
EECE 491: Discrete-time Signal Processing

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Lecture 1: Introduction

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My Research Area

- **Software-defined modems for 5G wireless networks**
- **High-performance communication and digital signal processing systems**
- **Capacity-approaching channel coding and applications**
- **Energy-efficient designs by algorithm, architecture and circuit co-optimization**
- **Error-resilient architectures and circuits, and applications**
- **Computer architecture**

Course Policy

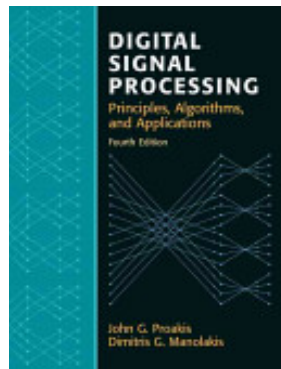
- **Grading:**
 - 2 Midterms (35%)
 - Final Exam (35%)
 - Homework Assignments (10%)
 - Project (20%)

- **Projects: Individually done**
- **Lectures begin on the hour. Please come time.**
- **Exams are closed book and comprehensive.**

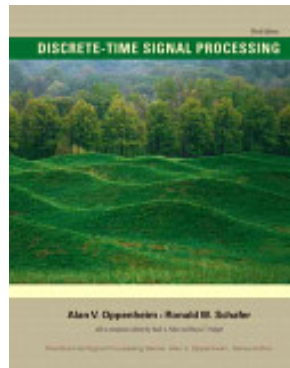
Course Syllabus

■ Main Textbooks

- “Digital Signal Processing”, J. Proakis and D. Manolakis, Prentice Hall, 4th Ed.
- “Discrete Time Signal Processing”, A. Oppenheim and R. Schaffer, Prentice Hall, 3rd Ed.
- “Digital Signal Processing”, S. Mitra, McGraw Hill, 4th Ed.



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Course Topics

- **Signals, Systems, and Transforms (Review)**
- **LTI Discrete-Time Systems**
- **Digital Filter Structures**
- **FIR and IIR Digital Filter Design**
- **Filter Design Based on a Least Squares Approach**
- **DSP Algorithm Implementation**
- **Finite Word-length Effects**
- **Multirate Digital Signal Processing**
- **Multirate Filter Banks and Wavelets**
- **DSP Architectures**
- **Applications to Software Defined Radios and Communications Modems**
- **Introduction to Adaptive Filtering**

Topics and Applications

- **Digital signal processing algorithms/applications**
 - Signals, convolution, sampling (signals & systems)
 - Transfer functions & freq. resp. (signals & systems)
 - Filter design & implementation, signal-to-noise ratio
 - Quantization (embedded systems) and data conversion

- **Digital communication algorithms/applications**
 - Analog modulation/demodulation (signals & systems)
 - Digital modulation/demodulation, pulse shaping, pseudo noise
 - Signal quality: matched filtering, bit error probability

- **Digital signal processor (DSP) architectures**
 - Assembly language, interfacing, pipelining (embedded systems)
 - Harvard architecture, addressing modes, real-time programming

Software Tools

- **Matlab**
 - DSP toolbox
- **Simulink**
- **DSP toolkits in lab**

Signal Processing in General

- **Signal Processing**
 - Generation, transformation and extraction of information
 - Algorithms with associated architectures and implementations
 - Applications related to processing information

- **Examples:**
 - Convert one signal to another
 - Examples: Filter, generate control commands, etc.
 - Interpretation and information extraction
 - Examples: Speech recognition, machine learning

- **Real-time Signal Processing systems**
 - Guarantee delivery of data by a specific time

Digital Signal Processing

- **Digital: Signal $x(t)$ is discrete both in amplitude and time**
 - Discrete samples (in time): $x[0], x[1], x[2], \dots$
 - Discrete amplitude (quantization)
 - $x[n]$ quantized and represented as a binary number
- **Notation:**
 - Continuous-time signal: $x(t)$
 - Discrete-time signal: $x[n]$
 - Digital signal: $Q(x[n])$
- **Digital representation (on a computer)**
- **Discrete-time samples can be samples of a continuous-time signal:**
 - Samples taken T seconds apart ($T =$ sampling period)

$$x[n] = x(t)|_{t = nT} = x(nT)$$

Why Learn DSP?

- **“Swiss-Army-Knife” of modern EE**
- **Impacts all aspects of modern life**
 - Communications (wireless, internet, GPS, etc.)
 - Control and monitoring (cars, machines, etc.)
 - Multimedia (mp3, cameras, videos, restoration, etc.)
 - Health (medical devices, imaging, etc.)
 - Economy (stock market, prediction)
 - More ...

