Wireless Mobile Communication

Lecture 5

Wireless Local Area Network

Topics to be Covered

- Wireless LAN
- Wireless Personal Area Network

Wireless LAN and PAN

- Wireless Local Area Network (WLAN) using the IEEE 802.11
- HiperLAN is a European Standard
- Wireless Personal Area Network (WPAN)
 - Bluetooth
- HomeRF

Wireless LANs or WLANs

- Based largely on spread-sprectrum technology.
- Operate in IR, radio range (e.g., 2.4-2.4834 GHz).
- Raw bandwidth 4 MHz with effective throughput around 2 Mbps per hub. Infrared-based bridges run at speed up to 622 Mbps.
- Standards were finalized in 1997 by IEEE (802-11)
- Moderate success over the last few years.

Wireless local loop (WLL)

 Local loops were owned by ILECs (incumbent local exchange carriers). The Telecommunication Act of 1996 opened the local loops for competition.

• Options:

- twisted pair (old and slow); not the way to go
- fiber: optimum choice, but too expensive now for low capacity application (needs killer applications).
- So, Wireless local loops is a good choice. But it radio frequency and other electromagnetc inteference can be a problem.

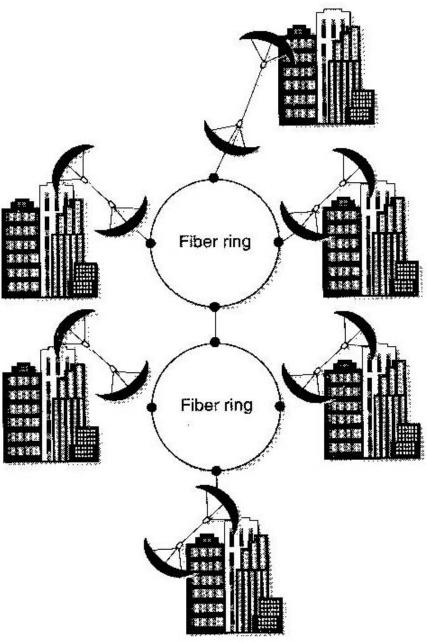


Figure 11-10 Wireless Local Loop (WLL) configurations

Low-earth orbiting satellites (LEOs)

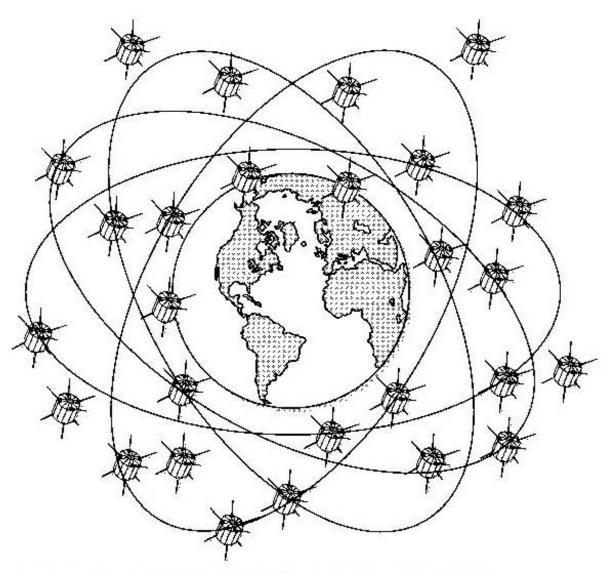


Figure 11-11 Low-Earth Orbiting (LEO) satellite constellation

Table 11-2 SATELLITE FREQUENCY BANDS

| IEEE Band Designation | Frequency Range (Upper-Lower Limits) |
|-----------------------|--------------------------------------|
| L-band | 1-2 GHz |
| S-band | 2-4 GHz |
| C-band | 4-8 GHz |
| X-band | 8-12 GHz |
| Ku-band* | 12-18 GHz |
| K-band | 18-27 GHz |
| Ka-band** | 27-40 GHz |
| Q-band*** | 33-50 GHz |
| U-band**** | 40-60 GHz |
| V-band***** | 40-75 GHz |
| W-band | 75-110 GHz |

^{*}Ku = under K-band

^{**}Ka = above K-band, commonly designated as 20-30 GHz

^{***}FCC designation

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^{*****}FCC designation, 50-75 GHz

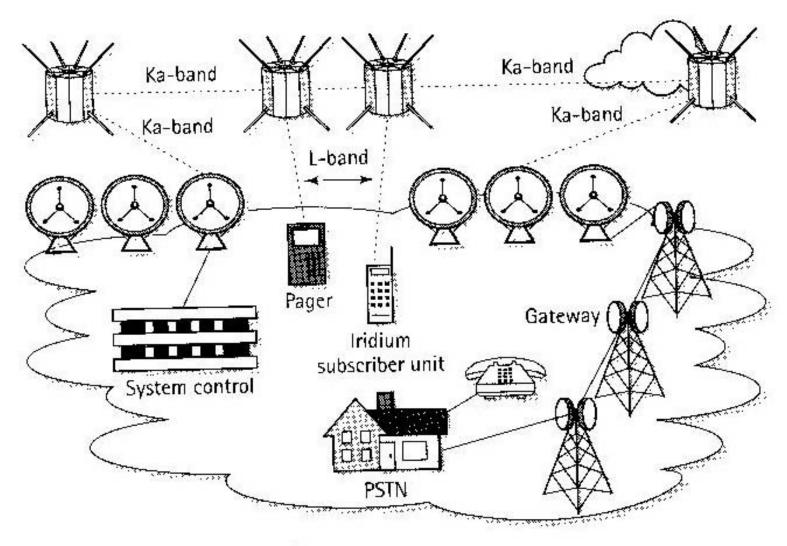


Figure 11-12 Iridium network