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Open, closed, and shared access femtocells in the downlink

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Abstract

A fundamental choice in femtocell deployments is the set of users which are allowed to access each femtocell. Closed access restricts the set to specifically registered users, while open access allows any mobile subscriber to use any femtocell. Which one is preferable depends strongly on the distance between the macrocell base station (MBS) and femtocell. The main results of the this article are lemmas which provide expressions for the signal-to-interference-plus-to-noise ratio (SINR) distribution for various zones within a cell as a function of this MBS-femto distance. The average sum throughput (or any other SINR-based metric) of home users and cellular users under open and closed access can readily be determined from these expressions. We show that unlike in the uplink, the interests of home and cellular users are in conflict, with home users preferring closed access and cellular users preferring open access. The conflict is most pronounced for femtocells near the cell edge, when there are many cellular users and fewer femtocells. To mitigate this conflict, we propose a middle way which we term *shared* access in which femtocells allocate an adjustable number of time-slots between home and cellular users such that a specified minimum rate for each can be achieved. The optimal such sharing fraction is derived. Analysis shows that shared access achieves at least the overall throughput of open access while also satisfying rate requirements, while closed access fails for cellular users and open access fails for the home user.

1 Introduction

Femtocells are small form-factor base stations that can be installed within an existing cellular network. They can be installed either by an end-user or by the service provider and are distinguished from pico or microcells by their low cost and power and use of basic IP backhaul, and from WiFi by their use of cellular standards and licensed spectrum [1]. Femtocells are a very promising and scalable method for meeting the ever-increasing demands for capacity and high-rate coverage. Since femtocells share spectrum with macrocell networks, managing cross-tier interference between femto- and macrocells is essential [2-4]. Furthermore, a basic question, particularly for end-user-installed femtocells, is which users in the network should be allowed to use a given femtocell.

1.1 Motivation and related work

Cross-tier interference is highly dependent on this femtocell access decision. *Closed access*, where only specified

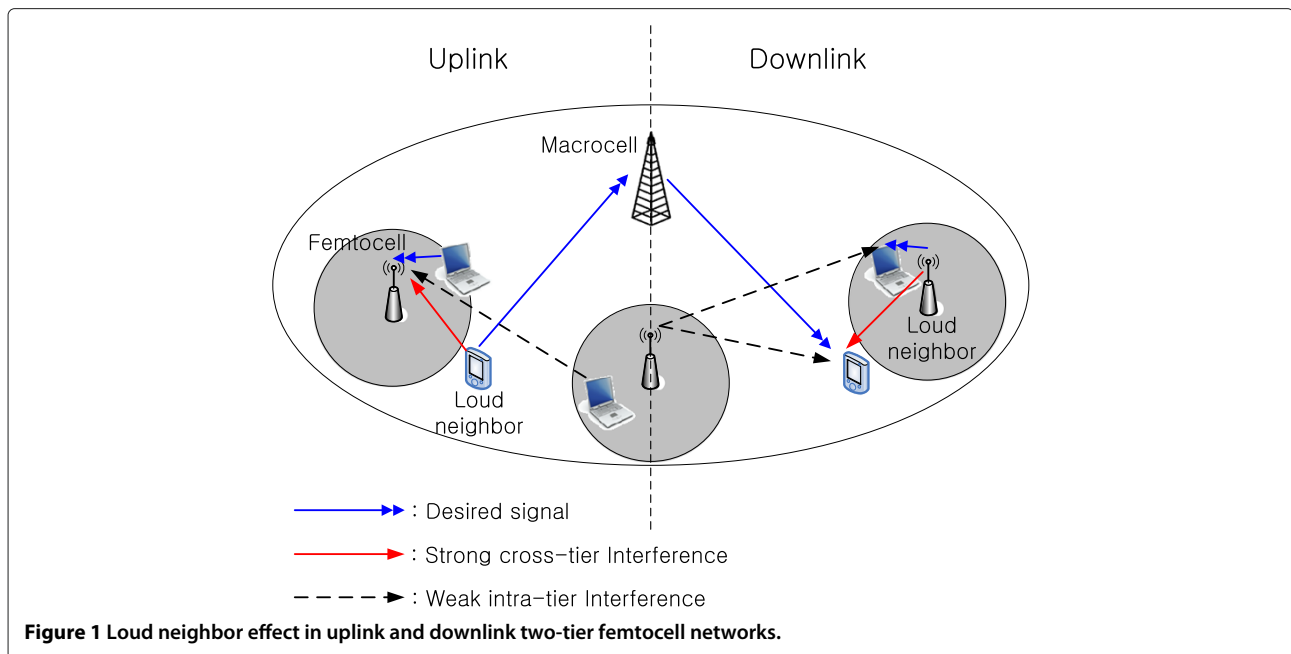
registered home users can communicate with the femtocell access point (FAP), appears attractive to the home user but can result in severe cross-tier interference from nearby cellular users in the uplink (see Figure 1) or to nearby cellular users in the downlink. To reduce this interference in closed access, previous studies have considered power control [5-9], frequency assignment [10-12], and a spectrum sensing approach [13,14]. An alternative is to simply hand over cellular users that cause or experience strong interference to the femtocell. This is known as *open access*. Intuitively, this should increase the overall network capacity [15] at the possible expense of a given femtocell owner, who must now share his femtocell resources (time/frequency slots and backhaul) with an unpredictable number of cellular users.

The uplink performance of femtocell access schemes has been investigated in [16,17]. The interrelationship between the traffic type, access policy, and performance of high-speed packet access (HSPA) was examined in a simulation-based study [16]. In [17], an analytical framework was presented from open versus closed access. Both studies suggested a hybrid access approach with an upper limit to the number of unregistered users to access the

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femtocell. We term this approach *shared access* since the femtocell is shared with cellular users, but within limits and hence not fully open. With respect to the uplink throughput of registered home users, open (or shared) access reduces interference by handing over the loud neighbor at the expense of FAP resource sharing. The tradeoff is such that open access is generally preferred for both home users and cellular users, since the interference reduction is so important [17]. Does the same tradeoff hold in the downlink?

It would seem that the tradeoff is different in the downlink since here the FAP is the loud neighbor (see Figure 1). Therefore, serving unregistered users with the FAP benefits them at the cost of FAP resources. Meanwhile, there is at best a very small decrease in downlink interference to the home user. The downlink capacity of open versus closed access has been studied using simulations for HSPA femtocells [16,18] and OFDMA femtocells [19-21]. These studies propose and analyze shared access methods with limits on the number of unregistered users [18] and frequency subchannels for them [20,21]. Indeed, these studies find that cellular user performance is improved with open (or shared) access at the cost of reduced home user performance.

Recently, a theoretical analysis of signal-to-interference-plus-to-noise ratio (SINR) in general K -tier downlink heterogeneous cellular networks with open or closed access was proposed in [22-24]. For $K = 2$, macrocells plus femtocells can be considered as a special case. Analytical results on downlink outage probability for open and closed access have also been presented in [25]. However, these models do not classify mobile users

into femtocell-registered (home users) and femtocell-unregistered (cellular users), and does not define the distribution area of each type of users. It is thus hard to quantify the throughput of the registered home users and unregistered cellular users separately. Furthermore, since all BSs are distributed as a Poisson Point Process (PPP), the feasible distance between macrocell base station (MBS) and femtocell is arbitrarily given within a range from zero to infinity (i.e., not fixed). Such a random BS model appears useful for obtaining outage/throughput averaged over the entire network, but may not quantify the throughput of open, closed, and shared access for a particular femtocell at a given distance from the MBS.

1.2 Contributions and main insights

Clearly, it is desirable to quantify the throughput of open, closed, and shared access as a function of the FAP-MBS distance. It should provide the best access or optimal resource allocation (in shared access) for each femtocell based on its location, and even the density of femtocells and cellular users. It would be more realistic if the femtocell and cellular user positions were not fixed, but rather were modeled as a spatial random process (see [26,27] and references therein). Unlike the closed access model [9,28] with a fixed radio range (coverage) for the femtocell, we develop a unified model for both open and closed accesses, where the femtocell coverage area depends on its distance from the MBS. In addition, the femtocell coverage is divided into zones, each of which has unique SINR model due to path loss and wall loss (indoor/outdoor), type of serving BS (MBS/FAP), and access control (open/closed). Ideally, a general statistical

distribution of the SINR for the various zones could be found. Since metrics such as outage probability, error probability, and throughput follow directly from SINR, once the SINR distribution is known these metrics can be computed quite quickly and easily [27]. Deriving such an SIR distribution (we neglect both thermal noise and interference from other cells) is the main contribution of this article, and is used to draw a few conclusions about access strategies in the downlink.

First, we see that unlike the uplink [17], the preferred access schemes for home and cellular users are incompatible, with home user preferring closed access. For femtocells with coverage area extending outside the home, i.e., far from the MBS, closed access provides higher sum throughput for home user and lower sum throughput for neighboring cellular users, when compared to open access. For example, in a cell edge femtocell, open access causes at least 20% throughput loss to home user compared to closed access, while the neighboring cellular user experiences outage for typical data service (less than 15 kbps for 5 MHz bandwidth) in closed access. Furthermore, we observe that the open access femtocells far from MBS reduce the macrocell load, thereby open access rather than closed access offers higher throughput for a few home users (in its femtocell coverage area smaller than home area) located near and connected to the MBS. Nevertheless, most home users in cell site accessing FAPs are still reluctant to use their femtocells in open access.

Since neither open nor closed access can completely satisfy the need of both user groups, we next propose a shared access approach where the femtocell has a time-slot ratio η between the home and cellular users it serves, where $\eta = 1$ is closed access. An optimal value of η is found to maximize *network throughput* subject to QoS requirements on the minimum throughput per home and cellular user. For example, given a cell edge femtocell with minimum throughput of 50 kbps/cellular user and 500 kbps/home user, this shared access approach achieves about 80% higher network throughput than open access. When the QoS requirements increase in favor of significantly higher throughput of cellular user, shared access provides the lower network throughput than open access.

