IS-95 (cdmaone)

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IS-95 CDMA

- IS-95 (cdmaone) 2G digital cellular standard
- Motivation
  - Intended as a new system (greenfield) or replacement for AMPS (not an upgrade)
  - Increase system capacity
  - Add new features/services
- History:
  - 1990 Qualcomm proposed a code division multiple access (CDMA) digital cellular system claimed to increase capacity by factor 20 or more
  - Started debate about how CDMA should be implemented and the advantages vs. TDMA (religious tones to debate)
  - 1992 TIA started study of spread spectrum cellular

IS-95 CDMA (cont)

- Several alternative CDMA proposals floated – large debate in the CTIA
  - came down to Interdigital vs. Qualcomm
  - Qualcomm proposal won
- 1993 TIA IS-95 code division multiple access (CDMA) standards completed
  - 1995 IS-95A enhanced revision
  - ANSI J-STD-008 (IS-95b) is standard upbanded to 1900 MHz PCS band
  - 1996 Commercial deployment in US (Sprint PCS)
  - Most popular system in U.S. and Korea
  - 1997 IS-95 name changed to cdmaone
- IS-95 evolves to cdma2000 in 2.5 and 3G
IS-95 System Features

- Digital Voice
  - QCELP fixed rate 14.4Kbps coder
  - variable rate QCELP coder: 9.6, 4.8, 2.4, 1.2 Kbps
    - Use of voice activation to reduce interference
    - As data rate reduces, the transmitter can reduce the power to
      achieve the same error rates
- Dual Mode (AMPS/CDMA), Dual Band (900, 1900 MHz bands)
- Low power handsets (sleep mode supported)
- Soft Handoff possible
- Digital Data services (text, fax, circuit switched data)
- Advanced Telephony Features (call waiting, voice mail, etc.)
- Security: CDMA signal + CAVE encryption
- Air Interface Standard Only

IS-95 System Features

- Code Division Multiple Access/FDMA/FDD
- Traffic Channel
  - Pair of 1.25 MHz radio channels (up/downlink)
  - Several users share a radio channel separated by a code not a
timeslot or frequency!
  - Receiver performs a time correlation operation to detect only
    desired codeword
  - All other codewords appear as noise due to decorrelation
  - Receiver needs to know only codeword and frequency used by
    transmitter
  - Adjust power often to prevent near–far problem
- Universal frequency reuse (frequency reuse cluster size
  K = 1)
  - Simple planning
  - Large capacity increase

Universal Frequency Reuse

Frequency Reuse Factor = 7 for AMPS

Frequency Reuse Factor = 4 or 3 for GSM systems
**IS-95 CDMA - Radio Aspects**

- IS-95 is an air interface standard only
- System use FDD/FDMA/CDMA
- FDD => Uplink and Downlink channels separated according to Cellular band or PCS band regulatory requirements
- FDMA – breaks up licensed spectrum into 1.25 MHz channels
- CDMA – multiple users share a 1.25 MHz channel by using orthogonal spreading codes (Walsh codes)
- IS-95a standard designed for AMPS cellular band
  - Each cellular provider is allocated 25 MHz spectrum => ten 1.25-MHz CDMA duplex channels if A AMPS Band provider, 9 if B band provider

**Physical channels**

- A CDMA system has 1.25 MHz wideband carriers
  - Carrier bandwidth in AMPS is 30 kHz
  - Carrier bandwidth in GSM is 200 kHz
  - Carrier bandwidth in IS-95 is 1.23 MHz with guard band
    - One CDMA carrier can contain 41 AMPS channels of spectrum
- In Cellular Band IS-95 carrier frequencies are denoted in terms of the AMPS channel numbers

**Interference between CDMA and AMPS/TDMA systems**

- The recommended guard band between the CDMA carrier band edge and an AMPS or TDMA carrier is 270 KHz => 9 AMPS channels of 30 kHz
- To set up one CDMA channel, 59 AMPS channels have to be cleared (1.77 MHz)
- To set up two CDMA channels, only 100 AMPS channels have to be cleared (3 MHz)
### IS-95 Radio Aspects

