

EEEN3008J: Advance wireless communications

Cellular Wireless Networks

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Outline of the Last Lecture

- Cellular Network Introduction
- Concept of Frequency Reuse
- Cellular System Architecture
- Handoff and Power Control
- Traffic Engineering
 - Erlang B formula

$$P = \frac{\frac{A^N}{N!}}{\sum_{x=0}^N \frac{A^x}{x!}}$$

where

A = offered traffic, erlangs

N = number of servers

P = probability of blocking (grade of service)



Problem 1

Consider a 7-cell system covering an area of 3100 km^2 . The traffic in the seven cells is as follows:

| Cell number | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 |
|-------------------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|
| Traffic (Erlangs) | 30.8 | 66.7 | 48.6 | 33.2 | 38.2 | 37.8 | 32.6 |

Each user generates an average of 0.03 Erlangs of traffic per hour, with a mean holding time of 120 s. The system consists of a total of 395 channels and is designed for a grade of service of 0.02.

- a. Determine the number of subscribers in each cell.
- b. Determine the number of calls per hour per subscriber.
- c. Determine the number of calls per hour in each cell.
- d. Determine the number of channels required in each cell. *Hint:* You will need to extrapolate using Table P1
- e. Determine the total number of subscribers.
- f. Determine the average number of subscribers **per channel**.
- g. Determine the subscriber density per km^2 .
- h. Determine the total traffic (total Erlangs).
- i. Determine the Erlangs per km^2 .
- j. What is the radius of a cell?

Table P1

| Number of Servers (N) | Capacity (Erlangs) for Grade of Service of | | | | |
|-----------------------|--|---------------------|----------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|
| | P = 0.02 (1/50) | P = 0.01 (1/100) | P = 0.005 (1/200) | P = 0.002 (1/500) | P = 0.001 (1/1000) |
| 1 | 0.02 | 0.01 | 0.005 | 0.002 | 0.001 |
| 4 | 1.09 | 0.87 | 0.7 | 0.53 | 0.43 |
| 5 | 1.66 | 1.36 | 1.13 | 0.9 | 0.76 |
| 10 | 5.08 | 4.46 | 3.96 | 3.43 | 3.09 |
| 20 | 13.19 | 12.03 | 11.10 | 10.07 | 9.41 |
| 24 | 16.64 | 15.27 | 14.21 | 13.01 | 12.24 |
| 40 | 31.0 | 29.0 | 27.3 | 25.7 | 24.5 |
| 70 | 59.13 | 56.1 | 53.7 | 51.0 | 49.2 |
| 100 | 66.7 | 84.1 | 80.9 | 77.4 | 75.2 |

$$P = \frac{\frac{A^N}{N!}}{\sum_{x=0}^N \frac{A^x}{x!}}$$

where

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Erlang B Formula Calculator



Solution to Problem 1

a. Number of subscribers = Traffic / 0.03

| Cell number | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 |
|-------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| Subscribers | 1026.7 | 2223.3 | 1620.0 | 1106.7 | 1273.3 | 1260.0 | 1086.7 |

b. Number of calls per hour per subscriber = $\lambda = A/h = 0.03/(120/3600) = 0.9$

c. Multiply results of part (a) by 0.9

| Cell number | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 |
|----------------|-----|------|------|-----|------|------|-----|
| Calls per hour | 924 | 2001 | 1458 | 996 | 1146 | 1134 | 978 |

d. The table in the problem statement gives the value of A . Use $P = 0.02$. Find N .

| Cell number | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 |
|-------------|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|
| Channels | 40 | 78 | 59 | 43 | 48 | 48 | 42 |

e. Total number of subscribers = the sum of the values from part (a) = 9597

f. From (d), the total number of channels required = 358

Average number of subscribers per channel = $9597/358 = 26.8$

g. Subscriber density = $9597/3100 = 3.1$ subscribers per km^2

h. Total traffic = the sum of the values from table in the problem statement = 287.9

i. Erlangs per $\text{km}^2 = 287.9/3100 = 0.09$

j. The area of a hexagon of radius R is $A = 1.5R^2\sqrt{3}$. For $A = 3100/7 = 442.86 \text{ km}^2$ we have $R = 13 \text{ km}$

First-Generation Analog

- Advanced Mobile Phone Service (AMPS)
 - In North America, two 25-MHz bands allocated to AMPS
 - One for transmission from base to mobile unit
 - One for transmission from mobile unit to base
 - Each band split in two to encourage competition
 - Frequency reuse exploited



AMPS Operation

- Subscriber initiates call by keying in phone number and presses send key
- MTSO verifies number and authorizes user
- MTSO issues message to user's cell phone indicating send and receive traffic channels
- MTSO sends ringing signal to called party
- Party answers; MTSO establishes circuit and initiates billing information
- Either party hangs up; MTSO releases circuit, frees channels, completes billing



Differences Between First and Second Generation Systems

- Digital traffic channels – first-generation systems are almost purely analog; second-generation systems are digital
 - Using FDMA/TDMA or CDMA
- Encryption – all second generation systems provide encryption to prevent eavesdropping
- Error detection and correction – second-generation digital traffic allows for detection and correction, giving clear voice reception
- Channel access – second-generation systems allow channels to be dynamically shared by a number of users

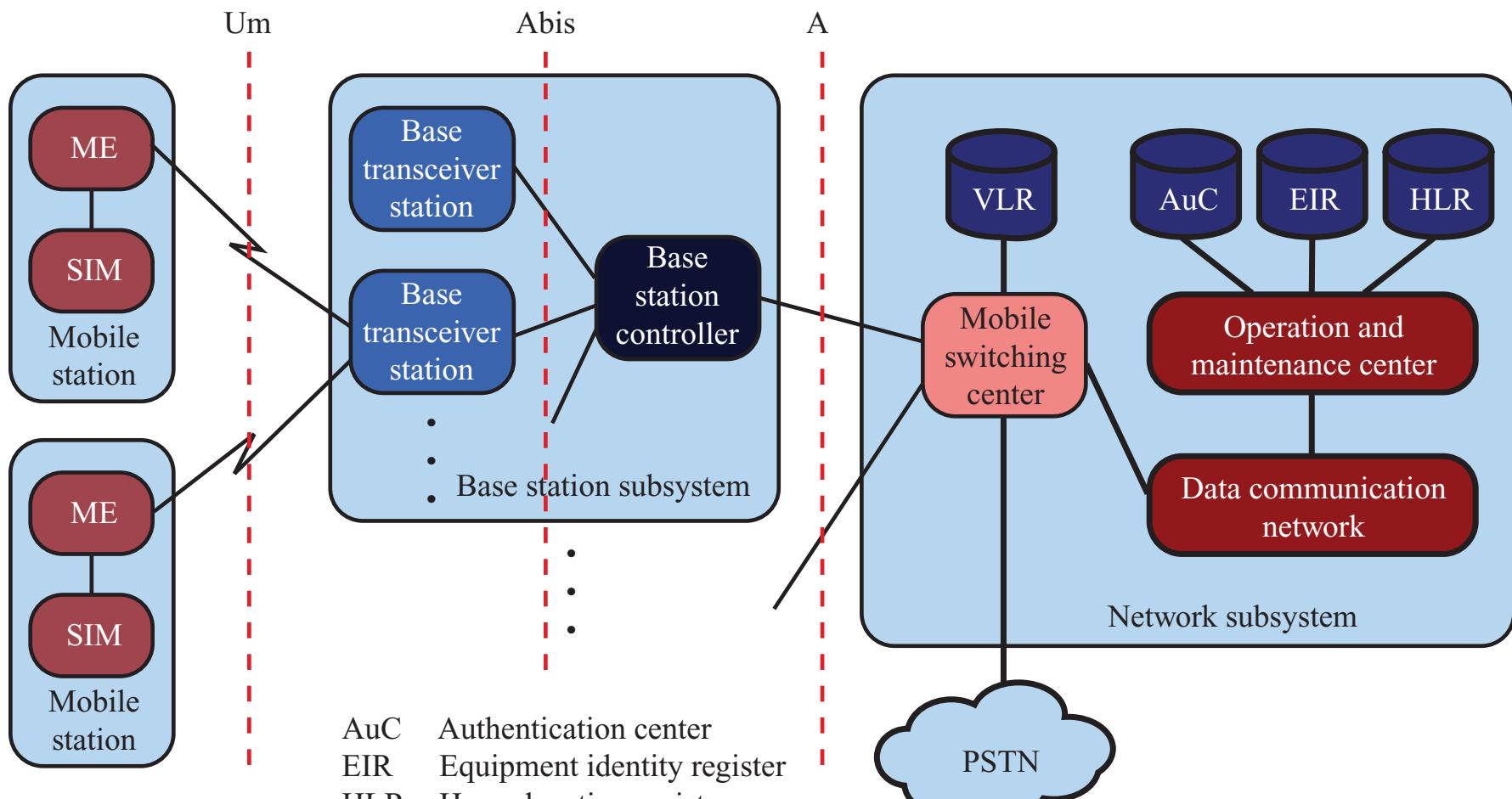


Global System for Mobile Communications (GSM)

- FDMA/TDMA approach
- Developed to provide a common second-generation technology for Europe
 - Over 6.9 billion subscriber units by the end of 2013
- Mobile station communicates across the Um interface (air interface) with base station transceiver in the same cell as mobile unit
- Mobile equipment (ME) – physical terminal, such as a telephone or PCS
 - ME includes radio transceiver, digital signal processors and subscriber identity module (SIM)
- GSM subscriber units are generic until SIM is inserted
 - SIMs roam, not necessarily the subscriber devices



GSM Architecture



| | |
|-------------|-----------------------------------|
| AuC | Authentication center |
| EIR | Equipment identity register |
| HLR | Home location register |
| ME | Mobile equipment |
| PSTN | Public switched telephone network |
| SIM | Subscriber identity module |
| VLR | Visitor location register |

Base Station Subsystem (BSS)

- BSS consists of base station controller and one or more base transceiver stations (BTS)
- Each BTS defines a single cell
 - Includes radio antenna, radio transceiver and a link to a base station controller (BSC)
- BSC reserves radio frequencies, manages handoff of mobile unit from one cell to another within BSS, and controls paging



Network Subsystem (NS)

- NS provides link between cellular network and public switched telecommunications networks
 - Controls handoffs between cells in different BSSs
 - Authenticates users and validates accounts
 - Enables worldwide roaming of mobile users
- Central element of NS is the mobile switching center (MSC)



