

Title: Orbital Angular Momentum for Wireless Communications: Theory, Challenge, and Future Trends

Abstract:

It is now very difficult to use the traditional plane-electromagnetic (PE) wave based wireless communications to satisfy the ever-lasting capacity demand growing. Fortunately, the electromagnetic (EM) wave possesses not only linear momentum, but also angular momentum, which includes the orbital angular momentum (OAM). The orbital angular momentum (OAM), which is a kind of wave front with helical phase and has not been well studied yet, is another important property of EM wave. The OAM-based vortex wave has different topological charges, which are independent and orthogonal to each other, bridging a new way to significantly increase the capacity of wireless communications. This proposal will be discussing the fundamental theory of using orbital angular momentum (OAM) for wireless communications. This proposal would start with the background introduction on what is OAM based wireless communication and how OAM is important in current and future wireless communications. Then, the fundamental theory of OAM will be elaborated on in details, including OAM versus MIMO, OAM signal generation/reception, and OAM beam converging. Moreover, we would also like to share our latest research progress regarding how to apply OAM into wireless communications, including mode modulations, OAM mode convergence, mode hopping, OAM based MIMO, orthogonal mode division multiplexing, concentric UCAs based low-order OAM transmission, degree of freedom in mode domain as well as orthogonally of OAM mode. Finally, the applications of OAM based wireless communication are also discussed.

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