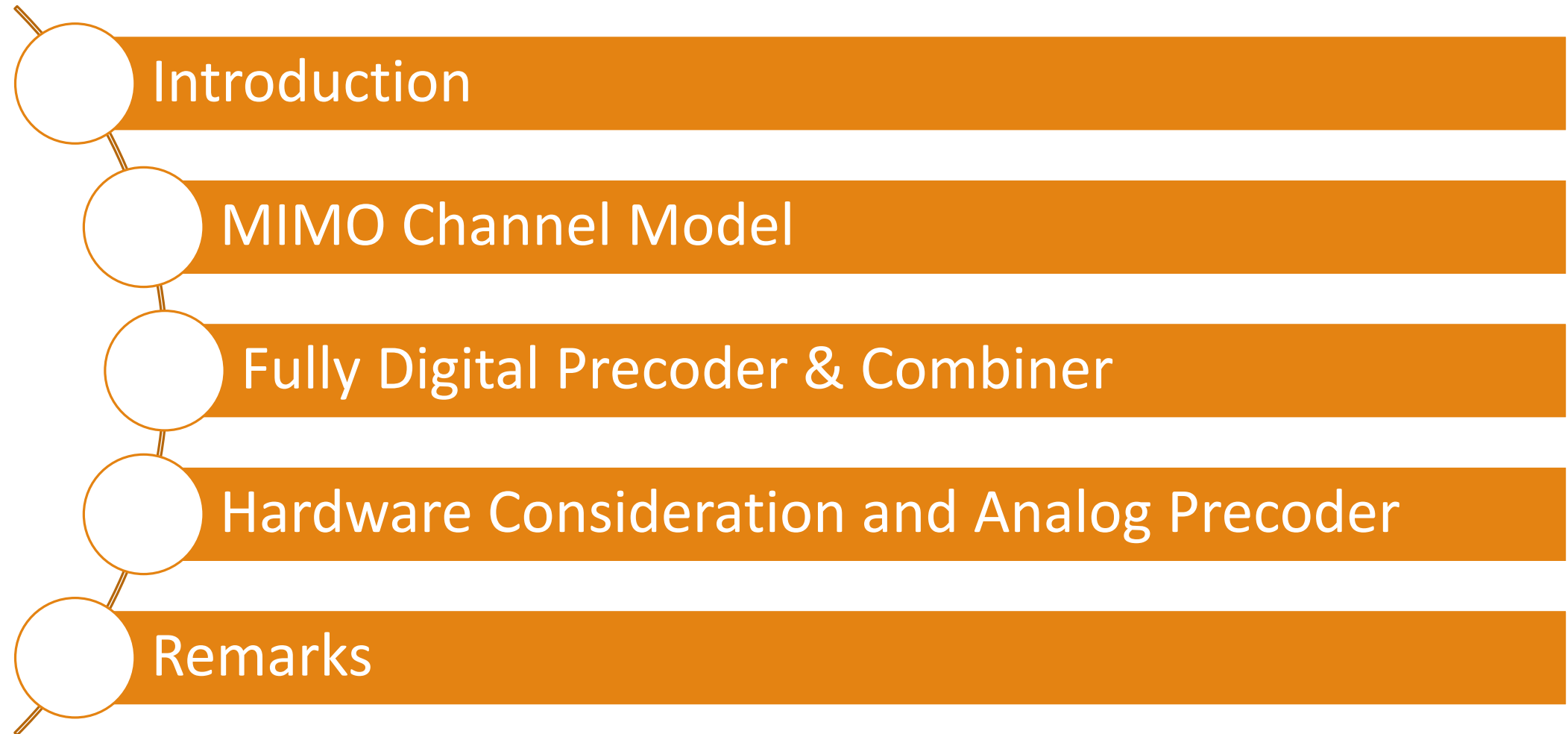
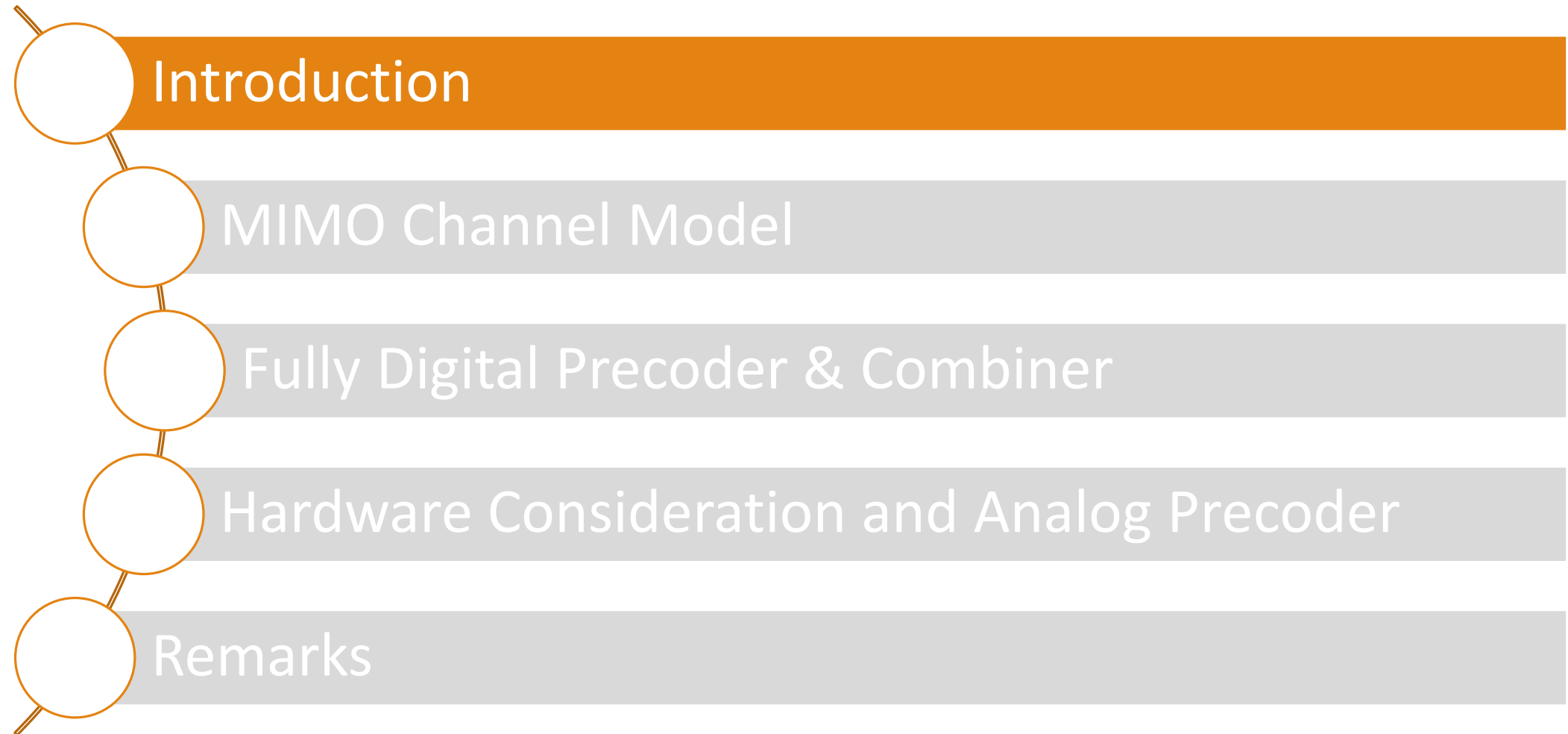


From MIMO to Massive MIMO

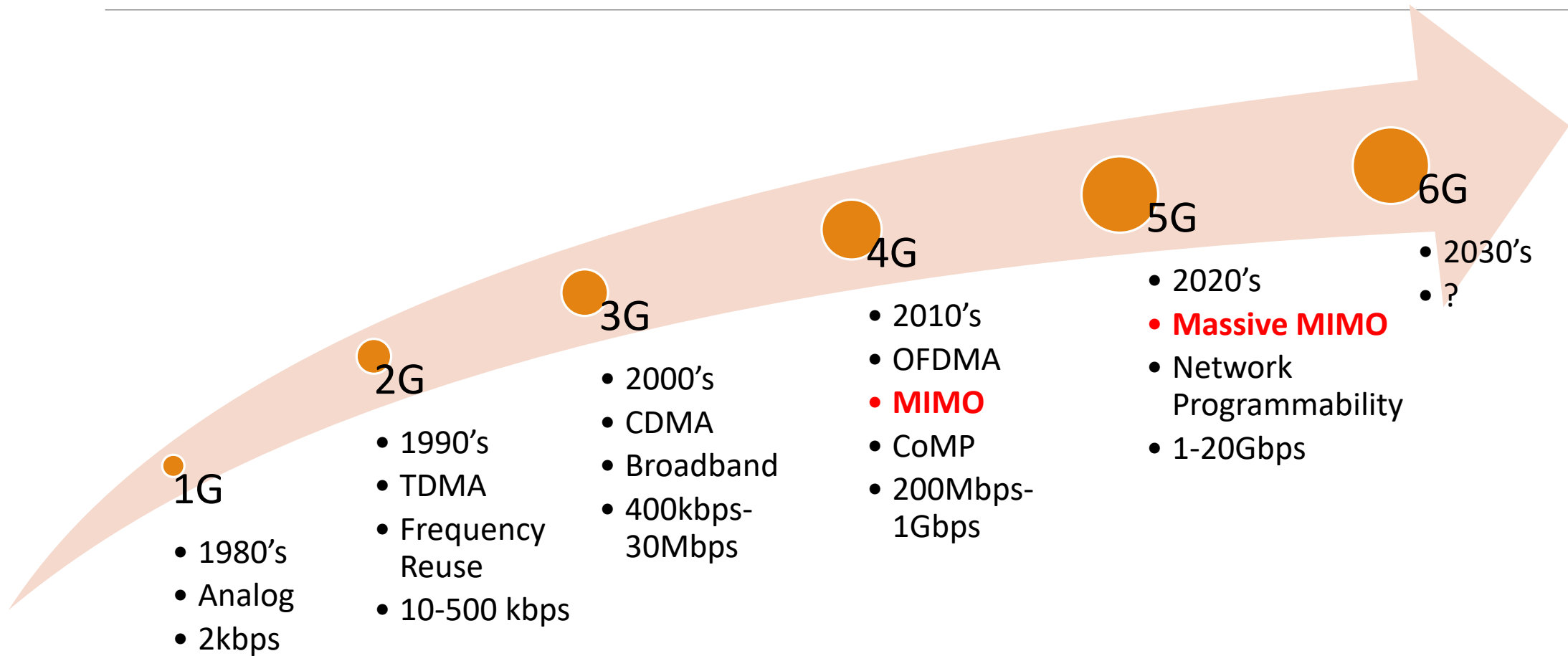
Part I : Basics on Digital and Analog MIMO

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Evolution of Mobile Communications



Spectrum of 5G NR

Frequency Range 1 (FR1)

5G NR sub-6GHz

Frequency Range 2 (FR2)

5G NR mmWave
(e.g. 24.25-27.5 GHz, 27.5-29.5 GHz)

6 GHz

24 GHz

100 GHz

mmWave is for high speed wireless communication in

- backhaul links
- indoor
- short range
- LOS communications

Ka band

26.5~40 GHz

Q band

33~50 GHz

V band

50~70 GHz

W band

75~110 GHz

Challenges of mmWave Spectrum

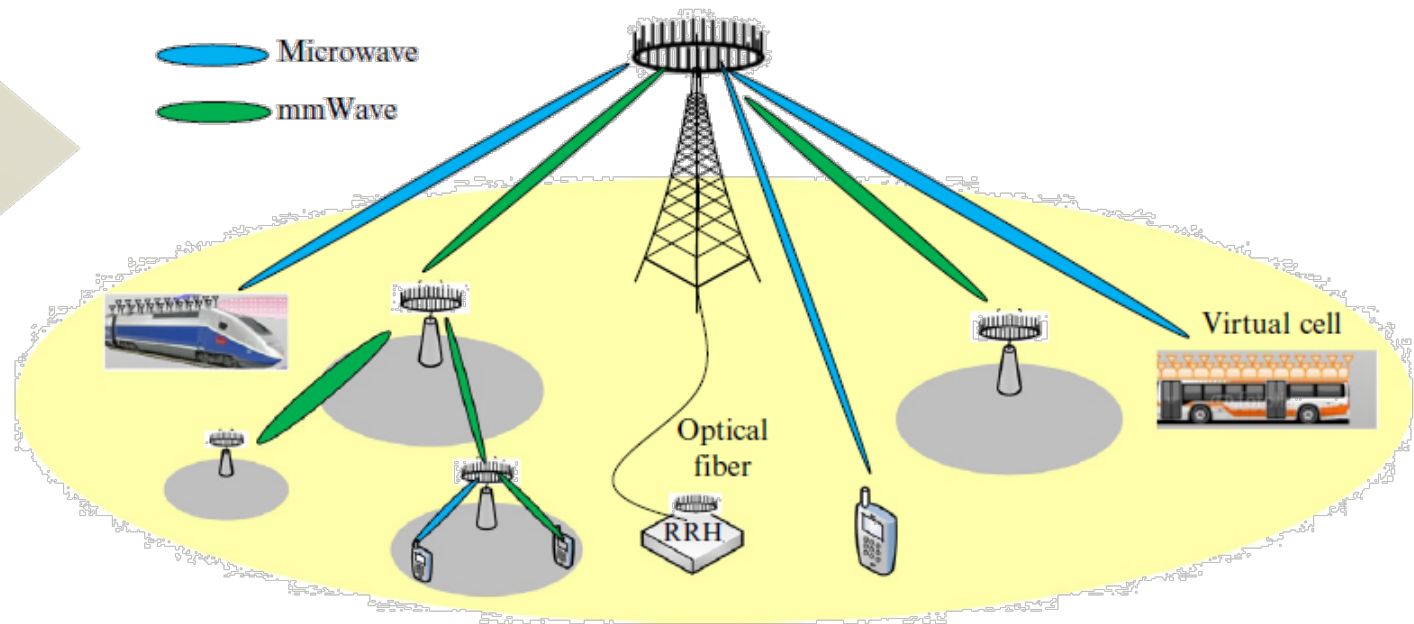
Propagation Loss

Penetration Loss

Rain Fading

Absorbed or Scattered by Gases

Massive MIMO is required to deal with the challenges on the severe fading and attenuation

