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This technical report captures the results of the work on the Release 5 study item “Uplink Synchronous Transmission Scheme”. It includes status for USTS related work in WG1 and work plan are described.

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UL scrambling code reference point in the USTS mode and Rx-Tx timing relation in the USTS mode have been added according to the two approved contributions in RAN1 Rel 5 Ad Hoc meeting. The terms “time synchronisation” and “code synchronisation” are newly used. Regarding soft handover in USTS mode, some more descriptive parts have been added and three procedures, i.e., RL addition, RL deletion, and mode change, are now described in the TR v030 approved in RAN1 #21 in Turin.

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Foreword

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Introduction

At RAN#9 plenary meeting, a study report for "Uplink synchronous transmission scheme" was decided to be finished by March 2001. Uplink Synchronous Transmission Scheme (USTS) is an alternative technology applicable for low mobility terminals, especially in indoor and dense pedestrian environments. USTS can reduce uplink intra-cell interference by means of making a cell receive orthogonalized signals from UEs. This feature is intended to support uplink synchronous transmission with low overhead, good capacity characteristics, and minimal impact on hardware and software resources at the UE and in the UTRAN.

1 Scope

This study report describes the techniques behind the concept of uplink synchronous transmission scheme and how this concept should be integrated into the overall architecture of UTRA. It also deals with the feasibility of USTS, including performance and expected complexity.

2 References

The following documents contain provisions which, through reference in this text, constitute provisions of the present document.

- References are either specific (identified by date of publication, edition number, version number, etc.) or non-specific.
- For a specific reference, subsequent revisions do not apply.
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[1] TS25.133 : Requirements for support of radio resource management (FDD)

[2] TS 25.211 : Physical channels and mapping of transport channels onto physical channels (FDD)

[3] TS 25.213 : Spreading and modulation (FDD)

[4] TS 25.214 : FDD : Physical layer procedures

[5] TS 25.302 : Services provided by the Physical Layer

[6] TS 25.331 : Radio Resource Control (RRC) Protocol Specification

[7] TS 25.423 : UTRAN Iur Interface RNSAP Signalling

[8] TS 25.433 : UTRAN Iub Interface NBAP Signalling

[9] TS 25.435 : UTRAN interface User Plane Protocol for Common Transport channel Data Streams

[10] TR 25.926 : UE Radio access capabilities definition

[11] TR 25.839 : Uplink Synchronous Transmission Scheme (USTS) (Iur/Iub aspects)

3. Definitions, symbols and abbreviations

3.1 Definitions

No specific definition is made in this document.

3.2 Symbols

T_{ref}	Reference time
T_{INIT_SYNC}	Amount of adjustment for initial synchronisation

3.3 Abbreviations

For the purposes of the present document, the following abbreviations apply:

CFN	Connection frame number
DPCCH	Dedicated physical control channel
DPDCH	Dedicated physical data channel
RTD	Round trip delay
RTPD	Round trip propagation delay
TAB	Time alignment bit
UE	User equipment
USTS	Uplink synchronous transmission scheme
UTRAN	Universal terrestrial radio access network

4. Study Area for USTS

<Note> USTS is optional for both UE and UTRAN.

Figure 4. 1 describes DPCH arrival times from UEs in the Node B with and without USTS. Without USTS, the uplink signals from different UEs arrive at different time instants. The beginning point of radio frame in the Node B differs for different UE due to different value of τ_{DPCH} and different propagation delay (RTPD: Round Trip Propagation Delay).

And accordingly, different scrambling codes are used for different UEs to discriminate them and the interference from other users is determined by the cross-correlation among scrambling codes.

USTS makes the signals orthogonal by sharing a common scrambling code and assigning different channelisation codes to the UEs similarly to the downlink. In order to preserve orthogonality at the receiving side (Node B), the transmission time on the UE side needs to be adjusted so that the arrival times in the Node B becomes $\tau_{DPCH} + T_0 + T_{ref}$, where T_{ref} is the reference time. This is called here **time synchronisation.** In the figure, the cell radius is assumed to be smaller than 10km and accordingly, the amount of timing control is less than +/-128 chips. The transmission timing control needs to be done at call setup phase and during call as well to compensate both the initial propagation difference and the variation due to UE movement. Since the channelisation codes repeat every 256 chips at least and τ_{DPCH} is a multiple of 256 chips, the orthogonality among channelisation codes can be maintained when different τ_{DPCH} is assigned to different DPCH. After descrambling, only channelisation codes need to remain as in the downlink to get orthogonality. To do so, the generation of the common scrambling code is controlled to be reset at a same reference time for all users. This is called here **code synchronisation**. By eliminating the interference from the first detected paths of other UEs, USTS can improve the uplink performance. Currently, UE has only one transmitter and hence, the transmission timing can be adjusted with respect to only one of the cells in Active set. This means USTS can get a performance gain through suppressing intra-cell interference not inter-cell interference. In indoor and dense pedestrian environments, since most of the signal power is carried along the first resolvable path with a chip rate of 3.84 Mcps, high performance gain can be expected by adopting USTS in these environments. USTS is targeting these environments not only because of its good performance but also because of possible need of high uplink capacity in these environments with imposing small modification onto current specifications.

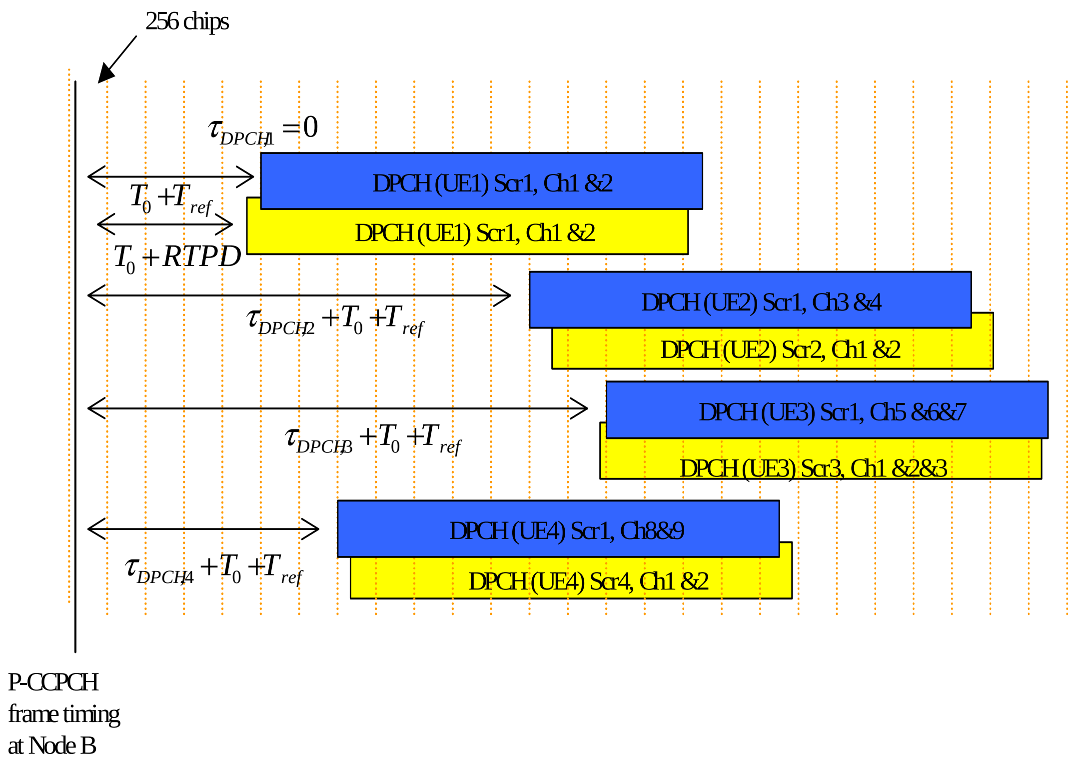

Figure 4. 1 DPCH arrival times from UEs in the Node B with/without USTS (4 UEs, Yellow: without USTS, Blue: with USTS)

4.1. Timing control (time synchronisation)

In USTS mode, time alignment is required to preserve orthogonality between channelisation codes from different UEs and also to properly despread the cell-specific long scrambling code. The transmission time at UE is adjusted in two steps. The first step is Initial synchronization and the second is tracking process.

1) Initial synchronisation: Adjust transmission time according to the initial timing control information given by higher layer through FACH.

2) Tracking process (Closed Loop Timing control): Adjust the transmission time according to the Time Alignment Bit (TAB) over DPCCH.

In Figure 4. 2, before adjustment, DPCH message is expected to arrive at point A, where $\tau_{DPCH,n}$ is a multiple of 256 chips offset and T_0 is constant. After adjustment according to T_{INIT_SYNC}, the arrival at Node B is scheduled to occur at point B, $\tau_{DPCH,n} + T_0 + T_{ref}$ later from the beginning of each P-CCPCH frame in the Node B. There may be variation around point B due to movement of UE and this can be overcome by Tracking process using TAB commands. And accordingly, it keeps the uplink DPCCH/DPDCH frame of a UE arriving at Node B at the same point. In return, the UL/DL relative timing is not fixed but is to vary in the range with a width of 2β. The width and the range are closely related to the reference time T_{ref} . The figure assumes that the Tref is set to the maximum one-way propagation delay so that the value β comes to Tref. When the UE is closest to the cell site, the UL/DL relative timing is To+Tref. On the other hand, if the UE is at the cell boundary, the UL/DL relative timing becomes To-Tref. Since the UE exists between these two extreme points, the UL/DL relative timing is within the range of [To-Tref, To+Tref], i.e., the range is centered at To. If the value Tref is determined differently, the range is shifted while maintaining the width.

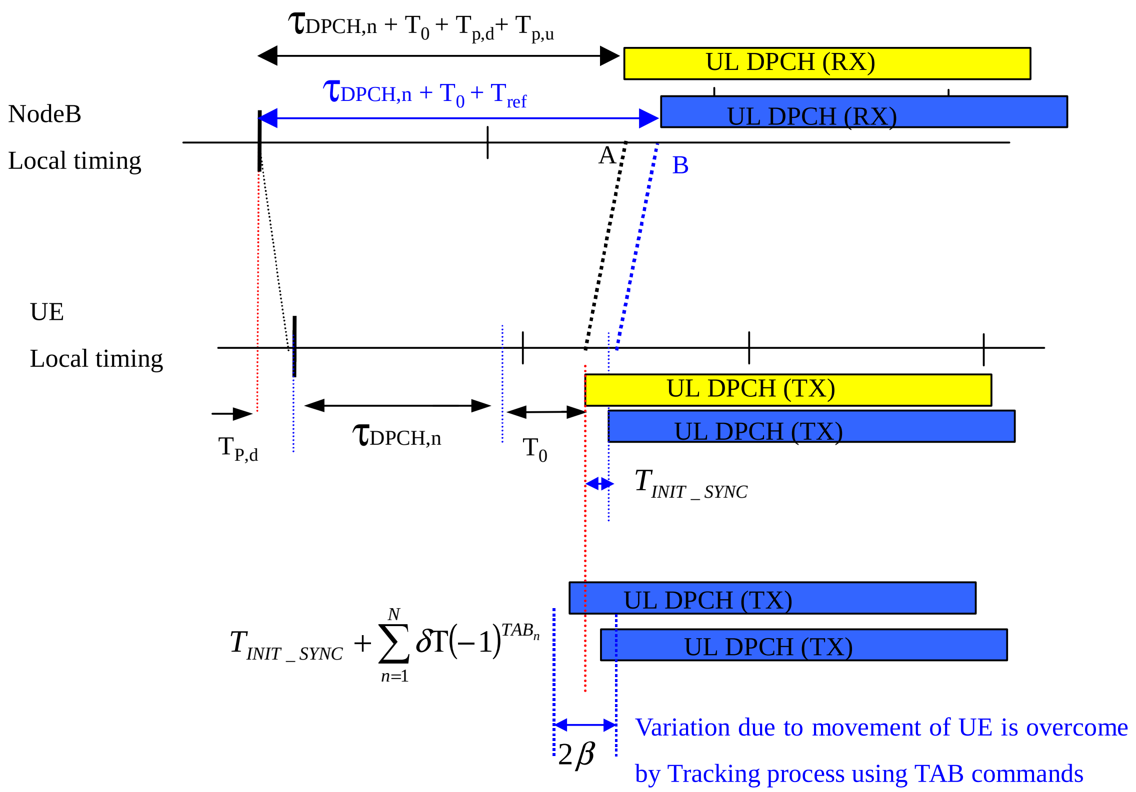

Figure 4. 2 Initial synchronisation and Tracking process for DPDCH/DPCCH (Yellow: before adjustment, Blue: After adjustment).

4.1.1.The reference time

T_{ref} is given to RNC as initial loading data and the desired arrival time becomes $\tau_{DPCH,n} + T_0 + T_{ref}$ in the Node B. Since $\tau_{DPCH,n} = T_n \times 256$ chip, $T_n \in \{0, 1, \ldots, 149\}$, the desired arrival time may exist every 256 chips according to $\tau_{DPCH,n}$. Different UE arrives at the cell at one of the desired arrival times according to $\tau_{DPCH,n}$ and the orthogonality among channelisation codes can be preserved. The proposed value for T_{ref} is the maximum one-way propagation delay and for example, it comes to 128 chips for a cell radius of 10 km and a chip rate of 3.84 Mcps.

4.1.2.Initial synchronization

First, UTRAN obtains the round trip propagation delay (RTPD) by doubling the value of PRACH Propagation Delay measured in TS 25.215 and sets the amount of adjustment for initial synchronisation T_{INIT_SYNC} to compensate the difference between the RTPD and T_{ref} . UE adjusts its transmission time according to T_{INIT_SYNC} delivered from UTRAN through FACH. Since T_0 is a constant (1024 chips) and T_{ref} is a given value and same for all UEs in a cell, after initial synchronisation, the arrival in the Node B can be controlled to occur within $[\tau_{DPCH,n} + T_0 + T_{ref} - 1.5chips,\ \tau_{DPCH,n} + T_0 + T_{ref} + 1.5chips]$ due to 3 chip resolution for reporting PRACH Propagation delay.

