

Analog Communication

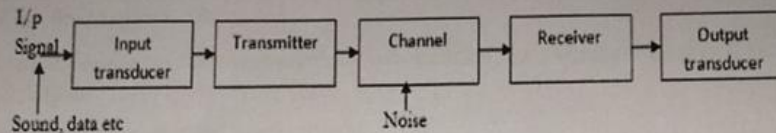


Fig: Basic analog communication system

The elements of basic analog communication system are input signal or information, input transducer, transmitter, channel, Noise, Receiver, Output transducer.

Information or Input signal: The information is transmitted from one place to another.

This information can be in the form of a sound signal like speech, or it can be in the form of pictures or it can be in the form of data information.

Input transducer: The information in the form of sound, picture or data signals cannot be transmitted as it is.

First it has to be converted into a suitable electrical signal.

The input transducer block does this job.

The input transducer commonly used are microphones, TV etc.

Transmitter: The function of the transmitter is to convert the electrical equivalent of the information to a suitable form so that it can transfer over long distance.

Basic block in transmitter are: Amplifier, Oscillator, Mixer.

Channel: The communication channel is the medium used for transmission of electrical signal from one place to other.

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Radio communication: The radio communication systems use the free space as their communication medium. The transmitted signal is in the form of electromagnetic waves. E.g. Mobile communication, satellite communication.

Noise: Noise is an unwanted electrical signal which gets added to the transmitted signal when it is travelling towards the receiver.

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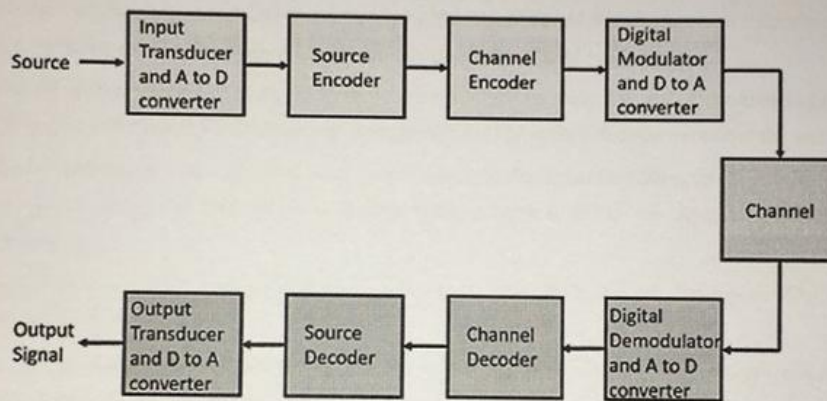
Receiver: The receiver always converts the modulated signal into original signal which consist of Amplifier, Oscillator, Mixer.

Output transducer: Output transducer converts electrical signal into the original form i.e. sound or TV pictures etc.

E.g. Loudspeaker, data and image convertor.

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Basic Elements of a Digital Communication System

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Input Transducer: This is a transducer which takes a physical input and converts it to an electrical signal (**Example:** microphone). This block also consists of an **analog to digital** converter where a digital signal is needed for further processes.

A digital signal is generally represented by a binary sequence.

Source Encoder: The source encoder compresses the data into minimum number of bits. This process helps in effective utilization of the bandwidth. It removes the redundant bits (unnecessary excess bits, i.e., zeroes).

Channel Encoder: The channel encoder, does the coding for error correction. During the transmission of the signal, due to the noise in the channel, the signal may get altered and hence to avoid this, the channel encoder adds some redundant bits to the transmitted data. These are the error correcting bits.

Digital Modulator: The signal to be transmitted is modulated here by a carrier. The signal is also converted to analog from the digital sequence, in order to make it travel through the channel or medium.

