

SECTION H — ELECTRICITY

H04 ELECTRIC COMMUNICATION TECHNIQUE

H04W WIRELESS COMMUNICATION NETWORKS [2009.01]

Note(s) [2009.01]

1. This subclass covers:
 - communication networks for selectively establishing one or a plurality of wireless communication links between a desired number of users or between users and network equipment, for the purpose of transferring information via these wireless communication links;
 - networks deploying an infrastructure for mobility management of wireless users connected thereto, e.g. cellular networks, WLAN [Wireless Local Area Network], wireless access networks, e.g. WLL [Wireless Local Loop] or self-organising wireless communication networks, e.g. ad hoc networks;
 - planning or deployment specially adapted for the above-mentioned wireless networks;
 - services or facilities specially adapted for the above-mentioned wireless networks;
 - arrangements or techniques specially adapted for the operation of the above-mentioned wireless networks.
2. This subclass does not cover:
 - communication systems using wireless extensions, i.e. wireless links without selective communication, e.g. cordless telephones, which are covered by group H04M 1/72;
 - broadcast communication, which is covered by subclass H04H.
3. In this subclass, at each hierarchical level, in the absence of an indication to the contrary, classification is made in the first appropriate place.

4/00 Services or facilities specially adapted for wireless communication networks [2009.01]

- 4/02 • Services making use of the location of users or terminals [2009.01]
- 4/04 • • in a dedicated environment, e.g. buildings or vehicles [2009.01]
- 4/06 • Selective distribution of broadcast; Services to user groups; One-way selective calling services [2009.01]
- 4/08 • • User group management [2009.01]
- 4/10 • • Push-to-Talk or Push-on-Call services [2009.01]
- 4/12 • Messaging, e.g. SMS [Short Messaging Service]; Mailboxes; Announcements, e.g. informing users on the status or progress of a communication request [2009.01]
- 4/14 • • Short messaging services, e.g. SMS or USSD [Unstructured Supplementary Service Data] [2009.01]
- 4/16 • Communication-related supplementary services, e.g. call-transfer or call-hold [2009.01]
- 4/18 • Information format or content conversion, e.g. adaptation by the network of the transmitted or received information for the purpose of wireless delivery to users or terminals [2009.01]
- 4/20 • Auxiliary data signalling, i.e. transmitting data via a non-traffic channel [2009.01]
- 4/22 • Emergency connection handling [2009.01]
- 4/24 • Accounting or billing [2009.01]
- 4/26 • • Usage measurement [2009.01]

8/00 Network data management [2009.01]

- 8/02 • Processing of mobility data, e.g. registration information at HLR [Home Location Register] or VLR [Visitor Location Register]; Transfer of mobility data, e.g. between HLR, VLR or external networks [2009.01]

- 8/04 • • Registration at HLR or HSS [Home Subscriber Server] [2009.01]
- 8/06 • • Registration at serving network Location Register, VLR or user mobility server [2009.01]
- 8/08 • • Mobility data transfer [2009.01]
- 8/10 • • • between location register and external networks [2009.01]
- 8/12 • • • between location registers or mobility servers [2009.01]
- 8/14 • • • between corresponding nodes [2009.01]
- 8/16 • • • selectively restricting mobility tracking [2009.01]
- 8/18 • Processing of user or subscriber data, e.g. subscribed services, user preferences or user profiles; Transfer of user or subscriber data [2009.01]
- 8/20 • • Transfer of user or subscriber data [2009.01]
- 8/22 • Processing or transfer of terminal data, e.g. status or physical capabilities [2009.01]
- 8/24 • • Transfer of terminal data [2009.01]
- 8/26 • Network addressing or numbering for mobility support [2009.01]
- 8/28 • • Number portability [2009.01]
- 8/30 • Network data restoration [2009.01]

12/00 Security arrangements, e.g. access security or fraud detection; Authentication, e.g. verifying user identity or authorisation; Protecting privacy or anonymity [2009.01]

- 12/02 • Protecting privacy or anonymity [2009.01]
- 12/04 • Key management [2009.01]
- 12/06 • Authentication [2009.01]
- 12/08 • Access security [2009.01]
- 12/10 • Integrity [2009.01]
- 12/12 • Fraud detection [2009.01]

