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Chapter

Introduction

# Introduction

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This chapter gives a brief overview of the work. Before establishing work targets and original contributions, the scope and motivations are brought up. The current State-of-the-Art concerning the scope of the work is also presented. At the end of the chapter, the work structure is provided.

## Overview

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During May 2003, the total number of mobile users has broken the 1.3 billion mark [3GPP01b].

The applications taking into account both application and user requirements, together with the capability of the different networks. It will require higher intelligence in the terminals to make best use of the different applications locally available. At the price of this complexity, the vision brought out by the Wireless Strategic Initiative (WSI) become real, bridging all access technologies from fixed to satellite and from person to person to customised broadcast, Figure 1.1.

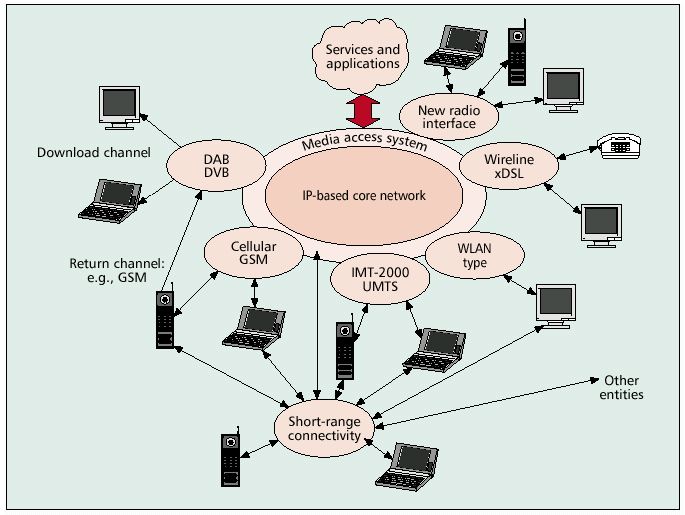


Figure 1.1. The multi-technology access network (extracted from [3GPP01a]).

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## Motivation and Contents

To date, convergence is mainly considered at the core network level, with the use of IP in this context. However, not much attention has been given to how the various wireless standards can be converged at the consumer terminal, if multiple standards are available to the user from a common core network. Under this context, important issues arise, like determining how services map onto certain standards (or even split between standards), and how can this be made to be seamless and appear as a simultaneous connection to the user. Another important issue, still to be analysed, is the impact of convergence on the several access networks performances (and vice-versa).

The current thesis is precisely motivated by this vision of future wireless communication systems where there will be a convergence of wireless standards and an enhancement of services. In particular, the objective is to focus on the capacity of the radio interface of such converged multi-standard systems, and study (by means of a simulation platform developed for this purpose) the overall performance obtained for different scenarios (convergence benefits), using different approaches, namely:

* Analysis of the impact of users traffic variations;
* Analysis of the impact of the number of users in specific scenarios corresponding to different available access technologies;
* Analysis of the impact of the availability of different access technologies for a particular number of users.

This thesis is composed of 5 chapters.

A possible general structure for the Thesis can be:

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  + 2.3 – State of the art
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  + 3.3 – Assessment of program/simulator
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  + 4.3 – Analysis of parameter B
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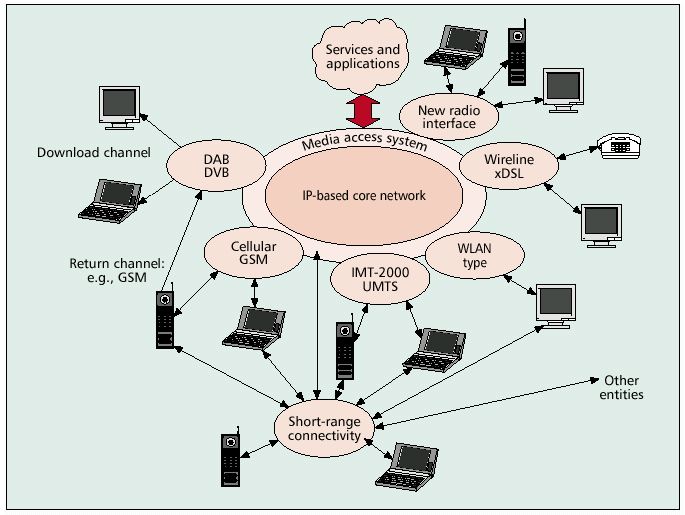


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This chapter provides an overview of the GSM/GPRS, UMTS and HIPERLAN/2 systems, mainly focussing on the capacity aspects of the radio interfaces.

## The GSM/GPRS system

### Introduction

In June 1982, CEPT (European Conference of Postal and Telecommunications Administrations) decided to develop and standardise a Pan-European cellular mobile radio network [3GPP01b]. The aim was for the new system to operate in the 900 MHz frequency band allocated to land mobile radio. A working group, called *Group Spéciale Mobile* (GSM), was set up under the direction of CEPT, to develop and standardise the so-called GSM mobile radio system. The GSM objectives for its Public Land Mobile Network (PLMN) included offering [3GPP01b]: a broad set of speech and data services, cross-border system access for all mobile phone users, automatic roaming and handover, highly efficient use of frequency spectrum, supplier-independence, etc..

