
DSCH Power Control Improvement in soft handover

Introduction

This paper presents the CRs TS 25.214 in-line with the solution contain in the TR 25.841 v.4.0.0 approved by TSG RAN #10.

Summary of the proposed changes

The CR impacts 2 section in the specifications.

First in connection with SSDT it is stated that SSDT signalling may be used in the uplink direction only with the reference given for PDSCH power control issues.

The second section impacted is obviously the DSCH power control section, where the possibility of using the SSDT information to determine if additional power offset should be used for the PDSCH frame or not. The wording in a CR address the additional offset since in the frame protocol there is always an offset value for the PDSCH which is considered as the power values for the primary case (this is the offset with respect the TFCI field in the DPCCH of the associated DCH as in Rel'99). Thus the offset given by the RNC to Node B is used additionally when the Node B has declared non-primary status based on the SSDT commands in the uplink.

Recommendation

It is recommend to approve the attached CR to Rel'4 TS 25.214 in order to complete the Rel'4 part of the work item on DSCH Power Control Improvements in soft handover. There are corresponding CRs prepared to TSG RAN WG3 and WG2 for the Rel'4 specifications.

TSG RAN WG2: TS 25.331 CR 683

TSG RAN WG3: TS 25.423 CR 310, TS 25.433 CR 362

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Reason for change:	⚡ Improved DSCH power control performance in SHO with the use of SSDT (Site Selection Diversity Transmission) uplink signalling as part of Rel'4 wor item on DSCH power control improvements.
Summary of change:	⚡ The CR introduces the possibility to use SSDT uplink signalling in the node B for DSCH power control purposes, in-line with TR 25.841 v.4.0.0 approved by TSG RAN #10.
Consequences if not approved:	⚡ SSDT signalling in the uplink not usable for DSCH power control purposes.

Clauses affected:	⚡ 5.2.1.4.1.1 & 5.2.2		
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5.2 Downlink power control

The transmit power of the downlink channels is determined by the network. In general the ratio of the transmit power between different downlink channels is not specified and may change with time. However, regulations exist as described in the following subclauses.

Higher layer power settings shall be interpreted as setting of the total power, i.e. the sum of the power from the two antennas in case of transmit diversity.

5.2.1 DPCCH/DPDCH

5.2.1.1 General

The downlink transmit power control procedure controls simultaneously the power of a DPCCH and its corresponding DPDCHs. The power control loop adjusts the power of the DPCCH and DPDCHs with the same amount, i.e. the relative power difference between the DPCCH and DPDCHs is not changed.

The relative transmit power offset between DPCCH fields and DPDCHs is determined by the network. The TFCI, TPC and pilot fields of the DPCCH are offset relative to the DPDCHs power by PO1, PO2 and PO3 dB respectively. The power offsets may vary in time. The method for controlling the power offsets within UTRAN is specified in [6].

The power of CCC field in DL DPCCH for CPCH is the same as the power of the pilot field.

5.2.1.2 Ordinary transmit power control

5.2.1.2.1 UE behaviour

The UE shall generate TPC commands to control the network transmit power and send them in the TPC field of the uplink DPCCH. An example on how to derive the TPC commands is given in Annex B.2.

The UE shall check the downlink power control mode (DPC_MODE) before generating the TPC command:

- if DPC_MODE = 0 : the UE sends a unique TPC command in each slot and the TPC command generated is transmitted in the first available TPC field in the uplink DPCCH;
- if DPC_MODE = 1 : the UE repeats the same TPC command over 3 slots and the new TPC command is transmitted such that there is a new command at the beginning of the frame.

The DPC_MODE parameter is a UE specific parameter controlled by the UTRAN.

The UE shall not make any assumptions on how the downlink power is set by UTRAN, in order to not prohibit usage of other UTRAN power control algorithms than what is defined in subclause 5.2.1.2.2.

5.2.1.2.2 UTRAN behaviour

Upon receiving the TPC commands UTRAN shall adjust its downlink DPCCH/DPDCH power accordingly. For DPC_MODE = 0, UTRAN shall estimate the transmitted TPC command TPC_{est} to be 0 or 1, and shall update the power every slot. If DPC_MODE = 1, UTRAN shall estimate the transmitted TPC command TPC_{est} over three slots to be 0 or 1, and shall update the power every three slots.

After estimating the k :th TPC command, UTRAN shall adjust the current downlink power $P(k-1)$ [dB] to a new power $P(k)$ [dB] according to the following formula:

$$P(k) = P(k - 1) + P_{TPC}(k) + P_{bal}(k),$$

where $P_{TPC}(k)$ is the k :th power adjustment due to the inner loop power control, and $P_{bal}(k)$ [dB] is a correction according to the downlink power control procedure for balancing radio link powers towards a common reference power. The power balancing procedure and control of the procedure is described in [6], and an example of how $P_{bal}(k)$ can be calculated is given in Annex B.3.