2 System model

We consider single macrocell modeled by a disc with radius R_c centered at an MBS. To show the impact of macro-femto distance on femtocell access control, we analyze a target femtocell, its location denoted as X_0 , which is located at a distance D away from the MBS. Since FAPs are installed by the end customer, they are distributed with randomness rather than regular pattern. FAPs are thus distributed according to a homogeneous PPP $\Phi = \{X_j\}_{j=1,2,\dots}$ with intensity λ , where each X_j is the location of the j th FAP. The mean number of femtocells

per cell cite is given as $N_f = \pi\lambda R_c^2$. Home users are uniformly deployed indoors (home), a disc $\mathcal{H} \subset \mathbb{R}^2$ of radius R_i centered at their FAP. Cellular users are uniformly distributed outdoors. A summary of notation is given in Table 1.

2.1 Channel model and multi-level modulation

The downlink channel experiences path loss, Rayleigh fading with unit average power, and wall penetration loss $L < 1$. The path loss exponents are denoted by α (outdoor and outdoor-to-indoor or indoor-to-outdoor) and β (indoor-indoor). As in [9,12,30], the downlink femtocell networks are assumed to be interference-limited and thermal noise at the receiver is ignored for simplicity. The MBS and FAP use fixed^a transmit powers of P_c and P_f , respectively. We assume that orthogonal multiple access is used (TDMA or OFDMA on a per subband basis), thus no intracell interference is considered. Interference from neighboring macrocell BSs is ignored for analytical tractability.^b We consider multi-level M-ary modulation single carrier transmission that is adapted to the received SIR γ , thus each user is assumed to estimate its SIR and provide perfect SIR feedback to their MBS (or FAP). Define N SIR regions as $\mathcal{G}_n = [\Gamma_n, \Gamma_{n+1})$, $n = 1, \dots, N$, where Γ_1 is the minimum SIR providing the lowest discrete rate and $\Gamma_{N+1} = \infty$. Then, the instantaneous transmission rate (in bps/Hz) is

$$r_n = \log_2 \left(1 + \frac{\Gamma_n}{G_n} \right) \text{ for } \gamma \in \mathcal{G}_n, 1 \leq n \leq N, \quad (1)$$

where G_n is the Shannon Gap of M-ary modulation for the n th SIR region (and may assume some level of coding). Assuming round robin (RR) scheduling with equal time slots, the average throughput is

$$T = \sum_{n=1}^N r_n \cdot \mathbb{P}[\Gamma_n \leq \gamma < \Gamma_{n+1}]. \quad (2)$$

2.2 Femtocell coverage and cell association

We assume a max-SINR cell association where each mobile users is served by the station (MBS or FAP) providing the strongest average power to them. This is desirable in that it maximizes the user SINRs in downlink. We therefore define a *femtocell coverage* $\mathcal{F} \subset \mathbb{R}^2$ as the area inside which the average received power from the FAP is stronger than that from the central MBS. The coverage is mathematically modeled by the following lemma.^c

Lemma 1. *For an FAP at distance D from a central MBS located at the origin, the femtocell coverage area approximately confined to a circle centered at $(D, 0)$, and its radius R_f is*

$$R_f = \kappa^{-1/\alpha} D, \quad (3)$$

where $\kappa = \frac{P_c}{P_f L} \gg 1$.

Table 1 Notation and simulation values

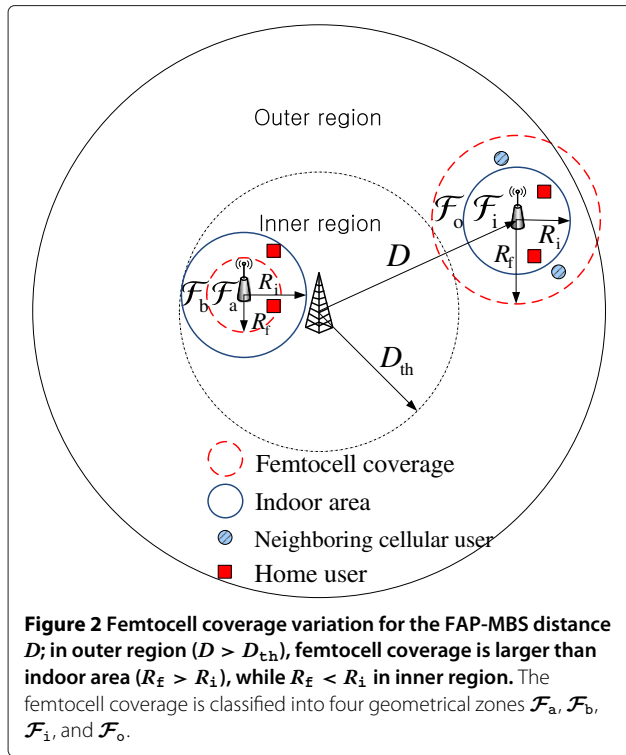
Symbol	Description	Sim. value
\mathcal{F}_i	Indoor area covered by the FAP at $D > D_{th}$ (a disc with the radius R_i)	N/A
\mathcal{F}_o	Outdoor area covered by the FAP at $D > D_{th}$ in open access or covered by the MBS in closed access (a circular annulus with inner radius R_i and outer radius R_f)	N/A
\mathcal{F}_a	Indoor area covered by the FAP at $D \leq D_{th}$ (a disc with the radius R_f)	N/A
\mathcal{F}_b	Indoor area covered by the MBS (a circular annulus with inner radius R_f and outer radius R_i with respect to the FAP at $D \leq D_{th}$)	N/A
D	Distance between FAP and central MBS	Not fixed
D_{th}	Threshold distance (Radius of inner region)	Not fixed
D_c	Distance between central MBS and homeuser (or neighboring cellular user)	Not fixed
R	Distance between FAP and homeuser (or neighboring cellular user)	Not fixed
R_f	Femtocell radius	Not fixed
R_c	Macrocell radius	500 m
R_i	Indoor (home) area radius	20 m
P_c	Transmit power at macrocell	43 dBm [29]
P_f	Transmit power at femtocell	13 dBm [29]
α	Outdoor path loss exponent	4
β	Indoor path loss exponent	4
L	Wall penetration loss	0.5 (−3 dB)
G_n	Shannon gap	3 dB
N	Number of discrete levels for M-ary modulation (M-QAM)	8
Ω_c	Required minimum throughput of cellular user for hybrid access	0.01 bps/Hz
Ω_h	Required minimum throughput of home user for hybrid access	0.1 bps/Hz

Proof. Consider a central MBS located at $(0, 0)$ and an FAP at distance D from the MBS. Without loss of generality, the FAP is assumed to be located at $(D, 0)$. The received power at the position (x, y) with distances $D_c = \sqrt{x^2 + y^2}$ and $R = \sqrt{(D-x)^2 + y^2}$ from MBS and FAP are, respectively, given as $P_r^{(c)} = P_c P_0 (\frac{D_c}{d_0})^{-\alpha}$ and $P_r^{(f)} = P_f L P_0 (\frac{R}{d_0})^{-\alpha}$, where P_0 is the path loss at a reference distance d_0 . The contour with $P_r^{(c)} = P_r^{(f)}$ (zero dB SIR) satisfies $\frac{x^2 + y^2}{(D-x)^2 + y^2} = \kappa^{\alpha/2}$, where $\kappa = \frac{P_c}{P_f L} \gg 1$. The equation is rewritten as $(x - \frac{\kappa^{2/\alpha} D}{\kappa^{2/\alpha} - 1})^2 + y^2 = \frac{\kappa^{2/\alpha} D^2}{(\kappa^{2/\alpha} - 1)^2}$. Note that $\frac{\kappa^{2/\alpha}}{\kappa^{2/\alpha} - 1}$ is very close to 1 because $\kappa \gg 1$. For example, $\frac{\kappa^{2/\alpha}}{\kappa^{2/\alpha} - 1} = 1.02$ for the values in Table 1. Thus, the equation is simplified to $(x - D)^2 + y^2 = \kappa^{-2/\alpha} D^2$, which is the equation of circle and completes the proof. \square

Lemma 1 states that the FAP is located at the center of the femtocell coverage area, and that the femtocell coverage radius linearly increase with the distance D from the MBS. This implies that for an FAP close to the MBS, femtocell coverage can be smaller than indoor area, whereas

for an FAP far from the MBS, the coverage is larger than indoor area and leaks into outdoors as shown in Figure 2. We thus denote D_{th} as a nominal threshold distance at which the femtocell coverage area is exactly equal to the indoor (home) area, i.e., $R_f = R_i$. We accordingly partition the macrocell into two regions, *inner region* ($D \leq D_{th}$) and *outer region* ($D > D_{th}$). Note that D_{th} is the same for all FAPs, since we assume all indoor regions with same area.

For all types of femtocell access control, the *home users* can freely choose between the MBS and their own femtocell according to the association policy. Thus, they will be served by their own femtocell if in its coverage, and by the MBS otherwise. On the other hand, whether a cellular user will be served by a femtocell is more complicated and dependent on the type of access control: (1) in closed access, a femtocell will not serve any cellular users, even if they are in its coverage; (2) in the open access, a femtocell will serve any cellular users as long as they are in its coverage, they are named *neighboring cellular users*. In the inner region where the femtocell coverage area is smaller than the indoor area, some home users outside the femtocell coverage actually communicate with the MBS, while



in the outer region where the femtocell coverage area is larger than the indoor area, the neighboring cellular users would like to connect to the open access FAP. In conclusion, the SIR of each type of users needs a slightly different SIR model for the femtocell location (inner region or outer region) and femtocell access control (open or closed). We thus classify femtocell coverage into four geographic zones, whereby users in the same zone have the same SIR model (See Figure 2).

When an FAP is in inner region, its coverage is divided into \mathcal{F}_a and \mathcal{F}_b as follows.

