

# **EE-432**

# **Systeme de**

# **Telecommunication**

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**Linear Passband (Carrier) Modulation**  
**AM and Quadrature**

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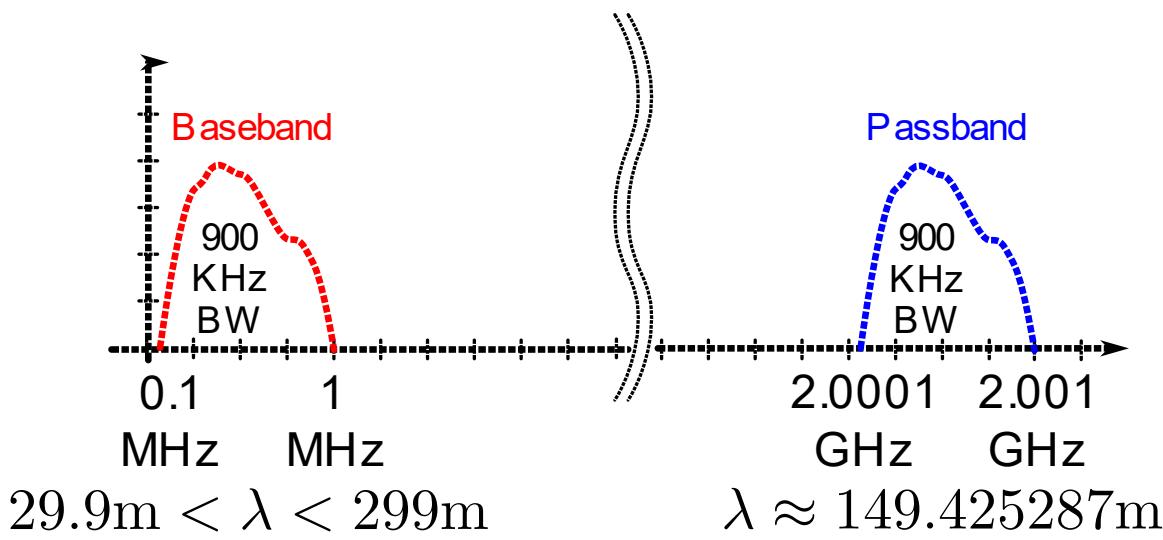
# Baseband Signals

- **The baseband is the frequency band of the “original” signal  $m(t)$** 
  - “Original signals” may be physical signals OR artificially constructed signals to represent data
- **Examples:**
  - Voice: 300 – 3700 Hz
  - High-fidelity audio: 0.001 – 20 KHz
  - Analog television (NTSC) video: 0.001 – 4.3 MHz
  - Digital ethernet (10 Mbps): 0.001 – 20 MHz
  - Any digital signal in general ( $X$  Mbps): 0.001 –  $2^*X$  MHz
- **Most baseband signals start at (or very close to) DC (0 Hz)**
  - and have a naturally or artificially limited bandwidth
- **Baseband signals are not necessarily real-valued**
  - We will see that we actually often prefer complex-valued baseband signals

# Baseband Communication Limitations (1)

The low frequency band of baseband signals limits the available transmission media and transmission type.

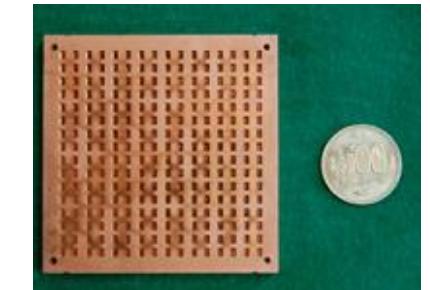
- **Impedance of the antenna must be matched to the medium**
  - Antenna size  $d$  proportional to the wavelength  $\lambda$  and therefore inversely proportional to the frequency
  - Good matching must be achieved over the entire frequency band



$$d \approx \frac{1}{f_{min}} \approx \frac{1}{f_{max}}$$



350 kHz antenna



16x16 60 GHz antennas

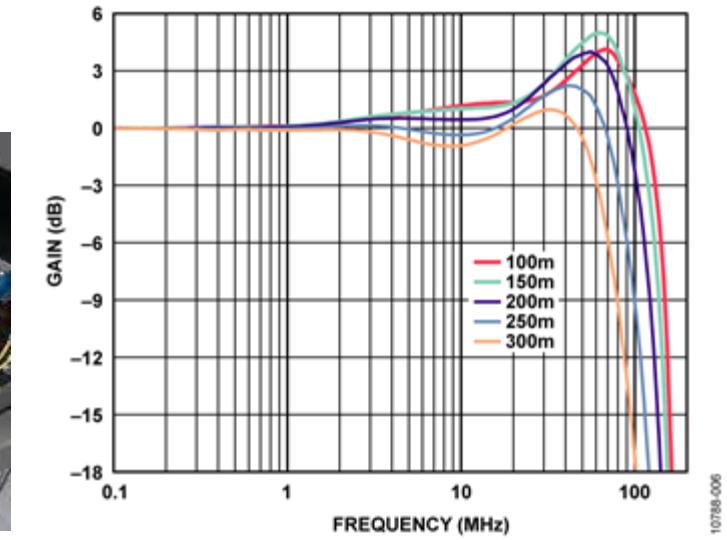
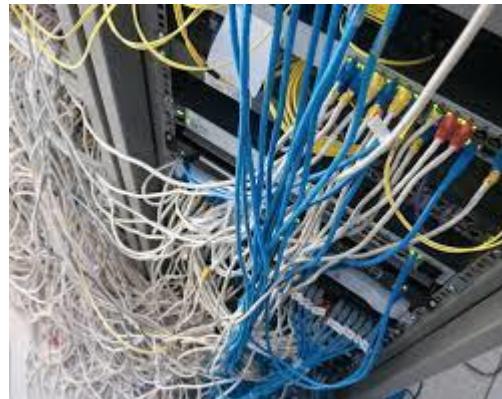
# Baseband Communication Limitations (2)

The very similar (overlapping) frequency bands of different baseband signals causes interference between different transmissions

- Every baseband signal needs to have its own channel with a suitable frequency characteristics (low attenuation for low frequencies)
- Only real-valued baseband signals can be transmitted

**Passband signals are used in wireline channels:**

- Wires confine the signal and isolate links from each other
- Wires have a low-pass frequency characteristic

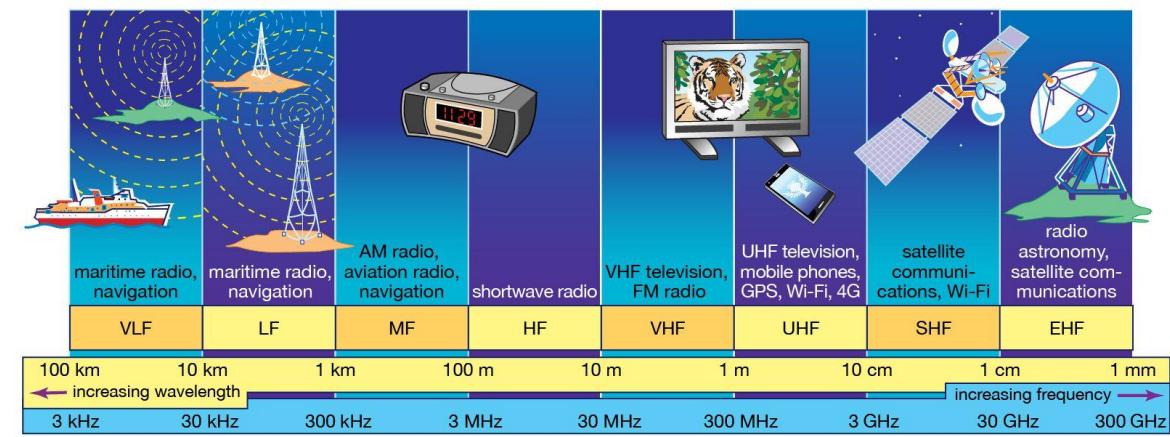


Cat-6 Cable Freq. Characteristics

# Passband Frequencies and Radio Spectrum (1)

“Passband Signals” or “Carrier Signals” are located around a given “carrier frequency”, often referred to as  $f_c$  or  $f_0$

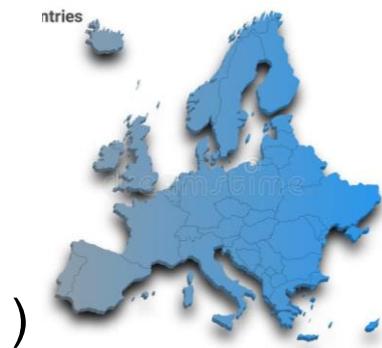
- Wireless communication requires frequencies higher than the baseband BW
- The occupied bandwidth of a single passband signal is typically much less than the carrier frequency
- Multiple Passband signals can be sent at same
  - Frequency division multiple access
- Radio spectrum is coarsely divided into ranges corresponding to different
  - Amounts of available bandwidth
  - The target reach of the radio links
  - The application



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# Passband Frequencies and Radio Spectrum (2)

