



3G Wireless Security - A Government Perspective

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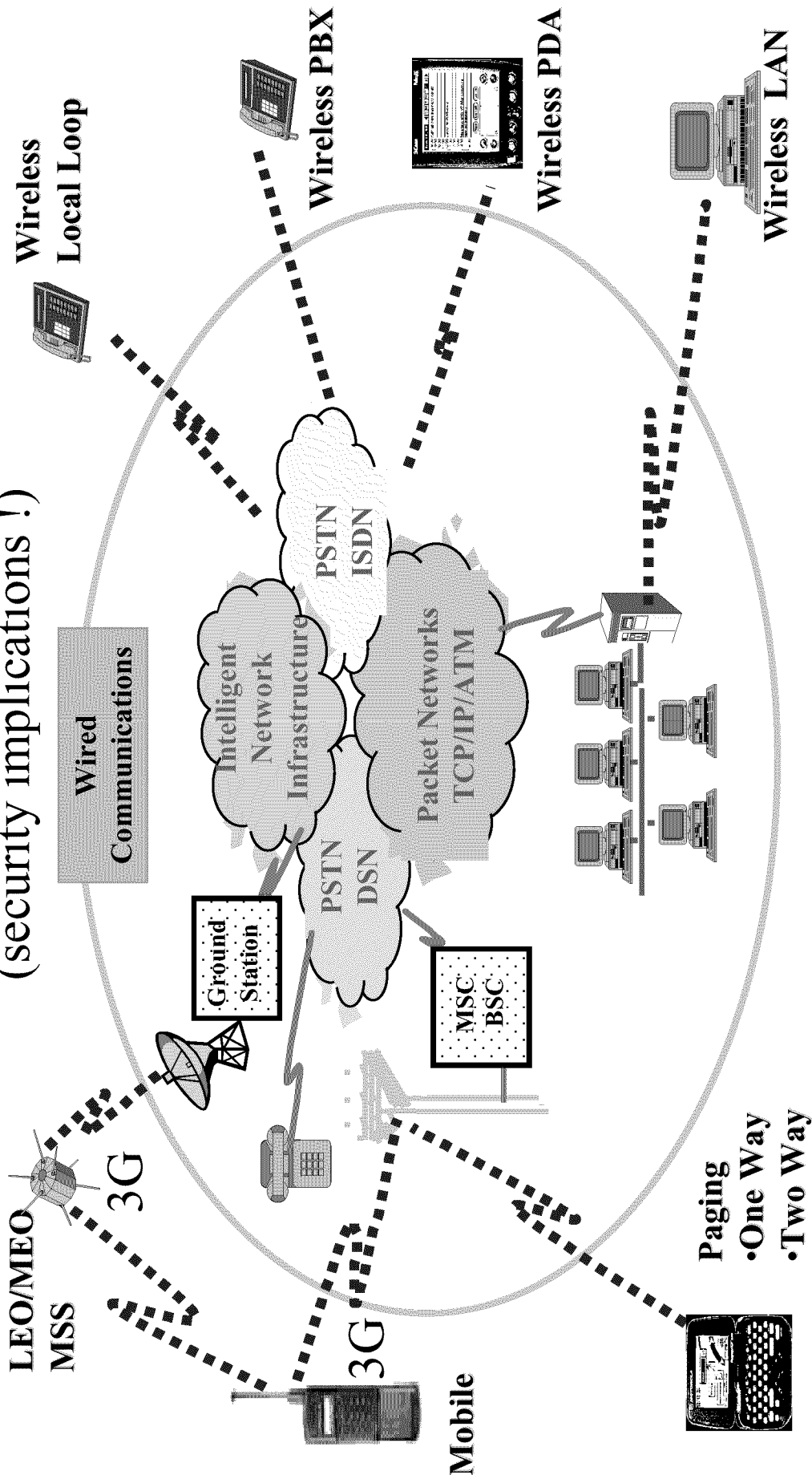
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Wireless = Extended Exposure of Wired

(security implications !)



