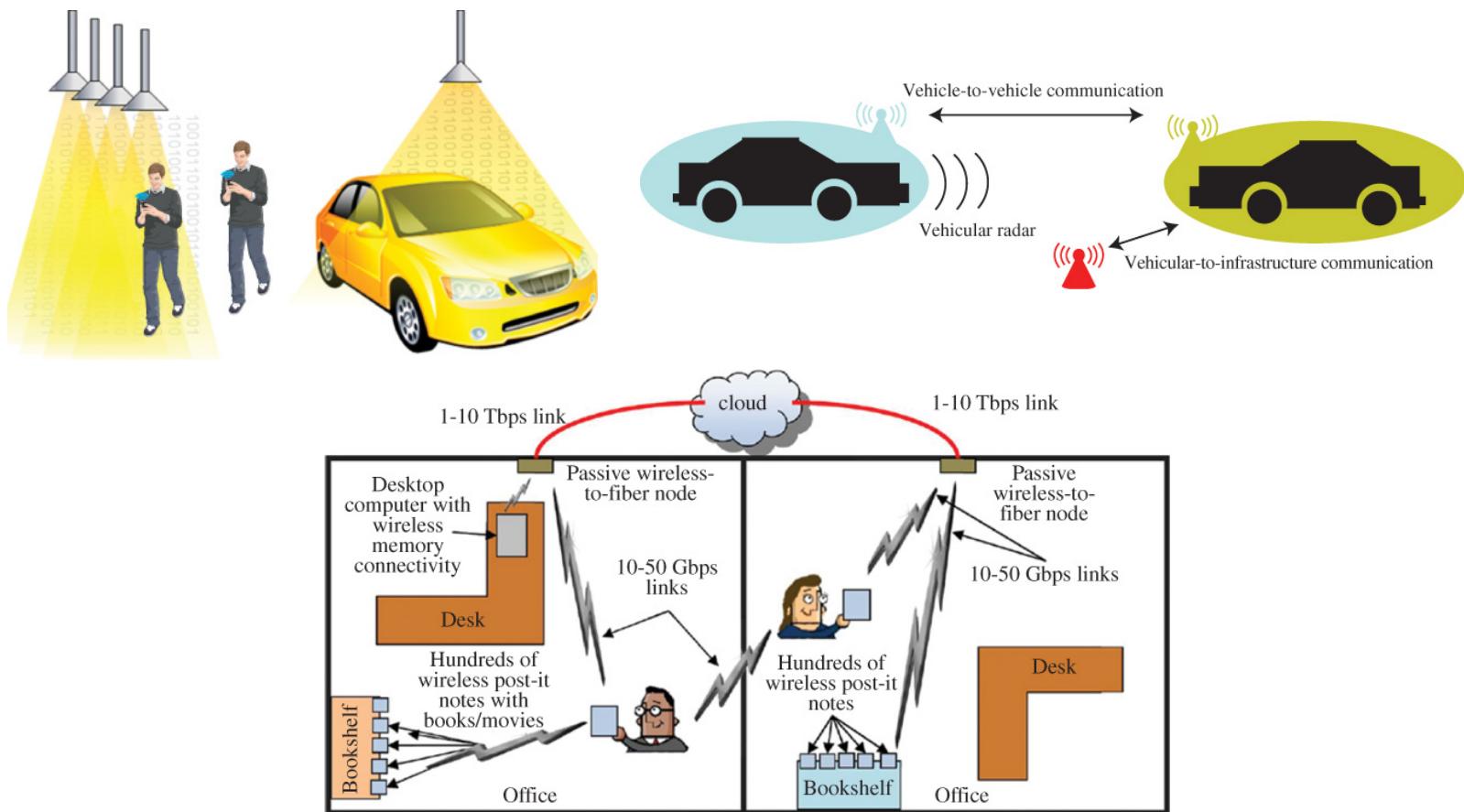


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mm-Wave trial

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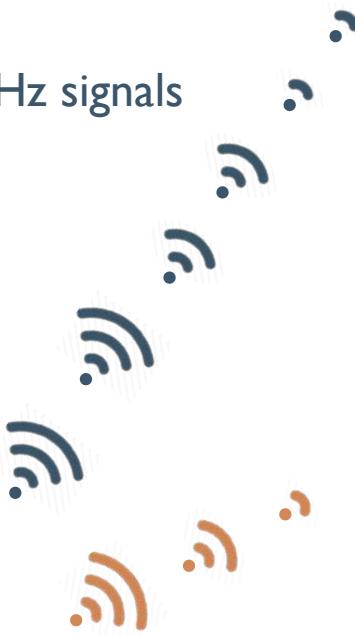
❖ Emerging mm-wave applications [T.S. Rappaport et al., 2014]



Background and Motivation



Sub-6 GHz signals



Huge path loss
Mm-wave signals

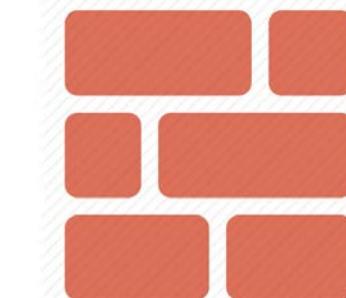
Receive power: $P_r = \frac{P_t}{4\pi d^2} \frac{\lambda^2}{4\pi}$



Noise power: $N_0 = kT_e B$



SNR

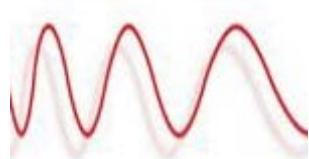


Sensitivity to blockages

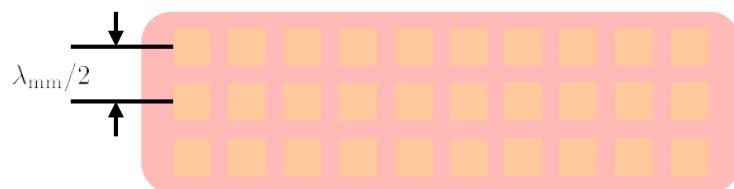
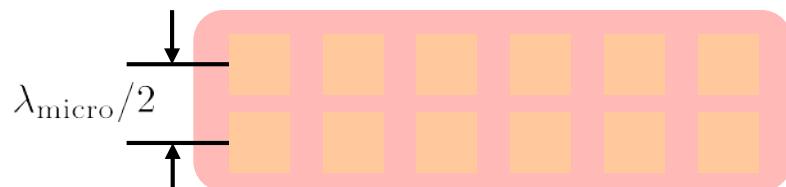
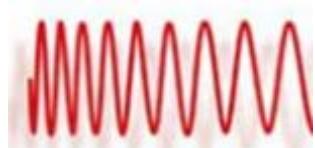
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microwave



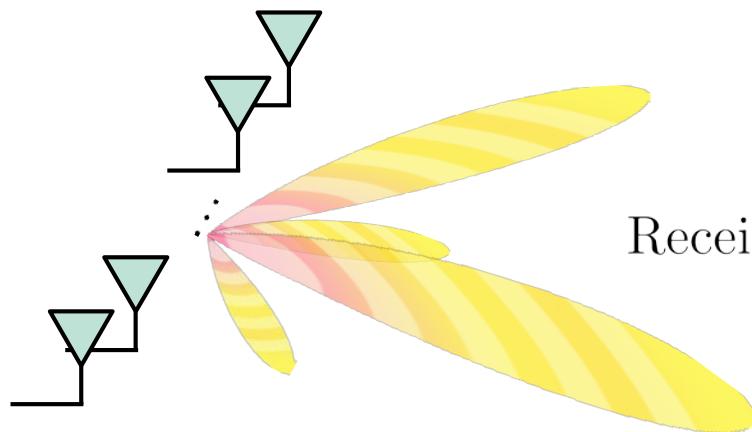
mm-wave



Small wavelength → Large-scale antenna arrays

More antennas can be patched in a small area

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$$\text{Receive power: } P_r = \frac{P_t}{4\pi d^2} \frac{\lambda^2}{4\pi} G_t G_r$$

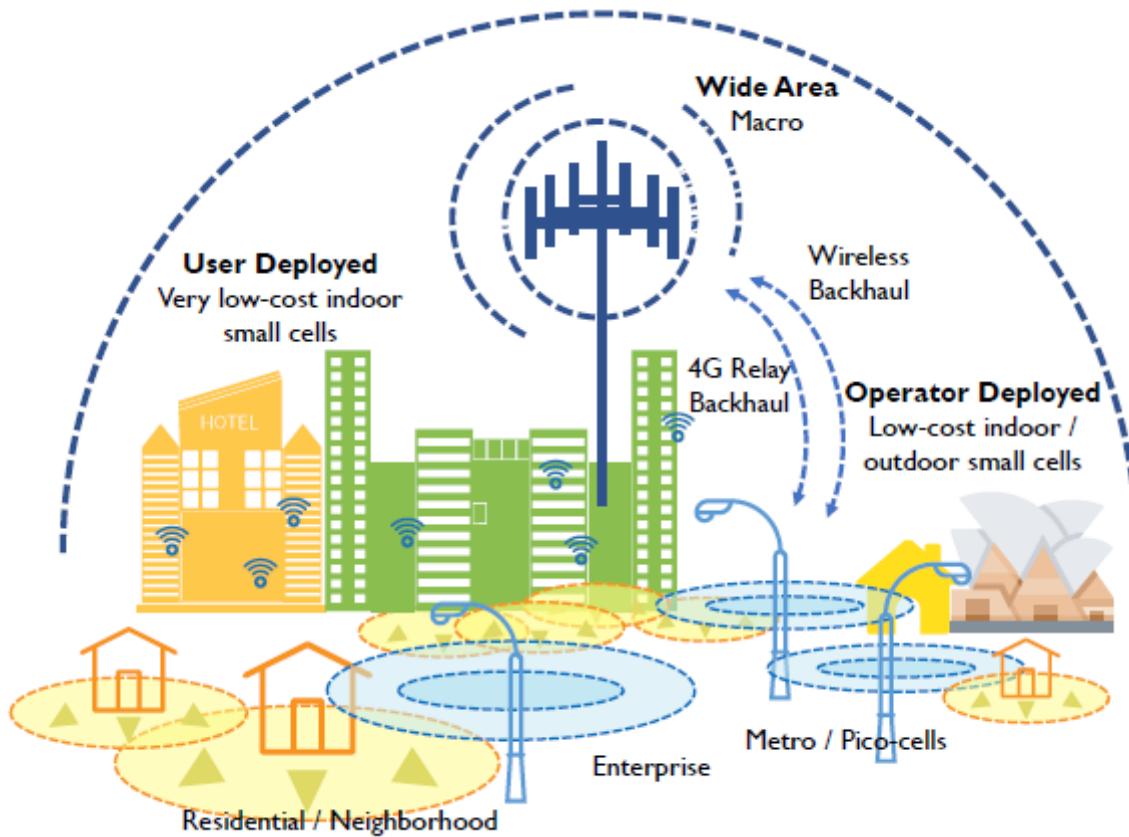


$N_t > 100$

Beamforming!

Higher antenna gains and narrower beams

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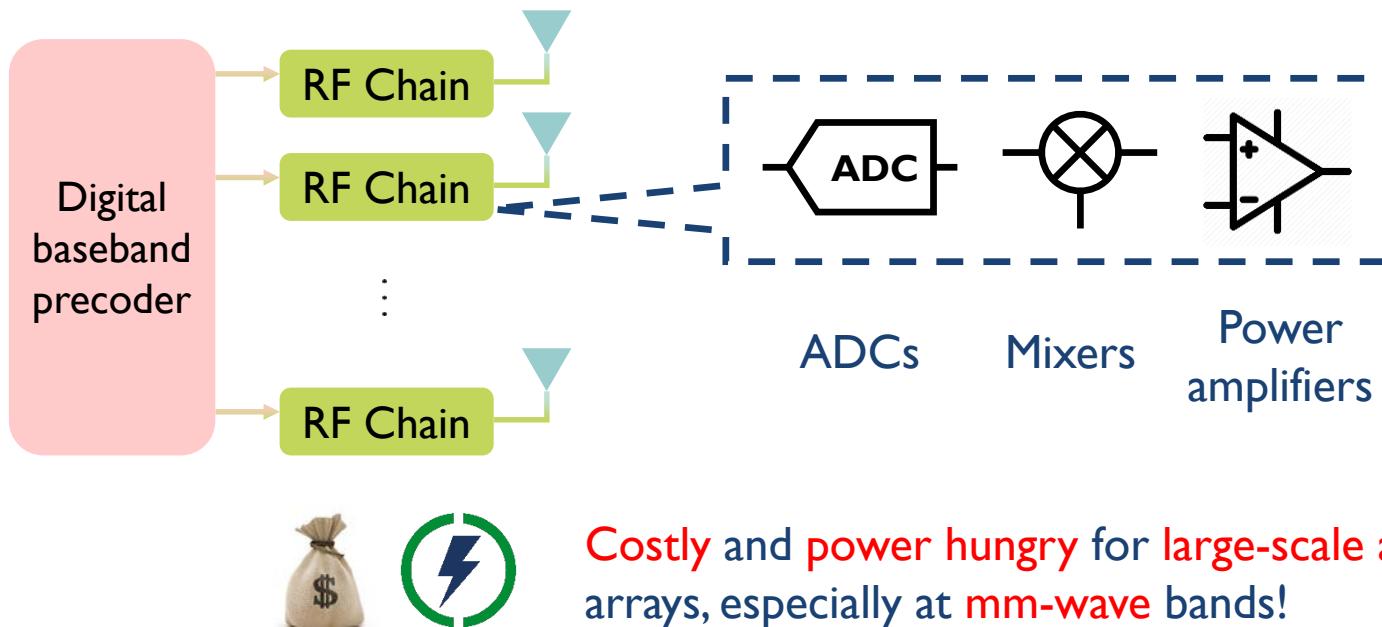


Network densification reduces propagation distance

Background and Motivation

❖ Conventional beamforming

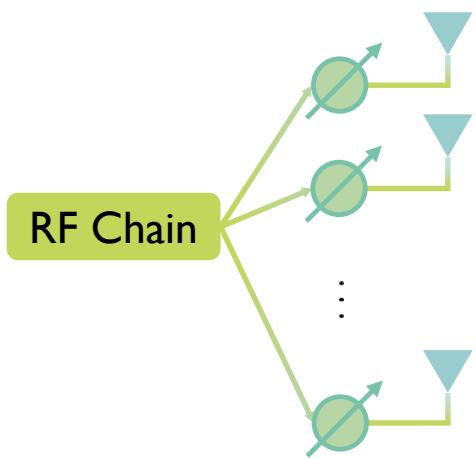
- Performed **digitally** at the **baseband**
- Require an **RF chain per antenna element**



Background and Motivation

❖ Existing solution: **Analog beamforming**

- One RF chain only



$$\mathbf{f}(\varphi) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{N_t}} \left[1, \dots, e^{j2\pi k\varphi}, \dots, e^{j2\pi(N_t-1)\varphi} \right]^T$$

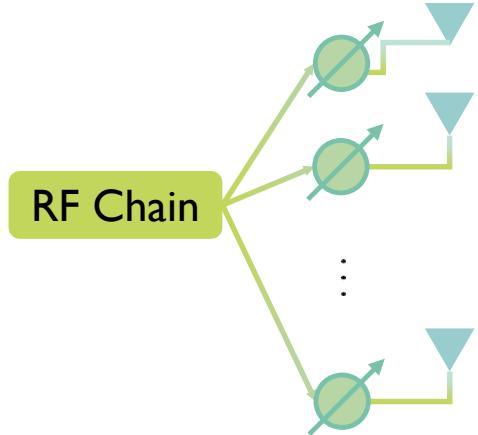
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the decisive variable

- Beams direction readily controlled by a series of **phase shifters** in the **RF domain**
- Low cost and hardware complexity

Background and Motivation

❖ Existing solution: **Analog beamforming**

➤ Limitations



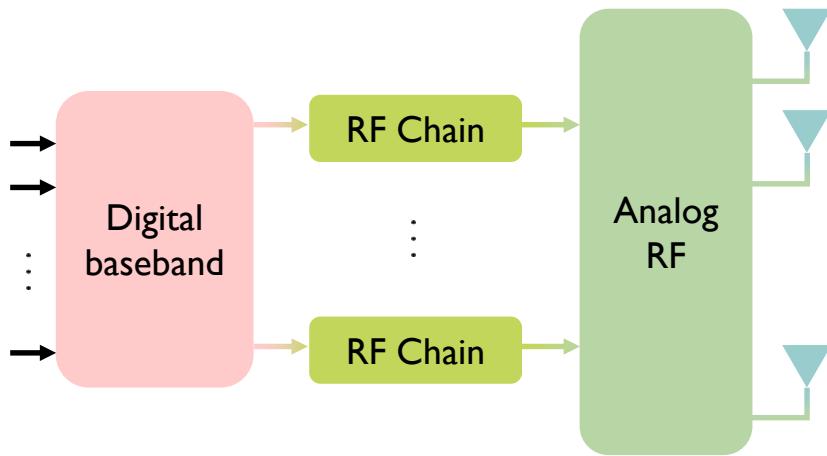
Benefits of MIMO

- Spatial multiplexing
- Support space-division multiple access (SDMA)

Analog beamforming can only support single-stream transmissions

Background and Motivation

❖ Hybrid beamforming



- Multi-stream transmission, ability to support SDMA
- Multiple RF chains, the **number should be very small**
- Combine the benefits of **digital and analog** beamforming

