

Co-Centric Cell-Splitting Technique Using Frequency Reuse

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Abstract

When a MS or mobile node (MN) moves out from a base station (BS) to another base station then it needs to perform a handoff or handover. Here we will propose a method that minimizes the handoff failure probability by increasing the total number of channel with help cell splitting process. This is Mother and child cell concept.

Key Words: Access Point, Frequency Reuse, Cell Splitting, Channel, Mother Cell, Child Cell

1. Introduction

Handoff is very important issue in mobile communication. We know every mobile phone base station has limited channels that are spaced by 5MHz with a bandwidth of 22MHz.

Many dynamic channel allocations have been proposed by different authors in different time and all those mechanisms of different authors will improve the performance of handoff in mobile communication. However for practical reason channel allocation is to be done in a static manner.

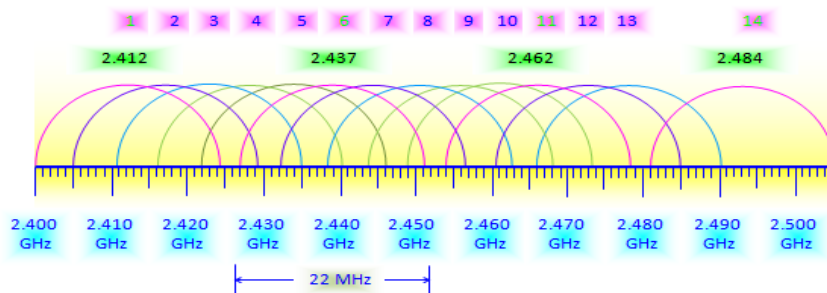


Figure 1. Channel Distribution

Channel allocation refers to the division of a given radio spectrum into a set of disjoint channels, which can be used simultaneously while minimizing interference in adjacent channels by good channel separation. There are three ways in which channel allocation is mainly done. They are:

- Fixed Channel Allocation scheme
- Dynamic Channel Allocation scheme
- Hybrid Channel Allocation scheme

The rest of the paper would be done as follow:

We will describe the related works in the second section. We will also describe the details of proposed method in the third section. The simulation results of related cell

splitting technique would be discussed in section four. In the next section we conclude the whole paper and finally a future work is mentioned regarding this paper in section six.

2. Related Work

The MS communicates to its BS by its channel (the channel being used by its current MS) which not only contains the neighbor of the AP on which it is being operated, but also the channels are used by the neighboring APs. However the MS must wait for required channel time as the MS does not know how many APs would respond to the probe request. So here we can use uni-cast AP instead of broadcast APs which selects the most potential AP to which the call may be handed off and scans only the channels associated with those APs. Selective channel probing with the help of unicast instead of broadcast brilliantly reduces the handoff delay by a massive percentage when compared with selective scanning or basic active scanning. Moreover, it was also stated that the MS has to wait for only the 'Round Trip Time' (RTT) for scanning each channel instead of the required channel time. When the MS responds to handoff, according to the pre-scanning mechanism of neighbor graph, it first looks for the potential AP.



Figure 2. Diagram Representing Cells That Can Use the Same Frequency Channel

2.1. Frequency Reuse

Frequency reuse is a process of selecting and allocating channels for all of the BSs within a cellular network. The increased capacity in a cellular network, comparing to a network with a single transmitter, comes from the fact that the same radio frequency can be reused in a different area for a completely different transmission. If there is a single plain transmitter, only one transmission can be used on any given frequency. Unfortunately, there is inevitably some level of interference from the signal from the other cells which use the same frequency. This means that, in a standard FDMA system, there must be at least a one cell gap between cells which reuse the same frequency.

The frequency reuse factor is the rate where the same frequency can be used in the network. It is $1/n$ where n is the number of cells which cannot use a frequency for transmission.

3. Proposed Work

In our proposed work we can increase the channel capacity by using cell splitting. If we make a simplistic assumption that MS uniformly distributed in each cell, we can also say that the probability a channel being available in a new cell area depends on the

number of channel per unit area. It can easily observe that the number of channels-area increase if the number of channel allocated per cell area increased. The radio resource and hence the number of assigned channel are limited and may not be change to be extent. However, the cell coverage area could be decreased for given number of channels per cells. This leads to smaller cell size and availability of free channel increase and then we allocate free channel using location manager based on call coverage area, duration *etc.*

3.1. Cell Splitting:

Cell splitting is the process of subdividing a large cell into some smaller cells, *i.e.*, the total area of some smaller cells are equal to about the area of old larger cell in size, and each smaller cell will have with its own base station and a corresponding reduction in antenna with height and transmitter power. Cell splitting would increase the capacity of a cellular system since it increases the number of times that channels are reused.

By defining new cells which have a smaller radius than the original cells and by installing these smaller cells between the existing cells, capacity increases due to the additional number of channels per unit area. The consequence of the cell splitting is that the frequency assignment has to be done again, which affects the neighboring cells. It also increases the handoff rate because the cells are now smaller and a mobile is likely to cross cell boundaries more often compared with the case when the cells are big. Because of altered signaling conditions, this also affects the traffic in control channels.

