

## 無線網路多媒體系統 Wireless Multimedia System

Cellular Concepts  
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## Mobility Support & Channel Reuse



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## Approaches to Wireless Multiple Access

Sharing of Time-Frequency Space

Slotted-time vs Non-Slotted Time

Static (Fixed) Assignment  
e.g. Time Division & Frequency Division  
"Connection Oriented"

Demand-based Assignment

Contention-based

Conflict-free  
e.g. Token-passing & Polling

Random Access  
e.g. ALOHA, PRMA  
Carrier-Sensing

Packet Oriented Controlled Random Access

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## Frequency Division & Time Division Duplexing

### Frequency Division Duplexing (FDD)

- Two distinct frequency at the same time for the two directions
- Frequency separation must be coordinated to allow cheap RF technology
- Coordination with out-of-band users between the two bands
- Geared towards providing individual frequencies for each user



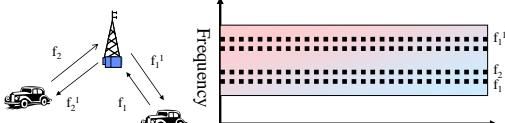
### Time Division Duplexing (TDD)

- Two distinct sets of time slots on the same frequency for the two directions
- Time latency because only quasi-duplex
- No need for RF duplexer



## Frequency Division Multiple Access (FDMA)

- Assign different frequency bands to individual users or circuits
- Frequency band ("channel") assigned on demand to users who request service
- No sharing of the frequency bands: idle if not used
- Usually available spectrum divided into number of "narrowband" channels
  - Symbol time >> average delay spread, little or no equalization required
- Continuous transmission implies no framing or synchronization bits needed
- Tight RF filtering to minimize adjacent band interference
- Costly bandpass filters at basestation to eliminate spurious radiation
- Usually combined with FDD for duplexing



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## Example-AMPS Cellular System

### User FDMA/FDD

- A channel is a pair of frequency duplexed simplex channels
- Each simple channel is 30 kHz
- Simple channels are separated by 45 MHz (allow cheap RF duplexers)
- Forward link 869-894 MHz, reverse link 824-849 MHz
- Two carriers per market share the channels

### Number of supported channels in AMPS

$$N = \frac{B_{\text{forward}} - 2B_{\text{guard}}}{B_{\text{channel}}} = \frac{12.5 \text{ MHz} - 2(10 \text{ kHz})}{30 \text{ kHz}} = 416$$

### Problem: set of active users is not fixed

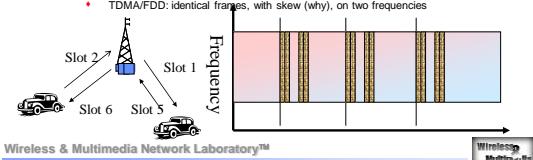
- How is the FDMA/FDD allocated to a user who becomes active?
- Static multiple access is not a complete solution .. Need a separate signalling channel with "demand-access".
- Pure FDMA is basically "dead" in the digital world

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## Time Division Multiple Access (TDMA)

- Multiple user share frequency band via cyclically repeating "time slots"
  - "channel"=>particular time slot reoccurring every frame of N slots
  - Transmission for any user is non-continuous: buffer-and-burst digital data & modulation needed, lower battery consumption
  - Adaptive equalization is usually needed due to high symbol rate
  - Larger overhead-synchronization bits for each data burst, guard bits for variations in propagation delay and delay spread
  - Usually combined with either TDD or FDD for duplexing
    - TDMA/TDD: half the slots in a frame used for uplink, half downlink
    - TDMA/FDD: identical frames, with skew (why), on two frequencies



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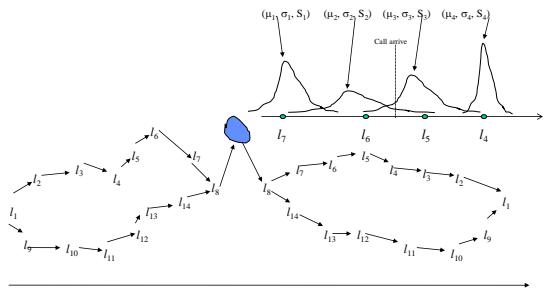
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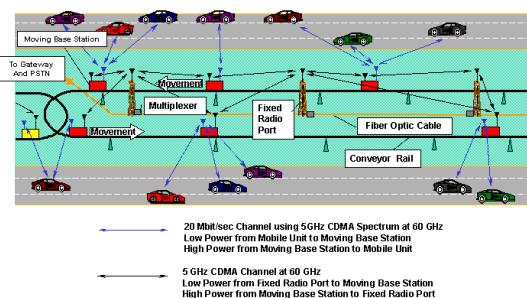
## Moving Behavior



