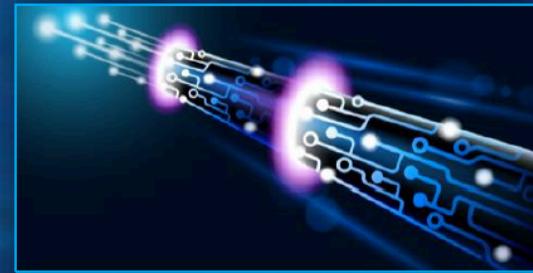


NR Overview

New Applications Stress Existing Wireless Services



**LOW-POWER
CONNECTED DEVICE
GROWTH VIA IOT**



**ENHANCED
MOBILE
BROADBAND**



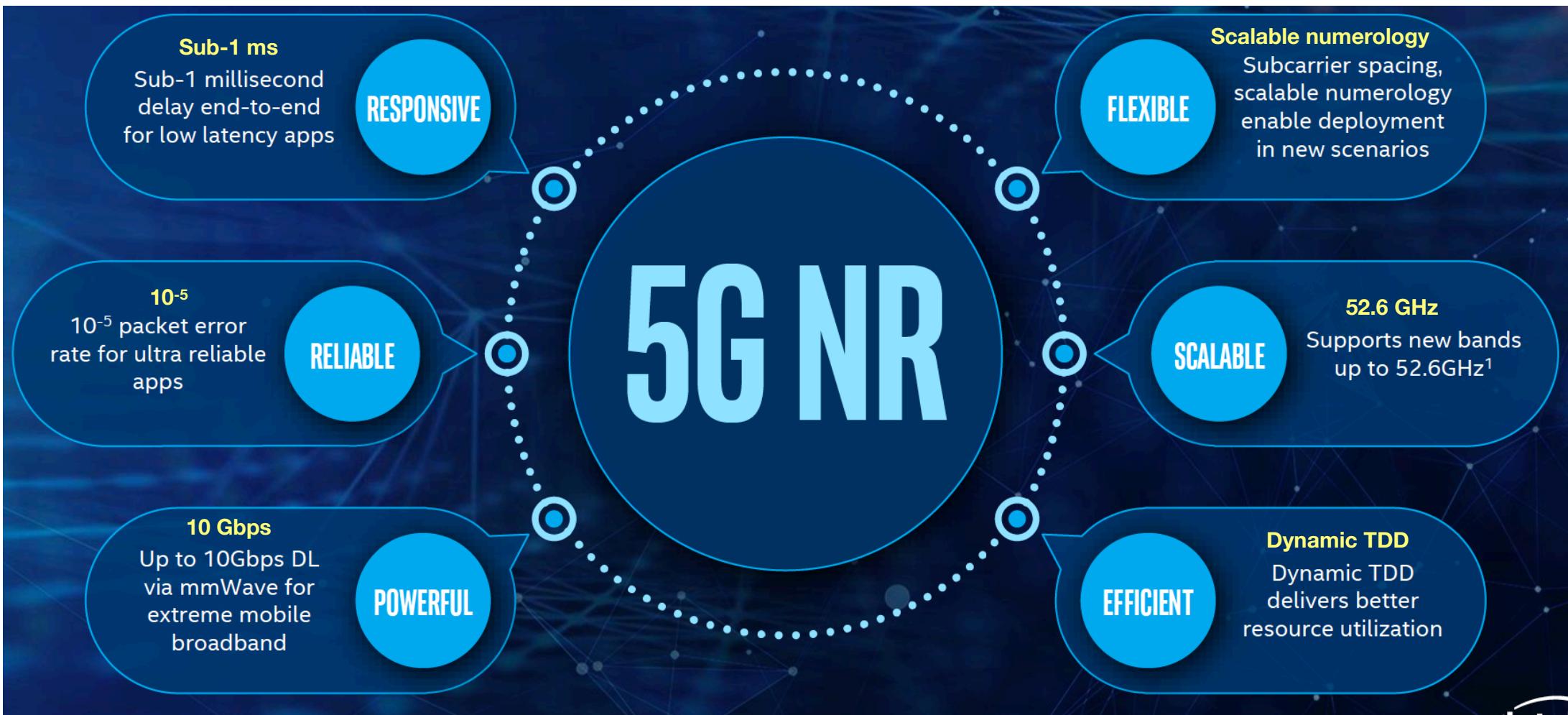
**ULTRA-LOW
LATENCY AND
RELIABILITY**

BILLIONS of connected devices by 2020¹

>1B 5G subscriptions of enhanced mobile broadband by 2023²

1M autonomous cars on the road by 2025;
Internet apps with sub-10 millisecond latency³

Enter 5G NR - A Truly Unified Air Interface



Introduction

- ITU-R announced multifold design goals of 5G mobile networks known as IMT-2020

3G : IMT-2000
4G : IMT-2010
5G : IMT-2020

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 20 Gbps peak data rate• 100 Mbps user experienced data rate• 10 Mbps/m² area traffic capacity• 10⁶ devices/km² connection density | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 1 ms latency• Mobility up to 500 km/h• Backward compatibility to LTE/LTE-Advanced (LTE-A)• Forward compatibility to potential future evolution |
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- Scope considered in 5G New Radio (NR) specifications
 - Standalone and non-standalone NR operations
 - Spectrum below and above 6 GHz
 - Three major use cases
 - Enhanced Mobile Broadband (eMBB)
 - Ultra-Reliable and Low Latency Communications (URLCC)
 - Massive Machine-Type Communications (mMTC)

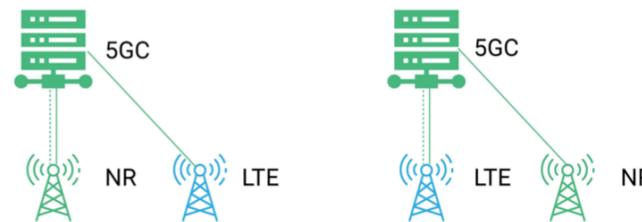
Standalone and Non-Standalone NR Operations

- **Standalone**



- Full control plane and data plane functions are provided in NR

- **Non-standalone**



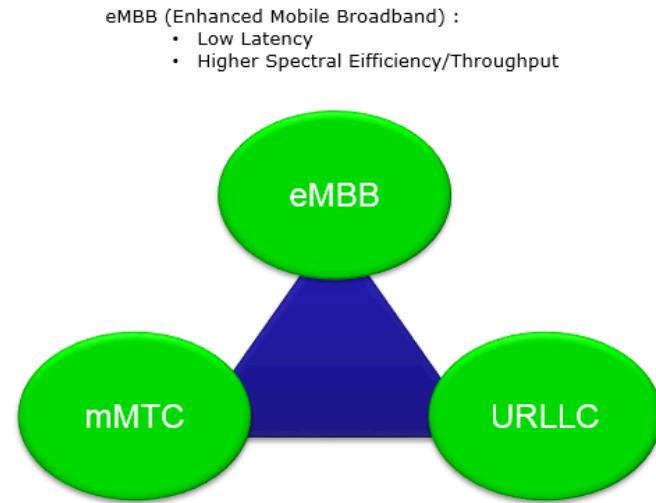
- Control plane functions of LTE and LTE-A are utilized as an anchor for NR

Spectrum Below and Above 6 GHz

- Subject to existing fixed spectrum allocation policies, it is a challenge to obtain available spectrum with a sufficiently wide bandwidth from frequency range below 6 GHz
- Accessing the radio resources below 6 GHz is necessary to fulfill diverse deployment scenarios required by operators
- Spectrum above 6 GHz is critical

eMBB, URLLC, mMTC

- In Release 15, three major use cases are emphasized
 - Enhanced Mobile Broadband (eMBB)
 - Ultra-Reliable and Low Latency Communications (URLLC)
 - Massive Machine-Type Communications (mMTC)



eMBB (Enhanced Mobile Broadband) :

- Low Latency
- Higher Spectral Efficiency/Throughput

mMTC (massive Machine Type Communications) :

- Improved link budget
- Low Device Complexity
- Long Device Battery Life
- High Density Device Deployment

URLLC (Ultra Reliable Low Latency Communications) :

- High Reliability (Low Packet Error Rate)
- Low Latency

- Offering urgent data delivery with ultra low latency and massive packet transmissions are of crucial importance for NR
 - **eMBB** supports high capacity and high mobility (up to 500 km/h) radio access (with 4ms user plane latency)
 - **URLCC** provides urgent and reliable data exchange (with 0.5ms user plane latency)
 - **mMTC** supports infrequent, massive, and small packet transmissions (with 10s latency)

Enhanced Mobile Broadband (eMBB)



- 10-20 Gbps peak
- 100 Mbps whenever needed
- 10000x more traffic
- Macro and small cells
- Support for high mobility (500 km/h)
- Network energy saving by 100 times

Massive Machine Communication (mMTC)



- High density of devices (2×10^5 - $10^6/\text{km}^2$)
- Long range
- Low data rate (1 - 100 kbps)
- M2M ultra low cost
- 10 years battery
- Asynchronous access

Ultra Reliability and Low Latency (URLLC)



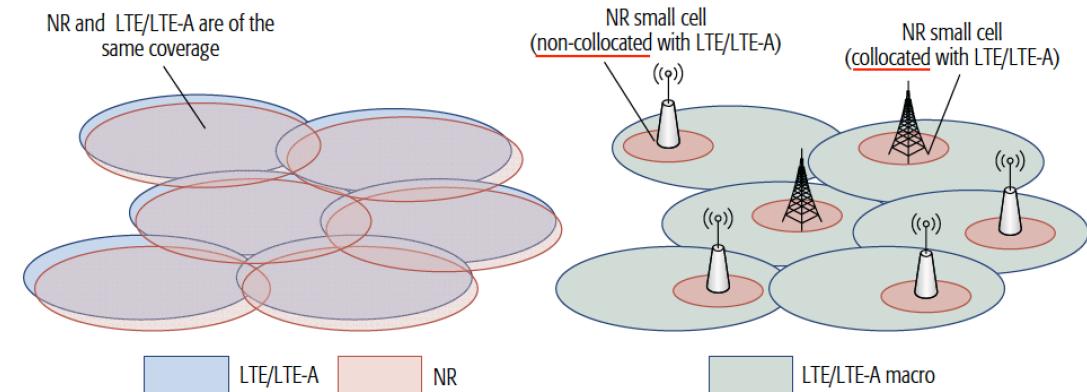
- Ultra responsive
 - <1 ms air interface latency
 - 5 ms E2E latency
- Ultra reliable and available (99.9999%)
- Low to medium data rates (50 kbps - 10 Mbps)
- High speed mobility

5G New Radio Topics

- Deployment scenarios
- Numerologies
- Frame structure
- New waveform
- Multiple access
- Initial/random access
- Enhanced carrier aggregation (CA)

Deployment Scenarios

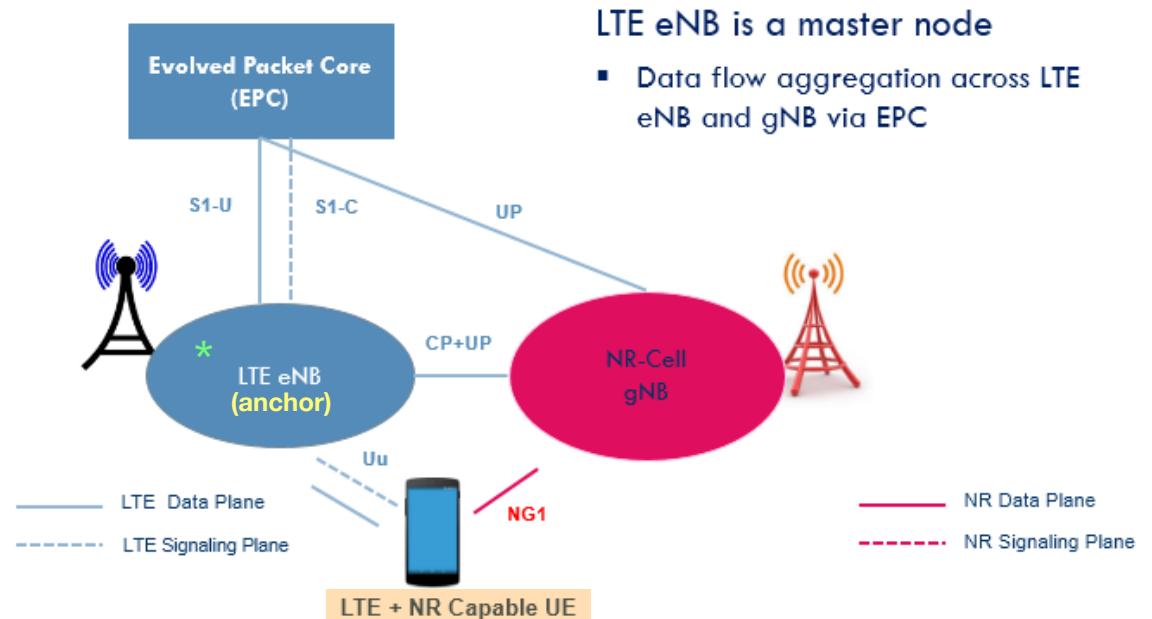
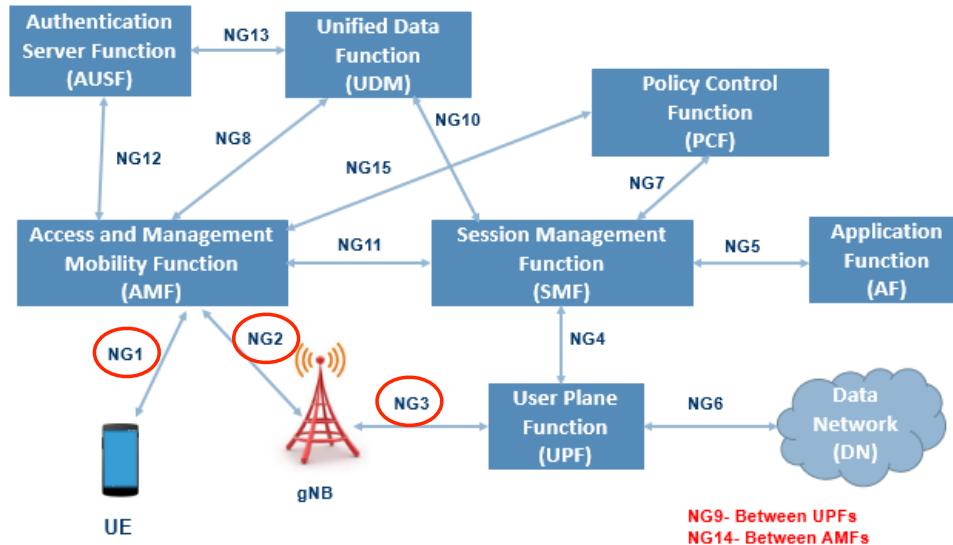
- For backward compatibility with LTE/LTE-A, the architecture of NR is required to closely interwork with LTE/LTE-A
- Cells of LTE/LTE-A and NR can have different coverage or the same coverage, and the following deployment scenarios are feasible
 - LTE/LTE-A eNB is a master node
 - NR gNB is a master node
 - eLTE eNB is a master node



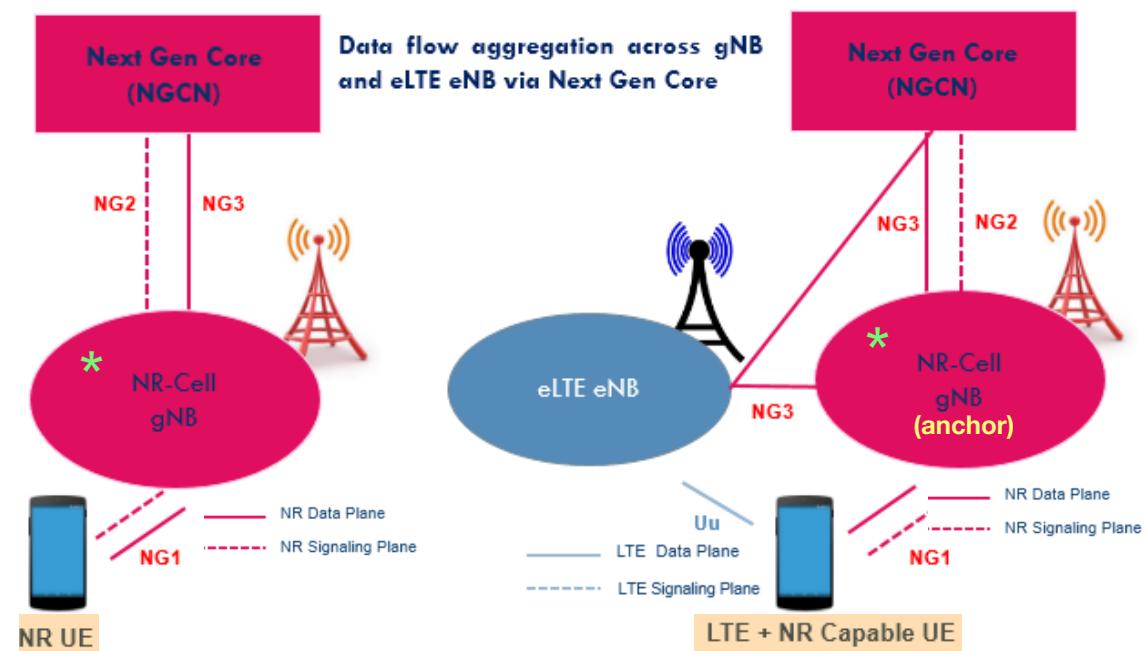
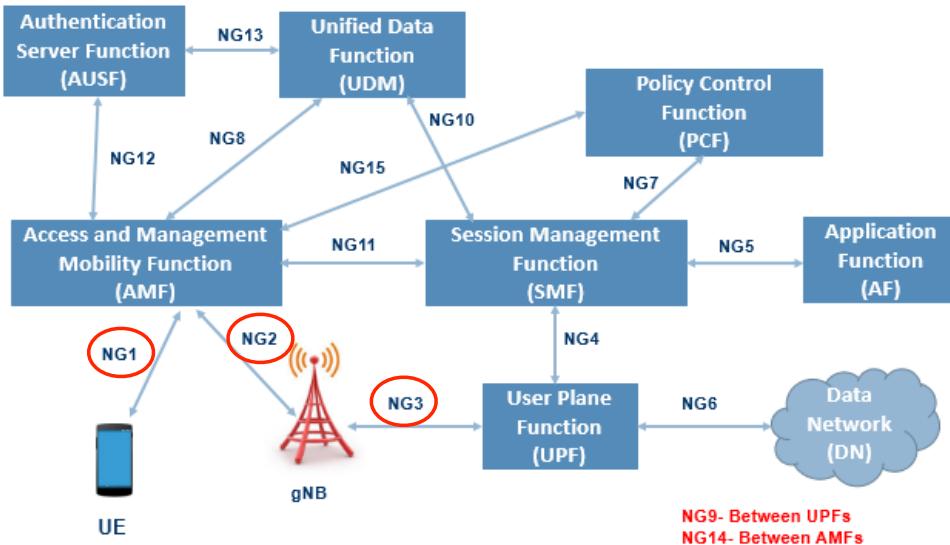
eLTE eNB

- An evolved eNodeB that can support connectivity to EPC as well as next-generation core network (NG-CN)
- A release 14 / release 15 LTE cell can be considered as eLTE eNB

- **LTE/LTE-A eNB is a master node**
 - An LTE / LTE-A eNB offers an anchor carrier (in both control and user planes), while an NR gNB offers a booster carrier
 - All the signaling procedure shall be done at LTE / LTE-A cell
 - Data flow aggregates across an eNB and a gNB via the evolved packet core (EPC)

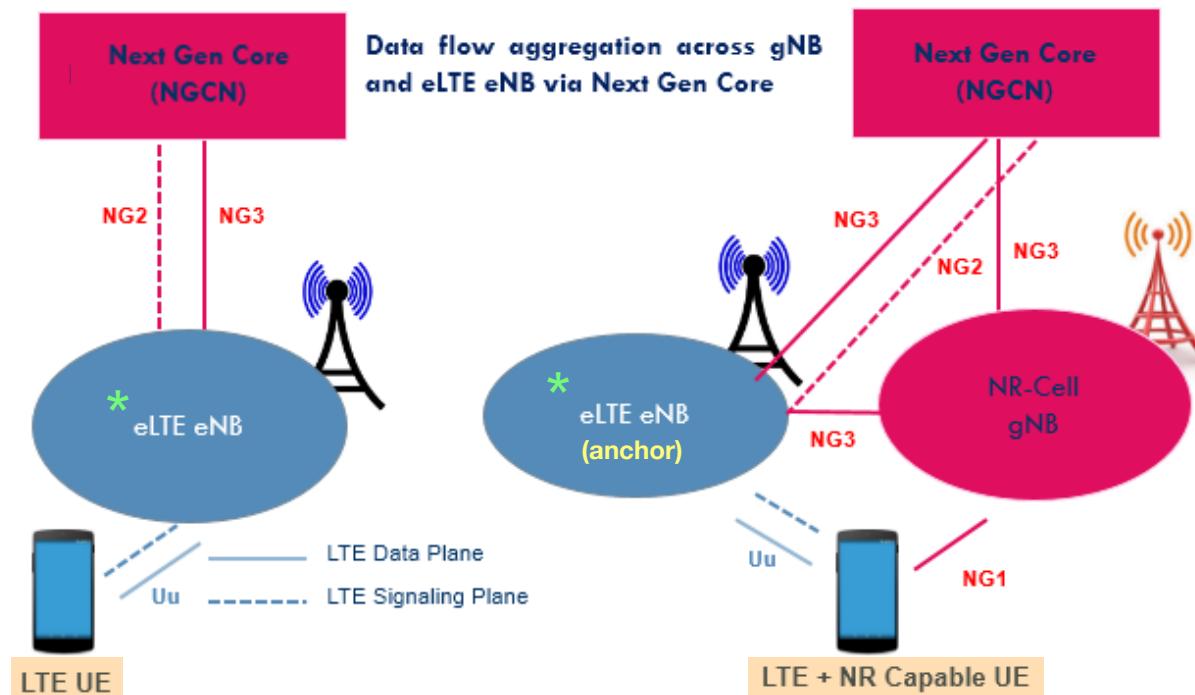


- NR gNB is a master node
 - A standalone NR gNB offers wireless services (in both control and user planes) via the next generation core (NG-CN)
 - A collocated enhanced LTE (eLTE) eNB is able to additionally provide booster carriers for dual connections
 - All signaling procedure shall be done at NR cell

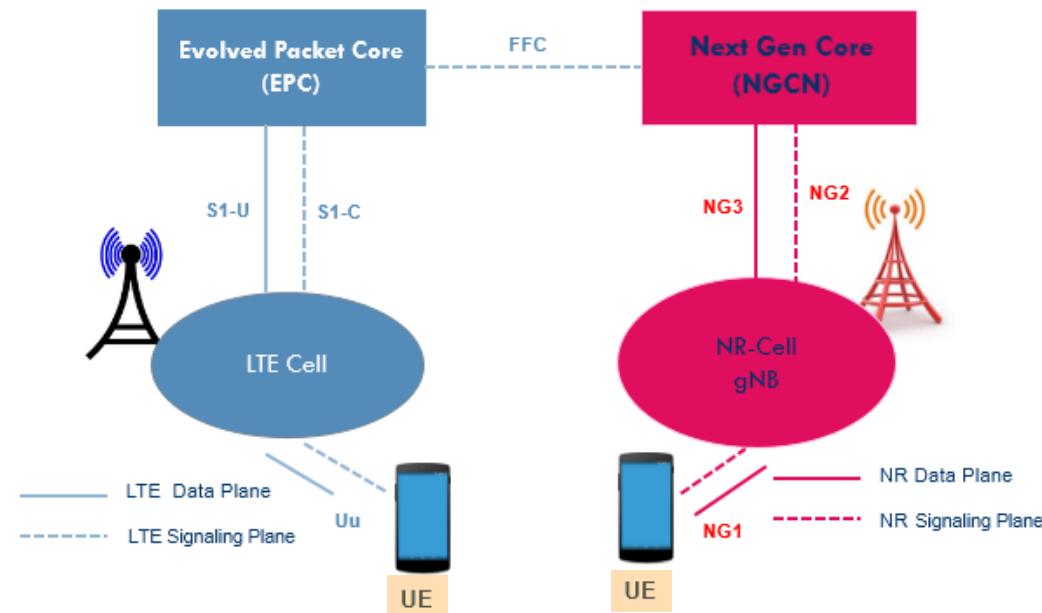


- **eLTE eNB** is a master node
 - A standalone eLTE eNB offers wireless services (in both control and user planes) via the NG-CN, or

- A collocated NR gNB is able to provide booster carriers (eLTE eNB offers an anchor carrier)

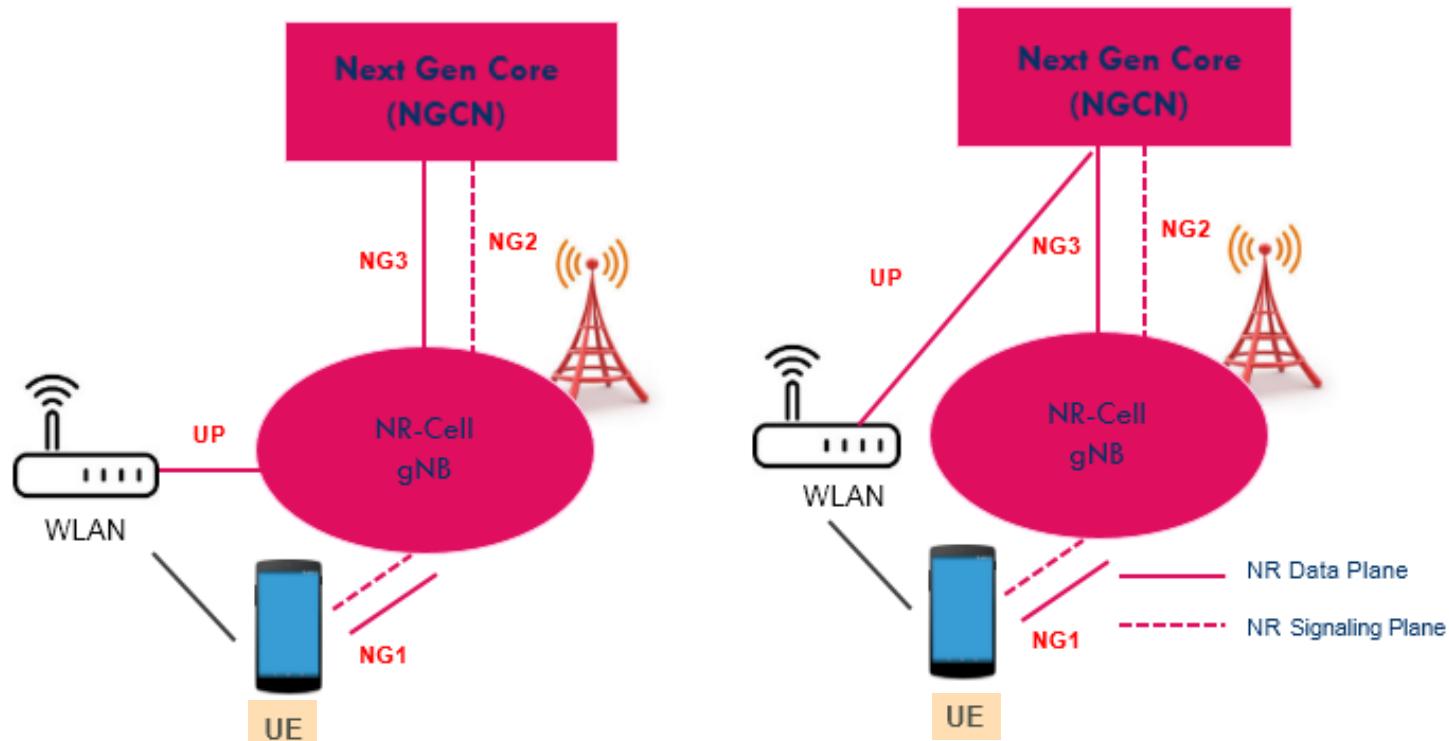


- Inter-Radio Access Technology (RAT) **handover** between LTE/LTE-A/eLTE eNB and NR gNB
 - An LTE/ LTE-A eNB connects to the EPC, and an NR gNB connects to the NG-CN to support handover between eNB and gNB
 - An eLTE eNB can also connect to the NG-CN, and handover between eNB and gNB can be fully managed through the NG-CN

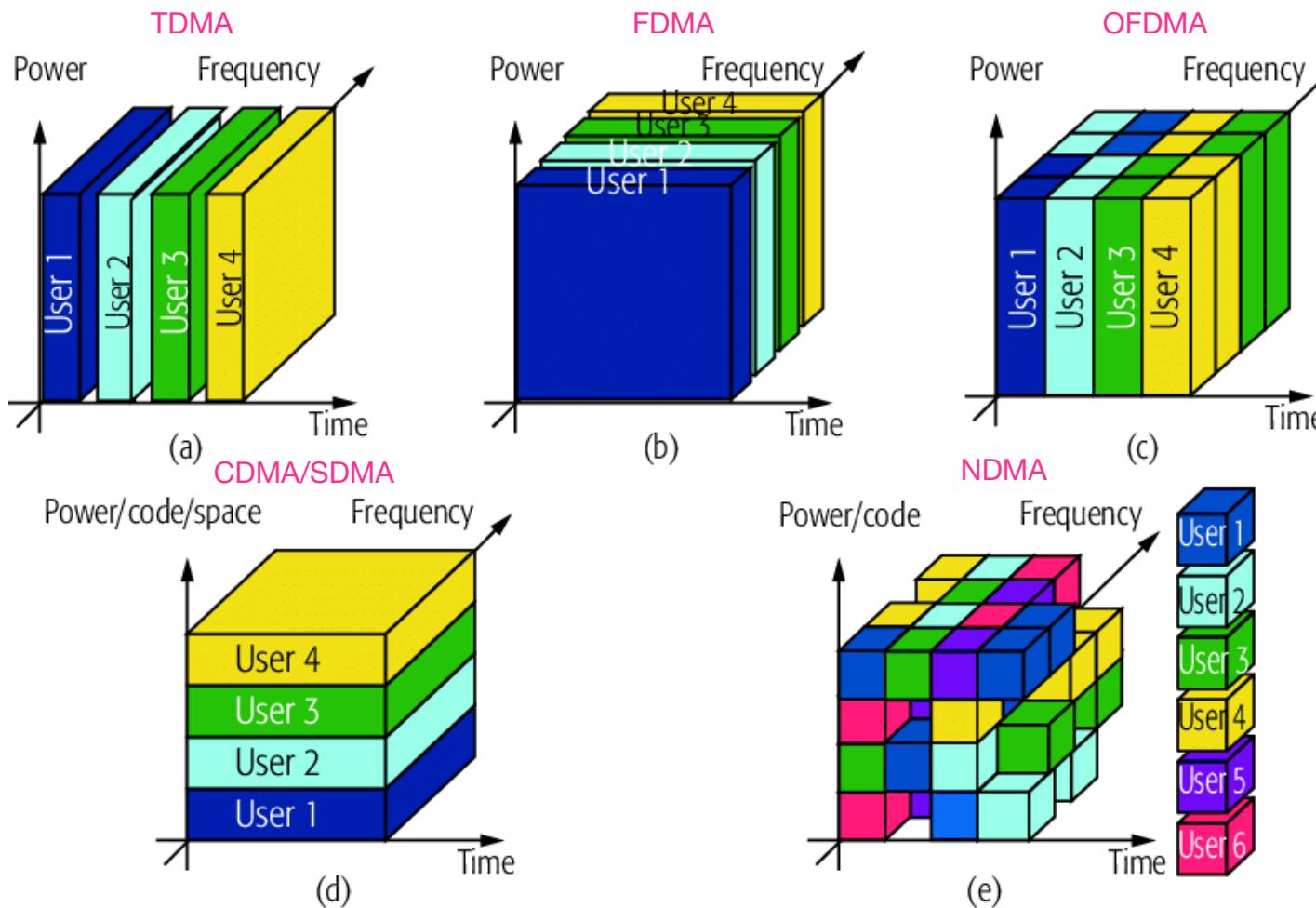


- **Inter-working with WLAN**

- When NR is capable to work as a standalone cell, it can be further enhanced to inter work with WLAN for Wi-Fi offloading and to utilize the benefits of the unpaid spectrum



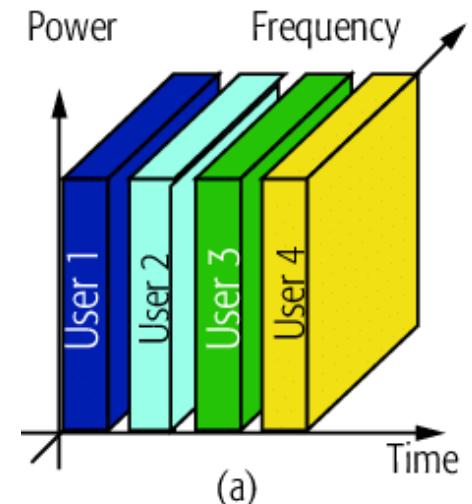
OFDM Principles (Orthogonal Frequency-Division Multiplexing)



- (a) **TDMA:** each user allocated a different time on the channel
- (b) **FDMA:** each user allocated a different subband / channel
- (c) **OFDMA:** each user allocated a different resource which can vary in time and frequency
- (d) **CDMA/SDMA:** (CDMA) each user allocated a different code on the channel
- (e) **NOMA:** serve multiple users using the same resource in terms of time, frequency, and space

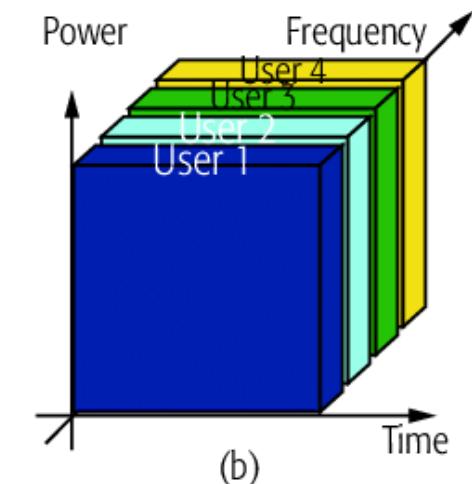
- **TDMA (Time Division Multiple Access)**

- Divide the available time into slots, and each user is assigned a slot to transmit
- Prevents collisions between users, but it can also lead to inefficient use of the spectrum if some users are not always transmitting



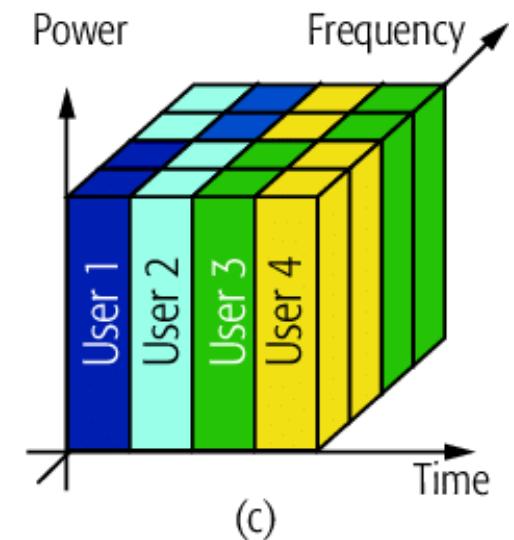
- **FDMA (Frequency Division Multiple Access)**

- Divide the available frequency into bands, and each user is assigned a band to transmit on
- Prevents collisions between users, but it can lead to inefficient use of the spectrum if some bands are not always being used



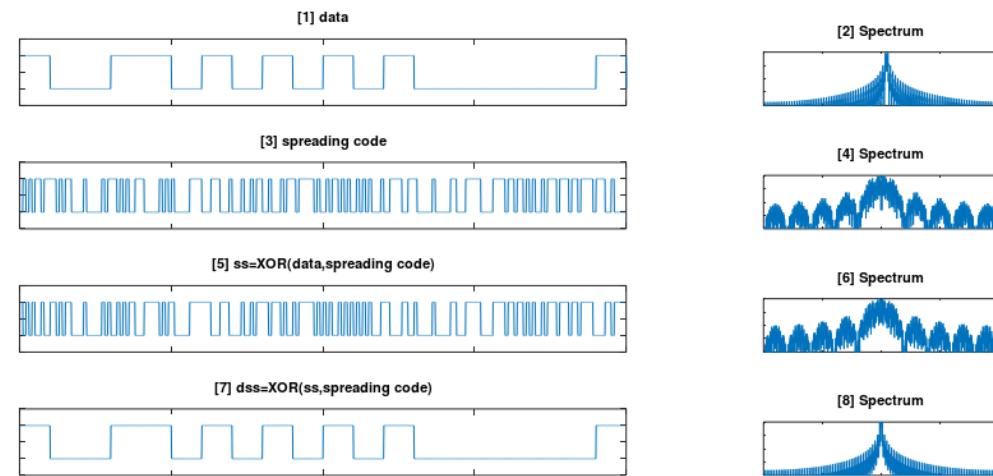
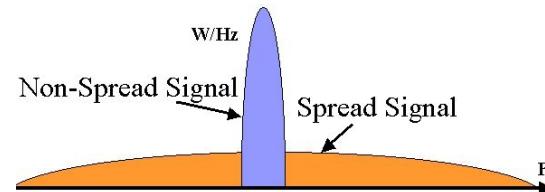
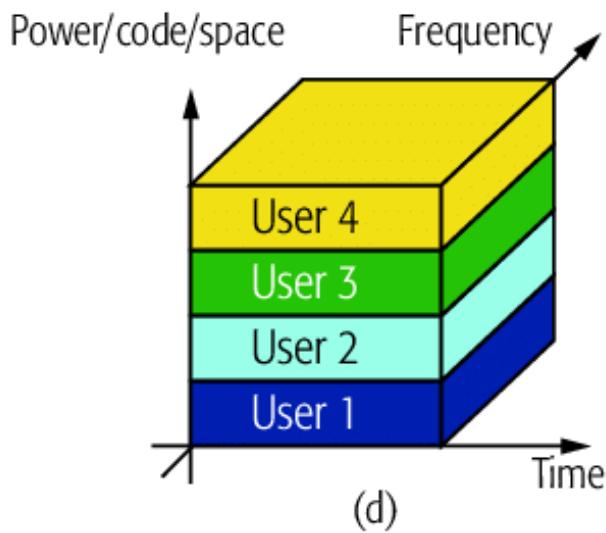
- **OFDMA (Orthogonal Frequency Division Multiple Access)**

- A more sophisticated version of FDMA that uses orthogonal frequency bands to divide the spectrum
- Allow for more users to share the spectrum without interfering with each other



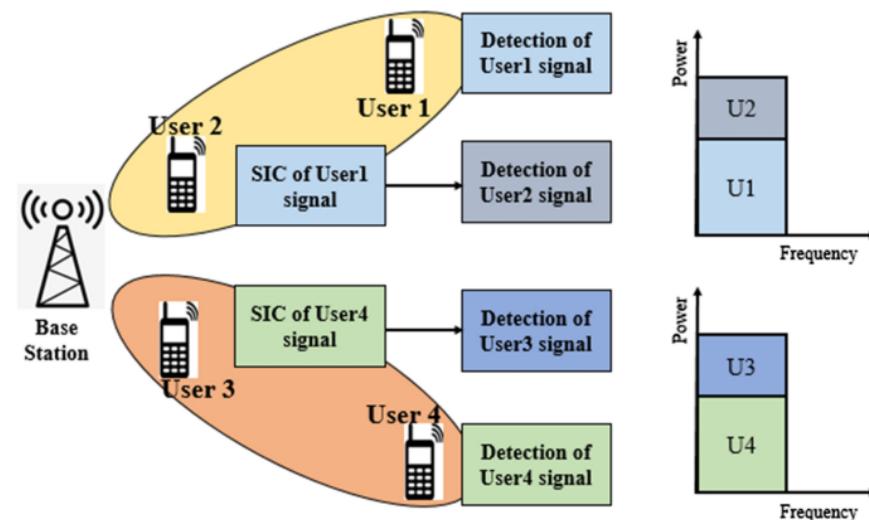
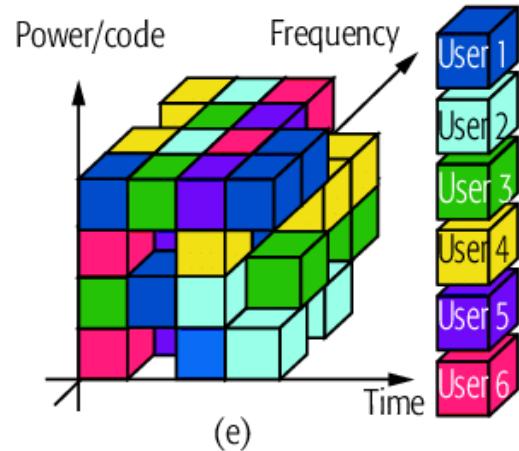
• CDMA (Code division multiple access)

- Use a spreading code to spread each user's signal over a wider frequency band
- Allow multiple users to transmit on the same frequency without interfering with each other

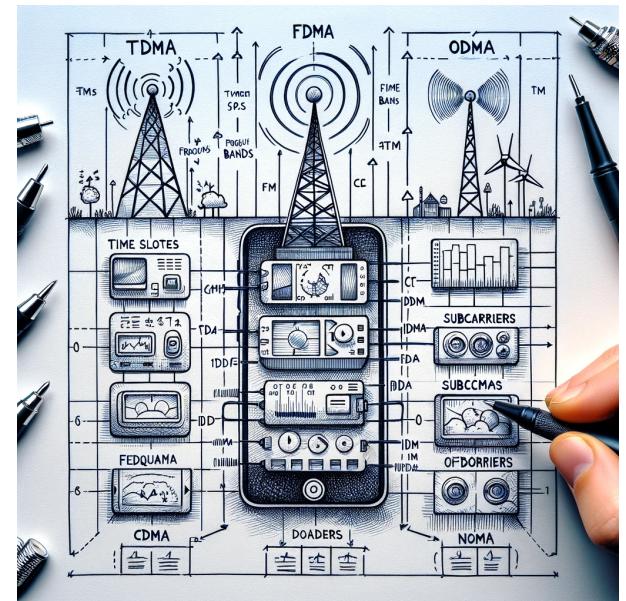


• NoMA (Non-Orthogonal Multiple Access)

- Allow multiple users to transmit on the same frequency at the same time
- Done by using successive interference cancellation (SIC) to decode the signals from multiple users

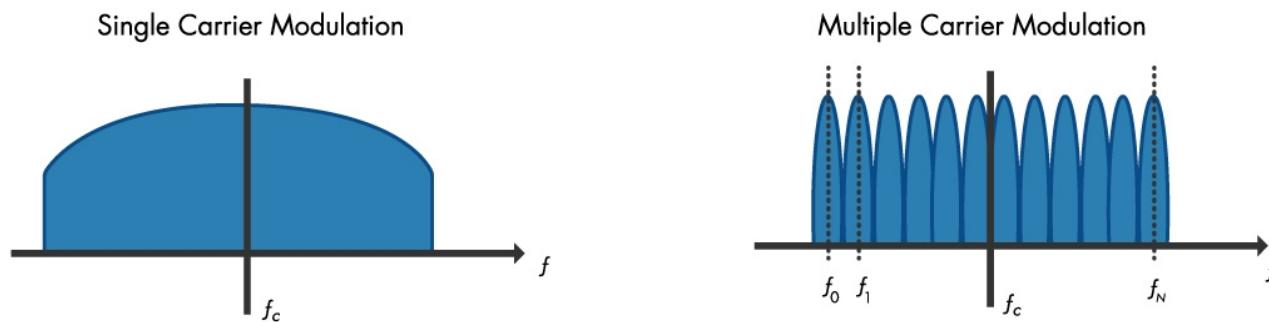


Technique	Advantages	Disadvantages
TDMA	Simple to implement	Inefficient use of spectrum if not all slots are always used
FDMA	Efficient use of spectrum	Can be difficult to implement
OFDMA	Efficient use of spectrum	More complex to implement than FDMA
CDMA	Robust to interference	Can be more complex to implement than TDMA or FDMA
NOMA	Very high spectral efficiency	More complex to implement than TDMA, FDMA, or CDMA



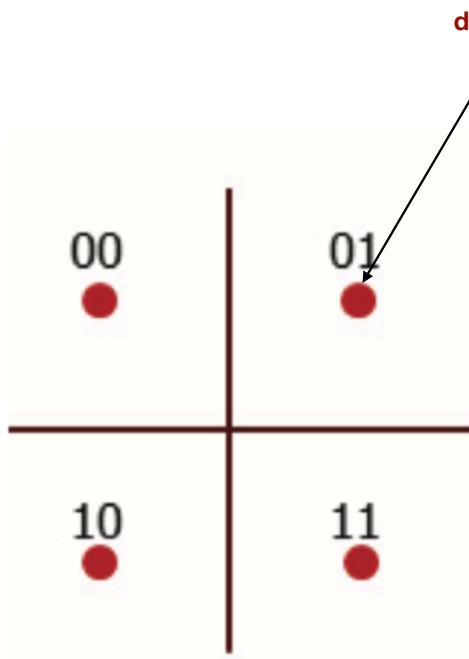
OFDM

- **Orthogonal Frequency Division Multiplexing (OFDM)**
 - A digital multi-carrier modulation scheme that extends the concept of single subcarrier modulation by using multiple subcarriers within the same single channel



- Rather than transmit a high-rate stream of data with a single subcarrier, OFDM makes use of a large number of closely spaced orthogonal subcarriers that are transmitted in parallel
- Each subcarrier is modulated with a conventional digital modulation scheme (such as QPSK, 16QAM, 64QAM etc.) at low symbol rate

