

#### Ingegneria delle Telecomunicazioni Satellite Communications

# 20. From Outer Space to Earth – GNSS Bands & Signals

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#### **Satellite Navigation Frequency Bands & Systems**



# GPS Signals: L1 C/A and L2C







- Carrier Frequency:  $f_c$ =1575.42 MHz=1540  $f_0$  ,  $f_0$ =1.023 MHz (L1)
- # Components: 1
- Bit Rate: 50 bps
- Data Protection Coding: None
- Chip Rate:  $R_c = f_0$
- Modulation/Spreading: DS/SS BPSK with NRZ chip pulse p(t)
- Type/Length of Ranging Code: Satellite-specific Gold Code *L*=1023



$$x_{C/A}(t) = \sum_{n} c_{C/A}[n] d_{C/A}[n / 20460] p(t - nT_c) + j0$$

*n* is the chip index; *k=n*//20460 is the bit index, where *n*//20460 means «the result of the integer division n/20460»



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# (Modernized) GPS L2C: Pilot Signal & Data Encoding

- Carrier Frequency:  $f_c$ =1227.60 MHz=1200  $f_0$
- # Components: 2 (Data and Pilot)
- Data Bit Rate: 25 bps
- Data Coding: K=7, r=1/2 convolutional encoding, symbol rate R<sub>s</sub>=50 baud
- Chip Rate:  $R_c = f_0$  time-multiplex of the two components at  $f_0/2$



- Modulation/Spreading: DS/SS BPSK with NRZ chip pulse p(t) same spectrum as C/A
- Pilot Code (no data): Civil-Long Code with L=767250 (1.5 s) extracted from a longer ML sequence, Data channel: Civil-Short L=10230 extracted from the same ML

$$x_{L2c}(t) = \sum_{m} c_{CS}[m] a_{L2c}[m/5115] p(t-2mT_c) \qquad c_{CS}[m] = c_{CS}[m+10230], c_{CL}[m] = c_{CL}[m+767250] + \sum_{m} c_{CL}[m] p(t-(2m+1)T_c) + j0 \qquad a_{L2c}[m] \qquad \text{encoded symbol}$$

# **Convolutional Encoding**





# GALILEO Signals: E6 B/C







# GALILEO E6 B/C: primary/secondary codes

- Carrier Frequency:  $f_c$ =1278.75 MHz=1250  $f_0$
- # Components: 2 (B and C channels)
  - B channel Bit Rate:  $R_{h}$  = 500 bps
  - B channel Data Coding: Convolutional, r=1/2, symbol rate  $R_s = 1,000$  baud
  - C channel: no data (pilot channel, pure code)
  - Chip Rate:  $R_c = 5f_0 = 5.115$  Mchip/s



- Modulation/Spreading: DS/SS BPSK with NRZ chip pulse p(t) same spectrum as GPS L1 on a wider  $5f_0$  bandwdith.
- Type/Length of Ranging Code:
  - B channel: memory code *L*=5115
  - C channel: memory code L=5115 XOR secondary memory code with a chip time equal to the primary code repetition period (same as data symbol rate)

$$x_{E6}(t) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \sum_{n} c_{E6B}[n] a_{E6}[n/5115] p(t-nT_c) + \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \sum_{n} \left( c_{E6C,p}[n] c_{E6C,s}[n/5115] \right) p(t-nT_c) + j0$$





Overall LONG code (good correlation properties), yet simpler to acquire (primary)





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Signal Component	Tiered Code Period	Code Length (chips)							
Signal Component	(ms)	Primary	Secondary						
E5a-l	20	10230 <mark>(1 ms)</mark>	20						
E5a-Q	100	10230 <b>(1 ms)</b>	100						
E5b-I	4	10230 <mark>(1 ms)</mark>	4						
E5b-Q	100	10230 <b>(1 ms)</b>	100						
E1-B	4	4092 <b>(4 ms)</b>	N/A						
E1-C	100	4092 <b>(4 ms)</b>	25						

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### Galileo E6 – from Signal-In-Space (SIS) ICD



