Models for Wireless Infrastructure economics
&
Mobile Broadband deployment

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Outline

- Some fundamental problems in infrastructure provisioning
- Wireless Network design fundamentals
- Wireless Broadband dimensioning & deployment models

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Some fundamental questions

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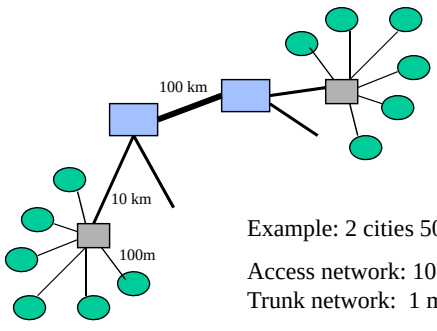
The “last mile” problem: Most investments in Access Networks



- Backbone network shared by many
- Access network individual

Example: 2 cities 50.000 user each

Access network: 100 m/user
Trunk network: 1 m/user (=100 km/100.000 users)

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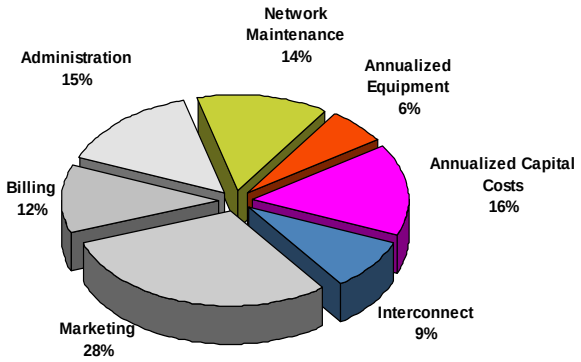
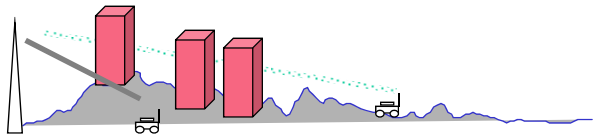
Wireless operator costs



Wireless Network Dimensioning - a recap

Wireless Networks - problems

- Range
- Coverage



$$\frac{E_{rx}}{N_0} \propto \frac{P_{tx} G_{ant}}{B_{user} R^{\alpha}} \geq \gamma_0(\eta_{eff})$$

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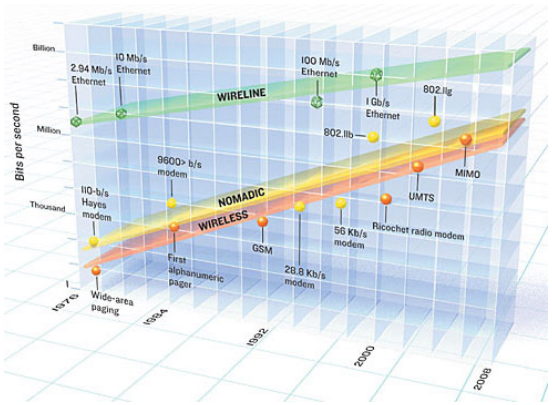
Peak rates & PHY-technology is no longer THE issue ..



"Edholms law"

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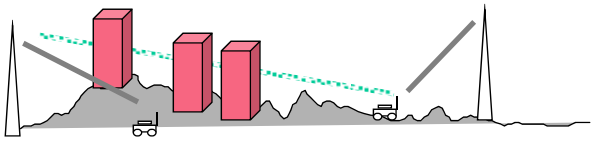
Range limitations

- Typical ranges (NLOS):
  - 10 kbit/s (GSM) 25+ km
  - 500 kbit/s (EDGE) 5-10 km
  - 2 Mbit/s (UMTS/) 2-3 km
  - 10 Mbit/s (HSPA) 500 m
  - 100 Mbit/s (LTE/WLAN) 50-150 m

$$N_{BS} = \frac{A_{tot}}{A_{cell}} \propto \frac{1}{R^2} = \left(\frac{B_{user}}{G_{ant} P_{tx}} \right)^{2/\alpha}$$

Wireless Networks - problems cont.



