Communication Networks 2

Mobile networks 2.

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UMTS

- UMTS: Universal Mobile Telecommunication System
- ITU: IMT-2000 (International Mobile Telecommunications-2000) standard
 - UMTS (Eu)
 - FOMA: Freedom of Mobile Multimedia Access (Japan)
 - UMTS compatible
 - CDMA2000: Code Division Multiple Access (US)
- UMTS also has subversions 🙁
- 3GPP: 3rd Generation Partnership Project standardises
 - www.3gpp.org



UMTS goals

UMTS goals:

- better quality of voice (same as in ISDN)
- better utilisation of spectrum
- higher data transmission speed
- backward compatibility with GSM



UMTS services

- Voice transmission:
 - Adaptive MultiRate (AMR) codec 4.7 12.2 kbps
- Data transmission, Internet access
 - in cities: typically max. 384 kbps, under 120 kmph
 - in rural areas: typically max. 144 kbps, 500 kmph
 - in buildings: max. 2 Mbps, under 10 kmph
- Value added services
 - chat, games, music download, etc.
 - Iocation based services:
 - e.g. where is my girlfriend?, where am I ?!, ATM, pub;
 - emergency call, location based accounting (!)



UMTS services

- Multimedia services
 - voice transmission
 - data transmission
 - video telephony
 - TV
 - Radio
 - Traffic monitoring cameras
 - Weather cameras
 - Downloading music, videos streaming
 - Etc, etc.



Radio interface

- Frequencies:
 - 1885-2025 MHz uplink
 - 2110-2200 MHz downlink
 - reserved for satellite: 1980-2010 MHz up, 2170-2200 MHz down
- Medium access:
 - CDMA, Code Division Multiple Access
 - Same frequency, same time, different code
 - like: multilanguage airport lobby
 - Every signal is spread in the whole spectrum, but with small power
 - Goal: better utilisation of the spectrum





FDMA

Frequency Division Multiple Access

- Orthogonal in frequency within cell
- Narrow bandwidth per carrier
- Continuous transmission and reception
- No synchronization in time



TDMA

Time Division Multiple Access

- Orthogonal in time within cell
- Increased bandwidth per carrier
- Discontinuous transmission and reception
- Synchronization in time





CDMA

Code Division Multiple Access

- Separate users through different codes
- Large bandwidth
- Continuous transmission and reception



CDMA International Cocktail Party



- What can YOU hear/understand...
-if you speak only Japanese?
-if you speak only English?
-if you speak only Italian?

....if you speak only Japanese, but the Japanese-speaking man is at the other corner of the hall?

.... if you speak only Japanese, but the Spanish cries loudly?





- The digital signal is multiplied with a so-called spreading code, and the result is to be transmitted
 - multiplication: NOT(XOR(bit1,bit2))
 - transmitted signal is added to the other signals transmitted by other mobiles
- The bitrate of the spreading code (chiprate) much greater (appr. 100x) than that of the "useful" signal
- The spreading codes are orthogonal, that is the average of multiplication of any two spreading codes is 0



- A bit more detailed:
- Encoding
 - STEP 1. Let us represent the bits of the spreading code and the bits of the data to be encoded in the following way:
 - $\Box \quad 1 \to 1$
 - □ 0 → **-**1
 - Recognise: this case NOT(XOR(a,b)) is actually a*b
 - 1*1=1, 1*-1=-1, -1*1=-1, -1*-1=1
 - STEP 2. Let us multiply the spreading code with the data to be transmitted
 - multiply *every* bit of the spreading code with *one* bit of the data (this way the signal speed increases remarkable)
 - STEP 3. Let us transmit the multiplied signal on the common frequency
 - In our model we simply add all the signals
- Decoding
 - STEP 1. Let us multiply the received signal (sum of STEP 3 of encoding) with the bits of the spreading code of the transmitter. (As many times, as many bits we want to receive.)
 - STEP 2. Let us average the values calculated this way for (data) bit durations
 - STEP 3. If average 1: sent bit 1. If average -1: sent bit 0
 - STEP 4. Let us do this for every receiver



Example for encoding:





Example of decoding:





- Let us see a numerical example!
 - Let us transmit the signals (1, 0) and (1, 1) with using the (1, 1, 0, 0), and (1, 0, 0, 1) spreading codes
- Encoding:
 - STEP 1. Data signals are:
 - □ A: (1, -1)
 - □ B: (1, 1)
 - STEP 1. The two spreading codes are:
 - □ A: (1, 1, -1, -1)
 - □ B: (1, -1, -1, 1)
 - STEP 2. Signals to be transmitted:
 - □ A: 1,1,-1,-1,-1,-1,1,1
 - □ B: 1, -1, -1, 1, 1, -1, -1, 1
 - STEP 3. Sum of them:
 - **2**, 0, -2, 0, 0, -2, 0, 2

