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Multimedia Networks (WI-QOST)*

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1. OVERVIEW: ACTION IDENTIFICATION DATA

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Croatia	19/07/2004	Ireland	10/03/2004	Slovakia	11/06/2004
Cyprus	10/03/2004	Italy	11/03/2004	Slovenia	26/08/2004
Czech Rep.		Latvia		Spain	22/06/2004
Denmark		Lithuania	15/12/2004	Sweden	28/09/2004
Estonia		Luxembourg		Switzerland	18/03/2004
Finland	25/03/2004	Malta	25/05/2004	Turkey	05/04/2005
France	22/06/2004	Netherlands	10/03/2004	United Kingdom	10/03/2004
Germany	10/03/2004	Norway	22/03/2004		

Institutes of non-COST countries: (list)

Area: Networks

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2. OBJECTIVES

The main objective of the Action was to evolve, develop and investigate new approaches, techniques, methods, models, strategies and tools for the analysis, design, control and evaluation of future advanced *Multiservice Wireless Networks* (MWNs) supporting user mobility, multimedia applications, and internetworking. Special attention was given to QoS and related aspects in both access networks and core networks in the presence of mixed multimedia traffic. To accomplish these tasks new analytical tools, software implementations and prototypes had to be invented. These objects were considered as the main focus of the Action.

The Action was also expected:

- To increase the knowledge on the MWNs and specifically on traffic nature and behavior and its impact on network architecture, performance and planning.
- To use the Pan-European infrastructure of the COST Action to execute and to perform international testbeds and, therefore, to produce valuable outcome; it should be emphasized that the most of participants possess own local testbeds, lack of coordination between participants prevent proper results dissemination.
- To contribute to standardization bodies on the basis of the obtained achievements by creating inputs leading to well supported decisions.
- To coordinate the research relations, and foster research networking, between European participating organizations and research groups being active in the field. The COST Action also contributed with its research results to existing and particularly relevant worldwide events, such as conferences and symposia.
- To pursue industry and service provider links and establish links on a wide scale. All the participants maintain contacts and contracts to industry partners with consequent collaboration.

The activities carried out in this Action brought benefits not only at the national level, but also at the European one. The results contributed to strengthen the European research activities in these fields and to define innovative approaches for the QoS provision in the presence of multimedia traffics in mobile networks.

3. TECHNICAL DESCRIPTION AND IMPLEMENTATION

The work of this COST Action concerned different interrelated aspects for future MWNs. In particular, important research tasks to be addressed were: the analysis of the impact of multi-class traffics on network design and dimensioning; the definition of techniques to provide adequate QoS differentiation among traffic classes; the identification of new network planning criteria to cope with the integration of heterogeneous traffic flows; the definition of new services able to provide the requested multimedia contents to users on the move.

During the first MC meeting the Management Committee approved several important internal operational rules and policies that are described below.

3.1 Working Groups

COST Action 290 has been arranged into four working groups described below.

Working Group 1: Traffic Engineering, Leader: Dirk Staehle from University of

Wuerzburg, Wuerzburg, Germany

WG1 area covered the following topics:

- Traffic characterization and modelling;
- Mapping of QoS classes and SLA/SLS;
- Resource management and QoS provision;
- Congestion control;
- Cross-layer design;
- Transport protocols over wireless;
- MAC layer protocols and algorithms;
- Performance evaluation.

Working Group 2: Mobility and interoperability, Leader: Prof. Francisco Barcelo from UPC, Barcelona, Spain

WG2 area covered the following topics:

- Mobility characterization;
- Location awareness;
- Handover techniques;
- IP mobility protocols;
- Interworking between different access technologies;
- QoS and mobility;
- Privacy and security.

Working Group 3: Network architecture and planning, Leader: Prof. Torsten Braun from University of Bern, Bern, Switzerland

WG3 area covered the following topics:

- Network planning;
- Capacity dimensioning;
- Evolution of network architecture;
- Self organization;
- Service architectures;
- Over-dimensioning and resilience;

Working Group 4: Services, regulations, and economic aspects, Leader: Prof. Vasilios Siris from FORTH, Heraklion, Greece

WG4 area covered the following topics:

- Economics and regulation;
- New techno-business models, novel pricing and billing mechanisms;
- Self-regulated wireless use;
- Optimization based in cost/revenues aspects;
- Charging and accounting;
- Applications requirements and scenarios.

3.2 Special Interest Groups

During the COST 290 lifetime, new technologies have arrived to the telecommunications market. Broadband wireless access technology WiMAX based on IEEE 802.16 standards have been developed and launched. However, although the first products are on the market, this wireless access technology is still in its infancy; many of the open issues have been intentionally left out in standards from one hand, and manufacturers are working to come up with proprietary solutions. Many projects

have been initiated on the topic. Therefore, it has been decided to set up the WiMAX Special Interest Group (SIG). The group has been chaired by Thomas M. Bohnert (University of Coimbra, Portugal) because of his deep knowledge of the technology and his involvement in the IST FP6 “WiMAX Extensions for Isolated Research and Data Networks (WEIRD)” project.

3.3 Assessment of original research agenda

In the early years of the twenty-first century, mankind has witnessed the spectacular growth of wireless and mobile communications all around the world and the dramatically increasing interest for it. New technologies, telecommunication services and applications have been the strong drive of this progress, and they posed new requirements to network design and construction issues.

It was anticipated, and today it is viewed as an ultimate truth, that the most important, value-added and revenue-expected new services for the wireless network are Internet access and *Internet Protocol* (IP) multimedia applications. As it has been shown in a number of R&D projects held by 2002 and it is still an open issue, on the basis of a plain fixed Internet access it is possible to implement a set of brand-new applications for which certain *Quality of Service* (QoS) requirements need to be provided. No doubt, QoS for wireless Internet applications and services is heavily demanded by end-users – indeed, with respect to the existing experience on the implementation of QoS within fixed networks, design, development and implementation of QoS-capable wireless networks is of paramount importance.

4. PARTICIPATION AND COORDINATION

4.1 Management Committee

Chair:

Dr. Yevgeni Koucheryavy, Tampere University of Technology, Finland

Vice-Chair:

Prof. Giovanni Giambene, University of Siena, Italy

MC Members:

Austria

Dr. Ilka MILOUCHEVA, Salzburg Research

Prof. Ulla BIRNBACHER, Graz University of Technology

Belgium

Prof. Chris BLONDIA , Universiteit Antwerpen, PATS

Dr. Ingrid MOERMAN, Ghent University, INTEC

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Malta

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Netherlands, The

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Dr. Remco LITJENS, TNO ICT

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Portugal

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Prof. Edmundo MONTEIRO, University of Coimbra

Romania

Prof. Virgil DOBROTA, Technical University of Cluj-Napoca
Prof. Tatiana RADULESCU, Polytechnical University Bucharest

Slovakia

Dr. Martin KLIMO, University of Zilina

Slovenia

Prof. Kandus Gorazd, Institute Jozef Stefan

Spain

Prof. Manuel ALVAREZ-CAMPANA, Universidad Politecnica de Madrid
Prof. Francisco BARCELO, Universitat Politecnica de Catalunya

Sweden

Prof. Maria Kihl, Lund Institute of Technology
Prof. Andreas Kassler, Karlstad University

Switzerland

Prof. Torsten BRAUN, University of Bern
Prof. Burkhard STILLER, University of Zurich

Turkey

Prof. Buyurman Baykal, Middle East Technical University

UK

Prof. Khalid AL-BEGAIN, University of Glamorgan

Prof. George PAVLOU, University of Surrey

4.2 Participating Institutions

Australia

La Trobe University

Austria

Salzburg Research

Vienna University of Technology

Graz University of Technology

Belgium

University of Antwerp

University of Gent

Bulgaria

Bulgarian Academy of Sciences, Institute of Mathematics and Informatics

Croatia

University of Split

University of Zagreb

Cyprus

University of Cyprus

Finland

Tampere University of Technology

Helsinki University of Technology

France

University of Haute Alsace

ENST

Germany

University of Stuttgart

Technical University of Berlin

Braunschweig University of Technology

Fraunhofer FOKUS / University of Tubingen

University of Passau

University of Wuerzburg, Germany

DoCoMo Euro-Labs

IMST GmbH

Greece

Demokritos University of Thrace

University of Crete and ICS-FORTH

Ireland

University of Limerick

Italy

University of Siena

Politecnico di Bari

Quinary

University of Napoli "Federico II"

Lithuania

Vilnius Gediminas Technical University

Malta

MTRI

Netherlands, The

TNO ICT

University of Twente

Norway

Norwegian University of Science and Technology

Portugal

University de Beira Interior

University of Coimbra

Romania

Technical Univ. of Cluj-Napoca

Polytechnical University Bucharest

Russia

R&D ZNIIS, Moscow

Slovakia

University of Zilina

Slovenia

Institute Jozef Stefan

Spain

Universidad Politecnica de Madrid

Universitat Pompeu Fabra

Technical University of Catalonia

University of Malaga

Universidad de Castilla La Mancha

Sweden

Lund Institute of Technology

Karlstad University

Switzerland

University of Bern

University of Zurich

Turkey

Middle East Technical University

UK

Queen Mary & Westfield College, University of London

School of Computing, University of Glamorgan

University of Cambridge

University of Surrey

City University, London

4.3 Meetings of the Management Committee

1st MC meeting: October 7-8, Gozo, Malta

2nd MC meeting: February 3-4, Colmar, France

3rd MC meeting: May 11-13, Xanthi, Greece

4th MC meeting: October 13-14, Wuerzburg, Germany

5th MC meeting: February 9-10, Delft, The Netherlands

- 6th MC meeting: May 9-10, Bern, Switzerland
7th MC meeting: September 29 – 30, 2006, Split, Croatia
8th MC meeting: February 15 – 16, 2007, Malaga, Spain
9th MC meeting: May 22 – 23, 2007, Coimbra, Portugal
10th MC meeting: October 1 – 2, 2008, Vienna, Austria
11th MC meeting: May 27 – 28, 2008, Tampere, Finland

4.4 Meetings of the Working Groups and SIG

Working Groups and SIG meetings normally took place together with the Management Committee meetings. As MC members were active participants in the technical activities of the Action, it made economic sense to combine technical meetings with management ones. A regular Action meeting consisted of MC meeting, technical meeting, WG sessions and SIG meeting in parallel.

