T7. Heterogeneous Networks – Theory and Standardization in LTE

Abstract:

In this tutorial, we provide researchers and academicians with an overview and insight into the deployment of heterogeneous networks for indoor and outdoor environments within the framework of 3GPP-LTE and LTE-Advanced. We demonstrate the need for heterogeneous networks in order to improve capacity and coverage of cellular systems. We discuss the underlying communication theory of such a network and the practical challenges faced during deployment. We cover the standardization efforts that have gone into incorporating heterogeneous network deployments within 3GPP. We present case studies of real world heterogeneous networks to illustrate the challenges and engineering performance trade-offs. In this tutorial we thus focus on core theory and network design aspects as well as business case for the operators to illustrate why heterogeneous networks are expected to be an integral part of current and future cellular systems.

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