

# ***Modul 6 Modulasi Multicarrier***



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# Subject

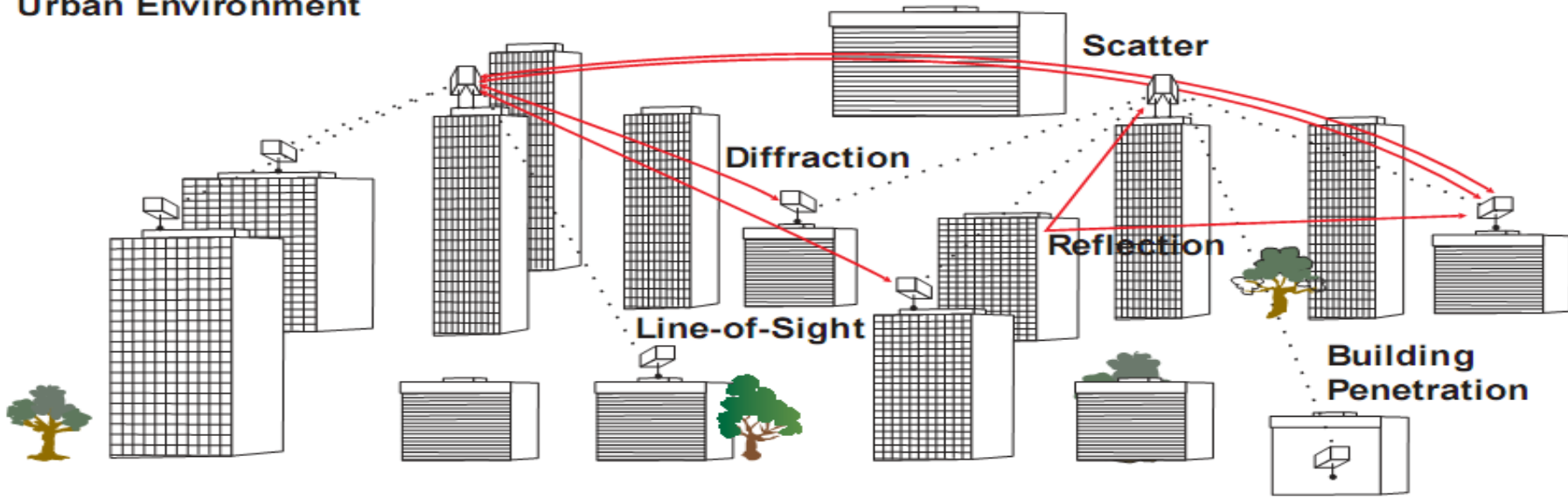
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- a. Konsep OFDM
- b. Konsep OFDMA
- c. Pengenalan SC-FDMA

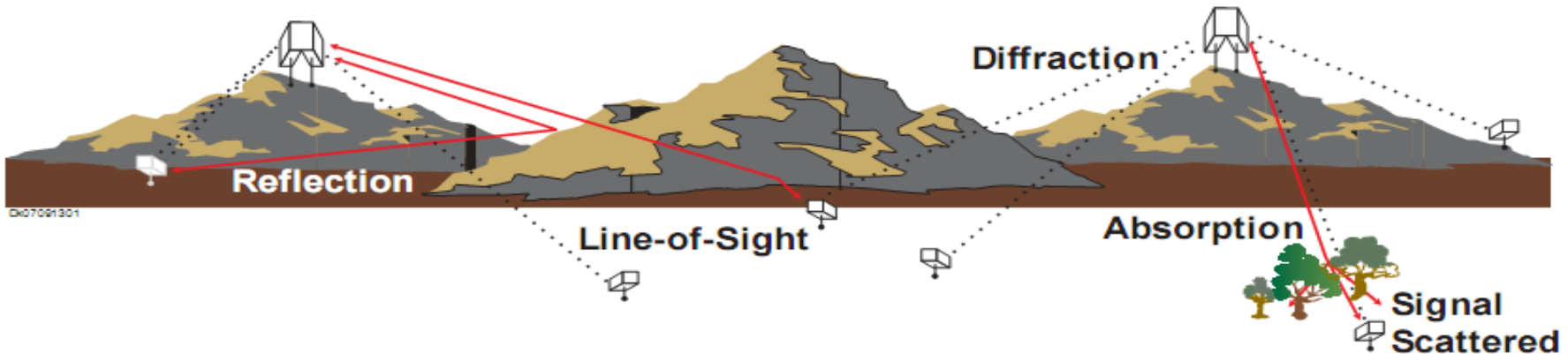
# Konsep OFDM

# Propagation Concept: NLOS Performance

## Urban Environment

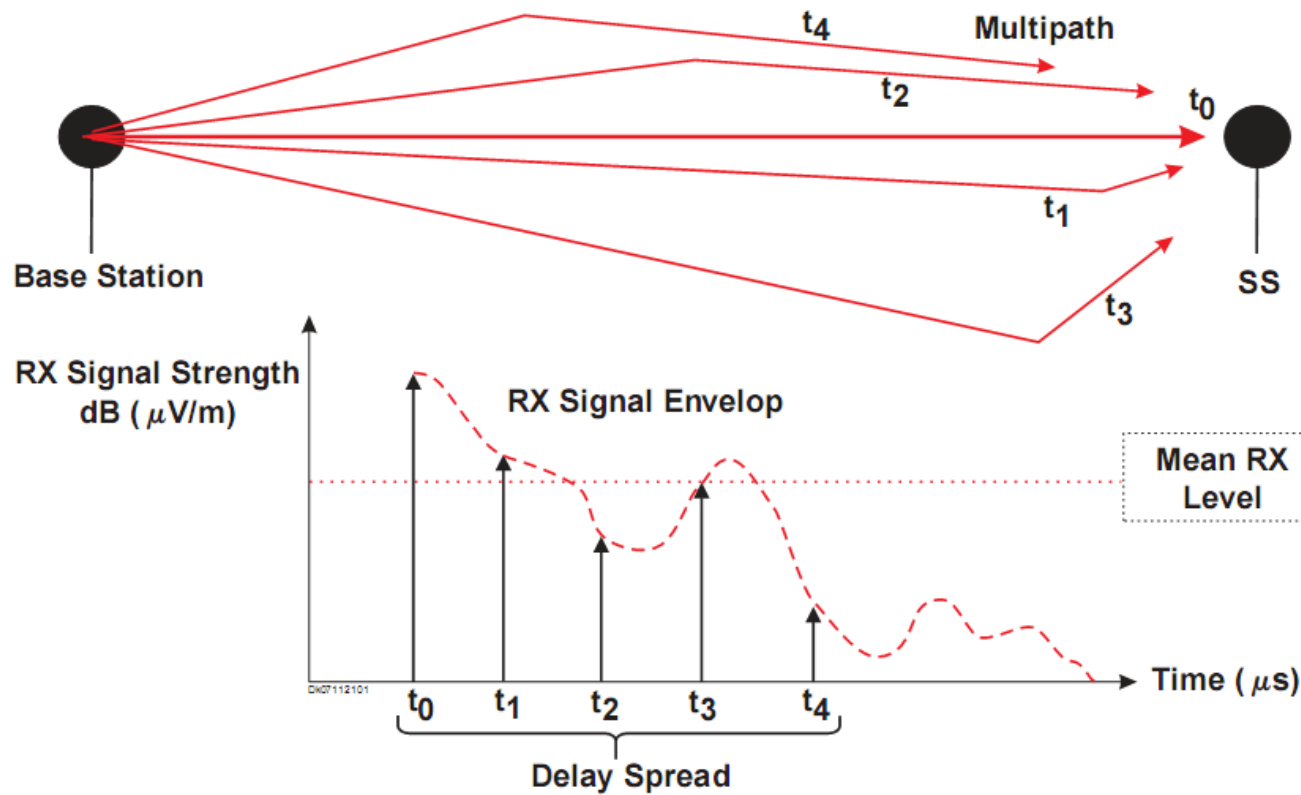


## Rural Environment



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# Propagation Concept: Mutipath Propagation



- Sinyal-sinyal multipath datang pada waktu yang berbeda dengan amplitudo dan pergeseran fasa yang berbeda, yang menyebabkan pelemahan dan penguatan daya sinyal yang diterima.
- Propagasi multipath berpengaruh terhadap performansi link dan coverage.
- Selubung (envelop) sinyal Rx berfluktuasi secara acak.

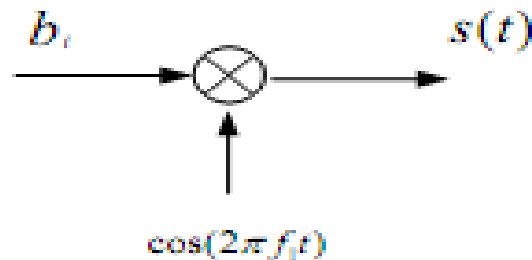
# Problems of Mutipath Propagation & High Data Rate

- ▶ There are some problems when carrying high data rate via wireless channel, especially **frequency selective fading**
- ▶ **OFDM** offers the solution for the problems
- ▶ OFDM can be seen as multi-carrier transmission (**MCM**)
- ▶ MCM is a principle to transmit data by dividing the data into **parallel** bit streams
- ▶ The parallel bit streams is sometimes called **subcarriers** or **subchannels**

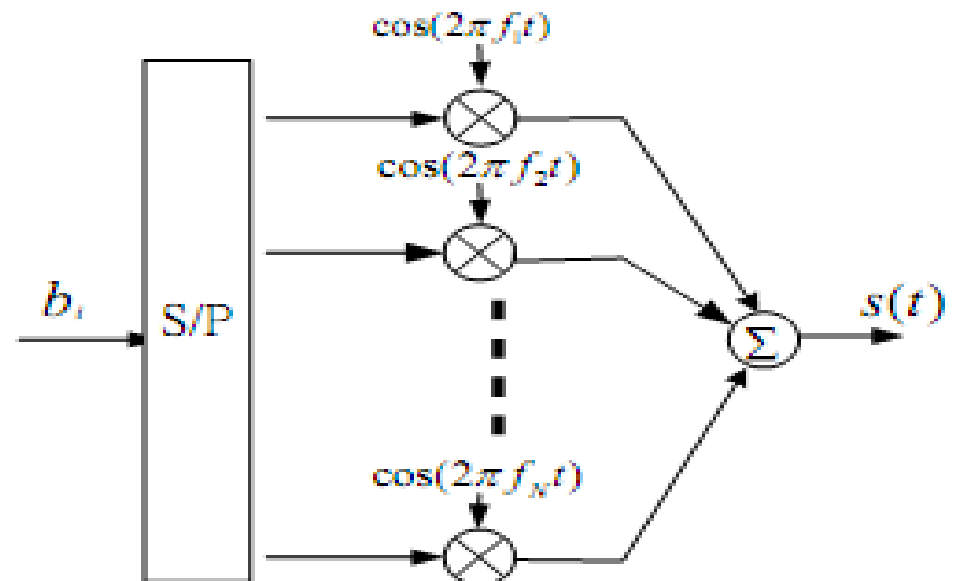
- **Single carrier transmission**
  - The concept of single-carrier is that each user transmits and receives data stream with only one carrier at any time.
- **Multicarrier transmission**
  - The concept of multi-carrier transmission is that a user can employ a number of carriers to transmit data simultaneously.

- **Single and multicarrier transmission**

Single carrier transmission



Multicarrier carrier transmission



# Keterbatasan Modulasi Carrier Tunggal

- Penggunaan suatu carrier tunggal memiliki kelemahan mendasar : durasi cyclic prefix ditentukan oleh maximum expected delay spread .

$$delay_{\max} = T_{CP}$$

- Durasi simbol bisa dibuat seukuran dengan cyclic prefix, namun transmisi data menjadi tinggal setengahnya karena untuk cyclic prefix sehingga sistem menjadi tidak efisien (E kecil)

$$E = \frac{T_{SYMBOL}}{T_{SYMBOL} + T_{CP}}$$

- Selain itu, durasi simbol yang mengecil berarti juga menggunakan spektrum (fs) lebih besar.

$$f_s = \frac{1}{T_s} = \frac{1}{T_{SYMBOL} + T_{CP}}$$

- Untuk peningkatan efisiensi, durasi simbol harus panjang, namun laju simbol menjadi turun.



# The Idea



(a)



(b)

Fig. 1 – (a) A Regular-FDM single carrier – A whole bunch of water coming all in one stream. (b) Orthogonal-FDM – Same amount of water coming from a lot of small streams.



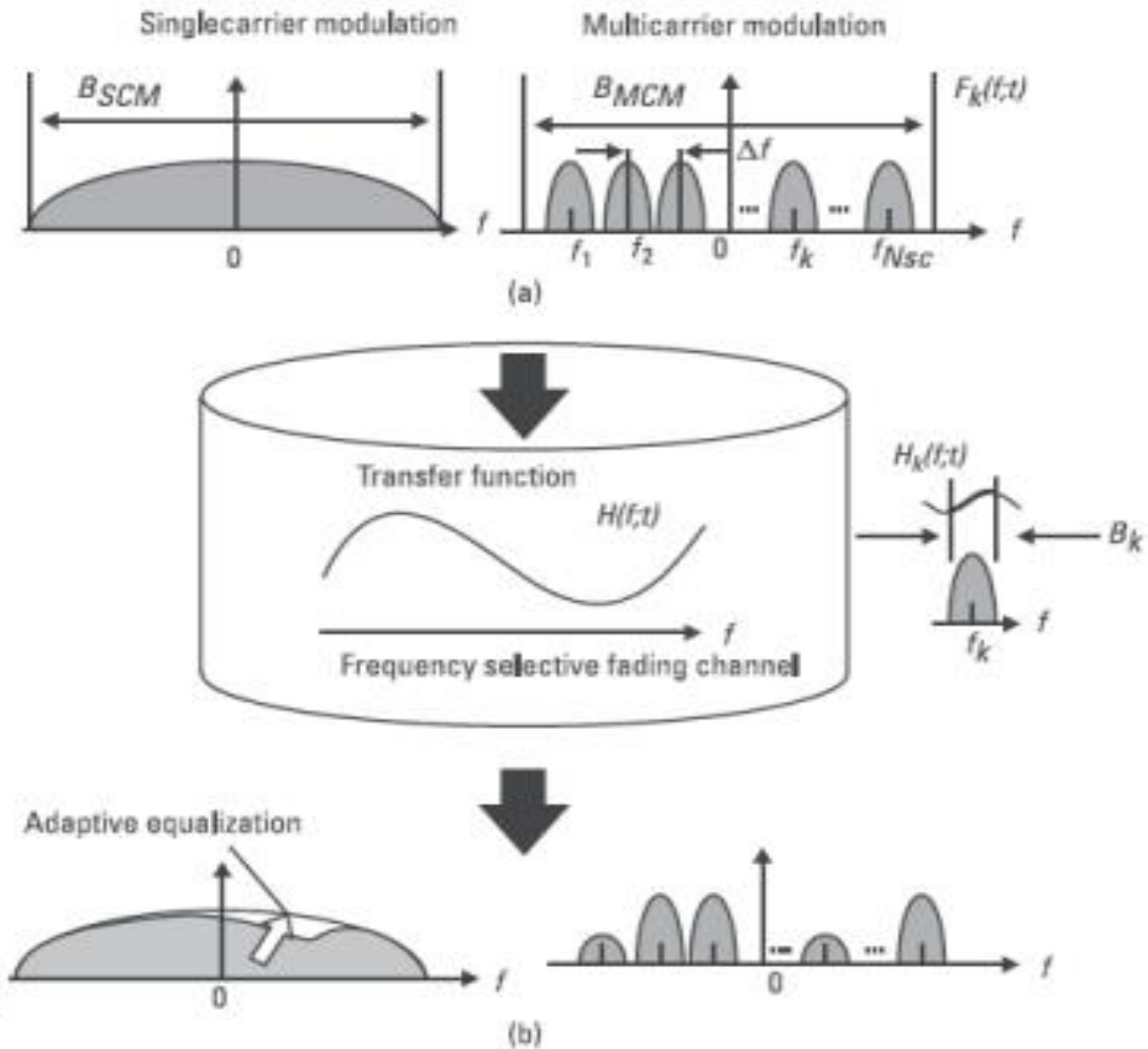
Fig. 2 – All cargo on one truck vs. splitting the shipment into more than one.

- In MCM, we split the data into different streams and transmit using separate *sub-carriers*

# What is Multicarrier Modulation?

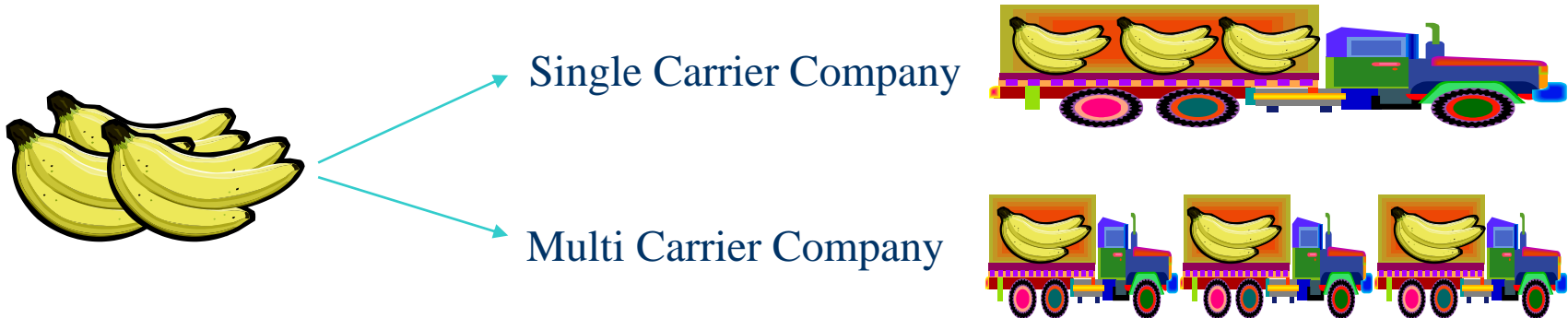
- Multicarrier modulation is the generic term used for any **orthogonal pulse amplitude modulation (OPAM)** where the orthogonal pulses are roughly **localized** in the frequency domain.
- It includes, as special cases, frequency division multiplexing (FDM) and orthogonal FDM (OFDM) and discrete multitone transmission (DMT)
- Now what is orthogonal pulse amplitude modulation (OPAM)?
- Based on our knowledge of modulation, we should be able to understand OPAM very easily and then move on to MCM.

# ▶ The difference between MCM and SCM

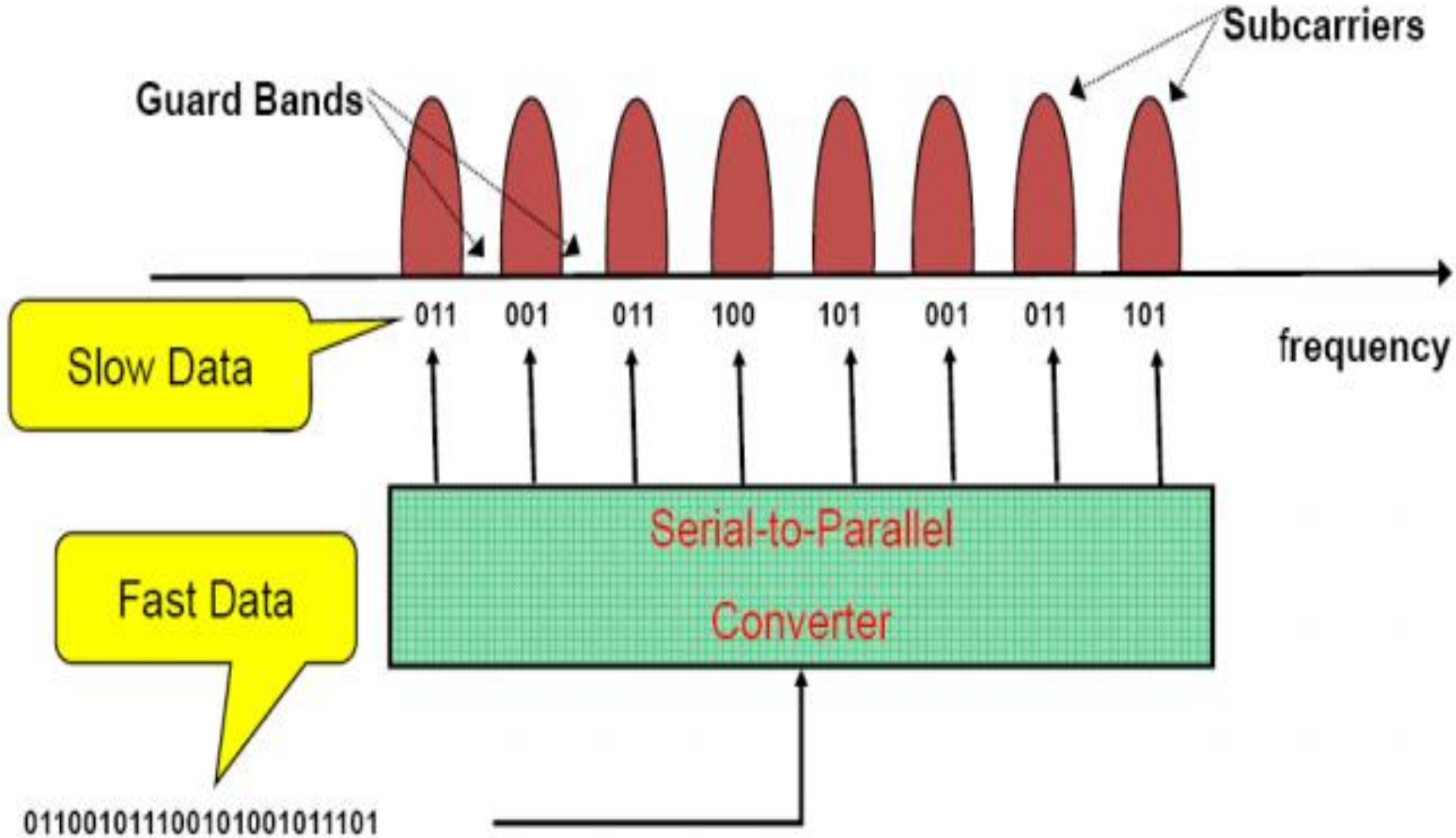


# Multicarrier Transmission - Basic Concept

- *Orthogonal Frequency Division Multiplexing* (OFDM) is a multi-carrier modulation scheme
  - First break the data into small portions
  - Then use a number of parallel **orthogonal** sub-carriers to transmit the data
- Conventional transmission uses a single carrier, which is modulated with all the data to be sent

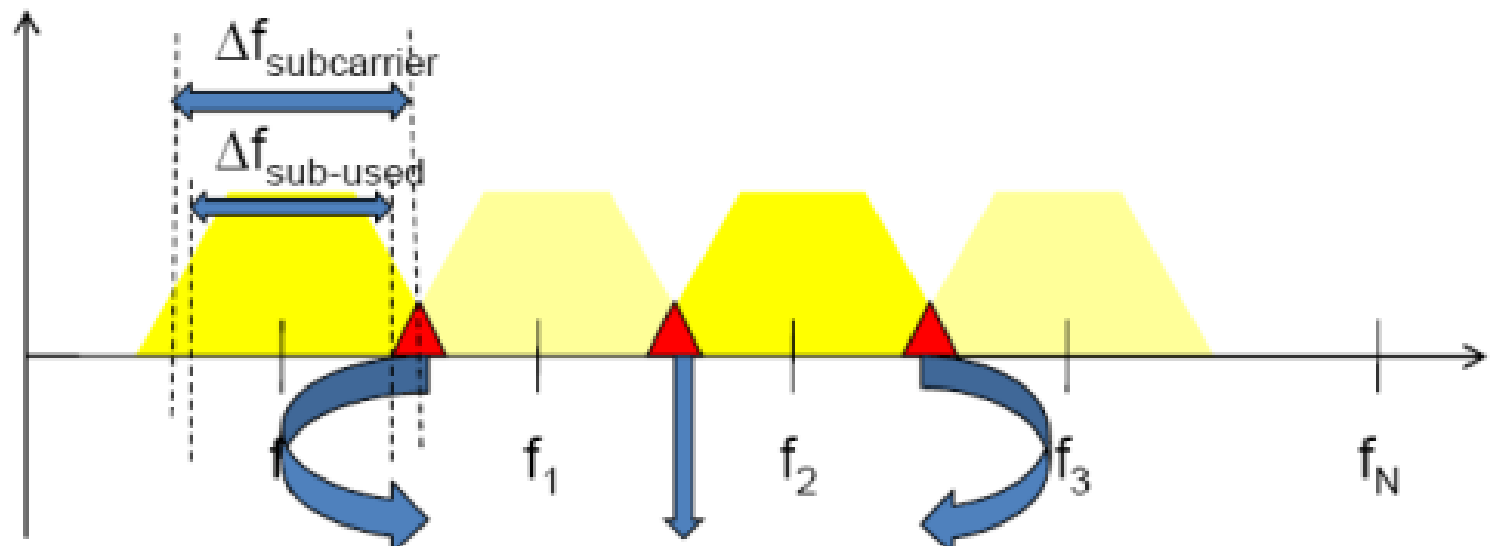


# Modulasi Multicarrier



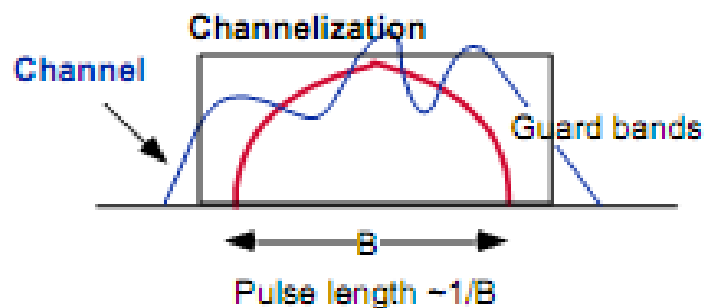
# Modulasi Multicarrier

- Frekuensi tengah harus diberi jarak sehingga interference antar carrier yang berbeda atau **Adjacent Carrier Interference ACI minimal** diminimalkan namun tanpa banyak spasi frekuensi terbuang.
- Tiap carrier menggunakan guard band atas dan bawah untuk proteksi terhadap interferensi carrier sebelah.