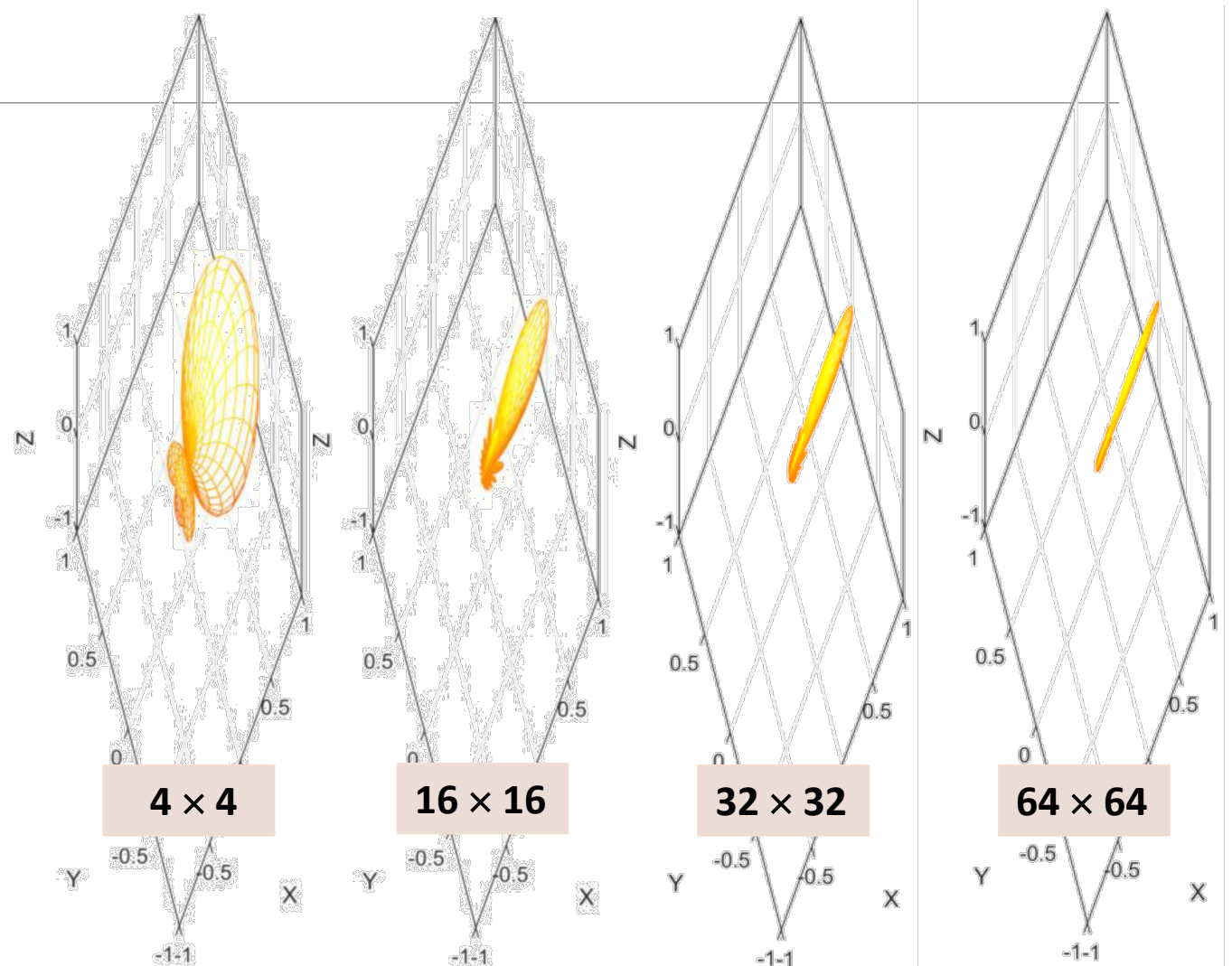


When there are more and more antennas

Beam-pattern of antenna array

As the antenna number increases:

- ✓ Narrower beam-width
- ✓ Stronger beam strength
- ✓ Higher array gain



100-Antenna Massive MIMO testbed

@Lund University, 2015

22User

Spectral Efficiency
145.6bps/Hz

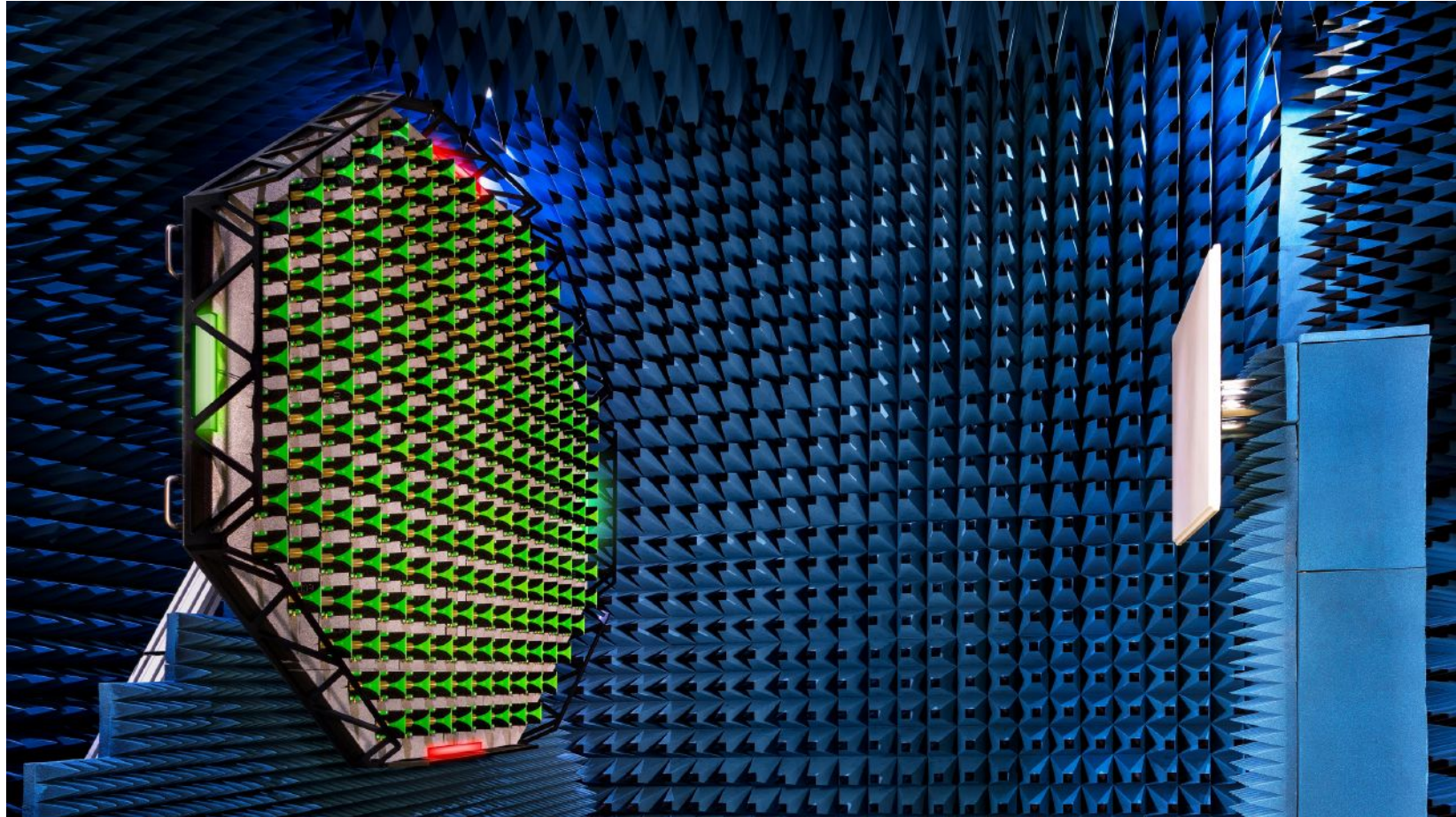
3.51GHz, BW=20MHz

SE greatly improved
compared with 4G(3bps/Hz)



OTA Test of Massive MIMO Systems

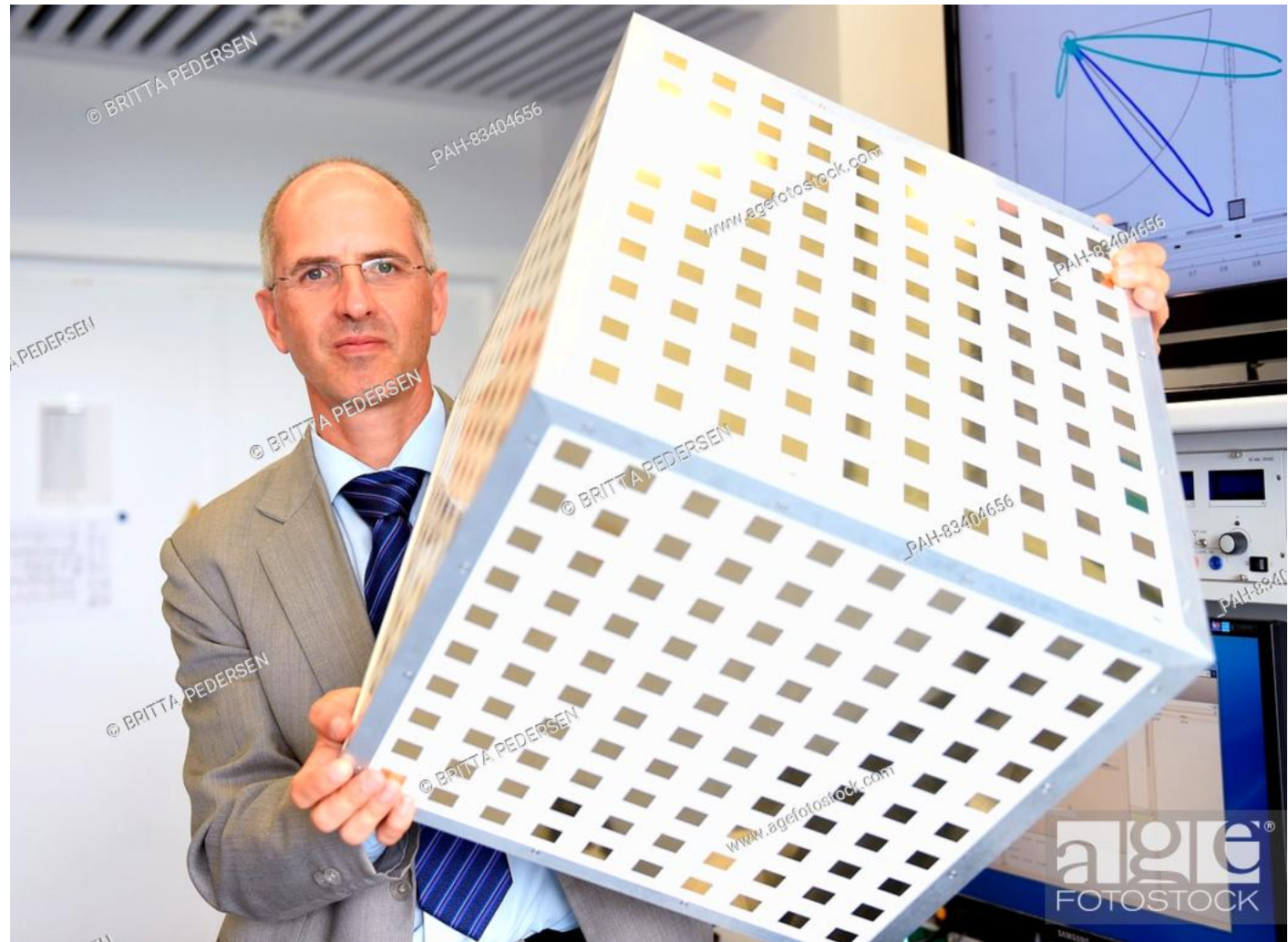
Rohde & Schwarz, 2018



Antenna Array of Massive MIMO Systems

Fraunhofer HHI, Germany

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Benefits of massive MIMO

Increase Network Capacity

- Higher spatial multiplexing gain
- More spatial streams sent simultaneously

Improve Coverage

- 3D beamforming enables dynamic coverage

Simplify the multiple-access layer

Improve energy efficiency

Reduce interference

Robust to intentional jamming

Challenges of Massive MIMO

High computational power for signal processing

- Multiuser detection
- Precoder optimization

Accurate channel estimation is tough

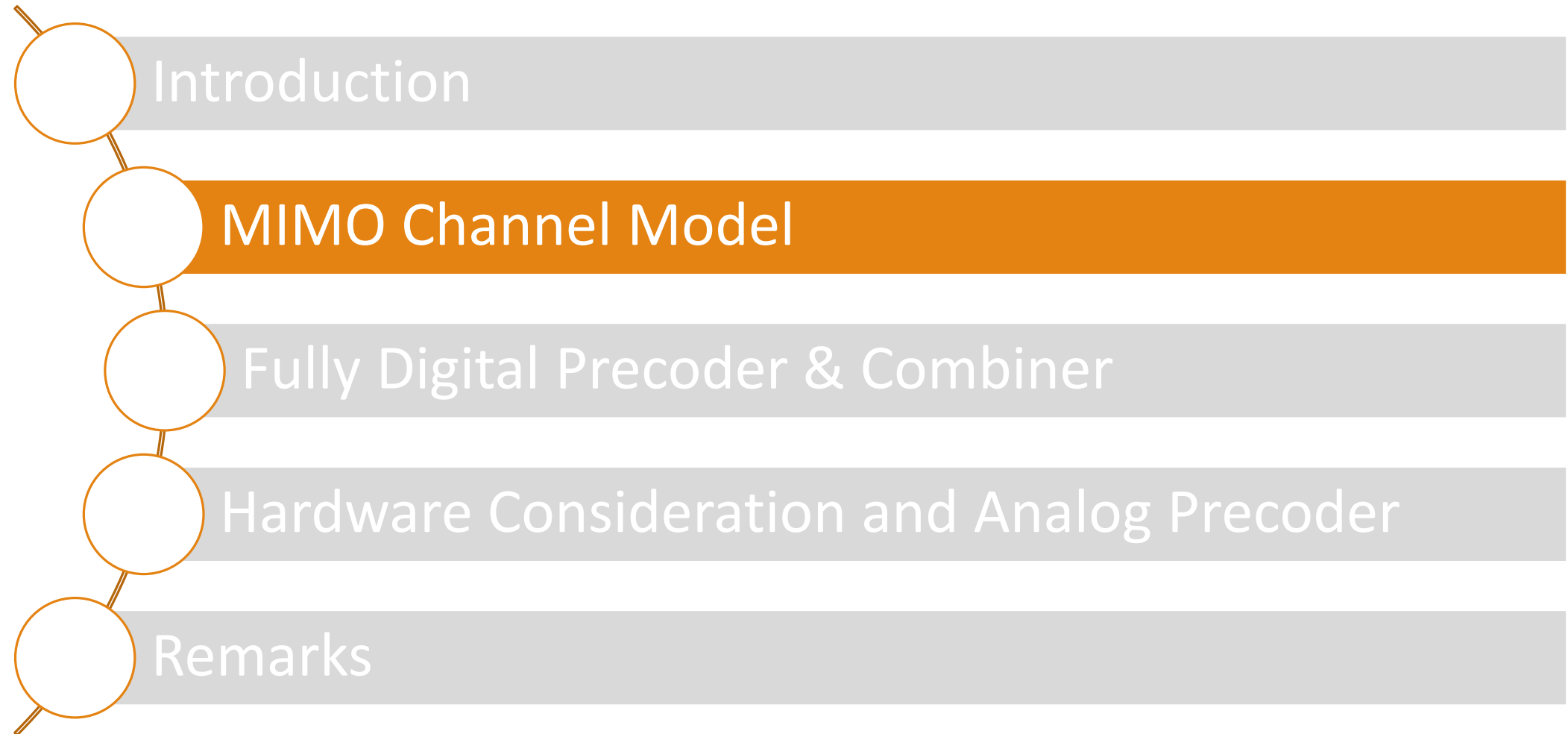
- Especially with insufficient RF chains
- Pilot contamination issue