- **The use of radio frequencies is regulated to avoid interference**
  - Regulation on national level (government) with international coordination
- **Process and involved institutions**
  - **International Telecommunication Union (ITU)**
    - Allocates frequency bands to different services at the global level
    - World Radiocommunication Congress (WRC) every 3 to 4 years
    - (e.g., WRC-23 initial discussion on 6G)
  - European Conference of Postal and Telecommunications Administrations (CEPT)
    - Refines ITU guidelines (on European level)
  - **National authorities** (CH: Federal Office of Communications (OFCOM - BAKOM))
    - Create national frequency allocation tables based on ITU guidelines
    - Issues licenses for frequency use and monitors compliance
    - Organizes spectrum auctions for mobile operators (e.g., auctions for 5G in 2019)



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# Passband (Carrier) Signals

- **Passband signals are always real-valued signals**
- **Any passband signal can be described in the form of**

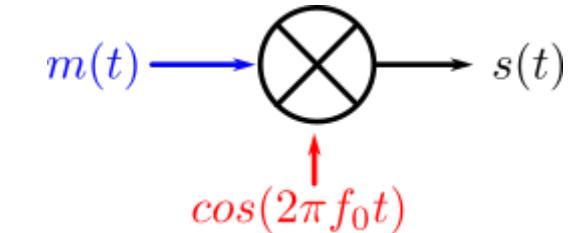
$$s(t) = A(t) \times \cos\left(2 \cdot \pi \cdot (f_0 + f(t)) \cdot t + \phi(t)\right)$$

- The sinusoid  $\cos(2 \cdot \pi \cdot f_0 \cdot t)$  at the “carrier frequency”  $f_0$  is often referred to as the “carrier”
- **Modulation is the process of generating a carrier of this form from a “carrier”**
- **$A(t)$ ,  $f(t)$ , and  $\phi(t)$  represent the original baseband signal  $m(t)$  to be transmitted and “modulate” the properties of the carrier, individually or jointly.**
  - **Amplitude modulation:**  $A(t)$  is proportional to the baseband signal  $m(t)$
  - **Frequency modulation:**  $f(t)$  is proportional to the baseband signal  $m(t)$
  - **Phase modulation:**  $\phi(t)$  is proportional to the baseband signal  $m(t)$

Angle  
modulation

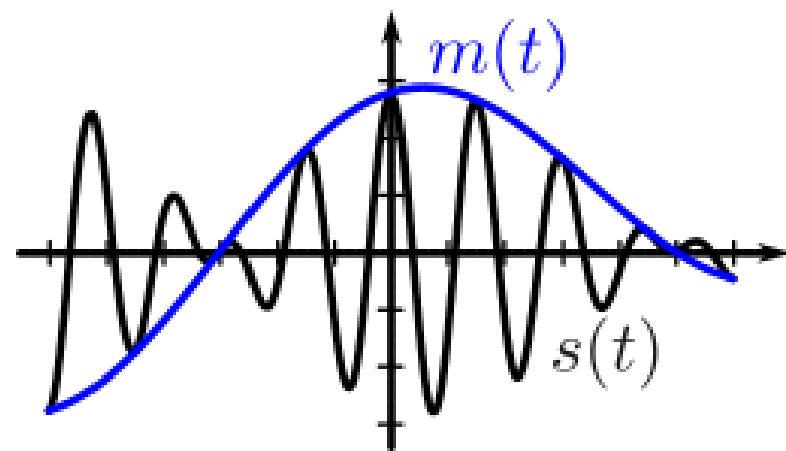
# AM: Amplitude Modulation

- Consider a baseband signal  $m(t)$  with FT  $M(f)$
- Amplitude modulation of a carrier  $\cos(2 \cdot \pi \cdot f_0 \cdot t)$  at  $f_0$



Time domain

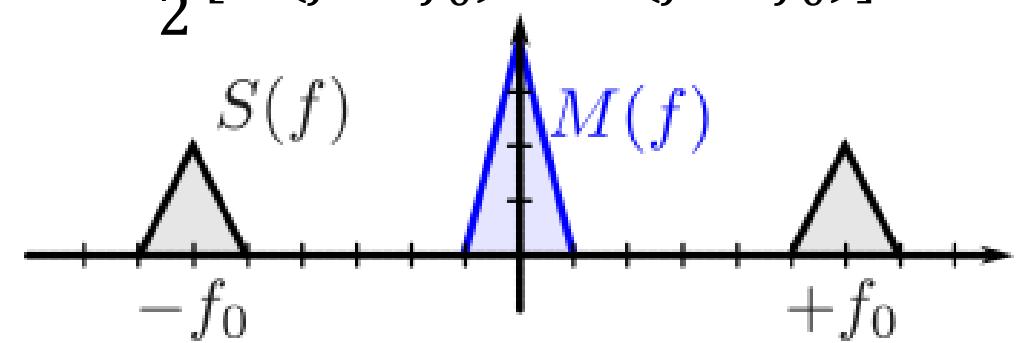
$$s(t) = m(t) \cdot \cos(2 \cdot \pi \cdot f_0 \cdot t)$$



Frequency domain

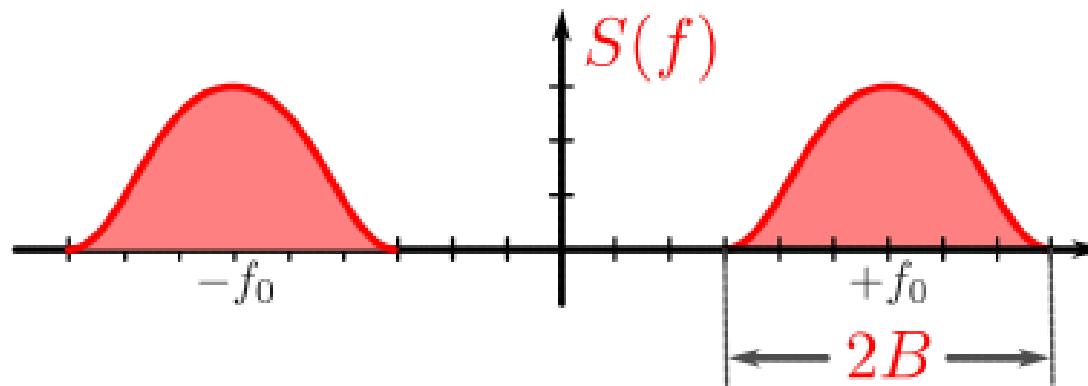
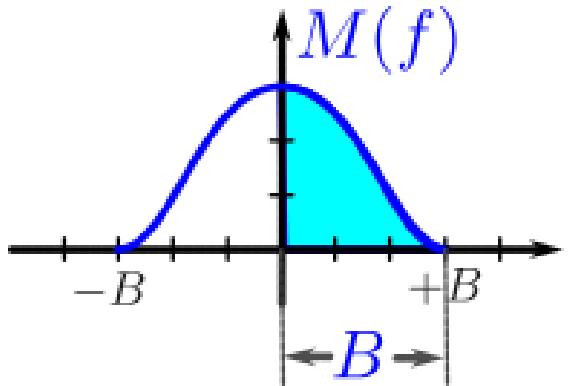
$$S(f) = M(f) \times \frac{1}{2} [\delta(f + f_0) + \delta(f - f_0)]$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} [M(f + f_0) + M(f - f_0)]$$



# AM: Baseband vs. Passband Bandwidth (1)

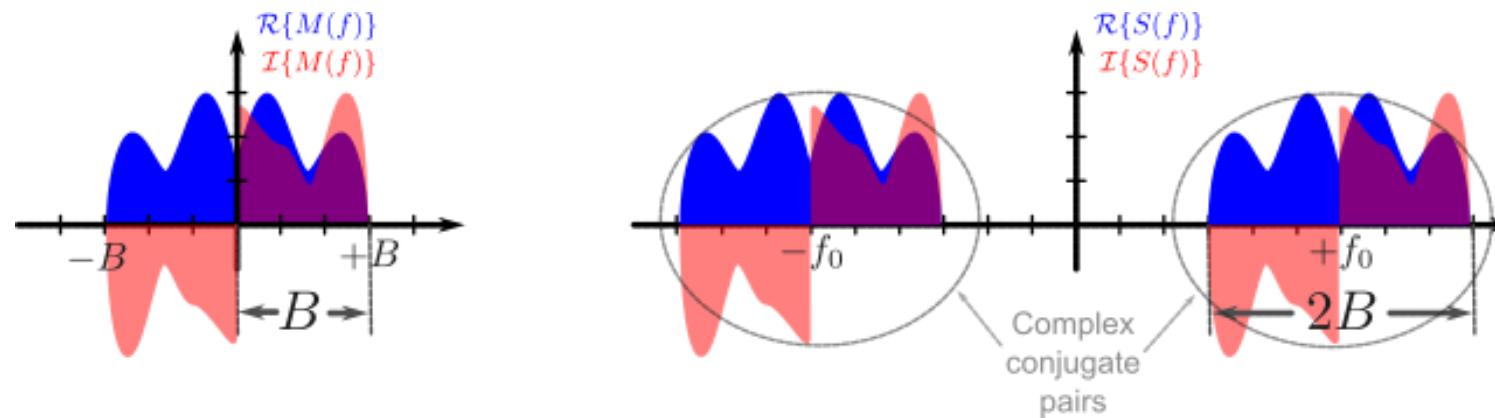
- The bandwidth of a signal describes the occupied frequency range, considering only the positive frequencies
  - Bandwidth of a baseband (BB) signal: given by the highest frequency component
  - Bandwidth of a passband (PB) signal: the occupied frequency range around the carrier
- Compare the baseband bandwidth of a BB signal  $M(f)$  with the passband bandwidth of the corresponding PB signal  $S(f)$



