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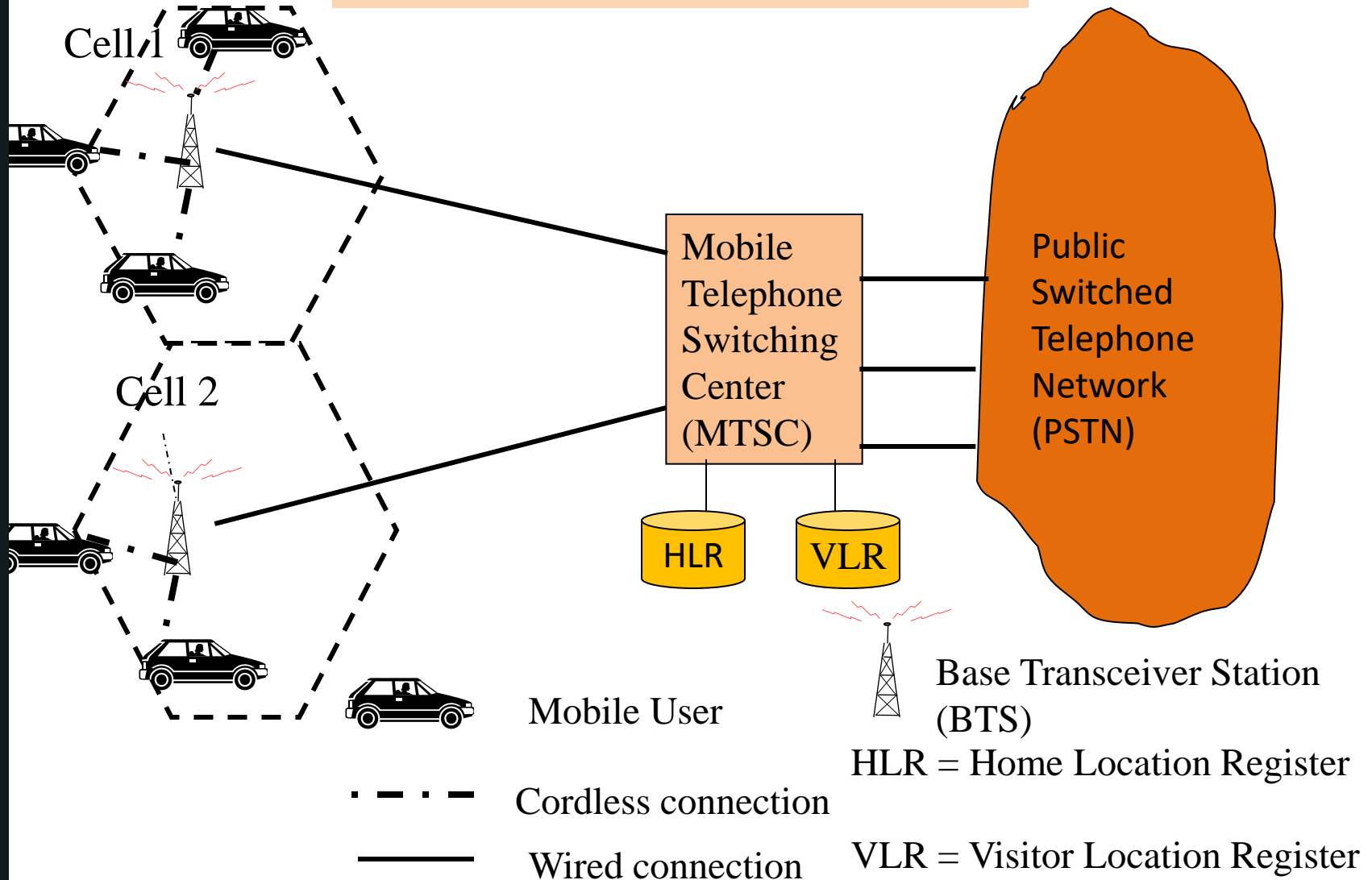
III ECE/ VI SEMESTER

