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ELMAR 2013 Special Session

From 3G to 4G and beyond

Summary:

According to some forecast projects 18-fold growth in global mobile internet data traffic from 2011 to 2016 has to be expected. In this context, maintaining good network performance and satisfactory user experience in increasing usage of 3G and upcoming 4G cellular networks creates a host of new challenge. Furthermore, the evolution of mobile networks towards an all-IP (LTE) introduces new challenges for traditionally circuit-switched voice service, where it is critical for operators to guarantee minimum levels of performance and improve them where possible. This translates into a need to:

- define reliable QoS and QoE monitoring methodologies
- create effective traffic load balancing strategies over legacy 2G, 3G and upcoming 4G networks in order to maximize their capacity and coverage
- offload traffic from mobile networks to fixed\ Wi-Fi networks or femtocells
- utilize benefits of advanced antenna techniques

Therefore, this session will be focused on activities related to LTE standard and its implementation, traffic balancing and offloading strategies using legacy or cooperative networks, handling circuit-switched services over 4G, advanced antenna techniques utilization etc.

The topics for this special session should cover:

- QoS and QoE monitoring
- Software defined\ cognitive radio
- Mobile data traffic load balancing and offloading strategies
- Capacity and coverage optimization
- Handling voice service in a 4G network: VoLTE, CSFB, VoIP
- MIMO and MU-MIMO techniques
- Smart antennas and beamforming
- 4G standards: current and emerging

Submission

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