Collaborative transmission in wireless sensor networks

Cooperative transmission schemes

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Cooperative transmission schemes

Introduction

Cooperation

- One of the major challenges in WSNs
- Energy consumption
- Resource sharing
- Finding of routing paths
- Here:
 - Improve data transmission in WSN

Outline

Cooperative transmission schemes

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- Network coding
- Multi-hop approaches
- Data flooding

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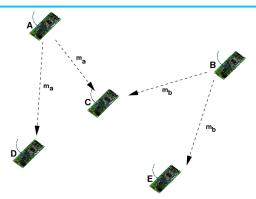
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Network coding

- Traditional approaches
 - Relay nodes forward messages unmodified
 - Reach remote receiver over multi-hop
- Network coding
 - Relay nodes modify incoming messages before forwarding
 - Combination of incoming messages
 - Reduction of transmission cost

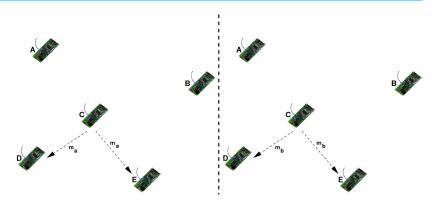
Network coding



- Nodes A and B transmit messages m_a, m_b
- Nodes D and E receive the messages directly
- Node C overhears both messages

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Network coding

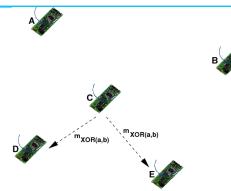


• Traditional broadcast scheme:

• Node C forwards both messages separately

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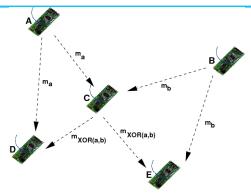


Network coding

- Combination of incoming messages
- Transmit $m_{XOR(m_a, m_b)}$
- Nodes A and B decode the missing information by XOR combination with received message

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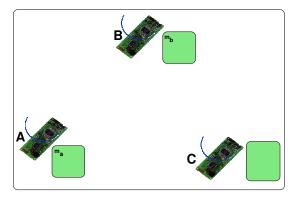
Network coding



- Reduced overall transmission power
- More energy efficient transmission
- Reduced latency
- Increased in-network processing load

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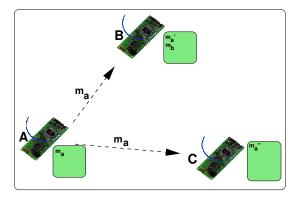
Network coding



Increase the error tolerance of transmission by network coding
 Nodes A and B want to transmit messages m_a, m_b to node C

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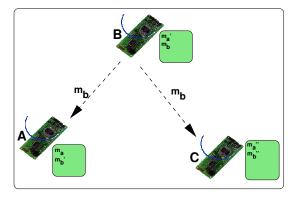
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Increase the error tolerance of transmission by network coding
 Transmission of m_a by node A

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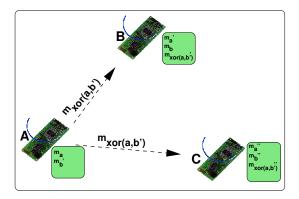
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 Transmission of m_b by node B

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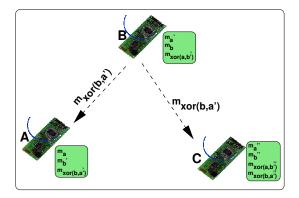
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Increase the error tolerance of transmission by network coding
 Transmission of m_{XOR(ma,mb}) by node A

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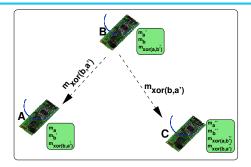
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 Transmission of m_{XOR(m_b,m')} by node B

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Network coding



• Node C now holds the copies

Network coding

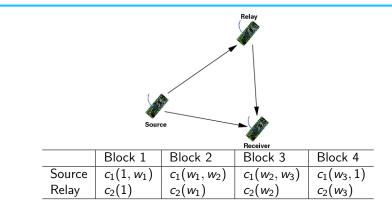
• Due to redundant information from the distinct transmissions, the error probability can be reduced

