

# PHY-MAC Cross-layer: multiuser systems

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## 4. Communication networks Introduction: Interaction between physical and higher network layers

In order to obtain practical solutions

- Multiuser systems (A.Goldsmith textbook)
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## Multiuser systems

- Multiple access
  - FDMA
  - TDMA
  - CDMA
  - SDMA
  - Hybrid techniques
- Random Access
  - Pure Aloha
  - Slotted Aloha
  - CSMA
  - Scheduling
- Power control

## Opportunistic scheduling

Or multiuser diversity, motivated by an information-theoretic result of Knopp and Humbel

Foreseen for IEEE802.20 or IS-856 (small rx-tx signalling is needed)

Optimal power control scheme that is tailored to the fading statistics of the channel can achieve an information capacity higher than that of "perfect" power control.

$$y = \sum_{i=0}^{K-1} a_i x_i + n \quad m_i = \frac{g_i}{g_o}$$

$$\max_{m_i} \int \log \left( 1 + \sum_{i=0}^{K-1} m_i(?) g_i \right) f(?) d?$$

Inst. SNIR

$$s.t. \int m_i(?) f(?) d? = 1$$

$$m_i(?) \geq 0$$

$g_1$

$m_1 = \frac{1}{I_1} - \frac{1}{g_i}$

$m_0=0$

$1$

$m_0=0$

$m_1=0$

$m_b = \frac{1}{I_o} - \frac{1}{g_o}$

$g_0$

$m_1=0$

More power if the channel is good!!: the opposite to perfect PC threshold  
 Temporal waterfilling. The bigger K, the better results.

Fairness, delay ?

Opportunistic scheduling can be applied to different diversity schemes. If spatial Diversity is available : Transmit-diversity selection, phased array transmit diversity,...

If multiuser transmitters or receivers are implemented, multi-user opportunistic Scheduling is a choice

Heterogeneity: different channel coding, modulation, packet length

$$K_o = \max_K \left( \sum_{i \in K} q_i PER(g_i) \right)$$

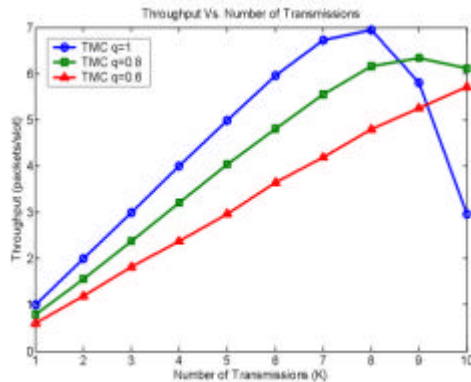
Traffic

Best terminals that must be simultaneously scheduled.

