Multiple Access Techniques for Wireless Communication

FDMA

TDMA

SDMA

PDMA

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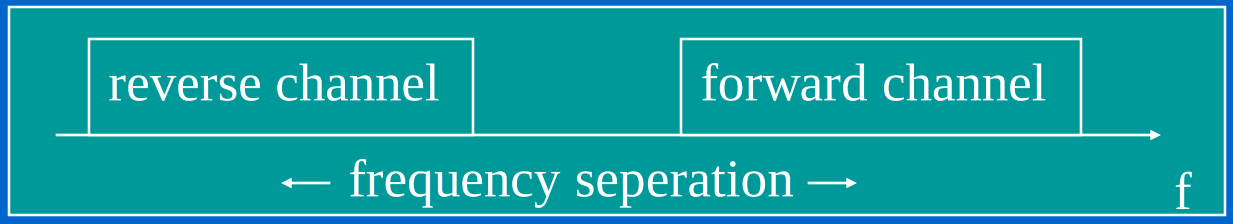
Introduction

- many users at same time
- share a finite amount of radio spectrum
- high performance
- duplexing generally required
- frequency domain
- time domain

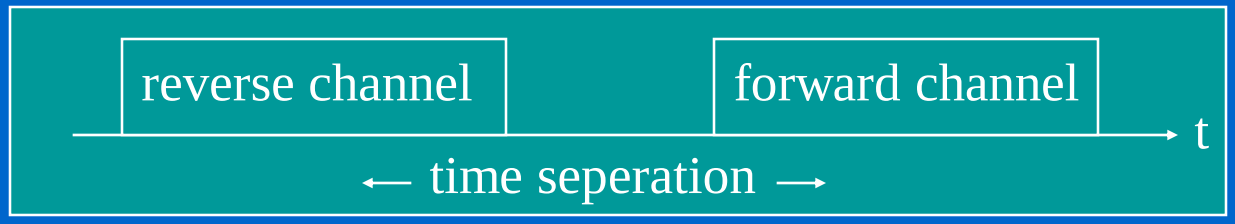
Frequency division duplexing (FDD)

- two bands of frequencies for every user
- forward band
- reverse band
- duplexer needed
- frequency seperation between forward band and reverse band is constant



Time division duplexing (TDD)

- uses time for forward and reverse link
- multiple users share a single radio channel
- forward time slot
- reverse time slot
- no duplexer is required



Multiple Access Techniques

- Frequency division multiple access (FDMA)
- Time division multiple access (TDMA)
- Code division multiple access (CDMA)
- Space division multiple access (SDMA)
- grouped as:
- narrowband systems
- wideband systems

Narrowband systems

- large number of narrowband channels
- usually FDD
- Narrowband FDMA
- Narrowband TDMA
- FDMA/FDD
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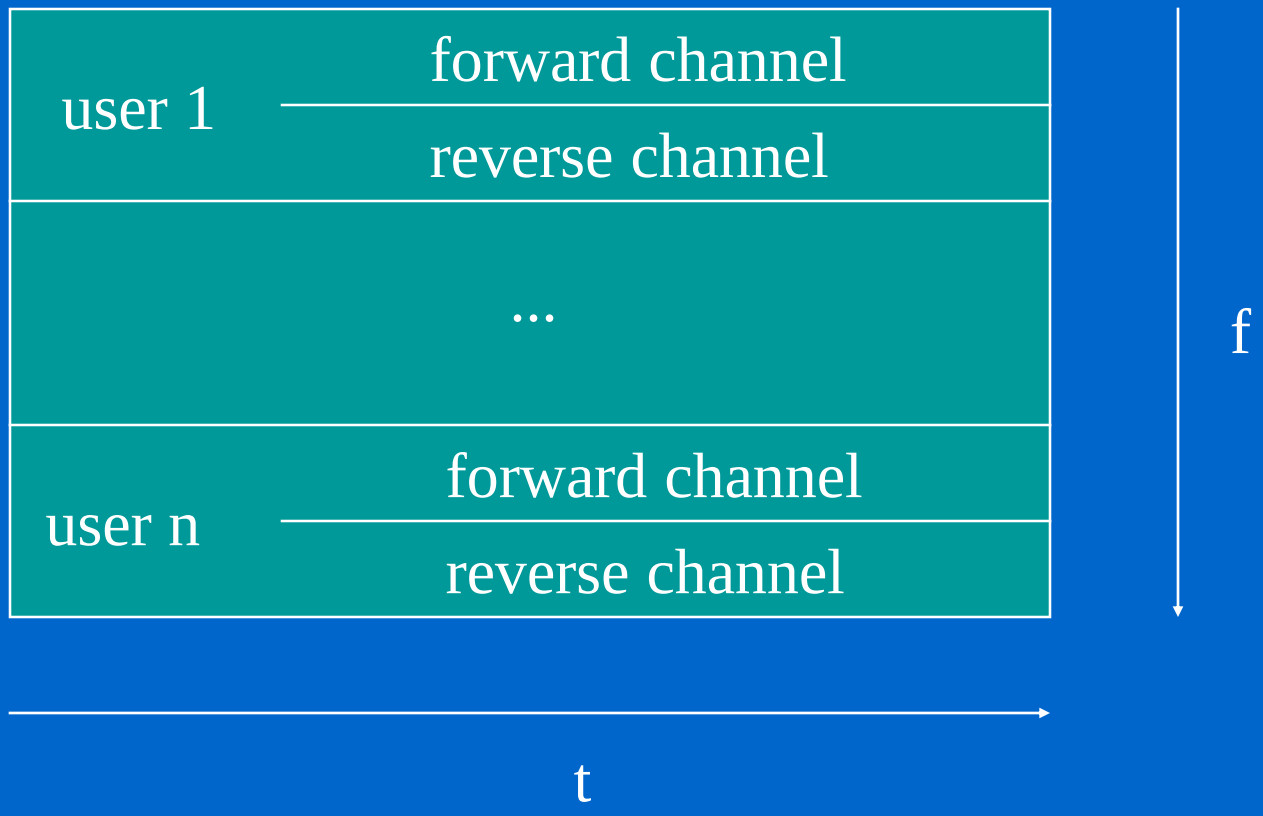
Logical separation FDMA/FDD



