

Fourth-generation Mobile Technology **4G**

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What is 4G?

- **Wireless World Research Forum defines 4G as:**

A network that operates on **Internet technology**, combines it with other applications and technologies such as Wi-Fi, and runs at speeds ranging from **100 Mbps** (in cell-phone networks) to **1 Gbps** (in local WI-FI networks).

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What is 4G?

- **Other descriptions:**

- ❖ Fourth-generation [cellular](#) communication system.
- ❖ Fourth-generation mobile technology
- ❖ Fully IP-based wireless internet
- ❖ 100 Mbps (outdoor) and 1Gbps (indoor)
- ❖ End-to-end [QoS](#) (Quality of service)
- ❖ High security
- ❖ Any services, anytime, anywhere, at affordable cost
- ❖ A collection of technologies and protocols
- ❖ A Single standard
- ❖ Developing time line from 2000 to 2010
- ❖ 4G will make us as a part of the Internet.

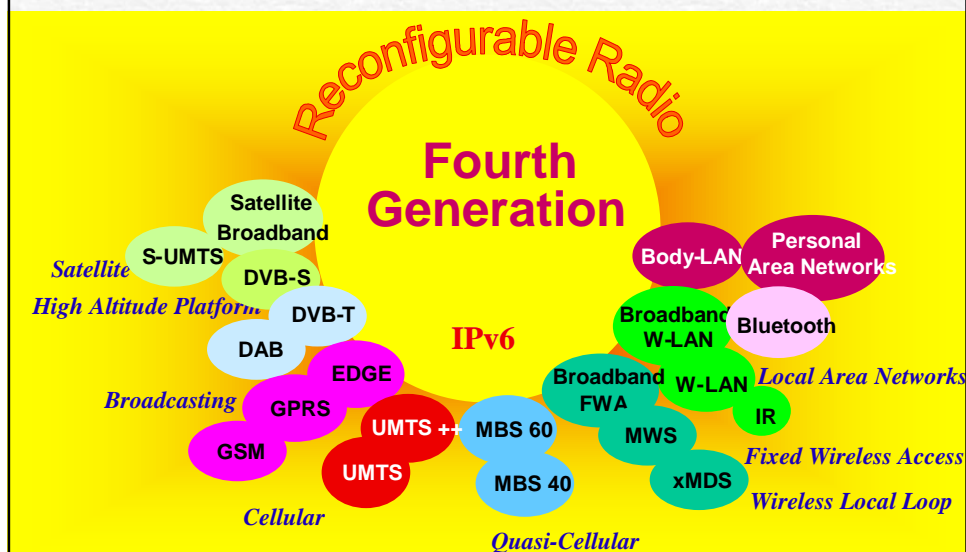
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Objectives of 4G

- Efficient and High network capacity
- Nominal data rate: 100 Mbps-1 Gbps
- Smooth handoff across heterogeneous network
- Seamless connectivity
- Global roaming across multiple networks
- High quality of service for multimedia support
(real time audio, high speed data, HDTV video content, mobile TV, etc)
- Interoperable with the existing wireless standards
- All IP system, packet switched network

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Reference Model of 4G System