- Decoding
 - STEP 1. The multiplication:
 - □ A: 2, 0, 2, 0, 0, -2, 0, -2
 - **B**: 2, 0, 2, 0, 0, 2, 0, 2
 - STEP 2. Averages:
 - A: 1, -1
 - B: 1, 1
 - STEP 3: Received signals:
 - A: 1, 0
 - B: 1, 1

- Comment: we could do this, because the spreading codes are really orthogonical, that is the average of the multiplication of the two spreading codes is really 0:
 - The multiplication of the two spreading codes: 1, -1, 1, -1
 - The average: 0

Spreading code generation



GSM/GPRS architecture ("2,5G")



UMTS R'99 architecture



UTRAN: Universal/UMTS Terrestrial Radio Access Network

The UMTS network CS RNS VLR ((@)) GMSC lmsc HLR Node B **RNC** ((0)) Node B UE PS USIM ((**@**)) RNC SGSN GGSN **UE: User Equipment** Ŕ USIM: UMTS SIM Node B Node B: like Base Station in GSM

RNC: Radio Network Controller, (like BSC in GSM)

RNS: Radio Network Subsystem

MSC, HLR, VLR: same as in GSM

GMSC: Gateway MSC: MSC and gateway to other network(s) (e.g. ISDN)

CS: Circuit Switched subsystem

SGSN: Serving GPRS Support Node

GGSN: Gateway GPRS Support Node: packet switch and gateway to other network(s) (e.g. Internet)

PS: Packet Switched subsystem

UMTS Relase 99: Core Network ~ GSM+GPRS, Radio IF different

Duplexity management in UMTS

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- Separate the uplink and downlink data
- The possible solutions:
 - in time
 - in frequency
- Both used in UMTS (but not at the same time)
 - FDD: Frequency Division Duplexing
 - higher frequency in downlink direction (larger attenuation \rightarrow larger power needed)
 - TDD: Time Division Duplexing
 - advantage: the ratio of the up- and download can be dynamically changed according to the current needs
 - (ping-pong method)

Handover – circuit switched

- GSM: hard handover
 - MS communicates with either base station then, in the next time slot with the other one
 - the handover is as fast as it can be
 - But appr. 20 samples/data units are lost
 - cell change with hysteresis: to reduce the number of handovers in the case when the MS moves at the boundaries of the cells



UMTS soft handover

UMTS: soft handover

- UE is in contact with more (max. 3) base stations
- downlink data (the same) is transmitted by all of them so the UE receives it from several sources
 - so if something is lost from a given base station it can be replaced from the others
- uplink data (the same) is received by every base station
 - the network assembles the pieces of data received by the different base stations – so if data is lost in a cell it may be corrected by those received in the other cells
- this connection to several base stations can last a relatively long time
- The redundancy is important, because we are at the edge of the cell, where the receive is the worst
 - but redundant transmission requires a bit of waste of bandwidth
- **The code sharing makes it possible:**
 - same frequencies in neighbouring cells

UMTS power control

- The orthogonality of the applied spreading codes is not perfect
- In a base station when receiving the signal of a UE, the signals of the other UEs appear to be noise
 - (no such a problem in downward direction, since only the Node B transmits)
- So the signal of every UE must arrive to the Node B with the same power
 - otherwise the strongest suppresses all the others
- Solution: Node B orders the UEs to reduce/increase the transmission power
- □ 1500 times/sec (!)
 - Else e.g. a UE comes out from the shadow of a building (till that time transmitting with great power) will destroy the communication of the whole cell
- **While in GSM**:
 - to reduce the usage of batteries, to reduce the physiological risks
 - to avoid interference with far cells using the same frequency
 - 2 times/sec (!)



UMTS cell breathing

- More users in a cell
- $\square \rightarrow$ bigger "background noise"
- $\Box \rightarrow$ smaller is the effective size of the cell
 - the far UE should transmit with larger than the maximal power
- $\square \Rightarrow$ the size of the cell depends on the traffic
 - cell is "breathing"
- makes the design of the cell structure more complicated



UMTS R'99 architecture



UTRAN: Universal/UMTS Terrestrial Radio Access Network

UMTS R4 architecture



GERAN: GSM EDGE Radio Access Network

Separation of functions of switches

- □ (G)MSC Server [(G)MSS] is responsible for:
 - Signaling (call control)
 - Mobility Management (together with VLR)
- □ MGW Media Gateway is responsible for :
 - Transmission of user traffic (voice, data) within core network
 - Protocol conversion towards
 - Radio access network (UTRAN, GERAN)
 - PSTN/ISDN
 - Previous mobile networks (Before Rel 4)
 - Goal: to be able to use any protocol between MGWs
 - IP or ATM
 - az MGW is actually an ATM switch or an IP router

UMTS Release 4 – Control/User Plane



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Future: All IP UMTS core network

- Originally UMTS core: ATM
- Now: All IP core network:
 - Advantages of IP core:
 - More services
 - More flexible
 - Cheaper
 - MGW (VoIP!!) and SGSN can be integrated

- Disadvantages of IP core:
 - An other signal conversion is needed
 - Reliability is not yet obvious