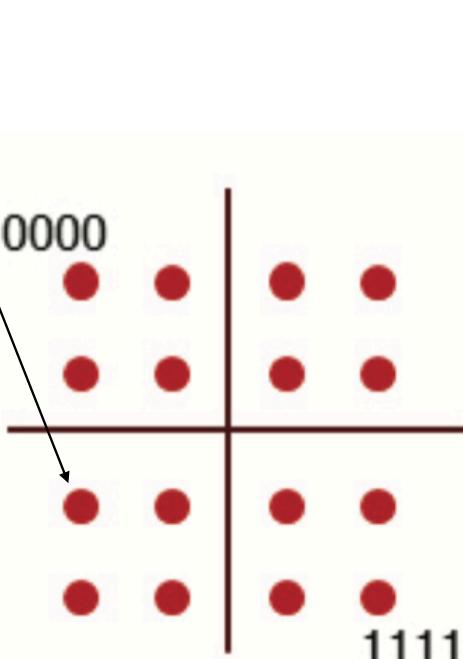
Note: QPSK, 16QAM, 64QAM



QPSK

- QPSK :**
— 2 bits/symbol
— 2 bps/Hz

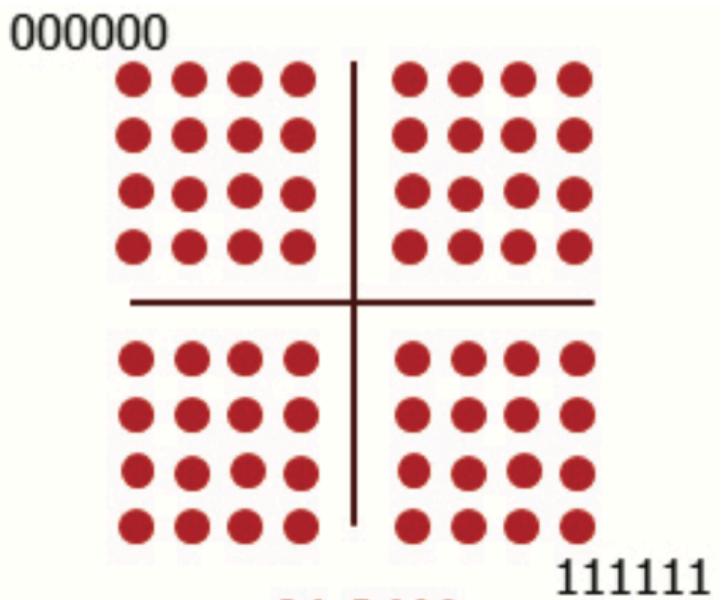
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16 QAM

- 16QAM :**
— 4 bits/symbol
— 4 bps/Hz

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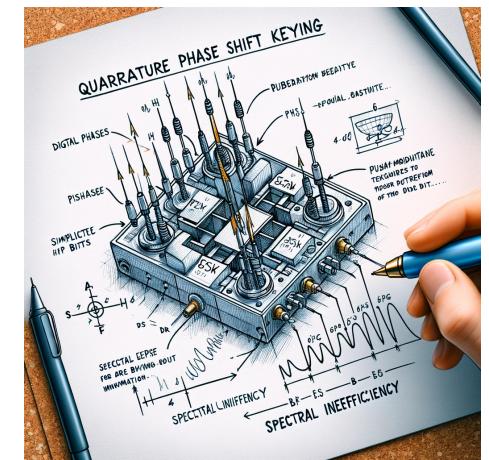
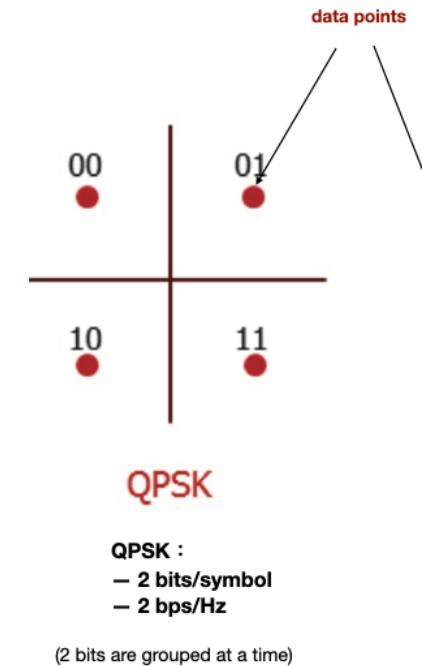
64 QAM

- 64QAM :**
— 6 bits/symbol
— 6 bps/Hz

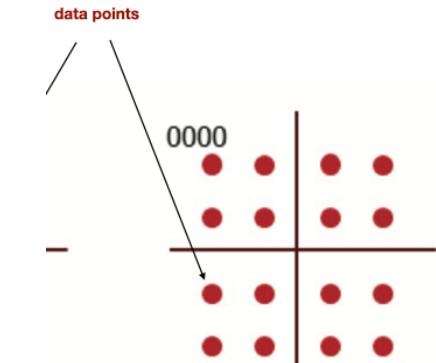
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- **QPSK (Quadrature Phase Shift Keying)**

- A type of digital modulation that uses four phases to encode two bits of info.
 - The simplest and most robust of the three modulation schemes, and is often used in apps where reliability is important, such as in satellite communications
 - The least spectrally efficient of the three modulation schemes, it requires more bandwidth to transmit the same amount of data
 - 2 bits/symbol
 - 2 bits/Hz

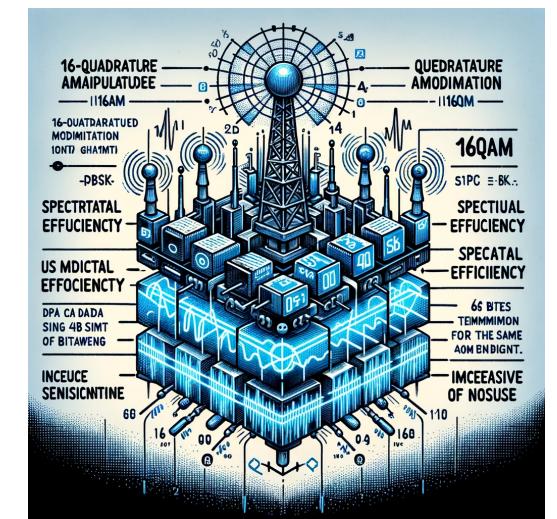


- **16QAM (16 Quadrature Amplitude Modulation)**
 - A type of digital modulation that uses **16 phases** to encode **four** bits of info.
 - More spectrally efficient than QPSK, it can transmit more data using the same amount of bandwidth
 - 4 bits/symbol
 - 4 bits/Hz
 - More sensitive to noise and interference than QPSK



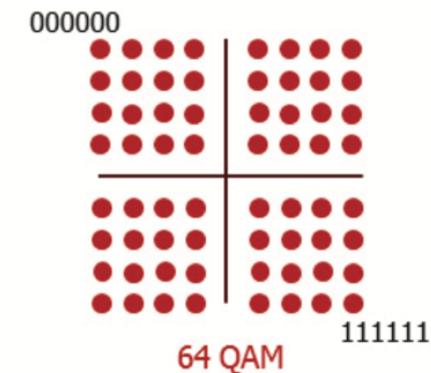
16QAM :
— 4 bits/symbol
— 4 bps/Hz

(4 bits are grouped at a time)



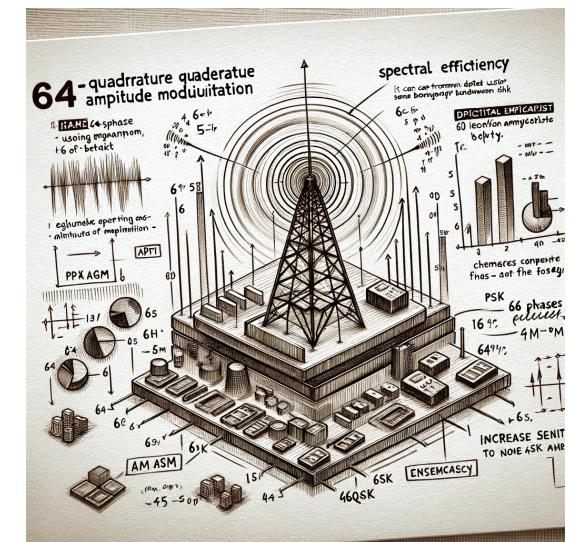
• 64QAM (64 Quadrature Amplitude Modulation)

- A type of digital modulation that uses **64 phases** to encode **six** bits of info.
- The most spectrally efficient of the three modulation schemes, it can transmit the most data using the same amount of bandwidth
 - 6 bits/symbol
 - 6 bits/Hz
- The most sensitive to noise and interference than QPSK and 16QAM

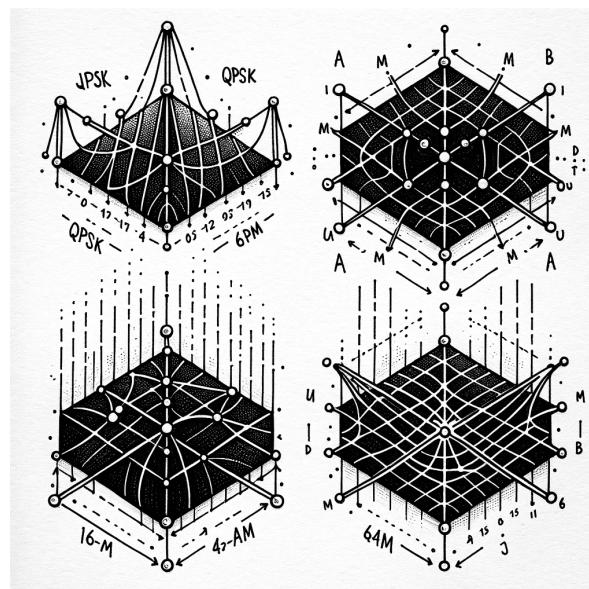


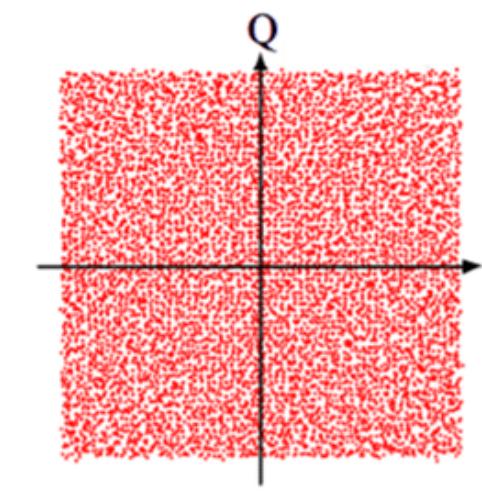
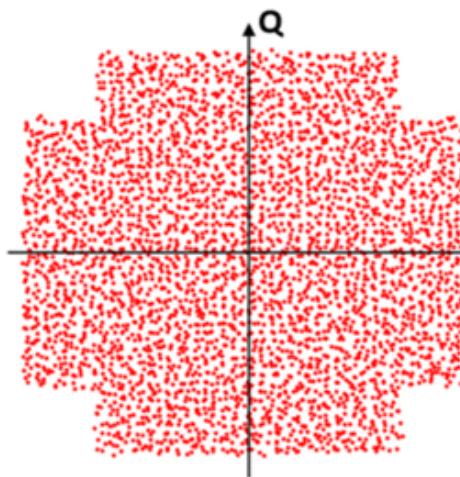
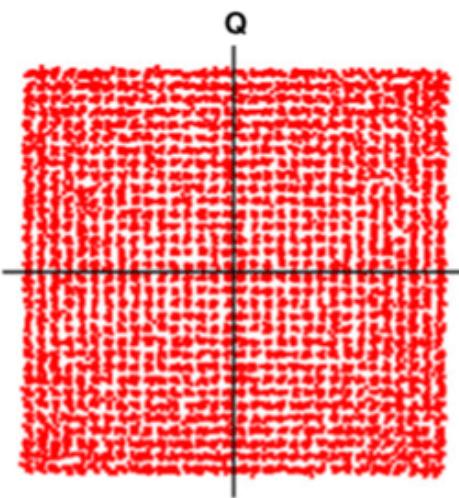
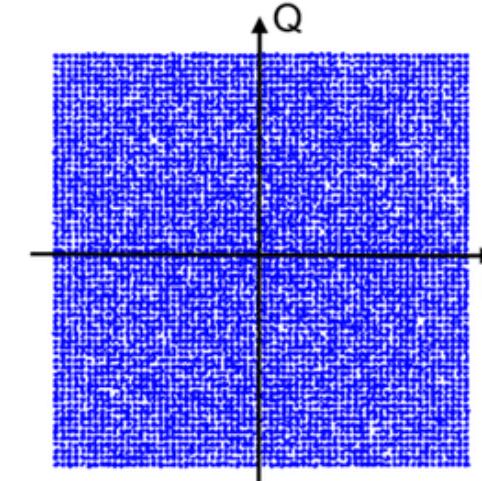
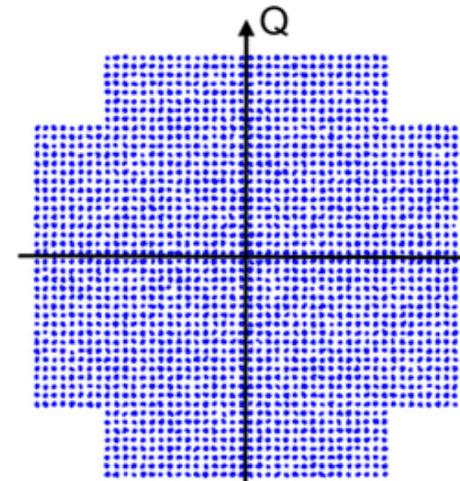
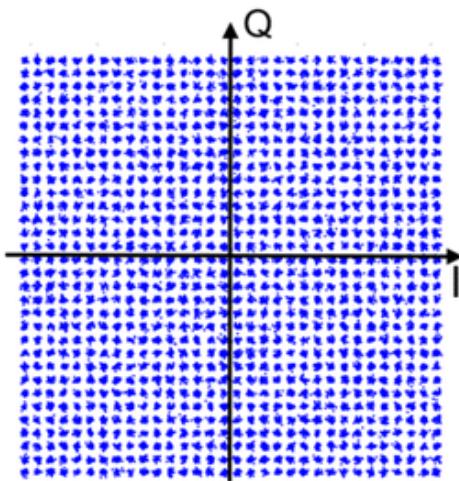
64QAM :
 — 6 bits/symbol
 — 6 bps/Hz

(6 bits are grouped at a time)



Modulation Scheme	Spectral Efficiency	Sensitivity to Noise/Interference	Complexity
PSK	Low	Low	Low
16QAM	Medium	Medium	Medium
64QAM	High	High	High





10 bits/symbol
10 bits/Hz

1024-QAM
OSNR=27.8 dB

11 bits/symbol
11 bits/Hz

2048-QAM
OSNR=36.5 dB

12 bits/symbol
12 bits/Hz

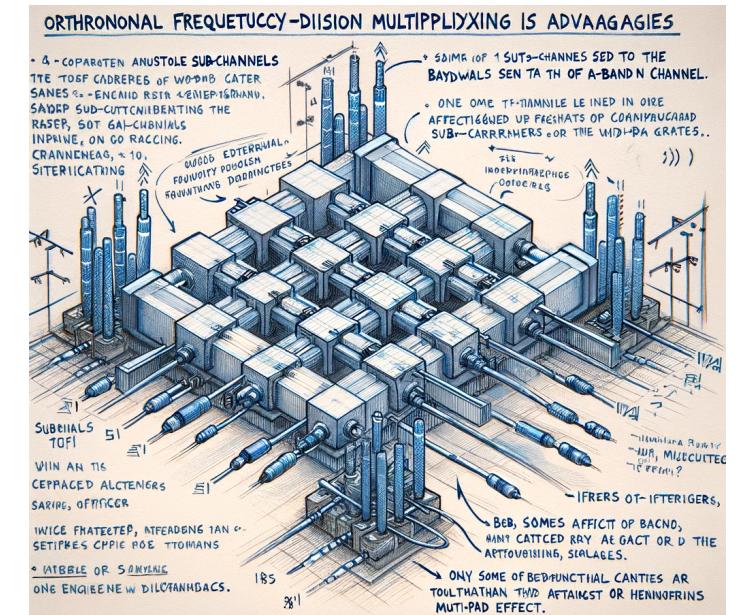
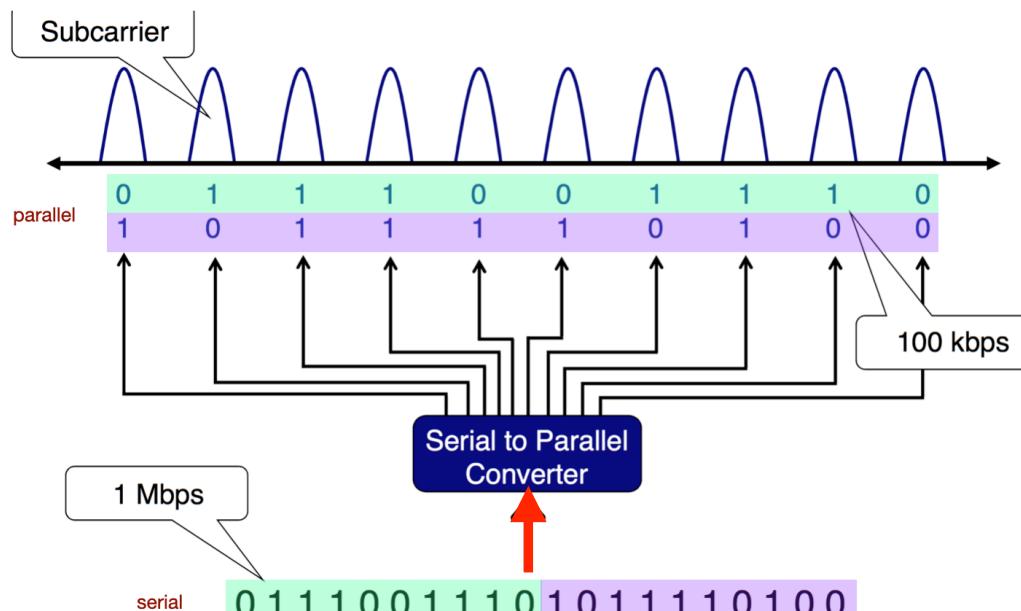
4096-QAM
OSNR=41 dB

OSRR : Open Split-ring Resonator

Modulation	CNR/MER (dB)	Modulation Efficiency
No Data	<12	0
QPSK	12	2
16 QAM	15.0	4
64 QAM	21.0	6
128 QAM	24.0	7
256 QAM	27.0	8
512 QAM	30.5	9
1024 QAM	34.0	10
2048 QAM	37.0	11
4096 QAM	41.0	12
8192 QAM	46.0	13
16384 QAM	52.0	14

CNR : Carrier to Noise Ratio
MER : Modulation Error Ratio

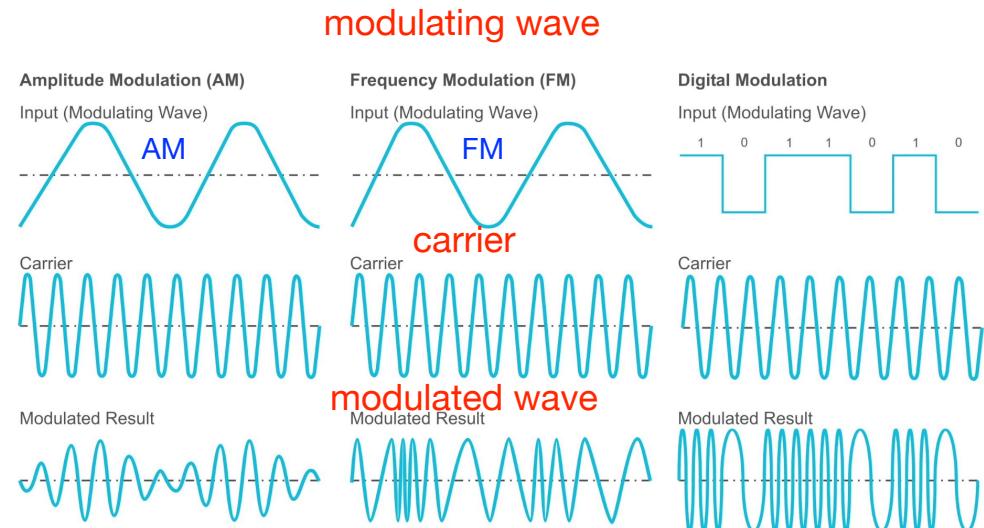
- Why OFDM is better?
 - Multiple sub-channels (sub-carriers) carry samples sent at a lower rate
 - Almost same bandwidth with wide-band channel
 - Only some of the sub-channels are affected by interferers or multi-path effect



Note : Carrier Wave, Modulation

- **Modulating wave (modulating signal)**
 - The original info./message like voice, video, data
 - Low frequency, contains information
 - Modify carrier wave parameter (amplitude, frequency, phase)
- **Carrier wave**
 - A high-frequency vehicle (electromagnetic wave) for the info.
 - Higher frequency than modulating signal, effective propagation
 - Transport modulating signal, altered during modulation

input (modulating wave) + carrier = modulated wave



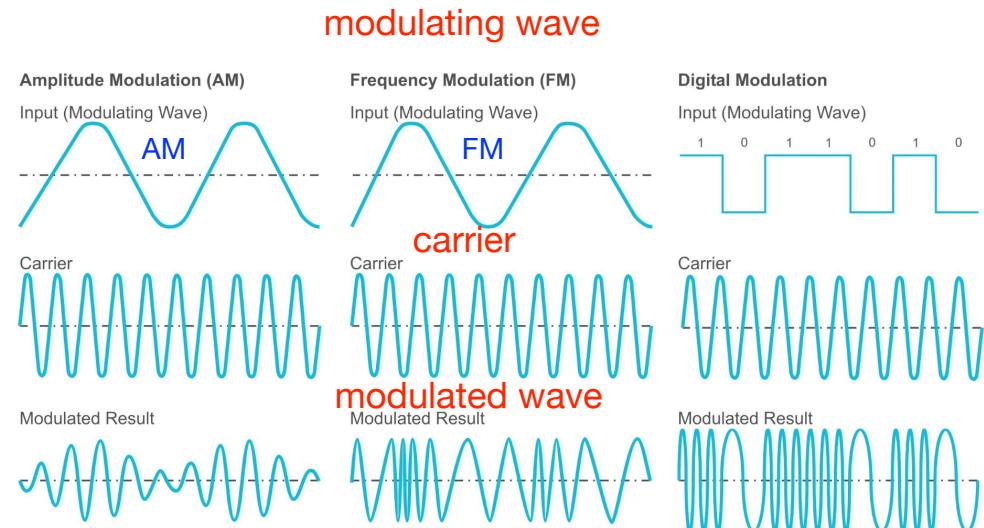
• Modulation

- The process of varying one or more properties (amplitude/frequency/phase) of a periodic waveform (carrier signal), with a modulating signal

• Modulated wave

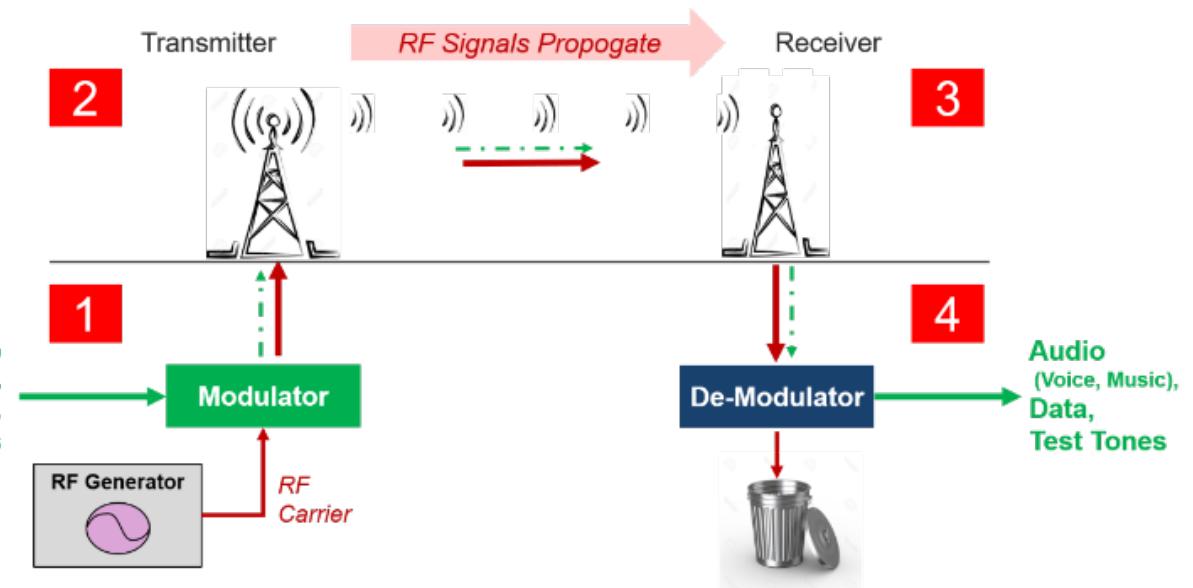
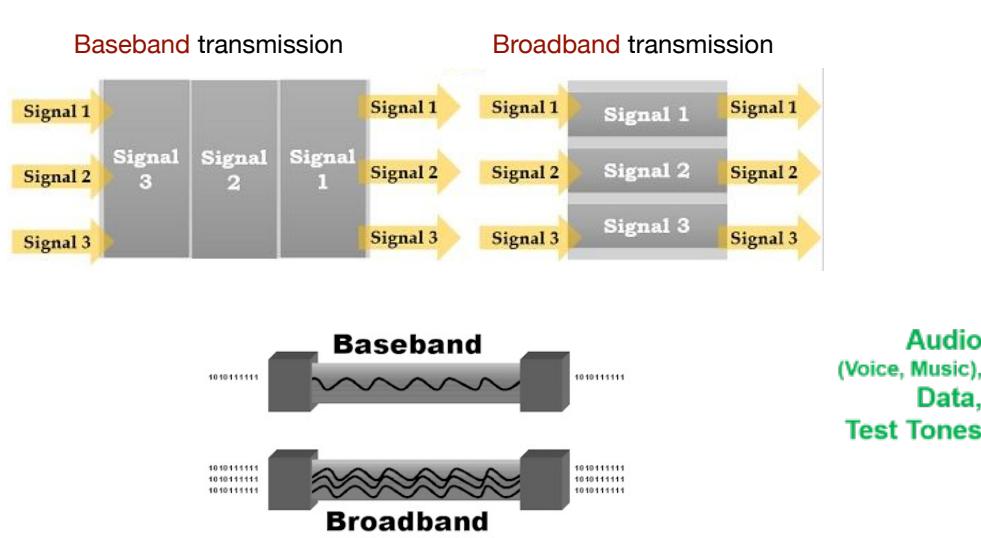
- Output of modulation, mix of carrier and modulating wave, optimized for transmission
- Carrier frequency, varied amplitude/frequency/phase
- Transmitted wave carrying info. in suitable form

input (modulating wave) + carrier = modulated wave



Property	Carrier Wave	Modulation
Purpose	Transport information	Encode information onto carrier wave
Representation	High-frequency electromagnetic wave	Variation of carrier wave's amplitude, frequency, or phase
Analogy	Blank canvas	Painting

- In a communication carrier system
- **Transmitter:** a carrier wave is modulated by a baseband signal to become a modulated waveform
- **Receiver:** the baseband info. is extracted from the incoming modulated waveform

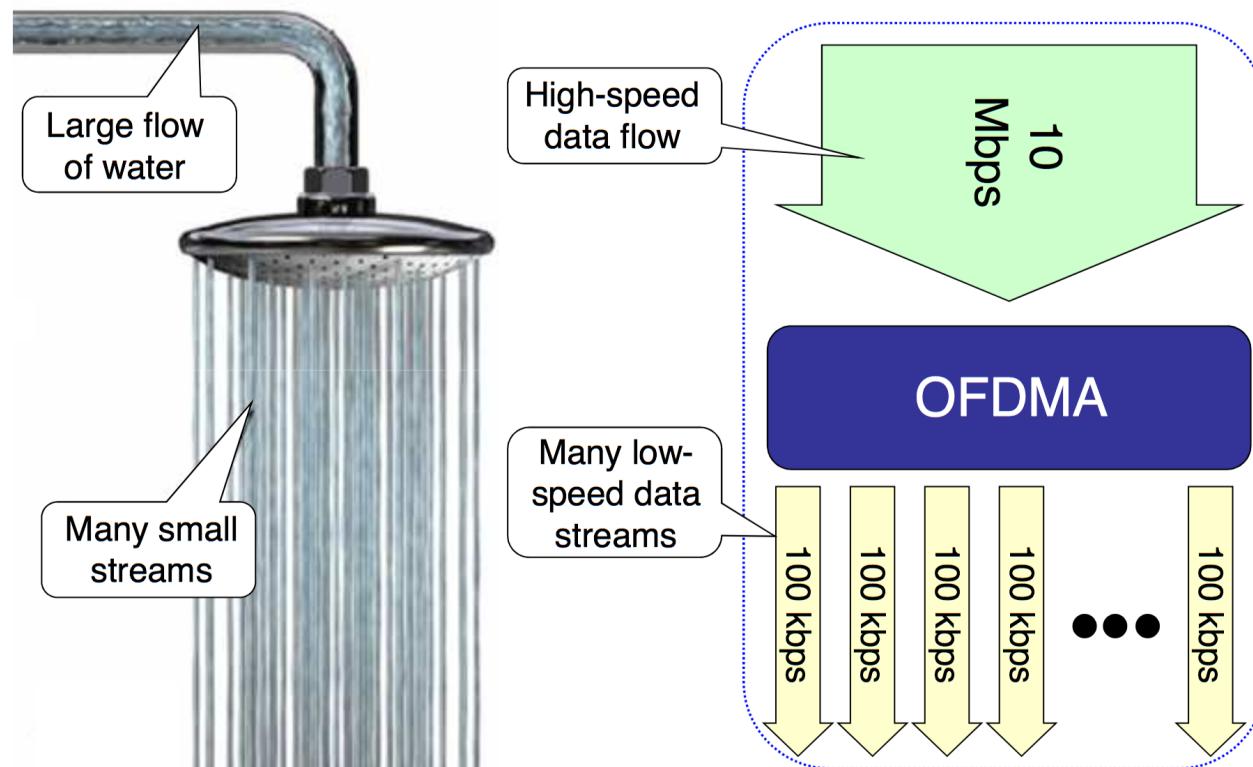


Feature	Baseband Transmission	Broadband Transmission
Signal	Unmodified	Modulated or encoded
Distance	Short	Long
Channels	Single	Multiple
Applications	Short-distance communication	Long-distance communication

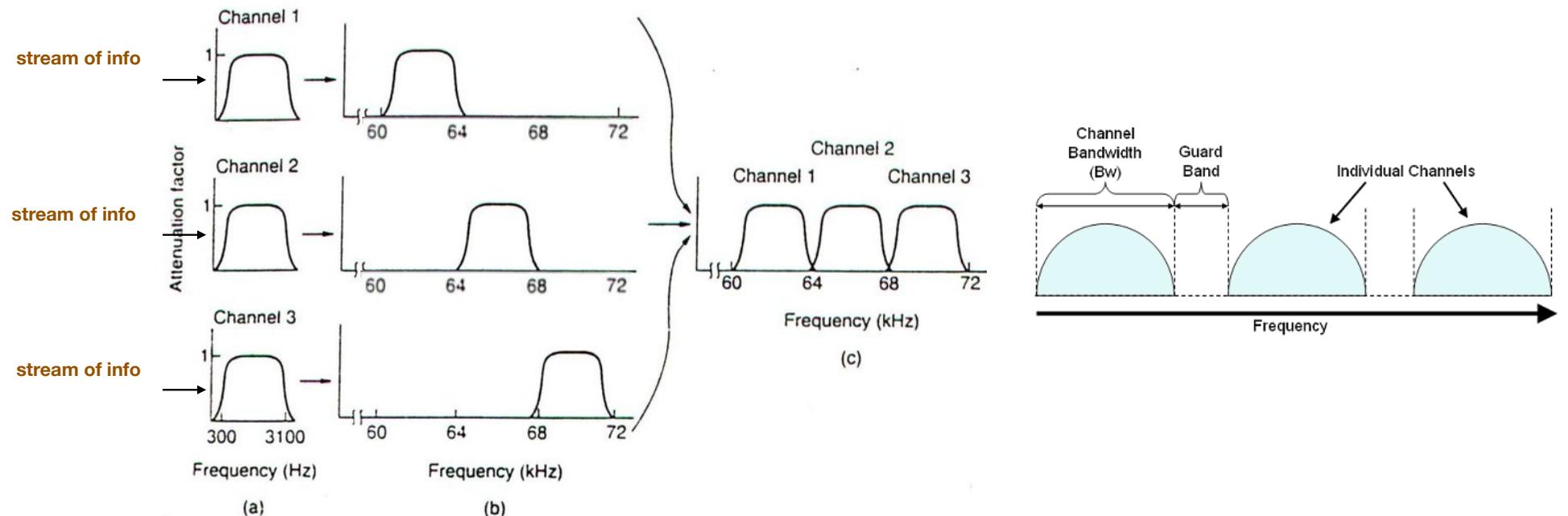
Feature	Transmitter	Receiver
Function	Encodes, amplifies, and filters information to transmit it over a channel	Detects, demodulates, amplifies, and decodes the transmitted signal to recover the original information
Input	Information	Electromagnetic signal
Output	Electromagnetic signal	Information
Direction of signal flow	From transmitter to receiver	From receiver to transmitter

OFDM (Cont.)

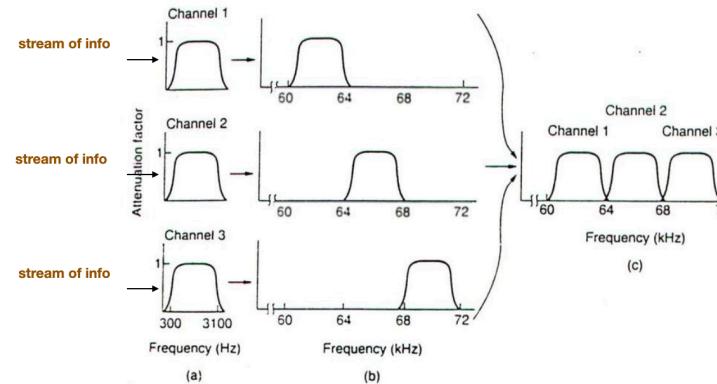
- The combination of many subcarriers enables data rates similar to conventional single-carrier modulation schemes within equivalent bandwidths



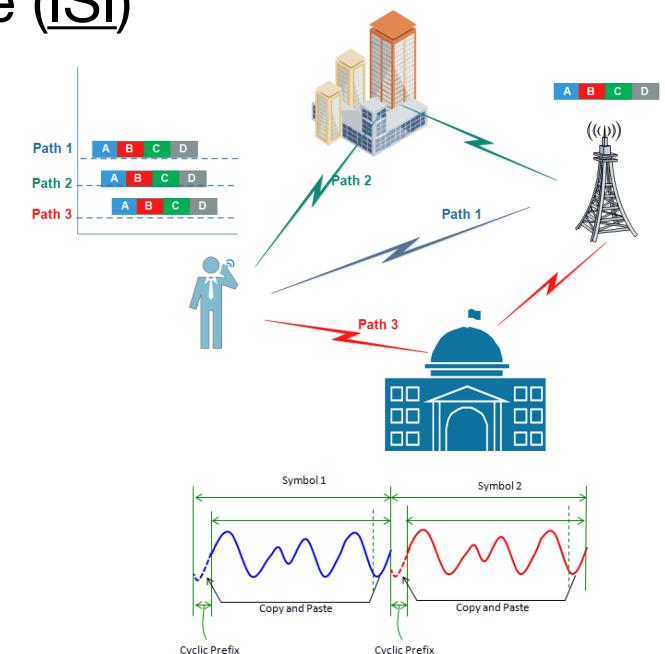
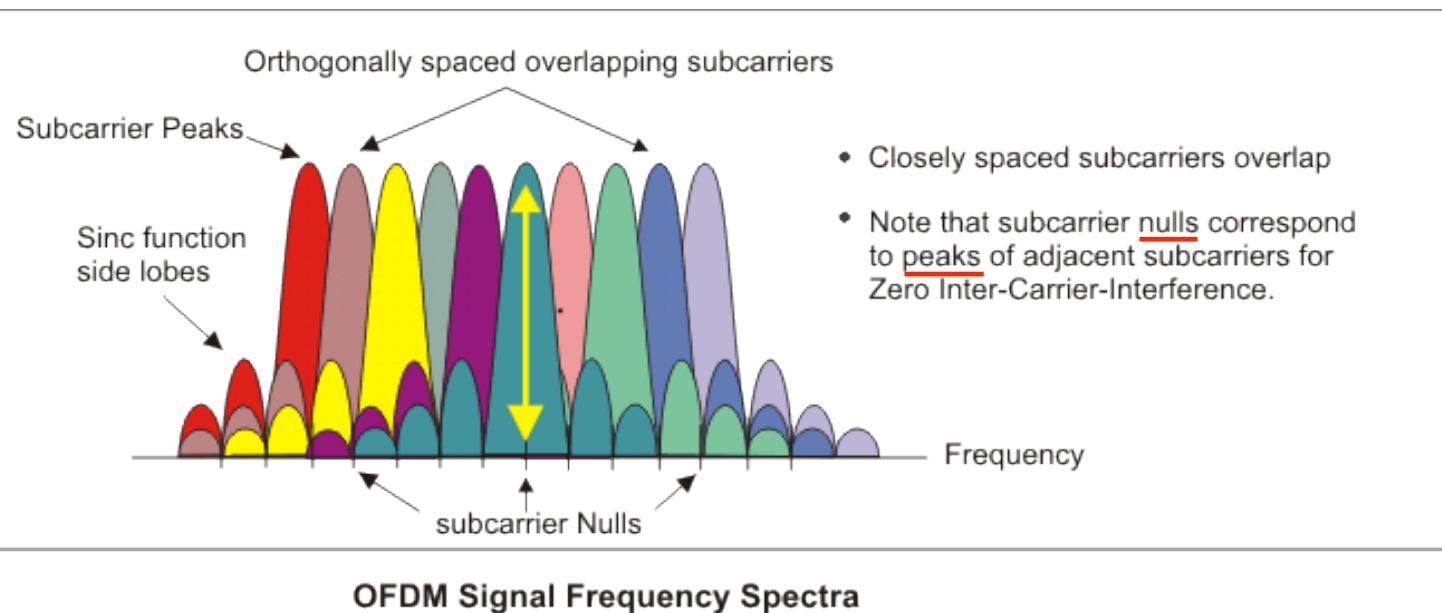
- OFDM is based on Frequency Division Multiplexing (FDM)
- Each stream of info. is allocated a specific frequency band, called a channel
- Each FDM channel is separated from the others by a frequency guard band to reduce interference between adjacent channels
- In FDM multiple info. streams are transmitted simultaneously on separate parallel frequency channels



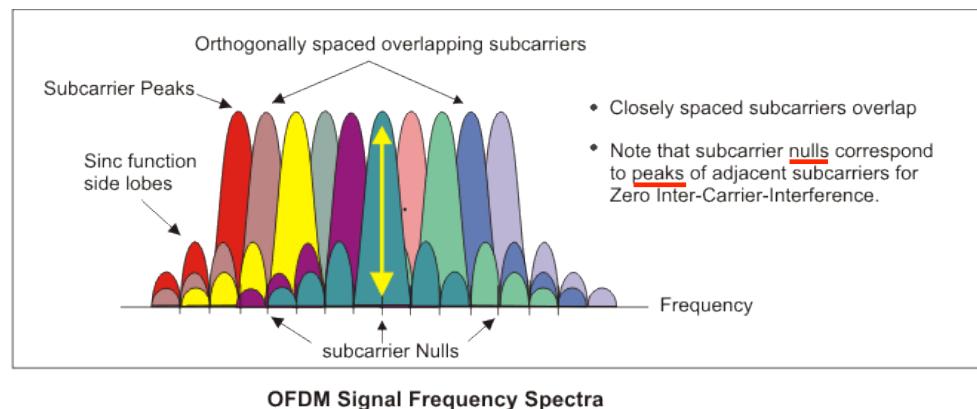
- Each channel has an attenuation factor which is ideally uniform across the channel's bandwidth but drops to zero at the channel's edges to avoid interference with adjacent channels
 - Diagram (a): Individual channels with their respective frequency bands and attenuation factors
 - Diagram (b): Each channel maintains a distinct frequency range with no overlap between the channels
 - Diagram (c): The combined frequency spectrum with three channels positioned adjacent to each other, demonstrating how FDM allocates spectrum resources among multiple data streams



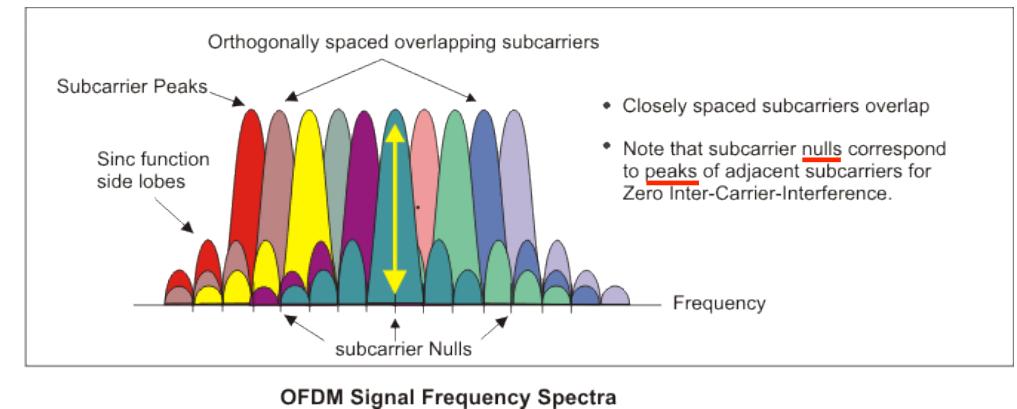
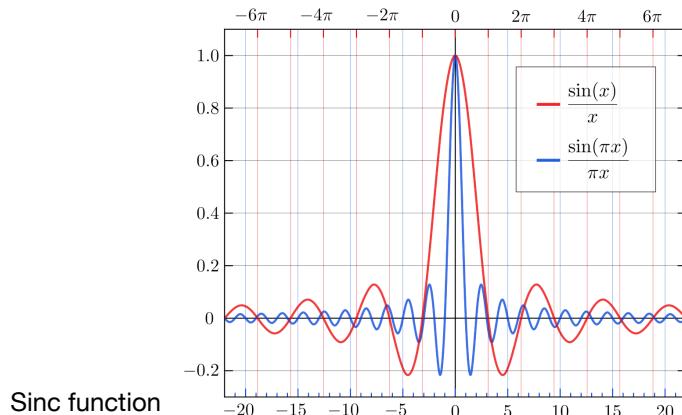
- OFDM scheme differs from traditional FDM in the following interrelated ways
 - Multiple carriers (called subcarriers) carry the info. stream
 - The subcarriers are orthogonal to each other
 - A guard interval (Cyclic Prefix) is added to each symbol to minimize the channel delay spread and intersymbol interference (ISI)



- The figure visualizes how OFDM efficiently transmits data over multiple subcarriers without interference
- Orthogonally spaced overlapping subcarriers: Subcarriers are transmitted at different frequencies with spacing such that one's peak aligns with another's null to prevent interference
- Subcarrier peaks: The highest signal strength points on each subcarrier where data is ideally transmitted

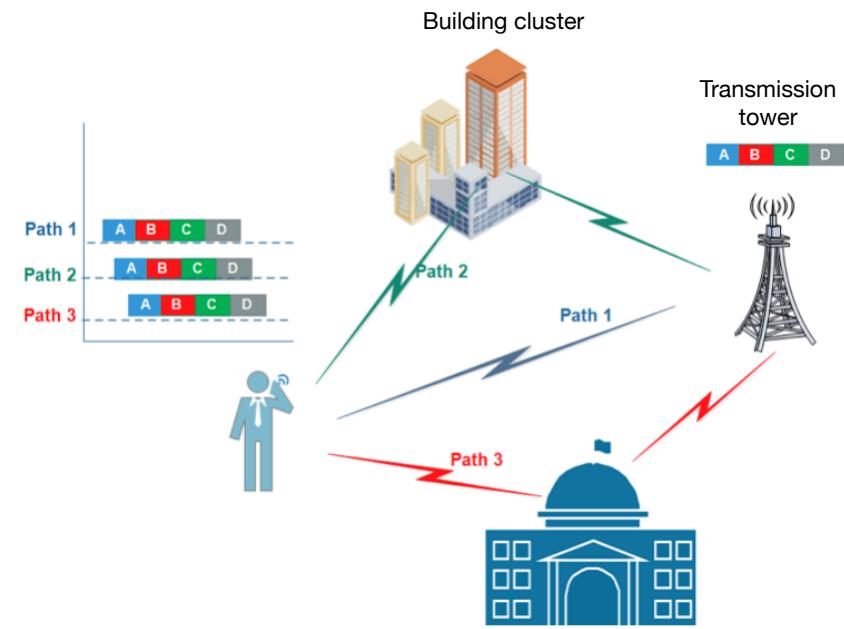


- Sinc function side lobes: The subcarrier signals exhibit side lobes (secondary peaks) of a signal) that decay from the peak, characteristic of a sinc function, with some overlap due to frequency packing
- Subcarrier nulls: Points of zero signal strength on a subcarrier, aligned with adjacent subcarrier peaks to avoid inter-carrier interference (ICI)
- Closely spaced subcarriers overlap: Despite the close proximity of subcarriers, the orthogonal design prevents interference, enabling a high data rate
- Zero inter-carrier-interference: A critical OFDM feature where subcarrier design eliminates interference for clear transmission

