Asymptotics and Meta-Distribution of the Signal-to-Interference Ratio in Wireless Networks

Part II

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Overview

- Cellular networks and the HIP model
- Standard analysis of some transmission techniques for the PPP
- Non-Poisson network analysis using ASAPPP\(^a\)
  - The idea of the horizontal shift (gain) of SIR distributions
  - The relative distance process
  - The MISR\(^b\) and the EFIR\(^c\)
    - Asymptotic gains at 0 and \(\infty\)
    - Examples
- Concluding remarks

\(^a\)Approximate SIR Analysis based on the PPP—or simply "as a PPP"

\(^b\)Mean interference-to-signal ratio

\(^c\)Expected fading-to-interference ratio
From yesterday: A generic cellular network (downlink)

- Base stations form a stationary and ergodic point process and all transmit at equal power.
- Assume a user is located at $o$. Its serving base station is the nearest one (strongest on average).
- The other base stations are interferers (frequency reuse 1).
Single-tier cellular networks with reuse 1

SIR with strongest-base station (BS) association

\[
\text{SIR} \triangleq \frac{S}{I}
\]

\[
S = h_{x_0} \parallel x_0 \parallel^{-\alpha}
\]

\[
I = \sum_{x \in \Phi \setminus \{x_0\}} h_x \parallel x \parallel^{-\alpha}
\]

\(\Phi\): point process of BSs

\(x_0\): serving BS

\(h, (h_x)\): iid fading
The SIR walk and coverage at 0 dB
The fraction of a long curve (or large region) that is above the threshold $\theta$ is the ccdf of the SIR at $\theta$:

$$p_s(\theta) \triangleq \bar{F}_{\text{SIR}}(\theta) \triangleq \mathbb{P}(\text{SIR} > \theta)$$

It is the fraction of the users with $\text{SIR} > \theta$ for each realization of the BS and user processes.
Fact on SIR distributions

Only the PPP is tractable exactly—in some cases

If the base stations form a homogeneous Poisson point process (PPP):

\[ p_s(\theta) \triangleq \bar{F}_{\text{SIR}}(\theta) = \frac{1}{2 F_1(1, -\delta; 1 - \delta; -\theta)}, \quad \delta \triangleq 2/\alpha. \]

For \( \delta = 1/2 \), \( p_s(\theta) = \left(1 + \sqrt{\theta} \arctan \sqrt{\theta}\right)^{-1}. \)

If the fading is not Rayleigh or if the point process is not Poisson, it gets hard very quickly.

So let us enjoy the beauty of Poissonia a little longer.

Poissonia
The HIP baseline model for HetNets

The HIP (homogeneous independent Poisson) model\textsuperscript{a}

\textsuperscript{a}Dhillon et al., “Modeling and Analysis of K-Tier Downlink Heterogeneous Cellular Networks”. 2012.

- Start with a homogeneous PPP. Here $\lambda = 6$.
- Choose a number of tiers and intensities for each tier, say $\lambda_1 = 1$, $\lambda_2 = 2$, and $\lambda_3 = 3$.
- Then randomly color the BSs according to the intensities to assign them to the different tiers:

$$P(\text{tier} = i) = \lambda_i / \lambda$$
The HIP (homogeneous independent Poisson) model

Here $\lambda_i = 1, 2, 3$. Assign power levels $P_i$ to each tier.
This model is doubly independent and thus highly tractable.
Equivalence of all HIP models

From the perspective of the typical user, this network is completely equivalent to a single-tier Poisson model with unit power and unit density.

Hence for all HIP models (with Rayleigh fading and power law path loss), the SIR distribution is

\[ p_s(\theta) \triangleq \bar{F}_{\text{SIR}}(\theta) = \frac{1}{2} F_1(1, -\delta; 1 - \delta; -\theta). \]

In particular, for \( \delta = 1/2 \):

\[ p_s(10) = 20.00\% \]

The typical user is not impressed with this performance.

\[ \alpha = 4 \ (\delta = 1/2). \]
Explanation for equivalence

For a single tier with unit transmit power, let

$$\Xi = \{\xi_i\} \triangleq \{x \in \Phi : \|x\|^\alpha / h_x\}.$$

The received powers from the nodes in $\Phi$ are $\{\xi^{-1}\}$.

