

Electro-magnetic field exposure aware radio thanks to reconfigurable intelligent surfaces and backscatters

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Abstract

To support the continuous growth of the Internet traffic, each new generation of mobile network (3G, 4G, 5G) is improved with respect to the previous generation, in terms of spectral efficiency, capacity and energy efficiency. However, each new generation also adds its own cost in terms of spectrum and energy consumption to the costs of all previous already deployed ones. Moreover, it adds its own contribution to the overall Electro-Magnetic Field (EMF) exposure. In most countries, national regulators define the EMF limits based upon the guidelines published by the International Commission on Non-Ionizing Radiation Protection (ICNIRP). However, some countries or cities have adopted more stringent limits; sometimes ten times lower than the ICNIRP guidelines. 6G, currently still at Research stage, has the opportunity to be the first generation to take into account EMF exposure in its design. We believe it is now the right time to start exploring disruptive approaches for transmitting more with EMF exposure awareness. In this talk, we explore two promising new types of devices that do not generate any additional wave: Reconfigurable Intelligent Surfaces and Ambient Backscatters. Reconfigurable Intelligent Surfaces improve the link budget of on-going communications by performing reflected beamforming, whereas Ambient backscatters send messages by backscattering ambient waves from on-going communications. We will provide first insights on use cases, deployment aspects, performance evaluation studies and experiments.

Bio

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