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Wireless Multimedia System

Lecture 3: Cellular Concepts

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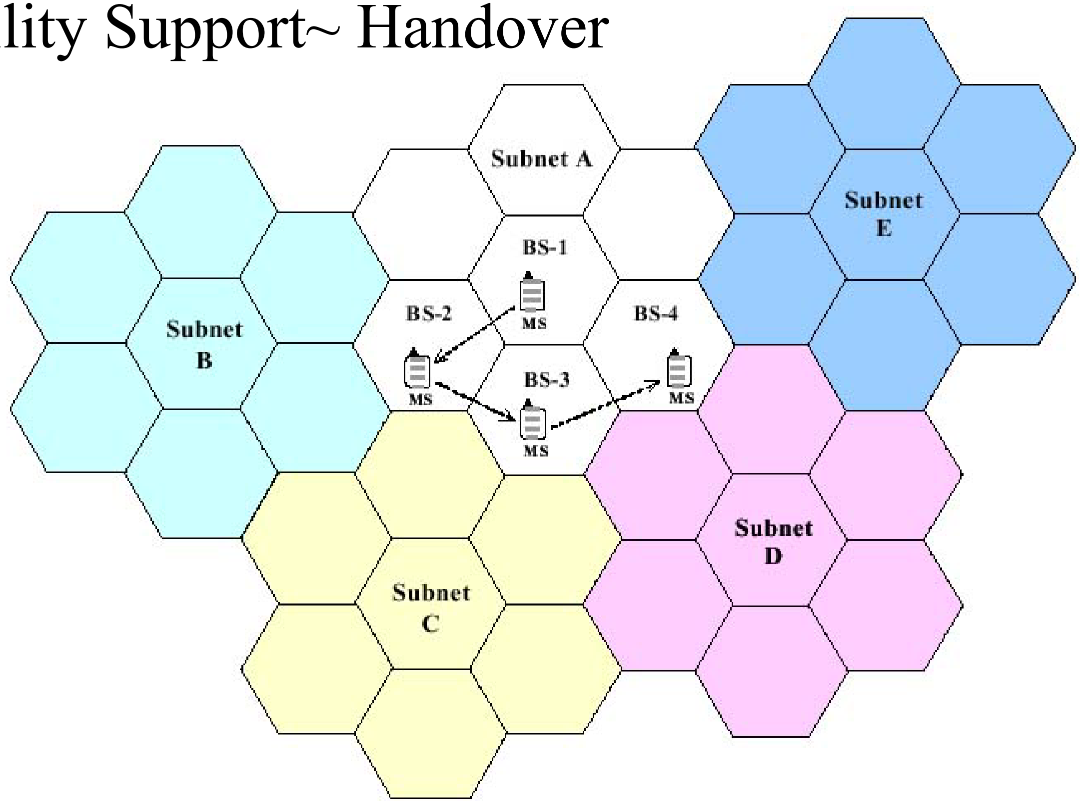
Mobility Support & Channel Reuse

Mobility Support~ Handover



Channel Allocations: Reuse

Channel Assignment in Cellular System

- Fundamental Problem:
- Fixed Channel Assignment
- Dynamic Channel Assignment
- Hybrid Schemes
- Whole Channel Usage (CDMA)
- Reduce the Cell Size

Hand-off in Cellular Networks

- Transfer of mobile to a new channel when it crosses cell boundary
- Handoff delay
- Prioritizing handoffs to reduce probability of dropped calls
- Handoff Strategies
- Network Controlled handoff (NCHO)
- Mobile assisted handoff (MAHO)
- Mobile controlled handoff (MCHO)

Agenda

- Cellular Concepts
- Channel Assignments
- Handover
- Next Lecture: 3G WCDMA design

Reading

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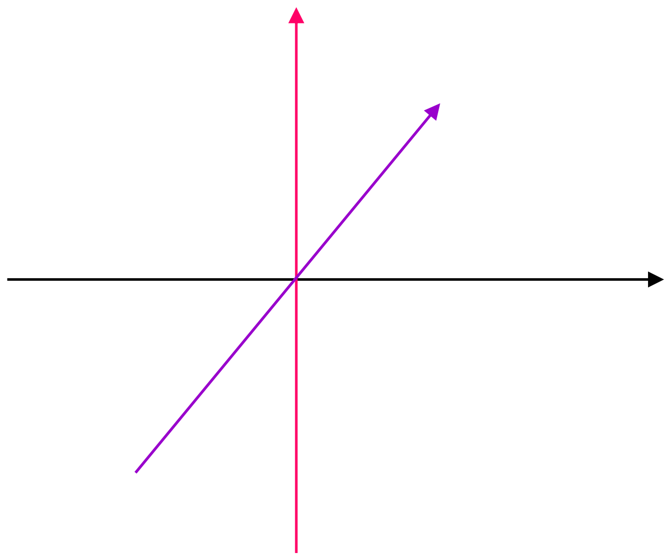
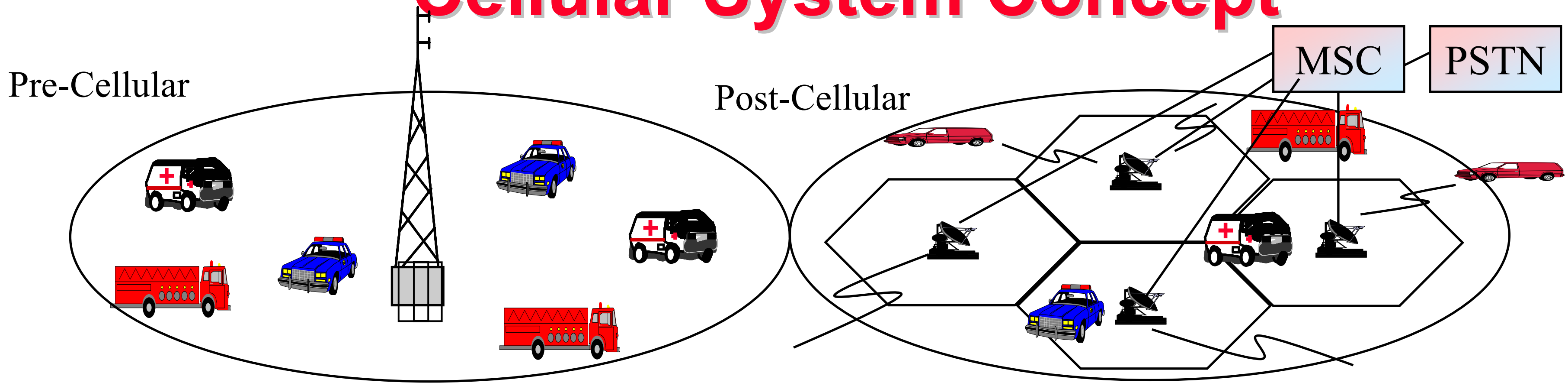
Channel Allocation

- A given Channel Spectrum (or bandwidth) can be divided into a set of disjoint or non-interfering radio channel
  - Frequency Division
    - frequency band
  - Time Division
    - time slot
  - Code Division
    - modulation code

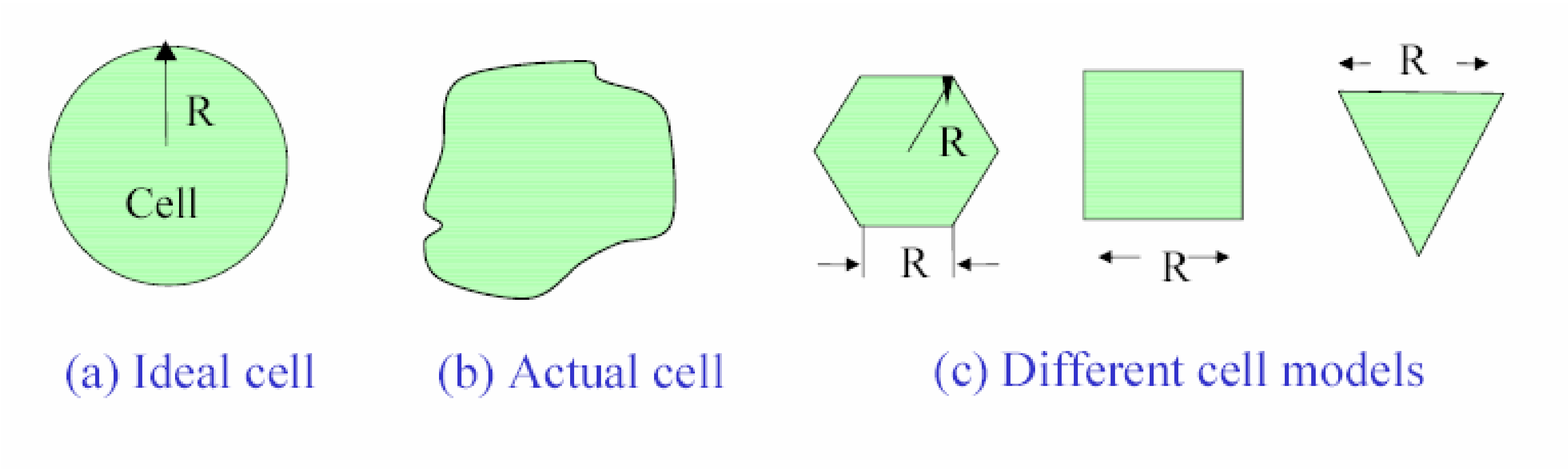


Cellular System Concept



- Replace single high power transmitter covering the entire service area with low power
  - Mobiles in sufficiently distant base-stations may be assigned identical channel (frequency, time slot, & code)
  - System capacity may be increased without adding more spectrum
- Major conceptual breakthrough in spectra congestion & user capacity
  - Required relatively minor technological changes frequency reuse & co-channel interference, channel allocation, hand-offs

