## Resource Allocation in OFDMA-based Wireless Networks

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#### **Uplink Transmission**

Consider A Multi-cell OFDMA-based Wireless Network consisting of

- In OFDMA, the available bandwidth W is subdivided into  $\mid \mathcal{C} \mid$  multiple sub-channels
- Thus Bandwidth of each sub-channel k is given by  $W^k = \frac{W}{|\mathcal{C}|}$
- A set of C sub-channel (SC) is denoted by  $C = \{1, 2, \dots, C\}$  (also so called resource block, sub-carrier, channel, or carrier)

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- A set of *B* Base Stations (BSs) is denoted by  $\mathcal{B} = \{1, 2, \dots, B\}$
- A set of *U* users is denoted by  $\mathcal{U} = \{1, 2, \dots, U\}$
- A set of C sub-channel (SC) is denoted by  $C = \{1, 2, \dots, C\}$  (also so called resource block, sub-carrier, channel, or carrier)
- The Base station assigned to user i is denoted by  $b_i$  where  $b_i \in \mathcal{B}$
- The set of users served by the BS j where  $j \in \mathcal{B}$  denoted by  $\mathcal{U}_j$ .
- The path gain from user i toward BS j where  $j \in \mathcal{B}$  on sub-channel k is denoted by  $h_{j,i}^k$ . Thus  $h_{b_i,i}^k$  and  $h_{b_l,i}^k$  are path-gain from user i toward BSs associated to user i and l on sub-channel k, respectively.

#### **Uplink Transmission**

• The transmit power of user i ( $i \in \mathcal{U}$ ) on sub-channel k ( $k \in \mathcal{C}$ ) is denoted by  $p_i^k$  where  $p_i^k \geq 0$ 

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where 
$$\mathbf{p}^k = \left[p_i^k\right]_{i \in \mathcal{U}}$$
 and  $\mathbf{p}_i = \left[p_i^k\right]_{k \in \mathcal{C}}$ 

#### **Uplink Transmission**

• The binary variable  $a_i^k$  denotes the sub-channel allocation index:

$$a_i^k = \begin{cases} 1, & \text{if sub-channel } k \text{ is allocated to user } i \\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

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• A set of users that transmit on sub-channel k is denoted by  $\mathcal{U}^k$  such that  $\mathcal{U}^k = \{ \forall i \in \mathcal{U} | a_i^k = 1 \}$ 

#### **Uplink Transmission**

- A set of sub-channels which is allocated to user *i* denoted by  $C_i$ , where  $C_i = \{ \forall k \in C \mid a_i^k = 1 \}$ .
- The received SINR of user i on sub-channel k is:

$$\gamma_i^k(\mathbf{a}^k, \mathbf{p}^k, b_i) = \frac{a_i^k p_i^k h_{b_i, i}^k}{\sum\limits_{l \in \mathcal{U}^k, \ l \neq i} a_l^k p_l^k h_{b_i, l}^k + N_{b_i}^k}$$

where  $N_{b_i}^k = N_0 W^k$  in which  $N_0$  is the Noise power density (Noise power per Hz).

• For a single-cell network, the received SINR of user *i* on sub-channel *k* is given by:

$$\gamma_i^k(\mathbf{a}^k, \mathbf{p}^k, b_i) = \frac{a_i^k p_i^k h_{b_i,i}^k}{N_{b_i}^k}$$

In this situation, each sub-channel is allocated to at most one user i.e.,  $\mid \mathcal{U}^k \mid <1, \forall k \in \mathcal{C}$ 

#### **Uplink Transmission**

• The achieved data rate of user *i* on sub-channel *k* based on Shanon's formula is:

$$R_i^k(\mathbf{a}^k, \mathbf{p}^k, b_i) = W^k \log_2(1 + \gamma_i^k(\mathbf{a}^k, \mathbf{p}^k, b_i))$$
 bps

where  $W^k$  is the Bandwidth of sub-channel k which is given by

$$W^k = \frac{W}{\mid \mathcal{C} \mid}$$

• The spectral efficiency of user i on sub-channel k is obtained by  $\frac{R_i^k(\mathbf{a}^k, \mathbf{p}^k, b_i)}{W^k}$  i.e.,:

$$\frac{R_i^k(\mathbf{a}^k, \mathbf{p}^k, b_i)}{W^k} = \log_2(1 + \gamma_i^k(\mathbf{a}^k, \mathbf{p}^k, b_i))$$
 bps/ Hz

