MS Handover Support in Relay Mode

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Outline

- Classification of handover
- Target access station selection
- MS handover process
- Summary

Classification of Handover

- Intra MMR-BS handover: MS or RS handover between two RSs controlled by the same MMR-BS or between an MMR-BS and one of its subordinate RSs.
- Inter MMR-BS handover: MS or RS handover between two RSs controlled by different MMR-BSs or between an MMR-BS and an RS controlled by a different MMR-BS.

Handover procedure and complexity is depended on the relay frame structure

Handover in Different Relay Frame Structures

- Strategies of broadcast info. transmission in different relay frame structures
 - Uniform-broadcast info. frame structures
 - No broadcast info. relay: Subordinate RS does not send broadcast information
 - **Simulcast same broadcast info. relay**: BS and subordinate RS send the same broadcast information

MS is synchronized to the same preamble before and after the intra-BS handover

- Different-broadcast info. frame structures
 - BS and subordinate RS send different broadcast info.
 - In-band or out-of-band

MS is synchronized to different preamble before and after the intra / inter-BS handover







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Procedure of Handover

- MS is synchronized to the same preamble as that of the source access station after HO
 - MMR-BS makes the decision to select a target access station
 - MS adjust its parameters to adapt to target access station
- MS is synchronized to a different preamble after HO
 - MMR-BS makes the decision to select a target access station
 - MS performs a legacy 16e handover process

Target access station selection is the key procedure for HO

Target Access Station Selection

- Target access station selection: BS decides whether RS or MMR-BS, and which RS is required for a specified MS relaying in MS initialization and handover
 - Based on whole path evaluation instead of the access link only
 - Evaluate the path composed of MS access link and optimal RS-BS path, where an optimal RS-BS path can be calculated according to the RS topology table maintained in BS
 - Requires the measurement & report of candidate access link quality
 - RS / BS measures MS signal quality (UL data burst, ranging, etc.) and report to MMR-BS
 - MS scans for the downlink channel, measures link quality and report to MMR-BS
- Target selection metrics
 - Quality of radio link (CINR,...), MS power level, Multi-hop bandwidth efficiency, QoS requirement, Traffic load, etc.

Intra MMR-BS HO

(Uniform-broadcast info. frame structures)

- Features
 - MS Synchronized to the same preamble before and after the handover
 - Target access station selection by BS
 - Handover process is invisible to MS
- Process
 - 1. Link quality monitoring and report to BS
 - 2. Handover target access station selection by BS
 - 3. Notification to MS and RS
 - RNG-RSP for MS adjustment (power level, timing offset, etc.)
 - BS notifies RS the handover target selection



Inter MMR-BS HO

(Uniform-broadcast info. frame structures)

- Features
 - ➢ MS first performs legacy inter-BS handover procedures
 - Handover target access station selection at network reentry
- Process
 - 1. Handover initialization
 - MS or BS initialize a legacy handover procedure
 - 2. RS conducts link quality monitoring of MS ranging at reentry, and reports to target serving station
 - 3. Handover target access station selection by target serving station
 - 4. Notification to MS and RS
 - 5. Complete legacy MS handover procedure



Intra MMR-BS HO

(Different-broadcast info. frame structures)

• Features

- Subordinate RS has its own preamble different from BS
 - MS regards RS as a BS
- MS performs legacy handover procedures

• Process

- 1. Link quality measurement by RS and report to BS
- 2. Handover initialization by MS or BS
 - MS scans for the downlink channel, measures link quality and report to BS
- 3. Handover target access station selection by BS
- 4. Complete the legacy handover process
 - Synchronization to target
 - Ranging
 - Network re-entry



Inter MMR-BS HO

(Different-broadcast info. frame structures)

- Features
 - MS performs legacy handover procedures
 - Handover target access station selection in HO decision period.
- Process
 - 1. Handover procedure initialization by MS or BS
 - 2. Neighbor BS reports to serving station
 - Channel information of relay links in its coverage
 - 3. Handover target access station selection and decision
 - Considering neighbor BS reports, and also MS scanning results
 - 4. Complete the legacy handover process



Summary

- Target access station selection
 - Based on the whole path evaluation instead of access link only
 - Require RS / MS to measure and report link qualities
- Different frame structure schemes introduce different handover procedures
 - MS performs a legacy 16e handover, if it is synchronized to the different preamble after handover
 - MS just adjusts parameters, if it is synchronized to the same preamble after handover