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Abstract	In this contribution, we propose relay grouping to better serving the mobiles and to maintain good broadcast channel quality that allows frequency reuse amongst relay groups.
Purpose	To incorporate the proposed text into the P802.16j Baseline Document (IEEE 802.16j-06/026r1)
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1. Introduction

During the initial network entry, a RS first selects a station (either a MR-BS or another RS) as its serving station. Secondly, it can select or is configured by its serving station a segment for transmitting FCH and MAP. A RS may either use the same segment as or a different segment from that of its serving station.

When a RS uses the same segment and preamble sequence as that of the serving station, it becomes a cooperative relay to the serving station and it does not have its own identity from a MS point of view. The system operation becomes simpler. When the serving station is the MR-BS, the frequency reuse gain is not optimized for this type of system operation. When a RS selects or is assigned a different preamble sequence, this RS has its identity and can transmit its own FCH and MAP. The benefit of the latter case is the potential gain from frequency reuse, compared to the first case. The issue of the latter case may result in higher co-channel interference on FCH/MAP transmission for certain scenarios.

In this contribution, we propose a method called RS grouping (refer to Figure 1):

- A group of RSs form a Virtual RS group as decided by the MR-BS based on different criteria (e.g. the potential interference that they cause to each other.) The criteria are implementation dependent. Virtual

RS Group may consist of one MR-BS and one or more RS(s), or two or more RS(s) with at least one RS being a non-transparent RS.

- Each RS is assigned an individual unicast RSID and a multicast RSID as the RS group ID. The multicast RSID is the same for all members in the group. With these two separate IDs, the RS can be managed individually or as a group. These IDs are unique within the associated MR-BS. For details on the definitions of RSID, please refer to contribution [1].
- All RS(s) in the same group shall transmit the identical preamble, FCH and MAP or do not transmit the frame start preamble. The existence of the group is totally transparent to its MS(s).
- Either the MR-BS or the upstream serving station of the group is responsible for managing the FCH and MAP of the group as well as other processes such as scheduling and handover of MSs within the group.
- Different groups transmit different preambles, the same or different FCH and MAP from that of the associated upstream serving station.
- Removal of an RS from the group: During normal operation of the Virtual RS Group, each RS continues to monitor the radio environment (e.g. the interference). For a RS that is located at the edge of the group coverage area, it could detect strong segment interference from other nearby RS(s) or Virtual RS Groups. When this happens, it can request to be removed from the Virtual RS Group and operate on its own using a different segment.

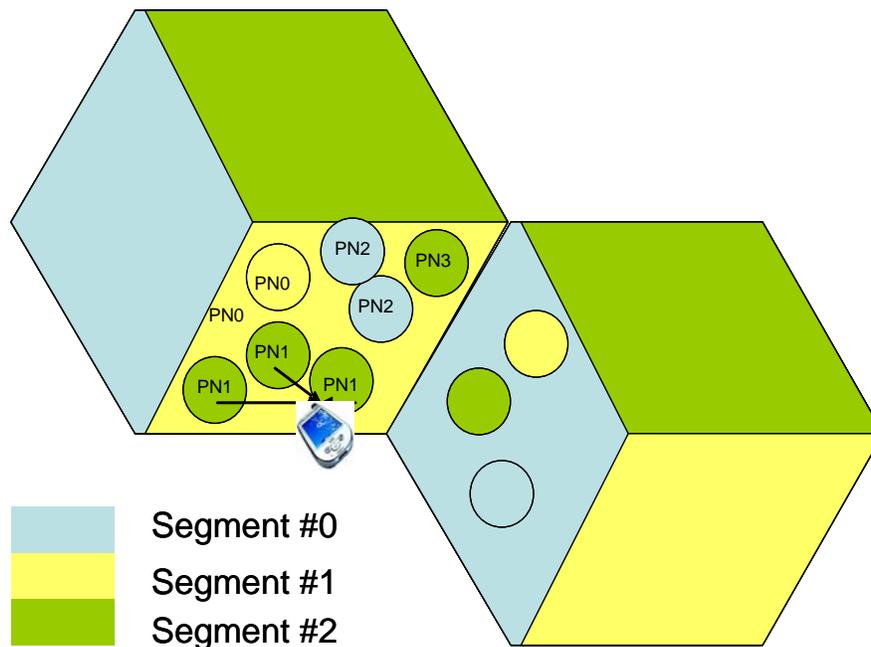


Figure 1: RS grouping

- Addition of an RS to the group: A RS, at network entry, can a) operate on its own, i.e., it selects or is assigned a dedicated preamble index (implying the segment), b) form a new group or c) join an existing group. The RS can perform the measurement of radio environment and then report to MR-BS regarding the preferred preamble index (implying the segment). The MR-BS replies by either confirming the preamble

