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# Interference Tolerable Threshold Analysis in Cognitive Femtocells

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# Motivation

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Cognitive Radio Technology solves spectrum shortage problem by:

- intelligent spectrum sensing
- spectrum reuse planning
- opportunistic spectrum allocation
- learning the spectrum environment

## Cognitive Femtocell

- Radio environment measurements
- Dynamic spectrum allocations with frequency reuse
- Interference management of co-channel deployment
- Self organization network and Self optimization network
- Without co-ordinated deployment with macrocell

# Objectives

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## Co-channel deployment of femtocell and macrocell

- The individual interference to the macrocell users caused by one femtocell may be in an acceptable range
- The aggregate interference from a large number of femtocells might exceed the acceptable range.

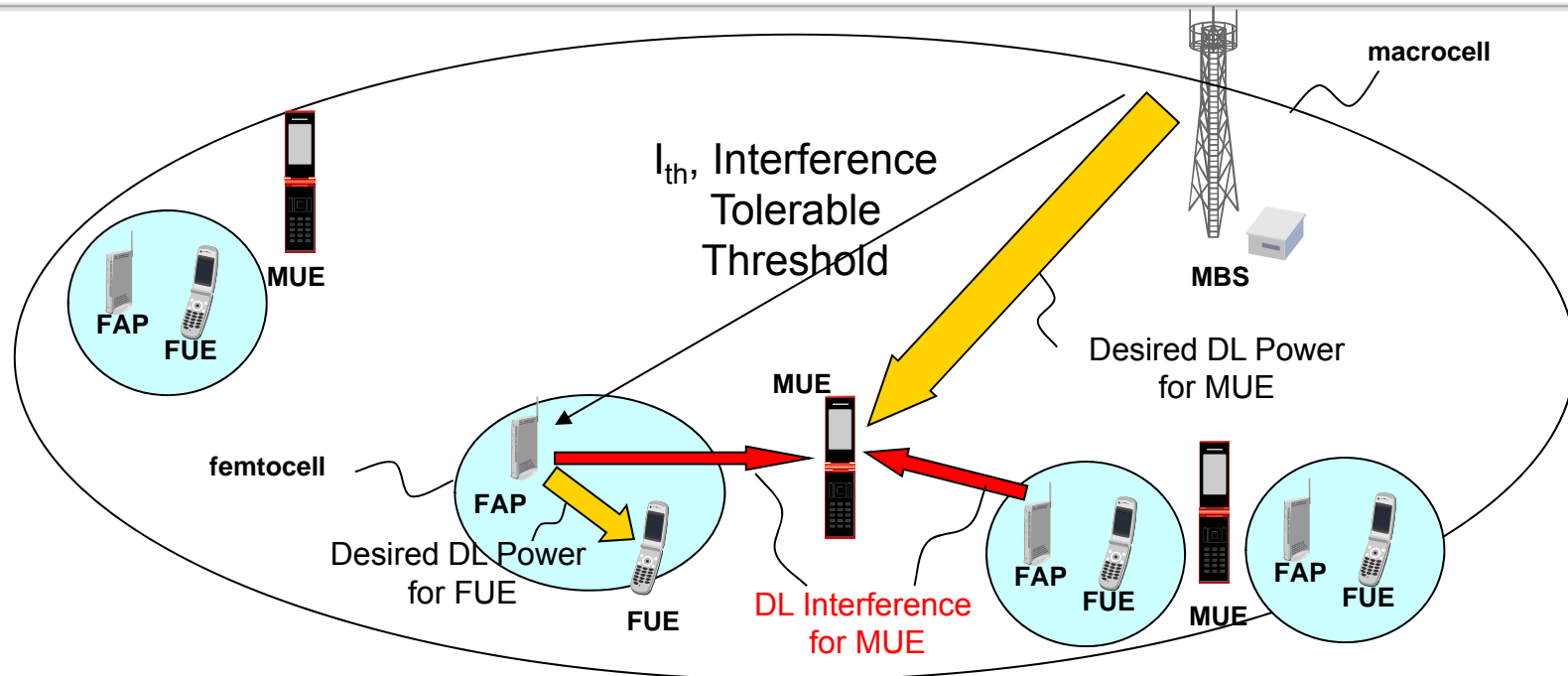
## Femtocell Throughput vs. Interference Mitigation

- Mitigation of the aggregate interference from femtocell base stations to the macrocell user (limiting Tx power of femtocell AP)
- Maximization of SINR for higher femtocell system throughput (maximizing Tx power of femtocell AP)

## **Interference Tolerable Threshold $I_{th}$** is analysed.

- $I_{th}$  limits the FAP Tx power to avoid the interference at macro users.