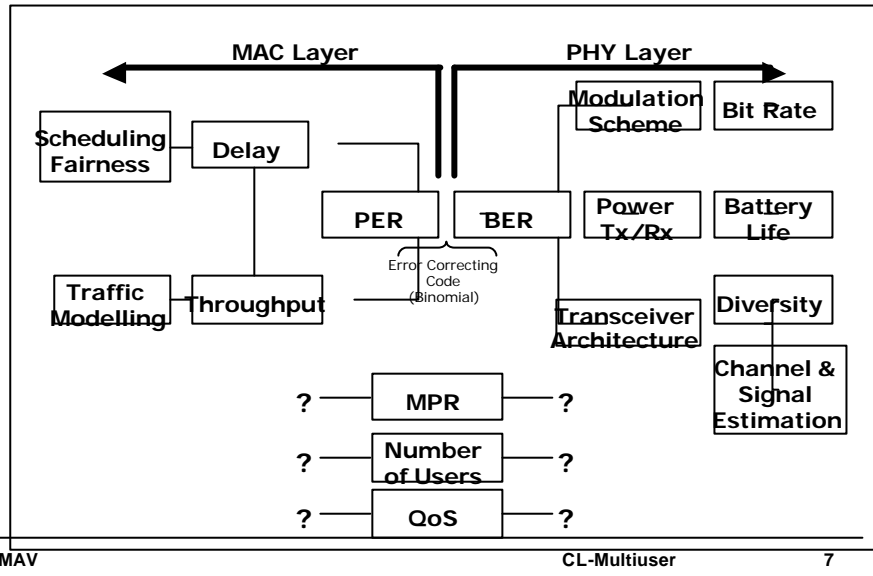
ZF receiver

Traffic issues are extremely correlated to resource allocation

Throughput vs. N<sup>o</sup> users



## Introduction



## Random access methods

Users transmit information in packets over a common channel. There is no multiuser reception Capability. The packets are generated according to some statistical model and access is basically Random. Users access the channel when they have one or more packets to transmit. When more than one user attempts to transmit packets simultaneously, the packets overlap in time, i.e., they collide, and, hence, a conflict results, which must be resolved by devising some channel Protocol for retransmission of the packets.

### MultiPacket Reception (MPR) Capability

The receiver MPR capability determines the number of simultaneous transmissions that maximize throughput. When there is a probability  $q$  of a user to transmit a packet, the number of scheduled users that maximize throughput increases as long as  $q$  decreases.



$C_{n,k} = P[k \text{ packets are correctly received} |$   
 $n \text{ packets are transmitted}]$   
 $1 \leq n \leq M(\text{num. of users}); 0 \leq k \leq n$

$$C_{n,k} = B(k, n, P_S(n))$$

$$B(k, n, P_S(n)) = \binom{n}{k} P_S(n)^k (1 - P_S(n))^{n-k}$$

$$C = \begin{pmatrix} C_{1,0} & C_{1,1} & 0 & \dots & \dots & 0 \\ C_{2,0} & C_{2,1} & C_{2,2} & 0 & \vdots & \vdots \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & 0 \\ C_{M,0} & \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots & C_{M,M} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$C_n = \sum_{k=1}^n k C_{n,k}$$

$$\eta = \max_{n=1, \dots, M} (C_n)$$

$$\eta_0 = \arg(\max_{n=1, \dots, M} (C_n))$$

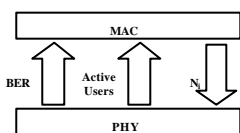
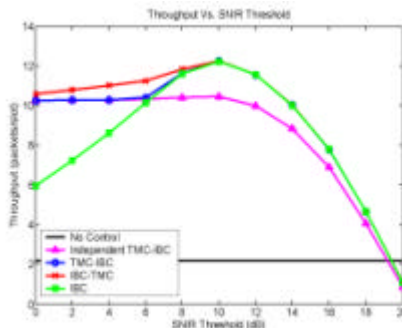
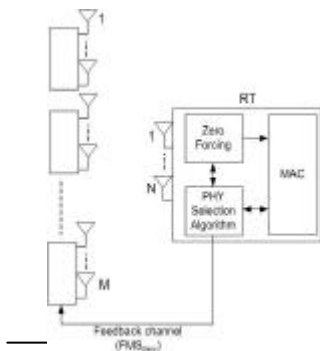


Figure 1. PHY-MAC dialogue

### Case 1: SDMA for uplink

Based on the receiver MPR capability an optimal minimum SNIR threshold is obtained for multipacket opportunistic scheduling (green line). If the minimum SNIR threshold is fixed, the optimal number of simultaneous packets that maximize throughput can be obtained following different cross-layer approaches (Red and Blue lines). No Cross-Layer (Magenta line) and no scheduling (Black line).



