

# *Faster-than-Nyquist transmission for wireless and optical fibre communication*

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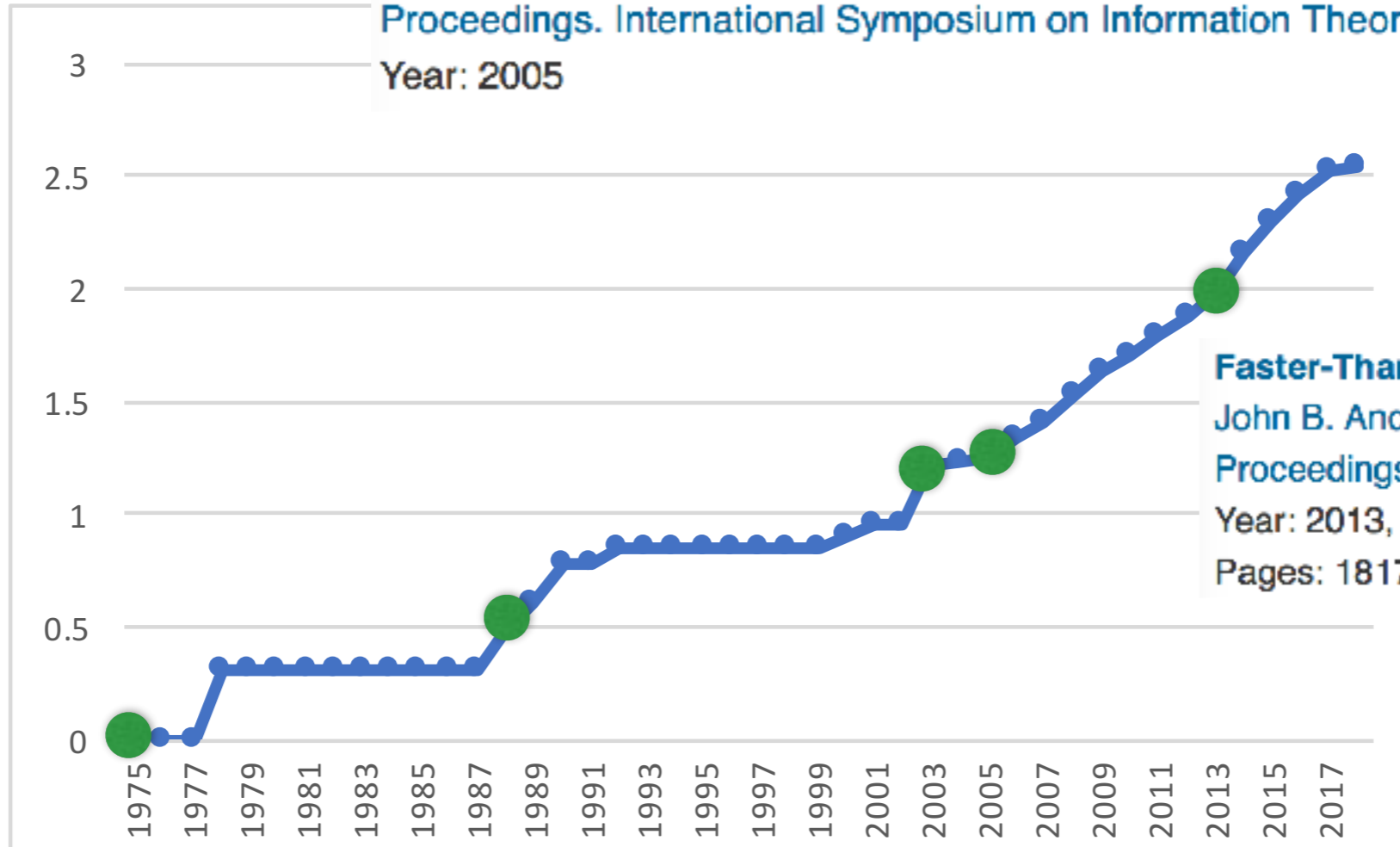
(FTN) OR (Faster than Nyquist) OR (time-frequency packing) OR (super Nyquist)

**The two dimensional Mazo limit**

F. Rusek; J. B. Anderson

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**Faster-Than-Nyquist Signaling**

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**On the minimum**

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**Exploiting faster-than-Nyquist signaling**

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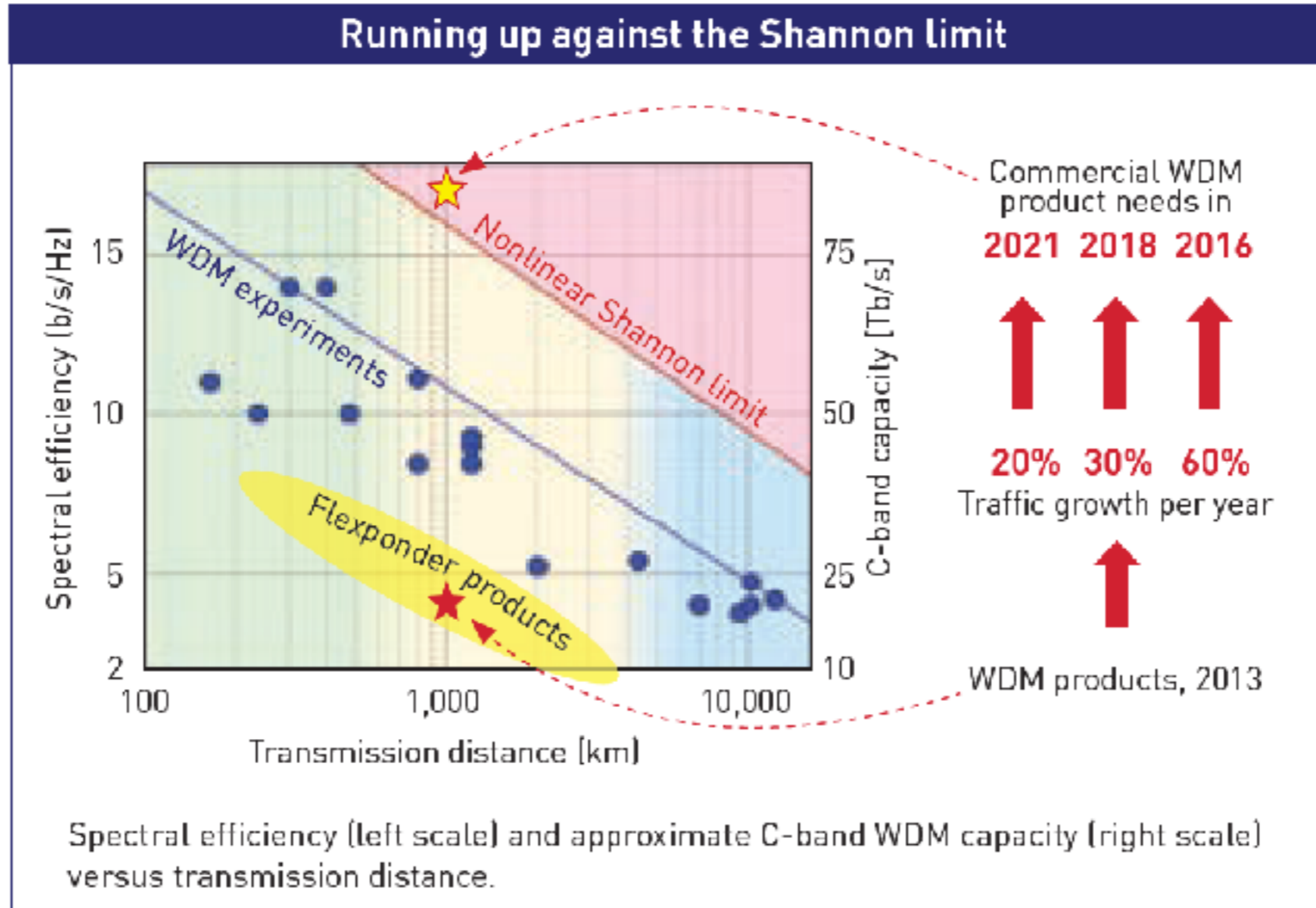
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# *What is faster than Nyquist?*

More bits per second per Hertz, i.e., higher spectral efficiency

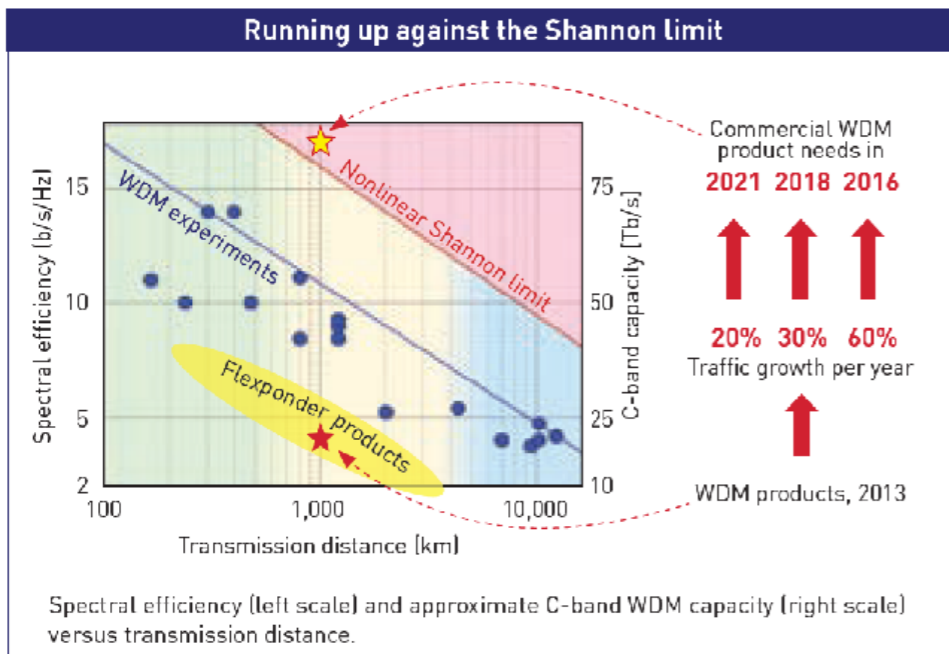
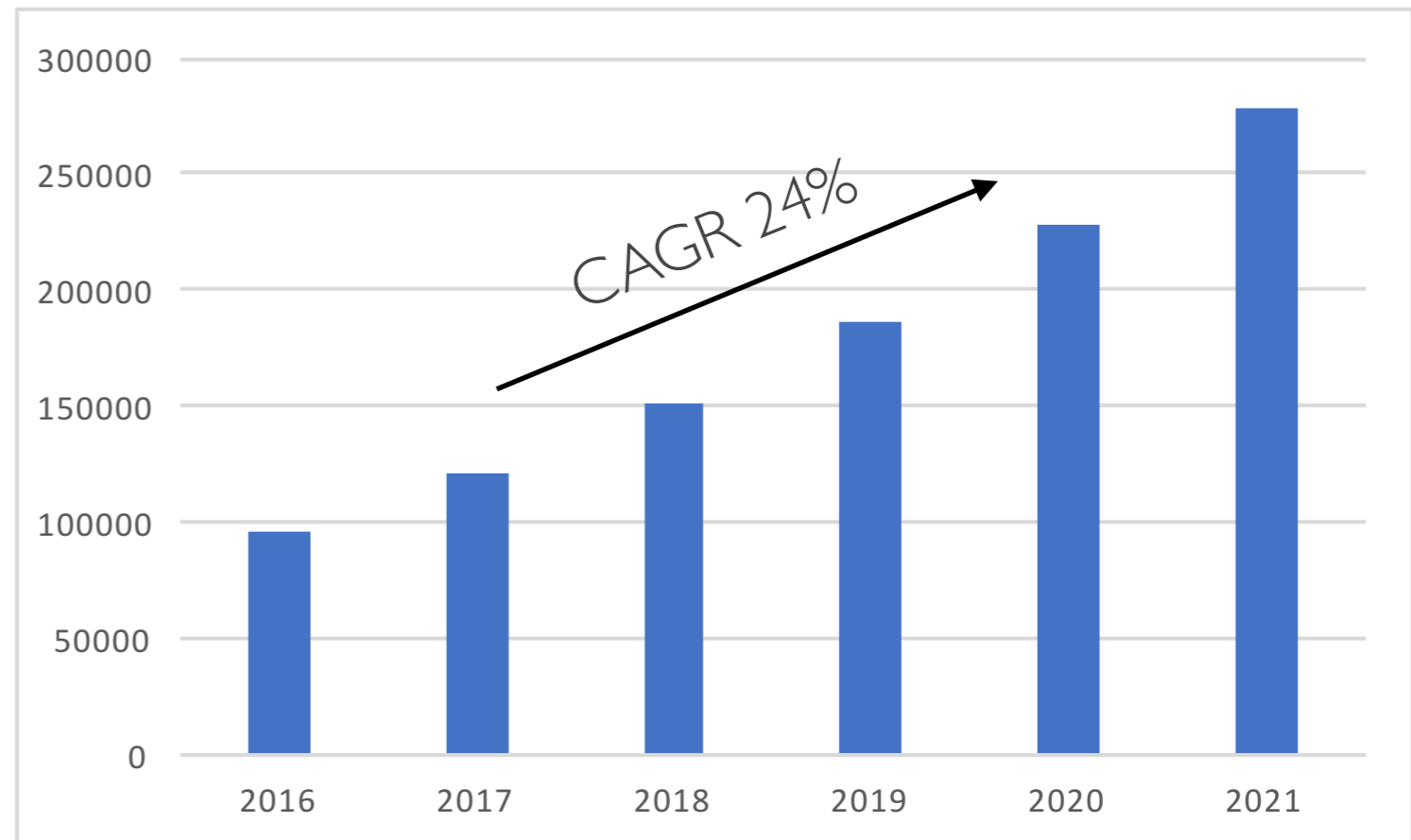


# Why fast (-er than Nyquist)?



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Global IP traffic in PB per month



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 Peter J. Winzer,  
 Optics and Photonics News Vol. 26, Issue 3, pp. 28-35 (2015)  
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Cisco Visual Networking Index:  
 Forecast and Methodology, 2016–2021



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## Global - 2021 Forecast Highlights

### 2021 Mobile Data Traffic

Globally, mobile data traffic will grow 7-fold from 2016 to 2021, a compound annual growth rate of 47%.

