

Multiple Antenna Communications

Lecture 11:

Power Control for Max-Min Fairness

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Outline

- Power control
 - Purpose and operating points
 - Structure of the SINR
- Max-min fairness power control
 - Uplink
 - Downlink
- Simulation example

Single-cell effective SINRs

- Capacity lower bound for user k

$$\log_2(1 + \text{SINR}_k)$$

where the “effective” SINR is

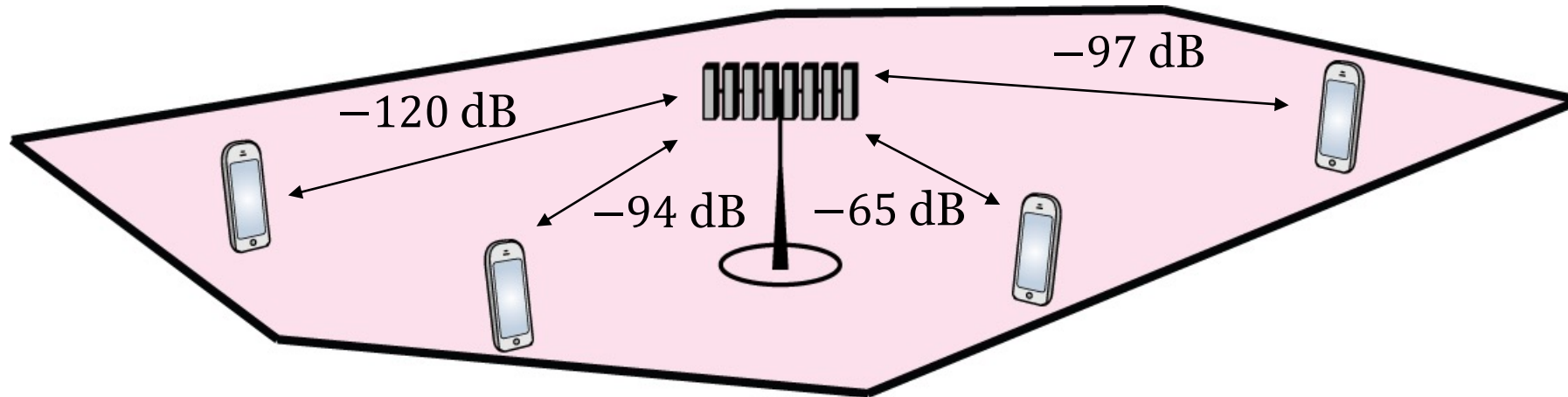
$$\text{SINR}_k = \frac{a_k \eta_k}{1 + \sum_{k'=1}^K b_k^{k'} \eta_{k'}}$$

- With MR:

Uplink	Downlink
$a_k = M \rho_{ul} \gamma_k$ $b_k^{k'} = \rho_{ul} \beta_{k'}$	$a_k = M \rho_{dl} \gamma_k$ $b_k^{k'} = \rho_{dl} \beta_k$