$P_{TPC}(k)$ is calculated according to the following.

If the value of *Limited Power Raise Used* parameter is 'Not used', then

$$P_{TPC}(k) = \begin{cases} \Delta_{TPC} & \text{if } TPC_{est}(k) > 1 \\ \Delta_{TPC} & \text{if } TPC_{est}(k) > 0 \end{cases}, [\text{dB}]. \quad (1)$$

If the value of *Limited Power Raise Used* parameter is 'Used', then the k :th inner loop power adjustment shall be calculated as:

$$P_{TPC}(k) = \begin{cases} \Delta_{TPC} & \text{if } TPC_{est}(k) > 1 \text{ and } \sum_{i=k-DL_Power_Averaging_Window_Size}^{k-1} P_{TPC}(i) > Power_Raise_Limit \\ 0 & \text{if } TPC_{est}(k) > 1 \text{ and } \sum_{i=k-DL_Power_Averaging_Window_Size}^{k-1} P_{TPC}(i) > Power_Raise_Limit \\ \Delta_{TPC} & \text{if } TPC_{est}(k) > 0 \end{cases}, [\text{dB}] \quad (2)$$

where

$$\sum_{i=k-DL_Power_Averaging_Window_Size}^{k-1} P_{TPC}(i)$$

is the temporary sum of the last *DL_Power_Averaging_Window_Size* inner loop power adjustments (in dB).

For the first (*DL_Power_Averaging_Window_Size* – 1) adjustments after the activation the limited power raise method, formula (1) shall be used instead of formula (2). *Power_Raise_Limit* and *DL_Power_Averaging_Window_Size* are parameters configured in the UTRAN.

The power control step size Δ_{TPC} can take four values: 0.5, 1, 1.5 or 2 dB. It is mandatory for UTRAN to support Δ_{TPC} of 1 dB, while support of other step sizes is optional.

In addition to the above described formulas on how the downlink power is updated, the restrictions below apply.

In case of congestion (commanded power not available), UTRAN may disregard the TPC commands from the UE.

The average power of transmitted DPDCH symbols over one timeslot shall not exceed *Maximum_DL_Power* (dB), nor shall it be below *Minimum_DL_Power* (dB). Transmitted DPDCH symbol means here a complex QPSK symbol before spreading which does not contain DTX. *Maximum_DL_Power* (dB) and *Minimum_DL_Power* (dB) are power limits for one channelisation code, relative to the primary CPICH power [6].

5.2.1.3 Power control in compressed mode

The aim of downlink power control in uplink or/and downlink compressed mode is to recover as fast as possible a signal-to-interference ratio (SIR) close to the target SIR after each transmission gap.

The UE behaviour is the same in compressed mode as in normal mode, described in subclause 5.2.1.2.

In compressed mode, compressed frames may occur in either the uplink or the downlink or both. In compressed frames, the transmission of downlink DPDCH(s) and DPCCH shall be stopped during transmission gaps.

The power of the DPCCH and DPDCH in the first slot after the transmission gap should be set to the same value as in the slot just before the transmission gap.

In every slot during compressed mode except during downlink transmission gaps, UTRAN shall estimate the k :th TPC command and adjust the current downlink power $P(k-1)$ [dB] to a new power $P(k)$ [dB] according to the following formula:

$$P(k) = P(k-1) + P_{TPC}(k) + P_{SIR}(k) + P_{bal}(k),$$

where $P_{TPC}(k)$ is the k :th power adjustment due to the inner loop power control, $P_{SIR}(k)$ is the k -th power adjustment due to the downlink target SIR variation, and $P_{bal}(k)$ [dB] is a correction according to the downlink power control procedure for balancing radio link powers towards a common reference power. The power balancing procedure and control of the procedure is described in [6], and an example of how $P_{bal}(k)$ can be calculated is given in Annex B.3.

Due to transmission gaps in uplink compressed frames, there may be missing TPC commands in the uplink. If no uplink TPC command is received, $P_{TPC}(k)$ derived by the Node B shall be set to zero. Otherwise, $P_{TPC}(k)$ is calculated the same way as in normal mode (see sub-clause 5.2.1.2.2) but with a step size Δ_{STEP} instead of Δ_{TPC} .

The power control step size $\Delta_{STEP} = \Delta_{RP-TPC}$ during RPL slots after each transmission gap and $\Delta_{STEP} = \Delta_{TPC}$ otherwise, where:

- RPL is the recovery period length and is expressed as a number of slots. RPL is equal to the minimum value out of the transmission gap length and 7 slots. If a transmission gap is scheduled to start before RPL slots have elapsed, then the recovery period shall end at the start of the gap, and the value of RPL shall be reduced accordingly.
- ?? Δ_{RP-TPC} is called the recovery power control step size and is expressed in dB. Δ_{RP-TPC} is equal to the minimum value of 3 dB and $2\Delta_{TPC}$.