# System Model



- [Interference]** The individual and aggregate downlink interference from FAP to MUE is considered in co-channel scenario for macrocell and femtocells.
- [Tx Power]** Each FAP will calculate the estimated individual interference at each MUE from the own FAP. FAP controls the Tx power to make the estimated individual interference lower than  $I_{th}$ .
- [ $I_{th}$  broadcast]** No interactive communication between MBS and FAP. MBS transmits  $I_{th}$  to all FAPs by in the macrocell via a unidirectional broadcast.

# Formulations (1/2)

## Tx Power and Interference

$$\mathbf{P}^m = [P_1^m, P_2^m, \dots, P_N^m]^T \quad (\text{M1})$$

Tx Power of  $n_{\text{th}}$  MUE in  $n_{\text{th}}$  channel  
 N: num of active MUEs

$$I_n^{fm} = \sum_k^K \frac{P_{kn}^f}{L_{kn}^{fm}} \quad (\text{M2}) \quad \textbf{Macrocell}$$

Interference from all FAPs to  $n_{\text{th}}$  UE  
 $L_{kn}^{fm}$ : propagation loss [ $k_{\text{th}}$  FAP -  $n_{\text{th}}$  MUE]

$$\mathbf{P}^f = \begin{bmatrix} P_{11}^f, P_{12}^f, \dots, P_{1N}^f \\ P_{21}^f, P_{22}^f, \dots, P_{2N}^f \\ \vdots \\ P_{K1}^f, P_{K2}^f, \dots, P_{KN}^f \end{bmatrix} \quad (\text{F1})$$

Tx Power of  $k_{\text{th}}$  FUE in  $n_{\text{th}}$  channel  
 K: num of active FUEs  
 N: num of channels

$$I_{kn}^{mf} = \frac{P_n^m}{L_k^{mf}} : \text{Interference from } n_{\text{th}} \text{ MBS to } n_{\text{th}} \text{ channel of } k_{\text{th}} \text{ FUE} \quad (\text{F2})$$

$$I_{kn}^{ff} = \sum_{i=1, i \neq k}^K \frac{P_{in}^f}{L_{ik}^{ff}} : \text{Interference from all FAPs to } n_{\text{th}} \text{ channel of } k_{\text{th}} \text{ FUE} \quad (\text{F3})$$

$L_k^{mf}$ : propagation loss [MBS -  $k_{\text{th}}$  FUE]

$L_{ik}^{ff}$ : propagation loss [ $i_{\text{th}}$  FAP -  $k_{\text{th}}$  FUE]

## Femtocell

# Formulations (2/2)

## Target SINR and Accept conditions

### Macrocell

$$\frac{P_n^m}{L_n^{mm} (I_n^{fm} + P_N)} = S_n^m : \text{target SINR of } n_{\text{th}} \text{ MUE (M3)}$$

$L_n^{mm}$  : propagation loss [MBS -  $n_{\text{th}}$  MUE]

$P_N$  : noise power

$I_n^{fm} \leq \gamma_1 P_N$  : MUE accept condition (M4)

$\gamma_1$  : MUE interference coefficient

$$P_n^m = S_n^m L_n^{mm} (I_n^{fm} + P_N)$$

$$= S_n^m L_n^{mm} P_N (1 + \gamma_1) \quad (\text{M5})$$

### Femtocell

$$\frac{P_{kn}^f}{L_{kk}^{ff} (I_{kn}^{ff} + I_{kn}^{mf} + P_N)} = S_{kn}^f : \text{target SINR of } n_{\text{th}} \text{ channel of } k_{\text{th}} \text{ FUE (F4)}$$

$L_{kk}^{ff}$  : propagation loss [ $k_{\text{th}}$  FAP -  $k_{\text{th}}$  FUE]

$I_{kn}^{ff} + I_{kn}^{mf} \leq \gamma_2 P_N$  : FUE accept condition

$\gamma_2$  : FUE interference coefficient

(F5)

$$I_{kn}^{fm} = \frac{P_{kn}^f}{L_{kn}^{fm}} < I_{th} \text{ Individual interference management (F6)}$$

$$P_{kn}^f = \min(S_{kn}^{ff} L_{kk}^{ff} (I_{kn}^{ff} + I_{kn}^{mf} + P_N), L_{kn}^{fm} I_{th})$$

