

U.S. Patent No. 6,628,629

T-Mobile & Ericsson Infringement Contentions

Claims 1-4

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1. A method for assigning future slots of a transmission frame to a data packet in the transmission frame for transmission over a wireless medium, comprising:	<p>T-Mobile and Ericsson each directly infringe claim 1 under 35 U.S.C. § 271 (a) by literally method step.</p> <p>T-Mobile performs all steps of claim 1 and its dependent claims literally by making, installing, maintaining, testing, or operating a wireless telecom network in accordance with Long-Term Evolution (“LTE”) standards. T-Mobile stations in the T-Mobile network are Evolved Node-Bs (“eNodeB” or “eNB”) provided by Ericsson (IVMN00008640 (Ericsson Press Release, Sep. 23, 2014); IVMN00008641-42 (Ericsson Press Release, May 8, 2012); IVMN00008649-51 (T-Mobile Press Release, May 7, 2012)). T-Mobile performs all steps either directly or indirectly by controlling its subscribers.</p> <p>Ericsson performs all steps of claim 1 and its dependent claims literally by operating, maintaining, testing, or operating wireless base stations, e.g., eNodeBs, in the T-Mobile network. <i>See, e.g.</i>, IVMN00008638-8640 (Ericsson Press Release, Sep. 23, 2014); IVMN00008641-42 (Ericsson Press Release, May 8, 2012); IVMN00008649-51 (T-Mobile Press Release, May 7, 2012).</p> <p>Ericsson indirectly infringes claim 1 under 35 U.S.C. § 271 (b) by inducing T-Mobile to literally perform the claimed method step, and under 35 U.S.C. § 271 (c) by selling material or apparatus for use in the claimed method step.</p> <p>Ericsson has induced, and continues to induce, T-Mobile to infringe claim 1 and its dependent claims by contributory infringement of claim 1 and its dependent claims by providing the hardware and software to T-Mobile to perform the claimed method, along with instructions that induce T-Mobile to perform the claimed method.</p> <p>Ericsson has taken, and continues to take, active steps to induce T-Mobile to infringe claim 1 and its dependent claims, knowing that those steps will induce, encourage, and facilitate direct infringement by T-Mobile. Those steps, described in detail below and include, but are not limited to, configuring Ericsson eNodeBs to perform semi-persistent scheduling, providing instructions on the use of the semi-persistent scheduling feature, and participating in the operation, and maintenance of the T-Mobile network specifically for the purpose of performing the claimed method.</p> <p>To the extent the preamble is found to be limiting, T-Mobile and Ericsson each perform a method that includes the preamble language.</p>

OVERVIEW OF LTE NETWORK

Figure 4.1-1 (below) shows an eNB connected to an Evolved Packet Core (“EPC”). TS 36.300¹

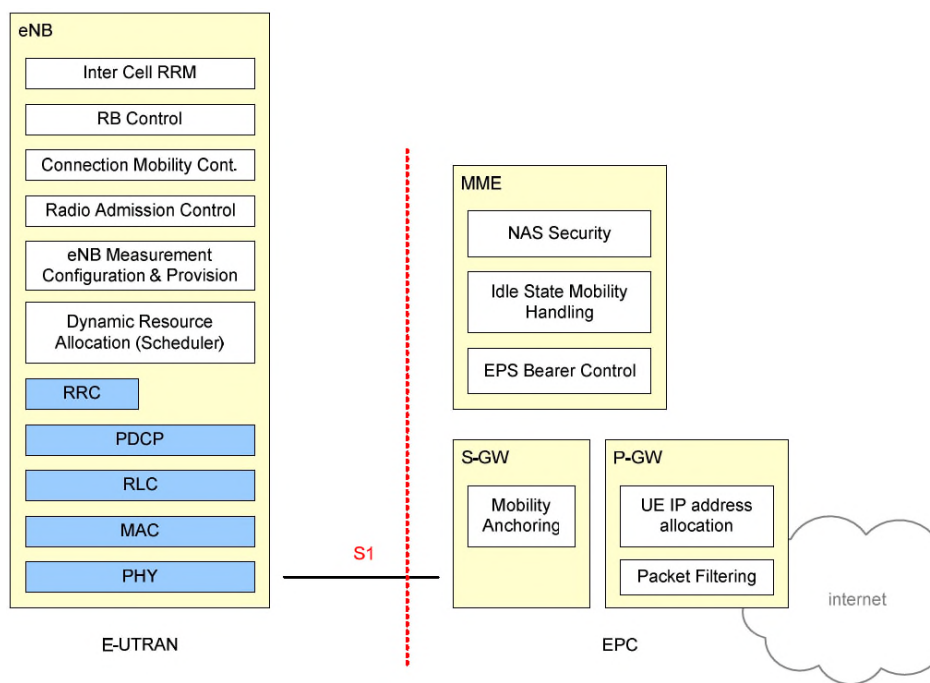


Figure 4.1-1: Functional Split between E-UTRAN and EPC

TS 36.300 § 4.1.

