Eigen-Beamforming with Delayed Feedback and Channel Prediction

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Abstract— **Adaptive transmit beamforming based on channel state information (CSI) is a key feature in next generation wireless cellular systems. However, CSI available for adaptation is imperfect due to feedback delay and estimation errors. In this work, we analyze the outage performance of maximum eigen-mode beamforming with imperfect CSI. First we analyze the outage probability in terms of the correlation coefficient ρ between the CSI available at the transmitter (CSIT) and the CSI available at the receiver (CSIR). The analysis shows that feedback delay leads to significant degradation at medium and high signal-to-noise ratios (SNR). Furthermore, the effect of delay can be overcome only if ρ tends to one with increasing SNR. Then, we study whether linear minimum mean squared error (MMSE) prediction can achieve the required behavior in ρ. The length of the prediction filter required is numerically evaluated and shown to increase with SNR. Finally, the asymptotic diversity order is analyzed as a function of the rate at which $1 - \rho$ approaches 0 as the SNR $\rightarrow \infty$. Results show that for $1 - \rho$ proportional to SNR^{-1}, the asymptotic diversity order remains unaltered.**

I. INTRODUCTION

Adaptive Multiple Input Multiple Output (MIMO) transmission based on the Channel State Information (CSI) is a key feature incorporated in next generation cellular systems like 3GPP LTE and 3GPP LTE-advanced [1] to improve performance. In Frequency Division Duplex (FDD) systems, the channel is estimated at the receiver using training symbols and fed back to the transmitter. In Time Division Duplex (TDD) systems, training symbols can be used in both links to estimate the channel state, assuming channel reciprocity. Codebook-based and non-codebook-based transmit beamforming are important schemes proposed in the class of adaptive MIMO schemes. With CSIT, the MIMO channel can be split into multiple parallel subchannels using singular value decomposition (SVD). For transmitting a single data stream, maximum eigen-mode beamforming that uses only the channel corresponding to the maximum singular value is optimal in terms of received SNR [2, 3] and achieves the maximum diversity gain. Maximum eigen-mode beamforming is a good candidate for non-codebook-based beamforming.

In practice, perfect CSIT is not possible due to channel estimation errors and feedback delay. The effect of feedback delay on closed-loop transmit diversity was studied in [4] and the effect of imperfect CSIT on the outage performance of Multiple Input Single Output (MISO) beamforming was analyzed in [5]. The capacity gain of a transmit beamforming system compared to the case of no feedback is shown to decrease at least exponentially with feedback delay in [6]. The effect of feedback delay and estimation error on MIMO multiplexing systems based on the eigen-beams obtained using singular value decomposition (SVD) are studied in [7–10]. In [7] and [8], feedback delay is shown to result in interference between the eigen-beams. While zero-forcing (ZF) and MMSE receivers are proposed in [7] to compensate for the effect of feedback delay, prediction is proposed and compared with ZF and MMSE methods in [8] using simulations. In [9, 10], the bit error rate and outage probability are evaluated for constellations with finite number of symbols assuming that the interference between channels is Gaussian. Since all eigen-modes are used in [7–10], the performance is limited by the worst eigen-mode even with perfect CSI. Furthermore, the interference between modes leads to error floors. The effect of delay on a single beam is dominated by the interference from the beams. In [3], maximum eigen-mode beamforming is studied and the use of prediction is evaluated in the context of adaptive modulation using uncoded rectangular QAM constellations with a target bit error rate. However, channel estimation errors are neglected in [3].

In this paper, we analyze the outage probability of the MIMO maximum eigen-mode beamforming in the presence of imperfect CSI in terms of the correlation coefficient ρ between the CSIT and the CSIR. We first show that the degradation due to feedback delay is significant at medium and high SNR. In comparison, the effect of channel estimation error is not significant at high SNR because the estimation error decreases with SNR. Then, we study whether prediction can compensate the effect of feedback delay. This requires the prediction filter length to increase with SNR. Finally, the asymptotic diversity order is analyzed as a function of the rate α at which ρ approaches 1 as the SNR approaches infinity.

