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# **Today's Speaker**

# **Dr. Xing Ouyang** Tyndall National Institute, Ireland

Xing Ouyang is a Research Fellow at the Tyndall National Institute and University College Cork, Ireland. Xing completed his Ph.D. thesis in 2017 from the Photonic Systems Group of the SFI Irish Photonics Integration Centre led by Prof. Paul Townsend in Ireland.

His current research interest includes information theory, advanced modulation formats such as OCDM and OFDM and DSP techniques for communication and radar, high speed wireless and optical systems. His work on the orthogonal chirp division multiplexing waveform has helped him to secure a start-up grant for the "ChirpComm" initiative. Xing has recently secured a prestigious Starting and Consolidator Laureate Award from the Irish Research Council to further advance his ChirpComm technology.







#### **Emerging Waveform Technology for 6G Optical and Wireless Access**

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- ➤ A Brief History
- Waveform Modulation Technologies

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# **A Brief Outlook for Future Connected World**





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# **Future Optical and Wireless Access Networks**



Looking for A Flexible and Versatile **Signal Modulation Technology as the Unified Air Interface** enabling the so-called **Ubiquitous Connectivity** for Everyone, Everything, Anytime, and Anywhere

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M. A. Uusitalo et al., "Hexa-X The European 6G flagship project," 2021 EuCNC/6G Summit, Porto, Portugal, 2021, pp. 580-585.

# How to Modulate Information onto Waveform (1/3) Tyndall

# Historically ...



Samuel Morse, US Patent: US1647A, 1840.

#### International Morse Code

The length of a dot is one unit.
 A dash is three units.
 The space between parts of the same letter is one unit.
 The space between letters is three units.
 The space between works is seven units.





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# How to Modulate Information onto Waveform (2/3) Vindal

#### **Beginning of Modern Communications** ...

Certain Topics in Telegraph Transmission Theory

BY H. NYQUIST<sup>1</sup> Member, A. I. E. E.

Synopsis.—The most obvious method for determining the distortion of telegraph signals is to calculate the transients of the telegraph system. This method has been treated by various writers, and solutions are available for telegraph lines with simple terminal conditions. It is well known that the extension of the same methods to more complicated terminal conditions, which represent the usual terminal apparatus, leads to great difficulties.

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standpoint of the steady-state characteristics of the system. This method has the advantage over the method of transients that the complication of the circuit which results from the use of terminal

Harry Nyquist, Trans. of the AIEE 47(2): 617-644, 1928.



A discussion is given of the minimum frequency range required for transmission at a given speed of signaling. In the case of carrier telegraphy, this discussion includes a comparison of single-sideband and double-sideband transmission. A number of incidental topics is also discussed.

No. 3

$$C = W \log \frac{P+N}{N}$$



Vol. XXVII

July, 1948

A Mathematical Theory of Communication

By C. E. SHANNON

Claude E. Shannon, Bell System Technical Journal 27(4): 623-656, 1948.





In this figure, the criterion of distortionless transmission is that the width or duration of each signal element at the mean-value point should be uddistorted

a and c represent real shape factors which produce a non-distorting wave,—b and d shape factors which may be added without producing distortion, the former representing an imaginary and the latter a real value

**Theorem 13:** Let f(t) contain no frequencies over W. Then

$$f(t) = \sum_{-\infty}^{\infty} X_n \frac{\sin \pi (2Wt - n)}{\pi (2Wt - n)}$$

where

$$X_n = f\left(\frac{n}{2\overline{W}}\right).$$

# How to Modulate Information onto Waveform (3/3) Tyndall

# Block Diagram of a Communication System Information Transmitter Channel Source Channel Image: Channel Noise Noise Noise





Information

Destination

# **Understanding the Channel**



#### **Channel Model**



# **Evolution of Wireless Systems**



The World Bank <u>https://data.worldbank.org/indicator/IT.CEL.SETS.P2</u> Ericsson Mobility Report 2022: https://www.ericsson.com/en/reports-and-papers/mobility-report

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David Richardson, "Space-division multiplexing in optical fibres," *Nat Photon*, **7**, 354–362 (2013).

