Soft Iterative Equalization and Decoding for Alamouti Encoded MIMO Signals

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About the Talk
In this presentation s soft input/soft output linear equalizer for Alamouti encoded MIMO signals will be proposed. The derived structure allows for simultaneous equalization of MIMO channels along with decoding of Alamouti coded signals. The equalizer/decoder is used within the turbo equalization framework to exploit the complex and rich characteristics of the acoustic underwater channel. The proposed scheme can operate at very low Signal-to-Noise Ratio (SNR) levels enabling high transmission rates over long distances. We investigate the viability of the technique by using simulation examples and by studying its behavior for a real scenario, using data collected in the Baltic sea.

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