

LTE1336 Interference-aware UL Power Control

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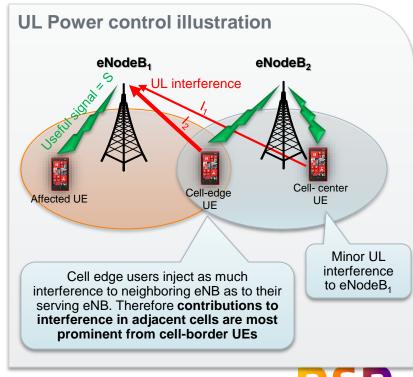
- Interference characteristics in LTE UL Interference in LTE UL plays critical role determining the throughput
- UL interference is coming from neighboring cell UEs
 - It cannot be predicted since we do not know how the UEs will be distributed
 - Contributions to interference are most prominent from cellborder UFs
- As a result the role of PC is to provide the required SINR while controlling at the same time the interference caused to neighboring cells
- Looking at the UL SINR formula...

$$SINR = \frac{S}{I+N} = \frac{S}{\Sigma(I_1, I_2, \dots I_n)}$$

Useful signal is already close to maximum

Noise N is negligible in interference limited scenarios: I >> N

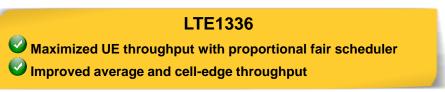
... it is clearly visible that it's better to minimize the interference than improve the useful signal if we want to get better SINR

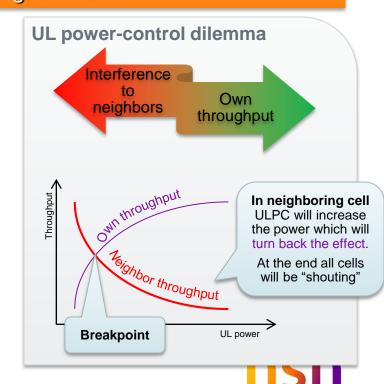




Interference-aware UL Power Control motivation
 LTE1336 optimizes tradeoff between the throughput achieved in the own cell and the uplink interference injected to neighbor cells

- UL power control is trade-off between inter-cell interference and own cell throughput
 - Increase of UL power brings additional useful signal for own cell UEs, but adds additional interference for neighboring cells
 - Reduction of UL power decrease useful signal but also <u>lowers the</u> interference
- NSN research invented the algorithm which achieves higher throughput in a whole range of cells, at reduced UL power settings (especially for cell-edge UEs)
- Interference-aware ULPC (IAwPC) or so called Interference Penalty Algorithm (IPA) feature exploits that concept by implementation of new UL closed-loop power control





- Feature delimitations
- The mechanism is kind of a deal between neighboring eNBs:
 - This means: the feature only works (has benefit) with a multitude of eNBs with feature being activated
 - Conversely: LTE1336 can give no gain over OL-PC if cells are not coupled (without coverage overlap)
- More details in the deployment aspects section

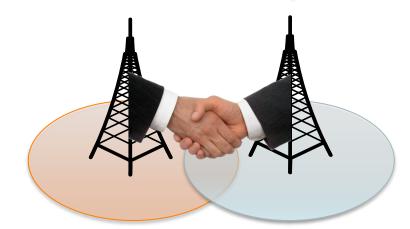
"Dear neighbors, if I reduce your interference (at a loss of my own throughput), and if you then do the same (i.e. not use all of your improved link budget for higher throughput), there will be benefit for all of us... Throughput improvement is higher than reduction due to power decrease

Cell border UEs power decreased

Throughput reduced

Interference Limited

Throughput improved





SINR definitions in IAwPC

Interference-aware UL-PC deals with various SINR values which might easily be confused

