

Directing Techniques for High Frequency Antennas for Use in Next Generation Telecommunication Countries

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ABSTRACT

This work examines a number of beamforming techniques used for antennas operating at mmWave frequencies on high-frequency communications networks such as the fifth generation and beyond. Since mmWave has higher frequencies, it also provides far higher bandwidth and thus increased data rate and capacity. These advantages on the other hand are associated with disadvantages such as higher path loss and higher probability of obstruction. This work considers different forms of beamforming ; namely; analog, digital and hybrid for enhancing the quality of signals in systems using mmWave. Drawing out the pros and cons of the overall complexity, energy usage and efforts to maximize operational capabilities, we propose effective strategies for the various network conditions. Further, analysis of antenna placement, namely array configuration and element spacing, is provided in relation to actual beamforming effectiveness in practice, illustrating that various design factors cannot be overlooked. We use simulation and field trials to show that with recently proposed complex beamforming methods interferences can be handled and overall user experience is enhanced in highly dense urban settings. The studies show that it is possible to improve the performance of mmWave communication links, using adaptive beamforming techniques and machine learning, based on RSIs and CSI on the fly. The goal of this research is to contribute to the understanding of the imperatives of advanced beamforming techniques which are indispensable for the delivery of high speed, low latency new generation communication networks.

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INTRODUCTION

5G is on its way to spark a revolution in wireless communication and the future modification beamforming in 5G looks quite promising. As a result this emerged technique can enable directional signal transmission with less hindrances hence enhancing the network directed performances. Using mmWave frequencies, 5G systems can attain even higher speeds and low delay and will dramatically affect how we interface and interact in society and business today. As with 5G networks as they are currently being developed, beamforming is often used to address issues linked with communication at high frequencies. In this article, the author examines the basics of beamforming before discussing various forms including the current popular digital and/or analog, as well as hybrid. It also analyses the incorporation of

massive MIMO technology and its effects on the energy efficiency as well as the use of CSI into enhancing performance. Moreover, it analyses the practical issues that these base stations encounter while deploying such innovative systems and gives an insight on the difficulties of practicing beamforming techniques.^[1-2]

5G NR MMWAVE BANDS

5G technology has opened the new wireless communication system, and the mmWave bands are used very effectively for high data rates and huge capacities. These FR2 bands range from 24.25 GHz to 52.6 GHz, which are much higher compared to the previous generation FR1 bands, and provide higher efficiency than the previous generation bands.

24-28 GHz

The range 24-28 GHz has recently attracted a lot of attention within the context of 5G, with several key bands identified within this frequency spectrum. Specific bands include band n258, which is used in Europe and China at the range of 24.25-27.5 GHz and band n257 that is used in Japan, North America and South Korea in the range of 26.5-29.5 GHz. Further, band n261 that is a part of n257 is within a range of 27.5 to 28.35 GHz mainly for 39 GHz band operations in the USA. These bands come with channel bandwidths of 50, 100, 200, and 400 MHz for provision of high capacity services and high frequency reuse. Specifically innocent use band has been tried and tested with considerable popularity particularly 28 GHz band due to existing spectrum availability and potential of 28 GHz band for alignment at the global level.

37-40 GHz

The 37-40 GHz range, included in the band n260 is one of the most defined bands in the FR2 range. This band has attracted much attention particularly in United States 33 companies have established networks using this spectrum. Scheduled for this range by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC), Upper Microwave Flexible Use Service, new and diverse 5G applications emerge. Band n260 used in TDD mode having an operating band within 37,000 to 40,000 Mhz. Specifically this band is appropriate for short range transmission at high data rates and thus may contain relatively high traffic density areas as well as given specialized high capacity services.

64-71 GHz

The 64-71 GHz band is one of the promising ones in the mmWave range because this range is intended for unlicensed operation in several countries, including the USA and the UK. This decision increases the continuity for fixed applications, particularly when considered along side the previously unlicensed 57-64 GHz band.^[3-4] (Figure 1).

