

# 114-1 電工實驗（通信專題）

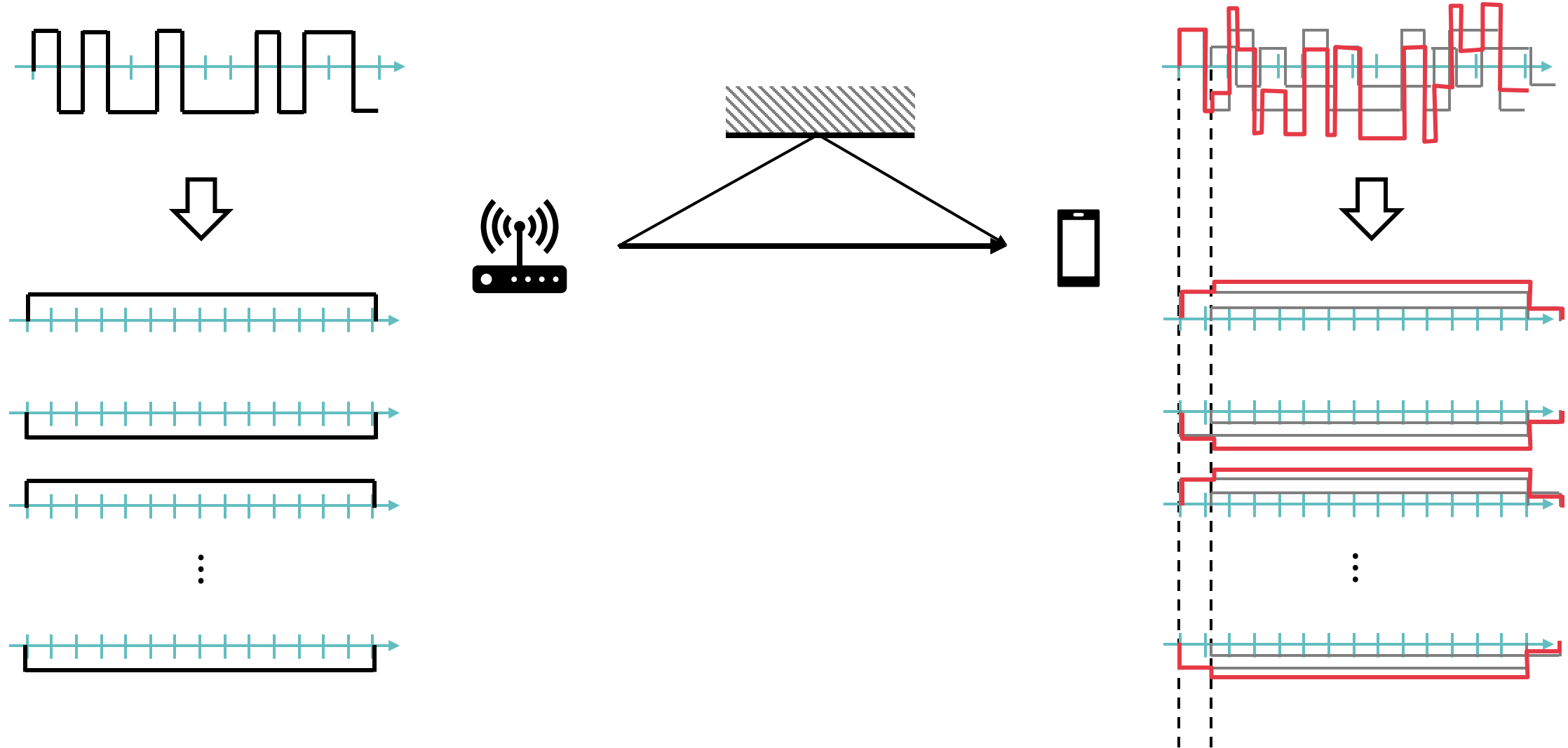
## Channel Estimation

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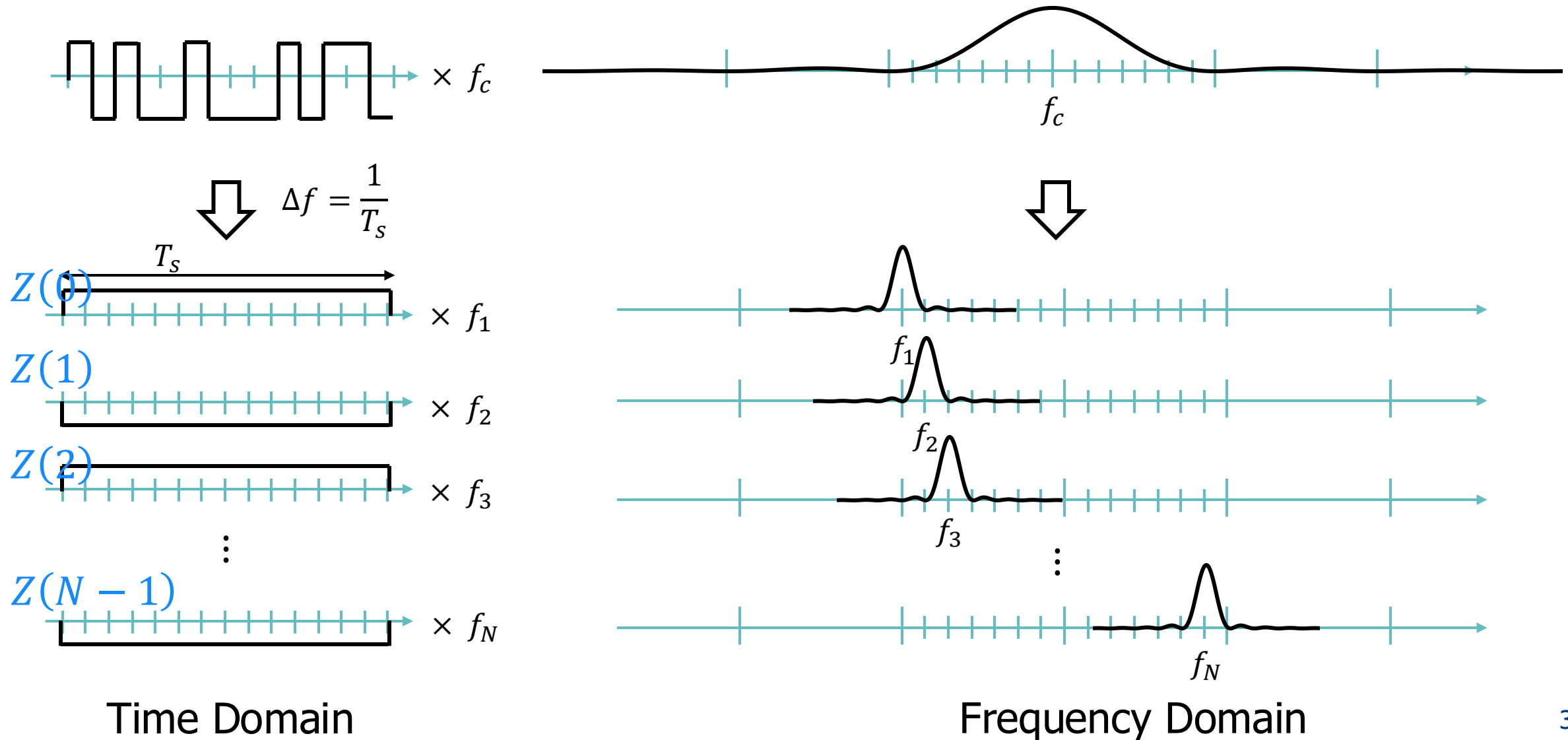
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# Motivation of OFDM



# OFDM: Orthogonal Frequency-Division Multiplexing



# OFDM – Analog & Digital View

$$s_k(t) = \text{Re}\{Z(k)e^{j[2\pi(f_c+k\Delta f)t]}\}, \quad 0 \leq t < T_s, \quad \Delta f = 1/T_s$$

Modulated Subcarrier

$$s_{\text{OFDM}}(t) = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{k=0}^{N-1} s_k(t) = \text{Re} \left\{ \underbrace{\left\{ \frac{1}{N} \sum_{k=0}^{N-1} Z(k)e^{j2\pi