

# Resource Management Problem in NOMA-based MEC systems

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# Outline

- Non-Orthogonal multiple access - based Mobile edge computing (NOMA-based MEC) systems
- Resource management problem in NOMA-based MEC systems
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  - Simulation results & Conclusions

# Mobile Edge Computing

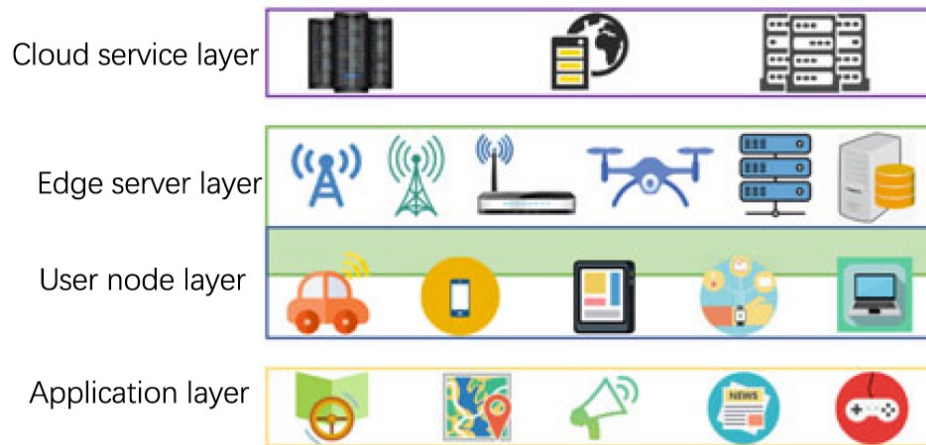
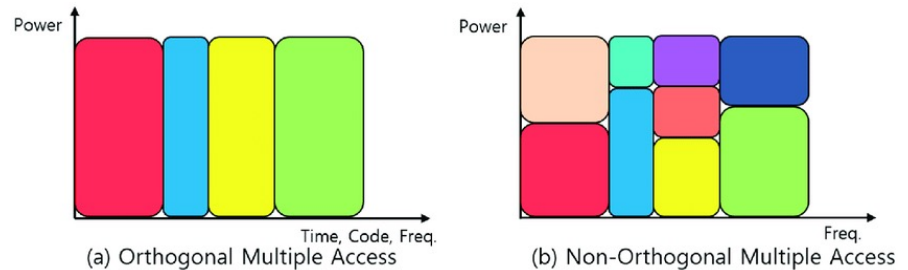


Fig: Hierarchical MEC architecture [2]

- MEC provides *cloud services* (computation, storage capacities) at the *network edge*, close to end users
  - Enable *computation intensive* applications to resources limited devices
  - Enable *delay sensitive* applications, reduce end-to-end delay

# Non-orthogonal multiple access

- NOMA serves **multiple devices** in a resource block (RB)
- NOMA can be divided into two categories
  - Code-domain NOMA
  - **Power-domain NOMA**



*Fig: The difference between OMA, NOMA, the resource allocated to different user is colored differently[3]*

- How can power-domain NOMA (NOMA) serve multiple users?
  - **Superposition coding** (SC) at the transmitter side, and
  - **Successive interference cancellation** (SIC) at the receiver side

# Superposition coding NOMA

- SC superposes the signals from multiple users to simultaneously transmit the information

$$X(n) = \sqrt{P\beta_1} S_1(n) + \sqrt{P\beta_2} S_2(n)$$

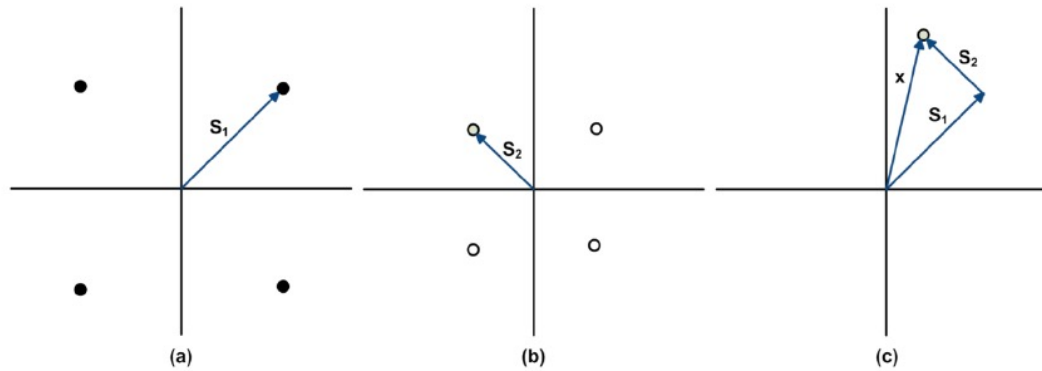


Fig: An example of SC encoding

(a)  $S_1(n)$  with higher transmitting power  $\sqrt{P\beta_1}$ , channel gain  $h_1$