- \mathcal{F}_a : indoor area where home users are served by the FAP—a disc with radius R_f .
- \mathcal{F}_b : indoor area where home users are served by the MBS—a circular annulus with inner radius R_f and outer radius R_i .

When an FAP is in outer region, its coverage is divided into \mathcal{F}_i and \mathcal{F}_o as follows.

- \mathcal{F}_i : indoor area where home users are served by the FAP—a disc with radius R_i .
- \mathcal{F}_o : nearby outdoor area where neighboring cellular users are served by the FAP (in open access) or the MBS (in closed access)—a circular annulus with inner radius R_i and outer radius R_f .

Although the cell coverage model based on multiple geographic zones, i.e., with multiple SIR model, is more

intricate than conventional model [9,12] with single SIR model for closed access only, it is essential for a conclusive comparative study of open, closed, and shared access. We do not compute the throughput of cellular users outside the four zones, since the throughput is not hardly affected by the femtocell access control, so it does not change the cellular user's preference on femtocell access.

3 Per-zone average SIR and throughput

Consider a reference FAP at distance D from a central MBS, and its home users (or neighboring cellular users) at distance R and D_c from the FAP and the MBS, respectively. As shown in Section 2.2, according to SIR model, all the users divided into four groups located in the zone \mathcal{F}_a , \mathcal{F}_b , \mathcal{F}_i , and \mathcal{F}_o . We analyze the throughput for the each zone, and then, based on it, derive per-tier throughput in next section. We assume small-sized femtocell $R \ll D$ resulting $D_c \approx D$.

3.1 Neighboring cellular user in zone \mathcal{F}_o

Since the neighboring cellular users want to hand off to the FAP, they communicate with the FAP (open access) or MBS (closed access), which results in different SIR according to the access scheme as follows:

$$\gamma(R) = \begin{cases} \frac{P_c g_0 D^{-\alpha}}{P_f L h_0 R^{-\alpha} + \sum_{X_j \in \Phi \setminus X_0} P_f L h_j |X_j|^{-\alpha}} & \text{Closed Access} \\ \frac{P_f L h_0 R^{-\alpha}}{P_c g_0 D^{-\alpha} + \sum_{X_j \in \Phi \setminus X_0} P_f L h_j |X_j|^{-\alpha}} & \text{Open Access} \end{cases} \quad (4)$$

where g_0 is the exponentially distributed channel power (with unit mean) from the MBS. h_j is the exponentially distributed channel power (with unit mean) from the FAP. $|X_j|$ denotes the distance between the user and the FAP. The following lemma quantifies the user SIR for the zone \mathcal{F}_o .

Lemma 2. The CDF of spatially averaged SIR over \mathcal{F}_o , a circular annulus with outer radius R_f and inner radius R_i , is given as follows

(1) Closed access:

$$S_o^{CA}(\Gamma) = 1 - \frac{e^{-\lambda C(K\Gamma)^{2/\alpha}}}{R_f^2 - R_i^2} (A(R_f, \alpha) - A(R_i, \alpha)) \quad (5)$$

$$A(x, y) = x^2 (1 - {}_2F_1[2/y, 1; 1 + 2/y; -x^y/(K\Gamma)])$$

where $C = \frac{2\pi^2}{\alpha} \csc(\frac{2\pi}{\alpha})$, $K = \frac{P_f L D^\alpha}{P_c}$, and ${}_2F_1[\cdot]$ is the Gauss hypergeometric function.

(2) Open access:

$$S_{\circ}^{\text{OA}}(\Gamma) = 1 - \frac{1}{R_{\text{f}}^2 - R_{\text{i}}^2} \int_{R_{\text{i}}^2}^{R_{\text{f}}^2} \frac{e^{-r\lambda C\Gamma^{2/\alpha}}}{K^{-1}\Gamma r^{\alpha/2} + 1} dr. \quad (6)$$

If $\alpha = 4$, the closed-form expression is given as

$$S_{\circ}^{\text{OA}}(\Gamma) = 1 - \frac{B(R_{\text{f}}^2) - B(R_{\text{i}}^2)}{(R_{\text{f}}^2 - R_{\text{i}}^2)}, \quad (7)$$

$$B(x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{z}} \left[(-\text{Re}\{E(iw)\} + \text{Re}\{E(xy + iw)\}) \sin(w) \right. \\ \left. + (\text{Im}\{E(iw)\} - \text{Im}\{E(xy + iw)\}) \cos(w) \right],$$

$$y = -\lambda C\sqrt{\Gamma}, \quad z = \Gamma K^{-1}, \quad w = y/\sqrt{z} = -\lambda C\sqrt{K}, \quad (8)$$

where $\text{Re}\{z\}$ and $\text{Im}\{z\}$ represent the real and imaginary parts of z , respectively, $E(z) = \int_{-\infty}^z \frac{e^{-t}}{t} dt$ is the Exponential integral function.

Proof. See Proof of Lemma 2 in Appendix. \square

3.2 Home user SIR In zone \mathcal{F}_{i} , \mathcal{F}_{a} , or \mathcal{F}_{b}

The home user SIR for the zone \mathcal{F}_{i} is given as

$$\gamma(R) = \frac{P_{\text{f}} h_0 R^{-\beta}}{P_{\text{c}} g_0 D^{-\alpha} + \sum_{X_j \in \Phi \setminus X_0} P_{\text{f}} L^2 h_j |X_j|^{-\alpha}}, \quad (9)$$

This is the same as the cellular user SIR for open access given in (4) except for the distinction that this home user is indoors and so the propagation terms are adjusted accordingly. The SIR distribution of the home user in \mathcal{F}_{i} is given in the following lemma.

Lemma 3. *The CDF of spatially averaged SIR over the zone \mathcal{F}_{i} , a disc with radius R_{i} , is given as*

$$S_{\text{i}}(\Gamma) = 1 - \frac{2}{R_{\text{i}}^2} \int_0^{R_{\text{i}}} \frac{r \cdot e^{-\lambda C(L^2\Gamma)^{2/\alpha} r^{2\beta/\alpha}}}{K\Gamma r^{\beta} + 1} dr, \quad (10)$$

where $K = \frac{P_{\text{c}} L}{P_{\text{f}} D^{\alpha}}$. If $\alpha = 4$ and $\beta = 2$, then the closed-form expression is given as

$$S_{\text{i}}(\Gamma) = 1 - H(R_{\text{i}})/R_{\text{i}}^2, \quad (11)$$

$$H(x) = \frac{2}{z} \left[(\text{Re}\{E(xy + iw)\} - \text{Re}\{E(iw)\}) \cos(w) \right. \\ \left. + (\text{Im}\{E(xy + iw)\} - \text{Im}\{E(iw)\}) \sin(w) \right],$$

$$y = -\lambda C\sqrt{\Gamma}L, \quad z = K\Gamma, \quad w = y/\sqrt{z} = -\lambda CL/\sqrt{K}, \quad (12)$$

Or, if $\alpha = \beta = 4$, then

$$S_{\text{i}}(\Gamma) = 1 - B(R_{\text{i}}^2)/R_{\text{i}}^2, \quad (13)$$

where w , y , and z for calculating $B(R_{\text{i}}^2)$ are given in (12).

Proof. See Proof of Lemma 3 in Appendix. \square

Note that the user SIR in the zone \mathcal{F}_{a} is given in (9), since the zone is the indoor area covered by an FAP at $D \leq D_{\text{th}}$ (in the inner region). The SIR distribution of the home users in \mathcal{F}_{a} is given in the following corollary.

Corollary 1. *The user SIR in the zone \mathcal{F}_{a} is given by (9) and \mathcal{F}_{a} is a disc with radius R_{f} . Thus, the CDF of spatially averaged SIR over the zone \mathcal{F}_{a} is given by (10) with R_{f} replacing R_{i} , i.e.,*

$$S_{\text{a}}(\Gamma) = S_{\text{i}}(\Gamma)|_{R_{\text{i}}=R_{\text{f}}}. \quad (14)$$

The zone \mathcal{F}_{b} exists for the femtocells with $D \leq D_{\text{th}}$ (in the inner region). The user SIR is

$$\gamma(R) = \frac{P_{\text{c}} g_0 L D^{-\alpha}}{P_{\text{f}} h_0 R^{-\beta} + \sum_{X_j \in \Phi} P_{\text{f}} L^2 h_j |X_j|^{-\alpha}}. \quad (15)$$

The SIR is the same as the cellular user SIR for closed access given in (4) except for the distinction that this home user is indoors and so the propagation terms are adjusted accordingly. Thus, the SIR distribution for \mathcal{F}_{b} is given in similar form to (5) as shown in the following lemma.

Lemma 4. *The CDF of spatially averaged SIR over the area \mathcal{F}_{b} , a circular annulus with outer radius R_{i} and inner radius R_{f} , is given as*

$$S_{\text{b}}(\Gamma) = 1 - \frac{e^{-\lambda C(L^2 K \Gamma)^{2/\alpha}}}{R_{\text{i}}^2 - R_{\text{f}}^2} (A(R_{\text{i}}, \beta) - A(R_{\text{f}}, \beta)). \quad (16)$$

where $K = \frac{P_{\text{f}} D^{\alpha}}{P_{\text{c}} L}$.

