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Wireless Communications - I



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Wireless Communications Networks



Outline

- Brief history of wireless
- What is wireless communication?
- Bottom-down approach: Wireless basics
  - Physical layer : how can we transmit signals in air?
  - Link layer : multiple access
  - Wireless impact higher layers?
- More advanced methods
  - MIMO
  - Beamforming
  - mmWave

Looking back in time to wireless



MAXWELL EQUATIONS

RADIO PATENT

COMMERCIAL NETWORK, CELLPHONE

2G GSM, GPRS, EDGE

3G, BLUETOOTH, WIFI

4G/LTE, LTE-A

5G

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Why Wireless?

- Freedom from wires
  - No cost of installing the wires
  - Not deal with bunches of wires running around
- Global coverage
  - where wired communication is not feasible or costly e.g. rural areas, battle field and outer space.
- Stay Connected
  - Any where any time, even under mobility
- Flexibility
  - Connect to multiple devices simultaneously

What is Wireless Communication?

- Transmitting voice and data using electromagnetic waves in open space
- Electromagnetic waves
  - Travel at speed of light ($c = 3x10^8$ m/s)
  - Has a frequency (f) and wavelength (λ)
    - » $c = f \times \lambda$

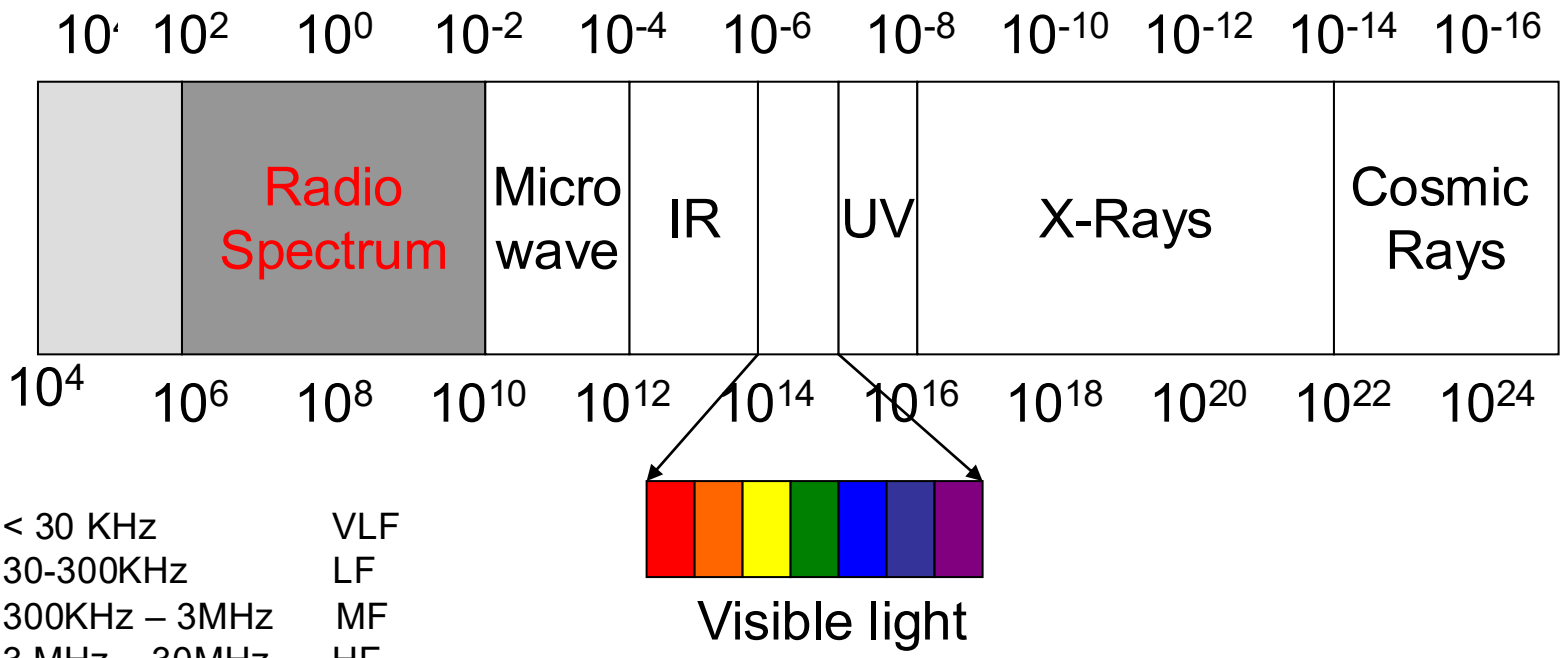
Wireless Link Characteristics

- *decreased signal strength:* radio signal attenuates (lose signal strength) as it propagates through matter (path loss)
    - Higher frequencies will attenuate FASTER
    - Higher frequencies also don't penetrate objects as well
- *interference from other sources:* standardized wireless frequencies shared by other devices (e.g., phone); devices (motors) interfere as well
- *multipath propagation:* radio signal reflects off objects/ground, reaching destination at slightly different times

…. make communication across (even a point to point) wireless link much more "difficult"

Electromagnetic Spectrum

3MHz ==100m
300MHz ==1m
30GHz ==1cm



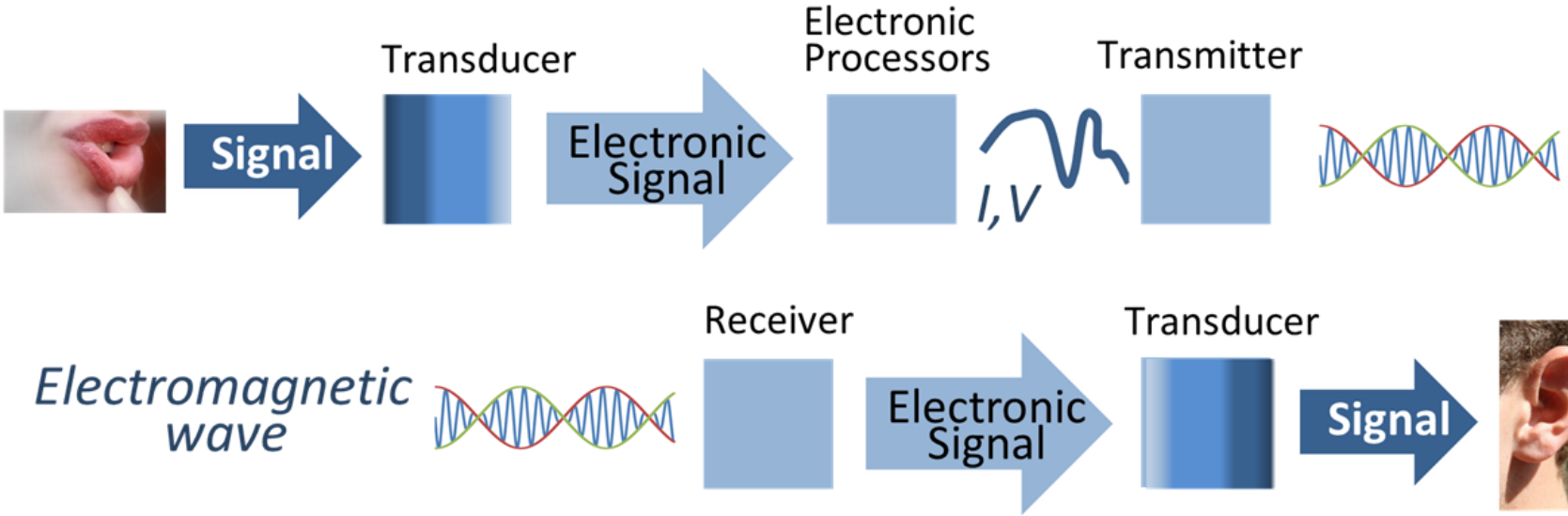
< 30 KHz	VLF
30-300KHz	LF
300KHz – 3MHz	MF
3 MHz – 30MHz	HF
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300 MHz – 3GHz	UHF
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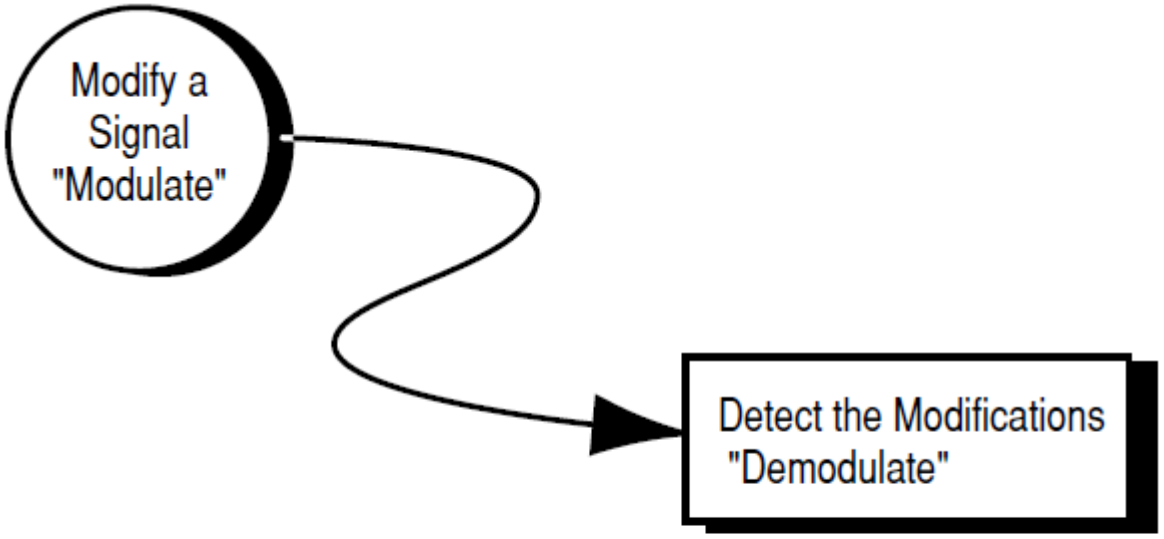
Block diagram of radio transmission

- Information (e.g. sound) is converted by a transducer (e.g. a microphone) to an electrical signal
- This signal is used to modulate a radio wave sent from a transmitter.
- A receiver intercepts the radio wave and extracts the information-bearing electronic signal, which is converted back using another transducer such as a speaker.



What is modulation?

- Modulation = Adding information to a carrier signal



Modulation Process

$$f = f\left(a_1, a_2, a_3, \ldots a_n, t\right) \text{ (= carrier)}$$

$$a_1, a_2, a_3, \ldots a_n \text{ (= modulation parameters)}$$

$$t \text{ (= time)}$$

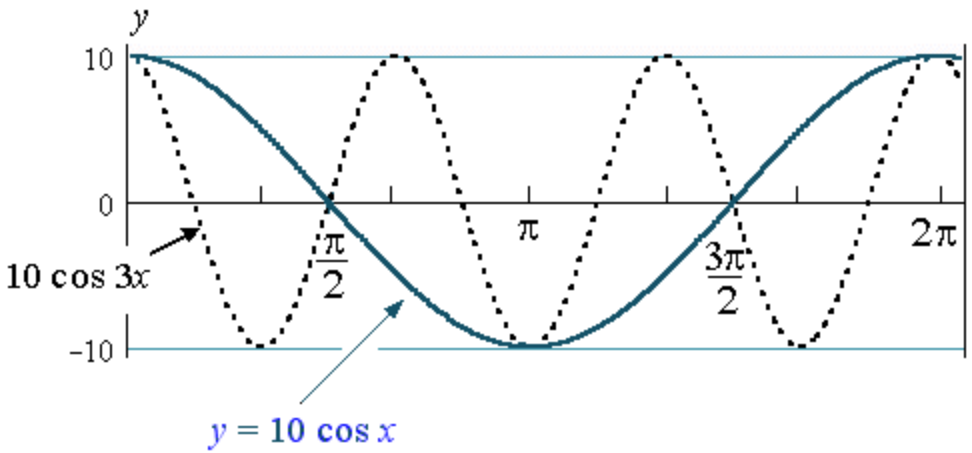
- Modulation implies varying one or more characteristics (modulation parameters a_1, a_2, … a_n) of a carrier *f* in accordance with the information-bearing (modulating) baseband signal.
- Sinusoidal waves, pulse train, square wave, etc. can be used as carriers