Signal composition:

$$e_{E6-B}(t) = \sum_{i=-\infty}^{+\infty} \left[ c_{E6-B,|i|_{L_{E6-B}}} d_{E6-B,[i]_{DC_{E6-B}}} \operatorname{rect}_{T_{C,E6-B}} (t - iT_{C,E6-B}) \right]$$
$$e_{E6-C}(t) = \sum_{i=-\infty}^{+\infty} \left[ c_{E6-C,|i|_{L_{E6-C}}} \operatorname{rect}_{T_{C,E6-C}} (t - iT_{C,E6-C}) \right]$$

Component (Parameter Y)	Ranging Code Chip-Rate R <sub>C,E6-Y</sub> (MChip/s)	Symbol-Rate R <sub>D,E6-Y</sub> (symbols/s)
В	5.115	1000
С	5.115	No data ('pilot component')



#### (Modernized) GPS L5



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# (Modernized) GPS L5: pilot, coding, primary/secondary, wideband

- Carrier Frequency:  $f_c$ =1176.45 MHz=1150  $f_0$
- # Components: 2
  - I : Bit Rate/Coding:  $R_b = 50$ bps, r=1/2 convolutional, symbol rate  $R_s = 100$  baud
  - Q:pilot
  - Chip Rate:  $R_c = 10f_0 = 10.23$  Mchip/s



- Modulation/Spreading: DS/SS QPSK with NRZ chip pulse p(t) same spectrum as GPS L1 on a wider 10f<sub>0</sub> bandwdith.
- Type/Length of Ranging Code:
  - I: Primary M-sequence, L<sub>1</sub>=10230 (1 ms), secondary L<sub>2</sub>=10-symbol short code
     @ 1 kbaud
  - Q : same primary as above with time shift, secondary length 20 symbols.

$$x_{L5}(t) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \sum_{n} \left( c_{I5}[n] c_{OI5}[n / /10230] \right) a_{L2c}[n / /102300] p(t - nT_c) + j \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \sum_{n} c_{Q5}[n] c_{OQ5}[n / /10230] p(t - nT_c) + j \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \sum_{n} c_{Q5}[n] c_{OQ5}[n / /10230] p(t - nT_c) + j \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \sum_{n} c_{Q5}[n] c_{OQ5}[n / /10230] p(t - nT_c) + j \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \sum_{n} c_{Q5}[n] c_{OQ5}[n / /10230] p(t - nT_c) + j \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \sum_{n} c_{Q5}[n$$



$$\sigma_{\tau}[\mathbf{m}] \ge cT_c \times \sqrt{\frac{B_L}{2C/N_0}} \left(\frac{1}{2\pi\beta}\right)$$

 $B_L = 1/(2T_0)$  loop bandwidth (we'll see later on what it means) [Hz]  $C/N_0$  signal-to-noise-ratio per unit bandwdith [dB · Hz]  $cT_c$  equivalent chip length [m]  $S_s(f)$  GNSS signal psd

$$\beta^{2} = \frac{T_{c}^{2} \int_{-B_{RF}/2}^{+B_{RF}/2} f^{2} S_{s}(f) df}{\int_{-B_{RF}/2}^{-B_{RF}/2} S_{s}(f) df}$$

Normalized Squared Gabor Bandwidth in the receiver (radio) bandwidth B<sub>RF</sub>





#### The MCRB for pseudorange accuracy 2/2

$$\beta^{2} = \frac{T_{c}^{2} \int_{-B_{R}F/2}^{-B_{R}F/2} f^{2}S_{s}(f) df}{\int_{-B_{R}F/2}^{-B_{R}F/2} S_{s}(f) df}$$

- The larger the Gabor bandwidth, the more accurate the pseudorange estimate
- The Gabor bandwidth is roughly proportional to the signal bandwidth BUT
- A conventional NRZ spectrum with most of its energy at the carrier frequency is not optimal





#### **CRB and Gabor BW**

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# Low-Pass Spectrum $\beta_{LP} = \frac{\int_{RF}^{B_{RF}/2} f^2 \frac{C}{B_{RF}} df}{C} = \frac{\int_{B_{RF}/2}^{3} |B_{RF}|^2}{C} = \frac{B_{RF}^2}{12}$ $\beta_{LP} = \frac{B_{RF}}{2\sqrt{3}}$ $\beta_{LP} = \frac{B_{RF}}{2\sqrt{3}}$

