# Mobile Communications

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- What is the history of mobile communications?
- ♦ What types of wireless networks do exist?
- Where to find information about current mobile networks?

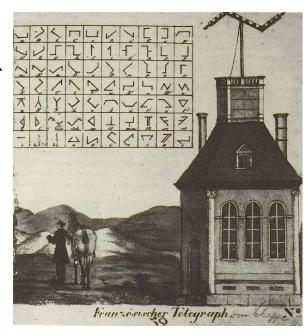
## History – Past and Radio

#### Past

- » Fire signal signals used to communicate the fall of Troy to Athens (600 km)
- » 2nd century B.C., sets of torches to transmit characters
- » 1793, 3 part semaphores on top hills and towers
- » 1837, electric telegraph

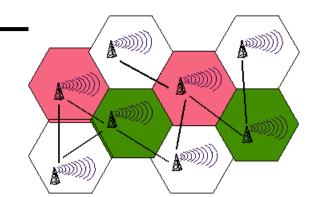
#### Radio transmission

- » 1895, first radio transmission ~30 km away
- » 1906, amplitude-modulated (AM) radio
- » 1920, broadcast of radio news program
- » 1928, TV broadcast trials
- » 1933, frequency-modulated (FM) radio
- » 1946, Swedish police had the first radio phones installed in cars
- » 1950, mobile phone with direct dialling



### History – Cell, 1<sup>st</sup> Generation

- Cellular topology
  - 1950's, cellular network concept
     power of transmitted signal falls with square of distance
     users can operate on same frequency at separate locations



» 1971, Finland, ARP, first public commercial cellular, mobile network

- ◆ 1<sup>st</sup> Generation → Analogue, Frequency Division Multiplexing
  - » 1982, NMT network covering Finland/Sweden/Norway/Denmark
  - » 1983, AMPS in America
  - » 1985, TACS, Total Access Communications Service, in Europe

## History – Packet Radio

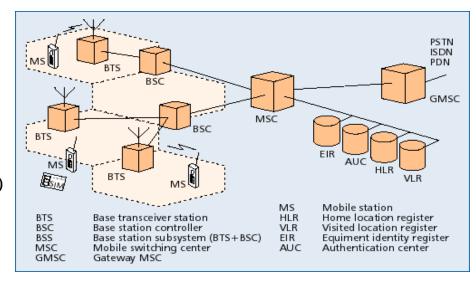
- ◆ 1971, ALOHANET packet radio
  - » computers communicate with central HUB
- ◆ 1980's ad-hoc, self-configurable packet networks
- ◆ 1985, Wireless LANs authorized to use ISM (free) bands
- ◆ 1997, first WLAN (WIFI) standard

# *History* – 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Generation

#### 2nd Generation

digital transmission and signalling; ISDN based

- » 1982, specification of GSM starts
- » Early 1990's
  - Europe: GSM
    GSM Global System for Mobile Communication
  - USA: D-AMPS, cdmaOne
  - Japan: Personal Digital Cellular (PDC)



