Next Generation Wireless Networks-Challenges and Opportunities

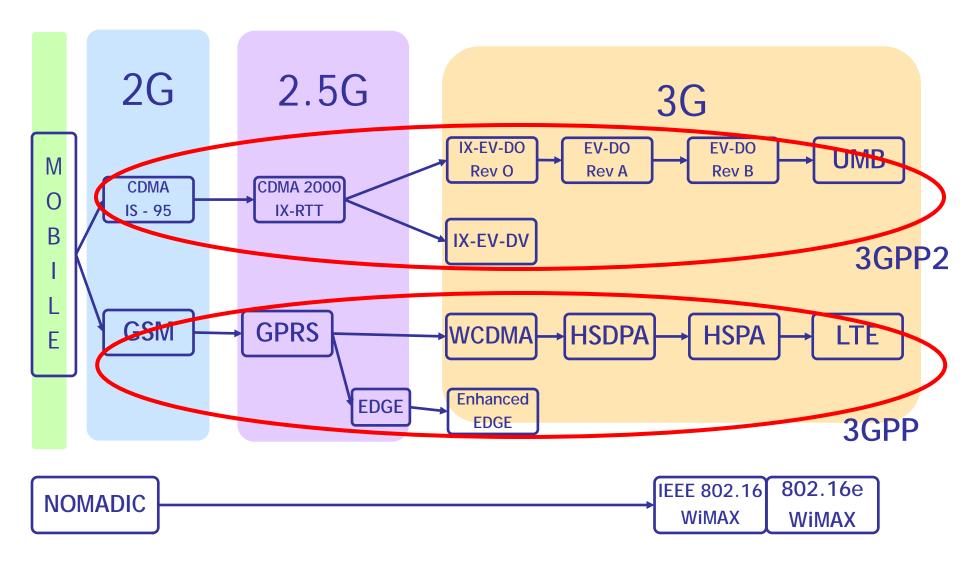
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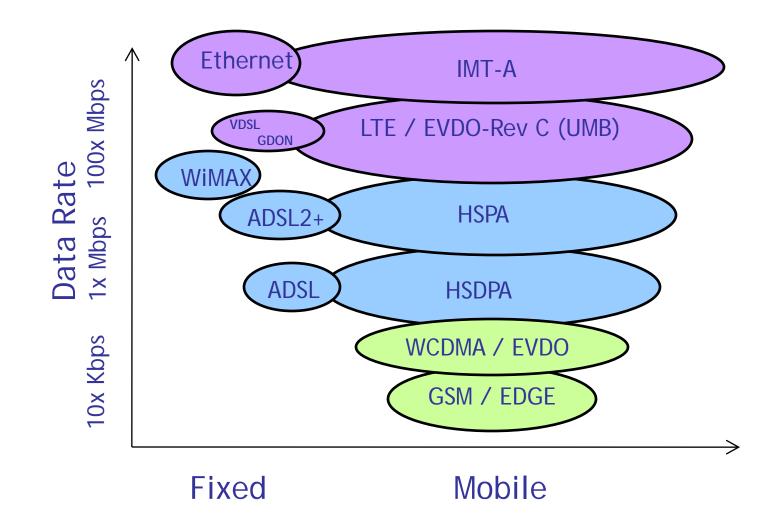
Towards 4G

- Technologies for 4G
- Research Issues in 4G
- QoS and MAC Layer Scheduling
- TTSL-IITB Center for Excellence in Telecom (TICET)
 - Our contributions in 802.16m

Evolution of Cellular System



Wireless Broadband



IMT-Advanced = 4G = Broadband Wireless

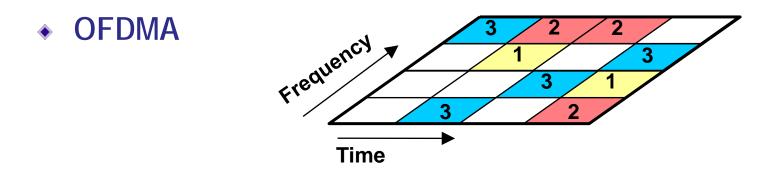
- Peak Spectral Efficiency
 - ✤ 15 bps/Hz DL
 - 6.75 bps/Hz UL
- Operating Bandwidth
 - ✤ 5 to 100 MHz
- Cell Edge Spectral Efficiency
 - → 0.06 bps/Hz DL
 - → 0.03 bps/Hz UL
- Mobility (bps/Hz at Km/hr)
 - ♦ 0.55 at 120 Km/hr
 - 0.25 at 350 Km/hr