- Interference due to spectrum reuse
- Capacity limitation

The infrastructure cost

$$C_{\text{infra}} = c_1 + c_{BS} N_{AP} \approx c_{BS} N_{AP}$$

- Spectrum limitation
  - Btot available bandwidth
  - Spectral /reuse efficiency K

$$C_{\text{infra}} \approx c_{BS} \frac{B_{tot}}{\eta W_{sys}} = c_{BS} \frac{N_{user} B_{user}}{\eta W_{sys}} = c_{BS} \frac{\omega_{user} A_{tot} B_{user}}{\eta W_{sys}}$$

- Coverage limitation

$$N_{BS} \propto \frac{1}{R_{cell}^{\ 2}} \propto \left(\frac{\gamma_0 N}{P} \right)^{2/\alpha} \propto B_{user}^{2/\alpha}$$

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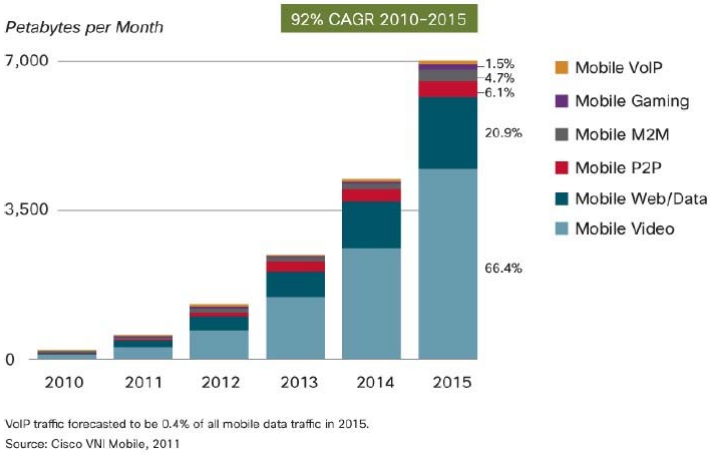
Mobile Data Tsunami



VoIP traffic forecasted to be 0.4% of all mobile data traffic in 2015.
Source: Cisco VNI Mobile, 2011

Cisco forecast: 2015 – 26x
Extrapolation: 2020 - 1000x

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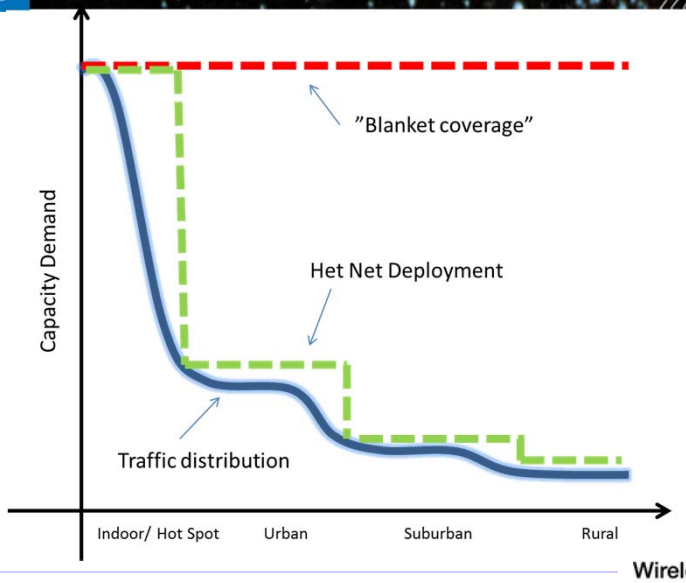
Lowering the system cost

$$C_{sys} \approx c_2 \frac{B_{tot}}{\eta W_{sys}} + c_3 W_{sys} = c_2 \frac{\omega A_{tot} B_{user}}{\eta W_{sys}} + c_3 W_{sys}$$

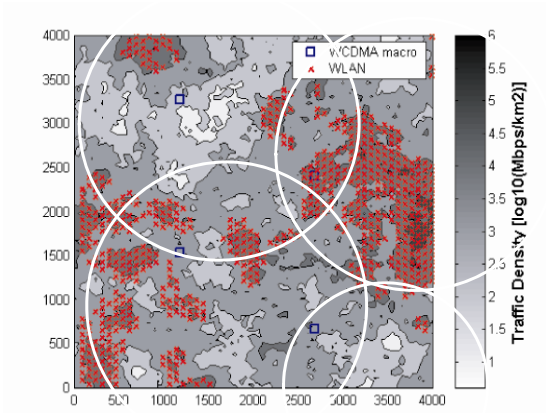
- Improving the efficiency of the modulation and RRM system, i.e. increasing η
- Reducing the coverage area A_{tot} The required data rate is only provided in parts of the area
- Buying more spectrum ?
- Reducing the cost per base station

$$c_2 = C_{AP} = C_{site} + C_{backhaul} + C_{equipment} + C_{deployment} + C_{\text{maint}}$$

