
Opportunistic Wireless Scheduling

Wireless Networking

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Fairness Model for Networks

Network model

source $s=1,2,\dots,S$

x_s : allocated rate of source s

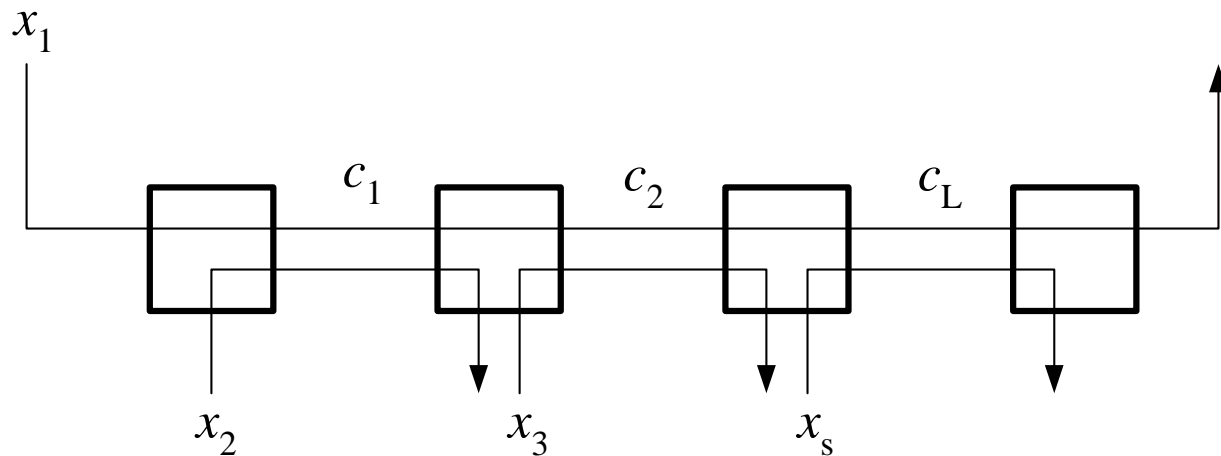
links $l=1,2,\dots,L$

c_l : capacity of link l

$A_{l,s} \in \{0,1\}$

indicator for the source s which flows on the link l

feasible allocation : $\sum_{s=1}^S A_{l,s} x_s \leq c_l, \forall l$



Example of simple network model (parking-lot scenario)

Max-min fairness

■ Definition

A *feasible allocation* $\mathbf{x} = [x_1, \dots, x_S]$ is "max-min fair" if and only if for any other feasible allocation $\mathbf{y} = [y_1, \dots, y_S]$, if $y_s > x_s$, then there exist some s' s.t. $x_{s'} \leq x_s$ and $y_{s'} \leq x_{s'}$.

■ The algorithm "progressive filling"

step - 1: set $x_s = 0, \forall s$

step - 2: grows all x_s together at same pace

step - 3: if some link l saturated, x_s stops growing for s s.t. $A_{l,s} = 1$

Proportional fairness

■ Definition

An *allocation* $\mathbf{x} = [x_1, \dots, x_S]$ is "proportionally fair" if and only if for any other feasible allocation $\mathbf{y} = [y_1, \dots, y_S]$, we have

$$\sum_{s=1}^S \frac{y_s - x_s}{x_s} \leq 0$$

- Any change in the allocation must have a negative average change
- Max-min fair is not proportional fair
- PF takes into consideration the usage of network resources

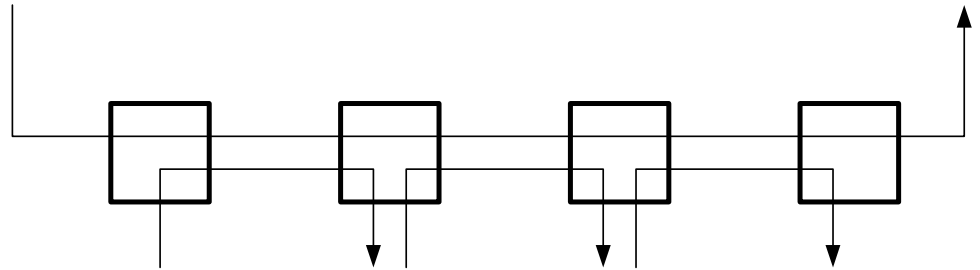
■ Theorem

There exists *one unique PF allocation*.