This large unlicensed spectrum may foster creation of numerous unique applications, while physically providing high speed wireless links connectivity and throughput. It also propose a solution to address spectrum crowding problem in the carrier networks since it allows mobile data traffic to be off loaded in Wi-Fi and other unlicensed links. Notably, the 64-71 GHz band has lower attenuation by the atmosphere than the lower frequency unlicensed bands. It directly leads to greatly increased link distances that in turn enables new Dense Wireless IoT applications in suburban and sub-urban settings, mass transport systems, and wide-area smart city use-cases. It is clearly evident that as 5G network further develops, these mmWave bands will serve an important part in providing ultra fast and very low latency connectivity that the next generation wireless technology has to offer. However, the utilisation of such a high frequency band presents its own disadvantages major of which are the restricted coverage signals and vulnerability of the signal to the existence of barriers in form of barriers. It is proposed that the above challenges must be addressed to enable the deployment of full potential of mmWave technology in 5G systems.^[5]

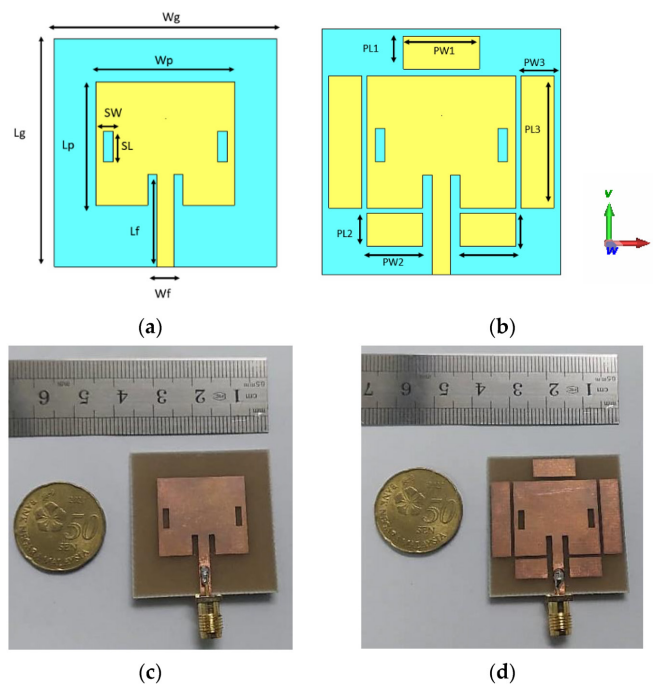


Fig. 1. Next-Gen Communication: Beamforming in 5G mmWave Systems

Beamforming Fundamentals

Beamforming is one of the essential signal processing methods that are central to the functioning of the 5G mmWave system. It entails the use of a number of antenna arrays at the transmit or receive end to transmit or receive several signals from the desired terminal, and hence improves the capacity and performance of a system. This enhanced technique is useful for providing directional signal transmission, thereby enhancing the network speed and reliability.

Spatial Selectivity

Additionally, one of the significant attributes of beamforming is that has the appearance of selectivity in space. An antenna element can be setup in an organized array which steers beams towards a given direction while leaving other directions ignored. That spatial selectivity becomes more critical in 5G mmWave systems to avoid rapid path loss and interferences which are prevalent at high frequencies. The primary goal of transmit beamforming is to enhance signal power received by each user and at the same time suppress interference from other users. This is done by having all the transmitters to broadcast the same signal, but with different levels of intensities and phases. Consequently, beamforming facilitates the establishment of a directional link between the base station and the user by different array beams.^[6]

Array Gain

Splitting also owns high array gains over beamforming, which playing a vital role to overcome the issues related with the mmWave frequencies. This amplifies the signal strength in the direction of the receiving antenna hence helping to improve the general link quality, this is made available by beamforming. This is especially applicable in the 5G systems because higher frequency bands are characterised by high level of signal attenuation. Array gain is proportional to the total number of antennas incorporated in the data collection system. In massive MIMO configurations that are used in most of the 5G networks, the number of antenna element is usually so high as to yield an even higher array gain. It will mean that, for the same perceived signal power, less transmit power is needed at each of the antenna elements, and therefore it will mean an increase in energy efficiency.