(b)  $S_2(n)$  with lower transmitting power  $\sqrt{P\beta_2}$ , channel gain  $h_2$  ( $|h_2| > |h_1|$ )

(c) Superposed signal  $X(n)$  [4]

- NOMA exploits the channel gain difference between multiplexed users.  $\frac{P_2 |h_2|^2}{P_1 |h_1|^2} \geq \gamma_{th}, P_1 = \sqrt{P\beta_1}, P_2 = \sqrt{P\beta_2}$

# Successive interference cancellation NOMA

- SIC allows user signals are successively decoded
- In uplink, the base station successively decodes and cancels the signals of strong users (users with higher channel gain), prior to decoding the signals of weak users

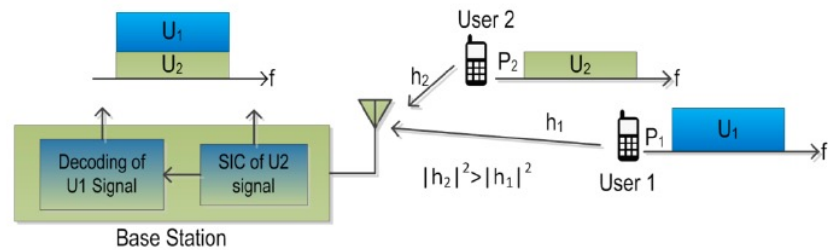


Fig: NOMA in an uplink scenario[4]

- In downlink, strong users successively decode and cancel the signals of the weak users, prior to decoding their own signals

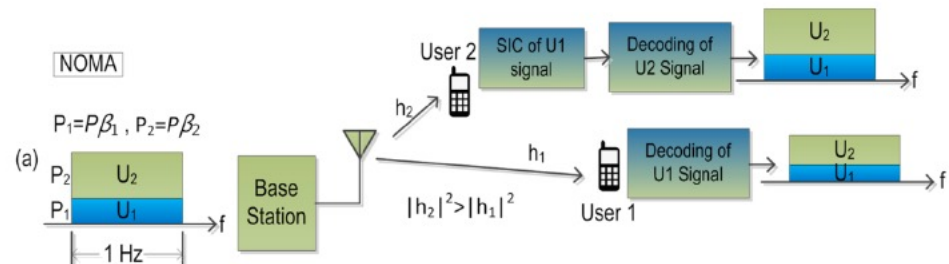


Fig: NOMA in a downlink scenario [4]

# NOMA-based MEC systems

- Taking advantages of NOMA and MEC:
  - Spectral efficiency in the scarce communication systems
  - Enable computation-intensive, delay-sensitive applications
- We consider a NOMA-based MEC system:

- 1 MEC server
- $N$  user equipment (UE)

$\mathbf{N} = \{1, 2, \dots, N\}$  that  
have computational tasks

- $S$  subchannels (SC)

$\mathbf{S} = \{1, 2, \dots, S\}$

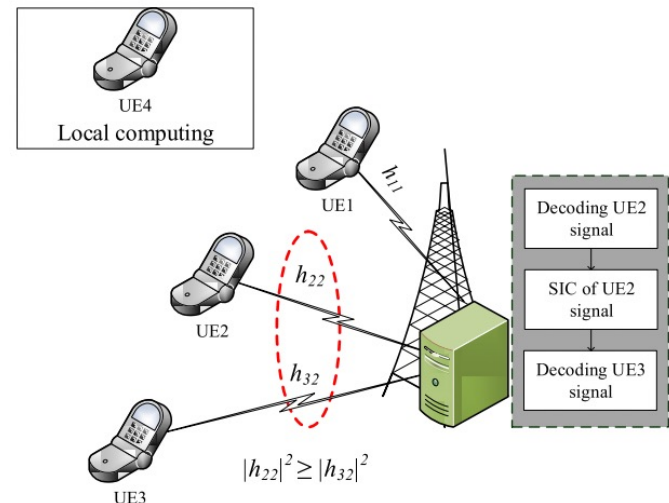


Fig: A cellular NOMA-based MEC system with  $N = 4$ ,  $S = 2$   
 $h_{ij}$ : the channel gain of UE  $i$  over SC  $j$   
UE 2, 3 use the same SC 2

# Resource management problem in NOMA-based MEC systems

- Objective:

**To minimize both completion time and energy consumption of UEs  
By maximize the system utility (function of time and energy consumption)**

