

Scope: Standardized Radio Access technologies across generations (2G, 3G, 4G, 5G)

Responsibilities: Defines protocol stacks (PHY, MAC, RLC, PDCP, RRC, NAS, SDAP), interfaces (N2, N3, E1, F1), UE categories, QoS, signaling, and base station behavior (gNB/eNB) with the core network.

3GPP
(3rd Generation
Partnership Project)

O-RAN
Alliance

- **Scope:** Specifies open, disaggregated RAN architectures and interfaces for multi-vendor interoperability.
- Responsibilities:**
- Defines functional splits (O-CU-CP, O-CU-UP, O-DU, O-RU).
 - Specifies E2, A1, and open fronthaul interfaces.
 - Defines Near-RT RIC and control loops.

Scope: Focuses on software-defined RAN controllers and orchestration.

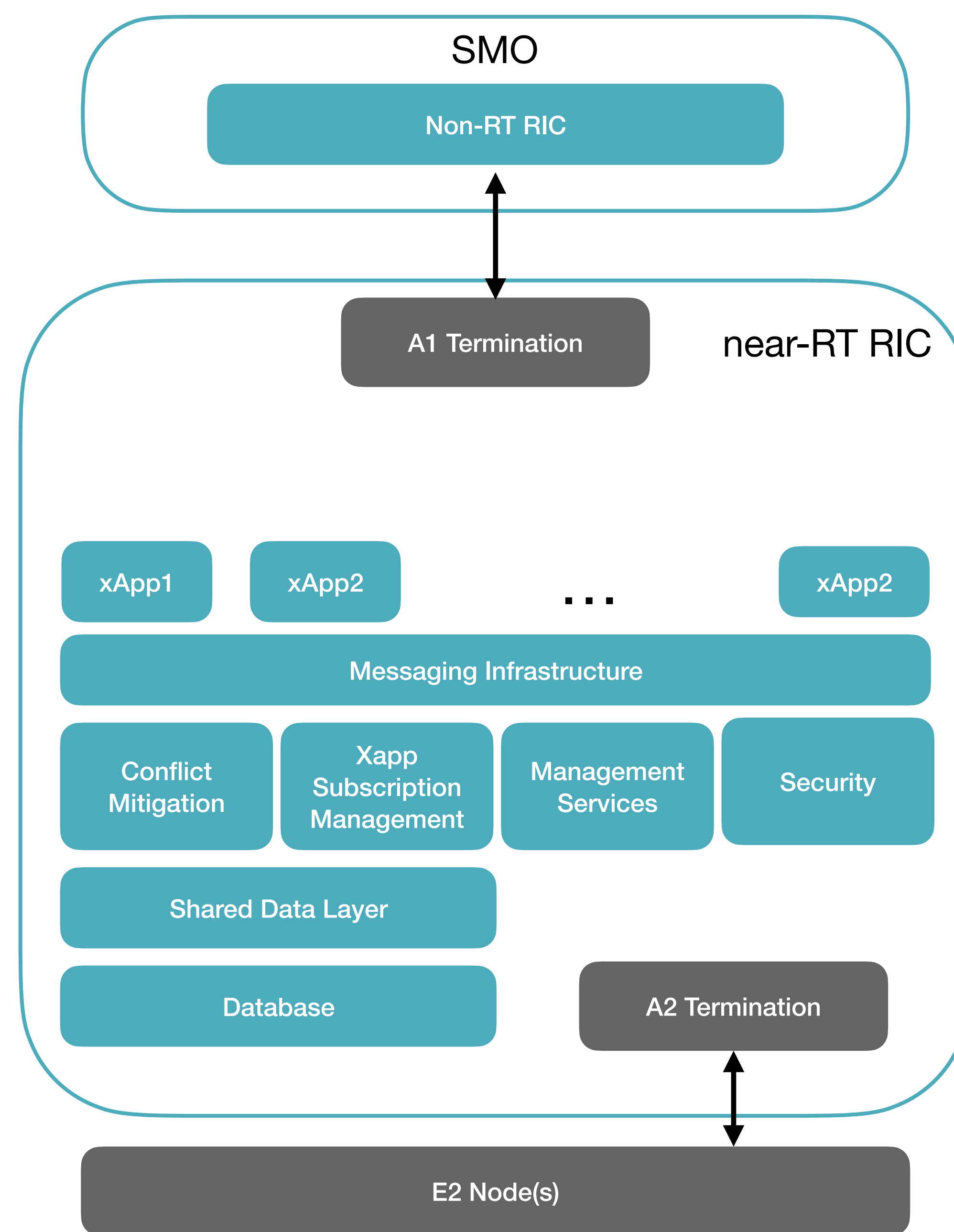
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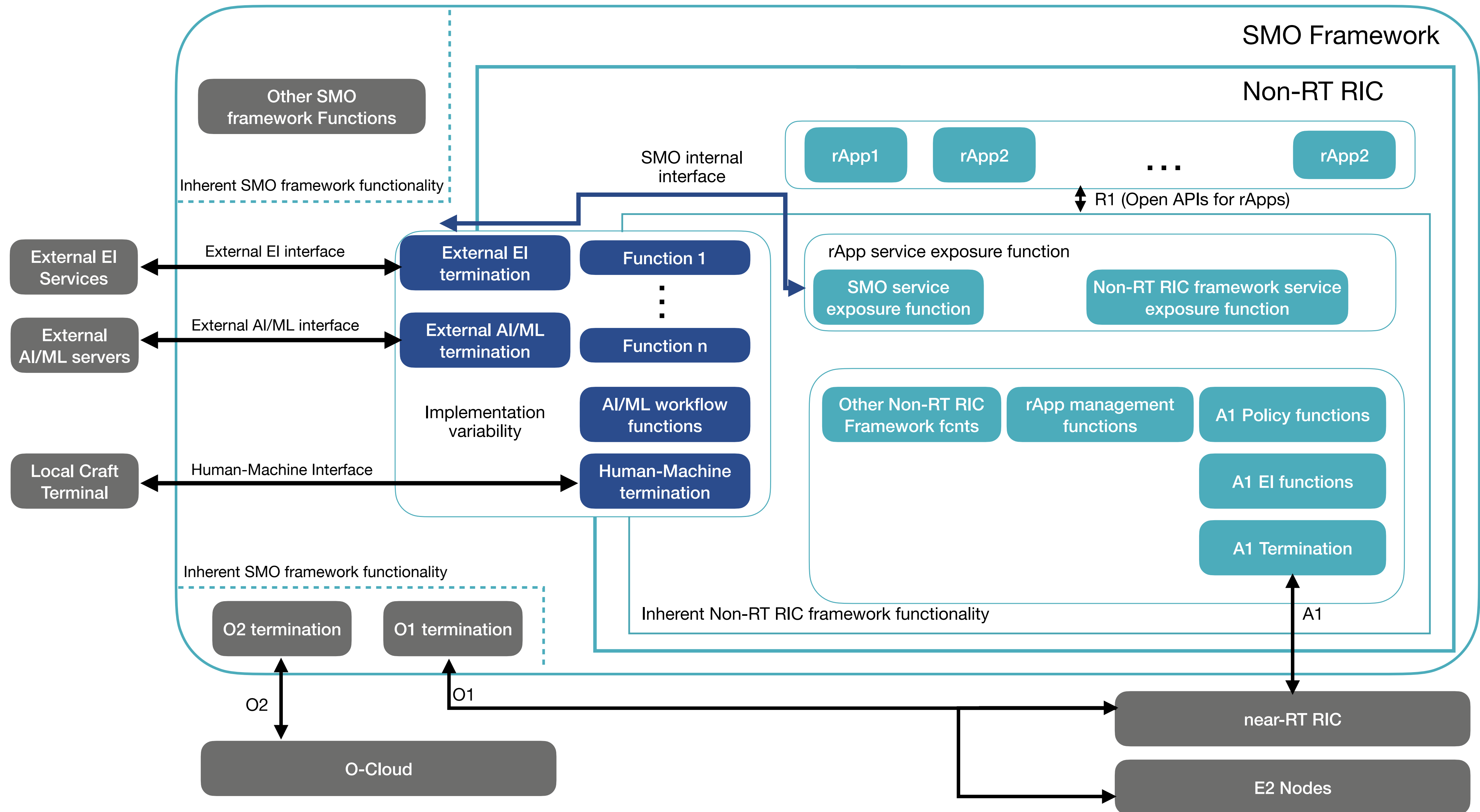
- Provides software platforms to control and manage disaggregated RAN elements.
- Implements policy-driven automation, network slicing, and optimization.
- Interfaces with O-RAN components via standard interfaces.

