

# E6101 - Part III: Spread-Spectrum Communications and CDMA

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## **Why Code Division Multiple Access (CDMA)?**

## Multiple Access (MA)

- Definition: Dynamic sharing of a common pool of communication channels by a large number of users in a pre-defined, orderly manner.
- Examples of MA channels:
  - submarine cables for international calls
  - optical fibre backbone for internet traffic (SingaporeOne)
  - marine/mobile satellite communication systems
  - **mobile radio communication systems** ← **focus of this course**
- Goals of MA systems:
  - more simultaneous users
  - higher data rates

} more capacity

  - little/no interference (cross-talk) between users, ie. good channel separation at receiver.

## **Mobile Radio Communication Systems**

- Eg. paging, cordless phone, walkie talkie, cellular phone, wireless LAN, mobile satellite etc.
- Trends in mobile communication applications: voice → data (SMS, fax) → multimedia (MMS, video)

## **Mobile Phone Systems in Singapore**

- AMPS (Advanced Mobile Phone System, US origin)
- ETACS (Extended Total Access Communication System, UK)
- GSM 900/1800 (Global System for Mobile Communication, Europe)
- IS-95 or Qualcomm CDMA (EIA/TIA Interim Standard 95, US) ← M1 Chat
- GPRS, EDGE – “2.5G” systems
- 3G cellular mobile radio system: WCDMA (Europe/Japan), cdma2000 (US, Korea) etc.

The MA schemes used in different mobile radio systems are shown on the next pages.

**Major Mobile Radio Standards in North America**

Standard	Type	Year of Introduction	Multiple Access	Frequency Band	Modulation	Channel Bandwidth
AMPS	Cellular	1983	FDMA	824-894 MHz	FM	30 kHz
NAMPS	Cellular	1992	FDMA	824-894 MHz	FM	10 kHz
USDC	Cellular	1991	TDMA	824-894 MHz	$\pi/4$ -DQPSK	30 kHz
CDPD	Cellular	1993	FH/ Packet	824-894 MHz	GMSK	30 kHz
IS-95	Cellular/ PCS	1993	CDMA	824-894 MHz 1.8-2.0 GHz	QPSK/ BPSK	1.25 MHz
GSC	Paging	1970's	Simplex	Several	FSK	12.5 kHz
POCSAG	Paging	1970's	Simplex	Several	FSK	12.5 kHz
FLEX	Paging	1993	Simplex	Several	4-FSK	15 kHz
DCS-1900 (GSM)	PCS	1994	TDMA	1.85-1.99 GHz	GMSK	200 kHz
PACS	Cordless/ PCS	1994	TDMA/ FDMA	1.85-1.99 GHz	$\pi/4$ -DQPSK	300 kHz
MIRS	SMR/PCS	1994	TDMA	Several	16-QAM	25 kHz

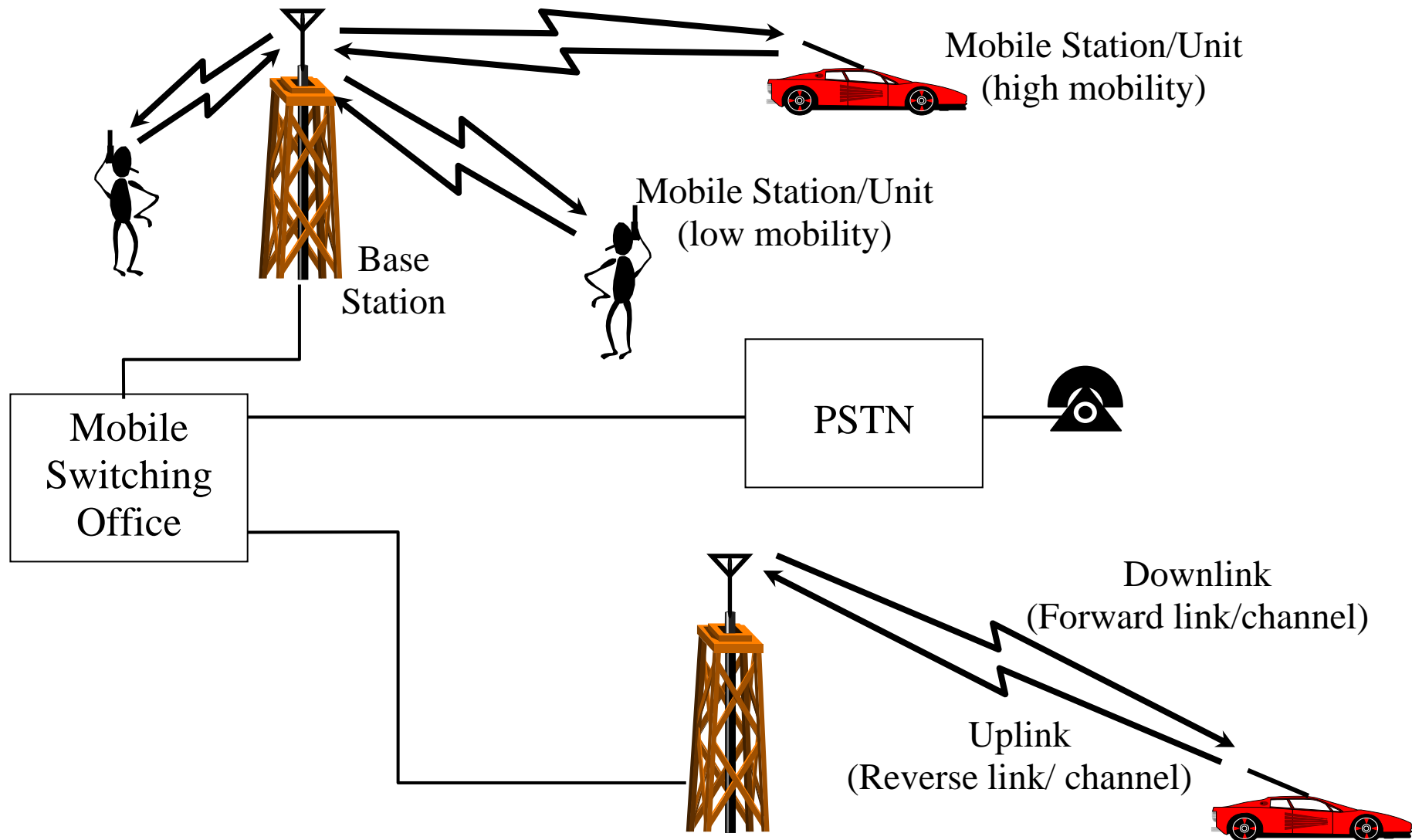
Major Mobile Radio Standards in Europe

Standard	Type	Year of Introduction	Multiple Access	Frequency Band	Modulation	Channel Bandwidth
E-TACS	Cellular	1985	FDMA	900 MHz	FM	25 kHz
NMT-450	Cellular	1981	FDMA	450-470 MHz	FM	25 kHz
NMT-900	Cellular	1986	FDMA	890-960 MHz	FM	12.5 kHz
GSM	Cellular /PCS	1990	TDMA	890-960 MHz	GMSK	200 kHz
C-450	Cellular	1985	FDMA	450-465 MHz	FM	20 kHz/ 10 kHz
ERMES	Paging	1993	FDMA	Several	4-FSK	25 kHz
CT2	Cordless	1989	FDMA	864-868 MHz	GFSK	100 kHz
DECT	Cordless	1993	TDMA	1880-1900 MHz	GFSK	1.728 MHz
DCS-1800	Cordless /PCS	1993	TDMA	1710-1880 MHz	GMSK	200 kHz

Major Mobile Radio Standards in Japan

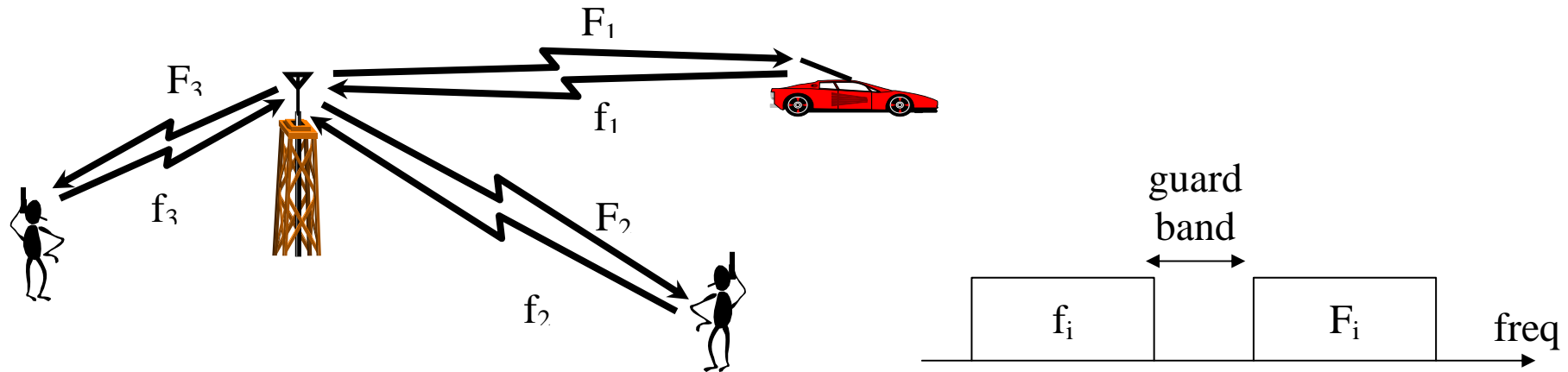
Standard	Type	Year of Introduction	Multiple Access	Frequency Band	Modulation	Channel Bandwidth
JTACS	Cellular	1988	FDMA	860-925 MHz	FM	25 kHz
PDC	Cellular	1993	TDMA	810-1501 MHz	$\pi/4$ -DQPSK	25 kHz
NTT	Cellular	1979	FDMA	400/800 MHz	FM	25 kHz
NTACS	Cellular	1993	FDMA	843-925 MHz	FM	12.5 kHz
NTT	Paging	1979	FDMA	280 MHz	FSK	12.5 kHz
NEC	Paging	1979	FDMA	Several	FSK	10 kHz
PHS	Cordless	1993	TDMA	1895-1907 MHz	$\pi/4$ -DQPSK	300 kHz