Carrier Signal

Carrier signal:

$$\bullet\ A\cos(2\pi f_C t + \varphi)$$

Amplitude — Frequency — Phase

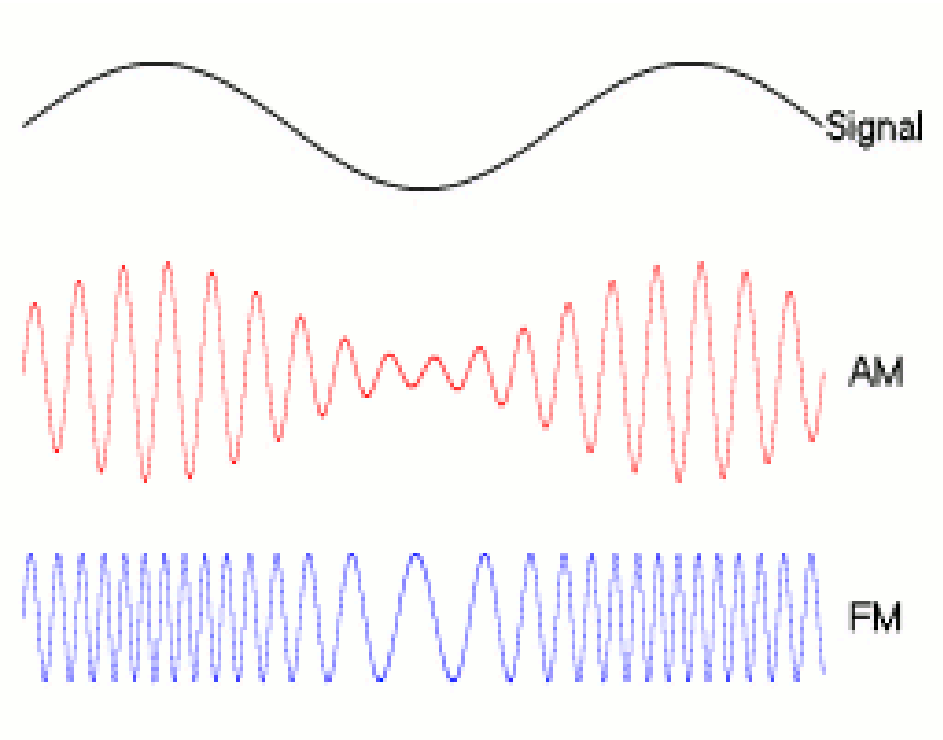


Types of Modulation

- ANALOG MODULATION: If the variation in the parameter of the carrier is continuous in accordance to the input analog signal the modulation technique is termed as analog modulation scheme

- DIGITAL MODULATION: If the variation in the parameter of the carrier is discrete then it is termed as digital modulation technique

ANALOG MODULATION



Amplitude Modulation:
Signal shapes the amplitude of the carrier

Frequency Modulation:
Signal shapes the frequency of the carrier

DIGITAL MODULATION TECHNIQUES

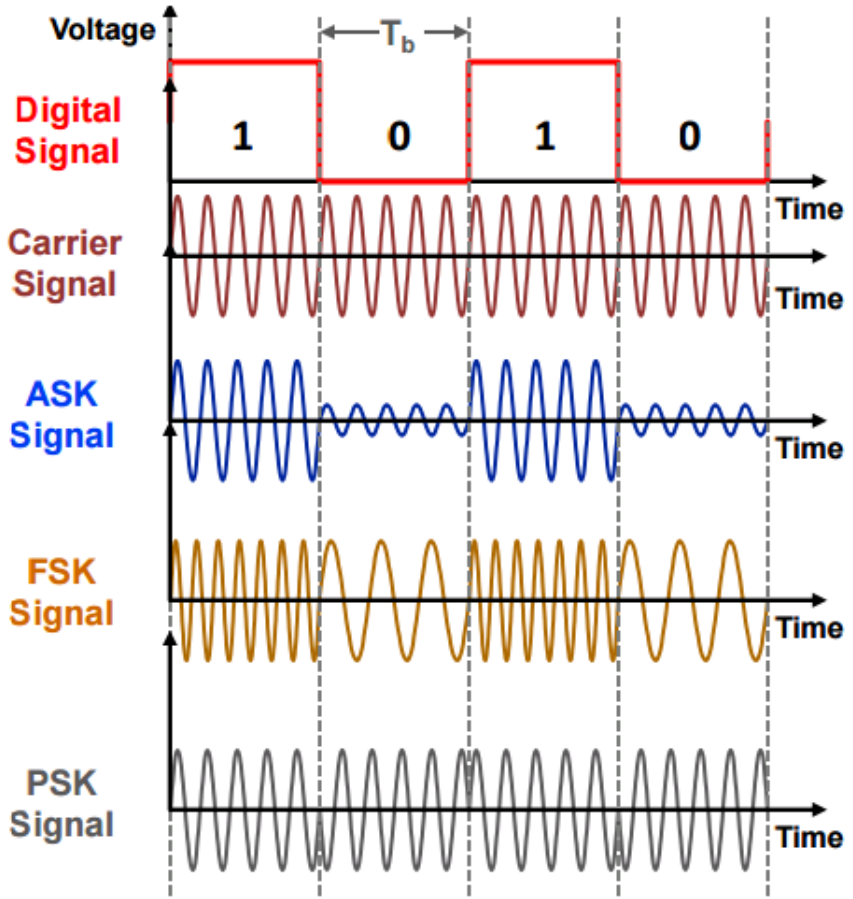
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   A. Message signal changes the carrier's **amplitude** : $A_i(t)$.

4. **FSK: Frequency Shift Keying**.
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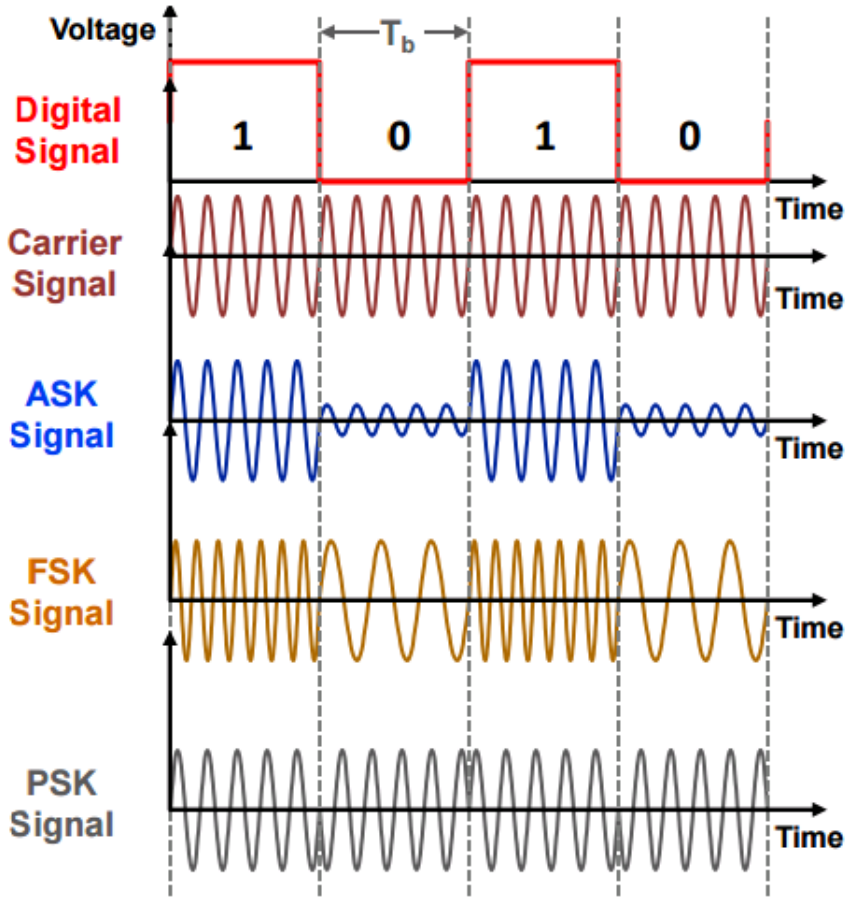
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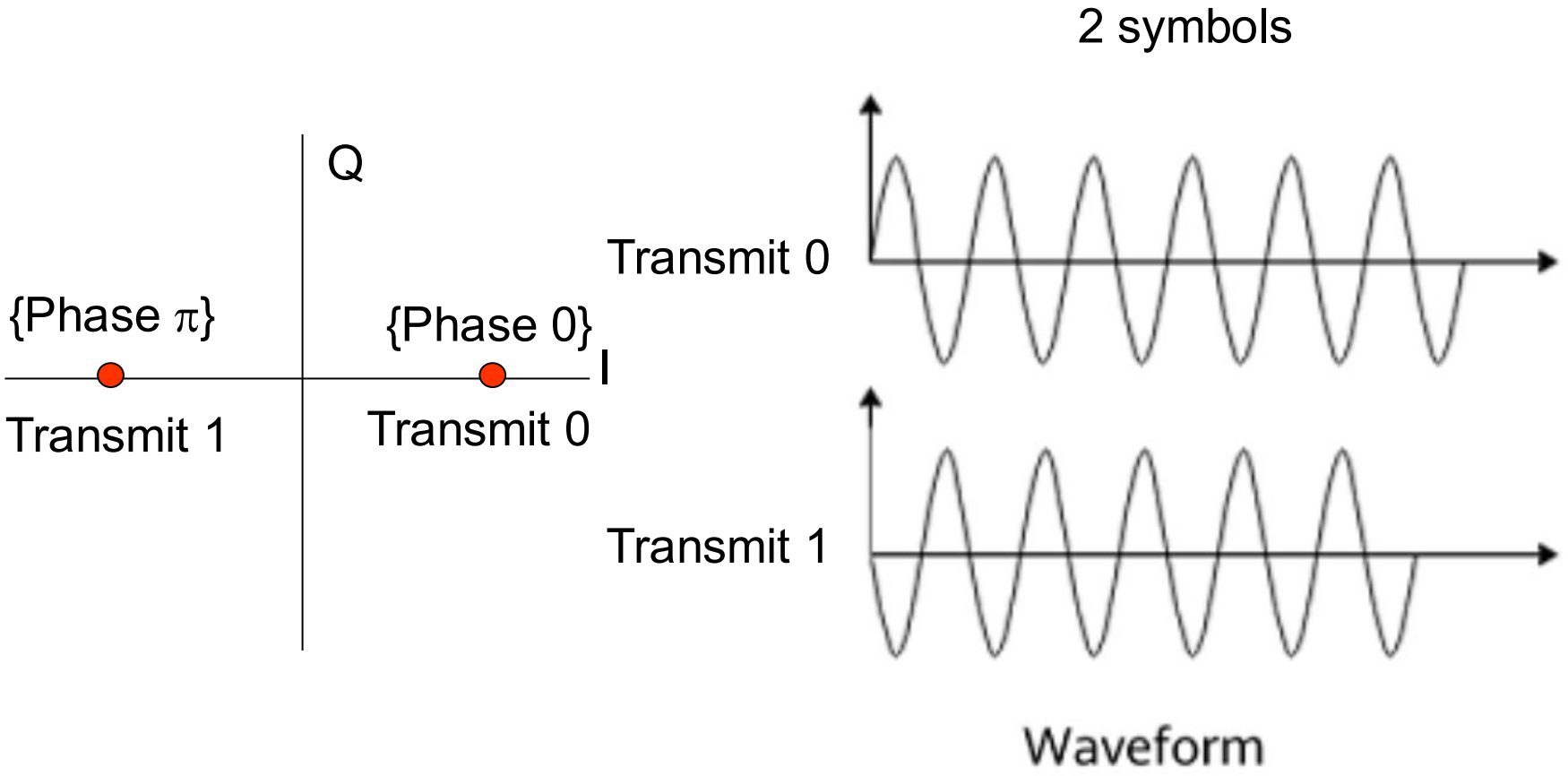
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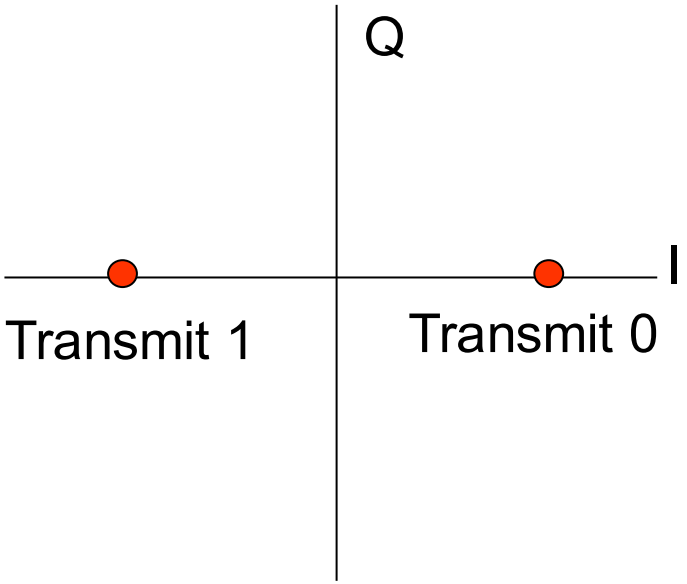
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BPSK Representation