What Can You Do with Digital Signal Processors?



Consumer audio



Pro-audio



Smart meters



DSL modems

Communications



Wireless Wearable
Multichannel EEG

IP camera



Video conferencing



Microscopes



In-car entertainment



Tablets

MRI noise
cancelling
headphones



Biomedical

What Can You Do with Digital Signal Processors?



machine vision



**Avionics &
Defense**



**High Performance
Computing**



**Video Encoding/
Decoding**



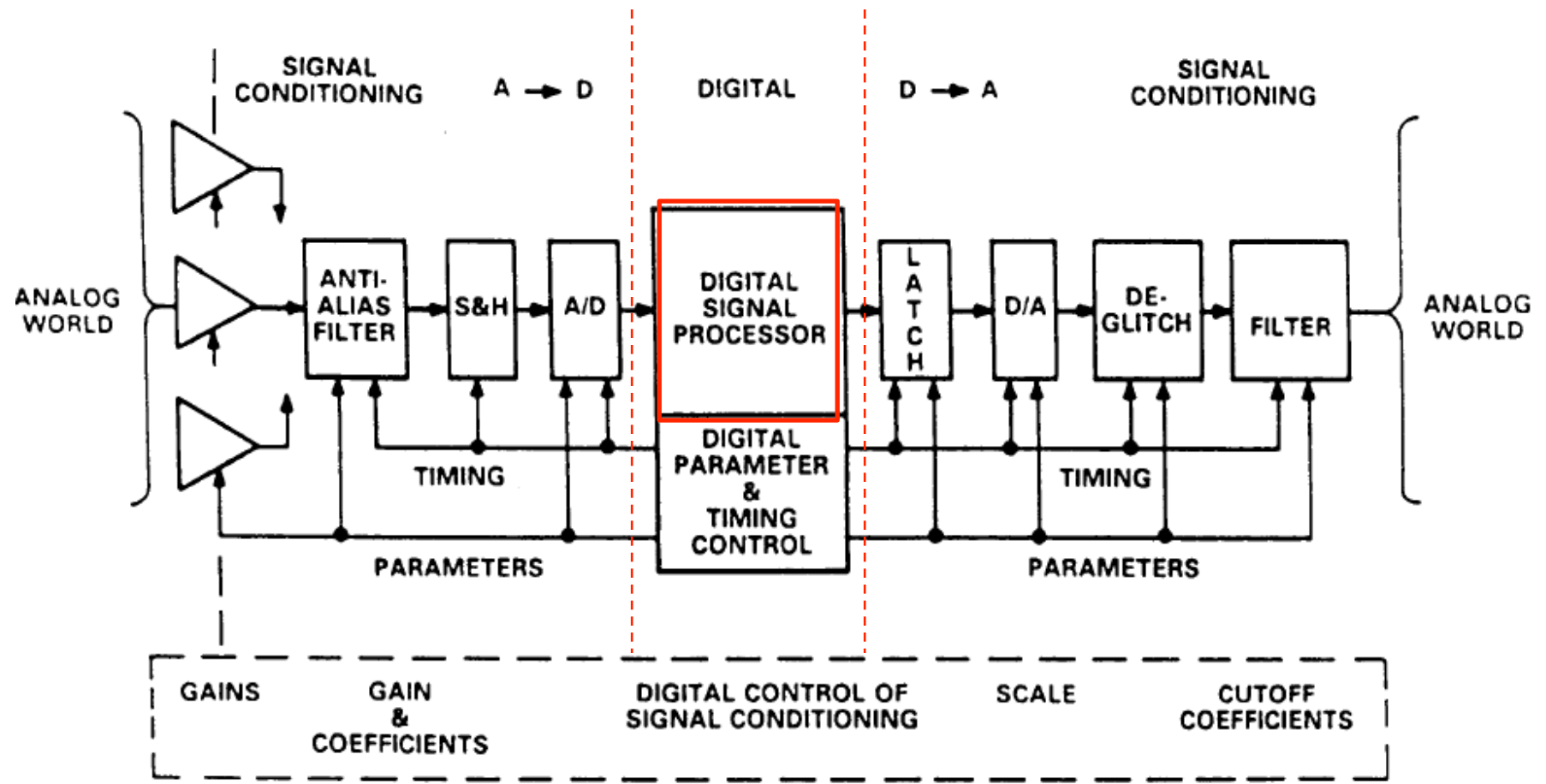
Biometrics

Advantages of DSP

- **Flexibility**
- **System/implementation does not age**
- **“Easy” implementation**
 - Ex: Programmable implementation on a DSP
- **Reusable hardware**
- **Sophisticated processing**
- **Process on a computer**
- **(Today) Computation is cheaper and better**
 - Vector DSPs
 - Multi-core DSPs