Globally, mobile data traffic will reach 49.0 Exabytes per month by 2021 (the equivalent of 12,238 million DVDs each month), up from 7.2 Exabytes per month in 2016.

Globally, mobile data traffic will reach an annual run rate of 567.4 Exabytes by 2021, up from 86.9 Exabytes in 2016.

Globally, mobile data traffic will grow 2 times faster than fixed IP traffic from 2016 to 2021.

Globally, mobile data traffic will account for 20% of global fixed and mobile data traffic by 2021, up from 8% in 2016.

Globally, mobile data traffic by 2021 will be equivalent to 122x the volume of global mobile traffic ten years earlier (in 2011).

Globally, 75% of mobile connections will be 'smart' connections by 2021, up from 46% in 2016.

Globally, 82% of mobile connections (excluding LPWA) will be 'smart' connections by 2021, up from 46% in 2016.

Globally, 89% of mobile data traffic will be 'smart' traffic by 2021, up from 92% in 2016.

Globally, mobile traffic per mobile-connected end-user device will reach 5,657 megabytes per month by 2021, up from 877 megabytes per month in 2016, a CAGR of 42%.

Globally, mobile traffic per mobile connection (including M2M/LPWA) will reach 4,226 megabytes per month by 2021, up from 902 megabytes per month in 2016, a CAGR of 36%.

Globally, mobile traffic per user will reach 8,423 megabytes per month by 2021, up from 1,466 megabytes per month in 2016, a CAGR of 42%.

Globally, mobile traffic per capita will reach 6,247 megabytes per month by 2021, up from 874 megabytes per month in 2016, a CAGR of 45%.

VNI Mobile Forecast Highlights, 2016-2021

## Modulation Formats and Waveforms for 5G Networks: Who Will Be the Heir of OFDM?

[An overview of alternative modulation schemes for improved spectral efficiency]

IEEE Signal Processing Magazine, 2014



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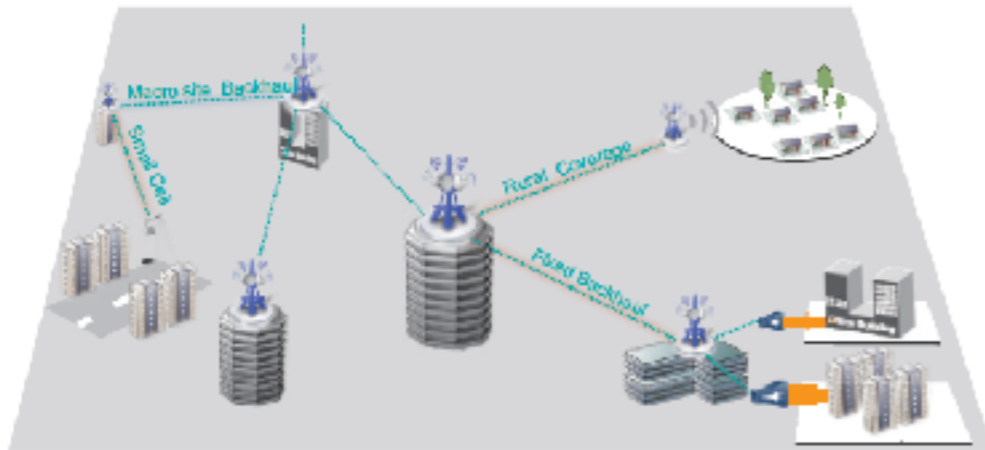
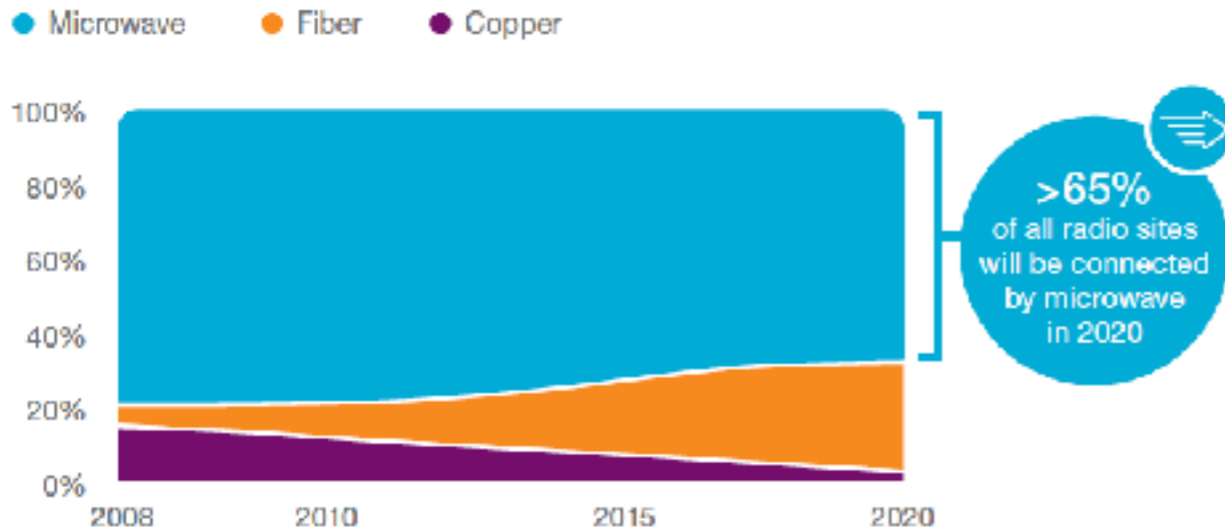


Figure 1: Microwave Application Scenarios

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Figure 3: Backhaul media distribution (excluding China, Japan, Korea and Taiwan)



Source: Ericsson (2015)

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Figure 2: Backhaul capacity requirements per base station for operators at two different stages of mobile broadband evolution

| Mobile broadband introduction | 2015     | 2020      |
|-------------------------------|----------|-----------|
| 80% of sites                  | 8 Mbps   | 25 Mbps   |
| 20% of sites                  | 25 Mbps  | 90 Mbps   |
| Few % of sites                | 90 Mbps  | 180 Mbps  |
| Advanced mobile broadband     | 2015     | 2020      |
| 80% of sites                  | 90 Mbps  | 270 Mbps  |
| 20% of sites                  | 360 Mbps | 1 Gbps    |
| Few % of sites                | 1 Gbps   | 5/10 Gbps |

Source: Ericsson (2015)



