

Agenda

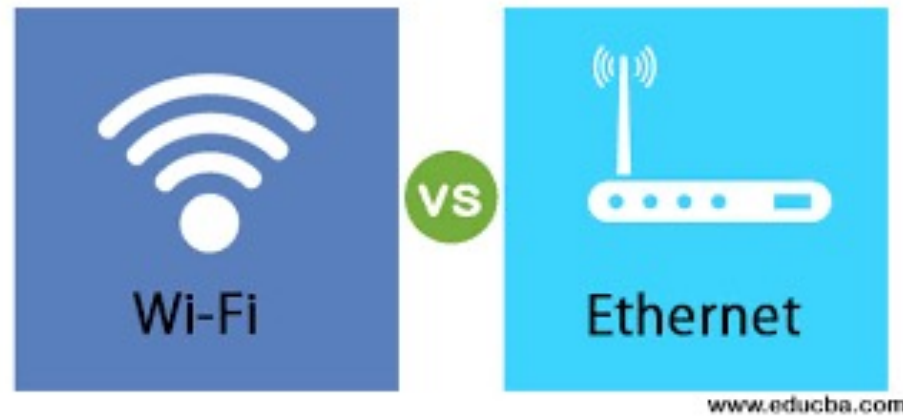
- Wireless Basics
- MAC
- Modulation
- Auto Rate Adaptation
- MIMO
- Multi-User MIMO
- CoMP and Networked MIMO
- OFDM
- mmWave and Beamforming

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Lecture 1: Wireless Basics

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Wireless v.s. Wired Networks

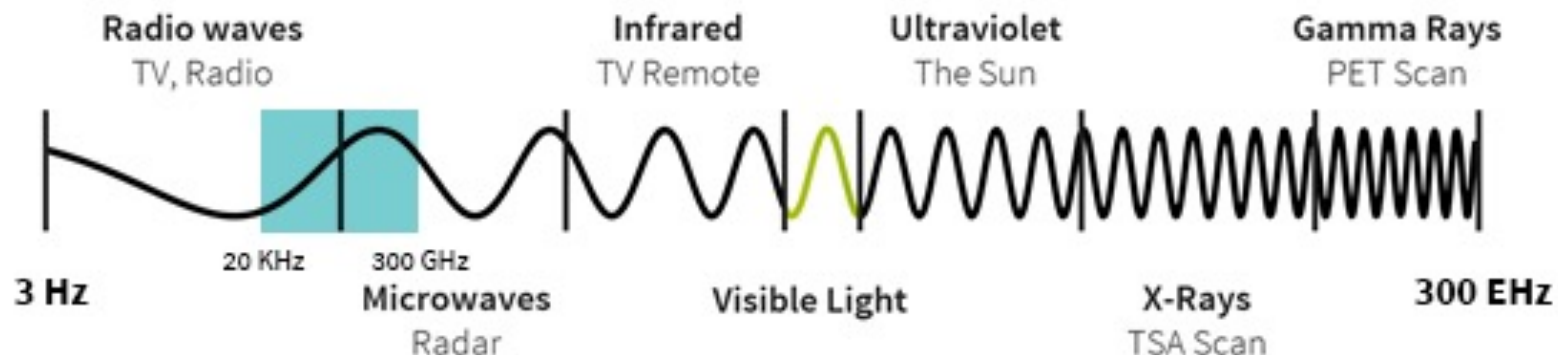


- Slow data rate
- Unreliable transfer
- Higher latency
- Easy to deploy and support mobility

- High data rate
- Reliable transfer
- Lower latency
- Expensive and static infrastructure