Mobile Switching Center (MSC) Databases

- Home location register (HLR) database – stores information about each subscriber that belongs to it
- Visitor location register (VLR) database – maintains information about subscribers currently physically in the region
- Authentication center database (AuC) – used for authentication activities, holds encryption keys
- Equipment identity register database (EIR) – keeps track of the type of equipment that exists at the mobile station



GSM Radio Link

- Combination of FDMA and TDMA
- 200 kHz carriers
- Each with a data rate of 270.833 kbps
- 8 users share each carrier



Generalized Packet Radio Service (GPRS)

- Phase 2 of GSM
 - Provides a datagram switching capability to GSM
 - Instead of sending data traffic over a voice connection which requires setup, sending data, and teardown
 - GPRS allows users to open a persistent data connection
 - Also has a new system architecture for data traffic
 - 21.4 kbps from a 22.8 kbps gross data rate
 - Can combine up to 8 GSM connections
- Overall throughputs up to 171.2 kbps



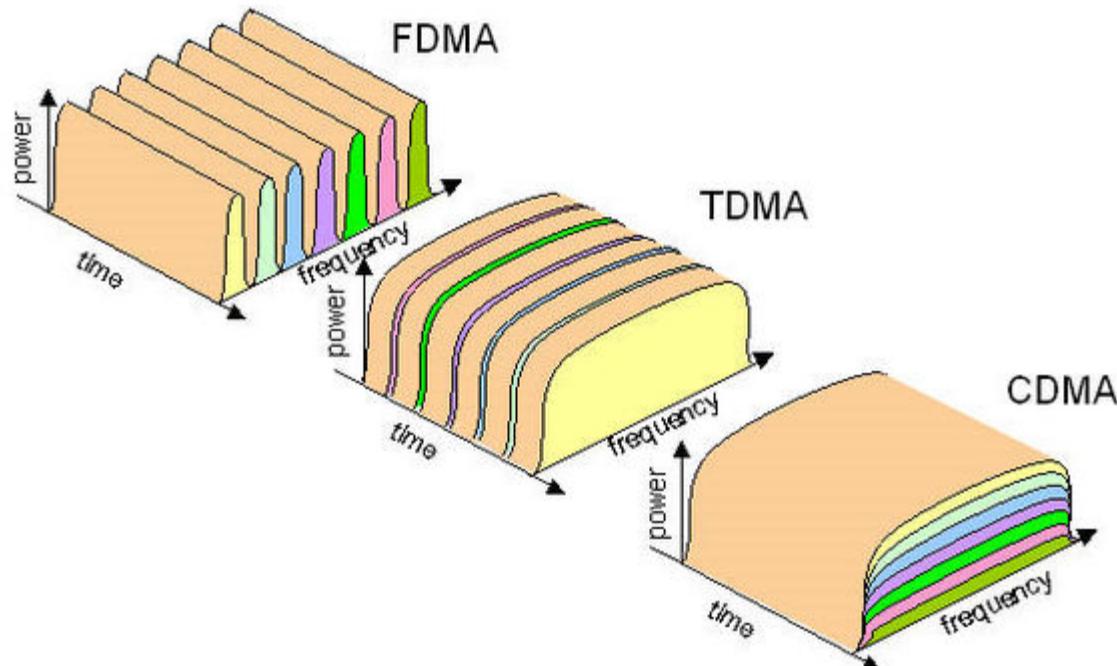
Enhanced Data Rates for GSM Evolution (EDGE)

- The next generation of GSM
 - Not yet 3G, so called “2.5G” by some
- Three-fold increase in data rate
 - Up to 3 bits/symbol for 8-PSK from 1 bit/symbol for GMSK for GSM.
 - Max data rates per channel up to $22.8 \times 3 = 68.4$ kbps per channel
 - Using all eight channels in a 200 kHz carrier, gross data transmission rates up to 547.2 kbps became possible
 - Actual throughput up to 513.6 kbps.
- A later release of EDGE (3GPP Release 7) increased downlink data rates over 750 kbps and uplink data rates over 600 kbps



Spread Spectrum

Before we study 3G we will have a look at spread spectrum and CDMA.

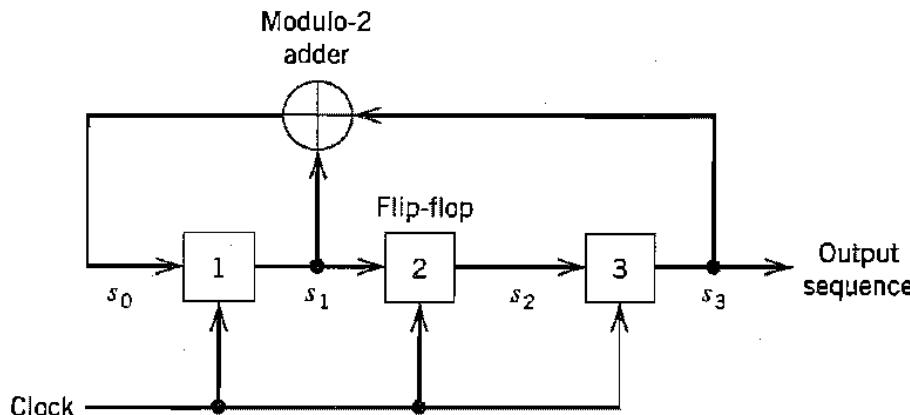
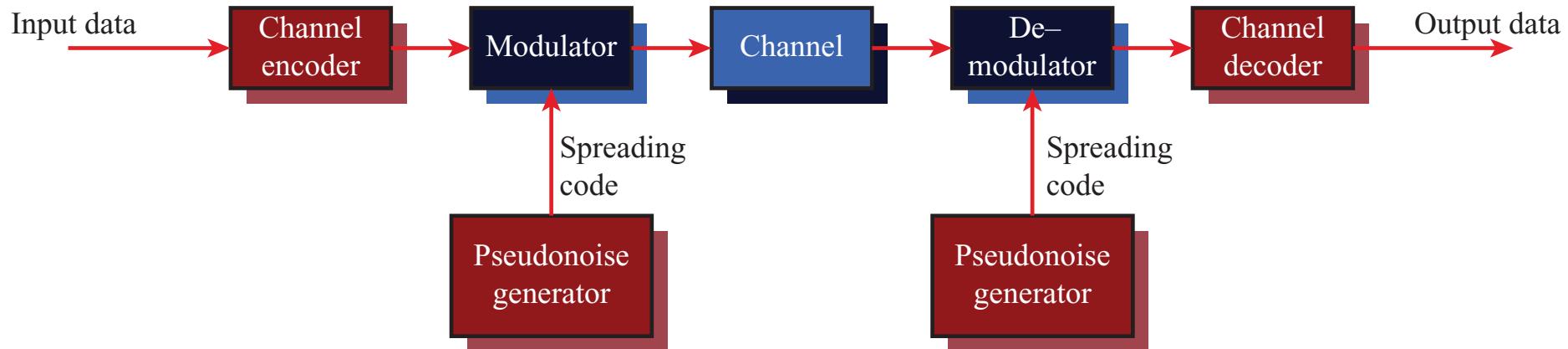


Spread Spectrum

- Input is fed into a channel encoder
 - Produces analog signal with narrow bandwidth
- Signal is further modulated using sequence of digits
 - Spreading code or spreading sequence
 - Generated by pseudonoise, or pseudo-random number generator
- Effect of modulation is to increase bandwidth of signal to be transmitted

