Managing Future Radiomobile and Wireless Networks through Reconfigurable Radio Systems

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WiFi... 2G/3G... LTE... back to basic !

What is fundamental.... **QoS... Shared** Wireless Link User Terminal Total Wireless Capacity (Bit/s) **BackHauling Link Terminal Mobility** (m/s)BackHauling Capacity (Bit/s) Distance (m) Radio Station ...and.... Licenced / Unlicenced ✓ Indoor / Outdoor coverage **Radio Spectrum** ✓ "Radio Carrier" Frequency (GHz) ✓ Reliability ✓ Allocated Spectrum width (MHz) ✓ Security ✓ Radio Interference ✓ Radio Modulation Technology ✓ Standard ✓ Power constraints (Watt) ✓ Economic Sustainability ...

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Mobile Access: from BB (BroadBand) to UBB (Ultra BroadBand)

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Radiomobile spectrum







Band	Uplink (MHz)	Downlink (MHz)	Carrier Bandwidth (MHz)	Comments	
700 MHz	746-763	776-793	1.25 5 10 15 20	Digital Dividend. U.S. commercial spectrum auctioned Q108. "D" block to be re-auctioned. Potential future alignment with Europe	
AWS	1710-1755	2110-2155	1.25 5 10 15 20	U.S. Auctions completed September 2006	
IMT Extension (Paired)	2500-2570	2620-2690	1.25 5 10 15 20	Initially Western Europe. Offers a unique opportunity for the deployment of LTE in channels of up to 20 MHz.	
IMT Extension (Unpaired)	2570-2620		1.25 5 10 15 20	Potential for LTE –TDD in Europe and Asia Pac.	
GSM 900	880-915	925-960	1.25 5 10 15 20	Reallocate this spectrum to advanced networks, such as LTE, from 2009 onwards	
UMTS Core	1920-1980	2110-2170	1. <u>25 5 10 15 2</u> 0	Europe and Asia Pac. Potential for unused WCDMA carriers	
GSM 1800	1710-1785	1805-1880	1.25 5 10 15 20	Europe and Asia Pac. Refarm underutilized band along with GSM 900	
PCS 1900	1850-1910	1930-1990	1.25 5 10 15 20	U.S. Refarm after new 700 MHz and AWS spectrum is consumed.	
Cellular 850	824-849	869-894	1.25 5 10 15 20	U.S. Refarm after new 700 MHz and AWS spectrum is consumed.	
Digital Dividend	470-854		1.25 5 10 15 20	Identified at WRC-07.	





How much are the costs (Italy)?

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...and the radio performances?

System	Theoretic peak bit rate (Mbit/s)	Bandwidth (MHz)	Efficiency (bit/s/Hz)
EDGE	0,236	0,2	1,2
UMTS	0,384 *	5	0,5
HSDPA	1,8 ÷ 14,4	5	0,35 ÷ 2,9
(64QAM)	21	5	4,2
HSPA+			
(MIMO)	28	5	5,6
LTE	≈ 150 ÷ 300	20	7,5 ÷ 15

*seven data contemporary connections at 384 kbit/s each

Example: LTE frequencies and prices

German spectrum auction frequency allocation, May 2010

TOTAL **T-Mobile** Vodafone E-Plus TOTAL BAND **O2 Germany** Germany Germany Germany (MHz) (€m) 2 paired 2 paired blocks 2 paired blocks 3.576.4 60 800MHz blocks 2x5 2x5 2x5 3 paired 2 naired 1.8GHz blocks : 0.80 population 2GHz 0.70 0.60 4 pair MHz per blocks 1 0.50 2.6GHz 1 unpai 0.40 block 1 böd TOTAL 95 0.30 (MHz) Price (EUR TOTAL 0.20 1.299 (€m) 0.10 Sources: BNetz, Pyran 0.00 India France Germany Germany Germany Denmark 700MHz) Finland Norway Sweden Netherlands **USA** 2.1GHz 2.6GHz 800MHz

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Radiomobile networks: 3GPP releases



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Radiomobile networks – Common Radio Resource Management

Definition of traffic allocation strategies:

- Among different radio access strategies
- Inside the same radio technology, among different cellular layers



> Examples: voice on GSM, HSDPA data on F2, load sharing, ...

Radiomobile networks – Common Radio Resource Management



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♦ Traffic Steering

 Users/services segregation on different resources Load balancing

• Traffic balancing among resources in order to optimize the whole capacity



State of the art and near term evolution Radiomobile networks – Next Challenges



Self-Organization

Dynamic adaptation of parameters:

Self-Organizing Network (SON)

Real Time Planning System

Common RRM

Multi-RAT Access Network Static configuration of parameters





Riconfigurability

Flexible handling of ratio terminales in available bandwidths.