Cell Shape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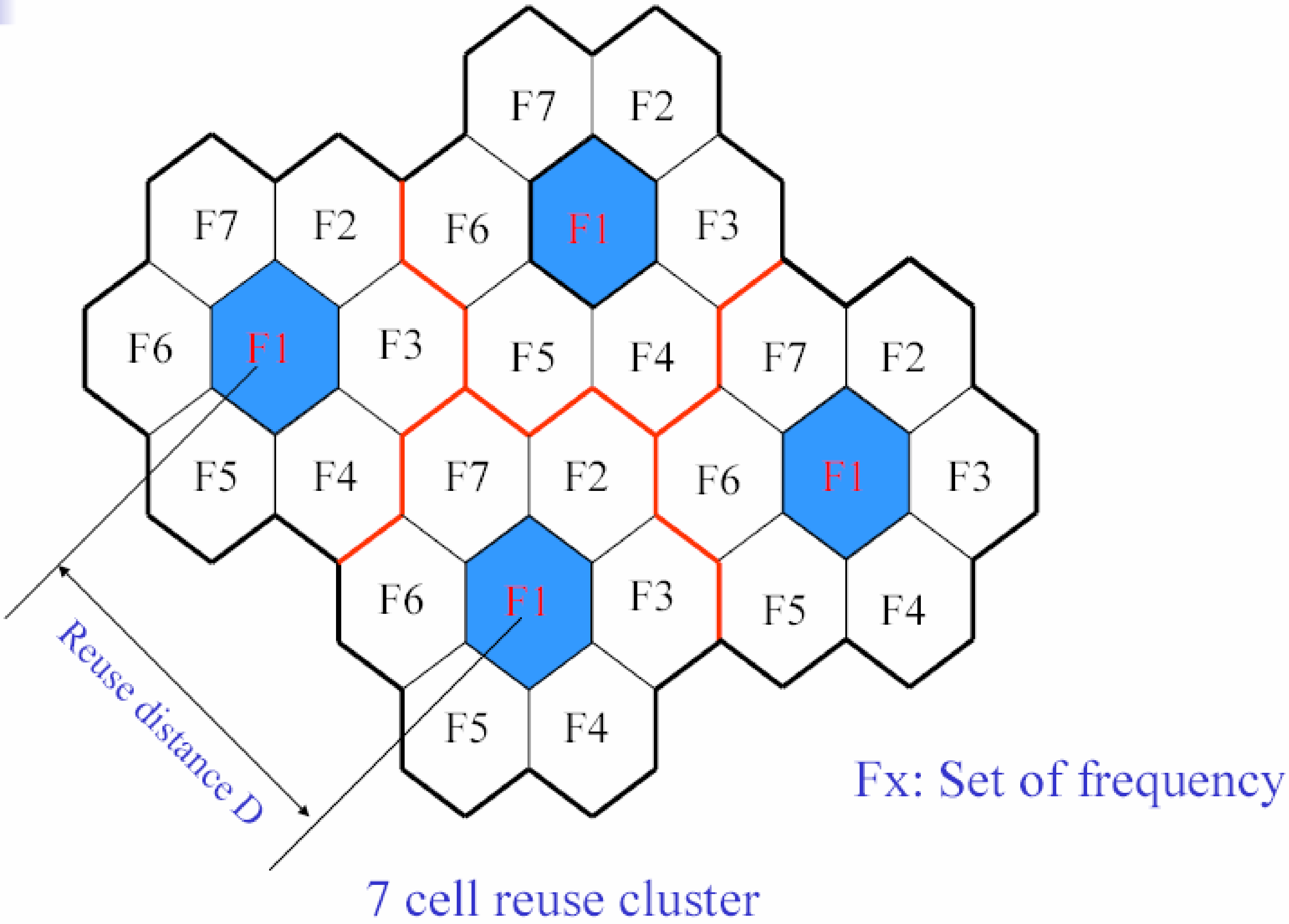
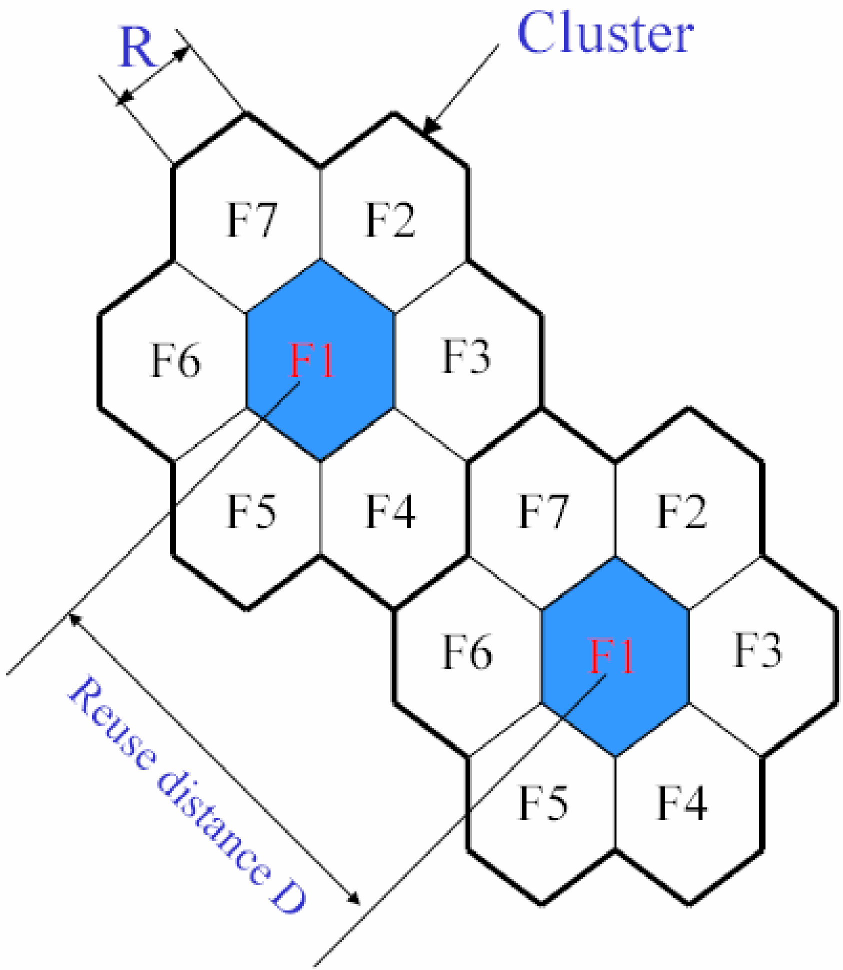
(a) Ideal cell
(b) Actual cell
(c) Different cell models

Frequency Reuse



Reuse Distance



- For hexagonal cells, the reuse distance is given by

$$D = \sqrt{3N}R$$

where R is cell radius and N is the reuse pattern (the cluster size or the number of cells per cluster).

- Reuse factor is

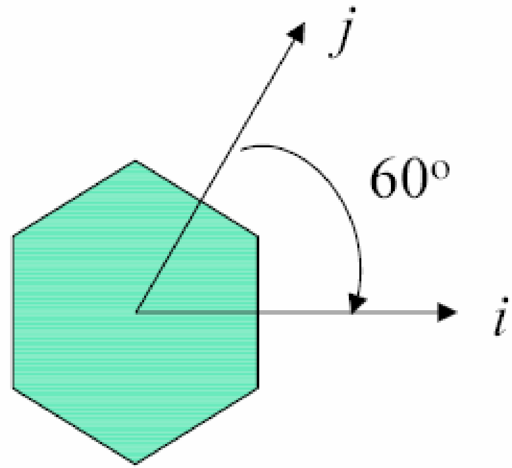
$$\frac{D}{R} = \sqrt{3N}$$

Reuse Distance (Cont'd)

- The cluster size or the number of cells per cluster is given by

$$N = i^2 + ij + j^2$$

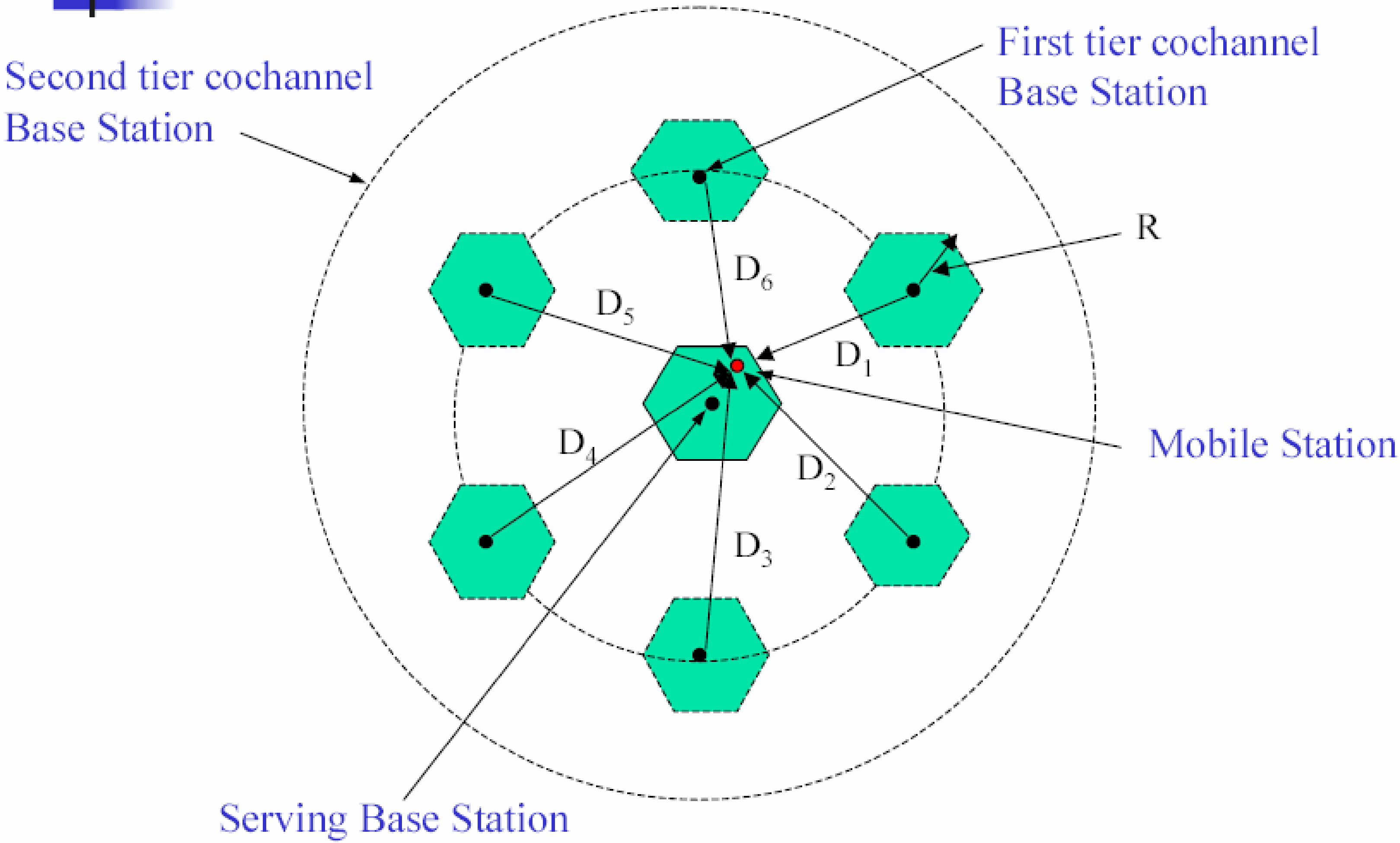
where i and j are integers.



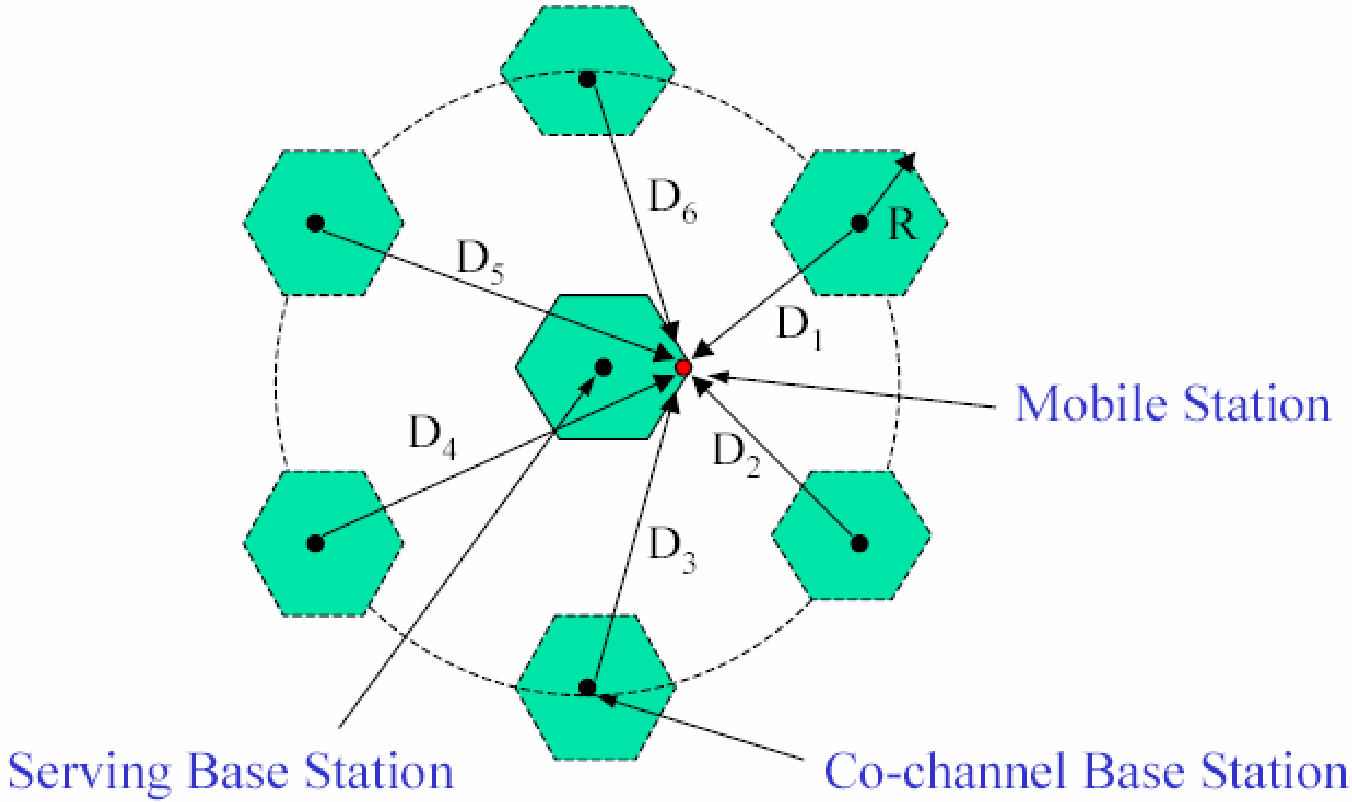
- N = 1, 3, 4, 7, 9, 12, 13, 16, 19, 21, 28, …, etc.

  The popular value of N being 4 and 7.

