MIMO: The Future of Wireless

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Abstract: MIMO has been called "The future of wireless." It is a key technology used in 4G systems, and is the basis for improved performance being planned in 5G. Rather than fighting multipath, it puts it to work by sending and receiving more than one data signal in the same radio channel at the same time. Multi-dimensional waveforms are used to improve range, speed, and reliability. MIMO has opened the door for a unique type of error correction-coding, called space-time codes. They complement the parameter "time" with "space" (antennas) to provide the coding redundancy. Currently, the plans for 5G are to use an enhanced version of conventional MIMO, called Massive MIMO, which employs hundreds of antennas. Also, for 5G, the radio access schemes being considered employ mm-wave technology, which entails novel advantages as well as challenges.

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