

Analysis of M-WiMAX Uplink Capacity with Receive Beamforming and Adjacent Channel Interference from WCDMA Downlink

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ABSTRACT

In this paper, we analyze the M-WiMAX UL capacity limits under 2-Tier cell layout, considering the effects of random user position, path loss models, fading channel and adjacent channel interference from WCDMA system. In order to make the analysis approximate to the practical system capacity, we propose a MCS-based capacity analysis method considering the effects of PER requirement and the utilized MCS levels in M-WiMAX system. The proposed MCS-based method is validated through a system-level Monte Carlo simulation. Furthermore, a comparison between the conventional Shannon method and the proposed MCS-based method is presented and the optimum cell radius is suggested.

Key Words : M-WiMAX, WCDMA, Capacity, Receive Beamforming, Adjacent Channel Interference

I. Introduction

The 2500 - 2600 MHz band has been identified as an additional spectrum band that administrations may choose to make available for IMT-2000^[1]. As a result, the ACI (Adjacent Channel Interference) from the WCDMA system to the M-WiMAX system, which is operating in the adjacent band of the WCDMA system, should be mitigated without results in performance degradation of the M-WiMAX system.

RxBF (Receive Beamforming) is a well-known technique to mitigate interference and to increase the received signal power. In [2]-[4], some work is done considering the capacity issues in point to point link with RxBF and other multiple antenna technology. In addition, some methodologies to analyze the system capacity are described in [5], considering the independent effect of path loss, shadowing, fading channel, user position under 1-Tier cell layout. However, little research work is drawn to analyze the capacity issue of M-WiMAX system with RxBF in UL (Up-Link), considering the joint effect of path loss, fading channel,

random user position, adjacent channel interference from WCDMA system, and the practical PER (Packet Error Ratio) and MCS (Modulation and Coding Scheme) requirements. Therefore, we analyze lower and upper capacity limits in M-WiMAX UL with RxBF in the M-WiMAX BS, based on the conventional Shannon and the proposed MCS-based methods, when ACI coming from WCDMA system. We validate the proposed MCS-based capacity analysis through system-level Monte Carlo simulation and make a comparison with the conventional Shannon method.

The remainder of this paper is organized as follows. In section II, we introduce the capacity analysis procedure based on the Shannon equation and our proposed MCS-based method, considering the random user position, practical path loss models, fading channels and ACI from the WCDMA BS. Section III presents the numerical procedures to calculate the M-WiMAX UL capacity limits for both methods and the system-level Monte Carlo simulation environment which we use to validate our proposed MCS-based analysis method. Simulation

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results and discussions are described in section IV. Conclusions are drawn in section V.

II. Methodologies of Capacity Analysis in M-WiMAX System with ACI from WCDMA System

In this section, we derive the capacity limits in M-WiMAX UL with RxBF based on the conventional Shannon equation and the proposed MCS-based method, considering the effects of random user position, path loss models in [1], fading channel, and ACI from WCDMA system. To take the effect of ACI into consideration, the conventional SIR (Signal-to-Interference Ratio) metric has been changed to SINR (Signal-to- Interference and Noise Ratio). In the proposed MCS-based method, the system PER (Packet Error Rate) requirement and available MCS (Modulation and Coding Scheme) level are considered in order to analyze the capacity in a more practical way. To make the analysis simple and avoid the effect of scheduling, we assume only user is active in each sector.

2.1 Random User Position

For analytical convenience, we assume that the cell shape is approximated by a circle of radius R . All the UE (User Equipment) are assumed to be mutually independent and uniformly distributed in their corresponding cells. Thus, the PDF (Probability Density Function) of the UEs polar coordinates (r , θ) relative to their BS are as (1) and (2).

$$p_r(r) = \frac{2(r-R_0)}{(R-R_0)^2}, \quad R_0 \leq r \leq R \quad (1)$$

$$p_\theta = \frac{1}{2\pi}, \quad 0 \leq \theta \leq 2\pi \quad (2)$$

R_0 corresponds to the closet distance that the UE can be away from the BS antenna, and is assumed to be 1 m in this paper.