Partial coverage



"HET NETS" – from "blanket coverage" to selective capacity



(Klas Johansson, "Cost Effective Deployment Strategies for Heterogeneous Wireless Networks", Doctoral Thesis, KTH 2007)

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Technology shift

- Industry grade eq
- High power
- 24-7 availabilty
- High **system** complexity

- Consumer grade eq
- Low power/Short range
- Low **system** complexity (P&P, SON)
- Massive deployment
- Reliability through redundancy

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The cost of spectrum

$$C_{sys} \approx c_{BS} N_{BS} = c_{BS} \frac{B_{tot}}{\eta W_{SYS}} \qquad B_{tot} \approx \frac{C_{sys}}{c_{BS}} \eta W_{sys} = \eta N_{BS} W_{sys}$$

More base stations

More spectru

$$B_{tot} + \Delta B \approx \eta N_{BS} W_{sys} + \eta \Delta N W_{sys} + \eta N_{BS} \Delta W$$

$$C_{sys} + \Delta C \approx C_{sys} + c_{BS} \Delta N + \left(\Delta c_{BS} N_{BS} + c_{sp}\right) \Delta W$$

$$\min \Delta C = \min\left(c_{BS} \frac{\Delta B}{\eta W_{SYS}}, \left(\Delta c_{BS} N_{BS} + c_{sp}\right) \frac{\Delta B}{\eta N_{BS}} \right)$$

$$c_{sp}^{*} = \frac{c_{BS}}{W_{SYS}} - \Delta c_{BS} N_{BS}$$ Engineering value of spectrum

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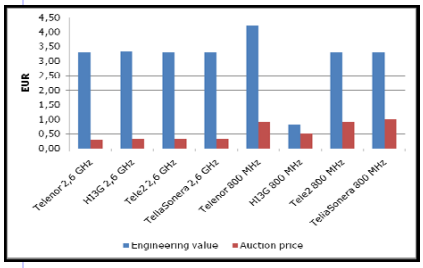
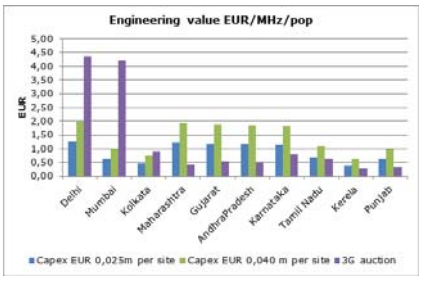
Is mobile spectrum still ”cheap”?





Source: B G Mölleryd and J Markendahl
Valuation of spectrum for mobile broadband services - The case of Sweden and India
ITS Regional Conference, New Dehli, Feb 2012

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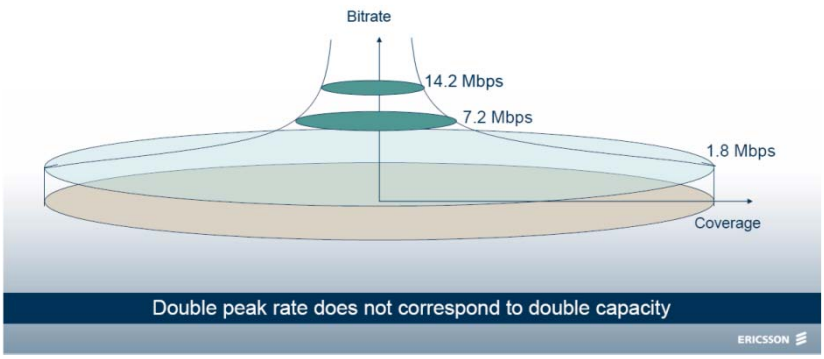
Coverage & Bit rate

