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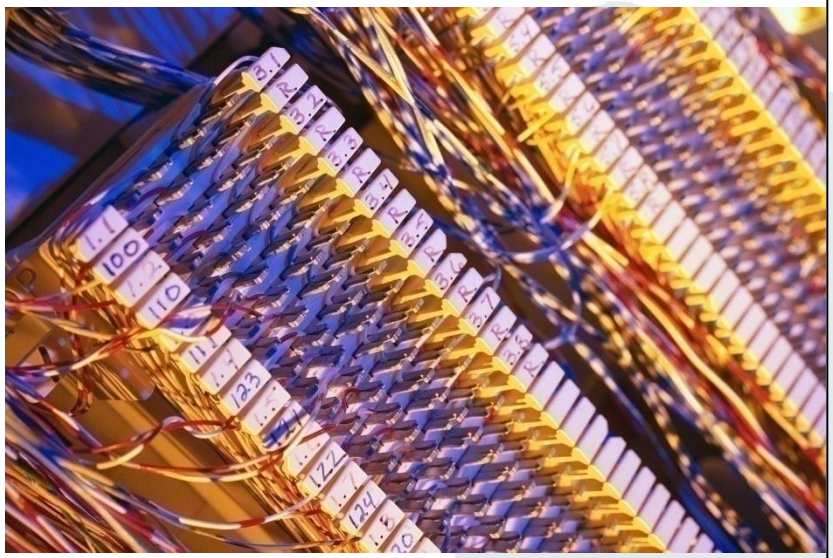
Lecture 2

Basic Communication Paradigms and Mobile Telecommunications Infrastructures



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Overview

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Mobile Data Services
Data Transmission Paradigms

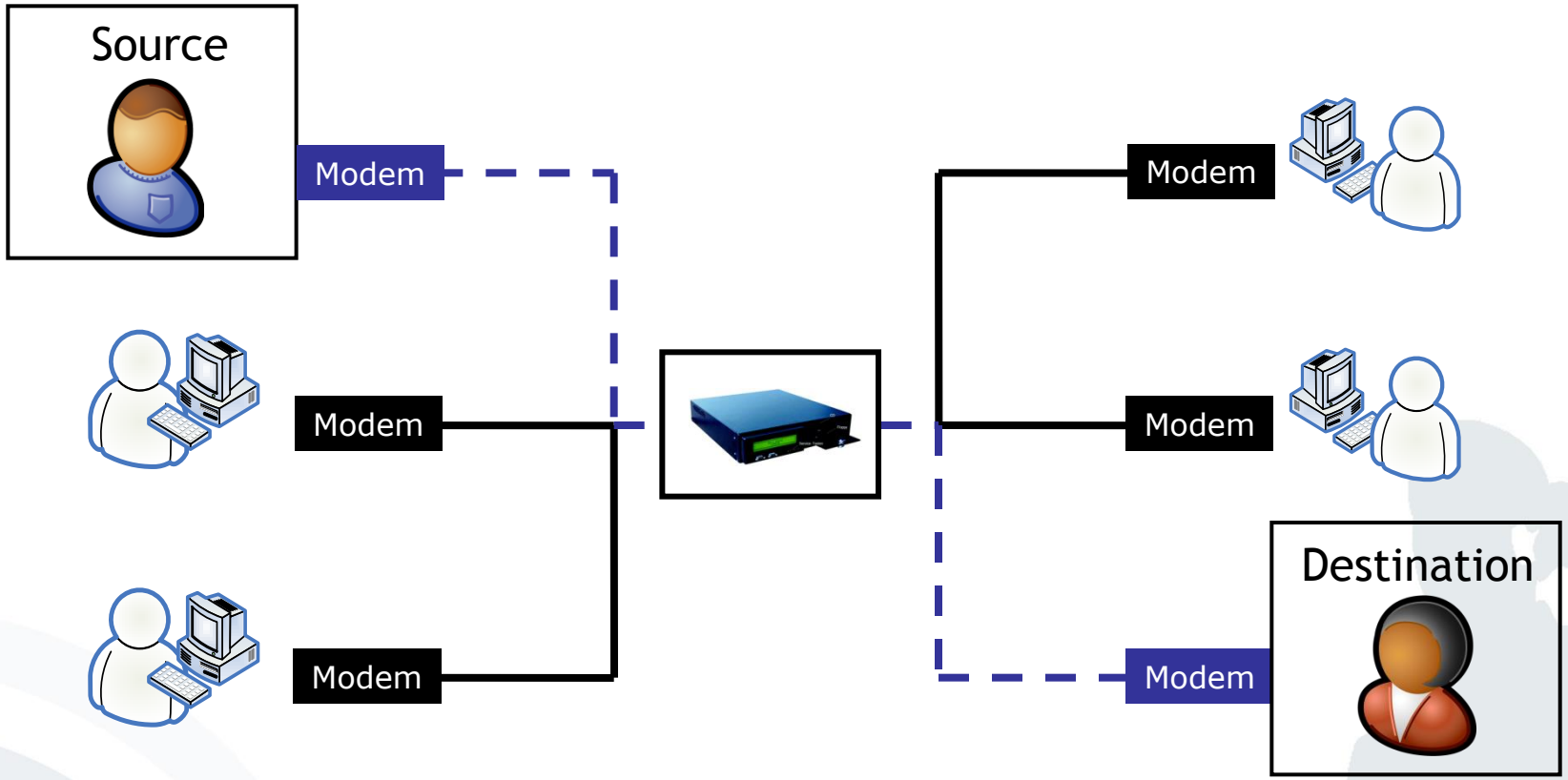
There are two major paradigms for data transmission in communication networks:

- ***Circuit-Switched:*** In circuit-switched networks, the communication line is used exclusively for the communicating parties.
  - Connections are **exclusive** ➲ even if no data is transferred, the network resources are used.
  - In reality, the typical usage for voice connections is 30% of the network's capacity - for data transmission it is less than 10%.
  - The ***duration of a connection*** is used for billing purposes
  - Example: *Circuit Switched Data (CSD)* and *High-Speed Circuit Switched Data (HSCSD)* for Mobile Data Services

- ***Packet-Oriented:*** In packet-oriented networks, the communication is divided into several packets, which get addressed and transferred using a **shared** transmission medium.
  - The connection is kept all the time (always on). However, the network is only used when data is transmitted.
  - The capacity of the communication network is allocated dynamically.
  - For billing purposes, the ***amount of transferred data*** is used.
  - Example: GPRS for Mobile Data Services

[Schiller2003]

Mobile Data Services
Circuit-Switched Networks



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Mobile Data Services
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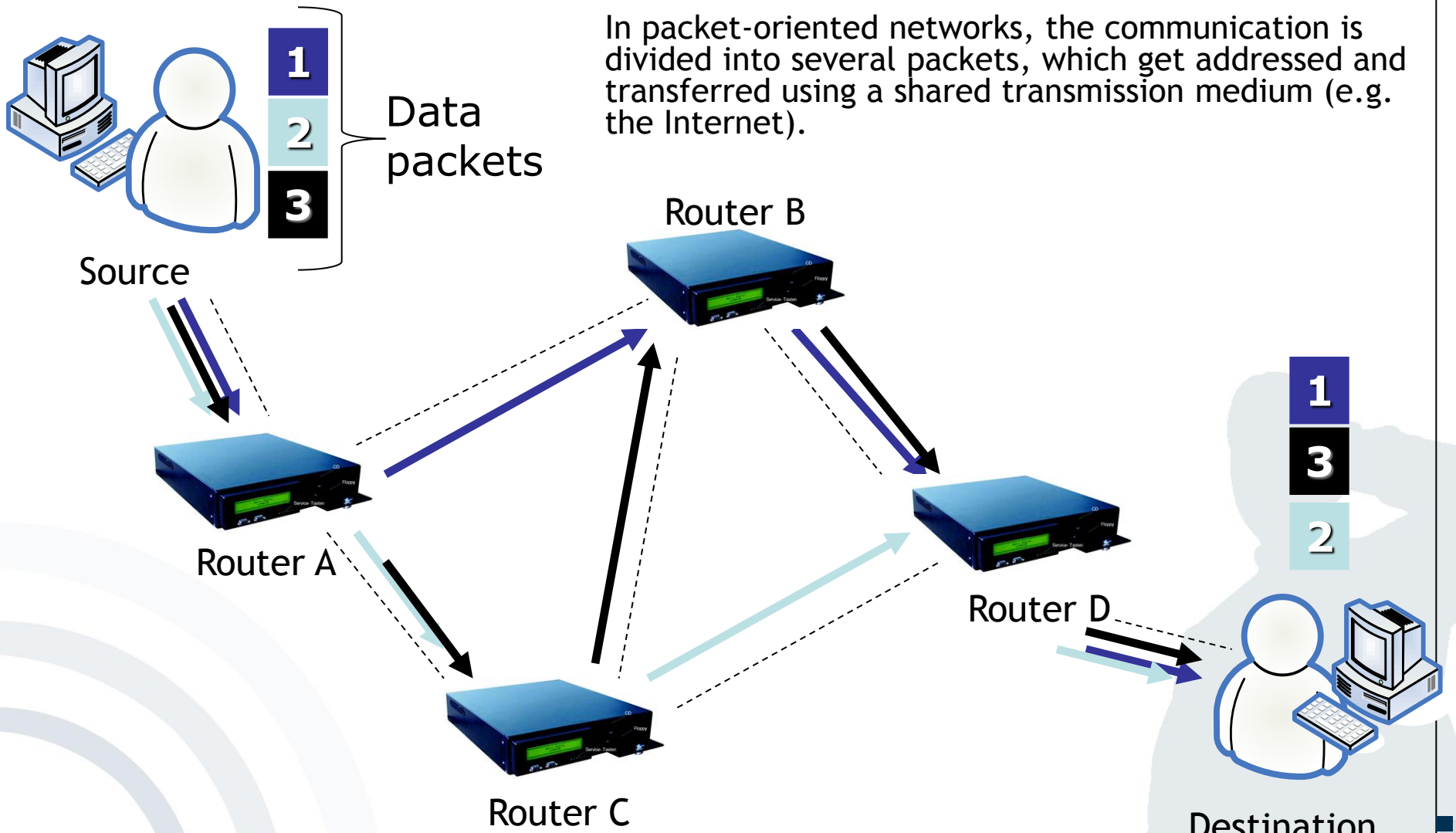

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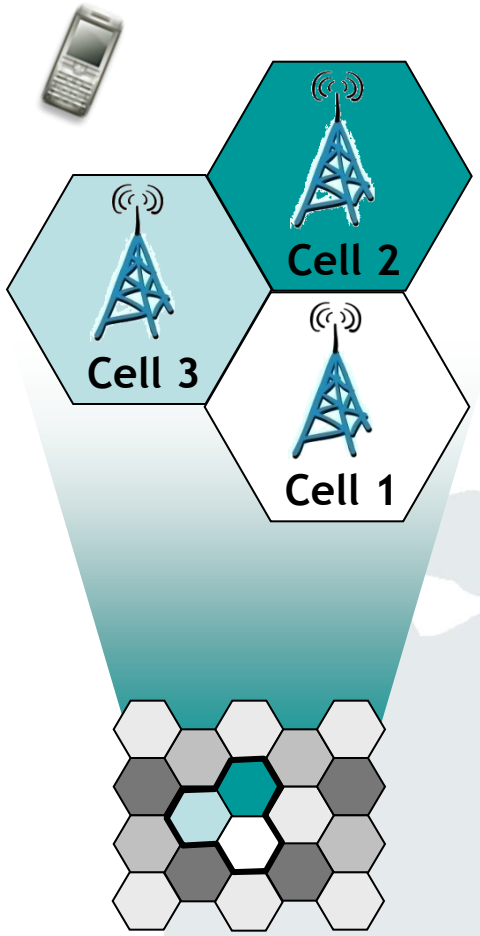
Cell Based Communication (CBC)

What is a Cellular Network?