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Security Requirements

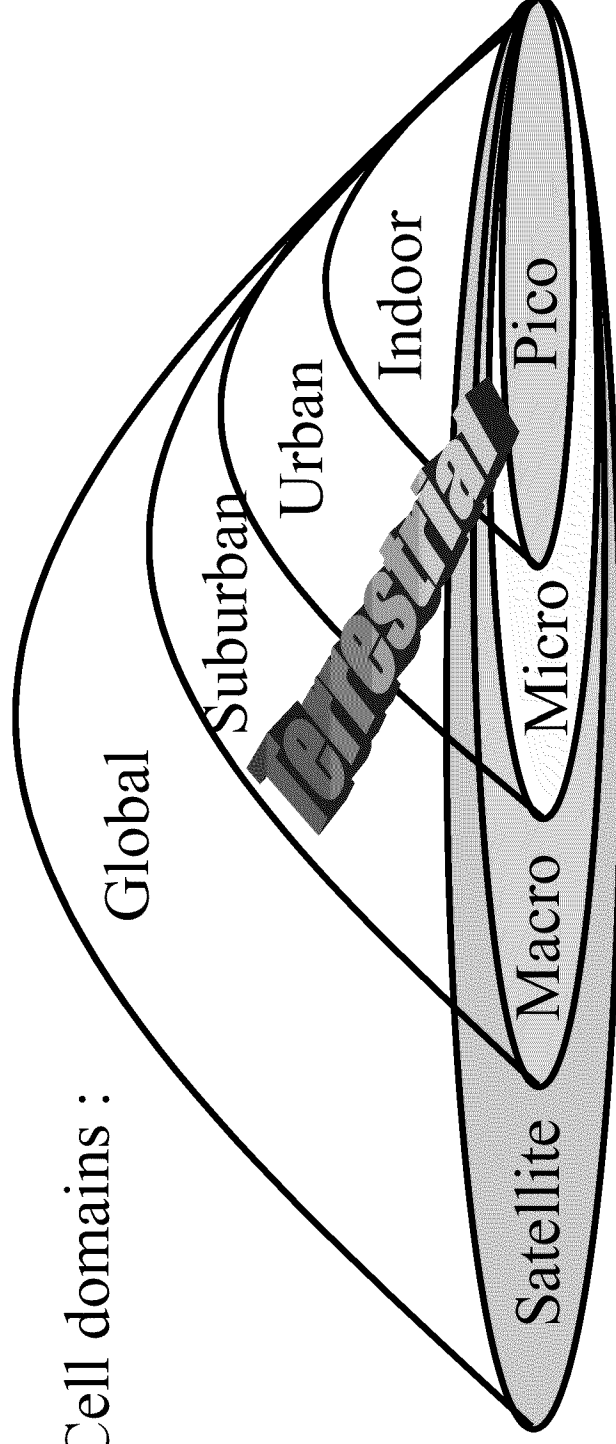
- U.S. Government
 - Good COTS AI security (for SBU Sensitive But Unclassified users)
 - End-to-End GOTS security
 - DUIITS
 - Digital, Ubiquitous, Interoperable, Transparent, Secure
 - Confidentiality, Integrity, Availability, Authentication, Accountability (Nonrepudiation)
 - Multinetwork transport (FNBDT)
 - Voice then Data (STU3 paradigm)
 - Transparent low latency data
- IMT-2000 ITU (notes)
 - Bilateral authentication (e.g., User < > Base)
 - Joint ETSI/TIA authentication algorithm for global roaming (harmonizing IS41 w/ GSM)
 - Packet-by-Packet payload authentication (vs circuit-switched one time at call setup)
 - Network messaging security (e.g., keys and auth data)

NIST Impacts

- Consensus building in TIA TR45 to adopt NIST SHA-1 Secure Hash Algorithm as preferred cryptographic primitive for 3G
 - Long history of proven robustness
- TIA TR45 AHAG considering using eventual NIST AES Advanced Encryption Standard algorithm for future 3G subscriber privacy applications
 - AES specifications included speed + power amenable to handheld wireless constraints !
 - NSA TRI22 did a paper on algorithm comparisons see <http://csrc.nist.gov/encryption/aes/round2/r2anlsys.htm#NSA>

3G IMT2000

Cell domains :

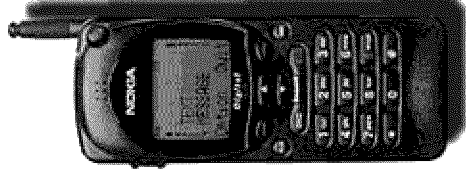


Bit Rates : 144 kbps
384 kbps
2 Mbps

High Speed Vehicular
Pedestrian + Low Speed Vehicular
Pico/Indoor

(contrast with 2G rates ~10kbps to user, primarily voice)

3G Terrestrial Players



- CDMA-DS Direct Spread (3GPP)
UTRA FDD or WCDMA
- CDMA-MC MultiCarrier (3GPP2)
cdma2000
- CDMA TDD (3GPP+CWTS)
UTRA TDD or TD-SCDMA
- TDMA Single Carrier (UWCC)
UWC-136
- FDMA/TDMA (ETSI)
DECT

(the tech-agnostic folk,
per Fortune mag)