ONF SD-RAN

Telecom Infra

- Scope:** Physical deployment of RAN components and networking infrastructure.
- Responsibilities:**
- Supply radio units (O-RU), antennas, fiber fronthaul/backhaul, and data centers.
 - Ensure site installation, power, cooling, and maintenance.
 - Integrate O-RAN and 3GPP components into a working network.





1.



Conventional Base Station
Combined RF + BB

2.



RRH

CPRI



BBU

Mobile Front-haul Network
Separated RRH and BBU

3.

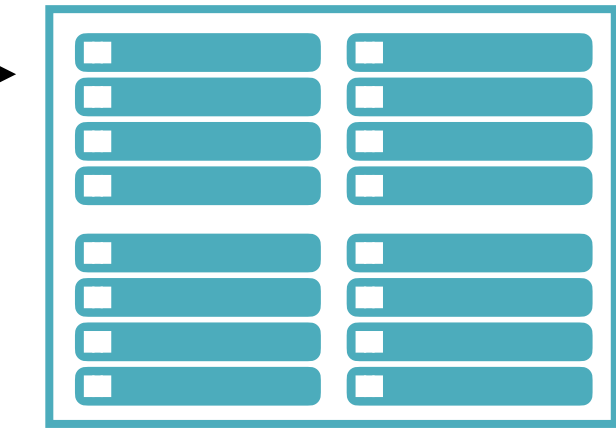


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BBU Pool

Centralized RAN
Multiple BBUS Combined to Pools (often virtualized)

4.



