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Abstract—The new spatial modulation schemes that appeared in the early twenty-first century allow for a new exploitation of the space to an increase in the spectral efficiency of MIMO systems. These new schemes commonly referred to as spatial modulations use the index of the transmit (resp. the receive) antenna to transmit additional data. We concentrate our study on the spatial modulations at the receiver side named Receive Antenna Shift Keying (RASK) where the new or additional data is provided by the index of the antenna towards which the transmit antennas concentrate the signal energy. A classical RASK scheme with N_r receive antennas allows for the transmission of $\log_2 N_r$ additional bits per symbol duration. We propose a novel scheme Extended RASK where the amount of additional bits is equal to N_r . The theoretical performance of the proposed ERASK scheme is validated through simulations and compared to the performance of RASK.

Index Terms—RASK, MIMO, Spatial Modulation, Space Shift Keying, Zero Forcing

I. INTRODUCTION

Increasing the spectral efficiency, whilst minimizing energy consumption, is one of the key elements that drive research for designing future wireless communication systems. Multipleinput and multiple-output (MIMO) wireless systems have been proved to allow impressive increase in system capacity. Indeed, MIMO technology represents today one of the major step in the enhancement of many wireless communication systems [5].

Following such a trend, new space modulation (SM) schemes appeared in the early 2000s, consisting in exploiting the index of transmit or receive antennas to transmit additional information bits. In such techniques, location-dependent spatial information is utilized to carry additional information bits thereby boost the overall spectral efficiency. One popular SM scheme is space shift keying (SSK) [1] whose main principle is to take advantage of the various propagation characteristics associated to the different antennas of the system [2]. Given a rich scattering environment, the receiver can utilize the distinct received signals from different antennas to discriminate between the transmitted information messages. This results in a simple SSK signal demodulation and then cost-effective receiver structures.

The general idea behind SM is to transmit one block of information bits in two parts by means of two complementary mapping functions. One of them consists in a classical bits to IQ-symbols mapping using a constellation diagram. The other relies on associating the remaining bits to a unique antenna index chosen from a set of transmit antennas [3]. We will further call these additional information bits "spatial bits" to distinguish them from classical information bits carried out by IQ symbols.

In a particular SM implementation case proposed in [4] and referred to as receive antenna shift keying (RASK), the

transmitted signal carries no useful information at the level of the IQ mapping stage, but time reversal pre-coding is used to concentrate the signal energy towards a targeted antenna to transmit the spatial bits. Hence, RASK is a receive antenna SM following the antenna index mapping approach mentioned above. With RASK, a simple demodulation can be carried out based on the maximization of the real part of the received signal [4]. Since only one single antenna is targeted at a time, the spectral efficiency per channel used is however limited to $\log_2 N_r$, with N_r the number of receive antennas. A generalization of the RASK principle, further referred to as GPSM (Generalised Pre-coding aided Spatial Modulation), is proposed in [6] where the transmit antennas concentrate the signal energy towards a fixed and constant number $N_a > 1$ of receive antennas leading to a spectral efficiency equal to $\lfloor \log_2 {N_a \choose N_r} \rfloor$, where $\lfloor . \rfloor$ indicates flooring operator.

In this paper, we propose a novel scheme referred to as Extended RASK (ERASK) to improve the spectral efficiency of spatial modulation at the receiver side by allowing a transmission towards variable number of receive antennas simultaneously. We demonstrate how ERASK provides N_r additional spatial bits instead of $\log_2 N_r$ for RASK and $\lfloor \log_2 {N_r \choose N_r} \rfloor$ for GPSM. We also present several detectors that can be carried out at the receiver side as well as their expected theoretical performance. A performance comparison is then made with the classical RASK scheme on the basis of simulation results.

The rest of the paper is organized as follows. In Section II, we present the principle of the classical RASK and of the new scheme ERASK, and explain the transmission of a sequence of bits, in order to show how the spectral efficiency is increased. In Section III, the system model and the block diagram of the ERASK scheme are detailed. Thhe demodulation methods of ERASK are detailed in Section IV, with theoretical computation of the *Bit Error Rate*. Simulation results are provided in Section V, and a conclusion is drawn in Section VI.