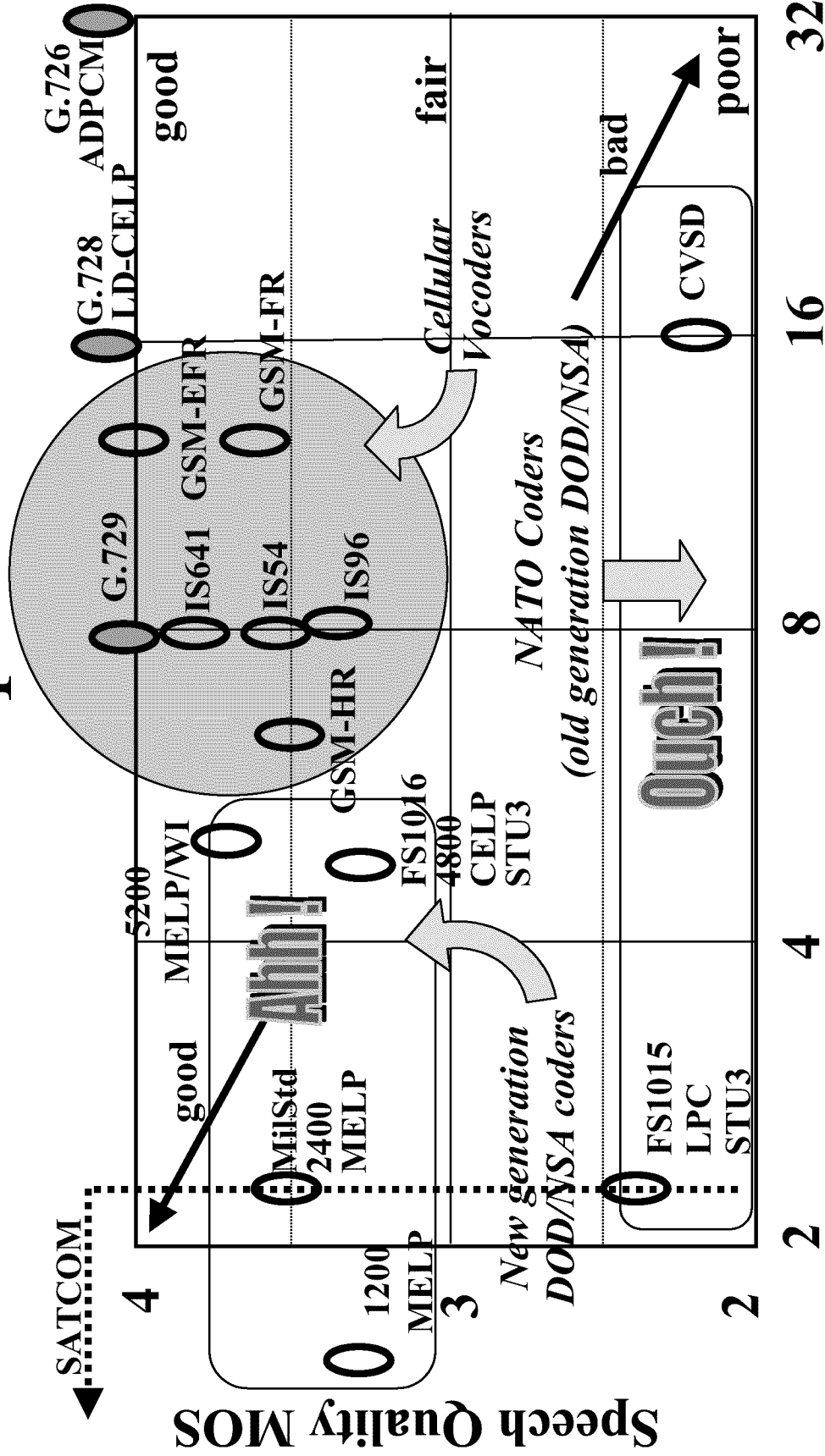
(spectrum efficiency
advantages, per
reaction to UK 3G
spectrum auctions
at VTC'00 Tokyo)

2G heritage : TDMA (IS136 + GSM)
CDMA (IS95)

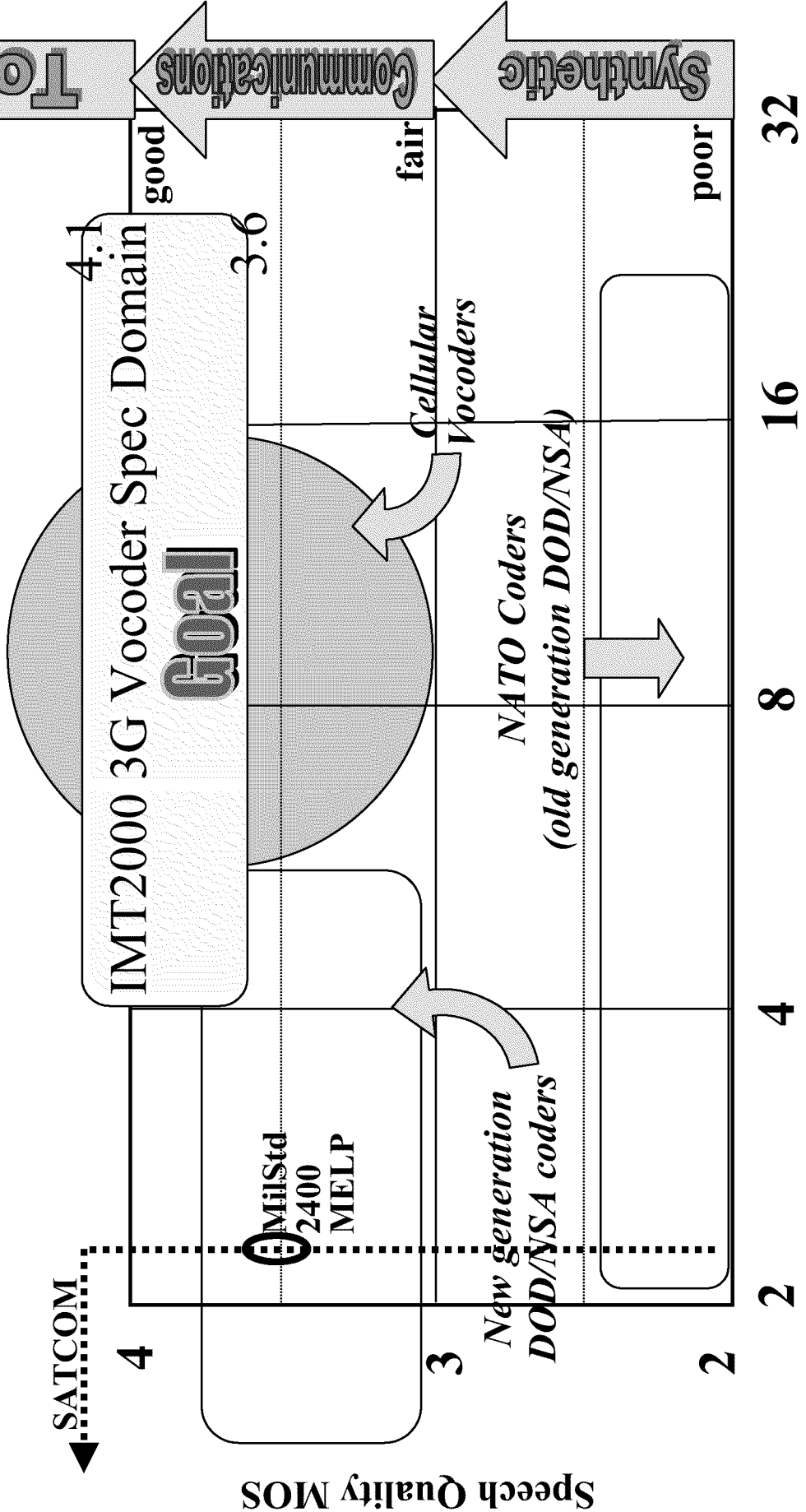
What are all those bits for ?

