

# Towards The Personal Ultra broadband Era (Re-imagining Our Wireless World 2020)

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### Re-imagination Is The Driving Force Of Innovation Today

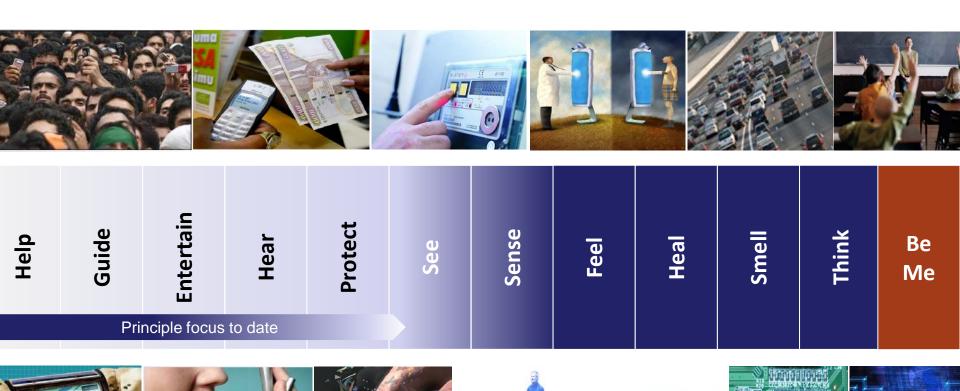


Re-imagination of our physical experiences...of our digital economy

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# And We Are Only At The Beginning Of This Next Wave



Realizing these "experiences" will push broadband needs to new levels



### At InterDigital We Call This The Bandwidth Crunch

Sure, More spectrum & Het Nets are given but this will only be a part of the solution



|      | Average<br>Speeds <sup>1</sup> | Population<br>Density  | Devices/<br>Person | Busy<br>Hour | Required Area<br>Capacity |
|------|--------------------------------|------------------------|--------------------|--------------|---------------------------|
| 2012 | 0.3Mbps                        | x 4984/km <sup>2</sup> | x 1.20             | x 15%        | 0.26Gbp/s/km <sup>2</sup> |
| 2016 | 2.9Mbps                        | x 5191/km <sup>2</sup> | x 1.40             | x 20%        | 4.2Gbp/s/km <sup>2</sup>  |
| 2020 | 30Mbps                         | x 5477/km <sup>2</sup> | x 1.70             | x 25%        | 69.8Gbp/s/km <sup>2</sup> |

Assuming only the performance of LTE-A today<sup>1</sup>

- In 2016 we might need 317MHz of spectrum
- By 2020 we might need more than 5GHz!

Solution will be an ever more complex & "meshy" network of networks



### InterDigital Communications Research: What We Do

InterDigital develops fundamental wireless technologies that are at the heart of **mobile devices**, **networks**, & **services** worldwide.



Technology

Our technology is used in all 2G, 3G, LTE devices providing support for new mobile broadband & richer multimedia experience

As a **long time contributor** to the wireless industry, we have solved many of the most **critical** mobile challenges **for 30+ years** 





We offer our technologies to the market in **IP blocks** and **full product** solutions and have been **key** in high profile OEM offerings

InterDigital has been tackling the bandwidth crunch for generations



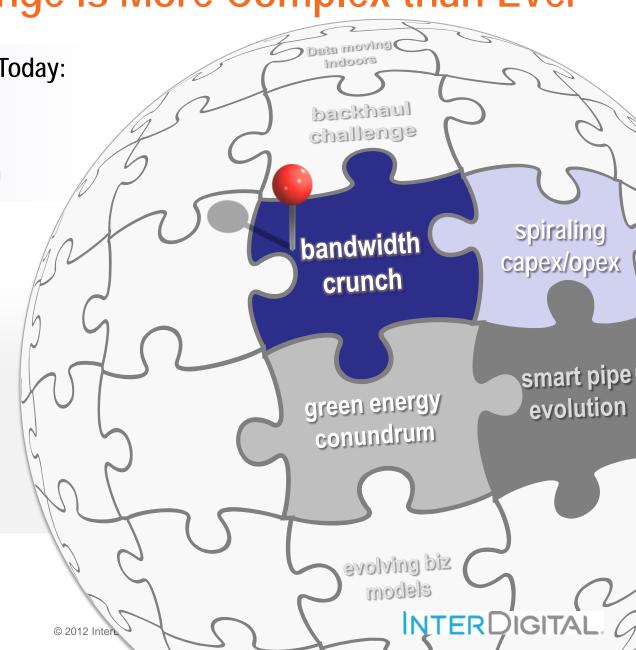
Today's Challenge is More Complex than Ever

**Service Provider Options Today:** 

Ration resource usage

Invest in new capacity

New revenue innovation



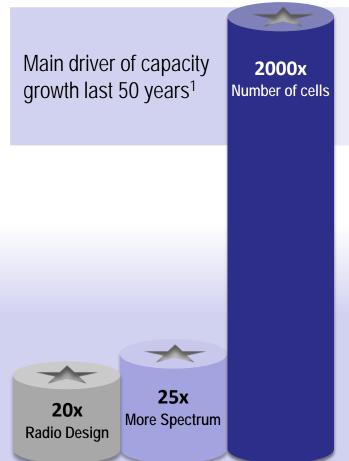
#### And Tomorrow?