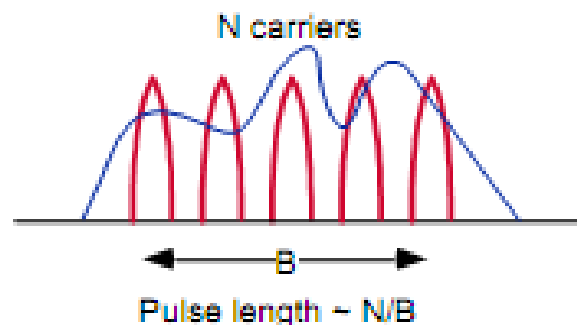


ACI = Adjacent Carrier Interference

# Modulation techniques: monocarrier vs. multicarrier



- Data are transmitted over only one carrier



- Data are shared among several carriers and simultaneously transmitted

Similar to FDM technique

## Drawbacks

- Selective Fading
- Very short pulses
- ISI is comparatively long
- EQs are then very long
- Poor spectral efficiency because of band guards

## Advantages

- Flat Fading per carrier
- N long pulses
- ISI is comparatively short
- N short EQs needed
- Poor spectral efficiency because of band guards

## Furthermore

- It is easy to exploit frequency diversity
- It allows deployment of 2D coding techniques
- Dynamic signaling

To improve the spectral efficiency:

Eliminate band guards between carriers

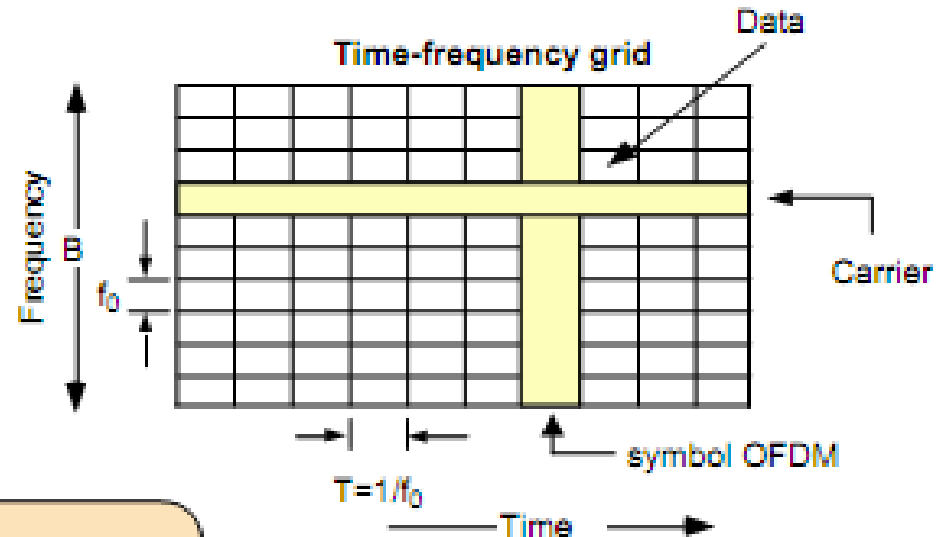
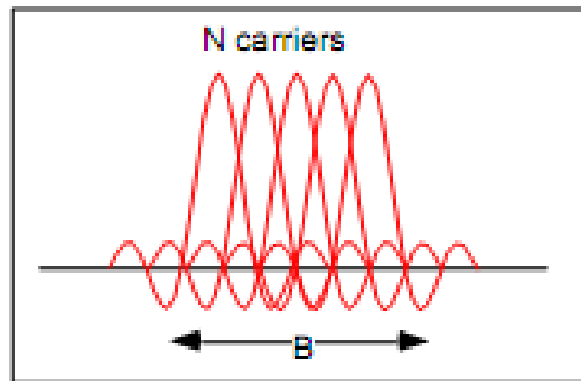
To use orthogonal carriers (allowing spectrum overlapping)

# OFDM Concept: Mengapa OFDM

- Sinyal OFDM (Orthogonal Frequency Division Multiplexing) dapat mendukung kondisi NLOS (Non Line of Sight) dengan mempertahankan efisiensi spektral yang tinggi dan memaksimalkan spektrum yang tersedia.
  - Mendukung lingkungan propagasi multi-path.
  - Scalable bandwidth: menyediakan fleksibilitas dan potensial mengurangi CAPEX (capital expense).
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# Introduction to OFDM modulation



## Features

- No intercarrier guard bands
- Controlled overlapping of bands
- Maximum spectral efficiency (Nyquist rate)
- Easy implementation using FFTs
- Very sensitive time-freq. Synchronization

Inter-carrier Separation =  
Any integer Multiple of  $1/(\text{symbol duration})$

## Modulation technique

One user utilizes all carriers simultaneously to transmit its data (may be different modulations)

## Access techniques (FDMA)

Several users share dynamically the carriers (traffic or service dependent) to access to the system

# OFDM

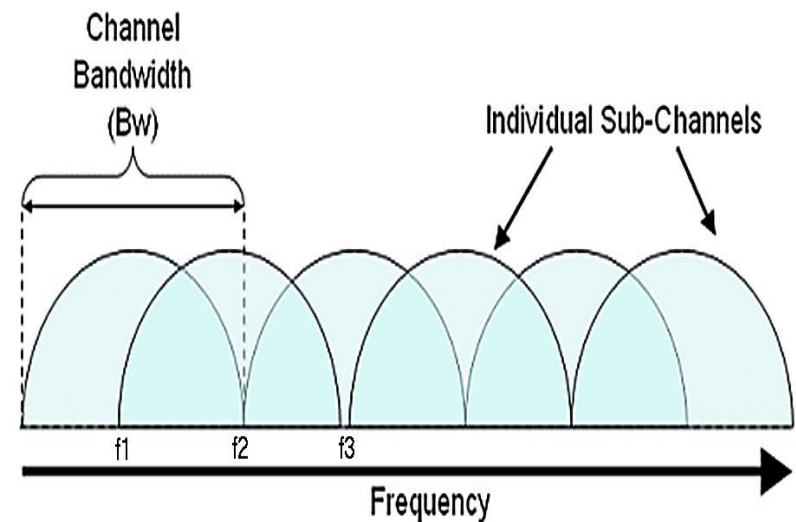
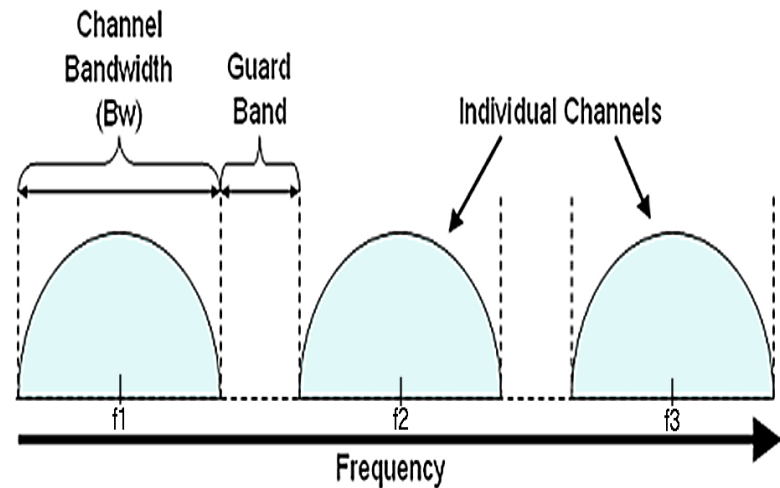
- Peak of spectrum for each sub-band must correspond to zero crossings for all other modulated sub-carriers.
- Interference now avoided in frequency-domain.
- Adjacent sub-carriers spaced exactly  $1/T$  Hz apart when sub-band pulse-rate is  $1/T$  pulses/second.
- Sub-carriers are as close together as they can possibly be without introducing spectral interference.
- Each modulated sub-carrier is 'orthogonal' to all others which means that they do not interfere with each other.

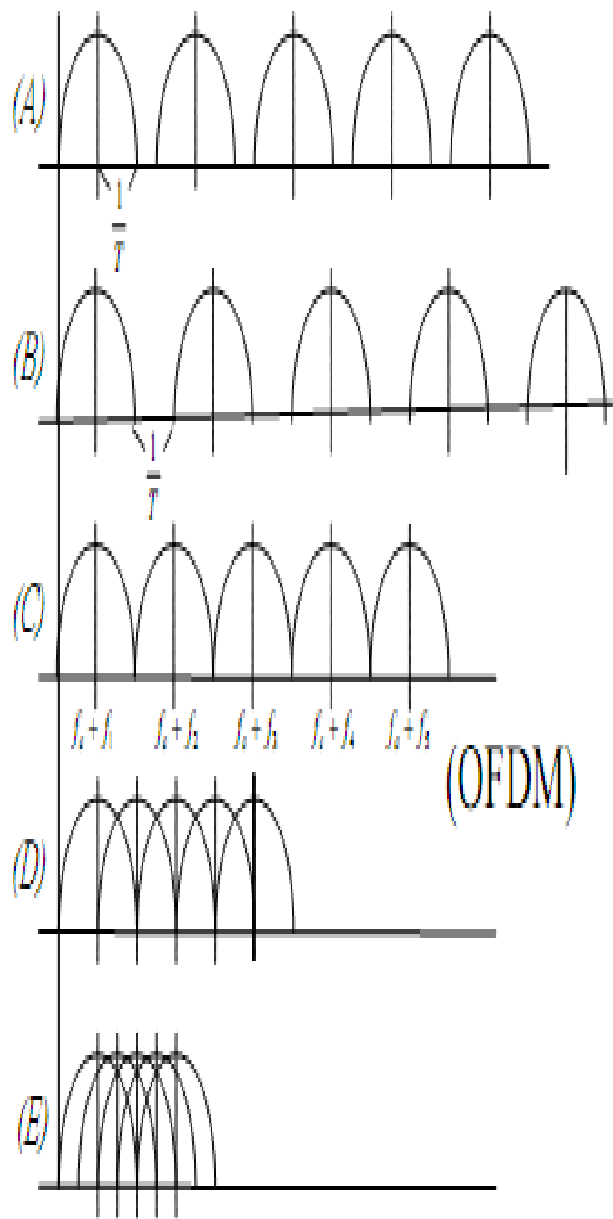
# The Multicarrier Modulation Idea (1)

- Suppose we have a fixed channel bandwidth  $W$ .
- We are free to increase signal dimensionality  $N$  if we simultaneously increase symbol interval  $T$ .
- Intuitively we are compensating for reduced symbol rate by increasing the number of symbols per symbol interval.
- How do we choose the set of orthogonal pulses as we increase  $T$ ?
- One solution: make the bandwidth of each pulse on the order of  $1/2T$ , satisfying Nyquist rate.
- Then place them at different non-overlapping centre frequencies.
- As  $T$  and  $N$  increase, this will make only a small portion of the channel transfer function over narrower and narrower bandwidth affect each pulse transmission.
- Eventually, for sufficiently large  $T$  the channel transfer function will be constant over the bandwidth of each pulse.
- Therefore, ISI for each pulse will be insignificant.
- By proper MCM system design, we can cleverly avoid ISI.

# OFDM Basic Concept

- OFDM is a special case of *Frequency Division Multiplexing (FDM)*
- For FDM
  - No special relationship between the carrier frequencies
  - Guard bands have to be inserted to avoid *Adjacent Channel Interference (ACI)*
- For OFDM
  - Strict relation between carriers:  $f_k = k \cdot \Delta f$  where  $\Delta f = 1/T_U$  ( $T_U$  - symbol period)
  - Carriers are orthogonal to each other and can be packed tight





Orthogonal

Orthogonal,  $n=3$

Orthogonal,  $n=2$

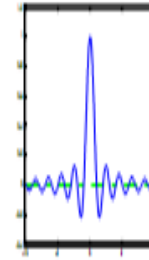
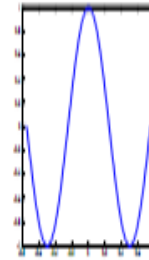
Orthogonal,  $n=1$

Non-orthogonal

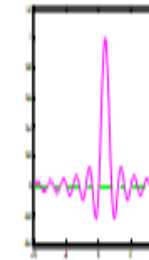
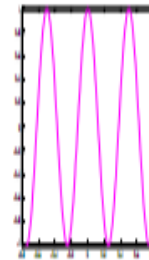


Time domain Frequency domain

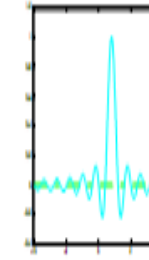
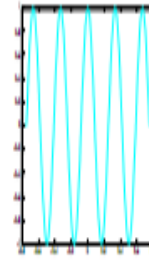
subcarrier  $f_1$



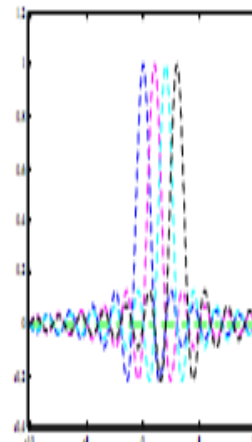
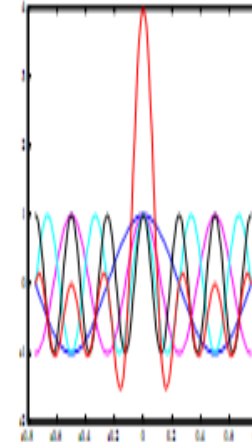
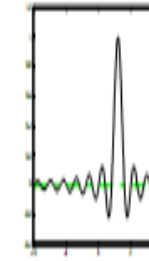
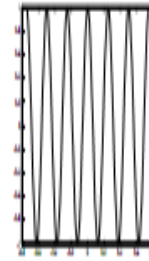
subcarrier  $f_2$



subcarrier  $f_3$



subcarrier  $f_4$



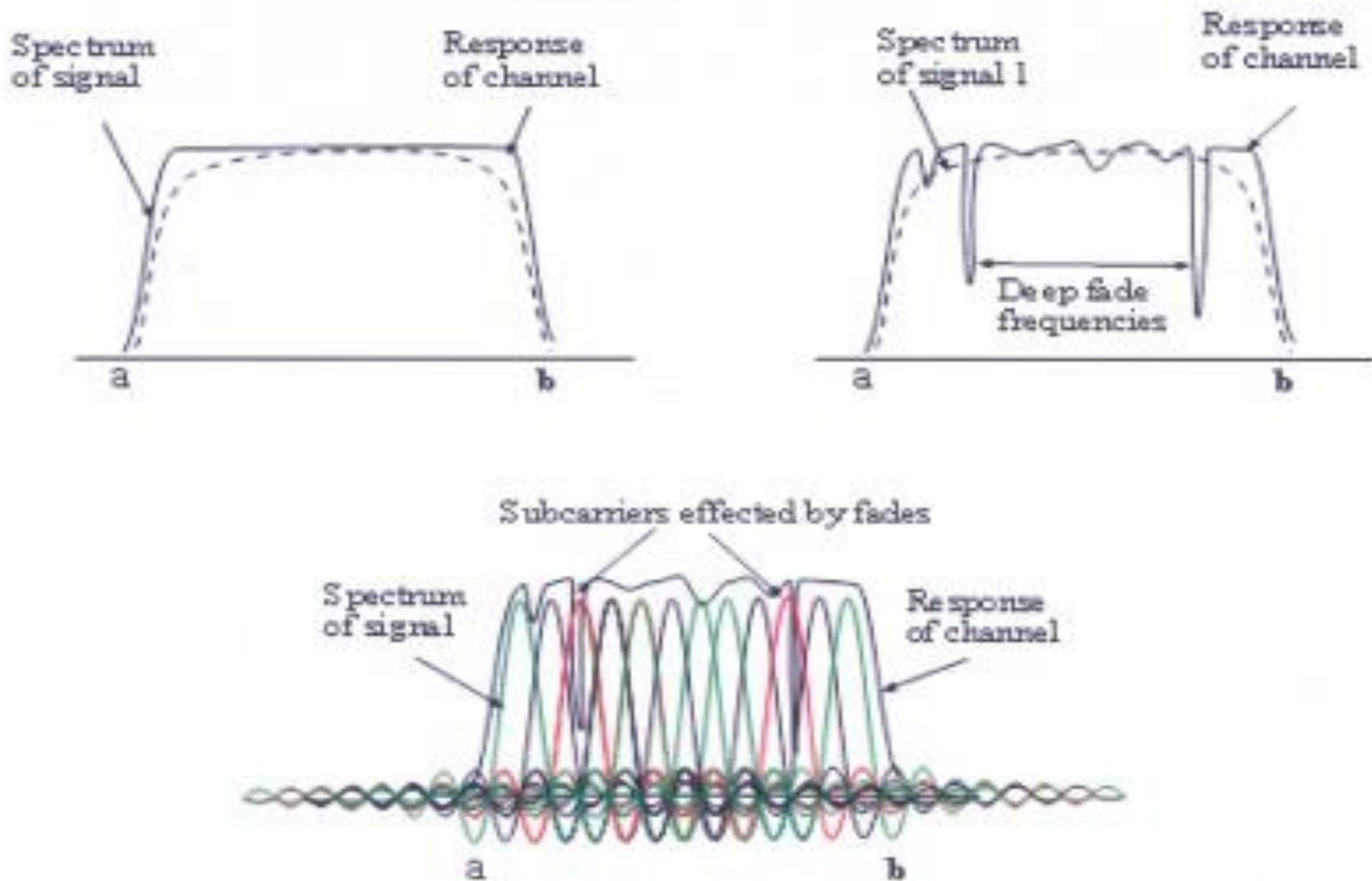
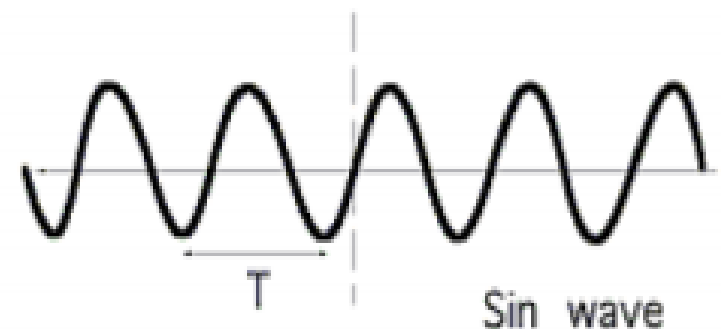


Fig. 20 – (a) The signal we want to send and the channel frequency response are well matched. (b) A fading channel has frequencies that do not allow anything to pass. Data is lost sporadically. (c) With OFDM, where we have many little sub-carriers, only a small sub-set of the data is lost due to fading.