k\Delta f t} \right\}}_{s_L(t) \text{ complex envelope of the OFDM signal}} e^{j2\pi f_c t} \right\}, \quad 0 \leq t < T_s$$

**Analog**

**Digital**

Sampling time  $\frac{T_s}{N}$  (sample at  $t = \frac{nT_s}{N}, n = 0, 1, \dots, N-1$ )

$$s_L(n) = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{k=0}^{N-1} Z(k)e^{j2\pi kn/N}, \quad n = 0, 1, \dots, N-1$$

$$= \text{IDFT}\{Z(k)\} \quad \longrightarrow \quad \text{Generate time sequence } s_L(n) \text{ from frequency samples}$$

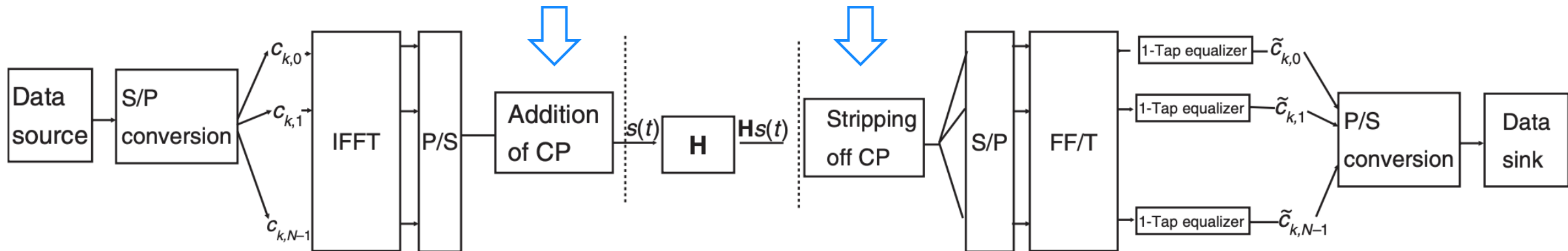
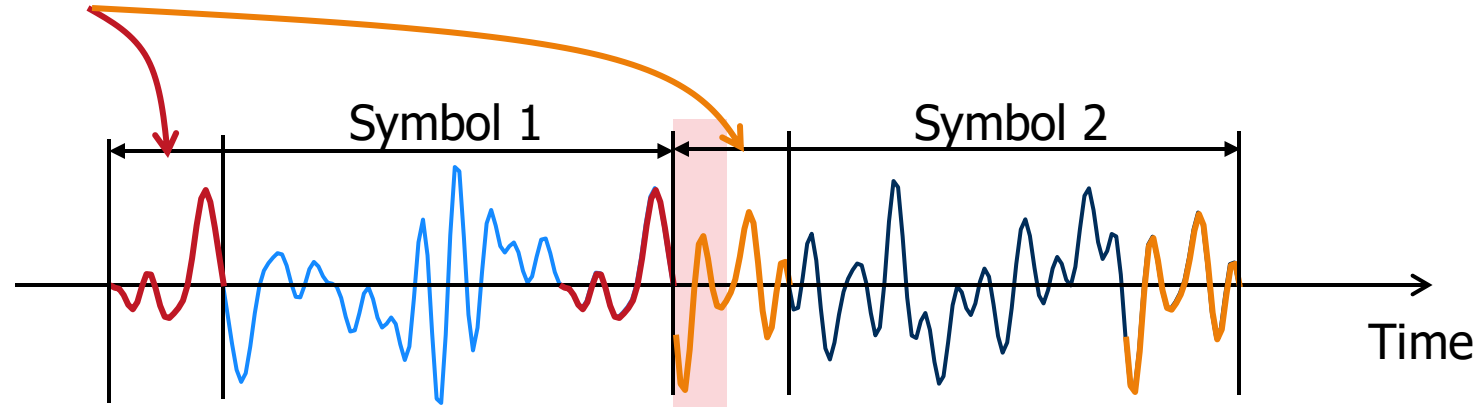
$$\Delta f = \frac{1}{T_s}, \quad \Delta t = \frac{T_s}{N}$$