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### IS-95 Radio Aspects

- IS-95 uses several techniques adapted from military
  - Direct Sequence Spread Spectrum (DSSS)
    - Narrowband signal is multiplied by very large bandwidth signal (spreading signal)
    - Spreading signal is pseudo-noise code sequence with chip rate much greater than data rate of message
    - DSSS provides resistance to narrowband interference, inter-symbol interference, and low power operation
  - Code Division Multiple Access
    - All users, each with own codeword approximately orthogonal to all other codewords, can transmit simultaneously with same carrier frequency
    - Receiver performs a time correlation operation to detect only desired codeword
  - Rake Receiver
    - Multiple parallel receivers used to combat multi-path interference and inter-symbol interference

### IS-95 Multipath Combining

- Multipath: reflection, diffraction, and dispersion of the signal energy caused by natural obstacles such as buildings or hills, or multiple copies of signals sent intentionally (e.g., soft handoff)
- Rake receiver used to combine different path components: each path is despread separately by “fingers” of the Rake receiver and then combined
- Possible due to “low auto-correlation” of spreading code
Rake Receiver

RAKE receiver combines the multipath signals constructively

Radio Demodulator

Received signal

Radio-frequency carrier

Correlator

Digital carrier

Correlator

Digital carrier

Correlator

Digital carrier

RAKE receiver

Multipath and the RAKE Receiver

Processing of multipaths using the RAKE Receiver
Codes used in IS-95 systems

- **Walsh codes**
  - They are the “orthogonal codes” used to create “logical channels” on the up/downlink (at the same time and within the same frequency band)

- **PN (pseudo-noise) codes**
  - They are used to distinguish between transmissions from different cells and are generated using “linear feedback shift registers”
  - Basically a pseudo-random number generator
  - They have excellent autocorrelation properties
  - Two short PN codes and a long PN code are used in IS-95 that have periods of \(2^{15} - 1\) and \(2^{42} - 1\)

- **Convolutional codes for error correction**

- **Block codes with interleaving and error correction**

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Sample IS-95 System Identifiers

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<td>Mobile Identifier</td>
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<td>Directory number assigned by operating company to a subscriber</td>
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<td>ESN</td>
<td>Electronic serial number</td>
<td>32</td>
<td>Assigned by manufacturer to a mobile station</td>
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<td>SID</td>
<td>System identifier</td>
<td>15</td>
<td>Assigned by regulators to a geographical service area</td>
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<td>NID</td>
<td>Network identifier</td>
<td>16</td>
<td>Service provider ID</td>
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<tr>
<td>PN_OFFSET</td>
<td>Pseudo-noise code offset</td>
<td>9</td>
<td>Delay applied to random number sequence at a base-station</td>
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<td>Reg Zone</td>
<td>Registration Zone</td>
<td>12</td>
<td>Location Area defined by operating company</td>
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IS-95 Logical Channels

- CDMA systems define multiple channels per frequency channel
  - Pilot channel
    - Provides a reference to all signals (beacon)
  - Sync channel
    - Used for obtaining timing information
  - Paging channel
    - Used to “page” the mobile terminal when there is an incoming call
  - Traffic channel
    - Carries actual voice or data traffic; fundamental code channel
    - Up to seven supplemental code channels
IS-95 CDMA Channels

- **Types of channels**

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<td>4800</td>
<td>Access channel long code mask</td>
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<td>Voice/data</td>
<td>9600/14,400</td>
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Basic Spreading Procedure on the Forward Channel in IS-95

- **Symbols are generated at different rates**
- **For the spread signal to be at 1.2288 Mcps, the incoming stream must be at: 1.2288 \times 10^6/64 = 19.2 kbps**
- **What happens if the incoming stream is at a lower rate?**
  - Example: Incoming stream is at 4.8 kbps
  - Number of chips per bit = 1.2288 \times 10^4\times 8 \times 10^3 = 256
  - End result is greater spreading

IS-95 Forward (Downlink) Channel

- **One Forward CDMA Link, 1.25 MHz in the 824 – 849 MHz bands**
- **Walsh Code**
- **1 PN at 1.2288 Mcps**
- **Q PN at 1.2288 Mcps**
Pilot Channel

- It is continuously transmitted by a BS on the forward link
  - Like a “beacon” (Compare BCCH in GSM)
  - Acts as the reference signal for all MSs
  - Used in demodulation and coherent detection
  - Used to measure RSS for handoff and open loop power control

The Pilot Channel (II)

