Extreme Spatial Multiplexing:
A Fluid Antenna System Approach

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Abstract

Fluid antenna system (FAS) represents shape-flexible position-flexible antenna technologies for wireless communications and has recently emerged as a new degree of freedom for wireless communication design and optimization. The unique feature of FAS also changes the way in which interference is mitigated. In this talk, we will first take a closer look at massive multiuser MIMO (multiple-input multiple-output) and discuss why massive MIMO alone cannot be a feasible solution for extreme spatial multiplexing of an enormous number of users. We then present how FAS at each user can reduce the burden of the base station and enable massive MIMO to handle a huge number of users with little channel state information (CSI) at the base station. The results reveal that 1000 of users can be served on the same physical data channel if massive MIMO combines with FAS. The talk will be concluded by sharing some recent updates on the implementation of FAS.

Biography

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