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# Nyquist Signalling

$$s(t) = \sum_n a[n]h(t - nT)$$

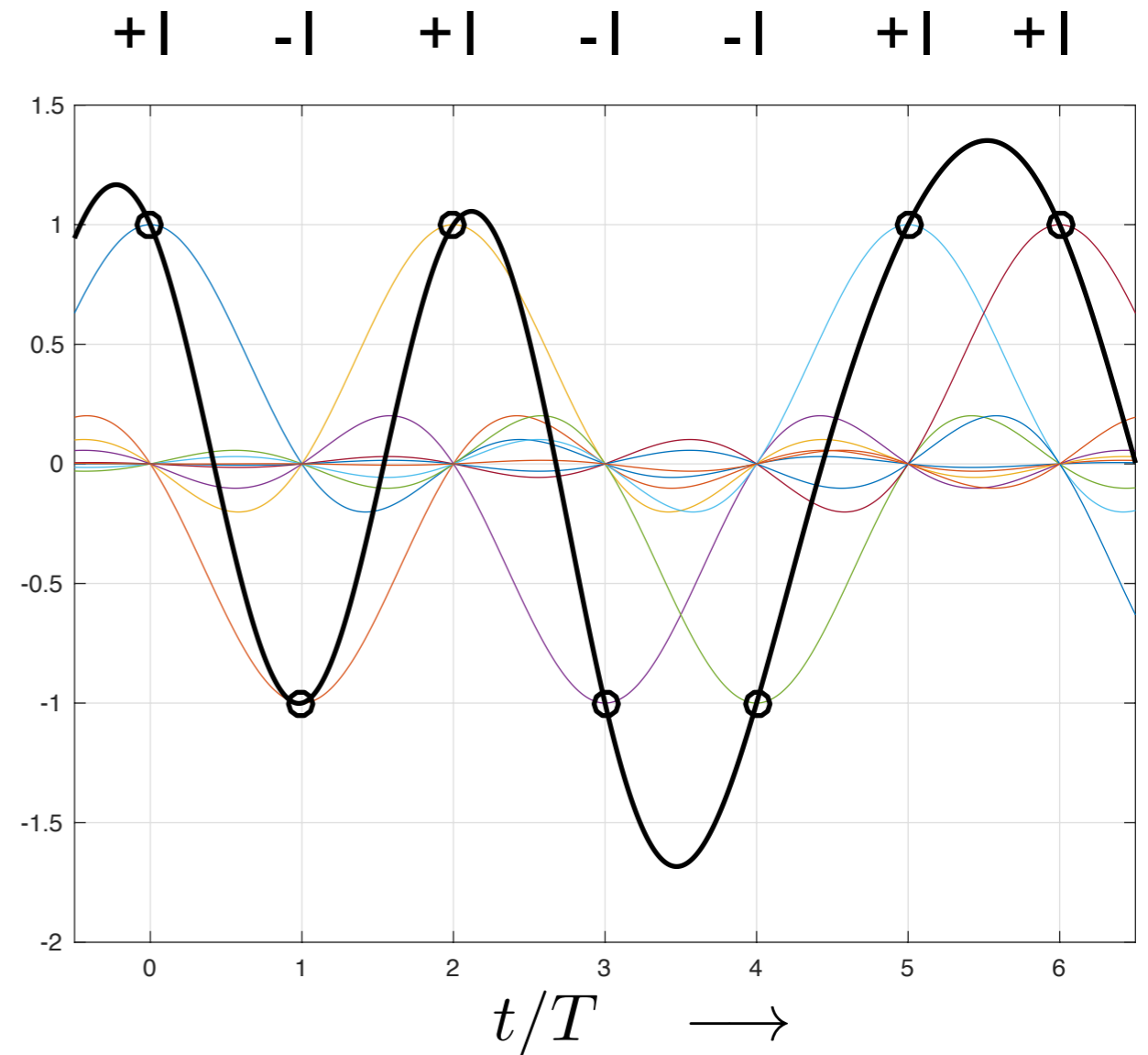
AWGN, matched filter

$$r(t) = \sum_n a[n]g(t - nT) + w(t)$$

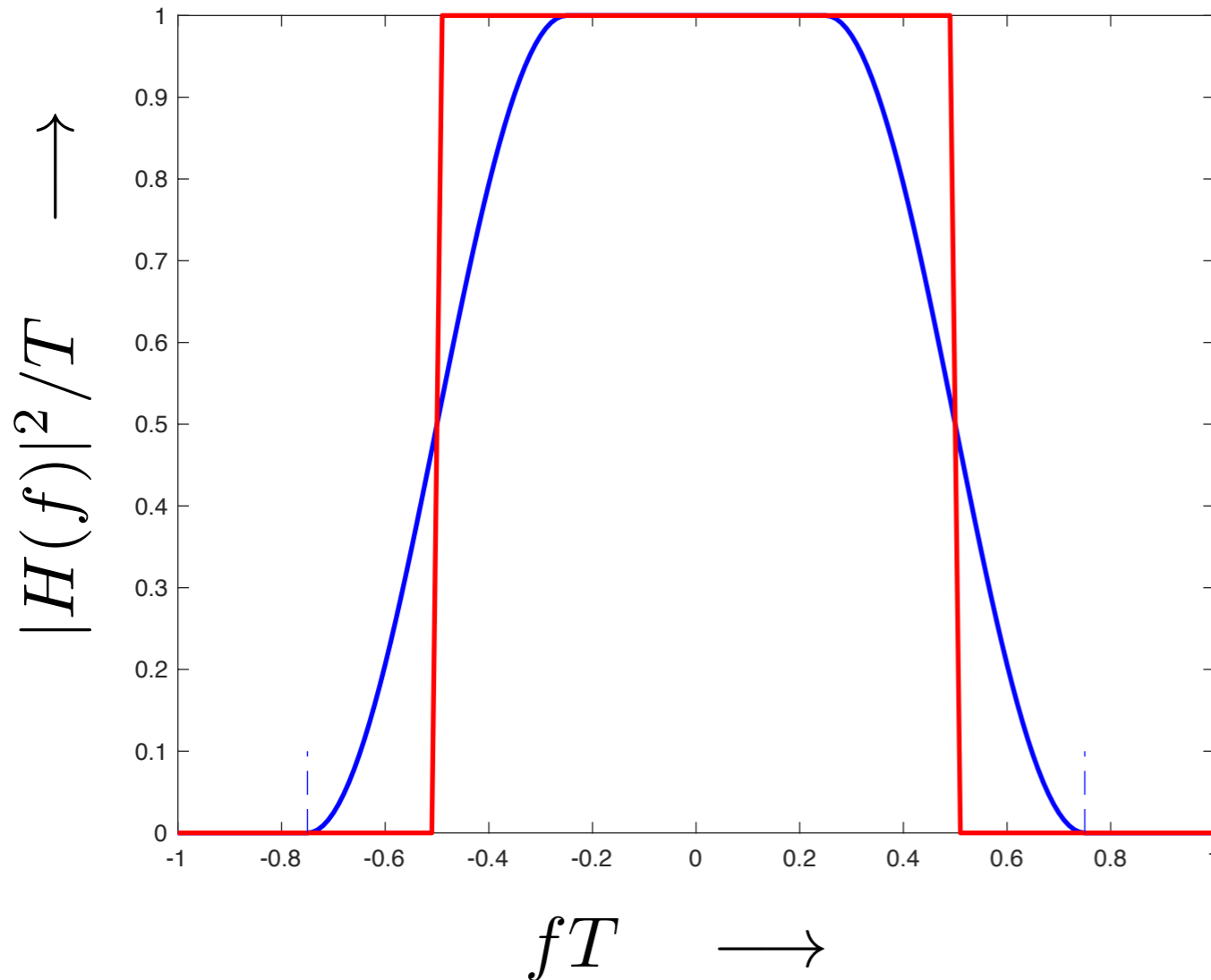
Sampling

$$r[n] = a[n] + w[n]$$

*Nyquist pulse*



# Nyquist Signalling



Achievable rate\*:

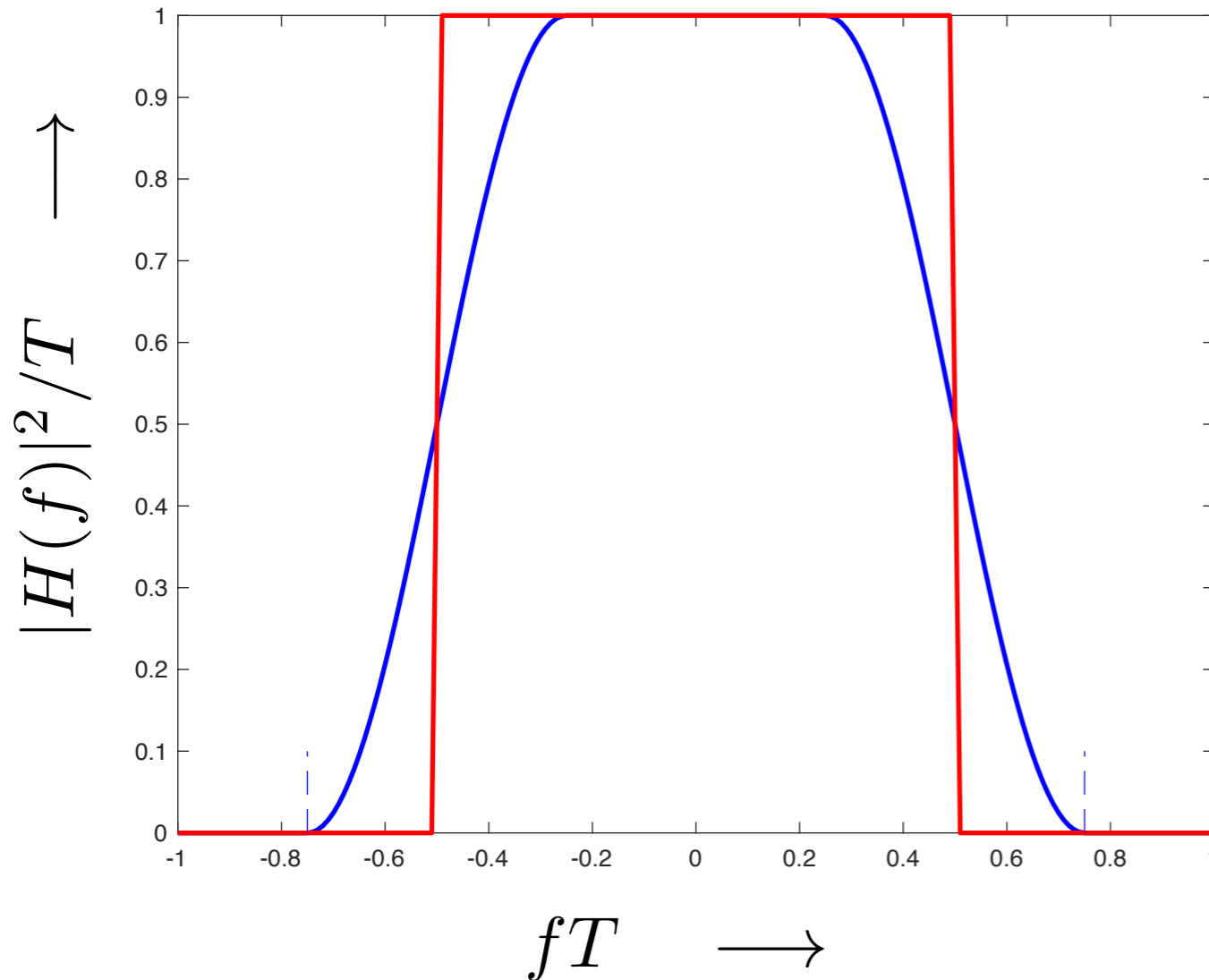
$$C_N = \frac{1}{T} \log_2 \left( 1 + \frac{P}{N_0/T} \right)$$

Observation: rate is independent of pulse shape

\*complex baseband signal



# Not Nyquist Signalling



Achievable rate\*:

$$\begin{aligned} C &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \log_2 \left( 1 + \frac{P}{N_0} |H(f)|^2 \right) df \\ &= \int_{-W/2}^{W/2} \log_2 \left( 1 + \frac{P}{N_0} |H(f)|^2 \right) df \\ W &\geq \frac{1}{T} \\ &> \frac{1}{T} \log_2 \left( 1 + \frac{P}{N_0/T} \right) = C_N \end{aligned}$$

\*complex baseband signal



# Faster-than-Nyquist Signalling

$$s(t) = \sum_n a[n]h(t - n\tau T) \quad 0 < \tau \leq 1$$

Rate increases by a factor  $\tau$

Power is scaled:  $P = \frac{\sigma_a^2}{\tau T}$



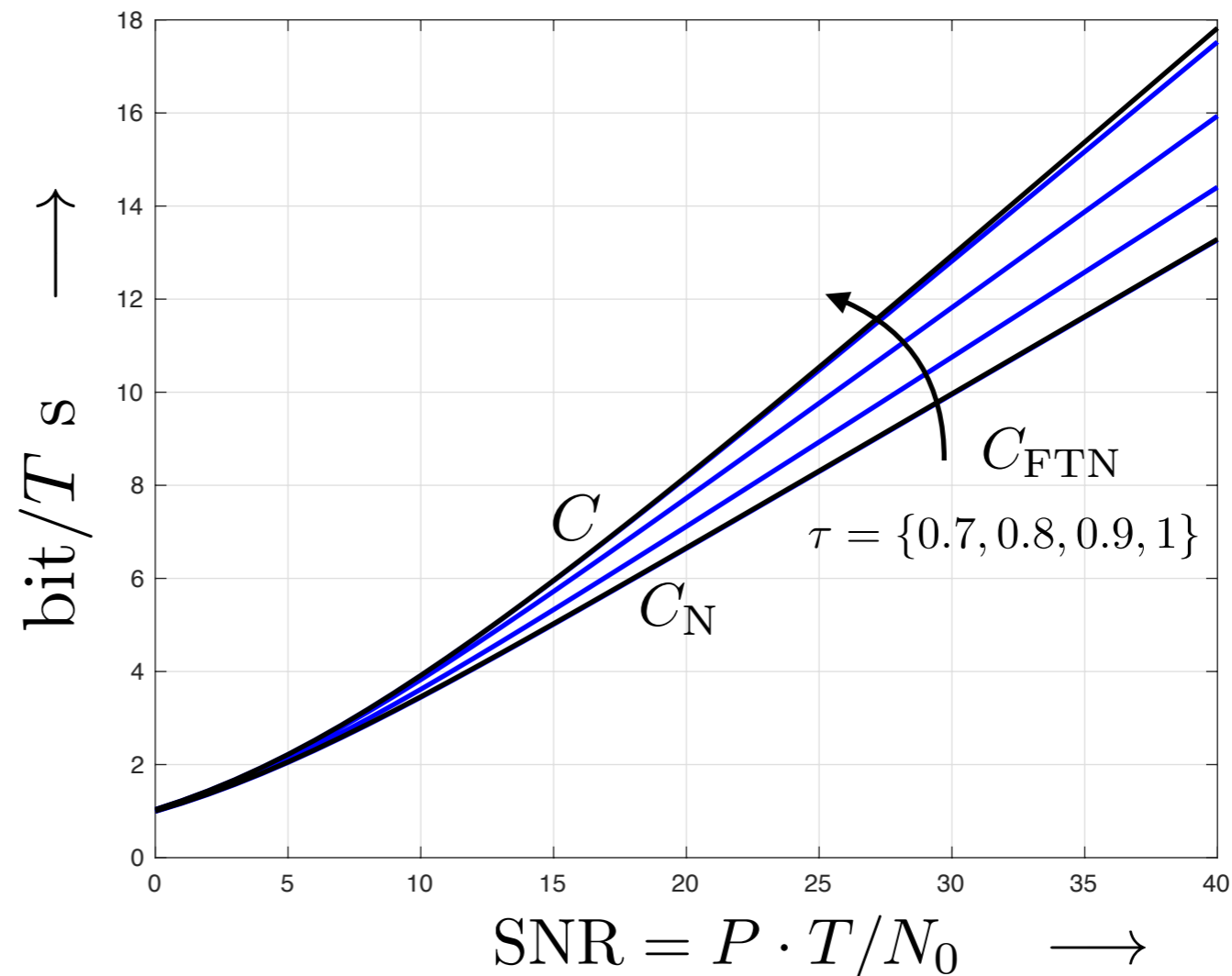
# Faster-than-Nyquist Capacity

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Observation:  
capacity increases  
with decreasing  $\tau$