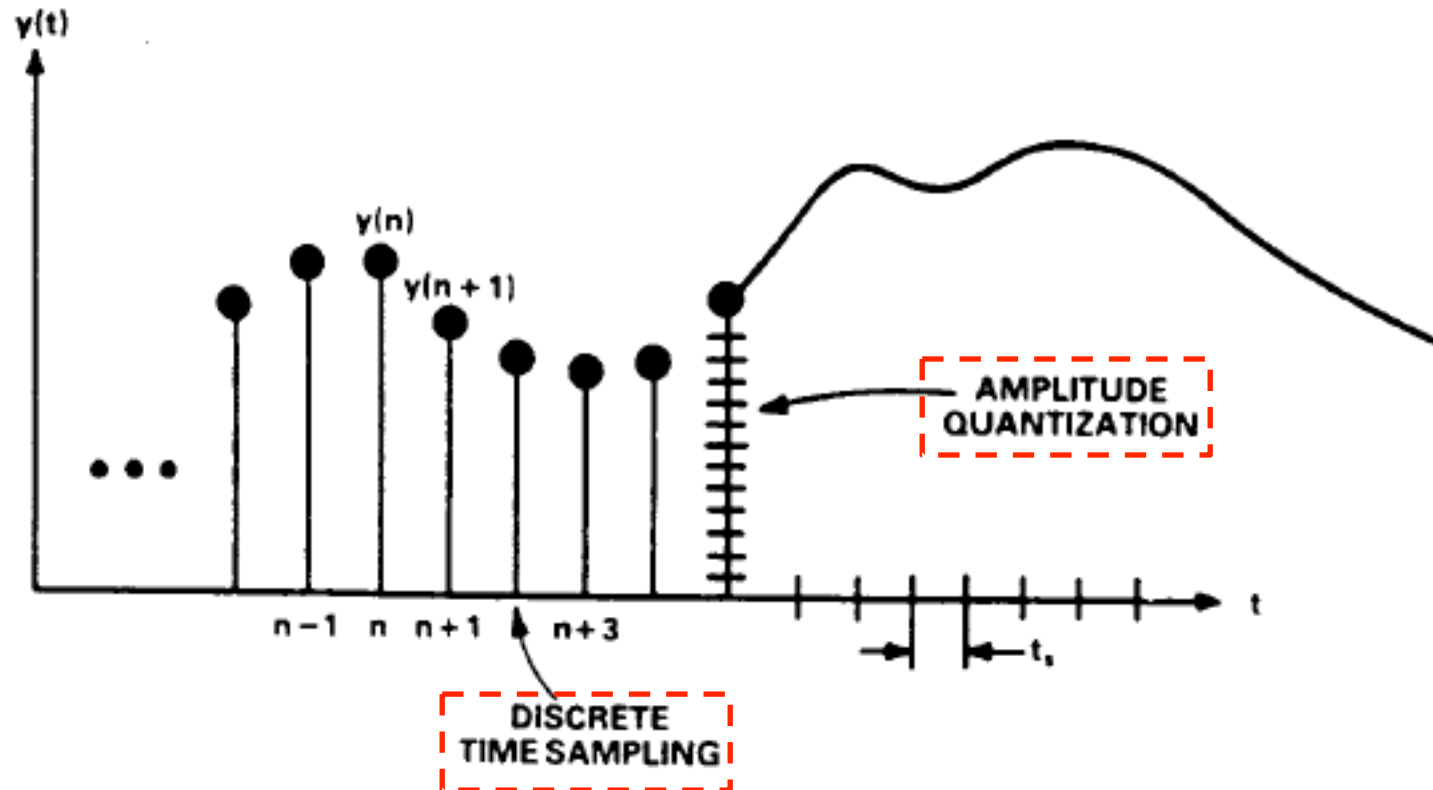
DSP System Structure

Key Components of a