

Common Codebook Millimeter Wave Beam Design: Designing Beams for Both Sounding and Communication with Uniform Planar Arrays

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Abstract—Fifth generation (5G) wireless networks are expected to utilize wide bandwidths available at millimeter wave (mmWave) frequencies for enhancing system throughput. However, the unfavorable channel conditions of mmWave links, e.g., higher path loss and attenuation due to atmospheric gases or water vapor, hinder reliable communications. To compensate for these severe losses, it is essential to have a multitude of antennas to generate sharp and strong beams for directional transmission. In this paper, we consider mmWave systems using uniform planar array (UPA) antennas, which effectively place more antennas on a two-dimensional grid. A hybrid beamforming setup is also considered to generate beams by combining a multitude of antennas using only a few radio frequency chains. We focus on designing a set of transmit beamformers generating beams adapted to the directional characteristics of mmWave links assuming a UPA and hybrid beamforming. We first define ideal beam patterns for UPA structures. Each beamformer is constructed to minimize the mean squared error from the corresponding ideal beam pattern. Simulation results verify that the proposed codebooks enhance beamforming reliability and data rate in mmWave systems.

Index Terms—Millimeter wave communications, Hybrid beamforming, Codebook design algorithm, Uniform planar array.

I. INTRODUCTION

WIRELESS broadband systems operating in the millimeter wave (mmWave) spectrum are thought to be a prime candidate to provide the system throughput enhancements needed for fifth generation (5G) wireless networks [2]–[5]. The wide bandwidths available at mmWave frequencies can be an attractive alternative to the sub-6GHz frequencies employed in most of today’s cellular networks. Also, the directional characteristics of mmWave links are suitable for reducing interuser interference in multiuser channels. However, the higher expected path loss caused by the high carrier frequency, atmospheric gases, and water vapor absorption result in severe link quality degradation. The unfavorable channel conditions at mmWave frequencies necessitate utilizing highly directional transmission with a large beamforming gain.

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The small wavelengths of mmWave frequencies allow a large number of antennas to be implemented in a small form factor on access points and devices. Phased array transmit/receive architectures, such as a uniform linear array (ULA) or uniform planar array (UPA), using high-resolution beamforming are usually considered for mmWave systems [6]. Due to their simplicity, systems using ULAs have been widely studied for use at mmWave frequencies [7]–[15]. UPAs are now being considered due to their higher space efficiency, obtained by packing antennas on a two-dimensional (2D) grid [13]. UPAs can also facilitate three-dimensional (3D) beamforming that takes advantage of both elevation and azimuth domain beamforming to efficiently mitigate interuser interference and eventually increases system capacity [16]. In this paper, we thus consider UPAs to take the advantage of the 2D antenna structures.

Millimeter wave systems having a large number of antennas may not be able to use baseband beamforming techniques requiring one radio frequency (RF) chain per antenna due to the high cost and power consumption [4], [5]. Therefore, mmWave systems based on analog beamforming relying upon a single RF chain have been reported in [7]–[12]. Although an analog beamforming architecture can be implemented with inexpensive transmit amplifiers, the envelope constraints placed on the transmitted signals may result in a loss of beamforming gain [?], [8]. To develop mmWave systems operating under modest hardware requirements, we consider hybrid beamforming techniques using a few RF chains wired to sets of phase shifters [12]–[15].

Current cellular systems construct the transmit beamformer based on the channel state information (CSI) at the transmitter, which often is only available through receiver feedback. In feedback-assisted frequency division duplexing architectures, it is essential for the receiver to estimate the CSI using downlink pilot signals [17]–[19]. In large-scale mmWave systems, it may be difficult to explicitly estimate the CSI due to the large number of resources required for training each antenna [18], [19]. Channel estimation algorithms relying on compressed sensing techniques [14], [20]–[22] could be suitable for mmWave downlink training. However, compressed sensing techniques need stringent sparsity requirements to be satisfied.

The high dimensionality of a mmWave channel necessitates utilizing a more intuitive channel estimation algorithm. For this reason, mmWave systems may use beam alignment approaches that choose the transmit beamformer without estimating the

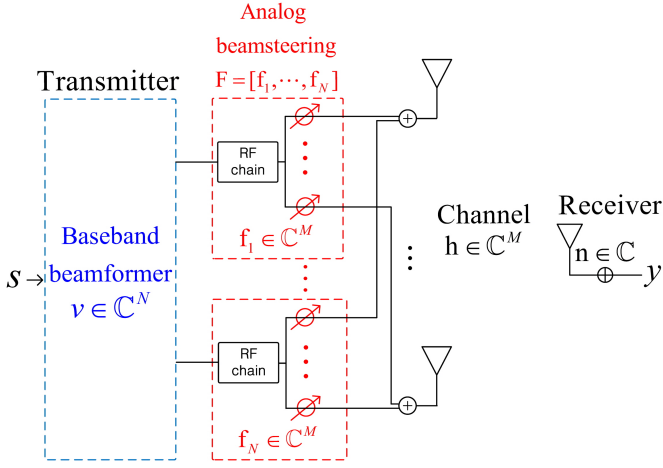


Fig. 1. An overview of a mmWave system with hybrid beamforming.

channel matrix explicitly [7]–[11]. In codebook-based beam alignment approaches, it is desirable to share a single *common* codebook for both channel sounding and data transmission. However, sounding and data transmission enforce conflicting design requirements on the beams in the codebook. For example, data transmission beams should ideally be narrow to allow for maximum beamforming gain when properly aligned, but channel sounding beams should ideally be wide to sound a wide geographic area with small overhead. In addition, the codebook size must be small to ensure minimal system overhead.

The design of a common codebook satisfying the conflicting design requirements as well as validating practical mmWave systems has been studied in [1], [8], [14]. Previous codebook design algorithms are typically optimized for particular vector subspaces characterized by ULA structures. However, codebooks for mmWave systems employing UPAs should be designed to sound a wide geographic area as well as to facilitate a large beamforming gain. In addition, adaptive beam alignment approaches mostly utilize a multitude of hierarchical codebooks [8], [10], [13], [14]. This necessitates design guidelines for multi-resolution codebooks that capture the channel characteristics of UPAs.

In this paper, we propose a practical codebook design algorithm that utilizes the strong directivity of mmWave links. The codebook design algorithm is developed assuming hybrid beamforming at the transmitter. Based on Parseval's theorem, we first derive conditions that impose constraint on a beamformer's beam pattern assuming a UPA structure. To develop a codebook design criterion, we next study ideal beam patterns by utilizing the analytical studies. The codebook is designed such that each beamformer minimizes the mean squared error (MSE) between the codebook's beam pattern and the corresponding ideal beam pattern. To access a feasible solution satisfying the proposed design guideline, we formulate an optimization problem that can produce a set of candidate beamformers. The orthogonal matching pursuit (OMP) algorithm [23], [24] is then used to compute each candidate beamformer, satisfying a power constrained hybrid beamforming setup. The final beamformer accomplishing the MSE minimization objective will be chosen

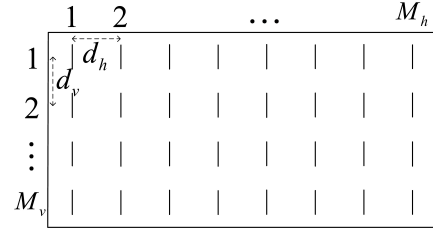


Fig. 2. The structure of the uniform planar array considered in this paper.

among the set of beamformer candidates for each ideal beam pattern. It is validated analytically that all other beamformers in the codebook can be generated from one optimized beamformer, which can expedite offline codebook construction. Although the ULA codebooks in [8], [14] can be extended to UPAs similar to the 2D Kronecker product (KP) codebook in [33], the simulation results and discussions in Section V verify that the proposed codebooks generate the most practical beam patterns, which are suitable to the codebook-based beam alignment approaches.

The remainder of this paper is organized as follows. In Section II, we describe a mmWave system with hybrid beamforming and define the beam region of interest (beam region). In Section III, we define the ideal beam pattern by considering a UPA structure and the directional characteristics of mmWave links. In Section IV, a practical codebook design algorithm is proposed for mmWave systems based on predefined ideal beam patterns. In Section V, simulation results are presented to verify the performance of the proposed codebook. Section VI details our conclusions.

Throughout this paper, \mathbb{C} denotes the field of complex numbers, \mathbb{R} denotes the field of real numbers, $\mathcal{CN}(m, \sigma^2)$ denotes the complex normal distribution with mean m and variance σ^2 , $[a, b]$ is the closed interval between a and b , $\mathcal{U}(a, b)$ denotes the uniform distribution in the closed interval $[a, b]$, $(\mathbf{a})_\ell$ is the ℓ -th entry of the column vector \mathbf{a} , $\mathbf{1}_{a,b}$ is the $a \times b$ all ones matrix, \mathbf{I}_N is the $N \times N$ identity matrix, $\lceil \cdot \rceil$ is the ceiling function, $\mathbb{E}[\cdot]$ is the expectation operator, $\mathbb{1}$ is the indicator function, $\|\cdot\|_p$ is the p -norm, \odot is the Hadamard product, and \otimes is the Kronecker product. Also, \mathbf{A}^H , \mathbf{A}^* , $\mathbf{A}_{a,b}$, $\mathbf{A}_{a,:}$, $\mathbf{A}_{:,b}$, $\mathbf{v}_{\max}\{\mathbf{A}\}$ denote the conjugate transpose, element-wise complex conjugate, $(a, b)^{th}$ entry, a^{th} row, b^{th} column, and principal eigenvector of the matrix \mathbf{A} , respectively.

II. SYSTEM MODEL

A. System model

We consider a multiple-input single-output (MISO) system¹ operating in the mmWave spectrum. The transmitter employs $M \doteq M_h M_v$ transmit antennas, which are controlled by N RF chains ($N \leq M$), and the receiver has a single receive antenna [14], [15]. This hybrid beamforming configuration is shown in Fig. 1. The transmit array is laid out in a grid pattern with M_h columns and M_v rows, as shown in Fig. 2. The horizontal

¹For multiple-input multiple-output (MIMO) systems, we also need to perform beam alignment at the receiver as in [7], [8]. Although we discuss only beamformer design at the transmitter for simplicity, the proposed codebook design algorithm can be used to construct combiners at the receiver as well.

and vertical elements are spaced uniformly with separations d_h and d_v , respectively [6].

Assuming a block fading channel, the input-output expression for data transmission is

$$y \doteq \sqrt{\rho} \mathbf{h}^H \mathbf{c} s + n, \quad (1)$$

where y is the received signal, ρ is the transmit signal-to-noise ratio (SNR), $\mathbf{c} \in \mathbb{C}^M$ is the unit norm transmit beamformer $\mathbf{h} \in \mathbb{C}^M$ is the block fading mmWave channel, $s \in \mathbb{C}$ is the transmit symbol subject to the constraint $\mathbb{E}[|s|^2] \leq 1$, and $n \sim \mathcal{CN}(0, 1)$ is the additive white Gaussian noise (AWGN).

