

Seminar on Pricing for Frequency Usage



METHODS OF MANAGING ACCESS TO THE FREQUENCY SPECTRUM

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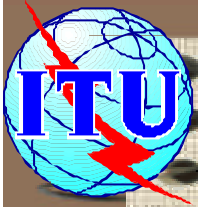


Introduction

42 radio services are defined in the Radio Regulations

The success of any system in these services is critically dependent on the availability of the frequency spectrum and the existence of the necessary standards

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Introduction

ITU has been organizing forums for drawing up standards for radio systems since 1906, when the spectrum was recognized as a limited natural resource

Since 1973, provisions on equitable access to the spectrum and the related orbits have been included in the Radio Regulations

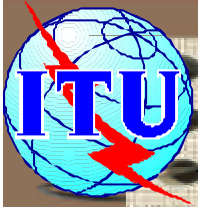
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Methods of managing access to the radio-frequency spectrum

Frequency allocation to radio services:

- **as at present (status quo)**
- **based on “generic” services**
- **based on service area criteria**
- **based on EMC analysis**
- **based on the use of economic needs**



Current method of frequency allocation

The spectrum 9 kHz - 400 GHz is broken down into frequency bands

41 terrestrial and space services

Radio services: PRIMARY and Secondary

Allocation on a worldwide or regional basis

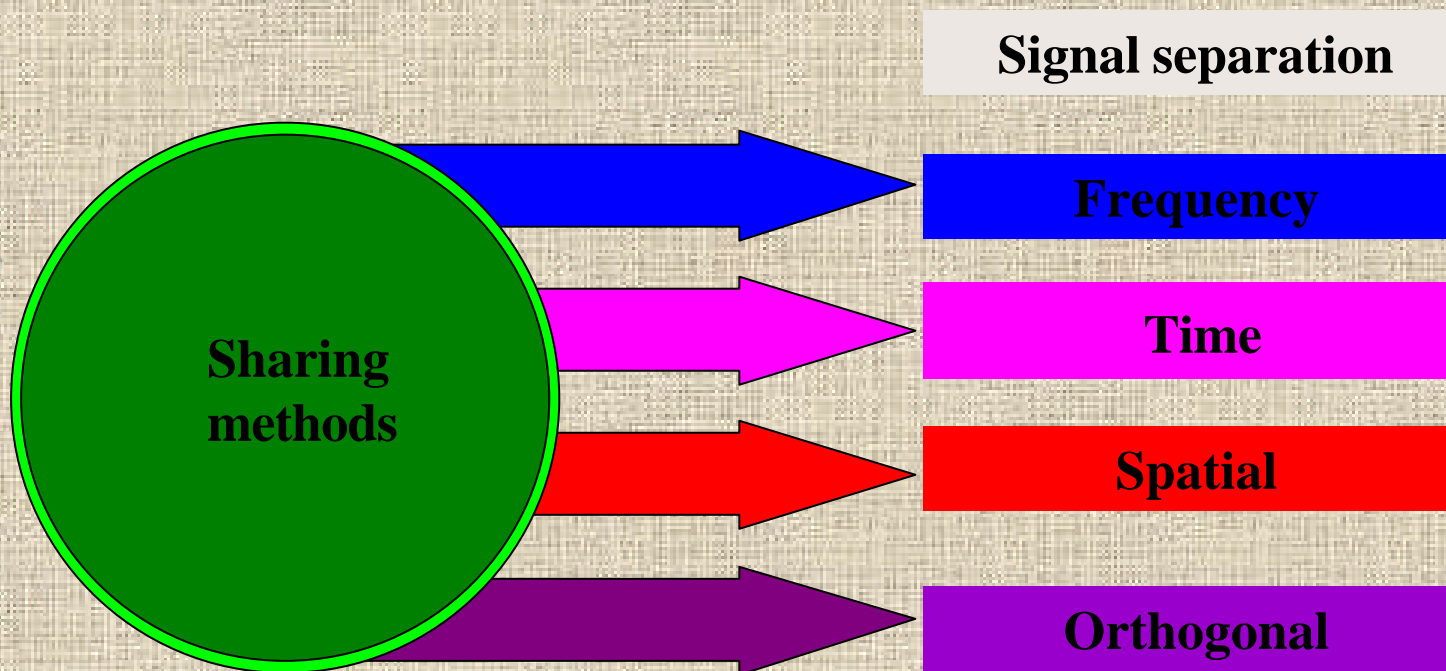
Three ITU Regions: Region 1, Region 2, Region 3