Wireless Spectrum

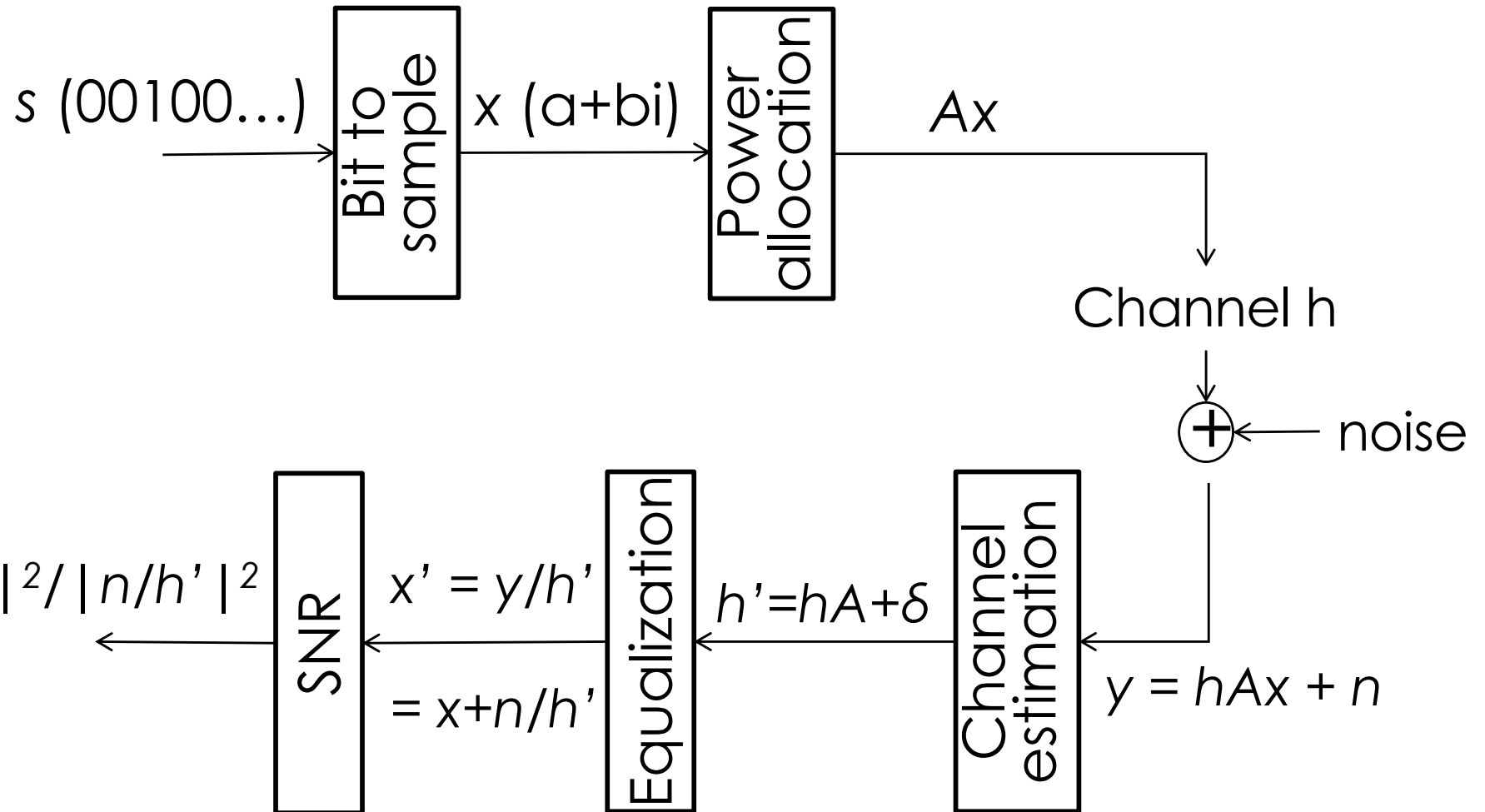
- Information that travels wirelessly uses **radio waves**
 - **Electromagnetic radiation** with a particular **wavelength** and **frequency**
- **Spectrum:**
 - Fixed and finite resources
 - In the U.S., the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) is responsible for spectrum management



Wireless Spectrum

- Different bands have different characteristics
- **Low-band (sub 3GHz)**
 - Long distance with minimal interruption
 - Low capacity
- **High-band (above 24GHz)**
 - High capacity
 - Sensitive to blockage
- **Mid-band (3-24 GHz)**
 - Providing a mix of coverage and capacity
 - LTE and WiFi
 - Densely used

