

Discussion of MMR Protocol Stack

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[To introduce and clarify the terminologies of R-DL, R-UL, R-PHY and R-MAC](#)

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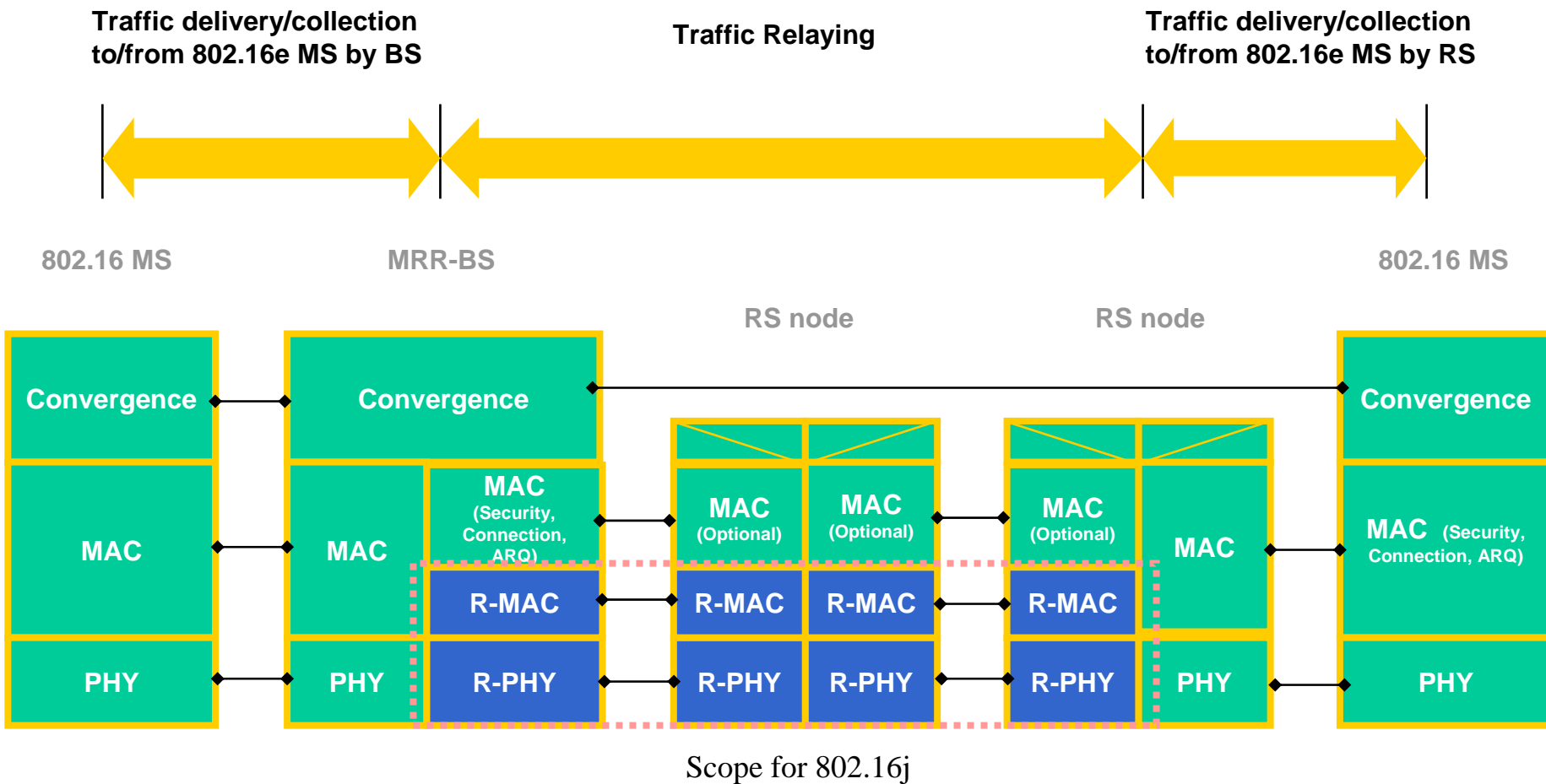
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Introduction and Background

- Based on IEEE802.16j PAR, in order to achieve backward compatibility, we propose to retain the IEEE802.16e-2005 protocol stack by defining two new sub-layers for MMR-BS and RS:
 - R-MAC
 - R-PHY
 - Both are interoperable with IEEE802.16e-2005
- We also retain the DL and UL PHY/MAC format intact for the connectivity with MS to achieve zero change on IEEE802.16e-2005 MS
- The link for MMR-BS \leftrightarrow RS and RS \leftrightarrow RS are defined based on basic DL and UL with additional functionality and enhancement:
 - R-DL
 - R-UL

