

Supplementary Materials for “Two-Dimensional Ice Filling Based Channel Estimation in Densifying MIMO Systems”

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APPENDIX A PROOF OF LEMMA 1

Given the channel model in (4) and $\mathbf{h} \equiv \text{vec}(\mathbf{H})$, the vectorized channel can be rewritten as

$$\mathbf{h} = \sqrt{\frac{N_T N_R}{CR}} \sum_{c=1}^C \sum_{r=1}^R g_{c,r} \mathbf{b}^*(\varphi_{c,r}) \otimes \mathbf{a}(\theta_{c,r}). \quad (21)$$

Utilizing the commutative law of Kronecker product $(\mathbf{A} \otimes \mathbf{B})(\mathbf{C} \otimes \mathbf{D}) = (\mathbf{AC}) \otimes (\mathbf{BD})$, we have

$$\begin{aligned} & (\mathbf{b}^*(\varphi_{c,r}) \otimes \mathbf{a}(\theta_{c,r})) (\mathbf{b}^T(\varphi_{c,r}) \otimes \mathbf{a}^H(\theta_{c,r})) = \\ & (\mathbf{b}^*(\varphi_{c,r}) \mathbf{b}^T(\varphi_{c,r})) \otimes (\mathbf{a}(\theta_{c,r}) \mathbf{a}^H(\theta_{c,r})). \end{aligned} \quad (22)$$

Then, the covariance of channel \mathbf{h} can be derived as (23), where (a) holds since the gains of different rays $\{g_{c,r}\}_{c=1, r=1}^{C,R}$ are i.i.d. with zero mean and normalized power. (b) holds according to (22). (c) holds since $\mathbb{E}(\mathbf{a}(\theta_{c,r}) \mathbf{a}^H(\theta_{c,r})) = \mathbb{E}(\mathbf{a}(\theta_{c',r'}) \mathbf{a}^H(\theta_{c',r'}))$ and $\mathbb{E}(\mathbf{b}^*(\varphi_{c,r}) \mathbf{b}^T(\varphi_{c,r})) = \mathbb{E}(\mathbf{b}^*(\varphi_{c',r'}) \mathbf{b}^T(\varphi_{c',r'}))$ hold for any $c, c' \in \{1, \dots, C\}$ and $r, r' \in \{1, \dots, R\}$. (d) holds by defining

$$\Sigma_T = N_T \mathbb{E}(\mathbf{b}^*(\varphi_{c,r}) \mathbf{b}^T(\varphi_{c,r})), \quad (25)$$

$$\Sigma_R = N_R \mathbb{E}(\mathbf{a}(\theta_{c,r}) \mathbf{a}^H(\theta_{c,r})), \quad (26)$$

wherein c and r can be arbitrarily selected from $\{1, \dots, C\}$ and $\{1, \dots, R\}$, respectively. One can find that, the matrix Σ_T only depends on the steering vector $\mathbf{b}(\varphi)$ at the transmitter, while the matrix Σ_R is only associated with the steering vector

$\mathbf{a}(\theta)$ at the receiver. Thus, Σ_T and Σ_R can be viewed as the kernels that characterize the correlation among the transmitter antennas and that among the receiver antennas, respectively. This completes the proof.

APPENDIX B PROOF OF LEMMA 2

Using some matrix techniques, the MI $I(\mathbf{y}; \mathbf{h})$ can be rewritten as equation (24), where (a) holds since $\det(\mathbf{I} + \mathbf{AB}) = \det(\mathbf{I} + \mathbf{BA})$ and $\Xi = \sigma^2 \text{blkdiag}(\mathbf{W}_1^H \mathbf{W}_1, \dots, \mathbf{W}_Q^H \mathbf{W}_Q)$; (b) holds according to the property that $(\mathbf{a} \otimes \mathbf{B}) \mathbf{C} (\mathbf{a}^H \otimes \mathbf{D}) = (\mathbf{a} \mathbf{a}^H) \otimes (\mathbf{BCD})$ if all dimensions meet the requirements of matrix multiplications. To find more insights, we perform singular value decomposition (SVD) on all $\{\mathbf{W}_q\}_{q=1}^Q$ and then substitute all decomposition formulas $\mathbf{W}_q = \mathbf{\Pi}_q \mathbf{\Omega}_q \mathbf{\Upsilon}_q^H$ into (24). It is evident that $\mathbf{W}_q (\mathbf{W}_q^H \mathbf{W}_q)^{-1} \mathbf{W}_q^H = \mathbf{\Pi}_q \mathbf{\Pi}_q^H$, thus the MI $I(\mathbf{y}; \mathbf{h})$ can be rewritten as

