

Method and Device for Determining Detection Range of Control Channel in Multi-beam System

Technical Field

5 Embodiments of the present application relate to the field of communication, and more particularly, to a method and device for determining a detection range for a control channel in a multi-beam system.

Background

10 In a Long Term Evolution (LTE) system, a time domain position of a downlink control channel (PDCCH) is completely fixed, and is located in first few symbols of each 1ms subframe. A terminal device may receive the PDCCH only by a blind detection in these symbols.

15 However, a future communication system (e.g., 5th Generation, 5G) will introduce a multi-beam technology in a high frequency band ($> 6\text{GHz}$), i.e., a base station will transmit signals of multiple beams alternately in a time division manner, and only certain beams in each time unit will transmit signals to concentrate energies and expand coverage. Therefore, in one time period, there will be transmission periods of multiple PDCCHs and corresponding Physical Downlink Shared Channels (PDSCHs), and both start time and duration of
20 PDCCH/PDSCH of each beam are flexible, which results that a terminal device needs to detect a PDCCH in the whole time domain. This will lead to higher complexity of the terminal device and increase battery power consumption of the terminal device.

25 Therefore, it is necessary to provide a method for determining a detection range for a control channel in a multi-beam system, so as to reduce the complexity and the battery power consumption of the terminal device.

Summary

30 The present application provides a method and device for determining a detection range for a control channel in a multi-beam system, which may reduce complexity and battery power consumption of a terminal device.

In a first aspect, there is provided a method for determining a detection range for a control

channel in a multi-beam system, including: sending, by a network device, configuration information to a terminal device, wherein the configuration information is used for the terminal device to determine a time domain resource in which control channel detection is required within a target downlink time period according to the configuration information, wherein the time domain resource includes multiple time domain scheduling units.

According to the method for determining the detection range for the control channel in the multi-beam system of the present application, the network device sends the configuration information to the terminal device, so that the terminal device may determine the time domain resource in which the control channel detection is required according to the configuration information. Therefore, in the multi-beam system, the terminal device only needs to perform the detection of control channel on the time domain resource determined according to the configuration information, and those time domain resources (such as time domain scheduling units where synchronization signals or broadcast signals of other beams are located) on which a control channel of a current beam is determined not to exist, may be excluded through the configuration information, so that the terminal device avoids detecting these part of time domain resources, thereby reducing the complexity and the battery power consumption of the terminal device.

In combination with the first aspect, in one implementation of the first aspect, the configuration information is used for indicating a first time domain resource within the target downlink time period, the first time domain resource includes multiple first sub-time domain resources, and each first sub-time domain resource does not include a synchronization signal or a broadcast channel.

In combination with the first aspect and the implementation thereof, in another implementation of the first aspect, time domain resources except the first time domain resource within the target downlink time period all include a synchronization signal and a broadcast channel; wherein, sending, by the network device, the configuration information to the terminal device, includes: sending, by the network device, system information to the terminal device, wherein the system information includes the configuration information; or, sending, by the network device, the configuration information to the terminal device through a broadcast channel.

In combination with the first aspect and the implementation thereof, in another implementation of the first aspect, partial time domain resources in time domain resources except the first time domain resource within the target downlink time period do not include a

synchronization signal or a broadcast channel; wherein, sending, by the network device, the configuration information to the terminal device, includes: sending, by the network device, a high layer signaling to the terminal device, wherein the high layer signaling includes the configuration information; or, sending, by the network device, downlink control information (DCI) to the terminal device, wherein the DCI includes the configuration information; or, sending, by the network device, the configuration information to the terminal device through a downlink control channel or a downlink data channel.

In combination with the first aspect and the implementation thereof, in another implementation of the first aspect, the multiple first sub-time domain resources are continuous; or at least two of the multiple first sub-time domain resources are discontinuous.

In combination with the first aspect and the implementation thereof, in another implementation of the first aspect, the configuration information includes at least one of starting position information, time domain length information, and ending position information, wherein the starting position information is used for indicating a starting position of a first time domain resource or each first sub-time domain resource, the time domain length information is used for indicating a time domain length of the first time domain resource or each first sub-time domain resource, and the ending position information is used for the terminal device to determine an ending position of the first time domain resource or each first sub-time domain resource according to the ending position information.

In combination with the first aspect and the implementation thereof, in another implementation of the first aspect, the ending position information may indicate the ending position by indicating a time domain position of a switching point from downlink to uplink.

In combination with the first aspect and the implementation thereof, in another implementation of the first aspect, at least two pieces of information among information for carrying the starting position information, information for carrying the time domain length information, and information for carrying the ending position information are different; or, at least two channels among a channel for carrying the starting position information, a channel for carrying the time domain length information, and a channel for carrying the ending position information are different.

In combination with the first aspect and the implementation thereof, in another implementation of the first aspect, the configuration information is used for indicating a second time domain resource within the target downlink time period, and the second time domain resource includes a synchronization signal and a broadcast channel.

In combination with the first aspect and the implementation thereof, in another implementation of the first aspect, no synchronization signal or broadcast channel is included in time domain resources except the second time domain resource within the target downlink time period.

5 In a second aspect, there is provided a method for determining a detection range for a control channel in a multi-beam system, including: receiving, by a terminal device, configuration information sent by a network device, wherein the configuration information is used for the terminal device to determine a time domain resource in which control channel detection is required within a target downlink time period according to the configuration
10 information; and determining, by the terminal device, the time domain resource in which the control channel detection is required within the target downlink time period according to the configuration information, wherein the time domain resource includes multiple time domain scheduling units.

