

RIS-assisted NOMA communication under Phase and SIC Imperfections

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Introduction

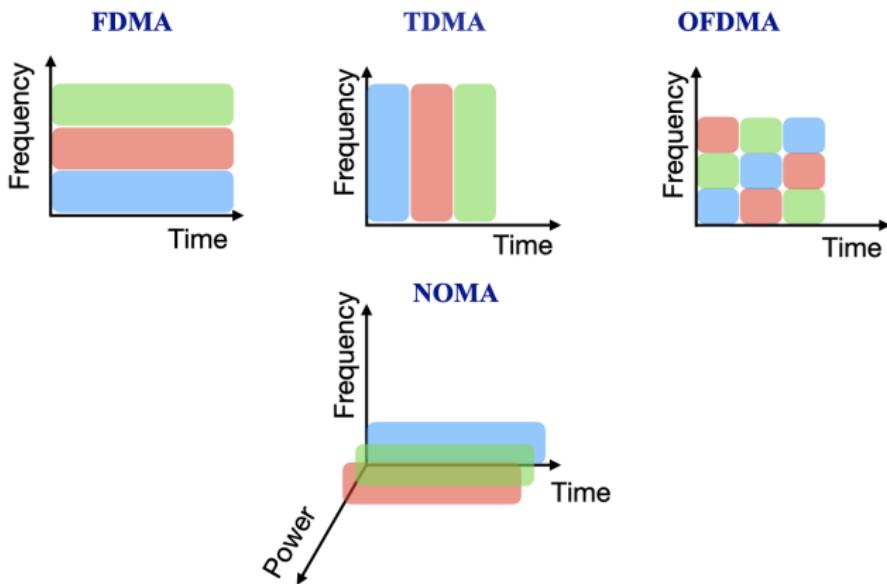


Figure: Evolution towards Non-Orthogonal Multiple Access (NOMA).

Introduction

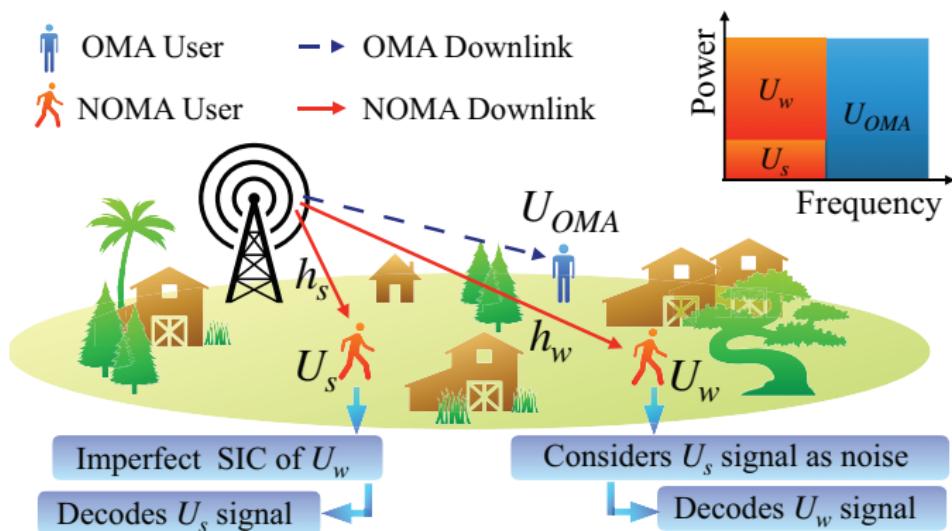


Figure: Illustration of a hybrid OMA-NOMA system.

