Cellular and Mobile Wireless Networks
Cellular/Mobile Wireless Outline

- Cellular Architecture
- Cellular Standards
  - GSM, 2G, 2.5G, 3G and 4G LTE
- Mobile Definitions
  - Agents, addresses, correspondent
- Mobile Architecture
  - Registering
  - Indirect Routing
  - Direct Routing
Cellular Network Architecture

- **MSC**
  - Connects cells to wide area net
  - Manages call setup
  - Handles mobility

- **Cell**
  - Covers geographical region
  - Base station (BS) analogous to 802.11 AP
  - Mobile users attach to network through BS
  - Air-interface: physical and link layer protocol between mobile and BS

- **Mobile Switching Center**

- **Public telephone network, and Internet**

- **Wired network**
Two techniques for sharing mobile-to-BS radio spectrum:

- **combined FDM/TDM**: divide spectrum in frequency channels, divide each channel into time slots.

- **CDMA**: Code Division Multiple Access

- **Global System for Mobile Communications (GSM)**:
  - 200 kHz frequency bands
  - Each band supports 8 TDM calls.
  - Speech encoded at 12.2 and 13 kbps.
2G Systems: voice channels/digital technology

- IS-136 TDMA: combined FDM/TDM (North America)
- GSM (Global System for Mobile Communications): combined FDM/TDM
  - most widely deployed **
- IS-95 CDMA: Code Division Multiple Access

Don’t drown in a bowl of alphabet soup: use this for reference only
2G Network Architecture

Base station system (BSS)

MSC

Public telephone network

Gateway MSC

Legend

Base transceiver station (BTS)

Base station controller (BSC)

Mobile Switching Center (MSC)

Mobile subscribers

2G: Voice Connections to the Telephone Company
2.5G systems: voice and data channels

{For those who could not wait for 3G service}

Provide 2G extensions:

- **General Packet Radio Service (GPRS)**
  - evolved from GSM.
  - data sent dynamically on multiple channels (if available).
  - Data rates up to 115 Kbps.

- **Enhanced Data Rates for Global Evolution (EDGE)**
  - also evolved from GSM, using enhanced modulation
  - data rates up to 384 Kbps.

- **CDMA-2000 (phase 1)**
  - data rates up to 144 Kbps.
  - evolved from IS-95.
2.5G Network Architecture

2.5G Voice-Data Network

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3G (Voice+Data) Network Architecture

- **Radio Network Controller**
- **MSC**
- **SGSN**
- **Gateway MSC**
- **GGSN**

**Radio Interface** (WCDMA, HSPA)

**Radio Access Network**
Universal Terrestrial Radio Access Network (UTRAN)

**Core Network**
General Packet Radio Service (GPRS) Core Network

**Public Internet**

**Public Telephone Network**
Cellular Standards: 3G

**3G systems:** voice/data

Two technologies:

1. **Universal Mobile Telecommunications Service (UMTS)**
   - Leaves the existing 2.5G system in place.
   - **data service:** High Speed Uplink/Downlink Packet Access (HSDPA/HSUPA) up to 14 Mbps.
2. **CDMA-2000:** CDMA in TDMA slots

- **data service:** 1xEVolution Data Optimized (1xEVDO) up to 14 Mbps (Rev B – latest version)
  - DL layer = Several sub-layers
  - Practical capacity 3.1 Mbps
  - 1.67 ms slots  16 slots per frame
  - Wireless AT sends DRC indicator back to BS to dynamically adjust sending rate within the slot
  - Proportional Fair Scheduler
  - Uses ‘turbo code’ FEC on multiple slots with ‘early completion’. **Note** – redundancy is on the same channel.

- **Multipath fading hurts EVDO performance across a single channel.**
### TABLE I
Adaptive Modulation and Coding Schemes in CDMA2000 1X EV-DO Rev. A Downlink

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OFDM in IEEE 802.11a

- PHY preamble is 20 microsec.
- Real-world efficiency is about 50%
- Randomized CSMA backoff period represents idle time.
3GPP LTE (Long Term Evolution)

4G LTE == 3GPP LTE

- Uses OFDM on downlink in cellular space. Uplink is SC-FDMA (Singular Carrier).
- Has a CP (cyclic prefix) to avoid symbol distortion over a 'slot'.
- LTE frames (10 msec) are divided into 10 1msec subframes which in turn are divided into 2 two slots (0.5 msec).
• Slots consist of 6 or 7 OFDM symbols.
OFDMA allocates a PRB (Physical Resource Block) to users.

A PRB consists of 12 consecutive subcarriers (15 kHz bandwidth) for one slot.

PRB is then (6 or 7) symbols x 12 subcarriers.
LTE Reference Symbols

Instead of PHY preambles (802.11), reference symbols are embedded in the PRB.

