

Unit 9. Introduction to MIMO

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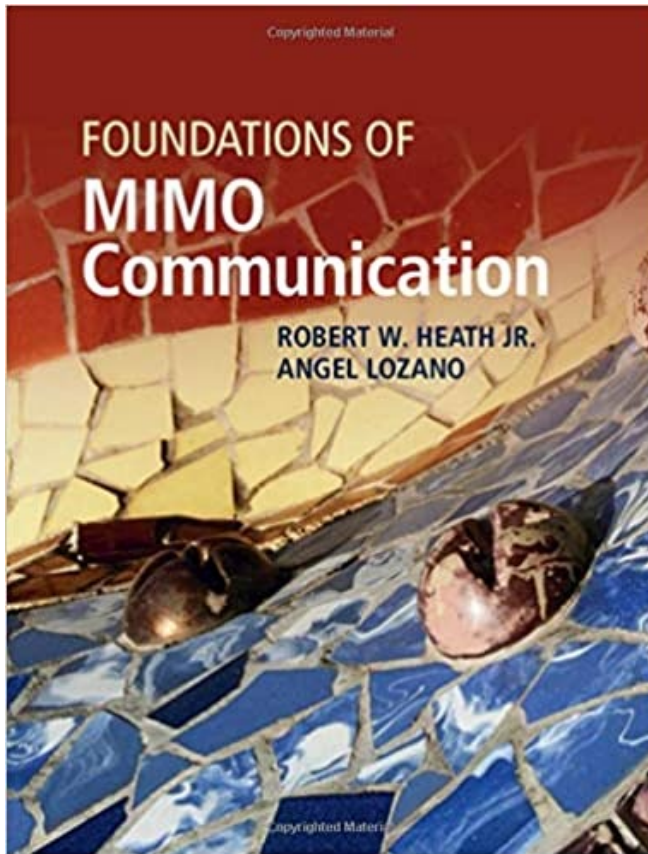
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Learning Objectives

- ❑ Assuming CSI-R and CSI-T, describe the diagonalization of a MIMO channel
 - Compute the virtual directions and their SNRs
- ❑ Compute the capacity for a MIMO channel using diagonalization
 - Narrowband and wideband
- ❑ Mathematically formulate the power allocation problem and find optimal power allocations
- ❑ Describe linear receivers, identify the main blocks and compute their capacity
 - Zero forcing and LMMSE
- ❑ Describe reference signals for MIMO channel estimation in 4G and 5G systems
- ❑ Compute optimal statistical pre-coders and compute the capacity

Excellent Text for This Section



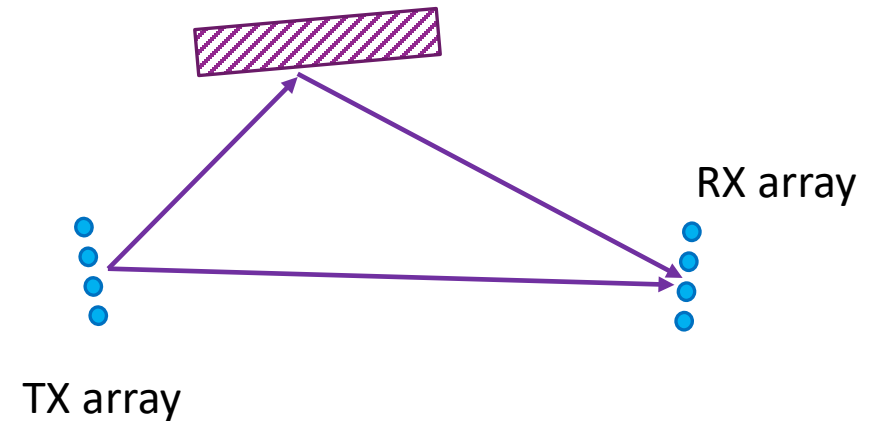
- ❑ Some material in this section is from this recent text
- ❑ Provides excellent:
 - Information theoretic background
 - Practical guidelines for implementation
 - Up-to-date examples with issues for mmWave
- ❑ We only cover a small section
 - Single user MIMO
 - Many derivations are left for the text

Outline

- ➔ Spatial Multiplexing with CSI-T and CSI-R
 - Power Allocation and Rank Selection
 - Spatial Multiplexing with CSI-R Only
 - Channel Estimation and CSI-R
 - CSI-T Feedback and Statistical Pre-Coding

Spatial Multiplexing

- Many environments have multiple spatial paths
 - LOS, reflections, diffraction, ...
- Spatial multiplexing concept
 - Transmit separate information streams on different paths
- Increases degrees of freedom
- Requires:
 - Channel rank $r \geq K$ where K is the number of streams
 - In particular, $N_r, N_t \geq K$
 - Also need sufficient power for the K streams



MIMO History

□ Early research:

- ArrayComm 1991
- Paulraj and Kailath, initial patent on SDMA
- Foschini and others, initial capacity estimates, 1996
- Bell Labs prototype, 1998

□ Commercialization in LANs

- Began study in 2003.
- First appeared in 802.11n 2009

□ Commercialization in cellular:

- 4G systems, approximately 2004
- 5G systems: Integral component for support for mmWave

MIMO Narrowband Capacity

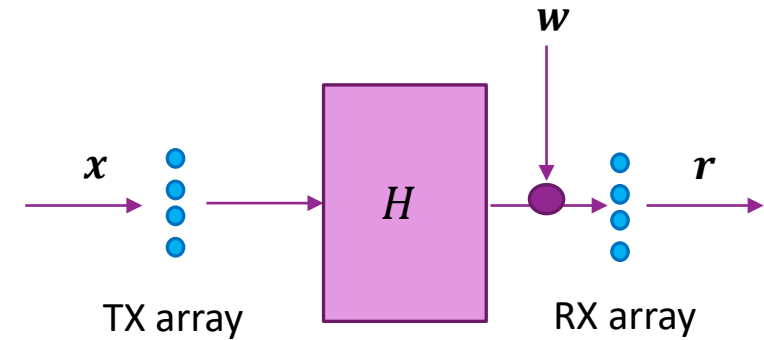
□ Consider narrowband MIMO channel from previous lecture:

$$\mathbf{r} = \mathbf{H}\mathbf{x} + \mathbf{n}, \quad \mathbf{w} \sim \mathcal{CN}(0, N_0\mathbf{I})$$

- $\mathbf{H} \in \mathbb{C}^{N_r \times N_t}$ Channel matrix
- $\mathbf{x} = (x_1, \dots, x_{N_t})^T$: signals to the TX antennas

□ TX power constraint: $\|\mathbf{x}\|^2 \leq E_x$

- Total energy constraint on all antennas



□ This section: make two critical assumption:

- TX and RX knows \mathbf{H} and N_0 exactly (called CSI-T and CSI-R)
- We will relax these later

Applying Transforms with the SVD

□ Take reduced SVD of the channel: $H = U\Sigma V^*$

- $\Sigma = \text{diag}(\sigma_1, \dots, \sigma_r)$

- $r = \text{rank}(H)$

□ TX and RX apply transforms

- TX transform: $x = Vs$ (also called a **pre-coder**)

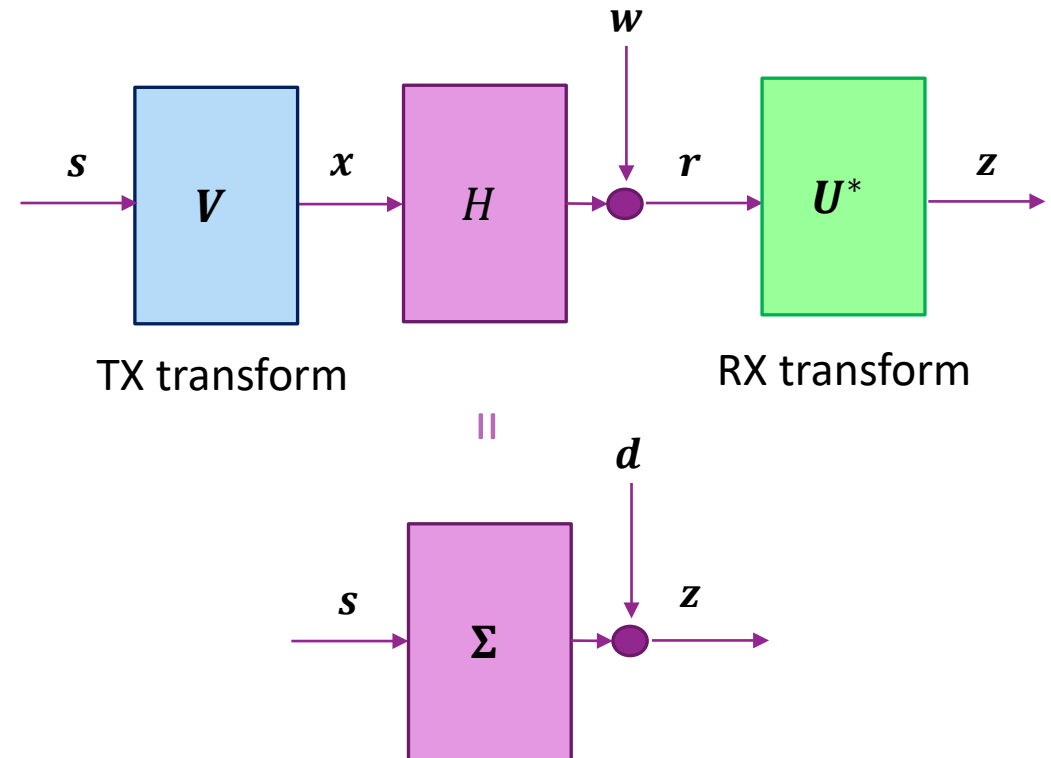
- RX transform: $z = U^*r$

□ Theorem: The channel from s to z is diagonal:

$$z = \Sigma s + d, \quad d \sim CN(0, N_0 I_r)$$

□ Creates r independent channels:

$$z_i = \sigma_i s_i + d_i, \quad d_i \sim CN(0, N_0)$$



Proof of the Diagonalization

□ Consider channel from \mathbf{s} to \mathbf{z} :

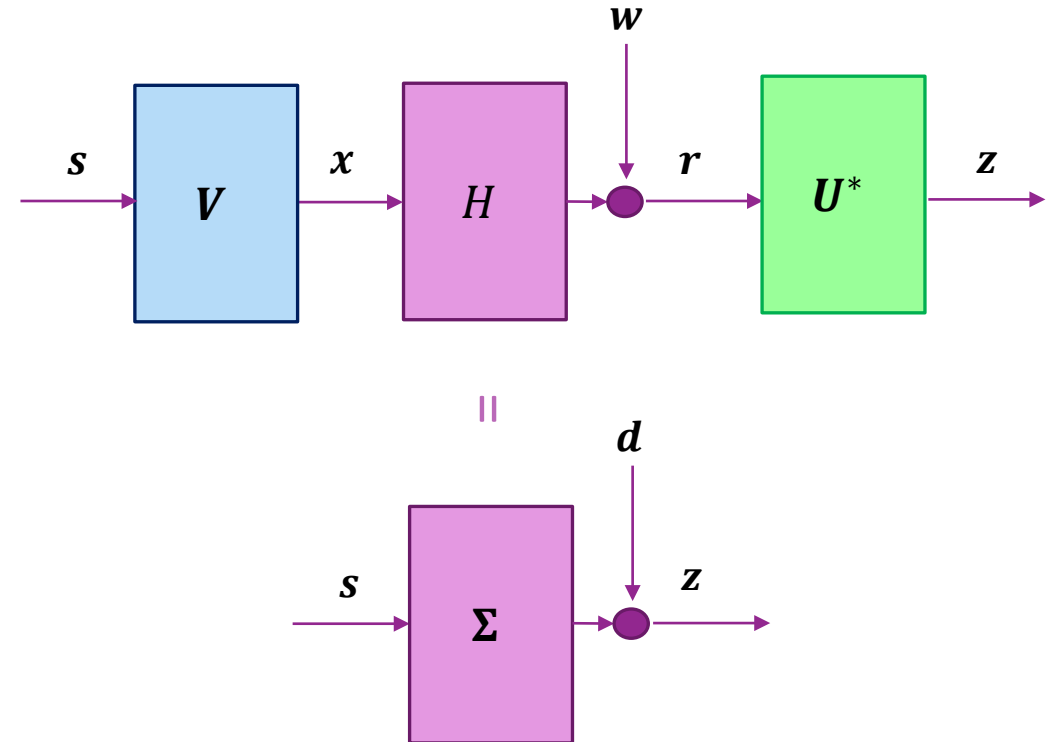
- $\mathbf{z} = \mathbf{U}^* \mathbf{r} = \mathbf{U}^* \mathbf{U} \boldsymbol{\Sigma} \mathbf{V} \mathbf{x} + \mathbf{U}^* \mathbf{w} = \boldsymbol{\Sigma} \mathbf{s} + \mathbf{d}$

□ Noise:

- Since $\mathbf{w} \sim \mathcal{CN}(0, N_0 \mathbf{I})$ and $\mathbf{d} = \mathbf{U}^* \mathbf{w}$, \mathbf{d} is also Gaussian
- $E(\mathbf{d}) = \mathbf{U}^* E(\mathbf{w}) = \mathbf{0}$
- $\text{var}(\mathbf{d}) = \mathbf{U}^* \text{var}(\mathbf{w}) \mathbf{U} = N_0 \mathbf{U}^* \mathbf{U} = N_0 \mathbf{I}_r$

□ Hence, transforms diagonalize the channel:

$$\mathbf{z} = \boldsymbol{\Sigma} \mathbf{s} + \mathbf{d}, \quad \mathbf{d} \sim \mathcal{CN}(0, N_0 \mathbf{I}_r)$$