$$Z(k) = \sum_{n=0}^{N-1} s_L(n)e^{-j2\pi kn/N}, \quad k = 0, 1, \dots, N-1$$

$$= \text{DFT}\{s_L(n)\}$$

# OFDM Implementation with CP to Combat Delay Dispersion

Cyclic Prefix (CP)



# OFDM Transmission Model with Cyclic Prefix

$$y(n) = h(n) \otimes s_L(n) = \sum_{k=0}^{N-1} h(k) \boxed{s_L(n-k)_N}$$

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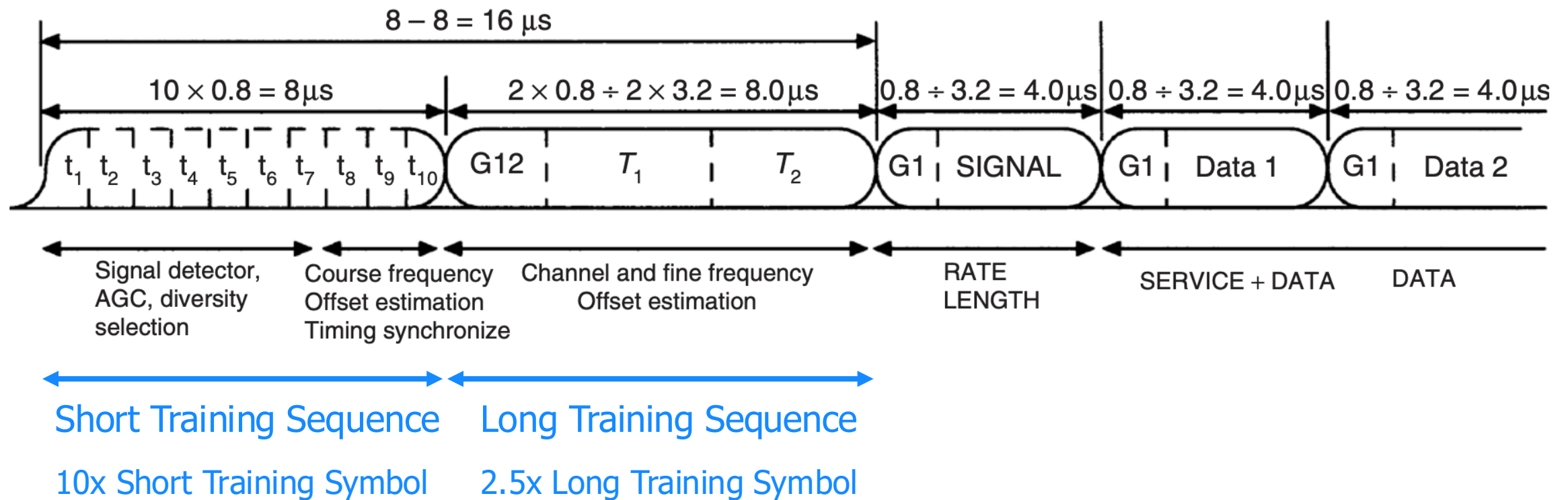
Circular Convolution
 $s_L(m)_N = s_L[(m) \bmod N]$   
circular shift of  $s_L(n)$