An example of cell splitting is shown in Figure 3. Here it is assumed that the cell cluster is congested and as a result, the call blocking probability has risen above an acceptable level. Suppose every cell in the cluster will be reduced in such a way that the radius, R of every cell will be cut in half, $(R/2)$. In order to cover the entire service area with smaller cells, approximately two times as many cells would be required.

The increased number of cells would increase the number of clusters over the coverage region, which in turn would increase the number of channels, and thus capacity, in the coverage area. In the example shown in Figure 5, the smaller cells were added in such a way as to preserve the frequency reuse plan of the system. In this case, the radius of each new microcell is half that of the original cell.

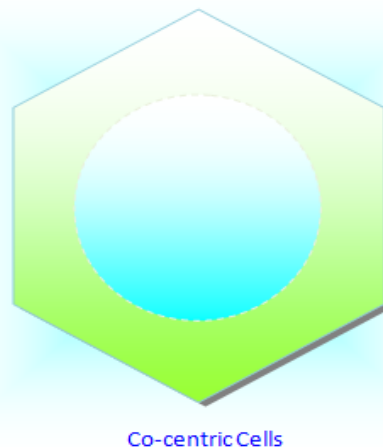


Figure 3. Structure of Microcell

From the above figure the radius of the outside cell is denoted by R_1 and the inner side cell is denoted by R_2 . The ratio of radius of the two cells is $R_2/2:R_1$ or $(R_2-R_1):R_1$ (*i.e.*, $R_2=2R_1$). Only non-overlapping outside area of outside cell is $\pi R_2^2/4$.

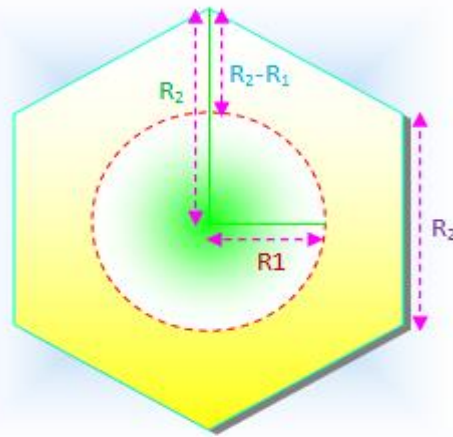
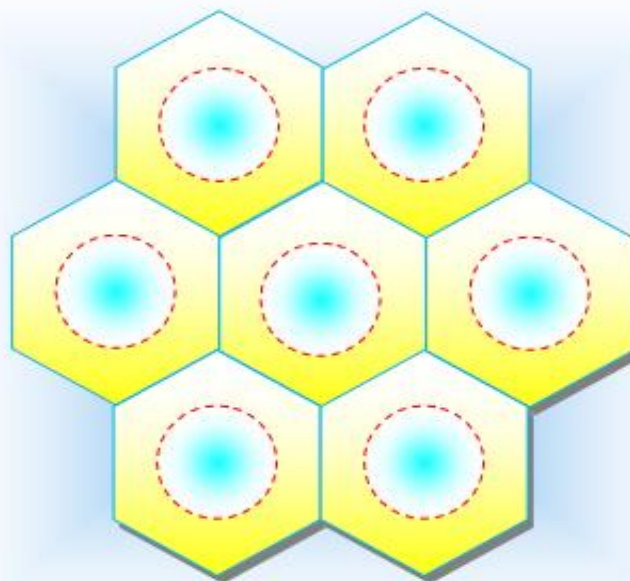


Figure 4. Area of Cells

Now the area ratio of radius $R_2/2$ and R_1 cell is equal. This is because we want to subdivide all channel allocation to be equal for optimum value.



Cluster of Co-centric

Figure 5. Cluster of Cells

For the new cells that are to be smaller in size, the transmit power of these cells must be reduced. The transmit power of the new cells with radius half that of the original cells can be found by examining the received power, P_r , at the Child and Mother cell boundaries and setting them equal to each other. This is necessary to ensure that the frequency reuse plan for the new microcell behaves exactly as for the original cells. From Figure 6, we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 P_r[\text{Mother Cell}] &\propto P_{t_1} R^{-n} && \text{-----(1) and} \\
 P_r[\text{Child Cell}] &\propto P_{t_2} (R/2)^{-n} && \text{----- (2)}
 \end{aligned}$$

Where P_{t_1} and P_{t_2} are the transmit powers of the larger and smaller cell base stations, respectively, and n is the path loss exponent.

If we take $n = 4$ and set the received powers equal to each other,
 Then $P_{t_2} = P_{t_1}/16$ ----- (3)
 In other words, the transmit power must be reduced by 12 dB in order to fill in the original coverage area with microcell, while maintaining the S/I requirement.