Sampled Data System

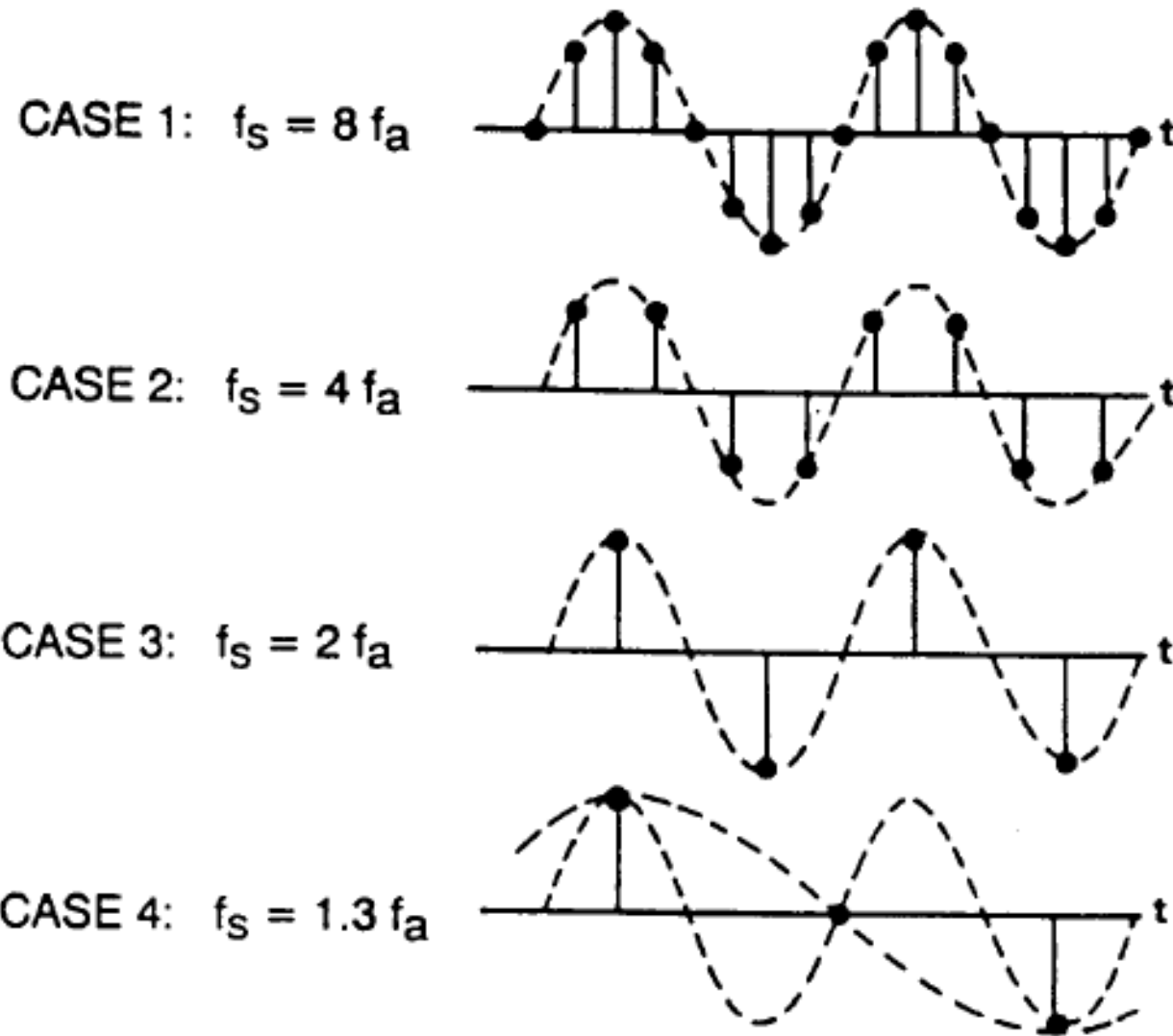


[Source: Analog Devices]