### Throughput analysis

$$y = \mathbf{H}s + w \quad a_i = \frac{1}{\left( (\mathbf{H}^H \mathbf{H})^{-1} \right)_{ii}}$$

The instantaneous Packet Success Rate for the  $i$ th transmission

$$PSR_i(a_i) = \sum_{k=0}^r \binom{P_i}{k} BER(a_i)^k (1 - BER(a_i))^{P_i - k}$$

← **Impact of the rx structure**

The multipacket reception performance of a receiver: average number of successfully rx Packets when  $k$  transmissions take place

$$C_k = \int_0^\infty \dots \int_0^\infty \sum_{i=1}^k i PSR(a_i) p(a_1, \dots, a_k) da_i$$

Throughput

$$h_K = \sum_{k=0}^K p_{Kk} C_k \quad p_{Kk}: \text{probability of having } k \text{ active tx. when } K \text{ are considered}$$

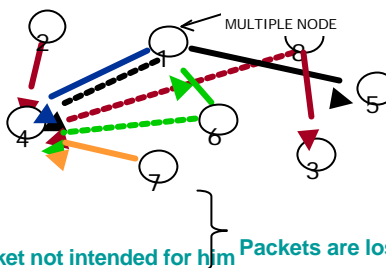
$p_{Kk}$  depends on the traffic and the cross-layer protocol.  
Ex.: if  $q$  is the probability that a user transmit a packet

$$p_{Kk} = \binom{K}{k} q^k (1-q)^{K-k}$$

### Case 2: Multi-packet reception MAC for ad-hoc nets

LAMAN Vs. Aloha-CDMA. The LAMAN protocol adapts to changes in the traffic load by properly adjusting contention and conflict-free components. The concept of *network* MPR capability is used. Furthermore, a multiple node might transmit more than one packet simultaneously.

M= nodes in the network= 8  
N= codes in the network= 5  
Nc= multiple node codes= 2  
Nr= remaining codes for simple nodes= 3  
Codes:

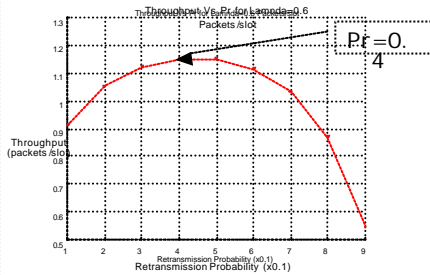


- Tranceivers are not full-duplex
  - A node can successfully decode a packet not intended for him
- Packets are lost

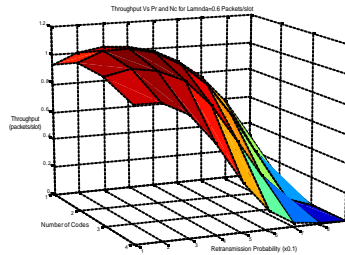


# SIMULATIONS

## CDMA based MAC



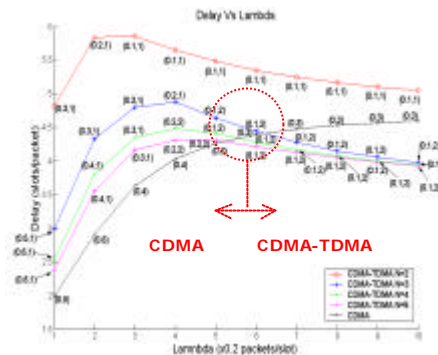
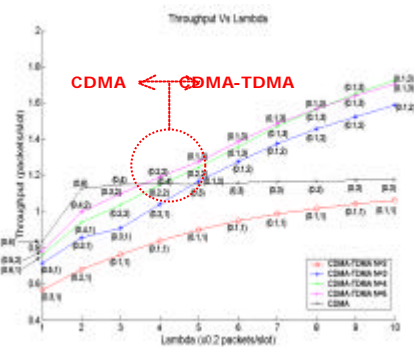
## Adaptive CDMA-TDMA based MAC



Number of Nodes=5  
 Number of Codes=5  
 Bank of Matched Filters  
 Data Modulation: BPSK  
 Spreading Gain (Sp)=11  
 Packet Length (P)=1000  
 $SNR((1/s^2))=10$



## Example for 5 Node Network



Reconfigurability for spectral efficiency





## Future work

-Further work on multipacket reception capability, cross-layer modeling and stability issues (queuing theory): convergence PHY (IT) – Network theory