Remote Radio Head

Fronthaul



Far Edge Data Center

Midhaul

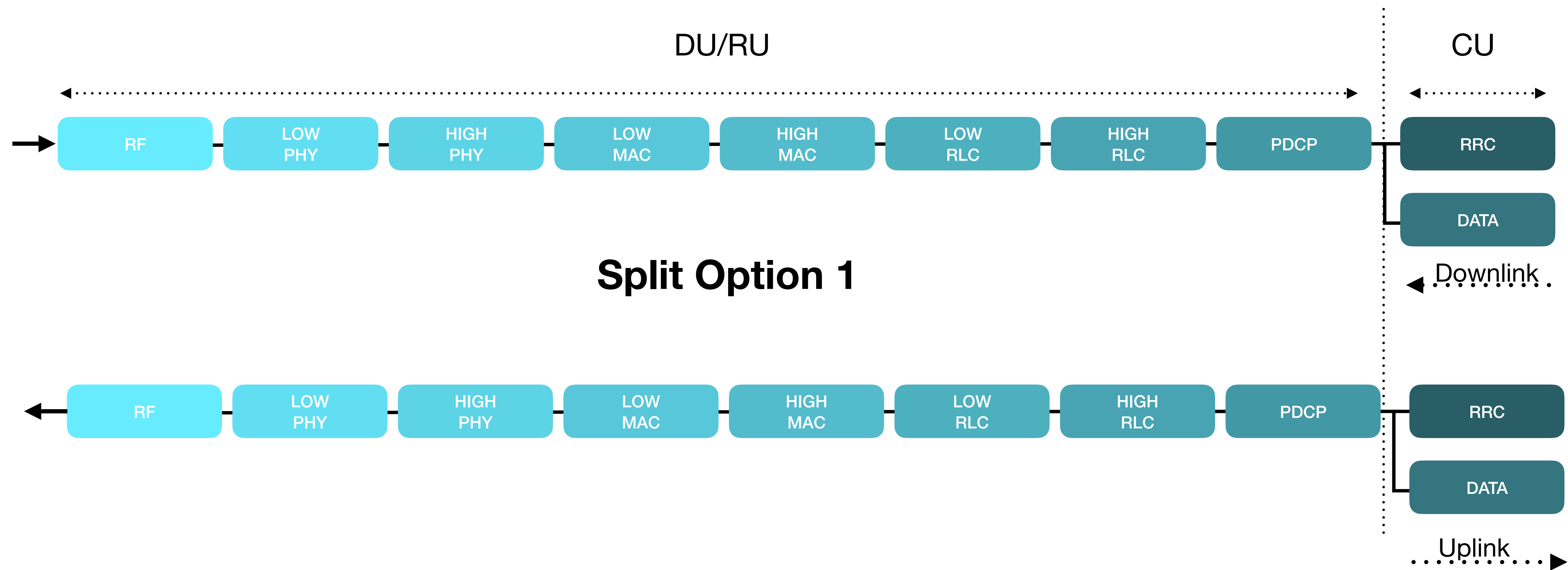


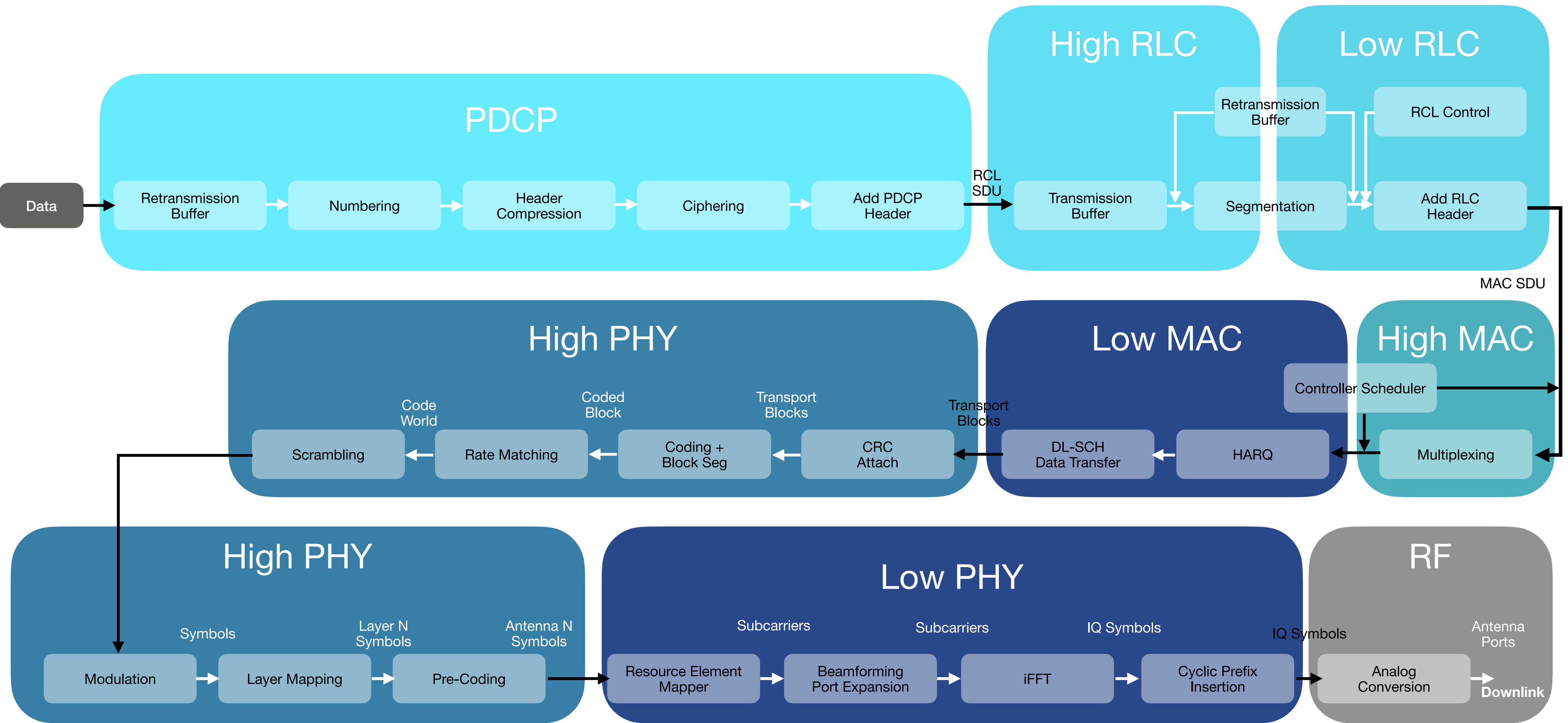
Edge Data Center

Backhaul

