

## Multiple Access Techniques:

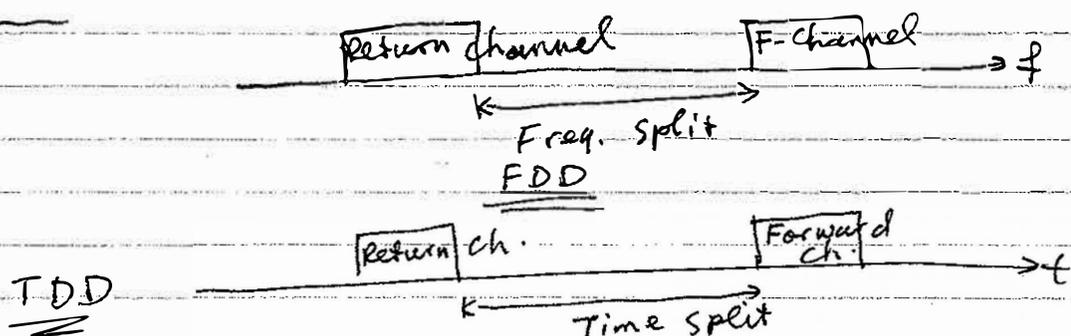
Multiple Access Techniques are used in order to allow several subscribers <sup>share</sup> a finite amount of radio spectrum in an efficient manner.

## Multiple Access Techniques:

- FDMA
- TDMA
- CDMA
- SDMA
- Hybrid Schemes: MF-TDMA / TCDMA, ...
- Random Access Techniques: Aloha, S-Aloha, CSMA, etc.

- Difference between Multiplexing & Multiple Access

- Duplexing Techniques: TDD, FDD.



Multiple Access Technique used in Different

Wireless Communication Systems:

System	Scheme
Advanced Mobile Phone System (AMPS)	FDMA/FDD
Global System for Mobile (GSM)	TDMA/FDD
US Digital Cellular	TDMA/FDD
U.S. Narrow-band SS (IS-95)	CDMA/FDD
Japanese Digital Cellular (JDCS)	TDMA/FDD
CT2 (Cordless Phone)	FDMA/TDD
Digital European Cordless Tel. (DECT)	FDMA/TDD

### FDMA

The features of FDMA:

- 1) The FDMA channel carries only one phone circuit at a time.
- 2) If an FDMA channel is not in use, then it sits idle and cannot be used by other users, i.e., it is wasted.
- 3) After channel assignment: base and mobile transmit simultaneously and continuously.

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4) The symbol time is large compared to the average time spread. This implies that the amount of ISI is small  $\Rightarrow$  no equalization (or little equalization) reqd.

5) Lower overhead for synchronization since unlike TDMA, it is continuous transmission.

This means higher efficiency (transmission efficiency)  
digital circuit

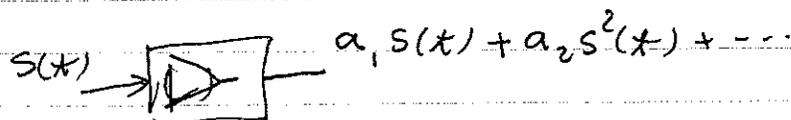
6) Lower complexity compared to TDMA.

7) FDMA requires costly BPFs at the base to eliminate spurious radiation  $\Rightarrow$  higher cost per cell site.

8) Since both transmitter & receiver work at the same time, handsets require duplexers  $\Rightarrow$  higher handset cost.

