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Preface

The automobile industry is currently shifting from "driving by humans" to "driving by intelligence." Such a transformative evolution is primarily propelled by fastincreasing onboard sensors, with which the vehicles are gaining unprecedented degrees of intelligence. Numerous sensors will inevitably bring in massive sensory data, making reliable and swift information transfer an urgent and crucial issue. Existing wireless solutions include DSRC and LTE-V2X, both permitting lowvolume message delivery. However, due to the limited bandwidth, they are still far from meeting the Gbps-level data rate regulated by the automobile industry. The current limitation inevitably motivated the exploration of the mmWave band, where vast spectrum resources are available for high-speed information transfer. Besides the bandwidth merit, mmWave's inherent short wavelength allows a natural combination with massive MIMO for higher diversity and multiplexing gain. In theory, alternating the operating frequency does not need to change the wireless regime, but the fact is that many implementing concerns, such as power consumption and hardware expenditure, prohibit mmWave systems from inheriting classic fully-digital transceivers. Instead, an economical yet restricted structure, namely the hybrid beamformer, comes into practical use. In conjunction with the higher signal dimensions and complicated channel environments, the compromised hardware architecture requires a paradigm-shifting design to underpin mmWave communication. Against this background, this book will showcase a comprehensive picture regarding advanced mmWave massive MIMO techniques, hoping to provide promising physical-layer solutions to vehicular communications in the 5G and Beyond era.

The book is organized as follows. Chapter 1 overviews vehicular communications and elaborates the necessity of mmWave technologies. Chapter 2 introduces state-of-the-art mmWave channel modeling, with space-time-frequency and non-stationary features taken into account. Based on the insights from channel modeling, Chap. 3 presents an efficient channel estimator dedicated to mmWave transceivers with hybrid structures, which is capable of combating doubly selective massive MIMO mmWave channels. The obtained channel state information opens the door to a generic mmWave multi-user transceiver design, with the detailed strategies

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presented in Chap. 4. Driven by the pursuit of lower error rate and higher energy efficiency, Chaps. 5 and 6 explore the potential use of index modulation in hybrid mmWave systems. Although both chapters will deal with the doubly selective channels, Chap. 5 focuses on the uplink multi-user access, whereas Chap. 6 spotlights on downlink multi-user transmission. Despite our best effort, the above content covers just a tip of the iceberg of mmWave vehicular communication. Thus, some open problems and promising directions will be discussed at the end of each chapter for future studies.

This book is mainly oriented to researchers, graduated students, and professors relevant to this field. Nevertheless, it also serves as a great introduction to state-of-the-art mmWave vehicular communications for those outside this field but aspire to pursue new interdisciplinary directions.

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Acronyms

3GPP The 3rd Generation Partnership Project

ADC Analog-to-Digital Converter

APEP Average Pairwise Error Probability

APS Analog Phase Shifter

BER Bit Error Rate
BS Base Station

CDL Clustered Delay Line

CP Cyclic Prefix

CS Compressed Sensing D2D Device-to-Device

DAC Digital-to-Analog Converter

DSRC Dedicated Short-Range Communications

FFT Fast Fourier Transform

GMD Geometric Mean Decomposition
GPS Global Positioning System
IFFT Inverse Fast Fourier Transform

IM Index Modulation

ITS Intelligent Transportation System

IV Internet of Vehicles LTE Long-Term Evolution

MIMO Multiple-Input Multiple-Output

MS Mobile Station

NMSE Normalized Mean Square Error

NR New Radio

OFDM Orthogonal Frequency Division Multiplexing

OMP Orthogonal Matching Pursuit PSD Power Spectrum Density QoS Quality of Service

RF Radio Frequency
RSU Roadside Unit
SM Spatial Modulation

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SNR Signal-to-Noise Ratio

SVD Singular Value Decomposition

TDL Tapped Delayed Line
UE User Equipment
V2V Vehicle-to-Vehicle
V2X Vehicle-to-Everything

VANET Vehicular Ad hoc Network

VCN Vehicular Communication Network