4.1.3.Tracking process

4.1.3.1. Time Alignment Bit (TAB)

In case of USTS, a proper timing control rate needs to be determined by considering the synchronisation performance of timing control and the impact on closed loop power control performance. One proposal is that the TPC bits are replaced by Time Alignment Bits (TABs) every two frames (20 msec timing control interval).

4.1.3.2. Closed loop timing control

The proposed procedure is as follows;

- Node B compares the received arrival time with the desired arrival time from UE every 200 msec (according to WG4 UE transmit timing assumptions [1]).
- When the received arrival time is earlier than the desired arrival time at a Node B, Time Alignment Bit (TAB) is set to "0". When this is later than the desired arrival time, TAB = "1".
- TAB replaces the TPC bit in slot #14 in frames with CFN mod 2 = 0.
- At the UE, a number of Time Alignment Bits are combined over a 200 ms interval, which increases the reliability of the time alignment process.. When the combined time alignment command is judged as "0", the transmission time shall be delayed by δT, whereas if it is judged as "1", the transmission time shall be advanced by δT. δT is the timing control step size, whose minimum value depends on the oversampling rate.

4.1.3.3. Proposed adaptive tracking scheme after Initial synchronization

< The step size in this section is just a proposal. The step size in normal tracking process is denoted as δT in subsection 4.1.3.2 and this value can be constant in the range between maximum and minimum values or it can be adaptively changed in that range. What value is optimal in view of synchronisation performance and how to adaptively change the step size if needed is FFS>

The adaptive tracking scheme after initial synchronisation changes the TAB command period and timing control step size to reduce the impact of coarse initial synchronisation due to 3 chip resolution at initial synchronisation phase. In other words, when a UE enters USTS mode it can adjusts its uplink transmission time with the timing control step bigger in size than that of the normal tracking process and the TAB command period shorter than that of the normal tracking process during initial several frames.

- The timing control step size is 3*δT for the first TAB period and the timing control step size is 1/4 for the other TAB periods
- A TAB command is transmitted to UE once every frame during the first three frames and is transmitted once every 2 frames (20ms) after three frames are transmitted.

4.2. Code usage for USTS (Code synchronisation)

4.2.1.Scrambling code

The long scrambling code described in Section 4.3.2.2. of TS 25.213 is used. However, this long scrambling code is not UE specific but is common to a number of UEs, and the initial loading value of PN generator is determined by the network. The spreading and modulation scheme for USTS is same as in Section 4 of TS 25.213.

In USTS mode, a number of UEs share a common scrambling code and the different and orthogonal channelisation codes needs to be allocated to each UE. To preserve orthogonality among channelisation codes, the UEs need to reset the generation of the common scrambling code at the same reference point (e.g., P-CCPCH frame time), whereas the UEs reset the generation of the UE specific scrambling code at their frame starting points without USTS. Figure 4. 3 shows a simple example with two UEs. Different UE uses different orthogonal codes to discriminate UE (exactly speaking, discriminate channel) and the UEs use a same scrambling code. Channelisation codes repeat at least every 256 chips but a scrambling code repeats every 10 msec (38400 chips). To obtain the orthogonal property in USTS mode, the scrambling code has to be aligned at chip level as described in the Figure 4. 3 . Accordingly, two UEs are modulated with a same scrambling chip value if they are at the same time point.

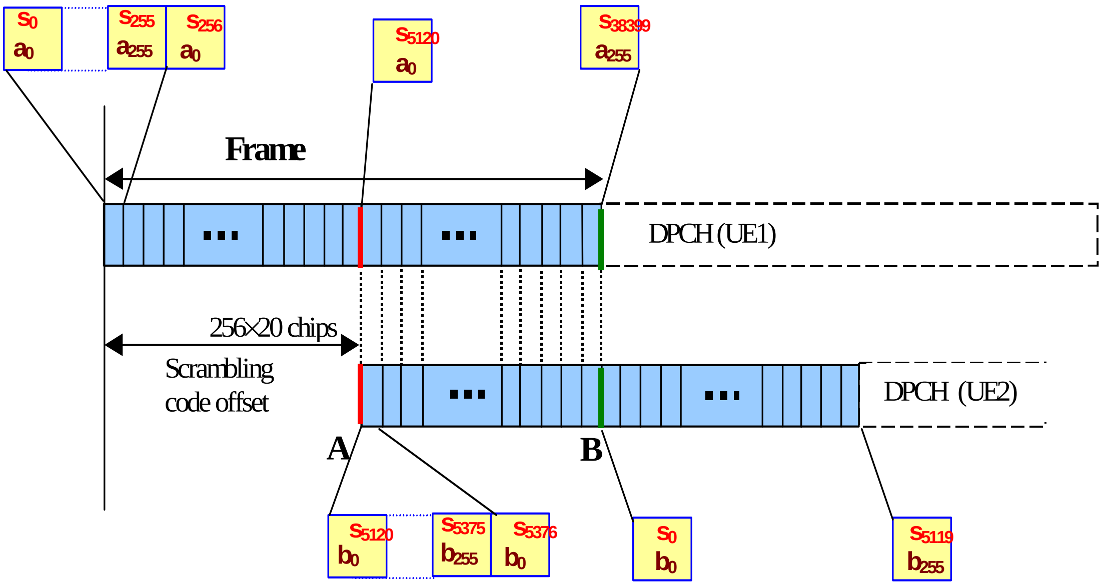

Figure 4. 3 Timing at Node B and usage of scrambling and orthogonal codes in case of two UEs (a,b : channelisation codes, s : scrambling code, SF = 256)

In order to prevent channelisation code shortage problem, more than one scrambling codes can be used. In this case, since the USTS gain can be obtained among the UEs sharing a same scrambling code, a careful scrambling code assignment is needed to maximise the USTS gain. For example, in case of two scrambling codes for USTS, if the channelisation codes of a scrambling code are used up, channelisation codes of an additional scrambling code can be used.

4.2.1.1. UL scrambling code reference point

There is no restriction on defining reference point of UL scrambling code, and it may be chosen arbitrarily, for example P-CCPCH frame boundary. But, we can get some benefits from careful definition of the reference point. We propose to select the reference point at Node B as $T_{ref} + T_0$ later from P-CCPCH frame boundary.

Figure 4. 4 depicts timing relations among P-CCPCH frame boundary, DL DPCH frame, UL DPCH frame, and reference points of common UL scrambling code. In the figure two reference points, T_0+T_{ref} later from P-CCPCH frame boundary and P-CCPCH frame boundary, are treated.

In the former case, the scrambling code offset, difference between UL DPCH frame boundary and UL scrambling code boundary, is $\tau_{DPCH,\,n}$. That means the scrambling code of UL DPCH frame becomes $c_{long}(i+\tau_{DPCH,\,n})$ (i=0,1, …, 38399) where $c_{long}(i)$ (i=0,1, …, 38399) is the scrambling code sequence. And the scrambling code is reset at 38400 - $\tau_{DPCH,\,n}$. (see Figure 4. 5).

In the latter case, the scrambling code offset is $T_0+T_{ref}+\tau_{DPCH,\,n}$, and the scrambling code of UL DPCH frame becomes $c_{long}(i+ T_0+T_{ref} +\tau_{DPCH,\,n})$ (i=0,1, …, 38399). Thus the offset is determined by T_{ref} and $\tau_{DPCH,\,n}$.

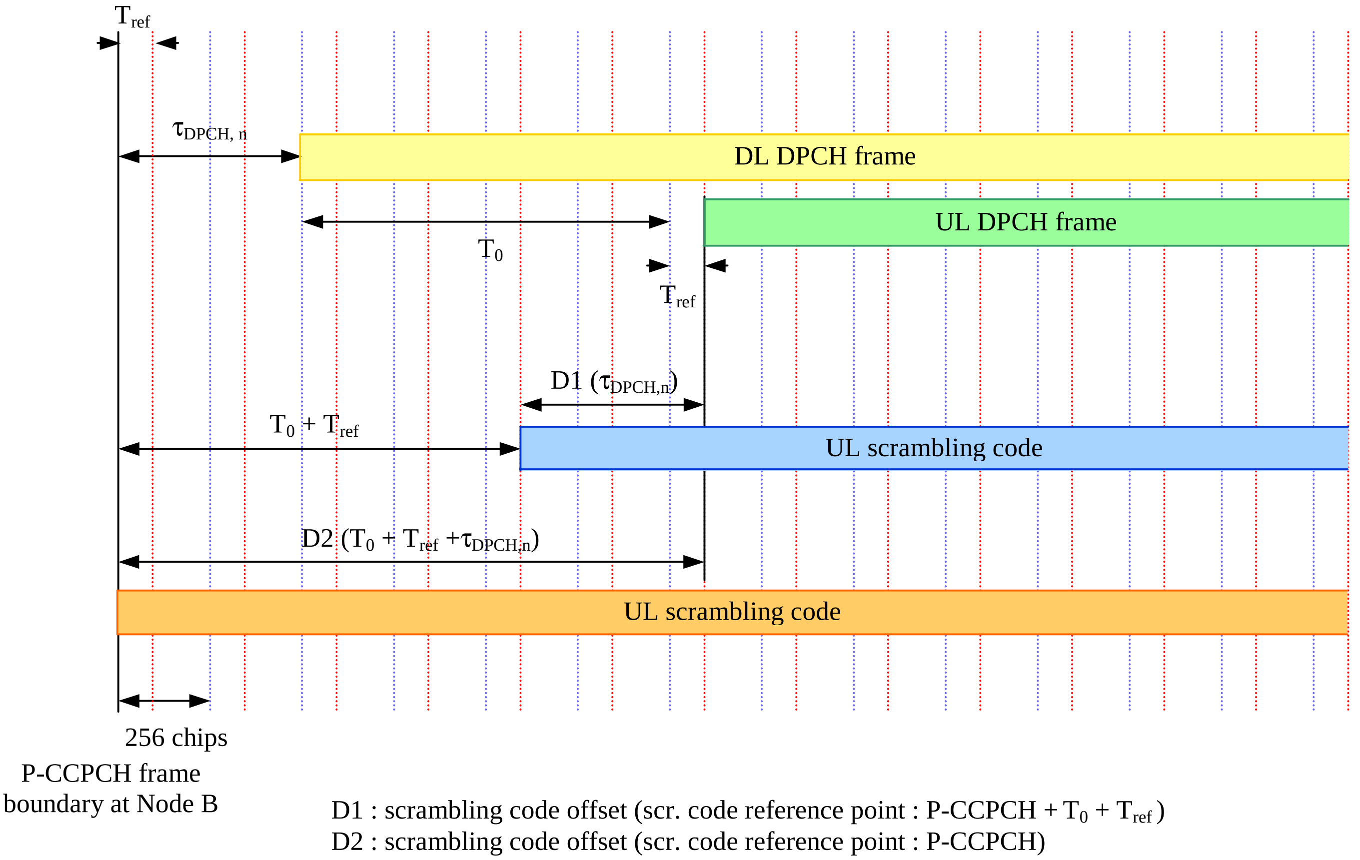

Figure 4. 4 Rreference point of UL scrambling code at Node B

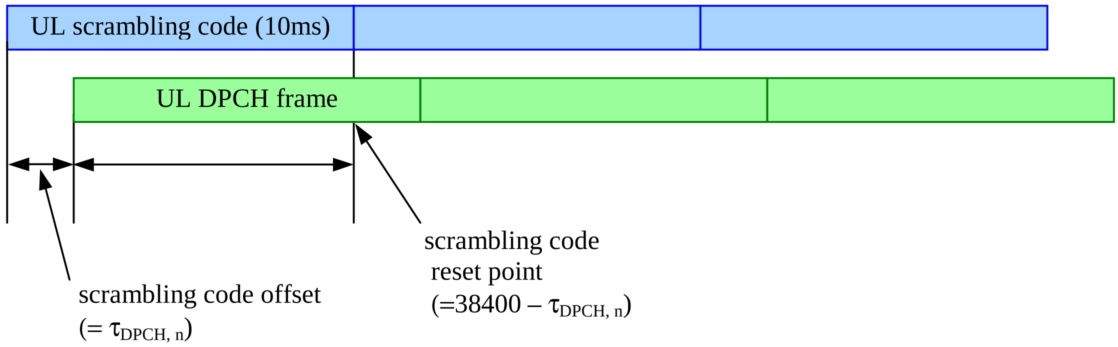

Figure 4. 5 Scrambling code offset and reset point (scr. code reference point : P-CCPCH + T_0 + T_{ref})

4.2.2.Channelisation code allocation

Since UEs in USTS mode may share a common scrambling code, the UE discrimination is done by channelisation codes. At least two codes are needed to each UE: one for DPCCH and the other for DPDCH. In case of USTS, the channelisation codes for DPDCH(s) and DPCCH in a UE are chosen among unoccupied OVSF codes by other UEs from either upper half part or lower half part of OVSF code tree of a common scrambling code. The spreading factor and node number of channelisation code are delivered from network to each UE.

Reference: 3GPP TSG R1-99-581, "Channelisation code assignment for RSTS", ETRI.

4.2.2.1 Proposed OVSF code allocation rule for USTS

<This is one proposed way of doing code allocation>

The performance gain of USTS improves as more UEs share the same scrambling code. If OVSF codes are allocated inefficiently, fewer UEs can share the scrambling code. Since the SF of OVSF code for DPCCH is always 256 while the SF of OVSF code for DPDCH can be between 4 and 256, a special OVSF code allocation rule can be introduced to allocate OVSF codes to more UEs.