Example

- Assume: 1 bit in received message erroneous with $p_{err} = \frac{1}{m}$
- $m_a(i)''$ and $m_b(i)''$ incorrect with probability $\frac{1}{m}$
- $m_{XOR(m_a,m_b')}(i)'$ incorrect with probability $1 \left(1 \frac{1}{m}\right)^2$
- $m_{XOR(m_b,m_a')}(i)'$ incorrect with probability $1 \left(1 \frac{1}{m}\right)^2$
- Probability that more than one of these is incorrect simultaneously:

$$p_{err}^{all} \leq \frac{1}{m} \cdot \left(1 - \left(1 - \frac{1}{m}\right)^2\right)^2 \leq \frac{1}{m}$$

Multi-hop approaches



- Multi-hop relaying for cooperative transmission
 - Retransmit received messages by relay node
 - Destination will receive redundant information from relay

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Multi-hop approaches

	Block 1	Block 2	Block 3	Block 4
Source	$c_1(1, w_1)$	$c_1(w_1, w_2)$	$c_1(w_2, w_3)$	$c_1(w_3, 1)$
Relay	$c_2(1)$	$c_2(w_1)$	$c_2(w_2)$	$c_2(w_3)$

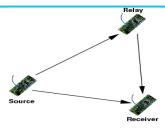
- Message w is divided into B blocks w_1, \ldots, w_B
- Transmission in B + 1 blocks using codewords $c_1(w_i, w_j)$ and $c_2(w_i)$
- Relay node always transmits word *w_i* recently overheard from source node
- Source node encodes w_i and w_j

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- Both $c_1(w_i, w_j)$ and $c_2(w_i)$ depend on w_i
- Coding and decoding functions known by all nodes
- Redundant transmission, since each w_i is transmitted twice
- Strength of encoding dependent on channel characteristic

Multi-hop approaches



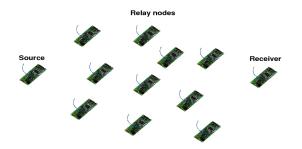
- Approach optimally divides network ressources¹
- In larger multi-hop scenarios not suited:
 - Count of successfully transmitted bits per square meter decreases quadratically with network size^{2 3}

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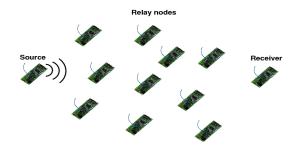
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Data flooding



- Opportunistic large arrays
 - One source node
 - One receive node
 - Many relay nodes

Data flooding



• Opportunistic large arrays

• Each node retransmits message at reception

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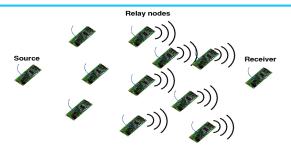
Data flooding



• Opportunistic large arrays

• Network is flooded by nodes retransmitting a received message

Data flooding



- Opportunistic large arrays
 - Avalance of signals proceeded through the network
 - When network sufficiently dense, signals superimpose
 - With special OLA modulations, it is then even possible to encode information onto the signal wave
 - Outperforms non-cooperative multi-hop schemes significantly
 - Transmission scheme robust to environmental noise

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Data flooding



- Opportunistic large arrays
 - Average energy consumption of nodes decreased^{4 5}
 - Transmission time reduced compared to traditional transmission protocols⁶
 - Not capable of coping with moving receivers due to inherent randomness of the protocol

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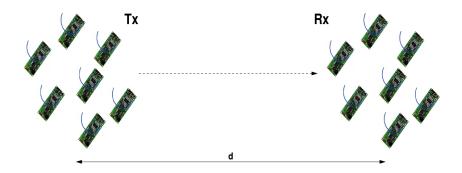
- MIMO systems achieve higher data rates than SISO systems
- Vital requirement:
 - Independent transmission channels
 - Spatial separation of antennas: $> \frac{\lambda}{2}$
 - Not feasible on single sensor nodes
- Alternative:
 - Utilise antennas from several distributed nodes to form one transmitter

Virtual MIMO

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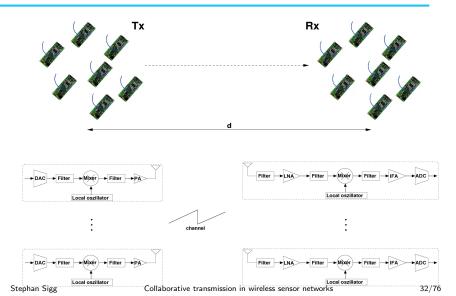
Virtual MIMO