Background and Motivation

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Background and Motivation

❖ Recognitions on hybrid beamforming

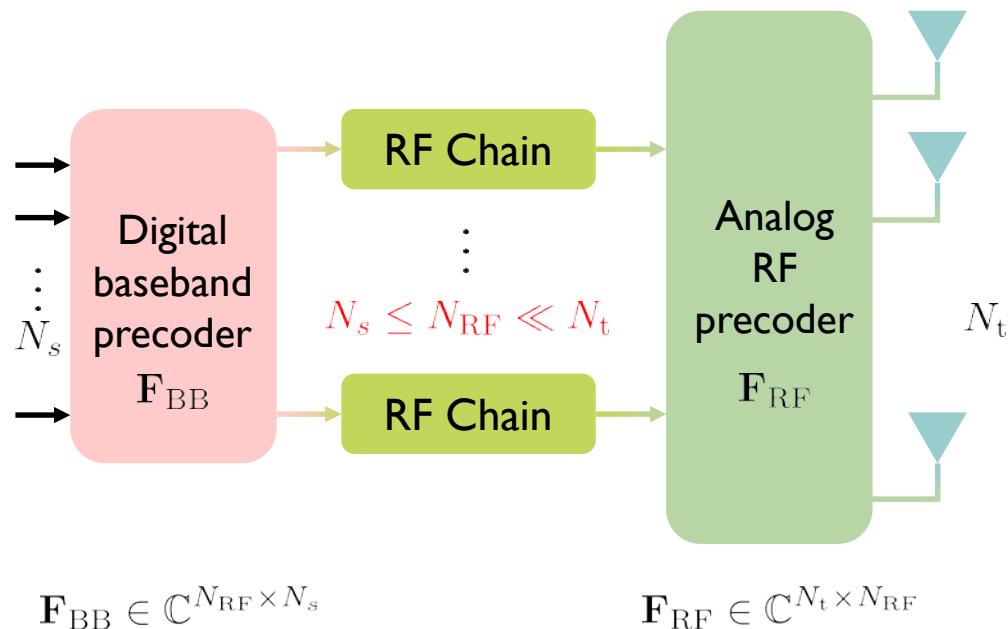
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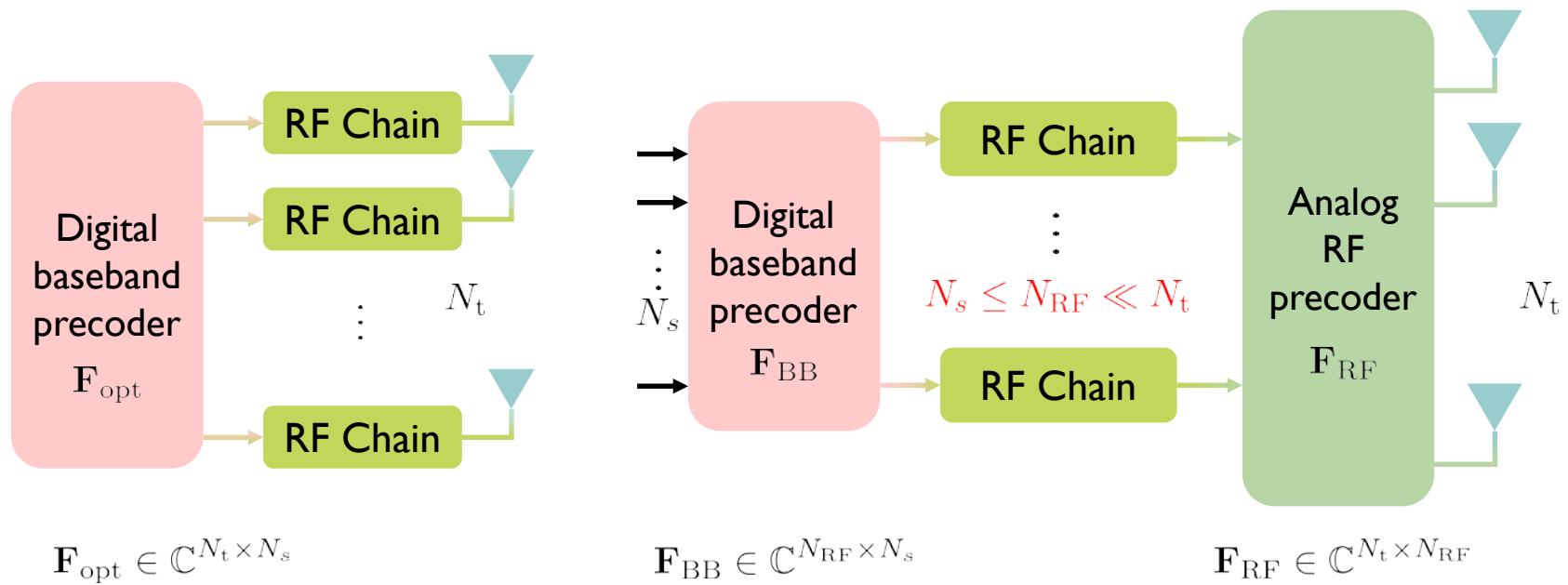
❖ Hybrid beamforming

- Also called *Hybrid precoding; Analog/digital precoding*
- **Notations** in hybrid beamforming



Preliminaries of Hybrid Beamforming

❖ Fully digital precoding vs. Hybrid precoding



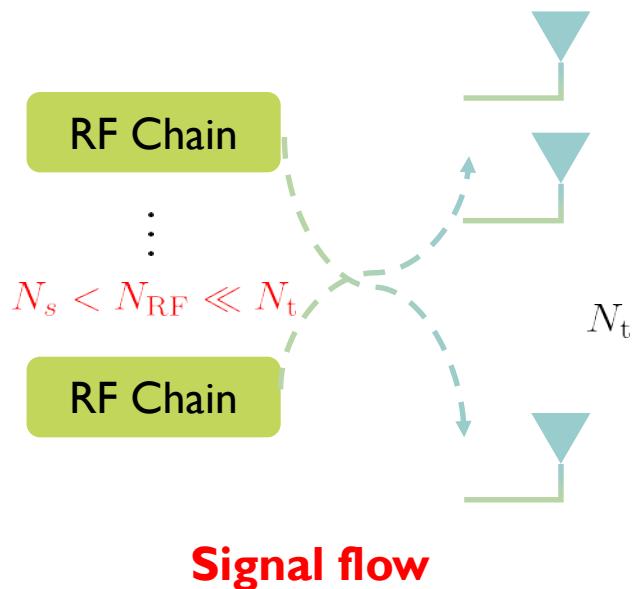
- Main differentiating part: **Analog RF precoder**
- Mapping from low-dimensional RF chains to high-dimensional antennas, typically implemented by **phase shifters**

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❖ Hybrid precoder structure

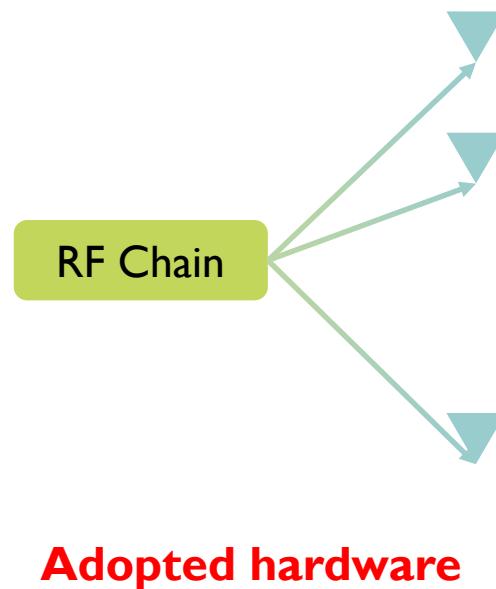
(I) Mapping strategy:

Which antennas should be connected to each RF chain?



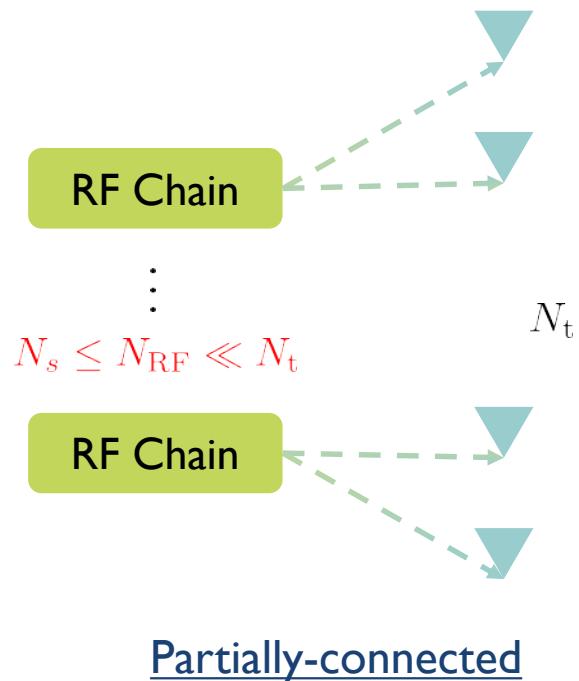
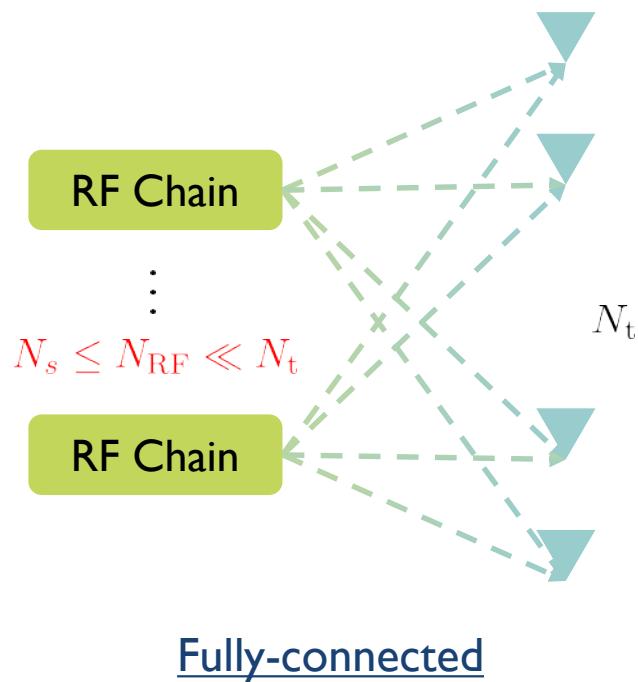
(II) Hardware implementation:

What kind of hardware should be used to realize each connection?



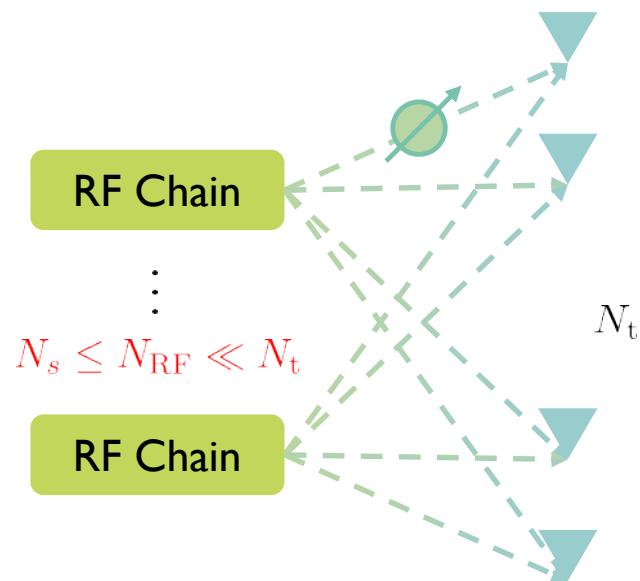
Preliminaries of Hybrid Beamforming

- ❖ The state-of-the-art hybrid precoder structure
 - Mainly focus on different mapping strategies



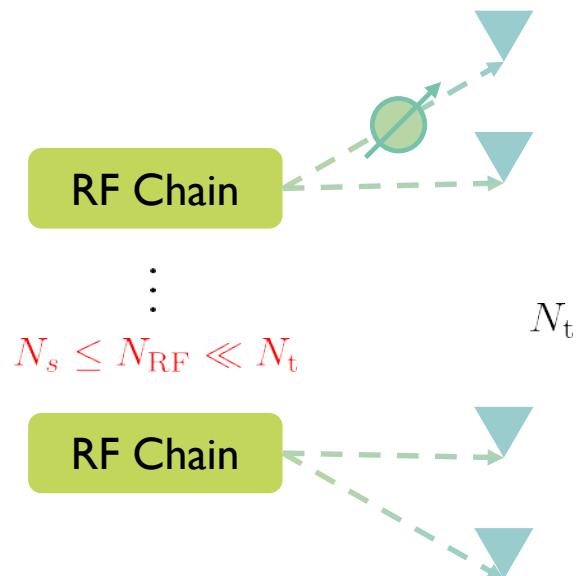
Preliminaries of Hybrid Beamforming

- ❖ The state-of-the-art hybrid precoder structure
 - One prevalent hardware implementation: **Single phase shifter (SPS)**



SPS Fully-connected

$$N_{PS} = N_t N_{RF}$$

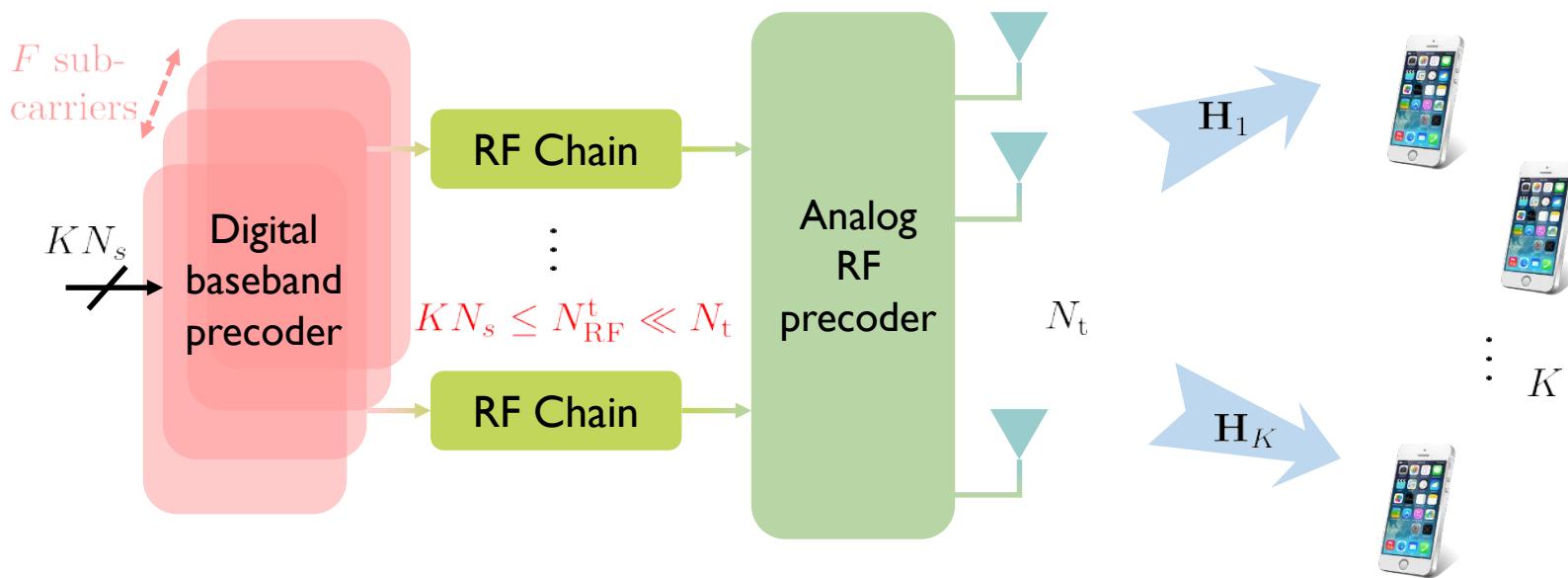


SPS Partially-connected

$$N_{PS} = N_t$$

Preliminaries of Hybrid Beamforming

❖ General multiuser multicarrier (MU-MC) systems

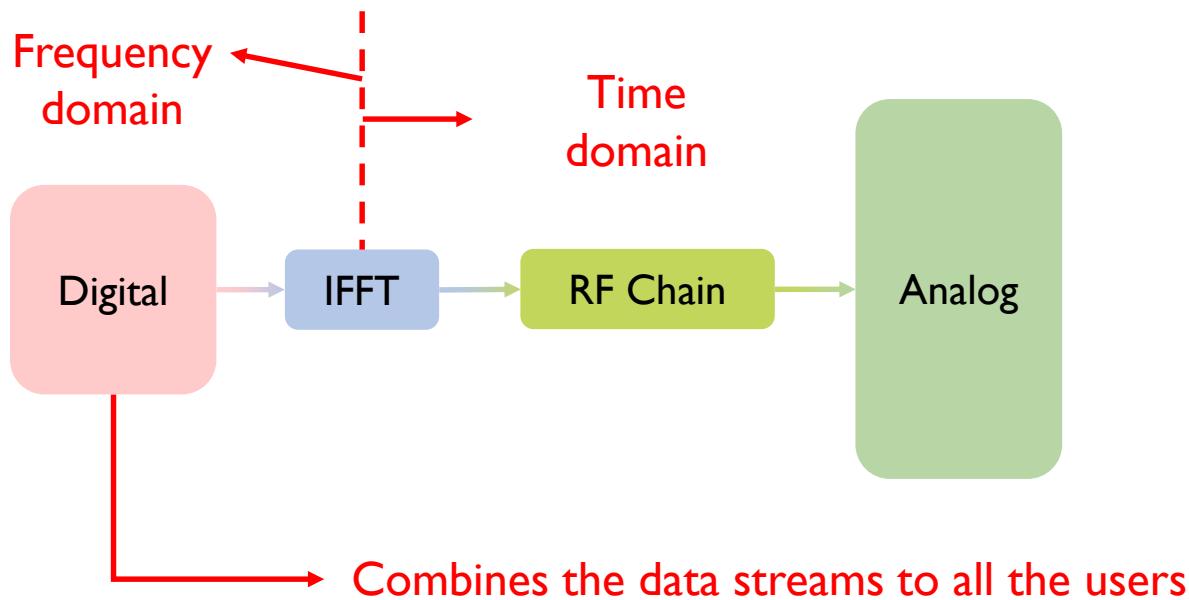


➤ One single digital precoder for each user on each subcarrier

$$\mathbf{F}_{\text{BB } k, f}$$

Preliminaries of Hybrid Beamforming

- ❖ General multiuser multicarrier (MU-MC) systems



- Analog precoder \mathbf{F}_{RF} is shared by all the users and subcarriers

Preliminaries of Hybrid Beamforming

- ❖ Generic hybrid precoder design problem
 - Minimize the Euclidean distance between the hybrid precoders and the fully digital precoder [O. El Ayach et al., 2014]

$$\underset{\mathbf{F}_{\text{RF}}, \mathbf{F}_{\text{BB}}}{\text{minimize}} \quad \|\mathbf{F}_{\text{opt}} - \mathbf{F}_{\text{RF}} \mathbf{F}_{\text{BB}}\|_F^2$$

$$\text{subject to} \quad \|\mathbf{F}_{\text{RF}} \mathbf{F}_{\text{BB}}\|_F^2 \leq P_{\max}$$

$$\mathbf{F}_{\text{RF}} \in \mathcal{A}_x \quad \text{Main difficulty}$$

$$\mathbf{F}_{\text{opt}} = \left[\mathbf{F}_{\text{opt}1,1}, \dots, \mathbf{F}_{\text{opt}k,f}, \dots, \mathbf{F}_{\text{opt}K,F} \right] \in N_t \times K N_s F$$

$$\mathbf{F}_{\text{BB}} = \left[\mathbf{F}_{\text{BB}1,1}, \dots, \mathbf{F}_{\text{BB}k,f}, \dots, \mathbf{F}_{\text{BB}K,F} \right] \in N_{\text{RF}}^t \times K N_s F$$

- \mathcal{A}_x varies according to different hybrid precoder structures, e.g., $|(\mathbf{F}_{\text{RF}})_{i,j}| = 1$ for the SPS fully-connected structure

Preliminaries of Hybrid Beamforming

❖ Generic hybrid precoder design problem

$$\begin{aligned} & \underset{\mathbf{F}_{\text{RF}}, \mathbf{F}_{\text{BB}}}{\text{minimize}} && \|\mathbf{F}_{\text{opt}} - \mathbf{F}_{\text{RF}} \mathbf{F}_{\text{BB}}\|_F^2 \\ & \text{subject to} && \|\mathbf{F}_{\text{RF}} \mathbf{F}_{\text{BB}}\|_F^2 \leq P_{\max} \\ & && \mathbf{F}_{\text{RF}} \in \mathcal{A}_x \end{aligned}$$

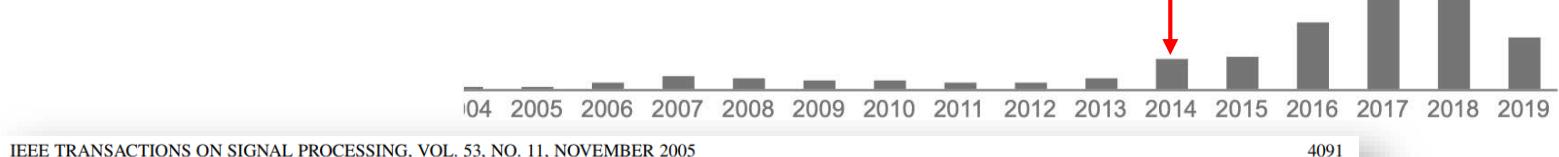
- This formulation applies for an arbitrary digital precoder
- It is applicable for different hybrid beamformer structures
- It facilitates beamforming algorithm design

Preliminaries of Hybrid Beamforming

❖ An early work on hybrid beamforming

Cited by 402

➤ Nov. 2005



IEEE TRANSACTIONS ON SIGNAL PROCESSING, VOL. 53, NO. 11, NOVEMBER 2005

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Variable-Phase-Shift-Based RF-Baseband Codesign for MIMO Antenna Selection

Xinying Zhang, Andreas F. Molisch, *Fellow, IEEE*, and Sun-Yuan Kung, *Fellow, IEEE*

