Chapter 11

Existing Wireless Systems
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  - Universal Mobile Telecommunications System (UMTS)
Advanced Mobile Phone System

(AMPS)
Design Goals of AMPS

- The very first cellular phone technology Conceived by Bell Labs
- High voice quality (near wire line)
- Small coverage area (cell radius: 1-16 miles)
- Large cells thermal noise limited and small cells interference limited
- Frequency reuse planned in system design
- 666 channels (later increased to 832 channels)
- Large trunk mounted unit (now very small under dash units)
- Low power mobile (handheld) transmitters (4 watts or less)
- Medium power base stations (10’s of watts)
- Low blocking (2%) during busy hour
- Immediate service (1-5 business days; now 1-5 hours)
- System capacity for 100,000 or more customers per city
- Mobile (handheld) can place and receive calls
Characteristics of AMPS

- Frequency range (45 MHz separation):
  - 824 MHz ~ 849 MHz for mobile stations to transmit
  - 869 MHz ~ 894 MHz for base station to transmit
- 3 KHz analog voice channels modulated on to 30 KHz channels
- FM (frequency modulation) for voice
- MFM (Manchester frequency modulation) at 10 kbps for data
- Control channels
- Voice channels
AMPS Frequency Allocation

- **Band A**
  - Transmit: 824 MHz ~ 835 MHz and 845 MHz ~ 846.48 MHz
  - Receive: 869 MHz ~ 880 MHz and 890 MHz ~ 891.5 MHz

- **Band B**
  - Transmit: 835 MHz ~ 845 MHz and 846.5 MHz ~ 849 MHz
  - Receive: 880 MHz ~ 890 MHz and 891.5 MHz ~ 894 MHz

312 usable RF pairs divided by 7 (the reuse factor) = roughly 45 channel pairs per cell
Frequencies for AMPS

- Two service providers:
  - A (non-wire line provider)
  - B (wire line provider: Bell Companies)

- Five band segments:

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General Operation of AMPS

- Power Up/Down
- Idle Task
  - Call Clearing
  - Call Origination
  - Call Delivery (Page)
  - Handoff
- Call Active
  - Process Order
- Registration/De-registration
  - Scan Channels
  - Process Order
AMPS Identification Numbers

- **Serial number (Electronic Serial Number [ESN])**
  - Used for each MS transmitter in service in the cellular system
  - 32 bit binary number that uniquely identifies a cellular unit number established by the manufacture at the factory
  - Should not be easily alterable

- **System Identification Number (SID)**
  - 15 bit binary numbers assigned to cellular systems
  - MS in the cell must transmit the SID
  - FCC assigns one SID to each cellular system
  - Systems may transmit only their assigned SIDs or other SIDs, if the other SID user permits

- **Mobile Identification Number (MIN)**
  - Digital representation of MS’s 10-digit directory telephone number
The busy/idle stream indicates the current status of the RECC.
Stream A and B are identified with the least significant bit (LSB) of the MS’s MIN, where a 0 signifies stream A and a 1 signifies stream B.

Where FOCC is a TDM channel of:

... Busy/idle stream ... Stream A ... Stream B ...
Signaling on Control Channels

- **Forward Control Channels (FOCCs)**
  - Continuous data stream
  - Sends system information
  - Sends Pages, orders, voice channels assignments to MSs

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<td>Repeat 1 of Word A</td>
<td>Repeat 1 of Word B</td>
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<td>Repeat 5 of Word A</td>
<td>Repeat 5 of Word B</td>
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Dotting $= 1010\ldots101$

Word Sync $= 11100010010$
Signaling on Control Channels

- **Reverse Control Channels (RECCs)**
  - Discontinuous, contention channel
  - Modeled after **Slotted Aloha packet radio channel**
  - MSs respond to pages
  - MSs make origination calls (with dialed digits)

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30 11 7 | 240 240 240 240 |

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<th>Coded DCC*</th>
<th>1st word repeated 5 times</th>
<th>2nd word repeated 5 times</th>
<th>3rd word repeated 5 times</th>
<th>4th word repeated 5 times</th>
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- **Dotting** = 1010…101
- **Word Sync** = 11100010010

* **DCC** = Digital Color Code (indication of cochannel interference)
Signaling on Forward Voice Channel (FVC)

- Continuous supervisory audio tone (Beacons)
  - Transmitted by BS
  - Three tones at 6 kHz (5.97 kHz, 6.00 kHz, 6.03 kHz)
  - Received back at BS receiver
  - Lack of tone (or wrong tone) used to squelch receiver
  - Tone used to detect interference
  - Tone phase can be used for ranging

- Discontinuous data stream
  - Sends orders to MS
  - Sends new voice channels assignments (handoff)
Signaling on Reverse Voice Channel (RVC)

- Continuous supervisory audio tone (Beacons)
  - MS regenerates tone
  - Lack of tone (or wrong tone) used to squelch receiver
  - Tone used to detect interference

- Discontinuous data
  - Confirms orders
  - MSs make 3-way calls (with dialed digits)

