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# Optimal mobile association on hybrid networks: centralized and decentralized case

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# Wireless Network

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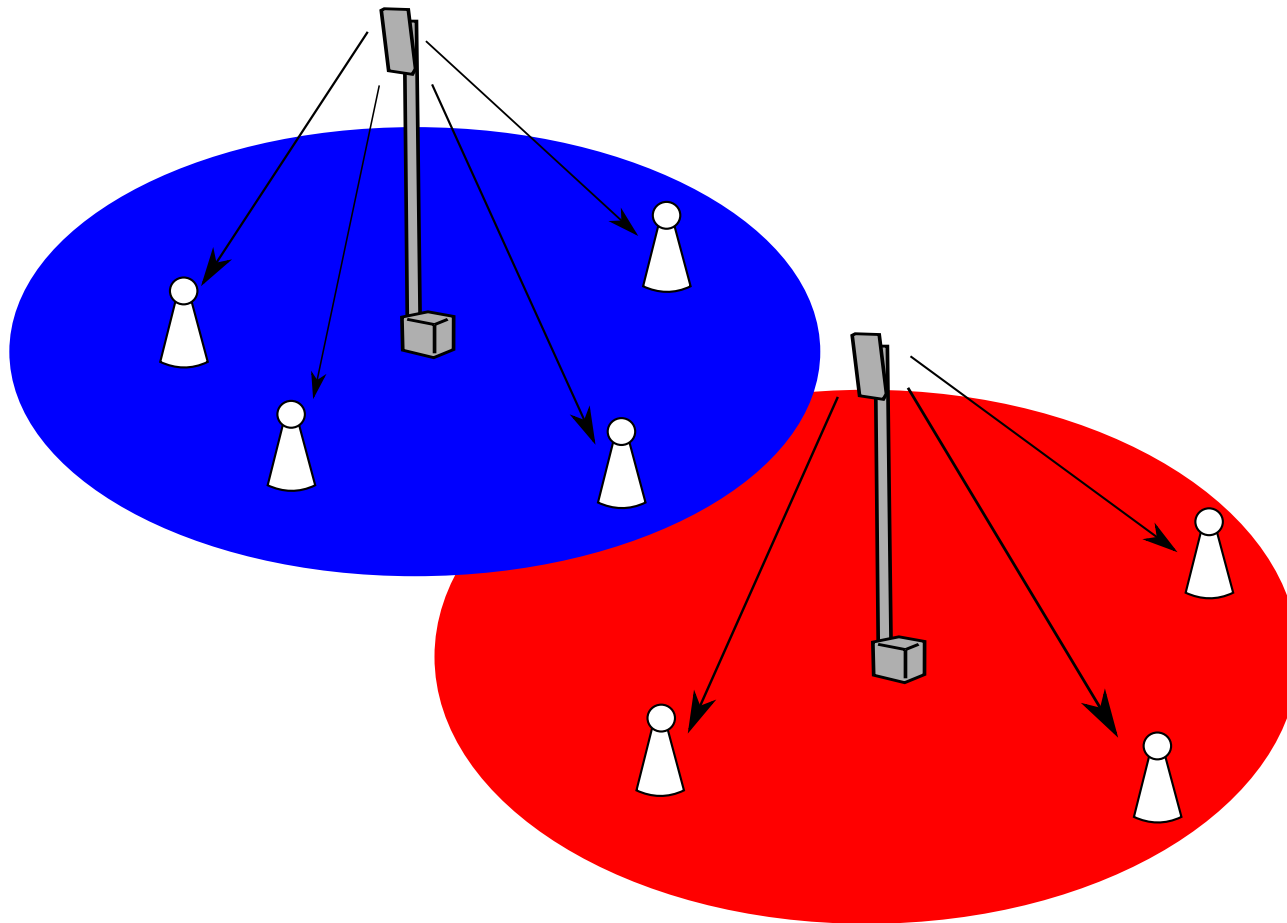
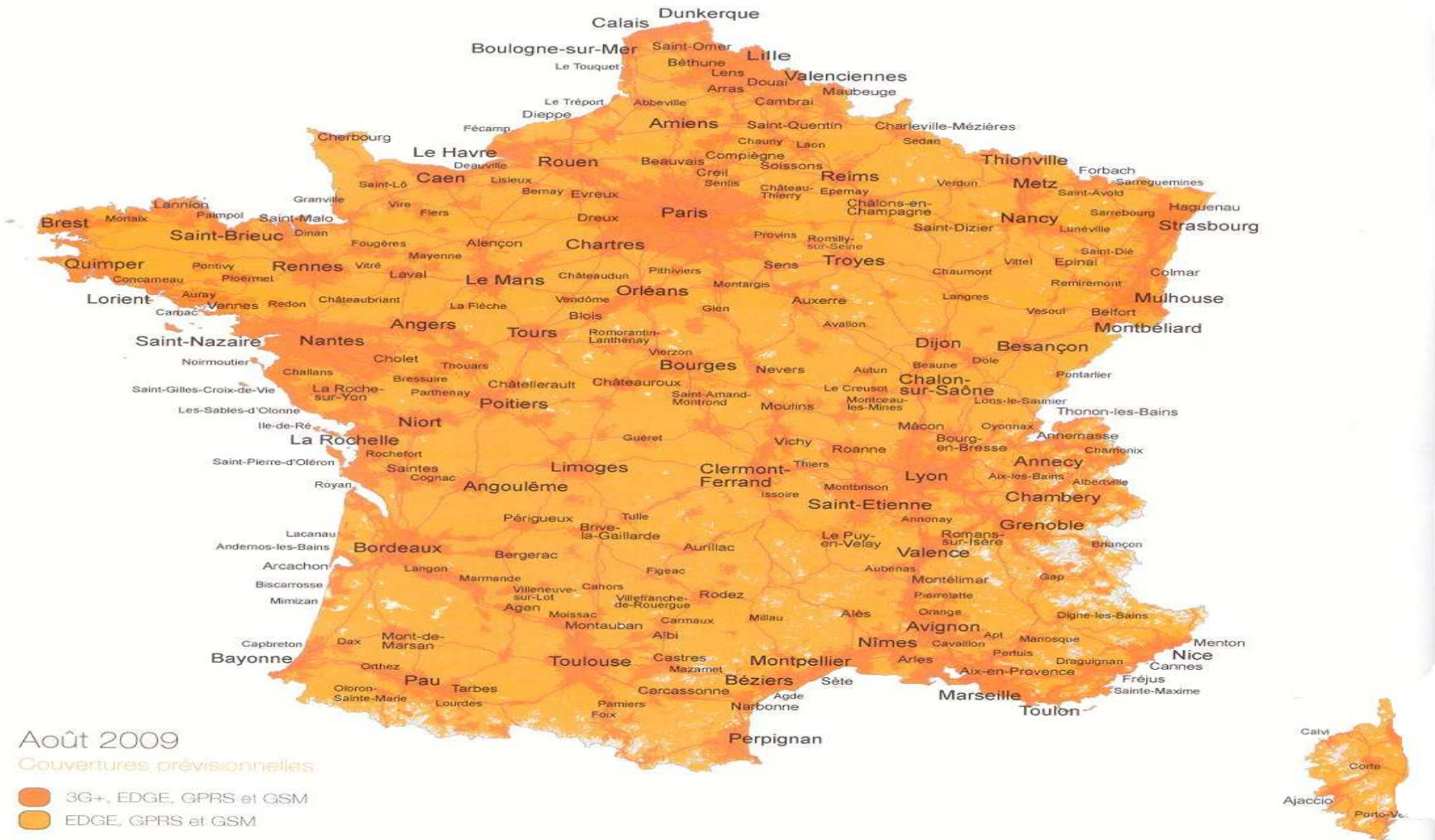