Same structure with
other methods than MR

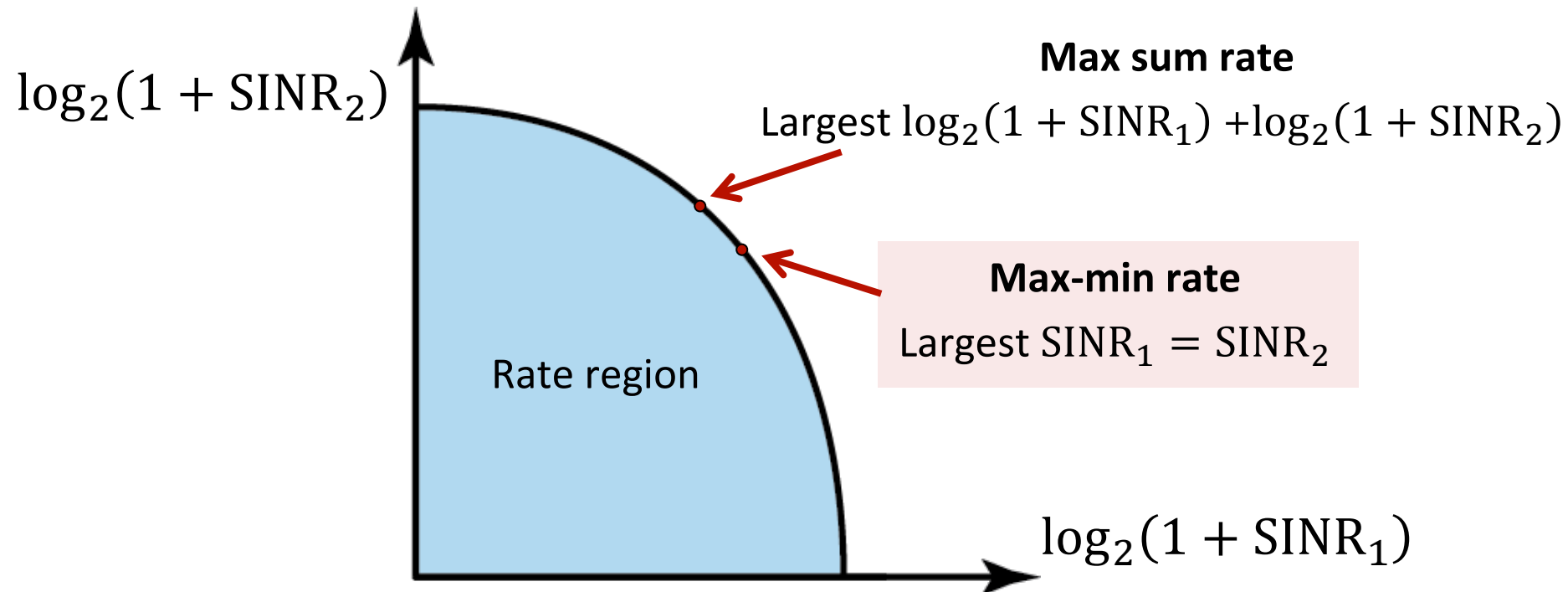
Different channel conditions



- Nature and hardware setup determine the values of
$$a_k = M\rho_{ul}\gamma_k, \quad b_k^{k'} = \rho_{ul}\beta_{k'}$$
- We can compensate by selecting η_1, \dots, η_K

Power control

- Effective SINRs depend on η_1, \dots, η_K
 - Can be selected to achieve different operating points



Max-min fairness power control

- Maximize the minimum SINR (minimum rate)
 - Every user get the same performance
(Prove by contradiction!)

- Power constraint

- Uplink:

$$0 \leq \eta_k \leq 1, \quad k = 1, \dots, K$$

- Downlink:

$$\sum_{k=1}^K \eta_k \leq 1, \quad \eta_k \geq 0, \quad k = 1, \dots, K$$

Formulation as an optimization problem

$$\begin{array}{ll} \text{maximize} & \overline{\text{SINR}} \\ \text{with respect to} & \eta_1, \dots, \eta_K, \overline{\text{SINR}} \\ \text{subject to} & \text{SINR}_k \geq \overline{\text{SINR}} \quad k = 1, \dots, K \\ & \text{Power constraints} \end{array}$$

- Different solutions in uplink and downlink, since
 - SINR expressions are different
 - Power constraints are different

Uplink max-min fairness with MR

- Optimal power-control coefficients:

$$\eta_k = \frac{\min_{k'} \gamma_{k'}}{\gamma_k}$$

- Max-min SINR:

$$\overline{\text{SINR}} = \frac{M\rho_{ul}}{\frac{1}{\min_{k'} \gamma_{k'}} + \rho_{ul} \sum_{k=1}^K \frac{\beta_k}{\gamma_k}}$$

$$\text{SINR}_k = \frac{M\rho_{ul}\gamma_k\eta_k}{1 + \sum_{k'=1}^K \rho_{ul}\beta_{k'}\eta_{k'}}$$

Downlink max-min fairness with MR

$$\text{SINR}_k = \frac{M \rho_{dl} \gamma_k \eta_k}{1 + \rho_{dl} \beta_k \sum_{k'=1}^K \eta_{k'}}$$

- Optimal power-control coefficients:

$$\eta_k = \frac{1 + \rho_{dl} \beta_k}{\rho_{dl} \gamma_k \left(\frac{1}{\rho_{dl}} \sum_{k'=1}^K \frac{1}{\gamma_{k'}} + \sum_{k'=1}^K \frac{\beta_{k'}}{\gamma_{k'}} \right)}$$

