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Spectrum: Applications, Trends, and the Crunch for Spectrum

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Outline

- Wireless access systems
- Applications and market segments
- Adaptive antennas
- Economics of wireless networks
- Spectral efficiency
- Recommendations

Wireless Access Systems

Multiple Access Systems

• TDMA, CDMA, OFDM (decreasing order of maturity)

Modulation techniques

BPSK, QPSK, QAM (increasing requirements on linearity, power and cost)

Error correction coding

• Large family of error correction techniques, based on target performance requirements (voice, data, retransmission etc)

Performance

- Based on combinations of the above technologies
- Most robust schemes use appropriate combination + adaptive modulation and link layer adaptation to achieve maximum and consistent multi-user performance

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 System capacity and end user device complexity drive the network economics

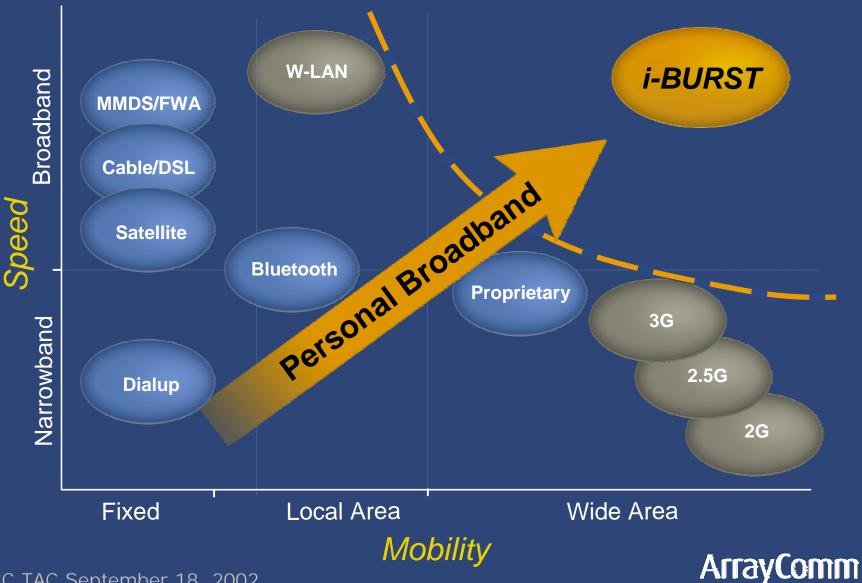
Applications and Segments

• LAN (> 10 Mb/s) (e.g. W-LAN, 802.11)

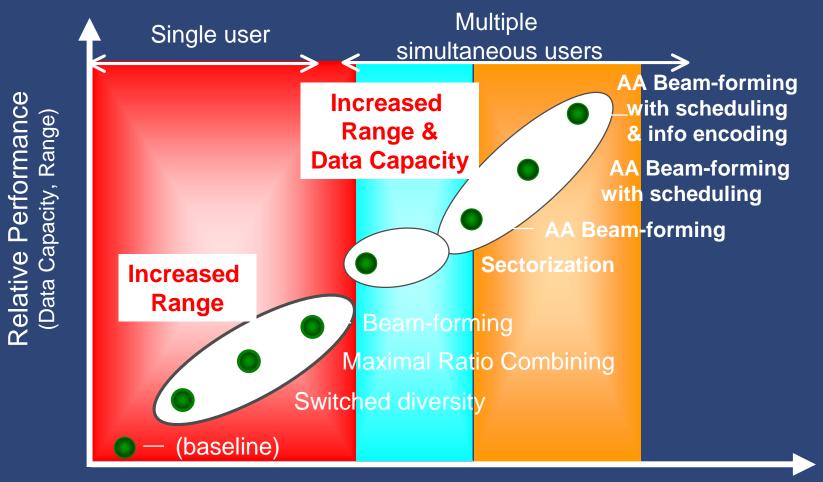
- High bandwidth, short range (cordless-like), unlicensed spectrum
- WAN for voice (~ 8 kb/s) (e.g. GSM, CDMA; 2G)
 - Low bandwidth, low latency, wide area, licensed spectrum
- WAN for wireless data (~ 50 kb/s) (e.g. 2.5 and 3G)
 - Moderate (and variable) bandwidth, wide mix of proposed services, wide area, licensed spectrum
- WAN for Personal Broadband Services (> 1Mb/s)
 - High bandwidth, wide mix of services, wide area, licensed spectrum
- Need dramatically new physical and network layer technology to provide cost-effective broadband services