MMR Protocol Stack

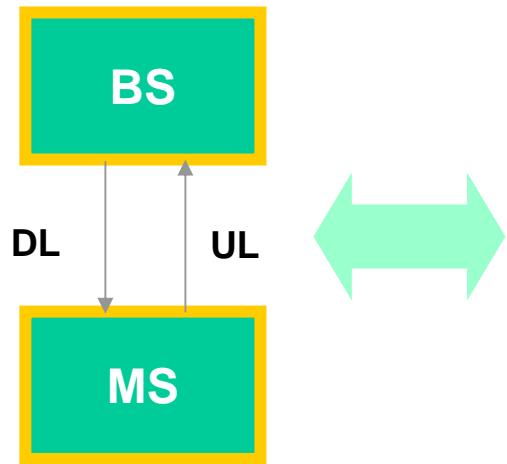


MMR protocol Stack: R-PHY and R-MAC

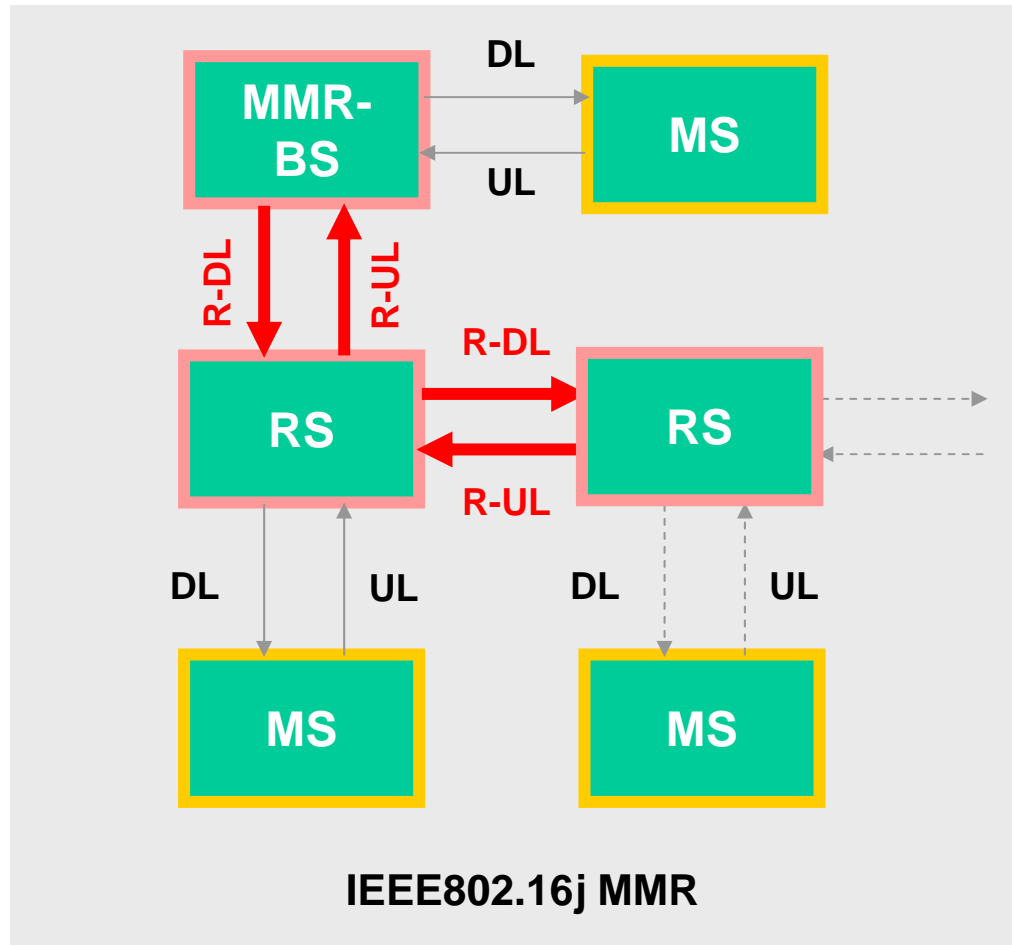
- Modify physical layer if needed: R-PHY sub-layer between
 - MMR-BS \leftrightarrow RS
 - RS \leftrightarrow RS
 - It uses current 802.16e-2005 PHY as baseline
 - It may be the enhanced 802.16e-2005 PHY
- Introduce a new MAC sub-layer: R-MAC sub-layer between
 - MMR-BS \leftrightarrow RS
 - RS \leftrightarrow RS
- Retain E2E 802.16e security
 - between MMR-BS \leftrightarrow MS
- Retain E2E 802.16e connection
 - between MMR-BS \leftrightarrow MS
- Retain E2E 802.16e ARQ
 - between MMR-BS \leftrightarrow MS
- Retain and support per-link HARQ
- Access RS implements the complete 802.16e MAC functionality
- Relaying path RSs implements partial 802.16e MAC functionality

MMR Architecture – Link Level

- IEEE802.16j MMR basic link connectivity can be defined as:

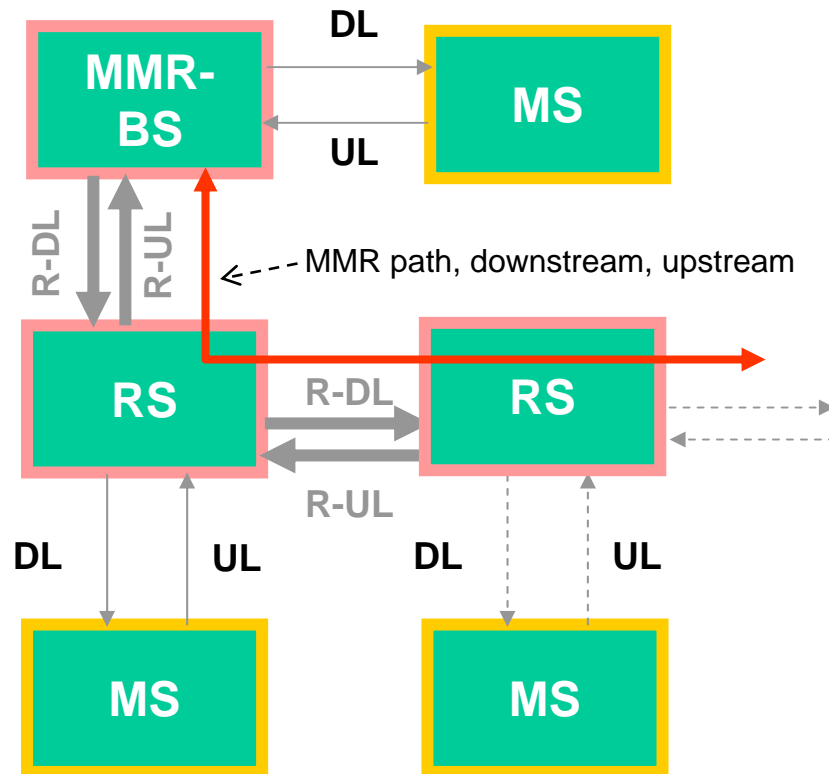


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MMR Architecture – Path Level

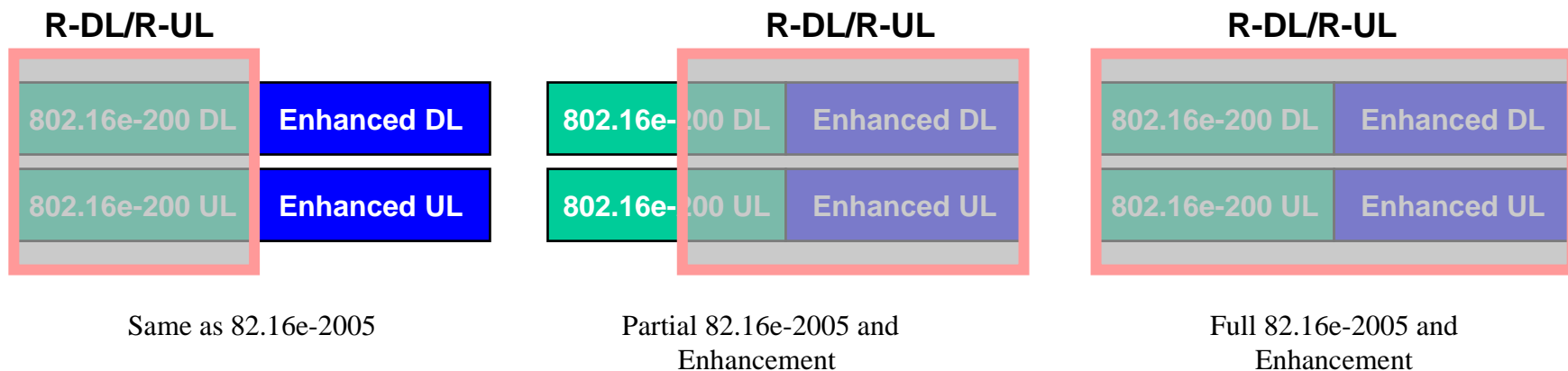
- IEEE802.16j MMR basic path connectivity can be defined as:



IEEE802.16j MMR

MMR Links: R-DL and R-UL

- Based on IEEE802.16j PAR, the legacy MS operation is not allowed to be changed, therefore,
- The link for MS namely the DL and UL can not be modified:
 - We propose to retain the terminology as IEEE802.16e-2005
- The links for MMR-BS \leftrightarrow and RS \leftrightarrow RS are defined as:
 - R-DL and R-UL,
- The relationship of DL/UL and R-DL/R-UL can be described as:



Text Proposal

- **R-MAC**
“MAC sub-layer to support multi-hop relay”
- **R-PHY**
“Physical sub-layer to support multi-hop relay”
- **R-DL**
“Down link between the MMR-BS and RS nodes or between RSs nodes for downstream relay”
- **R-UL**
“Up link between the MMR-BS and RS nodes or between RSs nodes for upstream relay”
- **MMR path**
“Concatenation of k consecutive relay links ($k \geq 1$) between the MMR-BS and the designated access RS”
- **Downstream Traffic**
“data flow to be relayed from MMR-BS to targeting MS”
- **Upstream Traffic**
“data flow to be relayed from MS to targeting MMR-BS”