- Cellular networks are radio networks consisting of several transmitters.
- Each transmitter or base station, covers a certain area ➲ ***a cell***.
- Cell radii can vary from tens of meters to several kilometres.
- The shape of a cell is influenced by the environment (buildings, etc) and usually neither hexagonal nor a perfect circle, even though this is the usual way of drawing them.



[M-Lehrstuhl]

[Schiller2003]

Cell Based Communication (CBC)

Advantages of CBC (1)

- Cellular networks offer a number of advantages compared to centralised radio systems:
  - ***Higher capacity:*** Cells offer the possibility to "*reuse*" the transmission frequencies assigned to mobile devices (e.g. by multiplexing). In order to do so, the networks need a thorough planning of the position of base stations and their frequencies.
    - ➲ More users can use the infrastructure
  - ***Reduced transmission power:*** Reduced power usage for the mobile device, due to the fact that only a limited amount of transmission power is needed in a small cell, compared to a far away base station.
    - ➲ Reduced power consumption for mobile devices

[Schiller2003]

Cell Based Communication (CBC)

Advantages of CBC (2)

- Cellular networks offer a number of advantages compared to centralised radio systems:
  - ***Robustness:*** Cellular systems are decentralised with regard to their base stations. In the case that one antenna fails, only a small area gets affected.
    - ➲ Failure of one base station does not affect the complete infrastructure
  - ***Better coverage:*** Cells can be adapted to geographic conditions (mountains, buildings, etc.).
    - ➲ Better availability of the infrastructure

[Schiller2003]

Cell Based Communication (CBC)

Disadvantages of CBC

- However, there are also some drawbacks of cell based communication infrastructures:
  - ***Required infrastructure:*** A complex and costly infrastructure is required, in order to link all base stations. This includes switches, antennas, location registers, etc.
  - ***Handover needed:*** When changing from one cell to another, a handover mechanism is needed that allows a change of cells in real-time. These mechanisms are complex.
  - ***Frequency planning:*** The distribution of the frequencies being used for the base stations needs to be planned carefully, in order to minimise interferences, etc.

[Schiller2003]

Cell Based Communication (CBC)

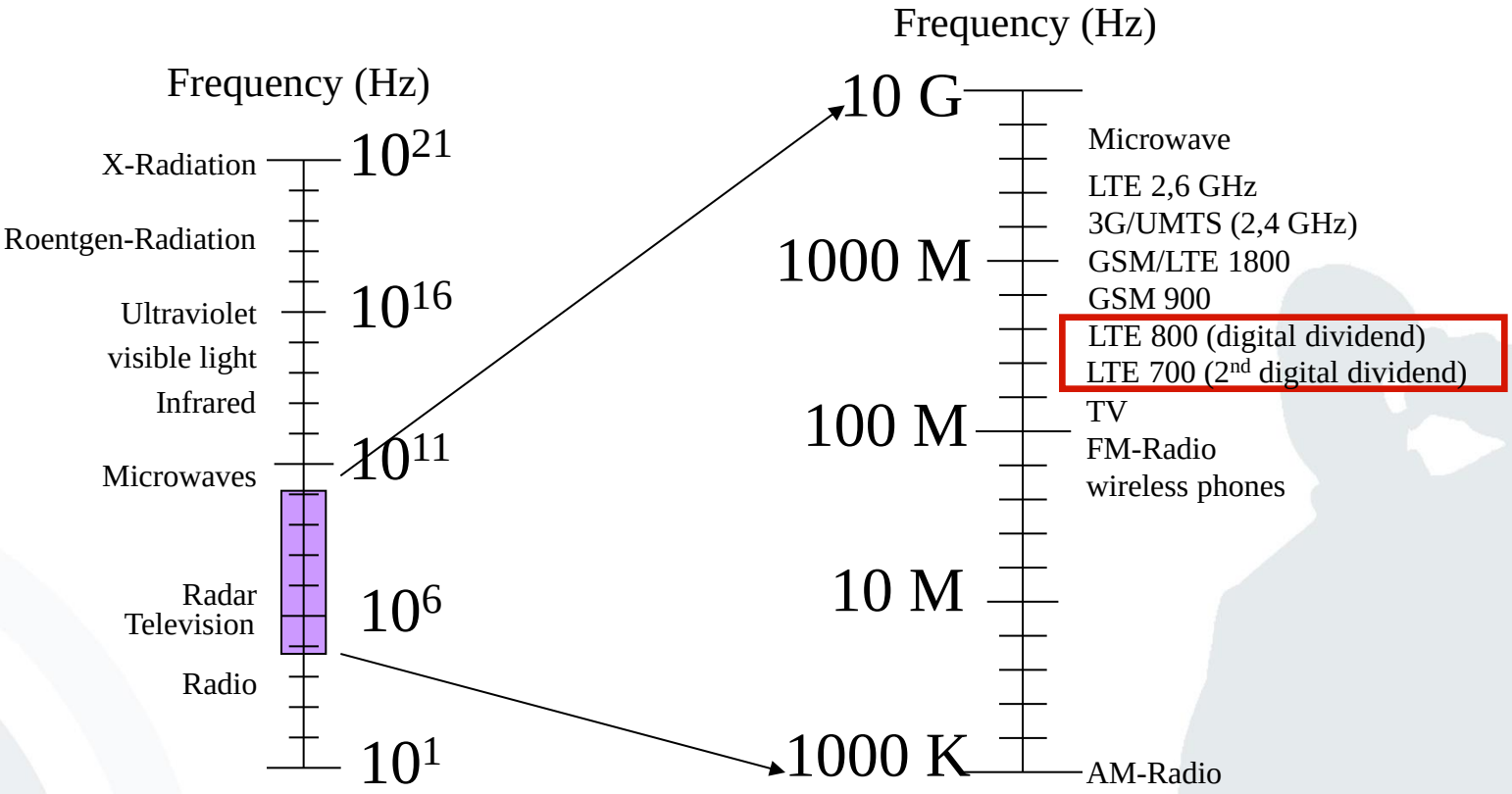
Multiplexing

- Fundamental mechanism in communication system
- Describes how several users can share a medium (e.g. mobile network) with minimum or no interference.
- ***Goal:*** Most efficient usage of a medium
- ***Abstract example:*** Traffic (users) using a highway with several lanes (medium) without accidents (interference)

Cell Based Communication (CBC)

Spectrum Ranges

Frequency range of instruments of entertainment and communication electronics



Cf. [Heise2014] for more information on discussion related to the digital dividend.

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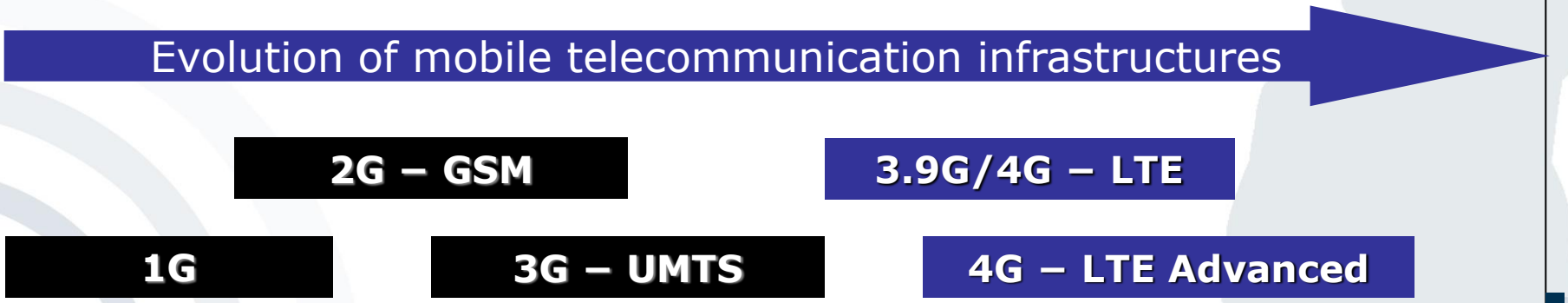
Mobile Telecommunication Infrastructures

- *1st Generation (1G) – Analogue networks*
- *2nd Generation (2G) – GSM networks*
  Global System for Mobile Communications
- *3rd Generation (3G/3.5G) – UMTS/HSPA/HSPA+*
  Universal Mobile Telecommunications System
  High Speed Packet Access / Evolved HSPA = HSPA+
- *3.9G or 4G – LTE*
  Long Term Evolution
- *4th Generation (4G) – LTE Advanced*



Mobile Telecommunication Infrastructures – History

- ***1st mobile radio network in Germany: "A-Netz"***
  - Started in 1958 – decommissioned in 1977
  - Analogue network (Manual switching of calls, frequency range 150 MHz)
  - Price of terminal: 8.000-15.000 DM
  - For a call, the caller has to know the location of the callee (range from 30 to 50 km radius).

- ***2nd mobile radio network in Germany: "B-Netz"***
  - Started in 1972 – decommissioned in 1994
  - Analogue network (Automatic dial switching by area code)
  - Caller needs to know the area code of callee
  - Terminal prices comparable with those of the A-Network

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Mobile Telecommunication Infrastructures – History

- ***3rd mobile radio network in Germany: "C-Netz"***
  - Started in 1985 – decommissioned in 2000
  - Analogue network
  - First ***cell based*** mobile radio system in Germany
  - The change of cells happens automatically by distance measuring to the nearest base station
  - The net can automatically detect the place of the call partner by use of a Home Location Register (HLR)
  - Uniform (location independent) area code "0161" for all participants
  - Telephone number is not allocated to the terminal but to the smart card (later: SIM)
  - Peak in 1993 with 850.000 participants

Mobile Telecommunication Infrastructures 1990-2008

- In 1991, the first GSM (2G) network ("D-Netze") started in a test run in Germany.
- By introducing the worldwide GSM-standards and roaming agreements among mobile operators cross-border mobile communication became possible.
- In 2003 the first ***UMTS*** (3G) networks became available.

GSM

- First digital mobile radio network with high voice quality and reliability (roaming)
- Global diffusion in more than 212 countries with more than 1 billion users.
- In February 2004 the first commercial mobile radio network (based on GSM) was launched in Iraq.
- GSM is the basis of data services like GPRS and EGDE.

