



Wireless Communication

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LECTURE 2 WIRELESS COMMUNICATION BASICS

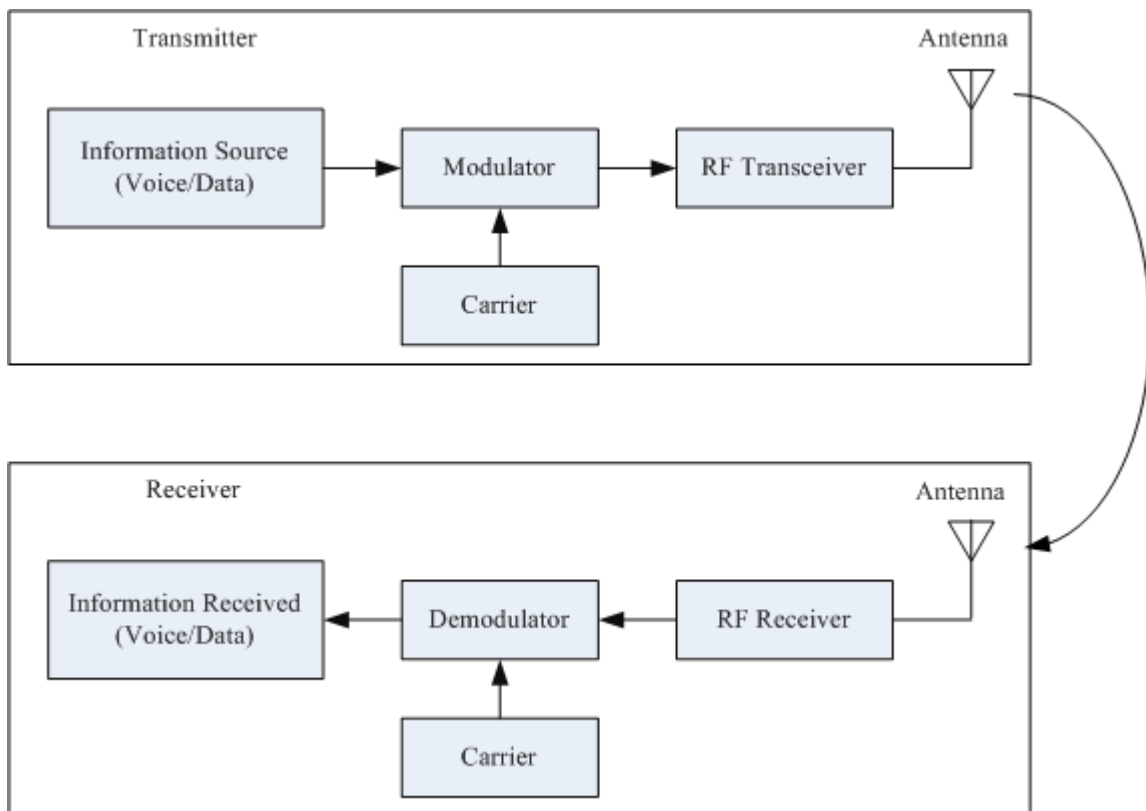
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Basic concepts of wireless communications

▼ Wireless comm.

- EM wave: diff. freq. bands in EM spectrum
- Radio(omni-direction app.)
 - 30MHz - 1GHz
- Microwave(directional trans)
 - 1GHz to 40GHz(satellite/radar comm. / heating)
- Infrared(point-to-point/multipoint app.)
 - 300GHz to 200THz: remote control/optical networks

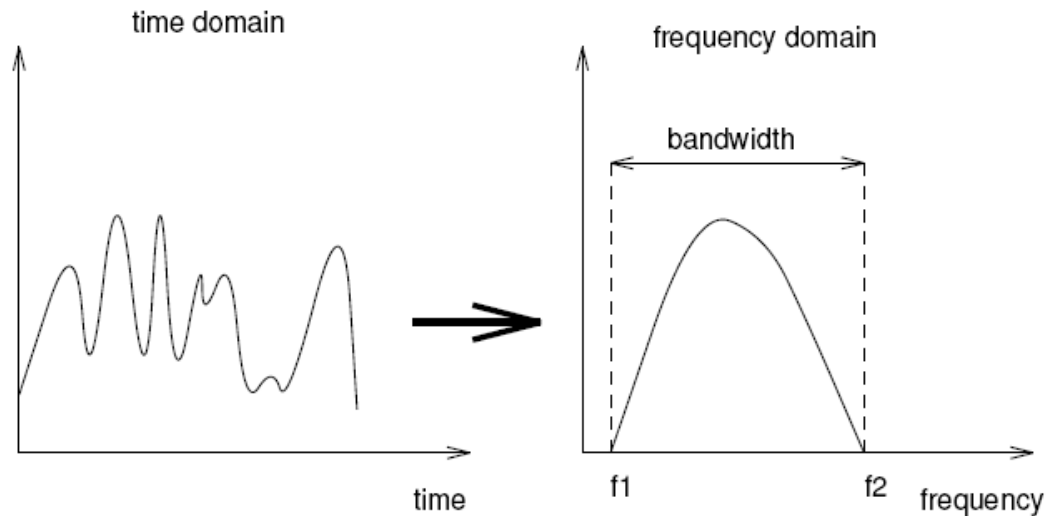
▼ Simplified Wireless Communication System