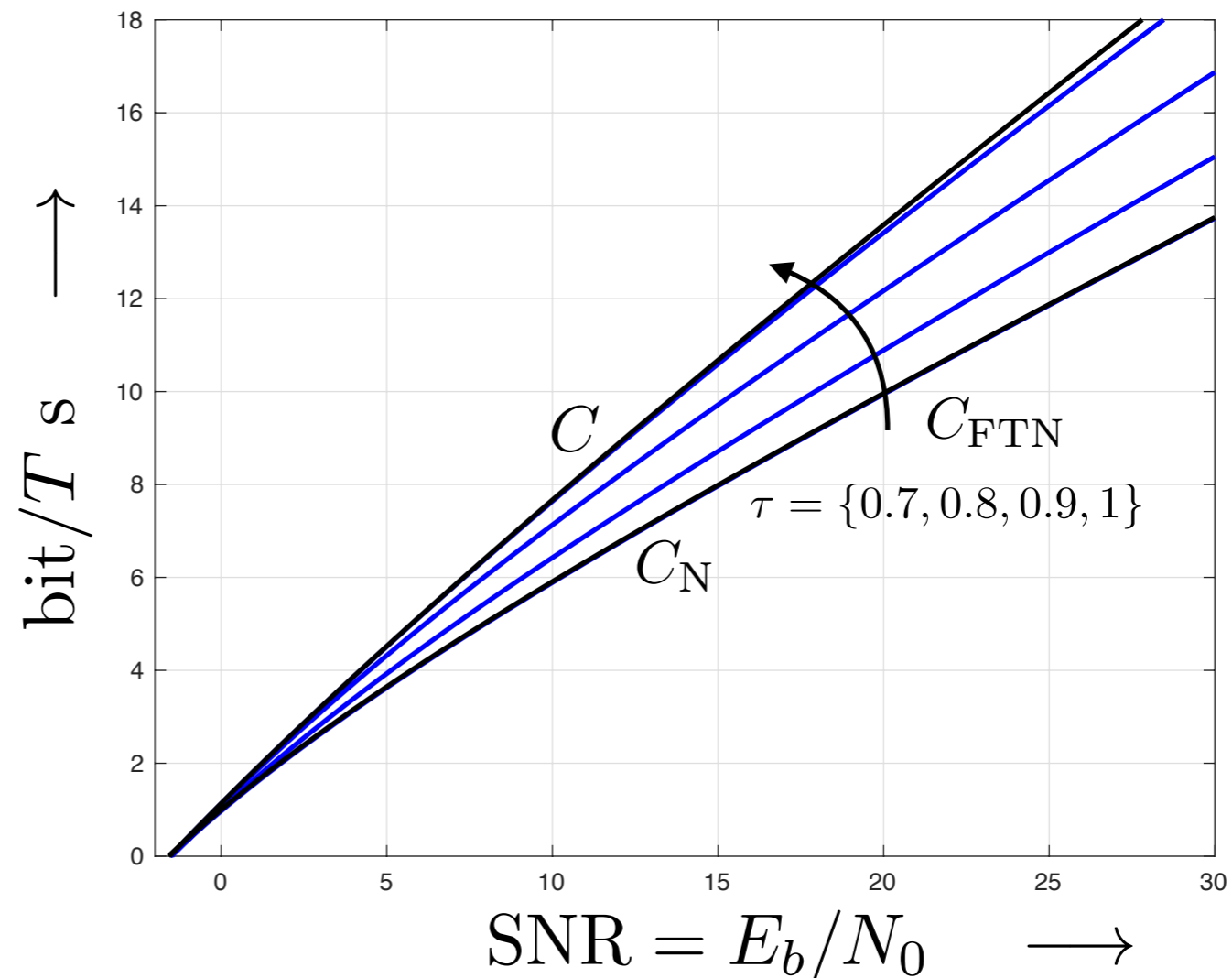
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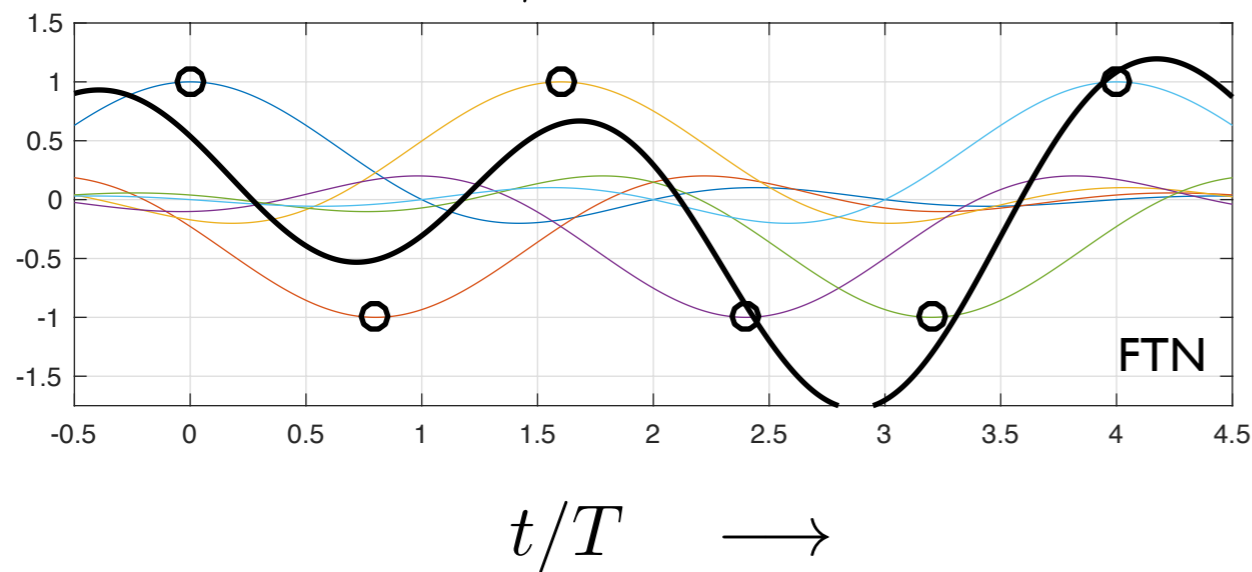
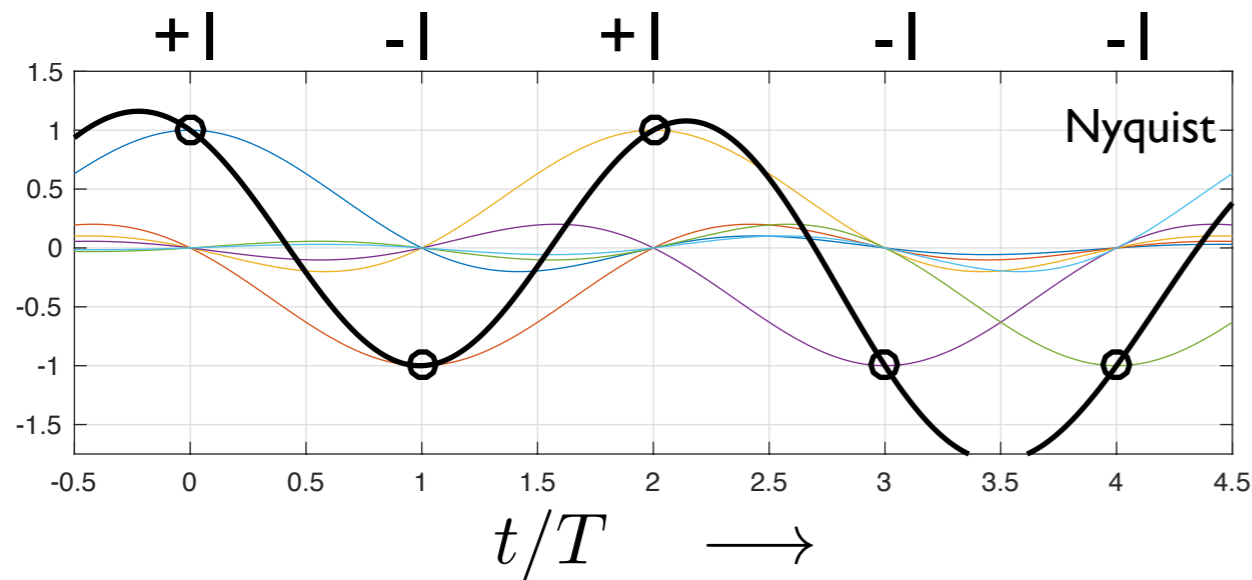
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# Faster-than-Nyquist Distance



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## Faster-Than-Nyquist Signaling

By J. E. MAZO

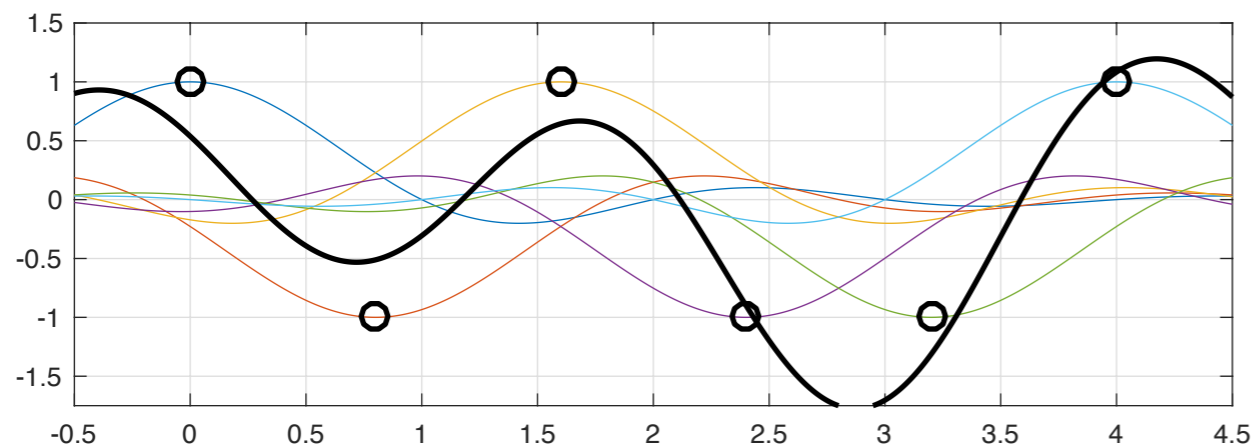
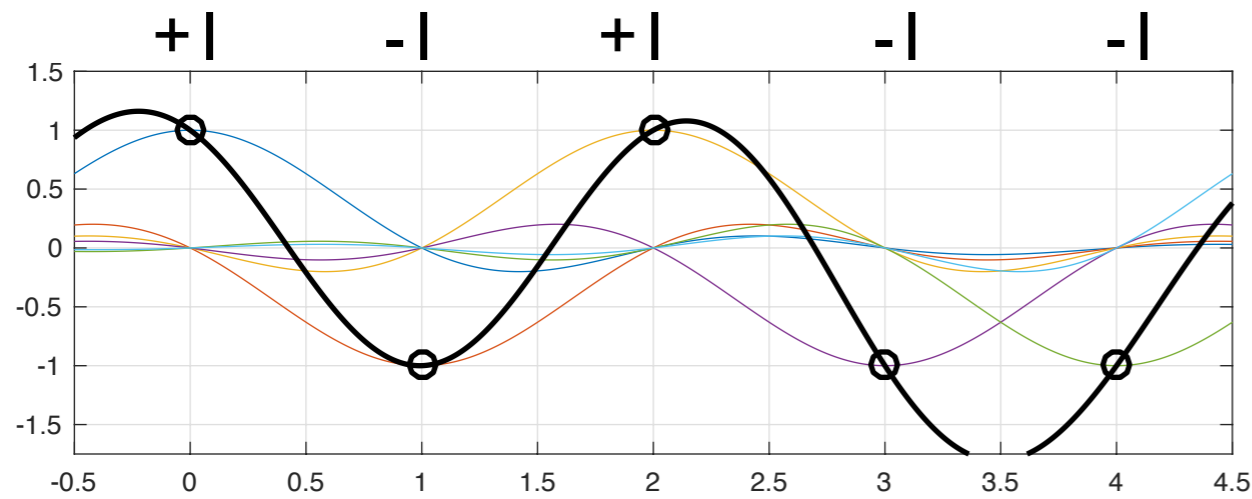
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*The degradation suffered when pulses satisfying the Nyquist criterion are used to transmit binary data in noise at supraconventional rates is studied. Optimum processing of the received waveforms is assumed, and*

Observation: loss in eye opening ...