Introduction

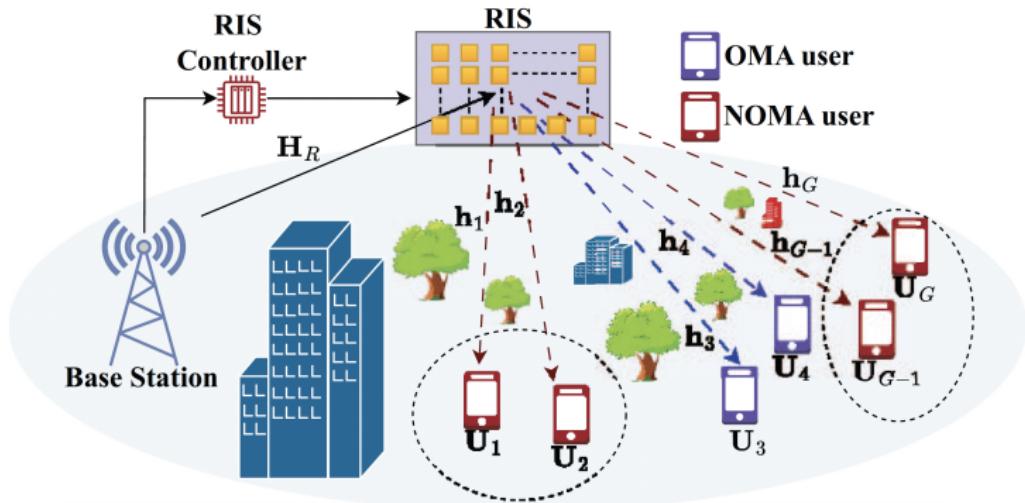


Figure: Reconfigurable Intelligent Surfaces (RIS) and NOMA.

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 δ_s and $(1 - \delta_s)$ be fractions of power to U_s & U_w .

NOMA rates

- Corresponding NOMA SINRs are

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

- Equivalently written as

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

- The respective NOMA normalized downlink rates are

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

Derived Bounds

- To obtain an upper bound on δ_s , we consider

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

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

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

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 δ_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

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

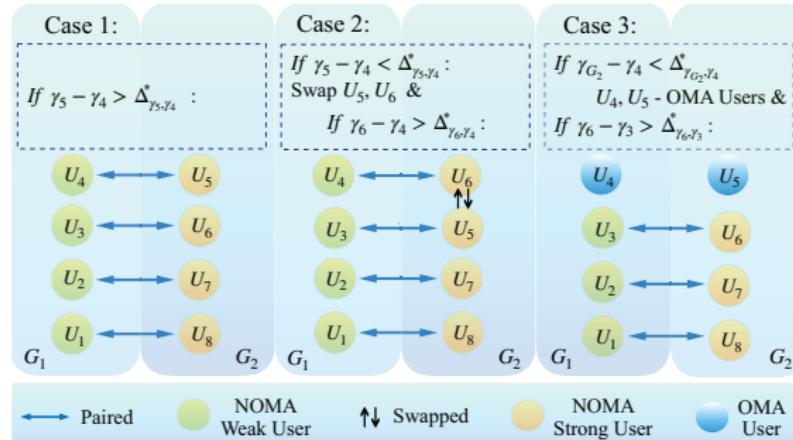
- The upper bound of δ_s should be always greater than its lower bound

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

- Subtracting γ_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



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Proposed Adaptive User Pairing (AUP) Algorithm

Algorithm 1 AUP Algorithm

INPUTS : G_1, G_2, P_t, N_o

VARIABLES : $k1$ and $k2$ 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** ($k1 = N/2; k1 > 0; k1 --$)
3. **for** ($k2 = N/2 + 1 + j; k2 \leq N; k2 ++$)
4. Select γ_{k1} from G_1 and γ_{k2} from G_2
5. **if** ($\gamma_{k2} - \gamma_{k1} > \Delta_{DL}^{MSD}$)
6. U_{k1}, U_{k2} will be paired;
7. **if** ($k1 + k2 \neq N + 1$)
8. Swap U_{k2} 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** ($k2 == N$)
12. $k2 = N/2 + i, j = i, i = i + 1;$
13. U_{k1}, U_{k2} will be OMA users, Break;
14. **end**
15. **end**

