



4.1

**Half Rate**

**GSM**

**Global System for  
Mobile Communications**

**TIM CHEN**

Marketing Director  
China Operations

Motorola International Cellular Infrastructure Division



## *The GSM Half Rate Story*

- ◆ When will the ETSI speech CODEC algorithm and integration be completed?
- ◆ Why do we need Half Rate?
- ◆ When do we need it?
- ◆ How will it be implemented?
- ◆ What will it cost to implement?



## *GSM Half Rate (HR) Spec Timescales*

- ◆ Half Rate CODEC selection
  - January 1994
- ◆ Integration with Phase 2 Air - interface
  - During 1994
- ◆ Specification for integration of HR
  - Q1 1995
- ◆ Type approval of dual mode mobiles
  - Q2 1995



## *The Market Need for GSM Half Rate*

- ◆ Extends GSM "spectrum efficiency"
- ◆ To increase the traffic channel capacity of existing networks
- ◆ To significantly reduce infrastructure network expansion costs
- ◆ To improve network trunking efficiency



## *When Do We Need GSM Half Rate?*

	1994				1995				1996			
	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
Selection of Speech CODEC	✓											
Integration	← ✓ →											
Specifications Agreed					✓							
Approval of Dual Mode Mobile Stations (MS)						✓	✓					
Trials by Infrastructure Manufacturers' Commence						✓	✓	✓				
Pre-production Volumes (Infrastructure)									✓			
Volume Production (Infrastructure)											✓	



Market Pressures Late 1995



## *How Will Half Rate be Implemented*

- ◆ Some new boards for transcoder and Base Station (BTS) units
- ◆ New software for the BSS and OMC RF sub-systems
- ◆ New dual mode Mobile Stations (MS)
- ◆ No special re-planning of network
- ◆ Adoption of 8Kbit sub-multiplexed switching!

## How Will it cost to Implement Half Rate?

3

### Operators\*

- Some BTS Base Station and XCDR transcoder board changes
- New BSS software downloaded

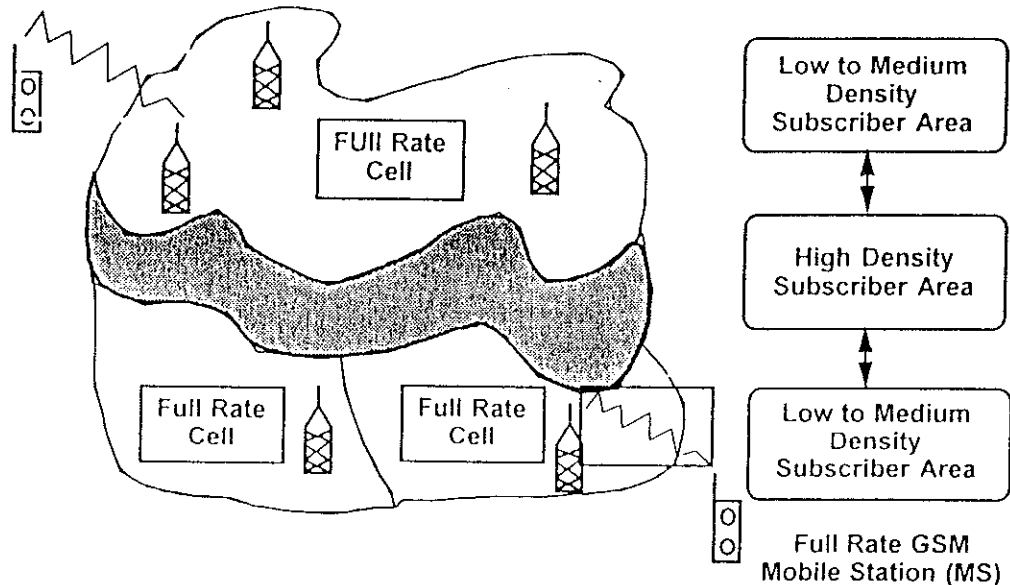
### Users

- Retain Full Rate Mobile Stations
- Offered new Dual Mode/Rate Mobile Stations in 1996

\* Infrastructure savings to operators is substantial, in achieving almost 2 times capacity

## GSM Dual Mode Mobile Stations

Dual Mode GSM Mobile Station (MS)





## *Dual Rate Not Half Rate*

- ◆ Half Rate is, in reality, part Dual Rate
- ◆ Half Rate transcoders and BTS Base Stations will have the ability to handle both algorithms for
  - Half Rate and - Full Rate
- ◆ Operators will have the ability to handle either Dual Rate or Full Rate Mobile Stations (MS)



## *Half Rate Speech Quality*

- ◆ More robust algorithm
- ◆ Improved error protection
- ◆ Reduced data speed at 3.6Kbits/sec



**SIMILAR AS FULL RATE**

## Capacity Improvement by Half Rate VS. TACS

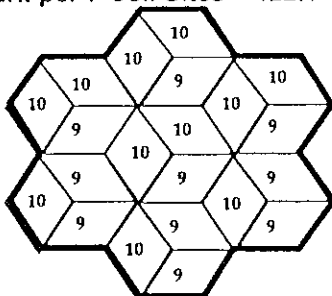
- ◆ Assumption : 4x3 Reuse pattern for GSM  
5% GOS in air interface  
Not consider control channel for GSM and TACS
- ◆ Case I : 5MHz Frequency band
- ◆ Case II : 10MHz Frequency band

## Capacity Improvement by Half Rate VS. TACS

Case I : 5MHz Band, 7x3 reuse pattern for TACS

TACS channels :  $5 / 0.025 = 200$

Erl. per 7 Cell Sites = 122.1



Based on 28 Cell Sites:

No. of channels :  $200 \times 4 = 800$

Erl. :  $122.08 \times 4 = 488.4$

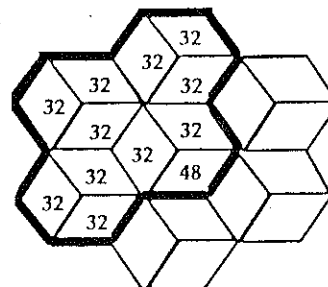
Channel Number Improvement:  $2800 / 800 = 3.5$

Erl. Improvement:  $2356.9 / 488.4 = 4.8$

GSM carrier :  $5 / 0.2 = 25$

GSM half rate channels :  $25 \times 16 = 400$

Erl. per 4 Cell Sites = 336.7



Based on 28 Cell Sites:

No. of channels :  $400 \times 7 = 2800$

Erl. :  $336.7 \times 7 = 2356.9$



## Capacity Improvement by Half Rate VS. TACS

Case I : 5MHz Band, 4x6 reuse pattern for TACS

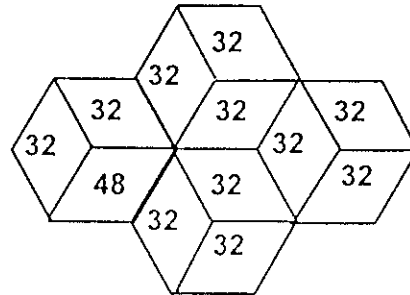
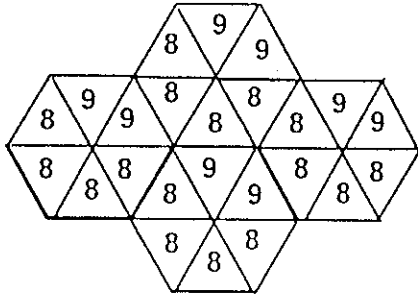
TACS channels :  $5 / 0.025 = 200$

GSM carrier :  $5 / 0.2 = 25$

GSM half rate channels :  $25 \times 16 = 400$

Erl. per 4 Cell Sites = 115.6

Erl. per 4 Cell Sites = 336.7



Channel Number Improvement:  $400 / 200 = 2$

Erl. Improvement:  $336.7 / 115.6 = 2.9$



## Capacity Improvement by Half Rate VS. TACS

Case II: 10MHz Band, 7x3 reuse pattern for TACS

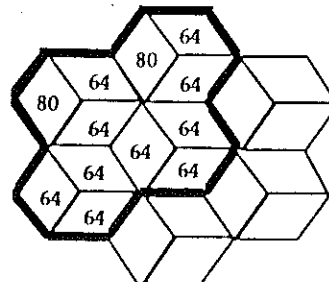
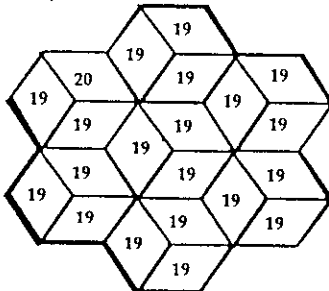
TACS channels :  $10 / 0.025 = 400$

GSM carrier :  $10 / 0.2 = 50$

GSM half rate channels :  $50 \times 16 = 800$

Erl. per 7 Cell Sites = 301.5

Erl. per 4 Cell Sites = 735.6



Based on 28 Cell Sites:

Based on 28 Cell Sites:

No. of channels :  $400 \times 4 = 1600$

No. of channels :  $800 \times 7 = 5600$

Erl. :  $301.5 \times 4 = 1206$

Erl. :  $735.6 \times 7 = 5149.2$

Channel Number Improvement:  $5600 / 1600 = 3.5$

Erl. Improvement:  $5149.2 / 1206 = 4.3$

***Capacity Improvement by Half Rate  
VS. TACS***

Case II : 10MHz Band, 4x6 reuse pattern for TACS

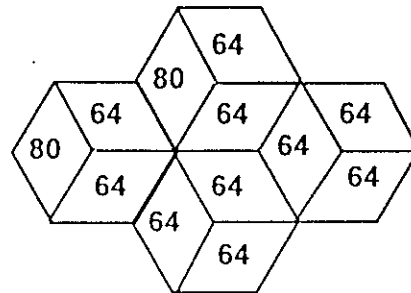
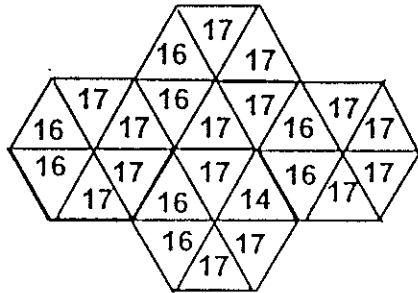
TACS channels :  $10 / 0.025 = 400$

GSM carrier :  $10 / 0.2 = 50$

GSM half rate channels :  $50 \times 16 = 800$

Erl per 4 Cell Sites = 291.7

Erl per 4 Cell Sites = 735.6



Channel Number Improvement:  $800 / 400 = 2$

Erl. Improvement:  $735.6 / 291.7 = 2.5$

***Capacity Improvement by Half Rate  
VS. TACS***

**Summary Table**

Scenario	Reuse Pattern	Channel Number Improvement	Erl. Improvement
Case I 5MHz	7x3 Reuse for TACS	3.5	4.8
	4x6 Reuse for TACS	2	2.9
Case II 10MHz	7x3 Reuse for TACS	3.5	4.3
	4x6 Reuse for TACS	2	2.5