UL SINR

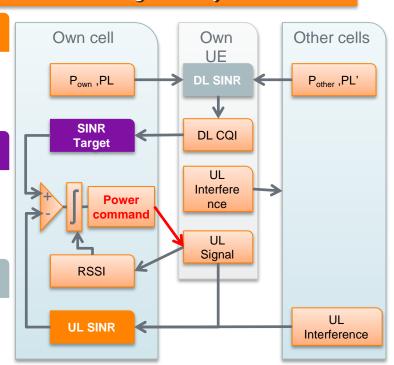
- •UE-specific SINR of the UL transmission, received at the eNB
- •UL SINR is one of the inputs into the control loop, and is compared to a variable threshold, SINR Target

SINR Target

- •UE-specific target value for the UL SINR calculated by LTE1336
- •IAwPC calculates the transmit power-up/down commands to its UEs such that **UL SINR** is kept as close as possible to SINR_Target
- •Depends (among other data) on a ratio PL'/PL of pathlosses at the UE's location, which the eNB derives from DL SINR (CQI)

DL SINR

- •DL SINR received at the UE's location
- •It is a measure of the ratio of the pathloss from the UE towards the eNB representing the most prominent DL interference source, and the pathloss towards the own eNB
- •Reflected in the UE's CQI reports which are used in SINR Target calculation





- SINR target idea
- SINR Target is compared against measured UL SINR

- difference values are time-filtered and then taken to determine the power commands

high SINR **Target**

Target SINR is chosen such that an upper limit is placed on the interference that the UE injects into its next neighboring eNB

This is done on the basis of UE's pathloss ratio, eq. :

UE is far away from other eNB/close own eNB cell center, so give it **high SINR Target**

UE is near the cell border interfering the neighbor significantly, so give it **low SINR_Target**



- A measure of DL SINR is contained in DL CQI. DL CQI is reported to eNB
 - eNB takes as input the UE's DL CQI and computes a UE-specific target SINR.



Iow SINR

Target

Own

LTE1336 calculation of the SINR target

The SINR_{Target} formula takes following input:

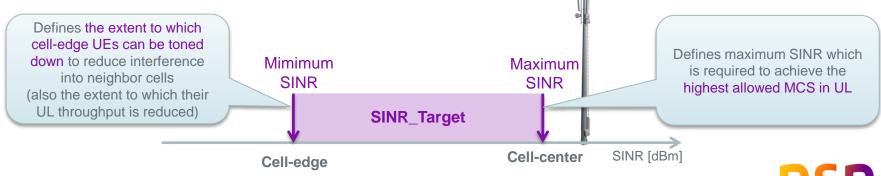
- ceBalance: cell-center to cell-edge balancing, similiar to ulpcAlpha
 - Parameter LNCEL:ulpcCEBalancelAw
- $p_{0.IAw}$: reference power value for interference-aware UL-PC, per used PRB, linear
 - Calculated from *LNCEL:ulpcRefPwrlAw* parameter as $p_{0.IAw} = 10^{(ulpcRefPwrlAw/10)}$
 - Should not be mistaken for p0NomPuschIAw, which is related to OLPC part, not to SINR target calculation!
- Q_{min} : Minimum quality
 - parameter LNCEL:ulpcMinQualIAw
- sinr_{max}: UL SINR which corresponds to the maximum MCS allowed in the cell, per used PRB
 - Based on Link Level simulations (SINR → MCS mapping table, slide 22) and max MCS configuration
- sinr_{DI}: DL SINR in linear terms, per used PRB, experienced by the UE under the condition that neighbor cells are fully loaded in DL direction.
 - Derived from DL CQI reports
- $i+n_T$: interference and thermal noise power per PRB
 - Filtered I + N from UL PHY measurements



SINR Target boundaries

SINR target is calculated per UE basis and it has predefined boundaries

- Cell-edge UEs are allowed a minimum SINR even if they create excessive interference (more that would be allowed by pathloss ratio)
 - Defined by $Q_{min} = LNCEL:ulpcMinQualIAw$, determines the lower limit for SINR_Target in linear scale
- Maximum SINR (sinr_{max}) is the upper limit for SINR_Target and indicates the SINR required to achieve the highest allowed MCS in UL
 - Its value depends on the eNB configuration (see next slide)
- These settings should not be mixed with CLPC SINR window, since they set bounds for entire SINR range rather than small SINR window



