Spatial Modeling and Analysis of Cellular Networks Using the Ginibre Point Process: A Tutorial

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SUMMARY Spatial stochastic models have been much used for performance analysis of wireless communication networks. This is due to the fact that the performance of wireless networks depends on the spatial configuration of wireless nodes and the irregularity of node locations in a real wireless network can be captured by a spatial point process. Most works on such spatial stochastic models of wireless networks have adopted homogeneous Poisson point processes as the models of wireless node locations. While this adoption makes the models analytically tractable, it assumes that the wireless nodes are located independently of each other and their spatial correlation is ignored. Recently, the authors have proposed to adopt the Ginibre point process—one of the determinantal point processes—as the deployment models of base stations (BSs) in cellular networks. The determinantal point processes constitute a class of repulsive point processes and have been attracting attention due to their mathematically interesting properties and efficient simulation methods. In this tutorial, we provide a brief guide to the Ginibre point process and its variant, $\alpha$-Ginibre point process, as the models of BS deployments in cellular networks and show some existing results on the performance analysis of cellular network models with $\alpha$-Ginibre deployed BSs. The authors hope the readers to use such point processes as a tool for analyzing various problems arising in future cellular networks.

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1. Introduction

Spatial stochastic models have been much used for performance analysis of wireless communication networks and the volume of the literature has been increasing rapidly, where the wireless nodes are located at random on the two dimensional Euclidean plane according to some stochastic point processes (see, e.g., the tutorial articles [1]–[4] and monographs [5]–[8]). This is due to the fact that the performance of wireless networks critically depends on the spatial configuration of wireless nodes and the irregularity of node locations in a real wireless network can be well captured by a spatial point process. Even for cellular networks, many researchers have proposed and analyzed the spatial stochastic models to cope with various problems arising from the current explosive growth of mobile data traffic, such as cognitive radio [9], interference cancellation [10] and so on (a thorough survey on recent progress is found in [4]).

Most works on such spatial stochastic models of wireless networks have adopted homogeneous Poisson point processes as the models of wireless node locations and this has been the case for the cellular networks (see, e.g., [9]–[15]). While this adoption makes the models analytically tractable, it assumes that the wireless nodes are located independently of each other and their spatial correlation is ignored. On the other hand, the base stations (BSs), in particular macro BSs, in a cellular network tend to be deployed rather systematically, such that any two BSs are not too close, and thus a spatial model based on a point process with repulsive nature seems more desirable (see [16]). Recently, the authors have proposed to adopt the Ginibre point process and its variant, $\alpha$-Ginibre point process, as the models of BS deployments in cellular networks and have derived some analytical and numerical results ([17]–[23]). The Ginibre point process is known as a main example of the determinantal point processes, which constitute a class of repulsive point processes and have been attracting attention due to their mathematically interesting properties and efficient simulation methods (see, e.g., [24]–[27] for details). The $\alpha$-Ginibre point process is also one of the determinantal point processes and is introduced in [28] for interpolating between the original Ginibre and homogeneous Poisson point processes by a parameter $\alpha \in (0, 1]$; that is, the original Ginibre point process is obtained by taking $\alpha = 1$ and it converges weakly to the homogeneous Poisson point process as $\alpha \to 0$. Indeed, the Ginibre and other determinantal point processes have been recognized as a promising class of BS deployment models for cellular networks due to the observations that they can capture the spatial characteristics of actual BS deployments (see [29]–[31]).

A purpose of this tutorial is to provide a brief guide to the Ginibre and $\alpha$-Ginibre point processes in order for the readers to use them as a tool for analyzing the performance of cellular networks and challenging themselves to various new problems arising in modern cellular networks. On this account, after reviewing some fundamental and useful properties of these spatial point processes, we show some existing results on the performance analysis of cellular network models with $\alpha$-Ginibre deployed BSs. For comparison, we mention the results on the related Poisson deployed BS models as well.

The organization of the paper is as follows. In the next section, we provide a general spatial stochastic model of downlink cellular networks and give a few examples.
The signal-to-interference-plus-noise ratio (SINR) — that is a key quantity for the connectivity in wireless networks — for a typical user is defined there. In Sect. 3, we introduce the \( \alpha \)-Ginibre point process as a model of the BS deployments in cellular networks, where we first give its definition and then review its fundamental and useful properties. In Sect. 4, we show some existing results on the coverage analysis of cellular networks with \( \alpha \)-Ginibre deployed BSs; that is, we give numerically computable forms of coverage probability — the probability that the SINR for the typical user achieves a target threshold — for the example models provided in Sect. 2. We finally suggest a problem and the promising direction for future development in Sect. 5.

### 2. Spatial Model of Downlink Cellular Networks

We first define a general spatial stochastic model of downlink cellular wireless networks and then give two examples; one is the most basic model of a homogeneous single-antenna network and the other is of a heterogeneous multi-tier multi-antenna network.

Let \( \Phi \) denote a point process on \( \mathbb{R}^2 \) and \( X_i, \ i \in \mathbb{N} \), denote the points of \( \Phi \), where the order of \( X_1, X_2, \ldots \) is arbitrary. Each point \( X_i, \ i \in \mathbb{N} \), represents the location of a BS in a cellular network and we refer to the BS located at \( X_i \) as BS \( i \). Assuming that the point process \( \Phi \) is simple almost surely (a.s.) and stationary with positive and finite intensity, we focus on a typical user located at the origin \( o = (0,0) \). The transmission power of signal from BS \( i, \ i \in \mathbb{N} \), is denoted by \( P_i \). The random propagation effect of fading and shadowing on the signal from BS \( i \) to the typical user is denoted by \( H_i, \ i \in \mathbb{N} \), when the BS \( i \) works as a transmitter to the typical user while it is denoted by \( G_i \); when the BS \( i \) works as an interferer for the typical user, where \( H_i \) and \( G_i, \ i \in \mathbb{N} \), are nonnegative random variables. The path-loss function represents the attenuation of signals with distance from BS \( i \) is given by \( L_i(r), \ r > 0 \), where each \( L_i \) is a randomly chosen nonincreasing function on \((0,\infty)\). Our network model is then described as the stationary marked point process \( \Phi = \{(X_i, (P_i, H_i, G_i, L_i))\}_{i \in \mathbb{N}} \).

