

# RIS-assisted NOMA communication under Phase and SIC Imperfections

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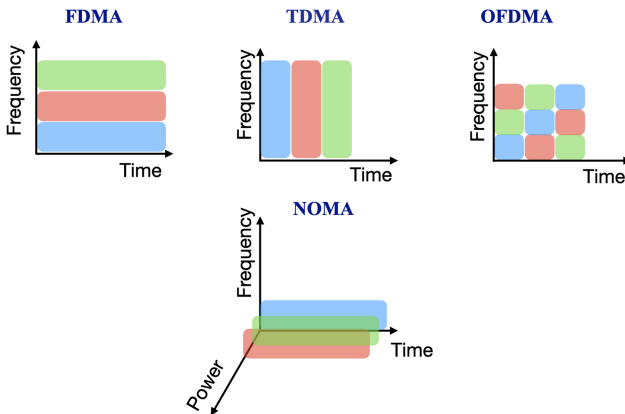


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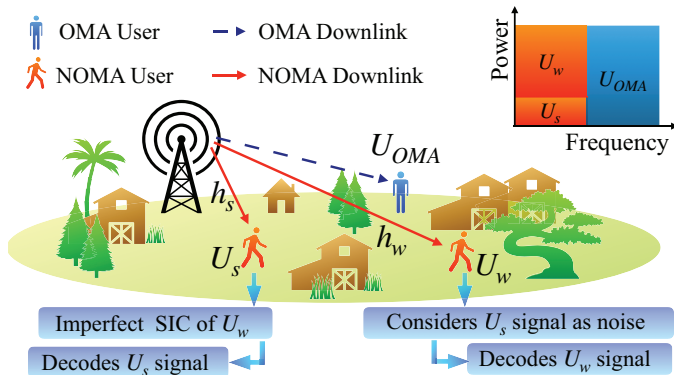
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# Introduction



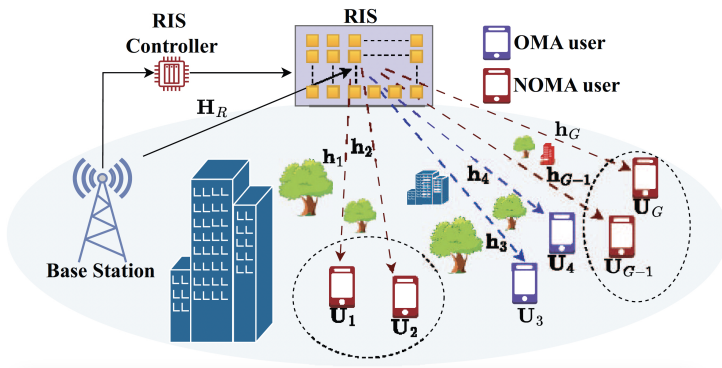
**Figure:** Evolution towards Non-Orthogonal Multiple Access (NOMA).

# Introduction



**Figure:** Illustration of a hybrid OMA-NOMA system.

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**Figure:** Reconfigurable Intelligent Surfaces (RIS) and NOMA.

# Introduction

- Issue 1: Imperfect SIC can deteriorate NOMA performance
- Issue 2: IPC degrades the RIS performance
- Concerns: Below OMA performance, Fairness?
- Observation: Existing user clustering, power allocation schemes exhibit poor performance with imperfect SIC and IPC
- Solution: Enhanced user clustering & power allocation

# Motivation

- Bound performance of NOMA with imperfect SIC and IPC
- Utilise these bounds to enhance NOMA user pairing
- Ensure greater than equal to OMA performance
- Generalise for larger number of users in a NOMA cluster
- Attain fairness among paired NOMA user

## OMA rates

- Downlink OMA SINR for user  $u$  on a subchannel is

$$\gamma_u^O = P_b \frac{|h_u|^2}{N_0 + I_u}.$$

- Corresponding normalized downlink rate can be expressed as

$$R_u^O = \frac{1}{2} \log_2 \left( 1 + \gamma_u^O \right).$$

- Consider NOMA users  $U_s$  &  $U_w$  with  $|h_s|^2 > |h_w|^2$ .
- Let  $\delta_s$  and  $(1 - \delta_s)$  be fractions of power to  $U_s$  &  $U_w$ .



