MOB_NBR-ADV design recommendations for IEEE 802.16m mobility management

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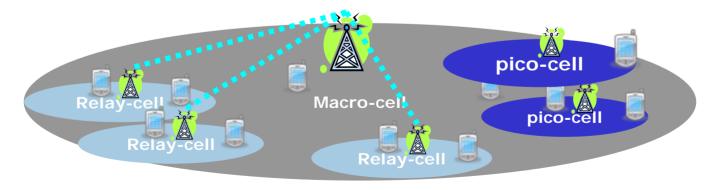
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MOB-NBR-ADV in the reference system

- Neighbor Advertisement message (MOB_NBR-ADV) necessary for optimized HO
- MOB_NBR-ADV broadcasts system configuration of neighbor BSs
- MOB_NBR-ADV in the reference system [2] works well in a deployment with non-overlay cells of same type

Motivations for a new MOB_NBR-ADV format

- IEEE 802.16m will support different cell types with possible overlay deployment [1]
 - Macro, micro, pico, femto cells
 - Overlay of a macro cell with smaller cells for load balancing
- current MOB_NBR-ADV format causes huge overhead
 - Possibly too many neighbors
 - Neighbors may be different cell type and thus different configurations from S-BS, making the delta information on system configuration still large



Design target for MOB_NBR-ADV

- The message format should allow overhead reduction in various deployment scenarios
 - Heterogeneous cell type/configurations
 - Overlay with possibly dense deployment
 - Femto-cell is a special case, high density and non-public access, and thus should not be in MOB_NBR-ADV broadcast
- The message format should allow flexible broadcast schedule
 - Common and unique configuration parameters
 - Timing-varying and static configuration parameters

Classification of system parameters in MOB_NBR-ADV

- Common part (per cell type)
 - Configured to be the same across the network
 - Shared by a cell type

Name	Length (bits)	Note
Multiplexing	1	TDD/FDD
Bandwidth	2	5M, 10M, 20M in the 16m SDD
СР	2	1/32 1/16 1/8 1/4

Examples of configuration parameters in the common part

Unique part

- Each BS may have independent configuration
- Dynamic state information

Name	Length (bits)	Note
HO types	8	H-HO, MD-HO, FBSS, BS-Controlled
Trigger/Action	variable	Handover trigger/action definition
load	TBD	Cell loading information

Optimized encoding in MOB_NBR-ADV

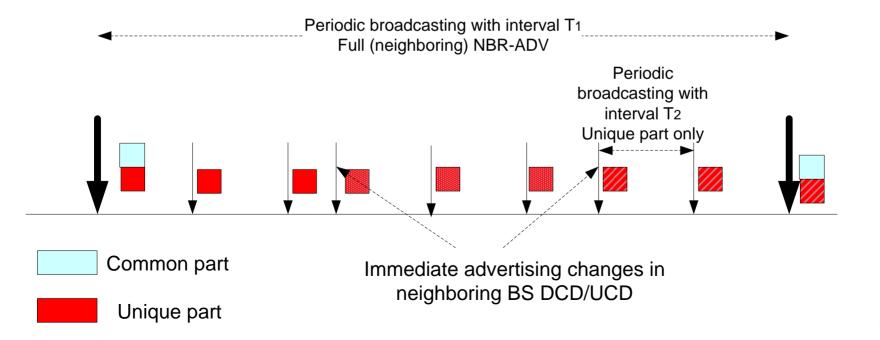
- Type-Length-Value (TLV) format
 - Enable overhead reduction when cells are similarly configured
 - Suitable for selective broadcast (only delta information)
- Fixed-length format
 - Predefined format eliminates TLV overhead
 - Suitable for frequent broadcast
- To balance overhead and flexibility
 - NBR-ADV supports both formats
 - Mapping of parameters to which format is FFS

the proposed MOB_NBR-ADV format

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NBR-ADV
For cell-type = 0:m
  [common part (cell specific)]
                                                       //optional based on broadcast schedule
  //First BS in this cell type
  For BS = 1
    BS ID
    other configuration info in TLV;
                                                               //A typical cell in this cell type
  //other BS in this cell type
  For BS = 2:k
    BS_ID
                                                                     //Only delta information
    delta TLV;
                                                                  From the typical cell above
                                                            Loop by cell types allows compression
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MOB_NBR-ADV broadcast scheme

- Common part can be broadcast less frequently
 - Not likely change frequently
 - MS can cache common part history
- Unique part can be broadcast more frequently
 - version number for common part may present for cache check



Proposed IEEE 802.16m SDD text change

Insert the following text into MAC Layer clause (Chapter 10 in [1])

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10.x Handover procedures

Overlay handover is supported to allow load balancing across different cell types.

- 10.x.1 Network topology acquisition
- 10.x.1.1 Network topology advertisement

The serving BS periodically broadcasts MOB_NBR-ADV message so that MS may learn the network topology for handover preparation. The MOB_NBR-ADV message sorts neighbor BSs(RSs) according to their cell types. Within each cell type, configuration parameters are classified into common part and unique part. Either fixed-length or TLV encoding is used and the format mapping for each parameter is FFS. In MOB_NBR-ADV broadcast, a typical cell is chosen for each cell type so that other entries in the same cell type only requires delta information for overhead reduction. The BS can adaptively broadcast common part and unique part at different frequencies for overhead reduction.

MOB_NBR-ADV broadcast does not include femto-cells.

Reference

- [1] IEEE 802.16m-08/003r3, "Draft IEEE 802.16m System Description Document (SDD)"
- [2] IEEE Std. 802.16e-2005, IEEE Standard for Local and metropolitan area networks, Part 16: Air Interface for Fixed and Mobile Broadband Wireless Access Systems, Amendment 2: Physical and Medium Access Control Layers for Combined Fixed and Mobile Operation in Licensed Bands, and P802.16Rev2/D3 (February 2008).