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Cognitive Radio Operation under Directional Primary Interference and Practical Path Loss Models

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SUMMARY This paper discusses the possibility of deploying a short-range cognitive radio (secondary communication system) within the service area of a primary system. Although the secondary system interferes with the primary system, there are certain locations in the service area of the primary system where the cognitive radio can reuse the frequency of the primary system without causing harmful interference to it and being disturbed by the primary system. These locations are referred to as having a *spatial opportunity* for communications in the secondary system, since it can reuse the frequency of the primary system. Simulation results indicate that the antenna gain, beamwidth, and propagation path loss greatly affect the spatial opportunity of frequency reuse for the secondary users. The results show that spatial spectrum reuse can be significantly increased when the primary system users are equipped with directional antennas. An important component in this study is the heterogeneous path loss model, i.e., the path loss model within the primary system is different from the model used to calculate the interference between the primary and the secondary systems. Our results show that the propagation models corresponding to the actual antenna heights in the primary/secondary system can largely impact the possibilities for spectrum reuse by the cognitive radios.

key words: cognitive radio, spatial opportunity, directional antenna, heterogeneous propagation path loss conditions, target CIR, antenna height

1. Introduction

Due to the immense popularity of mobile phones and wireless LAN systems, wireless communication systems have been challenged with increasing demand to offer the target quality of service with a limited frequency bandwidth. Traditional and common approaches to address this challenge have been to increase the number of bits that can be transmitted per unit time and frequency, resulting in high capacity with a given frequency bandwidth. However, it was shown by a recent report by the Federal Communication Commission (FCC) that a large part of the licensed spectrum is not utilized most of the time and space [1]. Hence, we can dramatically improve the frequency utilization if we allow a wireless node (often called a secondary system or cognitive radio) to access dynamically the spectrum that is under-utilized in space/time by the licensed system (often

called the primary system) [2], [3].

In this scenario, it is very important to investigate how the secondary or cognitive users can communicate inside the service area of the primary system [4]. When co-existence between the primary and secondary systems is considered, the secondary system is not allowed to cause harmful interference to the primary system. Hence, the secondary system must quantify and bound its interference to the primary system. A model was proposed to achieve such co-existence between a broadcast system such as TV with a large transmission range and a system with a small cell size such as a Wi-Fi [5]. In this study, the maximum transmit power that is required for the secondary system is formulated as a function of the actual antenna/amplifier gains and propagation path loss [5].

The primary systems are usually assumed to use not only omni-directional antennas but also directional antennas in order to increase the service area. When considering a scenario where primary and/or cognitive systems are equipped with directional antennas, the precise antenna pattern must be considered to calculate the interference between the two coexisting systems. This is because the interference range decreases as the direction for the receiver moves away from the direction of the main beam on the directional antenna. Moreover, when directional antennas are considered, the interference model should be dependent on the antenna gain, the beamwidth, as well as the beam geometry. The use of directional antennas/smart antenna/beamforming at the primary/secondary transmitter was discussed in references [6]–[8]. However, references [6] and [7] do not deal with the directional antennas on the primary system, but only on the secondary system. On the other hand, reference [8] deals with the smart antenna not only for the secondary system but also for the primary system. However, in the previous works, the influence of the beamwidth at the primary transmitter has not been considered to study the spatial opportunity for cognitive radio systems.

Since the primary and secondary systems have different features and usage scenarios, deployment conditions for the primary and secondary systems are principally different. For example in a long-range primary system, the base stations are located on the rooftops of buildings. On the other hand, secondary transceivers are placed at various locations (indoor/outdoor, high/low antenna heights, urban/rural environment, etc.). Thus, the differences between the deploy-

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ment conditions of the primary and secondary systems give rise to differences in the path loss for a link within the primary system and the path loss for the interference from the primary to secondary system (and vice versa).

In this paper, we investigate spatial opportunity when a short-range secondary system should coexist with a large-range primary system that employs directional antenna [9]. We derive the spatial availability as the function of antenna and propagation's parameters and clarify that the spatial opportunities of cognitive systems could be significantly enhanced when assuming the directional antenna with narrow beamwidth for the primary systems [9].

This paper also derives the spatial opportunity when the heterogeneous propagation path loss conditions are considered between the communication link within the primary system and the interference from the primary to secondary system [10]. To achieve this, we introduce the propagation loss model from [11]. This model can be utilized even if antenna heights of both the transmitter and receiver are varied. In other words, all the heterogeneous path loss conditions in our target scenarios can be modeled using [11]. The spatial opportunity for the secondary systems is evaluated when the several scenarios are considered in actual systems with various antenna heights of the primary and secondary systems.

This paper focuses on new aspects compared to the previous studies:

- We consider and evaluate two types of inter-system interference: Interference from the primary to secondary system and, vice versa, from the secondary to primary system.
- In our previous studies [9], [10], we assumed that the receiver is always positioned at the edge of the service area. However, the Carrier to Interference Ratio (CIR) changes significantly according to the relationship of positions between the transmitter and receiver as well as between the source of interference and receiver. In this paper, we define that the primary/secondary users are located uniformly inside the service area.
- In addition to the heterogeneous conditions for path loss, we also consider short-term fading effects.
- In this paper, we consider multi-user scenarios that generally occur in commercial systems.

The rest of the paper is organized as follows. In Sect. 2, we describe the target system and the motivation for the research. Section 3 derives the spatial opportunity for cognitive radio systems when we consider heterogeneous propagation loss conditions where different path loss coefficients are used for the link between primary users and the interference from the primary to secondary transceivers. In Sect. 4, the spatial opportunity for the secondary system with numerical results is clarified when various antenna heights for the primary and secondary systems are assumed. Finally, Sect. 5 concludes the paper and discusses possible future work.

2. Target Scenario and Path Loss Model

2.1 Target Scenario

Figure 1 shows an example of the target scenario. The characteristics of the systems with large and small areas significantly differ from each other. The strategy discussed herein takes advantage of the features of both primary and secondary systems in order to reach an efficient state of coexistence [4], [5], [9], [10].

In the figure, we assume bi-directional communication between the base station (BS) and the subscriber station (SS) for a primary system, where both BS and SS can transmit/receive the signals, respectively. As can be seen in Fig. 1, Fixed Wi-MAX can be considered as an actual example of such a primary system. The BS antenna is positioned at a high location. The SS antenna is placed at either a high or low location. Both the BS and SS use directional antennas to enlarge the respective service areas. Therefore, the primary communicable range is maximum in the direction of the main beam while it gradually decreases in the other directions. This provides an opportunity to deploy cognitive devices in the directions of the side lobe [9].