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## Mobile Broadband Infrastructure Diagram



## IMS Services over HSDPA



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## Channel Assignment in Cellular System

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

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## Agenda

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



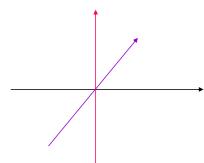
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## Channel Allocation

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- 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



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## Hand-off in Cellular Networks

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- 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)

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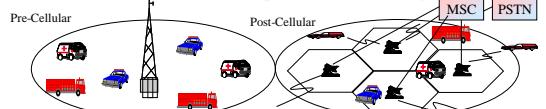


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## Cellular System Concept

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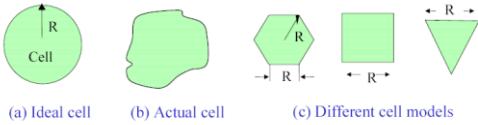
- Replace single high power transmitter covering the entire service area with low power
  - Mobiles in sufficiently distant base-stations may be assigned identical channel (frequency, time slot, & code)
  - System capacity may be increased without adding more spectrum
- Major conceptual breakthrough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

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## Cell Shape



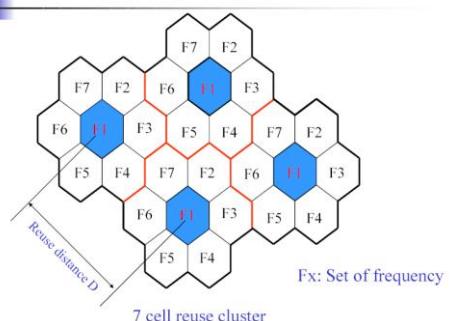
(a) Ideal cell (b) Actual cell (c) Different cell models

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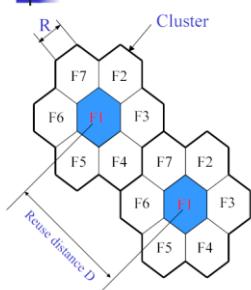
## Frequency Reuse



7 cell reuse cluster

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## 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

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

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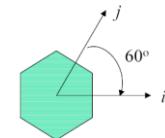
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## Reuse Distance (Cont'd)

- 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.



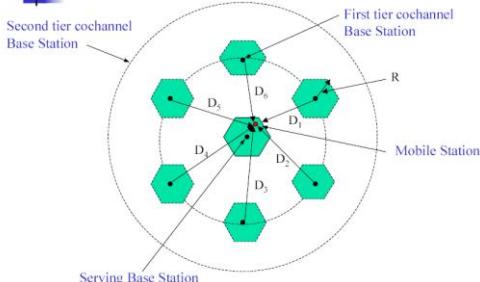
- $N = 1, 3, 4, 7, 9, 12, 13, 16, 19, 21, 28, \dots$ , etc.

The popular value of  $N$  being 4 and 7.

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## Cochannel Interference

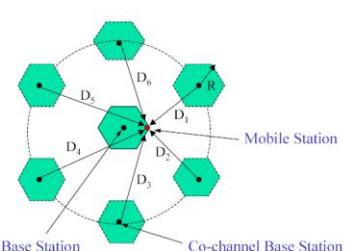


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## Worst Case of Cochannel Interference



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## Cochannel Interference

- Cochannel interference ratio is given by

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

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  $\gamma$  is the propagation path loss slope and  $\gamma = 2 \sim 5$ .