II. SYSTEM MODEL

A MIMO system with N_t transmit antennas and N_r receive antennas is considered. Let $M = min(N_t, N_r)$ and $N = max(N_t, N_r)$. The channel between each pair of transmit and receive antennas is assumed to frequency flat. The received vector is given by:

$$\mathbf{y} = \sqrt{P}\mathbf{H}\mathbf{x} + \mathbf{n}, \tag{1}$$

where P is the average transmit power, $\mathbf{H}$ is the $N_r \times N_t$ matrix of channel coefficients, $\mathbf{x}$ is the $N_t \times 1$ transmitted

vector, and $\mathbf{n} \sim \mathcal{CN}(0, \sigma_n^2 I_{N_r})$ is the additive white Gaussian noise (AWGN) vector. The entries of $\mathbf{H}$, i.e., H_{ij}, are i.i.d. circularly symmetric complex Gaussian with variance 0.5 per dimension. A correlated block fading channel model [5] is considered, where $\mathbf{H}$ is assumed to constant over a block of symbols (frame) and correlated across blocks (or frames).

A. Imperfect CSI Model

Channel estimation is performed using training symbols once in every frame. At the beginning of every frame, N_t symbols are allocated for training, one for each transmit antenna. Minimum Mean Squared Error (MMSE) channel estimation is performed. The training symbol power can be increased compared to the data symbol power, without changing the average transmit power, to improve the quality of the estimate [11][12]. Assuming that the number of symbols in a frame is much larger than N_t, increasing the training power leads to a negligible change in the data power in order to maintain the same average transmit power. In FDD systems, there is a delay in feedback and the CSIT is delayed by one or more frames. In TDD systems, the channel estimate obtained from training the transmitter can be used for adaptation. Even in this case, there is a time delay between transmissions in the two directions. If the delay is known, channel prediction can be used to compensate for the delay.

Let $\mathbf{H}_t$ ($N_r \times N_t$ matrix) be the CSIT (used for adaptation) and $\mathbf{H}_r$ ($N_r \times N_t$ matrix) be the CSIR (used for decoding). For the Rayleigh fading model with AWGN, $\mathbf{H}_t$ and $\mathbf{H}_r$ are both zero mean and jointly Gaussian. Therefore, they can be related as follows:

$$\mathbf{H}_r = \sigma_r \left[\frac{\rho}{\sigma_t} \mathbf{H}_t + \sqrt{1-\rho^2}\mathbf{E} \right], \qquad (2)$$

where $\mathbf{E} \sim \mathcal{CN}(0, I)$, $\sigma_r^2 = E[|H_{r,ij}|^2]$, $\sigma_t^2 = E[|H_{t,ij}|^2]$, and $\rho = \frac{E[H_{r,ij}H_{t,ij}^*]}{\sqrt{E[|H_{r,ij}|^2]E[|H_{t,ij}|^2]}}$. $H_{r,ij}$ and $H_{t,ij}$ represent the $(i,j)^{th}$ elements of the matrices $\mathbf{H}_r$ and $\mathbf{H}_t$ respectively. This imperfect CSI model can be used to model several scenarios. Some of these scenarios are discussed below.

Case 1: *Estimation error, No feedback delay*
In this case, $\mathbf{H}_t = \mathbf{H}_r = \hat{\mathbf{H}}$ (estimated CSI), $\rho = 1$, and $\sigma_t^2 = \sigma_r^2 = \frac{P_t}{P_t+\sigma_n^2} = (1-\sigma_e^2)$, where σ_e^2 is the estimation error variance and P_t is the transmit power used during training. Note that σ_e^2 decreases with increasing SNR.

Case 2: *Feedback delay, No estimation error*
In this case, $\mathbf{H}_r = \mathbf{H}$, and $\mathbf{H}_t = \mathbf{H}_{old}$ (past channel), $\sigma_t^2 = \sigma_r^2 = 1$, and $\rho = J_0(2\pi f_d T\Delta)$ (assuming Jakes' fading correlation model), where $J_0(x)$ is the zeroth order Bessel function, f_d is the Doppler spread, Δ is the feedback delay in number of frames, and T is the frame duration. Note that ρ is independent of SNR and is strictly less than 1.