Unit I -**FUNDAMENTALS OF WIRELESS COMMUNICATION**

**Topic 3,4 : Cellular concepts, Frequency reuse**



# A Cellular Network





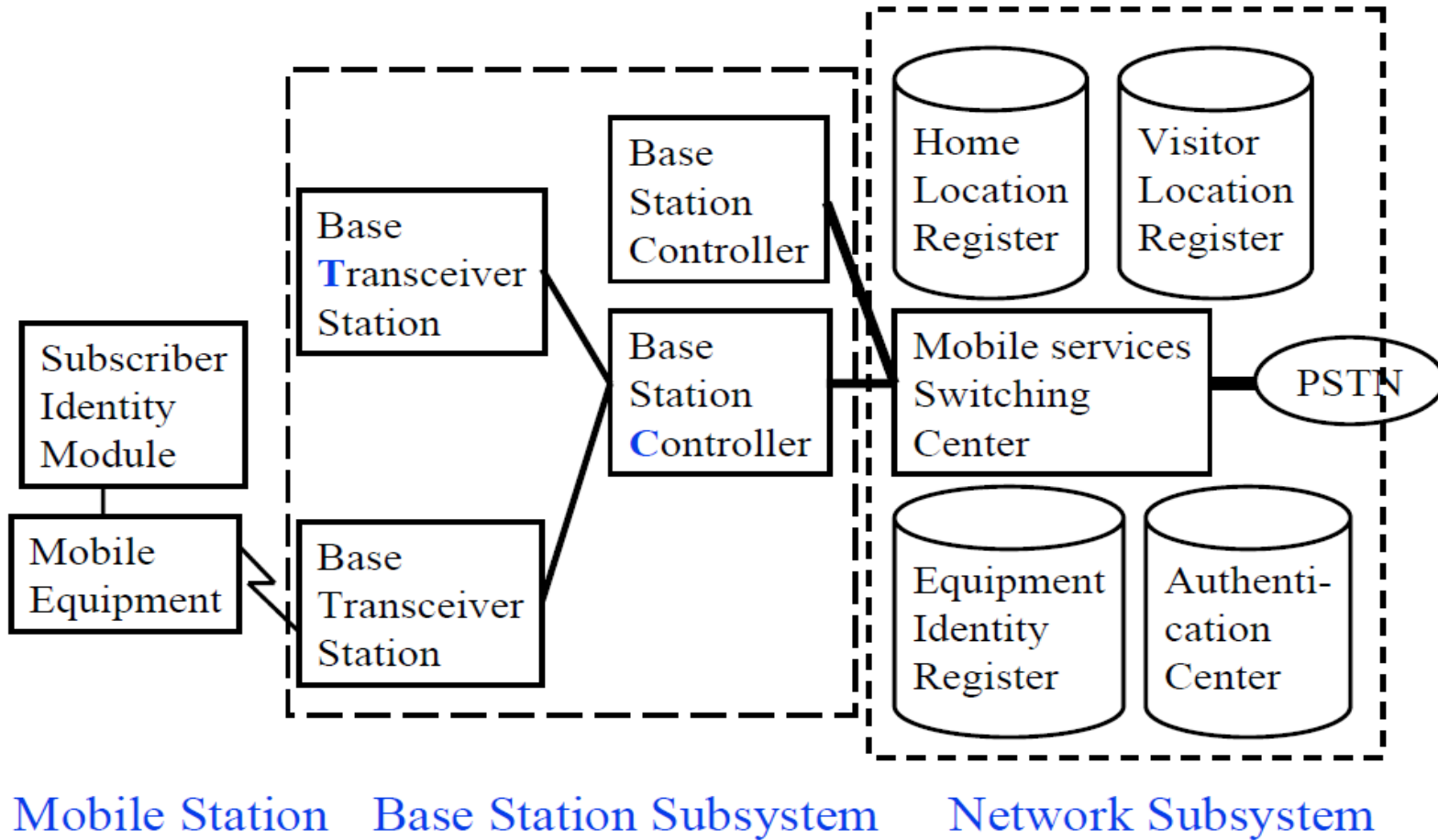
# Principles of Cellular Networks

- Underlying technology for mobile phones, personal communication systems, wireless networking etc
- Developed for mobile radio telephony
  - Replace high power transmitter/receiver systems
    - Typical support for 25 channels over 80km
  - Use lower power, shorter range, more transmitters