Mapping Rule of Channelisation Code between DPDCH and DPCCH is as follows:

- The sub-trees below the nodes $C_{ch,8,3}$ and $C_{ch,8,7}$ are reserved for DPCCH.
- ***In the upper half code tree***, for the channelisation code for the DPDCH, the index k of $C_{ch,SF,k}$ shall be chosen from the following range.

$$k = \begin{cases} 0,1,\cdots,(\lfloor 3\times \mathrm{SF}/8 \rfloor - 1) & \text{if SF} \le 64 \\ 0,2,\cdots,46 & \text{if SF} = 128 \\ 0,4,\cdots,92 & \text{if SF} = 256 \end{cases}$$

And, the channelisation code for the associated DPCCH shall be $C_{ch,256,127-n}$, where

$$n = 64 \times k / \mathrm{SF}$$

- ***In the lower half code tree***, for the channelisation code for the DPDCH, the index k of $C_{ch,SF,k}$ shall be chosen from the following range.

$$k = \begin{cases} \lfloor 4\times \mathrm{SF}/8 \rfloor, (\lfloor 4\times \mathrm{SF}/8 \rfloor + 1),\cdots,(\lfloor 7\times \mathrm{SF}/8 \rfloor - 1) & \text{if SF} \le 64 \\ 64,66,\cdots,110 & \text{if SF} = 128 \\ 128,132,\cdots,220 & \text{if SF} = 256 \end{cases}$$

- And, the channelisation code for the associated DPCCH shall be $C_{ch,256,255-n}$, where

  $n = 64 \times k / \mathrm{SF}$.

If more than one channelisation codes for DPDCHs are allocated to a UE, then the channelisation code for DPCCH corresponding to the first allocated channelisation code for DPDCH will be used as the channelisation code for the DPCCH.

4.3. Soft handover in USTS mode

<This section is describing only sample candidates which is restricted to USTS Study report and not universal description of soft handover procedure>

For seamless communication, soft handover needs to be considered for USTS, where the different code usage of scrambling and channelisation codes, and the transmission timing control should be taken into account.

4.3.1.Handover in USTS mode

4.3.1.1. Three modes for soft handover in USTS mode

The radio link can be in one of the following three modes:

- Normal mode : No timing control, UE discrimination by Scr code
- USTS mode : Timing control, UE discrimination by both Scr and Ch codes
- Non-USTS mode : No timing control, UE discrimination by both Scr and Ch codes

The difference between Normal mode and Non-USTS mode is as follows. If one of the radio links to the cell sites in Active set is in USTS mode, it is discriminated by both scrambling code and channelisation codes assigned for USTS mode in all cells in Active set. Therefore, the other links should be in non-USTS mode. This is because the UE has only a single transmitter and there can be more than one UEs who enter the SHO region from the same original cell and accordingly, they use the common scrambling code and the discrimination can be done only by channelisation codes. The UE in USTS mode has an USTS-mode RL and non-USTS mode RL(s). In normal mode, the UEs in SHO region use their own unique scrambling codes.

The capabilities and functions of UE and Node B are listed in the Table.

UE capable of USTS	Node B capable of USTS	
USTS mode UE	USTS mode Node B	Non-USTS mode Node B
- Tx timing control according to Tinit_sync and TAB commands delivered from an USTS mode Node B (time synchronisation) - Scr/Ch codes generation for USTS (code synchronisation)	- Generation of TAB commands (time synchronisation) - Discrimination of UE based on Scr/Ch codes for USTS (code synchronisation)	- Discrimination of UE based on Scr/Ch codes for USTS (code synchronisation) - No time synchronisation

Note 1) Tinit_sync is calculated at the RNC and then, delivered to the corresponding UE through Node B.

4.3.1.2. Three procedures for handover in USTS mode

For handover in USTS mode, the following three procedures are necessary: RL addition, RL deletion, mode change. The first two procedures are quite similar to those in normal mode.

(1) RL addition procedure is performed to add a new non-USTS mode RL to a target Node B capable of USTS. The target Node B needs to be informed of the necessary information such as scrambling code, scrambling code offset, and channelisation codes of the existing USTS mode RL. The diversity reception is working during handover in USTS mode.

(2) The RL deletion procedure drops one RL, where the UE and a corresponding Node B are engaged in this procedure.

(3) The last procedure is devised for non-USTS to USTS mode change. This procedure requires an RL reconfiguration. It includes scrambling and channelisation codes reassignment at both UE and Node B for code synchronisation, and transmission timing control so that the UE is time-synchronised to a new Node B.

4.3.2. Four candidates in case of two-way handover

Four candidates for supporting soft handover have been proposed in USTS mode. Table 4.1 summarises these candidates. In this section, only two-way soft handover is considered for easy understanding. In Candidate 1, when the UE enters SHO region, it abandons the USTS mode and operates in normal mode with both cell sites. For this, a reconfiguration process is first required to assign new scrambling codes and channelisation codes for the radio link with the original cell and then, the normal soft handover procedure is followed. When the UE moves further into the target cell and leaves out of SHO region, it continues to be in normal mode with stronger radio link. If it leaves out of SHO region back into the original cell, it resumes the USTS mode and accordingly, for normal to USTS mode transition, reconfiguration process is required to assign new scrambling code and channelisation codes, and timing adjustment is necessary. Candidate 2 is different from Candidate 1 only in that the soft handover happens in the reverse direction.

In Candidates 3 and 4, the UE continues to be in USTS mode with either of two cell sites in SHO region, which may provide better performance. In Candidate 3, the UE keeps the radio link with the original cell site being in USTS mode until it moves out of the coverage of the original cell. When the UE drops the radio link with the original cell, it changes the mode of the radio link with the target cell to USTS mode. At this point, reconfiguration of scrambling and channelisation codes and also the timing control are required for non-USTS to USTS mode transition. If the UE returns to the original cell, just dropping the weaker radio link is the only thing the UE has to do.

In Candidate 4, the radio link modes of both links are changed in the middle of soft handover, which may improve the performance by providing USTS mode to a better radio link compared to Candidate 3. When the change point is at the cell boundary, Candidate 4 is the same as Candidate 3. And therefore, Candidate 3 can be seen as a special case of Candidate 4. If the change point is anywhere inside the SHO region, the optimum point and how to detect it need to be elaborated further.

Table 4.1 Four soft handover candidates for USTS (A simple example in case of two-way soft handover).

	The mode of UE		
Movement of UE	In original cell	In SHO region	In target cell
Candidate 1	USTS	Normal(O)+Normal(T)	Normal
Candidate 2	Normal	Normal(O)+Normal(T)	USTS
Candidate 3	USTS	USTS(O)+Non-USTS(T)	USTS
Candidate 4	USTS	USTS(O)+Non-USTS(T) → Non-USTS(O)+USTS(T)	USTS

<Note> (O) : the mode with the **original** cell (T) : the mode with the **target** cell

4.3.2.1. Detailed description on Candidate 3

Figure 4. 6 shows handover procedure for candidate 3 in more details. Both cells are capable of USTS, and UE2 and UE3 are in USTS mode with Node B1 and Node B2, respectively. When UE1 has an RL in USTS mode, Node B1 assigns Scr1 and Ch3 to UE1. During soft handover, UE1 continues to use these codes and continues to be in USTS mode with Node B1. However, when UE1 is in SHO,it has another non-USTS mode RL with Node B2 because Tx timing of UE is controlled only to Node B1. The macro-diversity combining can be performed in the uplink with an USTS mode RL and a non-USTS mode RL. When the UE1 moves out of SHO region, the original USTS mode RL is released and a reconfiguration of the remaining RL is performedfor non-USTS to USTS transition. The amount of timing adjustment can be calculated with Round trip time (accordingly, RTPD). . At this point,the UE adjust its Tx time according to the informed amount and new scrambling and channelisation coes are assinged. Then, the old non-USTS mode RL is released and a new USTS mode RL.is established between UE and a target Node B.. The same procedure is also required for normal to USTS mode transition.

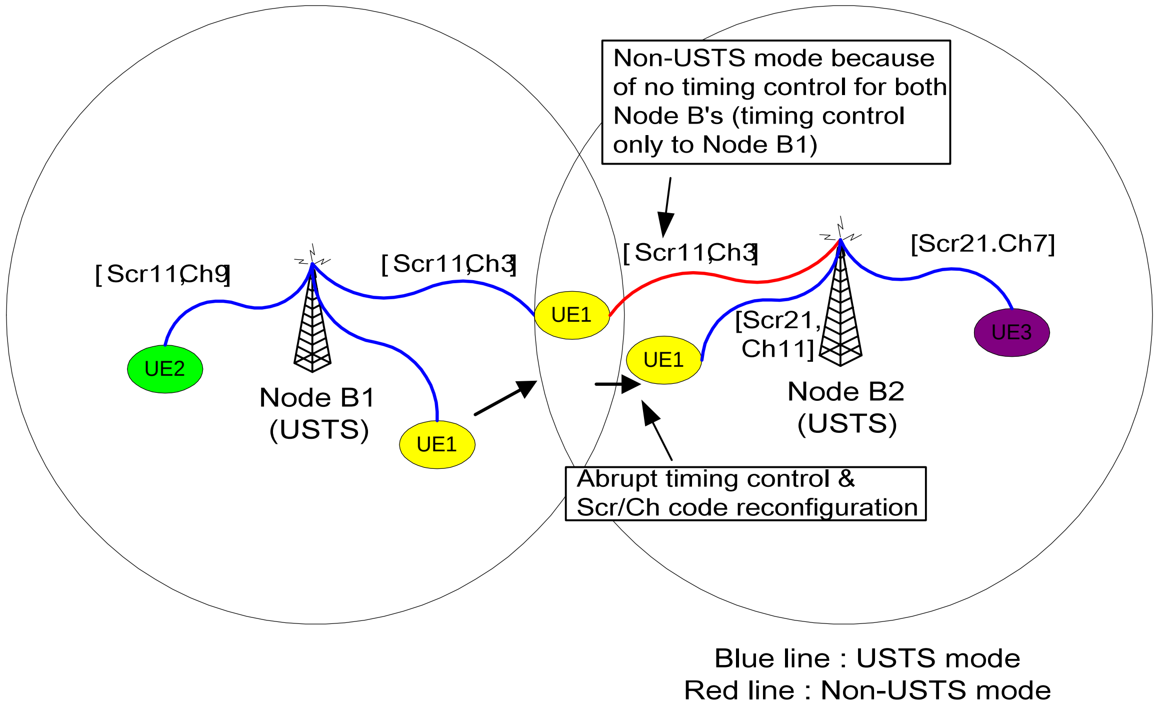

Figure 4. 6Two-way soft handover procedure for Candidate 3.

4.3.2.2. Detailed description on Candidate 4

Figure 4. 7 shows the handover candidate 4 in two-cell layout. Both Node Bs are operated in USTS. UE1 and UE2 are operated in USTS with Node B #1 and Node B #2, respectively. Let us focus on UE0 with interest. When UE0 is operated in USTS with Node B #1, UE0 gets scrambling code (Scr11) and channelisation code (Ch3) from Node B #1. When UE0 enters into the handover process, the radio link in non-USTS mode with Node B #2 is set up. Note that only Node B #1 controls the transmit timing of UE0, which uses the same codes and is operated in USTS with Node B #1. While UE0 exists in the soft handover region, the reconfiguration process is required to assign new scrambling code (Scr21), channelisation code (Ch11) and timing adjustment for non-USTS to USTS transition in Node B #2. Also USTS to non-USTS transition in Node B #1 is required to preserve the reliability from soft handover. The required timing adjustment for new USTS link can be obtained by RTPD and Tref in the same manner with candidate 3. Timing of non-USTS link in Node B #1 is acquired by the new USTS time adjustment and the time difference between Node B #1 and

Node B #2. Finally, UE0 releases the radio link with Node B #1 when the UE0 does not need soft handover and soft handover process is completed.

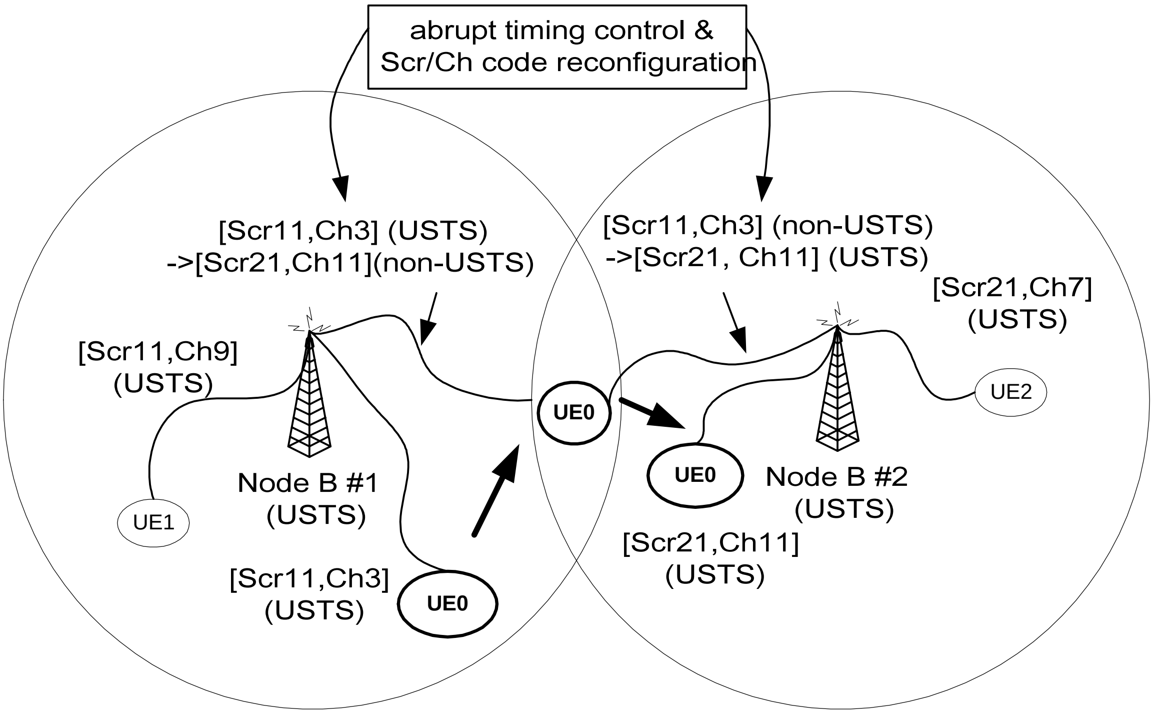

Figure 4. 7 Two-way soft handover procedure for candidate 4.