According to the method for determining the detection range for the control channel in the
15 multi-beam system according to the present application, the terminal device receives the configuration information sent by the network device and determines the time domain resource in which the control channel detection is required according to the configuration information. Therefore, in the multi-beam system, the terminal device only needs to perform the detection of control channel on the time domain resource determined according to the configuration
20 information, and those time domain resources (such as time domain scheduling units where synchronization signals or broadcast signals of other beams are located) on which a control channel of a current beam is determined not to exist, may be excluded through the configuration information, so that the terminal device avoids detecting these part of time domain resources, thereby reducing the complexity and the battery power consumption of the terminal device.

25 In combination with the second aspect, in one implementation of the second aspect, the configuration information is used for indicating a first time domain resource within the target downlink time period, the first time domain resource includes multiple first sub-time domain resources, and each first sub-time domain resource does not include a synchronization signal or a broadcast channel; wherein, determining, by the terminal device, the time domain resource in
30 which the control channel detection is required within the target downlink time period according to the configuration information, includes: determining, by the terminal device, the first time domain resource as the time domain resource in which the control channel detection is required.

In combination with the second aspect and the implementation thereof, in another implementation of the second aspect, time domain resources except the first time domain resource within the target downlink time period all include a synchronization signal and a broadcast channel; wherein receiving, by the terminal device, the configuration information sent by the network device includes: receiving, by the terminal device, system information sent by the network device, wherein the system information includes the configuration information; or, receiving, by the terminal device, the configuration information sent by the network device through a broadcast channel.

In combination with the second aspect and the implementation thereof, in another implementation of the second aspect, partial time domain resources in time domain resources except the first time domain resource within the target downlink time period do not include a synchronization signal or a broadcast channel; wherein receiving, by the terminal device, the configuration information sent by the network device includes: receiving, by the terminal device, a high layer signaling sent by the network device, wherein the high layer signaling includes the configuration information; or, receiving, by the terminal device, downlink control information (DCI) sent by the network device, wherein the DCI includes the configuration information; or, receiving, by the terminal device, the configuration information sent by the network device through a downlink control channel or a downlink data channel.

In combination with the second aspect and the implementation thereof, in another implementation of the second aspect, the multiple first sub-time domain resources are continuous; or at least two of the multiple first sub-time domain resources are discontinuous.

In combination with the second aspect and the implementation thereof, in another implementation of the second aspect, the configuration information includes at least one of starting position information, time domain length information, and ending position information, wherein the starting position information is used for indicating a starting position of a first time domain resource or each first sub-time domain resource, the time domain length information is used for indicating a time domain length of the first time domain resource or each first sub-time domain resource, and the ending position information is used for the terminal device to determine an ending position of the first time domain resource or each first sub-time domain resource according to the ending position information.

In combination with the second aspect and the implementation thereof, in another implementation of the second aspect, the ending position information may indicate the ending position by indicating a time domain position of a switching point from downlink to uplink, and

the method further includes: determining, by the terminal device, the time domain position of the switching point from the downlink to the uplink as the ending position of the first time domain resource.

5 In combination with the second aspect and the implementation thereof, in another implementation of the second aspect, at least two pieces of information among information for carrying the starting position information, information for carrying the time domain length information, and information for carrying the ending position information are different; or, at least two channels among a channel for carrying the starting position information, a channel for carrying the time domain length information, and a channel for carrying the ending position
10 information are different.

In combination with the second aspect and the implementation thereof, in another implementation of the second aspect, the configuration information is used for indicating a second time domain resource within the target downlink time period, and the second time domain resource includes a synchronization signal and a broadcast channel; wherein,
15 determining, by the terminal device, the time domain resource in which the control channel detection is required within the target downlink time period according to the configuration information, includes: determining, by the terminal device, a time domain resource except the second time domain resource within the target downlink time period as the time domain resource in which the control channel detection is required.

20 In combination with the second aspect and the implementation thereof, in another implementation of the second aspect, no synchronization signal or broadcast channel is included in time domain resources except the second time domain resource within the target downlink time period.

25 In a third aspect, a network device is provided for performing the method in the first aspect or any possible implementation of the first aspect. Specifically, the network device includes function modules for executing the method in the first aspect or in any possible implementation of the first aspect.

30 In a fourth aspect, a terminal device is provided or performing the method in the second aspect or any possible implementation of the second aspect. Specifically, the terminal device includes function modules for executing the method in the second aspect or in any possible implementation of the second aspect.

In a fifth aspect, a network device is provided. The network device includes a processor, a

memory, and a transceiver. The processor, the memory, and the transceiver communicate with each other through internal connection paths to transfer control and/or data signals so that the network device executes the method in the first aspect or any possible implementation of the first aspect.

5 In a sixth aspect, a terminal device is provided. The terminal device includes a processor, a memory, and a transceiver. The processor, the memory, and the transceiver communicate with each other through internal connection paths to transfer control and/or data signals so that the terminal device executes the method in the second aspect or any possible implementation of the second aspect.

10 In a seventh aspect, a computer readable medium is provided for storing a computer program. The computer program includes instructions used for executing the first aspect or any possible implementation of the first aspect.

15 In an eighth aspect, a computer readable medium is provided for storing a computer program. The computer program includes instructions used for executing the second aspect or any possible implementation of the second aspect.

Brief Description of Drawings

FIG. 1 is a schematic flow chart for determining a detection range for a control channel in a multi-beam system according to an embodiment of the present application.

20 FIG. 2 is a schematic diagram of a method for determining a detection range for a control channel in a multi-beam system according to another embodiment of the present application.

FIG. 3 is a schematic diagram of a method for determining a detection range for a control channel in a multi-beam system according to yet another embodiment of the present application.

25 FIG. 4 is a schematic diagram of a method for determining a detection range for a control channel in a multi-beam system according to yet another embodiment of the present application.

30 FIG. 5 is a schematic diagram of a method for determining a detection range for a control channel in a multi-beam system according to yet another embodiment of the present application.