It can be obtained by maximizing $J(\mathbf{x}) = \sum_s \ln(x_s)$ for feasible allocation

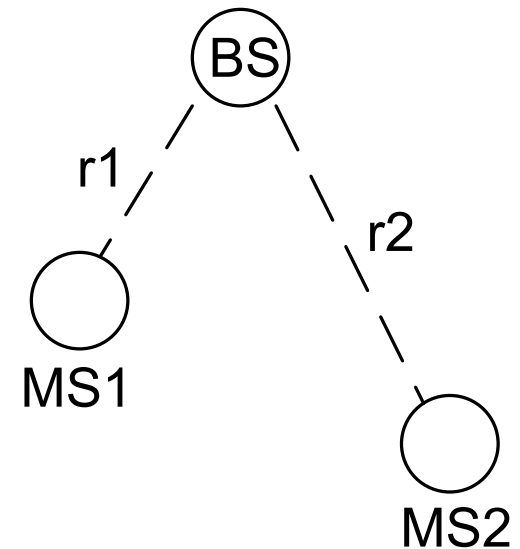
Examples

- $c_1=c_2=c_3=1$
- Max-min fair
 - $x_1=x_2=x_3=x_4=1/2$
- PF
 - $x_1=1/4$ & $x_2=x_3=x_4=3/4$
- For single-hop flows
 - Max-min = PF



Wireless Single-hop Case

- Max-min \neq proportional due to
 - Location-dependent channel
 - Time-varying channel
- Example
 - Time-invariant & TDM-based
 - Time-share ratio a_1, a_2
 - Max-min:
 $a_1 = r_2 / (r_1 + r_2), a_2 = r_1 / (r_1 + r_2)$
 - PF: $a_1 = a_2 = 1/2$
PF = resource usage fair
= temporal fairness



$$Th_1 = a_1 r_1 \quad \& \quad Th_2 = (1 - a_1) r_2$$

$$\Rightarrow a_{1,PF} = \arg \max_{a_1} Th_1 \times Th_2$$

$$= \arg \max_{a_1} a_1 \cdot (1 - a_1) r_1 r_2 = \frac{1}{2}$$

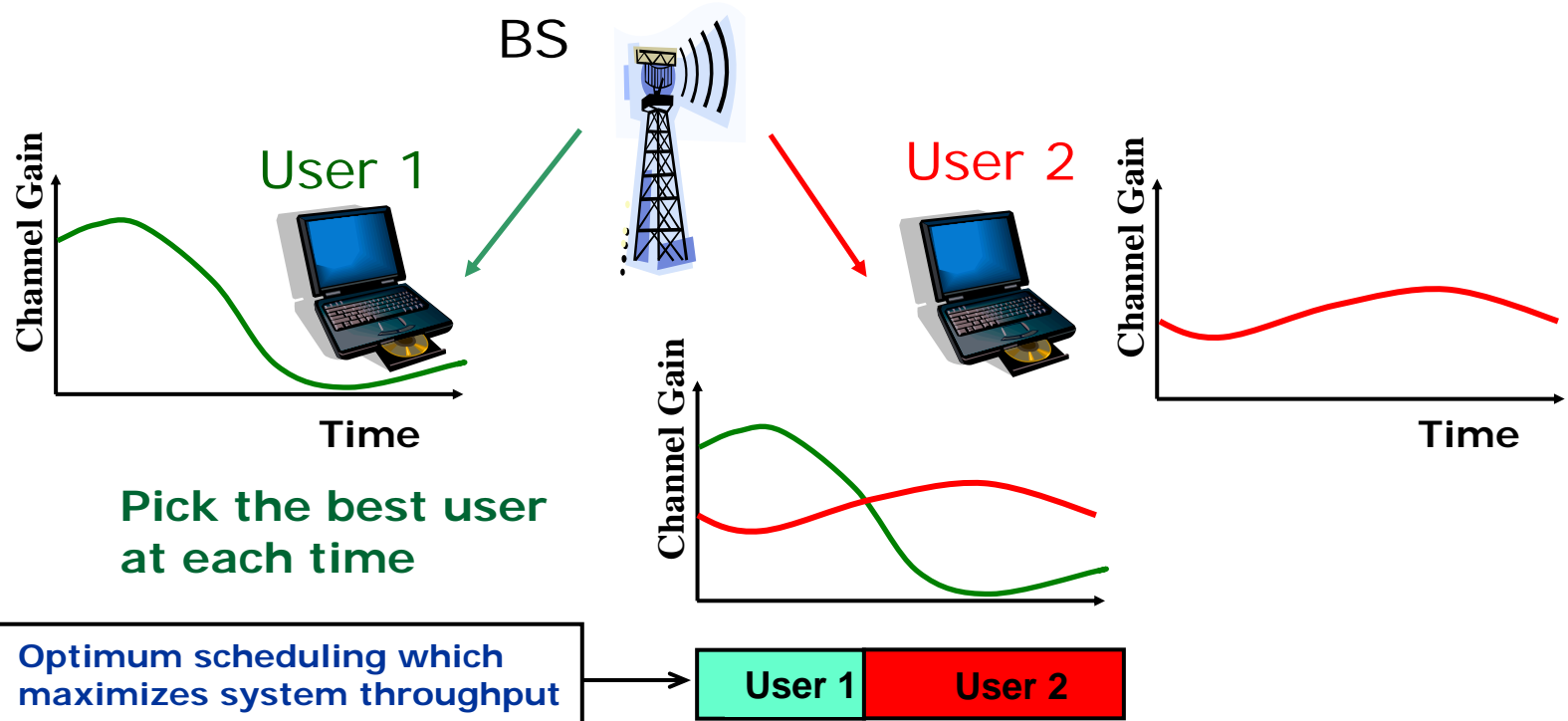
$$a_{1,max-min} = \frac{r_2}{r_1 + r_2}$$