In most beam alignment approaches, the transmit beamformer for data transmission is chosen from a sounding codebook $\mathcal{C} = \{\mathbf{c}_{1,1} \cdots \mathbf{c}_{Q_h, Q_v}\}$ consisting of $Q \doteq Q_h Q_v$ beamformers.² To sound the mmWave channel, the codewords $\{\mathbf{c}_{1,1} \cdots \mathbf{c}_{Q_h, Q_v}\}$ are transmitted one-by-one such as

$$y_{q,p}^{\text{sounding}} = \sqrt{\rho} \mathbf{h}^H \mathbf{c}_{q,p} + n_{q,p},$$

where $q \in \{1, \dots, Q_h\}$, $p \in \{1, \dots, Q_v\}$. Note that $y_{q,p}^{\text{sounding}}$ is the $((q-1)Q_v + p)$ -th channel observation in the given fading block and $n_{q,p} \sim \mathcal{CN}(0, 1)$ is AWGN. The beamformer for data transmission is then given by $\mathbf{c} = \mathbf{c}_{\hat{q}, \hat{p}}$ with

$$(\hat{q}, \hat{p}) = \arg \max_{(q,p) \in \mathcal{Q}} |y_{q,p}^{\text{sounding}}|^2, \quad (2)$$

where $\mathcal{Q} \doteq \{1, \dots, Q_h\} \times \{1, \dots, Q_v\}$.

When implemented, the unit norm transmit beamformer $\mathbf{c} \doteq \mathbf{F} \mathbf{v} \in \mathbb{C}^M$ is formed using a combination of an analog beamsteering matrix $\mathbf{F} = [\mathbf{f}_1, \dots, \mathbf{f}_N] \in \mathbb{C}^{M \times N}$ consisting of N unit norm beamsteering vectors and a baseband beamformer $\mathbf{v} \in \mathbb{C}^N$. An analog beamsteering vector \mathbf{f}_n is realized by a set of RF phase shifters, which is modeled by requiring that the vector lie in the equal gain subset

$$\mathcal{E}_{2B} = \{\mathbf{f} \in \mathbb{C}^M : f_m = e^{j\varphi_m} / \sqrt{M}, \varphi_m \in \mathcal{Z}_{2B}\}, \quad (3)$$

where $m \in \{1, \dots, M\}$, φ_m is the phase of the each entry of the equal gain vector $\mathbf{f} = [f_1, \dots, f_M]^T$. To impose practical limitations on the analog beamforming hardware, we assume that a digitally-controlled RF phase shifter generates quantized phases [8]. Each element phase φ_m in (3) is then chosen from the set of 2^B quantized phases

$$\mathcal{Z}_{2B} \doteq \{0, 2\pi/2^B, \dots, 2\pi(2^B - 1)/2^B\}. \quad (4)$$

The weight vector \mathbf{v} combining the columns of \mathbf{F} performs beamforming at baseband without equal gain constraints, while the combination of \mathbf{F} and \mathbf{v} is subject to the constraint $\|\mathbf{F} \mathbf{v}\|_2^2 = 1$.

B. Vector subspace for mmWave channels

For the UPA scenario, the mmWave channel is modeled by the combination of a line-of-sight (LOS) path and a few

non-line-of-sight (NLOS) paths as [25]–[27]

$$\mathbf{h} = \sqrt{\frac{MK}{1+K}} \alpha_0 \mathbf{d}_M(\psi_{h0}, \psi_{v0}) + \sqrt{\frac{M}{R(1+K)}} \sum_{r=1}^R \alpha_r \mathbf{d}_M(\psi_{hr}, \psi_{vr}), \quad (5)$$

where K is the Ricean K -factor, $\alpha_r \sim \mathcal{CN}(0, 1)$ is the complex channel gain, R is the number of NLOS paths, and

$$\mathbf{d}_M(\psi_{hr}, \psi_{vr}) \doteq \mathbf{d}_{M_h}(\psi_{hr}) \otimes \mathbf{d}_{M_v}(\psi_{vr}) \in \mathbb{C}^M \quad (6)$$

is the r -th normalized beam defined by the KP of array response vectors³

$$\mathbf{d}_{M_a}(\psi_{ar}) \doteq \frac{1}{\sqrt{M_a}} [1, e^{j\psi_{ar}} \dots e^{j(M_a-1)\psi_{ar}}]^T \in \mathbb{C}^{M_a} \quad (7)$$

with $\psi_{hr} = \frac{2\pi d_h}{\lambda} \sin \theta_{hr} \cos \theta_{vr}$ and $\psi_{vr} = \frac{2\pi d_v}{\lambda} \sin \theta_{vr}$, where θ_{ar} is the angle of departure (AoD) [6]. Note that $a \in \{h, v\}$ denotes both horizontal and vertical domains.

Millimeter wave channels are expected to have a large Ricean K -factor that is matched with a strong channel directivity [4], [29], [30]. Therefore, we consider a vector subspace defined by a single dominant beam,⁴ i.e., an array manifold

$$\mathcal{A} \doteq \{\mathbf{a} : \mathbf{a} = \sqrt{M} \mathbf{d}_M(\psi_h, \psi_v), (\psi_h, \psi_v) \in \mathcal{B}\}, \quad (8)$$

where \mathcal{B} denotes the set of beam directions⁵ in both horizontal and vertical domains. Then, we need to define proper \mathcal{B} to design good codebooks.

Since the array response vector is periodic such as

$$\mathbf{d}_{M_a}(\psi_a + 2\pi) = \mathbf{d}_{M_a}(\psi_a),$$

the entire beam region is bounded as $\mathcal{B}_e \doteq [-\pi, \pi) \times [-\pi, \pi)$. We next define the set of possible beam directions that actually characterizes the array manifold in (8). We consider an AoD distributed as $(\theta_h, \theta_v) \in [-\frac{\pi}{2}, \frac{\pi}{2}) \times [-\frac{\pi}{4}, \frac{\pi}{4})$ assuming sectorized cellular systems. The beam region is then defined as

$$\mathcal{B}_s \doteq [-2\pi d_h / \lambda, 2\pi d_h / \lambda) \times [-\sqrt{2}\pi d_v / \lambda, \sqrt{2}\pi d_v / \lambda).$$

As defined in (7), the beam direction in ψ_h domain is a function of not only θ_h but also θ_v . Considering the paired ranges in the horizontal and vertical domains together, the possible range of beam directions are bounded for a given AoD θ_v as

$$|\psi_{h|\theta_v}| \leq 2\pi d_h \cos \theta_v / \lambda, \quad \psi_{v|\theta_v} = 2\pi d_v \sin \theta_v / \lambda.$$

Under the assumption of $d_h = d_v = d$, the bounds in both domains give

$$\psi_{h|\theta_v}^2 + \psi_{v|\theta_v}^2 \leq (2\pi d / \lambda)^2. \quad (9)$$

³For simplicity, we do not consider the electromagnetic interaction between deployed antennas [28]. If we define the effective array response vector taking the electromagnetic mutual couplings into account, the proposed approach can be directly applied to generate practical beam patterns that consider the mutual coupling between deployed antennas.

⁴Although we mainly focus on designing a codebook for a single dominant beam, we also consider channels consisting of multiple NLOS paths for numerical simulations.

⁵We call the 2D geometric model of the vector subspace as a beam region.

²Because it is possible to easily deploy a large number of transmit antennas, we assume that $Q < M$ in order to ensure minimal system overhead for beam alignment.

$$\begin{aligned}
&\stackrel{(b)}{=} \frac{2\pi}{M} \sum_{\ell=1}^{M_h} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \left| \sum_{m=1}^{M_v} e^{j(1-m)\psi_v} (\mathbf{c}_\ell)_m \right|^2 d\psi_v \\
&\stackrel{(c)}{=} \frac{(2\pi)^2}{M} \sum_{\ell=1}^{M_h} \sum_{m=1}^{M_v} |(\mathbf{c}_\ell)_m|^2 \\
&= \frac{(2\pi)^2}{M},
\end{aligned}$$

where (a) is derived because $\mathbf{c} \doteq [\mathbf{c}_1^T, \dots, \mathbf{c}_{M_h}^T]^T$, $\mathbf{c}_\ell \in \mathbb{C}^{M_v}$ and (b), (c) are derived based on the Parseval's theorem [8]

$$\frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \left| \sum_{m=1}^M e^{j(m-1)\psi} (\mathbf{a})_m \right|^2 d\psi = \|\mathbf{a}\|_2^2$$

for any vector $\mathbf{a} \in \mathbb{C}^M$.

We now define *ideal beam patterns* by taking Lemma 1 into account. We assume the (q, p) -th ideal beamformer generates an ideal beam pattern that is biased toward its desired beam region. For example, the (q, p) -th beamformer generates an ideal beam pattern having a non-zero reference gain for the beam region $\mathcal{B}_{q,p}$ and zero gain for the rest of the beam region $\mathcal{B}_s \setminus \mathcal{B}_{q,p}$. The ideal beam pattern is then given by

$$G_{q,p}^{\text{ideal}}(\psi_h, \psi_v) = t(\psi_h, \psi_v) \mathbb{1}_{\mathcal{B}_{q,p}}(\psi_h, \psi_v)$$

subject to the constraint condition derived in Lemma 1 making

$$\int \int_{\mathcal{B}_{q,p}} t(\psi_h, \psi_v) d\psi_h d\psi_v = \frac{(2\pi)^2}{M}. \quad (13)$$

We discuss a distribution of the non-zero reference gain $t(\psi_h, \psi_v)$. Assuming a single dominant beam $\sqrt{M} \mathbf{d}_M(\psi_h, \psi_v)$ is in $\mathcal{B}_{q,p}$, the (q, p) -th ideal beamformer is an optimal transmit beamformer. Under the assumption of a LOS dominant channel model, we define the expected data rate conditioned on $\|\mathbf{h}\|_2^2$ as

$$\begin{aligned}
R &\doteq \mathbb{E} \left[\log_2 (1 + \rho |\mathbf{h}^H \mathbf{c}_{q,p}|^2) \mid \|\mathbf{h}\|_2^2 \right] \\
&= \mathbb{E} \left[\log_2 (1 + \rho \|\mathbf{h}\|_2^2 |\mathbf{d}_M^H(\psi_h, \psi_v) \mathbf{c}_{q,p}|^2) \mid \|\mathbf{h}\|_2^2 \right].
\end{aligned}$$

In the following lemma, we define the non-zero reference gains that achieve an upper bound of the expected data rate.