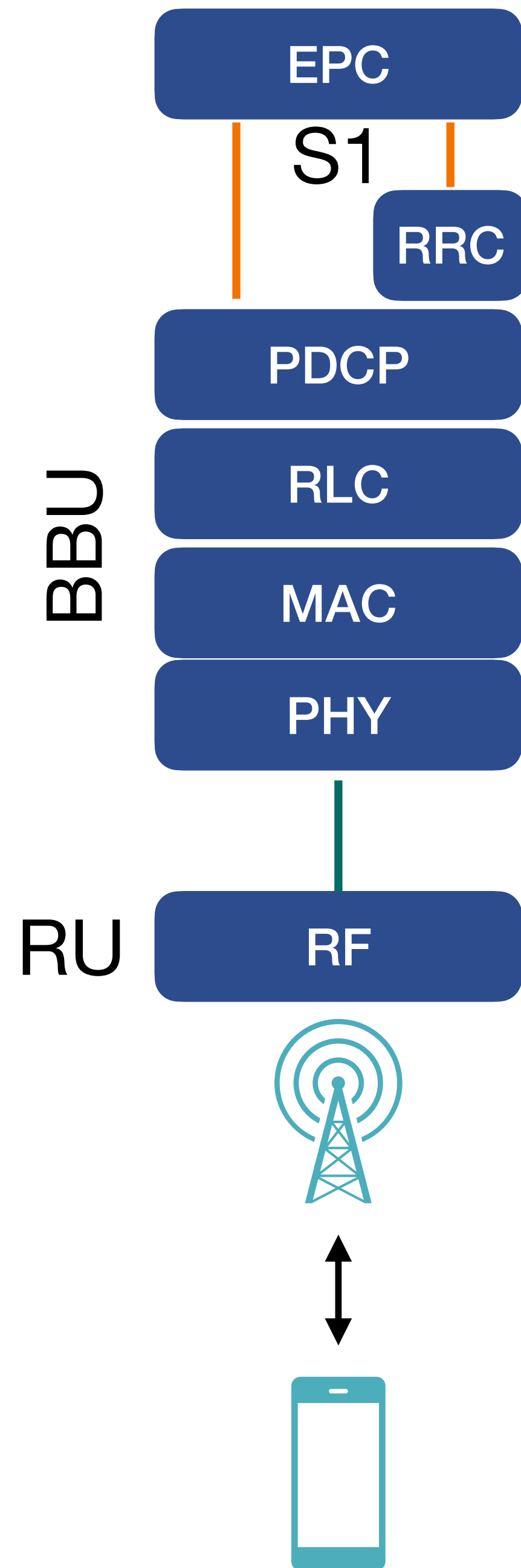


Mobile Core

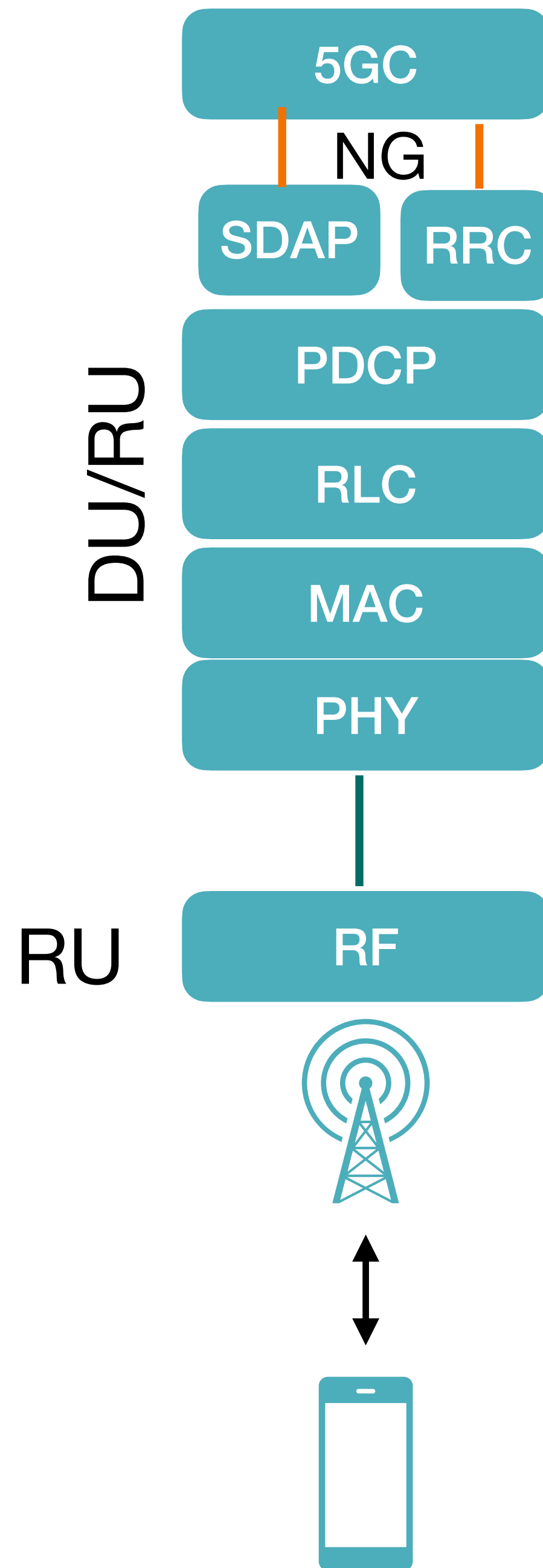




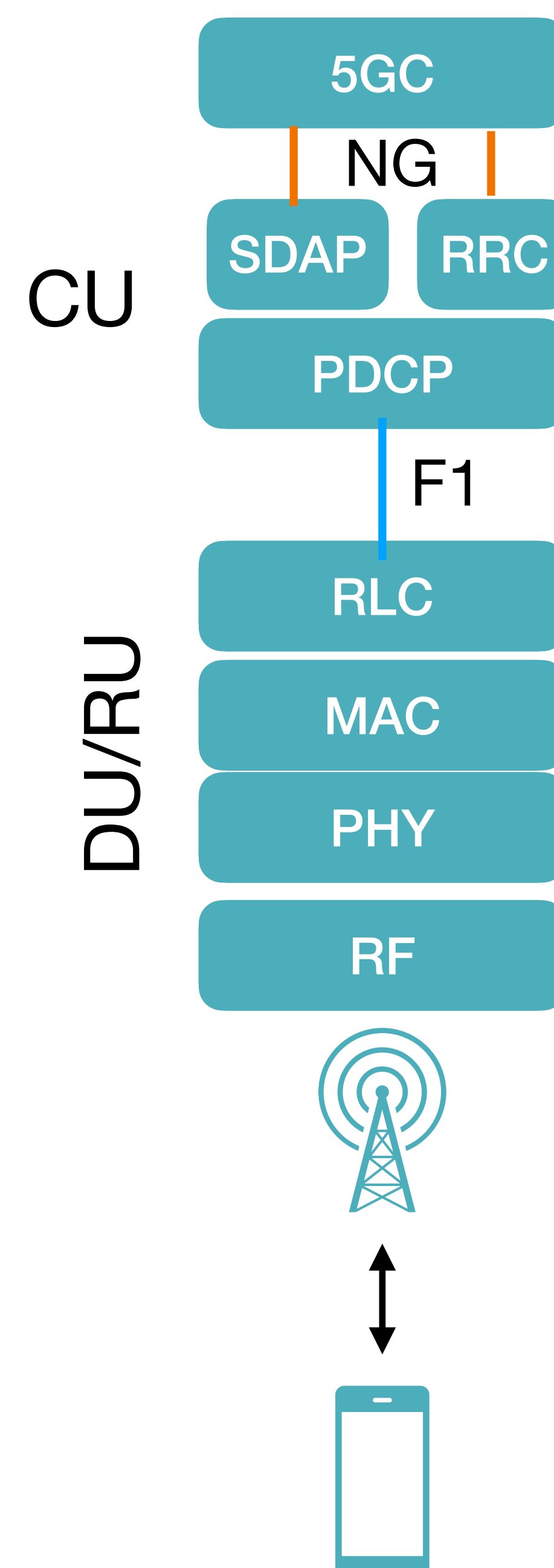
4G/LTE - Split 8



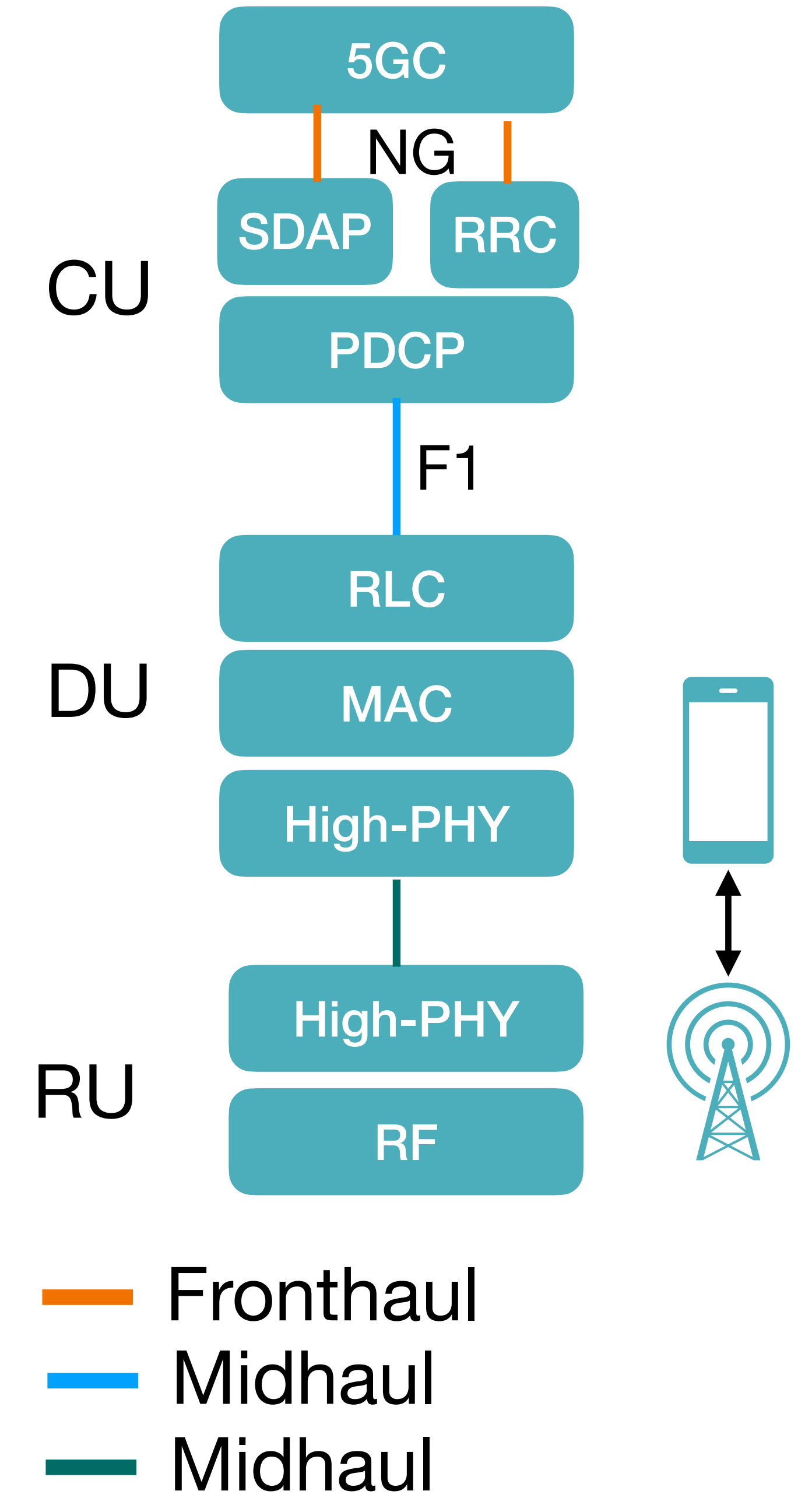
