

Lecture 9

- Projects
- Multi-carrier systems (OFDM)



Project

- Study one existing or proposed link
 - If choosing a standard, also choose an application example.
- Write a description of it, including
 - Technical details on speed, modulation, equalisation, antennas etc.
 - Link budget, both numerical and graphical
 - » Use well motivated assumptions where no data can be found.
 - 2-4 pages.
- Deadline: 25 May 2018
- Format: pdf
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- Make sure report itself includes all necessary info, including participants names.
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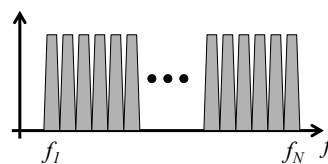
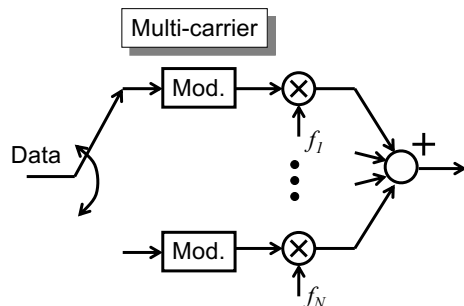
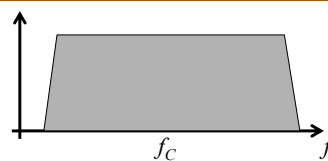
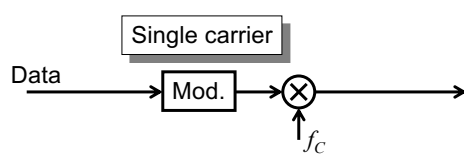


Ideas

- Sattellite links, such as Sattelite TV, INMARSAT, GPS, Irridium,
- Space probes such as Mars probes, including rovers, New Horizons (Pluto), Pioneer, Voyager, Cassini etc.
- DAB-radio, Terrestrial digital TV,
- Domestic system: GSM, 4G, 5G, Bluetooth, Bluetooth LE, WiFi, LORA, WiMax,
- Medical applications: MICS, Bluetooth LE
- *Submarine communication*



Single/Multi-carrier

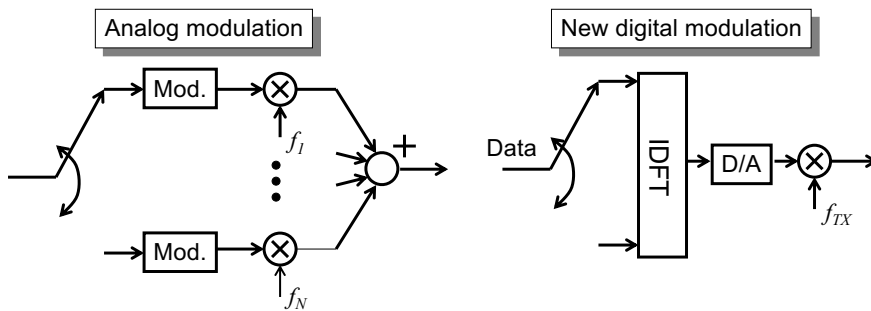


- Using N subcarriers increases the symbol length by N times.
- The ISI is reduced by the same amount (in symbols).



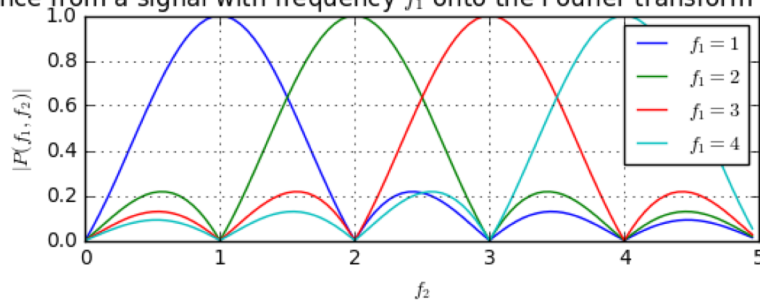
Analog vs. digital implementation

1970's: Digital modulation of subcarriers



OFDM Orthogonal Frequency-Division Multiplexing

Interference from a signal with frequency f_1 onto the Fourier transform at frequency f_2 .

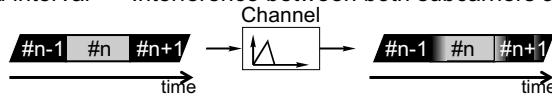


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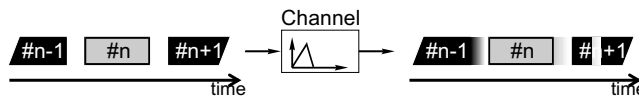
Addition of guard intervals and cyclic prefix

1980's: Improved digital circuits increases interest

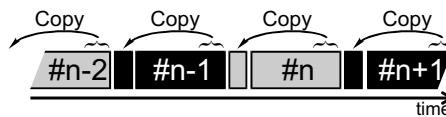
No guard interval => Interference between both subcarriers and symbols



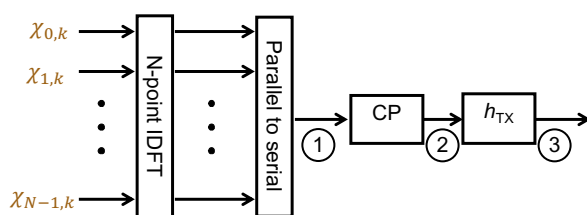
Guard interval => No interference between symbols