# **Digital Modulation Technologies**



#### **□** Fundamental Dimensions available for encoding information

- ≻ Time
- Frequency
- ➢ Space
- Polarization
- ➤ Code

#### Time 🗇 Frequency

#### **Digital Signal Modulation**



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## **Chirps are Everywhere**



70-65-60-55-50-



Periodicity in Perspective





Echolocation, Studying Bats, National Park Service

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# **Chirps for Radar and Communications**

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The Theory and Design of Chirp Radars

By J. R. KLAUDER, A. C. PRICE, S. DARLINGTON and W. J. ALBERSHEIM

(Manuscript received April 5, 1960)

R. Klauder, J. R., et al. "The theory and design of chirp radars." *Bell System Technical Journal*, **39**(4): 745-808, 1960.

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Demodulation of Wideband, Low-Power FM Signals\*

JANUARY 1964

By SIDNEY DARLINGTON (Manuscript received October 3, 1963)

Sidney Darlington, "Demodulation of wideband low-power FM signals," *Bell System Technical Journal*, **43**(1p2): 339-374, (1964).



#### Fig. 5 — Frequency conversion.

#### □ Applications

- Communications
- ➤ Localization
- > Telemetry
- Military

# **Towards Orthogonality ...? (1/3)**



#### □ Fresnel Diffraction



$$r = \sqrt{(\eta - x)^{2} + (\xi - y)^{2} + z^{2}}$$
  
=  $\sqrt{\rho^{2} + z^{2}}$   
=  $z \left(1 + \frac{\rho^{2}}{z}\right)^{\frac{1}{2}}$   
=  $z + \frac{\rho^{2}}{2z} - \frac{\rho^{4}}{8z^{3}} + \cdots$ 

$$E(\eta,\xi,z) = \frac{1}{i\lambda} \iint_{-\infty}^{+\infty} E(x,y,0) e^{i\frac{2\pi}{\lambda}r} \frac{z}{r^2} dx dy$$

$$E(\eta,\xi,z) \approx \frac{e^{i\frac{2\pi}{\lambda}z}}{i\lambda z} \iint_{-\infty}^{+\infty} E(x,y,0) e^{i\frac{\pi}{\lambda z}\rho^2} dx dy$$

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# **Towards Orthogonality ...? (2/3)**



#### □ Fresnel Diffraction to Talbot Effect



$$E(\eta, z) = \frac{e^{i\frac{2\pi}{\lambda}z}}{i\lambda z} \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} E(x, 0)e^{i\frac{\pi}{\lambda z}(\eta - x)^2} dx$$

$$E_{\mathrm{T}}(\eta, z) = \frac{e^{i\frac{2\pi}{\lambda}z}}{i\lambda z} \sum_{m} \int_{-\frac{d}{2}}^{+\frac{d}{2}} E(x, 0) e^{i\frac{\pi}{\lambda z}(\eta - x - md)^2} dx$$

Rayleigh's definition of Talbot distance:

$$Z_T = \frac{2d^2}{\lambda}, \qquad \lambda \ll d$$

H. F. Talbot, "Facts relating to optical science. No. IV," *Philosophical Magazine Series 3*, **9**(56): 401-407, (1836) Lord Rayleigh, "On copying diffraction-gratings, and on some phenomena connected therewith," *Philosophical Magazine Series 5* **11**(67): 196-205, (1881). John T. Winthrop and C. R. Worthington, "Theory of Fresnel Images. I. Plane Periodic Objects in Monochromatic Light," *J. Opt. Soc. Am.* **55**, 373-381 (1965)

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# **Towards Orthogonality ...? (3/3)**

#### What we want from Fresnel transform

F. Gori

#### CHAPTER TEN

#### Why is the Fresnel **Transform So Little** Known?

#### 10.1. INTRODUCTION

Fresnel diffraction integrals are customarily evaluated by nearly everyone working in optics. Nevertheless, they are seldom classified under the heading of the Fresnel transform. In other words, the Fresnel transform, thought of as a mathematical tool, is not very well known. Let us make a comparison with the use of the Fourier transform, whose theory is generally well known. As repeatedly experienced by anyone dealing with Fourier analysis, a handful of theorems can often save considerable labour and give a clear insight into a problem. A certain knowledge of the Fresnel transform theory could afford similar advantages. Yet, while most optics textbooks furnish some materia on the Fourier transform, they hardly do the same for the Fresnel transform. Generally speaking, they do not even mention it.