# Mobile Communication Terminology





**Qn: Why no interference between uplinks & downlinks?**

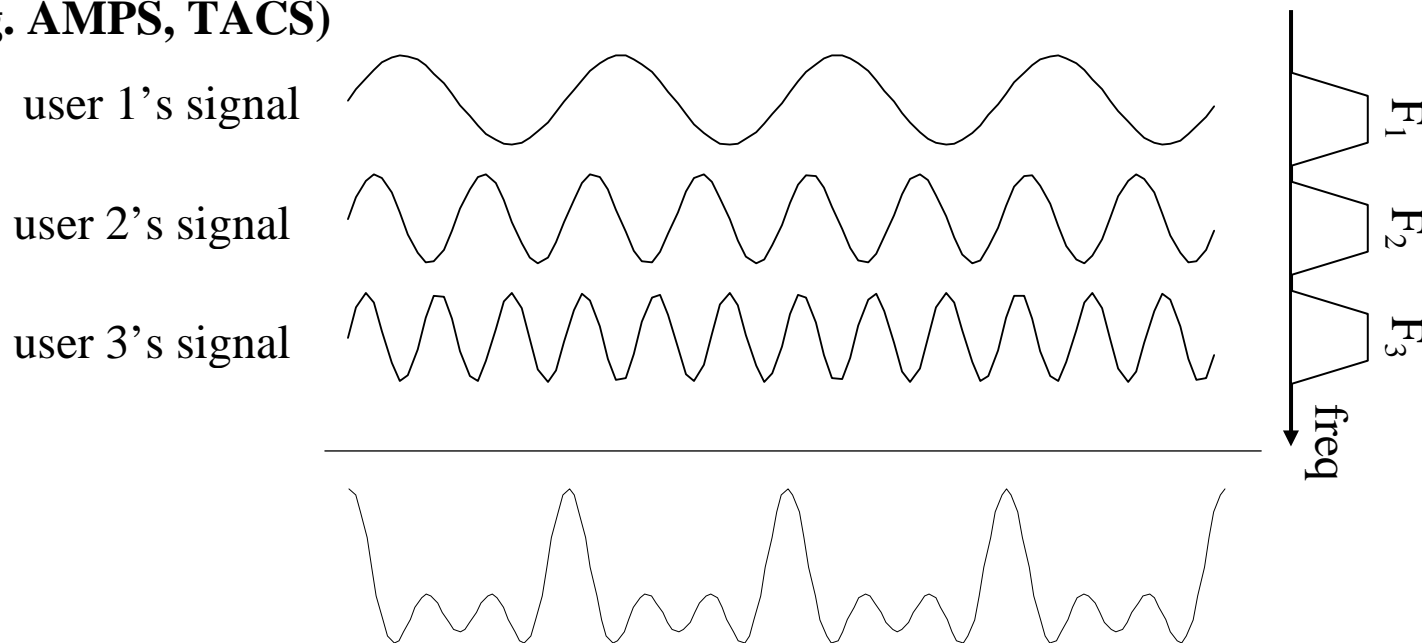


- They use different freq bands
  - FDD or Freq Division Duplex (duplex  $\equiv$  simultaneous 2-way communication)
  - Eg. GSM,  $890\text{MHz} < \text{uplink} < 915\text{MHz}$ ,  $935\text{MHz} < \text{downlink} < 960\text{MHz}$ .
- Time Division Duplex is also possible (mostly in indoor cordless phone systems, also in 3G).
- Guard bands are usually used to prevent interference (eg. 20MHz in GSM)
- No interference between uplinks and downlinks, hence they can be separately analyzed.

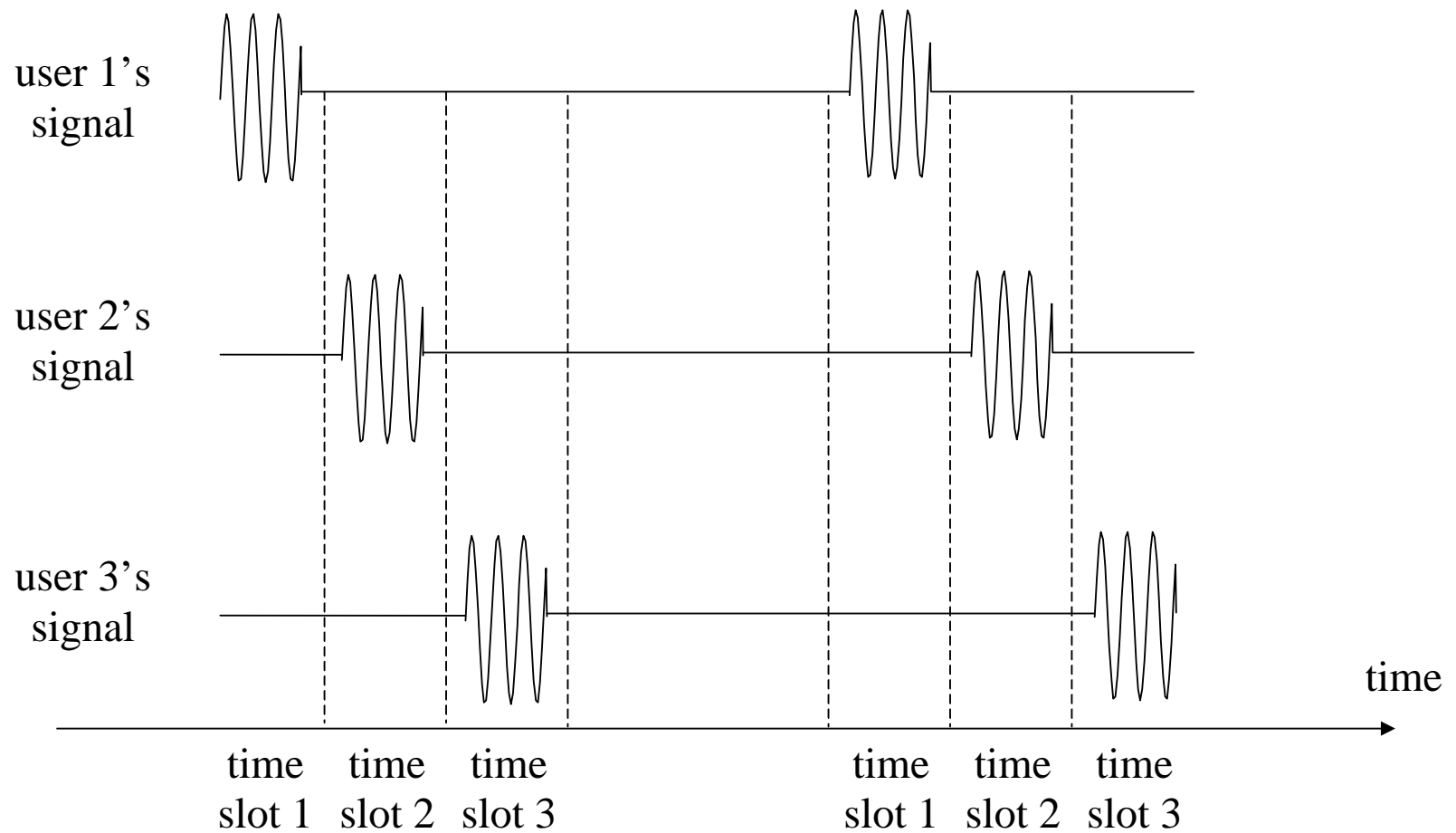
**Qn: In just the uplink (or downlink), how to separate different user signals?**

- Use MA schemes such as FDMA, TDMA, CDMA, SDMA or their hybrids  
(F-frequency, T-time, C-code, S-space, DMA-division multiple access)