#### **Uplink Transmission**

 Also, the spectral efficiency of user i on all of its allocated sub-channels is:

$$R_i(\mathbf{a}, \mathbf{p}, b_i) = \sum_{k \in \mathcal{C}} R_i^k(\mathbf{a}^k, \mathbf{p}^k, b_i)$$
 bps

- As seen, in contrast to CDMA, in OFDMA, there is no one-to-one relationship between the SINR vector and total rate (data rate) for each user. In other words, for a given user i, there exist many SINR vectors for that user  $(\gamma_i = \left[\gamma_i^k\right]_{k \in \mathcal{C}})$  which may result in the same rate  $(R_i)$ .
- So, a constraint on rate (data rate) for each user does not correspond to a single-constraint on its SINR vector

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- Transmit power level
- Sub-channel (SC)
- Base Station

#### **Constraints**

#### **Uplink Transmission**

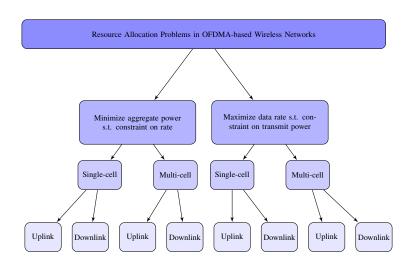
- Transmit power level constraints
  - Maximum transmit power of user i i.e.,  $\sum_{k \in C} a_i^k p_i^k \leq p_i^{\max}$
  - The transmit power on each allocated sub-channel is lower than a mask power i.e.,  $p_i^k \le p_i^{\max,k}$
- Rate constraints
  - Minimum target rate for each user i i.e.,  $\sum_{k \in C} a_i^k R_i^k \ge R_i^{\min}$
  - Target rate for user i on each allocated sub-channel k i.e.,  $R_i^k \ge \widehat{R}_i^k$
- SINR constraints
  - Target-SINR for user i on each allocated sub-channel k i.e.,  $\gamma_i^k \ge \widehat{\gamma}_i^k$

#### **Constraints**

#### **Uplink Transmission**

- Sub-channel constraints
  - each sub-channel is allocated to at most one user in each cell i.e.,  $\sum_{i \in \mathcal{U}} a_i^k \leq 1, \qquad \forall k \in \mathcal{C}, j \in \mathcal{B}$
  - The number of allocated sub-channels to user i is less than a given threshold i.e.,  $|C_i| < X_i$
  - The number of allocated sub-channels to user i is equal to a given threshold i.e.,  $|\mathcal{C}_i| = X_i$

#### **Resource Allocation Problems in OFDMA-based Wireless Networks**



#### Minimizing the aggregate power

• Given a sub-channel allocation for a single user

$$\begin{aligned} P1.1: & \min_{\pmb{p}} & \sum_{k \in \mathcal{C}} p^k \\ & \text{subject to.} & C1: & \sum_{k \in \mathcal{C}} \log_2(1 + \frac{a^k p^k h^k}{N^k}) \geq R^{\min}, \\ & C2: & p^k \geq 0, \quad \forall k \in \mathcal{C}. \end{aligned}$$

Problem P1.1 is a convex problem and same in UL and DL transmissions. This problem is optimally solved by water-filling method in [1]\* and [2]†.

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$$p^k = \left[\lambda - \frac{1}{H^k}\right]^+,\tag{1}$$

where  $[x]^+ = \max(x,0)$ ,  $H^k = \frac{h^k}{N^k}$  is channel gain for user on subchannel k and  $\{H^k\}_{k=1}^{|\mathcal{C}|}$  is a sorted sequence with monotonically decreasing, and  $\lambda$  is the water-level chosen to satisfy the minimum target rate constraint C1 in P1.1.