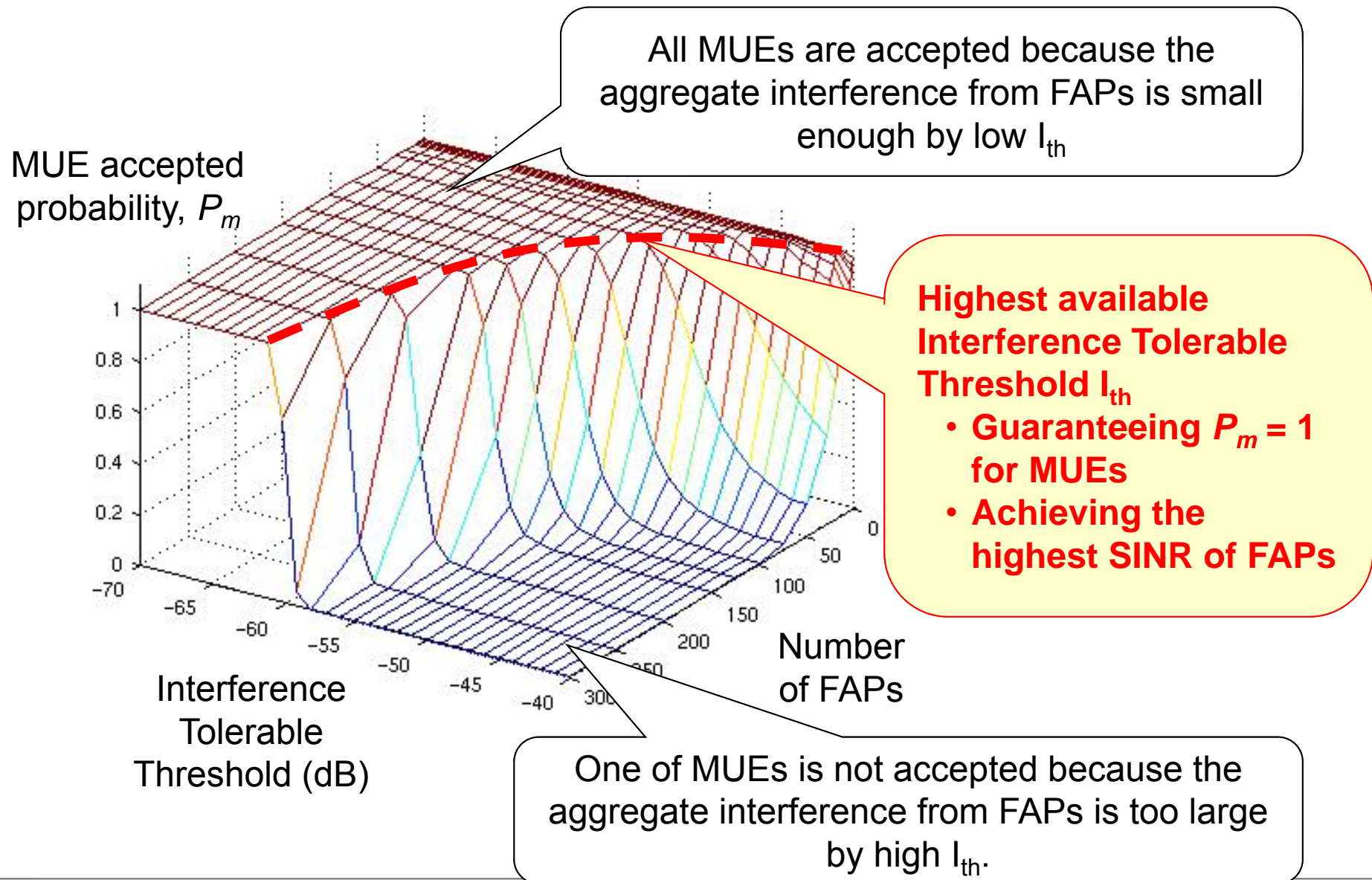
$$= \min(S_{kn}^f L_{kk}^{ff} P_N (1 + \gamma_2), L_{kn}^{fm} I_{th}) \quad (\text{F7})$$