FIG. 6 is a schematic diagram of a method for determining a detection range for a control channel in a multi-beam system according to yet another embodiment of the present

application.

FIG. 7 is a schematic diagram of a method for determining a detection range for a control channel in a multi-beam system according to yet another embodiment of the present application.

5 FIG. 8 is a schematic diagram of a method for determining a detection range for a control channel in a multi-beam system according to yet another embodiment of the present application.

10 FIG. 9 is a schematic diagram of a method for determining a detection range for a control channel in a multi-beam system according to yet another embodiment of the present application.

FIG. 10 is a schematic diagram of a method for determining a detection range for a control channel in a multi-beam system according to yet another embodiment of the present application.

15 FIG. 11 is a schematic diagram of a method for determining a detection range for a control channel in a multi-beam system according to yet another embodiment of the present application.

FIG. 12 is a schematic flow chart of a method for determining a detection range for a control channel in a multi-beam system according to yet another embodiment of the present application.

20 FIG. 13 is a schematic block diagram of a network device according to an embodiment of the present application.

FIG. 14 is a schematic block diagram of a terminal device according to an embodiment of the present application.

25 FIG. 15 is a schematic block diagram of a network device according to another embodiment of the present application.

FIG. 16 is a schematic block diagram of a terminal device according to another embodiment of the present application.

Detailed Description

30 Technical solutions in embodiments of the present application will be clearly and completely described below with reference to the drawings in the embodiments of the present

application.

The technical solutions of the embodiments of the present application may be applied to various communication systems, such as, a Global System of Mobile communication (GSM) system, a Code Division Multiple Access (CDMA) system, a Wideband Code Division
 5 Multiple Access (WCDMA) system, General Packet Radio Service (GPRS) system, a Long Term Evolution (LTE) system, a LTE Frequency Division Duplex (FDD) system, a LTE Time Division Duplex (TDD) system, a Universal Mobile Telecommunication System (UMTS) or a Worldwide Interoperability for Microwave Access (WiMAX) communication system, a future Fifth-Generation (5G) system, or a New Radio (NR) system.

10 In the embodiments of the present application, a terminal device may include, but not limited to, a Mobile Station (MS), a mobile terminal, a mobile phone, a User Equipment (UE), a handset, a portable equipment, or a vehicle, and so on. The terminal device may communicate with one or more core networks through a radio access network (RAN). For example, the terminal device may be a mobile phone (or referred to as "cellular" phone), or a computer with
 15 wireless communication functions, or the terminal device may be a portable, pocket, handheld, computer built-in, or vehicle-mounted mobile apparatus.

A network device involved in the embodiments of the present application is an apparatus deployed in a wireless access network to provide wireless communication functions for a terminal device. The network device may be a base station, which may include various forms of
 20 macro base stations, micro base stations, relay stations, access points, etc. In systems adopting different radio access technologies, names of devices with functionality of a base station may be different. For example, in a LTE network, it is called evolved NodeB (eNB or eNodeB), and in a 3rd Generation (3G) network, it is called Node B.

FIG. 1 shows a method for determining a detection range for a control channel in a
 25 multi-beam system according to an embodiment of the present application. As shown in FIG. 1, the method 100 includes act S110.

In S110, a network device sends configuration information to a terminal device, the configuration information is used for the terminal device to determine a time domain resource in which control channel detection is required within a target downlink time period according to
 30 the configuration information, and the time domain resource includes multiple time domain scheduling units.

According to the method for determining the detection range for the control channel in the

multi-beam system of the embodiment of the present application, the network device sends the configuration information to the terminal device, so that the terminal device may determine the time domain resource in which the control channel detection is required according to the configuration information. Therefore, in the multi-beam system, the terminal device only needs
5 to perform the detection of control channel on the time domain resource determined according to the configuration information, and those time domain resources (such as time domain scheduling units where synchronization signals or broadcast signals of other beams are located) on which a control channel of current beam is determined not to exist, may be excluded through the configuration information, so that the terminal device avoids detecting these time
10 domain resources, thereby reducing the complexity and the battery power consumption of the terminal device.

It should be noted that a time domain scheduling unit in S110 refers to a slot or a mini-slot.

Optionally, in S110, the configuration information is used for indicating a first time domain resource within a target downlink time period, the first time domain resource includes
15 multiple first sub-time domain resources, and each first sub-time domain resource does not include a synchronization signal or a broadcast channel.

Optionally, the multiple first sub-time domain resources are continuous; or at least two of the multiple first sub-time domain resources are discontinuous.

Further, time domain resources except the first time domain resource within the target
20 downlink time period all include a synchronization signal and a broadcast channel. That is, the first time domain resource includes all time domain resources that do not include a synchronization signal or a broadcast channel within the target downlink time period. In this case, a network device may send configuration information to a terminal device through system information. Or, the network device sends configuration information to the terminal device
25 through a broadcast channel.

Moreover, in some embodiments, the configuration information includes at least one of starting position information, time domain length information, and ending position information, wherein the starting position information is used for indicating a starting position of a first time domain resource or each first sub-time domain resource, the time domain length information is
30 used for indicating a time domain length of the first time domain resource or each first sub-time domain resource, and the ending position information is used for the terminal device to determine an ending position of the first time domain resource or each first sub-time domain resource according to the ending position information.

Optionally, as one embodiment, the ending position information may indicate the ending position by indicating a time domain position of a switching point from downlink to uplink.

Optionally, the starting position and/or time domain length and/or ending position may be in a unit of a slot and/or a mini-slot and/or a symbol. Or the starting position and/or ending position may be a relative position with respect to a certain synchronization signal or broadcast channel, or may be a relative position with respect to a subframe or a slot boundary. The time domain position of the switching point from downlink to uplink may be in a unit of a slot and/or a mini-slot and/or a symbol.