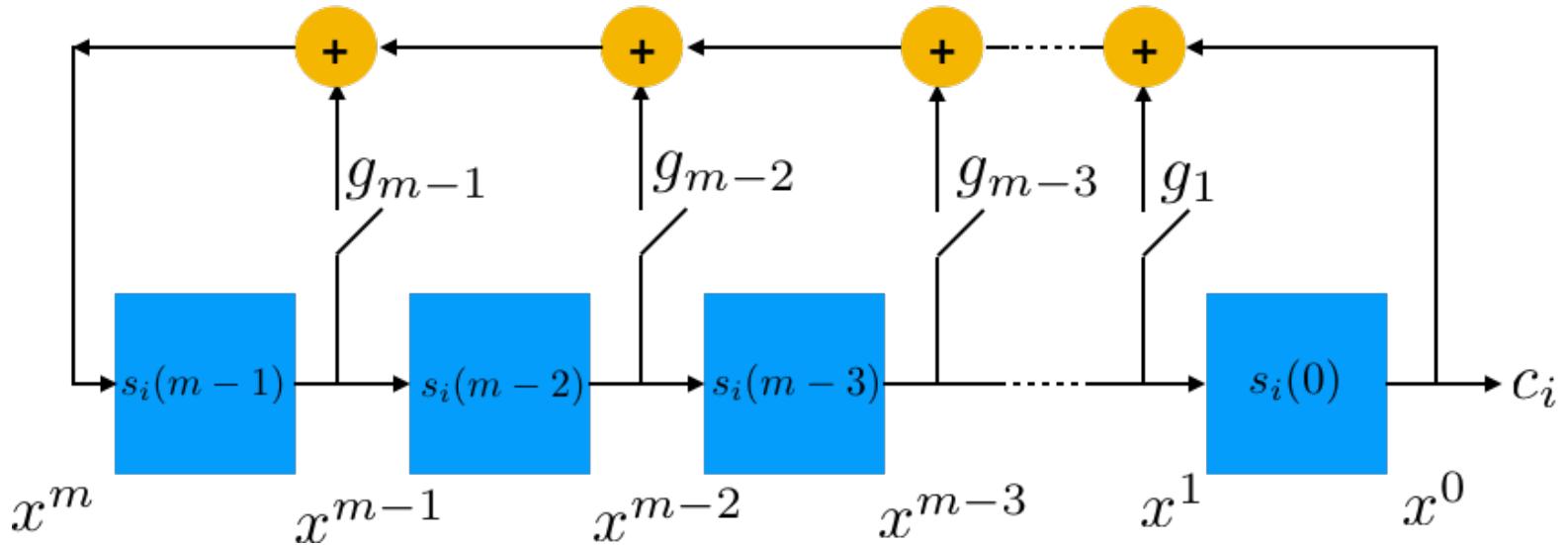


General Model of Spread Spectrum Digital Communication System



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PN Sequence

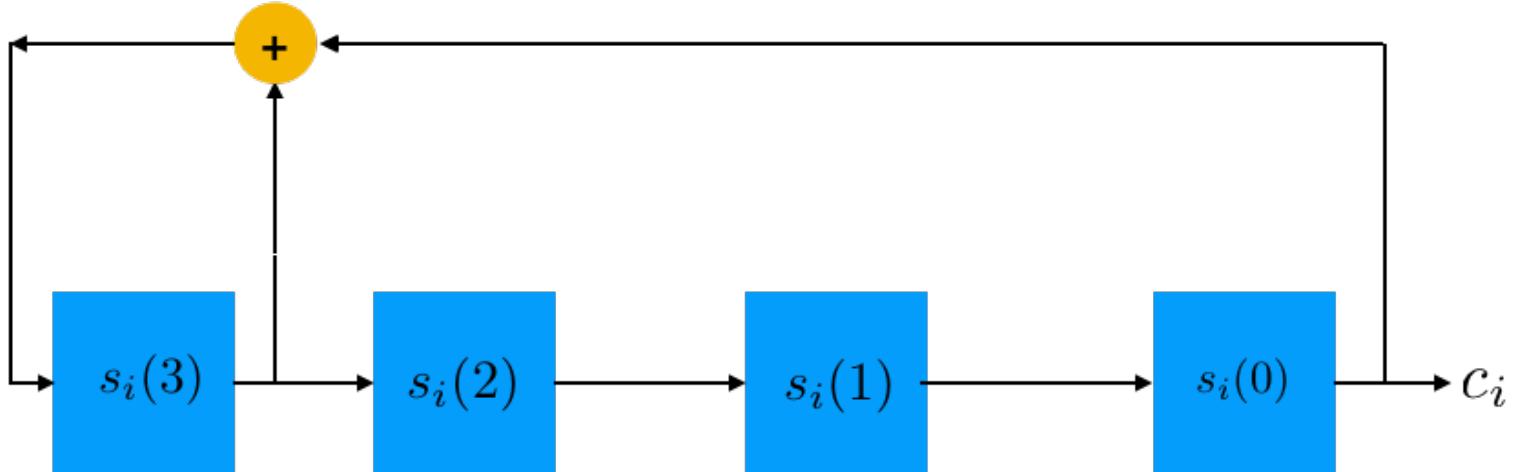


$$g(x) = g_m x^m + g_{m-1} x^{m-1} + \cdots + g_1 x + g_0$$

Output sequence recurrence condition according to $g(x)$

$$c_{i+m} = g_{m-1} c_{i+m-1} + g_{m-2} c_{i+m-2} + \cdots + g_1 c_{i+1} + c_i \pmod{2}$$

PN Sequence: Shift-Register Implementation



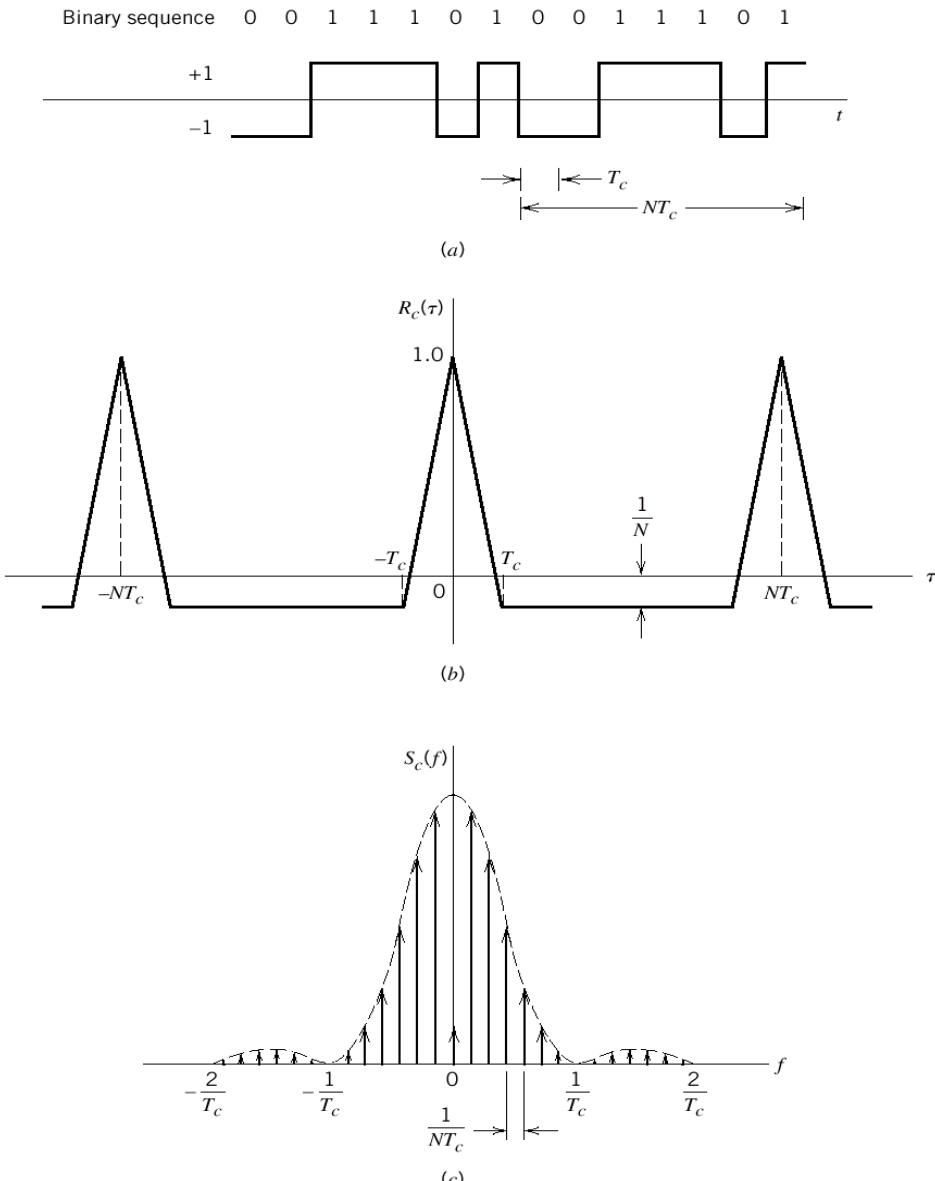
$$g(x) = x^4 + x^3 + 1.$$

$$g_4 = 1, g_3 = 1, g_2 = 0, g_1 = 0, g_0 = 1$$

$$s_i(3) = 1, s_i(2) = 0, s_i(1) = 0, \text{ and } s_i(0) = 1$$

Using the recurrence relation above and setting $c_0 = 1, c_1 = 0, c_2 = 0, c_3 = 1$ we get $c_4 = g_3c_3 + g_2c_2 + g_1c_1 + c_0 = 1 + 0 + 0 + 1 = 0$ continuing in this manner we get: $c_5 = g_3c_4 + g_2c_3 + g_1c_2 + c_1 = 0 + 0 + 0 + 0 = 0$ $c_6 = 0, c_7 = 1, c_8 = 1, c_9 = 1, c_{10} = 1, c_{11} = 0, c_{12} = 1, c_{13} = 0$ $c_{14} = 1, \text{ and } c_{15} = 1$. Therefore the sequence is 1, 0, 0, 1, 0, 0, 0, 1, 1, 1, 1, 0, 1, 1, 1 and the period is 15.

PN Sequence



(a) Waveform of PN sequence for length $m = 3$ or period $N = 7$.

(b) Autocorrelation function.

(c) Power spectral density.

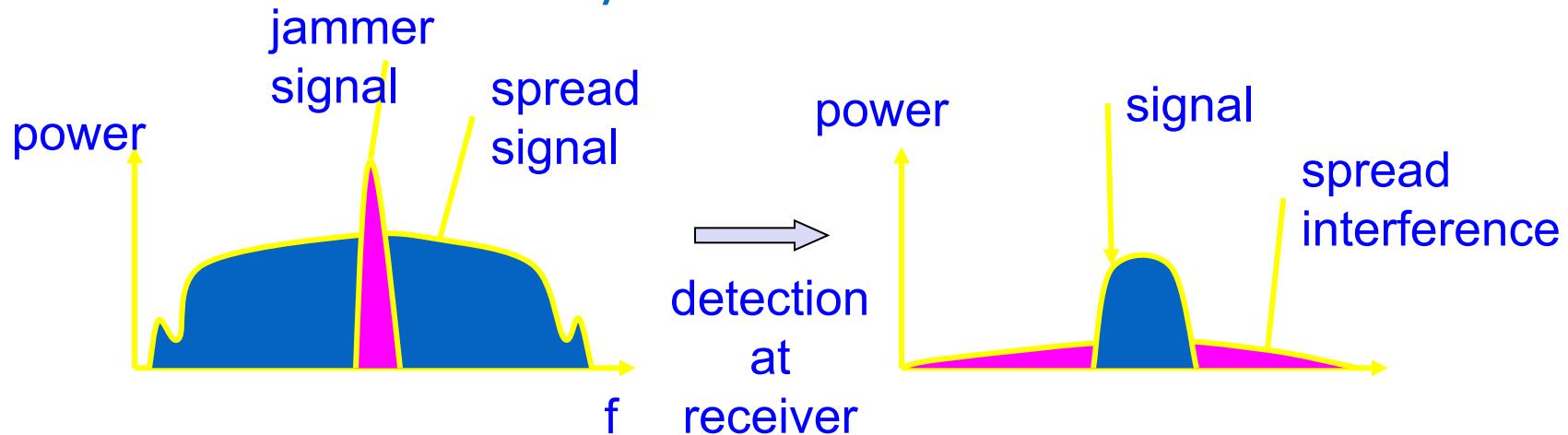
Spread Spectrum

- On receiving end, digital sequence is used to demodulate the spread spectrum signal
- Signal is fed into a channel decoder to recover data



Spread Spectrum

- What can be gained from apparent waste of spectrum?
 - Immunity from various kinds of noise and multipath distortion
 - Can be used for hiding and encrypting signals
 - Several users can independently use the same higher bandwidth with very little interference

