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**The Effect of Spatial Correlations on MIMO Capacity:  
A (not so) Large N Analytical Approach:**

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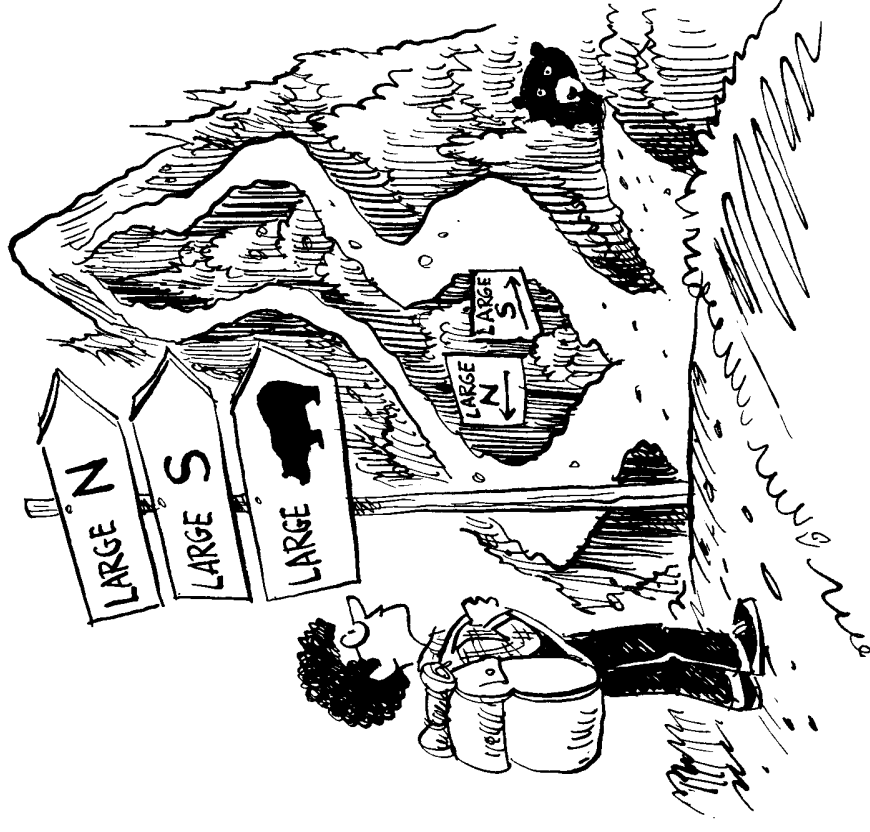
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# Outline

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- Aim:
  - Calculate statistics of MIMO Capacities with Correlated Channels and Interference
  - Use partial knowledge of channel (at transmitter) to optimize throughput
- Method (large antenna N analysis)
- Results/Examples
  - Gaussian character of capacity
- Applications



# Mutual Information with Correlations & Interference

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$$I = \log \left[ \frac{\det(\mathbf{v} + \mathbf{G}\mathbf{Q}\mathbf{G}^+ + \mathbf{H}\mathbf{H}^+)}{\det(\mathbf{v} + \mathbf{H}\mathbf{H}^+)} \right]$$

- $\mathbf{G}$  :  $n_R \times n_T$  Channel matrix
- $\mathbf{H}$  :  $n_I \times n_T$  Interferer matrix (known to receiver)
- $\mathbf{v}$  :  $n_R \times n_R$  Noise (due to interference with channel unknown to receiver)
- $\mathbf{Q}$  : Transmitted Signal covariance
- $\mathbf{G}$  (and thus  $\mathbf{I}$ ) are random: Treat them statistically
- Assumption: Temporal Average = Spatial Average over channel realizations



## Statistical Treatment of $G$

- Small parameter  $\lambda/\ell = \text{Wavelength}/\text{Mean Free Path} \ll 0.01-0.1$
- Leading correction in systematic expansion in  $\lambda/\ell$  :
  - $E[G^+]$  since  $E[G]=0$  (diffuson approximation)
  - $G, H$ : Gaussian random (not generally iid)

$$E[G_{ia} G_{jb}^*] = T_{ij}^s \frac{\rho_s}{n_T} R_{ab}^s$$

$$E[H_{ia} H_{jb}^*] = T_{ij}^l \frac{\rho_l}{n_I} R_{ab}^l$$

In general not separable:  
e.g. MUD or multi-keyholes



$$E[G_{ia} G_{jb}^*] = \sum_k T_{ij}^k \frac{\rho_k}{n_T} R_{ab}^k$$

$$\rho_s = S / N$$

$$\rho_l = I / N$$



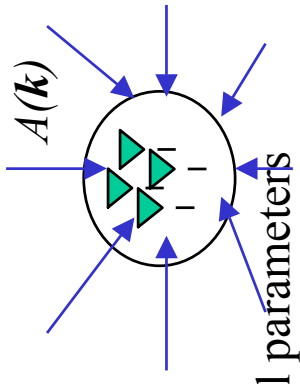
## Correlation Matrix $R$ (and analogously $T$ )