# Cellular Architecture





## Cellular Architecture (Cont)

- ❑ Base station controller (BSC) and Base transceiver station (BTS)
- ❑ One BTS per cell.
- ❑ One BSC can control multiple BTS.
  - Allocates radio channels among BTSs.
  - Manages call handoffs between BTSs.
  - Controls handset power levels
- ❑ Mobile Switching Center (MSC) connects to PSTN and switches calls between BSCs. Provides mobile registration, location, authentication. Contains Equipment Identity Register.



## Cellular Architecture (Cont)

- ❑ Home Location Register (HLR) and Visitor Location Register (VLR) provide call routing and roaming
- ❑ VLR+HLR+MSC functions are generally in one equipment
- ❑ Equipment Identity Register (EIR) contains a list of all valid mobiles.
- ❑ Authentication Center (AuC) stores the secret keys of all SIM cards.
- ❑ Each handset has a International Mobile Equipment Identity (IMEI) number.



# ACTIVITY

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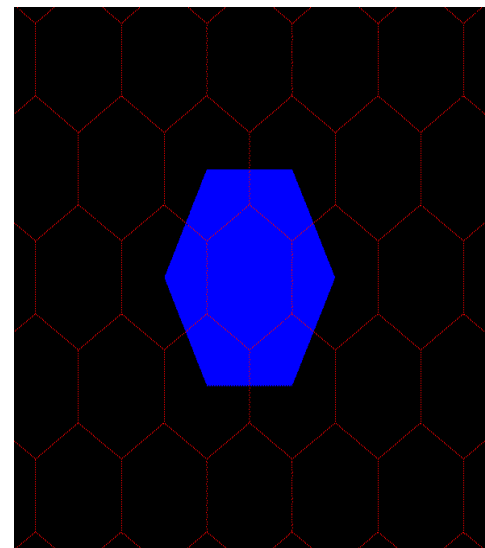






# Cellular Network Organization

- Multiple low power transmitters
  - 100w or less
- Area divided into cells
  - Each with own antenna
  - Each with own range of frequencies
  - Served by base station
    - Transmitter, receiver, control unit
  - Adjacent cells on different frequencies to avoid crosstalk