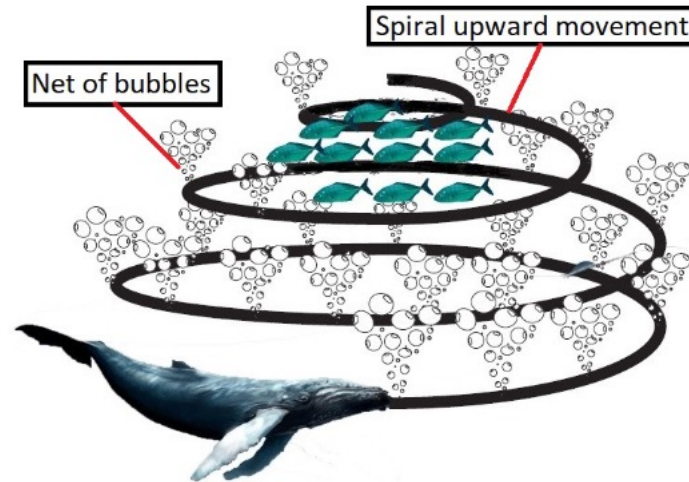
UE $i$	Remote Execution		Local Execution	
	Time	Energy	Time	Energy
Uplink	$T_i^{\text{off}}$	$E_i^{\text{off}}$		
Execution	$T_i^{\text{exe}}$		$T_i^l$	$E_i^l$
Downlink	omitted			
Total	$T_i^r$	$E_i^r$	$T_i^l$	$E_i^l$

- Resource management:
  - **Computing resource allocation (CRA)**: CPU frequency of the MEC server for offloaded tasks?
  - **Transmit power control (TPC)**: transmit power of UEs to offload ?
  - **SC assignment (SA)**: user-grouping over SCs?



# Whale Optimization Algorithm

- A heuristic optimization algorithm
- Mimic the bubble net hunting behavior of humpback whales



*Fig: The bubble-net hunting behavior of humpback whales [5]*

- The humpback whale moves along the bubbles of the net until reach the targeted fishes (the optimal solution)

We apply WOA to address TCP, and SA;

CRA is solved by a convex optimization technique

# Simulation results

## System parameters

$I_i$		Task of UE $i$
$N = 18$		# UEs
$S = 5$		# SCs
$r = 250$	m	Cell radius
$\alpha_i = 420$	kbits	Input data size of $I_i$
$\beta_i = 1000$	cycles	CPU requirement for completing $I_i$
$f_0$	cycles/s	CPU frequency of server
$p_i^0 = 24$	dBm	Max transmit power of UE $i$
$W = 1$	Hz	Bandwidth of SC $j$
$\lambda_t = 0.5$		UE's $i$ preference coefficient in time

# Simulation results & Conclusions

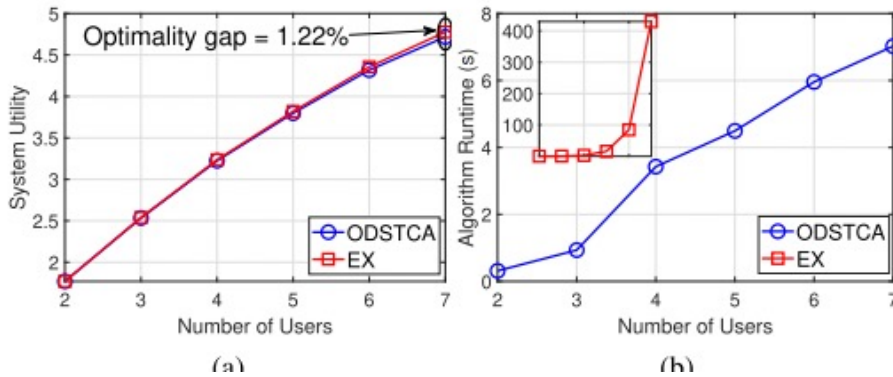


Fig: Our resource management for NOMA-based MEC systems by WOA (ODSTCA) vs. Exhaustive search (EX)

- Proposed resource management with WOA brings the **sub-optimal** solution with **small optimality gap** while **greatly reduced** the execution time

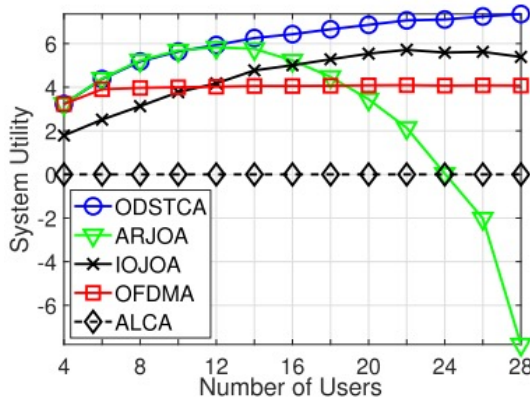


Fig: ODSTCA compared with other scenarios  
 ARJOA: All remote joint optimization algorithm  
 IOJOA: Independent offloading joint optimization algorithm  
 OFDMA: OFDMA-based MEC systems  
 ALCA: all locally computation algorithm

- Proposed NOMA-based MEC yields a **good performance** compared to other scenarios

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