Analysis of Antenna Selection in Two-way Relaying MIMO Systems with CPM Modulation

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Abstract

Up to now, many state-of-arts have been proposed for two-way relaying system with linear modulations. The performances of antenna selection (AS) at both transmit and relay nodes need to be investigated in some two-way relaying multiple-input multiple-output (TWRM) systems. In this paper, the goal is focused on the study of nonlinear modulations, i.e., continuous phase modulation (CPM) in TWRM systems. Firstly, the joint phase trellis are simplified by reversed Rimoldi processing so as to reduce the systems’ complexity. Then the performances of joint transmit and receive antenna selection (JTRAS) with CPM modulations in two-way relaying MIMO systems are analyzed. More exactly, the pair wise probability (PEP) is used to evaluate the error performance based on the CPM signal matrix, which is calculated in terms of Laurent expression. Since the channels subject to two terminal nodes share common antennas at relay node R in multiple-access scheme, we revise the JTRAS algorithm and compare it to existing algorithm via simulation. Finally, the error performances for various schemes of antenna selection are simulated and compared to the analysis in this paper.

Keywords: Two-way Relaying Multiple-input Multiple-output, Continuous Phase Modulation, Joint Transmit, Receive Antenna Selection
1. Introduction

Since put forward in 2000 [1], Network coding (NC) has received a lot of attention because it can enlarge the throughput by exploiting a max-flow min-cut bound in a multicast system [2]. Although it was aimed at network layer in internet technology originally, it is applied to wireless communication now [3-11]. Using the physical-layer network coding (PLNC) protocol, two terminals transmit simultaneously through multiple access channel (MAC) [5]. There are two ways of PNC in implementation: one way is to use the relay to amplify and forward the received signal from the terminals without demodulation and decoding (ANC) [3]. The other is to employ the relay to demodulate and decode the received signal and then broadcast its estimate of the network codeword [4], i.e. digital network coding (DNC). As the noise may be amplified by the relay when ANC is used, DNC can offer better performance than ANC under many channel conditions.

The typical wireless network employing NC is the two-way or bidirectional relay channel, which is a three-terminal network with two source nodes A, B and one relay R. The working mode is under a half-duplex constraint, and there is no direct link in the multi-access (MA) scheme. The modulation method is one of the most challenging issues for the PLNC systems. In fact, most of previous literatures focus on the linear modulation methods, such as PSK, PAM and QAM [6-11], which may not be the best option for power strictly limited PLNC wireless communications. In [12], Yu et al, investigated 2FSK and M-FSK in PLNC wireless communications, and drew comparisons between PSK, QAM and FSK. To exploit the phase continuity in decoding, a joint CPFSK modulation and PLNC was proposed in two-way relay systems [13].

Continuous phase modulation (CPM) is a charming technology with constant envelope and phase continuity. Because of its constant envelope, it is more suitable for low-cost nonlinear power amplifier, and its phase continuity makes its bandwidth more compact. Due to its advantages, CPM signal has practical importance in satellite and ground communication. In particular, one of its subcategories, GMSK, is well suited for GSM and DECT standards. However, the detection method proposed in [13] should bring high complexity at relay node R due to the joint phase trellis of CPFSK signal. On the other hand, multiple input multiple output (MIMO) can significantly provide apparent reliability in multipath fading channels. Therefore, some two-way relaying MIMO systems have been introduced and analysed recently [14-16]. Among them, an MIMO-PLNC scheme is originally proposed as a network-coded form by the summation and difference of the two source signals [14]. It is worth noting that the deployment of multiple antennas will bring comparable cost of multiple RF chains in implementation. To alleviate the problem, a technique known as antenna selection (AS) is considered to be a promising solution. To our knowledge, most two-way relaying MIMO systems focus on one-sided antenna selection, e.g. transmit antenna selection [17], relay antenna selection [18], or both of them [19].