- Transmitter: data convey info; signal represent data; manipulate signal; transmitted to wireless medium via antenna
- Signal: propagated from transmitter's antenna to receiver's antenna over wireless medium
- Receiver: receive signal from wireless medium via antenna; convert signal to data; derive info

▼ Data vs. Signal

- data: convey meaning/info; analog data / digital data
- Signal: representation of data; analog/digital data



- view as function of time/freq
 - time-domain representation
 - Sinusoidal wave $s(t) = A \sin(2\pi ft + \phi)$ is a periodic signal (most basic one)
 - ◆ Amplitude (A): maximum strength of the signal over time (measured in volts)
 - ◆ Frequency (f): rate at which the signal repeats, measured by cycles per second (called Hertz (Hz))
 - ◆ Period (T): amount of time it takes for one repetition of the signal
 - ▶ Relation: $T = 1/f$
 - ◆ Phase (ϕ): the relative position to the origin within a single cycle of a signal
 - ◆ Wavelength (λ): distance occupied by a single cycle of the signal (the distance between two points of corresponding phase of two consecutive cycles)
 - ▶ Relation: $\lambda = cT = c/f$, $c \cong 3 \times 10^8 \text{m/s}$ (speed of light)
 - freq-domain representation
 - $S(t) = \sin(2\pi ft) + (1/3)\sin(2\pi(3f)t)$
- Bandwidth of signals
 - spectrum - range of freq. that a signal contains
 - bandwidth - width of spectrum of signal(diff. b/t highest & lowest freq.)

▼ Analog vs. Digital

- Analog signal: data \rightarrow signal easily; transmission media only propagate analog signal
- Digital signal: robust to noise interference; suffer more from attenuation(衰减) —— need repeater to retransmit for long distance

▼ Channel Capacity

- channel - single path provided by transmission medium via physical separation / logical separation(freq./time division multiplexing)
- upper limit for signal transmission(capacity)
 - analog - bandwidth; digital - data rate

Signal Propagation

▼ Antennas

- EM signal are produced, transmitted and received via antennas
 - transmitting antenna: transmitter deliver radiates into surrounding in form of radio/microwave signals
 - receiving antenna: convert signals from the environment into alternating current and deliver it to the receiver
- Isotropic radiator(all direction)
- real antenna: quarter wave($\lambda/4$) Marconi antenna on car roof/ half wave dipole

▼ Signal Propagation

- signal propagation in free space is a straight light(line of sight)

$$P_r = G_r G_t \left(\frac{\lambda}{4\pi d} \right)^2 P_t$$

- free space propagation model
 - P_r : received power
 P_t : transmitted power
 G_r, G_t : receiver and transmitter antenna gains
 $\lambda=c/f$: wavelength
- Signal propagation range
 - transmission range: comm. is possible, low error rate
 - interference range: comm. impossible; signal interferes other transmission

- Signal Propagation influence by: shadowing / reflection / scattering / diffraction

▼ Multipath Propagation

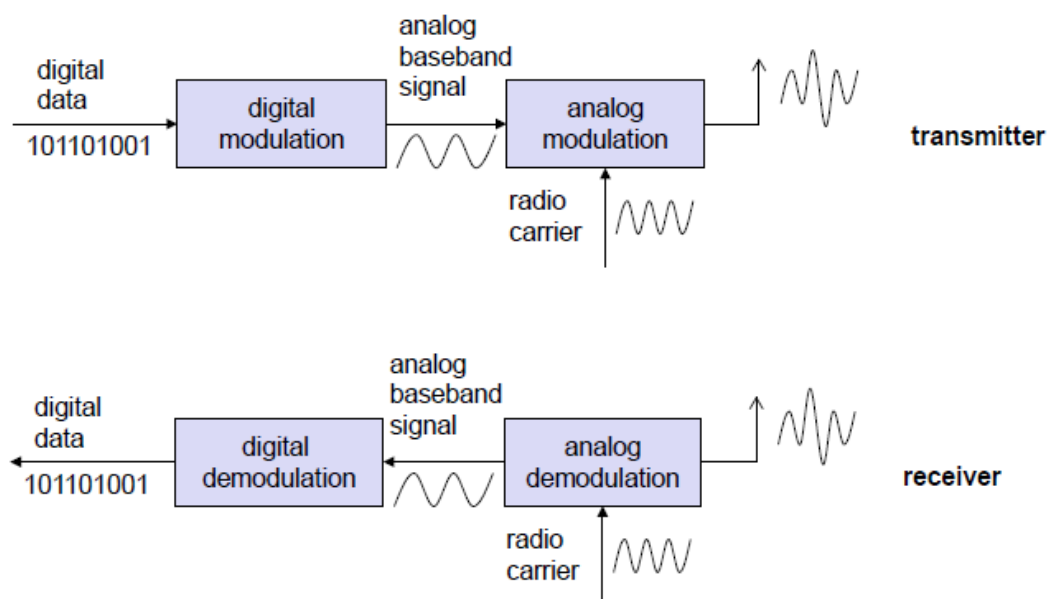
- take different path from sender to receiver; different time; different phase

▼ Fading Effect

- Channel chara. changes over time/location due to
 - signal path change / different delay variation / different phase of different path
 - rapid fluctuation in power received(fast fading)
- other change: surrounding obstacles
 - slow change on average received(short fading) — more smooth

Modulation techniques P23

▼ Modulation and Demodulation



▼ Modulation

- The process how carrier signal is manipulated to carry data info.
 - info signal - typically a low freq. signal(baseband signal)
 - carrier signal - high freq. sinusoid, no info. carry