- Signaling tone (10 kHz)
  - Used to signal Disconnect (1.5 seconds)
  - Used to signal Flash (0.5 seconds)
Initialization Procedures

1. MS Power up, set system A or B
2. Scan control channels, tune to strongest channel
3. System parameter message
4. Update operating parameters and SID, identify serving system, establish paging channels
5. Ongoing overhead
6. Verify SID and status information, set parameters for ROAM status, enter idle state

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MS Originates the Call (System Access Task)

1. Origination message
   (MIN, ESN, phone no.)

2. Pass to IS-41

3. Control message
   (CHAN, ORDER, ORDQ, SCC)

4. Switch to voice channel

5. FVC control message
   (CHAN, ORDER, ORDQ, SCC)

6. RVC confirmation message
   (SAT)

7. Answer from IS-41

8. Conversation ensues

CHAN – Channel Number; ORDQ – Order Qualifier; SCC – Set Color Code
MS Receives the Call

1. MS ID from IS-41

2. Page control message
   (MIN, SCC, ORDER, ORDQ, VMAC, CHAN)

3. Page response message
   (MIN, ESN, ORDER, ORDQ)

4. Control message
   (CHAN, ORDER, ORDQ, SCC, VMAC)

5. Confirmation message
   (SAT)

6. Conversation ensues

VMAC – Voice Mobile Attenuation Code
Interim Standard

IS-41
IS-41 (Interim Standard 41, also known as ANSI-41)

- IS-41 model
- Support Operations
  - Registration in a new MSC
  - Calling an idle MS in a new system
  - Call with unconditional call forwarding
  - Call with no answer
  - Calling a bust MS
  - Handoff Measurements request
  - Recovery from failure at the HLR
IS-41 Entities and Reference Points

AC – Access control
BS – Base station
CSS – Cellular subscriber station (MS)
EIR – Equipment identity register
HLR – Home location register

ISDN – Integrated services digital network
MSC – Mobile switching center
PTSN – Public switched telephone network
VLR – Visitor location register

Um, A, B, … H, Ai, Di -- Interfaces

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## Key Terms and Concepts

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<td>This MSC is as the initial contact point when an originating call is initiated by the MS or when a terminating call (to the MS) is received from the fixed telephone network.</td>
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<td>Candidate MSC</td>
<td>This MSC is being requested to provide the next service during a handoff operation.</td>
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<td>Homing MSC</td>
<td>This MSC is the “owner” of the MS in the sense that it is the owner of the directory number from which the MS’s MIN is derived.</td>
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<td>Serving MSC</td>
<td>This MSC is currently serving the MS at a cell site within a coverage area controlled by the MSC.</td>
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<td>Target MSC</td>
<td>This MSC is the MSC that was selected from a list of MSC’s as having the cell site that can service the MS with the best signal quality.</td>
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IS-41 and OSI

**OSI Model**

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**IS-41 Functionality**

- **MAP**
  - ACSE
  - ROSE

**Component sublayer**

**Transaction sublayer**

- MAP – Mobile Application part
- ASE – Applications service element
- ACSE – Association control service element
- ROSE – Remote operation service element
- TCAP – Transaction capabilities application part
- MTP – Message transfer part
- SCCP – Signaling connection control part

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# ROSE Operations

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<td>Asynchronous: Report success (result) or failure (error)</td>
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<td>3</td>
<td>Asynchronous: Report failure (error) only</td>
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Interworking of IS-41 and AMPS

1. Call origination

2. LOCREQ

3. ROUTREQ

4. LOCREQ (alias)

5. ROUTREQ (alias)

6. Page

7. Page response

8. Alert

9. Answer

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Registration with a New MSC

REGNOT – Registration notification messages:
QUALREQ – Qualification request message:

Upper case represents ROSE INVOKE message
Lower case represents ROSE RETURN RESULTS message

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Calling an Idle MS in a new System

1. Call origination
2. LOCREQ
3. ROUTREQ
4. ROUTREQ
5. PROFREQ
6. PROFREQ
7. ROUTREQ
8. LOCREQ (alias)

Upper case represents ROSE INVOKE message
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1. Call origination
2. LOCREQ
3. ROUTREQ
4. ROUTREQ
5. PROFREQ
6. PROFREQ
7. ROUTREQ
8. LOCREQ (alias)

LOCREQ – Location request messages:
PROFREQ – Service profile request message
ROUTREQ – Routing request message
Call with unconditional Call Forwarding

1. Call origination

2. LOCREQ

3. Call forward setup

LOCREQ – Location request messages
Call with no Answer

1. Call origination
2. LOCREQ
3. ROUTREQ
4. ROUTREQ
5. ROUTREQ
6. ROUTSEQ 6. (alias)
7. LOCREQ 7. (alias)

Call setup

Page or answer timeout Announcement 8.