Coverage vs. bitrate



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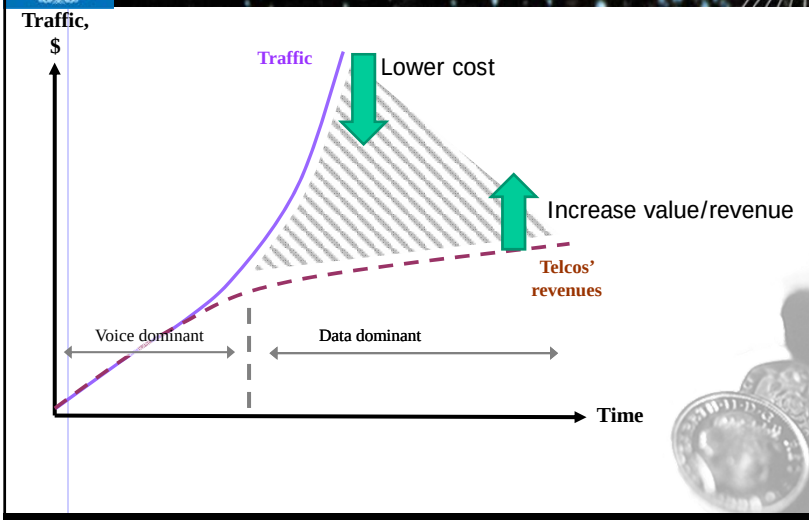
What can be done about the revenue gap ?

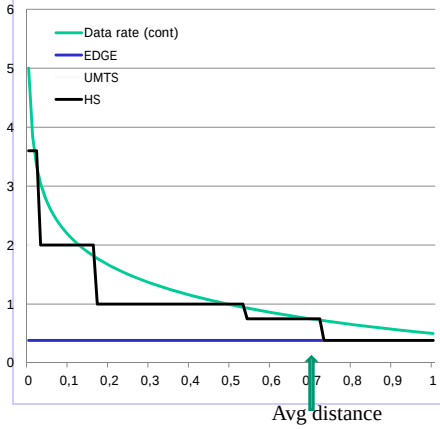


In a world dominated by data,
traffic growth is not anymore correlated with revenue growth!

Design Example: Rural deployment

$$R_{cont}(r) = cW \log_2\left(1 + \frac{cP_{tx}}{N_0 r^{\alpha}}\right) = WR'(r)$$

$$\overline{R} = E[R] = W\int R'(r) f(r)\, dr$$



Cell radius: 5000 m

	Peak Rate (Mbps)	Avg. Rate (Mbps)
Continous	N/A	0,84
HS	7.2	0.68
UMTS	2	0.66
EDGE	0.38	0.38

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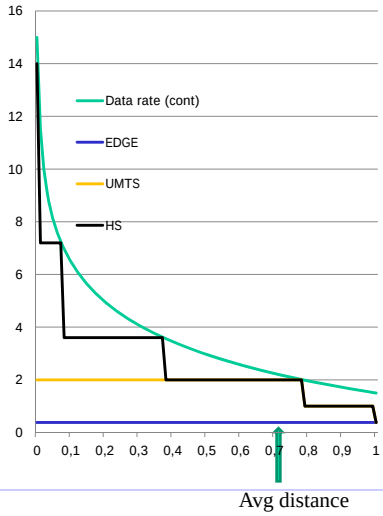
Design Example: Urban deployment



Cell radius: 1500 m

	Peak Rate (Mbps)	Avg. Rate (Mbps)
Continous	N/A	2,5
HS	7.2	1,9
UMTS	2	1,6
EDGE	0.38	0.38

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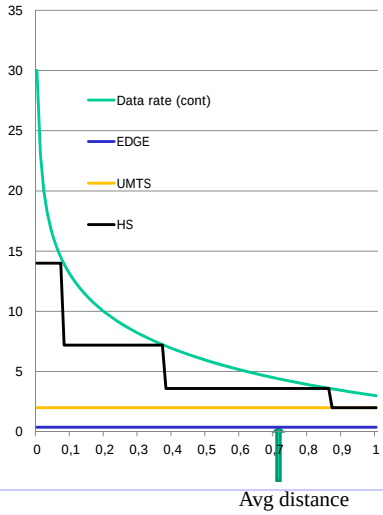
Design Example: Very dense deployment