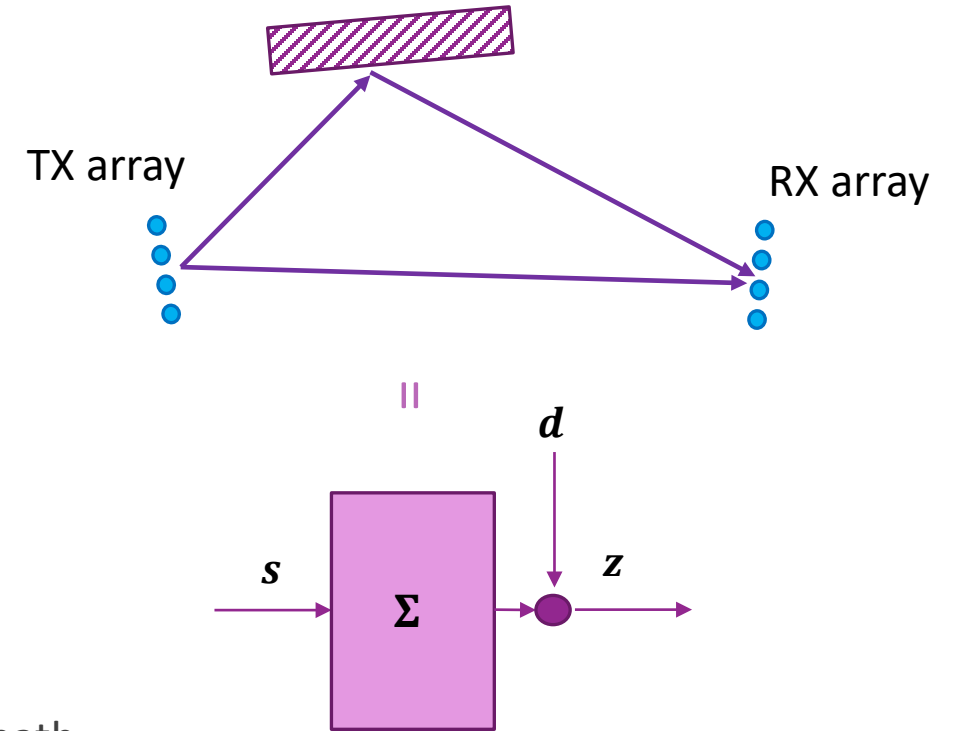
Virtual Channels

- Diagonalizing the channel creates r virtual channels

$$z_i = \sigma_i s_i + d_i, \quad d_i \sim CN(0, N_0)$$

- Number of virtual channels = $\text{rank}(H)$
 - = Number of orthogonal paths in the environments

- Correspond loosely to the physical paths
 - Suppose spatial signature of each physical path is orthogonal
 - In this case, directions of virtual channel = direction of physical path



Shannon Capacity

□ With diagonalizing transform:

$$z_i = \sigma_i s_i + d_i, \quad d_i \sim \mathcal{CN}(0, N_0)$$

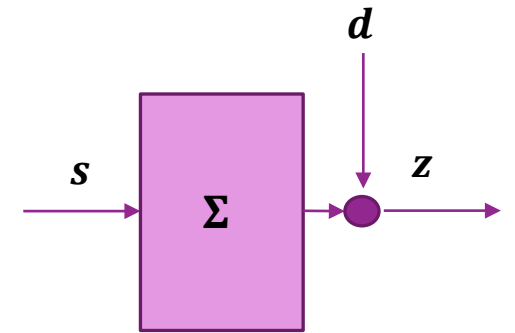
□ Assume TX allocates power uniformly across all r virtual channels

- Each channel gets $E|s_i|^2 = \frac{E_x}{r}$ energy per symbol
- This is not optimal. We will look at improved allocations later

□ Total capacity (bits per degree of freedom)

$$C = \sum_{i=1}^r \log_2 \left(1 + \sigma_i^2 \frac{E_x}{rN_0} \right) = \sum_{i=1}^r \log_2 \left(1 + \frac{\gamma_i}{r} \right)$$

- $\lambda_i = \sigma_i^2 =$ eigenvalues of $\mathbf{H}^* \mathbf{H} =$ eigenvalues of $\mathbf{H}^* \mathbf{H}$
- $\gamma_i = \frac{\lambda_i E_x}{N_0} =$ SNR on virtual path i



Log-Det Form of the Shannon Capacity

□ The Shannon capacity is commonly written in an alternate form:

$$C = \log_2 \det \left(\mathbf{I} + \frac{E_x}{rN_0} \mathbf{H}^* \mathbf{H} \right)$$

□ Proof:

- Take eigenvalue decomposition: $\mathbf{H}^* \mathbf{H} = \mathbf{V} \mathbf{D} \mathbf{V}^*$, $\mathbf{D} = \text{diag}(\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_{N_t})$
- Let $\alpha = \frac{E_x}{rN_0}$
- $\det(\mathbf{I} + \alpha \mathbf{H}^* \mathbf{H}) = \det[\mathbf{V} \text{diag}(1 + \alpha \lambda_1, \dots, 1 + \alpha \lambda_{N_t}) \mathbf{V}^*] = \det \text{diag}(1 + \alpha \lambda_1, \dots, 1 + \alpha \lambda_{N_t}) = \prod (1 + \alpha \lambda_i)$
- Hence $\log_2 \det(\mathbf{I} + \alpha \mathbf{H}^* \mathbf{H}) = \sum \log(1 + \alpha \lambda_i)$
- But this is the capacity from the previous slide



SNR Per Antenna

□ To understand benefit of spatial multiplexing, compare to a SISO system

□ Channel from TX j to RX i has SNR $\frac{|H_{ij}|^2 E_x}{N_0}$

□ Definition: The **SNR per antenna** is the average single antenna SNRs:

$$\gamma_0 = \frac{1}{N_r N_t} \sum_{ij} |H_{ij}|^2 \frac{E_x}{N_0} = \frac{1}{N_r N_t} \|\mathbf{H}\|_F^2 \frac{E_x}{N_0}$$

◦ $\|\mathbf{H}\|_F^2 = \sum_{ij} |H_{ij}|^2$ = “Frobenius” norm of H



Frobenius Norm=Sum of Eigenvalues

□ Key property: The Frobenius norm $\|\mathbf{H}\|_F^2 = \sum_i \lambda_i$ where $\lambda_i =$ eigenvalues of $\mathbf{Q} = \mathbf{H}^* \mathbf{H}$

□ Proof:

- Diagonal entries of \mathbf{Q} : $Q_{ii} = \sum_j |H_{ij}|^2$
- Hence, $\|\mathbf{H}\|_F^2 = \sum_i Q_{ii} = \text{Tr}(\mathbf{Q}) =$ “Trace” = sum of diagonals
- Property of trace: $\text{Tr}(\mathbf{AB}) = \text{Tr}(\mathbf{BA})$
- Take diagonalization: $\mathbf{Q} = \mathbf{VDV}^*$, $\mathbf{D} = \text{diag}(\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_{N_t})$
- Therefore: $\|\mathbf{H}\|_F^2 = \text{Tr}(\mathbf{Q}) = \text{Tr}(\mathbf{VDV}^*) = \text{Tr}(\mathbf{V}^* \mathbf{VD}) = \text{Tr}(\mathbf{D}) = \sum \lambda_i$

□ Hence, SNR per antenna is sum of SNR per virtual path divided by $N_r N_t$

$$\gamma_0 = \frac{1}{N_r N_t} \|\mathbf{H}\|_F^2 \frac{E_x}{N_0} = \frac{1}{N_r N_t} \sum_{i=1}^r \lambda_i \frac{E_x}{N_0} = \frac{1}{N_r N_t} \sum_{i=1}^r \gamma_i$$

SNR Per Antenna and Path Gains

□ Consider channel with L paths $\mathbf{H} = \sum_{\ell=1}^L g_{\ell} e^{i\theta_{\ell}} \mathbf{u}_r(\Omega_{\ell}^r) \mathbf{u}_t^T(\Omega_{\ell}^t)$

□ Assume:

- Phases θ_{ℓ} are uniform in $[0, 2\pi]$ since they vary with time and frequency
- $\|\mathbf{u}_r(\Omega_{\ell}^r)\|^2 = N_r$ and $\|\mathbf{u}_t(\Omega_{\ell}^t)\|^2 = N_t$ (spatial signatures only include phase rotations)
- Element gains are included in the complex gains

□ **Theorem:** Taking average over phases

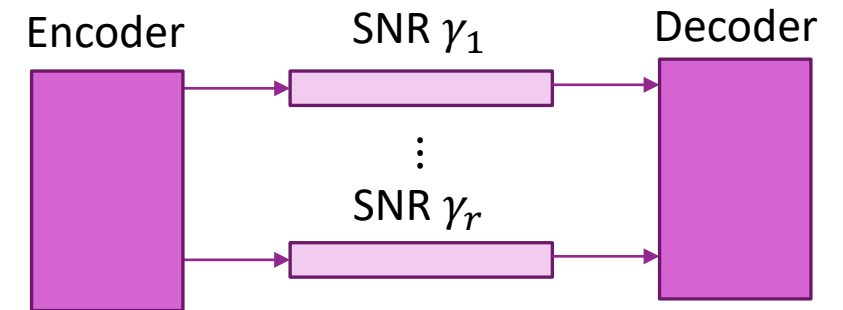
$$E(\gamma_0) = \frac{E_x}{N_0} \frac{1}{N_r N_t} E \|\mathbf{H}\|_F^2 = \frac{E_x}{N_0} \sum_{\ell=1}^L |g_{\ell}|^2$$

□ **Conclusion:** SNR per antenna = sum of SNRs of each path without beamforming gain

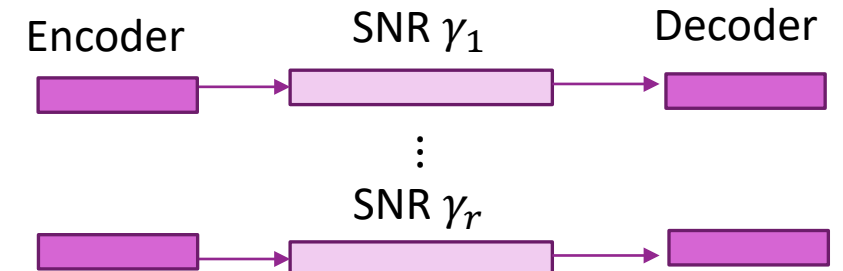
Coding Architectures

- ❑ Spatial multiplexing creates r virtual channels
 - Each channel has SNR $\gamma_i = \frac{E_x}{N_0 r} \lambda_i$
- ❑ Two possible transmission methods
- ❑ **Single codeword:**
 - Encode bits for rN symbols into one codeword
 - Codewords sees varying SNR across symbols
 - Adjust MCS for ergodic capacity
- ❑ **Multiple codewords:**
 - Divide bits into r streams
 - In each stream, encode bits for N symbols into a codeword
 - Each codewords sees a constant SNR
 - Set MCS for each codeword to match SNR

Single Codeword



Multiple codewords



Capacity with Practical Codes

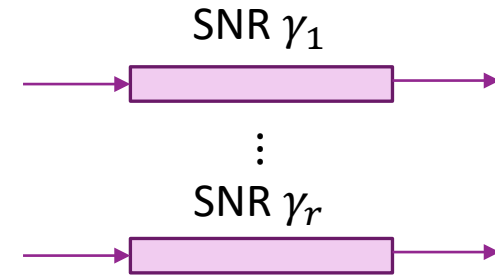
- Shannon capacity is $C = \sum_{i=1}^r \log_2(1 + \frac{\gamma_i}{r})$
 - Bits per channel use
 - Can be achieved with optimal single or multiple codeword method

- To account for practical codes, usually assume a model:

$$C = \sum_{i=1}^r R\left(\frac{\gamma_i}{r}\right) = \sum_{i=1}^r \min\left\{\rho_{max}, \alpha \log_2\left(1 + \beta \frac{\gamma_i}{r}\right)\right\}$$

- ρ_{max} = Max spectral efficiency, based on modulation
- α = bandwidth loss
- β = SNR loss

- Typical values for cellular systems: $\rho_{max} = 4.5, \alpha = 0.6, \beta = 1$



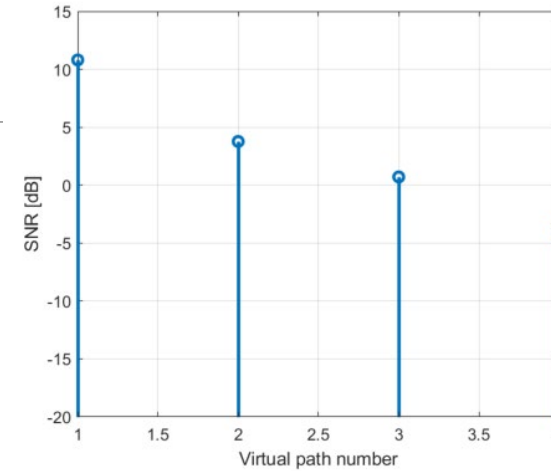
Examples

□ We will illustrate the calculations in this unit in two cases

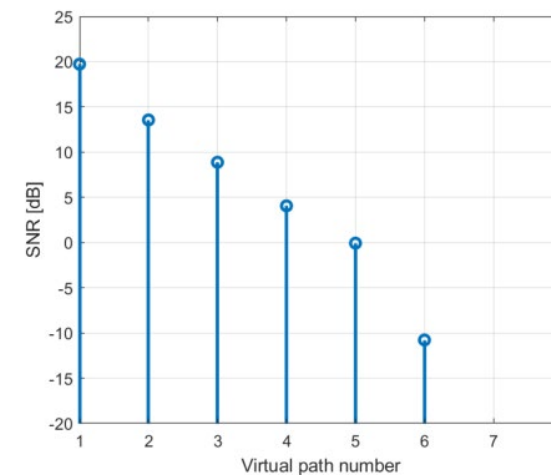
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Carrier f_c	28 GHz	2.3 GHz	
TX Array	4x4 URA	4x1 ULA	Typical gNB
RX Array	8x1 ULA	4x1 ULA	Typical UE
Num paths	20		
Relative path gains	Exponential, Mean = 10 dB		
AoA Az	Unif[-60,60]	Unif[-180,180]	Low-dim case has rich scattering
AoD Az	Unif[-30,30]	Unif[-180,180]	
AoA and AoD El	Unif[-20,20]	Unif[-20,20]	