The downlink SINR for the typical user at the origin is defined by

\[
\text{SINR}_o = \frac{S_o(\eta(o))}{I_o(\eta(o)) + w_o},
\]

where \( \eta(x) \) denotes the index of the BS associated with the user located at \( x \in \mathbb{R}^2 \) and is determined by a certain association rule (see, e.g., Examples 1 and 2 below), \( S_o(i) = P_i H_i L_i(|X_i|), \ i \in \mathbb{N} \), denotes the desired signal power when the typical user is served by the BS \( i \) and \( I_o(i) \) denotes the cumulative interference power from all the BSs except BS \( i \) received by the typical user; that is,

\[
I_o(i) = \sum_{j \in \mathbb{N} \setminus \{i\}} P_j G_j L_j(|X_j|).
\]

Also, \( w_o \) in (1) denotes a nonnegative constant representing the noise power at the origin.

**Example 1** (Homogeneous single-antenna network): The most simple and basic model is that of the homogeneous single-antenna network, where all the BSs have the same level of transmission power denoted by a constant \( p \) (i.e., \( P_i = p, \ i \in \mathbb{N} \)). The propagation effects \( (H_i, G_i), \ i \in \mathbb{N} \), are independent and identically distributed (i.i.d.), and also independent of \( \Phi = \{X_i\}_{i \in \mathbb{N}} \). We often assume the Rayleigh fading and ignore the shadowing for \( (H_i, G_i), \ i \in \mathbb{N} \), that is, each \( H_i \) is an exponentially distributed random variable with unit mean, denoted by \( H_i \sim \text{Exp}(1) \). The path-loss function is also common to all the BSs such that \( L_i(r) = \ell(r) \), which we have in mind is, for example, \( \ell(r) = r^{-2\beta} \) or \( \ell(r) = \min(1,r^{-2\beta}) \) with \( \beta > 1 \). Each user is served by the nearest BS; that is \( \eta(x) = i = \{x - X_i| \leq |x - X_j|, \ j \in \mathbb{N}\} \) for \( x \in \mathbb{R}^2 \). Due to the homogeneity of the BSs, the nearest BS association is now equivalent to the maximum average received power association since \( \mathbb{E}(S_o(i) | X_i) = p \mathbb{E}(H_i) \ell(|X_i|) \), where \( \mathbb{E}(H_i) \) is identical for all \( i \in \mathbb{N} \) and \( \ell \) is nonincreasing.

**Example 2** (Multi-tier multi-antenna network): Let \( K \) denote a positive integer and \( \mathcal{K} = \{1, 2, \ldots, K\} \). Each BS is classified into one of \( K \) distinct tiers (classes) and a BS of tier \( k \) in \( \mathcal{K} \) has the specific transmission power \( p_k \), the number of antennas \( m_k \), the number of users to be served \( \psi_k \leq m_k \) and the path-loss function \( \ell_k(r) \). This model represents the multi-input multi-output (MIMO) transmission in a heterogeneous network (HetNet). Assuming the Rayleigh fading on all links and the single receiving antenna for each user, the discussion in [32] (see, e.g., [33]) also enables us to suppose that the channel power distributions of both the associated and interfering links follow the Erlang distributions with different shape parameters; that is, when the BS \( i \) is of tier \( k, H_i \sim \text{Gam}(\delta_k, 1) \) with \( \delta_k = m_k - \psi_k + 1 \) and \( G_i \sim \text{Gam}(\psi_k, 1) \), where “Gam” denotes the Gamma distribution. Let \( \xi_i \) denote the tier of BS \( i \). This model is then described as the marked point process \( \Phi_\xi = \{(X_i, \xi_i)\}_{i \in \mathbb{N}} \) since \( (P_i, L_i) = (p_{\xi_i}, \ell_{\xi_i}), (H_i, G_i), \ i \in \mathbb{N} \), are conditionally mutually independent given \( \xi_i, i \in \mathbb{N} \). As for the BS association, we introduce another parameter \( b_k > 0, k \in \mathcal{K} \), called the bias factor, and adopt the flexible cell association rule (see [13], [34]); that is, each user is served by the BS that supplies the maximum biased-average-received-power;

\[
\eta(x) = i = \{b_{\xi_i} p_{\xi_i} \delta_{\xi_i} \ell_{\xi_i}(|x - X_i|) \geq b_{\xi_j} p_{\xi_j} \delta_{\xi_j} \ell_{\xi_j}(|x - X_j|), \ j \in \mathbb{N}\},
\]

where \( p_k \delta_k \ell_k(|X_i|) = \mathbb{E}(S_o(i) | X_i, \xi_i = k) \) represents the average received signal power for the typical user from the BS \( i \) when this BS is of tier \( k \).

### 3. \( \alpha \)-Ginibre Point Processes and Their Properties

In this section, we give a brief introduction to the Ginibre and \( \alpha \)-Ginibre point processes. Since these point processes belong to a class of the determinantal point processes on
3.1 Determinantal Point Processes

Let $\Phi$ denote a simple point process on $\mathbb{R}^d$ and let $\rho^{(n)}$ denote its $n$th product density functions (joint intensities) with respect to a locally finite measure $\nu$ on $\mathbb{R}^d$, that is, for any symmetric and continuous function $f$ with bounded support on $\mathbb{R}^{d\times n}$,

$$E \left[ \prod_{X_i \neq X_j \in \Phi} f(X_i, X_j, \ldots, X_n) \right] = \int \cdots \int_{d\times n} f(x_1, x_2, \ldots, x_n) \times \rho^{(n)}(x_1, x_2, \ldots, x_n) \prod_{i=1}^n \nu(dx_i).$$

(3)