# NOMA rates

- Corresponding NOMA SINRs are

$$\gamma_s^N = \frac{\delta_s P_b |h_s|^2}{N_0 + I_s + \beta(1 - \delta_s) P_b |h_s|^2} \quad \text{and} \quad \gamma_w^N = \frac{(1 - \delta_s) P_b |h_w|^2}{N_0 + I_w + \delta_s P_b |h_w|^2},$$

- Equivalently written as

$$\gamma_s^N = \frac{\delta_s \gamma_s^O}{1 + \beta(1 - \delta_s) \gamma_s^O} \quad \text{and} \quad \gamma_w^N = \frac{(1 - \delta_s) \gamma_w^O}{1 + \delta_s \gamma_w^O},$$

- The respective NOMA normalized downlink rates are

$$R_s^N = \log_2 (1 + \gamma_s^N) \quad \text{and} \quad R_w^N = \log_2 (1 + \gamma_w^N),$$

## Derived Bounds

- To obtain an upper bound on  $\delta_s$ , we consider

$$\begin{aligned}
 R_w^N &> R_w^O \\
 \log_2 \left( 1 + \frac{(1 - \delta_s)\gamma_w^O}{1 + \delta_s\gamma_w^O} \right) &> \frac{1}{2} \log_2 (1 + \gamma_w^O) \\
 \delta_s &< \frac{1}{\gamma_w^O} (\sqrt{1 + \gamma_w^O} - 1) \triangleq \delta_s^{UB}.
 \end{aligned}$$

- Similarly, we impose a constraint on the strong user rate,

$$\begin{aligned}
 \log_2 \left( 1 + \frac{\delta_s\gamma_s^O}{1 + \beta(1 - \delta_s)\gamma_s^O} \right) &> \frac{1}{2} \log_2 (1 + \gamma_s^O) \\
 \delta_s &> \frac{(1 + \beta\gamma_s^O)(\sqrt{1 + \gamma_s^O} - 1)}{\gamma_s^O(1 + \beta\sqrt{1 + \gamma_s^O} - \beta)}.
 \end{aligned}$$

## Derived Bounds

- Let Average Sum Rate (ASR) for OMA and NOMA be respectively defined as

$$ASR^O = R_s^O + R_w^O \text{ and } ASR^N = R_s^N + R_w^N,$$

- We solve  $ASR^N > ASR^O$  to obtain

$$\beta < \frac{(1 + \delta_s \gamma_s^O) \sqrt{1 + \gamma_w^O} - (1 + \delta_s \gamma_w^O) \sqrt{1 + \gamma_s^O}}{\gamma_s^O (1 - \delta_s) (\sqrt{1 + \gamma_s^O} (1 + \delta_s \gamma_w^O) - \sqrt{1 + \gamma_w^O})}$$

Substituting upper bound of  $\delta_s$ , we get

$$\beta < \frac{\gamma_w^O - \gamma_s^O + \gamma_s^O \sqrt{1 + \gamma_w^O} - \gamma_w^O \sqrt{1 + \gamma_s^O}}{\gamma_s^O (\sqrt{1 + \gamma_s^O} - 1) (\gamma_w^O - \sqrt{1 + \gamma_w^O} + 1)}$$

## Derived Bounds

- Applying positivity constraint on the numerator

$$\delta_s > \frac{1}{\sqrt{1 + \gamma_s^O} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{1 + \gamma_w^O}}} \triangleq \delta_s^{LB}$$

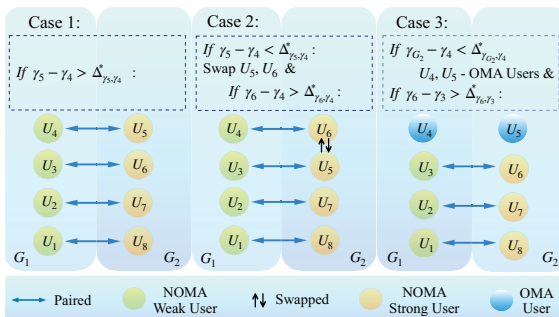
- The upper bound of  $\delta_s$  should be always greater than its lower bound

$$\gamma_w^O < \frac{(\sqrt{1 + \gamma_w^O} - 1)(\sqrt{1 + \gamma_s^O} \sqrt{1 + \gamma_w^O} + 1)}{\sqrt{1 + \gamma_w^O}}.$$