If $\Phi \subset \mathbb{R}^2$ is Poisson with intensity $\lambda$, then $\Xi$ is Poisson with intensity function $\mu(r) = \lambda \pi \delta r^{\delta-1} \mathbb{E}(h^\delta)$.

For multiple independent Poisson tiers with transmit power $P_k$, the union

$$\Xi = \{\xi_i\} = \bigcup_{k \in [K]} \{x \in \Phi_k : \|x\|^\alpha / (P_k h_x)\}.$$

is a PPP with intensity function

$$\mu(r) = \sum_{k \in [K]} \pi \lambda_k \delta P_k^\delta r^{\delta-1} \mathbb{E}(h^\delta).$$

In any case, $\mu(r) \propto r^{\delta-1}$. The pre-constant does not matter for the SIR.
Path loss process

- The point process $\Xi = \{\xi_i\} \subset \mathbb{R}^+$ where $\{\xi_i^{-1}\}$ are the received powers (with or without fading) is called the path loss process or propagation process.
- It is a key ingredient in many proofs of many results for cellular networks\(^a\) and HetNets\(^b\).
- The equivalence also holds for advanced transmission techniques, such as BS cooperation and silencing.

Let us have a look at some of these advanced techniques.


BS silencing: neutralize nearby foes

The strongest BS (on average) is the serving BS, while the $n-1$ next-strongest ones are silenced. The model may include shadowing (which stays constant over time).
Advanced techniques for downlink BS silencing

SIR distribution for silencing (ICIC)

With BS silencing (or inter-cell interference coordination, ICIC) of \( n - 1 \) BSs, the SIR distribution is\(^a\)

\[
p_{s}^{(n)} \triangleq \mathbb{P}\left( \frac{\text{power from serving BS}}{\text{power from BSs beyond the } n^{\text{th}}} > \theta \right)
\]

\[= (n - 1)\delta \int_{0}^{1} \frac{(1 - x^\delta)^{n-2} x^{\delta-1}}{\left(C_1(\theta x, 1)\right)^n} \, dx,\]

where \( C_1(s, m) = {}_2F_1(m, -\delta; 1 - \delta; -s) \).

This result does not depend on the shadowing distribution—as long as its \( \delta \)-th moment is finite.

\(^a\)Zhang and Haenggi, “A Stochastic Geometry Analysis of Inter-cell Interference Coordination and Intra-cell Diversity”. 2014.
Intra-cell diversity from multiple resource blocks

Transmission over $M$ resource blocks

Here, all base stations interfere, but the serving one uses $M$ resource blocks (with independent fading) to serve the user.
The success probability is the probability that the SIR in at least one of them exceeds $\theta$:

$$p_s^{(\cup M)} \triangleq \mathbb{P} \left( \bigcup_{m=1}^{M} S_m \right), \text{ where } S_m = \{\text{SIR}_m > \theta\}.$$  

For the joint success probability, we have

$$p_s^{(\cap M)} \triangleq \mathbb{P} \left( \bigcap_{m=1}^{M} S_m \right) = \frac{1}{C_1(\theta, M)} = \frac{1}{2F_1(M, -\delta; 1 - \delta; -\theta)}.$$  

$p_s^{(\cup M)}$ follows from inclusion/exclusion.
Advanced techniques for downlink

Comparison of ICIC and ICD

$n$-BS silencing (ICIC) vs. transmission over $M$ RBs (ICD)

$n$-BS ICIC. $\alpha = 4$.

$M$-RB ICD. $\alpha = 4$.

