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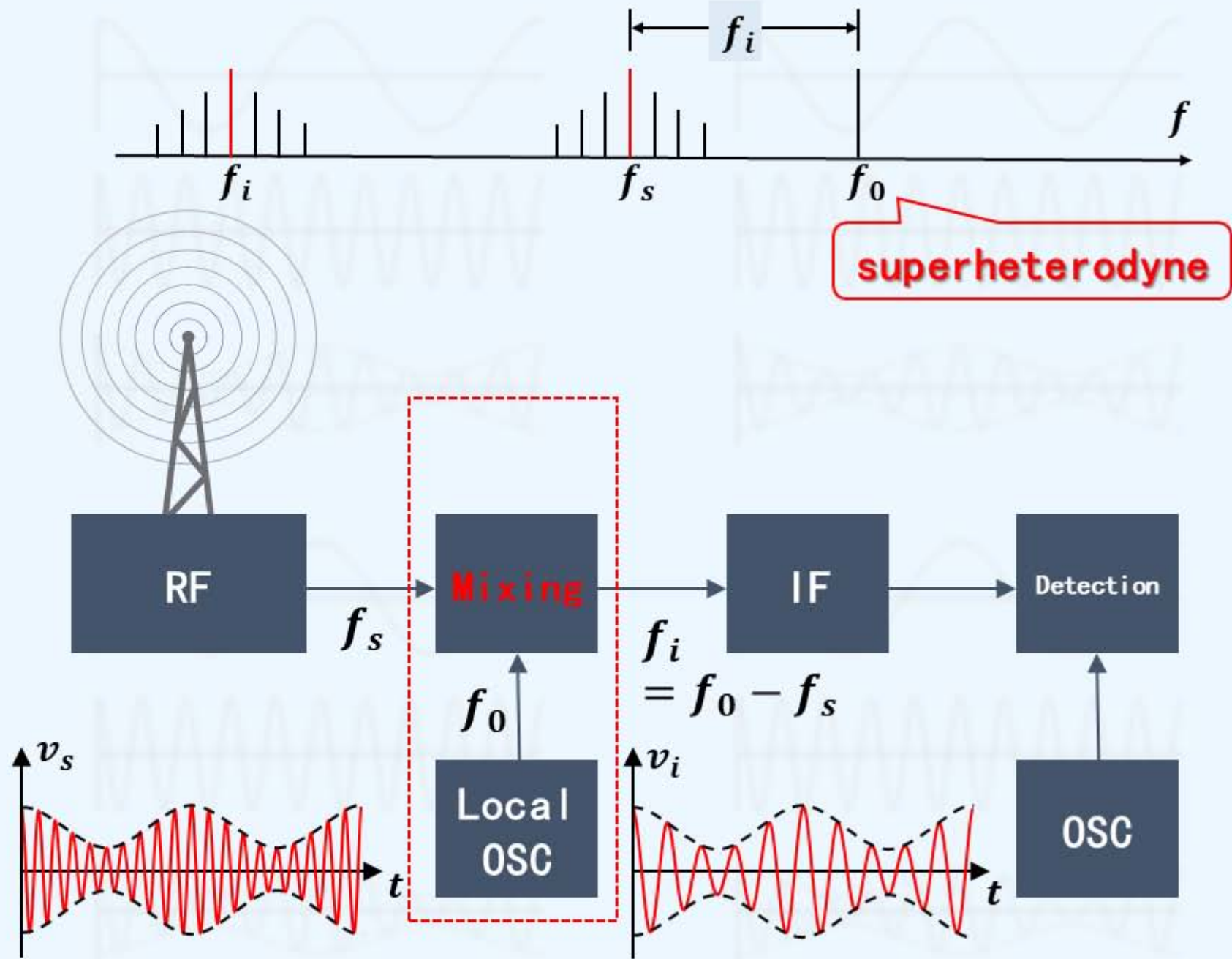
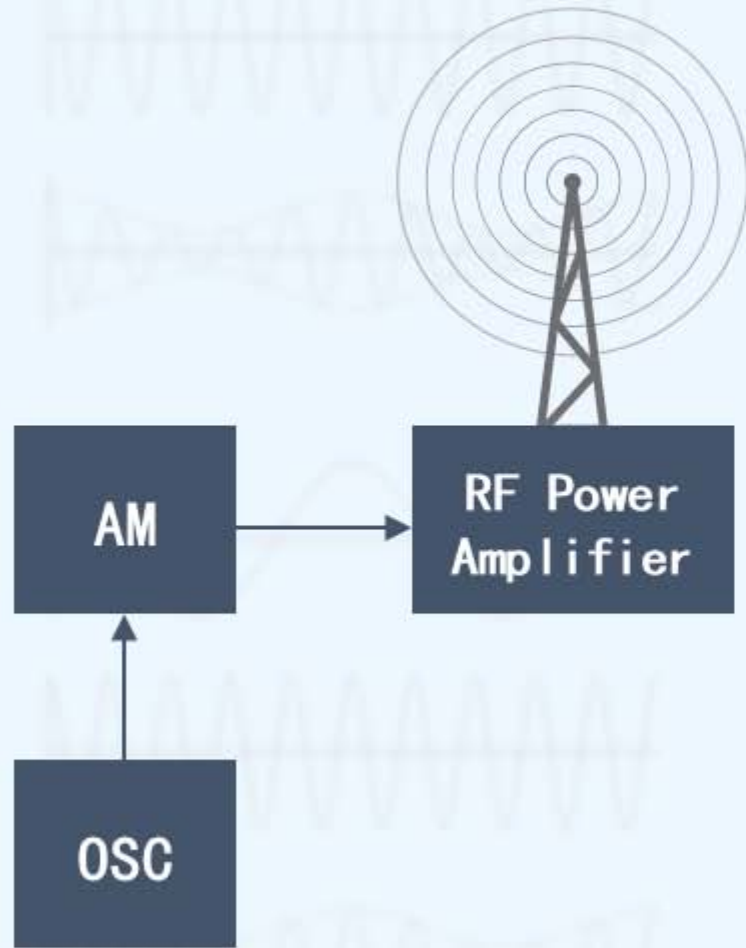
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## ➤ Pros:

- Improved Sensitivity of Receiver
- Selectivity of Receiver
- Stability
- Multi-band Consistency

## ➤ Cons:

- Interference

# Performance Metrics

- Gain

- $V_{im}/V_{sm}$

- Noise Figure

- $\frac{(S/N)_i}{(S/N)_o}$

- Selectivity

- Interference Suppression except for IF

- Nonlinear Interference

- Suppression for Cross- and inter-modulation Interference

- Stability

- Stability of Oscillator



# Mixer – Classification

Device:

Diode Mixer

BJT Mixer

Multiplier Mixer

FET Mixer

Feature:

Diode Mixer

Balanced Mixer

Ring Mixer

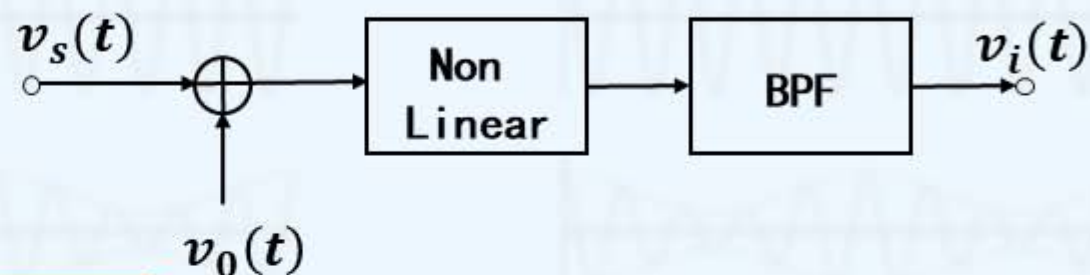
Time domain:

Superposition-type

Multiplication-type

# Superposition-type Mixer

## ➤ Non-linear Device



Balanced Mixer、Ring Mixer

Diode Mixer

Dynamic range↑, Combined interference↓

BJT Mixer

With gain

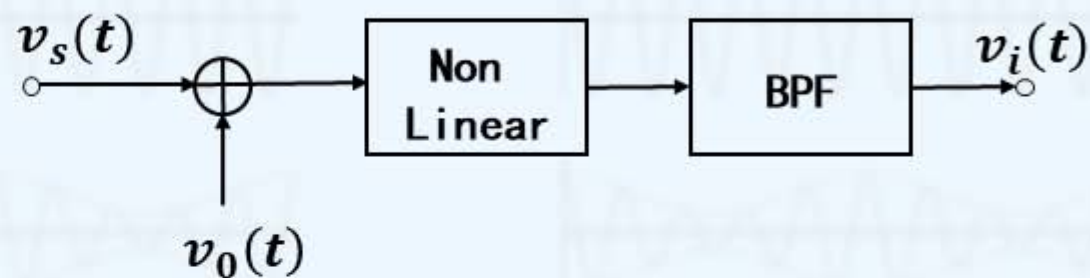
FET Mixer

Cross-, Inter-modulation interference ↓

# Superposition-type Mixer (Diode) { Balanced Mixer Ring Mixer

➤ Principle: Non-linear (cf. AM)