- modulated signal - parameter in carrier need to be varied over time to represent baseband signal

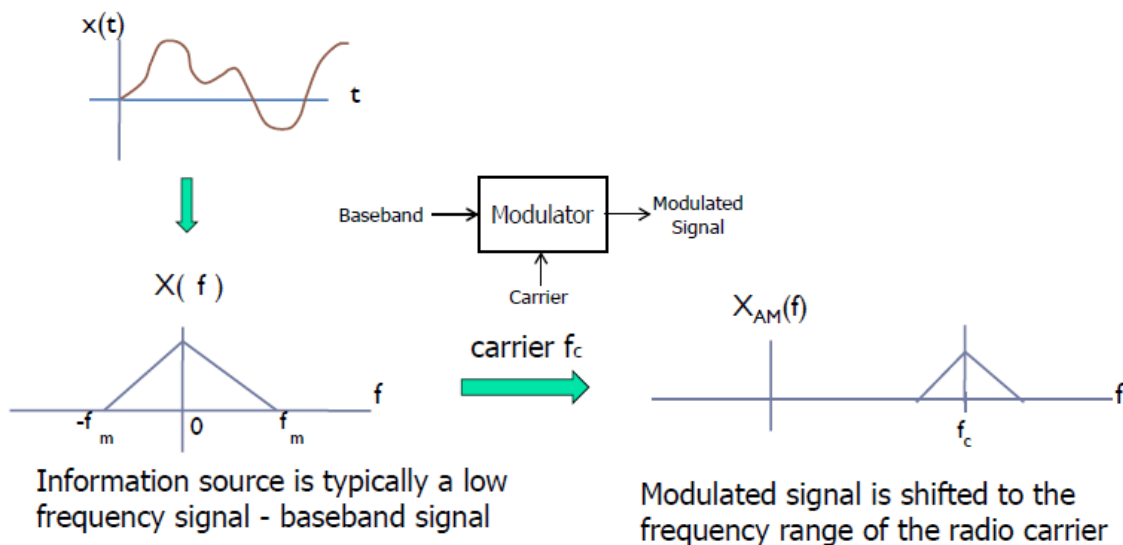
▼ Demodulation

Reverse process of modulation: extract data info from received signal

antenna is too large → no send baseband signal directly

▼ Analog Modulation

- shift center freq. of baseband signal up to freq. range of radio carrier



- why
 - reduce size of antenna (size \propto wavelength)
 - provide freq. division multiplexing by shifting baseband signal to high freq. band
 - avoid signal distortion due to wireless medium chara.
- Basic scheme
 - amplitude modulation (AM): $s(t) = A(t) \sin(2\pi f t)$
 - freq. modulation (FM): $s(t) = A \sin(2\pi f(t)t)$
 - phase modulation (PM): $s(t) = A \sin(2\pi f t + \phi(t))$

▼ Digital Modulation

- Digital data is translated into analog signal (baseband)
 - shift keying, wireless medium only allows analog signal transmission

- Basic Scheme
 - amplitude shift keying(ASK), freq. shift keying(FSK), phase shift keying(PSK)
 - difference in spectral effi, power effi, robustness...

Multiplexing techniques

▼ Multiplexing

- multiplexing allows multiple users' signal to be carried on a single medium
- use the transmission medium more efficient
- ensure low interference: divide medium into several channel that can be used independently without interferences

▼ 4 ways

▼ (SDM)Space-division multiplexing

- separate whole space into cells
- cell use certain band of spectrum for signal transmission
- advantage: simple, increase capacity by reusing freq. in different cell
- disadvantage: inflexible, need handoff

▼ (FDM)Frequency-division multiplexing

- separate whole spectrum into smaller freq. bands
- a channel get certain band of spectrum for whole time
- advantage: no dynamic coordination needed, work for analog signal
- disadvantage: waste of bandwidth if the traffic is distributed unevenly; inflexible; need guard space

▼ (TDM)Time-division multiplexing

- a channel get whole spectrum for certain amount of time
- advantage: 1 carrier in medium at any time; high throughput even for many users
- disadvantage: need precise time synchronization