LTE also employs MIMO.
Figure 2.2. Time domain view of the LTE downlink

- **UE**
  - PDCP: Packet Data Convergence Protocol
  - RLC: Radio Link Control
  - MAC: Medium Access Control
  - PHY: Physical Layer

- **Transport Block**
  - Each sub-frame contains 14 OFDM Symbols
  - Slot
  - Sub-frame

- **IP Packets**
  - PDCP SDUs
  - PDCP PDUs: PDCP Hdr
  - RLC SDUs
  - RLC PDUs: RLC Hdr
  - MAC SDUs
  - MAC PDUs: MAC Hdr
  - Padding

- One radio frame = 10ms
Mobile Wireless Networks
What is Mobility?

Spectrum of mobility, from the network layer perspective:

- **no mobility**: User only moves within the same wireless access network.
- **high mobility**: User passes through multiple access networks while maintaining ongoing connections (like cell phone).
- **medium mobility**: User moves between access networks, disconnecting while between networks.
Consider a friend frequently changing residence addresses. How do you find her?

- Search all phone books?
- Call her parents or her friends?
- Expect her to let you know where he/she now lives?

I wonder where Alice moved to?
**Mobile Network Architecture**

- **Home network**: permanent "home" of mobile (e.g., 128.119.40/24)

- **Permanent address**: address in home network, *can always* be used to reach mobile. e.g., 128.119.40.186

- **Home agent**: entity that will perform mobility functions on behalf of mobile, when mobile is remote.

- **Correspondent**: wants to communicate with mobile node.
More Mobility Vocabulary

- **Permanent address**: remains constant (e.g., 128.119.40.186)
- **Visited network**: network in which mobile currently resides (e.g., 79.129.13/24)
- **Care-of-address**: address in visited network (e.g., 79.129.13.2)
- **Wide area network**
- **Foreign agent**: entity in visited network that performs mobility functions on behalf of mobile.
- **Correspondent**

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Mobility Approaches

- **Let routing handle it:** Routers advertise permanent address of mobile-nodes-in-residence via usual routing table exchange.
  - routing tables indicate where each mobile node is located.
  - no changes to end-systems.

- **Let end-systems handle it:**
  - **indirect routing:** communication from correspondent to mobile node goes through home agent, then forwarded to remote network.
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Mobility Registration

End result:

- Foreign agent knows about mobile node.
- Home agent knows location of mobile node.
Mobility via Indirect Routing

1. Correspondent addresses packets using home address of mobile node.
2. Home agent intercepts packets, forwards to foreign agent.
3. Foreign agent receives packets, forwards to mobile node.
4. Mobile node replies directly to correspondent.

- Home network
- Visited network
- Wide area network
Indirect Routing

- Mobile uses two addresses:
  - **permanent address**: used by correspondent (Hence, mobile location is **transparent** to correspondent.)
  - **care-of-address**: used by home agent to forward datagrams to mobile node via foreign agent.

- Foreign agent functions may be done by mobile node itself (e.g., use DHCP).

- **Triangle routing**: correspondent-home-network-mobile
  - inefficient when the correspondent and mobile are in the same network.
Suppose the mobile node moves to another network:
- registers with new foreign agent.
- new foreign agent registers with home agent.
- home agent updates COA for mobile node.
- packets continue to be forwarded to mobile node (but with new care-of-address).

Mobility involving multiple foreign networks is transparent.
- On-going connections can be maintained!
- However, potential for datagram loss when disconnection/reattachment time is not short.
Mobility via Direct Routing

1. Correspondent requests and receives foreign address of mobile node.
2. Correspondent forwards to foreign agent.
3. Foreign agent receives packets, forwards to mobile node.
4. Mobile node replies directly to correspondent.
5. Correspondent agent forwards to foreign agent.

Home network

Correspondent forwards to foreign agent.

Visited network

Wide area network
Mobility via Direct Routing

- Overcomes the triangle routing problem.
- **Non-transparent to correspondent:** Correspondent must get care-of-address from home agent.
- What if mobile node changes visited network?
Accommodating Mobility with Direct Routing

- Anchor foreign agent: FA in first visited network.
- Data always routed first to Anchor FA.
- When mobile node moves: new FA arranges to have data forwarded from old FA (chaining).
Cellular/Mobile Wireless Summary

- **Cellular Architecture**
  - FDM/TDM, CDMA

- **Cellular Standards**
  - GSM, 2G,
    - BSS, BTS, BSC, MSC
  - 2.5G
    - GPRS, EDGE, CDMA-2000
  - 3G
    - UTMS, CDMA-2000 (EVDO)
  - 4G LTE
    - OFDM, PRB
Cellular/Mobile Wireless Summary

- **Mobile Definitions**
  - Home and foreign agents, permanent and care-of-addresses, correspondent, home and foreign networks.

- **Mobile Architecture**
  - Move routing to edge, use agents.
  - Registering with agents
  - Indirect Routing
    - Triangular routing
  - Direct Routing
    - Anchor foreign agent