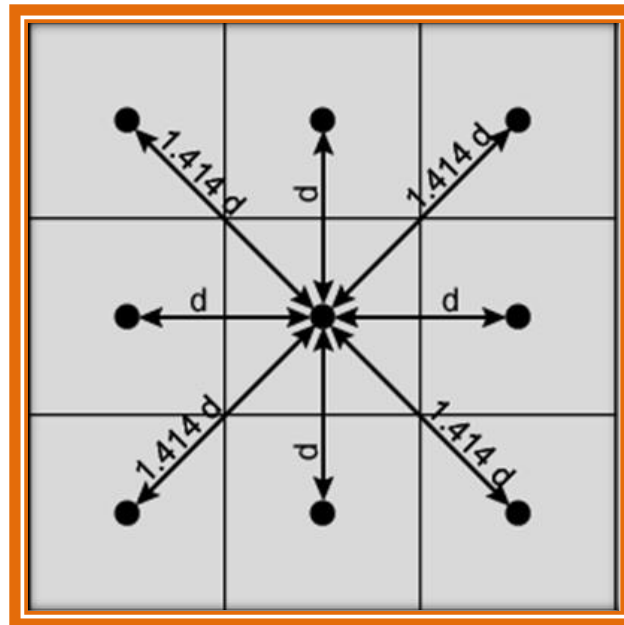






# Shape of Cells

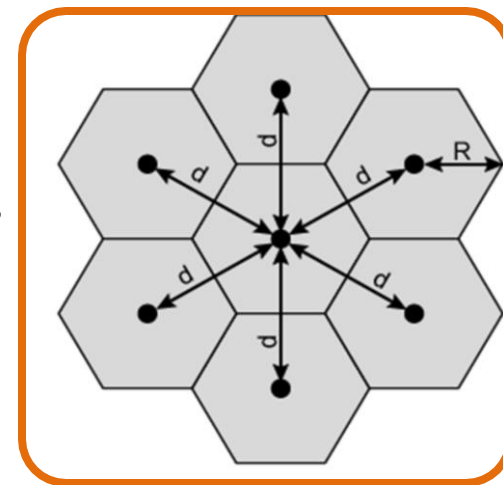
- Square
  - Width  $d$  cell has four neighbours at distance  $d$  and four at distance  $\sqrt{2} d$
  - Better if all adjacent antennas equidistant
    - Simplifies choosing and switching to new antenna





# Cellular Geometries

- Hexagon
  - Provides equidistant antennas
  - Radius defined as radius of circum-circle
    - Distance from center to vertex equals length of side
  - Distance between centers of cells radius  $R$  is  $\sqrt{3}R$
  - Not always precise hexagons
    - Topographical limitations
    - Local signal propagation conditions
    - Location of antennas





# Frequency Reuse

- Frequency reusing is the concept of using the same radio frequencies within a given area, that are separated by considerable distance, with minimal interference, to establish communication.

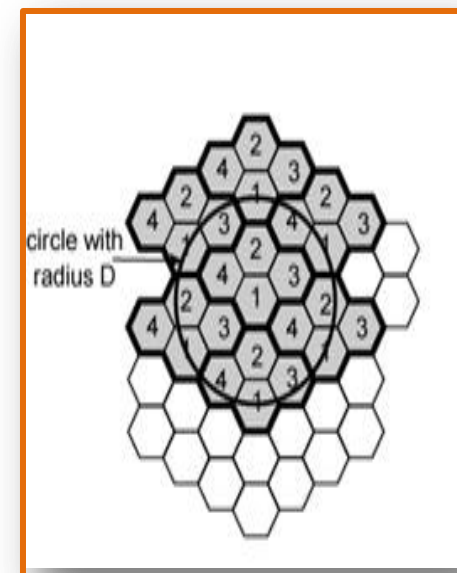
## Benefits

- Allows communications within cell on a given frequency
- Limits escaping power to adjacent cells
- Allows re-use of frequencies in nearby cells
- Uses same frequency for multiple conversations
- 10 to 50 frequencies per cell



# Frequency Reuse

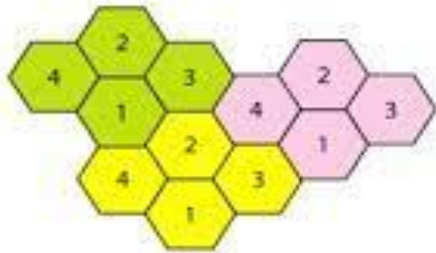
- Power of base transceiver controlled
  - Allow communications within cell on given frequency
  - Limit escaping power to adjacent cells
  - Allow re-use of frequencies in nearby cells
  - Use same frequency for multiple conversations
  - 10 – 50 frequencies per cell
  - $N$  cells all using same number of frequencies
  - $K$  total number of frequencies used in systems
  - Each cell has  $K/N$  frequencies
  - Advanced Mobile Phone Service (AMPS)  
 $K=395$ ,  $N=7$  giving 57 frequencies per cell on average