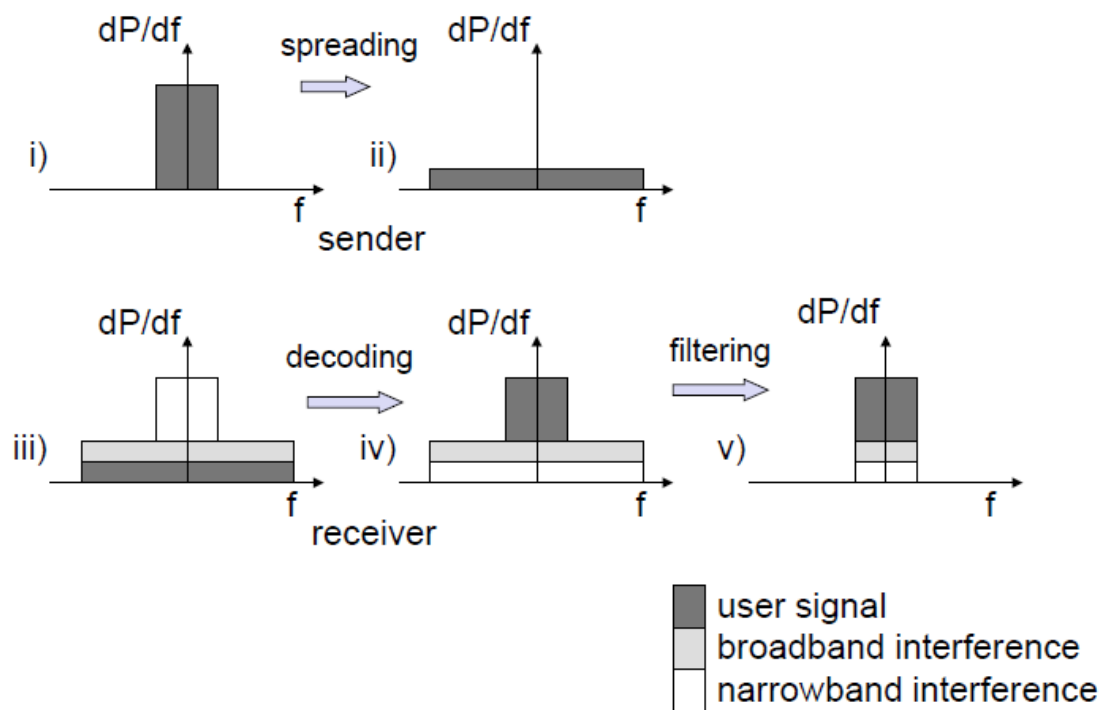
▼ (CDM)Code-division multiplexing

- all channel use the same spectrum at the same time

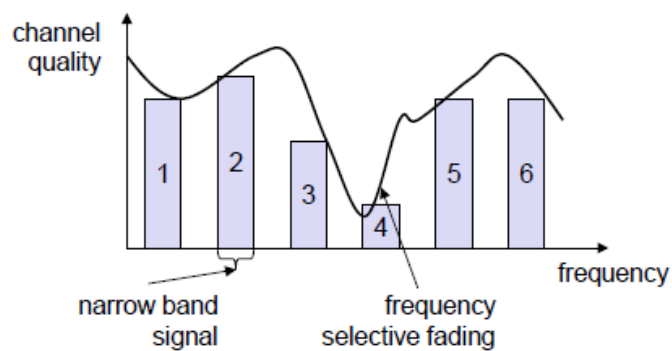
- each channel has a unique code
 - the channels are separated by assigning them their unique code
 - advantage: bandwidth efficient; no coordination and synchronization necessary; good protection against interference
 - disadvantage: lower user data rates; more complex signal regeneration
- ▼ Time and freq. division multiplexing
- Combination of both methods
 - advantages: protection against frequency selective interference; higher data rate compared to code ...
 - disadvantage: precise coordination required
- ▼ Orthogonal Frequency Division Multiplexing
- Multiple channels overlapped to save bandwidth
 - signals at diff. channels not interference at certain freq.
 - advantages: overlapped freq. channels save bandwidth; support higher data rates compared to FDM; solve multipath propagation problem
 - disadvantage: precise time synchronization required

Spread spectrum techniques

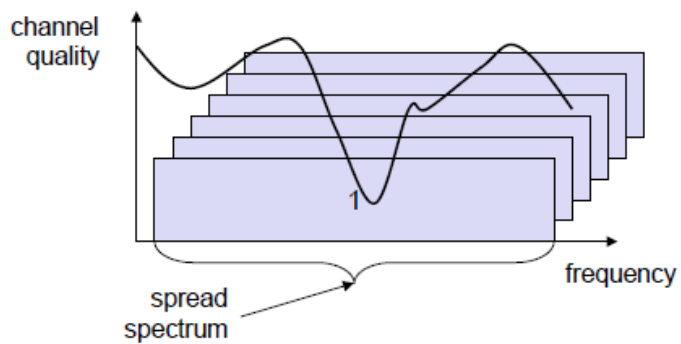
- ▼ Spread Spectrum Techniques
- use wide range of freq. to transmit a narrowband signal to defend against interferences
 - problem of radio transmission: narrow band signals can be wiped out for duration of the interference
 - Solution: spread the narrow band signal into a broad band signal using special code to protect against narrow band interference
- ▼ Interferences