-Cross-layer signaling

-Resource Multiplexing: Multi-dimensional spectrum

-Convergence between PHY-MAC QoS and Network QoS

-Open or flexible spectrum

-Decentralized systems: ad-hoc networks

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## 5. Generalized model for scheduling in MIMO multiple access systems

From Special Issue on Cross-layer of the Signal Processing Journal (to appear, December 2005), Marc Realp and Ana Perez

From ICC2005 (Korea, May 2005), Marc Realp and Ana Perez

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- Signal model
- Generalized MPR Channel model
- Scheduling policies
- An example: the sensor network



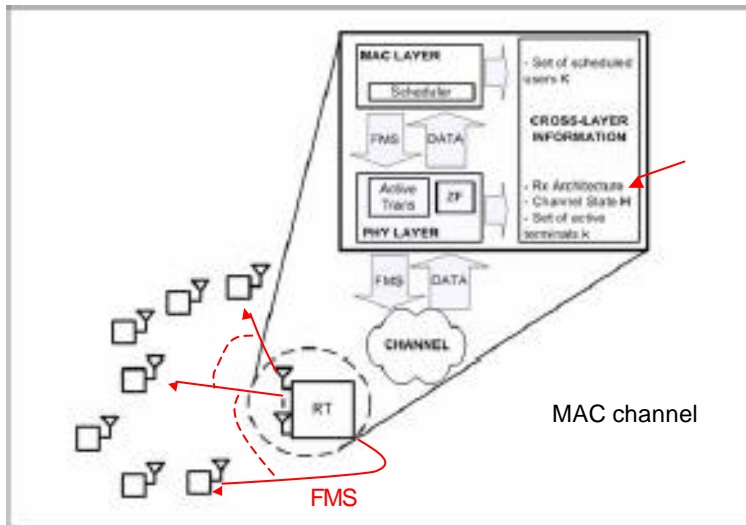
### Introduction

- Research on MIMO MAC is traditionally carried out from the information theoretic point of view
- They assume homogeneous users: same modulation, channel coding, data transmission rate, packet length and no traffic consideration. Users only differ in their channel
- In this systems, max capacity is the same as max throughput
- WHAT ABOUT HETEROGENEOUS SYSTEMS?



Generalized MPR matrix model to account for heterogeneity

## System model



$$y_k = \mathbf{H}_k s_k + w_k$$

$$H \rightarrow H_k$$

FMS sequence: Feedback Multicast Sequence is sent from BS to terminals in Order to tell them whether they can transmit or not.

Different Scheduling policies determine different FMS:

The scheduling policy indicates which users are to be scheduled

Simultaneously  $K$

Out of  $K$ , there will be  $k$  simultaneous transmissions

### Generalized MPR channel model

$$\gamma_i = \frac{\bar{\gamma}}{2} \alpha_i(\mathbf{H}_k)$$

$$\bar{\gamma} = \frac{P}{\sigma_w^2}$$

Noise enhancement factor that accounts for channel fading and MAI through Receiver implementation

$$BER_{\alpha(\mathbf{H}_k)}(i) \simeq C_1 \exp(-C_2 \frac{\bar{\gamma}}{2} \alpha_i(\mathbf{H}_k))$$

$$PSR_{\alpha(\mathbf{H}_k)}(i) = \sum_{m=0}^r \binom{P_i}{m} (BER_{\alpha(\mathbf{H}_k)}(i))^m (1 - BER_{\alpha(\mathbf{H}_k)}(i))^{P_i - m}$$

or

$$PSR_{\alpha(\mathbf{H}_k)}(i) = (1 - BER_{\alpha(\mathbf{H}_k)}(i))^{P_i}$$

Depends on channel and on K

Average number of successfully received packets. It gives a measure of the trade-off between the number of simultaneous transmission  $k$  and the MAI or quality

$$C_{\alpha_{\mathbf{H}}}(k) = \sum_{i \in k} R(i) PSR_{\alpha(\mathbf{H}_k)}(i) \text{ [packets/slot]}$$