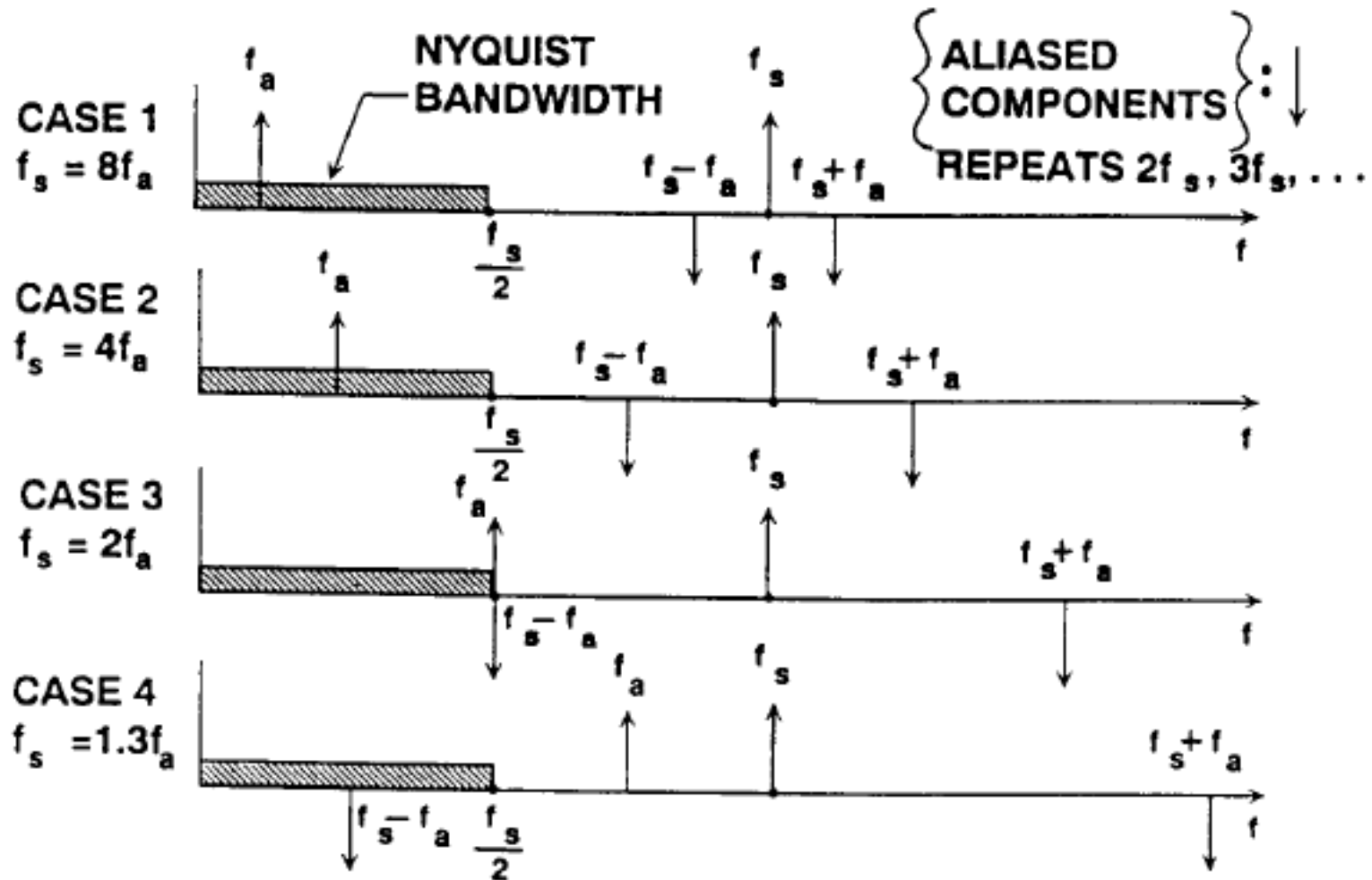
Discrete Sampling of an Analog Signal



Time-Domain Effects of Aliasing



Frequency Domain Effects of Aliasing



Examples

Example I: Audio Compression

- **Compress audio by 10x without perceptual loss of quality.**
- **Sophisticated processing based on models of human perception**
- **3MB files instead of 30MB**
 - Entire industry changed in less than 10 years!