An eNB communicates wirelessly with user equipment (“UE,” e.g., smart phones). TS 36.300 § 4.4.3.2; TR 21.905 §§ 3B, 3E, 3N. EPC components include: a signaling gateway (“S-GW”); entity (“MME”); and a packet gateway (“P-GW”) that interfaces with packet data networks (“PDN”). TS 23.401 §§ 4.1 & 4.4; TS 36.300 § 4.1; TS 23.228 § 4. The eNB and UEs communicate via a physical (“PHY”), medium access control (“MAC”), radio link control (“RLC”), and packet data (“PDCP”) layers. TS 36.300 §§ 4 & 6. The eNB also operates a radio resource control (“RRC”).

¹ Citations to TR ____ and TS ____ refer to 3rd Generation Partnership Project (“3GPP”) LTE documentation listed in the Notice of Dispute and Infringement Contentions served concurrently herewith. Unless a specific version is noted, the citation refers to the latest version of the documentation. Where a citation is cited, the citation refers to all subsequent versions of the documentation.

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OVERVIEW OF LTE RADIO TRANSMISSION SCHEMES AND RADIO RESOURCES

The wireless transmissions between an eNodeB and UE include downlink (“DL”) transmissions and uplink (“UL”) transmissions (i.e., from a UE to an eNB) organized in either of two frame structures: frequency division duplex (“FDD”), and time division duplex (“TDD”). TS 36.300 § 5. On information and belief, the UE operates at least in accordance with FDD. *Id.* at §§ 5 & 5.1.1; TS 36.211 §§ 4 & 6. The FDD and TDD both divide frequency into subcarriers, and divide time into frames, subframes and slots. *Id.* As shown (below), each frame includes ten subframes, each subframe includes two slots, wherein each frame has a duration of 10ms, and each subframe has a duration of 1ms, and each slot has a duration of 0.5ms. *Id.*

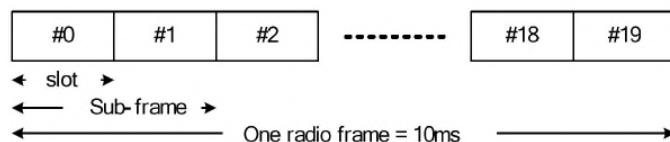


Figure 5-1: Frame structure type 1

TS 36.300 § 5.

Figures 5.2.1-1 and 6.2.2-1 (below) show UL and DL resource grids, respectively. TS 36.211 §§ 5.2.1.1 and 6.2.2.1. Both grids plot time and frequency on horizontal and vertical axes, and both divide time into frames as described above. *Id.*; *see also* TS 36.300 § 5. Both grids also divide frequency into subcarriers and resource blocks (RBs) of modulation. *Id.* Referring to Figure 6.2.2-1 (below), DL transmission uses orthogonal frequency-division multiplexing (“OFDM”). *Id.* OFDM divides frequency into sub-carriers spaced 15 kHz apart. *Id.* The resource elements (“REs”) and resource blocks (“RBs”). *Id.* at § 6.2. Each RE includes one subcarrier and one symbol period. *Id.* Each RB contains 12 subcarriers for a duration of one slot. *Id.* When using normal cyclic prefix, each slot has seven symbols. *Id.* So, with a normal cyclic prefix, each RB has 84 REs (12 rows

² A cyclic prefix is part of an OFDM symbol. TS 36.211 §§ 4.1, 4.2 & 6.2.3. LTE transmission schemes use either a normal cyclic prefix (6 OFDM symbols per slot) or an extended cyclic prefix (6 OFDM symbols per slot). TS 36.300 § 5.1.1.