Using the notations earlier

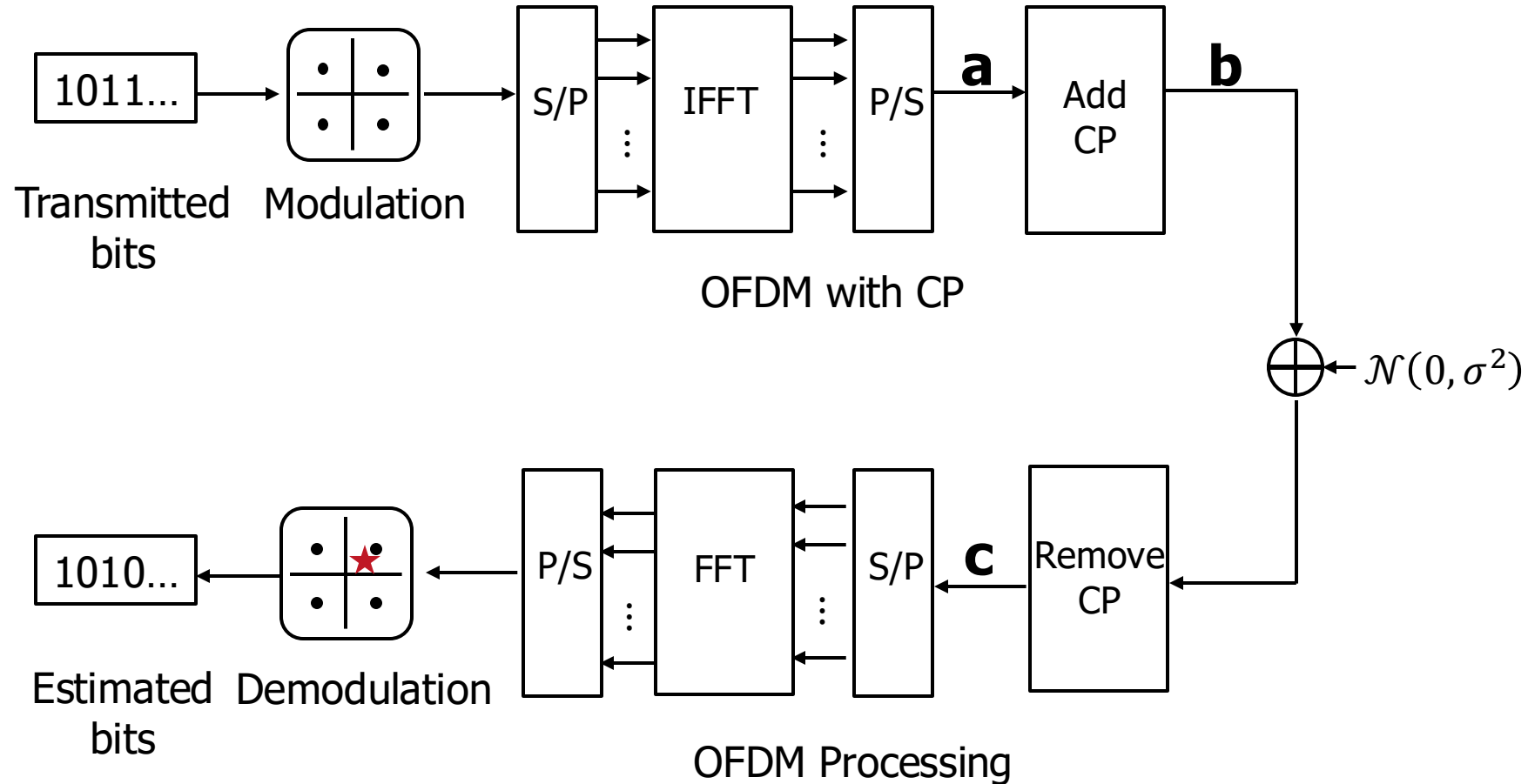
$$Y(k) = H(k)Z(k), \quad k = 0, 1, \dots, N-1$$

For each subcarrier  $k$ ,  
the TX & RX symbols are characterized by a constant  $H(k)$

# 802.11 a/g PLCP Preamble



# Lab 3 - Part 1: OFDM signal generation and reception



- Generate & receive 1 OFDM symbol (noiseless)
- Simulate OFDM transmissions for different SNRs



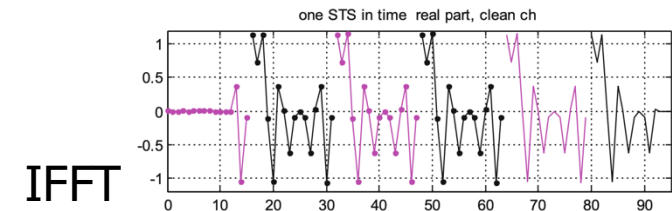
# Lab 3 - Part 2: STS & LTS for sync & equalization

## Short OFDM Training Symbol

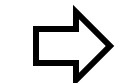
Power Normalization

$$S_{-26,26} = \sqrt{(13/6)} \{ \begin{matrix} 0, 0, 1+j, 0, 0, 0, -1-j, 0, 0, 0, 1+j, 0, 0, 0, -1-j, 0, 0, 0 \\ -1-j, 0, 0, 0, 1+j, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, -1-j, 0, 0, 0, -1-j, 0, 0, 0, 1 \\ +j, 0, 0, 0, 1+j, 0, 0, 0, 1+j, 0, 0, 0, 1+j, 0, 0, 0 \end{matrix} \}$$

Q: Why a normalization factor of  $\sqrt{13/6}$  ?



IFFT



4 Short Training Symbols

## Long OFDM Training Symbol

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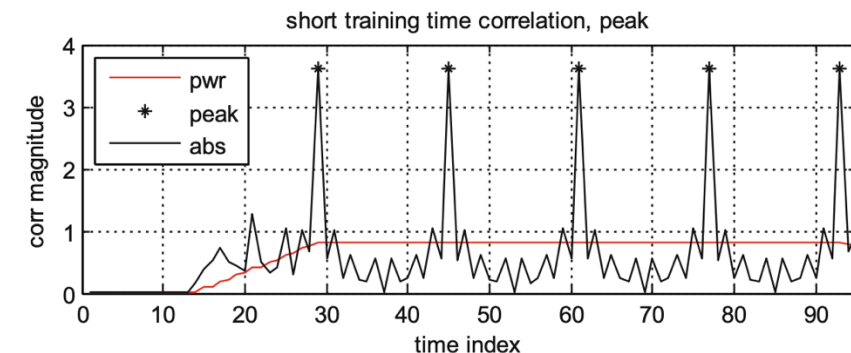


IFFT



1 Long Training Symbol

- Frame synchronization (noiseless and noisy)
- Channel estimation and equalization for a multipath channel