- { By Power Series
- { By Switching Function



Exp: Power Series, Square law for  $v_D = v_0 + v_s$

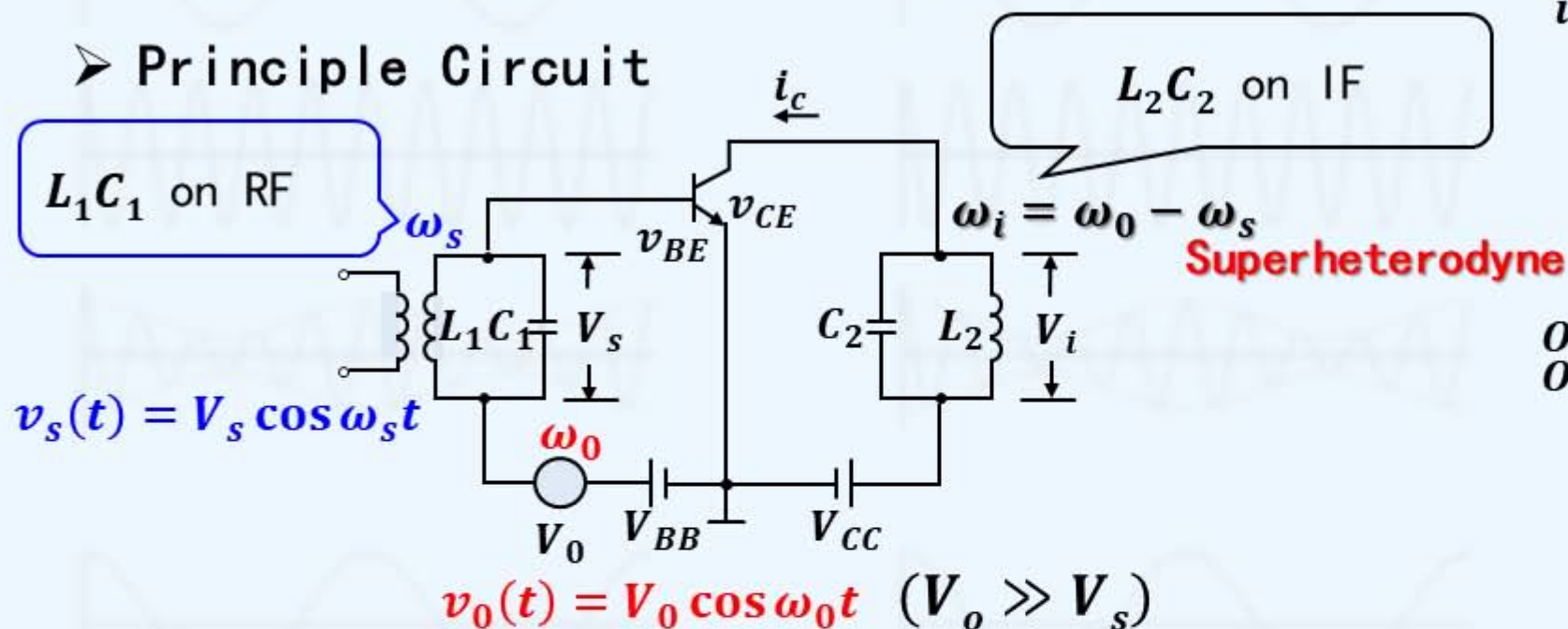
$$(v_0 + v_s)^2 = v_0^2 + v_s^2 + 2v_0v_s$$