Proof. See Proof of Lemma 4 in Appendix. \square

Finally, combining Equation (2) and the SIR distribution given in Equations (5), (6), (10), (14), and (16), the average throughput of each zone \mathcal{F}_{a} , \mathcal{F}_{b} , \mathcal{F}_{i} , and \mathcal{F}_{o} is given as

$$T_{\text{x}}(D) = \sum_{n=1}^N r_n \{S_{\text{x}}(\Gamma_{n+1}) - S_{\text{x}}(\Gamma_n)\}, \quad \text{x} \in \{\text{a}, \text{b}, \text{i}, \text{o}\} \quad (17)$$

3.3 Numerical results

Figure 3 shows the spatially averaged throughput for zone \mathcal{F}_{a} , \mathcal{F}_{b} , \mathcal{F}_{i} , and \mathcal{F}_{o} versus FAP–MBS distance for a different number of femtocells. Here, the system parameters in Table 1 are used. For the zone \mathcal{F}_{o} , we show two results T_{o}^{CA} (closed access) and T_{o}^{OA} (open access). The analytic curves given from Equation (17) are very close to the simulated curves. Furthermore, there is not a considerable difference in throughput between the inter-macrocell interference (marked with “o” and “□”) and no inter-macrocell interference (marked with “x” and “+”), which validates our assumption that neglecting inter-macrocell interference

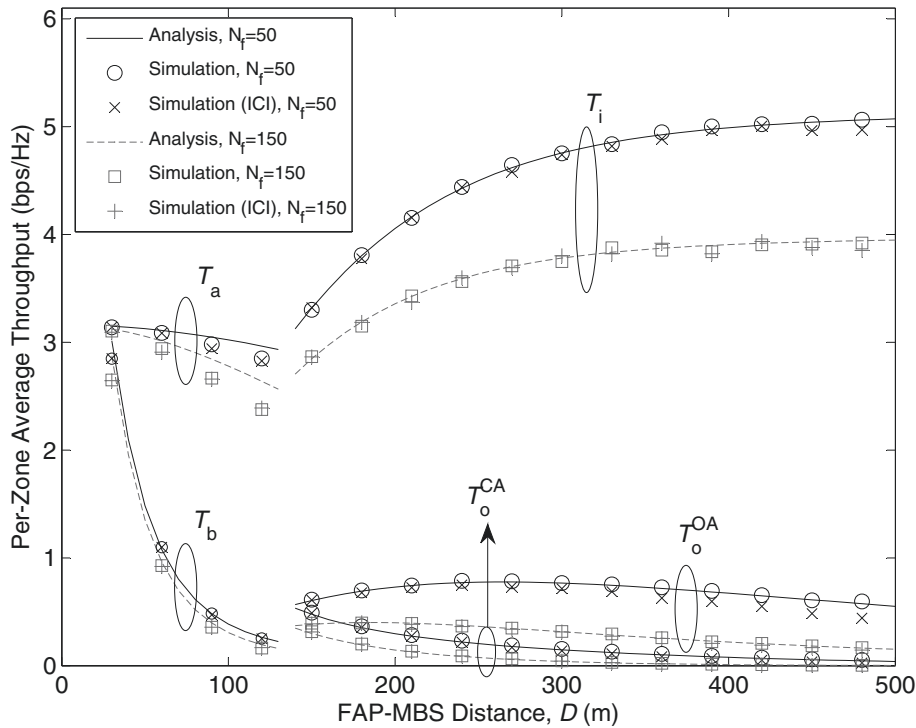


Figure 3 Theoretical and simulation results of spatially averaged throughput for the zone \mathcal{F}_a , \mathcal{F}_b , \mathcal{F}_i , and \mathcal{F}_o ($D_{th} = 130\text{m}$).

is acceptable in dense deploy femto. The higher interference from neighboring femtocells caused by higher N_f degrades the averaged throughput of all the zones.

4 Per-tier throughput: closed access versus open access

In this section, we analyze the per-tier sum throughput of closed and open accesses based on the number of users in the zone as well as the per-zone throughput obtained in preceding section. Denote U_a , U_b , U_i , and U_o are the number of users in the zone \mathcal{F}_a , \mathcal{F}_b , \mathcal{F}_i , and \mathcal{F}_o , respectively. Let U_c and U_h denote the number of outdoor cellular users and the number of home users per femtocell, respectively, and λ_c and λ_h are the corresponding user density. Average number of user in a macrocell cite is then given by

$$U = U_c + N_f U_h = U_c + (N_{f1} + N_{f2}) U_h \tag{18}$$

$$\stackrel{(a)}{=} U_c + N_{f1}(U_a + U_b) + N_{f2} U_i,$$

where $N_{f1} = N_f(D_{th}/R_c)^2$ and $N_{f2} = N_f(1 - (D_{th}/R_c)^2)$ are, respectively, the average number of femtocells in the inner region ($D \leq D_{th}$) and the outer region ($D_{th} < D \leq R_c$). Furthermore, (a) follows from that $U_h = U_i$ in the outer region and $U_h = U_a + U_b$ in the inner region.

4.1 Closed access

The femtocell/macrocell access scenario is different for inner and outer regions, from which the following theorem quantifies sum throughput of home user and neighboring cellular user.

Theorem 1. In closed access, the average sum throughput of home users T_h^{CA} and neighboring cellular users T_c^{CA} with respect to an FAP at distance D from a central MBS is given as

$$T_h^{CA}(D) = \begin{cases} T_a(D) + \rho_b^{CA} T_b(D) & D \leq D_{th} \\ T_i(D) & D > D_{th} \end{cases} \tag{19}$$

$$T_c^{CA}(D) = \rho_o T_o^{CA}(D), \quad D > D_{th} \tag{20}$$

where the per-zone throughput $T_a(D)$, $T_b(D)$, $T_i(D)$, and $T_o^{CA}(D)$ is given from Equation (17). ρ_b^{CA} and ρ_o are the fraction of time-slot dedicated to the home users in \mathcal{F}_b and the cellular users in \mathcal{F}_o , respectively, among all users supported by the MBS, which is given as

$$\rho_b^{CA} = \frac{R_i^2 - \kappa^{-2/\alpha} D^2}{\frac{\lambda_c}{\lambda_h}(R_c^2 - N_f R_i^2) + \frac{1}{2} N_{f1} R_i^2}, \tag{21}$$

$$\rho_o = \frac{\kappa^{-2/\alpha} D^2 - R_i^2}{(R_c^2 - N_f R_i^2) + \frac{\lambda_h}{2\lambda_c} N_{f1} R_i^2}. \tag{22}$$

Proof. See Proof of Theorem 1 in Appendix. \square

Remark 1. Interestingly, the average sum throughput of home users is lower for a farther FAP within the inner region ($D \leq D_{th}$) but higher for a farther FAP within the outer region ($D > D_{th}$). It follows that from Figure 3, increasing D enhances T_i but reduces T_a and T_b , and from Equation (21), increasing D reduces ρ_b^{CA} . Intuitively, the signal from the MBS is interference to home users in the outer region, but it is the desired signal to some home users connecting to the MBS in the inner region.

Remark 2. The per-zone throughput T_i , T_a , and T_b are not affected by λ_c . From Equation (21), increasing λ_c reduces ρ_b^{CA} . Intuitively, this means that an MBS load is higher at more cellular user deployment and thereby fewer time slots are allocated home user served by the MBS. For an FAP in inner region, T_h^{CA} is thus higher for a lower cellular user density, while it is independent of cellular user density in outer region. Since from Equation (22) ρ_o is higher at a larger U_c , but T_o^{CA} is independent on U_c , higher cellular user density increases the average sum throughput of neighboring cellular user.

4.2 Open access

Theorem 2. In open access, the average sum throughput of home users, T_h^{OA} , and neighboring cellular users, T_c^{OA} , with respect to a FAP at distance D from a central MBS is given as

$$T_h^{OA}(D) = \begin{cases} T_a(D) + \rho_b^{OA} T_b(D) & D \leq D_{th} \\ \rho_i T_i(D) & D > D_{th} \end{cases} \quad (23)$$

$$T_c^{OA}(D) = (1 - \rho_i) T_o^{OA}(D), \quad D > D_{th} \quad (24)$$

where $T_o^{OA}(D)$ is given from Equation (17). ρ_b^{OA} is the fraction of time-slot dedicated to the home users in \mathcal{F}_b among home and cellular users supported from the MBS, and ρ_i is the fraction of time-slot dedicated to the home users in \mathcal{F}_i among home and cellular users supported from the FAP. They are given as

$$\rho_b^{OA} = \frac{R_i^2 - \kappa^{-2/\alpha} D^2}{\frac{\lambda_c}{\lambda_h} (R_c^2 - N_{f1} R_i^2 - \frac{\kappa^{-2/\alpha}}{2} N_{f2} (R_c^2 + D_{th}^2)) + \frac{1}{2} N_{f1} R_i^2} \quad (25)$$

$$\rho_i = \left(1 + \frac{\lambda_c}{\lambda_h} \left(\frac{\kappa^{-2/\alpha} D^2}{R_i^2} - 1 \right) \right)^{-1}. \quad (26)$$

Proof. See Proof of Theorem 2 in Appendix. \square

Remark 3. In the inner region, T_h^{OA} is lower at farther FAP, since increasing D reduces ρ_b^{OA} in Equation (25) as well as T_a and T_b in Figure 3. Whereas, in the outer region, as D increases, T_h^{OA} increase and begins to decrease at sufficiently large D . This is because T_i is upper limited by the highest order modulation in spite of quite

high SIR at large D , while ρ_i decreases to zero. Next, from Equation (26), $1 - \rho_i$ is higher for larger λ_c or D , which enhances T_c^{OA} .

The throughput comparison of both the access schemes is given in the remarks below.

Remark 4. First, $T_h^{CA} \leq T_h^{OA}$ for the inner region, because closed access rather than open access increases the number of users supported by the MBS and thereby $\rho_b^{CA} \leq \rho_b^{OA}$. Intuitively, open access femtocells in the outer region admit neighboring cellular users which reduces the macrocell load. This effectively increases the throughput of some home users (supported by the MBS) in inner region. Whereas, $T_h^{CA} \geq T_h^{OA}$ for the outer region because $\rho_i \leq 1$ from Equation (26). Second, we observe $T_c^{CA} < T_c^{OA}$. Since $U_i + U_o < U_c + N_{f1} \bar{U}_b$, comparing $1 - \rho_i = \frac{U_o}{U_i + U_o}$ and Equation (53) yields $1 - \rho_i > \rho_o$. Moreover, T_o^{OA} is obviously larger than T_o^{CA} . In conclusion, home user and neighboring cellular user prefer opposite access schemes.

