## TSEK02: Radio Electronics Lecture 2: Modulation (I)

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### **Basic Definitions**

- Time and Frequency
- dB conversion
- Power and dBm
- Filter Basics



### Filter

• Filter is a component with frequency selective response





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### **Need for Modulation**

- Every channel has a cut-off frequency (f<sub>cut-off</sub>)
  - Theoretically, signals with f > f<sub>cut-off</sub> cannot propagate through the channel. There may also be a lower frequency limit.



Human voice is limited to 4 kHz < f<sub>cut-off</sub>

This problem cannot be solved by amplification!



### The electromagnetic spectrum





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## What is Modulation?

- "Information signal",  $f < f_c$
- "Radio Frequency signal",  $f > f_c$
- Modulation: carry the information signal on the radio frequency carrier





 $-\omega_{c}$ 

0

 $+\omega_{c}$ 

ω

0

ω

### Modulation

 Modulation refers to turning information into (electrical) signals which are suitable for transmission





## **Modulation Types**

• Signal properties are varied according to the information

 $\Lambda \Lambda \Lambda$ 

- Properties of an RF signal
  - Amplitude
  - Frequency  $A Cos(\omega t + \varphi)$
  - Phase
- This <u>variation</u> could be continuous (analog modulation) or in discrete steps (digital modulation)



### Modulation aspects



- Bandwidth efficiency
- Power efficiency
- Complexity, required bandwidth, sensitivity to noise, sensitivity to nonlinearity, ...



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## Amplitude Modulation (AM)

Multiplication of a baseband signal with a single-tone sinusoidal (called the carrier)





### Amplitude Modulation in frequency domain

**Contains one frequency**  $\cos \omega_{c} t$ frequency  $-\omega_{c}$  $\omega_{c}$ 0 ω  $X_{AM}(t) = A(t) \cos \omega_c t$ Multiplication in the time-domain corresponds to convolution in frequency-domain Zero will be shifted to the carrier frequency  $X_{AM}(f)$ A(f) $-\omega_{c}$ ω<sub>c</sub> ω<sub>c</sub> 0 0 ως ω 0 ω ω



### From TSEK03 RFIC

### Fundamental

 A mixer basically multiplies two signals in the time domain. From this perspective mixing can occur in any nonlinear device.

 $(A\cos\omega_1 t)^*(B\cos\omega_2 t) = AB/2[(\cos(\omega_1 - \omega_2)t) + (\cos(\omega_1 + \omega_2)t)]$ 





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### Amplitude Modulation/Frequency Conversion





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### Amplitude Modulation/Frequency Conversion





### **AM Variants**

- Variants of AM are
  - Double-sideband
  - Double-sideband suppressed-carrier (DSB-SC)
  - Single-Sideband (SSB)

Main problem to be solved: higher bandwidth, more power is needed (wasted)



## Amplitude Modulation (AM)

 Multiplication of a baseband signal with a single-tone sinusoidal (called the carrier)

Amplitude of the signal is varied according to the modulating signal A(t)Modulating Signal  $X_{AM}(t) = A(t) \cos \omega_c t$   $(x_{AM}(t) = A(t) \cos \omega_c t)$ 



### Amplitude Detection (demodulation)





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### **AM Radios**



• Frequency (typ): 500 – 1700 kHz



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1970s-era crystal radio marketed to children. The earphone is on left. The antenna wire, right, has a clip to attach to metal objects such as a bedspring, which serve as an additional antenna to improve reception.





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### Those were the days....



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L here's a lot that goes into making a nice crystal radio set, so this is going to have to be broken down into two parts. The first part is the actual making of a functional radio and the second part is making the whole arrangement look nice. In this part



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### Phase and Frequency Modulation

In the most general form an RF signal can be represented as

 $S(t) = A \cos \phi(t)$ 

- $-\phi(t)$  is called total phase
- Instantaneous frequency is defined as  $d\phi(t)/dt$
- In this respect, phase and frequency modulation are essentially the same, except for an integration
   PM

$$x_{PM}(t) = A_c \cos[\omega_c t + m x_{BB}(t)] \ x_{FM}(t) = A_c \cos[\omega_c t + m \int_{-\infty}^t x_{BB}(\tau) d\tau]$$



### Phase and Frequency Modulation

Typical FM/PM waveform



- Note:
  - Amplitude is constant (immune to noise)
  - Data is contained in zero crossing intervals
  - The modulated signal has (theoretically) infinite bandwidth





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#### **Edwin Howard Armstrong**

From Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia (Redirected from Edwin H. Armstrong)

Edwin Howard Armstrong (December 18, 1890 – January 31, 1954) was an American electrical engineer and inventor. He has been called "the most prolific and influential inventor in radio history".<sup>[2]</sup> He invented the regenerative circuit while he was an undergraduate and patented it in 1914, followed by the super-regenerative circuit in 1922, and the superheterodyne receiver in 1918.<sup>[3]</sup> Armstrong was also the inventor of modern frequency modulation (FM) radio transmission.