$$\begin{aligned} I(\mathbf{y}; \mathbf{h}) = \\ \log_2 \det \left(\mathbf{I}_{N_R N_T} + \frac{1}{\sigma^2} \sum_{q=1}^Q ((\mathbf{v}_q^* \mathbf{v}_q^T) \otimes (\mathbf{\Pi}_q \mathbf{\Pi}_q^H)) \Sigma_{\mathbf{h}} \right). \end{aligned} \quad (27)$$

Observing (27), one can find that the MI $I(\mathbf{y}; \mathbf{h})$ in (7) only relies on the orthogonal matrix $\mathbf{\Pi}_q \in \mathbb{C}^{N \times N_{\text{RF}}}$ decomposed from \mathbf{W}_q for all $q \in \{1, \dots, Q\}$, while it does not depend on any $\mathbf{\Omega}_q$ or $\mathbf{\Upsilon}_q$. It indicates that imposing $\mathbf{W}_q = \mathbf{\Pi}_q$ does

$$\begin{aligned} \Sigma_{\mathbf{h}} = \mathbb{E}(\mathbf{h} \mathbf{h}^H) & \stackrel{(a)}{=} \frac{N_T N_R}{CR} \sum_{c=1}^C \sum_{r=1}^R \mathbb{E}((\mathbf{b}^*(\varphi_{c,r}) \otimes \mathbf{a}(\theta_{c,r})) (\mathbf{b}^T(\varphi_{c,r}) \otimes \mathbf{a}^H(\theta_{c,r}))) \\ & \stackrel{(b)}{=} \frac{N_T N_R}{CR} \sum_{c=1}^C \sum_{r=1}^R \mathbb{E}(\mathbf{b}^*(\varphi_{c,r}) \mathbf{b}^T(\varphi_{c,r})) \otimes \mathbb{E}(\mathbf{a}(\theta_{c,r}) \mathbf{a}^H(\theta_{c,r})) \\ & \stackrel{(c)}{=} N_T N_R \mathbb{E}(\mathbf{b}^*(\varphi_{c,r}) \mathbf{b}^T(\varphi_{c,r})) \otimes \mathbb{E}(\mathbf{a}(\theta_{c,r}) \mathbf{a}^H(\theta_{c,r})) \stackrel{(d)}{=} \Sigma_T \otimes \Sigma_R. \end{aligned} \quad (23)$$

$$\begin{aligned} I(\mathbf{y}; \mathbf{h}) & \stackrel{(a)}{=} \log_2 \det \left(\mathbf{I}_{N_R N_T} + \right. \\ & \quad \left. \frac{1}{\sigma^2} [\mathbf{v}_1^* \otimes \mathbf{W}_1, \dots, \mathbf{v}_Q^* \otimes \mathbf{W}_Q] \text{blkdiag} \left((\mathbf{W}_1^H \mathbf{W}_1)^{-1}, \dots, (\mathbf{W}_Q^H \mathbf{W}_Q)^{-1} \right) [\mathbf{v}_1^* \otimes \mathbf{W}_1, \dots, \mathbf{v}_Q^* \otimes \mathbf{W}_Q]^H \Sigma_{\mathbf{h}} \right) \\ & \stackrel{(b)}{=} \log_2 \det \left(\mathbf{I}_{N_R N_T} + \frac{1}{\sigma^2} \sum_{q=1}^Q ((\mathbf{v}_q^* \mathbf{v}_q^T) \otimes (\mathbf{W}_q (\mathbf{W}_q^H \mathbf{W}_q)^{-1} \mathbf{W}_q^H)) \Sigma_{\mathbf{h}} \right). \end{aligned} \quad (24)$$