• Maximum SINR (sinr_{max}) calculation

SINR_target calculation considers additional margin so that UEs can successfully transmit with this **highest allowed MCS** (maxAllowedMcs)

The highest allowed MCS in Uplink, can be found from the parameter LNCEL:actModulationSchemeUL, which restricts it to either MCS10, MCS20, or MCS24

With LTE44 64 QAM in UL, maxAllowedMcs is MCS28 for TDD -

- eNB keeps a static table (from real channel estimates) of MCS vs. required SINR mapping, called 'ideal SINR', for MCS > 5
 - SINRMaxMcs is the SINR that corresponds to maxAllowedMcs in this table
 - The table of is based on a least-square linear fit performed on the simulation result for an ETU70 cell, at 25 PRB allocation size, 2 antennas, SINR = 0.915 * MCS -5.909
- **Deviations between the "ideal SINR" table and field performance** (due to e.g. different configuration, #of antennas or channel characteristics) are covered during **SINRdelta** calculation
- SINRMaxMcs is calculated for each PUSCH transmission that uses an MCS in the available range (5 < MCS <= maxAllowedMcs - 1)
- Please note that due to some problems in the field Max MCS calculation could be changed

	MCS	SINR
	6	-0.42
	7	0.50
	8	1.41
	9	2.33
\rightarrow	10	3.24
	11	4.16
	12	5.07
	13	5.99
	14	6.90
	15	7.82
	16	8.73
	17	9.65
	18	10.56
m	axAllowedMcs	SINRMaxMcs
\rightarrow	20	12.40
	21	13.31
	22	14.23
	23	15.14
\rightarrow	24	16.06
	25	16.97
	26	17.89
	27	18.80
\rightarrow	28	19.72





Lookup

range

leasured

- Maximum SINR (sinr_{max}) calculation
- Deviations between the "ideal SINR" table and field performance (due to e.g. different, configuration, #of antennas or channel characteristics) are covered by SINRdelta
- The exemplary SINRmax calculation with current UE MCS = MCS15, and maxAllowedMcs = MCS24, would look as follows:

Get current SINR

 look up the 'ideal' SINR in the table, using the UE's MCS as index. MCS15 → SINR 7.82

Calculate a SINR Delta

• SINRDelta = UE's SINR (from the PHY M4 measurement) - 'ideal' SINR from the table

Note

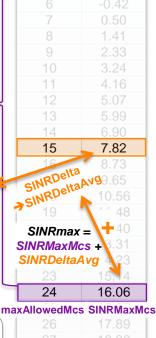
TavgSdelta and rdTopMargin are R&D parameters

Feed SINRDelta into averaging exponential filter

• SINRDeltaAvg (t) = SINRDelta(t) × 1/TavgSdelta + (1-1/TavgSdelta) × SINRDeltaAvg(t-1)

Calculate SINRmax

• SINRmax = SINRMaxMcs + SINRDeltaAvg + rdTopMargin → e.g.



MCS

SINR

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<u>ulpcAlpha</u>		Alpha
Object: Range: Step: Unit: Default: Multiplicity:	LNCEL alpha 0 (0), alpha 0.4 (1), alpha 0.5 (2), alpha 0.6 (3), alpha 0.7 (4), alpha 0.8 (5), alpha 0.9 (6), alpha 1 (7) alpha 1 (7) 1	Used as a fractional path loss compensation factor. It controls received SNR variance (fairness) for user data and sounding reference symbol. In principle this parameter controls power trade-off between cell edge and cell center UEs Rule: With LTE1336 activated, the ulpcAlpha needs to be set to
Modification: Category: Hidden:	On-line basic No	value 1