**FDMA (eg. AMPS, TACS)**

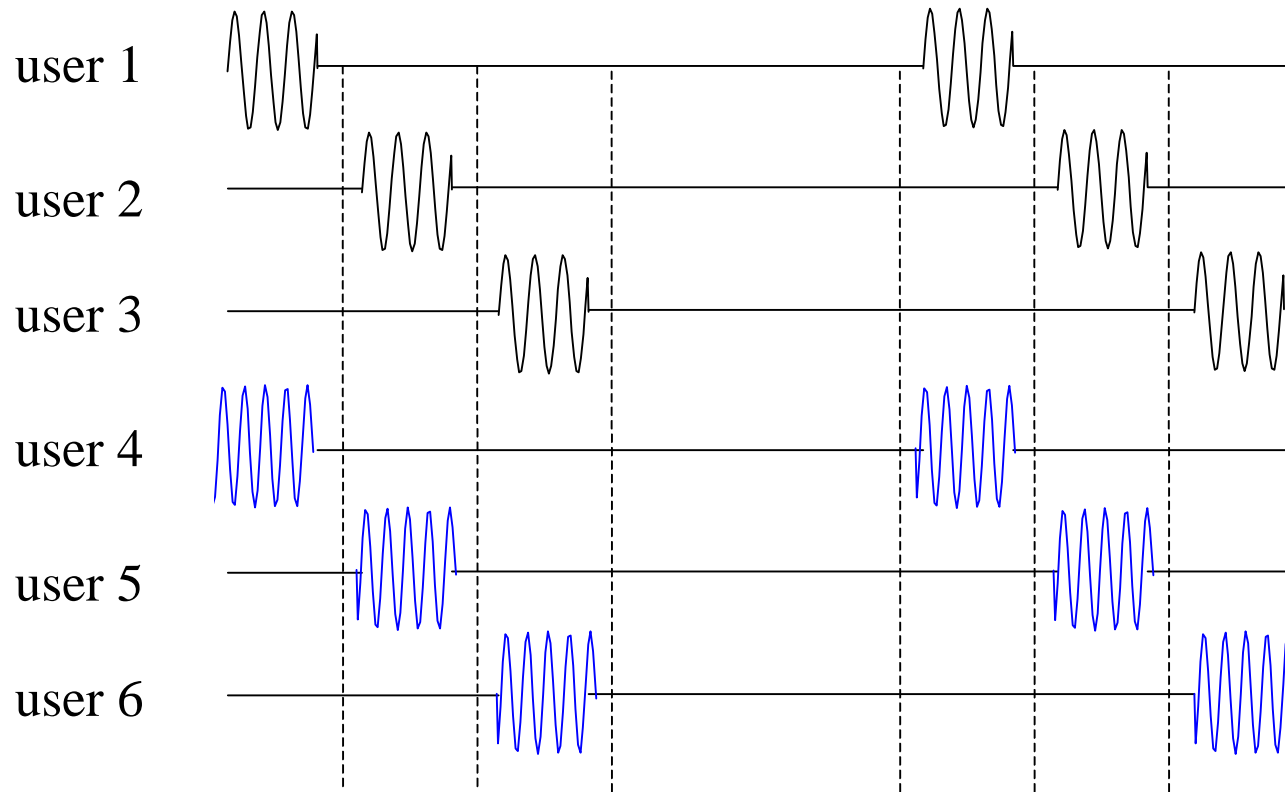


- Users transmit signal **continuously** in **different freq bands (on different carrier freqs)**
- At the receiver, use different bandpass filters to separate the superimposed signals.

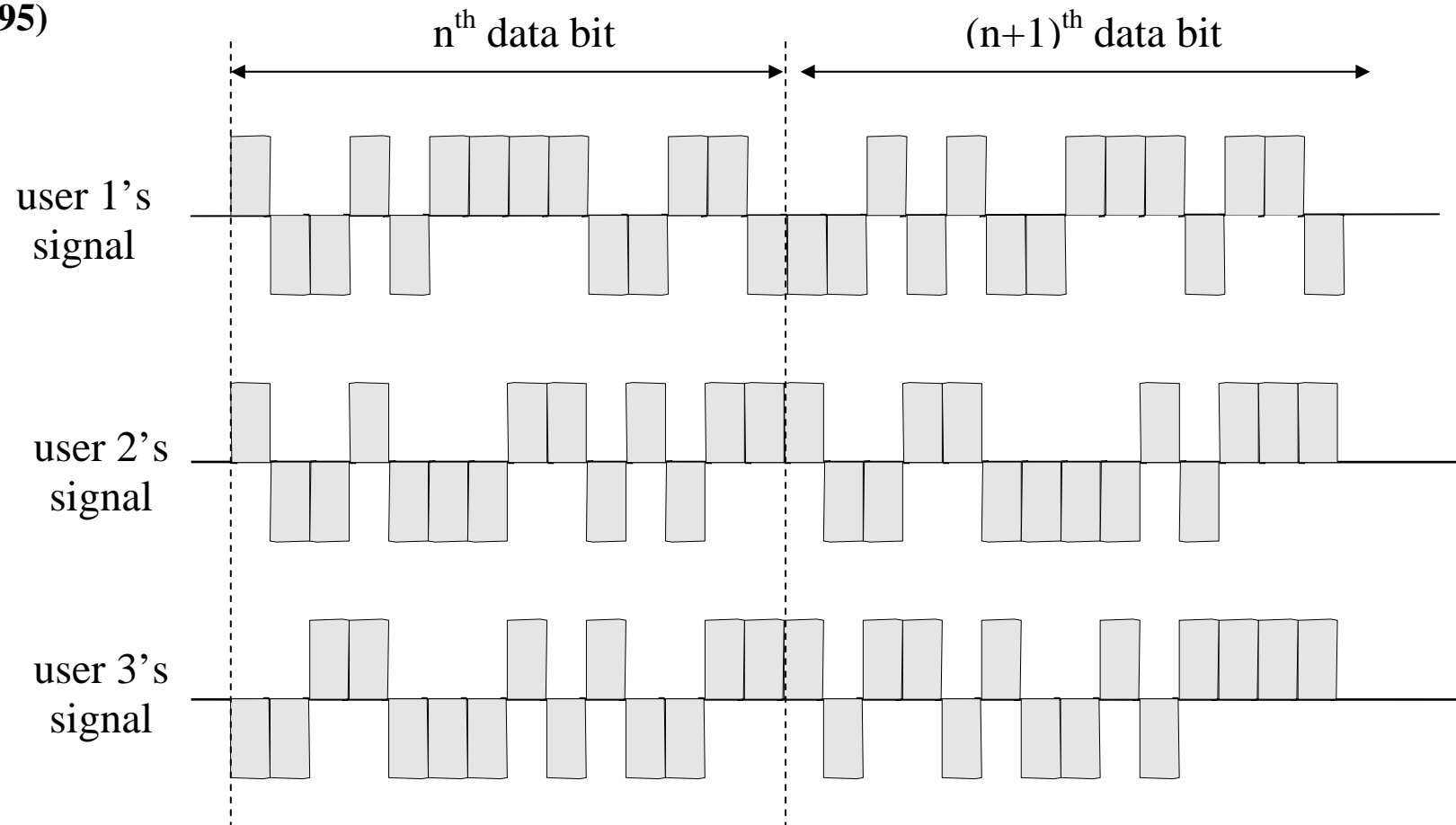
**TDMA**

- Users transmit on the same carrier frequency, but in different assigned **time slots (periodic)**
- Synchronize receiver at correct time slots

## Hybrid FDMA/TDMA (eg. GSM900, DCS1800, DECT)



- Sub-division of every FDMA channels into multiple time slots for different users
- At receiver, use correct **combination** of filter band & time slot to separate signals.

**CDMA (eg. IS-95)**

- Different users transmit data using different time/frequency patterns
- Use appropriate correlators/matched filters (pattern identifiers) to separate signals

**Qn:**

If there are many people talking in the same room, how may they communicate effectively?

(use MA techniques just mentioned)

**Qn:**

Imagine you are to design a FDMA cellular system for Singapore, eg. using AMPS which allocates 30KHz bandwidth to every user, how much total BW is needed for 1000 users?

Repeat your design using hybrid FDMA/TDMA system, such as GSM with 8 time slots on every 200KHz band.

➤ AMPS:  $30\text{KHz} \times 1000 = 30\text{MHz}$  in total

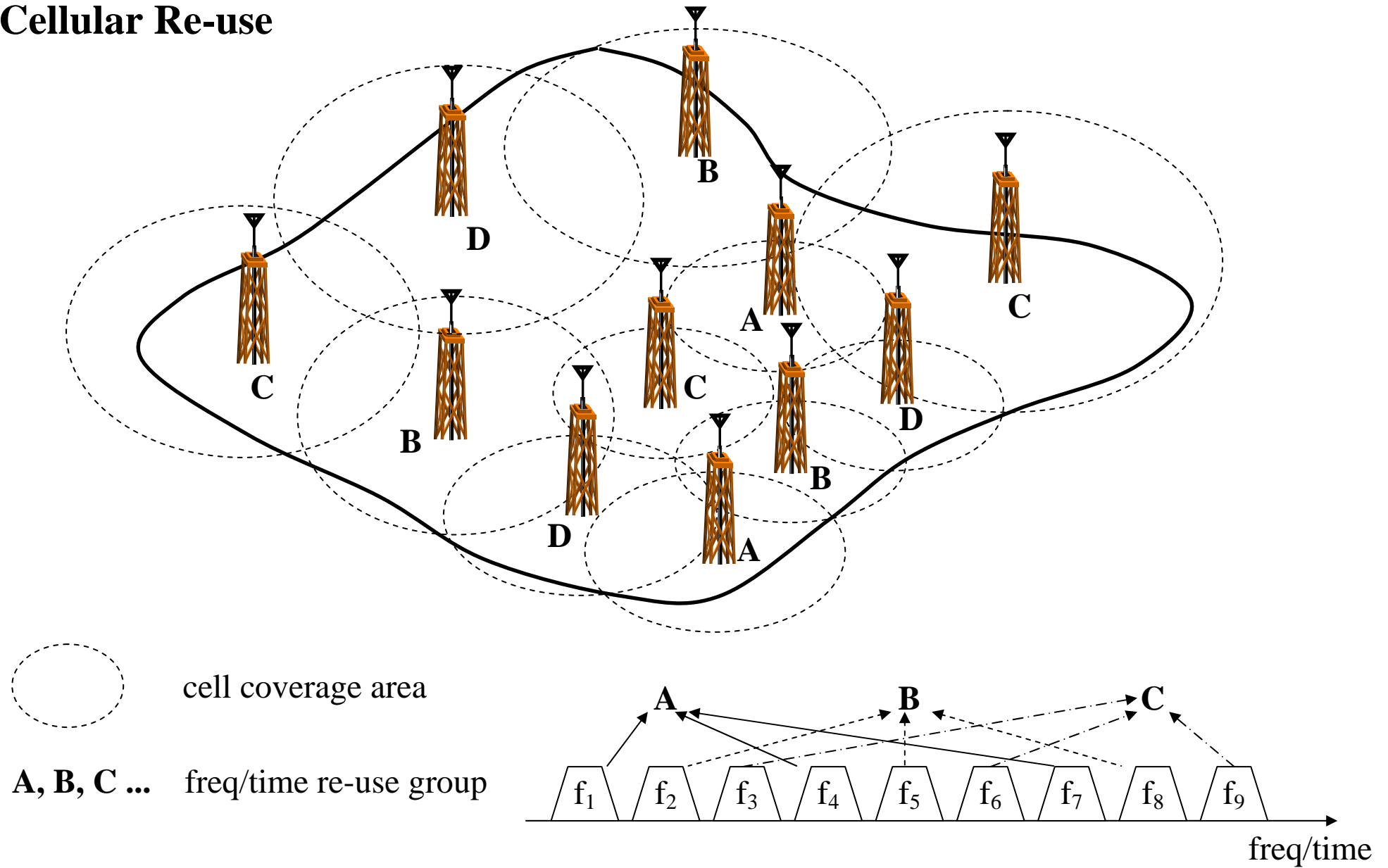
(Note: total BW in AMPS = 25MHz)