9) FDMA requires tight RF filtering to reduce ACI

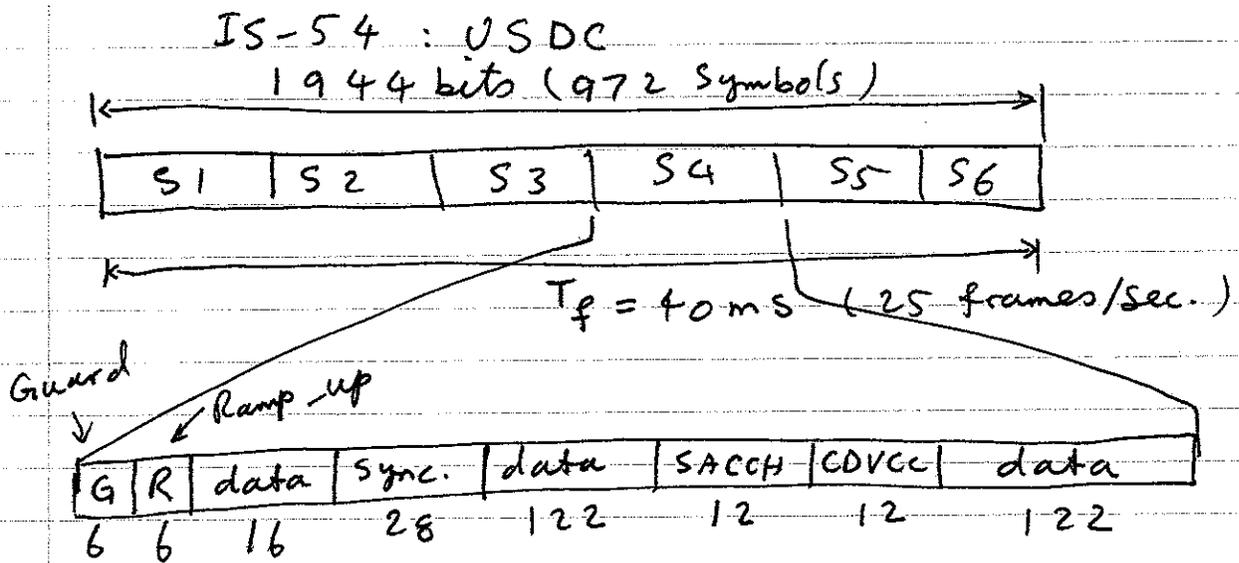
10) The problem of IM (Intermodulation)  $\Rightarrow$  need for linear amplifiers at the base to avoid IM terms.  $\Rightarrow$  less power efficiency.



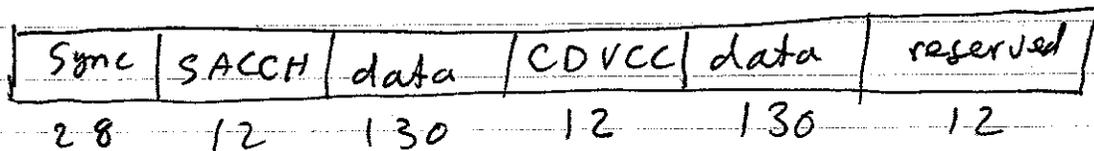
TDMA

- The time is divided into frames.
- each frame contains several Time Slots (TS)
- During each TS, only one subscriber transmits or receives.
- The transmission is not continuous (burst transmission).

Example of TDMA frame structure :



Mobile to Base Station



Base to Mobile.

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CDVEC = Coded Digital Verification Color Code  
is an 8 bit number from 1 to 255 encoded  
using a shortened (12, 8) BCH code.

It is sent by the base to mobile → mobile receives  
it → decodes it and transmits it back,  
if this handshake is not done properly,  
then the time slot is taken from the subscriber  
and given to someone else.

SACCH: Slow Associated Signalling Channel  
is sent in each TS in parallel with data  
and is used to send power level measurement,  
handoff requests, signal strength in neighbor  
sites (from mobile to Base), etc.

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Properties of TDMA

- In TDMA data is transmitted in bursts.  
Transmitter only transmit once every frame for a period of time (a TS) and is silent rest of the time  $\Rightarrow$  synchronization issue.  
 $\Rightarrow$  high synch. overhead ~~to~~  $\&$  complexity.
- The peak to average power is high  $\Rightarrow$  higher power amplifiers. (Note: the battery usage is the same as FDMA since the average power is the same.)
- No IM problem since only one carrier is used.
- ISI a problem (shorter bit duration)  $\Rightarrow$  need of equalizer.
- Flexibility: (rate & flexibility) is achieved by giving more TSs to a user.