Cyclic prefix => No interference between neither subcarriers nor symbols



N-channel transmitter

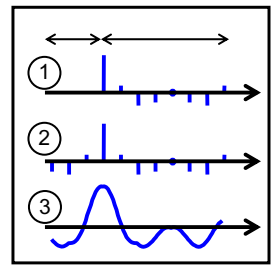


- k – symbol
- m – sample
- n – subcarrier
- L – CP length
- T_{samp} – sampling period
- h_{TX} – TX filter

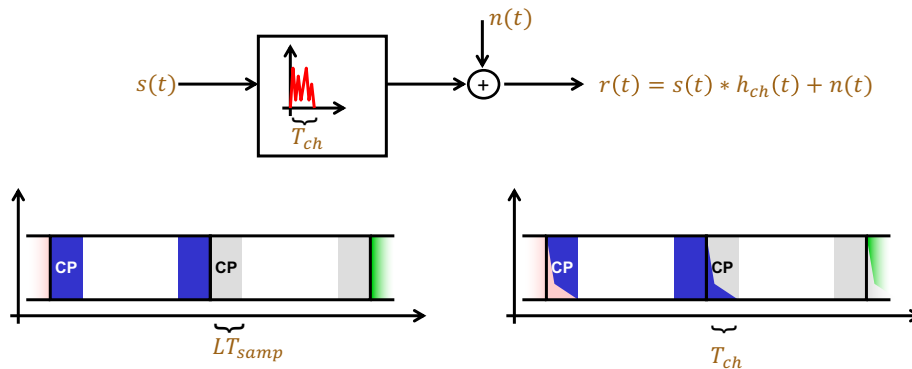
N-point IDFT:
$$s_{m,k} = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{n=0}^{N-1} \chi_{n,k} \exp(j2\pi \frac{mn}{N}) \text{ for } 0 \leq m \leq N-1$$

Adding CP:
$$s_{m,k} = S_{N+m,k} \delta(t - (k(N+L) + m)T_{\text{samp}})$$

TX filtering:
$$s(t) = h_{\text{TX}}(t) * (\sum_k \sum_{m=-L}^{N-1} S_{m,k} \delta(t - (k(N+L) + m)T_{\text{samp}}))$$



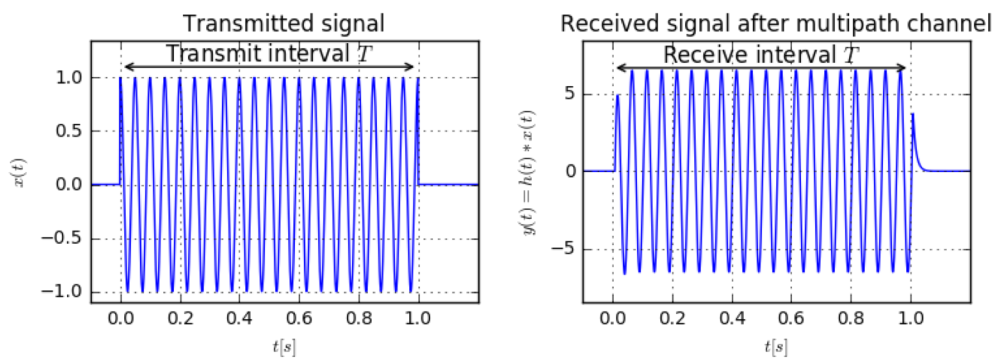
Channel effects



As long as the CP is longer than the delay spread of the channel, $L T_{samp} > T_{ch}$, it will absorb the ISI.
 By removing the CP in the receiver, the transmission becomes ISI free.

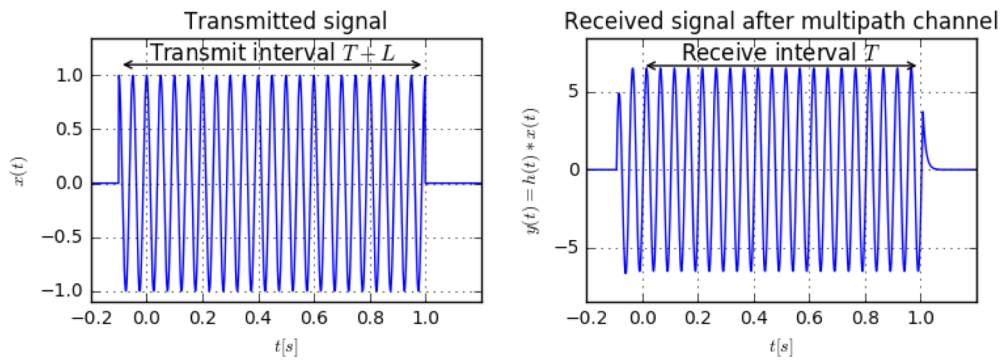


Cyclic prefix



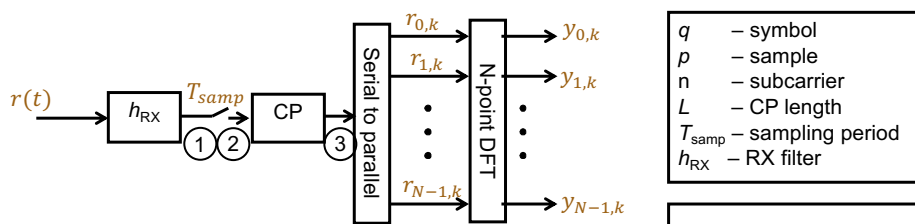
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N-subcarrier receiver



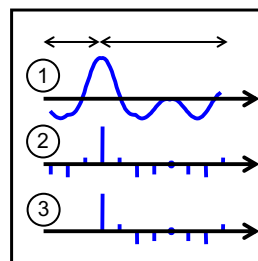
- q – symbol
- p – sample
- n – subcarrier
- L – CP length
- T_{samp} – sampling period
- h_{RX} – RX filter