not change the value of $I(\mathbf{y}; \mathbf{h})$. As a result, the orthogonality constraint $\mathbf{W}_q^H \mathbf{W}_q = \mathbf{\Pi}_q^H \mathbf{\Pi}_q = \mathbf{I}_{\text{RF}}$ can be safely introduced into the problem formulation regarding $I(\mathbf{y}; \mathbf{h})$, which completes the proof.

APPENDIX C

PROOF OF MI INCREMENT $I(\bar{\mathbf{y}}_{t+1}; \mathbf{h}) - I(\bar{\mathbf{y}}_t; \mathbf{h})$

Using some matrix partition operations, the MI $I(\bar{\mathbf{y}}_{t+1}; \mathbf{h})$ can be rewritten as

$$\begin{aligned} I(\bar{\mathbf{y}}_{t+1}; \mathbf{h}) &\stackrel{(a)}{=} \log_2 \det \left(\mathbf{I}_{N_{\text{RF}}Q} + \frac{1}{\sigma^2} \bar{\mathbf{X}}_{t+1}^H \Sigma_{\mathbf{h}} \bar{\mathbf{X}}_{t+1} \right) \\ &= \log_2 \det \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{I}_{N_{\text{RF}}t} + \frac{1}{\sigma^2} \bar{\mathbf{X}}_t^H \Sigma_{\mathbf{h}} \bar{\mathbf{X}}_t & \frac{1}{\sigma^2} \bar{\mathbf{X}}_t^H \Sigma_{\mathbf{h}} \mathbf{X}_{t+1} \\ \frac{1}{\sigma^2} \mathbf{X}_{t+1}^H \Sigma_{\mathbf{h}} \bar{\mathbf{X}}_t & \mathbf{I}_{N_{\text{RF}}} + \frac{1}{\sigma^2} \mathbf{X}_{t+1}^H \Sigma_{\mathbf{h}} \mathbf{X}_{t+1} \end{bmatrix} \\ &\stackrel{(b)}{=} \log_2 \det \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{I}_{N_{\text{RF}}t} + \frac{1}{\sigma^2} \bar{\mathbf{X}}_t^H \Sigma_{\mathbf{h}} \bar{\mathbf{X}}_t & \frac{1}{\sigma^2} \bar{\mathbf{X}}_t^H \Sigma_{\mathbf{h}} \mathbf{X}_{t+1} \\ \mathbf{0}_{N_{\text{RF}} \times N_{\text{RF}}t} & \mathbf{I}_{N_{\text{RF}}} + \frac{1}{\sigma^2} \mathbf{X}_{t+1}^H \Sigma_{\mathbf{h}} \mathbf{X}_{t+1} \end{bmatrix} \\ &= I(\bar{\mathbf{y}}_t; \mathbf{h}) + \log_2 \det \left(\mathbf{I}_{N_{\text{RF}}} + \frac{1}{\sigma^2} \mathbf{X}_{t+1}^H \Sigma_{\mathbf{h}} \mathbf{X}_{t+1} \right), \quad (28) \end{aligned}$$

where (a) holds since according to **Lemma 2** and (b) holds by performing matrix triangularization. In particular, Σ_t is given by $\Sigma_t = \Sigma_{\mathbf{h}} - \Sigma_{\mathbf{h}} \bar{\mathbf{X}}_t (\bar{\mathbf{X}}_t^H \Sigma_{\mathbf{h}} \bar{\mathbf{X}}_t + \sigma^2 \mathbf{I}_{N_{\text{RF}}t})^{-1} \bar{\mathbf{X}}_t^H \Sigma_{\mathbf{h}}$, which completes the proof.

