Towards 4G Wireless Services

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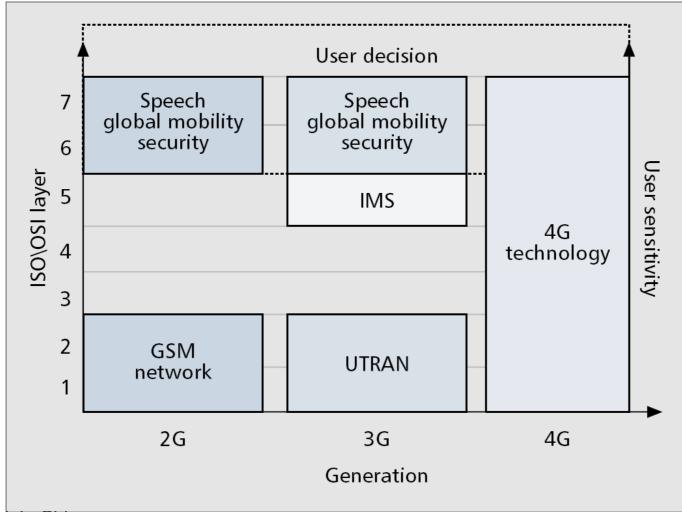
3G Failures

- Worldwide economy downturn
- Limited novel services
- Cultural and social differences

– Japan vs. EU

- Technical difficulties and limitations
 - Data rate, coverage, full range multi-rate, QoS, ...
- New broadband technologies
 - WiFi Mesh
 - WiMAX
 - 3.5G(14.4M/384K)/3.75G(14.4M/5.76M)

Towards 4G



4G?

 "4G will be a convergence platform providing ...heterogeneous services, ...IP datacasting...multi-mode/reconfigurable devices..."



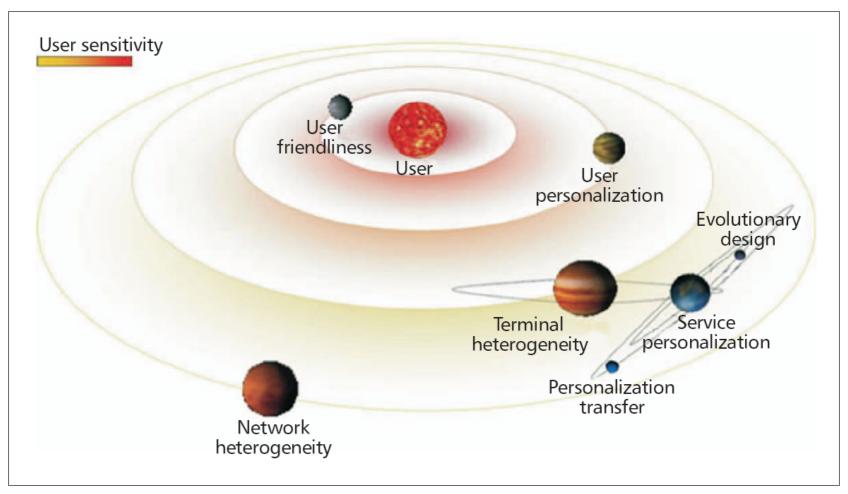
User-centric Model

- Fulfilling users' expectations
 - Failure of WAP
- Understanding users' needs

 User behavior <-change-> product
- Considering cultural and societal differences
 - Interplay between individuals, society and communications technologies

Co-evolution of society and technology!

User-centric System



4G Service Design Rules

- Coverage

 Convergence platform
- Bandwidth
 - Resource sharing
- Battery consumption
 - Short-range communications
- Service based on (time, place, terminal, cost, user)

Cooperative Communications

BETTER services at LOWER prices!

