Multiplexing URLLC Traffic Within eMBB Services in 5G NR: Fair Scheduling

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System Model

- One base station, downlink transmission, orthogonal frequency-division multiple access (OFDMA), eMBB and URLLC users.
- Saturated eMBB traffic [1]: Each eMBB user has infinite amount of data to be served.



Figure: System model

Numerology

- $\mu=2$ for mmWave 28GHz is used ($\mu\in\{0,1\}$ is for Sub-6GHz).
- Subcarrier spacing

$$\zeta = 2^{\mu} \cdot 15 \left[kHz \right] \tag{1}$$

Subchannel bandwidth

$$\mathfrak{w}_{sc} = 12 \cdot \zeta$$
 [kHz] (2)

$$=2^{\mu}\cdot 180 \qquad [kHz] \qquad (3)$$

$$= 720 [kHz] (4)$$

$$= 7.2 \cdot 10^5$$
 [Hz] (5)

Time slot duration

$$\mathfrak{t}_{sl} = \frac{1}{2^{\mu}}$$
 [ms]

$$=0.25 [ms] (7)$$

$$= 2.5 \cdot 10^{-4}$$
 [s] (8)

Numerology (Continued)



Figure: Numerology

System Framework

- 3 eMBB users $\{0, 1, 2\}$.
- 2 URLLC users {0, 1}.

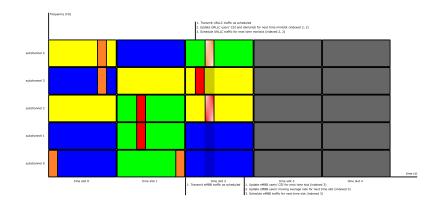


Figure: System framework

Offline URLLC Puncturing

- The system maximizes eMBB traffic's total average rate and fairness (9a).
- For each time slot, the system allocates at most one eMBB user to each subchannel (9b).
- For each time slot, the system either schedules or un-schedules a subchannel to each eMBB user (9c).
- For each time minislot, the system allocates at most one URLLC user to each subchannel. Also, it schedules I^{th} subchannel from u^{th} eMBB user to a URLLC user only if it schedules the subchannel to the eMBB user (9d).
- For each time minislot, the system serves URLLC demands without delay (9e).
- For each time minislot, the system employs URLLC puncturing instead of superposition (9f).

Offline URLLC Puncturing (Continued)

maximize
$$\alpha, \beta$$
 $\sum_{u} \ln \bar{r_u}$ (9a)
subject to $\sum_{u} \alpha_{u,n,l} \leq 1, \quad \forall n, \forall l,$ (9b)
 $\alpha_{u,n,l} \in \{0,1\}, \quad \forall u, \forall n, \forall l,$ (9c)
 $\sum_{v} \beta_{v,u,n,m,l} \leq \alpha_{u,n,l}, \quad \forall u, \forall n, \forall m, \forall l,$ (9d)
 $r_{v,n,m} \geq R_{v,n,m}, \quad \forall v, \forall n, \forall m, \forall m, \forall l$ (9e)
 $\beta_{v,u,n,m,l} \in \{0,1\}, \quad \forall v, \forall u, \forall n, \forall m, \forall l$ (9f)

Offline URLLC Puncturing (Continued)

where

$$\bar{r_{u}} = \frac{1}{\mathfrak{n}} \sum_{n,m,l} \left(\alpha_{u,n,l} - \sum_{v} \beta_{v,u,n,m,l} \right) \frac{\mathfrak{r}_{u,n,l}}{\mathfrak{m}}, \quad \forall u$$
 (10)

$$r_{v,n,m} = \sum_{u,l} \beta_{v,u,n,m,l} \mathfrak{r}_{v,n,m}, \quad \forall v, \forall n, \forall m$$
 (11)

$$\mathfrak{r}_{\nu,n,m} = \min_{l} \left\{ \mathfrak{r}_{\nu,n,m,l} \right\}, \quad \forall \nu, \forall n, \forall m$$
 (12)

Channel Model – Path Loss and Shadowing

Large-scale propagation path loss model (power in W)

$$\frac{\mathfrak{p}_{tx}}{p_{rx}(f,d)} = h(f,d) \tag{13}$$

$$p_{rx}^{dB}(f,d) = \mathfrak{p}_{tx}^{dB} - h^{dB}(f,d)$$
 (14)

Close-in (CI) free space reference distance model

$$h^{dB}(f,d) = 20\log_{10}\frac{4\pi f}{3\cdot 10^8} + 10\epsilon_{pl}\log_{10}d + \sigma_{sd}^{dB}$$
 (15)

 Path loss exponent and shadowing standard deviation for urban macro-cellular (UMa) line-of-sight (LoS) over frequency and 3D distance ranging from 2 to 73.5GHz and 58 to 930m are derived as [2]

$$\epsilon_{pl} = 2 \tag{16}$$

$$\sigma_{sd}^{dB} = 4.6 \tag{17}$$

Channel Model – Co-channel Interference and Thermal Noise

Shannon-Hartley theorem (bandwidth in Hz, time in s)

$$\begin{split} \mathfrak{r}_{u,n,l} &= \mathfrak{w}_{sc} \log_2 \left(1 + \frac{p_{rx}^{dB}(\mathfrak{f}_l,\mathfrak{d}_{u,n})}{\mathfrak{i}_l^{dB} + \mathfrak{o}_{sc}^{dB}} \right) \mathfrak{t}_{sl} \left[\frac{bits}{slot} \right], \\ \forall u, \forall n, \forall l \\ \mathfrak{r}_{v,n,m,l} &= \mathfrak{w}_{sc} \log_2 \left(1 + \frac{p_{rx}^{dB}(\mathfrak{f}_l,\mathfrak{d}_{v,n,m})}{\mathfrak{i}_l^{dB} + \mathfrak{o}_{sc}^{dB}} \right) \mathfrak{t}_{ms} \left[\frac{bits}{minislot} \right], \\ \forall v, \forall n, \forall m, \forall l \end{split}$$

where

$$\mathfrak{t}_{ms} = \frac{\mathfrak{t}_{sl}}{\mathfrak{m}} \tag{18}$$

 Channel fading and inter-symbol interference (ISI) are not considered.

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