Current method of frequency allocation

Recommendation ITU-R SM.1132

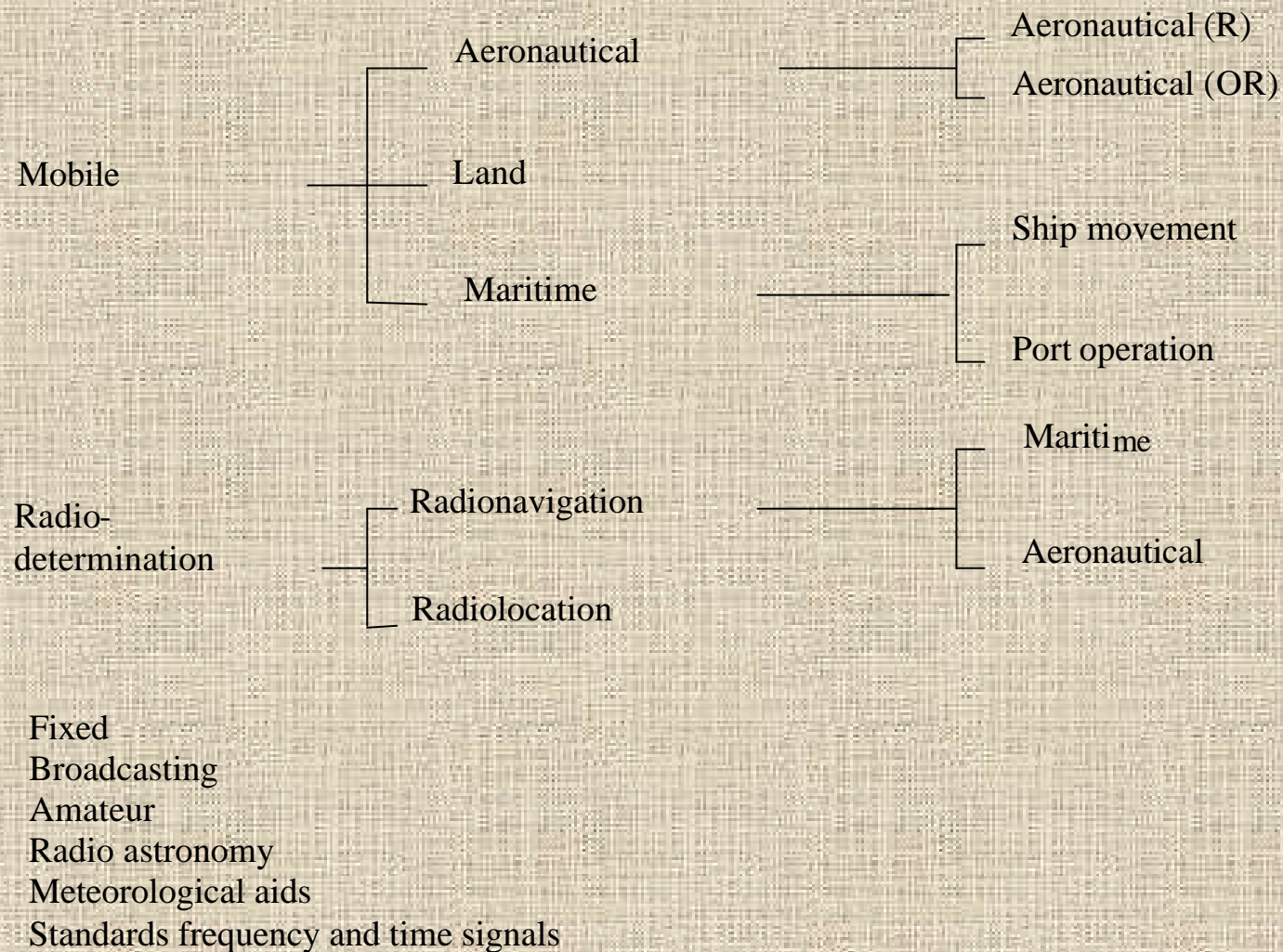
General principles and methods for spectrum sharing between radio services