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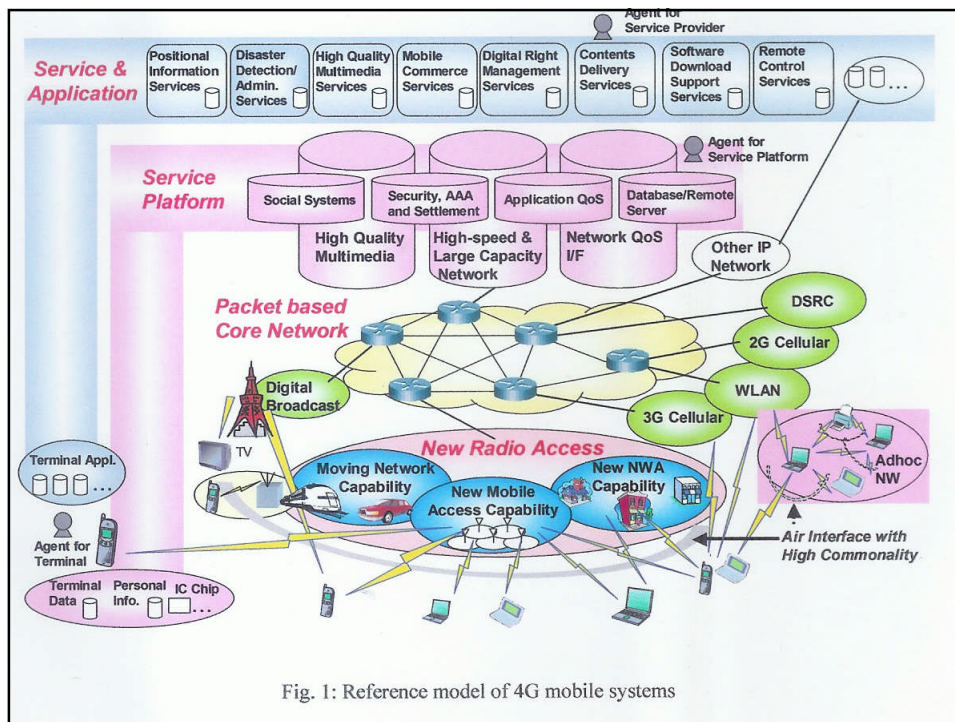
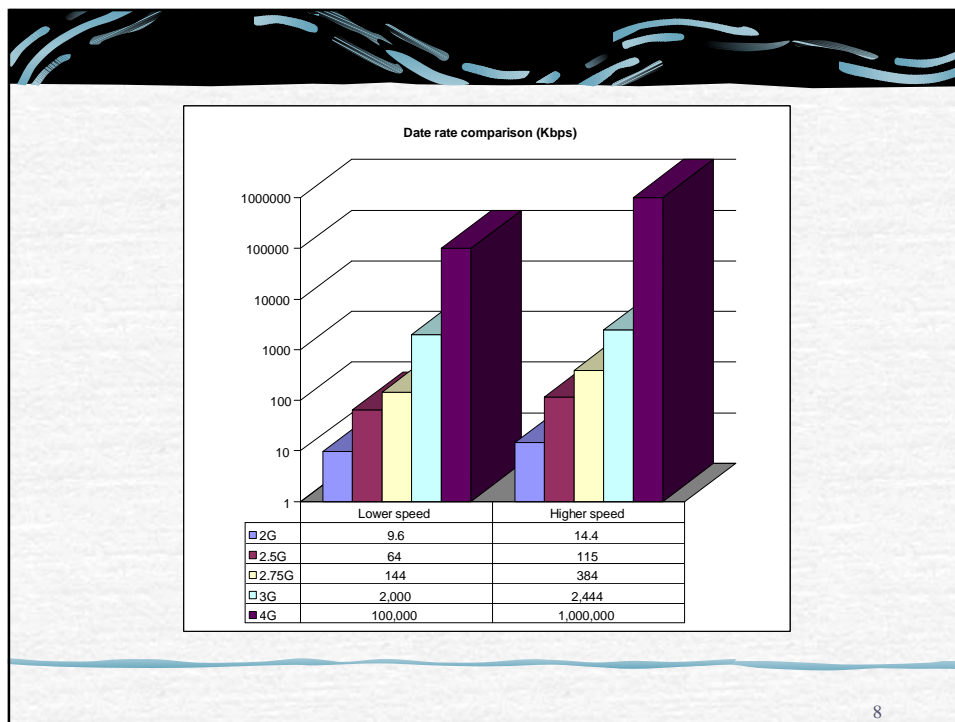