The point process $\Phi$ is then said to be a determinantal point process on $\mathbb{R}^d$ with kernel $K: \mathbb{R}^d \times \mathbb{R}^d \to \mathbb{C}$ with respect to the reference measure $\nu$ if the product density function $\rho^{(n)}$ in (3) is given by

$$\rho^{(n)}(x_1, x_2, \ldots, x_n) = \det(K(x_i, x_j))_{i,j=1}^n,$$

(4)

where “det” denotes the determinant. In order for the point process $\Phi$ to be well-defined, we usually assume that (i) the kernel $K$ is continuous on $\mathbb{R}^d \times \mathbb{R}^d$, (ii) $K$ is Hermitian in the sense that $K(x, y) = \overline{K(y, x)}$ for $x, y \in \mathbb{R}^d$, where $\overline{\cdot}$ denotes the complex conjugate of $\cdot$ in $\mathbb{C}$ and (iii) the integral operator on $L^2(\mathbb{R}^d)$ corresponding to $K$ is of locally trace class with the spectrum in $[0, 1]$; that is, $0 \leq (Kf, f) \leq (f, f)$ for any $f \in L^2(\mathbb{R}^d)$, where the inner product is given by $(f, g) = \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} f(x) \overline{g(x)} \nu(dx)$, and for any bounded set $C \in \mathcal{B}(\mathbb{R}^d)$, the restriction $K_C$ of $K$ on $C$ has eigenvalues $\kappa_{C,i}$, $i \in \mathbb{N}$, satisfying $\sum_{i \in \mathbb{N}} \kappa_{C,i} < \infty$. Under these conditions, $\kappa_{C,i} \in [0, 1]$ holds for any bounded $C \in \mathcal{B}(\mathbb{R}^d)$ and $i \in \mathbb{N}$ (see, e.g., [26, Chap. 4]). Then the number of points of $\Phi$ falling in $C$ has the distribution of the sum of independent Bernoulli random variables $B_{C,i}$ with $\mathbb{P}(B_{C,i} = 1) = \kappa_{C,i}$, $i \in \mathbb{N}$; that is,

$$\Phi(C) \overset{d}{=} \sum_{i \in \mathbb{N}} B_{C,i},$$

(5)

where $\overset{d}{=} \cdot$ denotes equality in distribution. This immediately leads to the expectation and variance of $\Phi(C)$;

$$E\Phi(C) = \sum_{i \in \mathbb{N}} \kappa_{C,i}, \quad \text{Var} \Phi(C) = \sum_{i \in \mathbb{N}} \kappa_{C,i} (1 - \kappa_{C,i}),$$

where it should be noted that $\text{Var} \Phi(C) \leq E\Phi(C) < \infty$ for any bounded $C \in \mathcal{B}(\mathbb{R}^d)$.

The Palm distribution is a basic concept in the point process theory and formalizes the notion of the conditional distribution of a point process given that it has a point at a specific location. The following proposition states that the class of determinantal point processes is closed under the operation of taking the reduced Palm distribution$^1$.

**Proposition 1** ([25]): Let $\Phi$ denote a determinantal point process on $\mathbb{R}^d$ with kernel $K$ with respect to the reference measure $\nu$. Then, for almost every $x_0 \in \mathbb{R}^d$ with respect to the measure $K(x, x) \nu(dx)$, $\Phi$ is also determinantal under the reduced Palm distribution given a point at $x_0$ and the corresponding kernel $K_0$ is given by

$$K_0(x, y) = \frac{K(x, y) K(x_0, x_0) - K(x_0, y) K(x_0, y)}{K(x_0, x_0)},$$

(6)

whenever $K(x_0, x_0) > 0$.

3.2 $\alpha$-Ginibre Point Processes

For $\alpha \in (0, 1]$, a determinantal point process $\Phi_\alpha$ on $\mathbb{C}(\simeq \mathbb{R}^2)$ is said to be an $\alpha$-Ginibre point process when its kernel $K_\alpha$ on $\mathbb{C} \times \mathbb{C}$ is given by

$$K_\alpha(z, w) = e^{\pi|z|^\alpha} \cdot e^{\pi|w|^\alpha},$$

(7)

with respect to the modified Gaussian measure

$$\nu_\alpha(dz) = \frac{1}{\pi} e^{-|z|^\alpha} \mu(dz),$$

(8)

where $\mu$ denotes the Lebesgue measure on $C(\mathbb{C}, \mathcal{B}(\mathbb{C}))$. The choice of parameter $(K_\alpha, \nu_\alpha)$ is not unique and the kernel $K_\alpha(z, w) = \pi^{-1} e^{-((|z|^2 + |w|^2)/(2\alpha))}$ with respect to the Lebesgue measure $\mu$ defines the same process as $\Phi_\alpha$. The process with $\alpha = 1$ gives the original Ginibre point process.

Let $\tilde{\rho}^{(n)}_{\alpha}$, $n \in \mathbb{N}$, denote the product density functions of $\Phi_\alpha$ with respect to the Lebesgue measure. For example, the first two product densities are then given by (4) as

$$\tilde{\rho}^{(1)}_{\alpha}(z) = \frac{\pi}{\alpha},$$

(9)

$$\tilde{\rho}^{(2)}_{\alpha}(z, w) = \frac{1 - e^{-|z-w|^2/\alpha}}{\pi^2}.$$  

(10)

Note that both the product densities are motion invariant (invariant under translation and rotation). In fact, one can show that the $n$th product density is motion invariant for each $n \in \mathbb{N}$, and hence the $\alpha$-Ginibre point process is motion invariant; that is, stationary and isotropic. We further see that $\tilde{\rho}^{(2)}_{\alpha}(z, w) \to \pi^{-2}$ as $\alpha \to 0$, converging to the second-order product density of the homogeneous Poisson point process with intensity $\pi^{-1}$. Again, one can show that $\Phi_\alpha$ converges weakly to the homogeneous Poisson point process with intensity $\pi^{-1}$ as $\alpha \to 0$ (see [28]). This suggests

$^1$The reduced Palm distribution formalizes the notion of the conditional distribution of a point process given that the process has a point at a specific location but excluding this point on which the process is conditioned.
that the $\alpha$-Ginibre point process constitutes an intermediate
class between the original Ginibre and homogeneous Poisson
point processes by the parameter $\alpha \in (0, 1]$. Figure 1
shows samples of the Poisson and $\alpha$-Ginibre point processes
with the same intensity. We can see that the configuration of
the points becomes more regular as the value of $\alpha$ becomes
larger.

