

Cellular network evolution

First Generation:

- Launched in the mid 1980s.
- Analog systems.
- Analog modulation, mostly FM.
- Voice traffic only.
- FDMA/FDD multiple access.
- Confined to national boundaries. Ex: - AMPS

In US, AMPS (Advanced Mobile Phone Services)

2G:

- Developed for voice communication.
- Digital system, digital modulation.
- TDMA/FDD and CDMA/FDD multiple access.
- Provides data rates of the order of ~9.6 kbps.
- GSM uses GMSK (Gaussian Minimum Shift Keying)
- In 2002, 66% of mobile users were GSM based.

Example of 2G:

- GSM
 - ❖ TDMA / FDMA
 - ❖ 900 Mhz and 1800Mhz.
- Personal Digital Communication (PDC)
 - ❖ Popular in Japan
- IS-95
 - ❖ CDMA.
 - ❖ US / South Korea

- 900 MHz (890 – 915 , 935 – 960) & 1800 MHz signal can move fastest without attenuation.
- In most of the phones dual channels like 900 mhz & 1800 Mhz are used.

Limitation of 2G:

- Unsuitable for data traffic
- Average rate 10 kbps
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- Not suitable for internet (packet switched service).
- Multiple standards (no true global coverage)

2.5 G:

- Digital System
- Voice + Low data rate.
- Internet access through GPRS (General Packet Radio Services)
- Enhanced Data rates for Global Evolution (EDGE): Uses better modulation techniques.

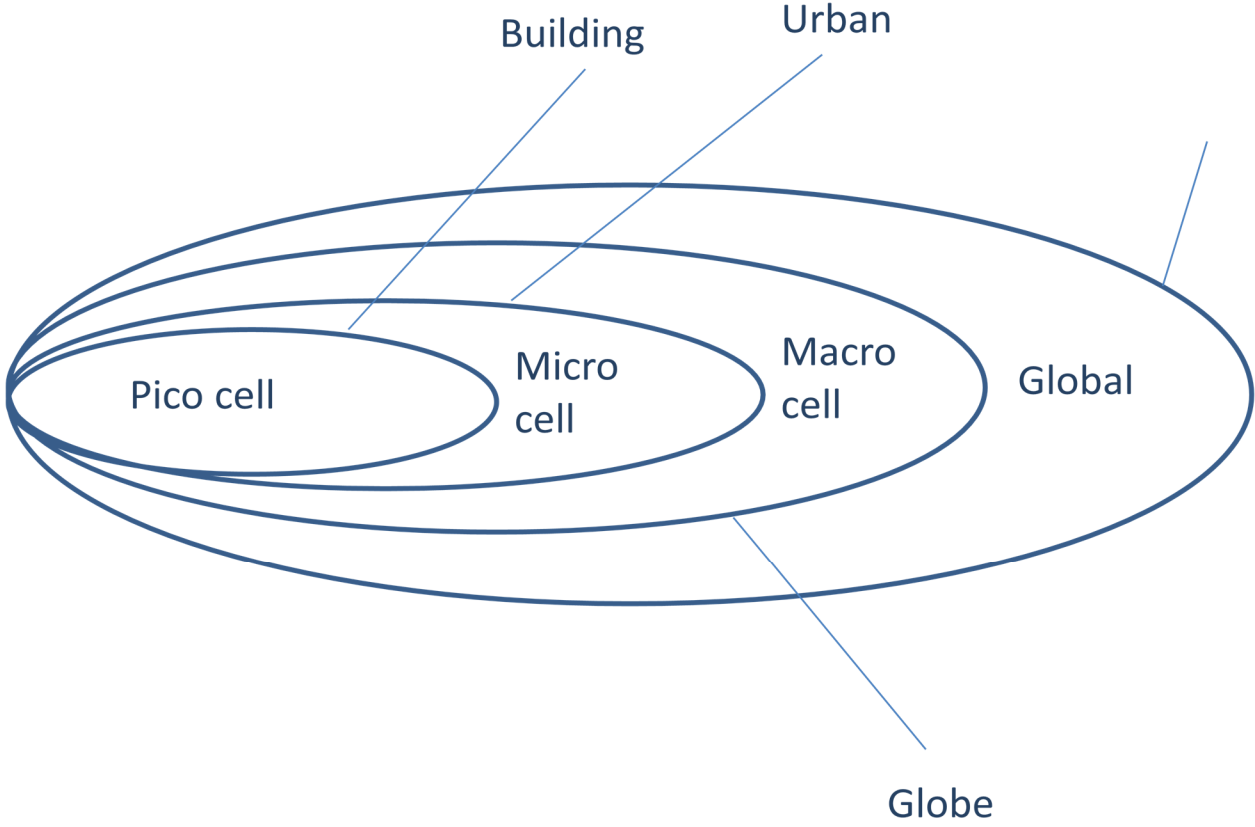
3 G:

- Digital modulation.
- Simultaneous Voice plus High Speed data.
- Multimegabit Internet access.
- Voice activated calls.
- Multimedia transmission.
- Eg. WCDMA & CDMA2000

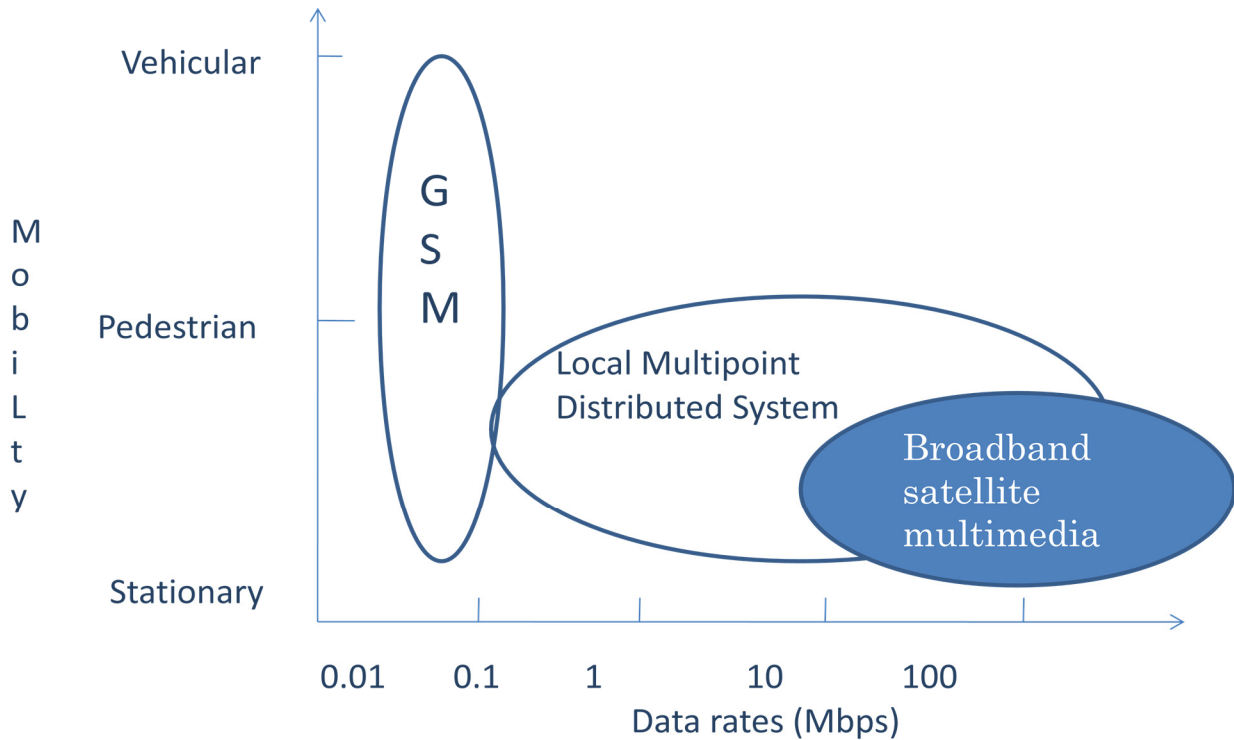
Need for 4G:

- It will integrate various networks, functions and application.
- It will create the “Global information multimedia village”.
- It will support a variety of data rates from 2G to 3G to 3G+ , WLAN system to pico and small microcellular connectivity and fixed line systems.

Coverage Aspect of Next Generation Mobile Communication System:



Transmission Capacity:



Terminology:

- **Control Channel:**

For call setup , call request and call initiation.

- **Page:**

A brief message that is broadcast over the entire service area by many base stations at the same time.

- **FDD / TDD** is used in between mobile and base station within the cell while multiple access is used to divide a channel among users.
- In CDMA / TDD.

FDD:

- Both base station and the user unit transmit and receive signals simultaneously.
- At the base station two separate transmit and receive antennas are used.

- At the subscriber unit only a single antenna is used both for transmission and reception . A device called duplexer is used to enable the same antenna for transmission and reception simultaneously.

TDD:

- Uses the fact that it is possible to share a single radio channel in time.
- A portion of time is used to transmit from the base station (BS) to mobile station (MS) and the remaining time is used to transmit from the MS to the BS.
- Only possible with digital transmission formats and digital modulation (very sensitive to time) .
- Used only for indoor or small area applications where the propagation delays are small.