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Dynamic Subarray Architecture for Wideband Hybrid Precoding in Millimeter Wave MIMO Systems

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Hybrid structure – Fully-connected vs. Partially-connected

Fully-connected structure



$$\mathbf{F}_{\mathrm{RF}} = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{f}_{\mathrm{RF},1} & \mathbf{f}_{\mathrm{RF},2} & \cdots & \mathbf{f}_{\mathrm{RF},N_{\mathrm{RF}}} \end{bmatrix}$$

 $N_{\rm RF}N_{\rm TX}$ phase shifters and $N_{\rm TX}$ adders are necessary.

Partially-connected (subarray) structure





WB hybrid precoding design - Problem formulation (1/2)

1) $N_{\rm RF} < N_{\rm TX}$ Constraints 2) Composed of phase shifters Goal: Maximize the sum of per-subcarrier mutual information on \mathbf{F}_{RF} 3) Common for all subcarriers $\arg\max_{\{\mathbf{F}_{\mathrm{RF}},\mathbf{F}_{\mathrm{BB}}(1),\cdots,\mathbf{F}_{\mathrm{BB}}(K)\}}\sum_{k=1}^{n}\log\det\left(\mathbf{I}+\frac{1}{N_{0}}\mathbf{H}(k)\mathbf{F}_{\mathrm{RF}}\mathbf{F}_{\mathrm{BB}}(k)\mathbf{F}_{\mathrm{BB}}^{*}(k)\mathbf{F}_{\mathrm{RF}}^{*}\mathbf{H}^{*}(k)\right)$ (Eq. 1) Ks.t. $\sum ||\mathbf{F}_{\rm RF}\mathbf{F}_{\rm BB}(k)||_{\rm F}^2 \le P_{\rm tot}$ k=1 $\mathbf{H}_{\text{eff}}(k) = \mathbf{H}(k)\mathbf{F}_{\text{RF}}(\mathbf{F}_{\text{RF}}^*\mathbf{F}_{\text{RF}})^{-\frac{1}{2}}$ $\hat{\mathbf{F}}_{\text{BB}}(k) = (\mathbf{F}_{\text{RF}}^*\mathbf{F}_{\text{RF}})^{\frac{1}{2}}\mathbf{F}_{\text{BB}}(k)$ Using equivalent $\max_{\{\mathbf{F}_{\mathrm{RF}}, \hat{\mathbf{F}}_{\mathrm{BB}}(1), \cdots, \hat{\mathbf{F}}_{\mathrm{BB}}(K)\}} \sum_{k=1} \log \det \left(\mathbf{I} + \frac{1}{N_0} \mathbf{H}_{\mathrm{eff}}(k) \hat{\mathbf{F}}_{\mathrm{BB}}(k) \hat{\mathbf{F}}_{\mathrm{BB}}^*(k) \mathbf{H}_{\mathrm{eff}}^*(k) \right)$ arg (Eq. 2) s.t. $\sum ||\hat{\mathbf{F}}_{\mathrm{BB}}(k)||_{\mathrm{F}}^2 \leq P_{\mathrm{tot}}$

If \mathbf{F}_{RF} is given, the optimum solution of $\{\hat{\mathbf{F}}_{BB}(1), \dots, \hat{\mathbf{F}}_{BB}(K)\}\$ can be found by using a conventional SVD scheme with respect to the effective channel at each subcarrier.



WB hybrid precoding design - Problem formulation (2/2)







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Analog RF precoder

$$\mathbf{F}_{\mathrm{RF}}^{\star} = \arg \max_{\mathbf{F}_{\mathrm{RF}}} \sum_{k=1}^{K} \sum_{s=1}^{S} \lambda_{s}^{2} \left(\mathbf{H}[k] \mathbf{F}_{\mathrm{RF}} (\mathbf{F}_{\mathrm{RF}}^{*} \mathbf{F}_{\mathrm{RF}})^{-\frac{1}{2}} \right)$$