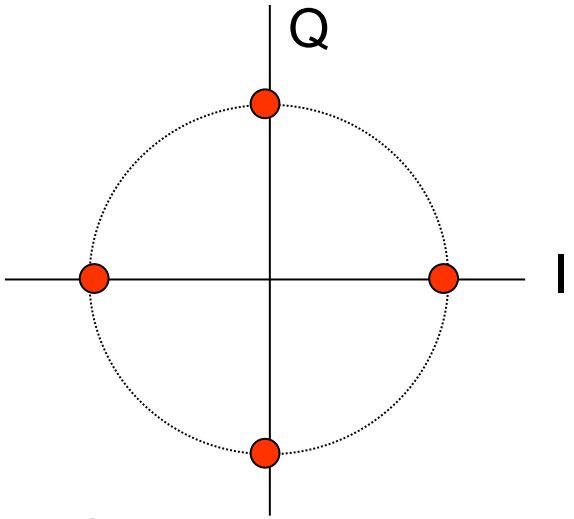
Constellation Diagram



= graphical representation of the complex envelope of each possible symbol state

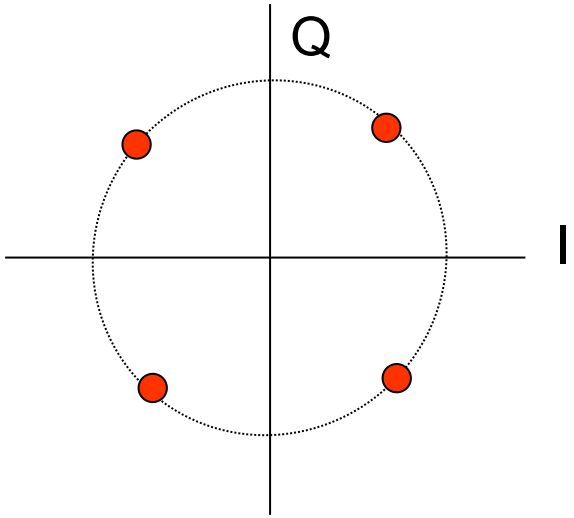
- The x-axis represents the in-phase component (real part) and the y-axis the quadrature component (imaginary part) of the complex envelope
- The distance between signals on a constellation diagram relates to how different the modulation waveforms are and how easily a receiver can differentiate between them.

QPSK Constellation Diagram



Carrier phases
{0, π/2, π, 3π/2}

4 symbols

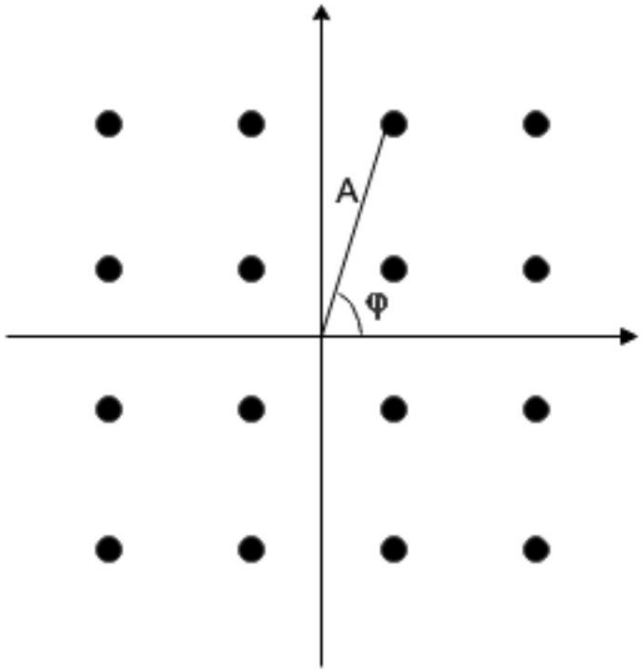


Carrier phases
{π/4, 3π/4, 5π/4, 7π/4}

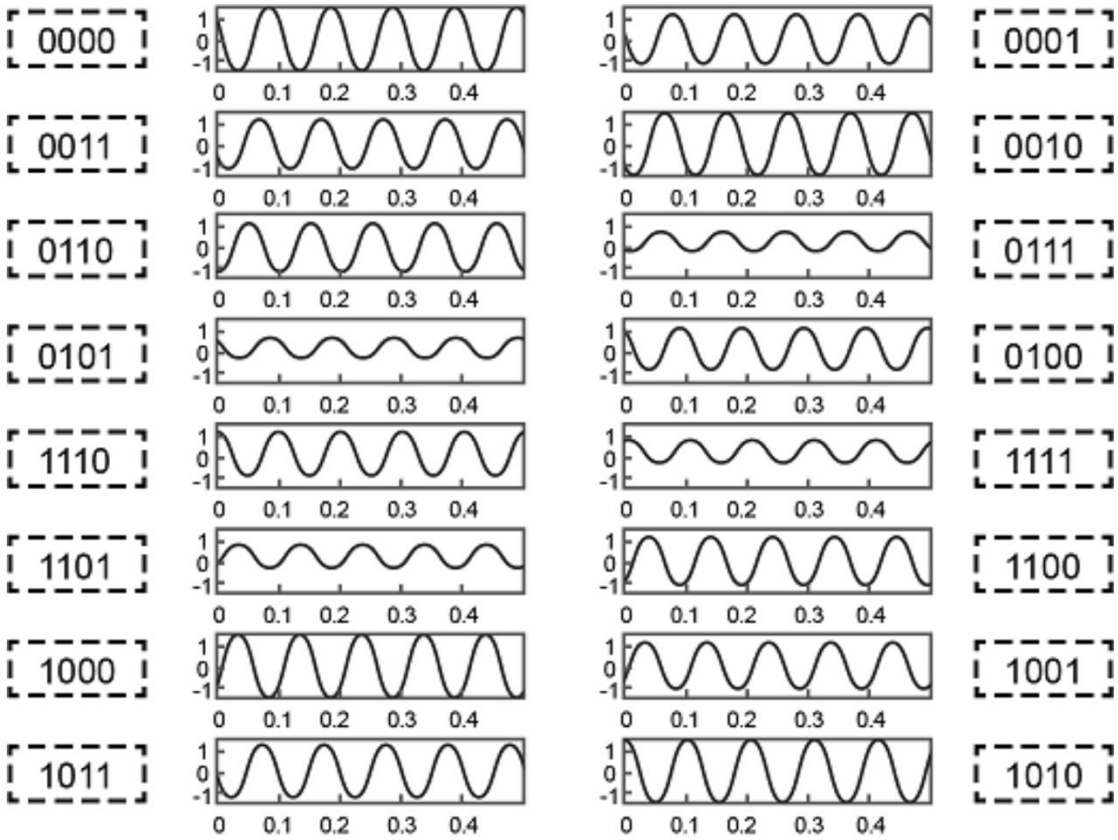
- Quadrature Phase Shift Keying (QPSK) can be interpreted as two independent BPSK systems (one on the I-channel and one on Q)
- Quadrature Phase Shift Keying has twice the bandwidth efficiency of BPSK since 2 bits are transmitted in a single modulation symbol

Quadrature Amplitude Modulation (QAM)

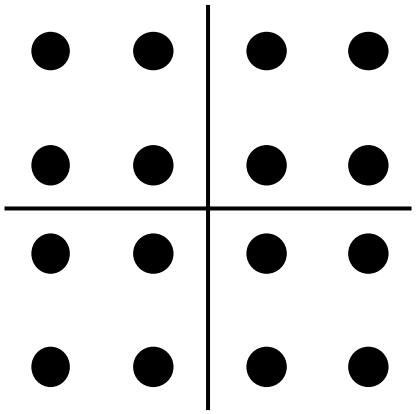
Both amplitude and phase modulation



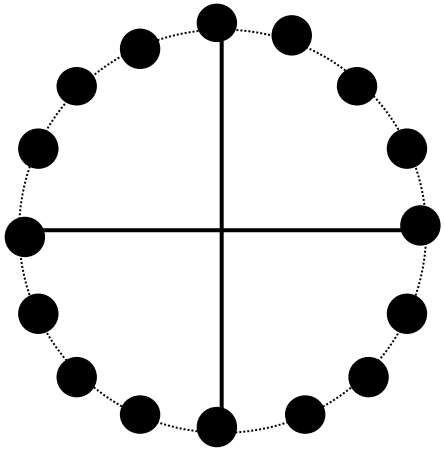
16 symbols



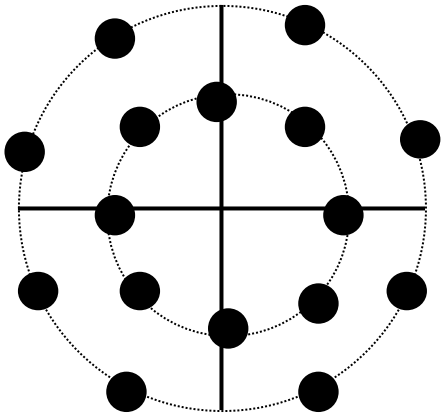
Multi-level (M-ary) Phase and Amplitude Modulation



16 QAM



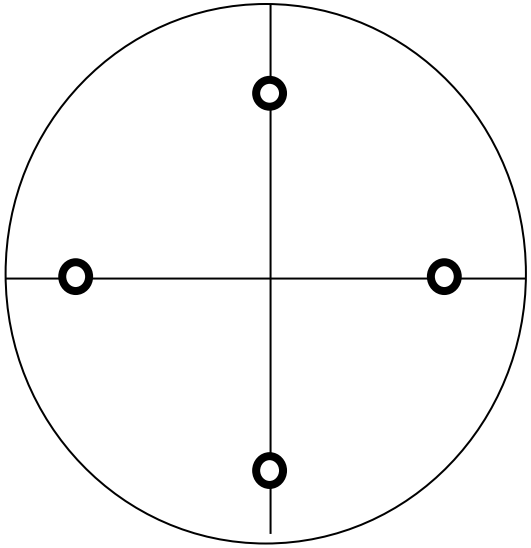
16 PSK



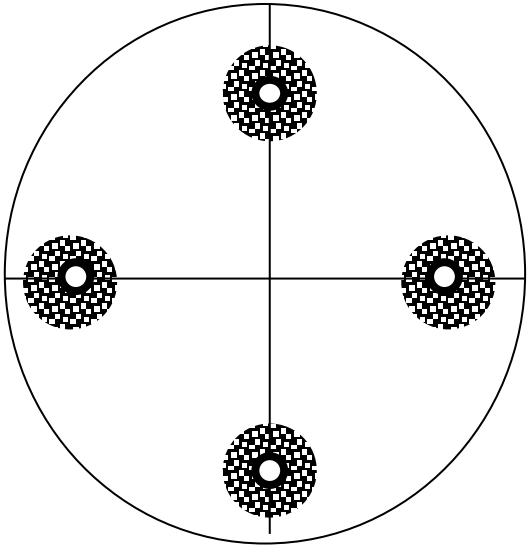
16 APSK

- There are different constellations having same number of logical states but different efficiency

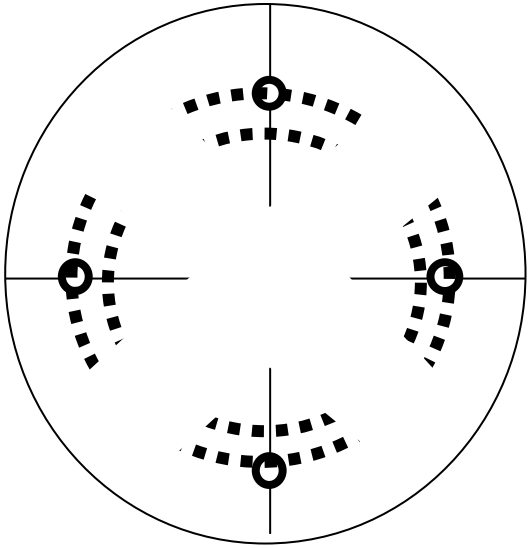
What is a good constellation?