4.5 Short-term scientific missions

One STSM took place during *the first operational* year of the Action. The Management Committee made the decision to create a STSM evaluation group consisting of four senior experts chaired by the Vice-Chair of the Action, as detailed below:

Dr. Giovanni Giambene, University of Siena, Italy;
Prof. Vasilios Siris, FORTH, Greece;
Prof. Saverio Mascolo, Politecnico di Bari, Italy;
Prof. Pascal Lorenz, Université de Haute Alsace, France;
Prof. Manuel Alvarez-Campana, Universidad Politecnica de Madrid, Spain.

In total 12 STSMs were performed. For details see Annex B.

4.6 Publications resulting from STSMs

1. O. Cabral, F.J. Velez, G. Hadjipollas, M. Stylianou, J. Antoniou, V. Vassiliou and A. Pitsillides, "Optimisation of Indoor Mobile B3G Systems Based in Economic Aspects," in Proc. of IEEE SCVT' 2005 - 12th Annual Symposium on Communications and Vehicular Technology in the Benelux, Enschede, Netherlands, Nov. 2005.
2. O. Cabral, F.J. Velez, G. Hadjipollas, M. Stylianou, J. Antoniou, V. Vassiliou and A. Pitsillides, "Enhanced UMTS Cost/Revenue Optimisation in Offices Scenarios," in Proc. of 3G 2005 - 6th IEE International Conference on 3G Mobile Communication Technologies, London, UK, Oct. 2005.
3. Orlando Cabral, Fernando J. Velez, George Hadjipollas, Marinos Stylianou, Josephina Antoniou, Vasos Vassiliou, Andreas Pitsillides, "Enhanced UMTS

Simulation-based Planning in Office Scenarios," EW' 2006 - 12th European Wireless Conference, Athens, Greece, Apr. 2006.

4. O. Cabral, F.J. Velez, G. Hadjipollas, M. Stylianou, J. Antoniou, V. Vassiliou and A. Pitsillides, "Enhanced UMTS Cellular Planning for Multiple Traffic Classes in Offices Scenarios," in Proc. of PIMRC2006 - 17th Annual IEEE International Symposium on Personal, Indoor and Mobile Radio Communications, Helsinki, Finland, Sep. 2006.
5. I. Alocci, G. Giambene, Y. Koucheryavy, Optimization of the Transport Layer Performance in a Wireless System based on the IEEE 802.11e Standard, International Symposium on Wireless Pervasive Computing 2007 (ISWPC2007), Porto Rico (USA), February 5-7, 2007.
6. T. M. Bohnert, Y. Koucheryavy, M. Katz, J. Jakubiak, E. Borcoci, E. Monteiro "On Evaluating a WiMAX Access Network for Isolated Research and Data Networks using NS-2", NEW2AN 2007, St.Petersburg, Russia, September 2007.
7. T. M. Bohnert, D. Staehle, G.S. Kuo, Y. Koucheryavy, E. Monteiro "Speech Quality Aware Admission Control for Fixed IEEE 802.16 Wireless MAN", IEEE ICC 2008.
8. T. M. Bohnert, E. Monteiro, Y. Koucheryavy, D. Moltchanov "Non-Parametric and Self-Tuning Measurement-based Admission Control", IFIP Networking 2007, Atlanta, USA.
9. Thomas Bohnert, Dirk Staehle, Edmundo Monteiro, "Speech Quality Aware Resource Control for Fixed and Mobile WiMAX", in "WiMAX Evolution, Emerging Technologies and Applications", Marcos Katz and Frank Fitzek (Eds.), John Wiley and Sons, to appear in 2009.

5. RESULTS

See Annex A for details.

6. DISSEMINATION OF RESULTS

6.1 Publications and Reports

The number of participants, presentations and tutorial made during the MC meetings (MCMs) is listed below (excluding presentations at affiliated open workshop):

MCM	Participants	Presentations	Invited
1 st MCM: October 7-8, 2004, Gozo, Malta	38	10	
2 nd MCM: February 3-4, 2005, Colmar, France	43	19	1
3 rd MCM: May 11-13, 2005, Xanthi, Greece	45	34	2

4 th MCM: October 13-14, 2005, Wuerzburg, Germany	41	21	
5 th MCM: February 9-10, 2006, Delft, The Netherlands	41	21	1
6 th MCM: May 9-10, 2006, Bern, Switzerland	46	36	4
7 th MCM: September 29 – 30, 2006, Split, Croatia	33	13	2
8 th MCM: February 15 – 16, 2007, Malaga, Spain	47	20	2
9 th MCM: May 22 – 23, 2007, Coimbra, Portugal	44	36	5
10 th MCM: October 1 – 2, 2007, Vienna, Austria	49	20	4
11 th MCM: May 27 – 28, 2008, Tampere, Finland	38	28	3
TOTAL	465	258	24

See Annex C contains the list of TDs.

6.2 Conferences and Workshops

6.2.1 First COST 290 workshop co-located with the WWIC 2005 conference, Wired/Wireless Internet Communications

The 1st COST 290 Workshop was organized in Xanthi, Greece on May 11-13, 2005 jointly with the 3rd MCM. The Workshop aimed at: increasing the spirit of cooperation between the researchers from different COST countries; presenting the results of the joint work of the first year of the COST 290; coordinating and boosting further research efforts; and making COST 290 results public through the WWIC conference. The following lectures have been delivered:

- Prof. Ian F. Akyildiz (Gatech, USA): New Advances in Sensor networks.
- Dr. M. Smirnov (Fraunhofer FOKUS, Germany): Autonomic Communication for Network Immunity and Performance.

Proceedings details: Springer Series: Lecture Notes in Computer Science , Vol. 3510. Braun, T.; Carle, G.; Koucheryavy, Y.; Tsaoussidis, V. (Eds.), 2005, XIV, 366 p., ISBN: 3-540-25899-X

6.2.2 Second COST 290 workshop co-located with the WWIC 2006 conference, Wired/Wireless Internet Communications

The 2nd COST 290 Workshop was organized in Bern, Switzerland on May 10-12, 2005 jointly with the 6th MCM. The Workshop aimed at: presenting the results of the

joint work of the second year of COST 290; coordinating the research agenda; and making COST 290 results public through the WWIC conference. The following lectures have been delivered:

- Sonia Fahmy (Purdue University, USA): Fidelity/Scalability Tradeoffs in Protocol Evaluation, http://www.iam.unibe.ch/~rvs/research/wwic2006/talks/wwic06_fahmy.pdf
- David Hutchison (Lancaster University, UK): Autonomic Networking: the way ahead?
- Thomas Plagemann (University of Oslo, Norway): Network and Protocol Support for Emergency and Rescue Applications.
- Laura Marie Feeney (Swedish Institute of Computer Science, Sweden): Synchronization problems in ad hoc and sensor networks, http://www.iam.unibe.ch/~rvs/research/wwic2006/talks/wwic06_feeney.pdf

Proceedings details: Springer Series: Lecture Notes in Computer Science , Vol. 3790, Torsten Braun, Georg Carle, Sonia Fahmy, Yevgeni Koucheryavy (Eds.), 2006, XIV, 336 p., ISBN 3-540-34023-8.

6.2.3 Third COST 290 workshop co-located with the WWIC 2007 conference, Wired/Wireless Internet Communications

The 3rd COST 290 Workshop was organized in Coimbra, Portugal on May 22-23, 2007 jointly with the 9th MCM. The Workshop aimed at: updating and coordinating the research agenda; making COST 290 results public through the WWIC conference; and celebrating the technical excellence achieved in three years. The following outstanding lectures have been delivered:

- Prof. Henning Schulzrinne (Columbia University, New York, USA): Principles and Lessons for a New Internet and 4G Wireless Networks.
- Prof. Nitin H. Vaidya (University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, USA): Multi-Channel Wireless Networks: Theory to Practice.

Proceedings details: Springer Series: Lecture Notes in Computer Science , Vol. 4517 Fernando Boavida, Edmundo Monteiro, Saverio Mascolo, Yevgeni Koucheryavy (Eds.), 2007, XIV, 377 p., ISBN 3-540-72694-2.

6.2.4 Fourth COST 290 workshop co-located with the WWIC 2008 conference, Wired/Wireless Internet Communications

The 4th COST 290 Workshop was organized in Tampere, Finland on May 28-30, 2008 jointly with the 11th MCM, the last MC meeting. The Workshop aimed at: summarizing COST 290 research achievements; making COST 290 results public through the WWIC conference. The following lectures have been delivered:

- Dr. Nestor Peccia (Consultative Committee for Space Data Systems (CCSDS), USA): Towards Interplanetary Internet, dream or utopia?
- Dr. Arto Karila (HIIT, Finland): Multi-Access in Regional Networks.

A special session on “Wireless Sensor/Actuator Networks and Cooperating Objects: Towards the Internet of Smart Things” has been organized with support of the EC.

Proceedings details: Springer Series: Lecture Notes in Computer Science, Vol. 5031, Jarmo Harju, Geert J. Heijenk, Peter Langendörfer, Vassilios Siris (Eds.), 2008, ISBN 978-3-540-68805-1.

6.3 Web site

The Grant Holder registered the domain www.cost290.org for the Action. The website contains all necessary information for the Action participants as well as for only visitors. It has public and password-protected areas. Most of documents are located in the public area, but some technical documents reflecting ongoing work and internal documents are placed in the password-protected area. STSM reports (technical and financial) are also available in the website.