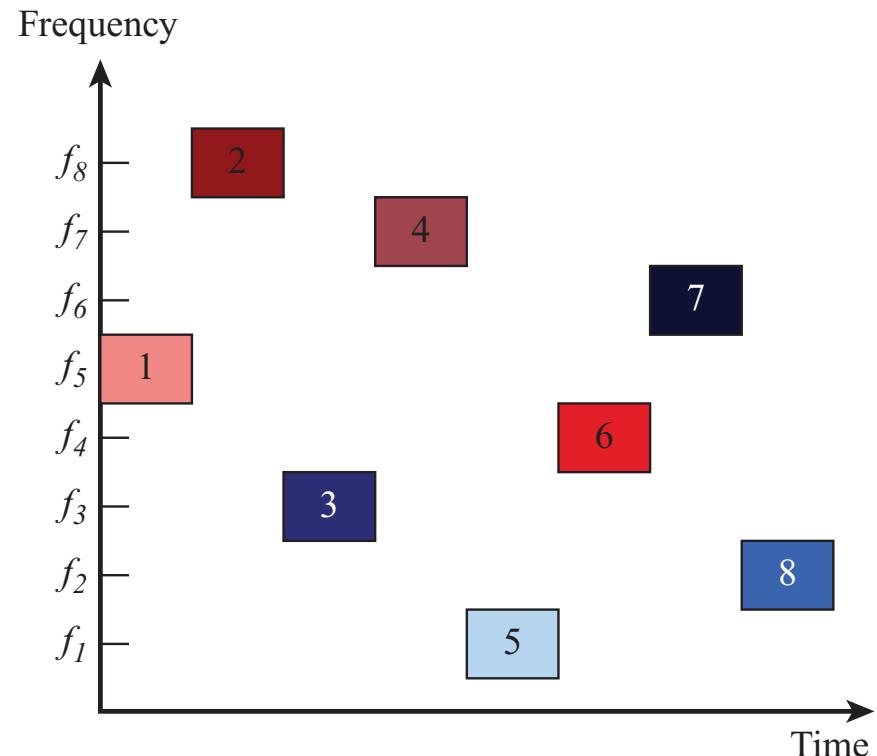
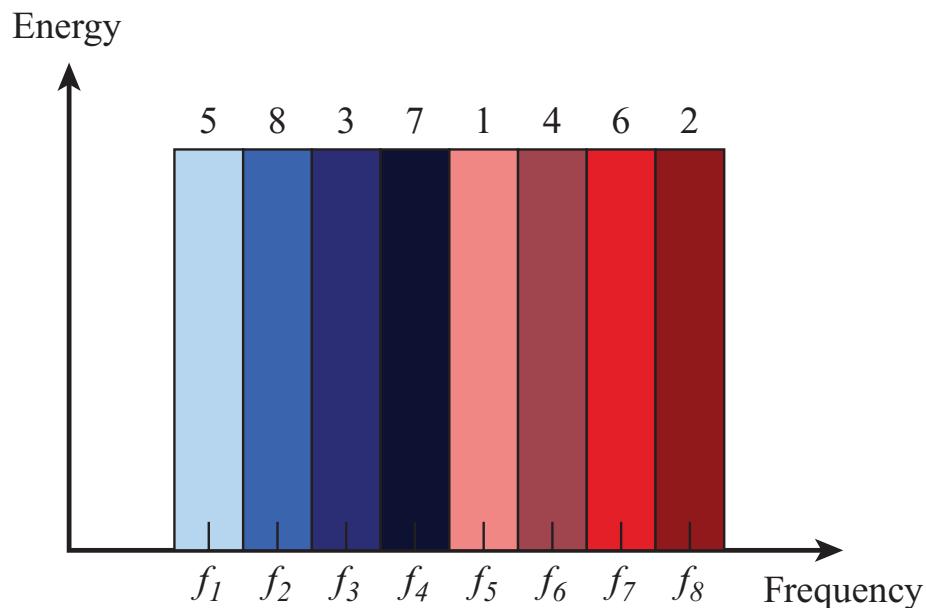


Frequency Hopping Spread Spectrum (FHSS)

- Signal is broadcast over seemingly random series of radio frequencies
 - A number of channels allocated for the FH signal
 - Width of each channel corresponds to bandwidth of input signal
- Signal hops from frequency to frequency at fixed intervals
 - Transmitter operates in one channel at a time
 - Bits are transmitted using some encoding scheme
 - At each successive interval, a new carrier frequency is selected



Frequency hopping

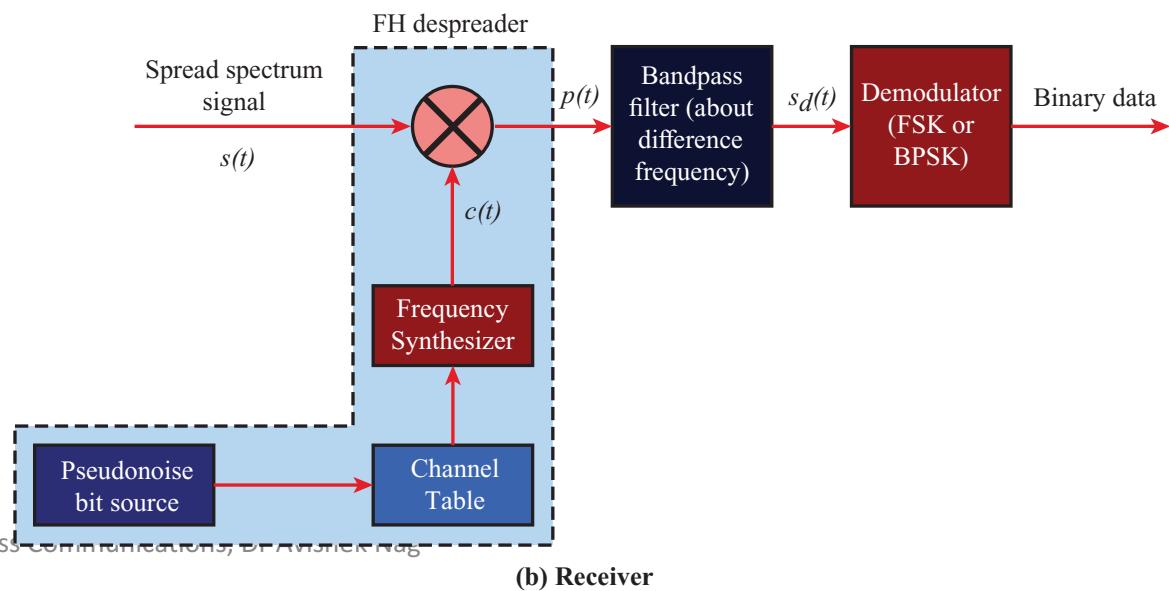
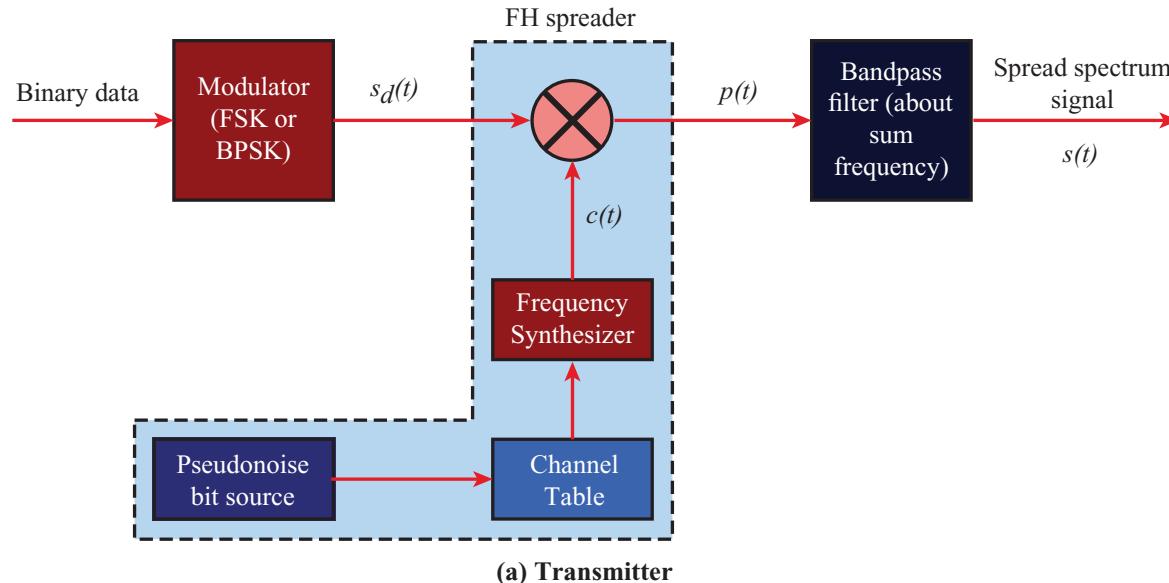


Frequency Hopping Spread Spectrum

- Channel sequence dictated by spreading code (PN sequence)
- Receiver, hopping between frequencies in synchronization with transmitter, picks up message
- Advantages
 - Eavesdroppers hear only unintelligible blips
 - Attempts to jam signal on one frequency succeed only at knocking out a few bits