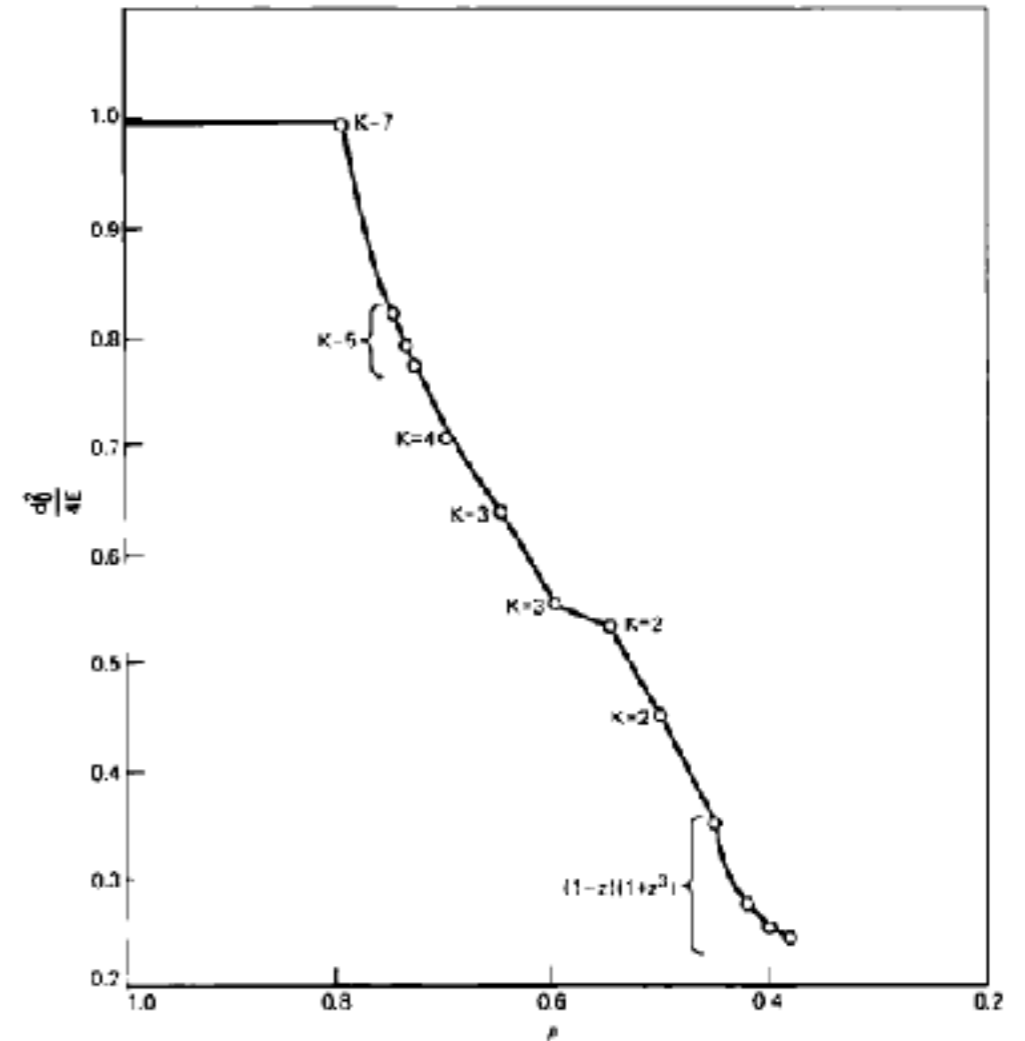


# Faster-than-Nyquist Distance



$t/T \longrightarrow$

... but minimum distance retained



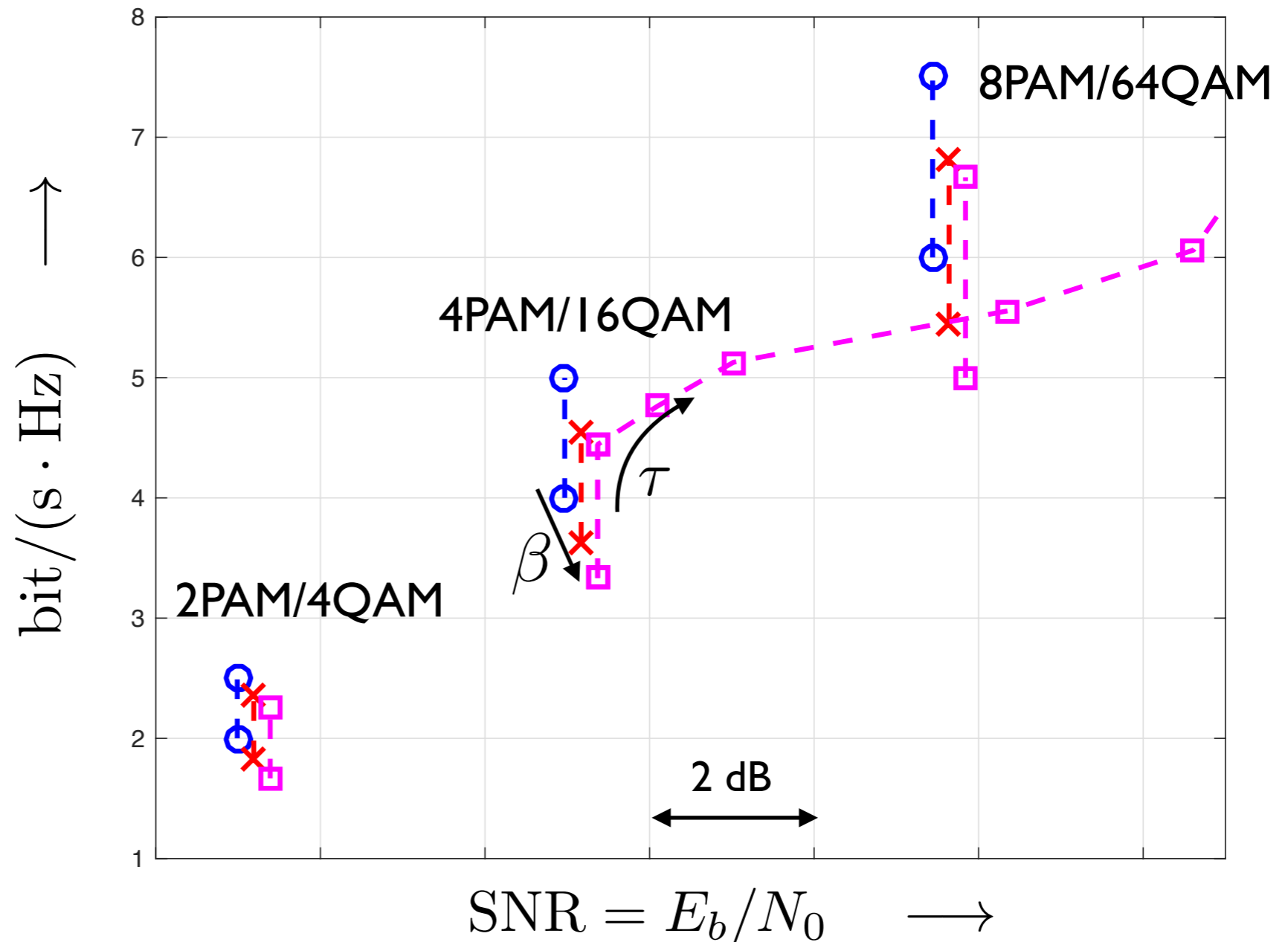
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# Faster-than-Nyquist Mazo Limit

Since  $d_{\min}$  does not change, spectral efficiency increases for fixed  $E_b/N_0$ \*

beyond *Mazo limit*, trade-off between spectral and power efficiency



\*absolute numbers need to be verified

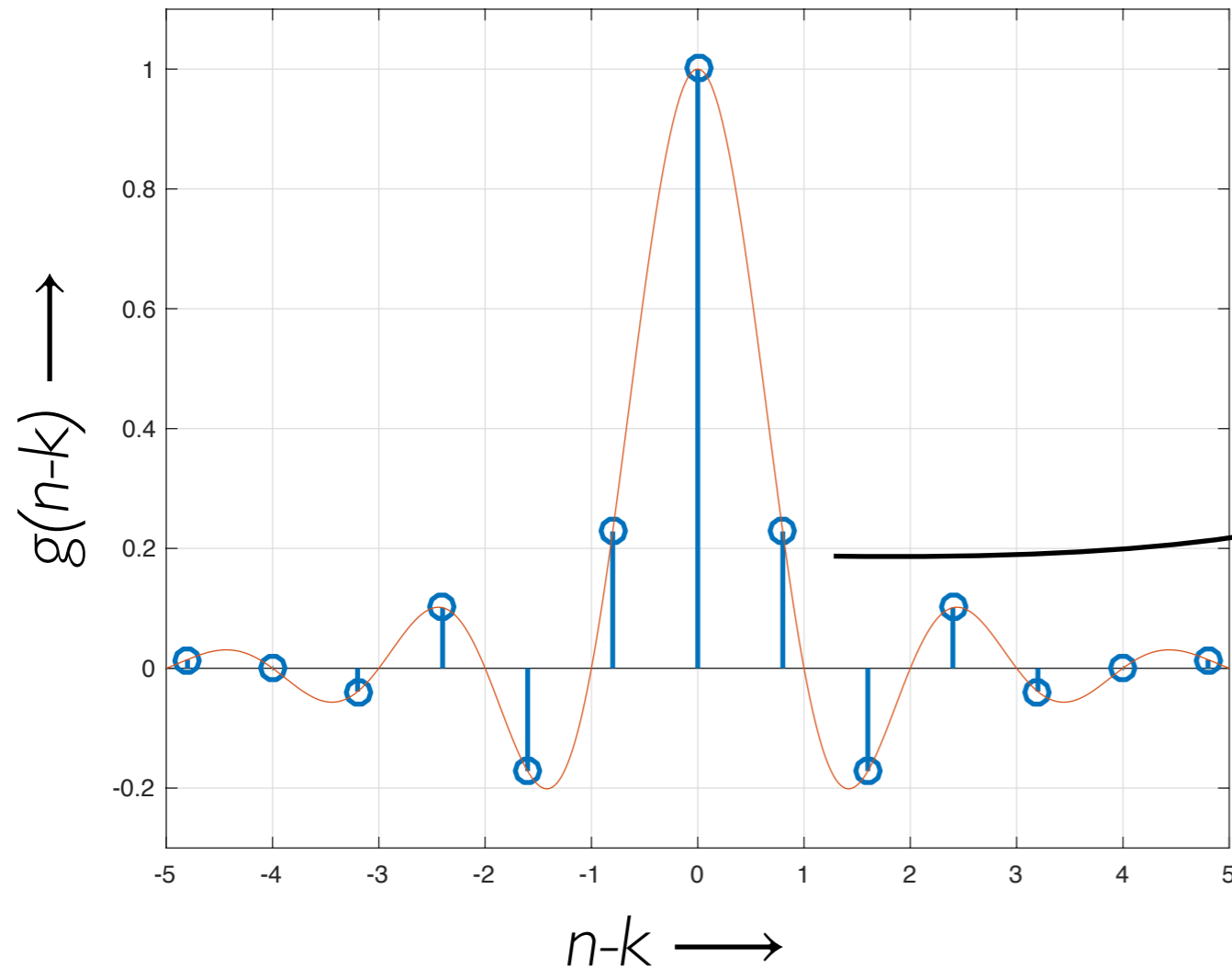


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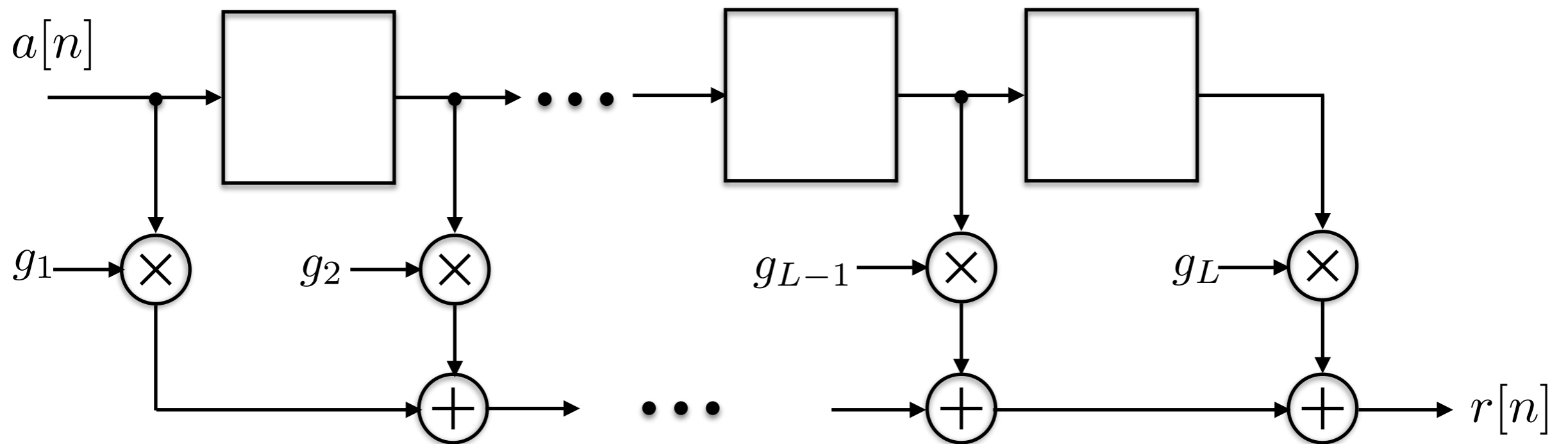
# Faster-than-Nyquist ISI