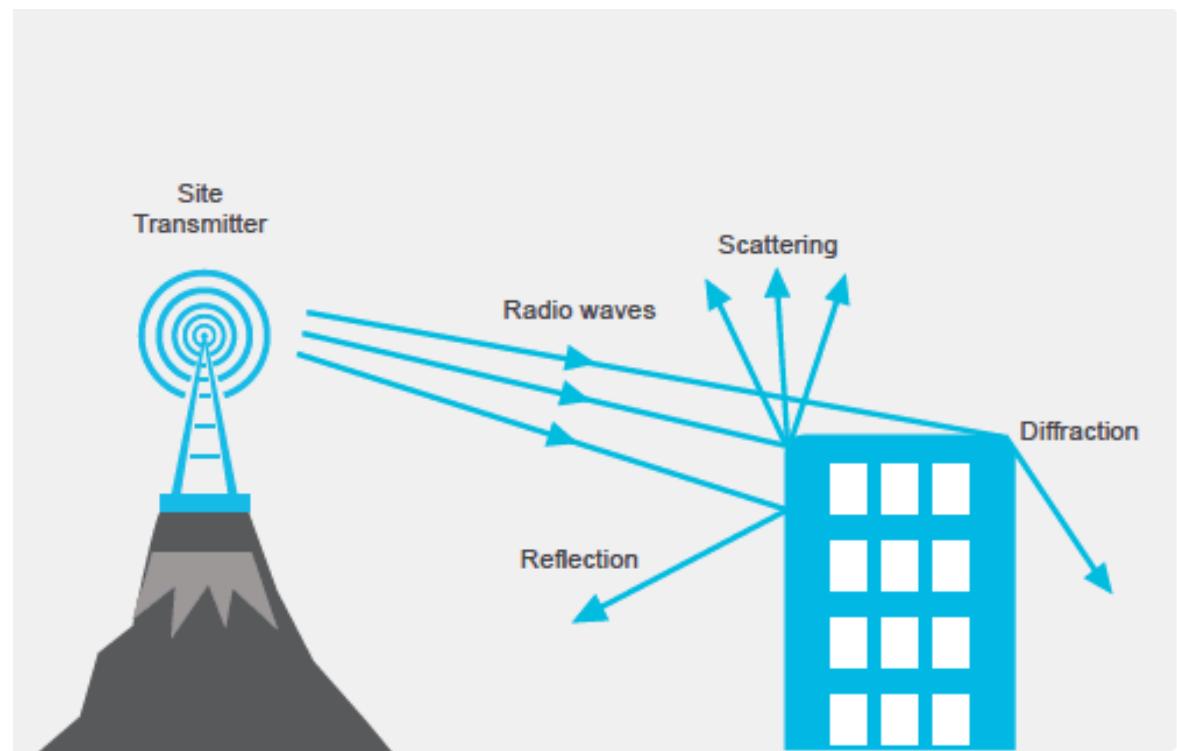
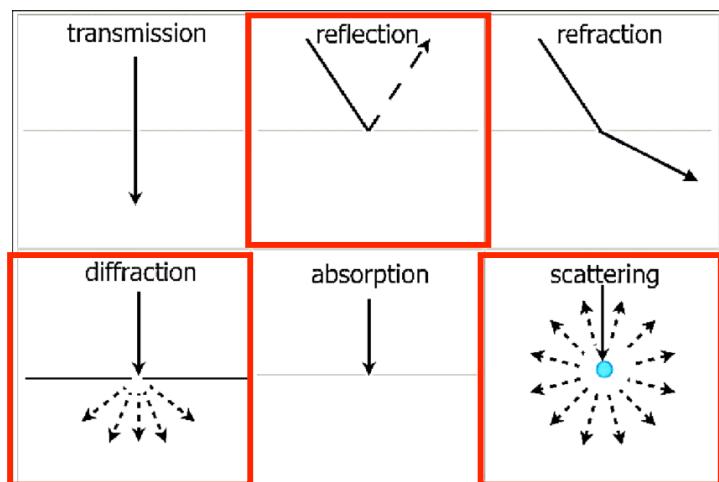


- Multipath effect

- Transmission tower: Source emitting radio waves to the UE
- UE: Receiver of the signal from the transmission tower
- Building cluster: Obstacles that can reflect or diffract the signal
- Path 1: Direct line-of-sight (LOS) path with the least delay
- Path 2 and Path 3: Longer paths with signals reflected off buildings, causing delays
- Signal block diagrams: Data represented by blocks A, B, C, D, showing time delay and phase shift due to path length differences

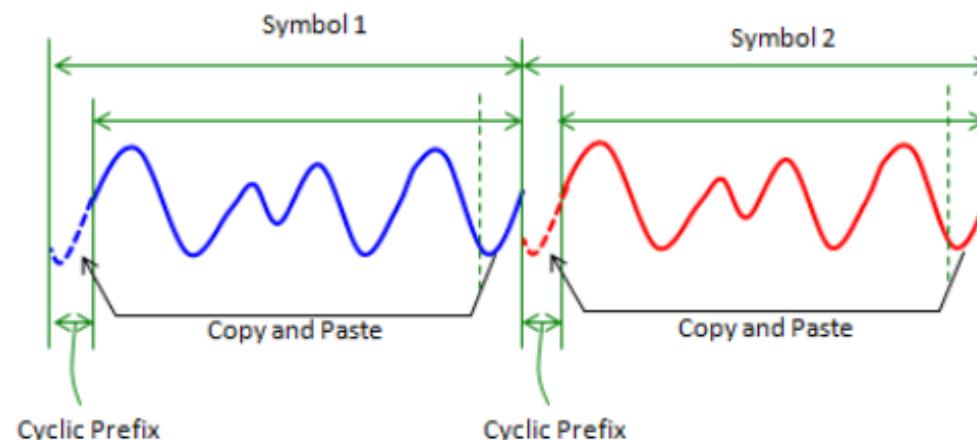


- **Multipath effect:** Signals reach the receiver via multiple paths due to reflections, diffractions, and scattering



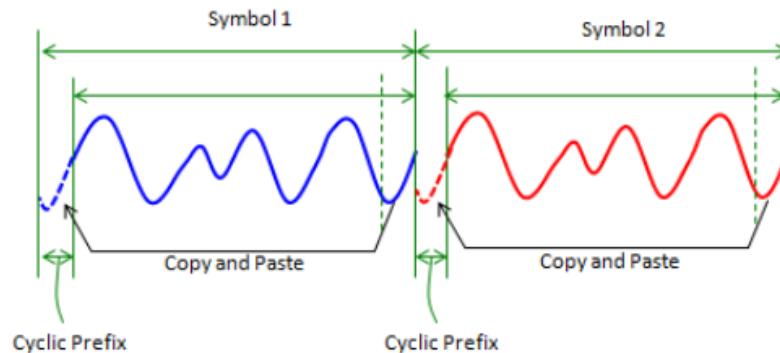
- **Intersymbol Interference (ISI)**

- A phenomenon where signals from one symbol interfere with another, common in closely timed symbol transmissions
- Symbols: Data blocks sent over a channel, depicted in different colors (blue for Symbol 1, red for Symbol 2) for distinction



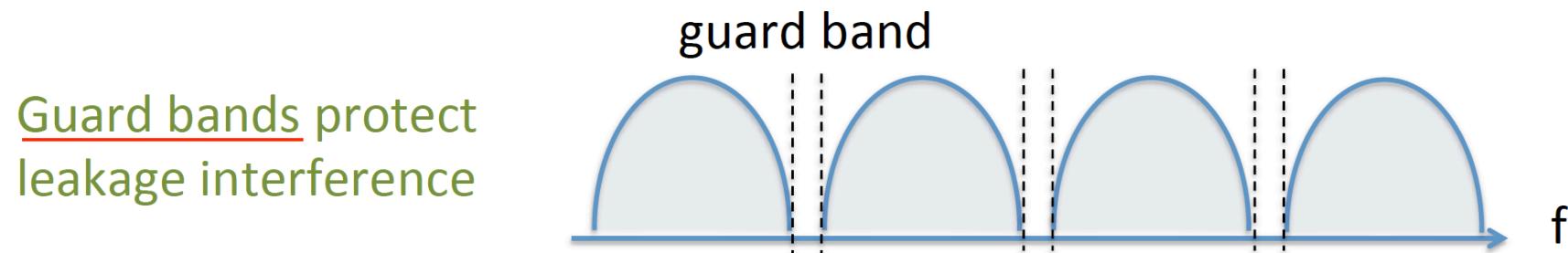
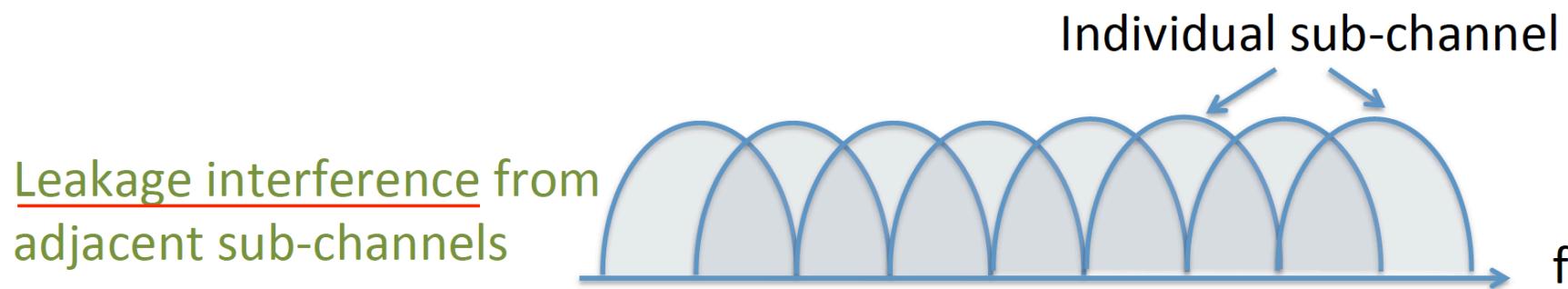
- **Cyclic Prefix (CP)**

- A duplicated end segment of a symbol placed at its beginning to prevent ISI in OFDM systems
- CP as a duplicated section of the symbol waveform, preventing symbol overlap
- CP absorbs any signal spread from the previous symbol, caused by multipath propagation, to prevent interference with the current symbol
- CP length: Selected based on the expected max multipath delay to ensure it's longer than the channel's impulse response, mitigating ISI



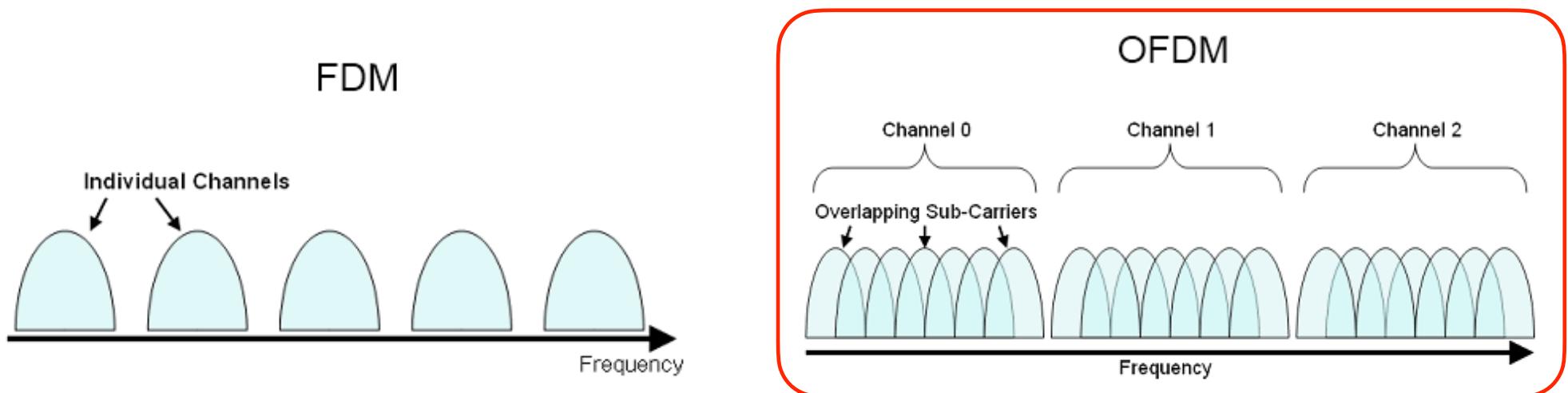
Importance of Orthogonality

- Why not just use FDM (Frequency Division Multiplexing) → **Not orthogonal**

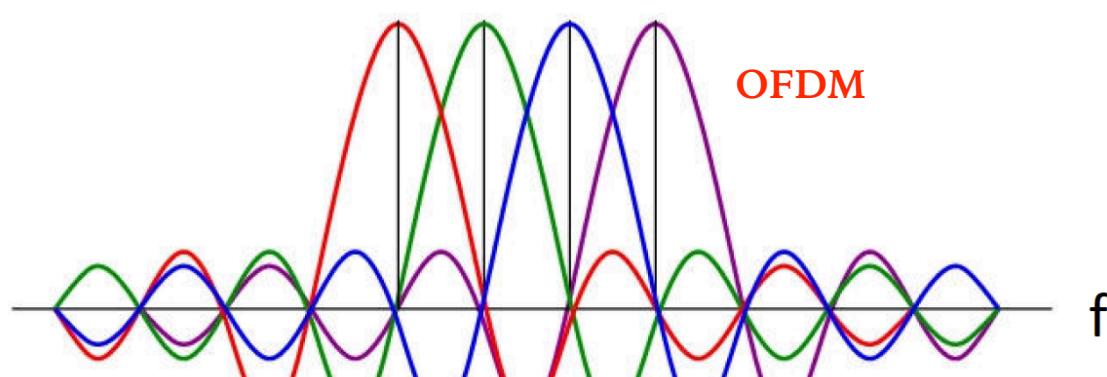
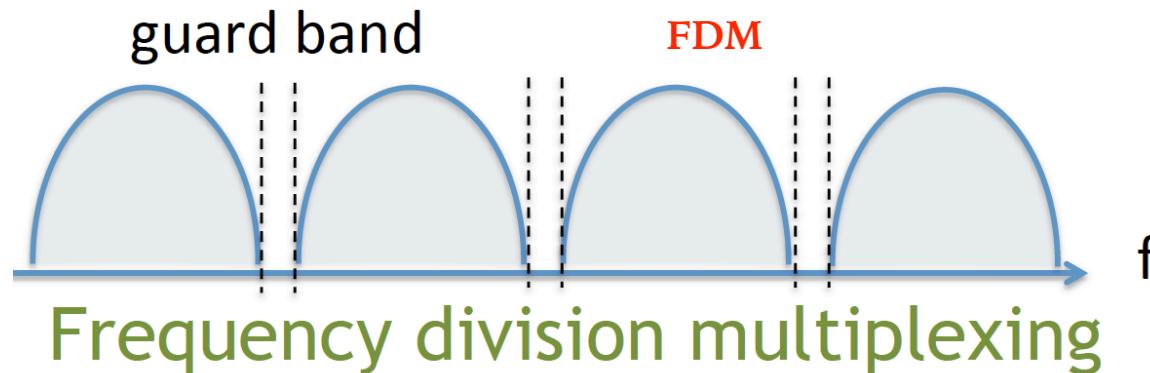


- Need guard bands between adjacent frequency bands → extra overhead and lower throughput

- OFDM is a modulation format that achieves
 - High data throughput by transmitting on hundreds or thousands of carriers simultaneously
 - High spectral efficiency by spacing the carriers very closely

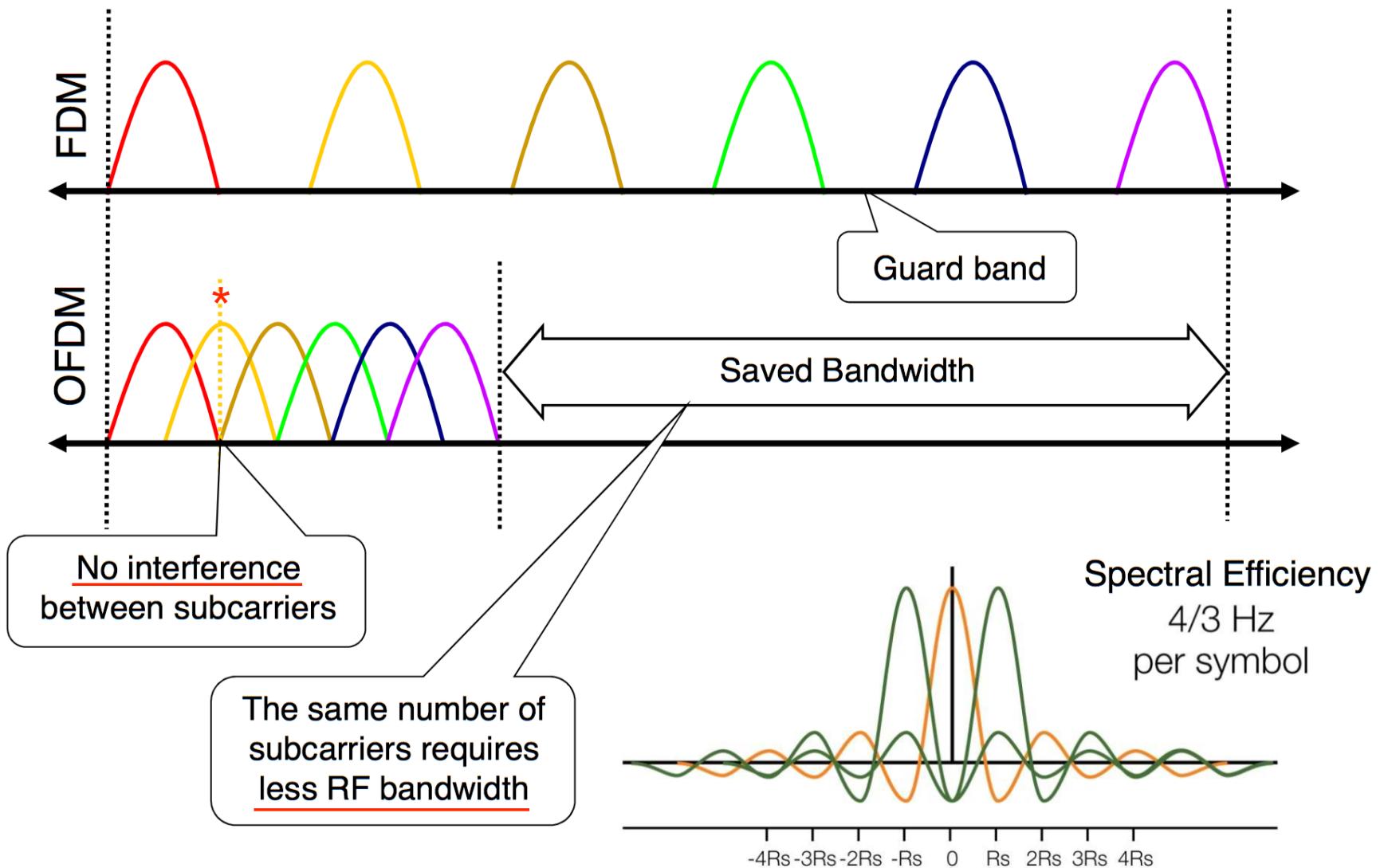


Difference between FDM and OFDM



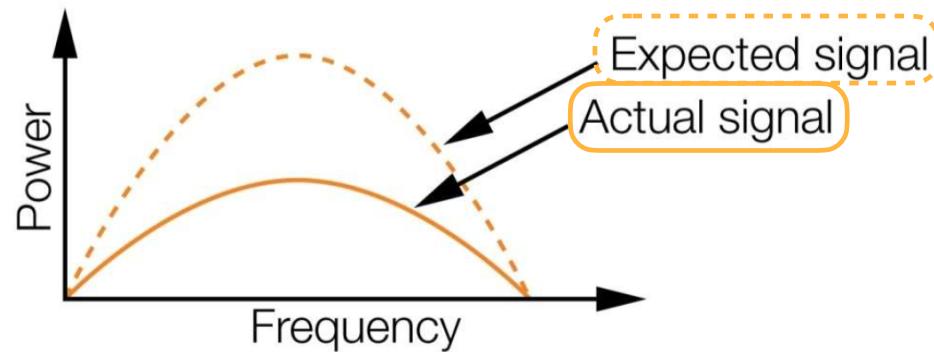
Orthogonal sub-carriers in OFDM

Don't need guard bands

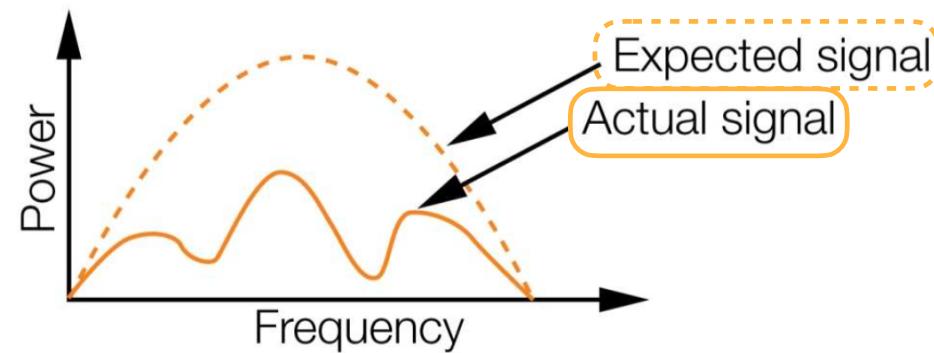


Flat Fading vs. Frequency Selective Fading

Flat Fading

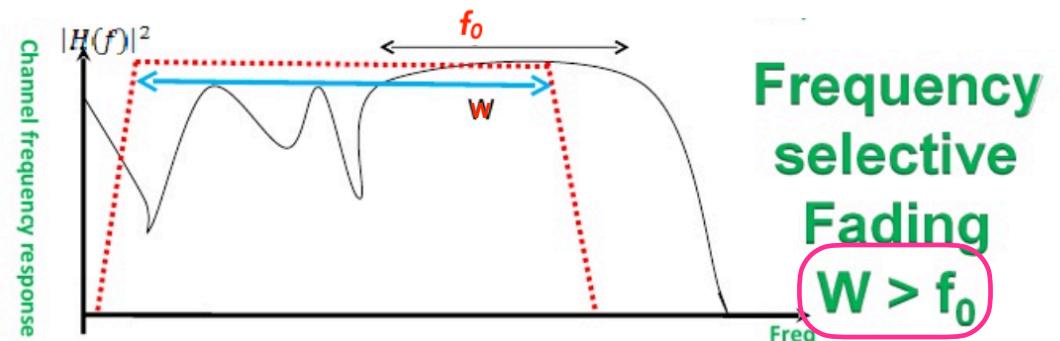
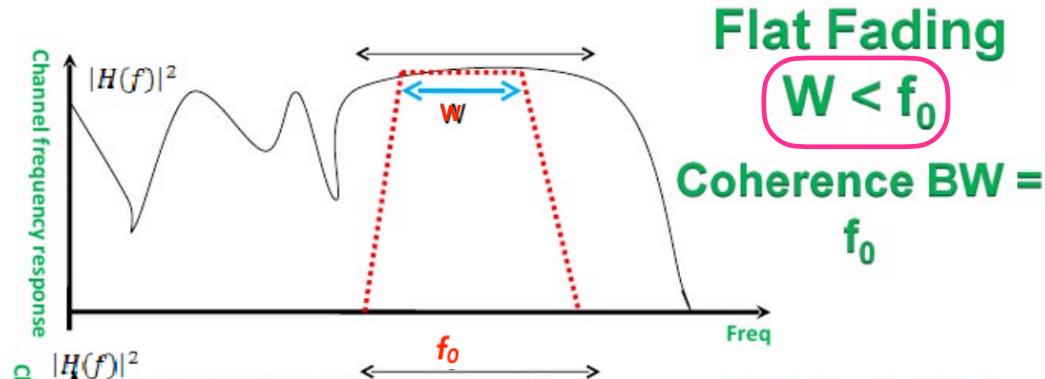


Frequency Selective Fading



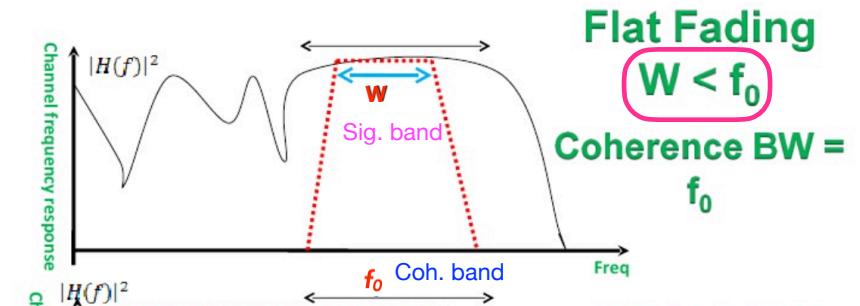
• Coherence bandwidth

- A statistical measurement of the range of frequencies over which the channel can be considered “flat”
- The approximate max bandwidth or frequency interval over which two frequencies of a signal are likely to experience comparable or correlated amplitude fading



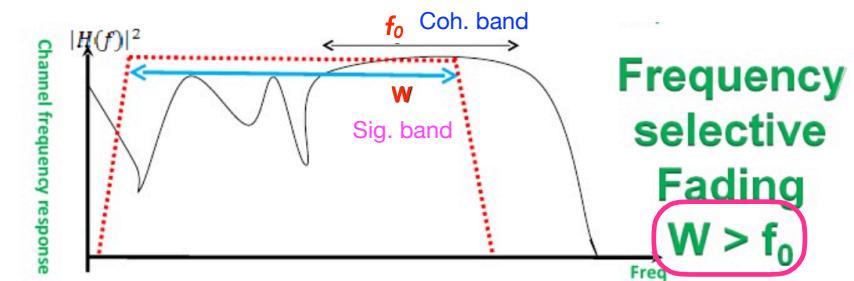
• Flat fading

- The coherence bandwidth (f_0) of the channel is larger than the bandwidth of the signal (W)
- All frequency components of the signal will experience the same magnitude of fading

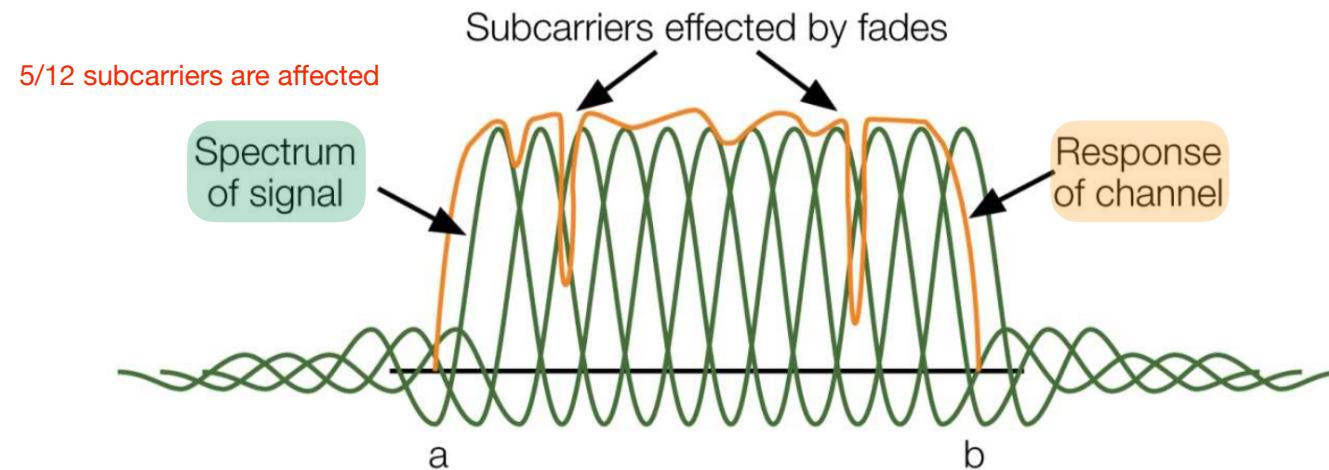
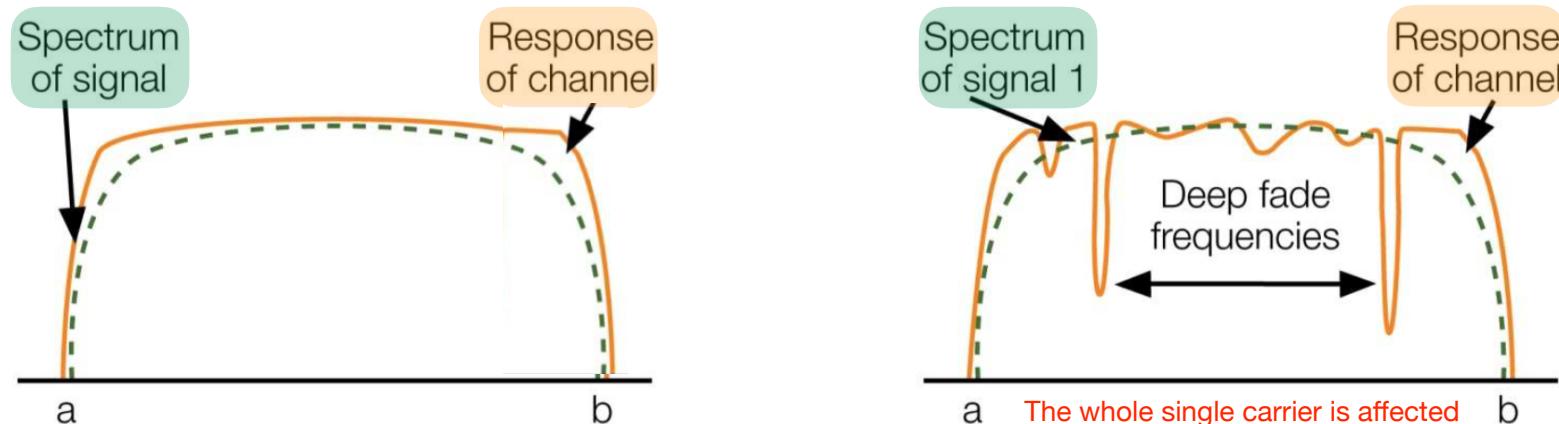


• Frequency-selective fading

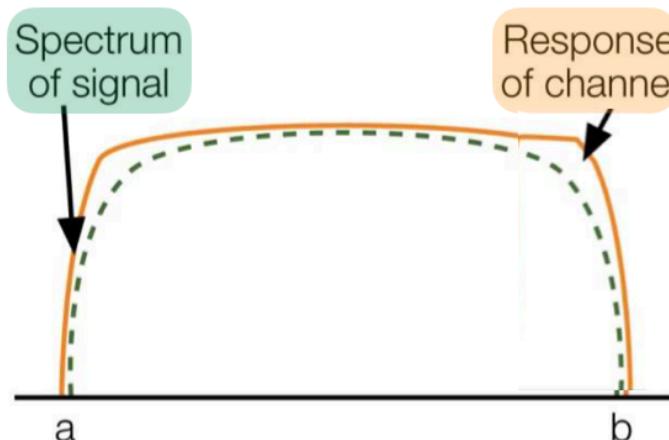
- The coherence bandwidth (f_0) of the channel is smaller than the bandwidth of the signal (W)
- Different frequency components of the signal therefore experience uncorrelated fading



OFDM Minimizing the Impact of Multipath Induced ISI

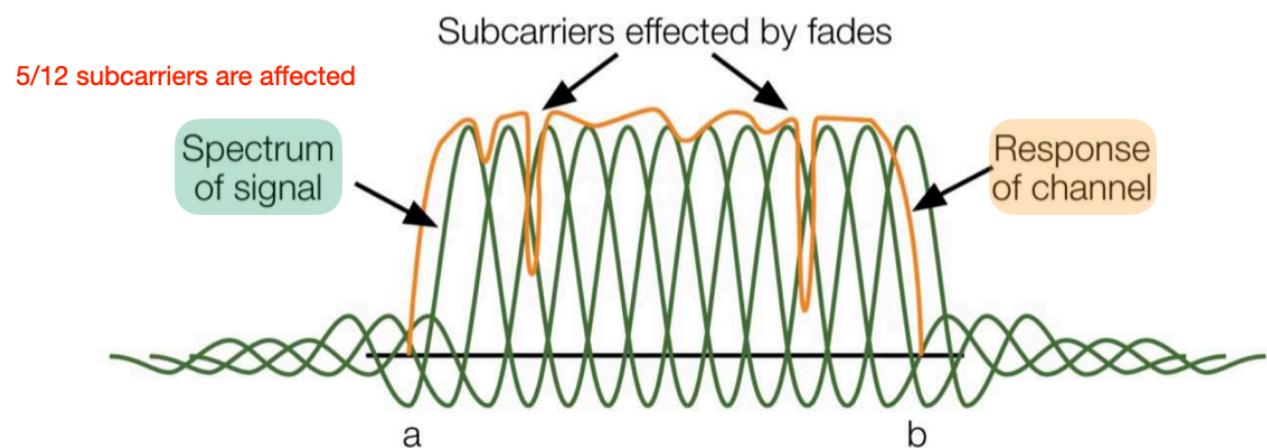
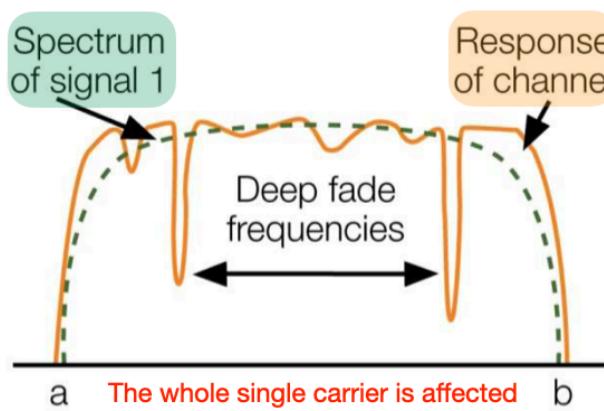


- Single carrier system
 - Represent frequency spectrum of a single carrier signal
 - The figure shows channel response with deep fade affecting the entire signal
 - Deep fades can lead to significant signal impact and data loss



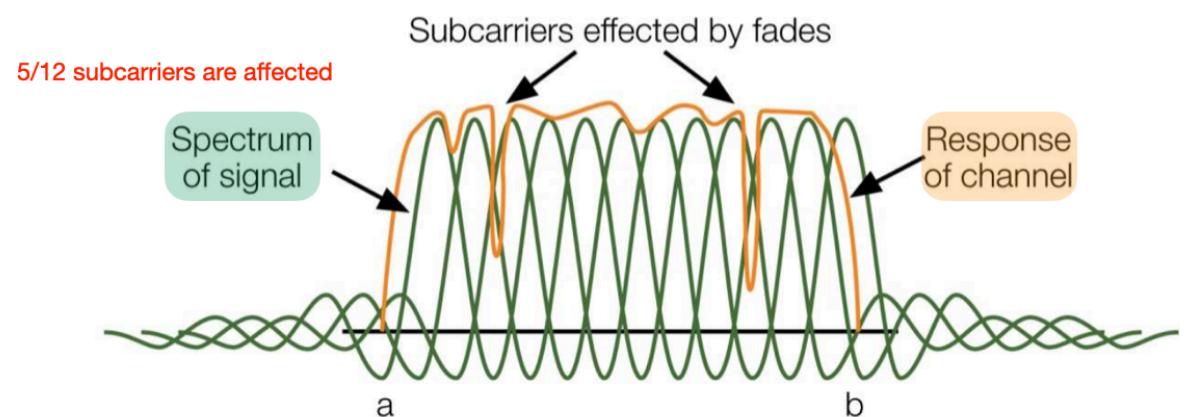
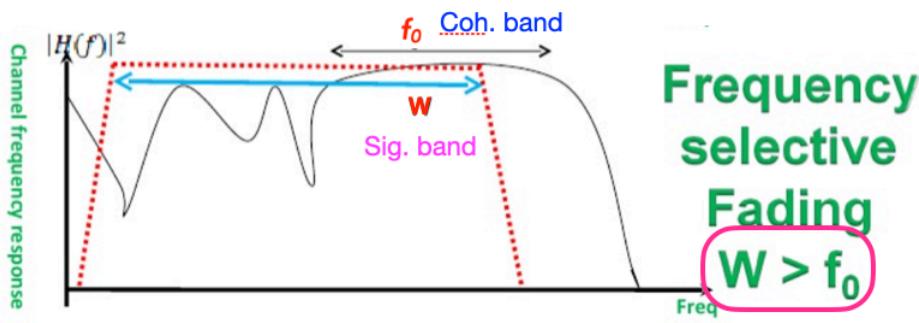
• OFDM System

- Left: one subcarrier within an OFDM system
- Right
 - Multiple subcarriers each with a narrowband spectrum
 - Channel response indicates only some subcarriers are affected by fades
 - Notes that 5 out of 12 subcarriers are affected by fading

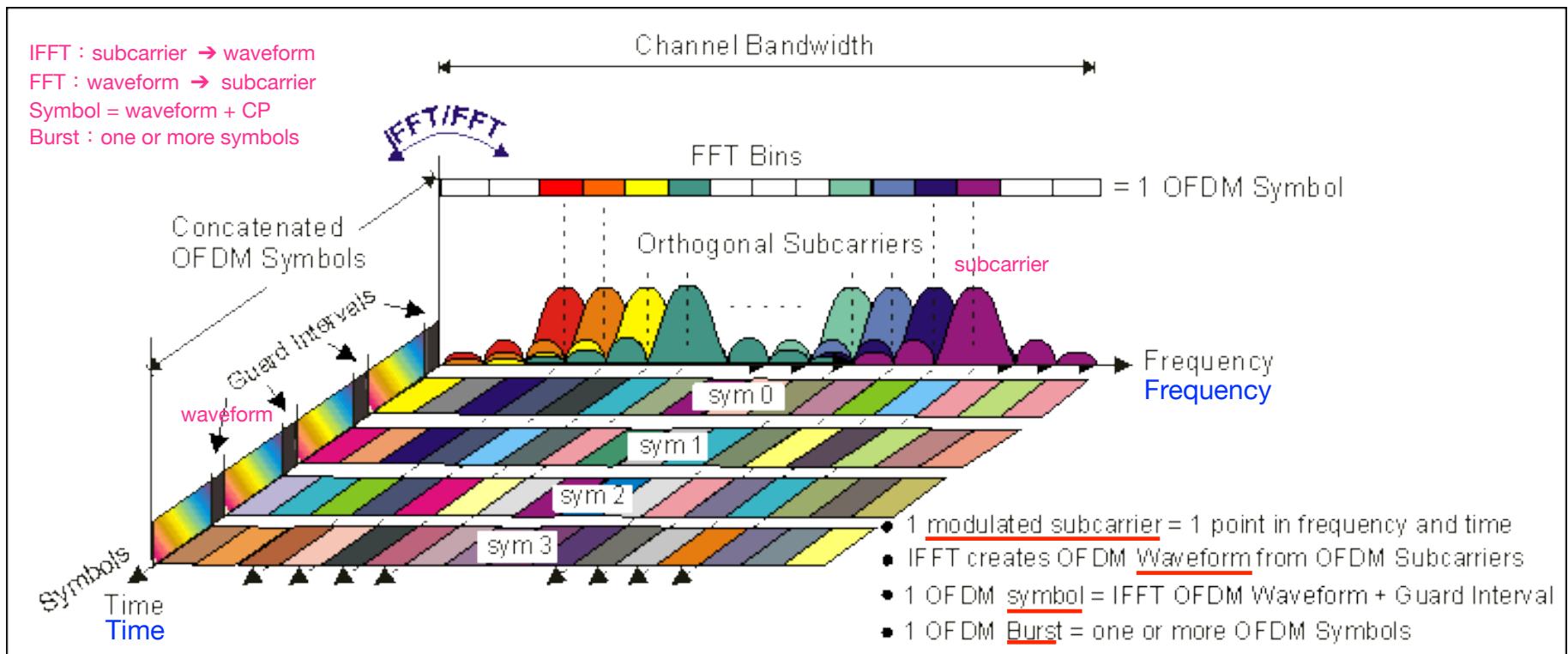


• Advantages of OFDM

- More robust against frequency-selective fading
- Allow effective error correction on the fewer affected subcarriers
- Use multiple subcarriers for data reconstruction despite deep fades



OFDM Structure (Time and Frequency Domain)



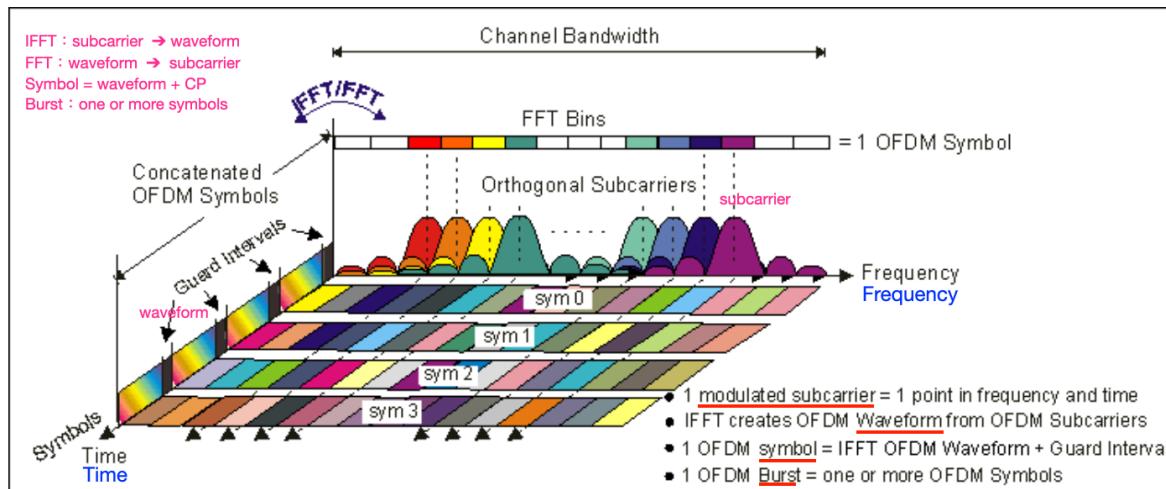
Frequency-Time Representative of an OFDM signal

IFFT : converts frequency domain vector signal to time domain vector signal

FFT : converts time domain vector signal to frequency domain vector signal

Guard Interval : Cyclic Prefix

- Time domain (horizontal axis)
- Multiple OFDM symbols over time
- Each symbol includes a waveform from IFFT on subcarriers plus a guard interval
- Guard intervals prevent ISI due to multipath propagation
- A burst is a sequence of one or more OFDM symbols

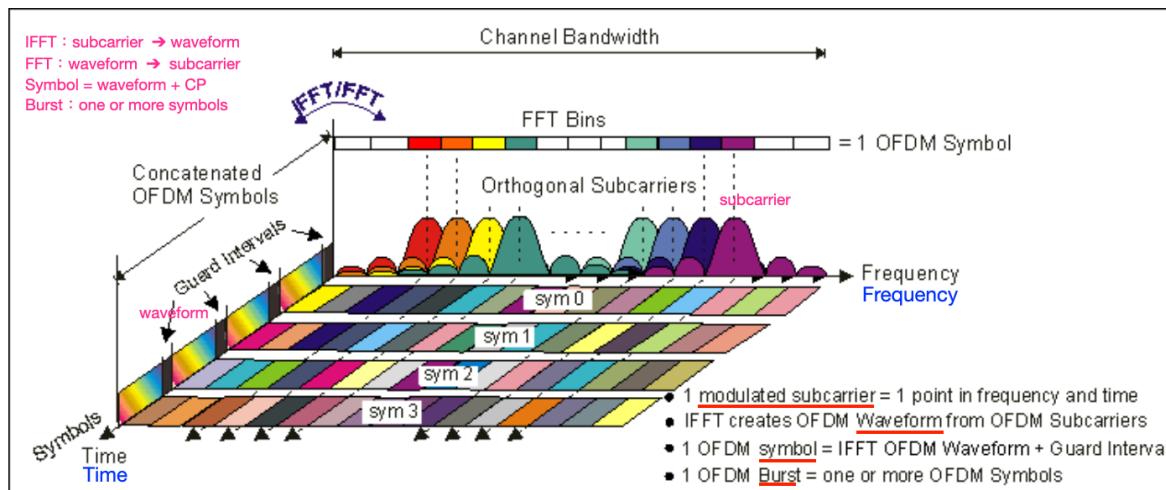


IFFT : converts frequency domain vector signal to time domain vector signal

FFT : converts time domain vector signal to frequency domain vector signal

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- Frequency domain (vertical axis)
- The OFDM signal's structure in frequency
- Subcarriers are independently modulated and orthogonal to prevent interference
- "Orthogonal" means zero cross-correlation at receiver sampling points



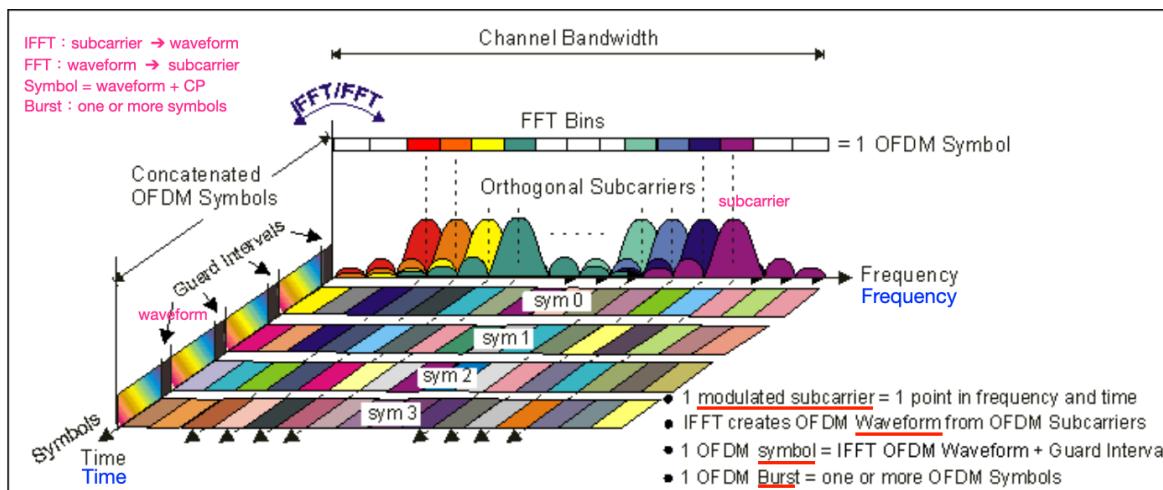
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• Frequency-time grid

- 3D grid represents time and frequency dimensions of OFDM
- Each layer is an OFDM symbol; each column is a modulated subcarrier

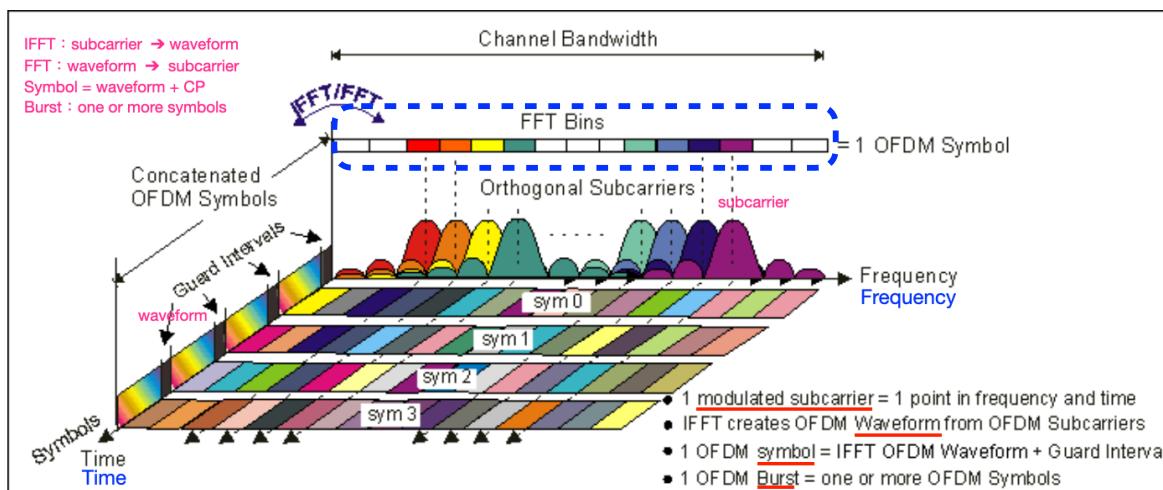


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- **FFT bins and channel bandwidth**
- FFT bins are shown across channel bandwidth
- Each bin corresponds to a subcarrier carrying data
- Number of bins is determined by FFT size, which relates to bandwidth



