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### Maximizing the Worst-User's Capacity for a Multi-User OFDM Uplink Channel

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# **OFDM History**

- 🖵 1950s
  - Concept of multicarrier modulation with non-overlapping subchannels
- 🖵 1960s
  - Orthogonal subchannels
- 🖵 1970s
  - A US patent, applications in military
- 1980s
  - OFDM employing QAM with DFT technique
- 🖵 1990s
  - Various standards for wireline/wireless systems based on OFDM
- 2000 -
  - Application to cellular environments
    - FLASH-OFDM(Flarion), OFDM-HSDPA(Nortel), VSF-Spread OFDM(NTT DoCoMo), HPi(ETRI+Samsumg), HMm(ETRI),...

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## **Uplink OFDM Model**



No ICI, No non-linear effect...  $\rightarrow$  Everything is perfect!!!

### **Multi-User Vector Channel Model**



$$\mathbf{Y} = \sum_{n=1}^{N} \mathbf{H}_n \mathbf{X}_n + \mathbf{Z}$$

N: Number of users K: Number of subchannels  $\mathbf{Y}, \mathbf{X}_n, \mathbf{Z}: K \times 1$  vector  $\mathbf{H}_n$ : diagonal matrix

## **Problem Description**

### Assumptions

- Noises are Gaussian.
- Channel gains are known.
- Each user has its own power constraint.
- All variables are real (for simplicity).
- □ Problem: Maximizing the worst-user's rate (vector MAC)
  - worst-user: who has the lowest maximum rate (capacity) due to small channel gain and small power constraint

### To answer

- What is the optimal rate for each user?
- How to achieve the rate in an information-theoretic point of view? (That is, how to allocate power)

## **Related Works**

 $\begin{array}{ll} \max & \mu \mathbf{R} = \mu_1 R_1 + \mu_2 R_2 \\ \mathrm{subj} & P \end{array}$ 

**Downlink (Broadcast channel)**  $\min P - \mu \mathbf{R}_{subj}^{\min} \mu \frac{P}{\mathbf{R}} Lagrangian$ 

- Maximization a given rate vector [Tse 97]
  - Show the duality with minimizing power to support a given rate vector
- Considering proportional fairness [Shen, Andrews, Evans 03]
- Maximizing the worst-user's rate [Rhee, Cioffi 00]

### Uplink (Multiple access channel)

- Vector channel capacity region structure [Tse, Hanly 98]
- Maximizing sum-rate capacity [Yu, Rhee, Boyd, Cioffi 04]
  - Iterative solution

### Multi-user scalar channel

How the optimal rate is determined.

□ Single-user vector channel

Multi-user vector channel

### Multi-User Scalar Channel (1)

No allocation strategy is possible. Instead, examine which point in the capacity region is the solution of the problem.

□ Two-user multiple access channel model

$$Y = \sqrt{h_1}X_1 + \sqrt{h_2}X_2 + Z \qquad Z \sim \mathcal{N}(0,1)$$

When there are power constraints  $(E[|X_1|^2] \leq P_1, E[|X_2|^2] \leq P_2)$ , the capacity region is given by

$$R_{1} \leq \frac{1}{2} \log_{2} \left( 1 + h_{1} P_{1} \right)$$

$$R_{2} \leq \frac{1}{2} \log_{2} \left( 1 + h_{2} P_{2} \right)$$

$$R_{1} + R_{2} \leq \frac{1}{2} \log_{2} \left( 1 + h_{1} P_{1} + h_{2} P_{2} \right)$$

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## Multi-User Scalar Channel (2)



## Multi-User Scalar Channel (3)



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## Multi-User Scalar Channel (4)

□ Strategies to achieve the boundary point



# Multi-User Scalar Channel (5)

### Generalization to Multi-user cases

The rate vector that maximizing the minimum capacity is determined where the straight line r<sub>1</sub>=r<sub>2</sub>=...=r<sub>N</sub> is touching the boundary of the capacity region.

### Implications

- All users rates are the same.
- That is, tell us what is the minimum possible rate to communicate with all users.

### Multi-user scalar channel

# Single-user vector channelShow allocation strategy.

Multi-user vector channel

## **Single-User Vector Channel**

Same as the parallel Gaussian channel  $\mathbf{Y} = \mathbf{H}\mathbf{X} + \mathbf{Z} \qquad \mathbf{Z} \sim \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{0}, \mathbf{I})$   $\operatorname{tr}(E[\mathbf{X}\mathbf{X}^T]) \leq P$ where  $\mathbf{H} = \operatorname{diag}(\sqrt{h_1}, \sqrt{h_2}, \cdots, \sqrt{h_K})$ . WLOG  $h_1 \geq h_2 \geq \cdots \geq h_K$ , and  $\mathbf{Q} := E[\mathbf{X}\mathbf{X}^T]$ The optimal  $\mathbf{Q}$  is given by the water-filling algorithm:



 $\begin{bmatrix} \text{diag}(\mathbf{Q}) \end{bmatrix}_{ii} = \left(\nu - \frac{1}{h_i}\right)^+$ where  $\nu$  is chosen so that  $\sum \left(\nu - \frac{1}{h_i}\right)^+ = P$  Multi-user scalar channel

□ Single-user vector channel

Multi-user vector channel

- Multi-user diversity
- capacity region
- optimization problem
- one simple example

# **Multi-User Vector Channel (1)**

### Multi-user diversity

■ A deep faded channel for a user may appear to be good for some other user. → We can strategically allocate resources to maximize the system performance or minimize the cost.