Example II: Digital Camera

CMOS Image Sensor Integrated Circuit Architecture

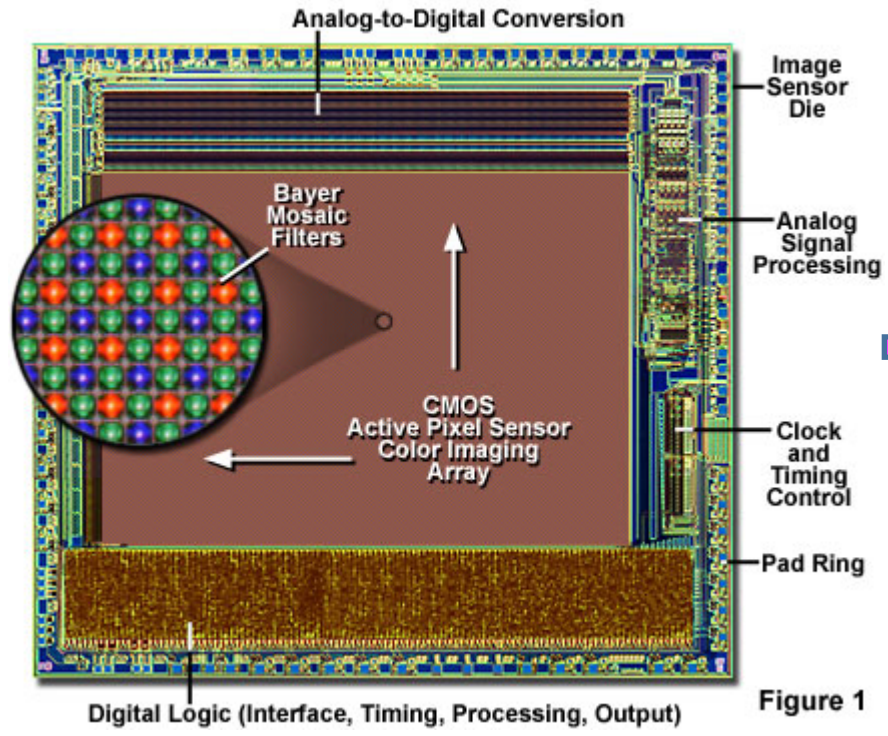
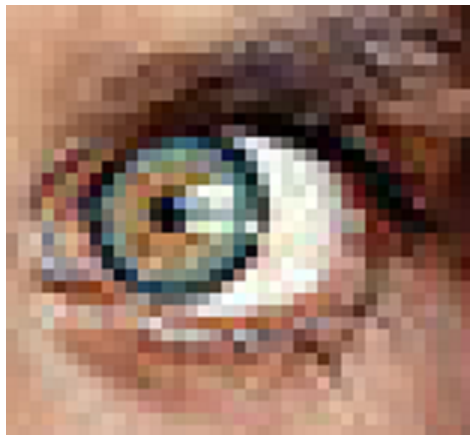


Figure 1



(color reconstruction)

Example II: Digital Camera (cont'd)



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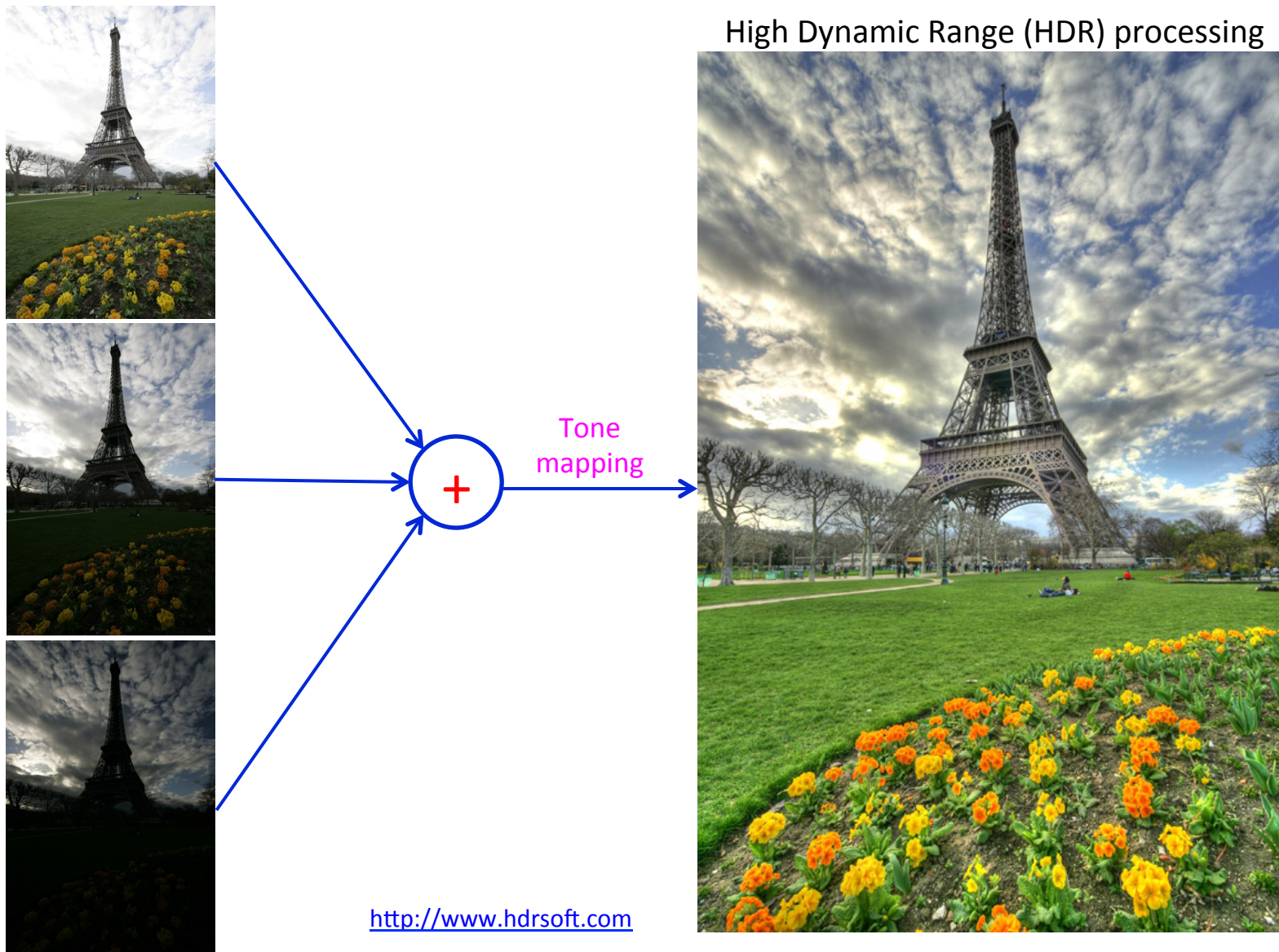
Example II: Digital Camera (cont'd)