- Max-min SINR:

$$\overline{\text{SINR}} = \frac{M \rho_{dl}}{\sum_{k=1}^K \frac{1}{\gamma_k} + \rho_{dl} \sum_{k=1}^K \frac{\beta_k}{\gamma_k}}$$

Insights from max-min power control

- Optimal power control

Uplink:

$$\eta_k = \frac{\min_{k'} \gamma_{k'}}{\gamma_k}$$

Downlink:

$$\eta_k = \frac{1 + \rho_{dl}\beta_k}{\rho_{dl}\gamma_k \left(\sum_{k'=1}^K \frac{1}{\gamma_{k'}} + \rho_{dl} \sum_{k'=1}^K \frac{\beta_{k'}}{\gamma_{k'}} \right)}$$

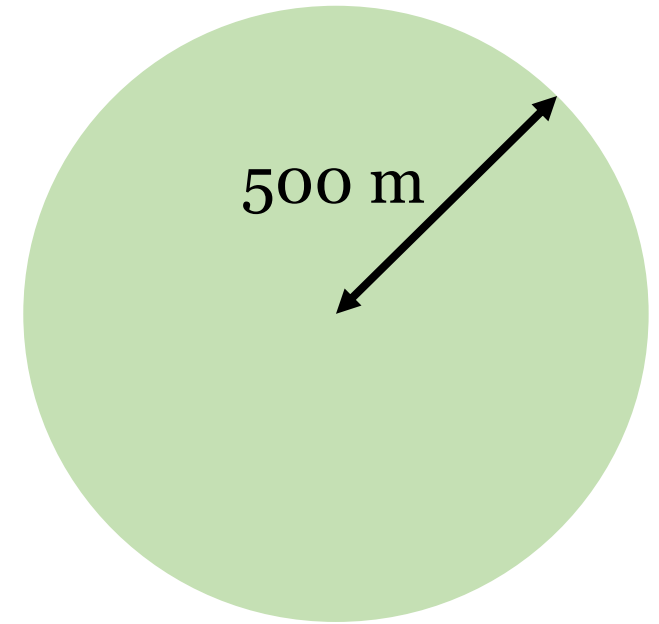
- Inversely proportional to $\gamma_k = \frac{\tau_p \rho_{ul} \beta_k^2}{1 + \tau_p \rho_{ul} \beta_k}$ (approximately)
- Inversely proportional to β_k (approximately)
- Spend more power on the weakest users

Who performs the optimization?

- Power-control coefficients depend on
 - Channel conditions: β_k, γ_k of all users
 - Maximum transmit power ρ_{ul}, ρ_{dl}
- Easiest to implement at the base station
 - Compute downlink coefficients and use them
 - Compute uplink coefficients and tell user k of η_k
- Update when users have moved or entered/exited

Simulation example: Urban deployment

- Single-cell setup
 - Circular cell with radius 500 m
 - Base station: $M = 100$ antennas
 - $K = 10$ uniformly users
- Important properties
 - Independent Rayleigh fading
 - No inter-cell interference
 - Carrier frequency: 2 GHz
 - Bandwidth 20 MHz



Some parameter values

Parameter	Value
Base station antenna gain	0 dBi
User terminal antenna gain	0 dBi
Base station receiver noise figure	7 dB
Terminal receiver noise figure	7 dB
Nominal noise temperature	300 K
Coherence time	1 ms
Coherence bandwidth	200 kHz

Parameter	Value
Base station antenna height	25 m
User terminal height	1.5 m
Path loss model (3GPP):	$-25.3 - 37.6 \log_{10} \left(\frac{\text{distance}}{1 \text{ m}} \right)$
Maximum radiated power at base station	40 W
Maximum radiated power per user terminal	0.1 W