- Response  $\chi_\alpha(k)$  of Antenna  $\alpha$  to Incoming Wave  $k$  of Amplitude  $A(k)$

$$r_\alpha = \int \hat{d}\mathbf{k} A(k) \chi_\alpha(k)$$

$$\bullet R_{\alpha\beta} = E[r_\alpha^* r_\beta] = \int \hat{d}\mathbf{k} \chi_\alpha^*(k) \chi_\beta(k) w(k)$$

- $w(k)$  wave weight: depends on angle-spread & other channel parameters



$$w(\varphi) = \exp\left[-\frac{\varphi^2}{2\sigma^2}\right]$$

- Based on antenna/array and channel properties can *determine*  $R_{ab}$
- correlated antennas: rank  $R = 1$ ;
  - (one big antenna) beamforming
- uncorrelated antennas: eigs of  $R$  equal
  - no interference (each antenna “sees” different field)



# Statistics of Mutual Information

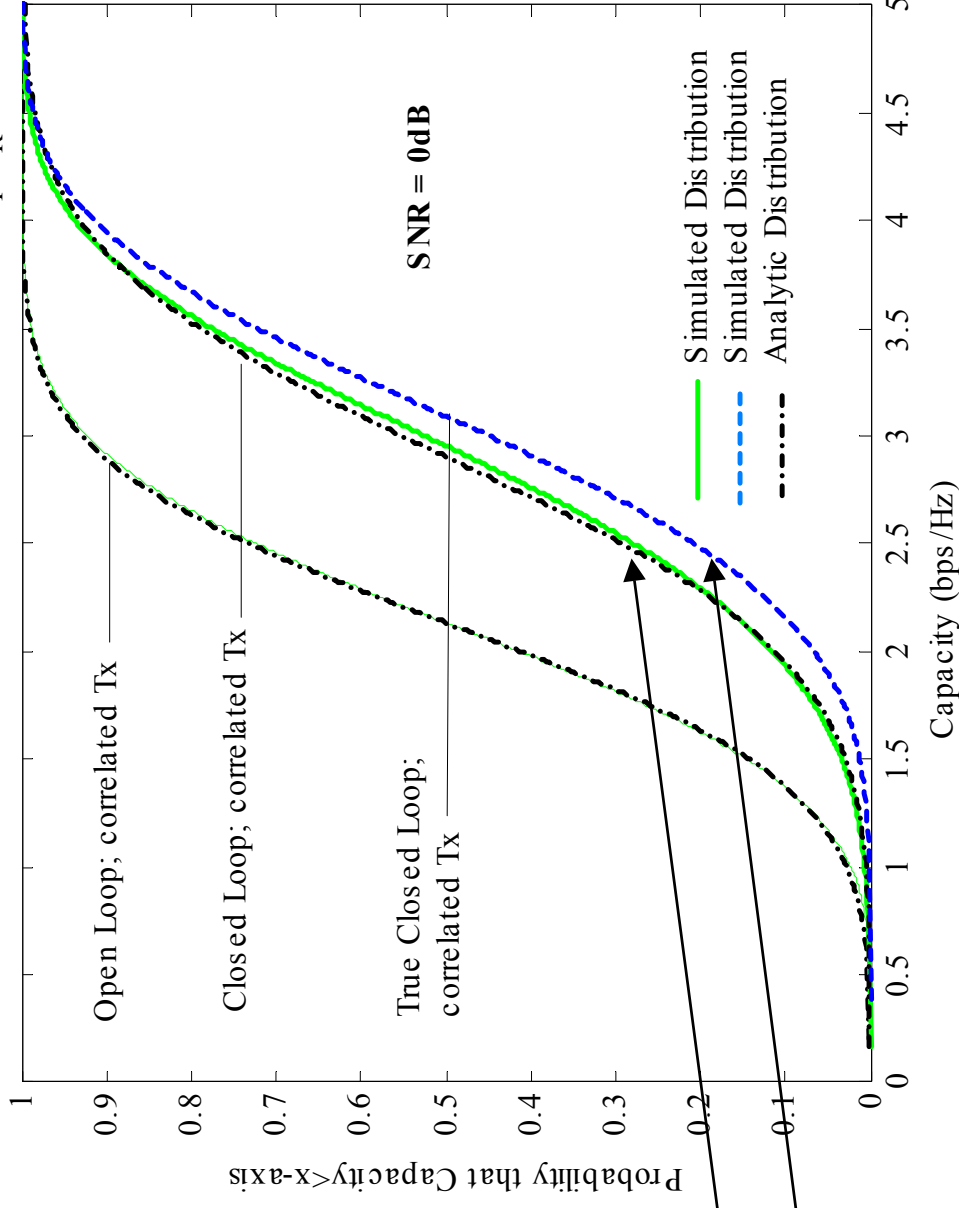
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- Aim: Calculate Statistical Properties of  $I$
- Method: Large (but finite) Number Antenna Approximation
- Calculate Moments of  $I$  (e.g.  $E[I]$ ,  $\text{Var}[I]$ ,  $\text{Sk}[I]$ ):
- Quantities of Interest:
  - $E[I]$
  - Outage Capacity (Solve for  $\text{Prob}(I > I_0) = p_0$ )
- Optimize Transmission given partial channel information
  - $C = \max_Q E[I | Q]$  (versus  $C' = E[\max_Q (I | Q)]$ )
  - Optimization based on quasi-static channel statistics  $\mathbf{T}, \mathbf{R}$ :
    - **Statistical Waterpouring**
    - $C$  is *Realistic* closed loop capacity