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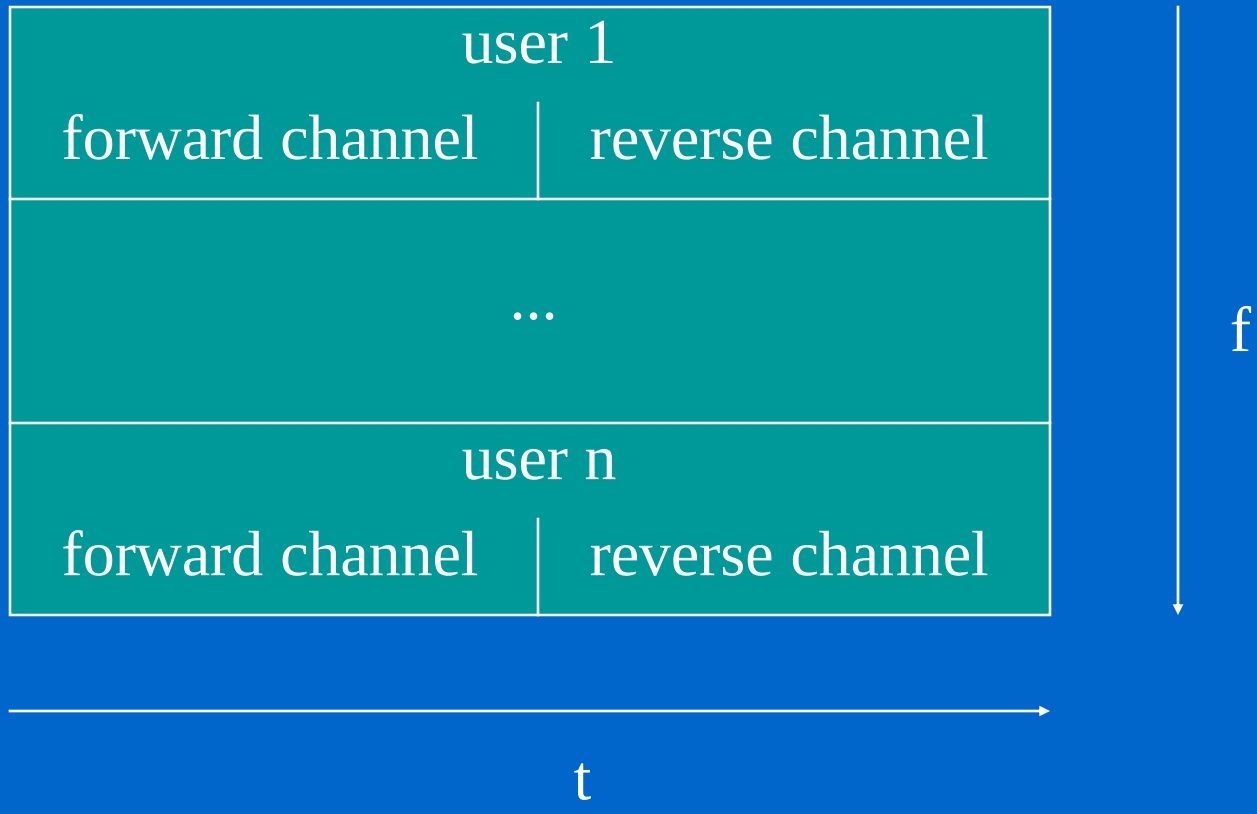