- 3G vocoders not much different than 2G in terms of bit rate !
- Higher bit rates for data, multimedia (voice + video), etc
- U.S. gov't secure interoperability based on foundation of :
 - MELP 2.4kbps vocoder (Mixed Excitation Linear Prediction) Mi1Std3005
 - NATO STANAG candidate (amongst FR, TU, US)
 - FNBDT signaling plan + crypto

Vocoder Comparison Chart



3G Vocoder Specs



MELP in 3G for Strat+Tact+Sat

- See <http://www.rta.nato.int/pubs/RTO-MP-026.htm> for MELP in tactical applications (NATO)
 - Papers by Collura (on Noise PreProcessing) and Rahikka (on Error Correction)
- When DoD adopts 3G for the battlefield, we want robust performance in acoustic noise (at microphone A/D) and jamming noise (at antenna A/D) !

“Transitions”

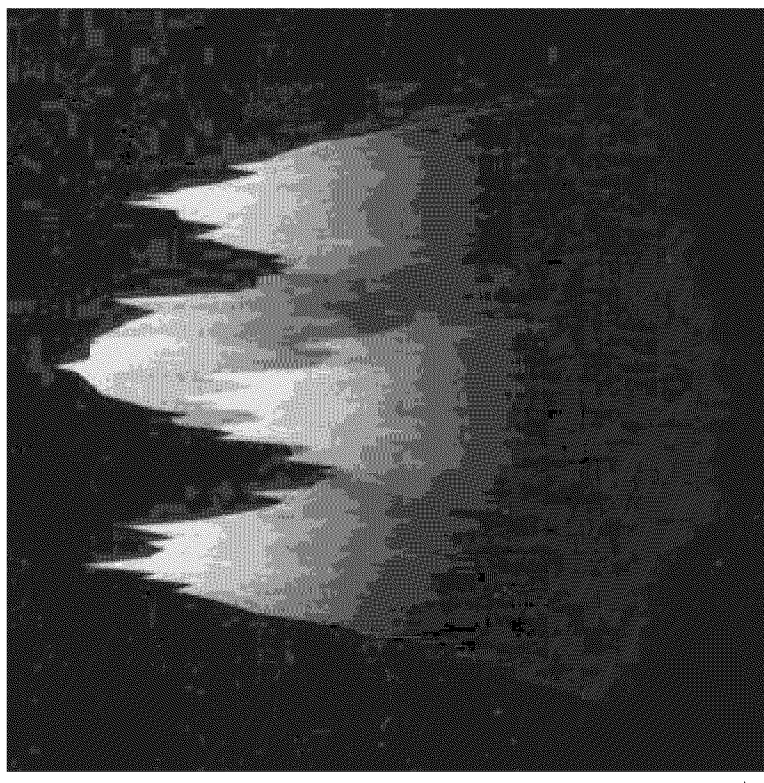
(or how to embrace change)

- Past and present is based on wireline STU3 (with LPC and CELP vocoders)
 - 500k users (including Tom Clancy characters)
 - Wireless 1G analog cellular version
 - Red gateways (Iridium etc)
- 2G/3G Future is based on FNBDT + MELP
 - ???k users (including STU6 in Tom Clancy’s “The Bear and the Dragon”)
 - Wireline STE Secure Terminal Equipment (on desktops)
- Attempt to bridge the eras with IWFs

STU3 Interoperability ?