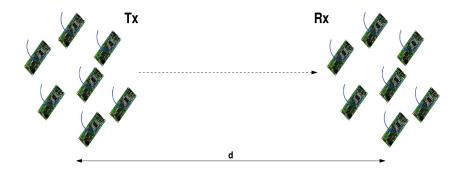
- Virtual MIMO:
 - Apply MIMO transmission scheme to a scenario of distributed transmitters and receivers
 - Utilisation of Alamouti diversity codes

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Virtual MIMO



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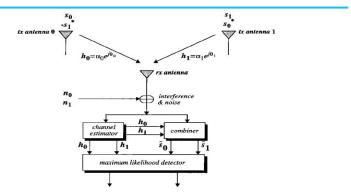


• Problem:

- Distributed nodes utilise non-synchronised local oscillators
- Frequency and phase of distributed nodes differ

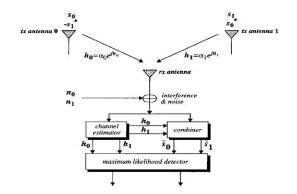
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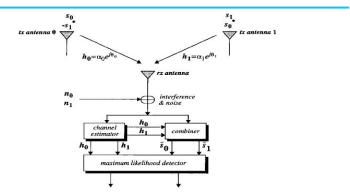
- Alamouti diversity scheme for two receivers
 - Channel estimator
 - Combiner
 - Maximum likelihood detector

Virtual MIMO



 Both transmit nodes will simultaneously transmit signals s₀ and s₁ at time t

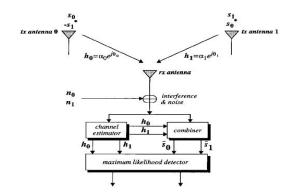
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- At time t + T, both transmit signals $-s_1^*$ and s_0^*
- Space-time coding
- Frequency-time coding also possible

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 Channel modelled by complex multiplicative distortion H_A(t) and H_B(t)

Virtual MIMO

• Assumption: Fading constant over one symbol period:

$$H_A(t) = H_A(t+T) = H_A = \alpha_A e^{j\Theta_A}$$

$$H_B(t) = H_B(t+T) = H_B = \alpha_B e^{j\Theta_B}$$

• Received signals at t and t + T

$$r_0 = r(t) = H_A s_0 + H_B s_1 + n_0$$

$$r_1 = r(t+T) = -H_A s_1^* + H_B s_0^* + n_1$$

Combiner creates the signals

$$\overline{s_0} = H_A^* r_0 + H_B r_1^* = (\alpha_A^2 + \alpha_B^2) s_0 + H_A^* n_0 + H_B n_1^* \overline{s_1} = H_B^* r_0 - H_A r_1^* = (\alpha_A^2 + \alpha_B^2) s_1 - H_A n_1^* + H_B^* n_0$$

Virtual MIMO

- This is forwarded to the maximum likelihood detector. Decision rules:
 - Choose s_i iff

$$egin{aligned} &(lpha_0^2+lpha_1^2-1)|s_i|^2+d^2(\overline{s_0},s_i)\ &\leq &(lpha_0^2+lpha_1^2-1|s_k|^2+d^2(\overline{s_0},s_k),\ &orall\,i\neq k \end{aligned}$$

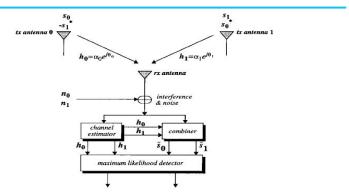
• Choose s_i iff

$$d^2(\overline{s_0}, s_i) \leq d^2(\overline{s_0}, s_k), \forall i \neq k$$

• $d^2(s_i, s_j)$ is the squared Euclidean distance between s_i and s_j :

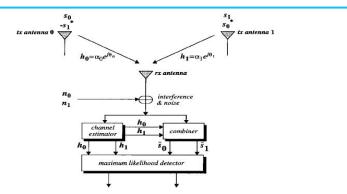
$$d^{2}(s_{i}, s_{j}) = (s_{i} - s_{j})(s_{i}^{*} - s_{j}^{*})$$

Virtual MIMO



- In virtual MIMO schemes: Each node has preassigned index i
- Node *i* transmits sequence of *i*-th Alamouti antenna
- Receiver nodes join received sum signal cooperatively

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- Nodes cooperate in clusters
- Cluster seen as single multiple antenna device
- MIMO, SIMO and MISO transmission possible

