

Cognitive downlink beamforming for interference control in femtocells

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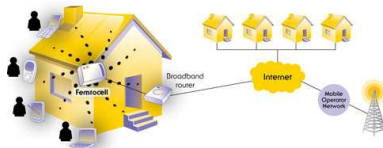


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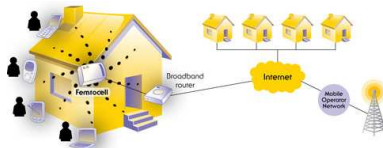
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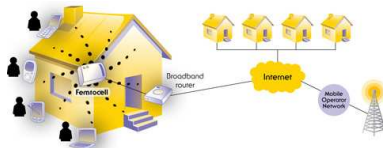
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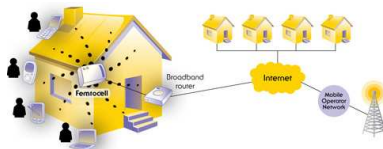
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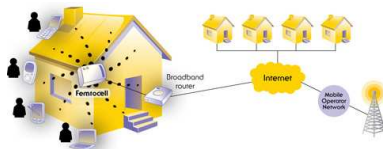
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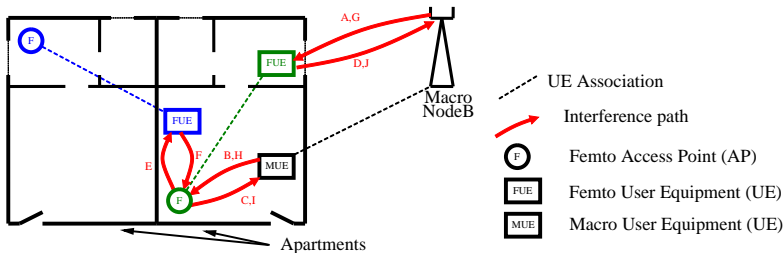
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Interference Scenarios in Femtocells

As identified by FemtoForum

| | | Victim | | | | |
|-----------|-----------------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| | | Femto UE Downlink Rx | Femto AP Uplink Rx | Macro UE Downlink Rx | Macro NodeB Uplink Rx | Neighbour Femto UE Downlink Rx |
| Aggressor | Macro NodeB DL Tx | A, G 4 | | | | |
| | Macro UE UL Tx | | B, H 3 | | | |
| | Femto AP DL Tx | | | C, I 2 | | E 6 |
| | Femto UE UL Tx | | | | D, J 1 | |
| | Neighbour Femto UE UL Tx | | F 5 | | | |



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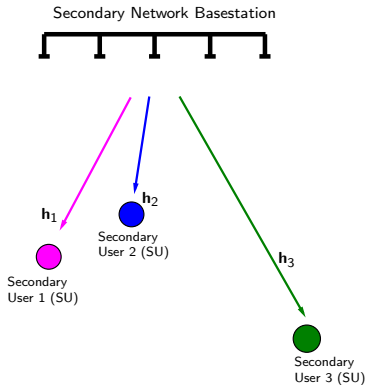
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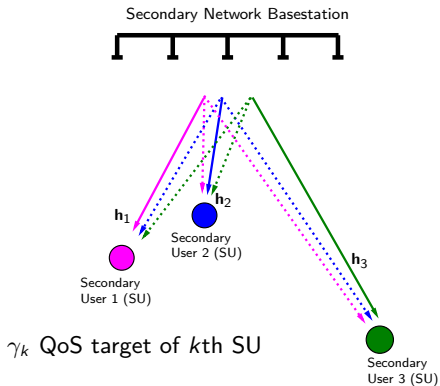
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K single antenna SUs