➤ GSM:  $200\text{KHz} \div 8 \times 1000 = 25\text{MHz}$  in total

(Note: total BW in GSM = 25MHz)

**Qn: How do SingTel, M1 and StarHub support millions of users in Spore using GSM?**

## Cellular Re-use



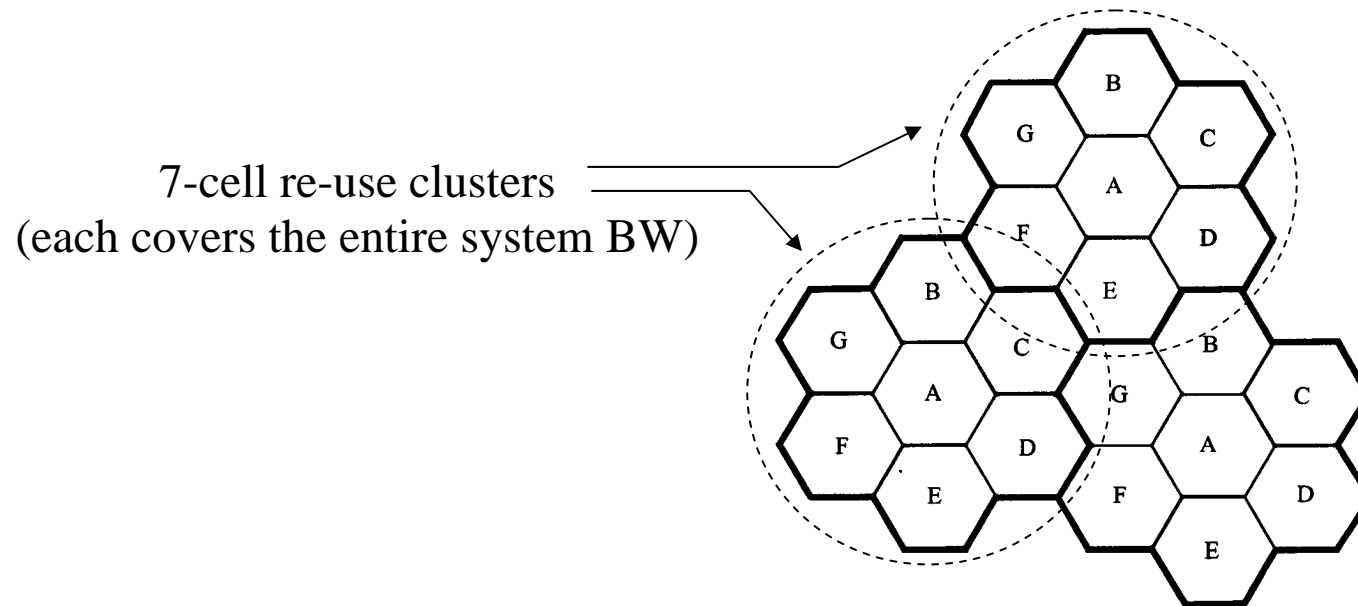
## Cellular Re-use in FDMA/TDMA Systems

- Without cellular re-use, mobile telephony would not be what it is today.
- Cellular re-use offers high capacity (more user channels) without requiring excessive BW
- Before cellular era, mobile comm systems rely on a few high-power base station transmitters (ie. large cells)
- Cellular systems use many low-power base station transmitters, each providing radio coverage to a small service area (ie. small cells)
- Total system BW is divided into a few groups of frequency channels
- Every cell is given a group of channels for use by its users
- Neighbouring cells are given different groups of channels to minimize interference
- But cells which are far apart can be assigned the same frequency group, since natural signal attenuation (propagation loss, path loss) helps reduce interference.
- Since frequencies are re-used, total BW requirement is reduced.
- Obviously, the re-use concept **can be used on time slots** too.



## Cellular Re-use Patterns

- Assuming classical hexagonal cell shapes over a 2-D service area and omni-directional ( $360^\circ$ ) BS antennas, possible re-use patterns include 12-cell, 7-cell, 4-cell and 3-cell re-use patterns.
- Typically, neighbouring cells should not use the same freq group



- Cellular re-use brings capacity advantage, but also technological challenges such as handover, frequency planning, radio coverage engineering and interference management.

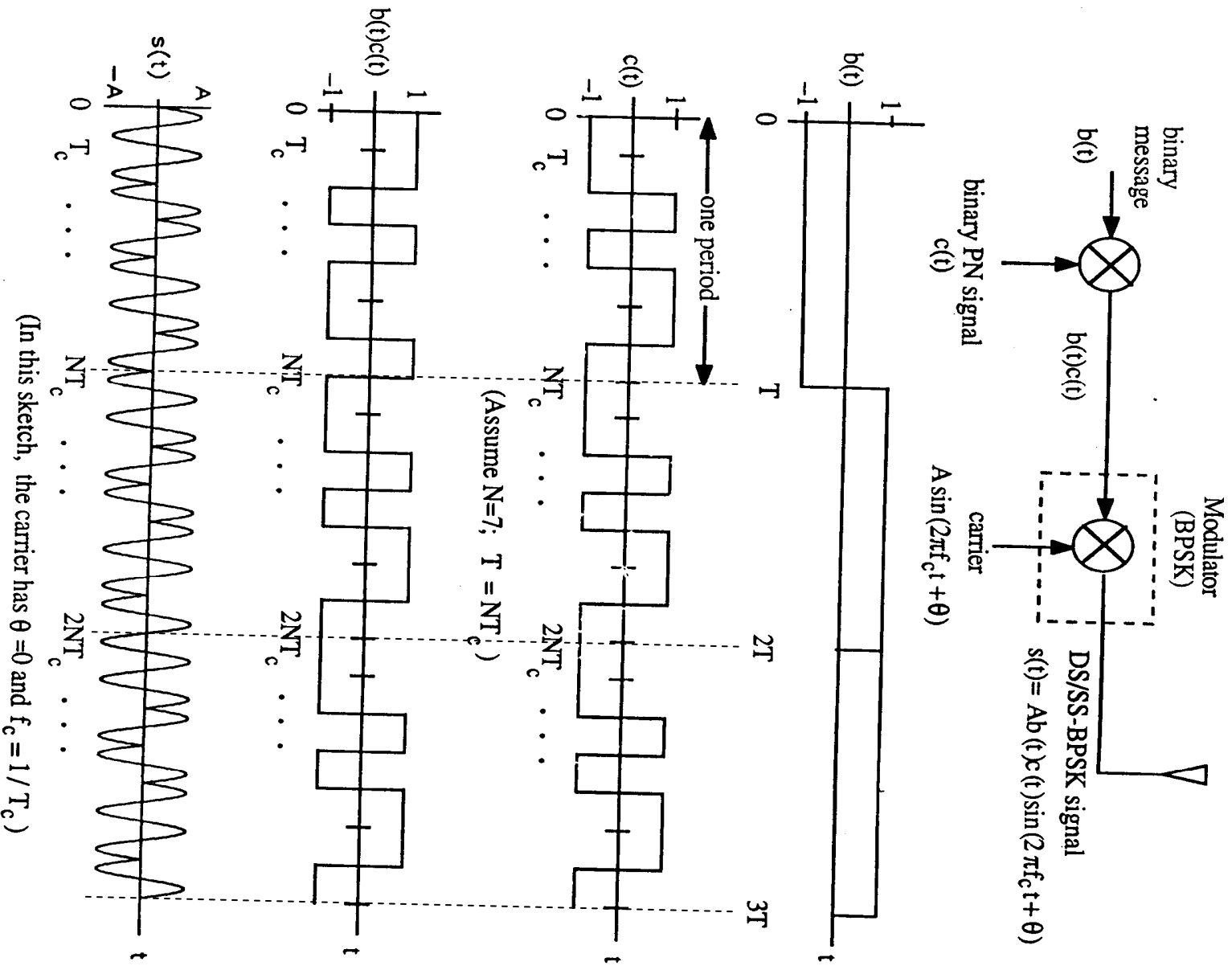
## Code Division Multiple Access (CDMA) - Introduction

