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# **Dedication**

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**To**

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**To**

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**To**

**Our teachers & colleagues**

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# Abstract

Long-Term Evolution (LTE) allows operators to use new and wider spectrum and complements 3G networks with higher data rates, lower latency and a flat, IP-based architecture to deal with sudden increase in demand for mobile broadband services and to further improve the broadband user experience in a ubiquitous and cost-effective manner 3GPP has been working on various aspects of the LTE Advanced standard.

LTE-Advanced which is based on heterogeneity concept is using a mix of macro, Pico, femto and relay base-stations, that enable flexible and low-cost deployments and provide a uniform broadband experience to users anywhere in the network.

A heterogeneous network (HetNet) with macro base stations (BSs) together with low power small cells, such as Pico BSs and femto BSs, is a promising solution to enhance network capacity. In HetNet, the transmission ranges of Pico BSs are limited due to the large transmission power difference between macro and Pico BSs, and thus Pico BSs are typically underutilized. Cell Range Expansion (CRE) is a way to increase the opportunity of the user equipment (UE) associations to Pico BSs so that more traffic from the macro cell can be offloaded to the Pico cells.

This thesis investigates using MATLAB simulation how associating more users to the Pico cells by range expansion can enhance the network performance and improve user experience (at number of users equal to 40 users) by enhancing data rate by 60%, bandwidth utilization by 22%, throughput by 17%, and spectral efficiency by 2%.

## المستخلص

شبكة التطور طويل الامد تتيح للمستخدمين استخدام نطاق جديد وأوسع وتكمل تطور الجيل الثالث من شبكات المحمول وذلك بتوفير سرعات عالية، زمن تأخير اقل وبنية بروتوكول انترنت موحدة وذلك للتعامل مع الزيادة المفاجئة في الطلب على خدمات النطاق العريض المتنقلة وزيادة تحسين تجربة المستخدم واسع النطاق بطريقة متوفرة في كل مكان وبتكليف اقل.

التطور طويل الامد المتقدم مبني على مبدأ عدم التجانس وذلك من خلال استخدام احجام مختلفة من الخلايا الاساسية (ماкро، بيكيو، فيمتو، ميكرو) مما يوفر مرنة وتكلفة تركيب اقل ويوفر تجربة النطاق العريض بطريقة موحدة لكل المستخدمين في الشبكة في اي مكان.

الشبكة الغير متجانسة المكونة من خلية ماкро اساسية جنبا الى جنب مع خلايا صغيرة منخفضة الطاقة، مثل خلايا البيكيو الاساسية وخلايا الفيمتو الاساسية، هو حل واعد لتعزيز قدرة الشبكة. في الشبكة الغير متجانسة نطاق ارسال خلايا البيكيو الاساسية محدود وذلك نتيجة لاختلاف الكبير بين قوة الارسال بين خلايا الماкро الاساسية وخلايا البيكيو الاساسية، ونتيجة لذلك خلايا البيكيو الاساسية عادة ما تكون غير مستغلة بطريقة فعالة.

توسيع نطاق الخلية هو حل فعال لزيادة فرصة انضمام مزيد من المستخدمين الى نطاق خلية البيكيو الاساسية وذلك لتقليل ازدحام المستخدمين في خلية الماкро الاساسية.

هذه الأطروحة تحقق بإستخدام برنامج المحاكاة الماتلاب في أن كيفية ربط المزيد من المستخدمين إلى خلايا البيكيو عن طريق توسيع نطاق الخلية يمكن أن يعزز من أداء الشبكة وتحسين تجربة المستخدم (عند عدد مستخدمين يساوي 40 مستخدم) من خلال تعزيز معدل البيانات بنسبة 60%， الاستخدام الفعال للنطاق بنسبة 22%， انتاجية الشبكة بنسبة 17%， والكافاءة الطيفية بنسبة 2%.

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## **LIST OF ABBRIVIATIONS**

|       |   |
|-------|---|
| 1G    | First Generation                                |
| 2G    | Second Generation                               |
| 3G    | Third Generation                                |
| 3GPP  | The Third Generation Partnership Project        |
| 4G    | Fourth Generation                               |
| ABS   | Almost Blank Sub                                |
| BTs   | Base Stations                                   |
| CCs   | Component Carriers                              |
| CDF   | Cumulative Distribution Function                |
| CPE   | Customer Premises Equipment                     |
| CRE   | Cell Range Expansion                            |
| CSG   | Closed Subscriber Group                         |
| CoMP  | Coordinated Multi Point                         |
| Cisco | Computer Information System of Center Operation |
| DL    | Downlink  |

|        |   |
|--------|---|
| ICIC   | Inter-Cell Interference Coordination    |
| ER     | Expanded Region                         |
| FSPL   | Free-Space Path Loss                    |
| GSM    | Global System for Mobile Communication  |
| HCNs   | Heterogeneous Cellular Networks         |
| HeNB   | Home enhanced Node-B                    |
| HetNet | Heterogenous Network                    |
| HSPA   | High Speed Packet Access                |
| IMT    | International Mobile Telecommunications |
| IT     | Information Technology                  |
| ICIC   | Inter-Cell Interference Coordination    |
| ITU    | International Telecommunication Union   |
| LPNs   | Low Power Nodes                         |

|        |                                |
|--------|--------------------------------|
| LTE    | Long Term Evaluation           |
| MatLab | Matrix Laboratory              |
| MBS    | Macro Base Station             |
| MIMO   | Multiple Input Multiple Output |
| O&M    | Operations and Maintenance     |
| OS     | Operating System               |
| PPP    | Poisson Point Process          |
| PBS    | Pico Base Station              |
| QoE    | Quality of Experience          |
| QoS    | Quality of Service             |
| REB    | Range Expansion Bias           |
| RF     | Radio Frequency                |
| RP     | Resource Partitioning          |

|       |   |
|-------|---|
| RSRP  | Reference Signal Received Power                 |
| RSRQ  | Reference Signal Received Quality               |
| RSS   | Reference Signal Strength                       |
| SINR  | Signal to Interference to Noise Ratio           |
| SE    | Spectral Efficiency                             |
| SOC   | System On a Chip                                |
| SON   | Self-Optimizing Network                         |
| UE    | User Equipment                                  |
| UL    | Uplink  |
| UMTS  | Universal Mobile Telecommunications System      |
| Wi-Fi | Wireless Fidelity                               |
| WiMAX | Worldwide Interoperability for Microwave Access |