For example, assuming that a network device sends a signal to a terminal device through three beams, and a Synchronization Signal (SS) Block 1, SS Block 2, and SS Block3 constitute an SS Burst. As shown in FIG. 2, a SS block may not connect pure data time periods before and after, or as shown in FIG. 3, a SS Block connects pure data time periods before and after. The network device sends configuration information through System Information (SI) in a Physical Broadcast Channel (PBCH) or a Physical Downlink Shared Channel (PDSCH) in the SS Block 2, to indicate which time domain resources do not include a SS Block, i.e. a range of Downlink (DL) Burst, during a downlink time period shown in FIG. 2 or FIG. 3. Specifically, the configuration information indicates a starting point and/or an ending point of the DL Burst and/or a switching point from downlink to uplink, and after the switching point from the downlink to the uplink, uplink transmission will be performed, which corresponds to a uplink (UL) Burst. It may be understood that, when the DL Burst extends to end of the entire downlink time period, indicating a position of the switching point from downlink to uplink is equivalent to indicating an ending position of the DL Burst.

It should be noted that the manner of sending configuration information through system information usually indicates a time domain range of the entire DL Burst, i.e. all time domain resources that do not include a SS Block. And the network device sending configuration information through system information may inform all terminal devices of the whole beam of a time domain resource which does not include a SS Block in a broadcast manner. However, since the system information may only be updated semi-statically, the manner of sending configuration information through system information is more suitable for a scene with a semi-static change in a time domain resource which does not include a SS Block, for example, a scene with fixed or a semi-static change in a time domain resource which does not include a SS Block of which a starting position is mainly affected by a length of a SS Burst.

In the embodiment of the present application, optionally, partial time domain resources in

time domain resources except the first time domain resource within the target downlink time period do not include a synchronization signal or a broadcast channel. That is, the first time domain resource may include a part of time domain resources that do not include a synchronization signal or a broadcast channel within the target downlink time period. In this case, the network device sends configuration information to the terminal device through a high layer signaling (for example, a Radio Resource Control (RRC) signaling) or Downlink Control Information (DCI). Or the network device sends configuration information to the terminal device through a downlink control channel or a downlink data channel.

It should be noted that, in a case that the first time domain resource includes the part of the time domain resources that do not include the synchronization signal or the broadcast channel within the target downlink time period, for the entire cell, time domain resources for a terminal device that has not received the configuration information to perform control channel detections are all time domain resources that do not include a synchronization signal or a broadcast channel within the target downlink time period, while a time domain resource for the terminal device that has received the configuration information to perform control channel detection is the first time domain resource indicated by the configuration information.

For example, assuming that a network device sends a signal to a terminal device through three beams, SS Block 1, SS Block 2, and SS Block 3 constitute a SS Burst. As shown in FIG. 4, a SS block may not connect pure data time periods before and after, or as shown in FIG. 5, a SS Block connects pure data time periods before and after. The network device sends the configuration information through DCI and may indicate a time domain range of the entire DL Burst or a part of a range of the DL Burst. It may be understood that the network device sending the configuration information through the DCI may inform a specific terminal device of a time domain resource which does not include a SS Block in a unicast manner, so that the specific terminal device performs control channel detection on a time domain resource indicated by the configuration information. Moreover, since the DCI may be dynamically updated, the method of sending configuration information through DCI is more suitable for a scene with a dynamic change in a time domain resource which does not include a SS Block, such as a scene with a change in a position of an ending point of a time domain resource which does not include a SS Block or a position of a switching point from downlink to uplink.

Or, assuming that a network device sends a signal to a terminal device through three beams, SS Block 1, SS Block 2, and SS Block 3 constitute a SS Burst. As shown in FIG. 6, a SS block may not connect pure data time periods before and after, or as shown in FIG. 7, a SS

Block connects pure data time periods before and after. The network device sends configuration information through an RRC signaling. The network device may indicate a time domain range of the entire DL Burst through the RRC signaling, and may indicate a part of a range of the DL Burst. Similarly, the network device sending configuration information through the RRC signaling may inform a specific terminal device of a time domain resource which does not include a SS Block in a unicast manner, and the specific terminal device performs the detection of control channel on a time domain resource indicated by the configuration information. Similar to the method of sending the configuration information through the SI, an RRC signaling may only be updated semi-statically, so the method of sending the configuration information through the RRC signaling is more suitable for a scene with a semi-static changes in a time domain resource that does not include a SS Block, for example, a scene with fixed or a semi-static change in a time domain resource which does not include a SS Block of which a starting position is mainly affected by a length of a SS Burst.

In the embodiment of the present application, optionally, at least two pieces of information among information for carrying the starting position information, information for carrying the time domain length information, and information for carrying the ending position information are different. That is, the starting position information, the time domain length information, and the ending position information may be sent through different types of information. For example, starting point position information is sent through SI or an RRC signaling, and time domain length information and ending point position information are sent through DCI.

Or, at least two channels among a channel for carrying the starting position information, a channel for carrying the time domain length information, and a channel for carrying the ending position information are different. That is, the starting position information, the time domain length information, and the ending position information may be sent through different channels.

For example, assuming that a network device sends a signal to a terminal device through three beams, SS Block 1, SS Block 2, and SS Block 3 constitute a SS Burst. As shown in FIG. 8, a SS block may not connect pure data time periods before and after, or as shown in FIG. 9, a SS Block connects pure data time periods before and after. The network device indicates a starting position of a time domain resource that does not include a SS Block through SI or an RRC signaling, and indicates an ending position of a time domain resource that does not include a SS Block or a position of switching point from downlink to uplink through DCI.