- STU3 2.4kbps modem through 2G ACELP/VSELP/QCELP vocoders at 7-10% BER
- STU3 won't work over 2G cellular
- Need for STU3 modem IWF in cell switches
- Failed business case !
- Use FNBDT signaling protocol !
- STU3 4.8kbps modem will operate over analog cellular 1G
- See MILCOM'97 and VTC'97
- Sadly, ~1/6 of 2G data bearer stds in TIA are STU3 IWF-related ! (case of standard adopted+never built)

(~1M grains of sand in my Matlab sandbox)



(STU3 QAM Modem Demod)


INMARSAT IWFs for STU3

“Onesies-Twosies”



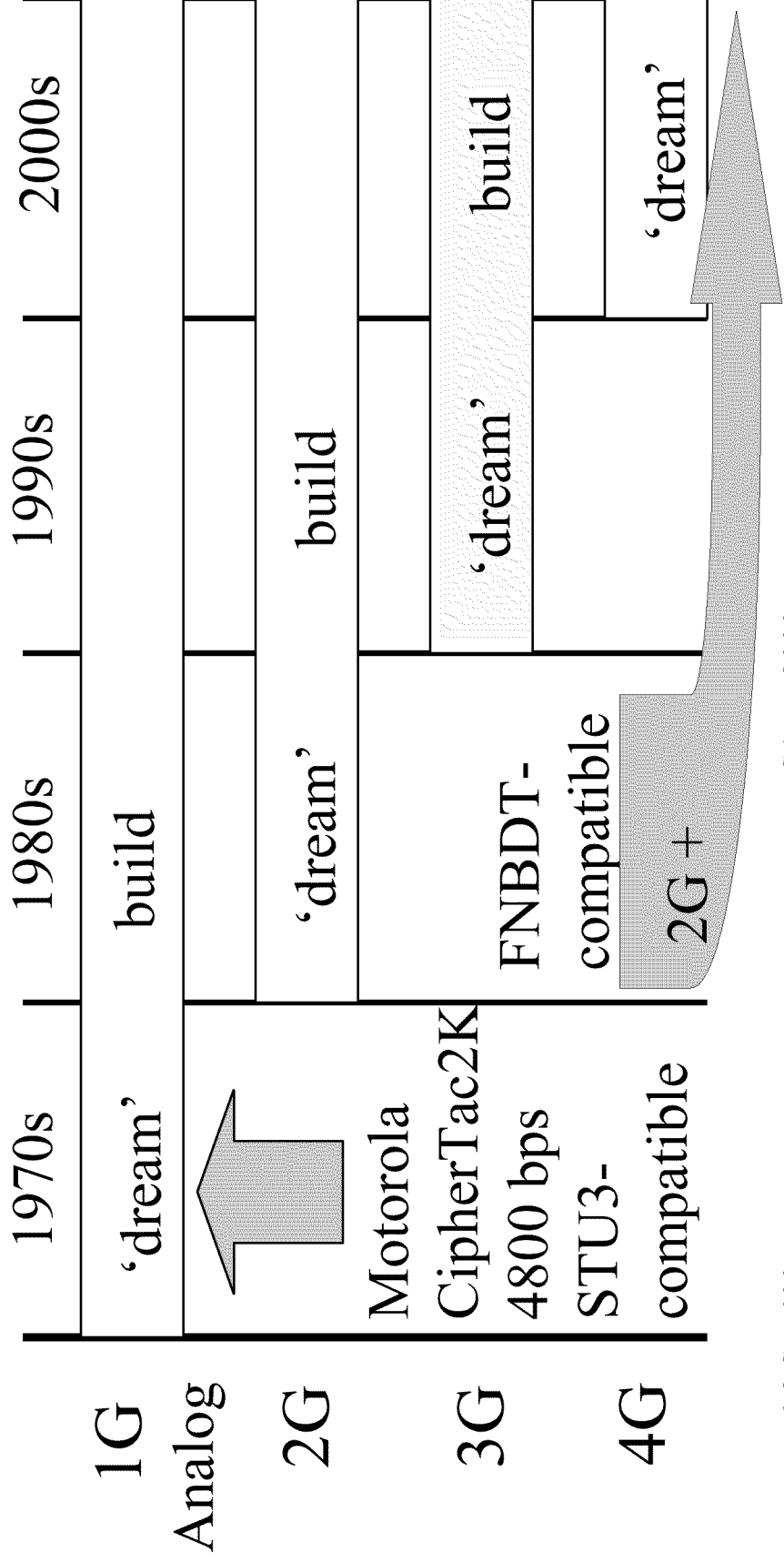
Moral : STU3 IWFs are feasible only in infrastructures with low number of involved nodes (not 2G or 3G cellular infrastructures !)