In view of the above problems, the contributions of this paper lie in: firstly, we simplify the joint phase trellis by reversed Rimoldi processing so as to reduce the systems’ complexity. Secondly, we derive the error performances of CPM modulation in two-way relaying MIMO systems. Thirdly, we evaluate the performance of joint transmit and receive antenna selection (JTRAS) with CPM modulations in two-way relaying MIMO systems. Since the channels subject to two terminal nodes share common antennas at relay node R in MAC scheme, we revise the JTRAS algorithm and compare it to existing algorithm via simulation.
The rest of the paper is arranged as follows: section II describes the system model, and proposes a novel detection method using simplified joint trellis combining. In section III, the performances of frame error rate (FER) and outage probability (OP) are analysed. Further, the criteria of antenna selection at nodes A, B and R are introduced for five cases. Especially, an improved algorithm is proposed for JTRAS in this system. In section IV, simulations are presented and analysed. Finally, section V gives the conclusion.

Some notations are used to avoid confusion. In the manuscript, \( j = \sqrt{-1} \) represents an imaginary number. Unless otherwise specified, bold letters are denoted as vectors or matrices. \( (\oplus) \) represents exclusive OR between two logic numbers. Superscripts \( (\ast), (^T) \) and \( (^H) \) are denoted as matrix conjugate, matrix transpose and conjugate transpose. In addition to these, \(||\cdot|||\) is the Euclidian vector norm.

2. System Model

The two-way relaying MIMO system with CPM modulation is described in Fig. 1. The nodes A, B and R are equipped with \( N_A, N_B, N_R \) antennas respectively. In the first stage, two terminal nodes (A and B) simultaneously transmit CPM signals to relay R, i.e. multi-access (MA) scheme. At the second stage, the relay R broadcasts CPM signal to the two nodes A and B. In this paper, we focus on the former stage, i.e. multiple-access (MA) stage. Owing to channel state estimation, the TAS strategy can be available employed to improve the error performance. At MA stage, terminal node A selects \( n_A \) from \( N_A \) antennas, and terminal node B selects \( n_B \) from \( N_B \) antennas. It is assumed that the channel state information (CSI) remains constant within one frame. The quasi-static channel from user \( m \) to relay \( R \) can be expressed as an \( N_R \times N_m \) matrix \( H_m \)

\[
H_m = \begin{bmatrix}
    h_{1,1} & h_{1,2} & L & h_{1,N_m} \\
    h_{2,1} & h_{2,2} & L & h_{2,N_m} \\
    M & M & O & M \\
    h_{N_A,1} & h_{N_A,2} & L & h_{N_A,N_m}
\end{bmatrix}
\]

(1)

Where the entries of \( H_m \) are independent and identically distributed (i.i.d), \( n_A \in \{1,2,\cdots,N_A\} \), \( n_B \in \{1,2,\cdots,N_B\} \), \( m \in \{A, B\} \).

The superimposed signals at the relay node R can be written as

\[
R = H_A s_A + H_B s_B + w_R
\]

(2)

Where \( s_A = (s_{A1},s_{A2},\cdots,s_{A_{N_A}}) \), \( s_B = (s_{B1},s_{B2},\cdots,s_{B_{N_B}}) \), \( R = (r_1,r_2,\cdots,r_{N_R}) \), \( w_R \) represents the added white Gaussian noise (AWGN) with variance \( 2N_0 \).
The complex form for baseband CPM signal can be given as [20]

$$s(t; \bar{D}) = \sqrt{E_s} \exp\left[j\left(\varphi(t; \bar{D}) + \theta_0\right)\right]$$

(3)

and

$$\varphi(t; \bar{D}) = 2\pi h_p \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} D_q(t-nT)$$

(4)

where $E_s$ denotes the power of CPM signal, \{D_i\} denotes the sequential and independent information symbols drawn from \{±1, ±3, ..., ±(M-1)\}, $\theta_0$ denotes the initial phase, $q(t)$ is the phase smoothing response, $T$ denotes the symbol period, the modulation index $h_p$ should be a rational fraction, i.e. $h_p = J/p$.