- Phase shifter based RF beamforming
- $N_{RF}=2$ is enough for $N_s=1$ to achieve the performance of the fully digital precoder
- Have not got too much attention before hybrid beamforming was proposed (cited 75 times before 2014 while 327 times after 2014)

Preliminaries of Hybrid Beamforming

❖ An extension

➤ Sep. 2014

On Achieving Optimal Rate of Digital Precoder by RF-Baseband Codesign for MIMO Systems

Edin Zhang and Chiachi Huang
Department of Communications Engineering
Yuan Ze University
Taoyuan, Taiwan

- Generalization: $N_{RF}=2N_s$ to achieve the performance of the fully digital precoder
- The number of RF chains to achieve fully digital will be very large for MU-MC systems

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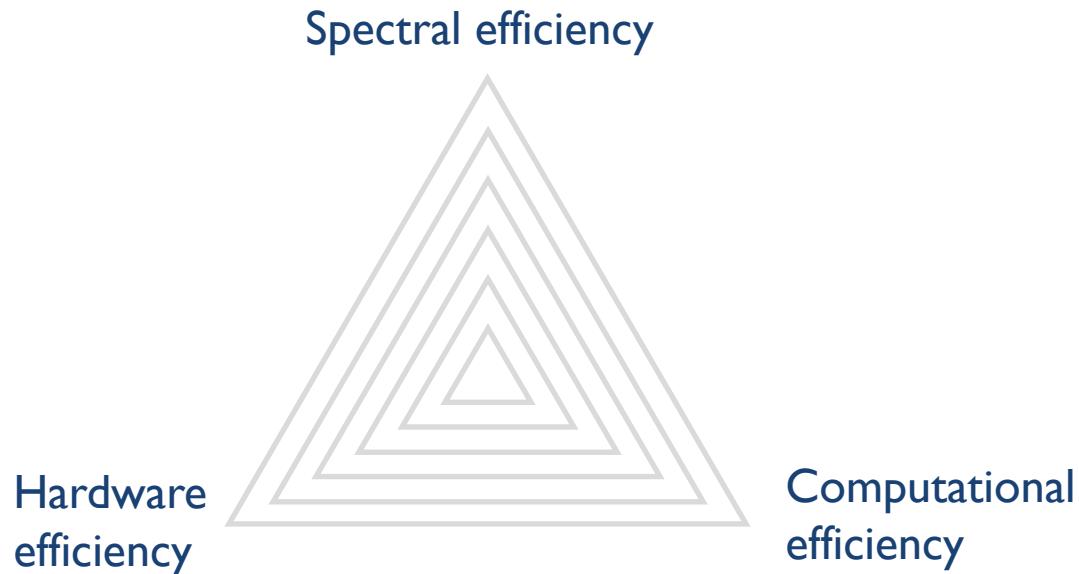
❖ Questions to be answered in this tutorial

- **Q1:** Can hybrid precoder provide performance close to the fully digital one with $N_{RF} < 2N_s$? Spectral efficiency
- **Q2:** How many RF chains are needed?
- **Q3:** How many phase shifters are needed? Hardware efficiency
- **Q4:** How to connect RF chains with antennas?
- **Q5:** How to efficiently design hybrid precoding algorithms? Computational efficiency

Preliminaries of Hybrid Beamforming

- ❖ Performance metrics

- “Scoring triangle”

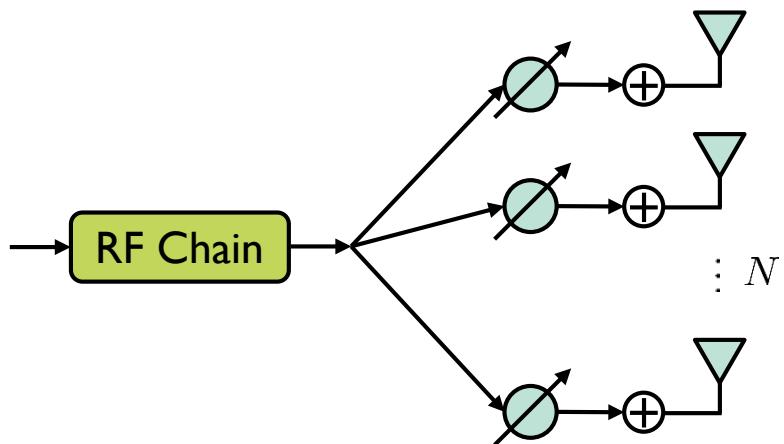


Improve Spectral Efficiency:Approaching the Fully Digital Beamforming

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Improve Spectral Efficiency

❖ Single phase shifter (SPS) implementation



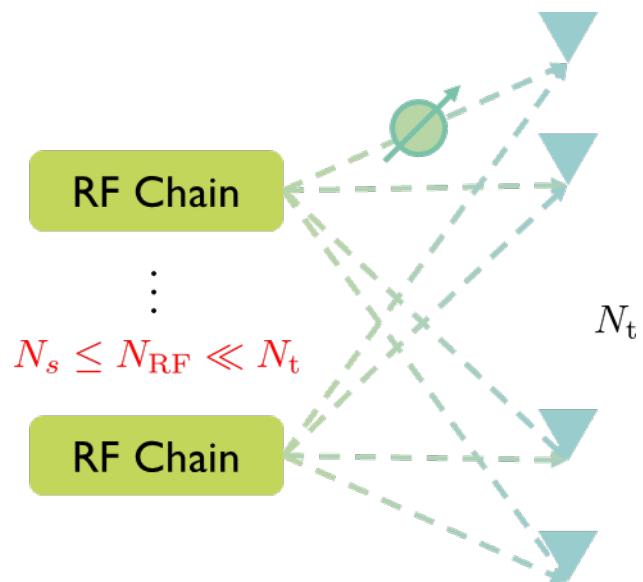
$$N = \begin{cases} N_t & \text{fully-connected} \\ N_t/N_{RF}^t & \text{partially-connected} \end{cases}$$

➤ Fully digital achieving condition: $N_{RF}^t = 2KN_s$, $N_{RF}^r = 2N_s$

Q: Can we further reduce the number of RF chains?

Improve Spectral Efficiency

(I) Fully-Connected Mapping



Improve Spectral Efficiency

❖ Existing work

➤ Mar. 2014

Citation > 1354

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Spatially Sparse Precoding in Millimeter Wave MIMO Systems

Omar El Ayach, *Member, IEEE*, Sridhar Rajagopal, *Senior Member, IEEE*, Shadi Abu-Surra, *Member, IEEE*, Zhouyue Pi, *Senior Member, IEEE*, and Robert W. Heath, Jr., *Fellow, IEEE*

- Orthogonal matching pursuit (OMP) algorithm
- The columns of the analog precoding matrix \mathbf{F}_{RF} is selected from a candidate set \mathcal{C} (array response vectors)

$$\mathcal{C} = \{\mathbf{f}(\varphi_i)\}_{i=1}^{|\mathcal{C}|} \quad \mathbf{f}(\varphi_i) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{N_t}} [1, \dots, e^{j2\pi k \varphi_i}, \dots, e^{j2\pi (N_t-1) \varphi_i}]^T$$

Improve Spectral Efficiency

❖ Existing work

➤ OMP Algorithm

Algorithm 1 Spatially Sparse Precoding via Orthogonal Matching Pursuit

Require: \mathbf{F}_{opt}

1: $\mathbf{F}_{\text{RF}} = \text{Empty Matrix}$

2: $\mathbf{F}_{\text{res}} = \mathbf{F}_{\text{opt}}$

3: **for** $i \leq N_t^{\text{RF}}$ **do**

4: $\Psi = \mathbf{A}_t^* \mathbf{F}_{\text{res}}$

5: $k = \arg \max_{\ell=1, \dots, N_{\text{cl}} N_{\text{ray}}} (\Psi \Psi^*)_{\ell, \ell}$

6: $\mathbf{F}_{\text{RF}} = [\mathbf{F}_{\text{RF}} | \mathbf{A}_t^{(k)}]$

7: $\mathbf{F}_{\text{BB}} = (\mathbf{F}_{\text{RF}}^* \mathbf{F}_{\text{RF}})^{-1} \mathbf{F}_{\text{RF}}^* \mathbf{F}_{\text{opt}}$

8: $\mathbf{F}_{\text{res}} = \frac{\mathbf{F}_{\text{opt}} - \mathbf{F}_{\text{RF}} \mathbf{F}_{\text{BB}}}{\|\mathbf{F}_{\text{opt}} - \mathbf{F}_{\text{RF}} \mathbf{F}_{\text{BB}}\|_F}$

9: **end for**

10: $\mathbf{F}_{\text{BB}} = \sqrt{N_s} \frac{\mathbf{F}_{\text{BB}}}{\|\mathbf{F}_{\text{RF}} \mathbf{F}_{\text{BB}}\|_F}$

11: **return** $\mathbf{F}_{\text{RF}}, \mathbf{F}_{\text{BB}}$

Find the array response vector along which the optimal precoder has the maximum projection

Appends the selected array response vector to the \mathbf{F}_{RF}

Least squares solution to \mathbf{F}_{BB}

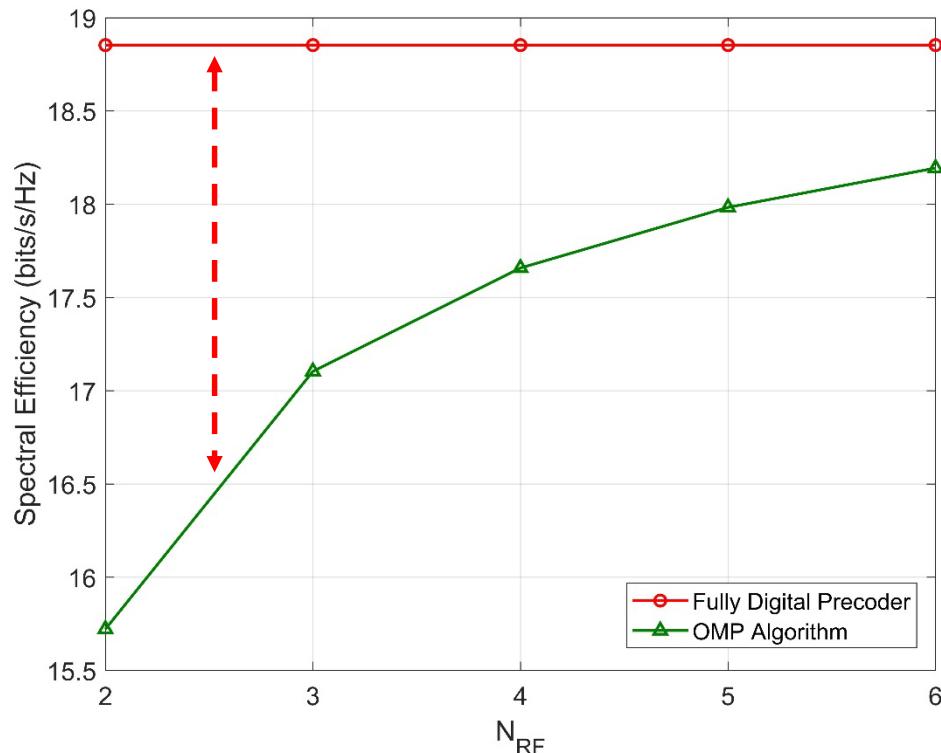
Calculate “residual precoding matrix”

Improve Spectral Efficiency

(I) Fully-Connected Mapping

❖ Simulation result

$N_t = 144, N_r = 36, N_{RF}^t = N_{RF}^r = N_{RF}, N_s = 2, \text{SNR} = 0 \text{ dB}$



➤ Prominent performance loss especially with a small number of RF chains

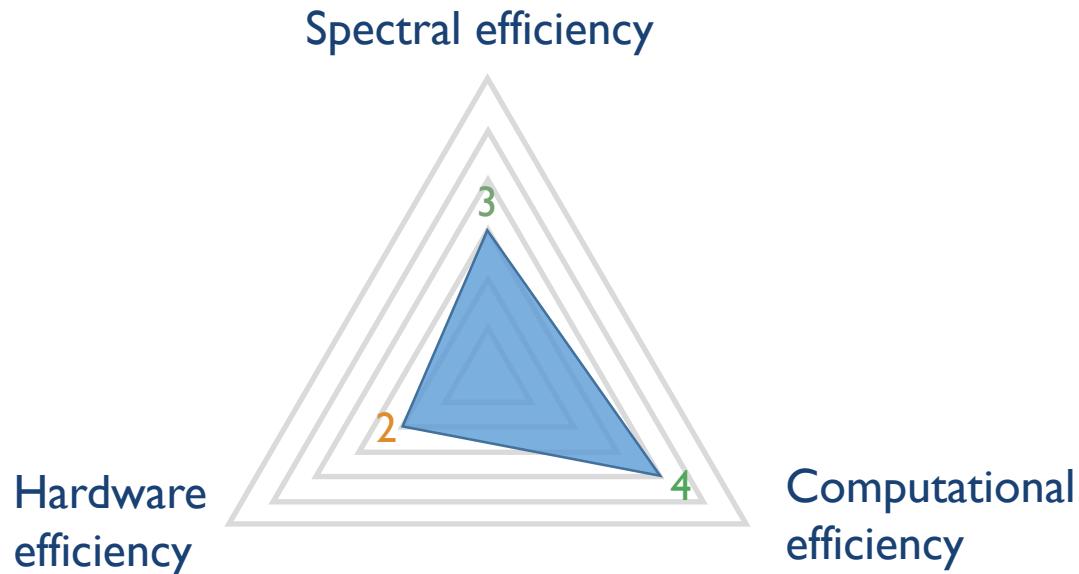
Q: How to improve spectral efficiency with a few RF chains?

Improve Spectral Efficiency

(I) Fully-Connected Mapping

- ❖ Performance metrics

- “Scoring triangle”



Baseline: SPS fully-connected with OMP

Improve Spectral Efficiency

(I) Fully-Connected Mapping

- ❖ Start from single-user systems

➤ Alternating minimization

$$\underset{\mathbf{F}_{\text{BB}}}{\text{minimize}} \quad \|\mathbf{F}_{\text{opt}} - \mathbf{F}_{\text{RF}} \mathbf{F}_{\text{BB}}\|_F^2$$

$$\begin{aligned} & \underset{\mathbf{F}_{\text{RF}}, \mathbf{F}_{\text{BB}}}{\text{minimize}} \quad \|\mathbf{F}_{\text{opt}} - \mathbf{F}_{\text{RF}} \mathbf{F}_{\text{BB}}\|_F^2 \\ & \text{subject to} \quad |(\mathbf{F}_{\text{RF}})_{i,j}| = 1, \forall i, j. \end{aligned}$$

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➤ Digital precoder: $\mathbf{F}_{\text{BB}} = \mathbf{F}_{\text{RF}}^\dagger \mathbf{F}_{\text{opt}}$

➤ Difficulty: Analog precoder design with the unit modulus constraints

$$\begin{aligned} & \underset{\mathbf{F}_{\text{RF}}}{\text{minimize}} \quad \|\mathbf{F}_{\text{opt}} - \mathbf{F}_{\text{RF}} \mathbf{F}_{\text{BB}}\|_F^2 \\ & \text{subject to} \quad |(\mathbf{F}_{\text{RF}})_{i,j}| = 1, \forall i, j. \end{aligned}$$

➤ The vector $\mathbf{x} = \text{vec}(\mathbf{F}_{\text{RF}})$ forms a complex circle manifold

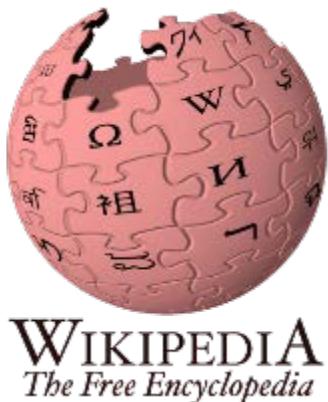
$$\mathcal{M}_{cc}^m = \{\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{C}^m : |\mathbf{x}_1| = |\mathbf{x}_2| = \dots = |\mathbf{x}_m| = 1\}, \quad m = N_t N_{\text{RF}}^t.$$

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❖ Manifold optimization

➤ What is a manifold?



- In mathematics, a **manifold** is a topological space that **locally resembles Euclidean space near each point**. More precisely, each point of an n -dimensional manifold has a neighborhood that is **homeomorphic to the Euclidean space of dimension n** .

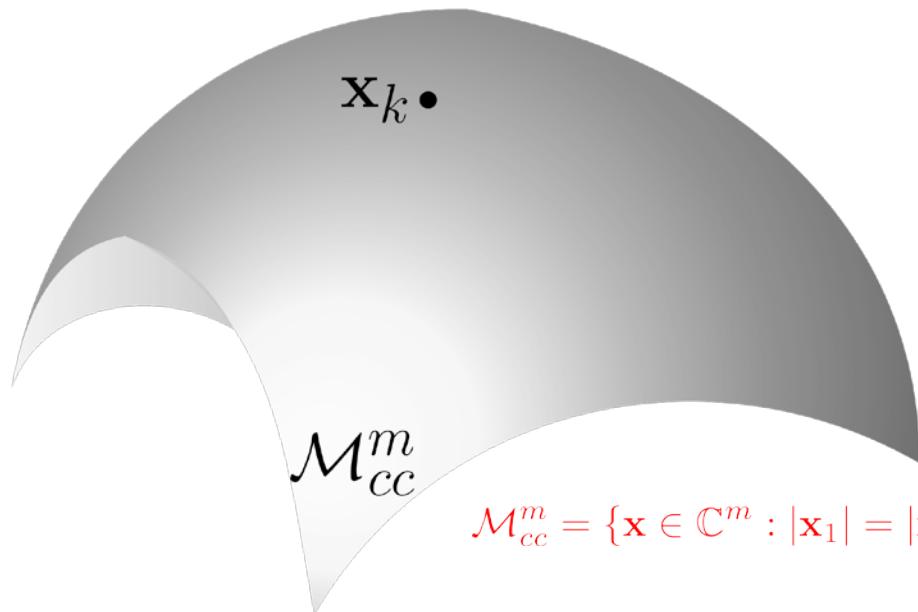
➤ How to optimize on manifolds?

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❖ Manifold optimization (cont.)

- Euclidean space: gradient descent
- Similar approaches on manifolds?



Q: For any given point x_k on the manifold, where to go to further decrease the objective?

$$\mathcal{M}_{cc}^m = \{\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{C}^m : |\mathbf{x}_1| = |\mathbf{x}_2| = \dots = |\mathbf{x}_m| = 1\}, \quad m = N_t N_{RF}^t.$$

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❖ Manifold optimization (cont.)

(I) Tangent space and Riemannian gradient

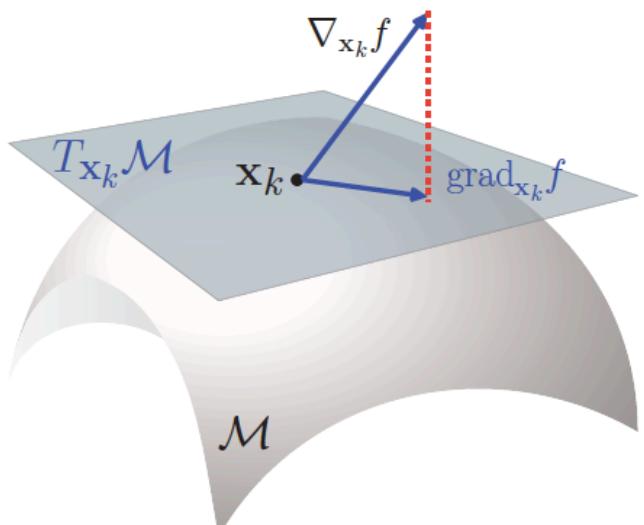
- **Tangent space:**

$$T_{\mathbf{x}_k} \mathcal{M} = \left\{ \mathbf{z} \in \mathbb{C}^M : \Re \{ \mathbf{z} \circ \mathbf{x}_k^* \} = \mathbf{0}_M \right\},$$

where \circ stands for the Hadamard product between two matrices.