High implementation cost

- Hardware impairment issue
- Synchronization in a large scale networks

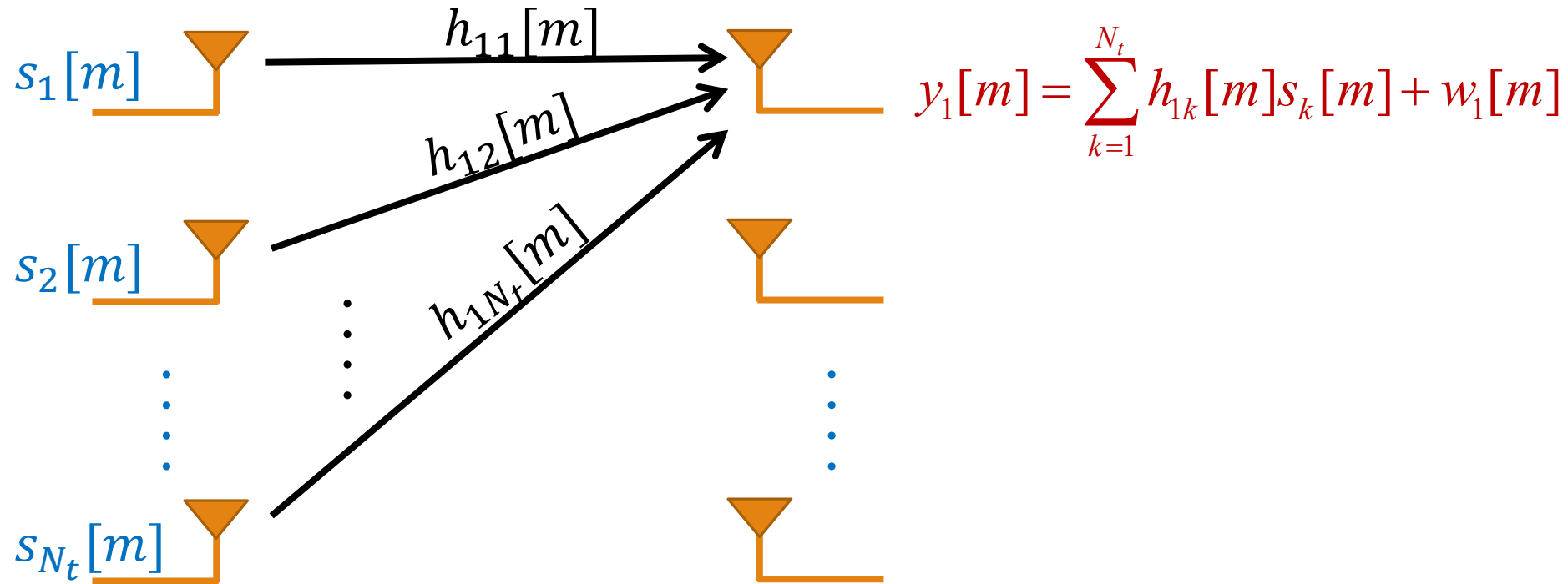
Require Interference management

- User scheduling
- Beam management



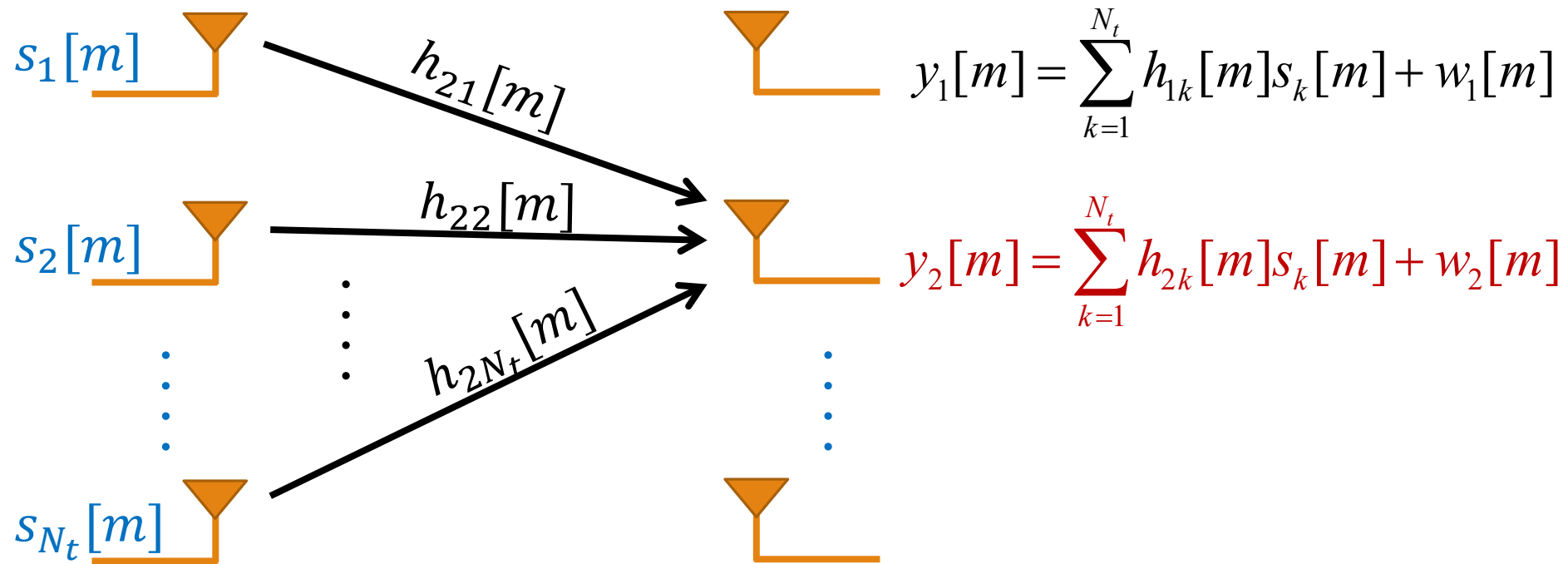
MIMO Channel

MIMO = Multiple Input Multiple Output



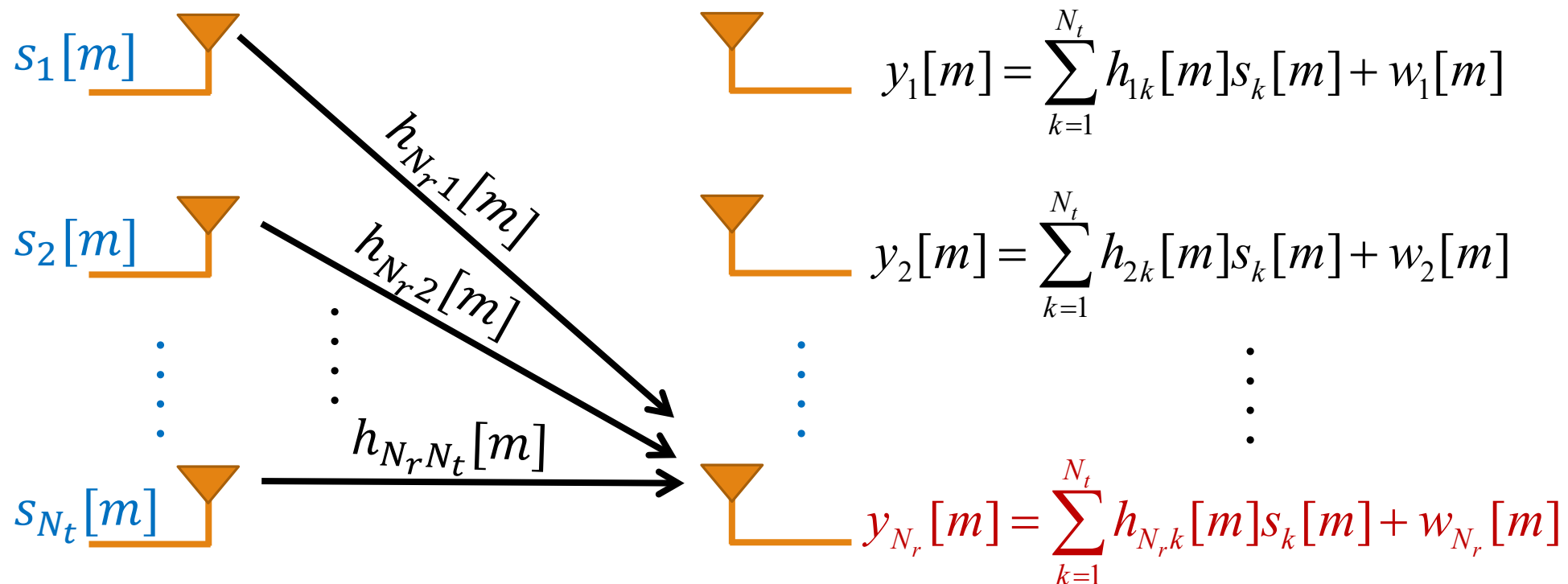
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$$\begin{bmatrix} y_1[m] \\ y_2[m] \\ \vdots \\ y_{N_r}[m] \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} h_{11} & h_{12} & \dots & h_{1N_t} \\ h_{21} & h_{22} & \dots & h_{2N_t} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ h_{N_r1} & h_{N_r2} & \dots & h_{N_rN_t} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} s_1[m] \\ s_2[m] \\ \vdots \\ s_{N_t}[m] \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} w_1[m] \\ w_2[m] \\ \vdots \\ w_{N_r}[m] \end{bmatrix}$$

$\mathbf{y}[m]$ \mathbf{H} $\mathbf{s}[m]$ $\mathbf{w}[m]$

MIMO Channel

$$\mathbf{y}[m] = \mathbf{H}\mathbf{s}[m] + \mathbf{w}[m]$$

- ✓ $\mathbf{s}[m]$ has zero-mean with covariance matrix

$$\mathbf{R}_s = \mathbb{E}[\mathbf{s}[m]\mathbf{s}[m]^H]$$

- ✓ $\mathbf{w}[m]$ has zero-mean with covariance matrix

$$\mathbf{R}_w = \mathbb{E}[\mathbf{w}[m]\mathbf{w}[m]^H] = N_0\mathbf{I}$$

- ✓ $\mathbf{s}[m]$ satisfies the power constraint :

$$\mathbb{E}[\|\mathbf{s}[m]\|^2] = \mathbb{E}[|s_1[m]|^2] + \mathbb{E}[|s_2[m]|^2] + \dots + \mathbb{E}[|s_{N_t}[m]|^2] \cdot E_s$$

Channel Model

$$\mathbf{H} = \sqrt{\frac{K}{K+1}} \mathbf{H}_{LOS} + \sqrt{\frac{1}{K+1}} \mathbf{H}_{NLOS}$$

\mathbf{H}_{LOS} : line-of-sight (LOS) path

\mathbf{H}_{NLOS} : none line-of-sight (NLOS) path

K : Rician K factor



Channel Model – LOS Path

$$\mathbf{H}_{LOS} = \alpha_0 \mathbf{a}_r(\phi_0) \mathbf{a}_t^H(\theta_0)$$

$\mathbf{a}_t, \mathbf{a}_r$: array response vector:

$$\mathbf{a}_t(\theta) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{N_t}} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & \exp(j\frac{2\pi}{\lambda}d_t \sin \theta) & \exp(j\frac{2\pi}{\lambda}2d_t \sin \theta) & \cdots & \exp(j\frac{2\pi}{\lambda}(N_t - 1)d_t \sin \theta) \end{bmatrix}^T$$

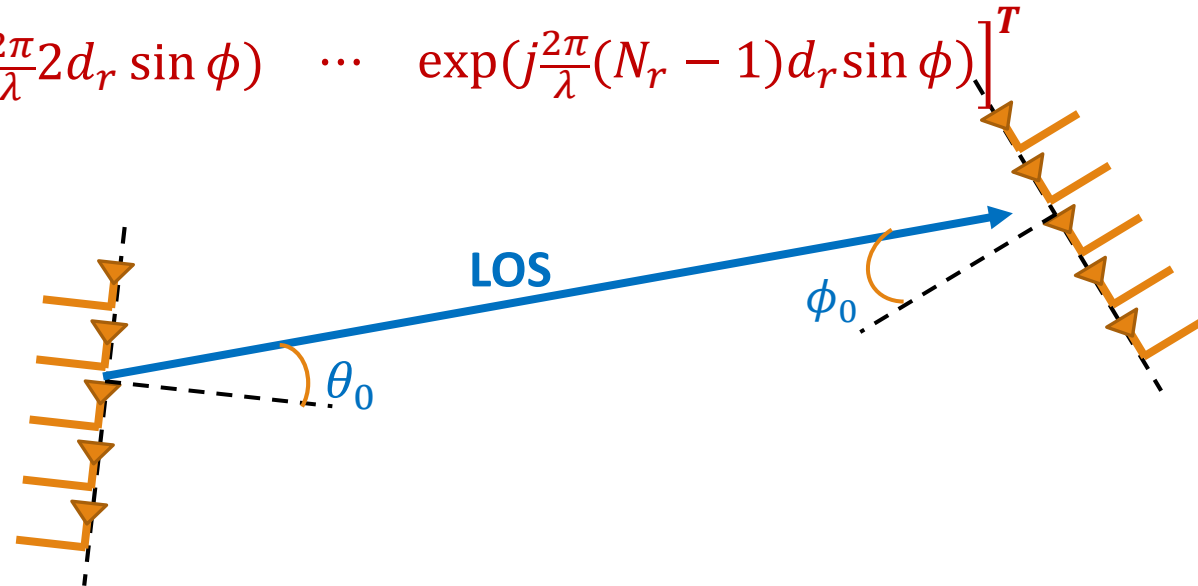
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θ_0 : angle of departure (AoD) for LOS path