3.2. Algorithm:

- Step 1:** Location manager of inner cell is activated.
- Step 2:** **IF** it is not present in inner cell
THEN GOTO Step 4.
- Step 3:** After the call setup start scanning.
IF it find free channel allocation channel corresponding cell Handoff complete.
ELSE
 Stop scanning go to Step 1 to Location manager and find the free channel Using location Manager Based on call duration, Signal Strength, Coverage area etc.
 Find free channel and allocated the channel.
- Step 4:** Location manager of outer cell is activated.
- Step 5:** After the call setup start scanning.
IF it find free channel allocation channel corresponding cell Handoff complete.
ELSE
 Stop scanning go to Location manager Step 4 and find the free channel Using location Manager Based on call duration, Signal Strength, Coverage area *etc.*
 Find free channel and allocated the channel.
- Step 6:** Stop.

4. Flow Chart:

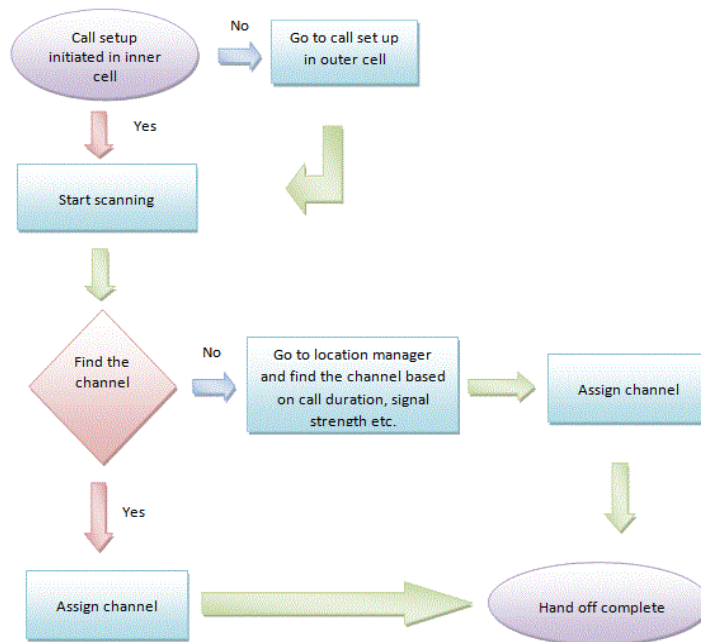


Figure 8

5. Simulation Result:

Table 1

S/no	Parameter	value
1	Cluster(k)	7
2	Total traffic Load	500
3	Signal to interference ratio(s/i)	18.99db

The probability that a new call is blocked given by the Erlang B formula was evaluated for different value of channels in ascending order using Mat lab. The corresponding values of call blocking probabilities are tabulated against the number of channels as shown below in Table 2.

Table 2

Sl no	Blocking probability	No of channel
1	0.9601	20
2	0.9002	30
3	0.8603	70
4	0.8054	100

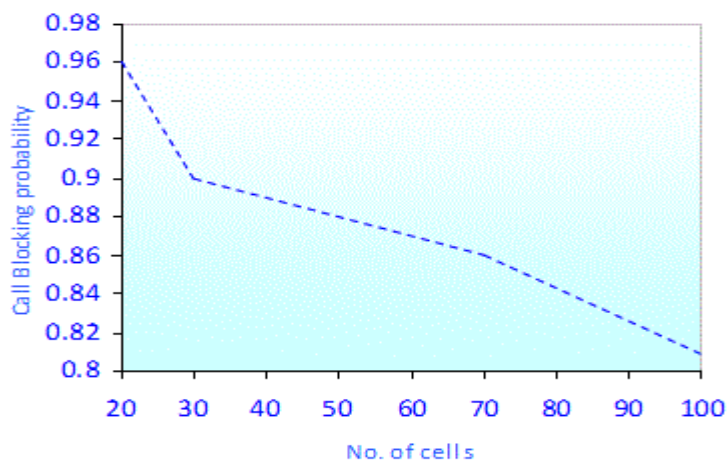


Figure 9. Graph of Blocking Probability against No of Channel

The probability that a new call is blocked represented as $Pr[\text{blocked}]$ is plotted against channel capacity in Figure 9. The result shows that as the channel capacity increases, the call blocking probability $Pr[\text{blocked}]$ reduces until a point when it becomes constant. Figure 9 proves that more calls are allowed in the system as the channel capacity increases.

6. Conclusion

In conclusion, the capacity of a cellular communication system can be increased by using cell splitting and frequency reuse. The increment in channel capacity after cell splitting helps to reduce the call blocking probability. The results show that when properly and orderly carried out, the cell splitting technique has the capability of increasing the capacity of a congested cellular system.

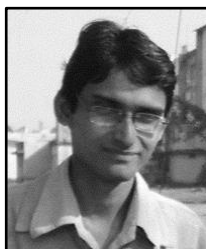
7. Future Works

In our future work, we would try to find out that how to increase the channel capacity using genetic algorithm based approach.

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