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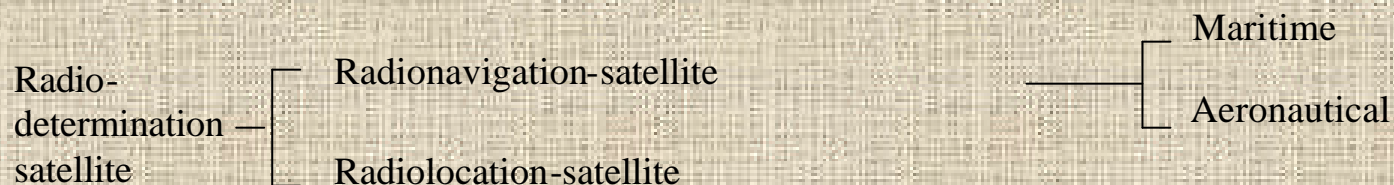
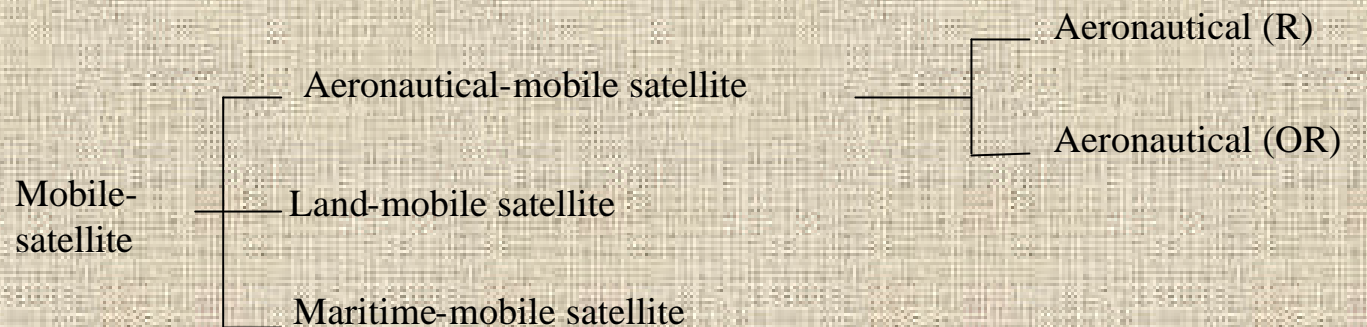
Existing terrestrial services



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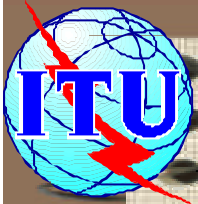


Existing space services



Fixed-satellite
Broadcasting-satellite
Amateur-satellite
Radio astronomy
Standard frequency and time signals-satellite
Meteorological-satellite
Earth exploration-satellite
Space operations
Space research
Intersatellite

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Frequency allocation based on “generic” services

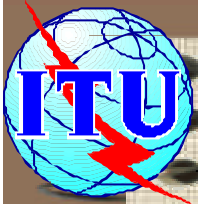
“Generic” services

Terrestrial

Mobile
Fixed
Broadcasting
Amateur
Aeronautical mobile
Maritime mobile
Radiolocation
Radionavigation

Space

Mobile-satellite
Fixed-satellite
Broadcasting-satellite
Amateur-satellite
Space operation
Space research
Passive services