Obtain  $(\omega_0 + \omega_s)$  and  $(\omega_0 - \omega_s)$



# Superposition-type Mixer (Transistor)

## ➤ Principle Circuit

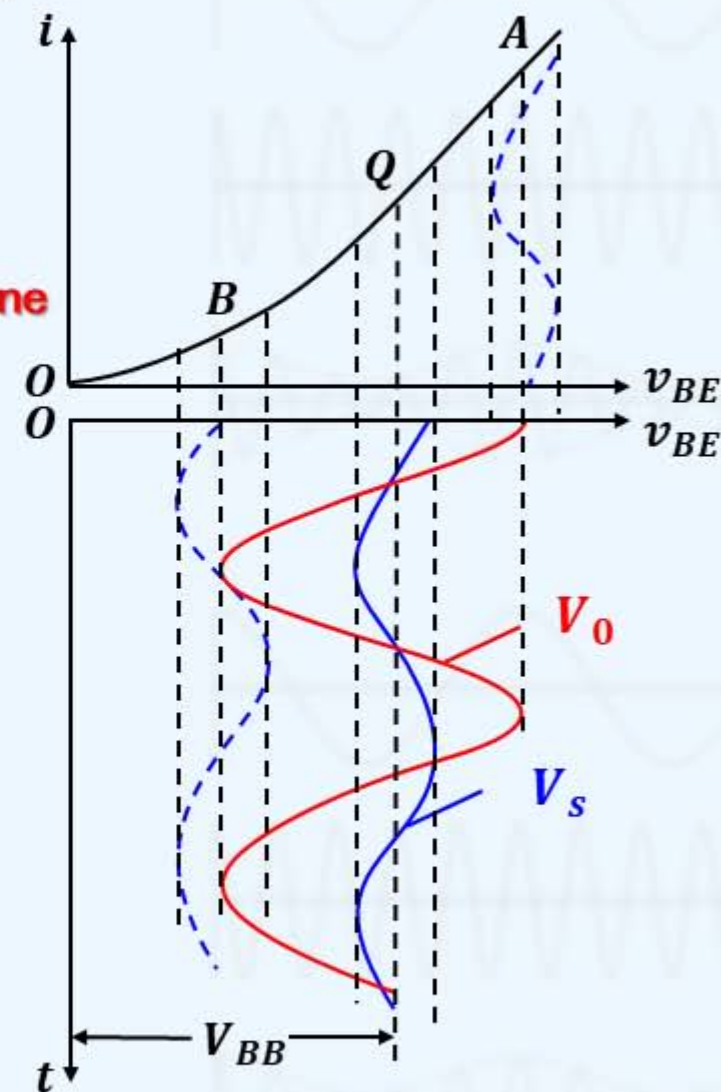


➤  $V_o \gg V_s$  Linear Time-varying

➤  $V_s$  Linear

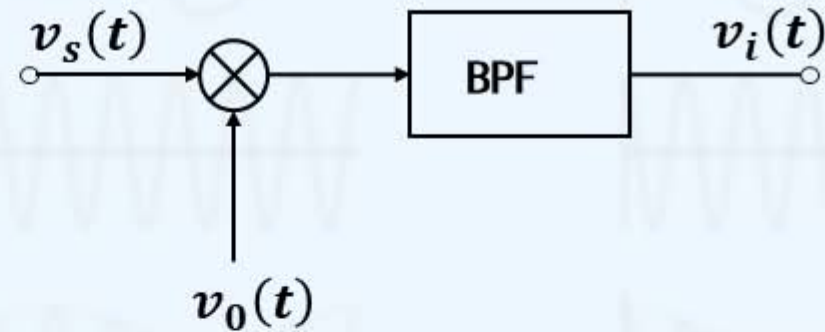
➤ Transconductance changes

Linear Time Varying



Transistor Transcharacteristic

# Multiplication-type Mixer



➤ Principle:

AM:

$$v_s(t) = V_s(1 + m_a \cos \Omega t) \cos \omega_s t$$

$$v_0(t) = V_0 \cos \omega_0 t$$

$$v_o v_s(t) = \frac{1}{2} V_0 V_s (1 + m_a \cos \Omega t) [\cos(\omega_o + \omega_s)t + \cos(\omega_o - \omega_s)t]$$