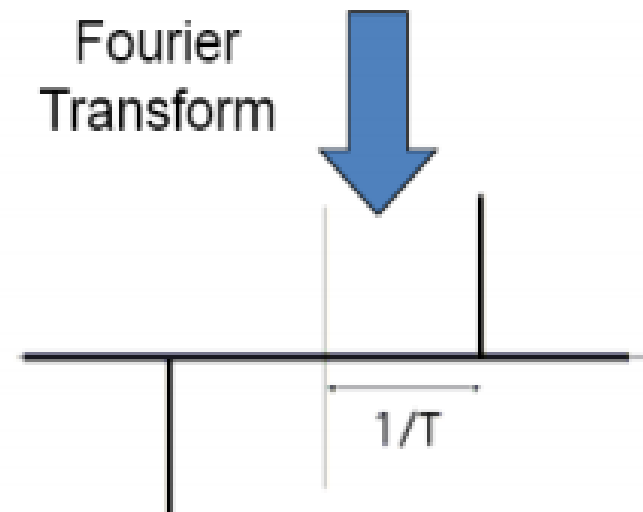
# Representasi Kawasan Waktu vs Frekuensi

- Dua penggambaran karakteristik sinyal :
  - Representasi kawasan waktu :
    - Membantu mengenali seberapa panjang durasi suatu simbol It helps
  - Representasi kawasan frekuensi :
    - Untuk memahami kebutuhan spektrum

*The time domain presentation*



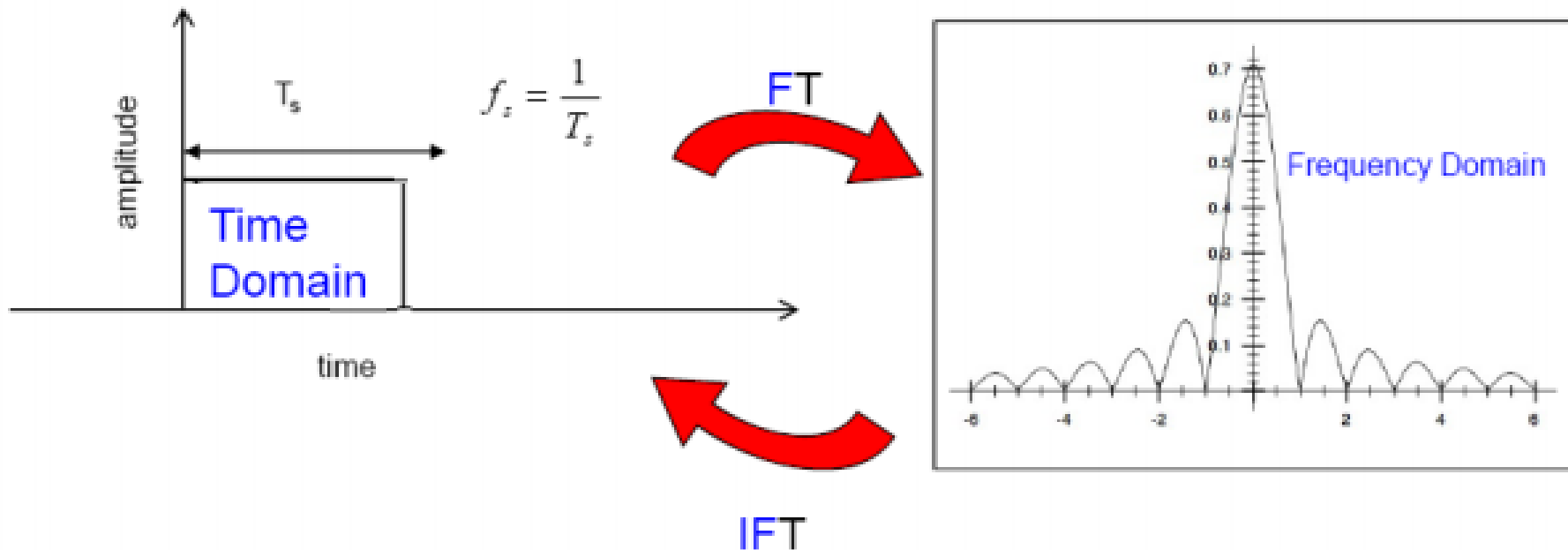
Fourier Transform



*The frequency domain presentation*

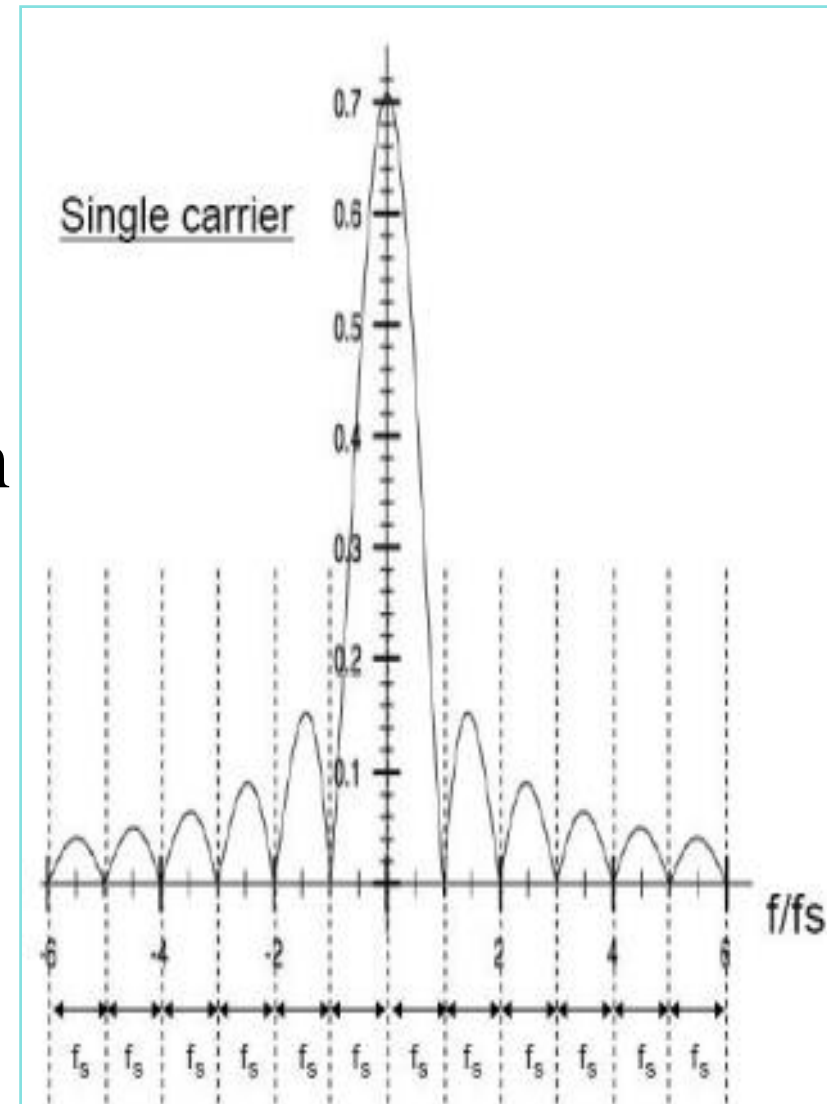
# Pulsa Kotak

- Pulsa kotak merupakan pulsa sederhana dalam kawasan waktu.
- Pulsa ini dibentuk dengan cara menaikkan amplituda pada saat  $t=0$  ke maksimum dan setelah suatu durasi waktu  $T_s$  amplituda diturunkan kembali ke 0.





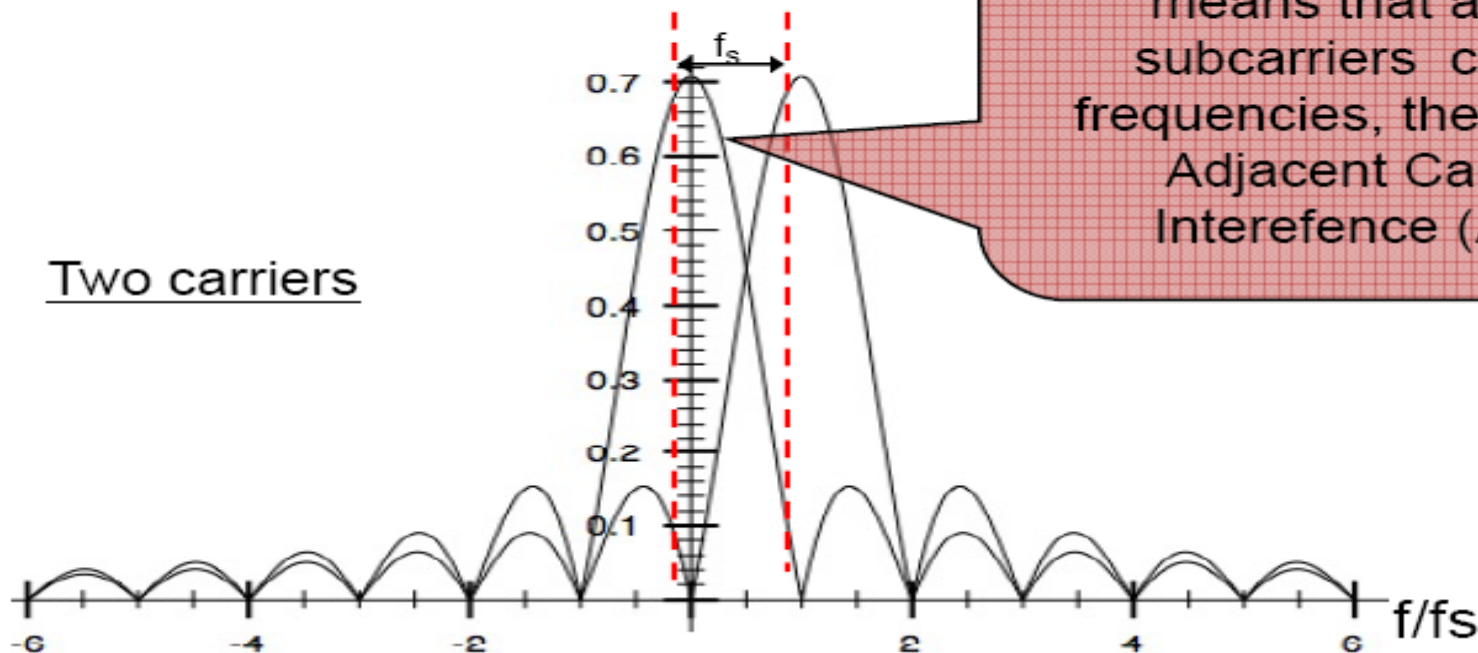
- Suatu pulsa kotak merupakan opsi sinyal yang baik dan mudah diimplementasikan.
- Pulsa kotak dalam kawasan frekuensi memiliki spektrum dengan null terletak pada kelipatan integer dari  $1/\text{durasi simbol}$ .
- Puncak daya terletak pada center frequency .



# OFDM

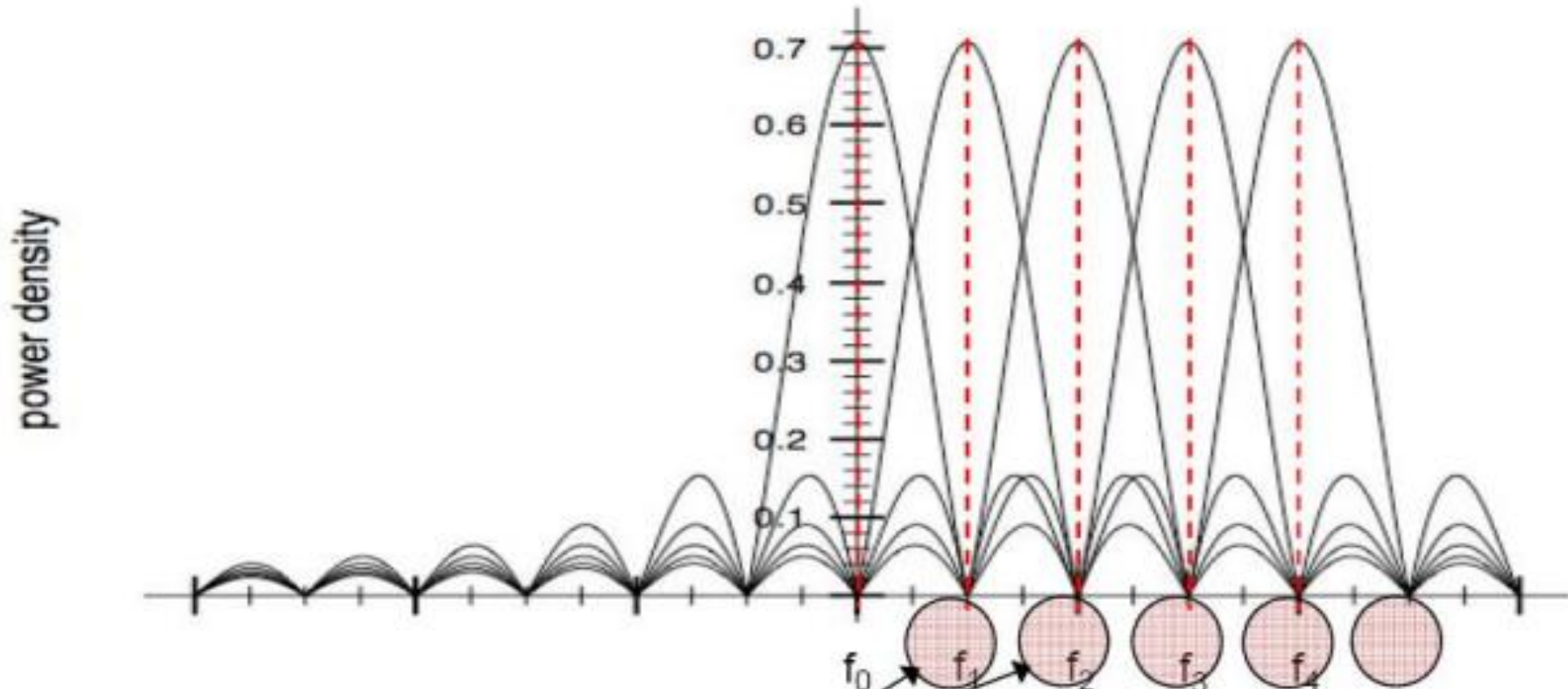
OFDM secara sederhana menempatkan next carrier persis di null pertama dari carrier sebelumnya.

- Sehingga tidak diperlukan pulse shaping
- Antar carrier OFDM carrier menggunakan durasi simbol yang sama  $T_s$ , tanpa guard band.



# Overlapping Spektrum pada OFDM

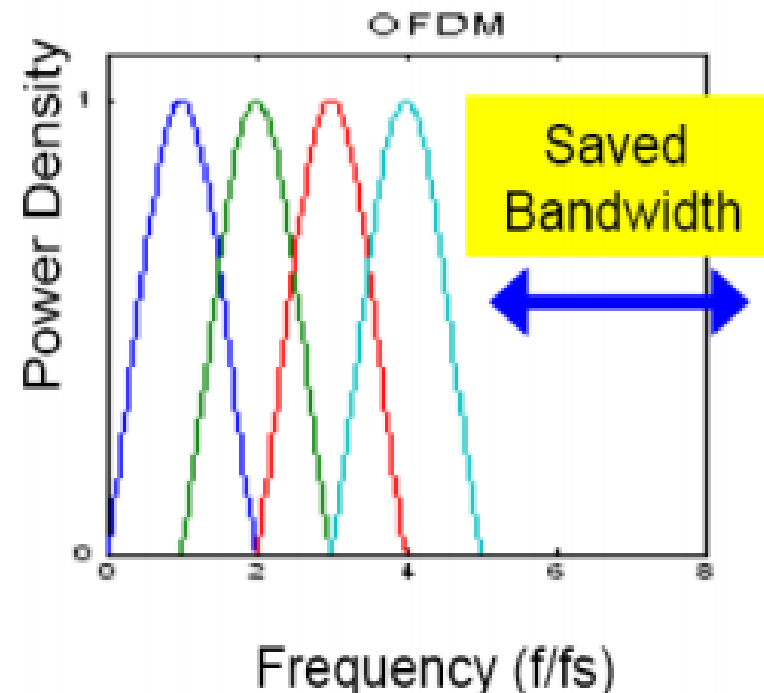
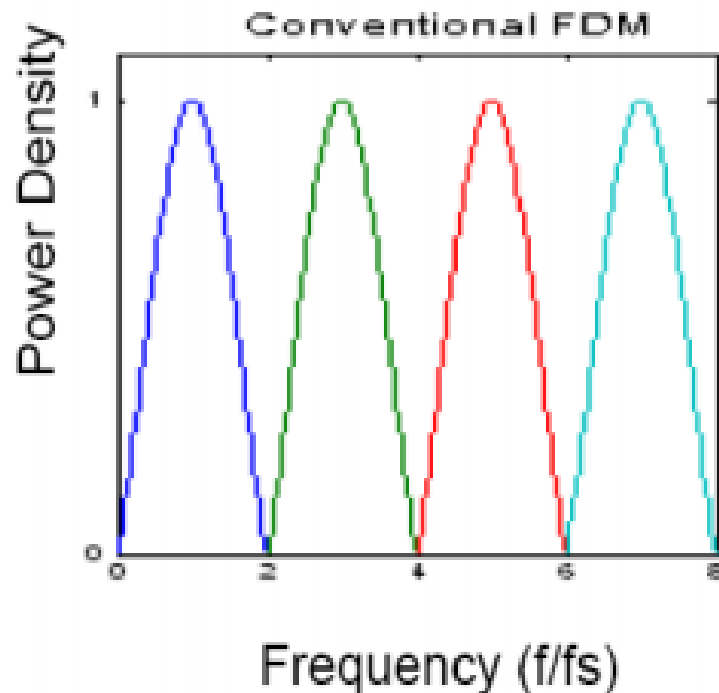
$$f_n = f_0 + nf_s = f_0 + n \frac{1}{T_s} \quad n = \dots -1, 0, 1, 2, \dots$$



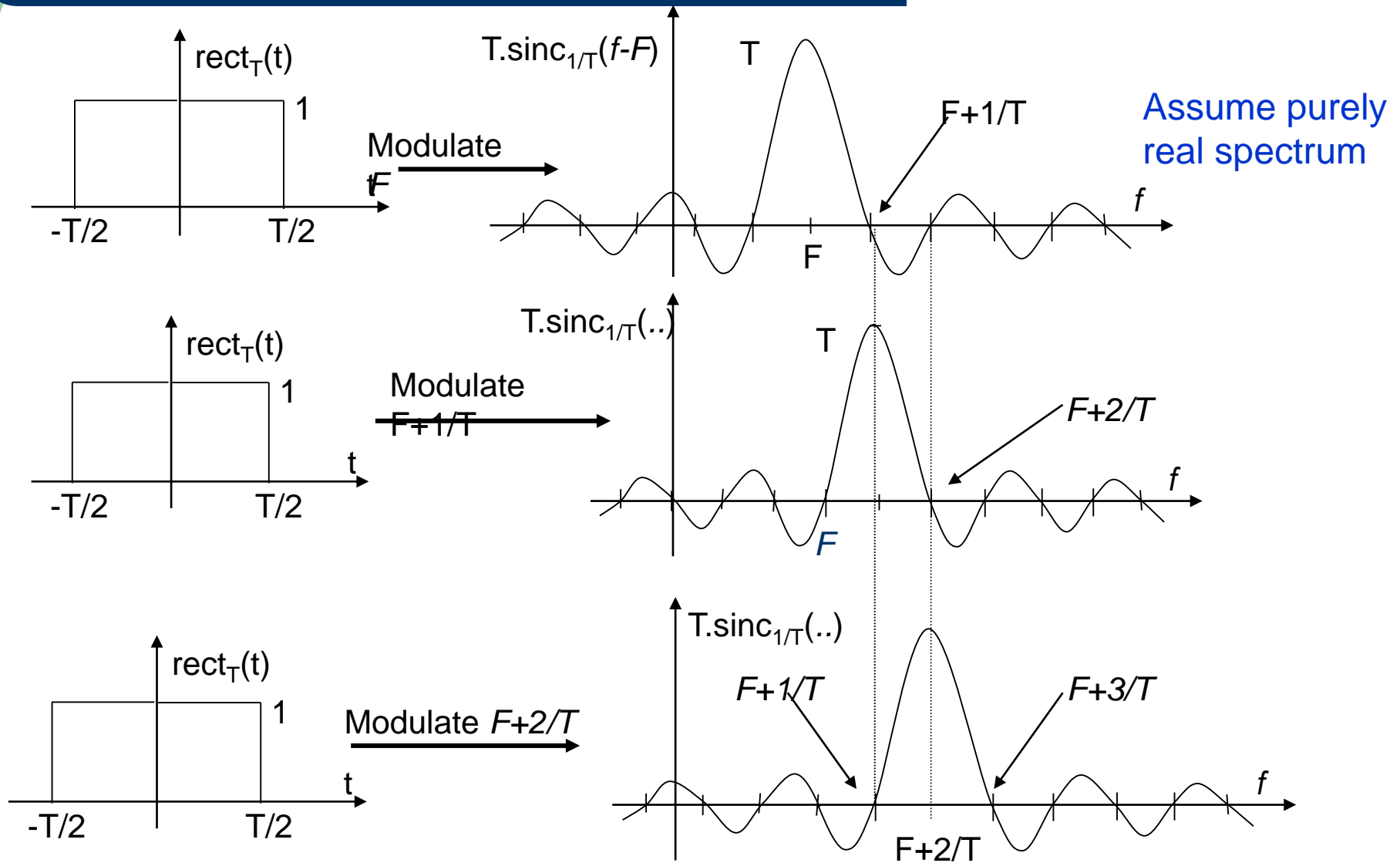
No ACI (Adjacent Carrier Interference)

# OFDM

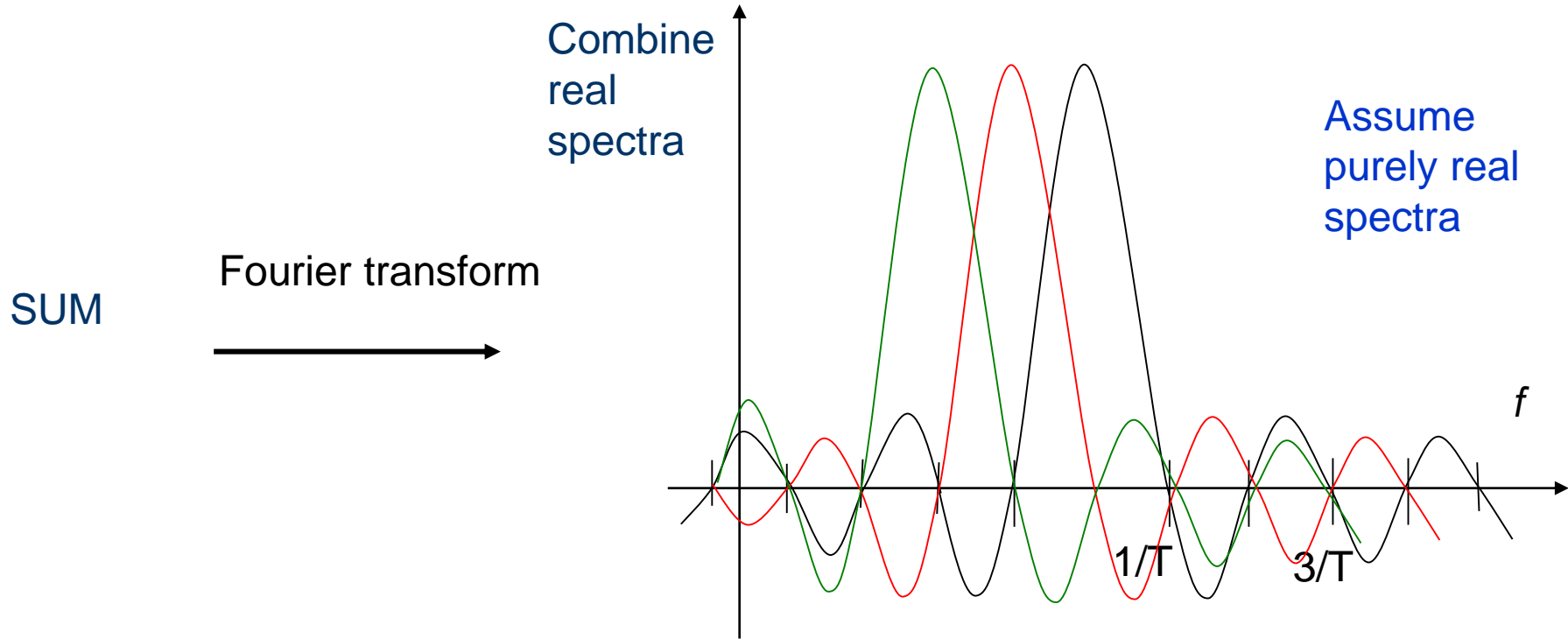
- OFDM memungkinkan packaging sejumlah subcarrier kedalam suatu bandwidth yang lebih kompak.



