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## Mechanisms for managing uplink interference and bandwidth.

#### Abstract

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This paper introduces the concept of dynamic persistence as a backoff algorithm for the RACH reducing the risk of outages and improving RACH performance. Also, an uplink shared channel is proposed for providing scheduling flexibility to better support mixed traffic types. Finally, the size and structure of a composite downlink common control channel is discussed supporting feedback and control for both uplink and downlink packet data transfers.

### **1.0 Introduction**

Recent papers regarding the RACH have concentrated on remedies for open-loop power control suggesting both faster feedback mechanisms and power ramping as solutions [1][2][3]. Power control is an important factor that should not be neglected, however, the impact of congestion and the interaction of mixed traffic types has not received adequate attention. This Tdoc proposes two strategies to aid interference and bandwidth management on both the RACH and during bulk transfers. The congestion and mixed traffic may impact the RACH channel in the following ways.

- Periods of high load will cause congestion on the RACH. Although CDMA greatly reduces the likelihood of an irresolvable collision, the aggregate interference power produced by a score of subscribers can potentially exceed the allowable noise rise at the Node B. As a result, all users in the cell would experience an outage that the Node B cannot mitigate.
- The interaction of mixed traffic may reduce the average quality of service by favoring users making bulk transfers on the uplink while relegating the shorter interactive messages to a congested RACII. With the currently defined mechanisms, file transfers or large emails would be assigned DCHs and could effectively consume the majority of the uplink packet data capacity during periods of high loading. Moderate and small transfers would be relegated to a congested RACII and suffer from undue delay.

### 2.0 Congestion Management of RACH channel

Local Area Networks (LANs) carrying packet data have traditionally relied on distributed backoff algorithms for managing congestion on the system. Likewise, cellular systems employ distributed backoff algorithms for the common access channel e.g. GSM's RACH. For FDMA systems, the impact of congestion is tolerable. A congested access channel will increase the call set-up time by escalating the backoff delay of backlogged subscribers until congestion is eventually resolved (even on an ill tuned system). In an FDMA system, subscribers assigned channels will be not be affected by the congestion because the quality of their circuit is protected by the frequency separation. In a CDMA system congestion on the RACH will increase the noise rise at the Node B and, at times, may produce outages that effect all users in the system, both backlogged users and those assigned to reduce the likelihood of destructive congestion, however, the cost would be an overall reduction in performance. What's more, the variety of data services and the potential for new yet unknown services may make it impossible to identify the appropriate parameters for a well-tuned RACH backoff algorithm. A more sensible approach would take advantage of the centralized architecture of a cellular system

and allow the system to dynamically manage the backoff of all subscribers based on estimates of the congestion in the cell. In essence, a closed loop backoff algorithm could be formed where the system proactively prevents destructive interference from occurring during times of high load without compromising the mean performance of the system.

A dynamic persistence algorithm is proposed for managing interference and minimizing delay by controlling access to the RACH channel of the system. On a common downlink channel, the system will publish a persistence value, p, the value being dependent on the estimated backlog of users in the system [4]. The persistence value would be broadcast at regular intervals e.g. once per frame. A UE in an active data session would first read the current persistence value and transmit on the next available RACH slot with a probability, p. When the system detects congestion on the RACH, the published persistence value would be reduced decreasing the number of users transmitting on the RACH in any given frame. During periods of inactivity the probability would be increased in order to improve the overall access delay. The elegance of the approach is that the backoff is handled deterministically based on a noise rise at the Node B. Whats more, the system may take multiple factors into account when calculating the persistence value such as data traffic patterns, recent history, and adjacent cell loading. Furthermore, having the system compute the dynamic persistence rather than the UE, provides the system operator greater flexibility in managing the RACH.

The cost of publishing a dynamic persistence value would be small in terms of both complexity and capacity. Previously, a common channel for providing fast power control feedback to UEs accessing the RACH has been discussed [5]. A persistence value could be conveyed by using a few bits in a common downlink channel. Furthermore, the power assigned to this common channel could be conservative. UEs at the fringe of coverage pose a smaller threat of causing an outage and therefore the system will tolerate the diminished integrity of the persistence information. Although UEs near the center of the cell would pose a greater risk for causing outages, the risk would be mitigated by a more reliable downlink common channel carrying persistence information.