Access Landscape



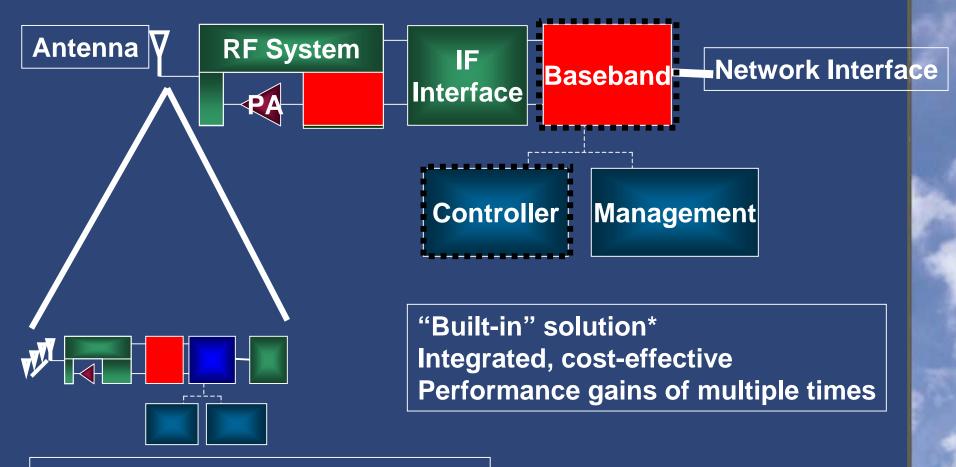
"Smart" Antenna Systems



Relative Complexity (Taxonomy provided by Tom Marchok, Intel Capital AA: Adaptive Antennas)

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Base Station Architecture for Adaptive Antennas

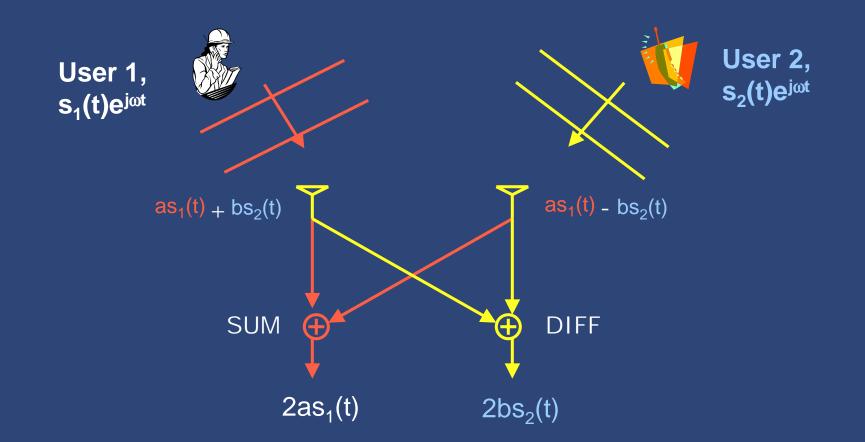


"Bolt-on" solution (beamforming) Costly: Performance gain < tens of %

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* Moore's Law is critical

Adaptive Spatial Processing Concepts



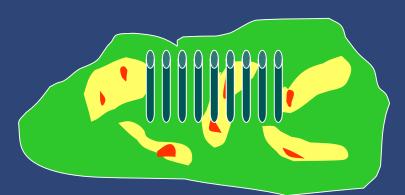
- Users' signals arrive with distinct relative phases, amplitudes
- Signal Processing provides gain and interference mitigation