2.2 Path Loss Models

To analyze the M-WiMAX system capacity in a more practical way, we utilize different path loss models for the cases of BS to BS and UE to BS [1], rather than only one single free space path loss model.

The dual-slope LOS (Line of Sight) model is

used for the case of BS to BS, considering a more realistic propagation environment [1]. This model assumes free-space propagation until the breakpoint d_{break} . After the breakpoint, the attenuation is increased due to diffraction and reflection effects. The BS to BS path loss model is as (3).

$$PL_{bs-bs}(dB) = \begin{cases} 40.7 + 20\log_{10}(d), & 1 \leq d \leq d_{break} \\ 40.7 - 20\log_{10}(d_{break}) + 40\log_{10}(d), & d > d_{break} \end{cases} \quad (3)$$

where d is the distance of BSs in meters, and the breakpoint is calculated as

$$d_{break} = \frac{4 \cdot h_{tx} \cdot h_{rx}}{\lambda} \quad (4)$$

where h_{tx} and h_{rx} are the heights (over the reflecting surface) of the transmitter and the receiver (both are 6 meters in this paper); and λ is the wavelength.

For the case of UE to BS, we used the path loss model for the vehicular test environment [1]. It is

$$PL_{ue-bs}(dB) = (40(1 - 4 \times 10^{-3} \Delta h_b)) \cdot \log_{10}(r) - 18 \cdot \log_{10}(\Delta h_b) + 21 \cdot \log_{10}(f) + 80, \quad (5)$$

where Δh_b is the difference between the BS antenna height and the average building height, for which the value of 6 is used. In the analyses, the average building height is set to 24 m and r (specified in kilometers) is the horizontal distance between the BS and the UE $r \geq 100$ m f is the operating frequency in megahertz, which is set to 2600 MHz in this paper.

If the UE to BS separation is less than 30 meters, the free space pass loss model of (6) is applied.

$$PL_{free}(dB) = 20 \cdot \log(f) + 20 \cdot \log(r) + 32.44 \quad (6)$$

If the UE to BS separation is between 30 to 100 meters, the LOS or NLOS (Non Line of Sight) model is selected randomly, the probability $P(LoS)$ for LoS, increases with decreasing separation, r , as follows.

$$P(LoS) = \begin{cases} 1 & r \leq R_1 \\ \frac{R_2 - r}{R_2 - R_1} & R_1 \leq r \leq R_2 \\ 0 & r \geq R_2 \end{cases} \quad (7)$$

where R_1 is 30 meters and R_2 is 100 meters.

2.3 Multipath Fading Channel with R×BF in M-WiMAX BS

In this paper, we assume the M-WiMAX BS has N_R antenna elements per sector, and each UE has $N_T=1$ antenna. We assume each transmit and receive antenna pair has independent Rayleigh fading, and the channel keeps constant over several OFDM symbols. In general, we can decompose the fading coefficient matrix \mathbf{H} using the SVD (Singular Value Decomposition) operation [6] and [7].

$$\mathbf{H} = \mathbf{U}\mathbf{\Lambda}\mathbf{V}^H \quad (8)$$

where \mathbf{U} , $\mathbf{\Lambda}$, \mathbf{V} are matrices of dimension $N_R \times N_R$, $N_R \times N_T$, $N_T \times N_T$, respectively. The matrices \mathbf{U} and \mathbf{V} are unitary matrices satisfying $\mathbf{U}\mathbf{U}^H = \mathbf{U}^H\mathbf{U} = \mathbf{I}_{N_R}$ and $\mathbf{V}\mathbf{V}^H = \mathbf{V}^H\mathbf{V} = \mathbf{I}_{N_T}$. The matrix $\mathbf{\Lambda} = [\lambda_{i,j}]$ is a diagonal matrix with diagonal entries being equal to the nonnegative square roots of the eigenvalues of either $\mathbf{H}^H\mathbf{H}$ or $\mathbf{H}\mathbf{H}^H$, and thus, are uniquely determined. Generally, the rank of the channel matrix \mathbf{H} is determined by $\min(N_R, N_T)$ [8]. Therefore, after SVD operation only one nonnegative eigenvalue λ exists in the case of $N_T=1$, and the channel eigenvalue λ is as

$$\lambda = \sum_{i=1}^{N_R} |h_i|^2 \quad (9)$$

where h_i is the independent Rayleigh fading coefficient between the UE antenna and the i^{th} antenna element in the BS. From the assumption of independent Rayleigh fading on each antenna pair, we find that λ follows the Chi-Square distribution with $2N_R$ degrees of freedom and the PDF is as (10).