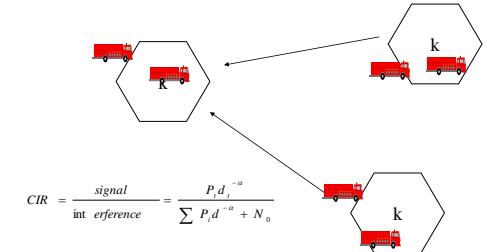
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## Channel Reuse

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

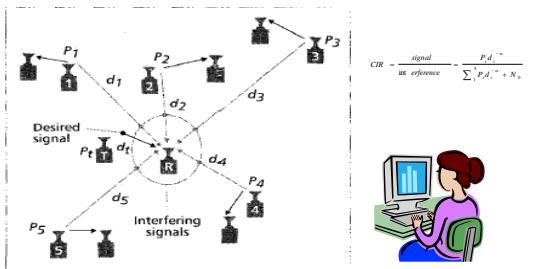


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## Interference



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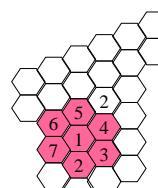
## Approaches

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



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## 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 tessellating group of  $N$  neighboring BSs
  - Called "reuse cluster"
  - $1/N$  is the "reuse factor"
  - System capacity goes up by  $\frac{\text{Area}}{N \times \text{Area}_{\text{cell}}}$
- 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.

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## 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

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## Determining Cluster Size N



- Goal is maximize system capacity (or, capacity per unit area) subject to interference limitations
  - minimum  $N$  such that carrier-to-interference ratio
    - $C/I \geq (C/I)_{\min}$
  - reverse co-channel interference
    - interference at 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 channels due to imperfect filters

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## 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
    - $C/I \geq (C/I)_{\min}$
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  - 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

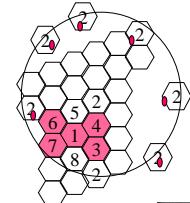
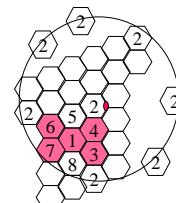
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## Calculating C/I



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



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## Calculating C/I



- Recall:  $P_r(d) = P_t(d_0) \left( \frac{d}{d_0} \right)^n$
- For equal transmit powers and path loss exponents:  $\frac{C}{I} = \frac{P_t(d_0)}{\sum P_t(d_i)}$
- 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

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## Case study: Mobile Phone Calls for a NTU basestation



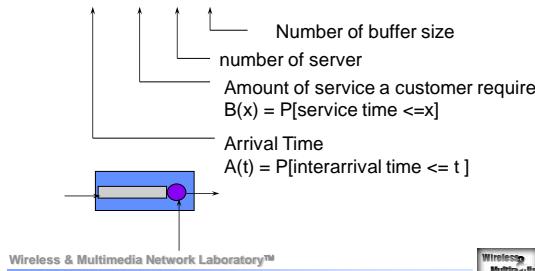
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## Queueing Modeling

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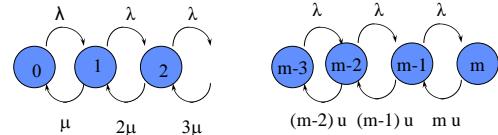
### ◆ M / M / m / m



## (A) M/M/m/m: m-SERVER LOSS System

- A blocked calls cleared situation: there are available  $m$  servers. Each newly arriving customer is given his private server; however, if a customer arrives when all servers are occupied, that customer is lost.

$$\lambda_k = \begin{cases} \lambda & k < m \\ 0 & K \geq m \end{cases} \quad \mu_k = k\mu \quad k=1,2,\dots,m$$

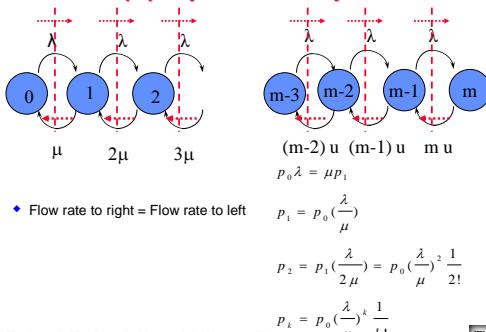


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## (B) Equilibrium Equation

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- Flow rate to right = Flow rate to left

$$p_1 = p_0 \left( \frac{\lambda}{\mu} \right)$$

$$p_2 = p_1 \left( \frac{\lambda}{2\mu} \right) = p_0 \left( \frac{\lambda}{\mu} \right)^2 \frac{1}{2!}$$

$$p_k = p_0 \left( \frac{\lambda}{\mu} \right)^k \frac{1}{k!}$$

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## (C) Solve p(k), blocking probability