Remark 1: As seen in (9), the $\alpha$-Ginibre point process has
the intensity $\pi^{-1}$ with respect to the Lebesgue measure; that
is, for $C \in \mathcal{B}(\mathbb{C}),$

$$
\mathbb{E}(C) = \int_C \rho_0^{(1)}(z) \nu_0(dz) = \frac{\mu(C)}{\pi}.
$$

However, we can consider the process with an arbitrary fixed
intensity $\lambda \in (0, \infty)$ by scaling. The kernel and reference
measure of the scaled $\alpha$-Ginibre process with intensity $\lambda$
are respectively given by $K_{\alpha, \lambda}(z, w) = e^{\pi \lambda |z|^2 / \alpha}$ and
$\nu_{\alpha, \lambda}(dz) = \frac{\lambda e^{-\pi \lambda |z|^2 / \alpha}}{\lambda} \mu(dz)$. Or equivalently, the
kernel $\widetilde{K}_{\alpha, \lambda}(z, w) = \lambda e^{-\pi \lambda |z|^2 / \alpha} e^{\pi \lambda |z|^2 / \alpha}$ with respect
to the Lebesgue measure $\mu$ defines the same process.

We next see the nonzero eigenvalues and the corresponding
eigenfunctions of the integral operator corresponding
to the kernel $K_\alpha$. Let

$$
\phi_{\alpha, i}(z) = \frac{z^{i-1}}{\sqrt{(i - 1)! \alpha^i}}, \quad i \in \mathbb{N}.
$$

Then we can check that $\phi_{\alpha, i}, i \in \mathbb{N}$, are the orthonormal
eigenfunctions of $K_\alpha$ corresponding to the eigenvalue $\alpha$ satisfying

$$
\int_C \phi_{\alpha, i}(z) \bar{\phi}_{\alpha, j}(z) \nu_0(dz) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{for } i = j, \\ 0 & \text{for } i \neq j. \end{cases}
$$

Thus, Mercer’s spectral expansion (35) holds such that

$$
K_\alpha(z, w) = \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \alpha \phi_{\alpha, i}(z) \bar{\phi}_{\alpha, i}(w), \quad z, w \in \mathbb{C}.
$$

Now, let $D_r$ denote the disk on $\mathbb{C}$ centered at the origin
with radius $r$. Then $\phi_{\alpha, i}, i \in \mathbb{N}$, in (11) are also orthogonal
eigenfunctions (but not normal now) of the restriction $K_{\alpha, D_r}$
of $K_\alpha$ on $D_r$ corresponding to the eigenvalues

$$
\kappa_{\alpha, D_r, i} = \alpha P(i, r^2 / \alpha) = \alpha \frac{\gamma(i, r^2 / \alpha)}{\Gamma(i)}, \quad i \in \mathbb{N},
$$

where $P(x, y) = \gamma(x, y) / \Gamma(x)$ denotes the regularized
lower Gamma function with the lower incomplete Gamma
function $\gamma(x, y) = \int_0^y t^{x-1} e^{-t} dt$ and the usual Gamma
function $\Gamma(x) = \gamma(x, \infty)$. Let $\chi_i, i \in \mathbb{N}$, denote i.i.d.
Bernoulli random variables with $\mathbb{P}(\chi_i = 1) = \alpha$ and let $Y_i,$
i $\in \mathbb{N}$, denote mutually independent random variables with $Y_i \sim \text{Gam}(i, \alpha^{-1})$, where $\{Y_i \mid i \in \mathbb{N}\}$ are also inde-
dependent of each other. Then, since $\mathbb{P}(Y_i \leq r^2) = P(i, r^2 / \alpha)$,
(5) and (12) imply

$$
\Phi_{\alpha}(D_r) = \sum_{i \in \mathbb{N}} \chi_i 1_{\{Y_i \leq r^2\}}.
$$

This observation is closely related to the following proposition, which is a generalization of Kostlan’s re-
sult [36] for the original Ginibre point process (see also [26, Theorem 4.7.1]).

Proposition 2: Let $X_i, i \in \mathbb{N}$, denote the points of the $\alpha$-
Ginibre point process. Then, the set $\{|X_i|^2 \mid i \in \mathbb{N}\}$ has the same
distribution as $\widetilde{Y} = \{\tilde{Y}_i \mid i \in \mathbb{N}\}$, which is extracted from $Y = \{Y_i \mid i \in \mathbb{N}\}$ such that $Y_i, i \in \mathbb{N},$ are mutually independent
with $Y_i \sim \text{Gam}(i, \alpha^{-1})$ and each $Y_i$ is added in $\widetilde{Y}$ with probability $\alpha$ and discarded with $1 - \alpha$ independently of others.

Indeed, the $\alpha$-Ginibre point process $\Phi_\alpha$ is obtained from
the original Ginibre process $\Phi = \Phi_1$ by retaining each point
of $\Phi$ with probability $\alpha$ (removing it with $1 - \alpha$) indepen-
dently, and then applying the homothety of ratio $\sqrt{\alpha}$ to the
retained points in order to maintain the original intensity of
the Ginibre process $\Phi$ (28). Proposition 2 is useful for
analyzing the cellular network models described in the pre-
ceding section since the path-loss function usually depends
only on the distance from a BS. When we consider the scaled
$\alpha$-Ginibre point process with intensity $\lambda \in (0, \infty)$ as in Re-
mark 1, $\text{Gam}(i, \alpha^{-1})$ in the above proposition is replaced by
$\text{Gam}(i, \lambda \alpha / \alpha)$.

We can extend Proposition 2 to the process under the Palm distribution. Applying (6) to (7), the kernel $K^P_\alpha$
of the $\alpha$-Ginibre point process under the reduced Palm distribution

Fig. 1 Samples of the Poisson ($\alpha \rightarrow 0$, left), $\alpha$-Ginibre ($\alpha = 0.5$, center) and original Ginibre ($\alpha = 1$, right) point processes with the same intensity. [19]
Given a point at the origin is
\[ K_0^a(z, w) = e^{\pi |z|^2/\alpha} - 1, \quad (13) \]
with respect to the same reference measure \( \nu_a \) in (8). Thus, the first product density is given by
\[ \rho_a^{(1)}(z) \nu_a(dz) = K_0^a(z, z) \nu_a(dz) = \frac{1}{\pi} (1 - e^{-|z|^2/\alpha}) \mu(dz). \]

Note that the \( \alpha \)-Ginibre point process is no longer stationary under the Palm distribution and the intensity function is increasing according to the distance from the origin. The following Proposition is obtained by applying the kernel (13) to Theorem 4.7.1 of [26].

