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Cognitive Wireless Communication and Sensing in Time, Frequency and Space

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Multipath signal propagation, a salient feature of wireless channels, results in detrimental signal fading and yet it is also a key source of diversity to combat the effects of fading and to increase the capacity and reliability of wireless communication systems. While technological advances in reconfigurable RF front-ends and antenna arrays are enabling new modes for sensing and adapting to multipath in time, frequency and space, our current understanding of the design and fundamental performance limits of such cognitive wireless systems is still in its infancy. One emerging insight is that unlike the prevalent assumption of rich multipath, physical channels exhibit a sparse multipath structure as the dimension of the spatio-temporal signal space (time-bandwidth-antenna product) increases. I will present three examples of exploiting multipath sparsity with reconfigurable transceivers. First, I will discuss the impact of signaling duration and bandwidth on channel learning, capacity and reliability in the wideband/low-SNR regime. Second, I will discuss the adaptation of array configurations for maximizing capacity as a function of operating SNR. Finally, I will present results on a distributed communication architecture -- Active Wireless Sensing -- in which an access point equipped with an antenna array interrogates an ensemble of wireless sensor nodes with wideband space-time waveforms for rapid retrieval of sensor information.

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