- In CDMA systems, every user in every cell uses the same carrier freq and BW
  - **Universal frequency re-use**
  - Will they not interfere with each other? *Yes!*
  - How can they communicate? *Using **orthogonal spreading codes/sequences***

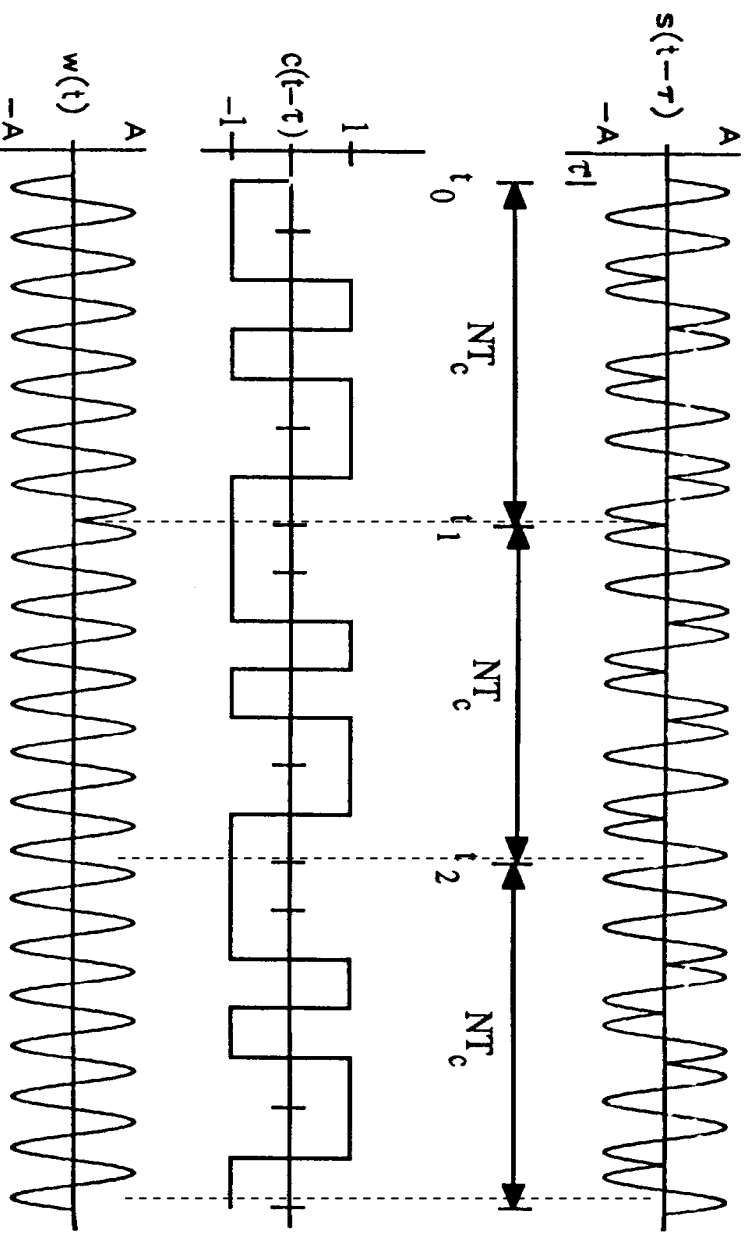
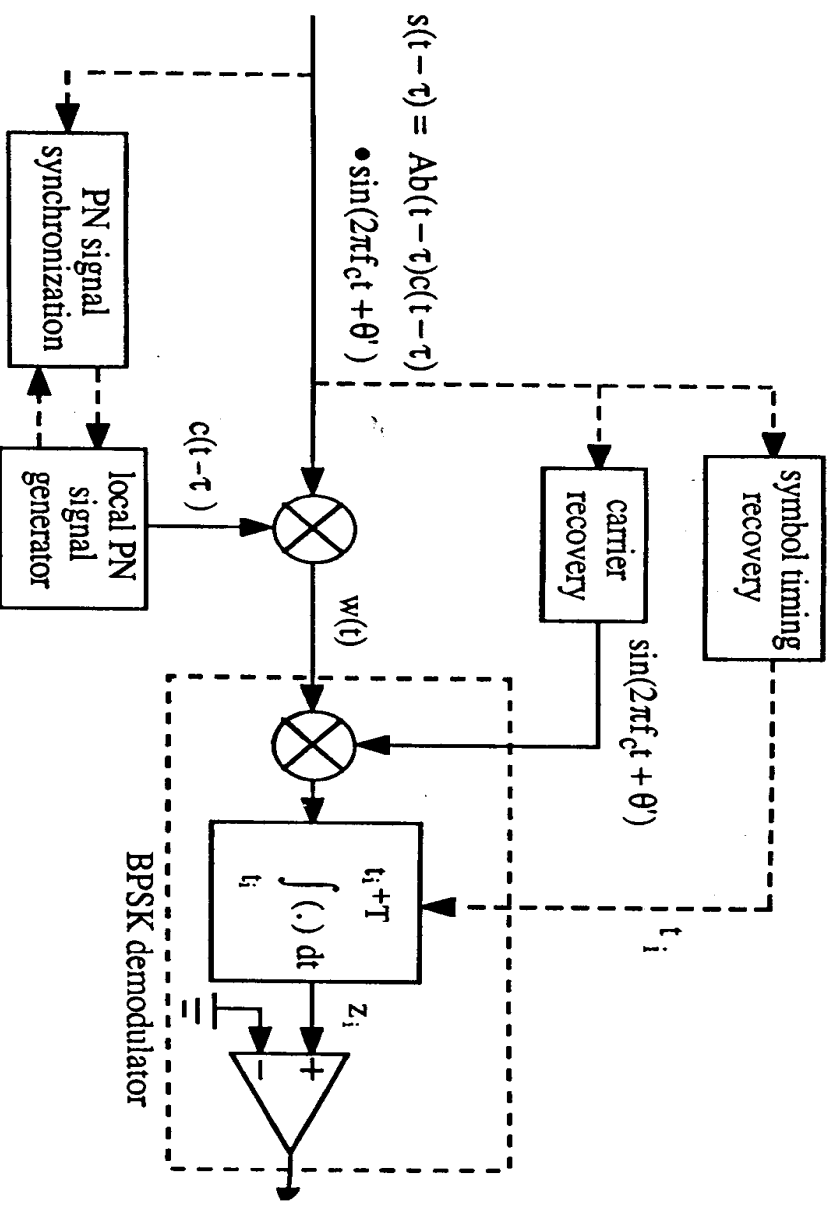
## CDMA – HOW?

- In CDMA systems, the message signal is directly multiplied by a high-rate signal called the **spreading code/signal**. This operation is called **direct-sequence (DS) spreading**, which is a form of spread-spectrum modulation. The system is therefore also called DS-CDMA system.
- Different users are assigned different spreading codes: code division. The codes are orthogonal (eg. Walsh Hadamard sequence) or near-orthogonal (eg. Gold sequence).
- All user signals use the same carrier frequency (universal frequency re-use) and may be transmitted at the same time. This results in inter-user interference.
- The receiver extracts the desired message signal from the received signal (which contains thermal noise, inter-user interference and other channel impairments) by **correlating** the received signal with an exact **synchronised copy** of spreading code used by the transmitter. This operation is called **despreading**.
- With proper selection of spreading codes, the despreading operation can remove or suppress the otherwise very large inter-user interference and other channel impairments.

# **Fundamentals of Direct Sequence Spread-Spectrum Communications**



Block diagram of DS/SS-BPSK transmitter.



Block diagram of a DS/SS-BPSK receiver.

## Example

User 1:	Transmit bit 0	:	+1
	Walsh Hadamard code $\mathbf{w}_1 = [0 \ 0 \ 1 \ 1]$	:	$\frac{+1 \quad +1 \quad -1 \quad -1}{\phantom{+1 \quad +1 \quad -1 \quad -1}}$
	Transmitted signal, $\mathbf{s}_1$	:	+1   +1   -1   -1
User 2:	Transmit bit 1	:	-1
	Walsh Hadamard code $\mathbf{w}_2 = [0 \ 1 \ 1 \ 0]$	:	$\frac{+1 \quad -1 \quad -1 \quad +1}{\phantom{+1 \quad -1 \quad -1 \quad +1}}$
	Transmitted signal, $\mathbf{s}_2$	:	-1   +1   +1   -1

Supposed  $\mathbf{s}_1$  and  $\mathbf{s}_2$  are transmitted synchronously. At the wireless channel, both are added,  $\mathbf{r} = \mathbf{s}_1 + \mathbf{s}_2 = [ \ 0 \ +2 \ 0 \ -2 \ ]$