sequence index selected by the RS or assigning a different one, indicating whether it should transmit the preamble, and at the same time, providing the corresponding RS group ID.

2. FCH/MAP Interference Evaluation

2.1 Parameters and assumptions

- 19 Umbrella macro cells (2 km cell to cell separation)
- Tri-sector cell with cell site wrap around
- Random drop relay locations
- Number of relays per sector: 15 relays
- Carrier frequency: 2.5 GHz
- Beam Tx power is 20 watts. Relay Tx power is 600mW or 3W
- Antenna gain: base = 15 dBi; relay = -1 dBi
- Antenna pattern: base (3dB width) = 70 degrees (20 dB front to back ratio); relay = Omni
- Noise figure: 9 dB for base, relay and MS
- Thermal noise: -174 dBm/Hz
- CIR Limit: 30 dB
- Same pathloss model for base to relay, base to MS, relay to relay and relay to MS
- Shadowing: 10 dB standard deviation; 0.5 correlation
- Minimum distance: 35 m for base to relay & base to MS; No minimum between relay to relay & relay to MS
- Average CIR curves plotted are as observed by MS on the best segment reception.

2.2 Scenarios

Scenario 1 (No RS Grouping):

Each RS selects a PUSC segment which is different from the segment of its associated MR-BS

- Each RS measures the combined segment power of the remaining two segments from all cells/sectors including its own sector
- RS selects the segment with the lower combined power

Scenario 2 (Simple RS Grouping):

Each Virtual RS Group assigns a PUSC segment which is different from the segment of its associated MR-BS

- Each RS measures the combined segment power of the remaining two segments from external cells/sectors only
- RS report the segment with the lower combined power
- All RSs that report the same segment are assigned to the same Virtual RS Group by MR-BS

2.3 Results

For individual relay case with no RS grouping, as shown in Figure 2, a degraded average FCH/MAP CIR statistics at MS are observed. However, with RS grouping, there is no degradation on average CIR statistics. In fact, it provides additional improvements in the low CIR region.