RX filtering: $\tilde{z}(t) = h_{\text{RX}}(t) * r(t)$

Sampling: $z_k = \tilde{z}(kT_{\text{samp}})$

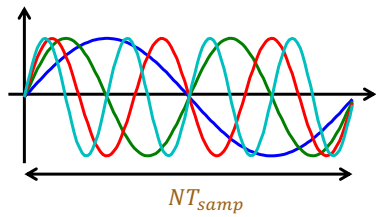
Removing CP: $r_{p,q} = z_{q(N+L)+p}$ for $0 \leq p \leq N - 1$

N-point DFT: $y_{n,q} = \sum_{p=0}^{N-1} r_{p,q} \exp(-j2\pi \frac{np}{N})$ for $0 \leq n \leq N - 1$

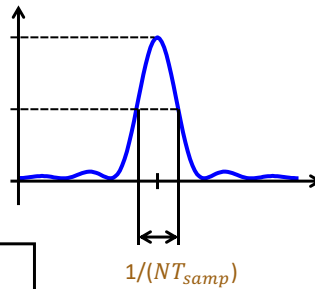


Modulation spectrum

Transmitted OFDM symbol decomposed into different subcarriers (ideal case, 4 subcarriers shown, no CP)



Power spectrum of one subcarrier transmitted at f_n Hz.

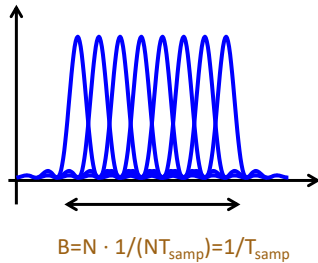


N : Subcarriers
 T_{samp} : sampling period

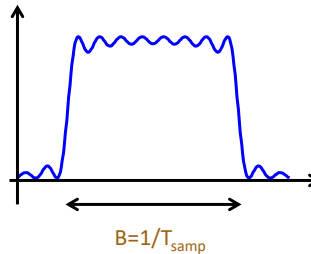
$$\text{sinc}(x) = \frac{\sin(\pi x)}{\pi x}$$

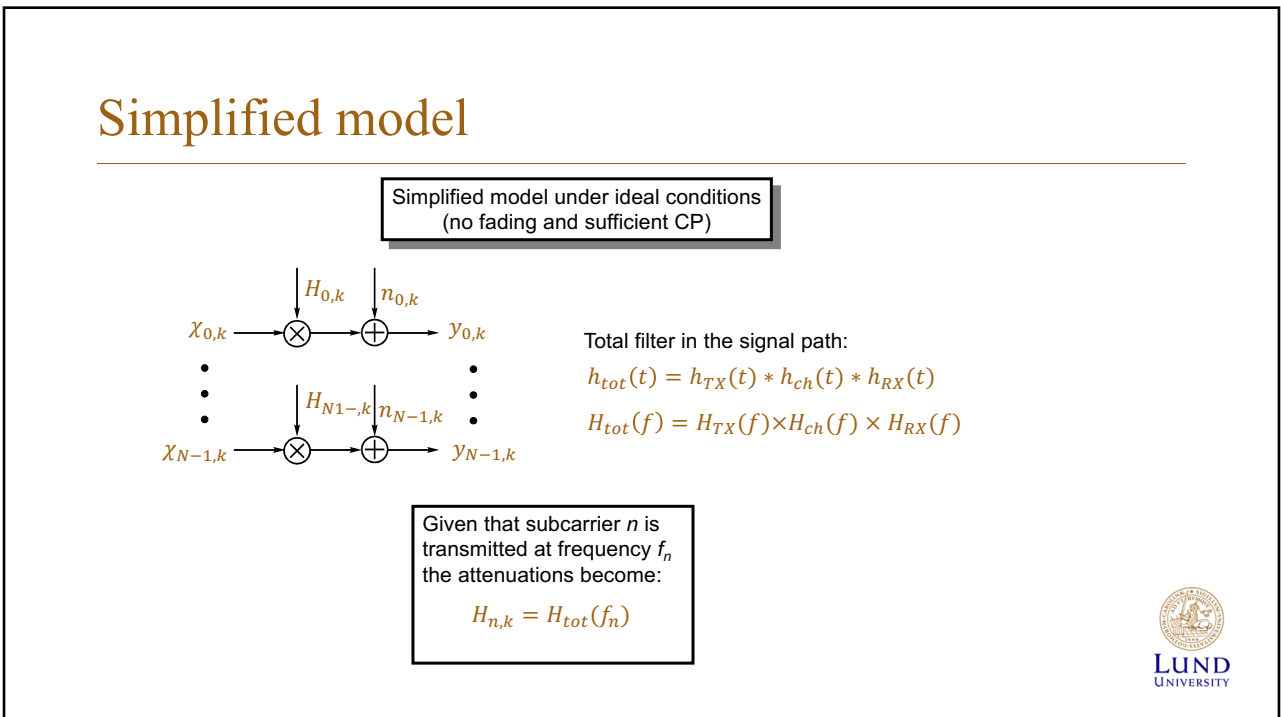
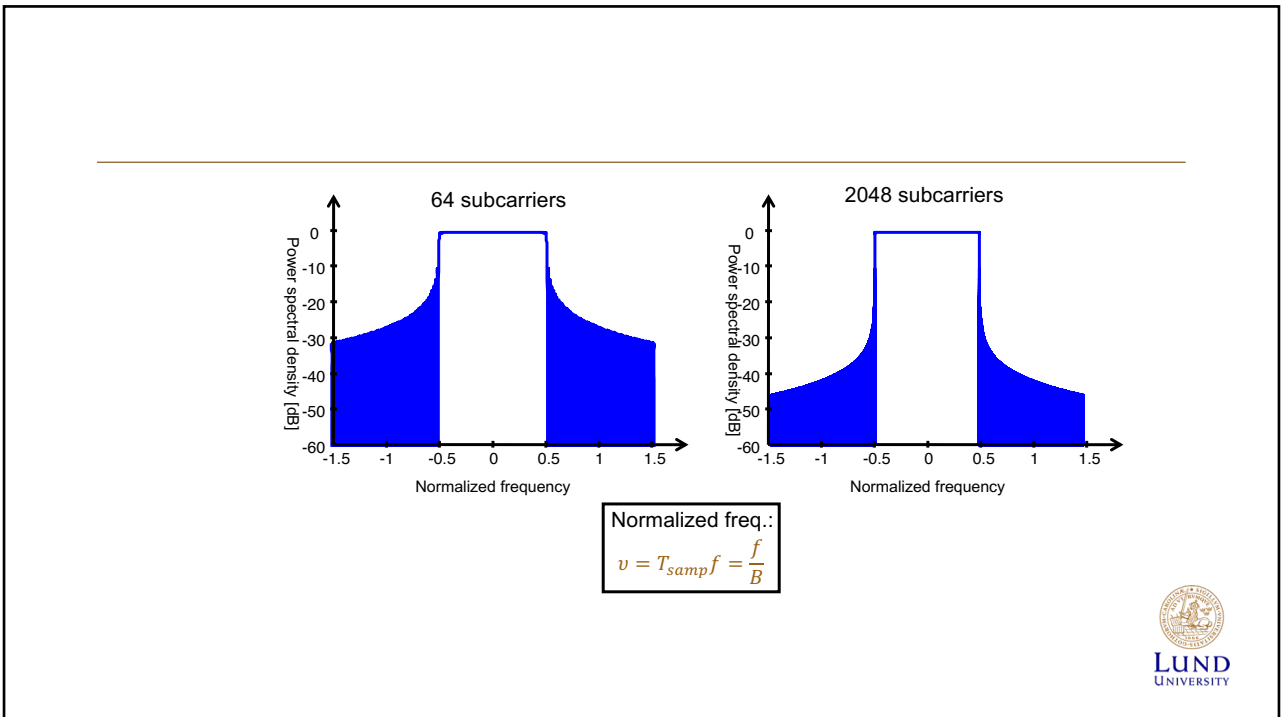


