

SESSION 3.1 - EXPERIMENTAL RESEARCH AND PROTOTYPING TOWARDS 5G AND BEYOND

Invited speech - TOWARDS THE NEXT GENERATION OF WIRELESS NETWORKING TESTBEDS

Wireless network testbeds are important for realistic, at-scale experimental evaluation of new radio technologies, protocols and network architectures. A number of existing wireless testbeds are being used for experimental research on a wide variety of research topics including dynamic spectrum access, full duplex, massive and distributed MIMO, cmWave and mmWave, cognitive radio networks, DTN, vehicular networks and so on. With a somewhat belated reality check on 5G, larger tests and demonstration sites have become essential in the validation of next generation wireless platforms. This talk will introduce COSMOS (“Cloud enhanced Open Software defined MOBILE wireless testbed for city-Scale deployment”) project that creates a city-scale platform for advanced wireless research that is being deployed over the period 2018 - 2023 in New York City. The technical focus of the COSMOS platform is on ultra-high-bandwidth and low-latency wireless communications, with tightly coupled edge computing with emphasis on the millimeter-wave radio communications and dynamic optical switching.

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