‘Krechmer’s Etiquette’

- See Ken Krechmer’s ISART’00 talk 9/8/00
 - Some modems have etiquette
 - Some modems have no etiquette
- and*
- Some modems are blatantly rude
 - e.g., STU3 modem (half-breed) 
 - at 2400 bps = V.26bis w/V.26ter Echo Canceling
 - at 4800 bps = V.32 w/Bell1103 300bps capability msg
(ID modem from go-secure tones up front)

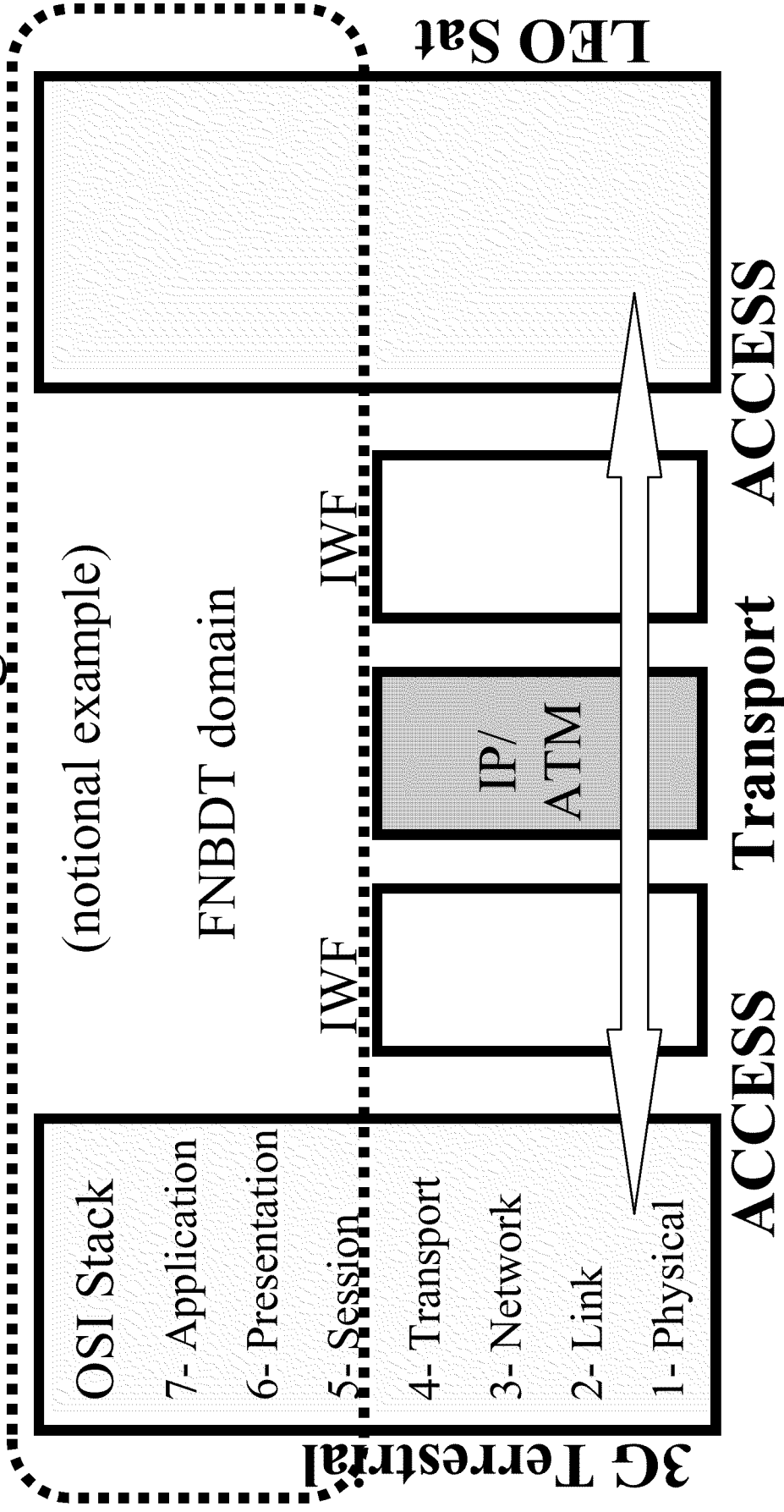
Standards - 3G IMT2000

- Evolution



FNBDT

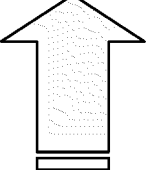
- “Future Narrow Band Digital Terminal”

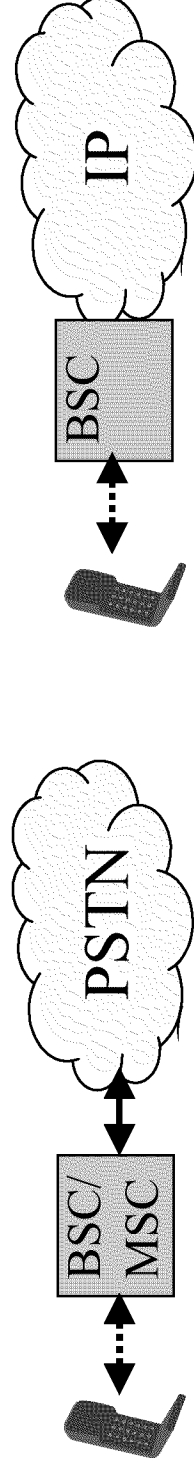


What is FNBDT ?