AM modulated passband signal occupies twice the bandwidth of the BB signal

# AM: Baseband vs. Passband Bandwidth (2)

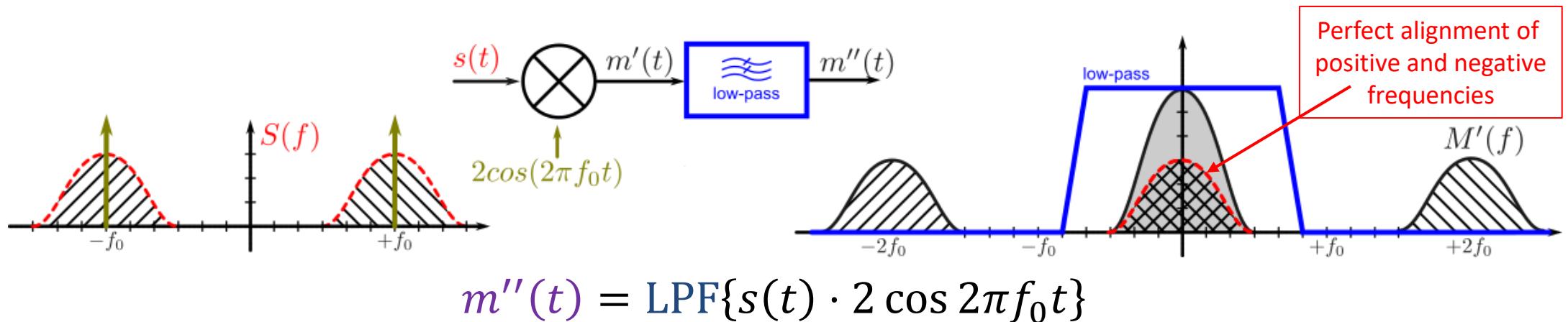
- **AM modulation starts from a real-valued BB signal**
  - Spectrum of the real-valued BB signal is complex conjugate symmetric  $\mathbf{M}(-f) = \mathbf{M}^*(f)$
  - The negative frequencies contain no additional information (are redundant)
- **In the AM modulated signal, both positive and negative frequencies are “visible” and occupy spectrum around the carrier → Redundancy!**



- **AM modulated spectrum is again complex conjugate symmetric → Real-Valued Signal!**

# Coherent AM Demodulation

- To demodulate an AM signal, we need to shift it back to the baseband and remove spectral components other than the baseband\*
  - Coherent**: demodulating and modulating carriers are phase and frequency aligned



$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{1}{2} [M(f + f_0) + M(f - f_0)] \times [\delta(f + f_0) + \delta(f - f_0)] = \\ & = \frac{1}{2} M(f + 2f_0) + \underbrace{\frac{1}{2} M(f) + \frac{1}{2} M(f)}_{M(f)} + \frac{1}{2} M(f - 2f_0) \end{aligned}$$

# AM Demodulation with Phase Offset

- Transmitter and receiver do not have a common time reference and are anyway an unknown distance apart (signal needs time to propagate\*)
- Consider a **phase difference  $\phi$**  between modulation and demodulation

$$s(t) = m(t) \cdot \cos(2 \cdot \pi \cdot f_0 \cdot t)$$
$$m''(t) = \text{LPF}\{s(t) \cdot 2 \cos(2\pi f_0 t + \phi)\}$$

$$\text{LPF} \left\{ \frac{1}{2} [M(f + f_0) + M(f - f_0)] \times [\delta(f + f_0) e^{-j\phi} + \delta(f - f_0) e^{+j\phi}] \right\} =$$
$$= \text{LPF} \left\{ \frac{1}{2} M(f + 2f_0) e^{-j\phi} + \underbrace{\frac{1}{2} M(f) e^{-j\phi} + \frac{1}{2} M(f) e^{+j\phi}}_{\frac{1}{2} M(f) \cdot (\underbrace{e^{-j\phi} + e^{+j\phi}}_{\cos \phi})} + \frac{1}{2} M(f - 2f_0) e^{+j\phi} \right\}$$

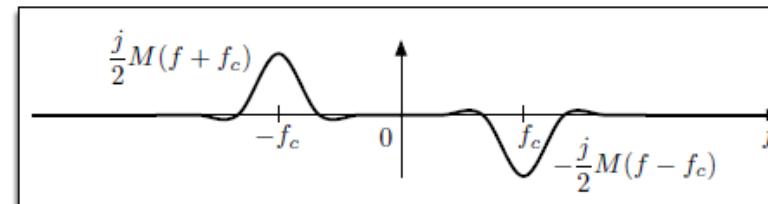
$\frac{1}{2} M(f) \cdot \cos \phi$  Attenuation depending on the phase  $\gamma$

# AM Demodulation with Phase Offset

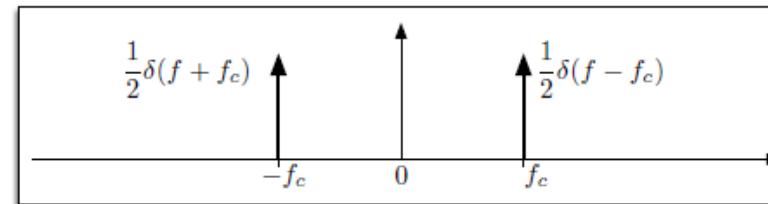
- In practice, the phase difference  $\phi$  is unknown and varies rapidly\*
- Consider the example of  $\gamma = -\frac{\pi}{2}$

$$\frac{1}{2}M(f) \cdot \cos \phi$$

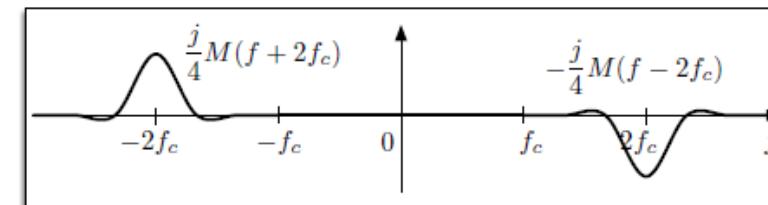
- Received signal vanishes



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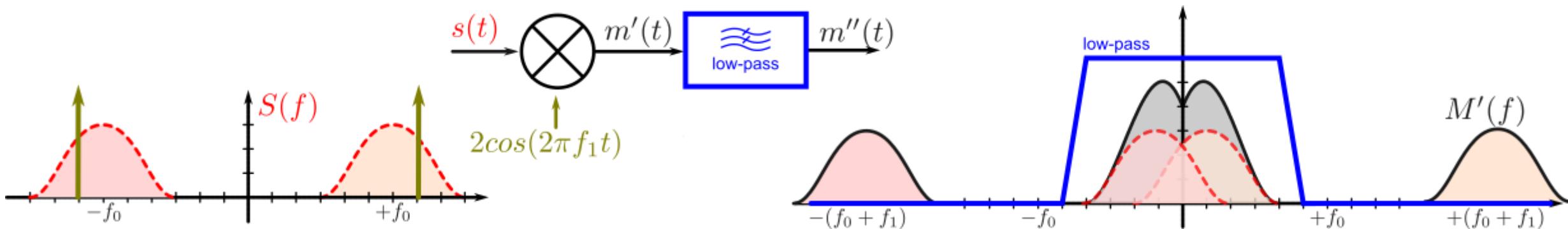
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Note: in the figure, the demodulating carrier is  $\cos(2\pi f_0 t + \gamma)$  which explains the additional factor of 1/2

# AM Demodulation with Significant Frequency Offset

- Usually, it is not only difficult to align the phase of transmitter and receiver, but it is also difficult to align the frequencies
  - Need to expect a significant frequency offset between TX  $f_0$  and RX  $f_1$
  - This offset can easily be a considerable percentage of the BB bandwidth

