

IMPLEMENTATION OF SPATIAL MODULATION FOR MASSIVE MIMO

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ABSTRACT

A key challenge of future mobile communications research is to strike an attractive compromise between wireless networks area spectral efficiency and energy efficiency. This necessitates a clean state approach to wireless systems design, embracing the rich body of existing knowledge. Spatial modulation with massive MIMO is an entirely new concept that exploits the uniqueness and randomness properties of the wireless channel communications. Multiple-input multiple-output (MIMO) systems can increase wireless link capacity without requiring additional bandwidth and power. In this study, an emerging wireless communication concept which is termed as spatial modulation (SM) is considered for large scale MIMO. This is achieved by adopting a simple but effective coding mechanism that establishes a one to one mapping between blocks of information bits to be transmitted and the spatial position of the transmit antenna in the antenna array. The research of SM has reached sufficient maturity to motivate its comparison to state of art MIMO communication, as well as to inspire its application to other emerging wireless systems such as relay-aided, cognitive, smart-cell, optical wireless and power efficient communications. In this article, we summarize the latest achievements and outline some relevant open research issues of this recently proposed transmission technique.

INTRODUCTION

The use of multiple-antenna for wireless communication systems has received an upsurge of research interest during the last decade, both in academia and industry. The multiple-antenna in Multiple-Input-Multiple-Output (MIMO) systems can be exploited in different ways to achieve multiplexing, diversity, or antenna gains. However, regardless of the use as spatial multiplexing, diversity, or smart antenna system, the main drawback of any MIMO scheme is an increase in complexity and cost. This is primarily due to three main reasons. The MIMO has the following disadvantages. It will increase the complexity and cost due to three reasons.

- Inter-channel Interference (ICI), which is introduced by superimposing independent information sequences to be transmitted by multiple transmit antenna.
- Inter-antenna synchronization (IAS), which represents the baseline assumption for space time and delay diversity encoded methods.

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- Multiple radio frequency chains are needed to transmit all signals simultaneously and are, in general expensive and do not follow Moore's law.

Following the ambitious research objectives, spatial modulation has been recently proposed a new modulation concept for MIMO systems, which aims at reducing the complexity and cost of multiple antenna for schemes without deteriorating the end to end systems performance and still guaranteeing good data rates more specifically the low complexity trans-receiver design and high spectral efficiency are simultaneously achieved by adopting the simple modulation and coding mechanisms in what follows:

- Just one transmit antenna is activated for data transmission at any signaling instance.
- The spatial position of each transmit antenna array is used as source of information. This is obtained by one to one mapping between each antenna index and blocks of information bits to be transmitted which results in a coding mechanism that can be called transmit antenna index coded modulation.

A key enabler for MIMO operation is the rich scattering environment between transmit and receive antennas, and that receivers can successfully separate the multiple data streams transmitted with the assistance of channel state information (CSI) at the receiver. There are existing transmission schemes for MIMO links in the absence of CSIT. Among them standalone space-time (ST) code and spatial multiplexing (SMX) are prominent. In SMX, as many independent data streams as the number of transmit antennas are transmitted in a single use of the channel, and it has been shown to have reasonable decoding complexity. In ST coding, redundancy is added to the transmit symbol to provide multiple independent replicas of the transmit data symbols to the receiver.

In this work, a simple information based antenna switching technique called Spatial Modulation (SM) is considered as a possible transceiver solution for MIMO links with no CSIT. SM modulates information in both the signal constellation and antenna index. In addition to its simplicity, the ability to control the number of transmit RF chains in SM is very important in terms of the transmit power efficiency. In contrast to the spatial multiplexing and ST coding, SM uses a subset of transmit antennas for transmission. The main objective of this work is to investigate the potential gain of SM in a massive MIMO system with no CSIT. In particular, a MIMO scenario with a large number of transmit antennas with relatively fewer number of receive antennas is considered. This scenario typically occurs in cellular downlink communication from a base station (BS) to a user terminal. On the one hand, transmission schemes such as vertical Bell Laboratories layered space-time (V-BLAST) could be employed with random beam forming. On the other hand, standalone ST code could also be used for such MIMO systems, but ST codes may experience rate loss for a higher number of transmit antennas. Since both V-BLAST and ST code transmit using all transmit antennas, their energy efficiency may not scale well with the number of transmit antennas due to the large number of power amplifiers.