Lemma 2: An ideal beam pattern having identical non-zero reference gain

$$G_{q,p}^{\text{ideal}}(\psi_h, \psi_v) = \frac{Q\Lambda}{M} \mathbb{1}_{\mathcal{B}_{q,p}}(\psi_h, \psi_v),$$

where $\Lambda \doteq \Lambda_h \Lambda_v$ and $\Lambda_a \doteq \pi/\psi_a^B$ for $a \in \{h, v\}$, satisfies the upper bound of the expected data rate

$$R^{\text{up}} = \log_2 \left(1 + \frac{\rho \|\mathbf{h}\|_2^2 Q\Lambda}{M} \right).$$

Proof: Assuming uniform distribution of dominant beam directions, the data rate is averaged with respect to the uniformly distributed beam directions $(\psi_h, \psi_v) \in \mathcal{B}_{q,p}$. For

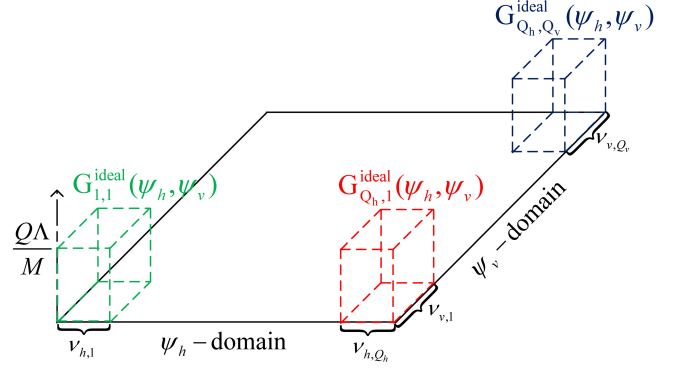


Fig. 5. Ideal beam pattern for each beamformer.

a conditioned on $\|\mathbf{h}\|_2^2$, the expected data rate is bounded as

$$\begin{aligned}
R &= \mathbb{E} \left[\log_2 (1 + \rho \|\mathbf{h}\|_2^2 t(\psi_h, \psi_v)) \mid \|\mathbf{h}\|_2^2 \right] \\
&= \frac{\int \int_{\mathcal{B}_{q,p}} \log_2 (1 + \rho \|\mathbf{h}\|_2^2 t(\psi_h, \psi_v)) d\psi_h d\psi_v}{\int \int_{\mathcal{B}_{q,p}} d\psi_h d\psi_v} \\
&\stackrel{(a)}{\leq} \log_2 \left(1 + \frac{\rho \|\mathbf{h}\|_2^2 \int \int_{\mathcal{B}_{q,p}} t(\psi_h, \psi_v) d\psi_h d\psi_v}{\int \int_{\mathcal{B}_{q,p}} d\psi_h d\psi_v} \right) \\
&\stackrel{(b)}{=} \log_2 \left(1 + \frac{\rho \|\mathbf{h}\|_2^2 (2\pi)^2}{M \Delta_h \Delta_v} \right)
\end{aligned}$$

where $\Delta_a \doteq 2\psi_a^B/Q_a$ is defined in (12). Note that (a) is derived based on Jensen's inequality and (b) is derived based on the constraint in (13). The equality in (a) holds if the $t(\psi_h, \psi_v)$ is uniform over $\mathcal{B}_{q,p}$ according to

$$t(\psi_h, \psi_v) = \frac{(2\pi)^2}{M \Delta_h \Delta_v} = \frac{Q\Lambda}{M}.$$

The reference gain is finalized as⁸ $t(\psi_h, \psi_v) \doteq \min \{1, \frac{Q\Lambda}{M}\}$. In this paper, we have $t(\psi_h, \psi_v) \leq 1$ because of the assumption $M \geq Q\Lambda$. Finally, the ideal beam pattern becomes

$$G_{q,p}^{\text{ideal}}(\psi_h, \psi_v) = \frac{Q\Lambda}{M} \mathbb{1}_{\mathcal{B}_{q,p}}(\psi_h, \psi_v)$$

with $(\psi_h, \psi_v) \in \mathcal{B}_s$ and the corresponding upper bound of the expected data rate is given by

$$R^{\text{up}} = \log_2 \left(1 + \frac{\rho \|\mathbf{h}\|_2^2 Q\Lambda}{M} \right). \quad (14)$$

Example ideal beam patterns are depicted in Fig. 5. Note that the *ideal beam patterns* will guide the development of the proposed codebook design algorithm.

IV. PROPOSED CODEBOOK DESIGN ALGORITHM

A. Problem formulation for beam pattern design

In this section, we propose a codebook design algorithm utilizing the predefined ideal beam patterns. The ideal beam patterns are usually unachievable in practice, and we design hybrid beamformers that generate beam patterns close to

⁸Any reference gain is upper bounded as $G(\psi_h, \psi_v, \mathbf{c}) \leq \|\mathbf{d}_M(\psi_h) \otimes \mathbf{d}_M(\psi_v)\|_2^2 \|\mathbf{c}\|_2^2 = 1$.

the ideal beam patterns. Beamformers satisfying the hybrid beamforming setup are formed by combination of an analog beamsteering matrix and a baseband beamformer such as

$$\mathbf{c}_{q,p} = \mathbf{F}_{q,p} \mathbf{v}_{q,p}.$$

We thus focus on constructing a set of an analog beamsteering matrix and a baseband beamformer that minimizes the MSE between the ideal beam pattern and the actual beam pattern as

$$\begin{aligned} & (\mathbf{F}_{q,p}^{\text{opt}}, \mathbf{v}_{q,p}^{\text{opt}}) \\ &= \arg \min_{\mathbf{F}, \mathbf{v}} \int \int_{\mathcal{B}_s} |G_{q,p}^{\text{ideal}}(\psi_h, \psi_v) - G(\psi_h, \psi_v, \mathbf{F}\mathbf{v})|^2 d\psi_h d\psi_v, \end{aligned} \quad (15)$$

where the combination of $\mathbf{F} = [\mathbf{f}_1, \dots, \mathbf{f}_N]$ and \mathbf{v} are subject to $\|\mathbf{F}\mathbf{v}\|_2^2 = 1$.

Although we have Q beamformers to optimize, the following lemma shows that it is possible to generate other beamformers from one optimized beamformer. The lemma exploits the phase shifting function defined as

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{T}(\mathbf{F}, v, \kappa) &\doteq \mathbf{F} \odot (\tilde{\mathbf{d}}_M(v, \kappa) \mathbf{1}_{1,N}) \\ &= [(\mathbf{f}_1 \odot \tilde{\mathbf{d}}_M(v, \kappa)), \dots, (\mathbf{f}_N \odot \tilde{\mathbf{d}}_M(v, \kappa))] \end{aligned} \quad (16)$$

where the normalized array response vector is given by

$$\tilde{\mathbf{d}}_M(v, \kappa) \doteq \frac{\mathbf{d}_M(v, \kappa)}{\|\mathbf{d}_M(v, \kappa) \odot \mathbf{d}_M(v, \kappa)\|_2}.$$

Lemma 3: The beamsteering matrix for the MSE problem in (15) is obtained by shifting phase directions of equal gain vectors in the $(1, 1)$ -th beamsteering matrix such as

$$\mathbf{F}_{q,p}^{\text{opt}} = \mathbf{T}(\mathbf{F}_{1,1}^{\text{opt}}, \Delta_h^q, \Delta_v^p).$$

The baseband beamformers are all

$$\mathbf{v}_{q,p}^{\text{opt}} = \mathbf{v}_{1,1}^{\text{opt}}.$$

Please see Appendix A for the proof.

For the rest of this section, we focus on optimizing the $(1, 1)$ -th beamformer based on Lemma 3. It is not practical to consider continuous beam directions for the problem. Therefore, the b -th range $\nu_{a,b}$ in (12) is quantized with L_a beam directions⁹ according to

$$\psi_a^b[\ell] \doteq -\psi_a^B + \Delta_a^b + \Delta_a \frac{\ell - 0.5}{L_a}, \quad (17)$$

where $\ell \in \{1, \dots, L_a\}$, $b \in \{1, \dots, Q_a\}$, and $a \in \{h, v\}$. Both actual and ideal beam patterns are then represented in vector forms. The quantized beam pattern is

$$\mathbf{G}(\mathbf{F}\mathbf{v}) \doteq [G(\psi_h^1[1], \psi_v^1[1], \mathbf{F}\mathbf{v}) \dots G(\psi_h^{Q_h}[L_h], \psi_v^{Q_v}[L_v], \mathbf{F}\mathbf{v})]^T$$

and the quantized ideal beam pattern is then

$$\mathbf{G}_{1,1}^{\text{ideal}} \doteq \frac{Q_h \Lambda_h}{M_h} (\mathbf{e}_h \otimes \mathbf{1}_{L_h,1}) \otimes \frac{Q_v \Lambda_v}{M_v} (\mathbf{e}_v \otimes \mathbf{1}_{L_v,1}) \quad (18)$$

where \mathbf{e}_a is the first column vector of \mathbf{I}_{Q_a} . The optimization problem is then given by

$$(\mathbf{F}_{1,1}, \mathbf{v}_{1,1}) = \arg \min_{\mathbf{F}, \mathbf{v}} \|\mathbf{G}_{1,1}^{\text{ideal}} - \mathbf{G}(\mathbf{F}\mathbf{v})\|_2^2. \quad (19)$$

⁹In the beam region \mathcal{B}_s , we consider $L \doteq L_h L_v$ beam directions satisfying $LQ \geq M$.