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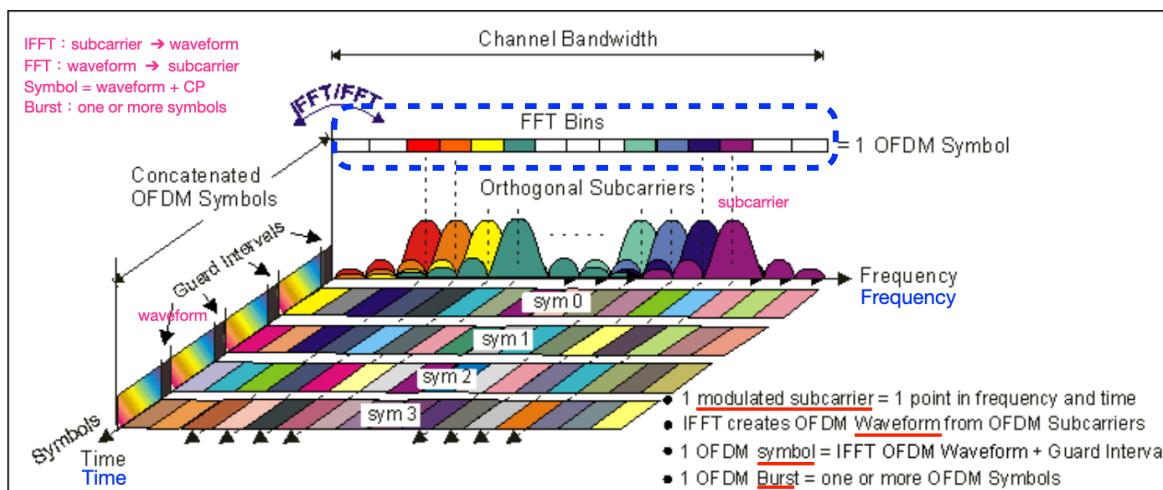
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• IFFT and FFT

IFFT : frequency domain to time domain
FFT : time domain to frequency domain

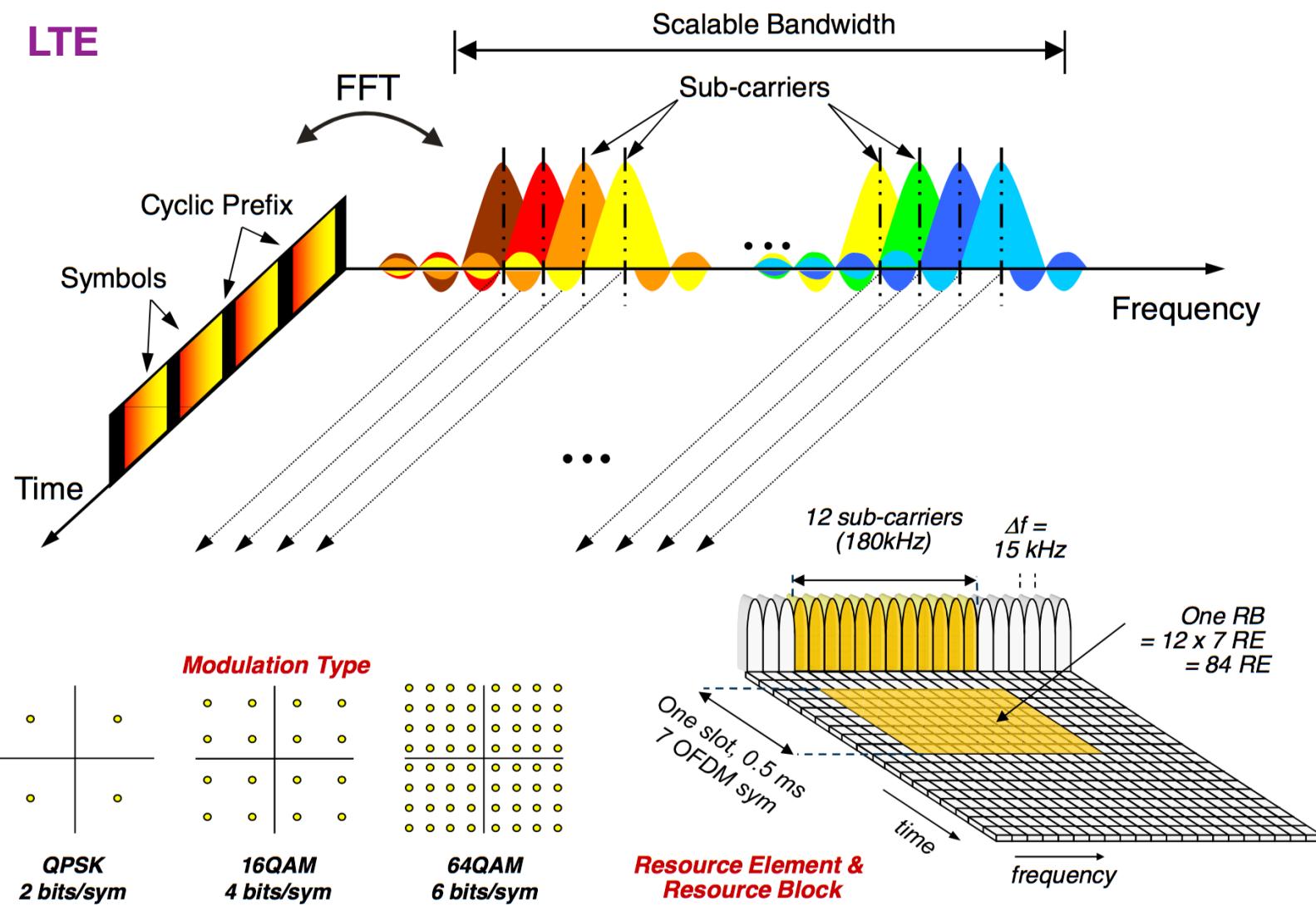
- IFFT (at transmitter) converts subcarriers to time-domain waveform
- FFT (at receiver) converts received waveform back to subcarrier frequencies for demodulation



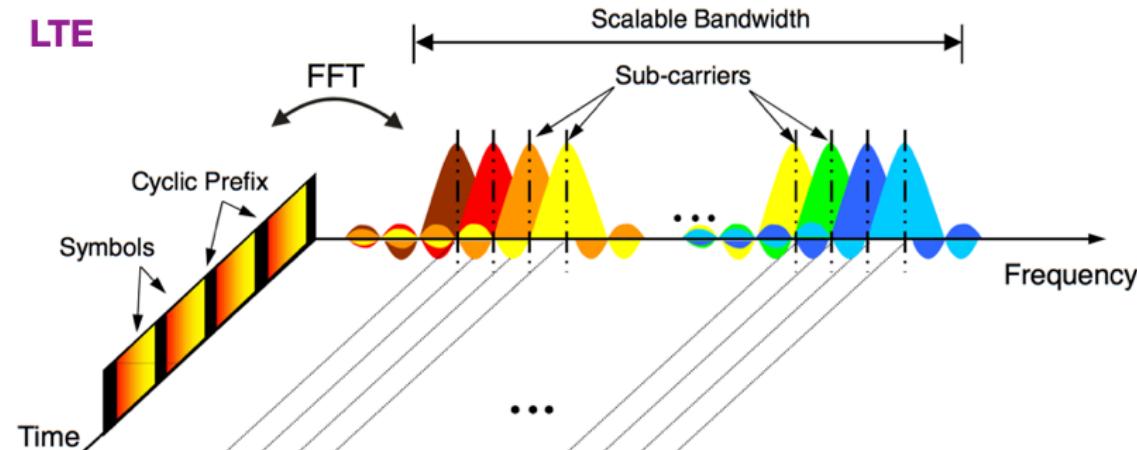
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- LTE uses OFDM for data transmission, resource allocation, and modulation to enhance network performance
- **Time and frequency representation**
 - The diagram shows OFDM symbols over time and frequency
 - Vertical axis is time; horizontal axis is frequency
 - Symbols consist of multiple subcarriers across the frequency spectrum
- **Scalable bandwidth**
 - LTE bandwidth is scalable, with adjustable sub-carrier numbers for network needs

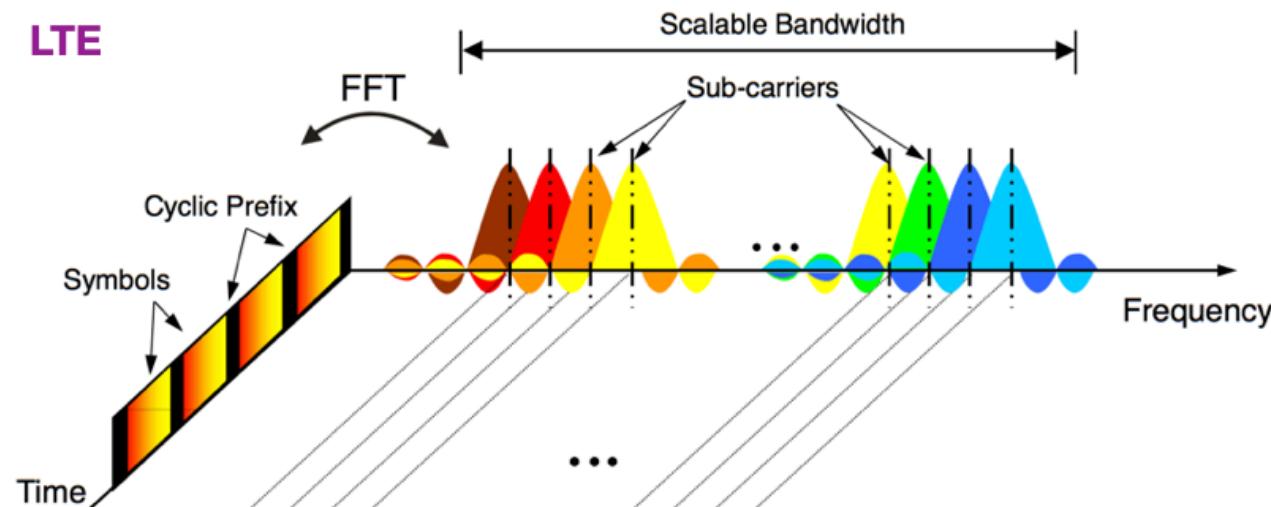


- **Cyclic Prefix (CP)**

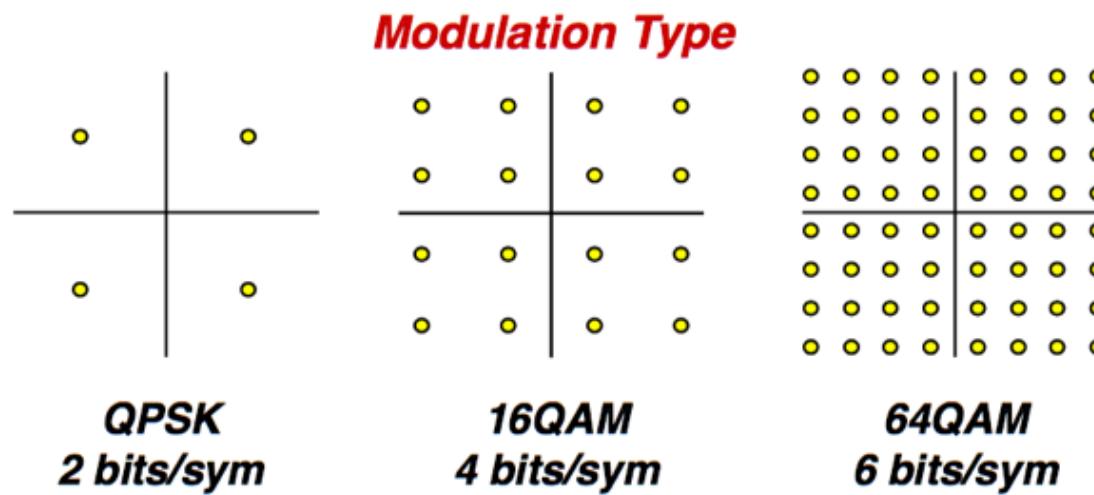
- OFDM symbols include a CP to mitigate multipath fading and timing errors

- **Fast Fourier Transform (FFT)**

- Used to transform signals between time and frequency domains for transmission and reception

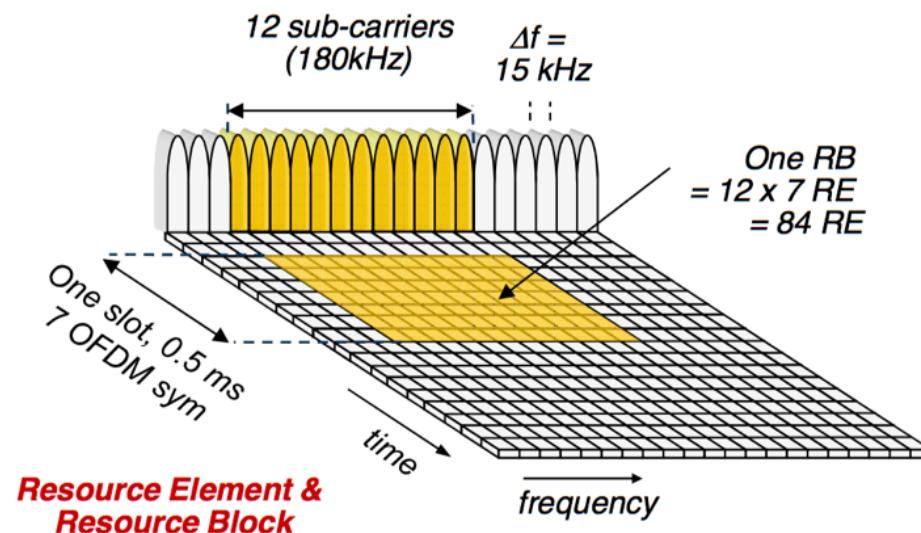


- Subcarriers are independently modulated
- **Modulation types**
 - Displays modulation types: QPSK, 16QAM, 64QAM.
 - Different bits per symbol for different modulation types



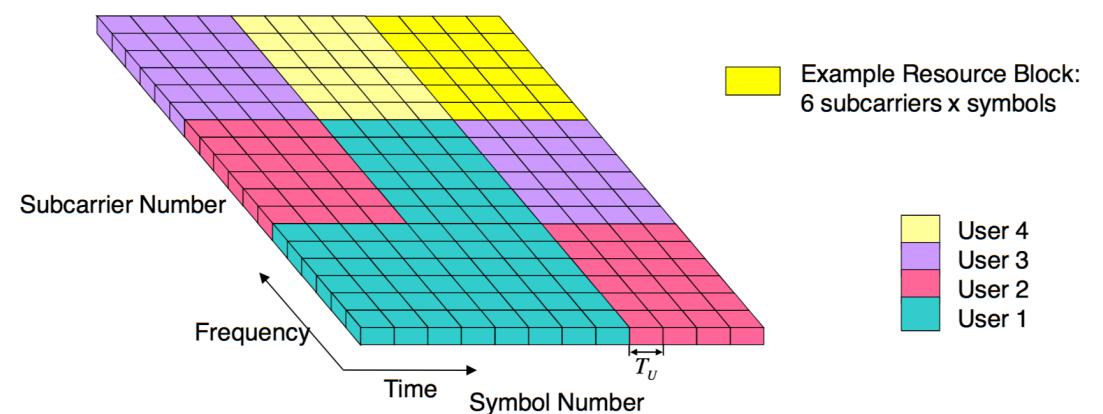
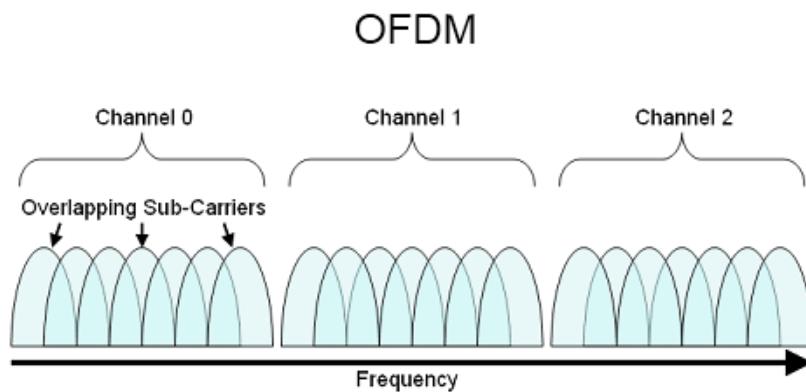
• Resource Elements and Resource Blocks

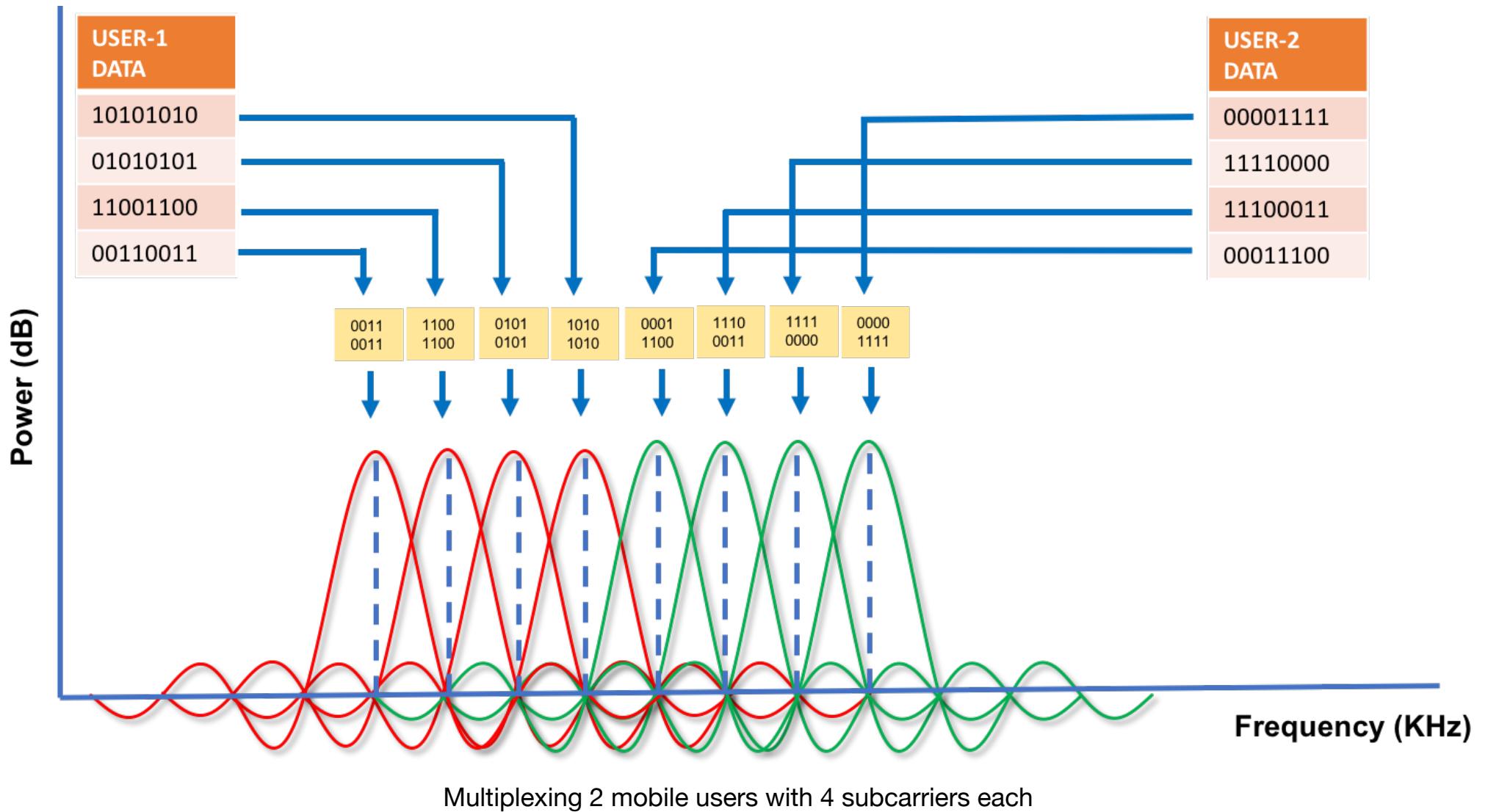
- Resource grid for resource allocation
- One Resource Block (RB) comprises 12 sub-carriers (180 kHz) and 7 OFDM symbols
- A Resource Block contains 84 Resource Elements (RE)



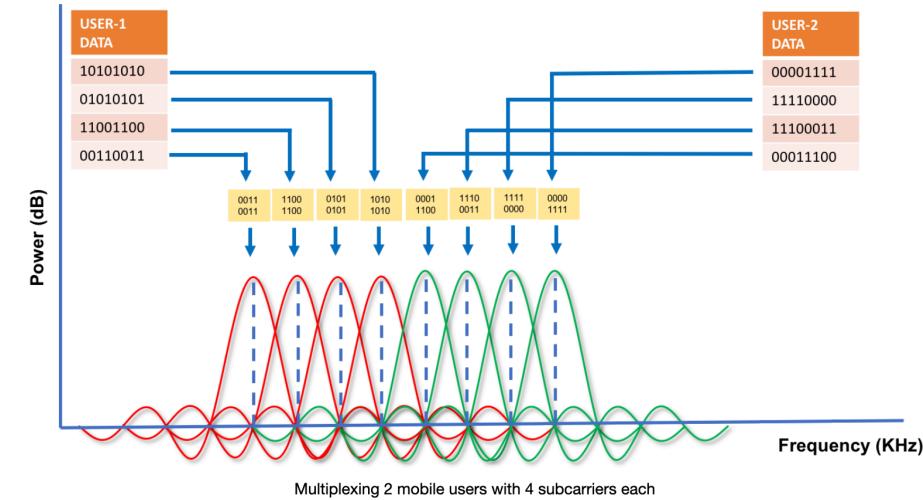
OFDMA (LTE DOWNLINK)

- Orthogonal Frequency Division Multiple Access (OFDMA)
 - A multiple access scheme utilizing OFDM modulation techniques
 - Assign subcarriers to multiple users at the same time
- Resource Blocks (RB) define contiguous groups of subcarriers



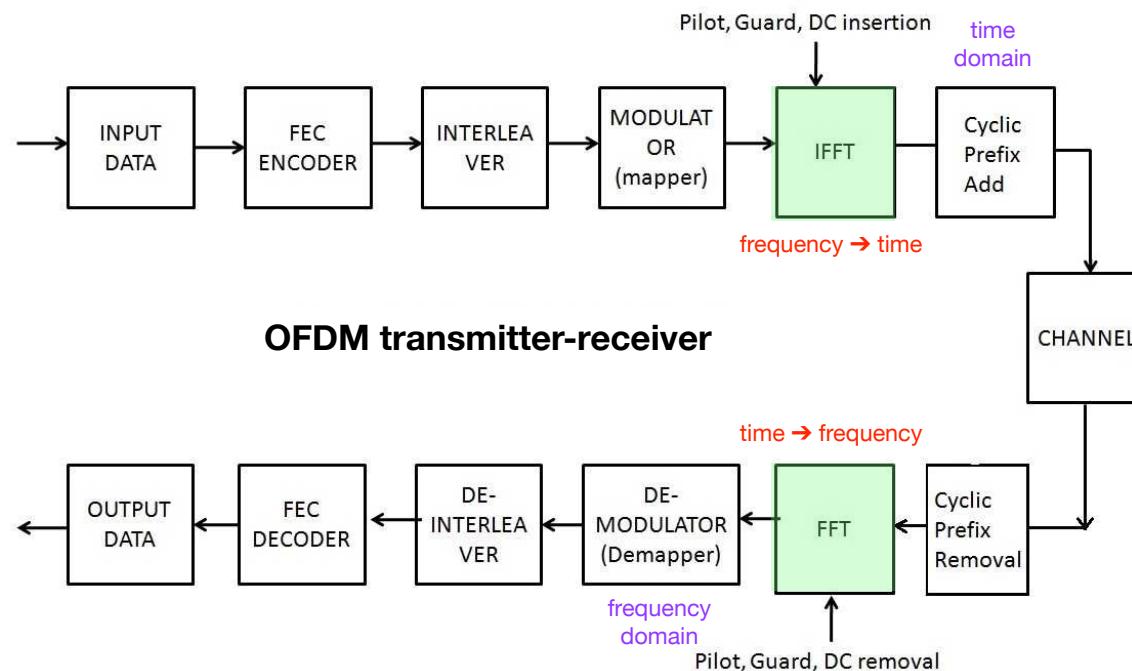


- Multiple users: User-1 and User-2, with unique data for transmission
- Data bits: Binary sequences such as 10101010 for User-1 and 00001111 for User-2
- Subcarrier assignment: Bandwidth split into orthogonal subcarriers, 4 per user, allowing close spacing without interference
- Modulation: Binary data mapped onto subcarriers, possibly using a scheme like QAM
- Multiplexing: OFDMA transmits data from multiple users simultaneously by allocating different subcarriers
- Frequency domain representation: Sinusoidal waves show subcarrier presence in frequency domain; power on the vertical axis, frequency on the horizontal



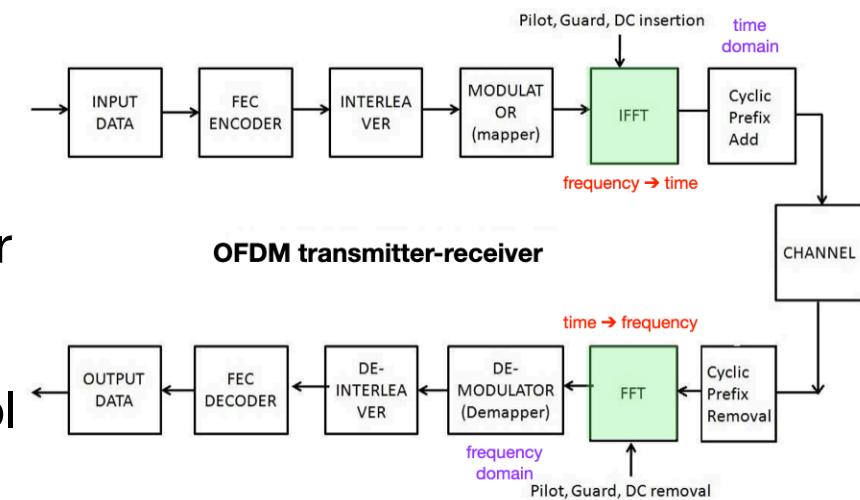
Note: OFDM Transmitter-Receiver

- **IFFT** converts frequency domain vector signal to time domain vector signal
- **FFT** converts time domain vector signal to frequency domain vector signal



- **Transmitter**

- Input data: Original data for transmission
- FEC encoder: Apply error correction to the data
- Interleaver: Rearrange bits to reduce burst errors
- Modulator (Mapper): Map data onto subcarriers using modulation schemes
- IFFT: Convert data from frequency to time domain for transmission
- Cyclic Prefix add: Add a prefix to prevent intersymbol interference

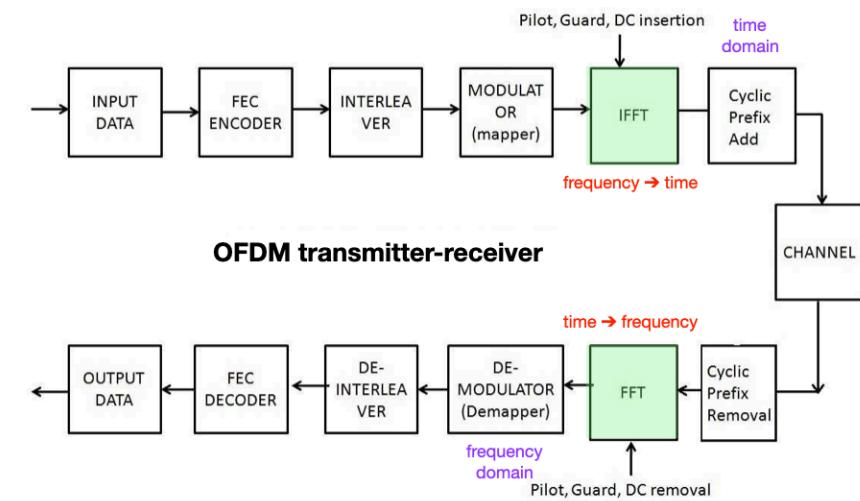


- **Channel**

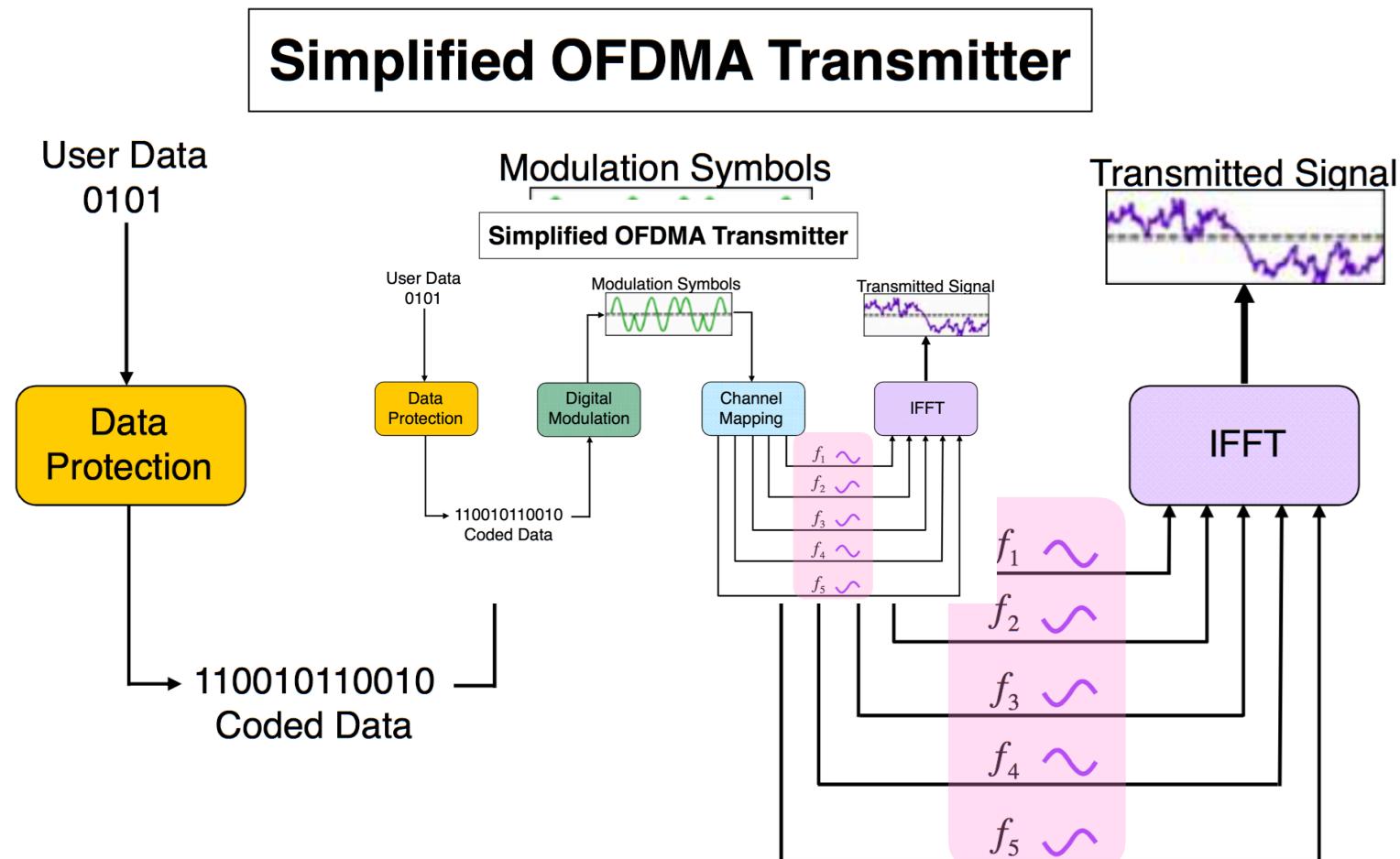
- Signal traverses the medium, affected by noise and fading

• Receiver

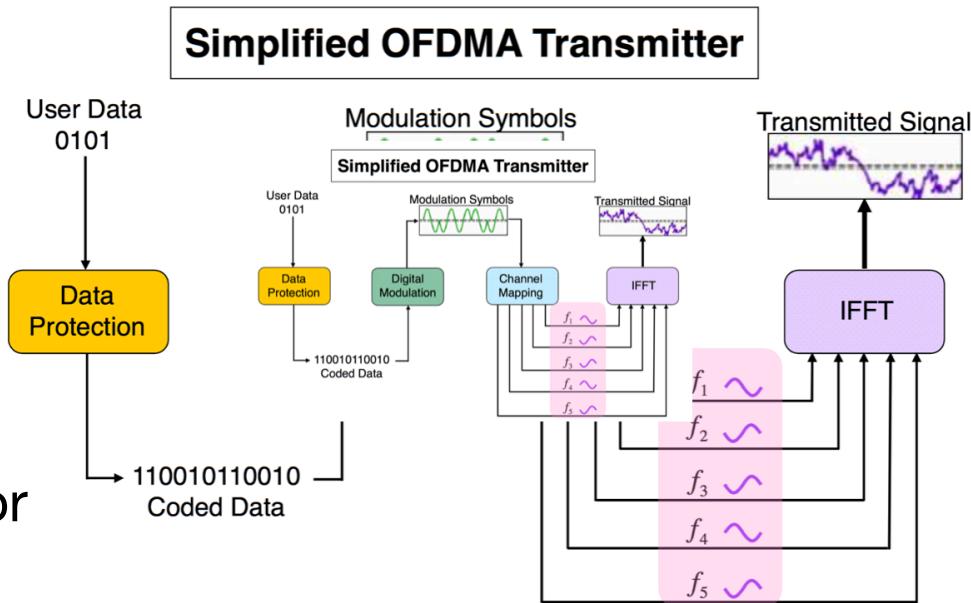
- Cyclic Prefix removal: Remove the prefix added by the transmitter
- FFT: Convert signal from time to frequency domain
- Demodulator (Demapper): Retrieve original data bits from subcarriers
- De-Interleaver: Reorder the interleaved bits to their original sequence
- FEC decoder: Correct transmission errors using the FEC code
- Output data: Final data output, matching the transmitter's input data

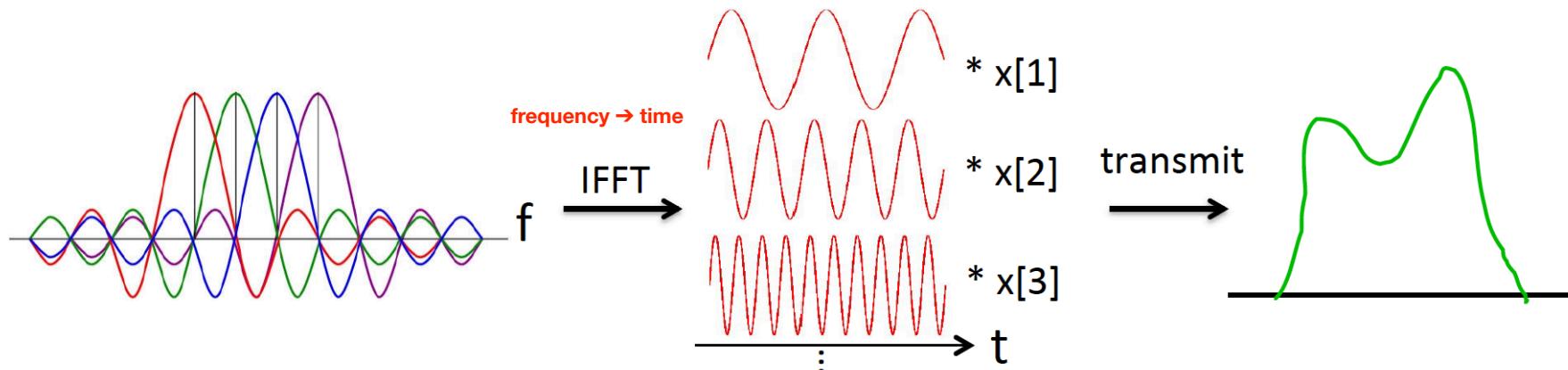


- **OFDMA data symbol** is composed by a couple of modulated independent subcarrier signals



- User data: Original binary data to be transmitted
- Data protection: Encode user data for error protection
- Coded data: Error-protected data ready for modulation
- Digital modulation: Map coded data onto modulation symbols using schemes like QAM or PSK
- Channel mapping: Assign modulated symbols to specific subcarriers for each user
- IFFT: Combine subcarrier signals into one time-domain signal while maintaining orthogonality
- Transmitted signal: Broadcast the composite signal, composed of all modulated subcarriers

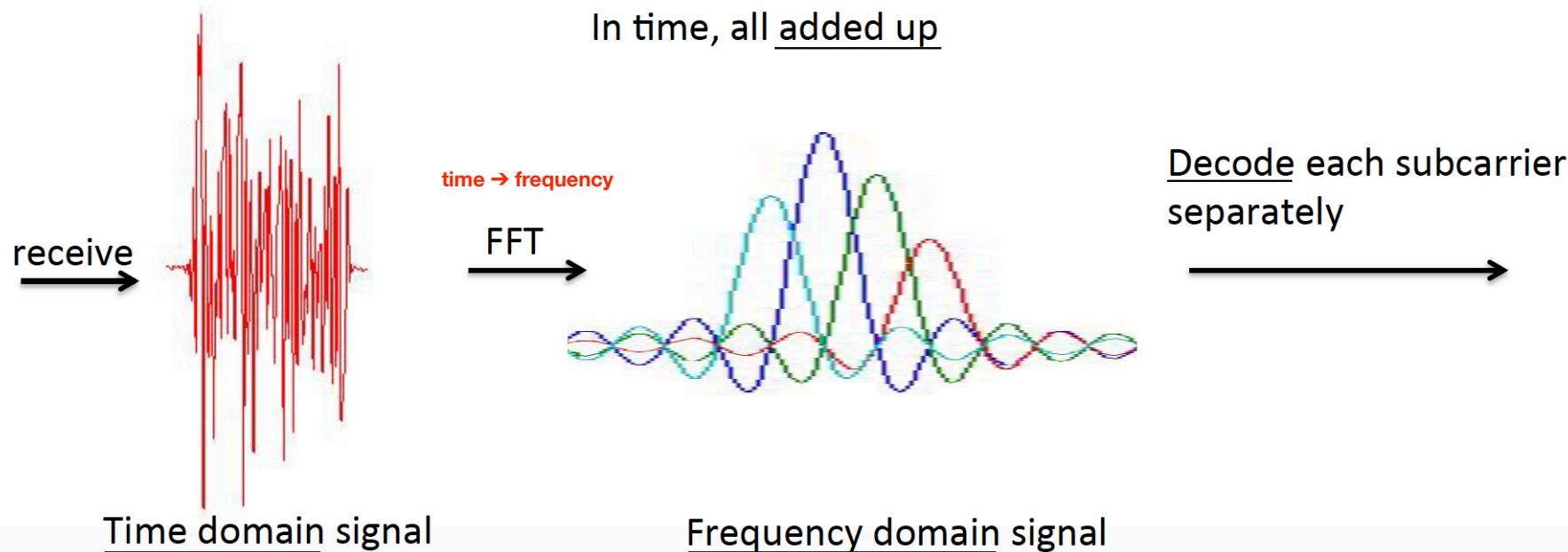




Data coded in frequency domain

Transformation to time domain:
each frequency is a sine wave
In time, all added up

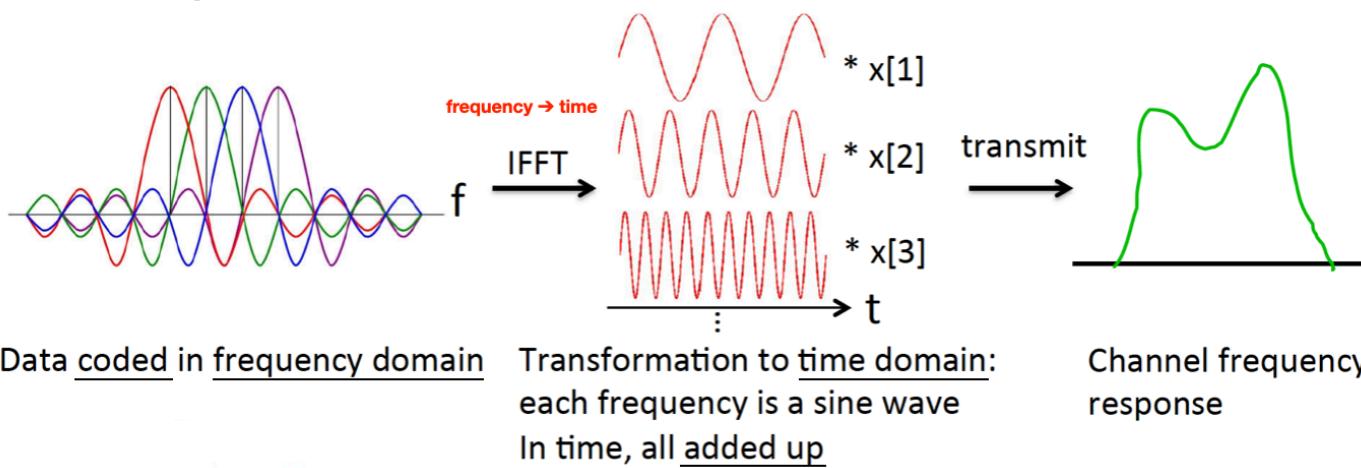
Channel frequency
response



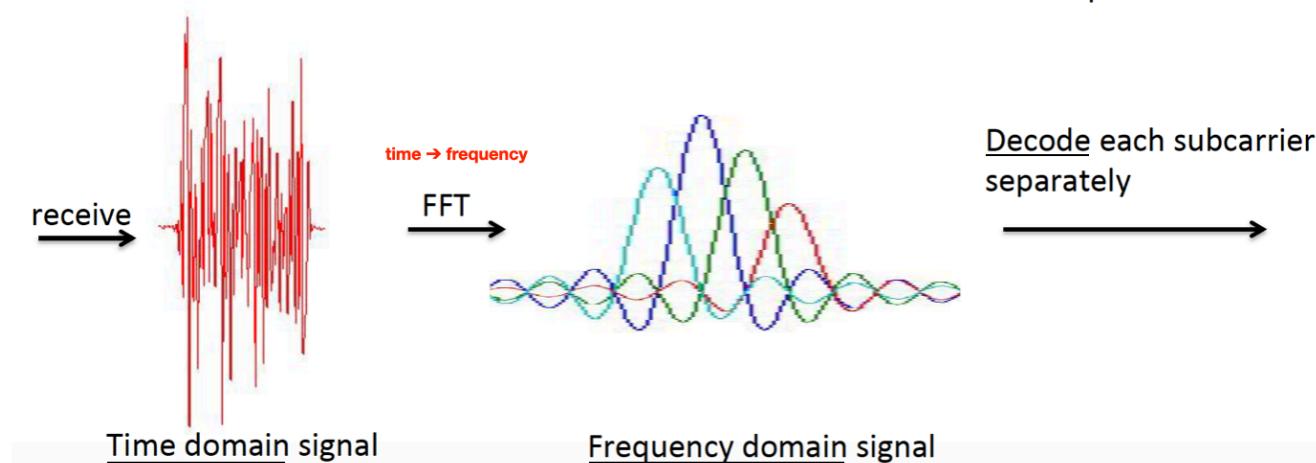
Time domain signal

Frequency domain signal

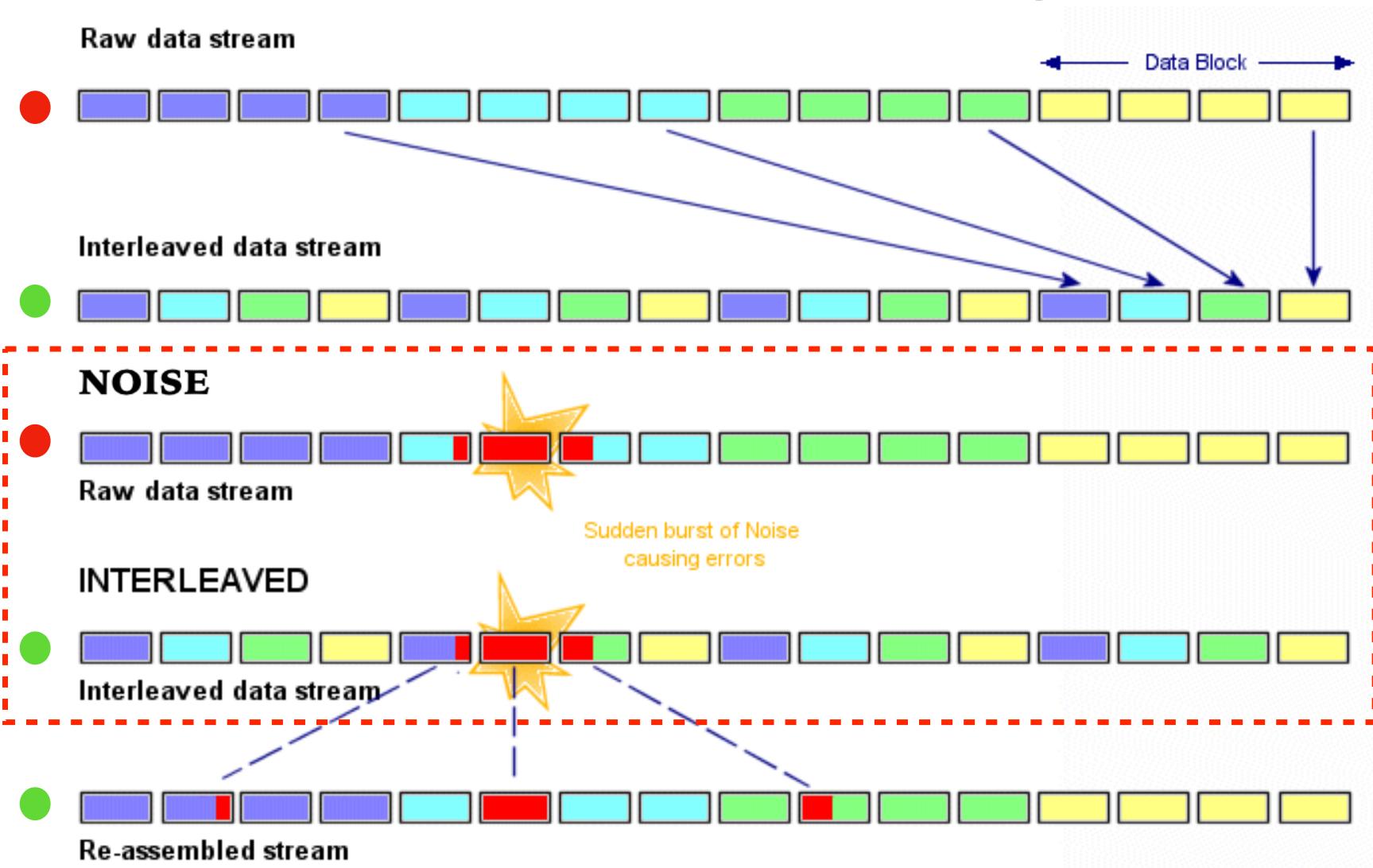
- Transmission process
 - Data coded in frequency domain: Data modulated onto multiple subcarriers
 - IFFT: Converts frequency domain subcarriers to time-domain sine waves
 - Time-domain signal: Composite signal formed by adding up all sine waves
 - Channel frequency response: Signal transmitted through a channel and affected by its response