4.3 Numerical results

The throughput results in this section are obtained with the system parameters in Table 1. Figures 4 and 5 show the home user throughput analytically obtained using (19) and (23) versus FAP–MBS distance D for different numbers of femtocells N_f and cellular users U_c . Since $R_f = R_i$ at $D = D_{th}$, we obtain the distance D_{th} of 130 m by substituting $R_i = 20$ into Equation (3). In closed access, home user throughput decreases with D ($D \leq D_{th}$), while it increases with D ($D > D_{th}$) per Remark 1. For $D > D_{th}$, the home user throughput in open access first increases then decreases with increasing D . Additionally, Figure 5 shows that the turning point moves into the cell interior with increasing U_c . This is because increasing D and U_c increases the number of neighboring cellular users, and thus, the time resource allocated to home user in femtocell downlink is reduced. In Figure 4, the throughput for both open and closed accesses is degraded, since the aggregated interference from other femtocells increases with N_f . We observe that unlike the case of $D > D_{th}$, open access outperforms closed access for $D \leq D_{th}$. However, the throughput loss of open access at $D > D_{th}$ dominates the throughput gain at $D \leq D_{th}$. Thus, closed access is better for home users.

Figure 6 plots the sum throughput of neighboring cellular users of a reference femtocell using Equations (20) and (24). The throughput is high at a low femtocell density and a high cellular user density, which agrees with the prediction in Remarks 2 and 3. The throughput ($T_c^{CA} < 0.003$ bps/Hz) in closed access is too low to offer typical services (0.003 bps/Hz is equivalent to 15 kbps for

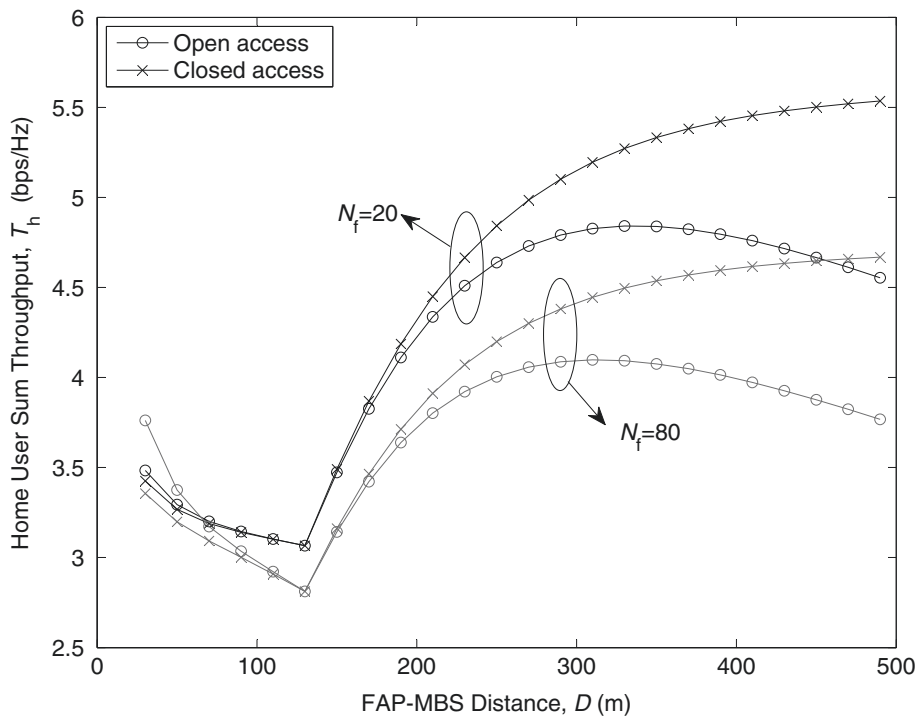


Figure 4 Average sum throughput of the home users for different number of femtocells ($D_{th} = 130\text{m}$, number of cellular users $U_c = 20$).

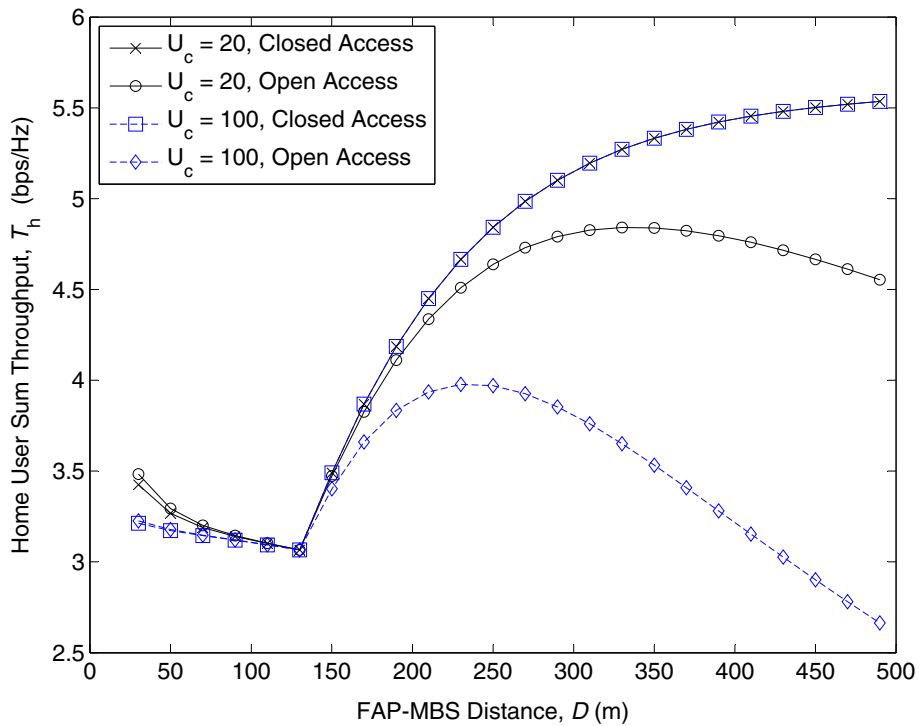


Figure 5 Average sum throughput of the home users for different number of cellular users ($D_{th} = 130\text{m}$, number of femtocells $N_f = 20$).

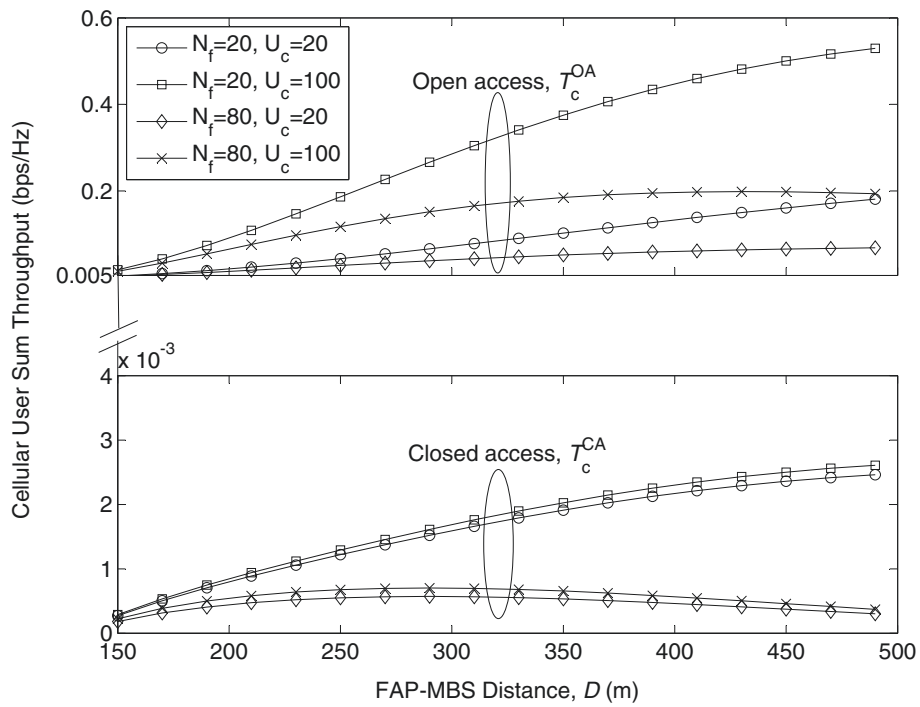


Figure 6 Average sum throughput of the neighboring cellular users for different number of femtocells and cellular users ($D_{th} = 130m$).

5-MHz bandwidth). Thus, open access is much better for neighboring cellular users, in contrast to the result for home users. Table 2 summarizes these results of closed versus open access.

