

The average network throughput \mathcal{C} is a function of both subcarrier and power allocation variables. The sum rate maximization problem is formulated as follows using the standard Shannon capacity formula, $\mathcal{C}_{n,k,l} = \log_2(1 + \gamma_{n,k,l})$, where $\mathcal{C}_{n,k,l}$ and $\gamma_{n,k,l}$ represent the throughput and SINR of the k^{th} user at n^{th} subcarrier in cell l , respectively:

$$\underset{p_{n,k,l}, \alpha_{n,k,l}}{\text{maximize}} \quad \sum_{l=1}^L \sum_{k=1}^K \sum_{n=1}^N \alpha_{n,k,l} \log_2 \left(1 + \frac{p_{n,k,l} h_{n,k,l}}{\sigma^2 + I_{n,l}} \right) \quad (1)$$

$$\text{subject to} \quad \sum_{n=1}^N p_{n,k,l} \leq P_{k,\max}, \quad \forall k, \forall l \quad (2)$$

$$\sum_{k=1}^K \alpha_{n,k,l} = 1, \quad \forall n, \forall l \quad (3)$$

$$\alpha_{n,k,l} \in \{0, 1\}, \quad \forall n, \forall l, \forall k \quad (4)$$

In (1), $I_{n,l} = \sum_{j=1, j \neq l}^L \sum_{k=1}^K \alpha_{n,k,j} p_{n,k,j} g_{n,k,jl}$ represents the cumulative interference at n^{th} subcarrier in cell l from the users in all other cells, $p_{n,k,l}$ denotes the power transmitted by k^{th} user at the n^{th} subcarrier in cell l , $\alpha_{n,k,l}$ represents the allocation of k^{th} user at the n^{th} subcarrier in cell l and $h_{n,k,l}$ is the channel gain of k^{th} user at the n^{th} subcarrier in cell l . Constraint (2) implies that the power spent by k^{th} user on its allocated subcarriers cannot exceed the maximum available power, $P_{k,\max}$. For each cell, we collect the power allocation variables $p_{n,k,l}$ in a vector $\mathbf{p}_{n,l} = [p_{n,1,l}, p_{n,2,l}, \dots, p_{n,K,l}]$ and then stack all the vectors in a power matrix \mathbf{P}_l of cell l where $\mathbf{P}_l \in \mathbb{R}^{N \times K}$. Constraint (3) restricts the allocation of each subcarrier to only one user. The channel gains $h_{n,k,l}$ and binary allocation variables $\alpha_{n,k,l}$ are stacked up similarly in the matrices \mathbf{H}_l and \mathbf{A}_l , respectively, where $\mathbf{A}_l, \mathbf{H}_l \in \mathbb{R}^{N \times K}$. Moreover, we define $g_{n,k,lj}$ as the interfering gain from the k^{th} user in cell l to cell j , $\forall j \neq l$ at n^{th} subcarrier. We collect these interfering gains into a vector $\mathbf{g}_{n,lj} = [g_{n,1,lj}, g_{n,2,lj}, \dots, g_{n,K,lj}]$ and then stack all the vectors in a matrix $\mathbf{G}_{lj} \in \mathbb{R}^{N \times K}$.