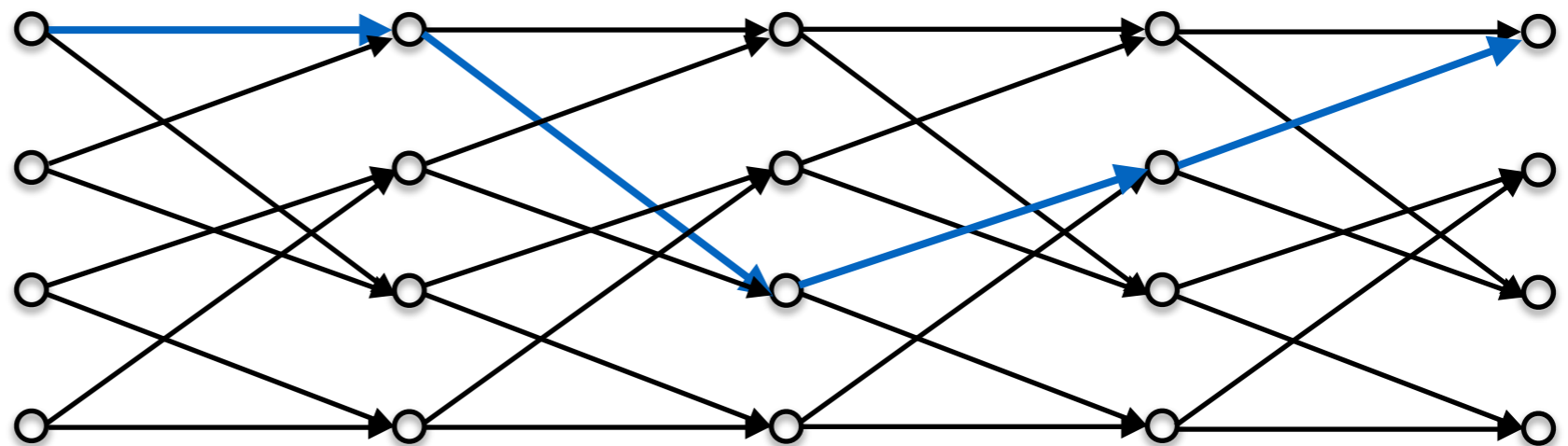
$$r[n] = \sum_k a[k]g(n-k) + w[n]$$

Intersymbol-interference (ISI) channel

# Faster-than-Nyquist Equalization



E.g. binary transmission,  $L=3$



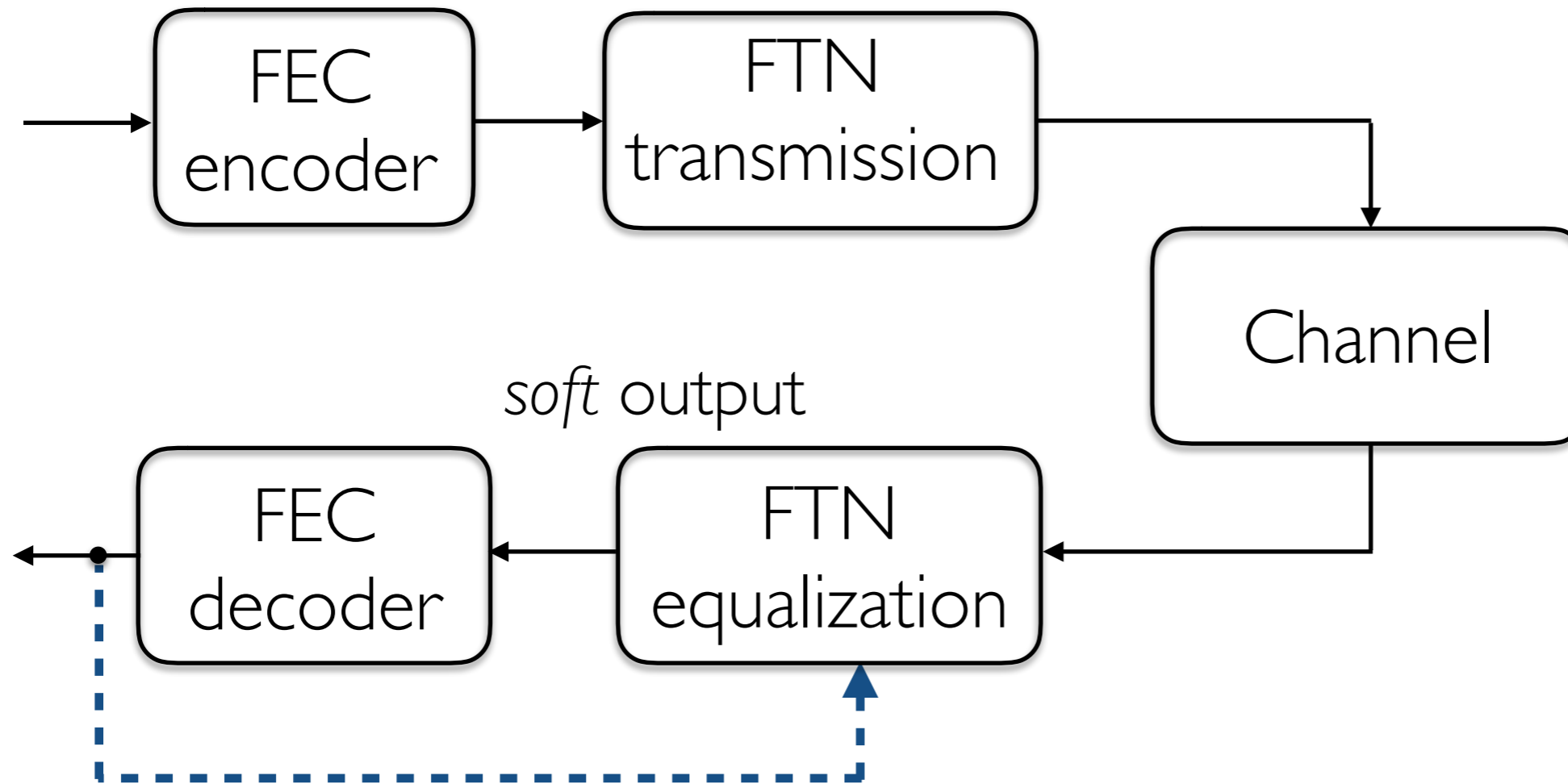


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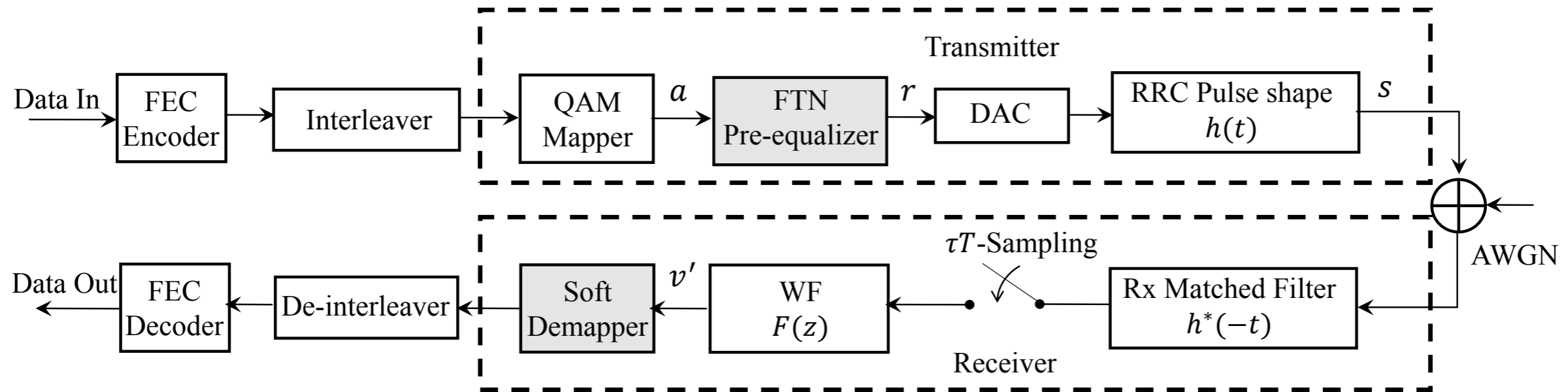


# Faster-than-Nyquist Coding



Turbo equalization

# Faster-than-Nyquist Prequalization



Tomlison-Harashima Precoding

Linear Precoding

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| <b>Precoding</b>                          | low complexity, high performance                                     | application to limited FTN acceleration range                               |



# Faster-than-Nyquist Complications

## Synchronization

No excess bandwidth for timing synchronization  
Varying signal amplitude complicates carrier-phase estimation

## Channel estimation

Effective constellation changes due to FTN signalling is a challenge for pilot-based and blind channel estimation