GSM WORLD The wireless evolution

3GPP A GLOBAL INITIATIVE

[Sauter2008]

UMTS

- Third-generation (3G) mobile phone technology
- Provides high data transfer rates for multimedia communication services
- Germany's UMTS frequency licenses were sold by auction in 2000 for approx. 50bn €.
- Commercially available in Germany since 2004
- UMTS/3G is the underlying network and the basis of the data services HSPA and HSPA+.

[Sauter 2008]

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Mobile Telecommunication from 2009

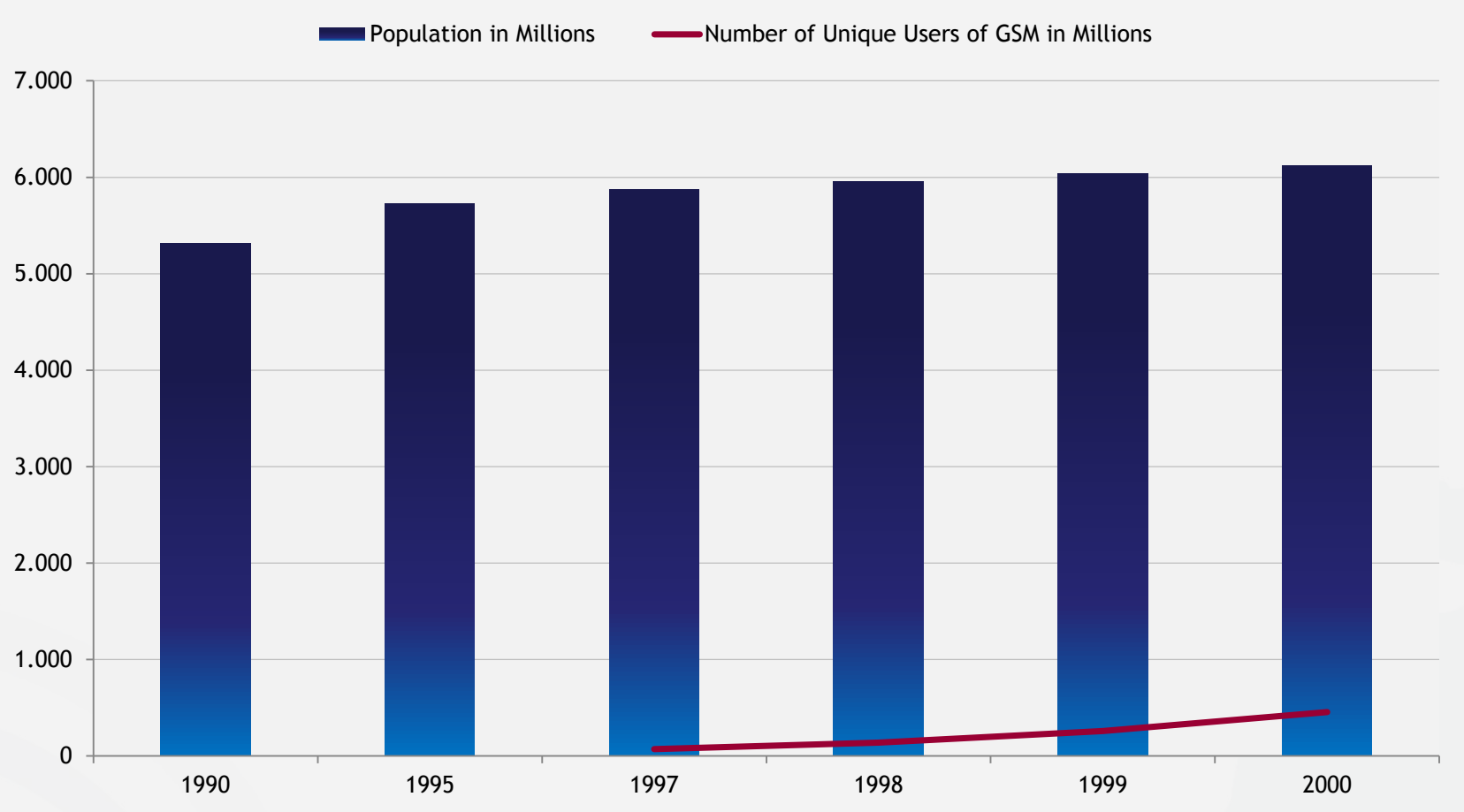
2009-12-14:

- First **Long Term Evolution** Networks (3.9G/4G) became **commercially available** in Stockholm and Oslo.

April and May 2010:

- the **digital dividend** frequency spectrum auctioned in Germany (4.4 bn €) for
  - use in Long Term Evolution Networks (3.9G/4G)
  - improving broadband coverage

Unique users of GSM 1990-2000



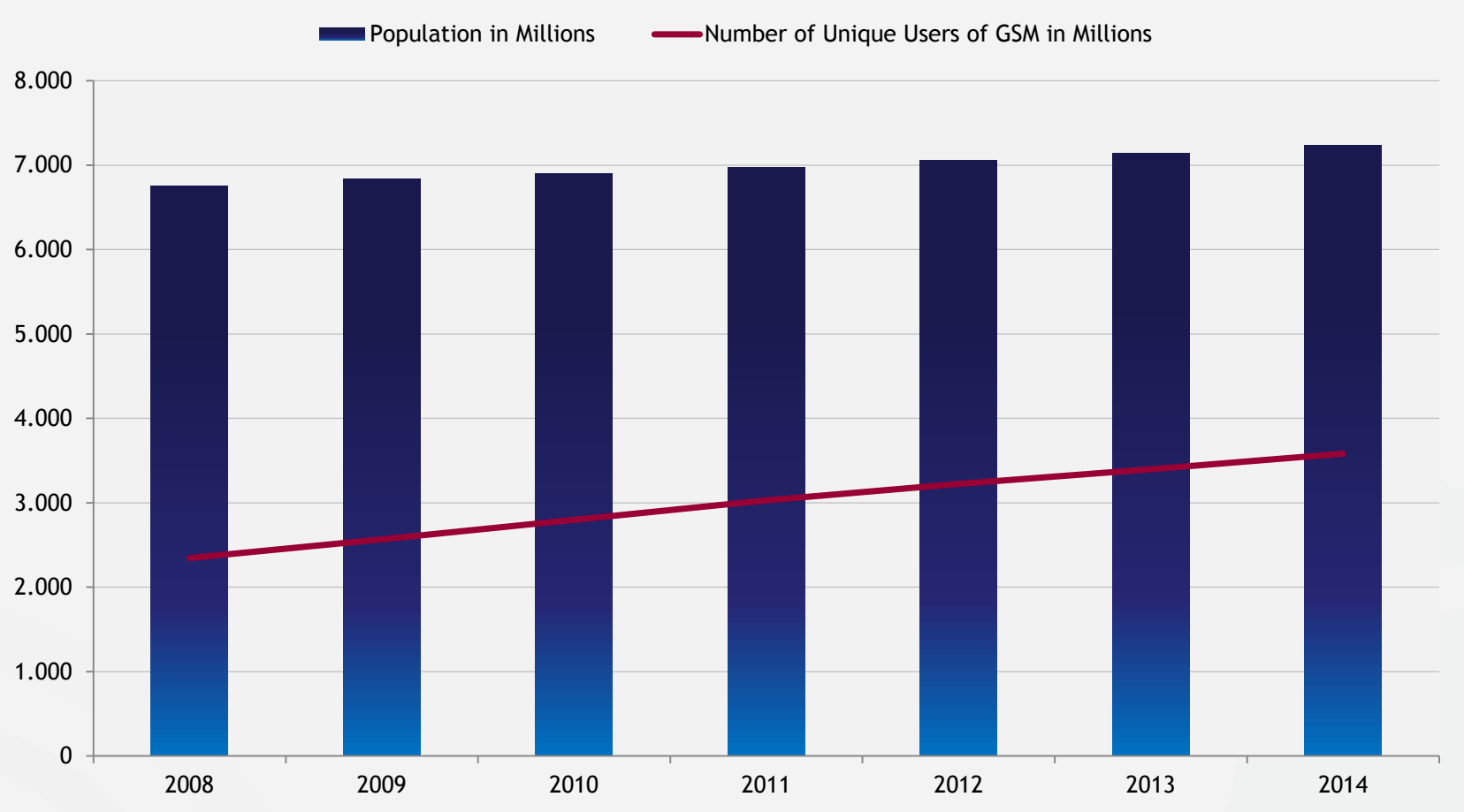
[Source: Chair of Mobile Business 2007], [StiftWelt2013]

Worldwide mobile communication penetration 1997-2007 by technology*

	GSM	UMTS (WCDMA)	CDMA	PDC	TDMA
1997	*71,20*				
1998	*138,40*				
1999	*258,20*				
2000	*455,10*		*82,20*	*50,80*	*65,20*
2001	*636,40*		*110,00*	*52,90*	*90,00*
2002	*809,30*	*0,20*	*140,50*	*56,10*	*101,10*
2003	*1.012,00*	*2,80*	*183,60*	*58,10*	*100,10*
2004	*1.296,00*	*16,30*	*231,60*	*54,20*	*90,00*
2005	*1.709,20*	*50,00*	*296,70*	*46,30*	*48,50*
2006	*1.941,60*	*74,70*	*296,50*	*38,50*	*26,10*
2007	*2.278,10*	*114,70*	*290,00*	*27,90*	*16,20*

* In Million subscribers [Source: Chair of Mobile Business 2007]