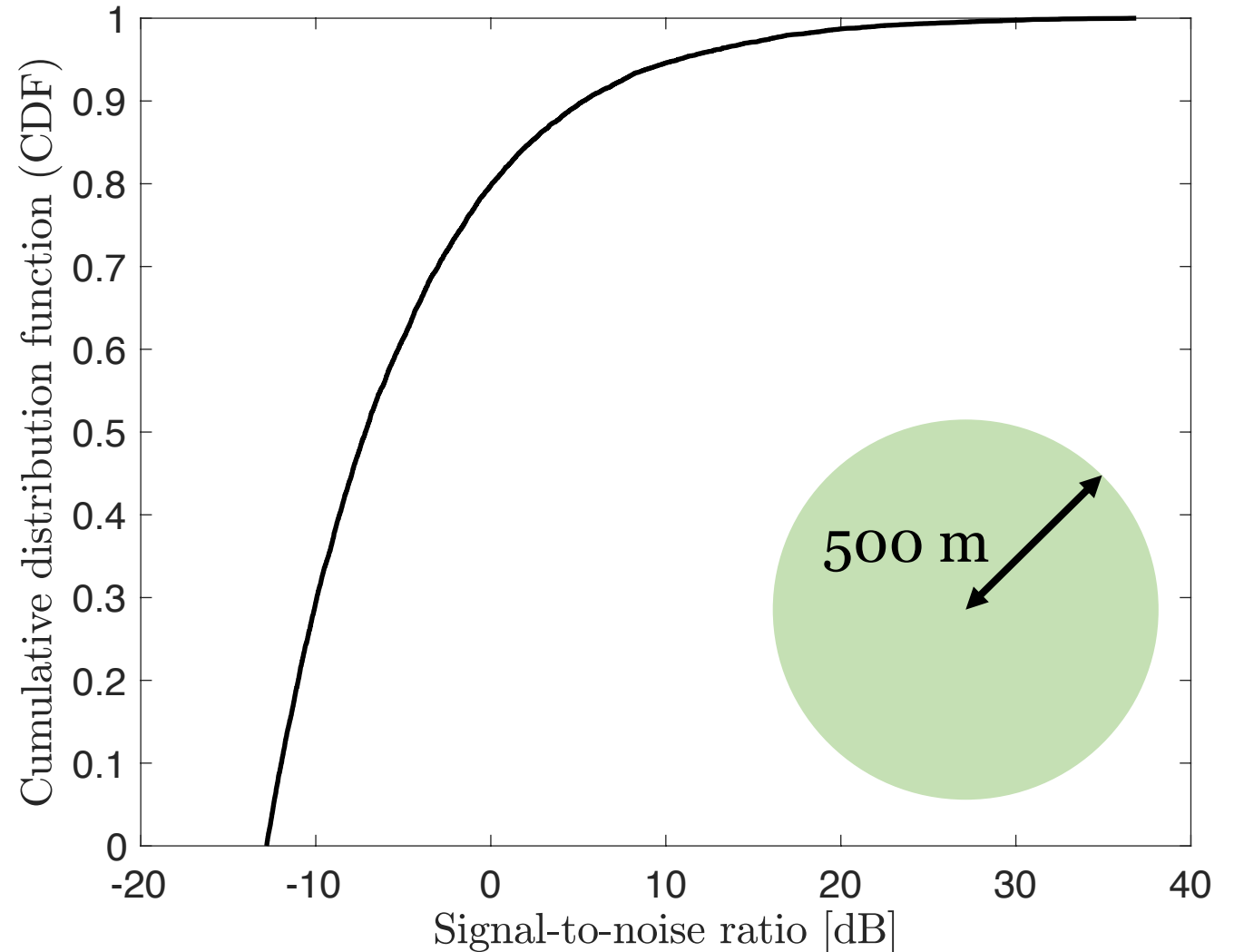
- 1 ms x 200 kHz = 200 samples per coherence interval
 - 10 for pilots, 63 for uplink (33%), 127 for downlink (67%)

Uplink signal-to-noise ratio (SNR)