We consider a secondary system that has a much shorter communication range than that for the primary system and attempts to reuse the frequency band assigned to the primary system. Since communications are confined to a local area, such a secondary system has a high potential to find flexibly available space within the service area of the primary system. Examples of such short range systems are the indoor or outdoor WLANs. In this paper, we introduce path loss model that can be applied to both indoor and outdoor scenarios of a secondary system. For the secondary short-range systems, it is reasonable to assume use of omnidirectional antennas.

We assume that the secondary users know the antenna gain, amplifier gain and noise figure in both primary and secondary systems. Therefore, before starting their communication, the secondary transmitters can estimate their interference toward the primary receivers by using the received power (detected during primary transmission) from a primary transmitter toward the secondary receivers. The actual method for the estimation of the interference power from the secondary transmitters toward a primary receiver is detailed in [12]. The method introduced in [12] counts on the channel reciprocity which can be violated when considering mobility as well as different interference conditions at two end-points. The lack of channel reciprocity results in the degradation of spatial opportunity as the secondary transmitter underestimates the interference and starts transmission, which consequently violates the target quality at primary receiver or overestimates the interference and does not start transmission itself. In order to minimize such degradation, more precise method to estimate interference is required. We consider the development of methods to estimate exact channel state information among nodes as a comple-

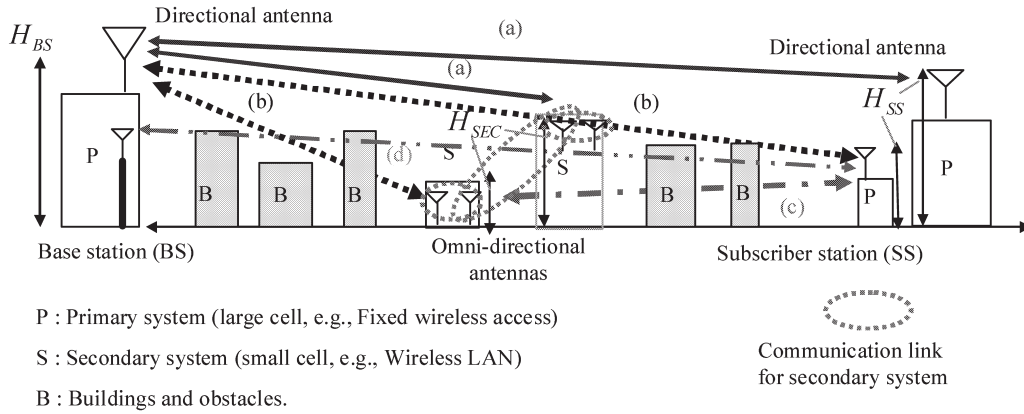


Fig. 1 Example of target scenario in cognitive radio system.

mentary work to this paper, and keep it for our future work.

2.2 Propagation Path Loss Model Considering Heterogeneous Path Loss Condition

The propagation path loss significantly affects the spatial opportunity for cognitive radio systems [5]. Several propagation path loss models are proposed for indoor and outdoor environments in [13]–[18]. A general expression for the path loss model $L(d)$ (d : distance between the transmitter and receiver) can be written as follows:

$$L(d) = \alpha \cdot \log_{10}(d) - \beta \text{ [dB]} \quad \alpha, \beta \in \mathbb{R}, \quad (1)$$

where α ranges from 20 to 40 dB, while β is determined by various factors such as antenna height, frequency, building structure and width of the road etc. [13]–[18].

In this paper we consider the following four different path loss conditions, corresponding to (a)–(d) shown in Fig. 1 where the primary transmitter is set higher than the surrounding buildings:

- (a) Secondary Tx/Rx and Primary Rx are set higher than the surrounding buildings
- (b) Secondary Tx/Rx is set higher and Primary Rx is set lower than the surrounding buildings
- (c) Secondary Tx/Rx and Primary Rx are set lower than the surrounding buildings
- (d) Others

Looking at the target scenario shown in Fig. 1, we notice that the propagation path losses are obviously different among the BS to/from the SS, the BS to/from the secondary systems, and the SS to/from the secondary systems, because different antenna height greatly affects on the propagation characteristics. Hence, a propagation path loss model taking into account different antenna heights is needed.

Conventional path loss models in [13]–[17] can deal only with condition (b) described above, where the antenna heights of BS and SS are high and low, respectively. This is because the propagation coefficient, α is denoted as a function on antenna height of the BS. The antenna height on the SS is low in the conventional path loss models. On the other

Table 1 Path loss model with heterogeneous path loss conditions.

$L(d) = [51 - 8 \log_{10}(H_{Tx}H_{Rx})] \log_{10}(d) + 8.4 \log_{10}(H_{Tx}H_{Rx}) + 20 \log_{10}(f_c/2.2) + 14$	
$L(d)$:	Path loss (dB)
d :	Distance between transmitter and receiver (200–3000 [m])
H_{Tx} :	Antenna height at the transmitter (3.5–30 [m])
H_{Rx} :	Antenna height at the receiver (1.5–30 [m])
f_c :	Frequency (2 GHz band)
α :	$51 - 8 \log_{10}(H_{Tx}H_{Rx})$
β :	$-8.4 \log_{10}(H_{Tx}H_{Rx}) - 20 \log_{10}(f_c/2.2) - 14$

Table 2 Path loss model for indoor scenarios.

α	β
n	$20 \log_{10}[f]_{\text{GHz}} + L_f + 20 \log_{10}(4\pi\lambda/c) + 180$

hand, we found a path loss model which encompasses (a)–(d) [11], called Ichitsubo’s model. Table 1 presents parameters of Ichitsubo’s model. As can be seen in Table 1, Ichitsubo’s model can be used for all four cases shown in Fig. 1, because α and β are functions of the antenna heights of the transmitter and receiver.

This model was obtained considering many measurements, which were carried out with 2 GHz band in urban areas in Japan. Moreover, the path losses obtained by the measurements and the equation in Table 1 agree well with each other, when the transmissions of Tx 32 [m]–Rx 32 [m], Tx 32 [m]–Rx 15 [m], and Tx 32 [m]–Rx 2 [m] are considered [11]. Here, Tx A [m]–Rx B [m] represent the antenna heights of the transmitter and receiver at A and B [m], respectively. Although none of parameters in Table 1 directly represent the effect of buildings and obstacles, parameters α and β are certainly related to them. In fact, α and β are function of the Tx and Rx antenna heights, and therefore they are affected by the presence/absence of obstacles and buildings. Therefore, since this model covers all the possible scenarios analyzed in this paper, we use Ichitsubo’s model hereafter.