In [13], a two-way relay scheme is developed by combining CPFSK modulation and physical layer network coding, where the superimposed signal at relay node $R$ can be decoded via Viterbi algorithm. As $h_p = 2/3$ was used in [13], the number of states in joint trellis graph should be $3 \times 3 = 9$. It is obvious that various $h_p$ may incur certain amount of states. To reduce the number of states, it is available to employ Rimoldi decomposition [21], where a model of CPM is generally divided into the continuous phase encoder (CPE) and the memoryless modulator (MM). While in this paper, the model at the relay node $R$ can be reversed to consist of memoryless demodulator (MD) and continuous phase decoder (CPD). As shown in Fig. 1, the number of joint state trellis should always be 4 (M=2) regardless of $h_p$.

To determine the form of CPD and MD, (4) may be written as

$$\varphi(t; \bar{D}) = 2\pi h_p \left[ \sum_{i=0}^{n} D_i \right] \mod p + 4\pi h_p \sum_{i=n-L+1}^{n} D_i q(t-iT) + Z(t) \mod 2\pi, \quad nT \leq t \leq (n+1)T$$

(5)

where $Z(t)$ represents the sum of the data independent terms for the tilted phase and
\[ Z(t) = -(M - 1)2\pi h_p \sum_{m=-L} q(t - iT) - (M - 1)\pi h_p (n - L + 1), \quad nT \leq t \leq (n+1)T \]  

(6)

Then, Viterbi algorithm can be employed according to (5). Hence, the complexity is greatly reduced.

### 3. Performance Analysis of the System

#### 3.1 Analysis of Frame Error Rate (FER) and Outage Probability (OP)

To analyse the performance of TWRM systems, the pair wise probability conditioned onto fading channel statistics can be expressed as [22, 23]

\[ p(S \rightarrow \hat{S} \mid H) = Q\left(\frac{E_s}{2N_0} \|H(S - \hat{S})\|\right) \]  

(7)

Where \((\cdot)^H\) denotes the Hermitian operation, \(Q(\cdot)\) is the Q-function.

More specifically, denote \(\gamma = E_s/(2N_0)\), then (7) is rewritten as

\[ p_{MAC}(H) = Q\left(\sqrt{\gamma d_{min}^2}\right) \]  

(8)

Where

\[ d_{min}^2 = H(s - \hat{s})(s - \hat{s})^H H^H \]  

(9)

Next, we express \(H\) and \(s\) as \([H_A \ H_B]\) and \([s_A, s_B]\)^T respectively. Since vector \(s\) represents CPM signals transmitted in favour of \(\hat{s}\) at decoder, \(C_s\) can be used to define the CPM signal matrix [24]

\[ C_s = \begin{bmatrix} \int_0^{N_f/T} \Delta s_i (t)^2 dt & \int_0^{N_f/T} \Delta s_i (t) \Delta s_{n_i}^* (t) dt & \int_0^{N_f/T} \Delta s_{n_i} (t) \Delta s_i^* (t) dt & L & \int_0^{N_f/T} \Delta s_{n_i} (t)^2 dt \\ M & 0 & M & L & \int_0^{N_f/T} \Delta s_{n_i} (t) \Delta s_i^* (t) dt & \int_0^{N_f/T} \Delta s_i (t) \Delta s_{n_i}^* (t) dt & \int_0^{N_f/T} \Delta s_i (t)^2 dt \end{bmatrix} \]  

(10)

Where \(N_f\) is the length of one frame, \(n_i = n_i + n_B, \Delta s_i(t) = s(t) - \hat{s}(t)\) is the difference between the transmitted signal \(s(t)\) and decoded signal \(\hat{s}(t)\) on the \(i\)-th antenna.

In order to calculate the difference of CPM signal matrix in (10), a long integration is needed to evaluate each term of the matrix. Therefore, it should be expensive for all but the simplest situations. For this purpose, we rewrite \(C_s\) in a new form [25]. CPM signal can be expressed as the linear superposition of several amplitude modulated pulses in Laurent functions [26].
\[ s(t, D) = \sum_{k=0}^{K-1} \sum_{n=0}^{N_r-1} a_{k,n} g_k(t - nT) \]  

where \( g_k(t-nT) \) denotes the \( k \)-th PAM waveform during \( n \)-th symbol period, and \( a_{k,n} \) denotes the term which is bearing information symbols. In this paper, we focus on binary CPM signal \((M=2)\). Then we obtain the exact Laurent expression for \( M=2, L=1, h_p=0.25 \) (see Table 1) with reference to general analysis in [27].

