

Reply to Editor

Thank you very much for your precious time and valuable comments. The manuscript has been revised considering yours' and respected reviewers comments. Below we detail our reflections, point-by-point.

Editor

1- The paper is unnecessarily big. Many of the parts are stated repeatedly. The authors need to pay special attention to the editing of the paper for it to have a nice readability.

Response

In the revised manuscript, we reduced the length of the manuscript (excluding appendices and bibliographies) from 39 to 33 pages. This has been done by moving some of the mathematical analysis to the appendix, bypassing straightforward derivations and avoiding redundancy. Furthermore, a more thorough proof reading of the paper has been conducted to enhance its readability.

Editor

2- Related works are limited and so are performance comparisons. Please pay special attention toward this.

Response

As per your request, we paid special attention in the revised manuscript to related works and performance comparison. In particular, more details about the techniques discussed in the introduction have been included in the revised paper. We also added a section containing most of the related techniques in the literature.

Furthermore, in addition to the Threshold Based Selection technique [33,34], we also compared the simulated outage performance of the proposed techniques to the Best Channel Selection (BCS) [15] technique and Threshold Best Channel Selection (TBCS) [16] with different interference power guarantee configurations.

Editor

3- Some of the math parts are repetitive. Please try to avoid the redundancies. Also for better readability, some of the math derivations can be put in the appendix.

Response

As stated in our reply to the first comment, to improve the readability of the paper, we reduced the length of the manuscript (excluding appendices and bibliographies) from 39 to 33 pages. This has been done by moving some of the mathematical analysis to the appendix, bypassing straightforward derivations and avoiding redundancy.