- **Riemannian gradient:** Orthogonal projection of the Euclidean gradient $\nabla_{\mathbf{x}_k} f$ onto the tangent space $T_{\mathbf{x}_k} \mathcal{M}$

$$\text{grad}_{\mathbf{x}_k} f = \nabla_{\mathbf{x}_k} f - \Re \{ \nabla_{\mathbf{x}_k} f \circ \mathbf{x}_k^* \} \circ \mathbf{x}_k,$$



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❖ Manifold optimization (cont.)

(II) Vector transport

- Conjugate gradient (CG) method in the Euclidean space

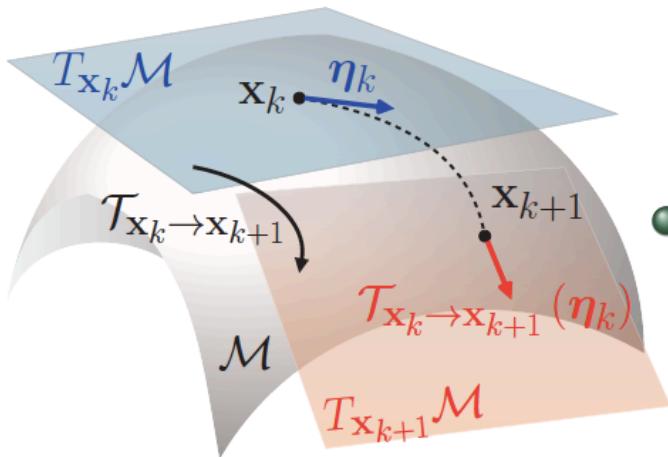
$$\eta_{k+1} = -\nabla_{x_{k+1}} f + \beta_k \eta_k,$$

where η_k is the search direction at x_k .

- Transport:** Mapping of a tangent vector from one tangent space to another

$$\mathcal{T}_{x_k \rightarrow x_{k+1}} (\eta_k) \triangleq T_{x_k} \mathcal{M} \mapsto T_{x_{k+1}} \mathcal{M} :$$

$$\eta_k \mapsto \eta_k - \Re \{ \eta_k \circ x_{k+1}^* \} \circ x_{k+1}.$$



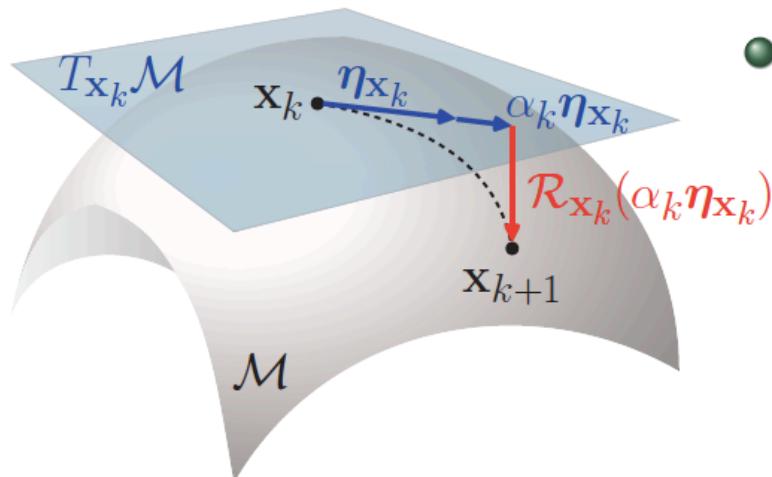
CG on the manifold: $\eta_{k+1} = -\text{grad}_{x_{k+1}} f + \beta_k \mathcal{T}_{x_k \rightarrow x_{k+1}} (\eta_k)$

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❖ Manifold optimization (cont.)

(III) Retraction



- **Retraction:** Mapping from the tangent space to the manifold itself to find the destination on the manifold

$$\begin{aligned}\mathcal{R}_{x_k}(\alpha_k \eta_k) &\triangleq T_{x_k}\mathcal{M} \mapsto \mathcal{M} : \\ \alpha_k \eta_k &\mapsto \text{unt}(\alpha_k \eta_k)\end{aligned}$$

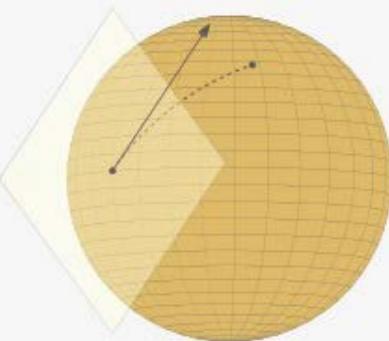
Optimality and complexity

- The CG method based manifold optimization converges to a critical point

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❖ Manifold optimization (cont.)



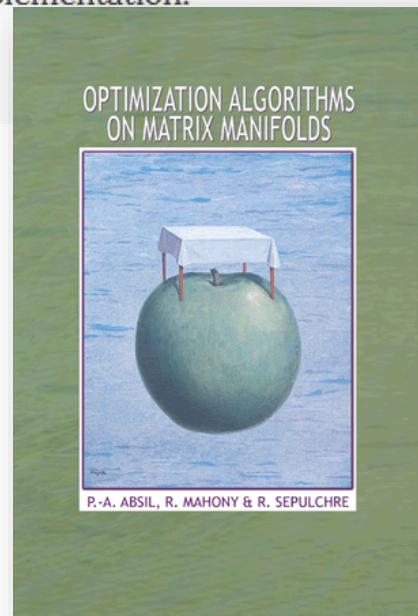
Manopt: a Matlab toolbox for optimization on Manifolds

Manopt, available at manopt.org, is a user-friendly, open source and **documented** Matlab toolbox which can be used to leverage the power of modern Riemannian optimization algorithms with ease. Manopt won the **ORBEL Wolsey Award 2014** for best open source operational research implementation.

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(I) Fully-Connected Mapping

❖ MO-AltMin Algorithm

MO-AltMin Algorithm: Manifold Optimization Based Hybrid Precoding for the Fully-connected Structure

Input: \mathbf{F}_{opt}

- 1: Construct $\mathbf{F}_{\text{RF}}^{(0)}$ with random phases and set $k = 0$;
 - 2: **repeat**
 - 3: Fix $\mathbf{F}_{\text{RF}}^{(k)}$, and $\mathbf{F}_{\text{BB}}^{(k)} = \mathbf{F}_{\text{RF}}^{(k)\dagger} \mathbf{F}_{\text{opt}}$;
 - 4: Optimize $\mathbf{F}_{\text{RF}}^{(k+1)}$ using Algorithm 1 when $\mathbf{F}_{\text{BB}}^{(k)}$ is fixed;
 - 5: $k \leftarrow k + 1$;
 - 6: **until** a stopping criterion triggers;
 - 7: For the digital precoder at the transmit end, normalize
$$\hat{\mathbf{F}}_{\text{BB}} = \frac{\sqrt{N_s}}{\|\mathbf{F}_{\text{RF}} \mathbf{F}_{\text{BB}}\|_F} \mathbf{F}_{\text{BB}}.$$
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Manifold optimization
for analog precoder



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(I) Fully-Connected Mapping

❖ SPS fully-connected (cont.)

- A low-complexity algorithm
- Enforce a semi-orthogonal constraint on \mathbf{F}_{BB}

$$\mathbf{F}_{\text{BB}}^H \mathbf{F}_{\text{BB}} = \alpha^2 \mathbf{F}_{\text{DD}}^H \mathbf{F}_{\text{DD}} = \alpha^2 \mathbf{I}_{KN_s}$$

$$\|\mathbf{F}_{\text{opt}} - \mathbf{F}_{\text{RF}} \mathbf{F}_{\text{BB}}\|_F^2 \leq \|\mathbf{F}_{\text{opt}}\|_F^2 - 2\alpha \Re \operatorname{Tr} (\mathbf{F}_{\text{DD}} \mathbf{F}_{\text{opt}}^H \mathbf{F}_{\text{RF}}) + \alpha^2 \|\mathbf{F}_{\text{RF}}\|_F^2$$

➤ Digital precoder design

$$\begin{aligned} & \underset{\mathbf{F}_{\text{DD}}}{\text{maximize}} \quad \Re \operatorname{Tr} (\mathbf{F}_{\text{DD}} \mathbf{F}_{\text{opt}}^H \mathbf{F}_{\text{RF}}) \\ & \text{subject to} \quad \mathbf{F}_{\text{DD}}^H \mathbf{F}_{\text{DD}} = \mathbf{I}_{KN_s} \end{aligned}$$

➤ Semi-orthogonal Procrustes solution $\mathbf{F}_{\text{DD}} = \mathbf{V}_1 \mathbf{U}^H$

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❖ SPS fully-connected (cont.)

➤ Analog precoder design

$$\begin{aligned} & \underset{\alpha, \mathbf{F}_{\text{RF}}}{\text{minimize}} && \left\| \Re \left(\mathbf{F}_{\text{opt}} \mathbf{F}_{\text{DD}}^H \right) - \alpha \mathbf{F}_{\text{RF}} \right\|_F^2 \\ & \text{subject to} && |(\mathbf{F}_{\text{RF}})_{i,j}| = 1, \forall i, j. \end{aligned}$$

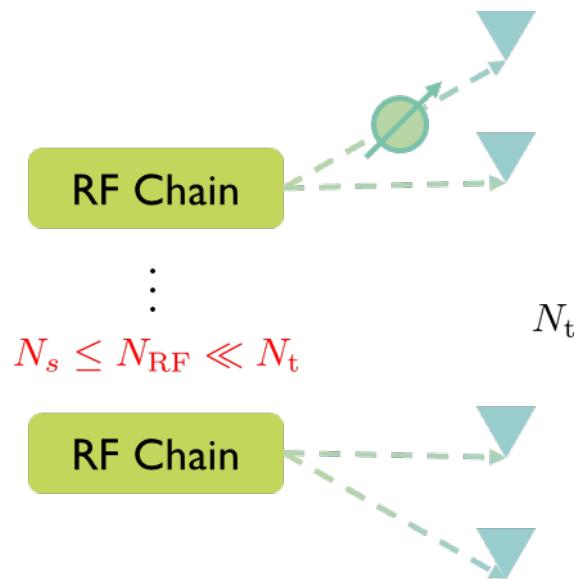
➤ Phase extraction (PE-AltMin)

$$\arg (\mathbf{F}_{\text{RF}}) = \arg \left(\mathbf{F}_{\text{opt}} \mathbf{F}_{\text{DD}}^H \right)$$

➤ When $N_{\text{RF}}=N_s$, the upper bound is tight, the only approximation is the additional semi-orthogonal constraint

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(II) Partially-Connected Mapping



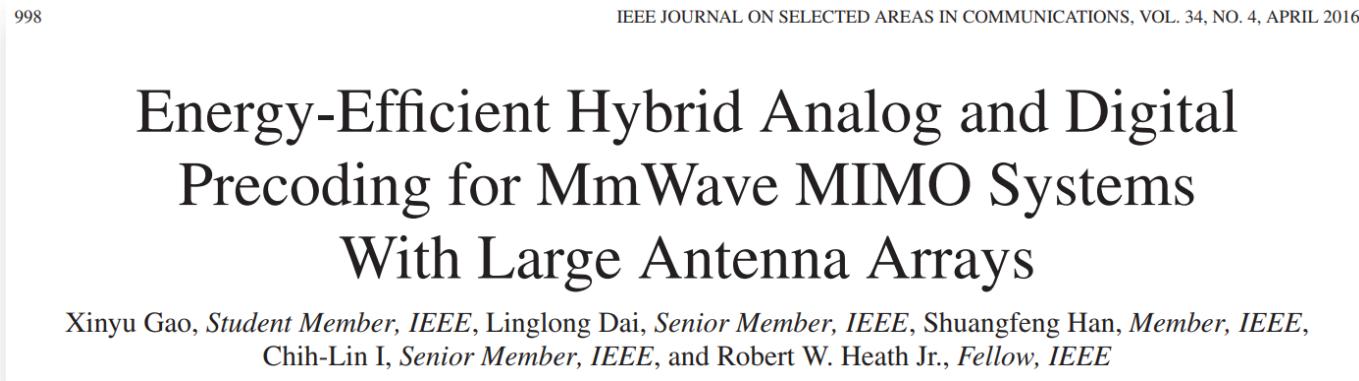
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(II) Partially-Connected Mapping

❖ Existing work

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- SPS partially-connected structure: Energy efficiency
- Concept of successive interference cancellation (SIC) was transplanted to design the precoding algorithm

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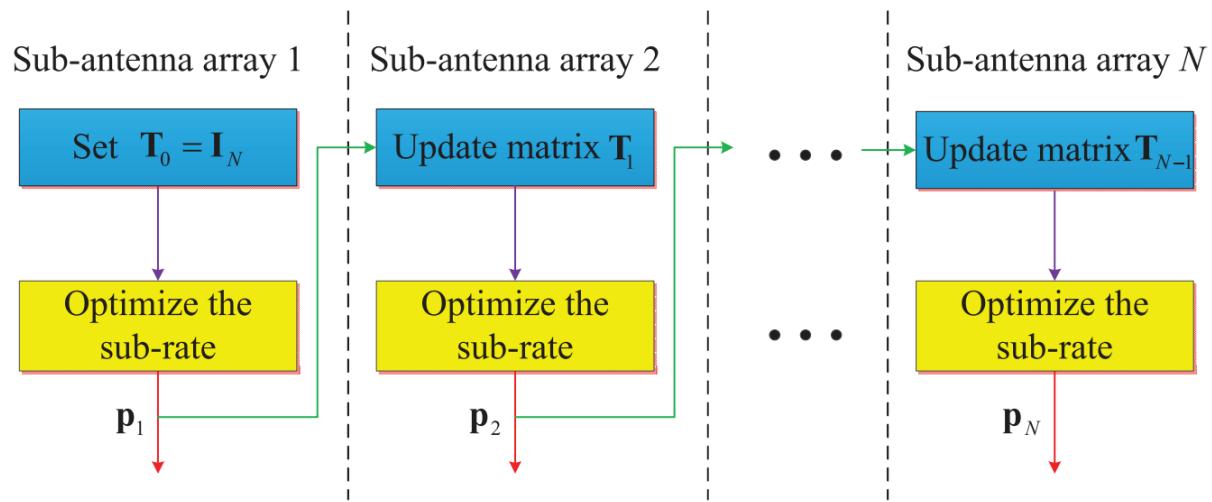


Fig. 2. Diagram of the proposed SIC-based hybrid precoding.

➤ Q: How to directly design hybrid beamforming with the partially-connected mapping?

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(II) Partially-Connected Mapping

❖ SPS partially-connected

- \mathcal{A}_x : Block diagonal \mathbf{F}_{RF} with unit modulus non-zero elements

$$\mathbf{F}_{\text{RF}} = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{p}_1 & \mathbf{0} & \cdots & \mathbf{0} \\ \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{p}_2 & & \mathbf{0} \\ \vdots & & \ddots & \vdots \\ \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{0} & \cdots & \mathbf{p}_{N_{\text{RF}}^t} \end{bmatrix} \quad \mathbf{p}_i = \left[\exp\left(j\theta_{(i-1)\frac{N_t}{N_{\text{RF}}^t}+1}\right), \dots, \exp\left(j\theta_{i\frac{N_t}{N_{\text{RF}}^t}}\right) \right]^T$$

phase shifters connected to the i -th RF chain

- Problem decoupled for each RF chain
- Closed-form solution for \mathbf{F}_{RF}

$$\arg \{(\mathbf{F}_{\text{RF}})_{i,l}\} = \arg \left\{ (\mathbf{F}_{\text{opt}})_{i,:} (\mathbf{F}_{\text{BB}})_{l,:}^H \right\}, \quad 1 \leq i \leq N_t, \quad l = \left\lceil i \frac{N_{\text{RF}}^t}{N_t} \right\rceil$$

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(II) Partially-Connected Mapping

❖ SPS partially-connected (cont.)

➤ Optimization of \mathbf{F}_{BB}

$$\underset{\mathbf{F}_{\text{BB}}}{\text{minimize}} \quad \|\mathbf{F}_{\text{opt}} - \mathbf{F}_{\text{RF}} \mathbf{F}_{\text{BB}}\|_F^2$$

$$\text{subject to} \quad \|\mathbf{F}_{\text{BB}}\|_F^2 = \frac{N_{\text{RF}}^t N_s}{N_t}.$$

➤ Reformulate as a non-convex problem

$$\underset{\mathbf{Y} \in \mathbb{H}^n}{\text{minimize}} \quad \text{Tr}(\mathbf{CY})$$

$$\text{subject to} \quad \begin{cases} \text{Tr}(\mathbf{A}_1 \mathbf{Y}) = \frac{N_{\text{RF}}^t N_s}{N_t} \\ \text{Tr}(\mathbf{A}_2 \mathbf{Y}) = 1 \\ \mathbf{Y} \succeq 0, \text{ rank}(\mathbf{Y}) = 1 \end{cases}$$

convex

$$n = N_{\text{RF}}^t N_s + 1, \mathbf{y} = [\text{vec}(\mathbf{F}_{\text{BB}}) \quad t]^T,$$

$$\mathbf{Y} = \mathbf{y} \mathbf{y}^H, \mathbf{f} = \text{vec}(\mathbf{F}_{\text{opt}}),$$

$$\mathbf{A}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{I}_{n-1} & \mathbf{0} \\ \mathbf{0} & 0 \end{bmatrix}, \mathbf{A}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{0}_{n-1} & \mathbf{0} \\ \mathbf{0} & 1 \end{bmatrix},$$

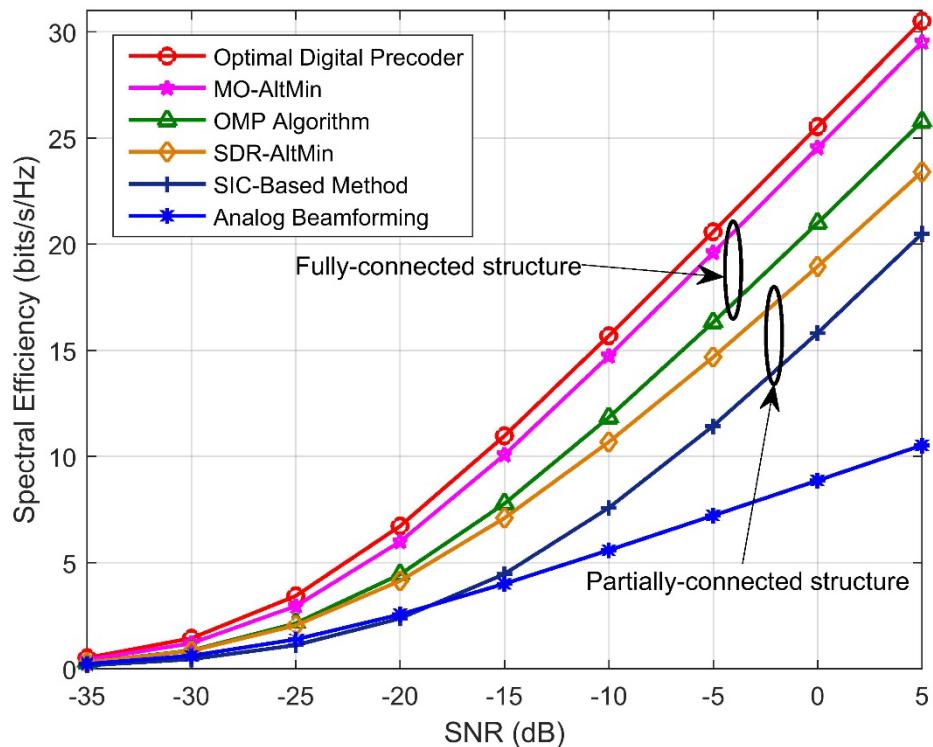
$$\mathbf{C} = \begin{bmatrix} (\mathbf{I}_{N_s} \otimes \mathbf{F}_{\text{RF}})^H (\mathbf{I}_{N_s} \otimes \mathbf{F}_{\text{RF}}) & -(\mathbf{I}_{N_s} \otimes \mathbf{F}_{\text{RF}})^H \mathbf{f} \\ -\mathbf{f}^H (\mathbf{I}_{N_s} \otimes \mathbf{F}_{\text{RF}}) & \mathbf{f}^H \mathbf{f} \end{bmatrix}.$$