ϕ_0 : angle of arrival (AoA) for LOS path

α_0 : complex gain of LOS path

$$\alpha_0 \sim CN(0, N_t N_r \cdot \text{PL})$$



Channel Model – NLOS Paths

- For NLOS paths, there are several models depending on environments
- For rich scattering environments, there are numerous NLOS paths
- According to the CLM, \mathbf{H}_{NLOS} can be expressed as

$$\mathbf{H}_{NLOS} = \mathbf{R}_r^{1/2} \mathbf{H}_{iid} \mathbf{R}_t^{1/2}$$

- \mathbf{H}_{iid} : $N_r \times N_t$ matrix where each entry is i.i.d. with $CN(0, PL)$
- \mathbf{R}_t : $N_t \times N_t$ correlation matrix among transmit antennas
- \mathbf{R}_r : $N_r \times N_r$ correlation matrix among receive antennas
- If antenna spacing are all greater than $\lambda/2$, $\mathbf{R}_t = \mathbf{R}_r = \mathbf{I}$

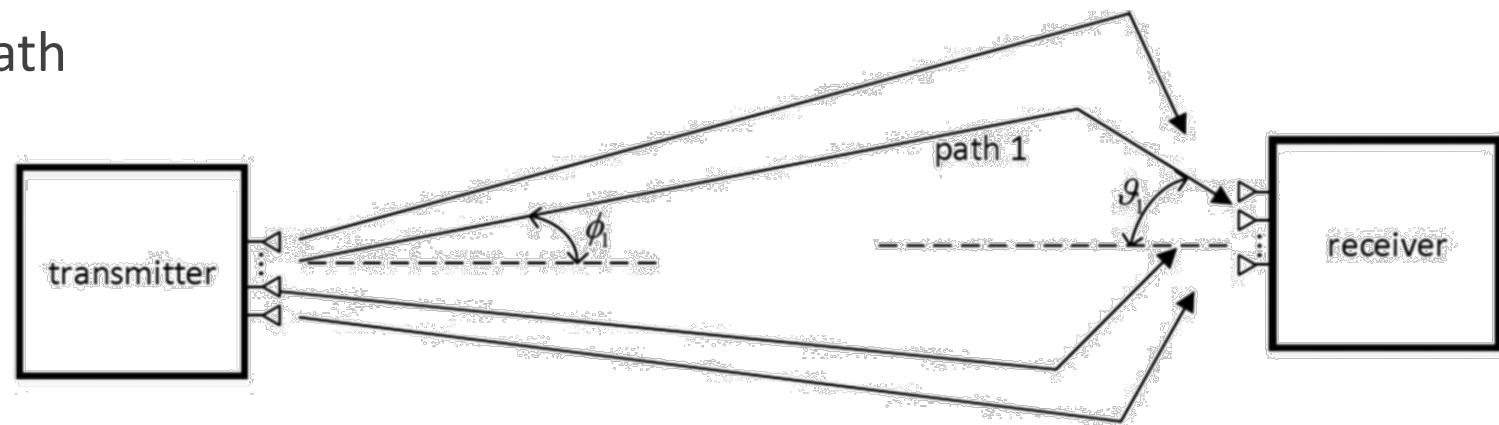
Channel Model – NLOS Paths

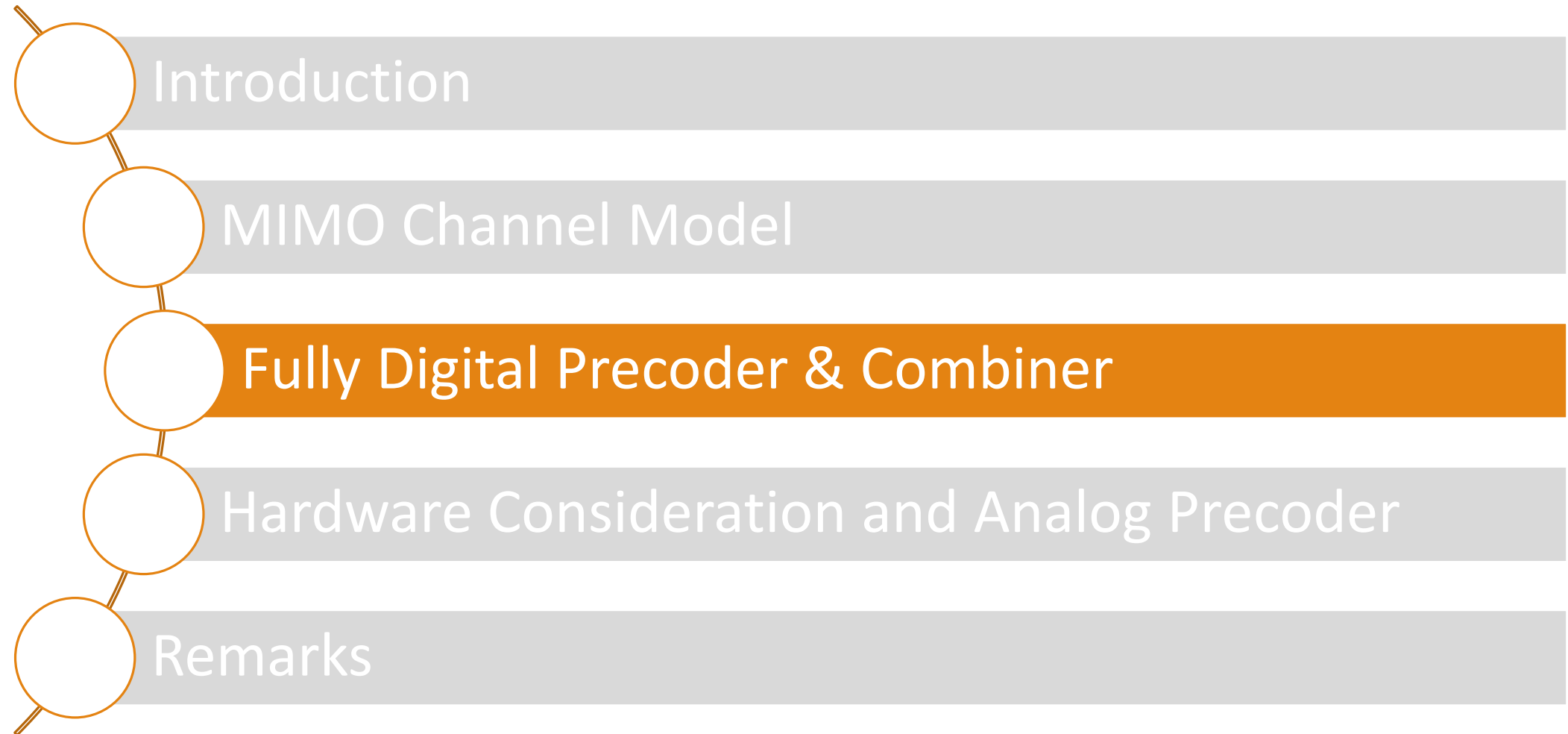
Under mmWave propagation, the number of paths is limited

$$\mathbf{H}_{NLOS} = \sum_{\ell=1}^L \alpha_{\ell} \mathbf{a}_r(\phi_{\ell}) \mathbf{a}_t^H(\theta_{\ell})$$

- L : Number of the NLOS paths
- θ_{ℓ} : AoD for the ℓ -th NLOS path
- ϕ_{ℓ} : AoA for the ℓ -th NLOS path
- α_{ℓ} : complex gain of the ℓ -th NLOS path

$$\alpha_{\ell} \sim CN(0, \frac{N_t N_r}{L} \cdot PL)$$





MIMO Channel

- Consider the MIMO channel

$$\mathbf{y}[m] = \mathbf{H}\mathbf{s}[m] + \mathbf{w}[m]$$

- ✓ Assume that channel \mathbf{H} is known at tx and rx

- Take singular value decomposition (SVD) on \mathbf{H}

$$\mathbf{H} = \mathbf{U}\mathbf{\Sigma}\mathbf{V}^H$$

- ✓ $\mathbf{U} : N_r \times N_r$ unitary matrix
- ✓ $\mathbf{V} : N_t \times N_t$ unitary matrix
- ✓ $\mathbf{\Sigma} : N_r \times N_t$ diagonal matrix with descending diagonal entries

$$\sigma_1 \geq \sigma_2 \geq \dots \geq \sigma_r \geq 0, 0, \dots, 0$$

- ✓ $r = \text{rank}(\mathbf{H})$, usually, \mathbf{H} is full-rank and $r = \min(N_t, N_r)$

Fully Digital Precoding Design

- Let $\mathbf{s}[m] = \mathbf{V}\mathbf{x}[m]$, \mathbf{V} is the precoding matrix
 $\mathbf{z}[m] = \mathbf{U}^H \mathbf{y}[m]$, \mathbf{U}^H is the decoding matrix

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbf{z}[m] &= \mathbf{U}^H \mathbf{y}[m] \\ &= \mathbf{U}^H \mathbf{U} \mathbf{\Sigma} \mathbf{V}^H \mathbf{V} \mathbf{x}[m] + \mathbf{U}^H \mathbf{w}[m] \\ &= \mathbf{\Sigma} \mathbf{x}[m] + \mathbf{U}^H \mathbf{w}[m]\end{aligned}$$

where $\mathbf{\Sigma} = \text{diag}(\sigma_1, \sigma_2, \dots, \sigma_r)$



Fully Digital Precoding Design

Using SVD of \mathbf{H} : $\mathbf{H} = \mathbf{U}\mathbf{\Sigma}\mathbf{V}^H$

$$\mathbf{z}[m] = \mathbf{\Sigma}\mathbf{x}[m] + \tilde{\mathbf{w}}[m]$$

- ✓ $\tilde{\mathbf{w}}[m] = \mathbf{U}^H \mathbf{w}[m] \sim \mathcal{CN}(\mathbf{0}, N_0 \mathbf{I})$
- ✓ $\|\mathbf{x}[m]\|^2 = \|\mathbf{s}[m]\|^2 \Rightarrow \text{tr}(\mathbf{R}_x) \leq E_s$



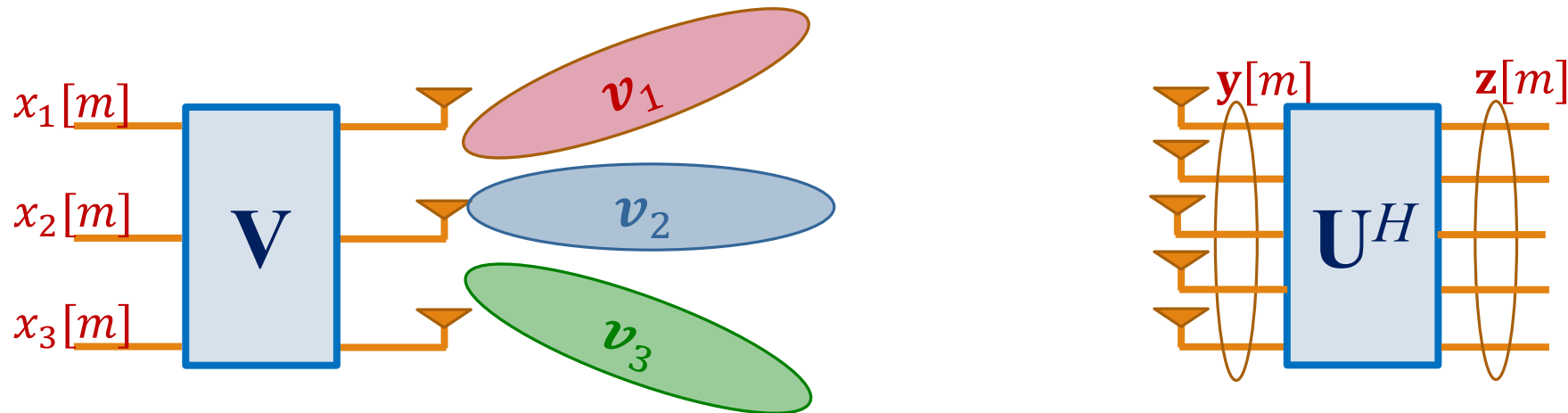
Fully Digital Precoding Design for 3x5 MIMO

(ex) $N_t = 3, N_r = 5$

$$\because \mathbf{s}[m] = \mathbf{V}\mathbf{x}[m] = \mathbf{v}_1 \cdot x_1[m] + \mathbf{v}_2 \cdot x_2[m] + \mathbf{v}_3 \cdot x_3[m]$$

Where $\mathbf{V} = [\mathbf{v}_1 \quad \mathbf{v}_2 \quad \mathbf{v}_3]$

It is equivalent to precode $x_i[m]$ using the beam $\mathbf{v}_i, i = 1, 2, 3$



Fully Digital Precoding Design for 3x5 MIMO

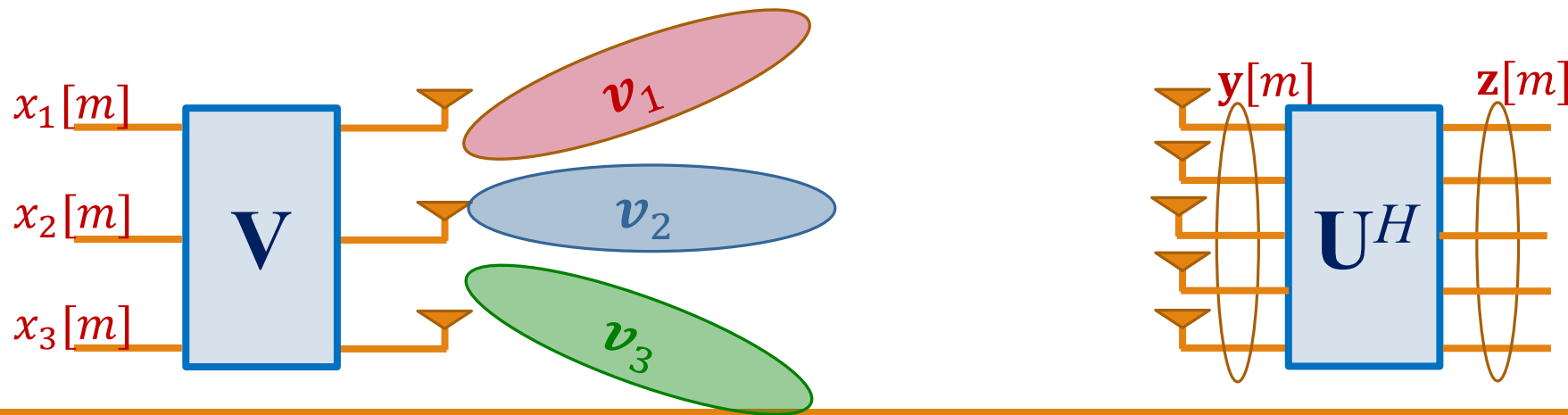
From the SVD of \mathbf{H} : $\mathbf{H} = \mathbf{U}\mathbf{\Sigma}\mathbf{V}^H = \sigma_1\mathbf{u}_1\mathbf{v}_1^H + \sigma_2\mathbf{u}_2\mathbf{v}_2^H + \sigma_3\mathbf{u}_3\mathbf{v}_3^H$