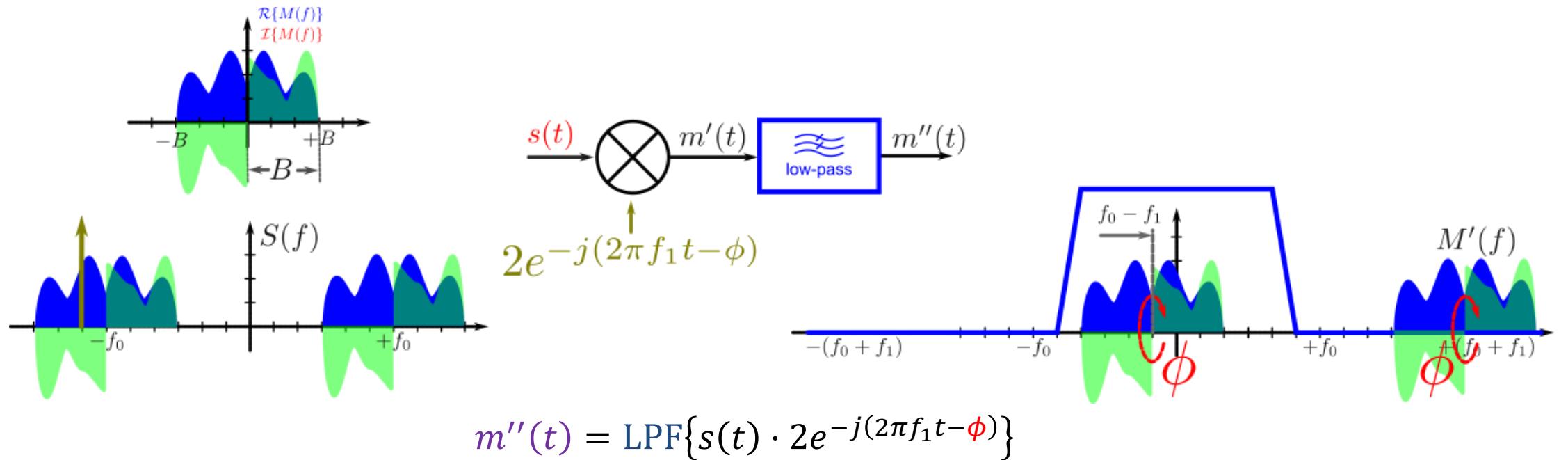


- Positive and negative passband spectra no longer overlap perfectly in the baseband (around DC) → **Aliasing!**

Frequency offsets between TX and RX distort the received signal

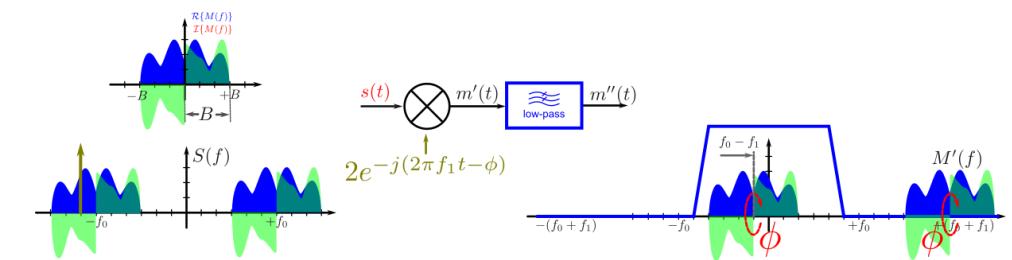
# AM Demodulation with a Complex Sinusoid (1)

- **Goal: avoid aliasing (overlap from negative and positive frequencies)**
- **Idea: a complex sinusoid only shifts the signal in frequency domain**
  - Only the negative or positive passband signal lands around DC



# AM Demodulation with a Complex Sinusoid (2)

- Demodulation with a complex sinusoid with mismatched frequency  $f_1$  and phase offset  $\phi$



$$m''(t) = \text{LPF}\{s(t) \cdot 2e^{-j(2\pi f_1 t - \phi)}\} = ??$$

$$\Delta f = f_0 - f_1$$

- We find the solution in the frequency domain first:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{LPF} \left\{ \frac{1}{2} [M(f + f_0) + M(f - f_0)] \times \delta(f + f_1) e^{-j\phi} \right\} = \\ \text{LPF} \left\{ M \left( f + \underbrace{\frac{(f_0 - f_1)}{\Delta f}}_{\Delta f} \right) e^{+j\phi} + M(f - f_0 - f_1) e^{+j\phi} \right\} = M(f + \Delta f) e^{+j\phi} \\ m''(t) = m(t) \cdot e^{-j2\pi\Delta f \cdot t} \cdot e^{+j\phi} \end{aligned}$$

- Complex demodulation avoids aliasing, BUT the demodulated signal
  - can be complex valued (if  $\phi \neq 0$  or  $\Delta f \neq 0$ )
  - Has a (complex) phasor that changes with  $\phi$  or changes even over time when  $\Delta f \neq 0$

# AM Demodulation with a Complex Sinusoid (3)

- Consider the special case of coherent demodulation with  $\phi = 0$  and  $\Delta f = 0$

$$m''(t) = m(t) \cdot e^{-j2\pi\Delta f \cdot t} \cdot e^{+j\phi} = m(t)$$

- Note that:

$$\mathcal{R}\{m''(t)\} = m(t)$$

$$\mathcal{I}\{m''(t)\} \equiv 0$$

We receive the real-valued transmitted signal (modulated with a cosine) on the real part of the complex-valued demodulated signal  $m''(t)$

# Non-Coherent AM Demodulation

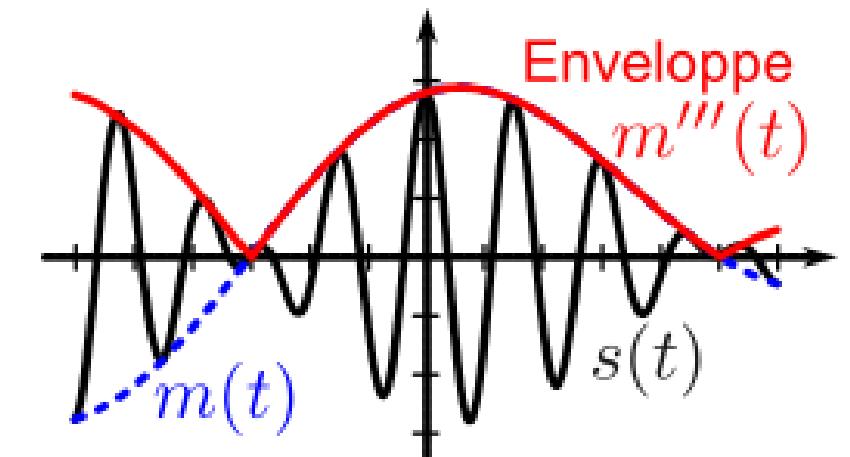
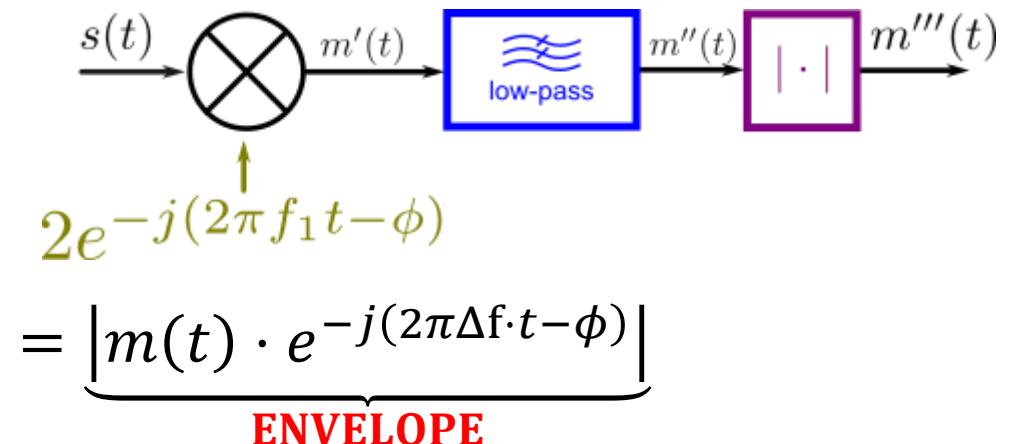
- Non-coherent modulation: modulate a signal in a way that it can be recovered independently from the phase at the demodulator

- Idea for non-coherent demodulation

- Envelope demodulation:

$$m'''(t) = \left| \text{LPF} \{ s(t) \cdot 2e^{-j(2\pi f_1 t - \phi)} \} \right| = \underbrace{\left| m(t) \cdot e^{-j(2\pi \Delta f \cdot t - \phi)} \right|}_{\text{ENVELOPE}}$$

- Unfortunately, this demodulator recovers only  $|m(t)|$  which leads to distortions for  $m(t) < 0$



