

Introduction to LTE



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1. LTE: Key Features
2. OFDMA and SC-FDMA
3. Evolved Packet Core (EPC)
4. LTE Frame Structure
5. Resource Allocation

LTE: Key Features

Long Term Evolution. 3GPP Release 8, 2009.

1. **3.9G** (Pre-4G) cellular technology
Sold as 4G by some providers.
4G=International Mobile Telecommunication (IMT) Advanced Requirements in ITU M.2134-2008
2. **Many different bands:** 700/1500/1700/**2100**/2600 MHz
3. **Flexible Bandwidth:** 1.4/3/5/10/15/20 MHz
4. Frequency Division Duplexing (FDD) and Time Division Duplexing (TDD)
⇒ Both *paired* and *unpaired* spectrum
5. 4x4 MIMO, Multi-user collaborative MIMO
6. Beamforming in the downlink

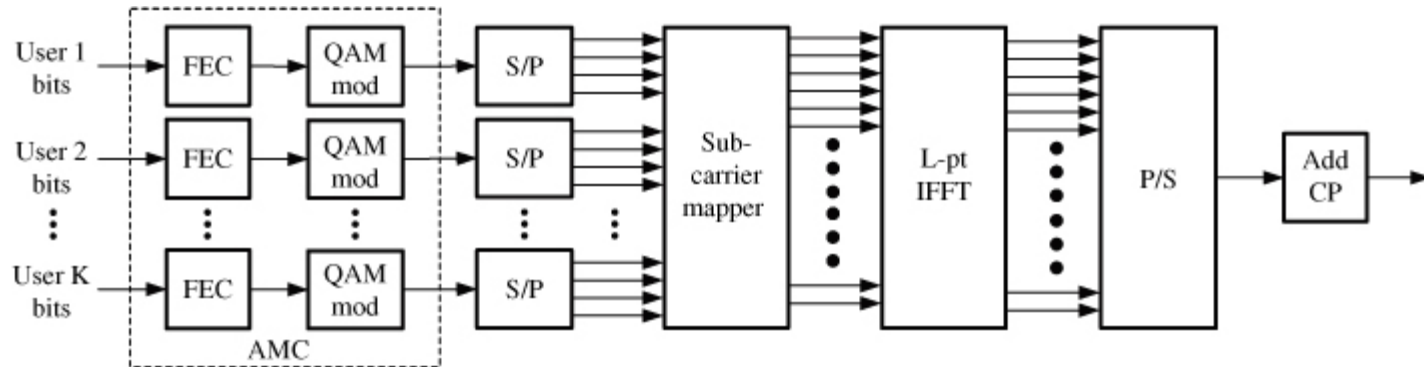
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LTE: Key Features (Cont)

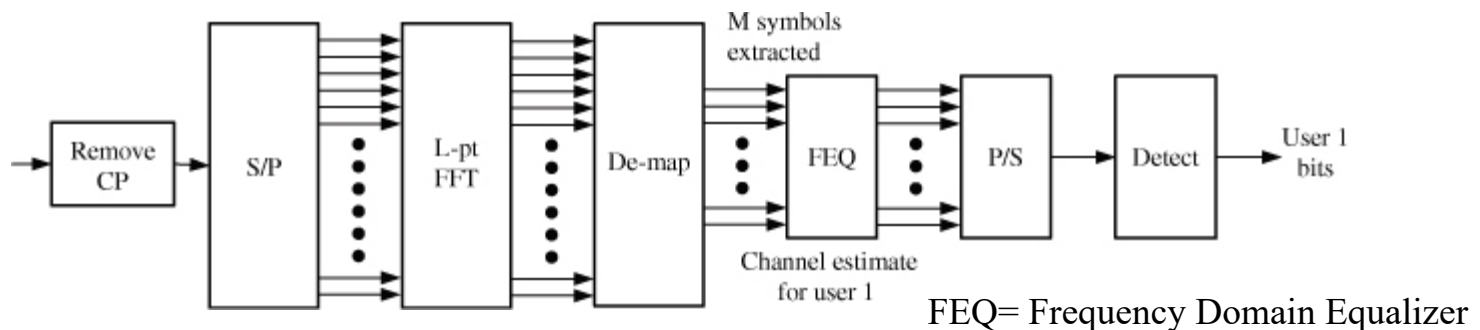
8. Data Rate: 326 Mbps/down 86 Mbps up (4x4 MIMO 20 MHz)
9. Modulation: OFDM with QPSK, 16 QAM, 64 QAM
10. **OFDMA** downlink,
Single Carrier Frequency Division Multiple Access (**SC-FDMA**) uplink
11. **Hybrid ARQ** Transmission
12. Short **Frame Sizes** of 10ms and 1ms \Rightarrow faster feedback and better efficiency at high speed
13. **Persistent scheduling** to reduce control channel overhead for low bit rate voice transmission.
14. **IP based** flat network architecture