Cochannel Interference



Worst Case of Cochannel Interference



Cochannel Interference

- Cochannel interference ratio is given by

$$\frac{C}{I} = \frac{Carrier}{Interference} = \frac{C}{\sum_{k=1}^{M} I_k}$$

where I is co-channel interference and M is the maximum number of co-channel interfering cells.

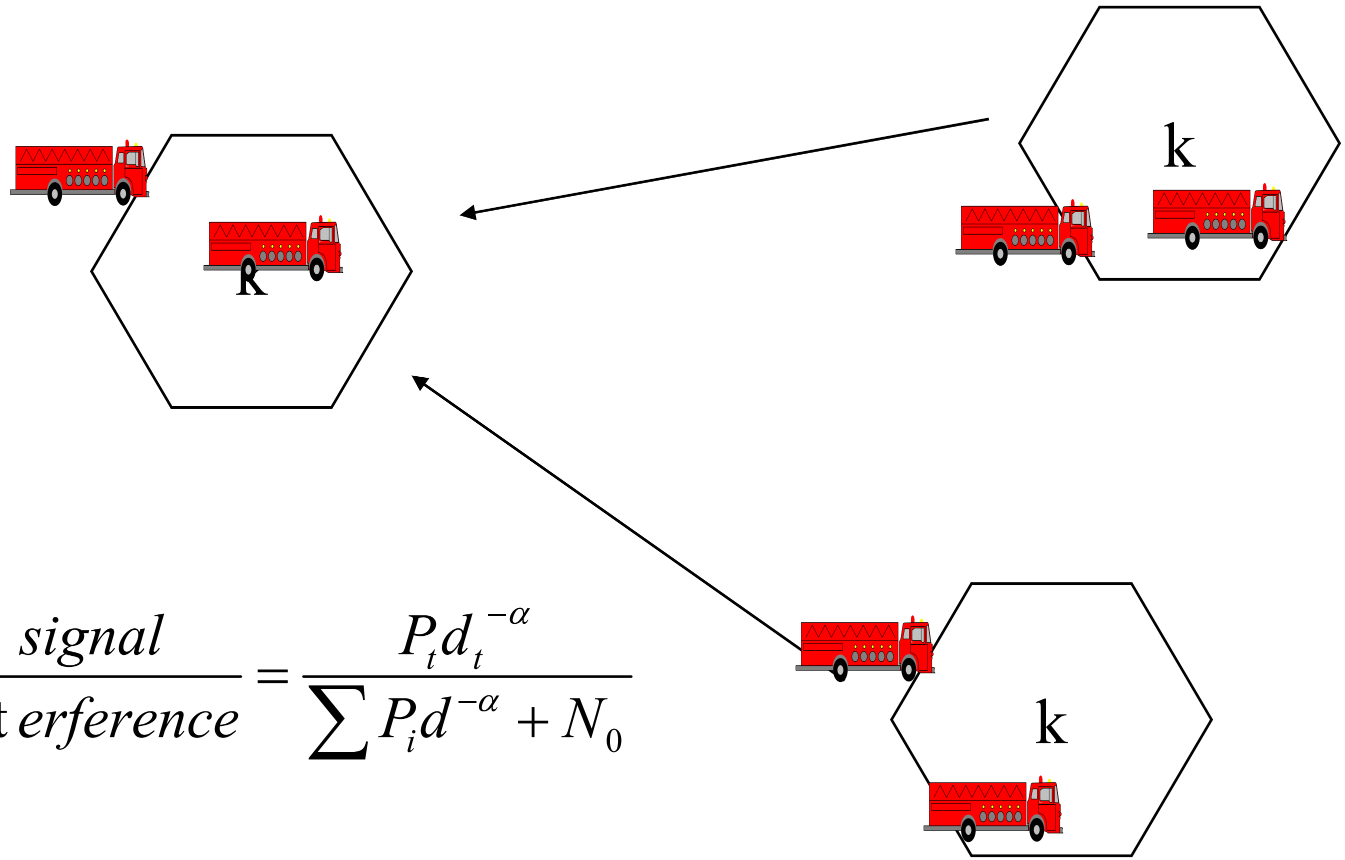
For M = 6, C/I is given by

$$\frac{C}{I} = \frac{C}{\sum_{k=1}^{6} \left(\frac{D_k}{R}\right)^{\gamma}}$$

where γ is the propagation path loss slope and $\gamma = 2\sim5$.

Channel Reuse

- The same channel is reused simultaneously by other sets (Co-channel)



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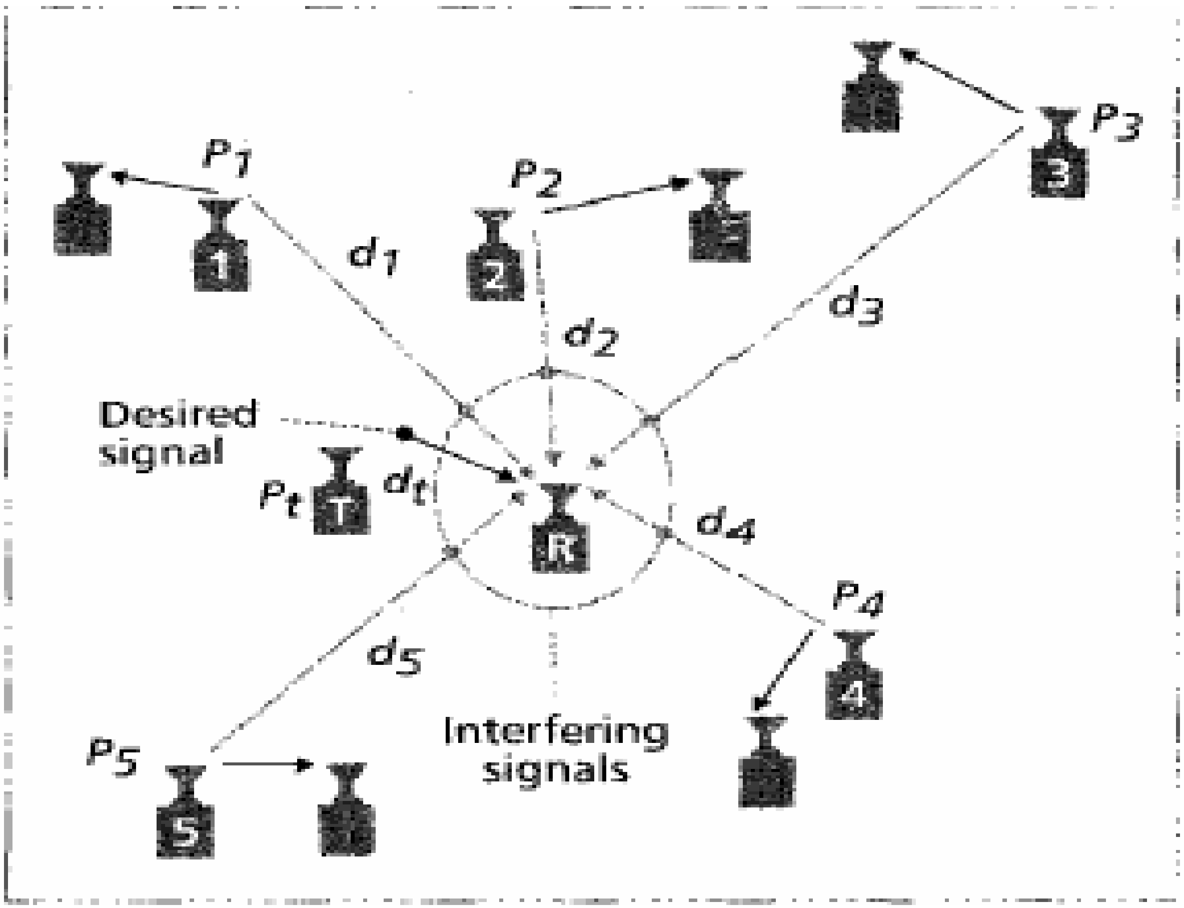
Interference



$$CIR = \frac{signal}{interference} = \frac{P_t d_t^{-\alpha}}{\sum_1^5 P_i d_i^{-\alpha} + N_0}$$

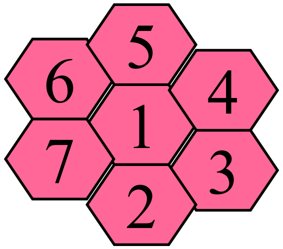
How to improve CIR (Quality)

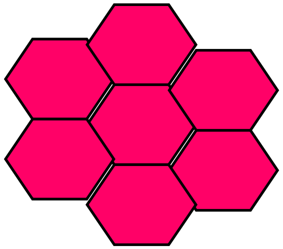
- Increase the transmitting power (Power Control)
- Increase the separating distance (Channel Reuse)

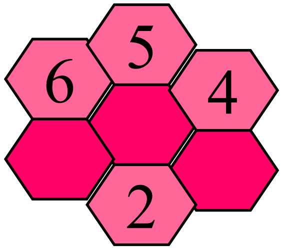
$$CIR = \frac{signal}{interference} = \frac{P_t d_t^{-\alpha}}{\sum P_i d^{\alpha} N_0}$$

Approaches

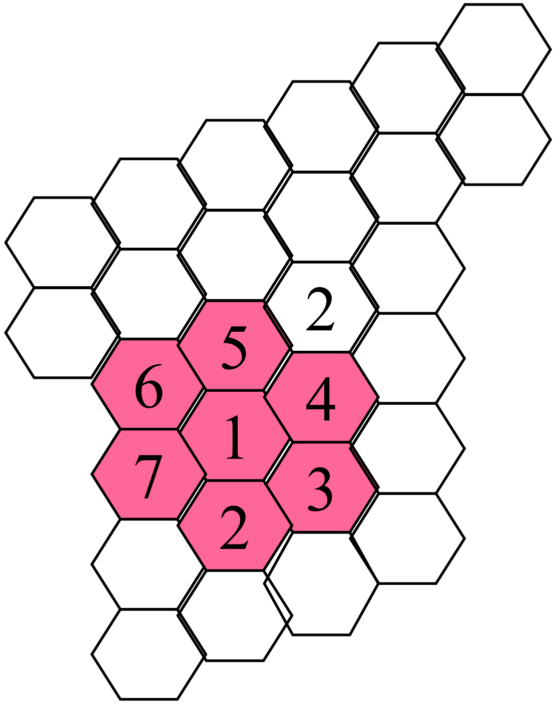
- Fixed — no flexibility
- Dynamic — complexity
- Hybrid — might be ok







Frequency Reuse

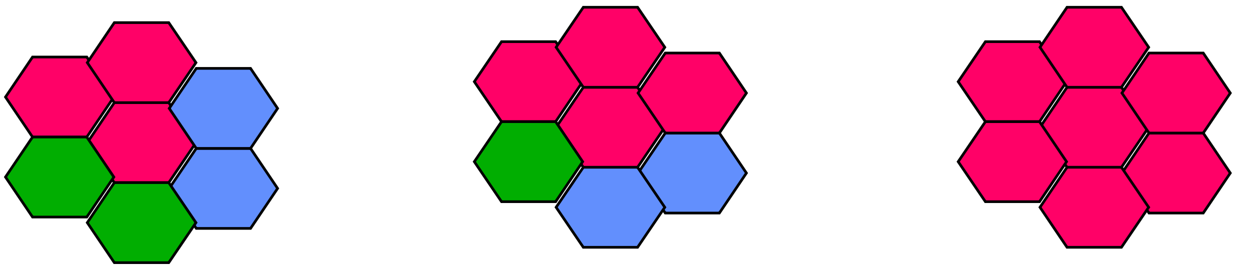


Idealized grid of Hexagonal cells

- Each BS is allocated a subset of carrier freqs
- Nearby BSs are allocated a different subset to avoid interference
- The total set is allocated to a small tesselating group of N neighboring BSs
  - Called "reuse cluster"
  - 1/N is the "reuse factor"
  - System capacity goes up by $\frac{Area_{service}}{N \times Area_{cell}}$
- Used in FDMA & TDMA based systems
  - Not required in CDMA which has universal frequency reuse
- Cells idealized as hexagons
  - Real cell footprints are amorphous
  - Hexagon close to a circle
  - Not appropriate for micro-cells, highways etc.