There are of course reasons for this state of affairs. From a mathematical standpoint, it could be said: "The Fresnel transform is nothing else than the result of a suitable filtering operation on the Fourier spectrum. Hence, there is no need to give it a special status". Although the premise is correct, the conclusion is questionable. Indeed, by the same token, we could dispose of the Fourier transform itself because it is a particular case of the (bilateral) Laplace transform. Obviously enough, the knowledge of theorems that directly apply to the Fresnel transform is more practical and useful than an indirect deduction of results via Fourier theory. In addition, only in certain papers is the connection with the Fourier transform actually exploited. Another objection that could be raised against the study of the Fresnel transform theory is: "Much of the usefulness of Fourier analysis stems from the existence of extensive tables where the Fourier transforms of very many functions can be found. This makes it easy to apply Fourier theory and generally gives rise to closed form results. The situation is much worse with the Fresnel transform whose closed form expression is known for a few functions only". Such an objection probably explains the real origin of the lack of interest for the Fresnel transform. Indeed even a simple function such as rect(x) requires the use of special functions (the

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#### 10.3. THEOREMS AND EXAMPLES

Several theorems on the Fresnel transform can be mentioned (Table 10.1). A few words about notations are in order. The symbol \* between two functions stands for convolution defined in the usual manner, i.e.,

#### Table 10.1 Theorems

(1) Convolution	$\delta_{\alpha} \left\{ f \ast g \right\}(x) = \left( \hat{f}_{\alpha} \ast g \right)(x) = \left( f \ast \hat{g}_{\alpha} \right)(x)$
(2) Correlation	$\delta_{\alpha} \Big\{ f \otimes g \Big\}(x) = \Big( \hat{f}_{\alpha} \otimes g \Big)(x) = \Big( f(\xi) * \hat{g}_{-\alpha}^*(-\xi) \Big)(x)$
(3) Derivative	$\tilde{u}_{\alpha}\left\{\frac{\mathrm{d}f}{\mathrm{d}\xi}\right\}(x) = \frac{\mathrm{d}\hat{f}_{\alpha}}{\mathrm{d}x}$
(4) Integral	$\delta_{\alpha}\left\{\int f(\xi)\mathrm{d}\xi\right\}(x) = \int \hat{f}_{\alpha}(x)\mathrm{d}x$
(5) Shift	$\delta_{\alpha}\left\{f(\xi)\mathrm{e}^{iK\xi}\right\}(x) = \exp\left(iKx - i\frac{K^2}{4\pi\alpha}\right)\hat{f}_{\alpha}\left(x - \frac{K}{2\pi\alpha}\right)$
(6) Scaling	$\delta_{\alpha} \left\{ f \left( \frac{\xi}{D} \right) \right\} (x) = \delta_{\alpha D^2} \left[ f \right] \left( \frac{x}{D} \right)$
(7) Cylinder	$\delta_{\alpha}\left\{f(\xi)e^{\pi\beta\xi^{2}}\right\}(x) = \sqrt{\frac{\alpha}{\alpha+\beta}}\exp\left(\pi i\frac{\alpha\beta}{\alpha+\beta}x^{2}\right)\hat{f}_{\alpha+\beta}\left(\frac{\alpha x}{\alpha+\beta}\right)$
(8) x-product	$\delta_{\alpha} \left\{ \xi f(\xi) \right\}(x) = x \hat{f}_{\alpha}(x) + \frac{i}{2\pi \alpha} \frac{\mathrm{d} \hat{f}_{\alpha}}{\mathrm{d} x}$
(9) Correlation in	variance $(f \otimes g)(x) = (\hat{f}_{\alpha} \otimes \hat{g}_{\alpha})(x)$
(10) Parseval	$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \left  f(x) \right ^2 \mathrm{d}x = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \left  \hat{f}_{\alpha}(x) \right ^2 \mathrm{d}x$
(11) Sampling	If $f(x) = 0$ for $ x  > x_0$ then
	$\hat{f}_{\alpha}(x) = e^{\pi i \alpha x^2} \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} \hat{f}_{\alpha}\left(\frac{n}{2x_0  \alpha }\right) \exp\left[-\pi i \alpha \left(\frac{n}{2x_0 \alpha}\right)^2\right] \operatorname{sinc}(2x_0  \alpha  x - n)$

