18ECE223T - Satellite
Communication and Broadcasting
UNIT 5
Satellite Mobile Services

Introduction

- Satellite can provide wide area service for telephone, fax and internet.
- Satellite Mobile Services do not need extensive ground facilities.
- It can cover even remote villages.
- ▶ GSM (2G) cellular system is widely used in satellite mobile systems.
- ▶ The user frequencies are in L (1 to 2 GHz) and S (2 to 4 GHz) bands.
- ► They use geostationary satellites and require large on-board antennas in the range 100 to 200 meter-square.
- Suited for developing and under-developed countries
- Types
 - Asian Cellular System
 - Thuraya
 - MSAT

1. Asian Cellular System

- Asian Cellular System (AceS)
- Uses Garuda geosynchronous satellite that covers 11 million sq. miles over Asia Pacific region
- It footprint ranges China, Indonesia and Philiphines
- Satellite positioned at 123 degree East
- It caters to a population of 3.5 billion
- It can handle 11000 simultaneous subscribers.
- ▶ It uses two L-band antennas. It generates 140 spot beams
- ► The gateway frequency is in C band. Mobile links operates in L band

2. Thuraya

- It uses geosynchronous satellites that are in 44 degree and 28.5 degree East longitude. The inclination is 6.3 degrees.
- ▶ It was launched in the year 2000.
- ▶ It covers more than 110 countries and covers around 2.3 billion people.
- Foot print is in Europe, North, Central Africa and large parts of Southern Africa.
- It uses elliptical antenna that provides 300 spot beams.
- ▶ It can handle up to 13,750 telephone channels.
- Modulation: QPSK
- Multiple Access: TDMA / FDMA
- GSM (2G Cellular) is employed
- ► The gateway frequency is in C band. Mobile links operates in L band

3. MSAT

- It has two geostationary satellites MSAT-1 and MSAT-2.
- Foot prints ranges from North, Central and South America.
- It offers lot of services. Like vehicle tracking, wireless phone, data and fax, differential GPS.
- Mobile links operate in L band. Feeder links to ground segment operate in Ku band
- Power output of L band is 600 W. Ku band power output is 110 W.
- Satellite operation and maintenance is carried out Telesat, Canada.

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