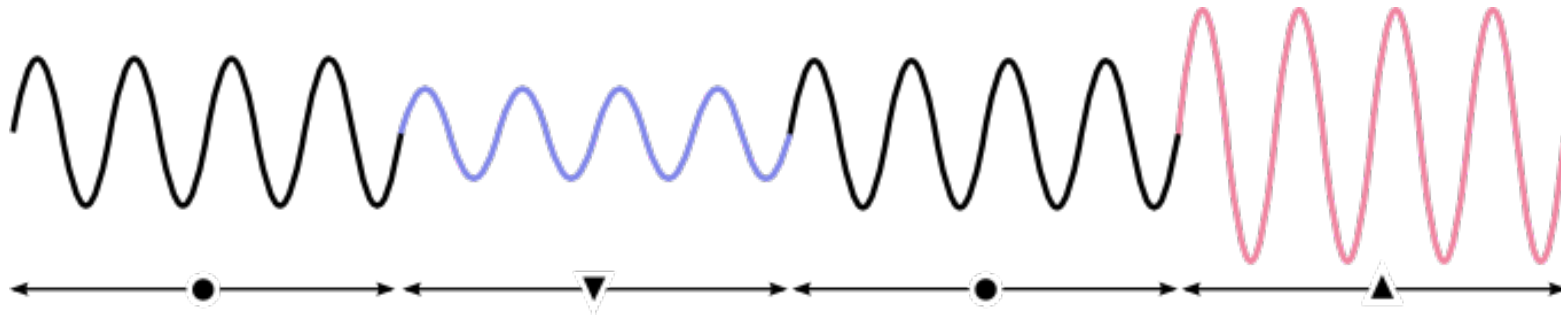
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Wireless Signal

- Sine wave $e^{ix} = \cos x + j \sin x$



$$y = hx + n$$

channel

noise

received signal

transmitted signal

phase change due to propagation delay

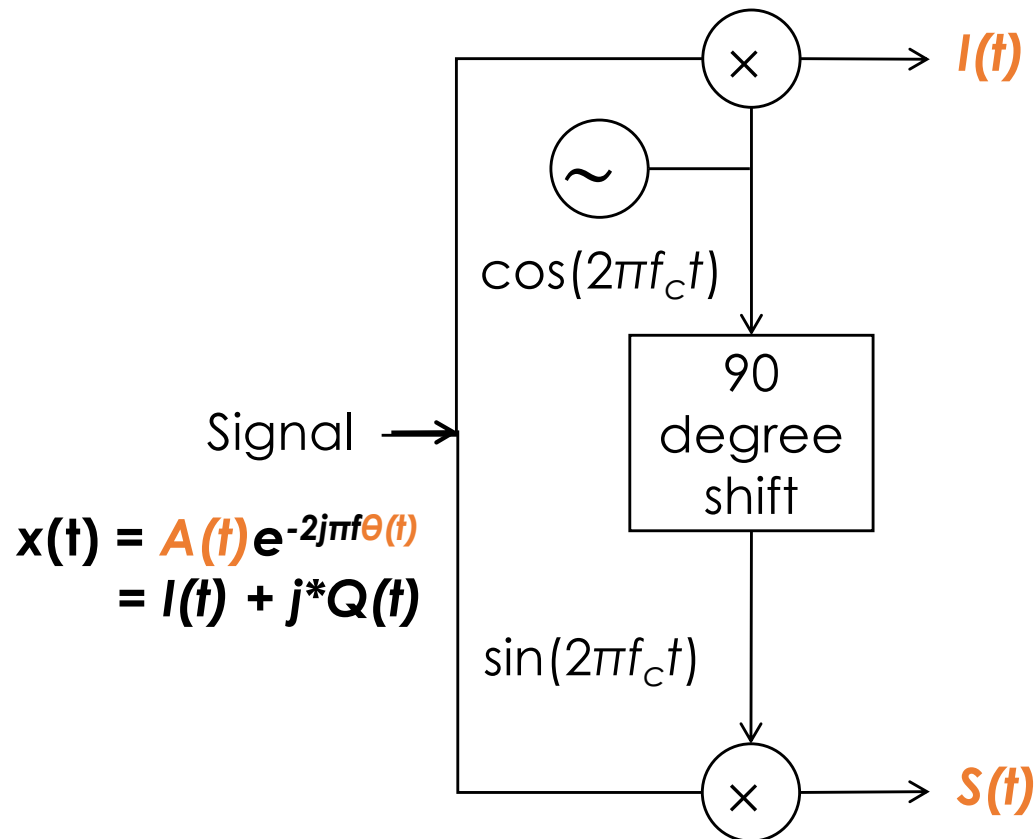
$$h = \alpha e^{-2j\pi f_c(t+\theta)}$$

amplitude

What is channel? Signal variation (amplitude and phase) over the air

Orthogonal Signals

- Wireless signals are typically sent using $\sin()$ and $\cos()$ (orthogonal waves)



