

Pulse-Coding Techniques for Incoherent-Scatter Radar

Vikki Howells

RAL

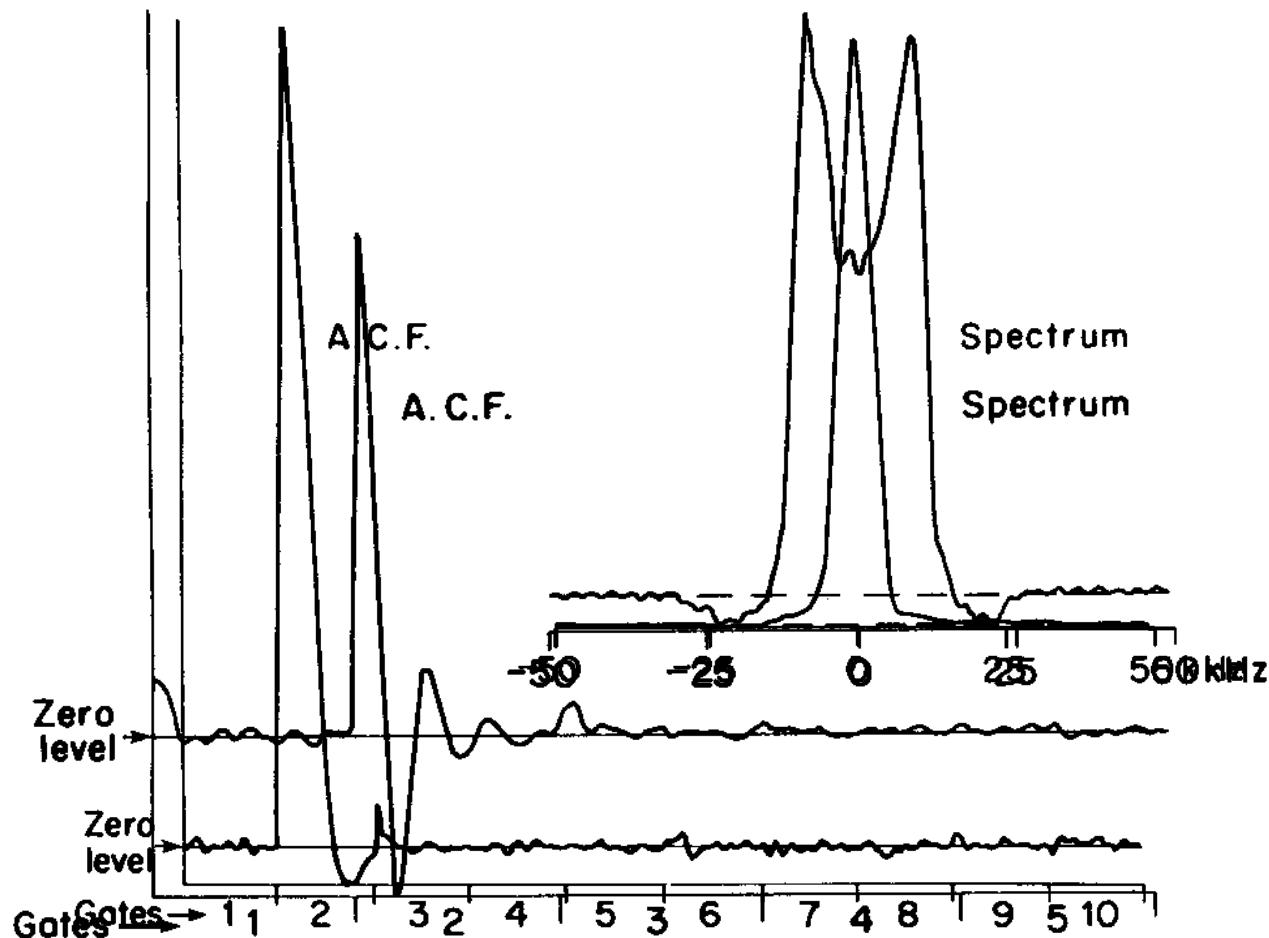
OVERVIEW OF TALK

- Constraints on I.S. measurements
- Long pulse
- Power profiles
- Pulse to Pulse
- Multipulse
- Barker Codes
- Complementary Codes
- Random Codes
- Alternating Codes