In this paper, for indoor scenarios the model in [18] is used. The values of α and β used in indoor path loss model are shown in Table 2. Constants n and L_f represent heuristic parameters used to take into consideration the wall, ceiling, and floor attenuations. A typical value of n in an

office environment is 30, whereas L_f generally takes values between 10 to 20 dB per wall [18].

3. Spatial Opportunity for Cognitive Radio Systems

3.1 Definition of Spatial Opportunity

In this section, we give a formal definition for *spatial opportunity* in order to quantify the opportunity for secondary users to reuse frequency resources when located within the primary service area. In this paper, we deal with the case when the secondary system attempts to communicate during a transmission in the primary system. This case is more interesting than the uplink case because generally more resources in the time and frequency domains are assigned in the downlink channel than in the uplink channel. Moreover, the interference to the primary system is more critical during a downlink transmission. In order to achieve co-existence, we must consider two types of interference:

- I₁ Interference from the Primary Transmitter (PT) to the Secondary Receiver (SR)
- I₂ Interference from the Secondary Transmitter (ST) to the Primary Receiver (PR)

In this section and for rest of the paper, the BS and SS in Fig. 1 are regarded as the PT and PR, respectively.

3.2 Flow to Obtain Spatial Opportunity

Figure 2 shows the graphic representation of the algorithm (i.e., the flowchart) we have used to calculate the spatial opportunity. As it can be seen, the communicable areas for the primary and secondary systems are determined in Step

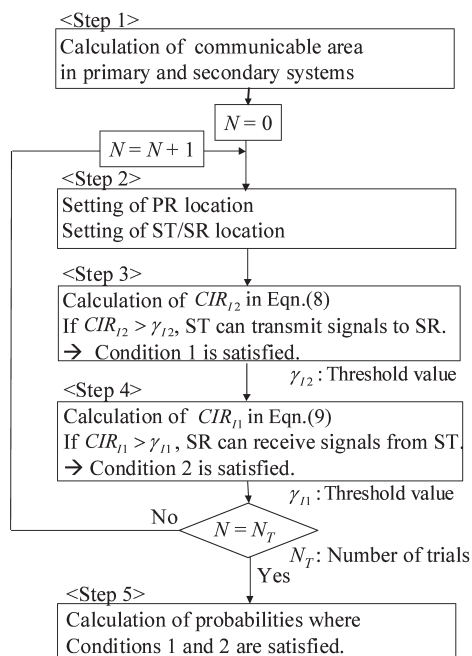


Fig. 2 Flow chart for obtaining spatial opportunity.

1 in the flowchart. The communicable area is defined as the area in which the signal from a given transmitter reaches its intended receiver with an average Carrier-to-Noise-Ratio (CNR) above a threshold, which is chosen according to actual system requirements. The primary (secondary) communicable area is the area around the PT (ST) where the PR (SR) is possibly located. In our evaluation we assume that secondary communicable area is always located inside the primary communicable area.

Figure 3 shows the primary communicable area when the primary users are equipped with omni-directional (Fig. 3(a)) and directional (Fig. 3(b)) antennas. $d_{Tx, Rx}^{max}$ represents the distance between the Tx and Rx when the receiver is located at the edge of the service area in Fig. 3. Since secondary users are equipped with omnidirectional antennas, Fig. 3(a) represents also the secondary communicable area. When considering omni-directional antenna, amplifier gain and path loss, the communicable area is circular. Moreover, when the primary Tx and Rx are equipped with directional antennas, the communicable area is decided assuming that they generate their main beams toward each other. Hence, as shown in Fig. 3(b), the primary communicable area is circular, but with a larger radius.

Given the communicable area, we can determine the minimum received power required to achieve target CNR at the edge of the service area, $R_{Tx, Rx}^{min}$ as follows (in general, the following is valid for any pair of Tx and Rx within the

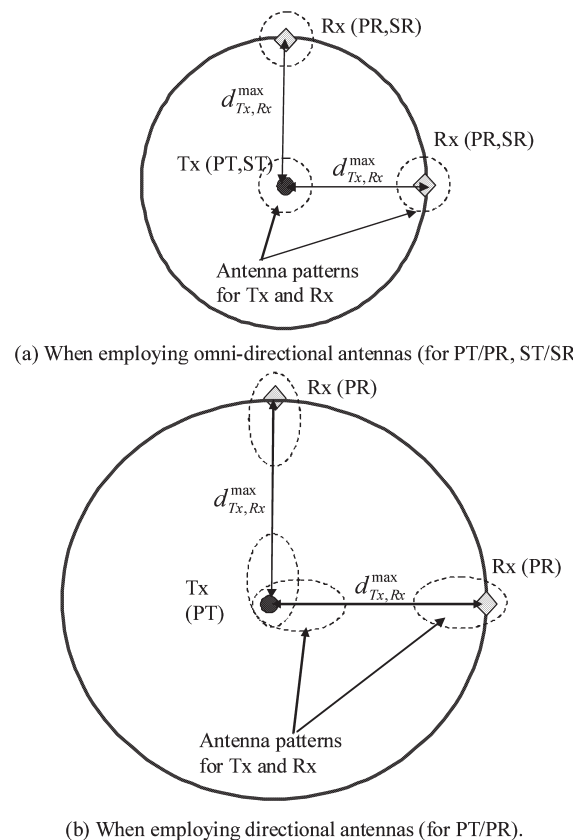


Fig. 3 Definition of communicable area.

