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Signaling Scheme for Bandwidth Allocation in MR Network with Distributed Scheduling

Introduction

As described in 16j baseline document IEEE802.16j-06/026r2, the RS with distributed scheduling may transmit a BW request header soon after it receives a BW request header from one of its downstream stations instead of waiting for the actual packets to arrive in order to reduce delay in relaying traffic. This process is depicted in Figure 1.

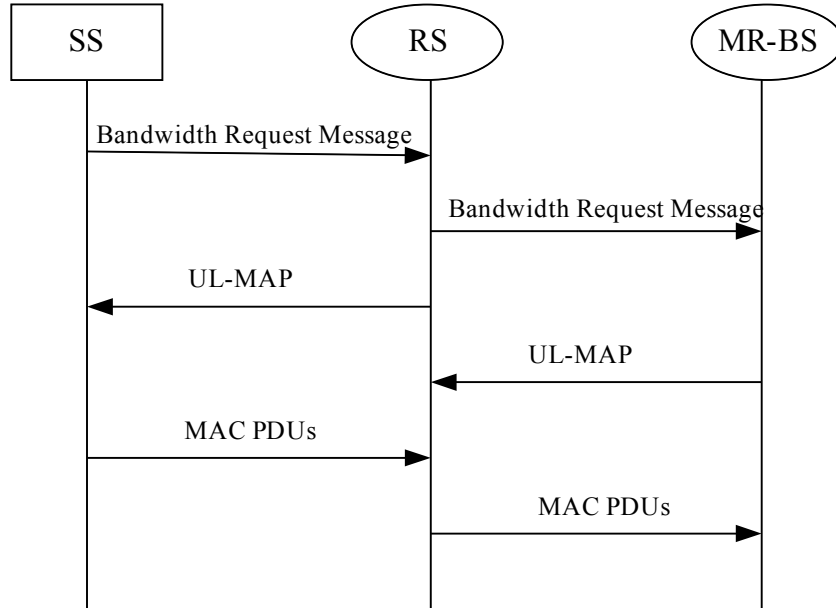


Figure 1 – Reducing latency in relaying traffic by transmitting BW request message on R-UL before packets arrive

For RS with distributed scheduling, such a scenario exists that RS has already received the MAC PDUs from MS or its subordinate RS, but fails to receive the expected uplink bandwidth allocation by MR-BS or superordinate RS for uplink forwarding the received MAC PDU. Figure 2 and Figure 3 illustrates this case.