# Parameters used in Simulation Model

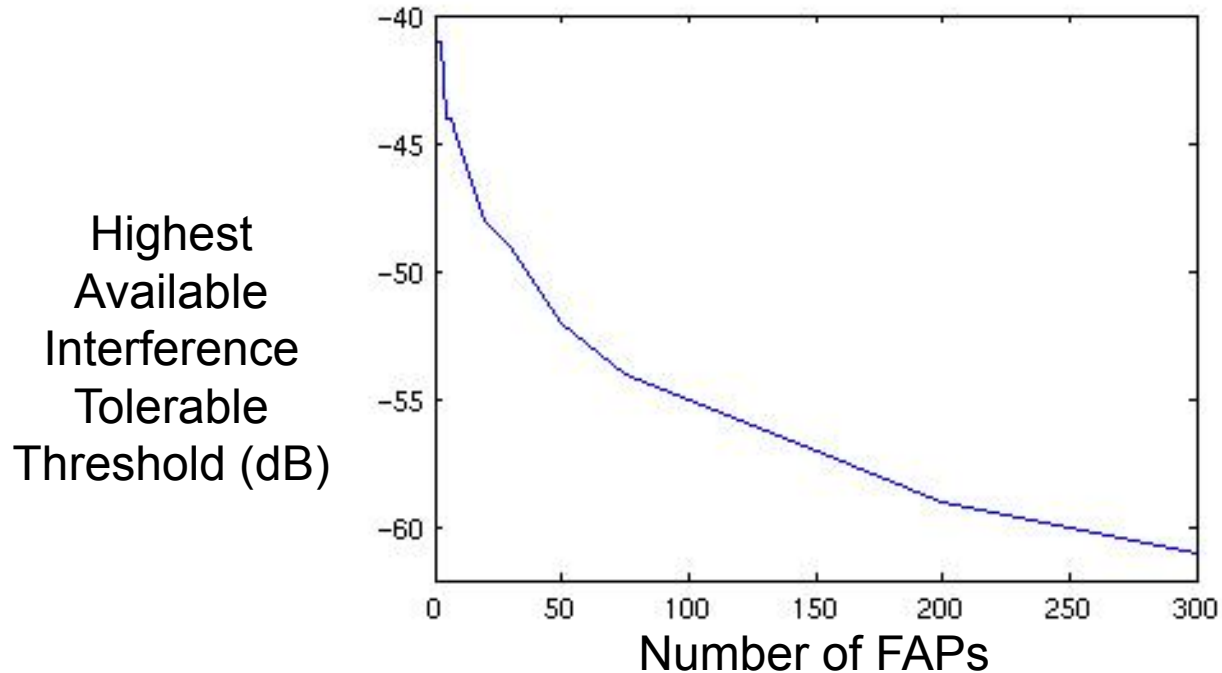
| Parameter Name                              | Value   | Description   |
|---|---|---|
| Number of MUEs, $N$                         | 8   | MUEs are uniformly distributed in a macrocell.                        |
| Number of channels, $N$                     | 8   | All channels are shared by macrocell and femtocell systems.           |
| Macrocell radius                            | 500 [m]   | MBS is located at the center of the macrocell.                        |
| Femtocell radius                            | 10 [m]  | The femtocell coverage is not overlapped each other.                  |
| Target SINR of macrocell system, $S_n^m$    | 10 [dB]   |   |
| Target SINR of femtocell system, $S_{kn}^f$ | 10 [dB]   | This value may decrease due to the FAP Tx Power limited by $I_{th}$ . |
| MUE interference coefficient, $\gamma_1$    | $10^{-4}$   | -   |
| FUE interference coefficient, $\gamma_2$    | 10  | -   |
| Propagation loss model, $L$                 | $15.3 + 37.6 \log_{10} d + \alpha L_{wall}$ ,<br>$L_{wall} : 15$ [dB], $\alpha$ : number of walls |   |



# Static Interference Tolerable Threshold Analysis (1/2)



# Static Interference Tolerable Threshold Analysis (2/2)



- Highest Available Interference Tolerable Threshold depends on the number of FAPs. The number of FAPs affects the aggregate interference to the MUE.
- This figure is useful for the macrocell system configuration to make the aggregate interference at MUE in acceptable range.
- New FAPs may be installed and Some of FAPs may be turned off to save its energy . Therefore, the awareness of the exact number of active FAPs is difficult.