Observation

ICIC provides a gain in the SIR but no diversity. ICD has a diversity gain of $M$. As a result, ICD is superior at small values of $\theta$ ($\theta < -5$ dB).
Cooperation by joint transmission

BS cooperation: turn nearby foes into friends
SIR distribution with BS cooperation

- In the HIP model, let the users receive combined signals from the $n$ strongest (on average) BSs, denoted by $C$.
- Channels are Rayleigh fading, and BSs use non-coherent joint transmission.
- The amplitude fading coefficients ($g_x$) are zero-mean unit-variance complex Gaussian, and the signal power is

$$S = \left| \sum_{x \in C} g_x \sqrt{P_x} \| x \|^{-\alpha/2} \right|^2.$$

$S$ is exponentially distributed with mean $\sum P_x \| x \|^{-\alpha}$.
- The interference stems from $\Phi \setminus C$. 
BS cooperation with non-coherent JT

Let

\[ u = (u_1, \ldots, u_n) \]
\[ \tilde{u} = (u_n/u_1, \ldots, u_n/u_n) \]

\[ Z(u) = \|\tilde{u}\|^{\alpha/2} \theta^{-\delta} \]

\[ F(x) = \int_{x}^{\infty} \frac{r}{1 + r^\alpha} \, dr \]

The success probability is independent of power levels and densities\(^a\)

\[ p_s(\theta) = \int_{0<u_1<\ldots<u_n<\infty} \exp \left( -u_n \left( 1 + 2 \frac{F(\sqrt{Z(u)})}{Z(u)} \right) \right) \, du. \]

\(^a\)NIGAM, MINERO, AND HAENGGI, “COORDINATED MULTIPPOINT JOINT TRANSMISSION IN HETEROGENEOUS NETWORKS”. 2014.
What is possible outside Poissonia?

Ginibre point process (GPP)

For GPP with Rayleigh fading\(^a\): \( p_s(\theta) = \)

\[
\int_0^\infty e^{-\nu} \left[ \prod_{j=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{j!} \int_0^{\nu} \frac{s^j e^{-s}}{1 + \theta(v/s)^{\alpha/2}} \, ds \right] \left[ \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} v^i \left( \int_0^{\nu} \frac{s^i e^{-s}}{1 + \theta(v/s)^{\alpha/2}} \, ds \right)^{-1} \right] \, d\nu
\]

Observation on SIR distributions

Shape of SIR distributions

In many cellular papers, we find figures like this:

It appears that: The curves all have the same shape—they are merely shifted horizontally!
Different BS point processes

Indeed—visually, the curves are shifts of each other. Since the shift (or gain) is due to the deployment, we call it deployment gain.$^a$

If the SIR ccdfs were indeed just shifted:

\[ p_{s,\text{PPP}}(\theta) \triangleq \mathbb{P}(\text{SIR}_{\text{PPP}} > \theta) \quad \Rightarrow \quad p_s(\theta) = p_{s,\text{PPP}}(\theta / G). \]

\( G \) is the SIR shift (in dB) or the SIR gain or gap.
Horizontal gap and asymptotics

The shift at threshold $\theta$ is

$$G(\theta) \triangleq \frac{\bar{F}_{\text{SIR}}^{-1}(p_{s,\text{PPP}}(\theta))}{\theta},$$

hence we have $p_s(\theta) = p_{s,\text{PPP}}(\theta/G(\theta))$.

The asymptotic gains are

$$G_0 \triangleq \lim_{\theta \downarrow 0} G(\theta); \quad G_\infty \triangleq \lim_{\theta \uparrow \infty} G(\theta).$$

So (if $G_0$ and $G_\infty$ exist),

$$p_s(\theta) \sim p_{s,\text{PPP}}(\theta/G_0), \quad \theta \to 0; \quad p_s(\theta) \sim p_{s,\text{PPP}}(\theta/G_\infty), \quad \theta \to \infty.$$  

Observation: $G(\theta) \approx G_0$ for all $\theta$, i.e., a shift by $G_0$ results in an approximation that is quite accurate over the entire distribution.
Example 1: Deployment gain of square lattice

For the square lattice:

\[ G_0 = 3.19 \text{ dB for } \alpha = 3 \text{ and } G_0 = 3.14 \text{ dB for } \alpha = 4. \]

So applying a gain of 2 yields an accurate approximation. For \( \alpha = 4 \),

\[ p_{sq}^\text{sq}(\theta) \approx \left(1 + \frac{\sqrt{\theta}}{2} \arctan \sqrt{\theta/2}\right)^{-1}. \]
Example 2: Gain of joint transmission

Again the ccdf for the cases without and with cooperation are very similar in shape.