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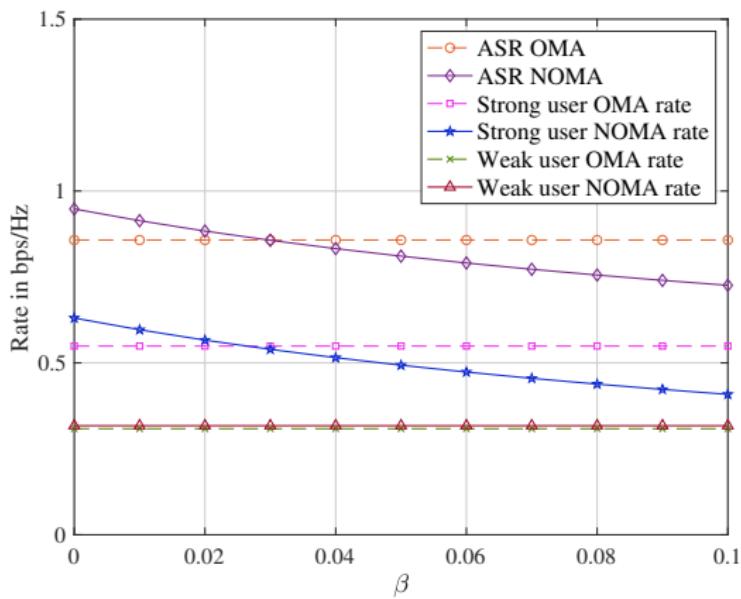


Figure: Variation w.r.t. β for a fixed value of $\delta_s = 0.23$ with LR model.

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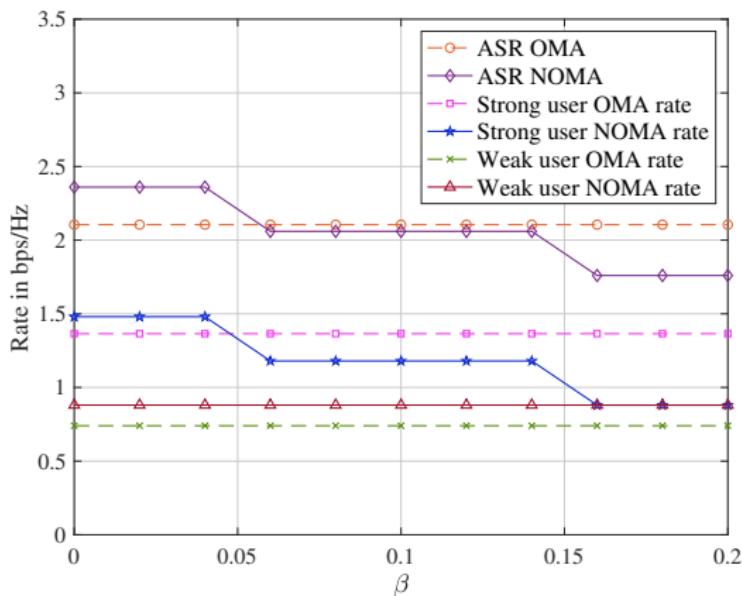


Figure: Variation w.r.t. β for a fixed value of $\delta_s = 0.23$ with DR model.

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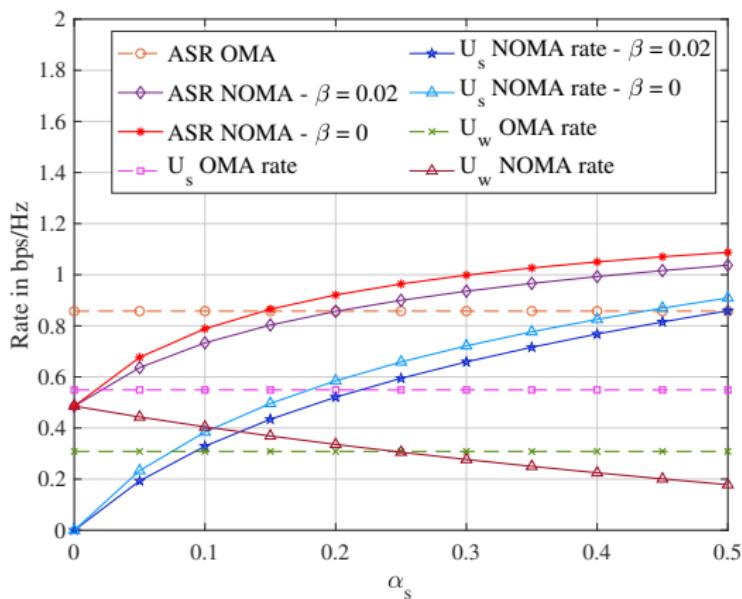


Figure: Variation w.r.t. δ_s for a fixed value of $\beta = 0.02$ with LR model.

