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Advances on Evolving Communications - Energy Awareness
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Energy

- Production, distribution, consumption, failure recovery, …- major problems of the society
  - Optimization of the above processes – main area- for huge effort - both in research and real life deployments

- Communication technologies and systems
  - Energy awareness in comm. systems $\rightarrow$ energy saving/consumption optimization $\rightarrow$ “Green” systems - Internet, Data centres, WANs, …
  - Intelligent/adaptive Management and Control support for electric power systems (smart grids)
    - Similarity to communication networking:
      - Data Plane – Power distribution system
      - M&C Plane – Communication network supporting the first
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Possible question for this panel:

What are the most important and still open areas of research in the domains
- Energy systems +
- ICT and Networking systems
in the perspective of Horizon 2020?

Thanks!

Floor for the speakers.....
AEC - Energy Awareness
The Wireless Perspective

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The User

* User conundrum

  * The need/desire/want of increasingly better and pervasive connectivity (human dimension)

  * Vs. the increasing energy costs of the « loose connection » model

    * permanent polling

      * for networks, for carrier, for services, for data

  * How many (simultaneous) connections do we need?

  * How bored do we get? Are we reaching demand saturation?
The Operators

* Operator conundrum

* Multiple operators in competition (really?), wasted (radio) resources

* Infrastructures: How many « ships in the night » (independent operators) do we need?

* How do we keep the market open while being efficient? Does cooperation mean collusion?

* Is flat rate/volume ceilings counter productive?

* Are we reaching technology peak?

* How much of the energy consumption is communications-dependent?
Synthesis

* User choices? How do we encourage « wise » choices?
* Who gives guidance? Who unifies the trends?
* Unmanaged vs. Managed infrastructure
* Strong connectivity vs. loose connectivity
* Unreliable vs. Reliable infrastructure
* Distributed vs. Centralized tension
* Competitive vs. Cooperative tension
Energy + ICT < Energy

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Motivation

- Feed-in of solar generated power requires investments into the power grid infrastructure

- But: decision on additional installations lies in the hand of private home and land owners

  => un-coordinated PV installations

  where? when?

  => sustainable planning is hard
ICT contribution:

- Development of interactive planning support tools
  - Grid analysis – capacity, stability (e.g. PowerFactory)
  - Estimation of future solar power feed-in (e.g. IPDS)
• **Micro-Grid simulator**

  - interactive tool for playing what-if scenarios with renewable sources and micro grids (PV, wind, biogas).
• **Virtual power plant**

  - interactive tool for playing what-if scenarios with different mixes for small communities

PV installations: [www.energymap.info](http://www.energymap.info)

Weather data: [www.helmholtz.de](http://www.helmholtz.de)

Standard load profiles

**GUI**

Demand vs. generation
Goal

- „the energy aware and energy-efficient user“
  => energy conservation (studies suggest 2-15% is possible)

ICT contributions

- **Eco-Feedback** and **Eco-Visualization** increase awareness on consumption habits and consequences for environment and society

- Energy advice, motivation for behaviour changes
  => persuasive computing
Working Area:
Energy Efficient Building Automation

Smart monitoring of
- light
- clima
- security

\{ \Rightarrow \} more comfort & coziness but less energy consumption

E.g., EQ Homeatic, Loxone, u.a.
Energy efficient computing (Green IT)

Problem

- power consumption of computers and IT infrastructure
  - Server farms, data centers, cloud clusters, …
    (e.g. Google 2.26 TWh in 2010)
  - Super computer
    (e.g. SuperMUC 3.5 MWh in 2012)
  - Workstations (2014 ca. 31.000.000 units in DE)
  - private sector: 1 user many computers
    (PC/Laptop/Smartphone/games consoles / tv / …)
  - network usage / data transfer

ICT contributions

- **energy efficient hardware**
  - avoid need for power-intensive cooling

- **optimized workflows and more efficient algorithms**
  - faster algorithms => less CPU usage => less energy
  - dynamic load management => more efficient use of hardware

- **more efficient networks**
  - e.g., shorter routing paths => less nodes => less energy use

- **new compute-services, e.g.,**
  - virtual machines vs. hardware
  - cloud services => better exploitation of big data centers
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Evolving Communications
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Energy-Saving Devices
Power

Figure 2: Power breakdown in the suspended state. The aggregate power consumed is 68.6 mW.