Call release

LOCREQ – Location request messages:

Upper case represents ROSE INVOKE message
Lower case represents ROSE RETURN RESULTS message
Calling a Busy MS

1. Call origination
2. LOCREQ
3. ROUTREQ
4. ROUTREQ
5. ROUTREQ
6. ROUTREQ
7. LOCREQ (busy)
8. Busy

LOCREQ – Location request messages:

ROUTREQ – Routing request message

Upper case represents ROSE INVOKE message
Lower case represents ROSE RETURN RESULTS message
Handoff Measurement Request

Adjacent MSCs 1 to n

1. HANDOFFMEASUREMENT (MSC1)

Home MSC

2. HANDOFFMEASUREMENT (MSCn) using backbone

Serving MSC

2. HANDOFFMEASUREMENT (MSC1) using backbone

PSTN
MSCn ...
MSC1 HLR VLR MSC

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Recovery from Failure at the HLR

UNRELDIR – Unreliable roamer data directive
REGNOT – Registration notification messages:

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Global System for Mobile Communications

(GSM)
Group Special Mobile OR Global System for Mobile Communications: Europe

- GSM infrastructure (TDMA)
- Frequency Bands and Channels
- Frames in GSM
- Identity numbers used by a GSM System
- Layers, planes and Interfaces of GSM
GSM Infrastructure

MS: Mobile Station
BTS: Base Transceiver Station
BSC: Base station Controller
MSC: Mobile Switching Center
EIR: Equipment Identity Register
AC: Authentication Center
HLR: Home Location Register
VLR: Visitor Location Register
GMSC: Gateway MSC
PSTN: Public Switching Telephone Network

Base Station System (BSS)

Interface

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Um

Abis

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Constituents Functionalities of GSM

**Base Station Controller (BSC):** looks over a certain number of BTS to ensure proper operation, takes care of Handoff between BTSs.

**Mobile Switching Center (MSC):** Mainly performs the switching by controlling calls to and from other telephone/data systems. Also, performs functions such as network interfacing, common channel signaling, etc.

**Authentication Center (AC):** AC unit provides authentication and encryption parameters that verify the user's identity and ensure the confidentiality of each call.

**Equipment Identity Register (EIR):** EIR is a database that contains information about the identity of mobile equipment that prevents calls from stolen, unauthorized, or defective MSs.
## Frequency Band Used by GSM

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<td>935 MHz</td>
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<td>960 MHz</td>
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<tr>
<td>Frequency band for the MS</td>
<td>Frequency band for the BS</td>
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</table>

- **Uplink (reverse)**
  - 890 MHz
  - 200 kHz
  - 124 available FDM channels

- **Downlink (forward)**
  - 915 MHz
  - 935 MHz
  - 960 MHz
  - 200 kHz
  - 124 available FDM channels
### Channels in GSM

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<td>BS → MS</td>
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<td>FCCH (Frequency correction channel)</td>
<td>BS → MS</td>
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<td>SCH (Synchronization channel)</td>
<td>BS → MS</td>
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<td>CCCH (Common control channel)</td>
<td>PCH (Paging channel)</td>
<td>BS → MS</td>
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<td>RACH (Random access channel)</td>
<td>MS → BS</td>
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<td>AGCH (Access grant channel)</td>
<td>BS → MS</td>
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<td>DCCH (Dedicated control channel)</td>
<td>SDCCH (Stand-alone dedicated control channel)</td>
<td>BS ↔ MS</td>
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<td>SACCH (Slow associated control channel)</td>
<td>BS ↔ MS</td>
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<td>FACCH (Fast associated control channel)</td>
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<td>TCH (Traffic Channel)</td>
<td>BS ↔ MS</td>
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<td>TCH/f (Full-rate traffic channel)</td>
<td>BS ↔ MS</td>
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<td>TCH/s (Half-rate traffic channel)</td>
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Control Channels of GSM

Control Channels used to Broadcast Information to all MSs.

- Broadcast Control Channel (BCCH): Used to transmit the system parameters like the frequency of operation in the cell, operator identifiers, etc.,
- Frequency Correction Channel (FCCH): Used for transmission of frequency references and frequency correction bursts
- Synchronization Channel (SCH): Used to provide the synchronization training sequences burst of 64 bits length to the MSs.

Control Channels used to establish link between MS and BS

- Random Access Channel (RACH): Used by the MS to transmit information regarding the requested dedicated channel from GSM.
- Paging Channel: Used by the BS to communicate with individual MS in the cell.
- Access Grant Channel: Used by the BS to send information about timing and synchronization.
Control Channels of GSM

Dedicated Control Channels used to serve for any control information transmission during the actual communication

- Slow Associated Control Channel (SACCH): Allocated along with a user channel, for transmission of control information during the actual transmission.

- Stand-alone dedicated Control Channel: Allocated with SACCH, used for transfer of signaling information between the BS and the MS.