Constellation Diagram

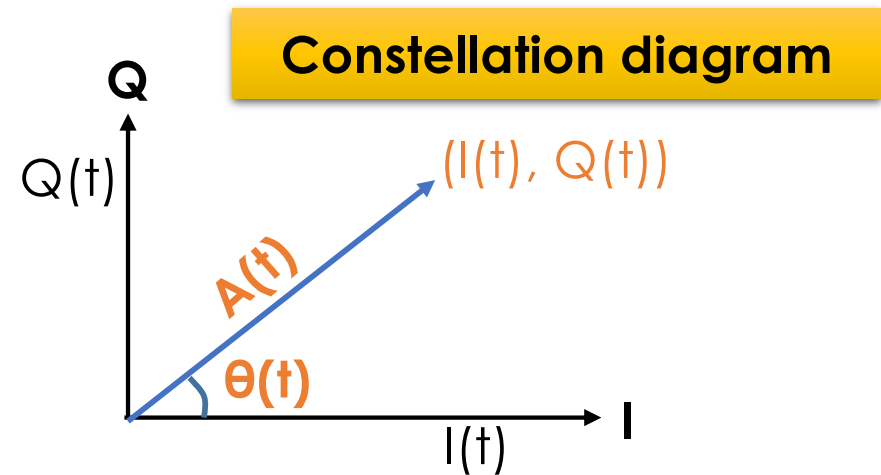
- Signal can be described as a sine wave

$$\begin{aligned}x(t) &= A(t) \cos(\omega t + \theta(t)) \\&= A(t) \frac{e^{j(\omega t + \theta(t))} + e^{-j(\omega t + \theta(t))}}{2} \\&= \text{Re}[A(t)e^{-j(\omega t + \theta(t))}] \\&= \text{Re}[A(t)e^{-j\theta(t)}e^{-j\omega t}] \\&= \text{Re}[\tilde{x}(t)e^{-j\omega t}] \\&= \text{Re}[(I(t) + jQ(t))e^{-j\omega t}] \\&= I(t) \cos(\omega t) + Q(t) \sin(\omega t)\end{aligned}$$