$$f(x; k) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{2^{k/2}\Gamma(k/2)} x^{k/2-1} e^{-x/2}, & \text{for } x > 0 \\ 0 & \text{for } x \leq 0 \end{cases} \quad (10)$$

where k is the freedom of Chi-square distribution, and $\Gamma(z)$ denotes Gamma function as (11).

$$\Gamma(z) = (z-1)!, \quad z \text{ is Integer} \quad (11)$$

2.4 Capacity Derivation

In this sub-section, we obtain the M-WiMAX UL capacity limits, considering the random user position, practical path loss models, fading channel and the effect of ACI from WCDMA system. In this paper, we consider the M-WiMAX and WCDMA BS are in the co-sited deployment.

The fading channel frequency response on the k^{th} subcarrier can be written as

$$H_k = \sum_{n=0}^{N_{FFT}-1} h_n e^{\frac{2\pi}{N} i \cdot kn} \quad (12)$$

where N_{FFT} is the FFT size, h_n is the channel response for the n^{th} sample. Due to the assumption that the channel keeps constant over-several OFDM symbols, all the subcarriers have the same channel power gain, which is equal of the eigenvalue λ of the channel covariance matrix $\mathbf{H}\mathbf{H}^H$.

If we assume the equal power allocation is used in the M-WiMAX UE, all the subcarriers will have the same received SINR values. The received SINR considering ACI from WCDMA BS, with distance r to the target M-WiMAX BS can be written as

$$SINR_{sc}(r) = \frac{\frac{P_r(r)}{N} \lambda}{\sigma_{AWGN}^2 + P_{inter} + P_{ACI}} = \frac{P_r(r) \cdot \lambda}{N(\sigma_{AWGN}^2 + P_{inter} + P_{ACI})} \quad (13)$$

where $P_r(r)$ and P_{inter} is the received power and the inter-cell interference power from other M-WiMAX UEs on each subcarrier, considering the UE to BS path loss model as (5)-(7); P_{ACI} is the received ACI power from WCDMA BS on each subcarrier, considering the coupling loss between two system BS antennas; σ_{AWGN}^2 is the AWGN background noise; and N is the number of data subcarrier.

From (13), we observe that P_{ACI} and σ_{AWGN}^2 are independent of the UE position. Thus, we can

obtain the max SINR on each subcarrier with distance r when the least P_{inter} is received by target M-WiMAX BS, which means all the interfering M-WiMAX UE have the furthest distance to the target M-WiMAX BS, and vice versa. Based on this observation, we can get the upper and lower capacity limits in M-WiMAX UL according to the positions of the interfering M-WiMAX UEs. The actual UL capacity of M-WiMAX system should lie between the upper and lower limits.

Due to the existence of ACI, we used SINR instead of SIR to calculate Shannon capacity. The Shannon capacity $C_{sc}(r)$ on one single subcarrier considering the UE with distance r to the target BS is as follows.

$$C_{sc}(r) = \frac{B}{N} \int_0^\infty \log_2 \left(1 + \frac{1}{\sigma_{AWGN}^2 + P_{inter} + P_{ACI}} \cdot P_r(r) \cdot x \right) f(x; k) dx \quad (14)$$

where $f(x; k)$ is the PDF of the Chi-square distribution, and B is the effective bandwidth of M-WiMAX system.