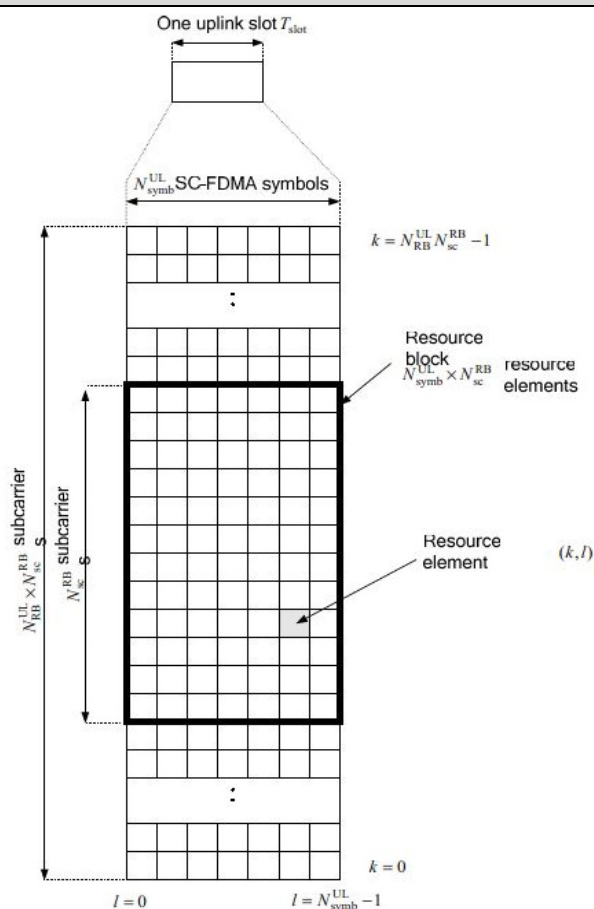


Figure 5.2.1-1: Uplink resource grid.

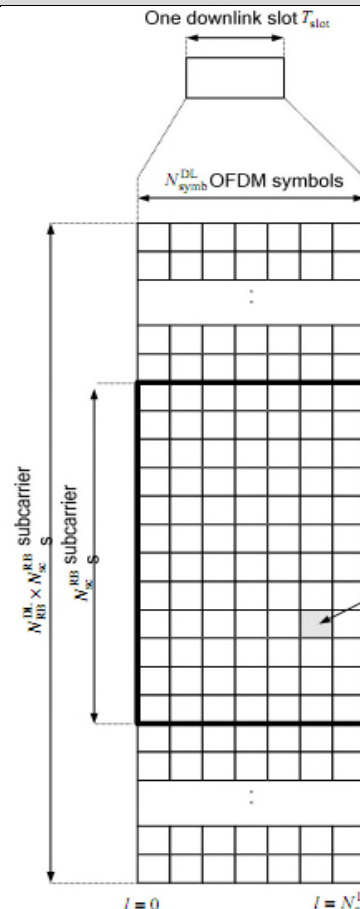


Figure 6.2.2-1: Downlink resource grid.

Referring to Fig. 5.2.2-1 (above), the UL resource grid also includes REs and RBs. TS 36.211 § 5.2.2.1, in my belief, the T-Mobile network uses Single Carrier Frequency Division Multiple Access ("SC-FDMA") for uplink transmission. *Id.* at §§ 5.2. & 5.3. SC-FDMA divides frequency into sub-carriers spaced 15 kHz. Each RB in the UL resource grid includes 84 REs (12 rows by 7 columns of REs). Each RB also includes a normal cyclic prefix, each RB in the UL resource grid includes 84 REs (12 rows by 7 columns of REs).

OVERVIEW OF LTE PHYSICAL CHANNELS CARRYING DATA AND CONTROL MESSAGES

The DL radio resources are used to transport downlink physical channels that are shared by multiple UEs with a single eNB in the DL direction. Likewise, UL radio resources are used to transport uplink physical channels shared by the UEs to communicate with the eNB in the UL direction. TS 36.300 8.8.5.6.6.1.8.

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	<p>eNB and UEs must exchange control messages in order to allocate resources (i.e., specified RBs) to and from UEs. <i>Id.</i> These resource allocations may be valid for one or more subframes, wherein the allocation is valid for a transmission time interval (“TTI”) of one millisecond. <i>See</i> TS 36.300 §§ 5, 5.1.1 and 11. Physical channels in LTE include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • physical downlink control channel (“PDCCH”) carrying control information sent from an eNB to one or more UEs, including downlink resource allocations, and uplink scheduling grants; • enhanced physical downlink control channel (“EPDCCH”) carrying control information sent from an eNB to one or more UEs, including downlink resource allocations, and uplink scheduling grants; • physical downlink shared channel (“PDSCH”) carrying data sent from an eNB to one or more UEs; • physical uplink control channel (“PUCCH”) carrying control information sent from one or more UEs to an eNB; • physical uplink shared channel (“PUSCH”) carrying data sent from one or more UEs to an eNB. <p>TS 36.300 V12.0.0 § 5.</p> <p>Discussions in this document about resource allocation and grant control information sent on a PDCCH for monitoring a PDCCH for control information, applies also to resource allocation and grant control information sent on an EPDCCH, when an EPDCCH is configured.</p> <p><u>LTE TRANSPORT CHANNELS, LOGICAL CHANNELS, AND RADIO BEARERS</u></p> <p>Figures 6-1 and 6-2 (below) show relationships between transport channels, logical channels, and physical channels in downlink and uplink communications. TS 36.300 §§ 4.1 & 6.</p>

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