Interference Mitigation

A notable feature about beamforming in the 5G mmWave networks is self-interference suppression. Signal interference can be minimized through beamforming by

directing the energy from the desired signal in specific directions in order to increase total SINR. What adaptive beamforming does is that it builds on this by actively changing the antenna array pattern to include nulls in the direction of the interference sources. This makes it possible that the system will work optimally under different interferer scenarios is especially essential because of the intensity of users and base station in urban areas. Given the points detailed above, spatial selectivity, array gain, and interference mitigation, beams form are critical in 5G mmWave systems. It facilitates operating with higher frequency bands, increases the number of signals per unit of frequency and the system parameters in general. In coming years as the 5G networks expand, the beamforming will be critical solutions in achieving the intended high-speed, low latency 5G wireless networks.^[7]

DIGITAL BEAMFORMING

Select multiple input and multiple output, digital beamforming as an important development in the 5G technology, flexibility and precise operation processing. This technique extends digitization closer to the antenna elements, shift beamforming procedures to the digital stage and offers considerable advantages in each reconfigurability and performance.^[8]

Baseband Processing

In digital beamforming, RF signals to and from each antenna element go through independent RF paths coupled with separate digital to analog as well as analog to digital converters. Such architecture permits gain and phase control for each spatial sample within the base band before up-conversion at the transmitter side or in the down-conversion at the receiver end. The baseband processing in DBF allows complex mathematical algorithms to be used with great deal of flexibility. For example, it enables generation of numerous spatial streams at once to support spatial multiplexing. That precoders mounted more developed algorithms are able to form multiple beams and support multiuser communications which are essential for 5G base stations. This is normally done through what is called matrix multiplication in digital space, akin to Singular Value Decomposition (SVD) acumen. In addition, digital beamforming is remarkably influential in energy consumption aspects in 5G systems. What DBF does is it gives exactly the control necessary to steer the beam in a particular direction thus increasing the signal strength in particular directions while making it zero in undesired directions in order to minimize interference. This capability increases the SelectionMode, which in

turn the improves the Signal to Interference plus Noise Ratio (SINR) thus improving the energy efficiency of the network.

Flexibility

Consequently, the digital beamforming approach has many benefits such as ease of implementation as well as high flexibility. Contrary to the case with analog systems, fine tuning beam patterns in a DBF is not a matter of altering the physical design of waves but of updating software. This adaptability is particularly important for 5G mmWave systems because the ability to change the system parameters in response to dynamic network conditions is important. It also works well with wideband signals as it is with narrow bandwidths signals and frequency hopping patterns. For large bandwidths, it selects suitable weights in frequency-selective circumstances. This capability enhances spectral efficiency by permitting operation over a number of signal bandwidths without incurring the effects of beam squint which refers to change in beam pattern with operating frequency.

system is able to learn the kind of beambook needed to offer the needed coverage within a particular cell. Performances of such flexibility vary based on the mode of installation, irrespective of whether in well-wooded areas or amidst buildings, at street levels or more spread out grounds.

Hardware Complexity

Although digital beamforming provides many benefits, it has also been found to introduce additional hardware complexity. The ability to use individual RF chains, DACs, and ADCs per antenna element can create a more complex and possibly more power hungry system especially at high mmWave frequencies where numbers in the hundreds of antenna elements can be implemented. One of the major first-generation challenges is high hardware complexity which can be evident in the requirements of efficient ADCs and DACs working at multi-GHz clock rates. These components are not only complex but also power sensitive, it means that 5G base station design can face the problem of power consumption. More over, the cost of the digital beamforming is proportional to the size of the antenna array. This may need more than a specialized ASIC, perhaps FPGAs or even general-purpose microprocessors that are commercially available. Timing requirements of these high throughput digital circuits are also very critical with little tolerance in critical applications. However, the issues identified ought to be handled with the digital beamforming advantages that include versatility, accuracy, and ability to implement complicated cases to be a greatly beneficial technology towards developing the 5G mmWave systems. I believe that as the hardware capabilities advances and the power consumption is managed that digital beamforming shall continue to be widely deployed in 5G and the generations to follow.

ANALOG BEAMFORMING

Analog beamforming is therefore a basic workhorse for achieving precoding in 5G mmWave systems to strike a balance between performance and complexity. This technique is as old as the first beamforming techniques, but has become essential in current wireless communications.

RF Phase Shifters

RF phase shifters, which are the key components for implementation of analog beamforming itself, are examined in depth. These devices add particular phase shifts to the signals supplied to each antenna component in an array. With these phase shifts, the system can point the beam towards the direction that is required for