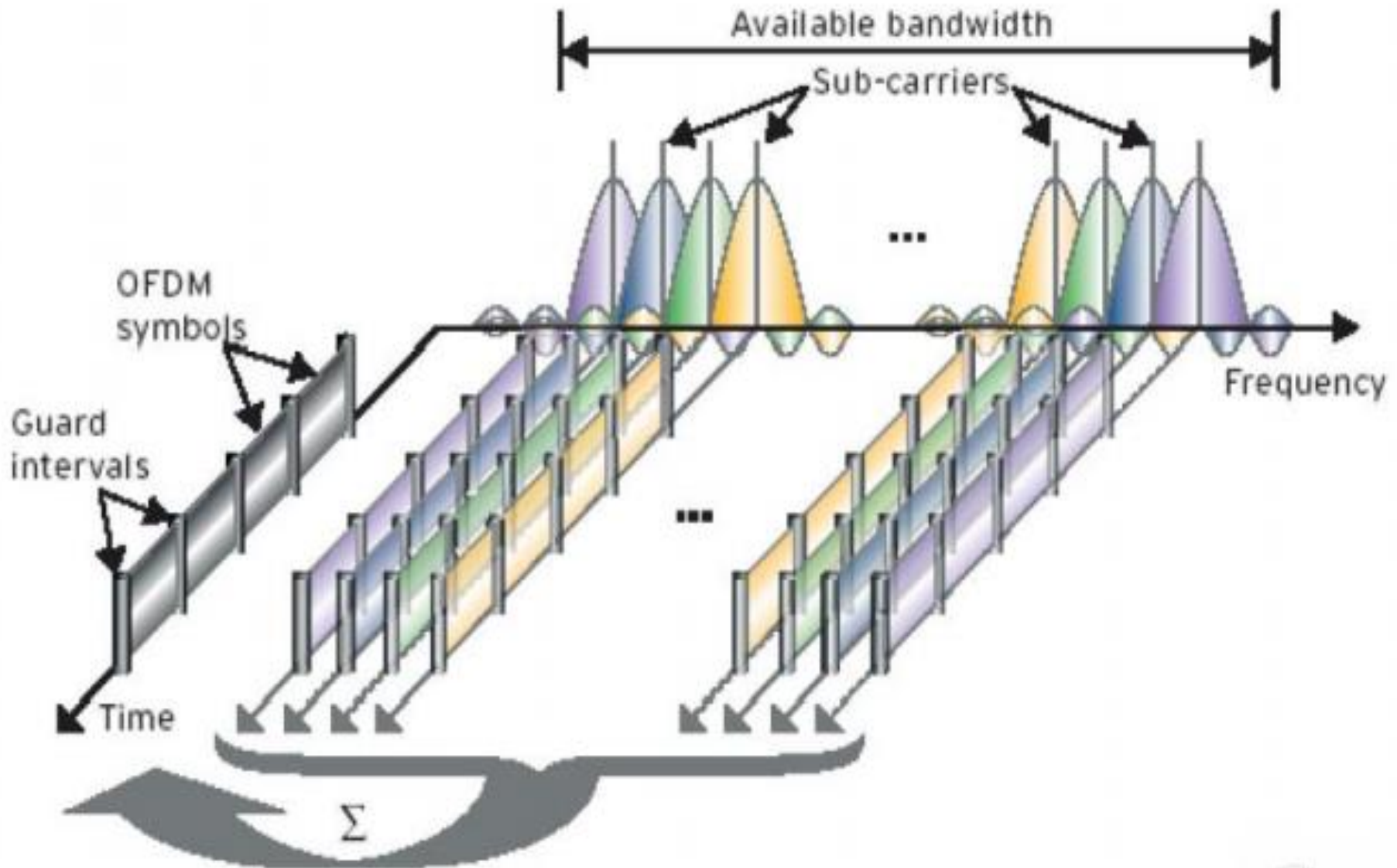
# Combining OFDM sub-bands



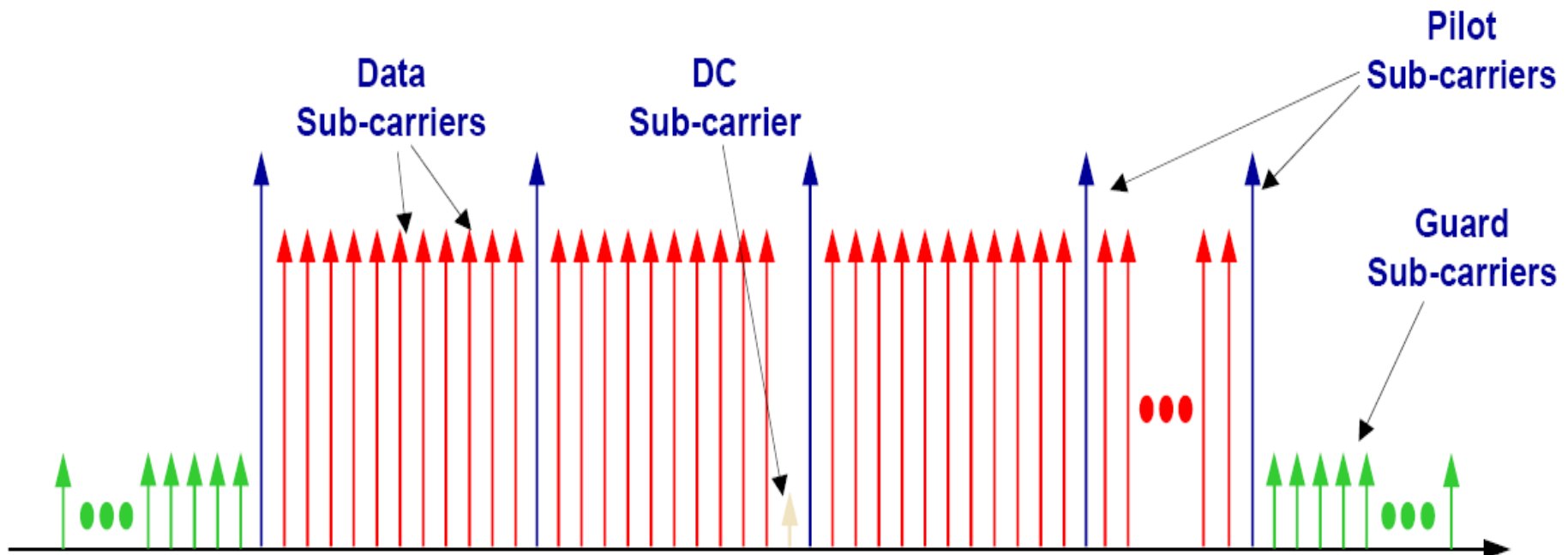
# OFDM spectrum



# Sinyal OFDM



# Tipe Sub-Carrier OFDM



## Data Sub-carriers

- Membawa simbol BPSK, QPSK, 16QAM, 64QAM

## Pilot Sub-carriers

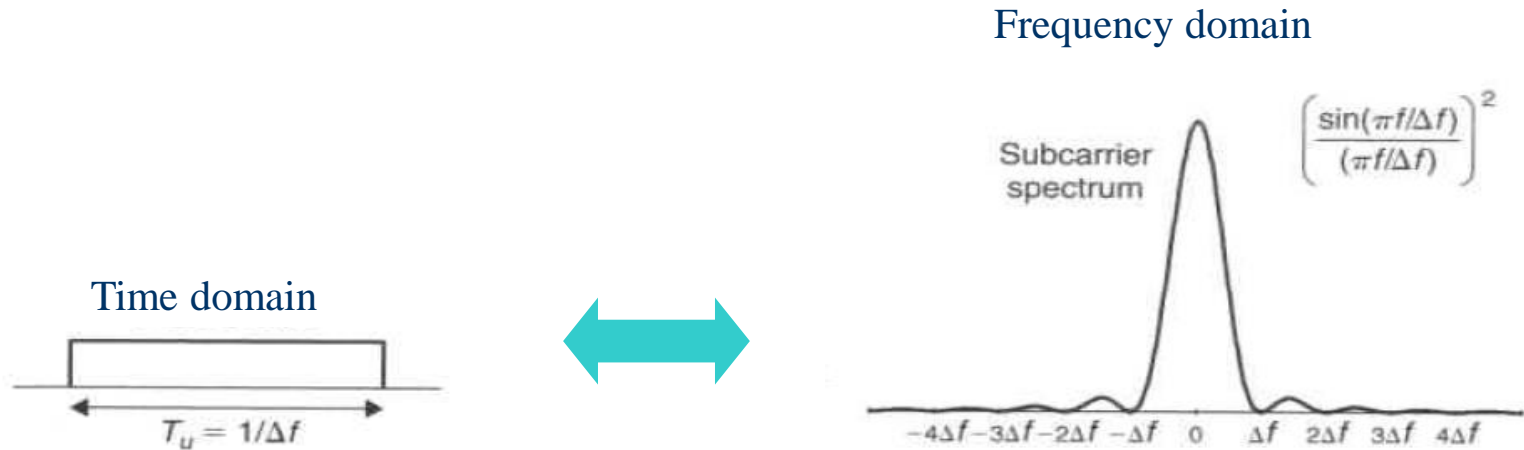
- Untuk memudahkan estimasi kanal dan demodulasi koheren pada receiver.

## Null Subcarrier

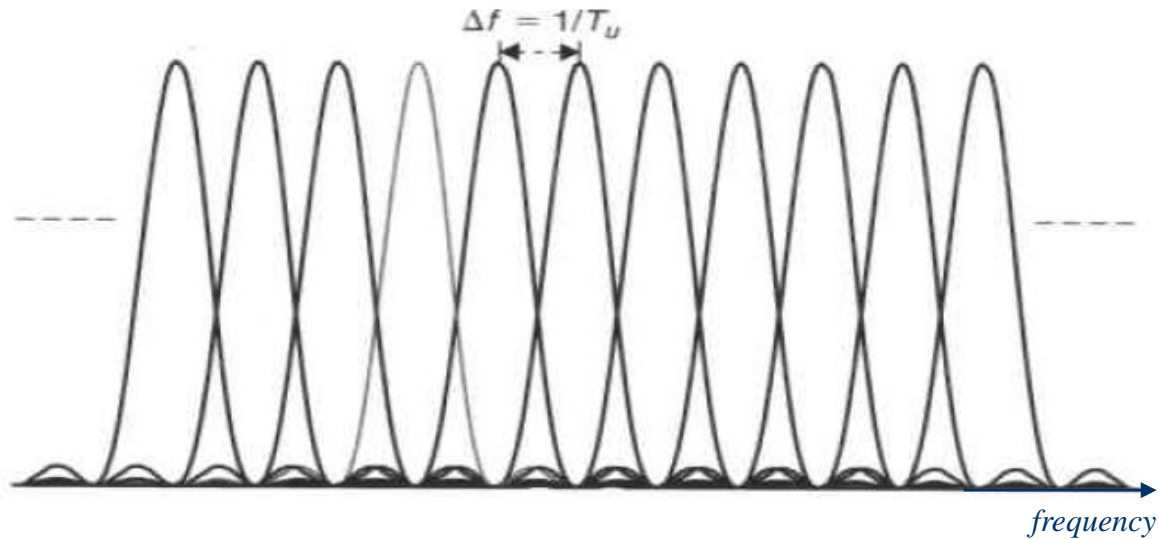
- Guard Sub-carriers
- DC Sub-carrier



# OFDM – Signal properties

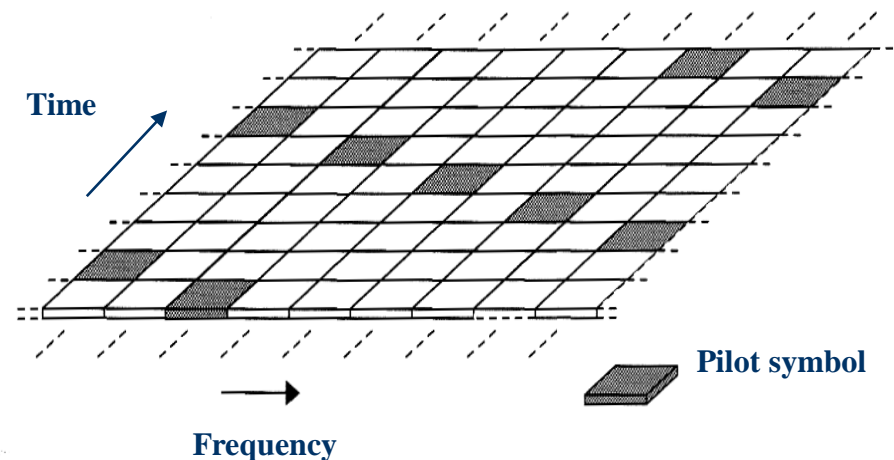
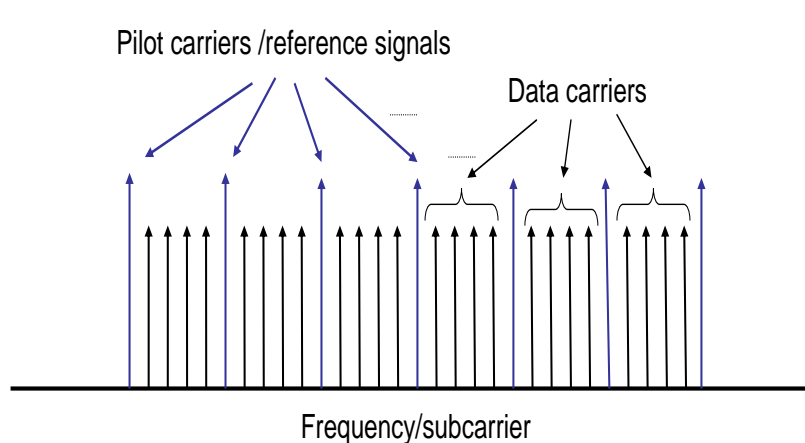


Power Spectrum for OFDM symbol



# Channel Estimation\_pilot symbols

- The channel parameters can be estimated based on known symbols (pilot symbols)
- The pilot symbols should have sufficient density to provide estimates with good quality (tradeoff with efficiency)
- Different estimation methods exist
  - Averaging combined with interpolation
  - *Minimum-mean square error (MMSE)*



# OFDM Synchronization

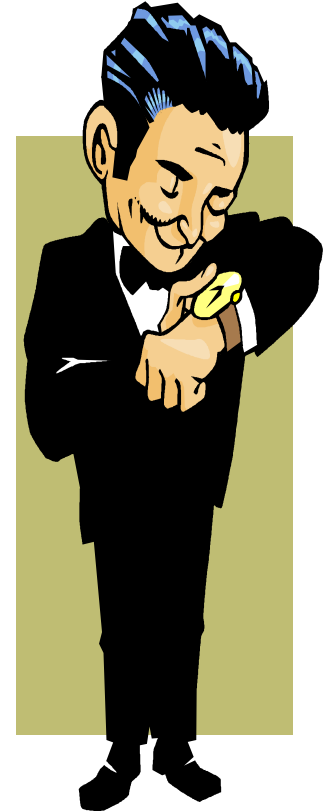
- Timing recovery

- No problem if offset is within  $\Delta\tau$



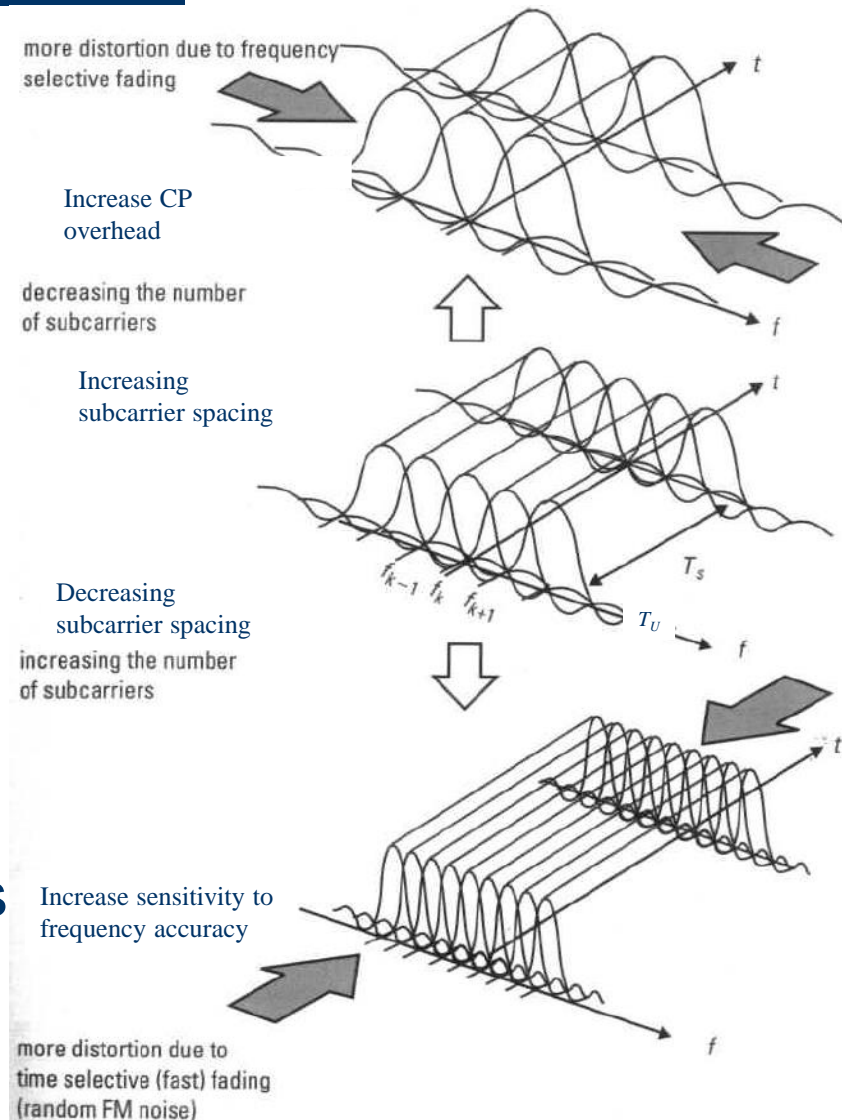
- Frequency synchronization

- A carrier synchronization error will introduce phase rotation, amplitude reduction and ICI
- Frequency offsets of up to 2 % of  $\Delta f$  is negligible
- Even offsets of 5 – 10 % can be tolerated in many situations

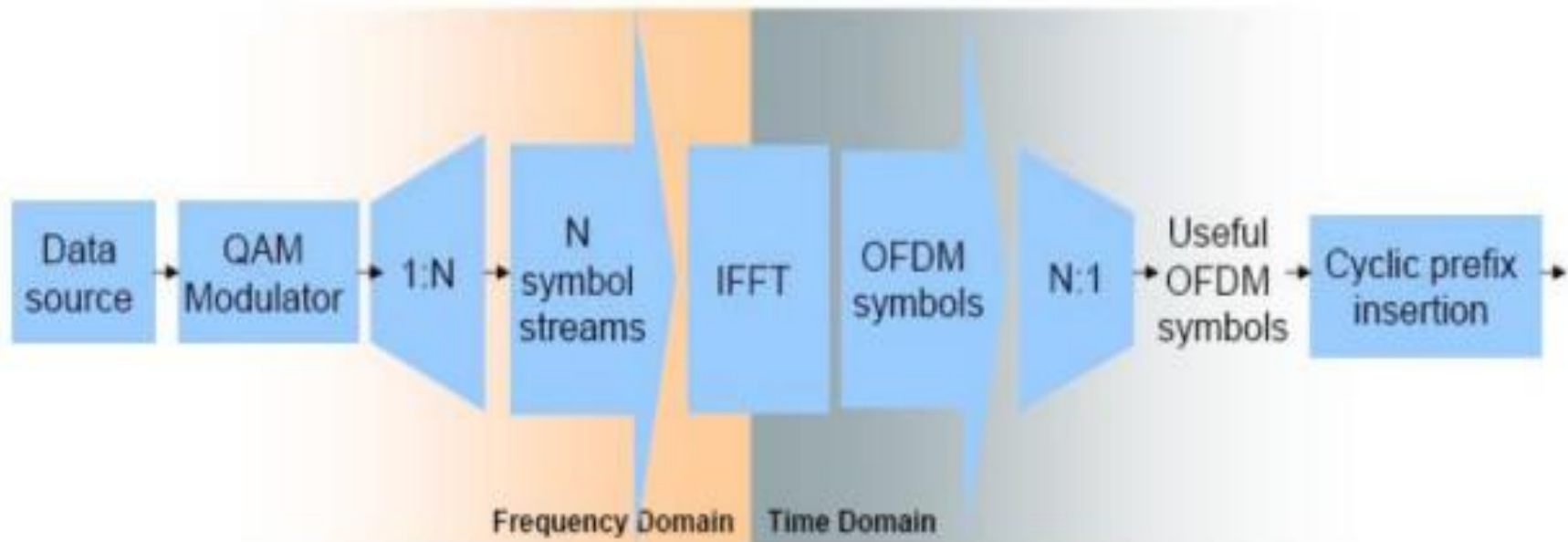
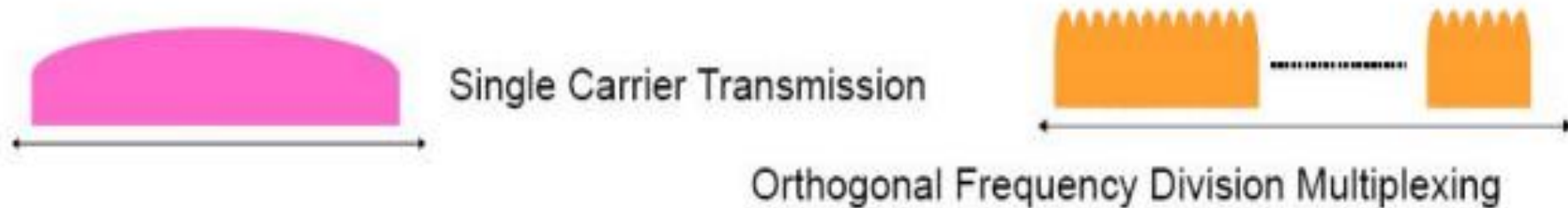


# Choosing the OFDM parameters

- Symbol time ( $T_U$ ) and subcarrier spacing ( $\Delta f$ ) are inverse
  - $T_U = 1/\Delta f$
- Consequences of increasing the subcarrier spacing
  - Increase cyclic prefix overhead
- Consequences of decreasing the subcarrier spacing
  - Increase sensitivity to frequency inaccuracy
  - Increasing number of subcarriers increases Tx and Rx complexity

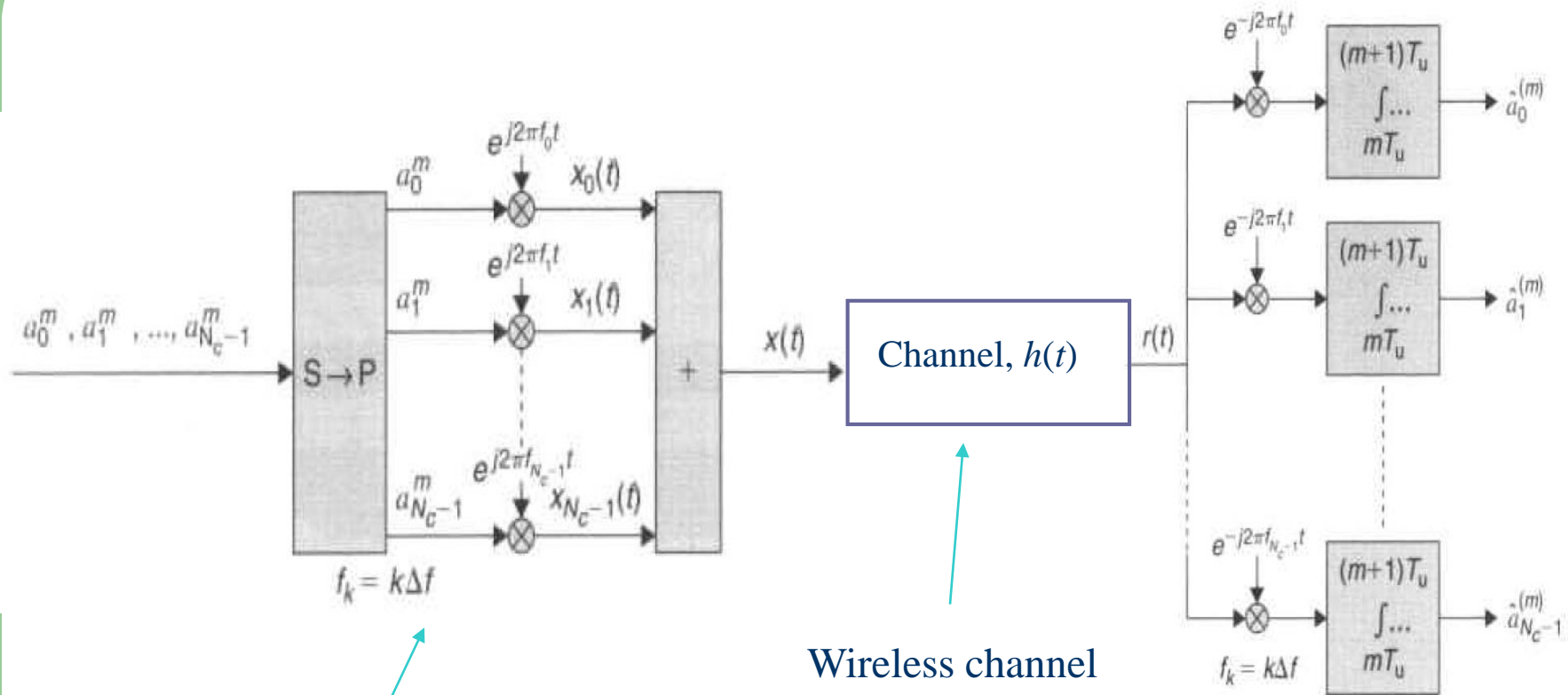


# OFDM



OFDM signal generation is based on Inverse Fast Fourier Transform (IFFT) operation on transmitter side. On receiver side, an FFT operation will be used.