| \( k \) | \( g_0(t) \) | \( a_{k,n} \) |
|---|---|---|
| 0 | \( \sin(0.5*\pi*q(t))/\sin(0.25*\pi) \) | \( \exp(j*0.25*\pi*\sum D_n) \) |

Further, we define accumulative matrix \( V \) as

\[
V = \begin{bmatrix}
\exp(jh_p \pi \sum D_1^L) & \exp(jh_p \pi \sum D_1^M) \\
\exp(jh_p \pi \sum D_1^M) & \exp(jh_p \pi \sum D_1^N)
\end{bmatrix} \tag{12}
\]

After simple manipulations, we observe that the difference of signal matrix is represented as

\[
C_s = \Delta V G \Delta V^H \tag{13}
\]

where \( \Delta V \) is an \( n_L \times N_f \) matrix, \( G \) is an \( N_f \times N_f \) matrix defined as

\[
G = \begin{bmatrix}
\int_0^{2T} |g_0(t)|^2 \, dt & L & 0 \\
\int_0^{2T} g_1(t) g_0^*(t) \, dt & L & 0 \\
0 & M & 0 \\
0 & 0 & \int_{(N_f-1)T}^{(N_f+1)T} |g_{N_f-1}(t)|^2 \, dt
\end{bmatrix} \tag{14}
\]

It is clear that \( C_s \) is a positive definite Hermitian matrix, therefore \( C_s \) takes the form of \( U A U^H \), where \( U \) is a unitary matrix, and the diagonal elements of \( A \) should be positive. We assume that the coefficients of quasi-static Rayleigh fading are zero mean and 0.5 variance per dimension. Hence, the rows of \( U \) are a set of orthogonal eigenvectors. Since unitary matrix should not change statistical character of \( H \). In addition, Q function can be simplified as \( Q(x) \leq (1/2)\exp(-x^2/2) \) [28]. Then (7) is upper-bounded as

\[
p(D \to \hat{D} | H) \leq (1/2) \prod_{n_e=1}^{N_e} \exp\left(-\frac{1}{2} \sum_{j=1}^{\text{rank}(C_s)} \lambda_j |\beta_{j,n_e}|^2 \right) \tag{15}
\]
Where \( \lambda_i \) is defined as the eigenvalues of \( C \), as the magnitude of \( |\beta_{i,R}| \), is Rayleigh distributed, \( \rho = |\beta_{i,R}| \) is exponentially distributed. Then (15) is further derived into

\[
p(D \rightarrow \hat{D}) \leq \left(1/2\right) \int_0^\infty \cdots \prod_{i=1}^{\text{rank}(C)} \exp\left(-\frac{\gamma}{2} \sum_{i=1}^{\text{rank}(C)} \lambda_i \rho \right) d\rho < \left[ \prod_{i=1}^{\text{rank}(C)} \left(1 + \frac{\gamma}{2} \lambda_i \right) \right]^{-N_R} \tag{16}
\]

For MA scheme in TWRM system, the outage probability can be evaluated as

\[
P_{\text{out}}^R = 1 - P_i \left\{ \text{max} \left( \gamma_{SA}, \gamma_{SB} \right) < \gamma_{th} \right\} - P_i \left\{ \text{min} \left( \gamma_{SA}, \gamma_{SB} \right) \geq \gamma_{th} \right\} \tag{17}
\]

where \( \gamma_{SA} \) denotes the SNR of node A to node R, and \( \gamma_{SB} \) denotes the SNR of node B to node R. \( \gamma_{th} \) denotes the threshold SNR.