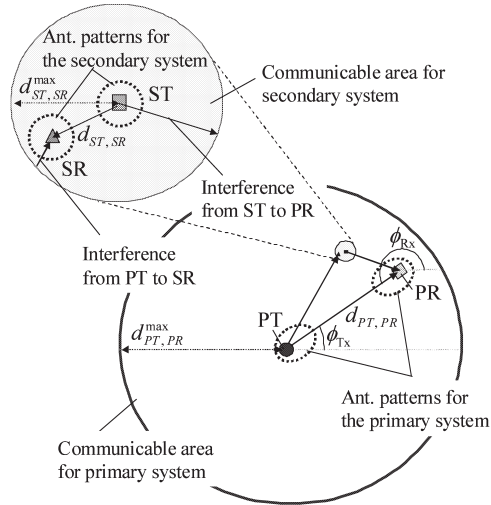


Fig. 4 Geometrical relationship among PT, PR, ST, SR.

primary and secondary communicable area):

$$R_{Tx, Rx}^{\min} = G_{Tx, HPA} + G_{Tx, ANT} + F_{Tx, BW}(\phi_{Tx}) - L(d_{Tx, Rx}^{\max}) + G_{Rx, ANT} + F_{Rx, BW}(\phi_{Rx}) \text{ [dBm]}, \quad (2)$$

$$L(d_{Tx, Rx}^{\max}) = \alpha \log_{10}(d_{Tx, Rx}^{\max}) - \beta \text{ [dB]}, \quad (3)$$

$$CNR_{Tx, Rx}^{\min} = R_{Tx, Rx}^{\min} - G_{Rx, LNA}, \quad (4)$$

where $L(d_{Tx, Rx}^{\max})$ is determined by the parameter in Tables 1 and/or 2. $G_{Tx, ANT}$ and $G_{Rx, ANT}$ are the gains of antennas for Tx/Rx, respectively. $G_{Tx, HPA}$ is the transmit power for Tx. $F_{Tx, BW}(\phi_{Tx})/F_{Rx, BW}(\phi_{Rx})$ is the normalized response of antenna pattern for direction ϕ_{Tx}/ϕ_{Rx} in the horizontal plane at Tx and Rx, respectively. BW is the value of 3 dB beamwidth. ϕ_{Tx} and ϕ_{Rx} express the main beam direction at the Tx and Rx, respectively. When considering the primary system, since the PT and PR direct their main beams toward each other (at least in the ideal case) $F_{Tx, BW}(\phi_{Tx})$ and $F_{Rx, BW}(\phi_{Rx})$ are always 0 dB. On the other hand, when considering the secondary system, since we assume that both Tx and Rx are equipped with omnidirectional antennas, $F_{Tx, BW=360^\circ}(\cdot)$ and $F_{Rx, BW=360^\circ}(\cdot)$ are always 0 dB. $CNR_{Tx, Rx}^{\min}$ denotes the CNR at the edge of service area. $G_{Rx, LNA}$ is the noise power at the receiver. Based on all the previous assumptions, and using relationships in Eqs. (2) and (3), the communicable area for the primary or secondary system, S_C can be determined as follows:

$$S_C = \pi(d_{Tx, Rx}^{\max})^2, \quad (5)$$

$$d_{Tx, Rx}^{\max} = 10^{X_C/\alpha}, \quad (6)$$

$$X_C = G_{Tx, HPA} + G_{Tx, ANT} + G_{Rx, ANT} + G_{Rx, LNA} + \beta - R_{Tx, Rx}^{\min}. \quad (7)$$

In Step 2, the position of the PR is determined inside the communicable area of the primary system, which is calculated in Step 1. Figure 4 shows the geometrical relationship among the PT, PR, ST and SR. Depending on the position of PR, the distance between the PT and PR, $d_{PT, PR}$

and the beam direction with maximum power for the PT/PR, ϕ_{PT}/ϕ_{PR} are calculated, respectively. Concerning the secondary system, the ST is first located randomly within the communicable area of the primary system. Here, the ST is located so that the secondary communicable area is located inside the primary communicable area. The position of the SR is randomly selected within the communicable area of the secondary system, which is determined based on the position of ST. Then, the distance between the ST and SR, $d_{ST, SR}$ is calculated.

In Step 3 and Step 4, we examine whether the secondary transmissions are possible or not based on CIR (Carrier to Interference power Ratio) quality. The secondary transmission is impossible if a) they cause harmful interference to the primary system (Step 3) and/or b) the target quality at the secondary receiver is not satisfied due to the primary interference (Step 4). In order to quantify the spatial opportunity, we must define the target CIR, which represents the power ratio of the desired signal to interference that must be satisfied at the receiver. In this paper, not only path loss effects but also small-term fading (i.e., Rayleigh fading) effects are considered.

In Step 3, we check CIR at PR, CIR_{I_2} . CIR_{I_2} can be obtained as the power ratio of the desired signal for the PT, $R_{PT, PR}$ to the interference from the ST at the PR, $R_{ST, PR}$. CIR_{I_2} is obtained as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} CIR_{I_2} &= R_{PT, PR} - R_{ST, PR} \\ &= G_{PT, HPA} + G_{PT, ANT} - L(d_{PT, PR}) - L_{SF, PT, PR}(t) \\ &\quad - G_{ST, HPA} - G_{ST, ANT} + L(d_{ST, PR}) + L_{SF, ST, PR}(t) \\ &\quad - F_{PR, BW}(\theta_{ST, PR}) \text{ [dB]}, \end{aligned} \quad (8)$$

where $\theta_{ST, PR}$ is the direction from the ST to the PR. Note that the effect of $F_{PR, BW}(\theta_{ST, PR})$ must be considered unlike the case of the desired signal. While the PR always directs its main beam toward the PT to maximize its desired signal level, it is not directed toward ST. Therefore, $F_{PR, BW}(\theta_{ST, PR})$ takes into account the antenna response of the PR in the direction of the ST. $L_{SF}(t)$ denotes the small-scale fading effect. Coming back to our algorithm (Fig. 2, Step 3), we define a flag variable, $N_{C2}(i)$, which for each trial i in our evaluation, assumes value 1 if CIR_{I_2} is greater than a given threshold, and 0 otherwise. N_T represents the total number of trials in our evaluation.

In Step 4, we calculate CIR at SR, CIR_{I_1} where the desired and interfering signals are from the ST and from the PT, respectively. CIR_{I_1} can be obtained as the power ratio of the desired signal, $R_{ST, SR}$, to the interference at the SR, $R_{PT, SR}$. CIR_{I_1} is expressed as

$$\begin{aligned} CIR_{I_1} &= R_{ST, SR} - R_{PT, SR} \\ &= G_{ST, HPA} + G_{ST, ANT} - L(d_{ST, SR}) - L_{SF, ST, SR}(t) \\ &\quad - G_{PT, HPA} - G_{PT, ANT} \end{aligned}$$

$$+L(d_{PT, SR}) + L_{SF, PT, SR}(t) \\ -F_{PT, BW}(\theta_{PT, SR}) \text{ [dB]}, \quad (9)$$

where $\theta_{PT, SR}$ is the direction from the PT to the SR. The effect of $F_{PT, BW}(\theta_{PT, SR})$ must be considered like the calculation of CIR_{I_2} . Similarly as in Step 3, in our calculation (Fig. 2, Step 4), we have defined a flag variable $N_{C1}(i)$, for each trial i , which assumes value 1 if CIR_{I_1} is greater than a given threshold, or 0 otherwise.