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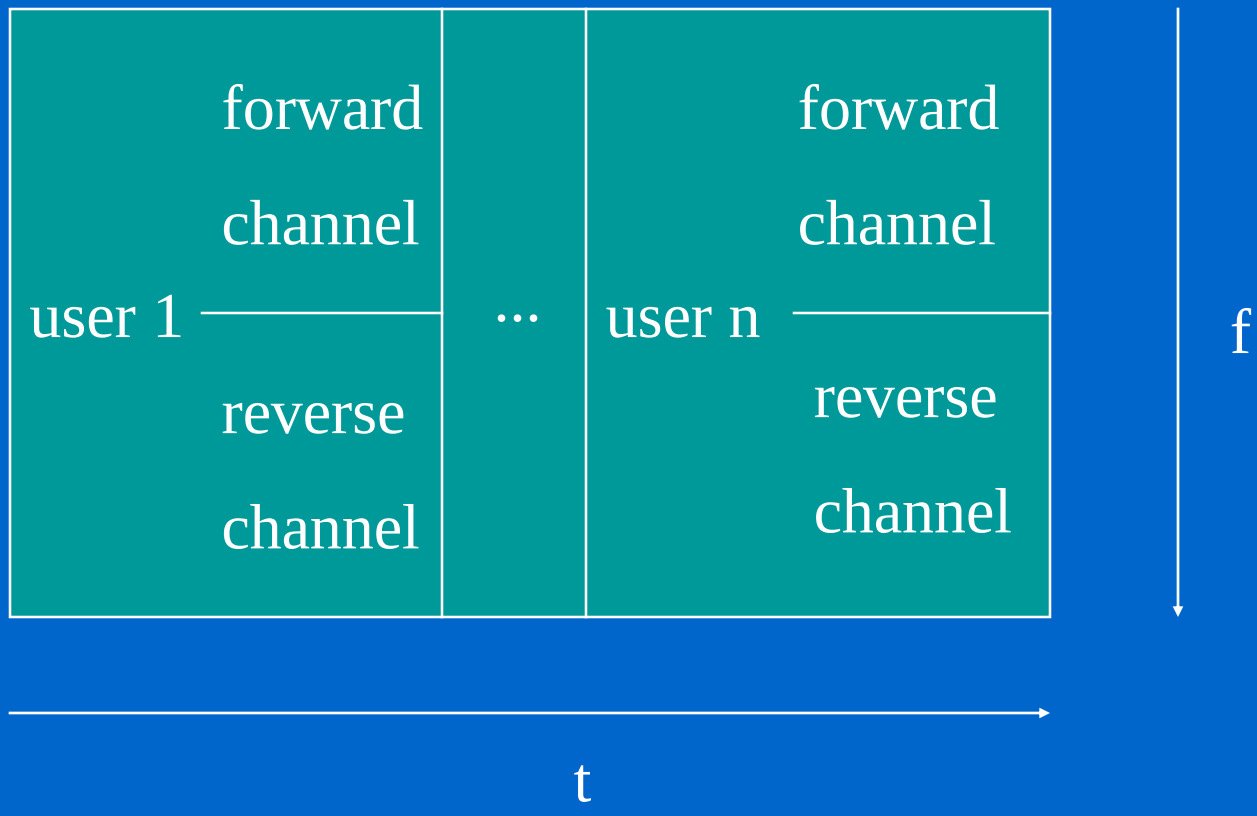