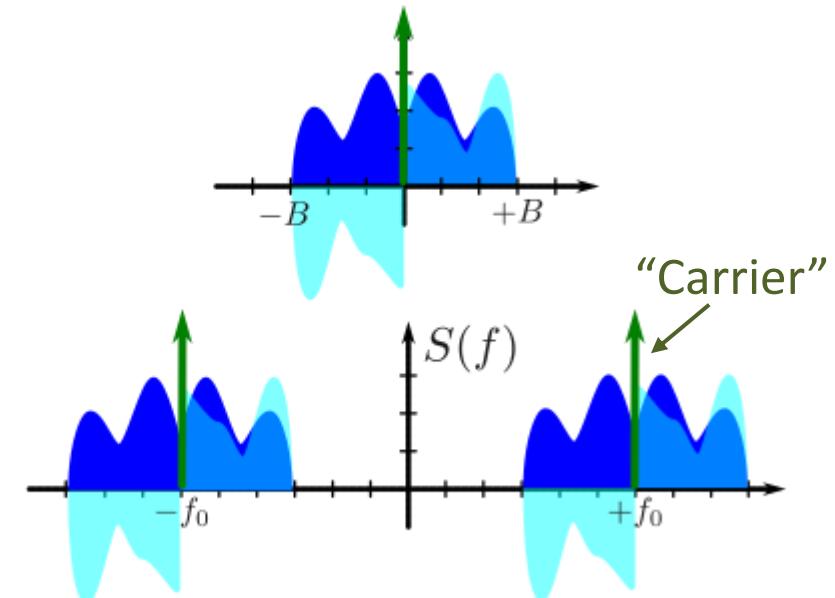
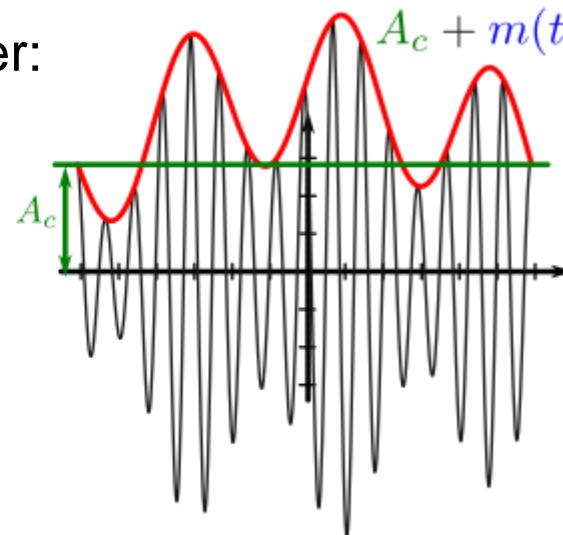
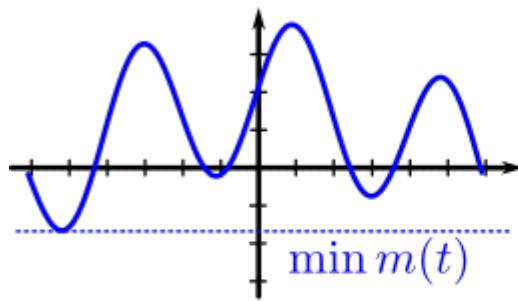
# AM Modulation with Carrier

- To enable non-coherent modulation, we must ensure that the modulated signal is always positive  $A(t) \geq 0$

$$s(t) = \underbrace{(A_c + m(t))}_{A(t)} \cdot \cos(2 \cdot \pi \cdot f_0 \cdot t) \text{ with } A_c \geq -\min_t m(t)$$

$$S(f) = \frac{1}{2} [M(f + f_0) + M(f - f_0)] + \frac{A_c}{2} [\delta(f + f_0) + \delta(f - f_0)]$$

- Double side band with carrier:



# AM with Carrier Demodulation

- **Demodulate an AM signal with carrier using the envelope demodulator:**
  - Complex valued with frequency and phase offset:

$$\begin{aligned} A'''(t) &= \left| \text{LPF}\{s(t) \cdot 2e^{-j(2\pi f_1 t - \phi)}\} \right| = \underbrace{\left| A(t) \cdot e^{-j(2\pi \Delta f \cdot t - \phi)} \right|}_{\text{ENVELOPE}} \\ &= |A(t)| \cdot \underbrace{\left| e^{-j(2\pi \Delta f \cdot t - \phi)} \right|}_1 = |A(t)| \text{ only since } m(t) \geq 0 \end{aligned}$$

- Real valued (without frequency or phase offset):

$$\begin{aligned} A'''(t) &= \left| \text{LPF}\{s(t) \cdot \cos 2\pi f_0 t\} \right| = \left| \text{LPF}\{A(t) \cdot \cos^2 2\pi f_0 t\} \right| \\ &= \left| \text{LPF}\left\{ A(t) \cdot \frac{1}{2} (1 + \cos(2 \cdot 2\pi f_0 t)) \right\} \right| = \frac{1}{2} |A(t)| \end{aligned}$$

# AM Modulation with Carrier (Properties)

A few notes are in order:

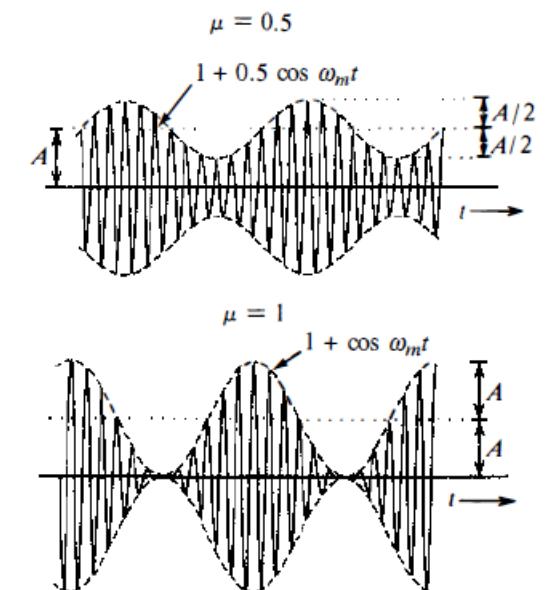
- The baseband signal is often symmetric ( $\min_t m(t) = \max_t m(t) = \max_t |m(t)|$ )
- You will sometimes see a notation of the transmitted signal as

$$s(t) = (A_c + \mu \cdot m(t)) \cdot \cos(2 \cdot \pi \cdot f_0 \cdot t)$$

- $A_c \geq -\min_t m(t)$
- **$\mu$ : is the modulation index.** We must choose  $0 < \mu < 1$  to avoid distortion.

- We can calculate  $\mu$  from the maximum baseband amplitude

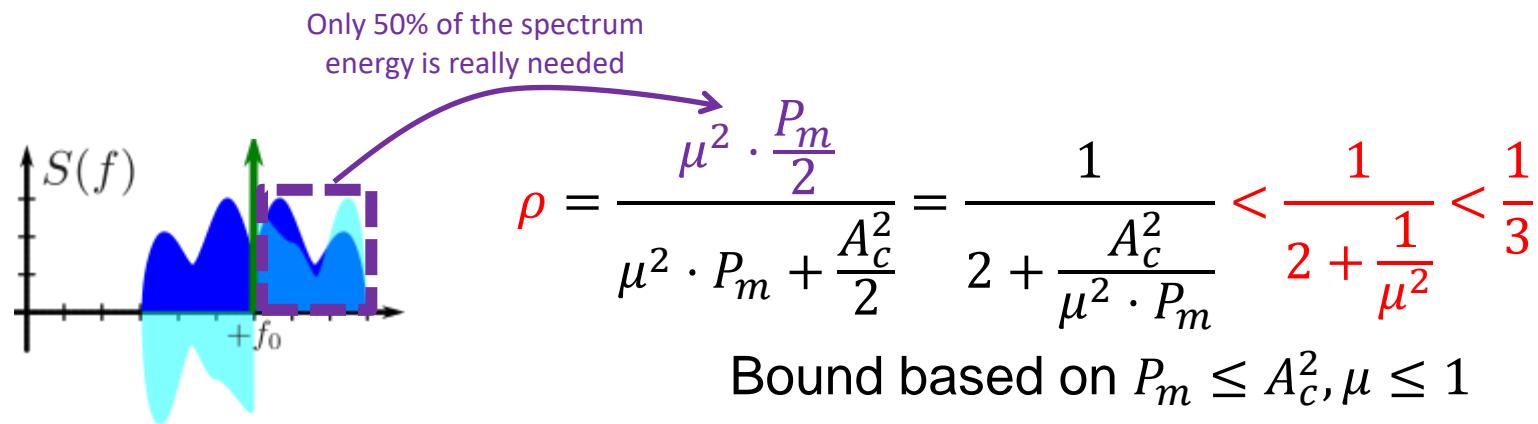
$$\mu = \frac{\max |m(t)|}{A_c}$$



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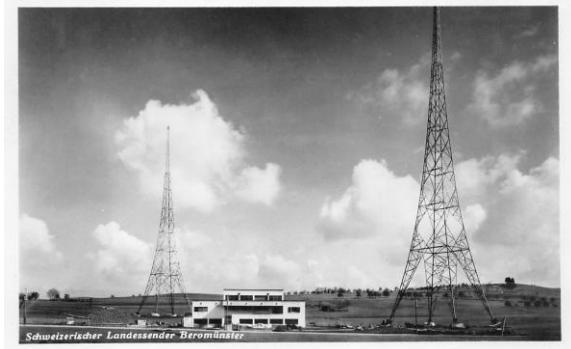
- The choice of  $\mu$  determines the **power efficiency  $\rho$**  of the transmission (i.e., the useful power in the signal vs. the power spent on the carrier)