Frequency reuse  $N=4$



# Frequency Reuse Pattern



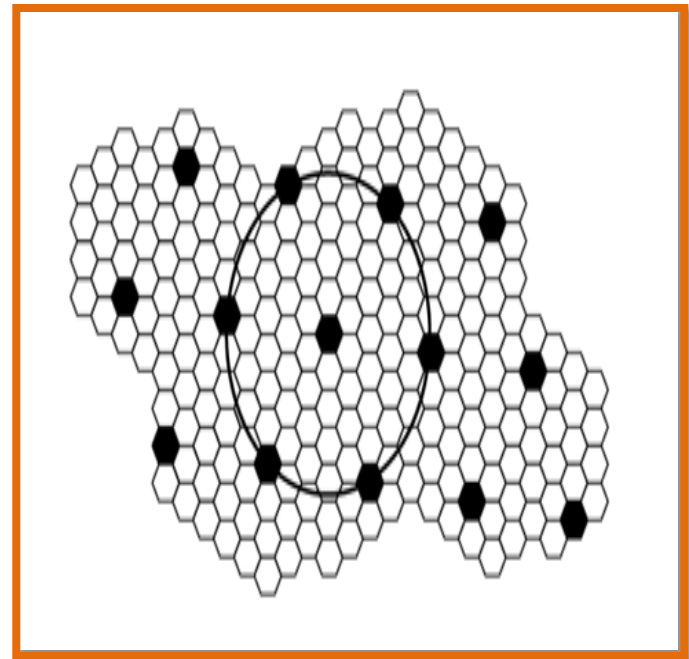
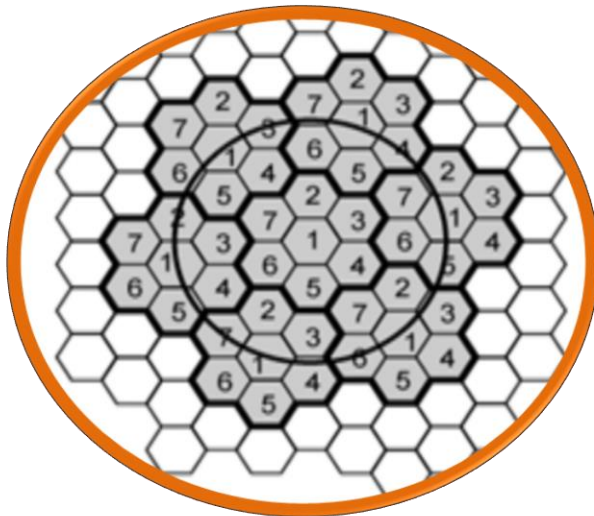
A reuse factor of 4