• LTE1336

<u>dlamcEnable</u>		Enable DL AMC
Object: Range: Step: Unit: Default: Multiplicity: Modification: Category: Hidden:	true 1 On-line advanced No	This parameter switches on/off dynamic radio channel adaptation by MCS. Rule: With LTE1336 DL link adaptation needs to be activated (parameter set to value true)



• LTE1336

<u>dlOlqcEnable</u>		Enable OLQC
Object: Range: Step: Unit: Default: Multiplicity: Modification: Category: Hidden:	true 1 On-line advanced No	This parameter controls the activation of the Open Loop Quality Control for the DL link adaptation The purpose of OLQC is to adapt/correct CQI values, delivered by UE and later on used by DL link adaptation (DL LA) and DL scheduler (DL SCH), The target of this adaptation is certain target block error ratio (BLER) of the first HARQ transmission Rule: With LTE1336 OLQC needs to be activated (parameter set to value true)



• LTE1336

<u>deltaTfEnabled</u>		Enabled TB size impact to UE PUSCH power calculation
Object: Range: Step: Unit: Default: Multiplicity: Modification: Category: Hidden:	LNCEL true, false false 1 On-line advanced No	This parameter switches on/off ULPC formula addon from UL AMC. Parameter activates Transport Block size impact switch for UE PUSCH power calculation. Rule: With LTE1336 deltaTF needs to be deactivated(parameter set to value false)





- New parameter structure

ulpclawConfig		Interference-aware UL-PC configuration	
Object: Range: Step: Unit: Default: Multiplicity: Modification: Category: Hidden:	LNCEL structure 1 On-line Basic No	Configures interference-aware uplink power control This is basic structure under LNCEL, which contains all majority of LTE1336-related parameters Emergency area ID list Further PLMN identity list HRPD Timers Inter-freq and inter-RAT meas thresholds (Rel9) Inter-frequency load balancing load thresholds Interference aware UL-PC configuration Intra-frequency measurements thresholds (Rel9)	
		Minimum required quality in cell (Rel9) New ▼	





p0NomPuschlAw (ulpclawConfig)		Nominal PUSCH P0 for interference-aware UL-PC
Object: Range:	LNCEL -110, -109,70,	P0 setting that is broadcast in SIB2 if interference-aware UL-PC is activated
Step: Unit: Default:	1 dBm -100	Rule: To limit the confusion the LTE1336 introduces its own P0
Multiplicity: Modification:	1 On-line basic	parameter for PUSCH. However the rules for it's setting remain the same as for <i>LNCEL:p0NomPusch</i> . Due to fact that <i>LNCEL:ulpcAlpha</i> is set to value 1, the P0 should have
Category: Hidden:	No	the value around the -100.





ulpcCEBalancelAw (ulpclawConfig)		Cell-center/edge balancing for interference-aware UL-PC
Object: Range:	LNCEL 0.5, 0.6,, 1.4,	Controls Target SINR in interference-aware UL-PC: provides a tilt in the balancing between Target SINR in cell-center and Target SINR at cell-edge. Target SINR determines the max. throughput, therefore higher values increase cell-
Step: Unit: Default:	0.1	center throughput at the cost of cell-edge throughput, and vice versa. Rule:
Multiplicity: Modification: Category: Hidden:	On-line advanced No	 The value 1 provides equal balance between cell-edge and cell-center The value higher than 1, promote the cell-center UEs cannibalizing the cell-edge throughput





ulpcMinWait (ulpclawCon		Minimum waiting time for next UL-PC decision
Object: Range: Step: Unit: Default: Multiplicity: Modification: Category: Hidden:	LNCEL 6, 7, 8, 80 1 ms 25 1 On-line advanced No	Minimum number of TTIs (ms) that must pass before another UL power decision is made for a UE. Together with the number of PUSCH reception (UL SINR samples), the parameter defines the TPC command periodicity Note: All the simulations have been taken with value 50 (similar to LNCEL:ulpcReadPeriod) Rule: •Power control should work with slower pace than Link Adaptation •Lower value → higher control of the LTE1336 over the UE transmission power •High value → low TPC command periodicity, and smaller impact of the LTE1336 algorithm over the UE Tx power