# OFDM Transmission model

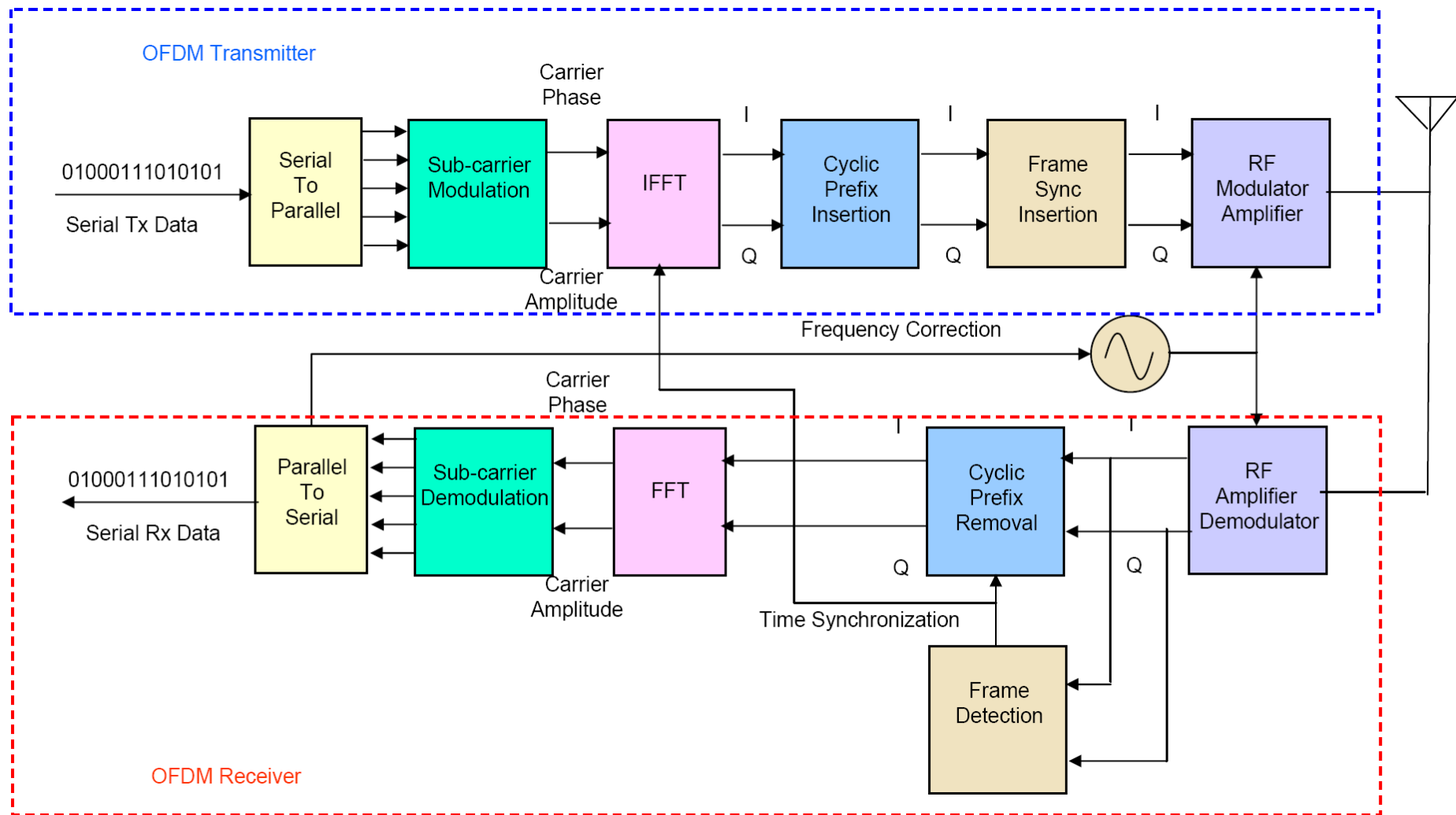


Modulator and transmitter

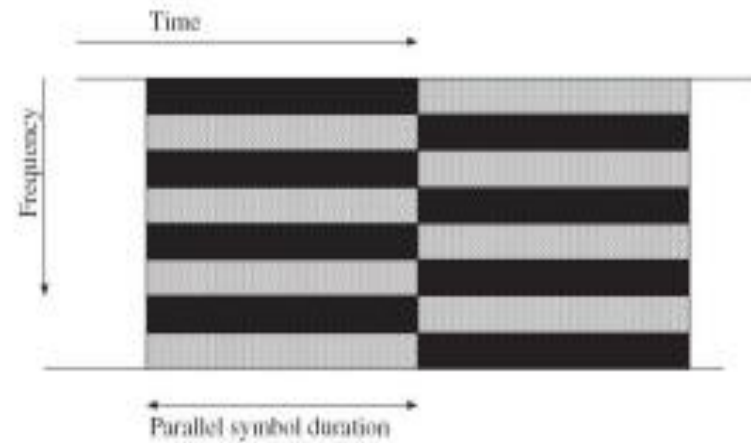
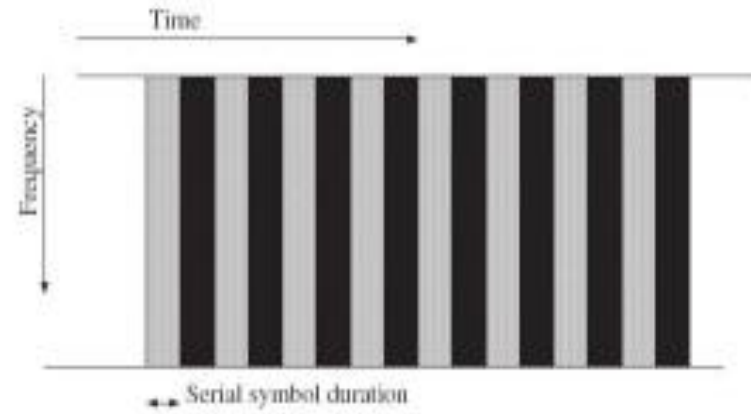
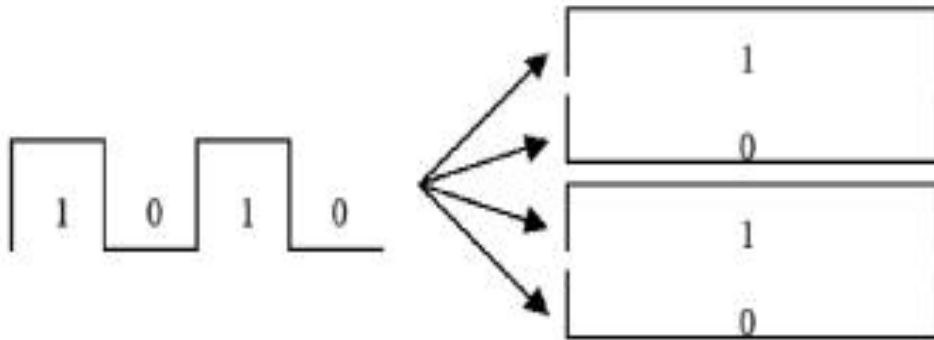
Wireless channel

Receiver and demodulator

# OFDM Transceiver

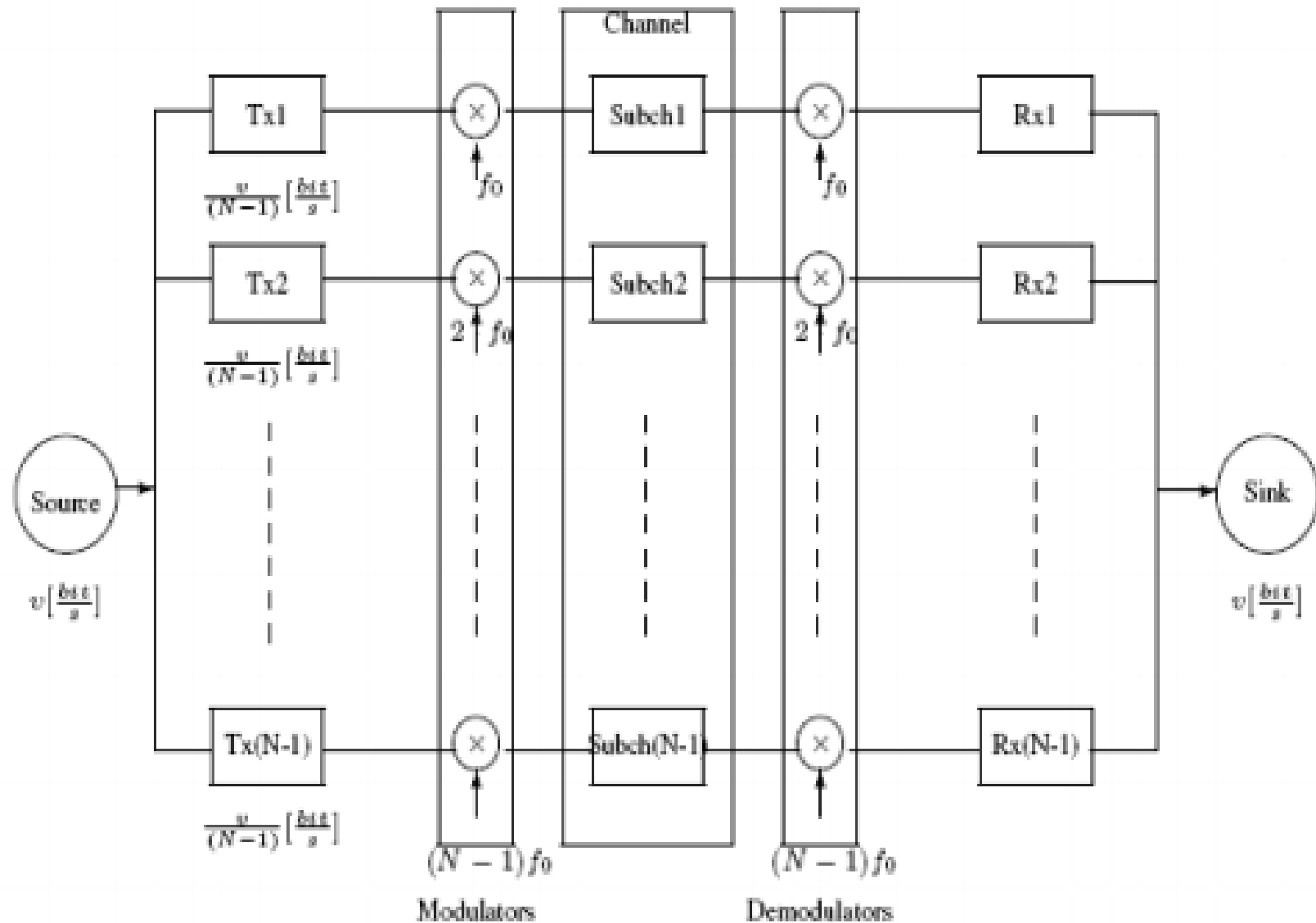


# ▶ The parallel principle





# ▶ The modem parallel orthogonal



- Because of its high-speed data transmission and effectiveness in combating the frequency selective fading channel, OFDM technique is widely used in wireless communication nowadays.

- Orthogonal frequency division multiplexing (OFDM) is a multi-carrier transmission technique, which divides the available spectrum into many subcarriers, each one being modulated by a low data rate stream.

- OFDM is a special case of multicarrier transmission, where a single data stream is transmitted over a number of lower rate subcarrier[1,4].

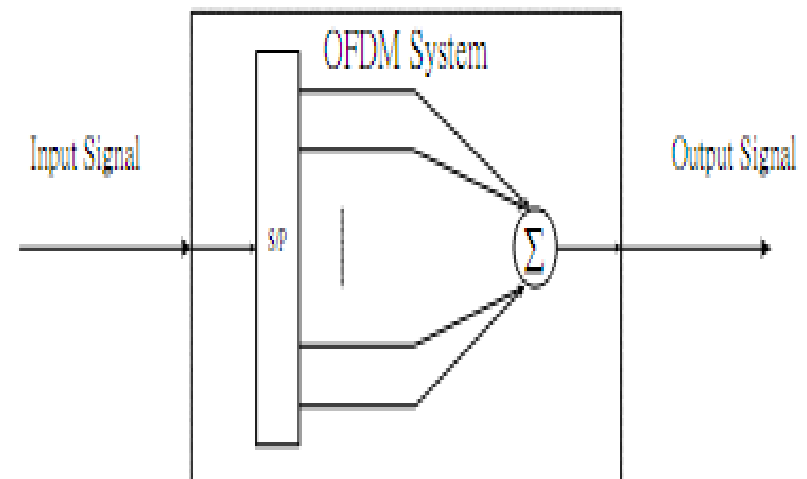
- OFDM can be viewed as either a modulation technique or a multiplex technique.

- Modulation technique

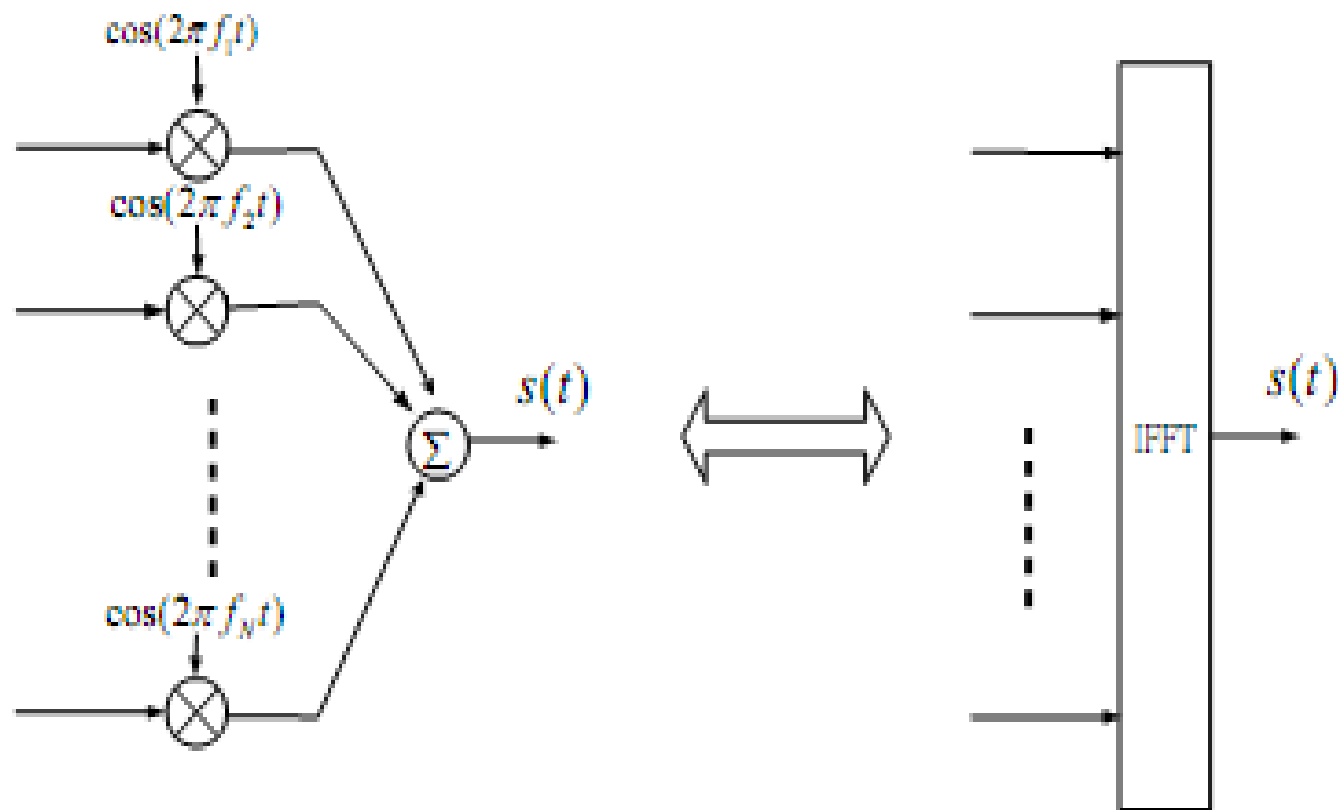
- Viewed by the relation between input and output signals

- Multiplex technique

- Viewed by the output signal which is the linear sum of the modulated signals



- The employment of discrete Fourier transform to replace the banks of sinusoidal generator and the demodulation significantly reduces the implementation complexity of OFDM modems.



# OFDM Modulation using FFTs

On line signal

$$x(t) = \sum_{k=0}^{N-1} \sum_l c_l^k \psi_k(t - lT)$$

$c_l$ : data  
 $\Psi$ : pulse

Orthogonality principle

$$\int_0^T \psi_k(t) \psi_l^*(t) dt = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } l = k \\ 0 & \text{if } l \neq k \end{cases}$$

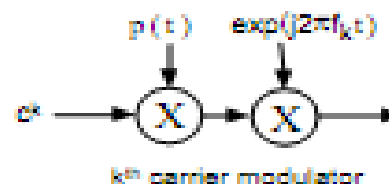
Let us assume

$$\psi_k(t) = p(t) e^{j2\pi f_k t} \quad \text{and } f_k = k/T$$



$$x(t) = \sum_{k=0}^{N-1} \sum_l c_l^k p(t - lT) e^{j2\pi f_k t}$$

Modulator bank of type



Sampling at  $T_s = T/N$

$$x[n] = \sum_{k=0}^{N-1} \sum_l c_l^k \text{rect}(nT_s - lNT_s) e^{j2\pi k n T_s / NT_s} = \sum_{k=0}^{N-1} \sum_l c_l^k \text{rect}(n - lN) e^{j2\pi k n / N}$$

where

$$\text{rect}[n - lN] = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } lN < n \leq (l+1)N \\ 0 & \text{else} \end{cases}$$

It can be expressed as

$$x[n] = \sum_l \text{rect}[n - lN] \sum_{k=0}^{N-1} c_l^k e^{j2\pi k n / N} = \sum_l \text{rect}[n - lN] \text{IDFT}(c_l, n)$$

1 OFDM symbol carries N data c

$$x[n] = \text{IDFT}(c_l, n) ; \quad IN < n \leq (l+1)N$$



Block processing

# Advantages of OFDM

Spectrally efficient because of orthogonality of the 64 carriers.

Good for channels affected by frequency selective fading because:

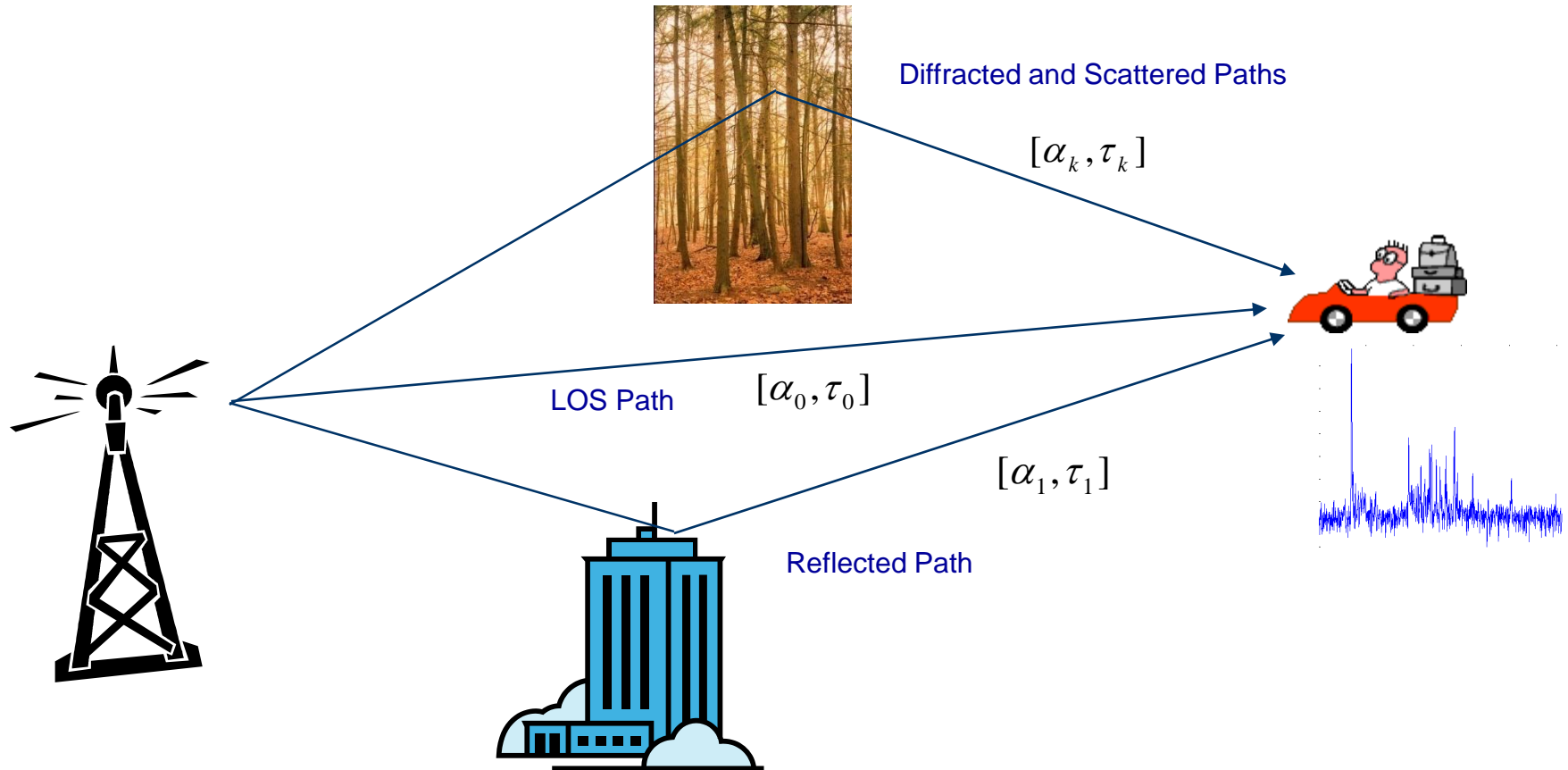
- (i) Effects of fading, affecting a small range of frequencies, can be spread out using 'interleaving' so that FEC can more easily correct any bit-errors.
- (ii) Cyclic extension as a guard-interval, eliminates ISI caused by multi-path propagation. Simpler way of eliminating ISI than pulse-shaping as used in single carrier systems.
- (iii) Equalisation is easier than with single carrier systems which use adaptive filtering. OFDM receiver can amplify real & imag parts of FFT outputs such that they have same amplitudes.