The distance between each subcarrier becomes $1/(NT_{\text{samp}})$ which is the same as the 3 dB bandwidth of the individual subcarriers. Using all N subcarriers (8 in this case) we get:

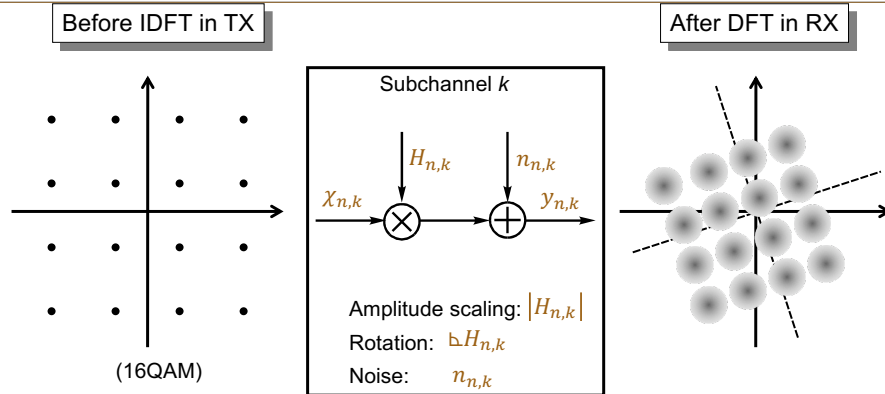


The total modulation spectrum is a sum of the individual subcarrier spectra (assuming independent data on them).





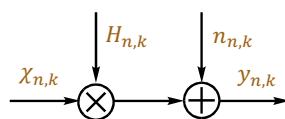
One subchannel



- Simple equalization of each subchannel: Back-rotate and scale



Uncoded performance



PROBLEM:

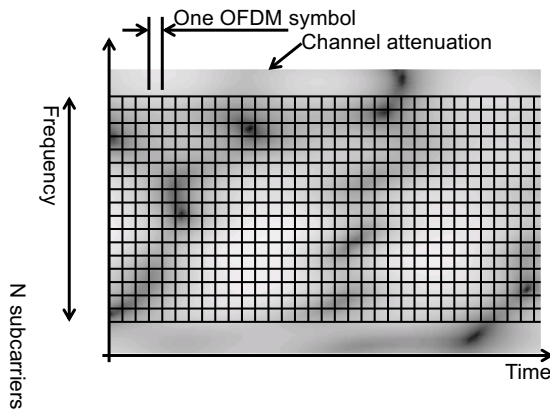
- Only one fading tap per subchannel => NO DIVERSITY => POOR PERFORMANCE
- The diversity is in there ... but additional techniques are needed to exploit it!