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• Multiple Antennas raise performance gains

Fading Adjustments





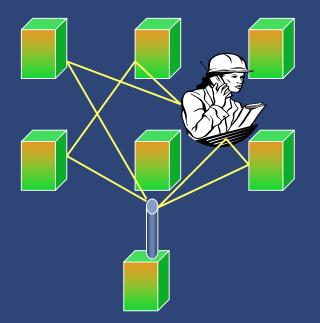
Single element in fading

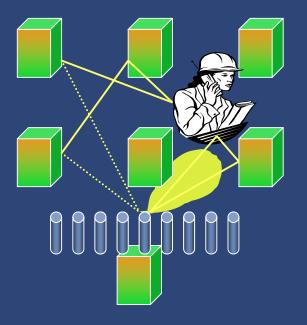
Array in fading

- Array diversity reduces fading margin
- 8-16 dB improvement for 10 element array



Multipath Adjustments In non-LOS and cluttered environments





Single element multipath

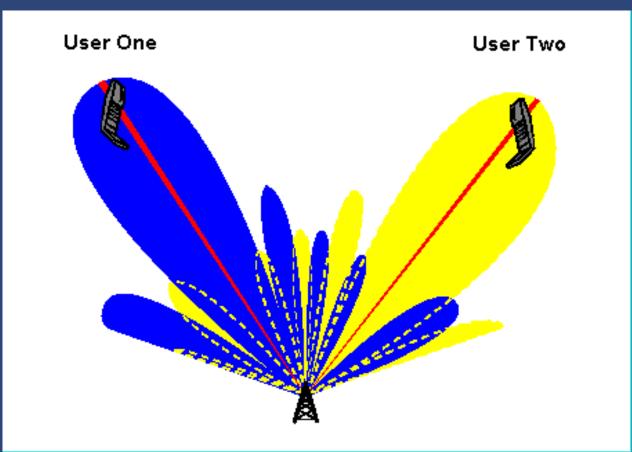
Antenna array multipath

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- Adaptive Antennas eliminate uncorrelated multipath
- Simplifies equalizer design

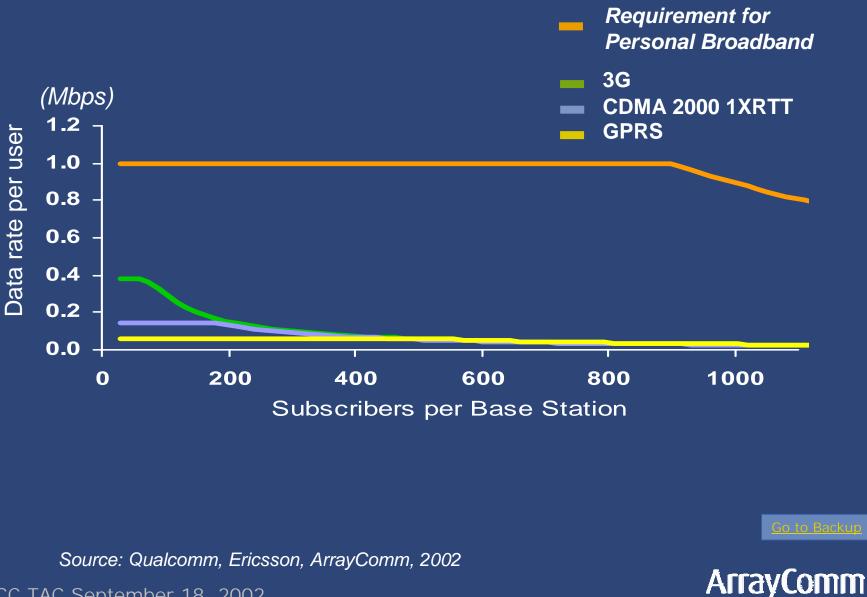
Spatial Channels: Supporting Two Users on the Same Channel in the Same Cell