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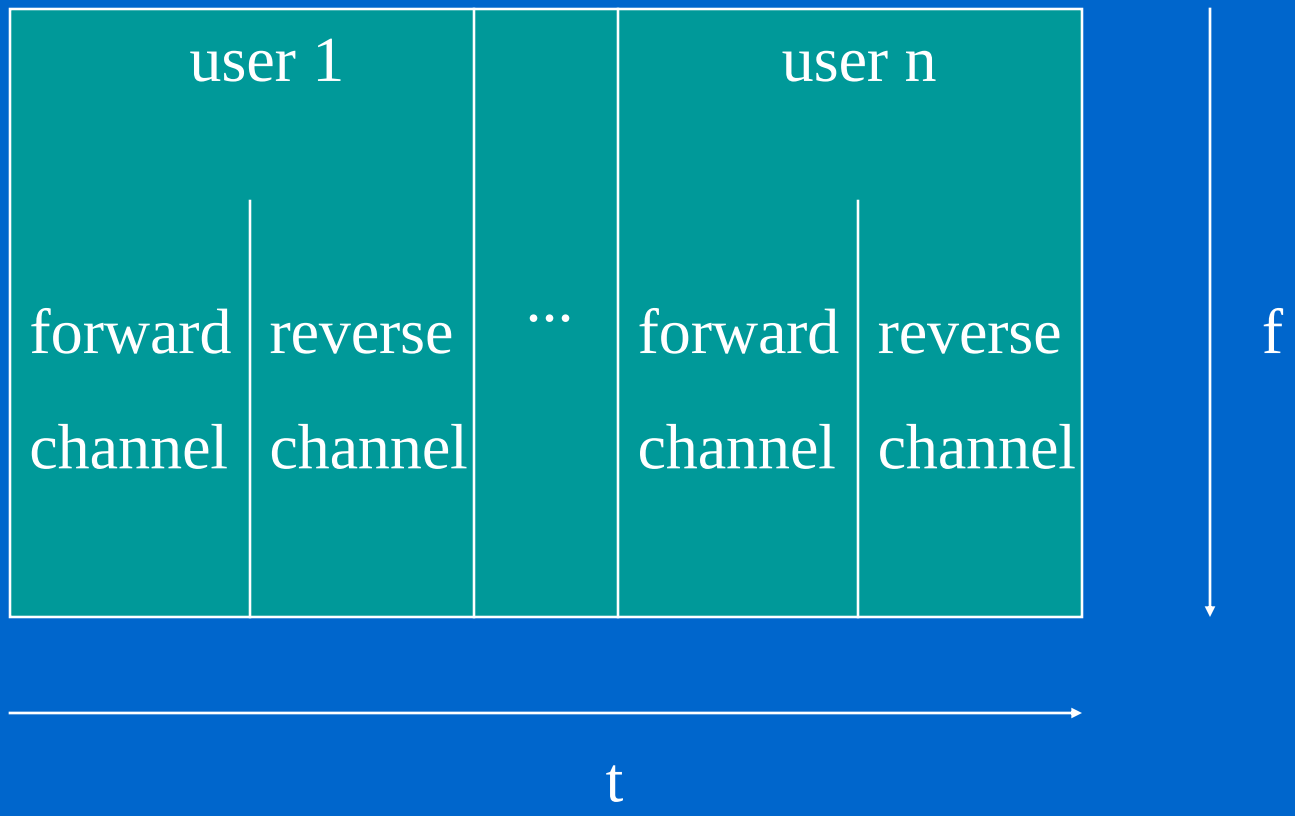

Wideband systems

- large number of transmitters on one channel
- TDMA techniques
- CDMA techniques
- FDD or TDD multiplexing techniques
- TDMA/FDD
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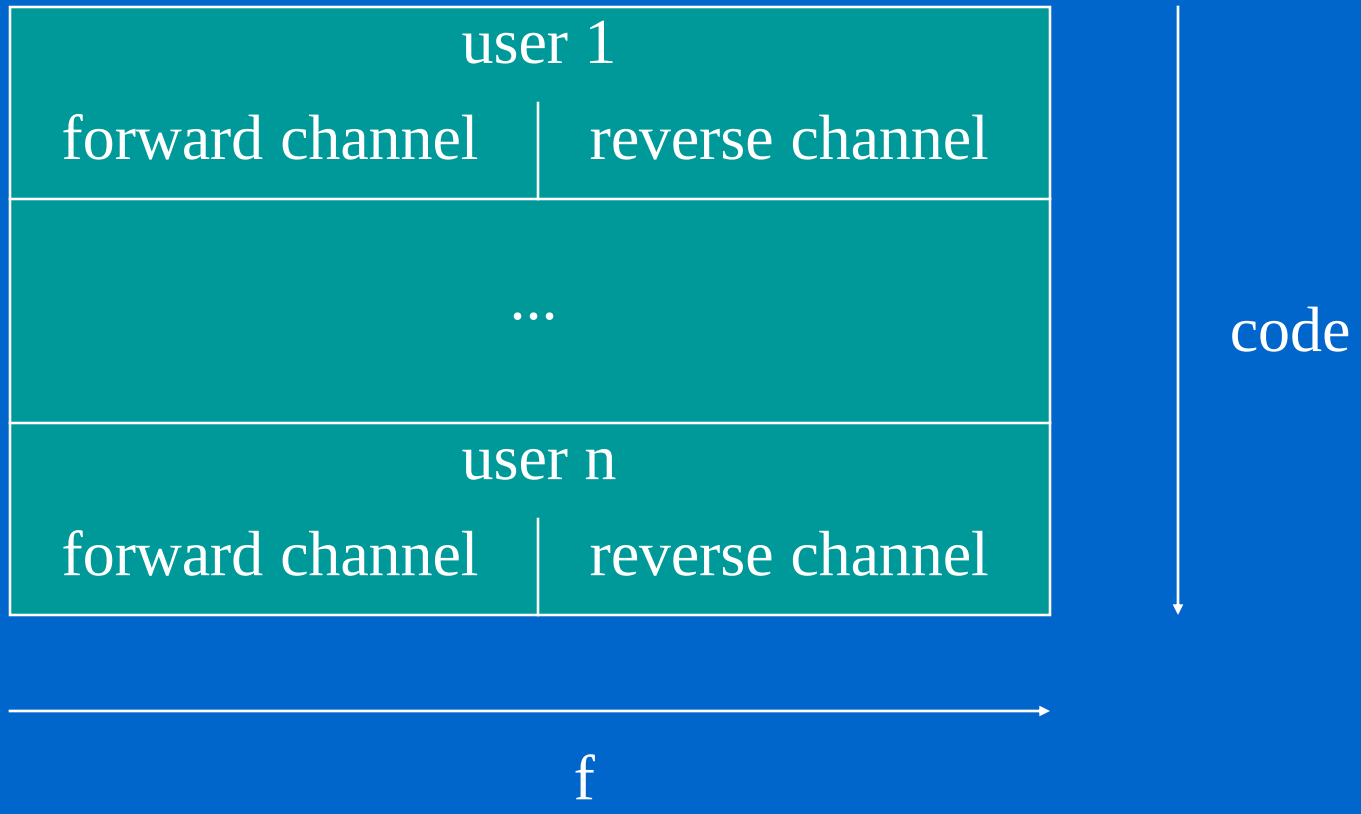