Obtain:  $(\omega_0 + \omega_s)$  &  $(\omega_0 - \omega_s)$

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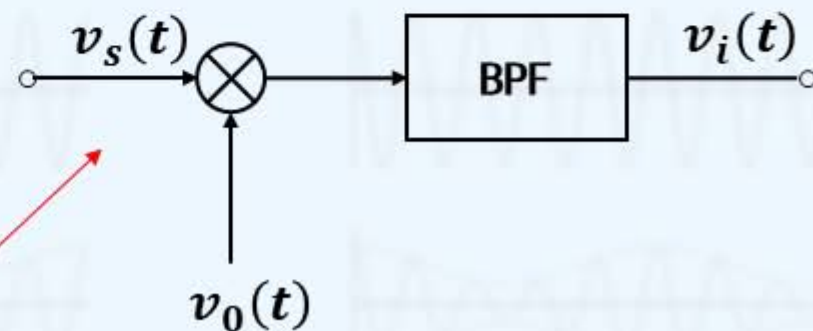
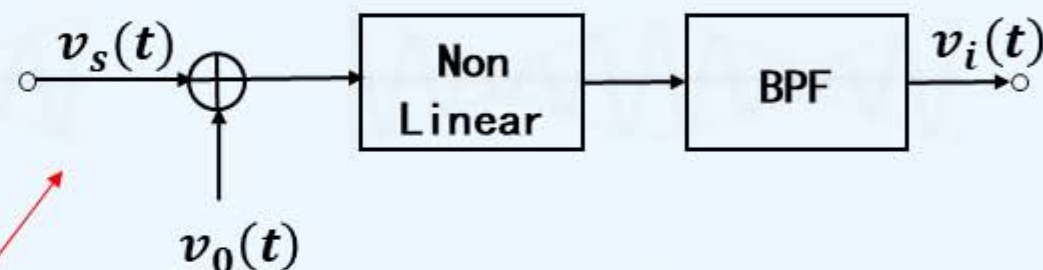
Feature:

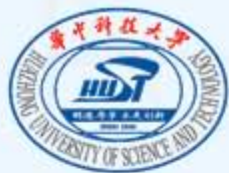
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Balanced Mixer  
Ring Mixer

Time domain:

Superposition-type

Multiplication-type



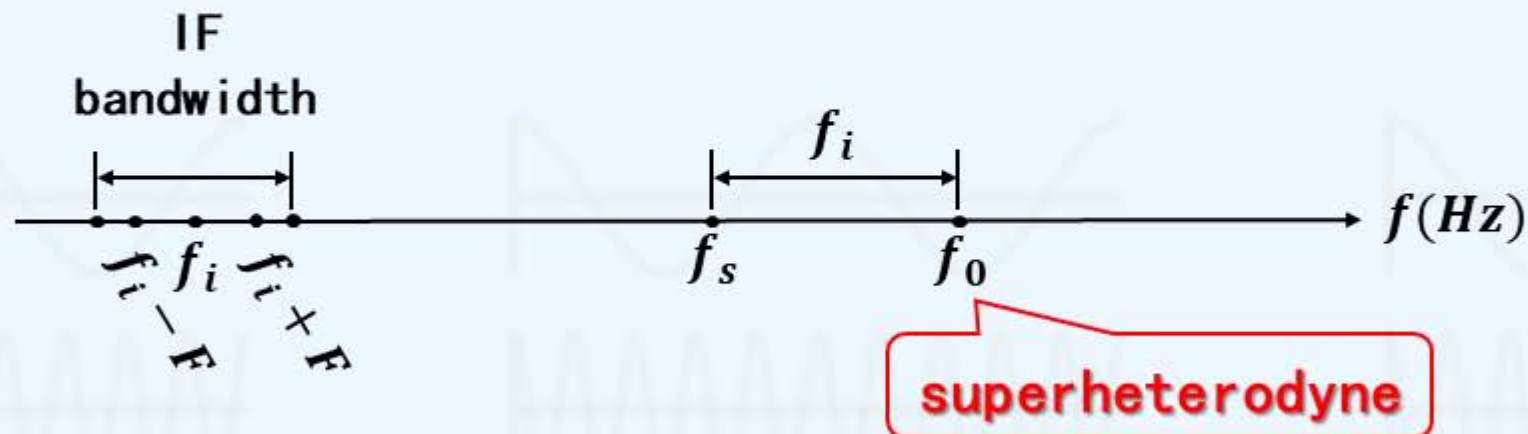


# Mixing Interference

# Combined Frequency Interference – $f_s$ & $f_0$ (Interference Whistle)

➤ Definition:  $|\pm n_s f_s \pm n_0 f_0| = f_i \pm F$

$F$  (Whistle)