OFDMA Downlink

- Transmitter at Base Station: IFFT converts frequency to time



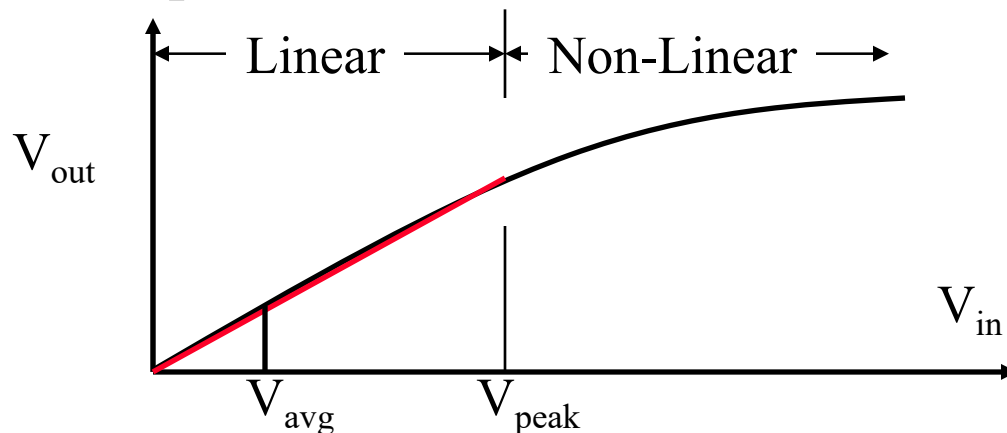
- Receiver at User Terminal: FFT converts time to frequency



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Peak-to-Average Power Ratio (PAPR)

- ❑ OFDM
 - ⇒ Each carrier modulated according to specific channel condition
 - ⇒ High variation of power levels
 - ⇒ Higher Peak-to-Average Power Ratio (PAPR)
 - ⇒ Higher cost of amplifiers
- ❑ Amplifiers are linear only over a restricted region
 - ⇒ Costly amplifier or reduce average signal power significantly
 - ⇒ Can afford such amplifiers in Base stations but not in mobiles



SC-FDMA

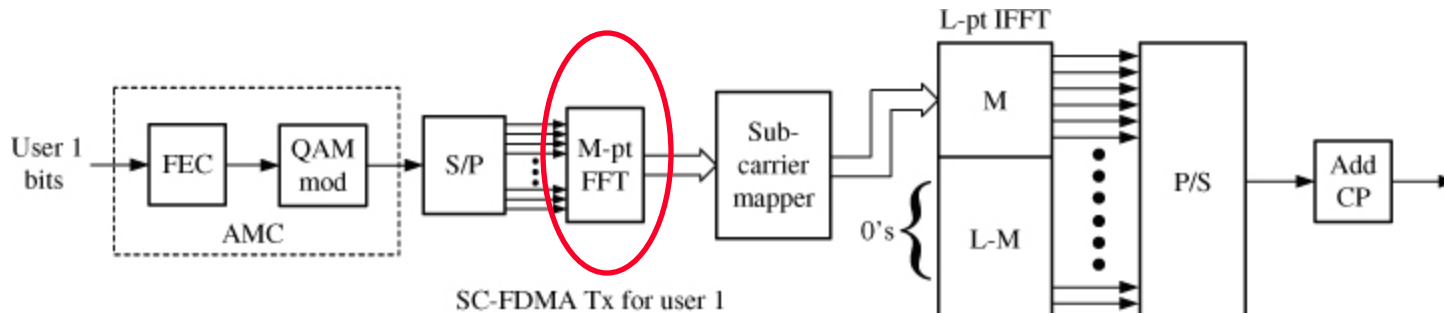
- ❑ Single-Carrier Frequency Division Multiple Access
- ❑ Each user gets a contiguous part of the channel



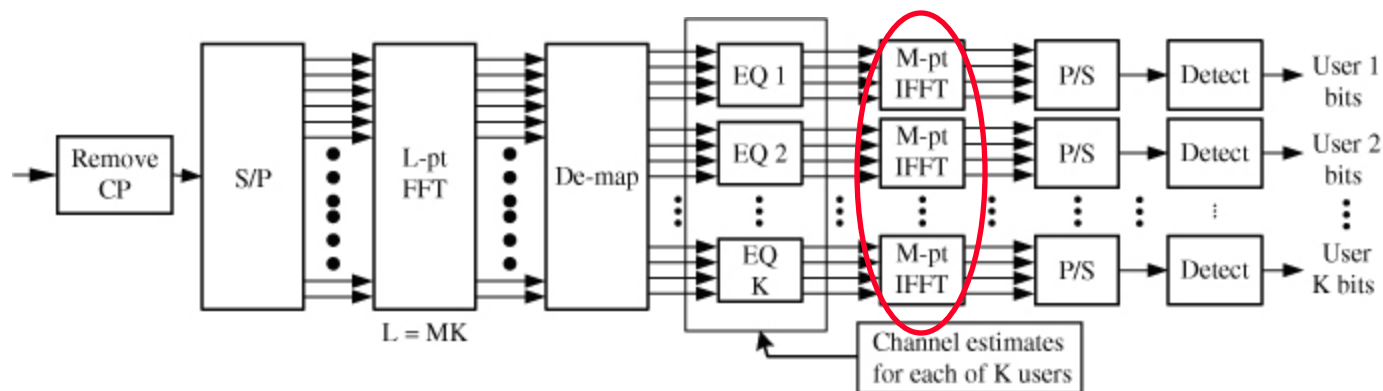
- ❑ Uses single carrier modulation and adds a cyclic prefix
- ❑ Single carrier \Rightarrow Not much variation in amplitude
 \Rightarrow Lower PAPR
- ❑ Better for uplink because slight mis-synchronization among users does not affect the decoding significantly
- ❑ With OFDMA each user's subcarriers are spread all over the band and may affect other users subcarriers all over the band

SC-FDMA (Cont)

- ❑ In practice, SC-FDMA is implemented as if the user is allocated a contiguous subset of subcarriers
- ❑ Transmitter at the User Terminal:



- ❑ Receiver at the Base Station:



- ❑ SC-FDMA = Discrete Fourier Transform *Pre-coded* OFDMA

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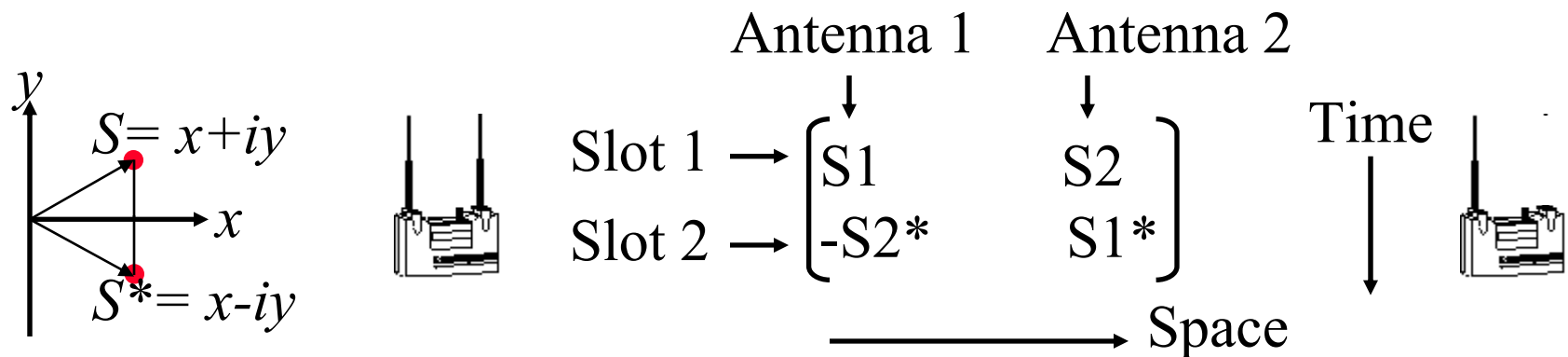
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Space Time Block Codes (STBC)

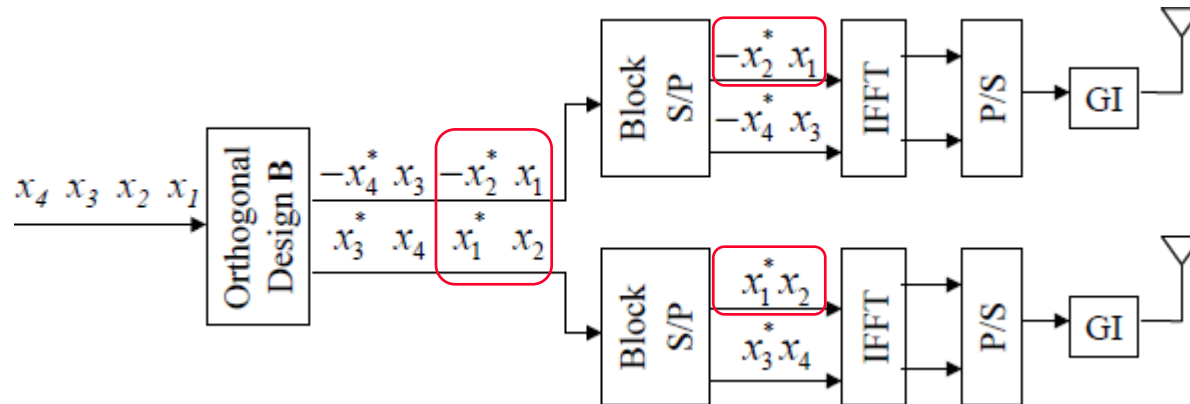
- ❑ Invented 1998 by Vahid Tarokh.
- ❑ Transmit multiple redundant copies from multiple antennas
- ❑ Precisely coordinate distribution of symbols in space and time.
- ❑ Receiver combines multiple copies of the received signals optimally to overcome multipath.
- ❑ Example: Two antennas: Two symbols in two slots \Rightarrow Rate 1



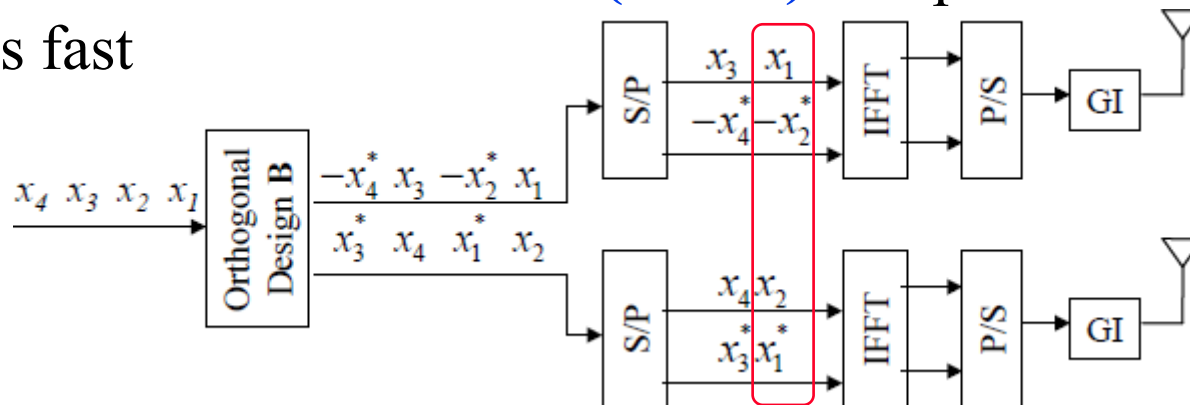
$S1^*$ is complex conjugate of $S1 \Rightarrow$ columns are orthogonal