Perfect channel



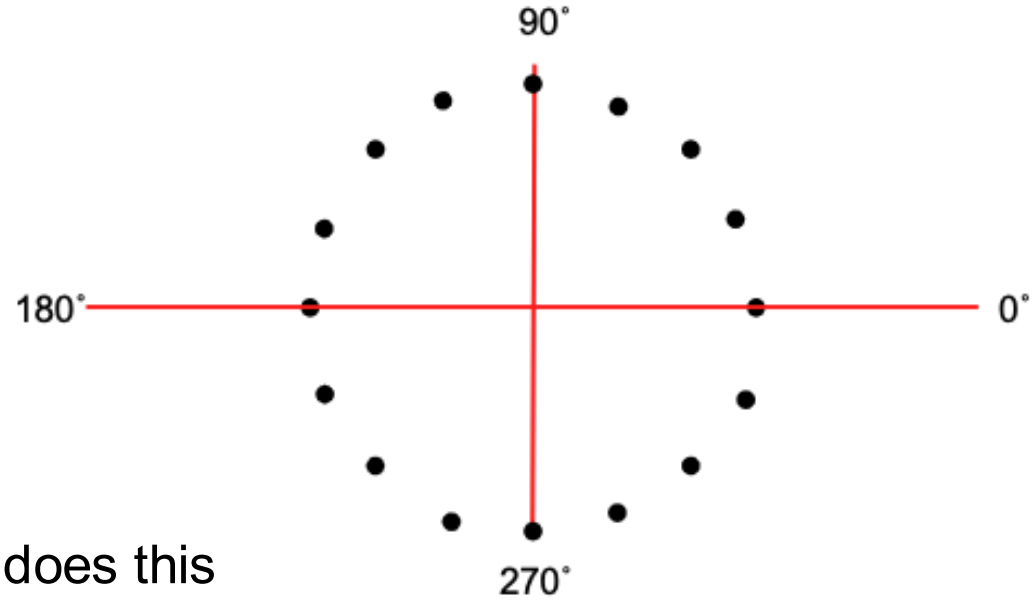
White noise



Phase jitter

Need to consider **Distortions** and the signal can be decoded!

Example



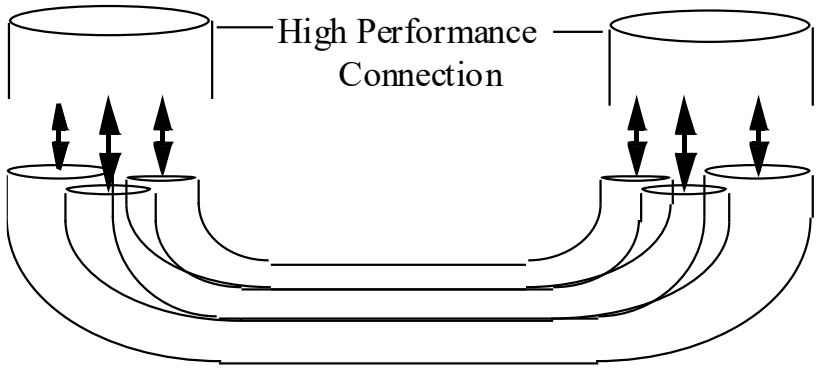
a) What type of modulation does this represent?
b) How many symbols are represented?
c)How many bits per symbol are used?
d)Would 16-QAM be more or less susceptible to noise than this type of modulation?

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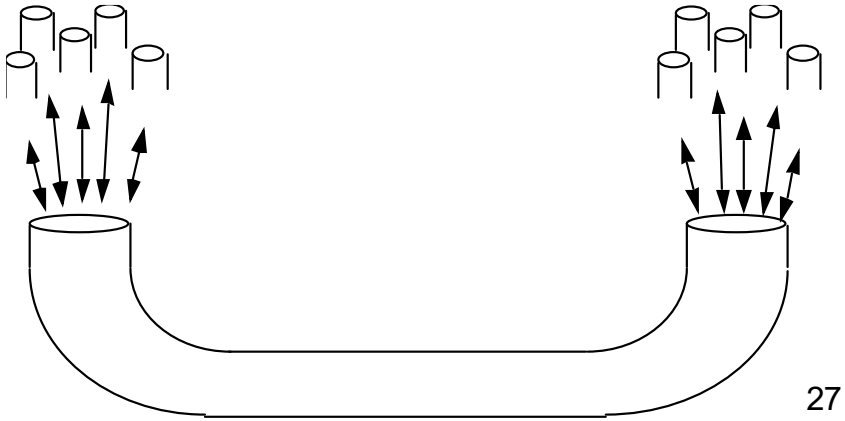
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Multiplexing (MUX) / Multiple Access (MA)

- Transmission of several data flows (logical connections) over one medium
  - Realize individual “connections“, *normally* with deterministic properties (throughput, delay)
  - Terminology: M (“.. Multiplexing“) or MA (“.. Multiple Access“)
- Also:
  Transmission of one data flow (logical connection) over several media
  - (increase performance and/or reliability)

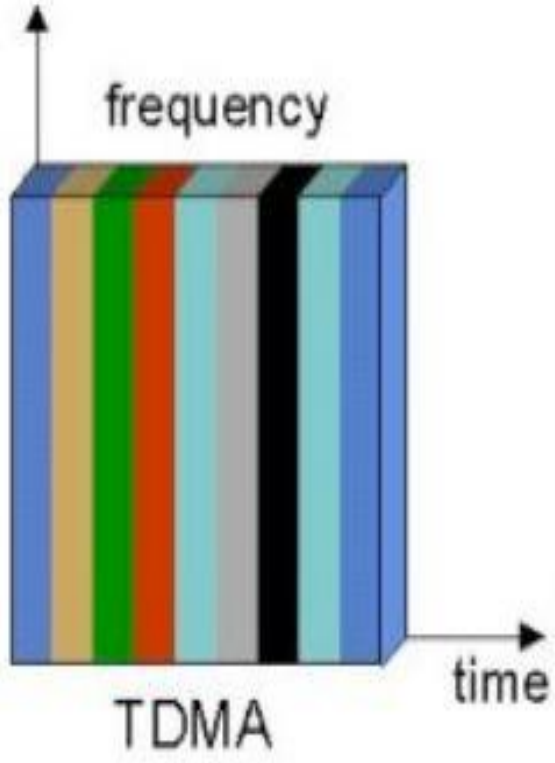


several connections with less performance / quality



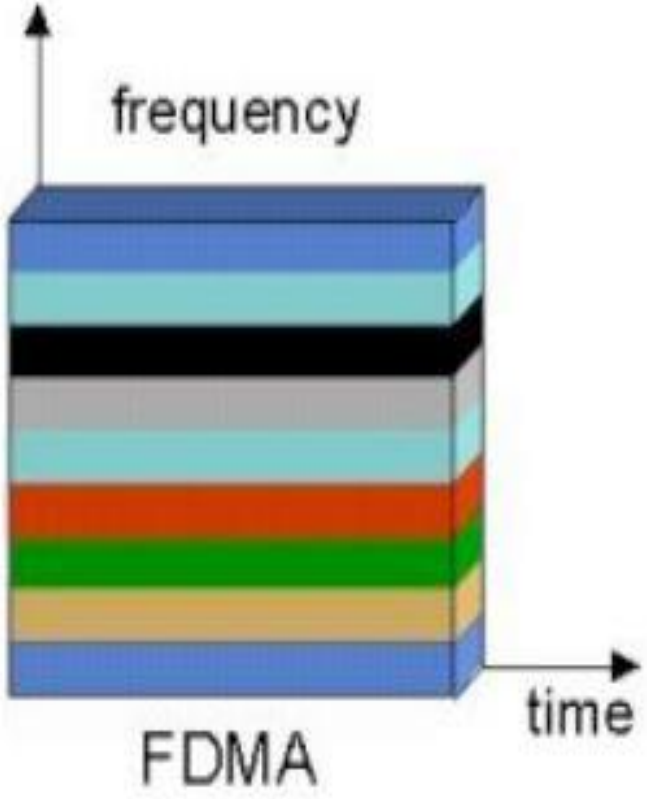
Time Division Multiple Access (TDMA)

- Each user is allowed to transmit only within specified time intervals (Time Slots). Different users transmit in different Time Slots.
- When users transmit, they occupy the whole frequency bandwidth (separation among users is performed in the time domain).
- Commonly used in GSM together with frequency hopping



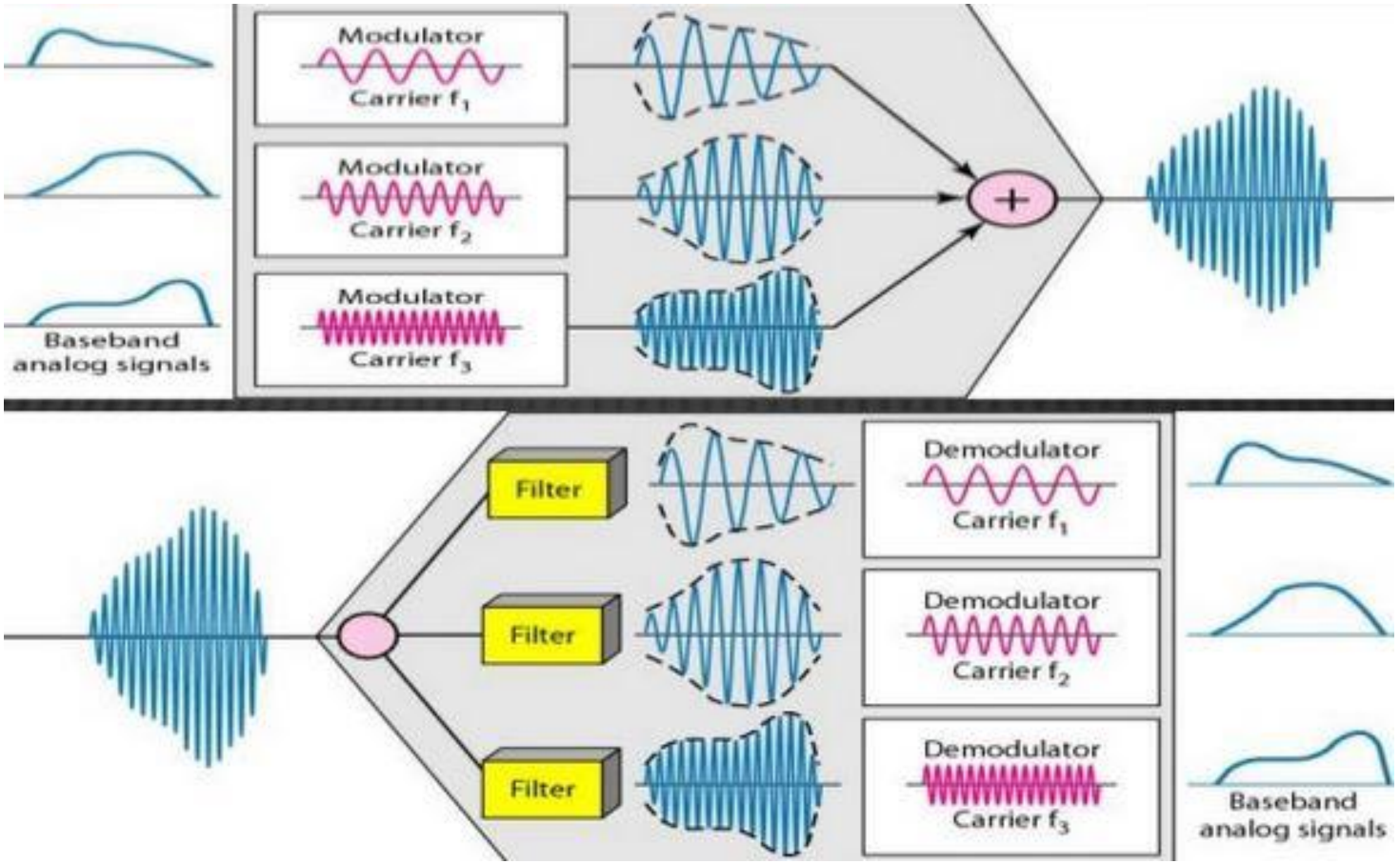
Frequency Division Multiple Access (FDMA)

- Each user transmits with no limitations in time, but using only a portion of the whole available frequency bandwidth
- Different users are separated in the frequency domain
- FDMA can be used for both digital and analog signals
- Very common in satellite communications



❑ The major disadvantage of FDMA is the relatively expensive and complicated bandpass filters required.