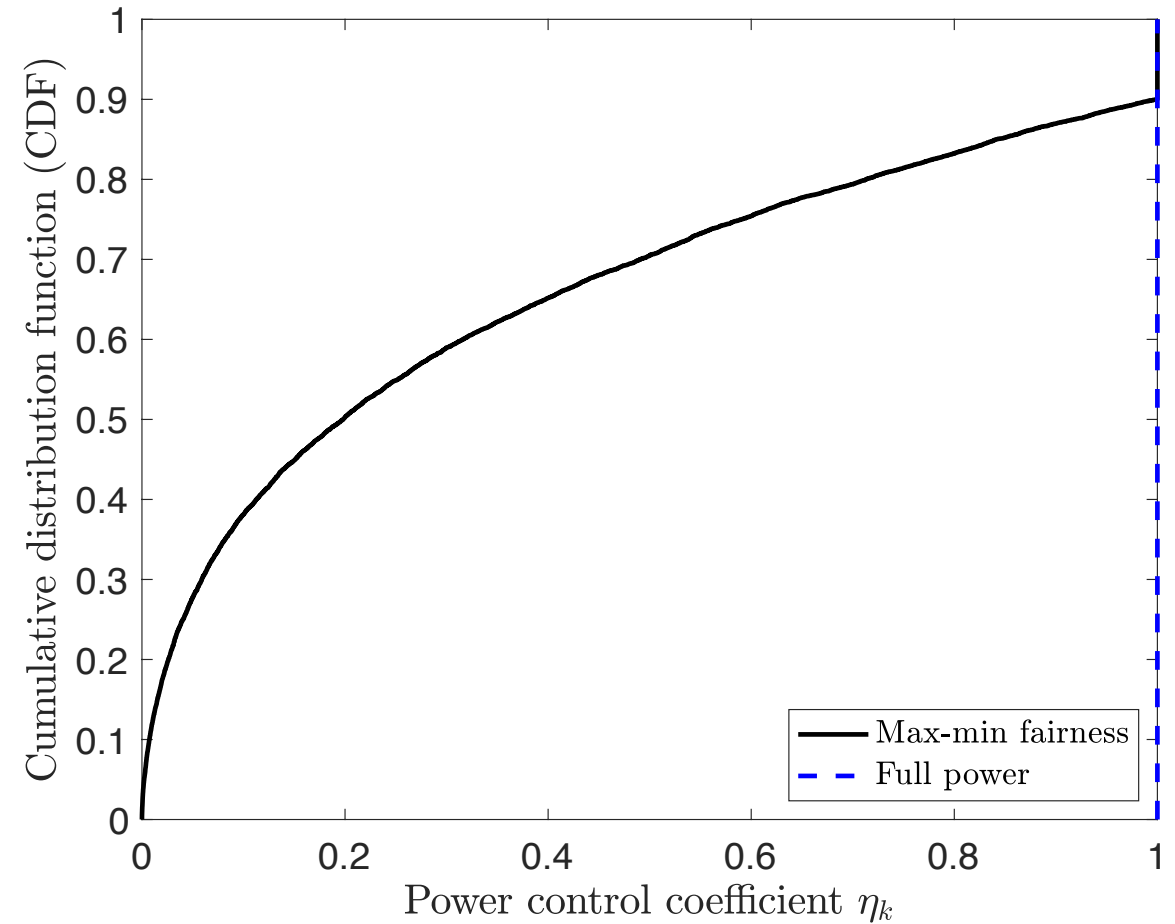
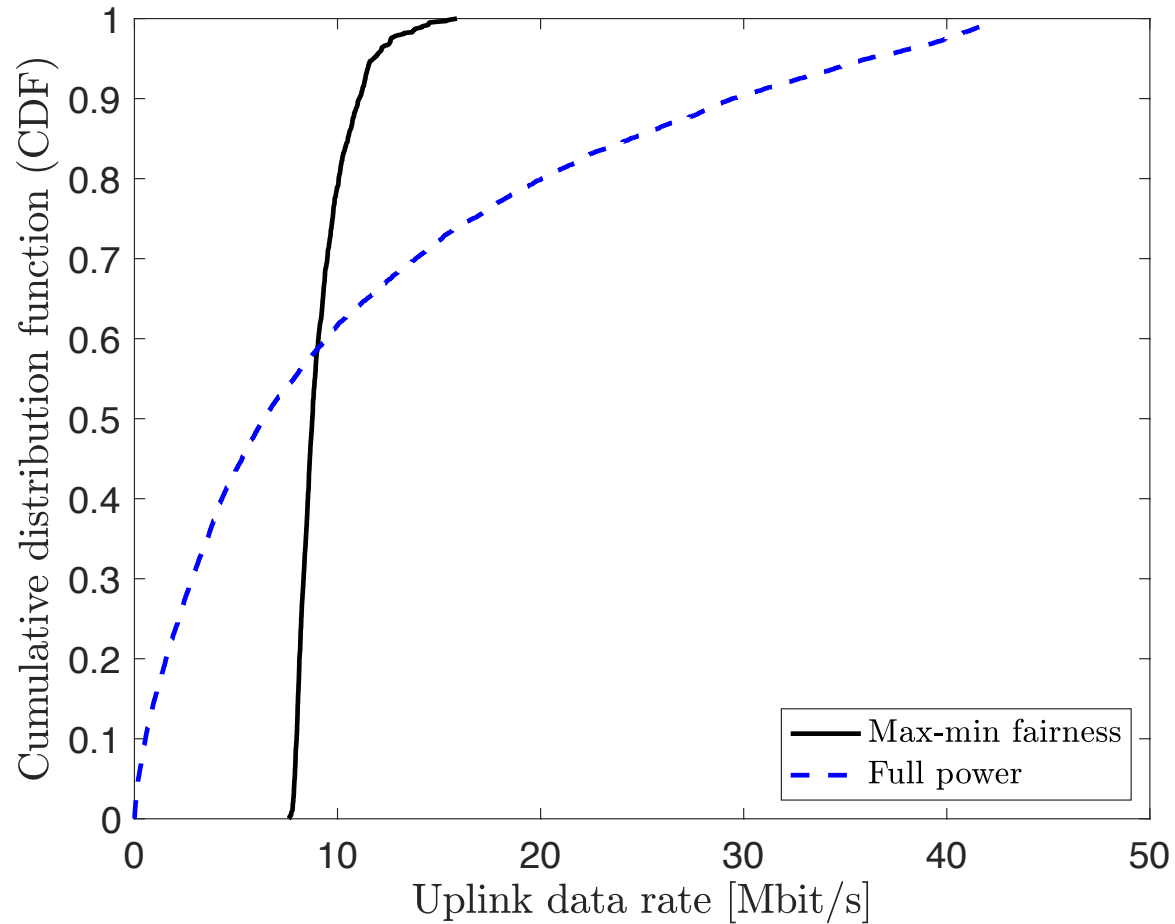
- Users at different locations
 - Cell edge
 - Cell center