- Above Transport layer
- Operates over most data/voice network configurations
- Least Common Denominator for end-to-end Interoperability
- Many media (wireless, satellite, IP, ATM, ISDN)
- Adapts to data rate
- Sync and Nonsync
- Negotiates security and application features
- Point-to-Point and Multipoint
- Realtime, Near Realtime, and NonRealtime Apps

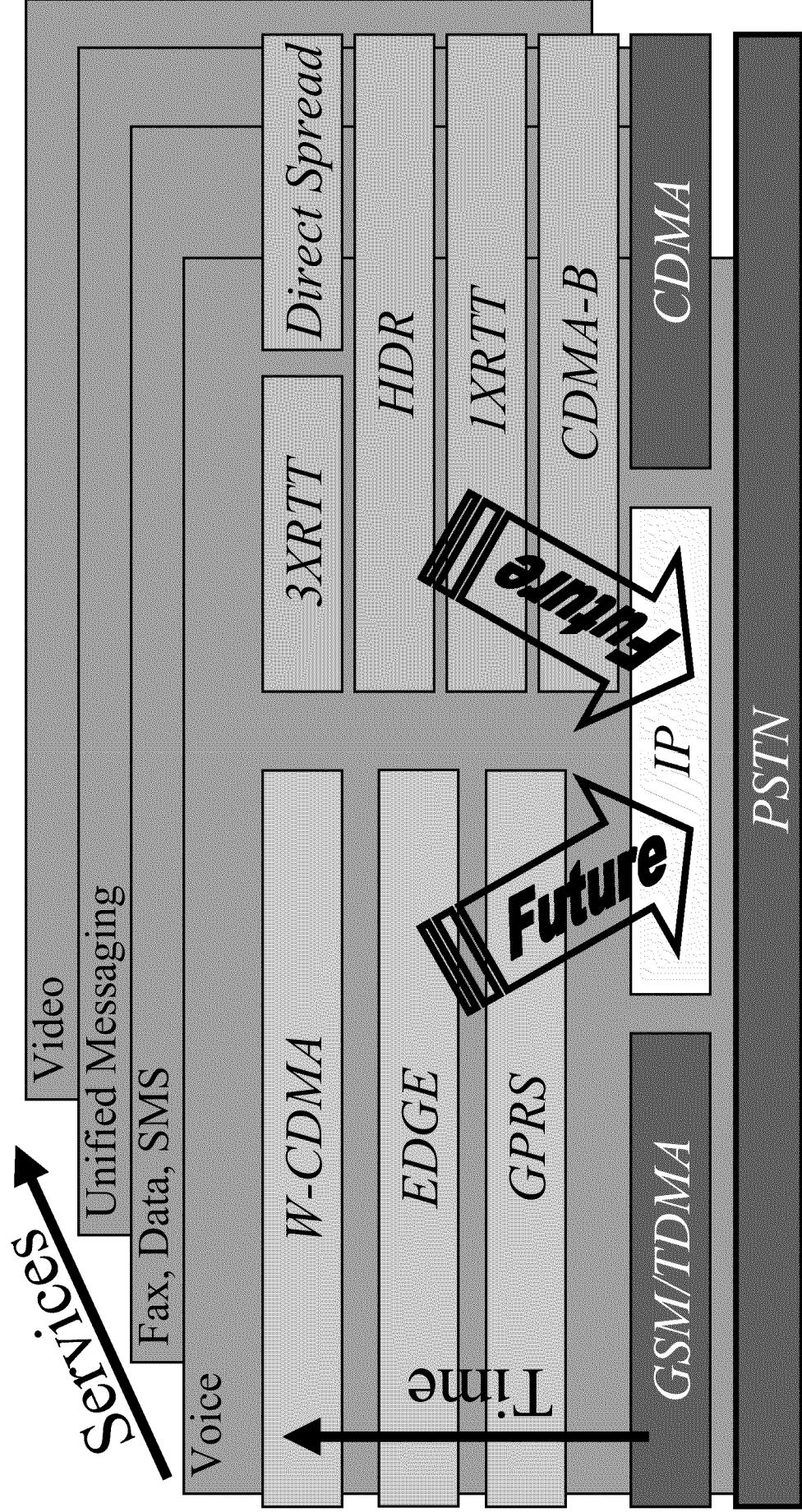
Major Evolution

- 3G has radical architectural changes from 2G !
- Paradigm shift :
Circuit-switched  Packet-switched
- Change from connection through BSC/MSB to direct links into the www IP cloud



(e.g., 2.5G GPRS Generalized Packet Radio Service)