Optionally, in S110, the configuration information is used for indicating a second time domain resource within a target downlink time period, and the second time domain resource

includes a synchronization signal and a broadcast channel. Thus, the terminal device determines a time domain resource for control channel detection according to the second time domain resource.

Further, no synchronization signal or broadcast channel is included in time domain resources except the second time domain resource within the target downlink time period. That is, the second time domain resource includes all synchronization signals and broadcast channels within the target downlink time period.

For example, assuming that a network device sends a signal to a terminal device through three beams, SS Block 1, SS Block 2, and SS Block 3 constitute a SS Burst. As shown in FIG. 10, a SS block may not connect pure data time periods before and after, or as shown in FIG. 11, a SS Block connects pure data time periods before and after. The network device indicates a SS Burst through SI, and the terminal device may calculate a range of a time domain resource that does not include a SS Block after obtaining a time domain range of the SS Burst.

The method for determining a detection range for a control channel in a multi-beam system according to the embodiment of the present application has been described in detail from the network device side with reference to FIGs. 1 to 11. Next, a method for determining a detection range for a control channel in a multi-beam system according to an embodiment of the present application will be described in detail from the terminal device side with reference to FIG. 12. It should be understood that an interaction between the terminal device and the network device described by the terminal device side is the same as that described by the network device side, and relevant descriptions are omitted appropriately to avoid repetition.

FIG. 12 shows a method for determining a detection range for a control channel in a multi-beam system according to yet another embodiment of the present application. As shown in FIG. 12, the method 200 includes acts S210 and S220.

In S210, a terminal device receives configuration information sent by a network device, and the configuration information is used for the terminal device to determine a time domain resource in which control channel detection is required within a target downlink time period according to the configuration information.

In S220, the terminal device determines the time domain resource in which the control channel detection is required within the target downlink time period according to the configuration information, and the time domain resource includes multiple time domain scheduling units.

According to the method for determining the detection range for the control channel in the multi-beam system according to the embodiment of the present application, the terminal device receives the configuration information sent by the network device and determines the time domain resource in which the control channel detection is required according to the configuration information. Therefore, in the multi-beam system, the terminal device only needs to perform the detection of control channel on the time domain resource determined according to the configuration information, and those time domain resources (such as time domain scheduling units where synchronization signals or broadcast signals of other beams are located) on which a control channel of a current beam is determined not to exist, may be excluded through the configuration information, so that the terminal device avoids detecting these part of time domain resources, thereby reducing the complexity and the battery power consumption of the terminal device.

In the embodiment of the present application, optionally, the configuration information is used for indicating a first time domain resource within the target downlink time period, the first time domain resource includes multiple first sub-time domain resources, and each first sub-time domain resource does not include a synchronization signal or a broadcast channel.

The act S220 specifically is: the terminal device determines the first time domain resource as a time domain resource in which the control channel detection is required.

In the embodiment of the present application, optionally, time domain resources except the first time domain resource within the target downlink time period all include a synchronization signal and a broadcast channel.

The act S210 specifically is: the terminal device receives system information sent by the network device, and the system information includes the configuration information; or, the terminal device receives the configuration information sent by the network device through a broadcast channel.

In the embodiment of the present application, optionally, partial time domain resources in time domain resources except the first time domain resource within the target downlink time period do not include a synchronization signal or a broadcast channel.

The act S210 specifically is: the terminal device receives a high layer signaling sent by the network device, and the high layer signaling includes the configuration information; or, the terminal device receives downlink control information (DCI) sent by the network device, and the DCI includes the configuration information; or, the terminal device receives the

configuration information sent by the network device through a downlink control channel or a downlink data channel.

5 In the embodiment of the present application, optionally, the multiple first sub-time domain resources are continuous; or at least two of the multiple first sub-time domain resources are discontinuous.

10 In the embodiment of the present application, the configuration information includes at least one of starting position information, time domain length information, and ending position information, wherein the starting position information is used for indicating a starting position of a first time domain resource or each first sub-time domain resource, the time domain length information is used for indicating a time domain length of the first time domain resource or each first sub-time domain resource, and the ending position information is used for the terminal device to determine an ending position of the first time domain resource or each first sub-time domain resource according to the ending position information.

15 In the embodiment of the present application, optionally, the ending position information may indicate the ending position by indicating a time domain position of a switching point from downlink to uplink, and the method 200 further includes: the terminal device determines the time domain position of the switching point from the downlink to the uplink as the ending position of the first time domain resource.

20 In the embodiment of the present application, optionally, at least two pieces of information among information for carrying the starting position information, information for carrying the time domain length information, and information for carrying the ending position information are different; or, at least two channels among a channel for carrying the starting position information, a channel for carrying the time domain length information, and a channel for carrying the ending position information are different.

25 In the embodiment of the present application, optionally, the configuration information is used for indicating a second time domain resource within the target downlink time period, and the second time domain resource includes a synchronization signal and a broadcast channel.

30 The act S220 specifically is: the terminal device determines a time domain resource except the second time domain resource within the target downlink time period as a time domain resource in which the control channel detection is required.

In the embodiment of the present application, optionally, no synchronization signal or broadcast channel is included in time domain resources except the second time domain resource

within the target downlink time period.

The method for determining the detection range for the control channel in the multi-beam system according to the embodiment of the present application has been described in detail above with reference to FIGs. 1 to 12. A network device according to an embodiment of the present application will be described in detail below with reference to FIG. 13. As shown in FIG. 13, the network device 10 includes a processing module 11 and a transceiving module 12.

The processing module 11 is used for generating configuration information, wherein the configuration information is used for the terminal device to determine a time domain resource in which control channel detection is required within a target downlink time period according to the configuration information, wherein the time domain resource includes multiple time domain scheduling units.