- Rearranged as **inphase** and **quadrature**

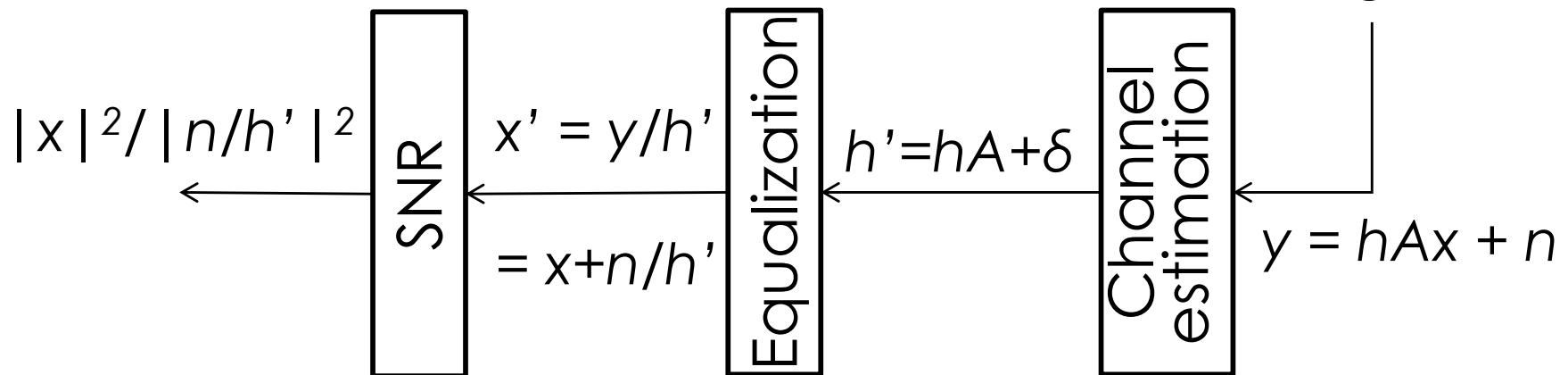
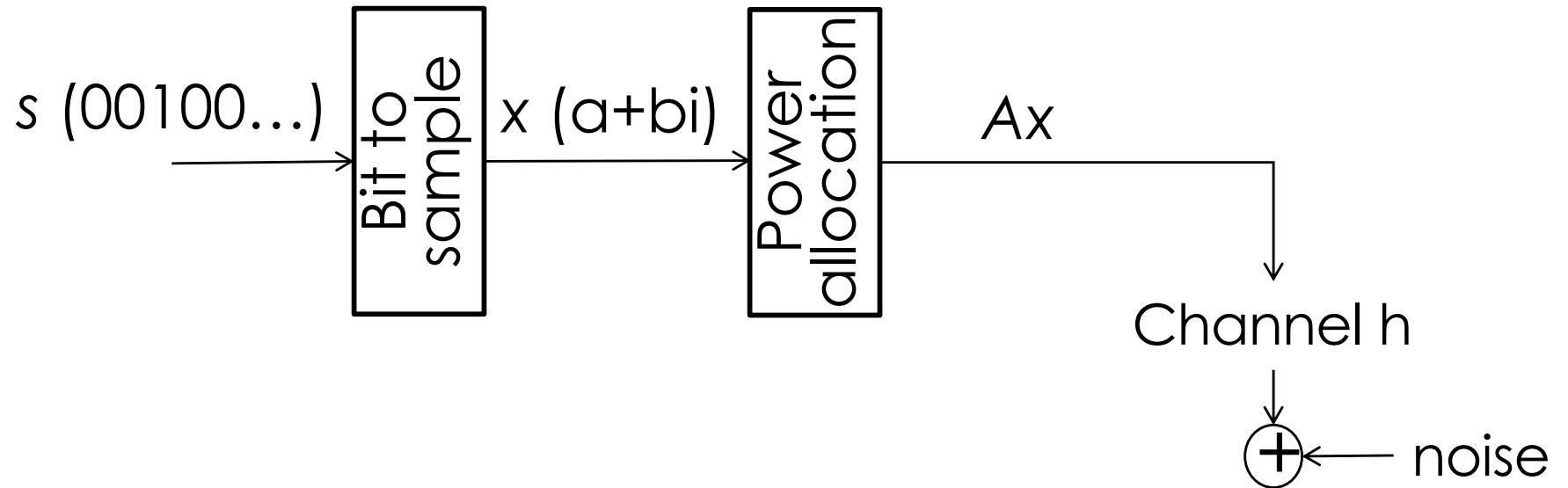
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- Represent a wireless signal as a complex number
 - Sine carrier: image part
 - Cosine carrier: real part
- Why complex value?
 - Sine and Cosine are orthogonal with each other
 - Two carriers on the same frequency → rate ⬆️

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Equalization

- Reversal of distortion incurred by a signal transmitted through a channel
- **Equalizer**: recover the transmitted signal from the received signal
 - Also known as **decoding**
- Type of equalizers
 - **Optimum Trellis-based detection**
 - Viterbi decoding
 - **Linear equalization**
 - MMSE, Zero-forcing (ZF)

Equalization

- Optimum **Trellis-Based** Detectors
 - Trellis Diagram
 - Applying y to a linear filter viewed as a finite-state machine (FSM)
 - **Viterbi Decoding**
 - Posteriori probability maximization (MAP)
 - Maximum-likelihood (ML) decoding
- Linear Equalization
 - **Zero-forcing**
 - **MMSE** (Minimum-mean-squared-error) equalization

Zero-Forcing Equalizer

- Linear equalization algorithm
- Applies the inverse of the [frequency response](#) of the channel
- Decoder = 1/channel response

$$y = hx + n \rightarrow d = \frac{1}{h}$$

$$\hat{x} = dy = \frac{1}{h}y = x + \frac{n}{h}$$

- Pros
 - Low complexity
- Cons
 - Noise amplified if the channel response (h) is weak!

MMSE Equalizer

- Bayesian estimation with **quadratic loss function**
- Assume that the samples and the noise are white random sequences uncorrelated with each other
- Mean Square Error (MSE)

$$\text{MSE} = \mathbb{E}[(\hat{x} - x)^T (\hat{x} - x)]$$

- MMSE Equalizer

$$\hat{x}_{\text{MMSE}}(y) = \arg \min_{\hat{x}} \text{MSE}$$

- Type of MMSE Equalizers
 - Exhaustive search
 - Linear MMSE estimation
 - Sequential linear MMSE estimation