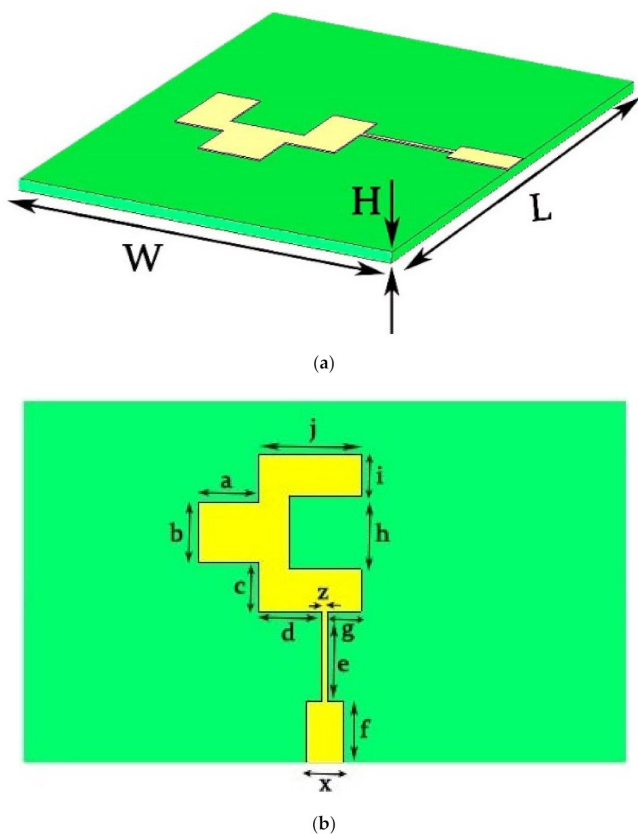


Fig. 2. Digital Beamforming

In addition, DBF systems have the ability to make adaptive real-time tilting according to CSI. This enables what is known as adaptive beamforming, where the

focusing the signal energy towards the intended user. In a conventional analog beamforming system, one RF chain is connected by a network of phase shifters to a plurality of antenna elements. The baseband signal is converted to analog through using a Digital to Analog Converter (DAC) before up-conversion to carrier frequency for instance 28GHz for mmWave. This signal is then divided in two and sent to the phase shifters for each individual antenna element which forms the array. The phase shifters used in 5G systems can be mainly digital which also enables beam forming in the adaptive way. Nevertheless, the resolution of such phase shifts is often relatively low and therefore may distort precise formation of beams. For example, 2-bit, 3-bit and 4-bit phase shifters are known to be used, possessing the trade off between power and complexity.

Low Complexity

This makes analog beamforming a less complex process than its digital relative, and it owes much of these benefits to being an early precursor of the current beamforming strategies. This characteristic makes it particularly appealing for mmWave systems, in which hundreds of antenna components may be used. In the analog beamformer, the ADC/DAC and only one RF chain are needed regardless of the number of antenna elements present. This greatly reduces the overall power consumption and thus the cost of the system, which benefits from it especially in 5G base station level deployments. One final advantage attributed to analog beamforming is that it has a simplified computation complexity. The beamforming weights are normally determined in the digital using specific DSP algorithms and then implemented analogically. It has long been used to offload real-time processing demands from the system, also contributing to more efficient energy use.

Limited Flexibility

Although, like with other types of beamforming, the consequences of using it are relatively advantageous concerning complexity and power utilization, this type is generally not as flexible as other types. This is one of the chief difficulties: it proves difficult to create complex beam patterns especially for multiuser systems.

Analog beamforming systems are typically confined simply to processing one data stream and creating one signal beam at a time. This can be a major limitation in 5G network where the network tends to employ multiple beams to define a user base. Furthermore, fine tuning of the beams is constrained by the coarseness in quantized phase shift. This can be inconvenient when it is necessary to model exact nulls in particular directions or to adapt

rapidly for changing channel conditions. Therefore, while analog beamforming solution may not achieve the same levels of interference management as highly developed digital beamforming solutions in their arsenal. Another limitation is that performances of RF phase shifters may be affected by losses and distortions. These imperfections can affect the BER/OSR performances of the beamforming, which affects the overall SINR associated with the beamforming. However, analog beamforming is still valuable in 5G mmWave systems especially when the costs and power consumption are big issues. Its suitability to offer directional transmission and/or reception using straightforward equipment makes it a useful solution within the 5G kit whenever implemented together with the other methods in hybrid beamforming system designs.

HYBRID BEAMFORMING

HBF has become an appealing idea as a proper trade-off between DBF and ABF in the next generation of mmWave systems: 5G. Since millimeter wave bands are high frequency bands, they present certain difficulties; this hybrid method adopts the superior features of both the direct and indirect photonic methods in an attempt to overcome these difficulties.