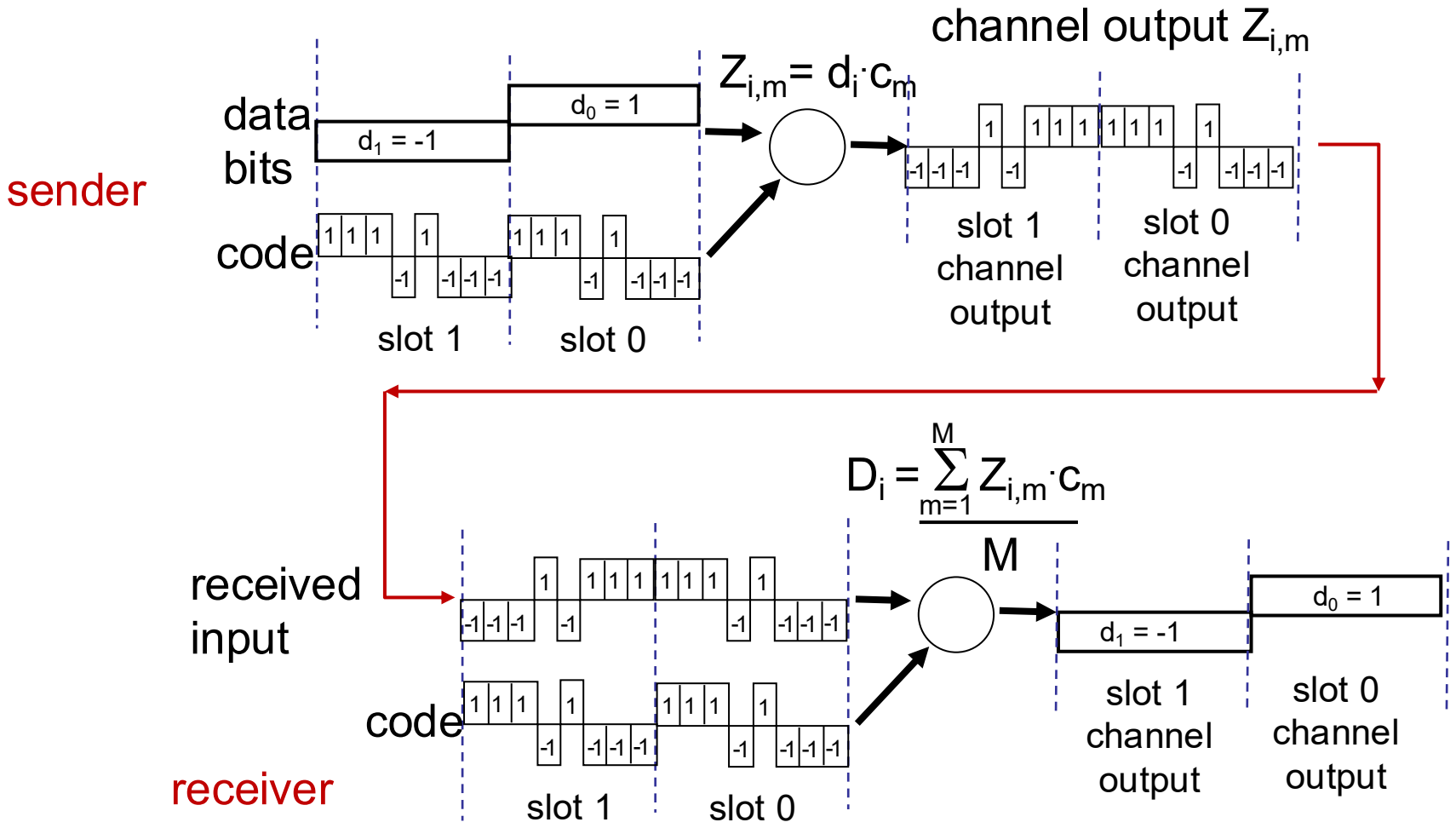
FDMA in time domain



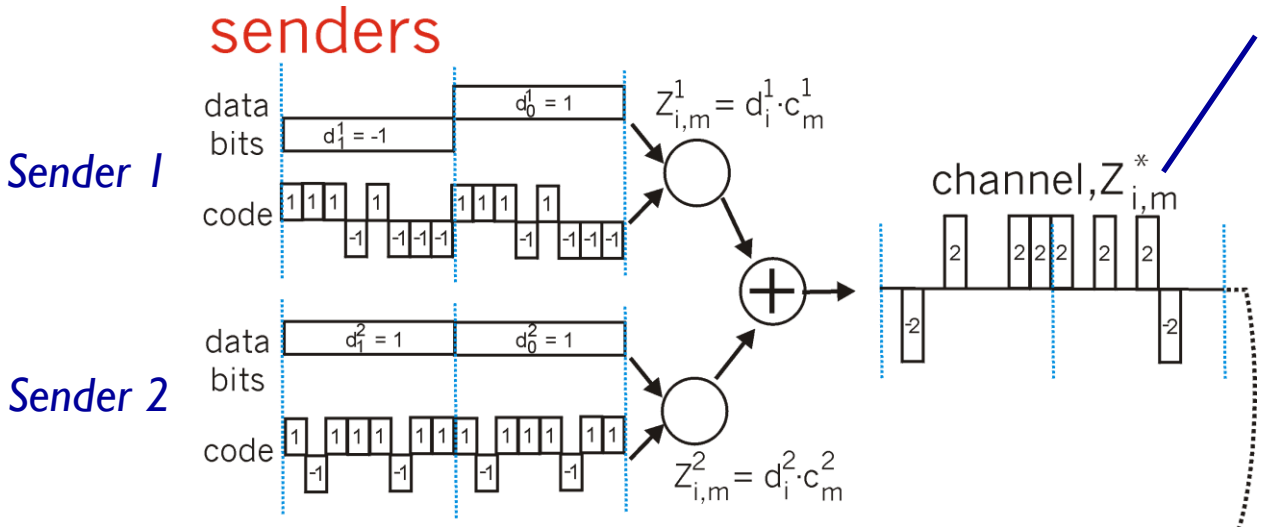
Code Division Multiple Access (CDMA)

- unique "code" assigned to each user; i.e., code set partitioning
  - all users share same frequency, but each user has own "chipping" sequence (i.e., code) to encode data
  - allows multiple users to "coexist" and transmit simultaneously with minimal interference
- Chip sequences are orthogonal to ensure reconstructability:
  - seq. 1: $x = (x_1, .. x_n)$, seq. 2: $y = (y_1, .. y_n)$ $\sum x_i y_i = 0$
  - Common choice: Walsh sequence
- *encoded signal* = (original data) X (chipping sequence)
- *decoding:* inner-product of encoded signal and chipping sequence

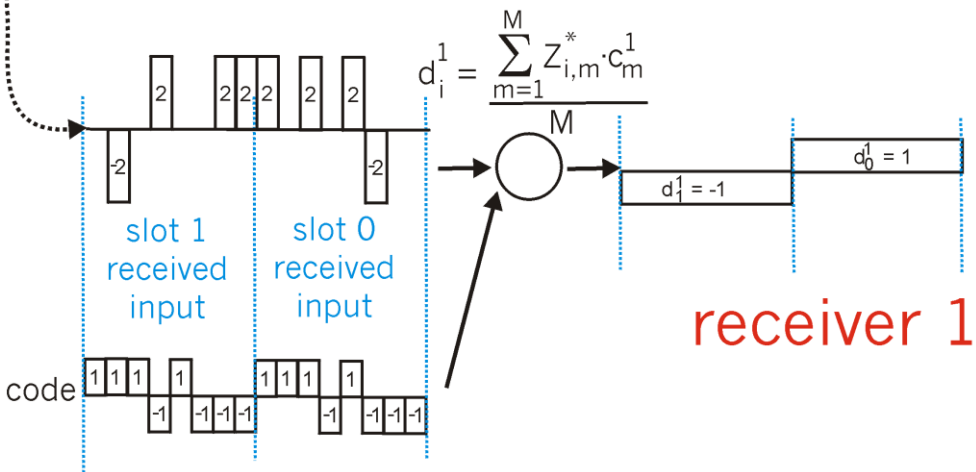
CDMA encode/decode



CDMA: two-sender interference



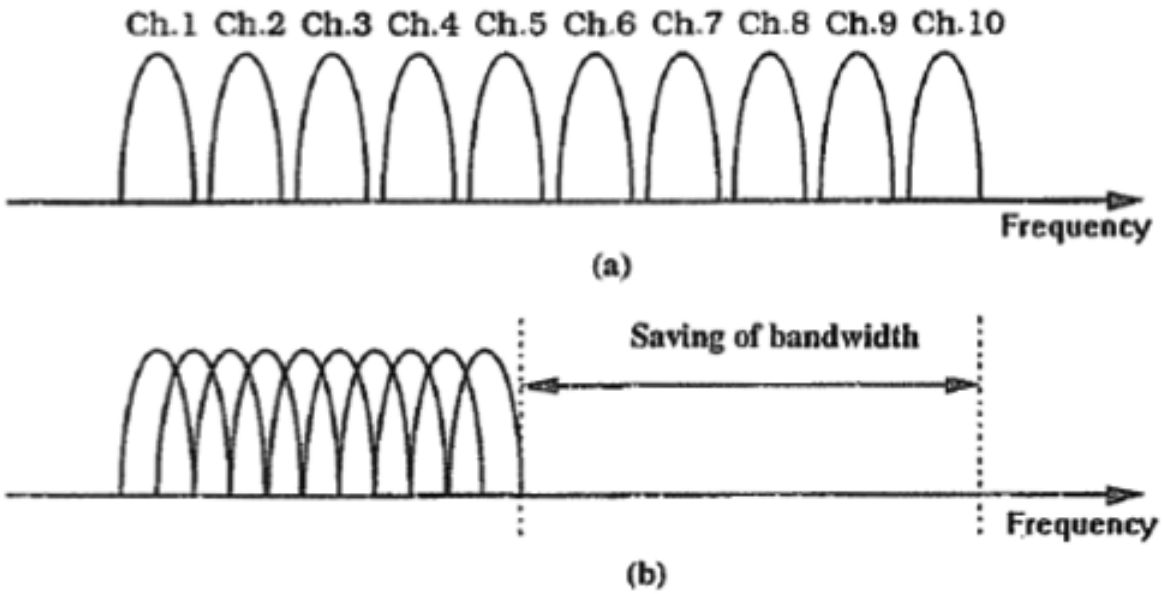
channel sums together transmissions by sender 1 and 2



using same code as sender 1, receiver recovers sender 1's original data from summed channel data!