**→ Dynamic Interference Tolerable Threshold control mechanism is proposed.**

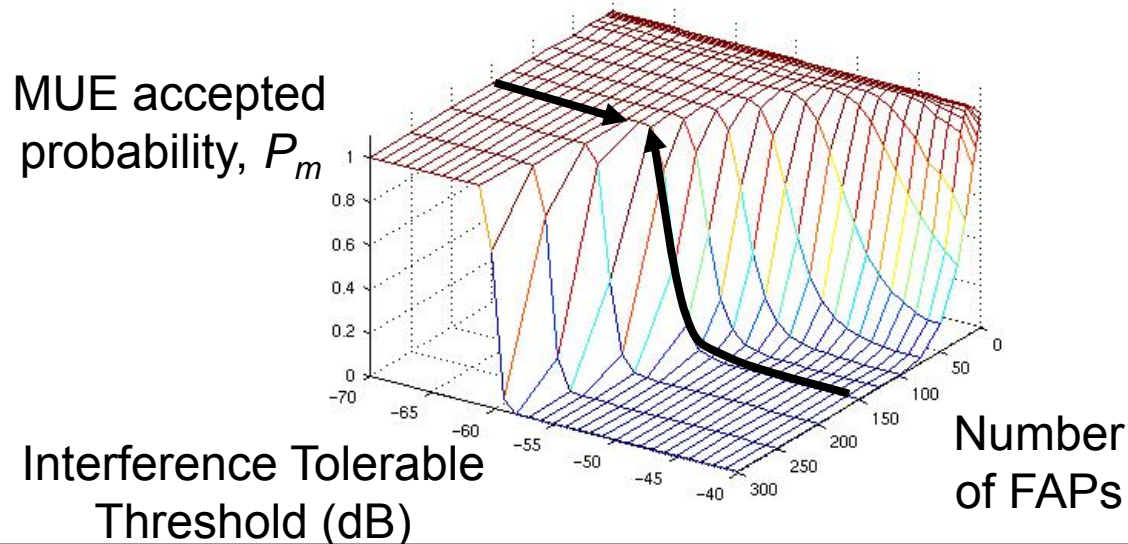
# Proposed Algorithm

$$\begin{aligned}
 I_{th}(t) &= I_{th}(t-1) + \Delta I_{th} && \text{if } I_n^{fm} \leq \gamma_1 P_N && \text{for all N MUEs} \\
 I_{th}(t) &= I_{th}(t-1) - \Delta I_{th} && \text{if } I_n^{fm} > \gamma_1 P_N && \text{for at least one MUE}
 \end{aligned}
 \tag{D1}$$

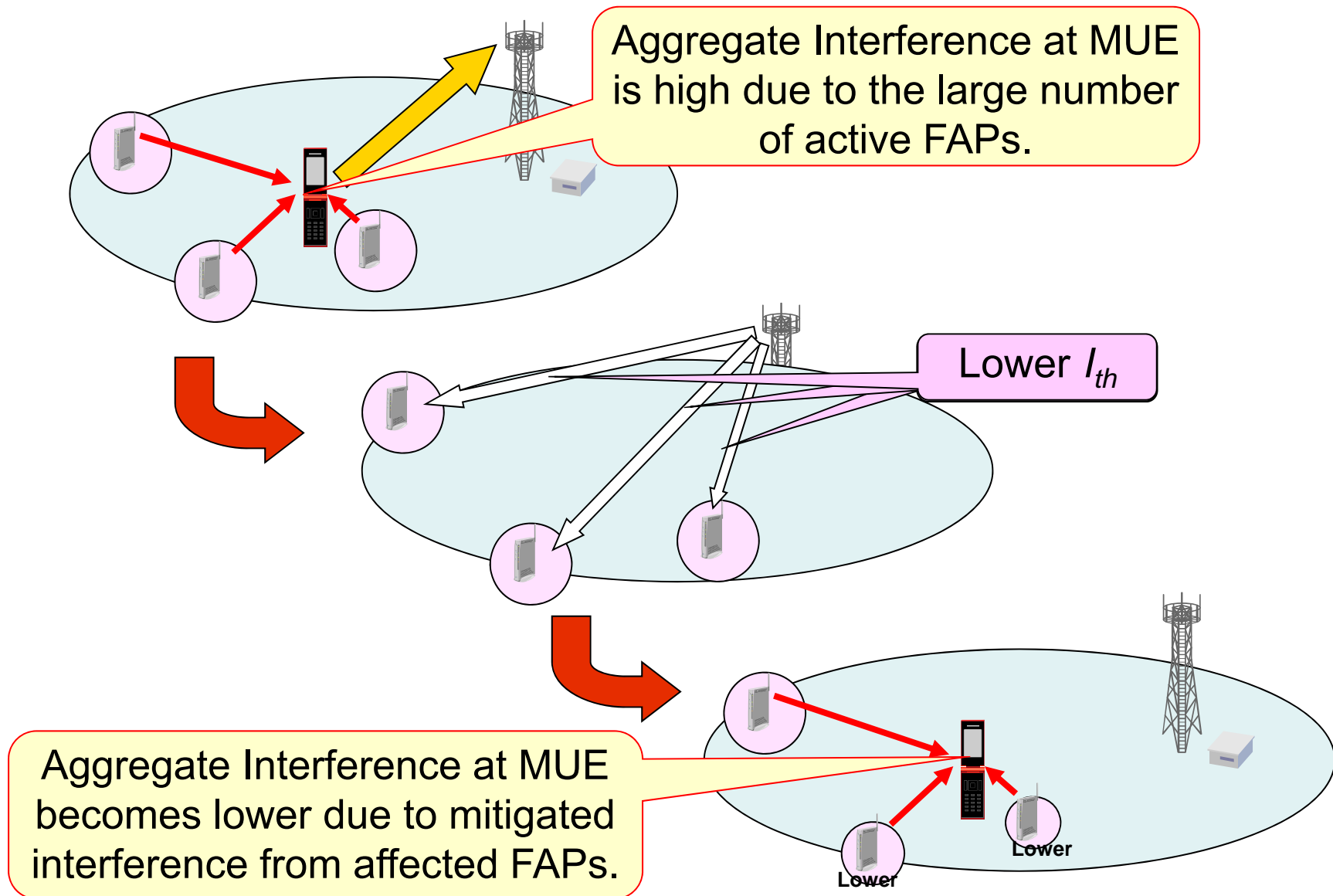
$\Delta I_{th}$  : Interference Tolerable Threshold control bit