Reuse Cluster For Hexagonal Cells

- A tessellating group of N hexagonal cells is possibly only iff



- Frequency Reuse Distance D
  - minimum distance between centers of co-channel cells
    - Depends on # of nearby cochannel cells, terrain, antenna height, transmit power etc.
  - for hexagonal cells, $D = R\sqrt{3N}$
    - Where, R is the radius of hexagon (center to vertices)
  - Increasing N, and therefore D, reduce co-channel interference (assuming R and transmit power are invariant
  - D/R is called the co-channel reuse ratio

Determining Cluster Size

- If N is reduced while cell area is kept constant
  - more cluster needed to cover the service area
  - more channels per cell
  - more system capacity achieved
  - more co-channel interference co-channel cells are closer
- Goal is to maximize system capacity (or, capacity per unit area) subject to interference limitations
  - Minimum N such that carrier-to-interference ratio
    - $C/I \geqq (C/I)_{min}$
  - Reverse co-channel interference
    - Interference at a BS from co-channel MHs in other BSs
  - Forward co-channel interference
    - Interference at a MH from other co-channel BSs
  - Adjacent channel interference
    - From signals in adjacent channel due to imperfect filters
    - Don't assign adjacent frequencies to the same cell and if possible immediate neighbors

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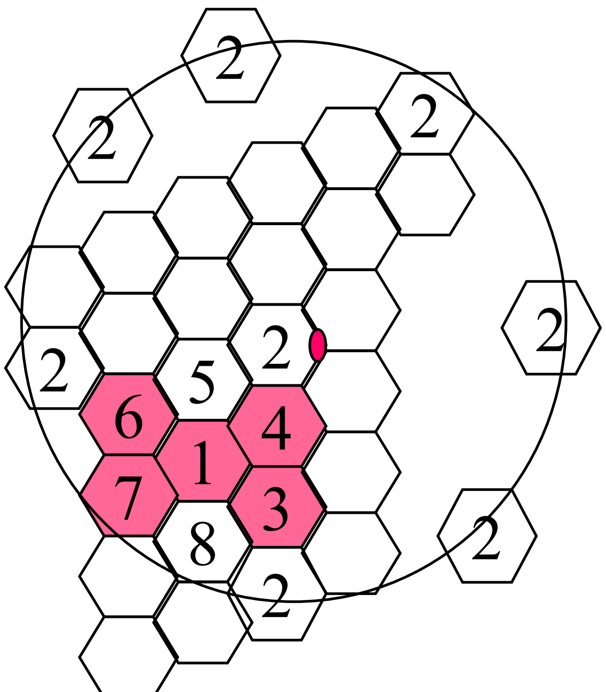
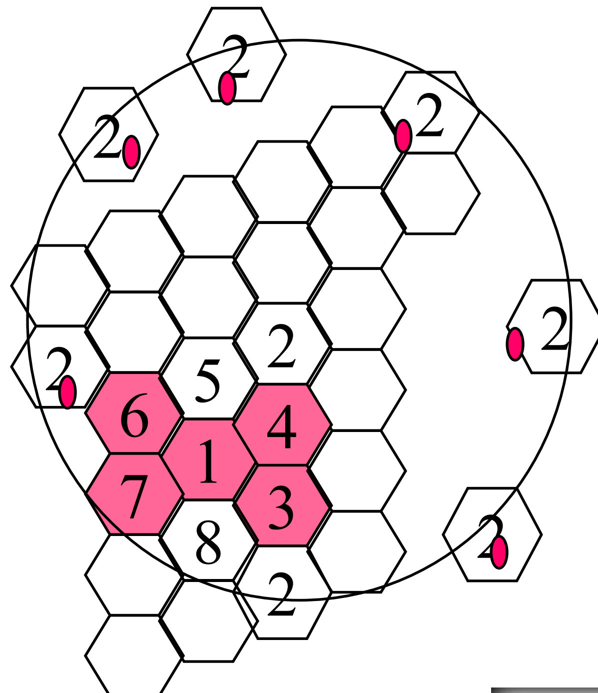
Calculating C/I

- Let i_0 be the number of co-interfering cells, and noise be negligible
  - C/I = Carrier / All of the co-channel interference
  - Where C is the desired carrier power and I_i is the signal power of i-th interferer

$$\frac{C}{I} = \frac{C}{\sum_{i=1}^{i_0} I_i}$$





Calculating C/I

- Recall: $P_r(d) = P_r(d_0)(\frac{d}{d_0})^n$
- For equal transmit powers and path loss exponents: $\frac{C}{I} = \frac{D_0^{-n}}{\sum_{i=1}^{i_0} D_i^{-n}}$
- Assume:
  - 1. n=4
  - 2. worst case is at D_0 = R (when MH is at the fringe of its cell)
  - 3. only the six “first-tier” co-channel cells are considered
  - 4. $D_1 = D_2 = D_3 = D_4 = D_5 = D_6 = D$
- C/I~ $(D/R)^4$ / 6 depends only on the ratio D/R

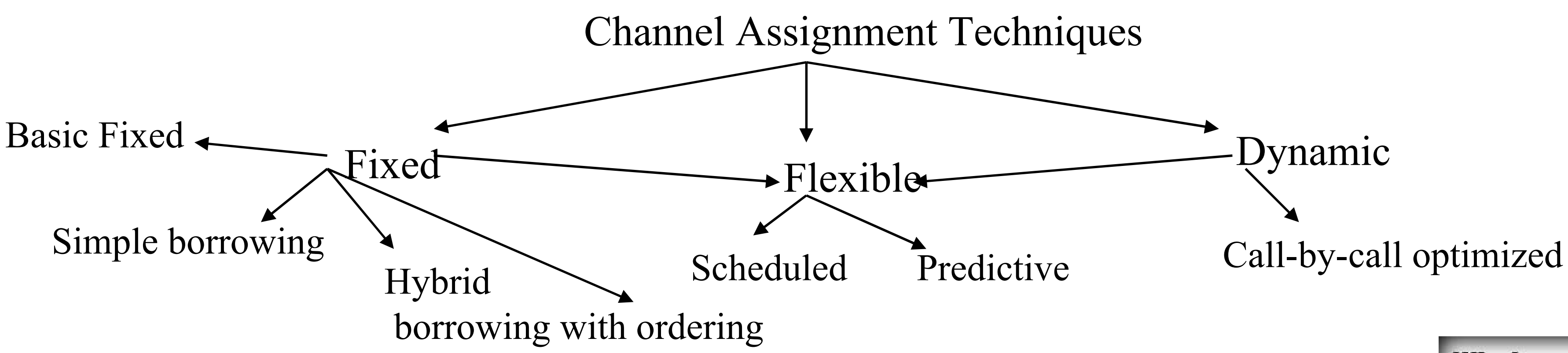
system	$(C/I)_{min}$	D/R	N
AMPS	18 dB	4.6	7
GSM	11 dB	3.0	4

Microcells-Reducing Cell Area

- IF cell area is reduced while N is kept constant
  - more clusters needed to cover the service aread
  - C/I is unchanged because D/R is unchanged
  - system capacity grows quadratically with radius scale factor
- Small cells need lower RF transmitted power
  - longer battery, smaller mobile end-points
- Small cells result in higher cell-boundary crossing
  - more signalling overhead
  - performance degradation (more disruption)

Channel Assignment in Cellular System

- Fundamental Problem
  - How to assign channels to requesting call at a BS ?
- Goal: Maximum Spectral Efficiency for a specified grade of service and a given degree of computational complexity
  - probability of new call blocking
  - probability of forced termination
  - link quality
- Maybe a “new” connection, or a connection undergoing “handoff”



Channel Assignment Techniques

- Fixed
  - Basic Fixed
  - Simple borrowing
  - Hybrid borrowing with ordering
- Flexible
  - scheduled
  - predictive
- Dynamic
  - call-by-call optimized

Fixed Channel Assignment

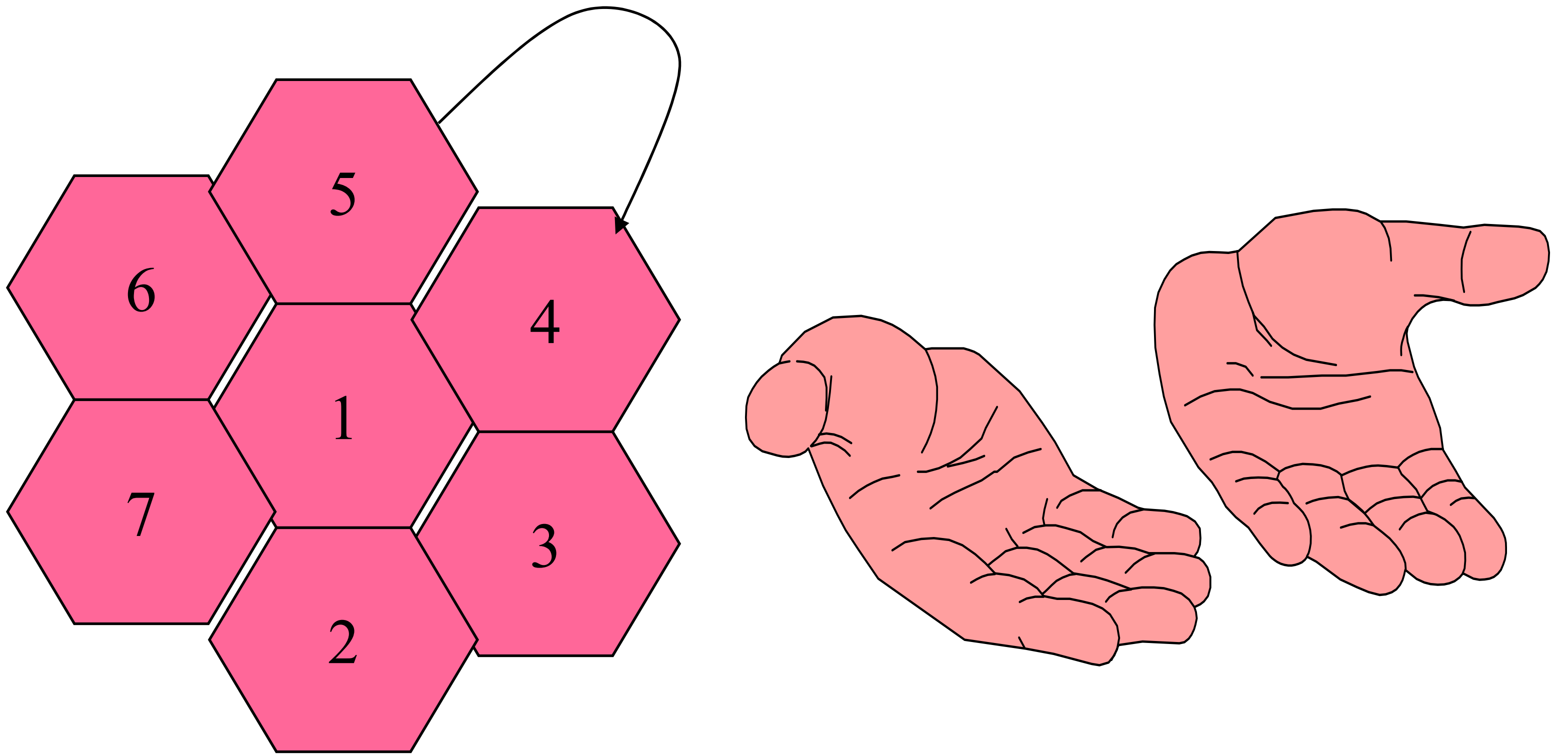
- Basic strategy
  - each cell is statically allocated a subset of channels
  - a requesting call in the cell can only use channel allocated to that cell
  - if no available channel in that cell, the call is blocked
  - MSC only informs new BS about hand-off, & keep track of serving channel

Fixed Channel Assignment

- Variation
  - borrow channel from neighboring BSs if all channels busy at BS under MSC supervision, and only if does not cause interference borrowed channels are “locked”
  - hybrid channel assignment
    - two groups of channels: fixed and borrowable
    - ratio determined a priori depending on traffic estimate
  - borrow-with-channel-ordering
    - fixed-to-borrowable channel ration varied on changing traffic condition
    - channels are rank ordered