Figure 1: Mobile association to each base station



# Definition of the problem

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Consider:

- A grid area network  $D$  with **large number of mobiles**  $N$ , continuously distributed with distribution  $\lambda(x, y)$  scaled so that

$$\iint_D \lambda(x, y) dx dy = 1.$$

- $K$  base stations  $BS_1, BS_2, \dots, BS_K$  located at positions  $(x_1, y_1), (x_2, y_2) \dots, (x_K, y_K)$ .

**Our objective**

Optimal mobile association in order to **minimize the total power** needed to maintain an average throughput of  $\Theta > 0$  for each mobile of the network.

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## Examples of the distribution of users $\lambda(x, y)$ :

- If the users are distributed uniformly in the network, then

$$\lambda(x, y) = \frac{1}{|D|}$$

where  $|D|$  is the total area of the network.

- If the users are distributed according to different levels of population density, then

$$\lambda(x, y) = \begin{cases} \lambda_{\text{HD}} & \text{if } (x, y) \text{ is at a High Density region,} \\ \lambda_{\text{ND}} & \text{if } (x, y) \text{ is at a Normal Density region,} \\ \lambda_{\text{LD}} & \text{if } (x, y) \text{ is at a Low Density region.} \end{cases}$$

where  $\lambda_{\text{HD}}$ ,  $\lambda_{\text{ND}}$ , and  $\lambda_{\text{LD}}$  are defined similarly to the previous case.

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- If the distribution of the users is radial with more mobile terminals in the center and less mobile terminals in the suburban areas then

$$\lambda(x, y) = \frac{R_D^2 - (x^2 + y^2)}{K_D},$$

where  $R_D$  is the radius of the network and  $K_D$  is a coefficient of normalization.

- If the distribution of users is a Poisson process with intensity  $\nu$ , then

$$\lambda(x, y) = e^{-\nu\pi r^2}$$

where  $r$  is the polar coordinate representation of  $(x, y)$ .

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- Denote  $N_i$  the quantity of mobiles that are served by base station  $BS_i$ .
  - Each cell  $C_i$ , to be determined, contains the mobiles served by base station  $BS_i$

$$N_i(C_i) = N \iint_{C_i} \lambda(x, y) dx dy.$$

- We assume that the **channel gain**  $h_i$  at location  $(x_0, y_0)$  from base station  $BS_i$  is given by

$$h_i(x_0, y_0) = (R^2 + d_i^2(x_0, y_0))^{-\xi/2}$$

where  $\xi$  is the **path loss** exponent and  $R$  is the **high of the base station** and  $d_i(x_0, y_0)$  is the distance between base station  $BS_i$  and the mobile located at  $(x_0, y_0)$ .