6.4 Scientific and Technical Cooperation

Scientific and technical cooperation is a must for COST Actions. Actions constantly need improvements of visibility and dissemination of technical results. This can be done by various means, e.g. invited presentations at meetings, publishing of invited/informational paper, etc. Moreover, the establishment of technical contacts and even relations is of paramount importance within COST framework. COST 290 achieved credits by the following actions:

- COST 290 MC established contacts to a number of FP6 projects and COST Actions.
 - MC Chair Dr. Koucheryavy attended a MC meeting of COST 279 and delivered a talk on COST 290 activities; February 24, 2005.
- COST 290 members participated in the following IST FP6 projects and COST Actions: NoE E-NEXT, IP B-BONE, IP LIAISON, EUQoS, IP DIADALOS, NoE Euro-NGI, IP Ambient Networks, NoE SatNEx, NoE Kaleidoscope, NoE TARGET, IP MOMME, and FP5 IP EMILY; COST 273, COST 279, COST 285, COST 289, COST 2100.
 - COST 290 members delivered technical presentations on research results achieved within those projects and Actions. This allowed COST 290 community to be aware about research topics and results carried out by other European researchers.
- Based on COST 290 community, the WG “ERCIM eMobility” has been created. The ERCIM eMobility Working Group aimed at developing a strategic basic research agenda and project proposals in the area of eMobility. To complement the activities of the eMobility European Technology Platform (ETP), the Working Group focused on more (theoretical) basic research issues. The goal was long-term research projects with a more academic background, without having any commercial constraints. It focused mainly on research addressing social, environmental problems and disruptive technologies. The

main research topics of the Working Group research were: Applications and Services, Middleware and Security, Network Architectures and Technologies, Protocols. Furthermore, the eMobility Working Group aimed at disseminating the research results in the field of mobile technologies and at organizing workshops and conferences in that area.

- Visiting teaching and examination activities within COST 290 community, e.g.
 - Prof. Giovanni Giambene (University of Siena) gave a lecture at Master International on Networks and Telecommunications (UPC, Spain), May 2008.
 - Fernando J. Velez “Design and Planning of WiMAX Networks at Performance Engineering Lab”, School of Computer Science and Informatics, University College Dublin, Dublin, Ireland, April 2007.
 - Dr. Yevgeni Koucheryavy (TUT, Finland) acted as an opponent at the defense of PhD thesis of Mihal Ries (TUWien, Austria), October 2008.
 - Dr. Andreas Kassler (Karlstad University, Sweden) acted as member of the Doctoral Thesis Evaluation and the Doctoral Thesis Defense Committees for the PhD thesis of Lea Skorin-Kapov (University of Zagreb, Croatia), November 2007.
 - Students exchange agreements, e.g. between UPC (Spain) and University of Siena (Italy).
- Joint applications and projects
 - There have been a number of applications submitted within different frameworks such as COST, IST FP7, CELTIC, etc.
 - E.g. EU-MESH (Enhanced, Ubiquitous, and Dependable Broadband Access using MESH Networks), ICT-215320, 7th Framework Programme. Participants include: FORTH-ICS (Coordinator) and Technical University of Berlin.
 - E.g. follow-up national project based on the knowledge obtained through participation in COST 290: “Autonomous System for Observation of Quality of Service in Telecommunications Networks” (Vilnius Gediminas Technical University, Lithuania).
 - “TelMAX: Broadband wireless professional communications services based on WiMAX”, CENIT Program - Spanish Ministry of Science and Innovation (Universidad Politecnica de Madrid).

6.5 Transfer of results

The transfer of the results is deemed as a key issue showing how project's results are disseminated and transferred into a new knowledge instance. COST 290 managed to perform the transfer of results by the following means:

- Organization of special issues and editorials in journals and magazines addressing narrow topic from the Action's scope.
- Joint publications.
- Cooperation with established conferences by putting up special sessions, panel sessions, invited talks, etc.
- Establishment of new conferences, seminars and workshops based on the COST 290 community interests.

6.5.1 Special issues and editorials

The organization of special issues and editorials was deemed as an essential way to transfer results to the community. The following special issues and editorials were organized during the lifetime of the Action:

- Y. Koucheryavy, V.B. Iversen and J. Harju, Special issue of the Journal of Communications Software and Systems (JCOMSS) "Next Generation Teletraffic and Wired/Wireless Advanced Networking", ISSN 1845-6421, Vol.4, No.1, March 2008.
- G. Giambene, B.S. Yeo, R. Wang, Special issue of the Journal of Communications Software and Systems (JCOMSS) "Cross-Layer Design for QoS Support in Wireless Hybrid Networks ", ISSN 1845-6421, Vol.3, No.3, September 2007.
- Y. Koucheryavy, V.B. Iversen and J. Harju, Special issue of the Journal of Communications Software and Systems (JCOMSS) "Next Generation Teletraffic and Wired/Wireless Advanced Networking", ISSN 1845-6421, Vol.2, No.4, December 2006.
- T. Braun, G. Carle, S. Fahmy, Y. Koucheryavy "Wired/wireless internet communications", Computer Communications, Volume 30, Issue 7, 26 May 2007, Pages 1441-1442.
- T. Braun, G. Carle, Y. Koucheryavy and V. Tsaoussidis "Wired/wireless Internet communications", Computer Communications, Volume 29, Issues 13-14, August 2006, Pages 2599-2600.

6.5.2 Joint publications

The following joint publications have been submitted, accepted and presented during the course of the Action:

- Fernando J. Velez, Orlando Cabral, Francisco Merca, Vasos Vasiliou, “Service Characterisation for Cost Benefit Optimisation of Enhanced UMTS”, submitted to Telecommunications Systems, Springer, 2007.
- Orlando Cabral, Fernando J. Velez, George Hadjipollas, Marinos Stylianou, Josephina Antoniou, Vasos Vassiliou and Andreas Pitsillides, “Enhanced UMTS Simulation-based Planning in Office Scenarios,” Actas da Engenharia'2005 - Inovação e Desenvolvimento, Covilhã, Portugal, Nov. 2005.
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- The 2008 International Symposium on Computer Science and its Applications (CSA), October 12-15, Tasmania, Australia, 2008.
- International Symposium on Wireless and Pervasive Computing, Melbourne, Australia February 11-13, 2009.
- In several other conferences (VTC, SoftCom, ConTEL, NEW2AN, ICT, etc.) and events (IEEE Broadband Wireless Access Workshop Series), sponsored or technically cosponsored by the IEEE Communications Society and/or its sister societies, three or more COST 290 members acted jointly in the conference TPC, thus creating a significant presence and promoting COST activities to a broader international community outside COST and Europe.

6.5.4 New conferences, workshops and symposia

The following events have been organized by COST 290 community:

- International Conference on Wired/Wireless Internet Communications, WWIC. Next generation mobile networks will be based on Internet core networks and wireless access networks. The need for efficient merging of the wired and wireless infrastructure as well as the new multimedia services and applications of next generation networks call for novel network architectures, protocols and traffic-related mechanisms. WWIC addressed research topics such as the design and evaluation of protocols, the dynamics of the integration, the performance tradeoffs, the need for new performance metrics, and cross-layer interactions. The goal of the conference was to present high-quality results in the field, and to provide a framework for research collaboration through focused discussions that aimed at designating future research efforts and directions. In this context, the program committee accepted only a limited number of papers that met the criteria of originality, presentation quality and topic relevance. WWIC is a single-track conference which has reached, within 5 years, the highest level of quality, which is reflected both in the level of participation as well as the acceptance ratio and the amount and quality of submitted papers. WWIC 2008 <http://wwic2008.cs.tut.fi/>

- IEEE Broadband Wireless Access Workshop Series, BWAWS. A steadily increasing spectrum of services is attracting a rapidly growing number of users which, in turn, wish to access these services 'anytime and anywhere'. In order to meet this demand, Broadband Wireless Access (BWA) technologies are becoming extremely important and vendors and standardization bodies respond to this development with new and powerful BWA technologies. Supporting transmission rates up to several megabits per second at distances far as tens of kilometres while providing full mobility support, these technologies provide the long-awaited means for delivering any telecommunication service over the Internet. Nevertheless, BWA technologies are still in their infancy and many are far from complete and optimized for such a versatile environment like the Internet. Consequently, BWA is currently receiving much attention by the research community. Organizing this workshop aimed at bringing together and providing an international forum for this research community. Each edition's best papers are selected and published in high-profile scientific journals (Elsevier Computer Communications, EURASIP Journal of Wireless Communications, etc) with team serving as invited guest editors. The acceptance rates ranges typically from 20-30 percent (i.e. for the last event 100+ submissions from more than 30 countries and only 27 have been accepted). A report of the workshop has been published in the most significant scientific journal by IEEE ComSoc, the IEEE Communication Magazine. In addition, the workshop attracted outstanding keynote speakers from SIEMENS, NSN, Rice University (USA), etc. The 1st BWA Workshop was co-located with NGMAST 2007, 13 September 2007, Cerdiff, Wales, UK; the 2nd IEEE BWA Workshop, co-located with IEEE CCNC 2008, 12 January 2008, Las Vegas, Nevada, USA; the 3rd IEEE BWA Workshop, co-located with IEEE ICC 2008, May 2008, Beijing, China; 4th IEEE BWA Workshop, co-located with IEEE GLOBECOM 2008, November 2008, New Orleans, USA <http://www.bwaws.org>
- ERCIM Workshop on eMobility. Progress in computing and (wireless) communication technologies allow mobile users to permanently communicate with other persons or to use services and applications that might even have been designed for mobile users. Mobile Applications and services require technical solutions on various levels such as wireless network technologies, communication architectures and protocols supporting mobility of users and devices, middleware to support security and flexibility, as well as applications that are adaptive and context sensitive, although or because mobile devices have usually limited resources. The target of the workshop was to discuss issues and problems related to future applications and services based on mobile and wireless technologies. This multi-disciplinary workshop aimed at bringing together researchers, who are active in these different research areas. <http://www.emobility.unibe.ch/workshops/2008-05-30/workshop.html>
- A seminar on "Service Quality Evaluation in Wireless Networks" organized by IKR/University of Stuttgart (Germany) and TUWien (Austria) was held in June 2006 (Vienna) and June 2007 (Stuttgart). This seminar has been created to bring together researchers and students who have a particular interest in the evaluation of services in wireless networks. The scope of the seminar included: evaluation methodology, modeling aspects, integrated cross-layer

investigations, and solutions, which are tailored to optimize the performance of a particular service in a wireless environment. Special emphasis was given to video services, including subjective and objective performance metrics, testbeds, and cross-layer investigations <http://www.ikr.uni-stuttgart.de/video2007>