Figure 7 plots the network throughput in open access and closed access, sum of home user and neighboring cellular user throughput, i.e., $T^{CA} = T_h^{CA} + T_c^{CA} = T_i +$

$\rho_o T_o^{CA}$ and $T^{OA} = T_h^{OA} + T_c^{OA} = \rho_i T_i + (1 - \rho_i) T_o^{OA}$. Note that for $D > D_{th}$, open access is inferior to closed access with respect to the network throughput. The reason is from the inequality given by $T^{CA} - T^{OA} = (1 - \rho_i)(T_i - T_o^{OA}) + \rho_o T_o^{CA} > 0$. Intuitively, since $T_i - T_o^{OA} > T_o^{OA} - T_o^{CA}$ from Figure 3, the decrement of home user throughput T_i due to time resource sharing with cellular users in

Table 2 Throughput comparison of open, closed, and shared access for FAP-MBS distance D , cellular user density U_c , femtocell density N_f

		High D and/or low N_f and/or high U_c	Low D and/or high N_f and/or low U_c
Home user throughput	Inner region	Open = Shared > Closed	Open = Shared \gg Closed
	Outer region	Closed \gg Shared \gg Open	Closed > Shared > Open
Cellular user throughput		Open \gg Shared \gg Closed	Open > Shared > Closed
Preferred access	Home users	Closed access	Closed access
	Cellular users	Open access	Open access
	Both users	Shared access	Shared access

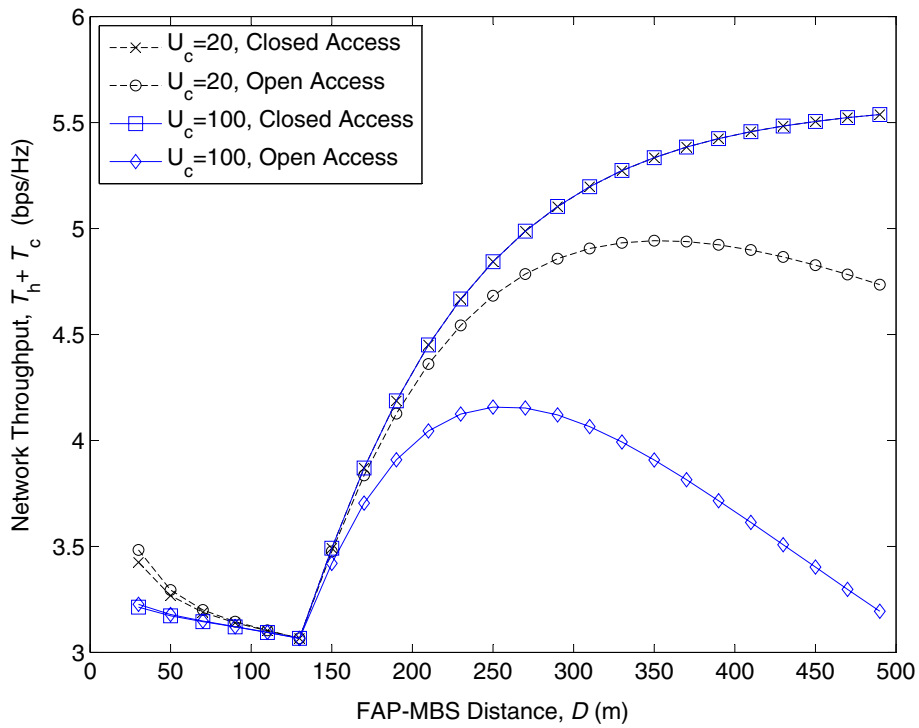


Figure 7 Network throughput for different number of cellular users, ($N_f = 20$ and $D_{th} = 130$ m). The two curves of closed access are the same for $D > D_{th}$.

open access prevails against the increment of cellular user throughput by substituting T_o^{OA} for T_o^{CA} . In a different point of view, this implies that a slight increase in the time fraction ρ_i provides a high increase T_h^{OA} at the cost of a slight drop in T_c^{OA} , i.e., an increase in network throughput T^{OA} . This, as well as the extremely low throughput in closed access motivates the shared access femtocells using time slot allocation, which will be discussed in the next section.

5 Shared access: time-slot allocation

We consider the shared access where an FAP allocates η fraction of time-slots to home users and the remaining $1 - \eta$ fraction of time-slots to cellular users. Unlike the time-slot allocation in open access, where the time fraction ρ_i is dependent on the number of home users and cellular users, the time-slot allocation in the shared access optimizes η to maximize the network throughput T^{SA} while satisfying QoS requirement. The network throughput is given as

$$T^{SA} = \eta T_i + (1 - \eta) T_o^{OA}, \quad \eta \in [0, 1]. \quad (27)$$

We define the QoS requirement as the average user throughput \bar{T}_h (home user) and \bar{T}_c (cellular user) is larger than the required minimum throughput Ω_h (home user) and $\Omega_c = \varepsilon \Omega_h$ with $\varepsilon \in (0, 1]$ (cellular user), respectively.

Satisfying the QoS, the time-slot allocation problem to maximize the network throughput T^{SA} is formulated as

$$\begin{aligned} \max_{0 \leq \eta \leq 1} \quad & \eta T_i + (1 - \eta) T_o^{OA} \quad \text{subject to} \quad \bar{T}_h \geq \Omega_h, \\ & \bar{T}_c \geq \Omega_c = \varepsilon \Omega_h \end{aligned} \quad (28)$$

where $\bar{T}_h = \frac{\eta T_i}{U_i}$ and $\bar{T}_c = \frac{(1-\eta) T_o^{OA}}{U_o}$.

Theorem 3. The optimal value η^* of the time-slot allocation in Equation (28) is given as

$$\eta^* = 1 - \varepsilon \frac{\Omega_h U_o}{T_o^{OA}}. \quad (29)$$

The solution η^* is feasible when it is equal or larger than $\frac{\Omega_h U_i}{T_i}$.

Proof. Denote \mathcal{Q}_1 and \mathcal{Q}_2 as a set of η satisfying the QoS requirement (28) in the order of description, respectively. we then obtain intersection of the three sets as $\mathcal{Q} = \mathcal{Q}_1 \cap \mathcal{Q}_2 = \left\{ \eta \mid \frac{\Omega_h U_i}{T_i} \leq \eta \leq 1 - \varepsilon \frac{\Omega_h U_o}{T_o^{OA}} \right\}$ for $\frac{\Omega_h U_i}{T_i} \leq 1 - \varepsilon \frac{\Omega_h U_o}{T_o^{OA}}$. Define a function of η as $f(\eta) = \eta T_i + (1 - \eta) T_o^{OA} = (T_i - T_o^{OA}) \eta + T_o^{OA}$. Since $T_i > T_o^{OA}$, $f(\eta)$ monotonically increases with increasing η . Thus, η^* is the

maximum $\eta \in \mathcal{Q}$, which yields Equation (29). Moreover, since $\mathcal{Q} = \emptyset$ for $\frac{\Omega_h U_i}{T_i} > 1 - \varepsilon \frac{\Omega_h U_o}{T_o^{OA}}$, η^* is feasible for $\eta^* \geq \frac{\Omega_h U_i}{T_i}$. \square

Remark 5. Shared access with $\eta^* = 1$ and $\eta^* = \rho_i = \frac{U_i}{U_i + U_o}$ is closed and open accesses, respectively. The QoS parameter $\varepsilon \in (0, 1]$ determines the priority of home users relative to cellular users with $\varepsilon = 1$ ensuring identical required minimum throughput to home and cellular users. In Equation (29), increasing ε reduces η^* and allocates more time-slots to cellular users. This indicates that shared access provides lower network throughput than open access when ε is set high, e.g., such that $\eta^* < \frac{U_i}{U_i + U_o}$.

Figure 8 compares the network throughput for different femtocell access schemes, where the system parameters in Table 1 are adopted. We assume the QoS requirement $\Omega_h = 0.01$ (corresponding to 500 kbps for 5-MHz bandwidth) and $\Omega_c = 0.01\varepsilon$. Since $R_f = R_i$ at $D = D_{th}$, we obtain the distance D_{th} of 130 m by substituting $R_i = 20$ into Equation (3). For $D > D_{th}$, the throughput of shared access increases with decreasing ε . Considering lower ε results in higher η , this indicates that increasing home user throughput ηT_i counteracts the effects of decreasing cellular user throughput $(1 - \eta)T_o^{OA}$. Moreover, this implies that the shared access with higher ε (more time-slot allocation to cellular users) provides lower throughput than open access as shown in the result for $\varepsilon = 0.1$. For $D > D_{th}$, closed access always provides higher

throughput than shared access because shared access with $\eta = 1$, which does not satisfy the QoS requirement, is the same as closed access. For $D \leq D_{th}$, shared access obtains the same throughput as open access regardless of ε . The reason is that like open access, the shared access with time-slot allocation allows access from all neighboring cellular users located in the zone \mathcal{F}_o . Note that the shared access with appropriate value of ε achieves higher (at $D > D_{th}$) or equal (at $D \leq D_{th}$) network throughput than open access. We summarize these observations in Table 2.

6 Conclusion

The overall contribution of this article is a new analytical framework for evaluating throughput tradeoffs regarding femtocell access schemes in downlink two-tier femtocell networks. The framework quantifies femtocell-site-specific “loud neighbor” effects and can be used to compare other techniques, e.g., power control, spectrum allocation, and MIMO. Our results show that unlike the uplink results in [17], the preferred access scheme for home and cellular users is incompatible. In particular, closed access provides higher throughput for home users and lower throughput for neighboring cellular users; vice versa with open access. As a compromise, we suggest *shared access* where femtocells choose a time-slot ratio for their home and neighboring cellular users to maximize the network throughput subject to a network-wide QoS requirement. For femtocells within the outer area, shared

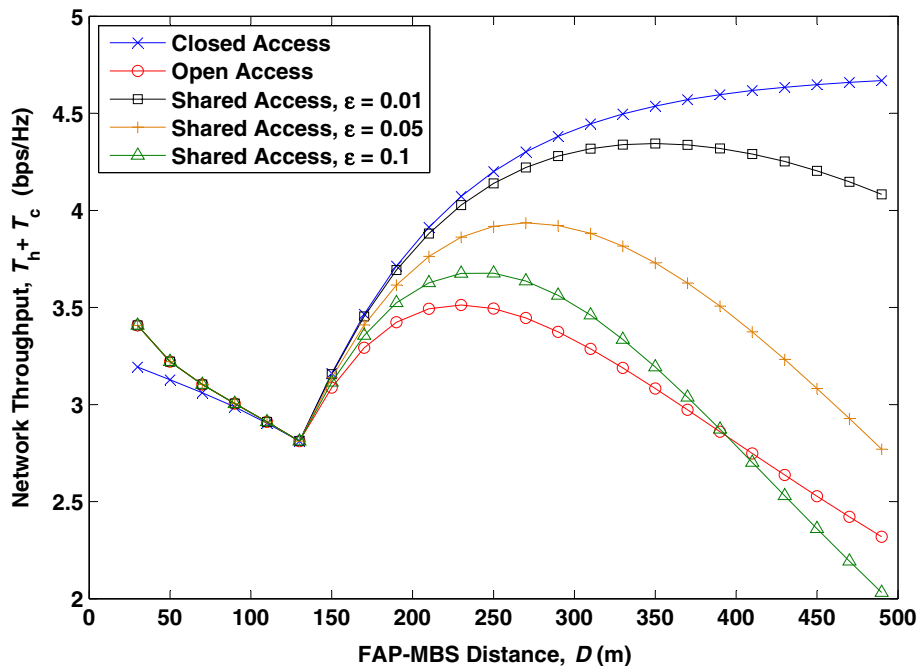


Figure 8 Network throughput for different femtocell access, ($N_f = 80$, $U_c = 100$, and $D_{th} = 130$ m).

access achieves higher network throughput than open access while satisfying the QoS of both home and cellular users. These results motivate shared access—i.e., open access, but with limits—in femtocell-enhanced cellular networks with universal frequency reuse.