➤ Semidefinite relaxation (SDR) is tight for this case so globally optimal solution is obtained [Z.-Q. Luo et al., 2010]

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❖ Simulation results

$$N_t = 144, N_r = 36, N_{\text{RF}}^{\text{t}} = N_{\text{RF}}^{\text{r}} = N_s = 3$$

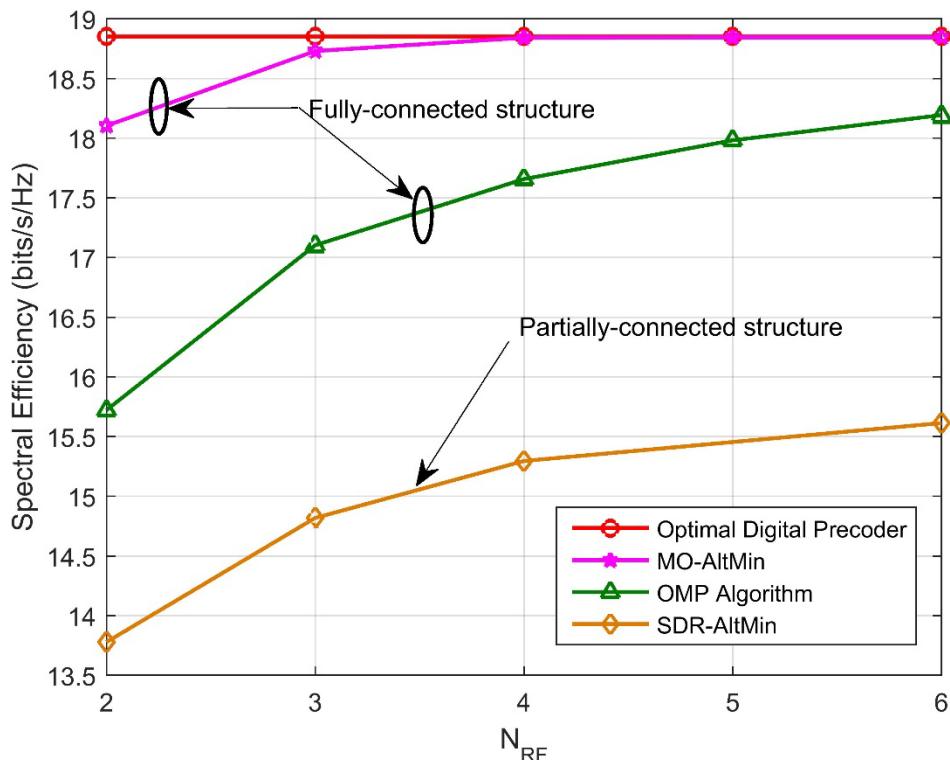


- Effectiveness of the proposed AltMin algorithms
- The fully-connected mapping can easily approach the performance of the fully digital precoding

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❖ Simulation results

$N_t = 144, N_r = 36, N_{RF}^t = N_{RF}^r = N_{RF}, N_s = 2, \text{SNR} = 0 \text{ dB}$



➤ $\sim N_s$ RF chains are enough for the fully-connected mapping

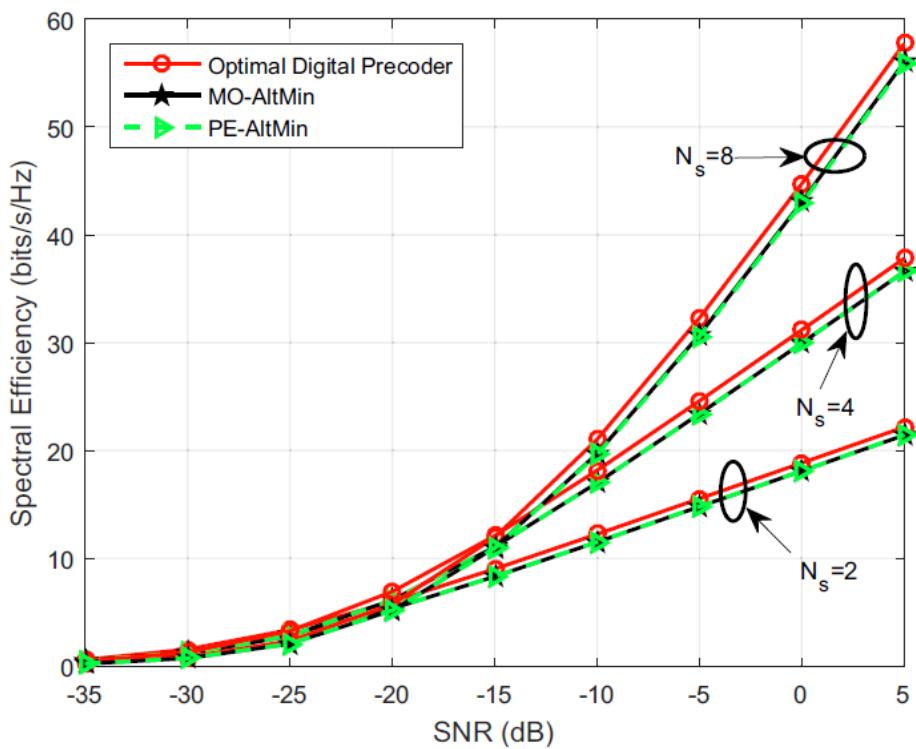
➤ Employing fewer PSs, the partially-connected mapping needs more RF chains

Limitation: Computational efficiency of the MO-AltMin is not good, thus difficult to extend to MU-MC settings

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❖ Simulation results

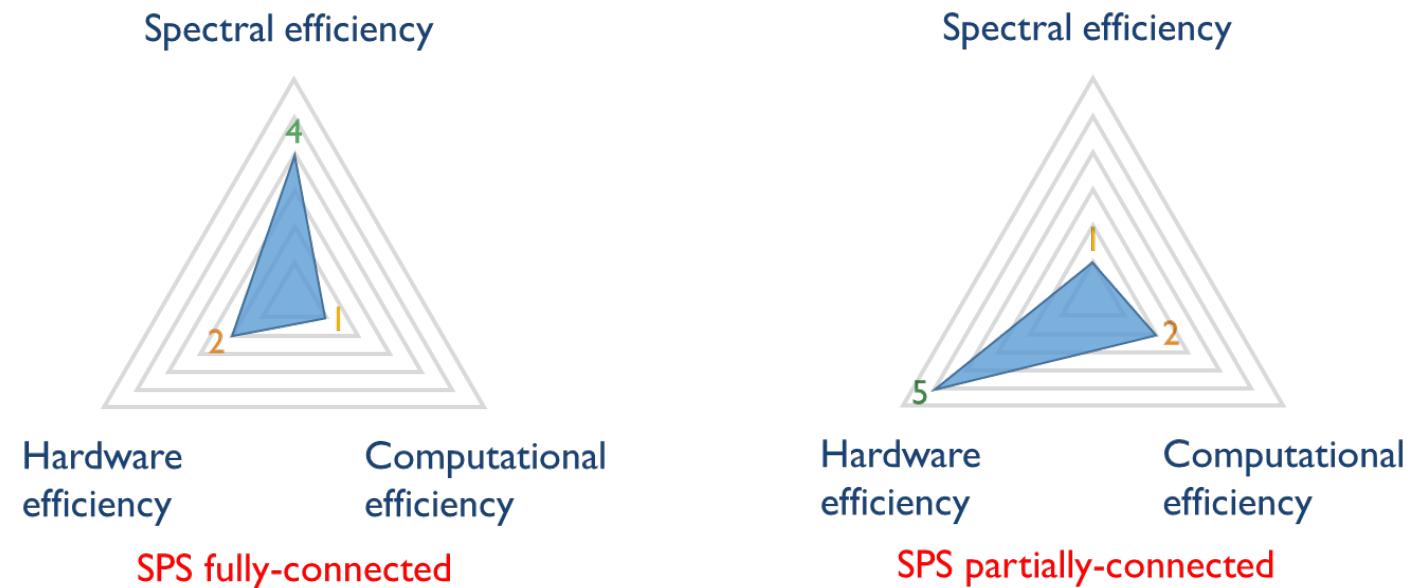
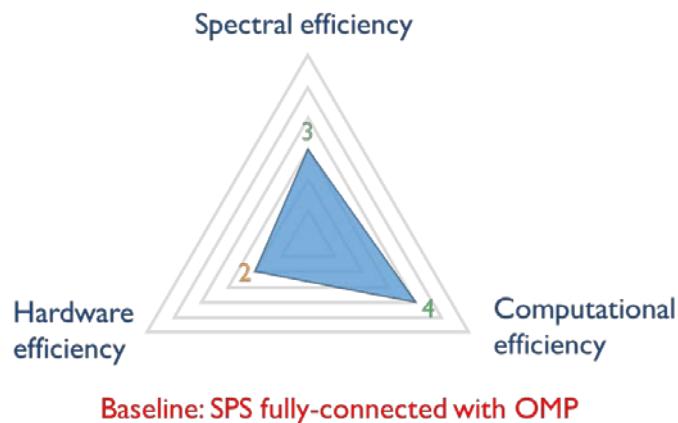
$$N_t = 144, N_r = 36, N_{\text{RF}}^t = N_{\text{RF}}^r = N_{\text{RF}}$$



➤ PE-AltMin algorithm serves as an excellent low-complexity algorithm for hybrid beamforming when $N_{\text{RF}}=N_s$

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❖ Conclusions



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❖ Other approaches

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Hybrid Digital and Analog Beamforming Design for Large-Scale Antenna Arrays

Foad Sohrabi, *Student Member, IEEE*, and Wei Yu, *Fellow, IEEE*

- Mainly focus on the special case $N_{RF}=N_s$
- Directly maximize the spectral efficiency with the semi-orthogonal constraint on the digital precoding matrix \mathbf{F}_{BB}
- Element-wise alternating minimization for the matrix \mathbf{F}_{RF}

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❖ Other approaches

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$$\mathbf{F}_1 = \mathbf{H}\mathbf{H}^H$$

$$\mathbf{G}_j = \frac{\gamma^2}{\sigma^2} \mathbf{F}_1 - \frac{\gamma^4}{\sigma^4} \mathbf{F}_1 \bar{\mathbf{V}}_{\text{RF}}^j \mathbf{C}_j^{-1} (\bar{\mathbf{V}}_{\text{RF}}^j)^H \mathbf{F}_1$$

$$\zeta_{ij} = \mathbf{G}_j(i, i) + 2 \operatorname{Re} \left\{ \sum_{m \neq i, n \neq i} \mathbf{V}_{\text{RF}}^*(m, j) \mathbf{G}_j(m, n) \mathbf{V}_{\text{RF}}(n, j) \right\}$$

$$\eta_{ij} = \sum_{\ell \neq i} \mathbf{G}_j(i, \ell) \mathbf{V}_{\text{RF}}(\ell, j)$$

$$\mathbf{F}_{\text{RF}}(i, j) = \begin{cases} \frac{\eta_{ij}}{|\eta_{ij}|} & \eta_{ij} \neq 0, \\ 1 & \eta_{ij} = 0 \end{cases}$$

Boost Computational Efficiency: Convex Relaxation

[Ref] X. Yu, J. Zhang, and K. B. Letaief, “Alternating minimization for hybrid precoding in multiuser OFDM mmWave Systems,” in *Proc. Asilomar Conf. on Signals, Systems, and Computers*, Pacific Grove, CA, Nov. 2016. **(Invited Paper)**

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❖ Existing works

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A Hybrid RF/Baseband Precoding Processor Based on Parallel-Index-Selection Matrix-Inversion-Bypass Simultaneous Orthogonal Matching Pursuit for Millimeter Wave MIMO Systems

Yun-Yueh Lee, Ching-Hung Wang, and Yuan-Hao Huang, *Member, IEEE*

$$6: \quad \mathbf{F}_{\text{RF}} = \left[\mathbf{F}_{\text{RF}} | \mathbf{A}_t^{(k)} \right]$$
$$7: \quad \mathbf{F}_{\text{BB}} = (\mathbf{F}_{\text{RF}}^* \mathbf{F}_{\text{RF}})^{-1} \mathbf{F}_{\text{RF}}^* \mathbf{F}_{\text{opt}}$$



$$6: \quad \mathbf{A} = \mathbf{G}_{k, \mathcal{I}_{i-1}} \mathbf{G}_{\mathcal{I}_{i-1}, \mathcal{I}_{i-1}}^{-1}$$
$$7: \quad V = 1 / (\mathbf{G}_{k,k} - \mathbf{A} \mathbf{G}_{\mathcal{I}_{i-1}, k})$$
$$8: \quad \mathbf{M} = \mathbf{A} \boldsymbol{\Psi}_0(\mathcal{I}_{i-1}, :) - \boldsymbol{\Psi}_0(k, :)$$
$$9: \quad \mathcal{I}_i = [\mathcal{I}_{i-1}|k], \bar{\mathcal{I}}_i = \bar{\mathcal{I}}_{i-1} - \{k\}$$
$$10: \quad \mathbf{G}_{\mathcal{I}_i, \mathcal{I}_i}^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{G}_{\mathcal{I}_{i-1}, \mathcal{I}_{i-1}}^{-1} + V \mathbf{A}^H \mathbf{A} & -V \mathbf{A}^H \\ -V \mathbf{A} & V \end{bmatrix}$$
$$11: \quad \mathbf{X}_i = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{X}_{i-1} + V \mathbf{A}^H \mathbf{M} \\ -V \mathbf{M} \end{bmatrix}$$
$$12: \quad \boldsymbol{\Psi}_i = \boldsymbol{\Psi}_{i-1}(\bar{\mathcal{I}}_i, :) - \mathbf{G}_{\bar{\mathcal{I}}_i, \mathcal{I}_i} \begin{bmatrix} V \mathbf{A}^H \mathbf{M} \\ -V \mathbf{M} \end{bmatrix}$$

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Low-Complexity Hybrid Precoding in Massive Multiuser MIMO Systems

Le Liang, *Student Member, IEEE*, Wei Xu, *Member, IEEE*, and Xiaodai Dong, *Senior Member, IEEE*

➤ Low-complexity algorithm based on channel phase extraction

$$\mathbf{F}_{\text{RF}} = \exp\{\jmath\angle(\mathbf{H})\}$$

- Enables asymptotic performance analysis with Rayleigh fading
- Can only deal with **single-antenna** multiuser MIMO and $N_{\text{RF}}=K$

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❖ Existing works

➤ Jun. 2019

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A Family of Hybrid Analog–Digital Beamforming Methods for Massive MIMO Systems

Shahar Stein Ioushua , *Student Member, IEEE*, and Yonina C. Eldar , *Fellow, IEEE*

➤ Phase extraction operations for different implementations

$$\mathbf{F}_{\text{RF}} = \exp\{\jmath\angle(f)\}$$

$$\underset{\mathbf{F}_{\text{RF}}}{\text{minimize}} \quad \|f(\mathbf{F}_{\text{opt}}, \mathbf{F}_{\text{BB}}) - \mathbf{F}_{\text{RF}}\|_F^2$$

$$(\mathbf{F}_{\text{RF}})_{ij} = \begin{cases} \exp\{\jmath\angle(f_{ij})\} & |f_{ij}| \geq 1/2 \\ 0 & |f_{ij}| < 1/2 \end{cases}$$

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- ❖ Main approaches to handle the unit modulus constraints
 - Candidate set/codebook based, with unit modulus elements
 - E.g., OMP
 - Manifold optimization – directly tackle unit modulus constraints
 - E.g., MO-AltMin
 - Phase extraction
 - E.g., Liang et al., WCL 14.
 - **Convex relaxation**

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(I) Fully-Connected Mapping

- ❖ Main difficulty in designing the SPS implementation

- Analog precoder with the **unit modulus constraints**

$$\begin{aligned} & \underset{\mathbf{F}_{\text{RF}}, \mathbf{F}_{\text{BB}}}{\text{minimize}} && \|\mathbf{F}_{\text{opt}} - \mathbf{F}_{\text{RF}} \mathbf{F}_{\text{BB}}\|_F^2 \\ & \text{subject to} && |(\mathbf{F}_{\text{RF}})_{i,j}| = 1, \forall i, j. \end{aligned}$$

- An intuitive way to boost computational efficiency is to relax this highly non-convex constraint as a convex one

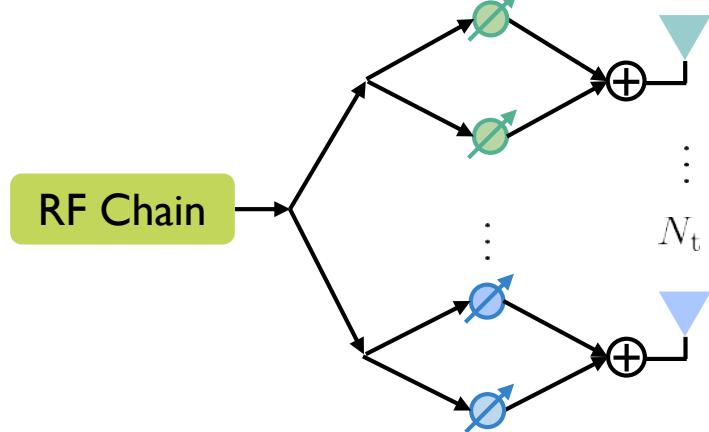
$$\begin{aligned} & \underset{\mathbf{F}_{\text{RF}}, \mathbf{F}_{\text{BB}}}{\text{minimize}} && \|\mathbf{F}_{\text{opt}} - \mathbf{F}_{\text{RF}} \mathbf{F}_{\text{BB}}\|_F^2 \\ & \text{subject to} && |(\mathbf{F}_{\text{RF}})_{i,j}| \leq \gamma, \forall i, j. \end{aligned}$$

- The value of γ does not affect the hybrid beamformer design
- We shall choose $\gamma=2$ instead of keeping it as 1. Why?

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❖ Double phase shifter (DPS) implementation

- The relaxed solution with $\gamma=2$ can be realized by a hardware implementation



- Unit modulus constraint is eliminated

- Sum of two phase shifters

$$|e^{j\theta_1} + e^{j\theta_2}| \leq 2$$

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(I) Fully-Connected Mapping

❖ Fully-connected mapping

➤ RF-only precoding

$$\begin{array}{ll} \text{minimize}_{\mathbf{F}_{\text{RF}}} & \|\mathbf{F}_{\text{opt}} - \mathbf{F}_{\text{RF}} \mathbf{F}_{\text{BB}}\|_F^2 \\ \text{subject to} & |(\mathbf{F}_{\text{RF}})_{i,j}| \leq 2 \end{array} \quad \leftrightarrow \quad \begin{array}{ll} \text{minimize}_{\mathbf{x}} & \frac{1}{2} \|\mathbf{Ax} - \mathbf{b}\|_2^2 + 2\|\mathbf{x}\|_1 \\ & \text{LASSO} \end{array}$$

➤ Closed-form solution for semi-unitary codebooks $\mathbf{F}_{\text{BB}} \mathbf{F}_{\text{BB}}^H = \mathbf{I}_{N_{\text{RF}}^t}$

$$\mathbf{F}_{\text{RF}}^* = \mathbf{F}_{\text{opt}} \mathbf{F}_{\text{BB}}^H - \exp \left\{ j\angle (\mathbf{F}_{\text{opt}} \mathbf{F}_{\text{BB}}^H) \right\} \circ \left(|\mathbf{F}_{\text{opt}} \mathbf{F}_{\text{BB}}^H| - 2 \right)^+.$$

➤ Hybrid precoding

$$\begin{array}{ll} \text{minimize}_{\mathbf{F}_{\text{RF}}, \mathbf{F}_{\text{BB}}} & \|\mathbf{F}_{\text{opt}} - \mathbf{F}_{\text{RF}} \mathbf{F}_{\text{BB}}\|_F^2 \\ \text{subject to} & |(\mathbf{F}_{\text{RF}})_{i,j}| \leq 2 \end{array} \quad \rightarrow \quad \begin{array}{l} \text{Matrix factorization} \\ \text{Redundant} \end{array}$$

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(I) Fully-Connected Mapping

❖ Fully-connected mapping (cont.)