# Gaussianity of the PDF(I)



Open-Loop and Closed-Loop Capacity distributions for  $n_T = n_R = 3$



Approximation:

$$PDF(I) \approx N(E[I], Var[I])$$

- Nominally valid for large antenna numbers
- Surprisingly accurate even for  $n_T = n_R = 3$  and correlated channels
- Angle spread  $5^\circ$
- Linear array with  $d_{min} = \lambda$
- $C = \max_Q E[|I| | Q]$
- $C = E[\max_Q |Q|]$
- Statistical Waterpouring gives good results

# Gaussianity of the PDF(I)

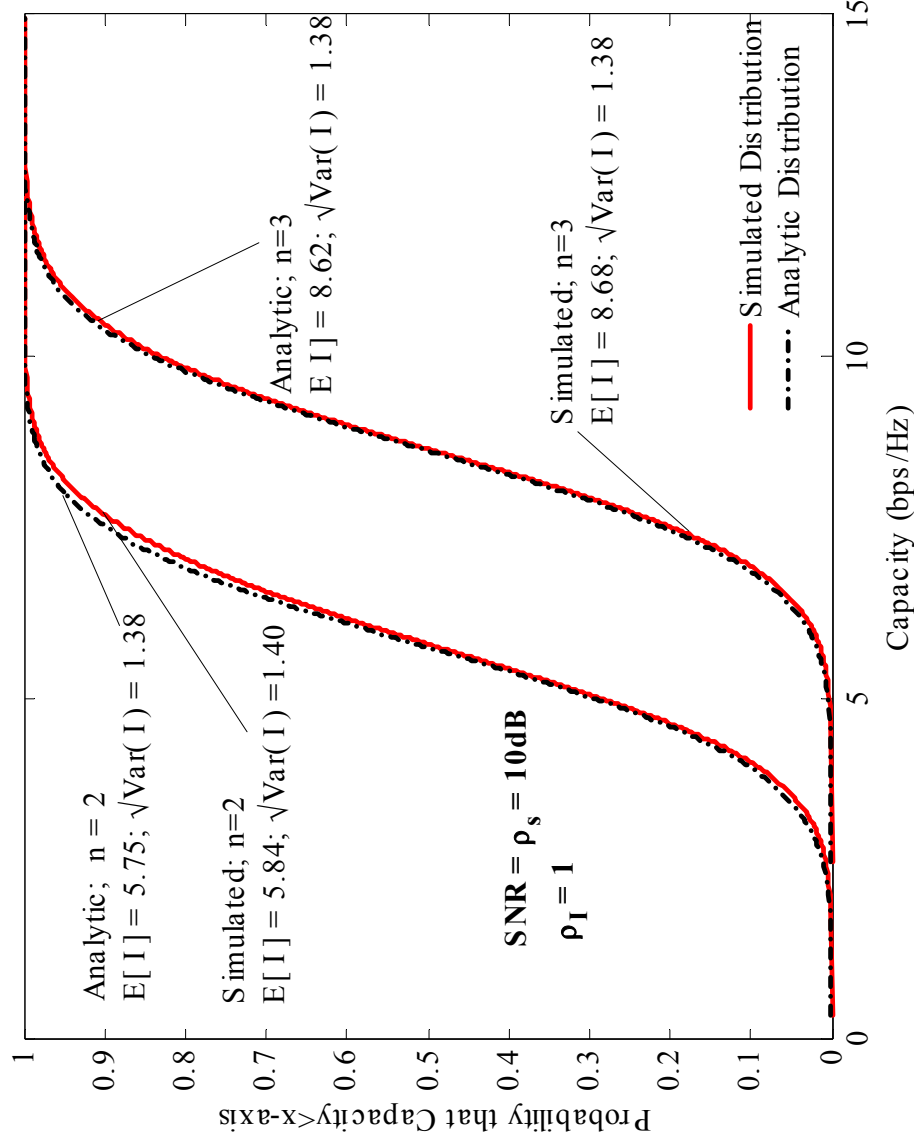


Approximation:

$$PDF(I) \approx N(E[I], Var[I])$$

- Nominally valid for large antenna numbers
- Accurate even with small  $n_T = n_R = n_I = 2, 3$

Open Loop Capacity distribution for  $n_T = n_I = n_R = n = 2$  &  $3$ ; All channels iid







## Why is $N(E[I], \text{Var}[I])$ so accurate?

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Main Reason:

- $E[I]$ ,  $\text{Var}[I]$ :
  - For finite  $n_T$ ,  $n_R$ ,  $n_I$  they are finite and  $n$  – dependent : the leading terms capture (most)  $n$  – dependence
- Higher moments (Skewness etc):  $O(1/n)$ 
  - Also correction to  $E[I] = O(1/n)$ ,  $\text{Var}[I] = O(1/n^2)$
- Additional small parameter (for not too large SIR) ?



## Method:

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Calculate generating function:

$$g(\mu) = E[e^{-\mu I}] \xrightarrow{\mu \rightarrow 0^+} \exp\left[-\mu E[I] + \frac{\mu^2}{2} \text{Var}[I] - \frac{\mu^3}{6} \text{Sk}[I] \dots\right]$$