- Subtracting  $\gamma_w^O$  from both sides

$$\Delta_{\gamma_s^O, \gamma_w^O}^{MSD} = \gamma_s^O - \frac{(\sqrt{1 + \gamma_w^O} - 1)(\sqrt{1 + \gamma_s^O} \sqrt{1 + \gamma_w^O} + 1)}{\sqrt{1 + \gamma_w^O}},$$

# Proposed Adaptive User Pairing (AUP) Algorithm



<sup>1</sup>N. S. Mouni, A. Kumar and P. K. Upadhyay, "Adaptive User Pairing for NOMA Systems With Imperfect SIC," *IEEE Wireless Communications Letters*, vol. 10, no. 7, pp. 1547–1551, July 2021, doi: 10.1109/LWC.2021.3074036.

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## Algorithm 1 AUP Algorithm

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INPUTS :  $G_1, G_2, P_t, N_o$

VARIABLES :  $k_1$  and  $k_2$  are variables representing user indices in groups  $G_1$  and  $G_2$ , respectively.  $i$  and  $j$  are intermediary variables, used to keep track of user indices paired.

1. Initialize the variables:  $i = 1, j = 0$
  2. **for** (  $k_1 = N/2; k_1 > 0; k_1 --$  )
  3.     **for** (  $k_2 = N/2 + 1 + j; k_2 \leq N; k_2 ++$  )
  4.         Select  $\gamma_{k_1}$  from  $G_1$  and  $\gamma_{k_2}$  from  $G_2$
  5.         **if** (  $\gamma_{k_2} - \gamma_{k_1} > \Delta_{DL}^{MSD}$  )
  6.              $U_{k_1}, U_{k_2}$  will be paired;
  7.             **if** (  $k_1 + k_2 \neq N + 1$  )
  8.                 Swap  $U_{k_2}$  and  $U_{N/2+1+j}$
  9.                 Sort users after  $U_{N/2+1+j}$  in ascending order
  10.              $j = j + 1, i = i + 1$ , Break;
  11.     **if** (  $k_2 == N$  )
  12.          $k_2 = N/2 + i, j = i, i = i + 1$ ;
  13.          $U_{k_1}, U_{k_2}$  will be OMA users, Break;
  14.     **end**
  15. **end**
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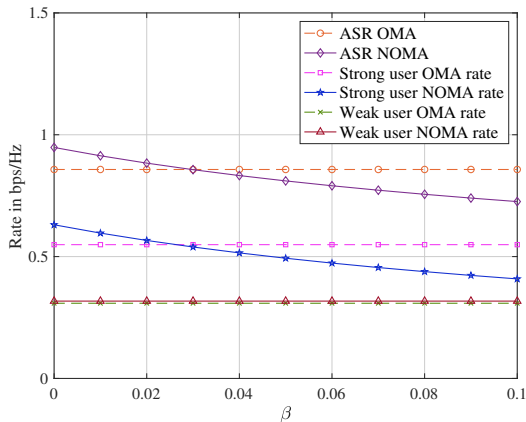


Figure: Variation w.r.t.  $\beta$  for a fixed value of  $\delta_s = 0.23$  with LR model.

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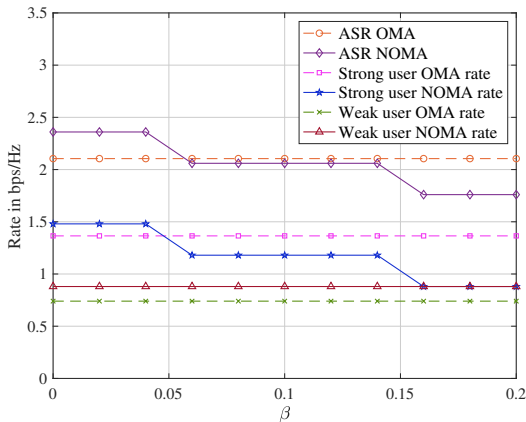


Figure: Variation w.r.t.  $\beta$  for a fixed value of  $\delta_s = 0.23$  with DR model.