# Downlink Case

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The SNR (Signal to Noise Ratio) received at mobiles located at  $(x_0, y_0)$  is given by

$$\text{SNR}_i(x_0, y_0) = \frac{P_i(x_0, y_0)h_i(x_0, y_0)}{\sigma^2},$$

where  $\sigma^2$  is the noise power.

We assume that the instantaneous mobile throughput is given by the following expression, which is based on Shannon's capacity theorem:

$$\theta_i(x_0, y_0) = \log(1 + \text{SNR}_i(x_0, y_0)).$$



# Downlink Case: Rate of mobiles

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We shall consider two different policies:

1. **Round Robin Scheduling Policy**: Centralized case.
2. **Rate Fair Allocation Policy**: Decentralized case.

# Round Robin Scheduling Policy

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We consider the policy that each base station  $BS_i$  devotes an **equal fraction of time** for transmission to each of its mobiles located within its cell  $C_i$ .

Then, as the number of mobiles located in cell  $C_i$  is  $N_i(C_i)$ , the average throughput of each mobile following the round robin scheduling policy will be given by:

$$\bar{\theta}_i(x_0, y_0) = \frac{1}{N_i} \log(1 + \text{SNR}_i(x_0, y_0)).$$

# Round Robin Scheduling Policy

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The average throughput for each mobile has to be greater or equal than  $\Theta$ , *i.e.*,

$$\bar{\theta}_i(x_0, y_0) = \frac{1}{N_i} \log(1 + \text{SNR}_i(x_0, y_0)) \geq \Theta.$$

This equation is equivalent to

$$P_i(x_0, y_0) \geq \sigma^2(2^{N_i\Theta} - 1)(R^2 + d_i^2(x_0, y_0))^{\xi/2}.$$

# Round Robin Scheduling Policy

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Then the problem, that we denote (RR), reads

$$(RR) \quad \text{Min}_{C_i} \sum_{i=1}^K \iint_{C_i} P_i(x, y) \lambda(x, y) dx dy.$$

where  $\lambda(x, y)$  is the function of distribution of the users, such that,

$$P_i(x_0, y_0) \geq \sigma^2 (2^{N_i^\Theta} - 1) (R^2 + d_i^2(x_0, y_0))^{\xi/2}.$$

# Rate Fair Allocation Policy

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We consider the policy where each base station  $BS_i$  will maintain a constant power  $P_i$  sent to the mobile terminals within its cell.

$$P_i(x, y) = P_i \quad \text{for each } (x, y) \in C_i, \quad (1)$$

BUT, it will modify the fraction of time allowed to mobile terminals with different channel gains, in order that the average SNR of  $\bar{\theta}(x, y)$  is satisfied.

# Rate Fair Allocation Policy

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**Definition.-** The Wardrop equilibrium is given by:

$$\text{If } \iint_{C_i} \lambda(x, y) dx dy > 0, \text{ then } r_i = \max_{1 \leq j \leq K} r_j(C_j),$$

$$\text{and if } \iint_{C_i} \lambda(x, y) dx dy = 0, \text{ then } r_i \leq \max_{1 \leq j \leq K} r_j(C_j).$$

# Rate Fair Allocation Policy

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Similarly than for the Round Robin Scheduling Policy,

$$(RF) \quad \text{Min}_{C_i} \sum_{i=1}^K \iint_{C_i} \sigma^2 (R^2 + d_i^2(x, y))^{\xi/2} \lambda(x, y) dx dy.$$

# Uplink Case

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We generalize Altman *et al.* INFOCOM 2009, to the two dimensional case

$$\text{SINR}_i(x, y) = \frac{P_i(x, y)(R^2 + d_i(x, y)^2)^{-\xi/2}}{P_{\text{total}} + \sigma^2} dx,$$

where

$$P_{\text{total}} := \iint_D (R^2 + d_i(x, y)^2)^{-\xi/2} \lambda(x, y) dx dy.$$

As we want to guarantee an average SNR of  $\Theta(x, y)$  to a mobile located at position  $(x, y)$  this condition is written as

$$\frac{P_i(x, y)(R^2 + d_i(x, y)^2)^{-\xi/2}}{P_{\text{total}} + \sigma^2} dx \geq \Theta(x, y).$$



# Uplink Case

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And then our problem reads

$$(UL) \quad \text{Min}_{C_i} \sum_{i=1}^K \iint_{C_i} P_i(x, y) \lambda(x, y) \Theta(x, y) dx dy$$

such that

$$P_i(x, y) \geq \Theta(x, y) (P_{\text{total}} + \sigma^2) (R^2 + d_i(x, y)^2)^{+\xi/2}.$$

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# Basics in Optimal Transportation

# Mass transportation

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The theory of mass transportation goes back to the original works by [Monge](#) [1781] and later by [Kantorovich](#) [1942].

The problem can be interpreted as the question:

“How do you best move given piles of sand to fill up given holes of the same total volume?”

# Mass transportation

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Example.- In  $\mathbb{N}$

$$\mu = \frac{\delta_1 + \delta_2}{2} \quad \text{and} \quad \nu = \frac{\delta_2 + \delta_3}{2}.$$

Possible costs:

- $c_1(x, y) = |x - y|$ ,
- $c_2(x, y) = |x - y|^2$ ,
- $c_3(x, y) = \sqrt{|x - y|}$ .