- Latency
 - Control plane < 100 ms</p>
 - Data plane < 10 ms</p>
- VoIP Capacity
 - 40 active users / MHz / sector
- Spectrum (IMT Bands)
 - → 450 3600 MHz bands

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Technology Components for 4G - Physical Layer

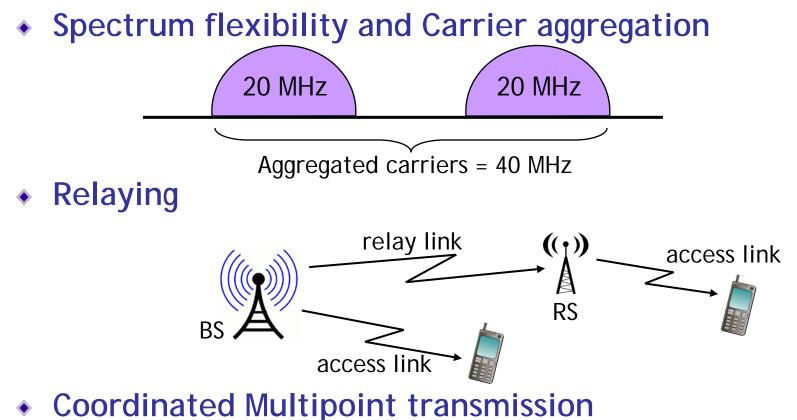


Multi-Antenna (MIMO)



Link Adaptation (adaptive modulation and coding)

Technology Components for 4G - Physical Layer



Geographically distributed antennae coordinate

Technology Components for 4G - MAC Layer

- Fractional Frequency Reuse
- Enhanced Quality of Service support
 - End to End delay optimization
- Self organization and Self optimization
 - Plug and Play form of operation
- Peer to Peer and Network Coding
 - Originally proposed to increase the information flow by packet combining at intermediate nodes

4G Candidates

Two candidates

- 3GPP LTE-Advanced
- IEEE 802.16m (Mobile WiMAX)
- Both are OFDMA based
- Both have TDD and FDD support

We will focus on some features of evolving 802.16m

Key Features of IEEE 802.16m Mobile WiMAX

- High flexibility through support of both TDD & FDD
- Support of Multi Carrier Operation
- All IP Core network architecture
- Support for Advanced Relaying
- Multicast and Broadcast services
- Enhanced QoS features

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Key Research Issues in WiMAX / 4G

- High spectral efficiency at Cell Edge
 - Interference coordination and cancellation
 - Adaptive fractional frequency reuse
 - Network MIMO
 - Intelligent scheduling
- Multi hop Cellular Communication
 - Relay for delay sensitive application
 - Network Coding and Cooperative Communication
- Self organization
 - Multidimensional / multivariable problem
- Energy Efficiency

QoS

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Wireless Uplink Scheduling

Adaptive Granting and Polling Service

- Allows re-negotiation of traffic and QoS parameters and change of Grant size and Polling interval
- Adaptation methods
 - Implicit
 - Explicit (Trigger by explicit signaling)

We recently made contributions to 802.16m standard for Bandwidth Reservation protocol (Contribution accepted into AWD in July 2009)

Bandwidth Request (BR) Procedure-IEEE 802.16m-09/0010r2 (AWD)

- Advanced Mobile Station (AMS) transmits a BR message, in random access mode within the contention window
- Common BR channel for all AMSs
- AMS performs retries if bandwidth is not granted
- Contention window doubled with every retry
- Drawbacks
 - No differentiation in window size based on service class
 - Lacks fairness- New users can get channel before old users
 - Scaling factor of 2 is used independent of system load