Eigenvalue Distribution

- Plot: SNR per virtual path γ_i
 - Channel matrix normalized to SNR per antenna = 0 dB
 - Max gain in any one path is $N_r N_t$
- Low-dim case
 - Up to 4 paths
 - Eigenvalues \approx evenly spread due to rich scattering
- High-dim case
 - Up to 8 paths
 - Eigenvalues concentrated in a few dominant paths



Low-dim array

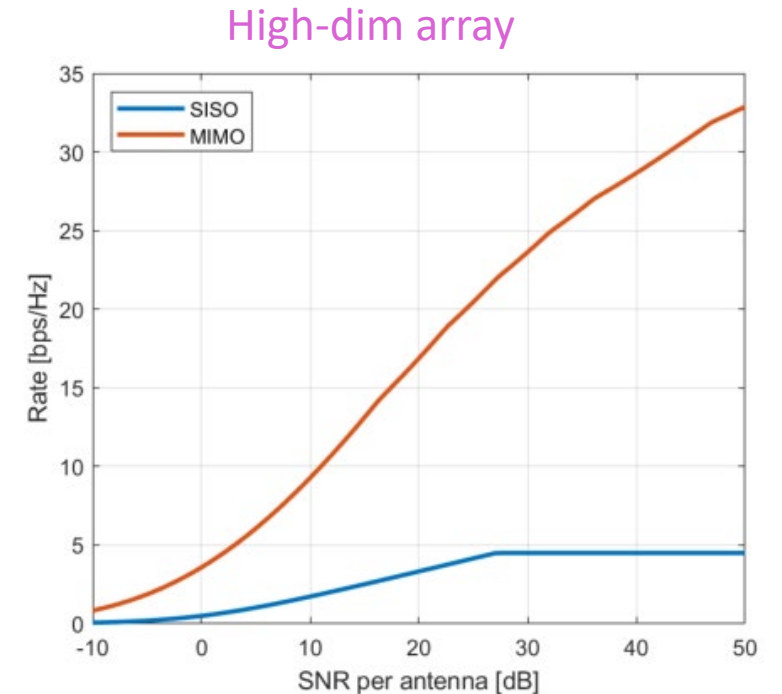


High-dim array



Rate vs SNR

- For each SNR per antenna:
 - Rescale channel matrix
 - Compute rate assuming uniform distribution across all streams
 - Assume rate per stream: $R(s) = \min\{\rho_{max}, \alpha \log_2(1 + \beta s)\}$
 - $\rho_{max} = 4.5, \alpha = 0.6, \beta = 1$
- Also plotted:
 - SISO rate with SNR per antenna
- See significant possible gain
 - But not a fair comparison
 - Should compare against beamforming



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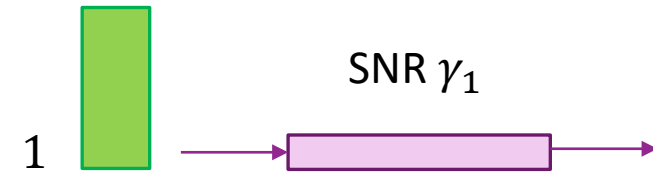
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CSI-T Feedback and Statistical Pre-Coding

Spatial Multiplexing vs Beamforming

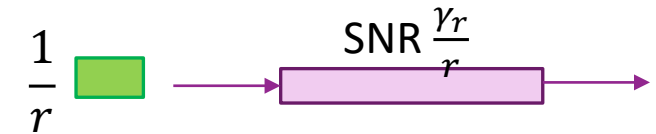
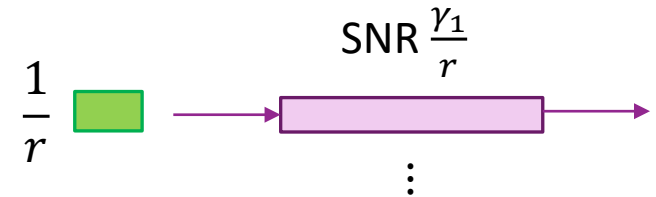
□ Beamforming:

- Places all energy on virtual path with strongest SNR
- Achieves rate $R_{BF} = R(\gamma_1)$
- If codes achieve capacity, $R_{BF} = \log_2(1 + \gamma_1)$



□ Spatial multiplexing:

- Transmit energy evenly on r virtual paths
- $R_{SM} = \sum_i R\left(\frac{\gamma_i}{r}\right) = \sum_i \log_2\left(1 + \frac{\gamma_i}{r}\right)$



□ To compare, consider two extreme cases:

- Equal SNRs $\gamma_i = \gamma$ for all i
- Single dominant SNR γ_1

Spatial Multiplexing vs Beamforming

Equal SNR streams

□ First, suppose all virtual directions have same power

- $\gamma_i = \gamma, i = 1, \dots, r$
- BF rate: $R_{BF} = R(\gamma)$
- Spatial mux rate $R_{SM} = rR\left(\frac{\gamma}{r}\right)$

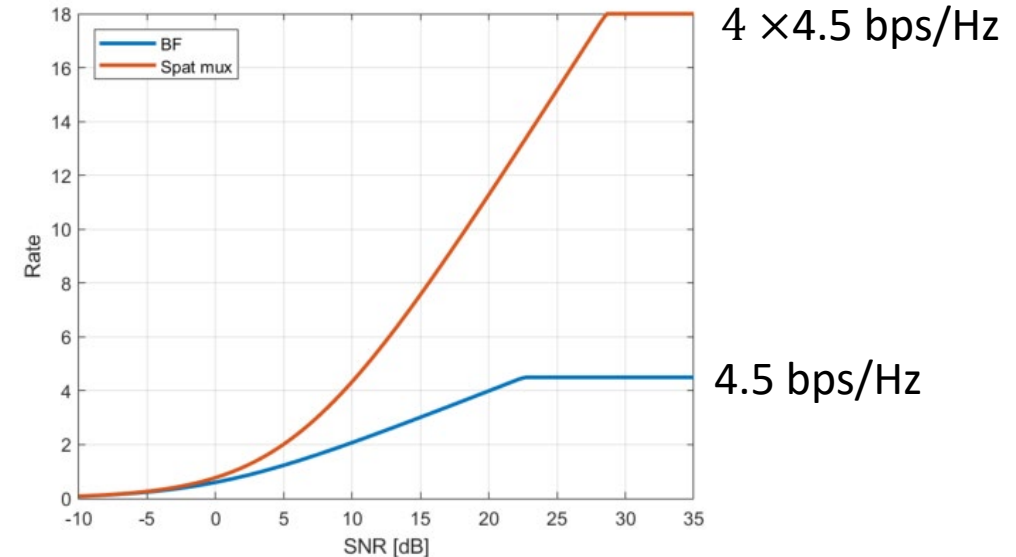
□ Low SNR regime (power limited)

- $R_{SM} \approx R_{BF}$. No gain

□ High SNR regime (bandwidth limited)

- $R_{SM} \approx rR_{BF}$. Gain of r .
- Spatial multiplexing adds degrees of freedom

□ Spatial multiplexing is like adding bandwidth



Simulation:

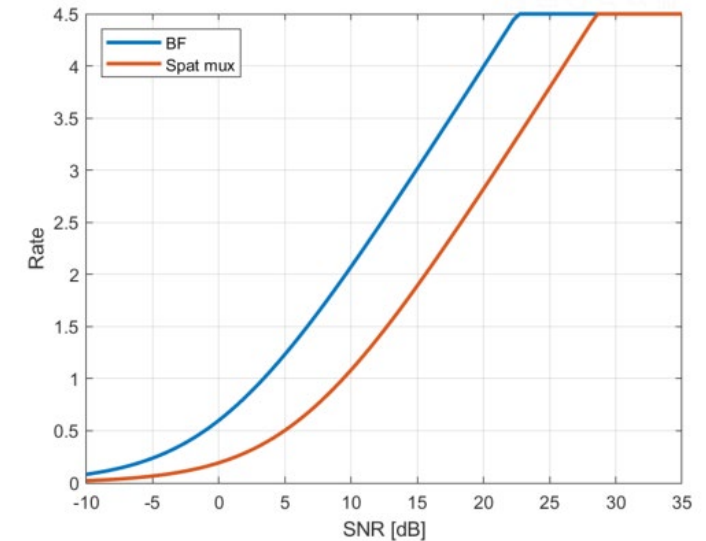
$r = 4$ streams

$R(\gamma) = \min\{4.5, 0.5 \log_2(1 + \gamma)\}$

Spatial Multiplexing vs Beamforming

Single Dominant Stream

- Now suppose that there is a single dominant virtual direction
 - $\gamma_i = 0$ for $i = 2, \dots, r$
- BF rate: $R_{BF} = R(\gamma_1)$
- Spatial mux rate $R_{SM} = R\left(\frac{\gamma_1}{r}\right)$
- Spatial multiplexing with uniform power allocation is worse!
 - Waste energy in directions with no SNR



Power Optimization and Water-Filling

□ We can allocate the power optimally

□ Let x_i = fraction of power allocated to stream i

□ Optimize the rate:

$$\max \sum_{i=1}^r R(\gamma_i x_i) \quad \text{s.t.} \quad x_i \geq 0, \quad \sum_{i=1}^r x_i \leq 1$$

□ Some special cases:

- Beamforming: Place all power in best stream: $x_1 = 1$, $x_i = 0$ for $i > 1$
- Uniform power allocation: $x_i = \frac{1}{r}$

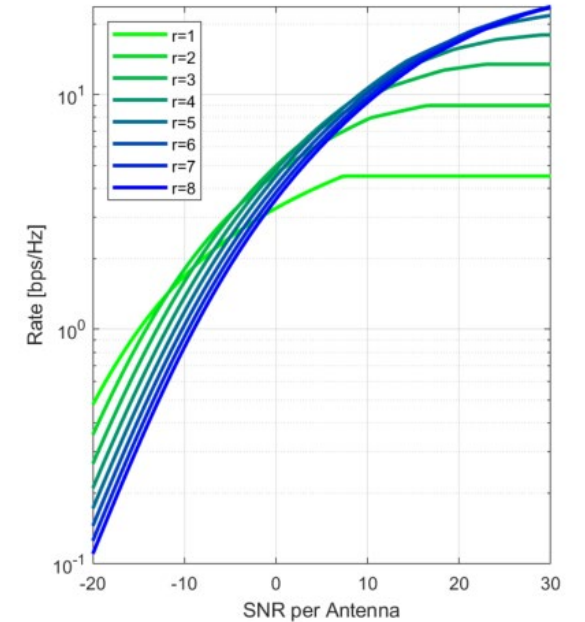
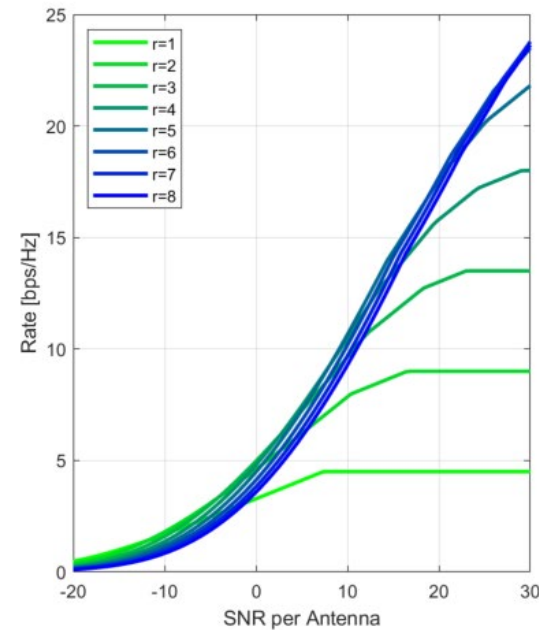
□ When $R(\gamma) = \log_2(\gamma)$, optimal solution is given by “water-filling” (see text)

- $x_i = \max\{c - \frac{1}{\gamma_i}, 0\}$
- Constant c set to satisfy constraint that $\sum_{i=1}^r x_i \leq 1$
- Allocate energy inversely proportional to SNR
- Some streams are allocated zero energy



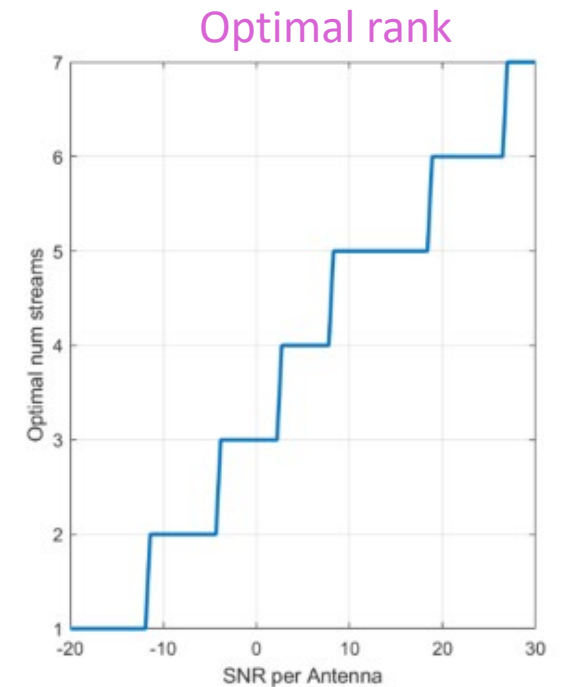
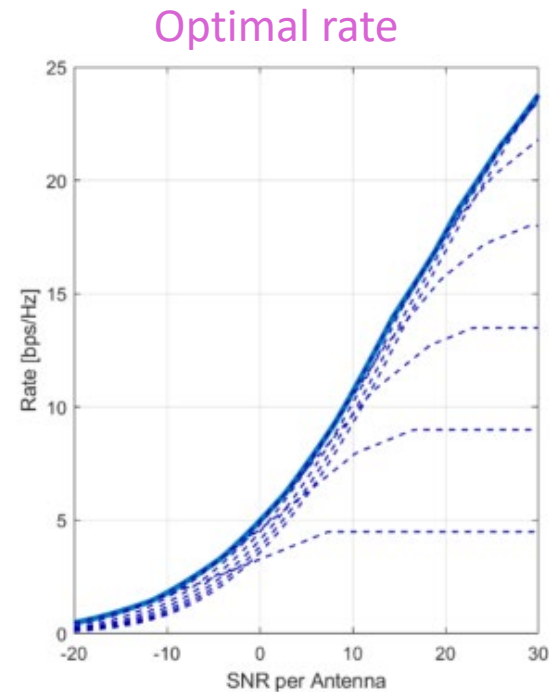
Power Allocation