Efficiency of TDMA

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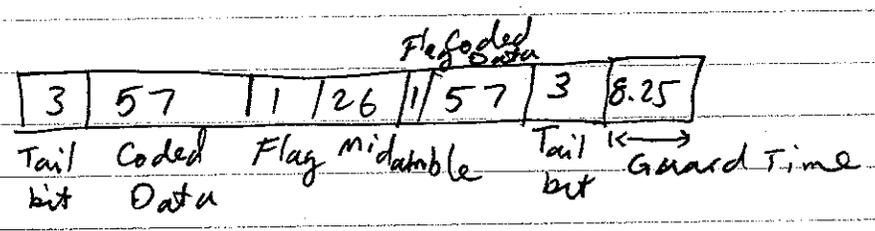
$$\eta = \frac{b_T - b_{OH}}{b_T} = 1 - \frac{b_{OH}}{b_T}$$

$$b_T = 6 + 6 + 28 + 12 + 12 = 260 = 324 \text{ bits}$$

$$b_{OH} = 6 + 6 + 28 + 12 + 12 = 64$$

$$\eta = 1 - \frac{64}{324} \approx 80\% \quad (0.802469)$$

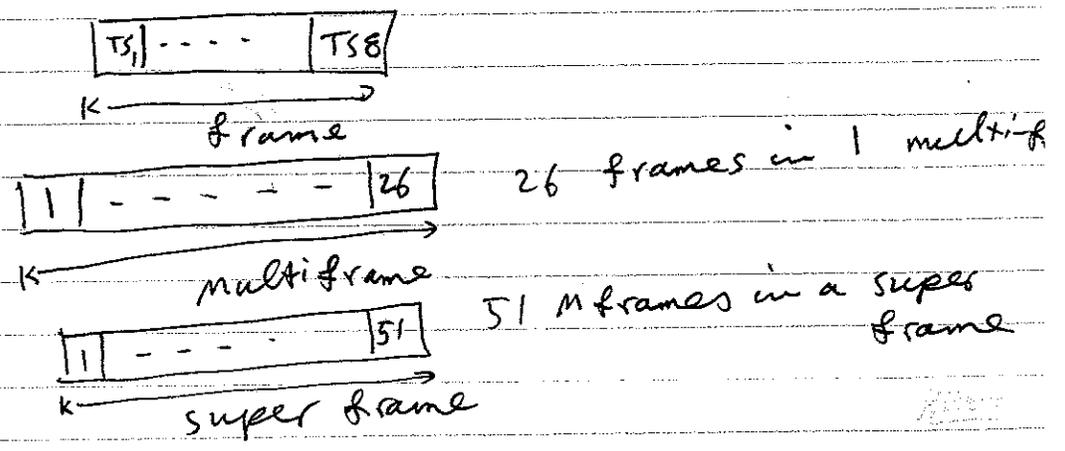
GSM



$$b_T = 3 + 57 + 1 + 26 + 1 + 57 + 3 + 8.25 = 158.25$$

$$b_{OH} = 42.25$$

$$\eta = 1 - \frac{42.25}{158.25} \approx 73\% \quad (0.729899)$$



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13th and 26th frame are used for control so,

the actual efficiency is:

$$\eta' = 0.73 \times \frac{24}{26} \approx 67.4\%$$

### Code Division Multiple Access (CDMA)

Properties:

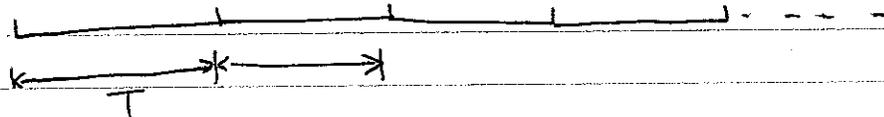
- 1) Many users use the same spectrum simultaneously.
- 2) Unlike TDMA and FDMA, CDMA has a soft capacity limit.
- 3) The multipath effects are mitigated using CDMA since the BW is usually much higher than the coherence BW of the channel.
- 4) Channel data rates (chip rate) are usually much ~~higher~~ very high in CDMA. So, the symbol (chip) duration is very short and much less than the channel delay spread. Since PN sequences have low autocorrelation, multipath which is greater than a chip will appear as noise. RAKE receiver can be used to improve reception.