Possible Transports:

- We leave the mass in 2 and transport the mass in 1 into 3.  
The costs are 1, 2, and  $1/\sqrt{2}$ , respectively.
- We transport  $T(x) = x + 1$ . Then for all three cost functions the cost is one.

There are several transport applications!

# Monge Problem

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Monge's problem consists to search for the one that minimizes the cost, *i.e.*

$$(M) \quad \inf_{T \# \mu = \nu} \int_X c(x, T(x)) d\mu(x).$$

Sometimes there are **not** transport applications.

**Example.-** There is no application sending  $\mu = \delta_0$  into  $\nu = \frac{\delta_0 + \delta_1}{2}$ .

We would have to **split** the mass, leave half of it in 0 and send half of it into 1.

# Monge-Kantorovich Problem

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We consider a more general strategy in which the mass in  $x$  will be distributed over the all space, following a distribution  $d\lambda_x$ .

Then  $d\pi(x, y) = d\lambda_x(y)d\mu(x)$  is the transported mass from  $x$  to  $y$ .

The cost of transporting the mass in  $x$  will be

$$\int_Y c(x, y) d\lambda_x(y).$$

and the total transport cost will be

$$\int_{X \times Y} c(x, y) d\lambda_x(y)d\mu(x) = \int_{X \times Y} c(x, y) d\pi(x, y).$$

# Monge-Kantorovich Problem

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Kantorovich's problem consists to search the optimal transport plan

$$(K) \quad \inf_{\pi \in \Pi(\mu, \nu)} \int_{X \times Y} c(x, y) d\pi(x, y)$$

Theorem.-  $(K)$  has a solution.

# MK-Sum Case

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Consider the problem (P1)

$$\text{Min}_{C_i} \sum_{i=1}^K \iint_{C_i} \left[ F(d_i(x, y)) + s_i \left( \iint_{C_i} \lambda(\omega, z) d\omega dz \right) \right] \lambda(x, y) dx dy,$$

where  $C_i$  is the cell partition of  $D$ . Suppose that  $s_i$  are continuously differentiable, non-decreasing, and convex functions. The problem (P1) admits a solution that verifies

$$(S1) \begin{cases} C_i = \{x : F(d_i(x, y)) + s_i(N_i) + N_i \cdot s'_i(N_i) \leq \\ \leq F(d_j(x, y)) + s_j(N_j) + N_j \cdot s'_j(N_j)\} \\ N_i = \iint_{C_i} \lambda(\omega, z) d\omega dz. \end{cases}$$



# MK-Multiplication Case

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Consider the problem (P2)

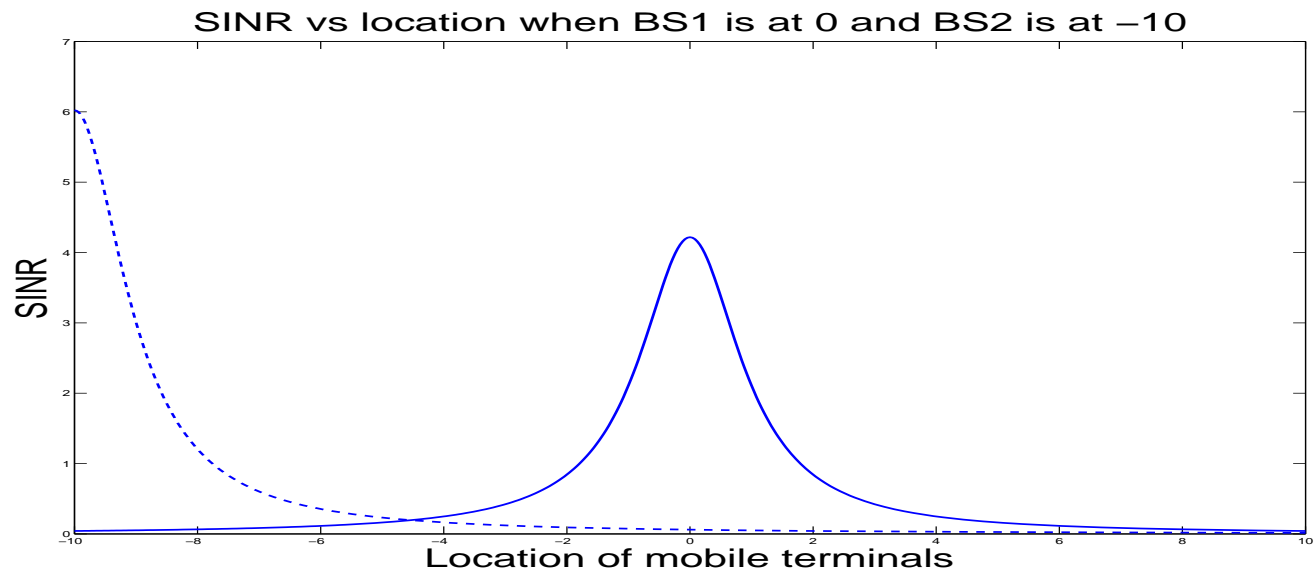
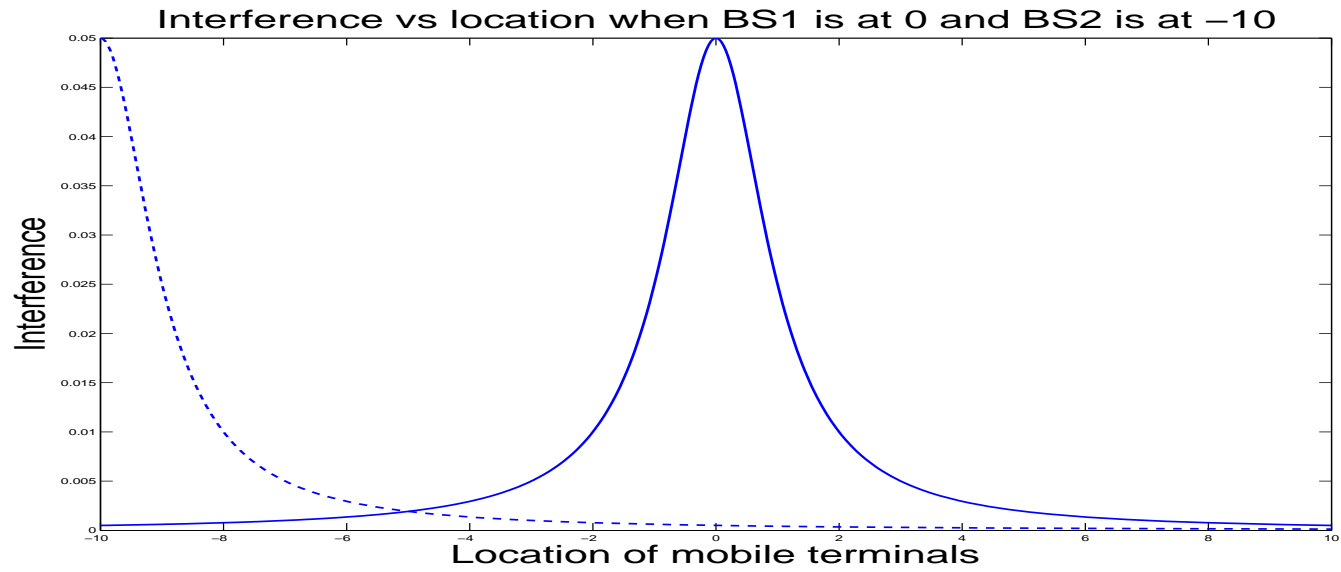
$$\text{Min}_{C_i} \sum_{i=1}^K \iint_{C_i} \left[ F(d_i(x, y)) \cdot m_i \left( \iint_{C_i} \lambda(\omega, z) d\omega dz \right) \right] \lambda(x, y) dx dy$$