The transceiving module 12 is used for sending the configuration information to the terminal device.

The network device according to the embodiment of the present application sends the configuration information to the terminal device, so that the terminal device may determine the time domain resource in which the control channel detection is required according to the configuration information. Therefore, in the multi-beam system, the terminal device only needs to perform the detection of control channel on the time domain resource determined according to the configuration information, and those time domain resources (such as time domain scheduling units where synchronization signals or broadcast signals of other beams are located) on which a control channel of a current beam is determined not to exist, may be excluded through the configuration information, so that the terminal device avoids detecting these part of time domain resources, thereby reducing the complexity and the battery power consumption of the terminal device.

In the embodiment of the present application, optionally, the configuration information is used for indicating a first time domain resource within the target downlink time period, the first time domain resource includes multiple first sub-time domain resources, and each first sub-time domain resource does not include a synchronization signal or a broadcast channel.

In the embodiment of the present application, optionally, time domain resources except the first time domain resource within the target downlink time period all include a synchronization signal and a broadcast channel.

The transceiving module 12 is specifically used for sending system information to the

terminal device, wherein the system information includes the configuration information; or sending the configuration information to the terminal device through a broadcast channel.

In the embodiment of the present application, optionally, partial time domain resources in time domain resources except the first time domain resource within the target downlink time
5 period do not include a synchronization signal or a broadcast channel.

The transceiving module 12 is specifically used for: sending a high layer signaling to the terminal device, wherein the high layer signaling includes the configuration information; or, sending downlink control information (DCI) to the terminal device, wherein the DCI includes the configuration information; or, sending the configuration information to the terminal device
10 through a downlink control channel or a downlink data channel.

In the embodiment of the present application, optionally, the multiple first sub-time domain resources are continuous; or at least two of the multiple first sub-time domain resources are discontinuous.

In the embodiment of the present application, the configuration information includes at
15 least one of starting position information, time domain length information, and ending position information, wherein the starting position information is used for indicating a starting position of a first time domain resource or each first sub-time domain resource, the time domain length information is used for indicating a time domain length of the first time domain resource or each first sub-time domain resource, and the ending position information is used for the
20 terminal device to determine an ending position of the first time domain resource or each first sub-time domain resource according to the ending position information.

In the embodiment of the present application, optionally, the ending position information may indicate the ending position by indicating a time domain position of a switching point from downlink to uplink.

In the embodiment of the present application, optionally, at least two pieces of information among information for carrying the starting position information, information for carrying the time domain length information, and information for carrying the ending position information are different; or, at least two channels among a channel for carrying the starting position information, a channel for carrying the time domain length information, and a channel for
25 carrying the ending position information are different.
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In the embodiment of the present application, optionally, the configuration information is used for indicating a second time domain resource within the target downlink time period, and

the second time domain resource includes a synchronization signal and a broadcast channel.

In the embodiment of the present application, optionally, no synchronization signal or broadcast channel is included in time domain resources except the second time domain resource within the target downlink time period.

5 The network device according to the embodiment of the present application may refer to a flow of the method 100 corresponding to the embodiment of the present application, and various units/modules in the network device and the other operations and/or functions are respectively in order to realize the corresponding flow in the method 100, and will not be repeated here for brevity.

10 FIG. 14 shows a terminal device according to an embodiment of the present application. As shown in FIG. 14, the terminal device 20 includes a transceiving module 21 and a processing module 22.

15 The transceiving module 21 is used for receiving configuration information sent by a network device, wherein the configuration information is used for the terminal device to determine a time domain resource in which control channel detection is required within a target downlink time period according to the configuration information.

20 The processing module 22 is used for determining the time domain resource in which the control channel detection is required within the target downlink time period according to the configuration information, wherein the time domain resource includes multiple time domain scheduling units.

25 The terminal device according to the embodiment of the present application receives the configuration information sent by the network device and determines the time domain resource in which the control channel detection is required according to the configuration information. Therefore, in the multi-beam system, the terminal device only needs to perform the detection of control channel on the time domain resource determined according to the configuration information, and those time domain resources (such as time domain scheduling units where synchronization signals or broadcast signals of other beams are located) on which a control channel of a current beam is determined not to exist, may be excluded through the configuration information, so that the terminal device avoids detecting these part of time domain resources, thereby reducing the complexity and the battery power consumption of the terminal device.

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In the embodiment of the present application, optionally, the configuration information is used for indicating a first time domain resource within the target downlink time period, the first

time domain resource includes multiple first sub-time domain resources, and each first sub-time domain resource does not include a synchronization signal or a broadcast channel; the processing module 22 is specifically used for: determining the first time domain resource as the time domain resource in which the control channel detection is required.

5 In the embodiment of the present application, optionally, time domain resources except the first time domain resource within the target downlink time period all include a synchronization signal and a broadcast channel.

10 The transceiving module 21 is specifically used for: receiving system information sent by the network device, wherein the system information includes the configuration information; or, receiving the configuration information sent by the network device through a broadcast channel.

In the embodiment of the present application, optionally, partial time domain resources in time domain resources except the first time domain resource within the target downlink time period do not include a synchronization signal or a broadcast channel.

15 The transceiving module 21 is specifically used for: receiving a high layer signaling sent by the network device, wherein the high layer signaling includes the configuration information; or, receiving downlink control information (DCI) sent by the network device, wherein the DCI includes the configuration information; or, receiving the configuration information sent by the network device through a downlink control channel or a downlink data channel.

20 In the embodiment of the present application, optionally, the multiple first sub-time domain resources are continuous; or at least two of the multiple first sub-time domain resources are discontinuous.