$I_{th}(t)$  is target highest threshold in case of the following conditions:

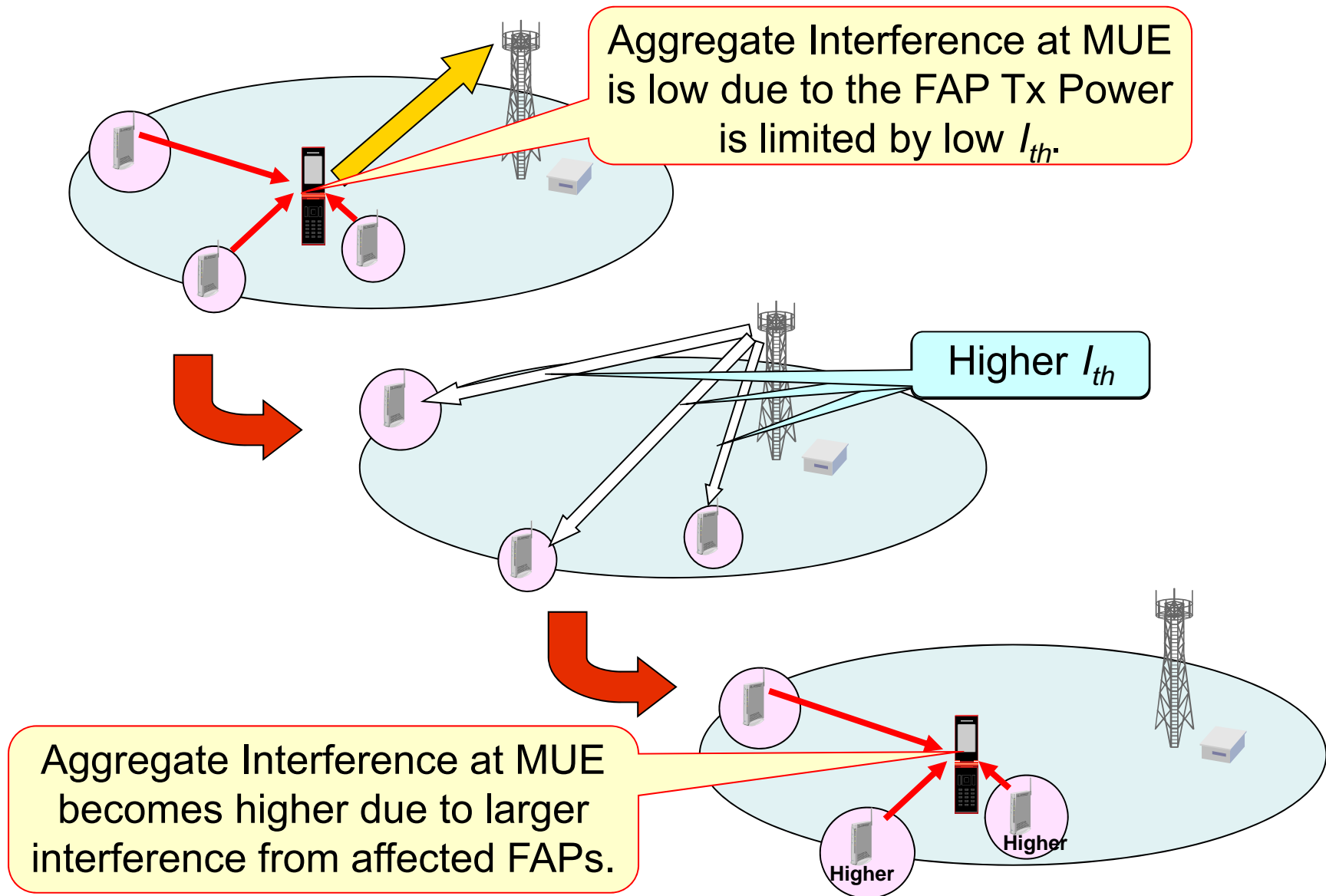
$$\begin{aligned}
 I_n^{fm}(t) \leq \gamma_1 P_N &&& \cap && I_n^{fm}(t-1) > \gamma_1 P_N \\
 \text{for all N MUEs} &&& && \text{for at least one MUE}
 \end{aligned}
 \tag{D2}$$