Reference

R1-01-0061, "Comparison of soft handover for USTS", LGE

4.3.2.3.

Figure 4. 8 describes the arrival timing at Node B1 and Node B2. The arrival times from UEs in the Node B1 are controlled to be $\tau_{DPCH,1i} + T_0 + T_{ref}$ from the beginning of P-CCPCH1. Since $\tau_{DPCH,1i}$ is a multiple of 256 chips, the possible arrival point at Node B1 repeats every 256 chips. During soft handover, UE3 is in USTS mode with Node B1 and therefore, its arrival time at Node B1 is kept at $\tau_{DPCH,13} + T_0 + T_{ref}$. However, even though the UE3 is in SHO with Node B2, it is in non-USTS mode because the arrival time at Node B2 is not controlled to guarantee synchronized reception with UE4 & UE5. When UE3 moves further into Node B2 area and drops the old link, then in order to be in USTS mode with Node B2, the arrival time at Node B2 needs to be controlled. Point a or point b can be chosen for USTS and their difference is 256 chips. To prevent abrupt timing advance at UE side, point b is always selected and therefore, transmission gap may result, which is less than 256 chips, i.e., the transmission at UE needs to be stopped for less than 256 chips and resumes after the gap. For this, $\tau_{DPCH,23}$ needs to be reassigned when selecting point b.

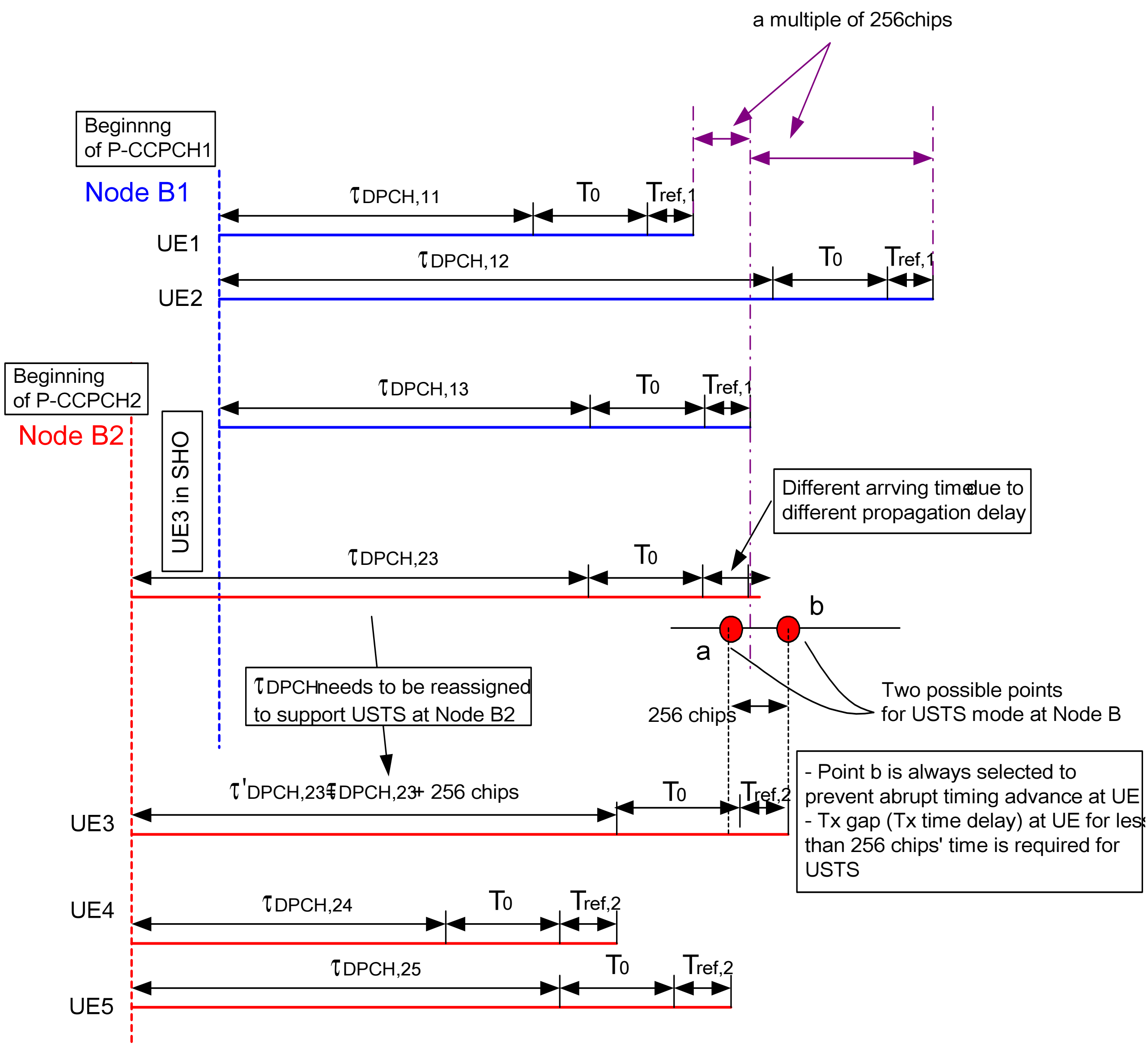

Figure 4. 8 Arrival timing at Node B1 and Node B2

5. Performance

5.1. Simulation parameters

- The first detected paths (in time) of UEs are aligned
- Channel model : outdoor urban high-rise channel model (JTC)

  : ITU indoor and pedestrian models
- Number of Rake fingers = 1, 3
- Mobile speed : 3 km/h, 5.6 km/h, 20 km/h, 60 km/h
- SF : 128
- Single cell
- Closed power control : OFF
- Channel estimation : Ideal
- No channel coding
- Number of oversamples per chip : 4, 8
- Modulation/Spreading : QPSK/complex, BPSK
- Carrier frequency : 1.9 GHz, 2 GHz

5.2. Simulation results

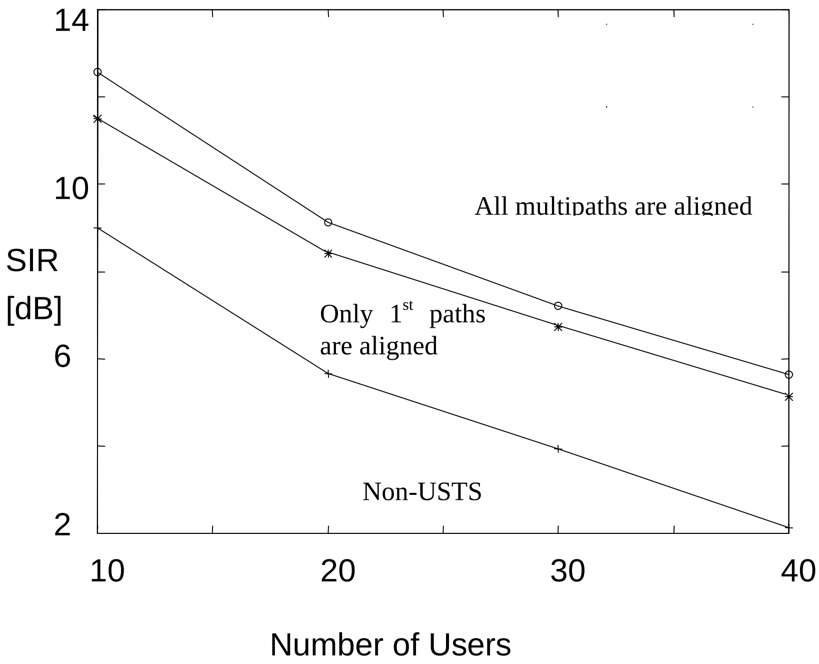

Figure 5.1 SIR comparison for varying the number of users under JTC channel model

- Channel model : outdoor urban high-rise channel model (JTC)
- Number of Rake fingers = 3
- Mobile speed : 5.6 km/h
- All UEs are either in USTS mode or in non-USTS mode
- Timing alignment precision : [-1/8 chip, +1/8 chip]
- Modulation/Spreading : BPSK
- Carrier frequency : 1.9 GHz

■ About 3 dB gain in SIR can be achieved compared to non-USTS

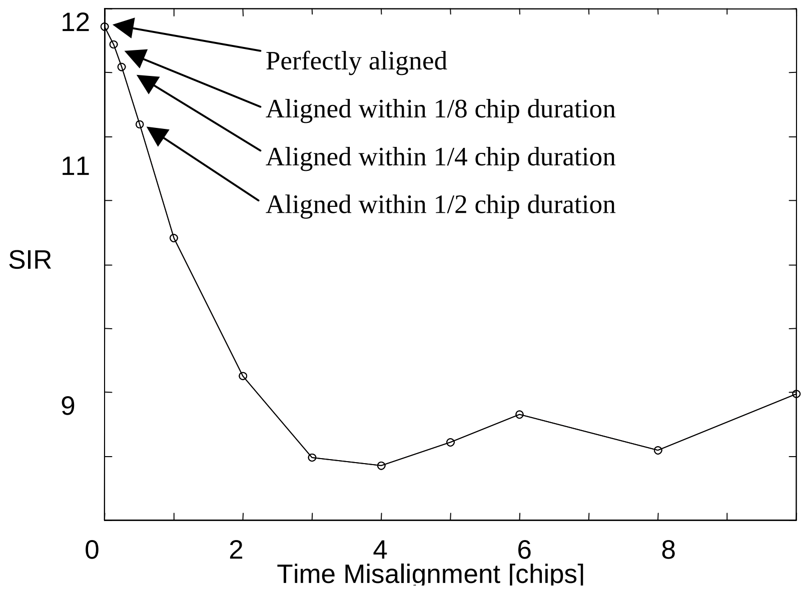

Figure 5.2 Impact of timing control resolution.

- Number of users = 10
- All UEs are in USTS mode
- Channel model : outdoor urban high-rise channel model (JTC)
- Number of Rake fingers = 3
- Mobile speed : 5.6 km/h
- Modulation/Spreading : BPSK
- Carrier frequency : 1.9 GHz

<Note> The amount of misalignment is randomly chosen in the range of [-x,+x] chips and therefore, the arrival times of UEs are randomly distributed around the desired arrival time.

<Note> If the amount of misalignment is larger than 3 chips, the obtainable SIR in USTS mode is the same as in non-USTS mode (refer to Fig. 5.1)

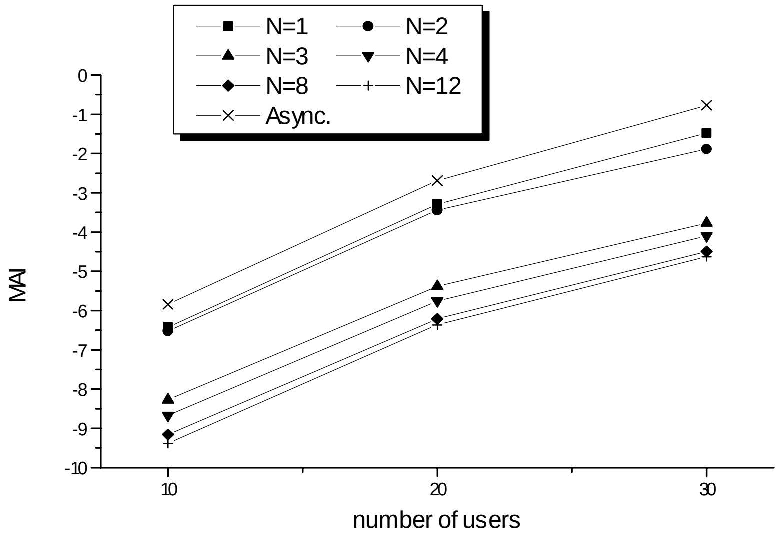

Figure 5.3 Timing control rate versus channel variation rate

- All UEs are in USTS mode
- Channel model : ITU-R Vehicular B model
- Number of Rake fingers = 3
- Mobile speed : 20 km/h
- Modulation/Spreading : BPSK
- Carrier frequency : 1.9 GHz
- Timing control step size = 1/4 chip
- N = the ratio of timing control rate to average channel variation rate
- The average channel variation interval = 100 msec
- Delay variation is randomly selected from [0,1] chip range

■ For N > 3, the additional performance improvement is less than 1 dB.