The average for the  $K$  scheduled users is

$$\eta_{\alpha_{\mathbf{H}}}(\mathcal{K}) = \sum_{k \subseteq \mathcal{K}} p_{\mathcal{K}k} \sum_{i \in k} R(i) PSR_{\alpha(\mathbf{H}_k)}(i) = \sum_{k \subseteq \mathcal{K}} p_{\mathcal{K}k} C_{\alpha_{\mathbf{H}}}(k) \text{ [packets/slot]}$$

Probability that all terminals in  $k$  transmit when access to the channel is given to the terminals in  $K$ . Might be either constant or a function of the traffic characteristics of The terminals, input rates and departure rates. Ex: evolution of the buffer size.

One comment: from throughput to goodput

$$R(i) = \frac{Pl_i}{Tx_{a(H_k)}(i)}$$

i: each user may present a different transmission mode

Pl: packet payload

Tx: transmission time

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Finally, to get the average throughput of the network

Define the scheduling policy

$$\mathcal{S}_{\mathcal{H}} = \left\{ s_{\mathbf{H}} \in [0, 1]^{2^N} : \sum_{\mathcal{K} \subseteq \mathcal{P}\{1, \dots, N\}} s_{\mathbf{H}}(\mathcal{K}) = 1, \mathbf{H} \in \mathcal{H} \right\}$$

Note that  $S_{\mathcal{H}}$  is a vector with entries defining the proportional amount of time a Set  $\mathcal{K}$  of terminals is scheduled for a given channel realization  $\mathbf{H}$ , or equivalently, the probability that a set  $\mathcal{K}$  of terminals is scheduled for a given channel Realization  $\mathbf{H}$

Since  $\mathcal{K} \subseteq \mathcal{P}\{1, \dots, N\}$  There are  $2^N$  possible sets

$$\eta(\mathcal{S}_{\mathcal{H}}) = \sum_{\mathbf{H}} \pi_{\mathbf{H}} \sum_{\mathcal{K} \subseteq \mathcal{P}\{1, \dots, N\}} s_{\mathbf{H}}(\mathcal{K}) \eta_{\mathbf{a}(\mathbf{H})}(\mathcal{K}) [\text{packets/slot}]$$

Some examples on how the general MPR model can be particularized to model multiple access channel in any kind of communications system

### The collision channel

$$\alpha_i(\mathbf{H}_k) = \begin{cases} \alpha_i(\mathbf{h}_k) & \text{for } k \in \{1, \dots, N\} \\ 0 & \text{for } |k| > 1 \end{cases}$$

$$C_{\alpha_{\mathbf{H}}}(k) = \begin{cases} R P S R_{\alpha(\mathbf{h}_k)} & \text{for } k \in \{1, \dots, N\} \\ 0 & \text{for } |k| > 1 \end{cases} \quad [\text{packets/slot}]$$

### The orthogonal channel

It is the opposite to the collision channel: users do not interfere and all of them can transmit

$$\alpha_i(\mathbf{H}_k) = \alpha_i(\mathbf{h}_i)$$

$$C_{\alpha_{\mathbf{H}}}(k) = \sum_{i \in k} R(i) P S R_{\alpha(\mathbf{h}_i)}(i) \quad [\text{packets/slot}]$$

### The Homogeneous MPR channel

It assumes that the MAI does not depend on the channel  $\alpha_i(\mathbf{H}_k) = \alpha_{|k|}$

$$PSR_{\alpha(\mathbf{H}_k)}(i) = PSR_{\alpha_{|k|}}(i)$$

$$C_{\alpha_{\mathbf{H}}}(k) = C_{\alpha_{|k|}}(|k|) = |k| R PSR_{\alpha_{|k|}} \text{ [packets/slot]}$$