- It carries NO information but it is a very important signal
- It has 4-6 dB higher transmit power than any other channels
- The transmit power of the pilot channel is constant (No power control)
- The I and Q PN sequences
  - Are generated using a pseudorandom number generator of length $m = 15$
  - The period is $2^{15} - 1 = 32767$
  - In time, one period is $32767 \times 0.8138 \mu s = 26.7$ ms
  - Number of repetitions/second = $126.7 \times 10^3 \approx 37.5$
  - Number of repetitions in 2 seconds = 75
PN Sequences and Offsets

- All base stations use the same PN sequences but with a different “offset”
- The offsets are by 64 chips
  - Total number of offsets = 32767/64 = 511 offsets

Short PN code Offsets

CDMA System Concepts

- Cell Configuration in IS-95
  - Cells identified by Short Code PN Offset 511 different ones are available, same as random number seed in random number generators
  - Users identified by Walsh Code
  - Rake receiver allows user to receive signal from multiple base stations or multiple sectors simultaneously
Pilot Channels and the Use of PN Sequences in IS-95

- The MS processes the pilot channel to find the strongest signal
  - A search correlator sweeps through all possible frequency offsets to identify BSs in the area
- The MS picks the strongest pilot signal
  - This has a PN-offset
- The MS uses the PN-offset of this pilot to track the synch channel

Search correlator output:
5 strong signals have been detected

The Synch Channel

- The synch channel is locked to the offset of the PN-sequence used in the pilot channel
  - It contains system information pertinent to the associated base station
- Operates at a fixed data rate of 1.2 kbps
  - After rate ½ convolutional encoding, it becomes 2.4 kbps
  - The symbols are repeated to 4.8 kbps and then transmitted

The Synch Channel

- The base stations in IS-95 are completely synchronized using GPS satellite
  - Transmitted chips on the downlink are all synchronized from all base stations
  - The Base Station “System Time” is synchronized to a “Universal Coordinated Time” or UTC
    - UTC is loosely what used to be GMT
Details of the Synch Channel

- The frame is aligned to the start of the PN sequence
  - One synch channel frame lasts 26.7 ms
  - Three synch channel frames = one synch channel superframe = 80 ms
- SOM = start of message indicator
  - 0 = continuation from previous frame
  - 1 = start of a new synch message
- Data can be 2 – 1146 bits
- CRC is 30 bits

Sample IS95 Message

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<th>Information</th>
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<td>0-7</td>
<td>message type (0x0000001)</td>
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<tr>
<td>8-15</td>
<td>protocol version</td>
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<td>16-23</td>
<td>maximum protocol version</td>
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<td>24-31</td>
<td>SID</td>
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<td>40-48</td>
<td>PN_OFFSET</td>
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<td>49-91</td>
<td>long code state</td>
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<tr>
<td>92-135</td>
<td>system time (from GPS)</td>
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<td>136-140</td>
<td>local time differential to system time</td>
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<td>141-150</td>
<td>paging channel rate (4800 bps or 9600 bps)</td>
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<tr>
<td>151-159</td>
<td>CDMA Freq</td>
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The Paging Channel

- Transmits control information to the MS
  - Page message to indicate incoming call
  - System information and instructions
    - Handoff thresholds
    - Maximum number of unsuccessful access attempts
    - List of surrounding cells PN Offsets
    - Channel assignment messages
  - Acknowledgments to access requests
  - It operates at either 4.8 kbps or 9.6 kbps
    - It is passed through a rate ½ convolutional encoder to go up to 9.6 kbps or 19.2 kbps
    - If the output is 9.6 kbps, it is repeated to go up to 19.2 kbps
  - MS chooses which slot to monitor within its cycle based on its mobile identification number (MIN)
The Paging Channel (2)

- The 19.2 kbps stream is block interleaved
  - Block size is 20 ms (384 bits) but the information is essentially a stream
- The data is scrambled by multiplying it with a 19.2 kbps stream generated by decimating a long code generator output

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Slotted paging

- The paging messages are sent in slots of 80 ms
  - The MS either uses the slotted mode or the unslotted mode
- In slotted mode operation
  - MS monitors the allocated slots (one or two slots per cycle)
    - The MS starts monitoring just in time to receive the first bit of its assigned slot
  - The page message contains a field called MORE_PAGES
    - If the field is zero, there are no more messages for the MS
    - If no such field is set, the MS monitors the next slot as well
- The MS continues to monitor the paging channel till MORE_PAGES = 0 or a valid page message is received
  - How does it know if the message is valid?