Possible because of the cyclic extension as explained earlier.

# Disadvantages of OFDM

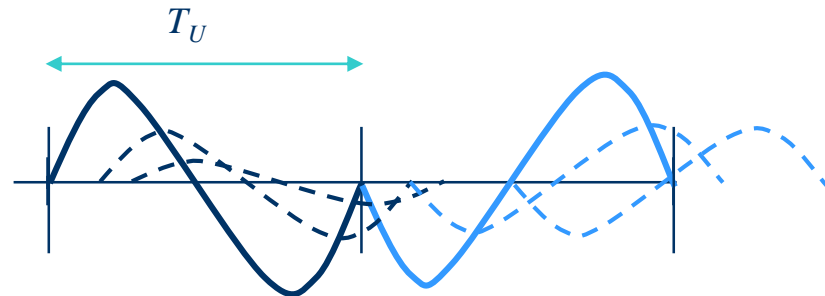
- 'Peak to mean' ratio of symbols can be very large by nature of FFT & Inv-FFT. (Amplitudes can become very large in comparison to the mean)
- Shapes OFDM symbols very complex & must be sent & received accurately.
- With QPSK on each sub-carrier,  $\approx 10^{29}$  shapes & even more with 64-QAM
- Transmitter & receiver must be linear to preserve shape.
- Definitely not "constant envelope".
- Need 'class A' amplifiers: less power efficient than those for constant envelope transmissions.
- Lot of power lost in the amplifiers.
- Not ideal for mobile phones, but fine for mobile computers with bigger batteries that are not sending data continuously.
- Sensitive to 'Doppler' frequency shifts.

# Effect of Multipath channel

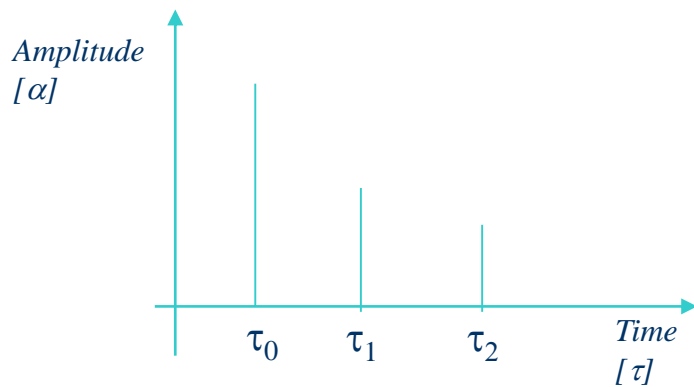


# Multipath channel (cyclic prefix)

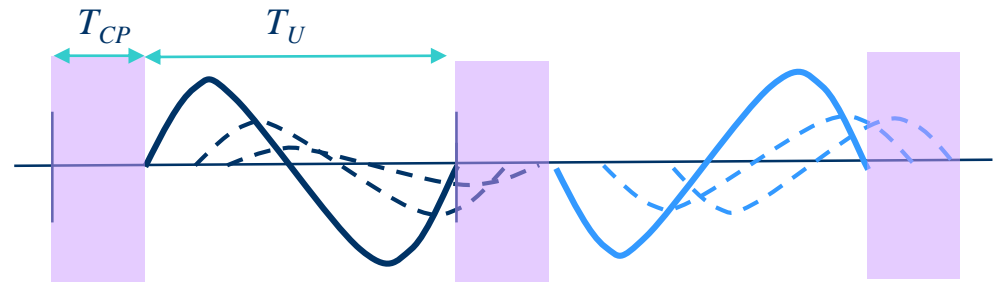
Multipath introduces *inter-symbol-interference* (ISI)



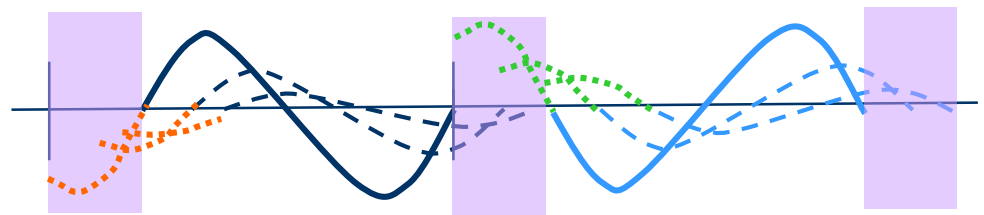
Example multipath profile



Prefix is added to avoid ISI



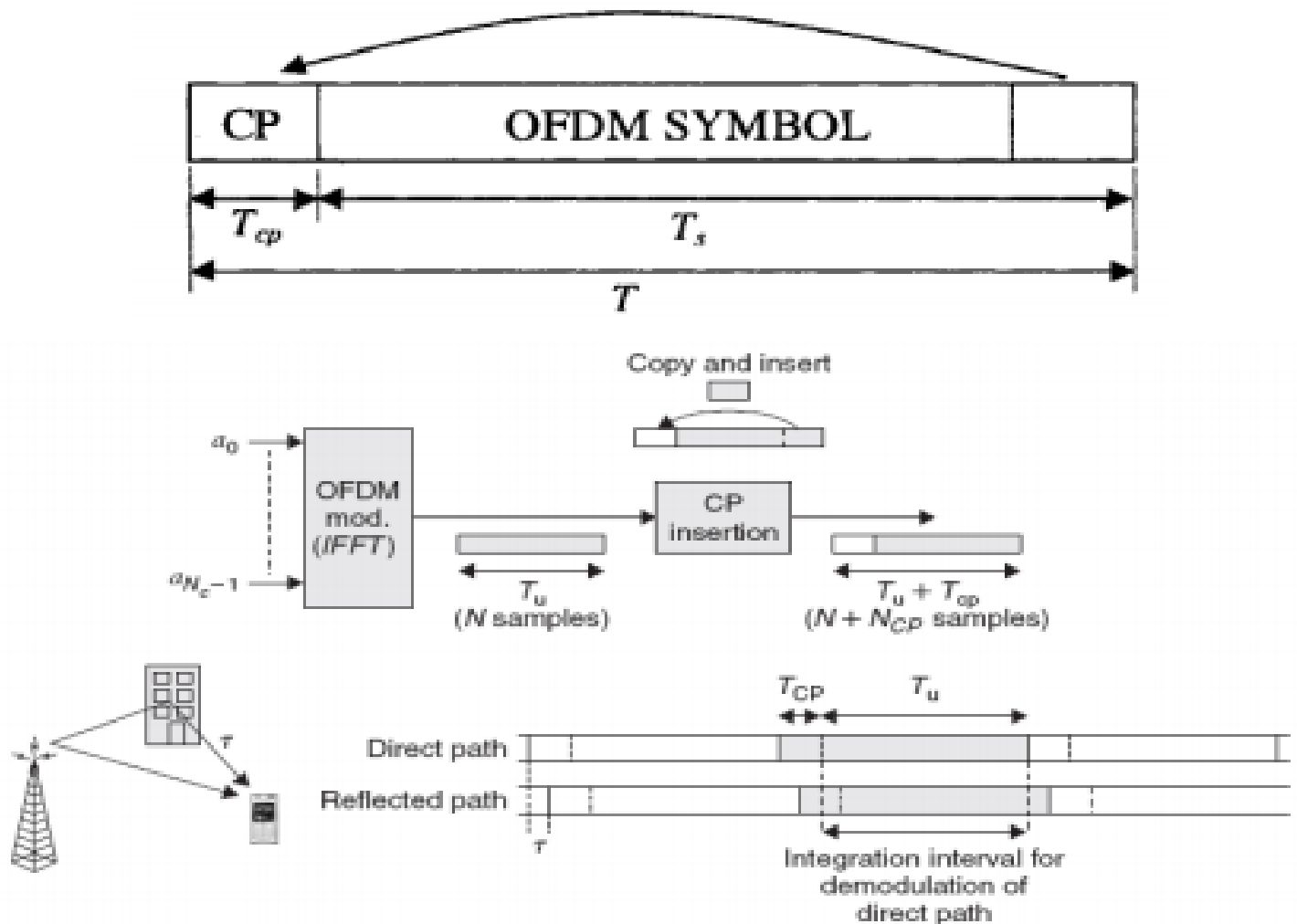
The prefix is made cyclic to avoid *inter-carrier-interference* (ICI) (maintain orthogonality)





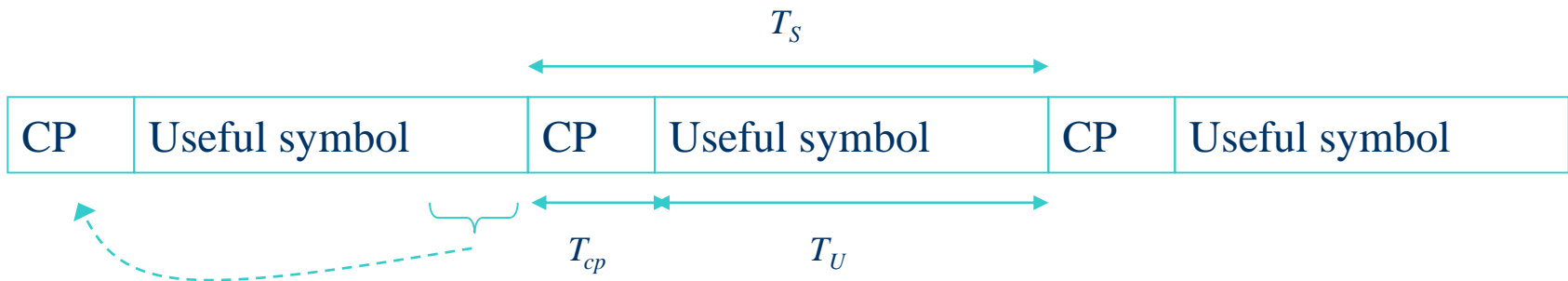
# Cyclic Prefix

## ► Principle



# Cyclic Prefix for Multipath channel

- $T_{cp}$  should cover the maximum length of the time dispersion
- Increasing  $T_{cp}$  implies increased overhead in power and bandwidth ( $T_{cp}/T_S$ )
- For large transmission distances there is a trade-off between power loss and time dispersion



- Intersymbol interference is eliminated almost completely by introducing a guard interval with zero padding in every OFDM symbol.

- Guard interval with zero padding

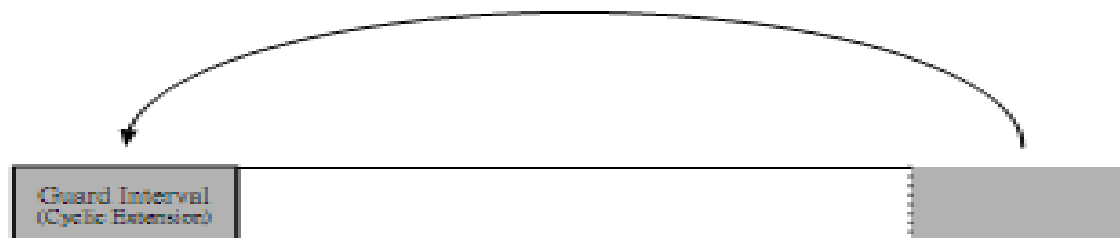


- The way to eliminate ISI

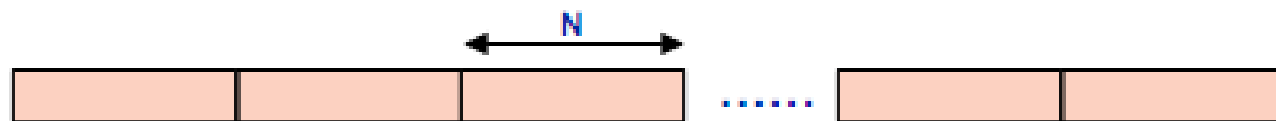


- In the guard time, the OFDM symbol is cyclically extended to avoid intercarrier interference.

- Guard interval with cyclic extension (cyclic prefix)



## Robustness against the channel and ACI improvement



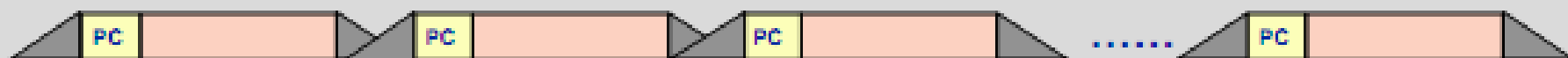
Virtual OFDM symbols within the slot

- With **guards** (Cyclic prefixes), the channel's **time dispersion** is avoided



OFDM symbols with time guards (CPs)

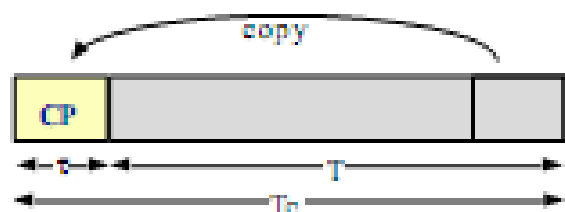
- With smooth transitions between symbols, the **Adjacent Channel Interference** is minimized



OFDM symbols with time guards and shaping (extra time guard)

**Drawback:** it is implemented by using the **TIME** resource

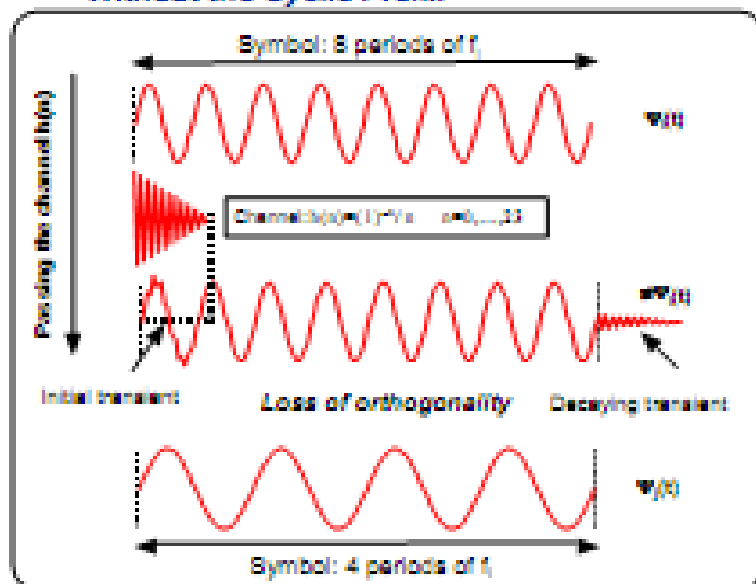
# Including a cyclic prefix to the OFDM symbol: 'special' time guards in the symbol transitions



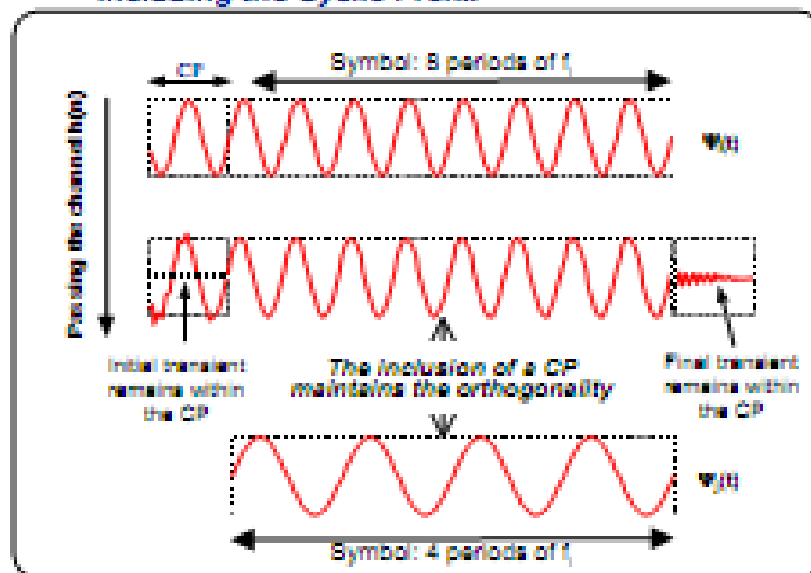
Furthermore, it converts **Lineal conv. = Cyclic conv.**

(Method: *overlap-save*)

*Without the Cyclic Prefix*



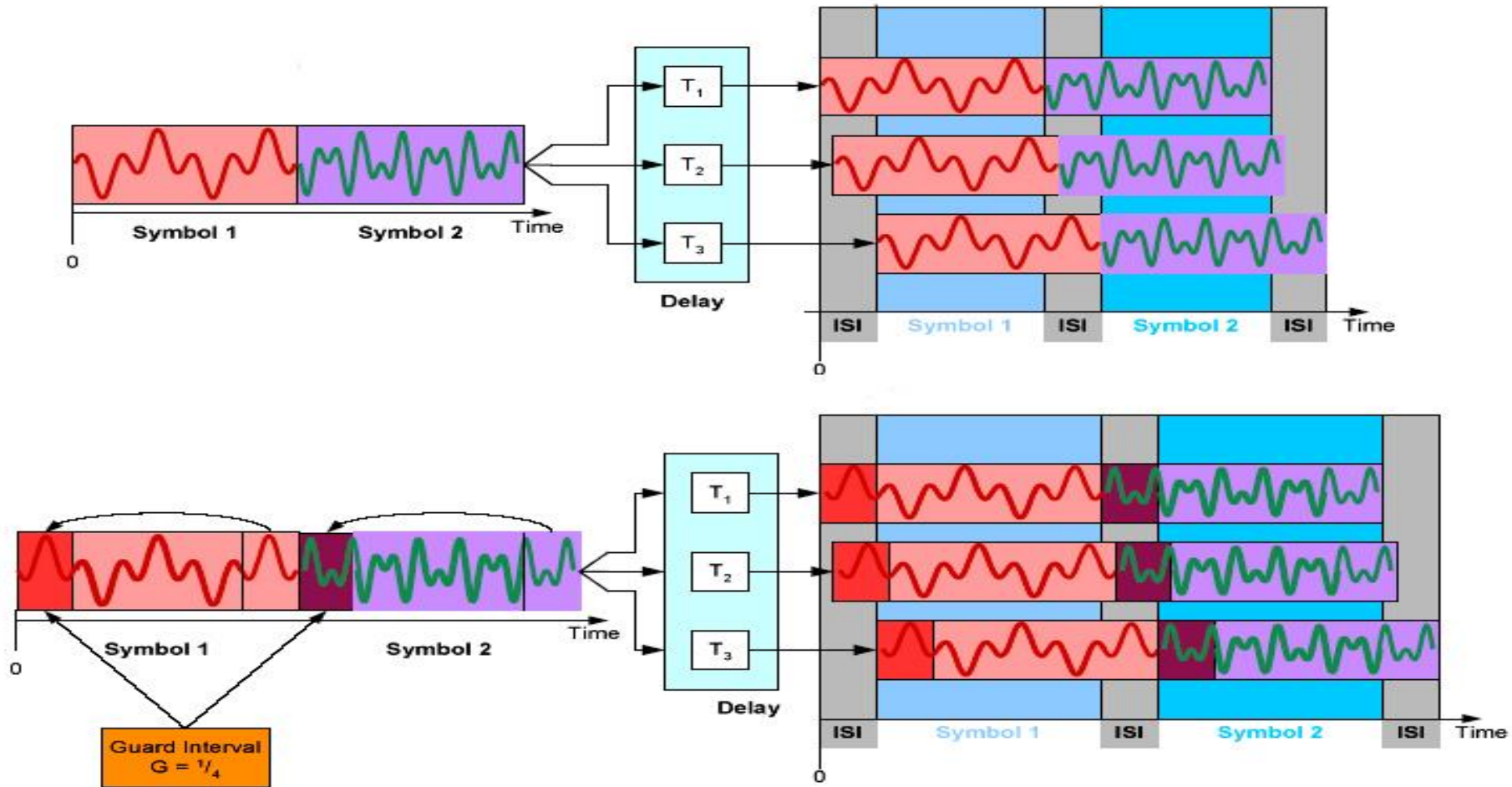
*Including the Cyclic Prefix*



CP functions:

- It **accommodates** the decaying transient of the previous symbol (ISI)
- It **avoids** the initial transient reaches the current symbol (ICI)

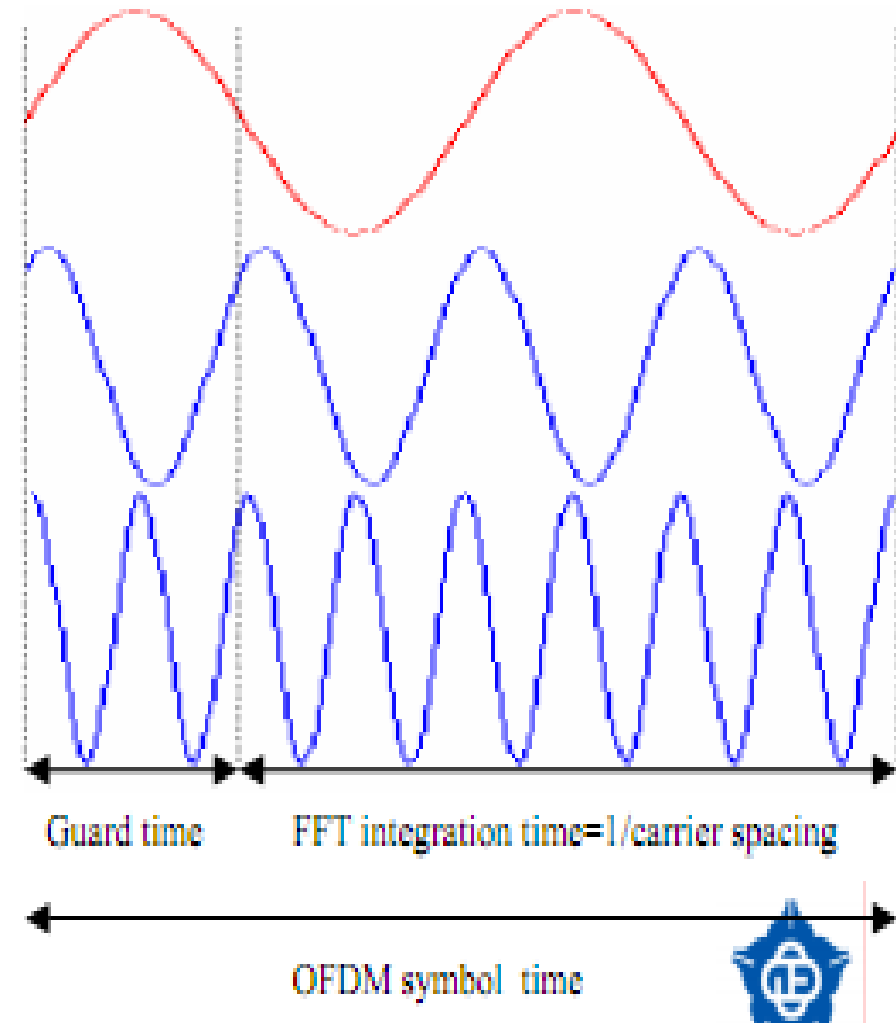
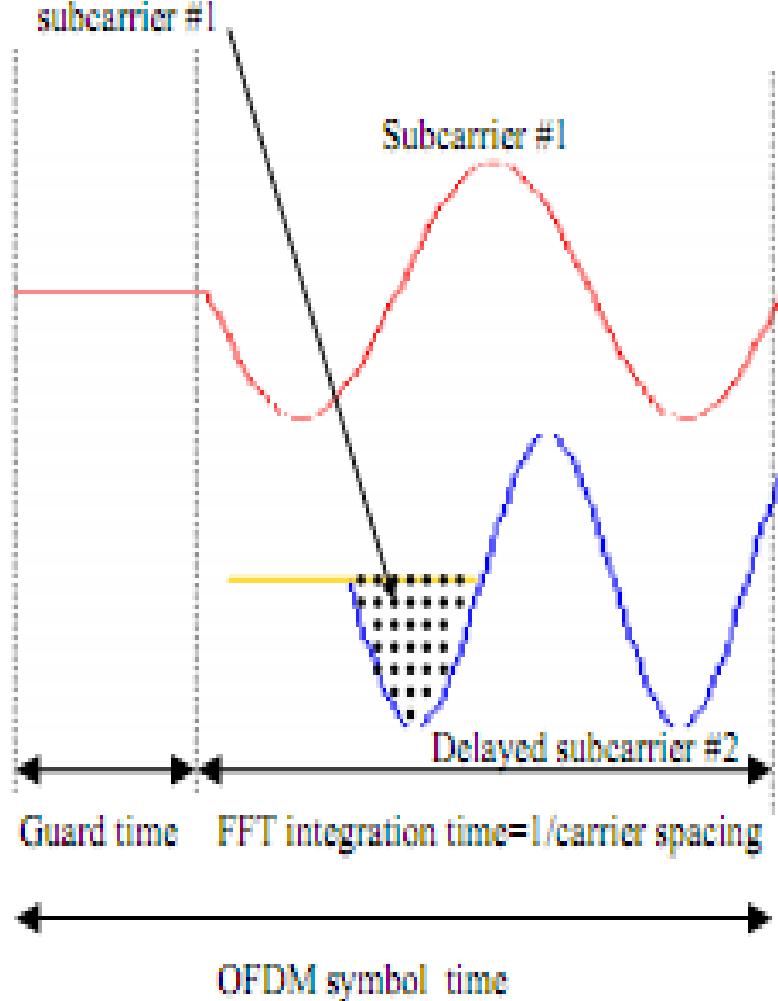
# Guard Interval (Cyclic Prefix)