To get insights on the structure of the beam patterns in the optimization (19), we decompose each entry into an arbitrary complex number and its complex conjugate. The ideal beam pattern vector is decomposed as

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{G}_{1,1}^{\text{ideal}} &\stackrel{(a)}{=} \frac{Q_h \Lambda_h}{M_h} (\mathbf{e}_h \otimes (\mathbf{g}_h \odot \mathbf{g}_h^*)) \otimes \frac{Q_v \Lambda_v}{M_v} (\mathbf{e}_v \otimes (\mathbf{g}_v \odot \mathbf{g}_v^*)) \\ &= (\sqrt{Q\Lambda/M} (\mathbf{e}_h \otimes \mathbf{g}_h) \otimes (\mathbf{e}_v \otimes \mathbf{g}_v)) \\ &\quad \odot (\sqrt{Q\Lambda/M} (\mathbf{e}_h \otimes \mathbf{g}_h) \otimes (\mathbf{e}_v \otimes \mathbf{g}_v))^*. \end{aligned} \quad (20)$$

Note that (a) is derived because the all ones vector in (18) can be decomposed into any equal gain vector and its element-wise complex conjugate as $\mathbf{1}_{L_a,1} = \mathbf{g}_a \odot \mathbf{g}_a^*$, where \mathbf{g}_a has unit gain entries. Similarly, the actual beam pattern is decomposed as

$$\mathbf{G}(\mathbf{F}\mathbf{v}) = ((\mathbf{D}_h^H \otimes \mathbf{D}_v^H) \mathbf{F}\mathbf{v}) \odot ((\mathbf{D}_h^H \otimes \mathbf{D}_v^H) \mathbf{F}\mathbf{v})^* \quad (21)$$

with the set of array vectors for quantized directions in (17)

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{D}_a &= [\mathbf{D}_{a,1}, \dots, \mathbf{D}_{a,Q_a}] \in \mathbb{C}^{M_a \times L_a Q_a}, \\ \mathbf{D}_{a,b} &= [\mathbf{d}_{M_a}(\psi_a^b[1]), \dots, \mathbf{d}_{M_a}(\psi_a^b[L_a])] \in \mathbb{C}^{M_a \times L_a}. \end{aligned}$$

Unfortunately, there exists no closed-form solution for the minimization problem in (19) because the entries in $\mathbf{G}(\mathbf{F}\mathbf{v})$ and $\mathbf{G}_{1,1}^{\text{ideal}}$ are found in the form of absolute square of a complex number. To access a feasible, but usually suboptimal, solution, we reformulate our problem that compares the decomposed vectors in (20) and (21) for a given $(\mathbf{g}_h, \mathbf{g}_v)$

$$\begin{aligned} & (\mathbf{F}_{|\mathbf{g}_h, \mathbf{g}_v}, \mathbf{v}_{|\mathbf{g}_h, \mathbf{g}_v}) = \\ & \arg \min_{\mathbf{F}, \mathbf{v}} \left\| \beta (\mathbf{D}_h^H \otimes \mathbf{D}_v^H) \mathbf{F}\mathbf{v} - \sqrt{\frac{Q\Lambda}{M}} (\mathbf{e}_h \otimes \mathbf{g}_h) \otimes (\mathbf{e}_v \otimes \mathbf{g}_v) \right\|_2^2 \end{aligned}$$

where $\beta \in \mathbb{C}$ is a normalization constant. We compute the normalization constant β by differentiating the objective function over β^* as

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{\partial}{\partial \beta^*} \left\| \beta (\mathbf{D}_h^H \otimes \mathbf{D}_v^H) \mathbf{F}\mathbf{v} - \sqrt{\frac{Q\Lambda}{M}} (\mathbf{e}_h \otimes \mathbf{g}_h) \otimes (\mathbf{e}_v \otimes \mathbf{g}_v) \right\|_2^2 \\ &= \beta \left\| (\mathbf{D}_h^H \otimes \mathbf{D}_v^H) \mathbf{F}\mathbf{v} \right\|_2^2 \\ &\quad - \sqrt{\frac{Q\Lambda}{M}} (\mathbf{F}\mathbf{v})^H (\mathbf{D}_h (\mathbf{e}_h \otimes \mathbf{g}_h) \otimes \mathbf{D}_v (\mathbf{e}_v \otimes \mathbf{g}_v)) \end{aligned}$$

based on Wirtinger derivatives, which simplify differentiation in complex variables [31]. The complex gain that minimizes the objective function is then given by

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{\beta} &= \frac{\sqrt{\frac{Q\Lambda}{M}} (\mathbf{F}\mathbf{v})^H (\mathbf{D}_h (\mathbf{e}_h \otimes \mathbf{g}_h) \otimes \mathbf{D}_v (\mathbf{e}_v \otimes \mathbf{g}_v))}{\left\| (\mathbf{D}_h^H \otimes \mathbf{D}_v^H) \mathbf{F}\mathbf{v} \right\|_2^2} \\ &\stackrel{(a)}{=} \frac{\sqrt{\frac{Q\Lambda}{M}} (\mathbf{F}\mathbf{v})^H (\mathbf{D}_{h,1} \mathbf{g}_h \otimes \mathbf{D}_{v,1} \mathbf{g}_v)}{\left\| (\mathbf{D}_h^H \otimes \mathbf{D}_v^H) \mathbf{F}\mathbf{v} \right\|_2^2}, \end{aligned}$$

where (a) is derived because $\mathbf{D}_a (\mathbf{e}_a \otimes \mathbf{g}_a) = \mathbf{D}_{a,1} \mathbf{g}_a$. By plugging $\hat{\beta}$ into the object function, the problem formulation

is simplified to

$$\begin{aligned}
(\mathbf{F}_{|g_h, g_v}, \mathbf{v}_{|g_h, g_v}) &= \arg \max_{\mathbf{F}, \mathbf{v}} \frac{|(\mathbf{D}_{h,1} \mathbf{g}_h \otimes \mathbf{D}_{v,1} \mathbf{g}_v)^H \mathbf{F} \mathbf{v}|^2}{\|(\mathbf{D}_h^H \otimes \mathbf{D}_v^H) \mathbf{F} \mathbf{v}\|_2^2} \\
&\stackrel{(a)}{=} \arg \max_{\mathbf{F}, \mathbf{v}} |(\mathbf{D}_{h,1} \mathbf{g}_h \otimes \mathbf{D}_{v,1} \mathbf{g}_v)^H \mathbf{F} \mathbf{v}|^2,
\end{aligned} \tag{22}$$

where (a) is derived because $\mathbf{D}_a \mathbf{D}_a^H = \frac{L_a Q_a}{M_a} \mathbf{I}_{M_a}$ and the denominator is fixed to $\|(\mathbf{D}_h^H \otimes \mathbf{D}_v^H) \mathbf{F} \mathbf{v}\|_2^2 = \frac{LQ}{M}$ for any $\mathbf{F} \mathbf{v}$ satisfying the power constraint $\|\mathbf{F} \mathbf{v}\|_2^2 = 1$.

We denote the solution for the problem in (22)

$$\mathbf{c}_{|g_h, g_v} = \mathbf{F}_{|g_h, g_v} \mathbf{v}_{|g_h, g_v}$$

as a beamformer candidate for a given (g_h, g_v) . We assume that equal gain vectors in the domain $a \in \{h, v\}$ are subject to the constrained set¹⁰

$$\mathcal{G}_{L_a}^I = \{\mathbf{g} \in \mathbb{C}^{L_a} : (\mathbf{g})_\ell = e^{jz}, z \in \mathcal{Z}_I\} \tag{23}$$

with $(\mathbf{g})_1 = 1$. In the proposed algorithm, we generate beamformer candidates over $(g_h, g_v) \in \mathcal{G}_{L_h}^I \times \mathcal{G}_{L_v}^I$. Each beamformer candidate is a feasible solution accomplishing the minimization objective in (15). Note that $I^{L_h+L_v-2}$ beamformer candidates are computed because each pair of equal gain vectors, which is the combination of I^{L_h-1} and I^{L_v-1} vectors in both domains, produces a beamformer.

B. OMP algorithm constructing beamformer candidates

We now solve the maximization problem in (22) to generate each beamformer candidate for a given (g_h, g_v) . An optimal solution to the problem in (22) is computed as

$$\tilde{\mathbf{c}}_{|g_h, g_v} \doteq \frac{\mathbf{D}_{h,1} \mathbf{g}_h \otimes \mathbf{D}_{v,1} \mathbf{g}_v}{\|\mathbf{D}_{h,1} \mathbf{g}_h \otimes \mathbf{D}_{v,1} \mathbf{g}_v\|_2}.$$

However, \mathbf{F} and \mathbf{v} may not be able to construct the optimal beamformer because column vectors in \mathbf{F} are subject to the equal gain subset \mathcal{B}_M in (3).

We first compute a beamsteering vector \mathbf{f}_n at the n -th update. To remove the $(n-1)$ -th residual vector¹¹

$$\mathbf{r}_{n-1} = \tilde{\mathbf{c}}_{|g_h, g_v} - \mathbf{F}_{n-1} \mathbf{v}_{n-1}$$

that is not suppressed in the previous update, the beamsteering vector is computed as [?], $\mathbf{f}_n = \frac{1}{\sqrt{M}} \exp(j\boldsymbol{\theta}_n)$, where

$$\boldsymbol{\theta}_n \in \arg \max_{\boldsymbol{\theta} \in [0, 2\pi)^M} |\mathbf{r}_{n-1}^H e^{j\boldsymbol{\theta}}|^2.$$

The optimal phase vector $\boldsymbol{\theta}_n$ does not have a single unique solution because

$$|\mathbf{r}_{n-1}^H \exp(j\boldsymbol{\theta}_n)|^2 = |\mathbf{r}_{n-1}^H \exp(j\boldsymbol{\theta}_n) \exp(j\xi)|^2$$

for any phase angle $\xi \in [0, 2\pi)$. Although the optimal phase vector is given by $\boldsymbol{\theta}_n = \angle \mathbf{r}_{n-1} + \xi$ in [?], we define $\boldsymbol{\theta}_n \doteq \angle \mathbf{r}_{n-1}$ with $\xi = 0$ for simplicity. Note that $\angle \mathbf{r}_{n-1} \in [0, 2\pi)^M$

¹⁰Any set of equal gain vectors $(g_h, g_v) \in \mathcal{G}_{L_h}^I \times \mathcal{G}_{L_v}^I$ construct $\mathbf{G}_{1,1}^{\text{ideal}}$. The entries in \mathbf{g}_a have the fixed absolute value, while the phase can be arbitrary in \mathcal{Z}_I , defined in (4).

¹¹The initial residual vector is defined as $\mathbf{r}_0 \doteq \tilde{\mathbf{c}}_{|g_h, g_v}$.

Algorithm 1 Beamformer design based on the OMP

Initialization For a given $(g_h, g_v) \in \mathcal{G}_{L_h}^I \times \mathcal{G}_{L_v}^I$

- 1: Optimal beamformer $\tilde{\mathbf{c}}_{|g_h, g_v} \doteq \frac{\mathbf{D}_{h,1} \mathbf{g}_h \otimes \mathbf{D}_{v,1} \mathbf{g}_v}{\|\mathbf{D}_{h,1} \mathbf{g}_h \otimes \mathbf{D}_{v,1} \mathbf{g}_v\|_2}$
- 2: Define an initial residual vector $\mathbf{r}_0 \doteq \tilde{\mathbf{c}}_{|g_h, g_v}$
- 3: Define an initial empty matrix \mathbf{F}_0

Iterative update

- 4: **for** $1 \leq n \leq N$
- 5: Choose equal gain vector $\mathbf{f}_n = \frac{1}{\sqrt{M}} \exp(j\angle \mathbf{r}_{n-1})$
- 6: Quantize each phase element $\angle(\mathbf{f}_n)_m \in \mathcal{Z}_{2^B}$
- 7: Update beamsteering matrix $\mathbf{F}_n = [\mathbf{F}_{n-1}, \mathbf{f}_n] \in \mathbb{C}^{M \times n}$
- 8: Update baseband beamformer

$$\mathbf{v}_n = \frac{\mathbf{v}_{\max}\{(\mathbf{F}_n^H \mathbf{F}_n)^{-1} \mathbf{F}_n^H (\boldsymbol{\Gamma}_h \otimes \boldsymbol{\Gamma}_v) \mathbf{F}_n\}}{\|\mathbf{F}_n \mathbf{v}_{\max}\{(\mathbf{F}_n^H \mathbf{F}_n)^{-1} \mathbf{F}_n^H (\boldsymbol{\Gamma}_h \otimes \boldsymbol{\Gamma}_v) \mathbf{F}_n\}\|_2} \in \mathbb{C}^n,$$

where $\boldsymbol{\Gamma}_a \doteq \mathbf{D}_{a,1} \mathbf{g}_a \mathbf{g}_a^H \mathbf{D}_{a,1}^H \in \mathbb{C}^{M_a \times M_a}$