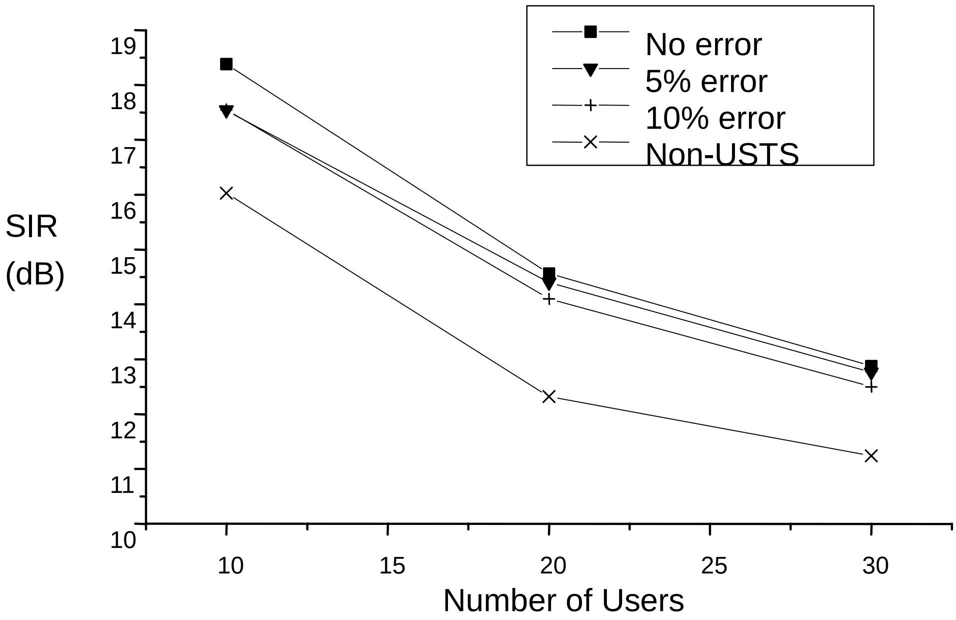

Figure 5.4 Impact of TAB error

- All UEs are in USTS mode
- Channel model : ITU-R Vehicular B model
- Number of Rake fingers = 3
- Mobile speed : 60 km/h
- Modulation/Spreading : BPSK
- Carrier frequency : 1.9 GHz
- Timing control step size = 1/4 chip
- Timing control interval = 25 msec
- The average channel variation interval = 100 msec
- Delay variation is randomly selected from [0,1] chip range

■ For less than 10 % error in TAB, the performance degradation is less than 1 dB in SIR.

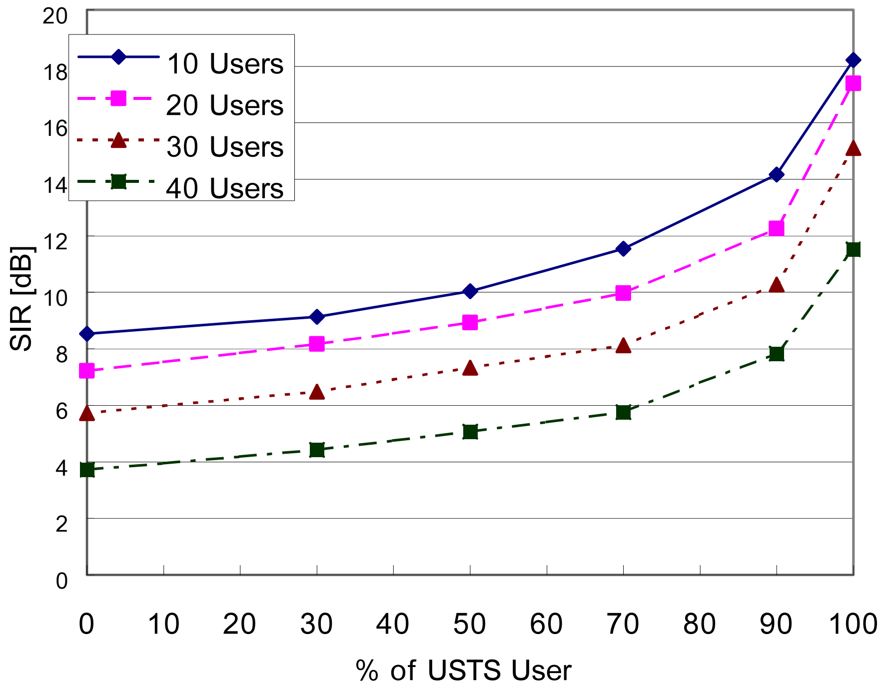

Figure 5.5 Performance in a USTS/non-USTS mixed situation

- Channel model : Pedestrian A (Speed : 3 km/h)
- Number of oversamples per chip : 4
- Carrier frequency : 2 GHz
- Number of fingers = 1
- Modulation/Spreading : QPSK/complex
- Chip rate : 3.84 Mcps

<Note 1> Under the above channel model, the first three paths are very close to each other so that they are within one chip duration and therefore, they are not discriminated. And the signal powers of the other paths are very small. Accordingly, choosing one Rake finger in the simulation is reasonable under this channel model.

<Note 2> The percentage of USTS users largely affects the performance gain. In case of Candidates 2 and 3, if all UEs support USTS, then 30 % of them are usually in SHO. If the multiple cell system is taken into account, no more than 85 % of UEs can be in USTS mode from the view point of the cell under consideration.

<Note 3> Compared to the single cell system, if multiple cell (other cell) and soft handover are taken into account, the performance gain of USTS is reduced. For example, if the other cell inteference factor f is 0.77 and half of the UEs in SHO are assumed to be in non-USTS mode, the gain is reduced by half approximately. However, the performance gain of USTS is still high, especially in indoor and dense pedestrian environments.

Table 5.1 Average SIR comparison under various channel models (10 UEs).

Channel model	USTS (100 %)	Non-USTS (100 %)
Indoor A	14.57 dB	9.02 dB
Indoor B	12.78 dB	7.49 dB
Pedestrian A	18.22 dB	8.54 dB
Pedestrian B	11.42 dB	8.73 dB

<Note> We also have simulation results in Indoor A and Pedestrian B channel models. As more strong multipaths exist, the performance gain of USTS decreases. However, since in most cases of indoor or pedestrian environment, the first detected path is relatively stronger than any other paths, good performance gain can be expected by using USTS.

6. Complexity issue

6.1. Introduction

This section discusses the complexity of USTS in terms of timing control, different scrambling and channelisation code usage, soft handover processing, and the impact on closed loop power control. Both hardware and computational complexities are presented in this section.

6.2. Timing control complexity

Timing control is required for synchronised reception in the Node B at initial synchronisation phase, tracking process during call, and at normal/non-USTS to USTS mode transition for soft handover. UE advances or delays its transmission time by a given amount of time delivered from Node B for initial synchronisation and tracking process. However, UE only performs transmission time delay at mode transition to USTS for soft handover to prevent possible data loss due to abrupt time advance, which may require DL timing adjustment. Node B needs to measure PRACH Propagation delay at call setup phase and report it to RNC. Then, RNC calculates T_{INIT_SYNC} using the reported value and T_{ref} and then, inform the corresponding UE of this value through FACH. During tracking process, Node B continuously measures the DPCH frame arrival time and compares it with the desired arrival time. Then, it punctures the TPC bits with the TAB commands. For this timing control, some computational complexity is expected in RNC, Node B, and UE, which may needs additional processing power or hardware but is expected to be quite small due to its simple arithmetic operation. Additional signalling is needed to carry the amount of timing adjustment. However, for tracking process there is no signalling load increase because tracking process carries the information by puncturing TPC bits. Since USTS is targeting indoor and dense pedestrian environments, handover does not occur so frequently. Moreover, the additional signalling load per call is expected to be quite small, compared to the total signalling load. Only a small amount of signalling load increase is expected at call setup phase and for handover.

6.3. Different scrambling/channelisation code usage

USTS assigns scrambling/channelisation codes differently from current specifications to get orthogonal property in the uplink. Since it uses the same scrambling/channelisation code generators, USTS requires a small additional hardware. However, differently from the current specifications, the same initial loading value for scrambling code and different channelisation code(s) are assigned to the UEs in USTS mode (there may be an exceptional case when more than one scrambling codes are used for USTS). RNC may needs additional computation not to violate this rule. Regarding channelisation code assignment, if properly designed, only the information about the DPDCH channelisation code(s) needs to be delivered to UE. This is applied for call setup and mode transition in handover.

6.4. Soft handover complexity

Timing control compexity and different assignment of scrambling/channelisation codes are discussed in the previous two subsections. Most of the complexity for soft handover is related to higher layers and will be dealt with in WG2 and WG3. UL/DL timing related issues in soft handover will be discussed in the following subsection because it is closely related to the CLPC.

Table 6.1 Complexity comparison of four soft handover candidates (two-way case, O: Original cell, T: Target cell)

Case	Candidate 1	Candidate 2	Candidate 3	Candidate 4 *
Adding a new link	Scr/Ch code reconf. (O,T,UE)	Radio link setup (T)	Radio link setup (T)	Radio link setup (T)
Dropping the link with original cell	Nothing	Scr/Ch code reconf. (T,UE) & Timing adjust. (T,UE)	Scr/Ch code reconf. (T,UE) & Timing adjust. (T,UE)	Nothing
Dropping the link with target cell	Scr/Ch code reconf. (O,UE) & Timing adjust. (O,UE)	Nothing	Nothing	Scr/Ch code reconf. (O,UE) & Timing adjust. (O,UE)
At mode transition within SHO region	Not occur	Not occur	Not occur	Scr/Ch code reconf. (O,T,UE) & Timing adjust. (T,UE)

* In candidate 4, the mode transition is assumed to occur within SHO region. If it occurs at the boundary, Candidate 4 is the same as Candidate 3.

The proposed soft handover candidates 3) and 4) need the timing adjustment and code assignment process, in order to operate in USTS mode at target Node B. The reason why both timing adjustment and code assignment are operated is to get performance gains from orthogonality by USTS. The criterion that makes the reconfiguration process be operated is different in 3) and 4). In candidate 3), it is whether UE exists inside handover region or out of the region. However, the reconfiguration process occurs inside the soft handover region in 4). Even though the detailed procedures are beyond WG1's interests, UTRAN can select the proper timing for the reconfiguration process, because it selects the better frame between the two possible candidates within RNC, or knows the number of UEs in USTS mode at each Node B and pilot signal power of each UE from the reception of the measurement. The candidate 3) can provide more reliable USTS link at target Node B, because the UE obtains better channel conditions during handover process. As well, there would be more interference of a UE penetrating into target Node B without being timing alignment by USTS in 3) comparing with 4). That is because the timing change of target Node B always occurs outside the handover region. Such effects are more important in three-way soft handover. Figure 6.1 shows three-cell layout for candidate 3). When a UE gets out of USTS area with Node B #1, it should be decided whether USTS would be operated with Node B #2 or Node B #3 in soft handover region. In addition, non-USTS link should be set-up with the other Node B to keep the soft handover. Therefore, the reconfiguration process needs for candidate 3) in three-way soft handover operation like candidate 4). As well, there exist more chances to operate the soft handover in 4) for three-cell situation than in 3), which can reduce the interference to target Node Bs and improve the link performances. Ping-pong effects can be reduced by hysteresis as a similar manner with the handover method in Release 99. As explained above, the candidate 4) may give more reliable performance. However, complexity is expected to increase because the reconfiguration process needs to happen at original Node B. If USTS to non-USTS transition in original Node B does not happen, then the candidate 4) is the same with 3) except the point that handover takes place inside the handover region. Thus, the candidate 4) is a more general approach of soft handover for USTS.

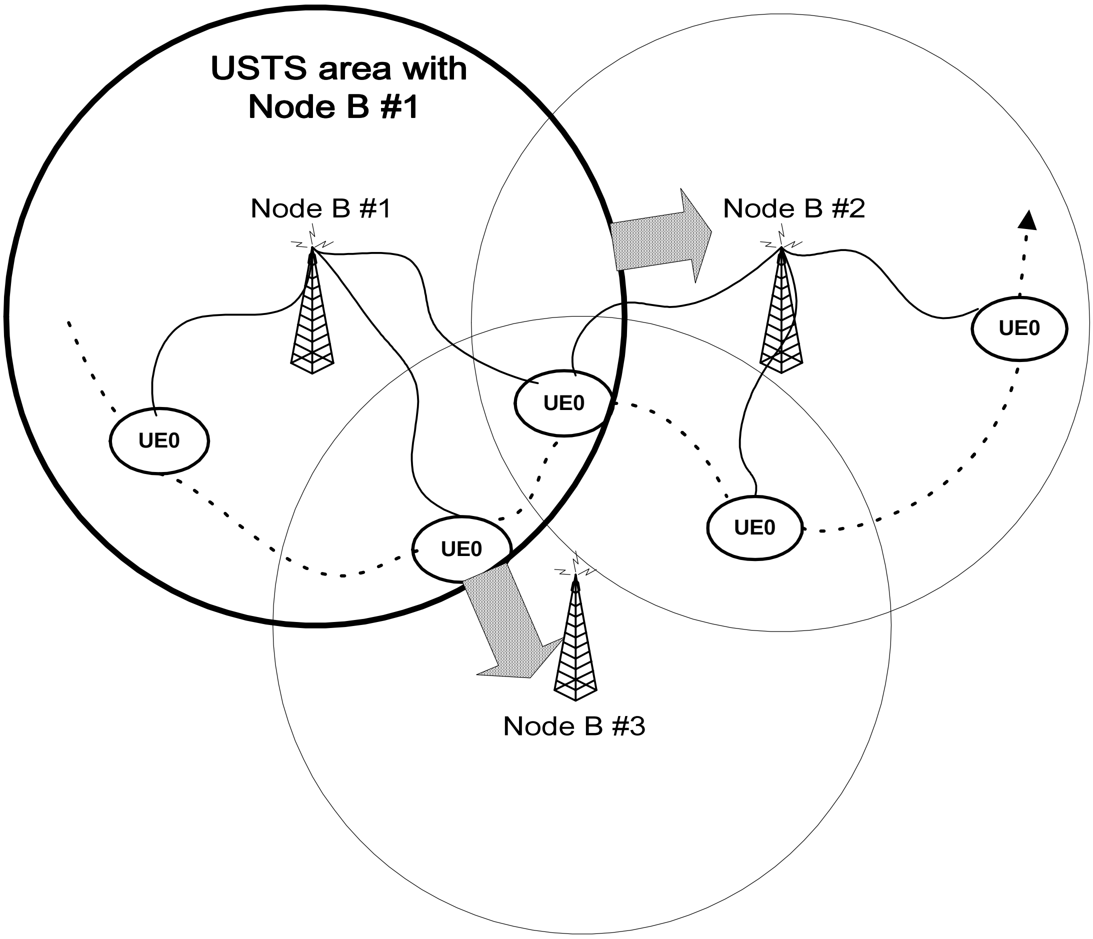

Figure 6.1. Three-way soft handover situation for candidate 3.