Frequency Re-use drops below 1, and approaches 1/3
Spectral efficiency rises to > 4 b/Hz/s/cell in a loaded multi-cell network

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Performance Requirements for Broadband



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Adaptive Antenna Technology in the DDI-Pocket PHS network

3 Million Users ARPU \$52/mo

> 850,000 data-only subscribers

PHS Devices

PHS Base Stations

30,000 DDI PHS Base Stations w/ IntelliCell[®]

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Wireless Network Economics

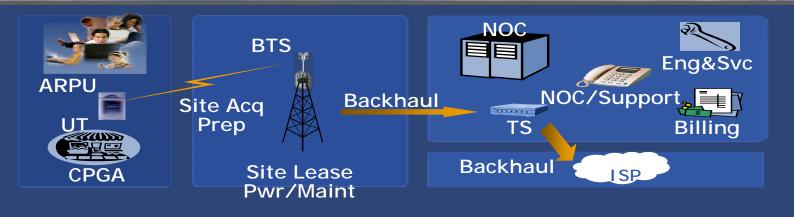
• COST ELEMENTS:

Spectrum

- (FDD vs TDD: > 100:1 ratio for \$/MHz-POP)
- Radio access network
- Network infrastructure
- Management, billing, provisioning and services
- End user equipment
- Customer acquisition, installation and marketing

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Unit Economics of a Wireless Network



Covered Population	Direct Costs per month	# of Subs to reach Break Even	max # subs Total Capacity	% Network Utilization at breakeven
Cell range	Network Economics	System capacity and user price	System capacity	Efficiency of capital in the network
 Why 3G cannot compete with DSL/Cable* Why W-LANs do not scale** 				

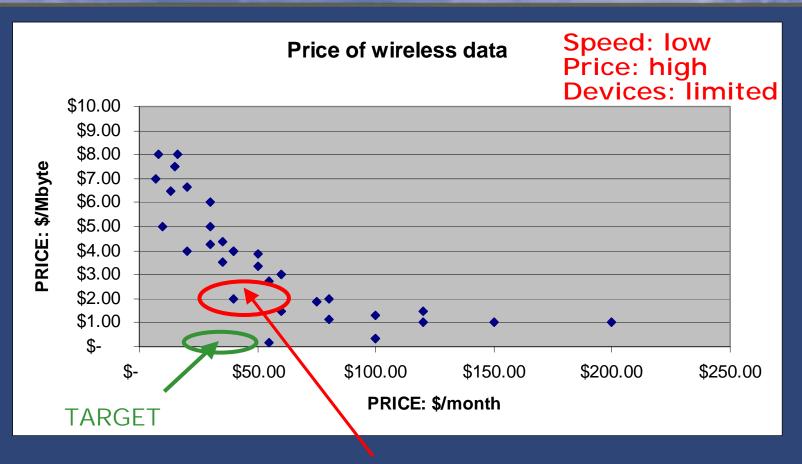
• Why a new solution is required

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*NTT-DoCoMo **The Shosteck Group

-"Lemmings Jumping Off WLAN Cliff"

Price of Wireless Data Services



We pay \$ 2.50/Mbyte for voice AND wireless data today

We pay < \$ 0.20/Mbyte for wired Internet service

We *expect* to pay \$ 40/month for > 100 Mbytes/month

Source: current US cellular and PCS wireless data pricing plans

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Spectral Efficiency: Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow

- Legacy systems have spectral efficiency ranges of 0.01 to 0.2 b/Hz/s/cell
 - Should we put metrics in place to benchmark this?
- If we were to provide "broadband" vs voice services using the same benchmark, we would have to devote > 500 MHz of new spectrum for even a few % subscriber penetration
- Improvements in spectral efficiency of today's systems lower costs, improve performance, and grow existing businesses
- Greater than ten-fold increase in spectral efficiencies (over 3 b/Hz/s/cell) are needed to meet the market needs of new (Personal Broadband) Services

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 Adaptive Antennas are KEY to achieve this performance