Packet Scheduling

Scheduling Issues

- FIFO vs. WFQ
 - WFQ provides weighted share of bandwidth to each flow
 - Throughput fairness vs. temporal fairness
 - They become different in wireless network with AMC
 - Opportunistic scheduling
 - Channel gain for a user fluctuates over time
 - Multi-user diversity (MUD) possible
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Opportunistic Scheduling



NEW CONCEPT

Need quick scheduling and variable size frames to better adapt channel conditions

cdma2000 1xEV-DO

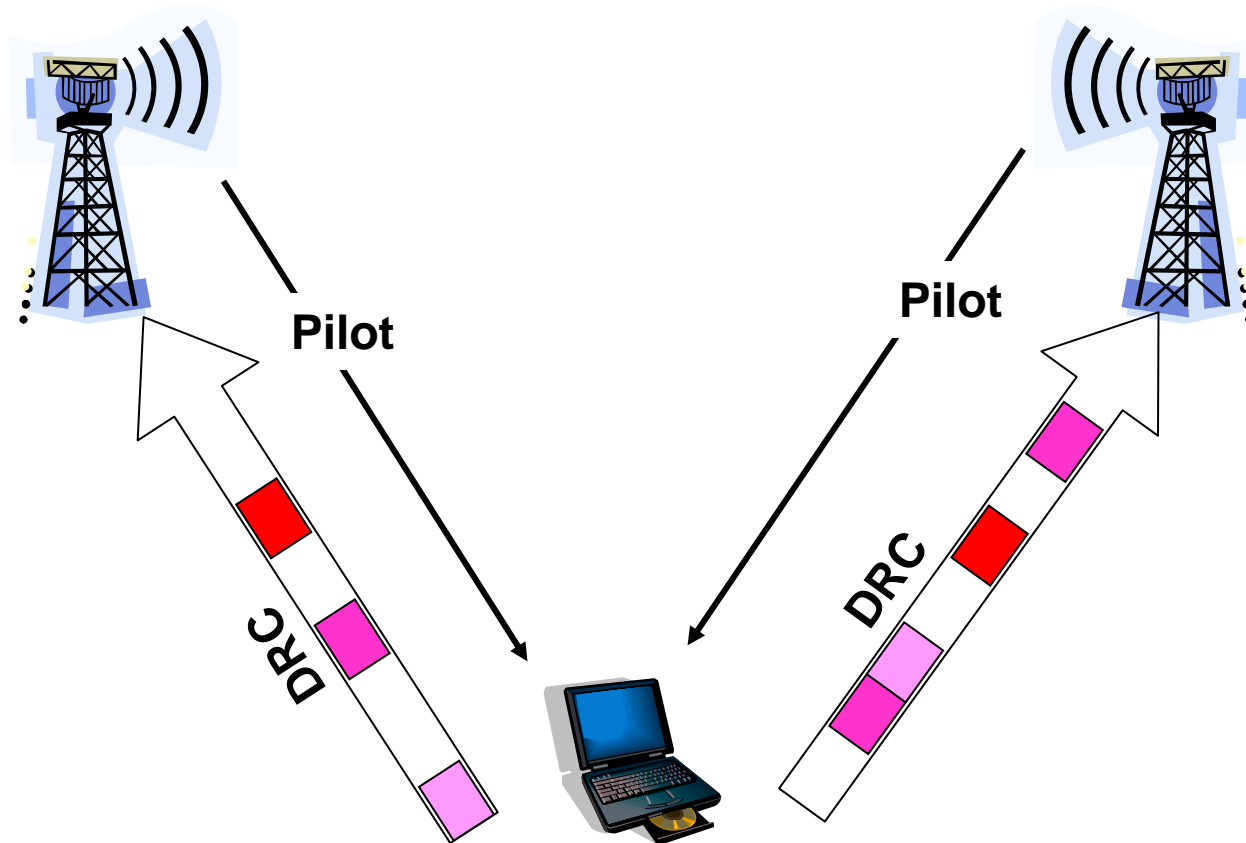
Note: this is used for June (SKT) and Fimm (KTF) today