- Wireless4D workshop. Broadband internet access is at present available only to a small portion of the world's population, and there is a significant penetration discrepancy not only between different countries but also between different regions and areas within a given country. In addition, there is a growing interest on the local community and municipal levels to get broadband wireless access, but the number of options regarding network and service providers, as well as price and usage plans, is severely limited. However, affordable broadband for all is a key requirement to bridge the digital divide and to bring sustainable development to rural and developing regions as well as to support communities and municipalities. Today, existing technologies and plans for broadband access fail to address key challenges in terms of cost, deployment, or power consumption in order to bring broadband internet access to sparsely populated rural areas or to the masses of developing countries. While the focus of the general M4D conference was on multi-disciplinary research addressing the social, political, cultural and educational barriers to bringing ICT into developing regions, this workshop focused on the technical and economical aspects of enabling (broadband) wireless internet access for rural and developing areas, as well as supporting communities and municipalities. The goal was to bring together researchers and practitioners and to serve as a forum for presenting and discussing state of the art research, exchanging ideas and experiences, and facilitating interaction and collaboration. <http://m4d.humanit.org/>
- Symposium on "QoS in Wireless Multimedia Networks". The Symposium was collocated with the 14th International Conference on Software, Telecommunications and Computer Networks (*SoftCOM 2006*) and was held on September 30 – October 1, Split – Dubrovnik, Croatia. Papers have been published in the *SoftCOM 2006 Proceedings* (ISBN 953-6114-90-9) and in the *IEEE Xplore*. The challenge of new communication architectures is to offer controlled QoS. QoS aspects in NGN (Next Generation Networks) is an important topic especially in wireless networks (cellular networks, mobile networks, data transmission networks and satellites networks). Voice and video multimedia wireless applications will be developed and used when real QoS mechanisms will be available. Original results were published in all areas of wireless multimedia network design, QoS control and management, new network planning criteria, integration of heterogeneous traffic flows, delivering services to users on the move, localization services etc. http://www.fesb.hr/SoftCOM/2006/CfP_COST_06.pdf
- Mobile WiMAX – Towards Ubiquitous Internet (Final Workshop of MobileMAN, an IT/LA project), ISCTE, Lisboa, September 2007. The nowadays context of frequency spectrum management in Europe, as well as the need for making broadband access flexible for people, creates opportunities for the entrance of new operators, and the diversification of the offer of innovative access technologies. As WiMAX allows for supporting

mobile broadband Internet services in outdoor environments (and even in indoor ones, for the lowest frequency bands) with high coverage ranges and user mobility support, the theme of the Workshop appeared in a phase when the mobile communications sector would be in the centre of attention again. The workshop was featured by speakers from academia, as Prof. Hamid Aghvami from King's College London, from manufacturers, as Dr. Mika Grundstrom from Nokia, from operators and their research Laboratories, and also from research projects of Institute for Telecommunications, as Mobile MAN (Mobile IP for Broadband Wireless Metropolitan Area Networks). <http://www.e-projects.ubi.pt/MobileWimaxWorkshop/MobileWimaxWorkshop.html>

7. ECONOMIC DIMENSION

The estimated man-month allocation in person-year for the first year is detailed as follows:

- *Post Doctoral Fellow, Engineer, Researcher* = 0.5 person/year/country
- *Technician* = 0.5 person/year/country
- *PhD Student, Student fellowships* = 2 person/year/country

The table below describes the budget allocation for *the first operational year*:

Item	Funds received	Funds spent
Secretariat:	12,000€	12,000€
Publications:	None	None
Workshops and Seminars:	5,000€	5,000€
MC meetings:	51,200€	57,387.56€
Short-Term Scientific Missions:	3,000€	1,019.07€
Others:	None	None
TOTAL:	71,200€	75,406.63€

The table below describes the budget allocation for *the second operational year* (not yet final picture):

Item	Funds received	Funds spent
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Secretariat:	24,000€	24,000€
Publications:	None	None
Workshops and Seminars:	5,000€	5,000€
MC meetings:	92,124€	64,310.64€
Short-Term Scientific Missions:	10,000€	5,658.62€
Others:	None	None
TOTAL:	111,000€	98,969.26€

The table below describes the budget allocation for *the third operational year* (not yet final picture):

Item	Funds received	Funds spent
Secretariat:	15%	14,816€
Publications:	None	None
Workshops and Seminars:	5,000€	5,000€
MC meetings:	92,124€	87,403.31€
Short-Term Scientific Missions:	10,000€	6,373.41€
Others:	None	None
TOTAL:	136,850€	113,593.23€

The table below describes the budget allocation for *the forth operational year* (not yet final picture):

Item	Funds received	Funds spent
Secretariat:	11,739€	10,708€
Publications:	None	None
Workshops and Seminars:	5,000€	5,000€
MC meetings:	58,261€	54,336.33€
Short-Term Scientific Missions:	15,000€	12,054.02€
Others:	None	None

TOTAL:	90,000€	82,098.90€
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8. SELF EVALUATION

COST 290 was initiated in 2002 by a small team of researchers, at a time when multimedia services have not yet been very strongly manifested in wireless environment. Moreover, wireless networks of different scale offering broadband throughput have not been so widely deployed and easily accessed. However, the strategic agenda that COST 290 proposed back in 2002, today appears as viable and feasible reflecting an order of a day, still promising significant achievements in the future. Nevertheless, the original agenda can be easily extended further to cover new research topics of great significance. In four years, the Action became much bigger – more than 70 institutions from 25 countries involved – with quite strong involvement of the European research community.

COST turned out to be a very promising and useful platform for developing a new strategic research and forming a brand new community. Since the research within an Action is initiated with a bottom-up approach, it is quite easy to bring a brand new idea to the public for a feedback – technical meetings do not require any sort of preliminary evaluation or review like conference do, a brainstorm idea can be presented in ad hoc way. Besides that, ongoing work has been heavily presented during the technical meetings – most of the feedbacks have been appreciated by the speakers. Moreover, it appears that COST is a brilliant start for young researchers: in the course of COST 290 many undergraduate and fresh postgraduate students delivered their first public international talks – a great practise for them. Several young postgraduates joined the Action in the very beginning and have obtained their postgraduate degree during or soon after the Action has ended. Almost all research ideas and results have been presented, discussed and commented during the Action’s duration.

As specified above, COST 290 has achieved a successful degree of collaboration through the use of nearly all COST instruments, e.g. joint technical meetings, STSMs and workshop support. This has been confirmed by the final report to be published in form of a book by Springer US with the title “Traffic and QoS Management in Wireless Multimedia Networks”: over 70 researchers from nearly all participating countries have contributed to the book. That was a significant effort resulting in over 350 pages of up-to-date techniques and approaches to deal with the growth of data traffic in wireless mobile networks and the important need to guarantee differentiated quality of service levels to different traffic classes. The book presents the latest research achievements and results in research areas such as traffic engineering, mobility and interoperability, network architectures and planning, as well as services, regulations, and economic aspects. This book covers a pretty wide area of research on wireless communications and networking from the physical layer up to the application layer. It can be recommended for researchers and PhD students to receive a comprehensive and up-to-date overview on engineering approaches, optimization methods and open issues in wireless multimedia networks.

The success of the Action is also related to the efficient use of the STSM instrument that, in a brand new community, shows mutual penetration level. At the very beginning, the STSM activity was fairly low, while during the second part of the Action it began to be further explored. Still, compared to other Actions, the number of STSMs carried out in the frame of the Action is pretty low, but results are fair and promising.

The creation of a number of special issues, the conference, and a number of workshops and symposia shows the high dissemination of the Action's results. Most of the venues created under COST 290 umbrella (like conferences and workshops) will stay after the Action is completed.

Regarding the links to industry, WiMAX Point-to-point and Point-to-multipoint demonstrators were present at the Coimbra Management Committee Meeting, which was carried out in cooperation with Alvarion and Advanced Resources, which sponsored the meeting and the associated WEIRD Workshop and Conference (WWIC 2007).

The evaluation of the technical achievements vs. the technical research agenda specified in MoU is presented in Annex A.

However, there were a number of difficulties, weaknesses and shortcomings in the course of the Action. The most important one is that not all institutions and individuals officially enrolled and committed to the Action as MC members have participated in the actual meetings and the actual research work, while a number of active participants have not been accepted as MC members (mainly due to late joining), and to attend every single meeting (and get refunded) they had to get an approval from the MC member as official substitute. Some MC members have never shown up at the MC and technical meetings. With respect to the objectives set in MoU, the following shortcomings have to be highlighted:

- International testbed coordination: there was a lack of coordination of the existing testbeds, therefore they have not been used by a community as widely as they could be. This shortcoming could be solved by the creation of a testbed SIG (Special Interest Group). Moreover, a liaison to Planetlab and Panlab was established. However, the shortcoming is not hopeless and a number of joint papers on testbed measurements have been published.
- Contributions to standardization bodies: there is a lack of contributions to standardisation bodies. This is due to the fact is that not much of standardization-related activity has been performed in the course of the Action. Moreover, ITU liaison has been present only at the first MC meeting and has never taken part in other meetings, without providing a justification (see commitment problem described above).
- Limited links to industry and service providers: there was indeed a limited participation of industry in COST 290. However, in the course of the Action nearly every participant had its own internal industrial projects (ran under NDA) therefore gaining understanding of the needs of industry. In such cases it is fairly

difficult to bring the exact details of a project to the public, but rather experience in the follow-up research projects.

9. EVALUATION

9.1 Evaluation panel and evaluation procedures

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Evaluation procedure:

The External Evaluator, the DC-Rapporteur and the COST ICT Science Officer attended the Final MC Meeting and the Presentation of the Final Results of the COST Action 290 at the Tampere University of Technology, in Tampere, Finland on 27th and 28th of May 2008. The presentation of Dr. Yevgeni Koucheryavy, Chair of the Action, described the technical and dissemination activity of the Action, and highlighted the achieved goals. The technical presentations given by some of the COST 290 participants gave an overview of the work carried out during the Action.

9.2 Results versus objectives

The main objective of the Action was to evolve, develop and investigate new approaches, techniques, methods, models, strategies and tools for the analysis, design, control and evaluation of future advanced Multiservice Wireless Networks (MWNs).