Since $\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2, \mathbf{v}_3$ are mutually orthogonal

$$\mathbf{H}\mathbf{v}_1 = (\sigma_1\mathbf{u}_1\mathbf{v}_1^H + \sigma_2\mathbf{u}_2\mathbf{v}_2^H + \sigma_3\mathbf{u}_3\mathbf{v}_3^H) \mathbf{v}_1 = \sigma_1\mathbf{u}_1$$

$$\mathbf{H}\mathbf{v}_2 = (\sigma_1\mathbf{u}_1\mathbf{v}_1^H + \sigma_2\mathbf{u}_2\mathbf{v}_2^H + \sigma_3\mathbf{u}_3\mathbf{v}_3^H) \mathbf{v}_2 = \sigma_2\mathbf{u}_2$$

$$\mathbf{H}\mathbf{v}_3 = (\sigma_1\mathbf{u}_1\mathbf{v}_1^H + \sigma_2\mathbf{u}_2\mathbf{v}_2^H + \sigma_3\mathbf{u}_3\mathbf{v}_3^H) \mathbf{v}_3 = \sigma_3\mathbf{u}_3$$



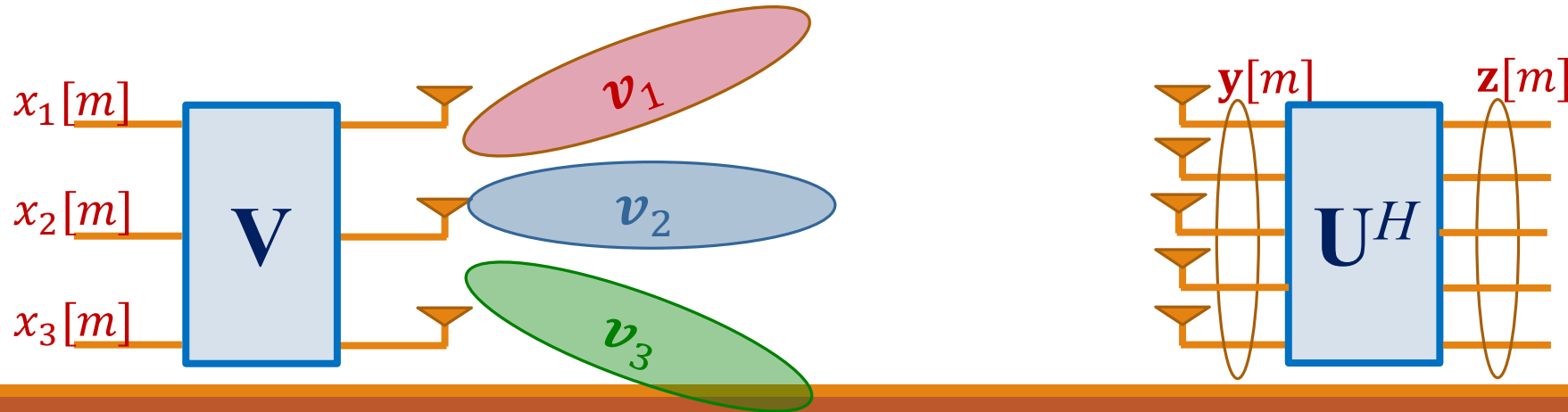
Fully Digital Precoding Design for 3x5 MIMO

$$\therefore \mathbf{y}[m] = \mathbf{H}\mathbf{s}[m] + \mathbf{w}[m]$$

$$= \mathbf{H}(\mathbf{v}_1 \cdot x_1[m] + \mathbf{v}_2 \cdot x_2[m] + \mathbf{v}_3 \cdot x_3[m]) + \mathbf{w}[m]$$

$$= \sigma_1 \mathbf{u}_1 \cdot x_1[m] + \sigma_2 \mathbf{u}_2 \cdot x_2[m] + \sigma_3 \mathbf{u}_3 \cdot x_3[m] + \mathbf{w}[m]$$

In $\mathbf{y}[m]$, $x_i[m]$ is weighted by the vector \mathbf{u}_i , $i = 1, 2, 3$



Fully Digital Precoding Design for 3x5 MIMO

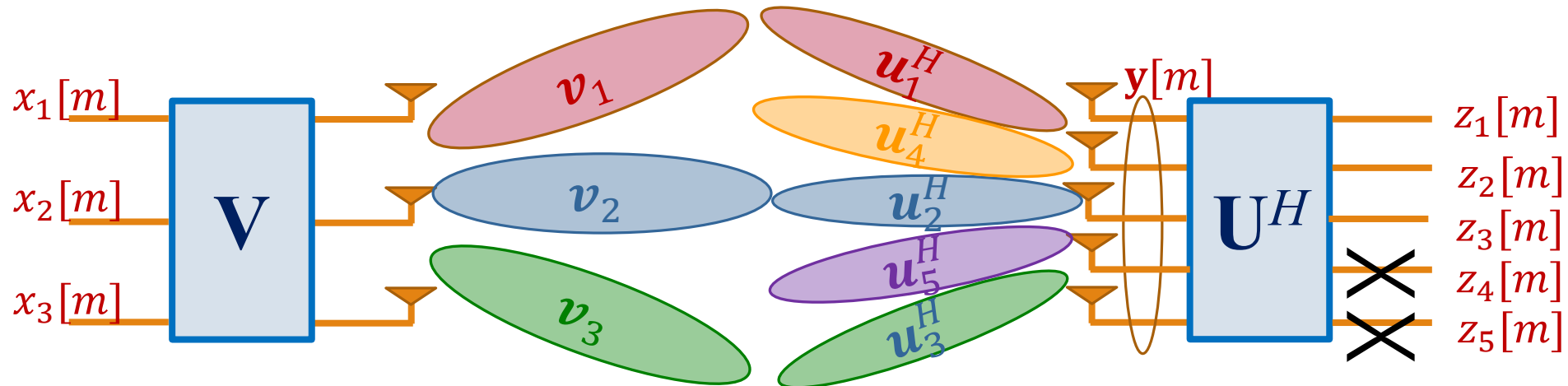
At rx, Decoder is applied :

$$\mathbf{z}[m] = \mathbf{U}^H \mathbf{y}[m]$$



$$\begin{bmatrix} z_1[m] \\ z_2[m] \\ z_3[m] \\ \cancel{z_4[m]} \\ \cancel{z_5[m]} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{u}_1^H \mathbf{y}[m] \\ \mathbf{u}_2^H \mathbf{y}[m] \\ \mathbf{u}_3^H \mathbf{y}[m] \\ \cancel{\mathbf{u}_4^H \mathbf{y}[m]} \\ \cancel{\mathbf{u}_5^H \mathbf{y}[m]} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \sigma_1 x_1[m] \\ \sigma_2 x_2[m] \\ \sigma_3 x_3[m] \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + \mathbf{U}^H \mathbf{w}[m]$$

The last two output is removed since no data is conveyed



Fully Digital Precoding Design for 5x3 MIMO

(ex) $N_t = 5, N_r = 3$

$$\because \mathbf{s}[m] = \mathbf{V}\mathbf{x}[m] = \mathbf{v}_1 \cdot x_1[m] + \mathbf{v}_2 \cdot x_2[m] + \mathbf{v}_3 \cdot x_3[m] + \mathbf{v}_4 \cdot x_4[m] + \mathbf{v}_5 \cdot x_5[m]$$

where $\mathbf{V} = [\mathbf{v}_1 \ \mathbf{v}_2 \ \mathbf{v}_3 \ \mathbf{v}_4 \ \mathbf{v}_5]$

It is equivalent to precode $x_i[m]$ using the beam $\mathbf{v}_i, i = 1,2,3$



Fully Digital Precoding Design for 5x3 MIMO

From the SVD of \mathbf{H} : $\mathbf{H} = \mathbf{U}\mathbf{\Sigma}\mathbf{V}^H = \sigma_1 \mathbf{u}_1 \mathbf{v}_1^H + \sigma_2 \mathbf{u}_2 \mathbf{v}_2^H + \sigma_3 \mathbf{u}_3 \mathbf{v}_3^H$

$$\therefore \mathbf{y}[m] = \mathbf{H}\mathbf{s}[m] + \mathbf{w}[m]$$

$$= \sigma_1 \mathbf{u}_1 \cdot x_1[m] + \sigma_2 \mathbf{u}_2 \cdot x_2[m] + \sigma_3 \mathbf{u}_3 \cdot x_3[m] + \mathbf{w}[m]$$

The last two symbols, $x_4[m]$ and $x_5[m]$, cannot be delivered, so they are removed.

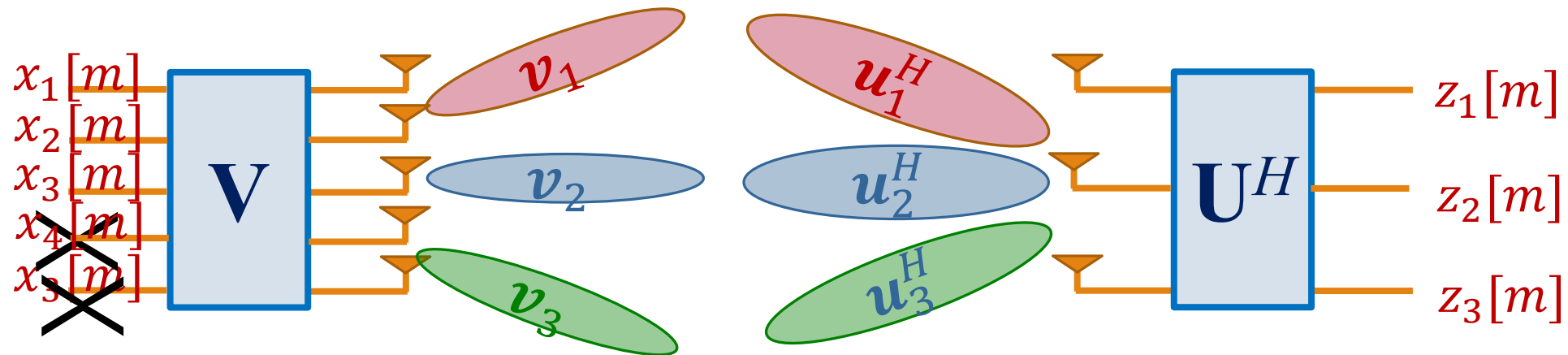


Fully Digital Precoding Design for 5x3 MIMO

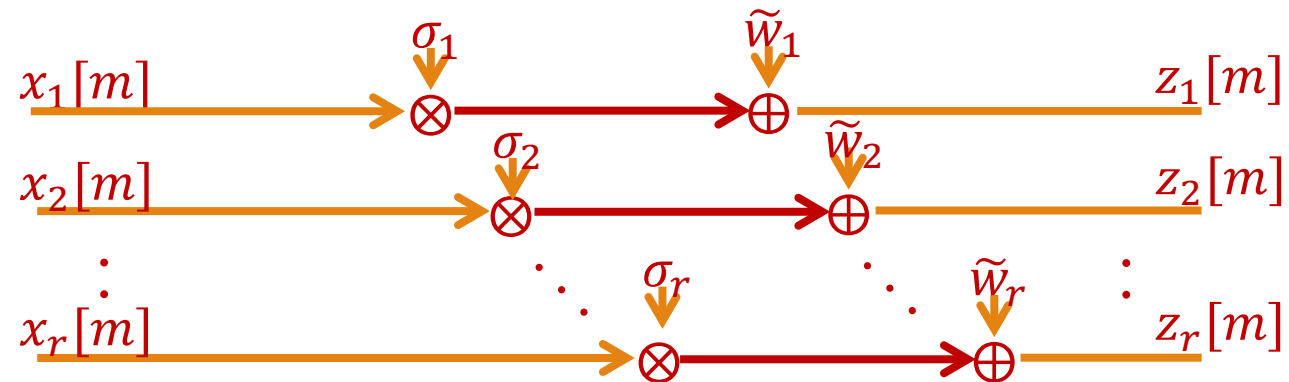
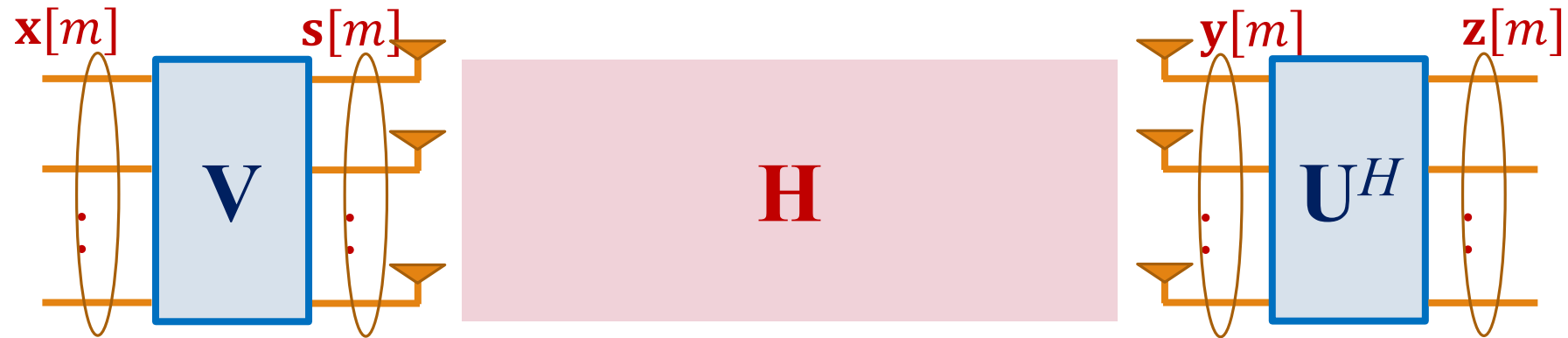
In $\mathbf{y}[m]$, $x_i[m]$ is weighted by the vector \mathbf{u}_i , $i = 1, 2, 3$