16/00	Network planning, e.g. coverage or traffic planning tools; Network deployment, e.g. resource partitioning or cell structures [2009.01]	36/10	• Reselecting an access point controller [2009.01]
16/02	• Resource partitioning among network components, e.g. reuse partitioning [2009.01]	36/12	• Reselecting a serving backbone network switching or routing node [2009.01]
16/04	• • Traffic adaptive resource partitioning [2009.01]	36/14	• Reselecting a network or an air interface [2009.01]
16/06	• • Hybrid resource partitioning, e.g. channel borrowing [2009.01]	36/16	• Performing reselection for specific purposes [2009.01]
16/08	• • • Load shedding arrangements [2009.01]	36/18	• • for allowing seamless reselection, e.g. soft reselection [2009.01]
16/10	• • Dynamic resource partitioning [2009.01]	36/20	• • for optimising the interference level [2009.01]
16/12	• • Fixed resource partitioning [2009.01]	36/22	• • for handling the traffic [2009.01]
16/14	• Spectrum sharing arrangements [2009.01]	36/24	• Reselection being triggered by specific parameters [2009.01]
16/16	• • for PBS [Private Base Station] arrangements [2009.01]	36/26	• • by agreed or negotiated communication parameters [2009.01]
16/18	• Network planning tools [2009.01]	36/28	• • • involving a plurality of connections, e.g. multi-call or multi-bearer connections [2009.01]
16/20	• • for indoor coverage or short range network deployment [2009.01]	36/30	• • by measured or perceived connection quality data [2009.01]
16/22	• Traffic simulation tools or models [2009.01]	36/32	• • by location or mobility data, e.g. speed data [2009.01]
16/24	• Cell structures [2009.01]	36/34	• Reselection control [2009.01]
16/26	• • Cell enhancers, e.g. for tunnels or building shadow [2009.01]	36/36	• • by user or terminal equipment [2009.01]
16/28	• • using beam steering [2009.01]	36/38	• • by fixed network equipment [2009.01]
16/30	• • Special cell shapes, e.g. doughnuts or ring cells [2009.01]		
16/32	• • Hierarchical cell structures [2009.01]	40/00	Communication routing or communication path finding [2009.01]
24/00	Supervisory, monitoring or testing arrangements [2009.01]	40/02	• Communication route or path selection, e.g. power-based or shortest path routing [2009.01]
24/02	• Arrangements for optimising operational condition [2009.01]	40/04	• • based on wireless node resources [2009.01]
24/04	• Arrangements for maintaining operational condition [2009.01]	40/06	• • • based on characteristics of available antennas [2009.01]
24/06	• Testing using simulated traffic [2009.01]	40/08	• • • based on transmission power [2009.01]
24/08	• Testing using real traffic [2009.01]	40/10	• • • based on available power or energy [2009.01]
24/10	• Scheduling measurement reports [2009.01]	40/12	• • based on transmission quality or channel quality [2009.01]
28/00	Network traffic or resource management [2009.01]	40/14	• • • based on stability [2009.01]
28/02	• Traffic management, e.g. flow control or congestion control [2009.01]	40/16	• • • based on interference [2009.01]
28/04	• • Error control [2009.01]	40/18	• • based on predicted events [2009.01]
28/06	• • Optimising, e.g. header compression, information sizing [2009.01]	40/20	• • based on geographic position or location [2009.01]
28/08	• • Load balancing or load distribution [2009.01]	40/22	• • using selective relaying for reaching a BTS [Base Transceiver Station] or an access point [2009.01]
28/10	• • Flow control [2009.01]	40/24	• Connectivity information management, e.g. connectivity discovery or connectivity update [2009.01]
28/12	• • • using signalling between network elements [2009.01]	40/26	• • for hybrid routing by combining proactive and reactive routing [2009.01]
28/14	• • • using intermediate storage [2009.01]	40/28	• • for reactive routing [2009.01]
28/16	• Central resource management; Negotiation of resources, e.g. negotiating bandwidth or QoS [Quality of Service] [2009.01]	40/30	• • for proactive routing [2009.01]
28/18	• • Negotiating wireless communication parameters [2009.01]	40/32	• • for defining a routing cluster membership [2009.01]
28/20	• • • Negotiating bandwidth [2009.01]	40/34	• Modification of an existing route [2009.01]
28/22	• • • Negotiating communication rate [2009.01]	40/36	• • due to handover [2009.01]
28/24	• • Negotiating SLA [Service Level Agreement]; Negotiating QoS [Quality of Service] [2009.01]	40/38	• • adapting due to varying relative distances between nodes [2009.01]
28/26	• • Resource reservation [2009.01]	48/00	Access restriction; Network selection; Access point selection [2009.01]
36/00	Handoff or reselecting arrangements [2009.01]	48/02	• Access restriction performed under specific conditions [2009.01]
36/02	• Buffering or recovering information during reselection [2009.01]	48/04	• • based on user or terminal location or mobility data, e.g. moving direction or speed [2009.01]
36/04	• Reselecting a cell layer in multi-layered cells [2009.01]	48/06	• • based on traffic conditions [2009.01]
36/06	• Reselecting a communication resource in the serving access point [2009.01]	48/08	• Access restriction or access information delivery, e.g. discovery data delivery [2009.01]
36/08	• Reselecting an access point [2009.01]	48/10	• • using broadcasted information [2009.01]
		48/12	• • using downlink control channel [2009.01]

