

Future Communication and Sensing Systems

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Future Trends Outlines

- > Near-field Communication for 6G
- > Joint radar comm
- > Task-based quantization
- > Automotive radar
- > Power Efficient Hardware















Near-Field Communication for 6G





Emerging Applications for 6G Communication

- > Fifth-Generation (5G) involves an increased scope of communication scale from within humans to among countless human beings, machines and things
- > The evolution from 5G to 6G will further fuse the digital worlds and real worlds
 - > Emerging new applications: Extended Reality, Holographic Video, Digital Replica, and Intelligent Transport and Logistics



Extended Reality

Holographic Video

Digital Replica

Intelligent Transport and Logistics

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Key Performance Indicators (KPI) of 6G



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Metasurface Antennas with Low-Bit ADCs

Users

- > Exploit analog precoding for task-based quantization
- > Frequency selectivity
- > Suitable for wideband signaling

Enables low-bit wireless communications



Signal Processing at BS

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Equivalent channel

DMA with reduced numbers of Radio Frequency (RF) chains

- > Reliably communicate with reduced numbers of Radio Frequency (RF) chains
- > Exploit inherent analog signal processing flexibility
- > Frequency-Selective Analog Beamforming





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Hybrid Reflecting and Sensing RIS (Reconfigurable Intelligent Surfaces)

- > Challenges
 - > No signal processing ability
 - > Only cascaded channel is available
 - > Large number of channel coefficients



Steered reflected beam

Phase sensed at the sampling waveguides

Simultaneous reflection

From Far-field Beam Steering





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Multi-User Wireless Power Transfer (WPT) Systems

- > Current wireless charging devices
 - > Inductive coupling or Electro magnetics
 - > Short distance
- > Near field RF charging
 - > Leveraging Near field and Beam focusing
 - > Extends the power distances
 - > Support of multi devices







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Energy Receive

z-axis [m]

(a) Single energy receiver located at the near-field region

Fnerov Receiver

0.8

III six

m sixe



Joint radar comm





Integrated Sensing and Communication

- Enabling many new technologies such as connected cities, connected vehicles, and remote health caring
- > Perceptive Networks: Sensing as a Service
 - > Sensing aided resource management
 - > Traffic monitoring
 - > Weather observation
 - > Human activity recognition
 - > Smart home and smart city applications









ISAC: Convergence of sensing and communication to efficiently utilize congested resources



Index Modulation for DFRC



- MAJoRCom: Multi-carrier Agile Joint Radar Communications
 - > Use only radar waveforms
 - > Embed information in the frequency and antenna allocation
- > SpaCoR: Spatial Modulation Based Communication-Radar
 - Orthogonal transmissions with distinct bands and antennas
 - > Toggle antenna selection
- > FRaC: FMCW-based joint radar-communications
 - Higher bit rate than MAJoRCom, through an extra level of phase modulation



FMCW-Based Joint Radar and Communications: Index Modulation

> Ma et al. 21

- > Based on FMCW modulation
 - Commercial automotive radars
- Eliminate the limitation of sampling rate
- Obtain acceptable performance of both radar and communications in a time-division mode

Higher bit rate than MAJoRCom, through an extra level of phase modulation



Range Velocity Map

Q Velocity[m/s





Duplex FRaC: FMCW-based joint radar-communications

Radar Waveform-Based DFRC System



Full-duplex DFRC System

- > Full-duplex spectral-spatial Index modulation
 - > Real-time Information sharing and detection
- > Low-cost commercial automotive radars



> Collaboration with the groups of Profs. Tianyao Huang





Task-based quantization





Task-Based Hardware-Limited Quantization

- Optimal quantization typically using vector quantizers
- > ADCs are usually serial scalar quantizers
- > Signals are often acquired for a task:
 - Channel estimation
 - Source localization...



Exploit task to reduce number of bits and simplify hardware



> Shlezinger, Eldar, Rodrigues 19-21

Task-based Quantization for Multi-user Implementation

- > Utilize task information
- > Combined system design
- > Quantizing the signal with lower bits
- > Reduces 16 MIMO receivers to 2 RF chains



Hardware Prototype







Jointly optimize as a task-based quantizer!



Automotive radar





Spectrum Sharing: Cognitive Radio + Radar

- > Find frequency white spaces to transmit communication signals
- > Use remaining spectrum for radar signals
- > Challenges:
 - > Fast and efficient spectrum sensing
 - > Transmit radar signals with limited bandwidth
- > Solution based on Sub-Nyquist sampling



Spectrum holes for communications





Radar With Unknown Pulse Shape

> Mulleti et. al 20



- In practice the pulse shape can be distorted and unknown
- We propose the use of multiple receivers (at least 2) to recover the targets and pulse
- > Each Rx operates at a sub-Nyquist rate

Signal recovery from samples at 10 times lower than Nyquist



Radar With Unknown Pulse Shape (Cont.)



Allows for low power, low BW radar detection in complicated settings like automotive radar

Lowpass filters for Rx

1 MHZ

100KHZ

100 KHZ

1 MHZ



Power Efficient Hardware





Timing Based Sensing

Change the information recorded!

Time encoding machine:

Event-driven sensing approach Quantizing timings



- No global clock is required:
 Low power consumption
- > Increasing the signal's amplitude
 - Decreases timing quantization dynamic range
 - Decreases required number of bits per sample







Reduce power and bits while leveraging low-cost, simple hardware

Timing Based Sensing implementation

> Naaman, Eldar 21

Only 21 samples were used for reconstruction









Timing Based Sensing Performance

ECG Input signal



Reconstructed signal



600

Decode methods



Comparison performance charts





Can We Go Beyond the Dynamic Range Barrier?

- > Dynamic range is defined as the difference between the maximum and minimum values of the displayed signal
- > How do we go beyond the dynamic range of a signal without clipping while maintaining resolution?
- > An example of a narrow vs. broad dynamic range in an ultrasound scan:



Modulo Sensing Can Go Beyond the Dynamic Range Barrier

- > Conventional sensors
 - Have a limited dynamic range clipped when exceeds the sensor amplitude limit
- > Known solutions:
 - Automatic Gain Control (AGC)
 - Adapt the signal amplitude to the sensing capabilities
 - Disadvantage:
 - Creates a momentarily clipping and reduces signal resolution







Modulo operation – fast adaptation to the signal

Clipping



Original

Folded





- > Our solution
 - Modulo sampling operation with faster improved dynamic range response
 - Advantage: Clipping prevention within an extended range

Modulo Sampling: Overcoming Dynamic Range Restrictions

- Transmission medium or processing devices have limited dynamic range
- > Clipping beyond dynamic range
- A modulo operation is used to limit dynamic range prior to transmission
- Signal structure e.g. correlation, sparsity, is used to recover the signal
- > Signal can be recovered robustly



> Bhandari, Krahmer, Poskitt 21> Romanov and Ordentlich 19> Azar, Mulleti, Eldar 22