N_t antennas at the SNB

Symbols of SUs s_1, \dots, s_K

Powers p_1, \dots, p_K

Beamformers $\mathbf{u}_1, \dots, \mathbf{u}_K$

Transmitted signal vectors

$$\mathbf{x}(n) = \sum_{k=1}^K \sqrt{p_k} \mathbf{u}_k s_k(n)$$

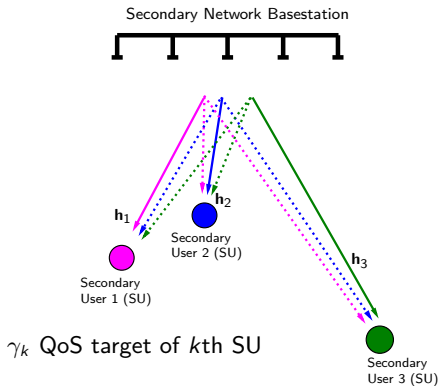
Received signal at the k th SU

$$y_k(n) = \mathbf{h}_k^T \mathbf{x}(n) + z_k(n)$$

Channel covariance $\mathbf{R}_k \triangleq E\{\mathbf{h}_k \mathbf{h}_k^H\}$

Cognitive Radio Network

Quality of Service (QoS) Requirements



Optimization problem

$$\min_{\mathbf{u}_1, \dots, \mathbf{u}_K, p_1, \dots, p_K} \sum_{k=1}^K p_k$$

Subject to

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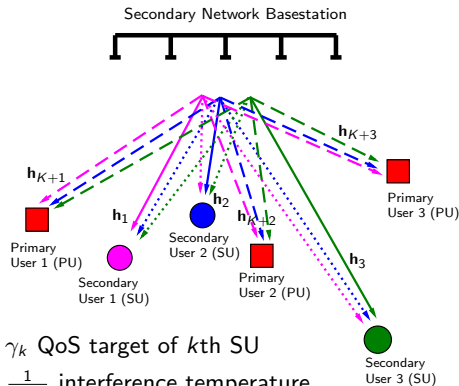
Literature

Semi-definite relaxation: [Boche/Schubert, '02;
Bengsson/Ottersten, '01]

Iterative solution: [Bengsson/Ottersten, '01]

Cognitive Radio Network

Maximum Interference Constraints



γ_k QoS target of k th SU

$\frac{1}{\gamma_{K+1}}$ interference temperature at l th PU

$\mathbf{R}_1, \dots, \mathbf{R}_K$ channel cov. of SUs

$\mathbf{R}_{K+1}, \dots, \mathbf{R}_{K+L}$ channel cov. of PUs

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Optimality?

Semi-definite relaxation

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Equivalent problem

substituting $\mathbf{W}_k = p_k \mathbf{u}_k \mathbf{u}_k^H$

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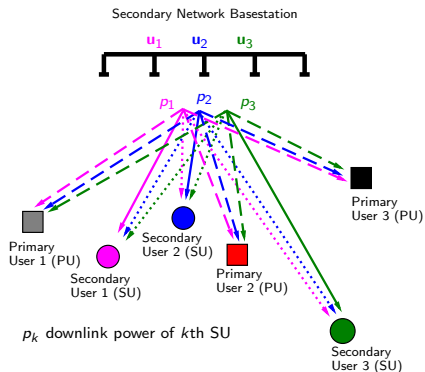
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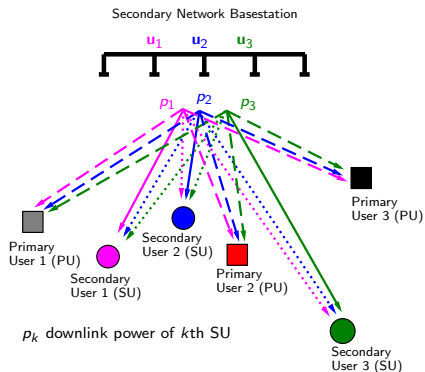
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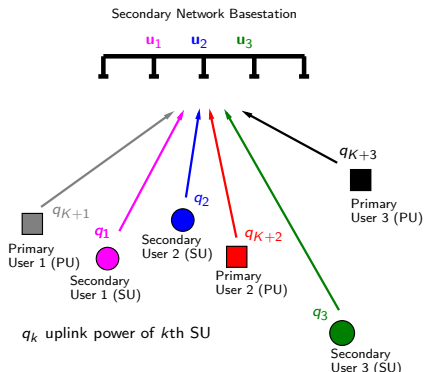


