

# Principles of Communication (BEC-28)

## Unit-4

### Pulse Modulation and Digital Transmission of Analog Signal

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## Content of Unit-IV

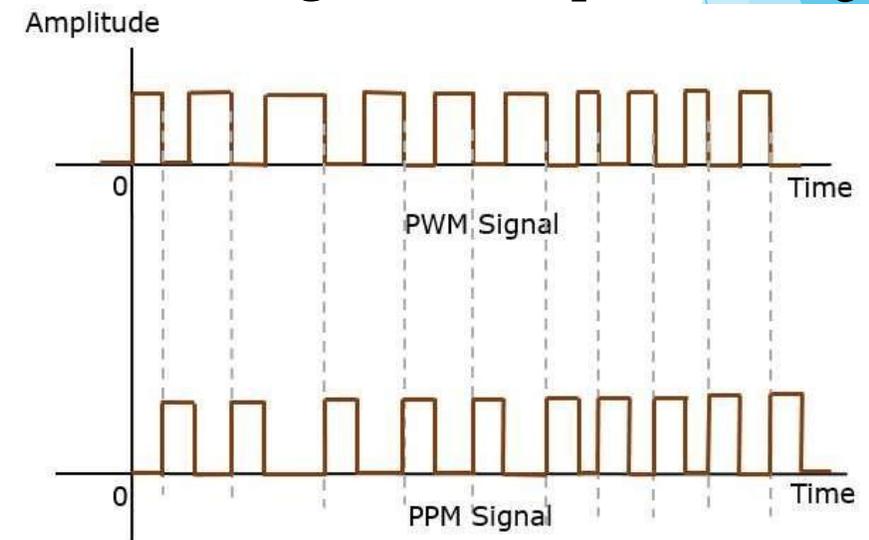
**Pulse Modulation and Digital Transmission of Analog Signal:** Sampling Theorem and its applications, Concept of Pulse Amplitude Modulation, Pulse width modulation and **pulse position modulation**, PCM, Pulse Time Modulation, TDM and FDM. Line Coding, Quantizer, Quantization Noise, Compounding multiplexer.

# Pulse position modulation

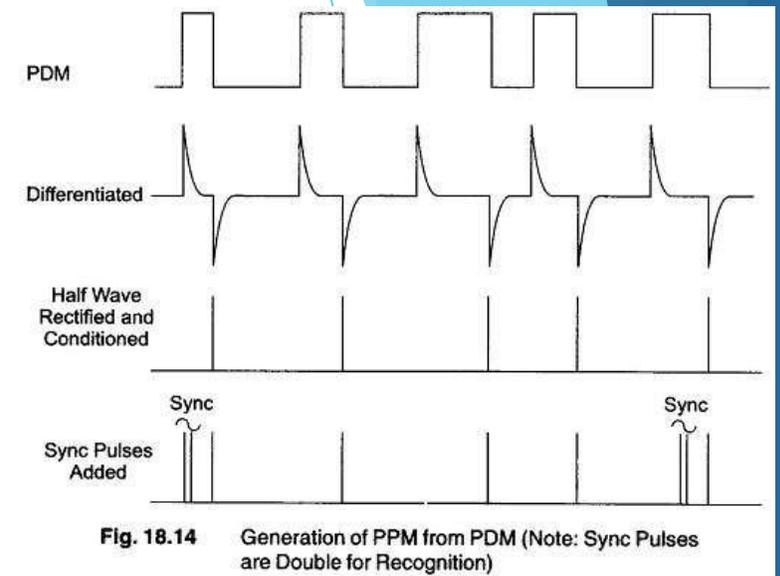
- **(PPM)** is an analog modulating scheme in which the amplitude and width of the pulses are kept constant, while the **position of each pulse**, with reference to the position of a reference pulse varies according to the instantaneous sampled value of the message signal.
- The transmitter has to send **synchronizing pulses** (or simply sync pulses) to keep the transmitter and receiver in synchronism. These sync pulses help maintain the position of the pulses.
- PPM is done in accordance with the PWM signal.
- PWM signal is used as the trigger input to a monostable multivibrator.
- Its o/p remains zero until it is triggered on the trailing edge of PWM
- O/P of monostable MV switches to positive saturation value A **and remains high for fixed period** then goes low
- Hence, the position of these pulses is proportional to the width of the PWM pulses.