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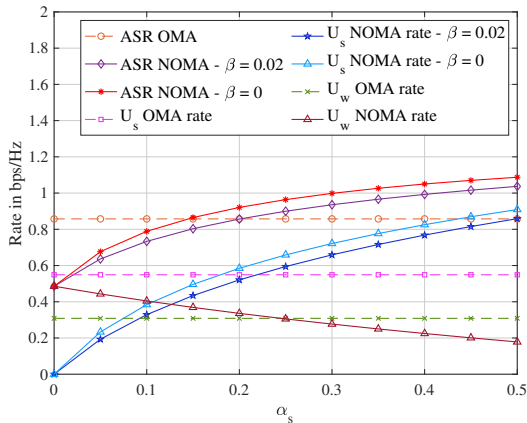


Figure: Variation w.r.t.  $\delta_s$  for a fixed value of  $\beta = 0.02$  with LR model.

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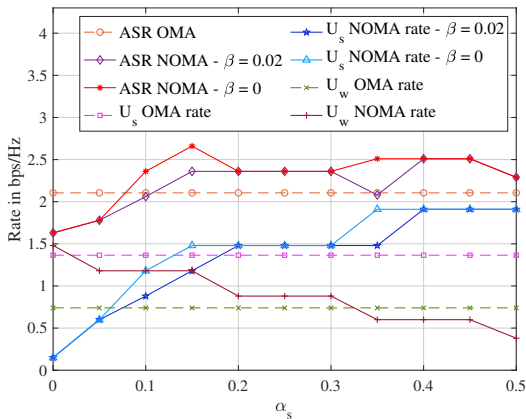
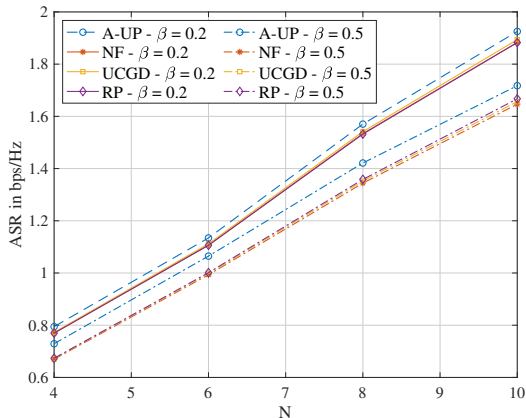


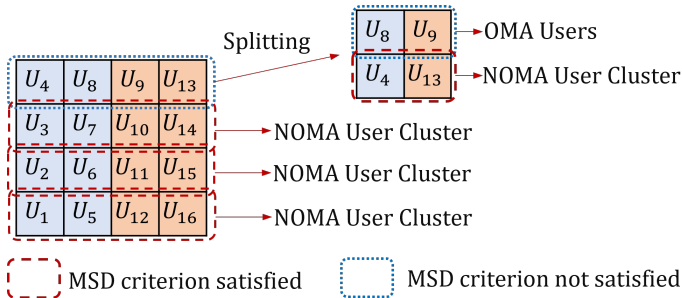
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## Proposed Adaptive User Pairing (AUP) Algorithm



**Figure:** Comparative ASR performance between AUP, NF, RP and UCGD given  $N = [4, 6, 8, 10]$  and  $\beta = [0.2, 0.5]$ .

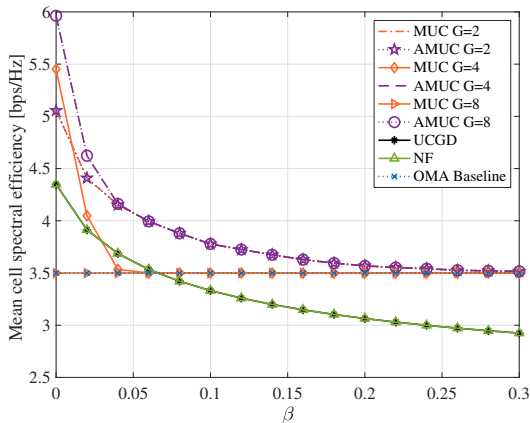
# Generalisation to N users



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# Fairness

The utility function for an  $\alpha$ -Fair scheduler, given a user with rate  $x$  is expressed as