SOLUTION:

- Spreading the information (data) across several subcarriers or OFDM symbols
- This can be done using interleaving and coding => **Coded OFDM (COFDM)**



Channel correlation



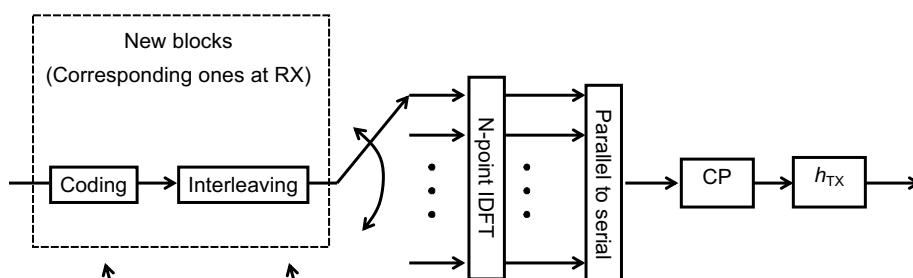
Channel attenuations are correlated in the time/frequency grid.

If we spread each bit of information over several well separated points in the OFDM time/frequency grid, the same "bit" is received over several "one tap" fading channels.

Combining these in the receiver, we obtain diversity.



Coding and interleaving



The code spreads the information across several code symbols.

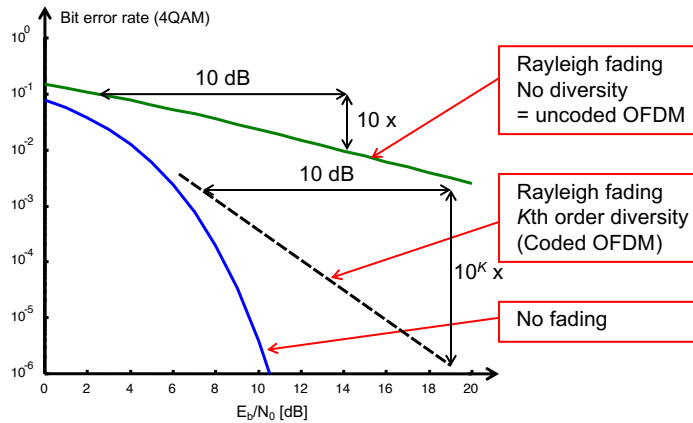
The interleaver reorders the code symbols so that neighbouring code symbols are "well" separated in frequency and/or time during transmission.

Interleaving can be performed:

- across subcarriers in an OFDM symbol (small delay)
- in time over several OFDM symbols (longer delay)
- or in a combination of the above.

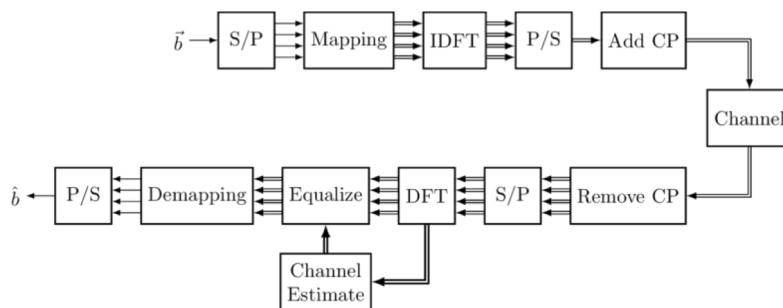


The better the coding and interleaving scheme, the larger the obtained diversity order.



Python-example

- <http://dspillustrations.com/pages/posts/misc/python-ofdm-example.html>



Initialisation

$K = 64$ # number of OFDM subcarriers
 $CP = K/4$ # length of the cyclic prefix: 25% of the block
 $P = 8$ # number of pilot carriers per OFDM block
 $\text{pilotValue} = 3+3j$ # The known value each pilot transmits



Indexes for carriers

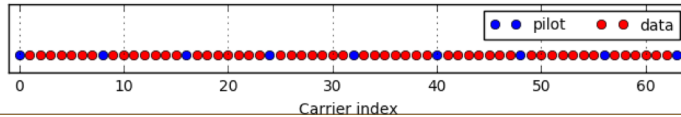
$\text{allCarriers} = \text{np.arange}(K)$ # indices of all subcarriers $([0, 1, \dots, K-1])$
 $\text{pilotCarriers} = \text{allCarriers}[:,K/P]$ # Pilots is every (K/P) th carrier.

For convenience of channel estimation, let's make the last carriers also be a pilot
 $\text{pilotCarriers} = \text{np.hstack}([\text{pilotCarriers}, \text{np.array}([\text{allCarriers}[-1]])])$
 $P = P+1$

data carriers are all remaining carriers
 $\text{dataCarriers} = \text{np.delete}(\text{allCarriers}, \text{pilotCarriers})$



Check:



```
print ("allCarriers: %s" % allCarriers)
print ("pilotCarriers: %s" % pilotCarriers)
print ("dataCarriers: %s" % dataCarriers)
plt.plot(pilotCarriers, np.zeros_like(pilotCarriers), 'bo', label='pilot')
plt.plot(dataCarriers, np.zeros_like(dataCarriers), 'ro', label='data')
```

```
allCarriers: [ 0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25
26 27 28 29 30 31 32 33 34 35 36 37 38 39 40 41 42 43 44 45 46 47 48 49 50 51
52 53 54 55 56 57 58 59 60 61 62 63]
```

```
pilotCarriers: [ 0 8 16 24 32 40 48 56 63]
```

```
dataCarriers: [ 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 25 26 27 28
29 30 31 33 34 35 36 37 38 39 41 42 43 44 45 46 47 49 50 51 52 53 54 55 57 58
59 60 61 62]
```



