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Cellular - Background



Packet Switched

- Uses the IP (internet protocol)
- Channels are not dedicated to a call
 - Locations identified in packet headers
- Can carry digitized voice
- Can carry data
- Systems are backwards compatible to Circuit Switched

• GPRS – 2.5G

- General Packet Radio Service
- TDM/FDM similar to GSM
- GMSK modulation with 20Kb/s per timeslot with enhanced coding
- Timeslots are not dedicated to a call
 - More calls supported with existing resources
 - Multiple timeslots combined for faster data transfer

- EDGE 2.5G
 - GSM Evolution
 - TDM/FDM similar to GSM
 - 8-PSK modulation 3x bits of GSM/GPRS
 - 60Kb/s per timeslot with enhanced coding
 - Timeslots are not dedicated to a call
 - More calls supported with existing resources
 - Multiple timeslots combined for faster data transfer

- Packet Switched Systems
 - IP type traffic
 - Bursty does not require the kind of dedicated channels that circuit switched systems need



- Packet Switched Systems
 - PCU
 - Assignment of timeslots to users
 - Flow control



- Assigns packets from specific users back to the network connection
- Handles connections, handoffs, ...
- GGSN
 - Assigns IP addresses for users
 - Connects to the external network

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• UMTS – 3G

Internet

Protocol

Network

Public

Telecommunications

Network

GSM/GPRS/EDGE Evolution

GGSN

Gateway

GPRS

Support

Node

- Radical radio interface change CDMA
- Most network component remain

GMSC

Gateway

Mobile

Switching

Center

Radio components changed significantly

SGSN

Serving

GPRS

Support

Node

PCU

Packet

Control

Unit



MSC

Mobile

Switching

Center