

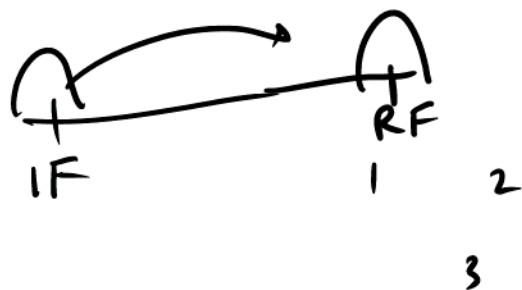
Lecture 19: Introduction to Mixers

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Mixers

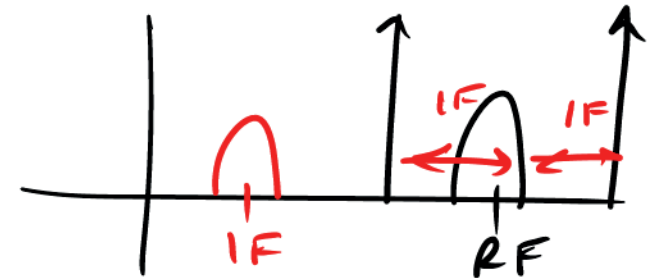


up-conversion



down conversion

Frequency Translation



$$\omega_2 - \omega_1 \quad \omega_1 \quad \omega_2$$

- As shown, if you translate around one frequency, a higher RF frequency means it's the inverse of the IF.
- We know that translation circuits or mixers are used to translate signals.

Ideal Multiplier

- Suppose that the input of the mixer is the RF and LO signal

$$v_{RF} = A(t) \cos(\omega_0 t + \phi(t))$$

$$v_{LO} = A_{LO} \cos(\omega_{LO} t)$$

- Recall the trigonometric identity

$$\cos(A + B) = \cos A \cos B - \sin A \sin B$$

- Applying the identity, we have

$$\begin{aligned} v_{out} &= v_{RF} \times v_{LO} \\ &= \frac{A(t)A_{LO}}{2} \{ \cos \phi (\cos(\omega_{LO} + \omega_0)t + \cos(\omega_{LO} - \omega_0)t) \\ &\quad - \sin \phi (\sin(\omega_{LO} + \omega_0)t + \sin(\omega_{LO} - \omega_0)t) \} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\cos(A+B) &= \cos A \cos B - \sin A \sin B \\ + \cos(A-B) &= \cos A \cos B + \sin A \sin B\end{aligned}$$

$$\cos(A+B) + \cos(A-B) = 2 \cos A \cos B$$

$$\cos \omega_1 t \cos \omega_2 t = \frac{1}{2} \{ \cos(\omega_1 - \omega_2)t +$$

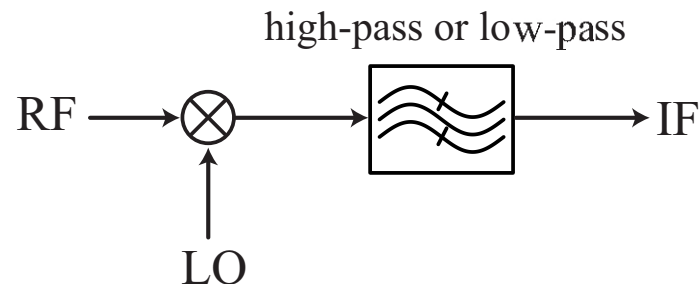
$$\cos(\omega_1 + \omega_2)t \}$$

Ideal Multiplier (cont)

