

Guest Editorial

Ultra-Wideband Wireless Communications— Theory and Applications

ULTRA-WIDEBAND (UWB) transmission has recently received increased attention in both academia and industry for multimedia applications in short-range wireless communications. It has many advantages such as high data rate, availability of low-cost transceivers, low transmit power, and low interference. UWB operates at emission levels commensurate with common digital devices such as laptops, palm pilots, and pocket calculators. The approval of UWB technology made by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) of the United States in 2002 makes the frequency band between 3.1–10.6 GHz (7.5 GHz) available for unlicensed indoor UWB wireless communication systems. It is expected that many conventional principles and approaches used for indoor wireless communications may be reevaluated, and a new commercial sector in short-range (e.g., 10 m) wireless communications with high data rate (e.g., 400 Mb/s) may be achieved, as well as longer range communications with lower data rate (1 Mbit/s). For instance, industrial standards such as IEEE 802.15.3a (high data rate) and IEEE 802.15.4a (very low data rate) have been introduced based on UWB technology. Although R&D efforts in recent years have demonstrated that UWB radio is a promising solution for high-rate short-range wireless communications, further extensive investigation, experimentation, and development are necessary toward developing effective and efficient UWB communication systems. This Special Issue presents recent cutting edge research and state-of-the-art technology in UWB wireless communications. It is timely and valuable for future analysis, implementation, and experiments of UWB wireless communications systems.

The first 16 papers focus on UWB channel estimation, acquisition and receivers. The paper by da Silva and Milstein proposes an analytical formulation that allows for the analysis of the channel estimation in the presence of narrowband interference. The paper by Qiu *et al.* discusses per-path pulse distortion in multiuser detection for UWB communications. The paper by Chiti *et al.* proposes a punctured hopping approach suitable for time-hopping (TH)-UWB systems. The paper by Nakache and Molisch studies the design of signaling waveforms for TH impulse radio with limits on the power spectral density. The paper by Siriwongpairat *et al.* provides a performance analysis for UWB systems that successfully captures the unique multipath-rich property and multipath-clustering phenomenon of UWB channels. The paper by Dabin *et al.* develops a statistical path loss model from empirical data. The next four papers deal with transmitted reference (TR) UWB systems. The

paper by Aedudodla *et al.* investigates the timing acquisition problem for TR UWB systems employing direct-sequence (DS) spreading. The paper by Xu and Sadler proposes a multiuser TR (MTR) scheme to extend TR modulation to the multiuser case, while almost doubling the data rate by allowing arbitrarily small spacing of pulse pairs. The paper by Dang *et al.* studies the signal model and receiver algorithms for a TR-UWB communication system. The paper by Franz and Mitra proposes maximum-likelihood (ML) and generalized likelihood ratio test (GLRT)-based data detection schemes for a UWB communication system. The next three papers focus on UWB timing. The paper by Onunkwo *et al.* investigates the impact of timing jitter on orthogonal frequency-division multiplexing (OFDM)-based UWB systems. The paper by Yang develops and tests timing algorithms in both data-aided and nondata-aided modes based on a synchronization criterion termed timing with dirty templates (TDTs). The paper by Ibrahim and Buehrer presents a modified framework for the analysis of UWB acquisition which accommodates multiple lock cells. The next three papers address the design issues of UWB receivers. The paper by Wu *et al.* develops a UWB receiver structure along with low-complexity timing synchronization and data demodulation schemes based on noisy templates (NTs). The paper by Pausini *et al.* shows how to reduce the effects of nonlinear intersymbol interference (ISI) and the bias term, nuisance parameters of autocorrelation receivers. The paper by Kokkalis *et al.* analyzes and evaluates the performance of multiuser TH-UWB systems employing M-ary pulse position modulation (PPM) and a correlation receiver.

The next five papers deal with UWB networking and routing. The paper by Zhang *et al.* develops a mobility-assisted secure localization scheme and proposes a location-based scheme to enable secure authentication for UWB sensor networks. The paper by Xiao *et al.* investigates the optimal acknowledgment (ACK) mechanisms for the IEEE 802.15.3. The following three papers focus on routing issues. The paper by Wu *et al.* addresses the throughput optimization problem in multihop UWB networks by jointly considering network topology formation and routing. The paper by Abdrabou and Zhuang presents a position-based quality-of-service (QoS) routing scheme for UWB mobile ad hoc networks. The paper by Shi *et al.* investigates a cross-layer optimization approach with joint consideration of link-layer scheduling, power control, and network-layer routing.

The subsequent ten papers discuss UWB systems and implementation. The paper by Li *et al.* studies a code-spread and chip-interleaved TH UWB system. The paper by Wang *et al.* proposes a new circuit modeling methodology that handles omnidirectional small antennas. The paper by Zhang *et al.* investigates multiple pulse waveforms adaptation in order to

achieve the cognitive UWB radio. The paper by Liu proposes a multicode continuous-wave UWB signaling scheme that employs chirp waveforms. The paper by Gezici *et al.* considers impulse radio systems with multiple types of UWB pulses, where different types of pulses can be used in different frames by different users. The paper by Ridolfi and Win provides a general approach to the spectra evaluation of complicated UWB signals. The paper by Richardson *et al.* investigates the application of UWB radio in vehicle environments by exploring the characteristics of UWB channels within a vehicle. The paper by Li *et al.* studies the performance of UWB radio communications systems employing phase-shift keying (PSK) modulation and fully saturated power amplifiers through additive white Gaussian noise (AWGN) channel or Rayleigh-fading channel. The paper by Wang and Dong proposes a time-division multiple-access (TDMA) scheme for the binary phase-shift keying (BPSK) modulated single carrier block transmission with frequency-domain equalization (SC-FDE) over UWB channels. The paper by Fort *et al.* proposes a simple statistical channel model and a practical implementation useful for evaluating UWB body area communication systems.

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