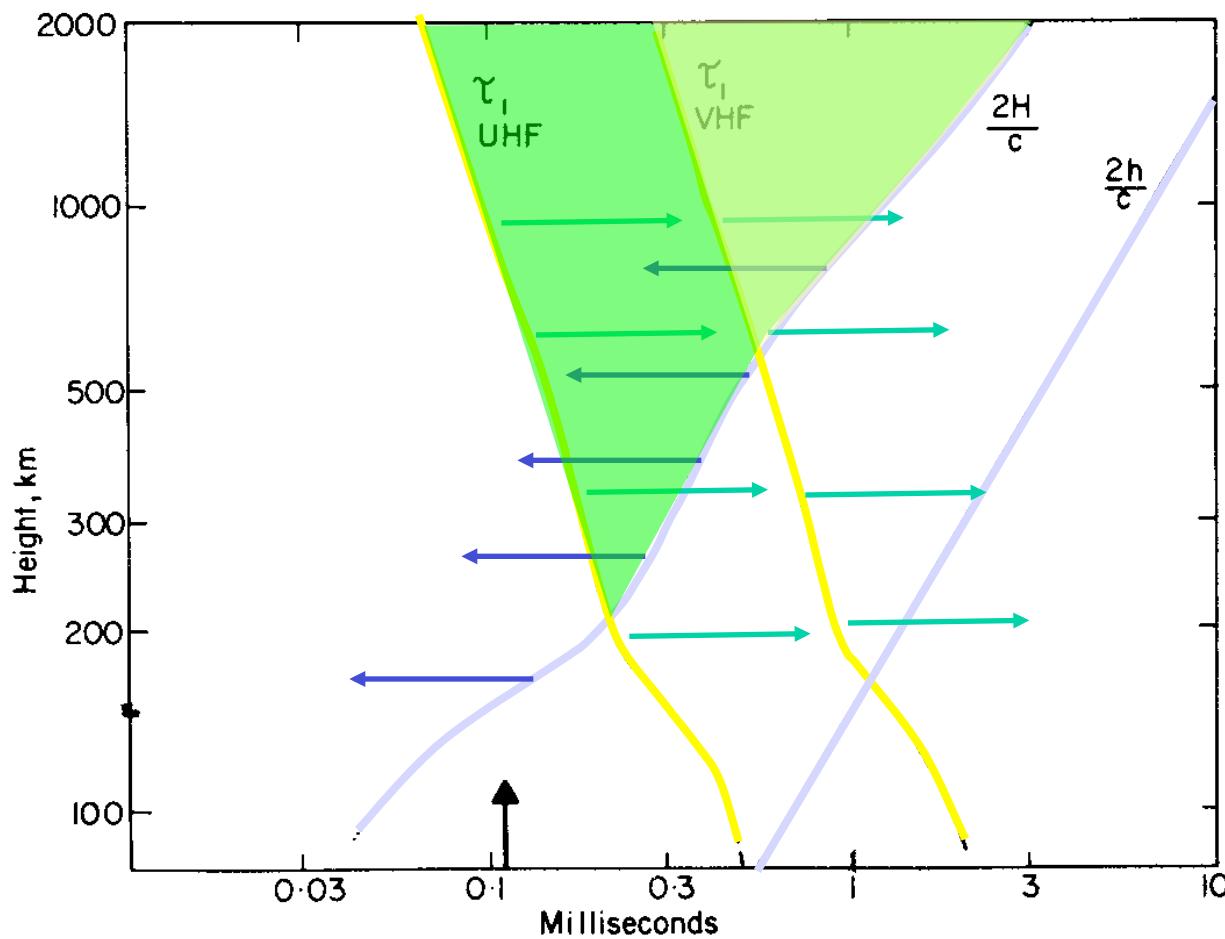
Constraints on I.S. Measurements

- Monostatic measurements cannot transmit and receive at the same time
- Height resolution < Scale Height
- Chosen pulse must give good SNR
- Lag spacing small enough to define ACF accurately
- ACF sampled to correct length
- Sample spacing matched to filter width
- Filter width appropriate to spectrum