A reuse factor of 7

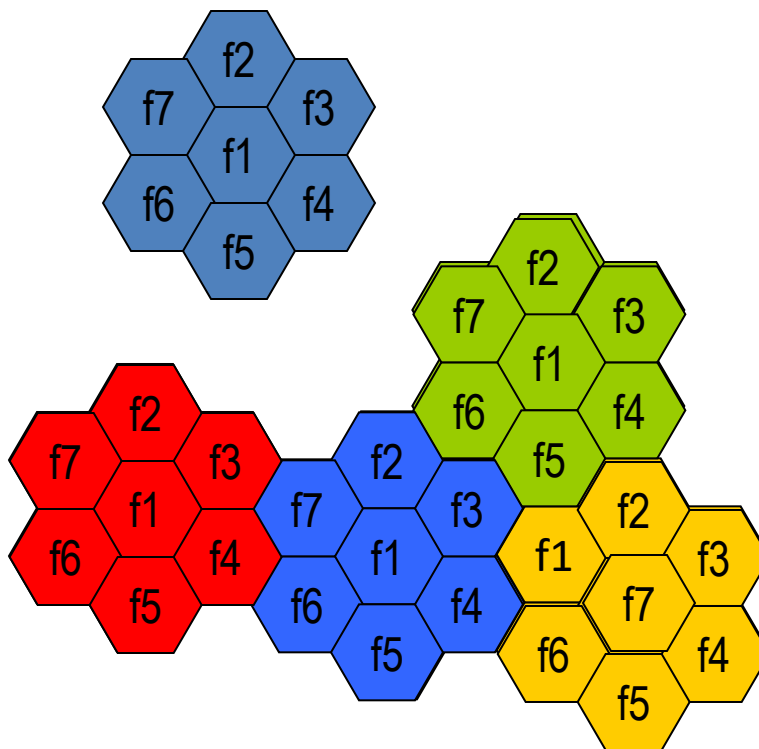
Frequency reuse  $N=19$

Frequency reuse  $N=7$





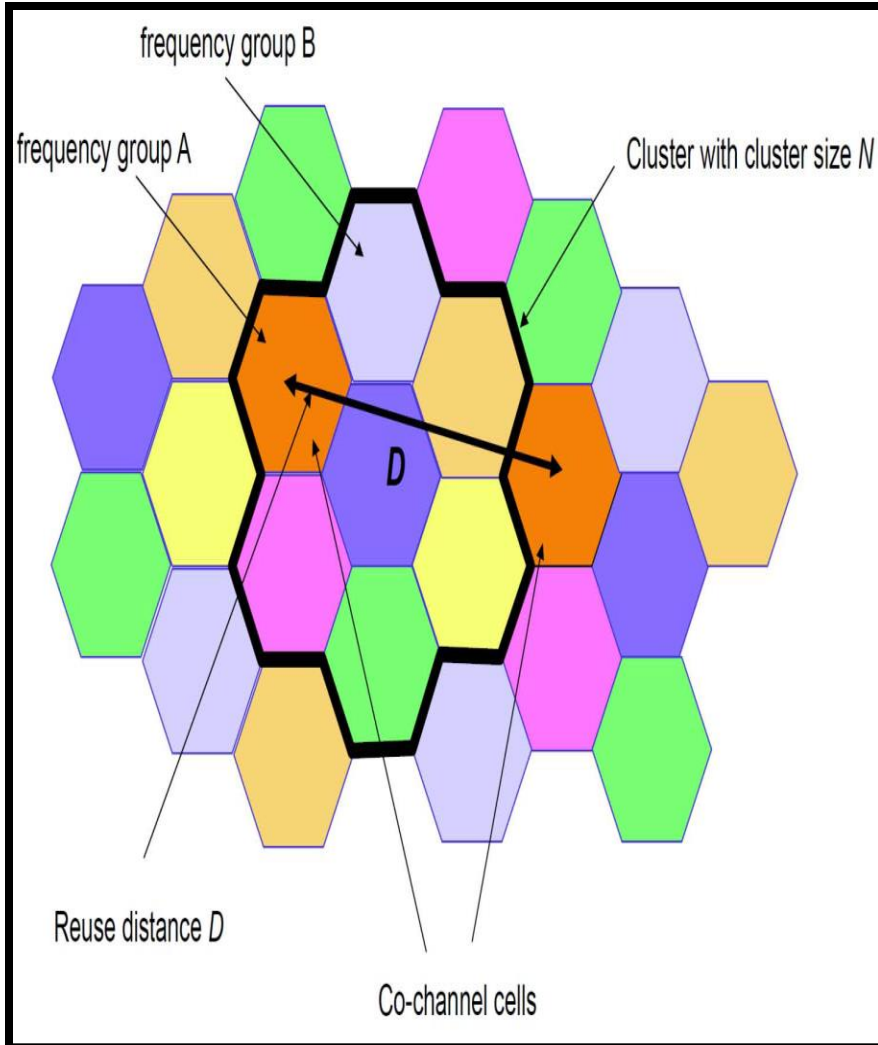
# Frequency Reuse using 7 frequencies allocations



Each cell is generally 4 to 8 miles in diameter with a lower limit around 2 miles.