**Proposition 3:** Let \( X_i^\alpha, i \in \mathbb{N}, \) denote the points of the \( \alpha \)-Ginibre point process under the reduced Palm distribution. Then, the set \( \{ |X_i^\alpha|^2 \}_{i \in \mathbb{N}} \) has the same distribution as \( Y_\alpha^\alpha = \{ Y_i^\alpha \}_{i \in \mathbb{N}} \), which is extracted from \( Y = \{ Y_i^\alpha \}_{i \in \mathbb{N}} \) such that \( Y_i^\alpha, i \in \mathbb{N}, \) are mutually independent with \( Y_i^\alpha \sim \text{Gam}(i + 1, \alpha^{-1}) \) and each \( Y_i^\alpha \) is added in \( Y_\alpha^\alpha \) with probability \( \alpha \) and discarded with \( 1 - \alpha \) independently of others.

Note that \( Y_\alpha^\alpha \) in Proposition 3 is obtained from \( Y \) in Proposition 2 by removing the exponentially distributed random variable \( Y_i \sim \text{Gam}(1, \alpha^{-1}) \) if it is retained with probability \( \alpha \) (see [28]).

### 4. Coverage Analysis

In this section, we show some existing results on the coverage analysis of the cellular network models described in Sect. 2; that is, we give the numerically computable forms of the coverage probability for the two examples in Sect. 2. Here, the coverage probability is defined as the tail probability
\[ P(\text{SINR} > \theta, \theta > 0), \]
which represents the probability that the SINR for the typical user achieves a target threshold \( \theta \).

#### 4.1 Homogeneous Single-Antenna Network

We here derive a numerically computable form of the coverage probability for the homogeneous single-antenna network model in Example 1, where the BSs are deployed according to the \( \alpha \)-Ginibre point process with intensity \( \lambda \in (0, \infty) \). The corresponding result for the model with Poisson deployed BSs is also derived. The proof for the Poisson deployed BS model mainly follows [11] while that for the \( \alpha \)-Ginibre deployed BS model does [17, 19].

**Theorem 1** ([11], [17], [19]): Consider the homogeneous single-antenna cellular network model in Example 1 with the path-loss function \( l(r) = r^{-3\beta}, r > 0, \) for \( \beta > 1 \), where \( H_i \sim \text{Exp}(1), i \in \mathbb{N}, \) (Rayleigh fading) and \( G_i, i \in \mathbb{N}, \) are i.i.d. When the point process \( \Phi \) is the homogeneous Poisson point process with intensity \( \lambda \in (0, \infty) \), the coverage probability for the typical user is given by
\[ P(\text{SINR}^{\text{PPP}} > \theta) = \int_0^\infty \exp \left\{ \frac{-\theta w_\lambda}{p} \left( \frac{t}{\pi \lambda} \right)^{\beta} - t \left( 1 + \tau(\theta, \beta) \right) \right\} dt, \quad (14) \]
where
\[ \tau(\theta, \beta) = \frac{\theta^{1/\beta}}{\beta} \int_0^1 \left( 1 - \mathcal{L}_G(u^{-1}) \right) u^{-1+1/\beta} du. \quad (15) \]
and \( \mathcal{L}_G \) denotes the Laplace transform of \( G_i, i \in \mathbb{N} \). On the other hand, when \( \Phi \) is the \( \alpha \)-Ginibre point process with intensity \( \lambda, \)
\[ P(\text{SINR}^{\alpha\text{-GPP}} > \theta) = \alpha \int_0^\infty \exp \left\{ \frac{-\theta w_\lambda}{p} \left( \frac{\alpha t}{\pi \lambda} \right)^{\beta} \right\} \times M_\alpha(t, \theta, \beta) S_\alpha(t, \theta, \beta) dt, \quad (16) \]
where
\[ M_\alpha(t, \theta, \beta) = \prod_{i=0}^{\infty} \left[ 1 - \alpha + \alpha J_i(t, \theta, \beta) \right], \quad (17) \]
\[ S_\alpha(t, \theta, \beta) = \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} \frac{t^i}{i!} \left( 1 - \alpha + \alpha J_i(t, \theta, \beta) \right)^{-1}. \quad (18) \]
with
\[ J_i(t, \theta, \beta) = \frac{1}{i!} \int_t^\infty e^{-u} u^i \mathcal{L}_G \left( \theta \left( \frac{1}{u} \right)^{\beta} \right) du. \quad (19) \]

For the proof of (14)–(15) for the Poisson deployed BS model, we use the probability generating functional for point processes.

**Definition 1:** Let \( \Phi = \{ X_i \}_{i \in \mathbb{N}} \) denote a point process on \( \mathbb{R}^d \) with intensity measure \( \lambda; \) that is, \( \mathbb{E} \Phi(C) = \lambda(C) \) for \( C \in \mathcal{B}(\mathbb{R}^d) \). For any measurable function \( v: \mathbb{R}^d \to [0, 1] \) such that \( \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} (1 - v(x)) \lambda(dx) < \infty \), the probability generating functional of the point process \( \Phi \) is defined as
\[ \mathcal{G}_\Phi(v) = \mathbb{E} \left[ \prod_{i \in \mathbb{N}} v(X_i) \right]. \]

**Proposition 4** (e.g., [37, Sec. 9.4]): For the Poisson point process \( \Phi \) on \( \mathbb{R}^d \) with intensity measure \( \lambda, \) its probability generating functional is given as
\[ \mathcal{G}_{\Phi^{\text{PPP}}}(v) = \exp \left\{ - \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} (1 - v(x)) \lambda(dx) \right\}. \quad (20) \]

Note that, if \( \Phi \) is stationary with intensity \( \lambda, \) then \( \lambda(dx) \) above is replaced by \( \lambda dx \).