3G Evolution to IP Core

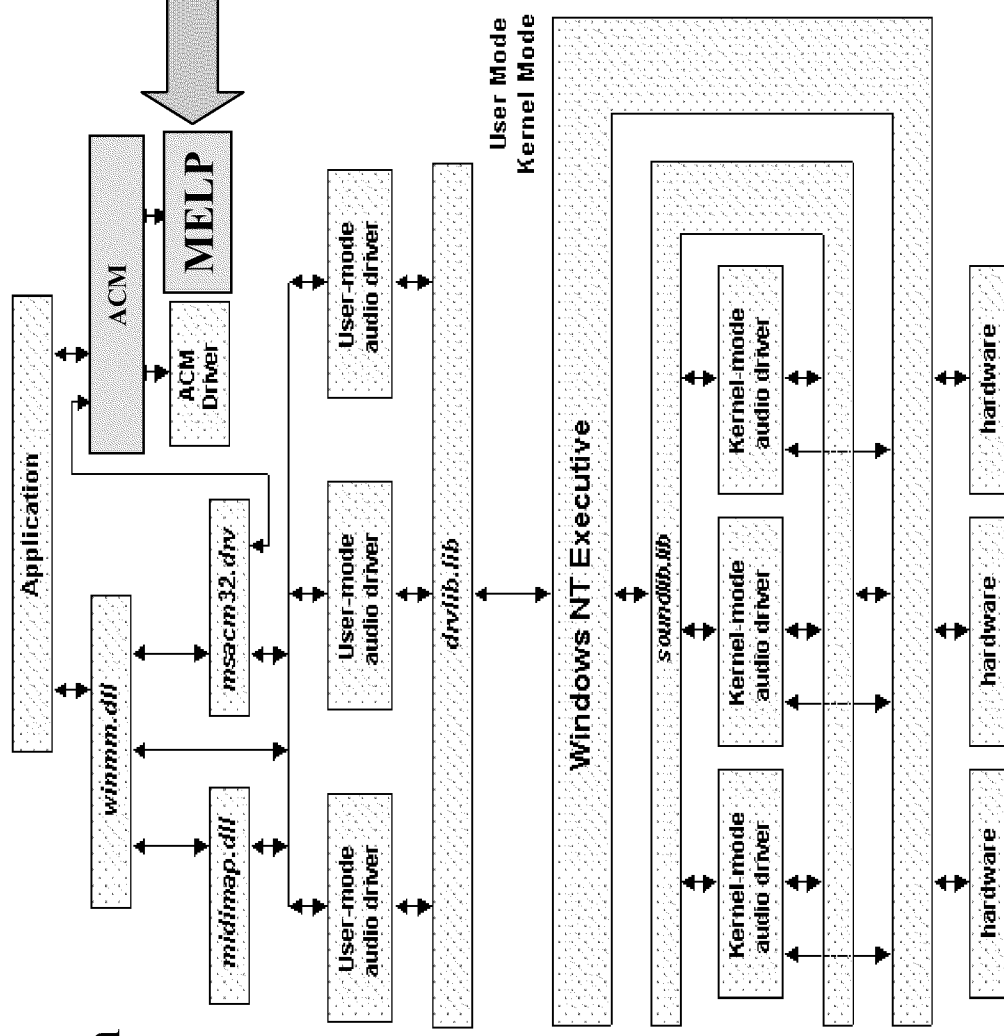


Secure MELP VoIP on 3G

- NSA developing MELP VoIP solution with OSU Oklahoma State University (w/FNBDT)
- Looking to do trials of MELP VoIP on 2.5G GPRS as it is rolled out in U.S.
 - QOS issues
- Secure Multimedia potentialities :
 - MELP+video+crypto enabled laptop +GPRS handset transmitting to desktop PC in office
- Looking at installing MELP in NetMeeting
- H.323 ITU std on conferencing

MELP Under Windows NT

- Layout of the audio subsystem of the Windows NT 4.0 OS
- Relationships between the various OS components, the ACM Audio Compression Manager, and the MELP CODEC
- The MELP CODEC is a user-mode ACM driver
- When installed under the ACM, a CODEC can be accessed by any application through a standard interface



Spectrum Issues

- The *Catch-22* Rules - (spectrum is like sex)
 - “you can’t have what you don’t use”
 - “you can’t use what you don’t have”
 - “you can’t have what you can’t afford” (*new one*)
 - “you can’t have enough” **Auctions**
- http://www.federaltimes.com/issues/loss_radio.html
 - “Loss of Radio Spectrum Would Impair Security”
(page 1 of 8/28/00 Federal Times)
 - NTIA +DoD + etc looking at vacating 1755-1850 MHz
- How get spectrum for Fed users / tactical exercises ?

Spectrum Issues (continued)

- FWUF and CTIA addressed at June 2000 meeting in New Orleans (Federal Wireless User Forum)
- See Condello talk at <http://is2.antd.nist.gov/fwuf/june00slides/slindex.html>
- **4 Potential Solutions** (for Feds on licensed spectrum) :
 - Temporary Accounts
 - Extension of Service Area (Compatible Infrastructure - Fed Bases)
 - Federal Overlay, Underlay, or Extended Network (Fed Switch/Bases)
 - Federal Network in Unserved License Area
- Problematic with 2 ‘masters’, legal constraints, who is the ‘controlling authority’ ?, temporary situations/needs

Conclusions

- 3G = exciting ! Security-enabling hooks req'd !
- Interoperability+Spectrum rolling 'Crisis'
(Chinese compound word of 2 pictograms for "*danger*" and "*opportunity*")
- Great new multimedia possibilities
 - Use will explode (with IP-centric higher data rates)
- Need for Gov't+Industry Partnership
- The standards are important
 - But please hold off on 4G until we have 3G issues resolved ! (Remember, the Gov't moves slowly - or at least not at 'Net Speed' !)

Q & A

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