II. RASK AND ERASK PRINCIPLES

In this section, we give a remainder on the RASK concept and introduce the proposed ERASK system, which can be viewed as a generalization of the RASK system.

A. Receive Antenna Shift Keying

Basically, RASK exploits the spatial modulation (SM) concept originally meant to be carried out at the transmitter side of a multiple antenna system, and applies such a concept to the receiver side through spatial focusing techniques [4]. Let N_a be the number of targeted receive antennas, which is equal to 1 for RASK, and assuming a receiver equipped with N_r receive antennas. A RASK transmitter forms a spatial

01	Symbol 1	Symbol 2	
1) Segmentation	0	1	
2) Mapping	R1	R2	
3) Preprocessing (focalisation)	ΫΫ	γγ	
4) Detection	R1	R2	
5) Demapping	0	1	

Figure 1. Example of the RASK system with $N_r = 2$

00 01 10 11	Symbol 1	Symbol 2	Symbol 3	Symbol 4
1) Segmentation	00	01	10	11
2) Mapping	(0,0)	(0,R2)	(R1,0)	(R1,R2)
3) Preprocessing (focalisation)	X			
	γ γ	γ γ	γ γ	γ γ
4) Detection	(0,0)	(0,R2)	(R1,0)	(R1,R2)
5) Demapping	00	01	10	11

Figure 2. Example of the Extended-RASK system with $N_r = 2$

beam which changes from one RASK symbol to another so as to target one of the N_r antennas at each symbol duration T_s . The index of the targeted antenna is therefore associated to a predefined set of information bits. In other words, RASK uses a bit-to-antenna mapping instead of a bit-to-complex-symbol mapping used in classical digital communication schemes. Consequently, the number m of bits conveyed by a RASK symbol is:

$$m = \log_2 N_r \tag{1}$$

Fig. 1 provides an example illustrating the transmission of a sequence of 2 bits using the RASK scheme with $N_r = 2$ and thus m = 1 bit per symbol. At step 1, the M-ary spatial symbols are constituted from the demultiplexing of order m of the input binary stream, with here M = 2. At step 2, the Mary symbols are mapped into spatial symbols that determines the targeted receive antenna related to the following spatial mapping table:

- Receive antenna R1 is targeted if symbol '0' is sent
- Receive antenna R2 is targeted if symbol '1' is sent.

At step 3, the transmitter performs a preprocessing so as to focus toward the targeted antenna. Then, during step 4 and 5, the receiver detects the targeted antenna among its N_r antennas, and the estimated antenna index is converted into the bit values corresponding to a predefined spatial mapping table. Various detection algorithms, depending on the focusing scheme, can be used for the target antenna detection as detailed in [6] and reminded in Section IV.

B. Extended Receive Antenna Shift Keying

The proposed ERASK scheme is also built on the SM concept at the receiver. Unlike RASK and GPSM, where the number of targeted antennas N_a is constant, for the ERASK, N_a changes each T_s with $0 \le N_a \le N_r$ taking all possible

values, depending on the information bits, so that the number M of possible spatial symbols achieves:

$$M = \sum_{N_a=0}^{N_r} C_{N_a}^{N_r} = 2^{N_r}$$
(2)

with C_n^k the binomial coefficient giving the number of subsets of k elements of a set of n elements. Consequently, the ERASK symbols are made of a number m of bits such that:

$$m = N_r. (3)$$

For comparative purpose according to the RASK case in Fig. 1, Fig. 2 provides an illustration of the ERASK scheme with $N_r = 2$. As evident from Fig. 1 concerning ERASK, steps 1 and 2 allows for forming M-ary spatial symbol with M = 4 and transmitting 2 bits during each T_s . The spatial mapping used in this example is the following:

- no antenna is targeted ($N_a = 0$) if symbol '00' is sent,
- antenna R2 is targeted ($N_a = 1$) if symbol '01' is sent,
- antenna R1 is targeted ($N_a = 1$) if symbol '10' is sent,
- both antennas R1 and R2 are targeted ($N_a = 2$) if symbol '11' is sent.