- If the maximum amplitude of the baseband signal is not well known, AM is quite power-inefficient since modulation index  $\mu$  must be chosen conservatively (small)

# AM Radio Broadcast

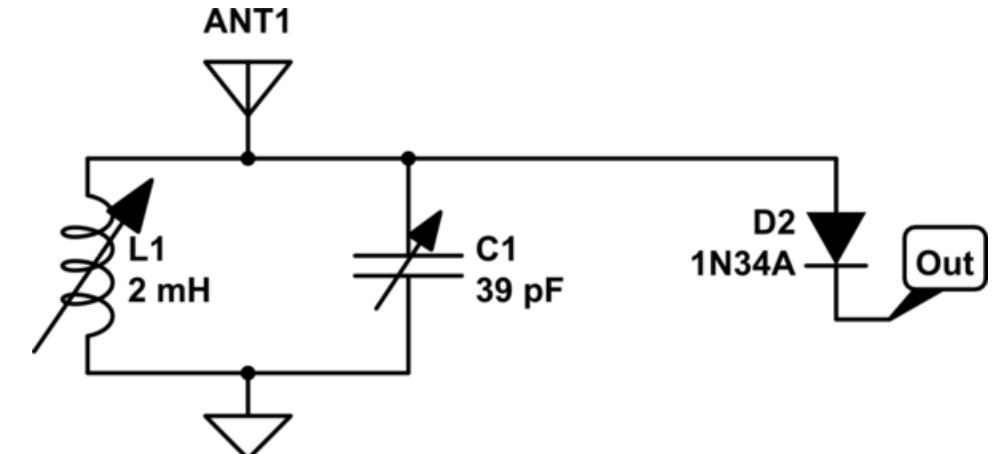
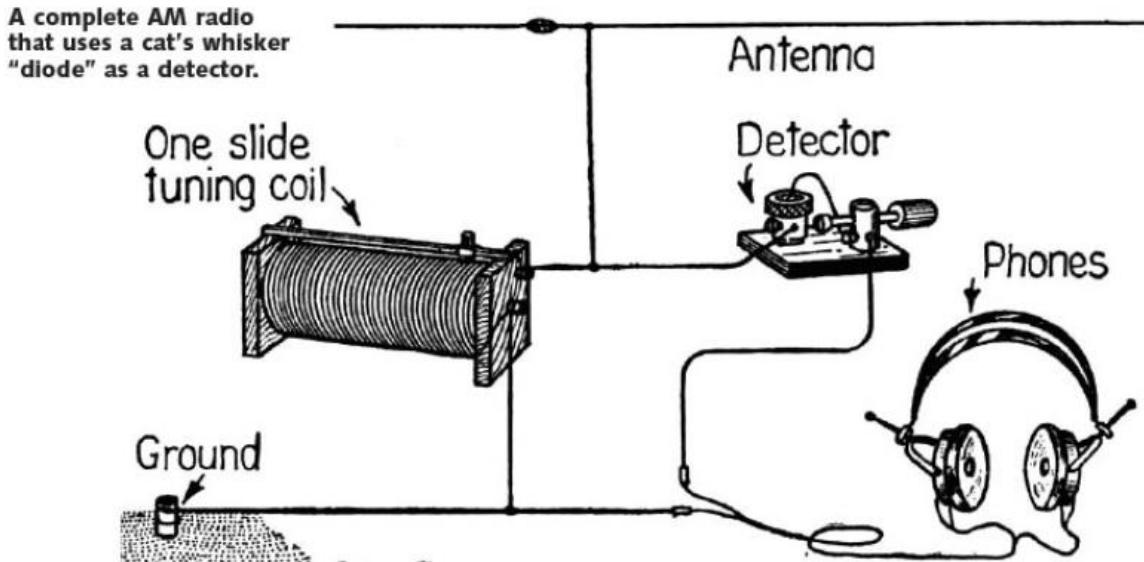
- **Early radio broadcast was based on AM since**
  - AM modulation is relatively simple to realize with basic components
  - Low bandwidth of audio signals occupy only a limited spectrum
  - Enough space even at low frequencies for many radio AM stations
- **First commercial AM radio stations in the 1920s**
  - Switzerland: commercial AM radio started in 1930s
  - Three major medium-wave transmitters:
    - Radio Sottens: French speaking population
    - Radio Beromünster: German speaking population
    - Monte Ceneri: Italian speaking population
  - AM radio broadcast started to loose popularity after introduction of FM radio in the 1950s/1960s
  - Last AM radio station in Switzerland operation in 2010



Sottens  
& Beromünster

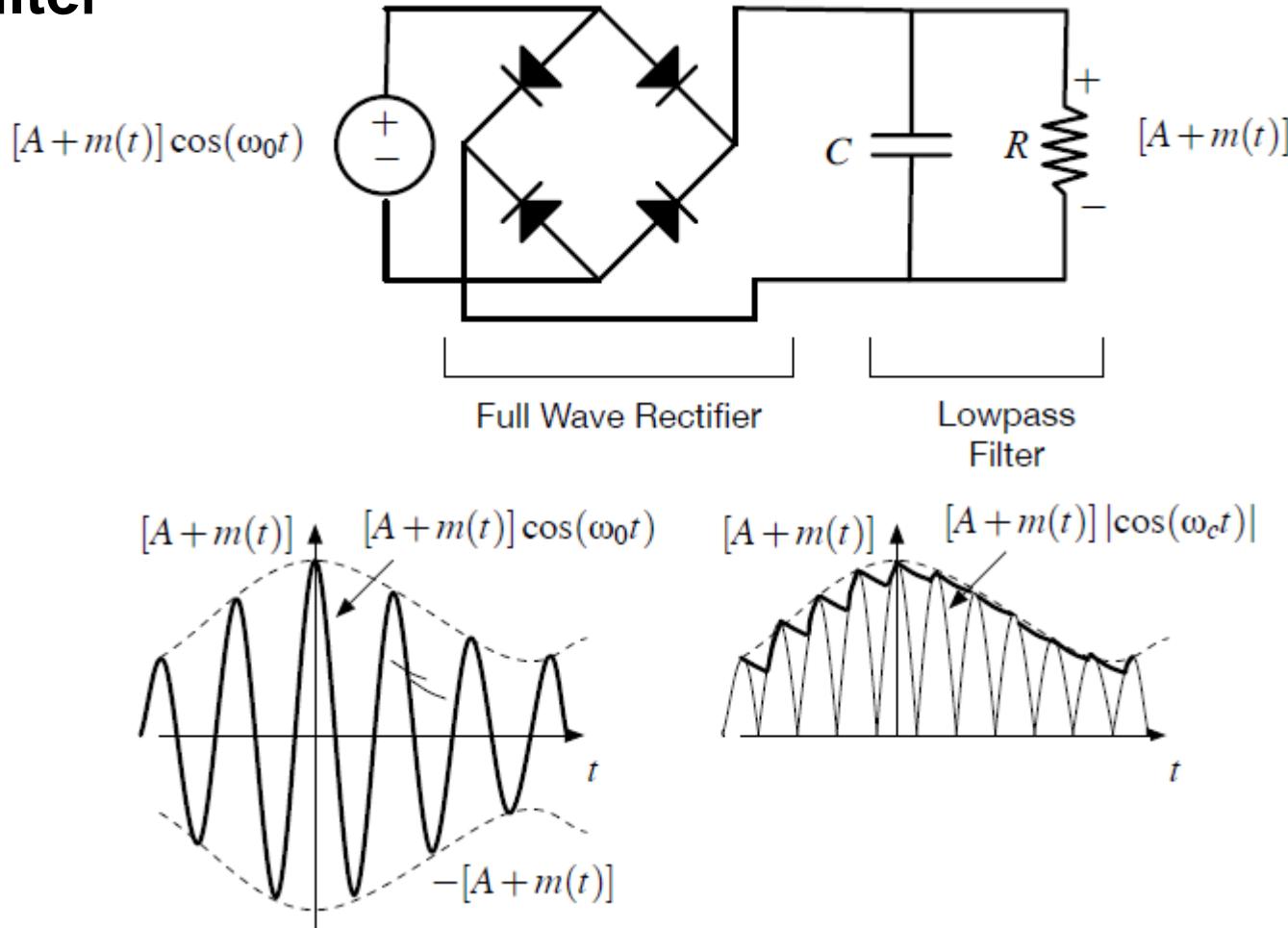
# Practical AM Radio Receiver (1)

- **AM radio was possible due to the simplicity of the receiver**
  - Receiver can be realized even without active components (with sufficient received power)
- **Nonlinearity based AM receiver**



# Practical AM Radio Receiver (2)

- A slightly more sophisticated receiver can be realized with a “rectifier” and a low-pass filter