Unique users of GSM Recent development



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GSM (2G)
Overview

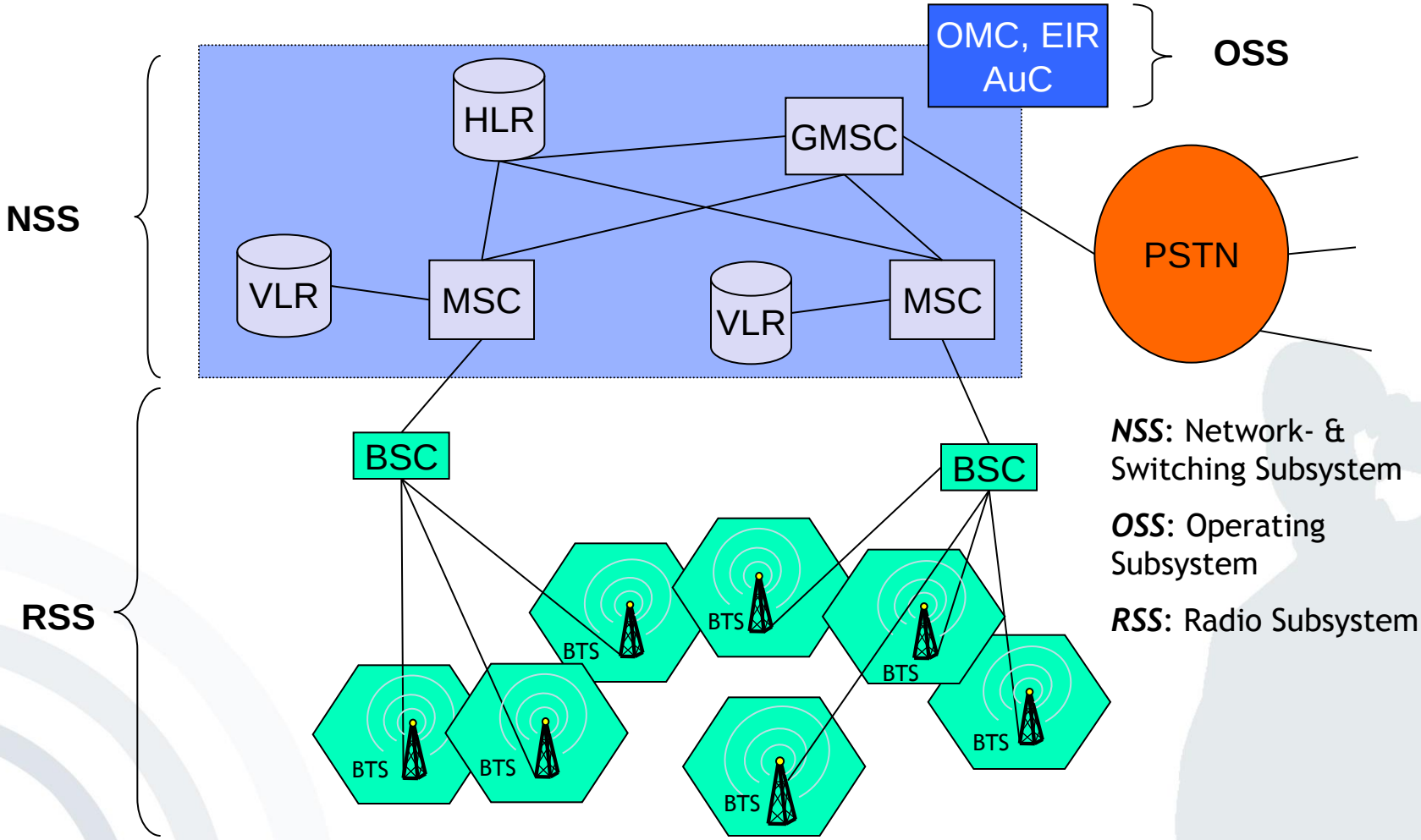
- Abbreviation for **G**lobal **S**ystem for **M**obile Communications (GSM)
- Originally 1982 driven by "*Groupe Spéciale Mobile*" in order to create a cross national standard contrary to national analogue standards
- European standard by ***ETSI*** (European Telecommunications Standardisation Institute). ETSI is a partner in the 3rd Generation Partnership Project (3GPP).
- Worldwide adoption of the standard in more than *212 countries and territories* (most successful mobile radio system up to now)
- Thus, worldwide roaming among different mobile network operators became possible.

- GSM-Services
  - Carrier services
    - Services to transfer signals over the GSM network

    →The focus of GSM standardization was on voice services
  - Telecommunications services
    - Telecommunication services (mainly voice) support the mobile communications among users

    →Telecommunication services play a central role in the GSM standard
  - Supplementary services
    - GSM provides a number of supplementary services (specific to network operators), such as caller ID, call redirect, closed user groups (e.g. company-internal network or GSM-R), Teleconference (up to 7 participants).

GSM (2G)
System Architecture



NSS: Network- & Switching Subsystem

OSS: Operating Subsystem

RSS: Radio Subsystem

Based on [Schiller2003]

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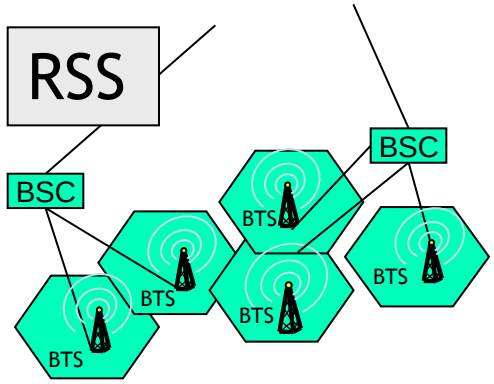
System Architecture – RSS



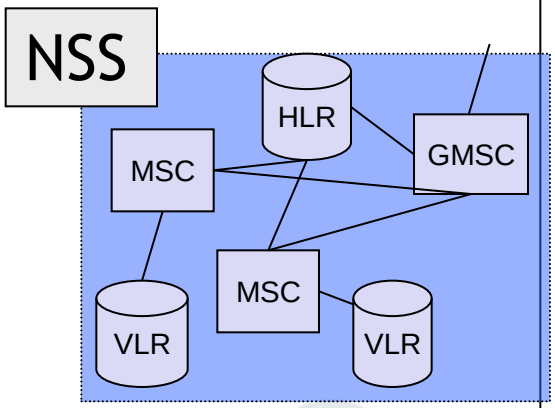
- **Radio Subsystem (RSS)**
  - System consisting of radio
  - Specific components
- Components:
  - **Mobile Station (MS):** System of mobile terminal & SIM
  - **Base Transceiver Station (BTS):** Radio facility for signal transfer. A BTS serves one GSM cell (~100m to ~30km radius).
  - **Base Station Controller (BSC):** Administrates affiliated BTS and supervises e.g. frequency allocation and connection handover between cells.

[Schiller2003]

GSM (2G)

System Architecture – NSS

- **Network & Switching Subsystem (NSS)**
  - Connects radio network with conventional networks
  - Locates subscribers and monitors change of location



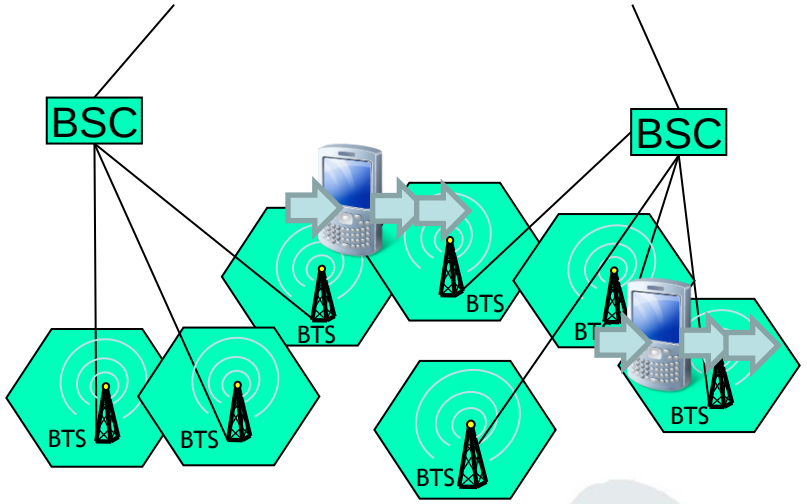
- Components:
  - **Mobile Switching Centre (MSC):** Switching centre for initiation, termination and handover of connections
  - **Home Location Register (HLR):** Central data base with subscribers' data (telephone numbers, keys, locations)
  - **Visitor Location Register (VLR):** Data base assigned to every MSC with data of active subscribers in the MSC's range (HLR fraction copy).

[Schiller2003]

GSM (2G)

System Architecture – Handover

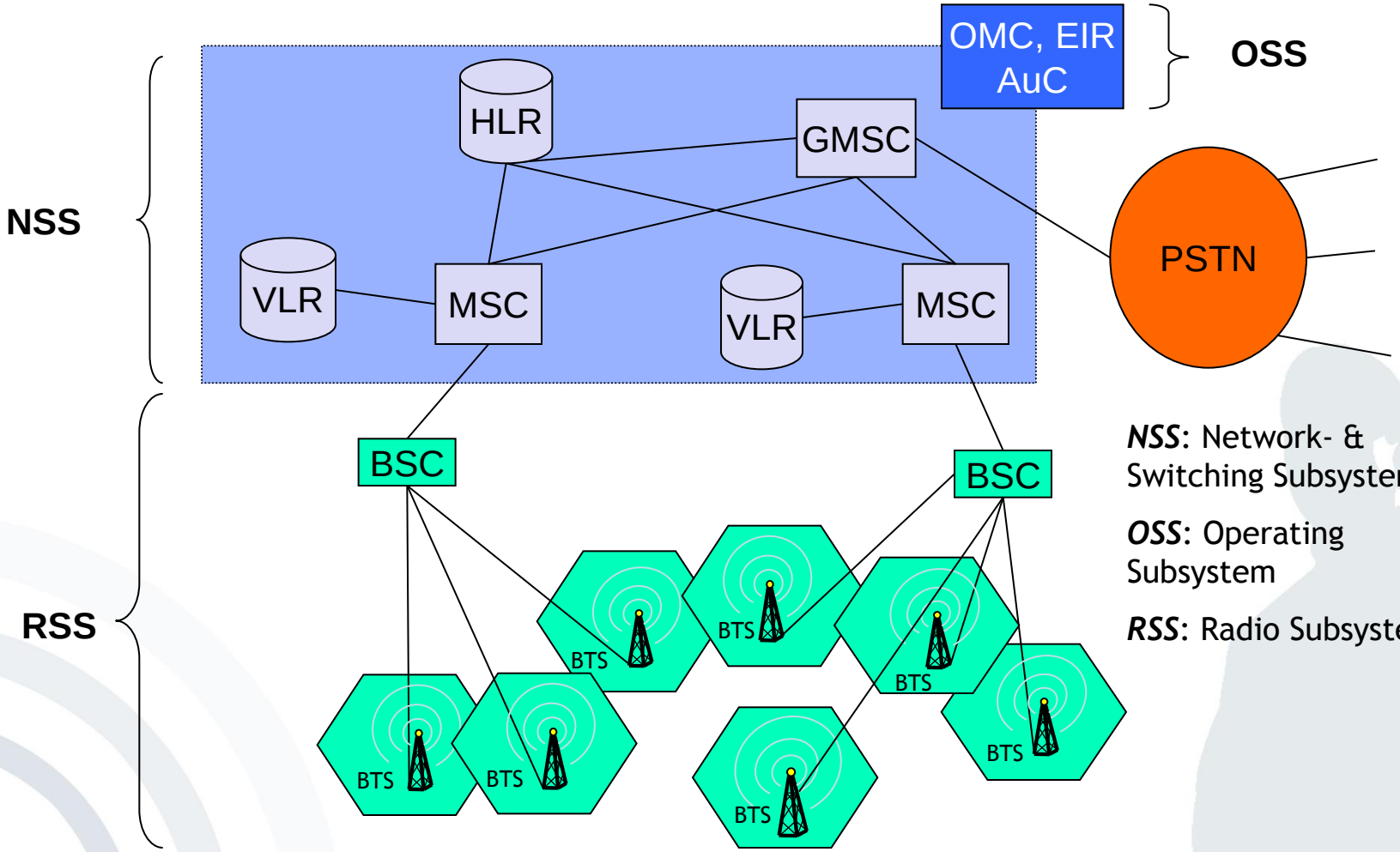
- Transferal of calls or data sessions from one trans-mitting station (in GSM: Base Transceiver Station, BTS) to another.