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<td>CDMA channel list</td>
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<td>AUTHENTICATION Challenge</td>
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<td>Call Management</td>
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<td>INTERCEPT</td>
<td>Call Management</td>
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<td>Channel Assignment</td>
<td>Walsh code for traffic channel</td>
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<td>CONFIRM REGISTRATION</td>
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Traffic Channel

- Traffic channels
  - Carries user traffic and control messages to specific MSs, dedicated exclusively to one MS
  - assigned dynamically, in response to MS accesses, to specific MS
  - always carries data in 20 ms frames
  - carry variable rate traffic frames, either 1, 1/2, 1/4, or 1/8 of 9600 bps or fixed 14.4 Kbps
  - rate variation is accomplished by 1, 2, 4, or 8-way repetition of code symbols, but the energy per bit approximately constant
  - rate is independently variable in each 20 ms frame
  - An 800 bps reverse link power control subchannel is carried on the traffic channel by puncturing 2 from every 24 symbols transmitted

IS-95 Downlink Traffic Channel

- PCM Voice
  - Reduces bit rate needed to represent speech. Operates in a variable mode of full, ½, ¼ & 1/8 rates. Full rate is 9.6 Kbps and 2 full rate output rates are 19.2 Kbps.
  - Provides error detection/correction. Two symbols are output for each incoming bit
  - Repetition of input symbols from the encoder. Repetition is done to maintain a constant input to the block interleaver. Fast rate symbols are not repeated and sent at full power.
  - Puncturing is a way to reduce the bit rate. Fast rate symbols are sent at full power and so on. 1 puncturing of 2 decreases the output to 19.2 Kbps.
  - Used only for vocoder operating in rate set 2 mode. Delete 2 out of every 6 inputs for an output rate of 19.2 Kbps. This results in a constant bit rate to the block interleaver of 19.2 Kbps.
  - Combats the effects of Rayleigh fading by ensuring that sequential data is not lost.

- QCELP Vocoder
  - Convolutional Coding
  - Symbol Repetition
  - Puncturing
  - Block Interleaving

- Data Scrambling
- Power Control Subchannel
- Orthogonal Spreading
- Quadrature Spreading
- Baseband Filtering

To RF section
IS-95 Traffic Channel Example

Input data 0

Walsh function 20

Pattern transmitted by the Base station

Pattern received at the Mobile station

Each 64-bit (symbol) block of the received pattern is exclusive-or'd with Walsh Function 20

Count number of 1's and 0's to determine what bit was sent!

IS-95 Traffic Channel Example

Pattern received at the Mobile station (1)

Walsh Function 40

Each 64-bit (symbol) block of the received pattern is exclusive-or'd with Walsh Function 40 which is not the same Walsh Function used for orthogonal spreading at the base station.

Orthogonal despreading with incorrect Walsh code

Forward Traffic Channels

- 9.6, 4.8, 2.4, or 1.2 kbps; 20 ms frames
- Rate can be changed every frame

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Inconclusive output – Equal number of 1's and 0's in the despread pattern.

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### Forward Traffic Channel Frame Structure (9.6 Kbps coder)

Both Forward and Reverse Traffic channels use 20 msec frames

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F: Frame Quality Indicator (CRC)
T: Encoder Tail Bits

### Traffic Channel Messages & Service Option

- **Signaling on Traffic Channels**
  - Blank and Burst mode (replace speech with control traffic) — operates at 9.6 Kbps
  - Dim and Burst mode
    - Reduce bit rate of vocoder, insert control traffic in rest of frame rather than repeating voice info
- **Four types of control messages on the Traffic Channel**
  - messages controlling the call itself
  - messages controlling handoff
  - messages controlling forward link power
  - messages for security and authentication
- **IS-95 supports different user applications, called service options**
  - primary traffic (e.g., voice)
  - secondary traffic (SMS)

### Forward Link Channel Parameters

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<th>Sync</th>
<th>Paging</th>
<th>Traffic</th>
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<td>4800</td>
<td>9600</td>
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<td>Code repetition</td>
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|                | 256  | 128    | 256     | 128
From MS to Base Station