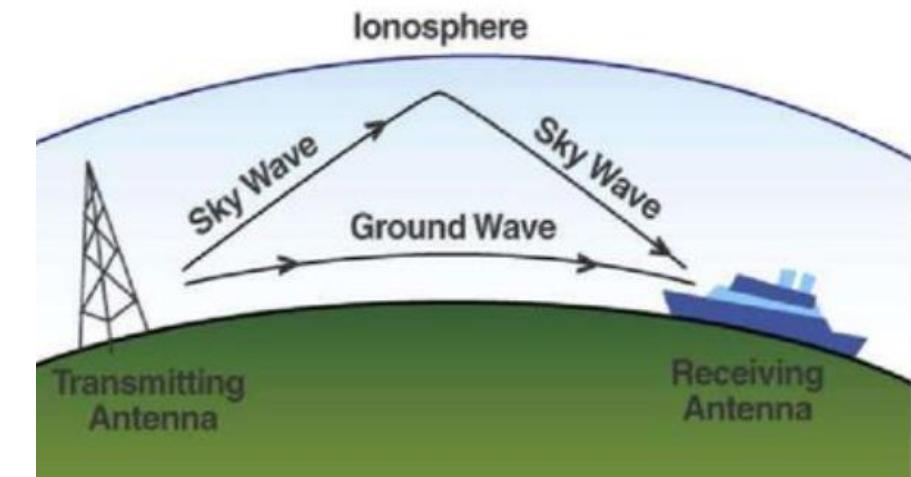


# AM Radio Propagation

- **Frequency bands allocated to AM radio in the 100s of kHz regime**
  - Channel spacing ~9-10 kHz, supporting audio with 4.5kHz BW
  - Some countries allowed for 10.2kHz audio (~20.4kHz spacing) in higher frequency bands

<b>Long Wave (LW)</b>	153 kHz – 279 kHz	9 kHz	~126 kHz	Europe, Africa, and parts of Asia.
<b>Medium Wave (MW)</b>	530 kHz – 1,700 kHz	9-10 kHz	~1,170 kHz	Primary AM broadcast band worldwide.
<b>Short Wave (SW)</b>	1.6 MHz – 30 MHz	Variable	~28.4 MHz	International broadcasting.

- **Low frequencies are good for long-range**
  - **Ground waves** propagate along the surface and therefore reach beyond the horizon (100km – 500km)
  - **Sky waves** are reflected on the outer layer of the atmosphere during night time as during day time a lower layer absorbs the radio signal (up to 2000km)



# Touching an AM Radio “Tower”

- **AM radio transmitters operate **with** a transmit power of 50k – 600k Watt**

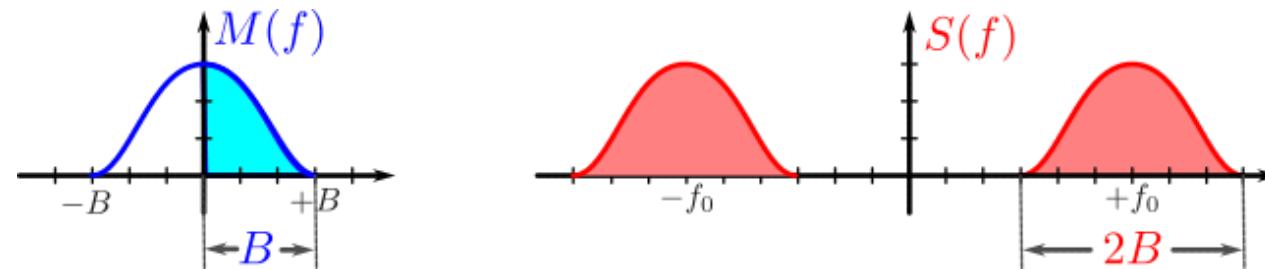
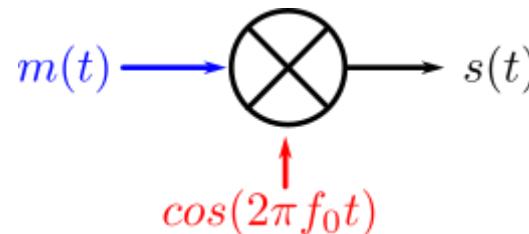


# Recap from Week-3

- Baseband signals, centered around DC are used for wireline transmission
- Passband signals, are centered at a carrier frequency, used for wireless
- Modulation translates a baseband signal by altering amplitude or phase of a sinusoid carrier signal

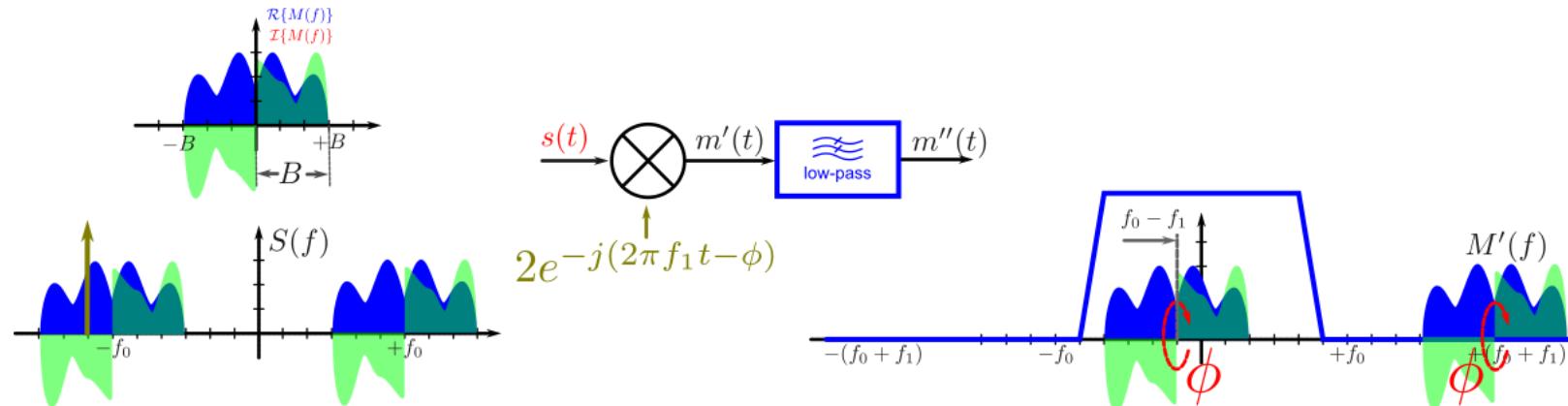
$$s(t) = A(t) \times \cos(2 \cdot \pi \cdot f_0 \cdot t + \phi(t))$$

- Amplitude modulation with sinusoidal carrier with a real-valued signal of bandwidth  $B$  (only positive frequencies) uses a bandwidth  $2B$  in Passband
  - Very bandwidth inefficient



# Recap from Week-3

- AM signals can be demodulated with a complex sinusoid and a LP-filter

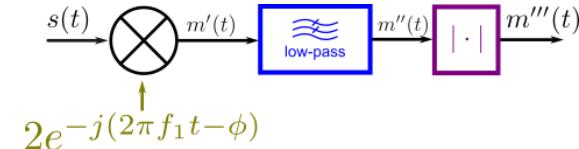
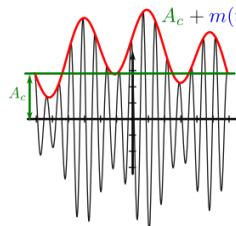


- Phase and frequency offsets cause the resulting BB signal to “rotate”

$$m''(t) = m(t) \cdot e^{-j2\pi\Delta f \cdot t} \cdot e^{+j\phi}$$

- Non-Coherent AM Modulation creates an always positive signal that can be demodulated based on the magnitude (Envelope)

$$s(t) = (A_c + m(t)) \cdot \cos(2 \cdot \pi \cdot f_0 \cdot t)$$



# Quadrature Modulation (Motivation)

- **Reminder: AM modulation is very inefficient in terms of its bandwidth**
  - The bandwidth of the passband signal is 2x wider than the bandwidth of the baseband signal

**Fundamentally, there should be enough space in the passband signal of bandwidth  $2 \cdot B$  for two baseband signals of bandwidth  $B$**

# Quadrature Modulation (Reminders)

- How can we “squeeze” a second real-valued baseband signal  $m_2(t)$  of baseband bandwidth  $B$  into the same real-valued passband signal  $s(t)$  of bandwidth  $2B$ ?
- Reminders:
  - The first real-valued baseband signal  $m_1(t)$  is modulated with a cosine

$$s_1(t) = m_1(t) \cdot \cos(2 \cdot \pi \cdot f_0 \cdot t)$$

- We could recover the signal with a coherent receiver as

$$\mathcal{R} \left\{ \text{LPF} \left\{ s(t) \cdot 2e^{-j(2\pi f_0 t)} \right\} \right\} = \text{LPF} \{ s_1(t) \cdot 2 \cos(2\pi f_0 t) \} = m_1(t)$$

$$\mathcal{I} \left\{ \text{LPF} \left\{ s(t) \cdot 2e^{-j(2\pi f_0 t)} \right\} \right\} = \text{LPF} \{ s_1(t) \cdot 2 \sin(2\pi f_0 t) \} \equiv 0$$