Simulation methodology

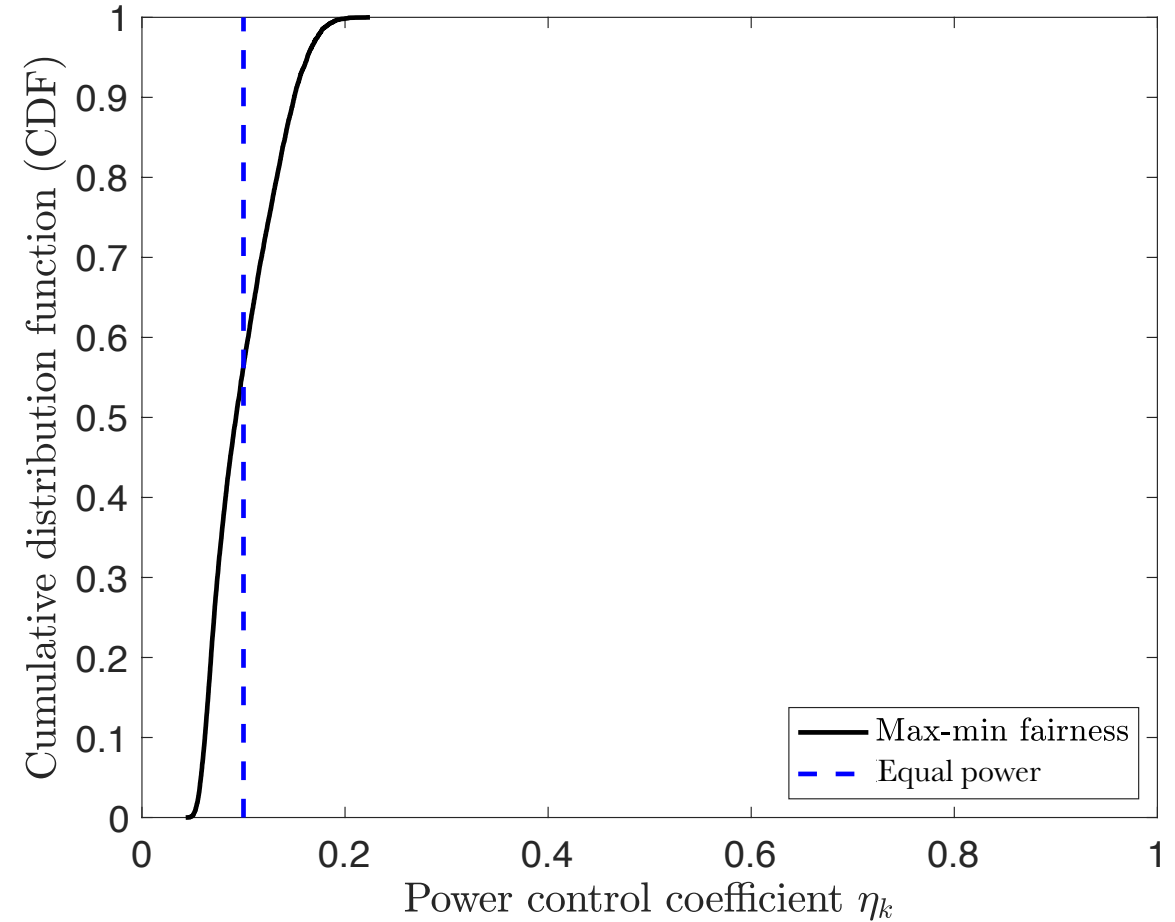
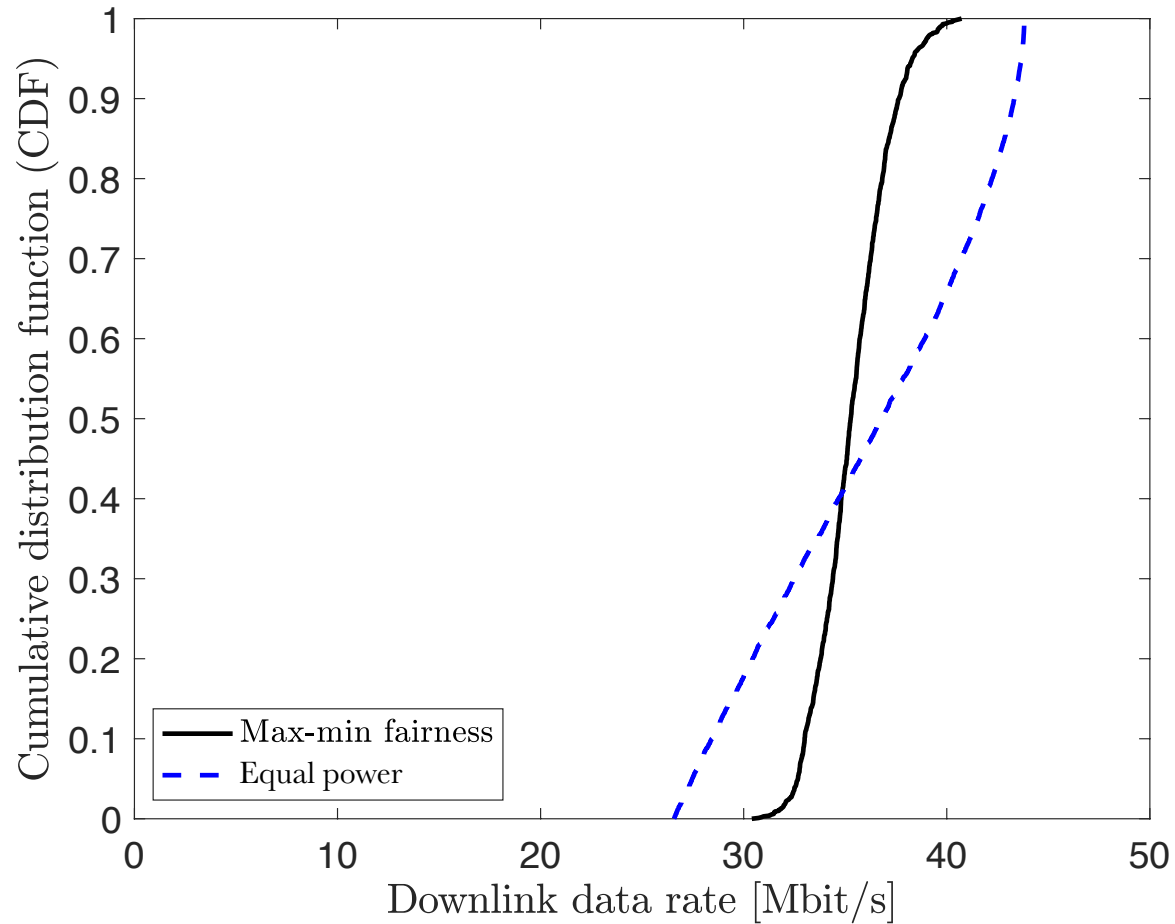
- 1) Drop K users in the cell
- 2) Compute β_k and γ_k
- 3) Compute power control η_k
- 4) Compute data rates