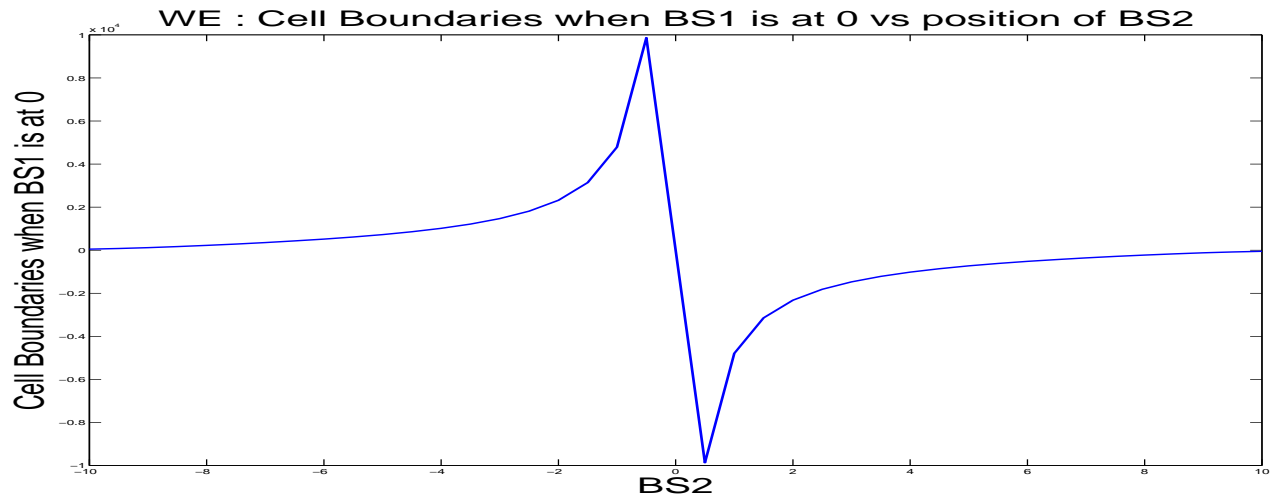
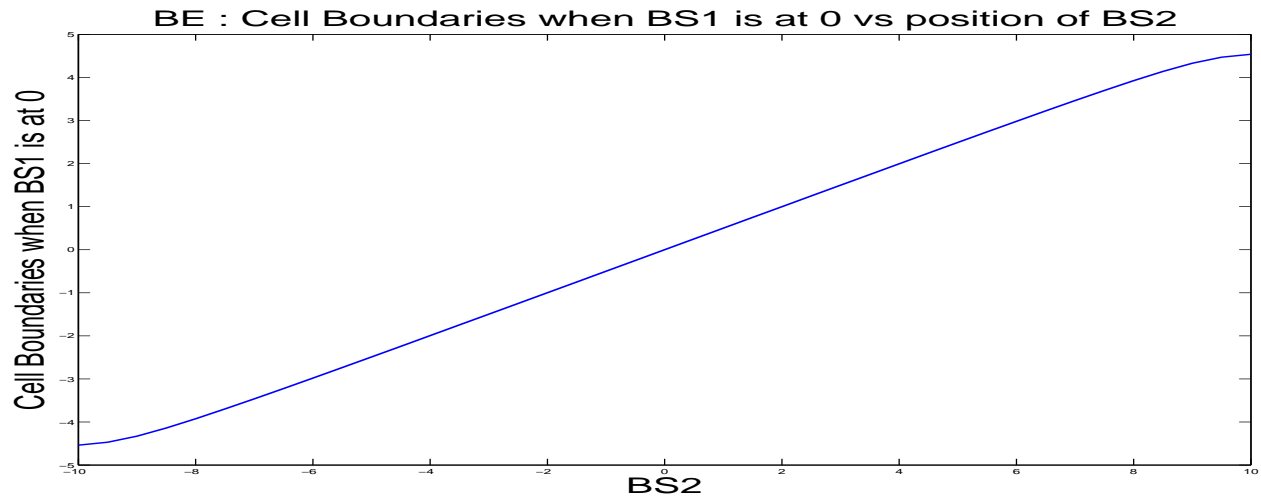
where  $C_i$  is the cell partition of D. Suppose that  $m_i$  are derivable. The problem (P2) admits a solution that verifies

