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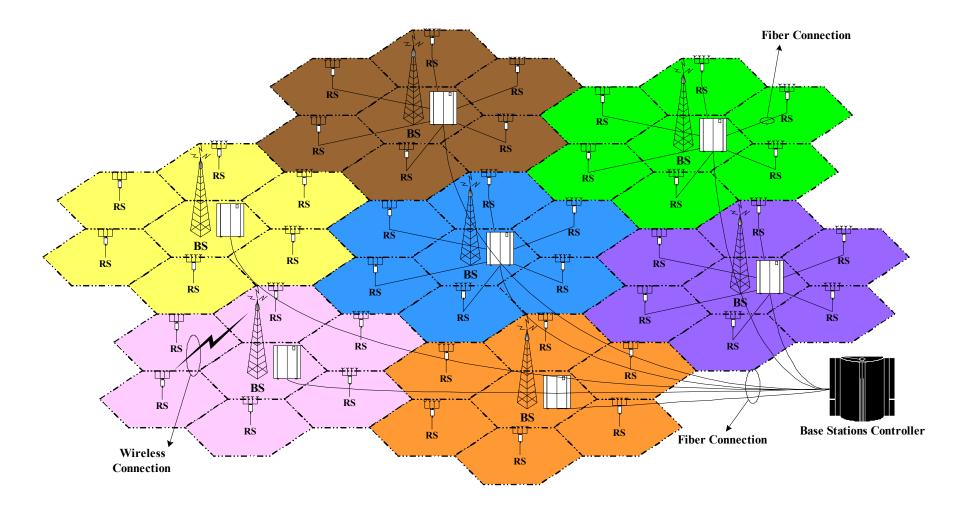
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Relay-augmented Cellular Architectures



Classification of Relay Scenarios

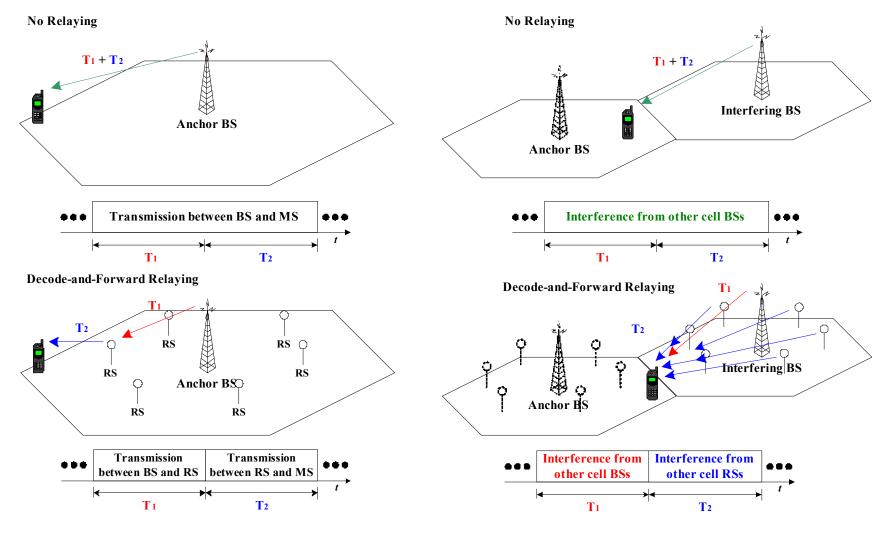
- Classified by function of relay station (RS)
 - Amplify-and-Forward
 - Analog repeater, less delay.
 - Decode-and-Forward
 - Digital repeater, more delay.
- Classified by interfaces of BS↔MS and RS↔MS transmission
 - Homogeneous
 - BS \leftrightarrow MS and RS \leftrightarrow MS transmissions are both in the same interface
 - Ex. Both are in IEEE 802.16 air-interface
 - Heterogeneous
 - BS↔MS and RS↔MS transmissions are in difference interfaces
 - Ex. BS↔MS in analog fiber interface, RS↔MS in IEEE 802.16 air-interface
- Classified by the mobility of relay station
 - **Fixed relay** (considered in following study cases)
 - Mobile relay