Armstrong was born in New York City, New York, in 1890. He studied at Columbia University where he was a member of the Epsilon Chapter of the Theta Xi Fraternity. He later became a professor at Columbia University. He held 42 patents and received numerous awards, including the first Institute of Radio Engineers now IEEE Medal of Honor, the French Legion of Honor, the 1941 Franklin Medal and the 1942 Edison Medal. He is a member of the National Inventors Hall of Fame and the International Telecommunications Union's roster of great inventors.

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#### Armstrong invented the frequency modulator in 1933



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### **FM** Radio





#### • Frequency (typ): 88 – 104 MHz



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Analog Amplitude Modulation (AM)

#### Digital Amplitude Shift Keying (ASK)

# Digital Modulation is more immune to noise => can work with a smaller SNR



## Binary Digital Modulation





## **Binary Digital Modulation**

ASK







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### Bandwidth

 Linear time-invariant systems can "distort" a signal if they do not provide sufficient bandwidth





### Bandwidth

- What is the bandwidth of a random pulse stream (Ex. 3.5)?
  - It extends as a sinc<sup>2</sup> function  $\operatorname{sinc}(x) = \frac{\sin(\pi x)}{\pi x}$ .
  - The main lobe stops at  $R_b = 1/T_b$  ( $T_b$  is the bitrate)





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### Bandwidth

- What is the bandwidth of a Binary PSK (BPSK) signal?
  - BPSK can be expresses as multiplication of a pulse stream and a sinusoidal





## Inter-Symbol-Interference (ISI)

- · We need to limit the bandwidth of the baseband signal
- What happens if we just limit the bandwidth by filtering?





### **Pulse Shaping**

- Instead of just filtering the signal, we can shape the pulses to occupy less bandwidth
- Smoother pulses take less bandwidth





## Pulse Shaping – Nyquist Pulse

- *Harry Nyquist* noticed that pulses may extend beyond the symbol period but in order to avoid ISI, their value should be zero in the middle of other pulses.
- So he proposed a smart pulse shape
  - Notice that this is in time domain



• By using this pulse, no ISI will be introduced



### Optimum Bandwidth

- Nyquist pulse not only removes ISI but also results in the minimum bandwidth for the modulated signal
- With Nyquist pulse, the modulated RF signal occupies
  R<sub>b</sub>=1/T<sub>b</sub> Hz
  The absolute theoretical minimum bandwidth

The absolute theoretical minimum bandwidth required to transmit R<sub>b</sub> pulses per second!





### **Raised Cosine Pulse**

 In practice, generating *Nyquist* pulses are very difficult so other similar pulses are used, such as the Raised Cosine







#### Nyquist pulse

Consecutive raised-cosine impulses, demonstrating zero-ISI property



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#### Harry Nyquist

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Harry Nyquist (né Harry Theodor Nyqvist; / natkwist/, Swedish: [ny:kvist]; February 7, 1889 – April 4, 1976) was a Swedish born American electronic engineer who made important contributions to communication theory.<sup>[1]</sup>

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#### Personal life [edit]

Nyquist was born in the Stora Kil parish of Nilsby, Värmland, Sweden. He was the son of Lars Jonsson Nyqvist (b. 1847) and Katrina Eriksdotter (b. 1857). His parents had seven children: Elin Teresia, Astrid, Selma, Harry Theodor, Aemelie, Olga Maria, and Axel.<sup>[2]</sup> He emigrated to the USA in 1907.

#### Education [edit]

He entered the University of North Dakota in 1912 and received B.S. and M.S. degrees in electrical engineering in 1914 and 1915, respectively. He received a Ph.D. in physics at Yale University in 1917.

#### Career [edit]

He worked at AT&T's Department of Development and Research from 1917 to 1934, and continued when it became Bell Telephone Laboratories that year, until his retirement in 1954.

Nyquist received the IRE Medal of Honor in 1960 for "fundamental contributions to a quantitative understanding of





Harry Nyquist (1889–1976)

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