EV-DO: Multiple Tx Rates

HARDWARE

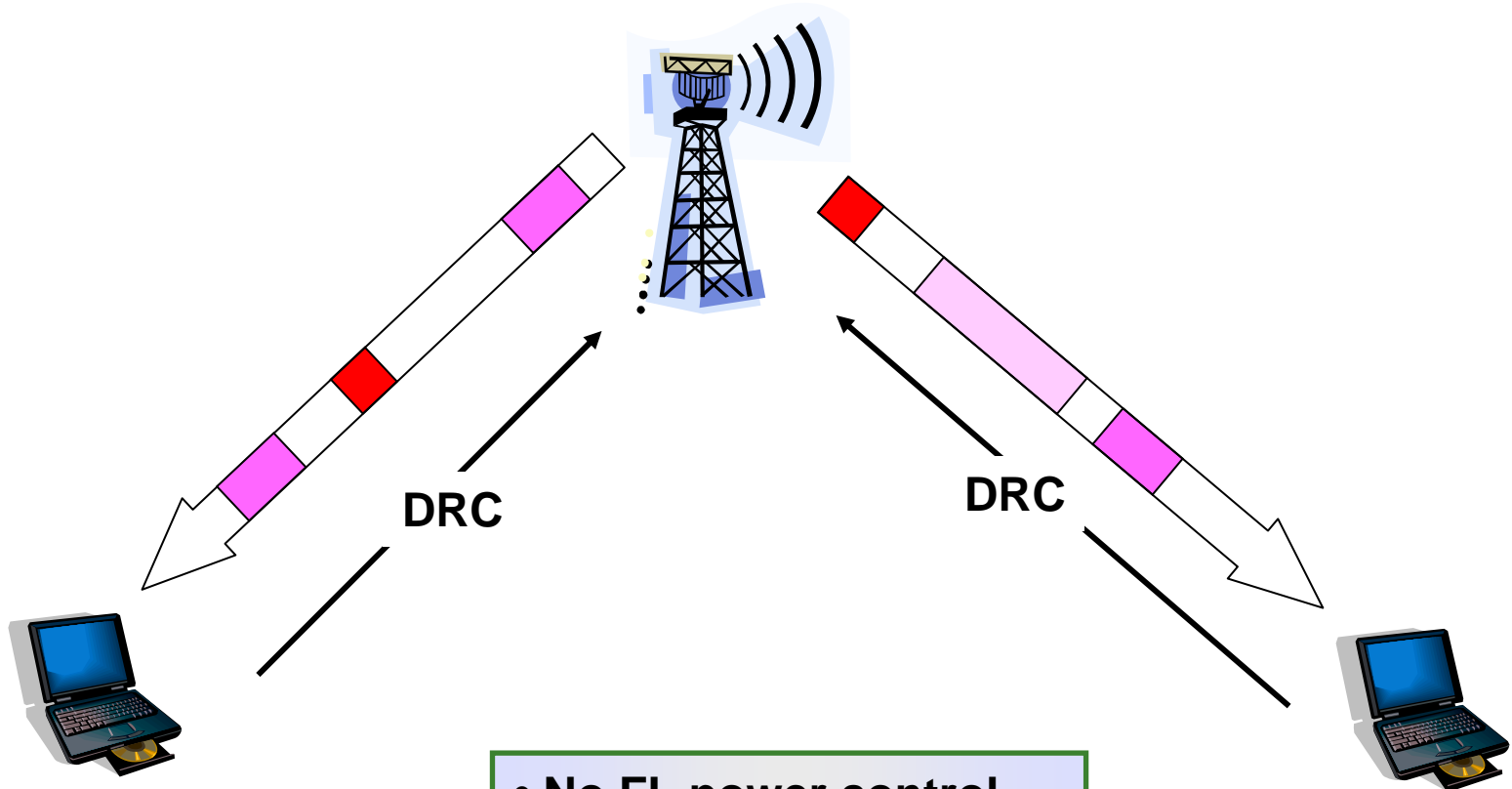
Complete Packet Type	Nominal Data Rate (kbps)	Nominal Packet Length (slots)	Packet Size (bits)
38K	38.4	16	1024
76K	76.8	8	1024
153K	153.6	4	1024
307K-2S	307.2	2	1024
307K-4S	307.2	4	2048
614K-1S	614.4	1	1024
614K-2S	614.4	2	2048
921K	921.6	2	3072
1.2M-1S	1,228.8	1	2048
1.2M-2S	1,228.8	2	4096
1.8M	1,843.2	1	3072
2.4M	2,457.6	1	4096