Considering the random position of the desired UE, we can write the M-WiMAX UL capacity as

$$C_{UL} = \int_0^{2\pi} \int_0^R p_\theta \int_0^R N C_{sc}(r) \cdot p_r(r) dr d\theta \\ = \int_0^{2\pi} \int_0^R \int_0^\infty \log_2 \left(1 + \frac{1}{\sigma_{AWGN}^2 + P_{inter} + P_{ACI}} \cdot P_r(r) \cdot x \right) f(x; k) p_r(r) p_\theta dr d\theta \quad (15)$$

From (15), we find that the M-WiMAX UL capacity depends on the system effective bandwidth B and cell radius R , but is unrelated to the number of data subcarrier N .

Due to the assumption of arbitrary small BER and no limit on the modulation level in Shannon capacity calculation, there will be some difference between the calculated Shannon capacity and the actual system capacity. Therefore, we derived the MCS-based method considering the system PER requirement and the available MCS levels.

According to the definition of throughput, the MCS-Based system capacity can be written as

$$C_{UL_MCS} = \frac{(1 - PER_{Req}) \cdot N \cdot \sum_{i=0}^n P_{MCS_i} N_{MCS_i}}{T_{Sym}} \quad (16)$$

where PER_{Req} is the system PER requirement; n is the number of MCS levels available in the system; P_{MCS_i} is the probability of utilizing the i^{th} MCS level; N_{MCS_i} is the number of information bits on each subcarrier per symbol when the i^{th} MCS level is used, which is determined by the modulation level and coding rate; and T_{sym} is the effective OFDM symbol time. The utilization probability of the i^{th} MCS level can be calculated as (17).

$$P_{MCS_i} = \int_0^{2\pi} \int_0^R \int_{SINR_{tar_MCS_i}}^{SINR_{tar_MCS_{i+1}}} f_{SINR_{sc}}(SINR_{sc}(r)) d(SINR_{sc}(r)) dr d\theta \\ = \int_0^{2\pi} \int_0^R \int_{SINR_{tar_MCS_i}}^{SINR_{tar_MCS_{i+1}}} \int_0^\infty \left[\frac{1}{\sigma_{AWGN}^2 + P_{inter} + P_{ACI}} \cdot P_r(r) \cdot x \right. \\ \left. \cdot f(x; k) dp_r(r) p_\theta dr d\theta \right] \quad (17)$$

where $f_{SINR_{sc}}(SINR_{sc}(r))$ is the PDF of the received SINR on one subcarrier with distance r to the target BS; $SINR_{tar_MCS_i}$ and $SINR_{tar_MCS_{i+1}}$ are the target received SINR values for the i^{th} and $(i+1)^{th}$ MCS level, respectively.

III. Simulation Environment and Parameter Setting

3.1 Numerical Analysis

In (15) and (17), we observe that multiple integrations are involved in the calculation. Thereby, it is very difficult to get the closed form equation for them, especially for (17) where arbitrary integration period may be used. Thus, we build a numerical analysis platform to calculate the capacity limits. The procedure of numerical analysis is shown in Fig. 1.

3.2 System-level Monte Carlo Simulation

In this paper, we consider 2-Tier deployment layout for both victim M-WiMAX system and interfering WCDMA system. And there are total of 57 sectors in 19 hexagonal cells [9]. All the UEs in the 19 hexagonal cells have random positions, which follow the uniform distributions as (1) and (2).

In system-level Monte Carlo Simulation, we assume the ideal sectorized antennas are used and the

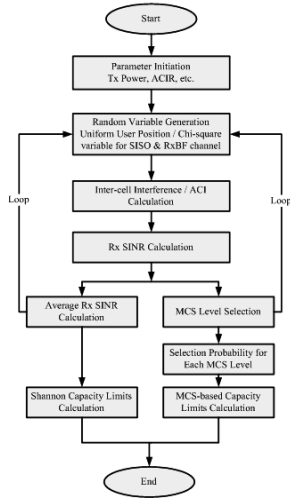


Fig. 1 Numerical analysis procedures for both Shannon and MCS-based capacity limits.

channel is known to the M-WiMAX BS, therefore we can calculate the RxBF weighting factor for each subcarrier based on the SVD operation of (8).