The technical presentations given at the COST 290 meeting and the results described in the documentation show that the above goals have been attained. The average level of the scientific work carried out during the Action is highly satisfactory.

A further major goal was to encourage and coordinate research between European participating organizations and research groups active in the field. The Action was successful in meeting this target, promoting joint research work (witnessed by several papers co-authored by different institutions) and creating the WWIC (Wired/Wireless Internet Communications), a well established and attended conference.

From the Action Progress Report, the objectives of COST 290 were also: “To contribute to standardization bodies on the basis of the obtained achievements by creating inputs leading to well supported decisions” and “To pursue industry and service provider links and establish links on a wide scale. All the participants maintain contacts and contracts to industry partners; collaboration in the field is expected.”

Evidence of this activity is represented by the formation of the ERCIM e-Mobility Working Group, although few information on this activity and its results has been provided.

In conclusion, a good match between the objectives and the planned activity can be certified for this Action. All aspects of the general problem stated at the beginning of the project were addressed and the results of the research are evidenced in the book that the Action is preparing.

9.3 Outcome and achievements

The research activity of COST 290 has been organized into four Working Groups, with the aim to properly address different aspects of multimedia wireless networks and to maximize the participation by contributors to the Action. All Working Groups produced interesting research results. The main outcomes consist in:

1. The development of algorithms, protocols and measurement methods for wireless networks, such as 3G cellular networks, mobile ad hoc networks and sensor networks;
2. The definition of quality of service metrics for multimedia services to be supported in wireless networks;
3. Traffic and network modeling techniques;
4. Analytical and simulation-based performance evaluation, as well as testbed implementations.

The attained results allow for planning and design of efficient wireless networks and for a better understanding of the quality of service that can be provided to users in the support of multimedia services.

The dissemination of results has proceeded along several effective directions, including a website (where the relevant documents of the Action are available), the publication of articles in qualified scientific and technical journals, and the preparation of a solid and complete book that summarizes the Action work and will be

published by Springer. Also, the WWIC conference created within COST 290, which will continue after the Action end date, is one of the most relevant results of this Action.

9.4 Impact of the Action

Providing multimedia services to mobile users, everywhere and anytime with satisfactory quality of service is an important challenge, which involves research and industrial communities. The results of the COST Action 290 are therefore of fundamental importance for the development of innovative communication systems. Theoretical results will also enhance our knowledge on networking and system behaviors, and will represent an important reference for future research. Furthermore, the Action represents an excellent example of research relations establishment between European institutions.

9.5 European added-value

This COST Action successfully established new relations between European institutions and created a new research community aiming at a better cooperation quality and seeking for innovative solutions in the networking field. This is one of the key goals of the COST framework. Furthermore, a collaborative approach to the problem of multimedia services support in mobile networks was adopted, leading to interesting cross-layer solutions. The difficult task of integrating the various testbeds and tools used at the single institutions participating in the Action was attempted, with good results. WWIC has become an important forum for the discussion and valorization of research works at European and international level.

Overall this Action has developed long-term fundamental work in wireless networking, which is required to support emerging technologies and multimedia services.

9.6 Coordination and management

The coordination and management of the Action incurred some initial difficulties; however it seems that most of them have been solved in the final phase of the Action. The Action had 24 Parties, but only representatives of 15 Parties participated in the last meeting.

9.7 Dissemination of results

All the different dissemination means adopted by this Action were effective. The creation of the WWIC conference and the preparation of the book that collects the most relevant contributions and that will be published by Springer deserve special mention. However, the final conference, and therefore the presentation of the final results, is equally important and have maybe been overshadowed by the co-located conference activity. Furthermore, the MC could have considered a wider presentation of the results achieved by the Action to the industrial community, in order to increase the impact of the Action.

9.8 Strengths and weaknesses

The strength of this Action resides in the coordinated effort among about twenty five countries in Europe, demonstrating a significant scientific cooperation. The creation of a research community in multiservice communication networks and the establishment of a well-attended conference as WWIC are the main outputs of this Action, along with some interesting technical results.

A weakness concerns the relations with the industrial community and the limited impact on standardization bodies. Although it may be difficult to attract industry's and operators' attention on some theoretical results, a larger spreading of the Action results could have been carried out in the industrial area.

9.9 Recommendations

The rapid evolving of telecommunication technologies and services claims for effective planning, design and performance evaluation methodologies and tools. To meet such requirement, fundamental research is of primary importance. COST 290 has been successful in producing theoretical results for the development of multiservice mobile networks, and in creating a research community in this area. These research relations and collaborations should strengthen, possibly through a new COST Action or using other European frameworks. However, if a follow-up activity will take place, a larger spreading of the research results to industrial community is recommended, for instance by organizing industrial workshops that serve as forum for discussion between companies and academia members.

10. DC REMARKS

The COST 290 Action successfully created a leading community for fundamental research in the area of multiservice wireless networks. It developed innovative solutions for network and traffic modelling, planning as well algorithms and protocols design. The book that will be published by Springer will represent an important point of reference for the scientific community.

Annex A: Evaluation of technical achievements against the technical research agenda specified in MoU

Despite the intense research and standardization tasks performed during the last years, there are still many issues to be solved before advanced multiservice wireless mobile networks can be deployed on a large scale. These networks are expected to provide a wide range of applications (many of them are still unknown) with different traffic characteristics (bit rate, burstiness) and QoS requirements (e.g., end-to-end delay, jitter, packet losses). Moreover, QoS parameters such as network reliability and service availability become even more important. The solution to these problems is not simple, especially when trying to meet other desirable goals such as the efficient resource usage, seamless transition between access technologies and standards, the interworking among fixed or wireless networks both terrestrial and satellite based, the migration to 'all IP' network architectures, and the support of, and with time comprehensive transition to, IPv6 technologies. Further down the R&D road the transition of the 'always on' concept to the 'always best connected' concept has to be addressed with its massive implications for the development of terminal and network reconfigurability capacities, application and service adaptability, and associated standards.

The scarcity and high cost of radio spectrum necessitate that network providers maximize the profit/Hz ratio. The specific constraints in relation to coverage and capacity are becoming better known than in earlier networks. With the growth of the predominance of data traffic in wireless mobile networks and with the resultant high and less predictable fluctuation of bit-rates in both radio access and core networks, new research into adaptive approaches is still needed in both cases.

All these aspects were addressed by COST 290 and correspondent feasible achievements and results are presented in this report. However, some tasks are open and still need to be investigated, so that the need of performing further deep R&D works in this area is obvious.

The scientific objectives set in the very beginning of COST 290 can be summarized into four broad areas that encompass different interrelated aspects of multiservice wireless mobile networks. In particular, important research tasks that were addressed during the course of the Action are: the analysis of the impact of multi-class traffics on network design and dimensioning; the definition of techniques to provide adequate QoS differentiation among traffic classes; the identification of new network planning criteria to cope with the integration of heterogeneous traffic flows; the definition of new services able to provide the requested multimedia contents to users on the move. A detailed description of these research areas is provided below.

A.1 Traffic Engineering Issues

Traffic engineering encompasses the application of scientific principles and technology to the measurement, modelling, characterization, and control of multimedia multi-class traffic and the application of such knowledge and techniques in order to achieve specific performance objectives, including the planning of network capacity under QoS guarantee, and the efficient, reliable transfer of information.

The need to allocate and balance resources among different traffic classes to accomplish the best use of network resources is a crucial traffic engineering problem. As a matter of fact, traffic engineering and QoS issues need to be jointly considered. The major objective of traffic engineering is to improve network performance while maintaining the QoS requirements through the optimization of network resources, with the main focus of the optimization being the minimization of the over-utilization of capacity in certain parts of the network while other capacity is available or underutilized in the same network. The optimization objective depends on the specific goal of network operators, which may include minimizing congestion, minimizing packet loss/delay, or minimizing the blocking probability. Network management and control can be considered a very complex task, and, thus, will require robust, possibly intelligent, control methodologies to obtain satisfactory (if feasible, optimal) performance. The development of efficient and effective management and control techniques may include issues regarding resource management, congestion control, connection admission control, and active queue management.

During COST 290, advanced measurement and monitoring technologies were applied with special focus on mobile services, QoS enabled and context-dependent character of mobile applications, users' behaviour, handover methods and QoS provision techniques due to integration of heterogeneous wireless networks, innovative resource management algorithms and optimization studies.

The next point of the research agenda of COST 290 is that traffic patterns generated by IP multimedia services are quite different from traditional Poisson models used for circuit-switched voice traffic. As a result, the network parameters can be underestimated if inadequate traffic models and analytical approaches are adopted. Therefore, within the traffic engineering problems of multiservice wireless networks, a particular problem is that of the performance analysis of network elements taking into account the self-similar nature of multiservice traffic. Hence, it is necessary to derive, for instance, upper and lower bounds of a service provision rate of 3G and beyond-3G systems. Among the latter one could already count wireless LANs and mobile ad-hoc network clouds as access networks; hence, relevant considerations for traffic engineering should already be extending to include Wireless Local Area Networks (WLANs) and Mobile Ad-hoc NETWORKs (MANETs).

Analytical and simulation models developed within the COST 290 Action can be used as instrumental for the definition of correct techniques for the design and planning of multi-service wireless IP networks with QoS guarantees.

A.2 QoS Provisioning for Multimedia Traffic in Wireless Environment

The provision of QoS guarantees is a pressing need in wired and wireless networks as well as in distributed computing systems, particularly to support multimedia-enabled applications. Throughput, timeliness, reliability, and perceived quality are the foundations of what is known as QoS. The combination of QoS and wireless environment is one of the hot topics in the telecommunications since a few years.

The research community is now directing its interest towards unified ways of looking at system design, optimization, and QoS issues to satisfy the requirements of next-generation mobile and wireless IP networks. The implementation of all IP mobile networks implies that IP QoS architectures and mechanisms need to be developed, since the existing best-effort based mechanisms are unable to cope with the application requirements.

During the course of the Action, 3G systems experienced significant take-up in Europe on the basis of new network infrastructures, new user terminals and novel applications. To provide a research basis for the definition of 4G systems, much work still has to be done. In particular, the QoS provision for each service and the identification of suitable schemes to guarantee high capacity was of particular concern in this Action – some techniques were identified to guarantee high capacity of simultaneous users and the fulfilment of QoS levels for the different traffic classes.