- 9: Update residual vector $\mathbf{r}_n = \tilde{\mathbf{c}}_{|g_h, g_v} - \mathbf{F}_n \mathbf{v}_n$
- 10: **end for**

Final update

- 11: Update analog beamsteering matrix $\mathbf{F}_{|g_h, g_v} = \mathbf{F}_N$
- 12: Update baseband beamformer $\mathbf{v}_{|g_h, g_v} = \mathbf{v}_N$

Final output

- 13: Compute codeword candidate $\mathbf{c}_{|g_h, g_v} = \mathbf{F}_{|g_h, g_v} \mathbf{v}_{|g_h, g_v}$

is the function that returns each element phase of $\mathbf{r}_{n-1} \in \mathbb{C}^M$ in a vector form. Assuming the digitally-controlled RF phase shifter [8], each element phase in \mathbf{f}_n is quantized with the set of quantized phases \mathcal{Z}_{2^B} in (4). The beamsteering matrix at the n -th update is then given by $\mathbf{F}_n = [\mathbf{F}_{n-1}, \mathbf{f}_n] \in \mathbb{C}^{M \times n}$.

Similar to the beamformer designs in [14], [15], the problem in (22) can be solved by utilizing the OMP algorithm in [23], [24]. Based on the OMP algorithm, we choose each equal gain vector one-by-one and update the baseband beamformer iteratively in such a way that a combination of $\mathbf{F}_{|g_h, g_v}$ and $\mathbf{v}_{|g_h, g_v}$ minimizes the norm of residual vector

$$\mathbf{r} \doteq \tilde{\mathbf{c}}_{|g_h, g_v} - \mathbf{F}_{|g_h, g_v} \mathbf{v}_{|g_h, g_v}.$$

A baseband beamformer \mathbf{v}_n is then computed by solving the maximization problem (22) over $\mathbf{v} \in \mathbb{C}^n$. To compute the beamformer that satisfies the power constraint of hybrid beamforming system $\|\mathbf{F} \mathbf{v}\|_2^2 = 1$, the maximization problem is rewritten by changing dummy variables as $\mathbf{v} = \frac{\mathbf{u}}{\|\mathbf{F}_n \mathbf{u}\|_2}$ for $\mathbf{u} \in \mathbb{C}^n$. For a given (g_h, g_v) and \mathbf{F}_n , the baseband beamformer at the n -th update is computed based on the generalized Rayleigh quotient solution in [32], such as $\mathbf{v}_n = \frac{\mathbf{u}_n}{\|\mathbf{F}_n \mathbf{u}_n\|_2}$, where

$$\begin{aligned}
\mathbf{u}_n &= \arg \max_{\mathbf{u} \in \mathbb{C}^n} \frac{\mathbf{u}^H (\mathbf{F}_n^H (\boldsymbol{\Gamma}_h \otimes \boldsymbol{\Gamma}_v) \mathbf{F}_n) \mathbf{u}}{\mathbf{u}^H (\mathbf{F}_n^H \mathbf{F}_n) \mathbf{u}} \\
&= \mathbf{v}_{\max}\{(\mathbf{F}_n^H \mathbf{F}_n)^{-1} \mathbf{F}_n^H (\boldsymbol{\Gamma}_h \otimes \boldsymbol{\Gamma}_v) \mathbf{F}_n\}
\end{aligned} \tag{24}$$

with $\boldsymbol{\Gamma}_a \doteq \mathbf{D}_{a,1} \mathbf{g}_a \mathbf{g}_a^H \mathbf{D}_{a,1}^H \in \mathbb{C}^{M_a \times M_a}$.

The beamformer at the n -th update becomes $\mathbf{c}_n = \mathbf{F}_n \mathbf{v}_n$ and the residual vector $\mathbf{r}_n = \tilde{\mathbf{c}}_{|g_h, g_v} - \mathbf{F}_n \mathbf{v}_n$ is updated for the following update steps. The iterative process is summarized in Algorithm 1. Each beamformer candidate is formed by combination of the updated solution, i.e., $\mathbf{F}_{|g_h, g_v}$ and $\mathbf{v}_{|g_h, g_v}$,

$$\mathbf{c}_{|g_h, g_v} = \mathbf{F}_{|g_h, g_v} \mathbf{v}_{|g_h, g_v}$$

for a given $(g_h, g_v) \in \mathcal{G}_{L_h}^I \times \mathcal{G}_{L_v}^I$.

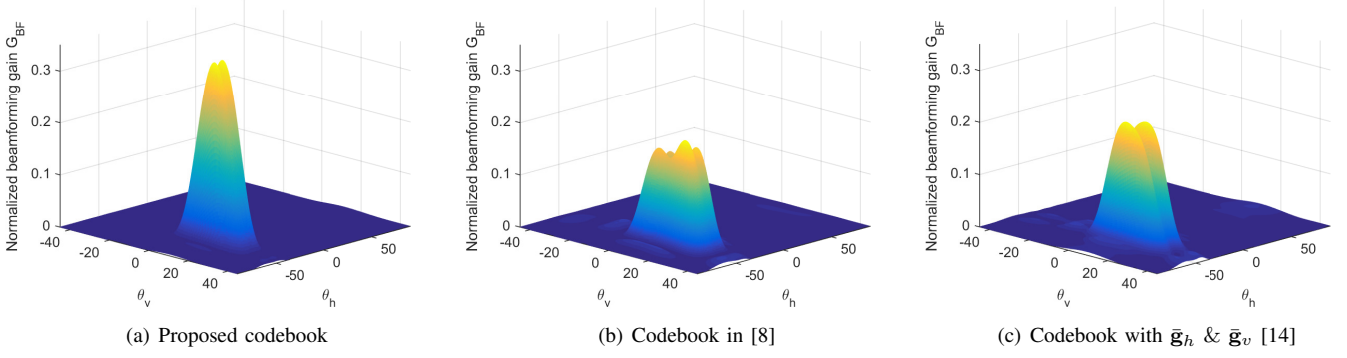


Fig. 6. Normalized beamforming gains $G_{BF}(\theta_h, \theta_v, \mathbf{c}_{2,2})$ with $(M_h, M_v) = (16, 8)$, $(Q_h, Q_v) = (8, 4)$, $N = 4$.

C. Final beamformer selection with MSE minimization

The beamformer that generates the beam pattern close to the $(1, 1)$ -ideal beam pattern is chosen as

$$\mathbf{c}_{1,1} = \mathbf{F}_{|\hat{\mathbf{g}}_h, \hat{\mathbf{g}}_v|} \mathbf{v}_{|\hat{\mathbf{g}}_h, \hat{\mathbf{g}}_v|}$$

where a set of the beamsteering matrix and the baseband beamformer that accomplishes the minimization objective in (15) is given by¹²

$$(\hat{\mathbf{g}}_h, \hat{\mathbf{g}}_v) = \arg \min_{\mathbf{g}_h, \mathbf{g}_v} \left\| \mathbf{G}_{1,1}^{\text{ideal}} - \mathbf{G}(\mathbf{F}_{|\mathbf{g}_h, \mathbf{g}_v|} \mathbf{v}_{|\mathbf{g}_h, \mathbf{g}_v|}) \right\|_2^2 \quad (25)$$

over $(\mathbf{g}_h, \mathbf{g}_v) \in \mathcal{G}_{L_h}^I \times \mathcal{G}_{L_v}^I$. Increasing I and L_a ensures a large number of beamformer candidate for the optimization problem in (15), while it imposes a heavy computational complexity. To construct $\mathcal{G}_{L_a}^I$ in (23), we thus consider limited numbers of I and L_a .

Finally, all other beamformers in the proposed codebook $\mathcal{C} = \{\mathbf{c}_{1,1} \cdots \mathbf{c}_{Q_h, Q_v}\}$ can be derived based on Lemma 3 such as

$$\mathbf{c}_{q,p} = \mathbf{T}(\mathbf{F}_{|\hat{\mathbf{g}}_h, \hat{\mathbf{g}}_v|}, \Delta_h^q, \Delta_v^p) \mathbf{v}_{|\hat{\mathbf{g}}_h, \hat{\mathbf{g}}_v|}. \quad (26)$$

D. Overlapped beam regions

In most beam alignment approaches, the beamformer generating the largest beamforming gain for data transmission is chosen among the consecutive beamformers in the overlapped beam region. Practical beamformers, which are designed based on non-overlapping beam regions in (11), generate beam patterns having minimal overlap between neighboring beams. This might not be desirable when trying to cover a geographic region with adequate quality of service. To alleviate sharp dips between consecutive beams, we thus widen the beam region of each beamformer by allowing a guard band $\tilde{\mathcal{B}}_{q,p} \doteq \tilde{\nu}_q^h \times \tilde{\nu}_p^v$, where

$$\tilde{\nu}_b^a \doteq -\psi_a^B + \Delta_a^b + \Delta_a[-\gamma, 1 + \gamma],$$

Δ_a is the non-overlapped beam-width of each beamformer in (12), and $\gamma\Delta_a$ is the overlapped beam-width of the guard band, which is defined by the design parameter γ . Because each beamformer covers the widened beam region including the

guard band, an ideal beam pattern may have a low non-zero reference gain. Thus, the ideal beam pattern is redefined as

$$\tilde{G}_{q,p}^{\text{ideal}}(\psi_h, \psi_v) = \frac{Q\Lambda}{M(1+2\gamma)^2} \mathbb{1}_{\tilde{\mathcal{B}}_{q,p}}(\psi_h, \psi_v).$$

Beamformers alleviating the sharp dips are also computed based on the proposed codebook design algorithm by plugging the redefined beam pattern into the optimization problem.

V. SIMULATION RESULTS

In this section, numerical results are presented to verify the data rate performances of proposed codebook design algorithm. In this paper, four RF chains and a six bit phase control register, i.e., $N = 4$, $B = 6$, are considered for hybrid beamforming architectures. The beamforming codebook $\mathcal{C} = \{\mathbf{c}_{1,1} \cdots \mathbf{c}_{Q_h, Q_v}\}$ consisting of $Q = Q_h Q_v$ beamformers is designed as in (26). For the minimization problem in (25), the equal gain sets $\mathcal{G}_{L_h}^I$ and $\mathcal{G}_{L_v}^I$ are defined with parameters $L_h = 8$, $L_v = 8$, and $I = 3$. In addition, we consider 20 directions in each beam-width $\nu_{a,b}$ to compute the MSE between the beamformer candidate's beam pattern and the ideal beam pattern.