Reference: R1-01-0061, "Comparison of soft handover scheme for USTS", LGE.

6.5. Impact on closed loop power control

If the transmission time of UE can be adjusted at the initial synchronisation phase and during the call (DL timing stays the same), then UL/DL relative timing does not stay fixed. This relative timing is up to T_{ref} and the UE capability (CLPC processing budget). An appropriate value for T_{ref} can be found so that UL/DL relative timing is kept within the range of $T_0 \pm T_{ref}$ chips. This is the case when T_{ref} is set to be the maximum one-way propagation delay and CLPC delay can be kept at 1 slot for T_{ref} <148 chips (this corresponds to about 11.5 km cell radius with a chip rate of 3.84 Mcps). And according to the current specifications, during soft handover, UL/DL timing is within $T_0 \pm 148$ chips without USTS. With USTS, the DL arrival timings from the cells in Active set remain unchanged and only the UL transmission timing varies and accordingly, the range can be shifted so that the DL arrival times occur $T_0 \pm 148$ chips earlier than the UL transmission time. Or, the power control may take more than one slot time. Also as the amount of timing adjustment varies faster in a wider range, the DL timing adjustment may occur more frequently. The trade-off between the performance degradation due to longer power control loop delay and the signalling load to adjust the DL timing needs to be taken into account.

USTS affects the performance of CLPC because TAB commands punctures TPC bits at a timing control rate. However, compared to the attainable performance gain, performance degradation due to puncturing, for example, one out of 30 TPC bits is much smaller. This is because USTS can mitigate the effect of imperfect power control by preserving orthogonal property among channelisation codes.

6.6. Rx-Tx timing relation at UE in the USTS mode

In the normal mode it is expected that UE Tx time is separated from the first received finger by T_0. But the difference between Rx and Tx can't be kept being T_0 all the time due to the rounding dispersion, frequency drift and UE movement. A nominal time for reference of the first received DL DPCH, called DL DPCH nominal time, is defined as T_0 before UE Tx time. UE monitors Rx-Tx time difference, and adjust UE Tx time to reduce the error between the first received finger and DL DPCH nominal time. For a new RL addition DL DPCH nominal time is used for the reference time of a new RL.

In the case of USTS mode UE Tx time is adjusted to keep uplink synchronized. Node B is responsible for the adjustment of the UE Tx time, that is called USTS tracking process. For example, as path delay gets longer, the arrival time of UL at UE will be delayed. Then Node B commands UE to adjust Tx time earlier to compensate for the increased path delay.

Rx-Tx timing relation in USTS mode is not same as in the normal mode. When T_{ref} is one-way maximum delay of cell, we can use the same reference time, T_{UETx}-T_0, in the USTS mode as we do in the normal mode. When T_{ref} is greater than 128 chips, a little performance degradation might be incurred and increase of UE complexity might be required. There is, however, no problem when T_{ref} is less than 128 chips, because the difference between Rx and Tx time lies in the range of normal mode.

T_{ref} being 128 chips means that the radius of cell is 10km, which is large enough for indoor and pedestrian environment where USTS would be applicable. Therefore we can say that in the most cases there will be no problem regarding UE timing relations when we deal with reference time for a new RL at UE the way we do in the normal mode.

7. Impacts to other WGs

7.1. WG2

7.1.1. RRC layer

RRC Connection Request Message needs to include **USTS indicator** to notify whether the UE supports USTS or not.

The following RRC messages should include some information related to USTS such as scrambling code, channelization code, and initial synchronization information.

- RRC Connection Setup Message,
- RRC Connection Request Message
- Radio Bearer Setup Message,
- Radio Bearer Reconfiguration Message
- Transport Channel Re-configuration
- Physical Channel Reconfiguration

7.1.2. RLC Layer

- No impact on RLC layer

7.1.3. MAC Layer

- No impact on MAC layer

7.1.4. Interface between RRC and PHY layer

Inter-layer interface primitive between RRC layer and physical layer should include some parameters for USTS

- CPHY-RL-Modify-REQ
- CPHY-RL-Setup-REQ

7.2. WG3

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7.3. WG4

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8. Backward compatibility

Since the USTS capability is negotiated during call-setup phase, a UE based on Release 99/4 can be used in Release 5 UTRAN with USTS capability without any impact. And similarly, a UE based on Release 5 with USTS capability can be used in Release 99/4 UTRAN without any impact by the same reason.

Consequently, the backward compatibility is guaranteed with USTS in Release 5.

Annex A: Change history

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1 Scope

The purpose of the present document is to help the TSG RAN WG3 group to specify the changes to existing specifications, needed for the introduction of the "Uplink Synchronous Transmission Scheme(USTS)" option for Release5.

WG1 is the leading working group of this Study Item and has its own TR. The purpose of this TR is not to replace the TR or any decisions made in the leading WG. Rather, it is intended to gather all the information in order to trace the history and the status of the Work Task in other RAN WGs, and discuss issues that WG3 has impact on.

It is not intended to replace contributions and Change Requests, but only to list conclusions and make references to agreed contributions and CRs. When solutions are sufficiently stable, the CRs can be issued.

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It identifies the affected specifications with related Change Requests.

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[1] TS 25.211 : Physical channels and mapping of transport channels onto physical channels (FDD)
[2] TS 25.213 : Spreading and modulation (FDD)
[3] TS 25.214 : FDD : Physical layer procedures
[4] TS 25.302 : Services provided by the Physical Layer
[5] TS 25.331 : Radio Resource Control (RRC) Protocol Specification
[6] TS 25.423 : UTRAN Iur Interface RNSAP Signalling
[7] TS 25.433 : UTRAN Iub Interface NBAP Signalling
[8] TS 25.435 : UTRAN interface User Plane Protocol for Common Transport channel Data Streams
[9] TR 25.926 : UE Radio access capabilities definition
[10] TR 25.854 : Study Report for Uplink Synchronous Transmission Scheme (USTS)

3 Definitions, symbols and abbreviations

3.1 Definitions

For the purposes of the present document, the following terms and definitions apply.

3.2 Symbols

3.3 Abbreviations

For the purposes of the present document, the following abbreviations apply:

CFN	Connection Frame Number
DPCCH	Dedicated Physical Control CHannel
DPDCH	Dedicated Physical Data CHannel
RTT	Round Trip Time
RTPD	Round Trip Propagation Delay
TAB	Time Alignment Bit
T_{ref}	Reference time
UE	User Equipment
USTS	Uplink Synchronous Transmission Scheme
UTRAN	Universal Terrestrial Radio Access Network

4 Introduction

4.1 Background

Uplink Synchronous Transmission Scheme feature is one of the study items for the WCDMA Release5. In this technical report, the requirements and detail solutions are described

4.2 Overview

Uplink Synchronous Transmission Scheme(USTS) is an alternative technology applicable for low mobility terminals. USTS can reduce uplink intra-cell interference by means of making a cell receive orthogonalized signals from UEs. To orthogonalize receiving signals from UEs,

- the network may allocate the same scrambling code to more than one UE,
- the different channelization codes are allocated to all dedicated physical channels across all UEs in a cell and the spreading factor and node number of channelization code are delivered from network to each UE, and the signal transmission time of each UE is adjusted by UTRAN.

The spreading and modulation scheme for USTS is same as section 4 of TS 25.213. In case of USTS, the long scrambling code described in section 4.3.2.2. of TS 25.213 is used. However, this long scrambling code is not UE specific, but cell specific. In order to generate the cell specific long scrambling code, the initial loading value of PN generator is determined by the network

The channelisation codes for DPDCH and DPCCH in a UE are chosen to follow OVSF code allocation rule. More information about the method for the channelization codes allocation for USTS is described in this document later.

In a USTS mode, time alignment is required to preserve orthogonality between channelisation codes from different UEs and also to properly despread the cell-specific long scrambling code. The transmission time control is carried out by two steps. The first step is Initial synchronization and the second is tracking.

1) Initial synchronization: Adjust transmission time through the initial timing control message given by higher layer

2) Tracking process (Closed Loop Timing control): Adjust the transmission time through the Time Alignment Bit (TAB) over DPCCH.

5 Requirements

This section describes the requirements to the solutions of USTS regarding Iur/Iub Interfaces.

5.1 General requirements

The solution should be described in the TR 25.854[10] and provided by leading WG.

5.2 Requirements in case of USTS

Required changes in RNC, Node B and UE are given in the TR 25.854[10], For the support of USTS, the following functionality's should be provided.

- Parameter configuration for USTS in a cell
- Initiation and termination of USTS
- Soft Handover for USTS

6 Study Area

This section gives a summary of areas that have been identified where study needs to be performed to complete the study item.

6.1 General

In this section, the general aspect of the uplink syncronous transmission scheme will be discussed.

6.2 Discussions in Leading Group

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6.3 Discussions in WG3

6.3.1 New parameters

New parameters for USTS	Functions	Messages
USTS Indicator	To let Node B setup the radio link in USTS mode	**CRNC → Node B** - RADIO LINK SETUP REQUEST - RADIO LINK RECONFIGURATION PREPARE
	To let DRNC setup the radio link in USTS mode	**SRNC → DRNC** - RADIO LINK SETUP REQUEST - RADIO LINK RECONFIGURATION PREPARE
USTS Support Indicator	To notify SRNC whether DRNC's Node B supports USTS or not	**DRNC → SRNC** - RADIO LINK SETUP RESPONSE
T_{INIT_SYNC}	To be calculated from T_{ref} and Propagation Delay in SRNC	N/A
T_{ref}	To let Node B execute the tracking process with this	**CRNC → Node B** - CELL SETUP REQUEST - CELL RECONFIGURATION REQUEST
	To be given to DRNC as initial loading Data To calculate T_{INIT_SYNC} in SRNC	**DRNC → SRNC** - RADIO LINK SETUP RESPONSE - RADIO LINK RECONFIGURATION READY
USTS Scrambling Code	To let Node B know the scrambling code of UE	**CRNC → Node B** - RADIO LINK SETUP REQUEST

New parameters for USTS	Functions	Messages
	To let DRNC know the scrambling code of UE (In case of handover)	**SRNC → DRNC** - RADIO LINK SETUP REQUEST - RADIO LINK ADDITION REQUEST
	To let SRNC know the scrambling code of UE assigned by DRNC	**DRNC → SRNC** - RADIO LINK SETUP RESPONSE - RADIO LINK RECONFIGURATION READY
USTS Scrambling Code Offset	To let Node B know the scrambling code Offset of UE (In case of handover)	**CRNC → Node B** RADIO LINK SETUP REQUEST
	To let DRNC know the scrambling code offset of UE (In case of handover)	**SRNC → DRNC** - RADIO LINK SETUP REQUEST - RADIO LINK ADDITION REQUEST
USTS Channelisation Code Number	To notify Node B of Channelisation Code information	**CRNC → Node B** - RADIO LINK SETUP REQUEST
	To let DRNC know the channelisation code information of UE (In case of handover)	**SRNC → DRNC** - RADIO LINK SETUP REQUEST
	To retrieve Channelisation Code for USTS	**DRNC → SRNC** - RADIO LINK SETUP RESPONSE - RADIO LINK RECONFIGURATION READY

Table 6-1 New paramters for USTS

6.3.2 Impacts on Interfaces

6.3.2.1 Iub Interface

To support USTS in Iub Interface, the followings will be done.

- To transmit the *USTS Indicator* from CRNC to Node B, *USTS Indicator* should be added in NBAP messages, **RADIO LINK SETUP REQUEST** and **RADIO LINK RECONFIGURATION PREPARE**.
- Through **CELL SETUP REQUEST** and **CELL RECONFIGURATION REQUEST,** T_{ref} will be sent to Node B from CRNC and will be used to execute the tracking process in Node B.
- *USTS Scrambling Code* & *USTS Scrambling Code Offset* will be sent to Node B from CRNC through **RADIO LINK SETUP REQUEST**.
- In NBAP messages, **RADIO LINK SETUP REQUEST,** *USTS Channelisation Code Number* should be added to retrieve USTS channelization code.

6.3.2.2 Iur Interface

To support USTS in Iur Interface, the followings will be done. And these are very similar to Iub's.

- SRNC should indicate to DRNC whether or not the UE is in USTS mode. Therefore, *USTS indicator* should be added in RNSAP messages, **RADIO LINK SETUP REQUEST** and **RADIO LINK RECONFIGURATION PREPARE**.
- To let SRNC know whether or not DRNC's Node B supports USTS, *USTS Support Indicator* should be added in RNSAP messages, **RADIO LINK SETUP RESPONSE (in neighbouring cell informaiton)**.
- To transmit the T_{ref} of DRNC's node B to SRNC, T_{ref} should be added in RNSAP messages, **RADIO LINK SETUP RESPONSE** in the case of set up with USTS and **RADIO LINK RECONFIGURATION**

READY in the case of mode change from non-USTS to USTS when USTS indicator has been received by DRNC.