Space-Frequency Block Codes

- STBC on OFDM (Multi-carrier): Two alternatives
- STBC on each subcarrier:**



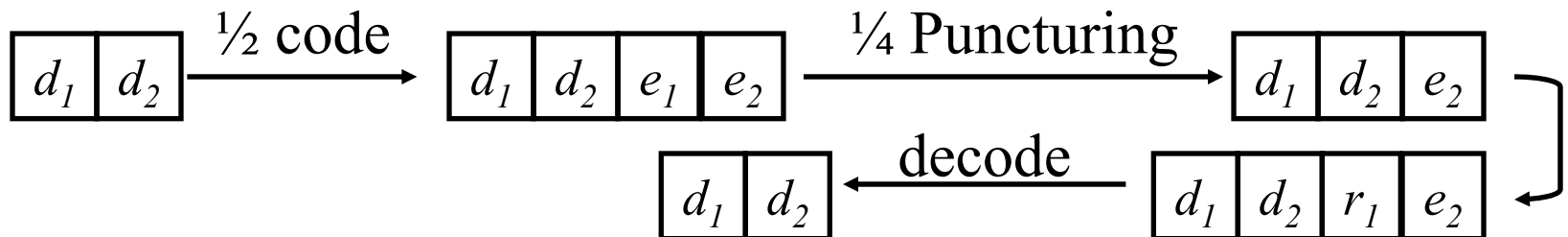
- STBC on across subcarriers (SFBC):** Helps if channel changes fast



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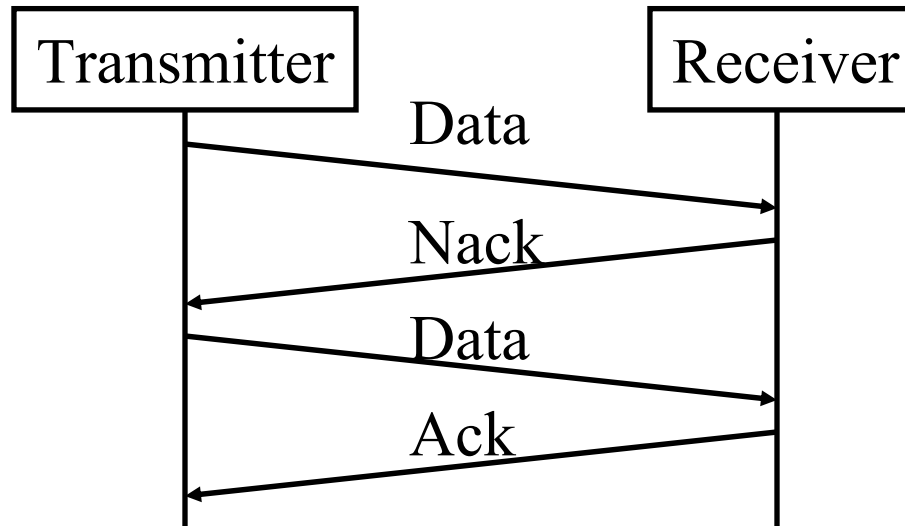
Puncturing

- ❑ Use large number of error correcting code (ECC) bits but send only some of them
- ❑ Example: 1/2 code = 1 ECC bit/Original bit
- ❑ Or 4 bits for each 2-bit symbol
- ❑ 1/4 puncturing \Rightarrow Drop every 4th bit
 \Rightarrow send 3 bits for each 2-bit symbol = 2/3 code
- ❑ Receiver puts random bits in the punctured positions and decodes \Rightarrow high probability of correct decoding particularly if the SINR is high
- ❑ 1/2 code with 1/4th puncture is not as good as 2/3 code in general but puncturing helps in some situations, such as, H-ARQ