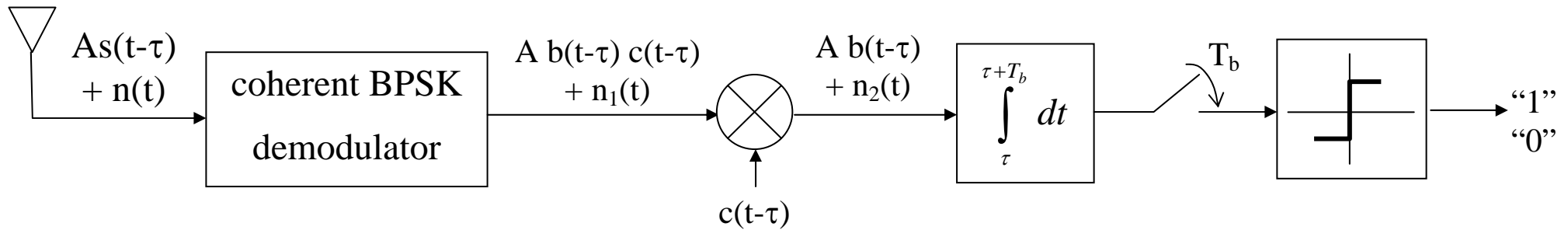
A user who would like to detect data transmitted by User 1:

$$\mathbf{r} \times (\mathbf{w}_1)^T = [ \ 0 \ +2 \ 0 \ +2 ] \quad \text{Integrator output} = 0 + 2 + 0 + 2 = +4 \rightarrow \text{bit 0.}$$

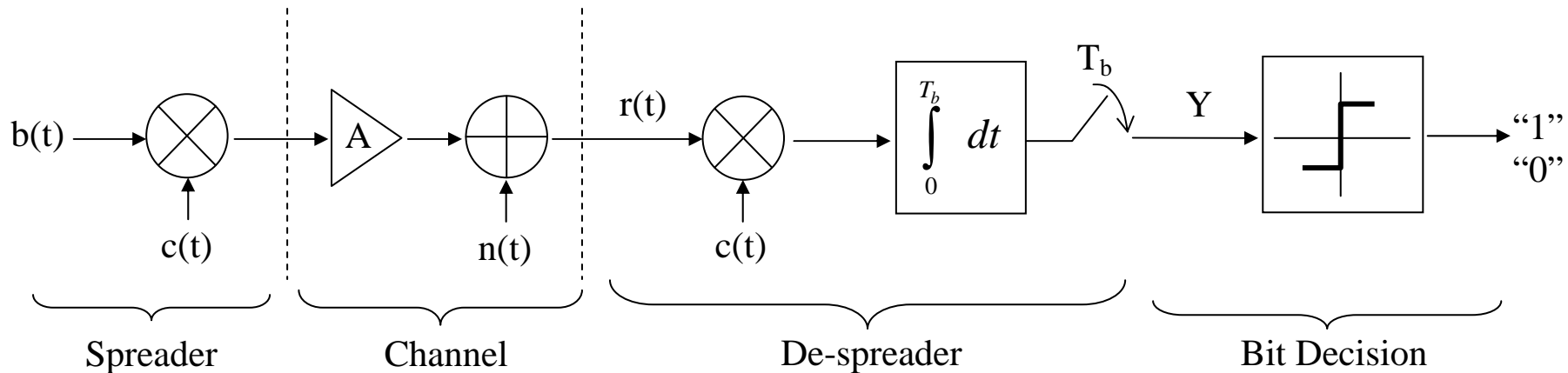
A user who would like to detect data transmitted by User 2:

$$\mathbf{r} \times (\mathbf{w}_2)^T = [ \ 0 \ -2 \ 0 \ -2 ] \quad \text{Integrator output} = 0 - 2 + 0 - 2 = -4 \rightarrow \text{bit 1.}$$

## Performance of Coherent DS-BPSK System in Noisy Channels



The  $\sin(2\pi f_c t)$  frequency carrier can be assumed completely removed by the downconverter. Hence the entire coherent DS-BPSK system –transmitter (spreader) + channel + receiver (de-spreader + bit decision) – can be modelled by the following block diagram:



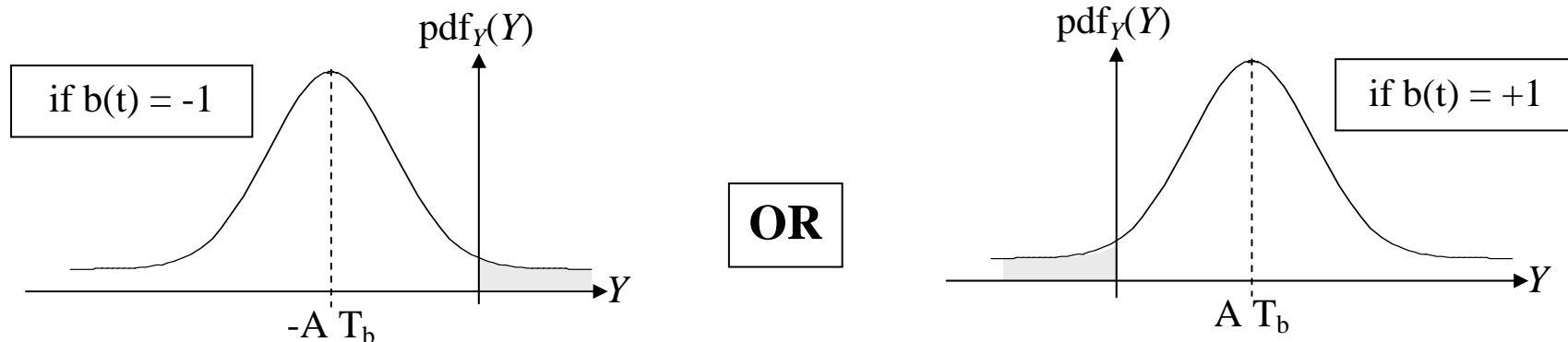


## BER of Coherent DS-BPSK System (Single-User)

In digital communication system, an important figure of merit is the bit error rate (BER) or bit error probability (BEP). If  $n(t)$  is Additive White Gaussian Noise (AWGN) with zero mean and 2-sided power spectral density (PSD) of  $N_0/2$ ,

$$\begin{aligned}
 r(t) &= Ab(t)c(t) + n(t) \\
 Y &= \int_0^{T_b} r(t)c(t) dt \\
 &= \int_0^{T_b} Ab(t)c^2(t) dt + \int_0^{T_b} n(t)c(t) dt \\
 &= (\pm)AT_b \quad \quad \quad + \text{noise term}
 \end{aligned}$$

Since  $n(t)$  is Gaussian distributed with zero mean,  $Y$  is a random variable with a probability density function (pdf) of



That is,  $Y$  is Gaussian distributed with mean  $E(Y)$  and variance  $Var(Y)$ , where

$$E[Y] = E\left[(\pm)AT_b + \int_0^{T_b} n(t)c(t) dt\right] = (\pm)AT_b + \int_0^{T_b} E[n(t)]c(t) dt = (\pm)AT_b \quad \text{since } E[n(t)] = 0$$

$$\begin{aligned} Var[Y] &= Var[(\pm)AT_b] + Var\left[\int_0^{T_b} n(t)c(t) dt\right] \\ &= 0 + E\left[\left(\int_0^{T_b} n(t)c(t) dt\right)^2\right] - E^2\left[\int_0^{T_b} n(t)c(t) dt\right] \\ &= E\left[\int_0^{T_b} n(t)c(t) dt \times \int_0^{T_b} n(u)c(u) du\right] - 0 \\ &= E\left[\int_0^{T_b} \int_0^{T_b} n(t)c(t) \times n(u)c(u) dt du\right] \\ &= \int_0^{T_b} \int_0^{T_b} E[n(t)n(u)] \times c(t)c(u) dt du \\ &= \int_0^{T_b} \int_0^{T_b} \frac{N_0}{2} \delta[t-u] \times c(t)c(u) dt du \\ &= \frac{N_0}{2} \int_0^{T_b} c(t)c(t) dt \\ &= \frac{N_0 T_b}{2} \end{aligned}$$

If  $b(t) = -1$  was sent, the BER is

$$P_{eb}|-1 = \text{shaded area in plot of pdf}_y(Y)$$

$$= Q\left(\frac{E[Y]}{\text{std}[Y]}\right) = Q\left(\frac{AT_b}{\sqrt{N_0 T_b / 2}}\right) = Q\left(\sqrt{\frac{2E_b}{N_0}}\right)$$

where  $E_b$  = bit energy =  $A^2 T_b$

and  $Q(x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_x^\infty e^{-t^2/2} dt$

Since it is equally likely to have  $b(t) = -1$  and  $b(t) = +1$ , the average BER is:

$$P_e = \frac{1}{2}(P_{eb}|-1) + \frac{1}{2}(P_{eb}|+1) = Q\left(\sqrt{\frac{2E_b}{N_0}}\right) \quad \text{since } (P_{eb}|-1) = (P_{eb}|+1)$$

**Note**

1. Processing Gain/Spreading Ratio/Spreading Factor of the DS-BPSK system

= number of spreading chips per input data bit

=  $T_b/T_c$       i.e. bit duration over chip duration

=  $r_c/r_b$       i.e. baseband chip rate over baseband bit rate

2. In a multi-user CDMA system, every user is assigned a unique spreading code  $c_i(t)$ .

3. In general, 2 types of spreading can be used:

- Full-period spreading: PG = length of spreading
- Partial-period spreading: PG < length of spreading