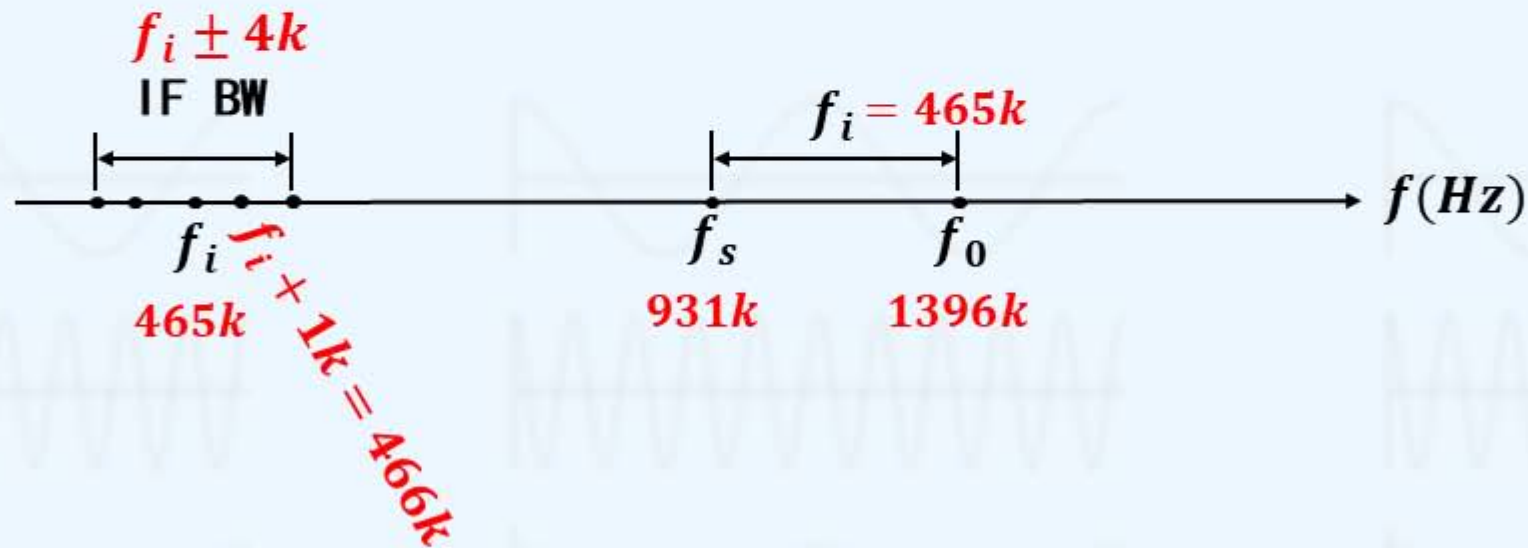




## Combined Frequency Interference - $f_s$ & $f_0$

Exp: Modulated signal  $f_s = 931\text{kHz}$ , Local frequency  $f_0 = 1396\text{kHz}$ , analyze the reason to hear the whistle.

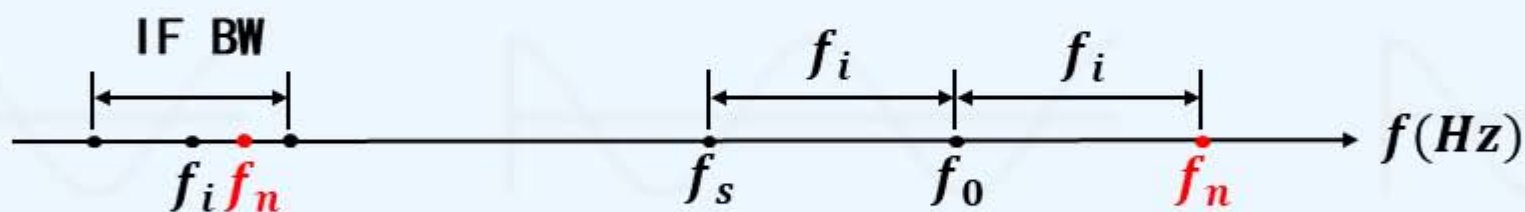
Solution:  $2f_s - f_0 = 2 \times 931 - 1396 = 466\text{kHz} = f_i + F (F = 1\text{kHz})$