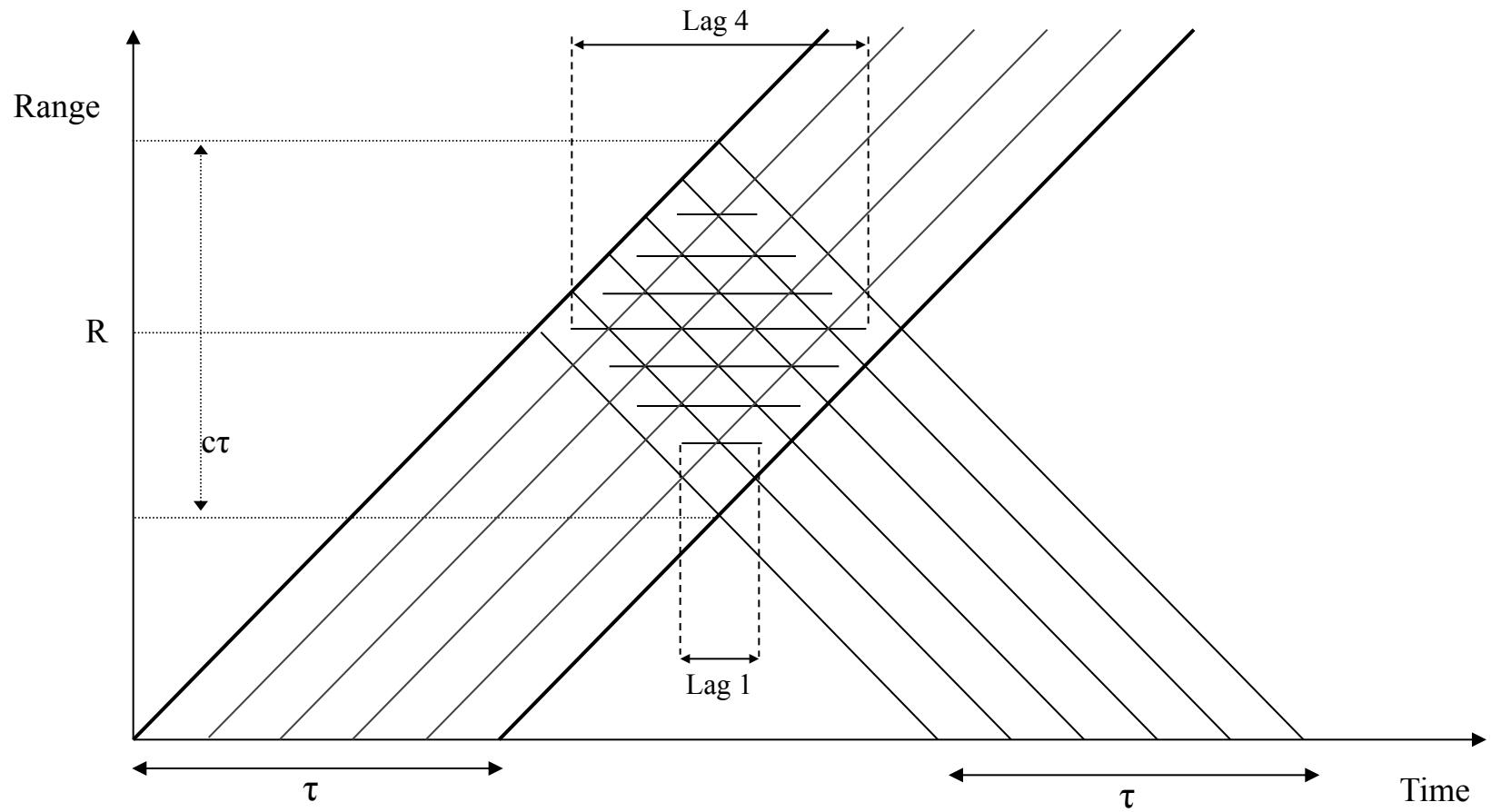
Constraints on Measurements



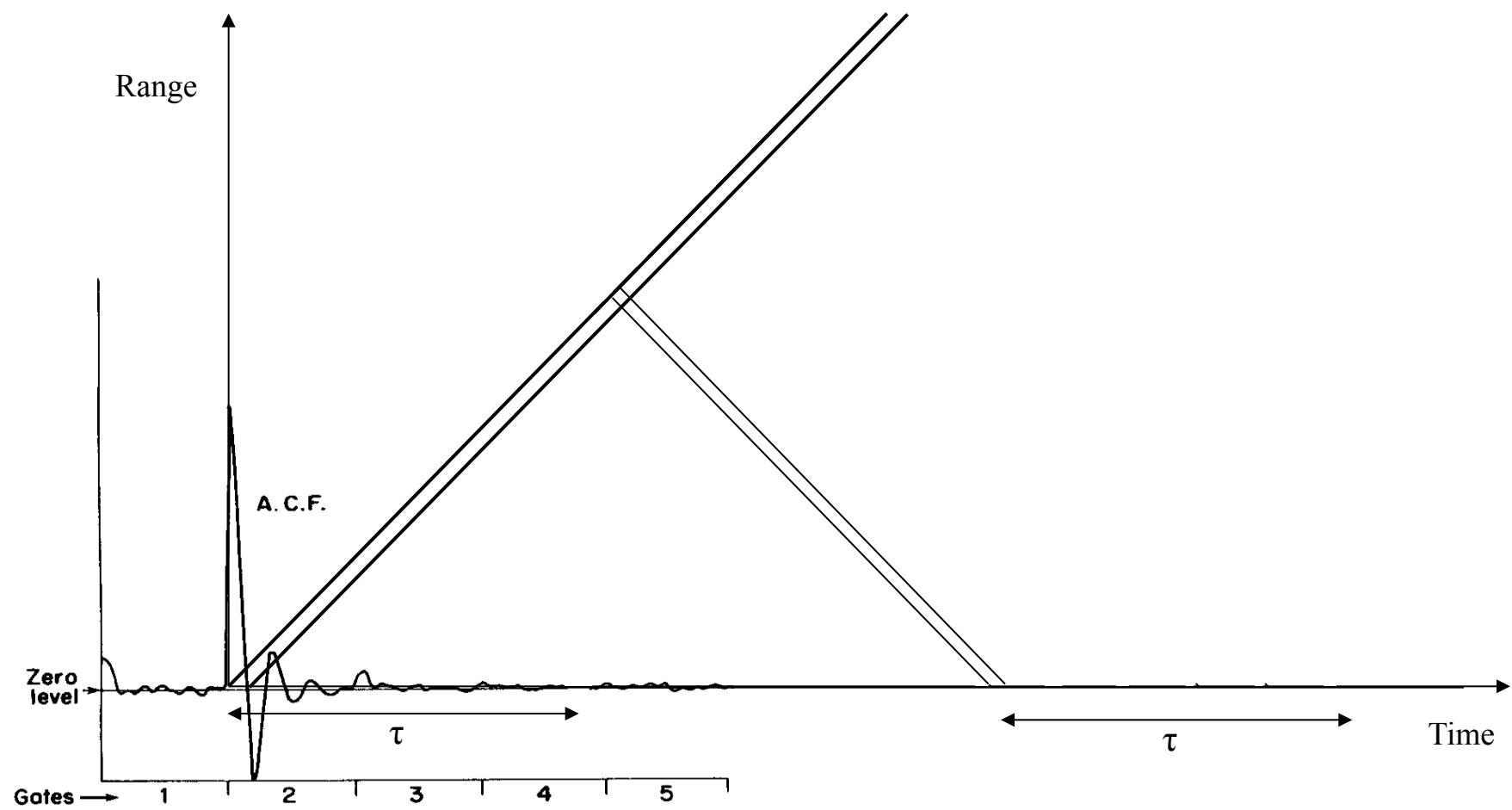
Farley Diagram



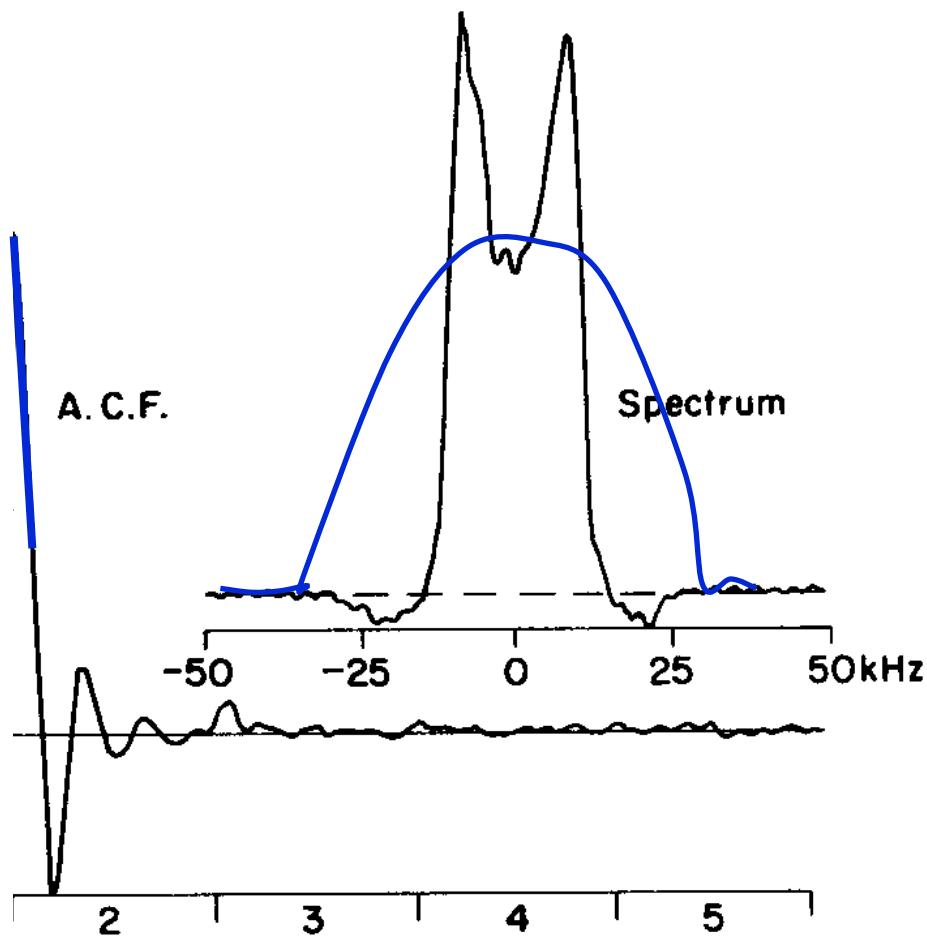
Range-Time diagram for a single pulse



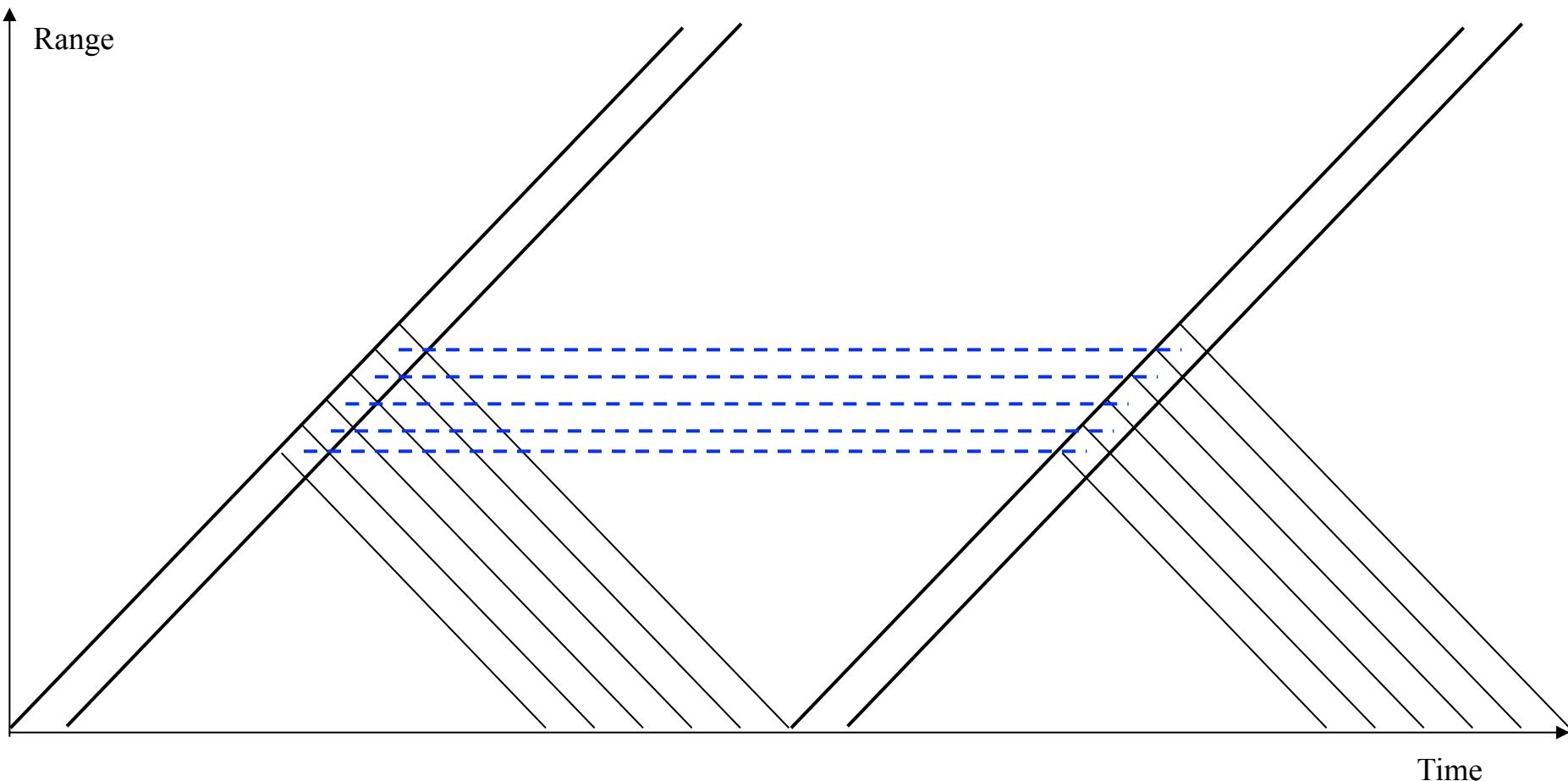
The Power Profile