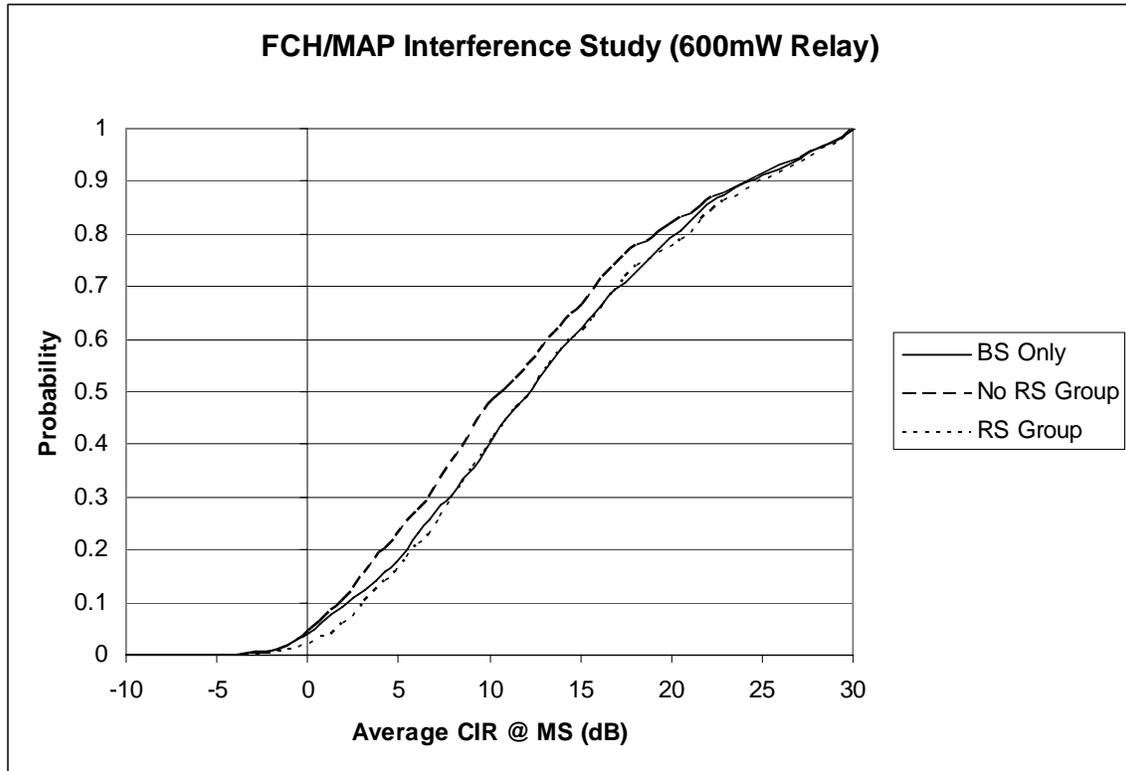


Figure 2: FCH/MAP Interference Study (600mW Relay)

For higher power relay and with no RS grouping, the results from Figure 3 indicate a further degradation in the average CIR statistics. On the other hand, with RS grouping, an improvement in slightly shifting the curve to higher CIR is observed.

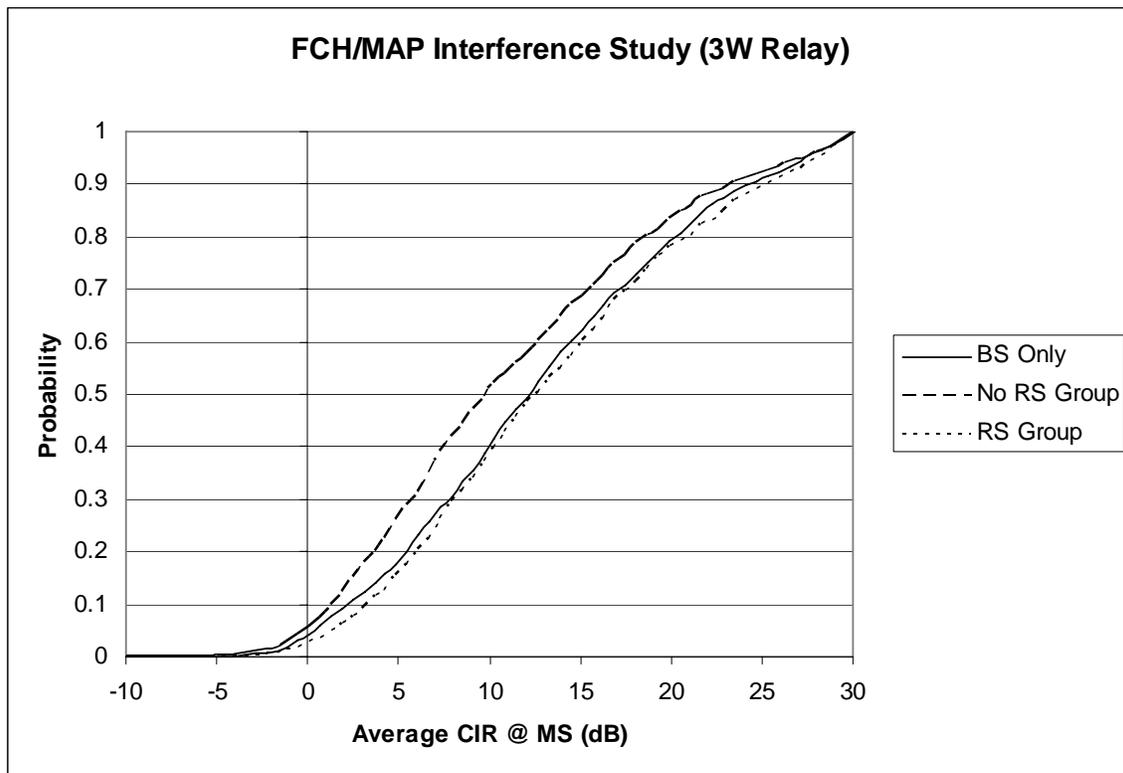


Figure 3: FCH/MAP Interference Study (3W Relay)

2.4 Evaluation Summary

In this study on RS grouping and PUSC segment selection:

- There is no degradation in average FCH/MAP CIR received at MS. In fact, there is a slight improvement especially at the lower CIR region. Without RS grouping, the CIR degraded.
- Frequency reuse is possible amongst the RS groups as each group can transmit different FCH/MAP and potentially enable higher capacity in the relaying network.

