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On the Energy Efficiency Performance of Power Line Communication Systems

Abstract: No doubt, in smart homes (SHs), numerous devices are expected to cooperate and exchange information over a set of heterogeneous networks including, but not limited to, the power line communication (PLC) network. The main advantage of PLC over its competitors is, of course, its availability and the significantly reduced costs of deployment. The increasing number of devices communicating over the PLC network however raises the issue of high energy consumption. This work is, therefore, dedicated to explore the energy efficiency of multi-hop relaying PLC systems. In this respect, different interesting signal processing techniques, utilizing the PLC channel peculiarities, are introduced to minimize the energy consumption of such systems. Results show that the proposed systems can provide up to 30% of energy efficiency improvement.

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