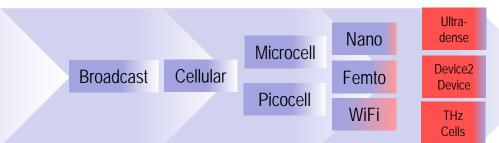


Two tech trends will perhaps shape future more than any

#### The Relentless Move To Small & Smaller Cell Solutions

It has always been about making the network more efficient and smarter





#### This is unlikely to change anytime soon

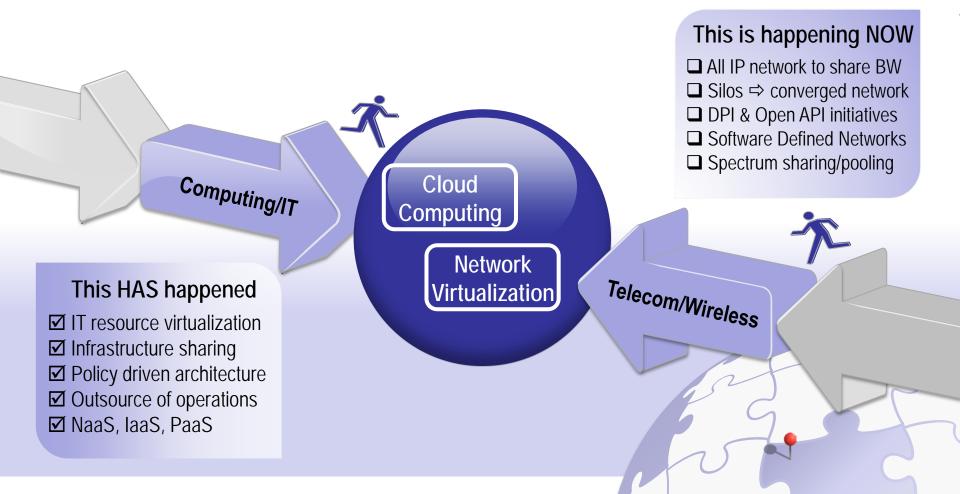
- ❖ Next step: cooperative ultra-dense cell technology that opportunistically leverages licensed/unlicensed
- Cellular controlled Device2Device communications: Our research shows time is right for this technology
- And beyond: Falling device cost & wealth of spectrum will drive THz move for "indoor & around" applications (3.5GHz⇒5GHz⇒10GHz⇒20GHz ⇒60Hz ⇒⇒⇒)

All driving us to a world of ubiquitous connectivity asset availability



# The Cloud or Increasingly Pervasive Sharing Technology

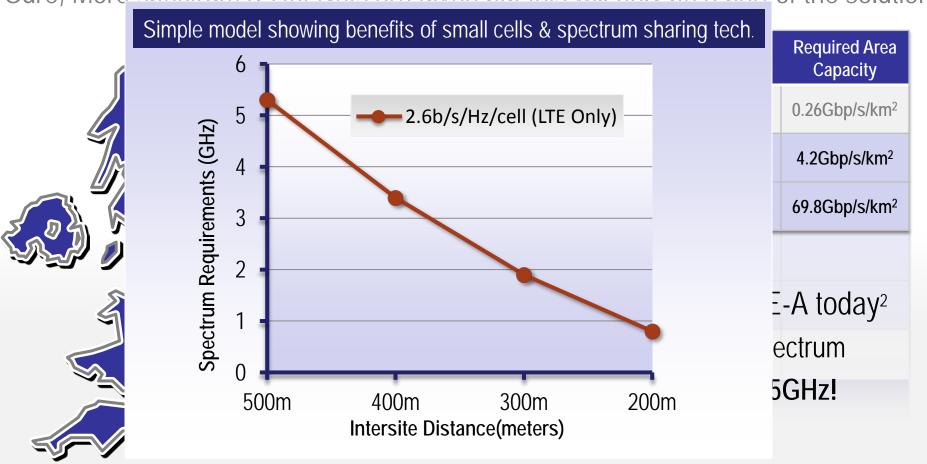
Commonplace in the computing industry; Telecom/Wireless is playing catch-up



"Virtualization" at all levels will be critical to defeating the BW crunch

### In Illustration: Aggregate Effects Will Be Quite Profound

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Nothing "dumb" about this future; Making it work will be the challenge



# Putting This All Together: A Future Vision Emerges

**2G**Narrowband era

**3G**Broadband era for few

**4G**And for the masses

Beyond 4G
Personal Ultra Broadband Era

Future direction indicators:

Emergence of a world of ubiquitous access resource availability

The rise of the cloud and network sharing/virtualization paradigms

Broad new innovative thinking in spectrum usage & application

Ever more powerful, multifunctional, multi-resource user devices







#### is made your resource

- Opportunistically
- Virtual access fabric
- Network Policy Driven



### Glimpses of This Future in Today's Emerging Tech.



#### Aggregation, sharing & flexibility is the new normal

- Multi-Operator spectrum sharing is becoming more common
- □ IEEE is driving new standards¹ in shared use spectrum access
- □ Small cell trend pushing cellular into *wifi* spectrum & vis-a-vis



#### No longer WiFi vs. Cellular it's all about application

- □ Carrier grade WiFi development<sup>2</sup> now blurring historical divides
- ☐ Flow seg. & IP flow mobility re-imagining offloading paradigm
- ☐ Future will see tight integration of technologies @ MAC layer

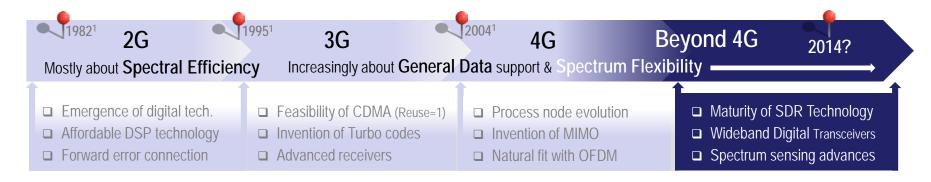


#### Devices are "talking" to each other in different ways

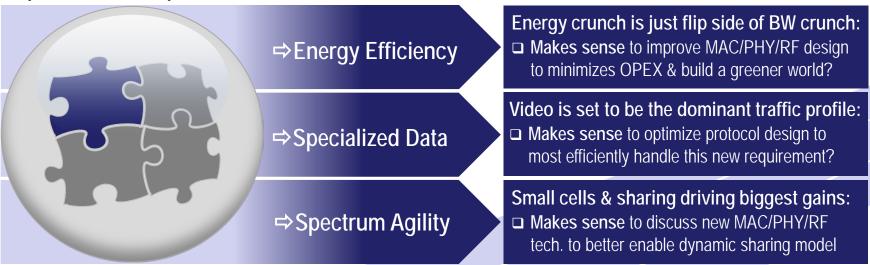
- P2P media sharing emerging as common smartphone feature
- WiFi Direct & "Proximity services" skewing device|access lines
- M2M & IoT emerging as a critical new carrier revenue streams



### Roadmap May Lead Us To New Air Interfaces (LTE-B,C?)



#### Likely air interface drivers beyond 4G:

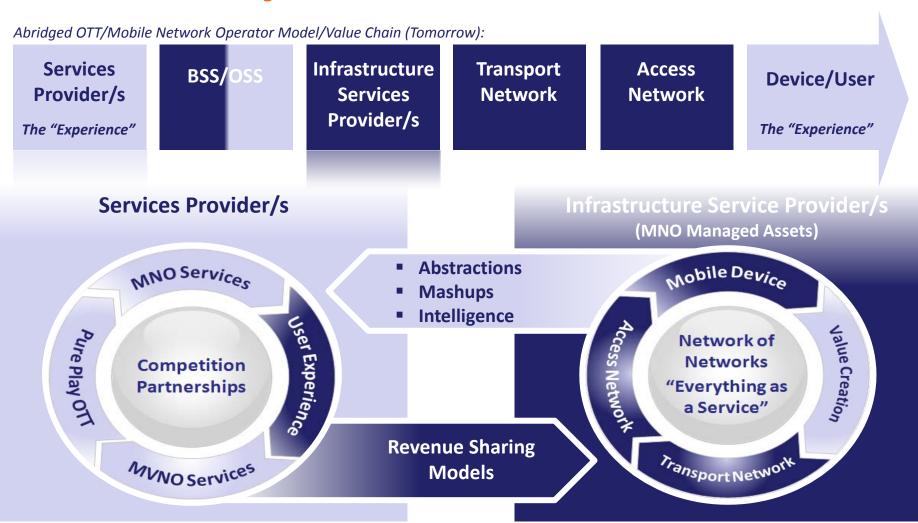


As before it will be a complex question of timing, drivers & enablers

In 1982 CEPT forms GSM, In 1995 UMTS task force kicks off 3G, in 2004 first LTE RAN workshop



#### ...And Maybe New, Better Business Models



Many questions, many challenges to building this future, this vision



#### We Are Asking These Questions & Building this Future Today

Some of our research & development activities in our labs (available today)



A first step in pushing virtualization down to the client. Smart e2e traffic shaping & control over cellular & WiFi technologies



Policy driven spectrum mgmt. Demonstrating capacity enhancement benefits of operating WiFi & LTE in white space & UL bands



Proving that the crowd resource can be leveraged into a virtual resource fabric for performance & social networking benefits



A lightweight, unified M2M service layer solution that opens clean API that enable many new revenue application potential

Technology solutions for the bandwidth crunch today & tomorrow