- ❑ Consider sub-optimal strategy
 - Uniformly allocate to top r streams
- ❑ Plot to the right:
 - Synthetic channel from before
 - We see that $r = 1$ (BF) optimal at lower SNRs
 - At higher SNRs, multi-streams become useful



Optimal Rank Selection

- ❑ Water Filling is difficult for a general rate function
- ❑ Consider sub-optimal strategy
 - Uniformly allocate to top r streams
- ❑ Left plot:
 - Best rate among all possible ranks
- ❑ Right plot:
 - Best rank
- ❑ We see rank increases with SNR



Water-Filling

- Assume the rate per stream is given by Shannon's formula:

$$r = \log_2\left(1 + \frac{s_i^2}{N_0} E_i\right)$$

- Maximize $R = \frac{1}{\log(2)} \sum_{i=1}^r \log(1 + \gamma_i x_i)$ s.t. $\sum_{i=1}^r x_i = 1$
 - $\gamma_i = \frac{s_i^2 E_x}{N_0} = \text{SNR on virtual stream } i \text{ if all power is allocated to stream } i$

- Take Lagrangian: $L = \sum_{i=1}^r [\log(1 + \gamma_i x_i) + \lambda x_i - \mu_i x_i] - \lambda$
 - $\mu_i \geq 0$

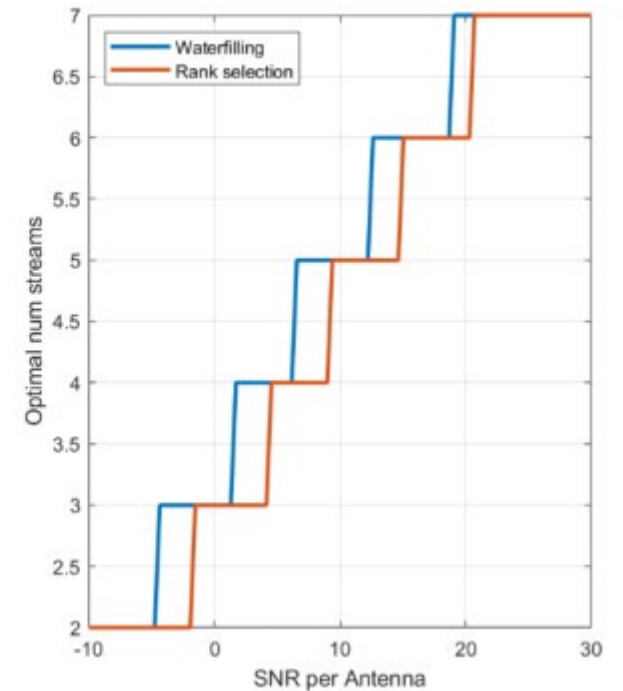
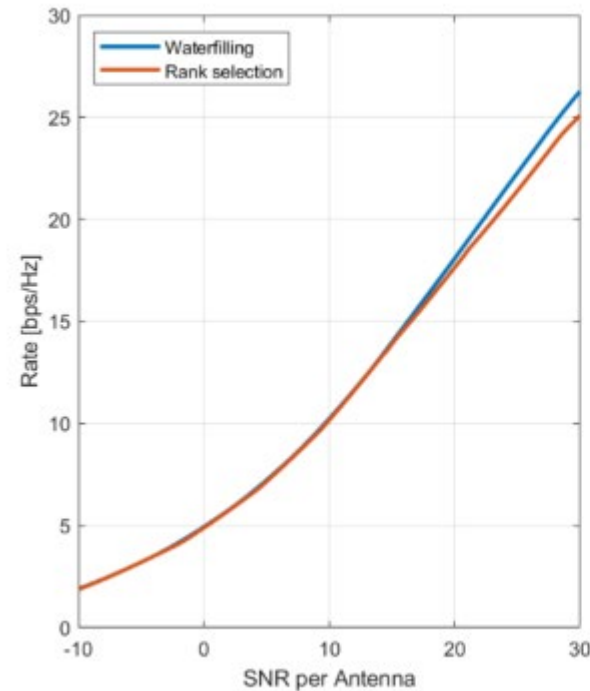
- Take derivative: $\frac{1}{1 + \gamma_i x_i} = \lambda - \mu_i$

- For positive streams: $1 + \gamma_i x_i = c \Rightarrow x_i = \max\left(0, c - \frac{1}{\gamma_i}\right)$

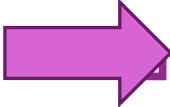


Example: Water-Filling vs Rank Selection

- ❑ Compare two strategies:
- ❑ Water-filling: Optimal allocation
- ❑ Rank selection:
 - Uniform power among best r directions
- ❑ Comparison:
 - Gain from waterfilling is small
 - Only helps at very high SNR

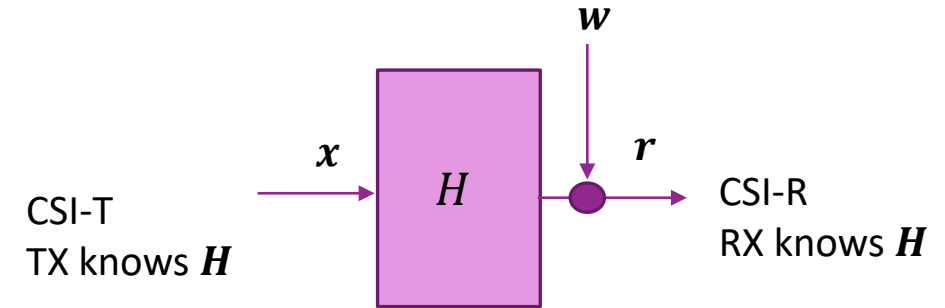


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Challenges in Obtaining CSI

- ❑ Above analysis assumes TX and RX have CSI
- ❑ **CSI-R**: RX knows H
 - Generally possible with sufficient reference signals
 - Reference signals add overhead
 - Overhead is reasonable if number of streams \ll coherence time
- ❑ **CSI-T**: TX knows H
 - Requires feedback from RX or measurements in reverse direction
 - With small-scale fading, H changes rapidly
 - Instantaneous H is generally difficult
- ❑ Later, we will discuss how to obtain both
- ❑ This section: Understand effect of lacking CSI-T



Problems in Lacking CSI-T

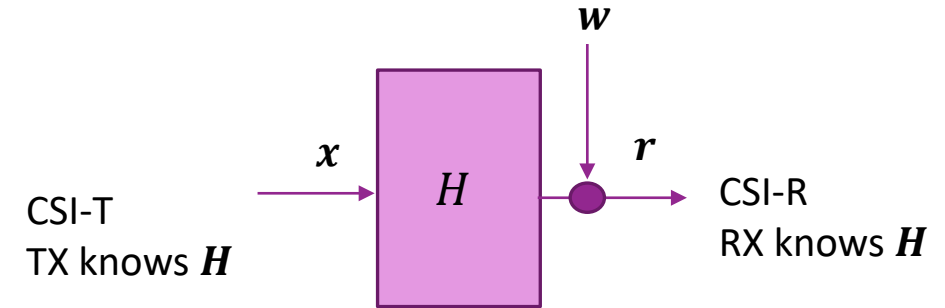
□ We will see that lacking CSI-T causes two problems

□ TX power mis-allocation

- TX does not know virtual path directions
- TX may send data into directions with poor SNR
- Wastes TX energy

□ Inter-stream interference

- Streams end up “mixed” at RX (Each r_i depends on multiple x_j)
- RX must separate the streams
- Can be mitigated with equalization or joint decoding
- But equalization or joint decoding adds complexity and may incur a penalty loss



Information Theoretic Formulation

- Consider transmission over multiple symbols: $\mathbf{r}_n = \mathbf{H}\mathbf{x}_n + \mathbf{w}_n$, $\mathbf{w}_n \sim \mathcal{CN}(0, N_0\mathbf{I})$
 - $n = 1, \dots, N$, $N = \text{Block length} \rightarrow \infty$
- TX encodes $M = 2^{RN}$ messages, $R = \text{bits per symbol}$
 - Denote messages $\mathbf{x}_n^{(m)}$, $m = 1, \dots, M$
- Transmission energy assumption: $\mathbb{E}(\mathbf{x}_n \mathbf{x}_n^*) \leq \frac{E_x}{N_t} \mathbf{I}$
 - Assumes TX energy is uniform over all N_t antennas
 - We assume this since the TX does not know the optimal direction
 - We will see this loss can be significant
- RX can perform any decoding. No computational limits
 - For example, optimal decoding $\hat{m} = \arg \min \sum_{n=1}^N \left\| \mathbf{r}_n - \mathbf{H}\mathbf{x}_n^{(m)} \right\|^2$



Information Theoretic Capacity

□ Information theoretic model: $\mathbf{r}_n = \mathbf{H}\mathbf{x}_n + \mathbf{w}_n$, $\mathbf{w}_n \sim CN(0, N_0\mathbf{I})$

- TX power constraint: $E(\mathbf{x}_n\mathbf{x}_n^*) \leq \frac{E_x}{N_t}\mathbf{I}$

□ Theorem [Telatar, ~2003]:

Under optimal decoding with the block length $N \rightarrow \infty$ the capacity is:

$$C = \log \det(\mathbf{I} + \alpha \mathbf{H}^* \mathbf{H}), \quad \alpha = \frac{E_x}{N_0 N_t}$$

Capacity of Multi-antenna Gaussian Channels*

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Proof of the Teletar's Result

- Channel model: $\mathbf{r} = \mathbf{H}\mathbf{x} + \mathbf{w}$, $\mathbf{w} \sim CN(0, N_0\mathbf{I})$
- From Shannon's Theorem, capacity is $C = \max I(\mathbf{r}; \mathbf{x}) = \max [H(\mathbf{r}) - H(\mathbf{r}|\mathbf{x})]$
 - Max is over distributions on \mathbf{x}
- Fact 1: For any Gaussian $\mathbf{z} \sim CN(\boldsymbol{\mu}, \mathbf{Q})$ entropy is $H(\mathbf{z}) = \log \det(\pi e \mathbf{Q})$
- Fact 2: For \mathbf{z} with $E(\mathbf{z}\mathbf{z}^*) \leq \mathbf{Q}$ entropy is bounded $H(\mathbf{z}) \leq \log \det(\pi e \mathbf{Q})$
- Given \mathbf{x} , $\mathbf{r} \sim CN(\mathbf{H}\mathbf{x}, N_0\mathbf{I}) \Rightarrow H(\mathbf{r}|\mathbf{x}) = \log \det(\pi e N_0\mathbf{I}) = N_t \log(\pi e N_0)$
- If $E(\mathbf{x}\mathbf{x}^*) \leq \frac{E_x}{N_t}\mathbf{I}$ then $E(\mathbf{r}\mathbf{r}^*) \leq N_0\mathbf{I} + \frac{E_x}{N_t}\mathbf{H}\mathbf{H}^* = N_0(\mathbf{I} + \alpha\mathbf{H}\mathbf{H}^*)$, $\alpha = \frac{E_x}{N_0N_t}$
- Hence $H(\mathbf{r}) \leq N_t \log(\pi e N_0) + \log \det(\mathbf{I} + \alpha\mathbf{H}\mathbf{H}^*)$
- Capacity is $C \leq \log \det(\mathbf{I} + \alpha\mathbf{H}\mathbf{H}^*)$
- Get $C = \log \det(\mathbf{I} + \alpha\mathbf{H}\mathbf{H}^*)$ by using Gaussian distribution



Comparison to CSI-T Case

- We saw that if TX allocates energy TX power uniformly on all r virtual directions, capacity is

$$C = \log \det \left(\mathbf{I} + \frac{\gamma_x}{r} \mathbf{H}^* \mathbf{H} \right), \quad \gamma_x = \frac{E_x}{N_0}$$

- Capacity with TX uniformly on all N_t TX antennas is: $C = \log \det \left(\mathbf{I} + \frac{\gamma_x}{N_t} \mathbf{H}^* \mathbf{H} \right)$

- **Conclusion:** With optimal decoding:

- Can obtain capacity identical to TX uniformly on N_t directions

- There is a **TX power mis-allocation loss:**

- Loss of $\frac{r}{N_t}$ in SNR when $N_t > r$. This is especially large when $N_t > N_r$
- No water-filling. Hence, within the rank r virtual streams, power is not allocated optimally



TX Mis-Allocation Loss Example

Low Dimensional Array Case

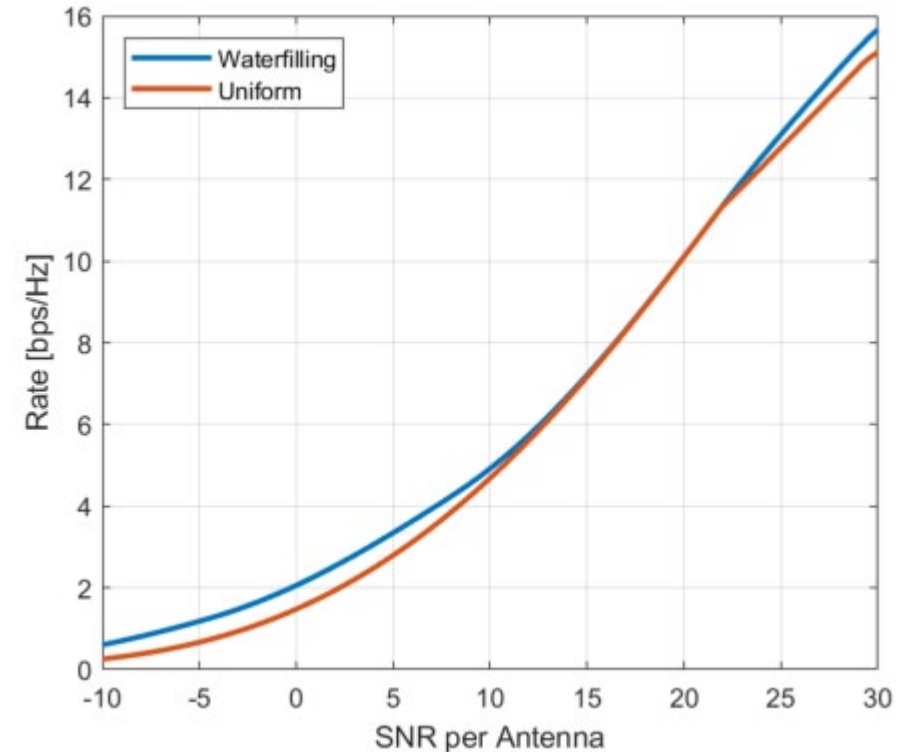
Simulation:

- $N_t = 4, N_r = 4$
- Random channel with rich scattering
- AoA and AoD uniform on $[0, 2\pi]$

TX mis-allocation loss is minimal

With rich scattering and small num antennas:

- All directions have good SNR
- Uniform power allocation is optimal



TX Mis-Allocation Loss Example

High Dimensional Array Case

□ Simulation from before:

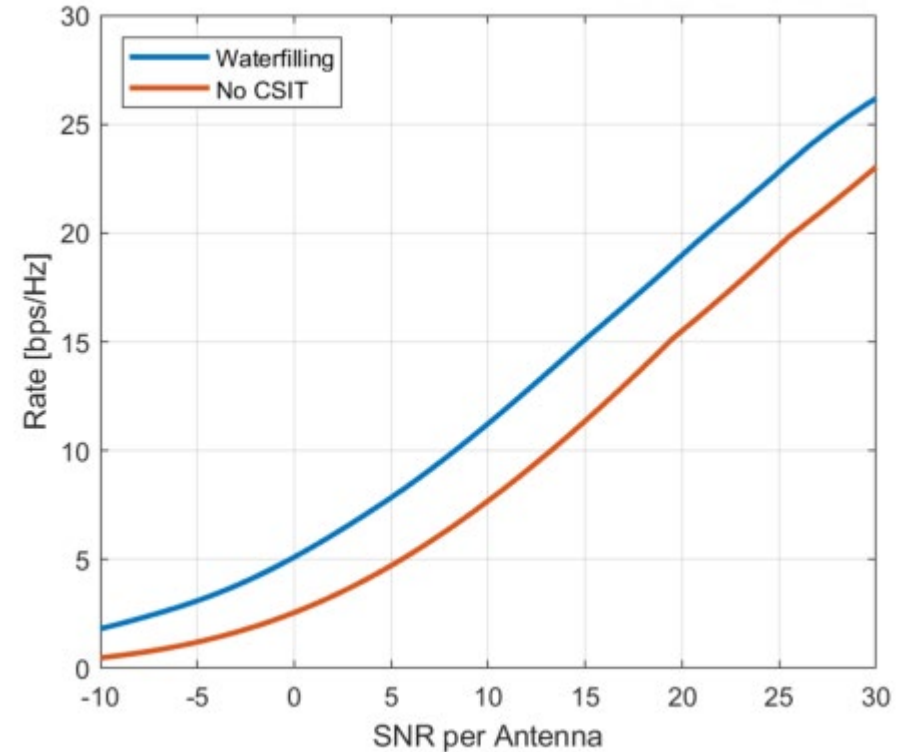
- $N_t = 16, N_r = 8$
- Random channel

□ Max rank is $r = \min(N_r, N_t) = 8$

□ At high SNR, the loss is $\frac{r}{N_t} = \frac{1}{2}$

□ At lower SNRs, the loss is larger

- Wastes significant energy on poor rank directions



Loss from Inter-Stream Interference

□ Prior capacity result required optimal decoding:

- Search over all possible codewords $\hat{m} = \arg \min \sum_{n=1}^N \left\| \mathbf{r}_n - \mathbf{H}\mathbf{x}_n^{(m)} \right\|^2$

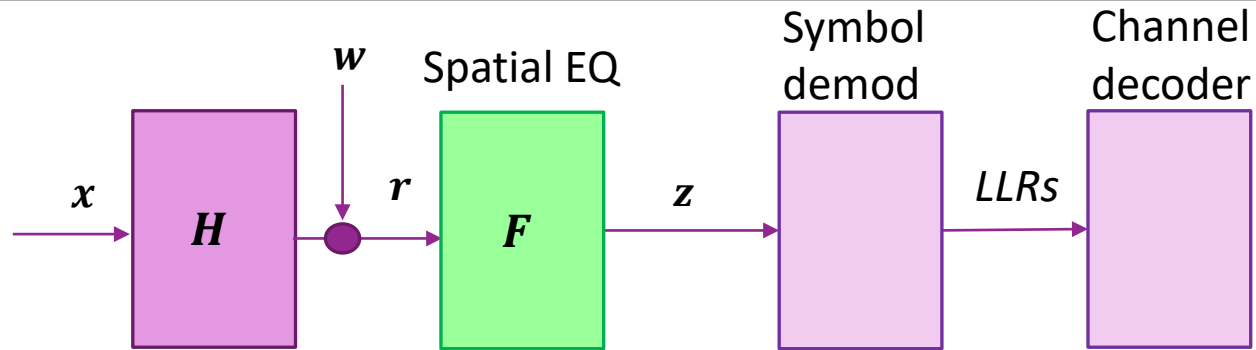
□ Computationally impossible for even moderate block size

□ We consider a simple **linear equalization** scheme:

- Linear equalization followed by symbol demodulation and channel decoding

□ This method introduces a second loss due to **inter-stream interference**

Linear Equalization Concept



- Most practical systems use **linear spatial equalization**
 - Perform linear transform $\mathbf{z} = \mathbf{F}\mathbf{r}$ to approximately invert \mathbf{H} and recover x
 - Followed by symbol demodulation on the symbols \mathbf{z} to create LLRs
 - LLRs then used by the channel decoder
- In contrast, we call the optimal decoder the **joint decoding**
 - Since it jointly performs the symbol demodulation and channel decoding

Linear Zero-Forcing Equalizer

- Estimate x via a least-squares optimization

$$z = \arg \min_x \|r - Hx\|^2$$

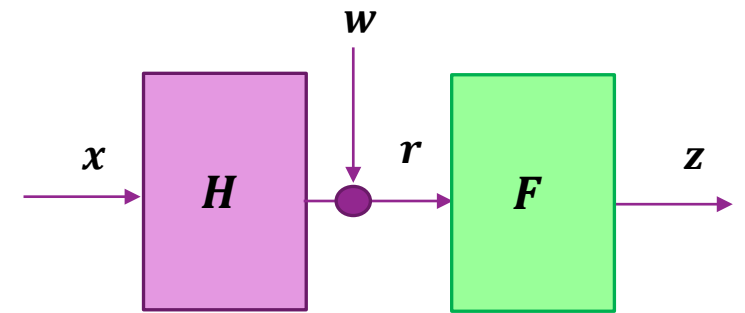
- Solution is called the **zero-forcing equalizer**:

$$z = F_{ZF} r, \quad F_{ZF} = (H^* H)^{-1} H^*$$

- The reason for the name will be clear later

- Note for the inverse to exist we need $N_r \geq N_t$

- More specifically, we need $\text{rank}(H) \geq N_t$



Zero-Forcing Equalizer Analysis

□ Suppose we use ZF equalizer $\mathbf{z} = \mathbf{F}_{ZF}\mathbf{r}$, $\mathbf{F}_{ZF} = (\mathbf{H}^*\mathbf{H})^{-1}\mathbf{H}^*$

□ Then channel from \mathbf{x} to \mathbf{z} is

- $\mathbf{z} = \mathbf{F}\mathbf{r} = (\mathbf{H}^*\mathbf{H})^{-1}\mathbf{H}^*(\mathbf{H}\mathbf{x} + \mathbf{w}) = \mathbf{x} + \mathbf{d}$, $\mathbf{d} = (\mathbf{H}^*\mathbf{H})^{-1}\mathbf{H}^*\mathbf{w}$

□ Creates N_t parallel channels

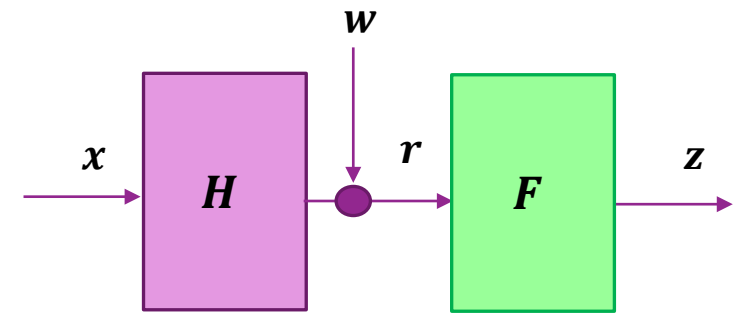
- $z_i = x_i + d_i, i = 1, \dots, N_t$

□ Noise covariance matrix is:

- $\text{var}(\mathbf{d}) = (\mathbf{H}^*\mathbf{H})^{-1}\mathbf{H}^*\text{var}(\mathbf{w})\mathbf{H}(\mathbf{H}^*\mathbf{H})^{-1} = N_0(\mathbf{H}^*\mathbf{H})^{-1}\mathbf{H}^*\mathbf{H}(\mathbf{H}^*\mathbf{H})^{-1} = N_0(\mathbf{H}^*\mathbf{H})^{-1}$

□ SNR on each channel: Since $E|x_i|^2 = \frac{E_x}{N_t}$

$$\gamma_i^{ZF} = \frac{E_x}{N_t N_0} \frac{1}{Q_{ii}}, \quad \mathbf{Q} = (\mathbf{H}^*\mathbf{H})^{-1}$$



Problems with Zero Forcing

- ❑ SNR on each stream with zero forcing is: $\gamma_i^{ZF} = \frac{E_x}{N_t N_0} \frac{1}{Q_{ii}}$, $\mathbf{Q} = (\mathbf{H}^* \mathbf{H})^{-1}$
- ❑ For inverse to exist, requires that $N_r \geq N_t$
- ❑ Also, when eigenvalues of $\mathbf{H}^* \mathbf{H}$ are small, \mathbf{Q} will blow up

- ❑ What is the optimal linear transform?

Linear MMSE Equalization

□ Narrowband channel $\mathbf{r} = \mathbf{H}\mathbf{x} + \mathbf{w}$, $\mathbf{w} \sim \mathcal{CN}(0, N_0\mathbf{I})$,

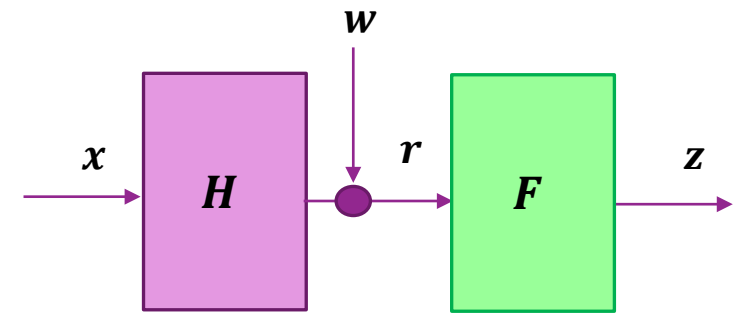
□ Assume

- Assume $E(\mathbf{x}\mathbf{x}^*) = \frac{E_x}{N_t}\mathbf{I}$ and $E(\mathbf{x}) = \mathbf{0}$
- TX energy is $\frac{E_x}{N_t}$ in each antenna
- Select F to minimize average error:

$$E\|\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{F}\mathbf{r}\|^2 = E\|\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{F}(\mathbf{H}\mathbf{x} + \mathbf{w})\|^2$$

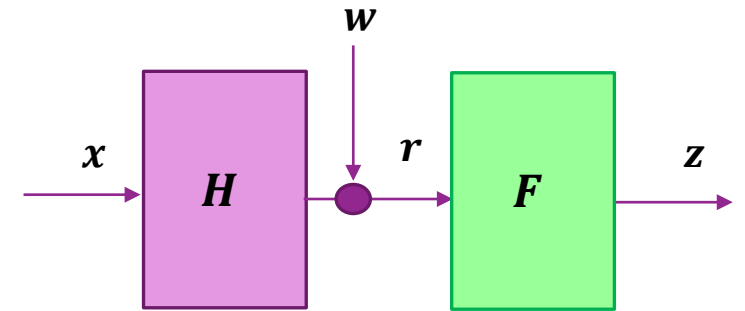
□ Optimal linear estimator from probability theory is

$$\mathbf{z} = \mathbf{F}\mathbf{r}, \quad \mathbf{F}_{LMMSE} = \alpha(\alpha\mathbf{H}^*\mathbf{H} + \mathbf{I})^{-1}\mathbf{H}^*, \quad \alpha = \frac{E_x}{N_t N_0}$$



Linear Equalizer: Interference + Noise

- Narrowband channel $\mathbf{r} = \mathbf{H}\mathbf{x} + \mathbf{w}$, $\mathbf{w} \sim \mathcal{CN}(0, N_0\mathbf{I})$,
- Equalized symbols: $\mathbf{z} = \mathbf{F}\mathbf{r}$
 - For now, consider general linear equalizer \mathbf{F}
- Hence: $\mathbf{z} = \mathbf{F}\mathbf{H}\mathbf{x} + \mathbf{F}\mathbf{w}$ and hence, per component



$$z_i = [FH]_{ii}x_i + \sum_{j \neq i} [FH]_{ij}x_j + [Fw]_i$$

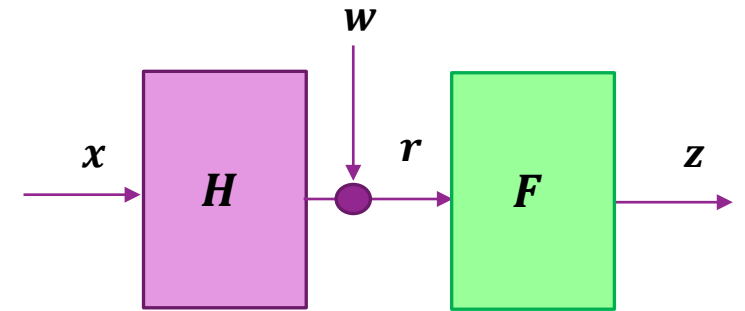
Desired signal Inter-stream interference Noise