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- D. P. Kelly, "Numerical calculation of the Fresnel transform," (in English), J. Opt. Soc. Am. A-Opt. Image Sci. Vis., 31(4): 755-64, (2014)
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- Etc.

#### Desired Properties

- Orthogonality
- Convolution
- > Duality
- Discrete Transformation
- Etc.

F. Gori, "Why is the Fresnel transform so little known?," in Current Trends in Optics, Academic Press, 1994, pp. 139-148.

### **Discrete Fresnel Transform**



Xing Ouyang, et al., "Discrete Fresnel Transform and Its Circular Convolution," arXiv:1510.00574v1, 2015.



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# **Discrete Fresnel Transform – Cont'd**



#### □ From Continuous to Discrete

Periodicity <> Discretization

➤ Time ⇔ Frequency



 $\hat{s}_T(\eta) = s(\eta) * \amalg_d(t)$ 

$$(5) = \frac{e^{-i\frac{\pi}{4}}}{\sqrt{N}} \sum_{n=0}^{N} \begin{cases} s\left(n\frac{d}{N}\right) e^{i\frac{\pi}{d^2/N}\left(\eta - n\frac{d}{N}\right)^2} & N \equiv 0 \pmod{2} \\ s\left(\left(n + \frac{1}{2}\right)\frac{d}{N}\right) e^{i\frac{\pi}{d^2/N}\left(\eta - \left(n - \frac{1}{2}\right)\frac{d}{N}\right)^2} & N \equiv 1 \pmod{2} \end{cases}$$

Set  $\eta = k \frac{d}{N}$ Then we get the Discrete Fresnel Transform:

$$\hat{s}_T(k) = \frac{e^{-i\frac{\pi}{4}}}{\sqrt{N}} \sum_{n=0}^N s\left(n\frac{d}{N}\right) \times \begin{cases} e^{i\frac{\pi}{N}(k-n)^2} & N \equiv 0 \pmod{2} \\ e^{i\frac{\pi}{N}\left(k-n+\frac{1}{2}\right)^2} & N \equiv 1 \pmod{2} \end{cases}$$

Xing Ouyang, et al., "Discrete Fresnel Transform and Its Circular Convolution," arXiv:1510.00574v1, 2015.

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# **Discrete Fresnel Transform – Cont'd**

Discrete Fresnel Transform (DFnT)

$$\Psi = \frac{e^{-i\frac{\pi}{4}}}{\sqrt{N}} \begin{cases} e^{i\frac{\pi}{N}(k-n)^2} & N \equiv 0 \pmod{2} \\ e^{i\frac{\pi}{N}\left(k-n+\frac{1}{2}\right)^2} & N \equiv 1 \pmod{2} \end{cases}$$

#### Properties

- ➤ Unitary
- Circulant
- Eigenvalues and Eigenvectors
- Determinant
- Similarity Transformation
- Convolution Theorem:

#### The DFnT of a convolution is the convolution of one with the DFnT of the other

# Finally ... Orthogonal Chirp-Division Multiplexing Stational Institute

#### □ A Typical OCDM System







# **OFDM versus OCDM**



#### Similarities and Differences (Compatibility and Improvement)

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**OFDM** 

#### OCDM

> Waveforms

Narrowband Subcarriers

 $\omega(t) = e^{j2\pi k\Delta f \times t}, \ \left(\Delta f = \frac{1}{T}\right)$ 

Orthogonality

Fourier Transform

**Fresnel Transform** 

Wideband Chirps

Linear System Transmission

Block Transmission (CP)

Block Transmission (CP)



#### Applications

**Bandwidth-Limited Systems** 









#### **Power-Limited Systems**



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> Can OCDM be the Solution as the Converged Air Interface?