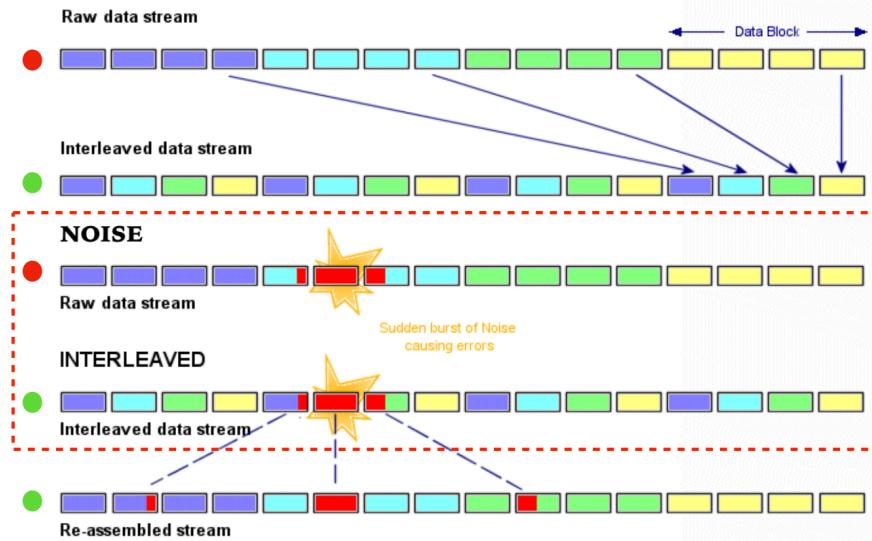
- Reception process
 - Time-domain signal: Received signal with noise and distortions
 - FFT: Received signal converted back to frequency domain
 - Frequency-domain signal: Subcarriers separated post-FFT
 - Decode subcarriers: Data decoded from each subcarrier individually



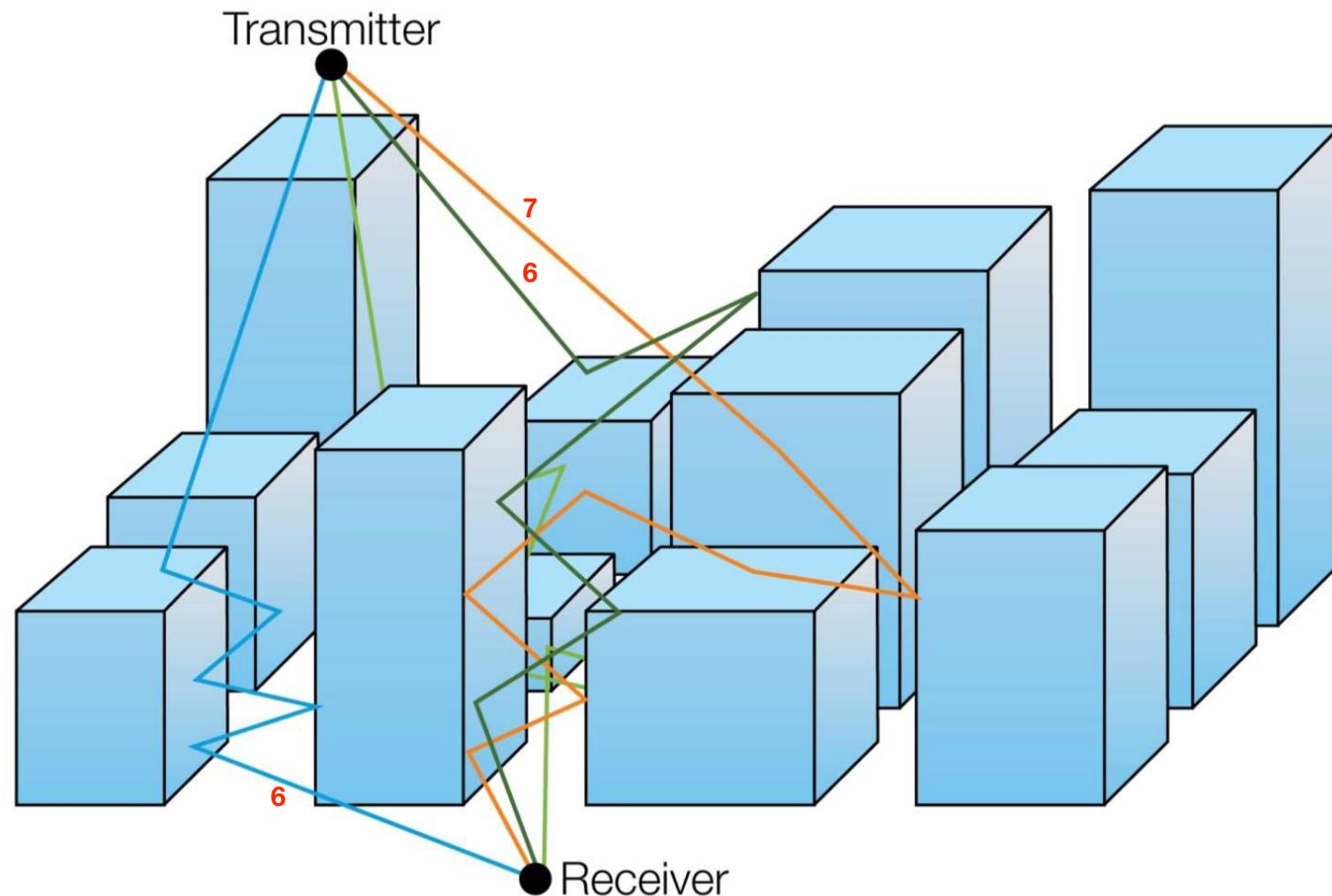
Note: Interleaving



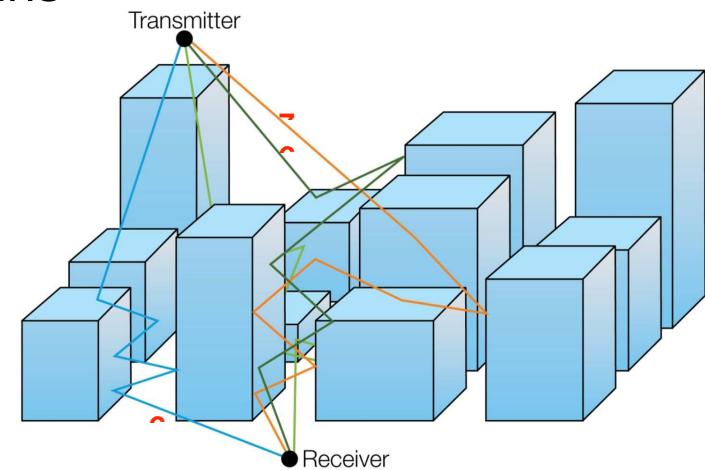
- Raw data stream: Original sequence of data before transmission
- Interleaved data stream: Data blocks rearranged in a non-sequential order to spread out adjacent blocks
- Impact of noise: Burst noise corrupts a sequence of adjacent data blocks in the raw stream, potentially causing significant data loss
- Interleaved and noise impact: The same noise affects non-adjacent blocks in an interleaved stream, minimizing the impact
- Re-assembled stream: Data blocks are reordered at the receiver, allowing error correction to effectively address the dispersed errors



Multipath Environment

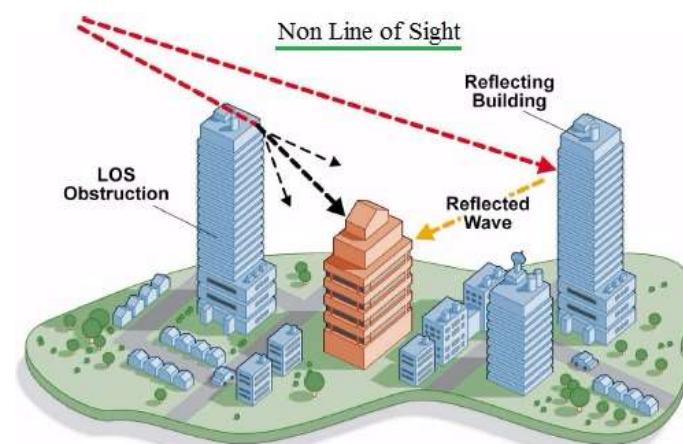
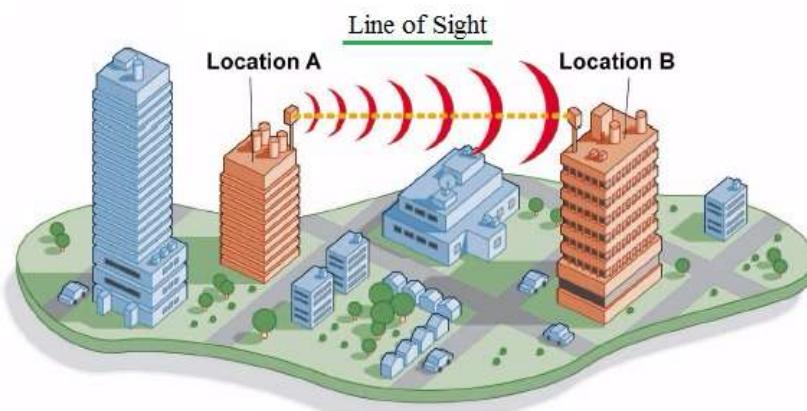


- Multipath phenomenon
 - Signals reach the receiver through multiple paths
 - Caused by reflections off objects like buildings and mountains
- Key aspects
 - Path delay: Different path lengths lead to signals arriving at different times, causing phase shifts and interference
 - Fading: Signals interfere constructively or destructively, causing signal strength fluctuations (multipath fading)
 - Doppler shift: Relative motion causes frequency shifts in signals, varying across different paths
 - Impact on communication: Lead to signal distortion and reduced data rates due to multiple signal versions arriving asynchronously

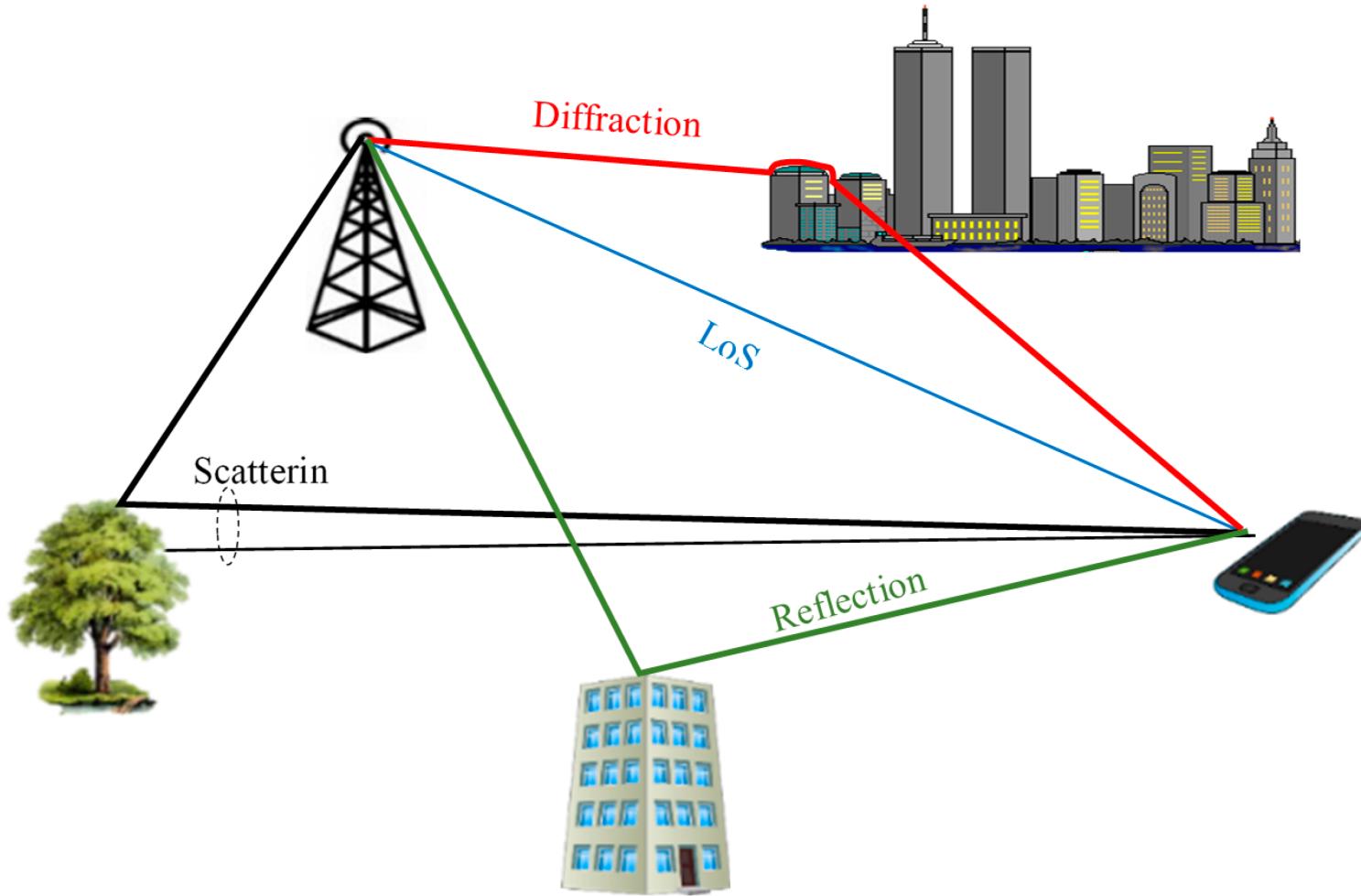


Effects of Multipath

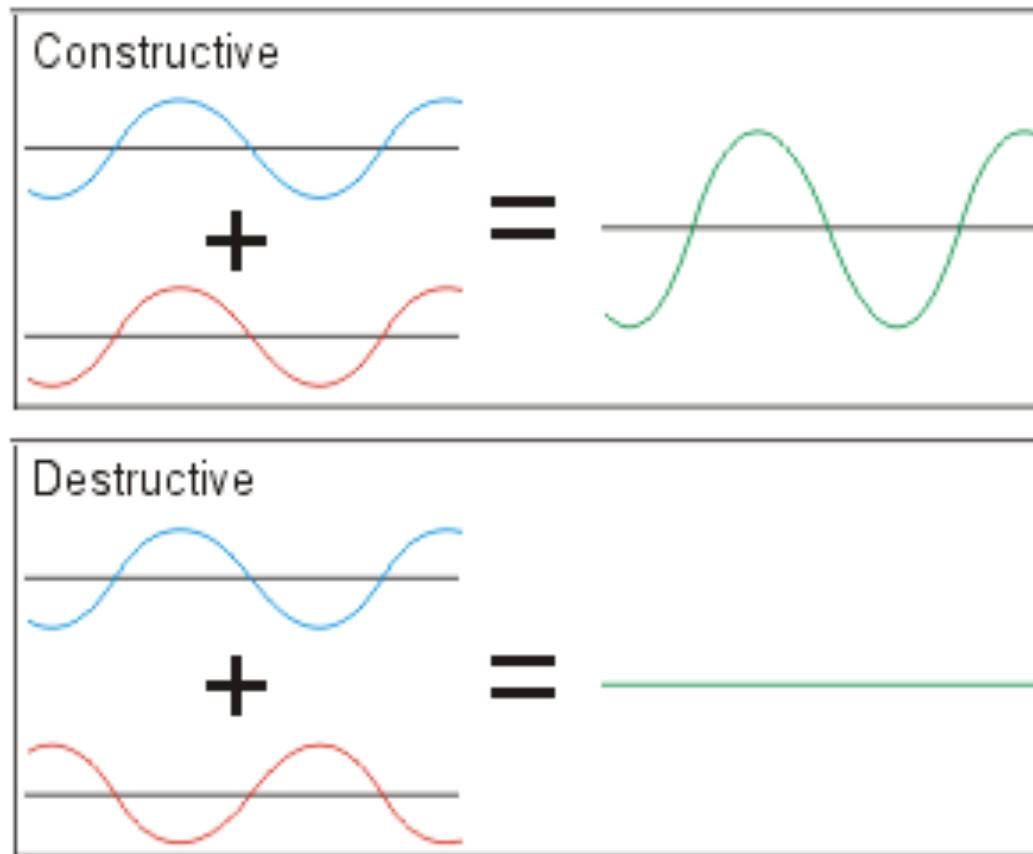
- Signals follow several propagation paths
 - Line of Sight (LOS)
 - Non-Line of Sight (NLOS)
- Multiple copies of the signal arrive at the receiver with different intensities, phase offsets, and delays



Note: Diffraction, Reflection, Scattering



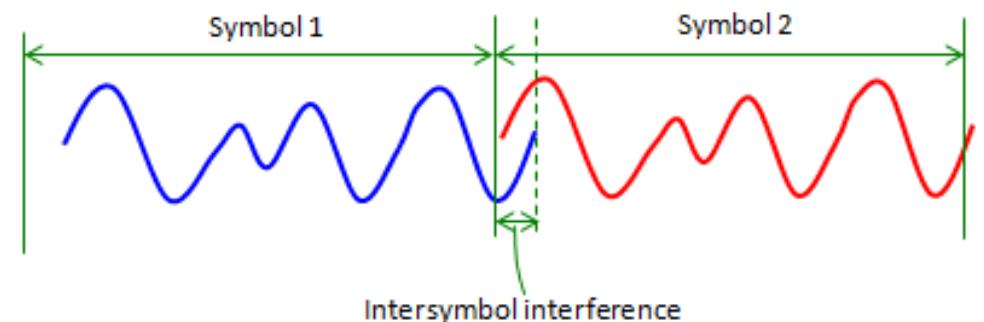
- Multiple versions of the same signal may constructively or destructively interfere with each other



Current symbol + delayed-version symbol → signals are deconstructive in certain frequencies

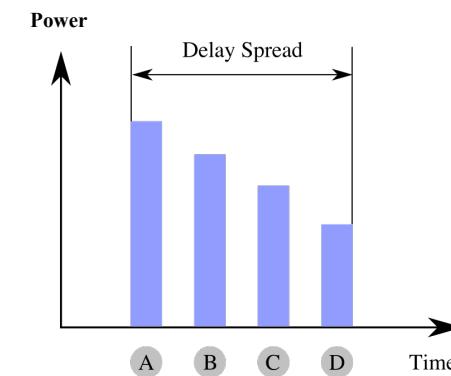
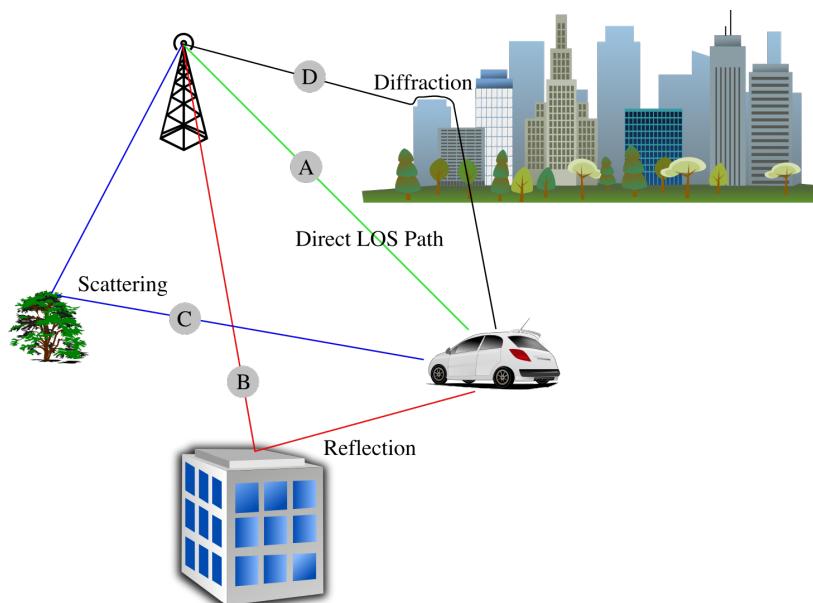
Inter-Symbol Interference (ISI)

- **Inter-Symbol Interference (ISI)**
 - The delayed version of a symbol overlaps with the adjacent symbol
- ISI performance
 - Increase bit error rate (BER)
 - Reduce achievable data rate



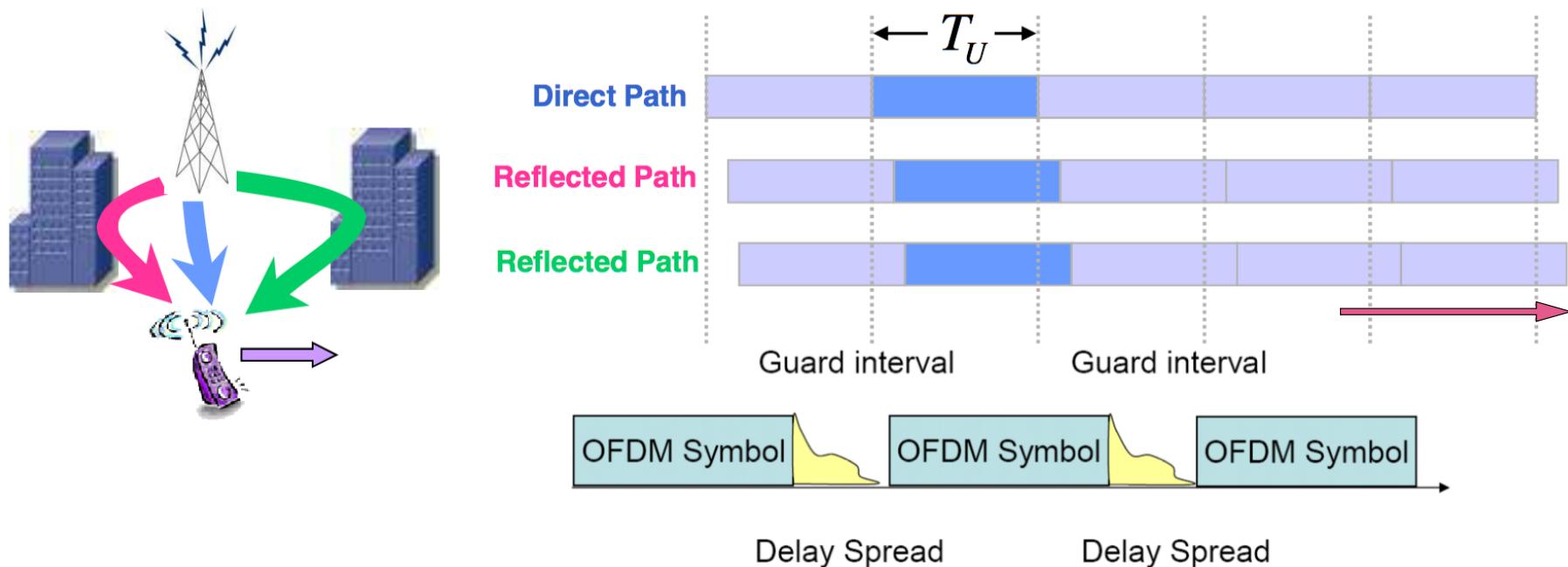
Delay Spread

- In telecommunications, the delay spread is a measure of the multipath richness of a communication channel
- It can be interpreted as the difference between the time of arrival of the earliest significant multipath component (typically the line-of-sight component) and the time of arrival of the latest multipath components



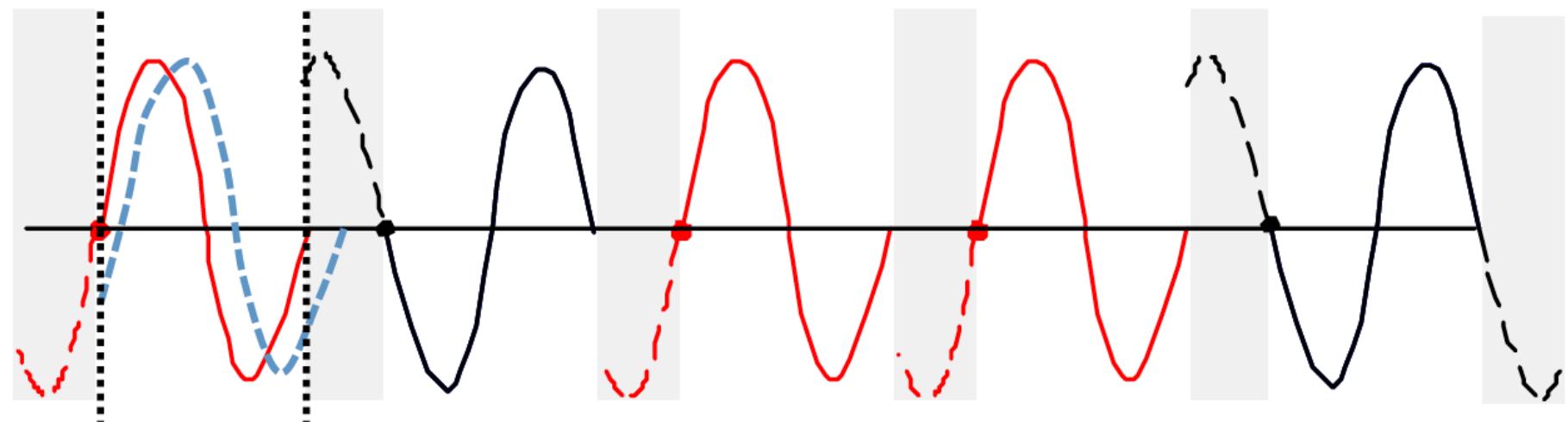
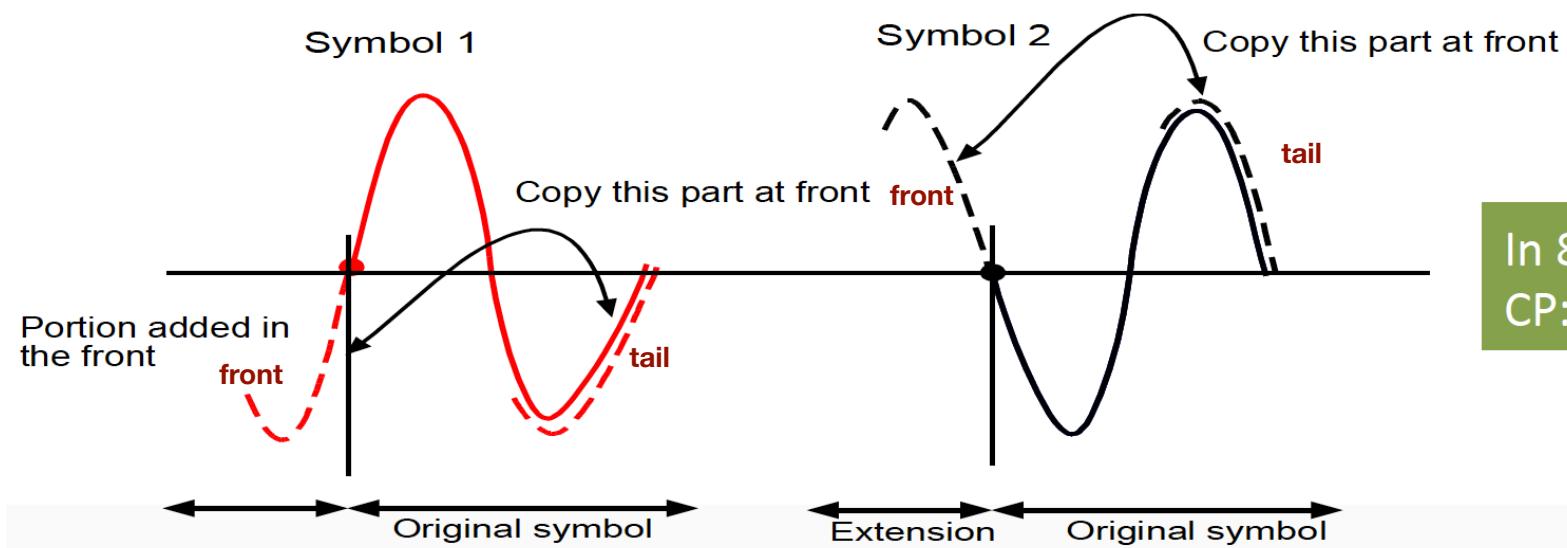
Multipath and OFDM Symbols

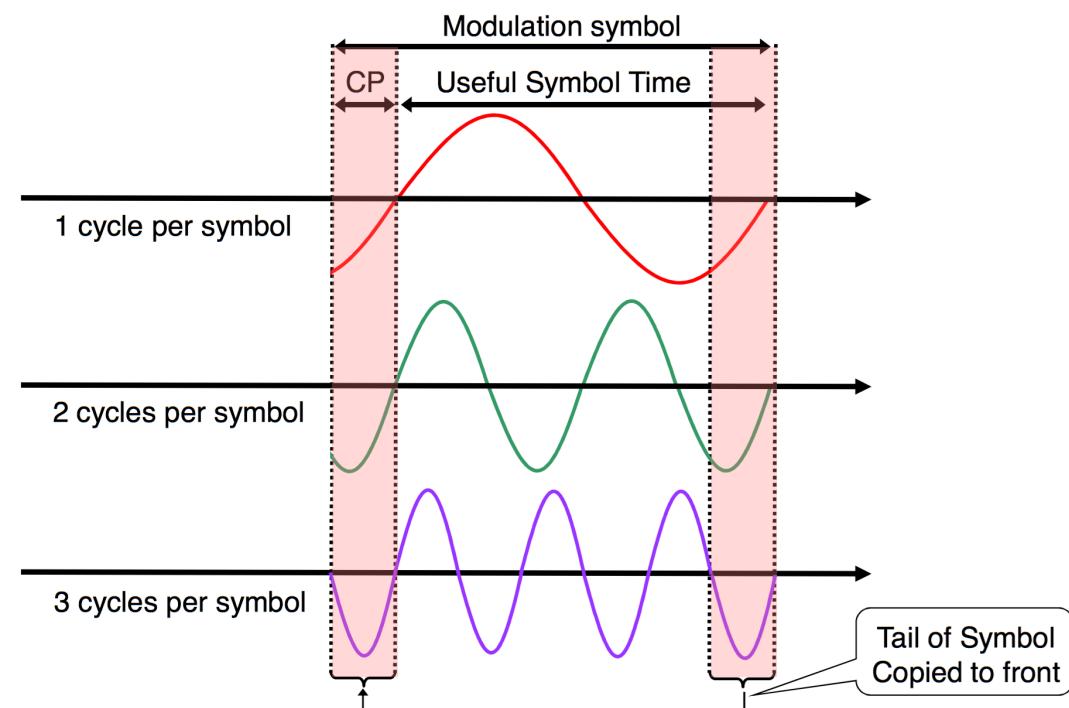
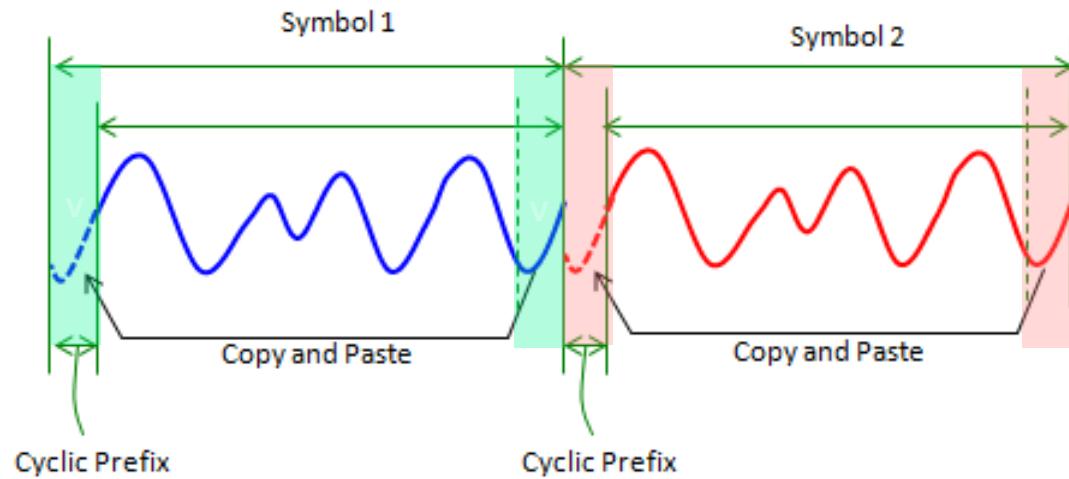
- In OFDM, multipath causes loss of orthogonality
- Delayed paths cause overlap between symbols



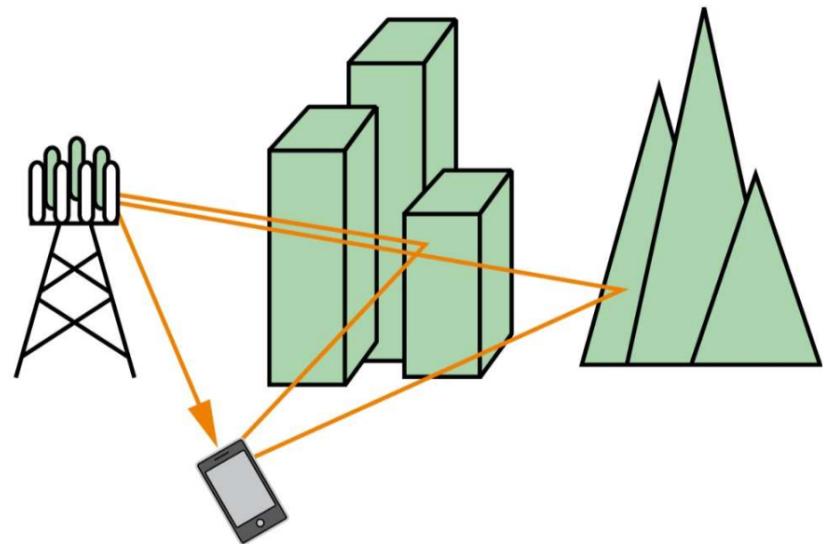
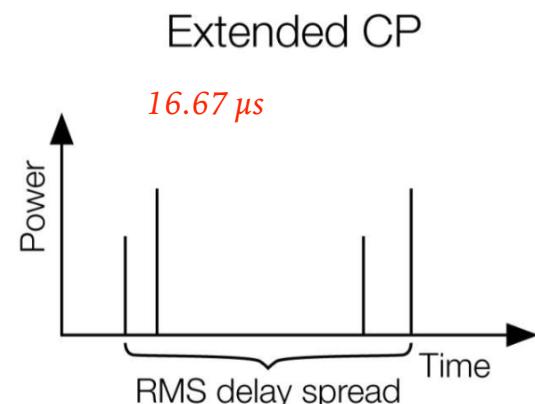
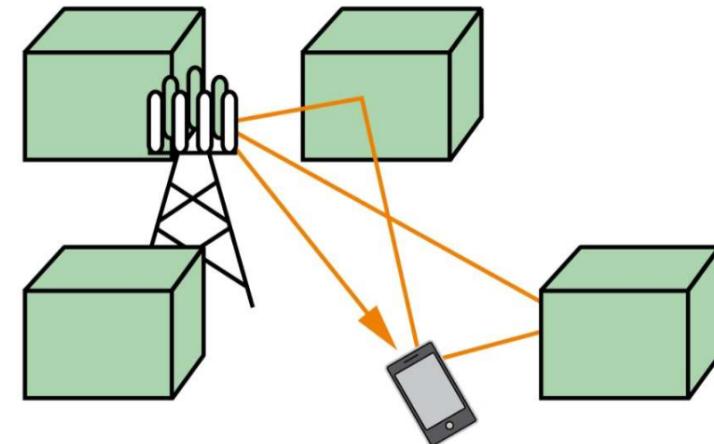
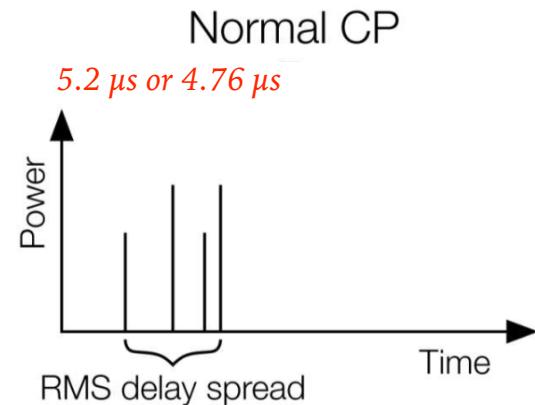
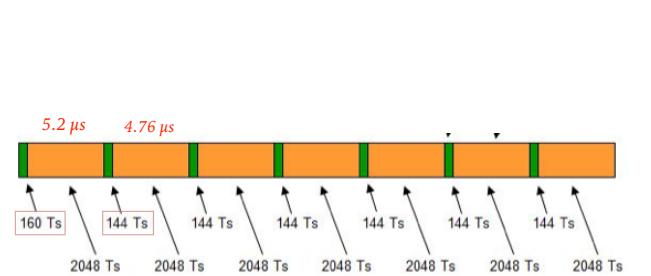
Cyclic Prefix (CP)

- One simple solution to avoid ISI is to introduce a guard-band
- However, we don't know the delay spread exactly
 - The hardware doesn't allow blank space because it needs to send out signals continuously
 - Solution: Cyclic Prefix
 - Make the symbol period longer by copying and pasting the tail of the modulation symbol in the front
 - CP insertion helps maintain orthogonality





Normal and Extended CP

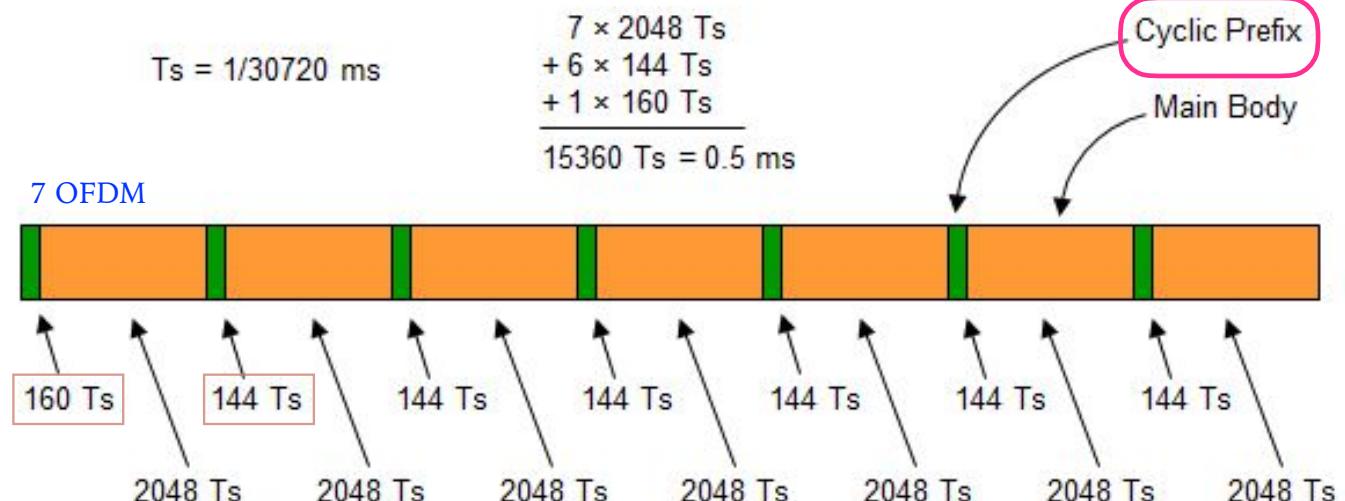


RMS : Root Mean Square

1 slot = 0.5 ms = 7 OFDM symbols (normal CP)

Normal Cyclic Prefix

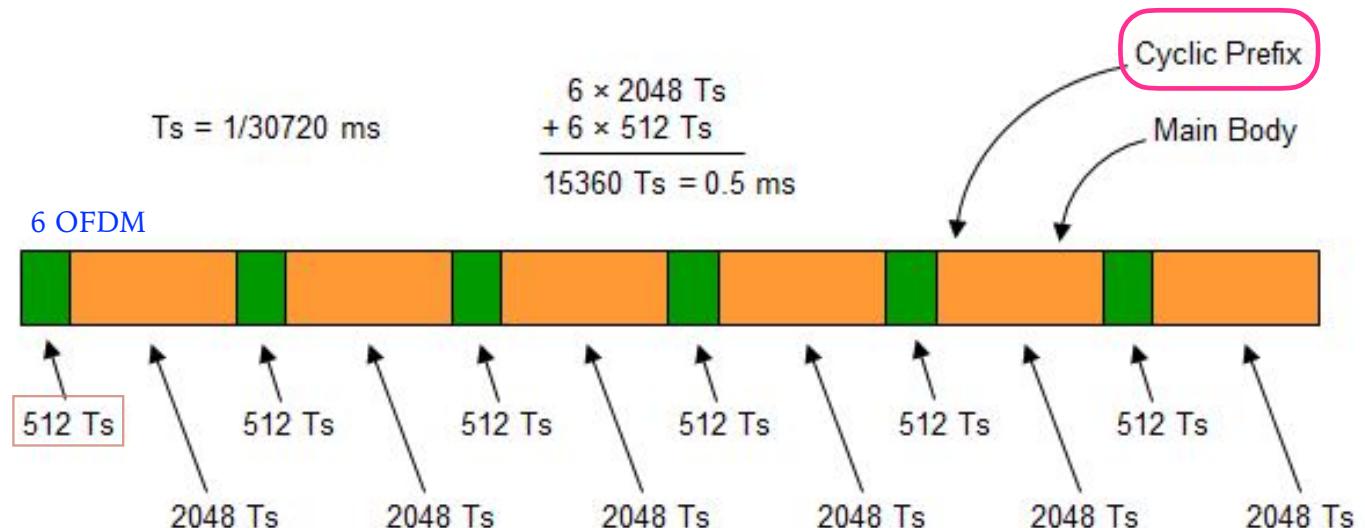
5.2 μ s or 4.76 μ s



1 slot = 0.5 ms = 6 OFDM symbols (extended CP)

Extended Cyclic Prefix

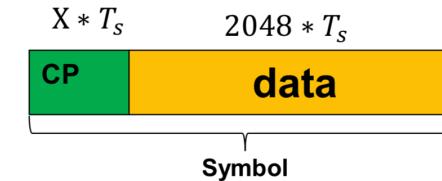
16.67 μ s



- Basic time unit : $T_s = 1/30720000$

■ CP length

e.g.,

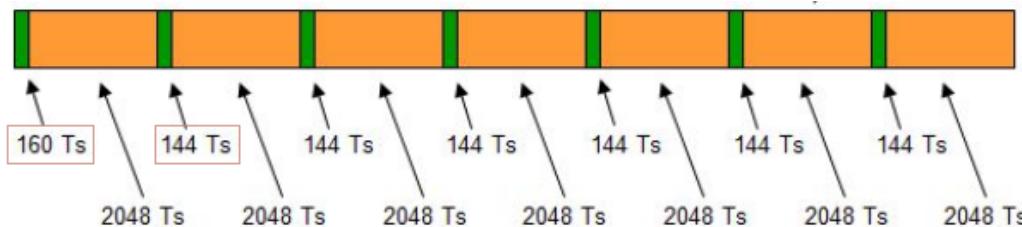


- Normal CP
 - X=160
 - X=144
- Extended CP
 - X=512

- For the **normal mode**

- The first symbol has a CP of length $T_{CP} = 160 * T_s \approx 5.2 \mu s$

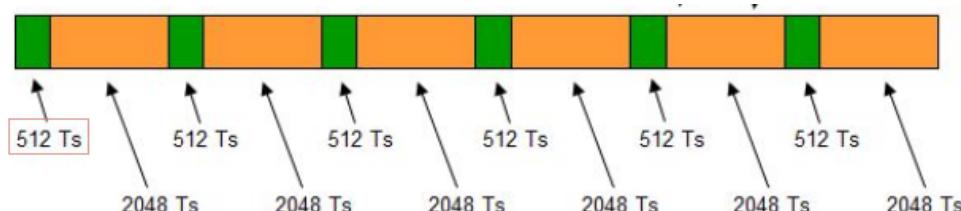
■ Subcarrier spacing: 15kHz



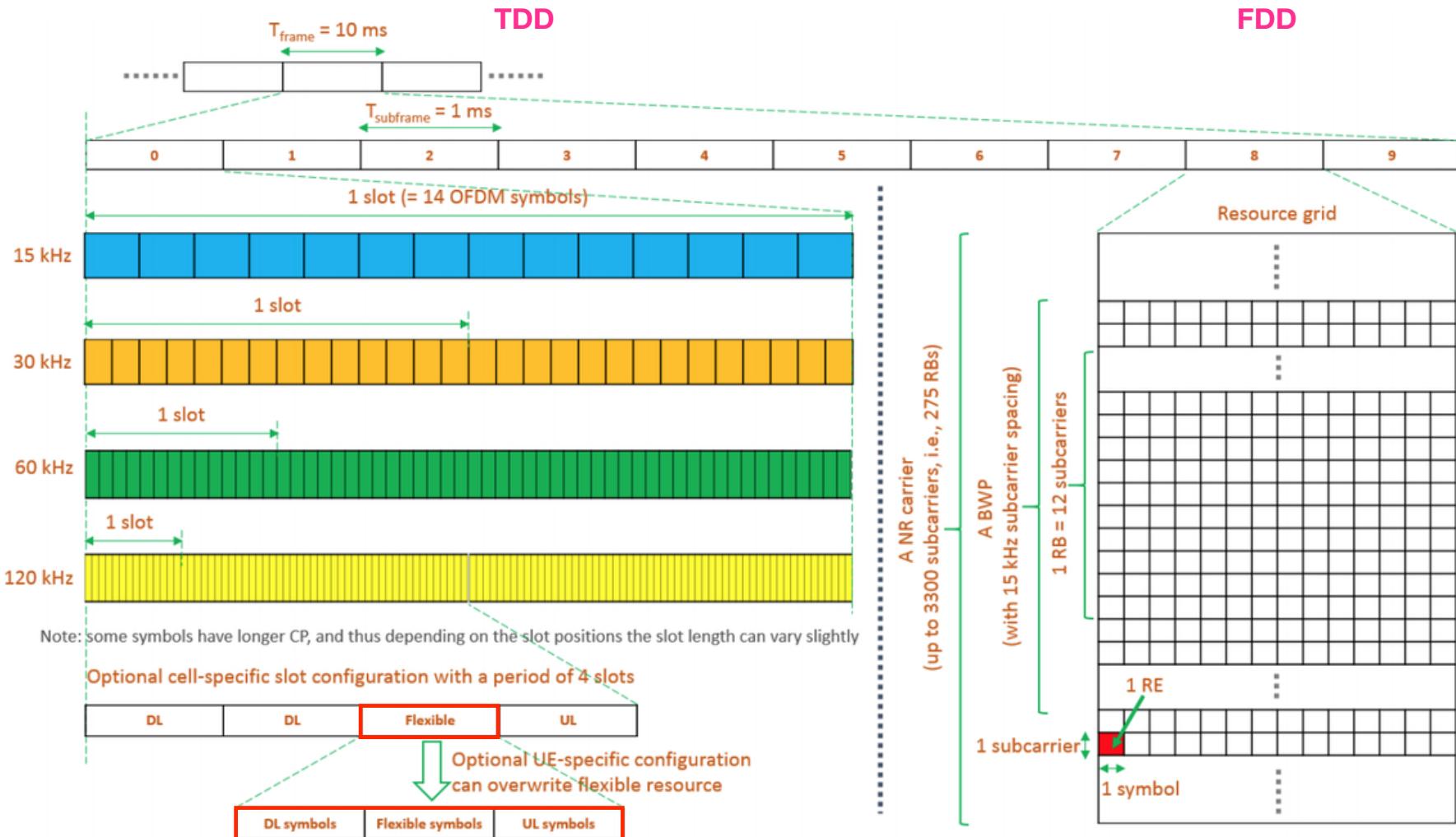
- The remaining six symbols have a CP of length $T_{CP} = 144 * T_s \approx 4.76 \mu s$