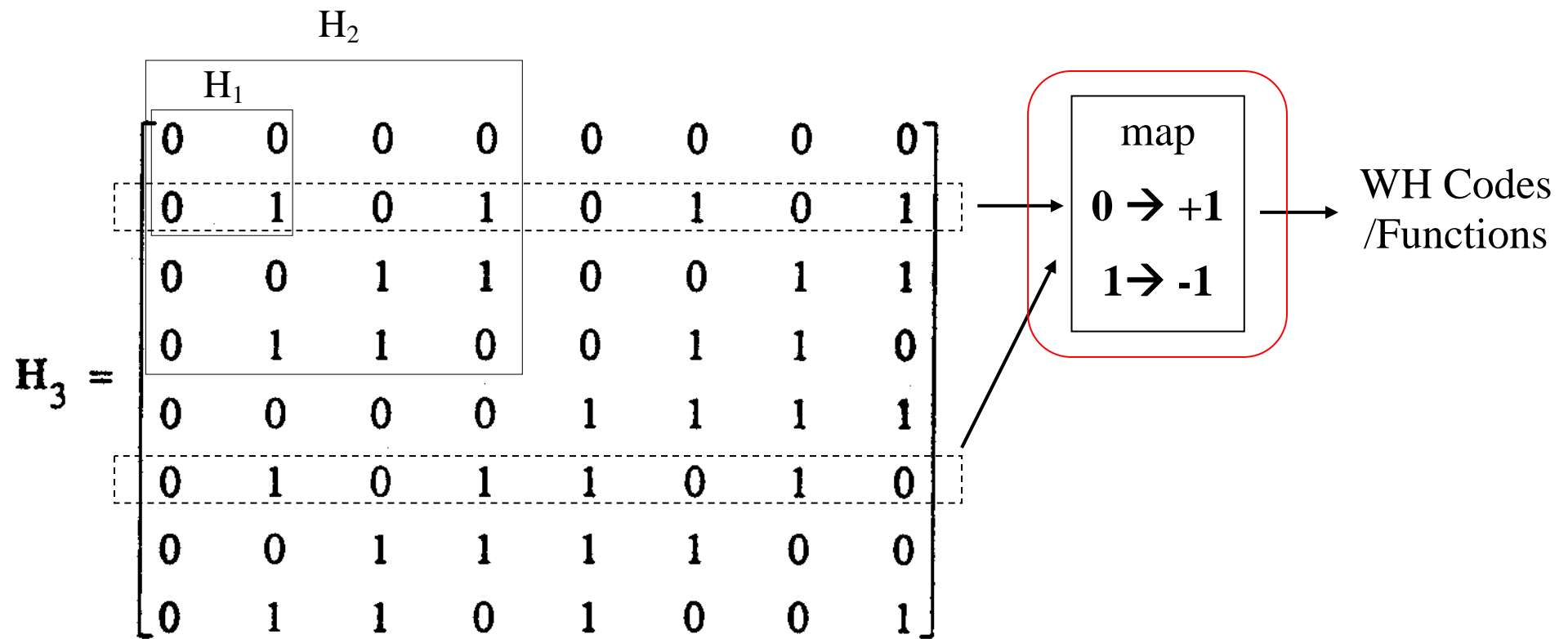
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2.9	1.866E-03	1.807E-03	1.750E-03	1.695E-03	1.641E-03	1.589E-03	1.538E-03	1.489E-03	1.441E-03	1.395E-03
3.0	1.350E-03	1.306E-03	1.264E-03	1.223E-03	1.183E-03	1.144E-03	1.107E-03	1.070E-03	1.035E-03	1.001E-03
3.1	9.677E-04	9.355E-04	9.043E-04	8.741E-04	8.448E-04	8.164E-04	7.889E-04	7.623E-04	7.364E-04	7.114E-04
3.2	6.872E-04	6.637E-04	6.410E-04	6.190E-04	5.977E-04	5.771E-04	5.571E-04	5.378E-04	5.191E-04	5.010E-04
3.3	4.835E-04	4.665E-04	4.501E-04	4.343E-04	4.189E-04	4.041E-04	3.898E-04	3.759E-04	3.625E-04	3.495E-04
3.4	3.370E-04	3.249E-04	3.132E-04	3.018E-04	2.909E-04	2.803E-04	2.701E-04	2.603E-04	2.508E-04	2.416E-04
3.5	2.327E-04	2.241E-04	2.158E-04	2.078E-04	2.001E-04	1.927E-04	1.855E-04	1.785E-04	1.718E-04	1.654E-04
3.6	1.591E-04	1.531E-04	1.473E-04	1.417E-04	1.364E-04	1.312E-04	1.261E-04	1.213E-04	1.166E-04	1.122E-04
3.7	1.078E-04	1.037E-04	9.964E-05	9.577E-05	9.204E-05	8.844E-05	8.498E-05	8.165E-05	7.844E-05	7.535E-05
3.8	7.237E-05	6.951E-05	6.675E-05	6.409E-05	6.154E-05	5.908E-05	5.671E-05	5.444E-05	5.225E-05	5.014E-05
3.9	4.812E-05	4.617E-05	4.429E-05	4.249E-05	4.076E-05	3.909E-05	3.749E-05	3.595E-05	3.447E-05	3.305E-05
4.0	3.169E-05	3.037E-05	2.911E-05	2.790E-05	2.674E-05	2.562E-05	2.455E-05	2.352E-05	2.253E-05	2.158E-05

## Walsh Hadamard Codes - Orthogonal Spreading Codes

- If cross-correlation = 0 for all pairs of  $c_i(t)$  and  $c_j(t)$  ( $i \neq j$ ), then the set of spreading codes are **orthogonal**.
- By assigning users different orthogonal codes, their signals can be recovered without MAI at all. So orthogonal codes can provide **perfect channel separation** in CDMA systems, much in the same way as filtering or time gating in FDMA and TDMA systems respectively.
- A well-known class of binary orthogonal code is the Walsh Hadamard (WH) Code. WH spreading code and its modified versions are used in the downlink of IS95 and next-generation WCDMA systems to separate user signals from within the same cell.

## WH Codes – Generation using Hadamard Matrix

$$\mathbf{H}_0 = [0] \quad \mathbf{H}_n = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{H}_{n-1} & \mathbf{H}_{n-1} \\ \mathbf{H}_{n-1} & \overline{\mathbf{H}_{n-1}} \end{bmatrix}$$



❖ Qn: Any more direct method?

## WH Codes – Properties

- Length of code is always  $2^k$  with  $k \geq 1$  and  $k = \text{integer}$
- There are  $2^k$  WH codes of length  $2^k$  (since WH matrix is always square)
- 1<sup>st</sup> WH row/code always has a constant DC value (all zeros code)
- Cross-correlation = 0 so long as code pairs are synchronous.
- What is the cross-correlation of WH codes which are not synchronous? Try out yourself ...
- How about its autocorrelation? Try out yourself ...
- Cross-correlation of CDMA codes determines their MAI. Higher cross-correlation, higher MAI (see page 28).
- Auto-correlation of a CDMA code determines its multipath ISI rejection and synchronisation capabilities.