GSM networks, either in the original GSM conception or as an evolution of it, are currently spread worldwide and are unanimously considered a very successful project.

### System architecture

The GSM/GPRS system can be divided into the following three subsystems [3GPP01a]: Radio SubSystem (RSS), Network and Switching SubSystem (NSS) and Operation SubSystem (OSS).

These subsystems and their components are represented in the simplified version of the functional architecture in [3GPP01a].

The following network elements are part of the OSS: Operation and Maintenance Centre (OMC), Authentication Centre (AuC) and Equipment Identity Register (EIR).

### Radio interface capacity aspects

The radio interface is located between the MS and the rest of the GSM/GPRS network. Physically, the information flow takes place between the MS and the BTS. But, viewed logically, the MSs are communicating with the BSC, MSC and the SGSN. The gross transmission rate over the radio interface is 270.833 kbps.

Currently there are several frequency bands defined for the operation of GSM, Table 2.1. Operators may implement networks that operate on a combination of these frequency bands to support multi band MSs.

Table 2.1. GSM frequency bands (based on [3GPP01a]).

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| **Band** | **Uplink [MHz]** | **Downlink [MHz]** | **Duplex interval [MHz]** |
| GSM 450 | 450.4-457.6 | 460.4-467.6 | 10 |
| GSM 480 | 478.8-486 | 488.8-496 | 10 |
| GSM 850 | 824-849 | 869-894 | 45 |
| Primary GSM 900 or P-GSM | 890-915 | 935-960 | 45 |
| Extended GSM 900 or E-GSM | 880-915 | 925-960 | 45 |
| Railways GSM 900 or R-GSM | 876-915 | 921-960 | 45 |
| GSM 1800 | 1710-1785 | 1805-1880 | 95 |
| GSM 1900 | 1850-1910 | 1930-1990 | 80 |

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## The HIPERLAN/2 system

### Introduction

The increasing demand for "anywhere, anytime" communications and the merging of voice, video and data communications has created a demand for broadband wireless networks. Under this scope, ETSI created the BRAN [3GPP01a] project to develop standards and specifications for broadband radio access networks that cover a wide range of applications and are intended for different frequency bands (licensed and license exempt use). The BRAN project covers the following systems: HIPERLAN/1, HIPERLAN/2, HIPERACCESS and HIPERLINK [3GPP01b]. In the present report, one will concentrate on the HIPERLAN/2 system, which basically acts as a WLAN system offering high bitrates.

Chapter

Conclusions

# Conclusions

This chapter finalises this work, summarising conclusions and pointing out aspects to be developed in future work.

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The current thesis intended to analyse the overall performance of a converged multi-technology system (convergence benefits), mainly focussing on capacity aspects of the radio interface. Three technologies have been considered for this purpose: GSM/GPRS, UMTS and HIPERLAN/2.

Annex 1

Validation of Random Number Generators

1. Validation of Random Number Generators

Brief description of annex.

* 1. Theory

For the implementation of statistical traffic source models, Random Number Generators (RNG) are essential. In the case of the traffic source models considered in the present report, 10 different RNGs were necessary for their implementation. More specifically, RNGs for the following statistical distributions were used: Uniform, Gamma, Beta, Exponential, Geometrical, Normal, LogNormal, Pareto, Poisson and Weibul.

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where *noc*[*n*] corresponds to the number of occurrences within interval *n*.

The MSE obtained for the data of each RNG is presented in Table A1.1 and was calculated as:

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Table A.1. Observation parameters and MSE of each RNG.

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| **RNG** | ***xmin*** | ***xmax*** | ***I*** | **MSE** |
| Uniform (min=0, max=1) | 0 | 1 | 0.01 | 1.90×10-3 |
| Gamma (*β*=9, *λ*=100) | 0 | 2500 | 25 | 3.58×10-10 |
| Beta (*p*=1, *q*=8) | 0 | 1 | 0.01 | 1.40×10-3 |
| Exponential (1/*μCD* =3) | 0 | 25 | 0.25 | 3.35×10-6 |
| Geometric (*PPC*=0.2) | 0 | 35 | 1 | 3.84×10-7 |
| Normal (*μN*=0, *σN*=1) | -4 | 4 | 0.1 | 3.28×10-5 |
| LogNormal (*μLN*=0.97, *σLN*2=4.38) | 0 | 100 | 1 | 1.90×10-5 |
| Pareto (*αp*=1.1, *k*=81.5) | 0 | 1200 | 10 | 3.90×10-8 |
| Poisson (*λc*=60) | 30 | 90 | 1 | 4.16×10-7 |
| Weibul (*λk*=0.45, *βk*=0.80) | 0 | 25 | 0.25 | 2.49×10-4 |



Figure A.1. Comparison between the Gamma PDF and the PDF equivalent modified histogram obtained from the Gamma RNG (*β*=9, *λ*=100).

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Annex 2

User Scenarios Variation Results

1. User Scenarios Variation Results

Brief description of the Annex.



Figure B.1. BR versus User Scenario (G).

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