- *USTS Scrambling Code* and *USTS Scrambling Code Offset* will be sent to DRNC from SRNC through **RADIO LINK SETUP REQUEST and RADIO LINK ADDITION REQUEST** in the case of handover
- To send the *USTS Scrambling Code* assigned by DRNC to SRNC, *USTS Scrambling Code* should be added in RNSAP messages, **RADIO LINK SETUP RESPONSE** and **RADIO LINK RECONFIGURATION READY**.
- *USTS Channelisation Code Number* will be sent to DRNC from SRNC through **RADIO LINK SETUP REQUEST** in the case of handover
- To send the *USTS Channelisation Code Number* assigned by DRNC to SRNC, this IE should be added in RNSAP messages, **RADIO LINK SETUP RESPONSE** and **RADIO LINK RECONFIGURATION READY**.

6.3.2.3 Iu Interface

No impacts on Iu Interface.

6.3.3 Procedures

6.3.3.1 Mode Change procedure

The radio link can be in one of the following three modes:

- Normal mode : No timing control, UE discrimination by scrambling code
- Non-USTS mode : No timing control, UE discriminated by both scrambling and channelisation codes
- USTS mode : Timing control, UE discriminated by both scrambling and channelisation codes

The difference between Normal mode and Non-USTS mode is as follows. If one of the radio links to the cell sites in Active set is in USTS mode, it is discriminated by both scrambling code and channelisation codes assigned for USTS mode in all cells in Active set. Therefore, the other links should be in non-USTS mode. This is because the UE has only a single transmitter and there can be more than one UEs who enter the SHO region from the same original cell and accordingly, they use the common scrambling code and the discrimination can be done only by channelisation codes. The UE in USTS mode has an USTS-mode RL and non-USTS mode RL(s). In normal mode, the UEs in SHO region use their own unique scrambling codes.

The Mode Change from USTS mode to normal mode will be executed before normal handover when the target DRNC's node B cannot support USTS. In this mode change, Both new scrambling and channelisation codes are allocated to perform normal handover. But if the target DRNC's node B can support USTS, Non-USTS mode to USTS mode change will be executed after normal handover procedure shown in Figure 6.1. In this mode change, New parameter values such as scrambling code and channelisation code should be assigned to perform USTS. And the reverse mode change, from normal mode to USTS mode will be executed in case of RRC state change shown in Figure 6.3.

In the last call flow (Inter RNS Handover procedure – Figure 6.4), it will be shown how Mode Change can be applied to support soft handover with USTS technology.

The following is the procedure of Mode Change from Non-USTS to USTS mode. Mode Change will be executed after soft handover procedure. The scrambling and channelisation codes for USTS will be assigned to UE and UE will synchronize the timing with T_{INIT_SYNC} which was calculated by SRNC. From Mode Change UE can get the timing control and the codes for USTS.

1. RADIO LINK RECONFIGURATION PREPARE

This message transmits *USTS Indicator* to DRNC from SRNC. DRNC will be requested by SRNC whether or not the UE would be in USTS mode with *USTS Indicator.*

2. RADIO LINK RECONFIGURATION PREPARE

This message sends *USTS Indicator* , *USTS scrambling code* and *USTS Channelisation Code Number* to Node B from DRNC.

3. RADIO LINK RECONFIGURATION READY

NBAP Message **RADIO LINK RECONFIGURATION READY** is sent from DRNC's Node B to DRNC.

4. RADIO LINK RECONFIGURATION READY

This message transmits T_{ref} , *USTS scrambling code* and *USTS Channelisation Code Number* to SRNC from DRNC.

5. RADIO LINK RECONFIGURATION COMMIT

RNSAP Message **RADIO LINK RECONFIGURATION COMMIT** is sent from SRNC to DRNC.

6. RADIO LINK RECONFIGURATION COMMIT

NBAP Message **RADIO LINK RECONFIGURATION COMMIT** is sent from DRNC to Node B.

7. PHYSICAL CHANNEL RECONFIGURATION

SRNC sends RRC message **PHYSICAL CHANNEL RECONFIGURATION** to UE.

8. Actualizing modification

Both UE and Node B actualise modification of the physical channel.

9. PHYSICAL CHANNEL RECONFIGURATION COMPLETE

UE sends RRC message **PHYSICAL CHANNEL RECONFIGURATION COMPLETE** to SRNC.

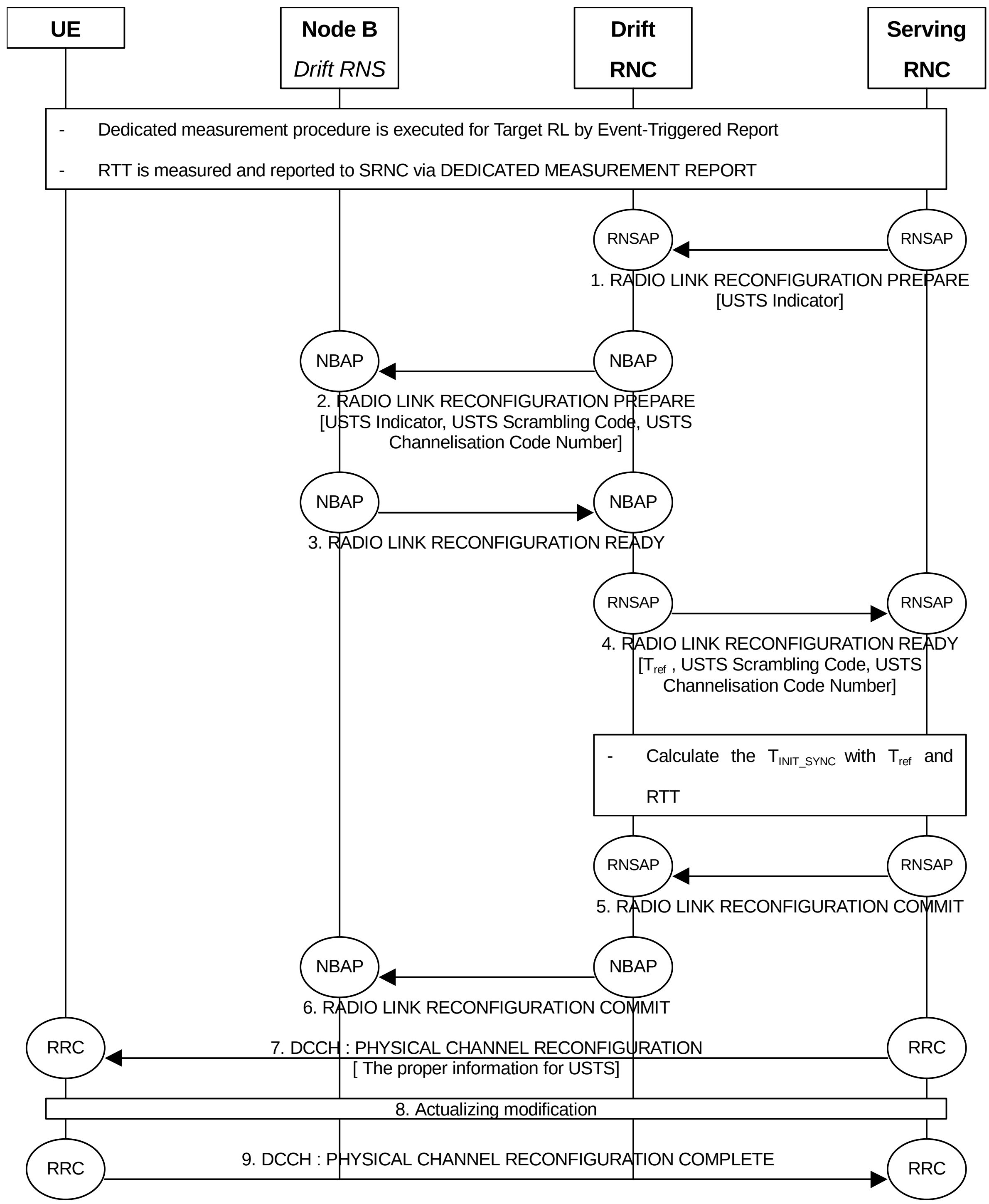

Figure 6-1 MODE CHANGE procedure

6.3.4 Call flows of USTS

The following are call flows for USTS. The first one is for basic call that Iur Interface is not necessary, and the second is for the call which needs Iur Interface because of RRC State Change. And the last one is for the call which have to use Iur Interface because of Inter RNS handover.

6.3.4.1 Call Setup

This is the basic call procedure for USTS. In this scenario, Iur Interface is not necessary. So SRNC and CRNC are same.

1. RRC CONNECTION REQUEST

UE sends RRC message **RRC CONNECTION REQUEST** to SRNC.

2. RADIO LINK SETUP REQUEST
This message transmits *USTS Indicator, USTS Scrambling Code,* and *USTS Channelisation Code Number* to the Node B.

3. RADIO LINK SETUP RESPONSE
Node B allocates resources, starts PHY reception, and responses with NBAP message **RADIO LINK SETUP RESPONSE**.

4. ALCAP Iub Data Transport Bearer Setup
SRNC initiates set-up of Iub Data Transport bearer using ALCAP protocol. This request contains the AAL2 Binding Identity to bind the Iub Data Transport Bearer to the DCH. The request for set-up of Iub Data Transport bearer is acknowledged by Node B.

5. User Plane Synchronisation
The Node B and SRNC establish synchronism for the Iub and Iur Data Transport Bearer by means of exchange of the appropriate DCH Frame Protocol frames.

6. RRC CONNECTION SETUP
SRNC sends RRC message **RRC CONNECTION SETUP** to UE.

7. RRC CONNECTION COMPLETE
UE sends RRC message **RRC CONNECTION COMPLETE** to SRNC.

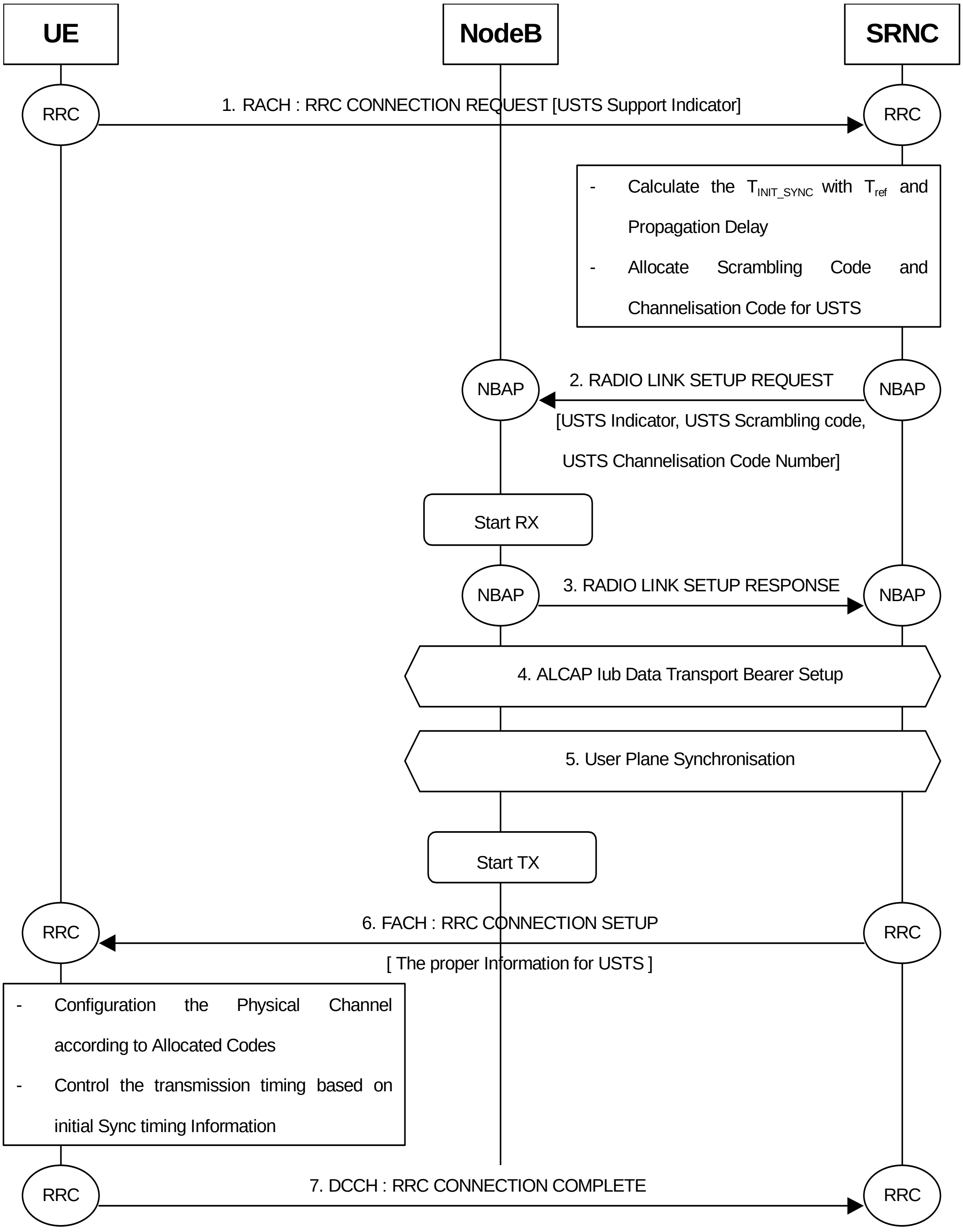

Figure 6-2 Call Flow of USTS without Iur Interface

6.3.4.2 Channel and Mobile State Change

Regarding to RRC state changes which gives some impacts on procedures for USTS, Two cases could be considered. One is the transition from CELL_DCH to CELL_FACH state, which might occur when all dedicated channels have been released via explicit signalling (e.g. PHYSICAL CHANNEL RECONFIGURATION, RADIO BEARER RECONFIGURATION, RADIO BEARER RELEASE, RADIO BEARER SETUP, TRANSPORT CHANNEL RECONFIGURATION, etc.). The other case is the transition from CELL_FACH to CELL_DCH state, which might occur, when a dedicated physical channel is established via explicit signalling (e.g. PHYSICAL CHANNEL RECONFIGURATION, RADIO BEARER RECONFIGURATION, RADIO BEARER RELEASE, RADIO BEARER SETUP, RRC CONNECTION REESTABLISHMENT, TRANSPORT CHANNEL RECONFIGURATION, etc.).