Two-user vector channel model

 $egin{aligned} \mathbf{Y} &= \mathbf{H}_1 \mathbf{X}_1 + \mathbf{H}_2 \mathbf{X}_2 + \mathbf{Z} & \mathbf{Z} \sim \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{0}, \mathbf{I}) \ && ext{tr}ig( E[\mathbf{X}_1 \mathbf{X}_1^T] ig) \leq P_1 \ && ext{tr}ig( E[\mathbf{X}_2 \mathbf{X}_2^T] ig) \leq P_2 \end{aligned}$ 

## Multi-User Vector Channel (2)

**Capacity region** 

$R_1$	$\leq I(\mathbf{X}_1;\mathbf{Y} \mathbf{X}_2)$
$R_2$	$\leq I(\mathbf{X}_2;\mathbf{Y} \mathbf{X}_1)$
$R_1 + R_2$	$\leq I(\mathbf{X}_1,\mathbf{X}_2;\mathbf{Y})$

For Gaussian channel

$$\begin{split} I(\mathbf{X}_1; \mathbf{Y} | \mathbf{X}_2) &\leq \frac{1}{2} \log \det \left( \mathbf{H}_1 \mathbf{Q}_1 \mathbf{H}_1^T + \mathbf{I} \right) \\ I(\mathbf{X}_2; \mathbf{Y} | \mathbf{X}_1) &\leq \frac{1}{2} \log \det \left( \mathbf{H}_2 \mathbf{Q}_2 \mathbf{H}_2^T + \mathbf{I} \right) \\ I(\mathbf{X}_1, \mathbf{X}_2; \mathbf{Y}) &\leq \frac{1}{2} \log \det \left( \mathbf{H}_1 \mathbf{Q}_1 \mathbf{H}_1^T + \mathbf{H}_2 \mathbf{Q}_2 \mathbf{H}_2^T + \mathbf{I} \right) \end{split}$$

Note that  $\mathbf{Q}_1 := E[\mathbf{X}_1 \mathbf{X}_1^T]$  and  $\mathbf{Q}_2 := E[\mathbf{X}_2 \mathbf{X}_2^T]$ 

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## **Multi-User Vector Channel (3)**

### **Capacity region examples**



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# Multi-User Vector Channel (4)

The capacity region is known to be as the union of pentagons [Tse, Hanly 98]



# Multi-User Vector Channel (5)

#### □ re-casting to a sum-rate capacity



maximize	$\mu_1 R_1 + \mu_2 R_2$
subjectto	$\mathrm{tr}\{\mathbf{Q}_1\} \le P_1$
	$\mathrm{tr}\{\mathbf{Q}_2\} \le P_2$

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# **Multi-User Vector Channel (6)**

□ One simple way: follow the 45-degree line



## **Multi-User Vector Channel (7)**

$$\begin{split} \mathbf{W} \leftarrow \mathbf{I} & \text{noise} + \text{interference} \\ \text{while} \quad p_1 \leq P_1, \quad p_2 \leq P_2 \\ p_1 \leftarrow p_1 + \Delta_1 \\ \mathbf{Q}_1 \leftarrow \text{waterfill}(\mathbf{H}_1, p_1, \mathbf{W}) \\ R_1 \leftarrow \frac{1}{2} \log_2 \frac{\det(\mathbf{H}_1 \mathbf{Q}_1 \mathbf{H}_1^T + \mathbf{W})}{\det(\mathbf{W})} \\ \mathbf{W} \leftarrow \mathbf{H}_1 \mathbf{Q}_1 \mathbf{H}_1^T + \mathbf{I} \\ \text{while} \quad R_1 - R_2 > tol \\ p_2 \leftarrow p_2 + \Delta_2 \\ \mathbf{Q}_2 \leftarrow \text{waterfill}(\mathbf{H}_2, p_2, \mathbf{W}) \\ R_2 \leftarrow \frac{1}{2} \log_2 \frac{\det(\mathbf{H}_2 \mathbf{Q}_2 \mathbf{H}_2^T + \mathbf{W})}{\det(\mathbf{W})} \\ \text{end} \end{split}$$

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### Multi-User Vector Channel (8)

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#### Condition

- $\mathbf{H}_1 = \text{diag}(2.0918, 1.2608)$
- $\begin{array}{ll} {\bf H}_2 &= {\rm diag}(1.1688, 1.839) \\ & {\rm tr}({\bf Q}_1) \leq 7 \\ & {\rm tr}({\bf Q}_2) \leq 10 \end{array}$

 $\implies (R_1, R_2) = (2.4923, 2.4913)$ 

# **Conclusion**

Remarks:

- Show the rate for of maximizing the worst-user's rate is determined at the maximal equal rate.
- Multi-user vector channel problem can be re-casted into a sum-rate capacity problem.
- Show one simple way to close to the optimal point.

Future Works:

- Understand the characteristics of the curved part of the capacity region.
- Find a way to reach the intersection of the 45-degree-line and the curve.

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# **Thank You**