### The ZF MPR channel

$$\alpha_i(\mathbf{H}_{\mathcal{K}}) = \begin{cases} \frac{2}{[(\mathbf{H}_{\mathcal{K}}^H \mathbf{H}_{\mathcal{K}})^{-1}]_{ii}} & \text{for } |\mathcal{K}| \leq M \\ 0 & \text{for } |\mathcal{K}| > M \end{cases}$$

$$C_{\alpha_{\mathbf{H}}}(k) = C_{\alpha_{\mathbf{H}}}(\mathcal{K}, k) = \sum_{i \in k} R(i) PSR_{\alpha(\mathbf{H}_{\mathcal{K}})}(i) \text{ [packets/slot]}$$

IF through cross-layer design, the PHY knows the set of  $k$  active users

$$\alpha_i(\mathbf{H}_k) = \begin{cases} \frac{2}{[(\mathbf{H}_k^H \mathbf{H}_k)^{-1}]_{ii}} & \text{for } |k| \leq N \\ 0 & \text{for } |k| > N \end{cases}$$

Improvement thanks  
To crosslayer

$$C_{\alpha_{\mathbf{H}}}(k) = \sum_{i \in k} R(i) PSR_{\alpha(\mathbf{H}_k)}(i) \text{ [packets/slot]}$$

## Scheduling policies

The process that decides the set  $K$  of terminals to be scheduled is governed by the scheduling policy  $\mathcal{S}_H$ . Such scheduling determines the proportional amount of time that every set of terminals has to be served or equivalently, the Probability of every set of terminals to be scheduled.

### The optimal scheduling policy

$$\mathcal{S}_H^{op} = \arg \max_{\mathcal{S}_H} (\eta(\mathcal{S}_H))$$

$$\mathcal{S}_H^{op} = \left\{ s_H^{op} \in [0, 1]^{2^M} : \begin{array}{l} s_H^{op}(\mathcal{K}) = 1 \text{ if } \mathcal{K} = \mathcal{K}^{op}, \mathbf{H} \in \mathcal{H} \\ s_H^{op}(\mathcal{K}) = 0 \text{ if } \mathcal{K} \neq \mathcal{K}^{op}, \mathbf{H} \in \mathcal{H} \end{array} \right\}$$

It is throughput or Goodput optimization and no Shannon capacity: crosslayer

Be carefull with fairness  $\mathcal{K}^{op} = \arg \max_{\mathcal{K} \subseteq \mathcal{P}\{1, \dots, N\}} (\eta_{\alpha_H}(\mathcal{K}))$

## The average scheduling policy

In order to simplify the complexity of the policies shown before

$$\mathcal{S}^{av} = \left\{ s^{av} \in [0, 1]^{2^M} : \begin{array}{l} s(\mathcal{K}) = \frac{1}{\binom{N}{|\mathcal{K}|}} \text{ if } |\mathcal{K}| = K^{av} \\ s(\mathcal{K}) = 0 \text{ if } |\mathcal{K}| \neq K^{av} \end{array} \right\}$$

$$K^{av} = \min \left\{ \arg \max_{|\mathcal{K}|} \left( \frac{1}{\binom{N}{|\mathcal{K}|}} \sum_{\substack{\mathcal{I} \subseteq \mathcal{P}\{1, \dots, N\} \\ s.t. |\mathcal{I}| = |\mathcal{K}|}} \sum_{\mathcal{H}} \pi_{\mathcal{H}} \eta_{\alpha_H}(\mathcal{I}) \right) \right\}$$

$$\sum_{\substack{\mathcal{I} \subseteq \mathcal{P}\{1, \dots, N\} \\ s.t. |\mathcal{I}| = K^{av}}} s(\mathcal{I}) = 1$$