Software Defined Radio (SDR)

Cognitive Network

Adaptive network (including radio frequency: Dynamic Spectrum Management)





Self Organizing Networks

- From Wikipedia:
- The vision of self-organizing networks (SON), which is in line with the views of 3GPP (3rd Generation Partnership Project) and theNGMN (Next Generation Mobile Networks) group, is that future radio access networks needs to be easier to plan, configure, manage, optimize and heal compared to how it used to be
- Newly added base stations should be selfconfigured in line with a 'plug-and-play' paradigm, while all operational base stations will regularly self-optimize parameters and algorithmic behavior in response to observed network performance and radio conditions
- Self-healing mechanisms can be triggered to temporarily compensate for a detected equipment outage, while awaiting a more permanent solution





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WiMAX & 802.16



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Frequency	2.5 GHz	3.5 GHz	5.8 GHz
Allocation	Licensed	Licensed	Unlicensed/Light licensing
Countries	US Mexico Brazil Southeast Asia Korea (2.3 GHz)	Most countries	Most countries
Target	Operators	Operators	"Grass roots" ISPs

Source: WiMAX Forum.

WiMAX

♦ WiMax (IEEE 802.16)

- Adaptive Modulation & Coding
- Frequency selective scheduling

• Fractional frequency reuse









Mesh networks





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Unlicenced 2.4 and 5 GHz bandwidth



Industrial Scientific and Medical (ISM) Band

Only 3x20 Mhz non overlapping channels available (in practical implementations)



Personal Area Networks

RFID

NFC 802.15 radio standards

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802.15.4 & Zigbee



Figure 3.2: Operating frequency bands.





• Remote Metering

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Wifi & Zigbee

♦ Wifi (IEEE 802.11)

- Global operation in the 2.4GHz and 5GHz frequency
- Automatic frequency selection
- Adaptive Modulation & Coding
- > Zigbee (IEEE 802.15.4)
 - Global operation in the 2.4GHz frequency band according to IEEE 802.15.4
 - Regional operation in the 915Mhz (Americas) and 868Mhz (Europe).
 - Frequency agile solution operating over 16 channels in the 2.4GHz frequency
 - Discovery mechanism with full application confirmation
 - Pairing mechanism with full application confirmation







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Seamless Network





Scenario: multimode, multiband future





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Towards multimode, multiband Software Radio



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- Each radio interface is implemented through Integrated Circuits conceived for a set of specific functions
- Wireless device characteristics are fixed



Software Radio approach:

- the wireless terminal is reconfigurable via software
- It can be easily updated to new or later versions of the air interface and allows multiple interfaces to be supported

Software radio wireless terminal



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The physical platform is made of : Radio 1 Radio 1 Radio M 1) antennas; 2) front-end modules (filters, power ampl, etc.); Radio Operating System 3) RF transceiver; 4) baseband processors for (de)modulation; iter /inner /outer MAC RF face 5) baseband processors for (de)coding; 6) control processors for protocol stacks; Interconnect + distributed memory 7) application interface units

Such a radio computer is capable to run multiple radios simultaneously and can change this set of radios by loading new radio application software even at run-time

digital radio multiband multimode

Economic and effective upgrade of terminals and network infrasfructures

through download of software modules

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for "the process of thought" The term **cognition** (from latin

The cognitive concept

From Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia:

Cognition is the scientific term

cognoscere, "to know", "to conceptualize" or "to recognize") refers to a faculty for the processing of information, applying knowledge, and changing preferences





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Cognitive radio



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Joseph Mitola in 1999 introduced the following definition for CR:

the point in which wireless personal digital assistants (PDAs) and the related networks are sufficiently computationally intelligent about radio resources and related computer-to-computer communications to detect user communications needs as a function of use context, and to provide radio resources and wireless services most appropriate to those needs

Full Cognitive Radio: in which every possible parameter observable by a wireless node or network is taken into account



Capabilities of Cognitive Radio Networks



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Cognitive capabilities

- *Spectrum Sensing:* possibility to individuate spectrum holes
- Spectrum Sharing: possibility of sharing spectrum under the terms of an agreement between a licensee and a third party. Parties may eventually be able to negotiate for spectrum use on an ad hoc or real-time basis, without the need for prior agreements between all parties
- Location Identification: ability to determine the MT location and the location of other transmitters, and then select the appropriate operating parameters such as the power and frequency allowed at its location
- Network/System Discovery: for a cognitive radio terminal to determine the best way to communicate, it shall first discover available networks around it
- Service Discovery: service discovery usually accompanies with network/system discovery