Orthogonal Frequency Division Multiple Access (OFDMA)

- The carriers are chosen such that they are orthogonal to one another
- It allocates in both the time domain and the frequency domain, allowing for multiple users—even those with widely varying use patterns or data loads

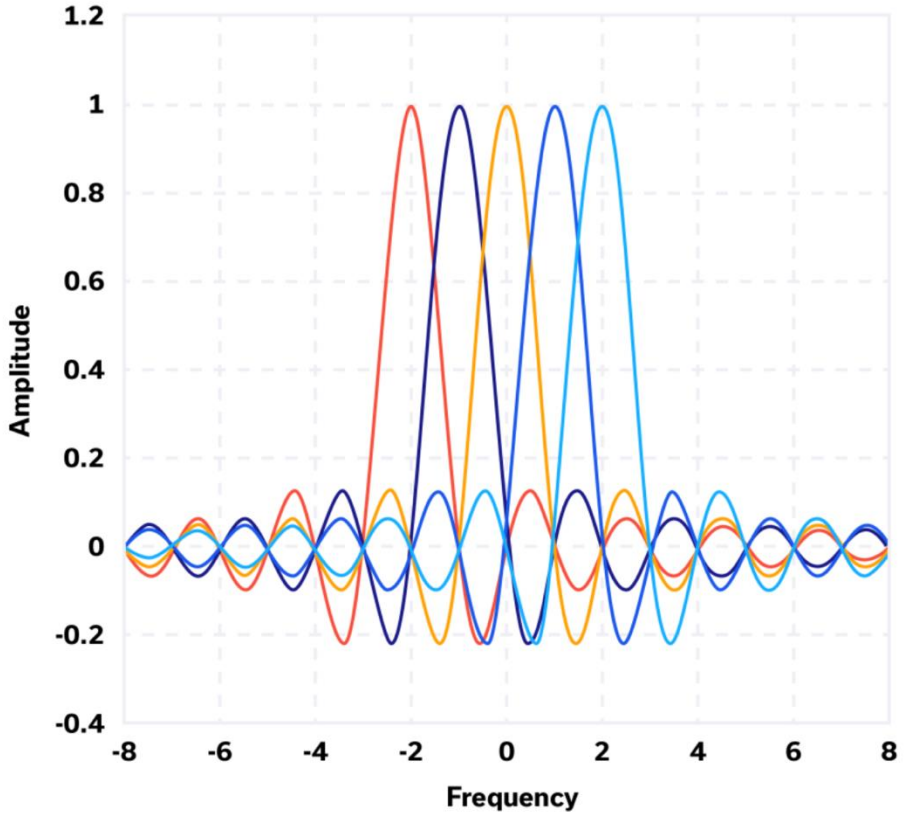


Conventional multicarrier

Orthogonal multicarrier

Orthogonality Principle

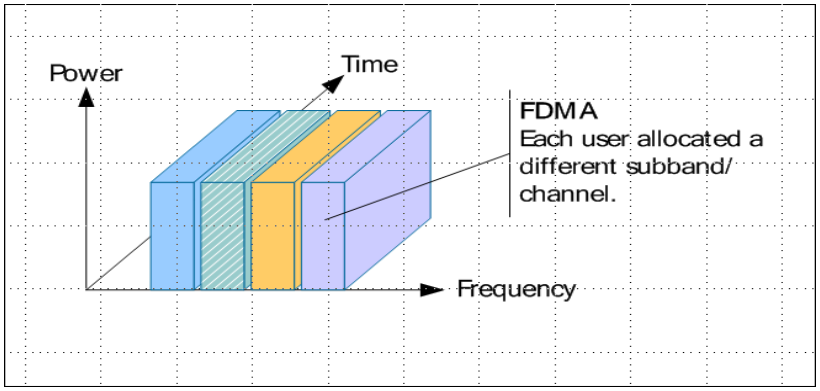
- For a subcarrier in OFDM to be orthogonal, it must be spaced from its adjacent, neighboring subcarrier(s) in such a way that the peak of each adjacent subcarrier falls exactly at its zero crossings



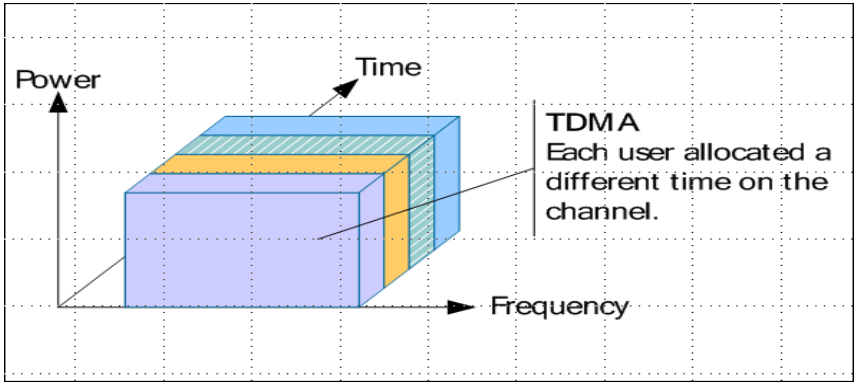
Example: 5 adjacent subcarriers in the frequency domain, normalized to an amplitude of 1 and a frequency separation of 1.

Summary: FDMA,TDMA, CDMA and OFDMA

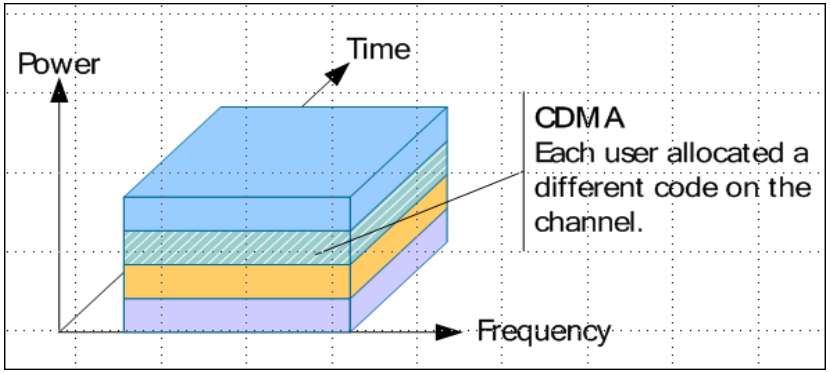
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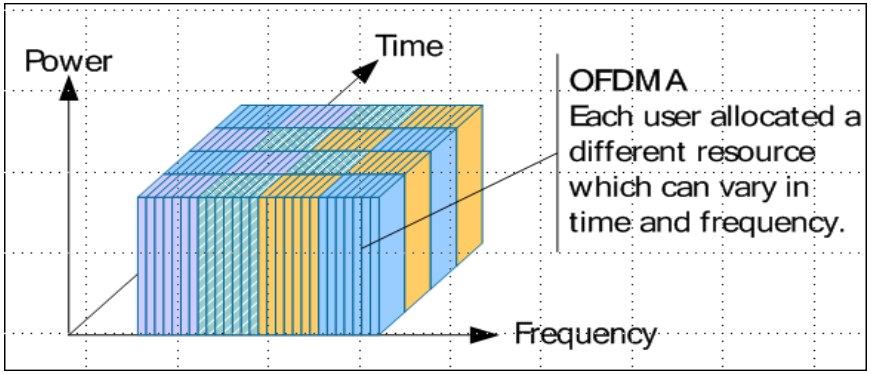
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3G



4G/LTE and Wimax



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Wireless: impact on higher layers

- logically, impact *should* be minimal …
  - best effort service model remains unchanged
  - TCP and UDP can (and do) run over wireless, mobile
- … but performance-wise:
  - packet loss/delay due to bit-errors (discarded packets, delays for link-layer retransmissions), and handoff
  - TCP interprets loss as congestion, will decrease congestion window un-necessarily
  - delay impairments for real-time traffic
  - limited bandwidth of wireless links

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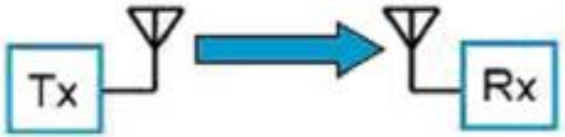
- MIMO is an acronym that stands for **Multiple Input Multiple Output**
- Motivation: current wireless systems
  - Capacity constrained networks
  - Increasing interference, limited spectrum
- MIMO exploits the space dimension to improve wireless systems capacity, range and reliability

How does MIMO work?

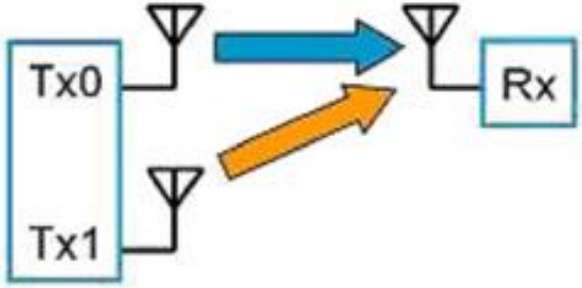
- MIMO uses multiple antennas to send multiple parallel signals (from transmitter). These parallel signals are intelligently coded
- When there is enough distance between the antennas, different signals experience different paths -> MIMO takes advantage of multi-path
- With MIMO, the receiving end uses an algorithm or special signal processing to sort out the multiple signals to produce one signal that has the originally transmitted data

Different types

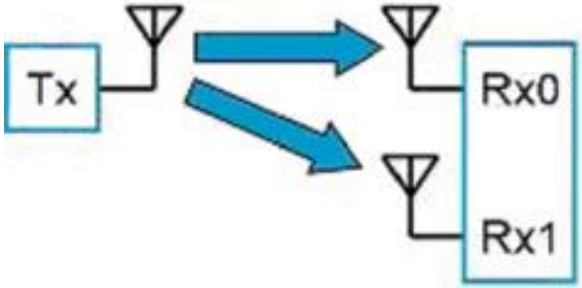
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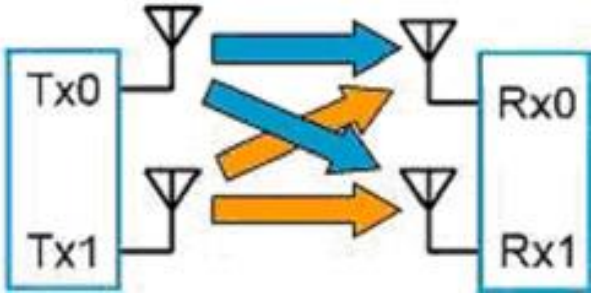
MISO



SIMO



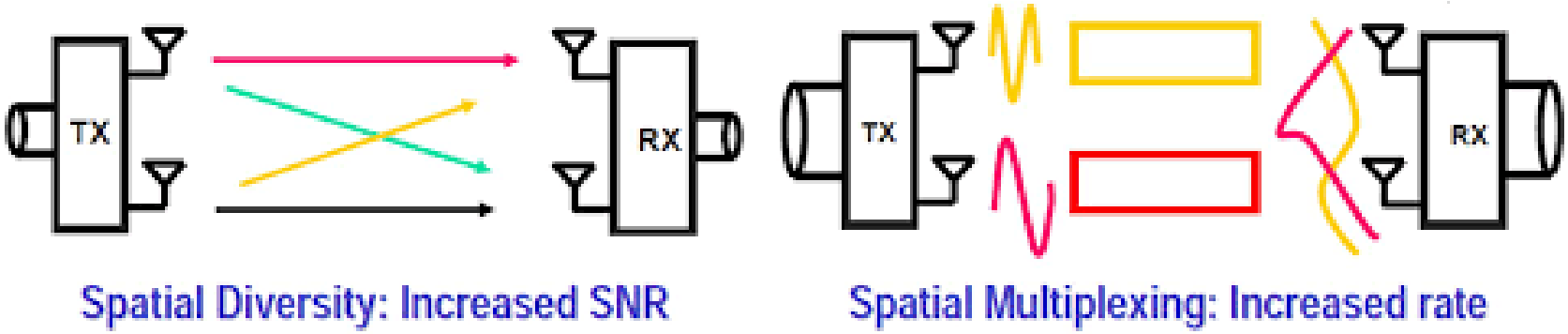
MIMO (2x2)



Main Types of MIMO

- **Space Time Transmit Diversity (STTD)** - The same data is coded and transmitted through different antennas, which effectively doubles the power in the channel. This improves Signal Noise Ratio (SNR) for cell edge performance.

- **Spatial Multiplexing (SM)** - SM delivers parallel streams of data by exploiting multi-path. It can double (2x2 MIMO) or quadruple (4x4) capacity and throughput. SM gives higher capacity when RF conditions are favorable and users are closer to the base station.