On Reverse Channel the Walsh codes are not used to isolate different users, but in orthogonal signaling:
- Orthogonal signaling is an M-dimensional digital modulation technique
- The larger M is, the larger is the bandwidth requirement => spread spectrum 😊

There are no pilot or synch channels

There is an “access channel” where mobile terminals contend in random access fashion to set up a call/register location/page response

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**IS-95 Reverse Channel**

**Reverse CDMA Channel**

One Reverse CDMA Link, 1.25 MHz in the 824 – 849 MHz

**Access Channel**

- Is used by the MS to initiate communication with the BS & to respond to Paging Channel message
- Fixed data rate (4800 bps) & 20 ms frame duration
- Access Channel Message may carry:
  - Origination of a call
  - Paging responses
  - Orders response
  - Data bursts
  - Acknowledgments to Paging Channel message
  - Registration

- Basic frame structure 96 bits (20 ms)
- Information Rate = 48 kbps
Sample IS-95 Messages

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<td>Call Management</td>
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Access Channel

- There are up to 32 access channels per downlink paging channel
  - MSs are pseudorandomly distributed between the access channels
- The access channel data has 96 bits every 20 ms for a data rate of 4.8 kbps
  - 88 bits carry the access channel data
  - 8 bits are encoder tail bits

Access channel

- The 4.8 kbps data is encoded using a rate 1/3 convolutional encoder
  - The constraint length is 9
  - Minimum Hamming distance is 18
  - Output of the convolutional encoder is 14.4 kbps
- The output symbols are repeated to get a rate of 28.8 kbps
  - Every six bits is mapped into one Walsh code of 64 bits (chips) in the 64-ary orthogonal modulator
  - Walsh code index $X$ is calculated as follows:
    - $X = c_0 + 2c_1 + 4c_2 + 8c_3 + 16c_4 + 32c_5$
    - $c_0$ is the earliest bit and $c_5$ is the latest bit
  - Example: 110001 ($c_5…c_0$) would translate into $W_{69}$
Reverse Channel Access Protocol

Access protocol

IS-95 Reverse Traffic Channel

Reduce bit rate needed to represent speech. Operates in a variable mode of full, ½, ¼ & 1/8 rates. Full rate output is at 9.6 kbps and rate set 2 full rate output is at 14.4 kbps. Rate set 1 full rate output is at 8.4 kbps and rate set 2 full rate output is at 11.2 kbps.

Provides error detection/correction. Two symbols are output for each incoming bit for Rate set 1 and two symbols are output for each incoming bit for rate set 2 resulting in an output of 20.8 kbps in both cases.

Reduced repetition symbol from the encoder. Repetition is done to maintain a constant input to the block interleaver. Full rate symbols are not repeated and sent at full power, half-rate repeated once & sent at half power and so on. For rate set 1 the output is maintained at 11.2 kbps (independent of vocoding rate) and for rate set 2 the output is 17.6 kbps.

Vocoder
Convolutional Coding
Symbol Repetition
Block Interleaving
Orthogonal Modulation

Provides variable-rate transmission. Symbols which are repeated are deleted, i.e., not transmitted. The transmitted PNs cycle with the vocoder data rate and the transmission are randomized.

Provides spreading of the code. The reverse link the data is spread using the user's long code mask based on the ESN.

The channel is spread with the pilot PN sequence with a zero offset. Ensures that the mobile station is locked on to the right base station.

Converts the signals to the cellular frequency range (800 MHz) or the PCS frequency (1900 MHz).

PCM Voice

IS-95 Reverse Traffic Channel

Data Burst Randomizer
Direct Sequence Spreading
Quadrature Spreading
Baseband Filtering

To RF section
### Sample IS-95 Messages

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<th>Traffic Channel Signaling Messages</th>
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<td>Power Measurement Report</td>
<td>Neighbor List</td>
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<tr>
<td>Pilot Strength Measurement</td>
<td>Pilot Measurement Request</td>
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<tr>
<td>Handoff Completion</td>
<td>Handoff Direction</td>
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<tr>
<td>Long Code Transition Request</td>
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<tr>
<td>Data Burst</td>
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<tr>
<td>Request Analog Service</td>
<td>Analog Handoff Direction</td>
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### Reverse Traffic Channel – Supplementary Code Channel

- The supplementary code channel is primarily used for data traffic (full rate is assumed).
  - There is no need for a data randomizer.
- A single user can have many codes simultaneously to transmit data.