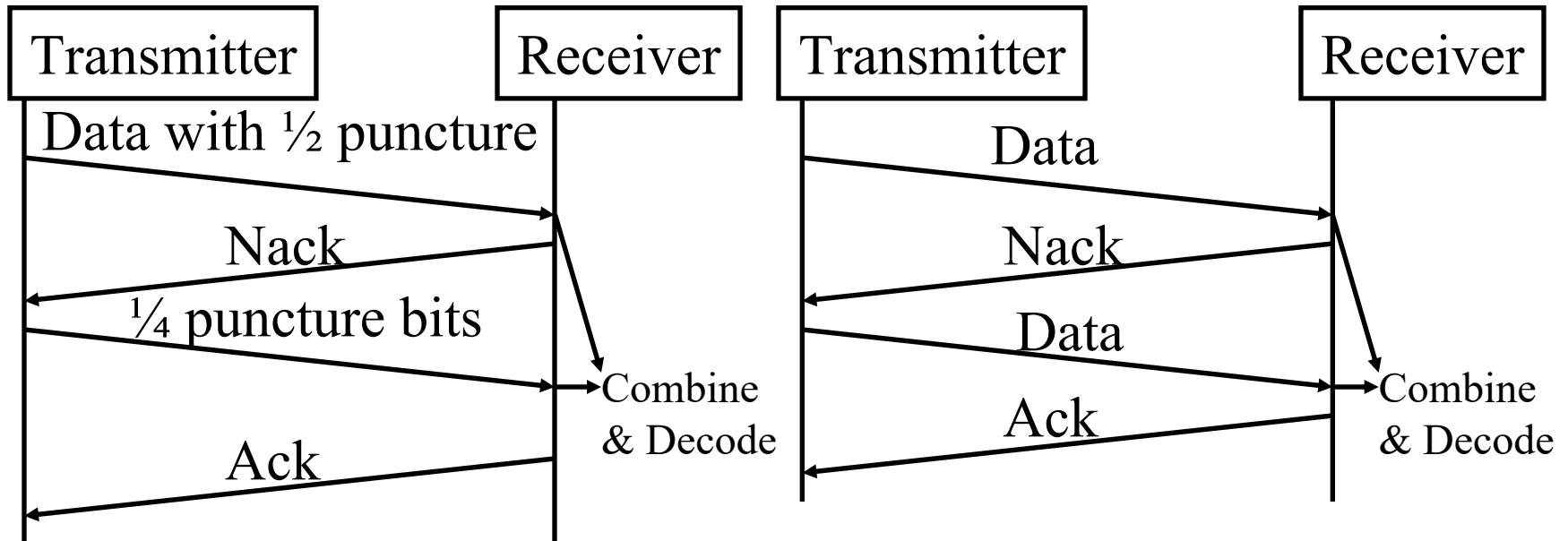
ARQ

- ❑ Automatic Repeat reQuest (ARQ)
- ❑ Retransmit a packet if it is received in error
- ❑ Previous (bad) bits are discarded.



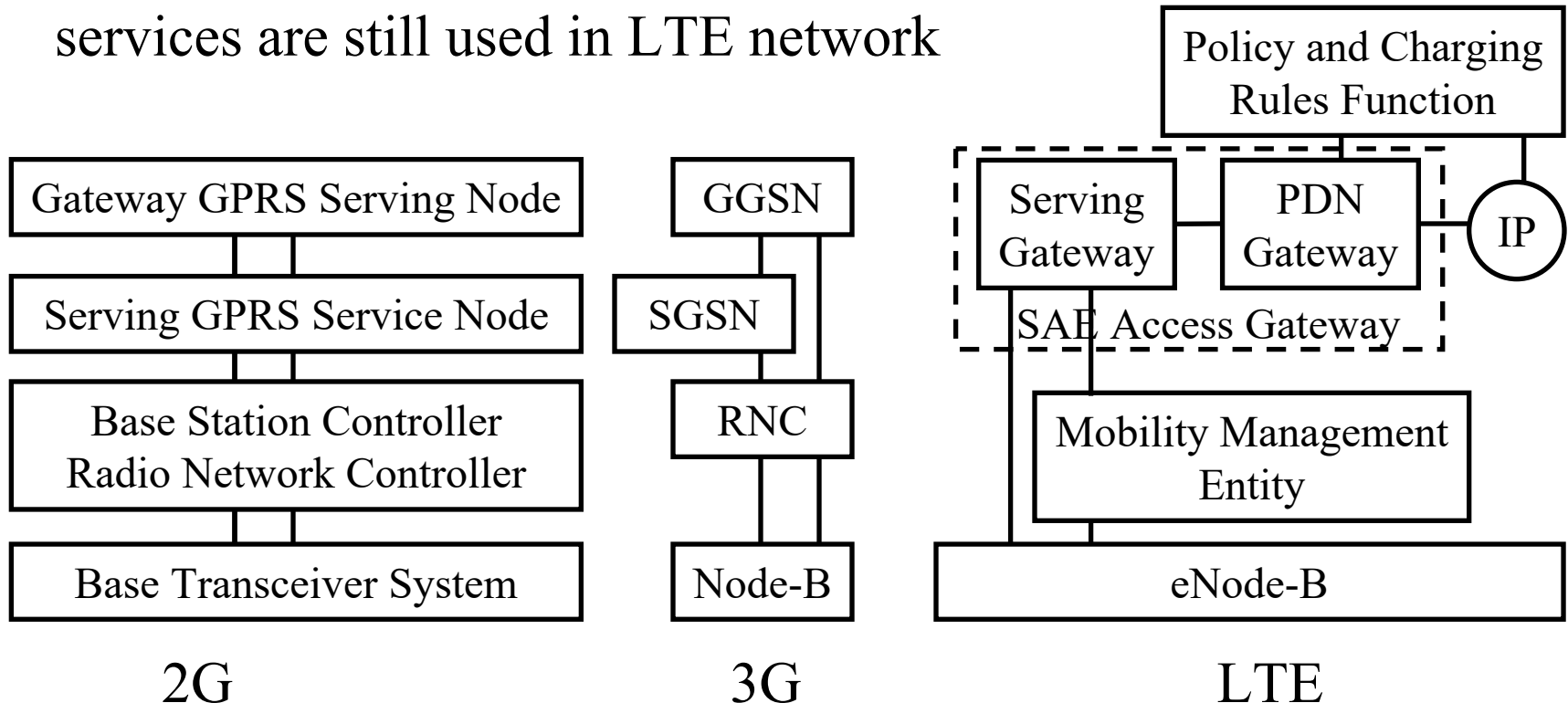
Hybrid ARQ

- ❑ PHY and MAC layers work together \Rightarrow Hybrid
- ❑ PHY layer sends some bits first (uses puncturing)
 - Sends additional bits only if necessary.
 - Additional bits are sent until the decoding is successful. (**Incremental Redundancy** or **Type II H-ARQ**)
 - Another alternative is to combine the good bits of multiple transmissions (**Chase Combining** or **Type I H-ARQ**)