Variations on dynamic persistence may provide other benefits such as a solution for managing different QoS data streams. UEs with a higher QoS might augment the persistence value they employ by an assigned QoS factor and transmit with a higher probability than the bulk-rate traffic.

### 3.0 Managing mixed traffic types

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An earlier Tdoc [6] presented analysis and simulation that showed that "Internet" users will receive the optimum perceived quality of service when packets are scheduled using the broadest pipe possible. Several Tdocs [7][8][9][10] presented methods for providing a broad pipe on the downlink using a shared channel. On the uplink a similar mechanism is required to allow scheduling of the uplink resource using the broad pipe.

Currently in the specified mechanisms for managing the uplink resource, it is only possible to react to changes in user requirements very slowly (especially if time-outs are employed). This results because of the need for signaling negotiation between cell-specific RRC in the CRNC(s) and user specific RRC in the SRNC every time that the power assigned to a user is to be changed. It is important that the percentage time spent releasing and re-assigning resource is kept to a minimum in order for the uplink capacity to be well utilized. Therefore, the above observation implies that in order to minimize the percentage time spent in re-assignment of capacity, users should hold the channel for a relatively long period of time (in other words transmit at a low rate). In addition, the current documents state a UE is autonomously allowed to decide at what bit rate it will transmit at (within the allowed TFCS). This tends to imply a reliance on a statistical averaging is only possible when the number of users is great. Clearly, the current mechanisms for managing access to the uplink resource implicitly imply the use of multiple thin pipes. To summarize, it is clear that there are a number of problems with the current proposals for managing access to the uplink resource for packet users:

- 1. Lack of fast access control (assignment and re-assignment) will result in poor utilization of uplink capacity.
- 2. The currently defined mechanisms are biased toward the use of multiple thin pipes
  - Resulting on average in a longer delay for packet transmissions as perceived by the user (see companion paper [6]).
  - Resulting in a loss of flexibility in prioritizing the transmission of packets from different users.

The loss of flexibility in prioritizing the transmission of packets from different users occurs because current uplink packet data procedures tend to favor bulk transfers over infrequent acknowledgements or requests. The problem is exacerbated when the system is under a condition of high loading. As an illustration consider the

case where one UE, referred to as  $UE_{email}$ , is transferring large email on a heavily loaded system and where several other UEs have moderate-sized infrequent traffic (moderate-size is greater than a few RACH bursts).  $UE_{email}$  would typically be assigned a DCH for the transfer. In the absence of other traffic, the system should assign the broadest pipe possible to expedite the transfer. Learning the interference margin at the base, users making infrequent transfers (which may be of higher priority) would be relegated to the lowest data-rate available for the duration of  $UE_{email}$ 's transfer. Of course the system could reserve more capacity for the infrequent transfers, but this would be sub-optimum solution since capacity would go unused prolonging  $UE_{email}$ 's transfer. Overall system performance could be improved by providing a scheduling mechanism that allowed uplink capacity to reallocate in an expeditious manner.

### 4.0 Proposed MAC based scheme for dynamic scheduling between users

Before discussing the motivation for performing dynamic scheduling between users on the MAC layer it is first worth stating that it is assumed that the uplink shared channel (USCH) to be described will be used by packet users. It is an assumption (as is the case for the DSCH and as was assumed in the evaluation documents) that packet users can be operated efficiently in hard hand-off due to the extra delay budget available and the consequent capability to use ARQ.

A method for allocating uplink capacity is proposed that mimics the features of the downlink shared channel which allow for a broad pipe and nimble scheduling. Unlike the downlink, there is no shortage of orthogonal codes to manage, however, there is finite allowable noise rise at the Node B. It is proposed that the system apportion interference power for uplink packet scheduling in a similar manner to how codes are assigned in the downlink. This differs from noise rise published on the BCCH in that the system budgets UE access based on the known UE queue depths in a deterministic rather than a probabilistic manor. Ideally, the UE would transmit at the maximum data rate that is commensurate with the apportioned noise rise at the Node B. The maximum data rate is a function of the apportioned noise rise and the total interference power incident at the Node B. From these variables, the system can calculate the target  $E_b/N_t$  on the uplink and with the knowledge of link performance calculate the maximum sustainable data-rate. The spreading factor could be assigned on a common downlink broadcast transport channel called the Access Control Channel (ACCH) which will be described in more detail later. Each allocation would be valid for the duration of one frame allowing for the flexible reassignment of resources. With this fast assignment mechanism in place, bandwidth could be managed more efficiently allowing a scheduler to multiplex a mix of traffic types.