**Proof of Theorem 1:** In the definition of the SINR in (1), each \( H_i \) is independent of \( \Phi = \{ X_i \}_{i \in \mathbb{N}} \) and \( \{ G_j \}_{j \in \mathbb{N}, \{ i \}} \). Also, \( \eta(\alpha) \) is determined by \( \Phi = \{ X_i \}_{i \in \mathbb{N}} \). Thus, conditioning on \( \Phi = \{ X_i \}_{i \in \mathbb{N}} \) and \( \{ G_j \}_{j \in \mathbb{N}, \{ i \}}, \) and using \( H_i \sim \text{Exp}(1), i \in \mathbb{N}, \) we have
\[ P(\text{SINR}_\alpha > \theta) = P(H_{\eta(o)} > \theta \frac{l_0(\eta(o)) + w_0}{p \ell(\eta(o))}) \]

\[ = E \left[ \exp \left( -\theta \frac{l_0(\eta(o)) + w_0}{p \ell(\eta(o))} \right) \right]. \]

Furthermore, the definition of the interference (2) and the Laplace transform of \( G \), \( j \in \mathbb{N} \), lead to

\[ P(\text{SINR}_\alpha > \theta) = E \left[ \exp \left( -\theta \frac{w_0}{p \ell(\eta(o))} \right) \prod_{j \in \mathbb{N} \setminus \{\eta(o)\}} \mathcal{L}_G \left( \theta \frac{\ell(\eta_j)}{\ell(\eta(o))} \right) \right], \]

which is the starting point for the coverage analysis of both the Poisson and \( \alpha \)-Ginibre deployed BS cellular network models.

We first show (14)–(15) for the Poisson deployed BS model. For the homogeneous Poisson point process \( \Phi \) on \( \mathbb{R}^2 \) with intensity \( \lambda \), the distribution for the distance to the nearest point from the origin is given by

\[ P(|X_{\eta(o)}| > r) = P(\Phi(D_r) = 0) = e^{-\lambda \pi r^2}, \]

where \( D_r \) denotes the disk centered at the origin with radius \( r \). Given \( |X_{\eta(o)}| = r \), other points of \( \Phi \) also follow the Poisson point process on \( \mathbb{R}^2 \setminus D_r \), and thus applying the probability generating functional (20), we obtain

\[ \mathbb{E} \left[ \prod_{j \in \mathbb{N}} \mathcal{L}_G \left( \theta \frac{\ell(x_j)}{\ell(r)} \right) \right] = \exp \left\{ -\lambda \int_{|x| > r} \left[ 1 - \mathcal{L}_G \left( \theta \frac{\ell(x)}{\ell(r)} \right) \right] dx \right\} \]

\[ = \exp \left\{ -2\pi \lambda \int_{|x| > r} \left[ 1 - \mathcal{L}_G \left( \theta \frac{\ell(x)}{\ell(r)} \right) \right] ^2 dx \right\}. \]

Hence, applying (22), (23) and \( \ell(r) = r^{-2\beta} \) to (21) yields (14)–(15) after some manipulations.

On the other hand, for the \( \alpha \)-Ginibre deployed BS model, we use \( Y = \{Y_i\}_{i \in \mathbb{N}} \) in Proposition 2 such that \( Y_i, i \in \mathbb{N} \), are mutually independent and each \( Y_i \) is retained with probability \( \alpha \) independently of others. Thus, dividing the cases in which each of the point corresponding to \( Y_i \) is retained and associated with the typical user, (21) with \( \ell(r) = r^{-2\beta} \) reduces to

\[ P(\text{SINR}^{(\alpha \text{-GPP})}_\alpha > \theta) = \sum_{i \in \mathbb{N}} \mathbb{E} \left[ \exp \left( -\theta \frac{w_0}{p} Y_i^\beta \right) \prod_{j \in \mathbb{N} \setminus \{i\}} \left( 1 - \alpha + \alpha \mathcal{L}_G \left( \theta \frac{Y_j}{Y_i} \right) 1_{\{Y_j > Y_i\}} \right) \right]. \]

Finally, applying \( Y_i \sim \text{Gam}(i, \pi \lambda / \alpha), i \in \mathbb{N} \) yields (16)–(19) after some manipulations.

Figure 2 shows the comparison result of the coverage probability with different values of \( \alpha \). Each plot indicates the coverage probability for a given value of \( \theta \) in the case of

\[ w_0 = 0 \text{ (noise-free) and } \beta = 2 \text{ (i.e., } \ell(r) = r^{-4}) \]. It seems that the coverage probability is increasing in \( \alpha \). However, a numerical result in [18] shows that the coverage probability is not always monotone in \( \alpha \) as \( \theta \to \infty \).

4.2 Two-Tier Ginibre-Poisson Overlaid Network

In this subsection, we consider the case of \( K = 2 \) in Example 2, where the BSs of tier 1 are deployed according to the \( \alpha \)-Ginibre point process \( \Phi_1 \) with intensity \( \lambda_1 \) while the BSs of tier 2 follow the homogeneous Poisson point process \( \Phi_2 \) with intensity \( \lambda_2 \). This represents the heterogeneous two-tier cellular network where the macro BSs are deployed rather systematically while the femto BSs are located in an opportunistic manner. We assume that the two point processes \( \Phi_1 \) and \( \Phi_2 \) are independent of each other. In the coverage of users, the target thresholds can differ for the two tiers; that is, the SINR should be larger than \( \theta_k \) when a user is served by a BS of tier \( k \) for \( k = 1, 2 \).

For the ease of understanding, we impose some extent of simplifying setting (see [23] for a general setting). First, we ignore the noise power and set \( w_0 = 0 \), in this case, the SINR in (1) is called the signal-to-interference ratio (SIR). Furthermore, we only consider the case where the number of users served at each BS is equal to the number of antennas; that is, \( m_k = \psi_k \) for \( k = 1, 2 \). This case reduces to the single-input single-output (SISO) transmission when \( m_k = \psi_k = 1 \) or the full form of space-division multiple access (full SDMA) transmission when \( m_k = \psi_k > 1 \). In this setting, \( H_i \sim \text{Exp}(1), i \in \mathbb{N} \), since \( \delta_k = 1 \) for each \( k \in \mathcal{K} \), and they are mutually independent.