A. Beam patterns of codebook examples

In Figs. 6 and 7, we compare the beam patterns of the proposed codebook and the codebooks in [8], [14], and the 2D KP codebook in [33]. The ULA codebook in [8] is extended to a 2D UPA codebook by maximizing a minimum reference gain in each target beam region $\mathcal{B}_{q,p}$. The codebook in [14] is extended to UPA structures with a single set of equal gain vectors

$$(\bar{\mathbf{g}}_h, \bar{\mathbf{g}}_v) \doteq (\mathbf{1}_{\lceil 256/Q_h, 1 \rceil}, \mathbf{1}_{\lceil 256/Q_v, 1 \rceil}). \quad (27)$$

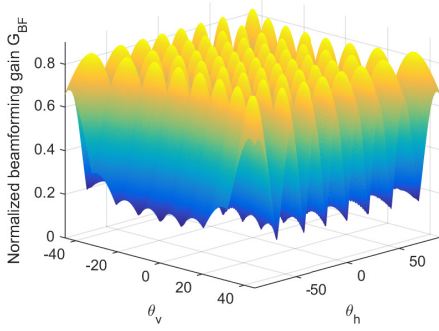
Finally, the 2D KP codebook is given by $\mathcal{D}_h \times \mathcal{D}_v$ where the discrete Fourier transform (DFT) codebook in the domain $a \in \{h, v\}$ is defined as

$$\mathcal{D}_a \doteq \{\mathbf{d}_{M_a}(2\pi/Q_a), \cdots, \mathbf{d}_{M_a}(2\pi Q_a/Q_a)\}.$$

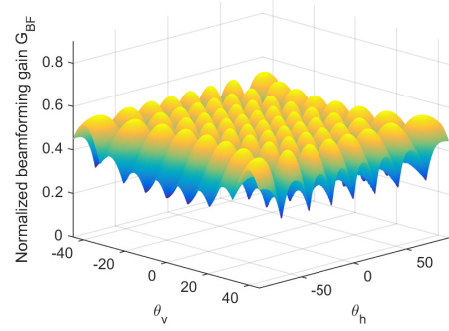
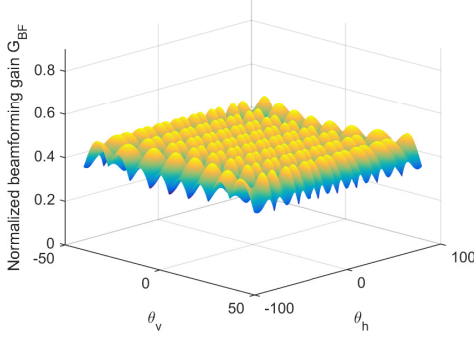
In Fig. 6, we compare the beam patterns of a single beamformer by using the reference gain defined as

$$G_{BF}(\theta_h, \theta_v, \mathbf{c}_{q,p}) = |\mathbf{c}_{q,p}^H \mathbf{d}_M(\pi \sin \theta_h \cos \theta_v, \pi \sin \theta_v)|^2$$

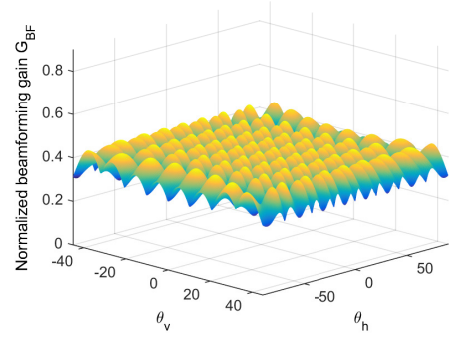
¹²Because the codebook is constructed offline, the brute force search in (25) is performed only once and has no impact on system operation.



(a) Proposed codebook (Average reference gain 0.553)

(b) Proposed codebook with $\gamma = 7.5\%$ (Average reference gain 0.467)

(c) Codebook in [8] (Average reference gain 0.397)

(d) Codebook with $\bar{\mathbf{g}}_h$ & $\bar{\mathbf{g}}_v$ [14] (Average reference gain 0.440)Fig. 7. Codebook examples with $(M_h, M_v) = (12, 6)$, $(Q_h, Q_v) = (8, 8)$, $N = 4$.

over beam directions $(\theta_h, \theta_v) \in [-\frac{\pi}{2}, \frac{\pi}{2}] \times [-\frac{\pi}{4}, \frac{\pi}{4}]$. In Fig. 7, we plot beam patterns in each target beam region based on the reference gain $G_{BF}(\theta_h, \theta_v, \mathbf{c}_{(\check{q}, \check{p})|_{\theta_h, \theta_v}})$ such that

$$(\check{q}, \check{p})|_{\theta_h, \theta_v} = \arg \max_{(q, p) \in \mathcal{Q}} |\mathbf{c}_{q, p}^H \mathbf{d}_M(\pi \sin \theta_h \cos \theta_v, \pi \sin \theta_v)|^2$$

where $\mathcal{Q} = \{1, \dots, Q_h\} \times \{1, \dots, Q_v\}$. As shown in Fig. 6, the proposed codebook can generate higher reference gains that will allow the transmitter to efficiently sound mmWave channels as well as to facilitate highly directional data transmission. In Fig. 7, the mean of the reference gains of the proposed codebook, the proposed codebook considering the guard band, and the codebooks from [8] and [14] are 0.553, 0.467, 0.397, and 0.440, respectively. Furthermore, it is also shown that the proposed codebook in Section IV-D alleviates sharp dips between consecutive beams. Although the beam pattern may have lower reference gains compared to the proposed codebook assuming no guard band, the reference gains are much higher than that of the previously reported codebooks in [8], [14].

At this point, we pause to discuss the difference between each of the beam patterns. First, we consider the codebook in [8]. A beamformer in the codebook of [8] is designed to maximize a minimum reference gain in each target beam region, defined primarily for the corresponding beamformer. The codebook in [8] can generate beam patterns with uniform reference gains, while the value of reference gains are much lower than that of the proposed codebook. Beam patterns having

uniform beamforming gains are essential for providing same quality of service to uniformly distributed users, but the low reference gains may restrict the data rate performance. Next, we consider the codebook in [14]. Each beamformer in the proposed codebook is optimized over beamformer candidates generated using $I^{L_h + L_v - 2}$ sets of equal gain vectors $(\mathbf{g}_h, \mathbf{g}_v) \in \mathcal{G}_{L_h}^I \times \mathcal{G}_{L_v}^I$, while the codebook in [14] is designed by using a single set of all ones vectors $(\bar{\mathbf{g}}_h, \bar{\mathbf{g}}_v)$ in (27). The codebook in [14] is one of several codebook candidates of the proposed algorithm. Therefore, the proposed codebook suppresses the MSE between the ideal beam patterns and the actual beam patterns better than the beams in [14].

B. Data rate performance

We now evaluate the performance of the codebooks based on the expected data rate defined as

$$R = \mathbb{E} \left[\log_2 (1 + \rho |\mathbf{h}^H \mathbf{c}|^2) \mid \|\mathbf{h}\|_2^2 = M \right], \quad (28)$$

where \mathbf{c} is the selected beamformer for data transmissions. The preferred beamformer \mathbf{c} in (28) is chosen based on hard-decision beam alignment algorithms [7]–[10]. The data rate performances of the codebooks are evaluated from Monte Carlo simulations with 10,000 independent channel realizations. For demonstrations, we consider two channel scenarios based on the street geometry conditions under ray-like propagation assumptions [27]. In the first scenario, we consider channels

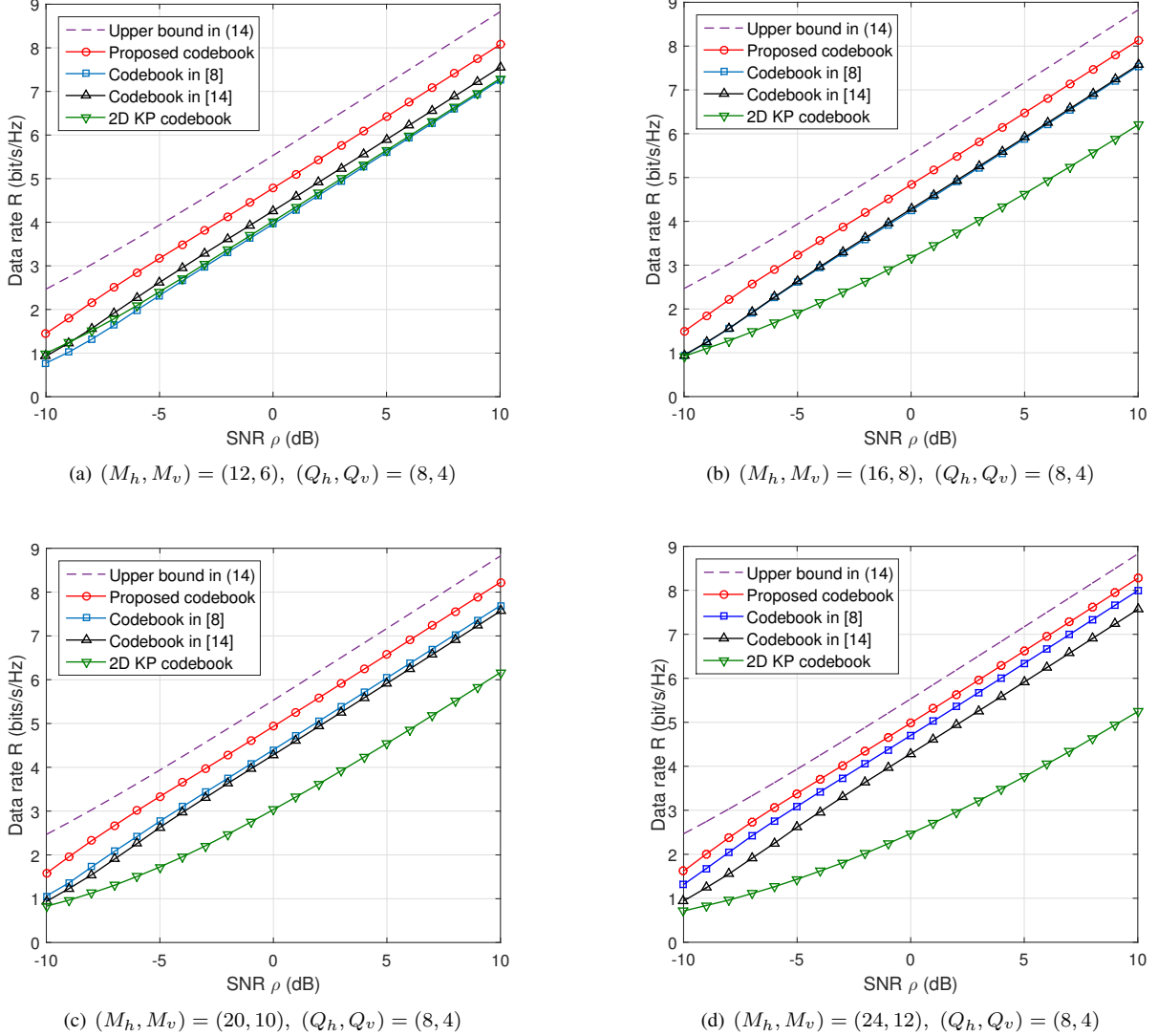


Fig. 8. Data rate based on the channel vectors formed by LOS and NLOS paths.

consisting of a LOS path and three NLOS paths. The mmWave channel model in [8], [9] is used for simulation. Based on the channel measurements in [29], the Ricean K-factor is set to 13.5 dB. In the second scenario, the channel vector is characterized by three NLOS paths without any LOS path [26], [27]. We assume that $\|\mathbf{h}\|_2^2 = M$ for fair comparison between two channel scenarios.