➤ Optimality in single-carrier systems

$\mathbf{F}_{\text{opt}} = \mathbf{F}_{\text{RF}} \mathbf{F}_{\text{BB}}$ with $N_{\text{RF}}^{\text{t}} = K N_s$ and $N_{\text{RF}}^{\text{r}} = N_s$ when $F = 1$

Minimum number of RF chains

➤ It reduces the required number of RF chains **by half** for achieving the fully digital precoding

➤ Multi-carrier systems

$$\underset{\mathbf{F}_{\text{RF}}, \mathbf{F}_{\text{BB}}}{\text{minimize}} \quad \|\mathbf{F}_{\text{opt}} - \mathbf{F}_{\text{RF}} \mathbf{F}_{\text{BB}}\|_F^2$$

➤ Low-rank matrix approximation: SVD, **globally optimal solution**

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(I) Fully-Connected Mapping

❖ Fully-connected mapping (cont.)

➤ **Q: How to use this relaxed result for SPS implementation?**

➤ Optimal solution:

$$\mathbf{F}_{\text{RF}} \mathbf{F}_{\text{BB}} = \mathbf{U}_1 \mathbf{S}_1 \mathbf{V}_1^H$$

- Some clues: The unitary matrix \mathbf{U}_1 fully extracts the information of the column space of $\mathbf{F}_{\text{RF}} \mathbf{F}_{\text{BB}}$, whose basis are the orthonormal columns in \mathbf{F}_{RF}
- Phase extraction

$$\mathbf{F}_{\text{RF}} = \exp\{\jmath \angle(\mathbf{U}_1)\}, \quad \mathbf{F}_{\text{BB}} = \mathbf{S}_1 \mathbf{V}_1^H$$

unit modulus constraint

**Convex relaxation-enabled
(CR-enabled) SPS**

Boost Computational Efficiency

(II) Partially-Connected Mapping

❖ Partially-connected mapping

➤ Block diagonal structure

$$\mathbf{F}_{\text{RF}} = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{p}_1 & \mathbf{0} & \cdots & \mathbf{0} \\ \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{p}_2 & & \mathbf{0} \\ \vdots & & \ddots & \vdots \\ \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{0} & \cdots & \mathbf{p}_{N_{\text{RF}}^t} \end{bmatrix} \quad \mathbf{p}_j = \left[a_{(j-1)\frac{N_{\text{t}}}{N_{\text{RF}}^t}+1}, \dots, a_{j\frac{N_{\text{t}}}{N_{\text{RF}}^t}} \right]^T$$

➤ Decoupled for each RF chain

$$\mathcal{P}_j : \underset{\{a_i\}, \mathbf{x}_j}{\text{minimize}} \sum_{i \in \mathcal{F}_j} \|\mathbf{y}_i - a_i \mathbf{x}_j\|_2^2,$$

$$\mathcal{F}_j = \left\{ i \in \mathbb{Z} \mid (j-1)\frac{N_{\text{t}}}{N_{\text{RF}}^t} + 1 \leq i \leq j\frac{N_{\text{t}}}{N_{\text{RF}}^t} \right\}, \mathbf{y}_i = \mathbf{F}_{\text{opt}}^T(i, :) \text{, and } \mathbf{x}_j = \mathbf{F}_{\text{BB}}^T(j, :)$$

➤ Eigenvalue problem $\mathbf{x}_j^\star = \lambda_1 \left(\sum_{i \in \mathcal{F}_j} \mathbf{y}_i \mathbf{y}_i^H \right), \quad a_i^\star = \frac{\mathbf{x}_j^H \mathbf{y}_i}{\|\mathbf{x}_j\|_2^2}$

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(II) Partially-Connected Mapping

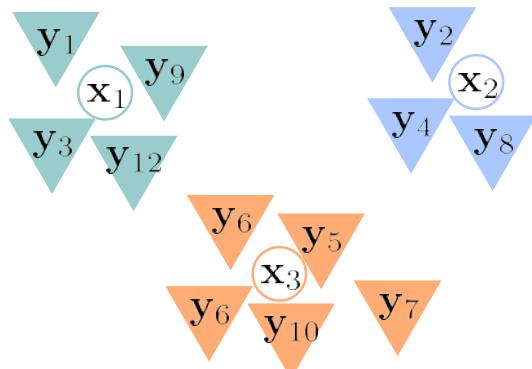
❖ DPS partially-connected mapping (cont.)

- Not much performance gain obtained by simply adopting the DPS implementation



- Dynamic mapping:

Adaptively separate all N_t antennas into N_{RF} groups



$$\underset{\{\mathcal{D}_j\}_{j=1}^{N_{RF}}}{\text{maximize}} \quad \sum_{j=1}^{N_{RF}} \lambda_1 \left(\sum_{i \in \mathcal{D}_j} \mathbf{y}_i \mathbf{y}_i^H \right)$$

- Modified K-means algorithm

- **Centroid:** $\mathbf{x}_j^* = \lambda_1 \left(\sum_{i \in \mathcal{D}_j} \mathbf{y}_i \mathbf{y}_i^H \right)$

- **Clustering:** $j^* = \arg \max_j \quad |\mathbf{y}_i^H \mathbf{x}_j|^2$

- Convergence guarantee

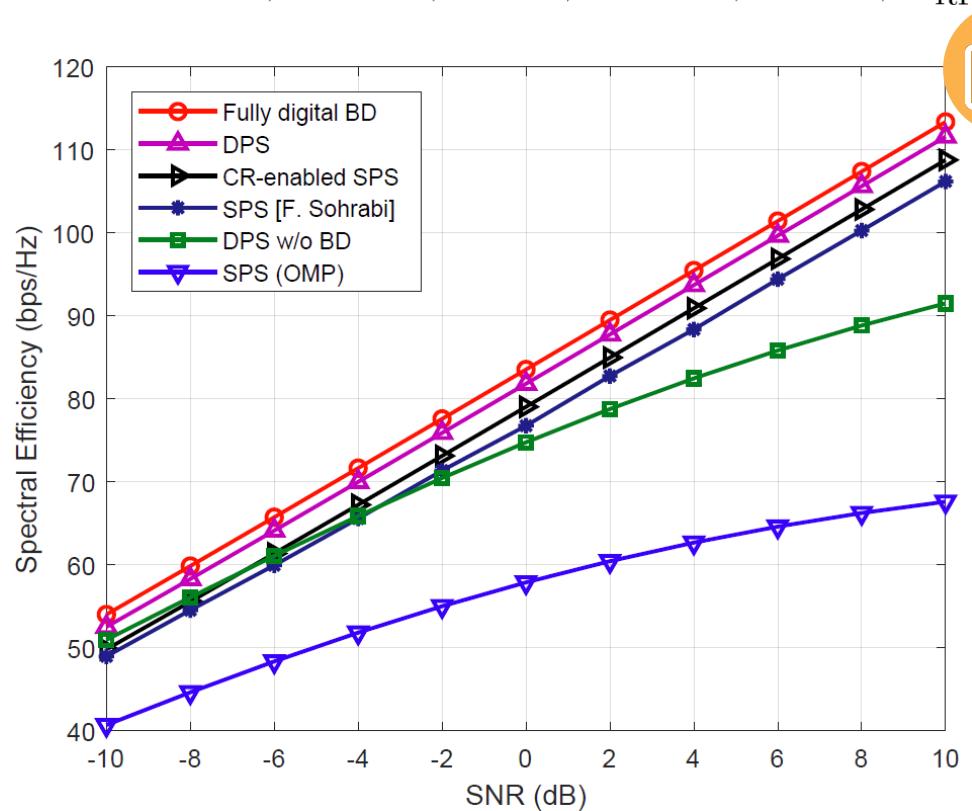
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- ❖ MU-MC systems: Inter-user interference
 - Approximating the fully digital precoder leads to **near-optimal performance** in single-user single-carrier, single-user multicarrier, and multiuser single-carrier mm-wave MIMO systems
 - Inter-user interference will be more prominent in multiuser multicarrier systems as **the analog precoder is shared by a large number of subcarriers**
 - **Additional care is needed**
 - Cascade an additional block diagonalization (BD) precoder
 - **Effective channel:** $\hat{\mathbf{H}}_{k,f} = \mathbf{W}_{\text{BB}k,f}^H \mathbf{W}_{\text{RF}k}^H \mathbf{H}_{k,f} \mathbf{F}_{\text{RF}} \mathbf{F}_{\text{BB}f}$
 - **BD:** $\hat{\mathbf{H}}_{j,f} \mathbf{F}_{\text{BD}k,f} = \mathbf{0}, \quad k \neq j$

Boost Computational Efficiency

❖ Simulation results (Fully-connected)

$N_t = 256$, $N_r = 16$, $K = 3$, $F = 128$, $N_s = 3$, $N_{RF}^t = 9$, and $N_{RF}^r = 3$



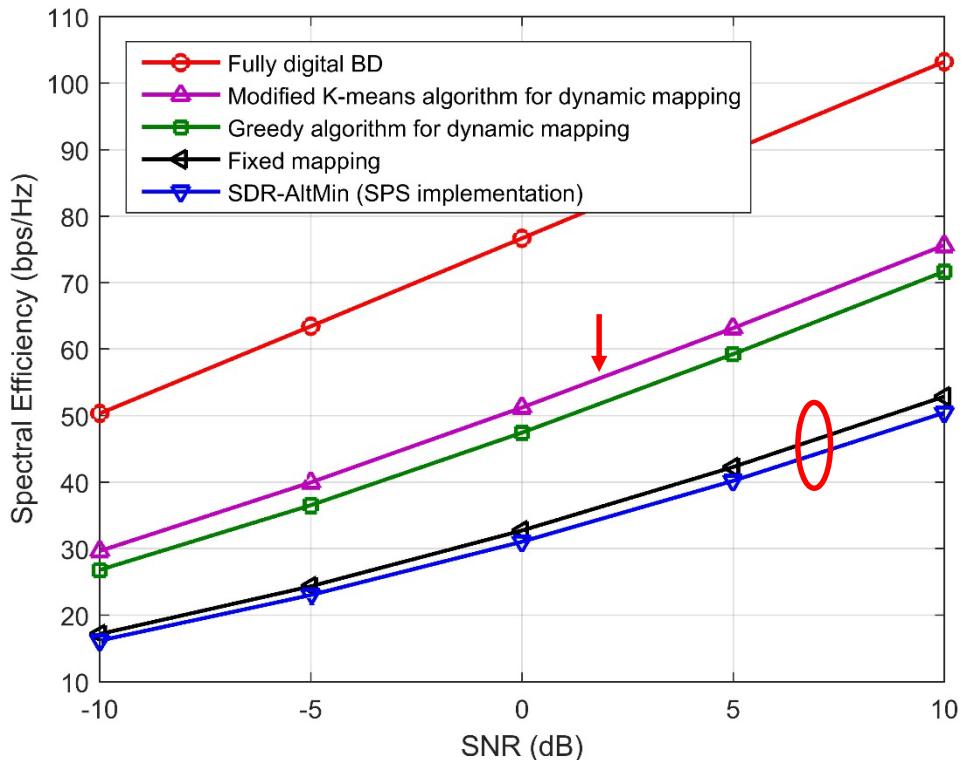
- Achieve near-optimal spectral efficiency and optimal multiplexing gain with low-complexity algorithms
- Effectiveness of the proposed CR-enabled SPS method

[Ref] F. Sohrabi and W. Yu, "Hybrid Analog and Digital Beamforming for mmWave OFDM Large-Scale Antenna Arrays," *IEEE J. Sel. Areas Commun.*, vol. 35, no. 7, pp. 1432-1443, July 2017.

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❖ Simulation results (Partially-connected)

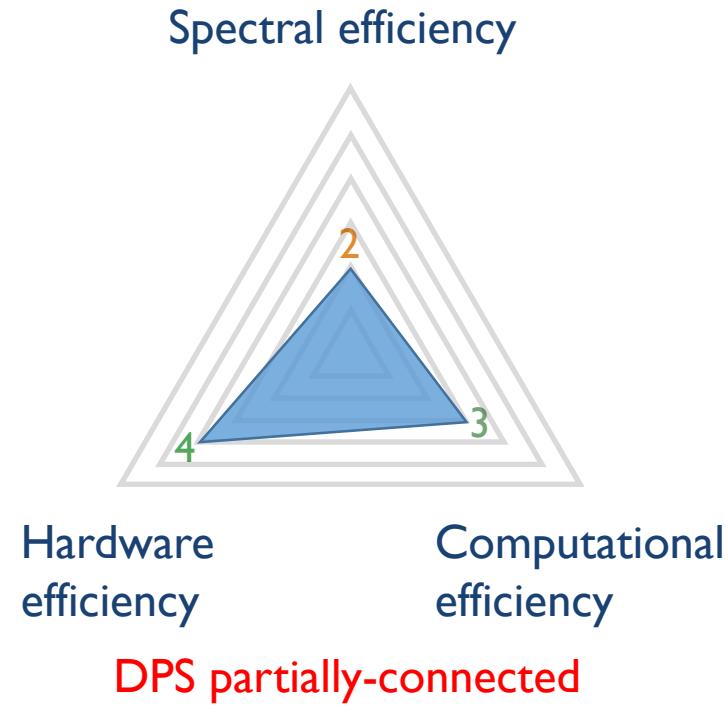
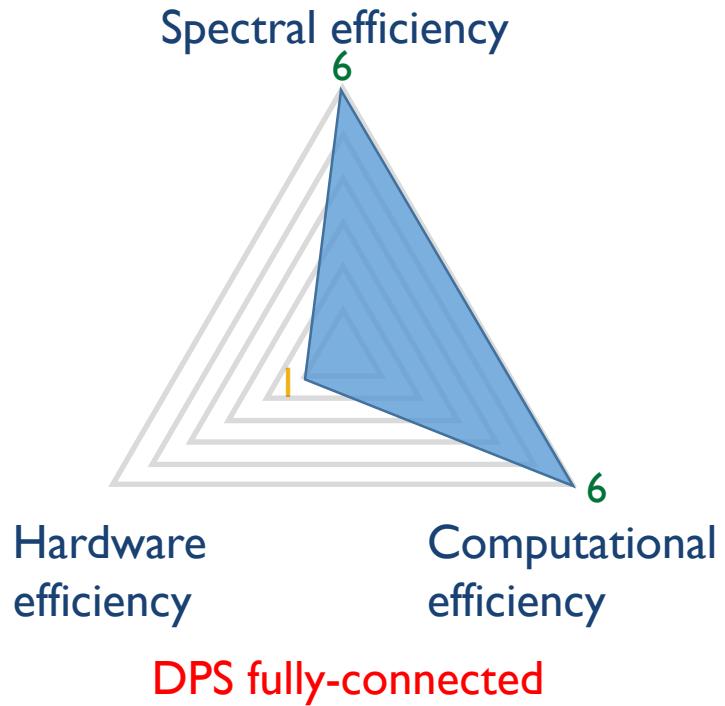
$$N_t = 256, N_r = 16, K = 4, F = 128, N_s = 2 \quad N_{\text{RF}}^t = KN_s, \text{ and } N_{\text{RF}}^r = N_s$$



- Simply doubling PSs in the partially-connected mapping is far from satisfactory
- Superiority of the modified K-means algorithm with lower computational complexity than the greedy algorithm

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❖ Conclusions



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❖ Discussions

➤ Comparison of computational complexity

Implementation	Structure	Design approach	Hardware complexity (No. of phase shifters)	Computational complexity	Performance
SPS	Fully-connected	MO-AltMin	$N_{\text{RF}}^t N_t$	Extremely high	✓✓✓
	Partially-connected	SDR-AltMin	N_t	High	✓
DPS	Fully-connected	Matrix decomposition	$2N_{\text{RF}}^t(N_t - N_{\text{RF}}^t)$	$\mathcal{O}\left(N_{\text{RF}}^{t^2} N_t F\right)$	✓✓✓✓
	Partially-connected	Modified K-means	$2N_t$	$\mathcal{O}\left(N N_{\text{RF}}^{t^2} N_t F\right)$	✓✓

➤ The proposed DPS implementation enables low complexity design for hybrid beamforming

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❖ Discussions

- The number of RF chains has been reduced to the minimum

$$N_{\text{RF}}^t = K N_s$$

- A large number of high-precision phase shifters are still needed

	Fully-connected	Partially-connected
SPS	$N_t N_{\text{RF}}$	N_t
DPS	$2N_t N_{\text{RF}}$	$2N_t$

- Need to adapt the phases to channel states
- ❖ Practical phase shifters are typically with coarsely quantized phases

How to reduce # phase shifters?

Fight for Hardware Efficiency: How Many Phase Shifters Are Needed?

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❖ Commonly-used hardware in hybrid beamforming

Switch ~ binary

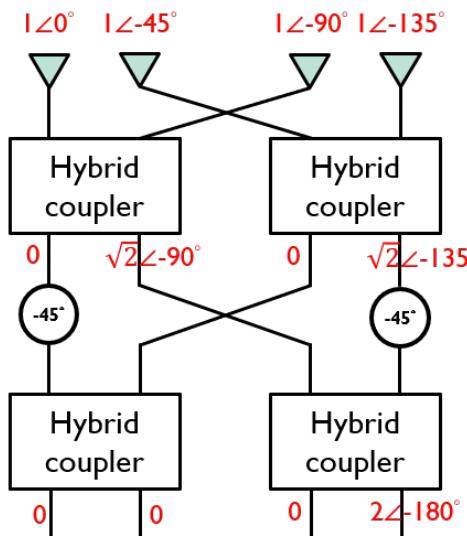


Phase shifter ~ unit modulus



Adaptive
Quantized with fixed phases

Butler matrix ~ FFT matrix



Generate **fixed** phase difference between antenna elements

$$\mathbf{B} = \mathbf{T}\mathbf{F}\mathbf{T}$$

$$\mathbf{F} = \text{FFT}(N_t) \quad \mathbf{T} = \text{diag} \left[e^{j0}, e^{-j\frac{\pi}{N_t}}, \dots, e^{-j(\pi + \frac{\pi}{N_t})} \right]$$

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❖ Different implementations

TABLE I
COMPARISONS OF HARDWARE COMPONENTS IN THE ANALOG NETWORK FOR DIFFERENT HYBRID PRECODER STRUCTURES

		Phase shifter			Other hardware components		
		Number N_{PS}	Type	Power P_{PS}	Hardware	Number N_{OC}	Power P_{OC}
SPS	Fully-connected	$N_{RF}^t N_t$	Adaptive	50 mW	N/A	N/A	N/A
	Partially-connected	N_t					
SPS with Butler matrices	Fully-connected	$\frac{N_{RF}^t N_t}{2} (\log_2 N_t - 1)$	Fixed	20 mW	Coupler	$\frac{N_{RF}^t N_t}{2} \log_2 N_t$	10 mW
	Partially-connected	$\frac{N_t}{2} \left(\log_2 \frac{N_t}{N_{RF}^t} - 1 \right)$				$\frac{N_t}{2} \log_2 \frac{N_t}{N_{RF}^t}$	
DPS	Fully-connected	$2N_{RF}^t N_t$	Adaptive	50 mW	N/A	N/A	N/A
	Partially-connected	$2N_t$					
FPS	Fully-connected	$N_c \ll N_t$	Multi-channel Fixed	20 mW	Switch	$N_c N_{RF}^t N_t$	5 mW
	Group-connected					$\frac{1}{n} N_c N_{RF}^t N_t$	

➤ How to reduce the overall hardware complexity while maintaining good performance?