Uplink-downlink duality

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Virtual uplink beamforming



Duality: The optimal uplink and downlink beamformers are identical;
however **their individual powers are generally different!**

Downlink problem

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Subject to

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Virtual uplink problem

$$\min_{\mathbf{u}_1, \dots, \mathbf{u}_K, q_1, \dots, q_{K+L}} \sum_{k=1}^K \gamma_k \sigma_k^2 q_k - \sum_{l=1}^L p_{K+l} q_{K+l}$$

Subject to

$$\text{SINR}_k^{\text{VUL}} \triangleq \frac{q_k \mathbf{u}_k^H \mathbf{R}_k \mathbf{u}_k}{\mathbf{u}_k^H \left(\sum_{\substack{i=1 \\ i \neq k}}^{K+L} q_i \gamma_i \mathbf{R}_i + \mathbf{I} \right) \mathbf{u}_k} = 1$$

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Unique optimum solution

Relation of uplink-downlink dual to Lagrange dual

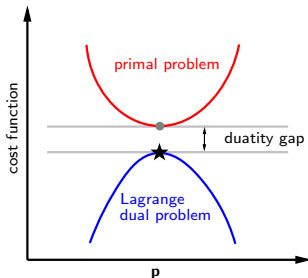
Lagrange dual of downlink problem

$$\max_{q_1, \dots, q_{K+L}} \sum_{k=1}^K \gamma_k \sigma_k^2 q_k - \sum_{l=1}^L q_{K+l}$$

Subject to

$$\mathbf{I} - q_k \mathbf{R}_k + \sum_{\substack{i=1 \\ i \neq k}}^{K+L} \gamma_i q_i \mathbf{R}_i \preceq \mathbf{0}$$

$$q_i \geq 0; \quad k = 1, \dots, K; \quad l = 1, \dots, L$$



Lemma: The virtual uplink problem and the Lagrange dual of the downlink problem have **identical** solution i.e. the duality gap is zero.

The problem can be solved using convex optimization. From this the **optimality** of the semi-definite relaxation approach by Cumanan'08 immediately follows.

Initialization Initialize $q_k(1) = 1$ for $k = 1, \dots, K + L$

Iteration For $t = 1, 2, \dots$ until convergence, iterate

Step 1 Beamformer update: Find

$$\mu_k = \max_{\|u_k\|=1} \frac{q_k u_k^H R_k u_k}{u_k^H \left(\sum_{\substack{i=1 \\ i \neq k}}^{K+L} q_i \gamma_i R_i \right) u_k}; \quad k = 1, \dots, K$$

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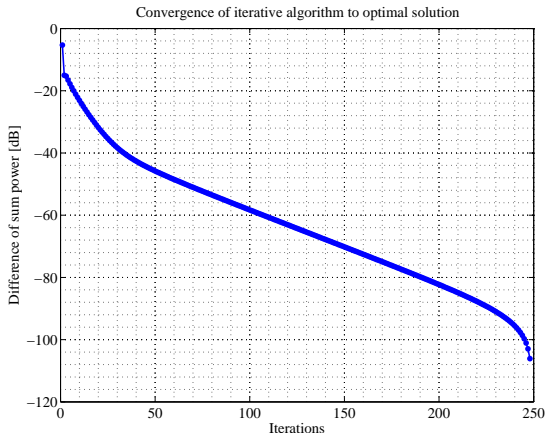
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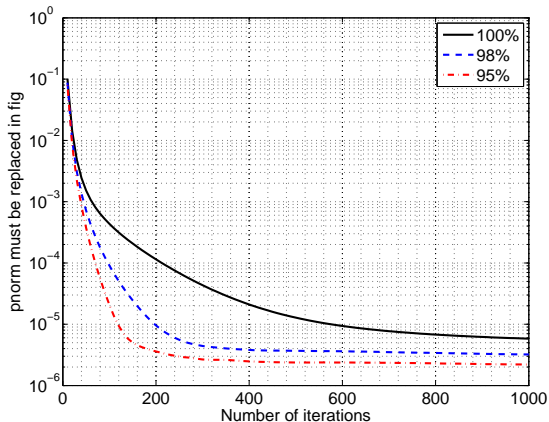
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