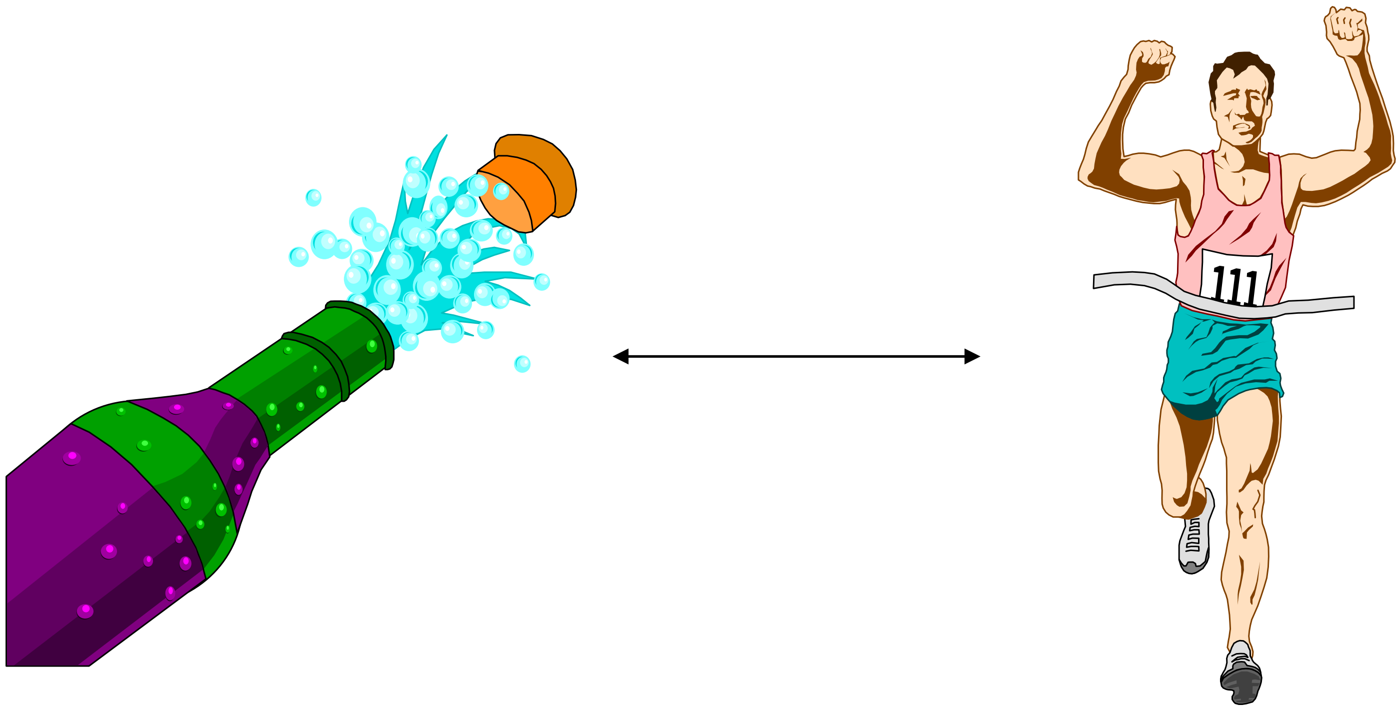
Fixed Channel Assignment

- We might borrow from neighboring cells



Traffic & Resource

- Uniform Distribution



Channel Resource

User Demanding

Dynamic & Assignment

- Maybe I should assign you based on current condition

Issues to consider

- Selected Cost
- Blocking Probability
- Reuse Distance
- CIR
- QoS (Quality of Service)
  - current value
  - handoff value

Dynamic Channel Assignment (DCA)

- Basic Features
  - channels not allocated to cells permanently
  - MSC allocated channel to a call from the global pool taking into account
  - Advantage: channel assignment may be retained across hand-off
  - Disadvantage: interruptions, deadlocks, instability

Dynamic Channel Assignment

- DCA algorithms differ in distribution of control among BSs and MSC
  - Centralized DCA
    - can do a globally optimized channel assignment and call rearrangement BSs need to communicate with MSC e.g. Maximum Packing
  - Decentralized & Fully Decentralized DCA
    - rely only on local monitoring to make channel assignments
    - require limited local communication among cluster of BSs

Flexible Channel Assignment

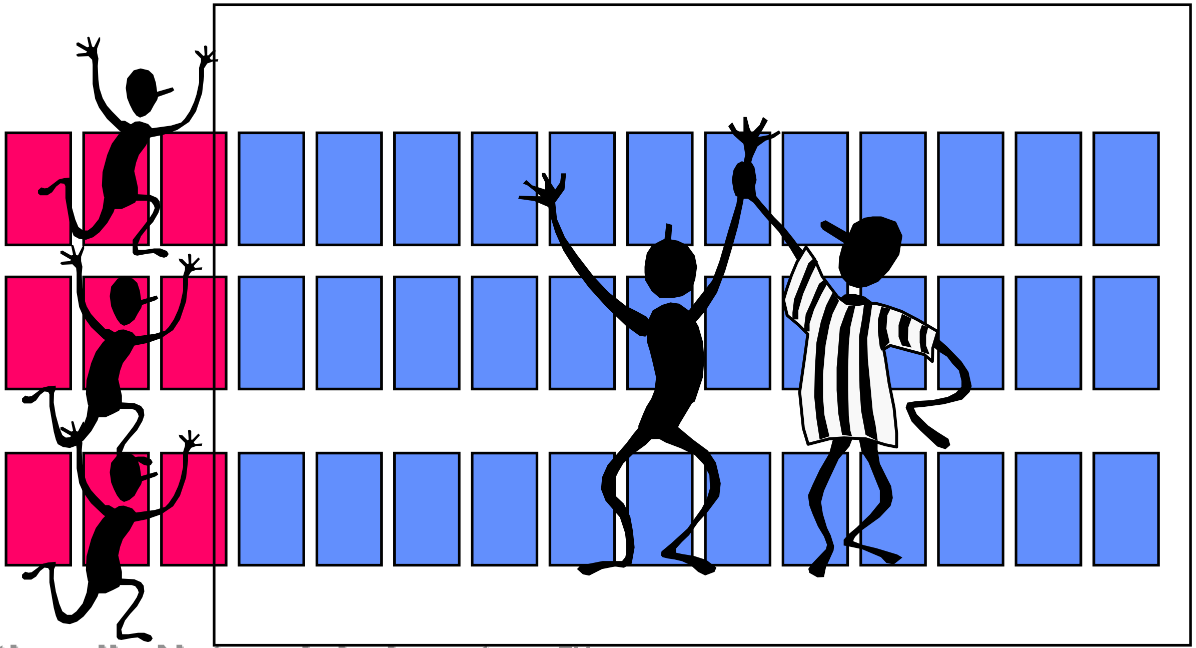
- Combine aspects of FCA and DCA
- Each cell is assigned a fixed set of channel
- Plus, a pool of channels is reserved for flexible assignment
  - MSC assigns these channels
- Flexible assignment strategies
  - Scheduled assignment: rely on known foreseeable changes in traffic pattern
  - Predictive assignment: based on measured traffic load at every BS

MSC will pick up one for MH

- Here you go !

Flexible Channel Assignment

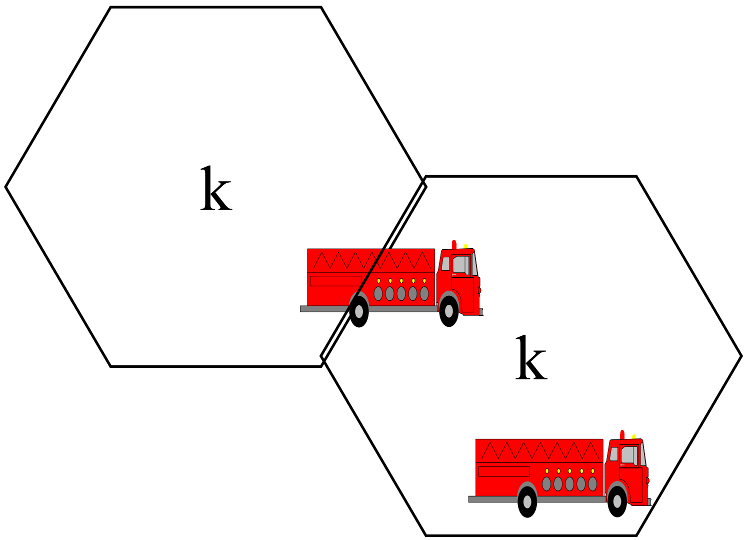
- Assign some of channel for minimum traffic requirement
- Keep all of the others in a service pool



Handoff Handling

Keep the QoS while the user moves

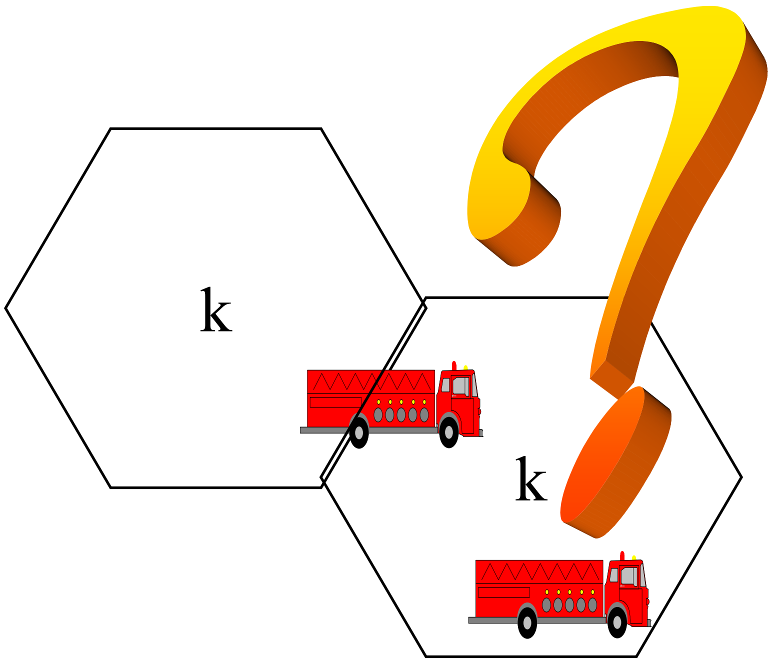
Handling Handoffs



- Handoff
  - change the radio channel
    - the same base station
    - the new base station
  - due to
    - the radio link degradation
    - channel reorder

What is going to happen ?

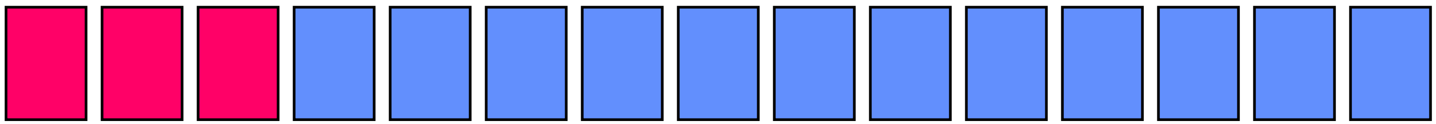
- The new cell must assign new channel
- We must reserve some hand off channel
- Some connection must be blocked !!