#### 2. Band-Pass Spectrum within the baseband (spectrum with subcarriers)







Starting from GPS C/A and adding subcarriers @  $\pm f_0$ ...

$$x(t) = \frac{1}{2j} \left( s(t)e^{j2\pi f_0 t} - s(t)e^{-j2\pi f_0 t} \right) = s(t)\sin\left(2\pi f_0 t\right) = \sin\left(2\pi f_0 t\right) \sum_n c[n]d[n/M] p(t-nT_c)$$





Normalized Frequency, f/f<sub>0</sub>



The Offset signal is no longer constant-amplitude: was ±1 only, now any value between -1 and +1. So instead of the sinusoidal subcarrier we use a *square-wave, binary subcarrier* 

 $x(t) = s(t) \operatorname{sgn}\left[\sin\left(2\pi f_0 t\right)\right]$ 

The spectrum is different than before, but it is not so different, still *offset*, AND the signal is constant-envelope !







#### BOC(n;m) means: chip rate $mf_0$ and subcarrier frequency $nf_0$



They are massively used in any GNSS



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# Easy computation of the BOC(n;m) spectrum: "embedding" the subcarrier into the chip pulse p(t)



$$S_{(1;1)}(f) = \frac{1}{T_c} |P_{(1;1)}(f)|^2 = f_0 |\frac{1}{2f_0} \operatorname{sinc}\left(\frac{f}{2f_0}\right) - \frac{1}{2f_0} \operatorname{sinc}\left(\frac{f}{2f_0}\right) e^{-j\pi f T_c} |^2 = \frac{1}{f_0} \operatorname{sinc}^2\left(\frac{f}{2f_0}\right) \operatorname{sin}^2\left(\frac{\pi f}{2f_0}\right) \\ S_{(6;1)}(f) = \frac{1}{T_c} |P_{(6;1)}(f)|^2 = \frac{1}{T_c} \left|\sum_{\ell=0}^5 \frac{1}{6} P_{(1;1)}\left(\frac{f}{6}\right) e^{-j2\pi\ell f \frac{T_c}{6}}\right|^2 = \frac{1}{36f_0} \operatorname{sinc}^2\left(\frac{f}{12f_0}\right) \operatorname{sin}^2\left(\frac{\pi f}{12f_0}\right) \left[\frac{\sin\left(\pi f / f_0\right)}{\sin\left(\frac{\pi f}{6f_0}\right)}\right]^2$$

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## **GPS Signals: L1C**



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- Carrier Frequency: L1  $f_c$ =1575.42 MHz=1540  $f_0$
- # Components: 2 (Data and Pilot channels)
  - Data channel Bit Rate: R<sub>b</sub>=50 bps with conv., r=1/2 encoding, symbol rate R<sub>s</sub>
     =100 baud
  - Pilot channel: no data
- Chip Rate:  $R_c = f_0$
- Modulation/Spreading: for data, BOC(1,1); for pilot, time-multiplex of BOC(1;1) and BOC(6;1) (TMBOC), where for 29/33 of time the signal is (1;1), switching to (6;1) *for* 4/33 of the time to provide an occasional wider-bandwidth component
  - Type/Length of Ranging Code:
    - Data channel: extended Legendre sequence L<sub>1</sub>=10230 (10 ms, symbol period)
    - *Pilot* channel: *primary (different) extended Legendre sequence*  $L_1$ =1023, secondary ML code  $L_2$ =1800 with the same clock as encoded symbols (10 ms)

$$x_{E6}(t) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \sum_{n} c_{E6B}[n] a_{E6}[n/5115] p(t-nT_c) + \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \sum_{n} \left( c_{E6C,p}[n] c_{E6C,s}[n/5115] \right) p(t-nT_c)$$



The pilot is 5 dB stronger (*power factor 3*) than the data component:

# GALILEO Signals: E1 B/C







- Carrier Frequency:  $L1 f_c = 1575.42 \text{ MHz} = 1540 f_0$
- # Components: 2 (Data and Pilot)
  - B (Data channel) Bit Rate: R<sub>b</sub>=125 bps with conv., r=1/2 encoding, symbol rate
     R<sub>s</sub>=250 baud
  - C Pilot channel: no data
- Chip Rate: *R*<sub>c</sub>
- Modulation/Spreading: Composite BOC (aka Multiplexed BOC, MBOC); each channel has a different subcarrier waveform obtained as a (different) combination of BOC(1;1) and BOC(6;1) – see next slide and pray in advance
- Type/Length of Ranging Code:
  - Data channel: Memory sequence L<sub>1</sub>=4096 (4 ms)
  - *Pilot* channel: *primary (different) Memory sequence*  $L_1$ =4096, secondary memory sequence  $L_2$ =25 with the same clock as encoded symbols (4 ms)





# The E1 CBOC signal components are generated as follows:

• eE1-B from the I/NAV navigation data stream DE1-B and the ranging code CE1-B, then modulated with the sub-carriers scE1-B,a and scE1-B,b

• *eE1-C* (pilot component) from the ranging code *CE1-C* including its secondary code, then modulated with the sub-carriers scE1-C, a and scE1-C, b

Component	Sub-carrier Type	Sub-carr	Ranging Code Chip-				
(Parameter Y)		$R_{S, \text{E1-Y}, a}$ (MHz)	$R_{S, E1-Y, b}$ (MHz)	Rate $R_{C, { m E1-Y}}$ (Mcps)			
В	CBOC, in-phase	1.023	6.138	1.023			
С	CBOC, anti-phase	1.023	6.138	1.023			

Component (Parameter Y)	Symbol Rate $R_{D,EI-Y}$ (symbols/s)
В	250
С	No data ('pilot component')

$$\alpha = \sqrt{10/11} \quad \beta = \sqrt{1/11}$$







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# The subcarriers can be "embedded" into the chip pulses, that are now different for the two components

$$x_{E1}(t) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} sc_B(t) \sum_n c_{E1B}[n] a_{E6}[n / /4092] p(t - nT_c) + \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} sc_C(t) \sum_n \left( c_{E6C,p}[n] c_{E6C,s}[n / /4092] \right) p(t - nT_c) + j0$$

$$= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \sum_n c_{E1B}[n] a_{E6}[n / /4092] p_{E1B}(t - nT_c) + \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \sum_n \left( c_{E6C,p}[n] c_{E6C,s}[n / /4092] \right) p_{E1C}(t - nT_c) + j0$$

$$\overset{a+\beta}{\underset{a-\beta}{}} \int_{0}^{-\frac{1}{a-\beta}} \int_{0}^{-\frac{1$$

#### SAME SPECTRUM AS L1C











- Carrier Frequency: L1  $f_c$ =1,191.795 MHz=1165  $f_0$
- # Components: 4 (2 x Data (a,b) on I and 2x Pilot (a,b) on Q)
  - Data channels Bit Rate: R<sub>b</sub>=25 bps on a-1, 50 bps on b-1, conv., r=1/2 encoding, symbol rate R<sub>s</sub>=125 baud on a-1, 250 bps on b-1
- Chip Rate:  $R_c = 10f_0$  (All)
- Modulation/Spreading: AltBOC (wait and fear) with two subcarriers to be possibly received separately and carrying different channels each, or to be processed jointly on a very wide bandwidth (50 MHz)
- Type/Length of Ranging Codes:
  - Primary codes length (all channels): L<sub>1</sub>=10230 (1 ms). Generated through LFSR with different paameters (*Truncated and Combined M-sequences*)
  - Secondary codes length: L<sub>2</sub>=20 for a-I, L<sub>2</sub>=4 for b-I. L<sub>2</sub>=100 for pilots. They are all memory codes.