$$g(\mu) = E\left[\frac{\det(\mathbf{v} + GQG^+ + HH^+)^{-\mu}}{\det(\mathbf{v} + HH^+)^{-\mu}}\right]$$

Replica Trick:

- Generate  $\mu$  replicas of determinants
- Then analytically continue  $\mu$  to zero

(Sengupta & Mitra)

(Parisi)



## Method:

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$$g(\mu) = E \left[ \det(\mathbf{v} + GQG^+ + HH^+)^{-\mu} \det(\mathbf{v} + HH^+)^{+\mu} \right]$$

- To average over G use identity:

$$\det(\mathbf{v} + GQG^+ + HH^+)^{-1} = \int dX e^{-X^+ (\mathbf{v} + GQG^+ + HH^+) X}$$

- To average over H tricky – Need to combine positive and negative powers of dets:

$$\det(\mathbf{v} + HH^+)^{+1} = \int dA e^{A^+ (\mathbf{v} + HH^+) A}$$

- Thus A have to be Grassman variables:

$$\int dA = 0; \quad \int AdA = 1; \quad AB = -BA; \quad A^2 = 0$$



## Method:

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- Represent determinant by integrals
- Integrate out  $G, H$  (correlated Gaussian)
- Introduce auxiliary  $\mu \times \mu$  matrix variables  $\{t, r\}$  to represent  $g(\mu)$ :

$$g(\mu) = \int \{dt, dr\} \exp[-S(t, r)]$$

- Analytically continue  $\mu$  to zero and find saddle point of  $S$  for large  $n$

$$t_{\alpha\beta} \rightarrow t\delta_{\alpha\beta} + \delta t_{\alpha\beta}; \quad \alpha, \beta = 1, \dots, \mu$$

- Saddle point  $S_0$  gives ergodic capacity
- Corrections  $(\delta t_{\alpha\beta})^{2k+2}$  give systematically higher moments, e.g.  $\text{Var}, S_k$
- Need to solve few algebraic equations to find saddle point