Demodulation with  $\sin$  shows no trace of the signal modulated with a  $\cos$

# Quadrature Modulation

- Real and Imaginary part are orthogonal (can carry independent signals)
- Idea: look for a carrier at the same carrier frequency that is orthogonal to the cosine carrier that “carries” the first signal  $m_1(t)$ 
  - Reminder: at  $f_0$ , we have two orthogonal sinusoids
$$\cos(2 \cdot \pi \cdot f_0 \cdot t) \text{ and } \sin(2 \cdot \pi \cdot f_0 \cdot t)$$
$$\langle \cos(2 \cdot \pi \cdot f_0 \cdot t), \sin(2 \cdot \pi \cdot f_0 \cdot t) \rangle = 0$$
- Modulation and demodulation of only  $m_2(t)$  with sine (instead of cos) yields

$$s_2(t) = m_2(t) \cdot \sin(2 \cdot \pi \cdot f_0 \cdot t)$$

$$\mathcal{R} \left\{ \text{LPF} \left\{ s(t) \cdot 2e^{-j(2\pi f_0 t)} \right\} \right\} = \text{LPF} \left\{ s_2(t) \cdot 2 \cos(2\pi f_0 t) \right\} \equiv 0$$

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Demodulation with cos shows no trace of the signal modulated with a cos

# Quadrature Modulation

- Quadrature modulation modulates two real-valued signals with two orthogonal carriers: sin and cos

$$s(t) = m_1(t) \cdot \cos(2 \cdot \pi \cdot f_0 \cdot t) + m_2(t) \cdot \sin(2 \cdot \pi \cdot f_0 \cdot t)$$

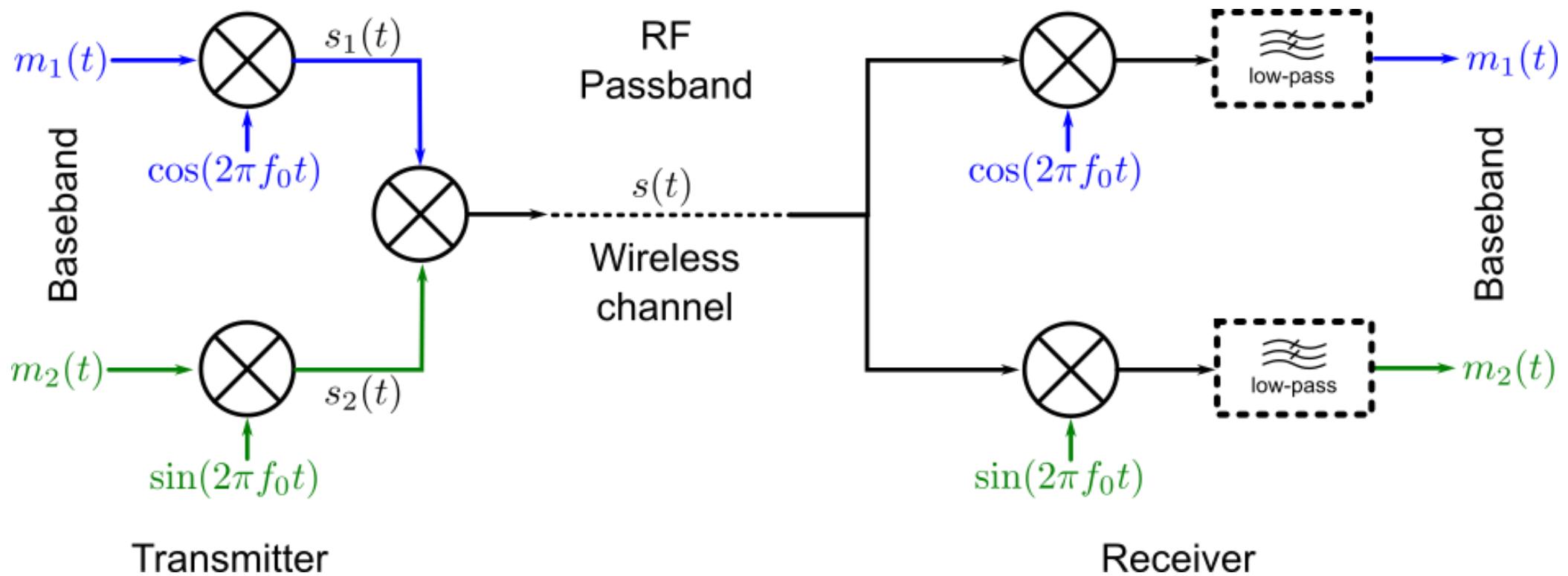
- Demodulation (using linearity)

$$\begin{aligned} \text{LPF}\{[m_1(t) \cdot \cos(2 \cdot \pi \cdot f_0 \cdot t) + m_2(t) \cdot \sin(2 \cdot \pi \cdot f_0 \cdot t)] \cdot 2 \cos(2\pi f_0 t)\} &= \\ &= \mathcal{R} \left\{ \text{LPF}\{s(t) \cdot 2e^{-j(2\pi f_0 t)}\} \right\} \\ &= m_1(t) + 0 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{LPF}\{[m_1(t) \cdot \cos(2 \cdot \pi \cdot f_0 \cdot t) + m_2(t) \cdot \sin(2 \cdot \pi \cdot f_0 \cdot t)] \cdot 2 \sin(2\pi f_0 t)\} &= \\ &= \mathcal{R} \left\{ \text{LPF}\{s(t) \cdot 2e^{-j(2\pi f_0 t)}\} \right\} \\ &= 0 + m_2(t) \end{aligned}$$

# Quadrature Modulation

- Quadrature transmitter / receiver transmitting two real-valued signals (both baseband bandwidth  $B$  in the same  $2B$  wide passband around  $f_0$ )



# Quadrature Modulation in Complex Domain

- **We can also think of a quadrature modulator in the complex domain:**
  - Think of the two baseband signals  $m_1(t)$  and  $-m_2(t)$  as the real and imaginary values of a complex-valued baseband signal  $m(t)$

$$m(t) = m_1(t) - j \cdot m_2(t)$$

- Modulation is performed with a complex-valued sinusoid  $e^{j(2\pi f_0 t)}$ , keeping only the real value

$$s(t) = \mathcal{R}\{m(t) \cdot e^{j(2\pi f_0 t)}\} =$$

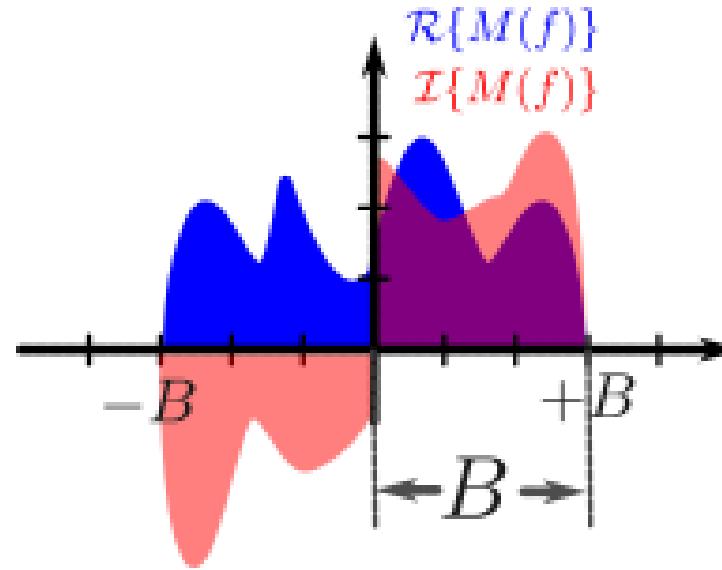
$$\mathcal{R}\{[m_1(t) - j \cdot m_2(t)] \cdot [\cos(2\pi f_0 t) + j \cdot \sin(2\pi f_0 t)]\} =$$

$$\mathcal{R}\{[m_1(t) \cdot \cos(2\pi f_0 t) + m_2(t) \cdot \sin(2\pi f_0 t)] + j \cdot [m_1(t) \cdot \sin(2\pi f_0 t) - m_2(t) \cdot \cos(2\pi f_0 t)]\} =$$

$$[m_1(t) \cdot \cos(2\pi f_0 t) + m_2(t) \cdot \sin(2\pi f_0 t)]$$

# Quadrature Modulation (Spectral Interpretation)

- We start from a complex-valued signal:  $m(t) = m_1(t) - j \cdot m_2(t)$ 
  - The spectrum between  $f = -B \dots +B$  does not need to be complex-symmetric. Any arbitrary spectrum is allowed



- The complex-valued transmitted signal uses both sides of the spectrum with no redundancy!

# Quadrature Modulation (Spectral Interpretation)

- The complex-valued formulation of the quadrature modulation is convenient to interpret in the frequency domain as a two step process

$$s(t) = \mathcal{R}\{m(t) \cdot e^{j(2\pi f_0 t)}\}$$

1. Shifting the complex-valued signal up to the carrier: results in a purely positive spectrum, but in a complex-valued signal
2. Taking the real part: “creates” the “negative” frequency components around  $-f_0$  as the complex-conjugate of the spectrum around  $+f_0$