- Fast Associated Control Channel (FACCH): Not a dedicated channel but carries the same information as SDCCH. But, it is a part of Traffic channel while SDCCH is a part of control channel.
Frames in GSM

1 hyperframe = 2048 superframes = 2715684 TDMA frames (3 hr, 28 min, 53 s, 750 ms)

Hyperframe

| 0 | 1 | 2 | ...... | 2046 | 2047 |

Superframe

| 0 | 1 | 2 | ...... | 49   | 50   |
| 0 | 1 | 2 | ...... | 24   | 25   |

Multiframe

| 0 | 1 | 2 | ...... | 24   | 25   |
| 0 | 1 | 2 | ...... | 24   | 25   |

TDMA frame

| 0 | 1 | 2 | ...... | 6    | 7    |
| 0 | 1 | 2 | ...... | 6    | 7    |

- TCH, SACCH, FACCH
- FCCH, SCH, BCCH, RACH, AGCH, PCH, SDCCH, CBCH, SACCH

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Structure of a TDMA Frame

- A carrier frequency is divided into eight physical TDM channels (i.e., 8 time slots)

![Diagram showing TDMA frame structure]

- Frame = 4.615 ms
- Time slot = 0.557 ms

- Burst = 148 bits
- Time slot = 156.25 bits (including 8.25 Guard bits)

- Tail bits: 3
- Data bits: 58
- Training: 26
- Data bits: 58
- Tail bits: 3

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International Mobile Subscriber Identity (IMSI)

• Each mobile unit is identified uniquely with a set of values. These values are used to identify the country in which the mobile system resides, the mobile network, and the mobile subscriber.

• The remainder of the IMSI is made up of the mobile subscriber identification code (MSIC), which is the customer identification number.

• The IMSI is also used for an MSC/VLR to find out the subscriber’s home PLMN (Public land mobile network).

• The IMSI is stored on the subscriber identity module (SIM), which is located in the subscriber’s mobile unit.
Format of IMSI

15 digits or less

3 digits  2 digits  Up to 9 digits

Mobile country code (MCC)  Mobile network code (MNC)  Mobile subscriber identification code (MSIC)

Example:

MCC = 05  →  Australia;  MCC = 234  →  UK
MNC = 01  →  Telecom Australia;  MNC = 234  →  UK Vodafone
Subscriber Identity Module (SIM)

- SIM contains subscriber-specific information such as:
  - Phone numbers,
  - Personal identification number (PIN)
  - Security/Authentication parameters
- SIM can also be used to store short message
- SIM can be a small plug-in module that is placed (somewhat permanently) in the mobile unit, or it can be a card (like a credit card)
- A modular portable SIM allows a user to use different terminal sets
- SIM supports roaming
Mobile System ISDN (MSISDN)

- MSISDN is the number that the calling party dials in order to reach the subscriber
- It is used by the land network to route calls toward an appropriate MSC

The format of MSISDN

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<th>National destination code (NDC)</th>
<th>Subscriber number (SN)</th>
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<td>1 to 3 digits</td>
<td>Variable</td>
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15 digits or less
Location Area Identity (LAI)

- LAI identifies a cell or a group of cells.
- Relation between areas in GSM:

The format of LAI

- 15 digits or less
- 3 digits
- 1 or 2 digits
- Up to 9 digits

| Mobile country code (MCC) | Mobile network code (MNC) | Mobile subscriber identification code (MSIC) | PLMN: Public Land Mobile Network | The GSM service area (all member counties) | One MSC | Location area (LA) | Cell |
IMSEI is assigned to each GSM unit at the factory.

The format of IMSEI

- Type approval code (TAC) - 3 digits
- Final assembly code (FAC) - 15 digits or less
- Serial number (MSIC) - Up to 9 digits
- Spare 1 digit
Mobile Station Roaming Number (MSRN)

- MSRN is allocated on a temporary basis when the MS roams into another numbering area.
- MSRN is used by the HLR for rerouting call to the MS.

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IMSI and TMSI

International Mobile Subscriber Identity (IMSI)

- IMSI is the primary function of subscriber within the mobile network and is permanently assigned to him.

Temporary Mobile Subscriber Identity (TMSI)

- TMSI is an alias, used in place of the IMSI. This value is sent over the air interface in place of the IMSI for purposes of security.
## Interfaces of GSM

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Layers, Planes and Interfaces of GSM

Q.931+ -- ISDN layer 3 protocol
LAPDm – LAPD for a mobile link
LAPD – Link access procedure for the D channel
DTAP – Direct transfer application part
BSSMAP – BSS management part
MTP – Message transfer part
SCCP – Signaling connection control part
TCAP – Transaction capabilities application part
GSM Functional Planes

Operations, Administration & Maintenance (OAM)

Communication Management (CM)

Mobility Management (MM)

Radio Resource Management (RR)

Physical

Sending entity

Receiving entity

Channel
Authentication Process

Mobile Station

Key

IMSI

Authentication Algorithm A3

RAND (Random number)

Radio path

SRES (Signed response)

Fixed Network

RAND

IMSI

Authentication Algorithm A3

SRES

Compare

Yes/No

Key
## Handover (Handoff)

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Handover (BSS 1 \(\rightarrow\) BSS 2) Executed with an MSC
Intra-MSC Handover

Handover (Handoff)