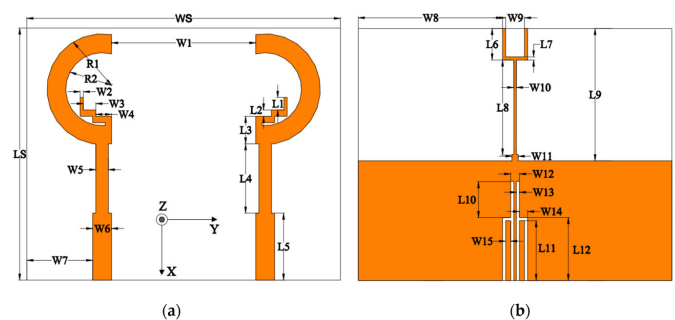


Fig. 3. Hybrid Beamforming

1.1 Architecture Overview

The hybrid beamforming architecture typically consists of two stages: an analog beamforming stage, and then succeeded by a digital beamforming stage. In this configuration a large antenna array is partitioned into several sub-arrays which are connected to their individual RF link. While the analog beamforming is utilized to strike phase shifters within each subarray, the digital beamforming is utilized between the subarrays. This two hierarchical operation scheme can greatly decrease the amount of RF chain, as well as the ADC/DAC which compare with fully digital beamforming, it reduces the cost and computational complexity and power consumption. For example, if the HOA was based on a 32x32 element array, using 2x2 subarrays

would generate 256 subarrays with a half-power beamwidth of about 50.8° . This can then be followed by digital beamforming to generate several sub narrow beams within each subarray's FOV. Performance vs. complexity typically consists of two stages: an analog beamforming stage followed by a digital beamforming stage. In this setup, a large antenna array is divided into several subarrays, each connected to its own RF chain. The analog beamforming is performed within each subarray using phase shifters, while digital beamforming is applied across the subarrays. This two-stage approach allows for a reduction in the number of RF chains and ADC/DACs compared to fully digital beamforming, resulting in lower cost, computational load, and power consumption. For instance, in a 32×32 element array, using 2×2 subarrays would result in 256 subarrays, each with a half-power beamwidth of approximately 50.8° . Digital beamforming can then create multiple narrow beams within each subarray's field of view.

Performance-Complexity Tradeoff

Compared with other architectures, hybrid beamforming presents a very attractive balance between performance and system complexity. It does not afford the same degree of program control as full digital beam forming, but can provide much better spectral efficiency and multi user capability than pure analog beamforming. A primary benefit of hybrid beamforming is that it can in theory, support multiple spatial streams, but always not more than the number of RF chains. This capability provides spatial multiplexing with high frequency by which the base station can support multiple users and increase overall system capacity. Nevertheless, there are some constraints that are associated with hybrid beamforming. This structure creates limitations in beamforming direction since all digital beams have to be within the FOV of the analog subarray pattern. Furthermore, when digital beams are scanned at a given angle from the axis of the analog beam, phase errors that produce distorted side lobes and possible grating lobes are encountered.

Design Considerations

The use of the received signals to form nominal beam direction is possible through hybrid beamforming in 5G mmWave systems. It is also a decision between fully connected neural network and partially connected neural network, depending of the hardware requirements and the performance. While operating in full connected structure, where each RF chain is connected to every antenna, somewhat higher performance can be attained at the cost of complexity. While partially connected structures are less complex than fully-connected structures they can sometimes give poor performances (Table 1).

Another important topic that has to be defined is the design of hybrid beamforming algorithms. These algorithms must necessarily coordinate the analog and digital beamforming weight vectors to optimize system performance. Iterative approaches such as alternating optimization, manifold optimization as well as Orthogonal Matching Pursuit (OMP) has been developed to handle with the non-convex optimization problem. Time varying information about the state of the channel is known as the CSI and is highly relevant in the design of hybrid beamforming techniques. Good CSI is critical to computing Beamforming weights and thereby realizing high SINR. Still, it is difficult to obtain accurate CSI in mmWave systems because of several antennas and high radio path loss. Hence, effective CSI acquisition methods, for example, the beam sweeping process and channel estimation based on synchronization signals can act as the foundation of efficient hybrid beamforming techniques. Energy efficiency is another factor that has been considered while designing the hybrid beamforming solutions. Hybrid beamforming schemes are theoretically known to require fewer RF chains and ADC/DACs which reduces the power consumption of the network compared to fully digital systems. This is especially true for base stations with 5G networks that are associated with large amounts of OPEX due to energy consumption. In recent years, while 5G networks develop, hybrid beamforming seems to be a favourable technology to