Case 3: *Estimation error and Feedback delay*
In this case, $\mathbf{H}_r = \hat{\mathbf{H}}$ and $\mathbf{H}_t = \hat{\mathbf{H}}_{old}$, $\sigma_t^2 = \sigma_r^2 = \frac{P_t}{P_t+\sigma_n^2}$, and $\rho = \frac{P_t}{P_t+\sigma_n^2}J_0(2\pi f_d T\Delta)$. Note that $\rho < 1$ and as $SNR \to \infty$, $\rho \to J_0(2\pi f_d T\Delta)$.

Case 4: *Estimation error, Feedback delay, and Prediction*

An $L-$tap linear MMSE prediction filter is assumed. In this case, $\mathbf{H}_r = \hat{\mathbf{H}}$, and $\mathbf{H}_t = \tilde{\mathbf{H}}$ (predicted CSI). At time k, $\tilde{H}_{ij}(k) = \mathbf{w}^H \mathbf{h}_{ij,\Delta}(k)$, where $\mathbf{h}_{ij,\Delta}(k) = [\hat{H}_{ij}(k-\Delta), \hat{H}_{ij}(k-\Delta-1), \cdots, \hat{H}_{ij}(k-\Delta-L+1)]^T$, and $\mathbf{w}$ is the vector of prediction filter coefficients. Since the channel between different pairs of transmit and receive antennas are i.i.d., the linear MMSE prediction filter coefficients are independent of i and j and given by $\mathbf{w} = \mathbf{R}^{-1}\mathbf{p}$, where $\mathbf{R} = E[\mathbf{h}_{ij,\Delta}(k)\mathbf{h}_{ij,\Delta}(k)^H]$ and $\mathbf{p} = E[H_{ij}(k)\mathbf{h}_{ij,\Delta}(k)^H]$. Further, it can be shown that $\sigma_t^2 = \mathbf{p}^H\mathbf{w} = \mathbf{p}^H\mathbf{R}^{-1}\mathbf{p}$ and $\rho = \sqrt{\frac{P_t}{P_t+\sigma_n^2}}\mathbf{p}^H\mathbf{R}^{-1}\mathbf{p}$. Again, note that $\rho < 1$ as $SNR \to \infty$ for a finite-tap predictor.

B. Maximum eigen-mode beamforming

Transmit beamforming is employed at the transmitter. The transmit vector at time k is given by: $\mathbf{x}(k) = \mathbf{b}x(k)$, where $x(k)$ is the transmit symbol and $\mathbf{b}$ is the beamforming vector. In maximum eigen-mode beamforming, $\mathbf{b}$ is chosen to be $\mathbf{u}$, the right singular vector corresponding to the maximum singular value of $\mathbf{H}$. This choice of $\mathbf{b}$ maximizes $||\mathbf{Hb}||^2$ and this maximum value of $||\mathbf{Hb}||^2$ is λ, where $\sqrt{\lambda}$ is the maximum singular value. However, in practice, when imperfect CSI is available at the transmitter, $\mathbf{b}$ is chosen to be the right singular vector corresponding to the maximum singular value of $\mathbf{H}_t$.

III. OUTAGE PROBABILITY ANALYSIS

If the CSIT $\mathbf{H}_t$ is a delayed version of $\mathbf{H}_r$ obtained through a feedback channel from the receiver, the receiver knows $\mathbf{H}_t$ as well as $\mathbf{H}_r$ and the outage probability is:

$$P(\text{outage}) = P\left(I(x; \mathbf{y}/\mathbf{H}_t, \mathbf{H}_r) < R\right), \qquad (3)$$

where R is the rate of transmission. A lower bound on the mutual information between x and $\mathbf{y}$, given $\mathbf{H}_t$ and $\mathbf{H}_r$, is given by [11, 12]:

$$I\left(x; \mathbf{H}/\mathbf{H}_t, \mathbf{H}_r\right) \geq \log\left[1 + \Gamma\mathbf{u}^H\mathbf{H}_r^H\mathbf{H}_r\mathbf{u}\right], \qquad (4)$$

where $\Gamma = \frac{P}{P\sigma_e^2+\sigma_n^2} = \frac{SNR}{\left(\frac{P}{P_t+\sigma_n^2}\right)+1}$ and $SNR = \frac{P}{\sigma_n^2}$.