Table 1 examines the overhead associated with conveying the uplink resource assignments. An assignment may be made in as few as 12 bits consisting of a Temporary UE ID (TUEID), a Spreading Factor Assignment (SFA), and Power Control Position Assignment (PCPA). A 6-bit TUEID would provide resolution equivalent to the GPRS slot assignment plus USF. A TUEID would last the duration the UE was in the active state. The NRA (Noise Rise Apportionment) value would represent a quantized assignment of the noise rise apportioned to the UE for the duration of one frame. Finally, the PCPA assigns a position in a common power control channel for the duration that a NRA is valid [11].

Field	Bits	Reference
TUEID	6	A 6-bit temporary ID providing equivalent resolution as GPRS (Slot+USF <=> 3 + 3) used to identify an allocation.
SFA	3	Assigns the spreading factor for the next frame.
РСРА	3	Assigns a position in the common power control channel for the duration of the transfer.
Total	12	

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UEs with data to send would perform the following procedure:

- 1) At the beginning of a session or packet call the UE would send an initial request on the RACH carrying a reservation request containing the queue depth. The exact encoding of the queue depth information and other information which may be required is FFS.
- 2) A TUEID would be assigned

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- 3) UEs would then monitor the ACCH for a SFA.
- 4) Upon receiving an assignment, UEs would use measured information on the path loss and SFA to calculate the initial transmit power.
- 5) The UEs would then transfer the data on the USCH while performing fast power control using a common power control channel as indicated on the PCPA. As part of the transfer the UE may also piggyback queue depth information, this and other potential techniques for uplink signaling are FFS.
- 6) The UE would continue to monitor the ACCH for subsequent SFAs until the queues are empty.

The use of the ACCH for managing multiple traffic types in the uplink provides many benefits to the UMTS system. Scheduling of traffic is centralized allowing the system to better manage utilization. System control allows the scheduling to be adjusted on a frame by frame basis accommodating new reservation requests with varying levels of QoS. UEs with a higher priority and lower delay tolerance could be apportioned power before users transferring bulk-rate traffic. Finally, the system is better able to manage varying traffic types during periods of congestion.

### 5.0 Sizing the Downlink Shared Control Channel

It is proposed to aggregate the functions of power control, dynamic persistence, downlink OVSF code assignment and uplink noise rise apportionment onto the downlink access control channel (ACCH). It is proposed that the ACCH transport channel be carried over a third common control physical channel referred to as the Tertiary Common Control Channel Physical Channel. This tertiary CCPCH is efficient in terms of code usage and provides scheduling flexibility.

Figure 1 illustrates a proposed structure for a Tertiary CCPCH. The tertiary CCPCH would carry Common Transmit Power Control (CTPC) information, a Dynamic Persistence Indication (DPI), Common OVSF Code Assignments [12] and uplink spreading factor assignments (SFA). For flexibility, it is assumed that the tertiary CPCCH may operate at multiple spreading factors and be sized appropriately depending on the traffic load in the cell (the rate and spreading factor of the tertiary CCPCH would be broadcast on the BCH). Each Power Control Group (PCG) slot will contain pilot information and 8 power control feedback bits for each of a maximum of 8 individual UEs transmitting on the uplink. The remaining bits per PCG may be encoded with rate 1/3 convolution code and interleaved over the 10 ms frame to enhance the reliability of the DPI, and the DSCH and USCH assignment information. The tertiary CCPCH is not power controlled and is transmitted over the entire cell.



Figure 1 The structure of the Tertiary CCPCH

Table 2 examines the number of UEs that can be serviced for varying spreading factors. Starting with a spreading factor and considering the structure of the tertiary CPCCH illustrated in Figure 1, the table first calculates the available coded information bits per PCG slot, Ndata. The fields Npilot and  $N_{TPC}$  represent the number of bits assigned to pilot and power control feedback, respectively. Next, the maximum number of available information bits per frame is calculated based on the frame rate, CRC, tail, and coding rate. Finally, the number of assignments per frame is calculated by dividing the difference of information bits minus DPI by

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