5G/NR - Split 8



5G/NR - Split 2

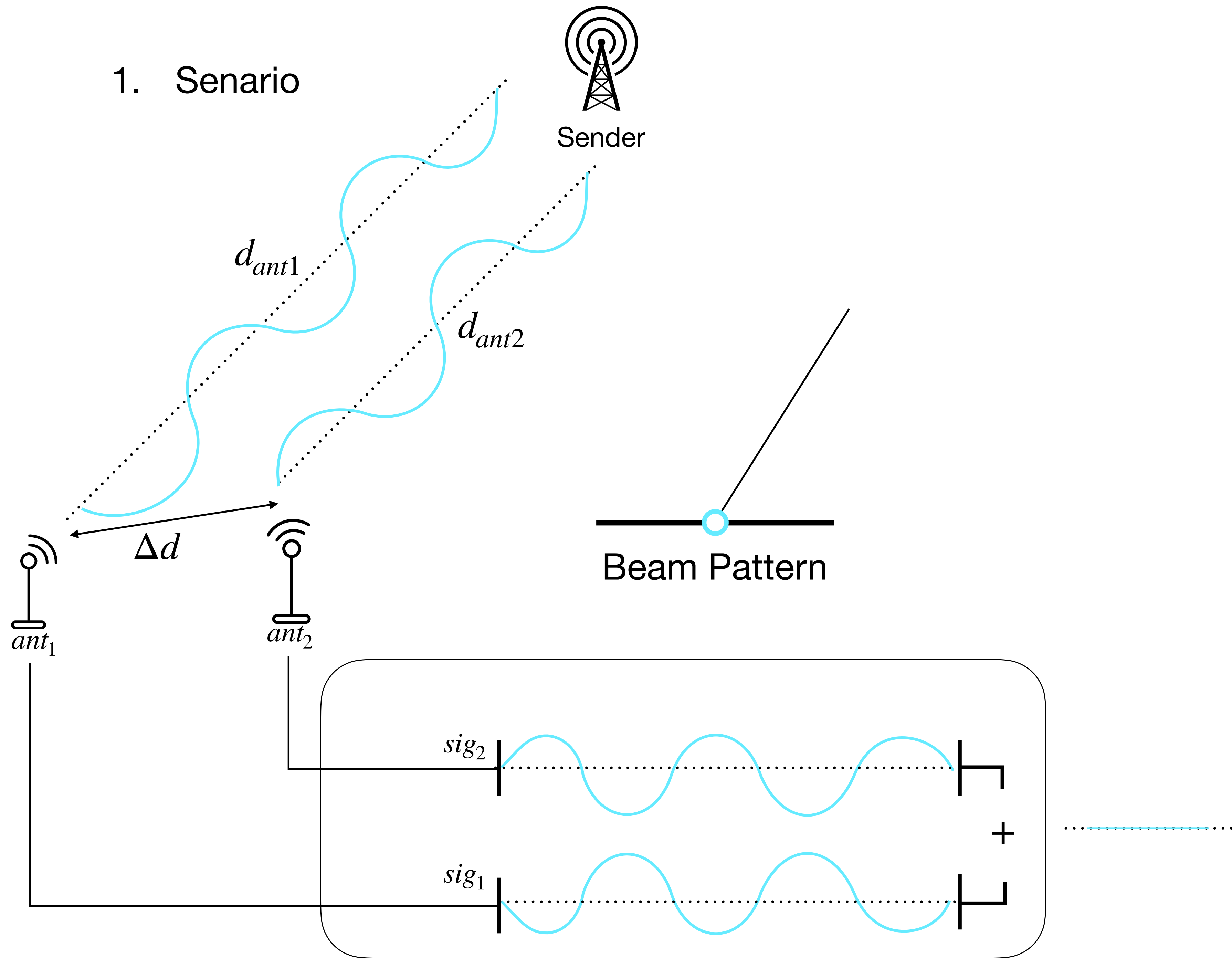


5G/NR - Split 7.x & Split 2

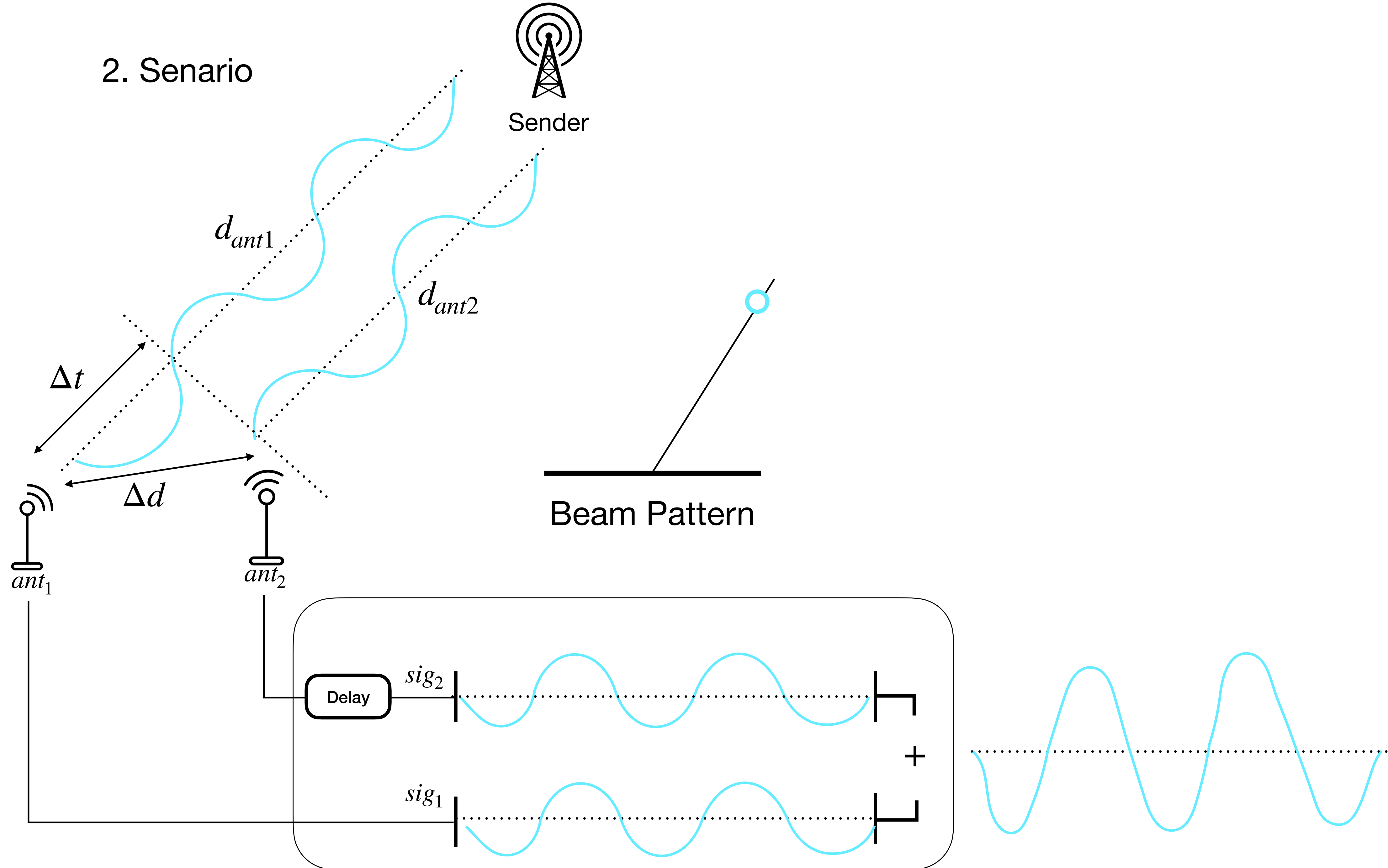


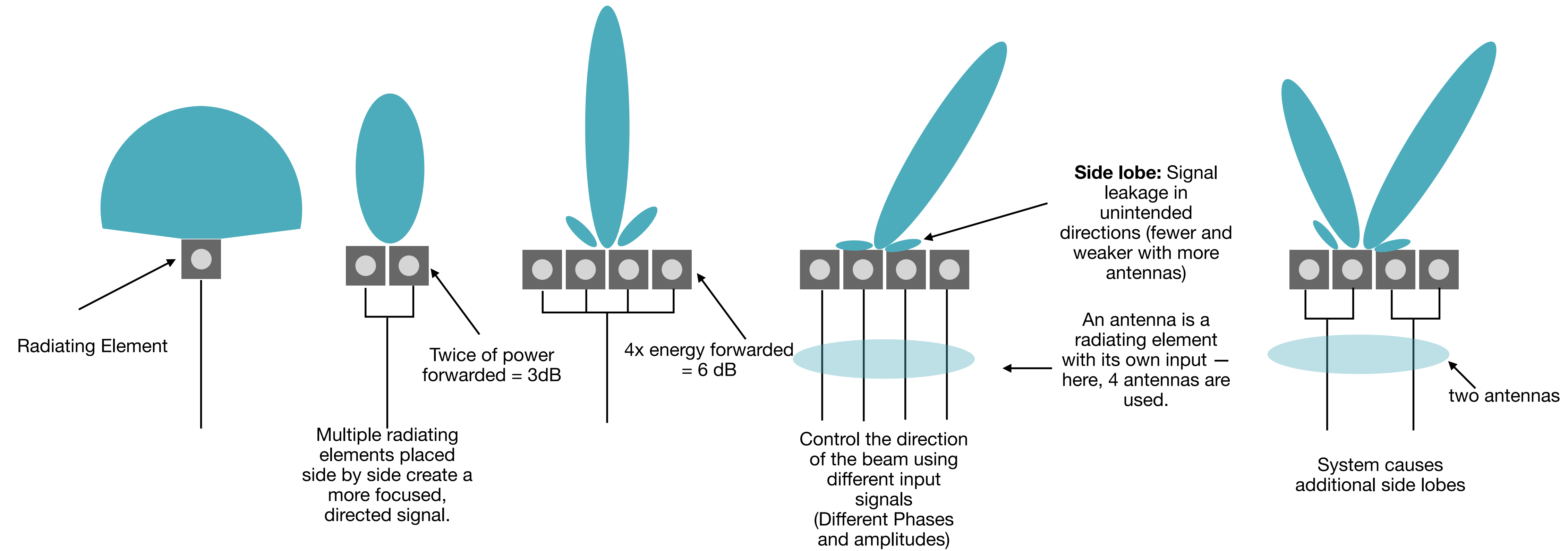