Table 1. Antenna Design for IoT Applications

Antenna Type	Size (mm)	Frequency Range	Power Consumption	Use Cases
Chip Antenna	2 x 1 x 0.5	2.4 GHz, 5 GHz	Low	Wearables, smart devices
PCB Antenna	15 x 7	2.4 GHz	Very Low	IoT Sensors, smart meters
Helical Antenna	25 x 10	433 MHz	Low	Asset tracking, RFID
PIFA (Planar Inverted-F)	10 x 5	700 MHz - 3 GHz	Low	Mobile devices, Wi-Fi routers
Flexible Antenna	Varies	2.4 GHz, 5 GHz	Very Low	Wearables, medical devices

utilize the capability of mmWave frequencies without sacrificing the performance, which also consider complexity and energy consumption. Another factor that makes it suitable for enabling next generation wireless communications depends with the fact that it can easily integrate with many deployment strategies and supports multi user interfaces.

MASSIVE MIMO INTEGRATION

The incorporation of large scale Multiple-Input Multiple-Output (MIMO) technology in the 5G systems is a remarkable advancement in wireless communication technology. This state-of-art Proactive BA includes a technology of large scale antenna to increase beamforming gain, propose channel hardening and upsurge energy efficient.

Large-Scale Antenna Systems

Massive MIMO systems use a large number of antennas at the base station many times more than there are user terminals in the system. This asymmetry enables the use of what are normally referred to as linear processing techniques in both uplink and downlink channels. Appreciable antenna arrays allow the formation of thin cones that direct the signal directly to the targeted users and strictly avoid unnecessary disturbances. As a result of the small wavelength of oscillations in 5G mmWave systems, it becomes possible to fit a great number of antenna in a limited space. This characteristic is very useful as much transmit and receive gains are obtained as a means of mitigating for the high path loss typical of mmWave frequencies. The inherent capability of creating a number of narrow beams at the same time enhances the possibility of having many users in the same time-frequency resource and hence amplifying the spectral efficiency.

Channel Hardening

Another interesting feature of massive MIMO systems, which is considered further, is channel hardening. This effect happens when the number of antennas at the base station increases significantly to say n making the effective channel appear less of a fading channel. Consequently, the small scale fadings that affects wireless communications in general are greatly minimized. Channel hardening has several important implications for 5G systems:

1. Improved reliability: The less probabilistic character of the channel results in higher channel predictability and lower delay.
2. Simplified scheduling: The necessity of the complex user scheduling as a function of channel conditions is eliminated.

3. Reduced CSI overhead: User terminals may not have to learn CSI at a per-sample level for signal detection and may not require pilot transmissions in the downlink.

Energy Efficiency

As noted, the employ of large-scale antennas in Massive MIMO systems brings significant benefits in terms of power efficiency, another key aspect in the deployment of 5G networks. The performance of a massive MIMO system can be usually quantified in the number of bits transmitted per joule of energy consumption. Several factors contribute to the enhanced energy efficiency of massive MIMO systems:

1. Focused energy transmission: With beamforming, signal energy can be directed toward intended users; hence, minimizing wasted power.
2. Reduced transmit power: The use of an array gain resulting from several antennas means that the transmit power per antenna is lower while the signal to interference plus noise density is constant at the receiver.
3. Simplified signal processing: Indeed, the channel hardening effect means that lower complexity processing can be used, perhaps at the cost of burdening the base station with higher computation requirements.

Nonetheless there are consequences of increasing the number of antennas, and one of them is that the circuit power consumption also increases. Hence, there is the need to tradeoff between the number of antennas, the number of users to support and the energy consumption of RF chains and baseband processors in order to enhance energy efficiency in the massive MIMO system. Accordingly, this research showed that incorporation of massive MIMO in 5G systems proffers a host of improvements in wireless communication networks. Which enable better beamforming, better channel hardening, as well as better energy characteristics in large-scale antenna systems these networks. In the future advancement of 5G network, the role of massive MIMO will be very important in satisfying the increasing need for high data rate, low latency and energy efficiency in wireless communication.

PRACTICAL DEPLOYMENT CHALLENGES

Despite the attractive characteristics of 5G mmWave systems, there are numerous issues that need to be solved for this technology became one of the foundational elements of the new-generation wireless networks.