Solution

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$$\mathbf{F}_{\mathrm{RF}}^{\star} = \left[\mathbf{V}_{\mathrm{R}}\right]_{1:N_{\mathrm{RF}}} \mathbf{A}$$

where \mathbf{A} is an arbitrary invertible matrix and

$$\mathbf{R} = \frac{1}{K} \sum_{k=1}^{K} \mathbf{H}^{*}[k] \mathbf{H}[k] = \mathbf{V}_{\mathrm{R}} \mathbf{\Lambda}_{\mathrm{R}} \mathbf{V}_{\mathrm{R}}^{*}$$

Solution w/ phase shifter constraint

$$\hat{\mathbf{F}}_{\mathrm{RF}}^{\star} = \arg \min_{\mathbf{X}, |[\mathbf{X}]_{m,n}|=1} \|\mathbf{X} - \mathbf{F}_{\mathrm{RF}}^{\star}\|_{\mathrm{F}}^{2} = \measuredangle \mathbf{F}_{\mathrm{RF}}^{\star}$$
where $\measuredangle \mathbf{F}_{\mathrm{RF}}^{\star}$ is a matrix with $[\hat{\mathbf{F}}_{\mathrm{RF}}^{\star}]_{m,n} = e^{j\measuredangle ([\mathbf{F}_{\mathrm{RF}}^{\star}]_{m,n})}$



Hybrid precoding solution – Partially-connected case



Analog RF precoder

Subarray partitioning

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{S}_1 &= \{1, \cdots, N_{\text{sub}}\}\\ \mathcal{S}_2 &= \{N_{\text{sub}} + 1, \cdots, 2N_{\text{sub}}\}\\ \vdots\\ \mathcal{S}_{N_{\text{RF}}} &= \{(N_{\text{RF}} - 1)N_{\text{sub}} + 1, \cdots, N_{\text{RF}}N_{\text{sub}}\} \end{aligned}$$

Optimization problem

$$\mathbf{F}_{\mathrm{RF}}^{\star} = \arg \max_{\mathbf{F}_{\mathrm{RF}}} \sum_{k=1}^{K} \sum_{s=1}^{S} \lambda_{s}^{2} \left(\mathbf{H}[k] \mathbf{F}_{\mathrm{RF}} (\mathbf{F}_{\mathrm{RF}}^{*} \mathbf{F}_{\mathrm{RF}})^{-\frac{1}{2}}\right)$$

$$\mathbf{F}_{\mathrm{RF}} = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{f}_{\mathrm{RF},\mathcal{S}_{1}} & \cdots & \mathbf{0} \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ \mathbf{0} & \cdots & \mathbf{f}_{\mathrm{RF},\mathcal{S}_{N_{\mathrm{RF}}}} \end{bmatrix}$$
Solution

$$\mathbf{f}_{\mathrm{RF},\mathcal{S}_{r}}^{\star} = \alpha_{r} \mathbf{v}_{\mathbf{R}_{\mathcal{S}_{r}},1}, \text{ for } r = 1, \cdots, N_{\mathrm{RF}}$$
where α_{r} is an arbitrary nonzero complex number,
 $\mathbf{v}_{\mathbf{R}_{\mathcal{S}_{r}},1}$ is the dominant eigenvector of $\mathbf{R}_{\mathcal{S}_{r}}$, and

$$\mathbf{H}[k] = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{H}_{\mathcal{S}_{1}}[k] & \mathbf{H}_{\mathcal{S}_{2}}[k] & \cdots & \mathbf{H}_{\mathcal{S}_{N_{\mathrm{RF}}}}[k] \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\mathbf{R}_{\mathcal{S}_{r}} = \frac{1}{K} \sum_{k=1}^{K} \mathbf{H}_{\mathcal{S}_{r}}^{*}[k] \mathbf{H}_{\mathcal{S}_{r}}[k], \text{ for } r = 1, \cdots, N_{\mathrm{RF}}$$

Solution w/ phase shifter constraint \rightarrow the same as the fully-connected case