- Fronthaul
- Midhaul
- Midhaul

1. Senario

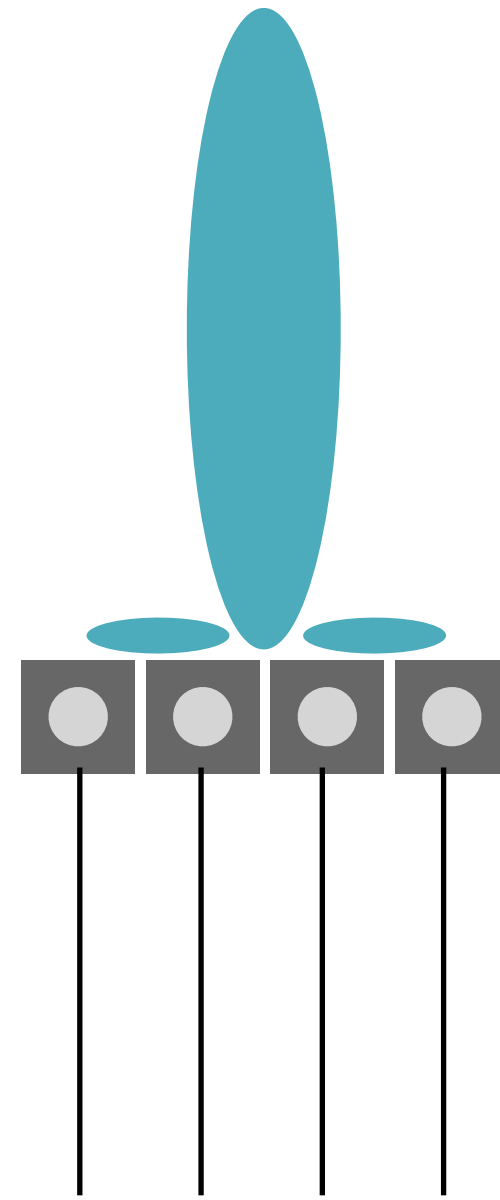


2. Senario

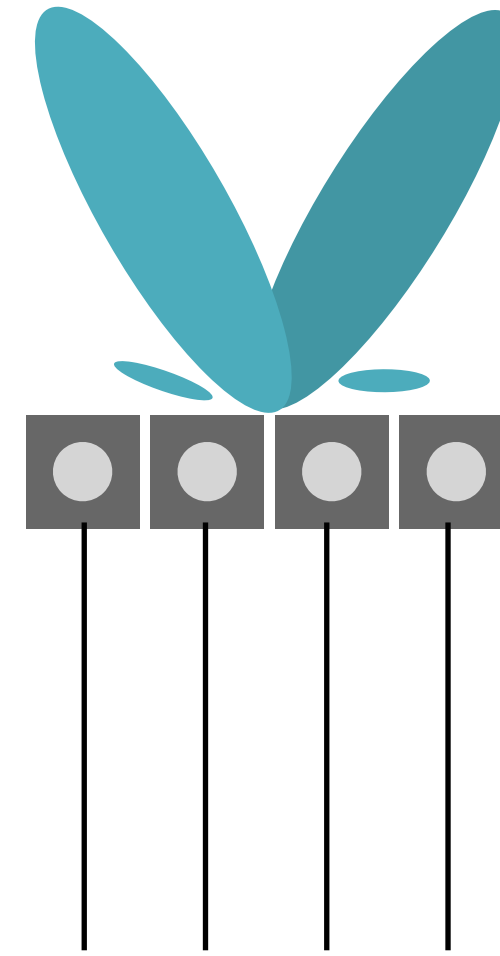




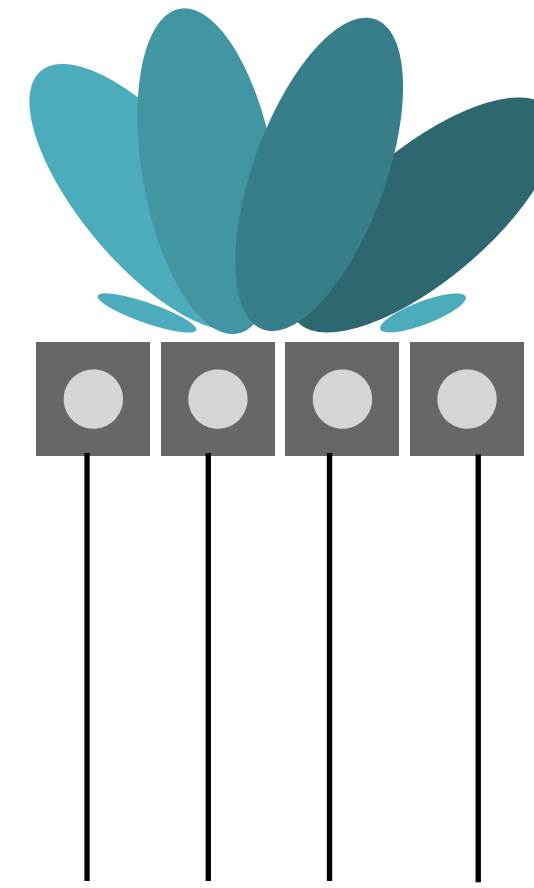
(a)