# Proposed Algorithm ( $I_{th}$ decreasing)

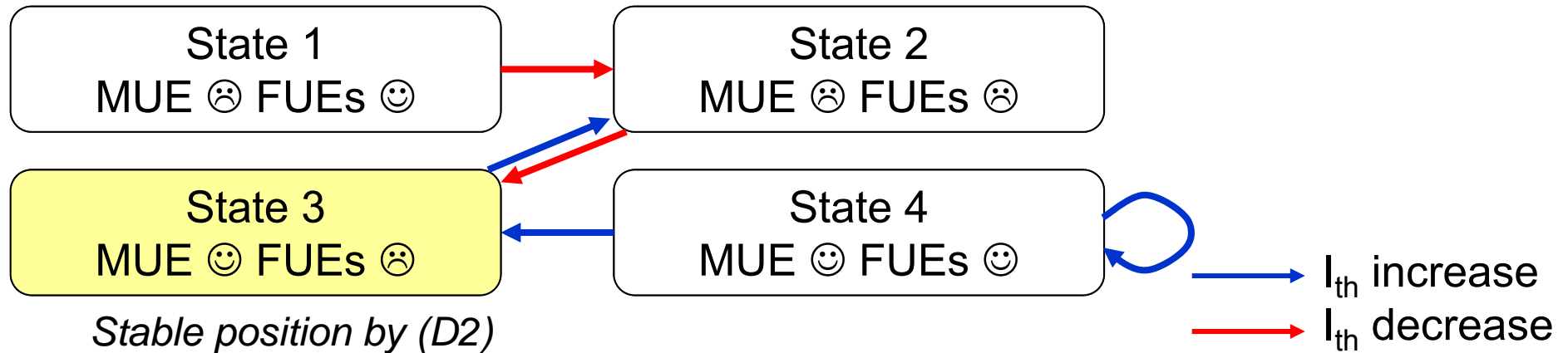


# Proposed Algorithm ( $I_{th}$ increasing)



# State Chart

| State | Aggregate interference at MUE                           | Estimated individual interference from one FAP to MUE                             |
|-------|---|---|
| 1     | $I_{kn}^{fm} > \gamma_1 \cdot P_N$ For at least one MUE | $I_{kn}^{fm} = P_{kn}^f / L_{kn}^{fm} < I_{th}$ For all K FUEs and all N channels |
| 2     | $I_{kn}^{fm} > \gamma_1 \cdot P_N$ For at least one MUE | $I_{kn}^{sp} = I_{th}$ For at least one channel in one FUE                        |
| 3     | $I_{kn}^{fm} \leq \gamma_1 \cdot P_N$ For all N MUEs    | $I_{kn}^{sp} = I_{th}$ For at least one channel in one FUE                        |
| 4     | $I_{kn}^{fm} \leq \gamma_1 \cdot P_N$ For all N MUEs    | $I_{kn}^{fm} = P_{kn}^f / L_{kn}^{fm} < I_{th}$ For all K FUEs and all N channels |