▼ Spreading & Freq selective fading



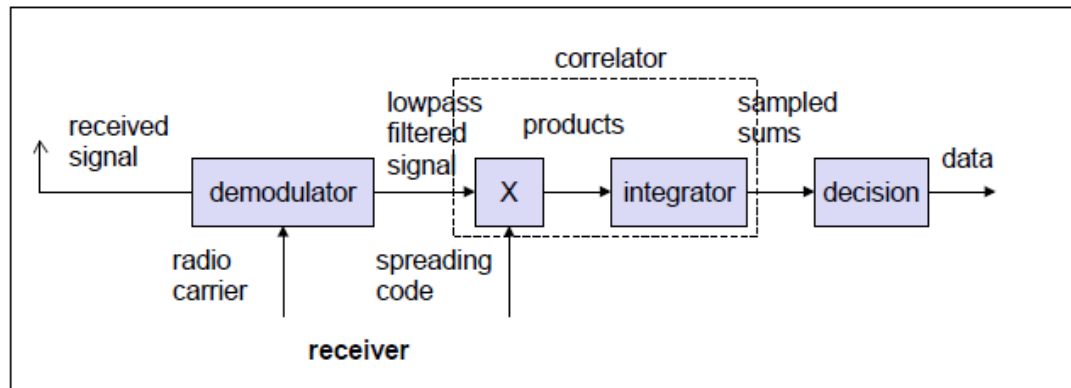
narrowband channels



spread spectrum channels

▼ Techniques

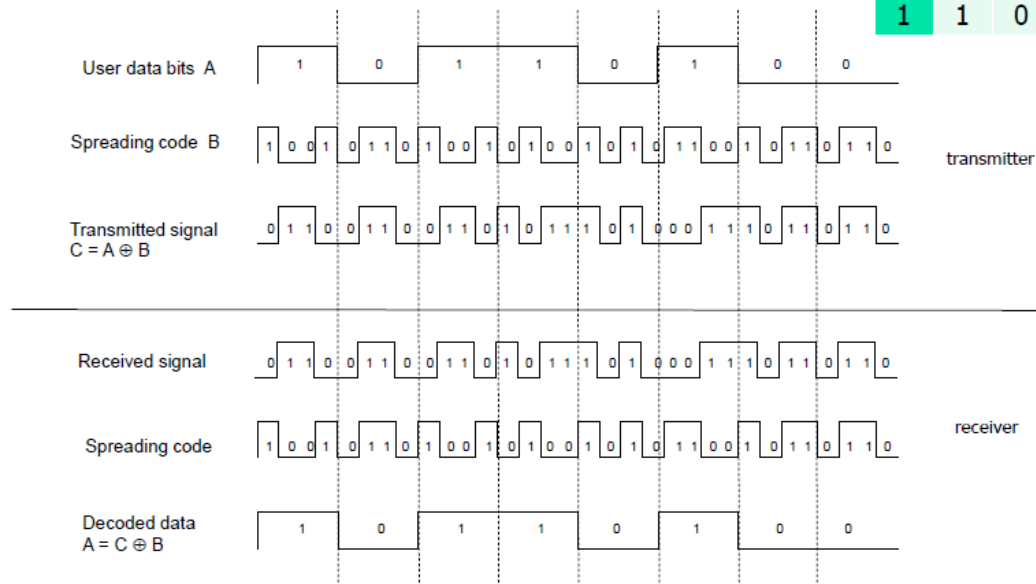
▼ DSSS(direct sequence spread spectrum)



- Transmitter
 - before msg is transmitted, each msg data stream is mixed with spreading code
 - spread code: m-bit chipping seq.
 - effect is spreading signal spectrum across a wider frequency band
 - 1 technique is using exclusive-OR to mix msg data stream with spreading code
 - spread spectrum signal modulated with carrier for transmission
- Receiver
 - received signal is first demodulated to baseband signal
 - the same spreading code is used to decode the baseband signal to the msg data stream via correlator

DSSS Example

XOR	0	1
0	0	1
1	1	0



▼ FHSS(frequency hopping spread spectrum)

- transmitter
 - choose same carrier frequency sequences and synchronize with transmitter in freq. to receive the signal
- receiver
 - choose the same carrier freq. seq. and synchronize w/ transmitter in freq. to receive signal
 - receiver use selected carrier to demodulate the received signal to the band signal
 - baseband signal can further be demodulated to the data stream

▼ Features of spread spectrum

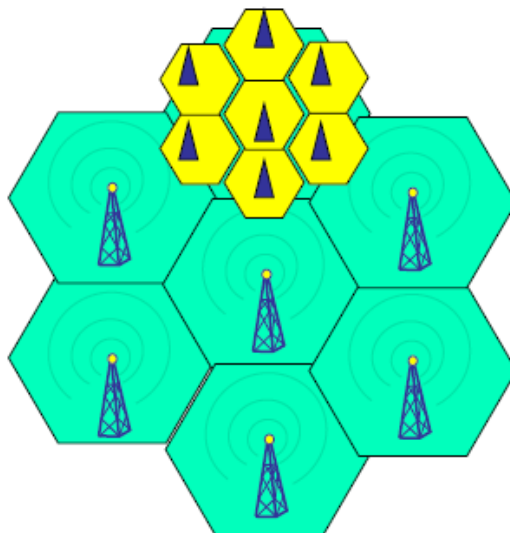
- allow multiple users to use the same freq. band
 - to dedicate receiver that knows patterns of the transmitting signal, spread-spectrum signal is easily detected; for other, spread-spectrum signal like background noise
- higher reliability and security
 - resist to frequency selective fading and interference

- provide secure communication and resist to eavesdropping

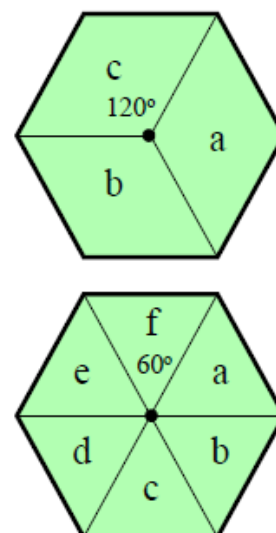
Media access control(MAC) methods

▼ MAC Method

- Regulate multiple terminals to access the shared medium
 - how to allocate medium resource(freq. time slot, spreading codes) to terminal that share the medium
- Approach: channel based methods / packet-based methods
- Channel-based Methods
 - assign each terminal its separated channel in medium for transmission
 - provide collision-free multiple access to the medium
 - more suitable to carry voice
- ▼ SDMA(Space division Multiple Access)



