Digital Voice Radio Communications Modes

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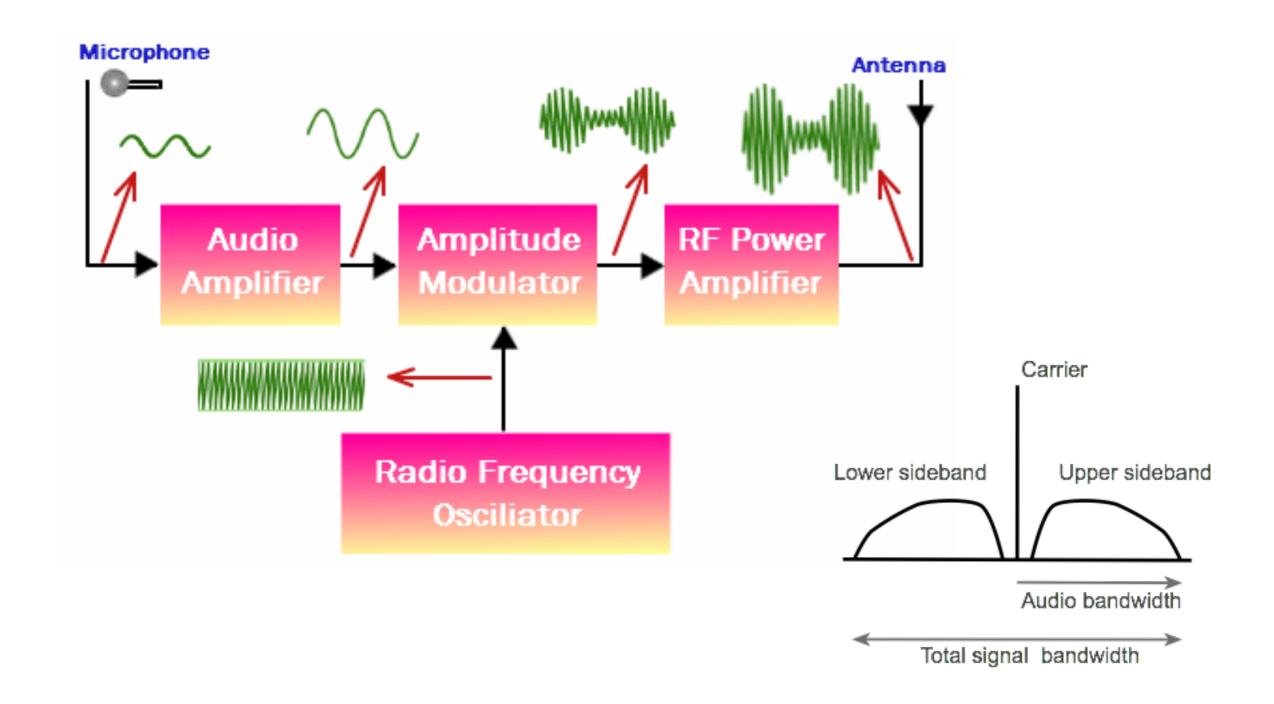
Review of Analog Modes

AM: Amplitude Modulation (Single Side Band is AM)