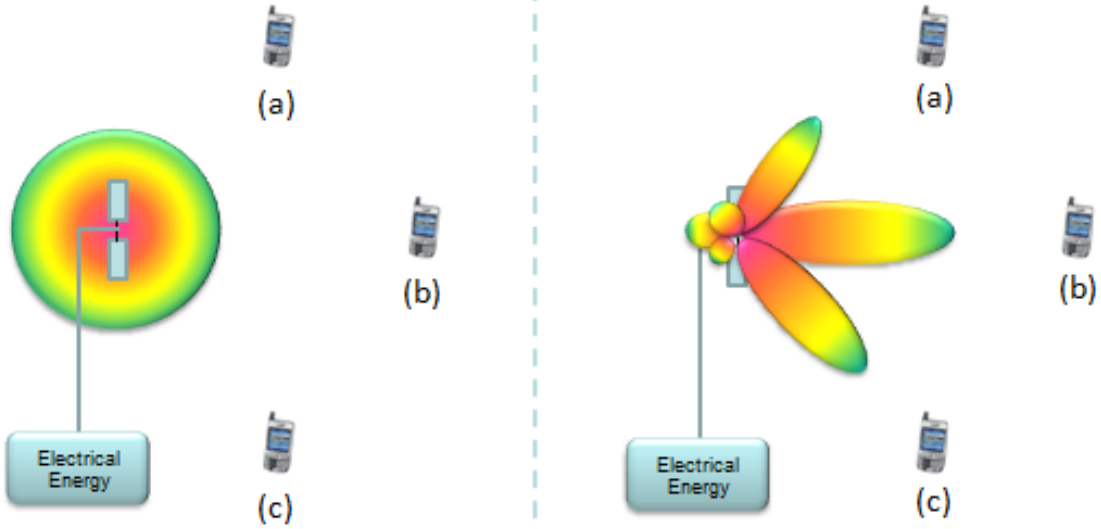


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  - Beamforming
  - mmWave

Beamforming

- **Beamforming** is a signal processing technique used for directional signal transmission or reception.
- Elements of an antenna array is combined in such a way that signals at particular angles experience constructive interference while others experience destructive interference.



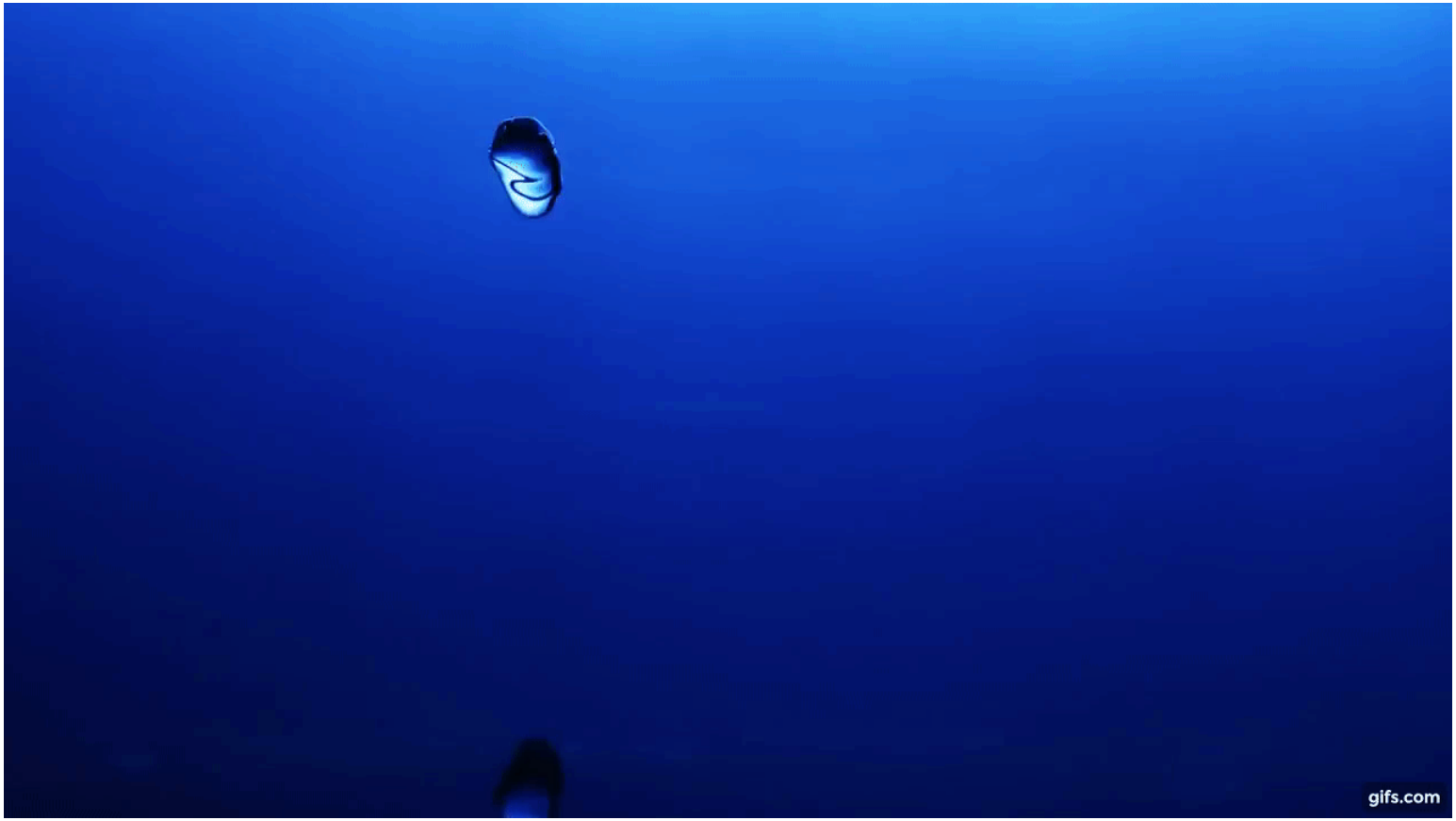
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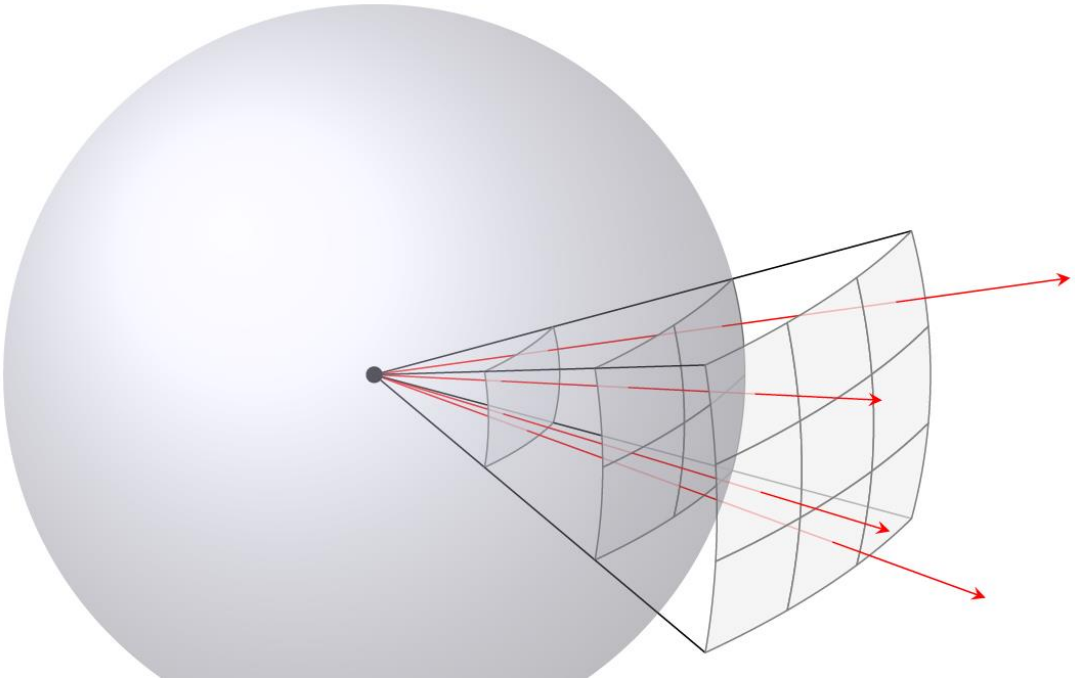