The shift here is $G_0 = 2/(4 - \pi) \approx 2.33$. 
The ISR and the MISR

Definition (ISR)

The interference-to-average-signal ratio is

\[ \text{ISR} \triangleq \frac{I}{E_h(S)}, \]

where \( E_h(S) \) is the desired signal power averaged over the fading.

Remarks

- The ISR is a random variable due to the random positions of BSs and users. Its mean MISR is a function of the network geometry only.
- If the interferers are located at distances \( R_k \),

\[ \text{MISR} \triangleq E(\text{ISR}) = E \left( R^\alpha \sum h_k R_k^{-\alpha} \right) = \sum E \left( \frac{R}{R_k} \right)^\alpha \]
Relevance of the MISR for Rayleigh fading

\[ p_{\text{out}}(\theta) = \mathbb{P}(hR^{-\alpha} < \theta I) = \mathbb{P}(h < \theta \bar{\text{ISR}}) \]

Since \( h \) is exponential, letting \( \theta \to 0 \),

\[ \mathbb{P}(h < \theta \bar{\text{ISR}} | \bar{\text{ISR}}) \sim \theta \bar{\text{ISR}} \quad \Rightarrow \quad \mathbb{P}(h < \theta \bar{\text{ISR}}) \sim \theta \text{MISR}. \]

So the asymptotic gain at 0 is the ratio of the two MISRs\(^a\):

\[ G_0 = \frac{\text{MISR}_{\text{PPP}}}{\text{MISR}} \]

The MISR for the PPP is easily calculated to be

\[ \text{MISR}_{\text{PPP}} = \frac{2}{\alpha - 2} = \frac{\delta}{1 - \delta} = \delta + \delta^2 + \delta^3 + \ldots. \]

\(^a\)Haenggi, “The Mean Interference-to-Signal Ratio and its Key Role in Cellular and Amorphous Networks”. 2014.
The method of approximating the SIR ccdf by shifting the PPP’s ccdf is called ASAPPP—"Approximate SIR analysis based on the PPP".

Can we explain the unreasonable effectiveness of ASAPPP?

- Can we calculate $G_0$ and $G_\infty$? How close are they?
- Can we show that the shape of the SIR distributions are similar by comparing the asymptotics?
- How sensitive are the gains to the path loss exponent and the fading model?

Some of these question are addressed in (very) recent work with Radha K. Ganti\textsuperscript{a}.

\textsuperscript{a}Ganti and Haenggi, “Asymptotics and Approximation of the SIR Distribution in General Cellular Networks”. 2015, arXiv.
RDP and MISR

**Definition (The relative distance process (RDP))**

For a stationary point process $\Phi$ with $x_0 = \arg\min\{x \in \Phi : \|x\|\}$, let

$$\mathcal{R} \triangleq \{x \in \Phi \setminus \{x_0\} : \|x_0\|/\|x\| \in (0, 1)\}.$$

**MISR using the RDP**

We have

$$\text{ISR} = \sum_{y \in \mathcal{R}} h_y y^\alpha$$

and

$$\text{MISR} = \mathbb{E} \sum_{y \in \mathcal{R}} y^\alpha = \int_0^1 r^\alpha \Lambda(dr).$$

For the stationary PPP, $\Lambda(dr) = 2r^{-3}dr$. 

Pgfl and moment densities of the RDP of the PPP

For the PPP, the probability generating functional (pgfl) of the RDP is

\[ G_{\mathcal{R}}[f] \triangleq \mathbb{E} \prod_{x \in \mathcal{R}} f(x) = \frac{1}{1 + 2 \int_{0}^{1} (1 - f(x)) x^{-3} \, dx}, \]

and the moment densities are

\[ \rho^{(n)}(t_1, t_2, \ldots, t_n) = n! \, 2^n \prod_{i=1}^{n} t_i^{-3}. \]

Pgfl for general BS processes

For a general stationary process \( \Phi \), the pgfl can be expressed as

\[ G_{\mathcal{R}}[f] = \lambda \int_{\mathbb{R}^2} G_{\mathcal{O}}^! \left[ f \left( \frac{\|x\|}{\|\cdot + x\|} \right) \mathbf{1}(\cdot + x \in b(o, \|x\|)^c) \right] \, dx. \]
Generalized MISR