QoS provisioning in wireless environment involves mechanisms, algorithms and schemes at various layers of the OSI Reference Model; in particular, physical layer, Medium Access Control (MAC) layer, IP layer and transport layer. The basic idea defined for this Action back to 2002 was that QoS support requires the joint collaboration among all these layers – therefore, cross-layer approaches, frameworks and protocols were investigated throughout the whole duration of the Action.

The Action also addressed the following important issues: statistical traffic models for multiservice wireless networks, mobility and location awareness, dynamic resource allocation mechanisms and adaptive MAC protocols depending on traffic load and channel propagation conditions and based on QoS requirements, mobile Virtual Private Networks (VPN), security, handover techniques, etc.

A.3 Network Planning and Dimensioning

The traditional task of network planning and dimensioning with QoS support is a multi-step process that involves the identification of the following aspects: (i) identification of network node location; (ii) definition of the link topology; (iii) definition of a routing strategy accounting for external input traffics; (iv) capacity allocation to the links so that suitable QoS metrics (end-to-end delay, jitter and loss ratio) are fulfilled. Many of these steps are interrelated; for instance, capacity allocation to links depends on traffic loads on the links and then on traffic routing. However, also traffic routing can be adapted to account for traffic bottlenecks, which result from capacity shortage on some links. As it is evident from these examples, network planning is a quite complex optimization process.

Traditional multiservice networks were developed within the controlled environment of large telecom operators. A significant knowledge is available from the design of Asynchronous Transfer Mode (ATM) multiservice backbone networks with QoS guarantees. Network planning and dimensioning problems for such kind of networks (where bandwidth availability may not be always a problem, as in the case of multiservice wireless networks) are almost solved and represented a valuable knowledge basis for the work of COST 290 Action.

Nowadays it is clear the importance of multiservice wireless networks adopting “all IP” approaches to integrate different traffics and then different related applications and services. “All IP” brings different challenges and requires different solutions to the network planning and dimensioning problems. For IP-based packet-switched networks a number of QoS-assurance techniques were proposed. But, providing QoS guarantees in IP networks is a difficult task, because the communication paradigm adopted by Internet was not originally conceived for a multi-service QoS context, and in particular for services that would find a more suitable “home” in circuit-switched or at least network-layer connection-oriented network infrastructures. Multiservice networks greatly require strategic planning for network growth for today and tomorrow. The techniques for design and planning of multiservice IP networks are not yet settled, for a number of reasons, such as, for instance:

- The diversity of applications and traffic flows.
- The variety of proposals that were submitted for the integrated management of traffic flows with different QoS requirements (architectures, protocols).
- The difficulty in the characterization of traffic sources in probabilistic terms.
- The uncertainty about the QoS metrics to be adopted for planning purposes.

Multimedia wireless network integration into all-IPv6 networking environment, considering intra- and inter-domain issues of capacity planning and optimization for mobile multimedia services.

Then, an important issue that was addressed in the research agenda is the identification of suitable design rules and planning guidelines for ad-hoc wireless systems in order to achieve important features, such as: connectivity, re-configurability, security and support of integrated traffics. In this context, planning does not exist due to the spontaneous and dynamic nature while centralized dimensioning is also not feasible due to potential topology volatility. Distributed approaches to dimensioning for QoS were investigated as well.

A.4 Service Aspects

The need of multiservice wireless networks is basically largely dependent on the pervasive universal growth of the use of existing and new, narrowband to broadband, applications and services and their diffusion out to mobile users. It is clear that many of the new applications will be band-width-intensive to provide the users with multimedia contents, high degree of interactivity and real-time traffics, as those achievable from current high-speed wireline access systems (e.g., Asynchronous Digital Subscriber Line, ADSL, access).

The implementation of new multimedia services poses new problems related to service billing, user privacy, user profiling, middleware architecture introduction for service and QoS adaptability (depending on user preferences, access characteristics, history of interaction), security, transactional interactivity, network reconfigurability, interoperability and inter-working of networks (intra-terrestrial, intra-satellite, inter terrestrial and satellite), network engineering, traffic engineering and so on. Each service has specific requirements that influence both the overall network design and

the detailed information carried within protocols. Therefore, for a proper design of both networks and protocols, it is necessary to understand the services to be supported. The real-time aspects of the service can be described in terms of the transport level (such as transmission delay or packet jitter) and the session level (such as time to establish the session). This Action focused on these service aspects by increasing the knowledge on new mobile applications and by providing adequate analysis on service provision aspects (i.e., enabling technologies and available design approaches) and characteristics. One important issue addressed by this Action was the relationship between service and pricing policy. Back in 2002, this was a novel field of research activity with a significant relevance for future mobile communication systems. It is motivated by the deployment of new services and hence new traffic types to be managed by the system, particularly in the context of the sophisticated evolution of mobile wireless networks beyond 3G and encompassing the evolution of all forms of mobile wireless networks. Such aspects are of vital importance, because a right charging policy entails revenue and the possibility to enrich the service offer, thus allowing a positive feedback on the network deployment and traffic itself.

A.5 Organization of the Research Agenda

In order to fulfil the research agenda mentioned above, the research activity of the COST 290 has been divided into four Working Groups (WGs). Such a breakdown structure has been selected to increase the efficiency of the research work, by splitting activities into smaller sub-activities whose outputs can be exchanged at the project level during joint WG meetings. There is no overlap among research areas of WGs; some shared topics are addressed from different perspectives.

Working Group 1: “Traffic Engineering” chaired by Prof. Dirk Staehle (University of Würzburg, Germany). This WG dealt with the following topics:

- Traffic characterization and modelling
- Mapping of QoS classes and SLA/SLS
- Resource management and QoS provision
- Congestion control
- Cross-layer design
- Transport protocols over wireless
- Medium Access Control (MAC)
- Performance evaluation

WG1 had a very significant number of contributions. It addressed Radio Resource Management (RRM) algorithms, in particular scheduling, queuing and Connection Admission Control (CAC) in wireless systems such as WCDMA, TDMA/TDD, HSDPA, WiFi, WiMAX and GEO. It explored implications of wireless MAC to the higher layers performance mainly through TCP evaluation in the presence of the time-varying wireless medium including analysis of congestion control unfairness when several nodes contend for resources. Significant attention was given to cross-layer design issues. The development of cross-layer performance optimization was addressed as well as more practical issues, in particular, some results on real-time applications like VoIP and video, using cross-layer cooperation over current wireless technologies. Also the studies on performance evaluation and traffic modelling of existing and near-future technologies mainly of wireless nature is done, it also

includes analysis of traffic impact on HSDPA systems. Performance evaluation by protocol simulators and measurements were analysed: i) the SEACORN simulator developed captures the dynamics of the end-to-end behaviour within an entire UMTS network including the support of enhanced functionalities; ii) the HSDPA/UMTS macrocell testbed presented allows to capture real performance of the system; analysis of impact of TCP parameters in the results of FTP experiments are presented. Moreover, this WG dealt with QoS and its assessment using user-perceived approaches. This WG also received contributions from the description of WiMAX testbed deployed in Portugal and from the discussion on coverage planning issues.

Working Group 2: “Mobility and Interoperability” chaired by Prof. Francisco Barcelo (Technical University of Catalonia, Spain). This WG dealt with the following topics:

- Mobility characterization
- Location awareness
- Handover techniques
- IP mobility protocols
- Interworking between different access technologies
- QoS and mobility (signalling, routing, etc.)
- Privacy and security

This WG addressed extensive analysis of mobility, by presenting the most important achievements in the area of mobility modelling. It presented the Quality of Service for the Mobile Multiuser Multimedia (Q3M) project developed together by University of Coimbra (Portugal) and DoCoMo Labs (Germany) aiming at the support of seamless multimedia, multi-user communications with QoS support in the “all IP” scenario. The Q3M architecture has been supported by SEMUD (Seamless Mobility of Users for Media Distribution Service) and MUSC (Multi-user Session Control) mechanisms allowing seamless mobility to multi-user sessions based on the combination of caches located at access routers, buffers located in mobile nodes and a session context transfer mechanism, and processing of the setup of multimedia sessions with end-to-end QoS mapping, QoS adaptation and connectivity control. This contributed also to a novel service component called Mobility and Quality (MnQ) enabler that resides in the application-plane of the IMS operator network and uses SIP, the signalling protocol specified for IMS by 3GPP. The topic of QoS in PCS (Personal Communications Services) was well researched. In particular, attention was paid to resource management and QoS control in emergency situations with special bias to resource reservation and call admission control analysing combined pre-emption and queuing schemes using separate queues for emergency new calls and public handover calls. This WG finally addressed IP mobility protocols in wireless networks: mobility in VC-based networks is analysed and IPv4/IPv6 based multicast protocols.

Working Group 3: “Network Architecture and Planning” chaired by Prof. Torsten Braun (University of Bern, Switzerland). This WG dealt with the following topics:

- Network planning
- Capacity dimensioning
- Evolution of network architecture
- Self organization

- Service architectures

The main focus of the WG was on wireless multi-hop networks, because those networks evolved significantly during the last 5 years and several relevant application scenarios such as wireless mesh networks, vehicular networks, and sensor networks evolved too. Those networks have high requirements on self-management and self-organizing mechanisms are required for robust and reliable network operation. The WG contained contributions on the topic of performance modelling and analysis of a relay node in IEEE 802.11 multi-hop wireless networks; an extensive analysis on routing protocols for multi-hop wireless networks; performance comparison of implementations of unicast, multicast and broadcast protocols. Further, transport layer protocols for multi-hop wireless networks were extensively analysed, in particular, a comprehensive performance comparison of different TCP flavours was presented and the design of novel mechanisms for transport layer was addressed in detail. Practical issues of management and channel assignment in wireless mesh networks were discussed based on the experimental multi-radio mesh network of the city of Heraklion, Crete, Greece. It also contained contributions on new mechanisms to support efficient service discovery in mobile ad-hoc networks.