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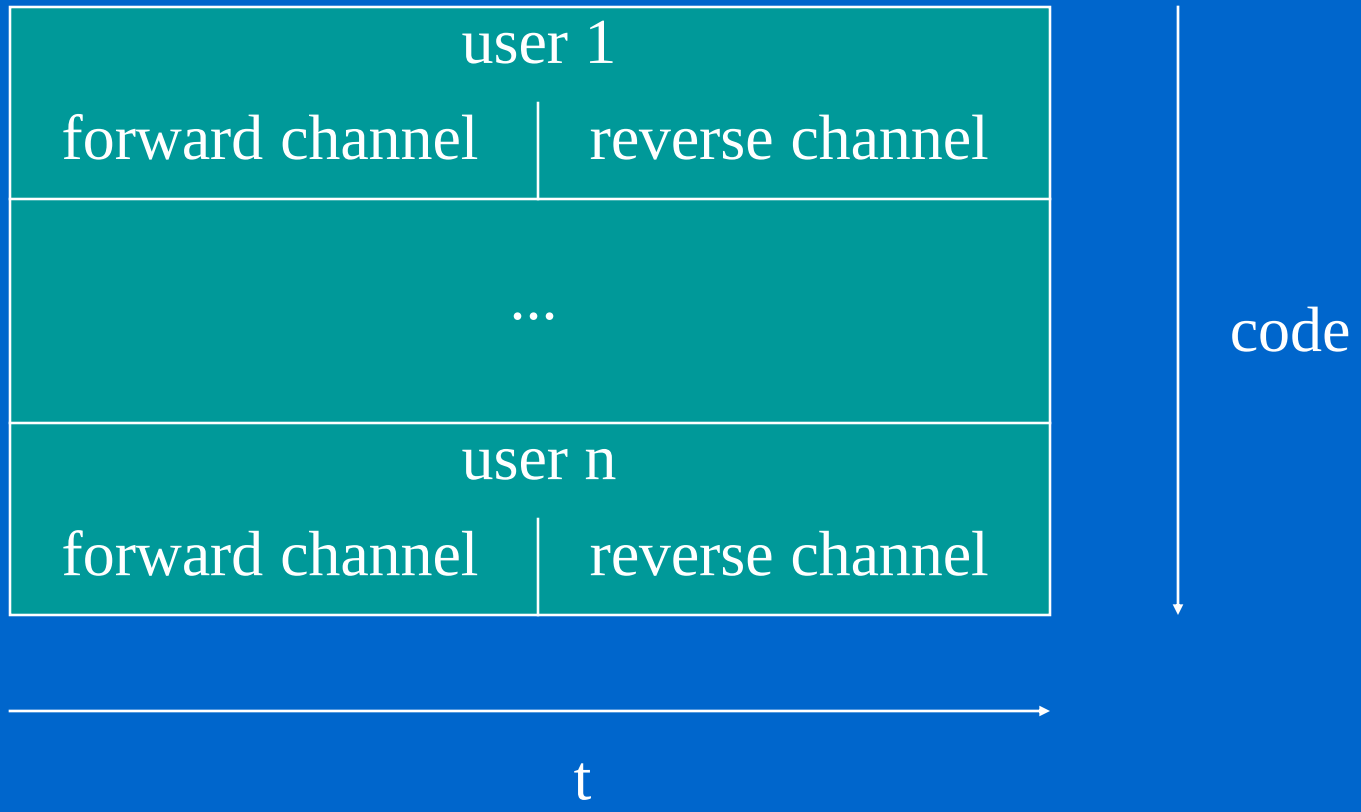