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4G Services Proposed

- Enhanced Services
- Cooperative Services
- Personalization Transfer Service
- Mobile Relaying Services
- IP Datacasting Services

Enhanced Services

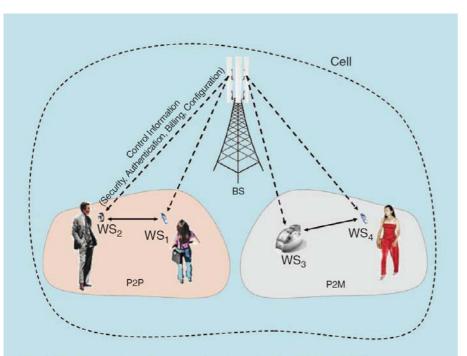
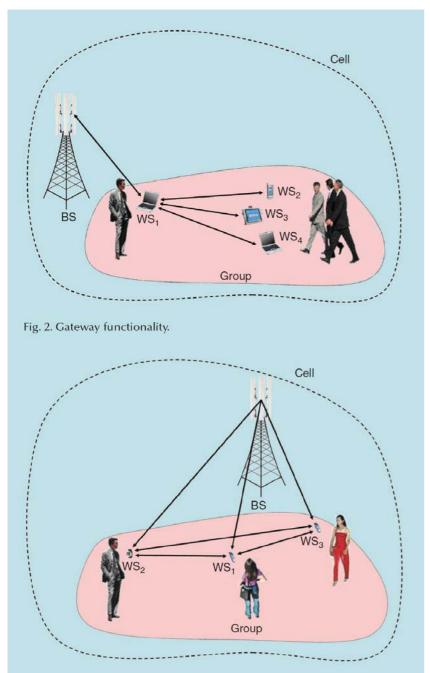


Fig. 1. Configuration of communication pairs for P2P and P2M.

- Security enhancement
- Cost down
 - Unlicensed band exploitation
 - Power saving

BS: Base Station; WS: Wireless Station; P2P: Person-to-Person; P2M: Person-to-Machine;



Cooperative Services

- Cost down
 - Resource sharing
 - Wireless gateway
- Power Saving

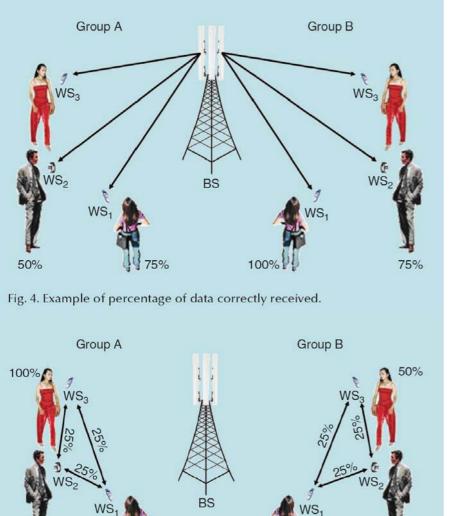


Fig. 5. Example of triangular retransmission.

Cooperative Services

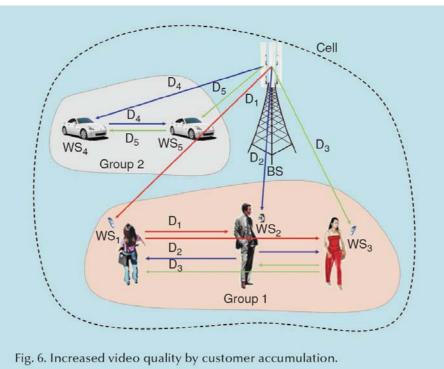
Cell capacity enhancement

- Local retransmission
- Higher modulation
- (Retransmission scheduling)
 - Network Coding
- (Cluster establishment)
- (Relaying node deployment)

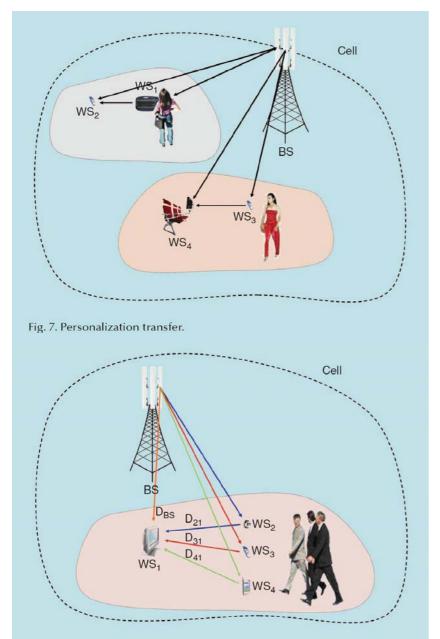
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Cooperative Services