At rx, Decoder is applied :

$$\mathbf{z}[m] = \mathbf{U}^H \mathbf{y}[m] \iff \begin{bmatrix} z_1[m] \\ z_2[m] \\ z_3[m] \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{u}_1^H \mathbf{y}[m] \\ \mathbf{u}_2^H \mathbf{y}[m] \\ \mathbf{u}_3^H \mathbf{y}[m] \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \sigma_1 x_1[m] \\ \sigma_2 x_2[m] \\ \sigma_3 x_3[m] \end{bmatrix} + \mathbf{U}^H \mathbf{w}[m]$$



Fully Digital Precoding Design

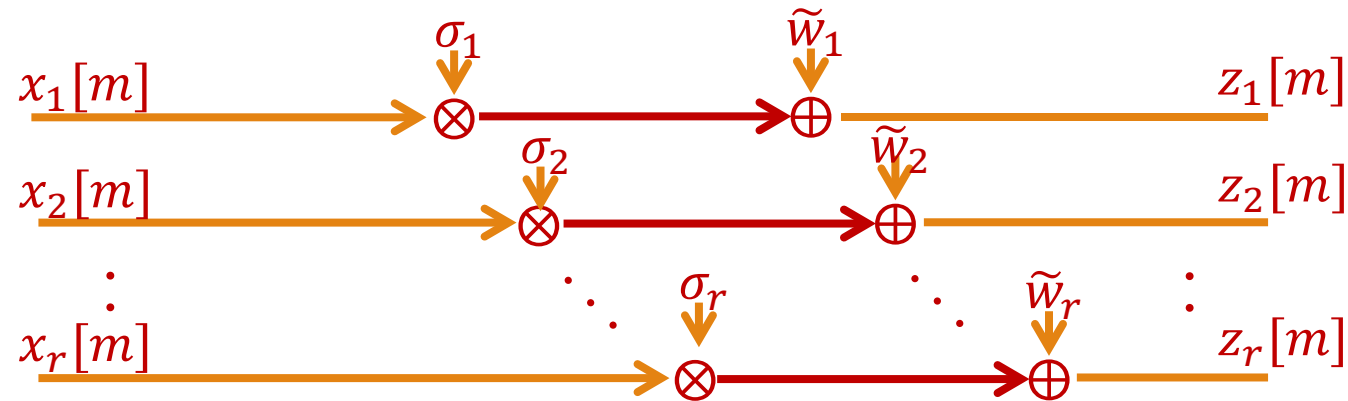


Fully Digital Precoding Design

$$z_i[m] = \sigma_i x_i[m] + \tilde{w}_i[m], \text{ for } i = 1, 2, \dots, r = \text{rank}(\mathbf{H})$$

- ✓ To enhance reliability, set $x_i[m] = x[m], \forall i$
- ✓ To achieve highest rate, send indep. data on each channel

$$\mathbf{R}_x = \text{diag}(E_1, E_2, \dots, E_r)$$



Capacity of MIMO Channel – Perfect CSIT

- With full CSI at tx, $\{E_i\}$ can be designed to maximize achievable rate of the MIMO channel

$$\max_{\{E_i\}} \sum_{i=1}^r \log \left(1 + \frac{E_i}{N_0} \sigma_i^2 \right)$$

- ✓ $\{E_i\}$ satisfy the power constraint :

$$\text{tr}(\mathbf{R}_x) = E_1 + E_2 + \dots + E_r \leq E_s$$

- ✓ Use the method of Lagrange multiplier find the solution

- The optimal power allocation is :

$$E_i^* = \left(\mu - \frac{N_0}{\sigma_i^2} \right)^+$$

- ✓ $(x)^+ \triangleq \max(x, 0)$

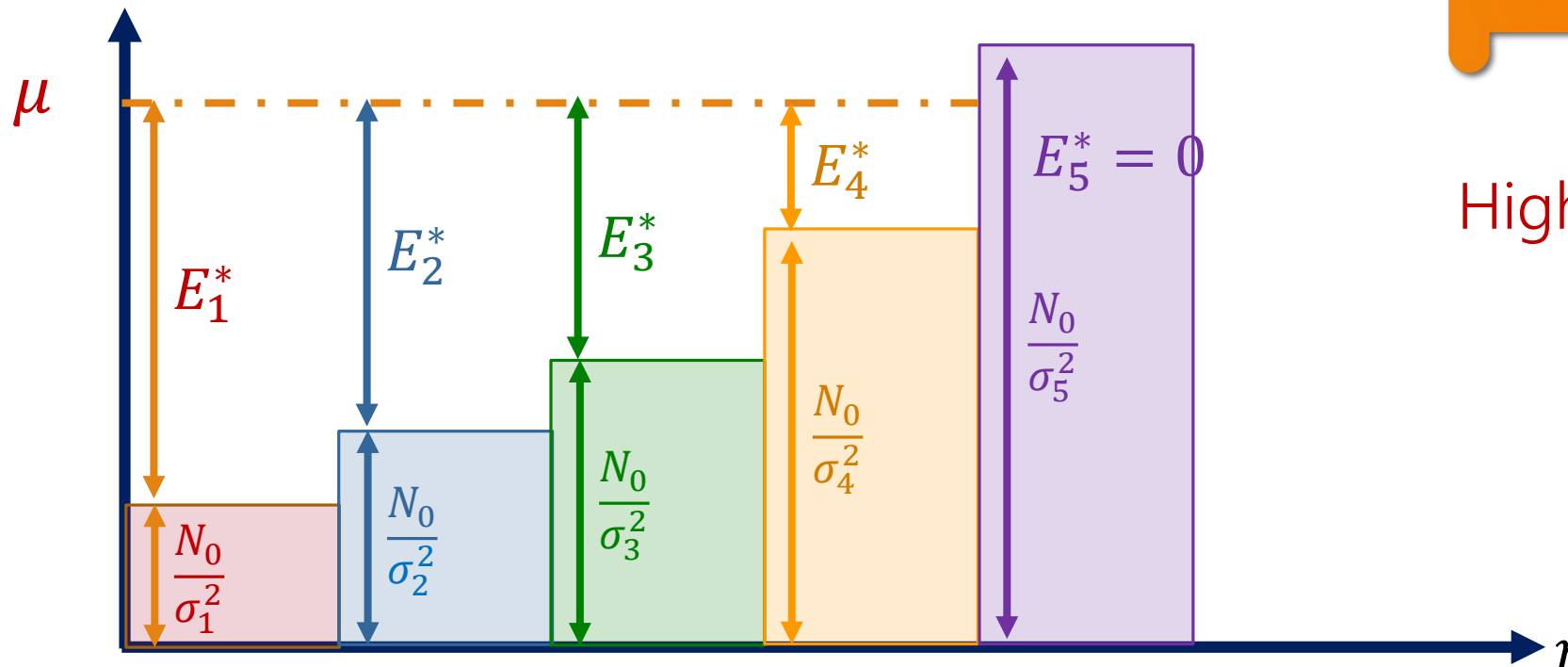
- ✓ The value of μ is set to satisfies the power constraint :

$$E_1^* + E_2^* + \dots + E_r^* \leq E_s$$

Capacity of MIMO Channel – Perfect CSIT

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Water-filling
Solution

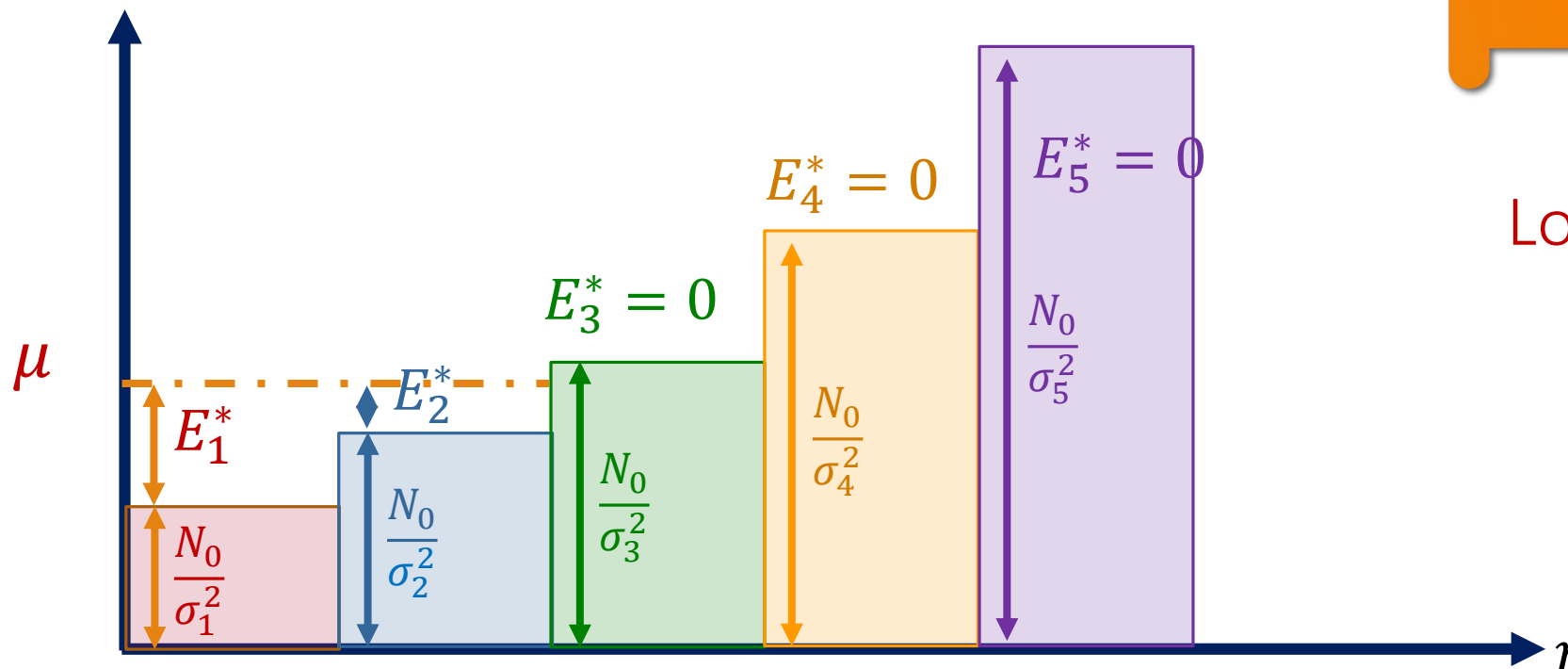
High SNR Case

Capacity of MIMO Channel – Perfect CSIT

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Water-filling
Solution



Low SNR Case

Capacity of MIMO Channel – Perfect CSIT

The optimal power allocation is :

$$E_i^* = \left(\mu - \frac{N_0}{\sigma_i^2} \right)^+$$

- ✓ Water-filling solution
- ✓ At low SNR, it tends to allocate all power to the best channel
- ✓ At high SNR, it tends to evenly allocate power

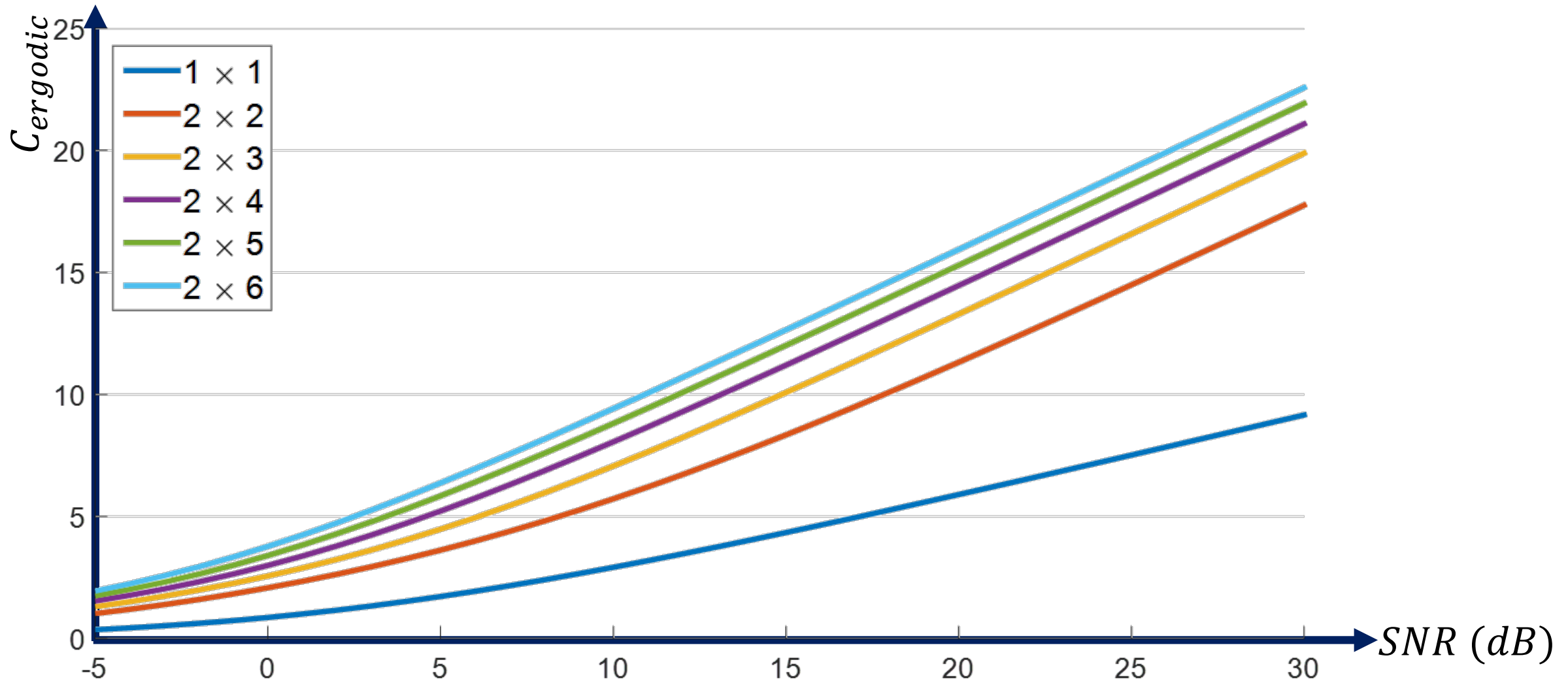
With CSI at tx, capacity of MIMO channel is