48/14	• • using user query [2009.01]	60/04	• using triggered events [2009.01]
48/16	• Discovering; Processing access restriction or access information [2009.01]	60/06	• De-registration or detaching [2009.01]
48/18	• Selecting a network or a communication service [2009.01]	64/00	Locating users or terminals for network management purposes, e.g. mobility management [2009.01]
48/20	• Selecting an access point [2009.01]	68/00	Notification of users, e.g. alerting for incoming communication or change of service [2009.01]
52/00	Power management, e.g. TPC [Transmission Power Control], power saving or power classes [2009.01]	68/02	• Arrangements for increasing efficiency of notification or paging channel [2009.01]
52/02	• Power saving arrangements [2009.01]	68/04	• multi-step notification using statistical or historical mobility data [2009.01]
52/04	• TPC [Transmission power control] [2009.01]	68/06	• using multi-step notification by changing the notification area [2009.01]
52/06	• • TPC algorithms [2009.01]	68/08	• using multi-step notification by increasing the notification area [2009.01]
52/08	• • • Closed loop power control [2009.01]	68/10	• using simulcast notification [2009.01]
52/10	• • • Open loop power control [2009.01]	68/12	• Inter-network notification [2009.01]
52/12	• • • Outer and inner loops [2009.01]	72/00	Local resource management, e.g. selection or allocation of wireless resources or wireless traffic scheduling [2009.01]
52/14	• • • Separate analysis of uplink or downlink [2009.01]	72/02	• Selection of wireless resources by user or terminal [2009.01]
52/16	• • • Deriving transmission power values from another channel [2009.01]	72/04	• Wireless resource allocation [2009.01]
52/18	• • TPC being performed according to specific parameters [2009.01]	72/06	• • based on ranking criteria of the wireless resources [2009.01]
52/20	• • • using error rate [2009.01]	72/08	• • based on quality criteria [2009.01]
52/22	• • • taking into account previous information or commands [2009.01]	72/10	• • based on priority criteria [2009.01]
52/24	• • • using SIR [Signal to Interference Ratio] or other wireless path parameters [2009.01]	72/12	• Wireless traffic scheduling [2009.01]
52/26	• • • using transmission rate or quality of service QoS [Quality of Service] [2009.01]	72/14	• • using a grant channel [2009.01]
52/28	• • • using user profile, e.g. mobile speed, priority or network state, e.g. standby, idle or non-transmission [2009.01]	74/00	Wireless channel access, e.g. scheduled or random access [2009.01]
52/30	• • using constraints in the total amount of available transmission power [2009.01]	74/02	• Hybrid access techniques [2009.01]
52/32	• • • TPC of broadcast or control channels [2009.01]	74/04	• Scheduled access [2009.01]
52/34	• • • TPC management, i.e. sharing limited amount of power among users or channels or data types, e.g. cell loading [2009.01]	74/06	• • using polling [2009.01]
52/36	• • • with a discrete range or set of values, e.g. step size, ramping or offsets [2009.01]	74/08	• Non-scheduled access, e.g. random access, ALOHA or CSMA [Carrier Sense Multiple Access] [2009.01]
52/38	• • TPC being performed in particular situations [2009.01]	76/00	Connection management, e.g. connection set-up, manipulation or release [2009.01]
52/40	• • • during macro-diversity or soft handoff [2009.01]	76/02	• Connection set-up [2009.01]
52/42	• • • in systems with time, space, frequency or polarisation diversity [2009.01]	76/04	• Connection manipulation [2009.01]
52/44	• • • in connection with interruption of transmission [2009.01]	76/06	• Connection release [2009.01]
52/46	• • • in multi-hop networks, e.g. wireless relay networks [2009.01]	80/00	Wireless network protocols or protocol adaptations to wireless operation, e.g. WAP [Wireless Application Protocol] [2009.01]
52/48	• • • during retransmission after error or non-acknowledgment [2009.01]	80/02	• Data link layer protocols [2009.01]
52/50	• • • at the moment of starting communication in a multiple access environment [2009.01]	80/04	• Network layer protocols, e.g. mobile IP [Internet Protocol] [2009.01]
52/52	• • using AGC [Automatic Gain Control] circuits or amplifiers [2009.01]	80/06	• Transport layer protocols, e.g. TCP [Transport Control Protocol] over wireless [2009.01]
52/54	• • Signalisation aspects of the TPC commands, e.g. frame structure [2009.01]	80/08	• Upper layer protocols [2009.01]
52/56	• • • Detection of errors of TPC bits [2009.01]	80/10	• • adapted for session management, e.g. SIP [Session Initiation Protocol] [2009.01]
52/58	• • • Format of the TPC bits [2009.01]	80/12	• • Application layer protocols, e.g. WAP [2009.01]
52/60	• • • using different transmission rates for TPC commands [2009.01]	84/00	Network topologies [2009.01]
56/00	Synchronisation arrangements [2009.01]	84/02	• Hierarchically pre-organised networks, e.g. paging networks, cellular networks, WLAN [Wireless Local Area Network] or WLL [Wireless Local Loop] [2009.01]
60/00	Registration, e.g. affiliation to network; De-registration, e.g. terminating affiliation [2009.01]	84/04	• • Large scale networks; Deep hierarchical networks [2009.01]
60/02	• by periodical registration [2009.01]	84/06	• • • Airborne or Satellite Networks [2009.01]