### Reverse CDMA Channel Parameters, Rate Set 1

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<td>Code Rate</td>
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<td>Symbol Rate before Repetition</td>
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<td>Symbol Repetition</td>
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<td>4</td>
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<td>Symbol Rate after Repetition</td>
<td>28,800</td>
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<tr>
<td>Transmit Duty Cycle</td>
<td>1/18</td>
<td>1/14</td>
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<td>Code Symbols/Modulation Symbol</td>
<td>6</td>
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<td>PN Chips/Modulation Symbol</td>
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<td>PN chips transmitted/bit</td>
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Call processing states

- **Power up**
  - Tune to primary or secondary CDMA carrier

- **Initialization**
  - MS acquires pilot and sync channel

- **Idle State**
  - MS acquires paging channel
  - Monitors PCH for messages

- **Access State**
  - MS sends messages on ACH
  - BS sends messages on PCH

- **Traffic Channel State**
  - Speech occurs on forward and reverse links
  - Associated control messages using blank and burst

- **End of call**
  - System response
  - Page response

- **Registration**
  - Channel acquisition
  - MS sends messages on ACH

- **Idle Handoff**
  - MS moves to another cell in the idle state
  - MS determines that a new pilot signal is stronger

- **Overhead messages on the paging channel**
  - System parameters
  - Neighbor list (PN offsets of the neighbors)
  - CDMA channel list (list of CDMA channels)
  - Access parameters
    - Access message sequence number
    - Nominal transmit power of the access channel and power increments

CDMA Properties: Near-Far Problem

- A CDMA receiver cannot successfully despread the desired signal in a high multiple-access-interference environment

- Unless a transmitter close to the receiver transmits at power lower than a transmitter farther away, the far transmitter cannot be heard

- Mobile transmit so that power levels are about equal at the base station

- **Power control** must be used to mitigate the near-far problem
Power control

- In CDMA, the “near-far” problem is very significant
  - As users transmit at the same time and frequency, a user close to the base station may drown the signal of a user far away from the base station
- To overcome this problem, power control is used
  - Open-loop power control
    - Use a transmit power that is inversely proportional to the received signal strength from a base station
  - Closed-loop power control
    - A power control bit is transmitted 800 times a second on the forward link
    - The bit instructs the mobile station to either increase or decrease the power by 1 dB
- Power control also reduces the battery power consumption making the CDMA phones somewhat smaller than their TDMA counterparts

Power Control: Open Loop vs. Closed Loop

- Open loop:
  - Base station transmits at a known power level (a beacon) which mobile measures to estimate the path loss
  - Assumes path loss in both directions is the same
  - Not very accurate as uplink and downlink are separated in frequency
  - Useful for coarse initial estimates at mobile used in Access channel for signalling
- Closed loop:
  - Signal-to-Interference Ratio (SIR) measured at the receiver and compared to a target value for SIR
  - Receiver sends a power control command to transmitter to reduce or increase the power level - requires a bi-directional link
  - Used in TCH – power control subchannel operates at 800 bps by puncturing downlink data with periodic bits – each power command adjusted MS power in 1 dB increments

Closed Loop Power Control: Inner Loop vs. Outer Loop

- Inner Loop (or fast power control)
  - Measures received SIR, controls transmit power
  - Commands sent several times per frame (hence fast power control)
- Outer Loop (or slow power control)
  - Measures packet error rate
  - Changes target SIR for inner loop
  - Directly modify transmit power based on FER
  - Commands sent once per frame (hence slow power control)
CDMA Capacity

- **CDMA Main Advantages**
  - resistant to narrow band interference
  - resistant to multipath fading and ISI
  - no hard limit on number of users (soft capacity)
  - As number of users on a frequency increases the interference level increases and BER increases for all users
  - With proper limits all frequencies can be used in every cell

