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MOBILE USER CONNECTIVITY PERFORMANCE WITH COEXISTING FEMTOCELL NETWORKS

Saied M. Abd El-atty and Z. M. Gharsseldien

Abstract:

In Femto-Macro cellular networks, the femto user (FUE) can be connected to femto access point (FAP) with low communication range rather than higher communication range to macro base station (MBS). Furthermore, in such emerging networks, the spatial reuse of resources is permissible and the transmission range can be decreased, then the probability of connectivity is high. In this work, we propose an analytical model for mobile user connectivity probability in Femto-Macro cellular networks. On the other hand, we study the capability of femtocell networks to serve macro users (MUEs) at the boundary of macrocell i.e., no coverage or poor signal as well as to serve the users fully inside the femtocell i.e., reduce the communication load of macrocell. Numerical results demonstrate the efficiency of computing the connectivity probability in Femto-Macro cellular networks.

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UPLINK SCHEDULING FOR CONTINUOUS CONNECTIVITY IN HIGH SPEED PACKET ACCESS SYSTEM

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RADIO RESOURCE MANAGEMENT FOR HANDOFF PROVISIONING IN WCDMA SYSTEMS

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In future wireless networks multimedia applications are expected to finally dominate the overall traffic volume. Shared channels are more suitable for the transmission of this type of traffic, as they are able to periodically adjust their transmission rate. In this paper, we introduce a cross-layer framework for WCDMA based networks which aims to make the packet scheduling procedure more efficient. In addition to that, we further propose a traffic scheduling scheme which serves the connections not only according to their delay sensitivity, but also according to the predicted state of their wireless channel. The efficiency of the proposed scheme, in terms of average packet delay and channel utilization is verified via simulations.

Guard Code Scheme for Handover traffic Management in WCDMA Systems Dimitrios N. Skoutas, Saied M. Abd El-atty, and Angelos N. Rouskas

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