# Channel Estimation

# Goal: Channel Estimation of 802.11 a/g

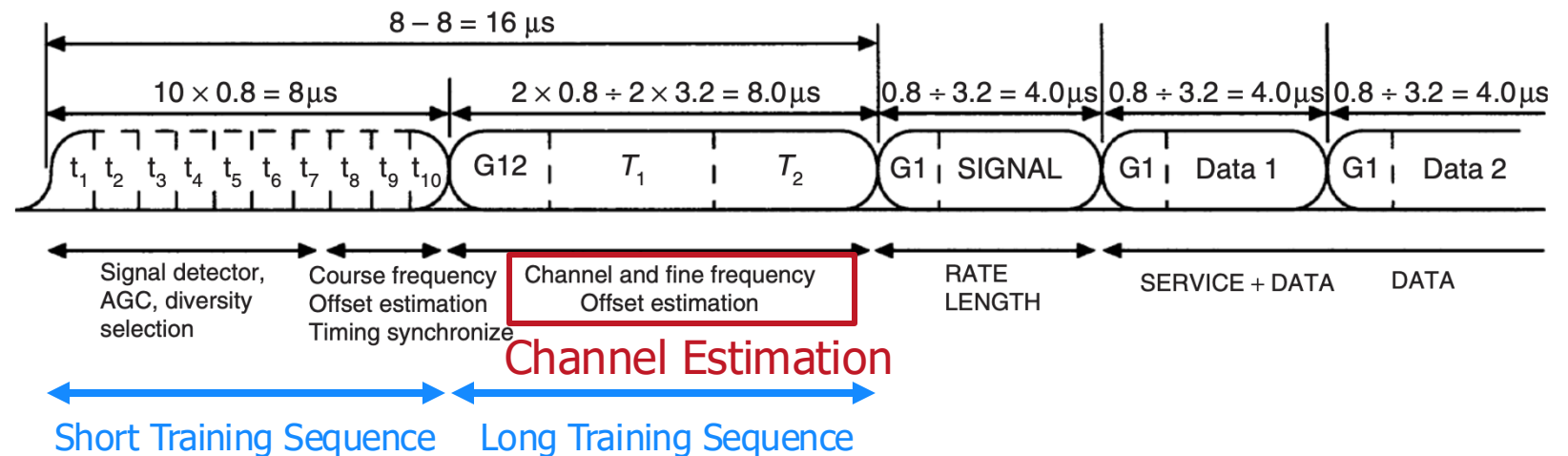
## Step 0

Channel model

Rayleigh fading & Rician fading

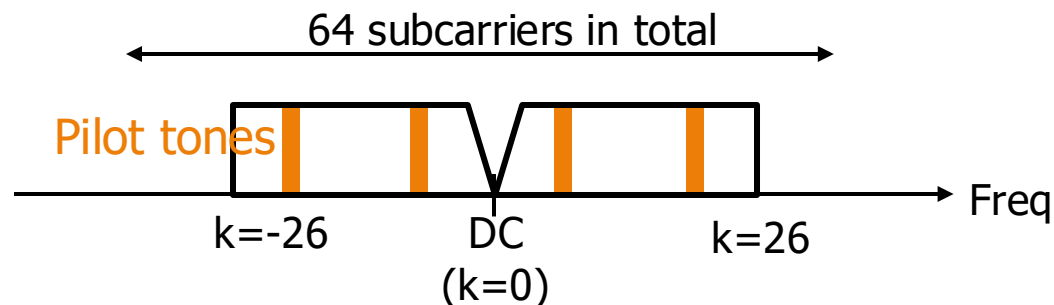
## Step 1

Initial estimation using long training symbols



## Step 2

Tracking with pilot tones



# Channel Model

$u(t)$ : transmitted complex baseband signal

$y(t)$ : received complex baseband signal

$A_k$ : Amplitude

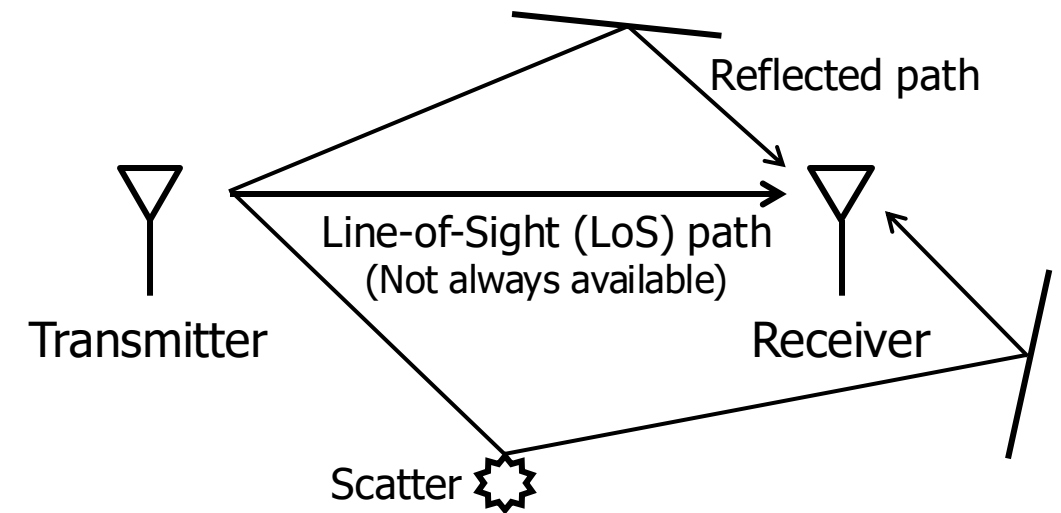
$\theta_k$ : Phase (due to the scattering)

$$y(t) = \sum_{k=1}^M \boxed{A_k e^{j\theta_k}} u(t - \tau_k)$$

$k$ -th multipath component    relative delay

$$h(t) = \sum_{k=1}^M A_k e^{j\theta_k} \delta(t - \tau_k)$$

Impulse response of complex baseband channel



# Channel Impulse Response & Channel Transfer Function

## Channel Impulse Response

$$h(t) = \sum_{k=1}^M A_k e^{j\theta_k} \delta(t - \tau_k)$$

$\{\theta_k\}$ : i.i.d., uniformly over  $[0, 2\pi]$

## Channel transfer function

$$H(f) = \sum_{k=1}^M A_k e^{j\theta_k} e^{-j2\pi f \tau_k}$$

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Frequency-dependent

phase lag caused by delay  $\tau_k$

i.i.d., uniformly distributed in  $[0, 2\pi]$

( $f_c$  is large, small changes in delay  $\tau_k$   
cause large changes in the phase  $2\pi f_c \tau_k$ )