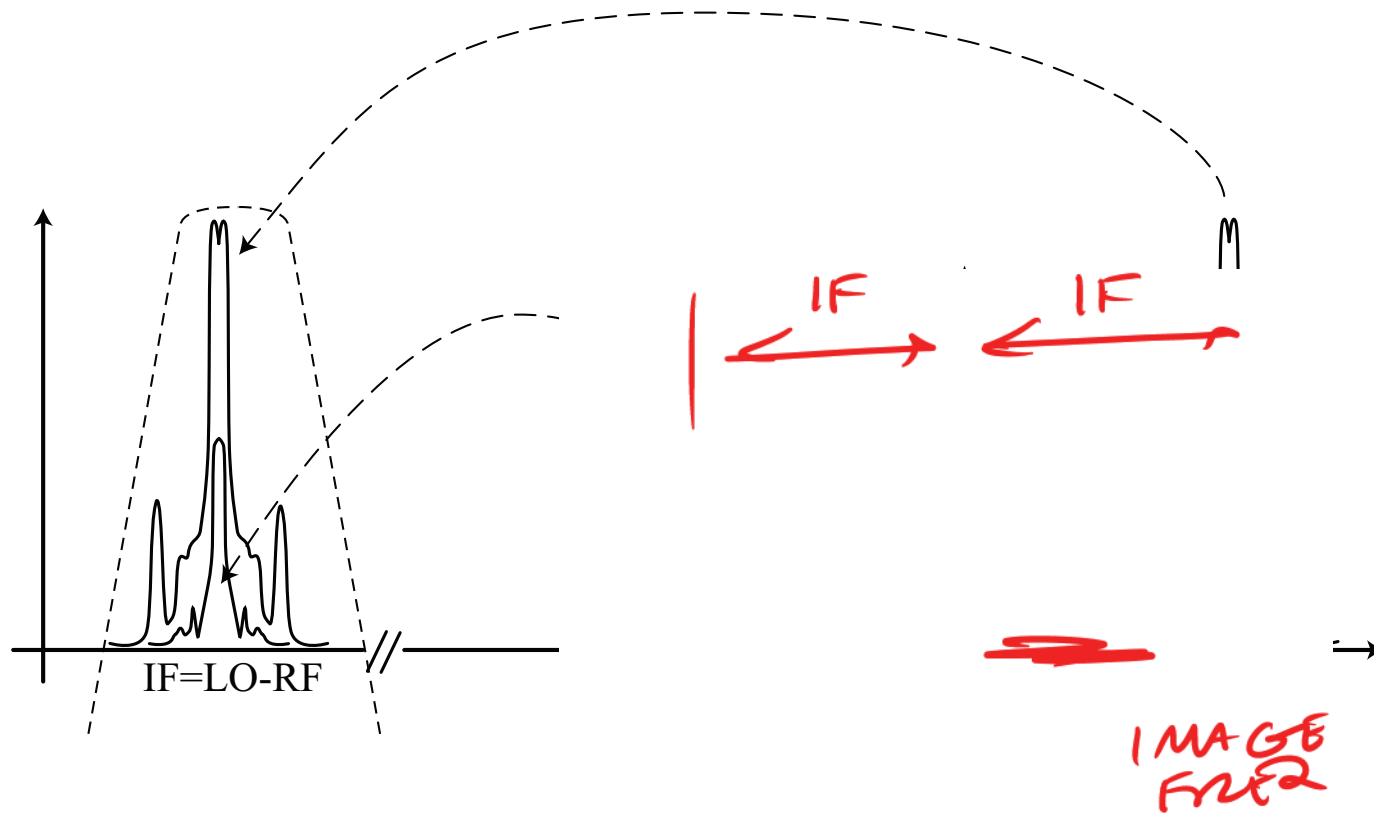
- Grouping terms we have

$$v_{out} = \frac{A(t)A_{LO}}{2} \left\{ \cos((\omega_{LO} + \omega_0)t + \phi(t)) + \cos((\omega_{LO} - \omega_0)t + \phi(t)) \right\}$$

- We see that the modulation is indeed translated to two new frequencies, $LO + RF$ and $LO - RF$. We usually select either the upper or lower “sideband” by filtering the output of the mixer



Mixer + Filter



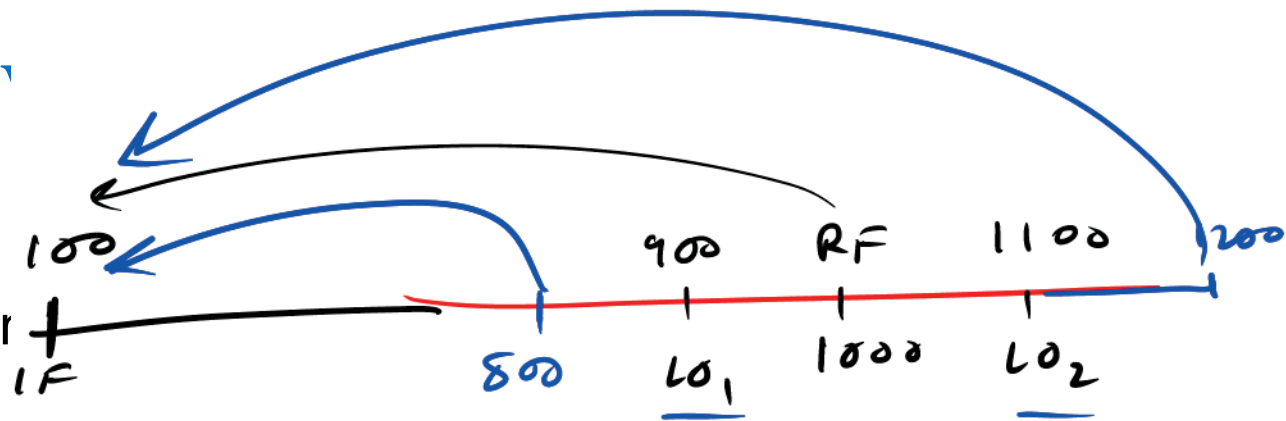
- Note that the LO can be above the RF (high side
- Also note that for a given the same IF frequency.

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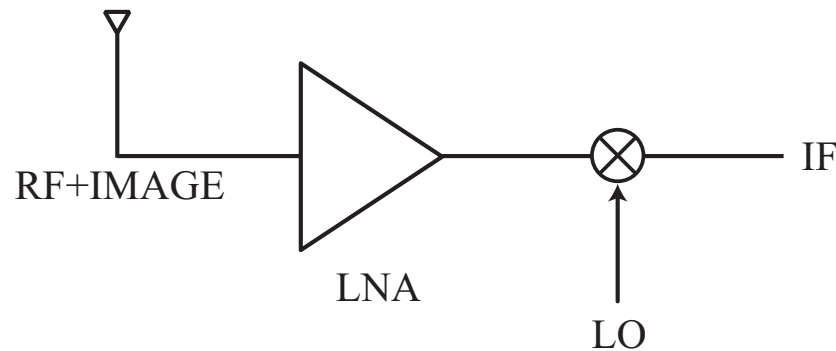
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Receiver Application



- The image frequency is the second frequency that also down-converts to the same IF. This is undesirable because the noise and interference at the image frequency can potentially overwhelm the receiver.
- One solution is to filter the image band. This places a restriction on the selection of the IF frequency due to the required filter Q

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