Modulation index and mapping

```
mu = 4 # bits per symbol (i.e. 16QAM)
payloadBits_per_OFDM = len(dataCarriers)*mu
# number of payload bits per OFDM symbol
```

```
mapping_table = { (0,0,0,0) : -3-3j, (0,0,0,1) : -3-1j, (0,0,1,0) : -3+3j, (0,0,1,1) : -
3+1j, (0,1,0,0) : -1-3j, (0,1,0,1) : -1-1j, (0,1,1,0) : -1+3j, (0,1,1,1) : -1+1j, (1,0,0,0) :
3-3j, (1,0,0,1) : 3-1j, (1,0,1,0) : 3+3j, (1,0,1,1) : 3+1j, (1,1,0,0) : 1-3j, (1,1,0,1) : 1-1j,
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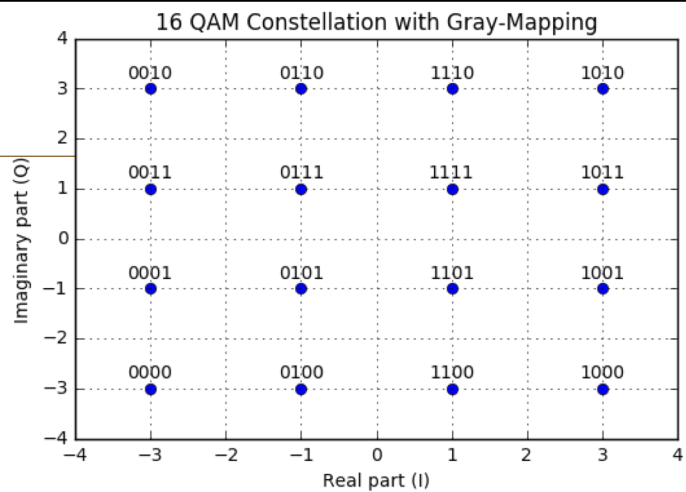


Plot of mapping table

```

for b3 in [0, 1]:
  for b2 in [0, 1]:
    for b1 in [0, 1]:
      for b0 in [0, 1]:
        B = (b3, b2, b1, b0)
        Q = mapping_table[B]
        plt.plot(Q.real, Q.imag, 'bo')
        plt.text(Q.real, Q.imag+0.2, "".join(str(x) for x in B), ha='center')

```



Channel model

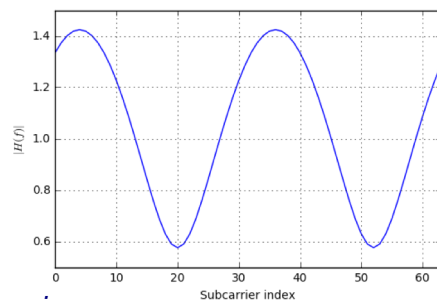
```
demapping_table = {v : k for k, v in mapping_table.items()}
```

```
channelResponse = np.array([1, 0, 0.3+0.3j])
# the impulse response of the wireless channel
```

```
H_exact = np.fft.fft(channelResponse, K)
```

```
plt.plot(allCarriers, abs(H_exact))
```

```
SNRdb = 25 # signal to noise-ratio in dB at the receiver
```



Test of link

```
bits = np.random.binomial(n=1, p=0.5, size=(payloadBits_per_OFDM, ))
print ("Bits count: ", len(bits))
print ("First 20 bits: ", bits[:20])
print ("Mean of bits (should be around 0.5): ", np.mean(bits))
```

Bits count: 220

First 20 bits: [1 0 1 1 0 1 1 1 1 0 1 0 1 0 1 0 0 0 0 0]

Mean of bits (should be around 0.5): 0.554545454545



Serial-to-parallel

```
def SP(bits):
    return bits.reshape((len(dataCarriers), mu))
bits_SP = SP(bits)
print ("First 5 bit groups")
print (bits_SP[:5,:])
```

First 5 bit groups

[[1 0 1 1]

[0 1 1 1]

[1 0 1 0]

[1 0 1 0]

[0 0 0 0]]



Mapping to constellation

```
def Mapping(bits):
    return np.array([mapping_table[tuple(b)] for b in bits])
QAM = Mapping(bits_SP)
print ("First 5 QAM symbols and bits:")
print (bits_SP[:5,:])
print (QAM[:5])
```

First 5 QAM symbols and bits:

```
[[1 0 1 1]
 [0 1 1 1]
 [1 0 1 0]
 [1 0 1 0]
 [0 0 0 0]]
[ 3.+1.j -1.+1.j 3.+3.j 3.+3.j -3.-3.j]
```



Allocation of subcarriers with data and pilot

```
def OFDM_symbol(QAM_payload):
    symbol = np.zeros(K, dtype=complex) # the overall K subcarriers
    symbol[pilotCarriers] = pilotValue # allocate the pilot subcarriers
    symbol[dataCarriers] = QAM_payload # allocate the payload subcarriers
    return symbol
OFDM_data = OFDM_symbol(QAM)
print ("Number of OFDM carriers in frequency domain: ", len(OFDM_data))
```

Number of OFDM carriers in frequency domain: 64



Transform into time-domain

```
def IDFT(OFDM_data):
    return np.fft.ifft(OFDM_data)
OFDM_time = IDFT(OFDM_data)
print ("Number of OFDM samples in time-domain before CP: ", len(OFDM_time))
```

Number of OFDM samples in time-domain before CP: 64



Add cyclic prefix