APPENDIX D

PROOF OF LEMMA 3

The key idea of the proof is to rewrite the $\bar{\mathbf{X}}_t$ -related terms in (10) as $\Sigma_{\mathbf{h}} \bar{\mathbf{X}}_t = \Sigma_{\mathbf{h}} [\bar{\mathbf{X}}_{t-1}, \mathbf{X}_t]$ and

$$\bar{\mathbf{X}}_t^H \Sigma_{\mathbf{h}} \bar{\mathbf{X}}_t = \begin{bmatrix} \bar{\mathbf{X}}_{t-1}^H \Sigma_{\mathbf{h}} \bar{\mathbf{X}}_{t-1} & \bar{\mathbf{X}}_{t-1}^H \Sigma_{\mathbf{h}} \mathbf{X}_t \\ \mathbf{X}_t^H \Sigma_{\mathbf{h}} \bar{\mathbf{X}}_{t-1} & \mathbf{X}_t^H \Sigma_{\mathbf{h}} \mathbf{X}_t \end{bmatrix}. \quad (30)$$

Then, using the Schur's matrix inversion formula to expand the term $(\bar{\mathbf{X}}_t^H \Sigma_{\mathbf{h}} \bar{\mathbf{X}}_t + \sigma^2 \mathbf{I}_{N_{\text{RF}}t})^{-1}$ in (10), the following recursion formula of can be obtained:

$$\Sigma_{t+1} = \Sigma_t - \Sigma_t \mathbf{X}_{t+1} (\mathbf{X}_{t+1}^H \Sigma_t \mathbf{X}_{t+1} + \sigma^2 \mathbf{I}_{N_{\text{RF}}})^{-1} \mathbf{X}_{t+1}^H \Sigma_t, \quad (31)$$

When $\mathbf{X}_{t+1} = \sqrt{P} \mathbf{U}_t(:, [1, \dots, N_{\text{RF}}])$, we have $\Sigma_t \mathbf{X}_{t+1} = \mathbf{X}_{t+1} \text{diag}(\lambda_1(\Sigma_t), \dots, \lambda_{N_{\text{RF}}}(\Sigma_t))$ and $\mathbf{X}_{t+1}^H \Sigma_t \mathbf{X}_{t+1} = P \text{diag}(\lambda_1(\Sigma_t), \dots, \lambda_{N_{\text{RF}}}(\Sigma_t))$. Thus, the following equality holds:

$$\begin{aligned} \Sigma_{t+1} &= \mathbf{U}_t \Lambda_t \mathbf{U}_t^H - \mathbf{X}_{t+1} \text{diag} \left(\frac{\lambda_1^2(\Sigma_t)}{P \lambda_1(\Sigma_t) + \sigma^2}, \dots, \right. \\ &\quad \left. \frac{\lambda_{N_{\text{RF}}}^2(\Sigma_t)}{P \lambda_{N_{\text{RF}}}(\Sigma_t) + \sigma^2} \right) \mathbf{X}_{t+1}^H. \quad (32) \end{aligned}$$

Given that $\mathbf{X}_{t+1} \text{diag}(\frac{\lambda_1^2(\Sigma_t)}{P \lambda_1(\Sigma_t) + \sigma^2}, \dots, \frac{\lambda_{N_{\text{RF}}}^2(\Sigma_t)}{P \lambda_{N_{\text{RF}}}(\Sigma_t) + \sigma^2}) \mathbf{X}_{t+1}^H = \mathbf{U}_t \text{diag}(\frac{P \lambda_1^2(\Sigma_t)}{P \lambda_1(\Sigma_t) + \sigma^2}, \dots, \frac{P \lambda_{N_{\text{RF}}}^2(\Sigma_t)}{P \lambda_{N_{\text{RF}}}(\Sigma_t) + \sigma^2}, \underbrace{0, \dots, 0}_{N_{\text{R}} N_{\text{T}} - N_{\text{RF}}}) \mathbf{U}_t^H$ and $\Sigma_t = \mathbf{U}_t \Lambda_t \mathbf{U}_t^H$, the equality in (13) can be derived from (32), which completes the proof.