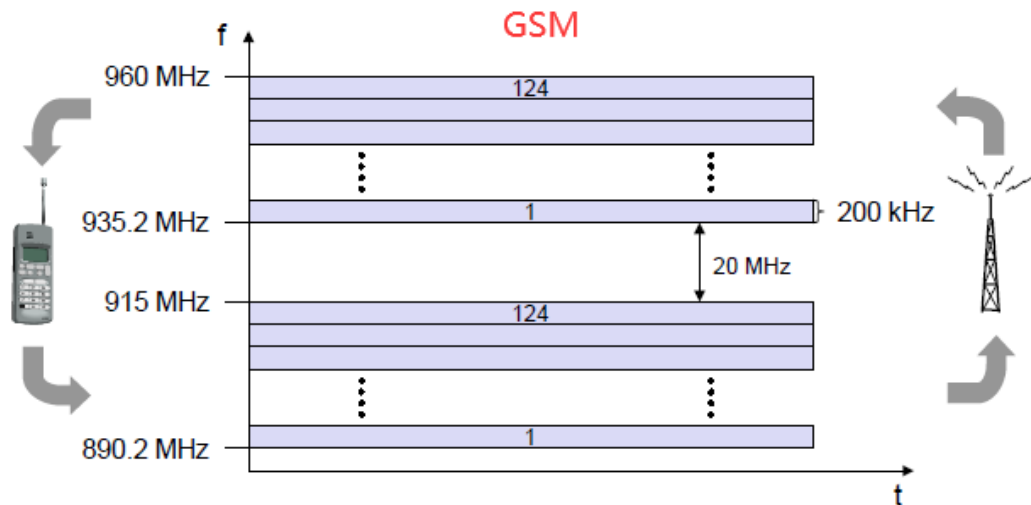
Cell splitting



Cell sectoring

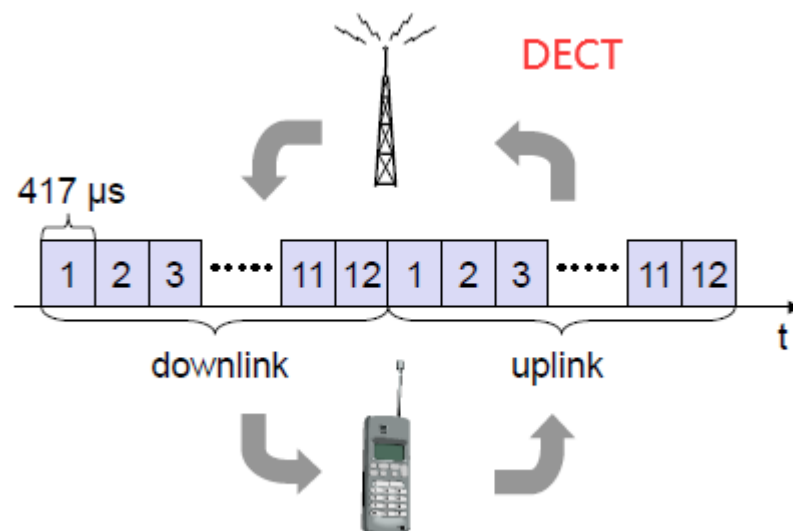
- based on SDM, Segment space into cells
- e.g. cell structure in cellular networks

▼ FDMA(Frequency Division Multiple Access)



- Based on FDM; Allocate freq. to channels / define a freq. hopping pattern
- E.g., 1G system, FH for 2G system

▼ TDMA (Time Division Multiple Access)



- Based on TDM; Allocate time slots to channels in a fixed pattern
- Time can be allocated on demand and in a distributed fashion
- E.g., 2G system

▼ CDMA (Code Division Multiple Access)

■ **Sender A**

- ◆ sends $A_d = 1$, key $A_k = 010011$ (assign: "0" = -1, "1" = +1)
 $A_d = +1$ $A_k = (-1, +1, -1, -1, +1, +1)$
- ◆ sending signal
 $A_s = A_d * A_k = (+1) * (-1, +1, -1, -1, +1, +1)$
 $= (-1, +1, -1, -1, +1, +1)$

■ **Sender B**

- ◆ sends $B_d = 0$, key $B_k = 110101$ (assign: "0" = -1, "1" = +1)
 $B_d = -1$ $B_k = (+1, +1, -1, +1, -1, +1)$
- ◆ sending signal
 $B_s = B_d * B_k = (-1) * (+1, +1, -1, +1, -1, +1)$
 $= (-1, -1, +1, -1, +1, -1)$

■ Both signals superimpose in space

- ◆ interference neglected (noise etc.)
- ◆ $S = A_s + B_s = (-1, +1, -1, -1, +1, +1) + (-1, -1, +1, -1, +1, -1)$
 $= (-2, 0, 0, -2, +2, 0)$

■ **Receivers** receive the combined signal $S = (-2, 0, 0, -2, +2, 0)$

■ **Receiver A**

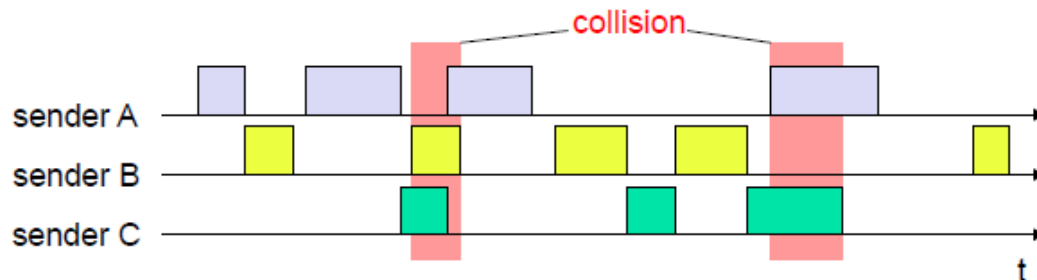
- ◆ apply key A_k to inner product the signal S
 - ▶ $A_e = S \bullet A_k = (-2, 0, 0, -2, +2, 0) \bullet (-1, +1, -1, -1, +1, +1)$
 $= (-2)*(-1)+0*(+1)+0*(-1)+(-2)*(-1)+(+2)*(+1)+0*(+1)$
 $= 2 + 0 + 0 + 2 + 2 + 0 = 6$
- ◆ decision: result $A_e > 0 \Rightarrow$ original bit was "1"