- LMMSE receiver: Decode x_i from z_i treating inter-stream interference as noise

LMMSE: SINR

From previous slide:

$$z_i = [FH]_{ii}x_i + \sum_{j \neq i} [FH]_{ij}x_j + [Fw]_i$$



On channel i :

- Signal energy $E_{sig} = |[FH]_{ii}|^2 \frac{E_x}{N_t}$
- Interference energy: $E_{int} = \frac{E_x}{N_t} \sum_{j \neq i} |[FH]_{ij}|^2$
- Noise energy: $E_{noise} = N_0 [F^*F]_{ii}$

SINR on channel i :

- $\gamma_i^{LMMSE} = \frac{E_{sig}}{E_{noise} + E_{int}}$

LMMSE SINR

□ Channel $\mathbf{r} = \mathbf{H}\mathbf{x} + \mathbf{w}$, $\mathbf{w} \sim \mathcal{CN}(0, N_0\mathbf{I})$, $E(\mathbf{x}\mathbf{x}^*) = \frac{E_x}{N_t}\mathbf{I}$

□ Consider linear equalizer $\mathbf{z} = \mathbf{F}\mathbf{r}$

□ Theorem:

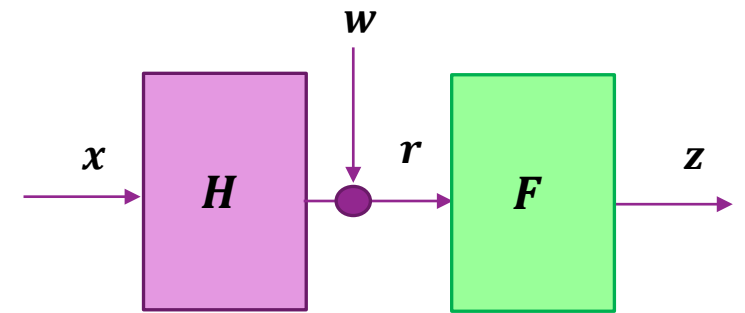
- With the LMMSE equalizer, $\mathbf{F} = \mathbf{F}_{LMMSE}$, SINR per channel is:

$$\gamma_i^{LMMSE} = \frac{1}{Q_{ii}} - 1, \quad \mathbf{Q} = (\alpha\mathbf{H}^*\mathbf{H} + \mathbf{I})^{-1}, \quad \alpha = \frac{E_x}{N_0N_t}$$

- For any other linear transform \mathbf{F} , $\gamma_i \leq \frac{1}{Q_{ii}} - 1$

□ Proof: Follows from long linear algebra.

- See text



LMMSE vs. ZF

□ At high SNR, LMMSE \rightarrow ZF:

- Recall $\mathbf{F}_{LMMSE} = \alpha(\alpha\mathbf{H}^*\mathbf{H} + \mathbf{I})^{-1}\mathbf{H}^*$, $\alpha = \frac{E_x}{N_0N_t}$
- If $\mathbf{H}^*\mathbf{H}$ is invertible, as $\alpha \rightarrow \infty$, $\mathbf{F}_{LMMSE} = \alpha(\alpha\mathbf{H}^*\mathbf{H} + \mathbf{I})^{-1}\mathbf{H}^* \rightarrow (\mathbf{H}^*\mathbf{H})^{-1}\mathbf{H}^* = \mathbf{F}_{ZF}$

□ For ZF, there is no inter-stream interference:

- Recall $z_i = [\mathbf{FH}]_{ii}x_i + \sum_{j \neq i} [\mathbf{FH}]_{ij}x_j + [\mathbf{Fw}]_i$
- With $\mathbf{F}_{ZF}\mathbf{H} = (\mathbf{H}^*\mathbf{H})^{-1}\mathbf{H}^*\mathbf{H} = \mathbf{I}$
- Thus, $[\mathbf{FH}]_{ij} = 0$ for $i \neq j$
- Hence, ZF forces the inter-stream interference to zero. Hence, the name
- But ZF amplifies the noise term \mathbf{Fw}
- Linear MMSE optimally trades off noise and inter-stream interference

LMMSE vs. Joint Decoding

□ We saw that with optimal joint decoding capacity is:

$$C_{joint} = \log_2 \det(\mathbf{I} + \alpha \mathbf{H}^* \mathbf{H}) = -\log_2 \det(\mathbf{Q}), \quad \mathbf{Q} = (\alpha \mathbf{H}^* \mathbf{H} + \mathbf{I})^{-1}$$

□ With LMMSE, capacity is:

$$C_{LMMSE} = \sum_{i=1}^{N_t} \log_2(1 + \gamma_i^{LMMSE}) = \sum_{i=1}^{N_t} \log_2\left(\frac{1}{Q_{ii}}\right) = -\sum_{i=1}^{N_t} \log_2(Q_{ii})$$

□ Fact: $C_{LMMSE} \leq C_{joint}$

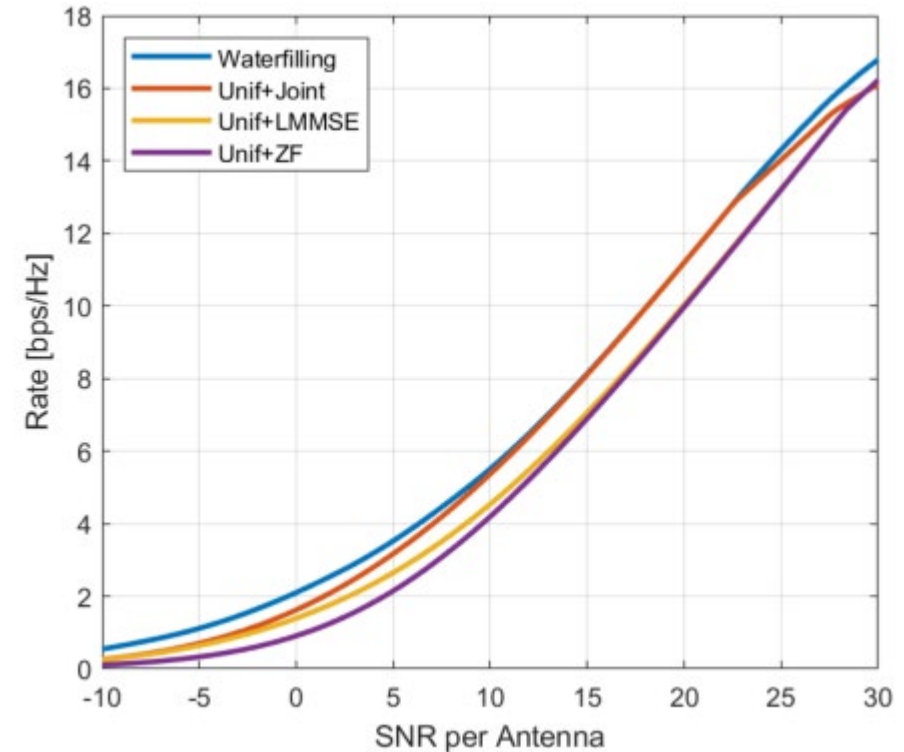
□ Proof:

- Linear algebra fact: for any matrix $\mathbf{Q} \geq 0$, $\det(\mathbf{Q}) \leq \prod_i Q_{ii}$
- This fact follows from a Cholesky factorization $\mathbf{Q} = \mathbf{L}\mathbf{L}^*$
- Therefore, $C_{joint} = -\log_2 \det(\mathbf{Q}) \geq -\log_2 \prod_i Q_{ii} = -\sum_{i=1}^{N_t} \log_2(Q_{ii}) = C_{LMMSE}$



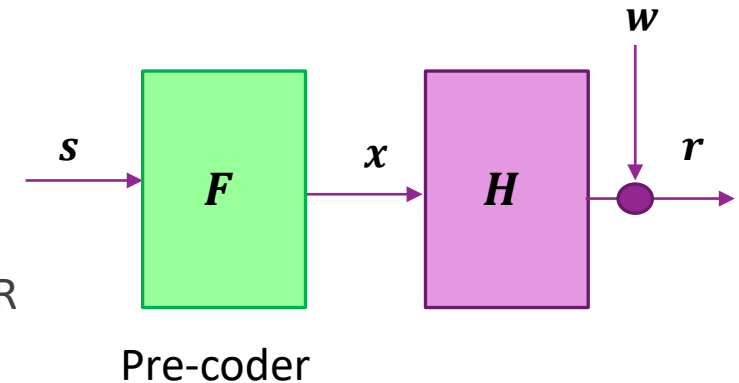
LMMSE Loss: Low-Dim Case

- ❑ Consider the low-dimensional example
 - 4 x 4 MIMO with rich scattering
 - See parameters above
- ❑ At low SNRs:
 - LMMSE performs close to Joint decoding
 - LMMSE performs much better than ZF
- ❑ At high SNRs:
 - Joint decoding provides a small advantage
 - Gain of ~2 dB
 - ZF performs close to LMMSE



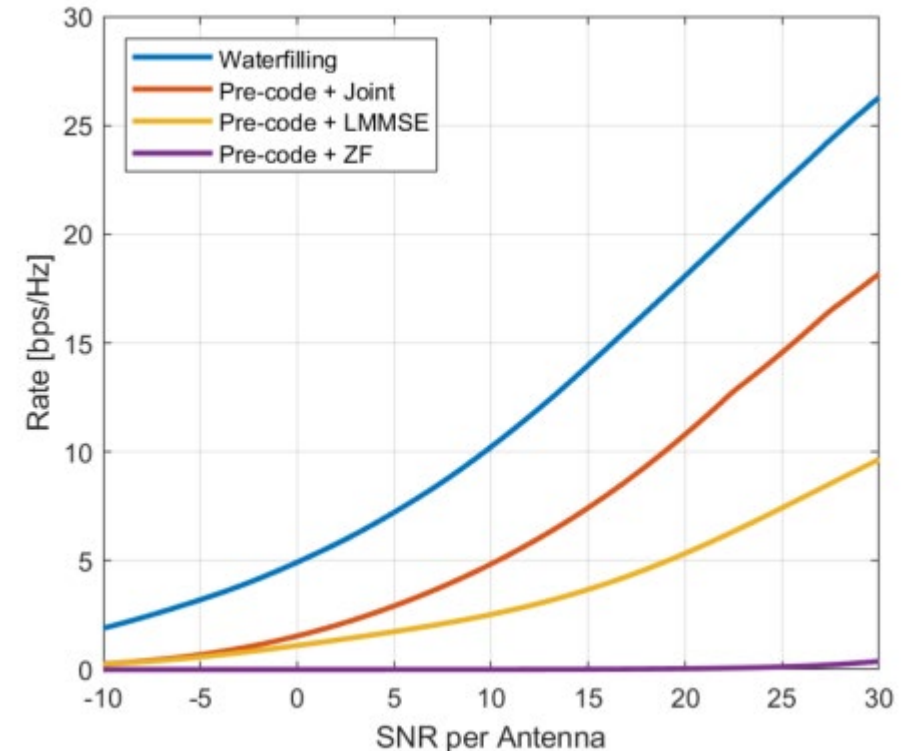
LMMSE Loss: High-Dim Case

- Next consider the low-dimensional example
 - $N_t = 16$ and $N_r = 8$
 - See parameters above
- Linear equalization requires that $N_t > r$
 - $r =$ channel rank = number of virtual directions with significant SNR
 - Otherwise, cannot recover x
- When $N_t > r$, we need to perform pre-coding:
 - Estimate the number, r , of TX streams to use (somehow)
 - Pre-code $x = Fs$ where s is r –dimensional
- At the receiver perform decoding on pre-coded channel $G = HF$



LMMSE Loss: High-Dim Case

- We have $N_t = 16$ and $N_r = 8$
- Hence, some pre-coding is needed to use LMMSE
- As an example, suppose we use **random pre-coding**
 - Select $r = 6$ streams (num of significant evals)
 - Take a r -random orthogonal methods
- After random pre-coding:
 - There is a significant loss.
 - Even with optimal joint decoding
 - LMMSE and ZF have further losses
- For high-dim arrays, some CSI-T is needed
 - This is particularly important in mmWave
 - Need to intelligently select directions

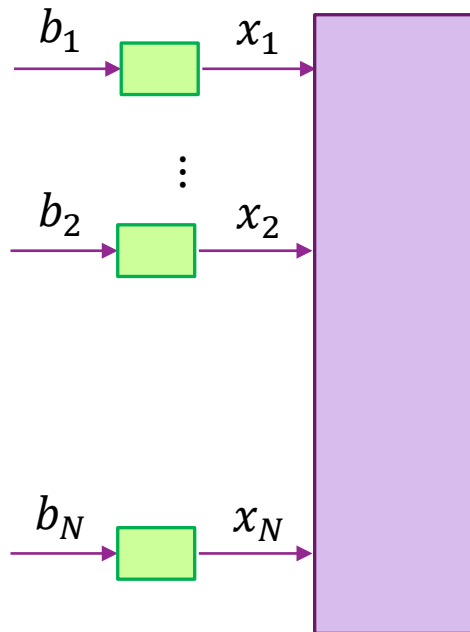


Improving over LMMSE

- ❑ We see that LMMSE decoding is not optimal
- ❑ Incurs a penalty due to inter-stream interference
- ❑ Several possible advanced receivers can be used to reduce inter-stream interference:
 - ❑ LMMSE + SIC:
 - Successively decode each stream and cancel it out
 - We describe this next
 - ❑ Turbo / joint decoding methods:
 - Iteratively perform iterations of the decoder with the LMMSE
 - Take the soft information of decoder to improve the LMMSE
 - See text