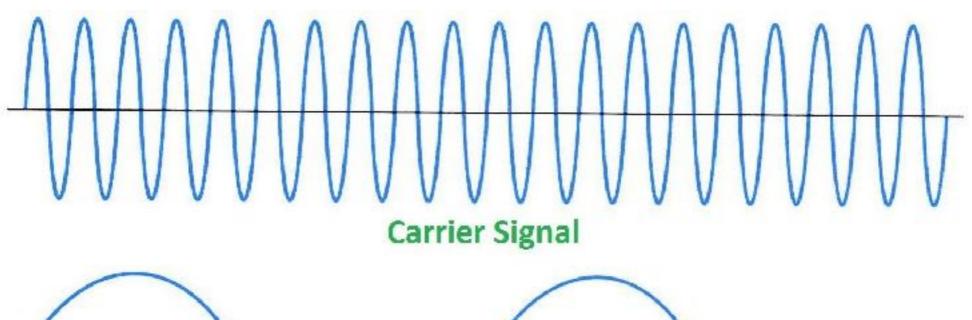
FM: Frequency Modulation

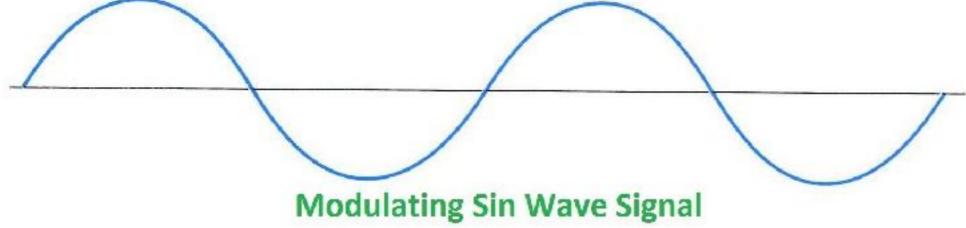
PM: Phase Modulation

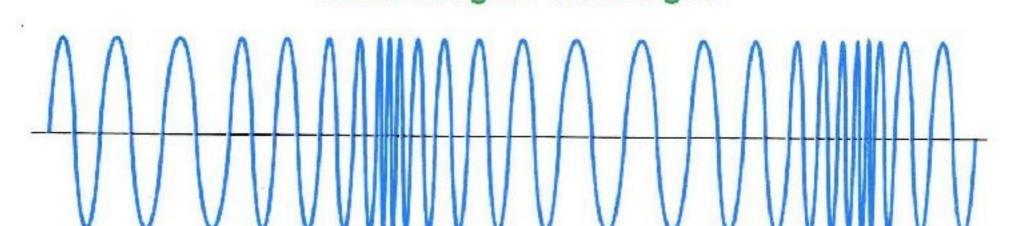
MODULATION



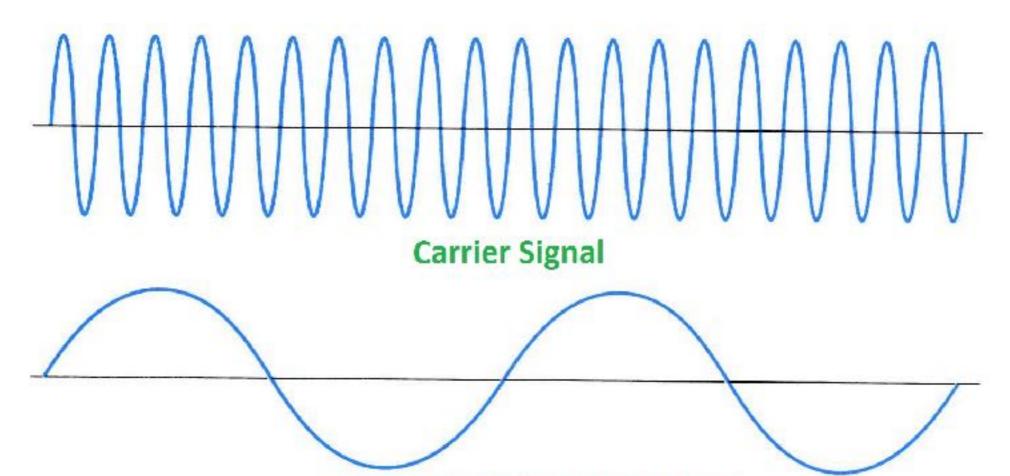
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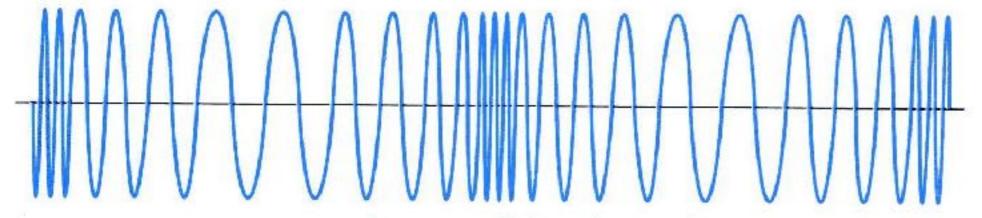