$$C = \sum_{i=1}^r \log \left(1 + \frac{E_i^*}{N_0} \sigma_i^2 \right)$$

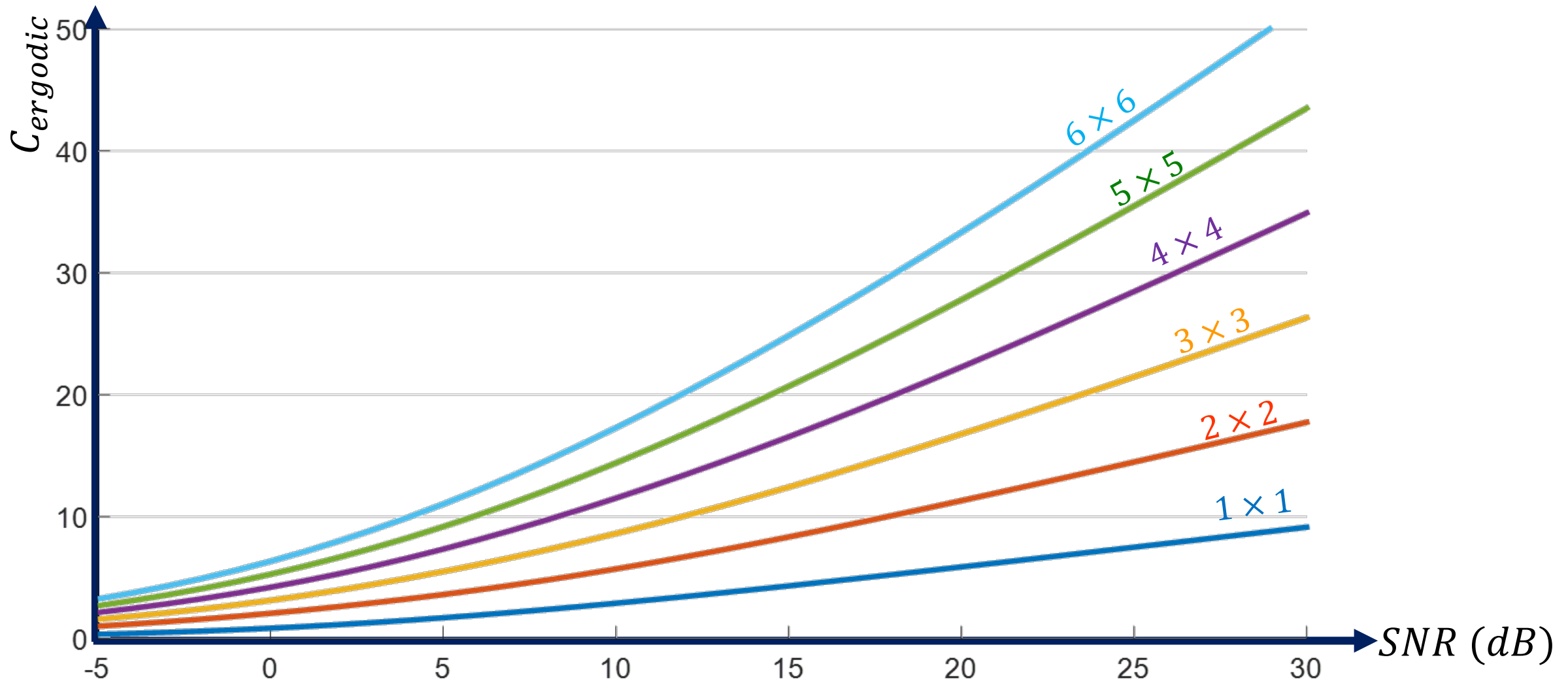
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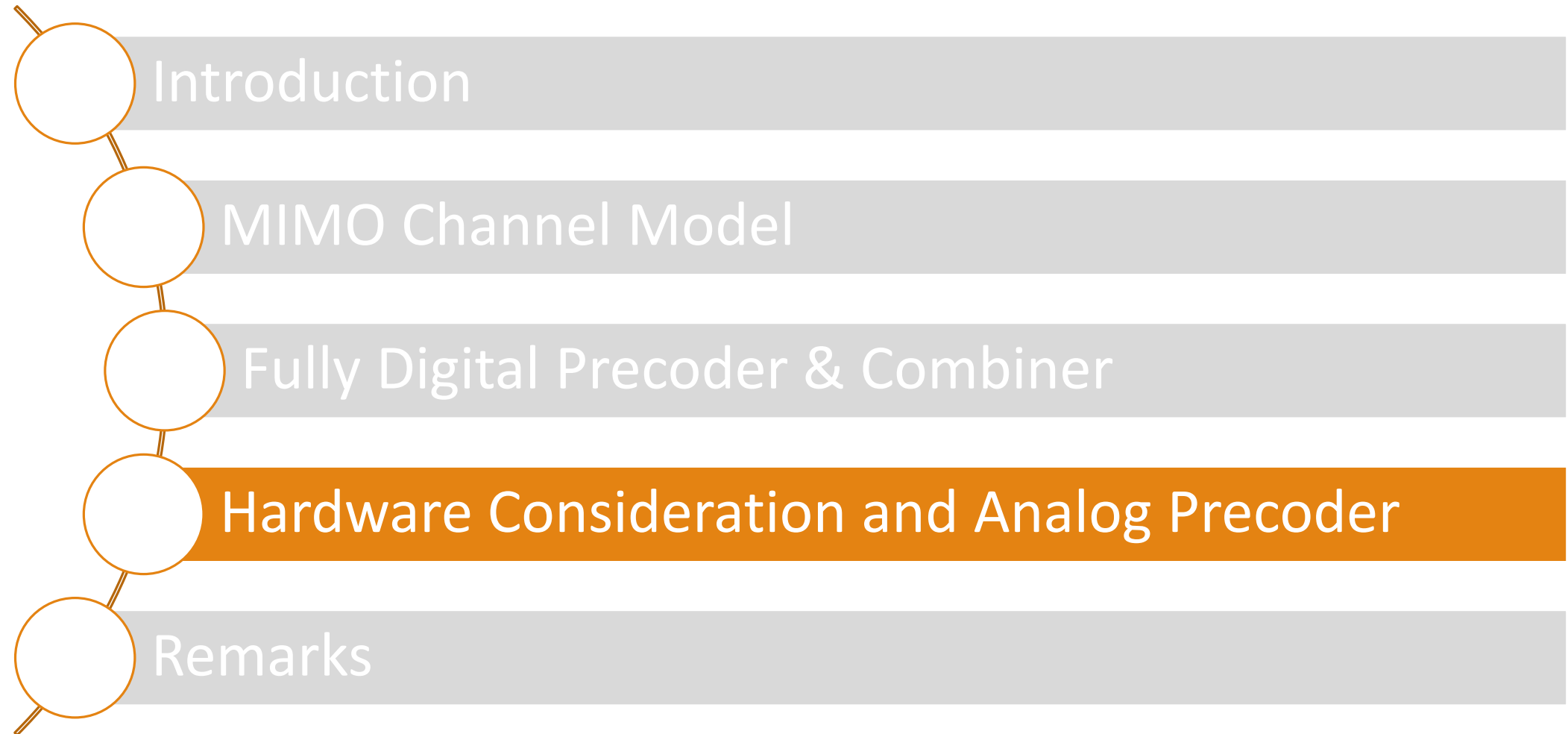
$$E_1^* + E_2^* + \cdots + E_r^* \leq E_s$$

Capacity of MIMO Channel – Perfect CSIT

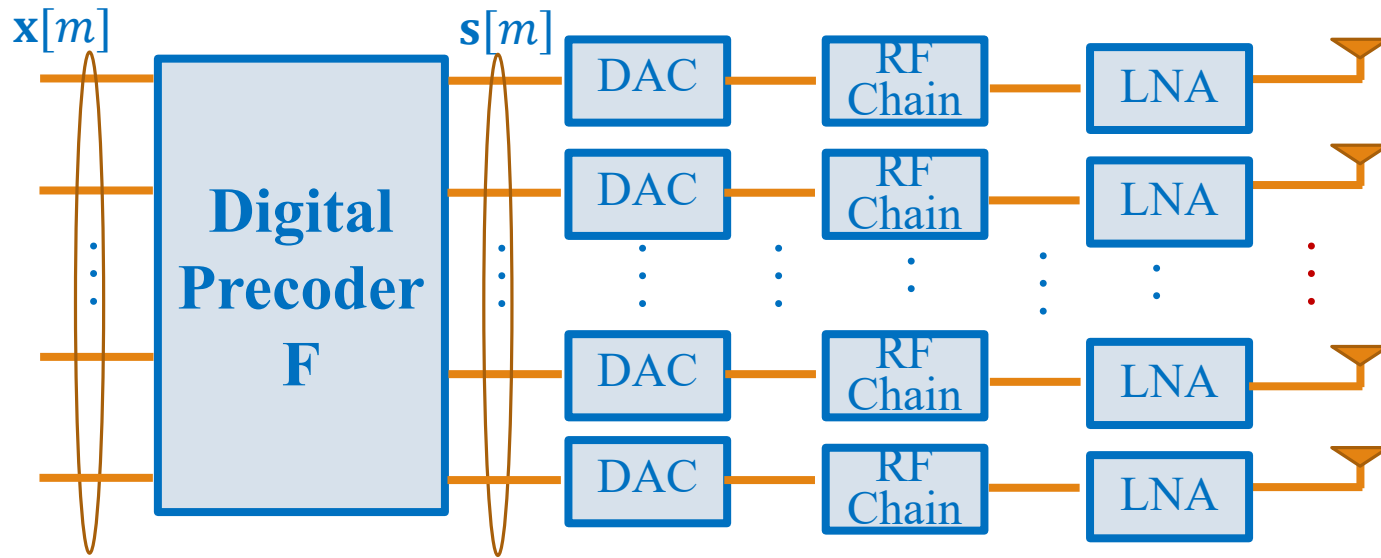


Capacity of MIMO Channel – Perfect CSIT





Fully Digital Precoder at MIMO Transmitter



Given **SVD** of channel matrix $\mathbf{H} = \mathbf{U}\mathbf{\Sigma}\mathbf{V}^H$,
the optimal precoding matrix is $\mathbf{F}_{\text{opt}} = \mathbf{V}$

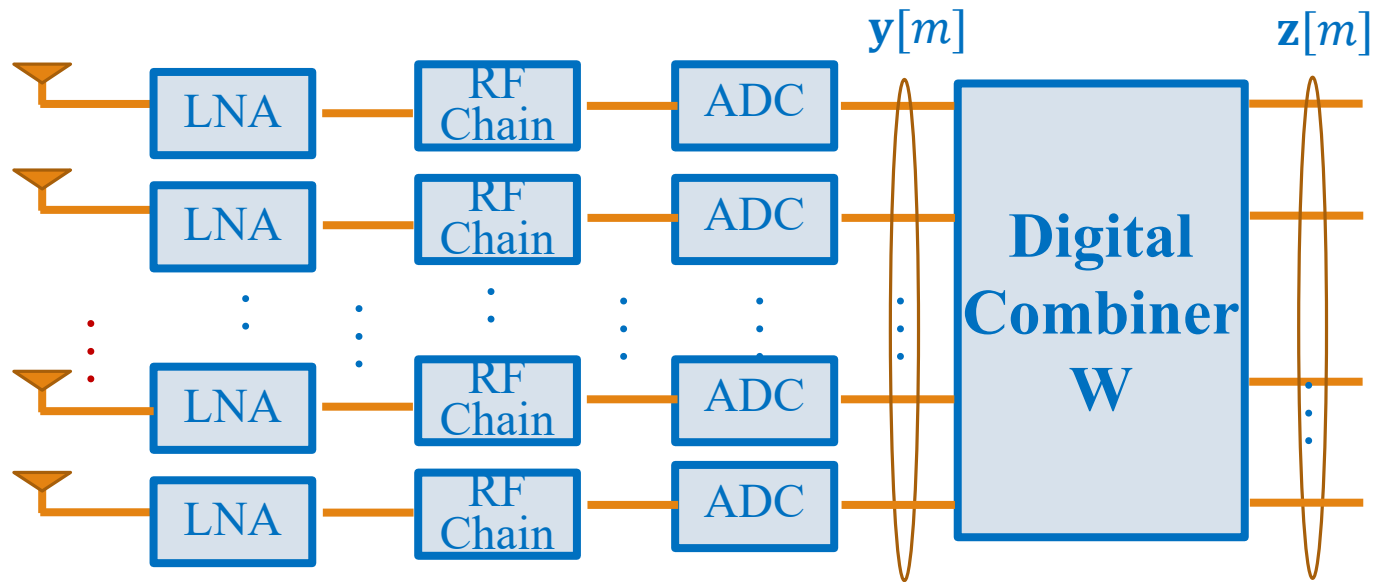
DAC : Digital to Analog Converter
DAC converts digital signal to an analog waveform

RF Chain:

RF= Radio Frequency
RF Chain up-convert baseband signal to a passband signal with a desired carrier frequency

LNA : Low Noise Amplifier
LNA amplifies the signal

Fully Digital Combiner at MIMO Receiver



LNA : Low Noise Amplifier

RF Chain:

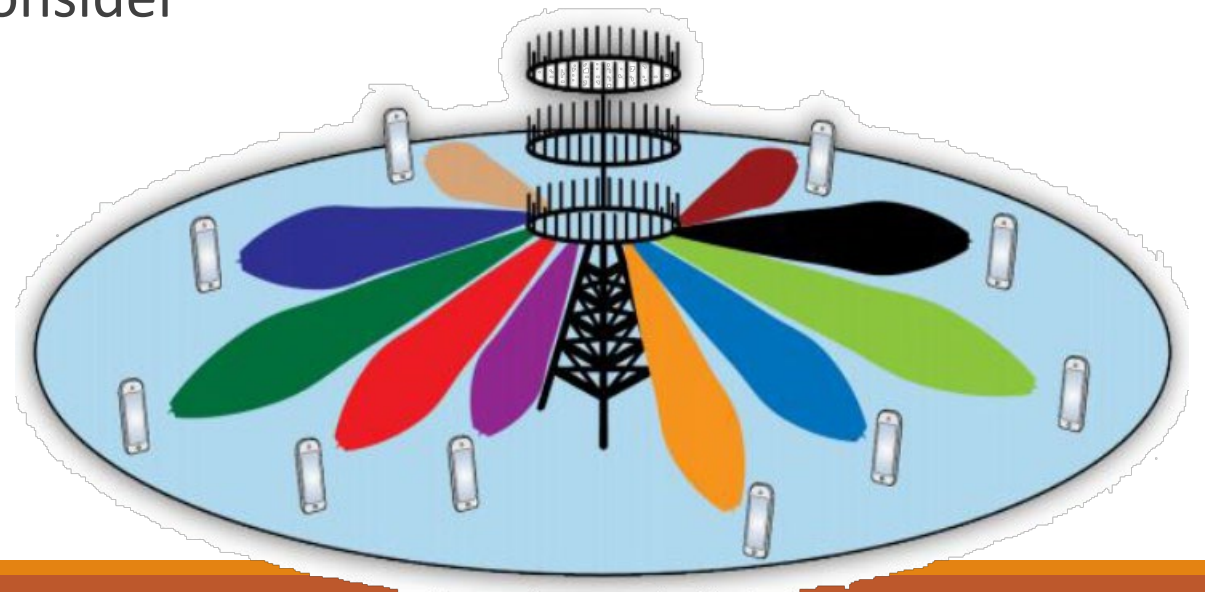
RF= Radio Frequency
RF Chain down-convert passband signal to a baseband waveform