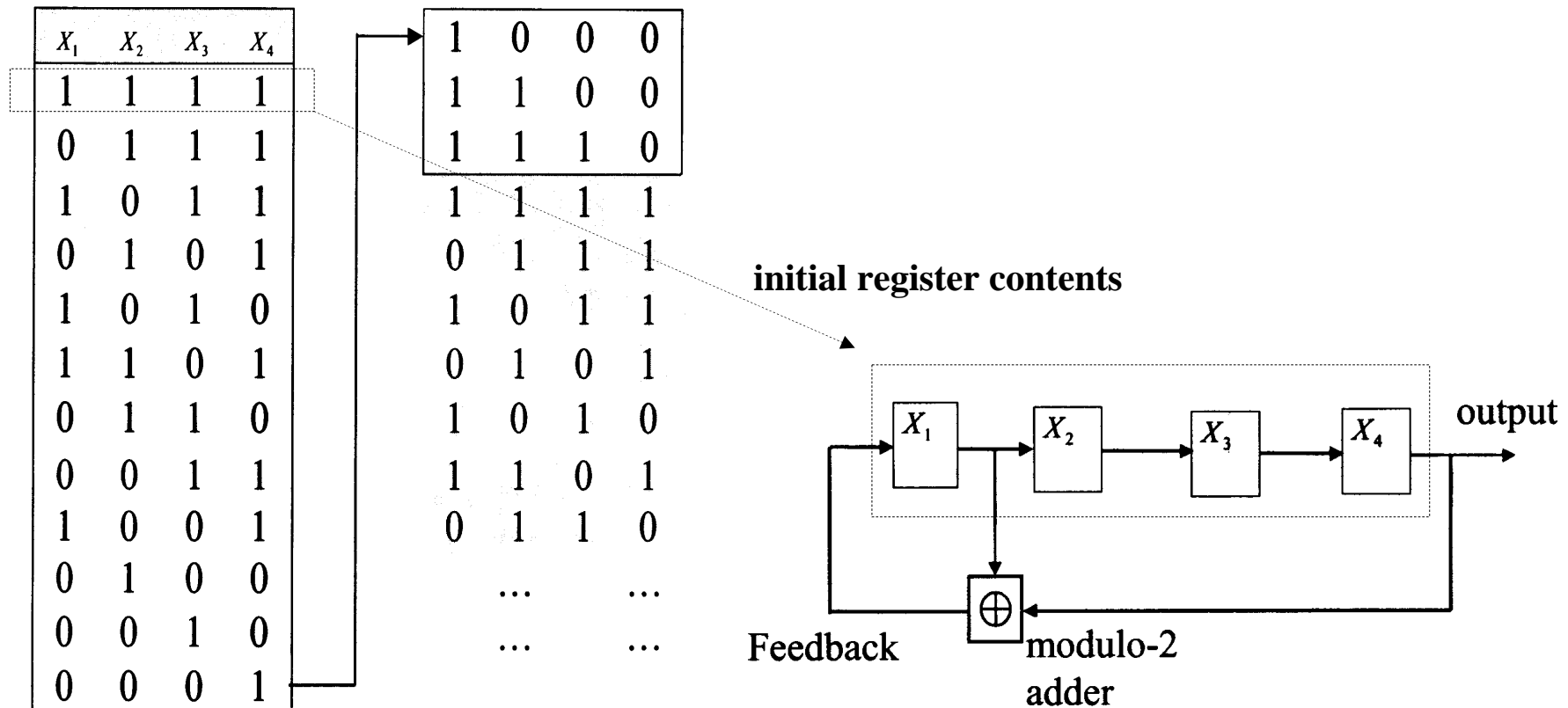


## Near-Orthogonal Code/Sequence: Pseudo-Noise (PN) Sequence

- Although WH codes are perfectly orthogonal, they are quite easy to predict, hence not secure. Furthermore, they are also difficult to synchronize and track due to bad auto-correlation characteristics (with large peaks at non-zero time-shift).
- PN sequences have better security features and auto-correlation characteristics. They are not completely orthogonal, but they can be designed to be **near-orthogonal** (i.e. their cross correlations are non-zero, but small).
- **Pseudo** noise means **fake, man-made** noise, ie. it appears like random noise to other users but can be reproduced exactly by the intended user. True noise cannot be reproduced. For obvious reasons, pseudo-noise sequences are also called **pseudo-random** sequences.
- The most important class of PN sequence is the **binary** maximal-length sequence, or **m-seq**.

## Maximal-Length Sequence (m-sequence)

The binary m-sequences (with values 0 and 1) can be generated using linear feedback shift registers (LFSR) and boolean Exclusive-OR gates (XOR) or modulo-2 adders.



# Binary Primitive Polynomial Coefficients for degrees $3 \leq m \leq 10$

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$\underline{m=6}$   
 1000011 1100111  
 1011011 1101101  
 1100001 1110011

$\underline{m=7}$   
 10000011 10001001 10001111  
 10010001 10011101 10100111  
 10101011 10111001 10111111  
 11000001 11001011 11010011  
 11010101 11100101 11101111  
 11110001 11110111 11111101

$\underline{m=3}$   
 1011 1101  
 $\underline{m=4}$   
 10011 11001  
 $\underline{m=5}$   
 100101 101001  
 110111 111011  
 101111 111101

$\underline{m=8}$   
 100011101 100101011 100101101 101001101  
 101011111 101100011 101100101 101101001  
 101110001 110000111 110001101 110101001  
 111000011 111001111 111100111 111110101

$\underline{m=9}$   
 1000010001 1000011011 1000100001 1000101101  
 1000110011 1001011001 1001011111 1001101001  
 1001101111 1001110111 1001111101 1010000111  
 1010010101 1010100011 1010100101 1010101111  
 1010110111 1010111101 1011001111 1011010001  
 1011011011 1011110101 1011111001 1100010011  
 1100010101 1100011111 1100100011 1100110001  
 1100111011 1101001111 1101011011 1101100001  
 1101101011 1101101101 1101110011 1101111111  
 1110000101 1110001111 1110110101 1110111001  
 1111000111 1111001011 1111001101 1111010101  
 1111011001 1111100011 1111101001 1111111011

$\underline{m=10}$   
 10000001001 10000011011 10000100111 10000101101 10001100101  
 10001101111 10010000001 10010001011 10011000101 10011010111  
 10011100111 10011110011 10011111111 10100001101 10100011001  
 10100100011 10100110001 10100111101 10101000011 10101010111  
 10101101011 10110000101 10110001111 10110010111 10110100001  
 10111000111 10111100101 10111110111 10111111011 11000010011  
 11000010101 11000100101 11000110111 11001000011 11001001111  
 11001011011 11001111001 11001111111 11010001001 11010110101  
 11011000001 11011010011 11011011111 11011111101 11100010111  
 11100011101 11100100001 11100111001 11101000111 11101001101  
 11101010101 11101011001 11101100011 11101111101 11110001101

## Some Important Properties of M-Sequence

1. **Period** =  $2^m - 1$  where  $m$  = number of stages of shift registers
2. **(Near) Balanced:** There are exactly  $2^{m-1}$  number of “1”s and  $2^{m-1}-1$  number of “0”s in a period (ie. there is one more “1” than “0”).
3. **Runs (consecutive “0”s and “1”s):** In each period,  $\frac{1}{2}$  of the runs are of length one,  $\frac{1}{4}$  are of length two etc., finally with 1 run of length  $m$ .
4. **Shift:** A cyclic shift of a m-sequence is the same m-sequence generated using a different set of initial register contents.
5. **Shift & Add:** The modulo-2 sum of two shifted versions of the same m-sequence is the same m-sequence with yet another shift.

# Randomness Properties

- (1). **Balance property** — In each period of the sequence, the number of binary ones differs from the number of binary zeros by at most one digit.

e.g., a 15 chip PN sequence

111100010011010

number of 1's = 8

number of 0's = 7

In each period, half of the runs of consecutive zeros or ones are of length one, one-fourth are of length 2, one-eighth are of length 3, and so on.

e.g., for the 15-chip PN sequence defined above.

- (2). **Run property**

A **run** is defined as a sequence of single type of binary digit(s).

e.g., ...01110001110011...  
                     ↔                    ↔  
                     run of 3                run of 2

runs of 4	1
runs of 3	1
runs of 2	2
runs of 1	4
<b>Total</b>	<b>8</b>

3. **Shift-and-add property**—The modulo-2 sum of an  $m$ -sequence and any shifted version of the same sequence is another shifted version of the same  $m$ -sequence

**Example**


shift *three* chips and add

...111101011001000...

...000111101011001...

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...111010110010001...

4. If a window of width  $m$  is slid along the sequence for  $2^m - 1$  shifts, each  $m$ -tuple except the all-zero  $m$ -tuple [ Why?] will appear **exactly once**. For example,

**Example**

...111101011001000...

1st                      8th

window                window

## 5. Periodic autocorrelation function

Define

$$\phi(k) = \sum_{j=1}^N c_j c_{j+k}; \quad 0 \leq k \leq N-1$$

and

$$R(k) = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{j=1}^N c_j c_{j+k}; \quad 0 \leq k \leq N-1$$

where  $\phi(k)$  is the autocorrelation function,  $R(k)$  is the normalized autocorrelation function and  $c_k \in \{\pm 1\}$ .

For  $m$ -sequences,

$$\phi(k) = \begin{cases} N & k = 0 \\ -1 & 1 \leq k \leq N-1 \end{cases}$$

and

$$R(k) = \begin{cases} 1 & k = 0 \\ -1/N & 1 \leq k \leq N-1 \end{cases}$$

For large values of  $N$  or long sequences, the off-peak values of  $\phi(k)$  relative to the peak value

$$\phi(k)/\phi(0) = -1/N$$

**Autocorrelation function**—The normalized autocorrelation function  $R_c(\tau)$  of an  $m$ -sequence waveform  $c(t)$  with period  $T_o$  is given by

$$R_c(\tau) = \frac{1}{T_o} \int_{-T_o/2}^{T_o/2} c(t) c(t + \tau) dt$$

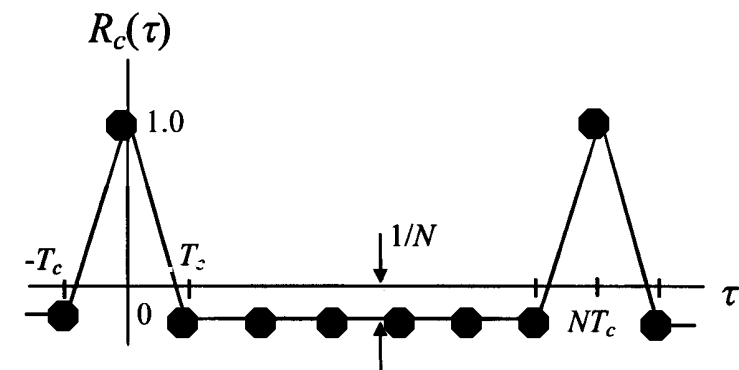
$$= \begin{cases} 1 - \frac{\tau}{T_c} (1 + 1/N) & |\tau| \leq T_c \\ -1/N & T_c < \tau < (N-1)T_c \end{cases}$$

Note that  $T_o = NT_c$ , where  $T_c$  is the chip duration. It is apparent that the autocorrelation function is periodic with triangular pulses of width  $2T_c$  repeated every  $NT_c$  seconds and that a correlation level of  $-1/N$  occurs between these triangular pulses.

**Note:**

● =  $R(k)$

= autocorrelation of the *sequence*  
instead of the waveform





## Correlation Properties of M-Sequence

- The **impulse-like periodic autocorrelation** characteristic of m-sequences approaches that of a purely random white noise sequence. It can be shown to be the best periodic autocorrelation achievable with any man-made binary sequence. In fact, it is the **most important distinguishing feature** of a m-sequence.
- This near-ideal autocorrelation property makes the m-sequence ideal for **synchronisation** purpose.
- The cross-correlation values of m-sequences are however much worse: there are many high-valued peaks instead of the ideal zero value for all shifts. Different m-sequences (generated by different LFSR structures) are therefore hardly used directly as CDMA spreading codes.