QoS enhancement (Multiple Description Coding)



BS: Base Station; WS: Wireless Station; Dx: Descriptor x;

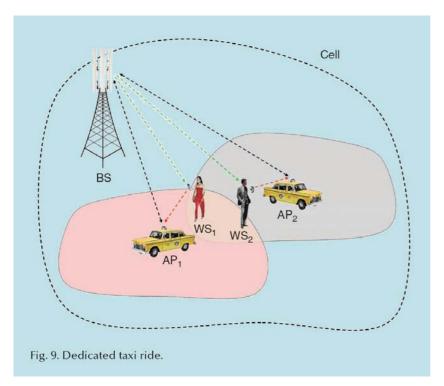


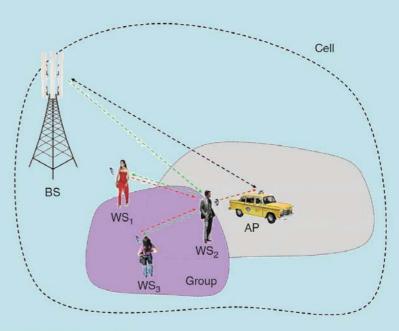
Personalization Transfer Service

- Service personalization
 – > PTS
- Adaptive QoS
 MDC
- Cost sharing

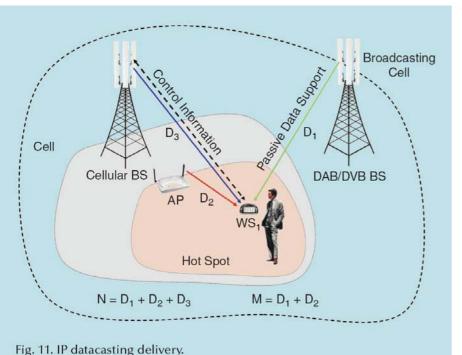
Mobile Relaying Services

- Dedicated Taxi Ride
- Shared Taxi Ride
 (Course planning)





IP Datacasting



- (News, advertisements, cinemas, transport schedules, horoscopes, sport results, ...)
- Device-to-user
- User-to-device
- Exploitation of all available networks

Challenges

Mobile station	
Multimode user terminals	To design a single user terminal that can operate in different wireless networks, and overcome the design problems such as limitations in device size, cost, power consumption, and backward compatibilities to systems.
Wireless system discovery	To discover available wireless systems by processing the signals sent from different wireless systems (with different access protocols and incompatible with each other).
Wireless system selection	Every wireless system has its unique characteristic and role. The proliferation of wireless technologies complicates the selection of the most suitable technology for a particular service at a particular time and place.

Challenges & Proposed Solutions

System	
Terminal mobility	To locate and update the locations of the terminals in various systems. Also, to perform horizontal and vertical handoff as required with minimum handover latency and packet loss.
Network infrastructure and QoS support	To integrate the existing non-IP-based and IP-based systems, and to provide QoS guarantee for end-to-end services that involves different systems.
Security	The heterogeneity of wireless networks complicates the security issue. Dynamic reconfigurable, adaptive, and lightweight security mechanisms should be developed.
Fault tolerance and survivability	To minimize the failures and their potential impacts in any level of tree-like topology in wireless networks.

Challenges & Proposed Solutions

Service	
Multi-operators and billing system	To collect, manage, and store the customers' accounting information from multiple service providers. Also, to bill the customers with simple but detailed information.
Personal mobility	To provide seamless personal mobility to users without modifying the existing servers in heterogeneous systems.

Conclusion

 Socio-technical development approaches for 4G wireless services

- Trust and security
- Cooperation and sharing
- Personalization
- Communicative autonomy