Multiple Access Techniques in use

Cellular System	Multiple Access Technique
Advanced Mobile Phone System (AMPS)	FDMA/FDD
Global System for Mobile (GSM)	TDMA/FDD
US Digital Cellular (USDC)	TDMA/FDD
Digital European Cordless Telephone (DECT)	FDMA/TDD
US Narrowband Spread Spectrum (IS-95)	CDMA/FDD

Frequency division multiple access FDMA

- one phone circuit per channel
- idle time causes wasting of resources
- simultaneously and continuously transmitting
- usually implemented in narrowband systems
- for example: in AMPS is a FDMA bandwidth of 30 kHz implemented

FDMA compared to TDMA

- fewer bits for synchronization
- fewer bits for framing
- higher cell site system costs
- higher costs for duplexer used in base station and subscriber units
- FDMA requires RF filtering to minimize adjacent channel interference

Nonlinear Effects in FDMA

- many channels - same antenna
- for maximum power efficiency operate near saturation
- near saturation power amplifiers are nonlinear
- nonlinearities causes signal spreading
- intermodulation frequencies

Nonlinear Effects in FDMA

- IM are undesired harmonics
- interference with other channels in the FDMA system
- decreases user C/I - decreases performance
- interference outside the mobile radio band: adjacent-channel interference
- RF filters needed - higher costs

Number of channels in a FDMA system

$$N = \frac{B_t - B_{guard}}{B_c}$$

- N … number of channels
- B_t … total spectrum allocation
- B_{guard} … guard band
- B_c … channel bandwidth

Example: Advanced Mobile Phone System

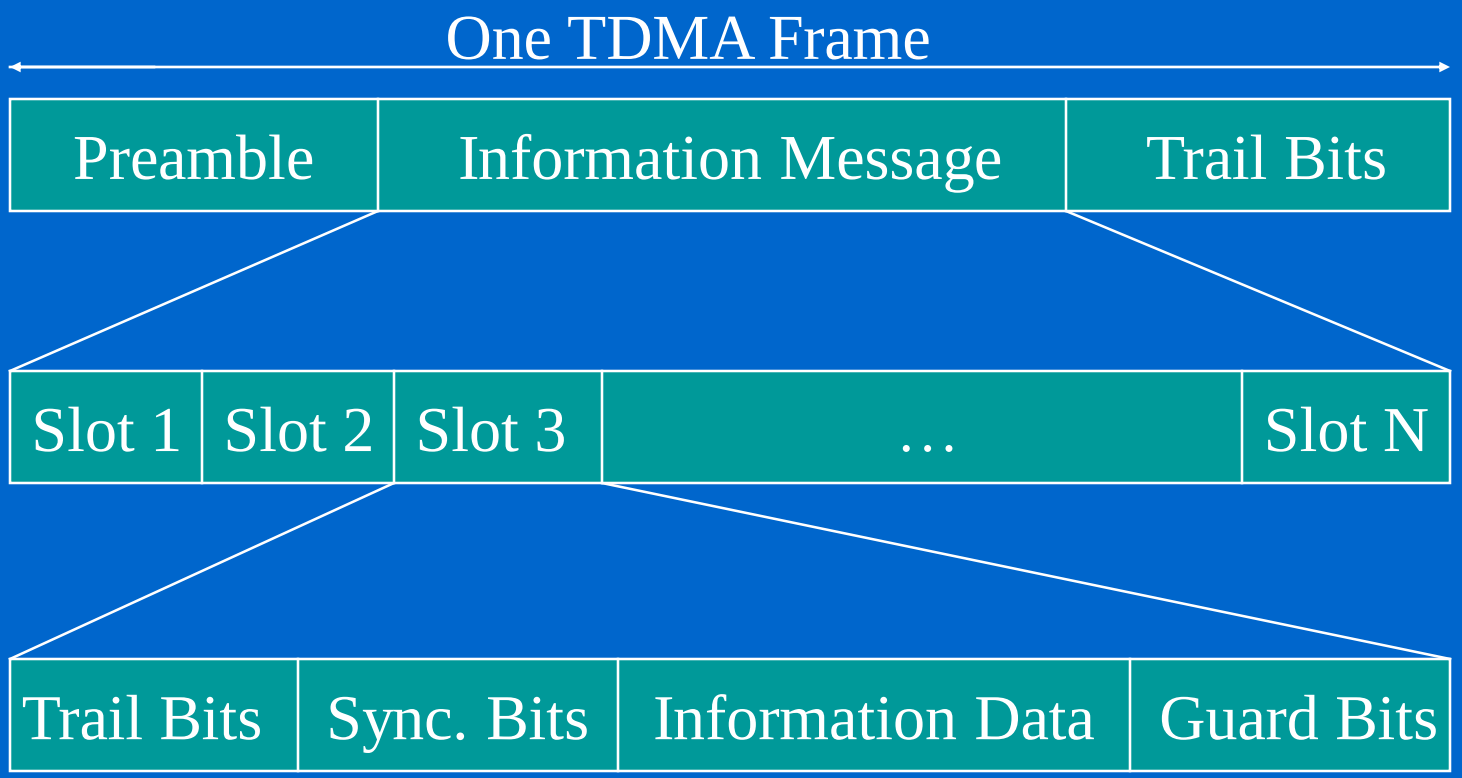
- AMPS
- FDMA/FDD
- analog cellular system
- 12.5 MHz per simplex band - B_t
- B_{guard} = 10 kHz ; B_c = 30 kHz