Frequency Modulated Signal

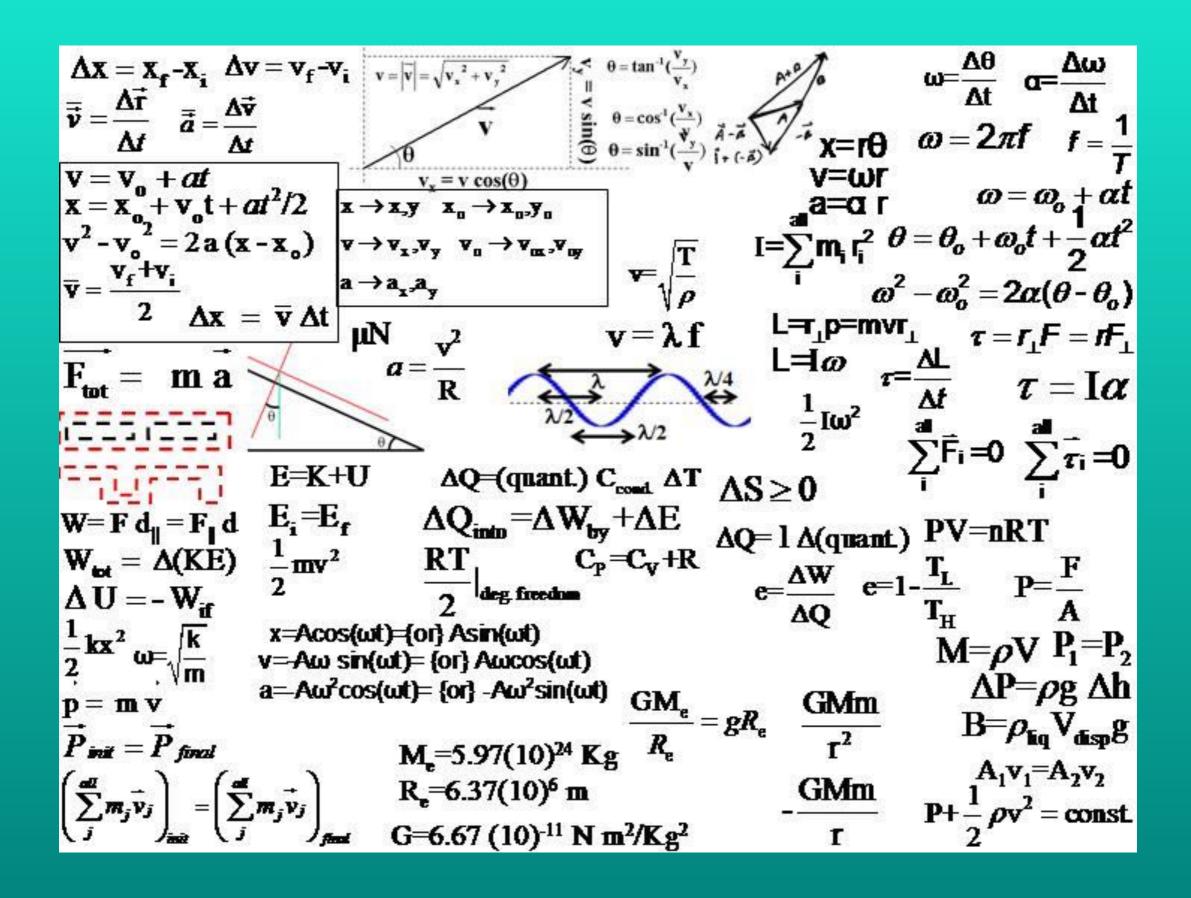


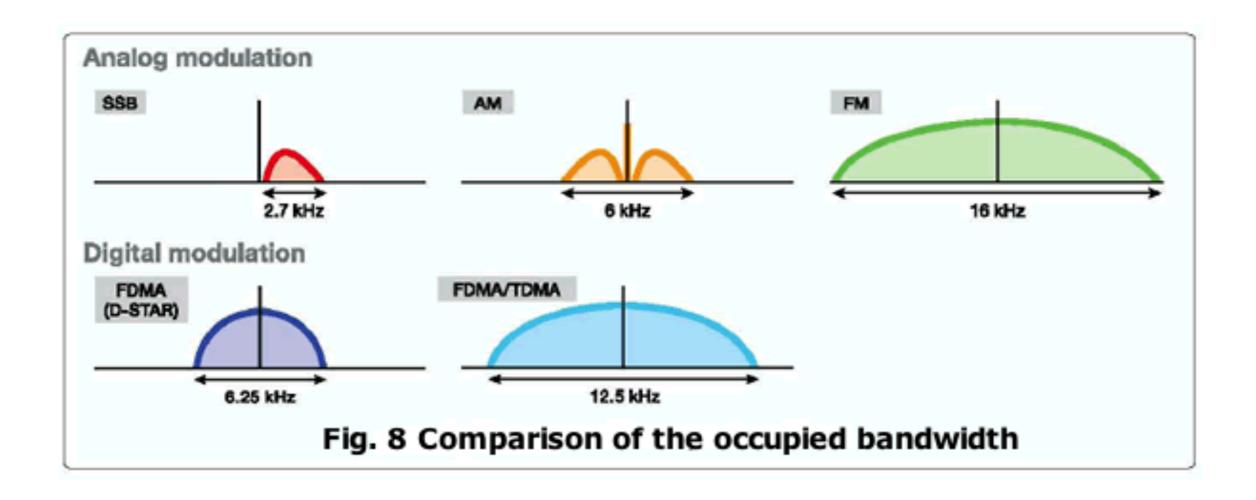
Modulating Sine Wave Signal



Phase Modulated Signal

Clarify the difference!



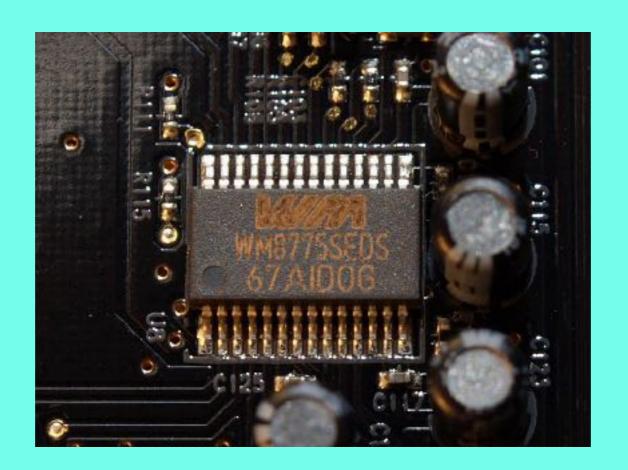


Digital Voice Modes

In all cases voice audio (analog) is

digitized by an A-to-D converter into a digital data stream,

and un-digitized back to analog audio by a D-to-A converter.



Overview of Digital Voice Modes

The digital data stream is processed in differing ways:

DSTAR: Used by Icom and Kenwood, MSK (aka: GMSK)
Packetized Minimum (frequency) Shift Keying
4800 Bits per second

FUSION: Used by Yaesu, C4FM
Compatible 4 Level FSK (Frequency Shift Keying)
Based on P25, a Motorola development
(Developed by ETSI (www.etsi.org)
9600 Bits per second
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Q6jgtPHOtqQ

DMR: Used by Tytera (TYT) and Motorola, TDMA
Time Division Multiple Access (time slots)
Developed by ETSI (www.etsi.org)
9600 effective bits per second

AMBE©:
Advanced
Multi-Band
Excitation

VOCODER: Voice Encoder

Decoder

Overview of Digital Links

DSTAR network uses gateway interfaces at repeaters and reflectors

WX4EMA repeater in Macon REF030B is well known in Georgia DSTAR is worldwide, extensively installed

WIRES and WIRES-X by Brandmeister

for Yaesu Fusion network of "rooms" like chat rooms

DMR uses MARC

Metropolitan Area Radio Council worldwide network of "talk groups"

Echolink and IRLP and Allstar are analog remote control systems (using VOIP)

Think of the repeater as a remote base controlled by one of the above.

Advantages and Disadvantages

Bandwidth and Throughput

DSTAR is narrow enough that it can be used in HF.

All three handle data/text while in voice mode.

Fusion has best audio quality (wider bandwidth).

DSTAR has most complete network, others growing.

DSTAR radio is most expensive, but that is changing.

DMR allows two users per channel ... simultaneously.

Dongles for all ... DVAP, DVDongle, DVMega, several others

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