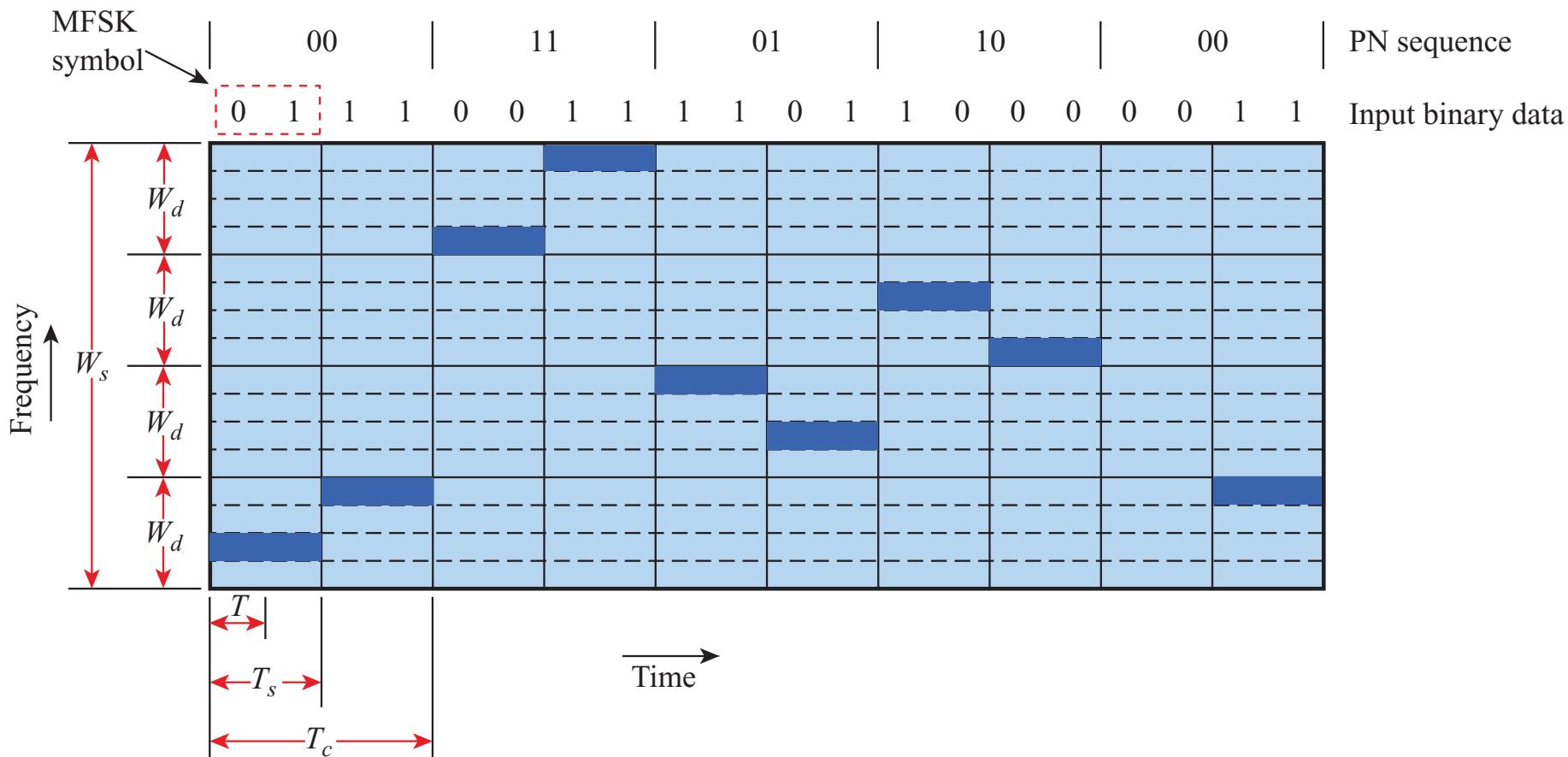
FHSS System



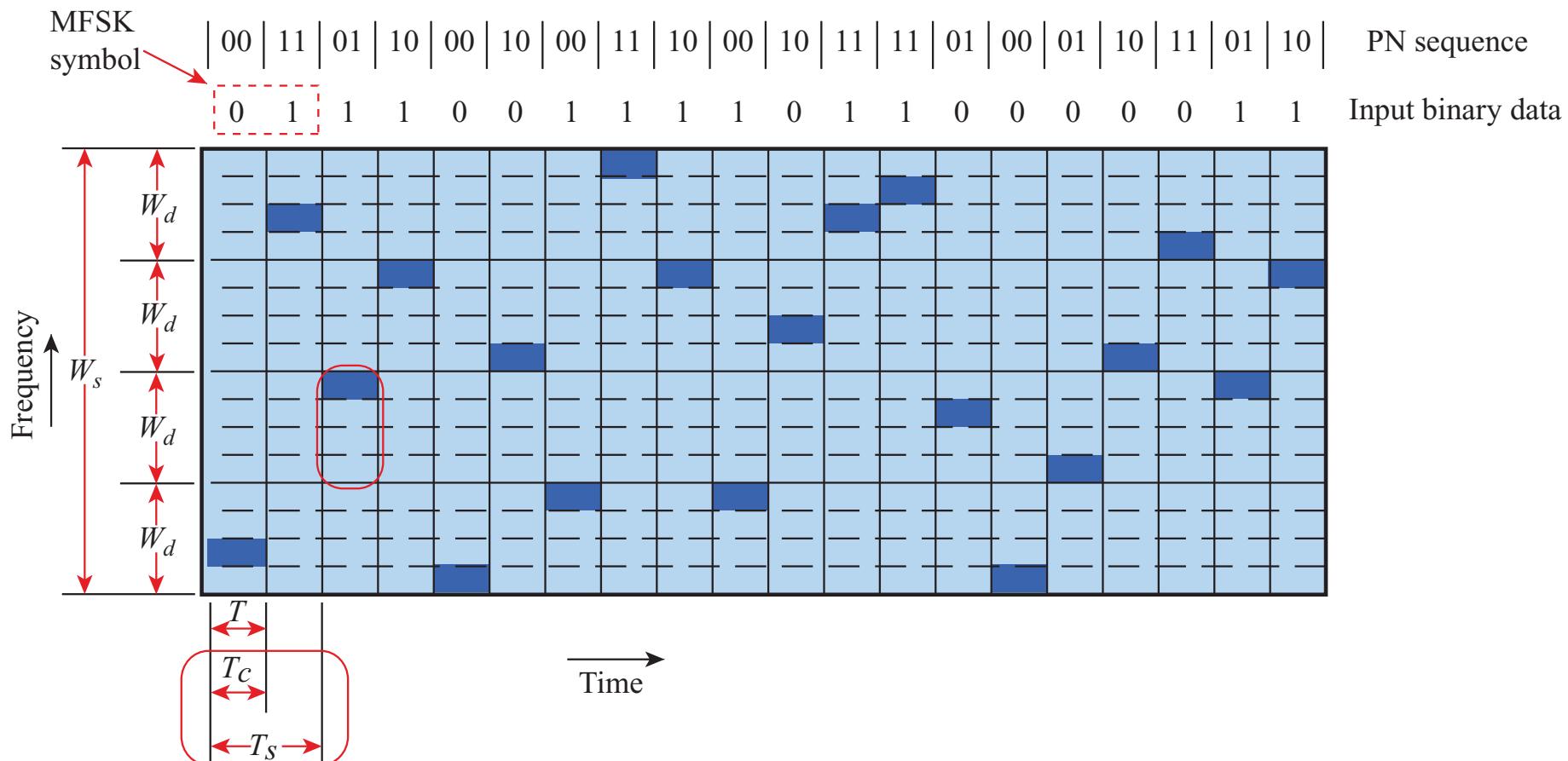
FHSS Using MFSK

- MFSK signal is translated to a new frequency every T_c seconds by modulating the MFSK signal with the FHSS carrier signal
- For data rate of R :
 - duration of a bit: $T = 1/R$ seconds
 - duration of signal element: $T_s = LT$ seconds
- $T_c \geq T_s$ - slow-frequency-hop spread spectrum
- $T_c < T_s$ - fast-frequency-hop spread spectrum

Slow FHSS



Fast FHSS



FHSS Performance Considerations

- Large number of frequencies used
- Results in a system that is quite resistant to jamming
 - Jammer must jam all frequencies
 - With fixed power, this reduces the jamming power in any one frequency band

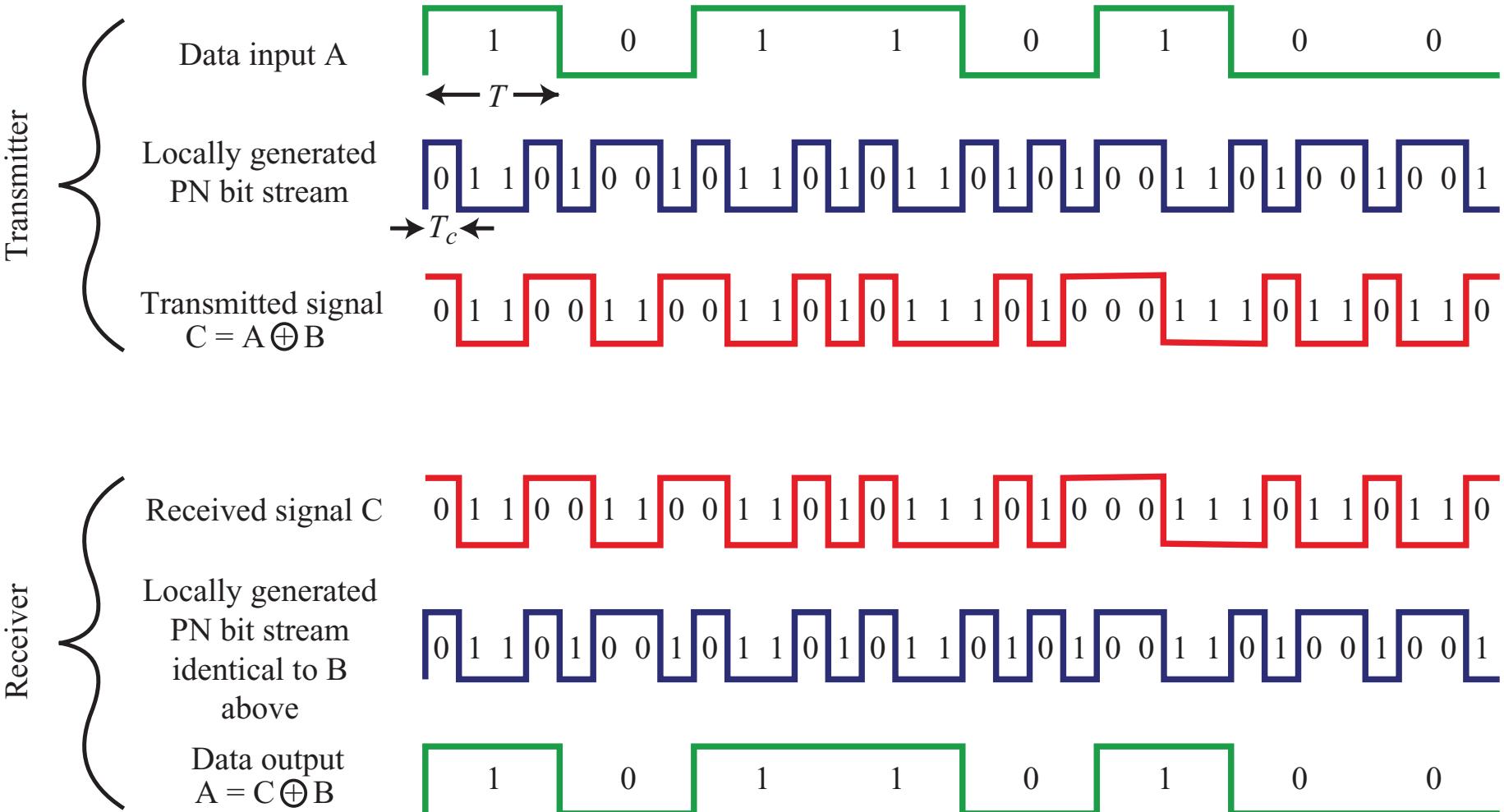


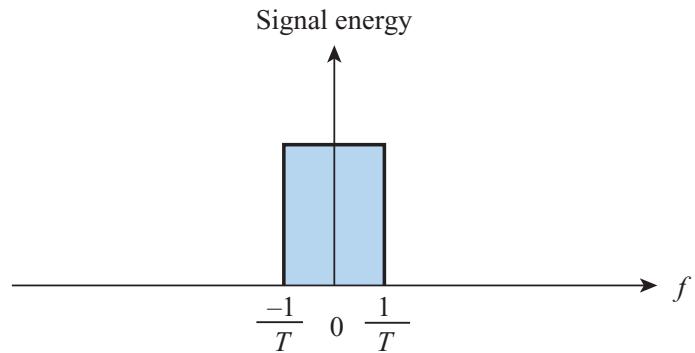
Direct Sequence Spread Spectrum (DSSS)