# Frequency-Flat vs Frequency-Selective

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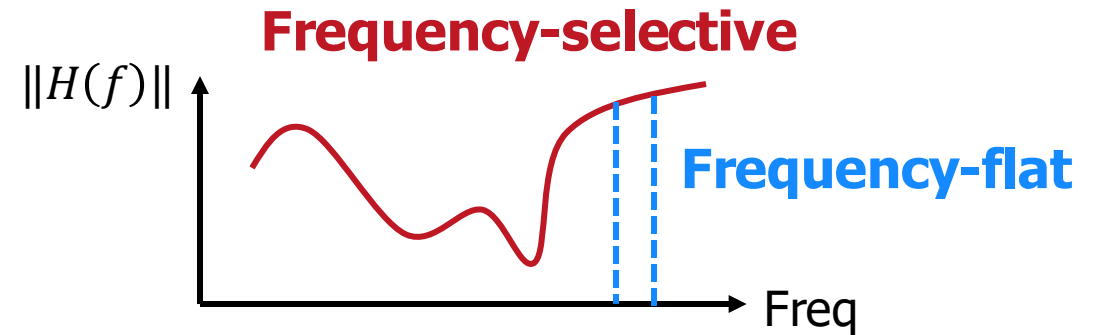
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## Narrowband frequency-flat approximation

The channel transfer function is approximately constant over a small band around  $f_0$

$$h \approx H(f_0) = \sum_{k=1}^M A_k e^{j\gamma_k}$$

$$\gamma_k = \theta_k - 2\pi f_0 \tau_k \bmod 2\pi$$

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# Narrowband Rayleigh & Rician fading models

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$M$  is large &  
no dominant  
component

**Narrowband Rayleigh fading**

$$H(f_0) \sim \mathcal{CN}\left(0, \sum_{K=1}^M A_K^2\right)$$

1 dominant component  
+ many smaller  
multipath components

**Narrowband Rician fading**

$$H(f_0) \sim \mathcal{CN}\left(A_1 e^{j\gamma_1}, \sum_{k=2}^M A_K^2\right)$$

$$h = A_1 e^{j\gamma_1} + h_{\text{diffuse}}$$

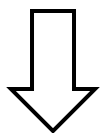
Complex Gaussian

# Thought Experiment: What if only one path exists?

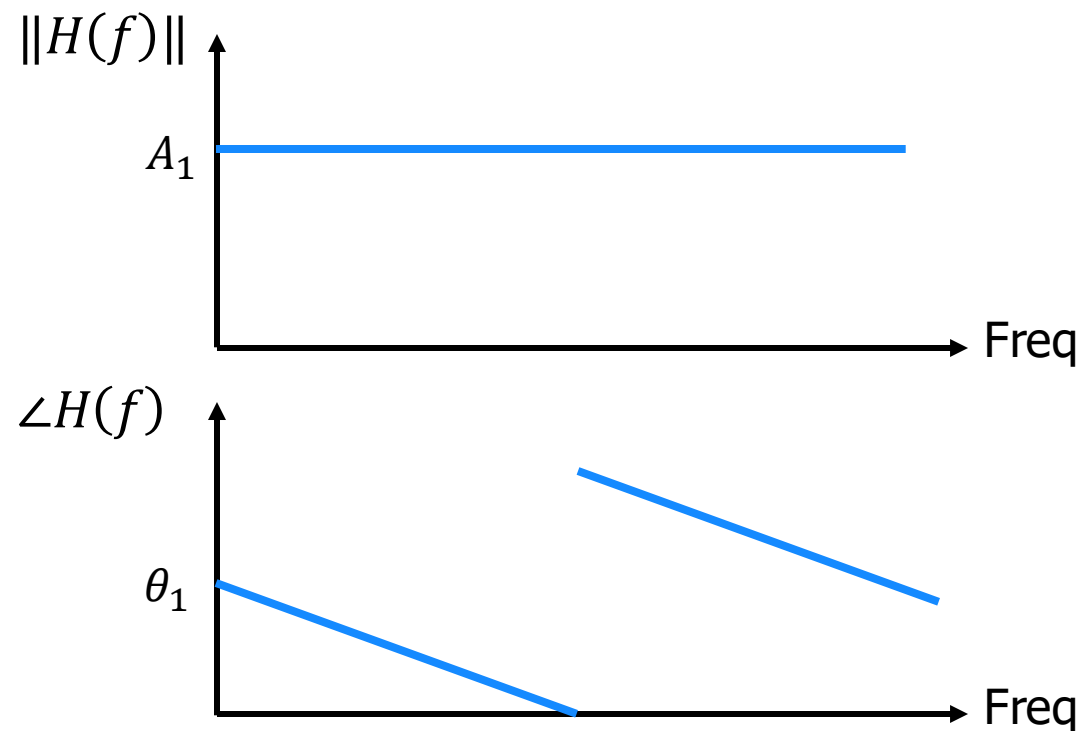
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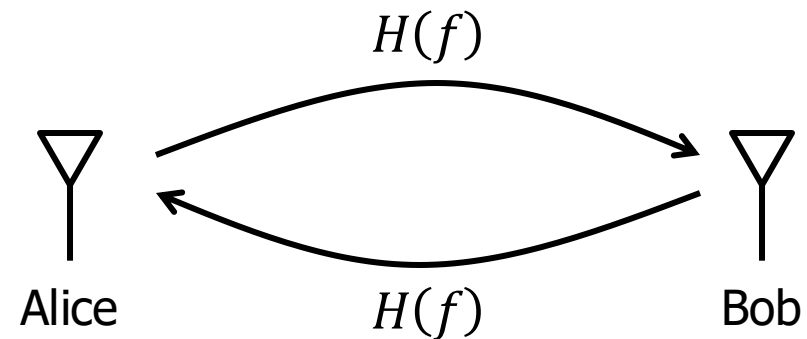
Is it frequency-flat?