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$$\begin{aligned} \sum_k p_k &= 1 \\ \sum_k p_k \left( \frac{\lambda}{\mu} \right)^k \frac{1}{k!} &= 1 \\ p_0 &= 1 / \{1 + (\frac{\lambda}{\mu})^1 + (\frac{\lambda}{\mu})^2 + (\frac{\lambda}{\mu})^3 + \dots + (\frac{\lambda}{\mu})^m + \frac{1}{m!}\} \\ p_0 &= 1 / \sum_{k=0}^m \left( \frac{\lambda}{\mu} \right)^k \frac{1}{k!} \\ p_1 &= \frac{\left( \frac{\lambda}{\mu} \right)^1 \frac{1}{1!}}{\sum_{k=0}^m \left( \frac{\lambda}{\mu} \right)^k \frac{1}{k!}} \\ p_m &= \frac{\left( \frac{\lambda}{\mu} \right)^m \frac{1}{m!}}{\sum_{k=0}^m \left( \frac{\lambda}{\mu} \right)^k \frac{1}{k!}} = \frac{(A)^m \frac{1}{e^A}}{\sum_{k=0}^m (A)^k \frac{1}{k!}} \end{aligned}$$

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## Grade of Service

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### Grade of Service:

Example: a radio channel is occupied for thirty minutes during an hour carries 0.5 Erlangs of traffic.

### Capacity of an Erlang B System

$$\Pr[\text{blocking}] = \frac{A^k}{\sum_{i=0}^k \frac{C!}{i!}} = \text{GOS (Grade of Service)}$$

Number of Channels C	= 0.01	= 0.005	= 0.002	= 0.001
2	0.153	0.105	0.065	0.046
4	0.869	0.701	0.535	0.439
5	1.36	1.13	0.900	0.762
10	4.46	3.96	3.43	3.09
20	12.0	11.1	10.1	9.41
24	15.3	14.2	13.0	12.2
40	29.0	27.3	25.7	24.5
70	56.1	53.7	51.0	49.2
100	84.1	80.9	77.4	75.2

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## Microcells-Reducing Cell Area

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- If cell area is reduced while N is kept constant

- more clusters needed to cover the service area
- C/I is unchanged because D/R is unchanged
- system capacity grows with radius scale factor

- Small cells need lower RF transmitted power

- longer battery, smaller mobile end-points

- Small cells result higher cell-boundary crossing

- more signaling overhead

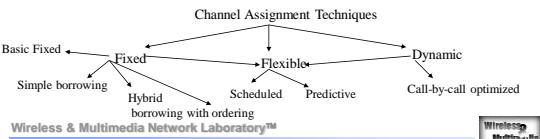
- performance degradation (more disruption)

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## 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"



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## Channel Assignment Techniques

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

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## 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

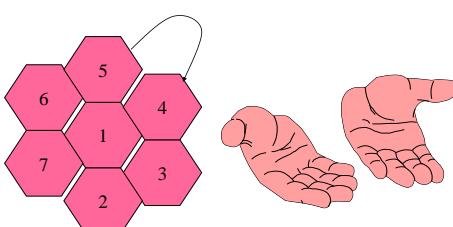
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## Fixed Channel Assignment

- We might borrow from neighboring cells



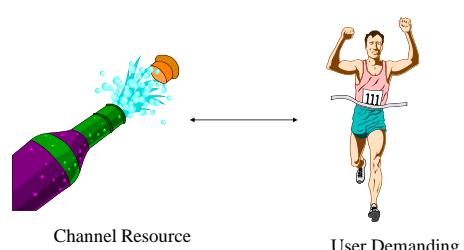
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## Traffic & Resource

- Uniform Distribution



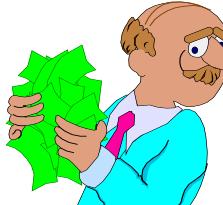
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## Dynamic & Assignment



- ♦ Maybe I should assign you based on current condition



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## Issues to consider



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

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## 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

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## 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

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## 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

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## MSC will pick up one for MH



- ♦ Here you go !