CDMA Capacity

- **CDMA is an interference limited system**
  - Must limit number of users on a frequency to limit interference within a cell and between cells using same frequency (All CDMA carriers can be assigned to each sector in each cell)
  - Total Interference $I_t = I_{oc} + I_o + N_o$
    - $I_{oc} =$ other cell interference, $I_o =$ own cell interference, $N_o =$ Noise
    - Uplink not downlink in CDMA systems considered the constraining factor
  - Remember in direct sequence spread spectrum Processing Gain = bandwidth of the spread signal to the bandwidth of the data signal = $W/R$
    - In IS-95 $W/R = 10 \log \left( \frac{1.23 \text{ MHz}}{9.6 \text{ KHz}} \right) = 21.1$ dB for rate set 1, for rate set two (14.4 kbps) => 19.3 dB
  - Number of traffic channels per carrier and cell function of processing gain, interference, speech coder tolerance for errors, error control coding, etc.

CDMA Capacity

- The effect of more users in a cell on frequency is to degrade the channel for everyone – can be thought of as decreasing the usable cell size
Cell Breathing

- Cell breaths in & out with changing load
  - Cells shrink during peak hours, expand during off-peak hours

Soft Handoff

- If a mobile terminal moves away from a base station and continues to increase its transmit power to maintain contact with base station – at edge of cell will need to handoff to adjacent cell
- In soft handoff a mobile terminal is required to track the pilot signals from all neighboring base stations
  - It will communicate with multiple base stations simultaneously for a short while before deciding on the final candidate
  - This is possible because of the RAKE receiver and direct-sequence spread-spectrum
  - Not all handoffs will be soft!
  - hard handoff when CDMA to AMPS and inter-CDMA frequency channel handoffs
  - Note soft handoff reduces system capacity as mobile tying up 2 traffic channels

CDMA System Concepts: Soft Handovers

- Mobile located in the area of overlap of multiple base stations
  - Transmission:
    - Uplink: No difference
    - Downlink: BSC/MSC sends out a copy of the same packet to each base station
  - Reception:
    - Uplink: Each base station demodulates packet, BSC/MSC picks the “better packet” (macro-diversity combining)
    - Downlink: The mobile combines the signals using a Rake receiver (micro-diversity combining)
  - Two power control loops
The mobile terminal maintains a list of pilot channels that it can hear and classifies them into four categories:
- **Active set**: pilots currently used by the mobile terminal (up to three pilots can be used).
- **Candidate set**: pilots that are not in the active set, but have sufficient signal strength for demodulation.
- **Neighbour set**: pilots of base stations of neighbouring cells that are indicated by the network through the paging channel.
- **Remaining set**: all other possible pilots in the system.

Several thresholds are used by the mobile terminal to move pilots from one set to another.
Soft Handoff

- IS-95 specifies three basic types of soft handoff
  (a) Softer: handoff between two sectors of same cell
  (b) Soft: handoff between sectors of adjacent cells
  (c) Soft-softer: candidates for handoff include two sectors from the same cell and a sector from adjacent cell

Soft Handoff

- Combinations of the three types can occur for example
  - Soft-Soft: 3 adjacent cells
- Downside of soft handoff
  - Call uses multiple traffic channels over air (increases interference and decreases capacity)
  - Call uses multiple trunk in portion of wired network
  - Figure shows typical soft handoff percentages in a live IS-95 network in Dallas, Texas
  - Note in handoff state 85% of the time!

Encryption

- CAVE (cellular authentication and voice encryption) algorithm used
- Uses a 64 bit A-key along with ESN and Random number to generate 128 bit shared secret data (SSD)
- SSD divided into two 64 bit blocks
  - (A for authentication, B for encryption)
- Challenge/Response technique for Authentication
- Random number used to create key for encryption of voice and data
Example of C-R: IS-41C

- Challenge/Response based on random number and SSD

IS-95 Summary

- Direct Sequence Spread Spectrum
- Code Division Multiple Access/FDMA/FDD
- Reuse frequencies in every cell K = 1!
- Soft Handoff supported
- Dim and Burst signalling
- Digital Voice
  - QCELP fixed rate 14.4Kbps coder
  - variable rate QCELP coder: 9.6, 4.8, 2.4, 1.2 Kbps
- Dual Mode (AMPS/CDMA) Dual Band (900, 1900 MHz bands)
- Low power handsets (sleep mode)
- Power Control important (800bps)
- Security: CDMA signal + CAVE encryption
- Air Interface Standard Only
- Large increase in capacity over AMPS