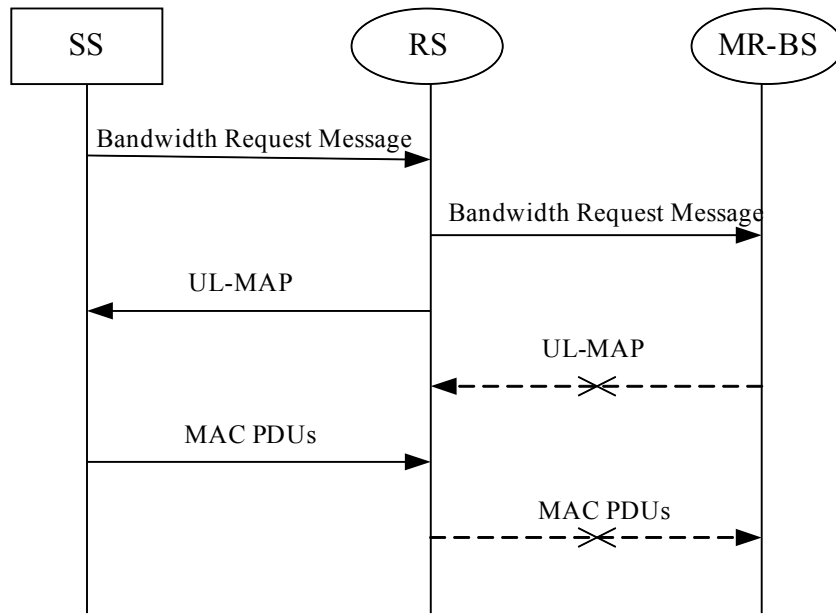


Figure 2 – one example of failure of RS uplink data forwarding

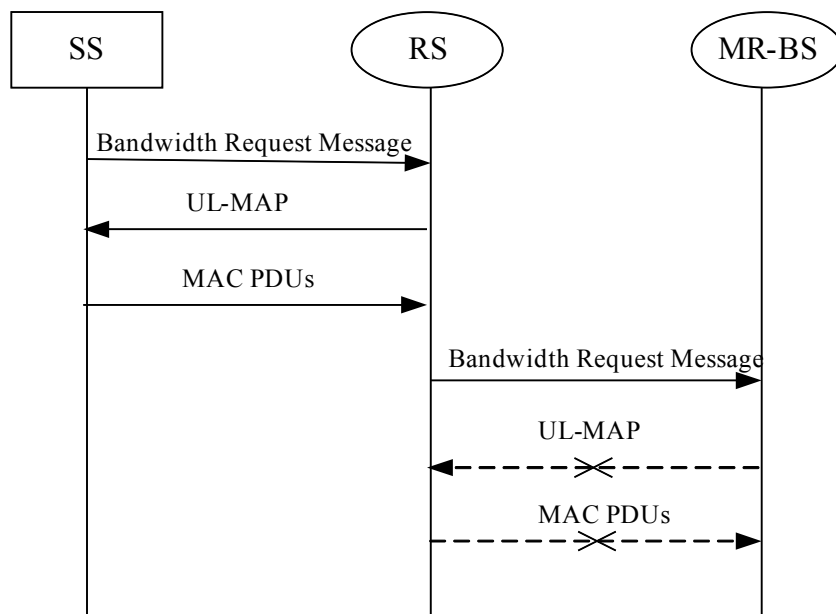


Figure 3 – another example of failure of RS uplink data forwarding

In this case, RS has to buffer the received MAC PDUs for a limited time and continue to request the uplink bandwidth. If MR-BS or superordinate RS still fails to allocate the appropriate uplink bandwidth for RS to forwarding the received MAC PDUs, or the buffer timer of RS expire, RS will have to discard the received MAC PDUs.

So the distributed scheduling scheme between MR-BS and RS can result in the unbalanced resource allocation between MR-BS and RS. This kind of unbalanced resource allocation will cause the unexpected latency of MAC PDUs transfer between MS and MR-BS via RS, even discarding of MS MAC PDUs. Therefore the quality of service of subscribers will be degraded significantly.

We propose a signaling scheme between MR-BS and RSs to inform the superordinate station of a failure in

establishing an uplink related to the subordinate RS. This signaling scheme can facilitate the superordinate station to timely adjust the scheduling and allocate the appropriate uplink bandwidth for subordinate RS to forwarding the MAC PDUs to MR-BS.

Specific Text change

[Insert the following subclause 6.3.2.3.65]

6.3.2.3.65 MR Uplink Transmission Failure Report message

This message is used by RS to inform the MR-BS or its superordinate RS of a failure in establishing uplink related the RS. This message can be transmitted by RS to MR-BS or its superordinate RS unsolicitedly or periodically. The report period should be determined by subordinate RS itself. This message is transmitted using RS's basic CID.

Table xxx- MR Uplink Transmission Failure Report message format

Syntax	Size (bits)	Notes
MR_UL_TRx_Failure_REP message format () {		
Management message type = xx	8	
Size of Discarded PDUs	16	In bytes.
Measurement Frame Duration	8	In frames.
}		

[Insert the following paragraphs at the end of section 6.3.6.7.1.1]

6.3.6.7.1.1 Bandwidth requests

An RS should buffer the intended MAC PDUs to be delivered to MR-BS or its superordinate RS and start the buffer timer T51. When RS fails to receive expected bandwidth allocation from MR-BS or its superordinate RS for uplink transmission, RS generates a UL Transmission Failure Report. RS sends this failure report to MR-BS or its superordinate RS in the sequent appropriate transmission opportunity. After the buffer timer T51 expires, RS discards the intended MAC PDUs to be uplink delivered.

[Insert the following row in Table 342 in section 10.1]

Table 342—Parameters and constants (continued)

<u>System</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Time reference</u>	<u>Minimum value</u>	<u>Default value</u>	<u>Maximum value</u>
RS	T51	Time for RS to buffer the intended MAC PDUs to be uplink delivered.	=	=	=

References

[1] IEEE802.16j-06/026r2 Baseline Document for Draft Standard for 16j