What if  $\tau_1$  becomes larger?



# A Few Things About Channel

- Often referred to as CSI (Channel State Information)
  - Statistical CSI
  - Instantaneous CSI
- Channel reciprocity
  - Physical channel is reciprocal (However, hardware is not)
  - Explicit vs implicit channel estimation
- Known CSI at TX vs Known CSI at RX



# OFDM Channel Estimation - Pilot Symbols

Last class:

$$y(n) = h(n) \otimes x(n) \iff Y(k) = H(k)X(k), \quad k = 0, 1, \dots, N - 1$$

To estimate  $H(k)$ , transmit known pilot symbols

A complex number representing the phase and amplitude of the channel response

$$H_{LS}(k) = \frac{Y(k)}{X(k)}$$

Received symbol

Known pilot symbol

Least Squares Channel Estimate

# 802.11 a/g: Channel Estimation Using LTS

## Long OFDM Training Symbol

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$$H_{LS}(k) = \frac{Y(k)}{X(k)}$$

Received symbol

Long Training Symbol, either 1 or -1

- $\frac{Y(k)}{1} = Y(k) \cdot 1$
- $\frac{Y(k)}{(-1)} = Y(k) \cdot (-1)$

$$H_{LS}(k) = Y(k) \cdot X(k)$$

Avoid the divide-by-0 problem

# Using both LTSs

There are two LTSs!

Why two?

→ For carrier frequency offset estimation

How to use both for channel estimation?

→ Average

# Equalization

Use channel estimates to normalize phase/amplitude for OFDM data symbols

$$Y(k) = H(k) X(k)$$

Known (observation)	Unknown      Known (pilot symbols)
	Known (estimate)      Unknown