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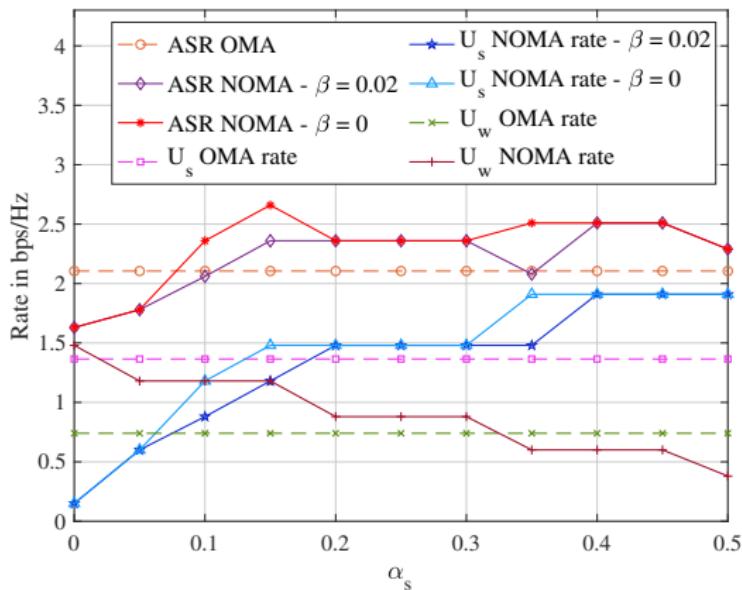


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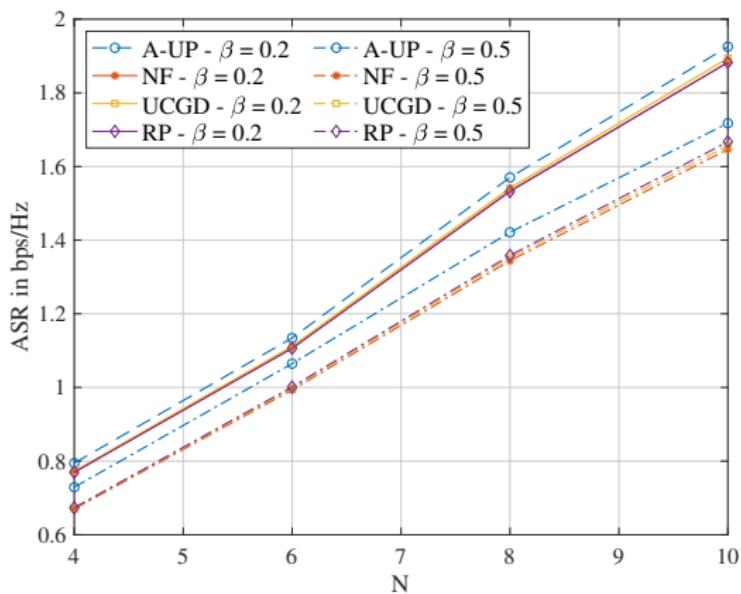
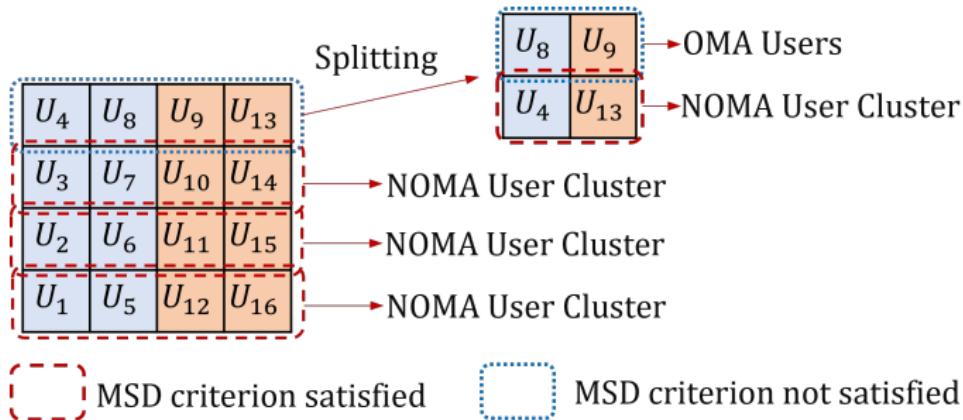


Figure: Comparative ASR performance between AUP, NF, RP and UCGD given $N = [4, 6, 8, 10]$ and $\beta = [0.2, 0.5]$.