$$N = \frac{12.5E6 - 2*(10E3)}{30E3} = 416 \text{ channels}$$

Time Division Multiple Access

- time slots
- one user per slot
- buffer and burst method
- noncontinuous transmission
- digital data
- digital modulation

Repeating Frame Structure



The frame is cyclically repeated over time.

Features of TDMA

- a single carrier frequency for several users
- transmission in bursts
- low battery consumption
- handoff process much simpler
- FDD : switch instead of duplexer
- very high transmission rate
- high synchronization overhead
- guard slots necessary

Number of channels in a TDMA system

$$N = \frac{m*(B_{tot} - 2*B_{guard})}{B_c}$$

- N … number of channels
- m … number of TDMA users per radio channel
- B_{tot} … total spectrum allocation
- B_{guard} … Guard Band
- B_c … channel bandwidth

Example: Global System for Mobile (GSM)

- TDMA/FDD
- forward link at B_{tot} = 25 MHz
- radio channels of B_c = 200 kHz
- if m = 8 speech channels supported, and
- if no guard band is assumed :

$$N = \frac{8*25E6}{200E3} = 1000 \text{ simultaneous users}$$

Efficiency of TDMA

- percentage of transmitted data that contain information
- frame efficiency η_f
- usually end user efficiency < η_f ,
- because of source and channel coding
- How get η_f ?

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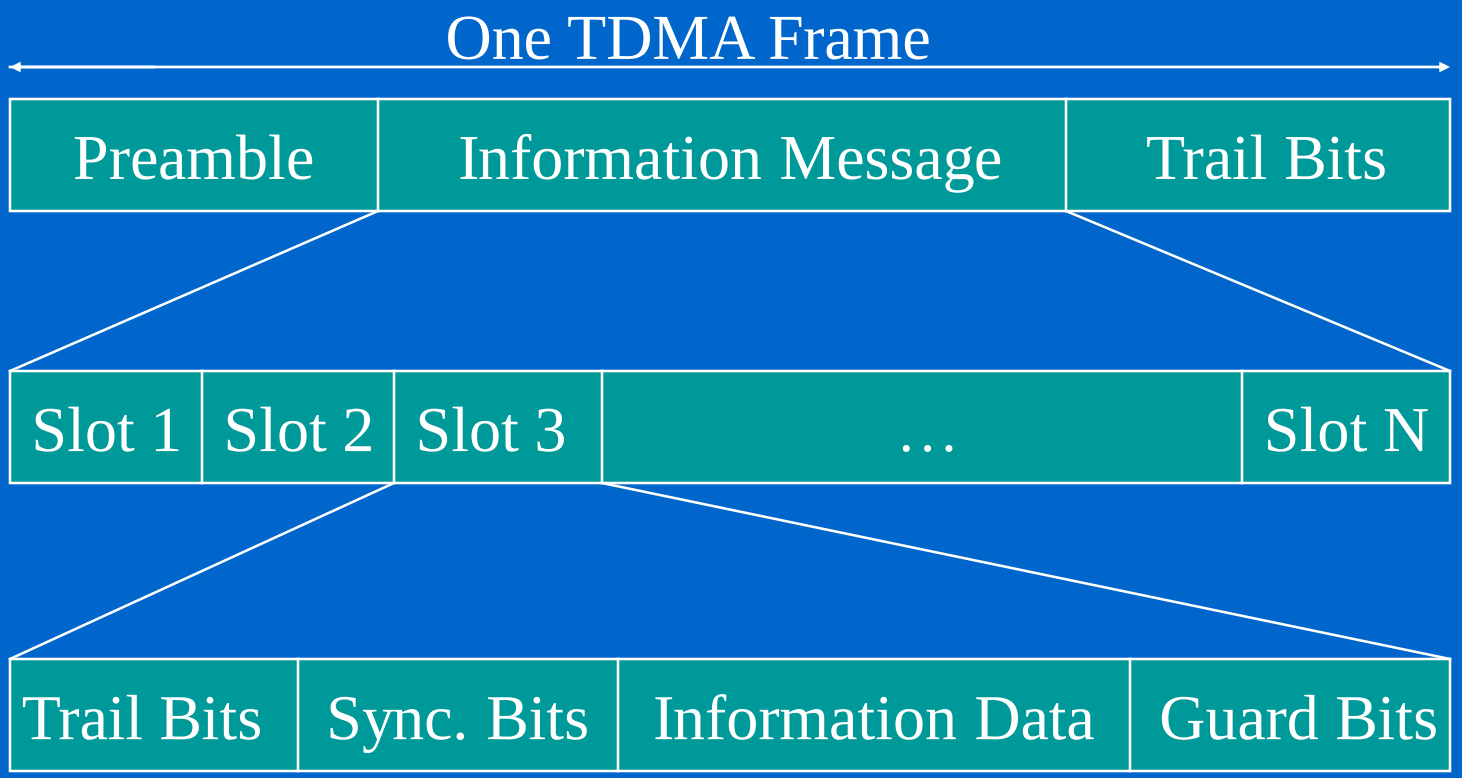