These challenges are due to the nature of mmWave frequencies and the difficulties of adapting innovative beamforming methods in practical environments.

Beam Alignment

The main issues related to the 5G mmWave are associated with the problem of beam alignment. A feature of mmWave communications is that highly directional antennas are employed, and this means that very accurate alignment between the transmitter and the receiver process incurs much overhead which may affect the first access, hand over and tracking in the network. Hence essential beam alignment techniques are used to create good links. This paper demonstrates that the actual alignment choices for beams directly affect mmWave communication. With the development of 5G networks various research has been carried out on the different beam training methods for increasing this aspect of the system’s performance. The difficulty of aiming the beams is exacerbated by the fact that mobile environments are also very dynamic. The propagation direction of the beam is optimal for users who are at a certain distance, while users in motion trigger the need for adjustments after a short time. This requires constant realignment and if not well managed it results to increased latency and less throughput.

Mobility Support

Another great concern is how to provide mobility support for users in mmWave systems. Due to the use of high frequencies in mmWave communications, the signals stop easily and have a poor penetration power. This characteristic explains why it is difficult to achieve a consistent coverage for mobile users (Table 2).

In areas of high expected deployment of the mmWave technology such as high traffic urban areas, mobility causes frequent handover between small cells and this in turn leads to the added overhead of signaling and possible service interruption. As a result of this, network operators are considering dynamic multi-connectivity networks and load sensitive cell attachment approaches for access by the mobile users. This paper demonstrates

that user mobility significantly affects mmWave system performance. Under high mobility, for example in high speed railway environment, the change in channel conditions brings about negative impacts to the throughput. This involves the need of establishing strong channel models and higher order effective beamforming techniques capable of responding to the changes in environment rapidly.

Coverage and Capacity

Whereas mmWave offer far greater bandwidth and capacity advantage, the coverage aspects are less appealing. The path loss that is commonly attributed to mmWave signals reduces the coverage distance which only allows a denser base stations and small cell. In order to provide the required coverage, the operators are challenged with the process of installing large number of small cells in densely packed manner. While this densification directly contributes to increasing the costs associated with the network deployment, it also comes with unique challenges that are associated with interference, and backhaul connectivity. The adoption of the large scale MIMO with beamforming capability have come out as important solutions for compensation of lack of coverage and capacity in mmWave systems. These advanced antenna systems offer greater and directional beamforming, and increase signal throughput and SINR (Signal to Interference plus Noise Ratio). Nevertheless, deployment of massive MIMO in mmWave systems have other features that are challenging as well. Many antenna elements lead to a need for intricate signal processing algorithms and present challenges as far as CSI acquisition and reporting are concerned. In response to these challenges, solution including hybrid beamforming architectures which integrate analog and digital beamforming are currently under investigation by researchers and technologists. The above approaches are focused at achieving near optimal performance at reasonable hardware costs so that mmWave system becomes viable for large scale use. With the further development of 5G solutions, it would be critical for the implementation of the mentioned challenges to achieve the potential of mmWave and successfully implement

Table 2. Antenna Array Configurations

Array Type	Configuration	Key Features	Applications
Linear Array	Antennas arranged in a straight line	Simple, narrow beam	Radar, communication towers
Planar Array	2D grid arrangement	Wider coverage	Satellite communication
Circular Array	Antennas arranged in a circle	Omnidirectional	Broadcasting
Phased Array	Beamforming through phase shifting	Electronically steerable	5G, military applications
Conformal Array	Follows a curved surface	Adaptive, versatile	Airborne radar, spacecraft

the aim of high-speed low-latency connections for new generation applications.

CONCLUSION

Beamforming that has emerged in 5G mmWave systems has a great effect on the further evolution of wireless communication. This means that it allows for tailored signal broadcasting, improves network throughput, and conserves power. The combination of new technologies such as massive MIMO with digital, analog and hybrid beam forming methodologies provide new ways to delivers high speed and low latency connections. All these advancements are important to cater to the emerging requirements demanded by new generation applications and services. However, the journey to achieve full realization of 5G mmWave systems is not an easy one. There are challenges like beam alignment, mobility support or coverage optimization that need to be solved in order to make the best out of this one. While researchers and industry specialists pursue novel methods of utilizing mmWave frequency in 5G networks, the capabilities of those frequencies becomes more evident. These challenges will continue to be worked out to determine the future of the wireless environment and to actualize the prospects of 5G.

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