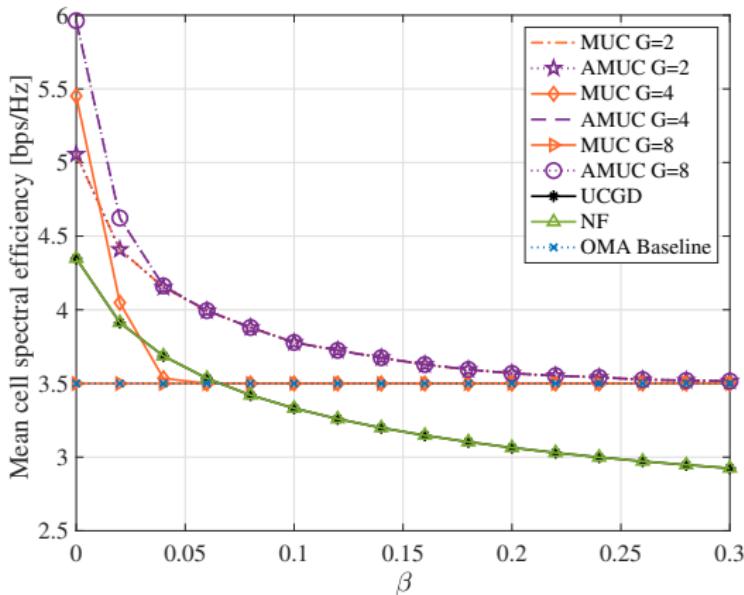
Generalisation to N users



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Fairness

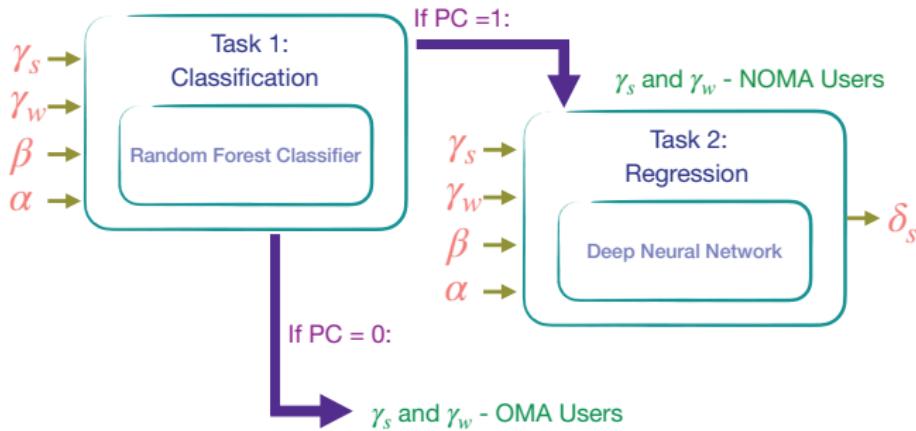
The utility function for an α -Fair scheduler, given a user with rate x is expressed as

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

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

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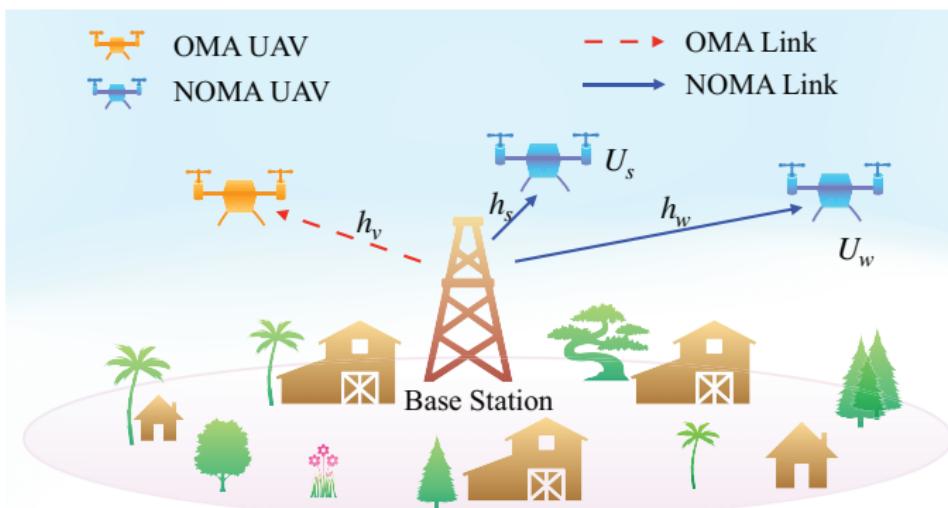
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Enhanced User Pairing and Power Allocation for UL/DL