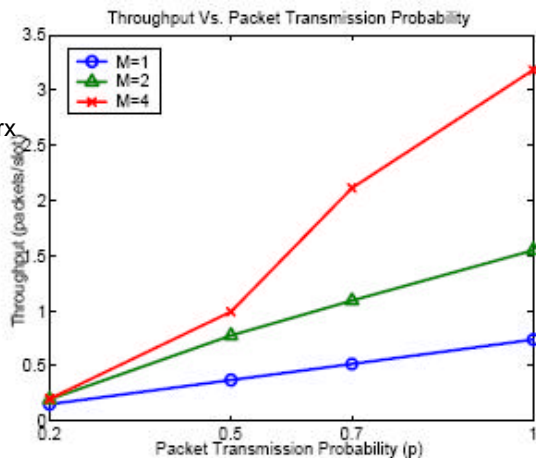


### Simulations

Sensor network with  
10 sensors

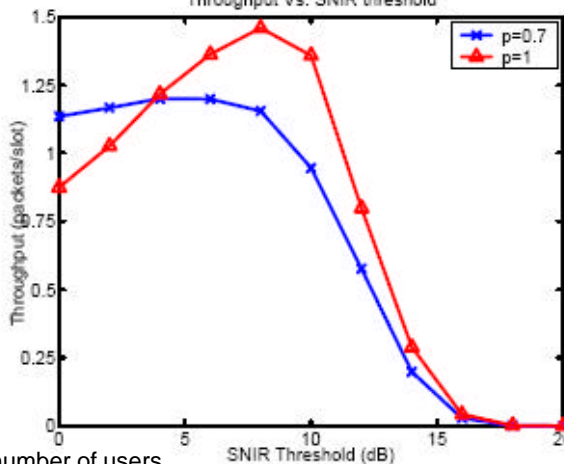
Improved ZF

M antenna at rx



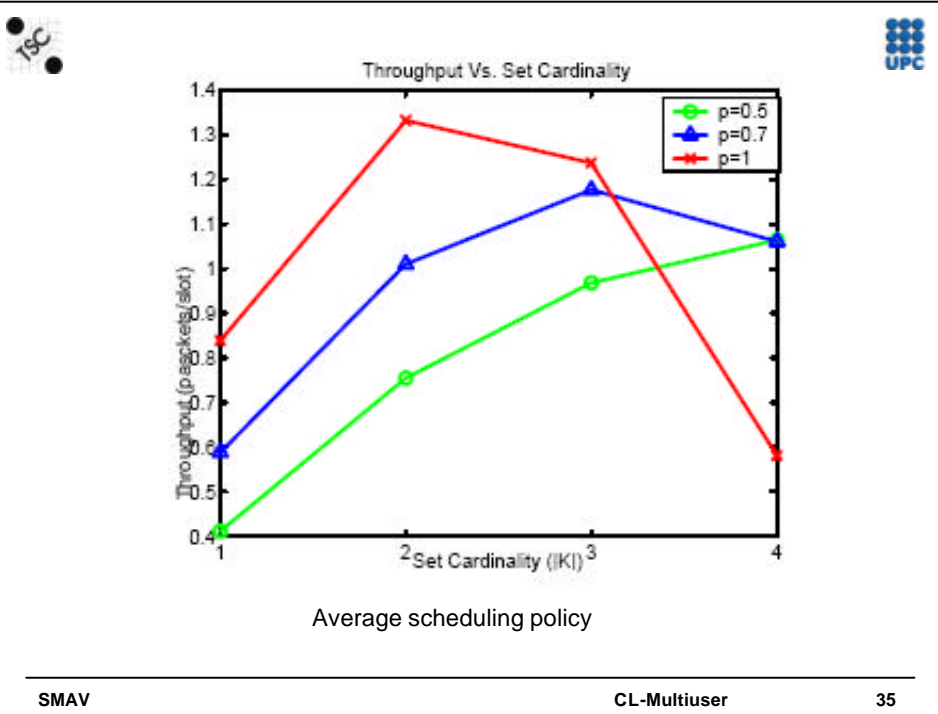
Optimal scheduling policy

### Throughput Vs. SNIR threshold



The optimal number of users  
depends on p

QoS scheduling policy



**An Example: The sensor network**

The network

Assume the problem of information retrieval of a large network of sensors. By means of FMS sequence, sensors are synchronized and scheduled (or polled) Periodically. We further assume our sensors to be environmental sensors that are In charge on providing with real-time information upon request.