SPATIAL MODULATION FOR MASSIVE MIMO:

SPATIAL MODULATION:

The mobile communication faces two main challenges. One is in the demand of success of mobile phones there is an effective data traffic which is caused by the generalized bodies. At the moment the total traffic doubles every year. So we are allocate more radio frequency spectrum to the network to step down of the spectrum available .The another one effect is more spectrum efficient. In worldwide 1.45 million base station consumes more energy .To overcome these challenges we are going to the new technology which is called “spatial modulation”.

The basic idea of SM is to map a block of information bits into two information carrying units:

- A symbol that is chosen from a complex signal-constellation diagram.
- A unique transmit-antenna index that is chosen from the set of transmit-antenna in the antenna-array (i.e., the so-called spatial-constellation diagram) The net result of embedding part of the information to be transmitted into the position of the transmit-antenna is a hybrid modulation and MIMO technique in which the modulated signals belong to a tridimensional constellation diagram, which jointly combines signal and spatial information. A simple example is shown in Fig. 1 for a linear antenna-array with $N_t = 4$ and a QPSK (Quadrature Phase Shift Keying) modulation. When the information carrying unit is only the transmit-antenna index, SM reduces to the so called Space Shift Keying (SSK) modulation, which avoids any form of conventional modulation and trades-off receiver complexity for achievable data rates. Simple example of the encoding and decoding processes are shown in Fig. 2 when $N_t = 4$, $N_r = 1$, and $M = 2$. If multiple-antenna are available at the receiver, they are exploited, under the assumption of ML-optimum detection, to achieve receiver diversity gains via Maximal Ratio Combining (MRC).

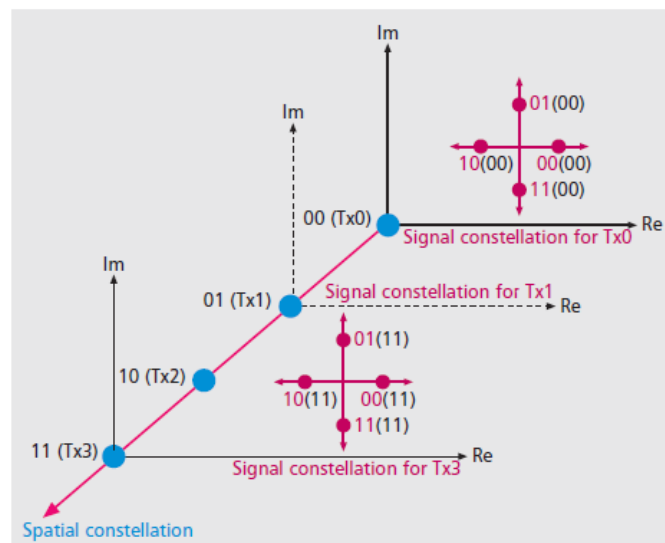


Figure 1. Tri-dimensional constellation diagram of SM

THE TRANSMITTER:

At the transmitter, the bitstream emitted by a binary source is divided into blocks containing $\log_2(N_t) + \log_2(M)$ bits each, with $\log_2(N_t)$ and $\log_2(M)$ being the number of bits needed to identify a transmit-antenna in the antenna-array and a symbol in the signal-constellation diagram, respectively. Each block is then processed by a SM mapper, which splits each of them into two sub-blocks of $\log_2(N_t)$ and $\log_2(M)$ bits each. The bits in the first sub-block are used to select the antenna that is switched on for data transmission, while all other transmit-antenna are kept silent in the current signaling time interval. The bits in the second sub-block are used to choose a symbol in the signal-constellation diagram. In the example shown in Fig. 2, Tx2 will be activated for data transmission by the first two bits ("10") and a -1 binary signal will be sent out from it corresponding to the third bit ("1")

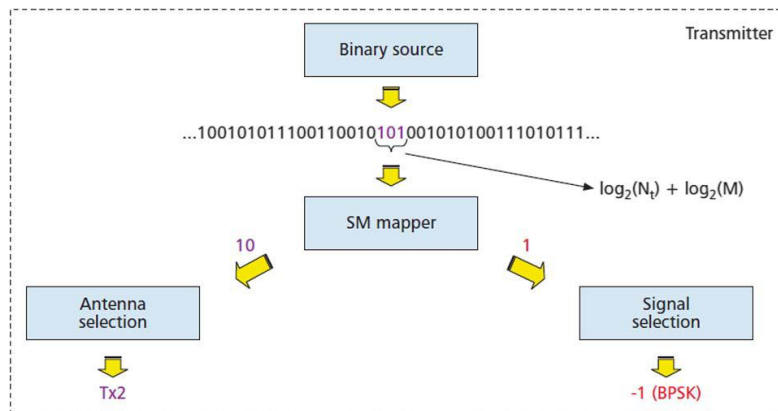


Figure 2. Transmitter of SM

A WIRELESS CHANNEL AS A MODULATION UNIT:

The signal emitted by the active TA then traverses through a generic wireless channel, whose channel impulse responses are illustrated in Fig. 5. Owing to the different spatial locations occupied by the TAs in the antenna array, the signal transmitted by the active TA experiences different propagation conditions due to the different interacting environmental objects along any transmitter-to receiver wireless links. As such, the same "1" PSK symbol emitted by the TA element TX2 travels through a communication channel, which introduces a specific 'channel signature or fingerprint,' i.e., the channel impulse response, that makes it unique compared to the same symbol emitted by any other Task This constitutes the fundamental essence of SM-MIMO: the more different the channel signatures/fingerprints are from each other, the simpler it becomes to distinguish the signals at the receiver.

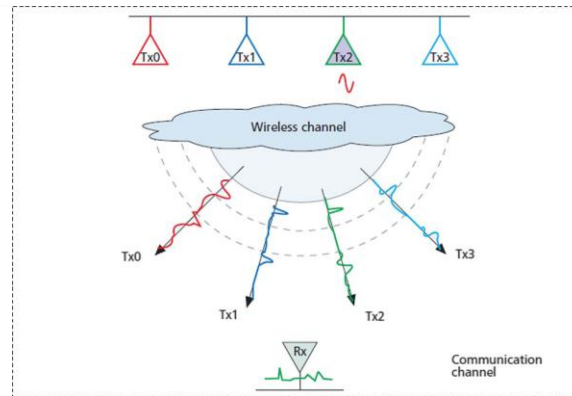


Figure 3. Modulation unit

THE RECEIVER:

At the receiver, the demodulation unit exploits the unique fingerprint introduced by the wireless channel for retrieving the information bits. The receiver is assumed to be aware of the N_t channel impulse responses; however the actual channel impulse response that is received in each channel use depends on the index of the active TA. The demodulator performs an exhaustive search among all the possible combinations of channel impulse responses and modulation symbols, and makes a decision in favor of the hypothesis associated with the lowest Euclidean distance. In a nutshell, due to the information-driven antenna-switching mechanism of SM- MIMO transmission, the N_t channel impulse responses become part of the search space of the hypothesis-testing problem solved by the receiver. Based on the estimated channel impulse response, the demodulator is capable of retrieving the information bits associated with it. In summary, the essence of SM-MIMO transmission is all about exploiting the TA-specific property of the wireless channel, i.e., the uniqueness of each transmit-to-receive wireless link, for data communication.

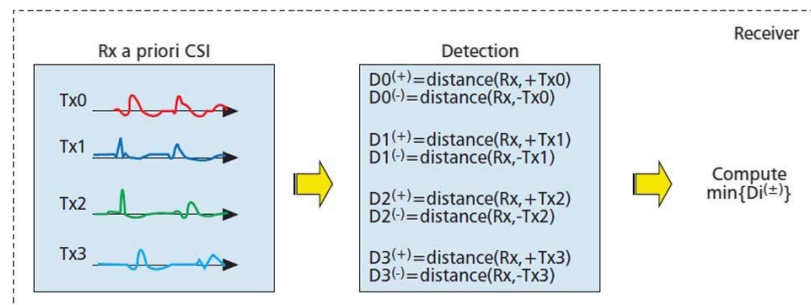


Figure 4. Receiver of SM

MASSIVE MIMO:

MIMO systems are not sufficiently capable to cater the need of growing data rate necessities of next generation wireless communications. Also due to technical and design constraints user equipments cannot have much more antenna elements. To overcome this problem Massive-MIMO can be used as leading technique in which huge

antenna arrays are used at base station with maximum possible separation among antenna elements. It consists of all the advantages of MIMO systems with many fold increased data throughput. It is a low cost and low power communication system.

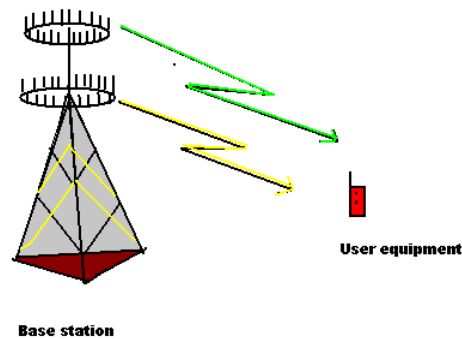


Figure 4. Massive- mimo system - schematic diagram.