# **OCDM in High-Speed Wireless Systems (1/3)**





Figure: BER performance of the OCDM systems with both ZF and MMSE equalizers and the OFDM system under the LTE extended vehicle A channel model with receiver diversity; (a) 4-QAM, (b) 16-QAM, and (c) 64-QAM.

X. Ouyang and J. Zhao, "Orthogonal chirp division multiplexing," IEEE T Commun, 64(9): 3946–3957 (2016)

# **OCDM in High-Speed Wireless Systems (2/3)**





Figure:. BER performance of the OFDM, DFT-precoded OFDM, and OCDM systems under the LTE extended vehicle A channel model with various guard interval length. (a) 4-QAM, (b) 16-QAM, and (c) 64-QAM.

X. Ouyang and J. Zhao, "Orthogonal chirp division multiplexing," IEEE T Commun, 64(9): 3946–3957 (2016)

# **OCDM in High-Speed Wireless Systems (3/3)**





Fig. 14. The BER performance of SC-FDE and OCDM systems with iterative block decision feedback equalization with (a)  $0.8-\mu$ s and (b)  $3.2-\mu$ s GI.



Fig. 15. The BER performance of the OFDM, SC-FDE and OCDM using forward error coding with  $3.2-\mu$ s GI and code rates of (a) 2/3 and (b) 3/4.

# OCDM in Low-Power/Long-Range Wireless Systems Tyndall



Fig. 6. Normalized modulation rate of the orthogonal chirps as a function of processing gain *N* for different number of chirps *M*.



Fig. 7. Receiver sensitivities of LoRa-CSS and the proposed orthogonal CSS with FSK and QAM modulations vs. bit rate.



# **OCDM in Fiber-Optic Systems (Coherent Optics)**

#### □ Coherent Optical OCDM (CO-OCDM)



X. Ouyang, et al., "Orthogonal Chirp Division Multiplexing for Coherent Optical Fiber Communications," J. Lightwave Technol. 34, 4376-4386 (2016)

# **Experiment Results @ 36 Gbit/s**





Figure.: The measured (a) power spectral densities (PSDs) and (b) Q-factors of each subchannel/chirp in the CO-OFDM and CO-OCDM systems.



Figure.: Experiments results of the BER versus OSNR of the CO-OFDM and CO-OCDM systems.



# **OCDM in Fiber-Optic Systems (IM/DD)**

#### □ Intensity Modulation and Direct Detection



X. Ouyang, et al., "Intensity-modulation direct-detection OCDM system based on digital up-conversion" in CLEO 2018, San Jose, US, 13-18 May, 2018 paper SM2C.2.
 X. Ouyang et al., "Experimental demonstration of 112 Gbit/s orthogonal chirp-division multiplexing based on digital up-conversion for IM/DD systems with improved resilience to system impairments," in the 44th ECOC, Rome, Italy, 23-27 Sept., 2018, p. Mo4F.3.

X. Ouyang, et al., "Orthogonal chirp-division multiplexing for IM/DD-based short-reach systems," Optics Express, 27(16), 2019

# Experiment Results @ 96/112 Gbit/s





Fig.: Left: The measured BER performance of the conventional DMT-OFDM and the proposed IM/DD OCDM at (I) 96 Gbit/s and (II) 112 Gbit/s. Middle: The received constellation diagrams of the DMT-OFDM signals and that of the proposed IM/DD-OCDM signals with an input power = -1 dBm at 112 Gbit/s. Right: (i) The measured CFR of the systems at 112 Gbit/s, and (ii) the measured SNR of each subcarrier in the DMT-OFDM and (iii) that of each chirp in the proposed IM/DD-OCDM.