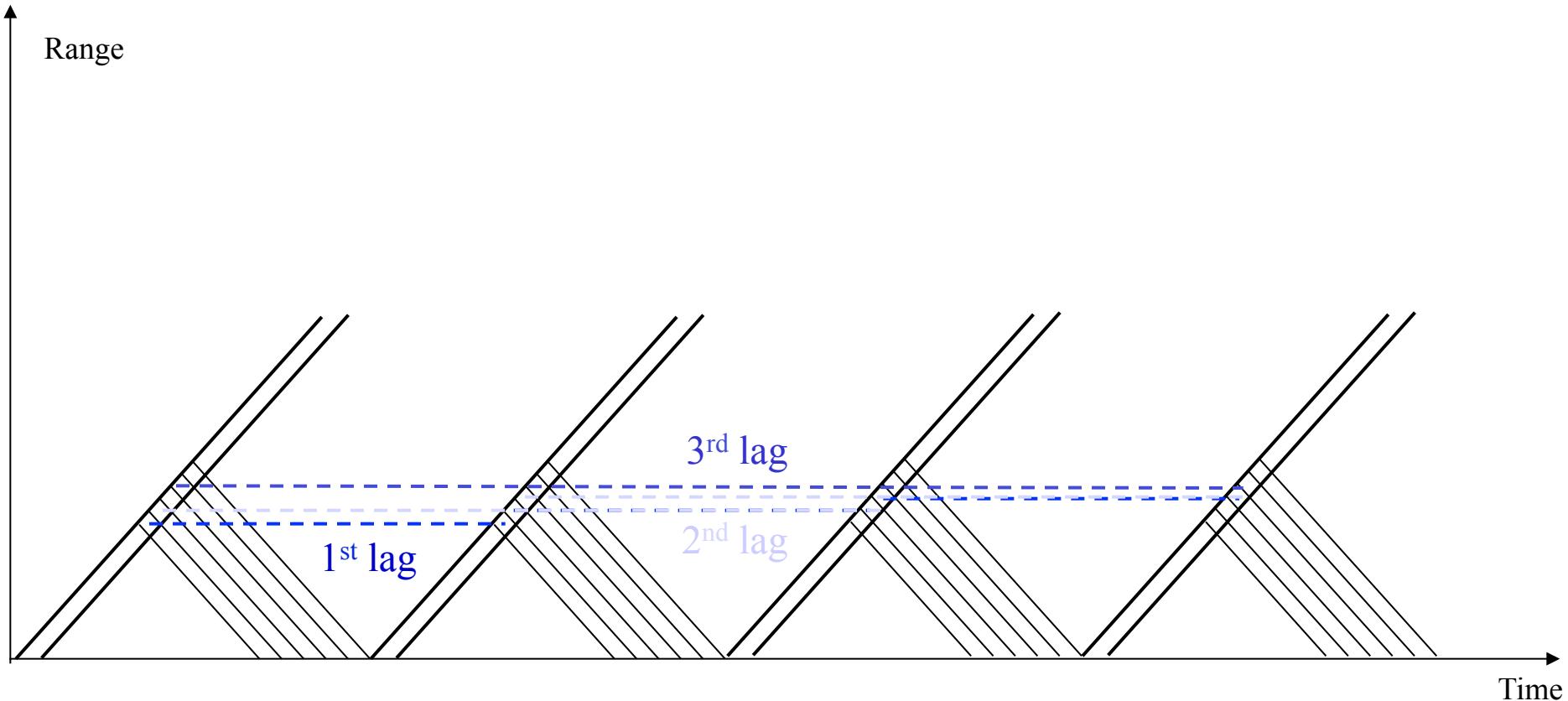
The Power Profile



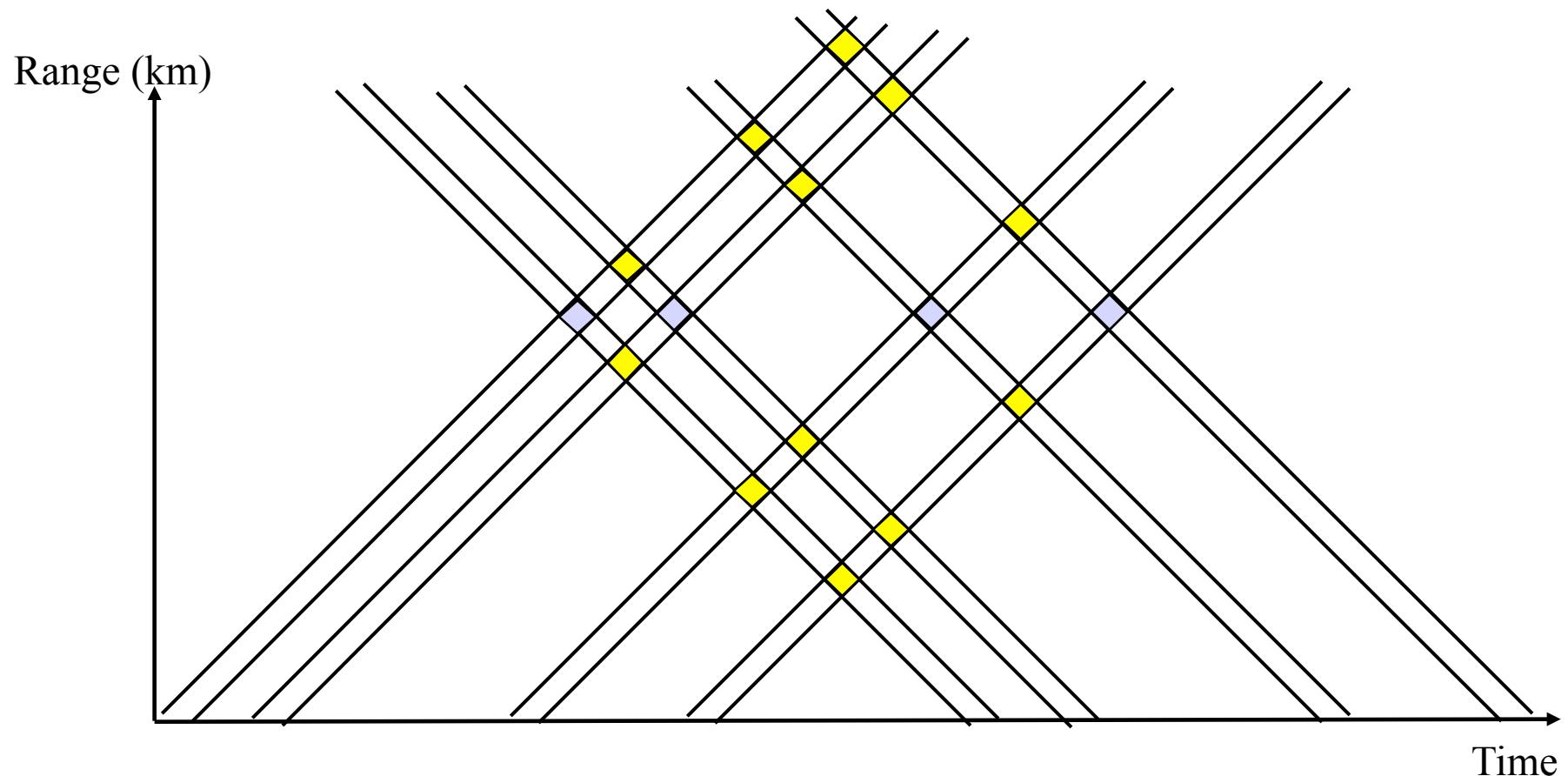
Pulse-to-Pulse



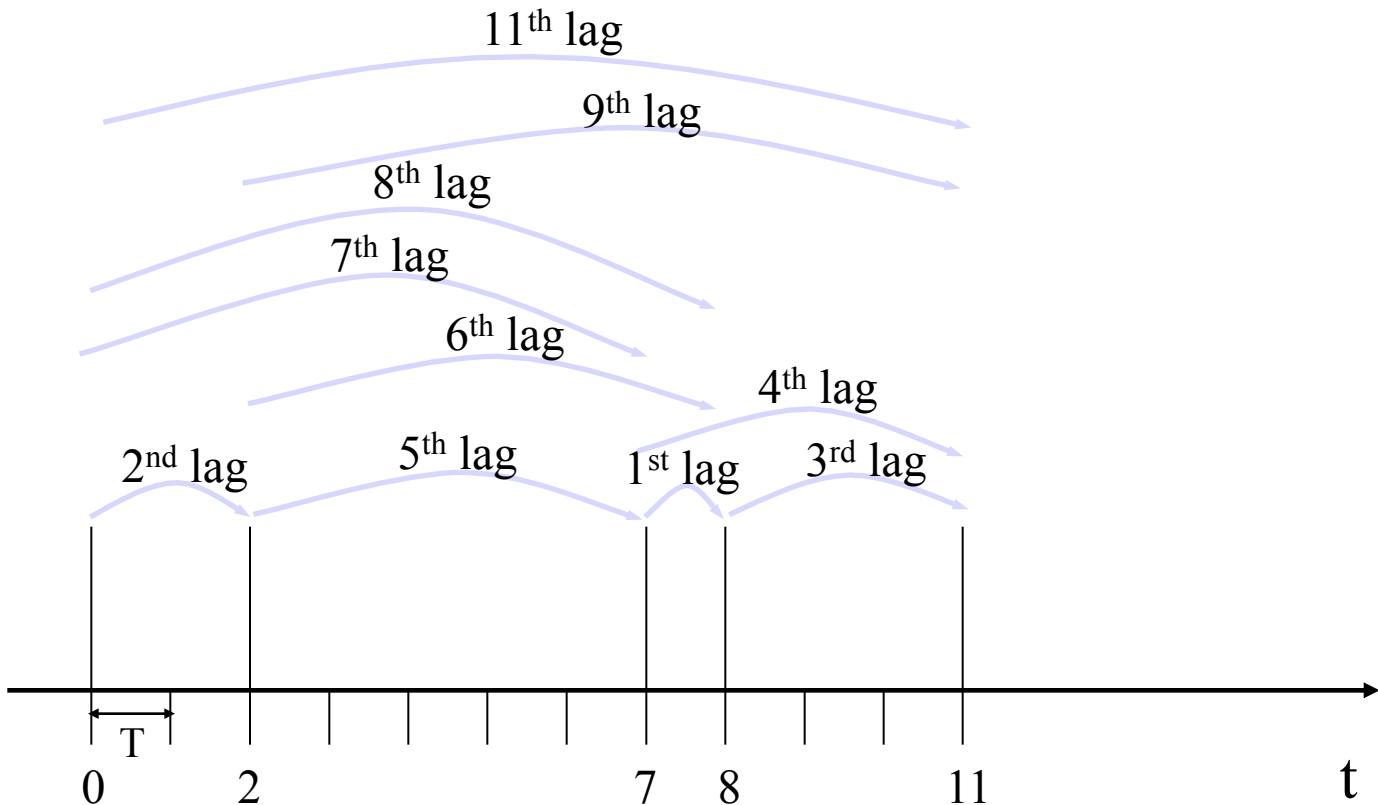
Pulse-to-Pulse



Multipulse

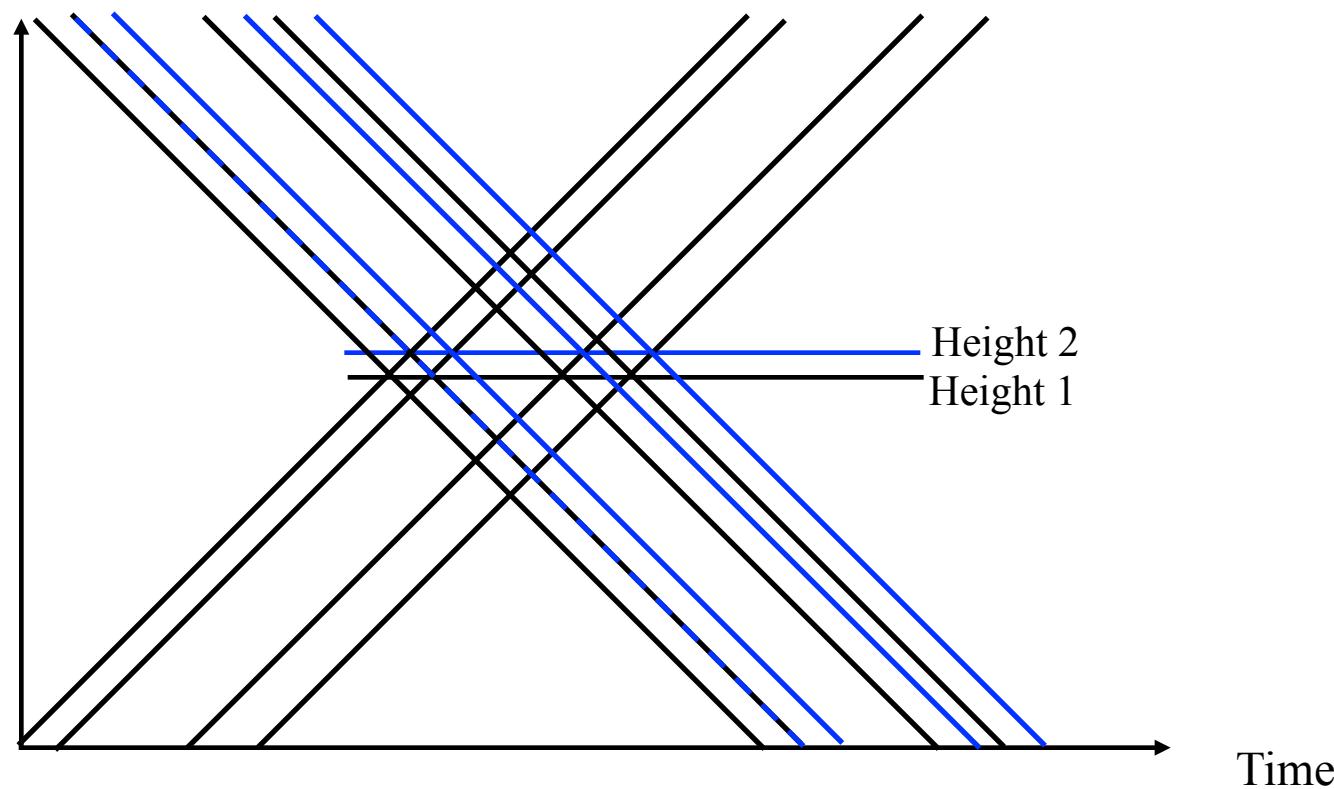


5-Pulse Multipulse

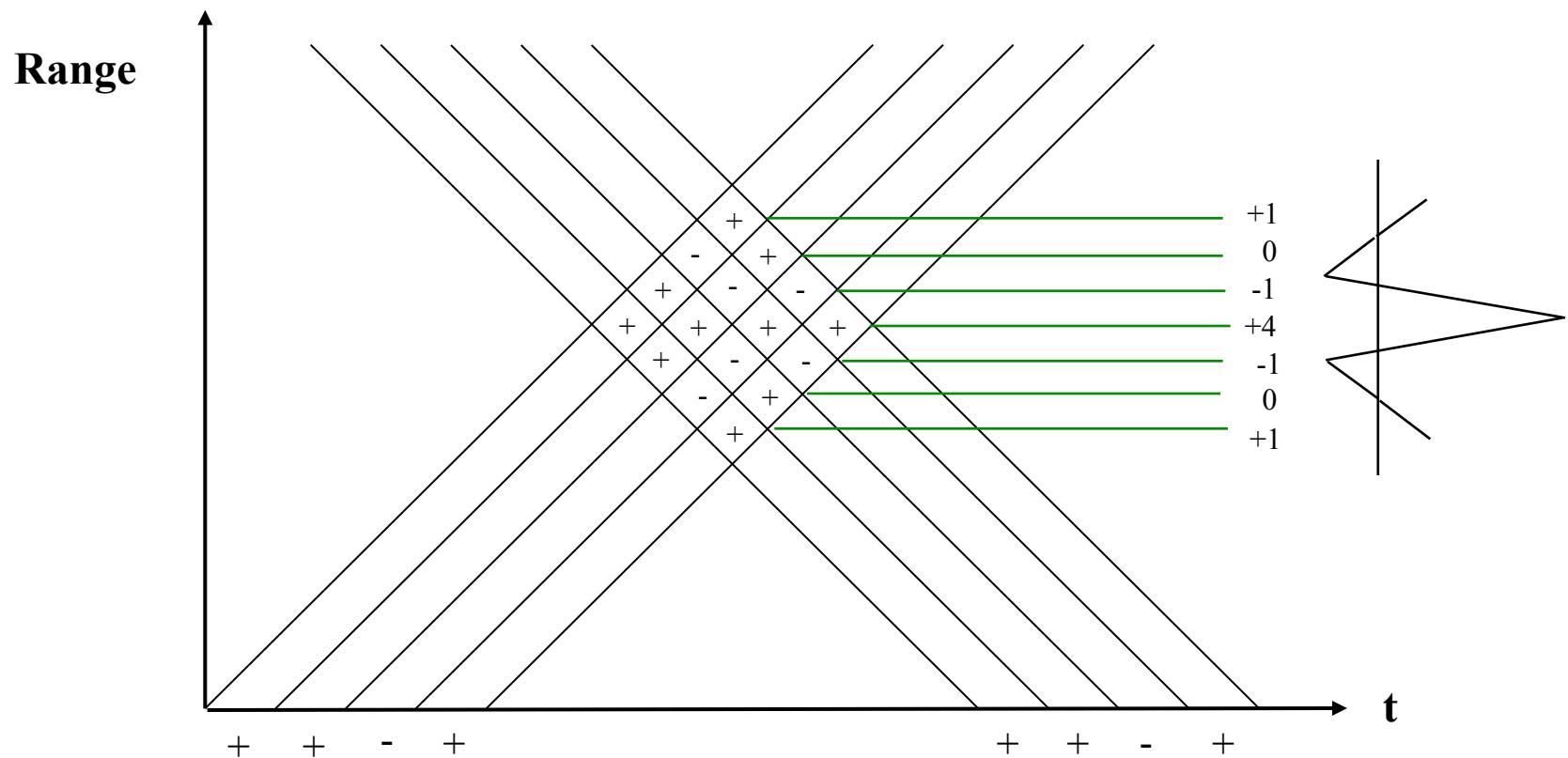