- Term **handover** common in British English
  - In international and Europe based organisations, e.g. ITU-T, IETF, ETSI and 3GPP
- Equivalent term **handoff** in American English
  - In IEEE and ANSI publications

GSM (2G)

System Architecture – Handover



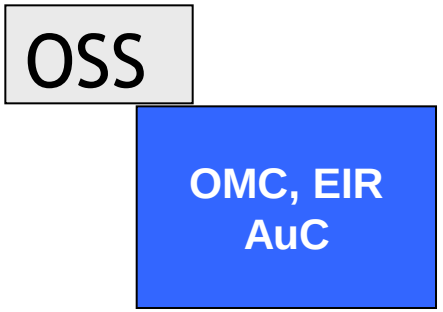
NSS: Network- & Switching Subsystem

OSS: Operating Subsystem

RSS: Radio Subsystem

Based on [Schiller2003]

- **Operation Subsystem (OSS)**
  - Supervises operation and maintenance of the whole GSM network



- Components:
  - **Operation and Maintenance Centre (OMC):** Supervises each network component and creates status reports
  - **Authentication Centre (AuC):** protects identity of participants & data transmission, administrates keys
  - **Equipment Identity Register (EIR):** data base with identification list for devices, e.g. stolen terminals (whitelist, greylist, blacklist)

[Schiller2003]

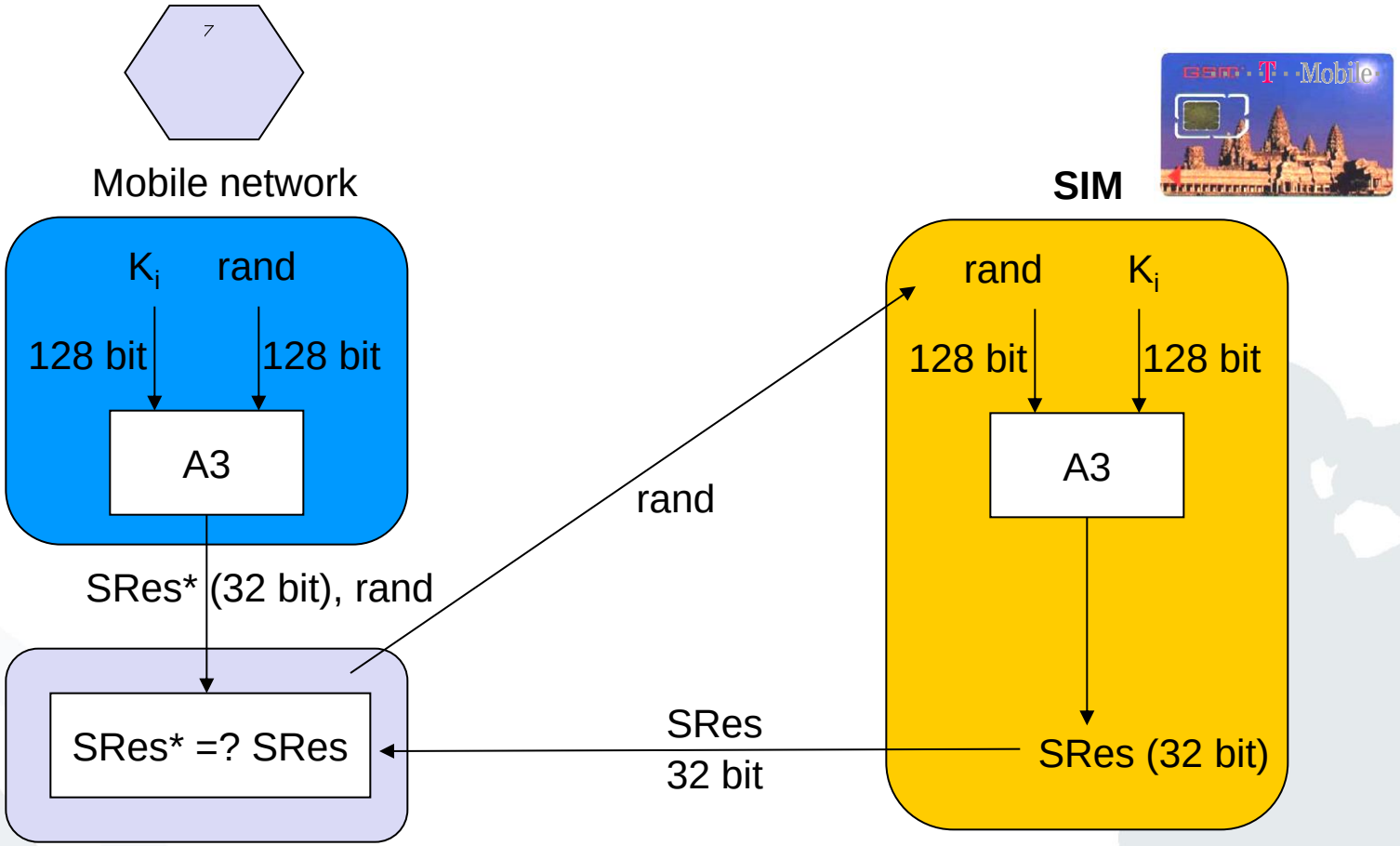
The GSM system offers different “security services“:

- **Access control and authentication:**
  - Authentication of the subscriber to the SIM by input of a PIN and to the GSM network by Challenge-Response-Procedure
- **Confidentiality:**
  - Data & voice transferred between mobile station and BTS are encrypted.
- **(Partial) Anonymity:**
  - No transfer of data which can identify the subscriber via radio, instead temporary identification
  - (Temporary Mobile Subscriber ID, TMSI)

GSM (2G)

SIM based subscriber authentication

- Challenge response protocol



K_i: individual subscriber authentication key

A3: („secret“) authentication algorithm

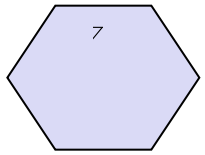
SRes: signed response

- Challenge-Response-Procedure (Subscriber Authentication)
  Authentication is based on the individual key K_i, the subscriber identification IMSI and a secret algorithm A3.
- K_i and A3 are stored on the SIM and deposited in the AuC.

1. AuC creates random number *rand*.
2. AuC encrypts rand and K_i via A3 (->SRes*).
3. AuC transfers rand and SRes* to VLR.
4. VLR transfers exclusively *rand* to SIM.
5. SIM computes with “own” K_i and A3 Signed Response SRes.
6. The SRES computed by the SIM is transmitted to the VLR and is compared with SRES*.
7. If SRES* and SRES are equal the subscriber is authenticated successfully.

GSM (2G)

Security Model – Encryption



mobile radio network

MS with SIM

AuC

SIM

K_i rand

rand

rand K_i

128 bit 128 bit

128 bit 128 bit

A8

A8

A8 for key computation
("secret")

K_c
64 bit

K_c
64 bit

BTS

MS

data block

coded
data blocks

data block

A5

A5

A5 for encryption

- **GSM provides encryption of voice and data transferred via the air interface:**

1. AuC creates random number rand.
2. AuC generates the key K_c for the encryption of the transferred data via rand, K_i and A8.
3. VLR transfers only rand to SIM.
4. SIM computes the key K_c using A8, the rand received and the local K_i
5. Mobile station and mobile radio network use generated K_c and algorithm A5 for encryption and decryption of sent and received data.

- Partial Anonymity:
  - In order to guarantee the anonymity of the users temporary user identification (TMSI) is used.
  - Temporary user identification is updated automatically from time to time or on demand.
  - Data which identify users are not transferred.
  - ***Example:*** Anonymous charging is (technically) possible via prepaid card.

GSM (2G)

Security Model – Shortcomings

- Solely authentication of the terminal/subscriber toward the GSM network. The network does not authenticate itself.
  - Assumption that the network is trustworthy per se
  - Security model was developed at a time with a provider monopoly
- Subscriber localization is almost exclusively controlled by the network.
  - Centralized movement tracking is possible
  - In order to avoid localization the subscriber must switch off the terminal.

GSM (2G)

Security Model – Shortcomings

- Security model bases partly on secret encryption algorithms.
  - A3 and A8 were published without authorization.
  - Some operators use non-standardized algorithms.
- No encryption from terminal to terminal but solely over the air interface
  - Encryption deactivation by the network possible, without notification of the users
- Encryption comparatively “weak” because of key length (64 bit)
  - Sometimes the real key length is shorter.

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UMTS (3G)

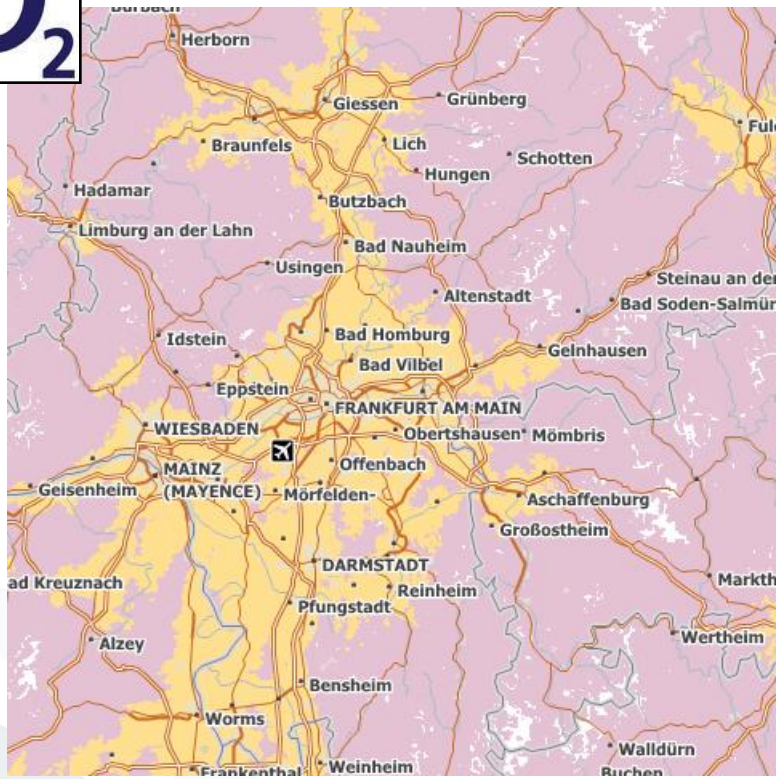
- Universal Mobile Telecommunications System (UMTS):
  - ***Status of 2G-Networks:*** Different standards in some different continents avoid worldwide roaming
  - ***Demand for 3G-Networks:*** Globally uniform standard

➲ Voting of regional & national regulation offices (e.g. ETSI, ARIB, ANSI) via the International Telecommunication Union (ITU)