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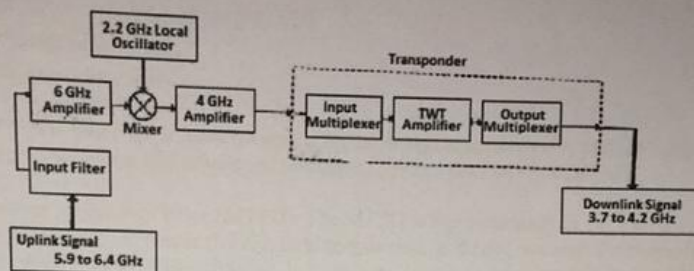
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Digital system is not immune to noise but the effect can be reduced. The main advantage of digital system is the use of multiplexing and switching. Time division multiplexing is used to multiplex different signals together on the same channel the bottleneck of this system is the complexity of the system and larger bandwidth requirement.

Satellite Communication

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The signal path from the earth station transmitter to the satellite receiver is called the Uplink, and the path from the satellite to the earth is known as the downlink. Usually Geosynchronous orbit is chosen to place the satellite. This orbit is such that occupies a circular orbit above the equator at a distance of 35 thousand kilometer above earth surface. The satellite period in this orbit is same as that of earth rotational period. If the satellite is rotating in the same direction as that of earth's rotation, the satellite will appear as almost stagnant with respect to earth surface hence these satellites are called as Geostationary satellites and the orbit is termed as geostationary orbits.

Signals obtained from satellites are at different frequencies. These signals are amplified and then moved to another frequency for transmission by an equipment called Transponder. Two way communications is established with the help of Transponder. Satellites equipped with two transponders are capable of TV signals and 240 telephone lines. These transmitting and receiving signal frequencies are widely separated to avoid interferences.

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Principle of operation of Mobile phone

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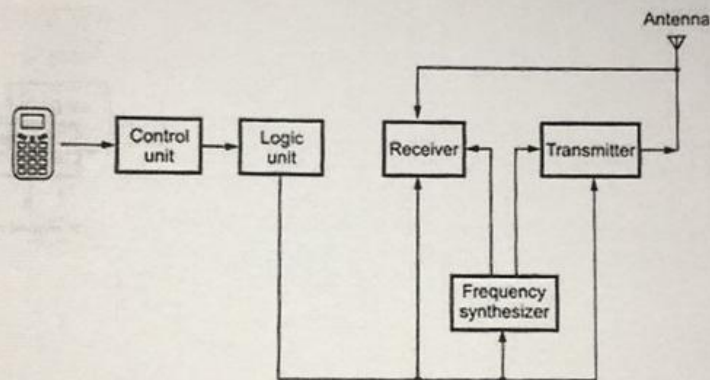
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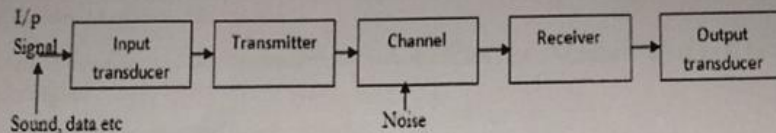