Using this mutual information lower bound, an upper bound on outage probability can be obtained as:

$$P(\text{outage}) \leq P\left(\log\left[1 + \Gamma\mathbf{u}^H\mathbf{H}_r^H\mathbf{H}_r\mathbf{u}\right] < R\right)$$
$$= P\left(\mathbf{u}^H\mathbf{H}_r^H\mathbf{H}_r\mathbf{u} < \beta\right), \qquad (5)$$

where $\beta = \frac{e^R-1}{\Gamma}$. Let $b = \mathbf{u}^H\mathbf{H}_r^H\mathbf{H}_r\mathbf{u} = ||\mathbf{H}_r\mathbf{u}||^2$. Using equation (2), we get

$$b = \sigma_r^2 \left\| \frac{\rho}{\sigma_t}\mathbf{H}_t\mathbf{u} + \sqrt{1-\rho^2}\mathbf{Eu} \right\|^2$$

$$= \frac{(1-\rho^2)\sigma_r^2}{2}\left\| \sqrt{\frac{2\rho^2}{(1-\rho^2)\sigma_t^2}}\mathbf{H}_t\mathbf{u} + \sqrt{2}\mathbf{Eu} \right\|^2 \qquad (6)$$

Let $A = \left\| \sqrt{\frac{2\rho^2}{(1-\rho^2)\sigma_t^2}}\mathbf{H}_t\mathbf{u} + \sqrt{2}\mathbf{Eu} \right\|^2$. Given $\mathbf{H}_t$, $\mathbf{H}_t\mathbf{u}$ is a constant and $\sqrt{2}\mathbf{Eu}$ is a $N \times 1$ vector of i.i.d zero

mean complex Gaussian entries with variance 1 per dimension. Therefore, given $\mathbf{H}_t$, A is noncentral chi squared distributed with $2N$ degrees of freedom and noncentrality parameter $\delta = \frac{2\mu}{\sigma_t^2}\|\mathbf{H}_t\mathbf{u}\|^2 = \frac{2\mu}{\sigma_t^2}\lambda$, where $\mu = \frac{\rho^2}{1-\rho^2}$. Therefore, we get

$$P\left(\text{outage}/\mathbf{H}_t\right) \leq P\left(A < \frac{2(1+\mu)\beta}{\sigma_r^2}\right)$$

$$= \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} \frac{e^{-\frac{\mu\lambda}{\sigma_t^2}}}{j!}\left(\frac{\mu\lambda}{\sigma_t^2}\right)^j \gamma_{j+N}\left(\frac{(1+\mu)\beta}{\sigma_r^2}\right) \quad (7)$$

Equation (7) gives the upper bound on the conditional outage probability given λ, which can be averaged over λ to get the upper bound on outage probability as:

$$P(\text{outage}) \leq \int_0^\infty P_{UB}(\text{outage}/x)f_\lambda(x)dx. \quad (8)$$

This upperbound can be simplified to the expression in equation (9) (see appendix for details) for rank 2 systems (i.e., $M = 2$), where $\nu = \frac{\mu}{\sigma_t^2}$. This bound can be simplified to a closed-form expression using similar simplifications even when $M > 2$. However, the expression is complicated and does not provide any further insight. Therefore, it is omitted.

In a TDD system, the receiver does not know $\mathbf{H}_t$. However, it estimates the product $\mathbf{Hu}$. Even in this case, the bound in equation (5) can be used and the distribution of A would remain the same given λ.