As it is shown in Fig. 2, the loop from Step 2 to Step 4 is repeated N_T times in our calculations. For each trial, the positions of PR, ST and SR are randomly generated as described above. In Step 5 it is calculated the probability that both CIR_{I_1} and CIR_{I_2} are greater than the respective thresholds defined above. We define this probability (ratio between the number of trials satisfying these two conditions and the total number of trials, N_T in simulation) as the spatial opportunity for secondary system in our work. In our calculations, we first obtain the probability that either the condition on CIR_{I_1} (Eq. (9)) or CIR_{I_2} (Eq. (8)) is satisfied (by using Eqs. (10) and (11)); then we define the spatial opportunity as the joint probability that these two conditions are satisfied in Eq. (12):

$$Pr_1 = \frac{\sum_i^{N_T} N_{C1}(i)}{N_T} \times 100 [\%], \quad (10)$$

$$Pr_2 = \frac{\sum_i^{N_T} N_{C2}(i)}{N_T} \times 100 [\%], \quad (11)$$

$$Pr_{Total} = \frac{\sum_i^{N_T} \min[N_{C1}(i), N_{C2}(i)]}{N_T} \times 100 [\%], \quad (12)$$

where Pr_1 and Pr_2 represent the spatial opportunity percentages for interference I_1 and I_2 for the PT/SR and ST/PR, respectively. Pr_{Total} denotes the spatial opportunity percentage which considers both interference I_1 and I_2 .

4. Numerical Results

4.1 Simulation Condition

In this section, we numerically evaluate the spatial opportunity for the secondary system. We evaluate the four different cases shown in Fig. 5 where path loss models (a), (b), and (c) introduced in Fig. 1 are considered. Although we consider the fixed wireless system as the primary system in Sect. 2, a mobile terminal can also be assumed as PR for the primary system in Case 1 and 2. On the other hand, we suppose that the primary system is a fixed wireless access/relay in Case 3 and 4. The antenna height of the PR can be assumed to be high in these cases.

When considering actual deployments in the secondary system, different antenna heights must be considered. Case

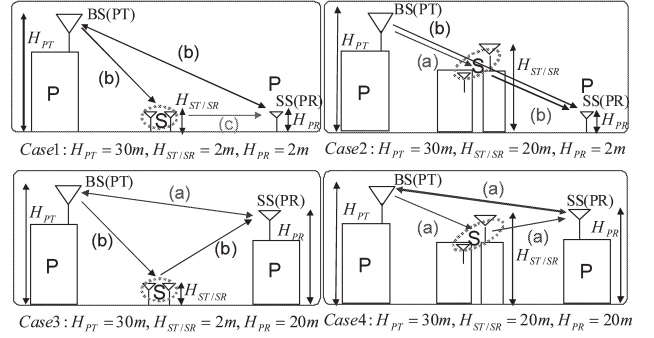


Fig. 5 Conditions including heterogeneous path loss for numerical calculations.

Table 3 Simulation parameters.

Parameter	Value
Frequency, f_c	2.4 GHz
Transmit power of PT, $G_{PT,HPA}$	33 dBm
Transmit power of SR, $G_{ST,HPA}$	19 dBm
Noise power of Rx (PR and SR), $G_{RX,LNA}$	-174 dBm/Hz
Minimum received power of PT, $R_{PT,PR}(d_{PT,PR}^{max})$	-80 dBm
Minimum received power of SR, $R_{ST,SR}(d_{ST,SR}^{max})$	-65 dBm
Target CIR	40 dB
Beamwidth of PT in E plane, $\theta_{PT,BW}^v$	10 degree
Beamwidth of PR in E plane, $\theta_{PT,BW}^v$	30 degree
Antenna height of PT, H_{PT}	30 m
Short-term fading	Rayleigh
Angular spread	360 degree
Number of trials for positions and fading conditions	1,000,000 times

1 and 3 with secondary users located at low heights (2 meters) represent hotspot scenarios in indoor/outdoor environments. On the other hand, since secondary users are located at high positions in Case 2 and 4, these represent cases of usage of W-LANs between buildings, e.g., relay/mesh networks.

The simulation parameters are shown in Table 3. The radio frequency is set to be 2.4 GHz, because the path loss model for the outdoor scenarios deals with only 2 GHz band. We set the transmit power, $G_{Tx,HPA}$, and the minimum received power, $R_{Tx,Rx}^{min}$, of both the primary and secondary systems, referring to actual systems. In this paper, $G_{PT,HPA}$ and $R_{PT,PR}^{min}$ for the primary system are set respectively to 33 dBm and -80 dBm with a 20 MHz bandwidth, as specified by one of the Fixed Wi-Max standards [4]. For the secondary system, $G_{ST,HPA}$ and $R_{SR,SR}^{min}$ are set respectively to 19 dBm and -65 dBm with a 20 MHz bandwidth. These values refer to IEEE802.11g systems [23]. We have set that the noise power is -174 dBm/Hz (-100 dBm at 20 MHz bandwidth) for both primary and secondary systems. Since $R_{PT,PR}^{min} = -80$ dBm and $R_{SR,SR}^{min} = -65$ dBm, $CNR_{PT,PR}^{min}$ and $CNR_{SR,SR}^{min}$ are 20 and 35 dB, respectively.

Since the primary receiver (PR) should not be harmed by secondary transmissions, we have set the target CIR at PR equal to 40 dB; we have chosen a level which is 20 dB higher than CNR at the PR (i.e., $CIR = CNR + 20 \text{ dB} = 40 \text{ dB}$). As for the secondary receiver (SR), we have set the target

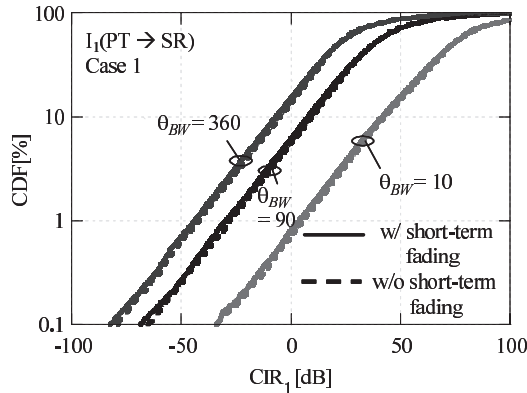


Fig. 6 Cumulative distribution function of *instantaneous* CIR when interference from PT to SR is considered (I_1).