Strategy	Uplink NOMA			Downlink NOMA		
	Pairing Criterion	δ_s^{DL}	δ_w^{DL}	Pairing Criterion	δ_s^{DL}	δ_w^{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	$\alpha_s^{\text{G,UL}}$	$\beta < \beta^*$ & $\gamma_s^{\text{O,UL}} - \gamma_w^{\text{O,UL}} \geq \Delta_{\text{DL}}^{\text{MSD}}$	$\alpha_s^* + \phi$	α_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	$\beta < \beta^*$ & $\gamma_s^{\text{O,UL}} - \gamma_w^{\text{O,UL}} \geq \Delta_{\text{DL}}^{\text{MSD}}$	α_s^*	$\alpha_w^* + \phi$
Sub-optimal	$\gamma_s^{\text{O,UL}} - \gamma_w^{\text{O,UL}} \geq \Delta_{\text{UL}}^{\text{FAUP}}$	$\alpha_s^{\text{SO,UL}}$	$\alpha_w^{\text{SO,UL}}$	$\beta < \beta^*$ & $\gamma_s^{\text{O,UL}} - \gamma_w^{\text{O,UL}} \geq \Delta_{\text{DL}}^{\text{MSD}}$	$\alpha_s^{\text{SO,DL}}$	$\alpha_w^{\text{SO,DL}}$

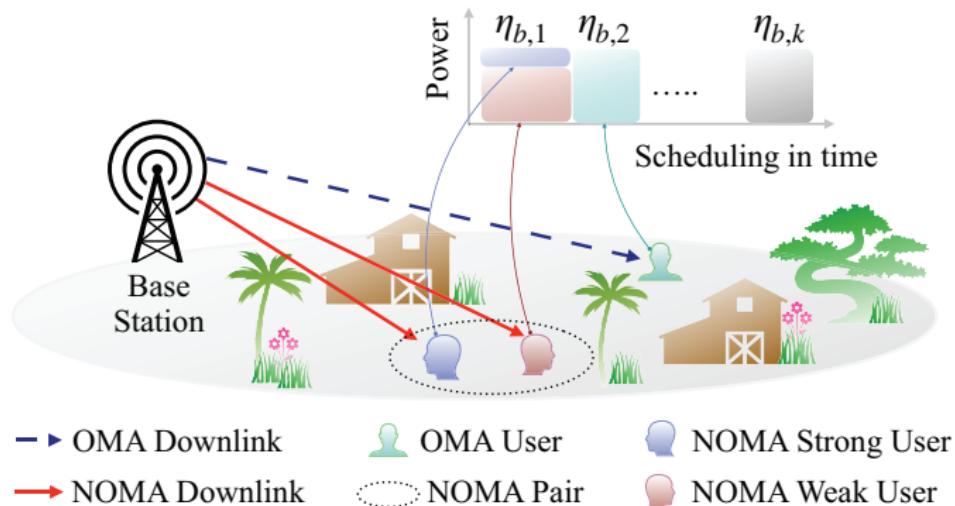
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Application to UAV communication