## Peak-to-average power ratio

Generally increases



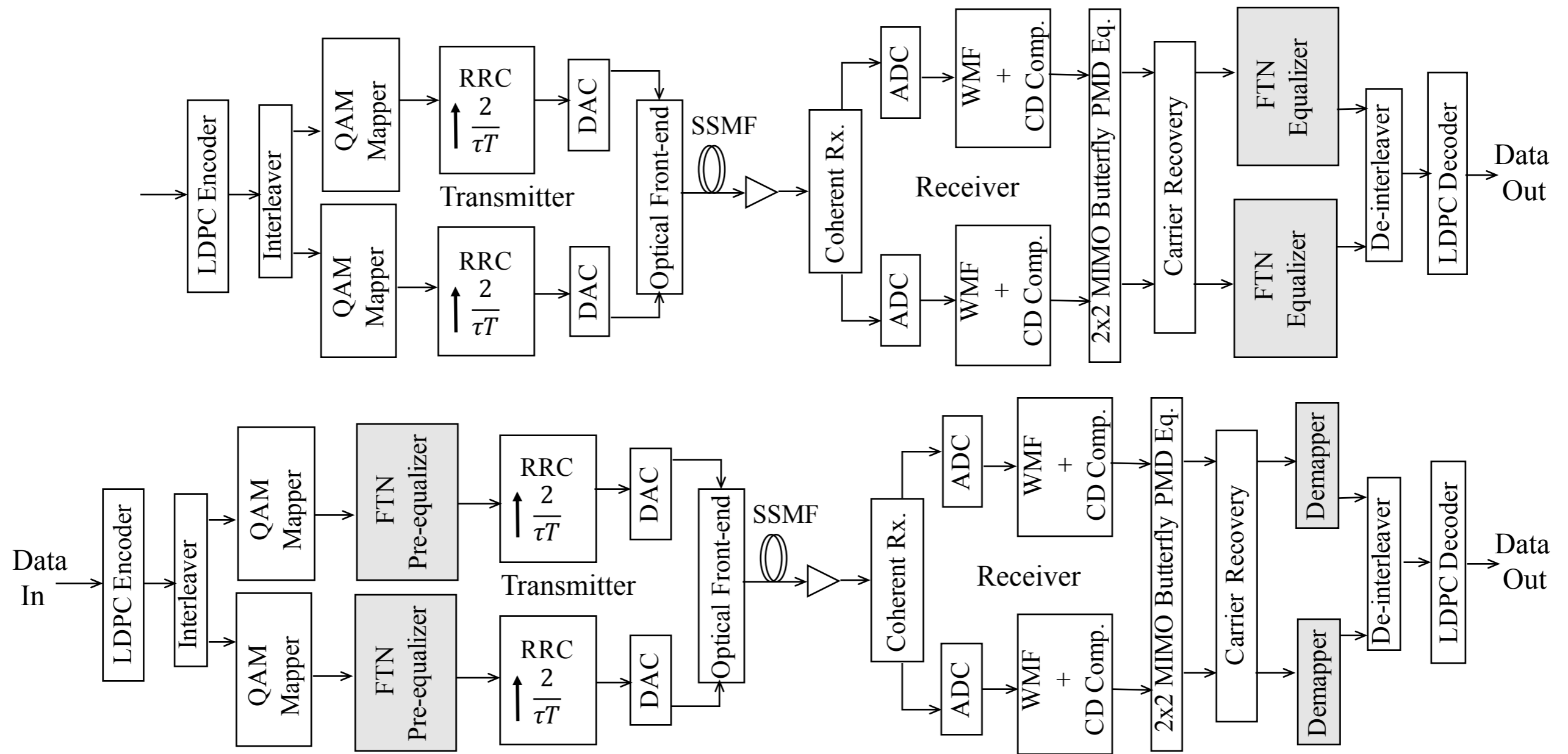
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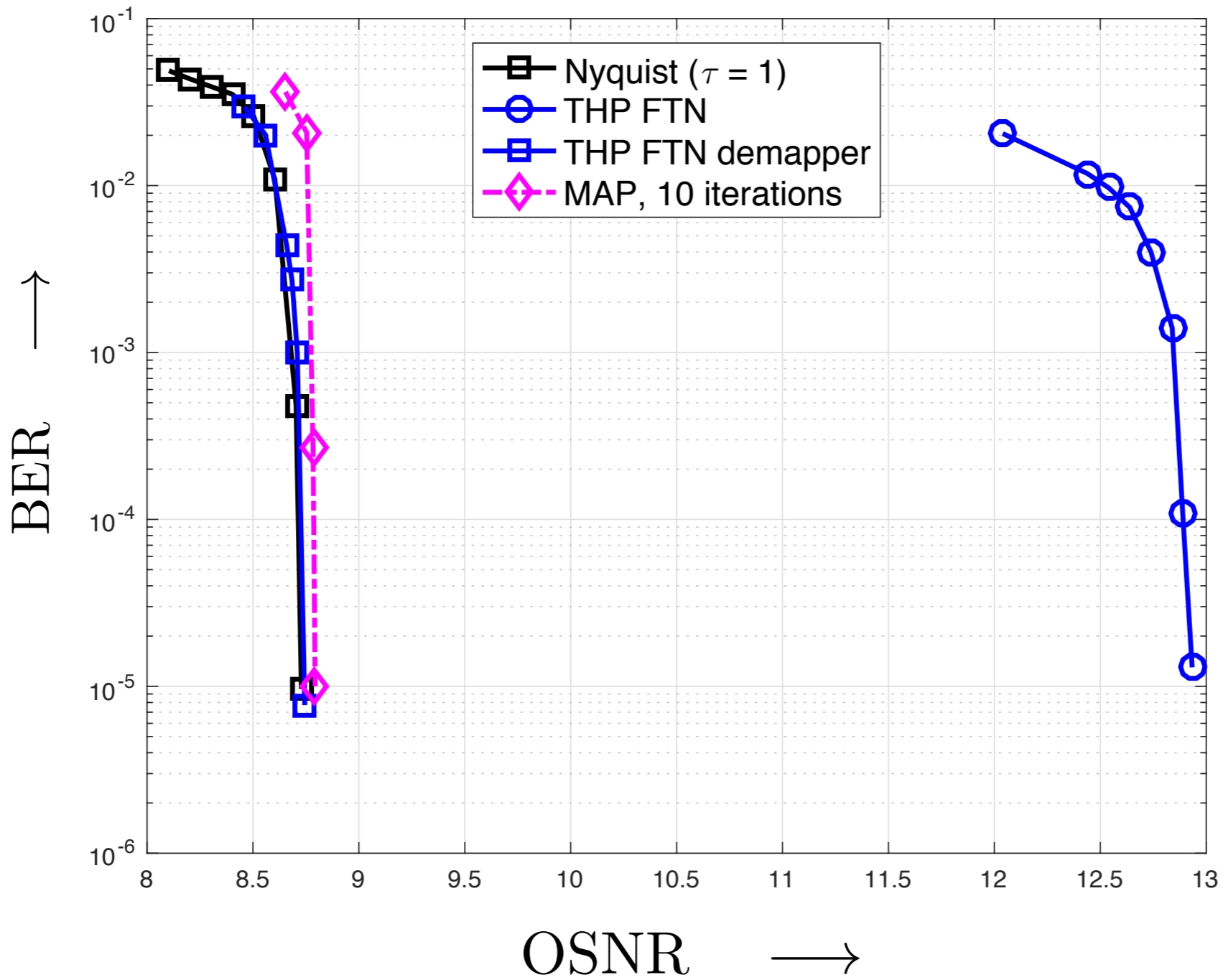
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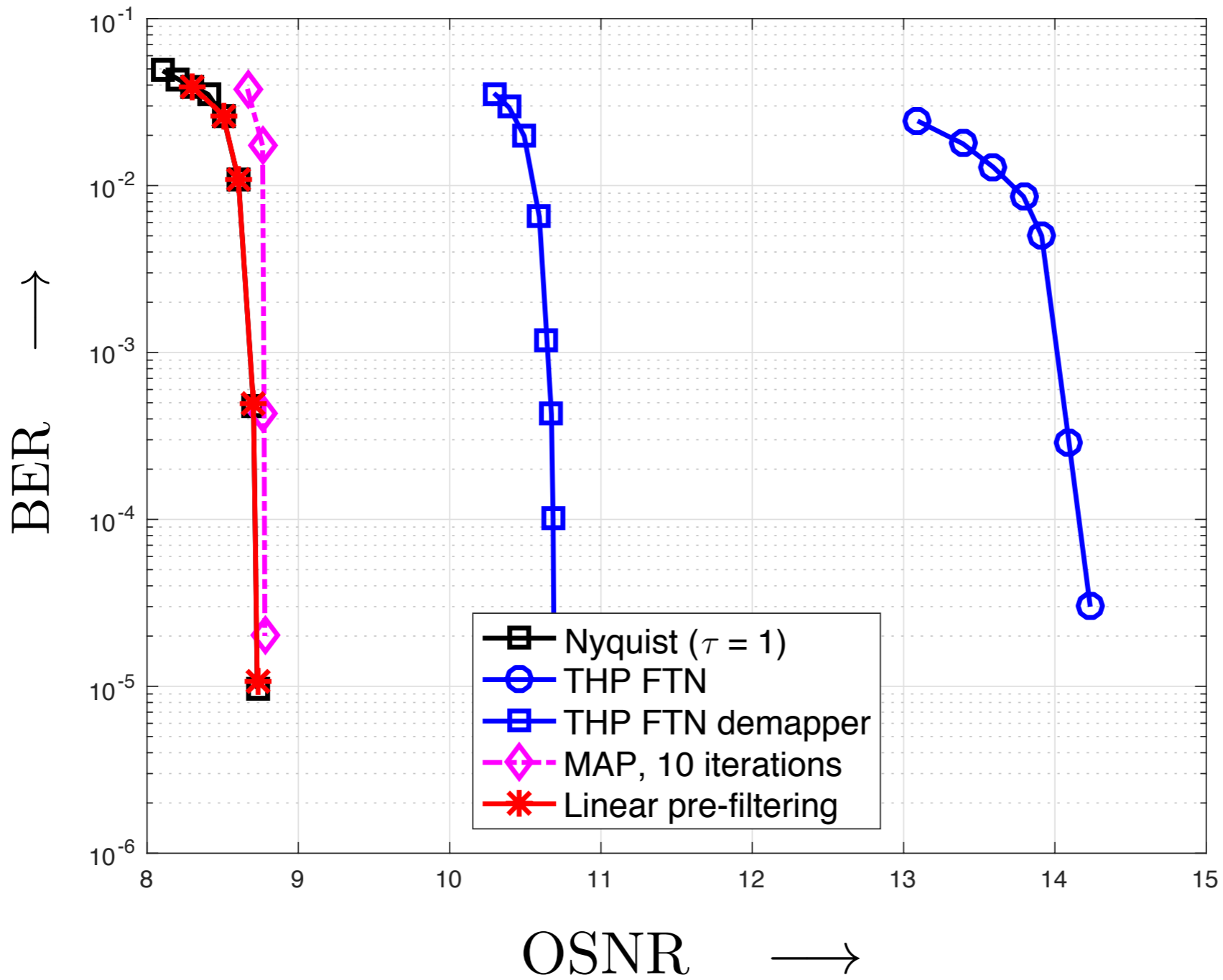
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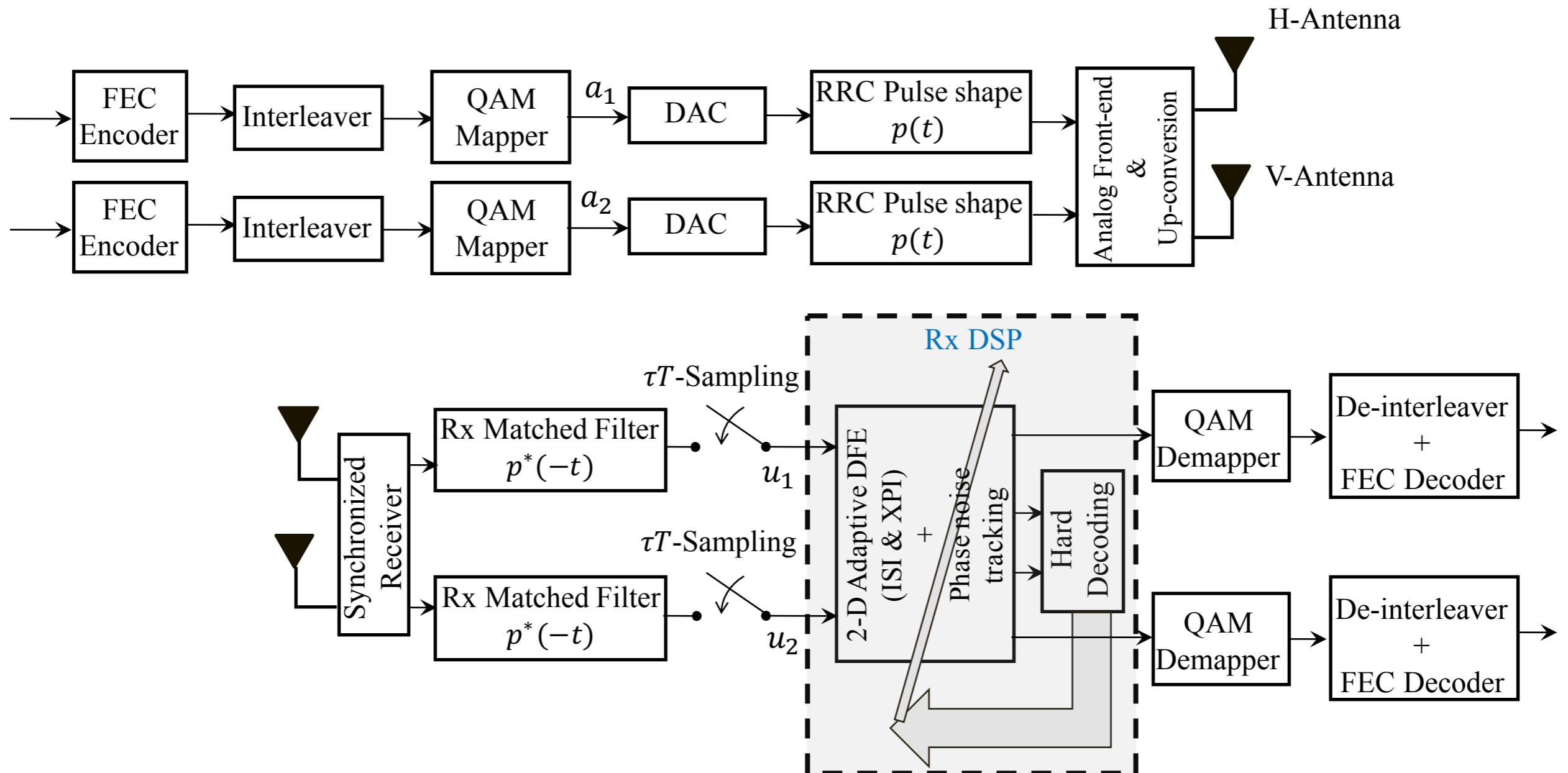
$$\tau=0.85$$



