

Experiment 00

Followed [this](#) srsRAN tutorial to perform an S1 handover

Running Tests

1. Copy `configs/` to `~/config/srsran/`.
2. Run the enb1, enb2 and ue (see srsRAN/README.md file). This is simplified if you have a tmux session named `main` with a pane named `nodes`. This allows you to run `start_nodes.sh` (and variants) and `stop_nodes.sh`. This does not start the grc.
3. Start gnuradio with `uav_experiments.grc`, OR compile to python with `grcc uav_experiments.grc` and run with `python3`

Test 1 (using rr_enb1.conf and rr_enb2.conf)

1. Set enb1 multiply constant to a value such that the connected ue gives a `-68dBm` RSRP.
2. Increment the enb2 multiply constant, noting down its Neighbour RSRP given by the UE
3. Note when handover occurs.
4. Save the data in a csv, and run `Graph.ipynb`

Results

As with the paper @powellHandoverExperimentsUAVs2021, handover occurs when the neighbour RSRP is 3dB higher than the serving RSRP. This leads us to conclude that the standard hysteresis margin is 3dB in srsRAN.

Handover Experiments Paper Figure 4:

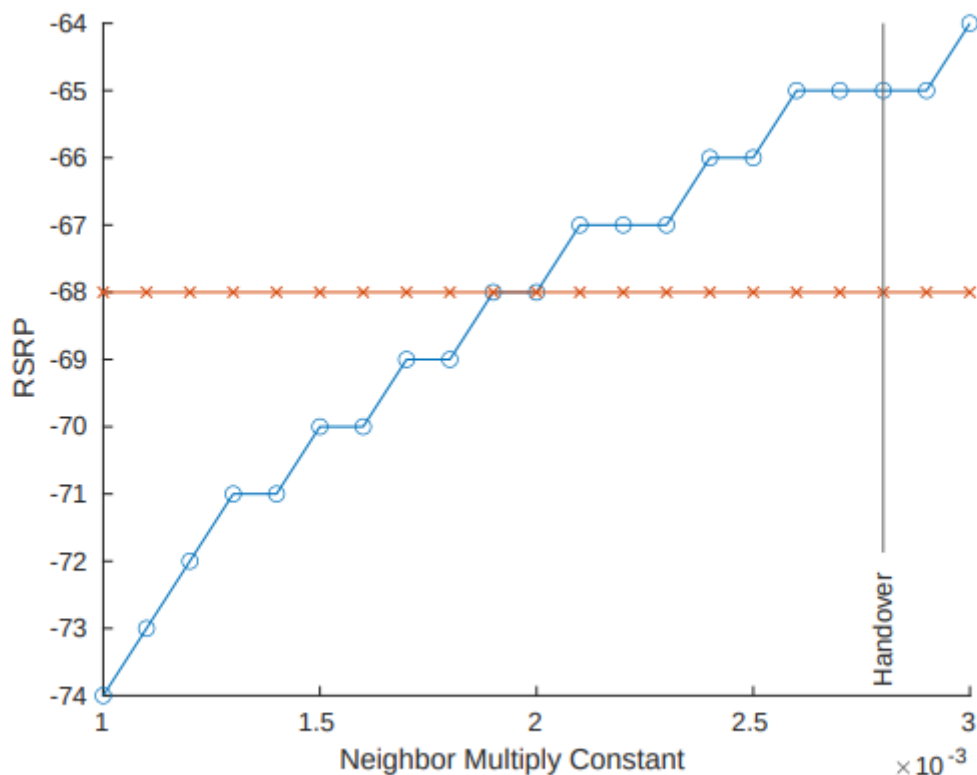
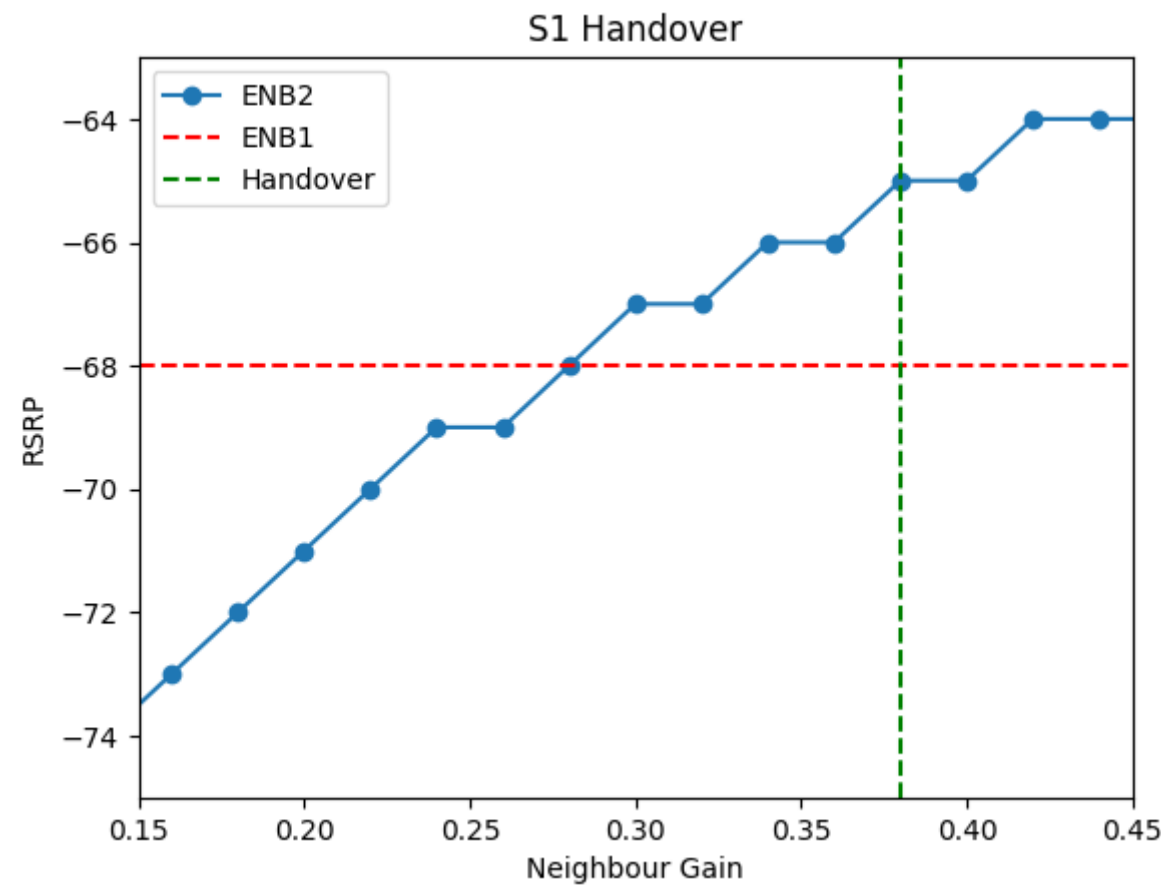