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Forming a beam



Transmit beam and receive strength



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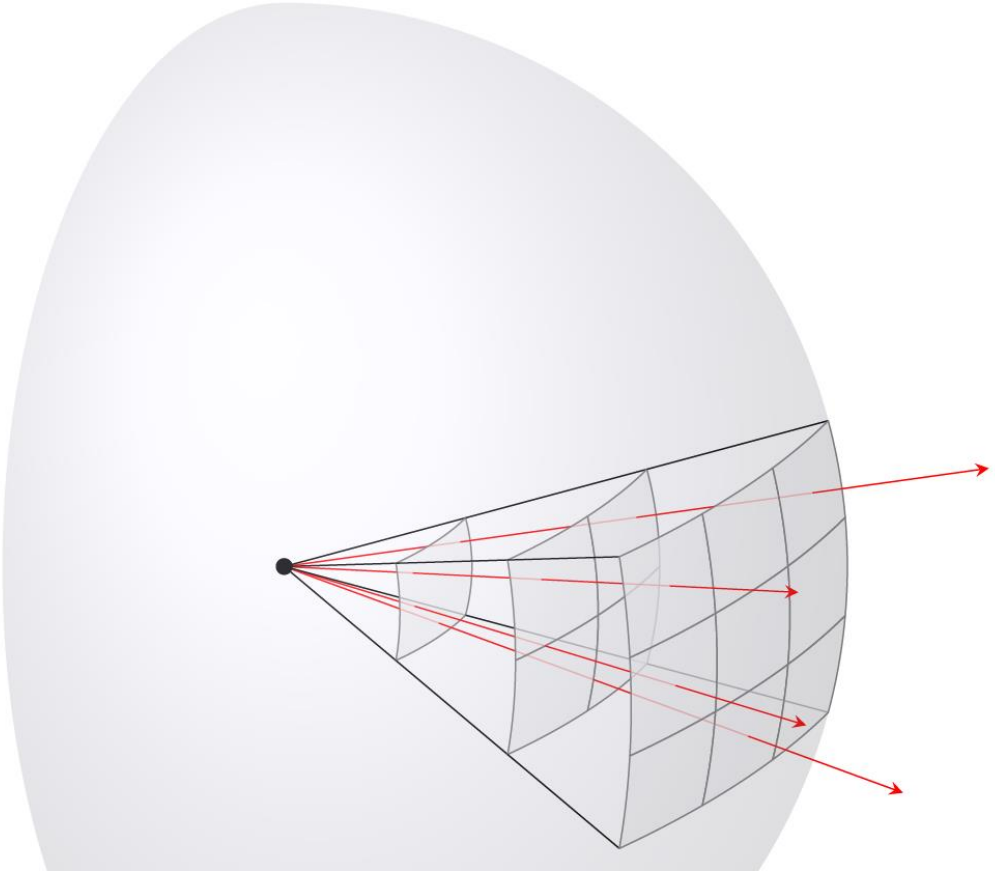
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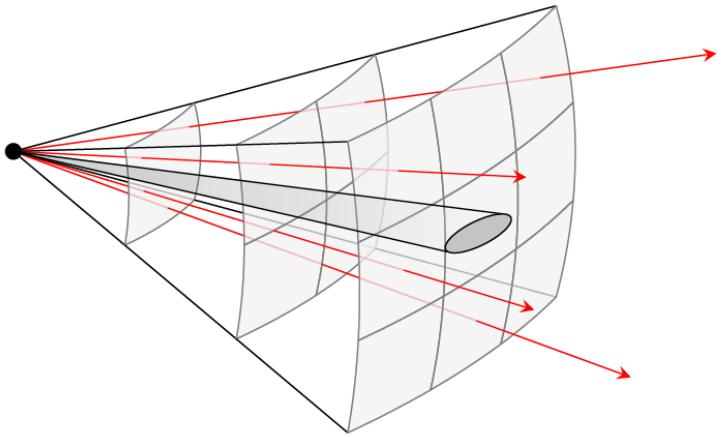
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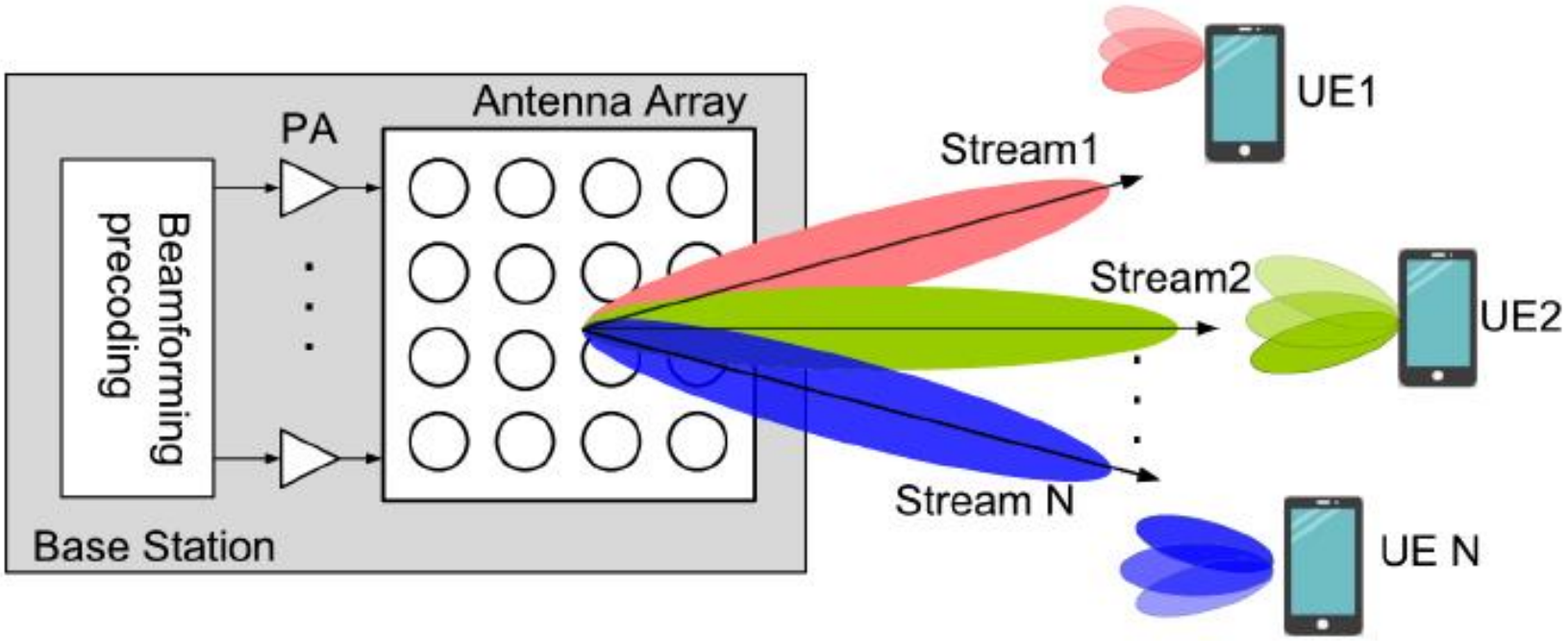
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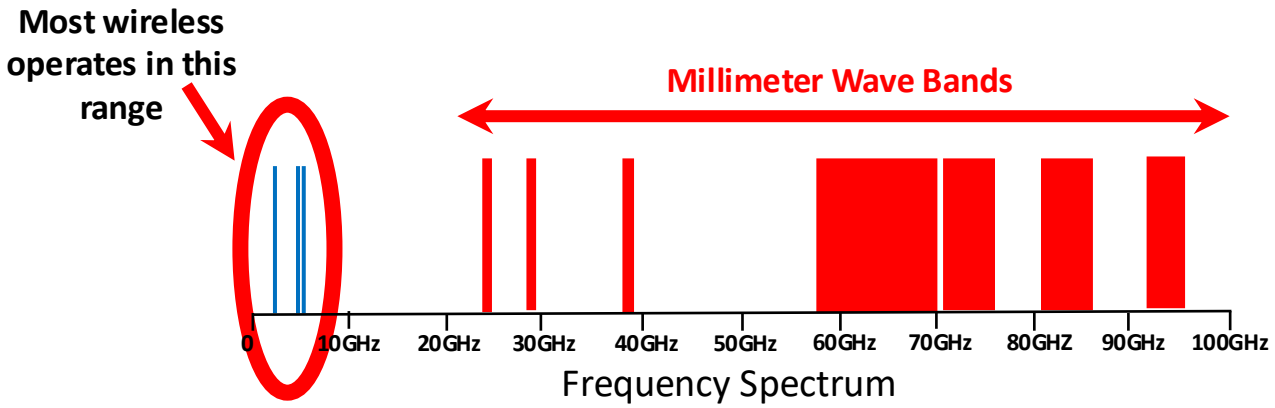
Beamforming and Steering



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What is mmWave?



Why mmWave?

Shannon-Hartley Theorem

$$C = B \log_2 \left(1 + \frac{S}{N}\right)$$

- C—channel capacity (bps),
- B—channel bandwidth (Hz),
- S—average signal power, and
- N— average noise and interference power.

At higher carrier rates, larger B -> higher rates.

100-1000 times faster than existing wireless networks

How does mmWave work?

mmWave: High attenuation at high frequencies -> very short range



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To address high attenuation, beamforming is used!

Challenge: Beam alignment



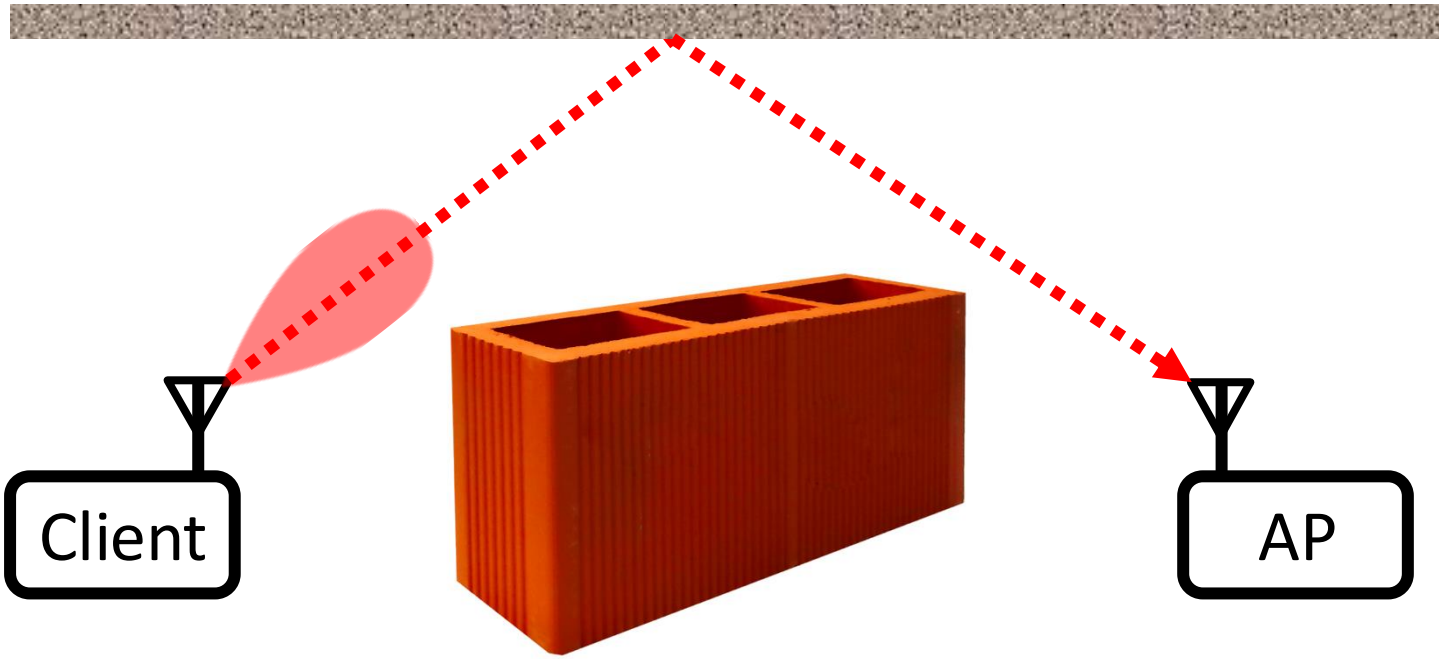
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Line of sight exists

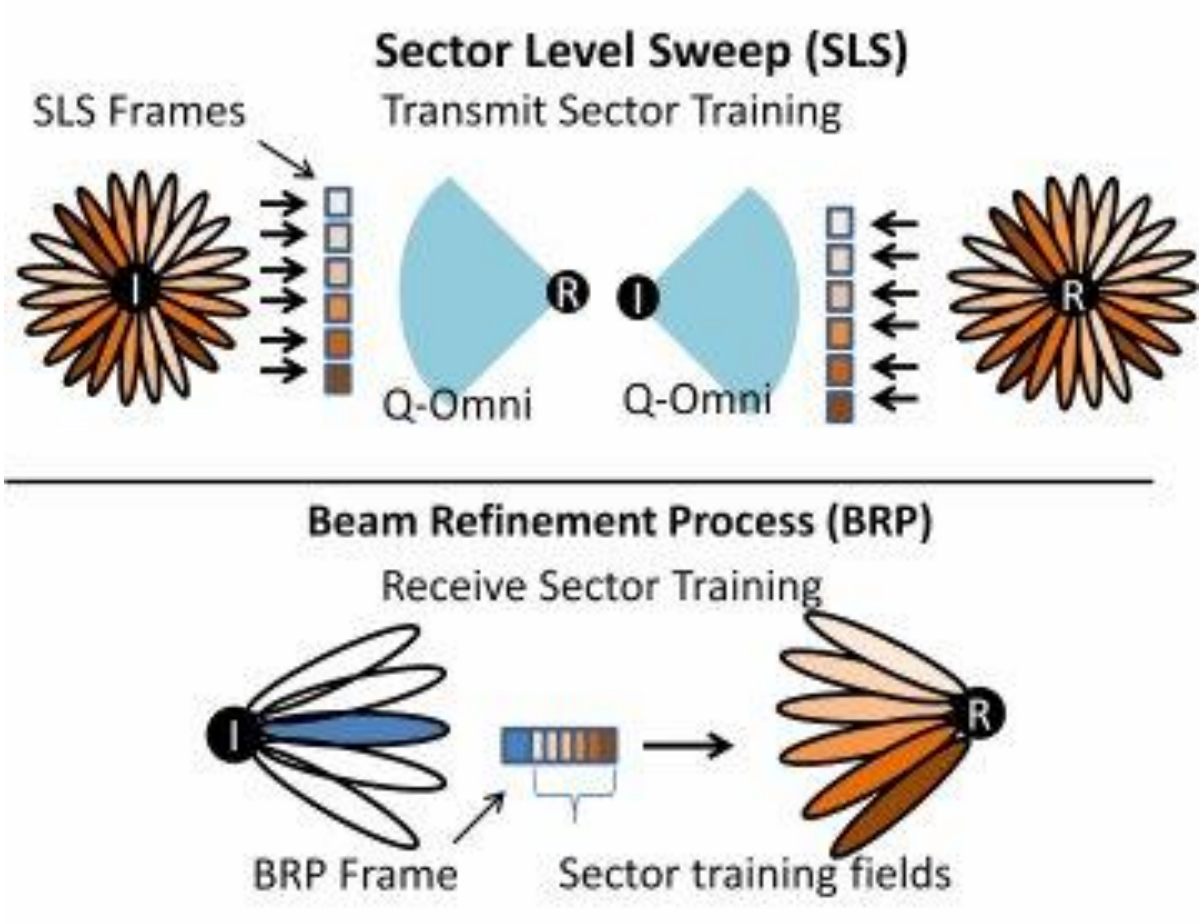


How does mmWave work?

Line of sight blocked



Beamforming Training



Beamforming Training in 802.11ad