$$(S2) \left\{ \begin{array}{l} C_i = \{x : m_i(N_i)F(d_i(x, y)) \lambda(x, y) + U_i(x, y) \leq \\ \leq m_j(N_j)F(d_j(x, y)) \lambda(x, y) + U_j(x, y)\} \\ U_i = m'_i(N_i) \iint_{C_i} F(d_i(x, y)) \lambda(x, y) dx dy \\ N_i = \iint_{C_i} \lambda(\omega, z) d\omega dz. \end{array} \right.$$

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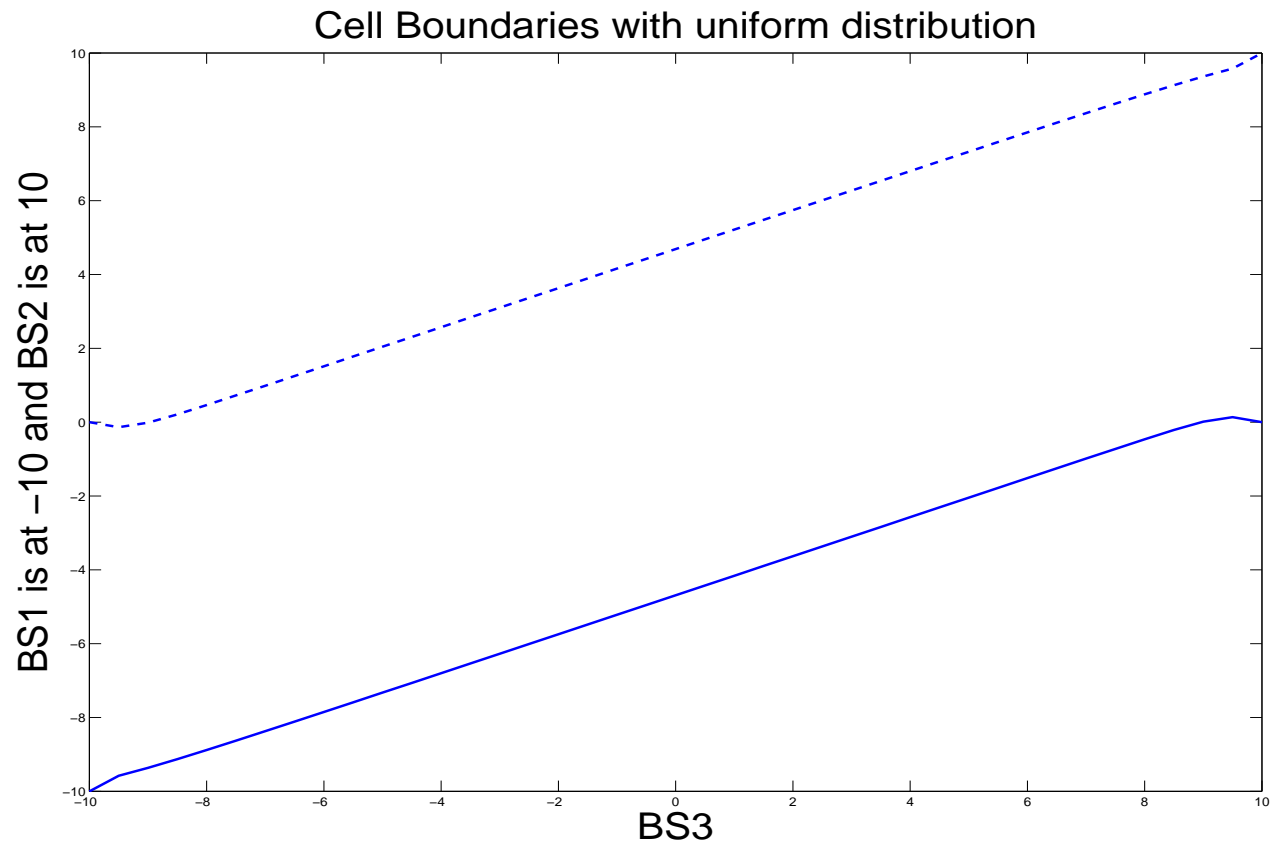
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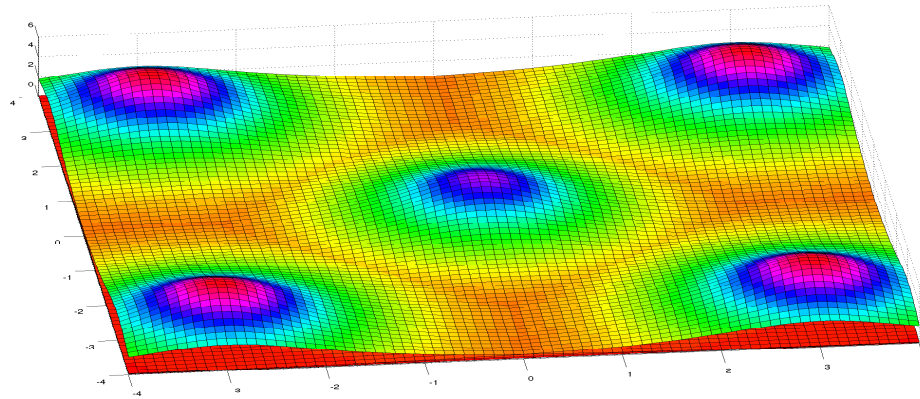
# Decentralized Case