- Compression of 40x without perceptual loss of quality

- Example of slight over-compression difference enables x60 compression!



Example III: Computational Photography



Example IV: Software Defined Radio (SDR)

- **Traditional radio:**
 - Hardware receiver/demodulators/filtering
 - Outputs analog signals or digital bits

- **Software Defined Radio:**
 - Uses RF front end for baseband signal
 - High speed ADC digitizes samples
 - All processing chain done in software

Example IV: Software Defined Radio (cont'd)

- **Advantages:**
 - Flexibility
 - Upgradability
 - Sophisticated processing
 - Ideal Processing chain - not approximate like in analog hardware

- **Already used in consumer electronics**
 - Cellphone baseband processors
 - Wifi, GPS, etc.

Communication System Structure

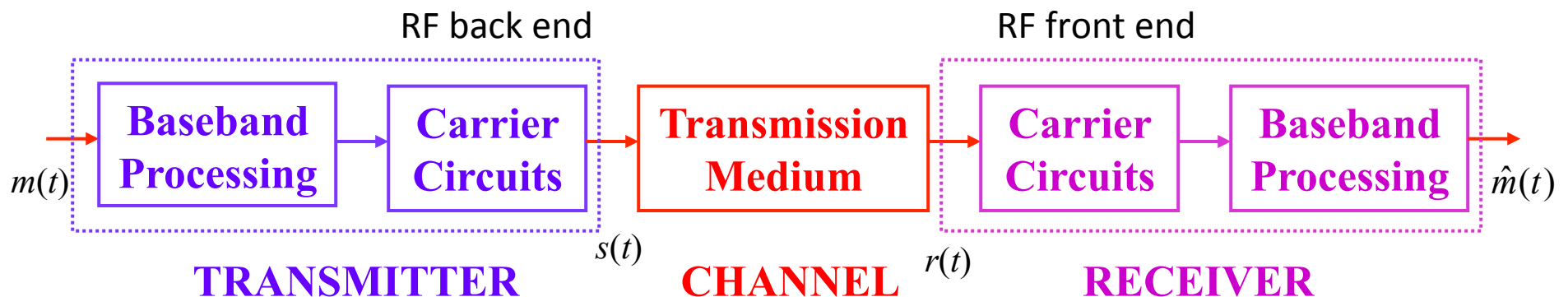
COMM System Structure

- **Information sources**

- Voice, music, images, video, and data (message signal $m(t)$)
- Have power concentrated near DC (called baseband signals)