- For the **extended mode**

- The CP is $T_{CP-e} = 512 * T_s \approx 16.67 \mu s$

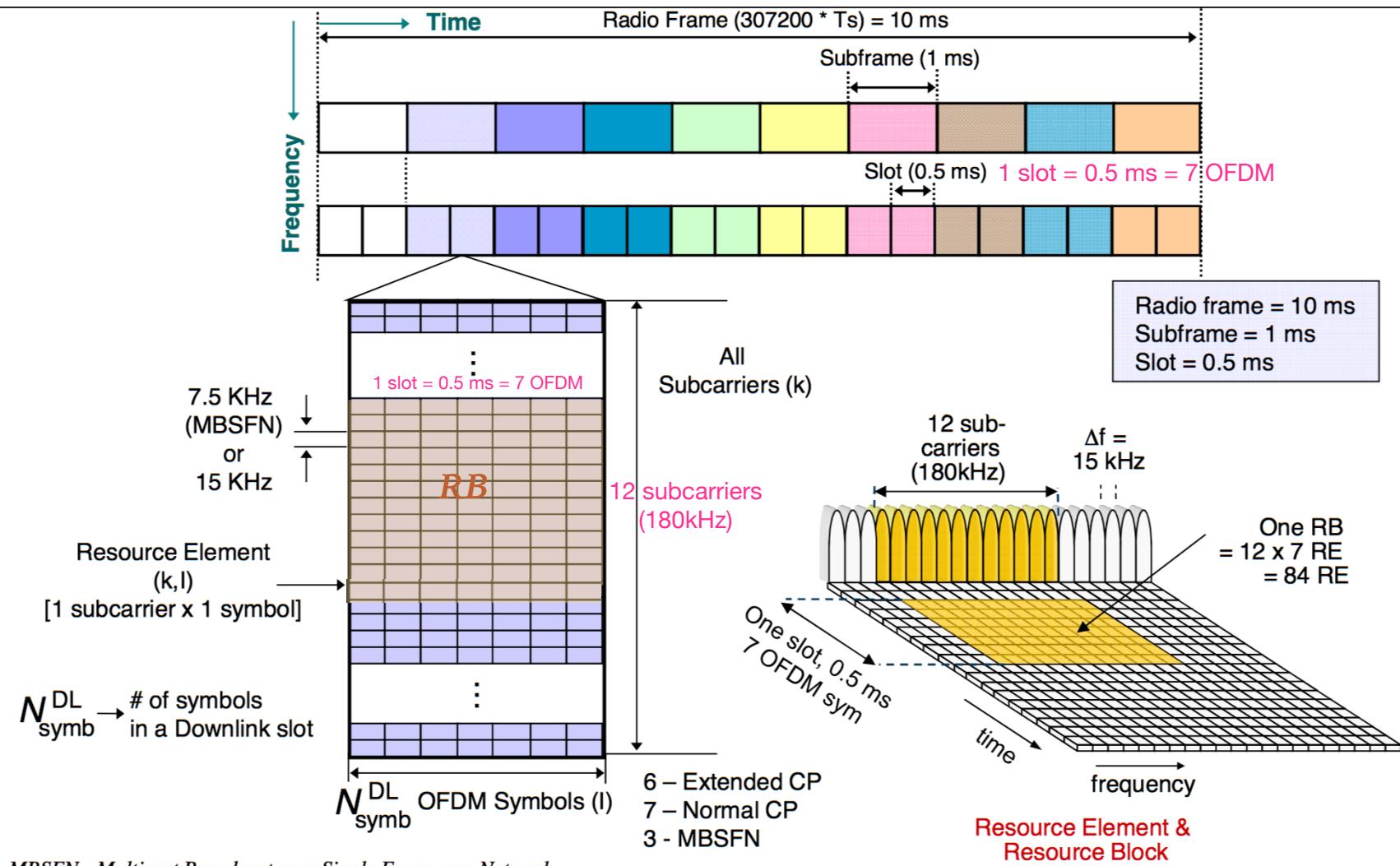


5G NR Frame Structure



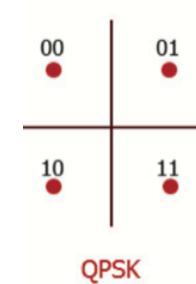
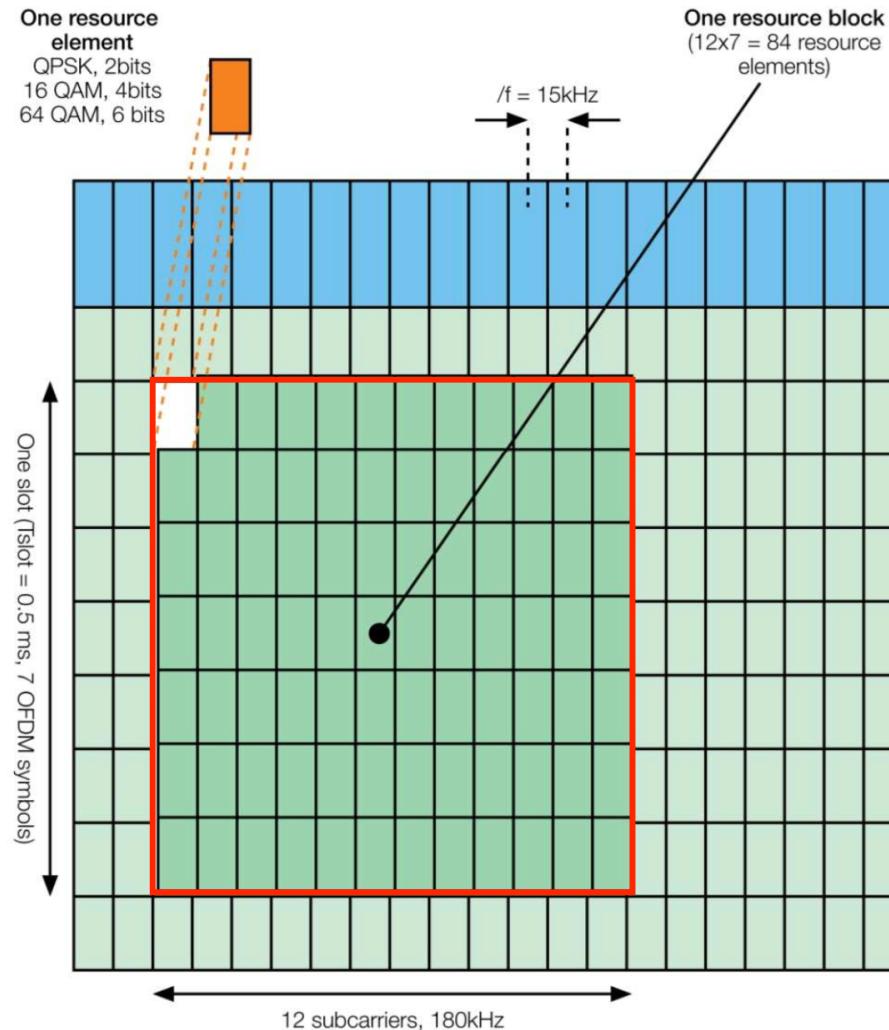
- 5G NR framework accommodates both FDD and TDD, making it versatile for various network requirements
 - FDD for the need of predictable (static) resource allocation
 - TDD for the need of dynamic, traffic-responsive allocation

LTE FDD Frames, Subframes and Slots

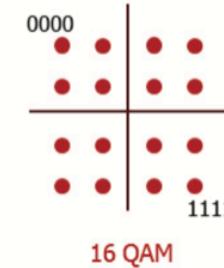


MBSFN - Multicast Broadcast over Single Frequency Network

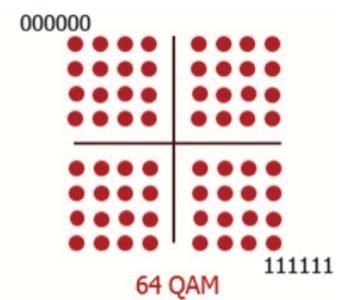
LTE OFDMA Structure



QPSK :
 — 2 bits/symbol
 — 2 bps/Hz



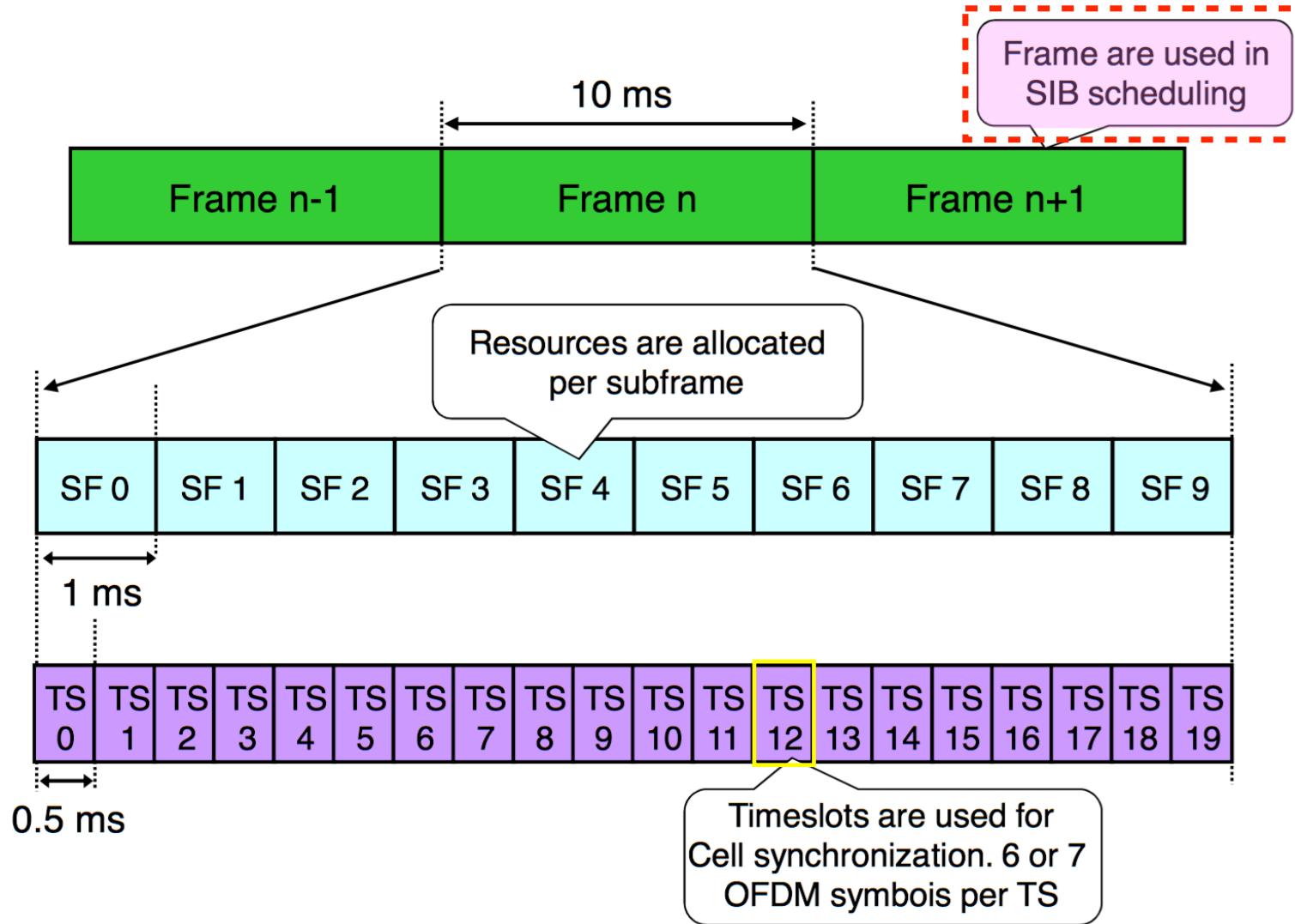
16QAM :
 — 4 bits/symbol
 — 4 bps/Hz



64QAM :
 — 6 bits/symbol
 — 6 bps/Hz

LTE FDD Frame (Type 1)

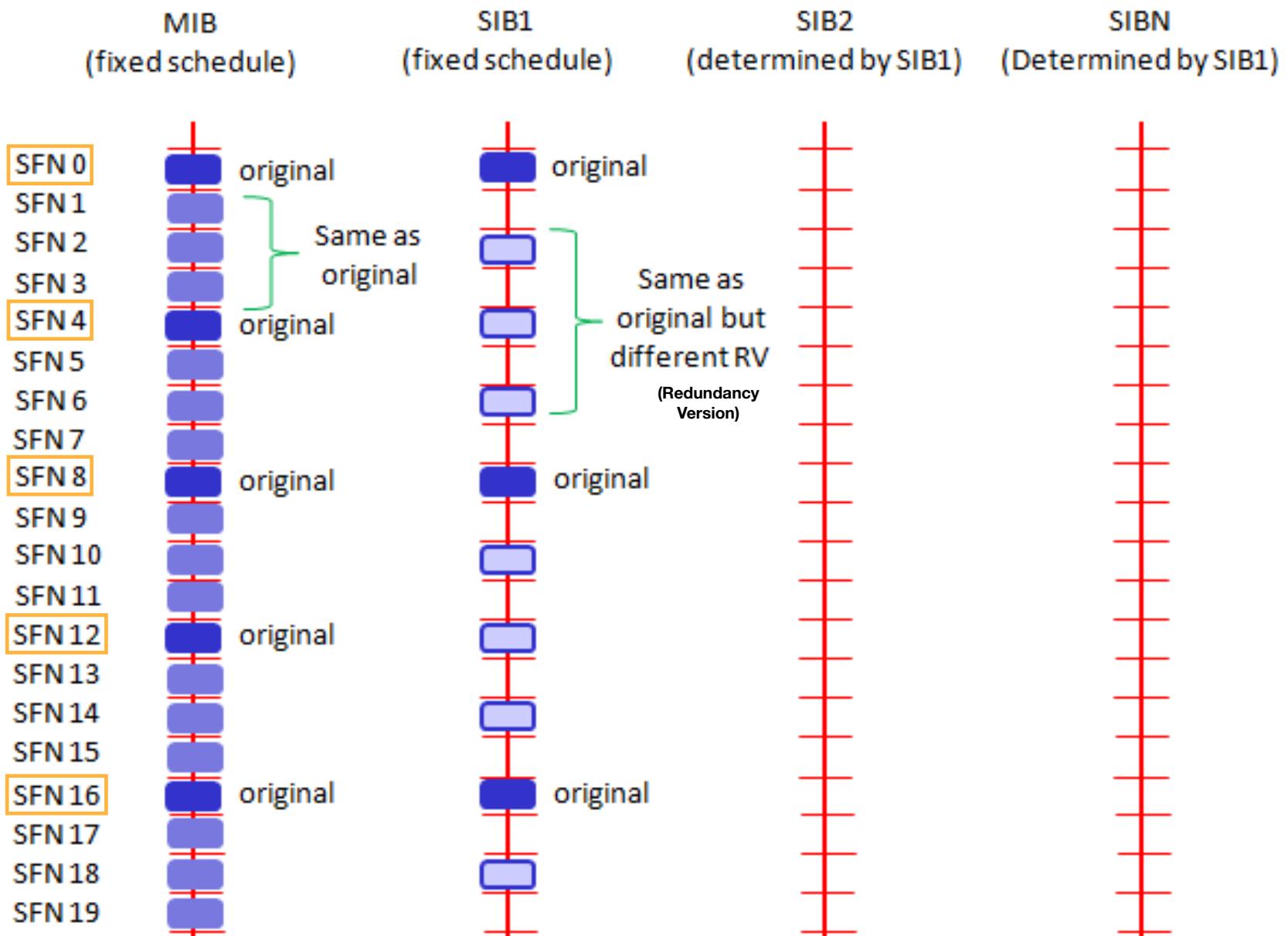
1 Frame = 10 SF = 20
1 SF = 2 TS
1 Frame = 10 ms
1 SF = 1 ms
1 TS = 0.5 ms



Note: SIB Scheduling

- The radio frames are used to schedule the transmission of SIBs
- **SIB (System Information Block)** scheduling
 - In LTE, MIB, SIB1, SIB2 are mandated to be transmitted for any cells
 - Overall SIB scheduling concept
 - **MIB (Master Information Block)** is transmitted at a fixed cycles (every 4 frames starting from SFN 0)
 - **SIB1** is also transmitted at the fixed cycles (every 8 frames starting from SFN 0)
 - All other SIBs are being transmitted at the cycles specified by SIB scheduling information elements in SIB1

SFN : System Frame Number



LTE system information blocks	Description Tracking Area Identity (TAI) = MCC (Mobile Country Code, 12 bits)+ MNC (Mobile Network Code, 8-12 bits) + TAC (Tracking Area Code, 16 bits)
MIB	Carries physical layer information of LTE cell which in turn help receive further SIs, i.e. system bandwidth (PHICH - Physical Hybrid ARQ Indicator Channel)
SIB1	Contains information regarding whether or not UE is allowed to access the LTE cell. It also defines the scheduling of the other SIBs. carries cell ID, MCC, MNC, TAC, SIB mapping.
SIB2	Carries common channel as well as shared channel information. It also carries RRC, uplink power control, preamble power ramping, uplink Cyclic Prefix Length, sub-frame hopping, uplink EARFCN (RRC : Radio Resource Control)
SIB3	carries cell re-selection information as well as Intra frequency cell re-selection information
SIB4	carries Intra Frequency Neighbors(on same frequency); carries serving cell and neighbor cell frequencies required for cell reselection as well handover between same RAT base stations(GSM BTS1 to GSM BTS2) and different RAT base stations(GSM to WCDMA or GSM to LTE or between WCDMA to LTE etc.) . Covers E-UTRA and other RATs as mentioned
SIB5	Carries Inter Frequency Neighbors(on different frequency); carries E-UTRA LTE frequencies, other neighbor cell frequencies from other RATs. The purpose is cell reselection and handover.
SIB6	carries WCDMA neighbors information i.e. carries serving UTRA and neighbor cell frequencies useful for cell re-selection
SIB7	carries GSM neighbours information i.e. Carries GERAN frequencies as well as GERAN neighbor cell frequencies. It is used for cell re-selection as well as handover purpose.
SIB8	carries CDMA-2000 EVDO frequencies, CDMA-2000 neighbor cell frequencies.
SIB9	carries HNBID (Home eNodeB Identifier)
SIB10	carries ETWS prim. notification
SIB11	carries ETWS sec. notification

LTE MIB content

Information Elements	
Downlink Channel bandwidth	
PHICH configuration	PHICH duration
	PHICH resource
System frame Number (SFN) (10 bits)	

PHICH (Physical Hybrid-ARQ Indicator Channel)

- A specially designed downlink only channel which carries ACK or NACK for the PUSCH (Physical Uplink Share Channel) received by the network
- Hybrid-ARQ (Hybrid Automatic Repeat Request): a combination of high-rate FEC (Forward Error-Correcting) coding and ARQ (ACK+timeout) error-control

System Frame number (SFN)

- Used for synchronization and timing reference. The SFN is of 10 bits in MIB so SFN numbering can be done as 0~1023 ($2^{10}=1024$)

LTE SIB-1 content

Tracking Area Identity (TAI) = MCC (Mobile Country Code, 12 bits)+ MNC (Mobile Network Code, 8-12 bits) + TAC (Tracking Area Code, 16 bits)

Information Elements				
Cell Access Information	PLMN Identity List (1 to 6 instances)	PLMN Identity		
		Cell Reserved for Operator Use		
	Tracking Area Code (TAC)			
	Cell Identity			
	Cell Barred			
	Intra-Frequency Cell Reselection Allowed			
	CSG Indication			
CSG Identity				
Cell Selection Information	Qrxlevmin			
	Qrxlevmin			
Pmax				
Frequency Band Indicator				
Scheduling Information List (1 to 32 instances)	S1 Periodicity (8, 16, 32, 64, 128, 256, 512 radio frames)			
	SIB mapping (1 to 32 instances)	SIB Type		
TDD Configuration	Subframe Assignment (uplink-downlink configuration)			
	Special Subframe Pattern (Special subframe configuration)			
System Information Window Length (1, 2, 5, 10, 15, 20, 40 ms)				
System Information Value Tag				
IMS Emergency Support (rel. 9)				
Release 9 Extension	Cell Selection Information	Qqualmin		
		Qqualmin Offset		

CSG : Closed
Subscriber Group

System Information Block Type 2 (SIB2)		
AC-Barring For Emergency	AC-Barring For MO-Signalling	ac-Barring Factor
		ac-Barring Time
		ac-Barring For Special AC
	AC-Barring for MO-Data	ac-Barring Factor
		ac-Barring Time
		ac-Barring For Special AC
Radio Resource Config Common	RACH Config Common	Number Of RA-Preambles
		Size Of RA-Preambles GroupA
		Message Size GroupA
		Message Power Offset GroupB
	Power Ramping Parameters	Power Ramping Step
		Preamble Initial Received Target P.
		Preamble Trans Max
		RA Response Window Size
		MAC Contention Resolution Timer
		Max HARQ Msg3 Tx
	BCCH Config	Modification Period Coeff
		Default Paging Cycle
	PCCP Config	nB
		TelecomPedia.Net
	PRACH Config	Root Sequence Index
		PRACH Config Info
		PRACH Config Index
		High Speed Flag
	PDSCH Config Common	Zero Correlation Zone Cfg.
		PRACH Freq Offset
	PUSCH Config Common	Reference Signal Power
		Pb
		n-SB
		Hopping Mode
		PUSCH Hopping Offset
	UL Reference Signals PUSCH	Enable 64QAM
		Group Hopping Enabled
		Group Assignment PUSCH
		Sequence Hopping Enabled
		Cyclic Shift
PUCCH Config Common	Delta PUCCH Shift	Delta PUCCH Shift
		nRB CQI
		nCS AN
		n1PUCCH AN
Sounding RS UL Config Common	Setup	srs-Bandwidth Config
		ackNackSRS-Simultaneous Transmission
Uplink Power Control Common	p0 Nominal PUSCH	
		Alpha
	p0 Nominal PUCCH	
		DeltaF List PUCCH
		DeltaF PUCCH Format1
		DeltaF PUCCH Format1b
		DeltaF PUCCH Format2
		DeltaF PUCCH Format2a
		DeltaF PUCCH Format2b
UL Cyclic Prefix Length	Delta Preamble Msg3	

LTE SIB-2 content

UE Timers and Constants	T300	
	T301	
	T310	
	N310	
	T311	
	N311	
UL Bandwidth		
Additional Spectrum Emission		
Time Alignment Timer Common	www.telecompedia.net	

AC (Access Class)-Barring for Emergency Call

AC Barring for Emergency Calls (True / False)	Barring Factor (0 to 0.95, step 0.05)
AC Barring for MO Signaling	Barring Time (4, 8, 16, 32, 64, 128, 256, 512 seconds)
	Barring for Special AC
AC Barring for MO Data	Barring Factor (0 to 0.95, step 0.05)
	Barring Time (4, 8, 16, 32, 64, 128, 256, 512 seconds)
	Barring for Special AC
SSAC Barring for MMTEL Voice (rel. 9)	Barring Factor (0 to 0.95, step 0.05)
	Barring Time (4, 8, 16, 32, 64, 128, 256, 512 seconds)
	Barring for Special AC
SSAC Barring for MMTEL Video (rel. 9)	Barring Factor (0 to 0.95, step 0.05)
	Barring Time (4, 8, 16, 32, 64, 128, 256, 512 seconds)
	Barring for Special AC
AC Barring for CSFallback (rel. 10)	Barring Factor (0 to 0.95, step 0.05)
	Barring Time (4, 8, 16, 32, 64, 128, 256, 512 seconds)
	Barring for Special AC

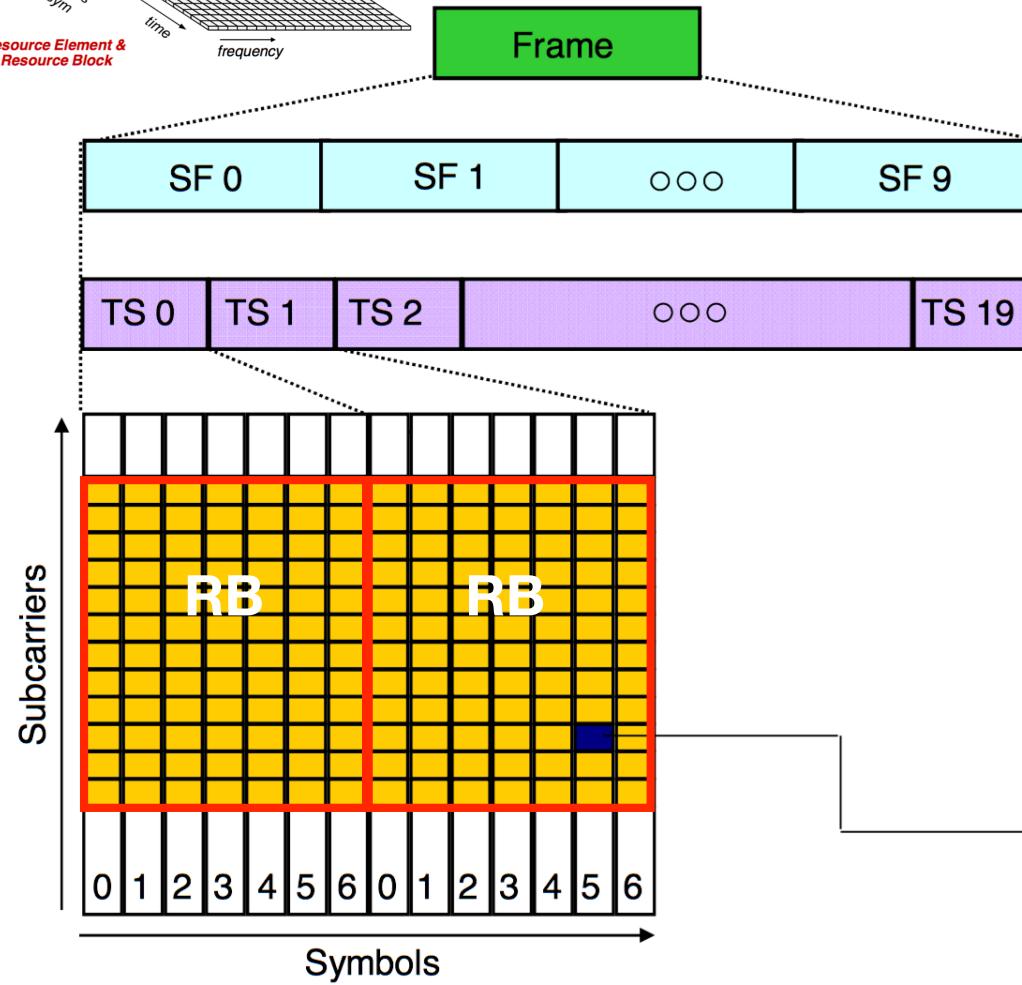
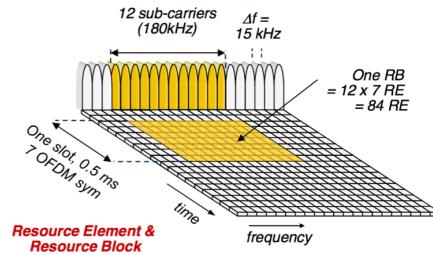
The Difference between SIBs in 4G and 5G

System Information Block



SIB	4G	5G
MIB	Carries physical layer information of LTE cell which in turn help receive further SIs, i.e. system bandwidth	SFN, critical information for the reception of SIB1, Cell barred flag, Intra frequency reselection allowed flag
SIB1	Cell Access Related Information - PLMN Identity List, PLMN Identity, TA Code, Cell identity & Cell Status	Cell selection/barring, radio resource config, scheduling of other SIBs
SIB2	Access Barring Information - Access Probability factor, Access Class Baring List, Access Class Baring Time, Random Access Parameter, PRACH Configuration	Cell reselection (intra freq, inter freq, IRAT) common
SIB3	Cell-reselection parameters for INTRA-Frequency, INTER-Frequency and Inter-RAT	Information about the serving frequency and intra-frequency neighbouring cells relevant for cell re-selection
SIB4	Cell-reselection parameters for Neighbouring INTRA-Frequency	Information about Inter-frequencies neighbouring cells relevant for cell re-selection
SIB5	Cell-reselection parameters for INTER-Frequency	Information about E-UTRA frequencies and E-UTRA neighbouring cells relevant for cell re-selection
SIB6	Cell-reselection parameters INTER RAT Frequency	ETWS primary notification, ETWS: Earthquake and Tsunami Warning System
SIB7	Cell-reselection parameters INTER RAT Frequency (GERAN)	ETWS secondary notification, ETWS: Earthquake and Tsunami Warning System
SIB8	Information for reselection to CDMA2000 systems	CMAS warning notification, CMAS: Commercial Mobile Alert System
SIB9	Home eNodeB name – for future LTE femtocell applications	Information related to GPS time and Coordinated Universal Time (UTC)

Resource Block



1 Frame = 10 SF = 20 TS
 1 SF = 2 TS
 1 Frame = 10 ms
 1 SF = 1 ms
 1 TS = 0.5 ms

1 Frame = 10 Subframes

1 Subframes
= 2 Time slots

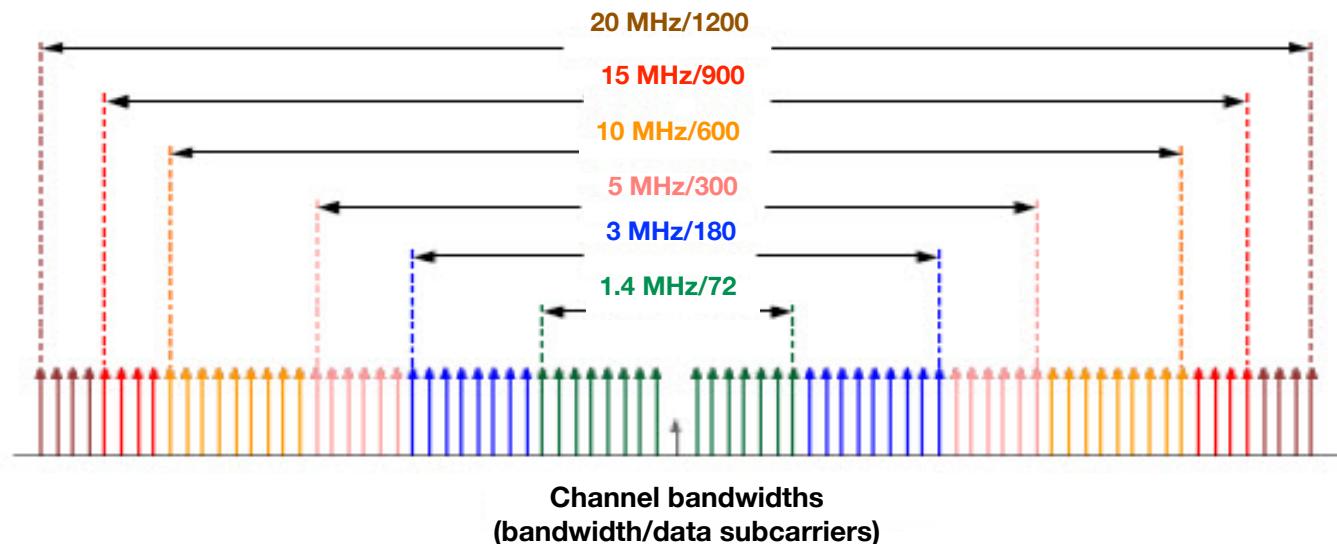
1 Time slot has
 $6 < \text{RB} < 100$

12 subcarriers(180kHz) x 7
Symbols = 1 Resource
Block (RB)

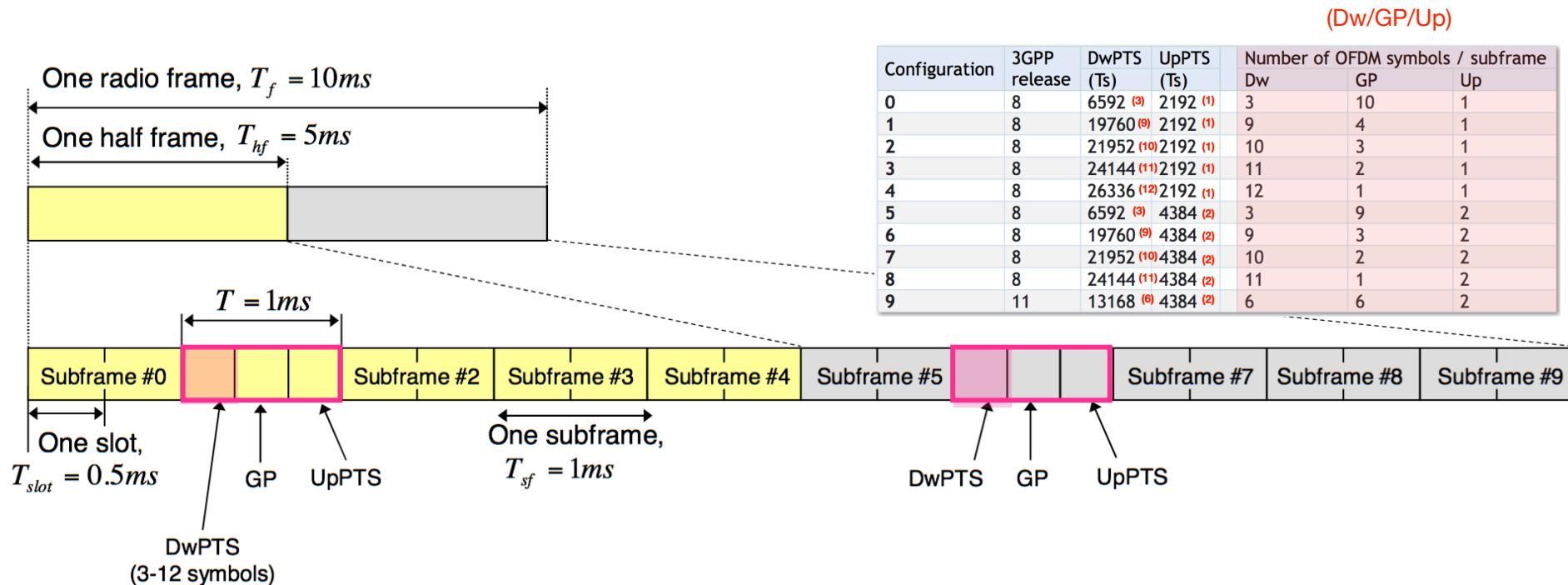
1 subcarrier x 1 symbol
= 1 Resource Element (RE)

LTE Bandwidth / Resource Configuration

Channel bandwidth [MHz]	1.4	3	5	10	15	20
Number of resource blocks (N_{RB})	6	15	25	50	75	100
Number of occupied subcarriers	72	180	300	600	900	1200



LTE TDD Frame (Type 2)

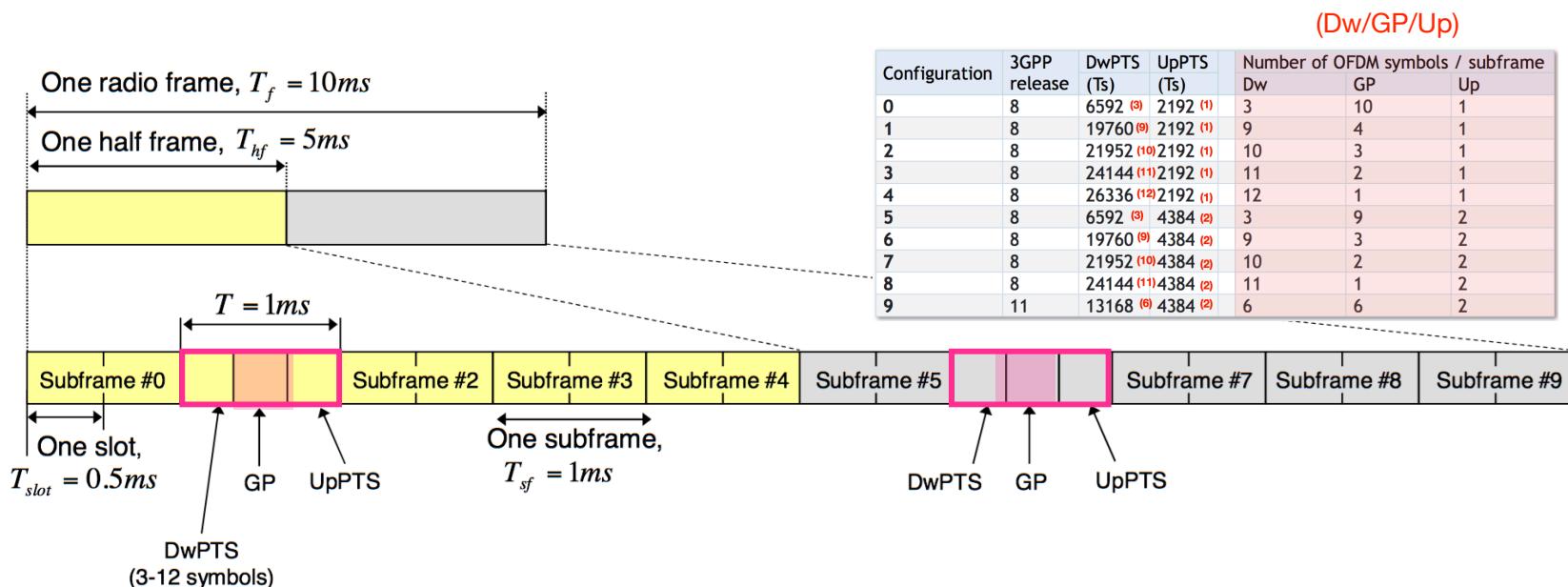


$$T_s = 1/30720000$$

1 subframe
= 2 time slots
= 14 symbols

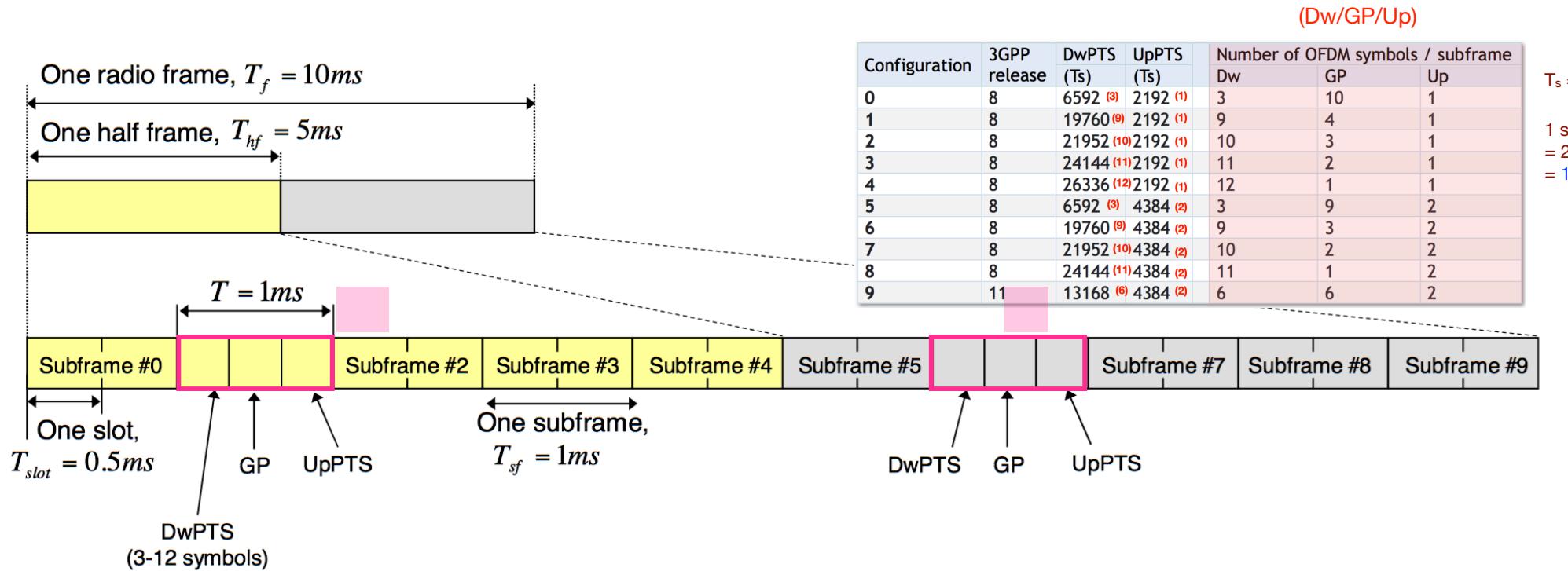
DwPTS (Downlink Pilot Time Slot)

- The subframe allocated for DL transmission from BS to UE
- Include time for sending reference signals, known as pilots, which are used by the devices to estimate the channel quality



GP (Guard Period)

- A small amount of time inserted between DL and UL transmissions to prevent interference
- This is necessary because of the time taken by the radio waves to travel between the BS and the UE, ensuring that DL transmissions do not overlap with UL transmissions



UpPTS (Uplink Pilot Time Slot)

- The subframe allocated for UL transmission, where the Ue sends pilot signals to the BS
- This helps BS to estimate the uplink channel quality

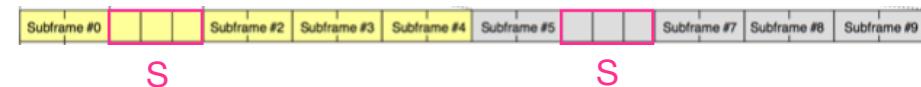
LTE TDD Subframe Allocation

DL/UL switch every
5ms / 10ms

1 frame = 10 subframes = 10 ms

Uplink-Downlink Configuration	Downlink-to-Uplink Switch-point Periodicity	Subframe Number									
		0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
0	5 ms	D	S	U	U	U	D	S	U	U	U
1	5 ms	D	S	U	U	D	D	S	U	U	D
2	5 ms	D	S	U	D	D	D	S	U	D	D
3	10 ms	D	S	U	U	U	D	D	D	D	D
4	10 ms	D	S	U	U	D	D	D	D	D	D
5	10 ms	D	S	U	D	D	D	D	D	D	D
6	5 ms	D	S	U	U	U	D	S	U	U	D

D : a subframe for downlink transmission



S : a "special" subframe used for a guard time (Dw/GP/Up)

U : a subframe for uplink transmission

Uplink-Downlink Configuration	Downlink-to-Uplink Switch-point Periodicity	Subframe Number									
		0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
0	5 ms	D	S	U	U	U	D	S	U	U	U
1	5 ms	D	S	U	U	D	D	S	U	U	D
2	5 ms	D	S	U	D	D	D	S	U	D	D
3	10 ms	D	S	U	U	U	D	D	D	D	D
4	10 ms	D	S	U	U	D	D	D	D	D	D
5	10 ms	D	S	U	D	D	D	D	D	D	D
6	5 ms	D	S	U	U	U	D	S	U	U	D

• UL-DL configuration

- The different configurations that determine how the UL (U) and DL (D) subframes are distributed across a 10 ms radio frame
- The radio frame is typically made up of 10 subframes, each 1 ms in length

Uplink-Downlink Configuration	Downlink-to-Uplink Switch-point Periodicity	Subframe Number									
		0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
0	5 ms	D	S	U	U	U	D	S	U	U	U
1	5 ms	D	S	U	U	D	D	S	U	U	D
2	5 ms	D	S	U	D	D	D	S	U	D	D
3	10 ms	D	S	U	U	U	D	D	D	D	D
4	10 ms	D	S	U	U	D	D	D	D	D	D
5	10 ms	D	S	U	D	D	D	D	D	D	D
6	5 ms	D	S	U	U	U	D	S	U	U	D

- **DL-to-UL switch-point periodicity**

- This indicates how often the switch from DL to UL occurs
- The switch can happen every 5 ms, and in others, every 10 ms
- This periodicity is important for synchronizing the transmission and reception within the network