QPSK, roll-off 0.3, optical comms setting, fixed baud rate  
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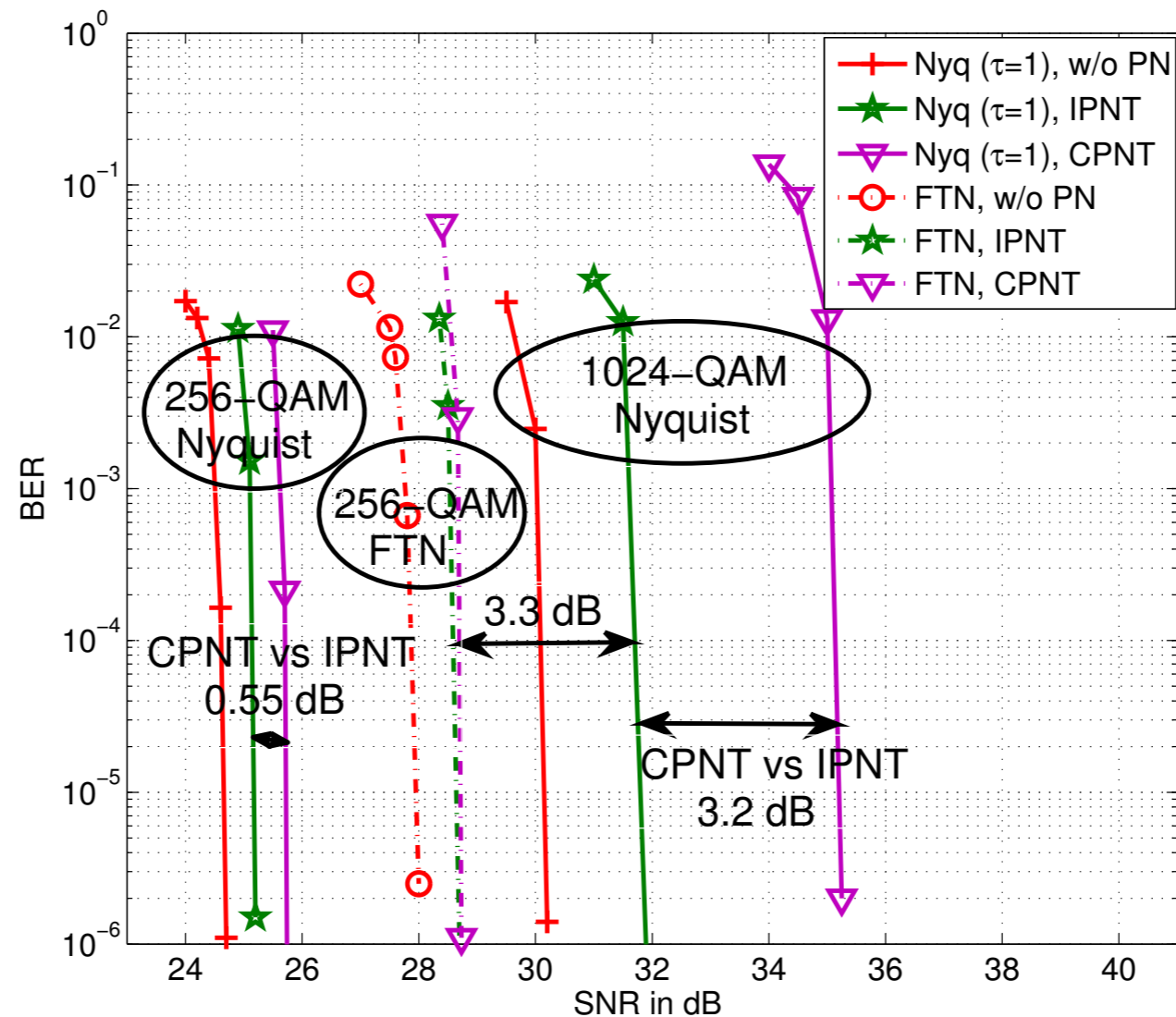


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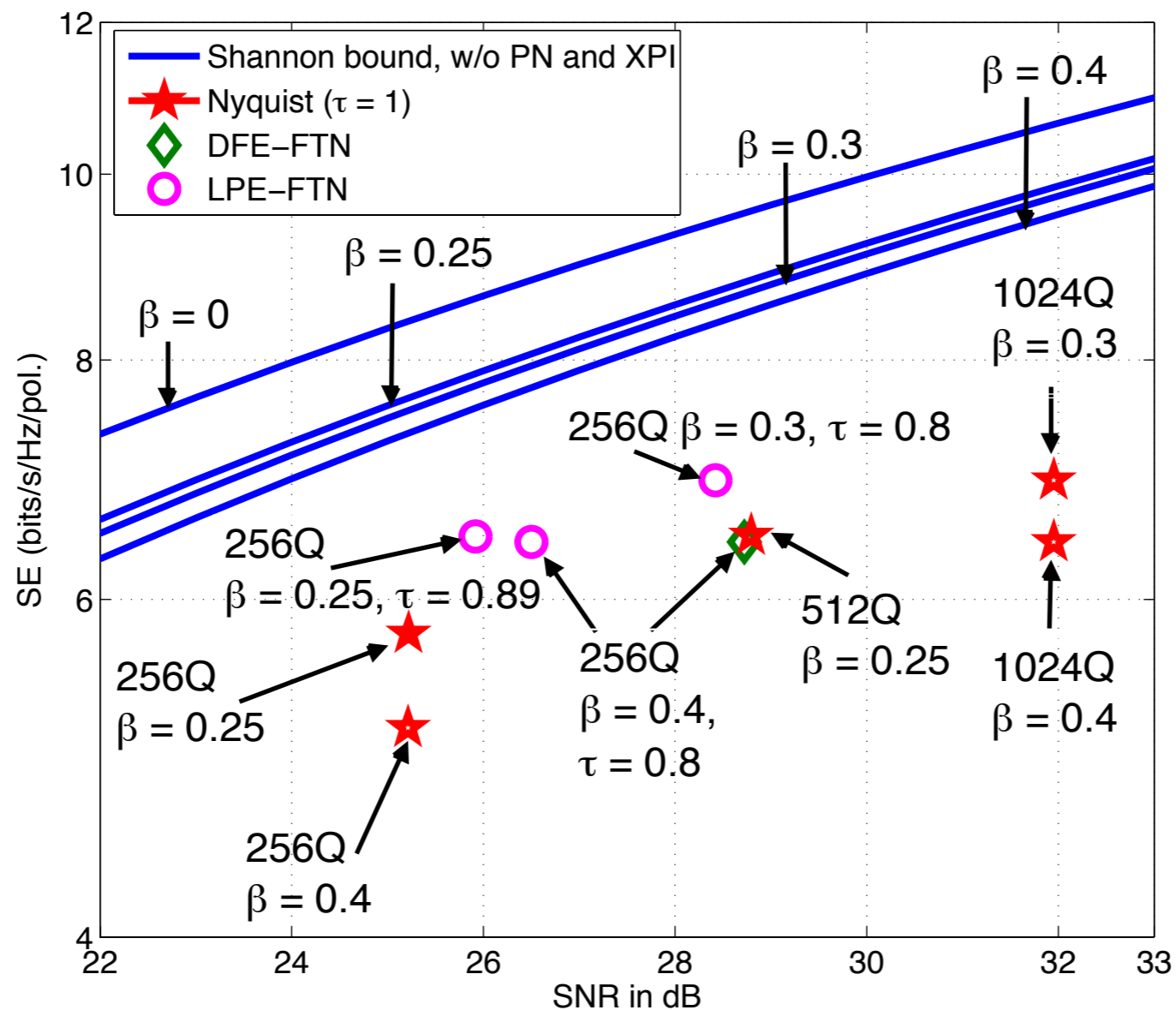
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# Dual-polarized FTN transmission over microwave channel with phase noise, roll-off 0.4, $\tau=0.80$



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# Dual-polarized FTN transmission over microwave channel with phase noise, spectral efficiency (SE)

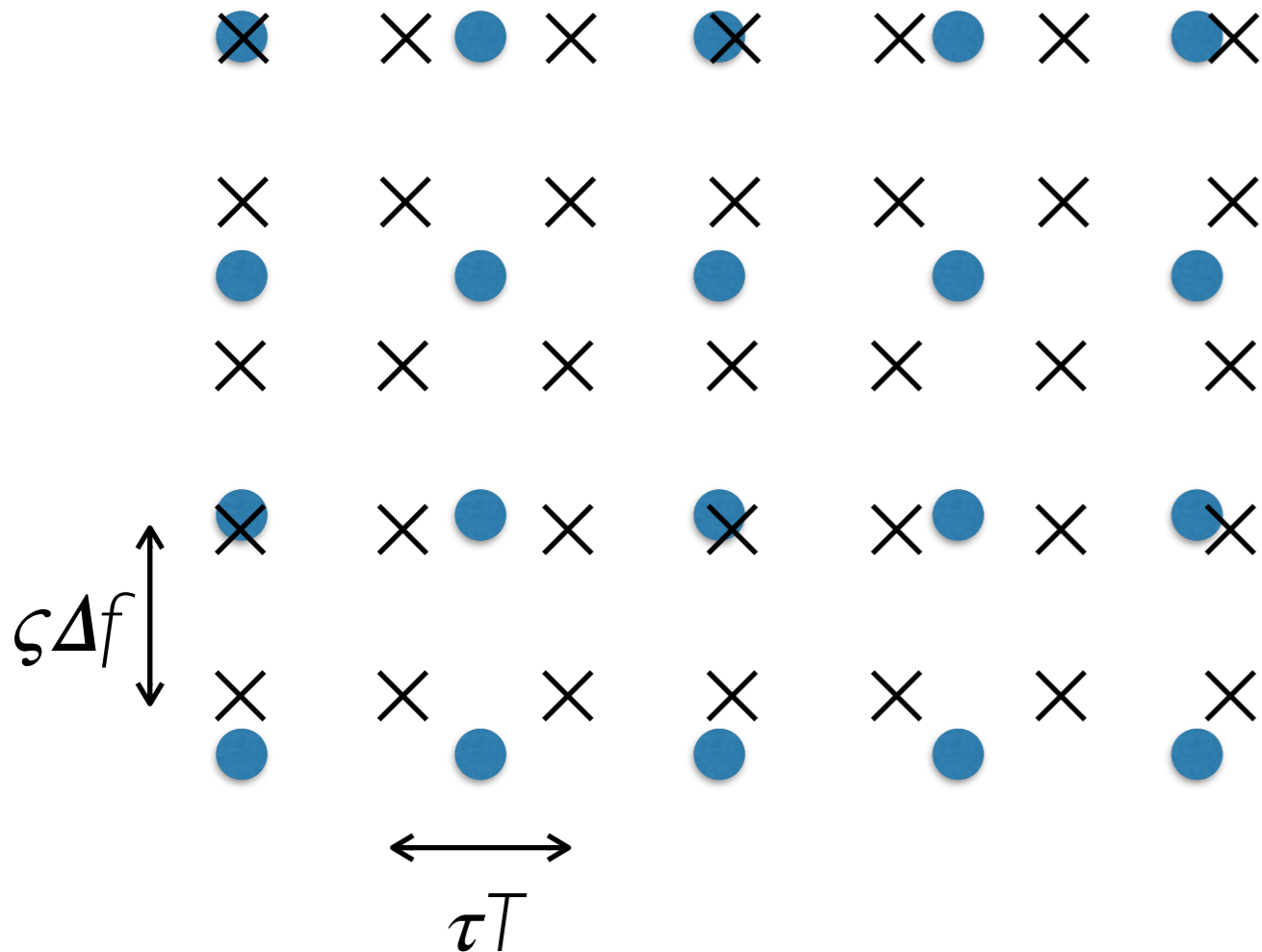


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# Faster-than-Nyquist Extension

2D (time-frequency packing)



a good number of works ...

Application domain

Faster-Than-Nyquist Signal Design for Multiuser Multicell Indoor Visible Light Communications, IEEE Photonics Journal, 2016

Faster-Than-Nyquist Precoded CAP Modulation Visible Light Communication System Based on Nonlinear Weighted Look-Up Table Predistortion, IEEE Photonics Journal, 2018

Polar coding for faster-than-Nyquist signaling, IEEE/CIC International Conference on Communications in China (ICCC), 2017



# Faster-than-Nyquist Transmission

Makes use of excess bandwidth to transmit data

Improves rate in non-(modulation-interference) limited systems

Alternative/complement to larger constellation sizes

Requires equalization, changes to synchronization, channel estimation etc

Pre-filtering is akin to pulse-shaping and partial-response transmission