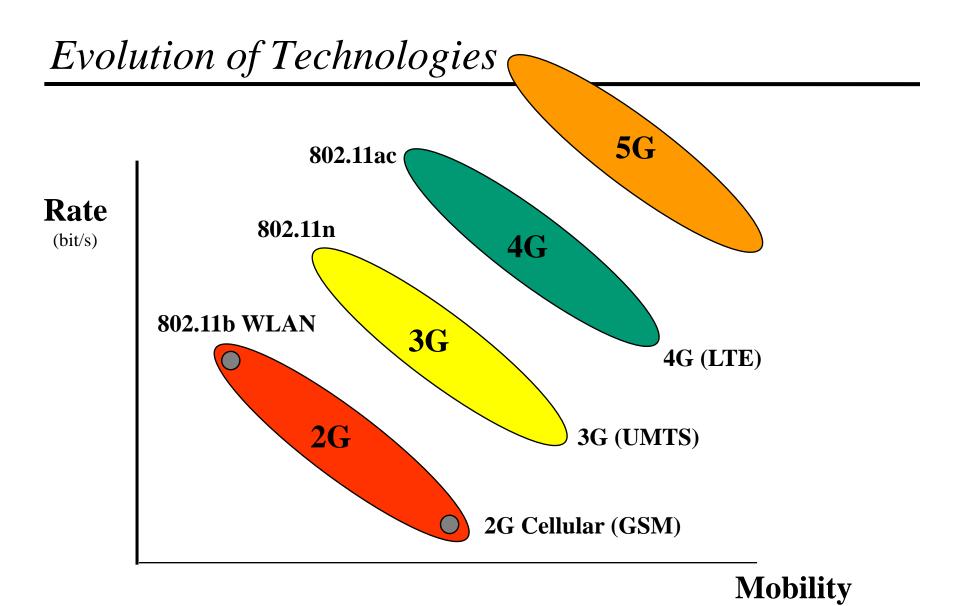
#### • 3G systems

aimed at multimedia communication

» 2001, Japan, first implementation of 3G systems

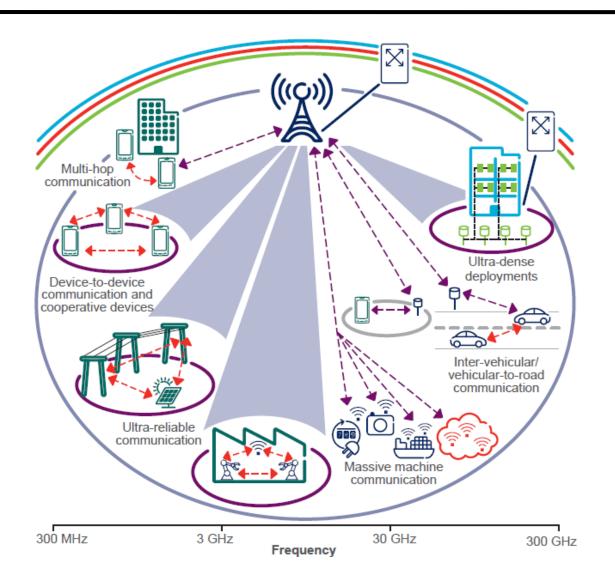
## Type of Networks

- WPAN Wireless Personal Area Networks
  - » short distances between a private group of devices
- WLAN Wireless Local Area Networks
  - » for areas such as home, office, group of buildings
- WMAN Wireless Metropolitan Area Networks
  - » from several blocks of buildings to entire cities
- PLMN Public Land Mobile Networks
  - » regions and countries

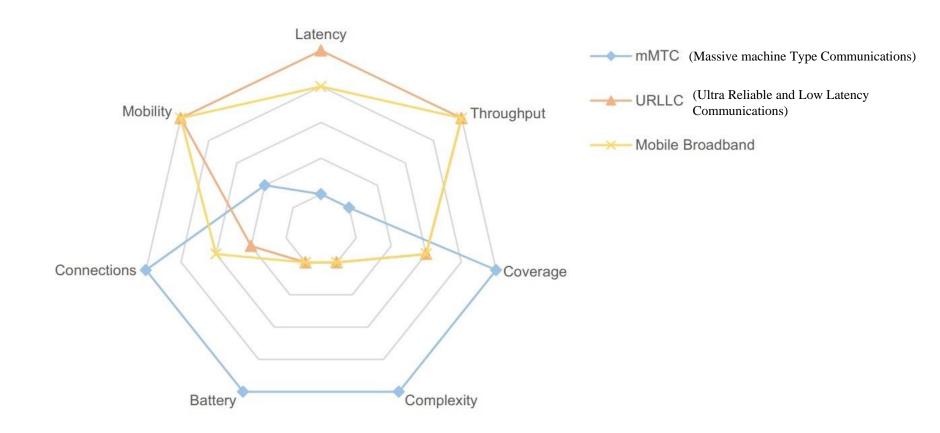


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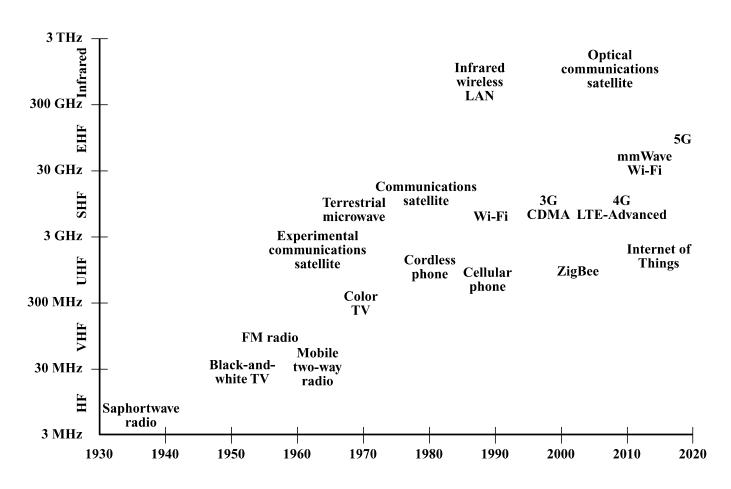
# 5<sup>th</sup> Generation



# 5G, 6G - Communications Requirements



# Frequencies vs Time



High carrier frequency → high bandwidth → high bitrate (bit/s)

### Standards - IEEE

- IEEE Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers
- ◆ 802 Standards for Local /Metropolitan Area Network, wired and wireless
  - » Wireless LANs (802.11)
  - » Wireless Personal Area Networks (802.15)

#### http://standards.ieee.org/about/get/

- Layers 1 and 2 of the OSI communications model
- Below the IP communications layer



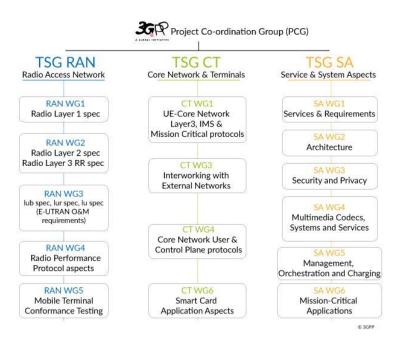
#### Standards - 3GPP



#### Scope of 3GPP

- » Mobile telecommunications
  - cellular technologies, including radio access, core network and service capabilities
- » Specifications for GSM, GPRS, UMTS, LTE, LTE-Advanced, 5G
- » Specifications developed by Technical Specification Groups (TSG)

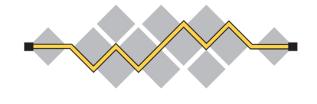
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### Standards - IETF

#### http://www.ietf.org

- Defines standards for the Internet, including
  - » TCP/IP
  - » key services
  - » routing protocols
  - » deployment of IP over technologies





### Standards - Other

- ITU Worldwide
- ETSI Europe

### Homework

- 1. Review slides
- 2. Read from Schiller
  - » Chap. 1
- 3. Read from Goldsmith
  - » Chap. 1
- 4. Answer questions at moodle