Uplink-Downlink Configuration	Downlink-to-Uplink Switch-point Periodicity	Subframe Number									
		0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
0	5 ms	D	S	U	U	U	D	S	U	U	U
1	5 ms	D	S	U	U	D	D	S	U	U	D
2	5 ms	D	S	U	D	D	D	S	U	D	D
3	10 ms	D	S	U	U	U	D	D	D	D	D
4	10 ms	D	S	U	U	D	D	D	D	D	D
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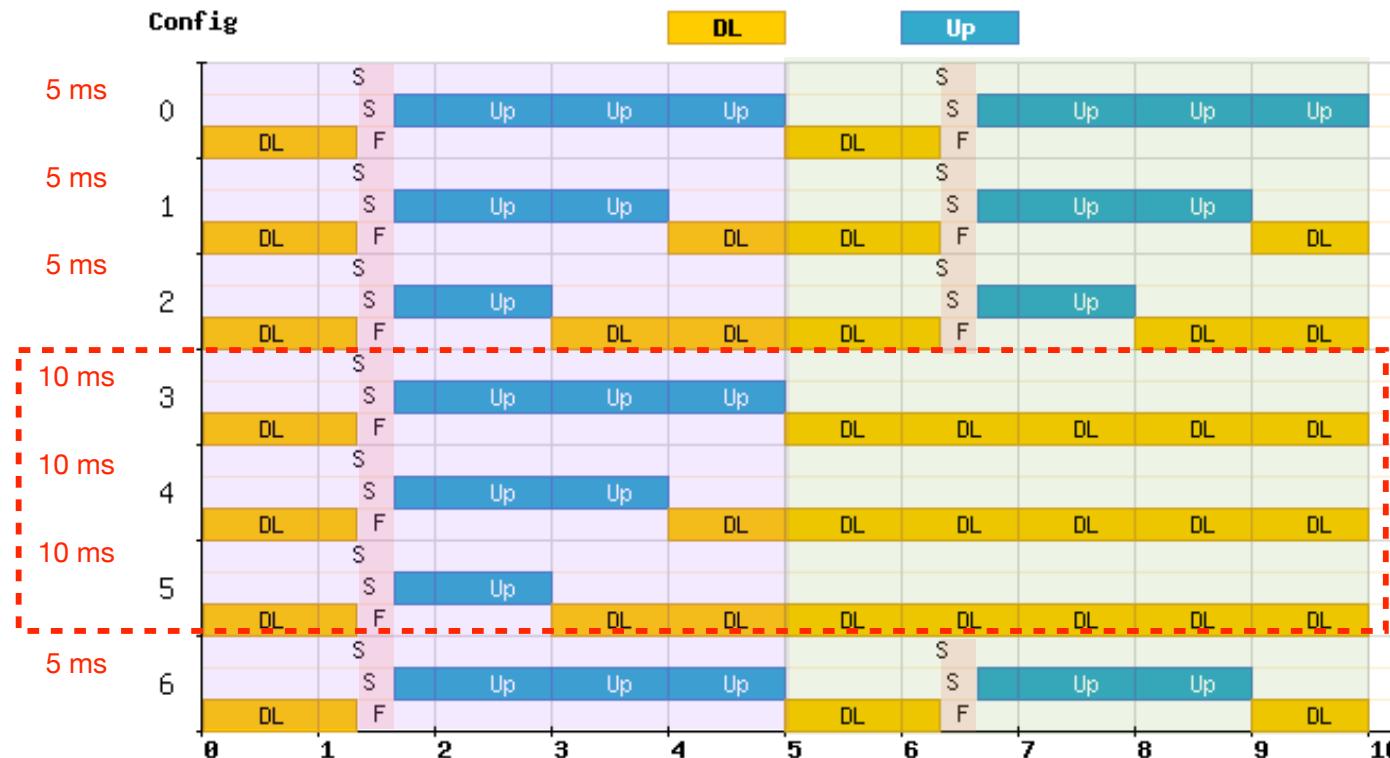
- **Subframe number**

- The subframe numbers within a 10 ms LTE radio frame
- Each subframe can be designated as a DL (D), UL (U), or special (S) subframe

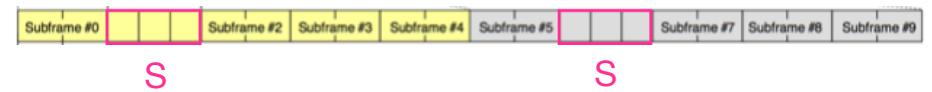
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		0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
0	5 ms	D	S	U	U	U	D	S	U	U	U
1	5 ms	D	S	U	U	D	D	S	U	U	D
2	5 ms	D	S	U	D	D	D	S	U	D	D
3	10 ms	D	S	U	U	U	D	D	D	D	D
4	10 ms	D	S	U	U	D	D	D	D	D	D
5	10 ms	D	S	U	D	D	D	D	D	D	D
6	5 ms	D	S	U	U	U	D	S	U	U	D

- D (DL subframe): The subframes for DL transmission from BS to UE
- U (UL subframe): The subframes for UL transmission from UE to BS
- S (Special subframe): This subframe contains three fields: DwPTS, GP, and UpPTS, which are necessary for the transition between DL and UL transmissions within the same frequency band

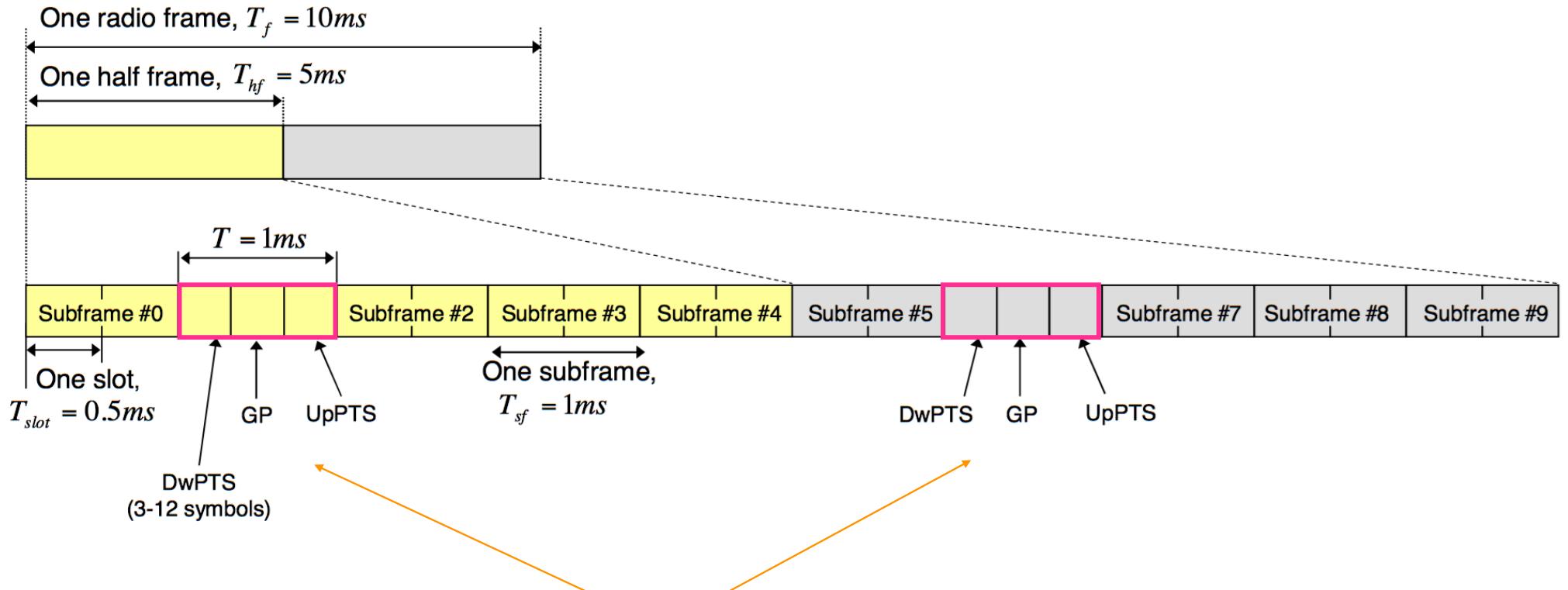
Graphical view of one TDD frame (10ms)



Uplink-Downlink Configuration	Downlink-to-Uplink Switch-point Periodicity	Subframe Number									
		0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
0	5 ms	D	S	U	U	U	D	S	U	U	U
1	5 ms	D	S	U	U	D	D	S	U	U	D
2	5 ms	D	S	U	D	D	D	S	U	D	D
3	10 ms	D	S	U	U	U	D	D	D	D	D
4	10 ms	D	S	U	U	D	D	D	D	D	D
5	10 ms	D	S	U	D	D	D	D	D	D	D
6	5 ms	D	S	U	U	U	D	S	U	U	D



LTE DL/UL Switching Options



Special Subframes

- Facilitate DL-to-UL switch
- Two in the case of 5 ms DL-to-UL switch-point periodicity
- One in the case of 10 ms DL-to-UL switch-point periodicity

SSF Special SubFrame, normal CP (Dw / GP / Up)

Configuration	3GPP release	DwPTS	UpPTS	Number of OFDM symbols / subframe		
		(Ts)	(Ts)	Dw	GP	Up
0	8	6592 (3)	2192 (1)	3	10	1
1	8	19760 (9)	2192 (1)	9	4	1
2	8	21952 (10)	2192 (1)	10	3	1
3	8	24144 (11)	2192 (1)	11	2	1
4	8	26336 (12)	2192 (1)	12	1	1
5	8	6592 (3)	4384 (2)	3	9	2
6	8	19760 (9)	4384 (2)	9	3	2
7	8	21952 (10)	4384 (2)	10	2	2
8	8	24144 (11)	4384 (2)	11	1	2
9	11	13168 (6)	4384 (2)	6	6	2

Increasing SSF configuration

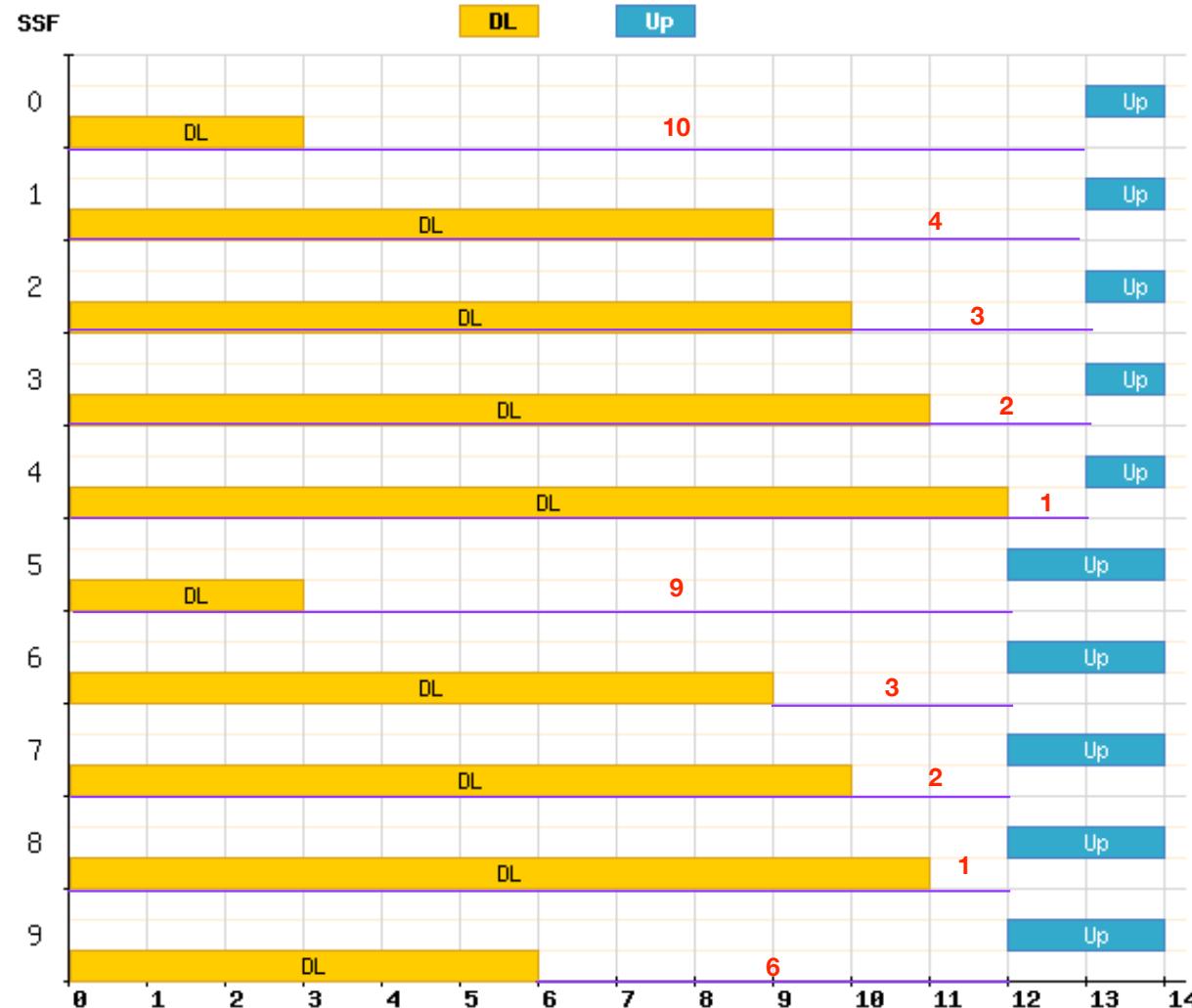
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DwPTS Downlink Pilot Time Slot

UpPTS Uplink Pilot Time Slot

GP Guard period

Graphical view of a Special SubFrame (1ms)



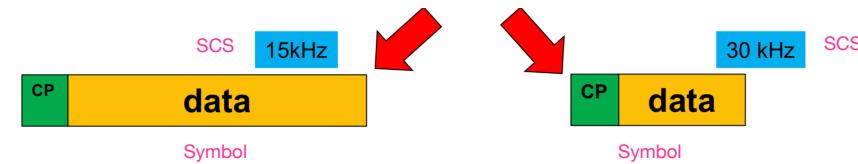
Number of OFDM symbols / subframe		
Dw	GP	Up
3	10	1
9	4	1
10	3	1
11	2	1
12	1	1
3	9	2
9	3	2
10	2	2
11	1	2
6	6	2

LTE vs. 5G NR

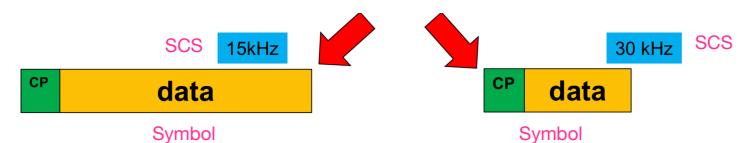
	LTE	5G NR
Radio Frame	10 ms	10 ms
Half Frame	FDD: N/A, TDD: 5 ms	5 ms
Subframe	1 ms	1 ms
Slot size	0.5 ms	$\Delta f = 1/2^\mu \text{ ms}$ $\mu = 0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6$ <u>1, 0.5, 0.25, 0.125, 0.0625, 0.03125, 0.015625</u>
Slot description	7 OFDM symbols with Normal CP and <u>6</u> symbols with Extended CP	14 OFDM symbols with Normal CP and <u>12</u> symbols with Extended CP
Mini Slot size	N/A	2, 4 or 7 OFDM symbols
Subcarrier Spacing (SCS)	15 KHz or 7.5 KHz in case of eMBMS (evolved Multimedia Broadcast Multicast Service)	$\Delta f = 2^\mu * 15\text{kHz}$ $\mu = -2, -1, 0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6$ <u>3.75, 7.5, 15, 30, 60, 120, 240, 480, 960</u>
Bandwidth	1.4, 3, 5, 10, 15 or 20 MHz UE is aware about total bandwidth (Broadcasted in MIB)	<u>5; 10; 15; 25; 30; 40; 50; 60; 80 and 100 MHz</u> for frame range 1 (below 6 GHz) <u>50; 100; 200 and 400 MHz</u> for frame range 2 (Above 24.25 GHz)

Numerologies of NR

- Multiple combinations of physical transmission parameters in NR
- **Subcarrier spacing (SCS) (Hz)**
 - Frequency separation between adjacent subcarriers in an OFDM signal
 - Larger SCS supports shorter Transmission Time Interval (TTI), aiding low latency, and less susceptible to Doppler shifts, beneficial for high-frequency (mmWave) operations
- **OFDM symbol duration (μ s)**
 - Time duration of one OFDM symbol
 - Inversely proportional to the SCS
 - Higher SCS leads to shorter symbols for faster transmission but increased sensitivity to channel delay spread



- CP duration (μ s)
 - Serves as a buffer to mitigate ISI from multipath delays
 - Duration inversely related to SCS (larger SCS shortens CP)
 - Normal CP is used for typical cellular environments; extended CP is for greater delay spread protection, suitable for broadcasting or large cell radius scenarios
- OFDM symbol including CP



Parameter / Numerology (u)	0	1	2	3	4
* Subcarrier Spacing (Khz)	15	30	60	120	240
OFDM Symbol Duration (us)	66.67	33.33	16.67	8.33	4.17
Cyclic Prefix Duration (us)	4.69	2.34	1.17	0.57	0.29
* OFDM Symbol including CP (us)	71.35	35.68	17.84	8.92	4.46

Subcarrier spacing (a) x OFDM symbol including CP (b) ≈ 1

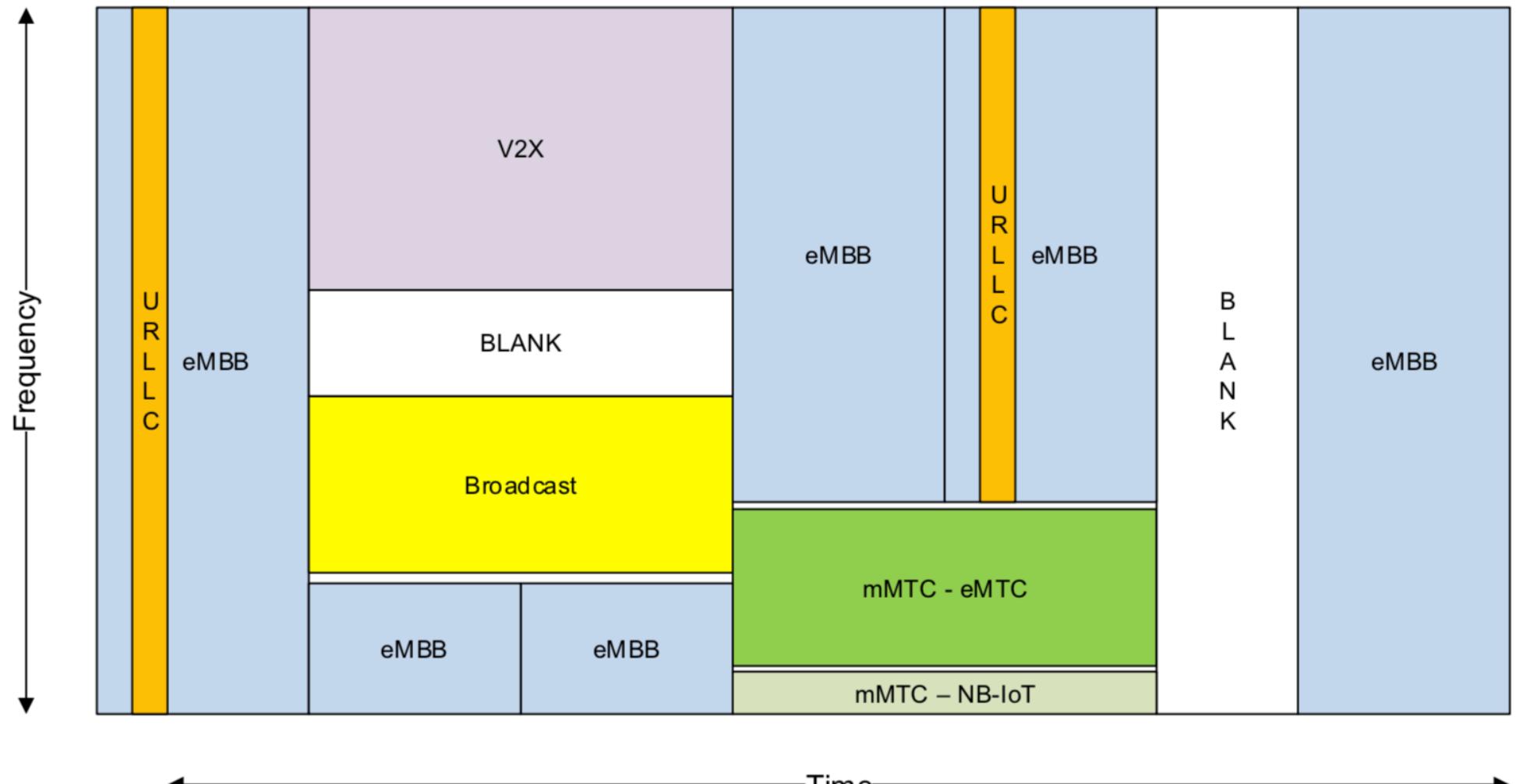
- NR supports scalable numerology to address different spectrum, bandwidth, deployment and services

Flexible NR Framework

- NR provides flexible framework to support different services and QoS requirements
 - Scalable slot duration, mini-slot and slot aggregation
 - Self-contained slot structure
 - Traffic preemption for URLLC
 - Support for different numerologies for different services
 - NR transmission is well-contained in time and frequency
 - Future feature can be easily accommodated

slot size

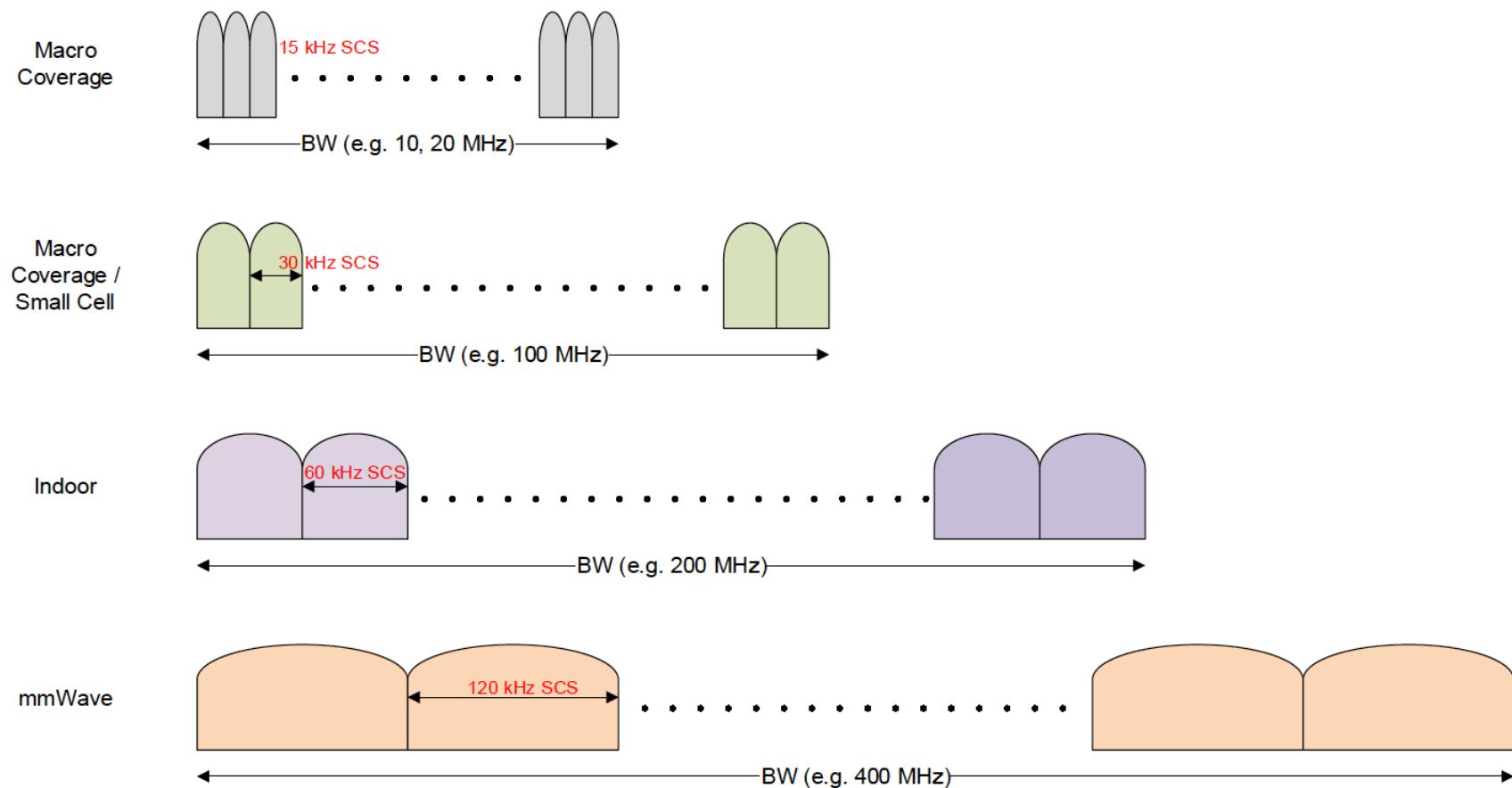
$$\Delta f = 1/2^\mu \text{ ms } \mu = 0, 1, 2, 3, 4
1, 0.5, 0.25, 0.125 \text{ or } 0.0625$$

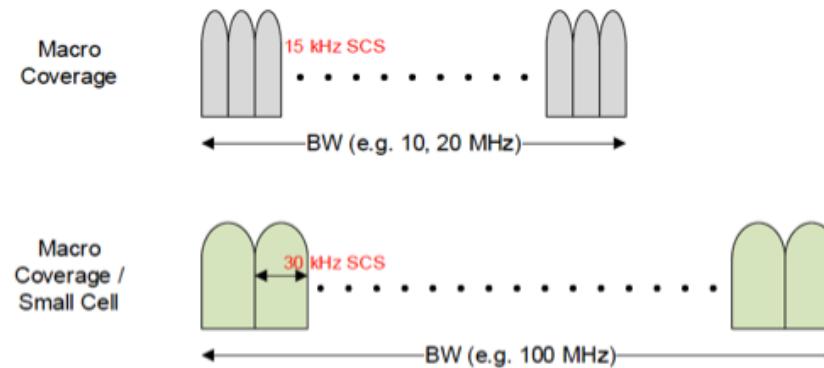


NR transmission is well-contained in time and frequency

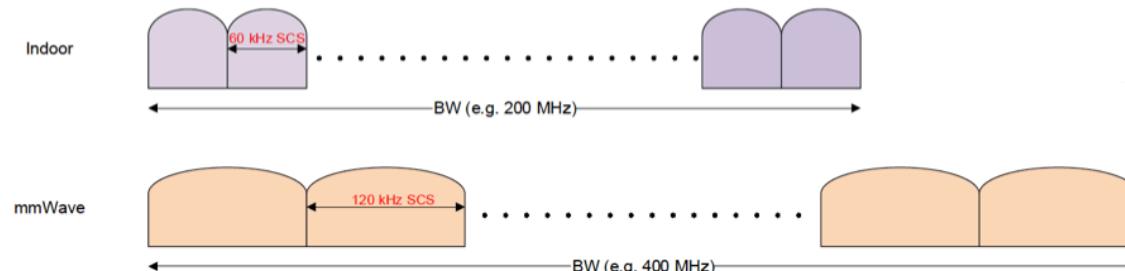
Scalable NR Slot Duration

- **Sub-carrier spacing (SCS) of 15, 30, 60, 120, 240, 480, 960 kHz is supported for data channels**

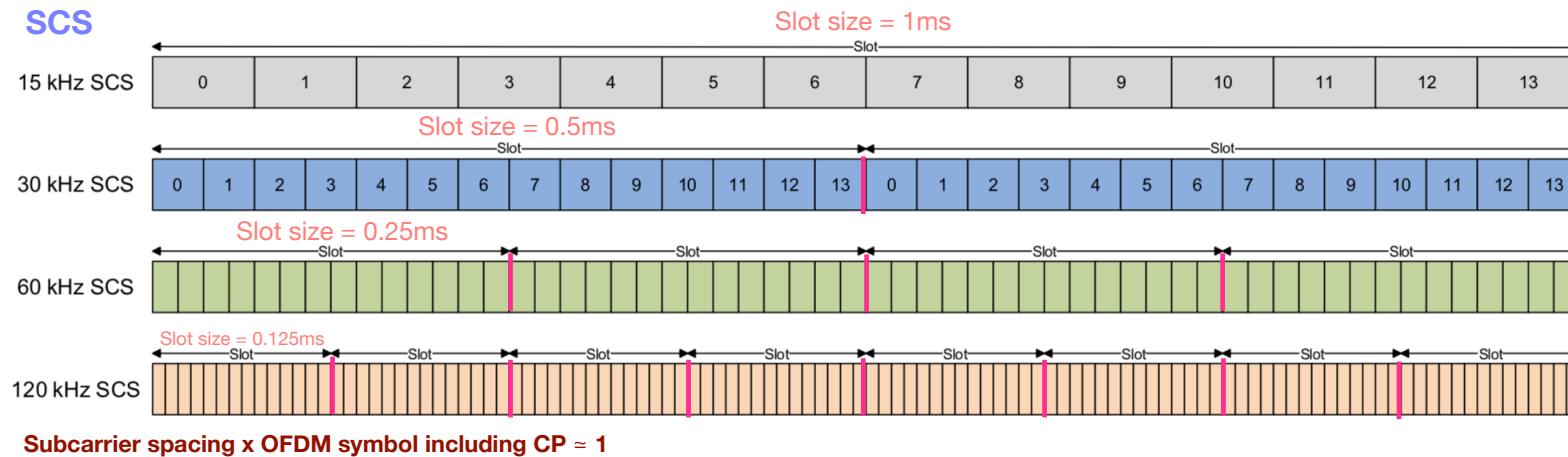




- Macro coverage
 - Use 15 kHz SCS for wide-area coverage
 - Larger CP to handle delay spread in large cells
 - Bandwidths like 10, 20 MHz for broad coverage, not focused on high throughput
- Macro coverage / small cell
 - Employ 30 kHz SCS, suitable for urban areas and small cells
 - Balances coverage and capacity with moderate bandwidths, e.g., 100 MHz.
 - Enables denser cell deployment and moderate throughput



- Indoor
 - Utilizes 60 kHz SCS for indoor settings
 - Less delay spread allows for wider bandwidths, e.g., 200 MHz
 - Targets higher throughput in dense areas like offices and malls
- mmWave
 - Adopts 120 kHz SCS for mmWave frequency use
 - Handles high Doppler shifts, with bandwidths around 400 MHz
 - Supports very high data rates over short distances, ideal for urban hotspots



- One slot is comprised of 14 symbols (normal CP)

- Slot length depends on SCS (slot length x SCS = 15)

- 1ms for 15kHz SCS
- 0.5ms for 30kHz SCS
- 0.25ms for 60kHz SCS
- 0.125ms for 120kHz SCS
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- Mini-slot (2,4, or 7 symbols) can be allocated for shorter transmissions

- Slot aggregation: slots can also be aggregated for longer transmissions

Slot size

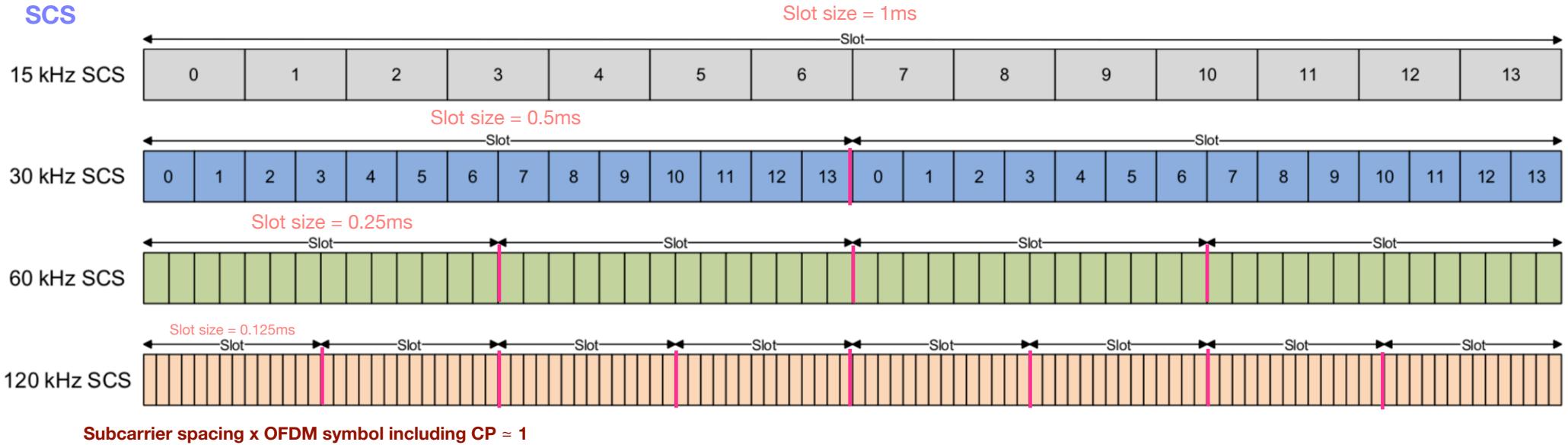
$$\Delta f = 1/2^\mu \text{ ms} \quad \mu = 0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6$$

1, 0.5, 0.25, 0.125, 0.0625, 0.03125, 0.015625

SCS

$$\Delta f = 2^\mu * 15 \text{ kHz} \quad \mu = 0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6$$

15, 30, 60, 120, 240, 480, 960



- As the SCS increases, the slot size decreases allowing the 5G NR to be flexible and adaptable to various use cases, from wide-area coverage with longer transmission times to dense urban areas requiring high throughput and low latency
- The number of slots within a fixed time frame increases with SCS, which allows for more frequent transmission opportunities and the ability to respond quicker to changing network conditions

- There can be multiple combinations of physical transmission parameters in NR, and these physical transmission parameters are collectively referred to as numerologies in NR
 - Subcarrier spacing (i.e. $2^\mu * 15 \text{ kHz}$ with varied μ)
 - CP lengths (i.e. Normal / Extended)

scs

$$\Delta f = 2^\mu * 15 \text{ kHz} \quad \mu = 0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6$$

$$15, 30, 60, 120, 240, 480, 960$$

	μ	$\Delta f = 2^\mu \cdot 15 \text{ kHz}$	Cyclic Prefix
Sync < 6 GHz	0	15 kHz	Normal
	1	30 kHz	Normal
Sync > 6 GHz	2	60 kHz	Normal, Extended
	3	120 kHz	Normal
	4	240 kHz	Normal
	5	480 kHz	Normal

scs

Data < 6 GHz

Data > 6 GHz

- Numerology and supported channels

Numerology	Subcarrier Spacing (kHz)	CP type	Data	Sync	PRACH
			Supported for Data (PDSCH, PUSCH etc)	Supported for Sync (PSS,SSS,PBCH)	
N/A	1.25		No	No	Long Preamble
N/A	5		No	No	Long Preamble
0	15	Normal	Yes	Yes	Short Preamble
1	30	Normal	Yes	Yes	Short Preamble
2	60	Normal,Extended	Yes	No	Short Preamble
3	120	Normal	Yes	Yes	Short Preamble
4	240	Normal	No	Yes	
5	480				
6	960				

Preamble :

- UE tells eNodeB that there is a random access request
- Enable eNodeB to estimate the transmission delay between it and UE
- eNodeB can thus calibrate the UL timing and inform UE of the calibration info. through timing advance command

Note : Physical Downlink Channels and Signals

- **Downlink physical channels**

- Physical Broadcast CHannel (PBCH)
- Physical Downlink Control CHannel (PDCCH)
- Physical Downlink Shared CHannel (PDSCH)

- **Downlink physical signals**

- Primary Synchronization Signal (PSS)
- Secondary Synchronization Signal (SSS)
- Channel State Information Reference Signal (CSI-RS)
- Tracking Reference Signal (TRS)

Data	Sync
Supported for Data (PDSCH, PUSCH etc)	Supported for Sync (PSS,SSS,PBCH)
No	No
No	No
Yes	Yes
Yes	Yes
Yes	No
Yes	Yes
No	Yes

Note : Physical Uplink Channels and Signals

- Uplink physical channels
 - Physical Uplink Control Channel (PUCCH)
 - Physical Uplink Shared Channel (PUSCH)
 - Physical Random Access Channel (PRACH)
- Uplink physical signals
 - Sounding Reference Signal (SRS)

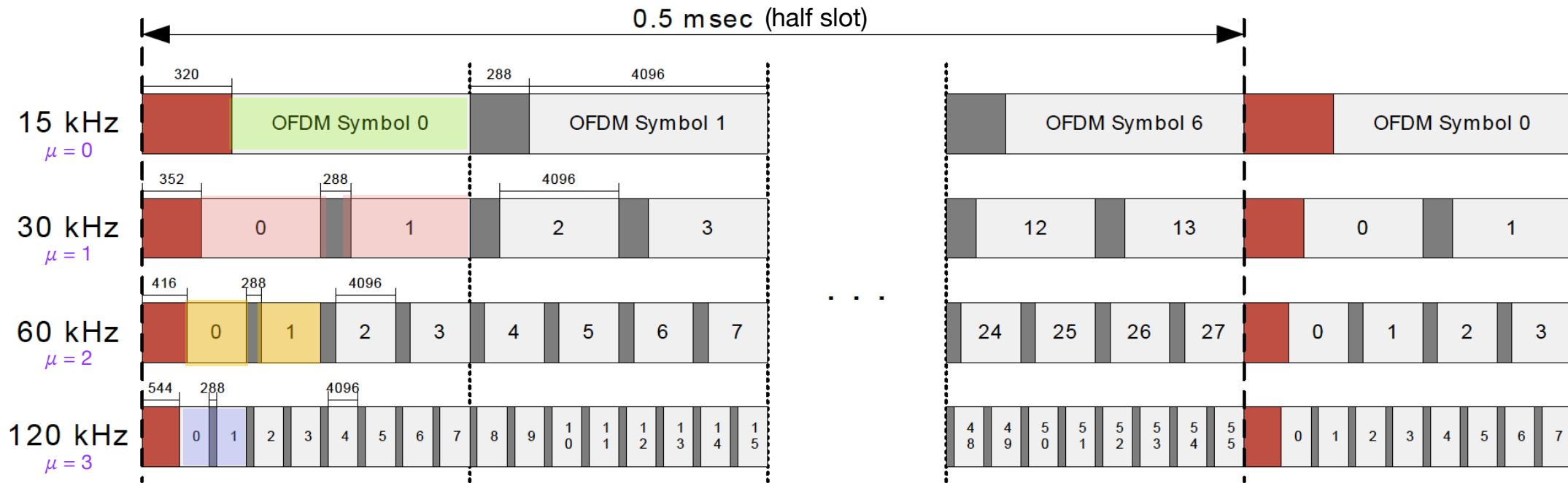
Data	Sync	PRACH
Supported for Data (PDSCH, PUSCH etc)	Supported for Sync (PSS,SSS,PBCH)	PRACH
No	No	Long Preamble
No	No	Long Preamble
Yes	Yes	Short Preamble
Yes	Yes	Short Preamble
Yes	No	Short Preamble
Yes	Yes	Short Preamble
No	Yes	

Note : Initial Access — Physical Channels and Signals

- Downlink
 - Primary Synchronization Signal (PSS)
 - Secondary Synchronization Signal (SSS)
 - Physical Broadcast Channel (PBCH)
- Uplink
 - Physical Random Access Channel (PRACH)
 - PSS, SSS and PBCH are the only always-on signals in NR

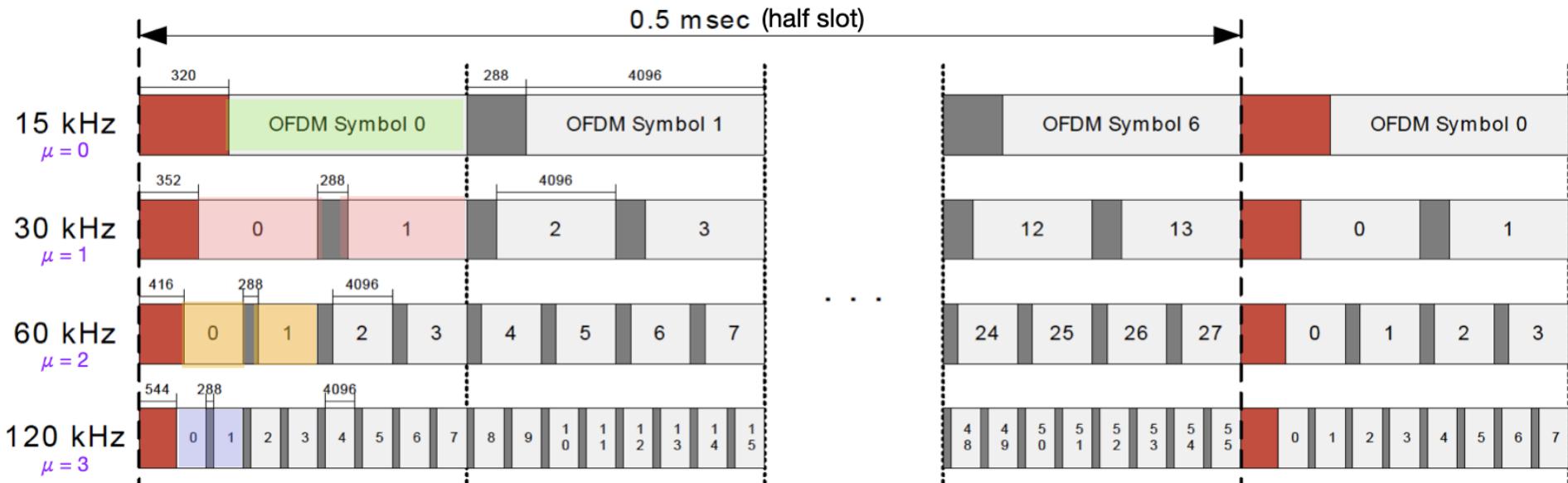
Data	Sync	
Supported for Data (PDSCH, PUSCH etc)	Supported for Sync (PSS,SSS,PBCH)	PRACH
No	No	Long Preamble
No	No	Long Preamble
Yes	Yes	Short Preamble
Yes	Yes	Short Preamble
Yes	No	Short Preamble
Yes	Yes	Short Preamble
No	Yes	

- Numerology example



- Each symbol length (including CP) of **15 kHz** equals the sum of the corresponding 2^μ symbols of $2^\mu * 15 \text{ kHz}$ ($\mu = 0,1,2,3$)

(1 symb/5KHz, 2 symb/30KHz, 4 symb/60KHz, 8 symb/120KHz)
- Other than the first OFDM symbol in every 0.5 ms, all symbols within 0.5 ms have the same length

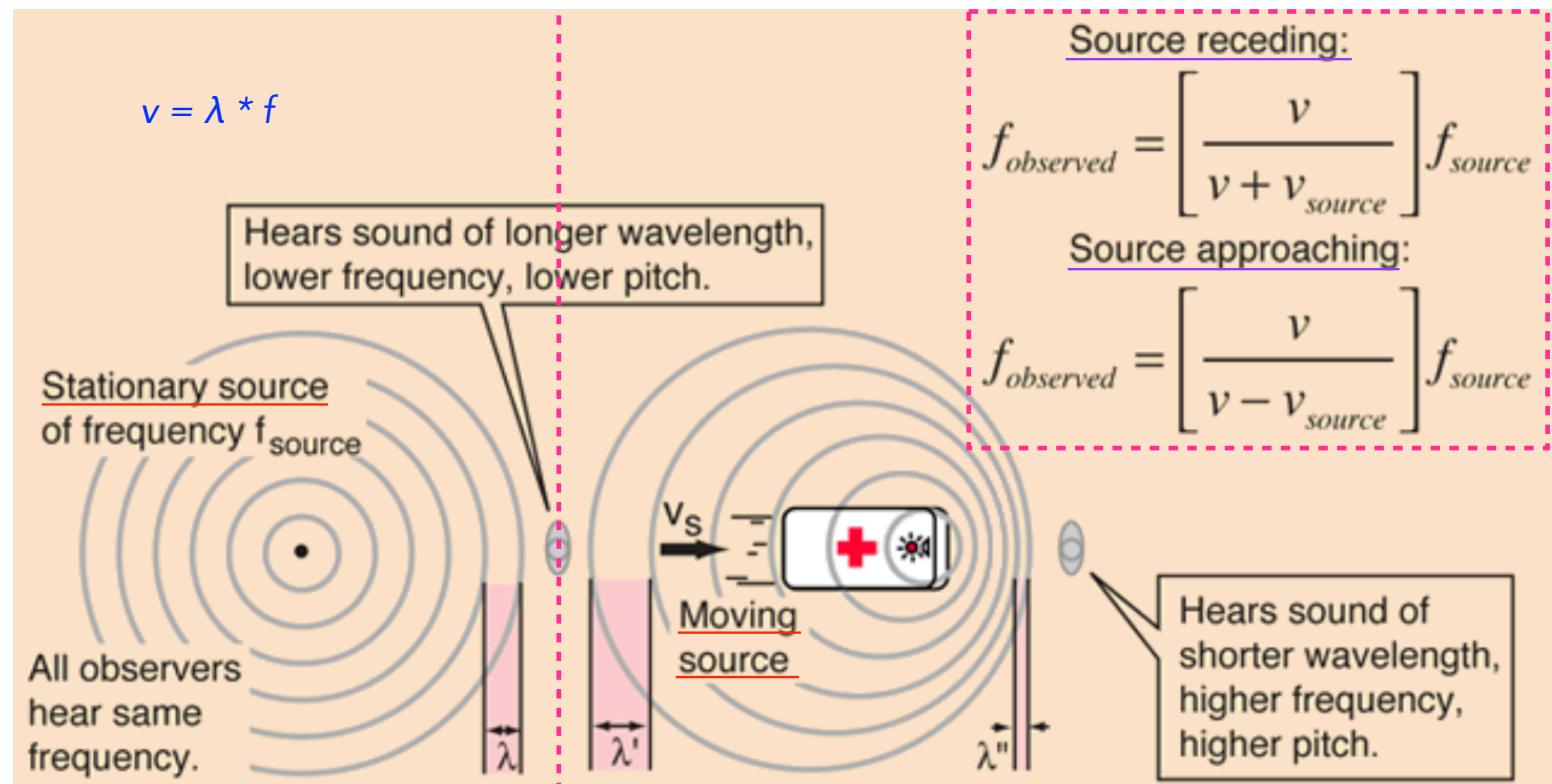


- In NR, transmitters and receivers may enjoy a wider bandwidth at high frequency bands
 - In this case, the SCS can be extended (larger than 15 kHz as adopted by LTE/LTE-A, and potentially up to 960 kHz ($\mu = 6$))
 - A large SCS may facilitate inter-carrier interference (ICI) mitigation

- High carrier frequencies are vulnerable to the Doppler effect
 - Doppler effect refers to the change in frequency or wavelength of a wave in relation to an observer who is moving relative to the wave source
 - Doppler effect occurs when there is relative motion between the transmitter and receiver, causing the frequency of the signal received to differ from the frequency that was transmitted

Note : Doppler Effect

- The high pitch of the siren of the approaching ambulance
- The pitch drops suddenly as the ambulance passes you