■ **Receiver B**

- ◆ apply key B_k to inner product the signal S
 - ▶ $B_e = S \bullet B_k = (-2, 0, 0, -2, +2, 0) \bullet (+1, +1, -1, +1, -1, +1)$
 $= (-2)*(+1)+0*(+1)+0*(-1)+(-2)*(+1)+(+2)*(-1)+0*(+1)$
 $= -2 + 0 + 0 - 2 - 2 + 0 = -6$
- ◆ decision: result $B_e < 0 \Rightarrow$ original bit was "0"

- Based on CDM –Assign codes to separate different users in code space
- E.g., 3G system
- Packet-based methods
 - access by terminals on demand
 - no dedicated channel for each terminal
 - terminal compete for use of channel to send packet
 - collision may occurs

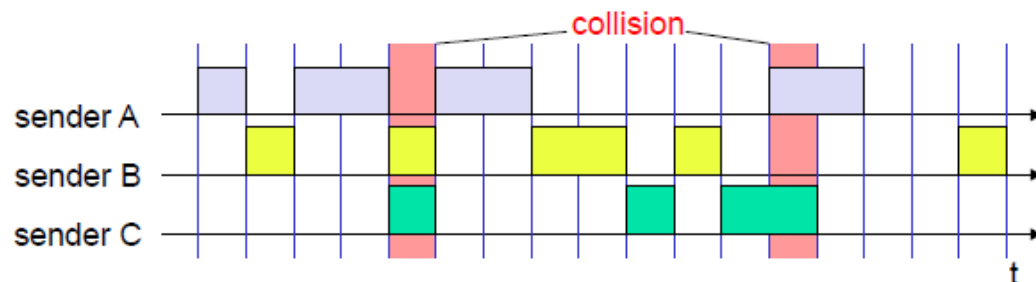
- protocol regulate multiple terminal to randomly access shared medium
- need to resolve transmission collision
- suitable for wireless networks that are designed to send data packets
- ▼ Aloha (grandmother of all random access protocols)



- stations access channel at will and may cause collision

▼ Slotted Aloha

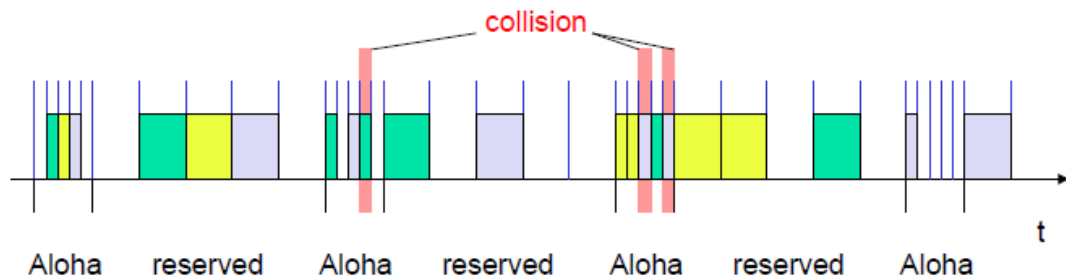
- channel time is divided into slots
- stations access channel at beginning of each slot
- frame transmission occupies the entire slot
- frame is wiped out by collision if one or more other stations also access the same slot



▼ DAMA

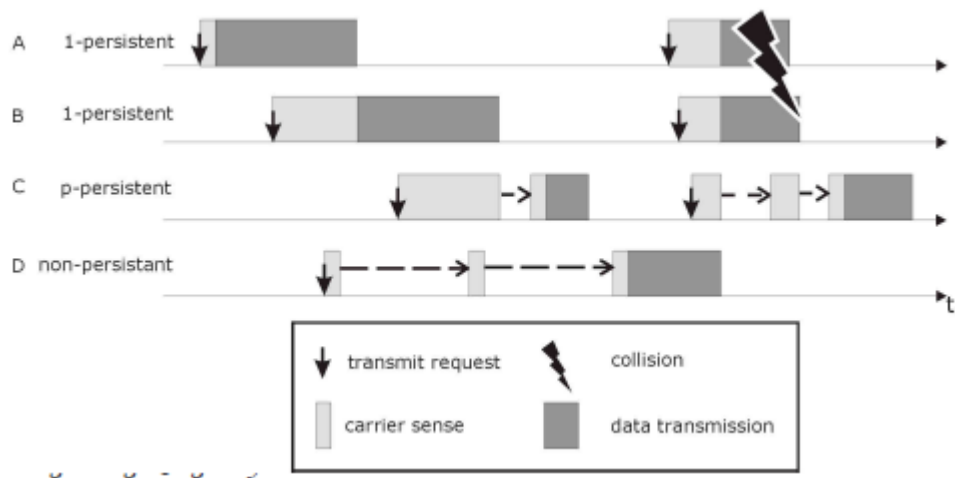
- channel throughput for Aloha is low
18% for Aloha, 36% for slotted Aloha
- DAMA increases throughput to 80%
 - Aloha mode for reservation - sender compete with others to reserve future time slot, collision possible