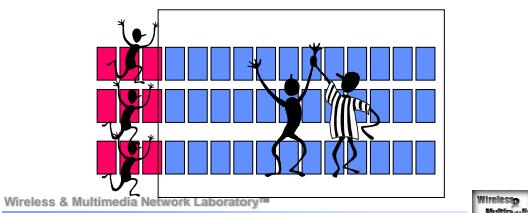


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## Flexible Channel Assignment

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

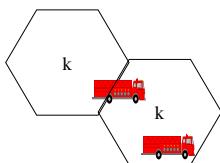


## Handoff Handling

Keep the QoS while the user moves

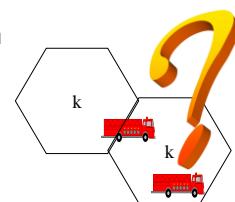
## Handling Handoffs

- 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

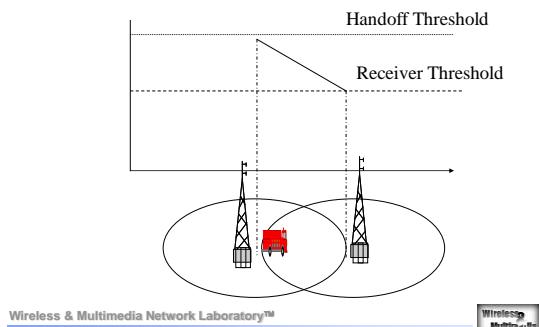
- Handoff Priority
  - guard channel for handoff
  - how much, inefficiency
- Queueing of Handoff request
  - take a seat for future handoff

## Guard Channel



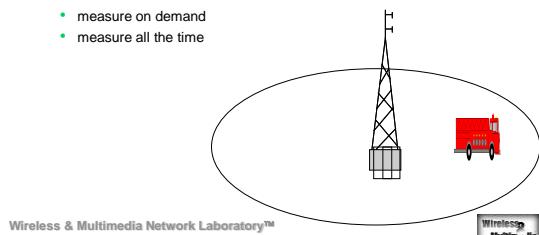
Reserved for Handoff

## Thresholds



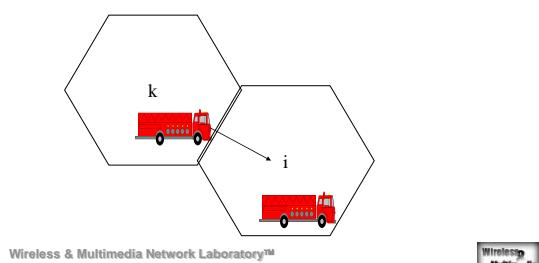
## Negotiating Procedure

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



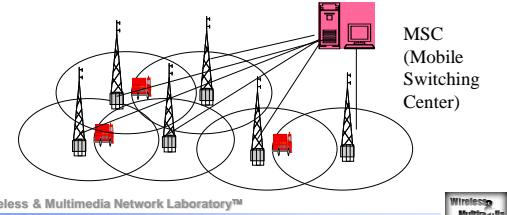
## Call Queueing Scheme

- Queue for a channel, handoff threshold, receiver threshold



## Who is going to take over Handoff

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



## 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 ?



## 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

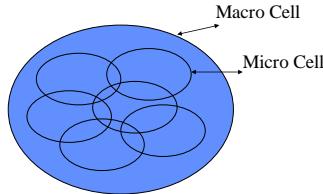
QoS  $\longleftrightarrow$  Hand off



## Mobility Solution



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



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## Velocity Estimation



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



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## 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

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## 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

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## 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

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## 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



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## 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