CIR equal to 40 dB. This equals the target CNR plus 5 dB, which is less strict than PR as we take into consideration the possibility for the SR to use interference cancellation techniques [25], [26].

The antenna gain, G_{Ant} , can be approximately expressed as a function of the 3 dB antenna beamwidth in the horizontal and vertical planes (θ_{BW}^h and θ_{BW}^v [19]). The relationship among the antenna gain and the 3 dB antenna beamwidth in the horizontal and vertical planes can be approximately expressed as $G_{\text{Ant}} = 40000/\theta_{\text{BW}}^h\theta_{\text{BW}}^v$. Since the antenna gain at the BS, $G_{\text{PT, Ant}}$, is generally higher than the one at the PR, $G_{\text{PR, Ant}}$, we set the beamwidth of the PT and PR in the vertical plane to 10 and 30 degrees, respectively. When the omni-directional antennas are used for the both PT and PR, the antenna gains for the PT and PR become 11.1 and 3.7 dBi, respectively. In the cellular and/or WiMAX systems, the range of antenna gain is generally from 10 to 15 dBi when considering the omni-directional antenna at the BS [4], [20]. Since the primary system considers a large cell, the antenna gain for PR is set to be greater than 2 dBi, which is the gain for a standard dipole omni-directional antenna [19], even if the PR has omni-directional antenna. Hence, the values used for the beamwidth in the vertical plane are reasonable in this paper. For simplicity, the noise figures are assumed to be the same for the primary and secondary receivers.

The antenna response, $F_{\text{BW}}(\phi) = \cos^n(\phi)$ (n is a positive value [21]) is a function of θ_{BW}^h [22]. To determine the sidelobe level, we impose that the integration of the $G_{\text{Ant}}F_{\text{BW}}(\phi)$ from 0 to 2π should be constant regardless of the beamwidth in order to keep this model closer to the real antenna pattern. We assume flat Rayleigh fading environment with angular spread of 360 degree. The number of waves are 100 and these waves arrive uniformly from random directions.

4.2 Basic Characteristics

First, the CIR characteristics are shown in order to clarify how the interference has an impact for the secondary spatial opportunity. Figures 6 and 7 show the cumulative distribu-

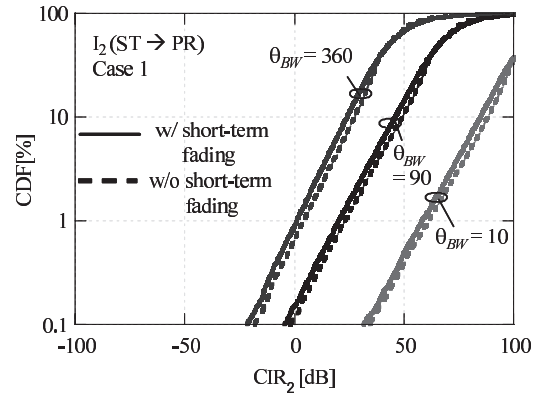


Fig. 7 Cumulative distribution function of *instantaneous* CIR when interference from ST to PR is considered (I_2).

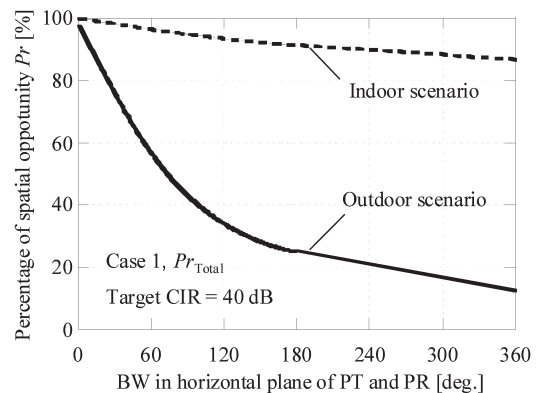


Fig. 8 Percentage for spatial opportunity when indoor and outdoor scenarios are assumed.

tion function of *instantaneous* CIR. Figure 6 is for the interference I_1 from PT to SR. Figure 7 is for the interference I_2 from ST to PR. We compare the influence between with and without short-term fading effects. As shown in these figures, CIR_{I_2} is much larger than CIR_{I_1} . Moreover, the higher CIR can be guaranteed by the narrower BW in the PT and PR. For example, the probability where *instantaneous* CIR_{I_2} is less than the target CIR (=40 dB) is only 0.2 %, when the BW is 10 degree. Regarding the short-term fading, the influence is much smaller than that due to the BW and path loss condition. Hence, we confirmed that the *instantaneous* CIR is mainly determined by the BW and the path loss condition.

Figure 8 presents the percentage spatial opportunity given in Eq. (12) versus the beamwidths (BW) of the PT and PR. In the indoor scenario, we consider the worst case: the average distance from the wall of the building to the secondary devices is set to 40 cm. We evaluate the percentage spatial opportunity when Case 1 in Fig. 5 is considered. As Fig. 8 clearly shows, the percentage spatial opportunity increases when the BWs of the PT and PR become narrower. This confirms that the spatial reuse is largely enhanced when directional antenna is used instead of the omnidirectional one.

Figure 8 indicates that the variations of the percentage

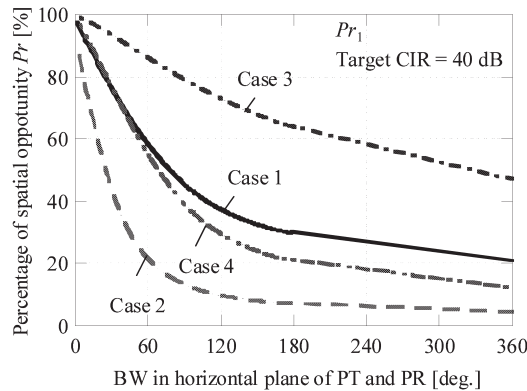


Fig. 9 Percentage for spatial opportunity when interference from PT to SR is considered (I_1).

