

## **Title**

Metasource-Based Physical-Layer Security for Future Wireless Networks

## **Duration**

Full day (3 hours)

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## **Bio**

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Her research interests include modelling, design, analysis, and optimisation of wireless systems and networks, specifically in physical-layer security, permutation-based modulation/transmission, and ultra-reliable low-latency communications.

## **Description**

The physical-layer security (PLS) is a promising concept to complement the cryptographic technologies at upper layers in wireless networks. Various channel-based approaches, e.g., secret-key extraction, directional modulation, and artificial-noise injection, have been conceived to exploit wireless channel characteristics in providing PLS.

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The content of this tutorial is as below:

1. Information-theoretic PLS models
  - Shannon's communications security
  - Wyner's wiretap channel
2. Metrics for PLS evaluation
  - Secrecy rate
  - Error probability difference between Bob and Eve
  - Secrecy energy efficiency
  - Secrecy margin
3. Channel-based PLS techniques
  - Secret-key distillation
  - Directional modulation
  - Artificial-noise injection
4. Metasource-based PLS techniques
  - Modulation mapping pattern
  - Constellation design pattern
  - Channel-coding pattern
5. The road ahead
  - MBSK generation methods
  - MBSK pattern design
  - Rich scattering propagation
  - Cross-layer security
  - Federated learning for privacy

### **Expected audience**

The researchers who are interested in physical-layer security.

The number of attendees in the tutorial will depend on the number of attendees in the conference.

### **Recent publications (\* denoting the corresponding author)**

#### *Journal Articles*

[J1] **Y. Yang**, C. Xu, and L. Hanzo, "Source-Difference-Based Mapping Improves Spatial Modulation", *IEEE Open Journal of Vehicular Technology*, vol. 4, pp. 517-529, Aug. 2023.

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- [J12] P. Si, Z. Fu, L. Shu, **Y. Yang**, K. Huang, and Y. Liu, "Target-Barrier Coverage Improvement in an Insecticidal Lamps Internet of UAVs", *IEEE Transactions on Vehicular Technology*, vol. 71, no. 4, pp. 4373-4382, Apr. 2022.
- [J13] M. Yin, **Y. Yang\***, J. Wu, and B. Jiao, "Opportunistic Bits in Short-Packet Communications: A Finite Blocklength Perspective", *IEEE Transactions on Communications*, vol. 69, no. 12, pp. 8085-8099, Dec. 2021.
- [J14] D. Zheng, **Y. Yang\***, L. Wei, and B. Jiao, "Decode-and-Forward Short-Packet Relaying in the Internet of Things: Timely Status Updates", *IEEE Transactions on Wireless Communications*, vol. 20, no. 12, pp. 8423-8437, Dec. 2021.
- [J15] **Y. Yang**, and L. Hanzo, "Permutation-Based TCP and UDP Transmissions to Improve Goodput and Latency in the Internet of Things", *IEEE Internet of Things Journal*, vol. 8, no. 18, pp. 14276-14286, Sep. 2021.
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[J25] **Y. Yang\***, and M. Guizani, “Mapping-Variied Spatial Modulation for Physical Layer Security: Transmission Strategy and Secrecy Rate”, *IEEE Journal on Selected Areas in Communications*, vol.36, no.4, pp.877-889, Apr. 2018.

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[C2] **Y. Yang\***, M. Guizani, and B. Jiao, “Difference Based Spatial Modulation”, *IEEE International Wireless Communications & Mobile Computing Conference (IWCMC)*, Dubrovnik, Croatia, May 30th – Jun. 3rd, 2022, pp.295-299.

[C3] B. Jiao, D. Zheng, M. Yin, and **Y. Yang**, “A Possibility: Beyond the Channel Capacity in the Low SNR Regime”, *IEEE International Conference on Microwaves, Antennas, Communications and Electronic Systems (COMCAS)*, Tel Aviv, Israel, Nov. 4-6th, 2019, pp.1-4.

#### **Relevance**

This tutorial is on the up-to-date physical-layer security technologies for future wireless networks. The physical-layer security (PLS) is a promising concept to complement the cryptographic technologies at upper layers in wireless networks. Various channel-based approaches, e.g., secret-key extraction, directional modulation, and artificial-noise injection, have been conceived to exploit wireless channel characteristics in providing PLS.

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**Previous editions:**

The tutorial was given once, in the International Wireless Communications & Mobile Computing Conference (IWCMC 2023), on 19th June 2023.

Please refer to the webpage below.

<https://iwcmc.org/2023/tutorial-speakers/>

In comparison with the previous version, the tutorial for ICC 2023 will introduce more future research directions, specifically on federated learning based solutions.