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5) Near-far problems occur at CDMA receiver if an undesired user has a high detected power as compared to the desired user  
⇒ importance of power control.

## Random Access Techniques (Pocket Radio).

### ALOHA



We assume that the arrival is a Poisson<sup>v</sup> with

$$P_r(n) = \frac{(\lambda T)^n e^{-\lambda T}}{n!}$$

where  $P_r(n)$  is the probability of having  $n$  arrivals in the time duration  $T$  if  $\lambda$  is the average mean arrival rate.

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interpretation of quantities:

Let the channel bit rate be  $R$  and the packet size be  $b$  bits, then

$$T = \frac{b}{R} \quad \text{packet duration}$$

total offered load is  $\lambda b$  bps.

If we normalize this by the channel rate (what fraction of channel capacity it takes), we get:

$$G = \frac{\lambda b}{R} = \lambda T$$

Similarly for the successful traffic, we have

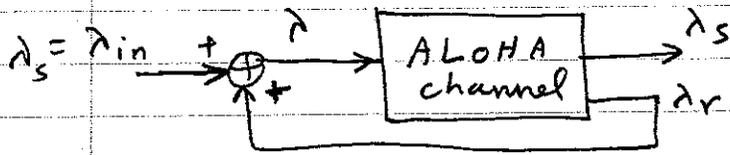
the throughput as  $\lambda_s b$  bps, i.e.,  $\lambda_s b$  bits

leave the system every second. Normalizing this, we get:

$$S = \frac{\lambda_s b}{R} = \lambda_s T$$

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The probability of success can be expressed

$$\text{as } P_s = \frac{\lambda_s}{\lambda} \quad (1)$$

$\lambda$  ~~can~~ includes  $\lambda_r$ , i.e., the rejected packets being retransmitted.

$P_s$  can also be expressed as the probability of no arrival during  $2T$  seconds

So :

$$P_s = P_0 = e^{-2\lambda T} \quad (2)$$

equating (1) and (2) we get

$$\frac{\lambda_s}{\lambda} = e^{-2\lambda T}$$

$$\text{or } \lambda_s = \lambda e^{-2\lambda T}$$

let  $G = \lambda T$  be the total offered traffic.

and  $S = \lambda_s T$  be the <sup>normalized</sup> throughput.

Then

$$S = G e^{-2G}$$

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Maximum throughput of ALOHA (Pure ALOHA) scheme.

$$S = G e^{-2G}$$

take derivative w.r.t.  $G$  to get:

$$\frac{\partial S}{\partial G} = e^{-2G} - 2G e^{-2G} = 0 \Rightarrow G = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$S_{\max} = G e^{-2G} \Big|_{G=\frac{1}{2}} = \frac{1}{2} e^{-1} = \frac{1}{2e} = 0.1839 \approx 18\%$$

Slotted Aloha: (S-ALOHA)

In this scheme: the time is divided into slots each with a duration of  $T$ . ~~All~~ Users only transmit at the beginning of a packet time (or frame time). Any buffer filled <sup>packet</sup> (~~call~~ arrived) during  $T$  seconds prior to beginning of the frame is sent at the beginning of the packet time. So, one may only collide with those packets arriving in  $T$  (not  $2T$ ) seconds, so:

$$P_s = P_T(0) = e^{-\lambda T}$$

$$\frac{\lambda S}{\lambda} = e^{-\lambda T} \Rightarrow S = G e^{-G}$$

The maximum throughput :

$$\frac{\partial S}{\partial G} = e^{-G} - G e^{-G} = 0 \Rightarrow G = 1$$

$$S_{\max} = e^{-1} = \frac{1}{e} \approx 0.3679 \approx 37\%$$

Example :

In a satellite communications Network:

The total capacity of a link is 2.048 Mbps

and each earth terminal has an average

data rate of 16 kbps. The packet length is

500 bits. How many earth stations the link

can support: a) For pure ALOHA.

b) For S-ALOHA.

