Can New Physical Layer Approaches Enable Massive Resource Sharing?

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According to Global Mobile Data Traffic Forecasts:

- Almost half a billion (429 million) mobile devices and connections were added in 2016
- Globally, there were 325 million wearable devices (a sub-segment of the machine-tomachine [M2M] category) in 2016
- There will be **11.6 billion mobile**-connected devices **by 2021**, including M2M modules exceeding the world's projected population at that time (7.8 billion)

We need to support these devices despite the actual limited "resources"

Form "Orthogonal" to "Non-Orthogonal" Transmission





SE-FDM

There is a need to **revisit** the **Maximum-Likelihood d**etection problem

The Need for Parallelization





"Overloading-factor" of 2.2 without any specific non-orthogonal multiple access scheme

Simulations utilize the 5G close-in (CI) free space reference distance model with a path loss exponent α =2.8 and a shadowing standard deviation of σ =8.3 (urban microcell, NLOS). The UEs transmit with a TX-power of 0dBm.

Based on: C. Jayawardena and K. Nikitopoulos "Massively Parallel Detection for Non-Orthogonal Signal Transmissions" in IEEE Globecom ET5GB workshop 2018

Low-Latency and Highly Reliable Transmission



- Generalized Space-Time Super-Modulation (GSTM) enables highly-reliable, one-shot transmission without any needing for headers.
- By exploiting the spatial and temporal domains it can transmit an additional low-rate and highly reliable information stream by super modulating (SM) information on top of traditionally encoded sequences.



* With N_r=10, no error has been observed for super-modulated bits when transmitting 10^5 information packets * 2 x N_r Rayleigh channel, conventional information is BPSK modulated

F. Mehran and K. Nikitopoulos, "Generalized space-time super-modulation for headerless grant-free rateless multiple access," IEEE Globecom 2018



Achievable sum-rate in "Multi-User Environment with Two-Colliding Users" (GSTSM, with rateless coding and **K=200**, and **9 ID bits**) GSTSM with N_r=10 can provide nearly optimal rates

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- New Physical Layer approaches have the potential to enable extreme resource sharing
- **Parallelization** and **algorithmic-architecture co-design** is likely to play a significant role in future networks (i.e., use communication theory in conjugation to hardware design)
- Elastic Approximate Computing methods that massively parallelize the fundamental maximum likelihood detection problem, are promising candidates in order to break the the walls imposed by hardware limitations, and to give rise to new, more efficient, non-orthogonal, transmission approaches