# Frequency Reuse



Reuse Cluster:

Each cell uses totally the different set of channels with the others in the same

Reuse distance: Minimum distance between two cells using same channel

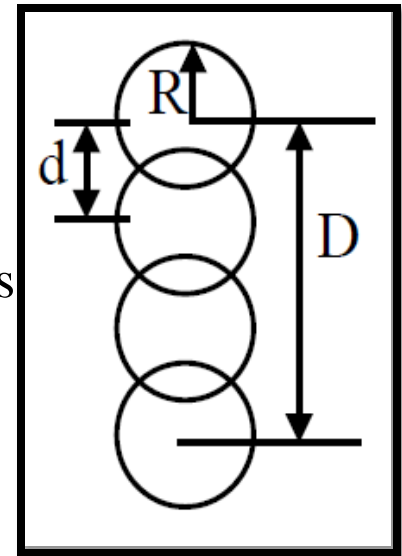
Co-channel interference: Interference for satisfactory signal quality caused by transmissions of co-channel cells





# Characterizing Frequency Reuse

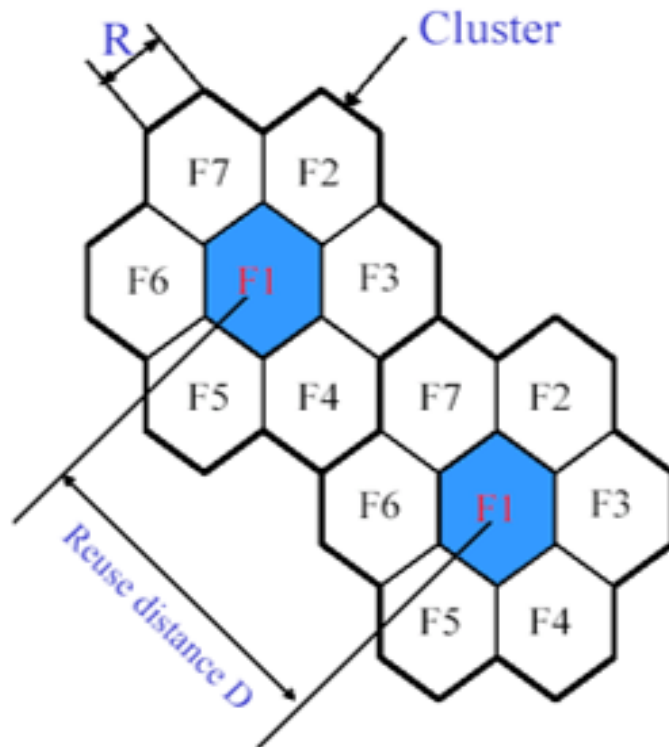
- $D$  = Minimum distance between centers of cells that use the same band of frequencies (Co-Channels)
- $R$  = Radius of a cell
- $d$  = Distance between centers of adjacent cells ( $d = R\sqrt{3}$ )
- $N$  = Number of cells in repetitive pattern (Cluster)
  - Reuse factor
  - Each cell in patterns uses unique band of frequencies
- Hexagonal cell pattern, following values of  $N$  possible
$$N = I^2 + J^2 + (I \times J), I, J = 0, 1, 2, 3, \dots$$
- Possible values of  $N$  are 1, 3, 4, 7, 9, 12, 13, 16, 19, 21, ...
- $D/R = \sqrt{3N}$
- $D/d = \sqrt{N}$





# Frequency Reuse

- Cells with the same number have the same set of frequencies



For hexagonal cells, the reuse distance is given by

$$D = \sqrt{3N} \times R$$

where  $R$  is cell radius and  $N$  is the reuse pattern (the cluster size or the number of cells per cluster)

Reuse factor is

$$\frac{D}{R} = \sqrt{3 \times N}$$



# Assessment

1. What is Cell?
2. What is frequency reuse or frequency planning?
3. What is hard and soft handoff?