Capabilities of Cognitive Radio Networks



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Frequency Agility: it is the ability of a radio to change its operating frequency
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- *Dynamic Frequency Selection:* it is a mechanism that dynamically detects signals from other radio frequency systems and avoids co-channel operation with those systems
- Adaptive Modulation/Coding: possibility of modifing transmission characteristics and waveforms to provide opportunities for improved spectrum access and more intensive use of spectrum
- Transmit Power Control: transmit power control is a feature that enables a device to dynamically switch between several transmission power levels in the data transmission process
- A Dynamic System/Network Access: for a cognitive radio terminal to access multiple communication systems/networks which run different protocols, the ability to reconfigure itself to be compatible with these systems is necessary





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Self-Organized capabilities

- Spectrum/Radio Resource Management: manage and organize spectrum holes information among cognitive radios
- Mobility and Connection Management: due to the heterogeneity of CRNs, routing and topology information is more and more complex. Good mobility and connection management can help neighborhood discovery, detect available Internet access and support vertical handoffs, which help cognitive radios to select route and networks
- Trust/Security Management: trust is thus a prerequisite for securing
 operations in CRNs.

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FCC, December 2003:

- Advances in technology are creating the potential for radio systems to use spectrum more intensively and more efficiently than in the past
- Cognitive radio technologies have the potential to provide a number of benefits that would result in increased access to spectrum and also make new and improved communication services available to the public
- FCC indicates four different application scenarios:
- Scenario 1: Licensed Networks
 - A licencee operator uses Cognitive Radio Technologies inside its network to increase the efficient use of radio resource





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Near Real Time Secondary Markets

- In the electric power industry there is an hour-to-hour market for power exchange
- Should we remove any barriers to such a market in the commercial spectrum area?
- Such a market might require:
 - An exchange mechanism to bring buyers and sellers together
 - A standard definition for what is being bought and sold
 - A real time spectrum management monitor to insure compliance





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Scenario 4: non voluntary third party access

 Unlicenced cognitive radio terminals operate in times and zones where licenced spectrum is underutilized





- On November 4, 2008, the FCC voted 5-0 to approve the unlicensed use of white space devices must both consult an FCC-mandated database to determine which channels are available for use at a given location, and must also monitor the spectrum locally once every minute to confirm that no legacy wireless microphones, video assist devices or other emitters are present. If a single transmission is detected, the device may not transmit anywhere within the entire 6 MHz channel in which the transmission was received
- On September 23, 2010 the FCC released a Memorandum Opinion and Order that determined the final rules for the use of white space for unlicensed wireless devices. The new rules removed mandatory sensing requirements which greatly facilitates the use of the spectrum with geolocation based channel allocation. The final rules adopt a proposal from the White Spaces Coalition for very strict emission rules that prevent the direct use of IEEE 802.11 (Wi-Fi) in a single channel effectively making the new spectrum unusable for Wi-Fi technologies

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White spaces

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- September 2010: FCC has given a green light for the use of "white spaces" in order to deliver broadband connections as super "WiFi"
- to prevent interference to authorised users of the TV bands, TV bands devices must include a geo-location capability and the capability to access a database that identifies incumbent users entitled to interference protection
- The TV bands databases will be used by fixed and personal portable unlicensed devices to identify unused channels that are available at their geographic locations



White spaces transmissions



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spectrum sensing and a geo-detecting database system to protect the TV signals from interference

September 23, 2010: FCC FREES UP VACANT TV AIRWAVES FOR "SUPER WI-FI" TECHNOLOGIES



http://www.emcrules.com/

802.22: the First Wireless Standard based on Cognitive Radios



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---- 🔺 Figure 3. Coverage comparison between IEEE 802.22 WRAN and other wireless standards.





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Target performance

General				
		Items	Requirements	
Items	Requirements	Service Coverage	Typical 33 km ~ Max 100 km	
Carrier frequency	UHF, VHF band (< 1 GHz) 54~862 MHz (PAR), 54~698 MHz (USA)	Active subscribers	Minimum 12 users	
Bandwidth	6 (7, 8) MHz, Possible use of a smaller band or multiple bands	Minimum Peak Throughput at Cell	Forward link : 1.5 Mbps / subscriber (18 Mbps in total)	
Service subscribers	Fixed location customers Residential Small & Medium Enterprise SOHO (Small office/Home office) 	Edge Spectral Efficiency	Reverse link : 384 kbps / subscriber Minimum : 0.5 bps/Hz Typical : 3 bps/Hz → 18 Mbps for 6 M	
Service type	Packet-oriented (data, voice, video)			
Service model	Similar to ADSL & cable MODEM over less populated rural areas Wireless Regional Area Network (WRAN)	Service Availability	50% of locations & 99.9% of time	