Multipulse Codes

Range (km)



Barker Codes



Barker Codes

2 bit + -

3 bit + + -

4 bit + + - +

5 bit + + + + -

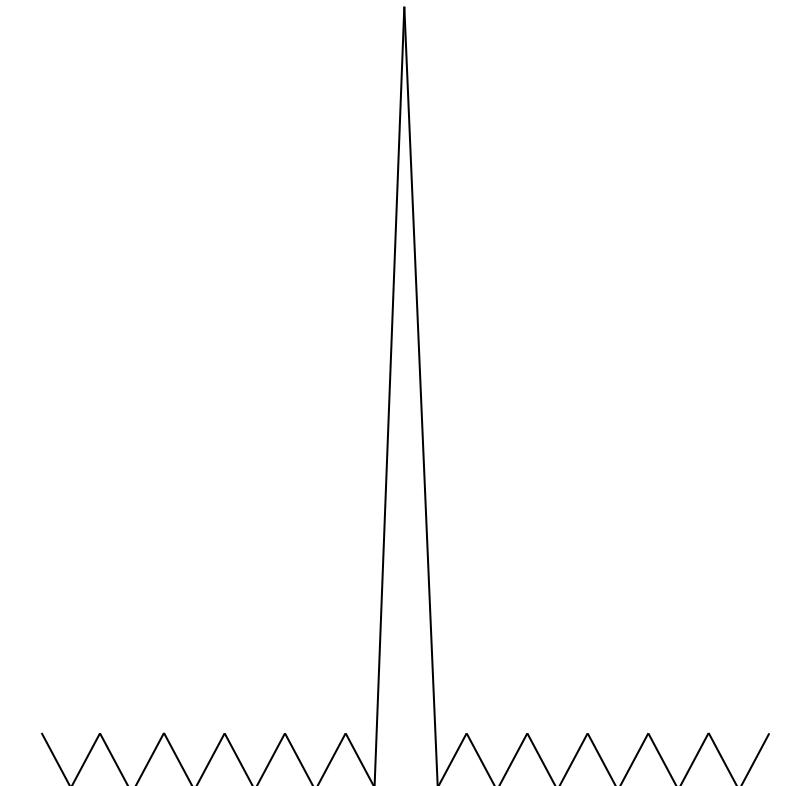
6 bit + + + + - +

7 bit + + + - - + -

11 bit + + + - - - + - - + -

13 bit + + + + + - - + + - + - +