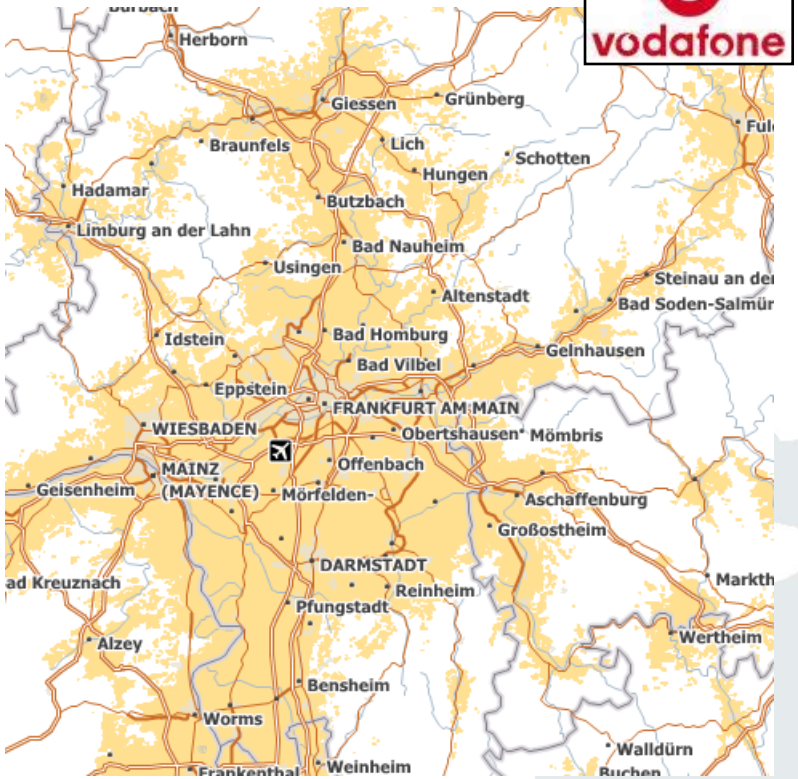
UMTS (3G)

3G network coverage in Germany in 2010

O2 2010



vodafone 2010



- 3G coverage of Vodafone and Telefónica O_2 2010-2013: Roughly unchanged.

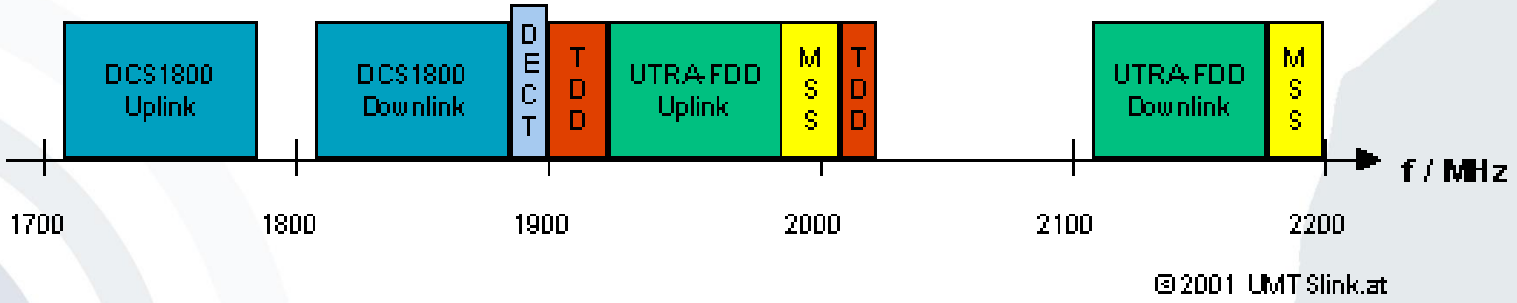
[GSM2010]

UMTS (3G)
Frequencies

- ***Common approach:***
  Worldwide reservation of frequencies in the 2GHz range

- ***Problem of competing targets:***
  - Existing national networks and installed network technique shall preferably be transferred into the new standard.
  - ➲ The specification of 3G-Networks, introduced by the ITU, leaves room for national, partly incompatible implementations.

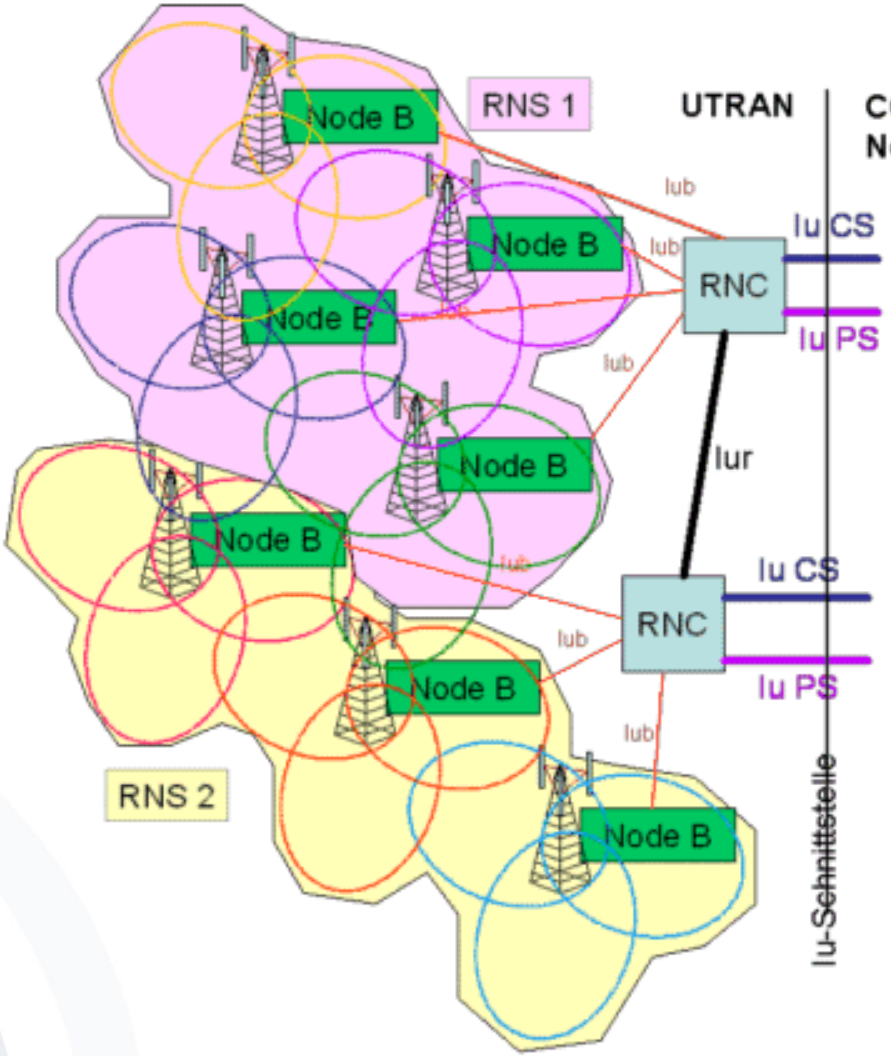
- UMTS (UTRA-FDD/TDD) frequency allocation in Europe:



UTRA-FDD: UMTS Terrestrial Radio Access – Frequency Division Duplex [UMTSLink2006]

UMTS (3G) System Architecture

- ***UTRAN:*** UMTS Terrestrial Radio Access Network
- ***RNS:*** Radio Network Subsystem
- ***RNC:*** Radio Network Controller (controls the Node Bs)
- ***Node B:*** UMTS base stations (equivalent to base transceiver stations (BTS) in GSM



UMTS Core network
- is not shown here in detail
- UMTS Core network corresponds to Network- & Switching Subsystem (NSS) in GSM

Source: UMTSlink.at (2011)

UMTS (3G)
Bandwidths

- 3G UMTS/HSPA/HSPA+ bandwidths
  - **UMTS**: 384 kbit/s downlink/uplink
  - **High Speed Packet Access (HSPA)** provides higher data speeds for downlink and uplink, e.g.
    - 7.2 or 14.0 Mbit/s **downlink speed (HSDPA)**
    - 1.4 or 5.7 Mbit/s **uplink speed (HSUPA).**
  - **Evolved HSPA (HSPA+)** using either *Multiple Input Multiple Output (MIMO)* or *Dual-Cell* technology provides
    - downlink speeds of e.g. 21,1 or 42,2 Mbit/s and
    - a maximum uplink speed of 11.5 Mbit/s.
- But: Available bandwidth per user decreases if terminal is moving or if there are many participants in one radio cell.

➲ Bandwidths enable multimedia services

- UMTS complements the security mechanisms known by GSM:
  - Enhanced participant authentication (EMSI)
  - Network authentication
  - Integrity protection of data traffic
  - Transferred security keys are also encrypted in the fixed network (e.g. HLR-VLR)
  - Increased key length
  - End-to-End encryption is possible.

UMTS (3G)

Standard vs. Implementation

- The UMTS standard includes the following features:
  - Quality of Service (QoS) for data services
  - Multilateral Security (with regard to authentication)
  - Virtual Home Environment (VHE)
  - High Speed Downlink Packet Access (HSDPA)
  - …
- However, not **all** of these features that have been standardised are actually implemented in existing networks, as they are optional and can be added on demand.

[UMTSLink2013]

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- **Long Term Evolution (3.9G, "4G")** standard allows for 300 Mbit/s downlink and 75 Mbit/s uplink speeds
  - First commercial LTE network launched in Scandinavia in December 2009
  - LTE was originally not named a "4G network" due to stricter naming requirements *)
  - The technology can be named either 3.9G or 4G network today.

http://www.3gpp.org/LTE

- **LTE Advanced (4G)** makes use of the frequency spectrum more efficiently, resulting in higher data rates (towards 1 Gbit/s) and lower latency. It remains backward compatible with LTE, uses same frequency bands.

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*) A 4G service was originally defined as meeting the *IMT-Advanced* requirements issued by the ITU-R. For more information see [Parkvall2008].

Long Term Evolution: User Equipment Categories

LTE Speeds

- 3GPP Release 8 User Equipment **Category 3:** 100 Mbit/s downlink and 50 Mbit/s uplink.
- 3GPP Release 8 User Equipment **Category 4:** 150 Mbit/s downlink and 50 Mbit/s uplink.
- 3GPP Release 8 User Equipment **Category 5:** 300 Mbit/s downlink and 75 Mbit/s uplink.

LTE Advanced Speeds

- 3GPP Release 10 User Equipment **Category 6:** 300 Mbit/s downlink and 50 Mbit/s uplink.
- 3GPP Release 10 User Equipment **Category 7:** 300 Mbit/s downlink and 150 Mbit/s uplink.
- 3GPP Release 10 User Equipment **Category 8:** 1200 Mbit/s downlink and 600 Mbit/s uplink.