A. Numerical Results

The outage probability vs. SNR for a 2×4 system (evaluated using equation (9)) is shown in Fig 1. The desired rate R is 2 nats/sec/Hz. A normalized Doppler spread $f_dT = 0.05$ (eg., $f_d = 25$ Hz, $T = 2$ ms) and delay $\Delta = 1$ frame are considered, corresponding to a ρ of 0.97. The outage probability with perfect CSIT is also shown for reference. Fig. 1 illustrates that the effect of feedback delay becomes significant as SNR increases. The effect of estimation error is negligible at high SNR since the estimation error reduces with SNR. Using channel prediction compensates for the degradation due to delay. The length of the prediction filter required is discussed further in section III-B.

The outage probability is plotted vs. R for a 2×2 system in Fig. 2 for SNR of 20 dB. A normalized Doppler of 0.05 and delay $\Delta = 2$ frames are considered. This plot can be used to determine the outage capacity for a given $P(\text{outage})$. Outage capacity is relevant for systems that adapt the transmission rate based on feedback while maintaining a constant outage probability (or block error rate). For $P(outage) = 0.01$, the outage capacity with delayed CSIT is about 12% lower than the outage capacity with prediction.

B. Required value for correlation

Channel estimation error is proportional to SNR^{-1}. Therefore, the effect of channel estimation error can usually be characterized by a simple SNR loss. However, the effect of feedback delay is different. If ρ is constant with SNR, the effect of delay dominates at high SNR. In order to bound
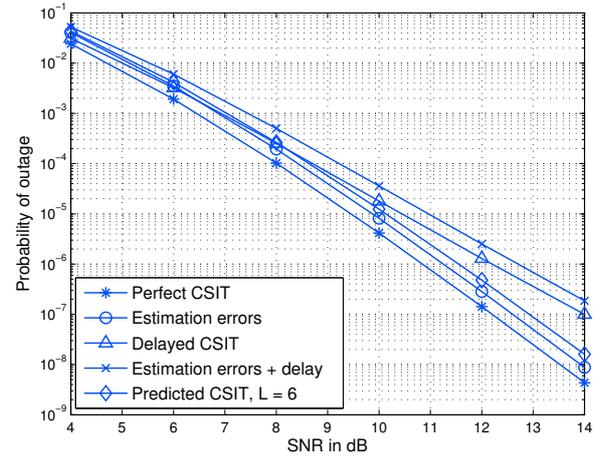

Fig. 1: Probability of outage vs. SNR for a 2×4 system, $R = 2$ nats/s/Hz, normalized Doppler = 0.05, $\Delta = 1$ frame.
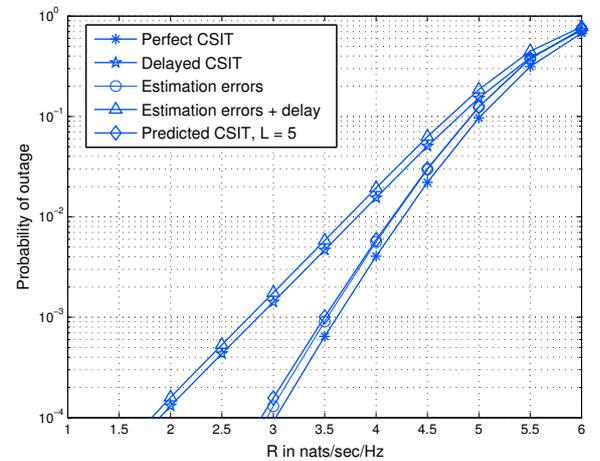

Fig. 2: Probability of outage vs. R for 2×2, SNR $= 20$ dB, normalized Doppler = 0.05, $\Delta = 2$ frames.
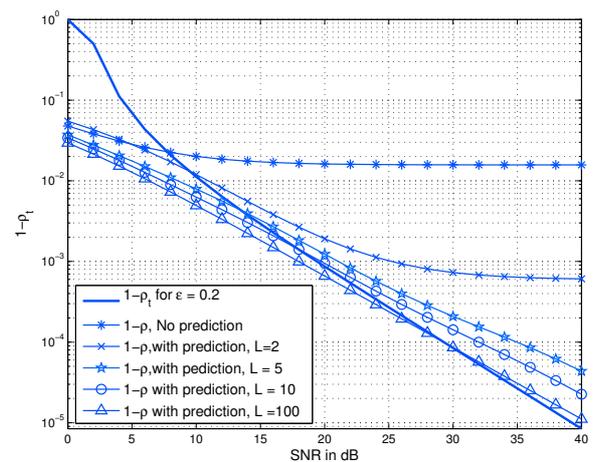