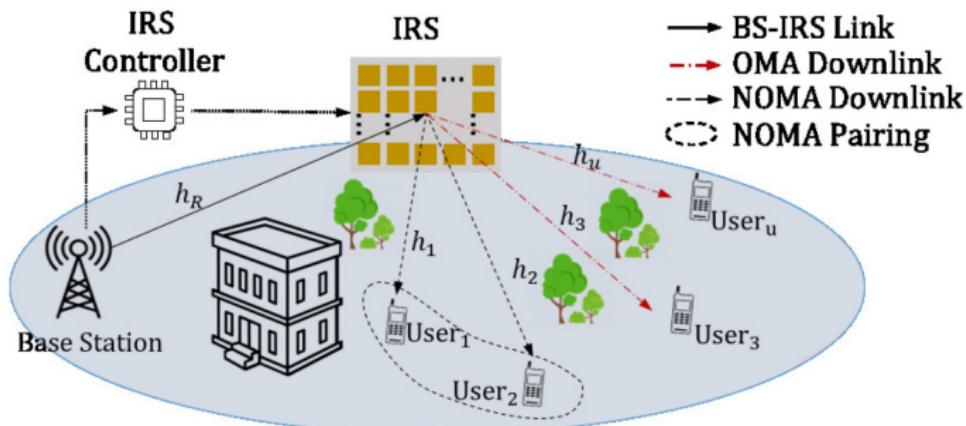
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Optimizing time based scheduling for hybrid OMA-NOMA



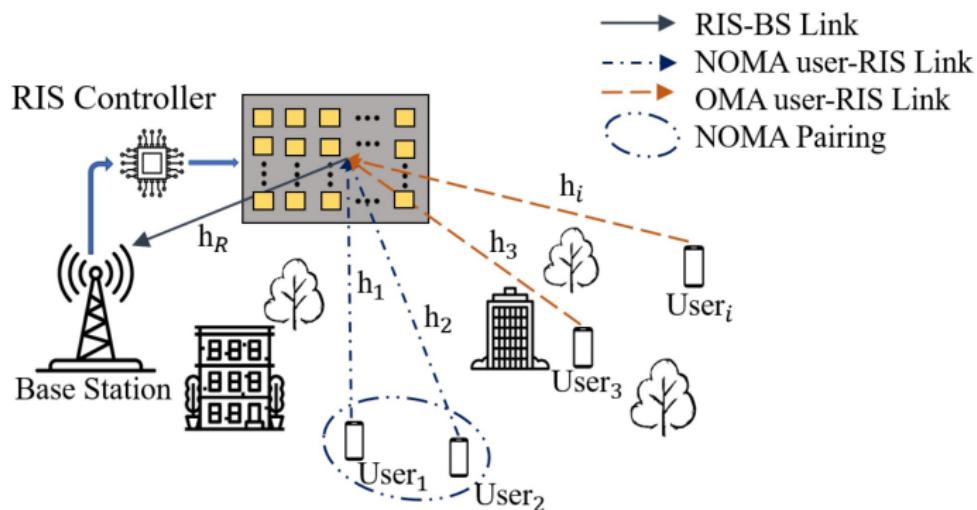
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User Pairing for RIS-Assisted Downlink NOMA with IPC



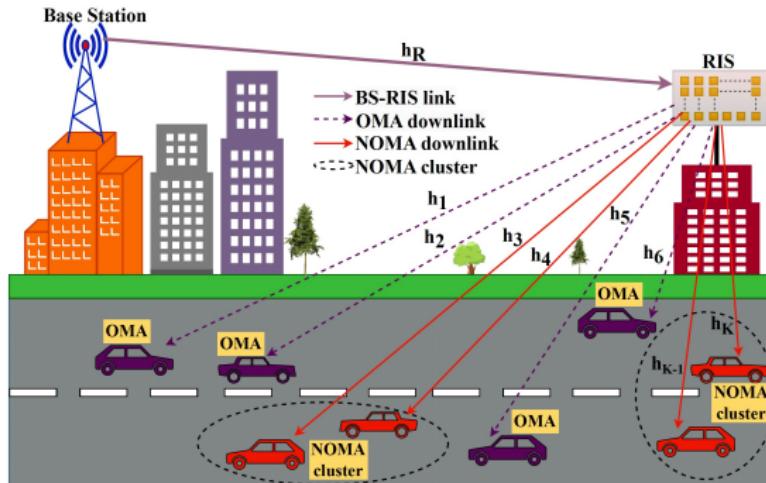
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Ongoing works in our Lab.

- 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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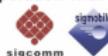
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