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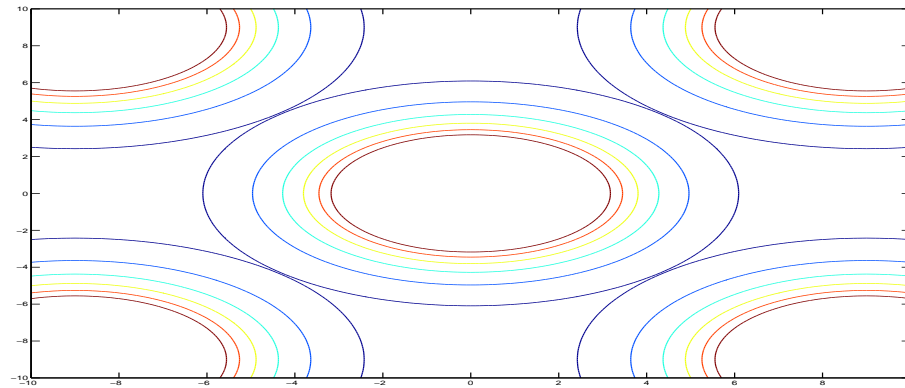


# Decentralized Case

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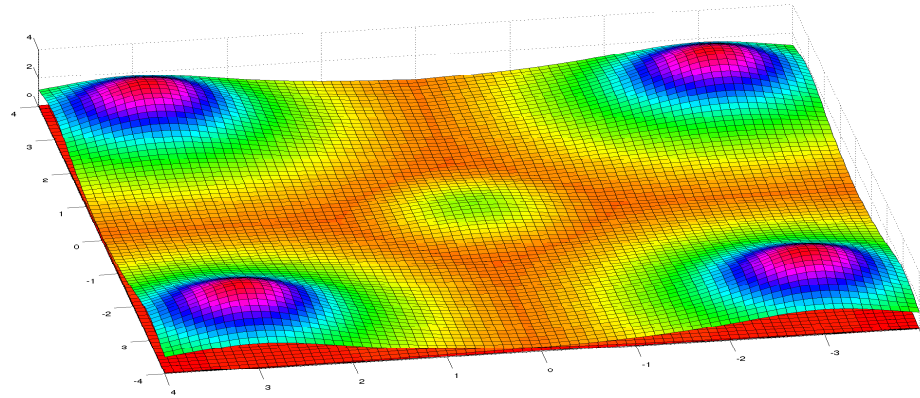
Cell boundaries with uniform distribution of users.



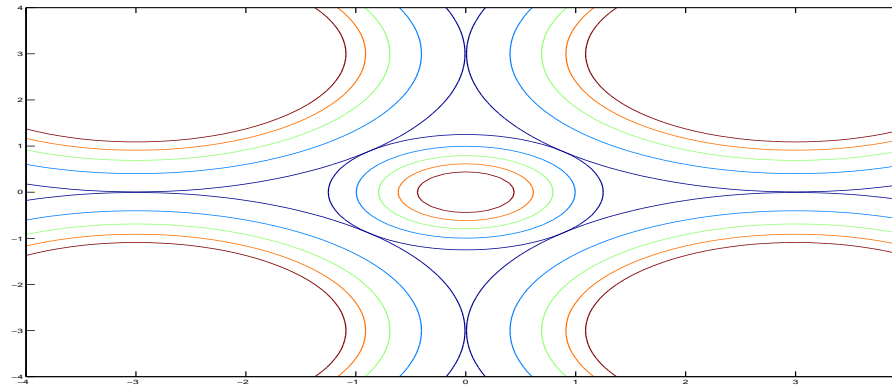
Cell contours

# Decentralized Case

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Non-Homogeneous case: Cell boundaries.