Fig. 1: Reference model of 4G mobile systems



Compare 4G with 3G

	3G (including 2.5G, sub3G)	4G
Major Requirement Driving Architecture	Predominantly voice driven - data was always add on	Converged data and voice over IP
Network Architecture	Wide area cell-based	Hybrid - Integration of Wireless LAN (Wi-Fi, Bluetooth) and wide area
Speeds	384 Kbps to 2 Mbps	20 to 100 Mbps in mobile mode
Frequency Band	Dependent on country or continent (1800-2400 MHz)	Higher frequency bands (2-8 GHz)
Bandwidth	5-20 MHz	100 MHz (or more)
Switching Design Basis	Circuit and Packet	All digital with packet voice
Access Technologies	W-CDMA, 1xRTT, Edge	OFDMA and MC-CDMA (Multi Carrier CDMA)
Forward Error Correction	Convolutional rate 1/2, 1/3	Concatenated coding scheme
Component Design	Optimized antenna design, multi-band adapters	Smarter Antennas, software multi-band and wideband radios Software-Defined Radio
IP	A number of air link protocols, including IP 5.0	All IP (IP6.0)

4G Key Components – (1)

Access Schemes

❖ To add advantages in **scalability** new access schemes like OFDMA, Single carrier FDMA, and MC-CDMA have been proposed as part of the next generation UMTS, 802.16e and 802.20 standards.

4G Key Components – (2)

• IPv6

- ❖ Remove the need for Network Address Translation (NAT)
- ❖ Enables a number of applications with better multi-cast, security and route optimization capabilities.
- ❖ Support a great number of wireless enabled devices.
- ❖ Provide more available address space and number of addressing bits
- ❖ Enables 4G coding schemes innovation

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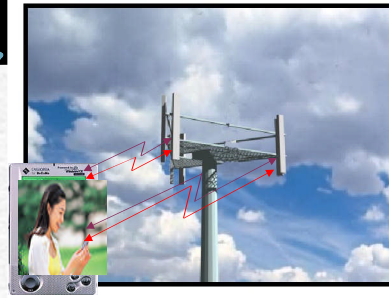
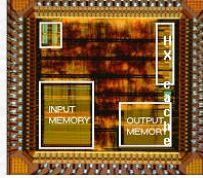
4G Key Components – (3)

• Multi-Antenna Systems

- ❖ MIMO (Multiple-input and multiple-output) multiplexing
- ❖ Is used to send data via various routes across a network in order to increase data capacity.

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Example: MIMO



- ☞ MIMO increases the peak data rates and average throughput of data systems.
- ☞ Comparison between conventional (1,1) system and (4,4) system:
 - Increase peak data rate by up to a factor of 3
 - Increase average throughput by a factor of 2.2.

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4G Key Components – (4)

■ Software-Defined Radio (SDR)

- ❖ 4G devices will constitute all collection of wireless standards. This can be realized by using SDR technology.
- ❖ SDR is one form of open wireless architecture (OWA).

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International Initiatives (1)

- **WWRF (Wireless World Research Forum)**

- ❖ In 2001, Alcatel, Ericsson, Motorola, Nokia and Siemens formed the WWRF to explore 4G
- ❖ Provides a global platform for discussion of results, exchange of views to initiate global cooperation toward 4G
- ❖ Work with the [ITU](#), [UMTS Forum](#), [ETSI](#), [3GPP](#), [3GPP2](#), [IETF](#), and other relevant bodies regarding commercial and standardisation issues
- ❖ In 2003, WWRF announced an effort to establish linkages and discuss common goals with Japan's mobile IT forum.

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International Initiatives (2)

- **ITU (International Telecommunication Union)**



- ❖ ITU is the leading [United Nations](#) agency for information and communication technology

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International Initiatives (3)

- **Japan and China signed a memorandum in 2005 to work together on 4G.**
- **Japan NTT DoCoMo has tested the 4G in 2005 and hopes to launch a commercial 4G Network by 2010**

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