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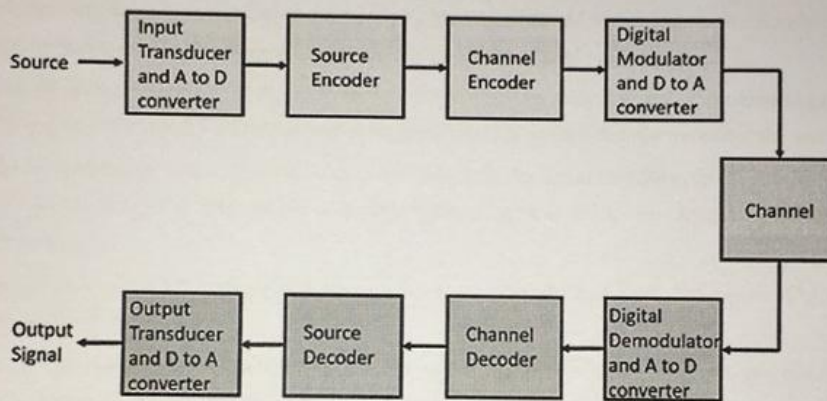
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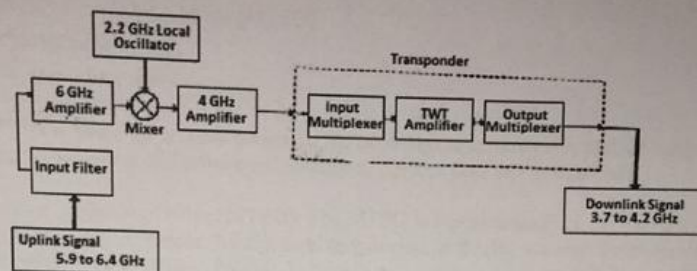
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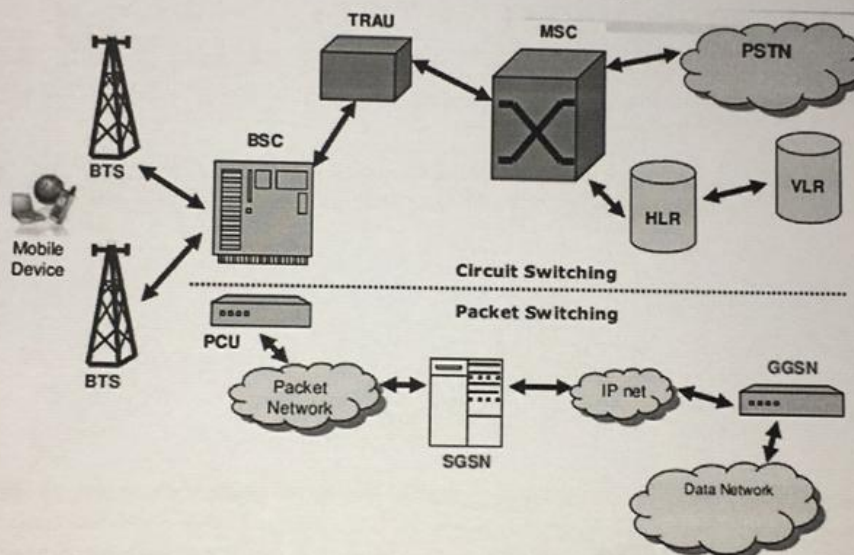
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- mobile telephone switching office (MTSO)
- cell site with antenna system
- mobile subscriber unit (MSU)

PSTN: The PSTN is made up of local networks, the exchange area networks, and the long-haul network that interconnect telephones and other communication devices on a worldwide basis.

Mobile Telephone Switching Office (MTSO): The MTSO is the central office for mobile switching. It houses the mobile switching center (MSC), field monitoring, and relay stations for switching calls from cell sites to wireline central offices (PSTN). In analog cellular networks, the MSC controls the system operation. The MSC controls calls, tracks billing information, and locates cellular subscribers.

The Cell Site: The term cell site is used to refer to the physical location of radio equipment that provides coverage within a cell. A list of hardware located at a cell site includes power sources, interface equipment, radio frequency transmitters and receivers, and antenna systems.



BTS (Base Transceiver Station): main component of a cell and it connects the subscriber to the cellular network. For transmission and reception of information it uses several antennas.

BSC (Base Station Controller): it is an interface between BTSs and it is linked to BTS by cable or microwave links.

It routes calls between BTSs

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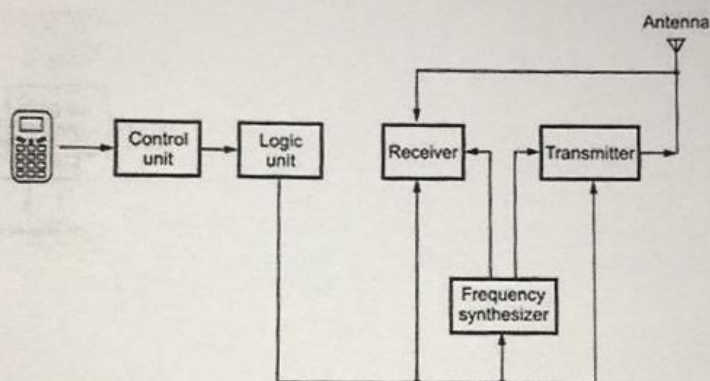
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