1) Transition from CELL_DCH to CELL_FACH state
Since there exists no more dedicated channel in this case, No additional procedures are required

2) Transition from CELL_FACH to CELL_DCH state
In this case, dedicated channel is established by explicit signalling. New parameters for USTS should be added to the messages in the process of state transition, which follows Mode Change procedure described above. When this transition is associated with handover, call flow for USTS is illustrated in Figure 6-3.

This is the call procedure for USTS which needs Iur Interface because of RRC state change. In this scenario, Iur Interface should be considered. So the impact of RNC will be described in the point of SRNC's and DRNC's.

SRNC decides to switch to CELL_DCH state, setting up a new radio link via a new cell controlled by DRNC.

1. RADIO LINK SETUP REQUEST

This message transmits *USTS Indicator* to DRNC from SRNC. DRNC will be known whether or not the UE will be in USTS mode with *USTS Indicator.*

2. RADIO LINK SETUP REQUEST

This message transmits *USTS Indicator*, T_{ref} , *USTS scrambling code*, and *USTS Channelisation Code Number* to Node-B from DRNC.

3. RADIO LINK SETUP RESPONSE

Node B allocates resources, starts PHY reception, and responses with NBAP message **RADIO LINK SETUP RESPONSE**.

4. RADIO LINK SETUP RESPONSE

This message sends *USTS Support Indicator*, T_{ref} , *USTS scrambling code* and *USTS Channelisation Code Number* to SRNC from DRNC.

5. ALCAP Iub Bearer Setup & ALCAP Iur Bearer Setup

SRNC initiates setup of Iur, while DRNC is in charge to setup Iub, Data Transport Bearer using ALCAP protocol. This request contains the AAL2 Binding Identity to bind the Iub Data Transport Bearer to DCH. Note: there is not a time relation between set up of Iur and Iub. Both must be carried out before next step.

6. User Plane Synchronisation

Node B and SRNC establish synchronism for the Data Transport Bearer by means of exchange of the appropriate DCH Frame Protocol frames.

7. RADIO BEARER SETUP

SRNC sends RRC message **RADIO BEARER SETUP** to UE.

8. Actualizing modification

Both UE and Node B actualise modification of the physical channel.

9. RADIO BEARER SETUP COMPLETE

UE sends RRC message **RADIO BEARER SETUP COMPLETE** to SRNC.

10. Common Transport Channel Resources Release

The SRNC releases the UE context for CELL_FACH state in the source DRNC by sending a **Common Transport Channel Resources Release** message.

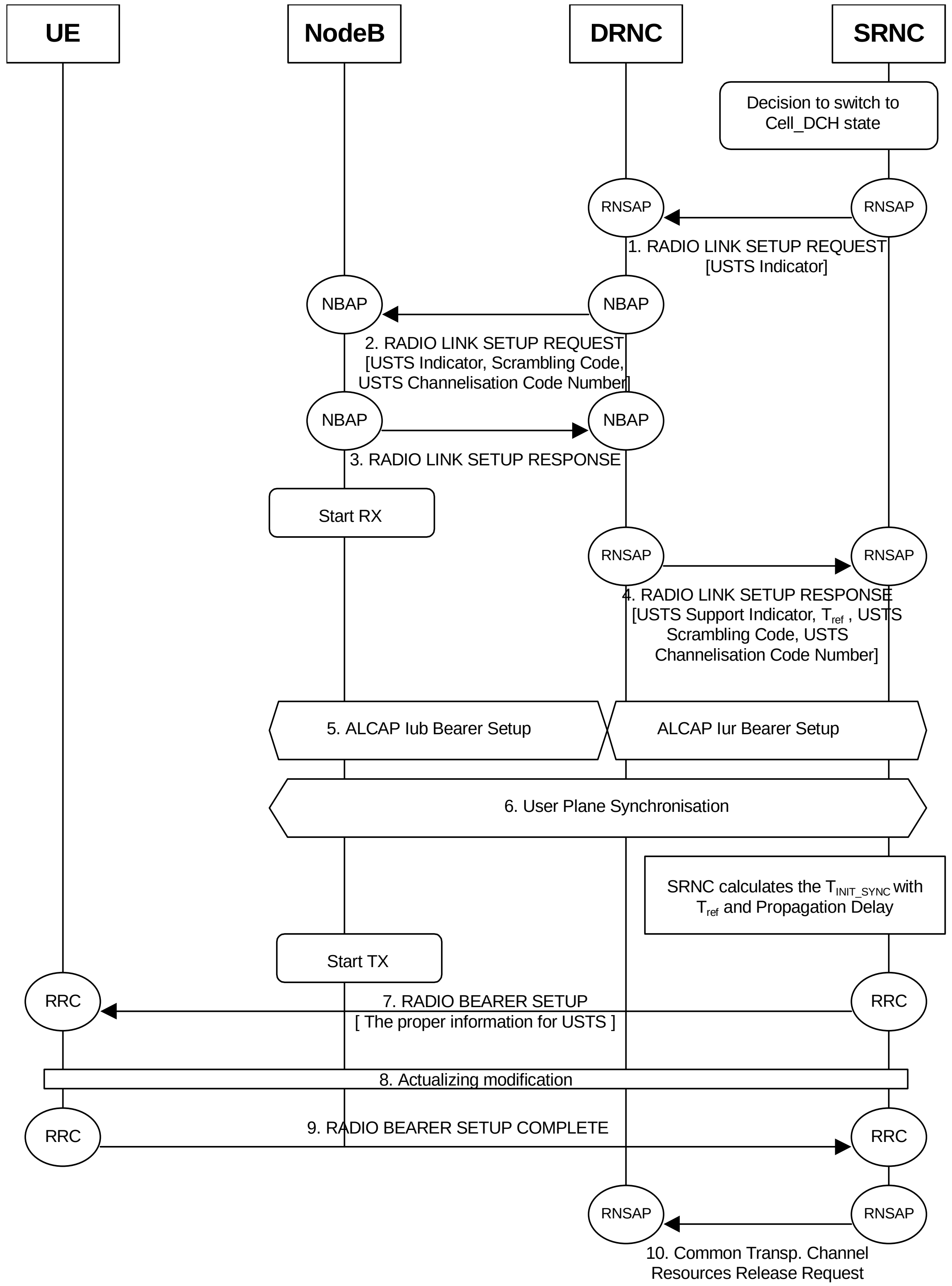

Figure 6-3 Call flow for State Switching from CELL_FACH to CELL_DCH

6.3.4.3 Soft Handover

Detailed description on handover in USTS mode is included in WG1's TR[10]. Making a summary of the TR, the UE maintains an USTS mode RL while it is within USTS supporting Node B area. When it moves from the area to other USTS supporting Node B area, non-USTS mode RLs are added or deleted according to the movement of UE. After the USTS mode RL is deleted, the UE continues to communicate with the remaining non-USTS mode RLs. When only a single RL remains, the mode change procedure is performed to switch the mode of the RL to USTS mode. This candidate for handover procedure imposes a minimal impact on the network side by eliminating the necessity of performing mode change for one of the RLs in Active set and proper RL reconfigurations for the other RLs at the same time.

This subclause presents the following soft handover procedures

- Radio Link Addition (Branch Addition)
- Radio Link Deletion (Branch Deletion)

1) Radio Link Addition (Branch Addition)
   Figure 6-4 shows the procedure of Radio Link Addition (Branch Addition)

1. RADIO LINK SETUP REQUEST
   This message transmits *USTS Indicator* to DRNC from SRNC. DRNC will be known whether or not the UE will be in USTS mode with *USTS Indicator*.

2. RADIO LINK SETUP REQUEST
   This message transmits *USTS Indicator*, T_{ref} , *USTS scrambling code*, and *USTS Channelisation Code Number* to Node-B from DRNC.

3. RADIO LINK SETUP RESPONSE
   Node B allocates resources, starts PHY reception, and responses with NBAP message **RADIO LINK SETUP RESPONSE**.

4. RADIO LINK SETUP RESPONSE
   This message sends *USTS Support Indicator*, T_{ref} , *USTS scrambling code* and *USTS Channelisation Code Number* to SRNC from DRNC.

5. ALCAP Iub/Iur Data Bearer Setup
   SRNC initiates set-up of Iub/Iur Data Transport bearer using ALCAP protocol. This request contains the AAL2 Binding Identity to bind the Iub Data Transport Bearer to the DCH.

6. User Plane Synchronisation
   Node B and SRNC establish synchronism for the Data Transport Bearer by means of exchange of the appropriate DCH Frame Protocol frames.

7. ACTIVE SET UPDATE
   SRNC sends RRC Message **ACTIVE SET UPDATE** to UE on DCCH

8. ACTIVE SET UPDATE COMPLETE
   UE acknowledges with RRC message **ACTIVE SET UPDATE COMPLETE**

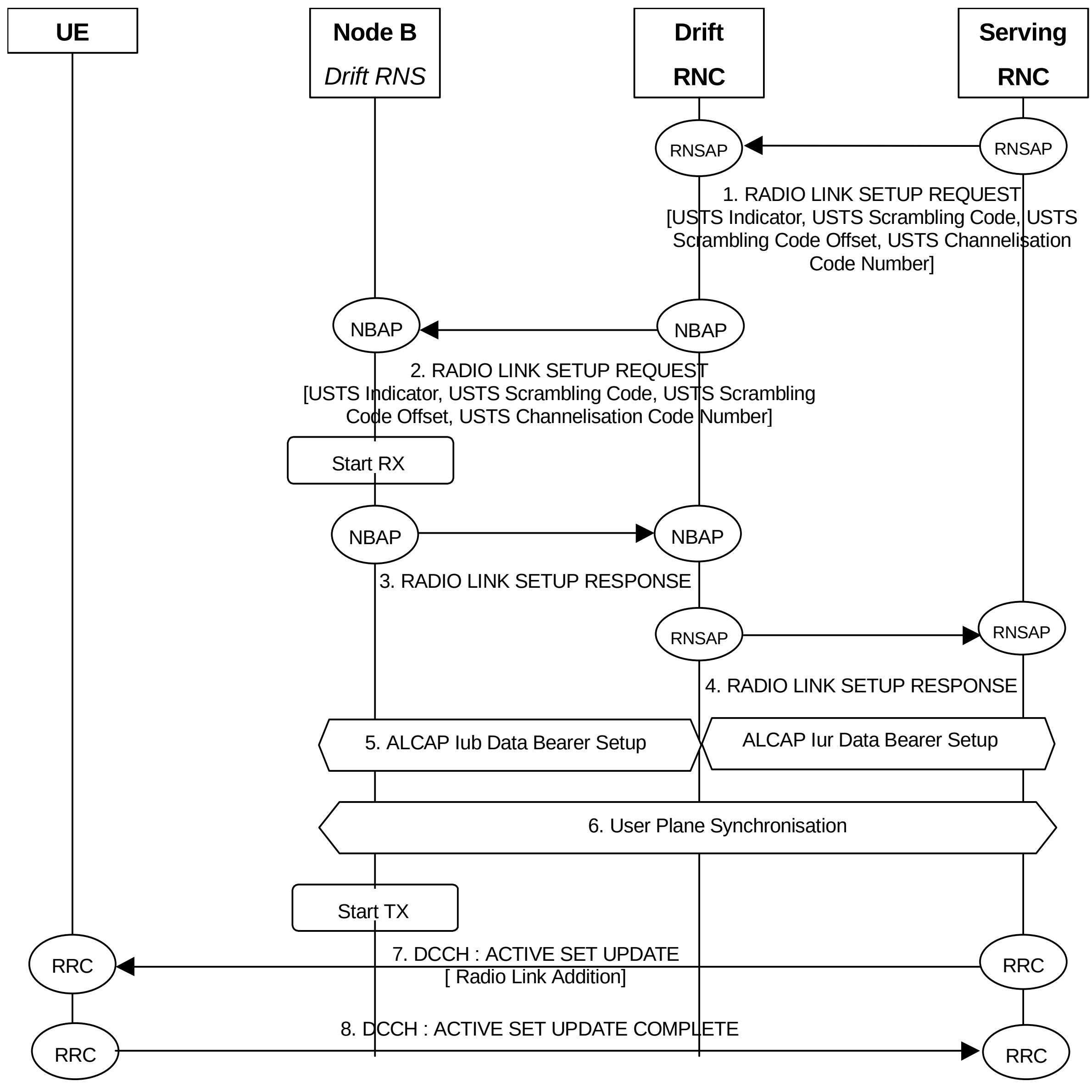

Figure 6-4 Radio Link Addition (Branch Addition)

2) Radio Link Deletion (Branch Deletion)
This procedure is the same as normal RL deletion procedure.

6.4 Impacts on other WGs

In this section, the impact to other WGs of the discussions in WG3 will be described.

7 Agreements and associated agreed contributions

This section documents agreements that have been reached and makes reference to contributions agreed in RAN-WG3 with respect to this Study item.

8 Specification Impact and associated Change Requests

This section is intended to list the affected specifications and the related agreed Change Requests. It also lists the possible new specifications that may be needed for the completion of the Work Task.

9 Backward Compatibility

In this section, the backward compatibility will be discussed.

10 Project Plan

10.1 Schedule

Date	Meeting	Scope	[expected] Input	[expected]Output

10.2 Study Item Status

	Planned Date	Milestone	Status

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