We define

$$\text{MISR}_n \triangleq (\mathbb{E}(\text{ISR}^n))^{1/n}. $$

For a Poisson cellular network with arbitrary fading,

$$\mathbb{E}(\text{ISR}^n) = \sum_{k=1}^{n} k! B_{n,k} \left( \frac{\delta}{1-\delta}, \ldots, \frac{\delta \mathbb{E}(h^{n-k+1})}{n-k+1-\delta} \right),$$

where $B_{n,k}$ are the Bell polynomials. A good lower bound on MISR$_n$ is obtained by only considering the term $n = k$ in the sum:

$$\text{MISR}_n \geq \text{MISR}_1(n!)^{1/n} = \frac{\delta}{1-\delta} (n!)^{1/n}.$$

The bound does not depend on the fading. For $\delta \to 1$ ($\alpha \to 2$), it is asymptotically tight.
Generalized MISR for PPP with Rayleigh fading

\[ \alpha \]

\[ n = 1, 2, 5 \]

\[ \text{MISR}_n \]

\[ \text{Exact} \]

\[ \text{Lower bound 1} \]

\[ \text{Lower bound 2} \]
Generalized MISR for PPP with Nakagami-$m$ fading

For the PPP, MISR$_n$ is essentially proportional to $n$. For Rayleigh fading, $\text{MISR}_n \sim (n/e)\text{MISR}_1$, $n \to \infty$. 
Gain $G_0$ for general fading

If $F_h(x) \sim c_m x^m$, $x \to 0$,

$$p_s(\theta) \sim 1 - c_m \mathbb{E}[(\theta \text{ISR})^m], \quad \theta \to 0,$$

and thus

$$G_0^{(m)} = \left( \frac{\mathbb{E}(\text{ISR}_{\text{PPP}}^m)}{\mathbb{E}(\text{ISR}^m)} \right)^{1/m} = \frac{\text{MISR}_{m,\text{PPP}}}{\text{MISR}_m}.$$  

The ASAPPP approximation follows as

$$p_s^{(m)}(\theta) \approx p_s^{(m)}(\theta / G_0^{(m)}).$$

This applies more generally to any transmission scheme with diversity $m$.

If MISR$_m$ grows roughly in proportion to MISR$_1$, $G_0^{(m)} \approx G_0$, and $G_0$ is insensitive to the fading statistics.
Here the gain for $m = 1$ (Rayleigh fading) is applied, which is 3 dB. Indeed $G_0^{(m)} \approx G_0$ in this case.

How about $G_{\infty}$? Is it close to $G_0$?
**EFIR**

**Definition (Expected fading-to-interference ratio (EFIR))**

Let $l_\infty \triangleq \sum_{x \in \Phi} h_x \|x\|^{-\alpha}$ and let $h$ be a fading random variable independent of all $(h_x)$. The expected fading-to-interference ratio (EFIR) is defined as

$$EFIR \triangleq \left( \lambda \pi \mathbb{E}_o^! \left[ \left( \frac{h}{l_\infty} \right)^\delta \right] \right)^{1/\delta}, \quad \delta \triangleq 2/\alpha,$$

where $\mathbb{E}_o^!$ is the expectation w.r.t. the reduced Palm measure of $\Phi$.

**EFIR properties**

The EFIR does not depend on $\lambda$, since $\mathbb{E}_o^!(l_\infty^{-\delta}) \propto 1/\lambda$. It does not depend on the distribution of the distance to the serving BS, either.

For the PPP with arbitrary fading:

$$EFIR_{\text{PPP}} = (\text{sinc } \delta)^{1/\delta} = (\text{sinc}(2/\alpha))^{\alpha/2} \lesssim 1 - \delta.$$
SIR tail and $G_{\infty}$

**Theorem (SIR tail)**

*For all stationary BS point processes $\Phi$, where the typical user is served by the nearest BS, with arbitrary fading,*

$$p_s(\theta) \sim \left(\frac{\theta}{\text{EFIR}}\right)^{-\delta}, \quad \theta \to \infty.$$  