Hence, at step 3, the pre-processing is performed at the transmitter so as to create a beam to concentrate the transmitted energy towards the N_a targeted antennas. At step 4, the receiver estimates which antennas have been focused on by analyzing the amount of received energy at each antenna, and then deduces the transmitted spatial symbol. Specific detectors have thus to be designed, as proposed in the sequel.

III. SYSTEM MODEL FOR ERASK

In this section, we first set up the model for a communication system making use of the ERASK scheme. Then, we introduce the pre-processing scheme carried out to form the spatial focusing symbols.



Figure 3. Block diagram of Extended-RASK

A. System Model

A MIMO system with N_t transmit antennas and N_r receive antennas is considered. Assuming a flat fading channel between the transmitter and the receiver, the receive signal vector can be written as

$$\mathbf{Y} = \mathbf{H}.\mathbf{S} + \mathbf{N} \tag{4}$$

where $\mathbf{H} \in \mathbb{C}^{N_r \times N_t}$ is the MIMO channel matrix with elements $H_{j,i}$ representing the complex channel coefficient between the *i*-th transmission antenna, denoted by T_i , and the *j*-th receiving antenna, denoted by R_j . $\mathbf{Y} \in \mathbb{C}^{N_r \times 1}$ is the vector of the received signals on all receive antennas, $\mathbf{S} \in \mathbb{C}^{N_t \times 1}$ is the vector of the transmitted signals by all emitting antennas, and $\mathbf{N} \in \mathbb{C}^{N_r \times 1}$ is the vector of additive white Gaussian noise (AWGN) samples η_j at the such that $\eta_j \sim C\mathcal{N}(0, \sigma_n^2)$. The block diagram of the ERASK system is depicted Fig. 3. A group of $m = N_r$ bits is mapped to a spatial symbol $\mathbf{X} \in \mathbb{C}^{N_r \times 1}$ which is written as

$$\mathbf{X} = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 & x_2 & \dots & x_{N_r} \end{bmatrix}^T \text{ where } x_j \in \{0, A\}$$

The value taken by each x_j entry determines the set of targeted receive antennas such that:

$$x_j = \begin{cases} 0, & \text{if } R_j \text{ is not targeted,} \\ A, & \text{if } R_j \text{ is targeted.} \end{cases}$$
(5)

We can re-marque that A could also be an IQ symbol to carry additional information, but in this paper we concentrate on schemes with low complexity detection. So we only consider spatial information by assuming that A is constant.

Then, the pre-processing block transforms the vector of spatial symbols **X** into a vector of transmitted signals denoted as $\mathbf{S} \in \mathbb{C}^{N_t \times 1}$ using the pre-processing matrix $\mathbf{W} \in \mathbb{C}^{N_t \times N_r}$. Consequently, the transmitted signal is written as:

$$\mathbf{S} = f.\mathbf{W}.\mathbf{X} \tag{6}$$

where f is a normalization factor used to guarantee that the average total transmit power \bar{P}_t is equal to A^2T_s , with T_s the symbol duration. More precisely we have,

$$f = \frac{1}{\sqrt{\mathbb{E}_x\{\mathrm{Tr}(\mathbf{W}.\mathbf{X}.\mathbf{X}^H.\mathbf{W}^H)\}}} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{\sigma_x^2\mathrm{Tr}(\mathbf{W}.\mathbf{W}^H)}}$$
(7)

where Tr(.) holds for the trace of matrix and \mathbb{E}_x stands for the expectation over x. Since X has i.i.d. entries, the variance

 $\sigma_x^2 = \mathbb{E}_x \left[x_j x_j^* \right]$ is independent of j and comes in factor of the trace computation. Then, each entry of **X** is of amplitude A with a probability that can be easily verified to be of $\frac{1}{2}$, leading to $\sigma_x^2 = \frac{A^2}{2}$.