1) ALOHA:  $T = \frac{500}{2.048 \times 10^6} = 0.244 \text{ msec.}$

$$S_{\max} = 0.18 = \lambda T = M \lambda_i T$$

$$\lambda_{\max} = \frac{0.18}{0.244 \times 10^{-3}} \approx 737.7 \text{ packets for } M \text{ users}$$

$$\lambda_i = \frac{16000}{500} = 32 \text{ packets/sec./user.}$$

$$M = \frac{\lambda}{\lambda_i} = \frac{737}{32} \approx 23 \text{ users.}$$

2) S-ALOHA

$$S_{\max} = 0.37 \Rightarrow \lambda_{\max} = \frac{0.37}{0.244 \times 10^{-3}} = 1516$$

$$M = \frac{1516}{32} \approx 47 \text{ users.}$$

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## Capacity of Cellular Systems

$$Q = \frac{D}{R}$$

where  $D$  is the distance between two co-channel cells.

$R$  is the cell radius.

$Q$  is called co-channel re-use ratio.

$$\text{We have } Q = \sqrt{3N}$$

where  $N$  is the number of cells in a frequency re-use pattern.

We want to relate carrier-to-interference ratio

$\frac{C}{I}$  to the capacity of the system.

We start with

$$\frac{C}{I} = \frac{D_0^{-n_0}}{\sum_{k=1}^M D_k^{-n_k}}$$

$D_0$  is the distance from the desired BS.

$n_0$  is the path loss exponent in the desired cell

$D_k$  is the distance from  $k$ th interfering BS.

$n_k$  is the path loss exponent to the  $k$ th interfering station.

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Take  $n_k = n_o = n$  all  $k$

and  $D_k = D$

we have (for hexagonal tessellation):

$$\frac{C}{I} = \frac{D_o^{-n}}{6D^{-n}}$$

Take the worst case (max. interference), i.e., when the mobile is at the edge of the cell, i.e., when

$D_o = R$ , then:

$$\frac{C}{I} = \frac{1}{6} \left( \frac{R}{D} \right)^{-n}$$

Assume that system requires a minimum of  $\frac{C}{I}$ , say,  $\left( \frac{C}{I} \right)_{\min}$  to ensure good quality of reception, then

$$\frac{1}{6} \left( \frac{R}{D} \right)^{-n} \geq \left( \frac{C}{I} \right)_{\min}$$

or

$$\frac{1}{6} (Q)^n \geq \left( \frac{C}{I} \right)_{\min}$$

or

$$Q = \left[ 6 \left( \frac{C}{I} \right)_{\min} \right]^{1/n}$$

The radio capacity of a cellular system is defined as

$$m = \frac{B_t}{B_c N} \quad \text{radio channels/cell}$$

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where  $B_t$  is the total allocated spectrum and  $B_c$  is the channel Bandwidth.

$$Q = \sqrt{3N} \Rightarrow N = \frac{Q^2}{3}$$

So:

$$m = \frac{B_t}{B_c \frac{Q^2}{3}} = \frac{B_t}{B_c \left[ \frac{6}{3^{n/2}} \left( \frac{C}{I} \right)_{\min} \right]^{2/n}}$$

For  $n=4$ , we have:

$$m = \frac{B_t}{B_c \sqrt{\frac{2}{3}} \left( \frac{C}{I} \right)_{\min}} \quad \text{radio channels/cell}$$

Typical values of  $\left( \frac{C}{I} \right)_{\min}$  is  $12 \text{ dB}$  for digital systems and  $18 \text{ dB}$  for analog systems.

If  $B_t$  and  $m$  remain unchanged (only  $B_c$  is changed) we have

$$\left( \frac{C}{I} \right)_{\text{eq}} = \left( \frac{C}{I} \right)_{\min} \left( \frac{B_c}{B'_c} \right)^2$$

that is for a doubling of BW (i.e.,  $B'_c = 2B_c$ )

we reduce the minimum required  $\frac{C}{I}$  by 4.