Fig. 3: 1-ρ_t vs. SNR for 2×2, normalized Doppler = 0.05, $\Delta = 1$.

$$P(\text{outage}) \leq \frac{1}{(N-1)!(N-2)!} \left[\frac{N!(N-2)!}{1+\nu} \sum_{k=0}^{1} \binom{1}{k} \nu^k \gamma_{k+N} \left(\beta \left(\frac{1+\mu}{1+\nu} \right) \right) - 2((N-1)!)^2 \gamma_N \left(\beta \left(\frac{1+\mu}{1+\nu} \right) \right) + \right.$$

$$\frac{N!(N-2)!}{(-\nu)^{N-1}} \frac{2+\nu}{2} \sum_{l=0}^{N-2} \left(\frac{-\nu}{2} \right)^l \gamma_{l+1} \left(2\beta \frac{1+\mu}{2+\nu} \right) - \frac{N!(N-2)!}{(-\nu)^{N-1}} (1+\nu) \sum_{l=0}^{N-2} (-\nu)^l \gamma_{l+1} \left(\beta \left(\frac{1+\mu}{1+\nu} \right) \right) -$$

$$\left. \frac{1}{2^N} \sum_{l=-1}^{N-4} \left[\frac{(N-2)!}{l!} + \frac{N!}{(l+2)!} - 2\frac{(N-1)!}{(l+1)!} \right] (N+l)! \left(\frac{1}{2+\nu} \right)^{l+1} \sum_{k=0}^{l+1} \binom{l+1}{k} \left(\frac{\nu}{2} \right)^k \gamma_{N+k} \left(2\beta \frac{1+\mu}{2+\nu} \right) \right], \quad (9)$$

the effect of delay by an SNR loss, the value of ρ needs to increase with SNR and approach 1 as SNR ends to infinity. We
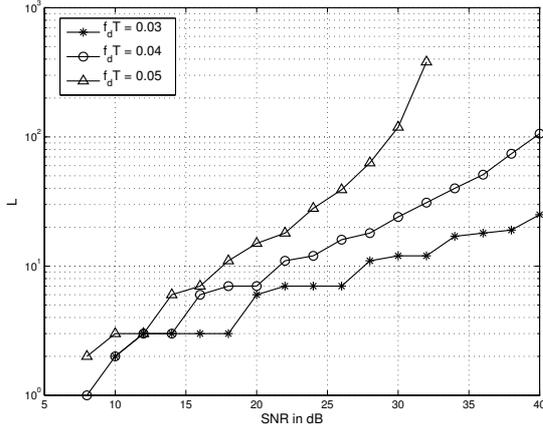

Fig. 4: Required prediction filter length L vs. SNR for 2×2 system, normalized Doppler = 0.05, $\Delta = 1$.

now numerically evaluate the minimum value of ρ required, defined as ρ_t, such that the outage probability with delay is bounded by $(1+\epsilon)$ times the outage probability without delay. ϵ can be chosen depending on the acceptable degradation in performance. Fig. 3 shows the value of $1 - \rho_t$ for a 2×2 system for $R =$ 2nats/sec/Hz and $\epsilon = 0.2$. The result indicates that $1 - \rho_t \propto SNR^{-1}$ at high SNR. The value of ρ with L-tap prediction filters is also shown for $L = 2, 5, 10$ and 100. It can be seen that prediction is not necessary up to the SNR of 7dB. $L = 10$ and 100 limit degradation up to SNR of 25 dB and 40 dB respectively. Fig. 4 depicts the prediction filter length required to achieve the ρ_t for various normalized Doppler frequencies. At SNR of 30dB, L = 10, 25 and 100 are required for $\Delta = 1$ and $f_d T = 0.03, 0.04$ and 0.05 respectively.