Working Group 4: “Services, Regulations, and Economic Aspects” chaired by Prof. Vasilios Siris (ICS-FORTH, Greece). This WG dealt with the following topics:

- Economics and regulation
- New techno-business models, novel pricing and billing mechanisms
- Self-regulated wireless use
- Optimization based in cost/revenues aspects
- Charging and accounting
- Applications requirements and scenarios

This WG addressed economic analysis of services and deployment scenarios; it especially considered WiFi services, enhanced UMTS services, mobile grid services and broadband wireless access under the common task of identifying requirements of a uniform framework and architecture to provide multiple services. Also, business models, Authentication, Authorization and Accounting (AAA), charging and billing were considered in detail as well as newly developed models and algorithms; in particular, the Consumer-centric Business Model (CBM), an alternative to the traditional Subscriber-centric Business Model (SBM), developed by the University of Limerick (Ireland) is considered. The WG contained the contributions on investigation on optimization of mobile and wireless networks based on user/applications requirements and cost/revenues aspects.

A.6 Conclusions

Following COST 290 MoU, the main objective of this Action was to evolve, develop and investigate new approaches, techniques, methods, models, strategies and tools for the analysis, design, control and evaluation of future advanced multiservice wireless networks supporting user mobility, multimedia applications, and internetworking. Special attention was given to QoS and related aspects in both wireline and wireless

access networks, and core networks in the presence of mixed multimedia traffic. To accomplish these tasks new analytical tools, software implementations, prototypes and testbeds were invented and created.

Annex B: Details on STSMs

STSM 001(05) details

Title: Cost and revenue optimization for enhanced UMTS.
Name of visitor: Orlando Cabal, University of Beira Interior, Portugal.
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Duration: April 3-10, 2005.

Short description:

The STSM aimed to establish the framework to use ns2 simulator for Enhanced UMTS (E-UMTS), developed by University of Cyprus within IST-SEACORN (Simulation of Enhanced UMTS Access and Core Networks), to obtain results in terms of: cell coverage versus blocking probability, cell throughput as a function of the cell density, etc. From these results it is possible to obtain a cost/revenue optimization for panning an E-UMTS cellular coverage. Based on the achieved results four collaborative papers have been submitted to international conferences.

STSM 002(06) details

Title: Optimization of the Transport Layer Performance in a Wireless System based on the IEEE 802.11e Standard.
Name of visitor: Ivano Alocci, University of Siena, Italy.
Host: Yevgeni Koucheryavy, Tampere University of Technology, Finland.
Duration: April 15 – May 15, 2006.

Short description:

The area of interest for the STSM is in evaluating of the TCP performance as a result of interactions with lower layer protocols of the IEEE 802.11e technology and, in particular, radio channel conditions and transmission characteristics. Two basic types of user applications were accounted: real-time datagram applications, with various quality of service constraints, and TCP-based applications, whose main performance indicator is the connection goodput. Study was aimed at analyzing the performance of these applications on a wireless scenario. In particular, TCP-based traffic (several TCP versions will be considered, such as: TCP NewReno, SACK, and Westwood+) and UDP-based traffic will be considered. Different traffic types (e.g., VoIP, video, best effort and background) will be examined in the presence of a wireless network with IEEE 802.11e MAC layer. Tests were carried out in the ns2 environment by adopting the IEEE 802.11e implementation developed by the Technical University of Berlin, Germany. As a result, a clear picture on possible interaction and control information exchange between transport and data link layers was obtained. An optimal criterion for the selection among transmission modes on the basis of the goodput performance at the TCP level was investigated. This study was aimed to contribute to the proposal of a cross-layering framework.

STSM 003(06) details

Title: TCP NewReno Modeling and Design of Scaleable Multicast Feedback Mechanism.
Name of visitor: Roman Dunaytsev, Tampere University of Technology, Finland.

Host: Konstantin Avrachenkov, INRIA Sophia Antipolis, France.
Duration: May 02 - 31, 2006.

Short description:

TCP-Friendly Rate Control (TFRC) is the most promising protocol among proposed alternatives. TFRC is an equation-based congestion control protocol, which maintains a similar transmission rate as TCP in the steady state, but avoids abrupt changes in the transmission rate and thus has a much lower variation of throughput and delay over time compared with TCP. Such property makes it more suitable for real-time applications such as streaming multimedia where a relatively smooth transmission rate is of importance. The sender computes the transmission rate as a function of loss probability and average round trip time using the TCP throughput equation based on the model proposed by Padhye *et al.* (widely known as the PFTK-model in correspondence with the initials of the authors) and the receiver feedback packets. The PFTK-model describes steady-state throughput of a long-lived TCP Reno bulk transfer as a function of loss rate, average round trip time and receiver window size.

At the same time the PFTK-model and TFRC protocol have several drawbacks: i) the PFTK-model defines TCP Reno transmission rate, while recent measurements show that the most widely used TCP implementation in today's Internet is TCP NewReno and the deployment of TCP NewReno has increased significantly in the last few years; ii) TFRC is a congestion control mechanism designed for one-to-one communication (unicast), while the applications for which equation-based congestion control is a suitable rate control mechanism are often designed for one-to-many communication (multicast). Thus, the following detailed topics will be addressed in this STSM: i) TCP NewReno throughput modeling (including different TCP NewReno variants) for the subsequent use in TFRC protocol; ii) validation of the obtained model against simulations, existing analytical models and controlled measurements; iii) design of scalable multicast feedback mechanism; iv) simulations and experimental studies.

STSM 004(06) details

Title: Internet Tomography Measurement System (ITMS).

Name of visitor: Ivan Ganchev, University of Limerick, Ireland.

Host: Gennady Yanovsky, St.Petersburg State University of Telecommunications, Russia.

Duration: June 22 - 30, 2006.

Short description:

This STSM seeks to lay down foundations for setting up a non-invasive Internet Tomography Measurement System (ITMS) with the goal of delivering short-term and long-term (even continuous), comprehensive QoS assessment/measurements of IP performance in the core, across the edge and even extending into customer sites without impacting negatively on normal user traffic or violating security and privacy concerns in the process. The aim is to use this system to map the Internet performance profile spatially and temporally over paths between probing stations. With enough probing stations a general Internet performance tomographic picture can be constructed, and the picture along certain geographic routes as a function of time, day, month etc. may be measured. The ITMS will be designed to monitor what the end-user QoS experience is at different locations in order to construct a comprehensive

network statistical performance picture relevant to the interested parties. The system will be characterised by a constellation of automated probing stations (positioned in the networks of participating sites/partners) generating and receiving test traffic (a pre-defined pattern of test messages) over the Internet. These are strategically located/positioned in relation to the Internet areas being assessed and would include both wired and wireless networks sections. The probing stations pose no security breach to the corporate information systems as it will be installed on the outer side of the firewall of the participating sites' LANs.

STSM 005(06) and 006(06) details

Title: A Nonparametric Approach for Measurement Based Admission Control.

Name of visitor: Thomas M. Bohnert, University of Coimbra, Portugal.

Host: Yevgeni Koucheryavy, Tampere Univ. of Technology, Finland.

Duration: September 01 – October 30, November 01 – December 31, 2006.

Short description:

Quality of Service (QoS) provisioning in future Internet architectures is crucial; there exists a broad consensus about. Still a controversial subject, however, is how to provide it. Providing QoS essentially means explicit resource reservation or assignment. Technological projection of resource availability across current demand favors overprovisioning as the universal solution; it is simple and in certain aspects proven successful in the current Internet configuration. However, resources are an extremely expensive commodity such that overprovisioning, i.e. non-optimal utilization, leads to lost revenue. Therefore, but not only, operators ask for explicit on-demand resource assignment for optimal utilization and revenue. In turn, if resource availability is limited, explicit management thereof is required; in a network context meaning a need for Admission Control (AC). Briefly, the issue of AC is to decide explicitly for admission of resource consumers on a network segment dependent on actual resource availability, i.e. network state.

STSM 007(07) details

Title: TCP performance and fairness evaluation over future WiMAX networks.

Name of visitor: Konstantin Avrachenkov, INRIA, France.

Host: Yevgeni Koucheryavy, Tampere Univ. of Technology, Finland.

Duration: March 05 – 11, 2007.

Short description:

TCP is a dominant protocol governing the data delivery over the Internet. Most Internet applications, such as WWW, e-mail, FTP, and peer-to-peer file sharing, use TCP to provide reliable data transfer over unreliable “best-effort” service of IP. Recent measurements show that more than a half of today’s Internet traffic is carried by TCP and it is expected that in the nearest future TCP will continue to be the prevalent transport layer protocol on the Internet. Up to date the Internet and wireless communications have been evolving as separate technologies because of different types of traffic they were intended for. Nowadays, with recent advances in wireless technologies and commercial deployment of public broadband wireless networks the convergence of the Internet and wireless communication systems is getting clear. IEEE 802.16 WirelessMAN (commercially known as WiMAX), cutting-edge

broadband access technology has capacity to address broad geographic areas without the costly infrastructure development required in deploying cable links to individual sites, the technology may prove less expensive to deploy and may lead to more ubiquitous broadband access. In addition to broadband wireless access to the Internet, WiMAX is expected to provide a wide variety of mechanisms for QoS support and provision, for example bandwidth allocation mechanisms. However, the current standard leaves some crucial mechanisms like flow scheduling unspecified, so that vendors may differentiate their implementations. WiMAX QoS issues become very important and challenging specifically in the context of undefined peculiarities of the standard. Planning and optimization of the WiMAX systems are no doubt should be investigated.

STSM 008(07) details

Title: Designing and implementing a scalable multicast Ad Hoc protocol.

Name of visitor: Firas Al Balas, University of Glamorgan, UK.

Host: Benslimane Abderrahim, University of Avignon, France.

Duration: June 26 – July 21, 2007.

