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Outline

- ODMA Concept
- ODMA Infrastructure Configurations
- ODMA Probing and Route Acquisition
- Lesson Learned from ODMA
- Routing Strategies for MANET

ODMA Concept

- ODMA
 - A communications relaying protocol proposed for UMTS TDD mode
 - Introduced at ETSI SMG2 in 1996
 - Aim at increasing the range of high data rate services
 - Each relaying node
 - must be within the planned coverage of the cell
 - may receive essential L1 sync. information

ODMA Border Coverage



ODMA Infrastructure Configurations

- ODMA configurations:
 - Systems with integrated TDD/ODMA NodeB
 - Systems employing last hop Gateway ODMA relay nodes

ODMA with integrated TDD/ODMA NodeB



ODMA with last hop



ODMA Probing and Route Acquisition

Probing

- a mechanism used by a relay node to build a neighbour list
- It is defined within the idle mode cell selection
- Relays' probing activity levels are influenced by
 - Number of neighbours
 - Gradient to the base information of the neighbours
 - Speed of the terminal
 - Battery power level
- Three probing states:
 - full probing,
 - duty maintained probing,
 - relay prohibited.

UE_Rs with different probing states



ODMA Idle Mode Procedures

- Neighbour gathering
 - Uses background probing messages to get local connectivity of an ODMA relay node
 - Neighbour information → Gradient tables →
 End-to-end connectivity
 - -Ex.
 - Vodafone: 3GPP TSGR2#2(99) 179, 180 [2.3]

Lesson learned from ODMA

- Only draft idea is proposed, lots of issues are left for further study.
- ODMA was dropped by 3GPP R'99, as a result of concerns over complexity, battery life of users on standby, and signaling overhead issues [4].

Routing is one of the key issues

Routing Strategies for MANET

- Proactive routing:
 - discovers and maintains routing tables via probing
 - is not applicable for cellular systems adopting a discontinuous reception (DRX) functionality
 - SS will move to SLP mode for saving power and thus, the probed information would be obsolete.

Routing Strategies for MANET

- Reactive routing:
 - Floods route request (RREQ) to discover a best route
 - Need to consider [5]
 - Number of flooded RREQ
 - Complete flooding: e.g., DSR
 - Scoped flooding: e.g., AODV
 - Transmission power used to forward the RREQ
 - TX power of SS is very high
 - Hop-count limitation of the RREQ

Conclusion

- A proper routing mechanism is required if mobile RS(s) is applied.
- Need to know the price paid for the expected performance gain!

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