Channel Estimation

$$h = \alpha e^{-2j\pi f_c(t+\theta)}$$

$$y = hx + n \Rightarrow x' = \frac{y}{h} = x + \frac{n}{h}$$

- How to know the channel state information (CSI)?
 - Learn by sending **preambles** or **pilot symbols**, which are known by both the transmitter and receiver



$$y = hx_p + n$$

$$\hat{h} = \frac{y}{x_p}$$

$$y = hx + n$$

$$\hat{x} = \frac{y}{\hat{h}}$$

Coherence Time

- The time over which a propagating wave may be considered **coherent** (i.e., staying constant)
- Why this is important?
 - To decode the signal, we need to estimate the channel h within the coherence time
 - The time interval between consecutive channel estimation should be shorter than coherence time
 - What if we don't re-learn the channel after coherence time?
 - decoding can be erroneous due to incorrect channel h

The diagram illustrates the impact of channel coherence time on CSI estimation and decoding error. A horizontal timeline is shown with a double-headed arrow labeled "Coherence time". The timeline is divided into segments: "Preamble", "Data symbols 1", "...", "Data symbols i", and "Data symbols i+1". A vertical dashed line marks the end of the coherence time, after which the channel is labeled "Re-learn CSI".

Below the timeline, the following equations are shown:

- Under "Preamble": $y = hx_p + n$ and $\hat{h} = \frac{y}{x_p}$
- Under "Data symbols i": $y = hx + n$ and $\hat{x} = \frac{y}{\hat{h}}$
- Under "Data symbols i+1": $y = h'x + n$ and a sequence of equations for \hat{x} :

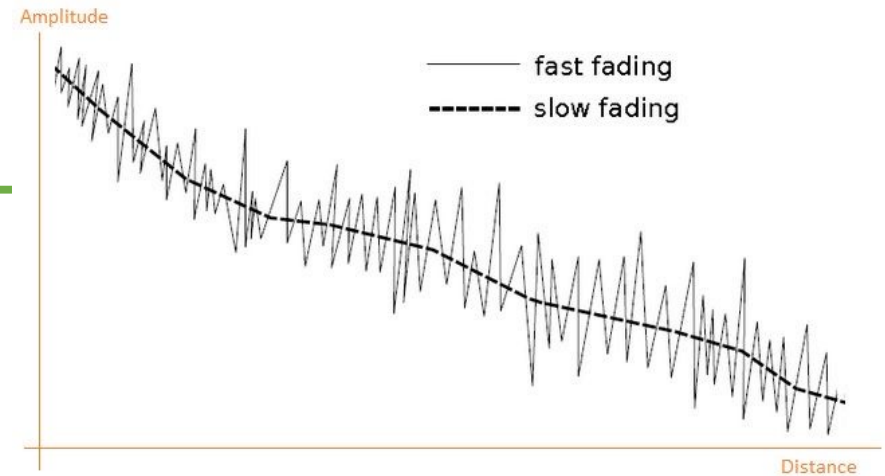
$$\hat{x} = \frac{y}{\hat{h}}$$

$$= \frac{h'x + n}{\hat{h}}$$

$$= \delta x + \frac{n}{\hat{h}}$$

An orange arrow points from the term $\frac{n}{\hat{h}}$ in the final equation to the text "Decoding error" at the bottom right.

Channel Fading



- Variation of the **attenuation** of a signal
- **Slow fading**
 - The coherence time of the channel is large relative to the delay requirement of the application
 - Channel can be considered roughly constant over the period of use
 - Slow fading can be caused by events such as **shadowing**
- **Fast fading**
 - The coherence time of the channel is small relative to the delay requirement of the application

Performance Metrics

- Signal-to-Noise Ratio (**SNR**)
- **Capacity**
- Bit Error Rate (**BER**)
- Packet Error Rate (**PER**)
- Data Rate / Throughput / Goodput
 - **Data rate**: number of bits conveyed per second
 - **Throughput**: successful message delivery over a wireless channel (including protocol overhead)
 - **Goodput**: application-layer throughput, i.e., number of useful bits per second

Signal Power

- Watt vs. Decibel (**dBm** or **dB_{mW}**)
 - dBm is usually used in radio
 - Converted from milliwatt
 - Able to express both very large and very small values in a short form

$$P_{dBm} = 10 \log_{10}(1000P_W)$$

$$P_W = \frac{10^{P_{dBm}/10}}{1000}$$

- **dB**: difference between two dBm values
 - ratio of two power = difference between two dBm

$$\begin{aligned} P_1 \text{ to } P_2_{dB} &= 10 \log_{10}\left(\frac{P_1}{P_2}\right) \\ &= 10 \log_{10}(P_1) - 10 \log_{10}(P_2) \\ &= P_{1,dBm} - P_{2,dBm} \end{aligned}$$