# Combined Side-Channel Interference - $f_n$ & $f_0$

➤ Definition:  $|\pm n_n f_n \pm n_0 f_0| \approx f_i$

➤ Special Case: Side-Channel Interference  $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{IF Interference} \\ \text{Mirror Frequency Interference} \end{array} \right. \begin{array}{l} f_n \approx f_i \\ f_n - f_0 = f_i \end{array}$



# Cross-Modulation Interference - $f_n$ & $f_0$

- Interference: Signal & Interference Co-exist (Multiplicative)
- Reason: Non-linear (Cube)

➤ Comparison:

Combined Side-Channel Interference : Additive

# Inter-Modulation Interference - $f_{n1}$ $f_{n2}$ & $f_0$

➤ Definition:  $|\pm n_{n1}f_{n1} \pm n_{n2}f_{n2} \pm n_0f_0| \approx f_i$

➤ Reason: Non-linear (Square & above )

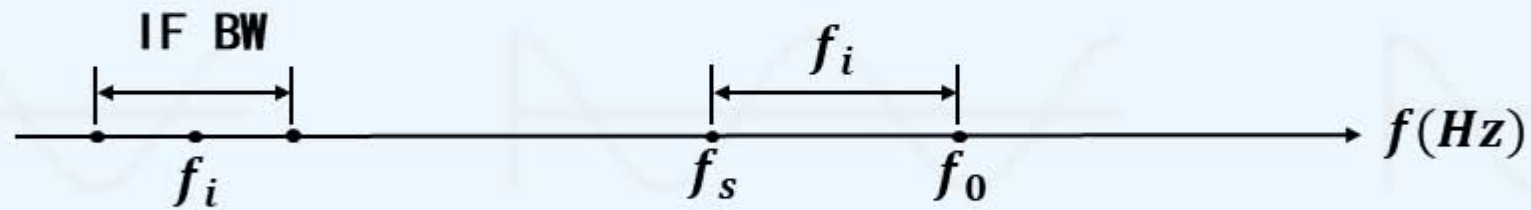
➤ Comparison:

Cross-Modulation Interference: One  $f_n$ , Multiplicative

# Inverse Mixing Interference - $f_0$

➤ Reason:

Oscillator has interference



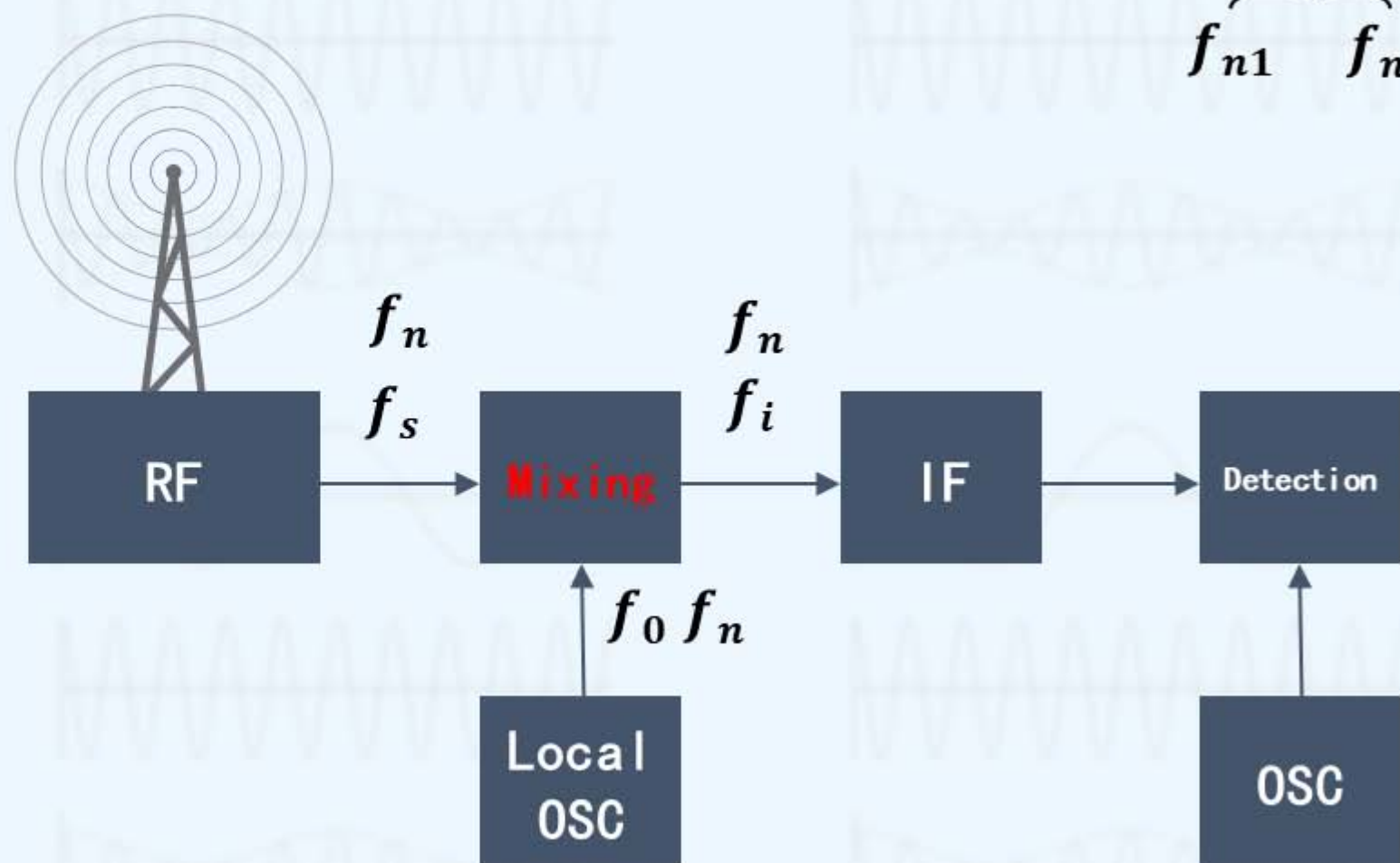
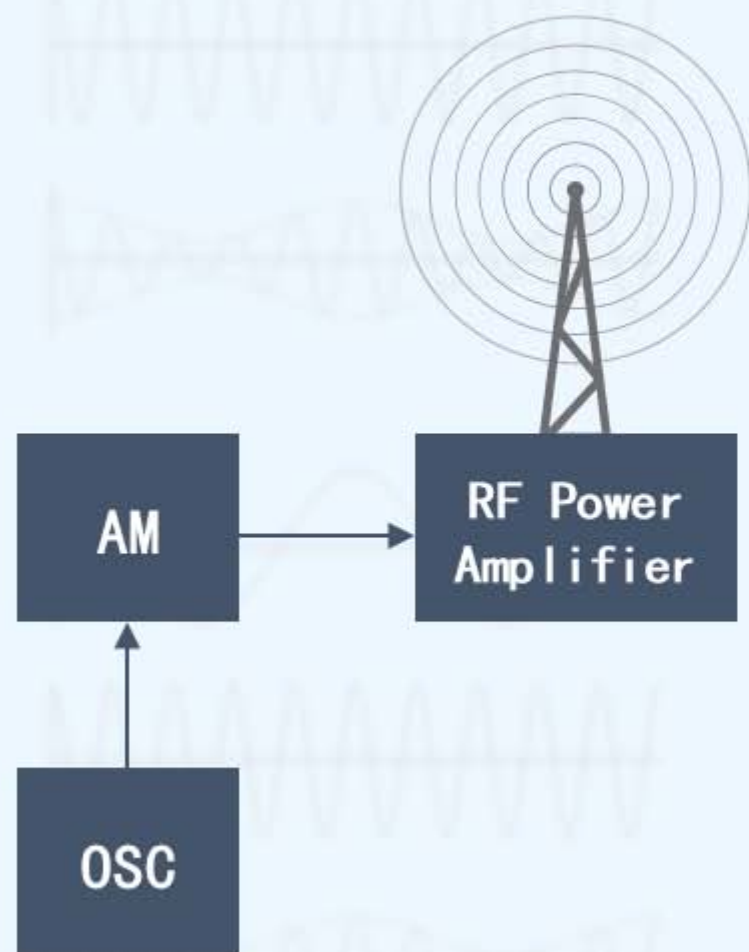


# Blocking Interference

## ➤ Reason:

Strong interference makes transistor into non-linear state  
with degrading output SNR

# Summary



$$f_i \approx |\pm n_0 f_0 \pm n_s f_s \pm \underbrace{n_n f_n}_{f_{n1} \quad f_{n2}}|$$