ulpcMinQuallAw (ulpclawConfig)		Minimum UL quality for interference-aware UL-PC	
Object: Range: Step: Unit: Default: Multiplicity: Modification: Category: Hidden:	LNCEL 0, 0.2, 5, 0.2 1 1 On-line advanced No	Minimum quality measure for interference-aware UL-PC. Target SINR for UEs in poor conditions cannot go below a limit defined by this parameter even if they generate higher UL interference. Rule: •Capacity decreases with higher values for parameter •The smaller ulpcMinQualIAw, the larger the peak performance •Too high values of the parameter shall be avoided! •During the simulation campaigns the optimum value has been found to be 2 (3 dB)	





ulpcRefPwrIAw (ulpclawConfig)		Reference UL power value for interference- aware UL-PC
Object: Range: Step: Unit: Default: Multiplicity: Modification: Category: Hidden:	LNCEL -11070, 0.5 dBm -90 1 On-line basic No	Controls Target SINR in interference-aware UL-PC: provides an equal shift of Target SINR for all UEs in the cell, regardless of their pathloss ratios. Rule: Capacity increases with higher value of Reference Power The coverage drops significantly when choosing a high value (>= -100dBm) The Reference power has a strong influence on the lower (<10%) end throughput figures The higher ulpcRefPwrlAw, the smaller the cell edge TP. Similar to P0 setting for OLPC





ulpcRssiMa	xIAw	Maximum RSSI for interference-aware UL-PC
Object: Range: Step: Unit: Default: Multiplicity:	LNBTS -90, -85,60 5 dBm -70	Sets an upper limit for RSSI received from a UE. If exceeded, the next power command indicates -1 dB UL power change even if the current UL power is insufficient for reaching Target SINR. The parameter is introduced as protection for receiver inputs (with a view on particular operators using LTE repeaters)
Modification: Category: Hidden:	On-line advanced No	Rule: Too low value of this parameter can lead to decreased UL power (consecutive - 1 dB TPC commands). The parameter shall be optimized for the repeater sensitivity level.





actUlpcMethod		Method for UL power control
Object: Range:	LNCEL PuschOLPucchOL,	Selects a working mode for UL power control. Offers various combinations between open-loop and closed-loop control for PUCCH and PUSCH/SRS
rtunge.	PuschOLPucchCL,	power.
	PuschCLPucchOL,	This parameter replaces previously used UL PC activation parameters (see
	PuschCLPucchCL,	next slide)
	PuschCLSrsPucchOL,	Dulos
	PuschCLSrsPucchCL, PuschIAwPucchOL,	Rule:If the PUCCH CLPC algorithm is to be used (ulpcPucchEn was set to true),
	PuschlAwPucchCL	then the <i>PuschlAwPucchCL</i> value should be used to activate the LTE1336
Step:		•Otherwise the PuschIAwPucchOL will set the OL mode in the PUCCH along
Unit:		with the New IAwPC in the PUSCH Closed Loop
Default:	PuschOLPucchOL	
Multiplicity:	1	Note:
Modification:	On-line	•Interference-aware UL PC provides the highest gains in the conditions in the
Category:	basic	presence of UL interference. Therefore joint activation with Interference-aware
Hidden:	No	Scheduler (ulsSchedMethod) will result in lower gains for LTE1336.