#### Minimizing the aggregate power

• Based on Lagrangian function, we have

$$\begin{split} \mathcal{L}(p^k,\mu) &= \sum_{k=1}^{|\mathcal{C}|} p^k - \mu(\sum_{k=1}^{|\mathcal{C}|} \log_2(1+p^kH^k) - R^{\min}) \\ \bigtriangledown_{p^k} \mathcal{L}(p^k,\mu) &= 1 - \mu \big[ \frac{H^k}{\ln 2(1+p^kH^k)} \big] = 0 \\ p^k &= \frac{\frac{\mu H^k}{\ln 2} - 1}{H^k} \quad \longrightarrow \quad p^k = \Big[ \lambda - \frac{1}{H^k} \Big]^+ \\ \text{where } \lambda &= \frac{\mu}{\ln 2}. \end{split}$$

#### Minimizing the aggregate power

- The value of  $\lambda$  is water level chosen to satisfy minimum target rate constraint with equality  $\sum_{k=1}^{|\mathcal{C}|} \log_2(1+p^kH^k) = R^{\min}$ .
- According to equation  $p^k = (\lambda \frac{1}{H^k})$ , we have

$$R^{\min} = \sum_{k=1}^{|\mathcal{C}|} \log_2(1 + (\lambda - \frac{1}{H^k})H^k)$$

$$= \sum_{k=1}^{|C|} \log_2(1 + (\lambda H^k - 1))$$

#### Minimizing the aggregate power

• The rate constraint becomes

$$R^{\min} = \sum_{k=1}^{|\mathcal{C}|} \log_2(\lambda H^k) = \log_2(\prod_{k=1}^{|\mathcal{C}|} \lambda H^k) = \log_2(\lambda^{|\mathcal{C}|} \prod_{k=1}^{|\mathcal{C}|} H^k).$$

So, the value of  $\lambda$  is obtained by

$$\lambda = \left(\frac{2^{R^{\min}}}{\prod_{k=1}^{|\mathcal{C}|} H^k}\right)^{\frac{1}{|\mathcal{C}|}} \tag{2}$$

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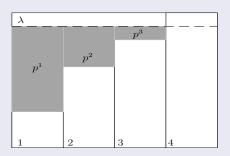
•  $p^k = \left[\lambda - \frac{1}{H^k}\right]^+$  implies that there exists  $k^*$  (called the optimal number of sub-channels with positive power) so that

$$p^{k} = \begin{cases} \lambda - \frac{1}{H^{k}} & k \leq k^{*}, \\ 0 & k > k^{*}. \end{cases}$$
 (3)

• For obtaining  $p^k$  in (3), we need to calculate the value of  $\lambda$  and  $k^*$ . Note that the method of obtaining these values affects the computational complexity.

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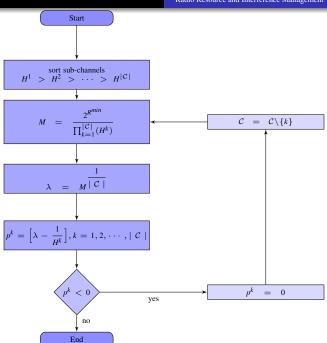
• Using water filling method, in each iteration, the water-level  $\lambda$  is obtained by

$$\lambda = \left(\frac{2^{R^{\min}}}{\prod_{k=1}^{|\mathcal{C}|} H^k}\right)^{\frac{1}{|\mathcal{C}|}},\tag{4}$$

- Based on  $\lambda$ , the power level on every sub-channel k is calculated by  $p^k = \lambda \frac{1}{H^k}$ .
- If this obtained power violates the constraint C2 in P1.1 for a given sub-channel k, this sub-channel is removed from the set C i.e.,  $C = C \setminus \{k\}$ .
- This procedure recurs iteratively until positive power levels are obtained for all the remaining sub-channels. In the final iteration,  $\lambda$  is given by

$$\lambda = (\frac{2^{R^{\min}}}{\prod_{k=1}^{k^*} H^k})^{\frac{1}{k^*}},\tag{5}$$

where  $k^*$  is the optimal number of sub-channels with positive power.