IV. ASYMPTOTIC DIVERSITY ORDER

In this section, we analyze the asymptotic diversity-multiplexing-feedback quality tradeoff for MIMO maximum eigen-mode beamforming. Feedback quality α is defined as the rate at which $\rho \to 1$ as $SNR \to \infty$, i.e.,

$$\alpha = -\frac{\log(1-\rho)}{\log SNR}. \quad (10)$$

The diversity d and multiplexing gain r are defined as in [13]. With perfect CSIT, $d = N_t N_r (1-r)$.

Theorem: The asymptotic diversity gain d of maximum eigen-mode beamforming with imperfect CSI is given by:

$$d = \begin{cases} N_r \left(\alpha(N_t - 1) + 1 - r \right) & \text{for } \alpha < (1-r) \\ N_t N_r (1-r) & \text{for } \alpha > (1-r) \end{cases}, \quad (11)$$

for $0 \leq \alpha \leq 1$ and $0 \leq r \leq 1$.
Proof: See appendix.

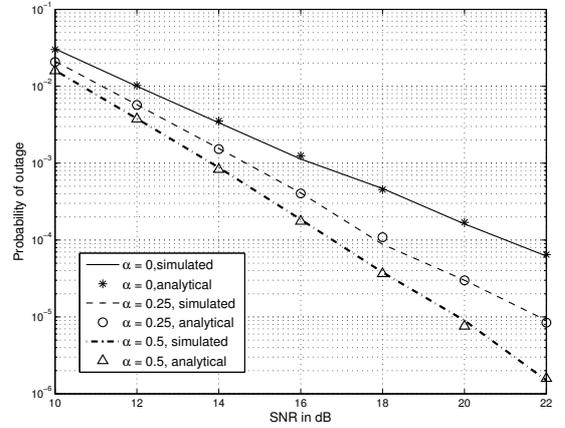Note that if $1 - \rho \propto SNR^{-1}$, i.e., $\alpha = 1$, the diversity order

Fig. 5: Probability of outage vs. SNR for 2×2 system for different values of α

is the same as the perfect CSI case. The analytical results for a 2×2 system for $\alpha = 0$, $\alpha = 0.25$ and $\alpha = 0.5$ are also compared with Monte Carlo simulation results in Fig. 5. The desired rate R is 2 nats/sec/Hz. It can be seen that the asymptotic diversity gain is 2 for $\alpha = 0$, 2.5 for $\alpha = 0.25$ and 3 for $\alpha = 0.5$ validating the analysis.

V. CONCLUSIONS

The effect of feedback delay on the outage probability and outage capacity of maximum eigen-mode beamforming system is analyzed. The usefulness of channel prediction in combating the effect of feedback delay is also studied. The outage probability of a system operating at fixed rate is shown to degrade because of delayed feedback. For rate adaptive systems that maintain a fixed $P(\text{outage})$, delayed feedback results in lower outage capacity. Evaluation of the minimum ρ required to limit degradation indicates that $1 - \rho$ should be proportional to SNR^{-1}. The length of the prediction filter required to attain the required value of ρ is also calculated.

Since the required length increases with SNR and can be large at high SNR, employing channel prediction to improve the performance is practical mainly at low and moderate SNRs. The asymptotic diversity order analysis shows that if $1 - \rho \propto SNR^{-1}$, the diversity order is unaltered, validating the evaluation of ρ_t.

APPENDIX

Derivation of equation (9): $P(\text{outage})$ is upper bounded by

$$\sum_{j=0}^{\infty} \frac{\gamma_{j+N}\left(\beta\frac{1+\mu}{\sigma_r^2}\right)}{j!} \int_0^{\infty} e^{-\frac{\mu}{\sigma_t^2}x} \left(\frac{\mu}{\sigma_t^2}x\right)^j f_\lambda(x)dx. \quad (12)$$

