The current and future wireless systems need to support a multitude of services with a wide range of data rates and reliability requirements. The limited battery resource at a mobile terminal coupled with the hostile multipath fading channel makes the problem of providing reliable high data rate services challenging. In this talk we present a framework for the design of efficient transmission mechanisms that support multimedia traffic with different latency requirements over wireless channels.

We develop schedulers that use queuing of packets at the transmitter to lower the transmission power or packet loss rates. The proposed optimal schedulers can significantly reduce the transmission power (over 60% in certain cases) for small increases in packet delays, thereby providing another avenue for mobiles to conserve power. The proposed schedulers use a combination of rate and power control mechanisms based on the source (queue) and channel (fading) states. We will briefly discuss some results on multiuser scheduling in broadcast channels.

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