Cell radius: <500 m

	Peak Rate (Mbps)	Avg. Rate (Mbps)
Continous	N/A	5,1
HS	7.2	3,8
UMTS	2	2
EDGE	0.38	0.38

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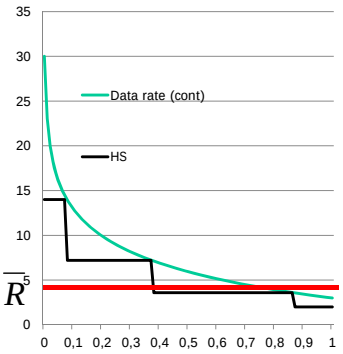
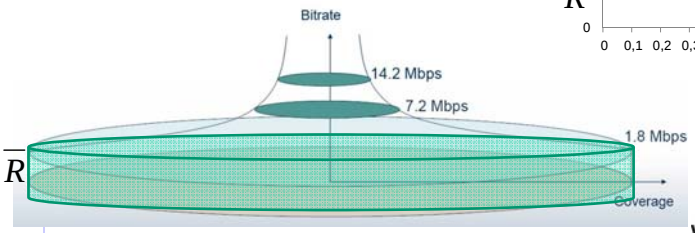
Single cell capacity & approximation

Single cell capacity

$$\overline{R} = E[R] = W \int R'(r) f(r) dr$$





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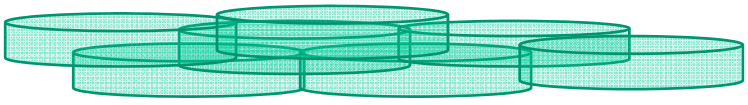
Deployment strategies



- Wide area ”blanket coverage”
- Low Capacity

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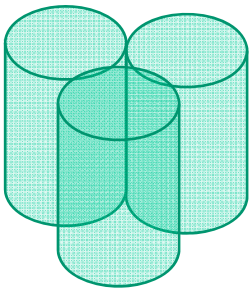
Deployment strategies



- Limited ”Hot spot” coverage
- High capacity Capacity

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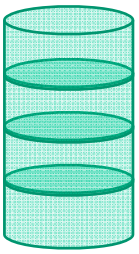
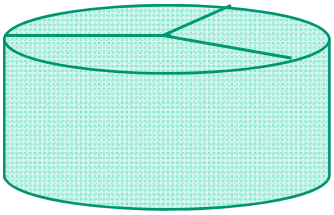
Capacity enhancement



- More spectrum (channels)

$$\overline{R} = E[R] = W \int R'(r) f(r) dr$$

$$R_{tot} = N_{ch} \overline{R}$$



- Sectorization
- Improved spatial reuse

$$\overline{R_{tot}} \approx N_s \overline{R}$$

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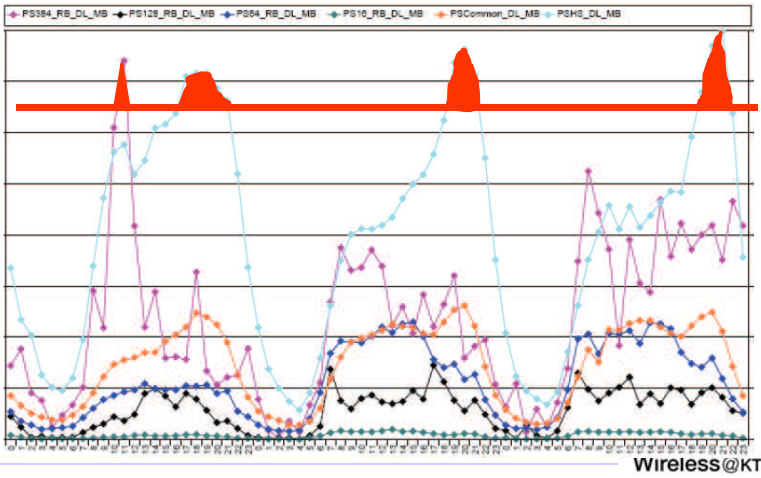
Temporal design – peak capacity

- Networks designed for ”peak/busy hour”