ADC : Analog to Digital Converter
ADC converts analog signal to a digital stream

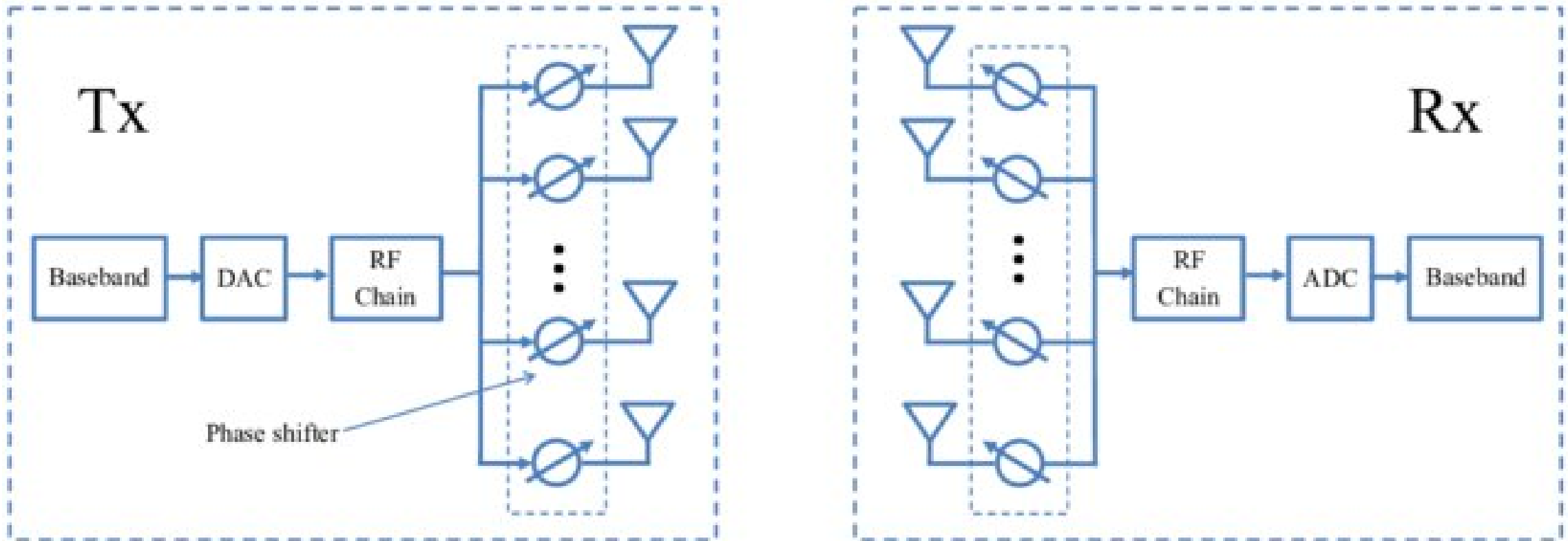
Given **SVD** of channel matrix $\mathbf{H} = \mathbf{U}\mathbf{\Sigma}\mathbf{V}^H$,
the optimal combining matrix is $\mathbf{W}_{\text{opt}} = \mathbf{U}^H$

Challenges of Precoding in Massive MIMO

- In Massive MIMO systems with fully digital precoder / combiner
- Number of RF chains, ADCs/DACs and LNAs is identical to Number of antennas
 1. The cost of RF chains and ADCs/DACs are higher especially for mmWave devices
 2. It demands more volume to allocate numerous circuits of RF chain and ADC/DAC
- To tackle the challenges, we may consider
 - Analog beamforming
 - Hybrid Precoder/ Combiner



Analog Beamforming at Tx and Rx

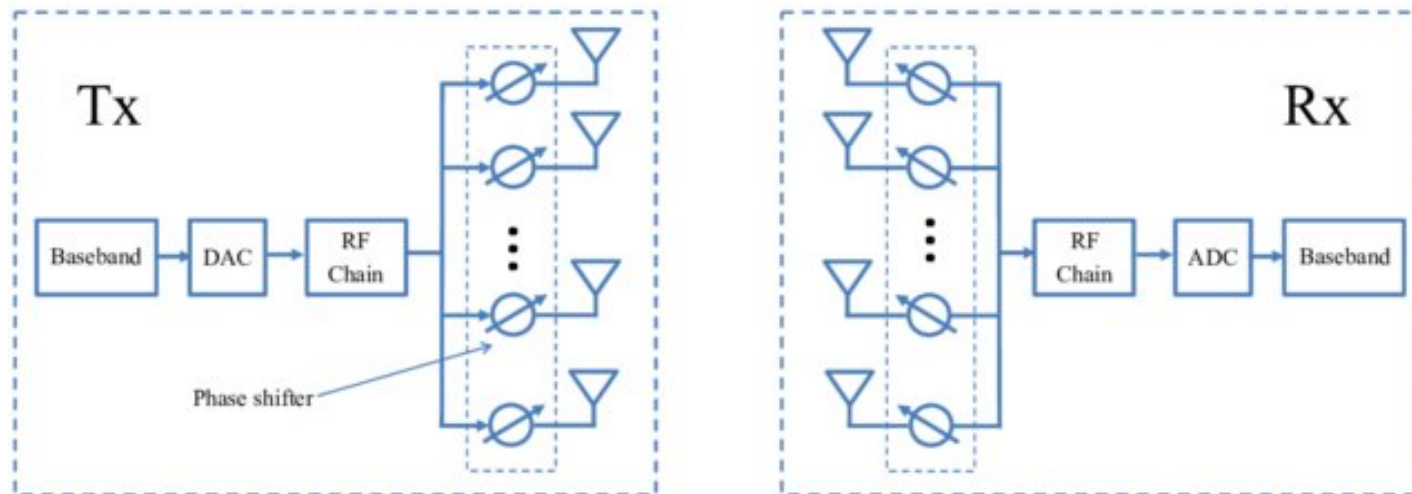


Analog Beamforming at Tx and Rx

Baseband received signal

$$y[m] = \mathbf{w}^H \mathbf{H} \mathbf{f} x[m] + n[m]$$

- ✓ Analog beamforming vector $\mathbf{f} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{N_t}} [e^{j\phi_1} \quad e^{j\phi_2} \quad \dots \quad e^{j\phi_{N_t}}]^T$
- ✓ Analog combining vector $\mathbf{w} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{N_r}} [e^{j\phi_1} \quad e^{j\phi_2} \quad \dots \quad e^{j\phi_{N_r}}]^T$



Analog Beamforming at Tx and Rx

The vector \mathbf{f} and \mathbf{w} is designed to maximize SNR

$$(\mathbf{f}^{(\text{opt})}, \mathbf{w}^{(\text{opt})}) = \operatorname{argmax} |\mathbf{w}^H \mathbf{H} \mathbf{f}|^2$$

$$\text{s.t. } |f_i| = 1/\sqrt{N_t}, i = 1, 2, \dots, N_t$$

$$|w_i| = 1/\sqrt{N_r}, i = 1, 2, \dots, N_r$$

- ✓ If there is no modulus constraint, the optimal solution is

$$\mathbf{f}^{(\text{opt})} = \mathbf{V}(:, 1)$$

$$\mathbf{w}^{(\text{opt})} = \mathbf{U}(:, 1)$$

- ✓ Matrices \mathbf{U} and \mathbf{V} are singular matrices of the channel matrix $\mathbf{H} = \mathbf{U}\mathbf{\Sigma}\mathbf{V}^H$

Analog Beamforming at Tx and Rx

Under mmWave channel model

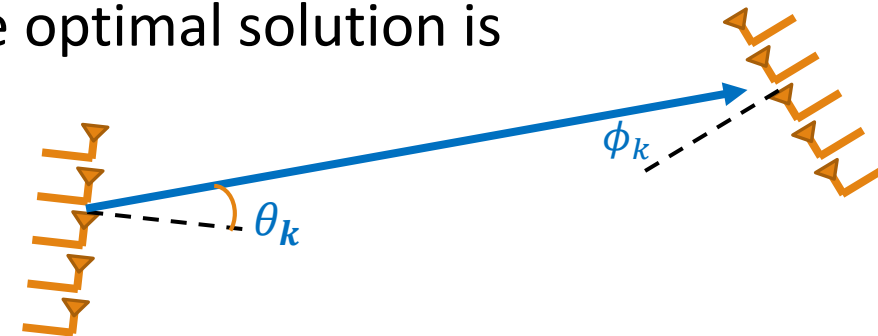
$$\mathbf{H} = \sqrt{PL^{-1} \cdot \psi} \sum_{\ell=0}^L \alpha_{\ell} \mathbf{a}_r(\phi_{\ell}) \mathbf{a}_t^H(\theta_{\ell})$$

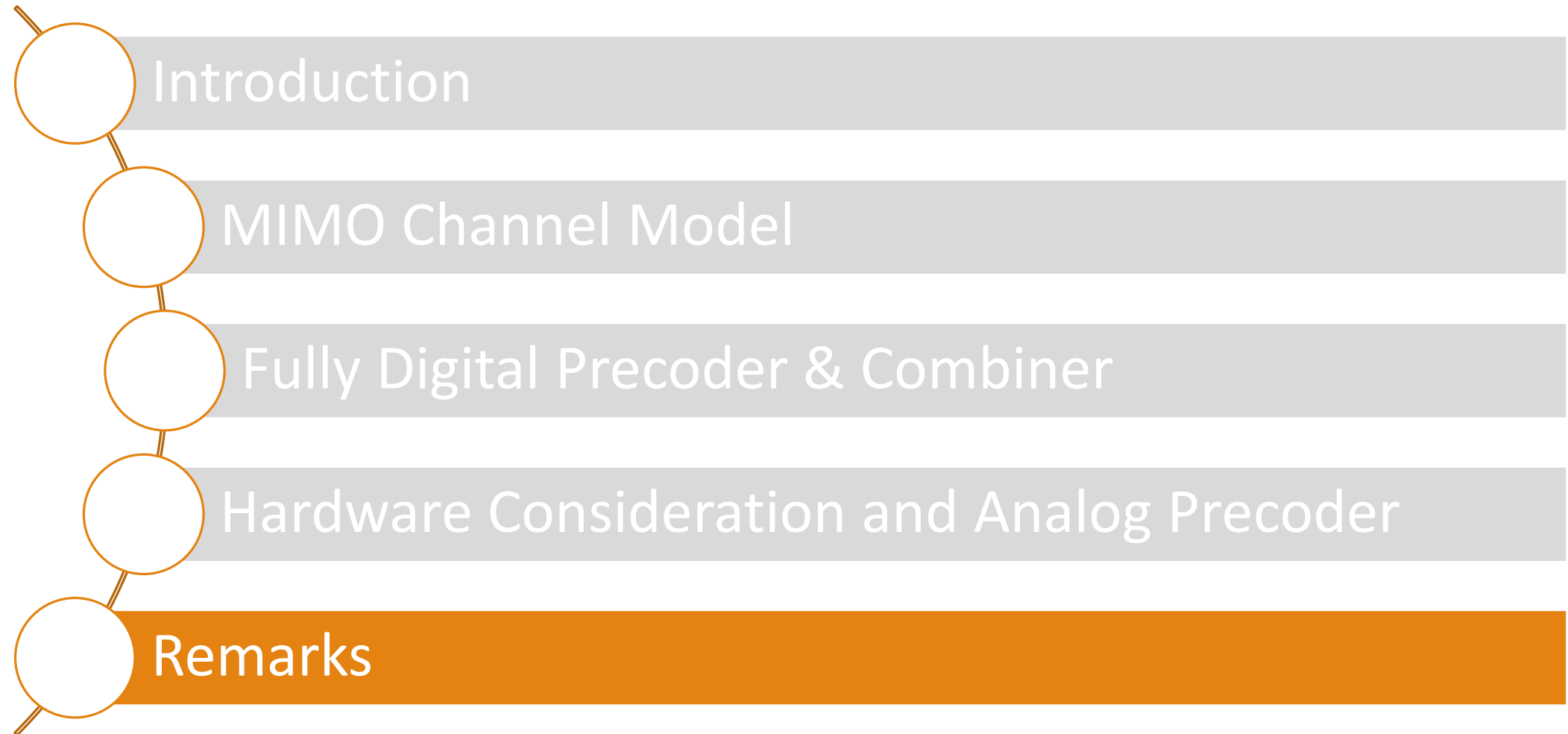
- ✓ $\mathbf{a}_t(\theta) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{N_t}} [1 \quad \exp(j\frac{2\pi}{\lambda}d_t \sin \theta) \quad \exp(j\frac{2\pi}{\lambda}2d_t \sin \theta) \quad \cdots \quad \exp(j\frac{2\pi}{\lambda}(N_t - 1)d_t \sin \theta)]^T$
- ✓ $\mathbf{a}_r(\phi) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{N_r}} [1 \quad \exp(j\frac{2\pi}{\lambda}d_r \sin \phi) \quad \exp(j\frac{2\pi}{\lambda}2d_r \sin \phi) \quad \cdots \quad \exp(j\frac{2\pi}{\lambda}(N_r - 1)d_r \sin \phi)]^T$
- ✓ If N_t and N_r are very large, it is proven that the optimal solution is

$$\mathbf{f}^{(\text{opt})} = \mathbf{a}_t(\theta_k)$$

$$\mathbf{w}^{(\text{opt})} = \mathbf{a}_r(\phi_k)$$

where k is selected from $k = \arg \max_{\ell} |\alpha_{\ell}|$





Remarks

- MIMO systems exploit spatial diversity and multiplexing gain effectively
- With perfect CSI, fully digital precoder and combiner are obtained from the SVD of the channel matrix
- If tx and rx have a single RF, analog precoder/ combiner can exploit array gain to enhance received SNR