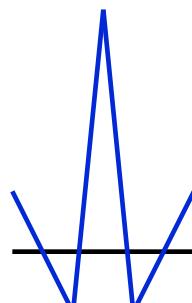
EISCAT – 13 bit



Complementary Codes

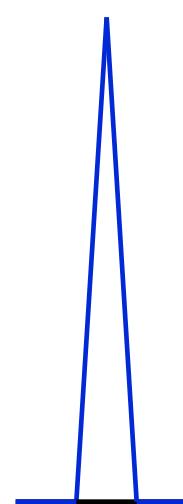
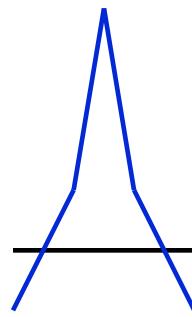
$\begin{matrix} + & + & - & + \\ & & - & + \\ & + & - & - \\ + & - & - & - \\ - & + & & \\ + & & & \end{matrix}$

$\begin{matrix} + \\ - + \\ + - - \\ + - - \\ + + + + \\ - + \\ + \end{matrix} \Rightarrow \begin{matrix} +1 \\ 0 \\ -1 \\ -1 \\ +4 \\ 0 \\ +1 \end{matrix}$



$\begin{matrix} + & + & + & - \\ & & + & - \\ & + & + & - \\ + & + & + & + \\ + & + & - \\ + & - \\ - \end{matrix}$