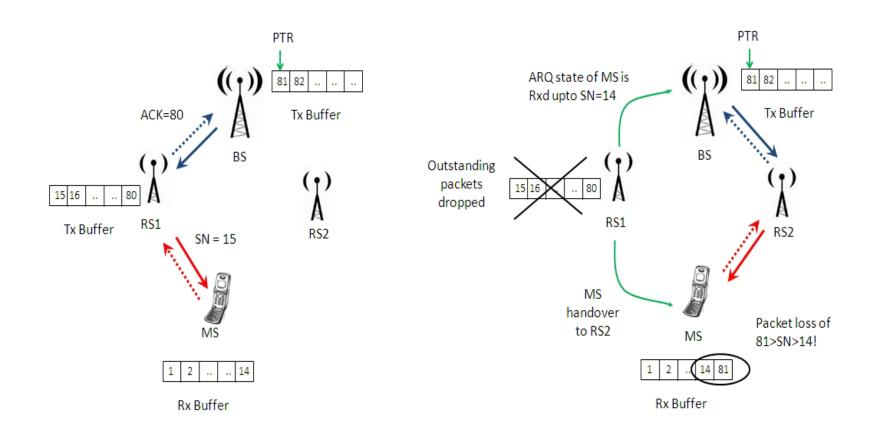
Our BR Proposal (IEEE C80216m-09_1321r4)

- Define Connection Priority (CP) for each contending Service Flow
- CP is a function of Service Class & Number of Retries (BR collisions)
- CP parameters:
 - Service Class
 - Initial / Maximum Window Size
 - Window Scaling Factor

ARQ Support For Relays (IEEE P802.16m/D2)

- ARQ runs independently on both relay link (ABS-ARS) and access link (ARS-AMS)
- ABS clears buffer on ACK from ARS
- ARS clears buffer on ACK from AMS
- Drawback- Handover of AMS leads to packet loss

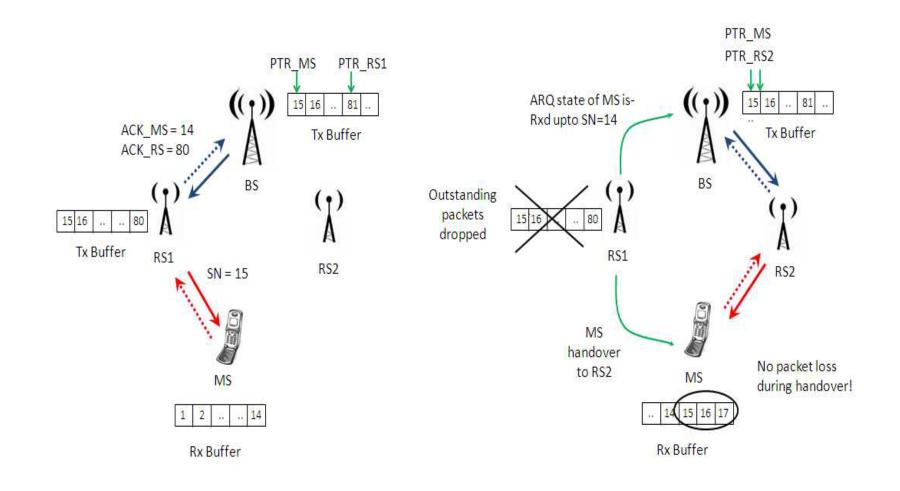
Packet Loss In Handover



Our ARQ Proposal (IEEE C802.16m-09/2229r1)

- ARQ feedback of AMS is forwarded to ABS by ARS
- ABS maintains ARQ states of both ARS and AMS
- ABS clears buffer only when AMS has successfully received the packet

Our ARQ Proposal (IEEE C802.16m-09/2229r1)



Conclusions- Way Forward

- 4G Standards are evolving
- Lot of opportunities to contribute in International standards
- Focus- more spectral efficiency using both physical layer and MAC layer mechanisms
- Emerging areas
 - Intelligent scheduling for cooperative communications
 - Self organizing network (SoN)
 - Dynamic Spectrum Mangement
 - Peer to Peer applications and network coding
 - Distributed antenna system
 - QoS Mechanics for Delay Sensitive and Delay optimization