- Untuk mengatasi multipath delay spread
- Guard Interval (cyclic prefix) :  $1/4$ ,  $1/8$ ,  $1/16$  or  $1/32$

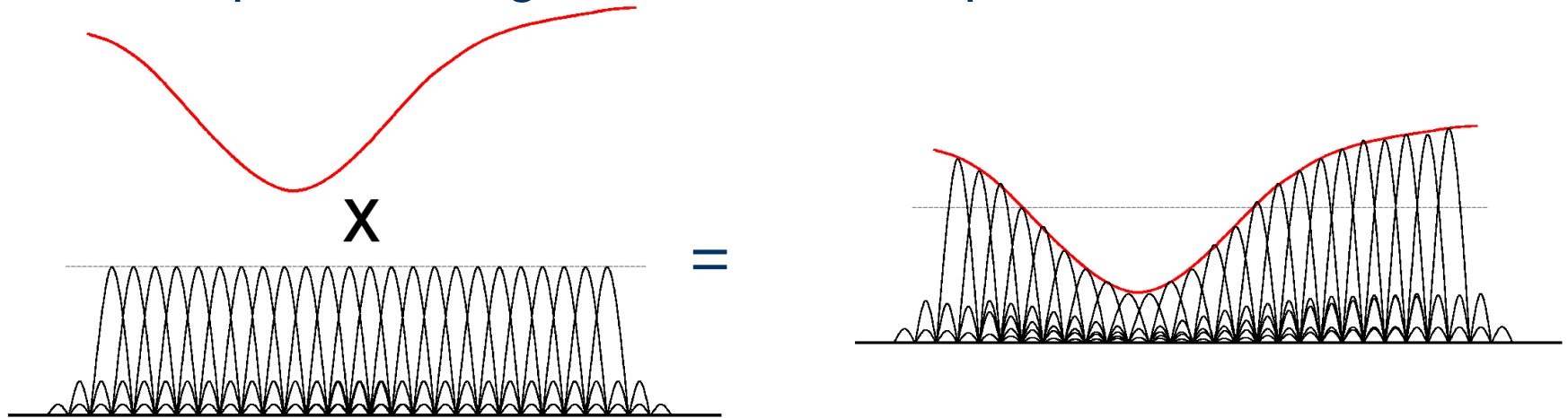
# ➤ The way to avoid ICI

Part of subcarrier #2 causing ICI on subcarrier #1



# Multipath channel (frequency diversity)

- The OFDM symbol can be exposed to a frequency selective channel
- The attenuation for each subcarrier can be viewed as “flat”
  - Due to the cyclic prefix there is no need for a complex equalizer
- Possible transmission techniques
  - *Forward error correction* (FEC) over the frequency band
  - Adaptive coding and modulation per carrier



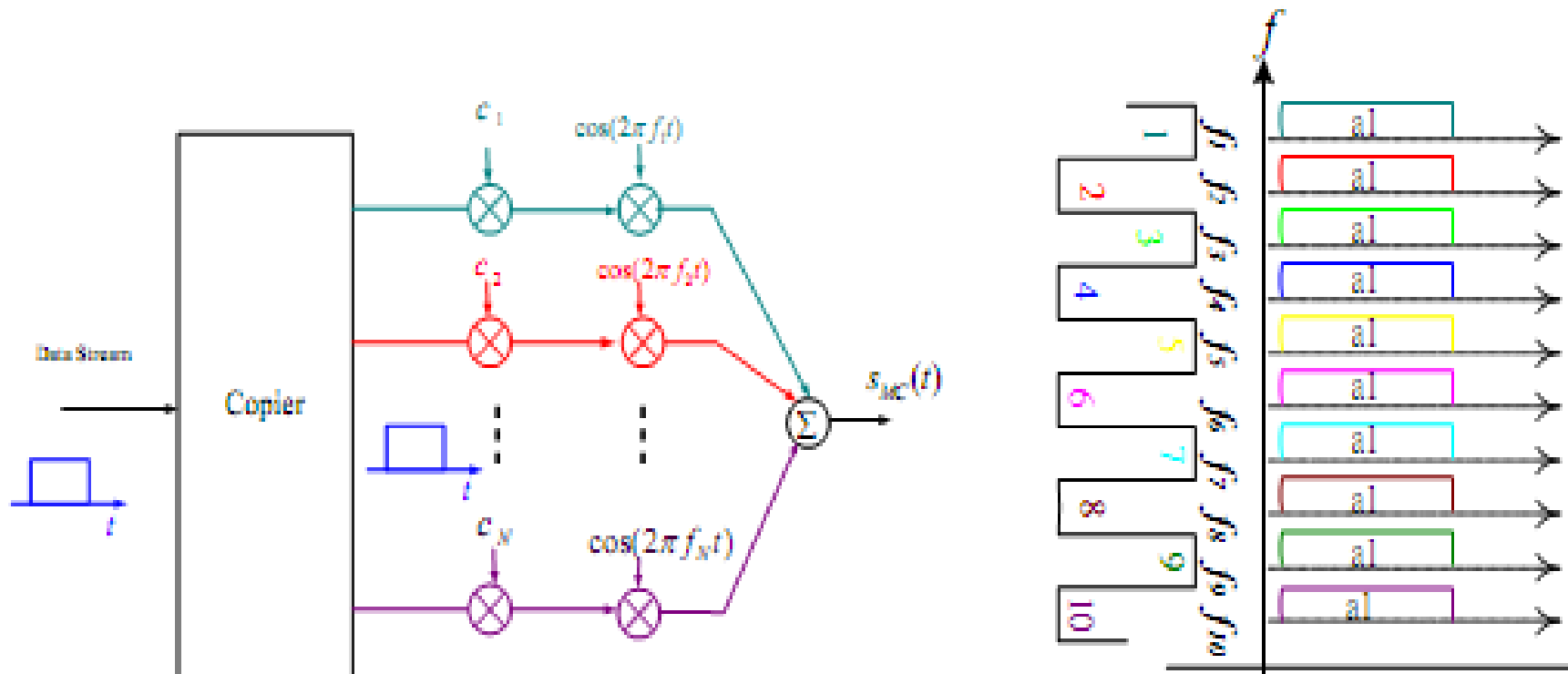


# ● Multicarrier CDMA system

## ➤ Frequency domain spreading

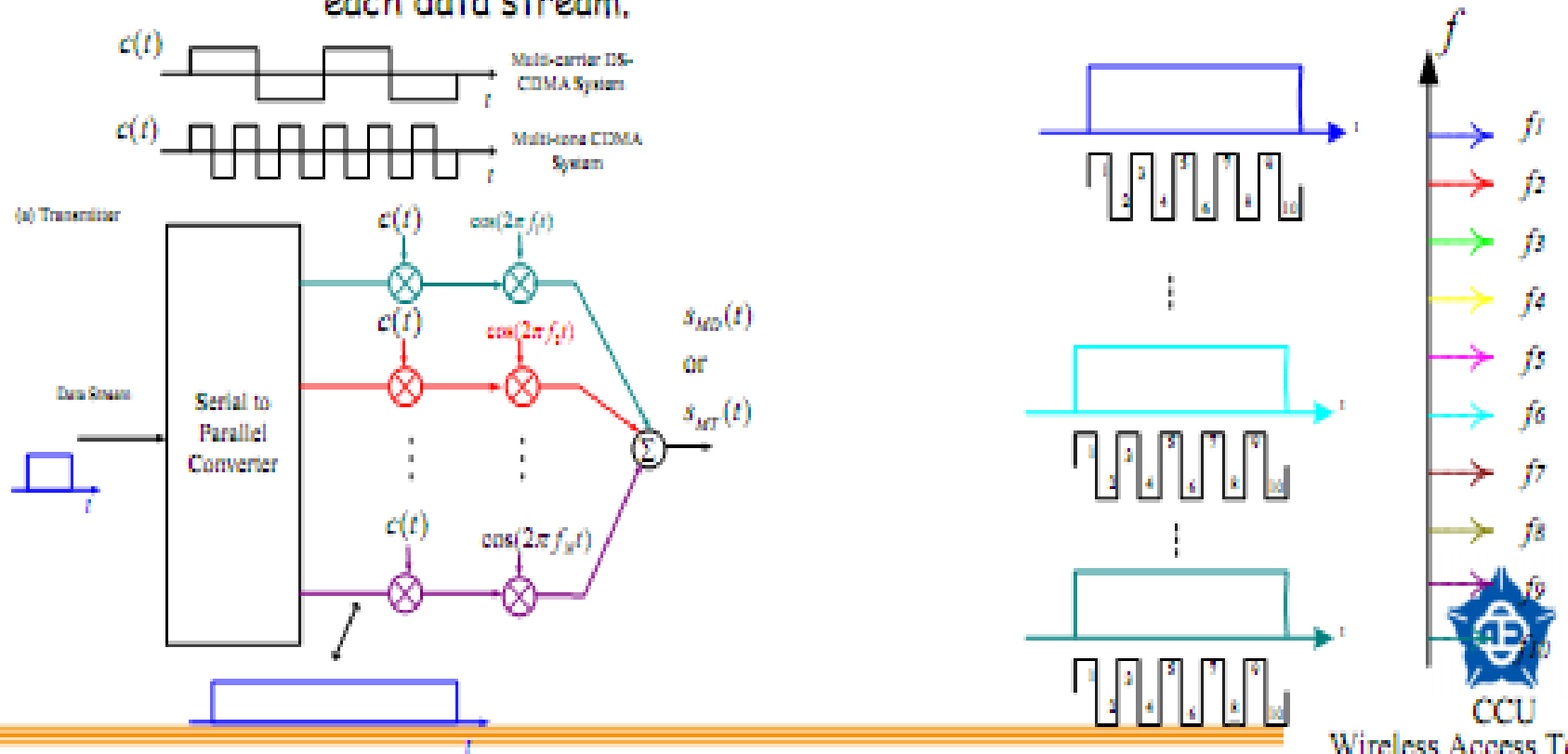
### • MC-CDMA system

- The spreading operation in the frequency domain
- It spreads the original data streams using a given spreading code, and then modulates a different subcarriers with each chip

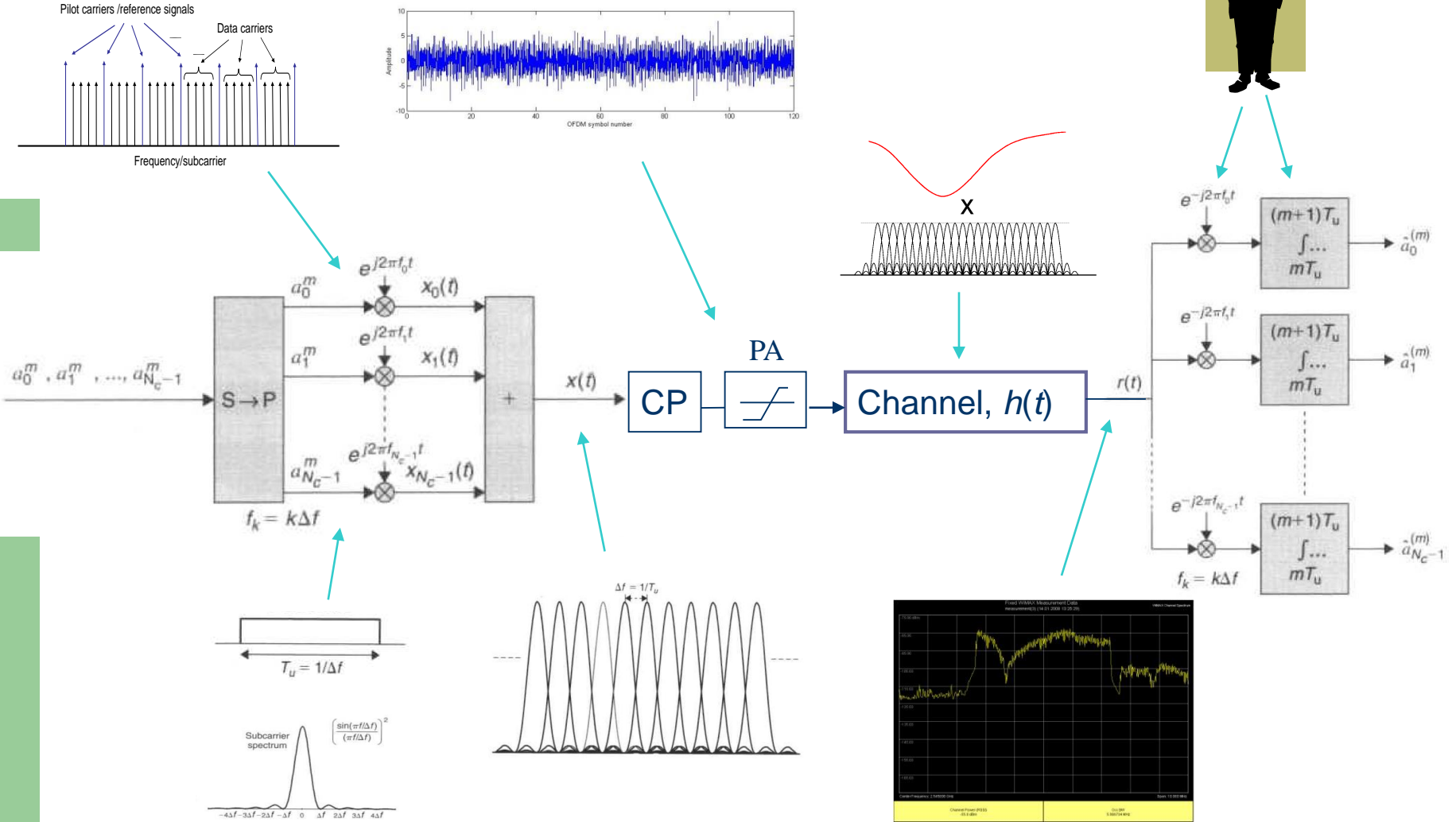


## ➤ Time domain spreading

- Multi-carrier DS-SS-CDMA system
- Multi-tone CDMA system
  - The spreading operation in the time domain
  - It spreads the serial-to-parallel (s/p) converted data streams using a given spreading code, and then modulates a different subcarrier with each data stream.



# Summary



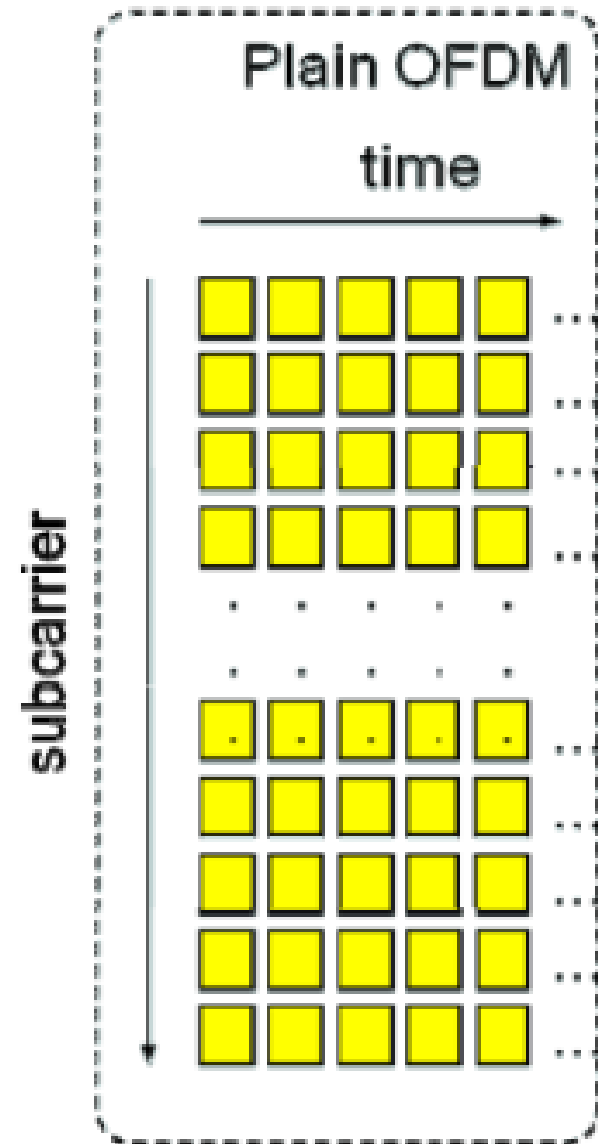
# Konsep OFDMA

# OFDM dan Multiple Access

- Sampai saat ini, kita baru bicara tentang simple point-to-point atau broadcast OFDM.
- Bagaimana dengan penanganan multi user dimana masing-masing user menggunakan sinyal OFDM ?
- Secara teknis, OFDM dapat dikombinasikan dengan beberapa metode multiple access untuk mendukung layanan multi user:
  - Plain OFDM
  - FDMA/OFDM, TDMA/OFDM, CDMA/OFDM

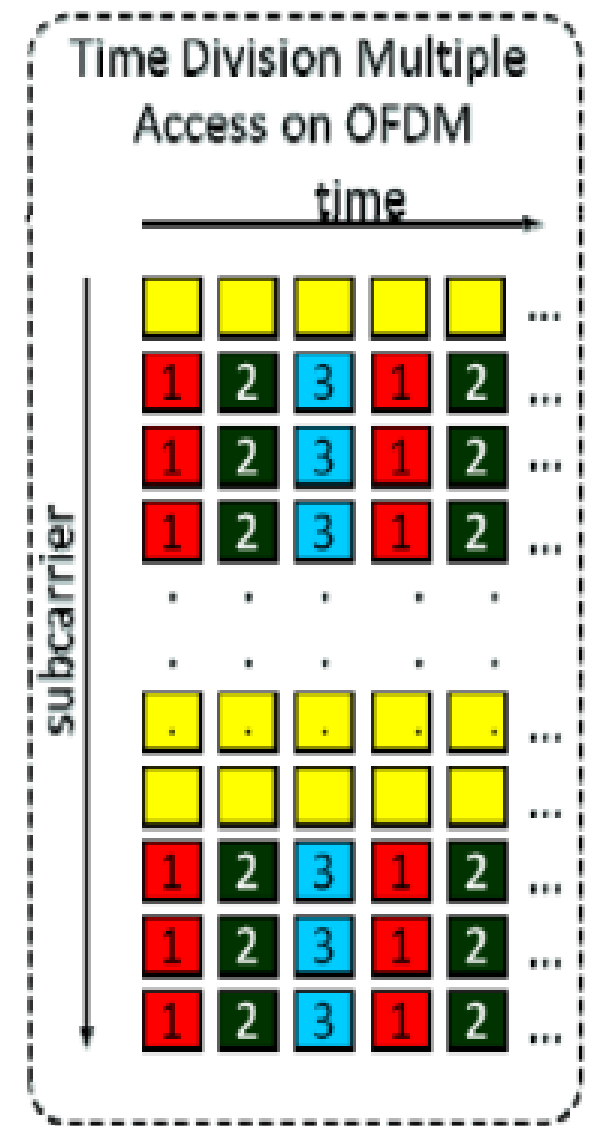
# Plain OFDM

- Tidak memiliki mekanisme multiple access
- Hanya sesuai untuk aplikasi broadcast/multicast seperti DVB-T/H dengan tanpa kanal feedback



# TDMA/OFDM

- Time Division Multiple Access via OFDM merupakan implementasi multiple access sederhana dari sistem OFDM dengan melakukan time multiplexing diatas OFDM.
- Kerugian dari mekanisme ini adalah bahwa setiap user akan mendapatkan jumlah kapasitas ( subcarrier ) yang sama sehingga tidak fleksibel untuk layanan multi data rate.
- Lebih jauh lagi, TDMA/OFDM tidak sesuai untuk menangani trafik variansi tinggi seperti internet secara efisien tanpa menggunakan higher layer signaling. Hal ini berdampak pada overhead signaling dan delay



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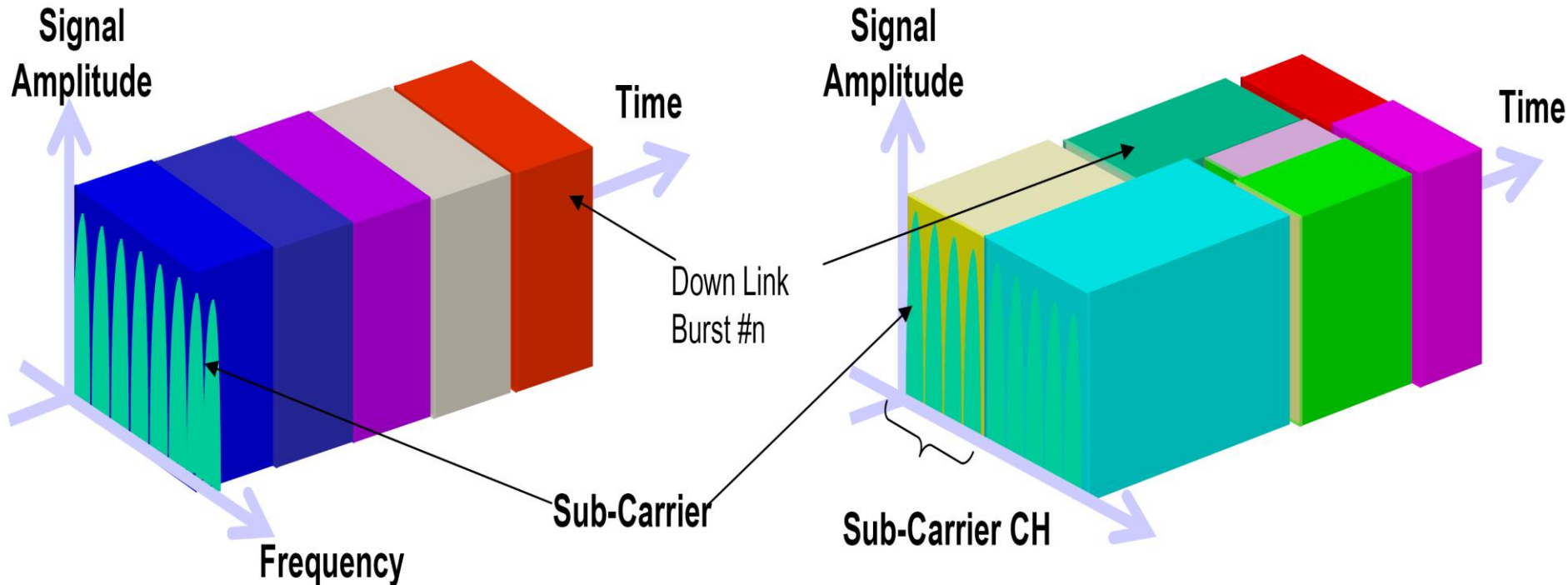
# OFDM & OFDMA