Classification of Relay Scenarios

Downlink Homogeneous Relaying

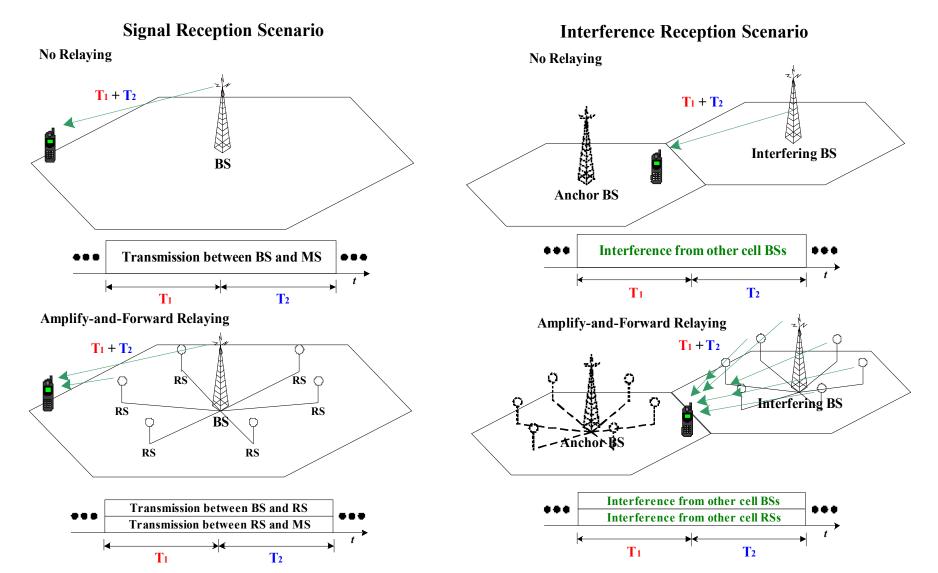
Signal Reception Scenario

Interference Reception Scenario



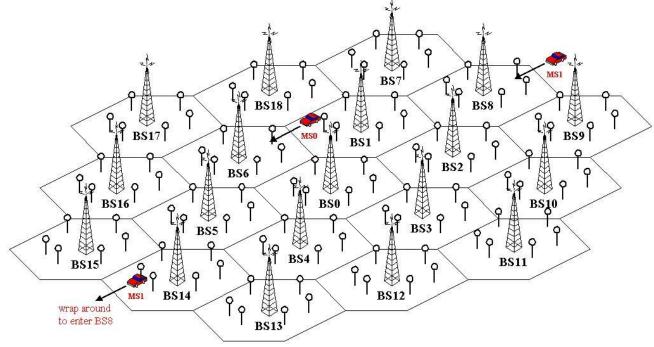
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Downlink Heterogeneous Relaying



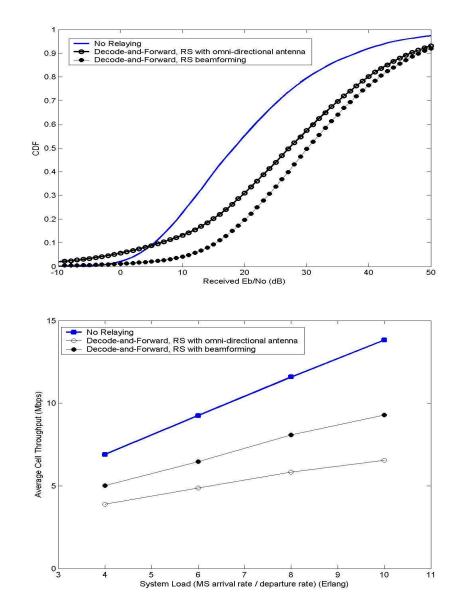
Simulation Results

- Relay-augmented cellular OFDMA system
 - Downlink transmission
 - 19 cells with universal frequency reuse and FUSC permutation
 - Each cell has with 6 sectors and 2km coverage
 - Each cell has 6 relay stations (RS) with half base station (BS) coverage
 - Radio bandwidth: 6MHz (2048 sub-carriers)
 - <u>Vehicular</u> test environment



Simulation Results

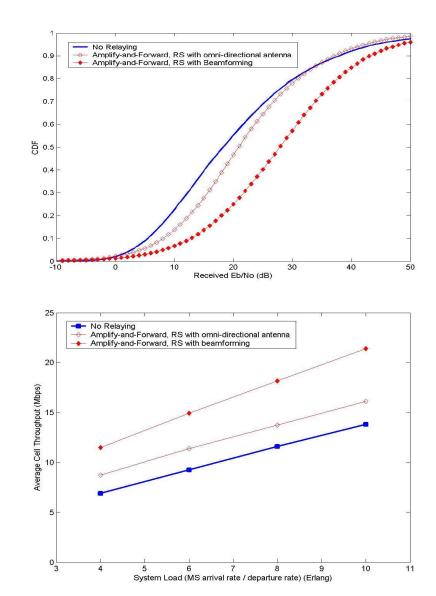
- Case I
 - <u>Homogeneous</u> <u>decode-and</u> <u>forward</u> relaying
- Observations
 - Data rate coverage becomes more uniform by increasing the percentage of high order modulation usage
 - Throughput is reduced by time division for BS↔MS and RS↔MS transmissions
 - Beamforming on RS can further improve performances by <u>increasing antenna gain</u> and <u>reducing interference</u>



Simulation Results

• Case II

- Heterogeneous amplify-andforward relay
- Observation
 - Data rate coverage becomes more uniform by increasing the percentage of high order modulation usage
 - Throughput is increased by higher percentage of high order modulation usage
 - Beamforming on RS can further improve performances by <u>increasing antenna gain</u> and <u>reducing interference</u>



Summary

- Different relay deployment scenarios may lead to various performances tradeoffs
 - Ex. When hop count increased, there may be a tradeoff between transmission rate and overall cell throughput.
 - Before choosing relay scenarios, the objective of relay deployment should be ensured first.
- **Interference avoidance** may provide substantial performances improvement in relay-augmented cellular systems
 - Up to <u>36%</u> throughput improvement was achieved in simulation results by applying beamforming on RSs
 - For decode-and-forward relaying, cooperation on RSs transmission may be beneficial to reduce the interference from other cell RSs.