## Equations to Solve. Example: ( $n_l = 0$ )

$$E[G_{ia} G_{jb}^*] = T_{ij} \frac{\rho_s}{n_T} R_{ab}$$

Given

$$E[I] = Tr \log[1 + tT \sqrt{\rho_s}] + Tr \log[1 + rR \sqrt{\rho_s}] - n_T tr$$

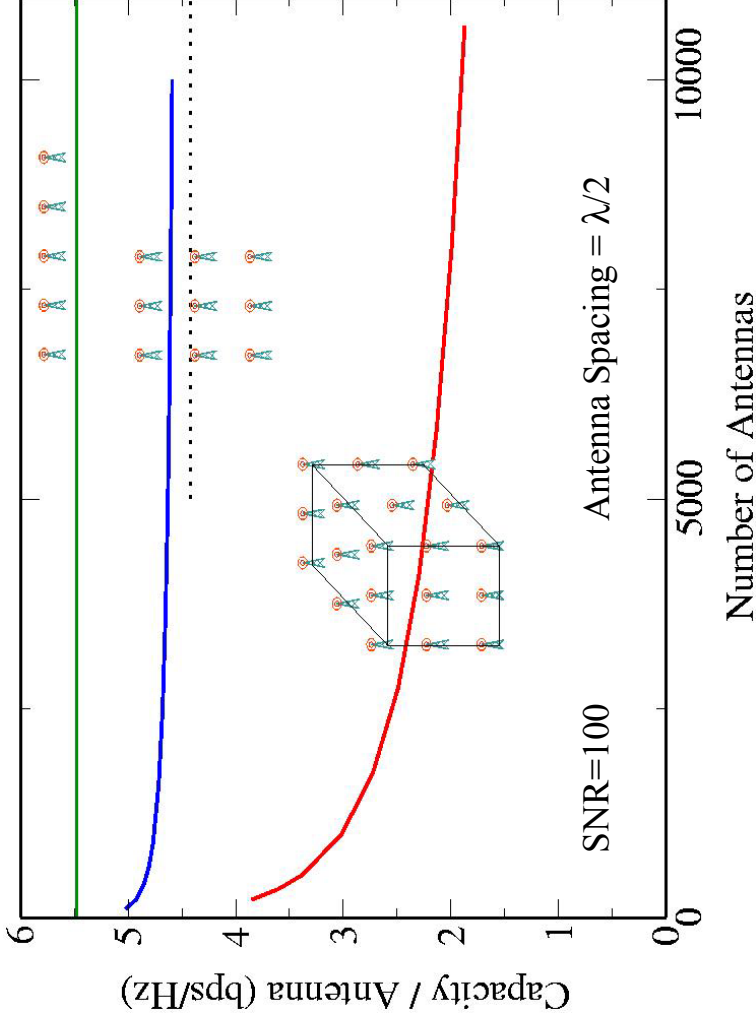
Answer

$$t = \frac{1}{n_T} Tr \left[ \frac{R \sqrt{\rho_s}}{1 + rR \sqrt{\rho_s}} \right]$$
$$r = \frac{1}{n_T} Tr \left[ \frac{T \sqrt{\rho_s}}{1 + tT \sqrt{\rho_s}} \right]$$

Solve for t, r



# Results: Ergodic Capacity $E\{I\}$ : Open Loop ( $Q=1$ )



Large N approach valid

For  $n_T > 2$

$n_T$  dependence of Capacity  
due to antenna correlations =  
Real

3D : Capacity  $\sim N^{2/3}$

Only Antennas on the Surface  
Resolve Incoming Directions

# Results: Ergodic Capacity $E\{I\}$



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Open Loop vs. Closed Loop:

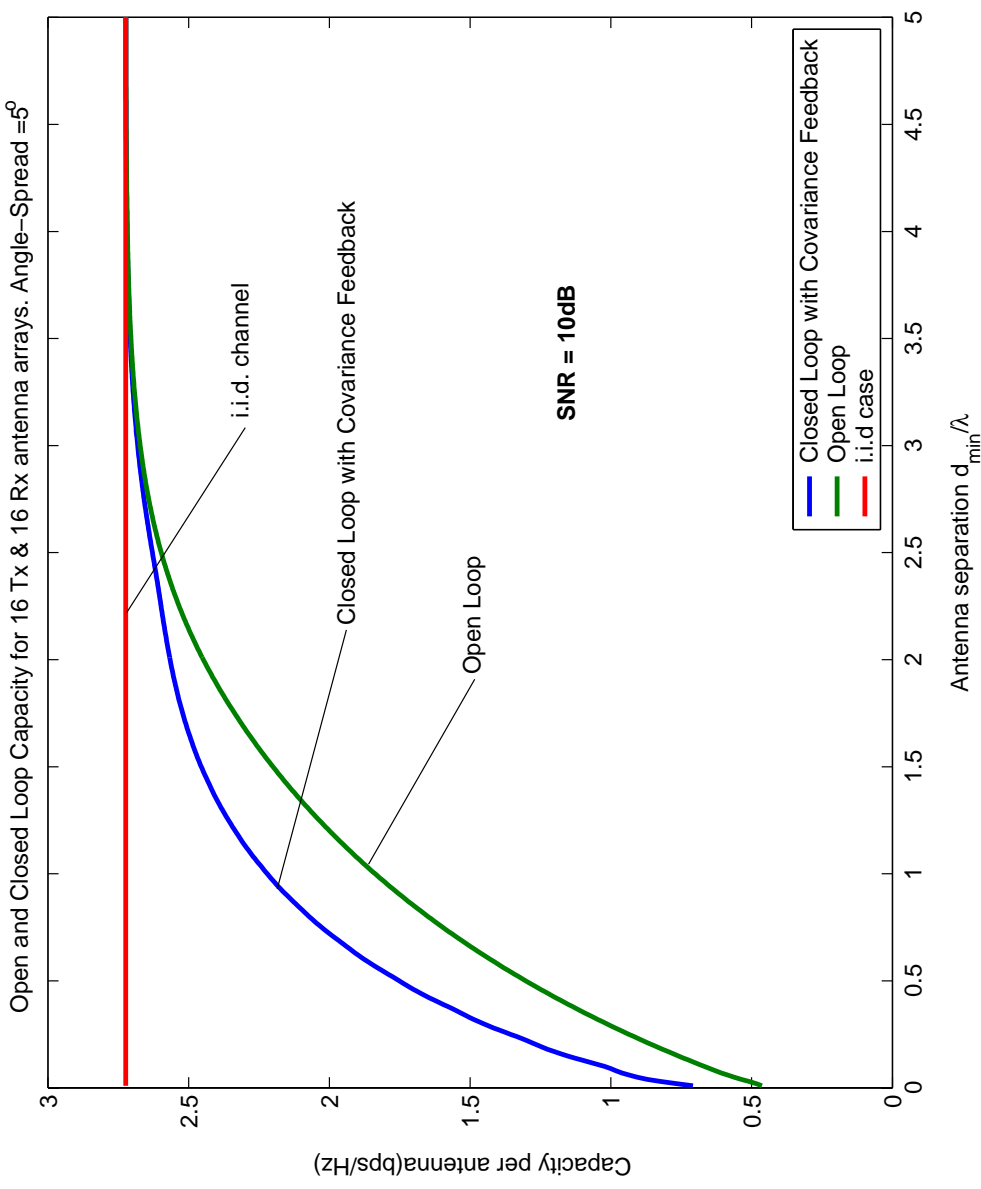
Calculate  $C = \max_Q E\{I | Q\}$

Determine optimal  $Q$   
analytically

No Interferers

Result: SNR dependent

High SNR=10: Low gain



# Results: Ergodic Capacity $E\{I\}$



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Open Loop vs. Closed Loop:

$$\text{Calculate } C = \max_Q E\{I | Q\}$$

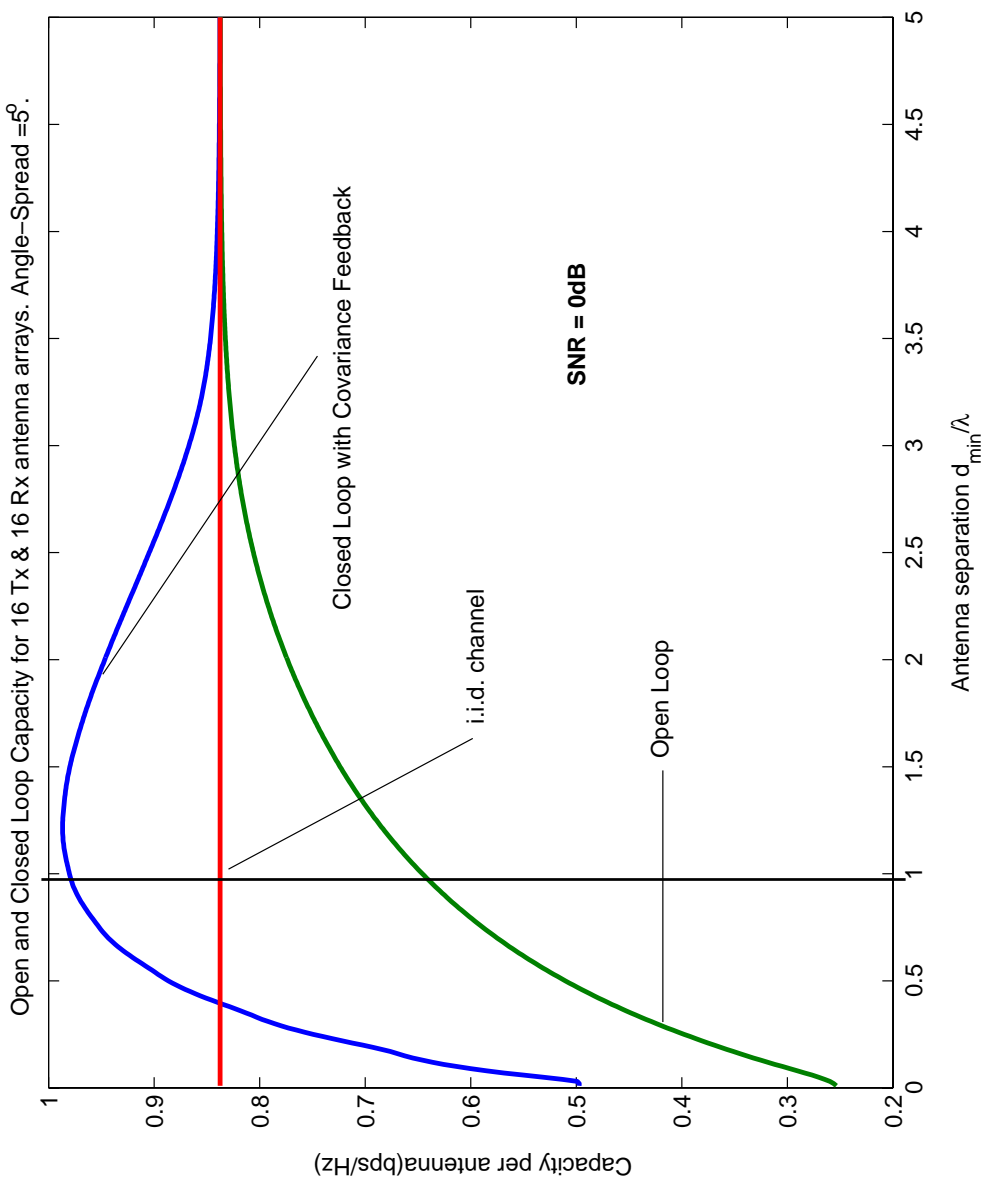
No Interferers

Result: SNR dependent

Low SNR=1: High gain

Beamforming beneficial

at low SNR





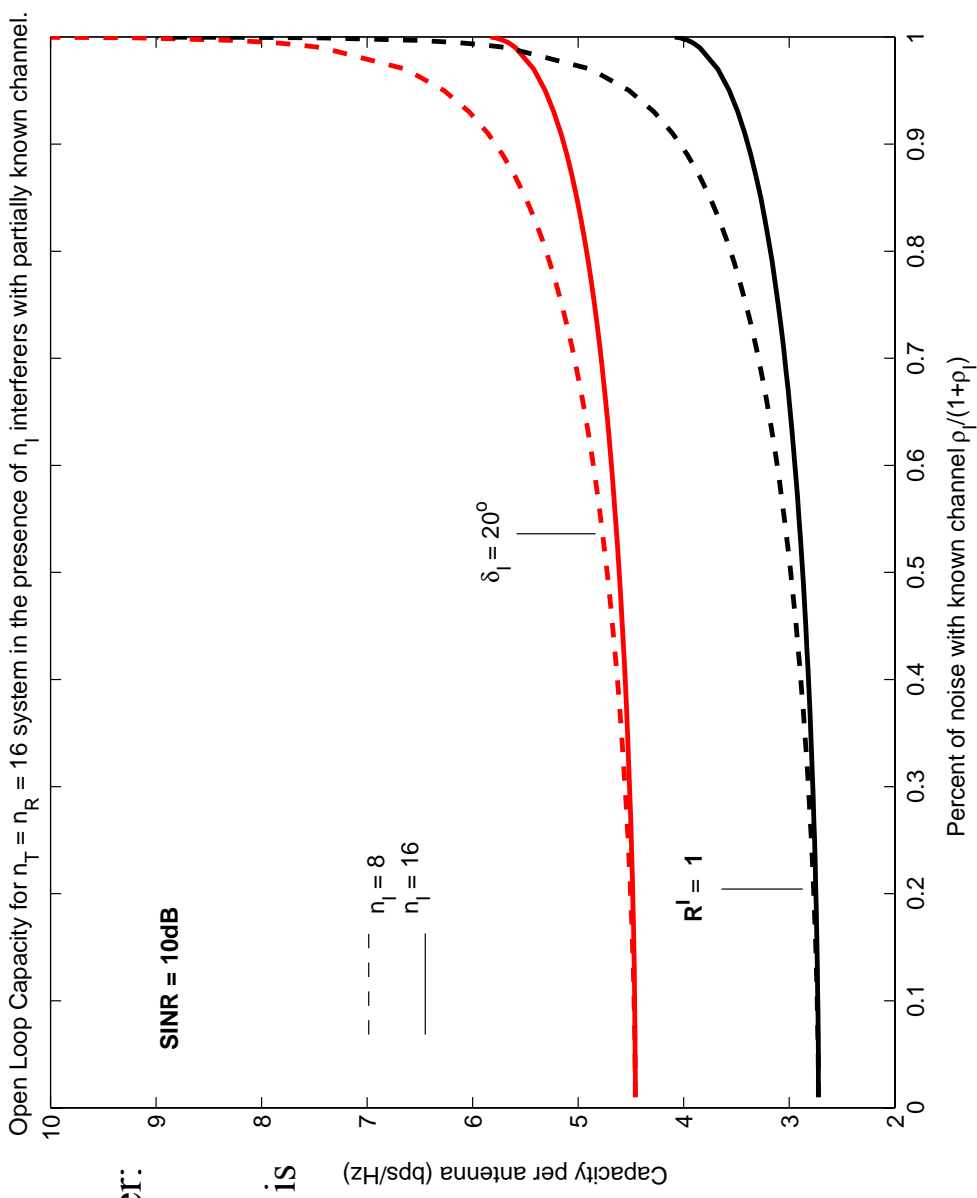
## Results: Ergodic Capacity $E\{I\}$



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- Gain of knowing the channel of the interferer at the receiver:
- Knowing  $\mathbf{H}$  vs.  $\mathbf{v}$  ( $E(\mathbf{H}\mathbf{H}^*)$ )
- Gain is substantial if channel is known accurately ( $\text{INR}=\rho_I \rightarrow \infty$ )
- Result is Angle-Spread ( $\delta$ ) dependant
- $\mathbf{v} \rightarrow 0$  and  $n_I \leq n_T$  results to:  
 $C \rightarrow \infty$
- If  $n_I = n_T$  ( $=n_R$ ) and  $\mathbf{v} \rightarrow 0$  :

$$C = 2n_T \log_2 [1 + \sqrt{SNR}]$$





## Results: Higher Moments: $Var[I]$ , $Sk[I]$ , ...

Variance:

- Calculate using  $(\delta t_{\alpha\beta})^2$ ;  $\alpha, \beta = 1, \dots, \mu$
- $O(1)$  in  $n_T, n_R$  etc
  - $O(1/N)$  for  $n_T \ll n_R$  (or vice-versa))
- Diverges (logarithmically) at large SNR (small parameter?)
- Large  $N$  result gives very accurate prediction

Skewness (and correction to  $E[I]$ ):

- From  $(\delta t_{\alpha\beta})^3$  corrections
- $O(1/N)$  (for  $n_T \sim n_R$  etc)

Higher moments:

- $Cum_k = O(N^{2-k})$

$$I \approx N(E[I], Var[I])$$

# Summary – Applications

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- Powerful method to calculate MIMO capacities
  - with even few antennas
  - with correlated channels/noise and interference
  - applicable to other cases (MUD etc)
- Straightforward method to find optimal transmission scheme based on partial channel information.
- Gaussian approximation of capacity
  - accurate even for few antennas.
  - simplifies System Level Analysis.
    - analytic results for system level capacity
    - scheduling Hochwald *et al*
  - allows Outage Capacity calculation.