# Modified proposed algorithm

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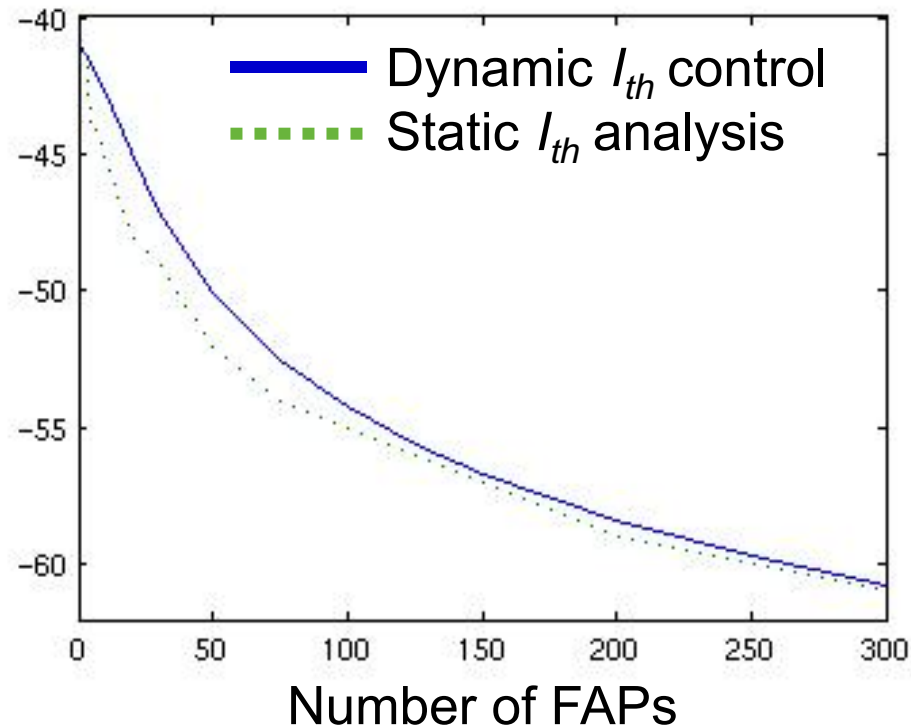
$$\begin{aligned} I_{th}(t) &= I_{th}(t-1) + \Delta I_{th} && \text{if } I_{kn}^{fm} \leq \gamma_1 P_N \text{ for all } N \text{ MUEs and} \\ & && I_{kn}^{fm} = I_{th} \text{ for at least one } n\text{th channel in one FUE} \\ I_{th}(t) &= I_{th}(t-1) - \Delta I_{th} && \text{if } I_{kn}^{fm} > \gamma_1 P_N \text{ for at least one MUE} \end{aligned} \quad (D1')$$

- Algorithm activation in State 4 can be avoided by the feedback channel from FAP to MBS (the difference).
- State 4 is only observed only when the number of FAPs is small enough and interference free scenario.
- As the alternative simple solution, range definition of  $I_{th}$  can avoid this new part.



# Dynamic Interference Tolerable Threshold Control

Highest  
Available  
Interference  
Tolerable  
Threshold (dB)



The result of the dynamic control scheme is similar to the static analysis.



Dynamic control scheme has a good benefit because it doesn't need to be aware of the number of FAPs. Even if the number of FAPs changes dynamically, the proposed scheme can adapt  $I_{th}$  to the appropriate value for active FAPs.



# Conclusion and Future work

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## Conclusion

- Highest available interference tolerable threshold depends on the number of femtocell access points.
- In the proposed scheme, Interference Tolerable Threshold is well controlled and the adaptation of highest available value is possible without needing knowledge about the number of femtocell access points in the vicinity of MUEs.

## Future Works

- More flexible Interference Tolerable Threshold, e.g.,  $I_{th}$  per channel resource used by macrocell user equipment.
- Integration with more realistic scenarios is necessary.
  - Multiple spectrum allocation with additional decision to select the spectrum
  - Multiple macro cell environment with macrocell Tx Power Control and inter-macrocell interference.
  - Practical propagation model by user mobility, fading and shadowing.

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