Fig. 4: S1 handover using ZMQ from local BS to neighbor.

Personal Results



Test 2 (updating **hysteresis** key)

Hypothesis: The `hysteresis` filed in the `rr.conf` files sets the hysteresis of the enb nodes

1. Create `rr_enb(1|2)_hyst(1|5).conf` files, with the only change being setting the hysteresis value to 1 and 5 respectively
2. Set enb1 multiply constant to a value such that the connected ue gives a `-68dBm` RSRP.
3. Increment the enb2 multiply constant, noting down its Neighbour RSRP given by the UE
4. Note when handover occurs.
5. Save the data in a csv, and run `Graph.ipynb`

Results

In the case where `hysteresis` is 1, handover still only occurs when neighbour is 3dB higher. In the case where `hysteresis` is 5, handover occurs at a 5dB margin.

New Hypothesis: Handover occurs at 3dB, or the `hysteresis` value, whichever is higher.

Test 3 (changing source)

Hypothesis: In the code there must be a 3dB offset to the added `hysteresis` value We are specifically looking at an A3 event. In the `srsRAN_4G` codebase, we find this code:

srsue/src/stack/rrc/rrc_meas.cc:864

```
case eutra_event_s::event_id_c::types::event_a3:
    Off = 0.5 * event_id.event_a3().a3_offset;
    enter_condition = Mn + Ofn + Ocn - hyst > Ms + OfS + Ocs + Off;
    exit_condition = Mn + Ofn + Ocn + hyst < Ms + OfS + Ocs + Off;
    break;
```

Here we can see there are multiple confounding variables. Variables suffixed with n are related to the target cell, -s related to source cell. Of is a frequency specific offset, and Oc is a cell specific offset. To determine which of the variables is at play, `Off` the A3 offset is set to zero (`Off = 0;`) and Test 1 is reran

Results

We now see handover occurring the moment the target cell has a higher RSRP. On further examination, the A3 offset is specified in the `rr.conf` file under `a3_offset = 6`. What is not currently understood is why the offset is halved in the code, along with the Hysteresis on line 794

```
double hyst = 0.5 * report_cfg.trigger_type.event().hysteresis;
```

Furthermore, the code seems to exist in the `srsue` component, however handover is triggered by the enb. To investigate further.

This disproves previous hypotheses, and can confirm that the handover occurs when

$$RSRP_{Target} - RSRP_{Source} > Hysteresis + A3\ Offset + Of + Oc$$

where
$$\text{Of} \&= \text{Frequency Offset} \text{Target} - \text{Frequency Offset} \text{Source} \setminus \text{Oc} \&= \text{Cell Offset} \text{Target} - \text{Cell Offset} \text{Source}$$
 for the default setup, $\text{Of}=0$ and $\text{Oc}=0$

For the rest of the project, we will assume that A3 Offset, Of, and Oc are set to zero (or included in Hysteresis).

- [] TODO: Use cell specific offsets in the ML network outputs

Bibliograph

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