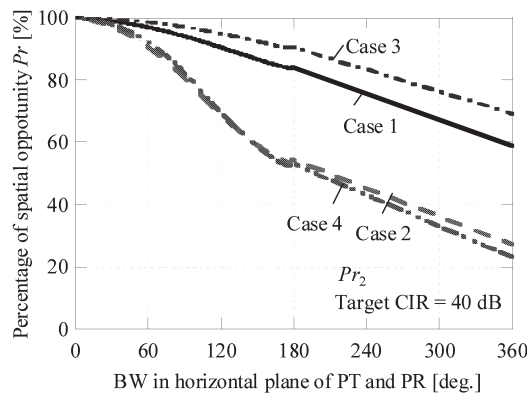


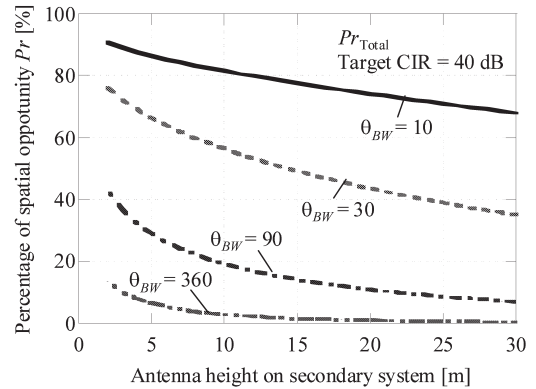
Fig. 10 Percentage for spatial opportunity when interference from ST to PR is considered (I_2).

the spatial opportunity versus the BW of the primary system are largely different between the indoor and outdoor scenarios. Thus, the cognitive radio in indoor scenarios demonstrates to achieve a high reuse of the spectrum on the primary system, whatever antenna pattern is applied in the primary system. In an opposite way, the directional antenna with the narrower beam is effective for the secondary system located outdoor. From this results, we assume the outdoor scenario for secondary system hereafter.

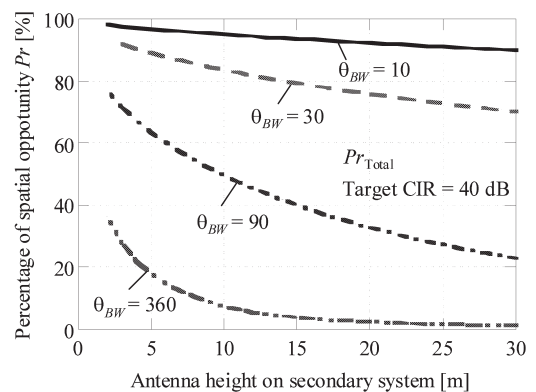
4.3 Spatial Opportunity by Beam Width and Heterogeneous Path Loss Conditions

Figures 9 and 10 show the percentage for spatial opportunity versus the BW of PT and PR when Case 1 to 4 in Fig. 5 are considered. Figures 9 and 10 show the results when considering I_1 (interference from PT to SR) and I_2 (interference from ST to PR), respectively. As Figs. 9 and 10 clearly show, the spatial opportunity increases when the BWs of the PT and PR become narrower. This confirms that the spatial reuse is greatly enhanced when a directional antenna is used instead of the omni-directional one, when considering both interference I_1 (PT/SR) and I_2 (ST/PR).

Figure 9 shows that the absolute value of the spatial op-



(a) $H_{PT} = 30$ m, $H_{PR} = 2$ m



(b) $H_{PT} = 30$ m, $H_{PR} = 20$ m

Fig. 11 Percentage for spatial opportunity versus the antenna height of the secondary system.

portunity is changed among four cases. Case 3 exhibits the highest spatial opportunity percentage. The CIR_{I_1} in Case 3 is higher than those in Case 2 and 4, because the path loss between the PT and SR, $L(d_{PT, SR})$ in Case 3 is much larger than those in Case 2 and 4. Since communicable range in Case 3 is much larger than that in Case 1 due to the small path loss between the PT and PR in Case 3 compared to that in Case 1, the probability where $d_{PT, SR}$ in Case 3 is longer than that in Case 1 is increased. Hence, the CIR_{I_1} in Case 3 is higher than that in Case 1. Although the path loss conditions between the PT and SR are same between Case 2 and 4, the probability where $d_{PT, SR}$ in Case 4 is longer than that in Case 2 is increased due to the larger communicable area in Case 4 than that in Case 2. Therefore, the spatial opportunity of Case 3 is the highest of all the cases.

Next, we focus on the difference between the spatial opportunities for interference I_1 (interference from PT to SR) and I_2 (interference from ST to PR). As Figs. 9 and 10 clearly show, the spatial opportunity for I_2 (ST/PR) is much higher than that for I_1 (PT/SR). This result means that the transmitted interfering power from the secondary system is much smaller than received interference by the secondary system. This is due to the lower transmitting power and antenna gain of the secondary users. Therefore, we can sig-

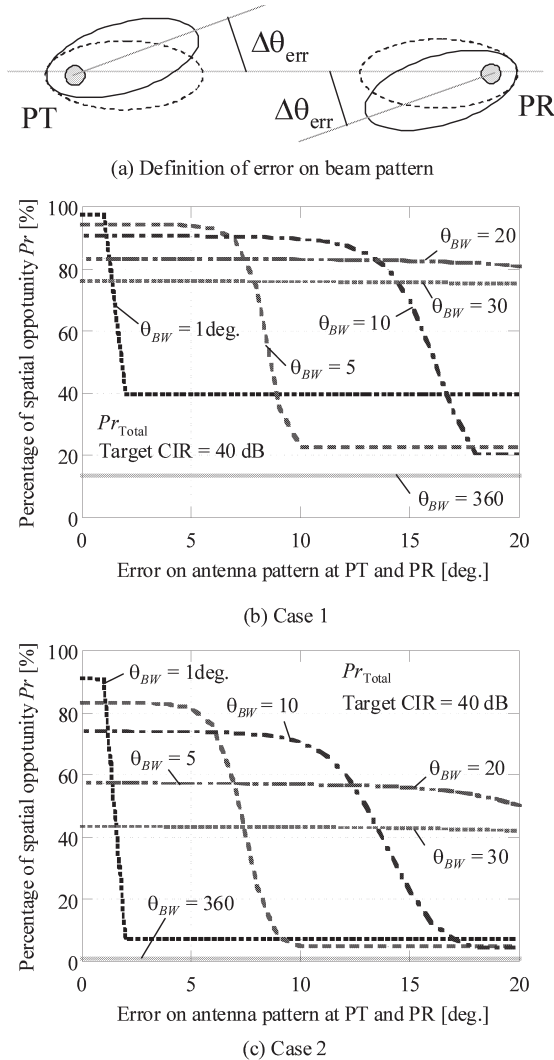


Fig. 12 Percentage for spatial opportunity when the error on the beam pattern exists.

nificantly increase the spatial opportunity for the secondary system by employing a technique to cancel the interference from the PT to the SR, which is dominant compared to that for the ST to PR [25], [26].