- Each bit in original signal is represented by multiple bits in the transmitted signal
- Spreading code spreads signal across a wider frequency band
 - Spread is in direct proportion to number of bits used
- One technique combines digital information stream with the spreading code bit stream using exclusive-OR

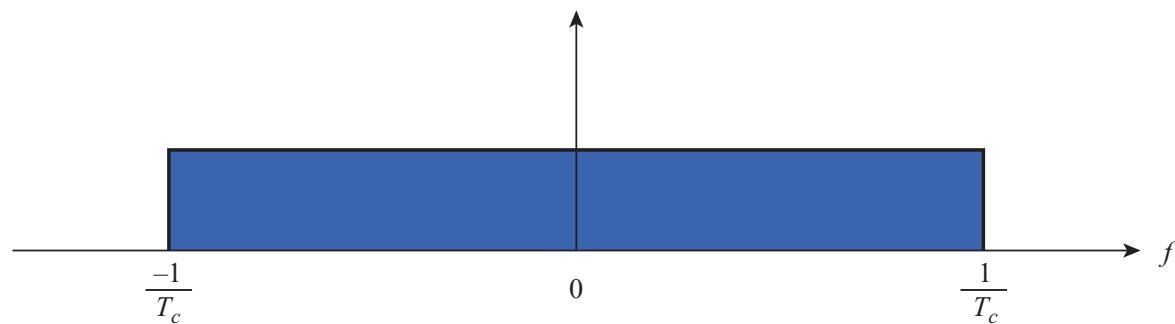


Example of Direct Sequence Spread Spectrum

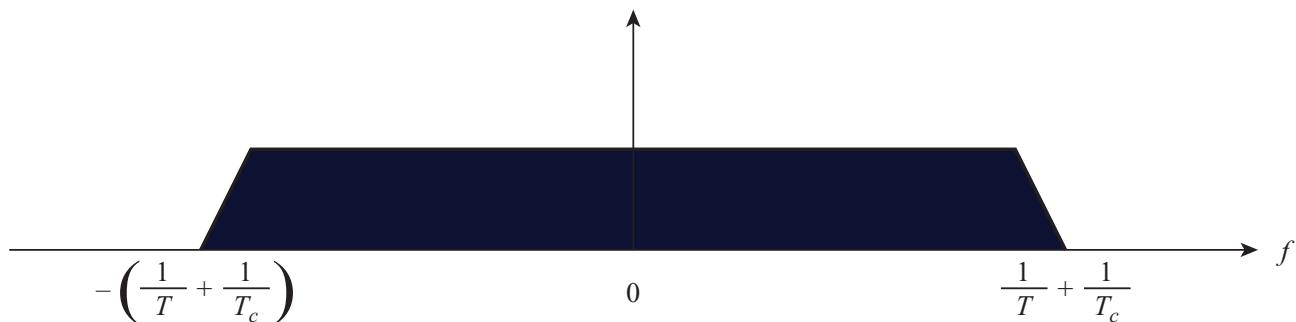




(a) Spectrum of data signal



(b) Spectrum of pseudonoise signal



(c) Spectrum of combined signal



Code-Division Multiple Access (CDMA)

- Basic Principles of CDMA

- D = rate of data signal

- Break each bit into k *chips*

- Chips are a user-specific fixed pattern

- Chip data rate of new channel = kD



CDMA Example

- If $k=6$ and code is a sequence of 1s and -1s

- For a ‘1’ bit, A sends code as chip pattern

- $\langle c_1, c_2, c_3, c_4, c_5, c_6 \rangle$

- For a ‘0’ bit, A sends complement of code

- $\langle -c_1, -c_2, -c_3, -c_4, -c_5, -c_6 \rangle$

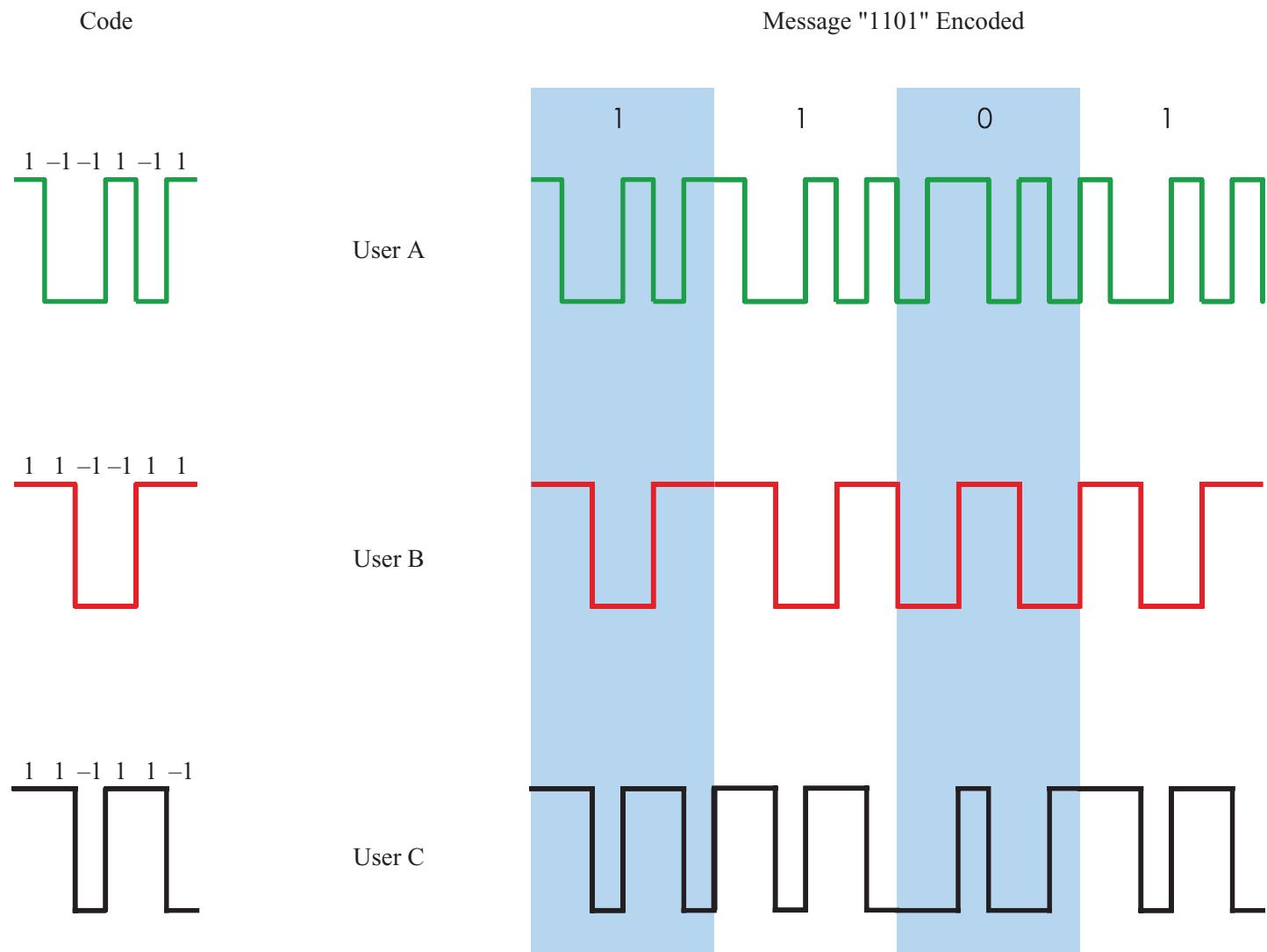
- Receiver knows sender’s code and performs electronic decode function

$$S_u(d) = d_1 \times c_1 + d_2 \times c_2 + d_3 \times c_3 + d_4 \times c_4 + d_5 \times c_5 + d_6 \times c_6$$