Appendix

Proof of Lemma 2

In closed access, the user SIR in Equation (4) is rewritten as $\gamma(R) = \frac{g_0}{K(I_1+I_2)}$, where $K = \frac{P_f L}{P_c D^{-\alpha}}$ and $I_1 = h_0 R^{-\alpha}$ and $I_2 = \sum_{j \in \Phi \setminus A_0} h_j |X_j|^{-\alpha}$. Then, the complementary cumulative distribution function (CCDF) of the user SIR at distance R from the FAP is given as

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{P}[\gamma(R) \geq \Gamma] &= \mathbb{P}[g_0 \geq \Gamma K(I_1 + I_2)] \\ &\stackrel{(a)}{=} \int_0^\infty e^{-\Gamma K s} d\mathbb{P}(I_1 + I_2 \leq s) \\ &= \mathcal{L}_{I_1}(\Gamma K) \mathcal{L}_{I_2}(\Gamma K), \end{aligned} \quad (30)$$

where (a) follows because the CCDF of exponential g_0 with unit mean is given as $\mathbb{P}[g_0 > t] = e^{-t}$. Here, $\mathcal{L}_{I_1}(\Gamma K)$ is the Laplace transform of I_1 (exponential random variable scaled by $R^{-\alpha}$), which is given as

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{L}_{I_1}(\Gamma K) &= \int_0^\infty e^{-\Gamma K s} f_{I_1}(s) ds = R^\alpha \int_0^\infty e^{-\Gamma K s} e^{-s R^\alpha} ds \\ &= \frac{1}{\Gamma K R^{-\alpha} + 1}, \end{aligned} \quad (31)$$

Moreover, $\mathcal{L}_{I_2}(\Gamma K)$ is the Laplace transform of the Poisson shot-noise process I_2 . For exponential h_j with unit mean, $\mathcal{L}_{I_2}(\Gamma K)$ is given by [31]

$$\mathcal{L}_{I_2}(\Gamma K) = e^{-\lambda C (\Gamma K)^{2/\alpha}}, \quad (32)$$

where $C = \frac{2\pi^2}{\alpha} \csc(\frac{2\pi}{\alpha})$. Thus, Equation (30) is simplified to

$$\mathbb{P}[\gamma(R) \geq \Gamma] = \frac{e^{-\lambda C (\Gamma K)^{2/\alpha}}}{\Gamma K R^{-\alpha} + 1}. \quad (33)$$

The cellular users are uniformly located at the zone \mathcal{F}_o that a circular annulus with outer radius R_f and inner radius R_i . Then, probability density function (PDF) of the distance R is $f_R(r) = \frac{2r}{R_f^2 - R_i^2}$, $R \in [R_i, R_f]$. The spatially averaged SIR distribution over \mathcal{F}_o is given as

$$\begin{aligned} S_o^{CA}(\Gamma) &= \mathbb{E}_R[\mathbb{P}[\gamma(R) \leq \Gamma]] \\ &= 1 - \frac{2e^{-\lambda C (\Gamma K)^{2/\alpha}}}{R_f^2 - R_i^2} \int_{R_i}^{R_f} \frac{R}{\Gamma K R^{-\alpha} + 1} dR. \end{aligned} \quad (34)$$

Desired result in Equation (5) is obtained by further calculating Equation (34) with the following integration formula [32]

$$\int \frac{t}{at^{-\alpha} + 1} dt = \frac{1}{2} t^2 \left(1 - {}_2F_1 \left[\frac{2}{\alpha}, 1; 1 + \frac{2}{\alpha}; -\frac{t^\alpha}{a} \right] \right). \quad (35)$$

Next, in open access, the user SIR in (4) is rewritten as $\gamma(R) = \frac{h_0}{R^\alpha (I_3 + I_4)}$, where $I_3 = K^{-1} g_0$ and $I_4 = \sum_{j \in \Phi \setminus A_0} h_j |X_j|^{-\alpha}$. Using the same approach as in Equation (30), CCDF of the user SIR at distance R from the FAP is given as

$$\mathbb{P}[\gamma(R) \geq \Gamma] = \mathcal{L}_{I_3}(\Gamma R^\alpha) \mathcal{L}_{I_4}(\Gamma R^\alpha) = \frac{e^{-\lambda C \Gamma^{2/\alpha} R^2}}{\Gamma K^{-1} R^\alpha + 1}. \quad (36)$$

From Equations (34) and (36), the spatially averaged SIR distribution over \mathcal{F}_o is given as

$$S_o^{OA}(\Gamma) = 1 - \frac{1}{R_f^2 - R_i^2} \int_{R_i}^{R_f} \frac{2R}{\Gamma K^{-1} R^\alpha + 1} e^{-\lambda C \Gamma^{2/\alpha} R^2} dR. \quad (37)$$

Here, by using substitution $R^2 = r$, we obtain the desired result in Equation (6).

In particular, for $\alpha = 4$ and by using substitution $R^2 = r$, Equation (37) is rewritten as

$$\begin{aligned} S_o^{OA}(\Gamma) &= 1 - \frac{1}{R_f^2 - R_i^2} \int_{R_i^2}^{R_f^2} \frac{e^{-r \lambda C \sqrt{r}}}{\Gamma K^{-1} r^2 + 1} dr \\ &= 1 - \frac{B(R_f^2) - B(R_i^2)}{R_f^2 - R_i^2}, \end{aligned} \quad (38)$$

with

$$\begin{aligned} B(x) &= \int_0^x \frac{e^{yt}}{zt^2 + 1} dt \stackrel{(a)}{=} -\frac{i}{2\sqrt{z}} \left[e^{iy/\sqrt{z}} \{E(xy - iy/\sqrt{z})\} \right. \\ &\quad \left. - E(-iy/\sqrt{z})\} + e^{-iy/\sqrt{z}} \{E(iy/\sqrt{z})\} \right. \\ &\quad \left. - E(xy + iy/\sqrt{z})\} \right] \\ &\stackrel{(b)}{=} \frac{1}{\sqrt{z}} \left[(-\text{Re} \{E(iy/\sqrt{z})\}) + \text{Re} \{E(xy + iy/\sqrt{z})\} \right] \\ &\quad \times \sin(y/\sqrt{z}) + (\text{Im} \{E(iy/\sqrt{z})\}) \\ &\quad - \text{Im} \{E(xy + iy/\sqrt{z})\} \cos(y/\sqrt{z}), \end{aligned} \quad (39)$$

where $y = -\lambda C \sqrt{\Gamma}$, $z = \Gamma K^{-1}$. (a) follows from the integral formula in [33] and (b) is given on the mirror symmetry of Exponential integral function, i.e., $E(\bar{z}) = \overline{E(z)}$. Combining Equations (38) and (39) gives the desired result (7).

Proof of Lemma 3

The home user SIR in Equation (9) is rewritten as $\gamma(R) = \frac{h_0}{R^\beta (I_1 + I_2)}$, where $I_1 = K g_0$ with $K = \frac{P_c L}{P_f D^\alpha}$ and $I_2 = L^2 \sum_{j \in \Phi \setminus A_0} h_j |X_j|^{-\alpha}$. Using the way to obtain Equation (36),

CCDF of the user SIR at distance R from the FAP is given as

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{P}[\gamma(R) \geq \Gamma] &= \mathcal{L}_{I_1}(\Gamma R^\beta) \mathcal{L}_{I_2}(\Gamma R^\beta) \\ &= \frac{e^{-\lambda C(L^2 \Gamma)^{2/\alpha} R^{2\beta/\alpha}}}{\Gamma K R^{-\beta} + 1}, \end{aligned} \quad (40)$$

Assuming that the home users are uniformly located in \mathcal{F}_i , PDF of R is $f_R(r) = \frac{2r}{R_i^2}$, $R \in (0, R_i]$. Thus, the spatially averaged SIR distribution of the home users is given as

$$\begin{aligned} S_i(\Gamma) &= \mathbb{E}_R[\mathbb{P}[\gamma(R) \leq \Gamma]] \\ &= 1 - \frac{2}{R_i^2} \int_0^{R_i} \frac{R \cdot e^{-\lambda C(L^2 \Gamma)^{2/\alpha} R^{2\beta/\alpha}}}{\Gamma K R^{-\beta} + 1} dR, \end{aligned} \quad (41)$$

which proves Equation (10).

In particular, for $\alpha = 4$ and $\beta = 2$, Equation (41) is rewritten as

$$\begin{aligned} S_i(\Gamma) &= 1 - \frac{2}{R_i^2} \int_0^{R_i} \frac{R \cdot e^{-\lambda CL\sqrt{\Gamma}R}}{\Gamma KR^2 + 1} dR \\ &= 1 - \frac{H(R_i)}{R_i^2} \end{aligned} \quad (42)$$

with

$$\begin{aligned} H(x) &= \int_0^x \frac{2te^{yt}}{zt^2 + 1} dt \stackrel{(a)}{=} \frac{1}{z} \left[e^{iy/\sqrt{z}} \{E(xy - iy/\sqrt{z})\} \right. \\ &\quad - E(-iy/\sqrt{z}) \} + e^{-iy/\sqrt{z}} \{E(xy + iy/\sqrt{z})\} \\ &\quad \left. - E(iy/\sqrt{z}) \} \right] \\ &\stackrel{(b)}{=} \frac{2}{z} \left[(\text{Re} \{E(xy + iy/\sqrt{z})\} - \text{Re} \{E(iy/\sqrt{z})\}) \right. \\ &\quad \times \cos(y/\sqrt{z}) + (\text{Im} \{E(xy + iy/\sqrt{z})\} \\ &\quad \left. - \text{Im} \{E(iy/\sqrt{z})\}) \sin(y/\sqrt{z}) \right], \end{aligned} \quad (43)$$

where $y = -\lambda CL\sqrt{\Gamma}$, $z = K\Gamma$. (a) follows from the integral formula in [33] and (b) is given on the mirror symmetry of Exponential integral function. Combining Equations (42) and (43) gives the desired result (11).