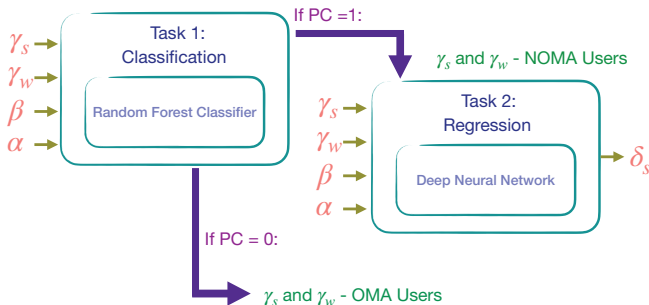
$$U_{\alpha} = \begin{cases} \frac{x^{1-\alpha}}{1-\alpha} & \text{if } \alpha > 0, \alpha \neq 1, \\ \log(x) & \text{if } \alpha = 1. \end{cases}$$

$$T_{\alpha} = \begin{cases} \left( \frac{1}{2} ((R_s^N)^{1-\alpha} + (R_w^N)^{1-\alpha}) \right)^{\frac{1}{1-\alpha}} & \text{if } \alpha > 0, \alpha \neq 1, \\ (R_s^N R_w^N)^{\frac{1}{2}} & \text{if } \alpha = 1. \end{cases} \quad (1)$$

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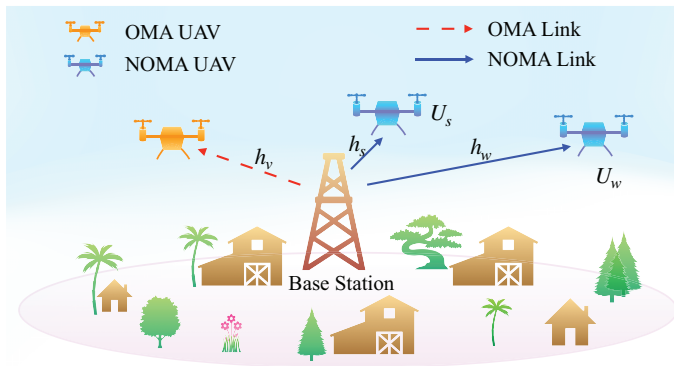
Strategy	Uplink NOMA			Downlink NOMA		
	Pairing Criterion	$\delta_s^{\text{DL}}$	$\delta_w^{\text{DL}}$	Pairing Criterion	$\delta_s^{\text{DL}}$	$\delta_w^{\text{DL}}$
Biased	$\gamma_s^{\text{O,UL}} - \gamma_w^{\text{O,UL}} \geq \Delta_{\text{UL}}^{\text{BAUP}}$	1	1	$\beta < \beta^*$ & $\gamma_s^{\text{O,UL}} - \gamma_w^{\text{O,UL}} \geq \Delta_{\text{DL}}^{\text{MSD}}$	1	0
Fair	$\gamma_s^{\text{O,UL}} - \gamma_w^{\text{O,UL}} \geq \Delta_{\text{UL}}^{\text{FAUP}}$	1	1	$\beta < \beta^*$ & $\gamma_s^{\text{O,UL}} - \gamma_w^{\text{O,UL}} \geq \Delta_{\text{DL}}^{\text{MSD}}$	$\alpha_s^* + \phi/2$	$\alpha_w^* + \phi/2$
Greedy	$\gamma_s^{\text{O,UL}} - \gamma_w^{\text{O,UL}} \geq \Delta_{\text{UL}}^{\text{FAUP}}$ , $\beta < \beta_{\text{UL,G}}^*$	1	$\alpha_s^{\text{G,UL}}$	$\beta < \beta^*$ & $\gamma_s^{\text{O,UL}} - \gamma_w^{\text{O,UL}} \geq \Delta_{\text{DL}}^{\text{MSD}}$	$\alpha_s^* + \phi$	$\alpha_w^*$
Max-min	$\gamma_s^{\text{O,UL}} - \gamma_w^{\text{O,UL}} \geq \Delta_{\text{UL}}^{\text{FAUP}}$ , $\beta < \beta_{\text{UL,M}}^*$	$\alpha_s^{\text{M,UL}}$	1	$\beta < \beta^*$ & $\gamma_s^{\text{O,UL}} - \gamma_w^{\text{O,UL}} \geq \Delta_{\text{DL}}^{\text{MSD}}$	$\alpha_s^*$	$\alpha_w^* + \phi$
Sub-optimal	$\gamma_s^{\text{O,UL}} - \gamma_w^{\text{O,UL}} \geq \Delta_{\text{UL}}^{\text{FAUP}}$	$\alpha_s^{\text{SO,UL}}$	$\alpha_w^{\text{SO,UL}}$	$\beta < \beta^*$ & $\gamma_s^{\text{O,UL}} - \gamma_w^{\text{O,UL}} \geq \Delta_{\text{DL}}^{\text{MSD}}$	$\alpha_s^{\text{SO,DL}}$	$\alpha_w^{\text{SO,DL}}$