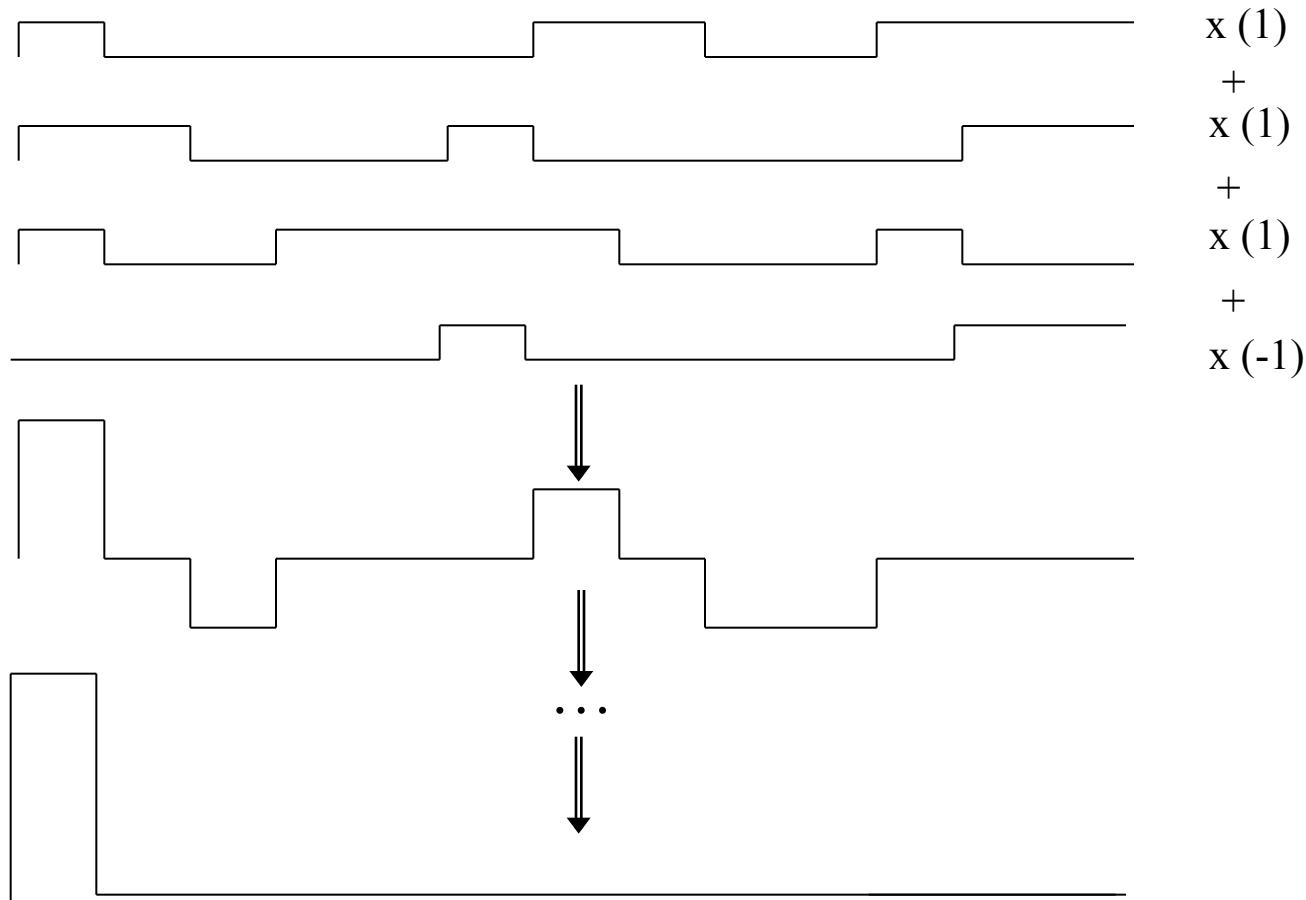
$\begin{matrix} - \\ + - \\ + + - \\ + + + + \\ + + - \\ + - \\ - \end{matrix} \Rightarrow \begin{matrix} -1 \\ 0 \\ +1 \\ +4 \\ +1 \\ 0 \\ -1 \end{matrix}$



Complementary Codes

- Phase-coded pair. Net result has NO sidelobes
- For example +++- and +-++
- If a code is $A = A_1 A_2 \dots A_n$
- Complement is $B = A_1 \bar{A}_2 \dots \bar{A}_n$
- Transmit both pairs and add decoded results

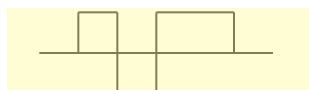
Random Codes



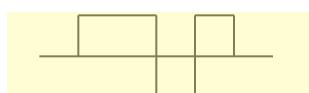
Alternating Codes



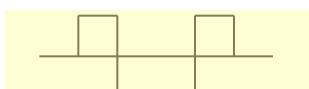
+++++



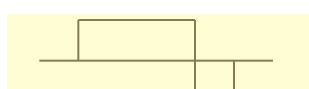
+--++



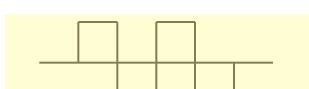
++-+



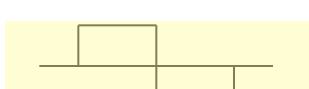
+--+



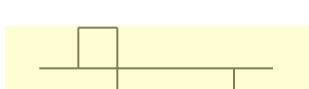
+++-



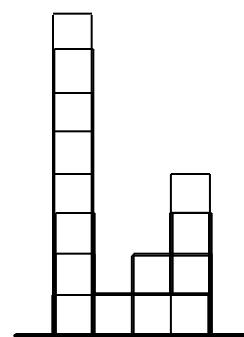
+--+



++--



+---



Alternating Codes

Alternating code 2nd height gate decoded

| | | |
|------------|------|------|
| ++++ | (x) | ++++ |
| +--+ + | (-x) | -+-- |
| ++-+ (x) | | ++-+ |
| +---+ (-x) | | -++- |
| +--+ (-x) | | -+-+ |
| +++- (x) | | +++- |
| ++-- (x) | | ++-- |
| +--- (-x) | | -+++ |

Multiply by
↑

1st lag

| | |
|-----|-----|
| +++ | +++ |
| --+ | ++- |
| +-- | +-- |
| -+- | +++ |
| --- | +++ |
| ++- | ++- |
| +-- | +-- |
| -++ | +-- |