Comparison between fully-connected vs. partially-connected



$$\max_{\mathbf{F}_{\mathrm{RF}}} \sum_{k=1}^{K} \sum_{s=1}^{S} \lambda_{s}^{2} \left(\mathbf{H}\left[k\right] \mathbf{F}_{\mathrm{RF}} (\mathbf{F}_{\mathrm{RF}}^{*} \mathbf{F}_{\mathrm{RF}})^{-\frac{1}{2}} \right) = K \sum_{r=1}^{N_{\mathrm{RF}}} \lambda_{r} \left(\mathbf{R} \right) \qquad \max_{\mathbf{F}_{\mathrm{RF}}} \sum_{s=1}^{K} \sum_{s=1}^{S} \lambda_{s}^{2} \left(\mathbf{H}\left[k\right] \mathbf{F}_{\mathrm{RF}} (\mathbf{F}_{\mathrm{RF}}^{*} \mathbf{F}_{\mathrm{RF}})^{-\frac{1}{2}} \right) = K \sum_{r=1}^{N_{\mathrm{RF}}} \lambda_{1} \left(\mathbf{R}_{\mathcal{S}_{r}} \right)$$

 $\lambda_i(\mathbf{A})$: *i*-th largest singular value of \mathbf{A}



Comparison between fully-connected vs. partially-connected





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→ We propose a *dynamic subarray structure* that adapts to the **R** matrix.



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Dynamic subarray - Problem formulation







Approximation of the largest singular value

Definition of the approximate largest singular value

$$\hat{\lambda}_1 \left(\mathbf{R}_{\mathcal{S}} \right) \triangleq \frac{1}{|\mathcal{S}|} \sum_{i=1}^{|\mathcal{S}|} \sum_{j=1}^{|\mathcal{S}|} \left| [\mathbf{R}_{\mathcal{S}}]_{i,j} \right| = \frac{1}{|\mathcal{S}|} \sum_{i \in \mathcal{S}} \sum_{j \in \mathcal{S}} \left| [\mathbf{R}]_{i,j} \right|$$

Property of the approximate largest singular value

 $\lambda_{1,\text{LB}}\left(\mathbf{R}_{\mathcal{S}}\right) \leq \hat{\lambda}_{1}\left(\mathbf{R}_{\mathcal{S}}\right) \leq \lambda_{1,\text{UB}}\left(\mathbf{R}_{\mathcal{S}}\right)$

* Lower & upper bound on the largest singular value (exact value)

$$\lambda_{1,\text{LB}} (\mathbf{R}_{\mathcal{S}}) \leq \lambda_{1} (\mathbf{R}_{\mathcal{S}}) \leq \lambda_{1,\text{UB}} (\mathbf{R}_{\mathcal{S}})$$
$$\lambda_{1,\text{LB}} (\mathbf{R}_{\mathcal{S}}) = m + \frac{s}{(|\mathcal{S}| - 1)^{\frac{1}{2}}}$$
$$\lambda_{1,\text{UB}} (\mathbf{R}_{\mathcal{S}}) = m + s(|\mathcal{S}| - 1)^{\frac{1}{2}}$$
$$\text{Tr}(\mathbf{R}_{\mathcal{S}}) \qquad \left(\text{Tr}(\mathbf{R}_{\mathcal{S}}^{2}) - 2\right)^{\frac{1}{2}}$$

$$m = \frac{\operatorname{Tr}(\mathbf{R}_{\mathcal{S}})}{|\mathcal{S}|}, \quad s = \left(\frac{\operatorname{Tr}(\mathbf{R}_{\mathcal{S}}^2)}{|\mathcal{S}|} - m^2\right)^2$$

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Dynamic subarray partitioning algorithm (proposed)



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Channel model for simulations





Simulation results



- RX: 4 antennas (UPA), 4 RF chains
- CH: 8 clusters 10 subrays (Δ_{AZ} =180°, Δ_{EL} =90°)



- TX: $N_{\rm TX}$ antennas (UPA), 4 RF chains
- RX: 4 antennas (UPA), 4 RF chains
- CH: 8 clusters 10 subrays (Δ_{AZ} =180°, Δ_{EL} =90°), SNR 10 dB





Conclusions

We derived closed-form solutions for wideband hybrid precoding.

Fully connected structure (Subarray structure)

We proposed a dynamic subarray structure based on spatial channel covariance.



Thank you !