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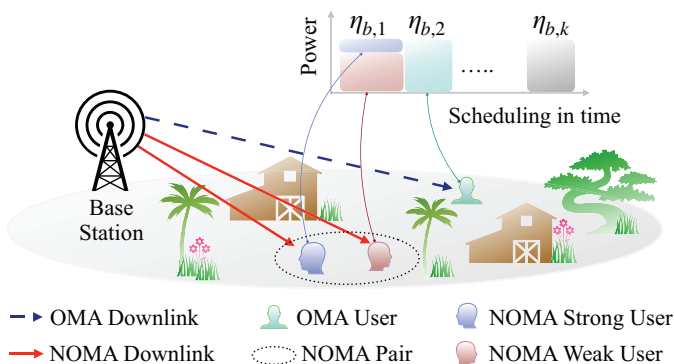


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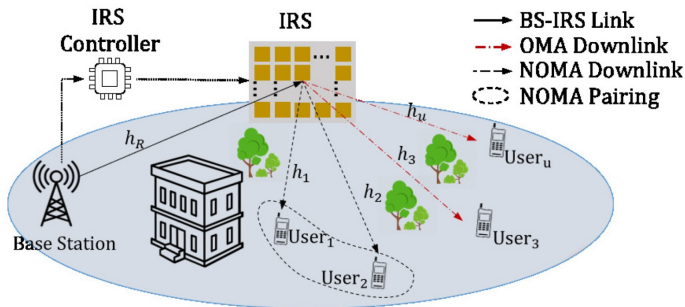
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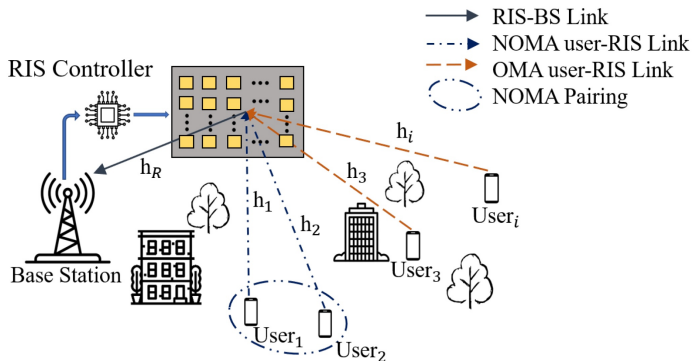
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# User Pairing for RIS-Assisted Downlink NOMA with IPC



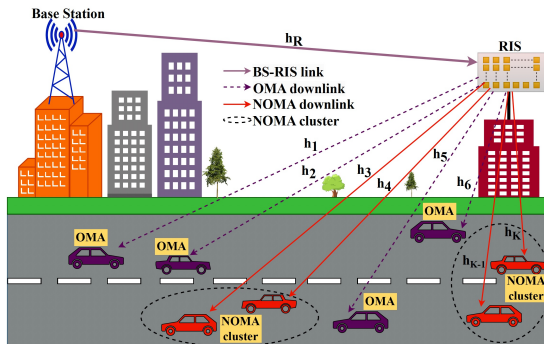
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## Ongoing works in our Lab.

- NOMA and RIS with imperfect phase and SIC
- OTFS and ISAC
- ML/DL and Communications
- Domain Adaptation and Domain Generalization
- Industry partners: SMC Japan, NTT Japan, ZF India

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