LMMSE + SIC: Transmitter

Encoders



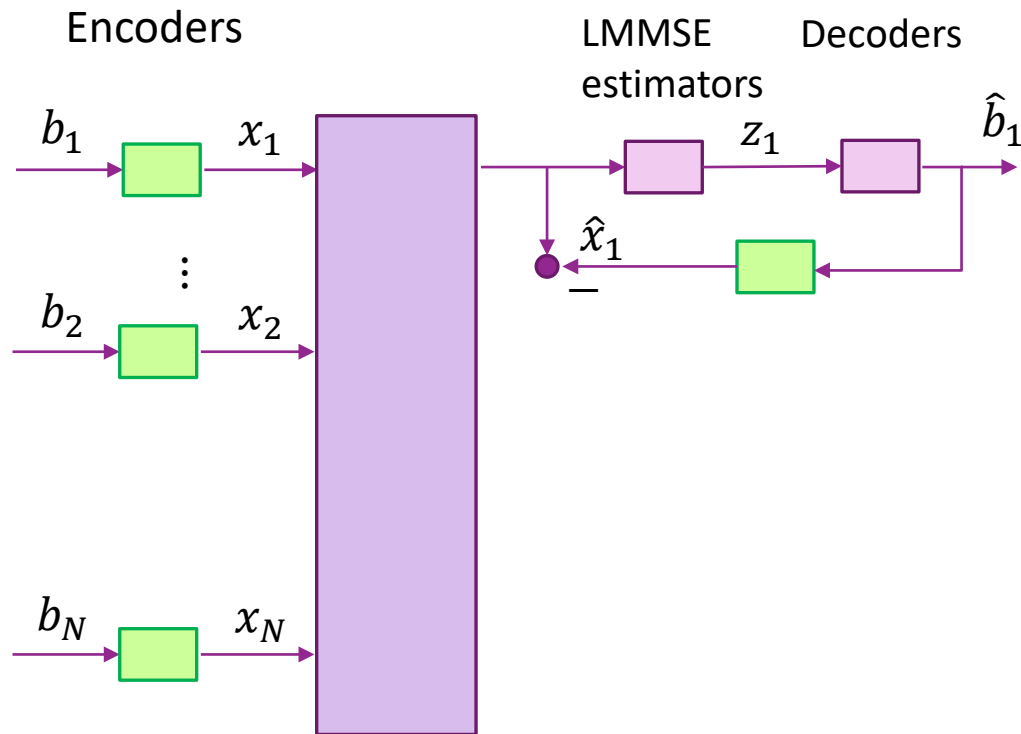
□ TX:

- Divide data into $N = N_t$ streams
- Get information bits b_1, \dots, b_N
- Encode N codewords
- Modulate to create N symbols x_1, \dots, x_N
- TX x_i on TX antenna i

□ Channel: $\mathbf{r} = \mathbf{H}\mathbf{x} + \mathbf{w}$

- Can be written: $\mathbf{r} = \mathbf{h}_1x_1 + \dots + \mathbf{h}_Nx_N + \mathbf{w}$

LMMSE + SIC: First Stream



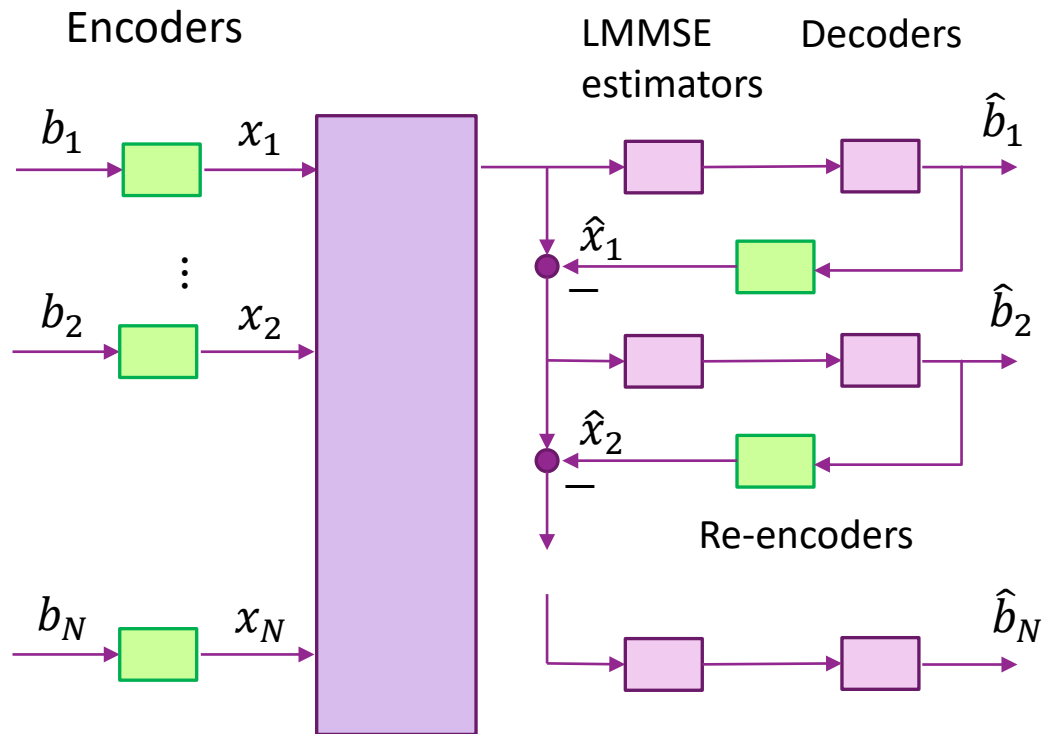
Decode stream 1:

- Perform LMMSE estimate of x_1 from \mathbf{r} to get z_1
- Signal z_1 will have interference from x_2, \dots, x_N
- Treat signals from x_2, \dots, x_N as noise
- Decode bits b_1 from LMMSE signal z_1 (symbol demod + decoder)

Cancellation phase

- Re-encode estimated bits \hat{b}_1
- Subtract out \hat{x}_1 to give $\mathbf{r} \leftarrow \mathbf{r} - \mathbf{h}_1 \hat{x}_1$
- If $x_1 = \hat{x}_1$, $\mathbf{r} = \mathbf{h}_2 x_2 + \dots + \mathbf{h}_N x_N + \mathbf{w}$
- Residual signal \mathbf{r} has no contribution from x_1 !

LMMSE + SIC: Subsequent Streams



□ For stream 2:

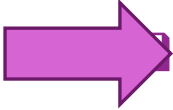
- As stream 1, get LMMSE estimate of x_2
- LMMSE uses residual
- Residual r has no contribution from x_1
- Interference is only x_3, \dots, x_N
- Treat signals from x_3, \dots, x_N as noise
- Decode bits b_2 , re-encode and subtract

□ Continue for all N streams

LMMSE + SIC Performance

- **Theorem:** The capacity of the LMMSE SIC scheme is equal to optimal joint decoding
- **Proof:** Use linear algebra to estimate SINR in each stream.
 - With some linear algebra manipulations, you can show you end up at the same capacity
- **Conclusions:** LMMSE + SIC is a practical method to get optimal joint decoding
- **Computational issues:**
 - Error propagation: If one stream is in error, you cannot subtract
 - Difficult to merge with H-ARQ.
 - Need large buffer for symbols. This buffer is the main bottleneck in practical systems
- **Commercial systems:**
 - Have generally only used LMMSE+SIC on small numbers of antennas
 - LMMSE without SIC is overwhelmingly dominant implementation method

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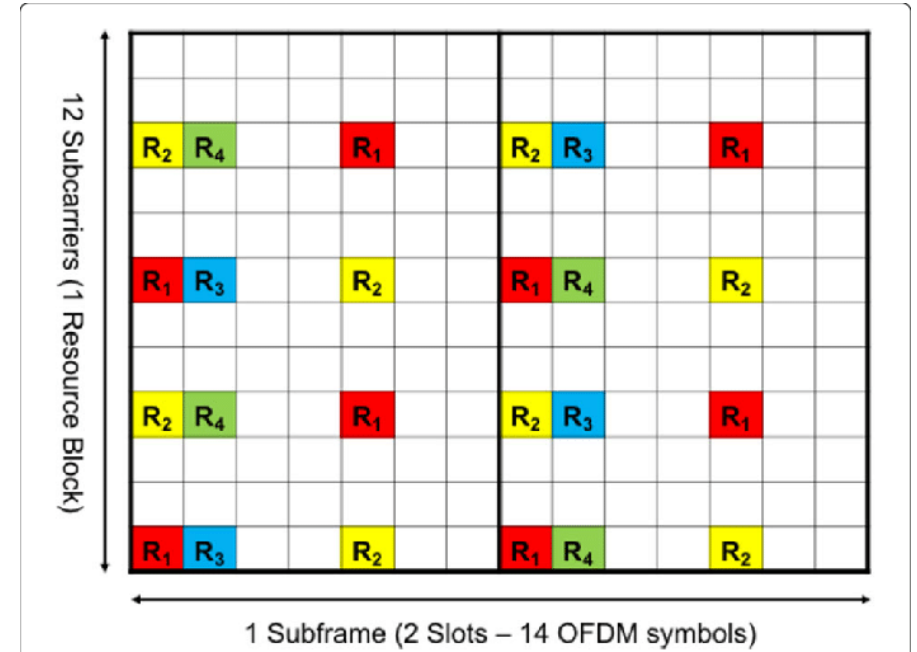
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- Power Allocation and Rank Selection
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- CSI-T Feedback and Statistical Pre-Coding

Obtaining CSI-R

- Assume TX has selected a pre-coder $\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{V}\mathbf{s}$
- RX sees channel $\mathbf{r}[n] = \mathbf{H}\mathbf{x}[n] + \mathbf{w}[n] = \mathbf{H}\mathbf{V}\mathbf{s}[n] + \mathbf{w}[n] = \mathbf{G}\mathbf{s}[n] + \mathbf{w}[n]$
- Results in a channel matrix $\mathbf{G} \in \mathbb{C}^{N_r \times N_s}$
 - N_s = number of streams
 - N_r = number of RX antennas
- For CSI-R, RX needs to estimate \mathbf{G}
 - RX does not need to know the pre-coder or the true channel!

Reference Signals

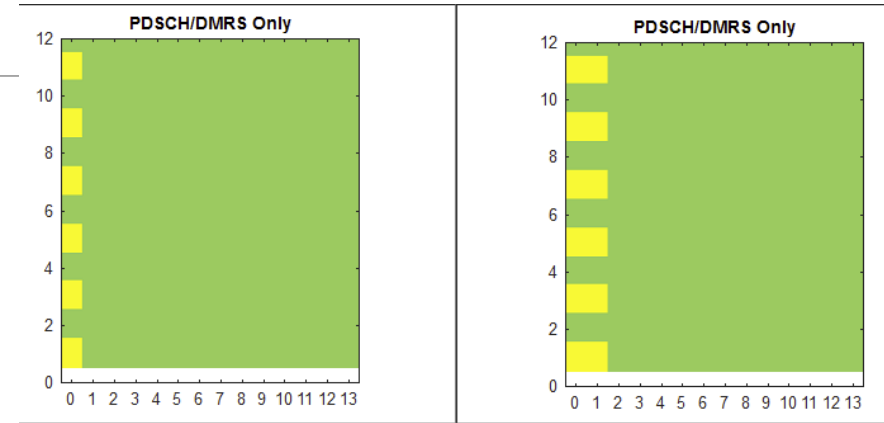
- ❑ Most systems use some form of **reference signals**
- ❑ One set of reference signals for each TX stream
 - Typically allocated on orthogonal resources
- ❑ Example to right: One sub-frame in LTE
 - Configuration for 4 TX “ports”
 - Resource elements R_1 to R_4 are the RS for each port
 - Each port has 2 to 4 REs per resource block
- ❑ In a RS for stream k , we get a measurement:
$$\mathbf{r} = \mathbf{g}_k \mathbf{x}_k + \mathbf{w}$$
 - Estimate $\mathbf{g}_k = k$ -th column of \mathbf{G}



Example: 5G NR DM-RS

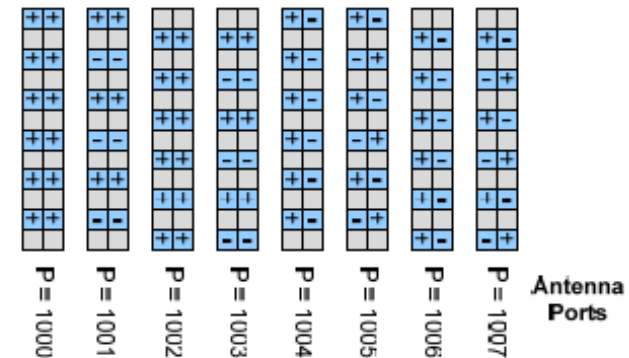
- ❑ DM-RS: Demodulation reference signals
 - Reference signals contained in downlink data
 - Shown in yellow squares

- ❑ Multiple layers in 5G:
 - Each spatial layer is modulated to a “port”
 - One set of reference signal for each port
 - Reference signals are different ports are orthogonal
 - Bottom right: RS for 8 port transmission
 - Each RS allocated on 12 REs
 - Each RE shared with 4 other ports
 - Uses an orthogonal covering code (OCC)



Configuration Type 1

8 ports with double-symbol DMRS
2 FD-OCC x 2 Combs x 2 TD-OCC



Overhead Issues

- ❑ Suppose channel is constant over $L = W_{coh}T_{coh}$ symbols
 - W_{coh} = coherence bandwidth, T_{coh} = coherence bandwidth
- ❑ We need at least one reference symbol per transmitted stream in each coherence block
- ❑ Overhead is $\frac{N_{RS}}{L}$, N_{RS} = number of RS $\geq N_S$ = number of streams
- ❑ Rate will be: $R = (1 - \frac{N_{RS}}{L}) \sum_{i=1}^{N_S} \log_2(1 + \frac{\gamma_i}{N_S})$
 - Training loss: $1 - \frac{N_{RS}}{L}$
 - Power loss per stream: $\frac{\gamma_i}{N_S}$
 - Bandwidth increase: Sum over i
- ❑ In general, there is a tradeoff

Information Theoretic Calculation

- Hochwald and Hassibi, 2003
- Simplified block fading model
 - Channel is constant over T uses
 - Allocates RS in each block
- With known channel
 - Increasing num TX streams helps
- Without non-coherent channel
 - Eventually hurts
 - Spend more energy on training
 - Less energy on data