Frequency allocation based on service areas

Service areas

Terrestrial

Point-to-point
Point-to-area
Area-to-point
Area-to-area

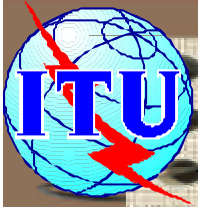
Space

Space-to-Earth
Earth-to-space
Space-to-space



Frequency distribution based on EMC study

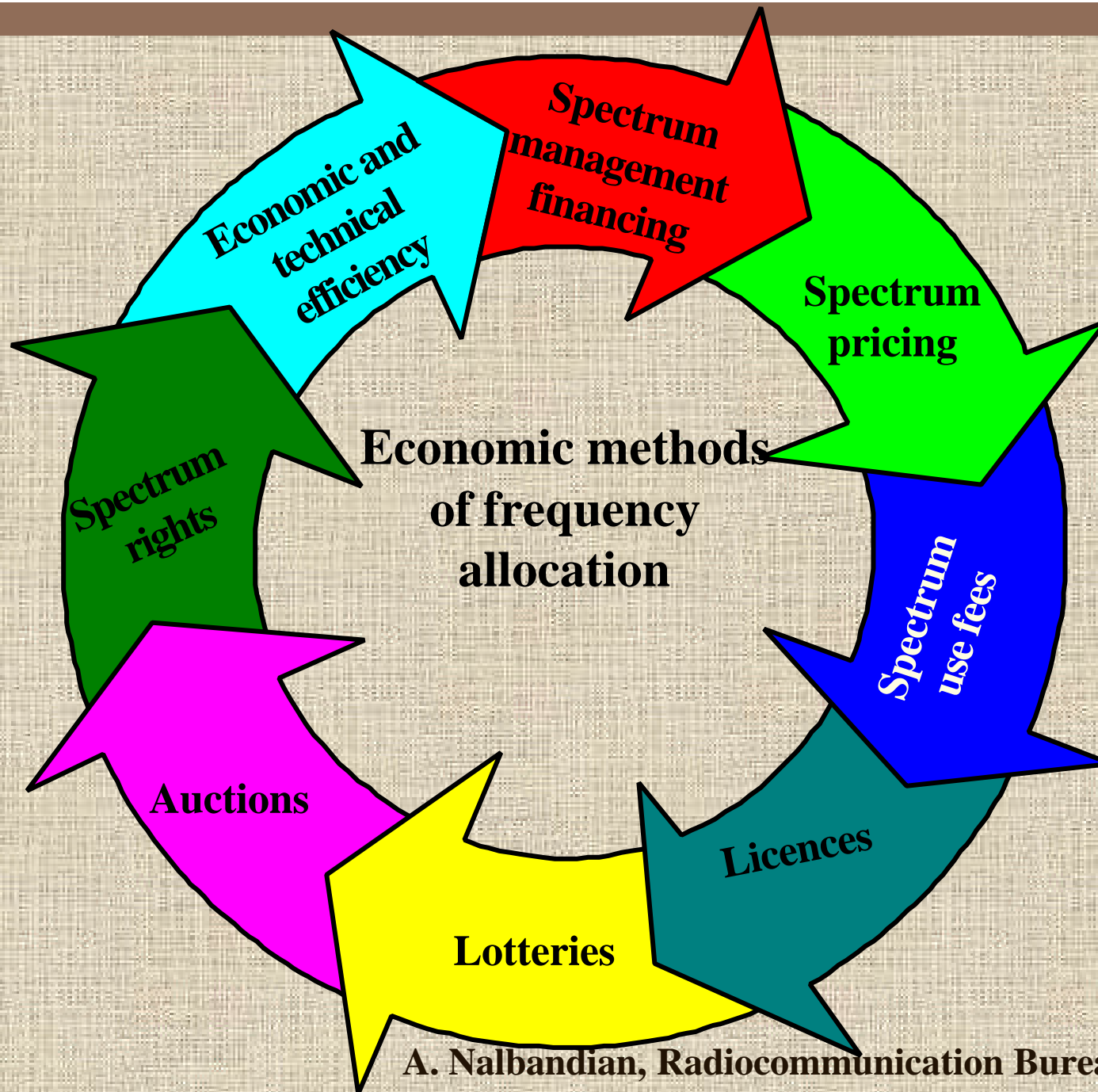
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Economic methods of frequency allocation

Why are economic methods needed???

- ✓ **Liberalization of the telecommunication sector**
- ✓ **Privatization of telecommunication facilities**
- ✓ **Increased demand for radiocommunication services**
- ✓ **Inefficient spectrum use**
- ✓ **Spectrum management financing**



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**Method based on
“generic” services**

**Method based on service
areas**

**Status quo
(Current allocation system)**

**Method based on EMC
analysis**

Economic methods



Conclusion

As things now stand, it seems advisable to treat any spectrum access methods as ways of supplementing the current method with a view to ensuring equal and effective access to this natural resource for all users.

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