**Channel Estimation**

**Equalization**

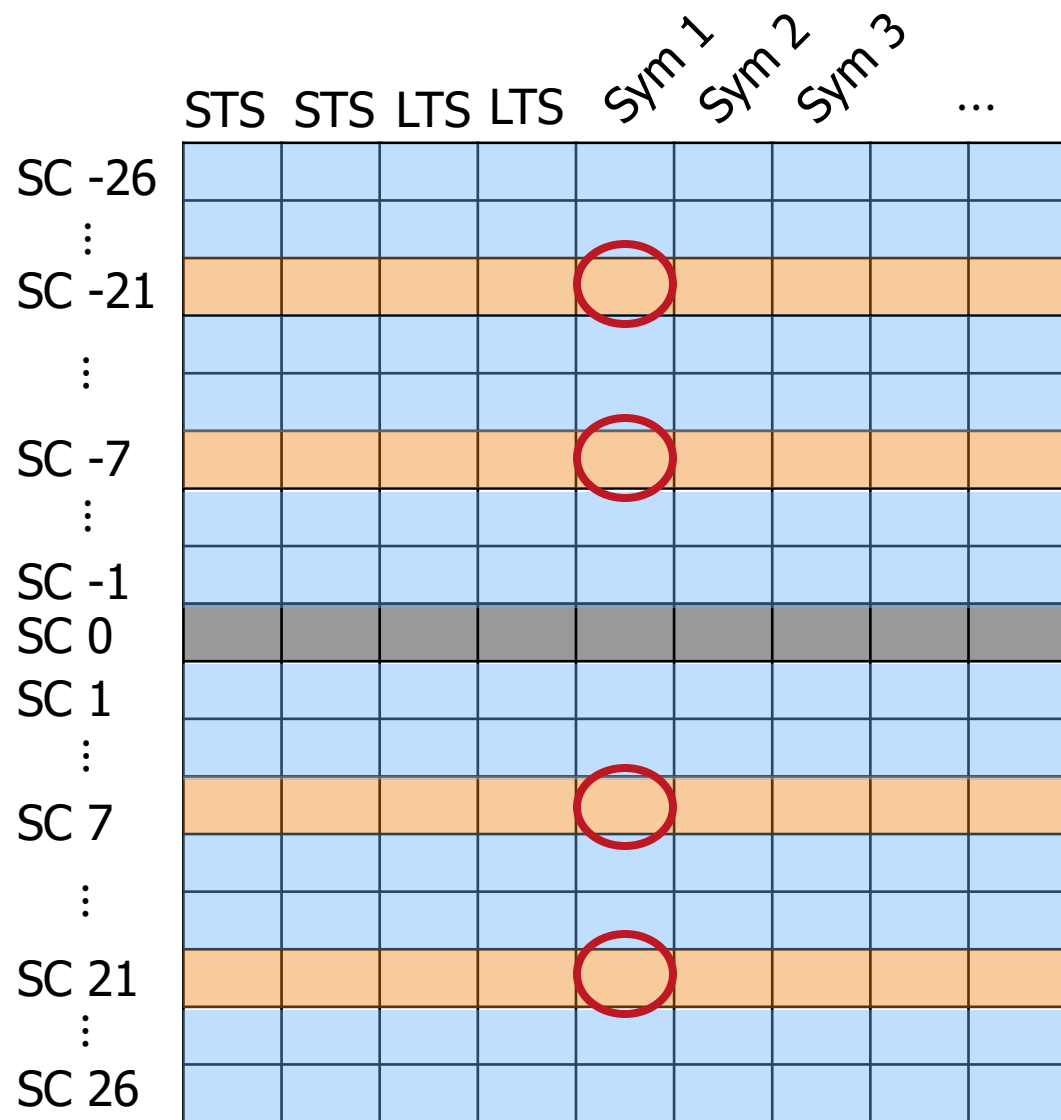
$$\hat{X}(k) = \frac{Y(k)}{H_{LS}(k)}$$

Equalized symbol  
Used for demodulation

Received symbol

Estimated channel

# Tracking with Pilot Tones



**Data Carrier**

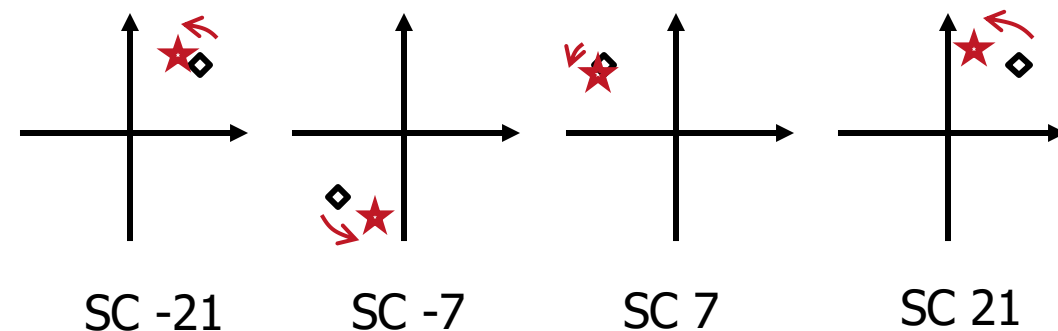
**Pilot Carrier**

**Null Carrier**

Transmit known symbols in pilot tones

Correct for drift in the channel over time

For example, after equalization, obtain additional correction term using the four pilot symbols



# Summary

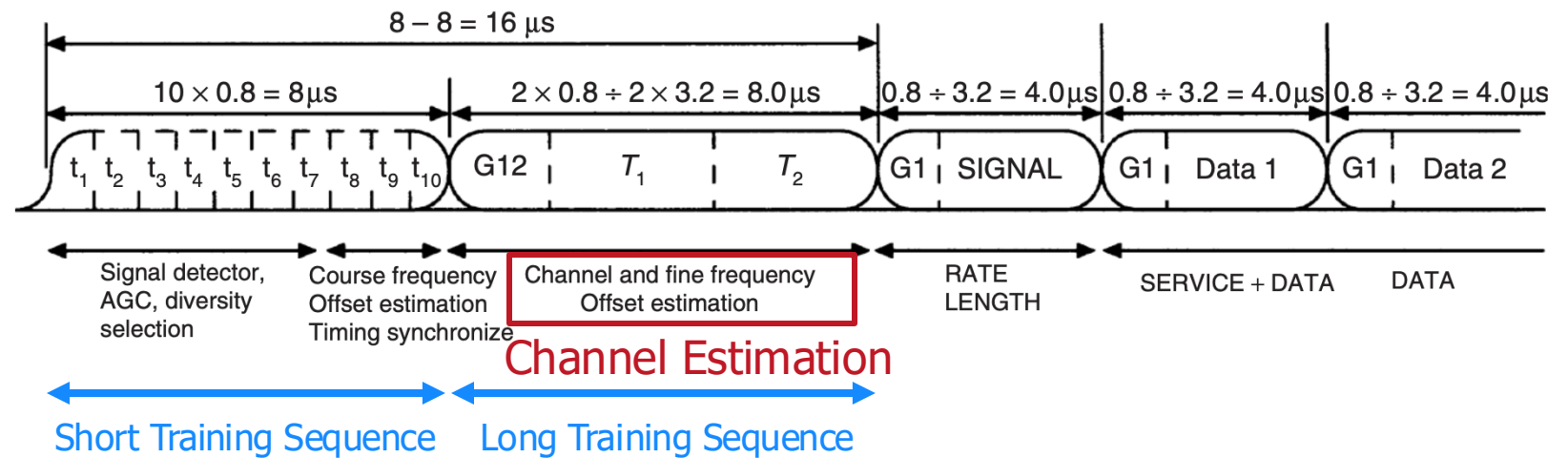
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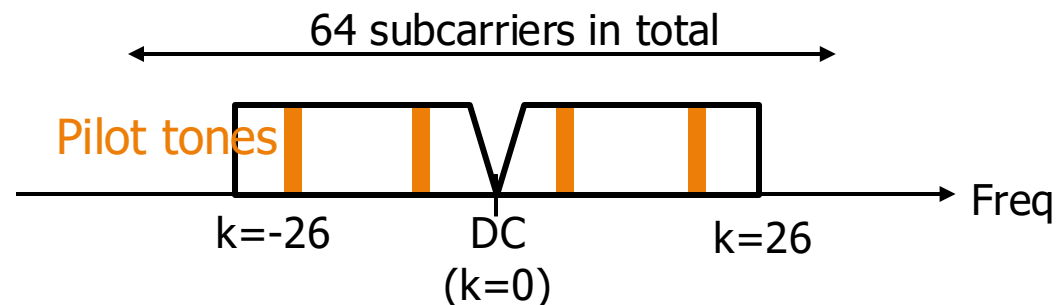
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# Next Week: First USRP Experiment

- First, a class on SDR, and then move to MD335 for the lab
- TA 奕昕 will lead the lab

# Paper Debate

# Debate Format

20 minutes	Defense Team
10 minutes	Offense Team
5 minutes	Preparation time
10 minutes	Follow up arguments
5 minutes	Questions and comments from class

*Timing will be strictly enforced!*

# Paper 2: Enriching Multi-User OFDMA in Wi-Fi Networks with Frequency-Selective Channel Awareness

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