#### Minimizing the aggregate power

Given a sub-channel allocation

$$\begin{split} P1.2: & \min_{\pmb{P}} & \sum_{k \in \mathcal{C}} p^k \\ & \text{subject to.} & C1: & \sum_{k \in \mathcal{C}} \log_2(1 + \frac{a^k p^k h^k}{\sigma^2}) \geq R^{min} \\ & C2: & 0 \leq p^k \leq p^{\max,k}, \quad \forall k \in \mathcal{C}. \end{split}$$

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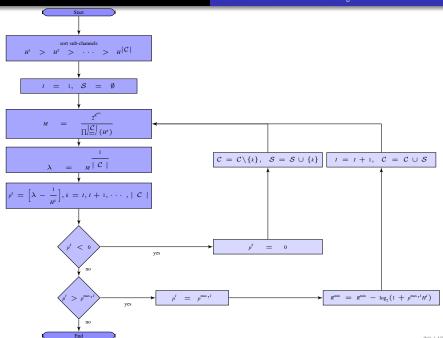
$$p^k = \left[\lambda - \frac{1}{H^k}\right]_{p^{max,k}}^+ \tag{6}$$

where  $[x]^+ = \max(x, 0)$ ,  $[x]_y = \min(x, y)$ , and  $\lambda$  is given by (4).

• Obtaining transmit power on each sub-channel *k* is same as with solution of problem P1.1, but to satisfy the mask power constraint on each sub-channel *k*, following algorithm is employed.

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C1: 
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$$p^k \ge 0, \ \forall k \in \mathcal{C}, \qquad \text{Problem P1.1}$$

$$C2: \qquad p^k \le p^{\max,k}, \ \forall k \in \mathcal{C}, \quad \text{Problem P1.2}$$

 $\sum_{k \in \mathcal{C}} p^k \leq p^{\text{max}}, \text{ If the aggregate transmit}$ power achieved by P1.1 is largaer than

 $p^{\max}$ , problem is infeasible.

#### Maximizing the aggregate data rate

• Given a sub-channel allocation

$$\begin{aligned} P2.1: & \max_{P} & \sum_{k \in \mathcal{C}} \log_2(1 + \frac{a^k p^k h^k}{N^k}) \\ & \text{subject to.} & C1: \sum_{k \in \mathcal{C}} a^k p^k \leq p^{\max}, \\ & C2: & p^k \geq 0, \quad \forall k \in \mathcal{C}. \end{aligned}$$

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• The maximum transmit power constraint becomes

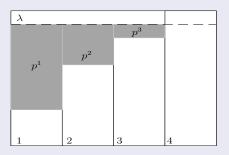
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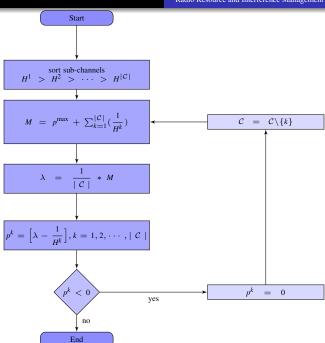
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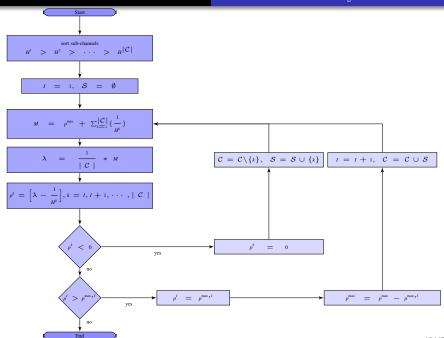
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$$p^k \le p^{\max,k}, \ \forall k \in \mathcal{C}, \quad \text{Problem P2.2}$$

$$\sum p^k \le p^{\max}, \quad \text{Problem P2.1}$$

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