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Efficiency of TDMA

$$b_{OH} = N_r * b_r + N_t * b_p + N_t * b_g + N_r * b_g$$

- b_{OH} … number of overhead bits
- N_r … number of reference bursts per frame
- b_r … reference bits per reference burst
- N_t … number of traffic bursts per frame
- b_p … overhead bits per preamble in each slot
- b_g … equivalent bits in each guard time interval

Efficiency of TDMA

$$b_T = T_f * R$$

- b_T … total number of bits per frame
- T_f … frame duration
- R … channel bit rate

Efficiency of TDMA

$$\eta_f = (1 - b_{OH}/b_T) * 100\%$$

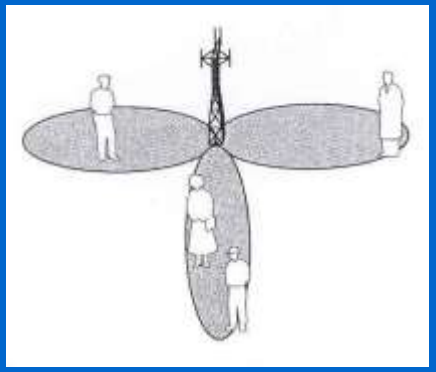
- η_f … frame efficiency
- b_{OH} … number of overhead bits per frame
- b_T … total number of bits per frame

Space Division Multiple Access

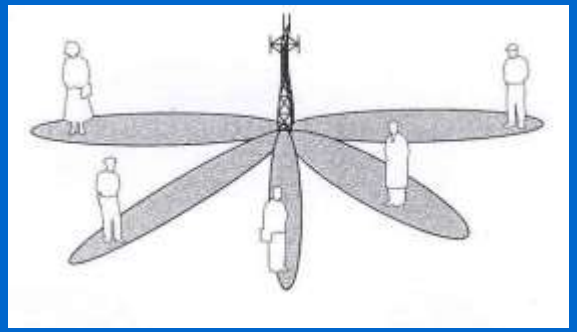
- Controls radiated energy for each user in space
- using spot beam antennas
- base station tracks user when moving
- cover areas with same frequency:
- TDMA or CDMA systems
- cover areas with same frequency:
- FDMA systems

Space Division Multiple Access

- primitive applications are "Sectorized antennas"



- in future adaptive antennas simultaneously steer energy in the direction of many users at once



Reverse link problems

- general problem
- different propagation path from user to base
- dynamic control of transmitting power from each user to the base station required
- limits by battery consumption of subscriber units
- possible solution is a filter for each user

Solution by SDMA systems

- adaptive antennas promise to mitigate reverse link problems
- limiting case of infinitesimal beamwidth
- limiting case of infinitely fast track ability
- thereby unique channel that is free from interference
- all user communicate at same time using the same channel

Disadvantage of SDMA

- perfect adaptive antenna system: infinitely large antenna needed
- compromise needed