MS -> BTS1
  Measurement Report -> Measurement Result
  Handover Command

BTS1 -> BSC1
  Handover Command
  Handover Required

BSC1 -> MSC
  Handover Command
  Handover Request

MSC -> BSC2
  Handover Request Ack.
  Channel Activation

BSC2 -> BTS 2
  Channel Activation Ack.
  Handover Complete

BTS 2 -> BSC2
  Handover Complete

(Handover Detection)

BSC2 -> BSC1
  Physical Information

BSC1 -> BTS1
  Handover Command

BTS1 -> MS
  Handover Command
  Clear Command

MS -> BTS1
  Clear Complete
  Clear Command

BTS1 -> MS
  Clear Complete

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Inter-MSC Handover

(a) Basic handover

(b) Subsequent handover
Personal Communications Services

(PCS)
PCS (Personal Communications Service)

- FCC view of PCS
- PCS spectrum allocation
- High-low tier systems
- Low-Tier Standards
- CT-2
- DECT (Digital European Cordless Telecommunications)
- Bellcore view of PCS
- Description of the PCS Air interface
The FCC View of PCS

- MS
- PCS base station
- PCS switch
- CATV
- Public Cellular provider
- Specialized mobile network
- Others
- PCS base station
- PCS switch
PCS Spectrum Allocation

PCS Handset

1850 MHz

60 MHz

20 MHz

1910 MHz

UpLink

PCS Base

1930 MHz

60 MHz

DownLink

1990 MHz

Six bands

A  30 MHz  D  10 MHz  B  30 MHz  E  10 MHz  F  10 MHz  C  30 MHz
The Six PCS Standards

High tier
- IS-54 based
- IS-95 based
- DCS based

Low tier
- PACS
- W-CDMA
- DECT based

DCS – Digital Communications Service
PACS – Personal Access Communications Systems
DECT – Digital European Cordless Telephone
## The PCS High-Tier Standards

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*In discussion*
CT2 TDD Slots (First-generation)

CT2 – Cordless telephone or cordless communications systems

B channel – Information channel

D channel – Control channel

GP – Guard period
DECT TDD Slots (Second-generation)

DECT – Digital European Cordless Telephone

10 ms

Fixed-to-Mobile

Mobile-to Fixed

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12

64 bits

P S C I

64

320

H DATA CRC

8 40 16

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Bellcore PCS Reference Architecture

RP: Radio Port
RPCU: Radio Port Control Unit
AM: Access Manager
OAM: Operation, Administration and Maintenance

Advanced intelligent network

AM
VLR
HLR
SS7

Other networks

OAM

RP
RPCU
Switch
Forward TDMA Frame

- **20 ms**
  - **Sync channel**
  - **Slow channel**
  - **Fast channel**
  - **CRC**
  - **PCC**

- **120 bits**
  - 14
  - 10
  - 80
  - 15
  - 1

- **2.5 ms**
  - **0**
  - **7**

- **0.312 ms**
  - **0**
  - **7**
IS-95 CDMA

- CDMA concept
- IS-95 CDMA
- Logical channels
- Forward channel
- Reverse channel
- Power control
- Soft handoff
- Diversity
- Use of the Rake concept in IS-95
IS-95 CDMA

- The existing 12.5 MHz cellular bands are used to derive 10 different CDMA bands (1.25 MHz per band).
- The frequency reuse factor in CDMA is 1.
- The channel rate is 1.2288 Mbps (actually chips not bits).
- Multipath fading is exploited in CDMA. It provides for space (path) diversity.
- RAKE receivers are used to combine the output of several received signals.
64 bit Walsh codes (proving 64 bit orthogonal codes) are used to provide 64 channels within each frequency band.

Besides the Walsh codes, two other codes are used in IS-95:

- Long PN (Pseudo Noise) code: generated from a 42 bit shift register having $2^{42} - 1 = 4.398 \times 10^{12}$ different codes. These codes are used for:
  - Data scrambling/encryption in the forward link
  - Data spreading and encryption in the reverse link

- Short PN code: generated from a pair of 15 bit shift register having $2^{15} - 1 = 32,767$ codes. These codes are used for
  - Synchronization in the forward and reverse links
  - Cell identification in the forward link (Each cell uses one of 512 possible offsets. Adjacent cell must use different offsets).

The chip rate is 1.2288 Mcps.
The Logical Channels

- **Logical channels**
  - **Forward channels**
    - Pilot channel
    - Paging channels
    - Sync channels
    - Traffic channels
  - **Reverse channels**
    - Access channels
    - Traffic channels
  - **Variable-bit-rate user information**
  - **Power control**
  - **Signaling messages**
  - **Variable-bit-rate user information**
  - **Signaling messages**
The Logical Channels (or Links)

- Forward and reverse links are separated by 45 MHz.
- The forward channel comprises the following logical channels:
  - **Pilot channel** (always uses Walsh code W0) (Beacon Signals)
  - **Paging channel(s)** (use Walsh codes W1-W7)
  - **Sync channel** (always uses Walsh code W32)
  - **Traffic channels** (use Walsh codes W8-W31 and W33-W63)
- The reverse channel comprises the following logical channels:
  - **Access channel**
  - **Traffic channel**
Pilot and Sync Channel Generation