The traffic model

$$P_{|\mathcal{K}||k|}(n) = P_{|\mathcal{K}||k|}$$

The channel model

An improved ZF receiver is considered, therefore

$\alpha_i(\mathbf{H}_k)$  is a weighted Chi-Square distributed variable

$$f_{|k|}(\alpha) = \frac{\alpha^{\frac{n}{2}-1} \exp(-\frac{\alpha}{2})}{2^{n/2} \Gamma(\frac{n}{2})}$$

$n = 2(M - |k| + 1)$  and  $\Gamma(\frac{n}{2})$  stands for Gamma function.

### Scheduling policies

1. The optimal scheduling policy: exhaustive search to maximize

$$\eta(S_{\mathcal{K}}^{op}) = \sum_{\mathcal{K} \subseteq \mathcal{P}\{1, \dots, N\}} \sum_{k \subseteq \mathcal{K}} p_{\mathcal{K}k} \sum_{i \in k} R(i) \int_0^{\infty} s_{\alpha_{\mathbf{H}}}^{op}(\mathcal{K}) PSR_{\alpha_{\mathbf{H}_k}}(i) f_{|k|}(\alpha) d\alpha \quad [\text{packets/slot}]$$

2. QoS scheduling policy

Random selection algorithm

- 1) Set  $FMS = \{1, \dots, 1\}$  and  $\mathcal{K} = \{i \in \{1, \dots, N\} : FMS_i = 1\}$
- 2) Obtain  $\mathbf{H} = [\dots, \mathbf{h}_i, \dots]$
- 3) According to  $\mathbf{H}$ , compute  $\alpha_i(\mathbf{H}_{\mathcal{K}})$  for  $i \in \mathcal{K}$ .
- 4) If minimum  $\alpha_i(\mathbf{H}_{\mathcal{K}})$  is over  $\alpha_{th}$ . Go to step 6
- 5) Else, set  $FMS_i = 0$  being  $i$  the index corresponding to a terminal randomly chosen from those in  $\mathcal{K}$ . Set  $\mathcal{K} = \{i \in \{1, \dots, N\} : FMS_i = 1\}$  and go to step 3.
- 6) Send  $FMS$ .

Then

$$\eta(S_{\mathcal{H}}^{QoS}) = \sum_{|\mathcal{K}|=1}^N \sum_{|k|=1}^{|\mathcal{K}|} p_{|\mathcal{K}||k|} R_{|\mathcal{K}||k|} \text{ [packets/slot]}$$

$$R_{|\mathcal{K}||k|} = \sum_{\substack{j \subseteq \mathcal{J} \subseteq \mathcal{P}\{1, \dots, N\} \\ \text{s.t. } |\mathcal{J}|=|\mathcal{K}| \\ \text{s.t. } |j|=|k|}} \sum_{i \in k} R(i) \left[ \left( \prod_{|\mathcal{J}|=N}^{|\mathcal{K}|-1} \int_0^{\alpha_{th}} f_{|\mathcal{J}|}(\alpha) d\alpha \right) \right]$$

$$\frac{\int_{\alpha_{th}}^{\infty} f_{|\mathcal{K}|}(\alpha) d\alpha}{\binom{N}{|\mathcal{K}|}} \left] \frac{\int_{\alpha_{th}}^{\infty} PS R_{\alpha}(\mathbf{H}_k)(i) f_{|k|}(\alpha) d\alpha}{\binom{|\mathcal{K}|}{|k|} \int_{\alpha_{th}}^{\infty} f_{|k|}(\alpha) d\alpha}$$

2. The average scheduling policy

$$\eta(S_{\mathcal{H}}) = \sum_{|k|=1}^{K^{av}} p_{K^{av}|k|} R_{K^{av}|k|} \text{ [packets/slot]}$$

where

$$K^{av} = \min \left\{ \arg \max_{|\mathcal{K}|} \left( \sum_{|k|=1}^{|\mathcal{K}|} p_{|\mathcal{K}||k|} R_{|\mathcal{K}||k|} \right) \right\}$$