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- 84/08 • • • Trunked mobile radio systems [2009.01]
- 84/10 • • Small scale networks; Flat hierarchical networks [2009.01]
- 84/12 • • • WLAN [Wireless Local Area Networks] [2009.01]
- 84/14 • • • WLL [Wireless Local Loop]; RLL [Radio Local Loop] [2009.01]
- 84/16 • • • WPBX [Wireless Private Branch Exchange] [2009.01]
- 84/18 • Self-organising networks, e.g. ad hoc networks or sensor networks [2009.01]
- 84/20 • • Master-slave arrangements [2009.01]
- 84/22 • • with access to wired networks [2009.01]
- 88/00 Devices specially adapted for wireless communication networks, e.g. terminals, base stations or access point devices [2009.01]**
- 88/02 • Terminal devices [2009.01]
- 88/04 • • adapted for relaying to or from another terminal or user [2009.01]
- 88/06 • • adapted for operation in multiple networks, e.g. multi-mode terminals [2009.01]
- 88/08 • Access point devices [2009.01]
- 88/10 • • adapted for operation in multiple networks, e.g. multi-mode access points [2009.01]
- 88/12 • Access point controller devices [2009.01]
- 88/14 • Backbone network devices [2009.01]

- 88/16 • Gateway arrangements [2009.01]
- 88/18 • Service support; Network management devices [2009.01]
- 92/00 Interfaces specially adapted for wireless communication networks [2009.01]**
- 92/02 • Inter-networking arrangements [2009.01]
- 92/04 • Interfaces between hierarchically different network devices [2009.01]
- 92/06 • • between gateways and public network devices [2009.01]
- 92/08 • • between user and terminal device [2009.01]
- 92/10 • • between terminal device and access point, i.e. wireless air interface [2009.01]
- 92/12 • • between access points and access point controllers [2009.01]
- 92/14 • • between access point controllers and backbone network device [2009.01]
- 92/16 • Interfaces between hierarchically similar devices [2009.01]
- 92/18 • • between terminal devices [2009.01]
- 92/20 • • between access points [2009.01]
- 92/22 • • between access point controllers [2009.01]
- 92/24 • • between backbone network devices [2009.01]
- 99/00 Subject matter not provided for in other groups of this subclass [2009.01]**