25 In the embodiment of the present application, the configuration information includes at least one of starting position information, time domain length information, and ending position information, wherein the starting position information is used for indicating a starting position of a first time domain resource or each first sub-time domain resource, the time domain length information is used for indicating a time domain length of the first time domain resource or each first sub-time domain resource, and the ending position information is used for the terminal device to determine an ending position of the first time domain resource or each first
30 sub-time domain resource according to the ending position information.

In the embodiment of the present application, optionally, the ending position information indicates the ending position by indicating a time domain position of a switching point from

downlink to uplink, and the processing module 22 is further used for determining the time domain position of the switching point from the downlink to the uplink as the ending position of the first time domain resource.

In the embodiment of the present application, optionally, at least two pieces of information among information for carrying the starting position information, information for carrying the time domain length information, and information for carrying the ending position information are different; or, at least two channels among a channel for carrying the starting position information, a channel for carrying the time domain length information, and a channel for carrying the ending position information are different.

In the embodiment of the present application, optionally, the configuration information is used for indicating a second time domain resource within the target downlink time period, and the second time domain resource includes a synchronization signal and a broadcast channel.

The processing module 22 is specifically used for: determining a time domain resource except the second time domain resource within the target downlink time period as a time domain resource in which the control channel detection is required.

In the embodiment of the present application, optionally, no synchronization signal or broadcast channel is included in time domain resources except the second time domain resource within the target downlink time period.

The terminal device according to the embodiment of the present application may refer to a flow of the method 200 corresponding to the embodiment of the present application, and various units/modules in the terminal device and the other operations and/or functions are respectively in order to realize the corresponding flow in the method 200, and will not be repeated here for brevity.

FIG. 15 shows a network device according to another embodiment of the present application. As shown in FIG. 15, the terminal device 100 includes a processor 110 and a transceiver 120, and the processor 110 is connected to the transceiver 120. Optionally, the terminal device 100 further includes a memory 130, and the memory 130 is connected to the processor 110. Herein, the processor 110, the memory 130, and the transceiver 120 may communicate with each other through internal connection paths. The processor 110 is used for generating configuration information, wherein the configuration information is used for a terminal device to determine a time domain resource in which control channel detection is required within a target downlink time period according to the configuration information, and

the time domain resource includes multiple time domain scheduling units; and the transceiver 120 is used for sending the configuration information to the terminal device.

Therefore, the network device according to the embodiment of the present application sends the configuration information to the terminal device, so that the terminal device may
 5 determine the time domain resource in which the control channel detection is required according to the configuration information. Therefore, in the multi-beam system, the terminal device only needs to perform the detection of control channel on the time domain resource determined according to the configuration information, and those time domain resources (such as time domain scheduling units where synchronization signals or broadcast signals of other
 10 beams are located) on which a control channel of a current beam is determined not to exist, may be excluded through the configuration information, so that the terminal device avoids detecting these part of time domain resources, thereby reducing the complexity and the battery power consumption of the terminal device.

The network device 100 according to the embodiment of the present application may refer
 15 to the network device 10 corresponding to the embodiment of the present application, and various units/modules in the network device and the other operations and/or functions are respectively in order to realize the corresponding flow in the method 100, and will not be repeated here for brevity.

FIG. 16 shows a schematic block diagram of a terminal device according to another
 20 embodiment of the present application. As shown in FIG. 16, the terminal device 200 includes a processor 210 and a transceiver 220, the processor 210 is connected to the transceiver 220, and optionally, the terminal device 200 further includes a memory 230 connected to the processor 210. Herein, the processor 210, the memory 230, and the transceiver 220 may communicate with each other through internal connection paths. The transceiver 220 is used for receiving
 25 configuration information sent by a network device, and the configuration information is used for the terminal device to determine a time domain resource in which control channel detection is required within a target downlink time period according to the configuration information. The processor 210 is used for determining the time domain resource in which the control channel detection is required within the target downlink time period according to the configuration
 30 information, and the time domain resource includes multiple time domain scheduling units.

Therefore, the terminal device according to the embodiment of the present application receives the configuration information sent by the network device and determines the time domain resource in which the control channel detection is required according to the

configuration information. Therefore, in the multi-beam system, the terminal device only needs to perform the detection of control channel on the time domain resource determined according to the configuration information, and those time domain resources (such as time domain scheduling units where synchronization signals or broadcast signals of other beams are located) on which a control channel of a current beam is determined not to exist, may be excluded through the configuration information, so that the terminal device avoids detecting these part of time domain resources, thereby reducing the complexity and the battery power consumption of the terminal device.

The terminal device 200 according to the embodiment of the present application may refer to the terminal device 20 corresponding to the embodiment of the present application, and various units/modules in the terminal device and the other operations and/or functions are respectively in order to realize the corresponding flow in the method 200, and will not be repeated here for brevity.

It should be understood that the processor in the embodiments of the present application may be an integrated circuit chip with a capability for processing signals. The above processor may be a general purpose processor, a digital signal processor (DSP), an application specific integrated circuit (ASIC), a field programmable gate array (FPGA), or other programmable logic device, discrete gate or transistor logic device, or discrete hardware component. The processor may implement various methods, acts and logic block diagrams disclosed in embodiments of the present application. The general purpose processor may be a microprocessor, or the processor may be any conventional processor or the like.

It should be understood that the memory in the embodiments of the present application may be a transitory memory or non-transitory memory, or may include both transitory and non-transitory memory. The non-transitory memory may be a read-only memory (ROM), programmable ROM (PROM), an erasable programmable ROM (EPROM), an electrically erasable programmable ROM (EEPROM), or a flash memory. The transitory memory may be a random access memory (RAM) which serves as an external cache. As an example, but not as a limitation, many forms of RAMs are available, such as a static random access memory (SRAM), a dynamic random access memory (DRAM), a synchronous dynamic random access memory (SDRAM), a double data rate SDRAM (DDR SDRAM), an enhanced SDRAM (ESDRAM), a Synchlink DRAM (SLDRAM), and a Direct Rambus RAM (DR RAM). It should be noted that the memories of the systems and methods described herein are intended to include, but not limited to, these and any other suitable types of memories.