IP-Based Flat Network Architecture

- ❑ Flat \Rightarrow Less hierarchical and fewer nodes
- ❑ All services (Voice/multimedia) over IP
- ❑ For backward compatibility some non-IP protocols and services are still used in LTE network



Evolved Packet Core (EPC)

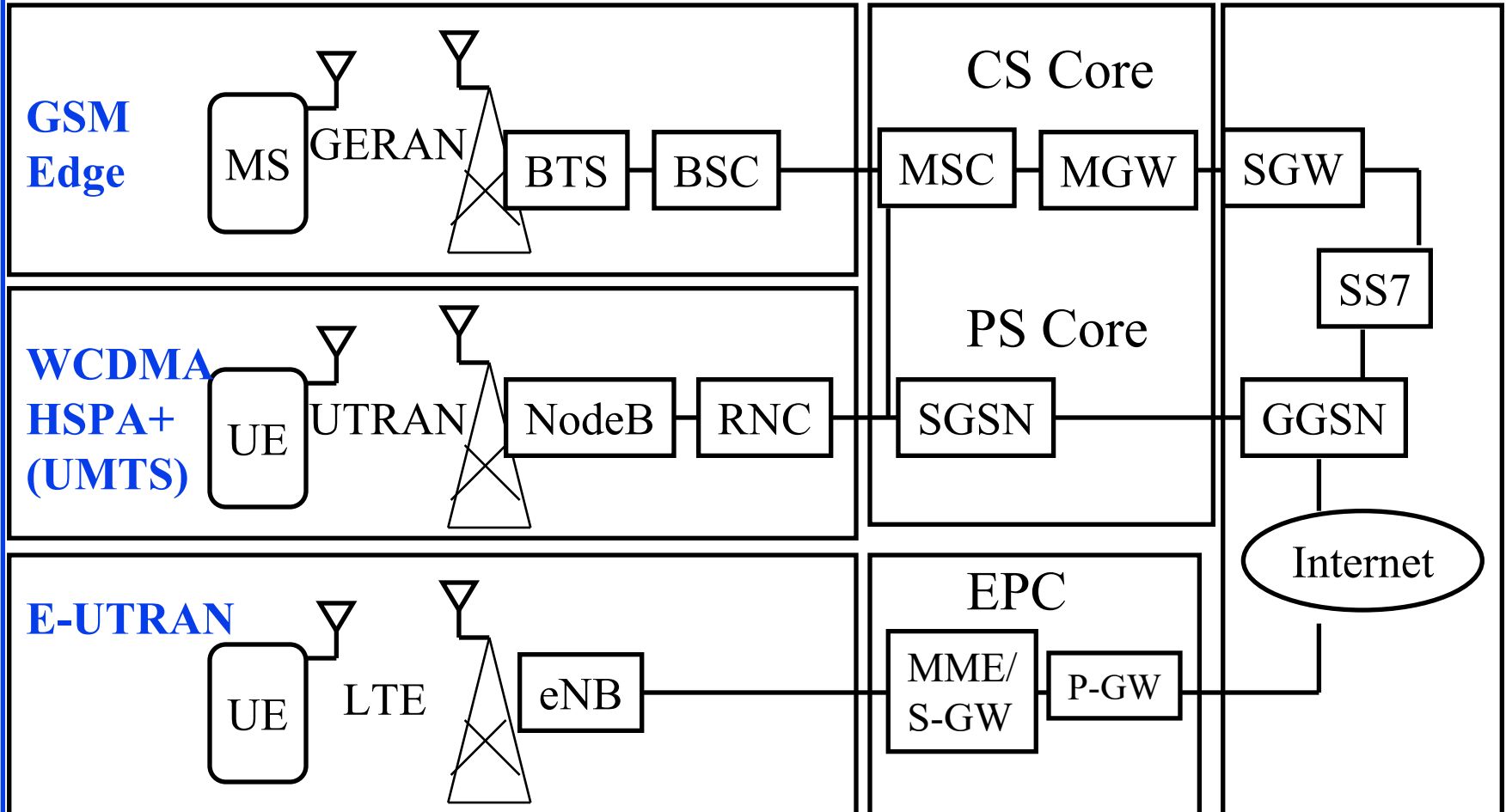
□ Four new elements:

1. **Serving Gateway**: Demarcation point between RAN and Core. Serves as mobility anchor when terminals move
2. **Packet Data network Gateway (PGW)**: Termination of EPC towards Internet or IMS network. IP services, address allocation, deep packet inspection, policy enforcement
3. **Mobility Management Entity (MME)**: Location tracking, paging, roaming, and handovers. All control plane functions related to subscriber and session management.
4. **Policy and Charging Rules Function (PCRF)**: Manages QoS

Evolved Packet System (EPS)

Radio Access Network

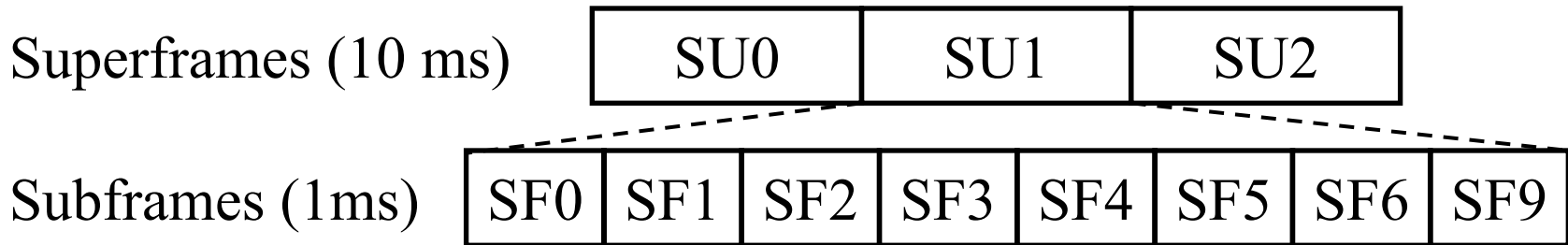
Serving Network Core Network



Evolved Packet System (Cont)

