Energy-optimized coded modulation for short-range communications on Nakagami-m fading channels

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Key Point

In short-range applications, the circuit energy consumption is non-negligible compared with the transmission energy

Energy-constrained Modulation Optimization

• Assumption: Both the transmitter and the receiver operate on batteries

• Goal: Find the best modulation strategy to minimize the total energy consumption required to send a given number of bits under a maximum time constraint

Based on: "Energy-constrained Modulation Optimization for Coded Systems", S. Cui, A. Goldsmith and A. Bahai

Energy Consumption: Transmitter



$$P_{ct} = P_{mix} + P_{syn} + P_{filt} + P_{DAC}$$



Energy Consumption: Receiver



$$P_{cr} = P_{mix} + P_{syn} + P_{LNA} + P_{filr} + P_{IFA} + P_{ADC}$$



Total Energy Consumption per Information bit

$$E_a = \frac{(1+\alpha)P_tT_{on} + P_cT_{on} + P_{tr}T_{tr}}{L}$$

 α Losses due to the amplifier P_t Transmitted power T_{on} Transmission time $(T_{on} \leq T)$ $P_c \triangleq P_{cr} + P_{ct}$ Circuit power consumptionLNumber of transmitted information bits

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$$\bar{\gamma} = \frac{P_{r}}{N_{0}B \cdot N_{f}} = \frac{P_{t}}{G_{d} \cdot N_{0}B \cdot N_{f}} = f(P_{e}, b)$$

$$\bar{\gamma} \qquad \text{Average received SNR}$$

$$f(P_{e}, b) \qquad \Longrightarrow \text{ channel, code, BER, ...}$$

$$N_{0}B \qquad \text{AWGN power}$$

$$N_{f} \qquad \text{Receiver noise figure}$$

 G_d Free path gain, proportional to $d^{3.5}$

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 $ar{\gamma}$

Energy-constrained Modulation Optimization

- Analysis for:
 - MQAM modulations
 - AWGN, Rayleigh and Nakagami-m fading channels

$$p_{\gamma}(\gamma) = \left(\frac{m}{\bar{\gamma}}\right)^{m} \frac{\gamma^{m-1}}{\Gamma(m)} \exp\left(-m\frac{\gamma}{\bar{\gamma}}\right)$$

Nakagami-m fading and Ricean fading

• Nakagami-*m* fading:

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• Ricean fading:

$$p_{\gamma}(\gamma) = \frac{K+1}{\bar{\gamma}} \exp\left[-K - \frac{(K+1)\gamma}{\bar{\gamma}}\right] I_0\left(2\sqrt{\frac{K(K+1)\gamma}{\bar{\gamma}}}\right),$$

where $K \triangleq \frac{\text{Line of Sight Power}}{\text{Scattered Power}}$

Nakagami-*m* fading and Ricean fading

• Nakagami-*m* fading:

 $\begin{cases} m = 1 & \text{Rayleigh facing} \\ m = \infty & \text{AWGN channel} \\ 1 \le m < \infty & \text{approximately Ricean fading, with:} \end{cases}$

Rayleigh fading

$$K = \frac{\sqrt{m^2 - m}}{m - \sqrt{m^2 - m}}$$

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Coding Scheme

- Eight different 4-D Trellis Codes
- $b \in \{1.5, 2.5, \dots, 8.5\}$ information bits, for a total of $\{2, 3, \dots, 9\}$ bits per QAM symbol
- BER over AWGN channel for the *n*th 4-D trellis code approximated by

$$P_e(\gamma) \approx \begin{cases} a_n \exp\left(\frac{-b_n \gamma}{M_n}\right) & \text{if } \gamma \ge \gamma_n^* \\ \frac{1}{2} & \text{if } \gamma < \gamma_n^* \end{cases}$$

• Nakagami-*m* fading: $P_e(m, \bar{\gamma}) = \int_0^\infty P_e(\gamma) p_{\gamma}(\gamma) d\gamma$

BER of the 4-D Trellis Codes over an AWGN channel





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Coded MQAM, d = 0.1 m.



Coded MQAM, d = 1.0 m.



Coded MQAM, d = 3.0 m.



Coded MQAM, d = 5.0 m.



Coded MQAM, d = 10.0 m.



Coded MQAM, d = 20.0 m.



Coded MQAM, d = 30.0 m.



Coded MQAM, d = 50.0 m.



Conclusions

- For short distances (d < 1 2 m), always use the highest spectral efficiency and the shortest transmission time
- For long distances, ($d \approx 50 \ m$.) the transmission power dominates
- Rayleigh Fading: Since no LOS (Line of Sight) component is present, more transmission power is required \longrightarrow "early breakoff"
- When a LOS component is present, the results are closer to the AWGN than to the Rayleigh case → short-range optimization is then useful for a wide range of distances

Plans for future research

• Assume variable transmitter-receiver separation (random variable)

• Efficient short-range wireless transmission schemes using adaptive coded modulation

• MIMO extensions