Non-Homogeneous case: Cell contours.

## Example: Round Robin Scheduling Policy

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Consider a network of  $N = 2500$  mobile terminals distributed according to  $\lambda(x)$  in  $[0, L]$

- $BS_1 = 0$  and  $BS_2 = L$

Then the system of equations is reduced to find  $x$  such that:

$$\begin{aligned} & (2^{N_1\theta} - 1)(1 + x^2)\lambda(x) + 2^{N_1\theta}\theta \log 2 \left[ x + \frac{x^3}{3} \right] \\ & = (2^{N_2\theta} - 1)(1 + (1 - x)^2)\lambda(x) + \\ & \quad 2^{N_2\theta}\theta \log 2 \left[ \frac{4}{3} - 2x + x^2 - \frac{x^3}{3} \right] \end{aligned}$$

This is a fixed point equation on  $x$ .



## Example: Round Robin Scheduling Policy

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- When mobile terminals are distributed uniformly, the optimal solution is given by  $[0, 1/2)$  and  $[1/2, 1]$ ,
- Then it is the case of Voronoi cells and the number of mobile terminals connected to each base station is equal and given by  $N_1 = N_2 = 1250$ .

# Example: Round Robin Scheduling Policy

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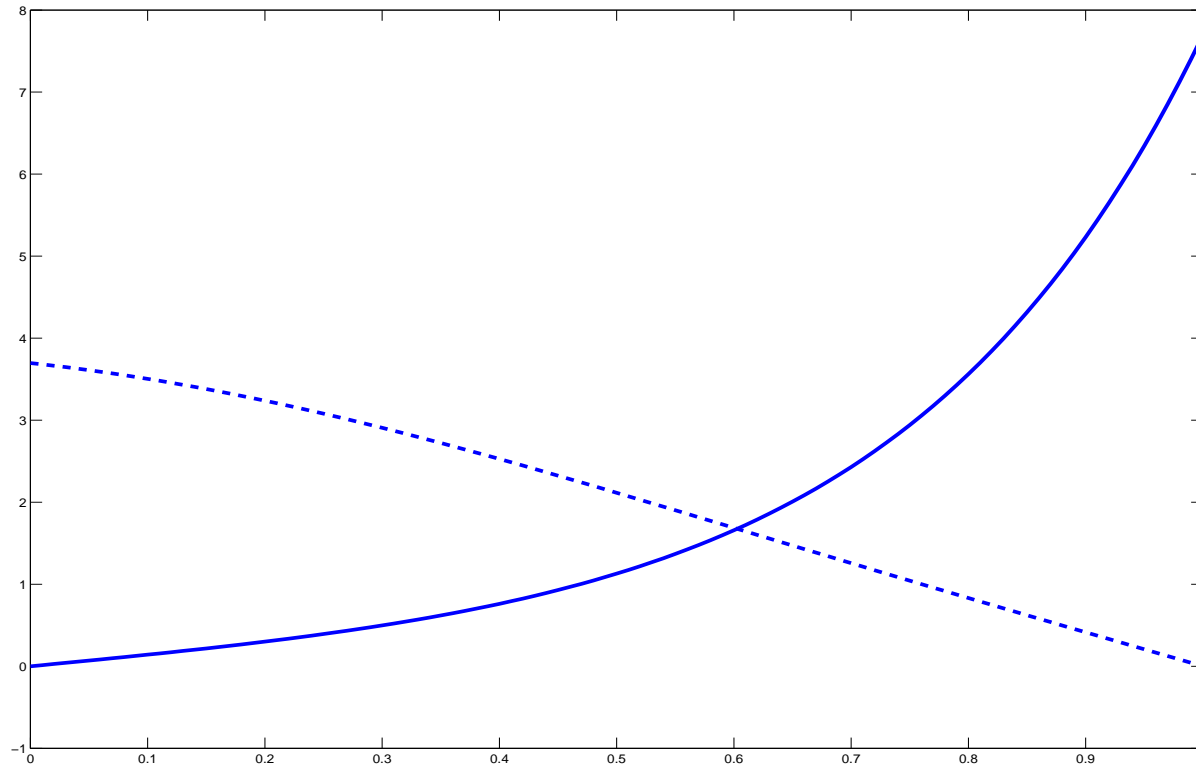


Figure 2: Thresholds determining the cell boundaries (vertical axis) when  $\lambda(x) = 2x$

# Example: Round Robin Scheduling Policy

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However when the distribution of mobile terminals is increasingly more concentrated at location 1,

- If  $\lambda(x) = 2x$ , the optimal solution is given by  $[0, q)$  and  $[q, 1]$  with  $q = 0.6027$
- The quantity of mobile terminals connecting to  $BS_1$  is equal to  $N_1 = 908$  and the quantity of mobile terminals connecting to  $BS_2$  is equal to  $N_2 = 1592$

# Conclusions and Further Work

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- We proposed a new approach using optimal transport theory for the mobile association problem for the uplink and downlink case.
- We obtained the optimal mobile association under different policies from the service provider and from the user point of view.