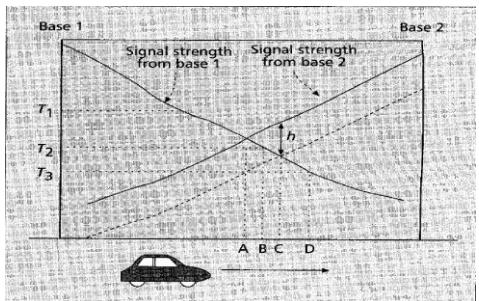


## Handoff Strategies (III)

- 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

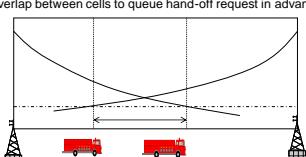


## Handoff Initiation Strategies

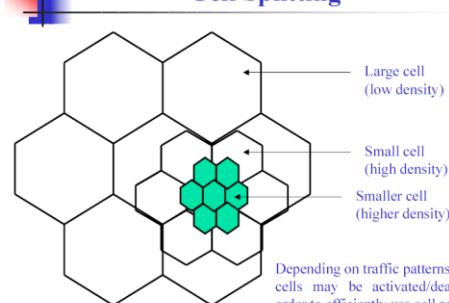
- Relative signal strength
  - Always choose the strongest received BS
  - Too many unnecessary hand-offs
- Relative signal strength with threshold
  - Current signal < threshold, and other BS is stronger
  - May let MH stray too far into other cell; overlapping cell coverage
  - Effectiveness depends on knowledge of cross-over signal
- Relative signal strength with hysteresis (plus optionally dwell timer)
  - Hand-off only if new BS's signal is stronger by a hysteresis margin
  - Prevents ping-pong effect from rapid fluctuations
- Relative signal strength with hysteresis & Threshold
  - Hand-off only if current BS's signal below a threshold, and new BS's signal is stronger by the hysteresis margin
- Prediction techniques
  - Decide based on expected future value of received signal strength

## Handoff Queueing

- Goal is to reduce handoff failure probability
  - Better to block a new call than to drop an existing one
  - Exploits overlap between cells to queue hand-off request in advance
- Handoff request is issued according to handoff initiation strategy
  - Request is queued
  - Decision must be made (handoff or failure) while MH still in handoff interval

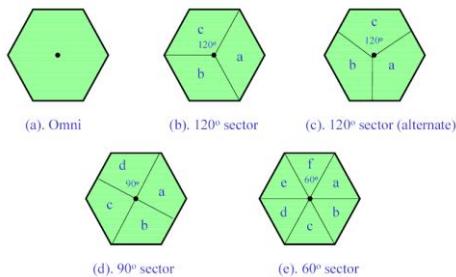


## Cell Splitting



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

## Cell Sectoring by Antenna Design

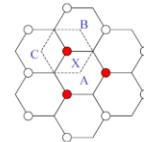


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## Cell Sectoring by Antenna Design

- Placing directional transmitters at corners where three adjacent cells meet

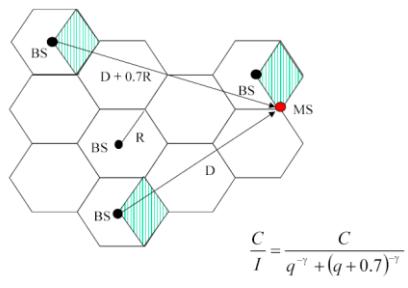


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## Worst Case for Forward Channel Interference in Three-sectors



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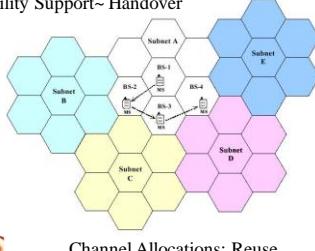
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## Handoff Parameters



Mobility Support~ Handover



Channel Allocations: Reuse

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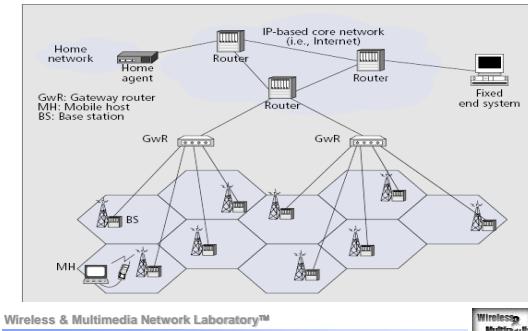
- Traffic Request: (QoS)
  - New Call Probability
  - Handoff Call Probability
  - Traffic Requirements (Bandwidth, delay)
  - Call Holding Time
  - Dwell Time (Channel Occupation) for a handoff call or new call
  - Delay/Distance/Un-necessary handoff
- Mobility:
  - Resident time in a cell
  - Hand off rate
- Channel Resource:
  - Channel assignment
  - Blocking Rate (New Call blocking rate, Handoff blocking rate)

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## IP-based 3G Wireless Network



## Multi-path Effect (Time)

- RMS > Symbol Duration:
  - ISI (handled by Equalizer)
- RMS < Symbol Duration:
  - More than one paths signal arrive (might have different phases)