```
def addCP(OFDM_time):
    cp = OFDM_time[-CP:] # take the last CP samples ...
    return np.hstack([cp, OFDM_time]) # ... and add them to the beginning
OFDM_withCP = addCP(OFDM_time)
print ("Number of OFDM samples in time domain with CP: ", len(OFDM_withCP))
```

Number of OFDM samples in time domain with CP: 80



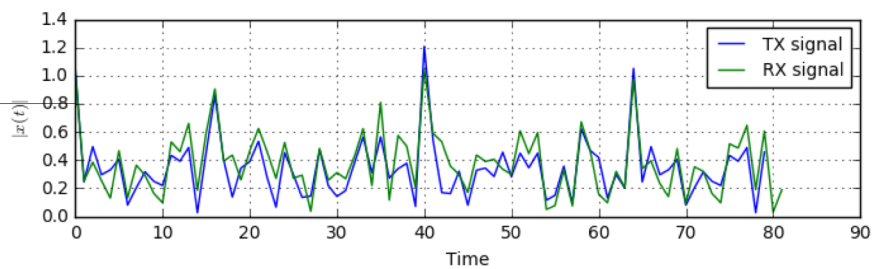
Transmitt over the air

```
def channel(signal):
    convolved = np.convolve(signal, channelResponse)
    signal_power = np.mean(abs(convolved**2))
    sigma2 = signal_power * 10**(-SNRdb/10) # calculate noise power based on signal
    # power and SNR
    print ("RX Signal power: %.4f. Noise power: %.4f" % (signal_power, sigma2))

    # Generate complex noise with given variance
    noise = np.sqrt(sigma2/2) *
    (np.random.randn(*convolved.shape)+1j*np.random.randn(*convolved.shape))
    return convolved + noise
OFDM_TX = OFDM_withCP
OFDM_RX = channel(OFDM_TX)
RX Signal power: 0.1926. Noise power: 0.0006
```



Check



```
plt.figure(figsize=(8,2))
plt.plot(abs(OFDM_TX), label='TX signal')
plt.plot(abs(OFDM_RX), label='RX signal')
plt.legend(fontsize=10) plt.xlabel('Time');
plt.ylabel('$|x(t)|$');
plt.grid(True);
```



Remove cyclic prefix, transform to frequency domain

```
def removeCP(signal):
    return signal[CP:(CP+K)]
OFDM_RX_noCP = removeCP(OFDM_RX)
```

```
def DFT(OFDM_RX):
    return np.fft.fft(OFDM_RX)
OFDM_demod = DFT(OFDM_RX_noCP)
```

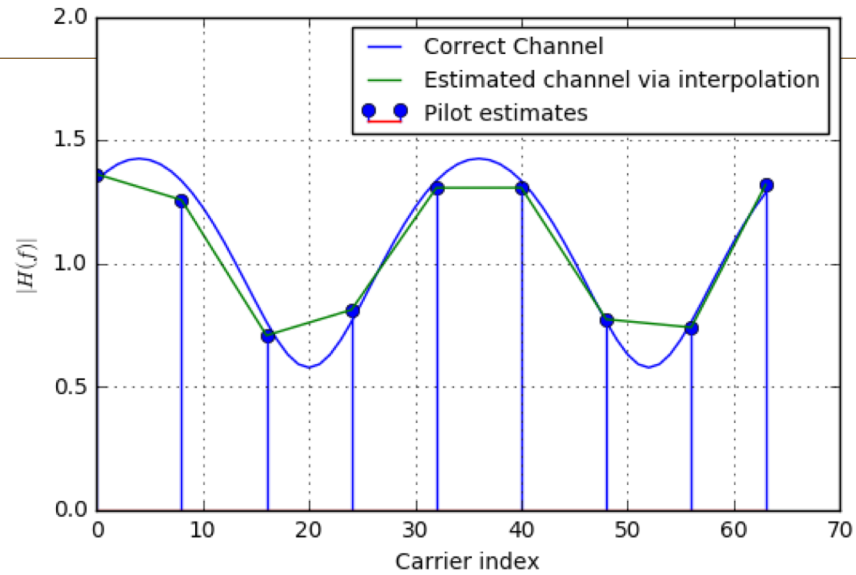


Estimate channel (Zero-forcing in this example)

```
def channelEstimate(OFDM_demod):
    pilots = OFDM_demod[pilotCarriers] # extract the pilot values from the RX signal
    Hest_at_pilots = pilots / pilotValue # divide by the transmitted pilot values
    # Perform interpolation between the pilot carriers to get an estimate
    # of the channel in the data carriers. Here, we interpolate absolute value and phase
    # separately
    Hest_abs = scipy.interpolate.interp1d(pilotCarriers, abs(Hest_at_pilots), kind='linear')(allCarriers)
    Hest_phase = scipy.interpolate.interp1d(pilotCarriers, np.angle(Hest_at_pilots),
kind='linear')(allCarriers)
    Hest = Hest_abs * np.exp(1j*Hest_phase)
    plt.plot(allCarriers, abs(H_exact), label='Correct Channel')
    plt.stem(pilotCarriers, abs(Hest_at_pilots), label='Pilot estimates')
    plt.plot(allCarriers, abs(Hest), label='Estimated channel via interpolation')
    plt.grid(True); plt.xlabel('Carrier index'); plt.ylabel('$|H(f)|$');
    plt.legend(fontsize=10) plt.ylim(0,2)
    return Hest
Hest = channelEstimate(OFDM_demod)
```



Result



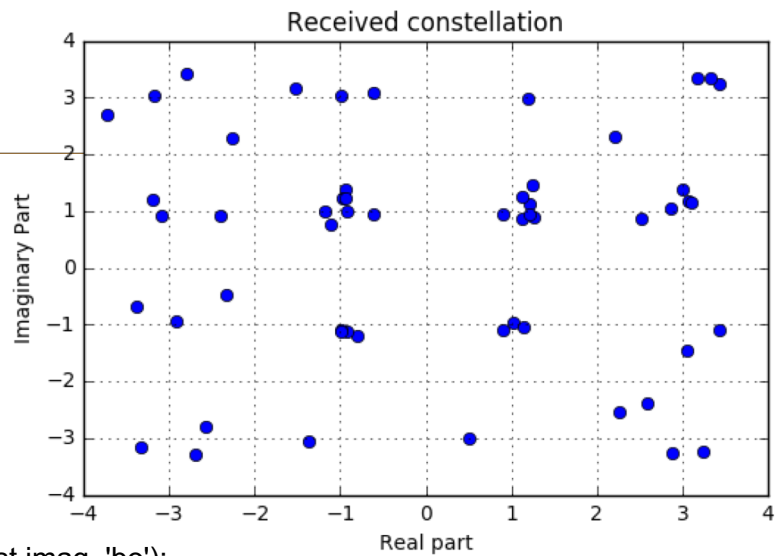
Equalisation, extract data carriers