### 3.2 The algorithm of Antenna Selection

Since \( H_A \) and \( H_B \) share common antennas at relay node R in MAC scheme, it shall bring us a challenge to exploit joint transmit antenna selection and receive antenna selection (JTRAS) at A, B, and R. Hence in this section, we investigate five cases of antenna selection. For the last case, our algorithm of JTRAS is proposed to approach optimal performance. As illustrated in Fig. 1, \( 1 \leq n_A \leq N_A, 1 \leq n_B \leq N_B, n_L = n_A + n_B, 1 \leq n_R \leq N_R \)

1) **TAS at node A**

In this case, \( 1 \leq n_A < N_A, n_B = N_B \), thus \( n_L = n_A + N_B \). Then the channel for MA is given as

\[
H_{N_R \times n_L} = \begin{bmatrix} H_a & H_B \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} h_{1,1}^{(a)} & L & h_{1,1}^{(B)} & L & h_{1,N_B}^{(B)} \\ M & O & M & O & M \\ ... & ... & ... & ... & ...
\end{bmatrix} \tag{18}
\]

Since there are \( |\Theta|=C_{N_A \times n_L} \) subsets in all, optimal TAS is to find the optimal subset according to selection criterion. In this paper, we employ (19) as the criterion that yields the biggest SNR from all possible subsets [29].

\[
\text{SNR}_a = \frac{E_s}{n_A N_0 \left[H_a^H H_a\right]^{-1}} \tag{19}
\]

2) **TAS at node B**

In this case, \( n_A = N_A, 1 \leq n_B < N_B \), thus \( n_L = N_A + n_B \). Then the channel for MA is given as
\[
H_{N_{A}\times N_{L}} = \begin{bmatrix} H_A & H_B \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} h_{1,1}^{(A)} & L & h_{1,N_{A}}^{(A)} & L & h_{1,N_{B}}^{(b)} \\ h_{N_{A},1}^{(A)} & L & h_{N_{A},N_{A}}^{(A)} & L & h_{N_{A},N_{B}}^{(b)} \end{bmatrix}
\]

(20)

Since there are \(|\Theta|=n_{A}n_{B}\) subsets in all, optimal TAS is to find the optimal subset according to selection criterion. In this paper, we employ (21) as the criterion that yields the biggest SNR from all possible subsets.

\[
\text{SNR}_b = \frac{E_s}{n_B n_A [H_{b}^{H} H_{b}]^{-1}}
\]

(21)

3) TAS at both A and B
In this case, 1 \leq n_A < N_A, 1 \leq n_B < N_B, thus \(n_L = n_A + n_B\). Then the channel for MA is given as

\[
H_{N_{A}\times N_{L}} = \begin{bmatrix} H_A & H_B \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} h_{1,1}^{(A)} & L & h_{1,N_{A}}^{(A)} & L & h_{1,N_{B}}^{(b)} \\ h_{N_{A},1}^{(A)} & L & h_{N_{A},N_{A}}^{(A)} & L & h_{N_{A},N_{B}}^{(b)} \end{bmatrix}
\]

(22)

Since there are \(|\Theta|=n_{A}n_{A} \times n_{B}n_{B}\) subsets in all, optimal TAS is to find the optimal subset according to selection criterion. In this paper, we employ (19) and (21) as the criteria that yield the biggest SNR from all possible subsets.

4) RAS at node R
In this case, 1 \leq n_R < N_R, and \(N_L = n_A + n_B\). Then the channel for MA is given as

\[
H_{n_{R}\times N_{L}} = \begin{bmatrix} H_A & H_B \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} h_{1,1}^{(A)} & L & h_{1,N_{A}}^{(A)} & L & h_{1,N_{B}}^{(b)} \\ h_{N_{A},1}^{(A)} & L & h_{N_{A},N_{A}}^{(A)} & L & h_{N_{A},N_{B}}^{(b)} \end{bmatrix}
\]

(23)

Since there are \(|\Theta|=n_{R}n_{R}\) subsets in all, optimal TAS is to find the optimal subset according to selection criterion. In this paper, we employ (24) as the criterion that yields the biggest SNR from all possible subsets.
\[ \text{SNR}_i = \frac{E_s}{n_i N_0 \left[ H_A^H H_A + H_B^H H_B \right]^{-1}} \] (24)