Pilot Channel (all 0’s)

I : in phase
Q : quadrature phase

PN : Pseudo Random noise

Sync Channel (1200 bps)

Convolutional Encoder and Repetition

Block Interleaving

Walsh code for Pilot channel

W0

1.2288 Mcps

I Pilot PN

Q Pilot PN

W0

1.2288 Mcps

I PN

Q PN
Paging Channel Generation

Paging Channel
4800 bps
9600 bps

Convolutional Encoder and Repetition

Block Interleaving

Walsh code for paging

Wp
1.2288 Mcps

I PN

Q PN

Paging Channel Address Mask

Long code PN Generator

Decimator
The channel protocol can be summarized as follows:

- MS acquires phase, timing, and signal strength via the pilot channel.
- MS synchronizes via the sync channel.
- MS gets system parameters via the paging channel.
- MS and BS communicate over the access and paging channels during system acquisition and paging.
The Forward Traffic Channels

- **Pilot channel:**
  - Transmitted at all times
  - Uses Walsh code W0
  - Provides phase and timing reference to MS
  - Provides signal strength to MS for channel acquisition
  - Reused in every cell and sector with different short PN code offset

- **Sync channel** can be received by an MS after it has been able to lock onto a pilot signal. Features of the sync channels:
  - Operates at 1200 bps
  - Has a frame length of 26.666ms
  - Uses Walsh code W32 and uses the same PN sequence and offset as pilot
  - Provides timing information to MS for synchronization
  - Provides pilot PN offset
  - Provides system time (needed for the short PN sequence generation)
  - Provides system and network IDs
  - Provides paging channel rates
  - Provides BS protocol revision level
  - Channel number
Forward Traffic Channels

- **Paging channel** is used to page MSs and transmit system information. A system can use 1-7 paging channels depending on traffic load. The paging channel can operate in slotted mode cycle where MS will only listen to a predefined set of slots in a cycle of slots. This allows the MS to power down and conserve power. The paging channel number and the predefined slots can be determined by an MS from its ESN and MIN. The long PN code mask consists of the paging channel number and pilot PN offset. Features are:
  - Bit rate of 9600 or 4800 bps
  - Frame length 80ms – messages can occupy several slots (1-4)
  - Use Walsh codes W1-W7
  - Transmit the system parameter message: registration information, BS class, power control thresholds, etc.
  - Transmit the access parameter message: number of access channels, initial access power requirements, number of access attempts, authentication information, etc.
  - Carry pages for MSs
  - Carry the channel assignment for a traffic channel to an MS
The Forward Traffic Channels

- **Forward traffic channels** are used to carry user data and signaling data. Features are:
  - Bit rate up to 9600 bps (rate set 1) and up to 14.4 kbps (rate set 2)
  - Frame length of 20 ms (192 bits for rate set 1 and 288 bits for rate set 2)
  - Use Walsh codes W8-W31 and W33-W63
  - Can be used in two modes: blank and burst or dim and burst
  - Blank and burst is similar to NA-TDMA (North American TDMA), signaling data replace speech data
  - Dim and burst multiplexes signaling data or a secondary data stream with speech data (speech data sent at 4.8, 2.4, or 1.2 kbps for rate set 1 and 7.2, 3.6, or 1.8 kbps for rate set 2)
Access Channel Generation in IS-95

Access Channel 4800 bps

Convolutional Encoder and Repetition

Block Interleaving

Orthogonal Modulation

I PN (No Offset)

1.2288 Mcps

½ PN chip delay

Access Channel Long Code Mask

Long code PN Generator

Q PN (No Offset)
Rate Set 1 Forward Traffic Generation in IS-95

Convolutional encoder and repetition
Block interleaving
Data Burst randomizer
Orthogonal modulation

Traffic
- 9600 bps
- 4800 bps
- 2400 bps
- 1200 bps

Long code mask permuted with user ESN
Long code PN generator

I PN (no offset)
1.2288 Mcps
½ PN chip delay
Q PN (no offset)
Rate Set 2 Forward Traffic Generation in IS-95

Convolutional encoder and repetition

Block interleaving

Data Burst randomizer

Orthogonal modulation

Long code PN generator

Long code PN

I PN (no offset)

1.2288 Mcps

1/2 PN chip delay

Q PN (no offset)

Traffic 14400 bps 7200 bps 3600 bps 1800 bps

Traffic 14400 bps 7200 bps 3600 bps 1800 bps
Forward/Reverse Traffic Channel Frame Structure for Rate Set 1

9600 bps Frame

- 192 bits (20ms)
- Information Bits (Full rate) 172
- An Encoder Tail Bit.
- A Frame Quality Indicator (CRC) field

4800 bps Frame

- 96 bits (20ms)
- Information Bits (1/2 rate) 80

2400 bps Frame

- 48 bits (20ms)
- Information Bits (1/4 rate) 40

1200 bps Frame

- 24 bits (20ms)
- Information Bits (1/8 rate) 16

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### Forward/Reverse Traffic Channel Frame Structure for Rate Set 2