Short description:

The main purpose for the STSM is to develop a scalable ad hoc protocol depending on SREM (Scalable Recursive Explicit Multicast) protocol that is scalable routing protocol which used for traditional wireless networks, our work aimed to upgrade this protocol to be one of the MANET protocols and be used at Ad Hoc environment. The development of the protocol is to decide the main key points and features to do develop this protocol and the implementation aspects under the well-known simulator ns2. The work carried out during the STSM can divided into two main parts, first part is designing (upgrading) SREM protocol to be an ad hoc routing protocol, second part is discuss the main points to be considered in implementing the new developed protocol and start the implementation using the ns-2 simulator. The first part of the of the STSM is concerned on the procedure that should be done to upgrade SREM to be an Ad Hoc protocol, where SREM is a novel protocol that address the scalable problem and the high join/leave problem by using the a dynamic branching node-based multicast tree (DBT) to deliver packets. SREM uses a set of messages and create and update a set of tables to create a dynamic branching node-based multicast tree (DBT), this algorithm is developed to support scalable multicast routing for fixed networks, in our first part of STSM the main concern is to make this algorithm used when the nodes at the network are moving i.e. Ad Hoc.

STSM 009(07) details

Title: Development and evaluation of simulation framework for implementation of real-time services in IEEE 802.16e networks.

Name of visitor: Yevgeni Koucheryavy, Tampere Univ. of Technology, Finland.

Host: Giovanni Giambene, University of Siena, Italy.

Duration: July 01 – 13, 2007.

Short description:

IEEE 802.16 WirelessMAN is the broadband access technology for the first/last mile. Supporting transmission rates up to 134 Mbps at distances far as 20 km, while

supporting mobility still at 100 km/h, 802.16 provides the broadband wireless access not only for impervious areas, but also for highly dense areas, like city centers where cabling is simply too expensive. PMP mode is featured by different transmission strategies for uplink and downlink. For both directions data transmission takes place in separate time frames, but in uplink SS transmits in *Time Division Multiplexing* (TDM) mode, while in downlink BS broadcasts a sub-frame consisting out of a burst of MAC PDUs. SS is able to adapt own transmission capabilities in accordance to the current state of PHY layer. Based on measurements at PHY layer, an SS adapts so-called *Interval Usage Code* (IUC), which includes modulation, rate, FEC scheme; uplink and downlink use different IUCs, *Uplink IUC* (UIUC) and *Downlink IUC* (DIUC) correspondingly. The MAC protocol defined by 802.16 is connection-oriented, both transport and control flows use unidirectional logical connections. The outbound MAC associates packets into a *Service Flow* (SF) to be delivered over the logical connection; every SF is associated with QoS parameters, e.g., transmission ordering and scheduling. SFs can map to DiffServ or MPLS flow labels that enable end-to-end IP-based QoS. Further 802.16 QoS facilities include four different QoS categories in the uplink and downlink; ARQ, admission control and scheduling; adaptive PHY layer is also a very important feature making MAC capable of better QoS achievement. Some algorithms, like scheduling, are intentionally left out as open issues for developers. WiMAX Forum, industry-driven 802.16 certification body assuring multi-vendor interoperability, addresses end-to-end QoS assurance for NGN framework defining All-IP mobile WiMAX end-to-end network architecture; using this architecture 802.16 networks will become integrated with existing networks such as 3G, meaning NGN services will be implemented in a smooth way.

STSM 010(07) details

Title: Development of a User-Perceived VoIP Quality aware Scheduler for OFDMA Networks.

Name of visitor: Dirk Staehle, University of Wuerzburg, Germany.

Host: Yevgeni Koucheryavy, Tampere Univ. of Technology, Finland.

Duration: September 15 – 30, 2007.

Short description:

Orthogonal Frequency Division Multiple Access is the currently most evolved radio technology used in mobile WiMAX and the future version of UMTS called UTRAN Long Term Evolution (LTE). OFDMA separates a rather broad frequency bands into orthogonal subcarriers. Transmissions can occur in parallel on different, non-overlapping subsets of the subcarriers without interfering with each other. The symbols transmitted on different subcarriers experience different fading conditions if the channel is frequency-selective. The different fading conditions per subcarrier lead to different bit error rates (BER) for the bits transmitted simultaneously on different subcarriers. This effect may either be countered by distributing the subcarriers belonging to the subset of a single user over the whole range of subcarriers or it may be used by allocating adjacent subcarriers to a user that currently experience good fading conditions. The first possibility means that we utilize the frequency diversity; the second possibility is called frequency-selective scheduling. In the IEEE802.16e standard that builds that basis for mobile WiMAX, both variants to allocate subcarriers to users are specified. FUSC (full usage of subcarriers) and

PUSC (partial usage of subcarriers) are the default ways to allocate subcarriers. Both rely on frequency diversity, but FUSC uses all subcarriers to the users of a sector whereas PUSC only allocates a part of the subcarriers in order to allow sectorization with non-overlapping subcarriers in adjacent sector. Band AMC is an optional subcarrier allocation strategy that allows frequency-selective scheduling. In general, modern packet-radio networks utilize adaptive modulation and coding (AMC) and also opportunistic scheduling, i.e. the current channel state is considered in the scheduling decision. The IEEE 802.16 standard foresees connections well defined QoS parameters for the transport of data packets. Admission control and scheduler have to ensure that the QoS parameters are maintained. QoS parameters of a VoIP called are typically set in a way that when they are maintained the VoIP quality is very good. However, we can not necessarily conclude that the VoIP quality is bad when the scheduler is temporarily not able to meet the QoS parameter. In order to understand the difference, let's have a closer look into the definition of VoIP quality. In fact, most works define VoIP QoS as a simple delay and loss probability. While these are the established metrics in the context of the IETF and IEEE by today, awareness of their serious shortcomings is strengthening. For an brief illustration, one simply has to imagine an equal frame loss rate but with packet loss events differently distributed over two equal calls. Clearly, the quality perceived differs as bursty loss leads to a stronger degradation than the opposite. In fact, the correct definition of VoIP quality is rather that of speech quality but as this is a complex matter most of the works on resource control do ignore this matter fact. Putting things together, a fully cross-layered scheduler design, i.e. from physical to application layer, requires to estimate in overload situation the actual QoE of a VoIP connection which allows it to drop or delay packets with no or only small VoIP quality degradation. Such a scheduler shall be able to deal well with temporary overload situations allows establishing a more risky admission control leading to higher system utilization while at the same time assuring speech quality, the ultimate rating by users. The aim of the STSM is to develop the foundation of a user-perceived quality aware scheduler and admission control at the example of VoIP connections in a mobile WiMAX environment. AMC and opportunistic scheduling considering both frequency and time domain make the development of both scheduler and admission control quite challenging. The outcome of the STSM shall be a simulation environment for the scheduler and admission control in Matlab and at least one paper and one COST290 temporary document presenting first results.

STSM 011(07) details

Title: Source Based Quality of Service Routing Using Complex Decision Making.

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Host: Jean-Frédéric Wagen, College of Engineering and Architecture of Fribourg, Switzerland.

Duration: June 4 – 29, 2007.

Short description:

A large variety of applications have been deployed over the internet, including multimedia and real time services. In order to deliver these kinds of services to the end user while achieving the highest quality, the path that the data is transmitted on should meet the minimum/maximum requirements of the application. These requirements are called metrics/constraints in terms of Quality of Service (QoS). In

our study we propose a universal QoS routing algorithm which aims to find the best path between source and destination according to multi metrics stored in QoS profiles, each profile contains a number of constraints that assure the delivery of the service. When considering multiple constraints, it becomes harder and more complex to find the best path. For this reason our study intends to find and implement a new technique to solve this problem. Currently, a source based multi metric QoS routing algorithm has been developed, this algorithm uses the Analytical Hierarchy Process (AHP) to find the best path for service transmitting. the aim of the STSM is to develop another based multi metric QoS routing algorithm that uses Multi Attribute Utility Theory to find the best path; having another algorithm which that uses a similar routing algorithm will allow to compare the two algorithms and analyse how decision making methods can break down the complexity of multi metric routing.

STSM 012(08) details

Title: Domain-wide Session-level QoS negotiation and optimization for Advanced Multimedia Services.

Name of visitor: Agata Brajdic, University of Zagreb, Croatia.

Host: Andreas Kassler, Karlstad University, Sweden.

Duration: March 17 – May 16, 2008.

Short description:

As future multimedia services are expected to involve media-rich applications customized to meet user preferences and capabilities, the networks must deal with complex and dynamically changing QoS requirements. The goal of quality of service (QoS) negotiation for IP multimedia sessions is to determine “the best” service configuration and network resources allocation that would maximize user perceived service quality while taking into account user preferences, terminal capabilities, multimedia application requirements, as well as network constraints. Implementing this functionality uses end-to-end (E2E) application-level QoS negotiation and signaling via control layer network entities. This problem is further addressed in the context of IP Multimedia Subsystem (IMS), which has been adopted as a standardized next generation network architecture. While existing 3GPP specifications describe procedures for QoS negotiation and signaling for multimedia applications such as audio/video communication and multimedia messaging, the support for more advanced services, involving interactive applications with diverse and interdependent media components is not addressed specifically and presents an open area of research. A proposed solution for advanced QoS negotiation is based on introducing a new SIP Application Server (AS) within the IMS domain, to provide advanced QoS parameter matching and optimization (QMO) functionality within the QoS negotiation process. A QMO AS has been modelled as an entity within the service provider domain (e.g., owned by an IMS operator), which serves users who may be located in different access networks and who access services offered by third party service providers. The role of the QMO AS is to calculate an optimal service degradation path for a particular user session, attempting to maximize user perceived service quality while taking into account user preferences, terminal capabilities, multimedia application requirements, as well as network constraints. This degradation path is further passed to a network level Resource Manager located in the user's access network. The Resource Manager can then run low-level resource allocation algorithms to determine how much resources to allocate to a particular session (taking into account a session's

degradation path, achievable quality, user status, resource availability, etc.). The degradation path is thus used to efficiently adapt service quality both at initial session establishment and in response to dynamic changes in resource availability occurring during the course of a session lifetime. The area of interest for this STSM will be in extending the role of the QMO AS as the high-level (session level) coordinator for active sessions requesting advanced QoS negotiation within a whole domain, typically controlled by a network operator. While particular decisions are still made by other access network Resource Managers, the QMO AS would have a global view on what sessions with what user perceivable QoS preferences and degradation paths are currently being served in a given domain, has knowledge about the individual users contract with the given provider and what services with what priorities the customer is associated with (typically available through some A4C – authentication, authorization, access control, accounting and charging server), has connection to a network resource manager that knows resource utilization of the access network and could thus optimize user perceivable QoS for all currently served users.

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