Solutions for handoff

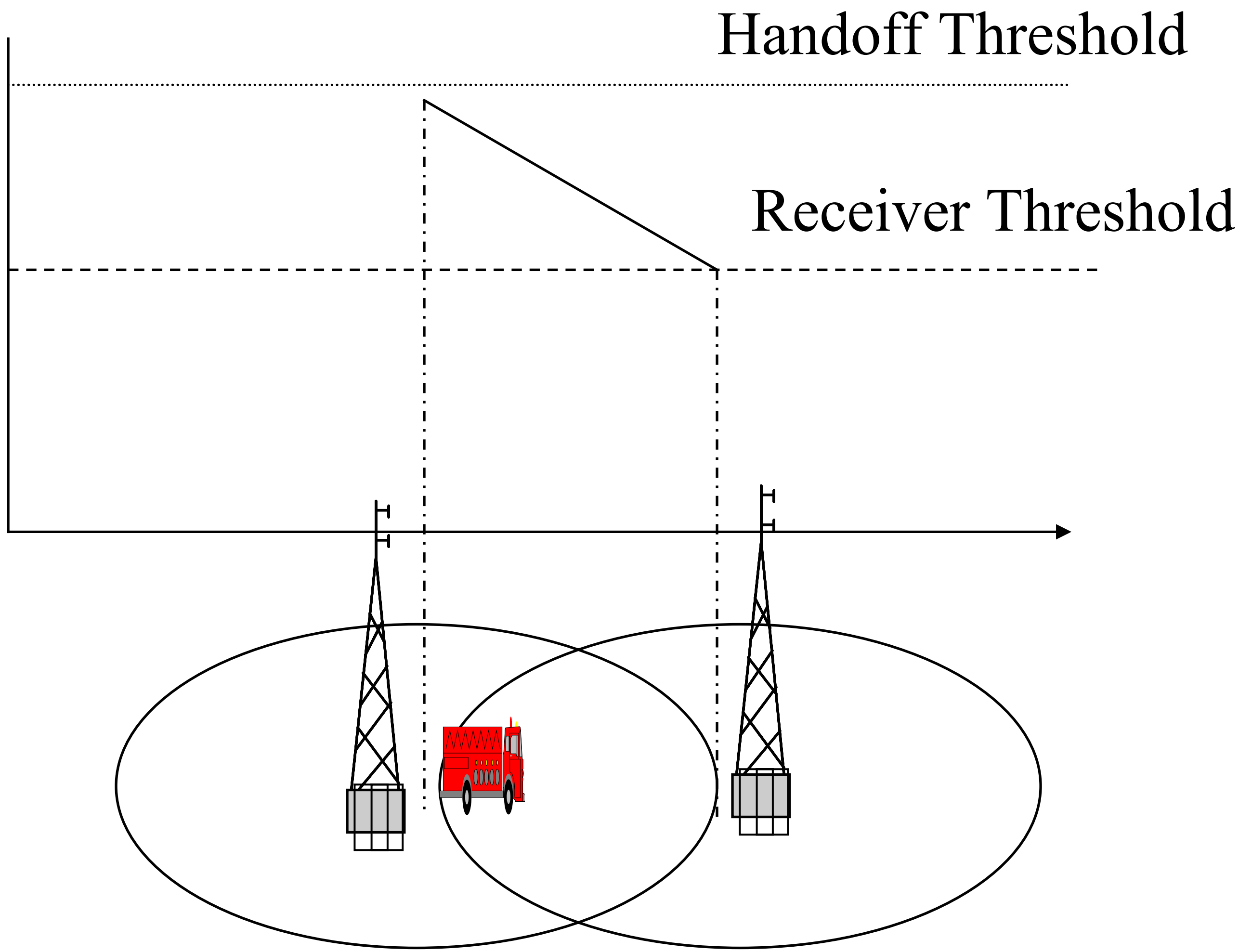
- Handoff Priority
  - guard channel for handoff
  - how much, inefficiency
- Queueing of Handoff request
  - take a seat for future handoff

Guard Channel



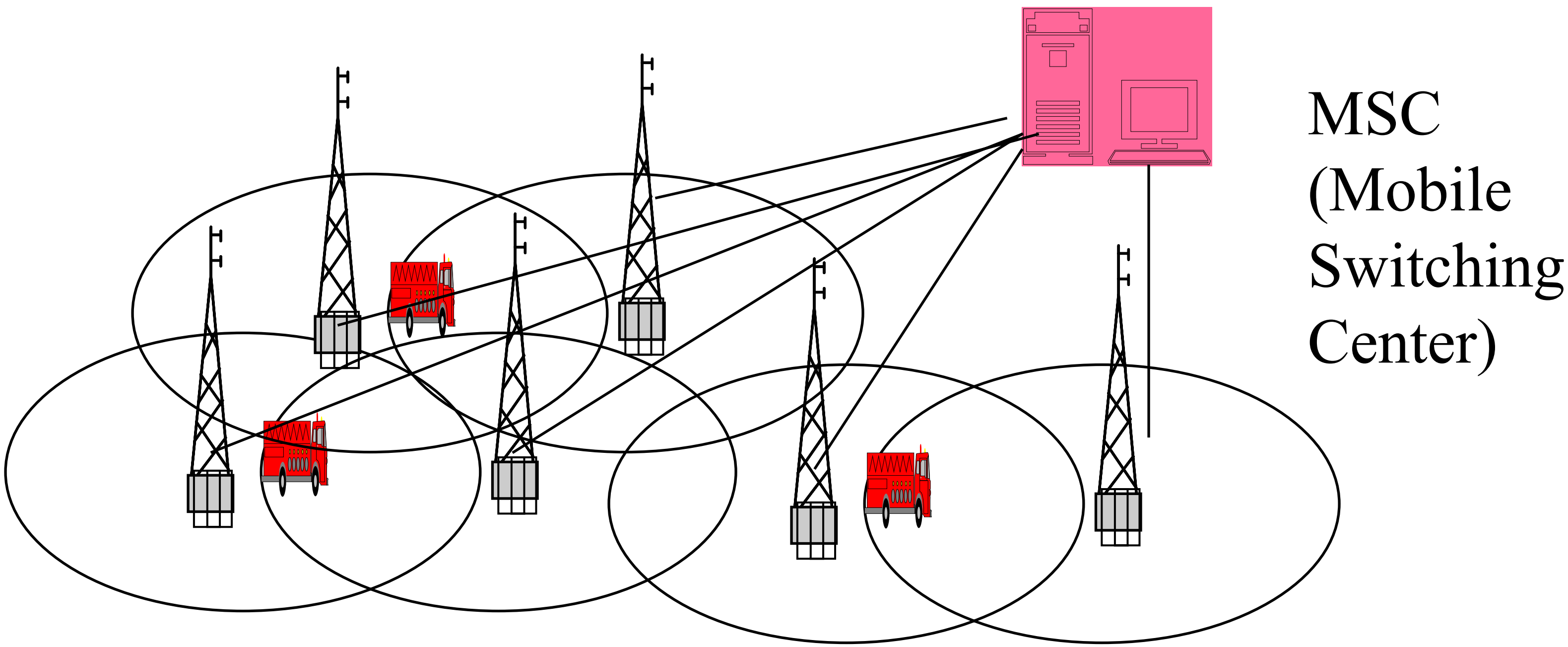
Reserved for Handoff

Thresholds



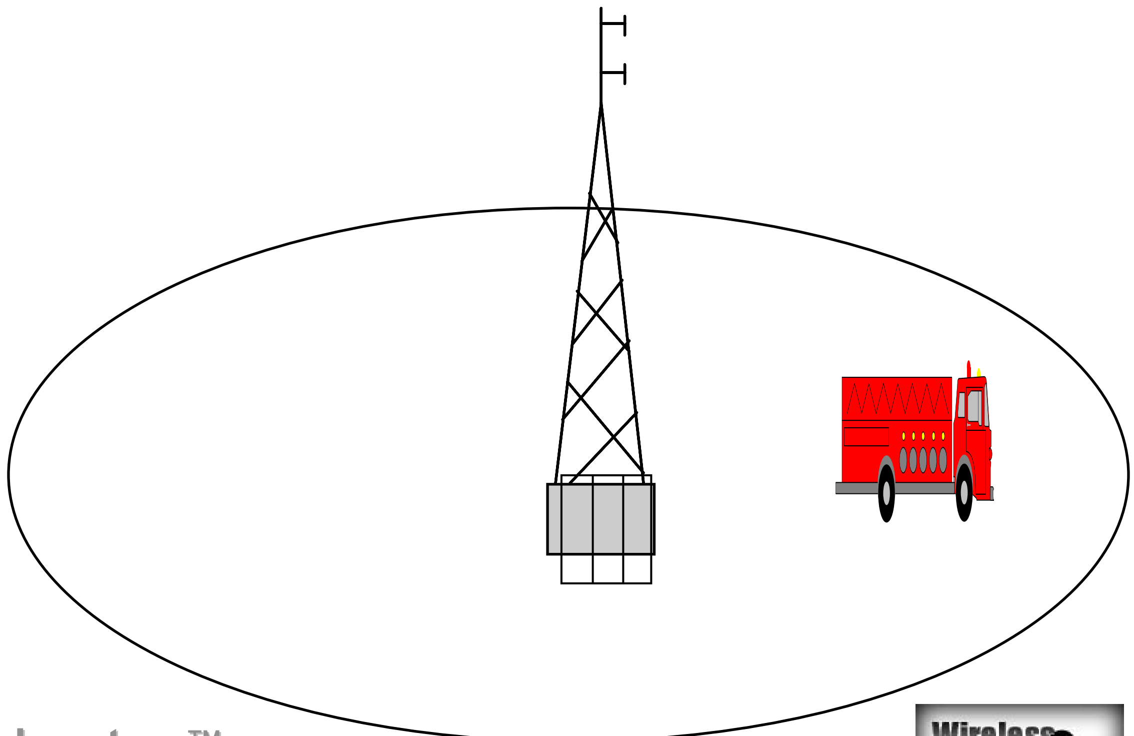
Who is going to take over Handoff

- Yourself (Mobile Users)
- Infrastructure Network
  - Base Station
  - Mobile Switching Center



Negotiating Procedure

- Base Station
  - detect the receiving signal from MH
  - send a measurement order
- Mobile Host
  - measure on demand
  - measure all the time

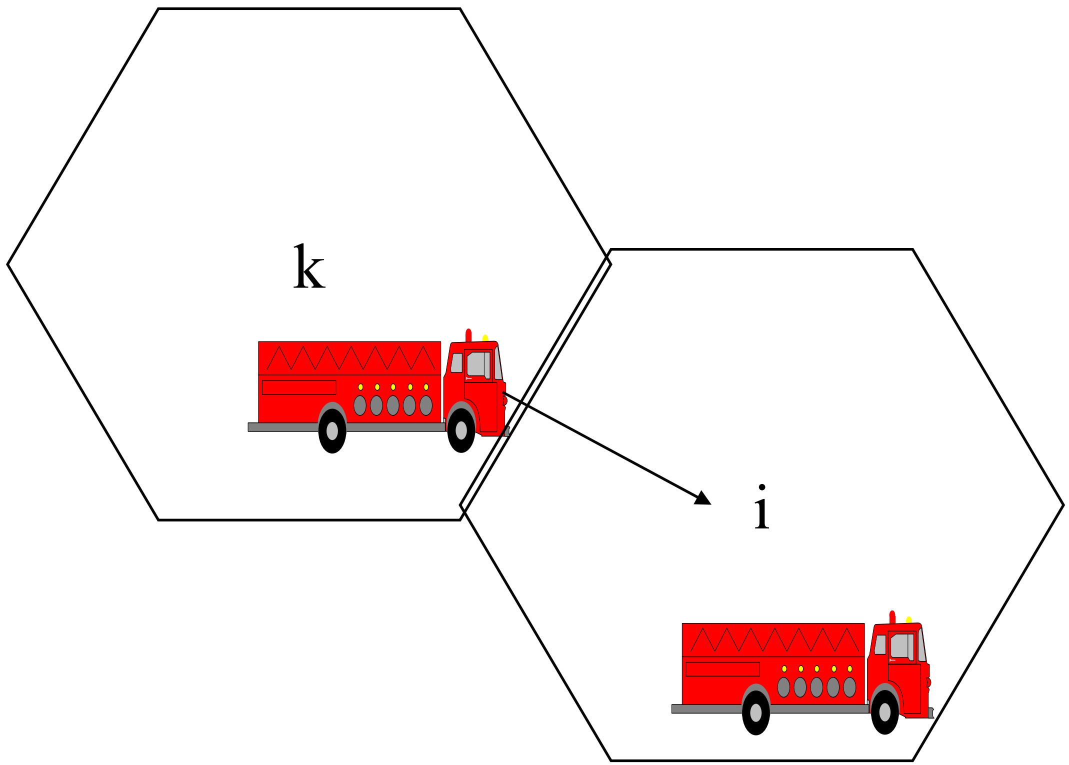


Hand off Procedure

- Decide the New Base Station
  - MSC picks the best for MH
  - MSC picks the candidate MH specify
- New Base Station decides to accept or not ?