- $\langle d_1, d_2, d_3, d_4, d_5, d_6 \rangle$ = received chip pattern

- $\langle c_1, c_2, c_3, c_4, c_5, c_6 \rangle$ = sender’s code

CDMA example

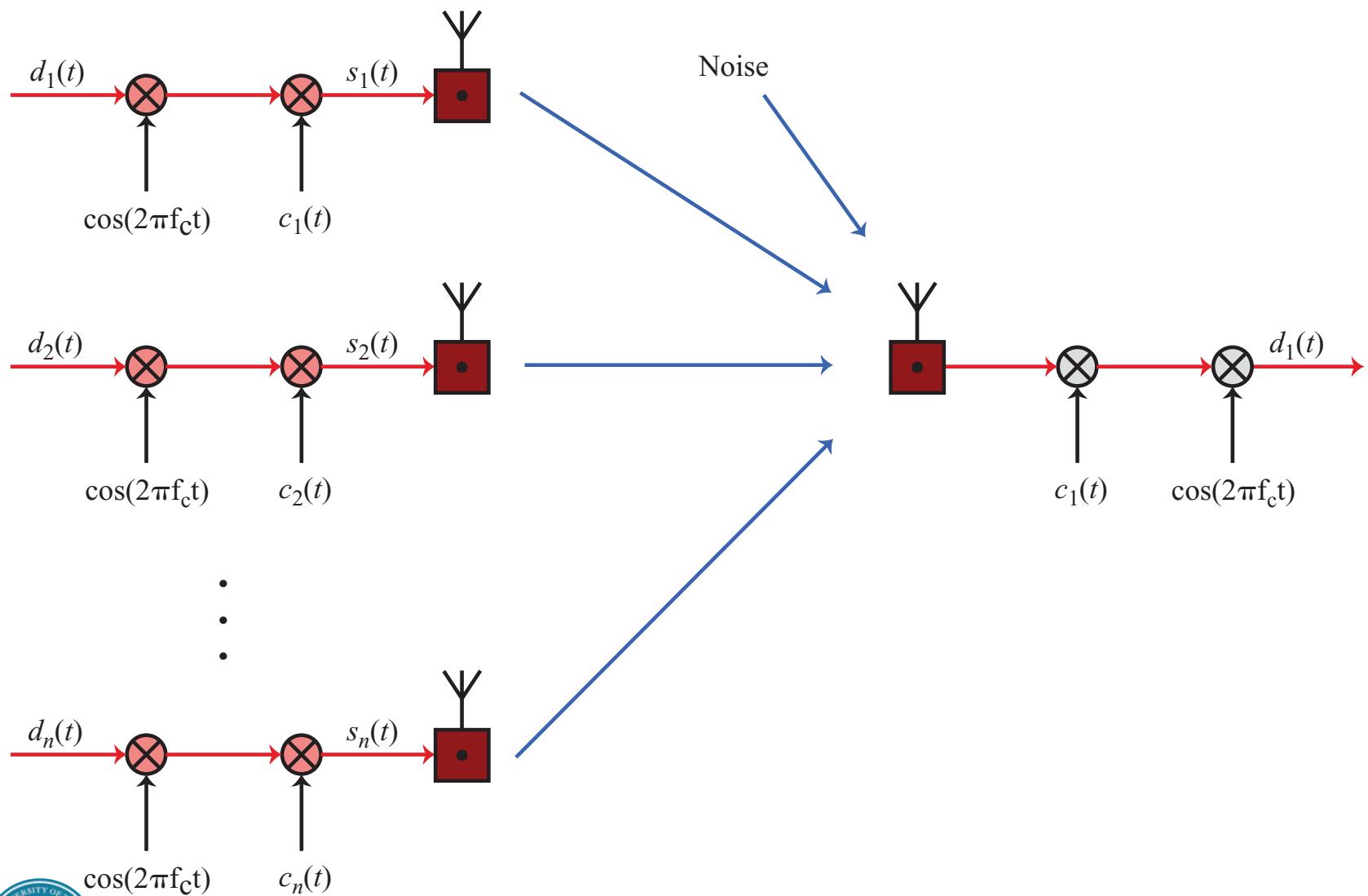


CDMA Example

- User A code = $\langle 1, -1, -1, 1, -1, 1 \rangle$
 - To send a 1 bit = $\langle 1, -1, -1, 1, -1, 1 \rangle$
 - To send a 0 bit = $\langle -1, 1, 1, -1, 1, -1 \rangle$
- User B code = $\langle 1, 1, -1, -1, 1, 1 \rangle$
 - To send a 1 bit = $\langle 1, 1, -1, -1, 1, 1 \rangle$
- Receiver receiving with A's code
 - (A's code) \times (received chip pattern)
 - User A '1' bit: 6 \rightarrow 1
 - User A '0' bit: -6 \rightarrow 0
 - User B '1' bit: 0 \rightarrow unwanted signal ignored



CDMA in a DSSS Environment

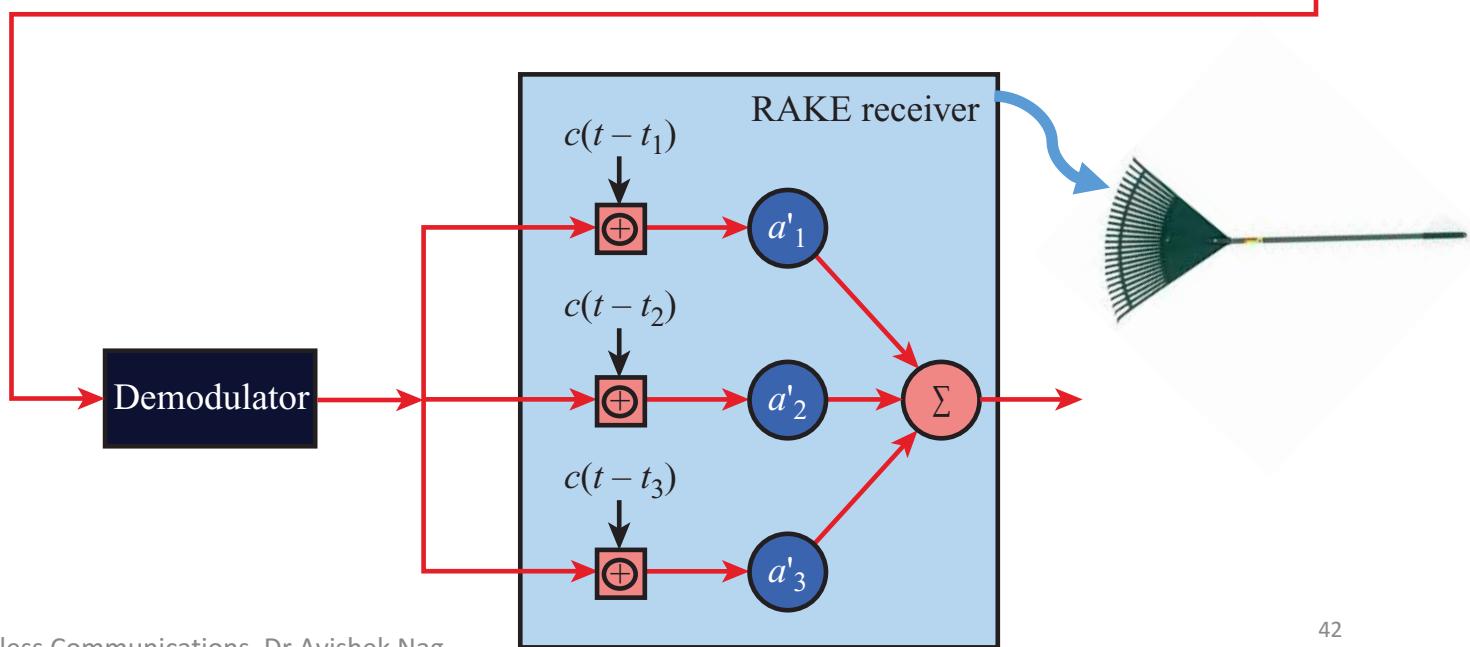
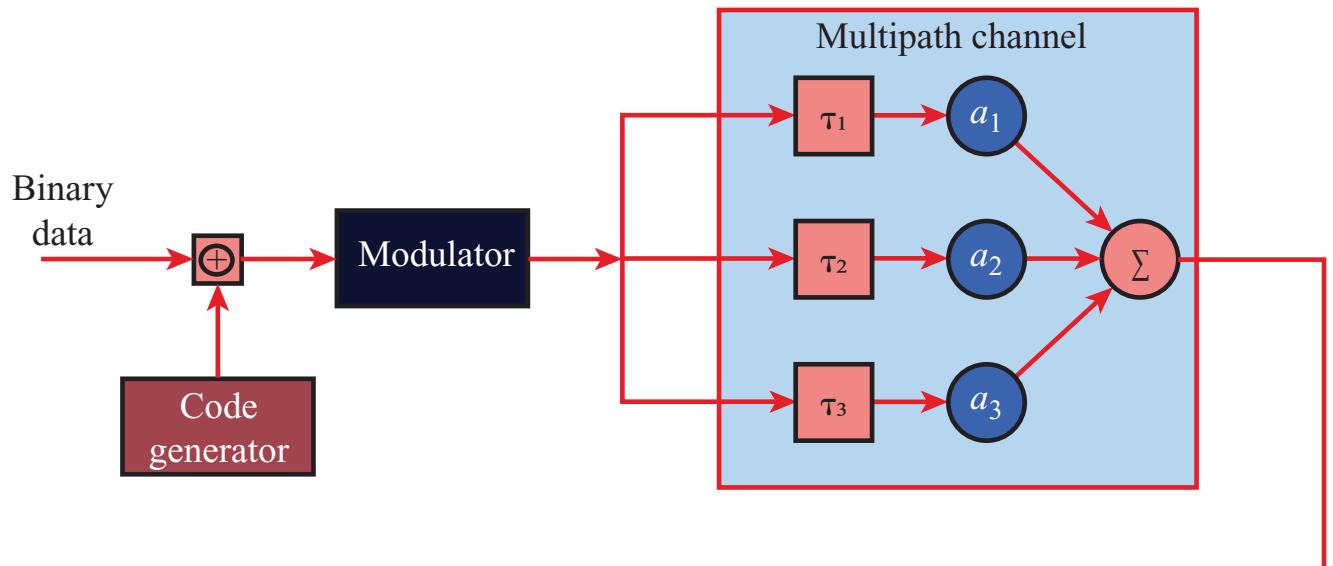


Rake receiver



- RAKE receiver
 - Multiple versions of a signal arrive more than one chip interval apart
 - RAKE receiver attempts to recover signals from multiple paths and combine them
- This method achieves better performance than simply recovering dominant signal and treating remaining signals as noise

Principle of RAKE Receiver



Categories of Spreading Sequences

- Spreading Sequence Categories
 - PN sequences (pseudonoise)
 - Orthogonal codes
- For FHSS systems
 - PN sequences most common
- For DSSS systems not employing CDMA
 - PN sequences most common
- For DSSS CDMA systems
 - PN sequences
 - Orthogonal codes



Advantages of CDMA for Cellular systems

- Frequency diversity – frequency-dependent transmission impairments have less effect on signal
- Multipath resistance – chipping codes used for CDMA exhibit low cross correlation and low autocorrelation
- Privacy – privacy is inherent since spread spectrum is obtained by use of noise-like signals
- Graceful degradation – system only gradually degrades as more users access the system



Drawbacks of CDMA Cellular

- Self-jamming – arriving transmissions from multiple users not aligned on chip boundaries unless users are perfectly synchronized
- Near-far problem – signals closer to the receiver are received with less attenuation than signals farther away



Mobile Wireless CDMA Design Considerations

- RAKE receiver – when multiple versions of a signal arrive more than one chip interval apart, RAKE receiver attempts to recover signals from multiple paths and combine them
- Soft Handoff – mobile station temporarily connected to more than one base station simultaneously
 - Requires that the mobile acquire a new cell before it relinquishes the old
 - More complex than hard handoff used in FDMA and TDMA schemes



IS-95 Forward Link

- Most widely used CDMA cellular standard is IS-95, used mainly in North America
 - Forward link channels
 - Pilot (channel 0) - allows the mobile unit to acquire timing information, provides phase reference and provides means for signal strength comparison
 - Synchronization (channel 32) - used by mobile station to obtain identification information about cellular system
 - Paging (channels 1 to 7) - contain messages for one or more mobile stations
 - Traffic (channels 8 to 31 and 33 to 63) – the forward channel supports 55 traffic channels
- 9600 or 14,400 bps



ITU's initial View of Third-Generation Capabilities

- The ITU's International Mobile Telecommunications for the year 2000 (IMT-2000) initiative
- Voice quality comparable to the public switched telephone network
- 144 kbps data rate available to users in high-speed motor vehicles over large areas
- 384 kbps available to pedestrians standing or moving slowly over small areas
- Support for 2.048 Mbps for office use