3. Proposed text change

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3.1 RS grouping procedure

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6.3.9.16 Network entry and initialization

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indicating whether it should transmit the preamble, and at the same time, providing the corresponding RS group ID.

3.2 MAC management message to enable the Virtual RS Grouping configuration

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6.3.2.3.62 RS configuration request message

This message may be transmitted by a RS to request some physical layer operation parameters. A RS may use this message to report information to facilitate the determination of a MR-BS on configuration of RS operation parameters.

Table XXX. RS Config-REQ message format.

Syntax	Size	Notes
<u>RS Config-REQ format {</u>		
<u>Management message type = 67</u>	<u>8 bits</u>	
<u>Configuration para type</u>	<u>8 bits</u>	<u>b0 = 1: preamble configuration is included;</u> <u>b1 = 1: request to be removed from Virtual RS Group;</u> <u>b2 – b7: reserved</u>
<u>If (b0 of Configured para type == 1) {</u>		
<u>reserved</u>	<u>1 bits</u>	<u>Shall be zero</u>
<u>Preamble index</u>	<u>7 bits</u>	<u>Preamble index</u>
<u>}</u>		
<u>}</u>		

Configuration para type

The first bit is used as preamble index indicator to indicate the preamble_index field is present in this message

The second bit is used as indicator to indicate the intent to be removed from the current Virtual RS Group

Preamble index

This field is used to indicate the preamble index

6.3.2.3.63 MR-BS configuration response message

This message may be transmitted by a MR-BS for the purpose of RS configuration. A MR-BS may use this message to set operation parameters for a RS. MR-BS may transmit this message as a response to RS Config-REQ or as an unsolicited message.

Syntax	Size	Notes
<u>RS Config-RSP format {</u>		

<u>Management message type = 68</u>	<u>8 bits</u>	
<u>Configured para type</u>	<u>8 bits</u>	<u>b0 = 1: preamble configuration is included;</u> <u>b1 = 1: remove multicast RSID to disassociate from the Virtual RS Group;</u> <u>b2 = 1: Unicast RSID is included;</u> <u>b3 = 1: Multicast RSID is included;</u> <u>b4 = 0; Do not transmit preamble; 1: transmit the assigned preamble.</u> <u>B5 – b7: reserved</u>
<u>If (b0 of Configured para type == 1) {</u>		
<u>reserved</u>	<u>1 bits</u>	<u>Shall be zero</u>
<u>Preamble index }</u>	<u>7 bits</u>	<u>Preamble index</u>
<u>If (b2 of Configured para type == 1) {</u>		
<u>Unicast RSID }</u>	<u>8 bits</u>	<u>Unicast RSID</u>
<u>If (b3 of Configured para type == 1) {</u>		
<u>Multicast RSID }</u>	<u>8 bits</u>	<u>Multicast RSID as the RS Group ID</u>
<u>}</u>		

Configuration para type

The first bit is used as preamble index indicator to indicate the preamble_index field is present in this message

The second bit is used as the indicator to instruct the RS to remove its multicast RSID so that it is disassociate from the current Virtual RS Group

The third bit is used as the Unicast RSID indicator to indicate the Unicast RSID field is present in this message

The fourth bit is used as the Multicast RSID indicator to indicate the Multicast RSID field is present in this message

Preamble index

This field is used to indicate the preamble index

Unicast RSID

This field is used to indicate the Unicast RSID

Multicast RSID

This field is used to indicate the Multicast RSID for Virtual RS Group operations

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4. References

[1] Hang Zhang, et. al., “Introduction of RS ID”, IEEE C802.16j-07/095, IEEE 802.16 meeting, January 2007.