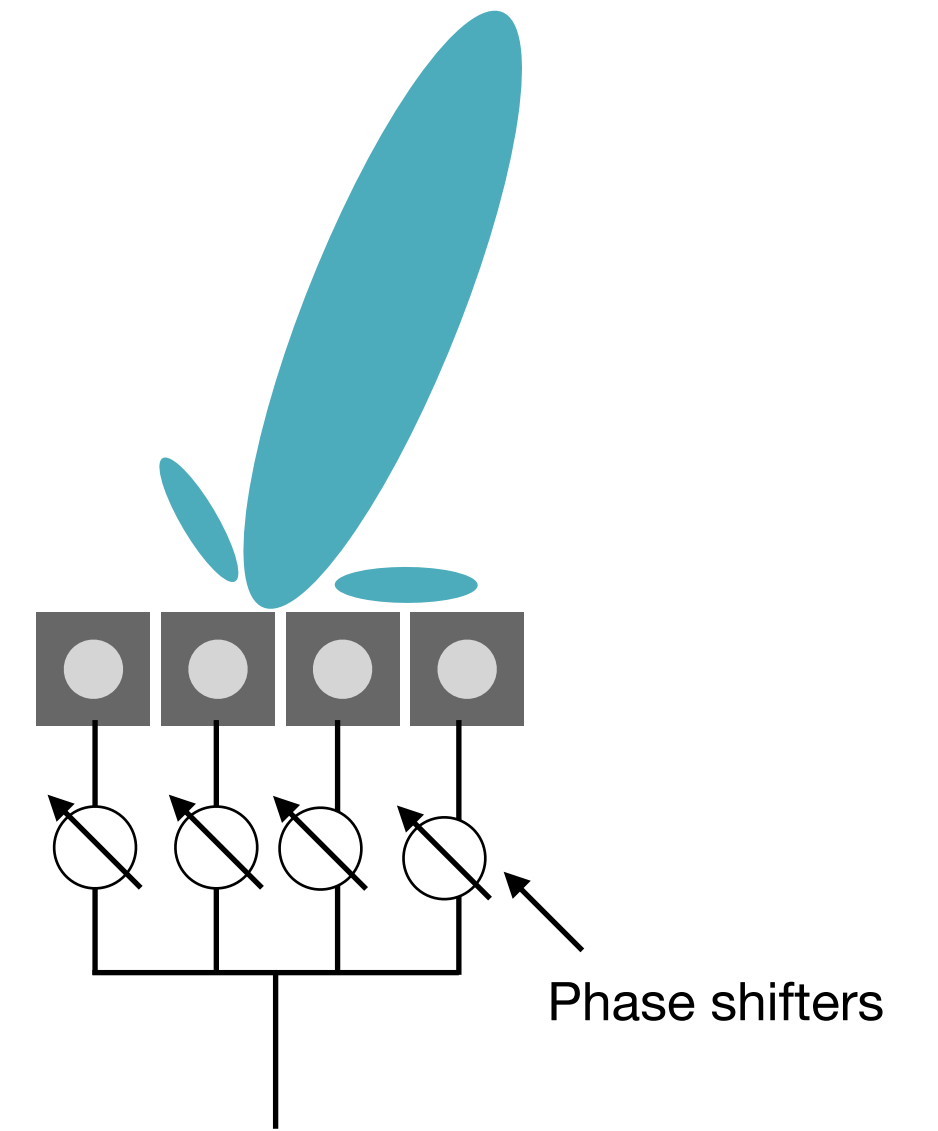
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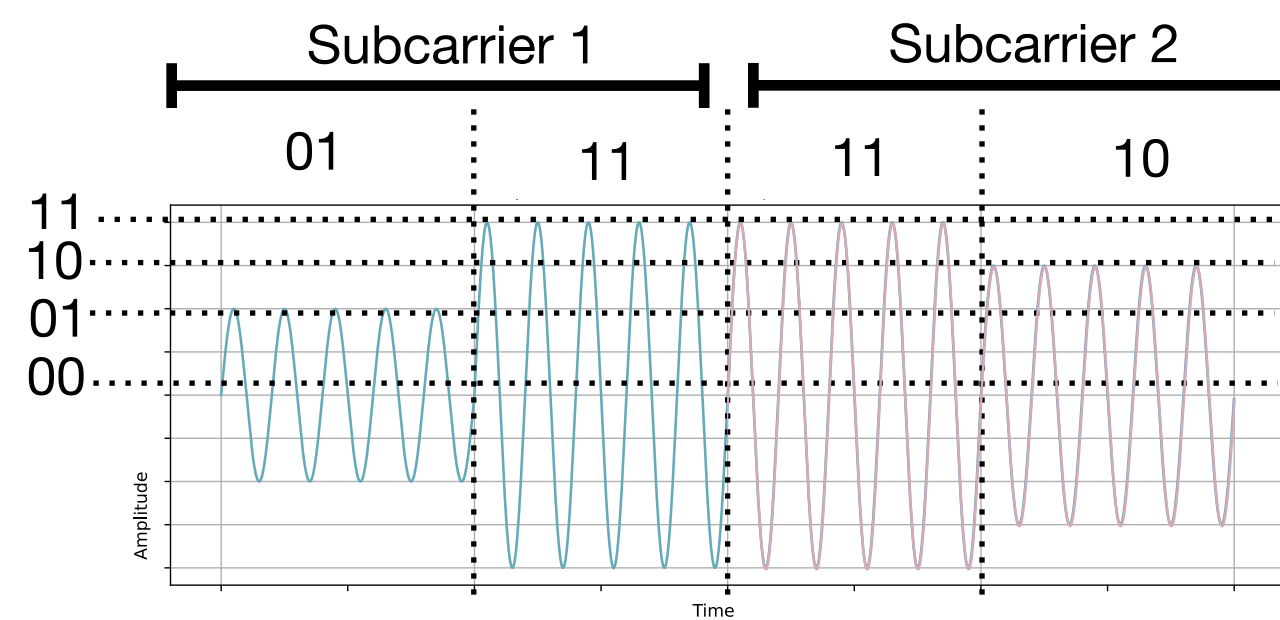
(c)



(d)



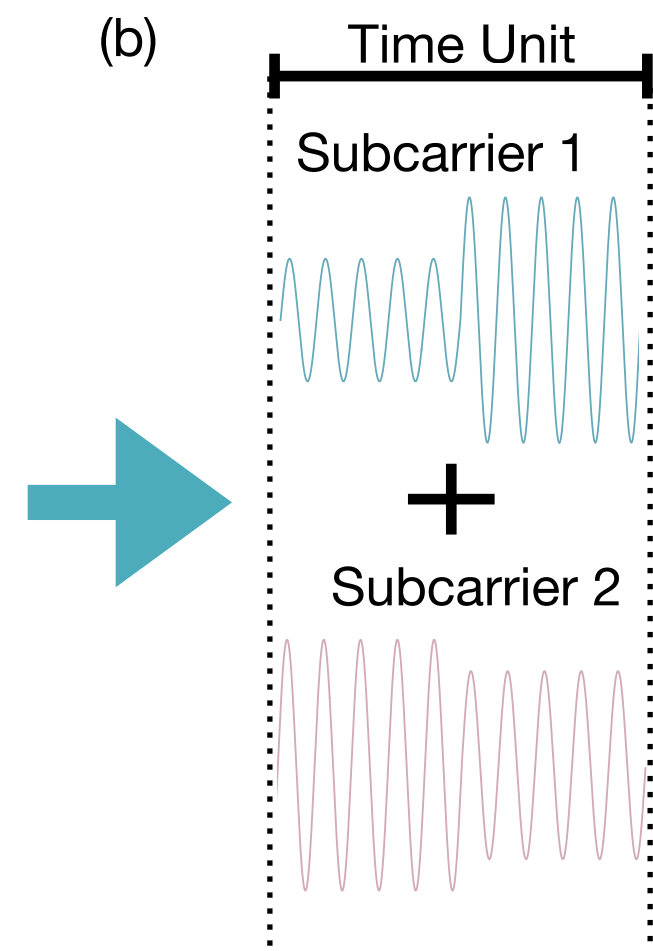
(a)