5) AS at both A, B and R

In this case, \( 1 \leq n_A < N_A \), \( 1 \leq n_B < N_B \), and \( 1 \leq n_R < N_R \). Then the channel for MA is given as

\[
H_{n_R \times n_R} = \begin{bmatrix} H_a & H_b \\ h^{(a)}_{1,1} & L & h^{(a)}_{1,1} & L \\ M & O & M & O & M \\ h^{(b)}_{n_A,1} & L & h^{(b)}_{n_A,1} & L & h^{(b)}_{n_A,1} & L & h^{(b)}_{n_A,1} & L & h^{(b)}_{n_A,1} & L \\ \end{bmatrix} (25)
\]

Since there are \(|\Theta|=C_{NR}^{n_R} \times C_{NA}^{n_A} \times C_{NB}^{n_B}\) subsets in all, optimal TAS is to find the optimal subset according to selection criterion. As the number of total antennas grows, however, it is unbearable to employ exhaustive search algorithm. As shown in Table 2, we employ the proposed algorithm for AS at both A, B and R in the system.

**Table 2.** Proposed algorithm for AS at both A, B and R

| Procedure | Operations |
|-----------|------------|
| **Input:** | The matrices of channel state information for \( H_A \) and \( H_B \) |
| **Steps 1:** | \( H=\{ H_A, H_B \} \); Calculate the eigenvalues of \( HH^H \) so as to get \( \{ \lambda_1, \cdots, \lambda_{NR} \} \); |
| **Steps 2:** | Sort them as \( \lambda_1 > \cdots > \lambda_{NR} \), from which we choose the largest \( n_r \) eigenvalues and find the position indices corresponding to \( \{ \lambda_1, \cdots, \lambda_{n_R} \} \). Then we define \( S_R=\{ i_R^{(1)}, \cdots, i_R^{(n_R)} \} \) as the AS set at relay R. |
| **Steps 3:** | Then, we obtain \( H_A' \in C^{n_R \times n_A} \) and \( H_B' \in C^{n_R \times n_B} \); |
| **Steps 4:** | For both \( H_A' \) and \( H_B' \), we employ decreased JTRAS in Ref. [30]. |
| **Output:** | In the end, \( H_{n_R \times n_R} = \begin{bmatrix} H_a & H_b \end{bmatrix} \) is obtained. |

As the complexity for the multiplication of two \( n_R \times n_R \) matrices is \( O(n_R^3) \), the complexity for exhaustive search algorithm can be calculated into

\[
\text{Cpl}_{\text{Exhaustive}} = n_R^2 \frac{N_R!}{(N_R-n_R)!} \cdot \frac{N_A!}{n_A!(N_A-n_A)!} \cdot \frac{N_B!}{n_B!(N_B-n_B)!} (26)
\]

For the proposed algorithm, the complexity for each step in Table 2 is given as follows:

- **Step 1:** \( N_R^2 (N_A+N_B)+N_R^3 \)
Step 2 and 3: $N^2$

Step 4: 

$$\frac{N^4 - n_A^4 + N_A^4 - n_R^4 + N_A^4 + N_R^4 + 2n^4 - (N_A^4 + n_A^4 + n_R^4 + 2n_R^4)}{6}$$ (27)

For step 4, the exact calculation can be found in [30], then the complexity for the proposed algorithm can be expressed as

$$\text{Cpl}_{\text{proposed}} = N^4(R_A + N_A) + N^4(R_R) + N^4(R_B) + \frac{N^4 - n_A^4 + N^4 - n_R^4}{4} + \frac{N_A^4 + n_A^4 + N_R^4 + n_R^4 + 2n^4 - (N_A^4 + n_A^4 + n_R^4 + 2n_R^4)}{6}$$ (28)

For the convenience of comparison, it is assumed in (26) and (28) that $n_A=n_A=n_R$ and $N_R=N_R=N_R$. It can be shown in Fig. 2 that, as the total number increases, the proposed algorithm will provide drastically lower complexity than exhaustive search algorithm.

