# **Cellular Mobile Communication Systems**

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- Introduction to cellular systems
- GSM/GPRS/EDGE
- 3G (WCDMA, UMTS)
- TDMA vs. CDMA

## **History**

- Analog systems (e.g NMT)
  - speech
- Digital systems (e.g GSM)
  - speech and simple data, improved capacity
- Evolved digital systems (GPRS, EDGE)
  - improved data services
- Third generation (WCDMA)
  - high bitrates, improved flexbility, improved capacity
- Fourth generation?

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## **Architecture Overview**

# **Resource Limits**

- attenuation, shadowing, and receiver noise
- multipath fading & time dispersion
- interference
- transmitter power
- coverage vs. capacity limits



## The GSM Air Interface

## **FDMA**

174 frequencies with 200kHz spacing (GSM 900) Separate bands for uplink and downlink Divided between operators

TDMA

8 time slots per frequency band (one user per time slot) Modulation

271 kbit/s GMSK

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# The GSM Air Interface, cont.



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# **GSM: Handover**

1. mobile measures measurement active other cells radio link 2. better cell detected,  ${}$ active measurement handover initiated radio link 3. handover CD measurement active completed radio link



# GSM, cont.

- Power control
  - maintain adequate quality at minimum power
  - reduces interference
  - increases battery life
- Frequency hopping
  - avoids bad quality due to fading and interference

# GPRS: General Packet Radio Services

- Uses GSM air interface
- Channel setup and release on demand
  - always connected at low cost
- Timeslot scheduling
  - allows several time slots per user
- Different coding schemes
  - bitrate depends on radio conditions
- Retransmission of erroneous packets

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# EDGE: Enhanced Data rates for GSM Evolution

- Higher-order modulation
  - 8-ary phase-shift keying
  - high bitrates at good channel conditions
- Fast link adaptation

# WCDMA (UMTS, 3G)

Requirements:

- Speech capacity & coverage better than GSM
- Efficient & flexible services:
  - realtime
  - variable bitrate
  - packet
- 2 Mbit/s in good conditions
- 384 kbit/s everywhere

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# **CDMA** Principle







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# **CDMA Bit Rate Flexibility**

### Power is the common shared resource





- 3.84 MHz chip rate
- QPSK modulation, 5 MHz bandwidth
- Spreading factor from 4 to 256
- Bitrates up to
  - 2 Mbit/s with multicode
  - 480 kbit/s with single code
- 1500 Hz closed-loop power control
- Frame length 10-80 ms

# **WCDMA Physical Channels and Power Control**





# WCDMA: Soft Handover

- Enhances quality
- Reduces interference due to fast fading
- Transmit power determined by best link



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# **GSM: Frequency Reuse 1**



# FDMA/TDMA vs. CDMA

- fading resistance
- flexibility
- frequency planning
- radiation
- complexity