- NR should also support a small SCS, such as 3.75 kHz as supported by NB-IoT, to enjoy better power efficiency at low frequency bands
- SCSs in NR are scalable as a subset (3.75 kHz = $1/4 \times 15 \text{ kHz}$) or superset (960 kHz = $64 \times 15 \text{ kHz}$) of 15 kHz
- Scalable SCSs can be $2^\mu \times 15 \text{ kHz}$, where μ can be a positive / negative integer or zero

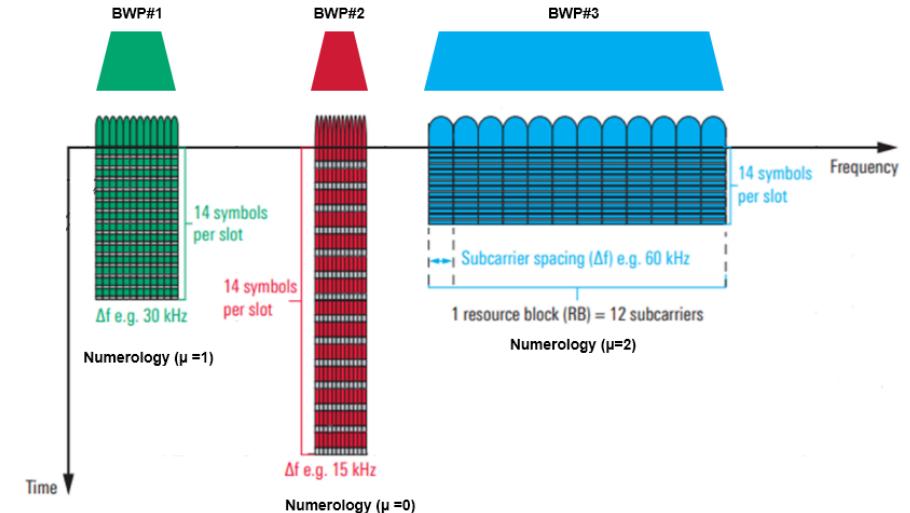
$$\Delta f = 2^\mu \cdot 15 \text{ kHz}$$

$\mu = -2, -1, 0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6$
 $\Delta f = 3.75, 7.5, 15, 30, 60, 120, 240, 480, 960$
- For each SCS value
 - Multiple CP lengths can be inserted to adapt to different levels of ISI at different carrier frequencies and mobility

- Multiple OFDM numerologies are supported as given by the following table where μ and CP for a **bandwidth part (BWP)** are given by the higher-layer parameters
 - DL-BWP- μ (μ) and DL-BWP-cp for DL
 - UL-BWP- μ (μ) and UL-BWP-cp for UL

μ	$\Delta f = 2^\mu \cdot 15$ [kHz]	Cyclic prefix
0	15	Normal
1	30	Normal
2	60	Normal, Extended
3	120	Normal
4	240	Normal
5	480	
6	960	

Supported transmission numerologies



BWP: A bandwidth part is a subset of contiguous common resource blocks for a given numerology (μ) on a given carrier

Note : DL-BWP-mu / cp, UL-BWP-mu / cp

- **DL-BWP-mu (μ)**

- The numerology of DL BWP configuration is applied to at least PDCCH, PDSCH & corresponding DMRS (Demodulation Reference Signal)

- **DL-BWP-cp**

- Configure the CP for the bandwidth part
- Support CPs, where normal CP is for all numerologies and slot formats, extended CP is for 60 kHz numerology

Numerology	Subcarrier Spacing (kHz)	CP type	Supported for Data (PDSCH, PUSCH etc)	Supported for Sync (PSS,SSS,PBCH)	PRACH
N/A	1.25		No	No	Long Preamble
N/A	5		No	No	Long Preamble
0	15	Normal	Yes	Yes	Short Preamble
1	30	Normal	Yes	Yes	Short Preamble
2	60	Normal,Extended	Yes	No	Short Preamble
3	120	Normal	Yes	Yes	Short Preamble
4	240	Normal	No	Yes	
5	480				
6	960				

- **UL-BWP-*mu* (μ)**

- The numerology of UL BWP configuration is applied to at least PUCCH, PUSCH & corresponding DMRS

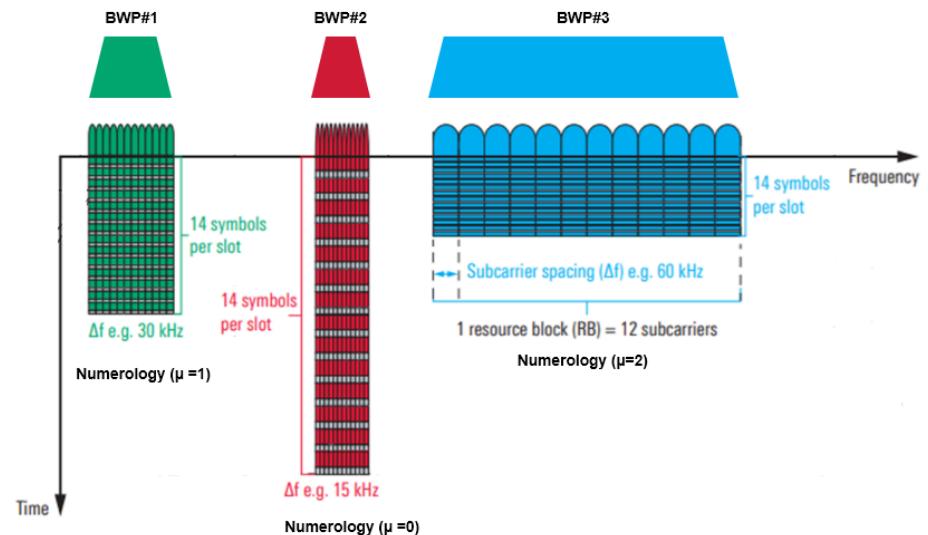
- **UL-BWP-*cp***

- Configure the CP for the bandwidth part
- Support CPs, where normal CP is for all numerologies and slot formats, extended CP is for 60 kHz numerology

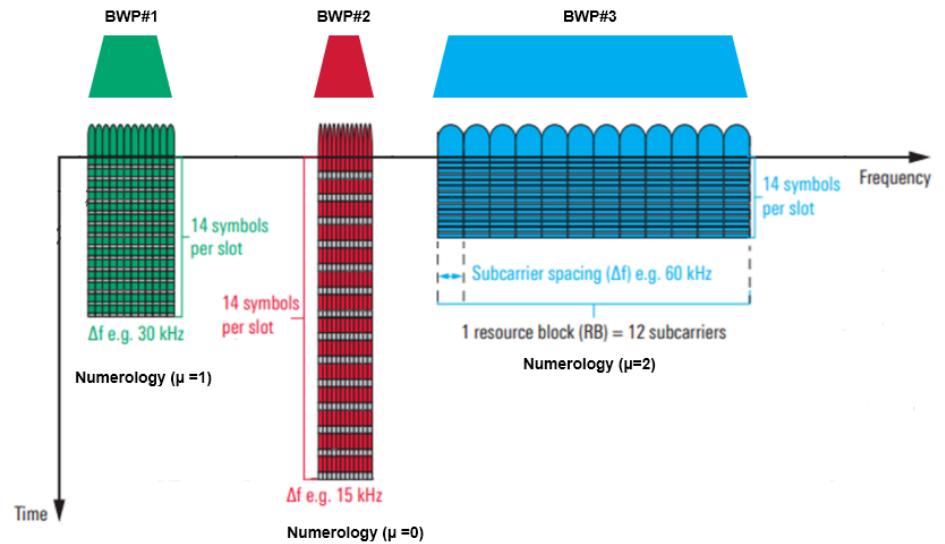
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5	480				
6	960				

Bandwidth Part (BWP)

- A Bandwidth Part is a contiguous set of PRBs (Physical Resource Blocks) on a given carrier
 - These RBs are selected from a contiguous subset of the common resource blocks for a given numerology (μ), denoted by BWP
 - Each BWP defined for a numerology can have the following three different parameters
 - Subcarrier spacing
 - Symbol duration
 - Cyclic prefix (CP) length



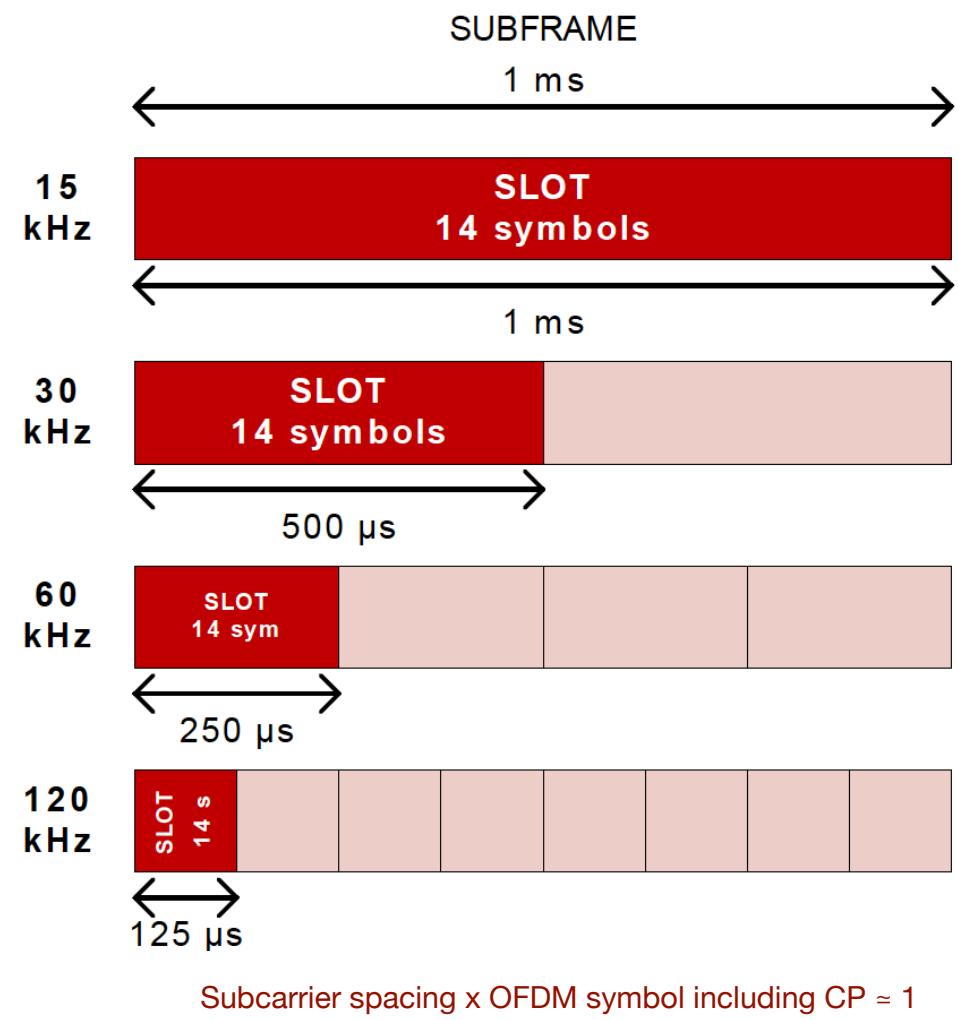
- BWP configuration properties
 - UE can be configured with
 - Max 4 BWP for DL and UL, but
 - At a given point of time only one BWP is active for DL and one for UL
- BWP concept
 - Enable UEs to operate in narrow bandwidth
 - When user demands more data (bursty traffic) it can inform gNB to enable wider bandwidth



Frame Structure of NR

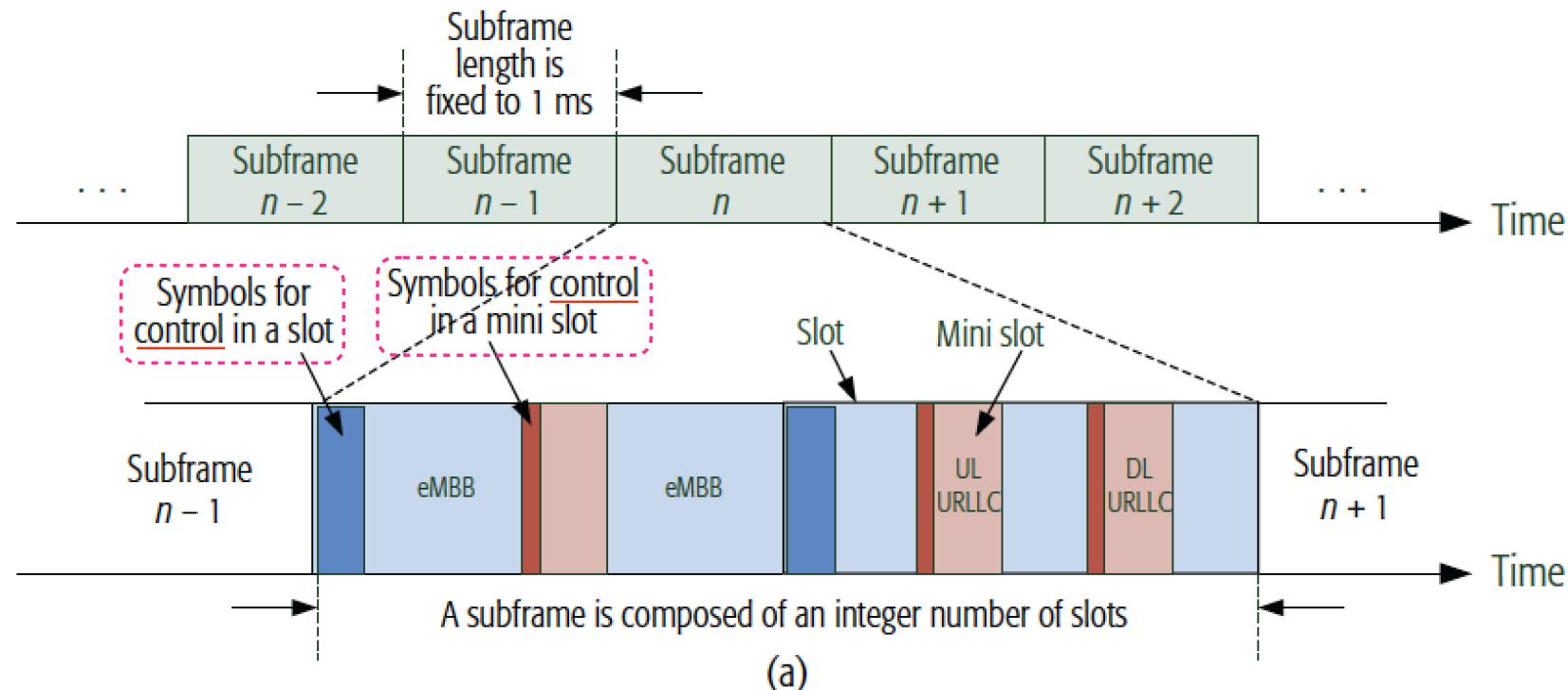
- In the time domain (dynamic TDD)

- **Frame:** 10 ms
- **Subframe:** reference period of 1 ms
- **Slot** (slot based scheduling)
 - 14 OFDM symbols
 - One possible scheduling unit
 - Slot aggregation allowed
 - Slot length scales with the SCS
 - Slot length = $1ms / 2^\mu$ ($\mu = 0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6$)
($1\text{ ms}, 0.5\text{ ms}, 0.25\text{ ms}, 0.125\text{ ms}, 0.0625\text{ ms}, 0.03125\text{ ms}, 0.015625\text{ ms}$)

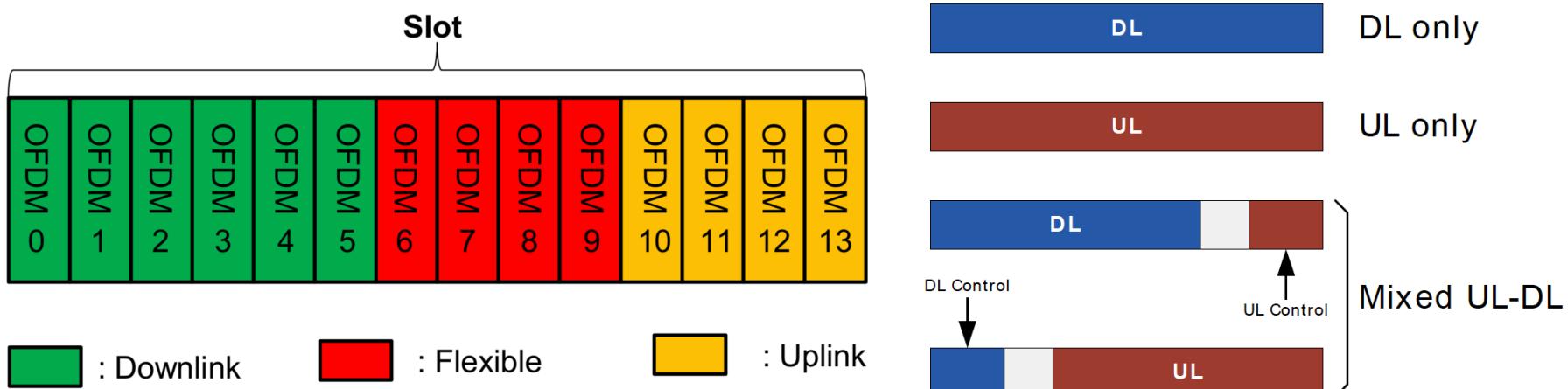


- **Mini-slot** (non-slot based scheduling)
 - 2, 4 or 7 OFDM symbols
 - Min scheduling unit

- Each slot can carry control signals/channels at the beginning and/or ending OFDM symbol(s)
- This design enables a gNB to immediately allocate resources for URLLC when urgent data arrives



- OFDM symbols in a slot are able to be
 - All DL
 - All UL
 - At least one DL part and at least one UL part (mixed) (static, semi-static or dynamic)



- Slot aggregation is supported
 - Data transmission can be scheduled to span one or multiple slots
- Time-Division Multiplexing (TDM) scheme in NR is more flexible than that in LTE

- **Slot Format Indication (SFI)**

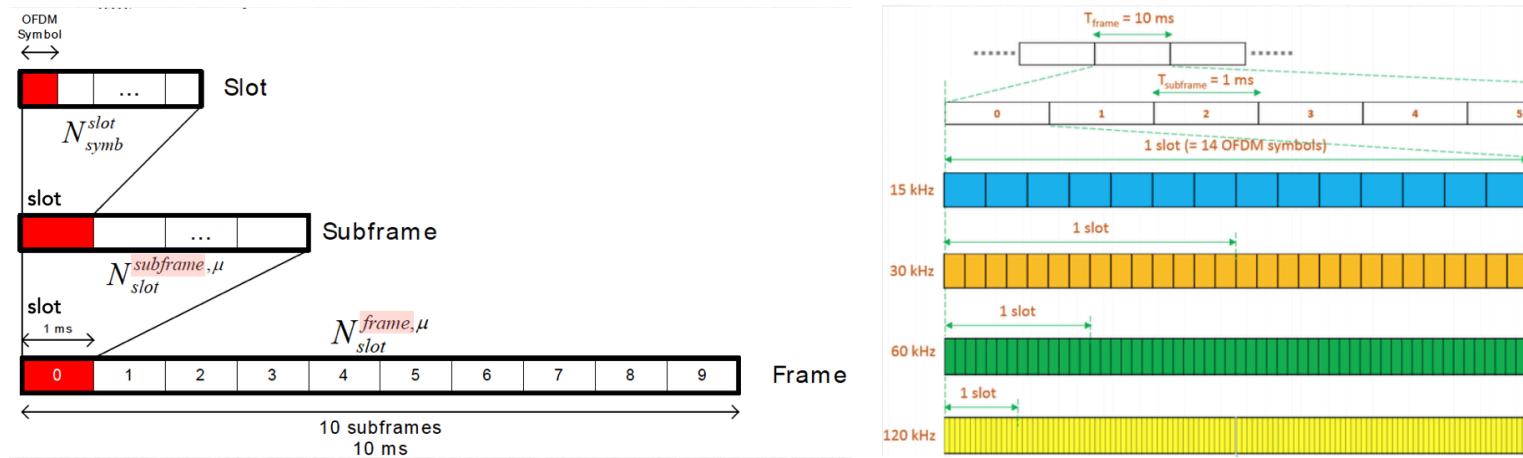
- SFI informs the UE whether an OFDM symbol is DL, UL or Flexible
- SFI can indicate link direction over one or many slots (configured through RRC - Radio Resource Control)
- The SFI carries an index to pre-configured UE-specific table (configured through RRC)
- SFI can be either
 - Dynamic
 - UE assumes there is no conflict between dynamic SFI and DCI (Downlink Control Information) DL/UL assignment
 - Static or semi-static (i.e. through RRC)

- Mini-slot use cases
 - Support of very low latency (i.e. part of URLLC)
 - Support of finer TDM granularity scheduling for the same/different UEs within a slot
 - Especially if TRxP (Transmission Reception Point) uses beam-sweeping (e.g. above 6GHz)
 - NR-LTE co-existence (e.g. using LTE MBSFN subframes for NR)
 - Forward compatibility towards unlicensed spectrum operation

Beam Sweeping : a technique to transmit the beams in all predefined directions in a burst in a regular interval

MBSFN : Multimedia Broadcast Single Frequency Network

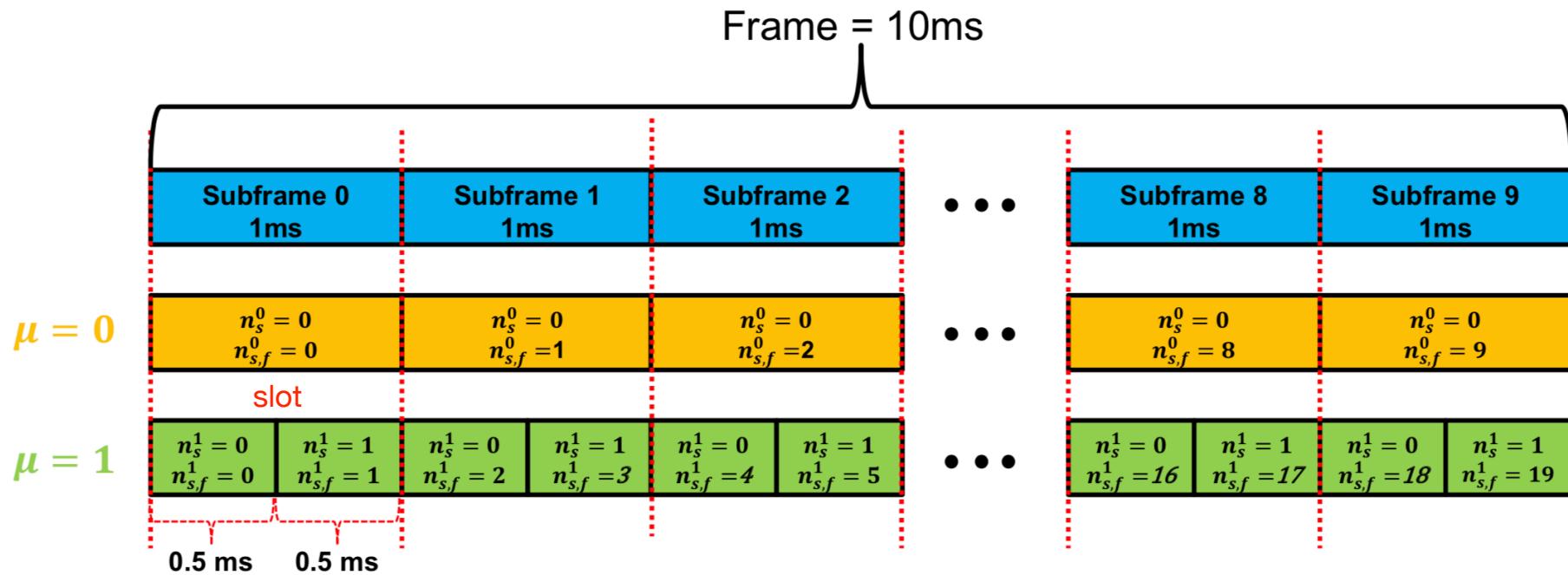
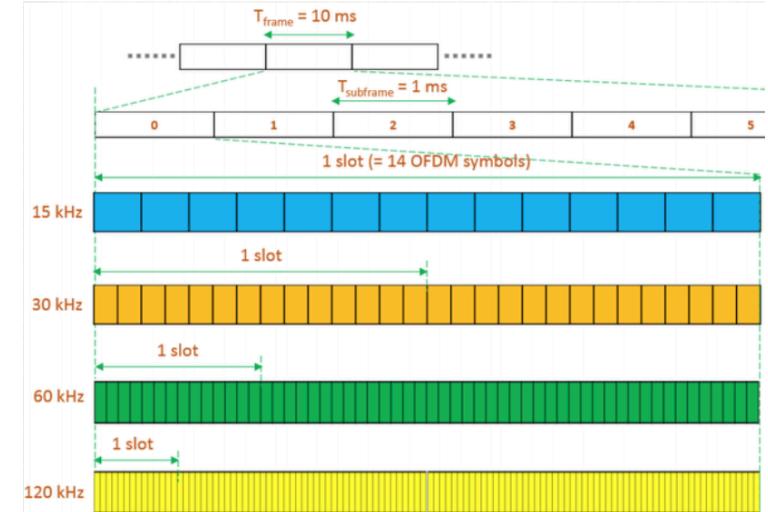
- Slots are numbered
 - $n_s^\mu \in \{0, \dots, N_{slot}^{subframe,\mu} - 1\}$ within a subframe
 - $n_{s,f}^\mu \in \{0, \dots, N_{slot}^{frame,\mu} - 1\}$ within a frame
- OFDM
Symbol
 \longleftrightarrow
-
- Slot
- N_{symb}^{slot}
- slot
- Subframe
- $N_{slot}^{subframe,\mu}$
- slot
- $N_{slot}^{frame,\mu}$
- Frame
- 0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9
- 1 ms
- 10 subframes
- 10 ms



Subcarrier Spacing (μ)	Number of OFDM Symbols per Slot (N_{symb}^{slot})	Number of Slots per Subframe ($N_{slot}^{subframe,\mu}$)	Number of Slots per Frame ($N_{slot}^{frame,\mu}$)
0 15 kHz	14 1 ms	2^0 1 slot x 1 ms = 1 ms	$x 10 =$ 10 10 ms
1 30 kHz	14 500 μ s	2^1 2 slots x 500 μ s = 1 ms	$x 10 =$ 20 10 ms
2 60 kHz (normal CP)	14 250 μ s	2^2 4 slots x 250 μ s = 1 ms	$x 10 =$ 40 10 ms
2 60 kHz (extended CP)	12 250 μ s	2^2 4 slots x 250 μ s = 1 ms	$x 10 =$ 40 10 ms
3 120 kHz	14 125 μ s	2^3 8 slots x 125 μ s = 1 ms	$x 10 =$ 80 10 ms
4 240 kHz	14 62.5 μ s	2^4 16 slots x 62.5 μ s = 1 ms	$x 10 =$ 160 10 ms
5 480 kHz	14 31.25 μ s	2^5 32 slots x 31.25 μ s = 1 ms	$x 10 =$ 320 10 ms

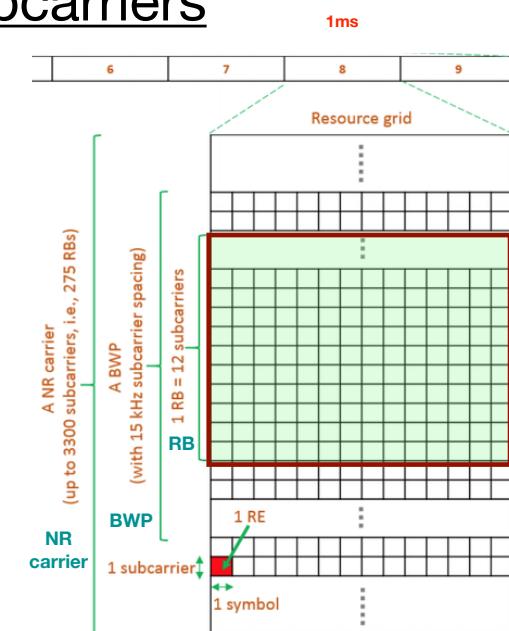
Number of OFDM symbols per slot, slots per subframe, and slots per frame for **normal cyclic / extended prefix**

- $n_s^\mu \in \{0, \dots, N_{slot}^{subframe,\mu} - 1\}$ within a subframe
- $n_{s,f}^\mu \in \{0, \dots, N_{slot}^{frame,\mu} - 1\}$ within a frame



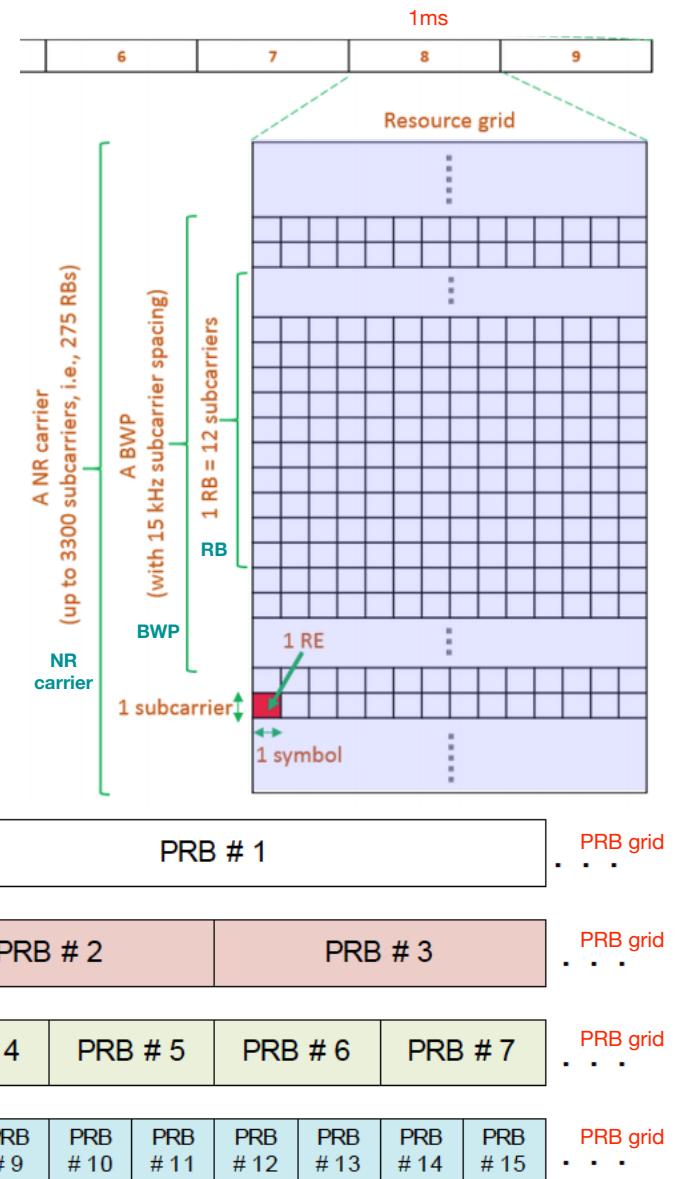
- In the **frequency domain (FDD)**
- The basic scheduling unit (grouped Resource Elements) in NR is a physical resource block (PRB), which is composed of 12 subcarriers

μ	Δf	Min N_{RB}	Max N_{RB}
0	15 kHz	20	275
1	30 kHz	20	275
2	60 kHz	20	275
3	120 kHz	20	275
4	240 kHz	20	138
5	480 kHz	20	69



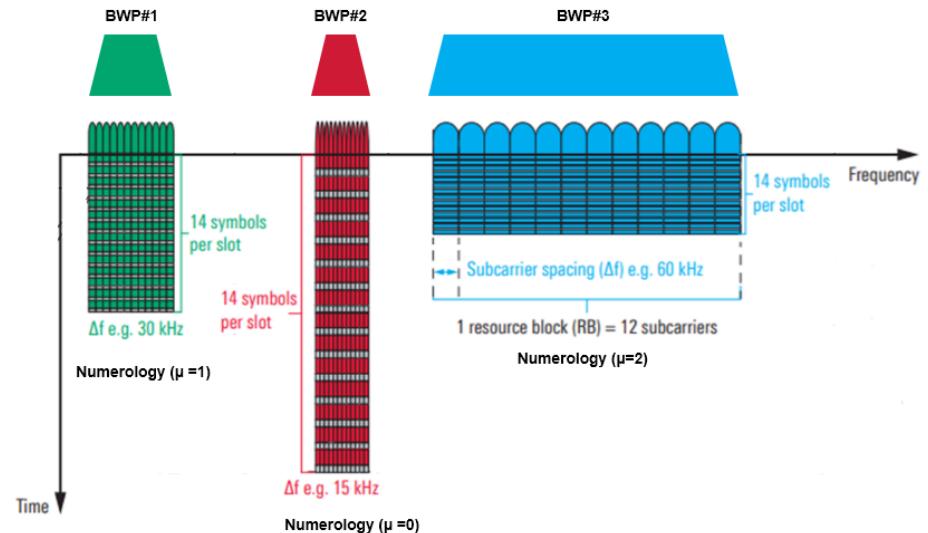
- All subcarriers within a PRB are of the same spacing and CP overhead
- Since NR should support multiple SCSs, NR supports PRBs of different bandwidth ranges

- Multiple PRBs of the same bandwidth forms a PRB grid, which is formed by subcarriers with spacing $15\text{kHz} \times 2^\mu$, where μ is a positive (resp. negative) integer

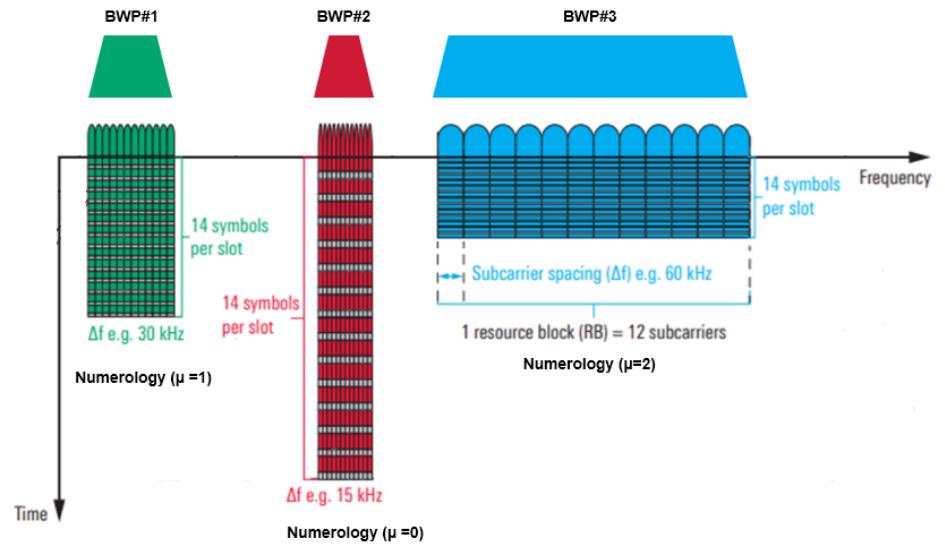


Bandwidth Part (BWP)

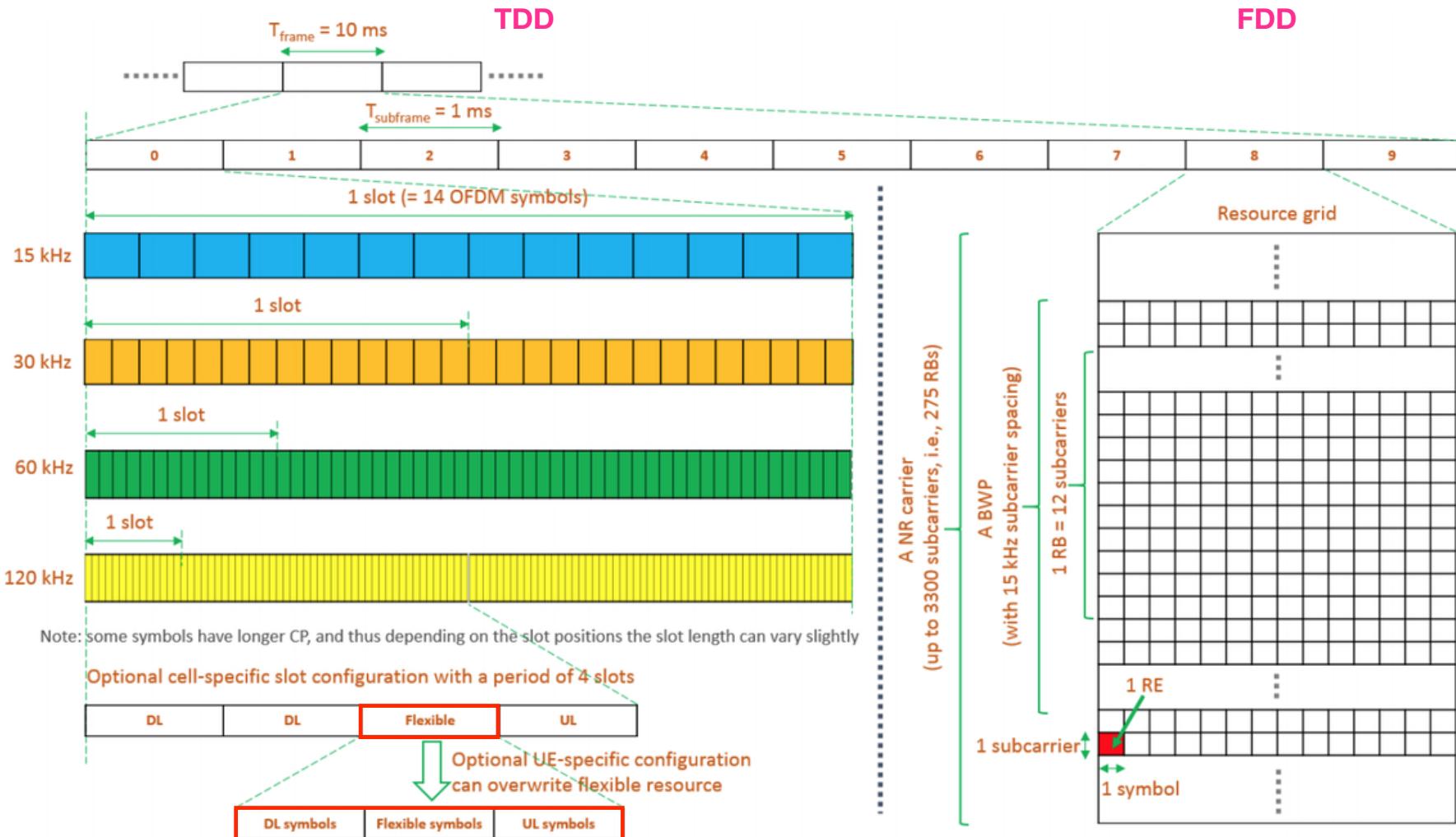
- A Bandwidth Part is a contiguous set of PRBs (Physical Resource Blocks) on a given carrier
 - These RBs are selected from a contiguous subset of the common resource blocks for a given numerology (μ), denoted by BWP
 - Each BWP defined for a numerology can have the following three different parameters
 - Subcarrier spacing
 - Symbol duration
 - Cyclic prefix (CP) length



- BWP configuration properties
 - UE can be configured with
 - Max 4 BWP for DL and UL, but
 - At a given point of time only one BWP is active for DL and one for UL
- BWP concept
 - Enable UEs to operate in narrow bandwidth
 - When user demands more data (bursty traffic) it can inform gNB to enable wider bandwidth

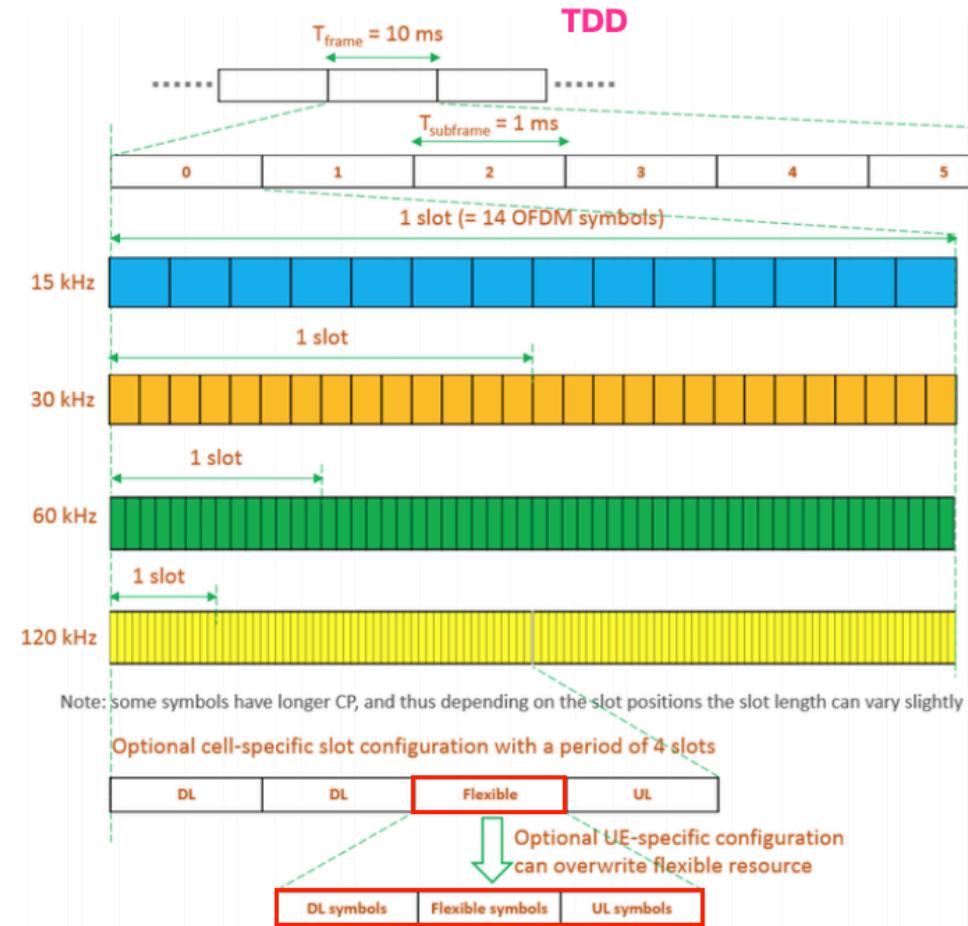


5G NR Frame Structure



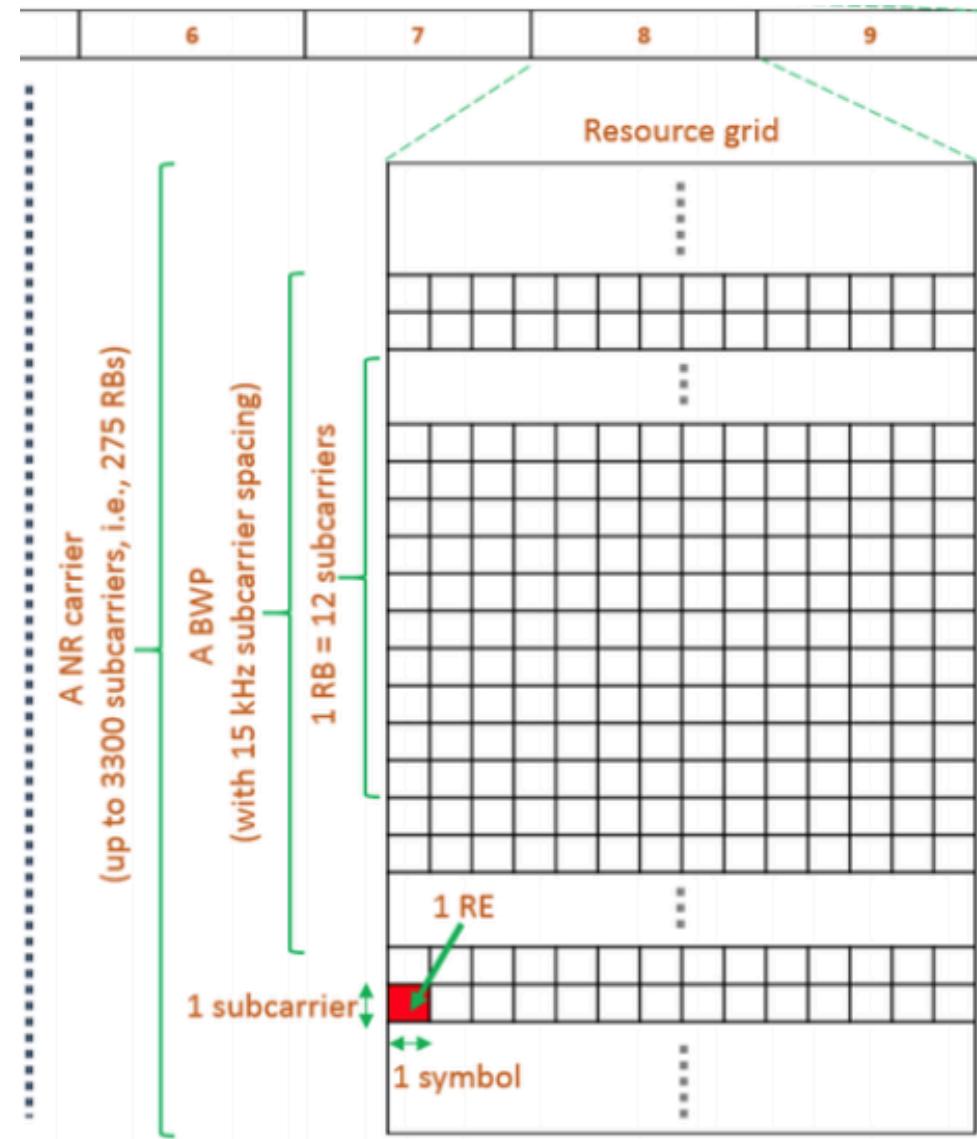
- **TDD frame in 5G NR**

- Flexible configuration: Subframes can be configured for UL, DL, or a combination of both within a 10 ms frame
- Dynamic allocation: Allow for dynamic switching between UL and DL to adapt to varying traffic demands
- Slot-based scheduling: Slots, which include several OFDM symbols, can be dynamically designated as UL, DL, or flexible. This allocation can change every 1 ms
- Resource efficiency: This adaptability makes TDD efficient for asymmetric traffic patterns



- **FDD frame in 5G NR**

- Static allocation: The resource grid is consistent, with fixed allocations for UL and DL that do not change over time
- Symmetry and predictability: FDD is suited for scenarios requiring balanced UL and DL traffic



- **5G NR design implications**

- 5G NR framework accommodates both FDD and TDD, making it versatile for various network requirements
- Support scenarios that need either predictable (static) resource allocation of FDD or dynamic, traffic-responsive allocation of TDD