$\left( \frac{C}{I} \right)_{\text{eq}} = \frac{1}{4} \left( \frac{C}{I} \right)_{\min}$  [this means that the new system has to

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In a digital system (not considering thermal noise):

$$\frac{C}{I} = \frac{E_b R_b}{I} = \frac{E_c R_c}{I}$$

$R_c$  is the rate of channel coded bits and  $E_c$  is energy per coded bit.

Here For FDMA:  $B_c = \frac{B_t}{m}$  so,

$$m = \frac{B_t}{\frac{B_t}{m} \sqrt{\frac{2}{3} \left(\frac{C}{I}\right)}} = \frac{m}{\sqrt{\frac{2}{3} \left(\frac{C}{I}\right)}} = \frac{m}{\sqrt{\frac{2}{3} \left(\frac{E_b R_b}{I}\right)}}$$

or

$$m = \frac{m}{\sqrt{\frac{2}{3} \left(\frac{E_b R_b}{I_0 B_c}\right)}}$$

for TDMA

$$B_c = B_t \text{ and}$$

$$m = \frac{1}{\sqrt{\frac{2}{3} \left(\frac{C'}{I'}\right)}} \text{ channels/cell} \Rightarrow m = \frac{M}{\sqrt{\frac{2}{3} \left(\frac{C'}{I'}\right)}} \text{ users/cell}$$

~~$C = E_b R_b$  but  $I = I_0 B_c = I_0 B_t$~~

~~FDMA~~

Example:

Consider an FDMA system with three channels, each with a BW of 10 kHz and a rate of 10 kbps. A TDMA system has three time slots channel BW of 30 kHz and a rate of 30 kbps.

For the TDMA system, the receive  $\frac{C}{I}$  for a single user is measured for  $\frac{1}{3}$  of the time channel is ~~used~~ in use. So:

$$C' = E_b R'_b = \frac{E_b \times 10^4}{0.333} = 3E_b R_b = 3C$$

and

$$I' = I_0 B'_c = I_0 \times 30 \text{ kHz} = 3I$$

So:

$$\frac{C'}{I'} = \frac{C}{I}$$

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## The Capacity of Cellular CDMA

The capacity of the CDMA is interference limited so any reduction in interference level has a linear effect on the capacity increase.

Use of multi-sectorized antennas (directional antennas, receiving signals from only a fraction of the present users), Discontinuous Transmission Mode (DTX), i.e., turning off transmitter during silence ~~are~~ are two methods to reduce interference and, as a result, increase the capacity of the CDMA system.

We begin the study of the CDMA, by ~~to~~ considering a single cell system.

Assume there are <sup>M</sup> users each with power S, then

$$SIR = \frac{S}{(M-1)S} = \frac{1}{M-1}$$

SIR  $\hat{=}$  Signal to interference ratio

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let  $E_b = \frac{S}{R}$  and  $I = WI_0$

then

$$\frac{E_b}{I_0} = \frac{S/R}{(M-1)S/W} = \frac{W/R}{M-1}$$

represents

This is similar to  $\frac{E_b}{N_0}$  and is the effect of interference only without taking the effect of thermal noise into consideration.

Taking the effect of thermal noise into account, we have

$$SNIR = \frac{S}{(M-1)S + N}$$

$$\left(\frac{E_b}{N_0'}\right) = \frac{S/R}{(M-1)\frac{S}{W} + \frac{N}{W}} = \frac{W/R}{(M-1) + \frac{N}{S}}$$

represents  $\left(\frac{E_b}{N_0'}\right)$  the combination of thermal & interference noise

$$\left(\frac{E_b}{N_0'}\right) = \frac{W/R}{(M-1) + \frac{N_0 W}{E_b R}} = \frac{W/R}{(M-1) + \left(\frac{E_b}{N_0}\right)^{-1} \frac{W}{R}}$$

$\frac{W}{R}$  is the processing gain. Solving for  $M$ , we get

$$M = \frac{W/R}{\left(\frac{E_b}{N_0'}\right)} - \frac{W/R}{\frac{E_b}{N_0}} + 1 = \frac{W/R}{\left(\frac{E_b}{I_0}\right)} + 1$$

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Now, let's consider the effect of antenna sectorization and voice activity on the capacity of CDMA. Assume that there are  $k$  sectors and the voice activity factor is  $\alpha$ .