Moreover, for the path loss exponents $\alpha = \beta = 4$, by substitution $R^2 = r$, Equation (41) is rewritten as

$$S_i(\Gamma) = 1 - \frac{1}{R_i^2} \int_0^{R_i^2} \frac{e^{-r\lambda CL\sqrt{\Gamma}}}{\Gamma Kr^2 + 1} dr = 1 - \frac{B(R_i^2)}{R_i^2}, \quad (44)$$

where $B(x)$ is given from Equation (39). This gives the desired spatially averaged SIR distribution in Equation (13).

Proof of Lemma 4

The user SIR in (15) is rewritten as $\gamma(R) = \frac{g_0}{K(I_1 + I_2)}$, where $K = \frac{P_f D^\alpha}{P_c L}$ and $I_1 = h_0 R^{-\beta}$ and $I_2 = L^2 \sum_{j \in \Phi \setminus \mathcal{A}_0} h_j |X_j|^{-\alpha}$.

Using the same approach as in Equation (30), CCDF of the user SIR at distance R from the FAP is given as

$$\mathbb{P}[\gamma(R) \geq \Gamma] = \mathcal{L}_{I_1}(\Gamma K) \mathcal{L}_{I_2}(\Gamma K) = \frac{e^{-\lambda C(L^2 K \Gamma)^{2/\alpha}}}{\Gamma K R^{-\beta} + 1} \quad (45)$$

The home users connected to the central MBS are uniformly located at the zone \mathcal{F}_b that a circular annulus with outer radius R_i and inner radius R_f . Then, PDF of R is $f_R(r) = \frac{2r}{R_i^2 - R_f^2}$, $R \in [R_f, R_i]$. The spatially averaged SIR distribution over \mathcal{F}_b is given as

$$\begin{aligned} S_b(\Gamma) &= \mathbb{E}_R[\mathbb{P}[\gamma(R) \leq \Gamma]] = 1 - \frac{2e^{-\lambda C(L^2 K \Gamma)^{2/\alpha}}}{R_i^2 - R_f^2} \\ &\quad \int_{R_f}^{R_i} \frac{R}{\Gamma K R^{-\beta} + 1} dR. \end{aligned} \quad (46)$$

Applying Equation (35) to (46) proves Equation (16).

Proof of Theorem 1

For a reference FAP at $D \leq D_{th}$, the home users in \mathcal{F}_a connect to the FAP, while the remaining home users in \mathcal{F}_b communicate to the MBS. Thus, the average sum throughput of the home users is given as $T_h^{CA} = T_1 + T_2$, where T_1 and T_2 are the average sum throughput of the home users in \mathcal{F}_a and \mathcal{F}_b , respectively. Since the FAP supports the home users in \mathcal{F}_a only, we obtain $T_1 = T_a$. On the other hand, since the MBS transmits data to cellular users as well as the remaining U_b home users in \mathcal{F}_b , T_2 is given as $T_2 = \rho_b^{CA} T_b$, and thus we get

$$T_h^{CA} = T_a + \rho_b^{CA} T_b, \quad D \leq D_{th}. \quad (47)$$

Here, ρ_b^{CA} is the fraction of time-slot dedicated to the U_b home users among all \bar{U}_m^{CA} users supported by the MBS with TDMA and RR scheduling, which is given as

$$\rho_b^{CA} = U_b / \bar{U}_m^{CA} = U_b / (U_c + N_{f1} \bar{U}_b), \quad (48)$$

where U_b is given as

$$U_b \stackrel{(a)}{=} U_h \left(1 - \left(\frac{R_f}{R_i} \right)^2 \right) \stackrel{(b)}{=} \pi \lambda_h (R_i^2 - \kappa^{-2/\alpha} D^2), \quad (49)$$

where (a) is given on the uniform distribution assumption of home users and (b) follows from Equation (3) and $U_h = \pi \lambda_h R_i^2$. In Equation (48), \bar{U}_b denotes the average number of users in \mathcal{F}_b , which given as

$$\begin{aligned} \bar{U}_b &= \mathbb{E}[U_b] = \pi \lambda_h (R_i^2 - \kappa^{-2/\alpha} \mathbb{E}[D^2]) \\ &\stackrel{(a)}{=} \pi \lambda_h \left(R_i^2 - \kappa^{-2/\alpha} \frac{D_{th}^2}{2} \right) \stackrel{(b)}{=} \frac{\pi \lambda_h R_i^2}{2}, \end{aligned} \quad (50)$$

where (a) follows from $\mathbb{E}[D^2] = \int_0^{D_{th}} D^2 \left(\frac{2D}{D_{th}} \right) dD = D_{th}^2/2$ for $D \leq D_{th}$ and (b) follows from $D_{th} = \kappa^{1/\alpha} R_i$. Moreover, U_c is given as

$$U_c = \pi \lambda_c (R_c^2 - N_f R_i^2). \quad (51)$$

Plugging Equations (49), (50), (51) into (48) gives the desired result in Equation (21).

Next, since a reference FAP with $D > D_{th}$ supports home users in the zone \mathcal{F}_i only, the average sum throughput, T_h^{CA} , of the home users is equal to T_i , which proves Equation (19). For a reference FAP at $D > D_{th}$, its neighboring cellular users in the zone \mathcal{F}_o connect to the central MBS. Since the MBS transmits a data to some home users in inner region as well as U_c cellular users including the neighboring cellular users, the average sum throughput of the neighboring cellular users is given as

$$T_c^{CA} = \rho_o T_o^{CA}, \quad (52)$$

where ρ_o is the fraction of time-slot dedicated to the U_o neighboring cellular users in \mathcal{F}_o among all \overline{U}_m^{CA} users supported by the MBS with TDMA and RR scheduling, which is given as

$$\rho_o = U_o / \overline{U}_m^{CA} = U_o / (U_c + N_{f1} \overline{U}_b), \quad (53)$$

where U_o is given as

$$U_o = \pi \lambda_c (R_f^2 - R_i^2) = \pi \lambda_c (\kappa^{-2/\alpha} D^2 - R_i^2). \quad (54)$$

Plugging Equations (50), (51), (54) into (53) gives the desired result in Equation (22).

Proof of Theorem 2

In open access, for a reference FAP at $D \leq D_{th}$, the femtocell/macrocell access scenario of the home users in the zone \mathcal{F}_a and \mathcal{F}_b is the same as that in closed access. Thus, from Equation (47) the average sum throughput of the home users is thus given

$$T_h^{OA} = T_a + \rho_b^{OA} T_b, \quad D \leq D_{th} \quad (55)$$

where ρ_b^{OA} is the fraction of time-slot dedicated to the U_b home users among all \overline{U}_m^{OA} users supported by the MBS, which is given as

$$\rho_b^{OA} = U_b / \overline{U}_m^{OA} = U_b / (U_c - N_{f2} \overline{U}_o + N_{f1} \overline{U}_b) \quad (56)$$

where $\overline{U}_m^{OA} = U_c - N_{f2} \overline{U}_o + N_{f1} \overline{U}_b$ is the number of users served by the MBS in femtocell open access. Here, $N_{f2} \overline{U}_o$ is the number of cellular users accessing to the FAP ($D > D_{th}$) with open access. The average number of users in \mathcal{F}_o , \overline{U}_o , is given by

$$\begin{aligned} \overline{U}_o &= \mathbb{E}[U_o] \stackrel{(a)}{=} \pi \lambda_c (\kappa^{-2/\alpha} \mathbb{E}[D^2] - R_i^2) \\ &\stackrel{(b)}{=} \pi \lambda_c \left(\kappa^{-2/\alpha} \frac{R_c^2 + D_{th}^2}{2} - R_i^2 \right), \end{aligned} \quad (57)$$

where (a) is given from Equation (54), and (b) follows from $\mathbb{E}[D^2] = \int_{D_{th}}^{R_c} D^2 \left(\frac{2D}{R_c^2 - D_{th}^2} \right) dD = (R_c^2 + D_{th}^2)/2$ for $D > D_{th}$. Plugging Equations (49), (50), (51), (57) into (56) gives the desired result in Equation (25).

For a reference FAP at $D > D_{th}$, since the MBS transmits a data to the neighboring cellular users in \mathcal{F}_o as well

as the home users in \mathcal{F}_i , the average sum throughput of the home users is given as

$$T_h^{OA} = \rho_i T_i, \quad T_c^{OA} = (1 - \rho_i) T_o^{OA}, \quad (58)$$

where ρ_i is the fraction of time slot dedicated to the home users in \mathcal{F}_i among home and cellular users supported from the FAP, which is given as

$$\rho_i = U_i / (U_i + U_o), \quad (59)$$

Plugging Equations (54) and $U_i = U_h = \pi \lambda_h R_i^2$ into (59) gives the desired result in Equation (26).

Endnotes

^aFixed power (no transmit power control of femtocells) is assumed as in [16,18-21], to focus on the effects of femto-cell access scheme.

^bFigure 3 suggests that the assumption is not a significant omission of interference effects for dense femtocell systems. See Section 3.3 for more discussion.

^cA similar approach is presented in [10], which considers different path loss exponents as well as the same path loss exponents for macrocell and femtocell, but not includes wall penetration loss.

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