Using multiple subcarriers

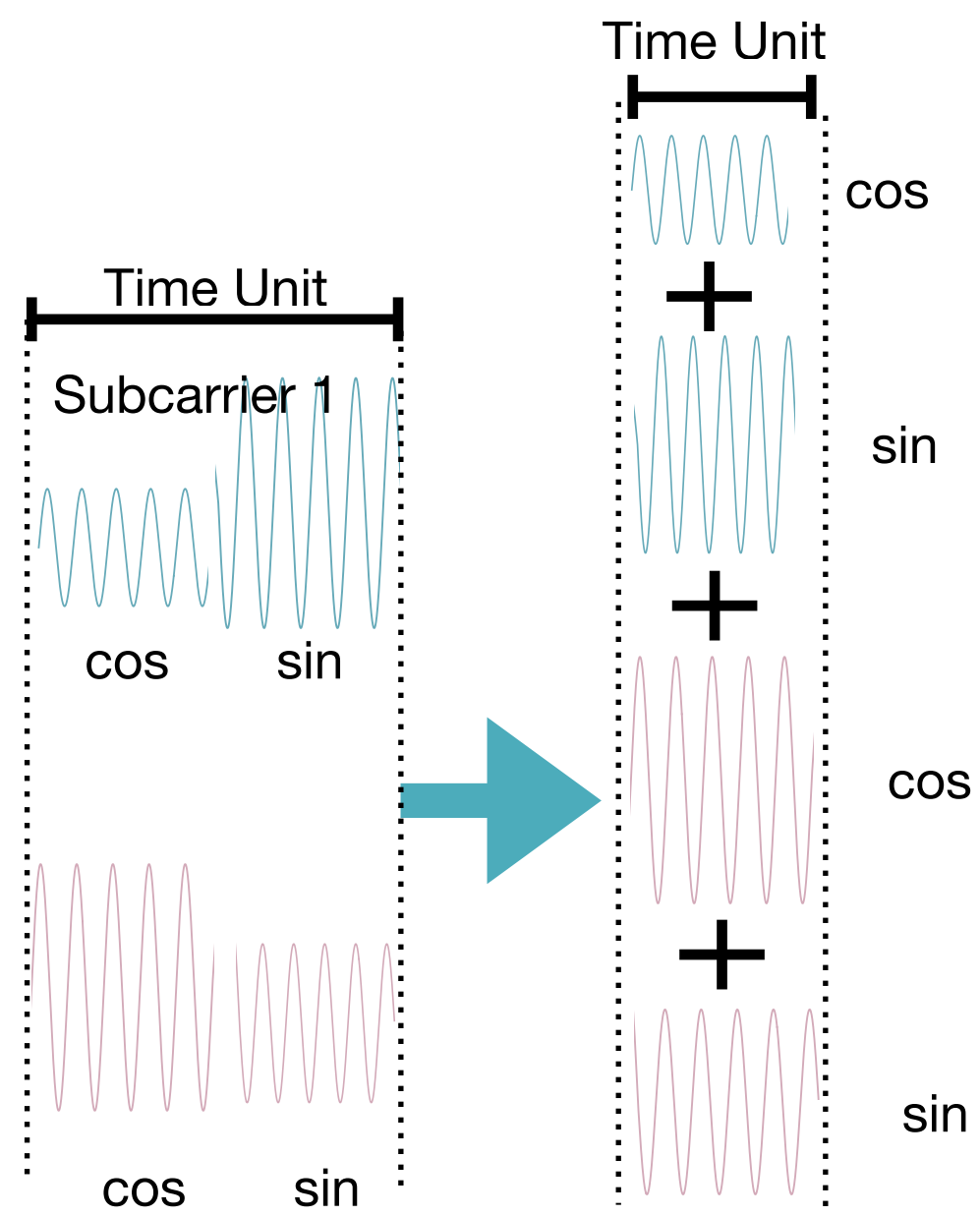
Spread data over multiple subcarrier waves

(b)

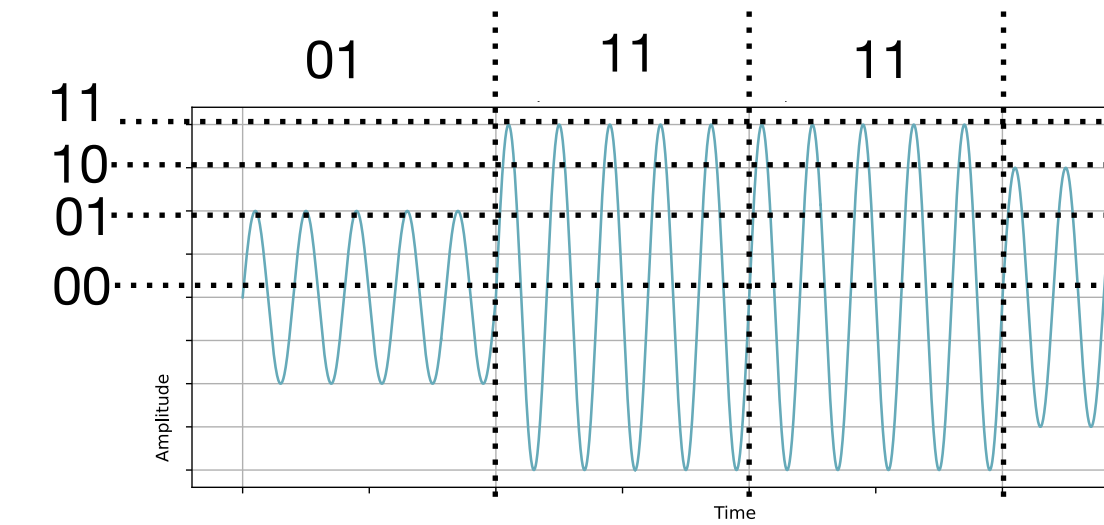


By combining these subcarriers double the information can be transmitted within a time unit

(c)

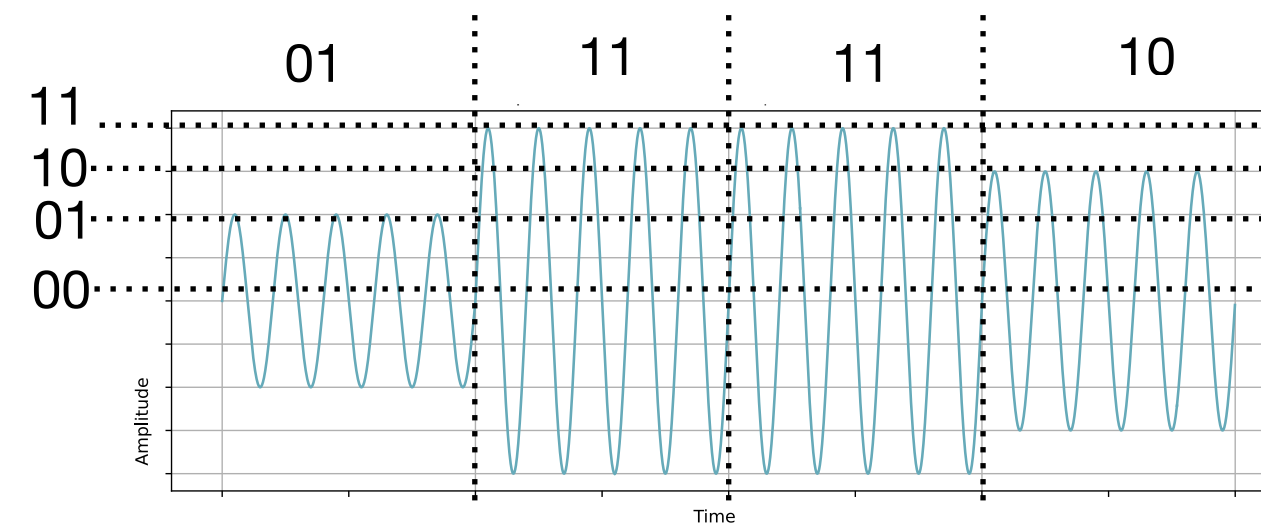


Each subcarrier uses a sinus signal and a cos signal allow to double the transmission per time unit. This technique is referred to as QAM modulation.



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