

LTE and LTE-Advanced: An Introduction

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The history

- 1G (Early 1980s)
 - Analog speech communications.
 - Ex: AMPS
- 2G (Early 1990s)
 - Digital modulation of speech communications.
 - Advanced security and roaming.
 - TDMA and narrowband CDMA.
 - Ex: GSM
- 3G (Late 1990s)
 - Global harmonization and roaming.
 - Wideband CDMA
 - Ex: UMTS

Beyond 3G

- Evolutionary path beyond 3G
 - Mobile class targets 100 Mbps with high mobility
 - Local area class targets 1 Gbps with low mobility
- 3GPP is currently developing evolutionary/revolutionary systems beyond 3G
 - 3GPP Long Term Evolution (LTE)
- IEEE 802.16-based WiMAX is also evolving towards 4G through 802.16m

3GPP Evolution

- Release 99 (Mar. 2000): UMTS/WCDMA
- Rel-5 (Mar. 2002): HSDPA
- Rel-6 (Mar. 2005): HSUPA
- Rel-7 (2007): DL MIMO, optimized real-time services (VoIP, gaming, ...)
- Long Term Evolution (LTE)
 - 3GPP work on the Evolution of the 3G Mobile System started in November 2004.
 - Standardized in the form of Rel-8.
 - Spec finalized and approved in January 2008.
- LTE-Advanced study phase in progress.

Requirements for LTE

- Peak data rate
 - 100 Mbps DL/ 50 Mbps UL within 20 MHz bandwidth.
 - Up to 200 active users in a cell (5 MHz)
- Mobility
 - Optimized for 0 ~ 15 km/h.
 - 15 ~ 120 km/h supported with high performance.
 - Supported up to 350 km/h or even up to 500 km/h.
- Spectrum flexibility: 1.25 ~ 20 MHz
- Enhanced support for end-to-end QoS

LTE Enabling Technologies

- Two main technologies
 1. Orthogonal Frequency Division Multiplexing (OFDM)
 2. Multiple-Input Multiple-Output (MIMO)

OFDM: A bandwidth efficient technique

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OFDM (continue)

- Multi-carrier transmission offers various **advantages** over traditional single carrier approaches
 - Highly scalable
 - Simplified equalizer design in the frequency domain, also in cases of large delay spread
 - High spectrum density
 - Simplifies the usage of MIMO
 - Good granularity to control user data rates
 - Robustness against timing errors

Multiple-Input Multiple-Output (MIMO)

- Future wireless services require high data rates and high signal quality
- The wireless resources such as the bandwidth are scarce
- Wireless channels have a lot of impairments such as fading, shadowing, and multiuser interference
- One solution is the use of Diversity achieving schemes
- Spatial diversity is of special interest!

MIMO (continue)

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Goals of LTE

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MIMO Techniques

1. Spatial Multiplexing

- § Goal is to maximize data rate
- § Send as much independent data as possible over different antennas
- § Works only if number of receiver antennas is greater or equal to number of transmit antennas(i.e. less suitable for DL)

2. Space-Time Coding

- § Goal is to enhance the signal quality
- § Achieves spatial diversity by introducing redundancy
- § Alamouti Scheme is the most popular STC (for a $2 \times N$ system)

Multi-User MIMO (MU-MIMO)

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Downlink (DL) Beamforming

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Requirements for LTE-Advanced (LTE-A)

- LTE-A shall have same or better performance than LTE
- Peak data rate (peak spectrum efficiency)
 - Downlink: 1 Gbps, Uplink: 500 Mbps
- Peak spectrum efficiency
 - Downlink: 30 bps/Hz, Uplink: 15 bps/Hz
- Same requirements as LTE for mobility, coverage, synchronization, spectrum flexibility etc

LTE-A Proposed Enhancements

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LTE-A Technology Proposals

- MIMO enhancements
- Cooperative multi-site transmission
- Repeaters and relays

MIMO Enhancements for LTE-A

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Coordinated Multi-Point Transmission (CoMP)

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Relaying

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