B. Pre-processing Technique

The transmitter uses the pre-processing step to create a beam that will concentrate a higher amount of energy towards the targeted receive antenna than towards the other antennas. The pre-processing block requires knowledge of the channel response at the transmitter. In this paper, the Zero-Forcing (ZF) technique is employed, where the pseudo-inverse of the channel matrix is used as a pre-filter:

$$\mathbf{W} = \mathbf{H}^H (\mathbf{H} \cdot \mathbf{H}^H)^{-1} \tag{8}$$

This technique cancels the received energy on the non-targeted antennas. However, the required number of antennas should satisfy the constraint $N_r \leq N_t$ so that the matrix inversion remains possible. It is then straightforward to obtain the expression of the receive signals:

$$\mathbf{Y} = f.\mathbf{X} + \mathbf{N} \tag{9}$$

At the level of the received antenna R_j , the received signal then simply writes:

$$y_j = f \times x_j + \eta_j. \tag{10}$$

IV. ERASK RECEIVERS

To estimate the spatial symbol, the receiver should detect whether each receive antenna is targeted by the transmitter or not. This detection can be carried out with different types of receiver as presented in this paper. Their respective performance and complexity are different. From Eq. (11), a given detector has to analyze the following set of signals:

$$\forall j, \quad y_j = \begin{cases} f \times A + \eta_j & \text{if } R_j \text{ is targeted} \\ \eta_j & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$
(11)

Since the ZF precoding scheme is used, no interference appears between receive antennas. In addition, since all targeted antenna combinations are possible with the ERASK scheme, no correlation exists between the receive antenna signals. Consequently, the demodulation process can be led through an independent and parallel signal analysis per antenna.

A. Maximum Likelihood (Real Amplitude Threshold)

Let us first derive the performance of the Maximum Likelihood (ML) detector. The ML detector should exhaustively search among all the possible receive signatures the one that gives the closest signal to the received one. Let us denote \mathbf{X}_k the *k*th out of $K = 2^{N_r}$ possible transmitted signal vector with a given combination of its entries $x_j(k)$ equal to A and the rest being zeroed. The equation of the ML receiver can then be written as:

$$\hat{\mathbf{X}}_{k} = \operatorname{Arg\,min}_{\mathbf{X}_{k}} \sum_{j=1}^{N_{r}} \|y_{j} - f.x_{j}(k)\|^{2}$$
(12)

Owing to the parallel detection process discussed above, the ML detector can be rewritten as,

$$\forall j, \quad \hat{x}_j = \operatorname{Arg} \min_{x_j = \{A, 0\}} \|y_j - f.x_j\|^2$$
 (13)

meaning that \hat{x}_j is estimated separately at each antenna and is simply obtained choosing whether A or not has been transmitted. Hence, the ML detector at each receive antenna can be carried out by means of a simple threshold detector. Suppose that the channel estimation at the transmitter for the pre-processing is perfect, the received signal at the targeted antenna will then exhibit the same phase of the emitted signal due to the phase compensation effect of the ZF precoder. Considering that the target signal $x_j = A$ is of known phase ϕ_A at the receiver, the receiver can compensate the phase of the received signal and compare the real part obtained to a predefined amplitude threshold ν :

$$\hat{x}_j = \begin{cases} 0, & \text{if } \Re\{y_j \times e^{-\phi_A}\} \le \nu, \\ A, & \text{if } \Re\{y_j \times e^{-\phi_A}\} \ge \nu. \end{cases}$$
(14)

where the optimal threshold is easily deduced from:

$$\nu = \mathbb{E}\left\{\frac{\Re\{y_{j0}e^{-\phi_A}\} + \Re\{y_{j1}e^{-\phi_A}\}}{2}\right\} = \frac{f.A}{2}.$$
 (15)

with y_{j0} (resp. y_{j1}) the receive signal on antenna R_j if this antenna is not targeted (resp. targeted). Note that such a threshold can in practice be estimated during a calibration phase using dedicated pilot symbols.

Using such a threshold detector, the derivation of the theoretical *Error Probability* can be led as follows. First understanding that the binary error probability \mathcal{P}_e with the ERASK scheme is independent of the receive antenna R_j , while reminding that the probability $\mathcal{P}(y_{j1})$ that one particular antenna R_j is targeted is of $\frac{1}{2}$, we have:

$$\mathcal{P}_e = \frac{1}{2} \cdot \mathcal{P}(y_{j0} \to y_{j1}) + \frac{1}{2} \cdot \mathcal{P}(y_{j1} \to y_{j0}). \quad (16)$$

