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Project Data

- HORIZON-JU-SNS-2024-STREAM-B-01-02
- MultiX Advancing 6G-RAN through multi-technology, multisensor fusion, multi-band and multi-static perception
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Key Objectives



Provide use cases and reference scenarios that can show the benefits of MultiX

Integrate multi-technology, multi-sensor, multi-band, and multi-static perception into the MP6R

Design and develop the MultiX perception system (MPS) Demonstrate the benefits of the MultiX system in Proof of Concepts (PoC)

MultiX Challenges

Most ISAC research focuses on a single wireless technology, either 3GPP or non-3GPP (e.g., IEEE 802.11). Meanwhile, traditional sensing relies on diverse sensors like LiDAR, cameras, and radars.



The key challenge for ISAC is how to manage network heterogeneity and fully integrate various sensing sources and ISAC technologies throughout the RAN up to the User Equipment (UE) across different layers of the RAN stack.

MultiX Vision

The MultiX project seeks to redesign the 3GPP RAN system to develop the MultiX fusion Perceptive 6G-RAN system (MP6R).

Multi-sensor fusion: Combining LiDAR, cameras, radar, and network-based sensors.

Multi-band operation: Leveraging Sub-6 GHz, mmWave, THz, and emerging frequency ranges like 7-24 GHz.

Multi-static processing: Utilizing signals transmitted by one or multiple nodes and processed by multiple receivers.

Multi-technology integration: Merging 3GPP cellular networks with non-3GPP technologies, including various Wi-Fi versions.



MultiX Concept

MultiX Perception System (MPS) focuses on developing MultiX sensing functions at the different layers of the RAN stack at the RU, DU, or a fully-fledged BS, and up to the UE device across the RAN system for multiband, multi-static, multi-sensor, multitechnology deployments, and joint signal processing.

MP6R Controller (MP6RC) serving as the brain of the MP6R system, to i) coordinate and control multi-technology integration and mobility management of the sensing objects inside the RAN; and ii) interface and manage distributed DASH nodes throughout the RAN for handling multi-sensor, multi-connectivity, and multi-technology data integration.



Data Access and Security Hub (DASH) designed as a novel RAN data plane entity that aggregates multi-sensor data of diverse technologies, providing secure data access, processing, storage, and exposure, ensuring data privacy and trustworthiness, and that can be fully distributed throughout the data plane wherever needed in the 6G-RAN.

MultiX Perception System (MPS)

 Unified ISAC channel models for multitechnology and multi-band perception Non-3GPP AP/BS Network, Transport •Signal processing algorithms that, leveraging on such unified channel models, provide multi-band ISAC functionalities Centralized Unit (CU) MAC SDAP RRC MultiX High PHY PDCP MultiX Low PHY UE architecture (cross-technology) ∇ Multiband Radio Frequency (RF) •Multi-static sensing through distributed MIMO to achieve high perception resolution through multi-static signal processing techniques. Network, Transport, Application Distributed Unit (DU) 60 GHz unlicensed band 2.4 GHz, 5 GHz MAC RLC MAC MultiX ISAC - high-level sensing functions **3GPP AP/BS** MultiX High PHY MultiX high PHY Network, Transport •Multi-modulation–based sensing exploiting OFDM or OTFS modulated signals. MultiX low PHY **3GPP Radio Unit (RU)** MAC MultiX Low PHY MultiX High PHY Multiband Radio Frequency (RF) MultiX Low PHY FR1 FR3 FR2 •Design of novel Energy-efficient Al architectures for adaptive, event-based ISAC receivers and distributed learning from multi-Multiband Radio Frequency (RF) FR1 FR3 FR2 static sensing devices MultiX Low-PHY MultiX High-PHY MultiX high-level sensing functions I/Q samples Low-power Multi-static: coherent/non-coherent fusion Al engine Micro-Doppler, pose est., vital signs est. Tracking, localization Equalization **Opt: Target detection**

Dopple

Target detection/ranging

Timing,

Frequency,

Phase sync

Low-power

Al engine

Multi-static

processing

Comms

Beamforming

precoding

modulation

Shared

DSP

Multiband Channel Estimation

CP Add/remove

IFFT/FFT



To develop a full distributed and secure Data pipeline, responsible for secure data collection, aggregation, and distribution.

MultiX fusion Perceptive 6G-RAN system (MP6R)



Multi X Proof of Concepts (PoC)

PoC#1: Multi-layer Network Digital Twin for Industrial Manufacturing



PoC#2: Contact-free eHealth Monitoring at Home Environment





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