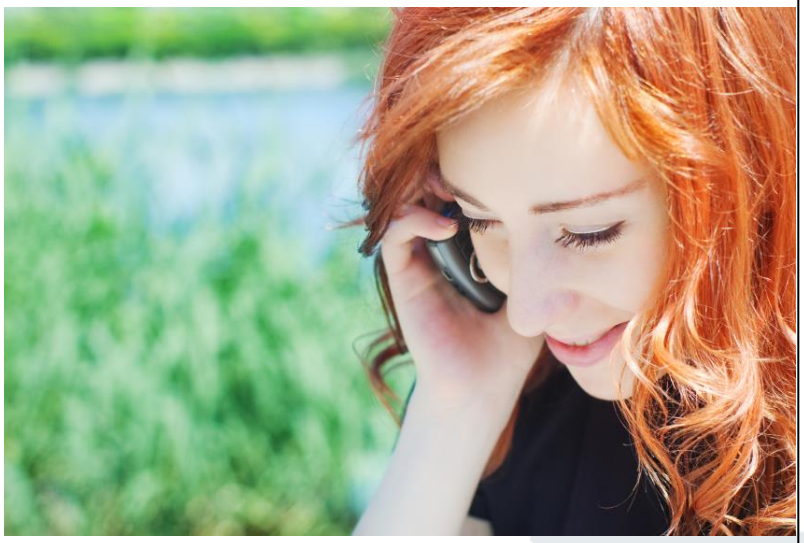
3GPP A GLOBAL INITIATIVE

Supported by the most advanced live LTE networks & handsets commercially available in Europe as of year 2013

Network upgrade s end of 2014 / beginning of 2015, few Cat. 6 devices available (Oct 2014)

Long Term Evolution Telephony?

- LTE networks are **IP-based systems** (all-IP networks)
  - Voice calls in GSM and 3G (UMTS) are **circuit-switched**.
  - Only **packet-switched** communication is supported in LTE networks – no circuit-switched connections/calls/telephony!



- Three different approaches to provide telephony services in Long Term Evolution networks:
  - **CSFB** (Circuit Switched Fallback)
  - **VoLTE (Voice Over LTE)** based on the IP Multimedia Subsystem (IMS) network.
  - **SVLTE** (Simultaneous Voice and LTE, handset-based approach)

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Roaming
Overview

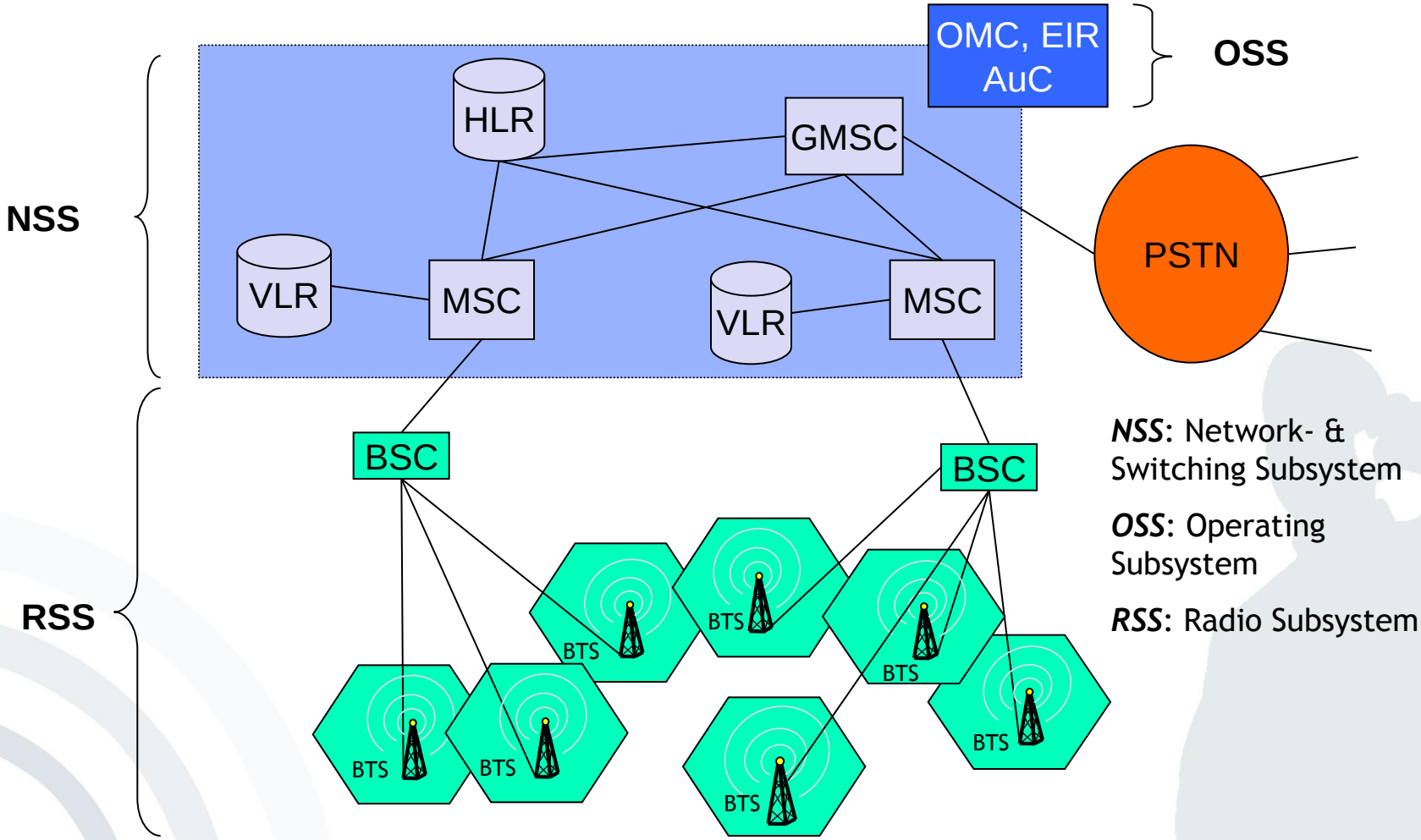
- Roaming denotes a change of network access, e.g.:
  - Change of the GSM network operator
  - Change between different network systems (UMTS, GSM, WLAN, CDMA, PDC)
  - Cell change within the GSM system (Handover)
- Roaming usually means extensive changes, e.g. of the network technique or the network operator, and with a new authentication:
  - ***Example:*** The mobile device automatically logs into an available WLAN when a hotspot is entered (e.g. airport, conferences).

Roaming
Roaming within GSM

- If a user of a mobile device moves from one cell to another cell, the connection handover should be as smooth as possible.
- GSM manages the handover between radio cells in the range of 100 ms; this implies a short connection interruption.
- The reason for the interruption is, among others, an update of the VLR.

Roaming

GSM System Architecture



NSS: Network- & Switching Subsystem

OSS: Operating Subsystem

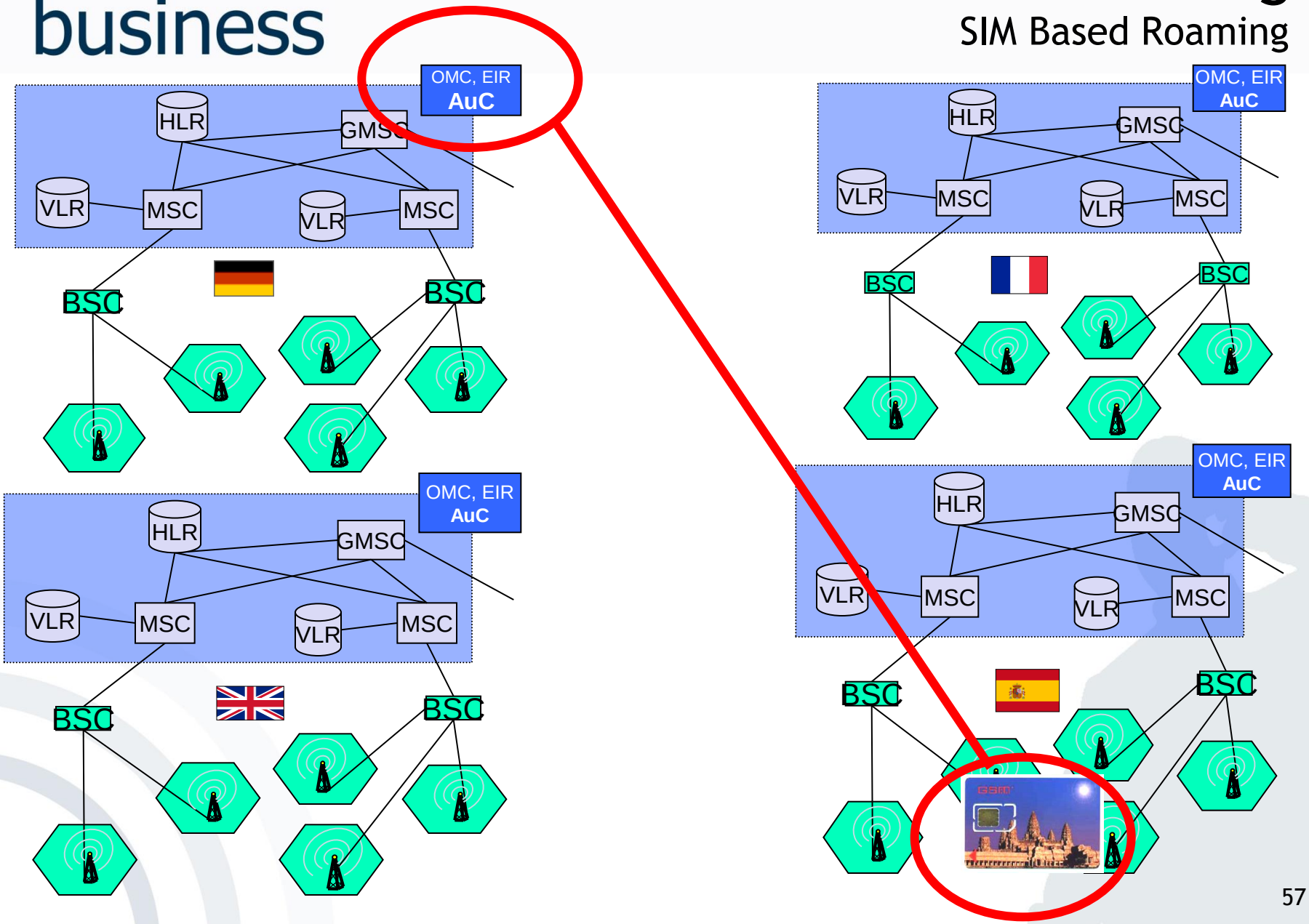
RSS: Radio Subsystem

Based on [Schiller2003]