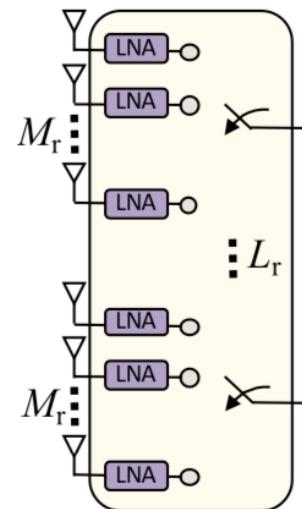
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- ❖ Existing works with switches

Hybrid MIMO Architectures for Millimeter Wave Communications: Phase Shifters or Switches?

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- Switches with a lower dimension analog precoder: Antenna selection
- Performance loss



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❖ Existing works with switches

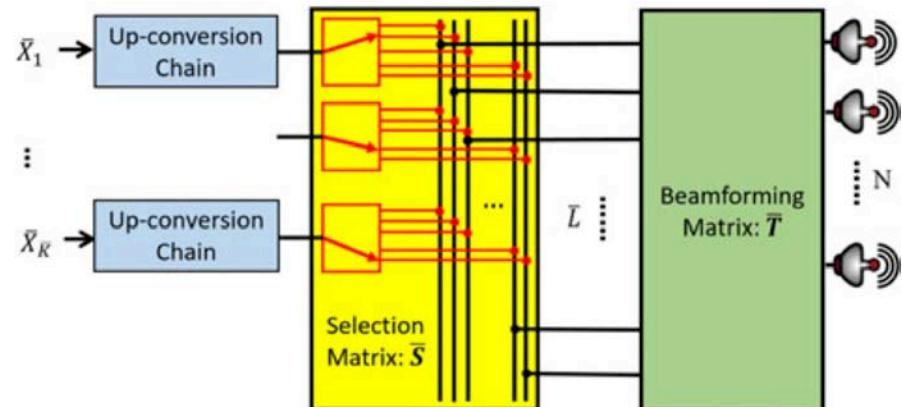
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Hybrid Beamforming With Selection for Multiuser Massive MIMO Systems

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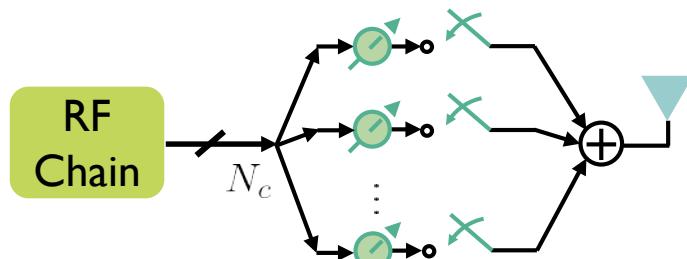
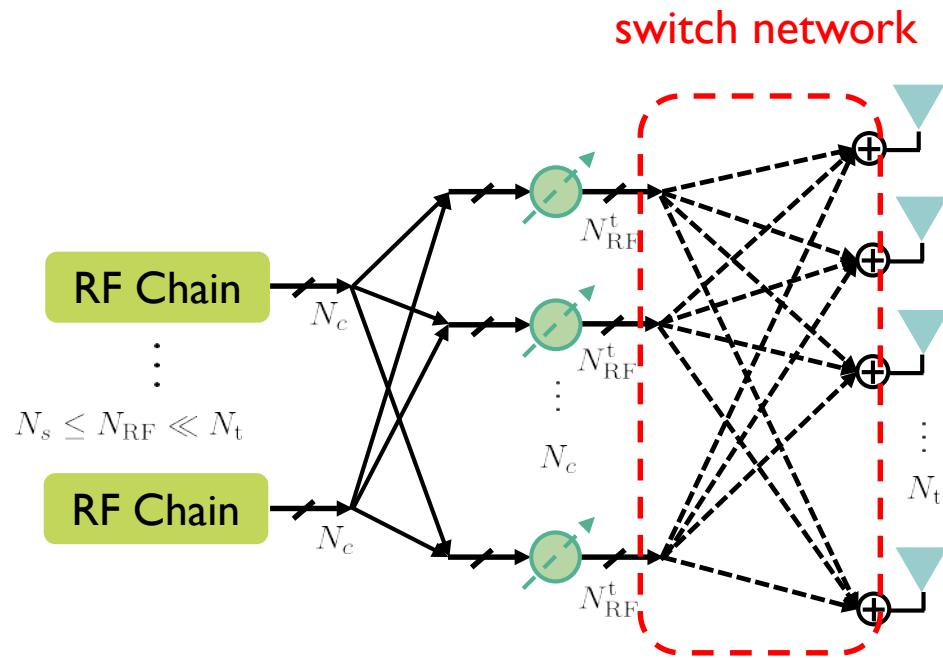
- Switches only with a higher dimension analog precoder
- Sub-matrix structure



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(I) Fixed phase shifter implementation

❖ Fixed phase shifter (FPS) implementation



Q: How to design these adaptive switches?

- N_c multi-channel **fixed** PSs [Z. Feng et al., 2014]

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(I) Fixed phase shifter implementation

❖ Problem formulation

➤ $\mathcal{A}_x: \mathbf{F}_{\text{RF}} = \mathbf{SC}$

➤ **FPS matrix** $\mathbf{C} = \text{diag}(\underbrace{\mathbf{c}, \mathbf{c}, \dots, \mathbf{c}}_{N_{\text{RF}}^t}), \quad \mathbf{c} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{N_c}} [e^{j\theta_1}, e^{j\theta_2}, \dots, e^{j\theta_{N_c}}]^T$

➤ **Binary switch matrix** $\mathbf{S} \in \{0, 1\}^{N_t \times N_c N_{\text{RF}}^t}$

Phases are fixed

$$\underset{\mathbf{S}, \mathbf{F}_{\text{BB}}}{\text{minimize}} \quad \|\mathbf{F}_{\text{opt}} - \mathbf{SC}\mathbf{F}_{\text{BB}}\|_F^2$$

$$\text{subject to} \quad \mathbf{S} \in \{0, 1\}^{N_t \times N_c N_{\text{RF}}^t}$$

NP-hard

❖ An objective upper bound enables a low-complexity algorithm

➤ Enforce a semi-orthogonal constraint on \mathbf{F}_{BB} [X.Yu et al., 2016]

$$\mathbf{F}_{\text{BB}}^H \mathbf{F}_{\text{BB}} = \alpha^2 \mathbf{F}_{\text{DD}}^H \mathbf{F}_{\text{DD}} = \alpha^2 \mathbf{I}_{KN_s}$$

$$\|\mathbf{F}_{\text{opt}} - \mathbf{SC}\mathbf{F}_{\text{BB}}\|_F^2 \leq \|\mathbf{F}_{\text{opt}}\|_F^2 - 2\alpha \Re \text{Tr} (\mathbf{F}_{\text{DD}} \mathbf{F}_{\text{opt}}^H \mathbf{SC}) + \alpha^2 \|\mathbf{S}\|_F^2$$

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(I) Fixed phase shifter implementation

❖ Alternating minimization

➤ Digital precoder

$$\underset{\mathbf{F}_{\text{DD}}}{\text{maximize}} \quad \Re \text{Tr} (\mathbf{F}_{\text{DD}} \mathbf{F}_{\text{opt}}^H \mathbf{S} \mathbf{C})$$

$$\text{subject to} \quad \mathbf{F}_{\text{DD}}^H \mathbf{F}_{\text{DD}} = \mathbf{I}_{KN_s}$$

➤ Semi-orthogonal Procrustes solution $\mathbf{F}_{\text{DD}} = \mathbf{V}_1 \mathbf{U}^H$

$$\alpha \mathbf{F}_{\text{opt}}^H \mathbf{S} \mathbf{C} = \mathbf{U} \boldsymbol{\Sigma} \mathbf{V}_1^H$$

➤ Switch matrix optimization

$$\underset{\alpha, \mathbf{S}}{\text{minimize}} \quad \left\| \Re (\mathbf{F}_{\text{opt}} \mathbf{F}_{\text{DD}}^H \mathbf{C}^H) - \alpha \mathbf{S} \right\|_F^2$$

$$\text{subject to} \quad \mathbf{S} \in \{0, 1\}^{N_t \times N_c N_{\text{RF}}^t}$$

➤ Once α is optimized, the optimal \mathbf{S} is determined correspondingly

$$\mathbf{S}^* = \begin{cases} \mathbf{1} \left\{ \Re (\mathbf{F}_{\text{opt}} \mathbf{F}_{\text{DD}}^H \mathbf{C}^H) > \frac{\alpha}{2} \mathbf{1}_{N_t \times N_c N_{\text{RF}}^t} \right\} & \alpha > 0 \\ \mathbf{1} \left\{ \Re (\mathbf{F}_{\text{opt}} \mathbf{F}_{\text{DD}}^H \mathbf{C}^H) < \frac{\alpha}{2} \mathbf{1}_{N_t \times N_c N_{\text{RF}}^t} \right\} & \alpha < 0 \end{cases}$$

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(I) Fixed phase shifter implementation

❖ Alternating minimization (cont.)

➤ Optimization of α

$$\alpha^* = \arg \min_{\{\tilde{x}_i, \bar{x}_i\}_{i=1}^n} \{f(\tilde{x}_i), f(\bar{x}_i)\}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\tilde{\mathbf{x}} &= \text{vec}(\Re(\mathbf{F}_{\text{opt}} \mathbf{F}_{\text{DD}}^H \mathbf{C}^H)) \\ \tilde{\mathbf{x}} &\in \mathbb{R}^n, \quad n = N_t N_{\text{RF}}^t N_c\end{aligned}\quad \bar{x}_i \triangleq \begin{cases} \frac{\sum_{j=1}^i \tilde{x}_j}{i} & \alpha < 0 \text{ and } \frac{\sum_{j=1}^i \tilde{x}_j}{i} \in [2\tilde{x}_i, 2\tilde{x}_{i+1}] \\ \frac{\sum_{j=i+1}^n \tilde{x}_j}{n-i} & \alpha > 0 \text{ and } \frac{\sum_{j=i+1}^n \tilde{x}_j}{n-i} \in [2\tilde{x}_i, 2\tilde{x}_{i+1}] \\ +\infty & \text{otherwise}\end{cases}$$

➤ Search dimension: $|\mathcal{X}| = 2N_t N_{\text{RF}}^t N_c$ 

➤ Acceleration: Optimal point can only be obtained at \bar{x}_i

$$\alpha^* = \arg \min_{\bar{x}_i} f(\bar{x}_i)$$

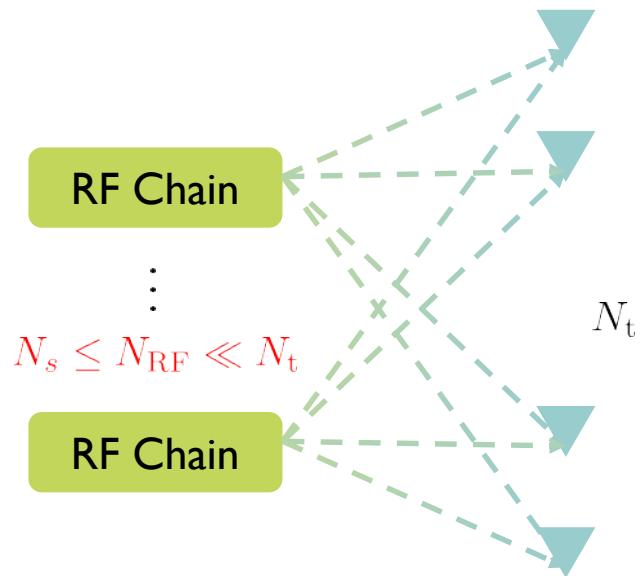
➤ Search dimension $\ll 2N_t N_{\text{RF}}^t N_c$

➤ Convergence guarantee

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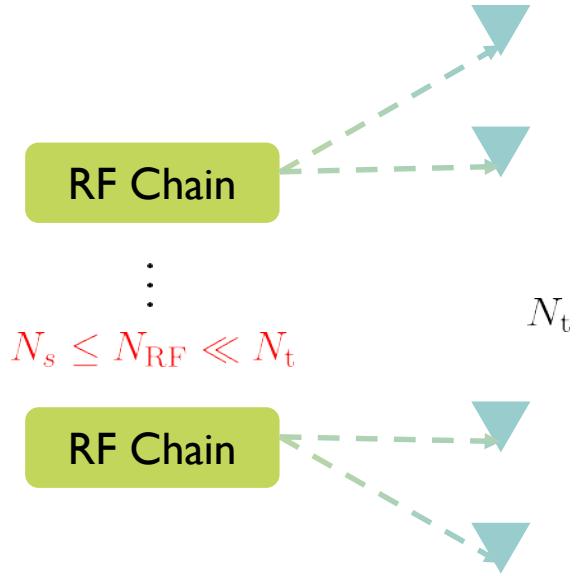
(II) Flexible hardware-performance tradeoff

- ❖ Two common mapping strategies



Fully-connected

Performance



Partially-connected

Hardware efficiency

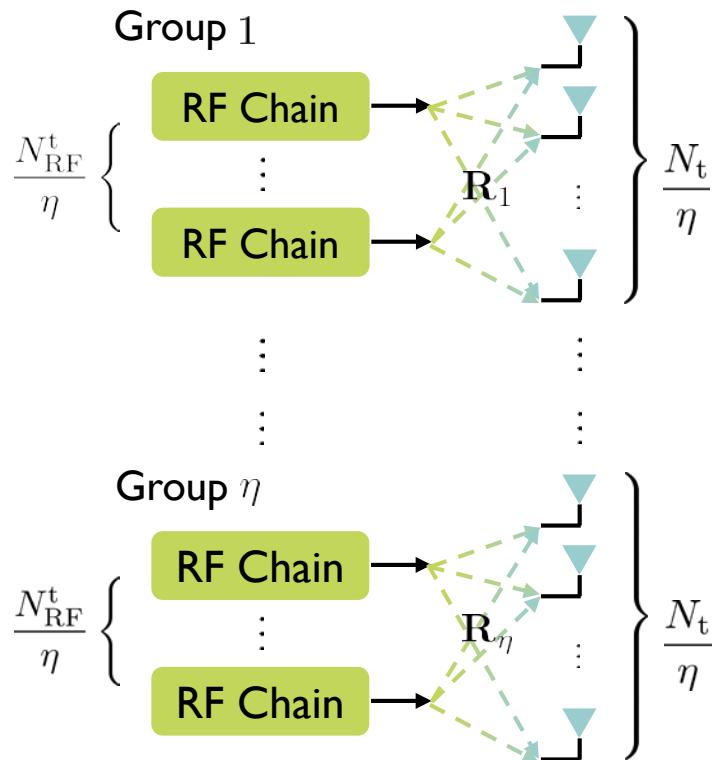


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(II) Flexible hardware-performance tradeoff

- ❖ A mapping strategy for flexible hardware-performance tradeoff

- Group-connected mapping



Save hardware by η times

$$\mathbf{F}_{RF} = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{R}_1 & 0 & \cdots & 0 \\ 0 & \mathbf{R}_2 & & 0 \\ \vdots & & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & \cdots & \mathbf{R}_\eta \end{bmatrix}$$

- $\eta = 1$: Fully-connected
- $\eta = N_{RF}$: Partially-connected

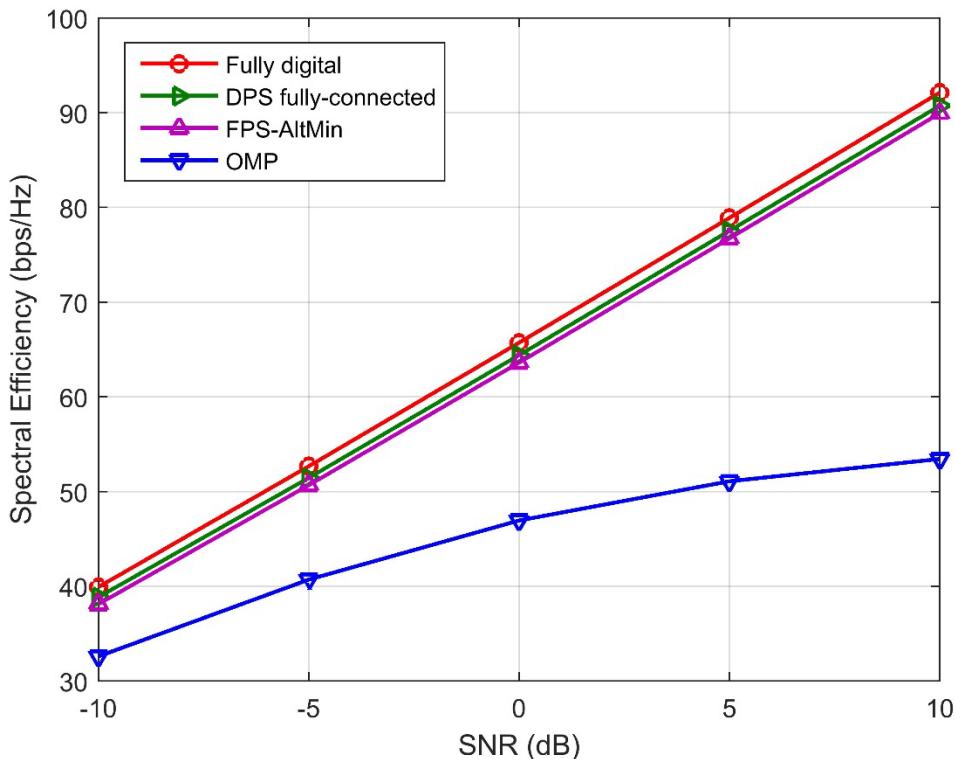
$$\begin{array}{ll} \text{minimize} & \|\mathbf{F}_i - \mathbf{R}_i \mathbf{B}_i\|_F^2 \\ \text{subject to} & \mathbf{R}_i \in \mathcal{A}_i \end{array}$$

Directly migrate the design for the fully-connected mapping

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❖ Simulation results: MU-MC systems

$N_t = 144$, $N_r = 16$, $K = 4$, $F = 128$, $N_s = 2$, $N_{\text{RF}}^t = 8$, and $N_{\text{RF}}^r = 2$

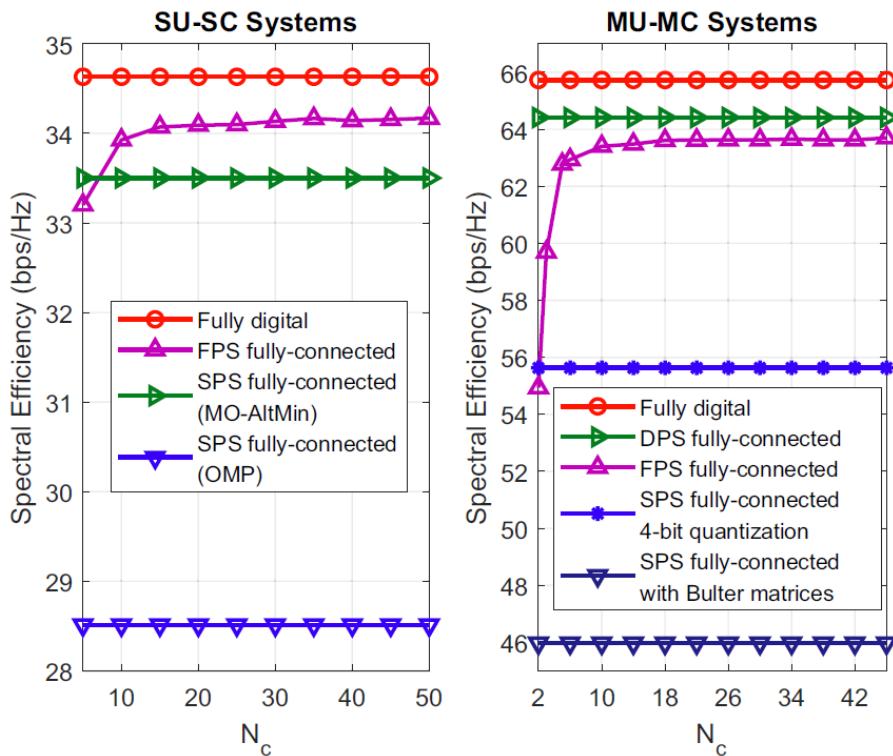


- Slightly inferior to the DPS fully-connected mapping with much fewer PSs
- Significant improvement over the OMP algorithm

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❖ Simulation results: How many PSs are needed?

