Abstract
In energy harvesting wireless communications, full channel state information at transmitter is generally needed to determine transmission power policy. In this work, we propose online discrete rate and power adaption policies for an energy harvesting communication over Rayleigh fading channels. The receiver periodically sends 1-bit feedback by comparing the channel power gain with a predetermined threshold. The transmitter correspondingly adjusts QAM level and transmission power based on the 1-bit feedback and the available battery energy. To determine the optimal channel threshold, adaptive M-QAM level and corresponding power allocation, we formulate a constrained optimization problem to maximize the throughput within a finite horizon. We show that this problem follows a Markov decision process and can be solved via backward induction method. We further propose an efficient but suboptimal discrete rate and power policy that uses the best effort M-QAM adaption and the channel threshold determined by maximizing the average rate over channel fading and EH processes. Our results show that the performance loss is negligible for the simple M-QAM adaption of the suboptimal policy that is attributed to the optimal choice of channel threshold.

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