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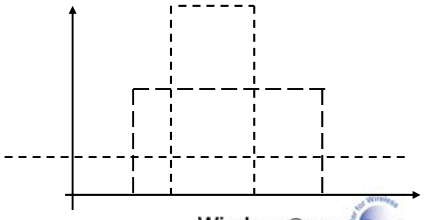
Dimensioning

- For voice and RT data you need to estimate the maximum number of ongoing calls or sessions
  - Depends on the arrival rate and the duration of ”calls”
  - Is based on the traffic during the ”busiest hour”
- For data NRT data traffic the approach with ”average data rate” per user can be used
  - X GB per user and month
    -> Y kbps per user
    - During 24 hrs all day(s)
    - During 2 - 8 hours per day



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Numerical example

- 1 Gbyte/month = 30 Mbyte/day

(= 1.3 Mbyte/h average)
= 4-5 Mbyte/h peak hour (all daily traffic in 6-8h)
= 4800Kbyte/3600 s = 1.5 Kbyte/s = 12 Kbps

Population density: 100 pop/sqkm
Cell size: 1.500 m = 6,8 sqm => 680 pop/cell

Capacity demand: 12 * 680 =8,5 Mbps /cell
=> 8,5/3 = 2 Mbps/sector

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Energy constraints

- **Global scale:**
  - **Energy consumption of IT-technology not neglectable (2% of CO_2-emission)**
  - **3G technology example**
    - **Base station RF output (at antenna): 60 W**
    - **Power input: 3-6 kW (Efficiency 1-2%)**
    - **Reason Spectrum efficient – not power efficient**
  - **ELECTRICITY BILL**
    - **30.000 BS = 1 GWh/day = 1 MSEK/day**
    - **30 MSEK/month / 1 M Users**
    - **30 SEK/month (@1 SEK/KWh)**
    - **60 SEK/month (@ 2 SEK/kWh)**

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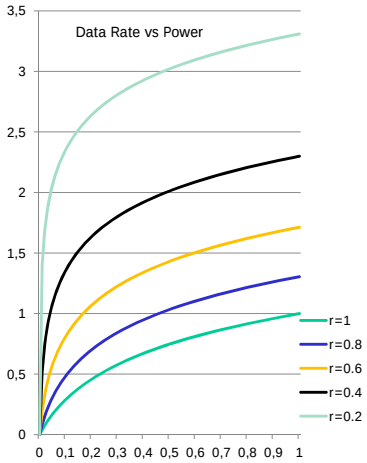
What Power to use ?



$$\overline{R} \approx R(\overline{r}) = cW \log_2\left(1 + \frac{cP_{tx}}{N_0 \overline{r}^{\alpha}}\right) =$$

$$= cW \log_2\left(1 + \frac{cP_{tot}}{N_0 \overline{r}^{\alpha} N_{BS}}\right) =$$

$$= cW \log_2\left(1 + \frac{c' P_{tot}}{N_0 \overline{r}^{\alpha-2}}\right)$$

$$N_{BS} \propto \frac{1}{r^2}$$

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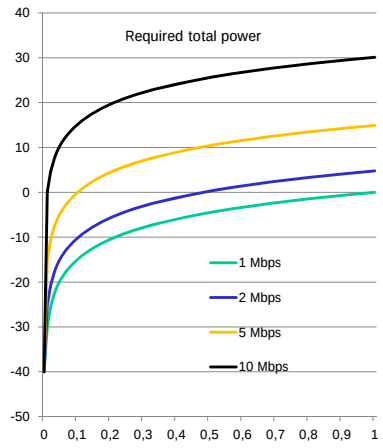
What cell size to use ?



$$\overline{R} \approx c_0 W \log_2\left(1 + \frac{c' P_{tot}}{N_0 \overline{r}^{\alpha-2}}\right)$$

$$P_{tot} \approx c_1 \overline{r}^{\alpha-2}\left(2^{\frac{\overline{R}}{c_0 W}} - 1\right)$$

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Some conclusions

- Peak & average data rates differ a lot
- Cell capacity = Average data for user in cell
- Increase capacity by more channels & Sectors
- Dimensioning for peak-hour traffic
- Total energy consumption decrease with cell size

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