Then, applying the threshold detection, we obtain:

$$\mathcal{P}_e = \frac{1}{2} \times \left[\mathcal{P} \left(\nu \le \Re\{\eta_j\} \right) + \mathcal{P} \left(\Re\{f . A + \eta_j\} \le \nu \right) \right]$$
(17)

Since noise samples are centered circularly Gaussian of variance σ_n^2 , we finally get

$$\mathcal{P}_{e} = \mathcal{P}\left(\mathcal{N}(0, \frac{\sigma_{n}^{2}}{2}) \geq \frac{f.A}{2}\right)$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \operatorname{erfc}\left(\frac{f.A}{2\sigma_{n}}\right).$$
(18)

Such a result indicates that the system performance are driven by f which directly depends on the MIMO channel characteristics.

B. Power Threshold (PT)

The ML detector studied above needs the carrier synchronization to be led at the receiver side. Let us now consider the case of a non-coherent receiver that detects the received power at the antenna, and compares it to a pre-defined threshold. Hence, the detection process is such that:

$$x_{j} = \begin{cases} 0, & \text{if } |y_{j}|^{2} \leq \nu, \\ A, & \text{if } |y_{j}|^{2} \geq \nu. \end{cases}$$
(19)

The optimal decision is then obtained choosing the following threshold:

$$\nu = \mathbb{E}\left\{\frac{|y_{j0}|^2 + |y_{j1}|^2}{2}\right\} = \frac{(f.A)^2}{2} + \sigma_n^2.$$
 (20)

As in the ML detector case, the decision is made at each receive antenna in parallel, yielding:

$$\mathcal{P}_e = \frac{1}{2} \times \left(\mathcal{P}(\nu \le \|\eta_j\|^2) + \mathcal{P}(\|f.A + \eta_j\|^2 \le \nu) \right) \quad (21)$$

After some mathematical manipulations detailed in the proof below, we obtain:

$$\mathcal{P}_{e} = \frac{1}{2}e^{-\frac{\nu}{\sigma_{n}^{2}}} + \frac{1}{4}\left[\operatorname{erfc}\left(\frac{f.A - \sqrt{\nu}}{\sigma_{n}}\right) - \operatorname{erfc}\left(\frac{f.A + \sqrt{\nu}}{\sigma_{n}}\right)\right],$$
(22)

which can be further simplified at low noise level as,

$$\mathcal{P}_e \approx \frac{1}{4} \left[\text{erfc} \left(\frac{f.A - \sqrt{\nu}}{\sigma_n} \right) - \text{erfc} \left(\frac{f.A + \sqrt{\nu}}{\sigma_n} \right) \right] \quad (23)$$

As in the ML case, the performance are impacted by f.

Proof: First letting $\|\eta_j\|^2 = \frac{\sigma^2}{2} \|\eta'_j\|^2$ where $\|\eta'_j\|^2 \sim \mathcal{X}_2^2$ (Chi squared distribution with 2 degree of freedom), we have

$$\mathcal{P}(\nu \le \|\eta_j\|^2) = \mathcal{P}(\frac{2.\nu}{\sigma^2} \le \|\eta_j'\|^2) = e^{-\frac{\nu}{\sigma^2}}$$
 (24)

On the other hand, at high signal to noise ratio (SNR), *i.e.* if $f.A \gg \sigma$, $||f.A + \eta_j||^2$ can be approximated by $||f.A + \Re{\{\eta_j\}}||^2$, hence:

$$\mathcal{P}(\|f.A + \eta_j\|^2 \le \nu) \approx \mathcal{P}(\|f.A + \Re\{\eta_j\}\|^2 \le \nu)$$

= $\mathcal{P}(|f.A + \Re\{\eta_j\}| \le \sqrt{\nu})$ (25)

where $|f.A + \Re{\{\eta_j\}}| = |\mathcal{J}|$ follow a Folded-Normal distribution, i.e. $\mathcal{J} \sim \mathcal{N}(f.A, \sigma^2/2)$. Then, it comes that:

$$\mathcal{P}(|f.A + \Re\{\eta_j\}| \le \sqrt{\nu}) = \frac{1}{2} \left[\operatorname{erfc}\left(\frac{f.A - \sqrt{\nu}}{\sigma}\right) - \operatorname{erfc}\left(\frac{f.A + \sqrt{\nu}}{\sigma}\right) \right]$$
(26)

which finaly leads to the result of Eq. (22).