♦ OFDMA

- Flexible bandwidth allocation using FFT
 - Channel bonding
 - Fractional bandwidth usage
- Adaptive resource allocation according to user environments
 - Channel selectivity



: 3 bps/Hz
18 Mbps for 6 MHz BW

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Key Challenges in Europe



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Key challenges are similar to other regions:

- Greater fragmentation
- Regulation not fully converged
- Incumbents resistant to effective changes
- ETSI published deliverables on RRS (<u>http://www.etsi.org/website/technologies/RRS.aspx</u>) and a series of recommendation for standardization
- Asian countries are investing heavily in CR
- $\diamond\,\text{US}$ has a strong wireless technology base and is motivated by FCC position



Base Station Reconfiguration - an example

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http://www.etsi.org/website/technologies/RRS.aspx

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•Access Selection: Select the best radio access for (or in) the mobile terminal based on requested QoS

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(Bandwidth, Max. delay, Realtime/non-realtime), radio conditions (e.g. abstracted signal strength/quality,

- available bandwidth), access network conditions (e.g. cell capacity, current cell load), user preferences, and network policies.
 - Neighbourhood Information Provision for efficient discovery of available accesses in cooperation with the
 - CPC. This may include information on cell location, size, capabilities, as well as other dynamic data.
- QoS/bandwidth allocation/admission control (per user session or connection based on the requested QoS of the users application(s)).

• Provision of mobility and resource management directives/constraints.

aspects to be supported)

•PHY/MAC related: Number of network element transceivers involved in decisions, RATs to be activated in the selected transceivers, Spectrum selection, Radio parameters configuration per RAT (e.g. maximum power level per carrier, Antenna tilt, channel selection, etc.)





ETSI Reconfigurable Radio Systems Functional Architectur





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From ETSI

Multi-hop viewpoint

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Cognitive Pilot Channel (CPC): Concept and Motivation



- CPC allows the terminal to obtain knowledge of the communication means available at a given time and place
- A mobile terminal may use the CPC during one or both of the following phases:

* "start-up" phase:

- turning on, the terminal detects (e.g. on one or more well-known frequencies) the CPC and optionally could determine its geographical information by making use of some positioning system
- The information retrieved by the mobile terminal is sufficient to initiate a communication session optimized to time, situation and location

- When the terminal is camped on to a network, a periodic check of the information forwarded by the CPC may be useful to rapidly detect changes in the environment due to either variations of the mobile position or network reconfigurations.
- In this phase, the same information of the "start-up" phase could be delivered by the CPC with additional data, such as services, load situation, etc.

	Start-up		Ongoing				
	out-band	in-band	out-band	in-band			
Downlink only	OK	NO	OK	OK			
③ Bidirectional	OK	NO	OK	OK			
NOTE: During the ongoing phase, the terminal may use the in-band CPC for bidirectional communication, while, in parallel, may receive information delivered by the out-band CPC.							

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Scenarios/deployments and use cases



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From April 2009, 1900.4 Working Group works on two projects:

- 1900.4a: Standard for Architectural Building Blocks Enabling Network-Device Distributed Decision Making for Optimized Radio Resource Usage in Heterogeneous Wireless Access Networks - Amendment: Architecture and Interfaces for Dynamic Spectrum Access Networks in White Space Frequency Bands



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IEEE 1900.4 system architecure



Terminal side entities

 Terminal Measurement Collector (TMC) is the entity that collects terminal context information and provides it to the TRM

– Terminal Reconfiguration Manager (TRM) is the entity that manages the terminal for network-terminal distributed optimization of radio resource usage and improvement of QoS within the framework defined by the NRM and in a manner consistent with user preferences and available context information

 Terminal Reconfiguration Controller (TRC) is the entity that controls reconfiguration of terminal based on requests from the TRM

Network side entities

 Operator Spectrum Manager (OSM) is the entity that enables operator to control dynamic spectrum assignment decisions of the NRM

 RAN Measurement Collector (RMC) is the entity that collects RAN context information and provides it to the NRM

 Network Reconfiguration Manager (NRM) is the entity that manages the CWN and terminals for network terminal distributed optimization of radio resource usage and improvement of QoS

 RAN Reconfiguration Controller (RRC) is the entity that controls reconfiguration of RANs based on requests from the NRM







Distributed radio resource usage optimization



Relationship between IEEE 1900.4 system and ETSI RRS FA





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Final considerations



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 Reconfigurable Radio Systems Functional Atchitectures have been proposted from ETSI and IEEE, to optimize radio spectrum usage and network resources

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will the operators promote or slow down a so high flexibility?





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