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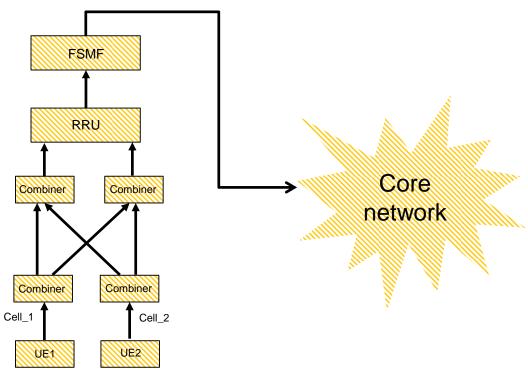


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Topology of operational lab test

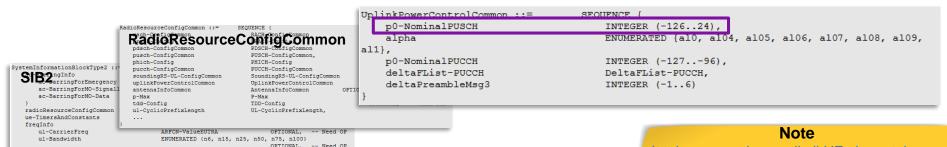




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Interference-aware UL-PC provides an own P0 parameter

- The P_o value for a cell is broadcast on SIB2 (subtable 5) and together with *LNCEL:ulpcAlpha* it forms the base values for UE's open loop UL power control
 - If LTE1336 is activated (at cell startup or during runtime), SIB2 is sent with the LNCEL:p0NomPuschIAw value as Pa
 - When LTE1336 is deactivated, SIB2 shall be updated with the P₀ setting from OLPC: LNCEL:p0NomPusch



- Activation/deactivation of LTE1336 and also modifications to the p0NomPuschIAw and ulpcAlpha parameters lead to SIB modifications
 - After 31 SIB occurrences within 3 hours, the SIB value Tag rolls over the 0
 - If a UE leaves the cell but stores the SIB value tag, comes back later and finds it unchanged and therefore has no trigger to re-read SIB.

It takes some time until all UEs have taken notice of a change in SIB. The worst case is defined by maximum DRX off-time and the number of SIB repetitions required for the UE to correctly decode the SIB information. Therefore, changes to SIB values do not take immediate effect.

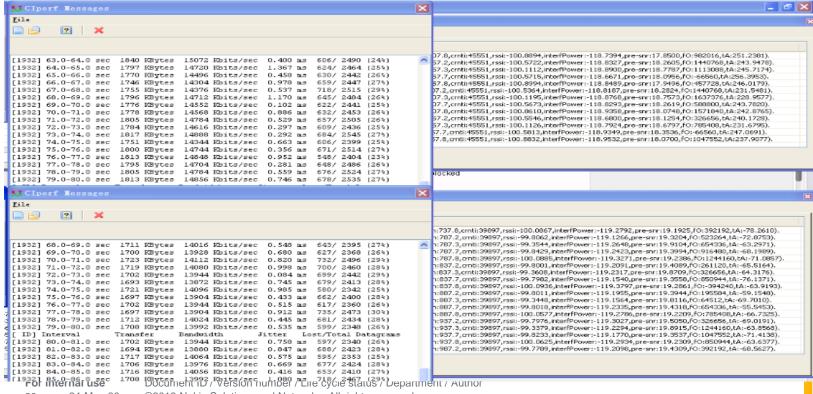


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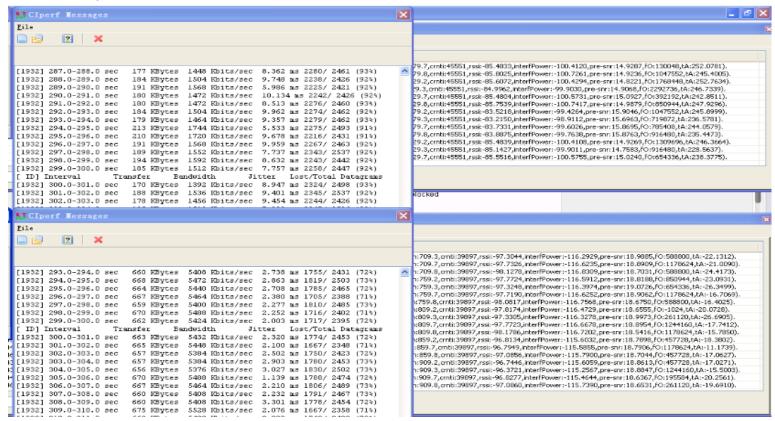
No interference