**Corollary**

$$G_{\infty} = \frac{\text{EFIR}}{\text{EFIR}_{\text{PPP}}} = \left(\frac{\lambda \pi \mathbb{E} \left[ (I_{\infty} - \delta) \mathbb{E}(h^{\delta}) \right]}{\text{sinc} \ \delta}\right)^{1/\delta}.$$  

**Implication on tail of SIR distribution**

The asymptotic behavior $p_s(\theta) = \Theta(\theta^{-\delta})$ is unavoidable for the singular path loss law and stationary BS deployment.
Scaled success probability $p_s(\theta)\theta^\delta$ for square lattice

The curve approaches $\text{EFIR}^\delta$. The EFIR is bounded as

$$\frac{(\pi \Gamma(1 + \delta))^{1/\delta}}{Z(2/\delta)} \leq \text{EFIR}_{sq} \leq \left(\frac{\pi}{\text{sinc} \delta}\right)^{1/\delta} \frac{1}{Z(2/\delta)},$$

where $Z$ is the Epstein zeta function. The asymptote is at $\sqrt{\text{EFIR}} \approx 1.19$. 
Summary: MISR and EFIR

For $\theta \to 0$ and Rayleigh fading:

$$p_s(\theta) \sim 1 - \theta \text{ MISR}; \quad G_0 = \frac{\text{MISR}_{PPP}}{\text{MISR}}$$

For $\theta \to \infty$ and arbitrary fading:

$$p_s(\theta) \sim \left(\frac{\theta}{\text{EFIR}}\right)^{-\delta}; \quad G_{\infty} = \frac{\text{EFIR}}{\text{EFIR}_{PPP}}$$

The reference MISR and EFIR for the PPP have very simple expressions:

$$\text{MISR}_{PPP} = \frac{\delta}{1 - \delta}; \quad \text{EFIR}_{PPP} = (\text{sinc} \, \delta)^{1/\delta}$$

They are efficiently obtained by simulation for arbitrary point processes.
Asymptotic gains for lattices

$G_0$ barely depends on $\alpha$, while $G_\infty$ slightly increases.
Insensitivity of $G_0$ to $\alpha$

Recall: $\text{MISR} = \int_0^1 r^\alpha \lambda(r) \, dr$, where $\lambda$ is the intensity function of the RDP.

Relative density of RDP for square lattice

Relative density of RDP for triangular lattice

$\lambda_{sq}(r)/\lambda_{PPP}(r)$

$\lambda_{tri}(r)/\lambda_{PPP}(r)$

Relative intensity of RDPs of square and triangular lattices.

The straight line corresponds to $1/G_{0,sq}$ and $1/G_{0,tri}$. It is essentially the average of the relative densities.
The gains for the \( \beta \)-Ginibre process

\[
G_0(\beta) \approx 1 + \beta/2; \quad G_\infty(\beta) \approx 1 + \beta. 
\]

So quite exactly (and almost independently of \( \alpha \)):

The square lattice has gains of 2 and 3.5, so the 1-GPP falls quite exactly in between the PPP and the square lattice, both for \( G_0 \) and \( G_\infty \).
Gain trajectories $G(\theta)$ and asymptotics for lattices

The gap is relatively constant over more than 5 orders of magnitude for $\theta$. It is not monotonic, but probably $G(\theta) \leq \max\{G_0, G_\infty\}$. 
Conclusions

- The world outside Poissonia is harsh. Even for the PPP, the SIR ccdfs for advanced transmission techniques (including MIMO) are unwieldy.
- To explain the unreasonable effectiveness of the ASAPPP method

\[ p_s(\theta) \approx p_{s,\text{PPP}}(\theta/G_0), \]

we have compared \( G_0 \) with \( G_\infty \), which is the gap at \( \theta \rightarrow \infty \).
- The asymptotic gains \( G_0 \) and \( G_\infty \) are given by the MISR and the EFIR, respectively. The MISR is closely related to the relative distance process and can be generalized for different types of fading.
- \( G_0 \) and \( G_\infty \) are insensitive to fading, and \( G_0 \) is insensitive to \( \alpha \).
- The ASAPPP method is relatively accurate over the entire range of \( \theta \) and highly accurate for \( p_s(\theta) > 3/4 \) (or \( \theta < 10 \)).
- A lot more work can and needs to be done.
References