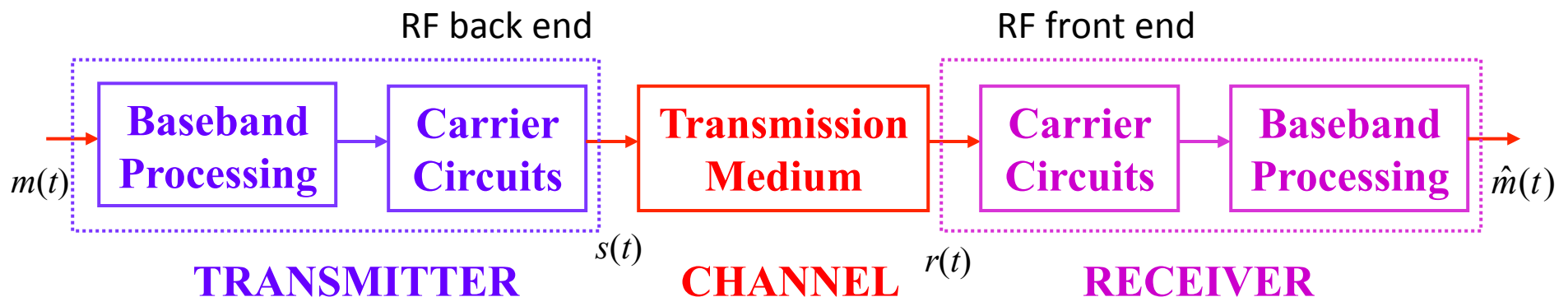
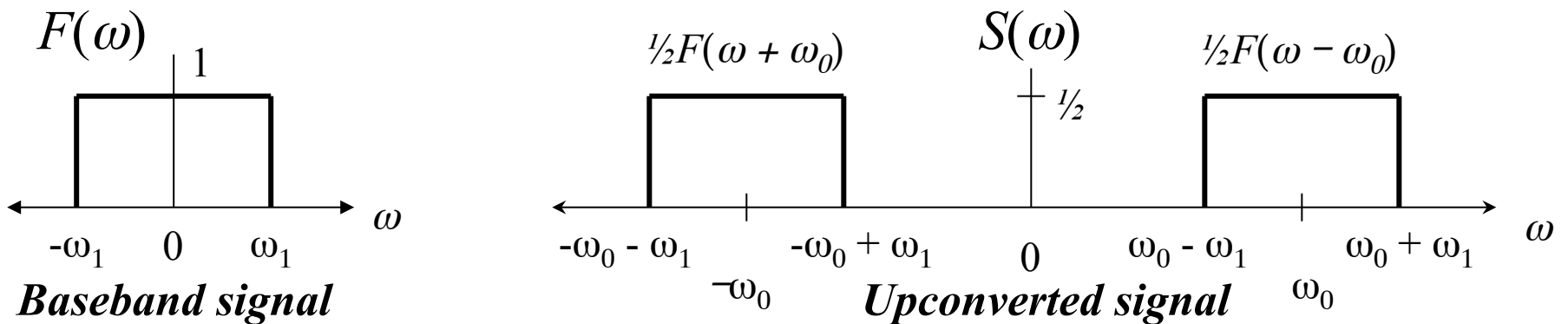
- **Baseband processing in transmitter**

- Lowpass filter message signal (e.g. AM/FM radio)
- **Digital:** Add redundancy to message bit stream to aid receiver in detecting and possibly correcting bit errors



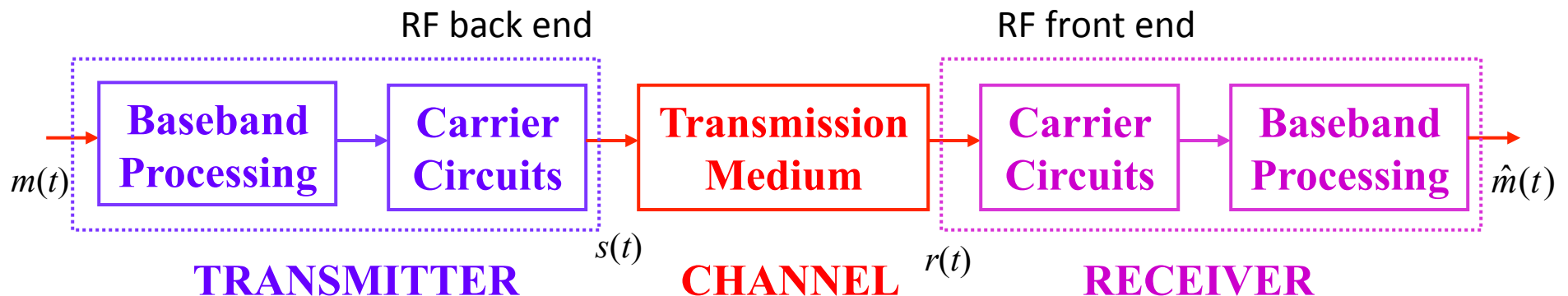
COMM System Structure

- Carrier circuits in transmitter (RF back end)
 - Up-convert baseband signal into transmission band
 - Apply bandpass filtering to enforce transmission in band



COMM System Structure

- **Channel – wired or wireless**
 - Propagating signals spread and attenuate over distance
 - Boosting improves signal strength and reduces noise
- **Receiver**
 - Carrier circuits down-convert bandpass signal to baseband
 - Baseband processing extracts/enhances message signal



Course Objective

- **Develop skills for**

- Analyzing and synthesizing algorithms and systems that process discrete-time signals
- Implementing these algorithms and systems