Theorem 2: Consider the two-tier multi-antenna cellular network model in Example 2 with \( K = 2 \), \( \ell_1(r) = r^{-2\beta_1} \) and \( \ell_2(r) = r^{-2\beta_2} \). Then, under the setting described above, the coverage probability for the typical user is given by

\[ P(\text{SIR}^{\text{(MIMO)}}_\alpha > \theta \xi_{\eta(o)}) = \alpha \int_0^{\infty} M_{\alpha}(t, \theta_1, \beta_1) S_{\alpha}(t, \theta_1, \beta_1) \]

(24a)
where

\[ \tau_{1, \alpha}(\theta, \beta) = \frac{\theta^{1/\beta}}{\beta} \int_{1/\theta}^{\infty} \left( 1 - \frac{u}{u + b_1/b_2} \right)^{\beta^2} u^{-1+1/\beta} \, du, \]

and

\[ M_{\alpha}^{(2,1)}(t, \theta, \beta_1, \beta_2) = \prod_{i=0}^{\infty} \left[ 1 - \alpha - \alpha J_{a,i}^{(2,1)}(t, \theta, \beta_1, \beta_2) \right], \]

where

\[ J_{a,i}^{(2,1)}(t, \theta, \beta_1, \beta_2) = \frac{1}{i!} \int_{0}^{\infty} e^{-u} u^i \left[ 1 + \theta \frac{p_1}{p_2} \left( \frac{t}{a u \pi \alpha \beta_1} \right)^{\beta_2} \right]^{-\beta_1} \, du, \]

with

\[ C_{\alpha}^{(1,2)}(t) = \frac{\pi \lambda_2}{\alpha} \left( \frac{b_2 p_2}{b_1 p_1} \right)^{1/\beta_1} \left( \frac{t}{\pi \alpha \beta_2} \right)^{\beta_2}, \]

\( \tau(\theta, \beta) \) is also the same as in (15) with \( L_G(u^{-1}) = L_{G,2}(u^{-1}) = [u/(u + 1)]^{\beta_2}. \)

The proof is placed in the appendix and we here make a short remark on Theorem 2. The formula of the coverage probability in the theorem consists of two parts (24a)–(24b) and (24c)–(24d). The first part corresponds to that the typical user is served by a BS of tier 1, so that the term in (24a) is given as the same form as in (16). The term in (24b) corresponds to the cumulative interference from all the BSs of tier 2, which can be seen similar to the second term in the exponential in (14). The second part (24c)–(24d) corresponds to that the typical user is served by a BS of tier 2, so that the term in (24d) has the same form as the second term in the exponential in (14). The term in (24c) corresponds to the cumulative interference from all the BSs of tier 1, so that \( M_{\alpha}^{(2,1)} \) has a similar form to \( M_{\alpha} \) in (17) (the term corresponding to \( S_{\alpha} \) does not appear in this case).

5. Conclusion

In this tutorial, we have introduced the \( \alpha \)-Ginibre point process as the model of BS deployments in cellular networks. First, we have reviewed the definition and some useful properties of this process, and then we have seen the two existing results on the coverage analysis of cellular network models, where the BSs are deployed according to the \( \alpha \)-Ginibre point processes. The authors now hope that the readers will use the \( \alpha \)-Ginibre point process and challenge themselves to various problems arising in future cellular networks.

Finally, when we use the Ginibre and other determinantal point processes as the models of BS deployments, we might face to a computation problem. Although the obtained formulas are indeed numerically computable, as seen in (16)–(19) and (24a)–(24d), they include infinite sums and infinite products, which may lead to the time-consuming computation. One direction to avoid this problem could be some kinds of asymptotics and/or approximation (see, e.g., [18], [21], [38]–[40] for this direction).

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Appendix: Proof of Theorem 2

We divide the coverage probability into two cases according to the tier of the BS associated with the typical user:

\[
P(SIR_o^{\text{MIMO}} > \theta_1, \theta_2, \theta_3) = \begin{cases} \Pi_1(i) & \text{if } i \in \mathcal{N}_1 \\ \Pi_2(i) & \text{if } i \in \mathcal{N}_2 \end{cases}
\]

where \( \mathcal{N}_1 \) and \( \mathcal{N}_2 \) denote the random partition of \( \mathcal{N} \) such that \( \mathcal{N}_k = \{ i \in \mathcal{N} : \xi_i = k \} \) for \( k = 1, 2 \). Then, the interference (2) for \( i \in \mathcal{N}_1 \) is written as

\[
I_i = \sum_{j \in \mathcal{N}_1 \setminus \{i\}} p_1 G_j \ell_1(|X_j|) + \sum_{j \in \mathcal{N}_2} p_2 G_j \ell_2(|X_j|).
\]

Applying this to the first term on the right-hand side of (A-1) yields

\[
P(SIR_o^{\text{MIMO}} > \theta_1, \theta_2, \theta_3) = \begin{cases} \Pi_1(i) & \text{if } i \in \mathcal{N}_1 \\ \Pi_2(i) & \text{if } i \in \mathcal{N}_2 \end{cases}
\]

where \( \ell_1(r) = r^{-2p_1} \) and \( \ell_2(r) = r^{-2p_2} \) are also used. Note here that \( \eta(o) = i \) with \( i \in \mathcal{N}_1 \) implies \( |X_j| \geq |X_i| \) for...
where $X_{j} \in \mathbb{N}$ for $j \in \mathbb{N}_2$,

$$\{b_1p_1|X_j|^{-2\beta_1} \geq b_2p_2|X_j|^{-2\beta_2}\} = \{X_j \geq R_{1,2}(|X_i|)\},$$

with $R_{1,2}(r) = (b_1p_1/(b_2p_2))^{(1/2\beta_2)}r^{\beta_1/\beta_2}$. Thus, using $Y_i \in \{Y_i|_{k \in \mathbb{N}}\}$ in Proposition 2, (A.2) further reduces to

$$P(SIR^0_{\text{MIMO}} > \theta_1, \xi_{\tilde{\eta}(o)} = 1)$$

$$= \alpha \sum_{i \in \mathbb{N}_1} \mathbb{E} \left[ \prod_{j \in \mathbb{N}_1|\{i\}} \left\{ 1 + \alpha + \alpha \mathcal{L}_{G,1} \left( \theta_1 \left( \frac{Y_j}{Y_i} \right)^{\beta_1} \right) \mathbf{1}_{\{|Y_j| > Y_i\}} \right\} \right] \times \prod_{j \in \mathbb{N}_1|\{i\}} \mathcal{L}_{G,2} \left( \theta_2 \left( \frac{Y_j^{\beta_1}b_1}{p_1|X_j|^{2\beta_2}} \right) \mathbf{1}_{\{|X_j| \geq R_{1,2}(Y_i^{1/\gamma})\}} \right),$$