Then for ~~an~~ an  $M$  user system, we have  $M/k$  users per sector and the multiple access interference is:

$$\left(\frac{M}{k} - 1\right)\alpha S$$

So:

$$\text{SNIR} = \frac{R E_b}{W N_0'} = \frac{S}{\left(\frac{M}{k} - 1\right)\alpha S + \frac{N_0 W}{S}}$$

$$\frac{E_b}{N_0'} = \frac{W/R}{\left(\frac{M}{k} - 1\right)\alpha + \frac{N_0 W}{S}} = \frac{W/R}{\left(\frac{M}{k} - 1\right)\alpha + \left(\frac{E_b}{N_0}\right)^{-1} \frac{W}{R}}$$

or

$$M = k + \frac{k}{\alpha} \cdot \frac{W/R}{\frac{E_b}{I_0}}$$

take  $\alpha = \frac{3}{8}$  and  $k = 3$

then

$$M = 3 + 8 \frac{W/R}{\frac{E_b}{I_0}} \approx 8 \text{ times} \left[ \frac{W/R}{\frac{E_b}{I_0}} + 1 \right]$$

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Example:

$$W = 1.25 \text{ MHz}, R = 9600 \text{ bps}$$

and minimum acceptable  $\frac{E_b}{N_0}$  is 10 dB

find the capacity of a CDMA system.

a) For an omni-directional antenna at BS.  
and no voice activity.

b) For a 3 sector BS antenna and  $\alpha = \frac{3}{8}$ .

Assume thermal  $\frac{E_b}{N_0}$  to be 20 dB

$$\left(\frac{E_b}{N_0'}\right)^{-1} = \left(\frac{E_b}{I_0}\right)^{-1} + \left(\frac{E_b}{N_0}\right)^{-1}$$

$$10^{-1} = \left(\frac{E_b}{I_0}\right)^{-1} + 10^{-2} \Rightarrow \frac{E_b}{I_0} \approx \frac{E_b}{N_0'} = 10$$

then:

$$a) M = \frac{1.25 \times 10^6}{9600} \times 10 + 1 = 14 \text{ users/cell}$$

$$b) M = 3 + \frac{1.25 \times 10^6}{9600} \times 8 = 107 \text{ users/cell}$$

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## The capacity of multiple-cell CDMA

The major advantage of CDMA comes from the fact that, in comparison to FDMA and TDMA, it has higher frequency re-use. CDMA has a <sup>frequency</sup> re-use factor  $f$  which is very close to 1.

( $f=1$ ) while for FDMA and TDMA  $f$  ~~is~~ is usually  $\frac{1}{7}$ , i.e., that is a given frequency band is used every 7th cell.

For CDMA frequency re-use <sup>efficiency</sup> factor is

$$f = \frac{N_0}{N_0 + \sum_i U_i N_{ai}} \quad N_{ai} = \sum_j \frac{N_{ij}}{U_j}$$

where  $N_0$  is total interference from the  $M-1$  users in the desired cell and  $U_i$  and  $N_{ai}$  are the number of users and the average interference from each user in the  $i$ th. interfering cell.

$f$  depends on the cell diameter the distribution of mobiles as well as the exponent of propagation ( $n$ ) and is typically between 0.3 and 0.7.

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**Table 9.4** Frequency Reuse Factor for Reverse Channel of CDMA Cellular System, as a Function of  $n$  for Two System Implementations [from [Rap92b] © IEEE]

$d$ (km)	$n$	Frequency reuse efficiency		
		lower bound $W_1 = 3.0$ $W_2 = 0.0$	hex $W_1 = 1.38$ $W_2 = 0.78$	upper bound $W_1 = 1.0$ $W_2 = 1.0$
2	2	0.316	0.425	0.462
2	3	0.408	0.558	0.613
2	4	0.479	0.646	0.707
10	2	0.308	0.419	0.455
10	3	0.396	0.550	0.603
10	4	0.462	0.634	0.695