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Requirements

- Cooperative relaying for higher throughput and link robustness
 - Relay resources such as time-slots and subcarriers can be saved
 - Better performance is expected because of the higher SNR
- MS specification is not changed
- Little update in BS



Cooperative Relaying

- Original signal is received by several RSs, and forwarded to the destination through different paths
 - Share the same radio resource
 - Therefore multiple synchronized and orthogonal transmissions
- Cooperative relaying provides
 - Better BER performance due to spatial diversity
 - Higher efficiency due to spatial multiplexing



Method 1: Interleaving-based Macroscopic MIMO

- RS-specific interleaving is added after FEC block
 - Interleavers are used for RS separation
 - RS forward certain parts of information after its own specific interleaving
 - Macroscopic spatial diversity and multiplexing are alternative respectively for
 - Either better BER performance
 - Or saving relaying resources such as time-slots and sub-channels

Method 1: Interleaving-based Macroscopic MIMO

- Information bits are detected and decoded hop-by-hop, and then regenerated and retransmitted to the next with specific interleaving
- Macroscopic MIMO processing is performed hop by hop
 - For spatial diversity, copies of the same packet are retransmitted from multiple RSs simultaneously and soft combining is used for diversity gain
 - For spatial multiplexing, different packets or different parts of the same packet are relayed from several RSs simultaneously



Features of interleaving-based macroscopic MIMO

- Good performance
 - Better BER performance
 - Spatial diversity or multiplexing alternative
 - Robust to near-far problem
 - Loose requirements of power balance and synchronization due to joint detection
- Lower computational complexity
 - No matrix operations, i.e., inverse and multiplication
 - Lower interaction overheads
- Simple RS design
 - Only an additional RS-specific bit-level interleaver required in each RS

Method 2: Macroscopic STC/SFC MIMO

- Macroscopic STC/SFC for potential spatial diversity
 - Macroscopic STC/SFC over different RSs or traditional STC over single RS are alternative according to the scattering environments
 - The setup of macro-STC is up to the interaction between BS and RSs
 - Power control/balancing is expected to avoid the near-far problem
- Maximum ratio combining (MRC) at BS for receive diversity
- MS and BS are interchangeable in the above figure



Features of Macroscopic STC/SFC MIMO

- Low complexity and high compatibility
 - Similar to the traditional STC, e.g. Alamouti Code
 - No significant modification is required in PHY of BS
- Good performance is expected due to spatial diversity, but no spatial multiplexing is available
- Strict synchronization and power balance between cooperative RSs are required
- Diversity measurement is expected in BS for selection between macroscopic or traditional STC/SFC
- Simple RS design

Summary

- Macroscopic MIMO is one of the main features of cooperative relaying
- 2 approaches of cooperative relaying are proposed
 - Interleaving-based macroscopic MIMO
 - Macroscopic STBC MIMO
- Interleaving-based macroscopic MIMO
 - Good performance due to joint detection
 - Spatial diversity and multiplexing are alternative and available
 - Multi-hop cooperative relaying can be implemented easily
- Macroscopic STBC MIMO
 - Spatial diversity is expected, but no spatial multiplexing is available
 - No significant modification of PHY of BS is required
 - Strict requirements on multi-RS synchronization and power balance