- Reserve mode for data transmission - reserve slot success → sender can send data without collision



▼ CSMA

- sender will sense the carrier before sending a packet

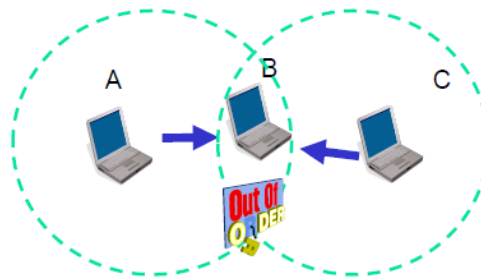


- persistent CSMA
 - when medium is busy a station can persistently wait for medium to become idle, then transmit with probability p
- Non-persistent CSMA
 - when medium is busy, station does not monitor wireless medium all the time, but listens to the medium again at predefined time

▼ CSMA/CD

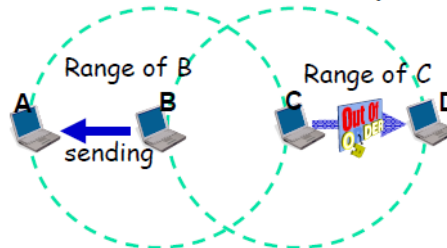
- CD(collision detection): Sender terminates transmission as soon as a collision is detected
- well for wired networks
 - CS mechanism to detect if medium occupied

- CD mechanism to detect if the signal is collided
- not for wireless network
 - CS no work if sending terminal is out of transmission range of sender(hidden terminal)
 - hidden terminal problem
- ◆ A sends to B, C cannot receive A
- ◆ C wants to send to B, C senses a "free" medium (CS fails)
- ◆ Collision at B, A cannot detect the collision (CD fails)
- ◆ A is "hidden" for C -> cause collisions



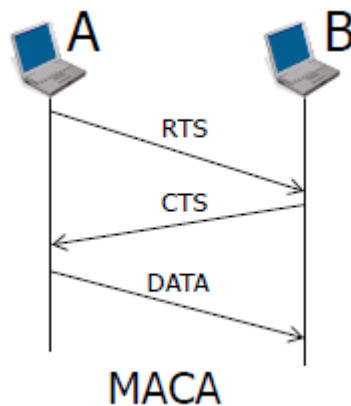
- Exposed terminal problem

- ◆ B sends to A
- ◆ C wants to send to D, CS signals a medium in use, C has to wait
- ◆ Since A is outside radio range of C, waiting is not necessary
- ◆ B is "exposed" to C -> unnecessary blocking



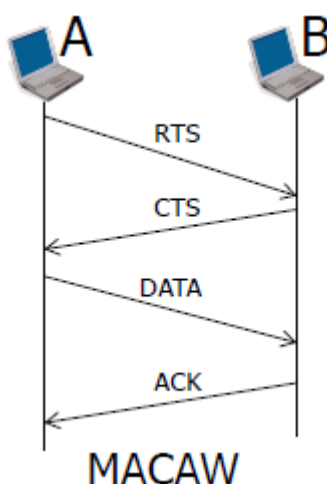
- CD does not work since collision that happens at receiver cannot be detected by the sender

▼ MACA(Multiple Access with Collision Avoidance)



- use short signaling packet(RTS/CTS) for collision avoidance
 - RTS- request to send
If the sender wants to send a data packet, it first broadcasts short RTS packet to receiver to request
 - CTS-clear to send
The receiver grants the right by broadcasting CTS packet when ready to receive
 - DATA
when sender receives CTS, it sends data too receiver

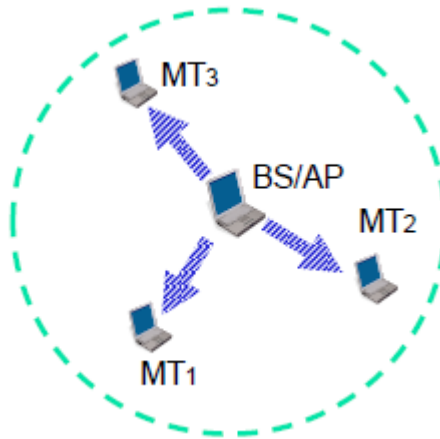
▼ MACAW(Multiple Access with Collision Avoidance for Wireless)



- enhance MACA by requiring receiver send ACK after each successful data transmission
- Error can be quickly recovered in MAC layer than upper network layer

- MACAW can solve hidden terminal problem, but generally do not solve the exposed terminal problem

▼ Polling



- 1 central terminal (base station / access point that can be heard by all others) can poll all other terminals according to a certain schedule
- Example

Example: Randomly Addressed Polling

- ◆ Base station (BS) broadcasts readiness signal to all mobile terminals (MTs)
- ◆ MTs ready to send can transmit a random number to BS without collision (random number used as the dynamic address of MT)
- ◆ BS randomly chooses one address from the list of all random numbers for polling the MT
 - ▶ Collision occurs if two MTs choose the same address
- ◆ BS acknowledges correct packets from that MT and continues polling next MT
- ◆ This cycle repeats after all MTs of the list are polled