(A.3)

where $\{X_{j,2}|j \in \mathbb{N}\}$ follows the homogeneous Poisson point process with intensity $\lambda_j$. Conditioning on $Y_i$ and applying the generating functional (20) to the second infinite product on the right-hand side of (A.3), we have

$$\mathbb{E} \left[ \prod_{j \in \mathbb{N}_1} \mathcal{L}_{G,2} \left( \theta_2 \left( \frac{p_2}{p_1|X_j|^{2\beta_2}} \right) Y_j^{\beta_1} \right) \mathbf{1}_{\{|X_j| \geq R_{1,2}(Y_i^{1/\gamma})\}} \right] = \exp \left\{ -1 - \mathcal{L}_{G,2} \left( \theta_2 \left( \frac{p_2}{p_1|X|^{2\beta_2}} \right) \mathbf{1}_{\{|X| \geq R_{1,2}(Y_i^{1/\gamma})\}} \right) \right\}$$

$$= \exp \left\{ -\pi \lambda^2 \left( \frac{b_2p_2}{b_1p_1} \right)^{1/\beta_1} \left( 1 + \tau_{1,2}(\theta_1, \beta_2) \right) \right\},$$

(A.4)

where

$$\tau_{1,2}(\theta, \beta) = \frac{\theta^{1/\beta}}{\beta} \int_0^\gamma \left( 1 - \left( \frac{u}{u + b_1/b_2} \right)^{\beta_1} \right) u^{-1 + 1/\beta} \, du.$$

Hence, substituting (A.4) to (A.3) and applying $Y_i \sim \text{Gam}(i, \pi \lambda^2/\alpha)$, $i \in \mathbb{N}$, we obtain (24a)–(24b) after some manipulations.

(2) Case of $\xi_{\tilde{\eta}(o)} = 2$:

Similar to the above, the second term on the right-hand side of (A.1) is given as

$$P(SIR^0_{\text{MIMO}} > \theta_2, \xi_{\tilde{\eta}(o)} = 2)$$

$$= \mathbb{E} \left[ \prod_{j \in \mathbb{N}_1} \mathcal{L}_{G,1} \left( \theta_2 \left( \frac{p_1|X_{j,2}|^{2\beta_1}}{p_2|X_j|^{2\beta_2}} \right) \right) \right] \times \prod_{j \in \mathbb{N}_1|\{i\}} \mathcal{L}_{G,2} \left( \theta_2 \left( \frac{|X_{j,2}^{\beta_1}|}{|X_j|} \right)^{1/2\beta_2} \right) \mathbf{1}_{\{|X_{j,2}| \geq R_{2,1}(|X_j|)\}},$$

(A.5)

Now, $\{\tilde{\eta}(o) = i\}$ with $i \in \mathbb{N}_2$ implies that

$$\{b_2p_2|X_j|^{-2\beta_2} \geq b_1p_1|X_j|^{-2\beta_1}\} = \{X_j \geq R_{2,1}(|X_i|)\},$$

with $R_{2,1}(r) = (b_1p_1/(b_2p_2))^{(1/2\beta_1)}r^{\beta_1/\beta_2}$ for $i \in \mathbb{N}_1$ while $|X_j| \geq |X_i|$ for $j \in \mathbb{N}_2$. Therefore, using the distribution of $|X_{j,2}^{\beta_1}|$ in (22) and also $Y_i \in \{Y_i|_{k \in \mathbb{N}}\}$ in Proposition 2, (A.5) reduces to

$$P(SIR_{\text{MIMO}} > \theta_2, \xi_{\tilde{\eta}(o)} = 2)$$

$$= \int_0^{\infty} 2\pi \lambda^2 e^{-\lambda^2 \pi r^2} \times \mathbb{E} \left[ \prod_{j \in \mathbb{N}_1} \left\{ 1 - \alpha + \alpha \mathcal{L}_{G,1} \left( \theta_2 \left( \frac{p_1^{2\beta_2}}{p_2^{2\beta_1}} \right) Y_j^{\beta_1} \right) \mathbf{1}_{\{|Y_j| \geq R_{2,1}(r)^{1/2\beta_2}\}} \right\} \right] \times \mathbb{E} \left[ \prod_{j \in \mathbb{N}_1} \mathcal{L}_{G,2} \left( \theta_2 \left( \frac{r}{|X_j|^{2\beta_2}} \right)^{1/2\beta_2} \right) \mathbf{1}_{\{|X_j| \geq r, j \in \mathbb{N}\}} \right] \, dr,$$

(A.6)

where by applying (20), the second expectation in the integrand of (A.6) is equal to

$$\mathbb{E} \left[ \prod_{j \in \mathbb{N}_1} \mathcal{L}_{G,2} \left( \theta_2 \left( \frac{r}{|X_j|^{2\beta_2}} \right)^{1/2\beta_2} \right) \mathbf{1}_{\{|X_j| \geq r, j \in \mathbb{N}\}} \right] = \exp \left\{ -\frac{2\pi \lambda^2}{\alpha} \int_r^\infty \left[ 1 - \mathcal{L}_{G,2} \left( \theta_2 \left( \frac{r}{s^{2\beta_2}} \right)^{1/2\beta_2} \right) \right] s \, ds \right\}.$$

Hence, substituting this to (A.6) and applying $Y_i \sim \text{Gam}(i, \pi \lambda^2/\alpha)$, $i \in \mathbb{N}$, we obtain (24c)–(24d) after some manipulations.

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