The power offset $P_{SIR}(k) = P_{curr} - P_{prev}$, where P_{curr} and P_{prev} are respectively the value of P in the current slot and the most recently transmitted slot and P is computed as follows:

$$P = \max(\Delta P1_compression, \dots, \Delta Pn_compression) + \Delta P1_coding + \Delta P2_coding$$

where n is the number of different TTI lengths amongst TTIs of all TrChs of the CCTrCh, where $\Delta P1_coding$ and $\Delta P2_coding$ are computed from uplink parameters DeltaSIR1, DeltaSIR2, DeltaSIRafter1, DeltaSIRafter2 signaled by higher layers as:

- $\Delta P1_coding = \Delta SIR1$ if the start of the first transmission gap in the transmission gap pattern is within the current frame.
- $\Delta P1_coding = \Delta SIRafter1$ if the current frame just follows a frame containing the start of the first transmission gap in the transmission gap pattern.
- $\Delta P2_coding = \Delta SIR2$ if the start of the second transmission gap in the transmission gap pattern is within the current frame.
- $\Delta P2_coding = \Delta SIRafter2$ if the current frame just follows a frame containing the start of the second transmission gap in the transmission gap pattern.
- $\Delta P1_coding = 0$ dB and $\Delta P2_coding = 0$ dB in all other cases.

and $\Delta Pi_compression$ is defined by :

- $\Delta Pi_compression = 3$ dB for downlink frames compressed by reducing the spreading factor by 2.
- $\Delta Pi_compression = 10 \log(15 \cdot F_i / (15 \cdot F_i - TGL_i))$ if there is a transmission gap created by puncturing method within the current TTI of length F_i frames, where TGL_i is the gap length in number of slots (either from one gap or a sum of gaps) in the current TTI of length F_i frames.
- $\Delta Pi_compression = 0$ dB in all other cases.

In case several compressed mode patterns are used simultaneously, a P offset is computed for each compressed mode pattern and the sum of all P offsets is applied to the frame.

5.2.1.4 Site selection diversity transmit power control

5.2.1.4.1 General

Site selection diversity transmit power control (SSDT) is another macro diversity method in soft handover mode. This method is optional in UTRAN.

Operation is summarised as follows. The UE selects one of the cells from its active set to be 'primary', all other cells are classed as 'non primary'. The main objective is to transmit on the downlink from the primary cell, thus reducing the interference caused by multiple transmissions in a soft handover mode. A second objective is to achieve fast site selection without network intervention, thus maintaining the advantage of the soft handover. In order to select a primary cell, each cell is assigned a temporary identification (ID) and UE periodically informs a primary cell ID to the

connecting cells. The non-primary cells selected by UE switch off the transmission power. The primary cell ID is delivered by UE to the active cells via uplink FBI field. SSdT activation, SSdT termination and ID assignment are all carried out by higher layer signalling.

UTRAN may also command UE to use SSdT signalling in the uplink although cells would transmit the downlink as without SSdT active. In case SSdT is used in the uplink direction only, the processing in the UE for the radio links received in the downlink is as with macro diversity in non-SSdT case. The downlink operation mode for SSdT is set by higher layers. UTRAN may use the SSdT information for the PDSCH power control as specified in section 5.2.2.

5.2.1.4.1.1 Definition of temporary cell identification

Each cell is given a temporary ID during SSdT and the ID is utilised as site selection signal. The ID is given a binary bit sequence. There are three different lengths of coded ID available denoted as "long", "medium" and "short". The network decides which length of coded ID is used. Settings of ID codes for 1-bit and 2-bit FBI are exhibited in table 3 and table 4, respectively.

Table 3: Settings of ID codes for 1 bit FBI

ID label	ID code		
	"long"	"medium"	"short"
a	00000000000000	(0)000000	0000
b	10101010101010	(0)101010	0100
c	01100110011001	(0)011001	1101
d	11001100110011	(0)110011	1001
e	00011110000111	(0)000111	0011
f	10110100101101	(0)101101	0111
g	01111000011110	(0)011110	1110
h	11010010110100	(0)110100	1010

Table 4: Settings of ID codes for 2 bit FBI

ID label	ID code (Column and Row denote slot position and FBI-bit position.)		
	"long"	"medium"	"short"
a	(0)000000	(0)000	000
	(0)000000	(0)000	000
b	(0)000000	(0)000	000
	(1)111111	(1)111	111
c	(0)101010	(0)101	101
	(0)101010	(0)101	101
d	(0)101010	(0)101	101
	(1)010101	(1)010	010
e	(0)011001	(0)011	011
	(0)011001	(0)011	011
f	(0)011001	(0)011	011
	(1)100110	(1)100	100
g	(0)110011	(0)110	110
	(0)110011	(0)110	110
h	(0)110011	(0)110	110
	(1)001100	(1)001	001

The ID code bits shown in table 3 and table 4 are transmitted from left to right. The ID code(s) are transmitted aligned to the radio frame structure (i.e. ID codes shall be terminated within a frame). If FBI space for sending the last ID code within a frame cannot be obtained, the first bit(s) from that ID code are punctured. The bit(s) to be punctured are shown in brackets in table 3 and table 4.