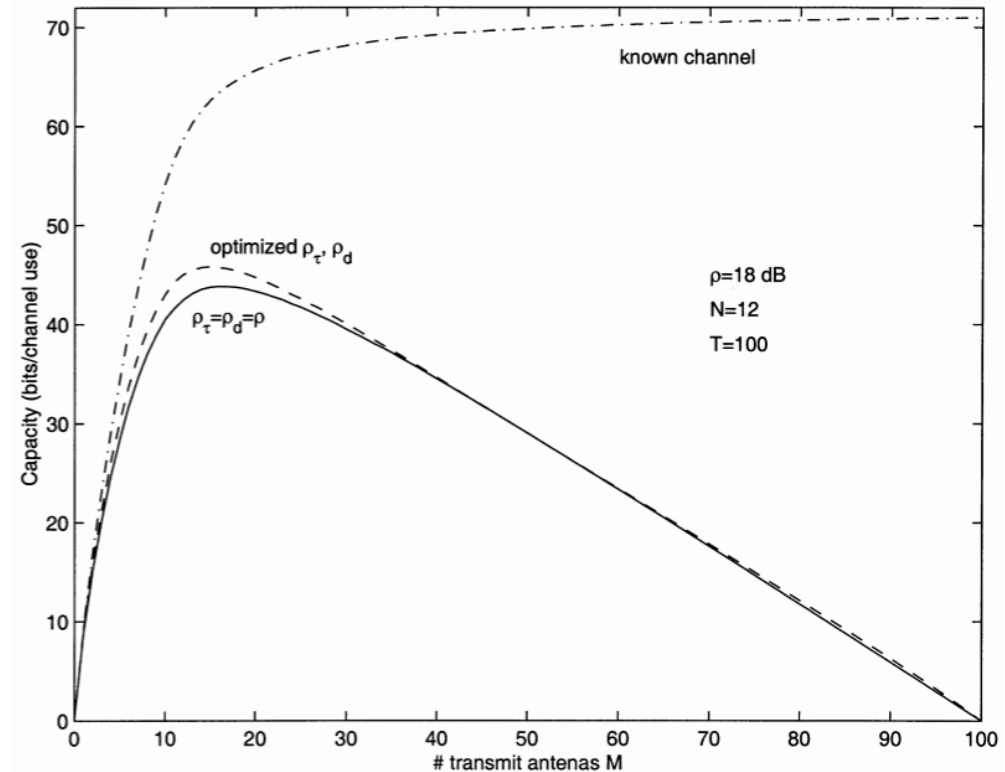


Fig. 5. Capacity as a function of number of transmit antennas M with $\rho = 18$ dB and $N = 12$ receive antennas. The solid line is optimized over T_r for $\rho_\tau = \rho_d = \rho$ (see (40)), and the dashed line is optimized over the power allocation with $T_r = M$ (Theorem 3). The dash-dotted line is the capacity when the receiver knows the channel perfectly. The maximum throughput is attained at $M \approx 15$.

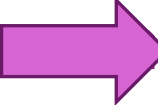
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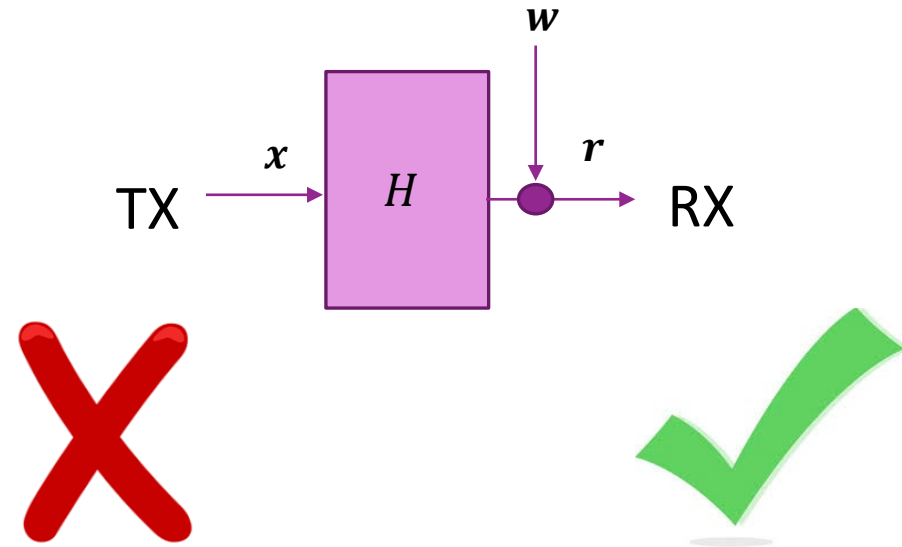
Spatial Multiplexing with CSI-R Only

Channel Estimation and CSI-R

 CSI-T Feedback and Statistical Pre-Coding

Problems in Obtaining CSI-T

- ❑ Channel state information is asymmetric
- ❑ Receiver:
 - Can directly measure the channel
- ❑ Transmitter:
 - No direct measurement
- ❑ We discuss two possible methods:
 - Precoding matrix feedback
 - Reverse link reference signal with reciprocity



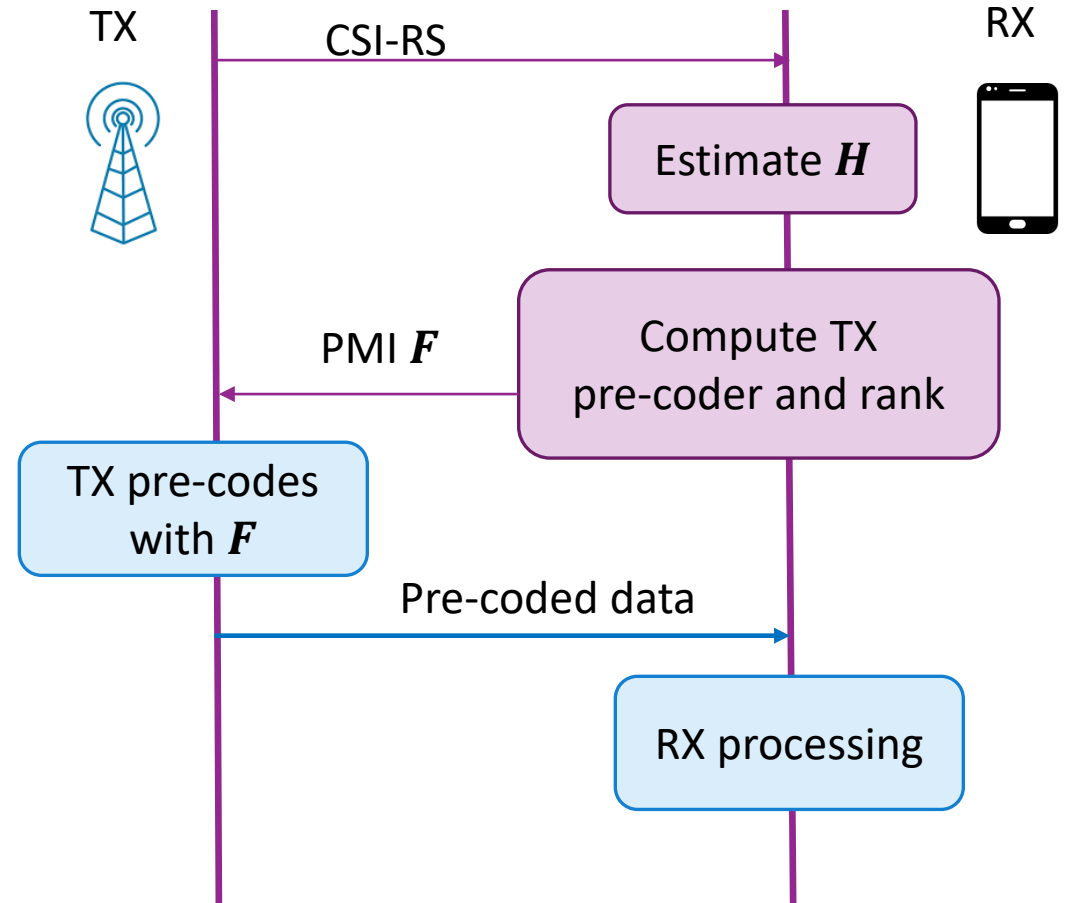
Pre-coding Feedback

Feedback method

- TX sends CSI reference signals from each antenna
- RX measures complex channel matrix
- RX computes optimal TX pre-coding matrix F
- Also determines optimal rank
- RX sends TX pre-coder back to TX
- Pre-coder Matrix Indicator (PMI)
- TX uses pre-coder in transmission

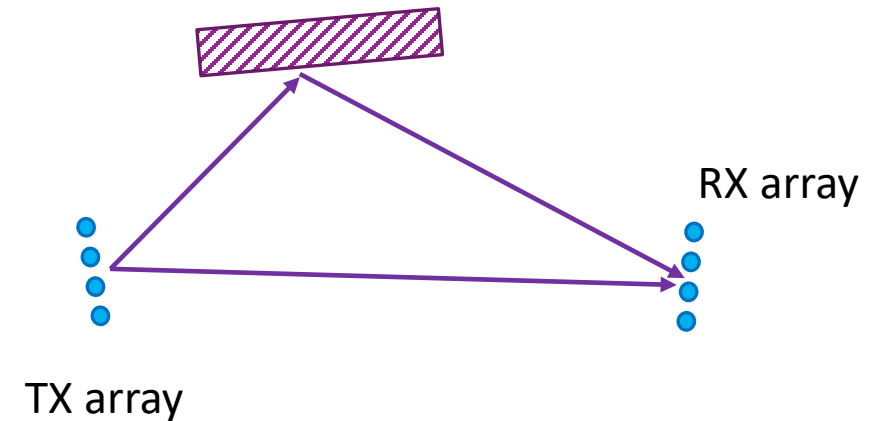
Problem:

- Must feedback within time coherence
- Many need to send freq-dependent pre-coders
- Potentially high overhead for fast varying channels



Statistical Pre-Coding

- ❑ Consider channel: $\mathbf{H} = \sum_{\ell=1}^L g_{\ell} e^{i\theta_{\ell}} \mathbf{u}_r(\Omega_{\ell}^r) \mathbf{u}_t^T(\Omega_{\ell}^t)$
- ❑ Parameters vary in two different **time scales**:
 - **Small-scale variations**: θ_{ℓ} vary with time and frequency. Difficult to track
 - **Large-scale variations**: $|g_{\ell}|$ and Ω_{ℓ}^r and Ω_{ℓ}^t vary with path gains. Slower varying. Easier to track
- ❑ **Statistical pre-coding concept**:
 - Measure H on many different time and frequencies
 - Assume θ varies but large-scale parameters are constant
 - Based TX pre-coding on **statistics** of H
 - Also called long-term pre-coding



TX and RX Spatial Covariance Matrices

□ Statistical pre-coding is typically based on the spatial covariance matrices

□ Consider channel: $\mathbf{H}(\boldsymbol{\theta}) = \sum_{\ell=1}^L g_{\ell} e^{i\theta_{\ell}} \mathbf{u}_r(\Omega_{\ell}^r) \mathbf{u}_t^T(\Omega_{\ell}^t)$

□ Define TX and RX **spatial covariance matrices**

$$\mathbf{Q}_{tx} = E[\mathbf{H}(\boldsymbol{\theta})^* \mathbf{H}(\boldsymbol{\theta})] \in \mathbb{C}^{N_t \times N_t}, \quad \mathbf{Q}_{rx} = E[\mathbf{H}(\boldsymbol{\theta}) \mathbf{H}(\boldsymbol{\theta})^*] \in \mathbb{C}^{N_r \times N_r}$$

- Average is over small-scale parameters

□ If phases are i.i.d. $\theta_{\ell} \sim \text{Unif}[0, 2\pi]$:

$$\mathbf{Q}_{tx} = N_r \sum_{\ell=1}^L |g_{\ell}|^2 \mathbf{u}_t(\Omega_{\ell}^t) \mathbf{u}_t^*(\Omega_{\ell}^t), \quad \mathbf{Q}_{rx} = N_t \sum_{\ell=1}^L |g_{\ell}|^2 \mathbf{u}_r(\Omega_{\ell}^r) \mathbf{u}_r^*(\Omega_{\ell}^r)$$

Statistical Pre-Coding with \mathbf{Q}_{tx}

- Estimate $\mathbf{Q}_{tx} = E[\mathbf{H}(\theta)^* \mathbf{H}(\theta)]$
 - Measured over many time and frequency instances
- Take eigenvalue decomposition: $\mathbf{Q}_{tx} = \mathbf{V} \mathbf{\Lambda} \mathbf{V}^*$, $\mathbf{\Lambda} = \text{diag}(\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_{N_t})$
 - Assume sorted $\lambda_1 \geq \dots \geq \lambda_{N_t}$
- To transmit on r streams:
 - Take TX pre-coder: $\mathbf{F}_{stat} = \mathbf{V}[:, 1:r]$ corresponding to r largest eigenvalues
 - Use pre-coding $\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{V}[:, 1:r] \mathbf{s}$

Instantaneous vs. Statistical Pre-Coding

□ Statistical pre-coding:

- Select one $\mathbf{F}_{stat} \in \mathbb{C}^{N_t \times r}$: Maps r streams to N_t antennas
- On each channel realization, see channel matrix: $\mathbf{H}(\theta)\mathbf{F}_{stat}$
- Obtain ergodic capacity: $C = E_{\theta} \left[\log_2 \det \left(I + \frac{E_x}{N_0} \mathbf{F}_{stat}^* \mathbf{H}^*(\theta) \mathbf{H}(\theta) \mathbf{F}_{stat} \right) \right]$

□ Instantaneous pre-coding:

- Can select pre-coder $\mathbf{F}(\theta)$ for each channel realization
- Get ergodic capacity: $C = E_{\theta} \left[\log_2 \det \left(I + \frac{E_x}{N_0} \mathbf{F}^*(\theta) \mathbf{H}^*(\theta) \mathbf{H}(\theta) \mathbf{F}(\theta) \right) \right]$

Example

- High-dim array case: $N_t = 16, N_r = 8$
 - Transmission rank $r = 4$ and 8
 - Instantaneous selects best r directions in each realization. Statistical select r directions from \mathbf{Q}_{tx}
 - Uniform power allocation across all r