Those of ordinary skill in the art will recognize that the exemplary elements and algorithm acts described in combination with the embodiments disclosed herein can be implemented in electronic hardware, or a combination of computer software and electronic hardware. Whether these functions are implemented in hardware or software depends on the specific application and design constraints of the technical solution. Skilled artisans may use different methods to implement the described functions in respect to each particular application, but such implementation should not be considered to be beyond the scope of the present application.

Those skilled in the art may clearly understand that for convenience and conciseness of description, the specific working processes of the systems, apparatuses and units described above may refer to the corresponding processes in the method embodiments and will not be described here.

In several embodiments provided by the present application, it should be understood that the disclosed systems, apparatuses and methods may be implemented in other ways. For example, the apparatus embodiments described above are only illustrative, for example, the division of the units is only a logical function division, and there may be other division manners in actual implementation, for example, multiple units or components may be combined or integrated into another system, or some features may be ignored or not executed. On the other hand, the mutual coupling or direct coupling or communication connection shown or discussed may be indirect coupling or communication connection through some interface, apparatus or unit, and may be in electrical, mechanical or other forms.

The unit described as a separate component may or may not be physically separated, and the component shown as a unit may or may not be a physical unit, i.e., it may be located in one place or may be distributed over multiple network units. Some or all of the units may be selected according to actual needs to achieve the purpose of the embodiments.

In addition, various functional units in various embodiments of the present application may be integrated in one processing unit, or the various units may be physically present separately, or two or more units may be integrated in one unit.

The functions may be stored in a computer readable storage medium if realized in a form of software functional units and sold or used as a separate product. Based on this understanding, the technical solution of the present application, in essence, or the part contributing to the prior art, or the part of the technical solution, may be embodied in the form of a software product stored in a storage medium, including a number of instructions for causing a computer device (which may be a personal computer, a server, or a network device and the like) to perform all or

part of the acts of the method described in various embodiments of the present application. The aforementioned storage medium includes various media capable of storing program codes, such as a U disk, a mobile hard disk, a read-only memory (ROM), a random access memory (RAM), a magnetic disk, or an optical disk.

5 What are described above are merely exemplary embodiments of the present application, but the protection scope of the present application is not limited thereto. Any variation or substitution that may be easily conceived by a person skilled in the art within the technical scope disclosed by the present application shall be included within the protection scope of the present application. Therefore, the protection scope of the present application shall be
10 determined by the protection scope of the claims.

What is claimed is:

1. A method for determining a detection range for a control channel in a multi-beam system, comprising:

5 sending, by a network device, configuration information to a terminal device, wherein the configuration information is used for the terminal device to determine a time domain resource, except a second time domain resource, in which control channel detection is required within a target downlink time period according to the configuration information, and the time domain resource comprises multiple time domain scheduling units; and wherein the configuration information is used for indicating the second time domain resource within the target downlink
10 time period, the second time domain resource comprising a synchronization signal and a broadcast channel.

2. The method according to claim 1, wherein no synchronization signal or broadcast channel is included in time domain resources except the second time domain resource within the target downlink time period.

15 3. A method for determining a detection range for a control channel in a multi-beam system, comprising:

receiving, by a terminal device, configuration information sent by a network device, wherein the configuration information is used for the terminal device to determine a time domain resource in which control channel detection is required within a target downlink time
20 period according to the configuration information;

determining, by the terminal device, the time domain resource in which the control channel detection is required within the target downlink time period according to the configuration information, wherein the time domain resource comprises multiple time domain scheduling units; and wherein the configuration information is used for indicating a second time
25 domain resource within the target downlink time period, the second time domain resource comprising a synchronization signal and a broadcast channel;

wherein, determining, by the terminal device, the time domain resource in which the control channel detection is required within the target downlink time period according to the configuration information, comprises:

30 determining a time domain resource, except the second time domain resource within the target downlink time period, as the time domain resource in which the control channel detection is required.

4. The method according to claim 3, wherein no synchronization signal or broadcast channel is included in time domain resources except the second time domain resource within the target downlink time period.

5. A network device, comprising:

5 a processing module, used for generating configuration information, wherein the configuration information is used for a terminal device to determine a time domain resource, except a second time domain resource, in which control channel detection is required within a target downlink time period according to the configuration information, and the time domain resource comprises multiple time domain scheduling units;

10 a transceiving module, used for sending the configuration information to the terminal device; wherein the configuration information is used for indicating the second time domain resource within the target downlink time period, the second time domain resource comprising a synchronization signal and a broadcast channel.

15 6. The network device according to claim 5, wherein no synchronization signal or broadcast channel is included in time domain resources except the second time domain resource within the target downlink time period.

7. A terminal device, comprising:

20 a transceiving module, used for receiving configuration information sent by a network device, wherein the configuration information is used for the terminal device to determine a time domain resource in which control channel detection is required within a target downlink time period according to the configuration information.

25 a processing module, used for determining the time domain resource in which the control channel detection is required within the target downlink time period according to the configuration information, wherein the time domain resource comprises multiple time domain scheduling units; and wherein the configuration information is used for indicating a second time domain resource within the target downlink time period, the second time domain resource comprising a synchronization signal and a broadcast channel;

wherein the processing module is further configured to:

30 determine a time domain resource, except the second time domain resource, within the target downlink time period as the time domain resource in which the control channel detection is required.

8. The terminal device according to claim 7, wherein none of time domain resources except the second time domain resource within the target downlink time period comprises a synchronization signal or a broadcast channel.