**Advantage** As the amplitude and width are constant  
**the power handled is constant**

**Disadvantage:** Synchronization between Transmitter  
and receiver is a necessity



- The **PDM is differentiated**, and then **rectified** and **shaped**.
- PPM carries exactly the same information as long as the position of the clock pulses (leading edge) is well defined in the received signal.
- PPM is superior to PDM for message transmission, since the wide pulses of PDM require more energy than PPM when transmitted
- PPM is suited for communication in the presence of noise.
- Very high peak narrow pulses can be transmitted and the pulse position can be determined even when the noise level is high,
- However, transmitting very narrow pulses requires a large band width
- When light is used as the media for transmitting analog signals, **PPM or PCM** are the most suitable types of modulation because **the maximum power output in the modulated light source, such as LED or LASER is achieved when it is pulsed at a very low duty cycle.**
- In PPM, necessary to transmit a series of sync pulses at a much lower repetition rate than the sampling pulses, to avoid interference with original signal and/or minimise the number of pulses transmitted in order to conserve transmission power



# Transmission BW of PWM and PPM

- Both PWM and PPM have DC value.
- Both need a sharp rise time and fall time to preserve the message information
- Rise time be very less than  $T_s$  i.e.  $t_r \ll T_s$
- **Transmission BW:**  $B_T \geq \frac{1}{2t_r}$
- BW higher than PAM

## PAM

- The amplitude of the pulse is proportional to the amplitude of modulating the signal.
- **Band width** of transmitting channel depends on the **width of the pulse**
- Instantaneous power of transmitter varies. Noise interference is high
- Complex system. Similar to A.M.

## PWM

- Width of pulse is proportional to amplitude of modulating signal.
- The **Bandwidth of transmitting channel** depends on **rise time of the pulse**.
- Instantaneous power of transmitter varies. Noise interference is minimum.
- Simple to implement Similar to F.M.

## PPM

- Relative position of pulse is proportional to amplitude of modulating signal.
- The bandwidth of transmitting channel depends on the rise time of the pulse.
- Instantaneous power remains constant. Noise interference is minimum.
- Simple to implement. Similar to P.M.

## ▶ Difference Between PAM, PWM, and PPM

| Parameter                                       | PAM                                         | PWM                                                 | PPM                    |
|-------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------|------------------------|
| ➤ <b>Type of Carrier:</b>                       | Train of Pulses                             | Train of Pulses                                     | Train of Pulses        |
| ➤ <b>Variable Characteristic :</b>              | Amplitude                                   | Width                                               | Position               |
| ➤ <b>Bandwidth Requirement:</b>                 | Low                                         | High                                                | High                   |
| ➤ <b>Noise Immunity:</b>                        | Low                                         | High                                                | High                   |
| ➤ <b>Information Contained in:</b>              | Amplitude Variations                        | Width Variations                                    | Position Variations    |
| ➤ <b>Power efficiency (SNR)</b>                 | Low                                         | Moderate                                            | High                   |
| ➤ <b>Transmitted Power</b>                      | Varies                                      | Varies                                              | Remains Constant       |
| ➤ <b>Need to transmit synchronizing pulses</b>  | Not needed                                  | Not needed                                          | Necessary              |
| ➤ <b>Bandwidth</b>                              | depends on width of the pulse               | rise time of the pulse                              | rise time of the pulse |
| ➤ <b>Transmitter power</b>                      | Inst. power varies with amplitude of pulses | Instantaneous power varies with width of the pulses | Constant               |
| ➤ <b>Complexity of generation and detection</b> | Complex                                     | Easy                                                | Complex                |
| ▶ 12 Similarity with other Modulation Systems   | Similar to AM                               | Similar to FM                                       | Similar to PM          |

**Question 1:** For a PAM transmission of voice signal with  $f_m=3\text{kHz}$ , calculate the transmission BW. Given that  $f_s=8\text{kHz}$  and the pulse duration  $\tau=0.1T_s$

**Soln:**  $T_s = \frac{1}{f_s} = 125\mu\text{s}$

$$\tau = 0.1T_s = 0.1 \times 125 = 12.5\mu\text{s}$$

$$\text{BW} \geq \frac{1}{2\tau} \geq 40 \text{ kHz}$$

**Question 2:** For the above signal if rise time is 1% of pulse width, find minimum Tx BW for PWM and PPM? **Soln:**  $t_r = \tau \times 0.01 = 1.25 \times 10^{-7}$

$$B_T \geq \frac{1}{2t_r} \geq 4\text{MHz}$$

Thus BW of PWM/PPM much higher than PAM



Thank You