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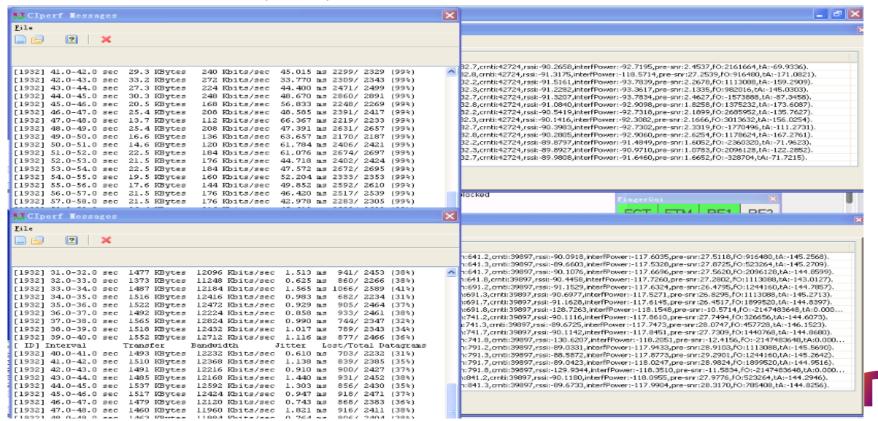
Close loop







Interference aware in PUSCH open loop in PUCCH



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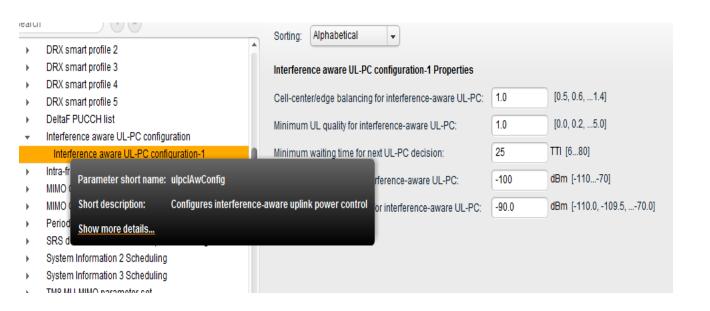
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New object of ulpclAwConfig needs to be created under LNCEL Relevant parameters setting list on the right side





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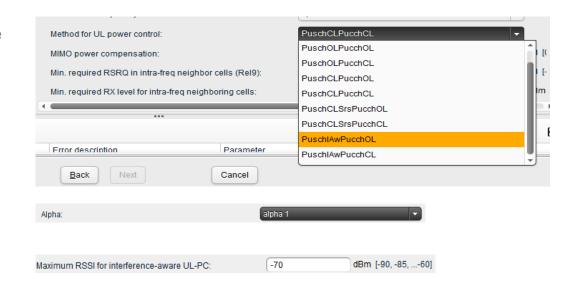
Two different method of IAW control mode can be used base on the requirement under LNCEL

PuschIAwPucchOL → PUCCH controlled by OLPC (LTE27)

PuschIAwPucchCL → PUCCH controlled by CLPC (LTE28)

The *LNCEL:ulpcAlpha* needs to be set to value 1

The *LNBTS:ulpcRssiMaxIAw* needs to configured





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Hints for Troubleshooting

- To check RSSI, Power and SNR, debug flags need to be enabled in swconfig which related to ULPHY
- If UPIAW doesn't work as expected, check the parameters settting in configuration file.
- Benefit gain could be observed in lab, in the field testing with multiple UE, gain was not so impressive as still on the correcting.

