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Propose to adopt the relay tunnel connection concept and mechanism described herein into IEEE 802.16j. Notice:

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Key proposals

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- Link-by-link relay tunnel connection
- Address and clarify issues in HARQ so that relay tunnel can operate over HARQ
 - Use relay tunnel connection CID (R-CID) in HARQ operation
 - Use relay tunnel MAC header and PDU SN extended subheader to address the out-of-order delivery problem in HARQ.



- This contribution proposes to establish a link-by-link relay tunnel connection on a relay link.
 - An alternative to the end-to-end tunnel idea.
 - For distributed scheduling system.
- Features
 - Simplify the management of growing number of individual connections on relay links by leveraging the statistic traffic multiplexing.
 - Resource allocation and QoS provisioning is performed on a per relay tunnel basis, rather than on a per transport MAC connection basis.
 - Provide more suitable support to network with distributed scheduling.
 - Since the scheduling is done by RS, which has more timely and accurate information about the wireless links, better scheduling decision can be made and system capacity can be improved.

^{*} A relay link is the wireless link between an MR BS and a RS, between a pair of adjacent RSs, or between a RS and an access RS

- The two end points of relay tunnel have the full information about the mapping between individual MAC connection (e.g., transport CIDs) and relay tunnel connection.
 - Forwarding is performed on a per individual MAC connection basis.



- Ease the mobility management
 - Especially for nomadic or mobile RS.
 - Adaptive and quick response to route change.



Relay-CID (R-CID)

Link by Link Relay Tunnel Connection is uniquely identified by a R-CID (Relay CID)

CID	Value	Description
Relay CID	n+1-k	Used by MMR-BS or RS for relay packets
Transport CIDs, Secondary Mgt CIDs,		For the secondary management connection, the same value is assigned to both the DL and UL connection.

 When handled by HARQ, R-CID should be placed in the RCID_IE field for the corresponding HARQ sub-burst.



Relay Tunnel Connection over HARQ

 Append tunnel MAC header and insert PDU Sequence Number (SN) extended subheader for HARQ MAC PDU to address the out-of-order delivery.