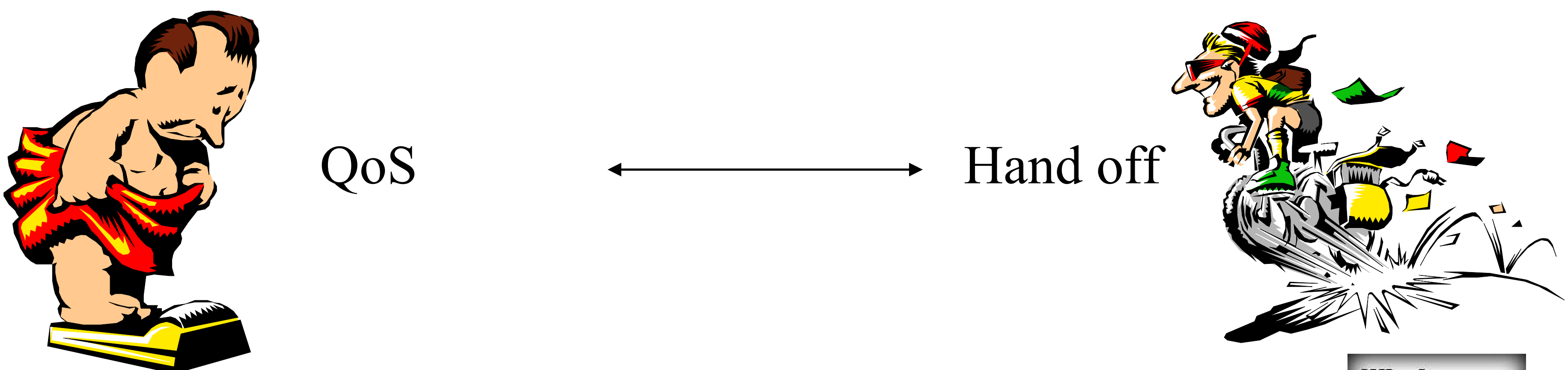
Call Queueing Scheme

- Queue for a channel, handoff threshold, receiver threshold



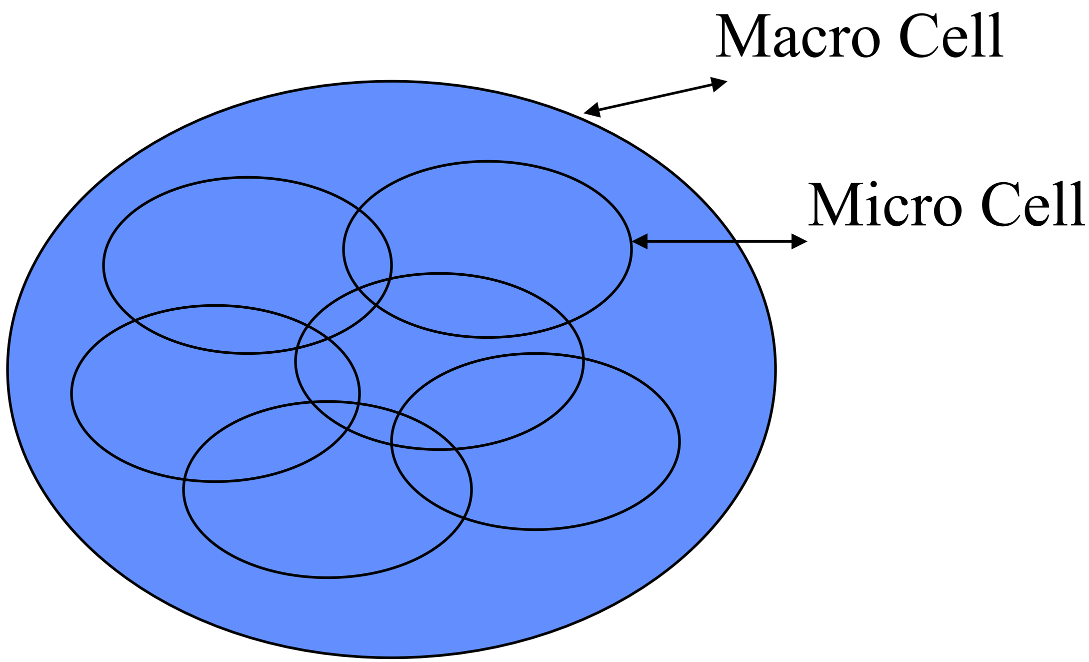
Trends in Hand over Design

- Hand over and Hand off are the same
- Small cells -> more hand over
  - allocate network resource to reroute the call to the new base station
  - if not quick enough, QoS will drop dramatically



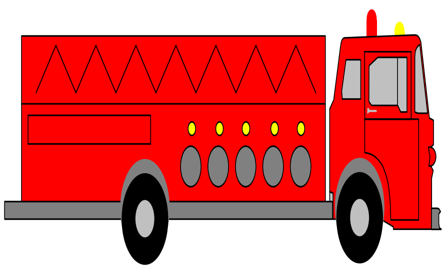
Mobility Solution

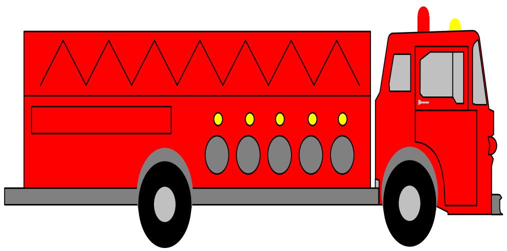
- Multi-tiers
  - micro-cell and macro-cell
  - based on the speed
  - different schemes



Velocity Estimation

- Doppler Frequency is known -> Estimation of the velocity of the mobile users
- Mobility is estimated from the time spent in a cell





Handoff in Cellular Networks

- Transfer of mobile to a new channel when it crosses cell boundary
  - identify new base station, assign new channel
  - hand-off initiated at a carefully chosen signal level
  - avoid triggering handoff due to momentary fades

Hand-off

- Handoff delay & interruption
  - dropped (or on hold) connection if signal too low before handoff processed
  - performance degradation (disruption) in data stream
- Prioritizing handoffs to reduce probability of dropped call
  - connection dropped if no spare channels in new cell
  - guard channel : subset of channels reserved for handoff requests works well with DCA
  - handoff queuing : time interval between handoff trigger & connection drop cell overlap, speed of mobile

Handoff in Cellular Networks

- Probability of unnecessary Handoffs
- Hard vs. Soft handoff
- Hand off rate
- Handoff also triggers rerouting in the network layer
- Handoff is tightly coupled to DCA, MAC, and Networking Routing

Handoff Strategies (I)

- Network controlled handoff (NCHO)
  - used in first generation analog cellular systems
  - link quality is only monitored by the serving BS and surrounding BS
  - handoff decision is made by the network (typically central agent)
  - handoff delays of several seconds (10) and infrequent link quality updates

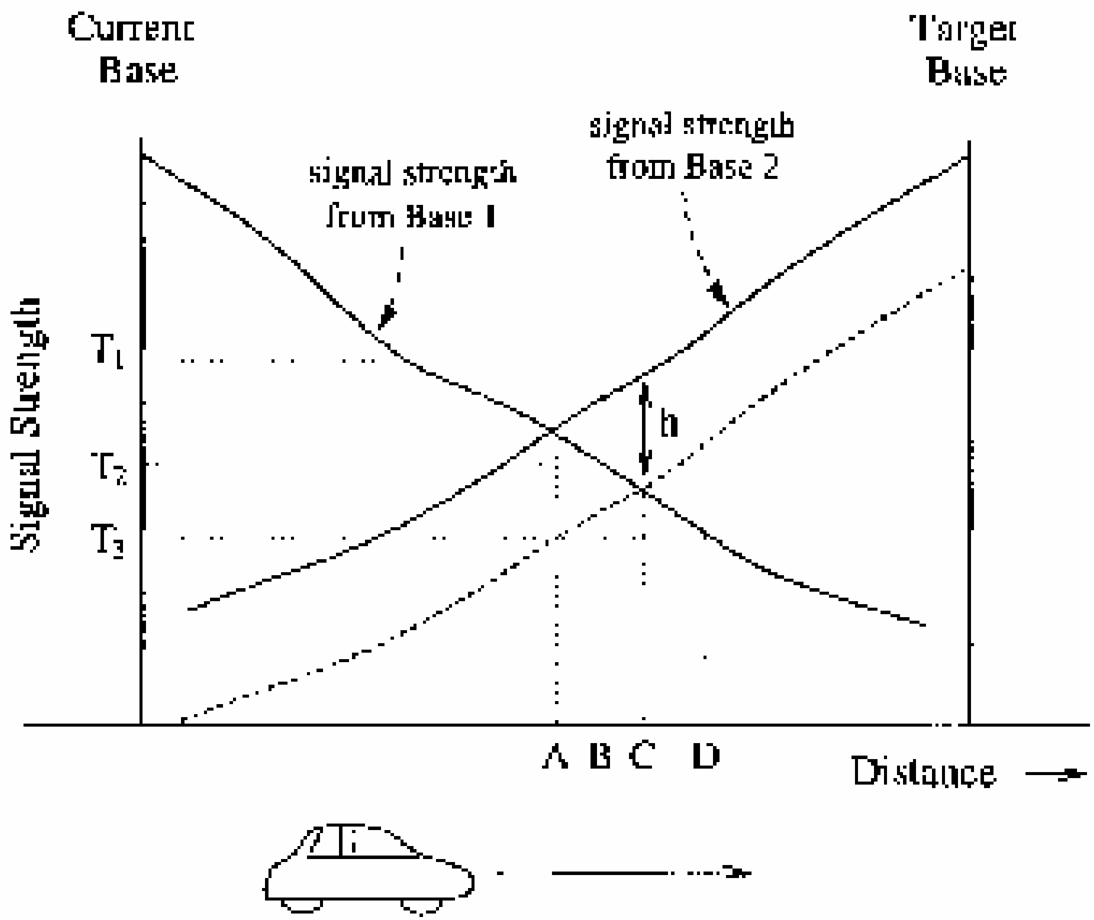
Handoff Strategies (II)

- Mobile assisted handoff
  - used in second generation digital cellular system
  - both the mobile and the serving BS measure link quality
  - only mobile measures link quality of alternate BSs
  - mobile periodically sends the link quality measurements to serving BS
  - handoff decision is made by the network
  - handoff delays of few seconds (1-2) and frequent link quality updates

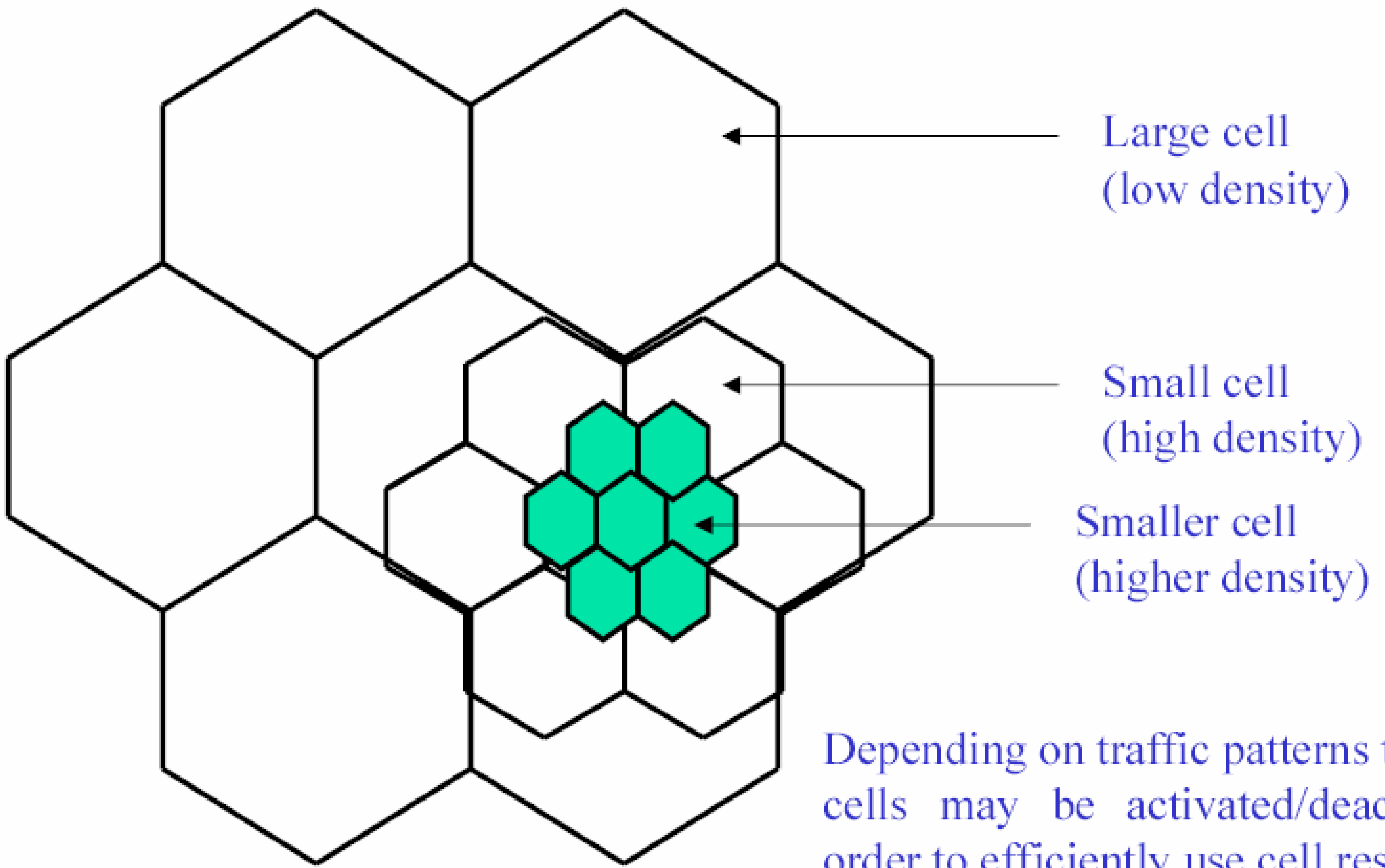
Handoff Strategies (III)