## OFDM

- Semua subcarrier dialokasikan untuk satu user
- Misal : 802.16-2004

## OFDMA

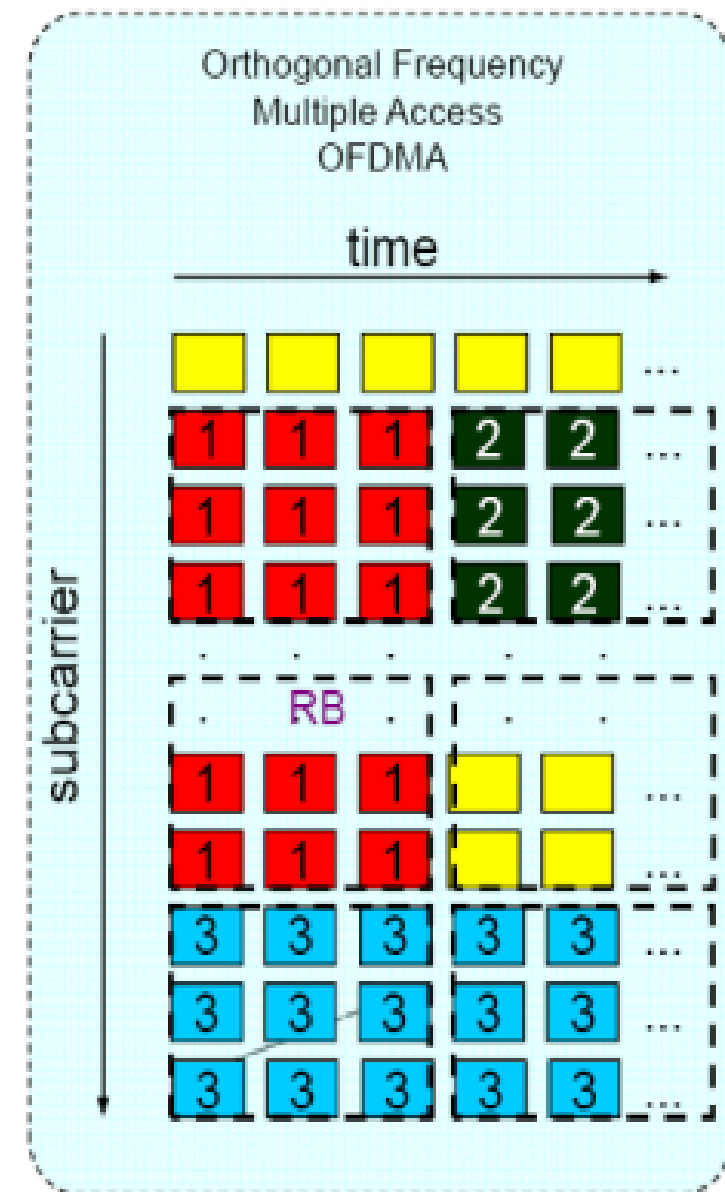
- Subcarrier dialokasikan secara fleksibel untuk banyak user tergantung pada kondisi radio.
- Misal : 802.16e-2005 dan 802.16m





# FDMA/OFDMA

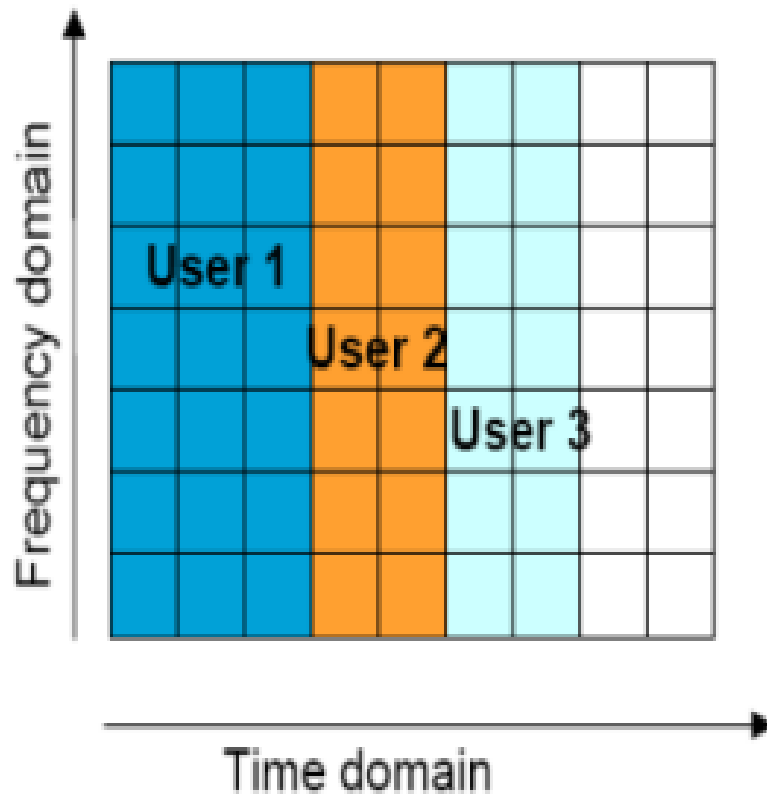
- Ide dasarnya adalah dengan penugasan sejumlah subcarrier ke suatu user dan sejumlah subcarrier lain untuk user yang lain berdasarkan kebutuhan laju data masing-masing user.
- Untuk membantu mengatasi penanganan trafik dengan variansi tinggi, digunakan teknik **resource block** atau **scheduling block**
- Suatu block adalah set terkecil dari sejumlah subcarrier dengan jumlah tetap. Suatu user dapat dialokasikan lebih dari satu block.



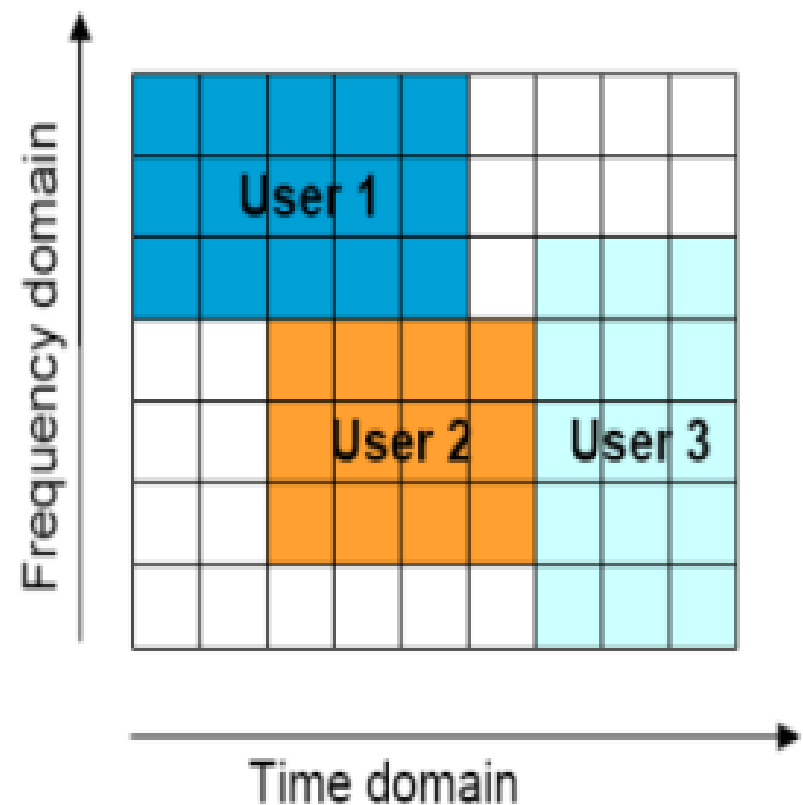
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# Perbedaan OFDM dan OFDMA

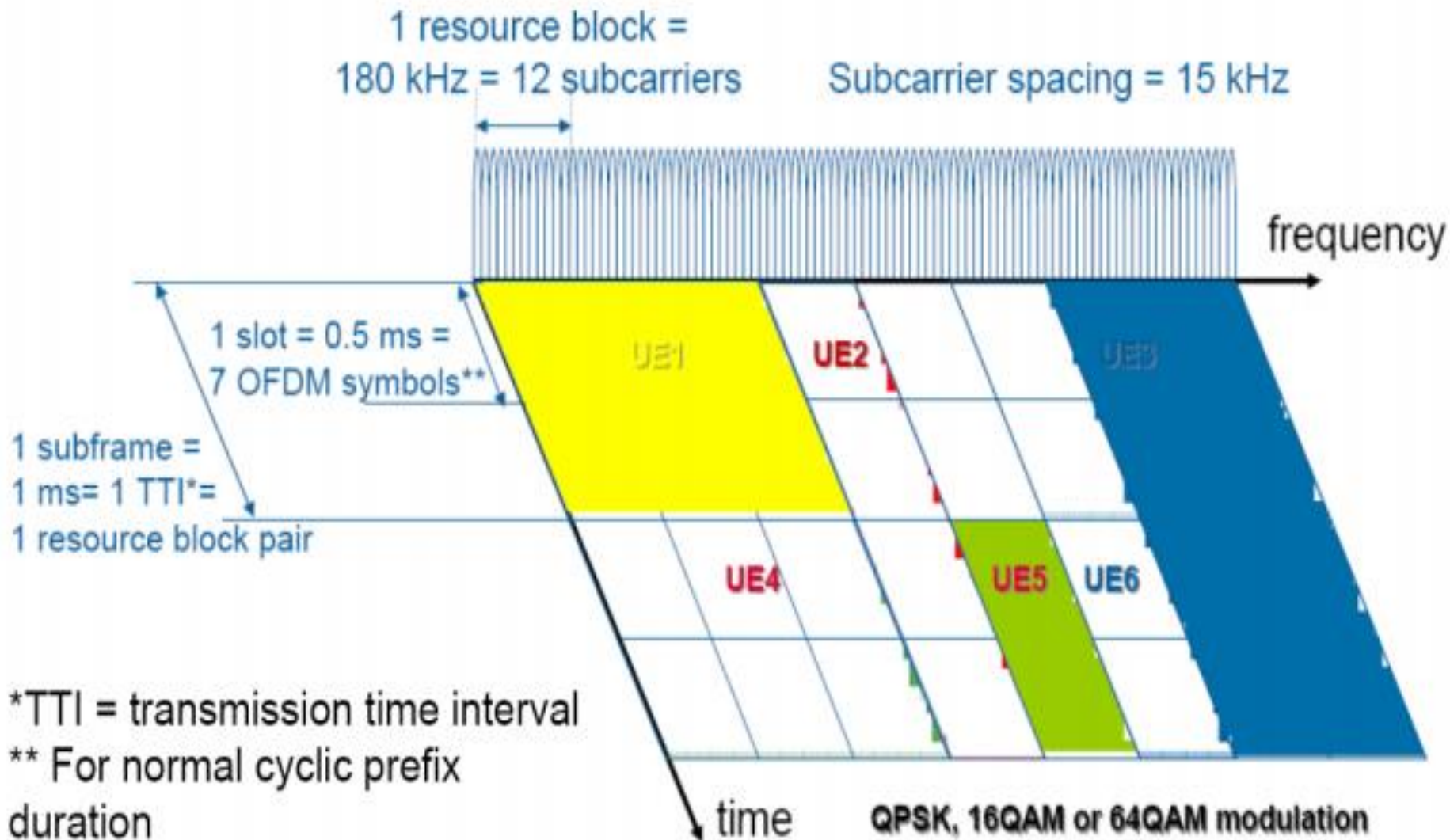
OFDM allocates users in time domain only



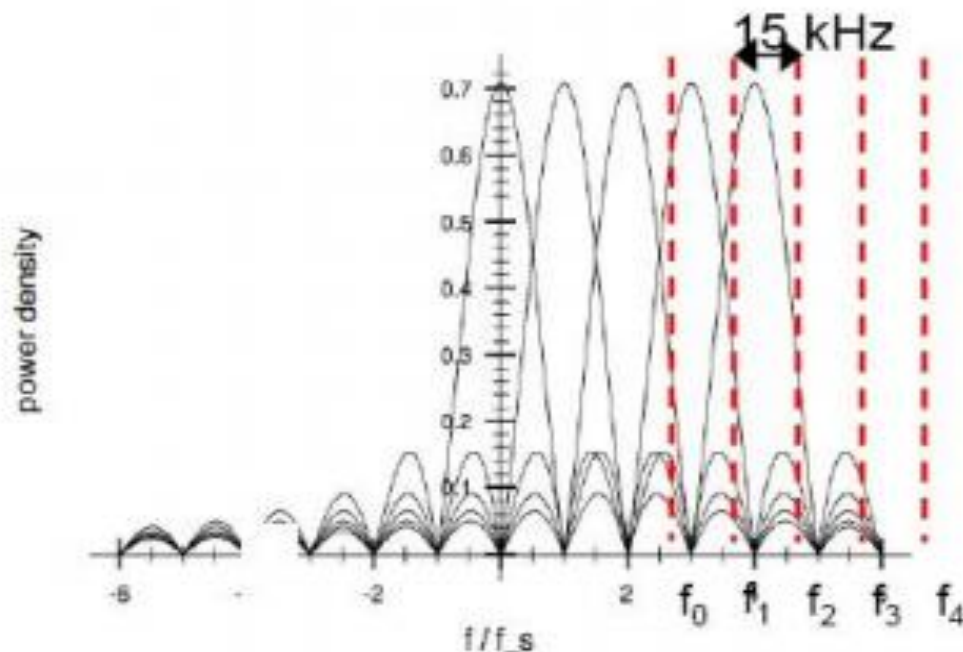
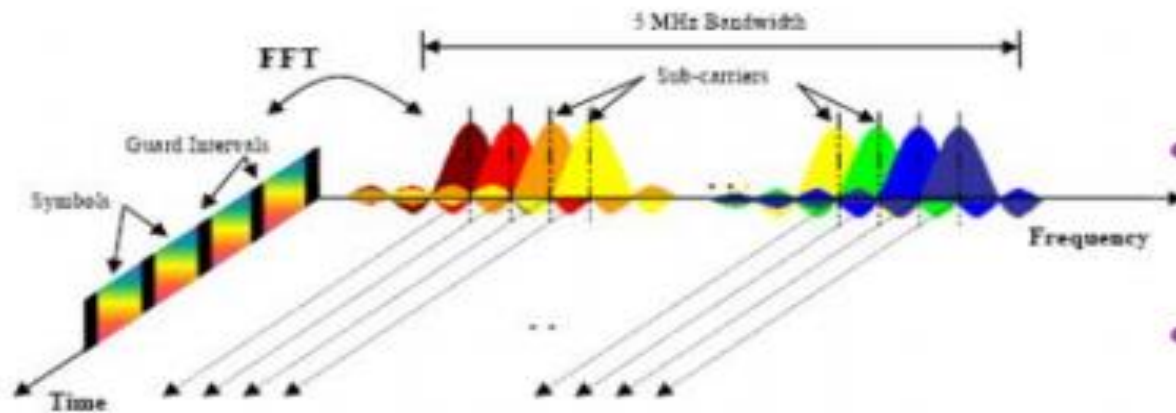
OFDMA allocates users in time and frequency domain



# OFDMA Time-Frequency Multiplexing



# LTE Downlink : OFDMA Konvensional



- LTE menyediakan modulasi QPSK, 16QAM, 64QAM pada arah downlink
- Cyclic prefix digunakan untuk guard interval, dengan beberapa konfigurasi yang berbeda :
  - Normal cyclic prefix dengan 5.2  $\mu$ s (symbol pertama) / 4.7  $\mu$ s (symbol lainnya)
  - Extended cyclic prefix dengan 16.7  $\mu$ s
- 15 kHz subcarrier spacing
- Scalable bandwidth

# LTE Downlink Physical Layer Design: Physical Resource

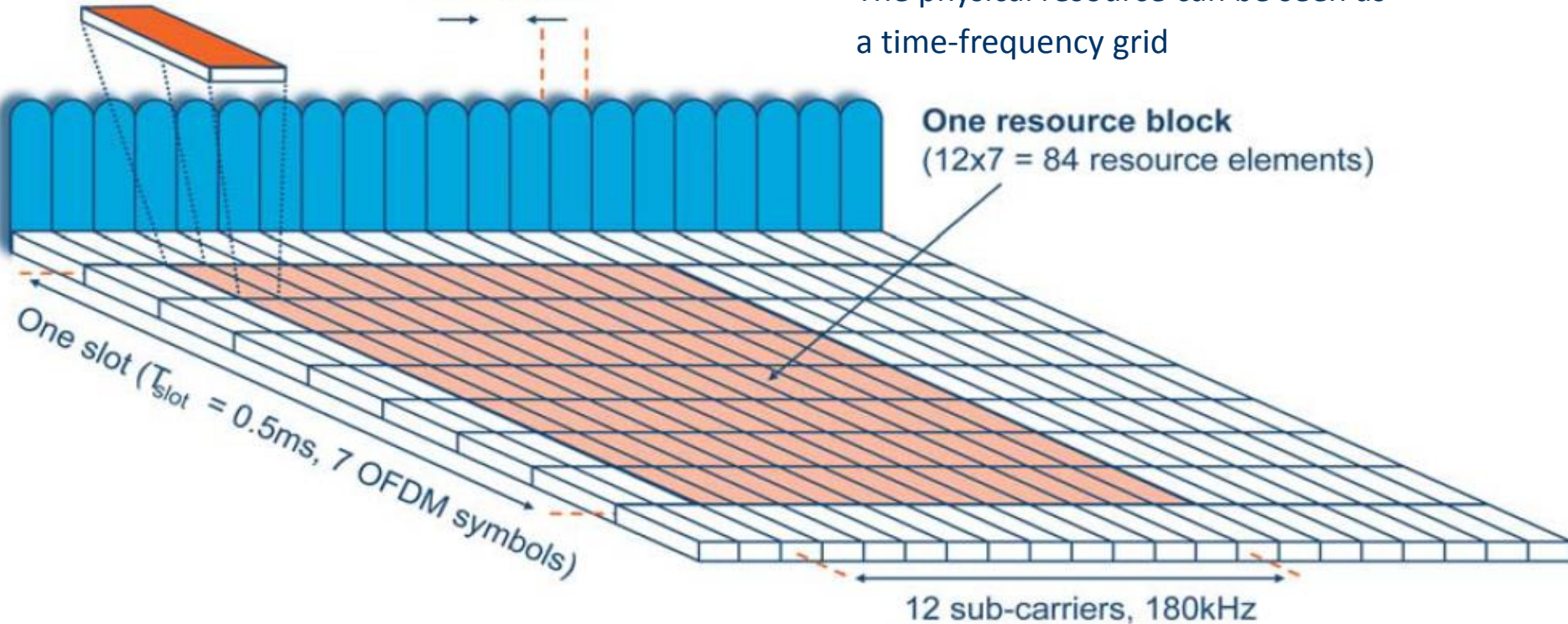
## One resource element

QPSK, 2bits  
16QAM, 4bits  
64QAM, 6bits

$\Delta f = 15\text{kHz}$

The physical resource can be seen as a time-frequency grid

One resource block  
(12x7 = 84 resource elements)



- LTE uses OFDM (Orthogonal Frequency Division Multiplexing) as its radio technology in downlink
- In the uplink LTE uses a pre-coded version of OFDM, SC-FDMA (Single Carrier Frequency Division Multiple Access) to reduced power consumption

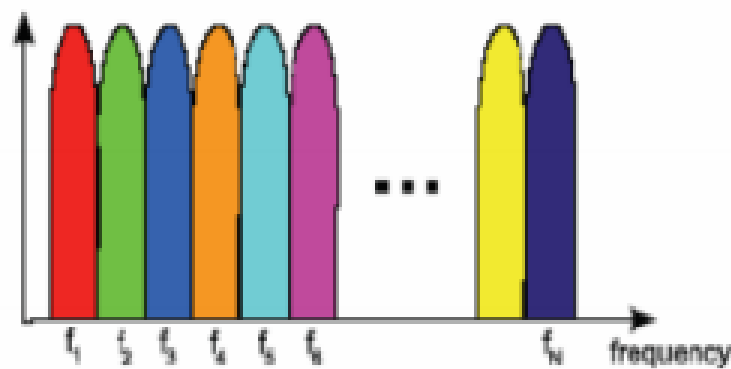
# Pengenalan SC FDMA

# SC-FDMA

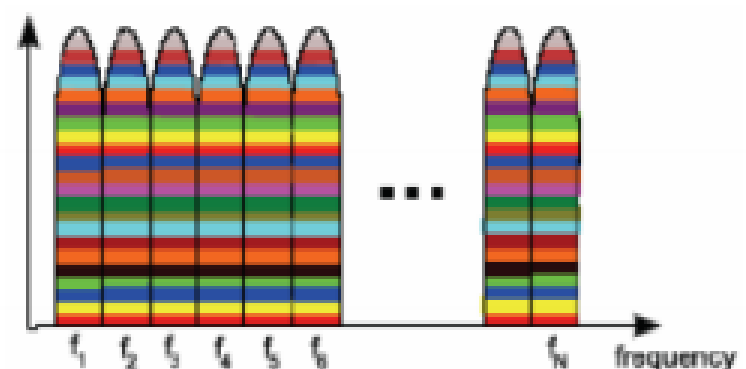
- SC-FDMA :Single Carrier Frequency Division Multiple Access
- SC-FDMA merupakan skema modulasi hybrid yang menggabungkan low PAPR dari sistem single-carrier dengan sifat multipath resistance dan alokasi flexible subcarrier yang diberikan oleh OFDM
- SC menyelesaikan problem PAPR dengan melakukan grouping resource block untuk mengurangi kebutuhan linearitas penguatan dan konsumsi daya sehingga terjadi peningkatan coverage dan kinerja di pinggir sel.
- SC-FDMA menjadi salahsatu opsi WiMAX (802.16d) dan dipakai pada LTE untuk arah uplink.

# Bentuk Sinyal SC-FDMA

- Sama seperti sinyal OFDMA, tetapi :
  - Pada OFDMA, tiap sub-carrier hanya membawa informasi yang terkait dengan satu simbol spesifik
  - Pada SC-FDMA, tiap sub-carrier mengandung semua informasi simbol yang terkirim



(a) OFDM subcarriers



(b) DFT-s-OFDM subcarriers



# Perbandingan OFDMA dan SC-FDMA