We can create a two-channel *single side-band* signal (called *a*) from baseband I/Q components using a complex subcarrier for example at subcarrier frequency  $15f_0$ :

$$x_{a}(t) = \left[ x_{a-I}(t) + j x_{a-Q}(t) \right] e^{-j2\pi 15 f_{0}t}$$

And we can also add *another* two-channel component (called *b*) at  $-15f_0$ :

$$x(t) = \left[ x_{a-I}(t) + jx_{a-Q}(t) \right] e^{-j2\pi 15f_0 t} + \left[ x_{b-I}(t) + jx_{b-Q}(t) \right] e^{+j2\pi 15f_0 t}$$

On each component, the two channels have different codes and can be CDMAseparated; if they are narrow-band enough, the two subcarriers can be FDMAseparated as well .

#### BUT the signal is not constant-amplitude





$$\begin{aligned} x(t) &= \left[ x_{a-I}(t) + jx_{a-Q}(t) \right] e^{-j2\pi 15f_0 t} + \left[ x_{b-I}(t) + jx_{b-Q}(t) \right] e^{+j2\pi 15f_0 t} \\ &= \left\{ \left[ x_{a-I}(t) + x_{b-I}(t) \right] \cos(2\pi 15f_0 t) - \left[ x_{b-Q}(t) - x_{a-Q}(t) \right] \sin(2\pi 15f_0 t) \right\} \\ &+ j \left\{ \left[ x_{a-Q}(t) + x_{b-Q}(t) \right] \cos(2\pi 15f_0 t) + \left[ x_{b-I}(t) - x_{a-I}(t) \right] \sin(2\pi 15f_0 t) \right\} \end{aligned}$$

#### Then, we create an AltBOC binary signal by using binary subcarriers

$$x_{AltBOC}(t) = \left\{ \left[ x_{a-I}(t) + x_{b-I}(t) \right] \operatorname{sgn} \left[ \cos(2\pi 15f_0 t) \right] - \left[ x_{b-Q}(t) - x_{a-Q}(t) \right] \operatorname{sgn} \left[ \sin(2\pi 15f_0 t) \right] \right\}$$

$$+j\left\{\left[x_{a-Q}(t)+x_{b-Q}(t)\right]\operatorname{sgn}\left[\cos(2\pi 15f_{0}t)\right]+\left[x_{b-I}(t)-x_{a-I}(t)\right]\operatorname{sgn}\left[\sin(2\pi 15f_{0}t)\right]\right\}$$

#### BUT the signal is not constant-amplitude, yet



### AltBOC amplitude



The labeling represents the relative frequency of each complex value. The average constellation power is 16.







#### **Constant-Amplitude AltBOC feature**



#### Modified AltBOC (MBOC) (constant) Amplitude: looks like 8PSK



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#### Need to add an intermodulation component to keep amplitude constant

$$\begin{aligned} x_{MBOC}(t) &= \left\{ \left[ x_{a-I}(t) + x_{b-I}(t) \right] \operatorname{sgn} \left[ \cos(2\pi 15f_0 t) \right] - \left[ x_{b-Q}(t) - x_{a-Q}(t) \right] \operatorname{sgn} \left[ \sin(2\pi 15f_0 t) \right] \right\} \\ &+ j \left\{ \left[ x_{a-Q}(t) + x_{b-Q}(t) \right] \operatorname{sgn} \left[ \cos(2\pi 15f_0 t) \right] + \left[ x_{b-I}(t) - x_{a-I}(t) \right] \operatorname{sgn} \left[ \sin(2\pi 15f_0 t) \right] \right\} \\ &+ I(t; x_{a-I}, x_{b-I}, x_{a-Q}, x_{b-Q}) \end{aligned}$$

The expression of *I* is too complicated to be computed real-time; the signal is generated through a *Look-Up Table* (LUT) approach (ROM)

#### **AltBOC Waveforms**

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 $T_{s,E5}$ 

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 $sc_{E5-S}(t)$ 

The  $15f_0$  subcarrier period  $T_{s,E5}$  is split in 8 time-slots on which the signal is constant



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 $\sqrt{2} + 1$ 

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 $\frac{\sqrt{2}-1}{2}$  $\frac{-\sqrt{2}+1}{2}$ 

 $\sqrt{2} + 1$ 

2

0.5

0

-0.5

### I/Q Diagram of AltBOC



The phase index *k* changes with time slot-by-slot (every  $T_{s,E5}$  /8) according to the combination of the binary values of the 4 channels in the same time period. The 4 values are the address of the LUT, *k* is the contens