Power vs. dB

- Because of the log operation, double the power produces 3dB gain

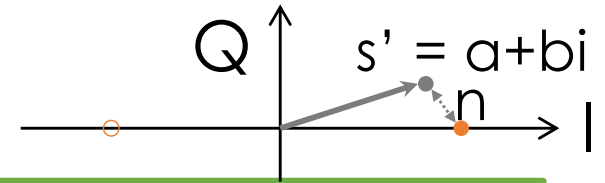
$$SNR_{dB} = 10 \log_{10} SNR$$

$$P_1 = 2 * P_2$$

$$\Rightarrow 10 \log_{10} \frac{P_1}{N} = 10 \log_{10} \frac{2 * P_2}{N}$$

$$P_{1,dB} = P_{2,dB} + 10 \log_{10} 2 = P_{2,dB} + 3.0103(\text{dB})$$

SNR



- Signal-to-Noise Ratio

$$\frac{S}{N}$$

- In dB

$$10 \log_{10} \frac{S}{N}$$

- From equation (ratio)

$$y = hx + n$$

$$SNR = \frac{|h|^2}{\mathbb{E}[|n|^2]}$$

- Decoding SNR

- Sent $s=1+0i$
but receive $s' = a+bi$
- Signal power
 $= s^2 = |1+0i|^2$
- Noise power $= |s-s'|^2$
 $= |(a+bi) - (1+0i)|^2$
 $= |(a-1)+bi|^2$


sample SNR

$$SNR = \frac{|1 + 0i|^2}{|(a - 1) + bi|^2}$$

average SNR

$$SNR = \frac{s^2}{\text{mean}(n^2)}$$

Errors

- Symbol error rate (**SER**)
 - Ratio of erroneous symbols to the total number of symbols
- Bit error rate (**BER**)
 - Ratio of bit errors to the total number of transmitted bits
- Packet error rate (**PER**)
 - Ratio of failed packets to the total number of packets
 - CRC check: a packet is dropped if ANY bits are in error
 - PER of a packet of L bits = $1 - (1 - \text{BER})^L$ 

Path Loss

- Attenuation reduction as the signal propagates through the air
- **Friis Transmission Formula**

$$\frac{P_r}{P_t} = D_t D_r \left(\frac{\lambda}{4\pi d} \right)^2 \quad (\text{in Watt})$$

$$P_r - P_t = D_t + D_r + 20 \log_{10} \left(\frac{\lambda}{4\pi d} \right) \quad (\text{in dB})$$

- λ : signal wavelength
- P_t/P_r : transmitting/receiving power
- D_t/D_r : directivity of transmitting/receiving antenna
- $\text{Loss} \propto \text{distance}^2$

Shannon Capacity

- The tight **upper bound** on the data rate

$$C = B \log_2 \left(1 + \frac{S}{N} \right) = B \log_2 (1 + SNR)$$

- B: bandwidth (Hz), e.g., WiFi with 20MHz
- S and N is in Watt (SNR is power ratio, not in dB)
- Example: SNR=25dB, what is the capacity of 20MHz WiFi?