- Complexity reduced by grouping of nodes
- This scheme more energy efficient than traditional SISO transmission between nodes of a network ^{7 8}
- Utilisation of existing routing algorithms possible when cluster is understood as minimum entity
- However, capacity of sensor network decreased compared to other approaches for cooperative transmission ⁹ ¹⁰

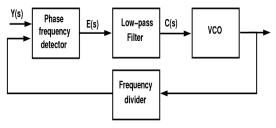
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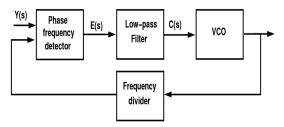
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- For virtual MIMO schemes it was presumed that local oscillators are synchronised
 - Local oscillator multiplies frequency of crystal oscillator up to fixed nominal frequency
 - Carrier frequencies generated in this manner typically vary in the order of 10-100 parts per million (ppm)
 - If uncorrelated, these frequency variations are catastrophic for transmit beamforming
 - Phases of signals drift out of phase over the duration of the transmission
- Possible solution:
 - Master-slave architecture
 - Slave source nodes use phase-locked loops (PLLs) to lock phase and frequency to a reference carrier.

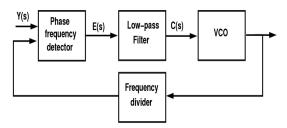


- Phase locked loop (PLL):
 - A simple PLL consists of three components:
 - Phase detector
 - Feedback path
 - Variable electronic oscillator



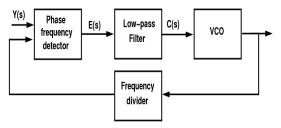
- Phase detector
 - Compares the phase offset between the input signal Y(s) and the oscillator
 - Computes an output signal E(s) (Error signal) proportional to phase offset
 - When no phase offset: E(s) = 0

Virtual MIMO

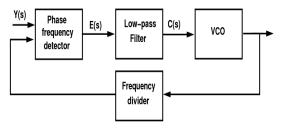


Filter

- Feeds the error signal E(s) into the function F(s)
- Creates the control signal C(s) at its output

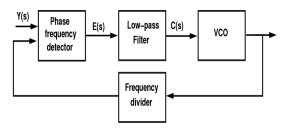


- Variable electronic oscillator
 - Often in the form of a Voltage Controlled Oscillator (VCO)
 - Frequency adapted e.g. by capacity diode
 - Digital PLLs utilise Numerically Controlled Oscillators (NCO)



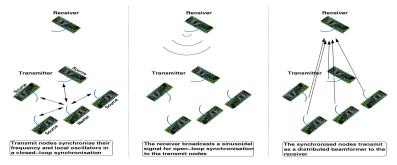
- Frequency divider
 - Takes input signal with frequency, f_{in}
 - Generates an output signal with frequency $f_{out} = \frac{f_{in}}{n}$
 - $n \in \mathbb{N}$

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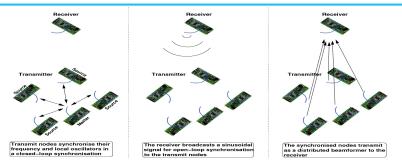
• With this structure, an adaptation of the oscillator frequency to a reference signal is possible

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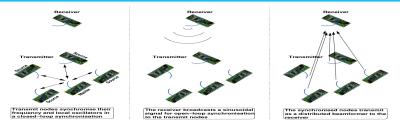
- Master-slave open-loop distributed carrier synchronisation
 - Initially, one transmitter is identified as master node
 - Other transmitters are slaves
 - Master and slave nodes synchronise their frequency and local oscillators

Open-loop distributed carrier synchronisation



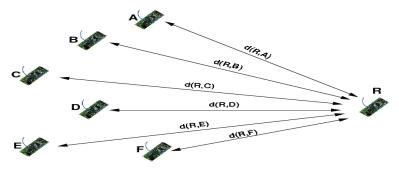
Master-slave open-loop distributed carrier synchronisation Frequency synchronisation:

- Master node broadcasts sinusoidal signal to slave nodes
- Slave nodes estimate and correct relative frequency offset of the signal
- Phase synchronisation over PLL