For rank 2 channels, the pdf of λ is can be written as [14]:

$$f_\lambda(x) = ce^{-x}x^{N-2}\left[N! - 2(N-1)!x + (N-2)!x^2\right] -$$
$$e^{-2x}\sum_{k=-2}^{N-4}\left[\frac{(N-2)!}{k!} + \frac{N!}{(k+2)!} - 2\frac{(N-1)!}{(k+1)!}\right]x^{N+k}, \quad (13)$$

where $c = \frac{1}{(N-1)!(N-2)!}$. Simplifying equation (12), reduces to evaluating the following expression

$$\sum_{j=0}^{\infty} \frac{\gamma_{j+N}\left(\beta\frac{1+\mu}{\sigma_r^2}\right)}{j!} \int_0^{\infty} e^{-x\frac{\mu}{\sigma_t^2}} \left(\frac{\mu x}{\sigma_t^2}\right)^j e^{-mx}x^l dx, \quad (14)$$

for different values of l and m and adding them. For $l >= N - 1$, this expression simplifies to

$$\frac{l!}{m^N}\frac{1}{(\nu+m)^{l+1-N}}\sum_{p=0}^{l+1-N}\left(\frac{\nu}{m}\right)^p \gamma_{N+p}\left(m\beta\frac{1+\mu}{m+\nu}\right),$$

and for $l = N - 2$, it simplifies to

$$\frac{(N-2)!}{(-\nu)^{N-1}}\left[\gamma_1\left((1+\mu)\beta\right) - \sum_{p=0}^{N-2}\left(-\frac{\nu}{m}\right)^p\right.$$
$$\left.\left(\frac{\nu+m}{m}\right)\gamma_{p+1}\left(m\beta\frac{1+\mu}{m+\nu}\right)\right].$$

Proof of Theorem: This proof closely follows the analysis method in [15]. First, we split the integration interval over λ into two intervals $[0, B]$ and $[B, \infty)$, where B is chosen such that $f_\lambda(x) = c\frac{x^{p-1}}{(p-1)!} + o(x^p)$ in the interval $[0, B]$ and $p = N_r N_t$. Now, the outage probability can be expressed as

$$P(\text{outage}) = T_1 - T_2 + T_3, \quad (15)$$

where $T_1 = c\int_0^{\infty} P(\text{outage}/x)\frac{x^{p-1}}{(p-1)!}dx$, $T_2 = \int_B^{\infty}$
$P(\text{outage}/x)c\frac{x^{p-1}}{(p-1)!}dx$ and $T_3 = \int_B^{\infty} P(\text{outage}/x)f_\lambda(x)dx$. $T_1 - T_2$ corresponds to the integral over $[0, B]$ and T_3 corresponds to the integral over the other region.

T_1 simplifies similar to the expression in equation (14) to

$$T_1 = c\left(\frac{1}{\mu}\right)^p \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} \frac{(j+p-1)!}{j!(p-1)!}\gamma_{j+N_r}\left((1+\mu)\beta\right) \quad (16)$$

Writing the Gamma function as an integral and interchanging the order of summation and integration results in:

$$T_1 = c\left(\frac{1}{\mu}\right)^p \sum_{k=0}^{p-N_r}\binom{p-N_r}{k}\frac{((1+\mu)\beta)^{N_r+k}}{(N_r+k)!}. \quad (17)$$

As $SNR \to \infty$, $\beta \approx \left(\frac{1}{SNR}\right)^{1-r}$ and $\mu \approx SNR^\alpha$ Therefore, T_1 has diversity same as equation (11). Then, we can show that T_2 and T_3 decay faster than T_1 with SNR in order to prove the result in the theorem as in [15]. In order to do this, T_2 is written as:

$$T_2 = c\sum_{j=0}^{\infty} \frac{\gamma_{j+N_r}\left((1+\mu)\beta\right)}{j!(p-1)!}\left(\frac{1}{\mu}\right)^p \int_{\mu B}^{\infty} e^{-y}y^{j+p-1}dy,$$

where $y = \mu x$. As $SNR \to \infty$, $\mu \approx SNR^\alpha$, and the integral above approaches 0. T_3 is bounded as (where $y = \mu x$):

$$T_3 \le ce^{-\mu B}\sum_{j=0}^{\infty} \frac{\gamma_{j+N_r}\left((1+\mu)\beta\right)}{j} \int_{\mu B}^{\infty} e^{-y}(y)^j f_\lambda(y)dy.$$

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