Figure 3: Average power consumption while in the idle state with backlight off. Aggregate power is 268.8 mW.

Figure 4: Display backlight power for varying brightness levels.

USENIX association, Berkeley, CA, USA, 21-21.
You have 5 events

12:00 Meeting with David
14:00 Go get some food
15:00 SW status
17:00 Design review
Software Aspects

- Algorithmic efficiency
- Data transfer efficiency
- Custom applications to reduce waste (read ‘save energy’)
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Topic: Wireless technologies – supporting Smart Grids

- **Smart grid**: intelligent power network characterized by its two-way flows of electricity and information

- **Integrated communication infrastructure**: essential subsystem for smart grids to manage the operation of all connected components aiming to reliable and sustainable electricity supplies

- Several advanced *wired/wireless communication technologies* have been used or candidate to be used in different domains of smart grid networks.
Example of a conceptual model for a M&C Plane of a Smart Grid

Source: W. Meng et al., Smart Grid Neighborhood Area Networks: A Survey, IEEE Networks, Jan 2014
Hybrid M&C Plane - Cooperation example: IEEE 802.16d + IEEE802.15g

Mesh Network
Technologies for NAN

IEEE 802.15.4g - standard making a PHY + MAC amendment and modifications to WPAN IEEE 802.15.4, aiming to
- outdoor low data rate and wireless smart metering utility network (SUN) requirements.
- SUN was designed to operate in a
  - distributed mode
  - over shared network resources
  - to enable the monitoring and control of utility systems.
- SUN devices operate in a very large scale and low-power wireless application environment
 Technologies for NAN
IEEE 802.11s-derived from IEEE 802.11 family

Goals
- to extend IEEE 802.11 MAC protocol for Wireless Mesh Networks
- A significant feature: support frame delivery and route selection at MAC layer through radio-aware metrics.

Topology of an IEEE 802.11s WMN
- a central gateway is designated and deployed for data transmission to mesh stations.
  - Mesh APs
    - offer the access I/Fs to the end users in either static or dynamic state,
    - transmit aggregated information to gateways via multi-hop paths.
Technologies for WAN connectivity
- IEEE 802.16 (d)
  - can be used for WANs connectivity
  - and relay signals from IEEE 802.15.4g back to utility backbone.

Conclusions
- Wireless technologies can be successfully used for Smart Grid M&C Plane
  - IEEE 802.16x
  - IEEE 802.15.x
  - IEEE 802.11x
  - Topologies: p-mp, mesh, hybrid, etc.
- However requirements need to be fulfilled and adapted to Smart Grids needs: reliability, scalability, real-time capabilities, throughput, security, cost efficiency, ..
Thank you!
Energy Aware Networking
The Clean Slate Approach

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The Internet / Networks
Current Routing and Switching

• Routing in the Internet
  – Routing tables in core router exceeded 500K entries (RIB and FIB)
  – Routing operations become complex
  – Instability

• High performance multi rack computing architectures

• Huawei's 400G Core Router
  • 2 Tbits/slot, 6.4 Tbits/ chassis and 32 Tbits/system
Energy Impacts

- Power dissipation in routing equipment is growing at twice the rate of improvements in power consumption
- Carbon footprint
- Economic inefficiencies
Current Routing and Switching Technologies

• Patch work
• Revolutionary?
• Evolutionary?

• Revolutionary – transition path!?
• Rethink our basic approaches
  – Revolutionary HW and SW technologies
Routing in the Internet

• Do we need so many routing protocols?
  – Inter-AS, intra-AS?
  – Integration issues/inefficiencies
  – Internet has a well-established business structure
  • Tiers
  – How about leveraging this for routing?
  – Addresses carry routing information?

Tiers in the Internet – Tiered Addresses

Figure 6 Tiered Subnets Inside Tiered ASs
Current Routing and Switching

• Switching complexity
  – Avoiding loops
  – VLANs and complexity at layer 2
  – VLAN hierarchies
    • Customer, provider, backbone
  – Shortest Path Bridging, TRILL on Rbridges
    • IS-IS layer 3 routing at layer 2
Switching Technology

• Loop Avoidance
  – issues

• Growing complexity in layer 2 –
  – VLAN hierarchies

• Novel technologies

• IEEE 1910.1 Project
  – Standard for Meshed Tree Bridging with Loop Free Forwarding
  – Link - https://mentor.ieee.org/1910/
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How to be Energy-Aware?