Figure 4. ERASK performance using ML and PT detectors with $N_t = 8$ -Theoretical and simulation comparison

V. SIMULATION RESULTS

The performance of the proposed ERASK system using both types of receivers is evaluated through the measurement of the Bit Error Rate (BER) versus the ratio between the average transmit power level and noise level, i.e. $\frac{\bar{P}_t}{\sigma_n^2}$. It is assumed that **H** is a MIMO flat fading channel matrix where $H_{j,i}$ are complex coefficients following i.i.d. Rayleigh distribution. The power for each sub-channel is normalized:

$$E[\|H_{j,i}\|^2] = 1$$

Finally, we consider that the channel response is perfectly known at the transmitter, so that perfect ZF precoding is performed. Simulations are run by implementing a sufficient number of iterations for different channel realizations, and taking the mean value of the BER for each value of $\frac{\overline{P}_t}{\sigma^2}$.

Fig. 4 gives the performance of ERASK with $N_r = 2$ or 4 and $N_t = 8$ using the Maximum-Likelihood (ML) and the Power-Threshold (PT) receivers. The performance based on simulations and the analytic study are compared. As evident from the obtained curves, theoretical results perfectly match simulation results for each receiver. It is also observed that the ML receiver outperforms the PT receiver, which is easily understood since the latter detector is non-coherent and does not take advantage of the received signal phase knowledge.

In Fig. 5, we provide the simulation results considering an ERASK system with a number $N_t = 36$ transmit antennas and $N_r = 2$, 3, 4 or 5, leading to a spectral efficiency equal to 2, 3, 4 and 5 respectively. The performance is evaluated using the ML coherent detection method. The results show that increasing in the order of the spatial modulation, leads to a degradation of the performance. As N_r increases, the Zero-Forcing pre-processing technique has to deal with a higher number of antennas on which interference has to be canceled, thus degrading the power gain f of the overall system. However, it is noticed that the degradation of the performance remains reasonable between different orders of modulation. For instance, doubling the spectral efficiency from $N_r = 2$ to $N_r = 4$ leads to a degradation of roughly 3dB only.

For comparison purpose, the performance of the conventional RASK system with $N_t = 36$, and $N_r = 4$, 8, 16, and 32 to provide the spectral efficiency of 2, 3, 4 and 5 respectively, are given in Fig. 6. Hence, the number of



Figure 5. Performance of ERASK with ML receiver - N_t =36.



Figure 6. Performance of conventional RASK with ML receiver - N_t =36.

receive antennas is adapted so as to reach the same orders of modulation as with ERASK. Simulations are run using a coherent detection as proposed in [4]. The obtained curves show that the RASK system outperforms the ERASK one when the order of modulation is low. However, the degradation of the performance when M is substantially raised becomes dramatic since the number of antennas at the receiver side increases exponentially. In such a situation, e.g. for $N_r =$ 32 and $N_t =$ 36, the channel matrix becomes harder to invert, which makes the interference cancellation on the non-targeted antennas harder to accomplish.

VI. CONCLUSION

In this paper, we proposed a very efficient way to improve the spectral efficiency related to the space dimension of spatial modulations at the receiver side. The introduced ERASK system allows for targeting any number of receive antennas simultaneously, while the classical RASK system foresees transmission towards only one receive antenna at each symbol duration. Consequently, ERASK allows the transmission of N_r additional bits instead of log_2N_r with classical RASK. We demonstrated analytically and by simulations that the MLbased threshold receiver outperforms the maximum powerbased threshold receiver at the expense of a slightly higher complexity. Moreover, for the same spectral efficiency m, the number of receive antennas needed for the novel scheme ERASK is $N_r = m$, which is much lower than for the RASK scheme with which $N_r = 2^m$. Consequently, better performance is obtained with ERASK at high spectral efficiency,

which makes ERASK represent a promising technique in the perspective of increasing the capacity of SM transmissions. The ERASK scheme, can also be easily used with IQ symbols as other SM schemes as it will be taken in account in further work.

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