The alignment of the ID codes to the radio frame structure is not affected by transmission gaps resulting from uplink compressed mode.

5.2.1.4.2 TPC procedure in UE

The UE shall generate TPC commands to control the network transmit power and send them in the TPC field of the uplink DPCCH. An example on how to derive the TPC commands is given in Annex B.2.

5.2.1.4.3 Selection of primary cell

The UE selects a primary cell periodically by measuring the RSCP of CPICHs transmitted by the active cells. The cell with the highest CPICH RSCP is detected as a primary cell.

5.2.1.4.4 Delivery of primary cell ID

The UE periodically sends the ID code of the primary cell via portion of the uplink FBI field assigned for SSDT use (FBI S field). A cell recognises its state as non-primary if the following conditions are fulfilled simultaneously:

- the received primary ID code does not match with the own ID code;
- the received uplink signal quality satisfies a quality threshold, Q_{th} , a parameter defined by the network;
- and when the use of uplink compressed mode does not result in excessive levels of puncturing on the coded ID. The acceptable level of puncturing on the coded ID is less than $\frac{N_{ID}}{3}$ symbols in the coded ID, where N_{ID} is the length of the coded ID.

Otherwise the cell recognises its state as primary.

The state of the cells (primary or non-primary) in the active set is updated synchronously. If a cell receives the last portion of the coded ID in uplink slot j , the state of cell is updated in downlink slot $(j+1+T_{os}) \bmod 15$, where T_{os} is defined as a constant of 2 time slots. The updating of the cell state is not influenced by the operation of downlink compressed mode.

At the UE, the primary ID code to be sent to the cells is segmented into a number of portions. These portions are distributed in the uplink FBI S-field. The cell in SSDT collects the distributed portions of the primary ID code and then detects the transmitted ID. The period of the primary cell update depends on the settings of the code length and the number of FBI bits assigned for SSDT use as shown in table 5.

Table 5: Period of primary cell update

code length	The number of FBI bits per slot assigned for SSDT	
	1	2
"long"	1 update per frame	2 updates per frame
"medium"	2 updates per frame	4 updates per frame
"short"	3 updates per frame	5 updates per frame

5.2.1.4.5 TPC procedure in the network

In SSDT, a non-primary cell can switch off its DPDCH output (i.e. no transmissions).

The cell manages two downlink transmission power levels, P1, and P2. Power level P1 is used for downlink DPCCH transmission power level and this level is updated in the same way with the downlink DPCCH power adjustment specified in 5.2.1.2.2 (for normal mode) and 5.2.1.3 (for compressed mode) regardless of the selected state (primary or non-primary). The actual transmission power of TFCI, TPC and pilot fields of DPCCH is set by adding P1 and the offsets PO1, PO2 and PO3, respectively, as specified in 5.2.1.1. P2 is used for downlink DPDCH transmission power level and this level is set to P1 if the cell is selected as primary, otherwise P2 is switched off. The cell updates P1 first and P2 next, and then the two power settings P1 and P2 are maintained within the power control dynamic range. Table 6 summarizes the updating method of P1 and P2.

Table 6: Updating of P1 and P2

State of cell	P1 (DPCCH)	P2 (DPDCH)
non primary	Updated in the same way with the downlink DPCCH power adjustment specified in 5.2.1.2.2 and 5.2.1.3	Switched off
primary		= P1

5.2.2 PDSCH

The PDSCH power control can be based on the following solutions, which are selectable, by the network:

- Inner-loop power control based on the power control commands sent by the UE on the uplink DPCCH.
- Slow power control.

UTRAN may use the SSdT signalling to determine what power offset to use for PDSCH with respect to the associated downlink DCH when more than one cell may be in the active set.

The PDSCH power offset value to be used with respect to the associated DCH depends on whether the cell transmitting PDSCH is determined to be a primary one or not.

The SSdT commands sent by the UE are averaged in UTRAN side over one or more frames. The averaging window length parameter as the number of frames to average over, *SSdT aveg window*, and the parameter for the required number of received primary SSdT commands, *SSdT primary commands*, during the averaging window for declaring primary status at a Node B are given by UTRAN. If the number of primary ID codes in the uplink received during the averaging window is less than the parameter *SSdT primary commands*, then Node B shall consider itself as non-primary and a power offset given for the non-primary case is added to the power value for the PDSCH frame for the given UE.