$N_t = 256$, $N_r = 16$, $K = 4$, $F = 128$, $N_s = 2$, $N_{RF}^t = 8$, and $N_{RF}^r = 2$



Only ~ 10 fixed phase shifters are sufficient!

➤ 200 times reduction compared with the DPS implementation

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❖ Simulation results: How much power can be saved?

$N_t = 256$, $N_r = 16$, $K = 4$, $F = 128$, $N_s = 2$, $N_{RF}^t = 8$, and $N_{RF}^r = 2$

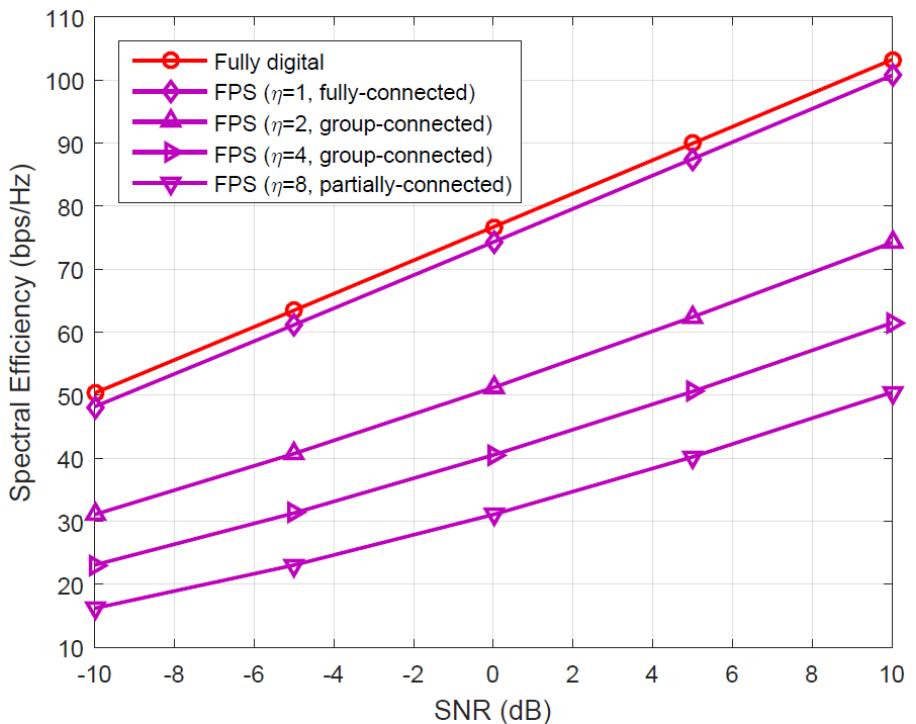
TABLE II
POWER CONSUMPTION OF THE ANALOG NETWORK FOR DIFFERENT HYBRID PRECODER STRUCTURES IN MU-MC SYSTEMS

	Phase shifter		Other hardware		Total power [‡] P_{total}
	Number N_{PS}	Type	Hardware	Number N_{OC}	
DPS fully-connected	2304	Adaptive	N/A	N/A	115.2 W
FPS fully-connected	10	Fixed [§]	Switch	11520	59.2 W
SPS fully-connected 4-bit quantization	1152	Adaptive	N/A	N/A	57.6 W
FPS fully-connected	2	Fixed	Switch	2304	11.84 W
SPS fully-connected with Butler matrices	3456	Fixed	Coupler	4032	109.44 W

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❖ Simulation results

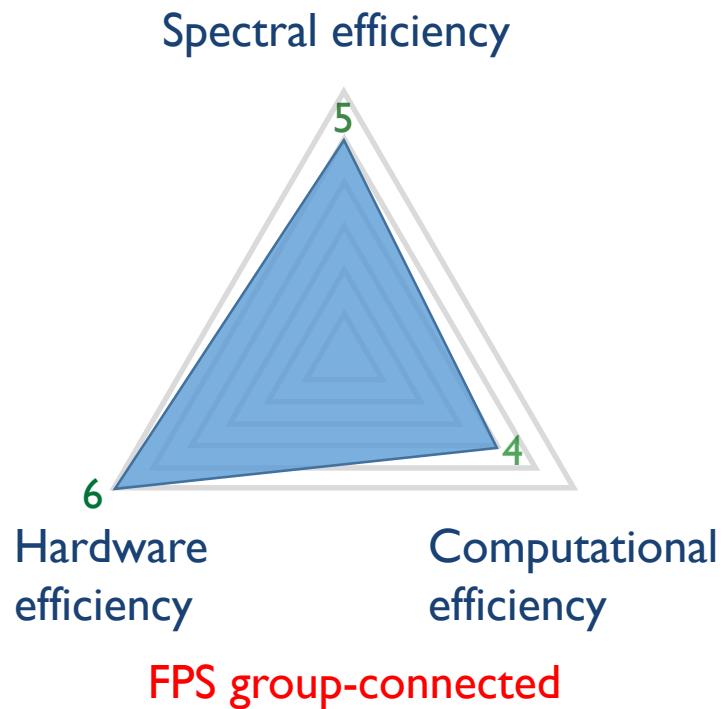
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A flexible approach to balance the achievable performance and hardware efficiency

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❖ Conclusions



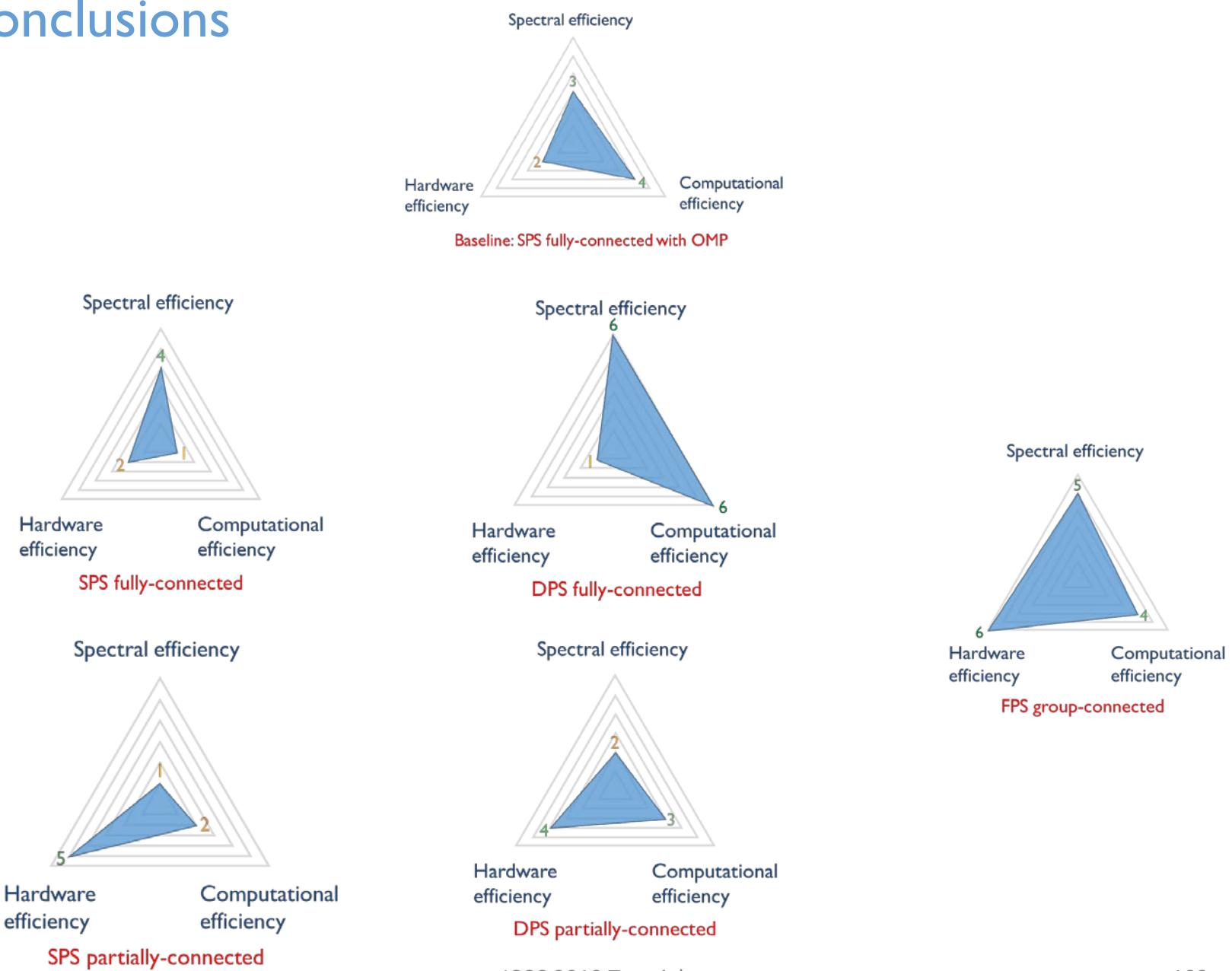
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❖ Questions answered

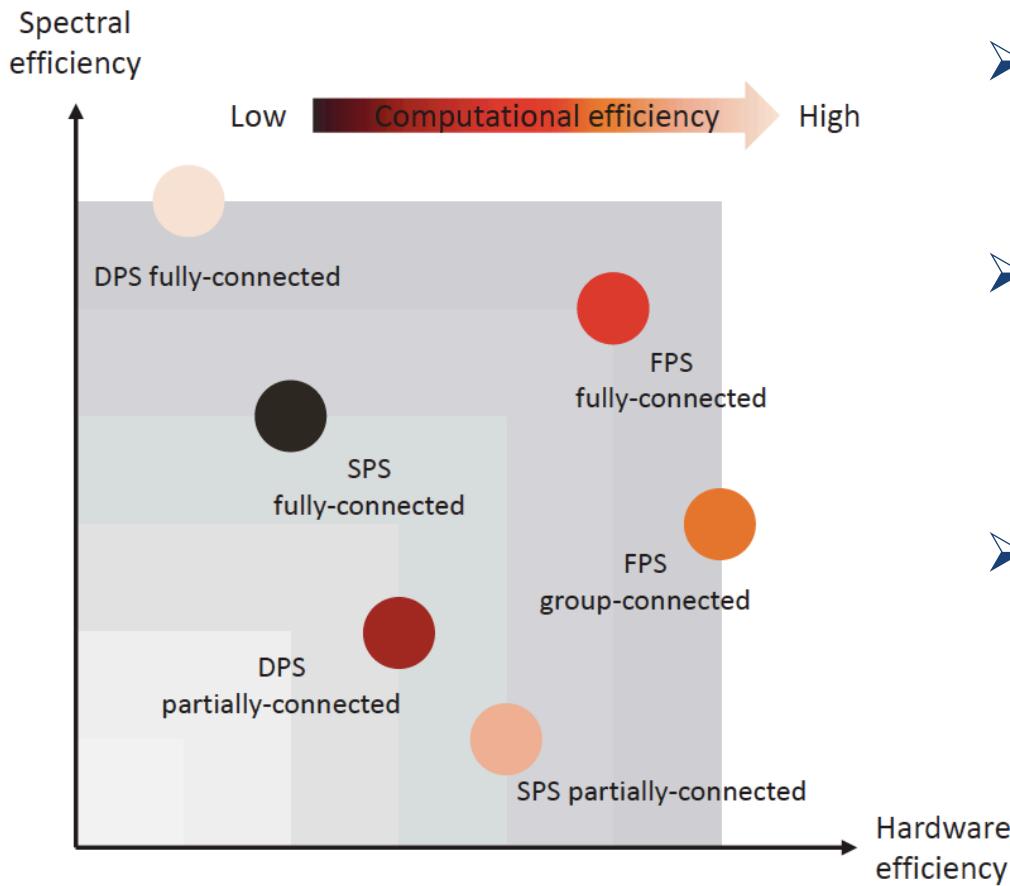
- **Q1:** Can hybrid precoder provide performance close to the fully digital one? YES
- **Q2:** How many RF chains are needed? KN_s
- **Q3:** How many phase shifters are needed? ~10 FPSs
- **Q4:** How to connect the RF chains and antennas? Group-connected
- **Q5:** How to efficiently design hybrid precoding algorithms?
Alternating minimization provides the basic principle
Manifold optimization provides good benchmark
Convex relaxation enables low-complexity algorithms

Conclusions



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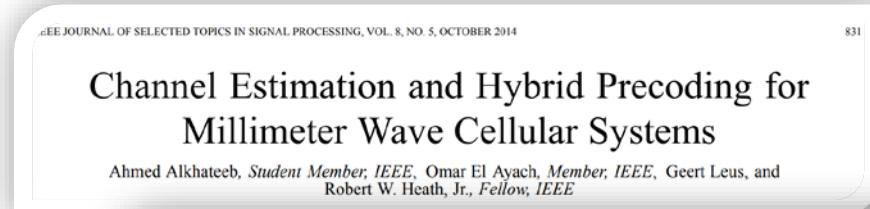
❖ Comparisons between different hybrid precoder structures



- SPS: May not be a good choice
- DPS: An excellent candidate for low-complexity algorithms
- FPS: A trade-off between the hardware and computational complexity, with satisfactory performance

Potential research directions

➤ Joint design with CSI acquisition and uncertainty



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Channel Estimation for Millimeter-Wave Massive MIMO With Hybrid
Precoding Over Frequency-Selective Fading Channels

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Beam design for the training
stage with the hybrid structures¹²³⁹

Hybrid Precoding for Millimeter Wave Cellular
Systems with Partial Channel Knowledge

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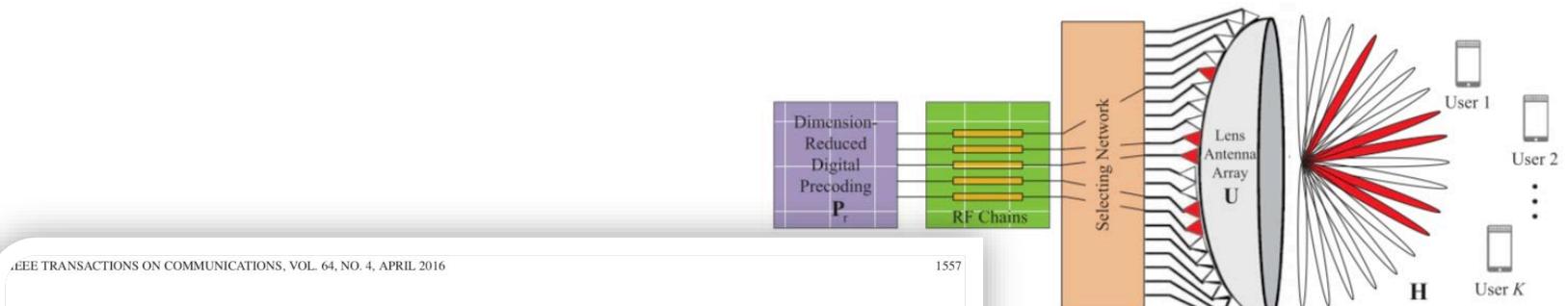
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Hybrid precoding with partial
CSI or covariance info. only

Potential research directions

- Comparison between different antenna configurations



Hybrid beamforming and
channel estimation with lens
antenna arrays

Reliable Beamspace Channel Estimation for
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Potential research directions

- Hybrid beamforming for THz communications

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Indoor Terahertz Communications: How Many Antenna Arrays Are Needed?
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How to use antennas efficiently?



Antenna Subarray Partitioning with Interference Cancellation for Multi-User Indoor Terahertz Communications

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Potential research directions

➤ Performance evaluation

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Low-Complexity Hybrid Precoding in Massive Multiuser MIMO Systems

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Performance characterization of hybrid precoding

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A Comparison of MIMO Techniques in Downlink Millimeter Wave Cellular Networks With Hybrid Beamforming

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Comparison between MU-MIMO and single user spatial multiplexing

Potential research directions

- Further reduction in computational complexity

Machine Learning Inspired Energy-Efficient Hybrid Precoding for MmWave Massive MIMO Systems

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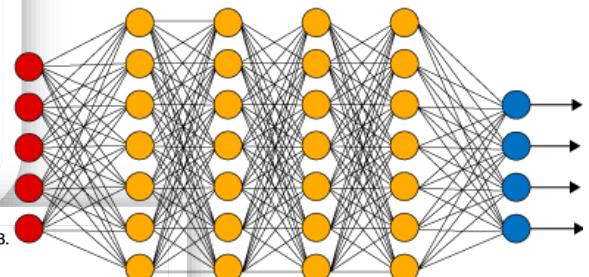
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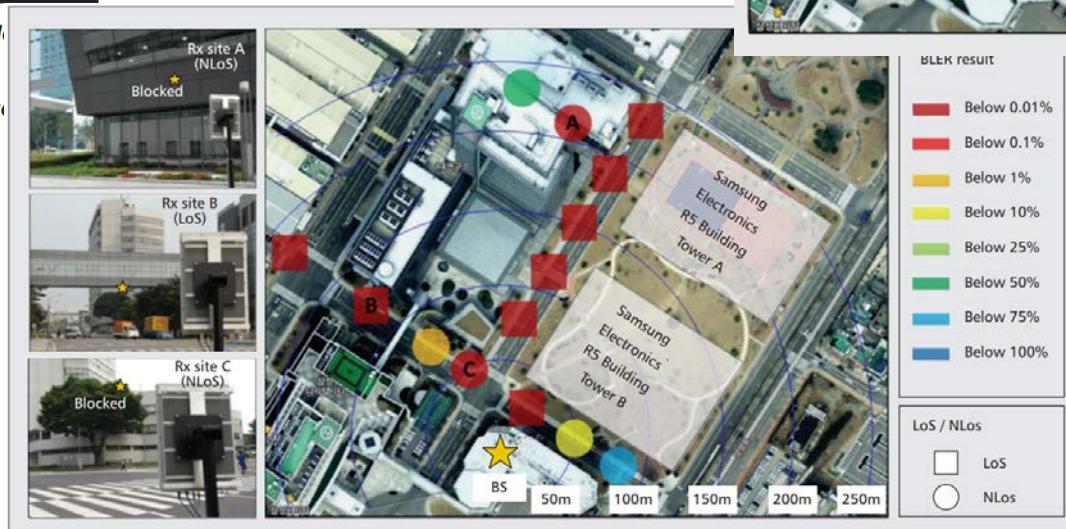


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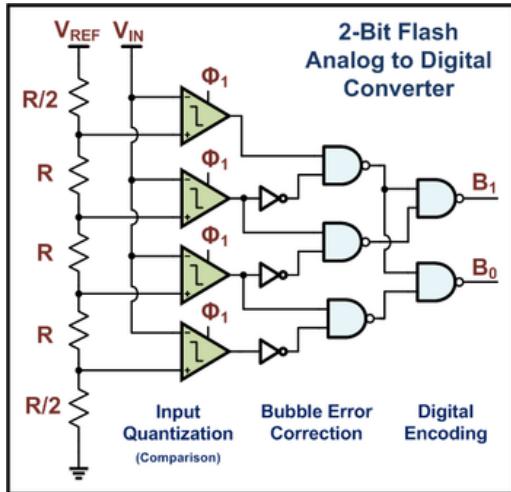
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