ITU's initial View of Third-Generation Capabilities

- Symmetrical / asymmetrical data transmission rates
- Support for both packet switched and circuit switched data services
- An adaptive interface to the Internet to reflect efficiently the common asymmetry between inbound and outbound traffic
- More efficient use of the available spectrum in general
- Support for a wide variety of mobile equipment
- Flexibility to allow the introduction of new services and technologies

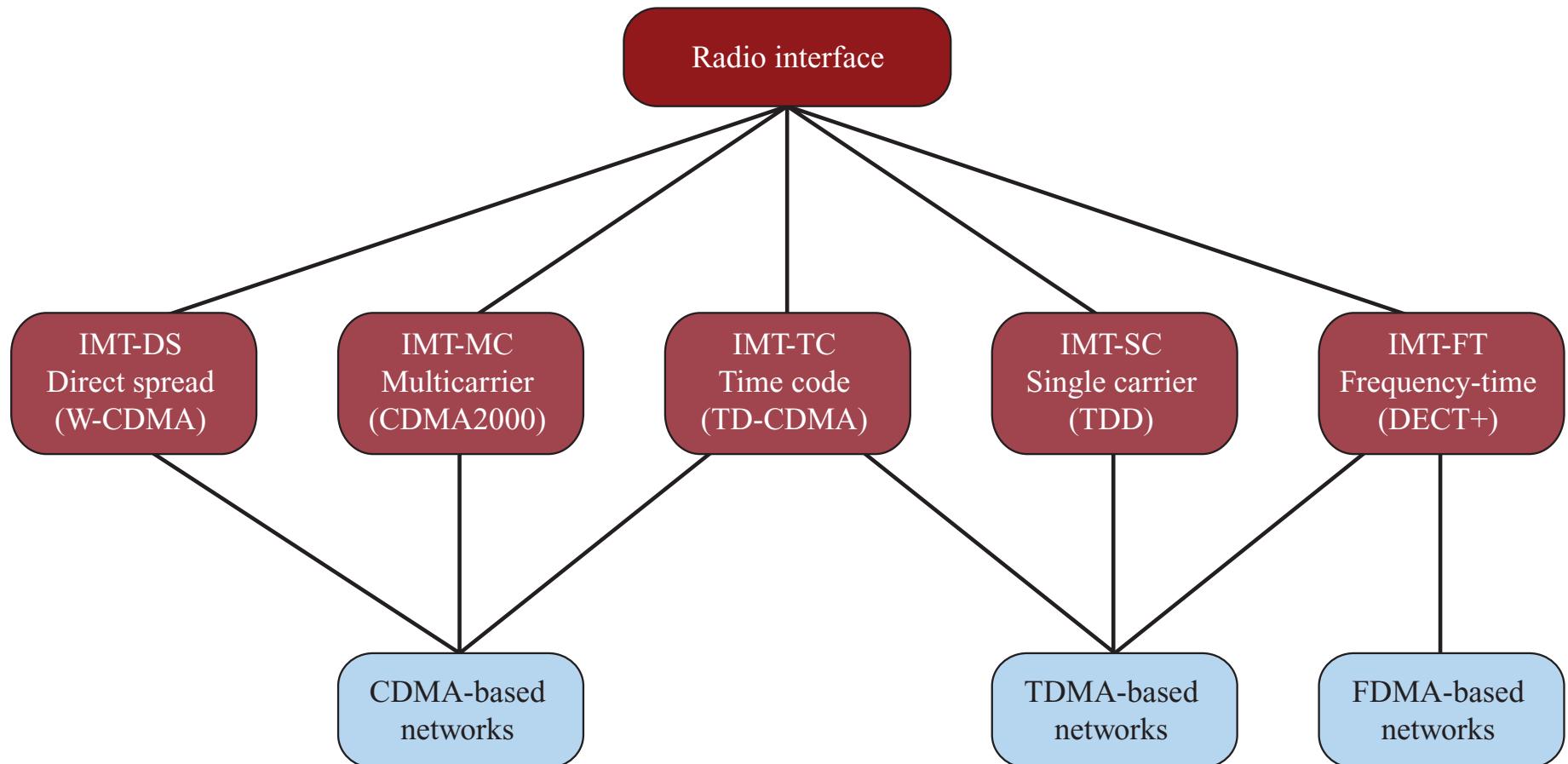


Alternative interfaces

- Five alternatives for smooth evolution from 1G and 2G systems
- Two most prevalent
 - Wideband CDMA (WCDMA)
 - CDMA2000
- Both based on CDMA
- Similar to but incompatible with each other



ITM-2000 terrestrial radio interfaces



CDMA Design Considerations

- Bandwidth – limit channel usage to 5 MHz
- Chip rate – depends on desired data rate, need for error control, and bandwidth limitations; 3 Mcps or more is reasonable
- Multirate – advantage is that the system can flexibly support multiple simultaneous applications from a given user and can efficiently use available capacity by only providing the capacity required for each service

WCDMA and UMTS

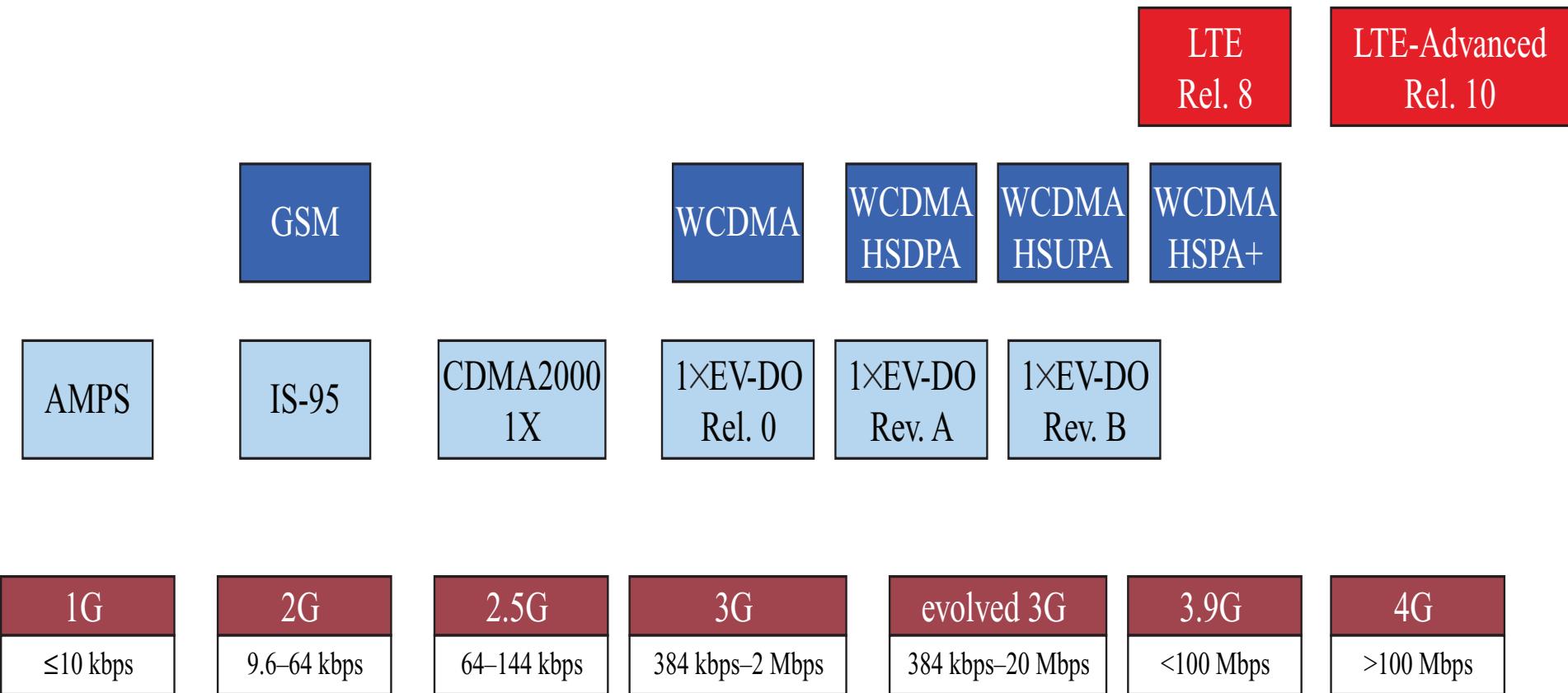
- WCDMA is part of a group of standards from
 - IMT-2000
 - Universal Mobile Telephone System (UMTS)
 - Third-Generation Partnership Project (3GPP) industry organization
- 3GPP originally released GSM
 - Issued Release 99 in 1999 for WCDMA and UMTS
 - Subsequent releases were “Release 4” and onwards
 - Many higher layer network functions of GSM were carried over to WCDMA



WCDMA and UMTS

- 144 kbps to 2 Mbps, depending on mobility
- High Speed Downlink Packet Access (HSDPA)
 - Release 5
 - 1.8 to 14.4 Mbps downlink
 - Adaptive modulation and coding, hybrid ARQ, and fast scheduling
- High Speed Uplink Packet Access (HSUPA)
 - Release 6
 - Uplink rates up to 5.76 Mbps
- High Speed Packet Access Plus (HSPA+)
 - Release 7 and successively improved in releases through Release 11
 - Maximum data rates increased from 21 Mbps up to 336 Mbps
 - 64 QAM, 2×2 and 4×4 MIMO, and dual or multi-carrier combinations
- 3GPP Release 8 onwards introduced Long Term Evolution (LTE)
 - Pathway to 4G, Chapter 14

Evolution of cellular wireless systems



CDMA2000 and EV-DO

- CDMA2000 first introduced 1xRTT (Radio Transmission Technology)
 - 1 times the 1.2288 Mcps spreading rate of a 1.25 MHz IS-95 CDMA channel
 - Not 3G, so considered by some as “2.5G”
- Evolution-Data Only (1xEV-DO)
 - Also 1xEV-DV (data/voice) which never succeeded
 - 1xEV-DO Release 0
 - 2.4 Mbps uplink, 153 kbps downlink
 - Only using 1.25 MHz of 5 MHz required of CDMA
 - 1xEV-DO Release A
 - 3.1 Mbps downlink, 1.8 Mbps uplink, QoS
 - 1xEV-DO Release B
 - 5 MHz bandwidth, 14.7 Mbps uplink, 5.4 Mbps downlink
- EV-DO uses only IP, but VoIP can be used for voice



CDMA2000 1XEV-Do configuration elements