![Fig. 2. The evaluation of complexity in logarithm for the two algorithms](image)

### 4. Simulations and Discussions

In this section, we present both numerical and Monte Carlo simulation for TWRM system with CPM. In each simulation, the simulation setup is made according to Table 3. To evaluate the performance of TWRM system with CPM, we would like to present some examples with various antenna setting ($n_A/N_A$, $n_R/N_R$, $n_B/N_B$) for nodes A, R and B.
Table 3. Simulation setup

| Parameters          | value |
|---------------------|-------|
| CPM format          | LRET  |
| $L$                 | 1     |
| $h_F$               | 1/2   |
| $M$                 | 2     |
| $N_f$               | 130   |
| Spatial channel     | independently Rayleigh fading |
| $N_A$               | the number of total antennas at terminal node A |
| $n_A$               | the number of selected antennas at terminal node A |
| $N_R$               | the number of total antennas at relay node R |
| $n_R$               | the number of selected antennas at relay node R |
| $N_B$               | the number of total antennas at terminal node B |
| $n_B$               | the number of selected antennas at terminal node B |

Fig. 3 depicts the frame error rate versus the SNR in decibel without TAS in TWRM system with CPM. The figure suggests that as the number of antennas at terminal node A is increased, the performance will improve 2 dB or so. The same conclusion is likewise suitable for node B.

The frame error rate of TAS in TWRM system with CPM is shown in Fig. 4, in which the antenna setting is $(n_A, N_A, N_R, N_B)$. If $(N_A, N_R, N_B)$ remains invariable and $n_A$ increases from 1 to 3, the performances will improve greatly. Especially in high SNR, the performance can provide 1–2 dB gain, which is determined by the transmit diversity and selection gain.
Fig. 4. Frame error rate vs. SNR in dB with variable selected antennas at terminal node A

Fig. 5 presents the performance of TAS in TWRM system with CPM, in which \((n_A, N_R, N_B)\) is fixed and \(N_A\) varies from 1 to 3. The overall performances of TAS in Fig. 5 are not as distinct as those in Fig. 4, albeit the effect of TAS can still be observed clearly. In particular, the results further demonstrate that the performances of TAS at both terminals A and B will improve more than those with TAS at one terminal alone.

Fig. 5. Frame error rate vs. SNR in dB with variable available antennas at terminal node A

Fig. 6 illustrates the performance of RAS in TWRM system with CPM, in which the antenna setting is \((N_A, n_R/N_R, N_B)\), and the number of selected antennas at relay node R varies from 1 to 3. If \((N_A, N_R, N_B)\) remains invariable and \(n_R\) increases from 1 to 3, the performances will improve greatly. Especially in high SNR, the performance can provide more than 2 dB gain, which is attributed to the receive diversity and selection gain.
Fig. 6. Frame error rate vs. SNR in dB with variable selected antennas at relay node R

Fig. 7 illustrates the performance of antenna selection at both A, B, and R in TWRM system with CPM, in which the antenna setting is \((n_A/N_A, n_R/N_R, n_B/N_B)\). It is shown that the scheme of \((1/2, 1/3, 1)\) can provide 4 dB gain compared to that of \((1, 1/3, 1)\). It is inferred that the antenna selection at both A and B can obtain the selection gain. Further, as the antennas at node R are exploited fully, the FER performance can be improved more apparently with diversity gain.

Fig. 7. Frame error rate vs. SNR in dB with variable selected antennas at terminal node A, B and relay node R

Fig. 8 illustrates the outage probability for CPM with \(M=2\) and \(4\) compared between two algorithms. It is shown that the scheme of CPM with \(M=2\) has better outage probability than that of CPM with \(M=4\). Meanwhile, it is shown that the proposed algorithm of antenna selection has better outage probability than that of Min-max [31] antenna selection for two-way relay.
In the paper, we have reduced the complexity of decoding by simplifying the joint states of CPM in two-way relaying MIMO systems. Additionally, the tight upper-bound of frame error rate is obtained for CPM in TWRM systems. Finally, the error performances for various schemes are simulated and compared with the analysis in this paper. It is worth noting that this study is limited to single user system. In future, we would like to investigate CPM modulation with multi-users in two-way relaying MIMO systems.

5. Conclusion

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