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GSM Fundamentals



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GSM system overview

- The GSM system is a frequency- and time-division cellular system, each physical channel is characterized by a carrier frequency and a time slot number
- Cellular systems are designed to operate with groups of low-power radios spread out over the geographical service area. Each group of radios serve MSs presently located near them. The area served by each group of radios is called a CELL
- Uplink and downlink signals for one user are assigned different frequencies, this kind of technique is called Frequency Division Duplex (FDD)
- Data for different users is conveyed in time intervals called slots , several slots make up a frame. This kind of technique is called Time Division Multiple Access (TDMA)

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Multiple Access Technique

- Multiple Access Technique allows many subscribers to use the same communication medium.
- There are three kinds of basic Multiple Access Technique : FDMA, TDMA and CDMA.
- GSM system adopt FDD-TDMA (FDMA and TDMA together).

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FDMA

Frequency



- FDMA uses different frequency channels to accomplish communication.
- The whole frequency spectrum available is divided into many individual channels (for transmitting and receiving), every channel can support the traffic for one subscriber or some control information.

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TDMA



- TDMA accomplishes the communication in different timeslot.
- A carrier is divided into channels based on time.
 Different signals occupy different timeslots in certain sequence, that is, many signals are transmitted on the same frequency in different time.

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The Frequency Spectrum
GSM 900



Duplex Separation:45MHzChannel Bandwidth:200KHz

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The Frequency Spectrum
GSM 1800

Base Station R	eceive	Base Statio	n Transmit
1710	1785	1805	1880MH

Duplex Separation:95MHzChannel Bandwidth:200KHz

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Frequency Reuse

- The frequency resource of mobile system is very limited.
- The different Subscribers can use the same frequency in different places.
- The quality of communication must be ensured.

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Frequency Reuse



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Network interface types



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Mobile Station—MS

MS=ME+SIM

International Mobile Equipment Identity (IMEI)

- Mobile Equipment

International Mobile Subscriber Identity (IMSI)

- Subscriber Identity Module





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Subscriber Identity Module – SIM

- International Mobile Subscriber Identity (IMSI)
- Temporary Mobile Subscriber Identity (TMSI)
- Location Area Identity (LAI)



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LAI



The LAI is the international code for a location area.

MCC: Mobile Country Code, It consists of 3 digits . For example: The MCC of China is "460"
MNC: Mobile Network Code, It consists of 2 digits . For example: The MNC of China Mobile is "00"
LAC: Location Area Code, It is a two bytes hex code. The value 0000 and FFFF is invalid.
For example: 460-00-0011

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CGI: Cell Global Identification

The CGI is a unique international identification for a cell
The format is LAI+CI
LAI: Location Area Identification
CI: Cell Identity. This code uses two bytes hex code to identify the cells within an LAI.
For example : 460-00-0011-0001

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BSIC

BSIC (Base Station Identification Color Code)



NCC: PLMN network color code. It comprises 3 bit. It allows various neighboring PLMNs to be distinguished.

BCC: BTS color code. It comprises 3 bit, used to distinguish different cells assigned the same frequency!



Co-BCCH and co-BSIC in adjacent area



MSISDN



CC: Country Code. For example: The CC of China is "86".
NDC: National Destination Code. For example: The NDC of China Telecom is 139, 138, 137, 136, 135.
SN: Subscriber Number.

Example: 86-139-0666-1234

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IMSI



- MCC: Mobile Country Code, It consists of 3 digits . For example: The MCC of China is "460".
- MNC: Mobile Network Code, It consists of 2 digits . For example: The MNC of China Telecom is "00".
- MSIN: Mobile Subscriber Identification Number. H1H2H3 S ABCDEF For example: 666-9777001
- NMSI: National Mobile Subscriber Identification, MNC and MSIN form it together.

For Example of IMSI : 460-00-666-9777001

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Physical Channel and Logical Channel

The physical channel is the medium over which the information is carried: 200KHz and 0.577ms

The logical channel consists of the information carried over the physical channels



—— TDMA FRAME ———— TDMA FRAME ………

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Two types of Logical Channel

Traffic Channel (TCH) : Transmits traffic information, include data and speech.

Control Channel (CCH) : Or Signaling Channel, transmits all kinds of control information.

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Frequency Reuse

Frequency to be used by TRX (must be unique within a BTS)						
initialFrequency (FREQ)	11023	Setting of ARFCNs			
0014000	400 054					
GSM 800:	128 251					
GSM 900:	1124 and 9751023, 0					
GSM 1800:	512885					
GSM 1900:	512810					



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Power Control

Both Uplink and Downlink power settings can be controlled independently and individually.

Saves battery power

Reduces co-channel and

adjacent channel interference

BCCH ------

Does not attend Power control



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Classification

Power control includes uplink power control and downlink power control and they are performed separately.



adjust the transmit power of MS





Discontinuous Transmission – DTX

Voice Activity Detection – VAD



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Frequency Hopping

Frequency



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Advantages of Hopping

- Get an agreeable radio environment.
- Provide a similar communication quality for every user.
- Tighter reuse patterns are possible to be used for larger capacity.

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Interference Diversity of Hopping



Smoothen and average the interference

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Base Band Hopping Principle

• BCCH carrier attends hopping, on which TS0 can not attend hopping



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Timeslot Hopping

•5 timeslots on 1 TRX hopping on 5 frequencies



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