C/I Measurement



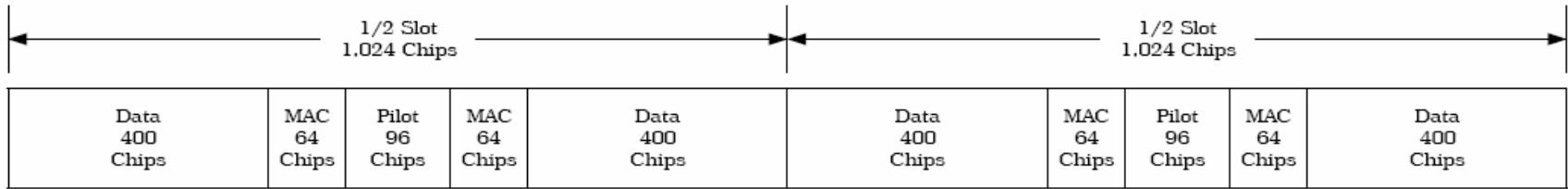
- MS measures the C/I from all the active BS → determines the best sector and the supportable FL data rates → send the info through DRC channel.
- MS knows the available FL TX power → can decide rate based on only C/I.
- **DRC**: Data Rate Control

Scheduling



- No FL power control
- No FL soft handoff

EV-DO: FL Slot Structure



Active Slot



Idle Slot

Proportional Fair Queuing (PFQ)

- Packet for user i is transmitted if

$$i = \arg \max_j \left(\frac{DRC_j(t)}{R_j(t)} \right)$$

where $DRC_j(t)$ is the current DRC, i.e., requested rate, from user j at time slot t , and $R_j(t)$ is the average rate (or throughput) of user j at time slot t .

$$R_j(t+1) = (1 - 1/t_c)R_j(t) + 1/t_c * \text{Current_Tx_Rate_of_User_}j$$

Some notes

- PFQ achieves PF?