To understand how the difference in the antenna height for the secondary system affects the spatial opportunity more clearly, we plot the spatial opportunity versus the antenna height for the secondary system in Fig. 11. The antenna height of the PT is set to 30 m, while the height of the PR is set to 2 m in Fig. 11(a) and 20 m in Fig. 11(b), respectively. Therefore, results in Fig. 11(a) correspond to Case 1 and 2 in Fig. 5, while the results in Fig. 11(b) correspond to those for Cases 3 and 4 in Fig. 5.

Figures 11(a) and (b) show that the spatial opportunity significantly decreases as the antenna height for the secondary system becomes higher. Figures 11(a) and (b) show the results in Case 1 and 2 in Fig. 5, respectively. In particular, the spatial opportunity is dramatically reduced when the primary system employs a broader beamwidth, be-

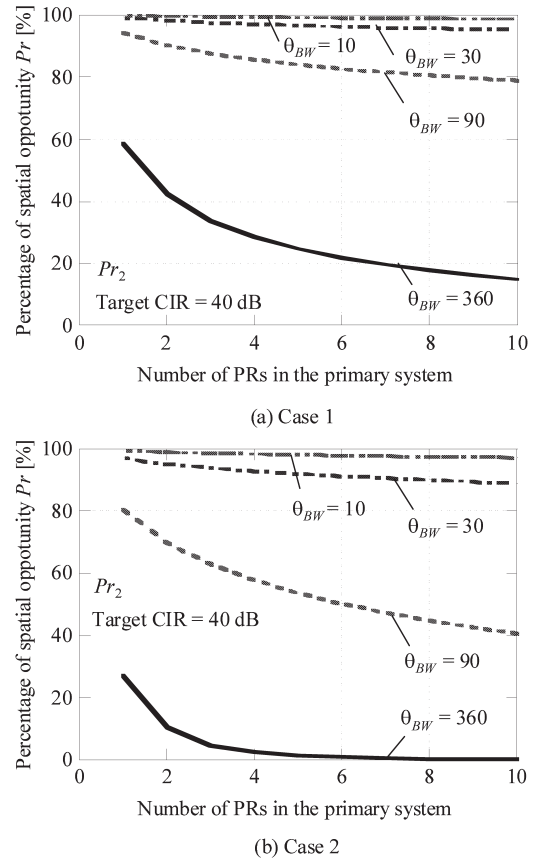


Fig. 13 Percentage for spatial opportunity versus the number of primary receivers (PRs).

cause the primary system with the broader beamwidth offers larger interference to the secondary system due to smaller path loss condition, while the primary system with the narrower beamwidth avoids the interference from/to the secondary system.

4.4 Influence on Beam Error

In the previous results, we assume that the beam patterns of the primary transmitter and the primary receiver align perfectly. However, the error on the main beam pattern in the primary system affects on the spatial opportunity. Figure 12 shows the spatial opportunity when the beam patterns of the primary transmitter and the primary receiver do not align perfectly. Figure 12(a) shows the definition in this evaluation. The errors from the main beam direction are give for the PT and PR, respectively. Figures 12(a) and (b) show the results in Case 1 and 2 in Fig. 5, respectively. As shown in Figs. 12(b) and (c), the percentage spatial opportunity is decreased when the error of beam pattern is approximately greater than beamwidth on the antenna pattern. However, when considering fixed wireless systems it is reasonable to assume that the error of beam patterns (Fig. 10(a)) is always smaller than beamwidth on the transmitting/receiving antennas. Therefore, we can conclude that there is higher opportunity for frequency reuse on the secondary system, when

the primary systems are equipped with directional antennas.

4.5 Spatial Opportunity in Multi-User Scenario in Primary System

All previous results refer to a scenario with a primary receiver randomly located in the primary service area. Here, The spatial opportunity is investigated when multiple users are assumed in the primary system. We assume a down-link scenario in the primary system, where the BS transmits signals to the multiple SSs at the same time. Figure 13 represents the spatial opportunity percentage when multiple primary users are located within the primary service area. The results in Case 1 and 2 in Fig. 5 are presented. Figure 13 shows that the spatial opportunity is reduced by increasing the number of primary users. Particularly, the spatial opportunity is significantly decreased when using omnidirectional antennas in the primary system. A 30 to 45% reduction is observed when the omni-directional antennas are used in the primary system for Case 1 and 2. On the other hand, the spatial opportunity is not decreased very much with a narrower beamwidth even if the number of users is increased. Therefore, co-existence can be easily achieved when directional antennas with a narrow beamwidth are employed in the primary system.

5. Conclusion

This paper derived the amount of spatial opportunity for secondary systems to reuse the spectrum assigned to a primary system. The proposed model can deal with both omnidirectional and directional antennas. We introduced a model that can be applied to evaluations on spatial opportunity for secondary use under various combinations of antenna heights. We demonstrated that the spatial availability when employing directional antennas can significantly enhance the opportunities of cognitive radio systems. Particularly, the reduction in the spatial opportunity is very small with directional antennas in the primary system compared to that with omni-directional antennas, even if the multi-user scenarios that generally occur in commercial systems are considered. Moreover, we clarified that different coefficients for path loss due to different antenna heights between the primary and secondary systems significantly affect the spatial opportunity for the secondary users. Such an accurate modeling of the propagation environment is key to understanding the actual benefits brought by cognitive radios.

In this paper, we focused on a primary system in which each node is in both Tx and Rx modes. Our future work is to evaluate spatial opportunity for a passive primary system where there are only nodes operating in Rx mode. The methods to estimate the exact channel state information (CSI) were not scope of study in this paper. However, the CSI estimation will be a future work, especially when considering the mobility of primary users. Moreover, small-scale fading effects must be considered for more accurate evaluation.

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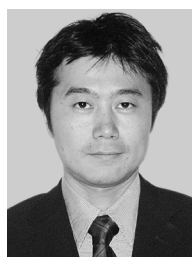


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