$$SNR_{dB} = 10 * \log_{10} SNR \Rightarrow SNR = 10^{SNR_{dB}/10} = 316.2278$$

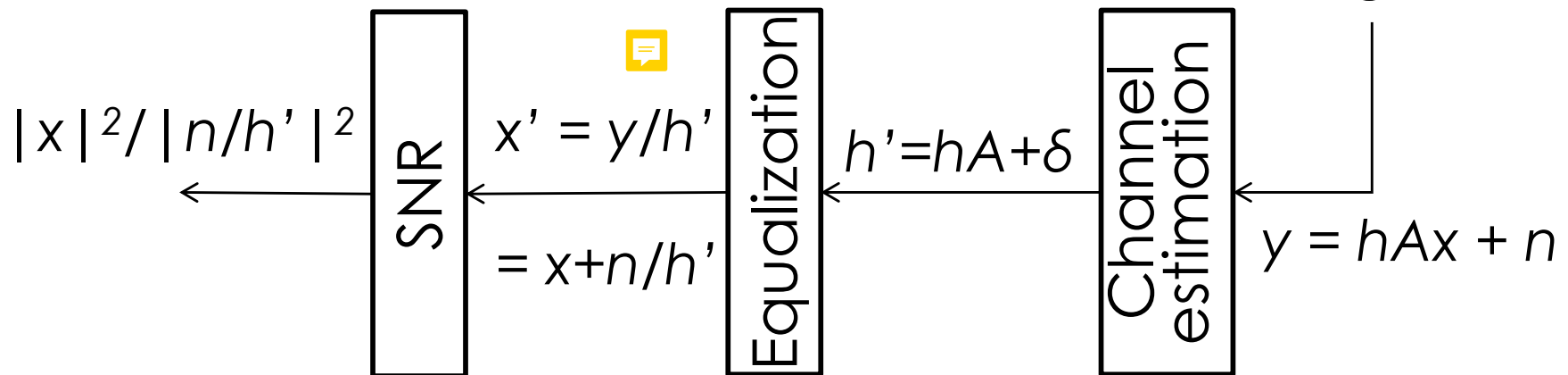
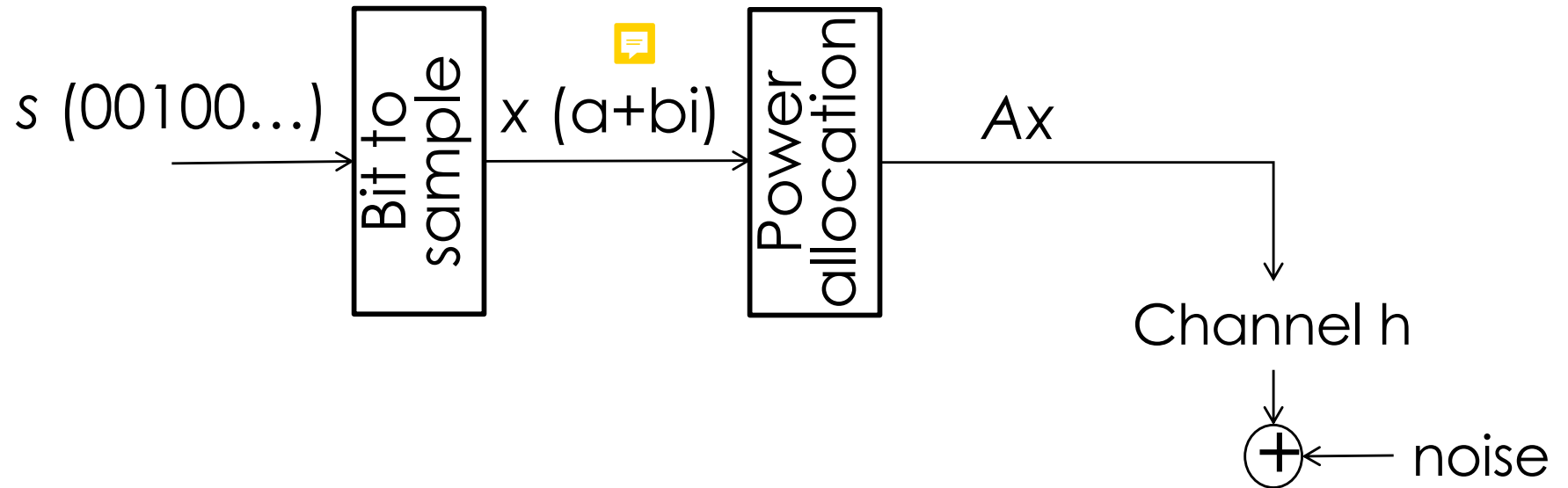
$$C = 20 * 10^6 * \log_2(1 + 316.2278) = 166.1875(\text{Mbps})$$

Shannon Capacity

- In low SNR regime, increasing SNR can increase the rate significantly
- In high SNR regime, the increase in rate from SNR gain is relatively small

- 4dB \rightarrow 7dB
 - SNR: 2.5119 \rightarrow 5.0119
 - Capacity: 1.8123 \rightarrow 2.5878 (1.43x) big enhancement
- 30dB \rightarrow 33dB
 - SNR: 1000 \rightarrow 1.9953e+03
 - Capacity: 9.9672 \rightarrow 10.9631 (1.0999x) small enhancement

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