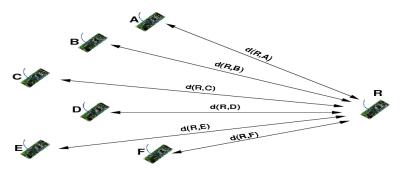
- Master-slave open-loop distributed carrier synchronisation
 - Achieve beamforming:
 - Transmitters estimate their channel response to the destination (E.g. by destination broadcasts sinusoidal signal)
 - Transmitters are already synchronised and estimate their individual complex channel gain to destination
 - Transmission as distributed beamformer by applying the complex conjugate of the gains to their transmitted signals

Open-loop distributed carrier synchronisation



• Carrier localisation with fixed locations of distributed nodes

- Distance between receiver node and transmit nodes known
- Line-of-sight (LOS) connections



- Receiver node serves as a master
- Master broadcasts carrier and timing signals
- Slave node *i* at distance $d(i) = d_0(i) + d_e(i)$ to the master

Open-loop distributed carrier synchronisation

• Master node broadcasts signal

$$\Re\left(m(t)e^{j(2\pi f_0 t)}\right)$$

• Slave node *i* receives noisy signal

$$\Re\left(n_i(t)m(t)e^{j(2\pi f_0t+\gamma_0(i)+\gamma_e(i))}\right)$$

• Phase offset from transmitted carrier

$$\gamma_0(i) = \frac{2\pi f_0 d_0}{c} = \frac{2\pi d_0}{\lambda_0}$$

• Phase error resulting from placement error $d_e(i)$

$$\gamma_e(i) = \frac{2\pi f_0 d_i(i)}{c} = \frac{2\pi d_i(i)}{\lambda_0}$$

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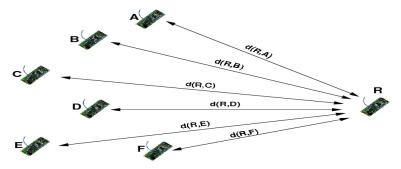
• Each transmit node applies a PLL to lock on to the carrier with the result

$$\Re\left(n_i(t)m(t)e^{j(2\pi f_0t+\gamma_\Delta(i))}\right)$$

• With:

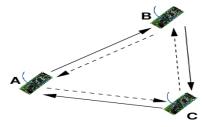
$$\gamma_{\Delta}(i) = \gamma_0(i) + \gamma_e(i) - \gamma_{pll}(i)$$

- Phase variations among slaves originate from placement errors and PLL errors.
- When locations are sufficiently well known and fixed, phase synchronisation possible



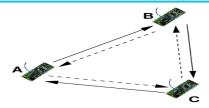
- Sufficiently accurate location information required
- No movement of nodes

- Carrier localisation with unknown locations
 - When distance estimation among nodes is sufficiently accurate, the previous approach is feasible
 - In advance of synchronising carrier phase offsets, clock offsets of nodes are estimated by a standard relative positioning approach
 - Shortcomings
 - Relative positioning typically not very accurate
 - Only low velocity allowed
 - Energy consuming



- Round-tip open-loop distributed carrier synchronisation
 - Phase synchronisation between two source nodes and one receiver node
 - High mobility of nodes supported

Open-loop distributed carrier synchronisation

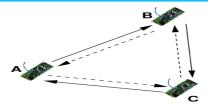


• Destination node C broadcasts a sinusoidal beacon signal

$$\Re\left(m(t)e^{j(2\pi f_0t+\gamma_0)}\right)$$

• Received signals at the nodes

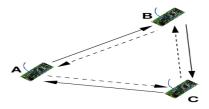
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 and $\Re\left(m(t)e^{j(2\pi f_0t+\gamma_0^B)}
ight)$



- Nodes A and B employ PLL tuned onto beacon frequency f_0
- Nodes A and B generate low-power secondary sinusoidal beacon signal that is phase locked to received beacon signal with frequencies

$$f_1^{A} = rac{N_1^{A}}{M_1^{A}} f_0^{A} ext{ and } f_1^{B} = rac{N_1^{B}}{M_1^{B}} f_0^{B}$$

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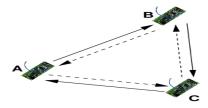


• At receiving a secondary beacon signal, Nodes A and B generate a new carrier signal at frequency

$$f_{c}^{A} = \frac{N_{1}^{A}}{M_{1}^{A}} \cdot f_{1}^{B} = f_{c}^{B} = \frac{N_{1}^{B}}{M_{1}^{B}} \cdot f_{1}^{A}$$

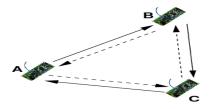
that is phase locked to the beacon signal