MIMO TO SM-MASSIVE MIMO:

Conventional MIMO communications take advantage of all the antennas available at the transmitter by simultaneously transmitting multiple data streams from all of them. Thus, all TAs are active at any time instance. For example, in above paragraph shown that, under realistic BS power consumption models, MIMO systems equipped with more than two active TAs unlikely provide any total EE gains at the current state of the art. Compared to baseline single-antenna transmissions, MIMO communications obtain higher data rates and improved error performance at the cost of:

- increasing the signal processing complexity at the receiver, which is caused by the need for counteracting the interference imposed by simultaneously transmitting many data streams;
- More stringent synchronization requirements among the TAs to exploit the benefits of space-time-Coded and multiuser MIMO transmissions;
- Multiple RF chains at the transmitter to be able to simultaneously transmit many data streams, which
- Do not scale with Moore's law and make the transmitter bulky.
- Independent power amplifiers for each RF chain, which dissipate the majority of the power consumed
- At the transmitter, since they are power inefficient due to the stringent linearity requirements of state-of-the-art phase/amplitude modulations.

These considerations imply that a major challenge of next-generation MIMO-aided cellular networks is the design of multi antenna transmission schemes with a limited number of active RF chains aiming for reducing the complexity, to relax the inter antenna synchronization requirements, and ICI, as well as the signal processing complexity at the receiver, while aiming for improving the EE. In this context, single-RF MIMO design is currently

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Emerging as a promising research field in wireless communications. The fundamental idea behind single-RF MIMO is to realize the gains of MIMO communications, i.e., spatial multiplexing and transmit diversity, with the aid of many antenna elements, of which only a few, possibly a single, activated antenna elements (single-RF front-end) at the transmitter at any modulation instant. Fueled by these considerations, SM has recently established itself as a promising transmission concept, which belongs to the single-RF large-scale MIMO wireless systems family, while exploiting the multiple antennas in a novel fashion compared to state-of-the-art high complexity and power-hungry classic MIMOs [48]. In simple terms, SM can be regarded as a MIMO concept that possesses a larger set of radiating elements than the number of transmits electronics. SM-MIMO takes advantage of the whole antenna array at the transmitter, while using a limited number of RF chains. The main distinguishing feature of SM-MIMOs is that they map additional information bits onto an “SM constellation diagram,” where each constellation element is constituted by either one or a subset of antenna elements. These unique characteristics facilitate high-rate MIMO implementations to have reduced signal processing and circuitry complexity, as well as an improved EE. Recent analytical and simulation studies have shown that SM-MIMOs have the inherent potential of outperforming many state-of-the-art MIMO schemes, provided that a sufficiently large number of antenna elements is available at the transmitter, while just few of them are simultaneously active.

ADVANTAGES:

SM-MIMO Provides the following potential advantages compared to multiple input and multiple output communications.

- SM avoids ICI and IAS, and only requires a single RF chain at the transmitter while compared to the conventional MIMO solutions such as V-BLAST and alamouti space time schemes. This is due to working mechanism of spatial modulation, a single transmit- antenna is switched on for data transmission while all the other antennas are kept silent.
- The wireless channel acts not just as a modulation unit, but also channel source of purely random signatures for multiple access.
- Simpler transmitter and receiver design. SM-MIMO can be implemented by using a single active RF chain and many inactivated Transmitters, which is inexpensive. Thus, the employment of multiple expensive and bulky power amplifiers, RF filters, ADC converters are avoided.
- The multiple gains is achieved by a single RFsource, SM-MIMO reduces the total consumed power required for the same RF power. Particularly the power dissipation is independent of the number of the transmitters. Thus the SM-MIMO produces the lower transmit power supply.
- The achievable throughput of SM-MIMO systems with single RF chain increases logarithmically with the number of TAs.

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- SM can efficiently works if $N_r \ll N(t)$, since the receive antenna are used to achieve only a diversity gain. a single receive antenna is needed to exploit the SM paradigm, this makes SM suitable for downlink settings with low complexity principles.

CONCLUSION:

The need for power-efficient MIMO-aided cellular networks requires a paradigm shift in the wireless system design. This trend is irreversible and will have a profound impact on both the theory and practice of future heterogeneous cellular networks, which will no longer be purely optimized for approaching the attainable capacity, but will explicitly include the energy efficiency during the design and optimization of the entire protocol stack. We have conjectured that the SM concept can be further leveraged, by exploiting the beneficial features of large scale antenna arrays for low-complexity transceiver designs and for energy-efficient front-end concepts at the transmitter, while relying on a limited number of RF chains. Although an enormous amount of papers on multiple-antenna systems has already been published, there are still interesting open problems that deserve further investigation, especially in the area of cooperative diversity schemes, closed-loop MIMO techniques, and multiuser scenarios.

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