APPENDIX E

PROOF OF COROLLARY 1

According to **Lemma 1** and equality $(\mathbf{A} \mathbf{B} \mathbf{A}^H) \otimes (\mathbf{C} \mathbf{D} \mathbf{C}^H) = (\mathbf{A} \otimes \mathbf{C}) (\mathbf{B} \otimes \mathbf{D}) (\mathbf{A}^H \otimes \mathbf{C}^H)$, the kernel $\Sigma_{\mathbf{h}}$ can be decomposed as

$$\begin{aligned} \Sigma_{\mathbf{h}} &= (\mathbf{U}_T \Lambda_T \mathbf{U}_T^H) \otimes (\mathbf{U}_R \Lambda_R \mathbf{U}_R^H) \\ &= (\underbrace{\mathbf{U}_T \otimes \mathbf{U}_R}_{\mathbf{U}_0}) (\underbrace{\Lambda_T \otimes \Lambda_R}_{\text{Eigenvalue matrix}}) (\mathbf{U}_T^H \otimes \mathbf{U}_R^H) \\ &= \sum_{n_T=1}^{N_T} \sum_{n_R=1}^{N_R} \alpha_{n_T} \beta_{n_R} (\mathbf{a}_{n_T} \otimes \mathbf{b}_{n_R}) (\mathbf{a}_{n_T}^H \otimes \mathbf{b}_{n_R}^H), \quad (33) \end{aligned}$$

Based on (33), one can verify without difficulty that (14) is exactly the eigenvalue decomposition of $\Sigma_{\mathbf{h}}$, which completes the proof.

APPENDIX F

PROOF OF LEMMA 4

Given the new constraints $\mathbf{v}_{t+1} \in \{\sqrt{P} \mathbf{a}_{n_T}^*\}_{n_T=1}^{N_T}$ and $\mathbf{w}_{t+1,k} \in \{\mathbf{b}_{n_R}\}_{n_R=1}^{N_R}$ for all $k \in \{1, \dots, N_{\text{RF}}\}$, problem (12) can be reorganized as

$$\begin{aligned} &\max_{\mathbf{v}_{t+1}, \mathbf{W}_{t+1}} f(\mathbf{v}_{t+1}, \mathbf{W}_{t+1}) \\ &\text{s.t. } \mathbf{v}_{t+1} \in \{\sqrt{P} \mathbf{a}_{n_T}^*\}_{n_T=1}^{N_T}, \\ &\quad \mathbf{w}_{t+1,k} \in \{\mathbf{b}_{n_R}\}_{n_R=1}^{N_R}, \forall k \in \{1, \dots, N_{\text{RF}}\}, \\ &\quad \mathbf{w}_{t+1,k} \neq \mathbf{w}_{t+1,k'}, \forall k \neq k', \quad (34) \end{aligned}$$

where the objective function is given in (29), in which (a) holds according to the definition in (15) and (b) holds by utilizing the property to the property that $(\mathbf{A} \otimes \mathbf{B}) (\mathbf{C} \otimes \mathbf{D}) = (\mathbf{A} \mathbf{C}) \otimes (\mathbf{B} \mathbf{D})$. Note that, the constraint $\mathbf{w}_{t+1,k} \neq \mathbf{w}_{t+1,k'}$ for all $k \neq k'$ in (34) ensures the orthogonality of \mathbf{W}_{t+1} . Observing (34), one can find that our goal becomes finding optimal indexes n_T and $\{n_{R,k}\}_{k=1}^{N_{\text{RF}}}$ that maximize the MI increment $f(\mathbf{v}_{t+1}, \mathbf{W}_{t+1})$. Assuming that the optimal indexes are expressed by n_T^{opt} and $\{n_{R,k}^{\text{opt}}\}_{k=1}^{N_{\text{RF}}}$, the optimal precoder and the optimal combiner are

$$\mathbf{v}_{t+1}^{\text{opt}} = \sqrt{P} \mathbf{a}_{n_T^{\text{opt}}}^* \text{ and } \mathbf{W}_{t+1}^{\text{opt}} = [\mathbf{b}_{n_{R,1}^{\text{opt}}}, \dots, \mathbf{b}_{n_{R,N_{\text{RF}}}^{\text{opt}}}], \quad (35)$$