- ❑ CS = Circuit Switched
- ❑ EPC = Evolved Packet Core
- ❑ EPS = Evolved Packet System
- ❑ GERAN = GSM Enhanced Radio Access Network
- ❑ GGSN = Gateway GPRS Support Node
- ❑ LTE = Long Term Evolution
- ❑ MME = Mobility Management Utility
- ❑ MSC = Mobile Switching Center
- ❑ P-GW = Packet Gateway
- ❑ PS = Packet Switched
- ❑ RNC = Radio Network Control
- ❑ S-GW = Serving Gateway
- ❑ SGSN = Service GPRS Support Node
- ❑ SS7 = System 7
- ❑ eNB = Evolved NodeB

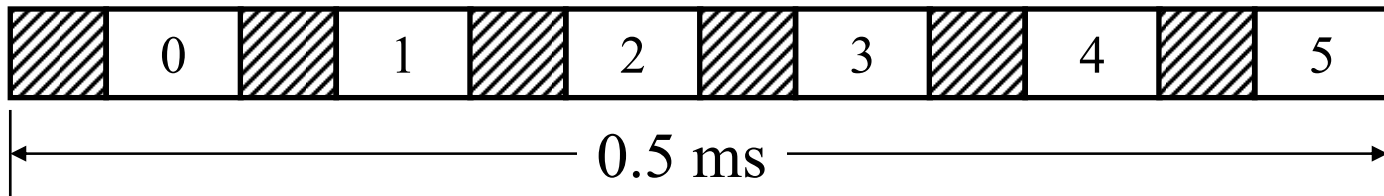
LTE Frame Structure



- ❑ Subframe = 2 slots of 0.5 ms each
- ❑ Slot = 6 or 7 symbols of 0.667 ms each
- ❑ Normal Cyclic Prefix: 5.2 us for 1st symbol, 4.7 us for others



- ❑ Extended Cyclic Prefix: for larger networks. 16.7 us



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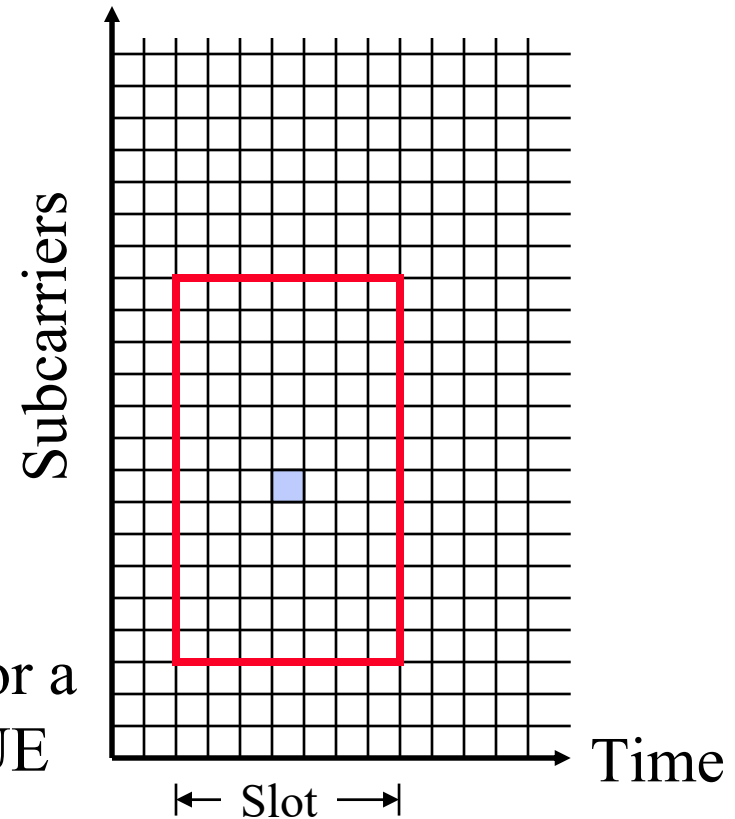
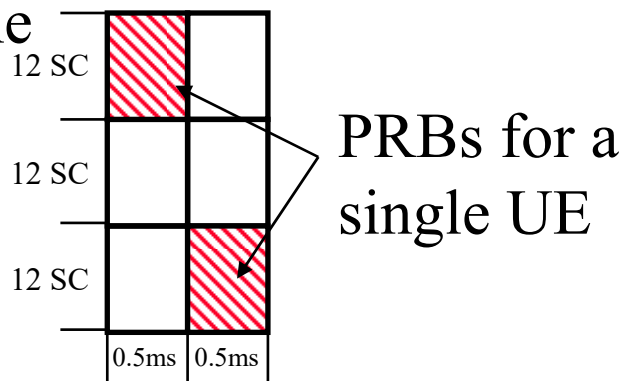
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Resource Allocation

- ❑ **Time slot:** 0.5 ms
6 or 7 OFDM symbols
- ❑ **Subcarriers:** 15 kHz
- ❑ **Physical Resource Block:**
12 subcarriers (180 kHz)
over 1 time slot
- ❑ **Minimum Allocation:** 2 PRBs
per subframe



