

# Exp-8:- Handoff

## Aim

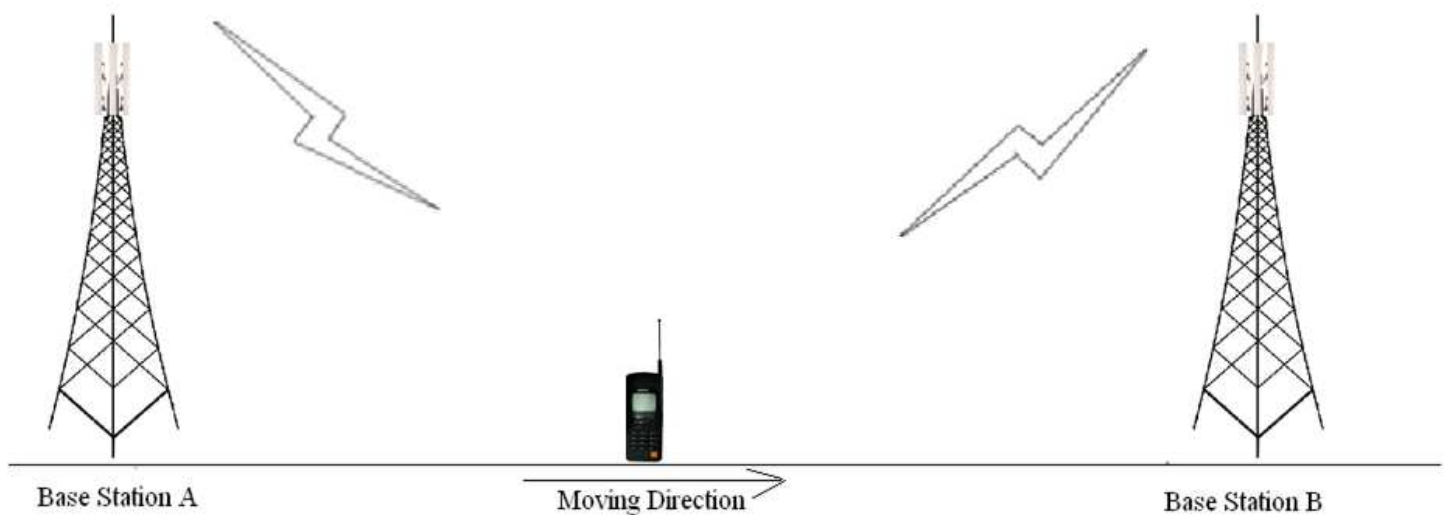
To understand the handoff mechanism.

## Objectives

To study the effect of handover threshold and margin on SINR and call drop probability and handoff probability.

## 1 Theory for Experiment 8:Handoff

consider the figure below Initially say the mobile M is quite close to the base station A and hence



receives signal strength from A  $P_{rx}^A > P_{rx}^B$ . As the mobile moves away from the base station. A and goes towards B then the signal strength from A keeps falling (pathloss increases). Let there be a minimum sensitivity level  $P_{rx}^0$  for the mobile, i.e. if the signal from the B.S. to which the mobile is connected falls below  $P_{rx}^0$  then the call drops. In order to prevent call drop the mobile monitors received signal strength from the neighboring 3-6 B.S.. These neighbouring 3-6 B.S. also monitor  $R_x$  signal strength from the M.S.

The mobile should get connected to B.S. which has the highest signal strength. However if the M.S. continuously attaches itself to the B.S. with instantaneous highest signal strength then the h/o rate may be very high in some condition.

Thus some hysteresis condition is used for h/o. If  $P_{rx}^T$  (T = target B.S.)  $> P_{rx}^h$  higher h/o threshold and  $\overline{P_{rx}^c}$  (c = current B.S.)  $< P_{rx}^l$  minimum h/o threshold. then execute h/o to  $B.S.^T$  from  $B.S.^c$ . Thus it is imperative to study the in part of

$$\Delta_{\gamma} = P_{rx}^h - P_{rx}^l$$

on the handoff process.

A successful handoff is one where the call gets from and continuous without brcall or in other words the høoccures before  $P_{r_x}^c$  becomes  $< P_{r_x}^0$ . If  $P_{r_x}^c < P_{r_x}^0$  then call drop event occurs.

One would like to minimize the no of handoff events as well as minimize call drop probability. The experiment providesw opportunity to study the inperent of these three parameter on hø.

Further the averaging window for calculating  $P_{r_x}^T$  and  $P_{r_x}^c$  also plays a role in the process. In the experiment small scale fading is not considered and hence the averaging taken into account only shadowing.

The person conducting the experiment is expected to study the impact of these on h/0. He/She is encouraged to respect the experiment for several serts of valuees of these parameters. these draw conculusion.