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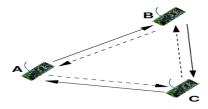


- These carrier signals are utilised to transmit to destination node
- Received signal at the destination:

$$\Re\left(m(t)e^{j(2\pi f_c^A t+\gamma_2^A)}+m(t)e^{j(2\pi f_c^B t+\gamma_2^B)}\right)$$



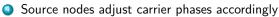
- Frequencies from both source nodes are identical
- When round trip times are similar, phase offset $\gamma_{\Delta}=\gamma_2^A-\gamma_2^B$ small



- Since low delay of round-trip signal propagation: Applicable at high node velocities
- However, only feasible for exactly two source nodes
- Expected maximum gain limited

- Full feedback closed-loop carrier synchronisation
 - Carrier frequency synchronisation achieved using a master-slave approach
 - Destination node acts as master
 - Phase offset between destination and *i*-th source node corrected via closed-loop protocol

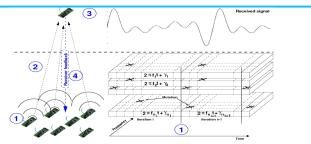
- Closed-loop carrier synchronisation protocol
 - Oestination broadcasts a beacon to all source nodes
 - Each source node bounces beacon back to destination on different frequency.
 - Source nodes utilise distinct codes in a DS-CDMA scheme to allow the destination to distinguish received signals
 - Oestination estimates received phase of each source relative to originally transmitted master beacon
 - Destination divides estimates by two
 - quantises them
 - Transmits estimates via DS-CDMA to source nodes as phase compensation message



- 1-bit feedback based closed-loop carrier synchronisation
 - Iterative process to synchronise phases of transmit signals
 - No inter-node communication
 - Receiver node acts as master node

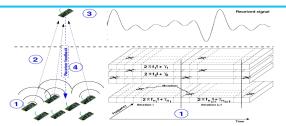
- For a network of size n, carrier phase offsets γ_i of transmit signals e^{i(2π(f+f_i)t+γ_i)}; i ∈ {1..n} arbitrarily distributed
- When receiver requests transmission, carrier phases are iteratively synchronised
 - Carrier phase adjustment of source nodes
 - Superimposed transmission
 - Receiver estimates phase synchronisation
 - Receiver broadcasts feedback signal

Closed-loop distributed carrier synchronisation



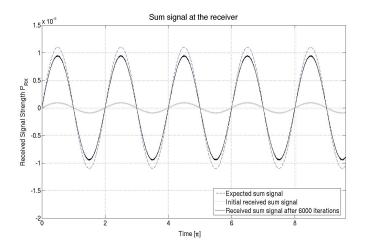
- **()** Source nodes: Randomly adjust γ_i and f_i
- Source nodes: Simultaneously transmit to destination
- Receiver node: Estimate phase synchronisation (e.g. SNR)
- Feedback and Phase adjustment
 - Receiver node: Broadcast synchronisation level
 - Source nodes: Sustain or discard recent phase adjustments

Closed-loop distributed carrier synchronisation

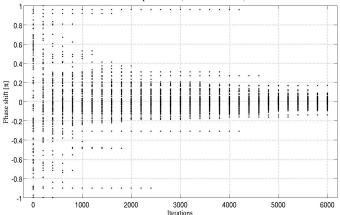


- These four steps iterated repeatedly
- Until stop criteria is reached (e.g.)
 - maximum iteration count
 - sufficient synchronisation
- Adaptation of phase and frequency possible by this approach
- Low computational complexity for source nodes
 - Only phase and frequency adjustments

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Closed-loop distributed carrier synchronisation



Relative phase shift (Network size: 100)

Outline

Cooperative transmission schemes

Cooperative transmission

- Network coding
- Multi-hop approaches
- Data flooding

2 Multiple antenna techniques

- Virtual MIMO
- Open-loop distributed carrier synchronisation
 - Master-slave open loop distributed carrier synchronisation
 - Carrier synchronisation with fixed locations of distributed nodes
 - Carrier synchronisation with unknown locations
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- Closed-loop distributed adaptive carrier synchronisation
 - Full feedback closed-loop carrier synchronisation
 - 1-bit feedback closed-loop carrier synchronisation

Overview and Structure

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- Wireless communications
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- Randomised search approaches
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 - Alternative Optimisation environments
- An adaptive communication protocol