- Mobile controlled hand off
  - used in some new digital cellular systems
  - link quality measurements as in MAHO
  - serving BS relays link quality measurements to mobile
  - handoff decision is made by the mobile
  - handoff delays of about 100 ms

Handoff Scenario

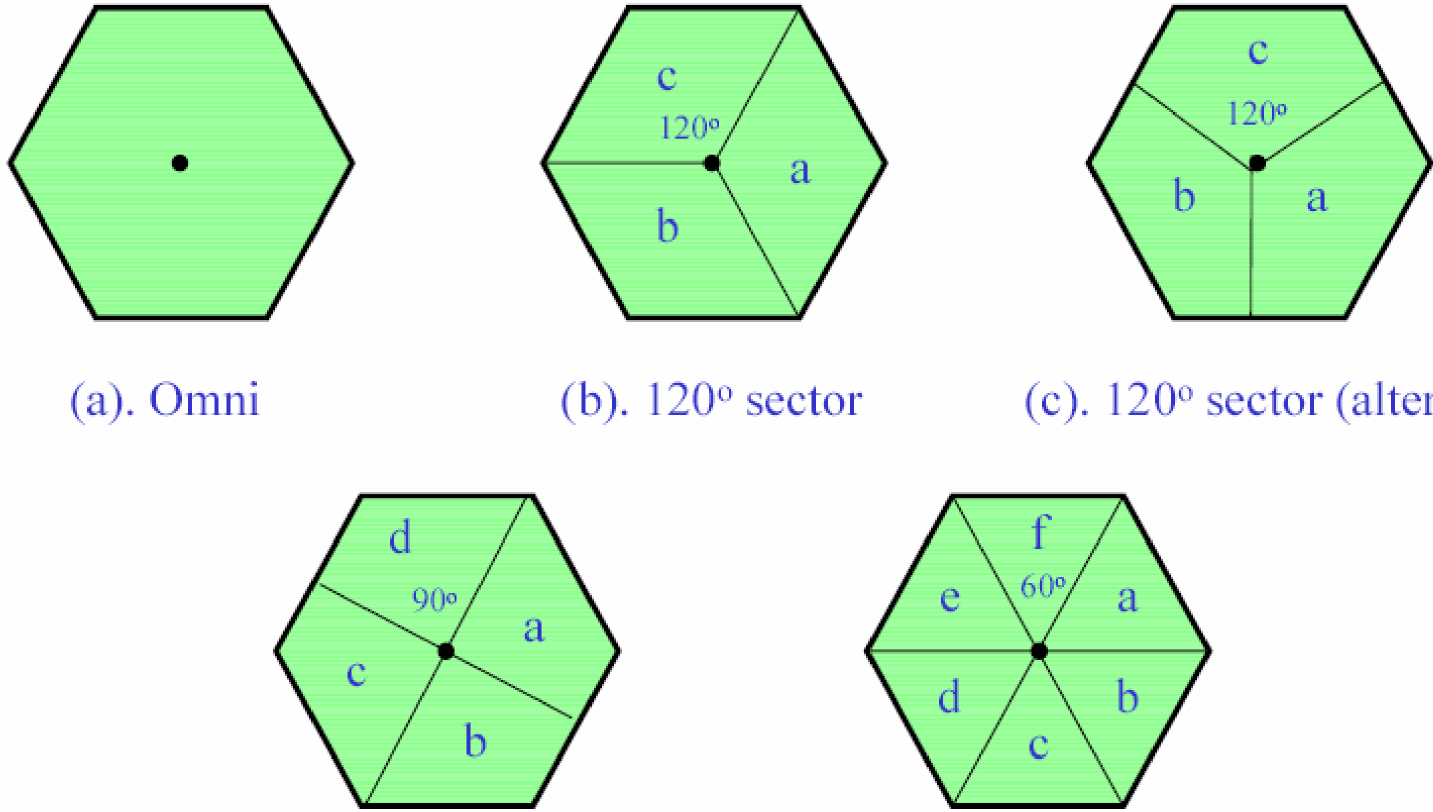


Cell Splitting



Depending on traffic patterns the smaller cells may be activated/deactivated in order to efficiently use cell resources.

Cell Sectoring by Antenna Design



(a). Omni

(b). 120º sector

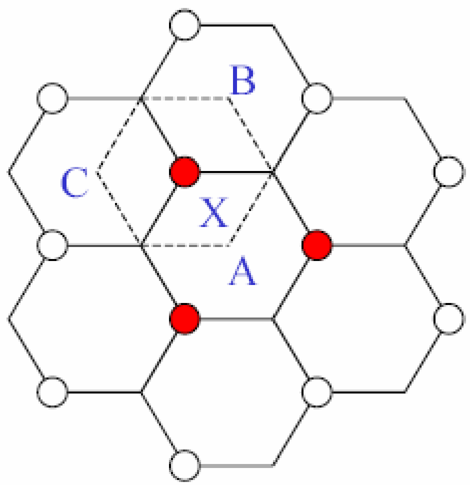
(c). 120º sector (alternate)

(d). 90º sector

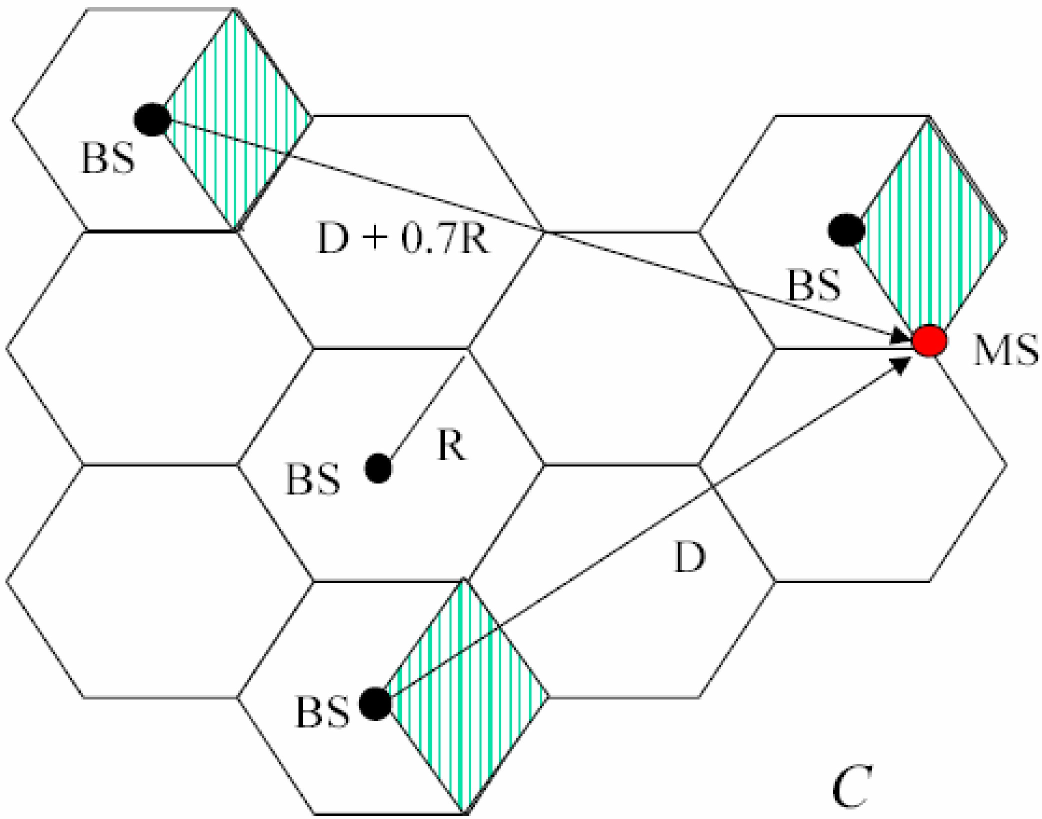
(e). 60º sector

Cell Sectoring by Antenna Design

- Placing directional transmitters at corners where three adjacent cells meet

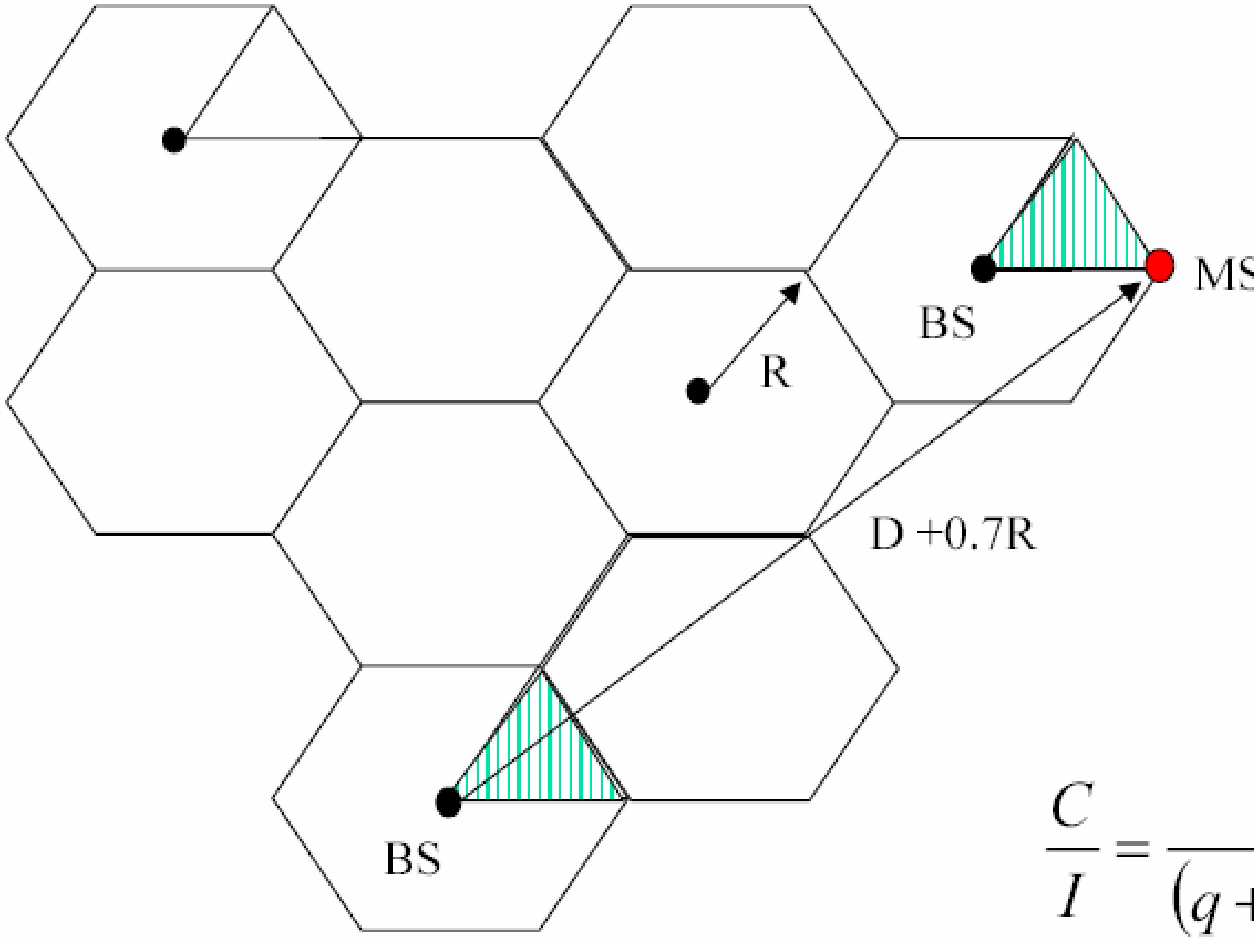


Worst Case for Forward Channel Interference in Three-sectors



$$\frac{C}{I} = \frac{C}{q^{-\gamma} + (q + 0.7)^{-\gamma}}$$

Worst Case for Forward Channel Interference in Six-sectors



$$\frac{C}{I} = \frac{C}{(q+0.7)^{-\gamma}}$$