The receiver weighting factor on the k^{th} subcarrier can be chosen as

$$\mathbf{W}_k = \frac{\mathbf{H}_k \mathbf{V}_k}{\mathbf{V}_k^H \mathbf{H}_k^H \mathbf{H}_k \mathbf{V}_k + \sigma_{AWGN}^2 / P_{Tx}} \times \mathbf{a}(\theta) \quad (18)$$

where \mathbf{H}_k , \mathbf{V}_k are the generated matrices by the SVD operation on the k^{th} subcarrier; P_{Tx} is the transmitted power; and $\mathbf{a}(\theta)$ is the array factor with the desired signal DoA (Direction of Angle) [10].

Thus, the received SINR on the k^{th} subcarrier can be calculated as

$$SINR_k = \frac{P_{Tx} \cdot 10^{\frac{PL_s}{10}} \cdot \mathbf{w}_k^H \mathbf{a}(\theta) \mathbf{a}(\theta)' \mathbf{w}_k}{P_{int} \sum 10^{\frac{PL_i}{10}} \cdot \mathbf{a}(\theta_i) \mathbf{a}(\theta_i)' \mathbf{w}_k + (\sigma_{AWGN}^2 + P_{ACI}) \mathbf{w}_k^H \mathbf{w}_k} \quad (19)$$

Table 1. MCS level, the number of information bits per symbol and the target SINR values for each MCS level in the M-WiMAX UL.

Link	MCS	No. of Information bits per symbol	Target SINR(dB)
M-WiMAX UL	QPSK 1/2	1	6.32
	QPSK 3/4	1.5	10.86
	16QAM 1/2	2	12.44
	16QAM 3/4	3	17.83

where PL_s is the path loss of the desired UE in dB value; PL_i is the path loss of the i^{th} interfering UE to the target BS; and θ_i is the DoA of the i^{th} interfering UE to the target BS.

Table I shows the available MCS levels, number of information bits per modulated symbol and the target SINR values for each MCS level in the M-WiMAX UL, which will be used in both numerical analysis and Monte Carlo simulations. Furthermore, the parameters for the system-level Monte Carlo simulation are shown in Table II.

IV. Numerical Results and Discussion

In this section, we show the capacity limits obtained by the Shannon equation and MCS-based methodology in the M-WiMAX UL through numerical analysis for the cases of SISO (Single Input and Single Output) and RxBF, considering random user position, practical path loss models, fading channel, and ACI coming from WCDMA DL under a 2-Tier cell layout. In addition, the system-level Monte Carlo simulation results are also presented.

Figure 2 presents the Shannon capacity with single and 8 antennas in the M-WiMAX BS based on (15). From this figure, we find that the upper limit on the Shannon capacity decreases as the cell radius R increases for both single and 8 antennas cases. Besides, the maximum lower limit appears at the cell radius of 1 km for both cases. At the same time, we find that the RxBF induced capacity gain is inverse proportional to the cell radius and the difference between the two limits approaches closer as the cell radius increases, which is due to the fact that the effect of inter-cell interference gets smaller and smaller as the cell radius gets

Table 2. Parameters for system-level Monte Carlo simulation.

System	Item	Parameter	Value
Victim M-WiMAX System	Freq. Band	Carrier Freq.	2.6 GHz
		Effective BW	8.75 MHz
	BS Side	Max Tx Power	36 dBm
		Antenna Array	8 uniform linear antenna elements w. 0.5 λ separation / per sector
		Thermal Noise	-174.0 dBm / Hz
		Noise Figure	3 dB
		Max Interference Limit	-110 dB
	MS Side	Max Tx Power	20 dBm
	Channel Model	ITU-R M.1225 Veh-A 60 km/h	
		Path Loss Model	- ITU-R M.1225 Vehicular Model between MS & BS - Dual Slope LOS Model between BSs
	UE	Nr. of Users per Sector	1
		Position	Uniform
	Resource Loading		75%
Target PER		1 %	
Interfering WCDMA System	Carrier Freq.	2.6 GHz	
	Max Tx Power	43 dBm	
	Minimum Coupling Loss to Co-sited M-WiMAX BS	89 dB	
	Adjacent Channel Interference Ratio to other M-WiMAX BS	74 dB	

larger and larger.