		Input Quadruples															
eE5a-I		-1	-1	-1	-1	-1	-1	-1	-1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
eE5b-I		-1	-1	-1	-1	1	1	1	1	-1	-1	-1	-1	1	1	1	1
eE5a-Q		-1	-1	1	1	-1	-1	1	1	-1	-1	1	1	-1	-1	1	1
eE5b-Q		-1	1	-1	1	-1	1	-1	1	-1	1	-1	1	-1	1	-1	1
t'=t modulo T <sub>s,E5</sub>		$k$ according to $s_{-1}(t) = \exp(ik\pi/4)$															
$i_{T_s}$	ť	k according to $s_{E5}(i) = \exp(ik\pi/4)$															
0	$[0, T_{s, E5}/8[$	5	4	4	3	6	3	1	2	6	5	7	2	7	8	8	1
1	$[T_{s,E5}/8, 2 T_{s,E5}/8]$	5	4	8	3	2	3	1	2	6	5	7	6	7	4	8	1
2	$[2 T_{s,E5}/8, 3 T_{s,E5}/8]$	1	4	8	7	2	3	1	2	6	5	7	6	3	4	8	5
3	$[3 T_{s,E5}/8, 4 T_{s,E5}/8]$	1	8	8	7	2	3	1	6	2	5	7	6	3	4	4	5
4	[4 T <sub>s,E5</sub> /8, 5 T <sub>s,E5</sub> /8[	1	8	8	7	2	7	5	6	2	1	3	6	3	4	4	5
5	[5 T <sub>s,E5</sub> /8, 6 T <sub>s,E5</sub> /8[	1	8	4	7	6	7	5	6	2	1	3	2	3	8	4	5
6	[6 T <sub>s,E5</sub> /8, 7 T <sub>s,E5</sub> /8[	5	8	4	3	6	7	5	6	2	1	3	2	7	8	4	1
7	[7 T <sub>s,E5</sub> /8, T <sub>s,E5</sub> [	5	4	4	3	6	7	5	2	6	1	3	2	7	8	8	1

Input values of the 4 components in a chip time

Temporal sequence of the 8 phase values to be generated in the same chip time



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#### **AltBOC PSD**







# **Governative (Encrypted) PRS Channels**



- GALILEO
  - E1 A channel: Q component, BOC<sub>cos</sub>(15;2.5)
  - E6 A channel: Q component, BOC<sub>cos</sub>(10;5)





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- Sample BER computation (communications link budget) for GPS L1 C/A
  - Satellite RF power:  $P_{\tau}$ =25.6 W=14 dBW
  - TX Antenna gain (max):  $G_T$  = 12 dB (dBi)
  - EIRP (max): EIRP=  $P_{T (dB)} + G_{T (dB)} = 26 \text{ dBW}$  (about 500 W equivalent)
  - Satellite altitude: r=20,200 km
  - Free-Space Loss:  $L=(4\pi r)^2 / \lambda^2 = (4\pi r f_c)^2 / c^2 = 182 \text{ dB}$
  - Received Power on Earth (nominal): C=EIRP-L=-156 dBW (no atmospheric attenuation)
  - Overall System Noise Temperature: *T*= 500 K (including antanna noise & LNA noise figure)
  - Resulting Thermal Noise level:  $N_0 = kT = -201.6 \text{ dBW/Hz}$
  - RX Antenna Gain (handheld):  $G_R$  = -1 dB (dBi)
  - Receiver  $C/N_0$  ratio:  $C/N_0 = C + G_R N_0 = 45$  dB-Hz.
  - $E_c/N_0$  ratio:  $T_c C/N_0$  =-15 dB ( $T_c$  = (1/1.023) µs)
  - $E_b/N_0$  ratio:  $T_b C/N_0 = 28 \text{ dB} (T_b = (1/50) \text{ s})$  (Very GOOD)
  - BER with matched filter:  $Q(\sqrt{2E_b / N_0}) \simeq 0$





#### **BER curves**





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