mobile business

Roaming

SIM Based Roaming



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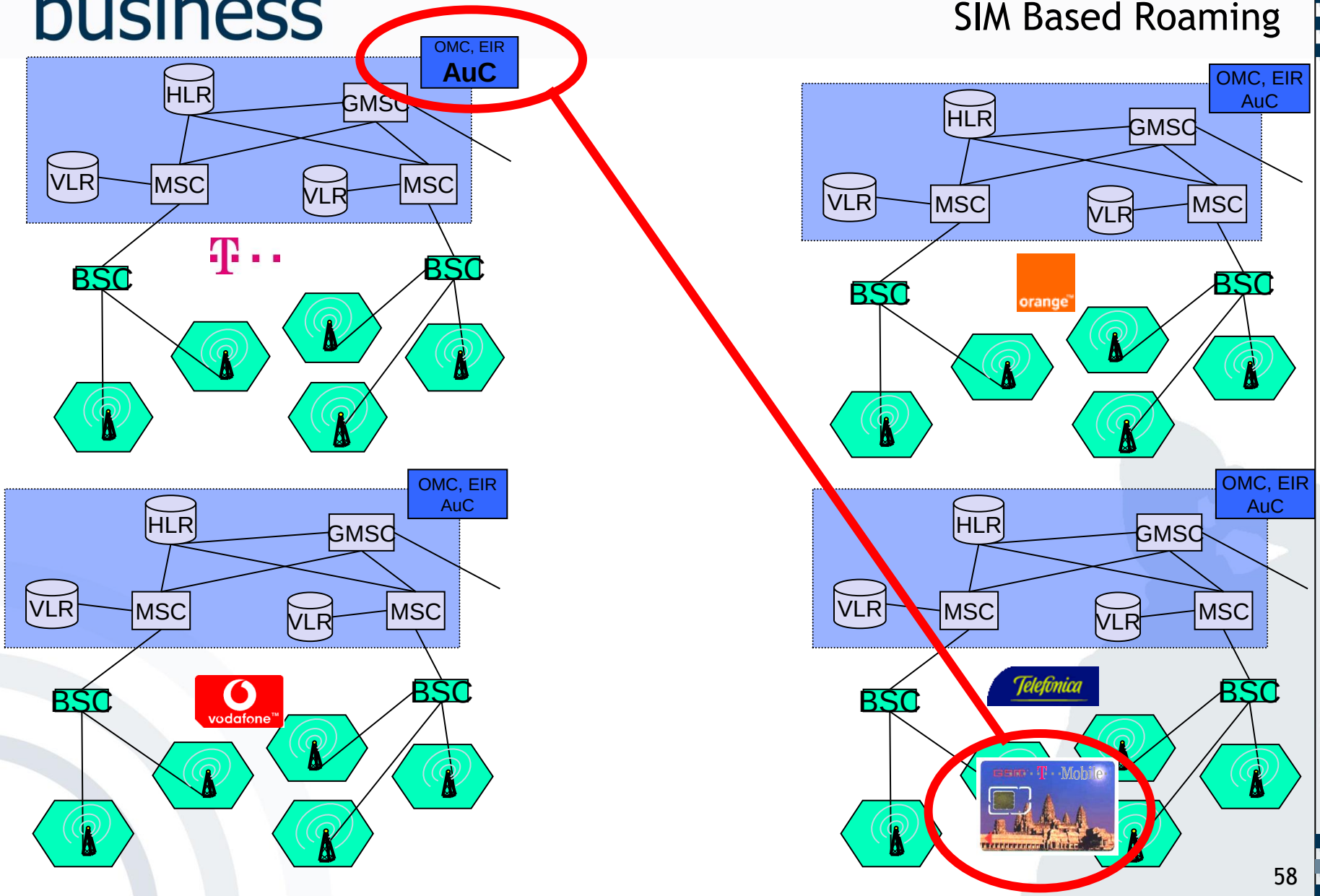
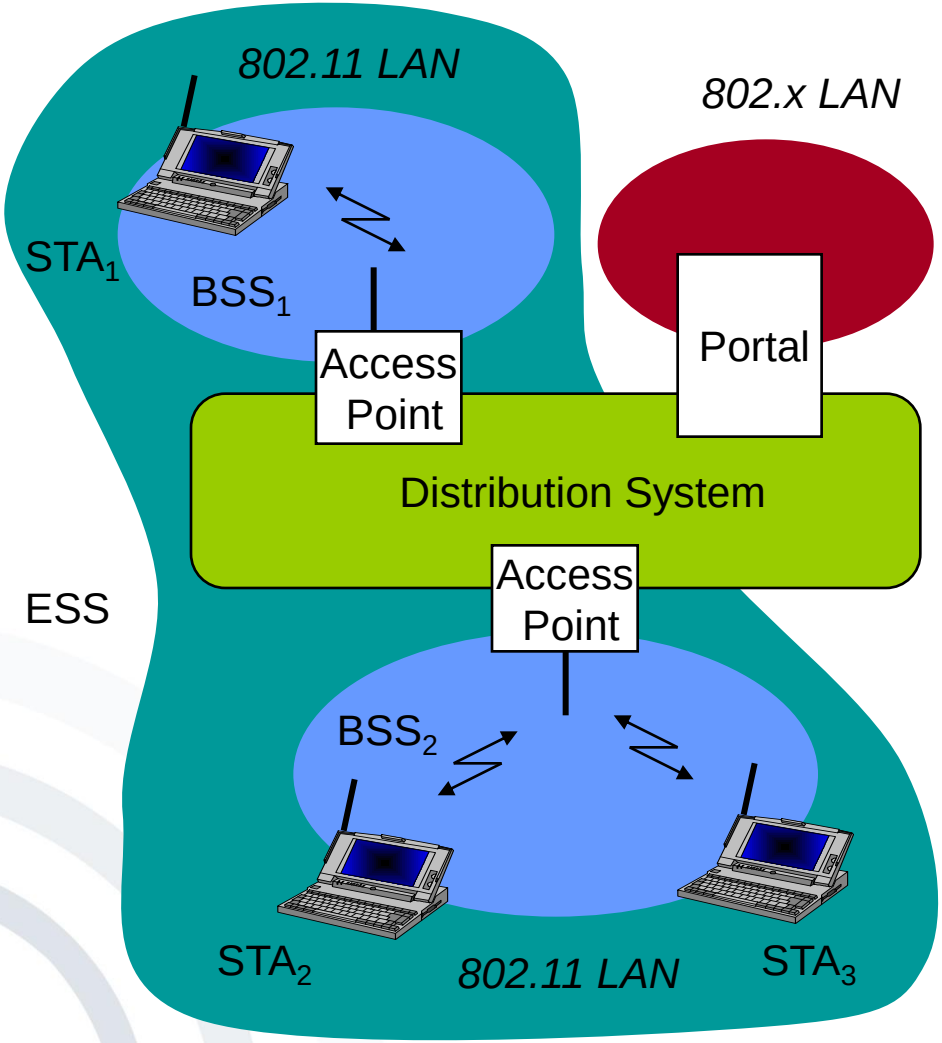


Comparison
Restrictions of WLAN Mobility

- No existing standard for “roaming” between:
  - Access points (AP)
  - Different providers of APs
- Change of AP leads to
  - Connection interrupt
  - New connection/authentication
- Non-uniform accounting / user administration

→ Some of the reasons why WLAN will not replace mobile communication networks

Roaming
WLAN Roaming



Station (STA)
- Computer with access to the wireless medium and therefore contact to the AP

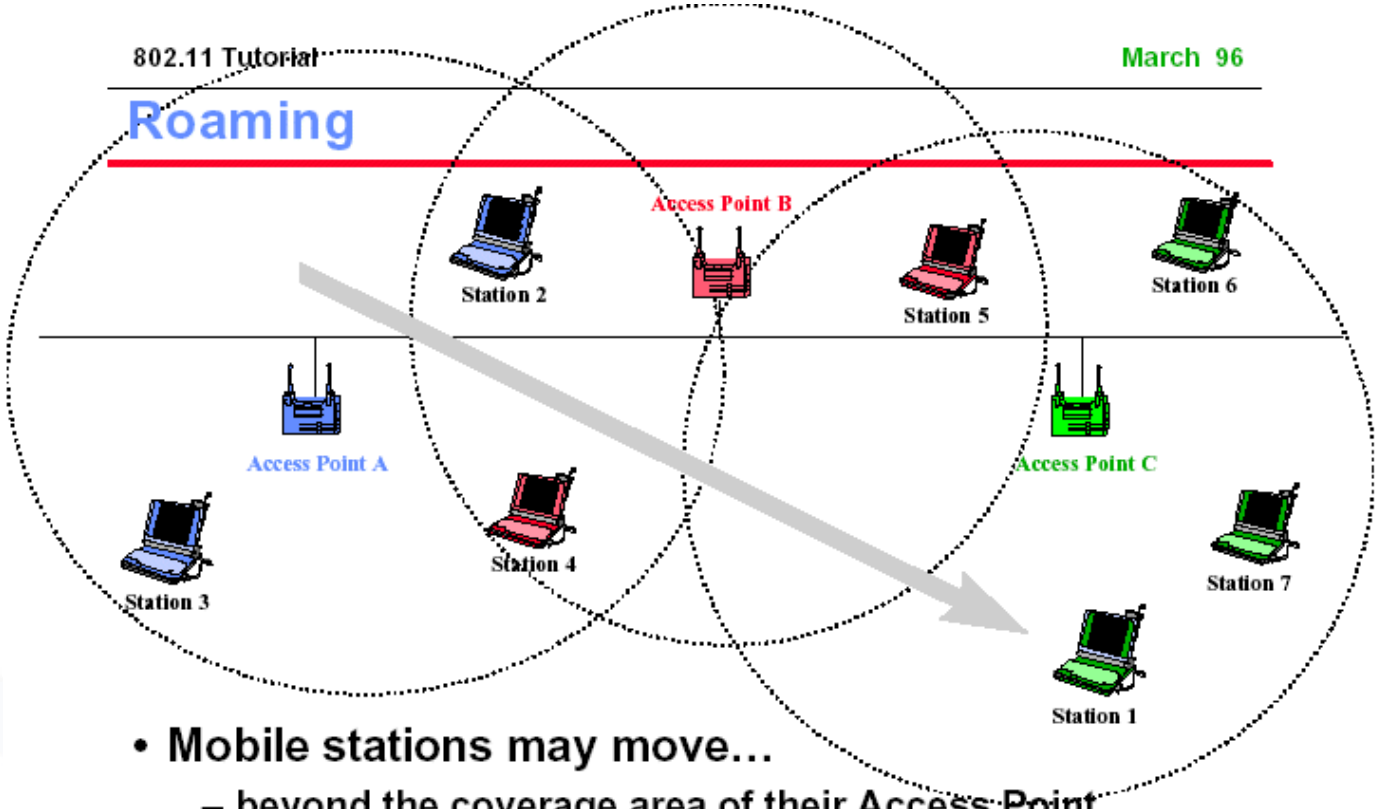
Basic Service Set (BSS)
- Group of stations, which use the same radio frequency

Access Point (AP)
- Station which is integrated into the radio as well as the fixed local area network (distribution system)

Portal
- Transfer into another network

Distribution systems
- Connection of different cells for building up a larger network (EES: Extended Service Set)

Roaming
WLAN Roaming



- Mobile stations may move…
  - beyond the coverage area of their Access Point
  - but within range of another Access Point
- Reassociation allows station to continue operation

Roaming
WLAN Roaming

- By connecting multiple access points via a so called distribution-system, the transmission range could be expanded.
- Each access point provides one cell.
- A station scans for available access points and tries to log on when leaving a cell.
- Distribution system and “former“ access point get information after successful log in.

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