In Fig. 3, the MCS-based capacity limits and the Monte Carlo simulation results are shown for the case of single and 8 antennas configuration in the M-WiMAX BS. We observe that the capacity obtain by Monte Carlo simulation nearly lies in the middle of the capacity limits based on (16) for both cases. That is, in Monte Carlo simulation all the interfering M-WiMAX UEs are random located in their respective sectors, and the target BS suffers nearly moderate inter-cell interference between that in the cases of upper and lower

limits. Furthermore, all the capacity limits are inversely proportional to the cell radius. As the cell radius increases, we also see that the capacity gain induced by RxBF decreases.

Comparing the limits of Shannon and MCS-based capacities, very huge difference are observed due to the impractical assumption of the arbitrary small BER and no limits on modulation level in Shannon capacity calculation. Under these assumptions, the UEs which are near to the target BS will be assigned very high modulation level and high system throughput is obtained. To avoid the impractical

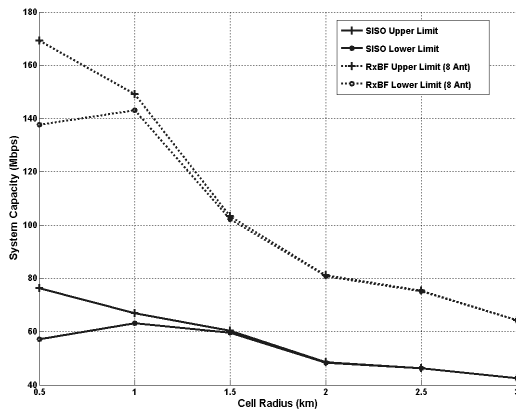


Fig. 2 Upper and lower capacity limits in the M-WiMAX UL based on the Shannon equation for both SISO and RxBF with 8 antennas.

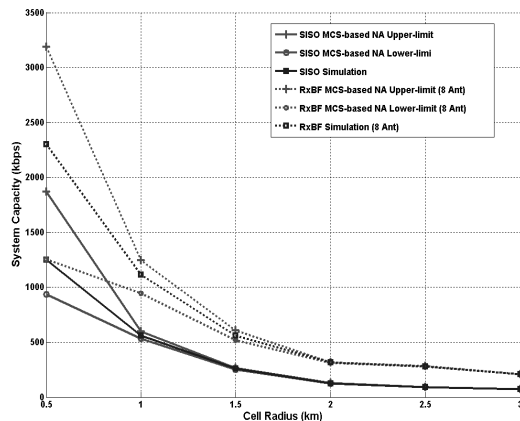


Fig. 3 Comparison between the capacity limits of the proposed MCS-based method and the Monte Carlo simulation in the M-WiMAX UL.

assumptions in the Shannon capacity, the MCS-based capacity method is proposed, which is also validated by the Monte Carlo simulation results in Fig 3.

V. Conclusions

In this paper, we analyze capacity limits of the M-WiMAX UL, i.e., upper and lower limits with adjacent channel interference from WCDMA DL, based on the conventional Shannon equation and a proposed MCS-based method. Due to the existence of adjacent channel interference, the conventional SIR metric is replaced by the SINR metric to take ACI effect into consideration. Furthermore, the proposed MCS-based capacity analysis method

is validated through system-level Monte Carlo simulation. We find that the capacity limits obtained from the Shannon equation has very huge difference compared with the simulation results under the practical environments, due to the impractical assumptions in Shannon equation. Therefore, the proposed MCS-based method is more proper to analyze the practical system capacity than the conventional Shannon method. In addition, we vary the cell radius to find the optimum cell coverage. Considering the max lower capacity limit obtained by Shannon method, the potential of higher modulation utilization in the M-WiMAX UL, and the fact that small cell coverage causes more handovers, it is better to choose 1 km as the cell radius. From both analytical and simulation results, we observe that RxBF with 8 antennas results in at least 80% increase on the system capacity with the cell radius of 1 km.

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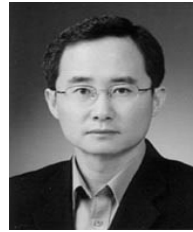


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