We consider a beam alignment approach for the first channel scenario. The transmit beamformer is chosen as $\mathbf{c} = \mathbf{c}_{\hat{q}, \hat{p}}$, where (\hat{q}, \hat{p}) is the index of the selected beamformer in (2). In the beam alignment approach, we compare the ratio between the first and second largest test samples

$$\tau \triangleq |\sqrt{\rho} \mathbf{h}^H \mathbf{c}_{\hat{q}, \hat{p}} + n_{\hat{q}, \hat{p}}|^2 / |\sqrt{\rho} \mathbf{h}^H \mathbf{c}_{\hat{q}, \hat{p}} + n_{\hat{q}, \hat{p}}|^2$$

with (\hat{q}, \hat{p}) in (2) and

$$(\hat{q}, \hat{p}) = \arg \max_{(q, p) \in \mathcal{Q} \setminus (\hat{q}, \hat{p})} |\sqrt{\rho} \mathbf{h}^H \mathbf{c}_{q, p} + n_{q, p}|^2. \quad (29)$$

To avoid beam misalignment, the receiver asks the transmitter to perform an additional cycle of channel sounding

if the ratio is smaller than a design parameter τ_t . For simulation, the design parameter is set to $\tau_t = 2$. In this case, each test sample on two cycles of channel sounding is combined together. The selected transmit beamformer is then communicated to the transmitter via a feedback link employing overheads of $\log_2 Q_h Q_v$ bits. In Fig. 8, the data rates of different codebooks are compared in UPA structures $(M_h, M_v) = (12, 6), (16, 8), (20, 10), (24, 12)$. It is shown that the proposed codebook scans the mmWave channels better and provides higher data rates than the codebooks in [8], [14], and 2D KP codebook in [33].

We also evaluate data rate performance considering a second channel scenario consisting of three NLOS paths.¹³ In Fig. 9, the data rate based on different codebooks are compared in UPA structures, i.e., $(M_h, M_v) = (12, 6), (16, 8), (20, 10), (24, 12)$. In the case of the NLOS

¹³Although we choose a single beamformer, we could select and combine multiple beamformers as in [34], [35] to fully support channels consisting of multiple NLOS paths.

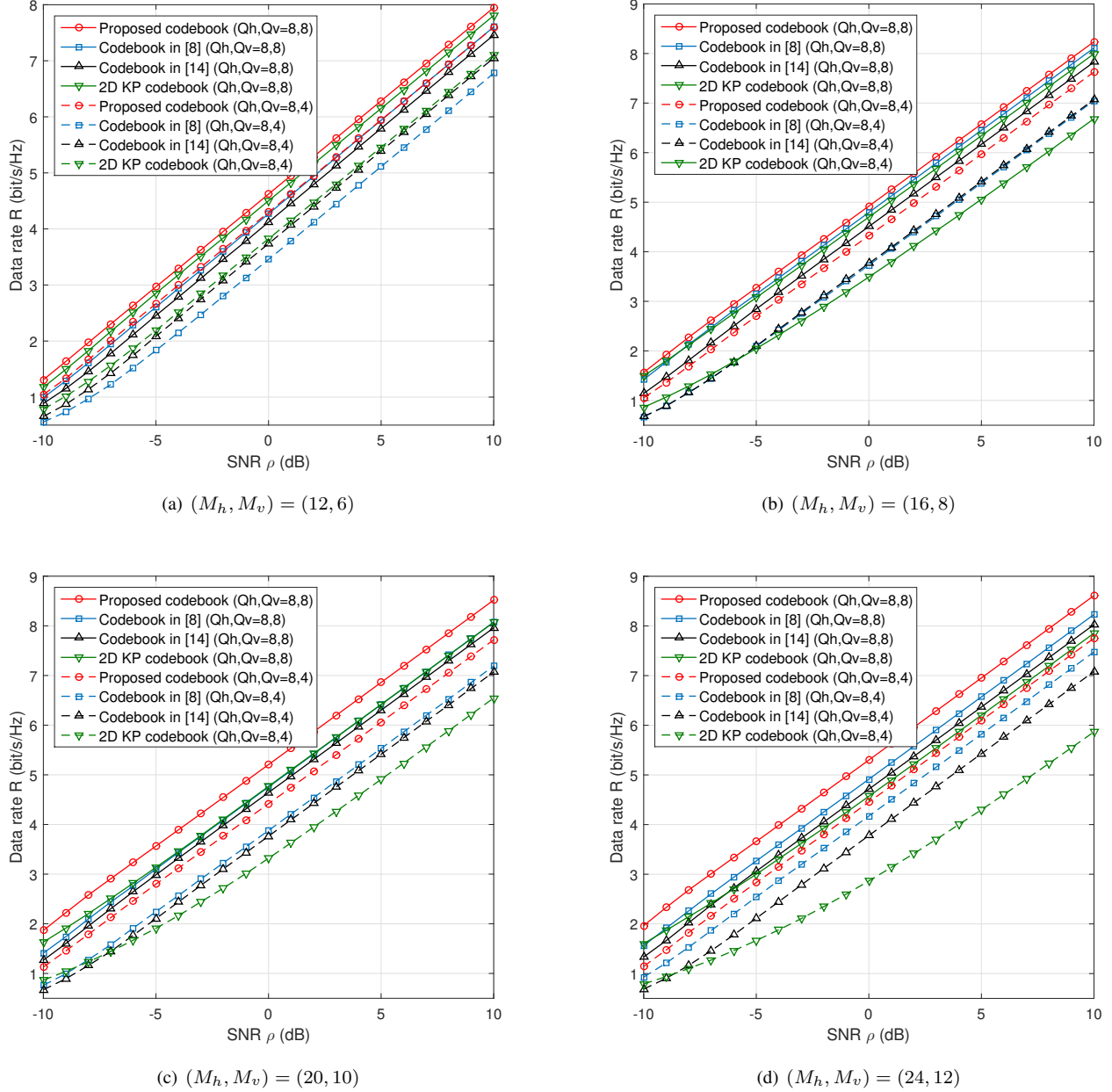


Fig. 9. Data rate based on the channel vectors formed by NLOS paths without any LOS path.

channel scenario, it is shown that the proposed codebooks select a dominant NLOS path better than the previously reported codebooks [8], [14], and 2D KP codebook in [33].

VI. CONCLUSIONS

In this paper, we proposed a beam pattern design algorithm suited to the directional characteristics of the mmWave channels corresponding to UPAs. We proposed an iterative algorithm to construct small-sized beam alignment codebooks for mmWave systems. A hybrid beamforming architectures using a mixture of analog and digital beamforming was considered to design effective beams suitable to large-scale mmWave systems with limited RF chains. In the proposed algorithm, each beamformer is constructed to minimize the MSE between its actual

beam pattern and the corresponding ideal beam pattern. We developed a simplified approach to solve the approximated MSE minimization problem. In addition, we used the OMP algorithm to design beamformers satisfying the hybrid beamforming setup. The data rate performance of proposed codebooks is verified through Monte Carlo simulations. Numerical results show that our codebooks outperform previously reported codebooks in mmWave channels using UPA structures.

APPENDIX A PROOF OF LEMMA 3

Proposition 1: Any ideal beam pattern is defined by shifting the (1, 1)-th ideal beam pattern according to

$$G_{q,p}^{\text{ideal}}(\psi_h, \psi_v) = G_{1,1}^{\text{ideal}}(\psi_h - \Delta_h^q, \psi_v - \Delta_v^p).$$