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<td>14400 bps</td>
<td>288 bits (20ms)</td>
<td>1 267 12 8</td>
<td>Used to indicate bad frame reception by MS or BS.</td>
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<tr>
<td>7200 bps</td>
<td>144 bits (20ms)</td>
<td>1 125 10 8</td>
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<tr>
<td>3600 bps</td>
<td>72 bits (20ms)</td>
<td>1 55 8 8</td>
<td></td>
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<tr>
<td>1800 bps</td>
<td>36 bits (20ms)</td>
<td>1 21 6 6</td>
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Different Spreading and Scrambling Processes for the Forward and Reverse Channels

- The forward channels are spread using one of 64 orthogonal Walsh codes. This provides perfect separation between the channels. Then, to reduce interference between MSs that use same Walsh code in the neighboring cells, all signals in a particular cell are scrambled using short PN sequence (cell identification) in the radio modulator. For the paging and traffic channels, the long PN sequence is used to scramble the signal before spreading.

- The reverse channels are spread using the long PN sequence. All 64 orthogonal Walsh codes are used to provide orthogonal modulation. The stream is then scrambled using the short PN sequence for cell identification purposes.
The Reverse traffic Channels

- **Access channel**: It is a random access channel used by MSs to send information (not user data) to the BS. One or more access channels are paired with a paging channel (max. is 32 in total). MSs respond to paging messages on their corresponding access channels. Features of the access channel are:
  - The bit rate is 4800 bps.
  - The long PN code mask consists of: access channel number, BS identifier, the corresponding paging channel number, and PN offset.
  - MSs compete for access. An MS chooses an access channel at random from the set associated with the paging channel. If two MSs choose the same access channel, and PN time alignment (time shift for long code), their transmissions will interfere with each other and the BS will not be able to distinguish between them. No channel sensing for collision avoidance.
  - If a terminal does not get an ACK back before the timer expires it makes another attempt (at a higher power level) after a random wait. It repeats this process for a max. number of times, if it does not succeed, it waits a random time and then restarts it all over again.
The Reverse traffic Channels

- **Reverse traffic channel:** It is used to carry user data (primary and secondary) and signaling data. A BS will support up to 61 channels. Its main features are:
  - It supports data transfers at 4 different levels within a rate set.
  - Signaling information is multiplexed with the user data, where possible (i.e., if variable data rates are supported). If not possible, then the signaling information takes over the channel briefly to transmit a message (blank and burst). Instead of signaling information, a secondary traffic stream can be multiplexed too (i.e., voice is primary and data is secondary).
  - A long PN mask is used to uniquely identify an MS. Can be of two types: The public one consists of the MS’s ESN, the private one is derived from the encryption and authentication process.
  - The orthogonal modulation consists of sending one of 64 possible Walsh functions for each group of six coded bits. The Walsh function number is selected as follows: \(c_0+2c_1+4c_2+8c_3+16c_4+32c_5\), where the \(c\)’s represent the coded bits. Output rate is 28.8x64/6=307.2 kbps.
Rate Set 1 Reverse Traffic Generation

Convolutional Encoder and Repetition → Block Interleaving → Orthogonal Modulation → Data Burst Randomizer

Traffic 9600 bps 4800 bps 2400 bps 1200 bps

Long Code Mask permuted with user ESN

Long code PN Generator

1.2288 Mcps

I PN (No Offset) → ½ PN chip delay

Q PN (No Offset)
Rate Set 2 Reverse Traffic Generation

- Convolutional Encoder and Repetition
- Block Interleaving
- Orthogonal Modulation
- Data Burst Randomizer

Traffic:
- 14400 bps
- 7200 bps
- 3600 bps
- 1800 bps

Long Code Mask permuted with user ESN

Long code PN Generator

I PN (No Offset)

Q PN (No Offset)

1.2288 Mcps

1/2 PN chip delay
Power Control

- It is of paramount importance for a CDMA system. In order to have maximum efficiency, the power received at the BS from all the MSs must be nearly equal.
- Terminal’s power is too low → Bit error occur.
- Terminal’s power is too high → The interference will go up.
- Closed loop power control at the terminals:
  - Power control information is sent to the MSs from the BS. This message either indicates a transition up or a transition down in power.
- Open loop power control at the terminals:
  - The MS senses the strength of the pilot signal and can adjust its power based upon that. If signal is very strong, the assumption can be made that the MS is very close to BS and the power should be dropped.
- Open loop power control at the BS:
  - The BS decreases its power level gradually and waits to hear from the MS what frame error rate (FER) is. If high then it increases its power level.
IMT-2000
(International Mobile Telecommunications)
IMT–2000

- Key Features
- International Spectrum allocation
- Services Provided by Third-Generation Cellular Systems
- Harmonized 3G Systems
- Multimedia Service (MMS)
- UMTS
- UTRAN
- Channels in UTRAN
Key Features

- High degree of commonality of design worldwide.
- Compatibility of services within IMT-2000 and with fixed networks.
- High quality.
- Small terminal for worldwide use, including pico, micro, macro and global satellite cells.
- Worldwide roaming capability.
- Capability for multimedia applications and a wide range of services and terminals.
International Spectrum Allocation