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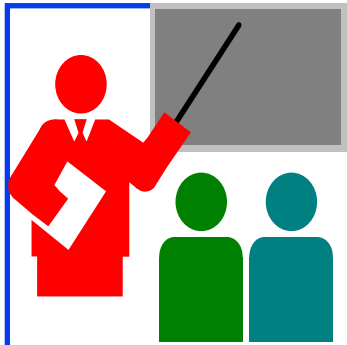
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WiMAX vs. LTE



- ❑ Similar with very minor differences
- ❑ Net Head vs. Bell Head
- ❑ Enterprise Networking vs. Carrier Networking
- ❑ Academic vs. Telecom
- ❑ Intel/Google vs. Ericsson/QUALCOMM
- ❑ Both use OFDMA.
Both are incompatible with 2G and 3G (CDMA) radios.
- ❑ Quad-band \Rightarrow Penta-band



Summary

1. WiMAX and LTE are pre-4G technologies.
2. WiMAX and LTE have numerous **common features**: Many bands, flexible bandwidth, FDD/TDD. MIMO/Beamforming H-ARQ, IP-Based, OFDMA. The key differentiator is SC-FDMA for uplink in LTE to reduce **PAPR**.
3. STBC requires transmitting redundant symbols from multiple antenna. **SFBC** require that these redundant symbols be sent on different subcarriers.
4. **Puncturing** allows some ECC bits to be not transmitting. This is used in **H-ARQ** to send extra bits only if necessary.
5. LTE uses a **super-frame** of 10 subframes of 1 ms each. Each **subframe** has one **slot** for uplink and downlink each.

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Acronyms

- ❑ 3GPP 3rd Generation Partnership Project
- ❑ ARQ Automatic Repeat Request
- ❑ BPSK Binary Phase Shift Keying
- ❑ BSC Base Station Controller
- ❑ BTS Base Transceiver Station
- ❑ CDMA Code Division Multiple Access
- ❑ CS Circuit Switched
- ❑ ECC Error Correcting Code
- ❑ eNB Enhanced Node B
- ❑ eNode-B Enhanced Node B
- ❑ EPC Evolved Packet Core
- ❑ EPS Evolved Packet System
- ❑ FDD Frequency Division Duplexing
- ❑ FDMA Frequency Division Multiple Access
- ❑ FEQ Frequency Domain Equalizer
- ❑ FFT Fast Fourier Transform

Acronyms (Cont)

- ❑ FSTD Frequency-Shift Transmit Diversity
- ❑ GERAN GSM/EDGE Radio Access Network
- ❑ GGSN Gateway GPRS Support
- ❑ GPRS General Packet Radio Service
- ❑ GSM Global System for Mobile Communications
- ❑ GW Gateway
- ❑ HSPA High-Speed Packet Access
- ❑ IEEE Institution of Electrical and Electronic Engineers
- ❑ IMS Internet Multimedia System
- ❑ IMT-Advanced International Mobile Telecommunications Advanced
- ❑ IP Internet Protocol
- ❑ ITU International Telecommunications Union
- ❑ kHz Kilo Hertz
- ❑ LTE Long Term Evolution
- ❑ MAC Message Authentication Code
- ❑ MBMS Multicast-Broadcast Mobile Services

Acronyms (Cont)

- ❑ MGW Media Gateway
- ❑ MHz Mega Hertz
- ❑ MIMO Multiple Input Multiple Output
- ❑ MME Mobility Management Entity
- ❑ MS Mobile Station
- ❑ MSC Mobile Switching Center
- ❑ OFDM Orthogonal Frequency Division Modulation
- ❑ OFDMA Orthogonal Frequency Division Multiple Access
- ❑ PAPR Peak-to-Average Power Ratio
- ❑ PCRF Policy and Charging Rules Function
- ❑ PDFICH Physical Control Format Indicator Channel
- ❑ PDN Packet Data Network
- ❑ PGW Packet Data network Gateway
- ❑ PHY Physical Layer
- ❑ PS Packet Switched
- ❑ QAM Quadrature Amplitude Modulation

Acronyms (Cont)

- ❑ QoS Quality of Service
- ❑ QPSK Quadrature Phase Shift Keying
- ❑ RAN Radio Access Network
- ❑ RNC Radio Network Control
- ❑ SAE Service Access Gateway
- ❑ SC-FDMA Single Carrier Frequency Division Multiple Access
- ❑ SC Single Carrier
- ❑ SF Subframe
- ❑ SFBC Space Frequency Block Code
- ❑ SGSN Service GPRS Support
- ❑ SGW Serving Gateay
- ❑ SINR Signal to Interference and Noise Ratio
- ❑ SN Sequence Number
- ❑ SNR Signal-to-noise ratio
- ❑ SOstart Begining of Segment

Acronyms (Cont)

- ❑ STBC Space Time Block Code
- ❑ SU Superframe
- ❑ TD-SCDMA Time Division Synchronous Code Division Multiple Access
- ❑ TDD Time Division Duplexing
- ❑ TDMA Time Division Multiple Access
- ❑ UE User Element
- ❑ UMTS Universal Mobile Telecommunications System
- ❑ UTRAN UMTS Terrestrial Radio Access Network
- ❑ VTC Vehicular Technology Conference
- ❑ WCDMA Wideband Code Division Multiple Access
- ❑ WiMAX Worldwide Interoperability for Microwave Access

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