$$\begin{aligned}
(\mathbf{F}_{q,p}^{\text{opt}}, \mathbf{v}_{q,p}^{\text{opt}}) &\stackrel{(a)}{=} \arg \min_{\mathbf{F}, \mathbf{v}} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} |G_{1,1}^{\text{ideal}}(\psi_h - \Delta_h^q, \psi_v - \Delta_v^p) - G(\psi_h, \psi_v, \mathbf{F}\mathbf{v})|^2 d\psi_v d\psi_h \\
&\stackrel{(b)}{=} \arg \min_{\mathbf{F}, \mathbf{v}} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} |G_{1,1}^{\text{ideal}}(\psi_h - \Delta_h^q, \psi_v - \Delta_v^p) - G(\psi_h - \Delta_h^q, \psi_v - \Delta_v^p, \mathbf{T}(\mathbf{F}, -\Delta_h^q, -\Delta_v^p)\mathbf{v})|^2 d\psi_v d\psi_h. \quad (30)
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
(\tilde{\mathbf{F}}_{q,p}^{\text{opt}}, \mathbf{v}_{q,p}^{\text{opt}}) &= \arg \min_{\tilde{\mathbf{F}}, \mathbf{v}} \int_{-\pi-\Delta_h^q}^{\pi-\Delta_h^q} \int_{-\pi-\Delta_v^p}^{\pi-\Delta_v^p} |G_{1,1}^{\text{ideal}}(\phi_h, \phi_v) - G(\phi_h, \phi_v, \tilde{\mathbf{F}}\mathbf{v})|^2 d\phi_v d\phi_h \\
&= \arg \min_{\tilde{\mathbf{F}}, \mathbf{v}} \int_{-\pi-\Delta_h^q}^{\pi-\Delta_h^q} \left[\int_{-\pi-\Delta_v^p}^{\pi-\Delta_v^p} |G_{1,1}^{\text{ideal}}(\phi_h, \phi_v) - G(\phi_h, \phi_v, \tilde{\mathbf{F}}\mathbf{v})|^2 d\phi_v + \int_{-\pi}^{\pi-\Delta_v^p} |G_{1,1}^{\text{ideal}}(\phi_h, \phi_v) - G(\phi_h, \phi_v, \tilde{\mathbf{F}}\mathbf{v})|^2 d\phi_v \right] d\phi_h \\
&\stackrel{(a)}{=} \arg \min_{\tilde{\mathbf{F}}, \mathbf{v}} \int_{-\pi-\Delta_h^q}^{\pi-\Delta_h^q} \left[\int_{-\pi-\Delta_v^p}^{\pi-\Delta_v^p} |G_{1,1}^{\text{ideal}}(\phi_h, \phi_v) - G(\phi_h, \phi_v, \tilde{\mathbf{F}}\mathbf{v})|^2 d\phi_v + \int_{-\pi}^{\pi-\Delta_v^p} |G_{1,1}^{\text{ideal}}(\phi_h, \phi_v) - G(\phi_h, \phi_v, \tilde{\mathbf{F}}\mathbf{v})|^2 d\phi_v \right] d\phi_h \\
&= \arg \min_{\tilde{\mathbf{F}}, \mathbf{v}} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} |G_{1,1}^{\text{ideal}}(\phi_h, \phi_v) - G(\phi_h, \phi_v, \tilde{\mathbf{F}}\mathbf{v})|^2 d\phi_v d\phi_h = (\mathbf{F}_{1,1}^{\text{opt}}, \mathbf{v}_{1,1}^{\text{opt}}). \quad (31)
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
G(\psi_h, \psi_v, \mathbf{F}\mathbf{v}) &\stackrel{(a)}{=} \left| (\mathbf{d}_M(\psi_h + \Delta_h^q, \psi_v + \Delta_v^p) \odot \tilde{\mathbf{d}}_M(-\Delta_h^q, -\Delta_v^p))^H (\mathbf{F} \odot \mathbf{1}_{M,N}) \mathbf{v} \right|^2 \\
&\stackrel{(b)}{=} \left| (\mathbf{d}_M(\psi_h + \Delta_h^q, \psi_v + \Delta_v^p) \odot \tilde{\mathbf{d}}_M(-\Delta_h^q, -\Delta_v^p))^H (\mathbf{F} \odot ((\tilde{\mathbf{d}}_M(\Delta_h^q, \Delta_v^p) \mathbf{1}_{1,N}) \odot (\tilde{\mathbf{d}}_M(-\Delta_h^q, -\Delta_v^p) \mathbf{1}_{1,N}))) \mathbf{v} \right|^2 \\
&\stackrel{(c)}{=} \left| (\mathbf{d}_M(\psi_h + \Delta_h^q, \psi_v + \Delta_v^p) \odot \tilde{\mathbf{d}}_M(-\Delta_h^q, -\Delta_v^p))^H (\mathbf{T}(\mathbf{F}, \Delta_h^q, \Delta_v^p) \odot \tilde{\mathbf{d}}_M(-\Delta_h^q, -\Delta_v^p) \mathbf{1}_{1,N}) \mathbf{v} \right|^2 \\
&= \left| \left((\mathbf{d}_M(\psi_h + \Delta_h^q, \psi_v + \Delta_v^p) \odot \tilde{\mathbf{d}}_M(-\Delta_h^q, -\Delta_v^p))^H \right. \right. \\
&\quad \left. \left. \left[\mathbf{T}(\mathbf{F}, \Delta_h^q, \Delta_v^p)_{:,1} \odot \tilde{\mathbf{d}}_M(-\Delta_h^q, -\Delta_v^p), \dots, \mathbf{T}(\mathbf{F}, \Delta_h^q, \Delta_v^p)_{:,N} \odot \tilde{\mathbf{d}}_M(-\Delta_h^q, -\Delta_v^p) \right] \right) \mathbf{v} \right|^2 \\
&\stackrel{(d)}{=} \left| \mathbf{d}_M^H(\psi_h + \Delta_h^q, \psi_v + \Delta_v^p) \mathbf{T}(\mathbf{F}, \Delta_h^q, \Delta_v^p) \mathbf{v} \right|^2 = G(\psi_h + \Delta_h^q, \psi_v + \Delta_v^p, \mathbf{T}(\mathbf{F}, \Delta_h^q, \Delta_v^p)\mathbf{v}). \quad (32)
\end{aligned}$$

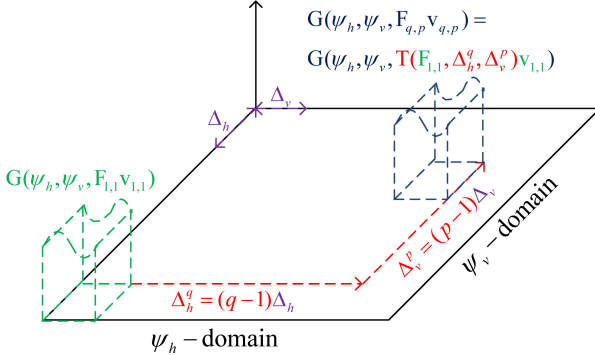


Fig. 10. Shifted beam pattern from an optimized beamformer.

Also, the directions of the actual beam pattern is also shifted based on the following lemma, as depicted in Fig. 10.

Lemma 4: The reference gain is rewritten by using the phase shifting function $\mathbf{T}(\mathbf{F}, \Delta_h^q, \Delta_v^p)$ in (16) such as

$$G(\psi_h, \psi_v, \mathbf{F}\mathbf{v}) = G(\psi_h + \Delta_h^q, \psi_v + \Delta_v^p, \mathbf{T}(\mathbf{F}, \Delta_h^q, \Delta_v^p)\mathbf{v}).$$

Please see Appendix B for the proof.

The problem for the (q, p) -th beamformer is rewritten in (30). Note that (a) is derived based on Proposition 1 and (b) is derived based on Lemma 4. Then, we modify the rewritten minimization problem in (30) to discuss the link with the solution for $(1, 1)$ -th beamformer $(\mathbf{F}_{1,1}^{\text{opt}}, \mathbf{v}_{1,1}^{\text{opt}})$. First, variables

for the integration in (30) are changed by defining new variables as $\phi_a \doteq \psi_a - \Delta_a^b$ in each domain of the double integral. We next change a dummy variable by defining the phase shifted matrix as

$$\tilde{\mathbf{F}} \doteq \mathbf{T}(\mathbf{F}, -\Delta_h^q, -\Delta_v^p).$$

By plugging redefined variables ϕ_h , ϕ_v , and $\tilde{\mathbf{F}}$ into (30), the minimization problem is rewritten as in (31). Note that (a) is derived because the ideal beam pattern and the reference gain are periodic functions with a period of 2π over ϕ_h and ϕ_v .

The solution to the MSE problem in (31) is identical to that for the $(1, 1)$ -th beamformer. Therefore, it is clear that

$$\tilde{\mathbf{F}}_{q,p}^{\text{opt}} = \mathbf{F}_{1,1}^{\text{opt}}, \quad \mathbf{v}_{q,p}^{\text{opt}} = \mathbf{v}_{1,1}^{\text{opt}},$$

where $\tilde{\mathbf{F}}_{q,p}^{\text{opt}} = \mathbf{T}(\mathbf{F}_{q,p}^{\text{opt}}, -\Delta_h^q, -\Delta_v^p)$ is rewritten by definition of the phase shifted matrix $\tilde{\mathbf{F}}$. Because the phase shifting function in (16) is reversible, the relationship is rewritten as

$$\begin{aligned}
\mathbf{T}(\mathbf{F}_{1,1}^{\text{opt}}, \Delta_h^q, \Delta_v^p) &= \mathbf{T}(\mathbf{T}(\mathbf{F}_{q,p}^{\text{opt}}, -\Delta_h^q, -\Delta_v^p), \Delta_h^q, \Delta_v^p) \\
&= \mathbf{F}_{q,p}^{\text{opt}} \odot (\tilde{\mathbf{d}}_M(-\Delta_h^q, -\Delta_v^p) \odot \tilde{\mathbf{d}}_M(\Delta_h^q, \Delta_v^p)) \mathbf{1}_{1,N} \\
&= \mathbf{F}_{q,p}^{\text{opt}} \odot \mathbf{1}_{M,N} = \mathbf{F}_{q,p}^{\text{opt}}.
\end{aligned}$$

Finally, the analog beamsteering matrix and baseband beamformer for the (q, p) -th beamformer can be derived as

$$\mathbf{F}_{q,p}^{\text{opt}} = \mathbf{T}(\mathbf{F}_{1,1}^{\text{opt}}, \Delta_h^q, \Delta_v^p), \quad \mathbf{v}_{q,p}^{\text{opt}} = \mathbf{v}_{1,1}^{\text{opt}}.$$

APPENDIX B

PROOF OF LEMMA 4

The reference gain $G(\psi_h, \psi_v, \mathbf{F}\mathbf{v})$ is rewritten by using the phase shifting functions $T(\mathbf{F}, \Delta_h^q, \Delta_v^p)$ in (32). Note that (a) of (32) is derived based on the property of array vectors

$$\mathbf{d}_M(\psi_1 + \psi_3, \psi_2 + \psi_4) = \mathbf{d}_M(\psi_1, \psi_2) \odot \tilde{\mathbf{d}}_M(\psi_3, \psi_4),$$

(b) is derived because $\mathbf{1}_{M,N}$ is decomposed as

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{1}_{M,N} &= (\tilde{\mathbf{d}}_M(\psi_1, \psi_2) \odot \tilde{\mathbf{d}}_M(-\psi_1, -\psi_2)) \mathbf{1}_{1,N} \\ &= (\tilde{\mathbf{d}}_M(\psi_1, \psi_2) \mathbf{1}_{1,N}) \odot (\tilde{\mathbf{d}}_M(-\psi_1, -\psi_2) \mathbf{1}_{1,N}), \end{aligned}$$

and (c) is rewritten by the definition of the phase shifting function $T(\mathbf{F}, \Delta_h^q, \Delta_v^p)$ in Lemma 3 and the associative property of the Hadamard product

$$\mathbf{A} \odot (\mathbf{B} \odot \mathbf{C}) = (\mathbf{A} \odot \mathbf{B}) \odot \mathbf{C}$$

for arbitrary matrices of the same size. Finally, (d) is derived based on the formulation between vectors $\mathbf{a} = [a_1, \dots, a_M]^T$, $\mathbf{b} = [b_1, \dots, b_M]^T$, and $\mathbf{c} = [c_1, \dots, c_M]^T$,

$$\begin{aligned} (\mathbf{a} \odot \mathbf{b})^H (\mathbf{c} \odot \mathbf{b}) &= \sum_{m=1}^M a_m^* c_m |b_m|^2 \\ &= \mathbf{a}^H \mathbf{c}, \end{aligned}$$

which holds with the condition of $|b_m|^2 = 1$ for all $m \in \{1, \dots, M\}$. Note that (d) satisfies this condition because each element of $\tilde{\mathbf{d}}_M(-\Delta_h^q, -\Delta_v^p)$ has a unit gain, i.e., $|\tilde{\mathbf{d}}_M(-\Delta_h^q, -\Delta_v^p)_m|^2 = 1$ for all $m \in \{1, \dots, M\}$.

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