Case study: Uplink with power control

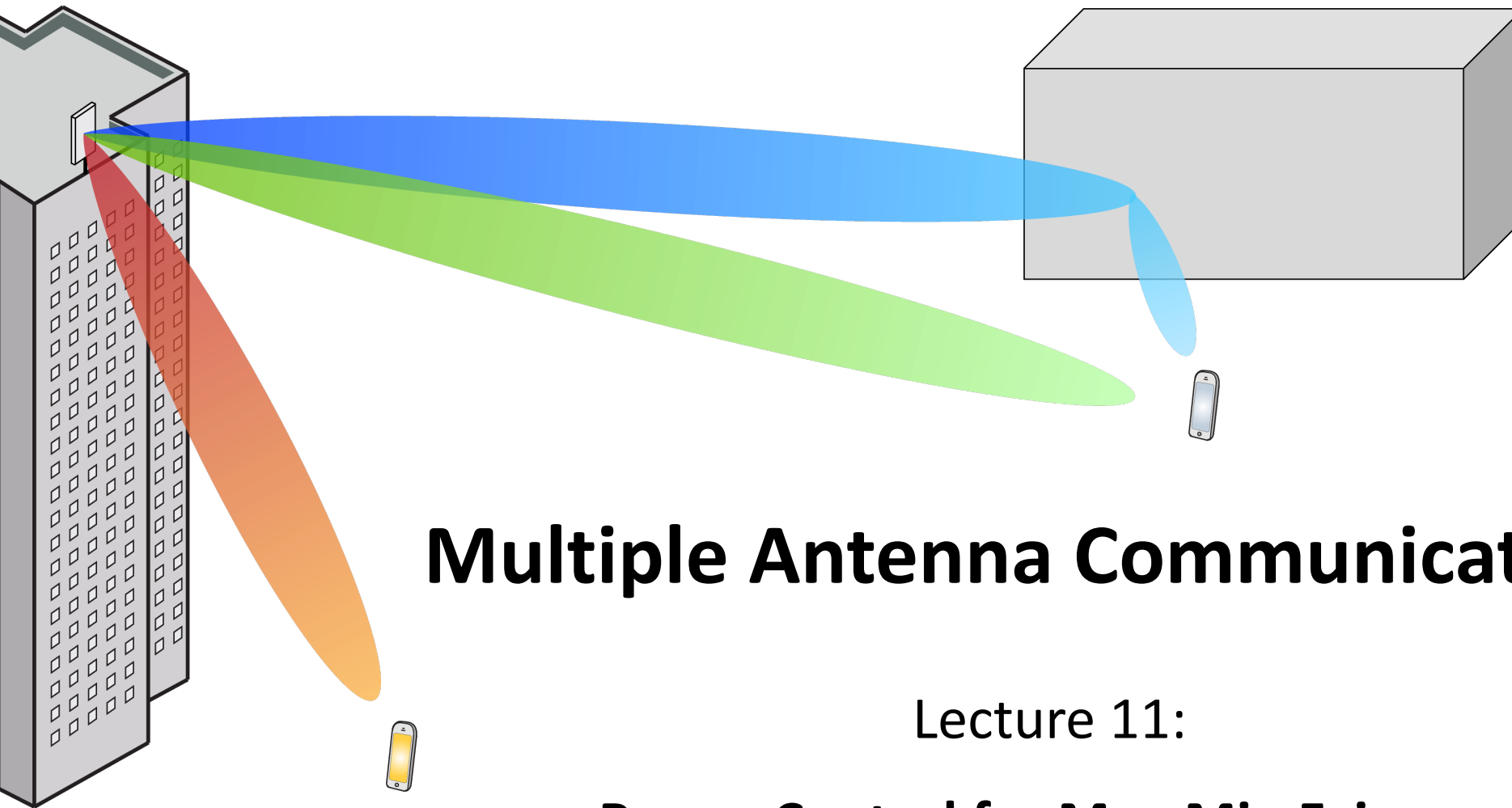


Case study: Downlink with power control



Summary

- User performance depends on transmit powers
 - Power control must be actively done
- Max-min fairness power control
 - Give everyone the same rate, maximize the common value
 - Power control coefficients can be computed in closed form
- Insight from simulations
 - Power control particularly important in uplink



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