ITU/RR – International Telecommunications Union / Radio Regulation

MSS – Mobile Satellite Service

PHS – Personal Handyphone System
Service Provided by Third-Generation Cellular Systems

- High bearer rate capabilities including

Possible Application scenarios:
For indoor/outdoor and pedestrian environment
- 144 kbps for vehicular environment

- Standardization work
  - Europe ➔ UMTS (W-CDMA)
  - USA ➔ W-CDMA

- Scheduled Service
  - Service started in October 2001 (Japan’s W-CDMA)
Radio Interfaces for IMT-2000

IMT-2000

IMT-DS Direct Spread
IMT-MC Multi Carrier
IMT-TC Time Code
IMT-SC Single Carrier
IMT-FT Frequency Time

CDMA
TDMA
FDMA
Harmonized 3G Systems

- High speed data services including Internet and intranet applications
- Voice and nonvoice applications
- Global roaming
- Evolution from the embedded base of 2G systems
- ANSI-41 and GSM-MAP core networks
- Regional spectrum needs
- Minimization of mobile equipment and infrastructure cost
- Minimization of the impact of IPRs
- The free flow of IPRs
- Customer requirements on time.
Modular IMT-2000 harmonization (Terrestrial Component)

- **FDD-DS** (direct sequence)
- **FDD-MC** (multi-carrier)
- **TDD** (TD/CDMA)
- **FDD-SC** (TDMA)

Flexible connection between radio modules & core networks based on operator needs

- Core networks
- Evolved GSM (MAP)
- Evolved ANSI-41
- IP-based networks

Inter-network roaming

Network-to-network interfaces
Multimedia Messaging Service (MMS)

- **Main components of MMS Architecture are:**
  - Europe
  - MMS Relay
  - MMS Server
  - MMS User Agent
  - MMS User Database

- **Possible Application scenarios:**
  - Next Generation Voicemail
  - Immediate Messaging
  - Choosing how, when, and where to view the messages
  - Mobile FAX
  - Sending multimedia postcards
UMTS-Network Reference Architecture

- MS/UE = 2G/3G Mobile Station
- BS/NB = 2G/3G Base Station
- RAN = Radio Access Network
- RNC = Radio Network Controller
- CAP = CAMEL Application part
- MAP = Mobile Application part
- GMSC = Gateway MSC
- SGSN = Serving GPRS Support Node
- GGSN = Gateway GPRS Support Node

Other Networks (GSM PSTN etc.)

IP Networks

MS and UE connect via U_{m}, BS connects to BSC via A_{bis}, BSC connects to MSC/VLR via A, MSC/VLR connects to HLR and SCP via MAP, CAP, GMSC, GGSN, and SGSN. G_{b} connects BSC to MSC/VLR, G_{s} connects SGSN to GGSN, and G_{n} connects GGSN to Other Networks.

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UMTS Terrestrial Radio Access Network (UTRAN)  
The UTRAN consists of a set of radio network subsystems (RNSs).  

Two main elements:  
- Node B  
- Radio Network Controller (RNC)  

RNC Responsible for:  
- Intra UTRAN Hand off  
- Macro-diversity combining and splitting of the Iub datastreams  
- Frame Synchronization  
- Radio Resource Management  
- Outer loop power control  
- Serving RNS relocation  
- UMTS radio link control (RLC) sublayers function execution
UTRAN – Architecture

Core Network

RNS

I_u

RNC

I_u

Node B

I_ub

Node B

I_ub

Iur

RNC

I_u

Node B

I_ub

Node B

I_ub

RNC includes:
- Intra-UTRAN handoff
- Frame synchronization
- Microdiversity
- Radio resource management
- Outer loop power control
Protocol Structure for UTRAN Logical Interfaces

ALCAP – Access Link Control Application Part
Types of Transport Channels

- **Common Transport Channel Types**
  - Random Access Channel (RACH)
  - ODMA (Opportunity Driven Multiple Access) Random Access Channel (ORACH)
  - Common Packet Channel (CPCH)
  - Forward Access Channel (FACH)
  - Downlink Shared Channel (DSCH)
  - Uplink Shared Channel (USCH)
  - Broadcast Channel (BCH)
  - Paging Channel (PCH)

- **Dedicated Transport Channel Types**
  - Dedicated Channel (DCH)
  - Fast Uplink Signaling Channel (FAUSCH)
  - ODMA Dedicated Channel (ODCH)
Logical Channels in UTRAN

Control Channel (CCH)
- Broadcast Control Channel (BCCH)
- Paging Control Channel (PCCH)
- Dedicated Control Channel (DCCH)
- Common Control Channel (CCCH)
- Shared Channel Control Channel (SHCCH)
- ODMA Dedicated Control Channel (ODCCH)
- ODMA Common Control Channel (OCCCH)

Traffic Channel (TCH)
- Dedicated Traffic Channel (DTCH)
- ODMA Dedicated Traffic Channel (ODTCH)
- Common Traffic Channel (CTCH)