$$\begin{aligned} f(\mathbf{v}_{t+1}, \mathbf{W}_{t+1}) &\stackrel{(a)}{=} \log_2 \det \left(\mathbf{I}_{N_{\text{RF}}} + \frac{1}{\sigma^2} \sum_{n_T=1}^{N_T} \sum_{n_R=1}^{N_R} \lambda_{t,n_T,n_R} (\mathbf{v}_{t+1}^T \otimes \mathbf{W}_{t+1}^H) (\mathbf{a}_{n_T} \otimes \mathbf{b}_{n_R}) (\mathbf{a}_{n_T}^H \otimes \mathbf{b}_{n_R}^H) (\mathbf{v}_{t+1} \otimes \mathbf{W}_{t+1}) \right) \\ &\stackrel{(b)}{=} \log_2 \det \left(\mathbf{I}_{N_{\text{RF}}} + \frac{1}{\sigma^2} \sum_{n_T=1}^{N_T} \sum_{n_R=1}^{N_R} \lambda_{t,n_T,n_R} |\mathbf{a}_{n_T}^H \mathbf{v}_{t+1}^*|^2 \mathbf{W}_{t+1}^H \mathbf{b}_{n_R} \mathbf{b}_{n_R}^H \mathbf{W}_{t+1} \right) \quad (29) \end{aligned}$$

respectively. Then, we have

$$\mathbf{a}_{n_T}^H(\mathbf{v}_{t+1}^{\text{opt}})^* = \begin{cases} \sqrt{P}, & n_T = n_T^{\text{opt}} \\ 0, & \text{else} \end{cases}, \quad (36a)$$

$$\mathbf{b}_{n_R}^H \mathbf{W}_{t+1}^{\text{opt}} = \begin{cases} \mathbf{e}_{n_R}^T, & n_R \in \{n_{R,k}^{\text{opt}}\}_{k=1}^{N_{\text{RF}}} \\ \mathbf{0}_{N_{\text{RF}}}^T, & \text{else} \end{cases}, \quad (36b)$$

where \mathbf{e}_{n_R} denotes an N_{RF} -dimensional vector whose n_R -th entry is one and the other entries are zero. By substituting (36) into (34), the optimal MI increment $f(\mathbf{v}_{t+1}^{\text{opt}}, \mathbf{W}_{t+1}^{\text{opt}})$ can be expressed by

$$\begin{aligned} & f(\mathbf{v}_{t+1}^{\text{opt}}, \mathbf{W}_{t+1}^{\text{opt}}) \\ &= \log_2 \det \left(\mathbf{I}_{N_{\text{RF}}} + \frac{P}{\sigma^2} \sum_{n_R=1}^{N_{\text{RF}}} \lambda_{t, n_T^{\text{opt}}, n_R} (\mathbf{W}_{t+1}^{\text{opt}})^H \mathbf{b}_{n_R} \mathbf{b}_{n_R}^H \mathbf{W}_{t+1}^{\text{opt}} \right) \\ &= \log_2 \det \left(\mathbf{I}_{N_{\text{RF}}} + \frac{P}{\sigma^2} \text{diag} \left(\lambda_{t, n_T^{\text{opt}}, n_{R,1}^{\text{opt}}}, \dots, \lambda_{t, n_T^{\text{opt}}, n_{R, N_{\text{RF}}}^{\text{opt}}} \right) \right) \\ &= \sum_{k=1}^{N_{\text{RF}}} \log_2 \left(1 + \frac{P \lambda_{t, n_T^{\text{opt}}, n_{R,k}^{\text{opt}}}}{\sigma^2} \right), \end{aligned} \quad (37)$$

which only relies on the eigenvalues of Σ_t . In this context, the problem becomes finding n_T and $\{n_{R,k}\}_{k=1}^{N_{\text{RF}}}$ that maximize $f(\mathbf{v}_{t+1}, \mathbf{W}_{t+1})$, as formulated in (17). This completes the proof.