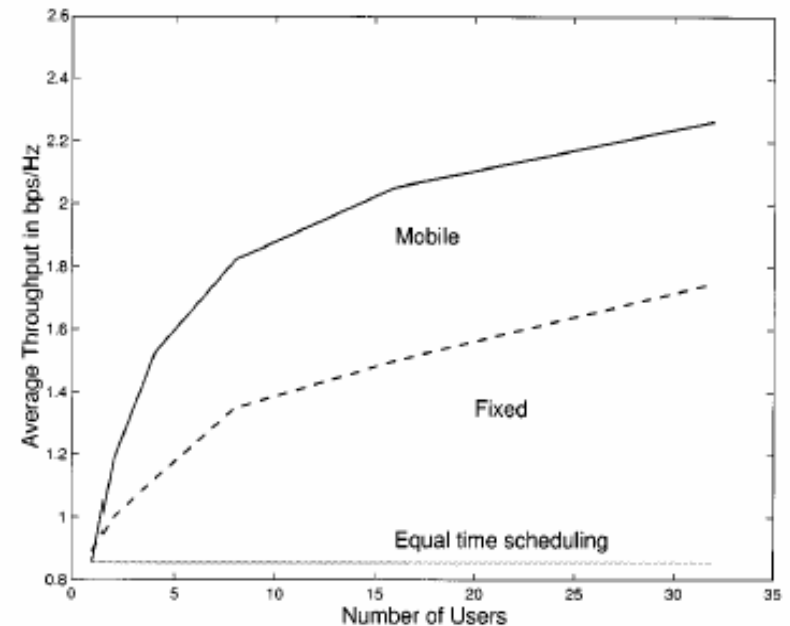
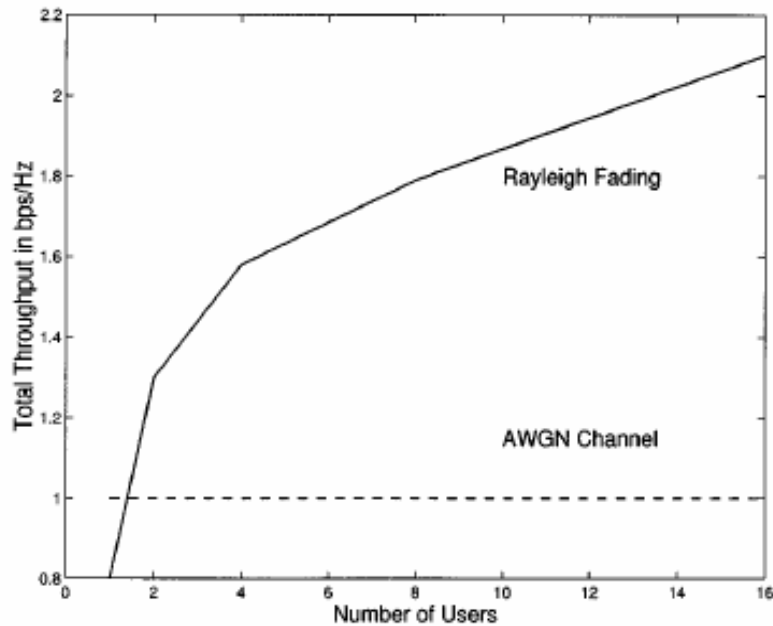
- Think about the definition of PF.

- To achieve PF, $R_i(t)$ should be the received rate or throughput, NOT the average DRC!!!

- t_c is related to the maximum amount of time for which an individual can be starved.

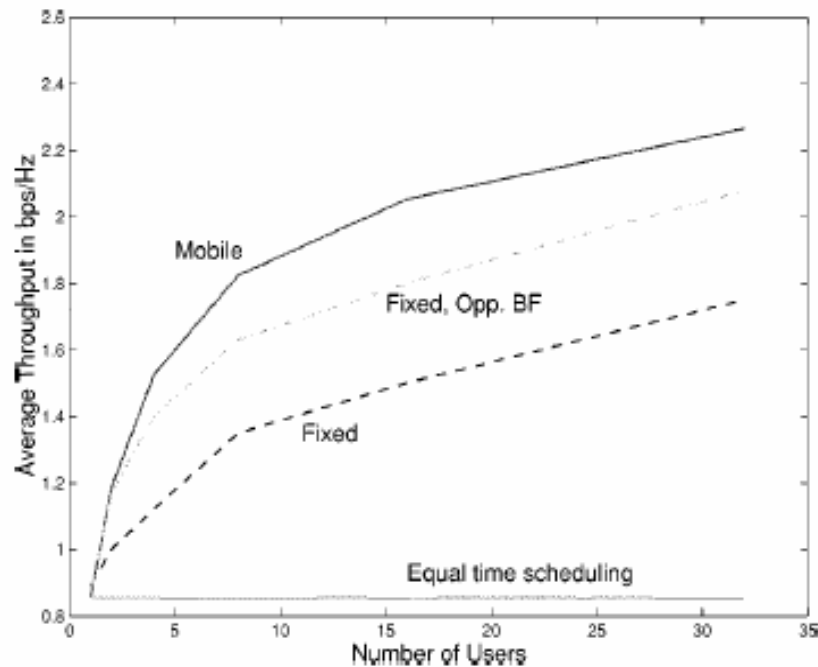
$\max \sum_i \rho_i x_i$
 \Rightarrow chase $\max \Delta \log t_i$
 \Rightarrow choose $\max \frac{\Delta x_i}{x_i}$

Proportionally Fair Scheduling (Viswanath, Tse and R. Laroia, 02)



Cf. Max C/R scheduling

Opportunistic Beamforming (Viswanath, Tse and R. Laroia, 02)



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