```
def equalize(OFDM_demod, Hest):
    return OFDM_demod / Hest
equalized_Hest = equalize(OFDM_demod, Hest)
```

```
def get_payload(equalized):
    return equalized[dataCarriers]
QAM_est = get_payload(equalized_Hest)
```



Check



```
plt.plot(QAM_est.real, QAM_est.imag, 'bo');
```



Detection

```
def Demapping(QAM):
```

```
    # array of possible constellation points
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```
    constellation = np.array([x for x in demapping_table.keys()])
```

```
    # calculate distance of each RX point to each possible
```

```
    point dists = abs(QAM.reshape((-1,1)) - constellation.reshape((1,-1)))
```

```
    # for each element in QAM, choose the index in constellation
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    # that belongs to the nearest constellation point
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    const_index = dists.argmax(axis=1)
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    # get back the real constellation point
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    hardDecision = constellation[const_index]
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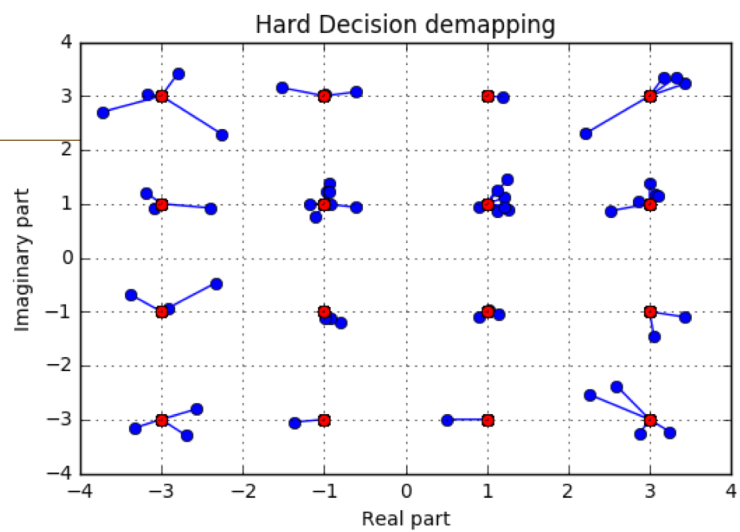
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    # transform the constellation point into the bit groups
```

```
    return np.vstack([demapping_table[C] for C in hardDecision]), hardDecision
```

```
PS_est, hardDecision = Demapping(QAM_est)
```



Check



```
for qam, hard in zip(QAM_est, hardDecision):
    plt.plot([qam.real, hard.real], [qam.imag, hard.imag], 'b-o');
    plt.plot(hardDecision.real, hardDecision.imag, 'ro')
```



Parallell to serial

```
def PS(bits):
    return bits.reshape((-1,))
bits_est = PS(PS_est)

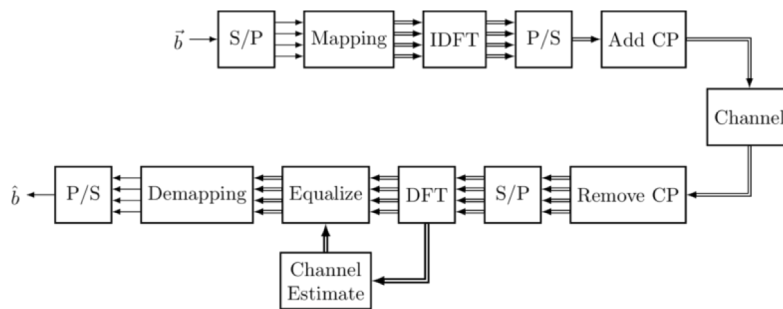
print ("Obtained Bit error rate: ", np.sum(abs(bits-bits_est))/len(bits))
```

Obtained Bit error rate: 0.0



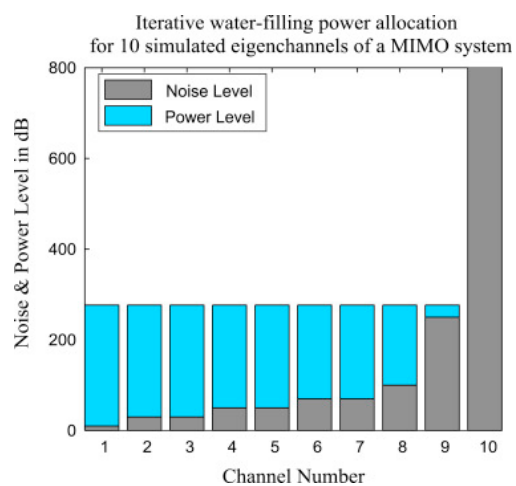
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Waterfilling

- $P_n = \max\left(0, \varepsilon - \frac{\sigma_n^2}{|\alpha_n|^2}\right)$ (19.31)
- α_n is the gain of the n :th channel
- σ_n^2 is the noise variance
- ε is a threshold set to hold $P = \sum_{n=1}^N P_n$



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