X. Ouyang et al., "Experimental demonstration of 112 Gbit/s orthogonal chirp-division multiplexing based on digital up-conversion for IM/DD systems with improved resilience to system impairments," in the 44th ECOC, Rome, Italy, 23-27 Sept., 2018, p. Mo4F.3.



# **Experiment Results @ 180 Gbit/s**



Measured BER performance of OFDM and the proposed OCDM and systems with 36-GHz bandwidth and 32-QAM

Performance considering Pre-Emphasis

# Photonics in 5G+/6G and Beyond

#### □ What do we know about the 5G+/6G

More bandwidth (Frequency Dimension)

- More antennas (Spatial Dimension)
- More users (numbers, types, scenarios)
- Higher Frequencies (> 50Hz)

#### □ What do photonic technologies offer?

- High bandwidth and high speed routing and transport
- Already deployed multi-user access infrastructure
- Potential to provide power efficiency
- Enabling technology for mm-wave and THz systems

Network (More Fiber Distribution) Signals (Greater Spectral Efficiency) Bandwidth (Leverage mm-wave /THz)





Colm Browning, "Flexible Converged Photonic and Radio Systems: A Pathway toward Next Generation Wireless Connectivity," OSA APC, 2021

# **Radio-over-Fiber for Millimeter Fronthaul**



#### **Basic Concept**



#### □ Why considering OCDM

- > Chromatic dispersion induced power fading due to heterodyning by direct detection
- Impairments such as phase noise, frequency offset
- Multipath transmission of wireless access

# **Optical/mm-wave A-RoF System**





C. Browning et al., "Orthogonal Chirp-Division Multiplexing for Performance Enhanced Optical/Millimeter-Wave 5G/6G Communications", OFC, 2021 X. Ouyang, et al., "Robust Channel Estimation for Coherent Optical Orthogonal Chirp-Division Multiplexing With Pulse Compression and Noise Rejection", Journal of Lightwave Technology, vol. 36, no. 23, pp. 5600–5610, Dec. 2018.

# **Results – Narrowband (200MHz, 5G NR)**



Property	Value
(I)DFT / (I)DFnT	1024
SCs / Chirps	820
QAM-Level	256
Sym. Rate (kHz)	244
BW (MHz)	200
IF (GHz)	4.4
Raw DR (Gb/s)	1.6





# **Results – Wideband (1GHz)**



Property	Value
(I)DFT / (I)DFnT	1024
SCs / Chirps	512
QAM-Level	64
Sym. Rate (kHz)	1953
BW (MHz)	1000
IF (GHz)	4.4
Raw DR (Gb/s)	6







# **Optical/mm-wave A-RoF System w. 2m Wireless**



#### TABLE 2. Wideband and 5G signal numerologies.

Prop.	Wideband	Mobile (5G)	Unit
# Chirps/SCs	128	820	n/a
(I)DF(n)T size	256	1024	n/a
QAM order	16	128/256	n/a
Symbol Rate	311.25	0.244	MHz
Bandwidth	4000	200.2	MHz
Cyclic Prefix	6.25	6.25	%
Raw Data Rate	16	1.4/1.6	Gb/s

#### SC: Subcarrier





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# What's More ...

- □ Wireless and Optical Access
- **U** Submarine Acoustic Communications
- □ Satellite
- **Telemetry**
- □ Integrated Radar/Sensing and Communications
  - > Radar and Sensing is a type of channel estimation for communications

# **Conclusion and Outlook**

#### □ Future Wireless and Optical Access Networks

- Flexible and Unified Air Interface
- Wireless and Optical Convergence
- Backward and Forward Compatibility

#### **Orthogonal Chirp-Division Multiplexing**

- For a variety of wireless systems (Bandwidth/Power Limited)
- Suitable for a diversity of scenarios
  - o RF, mmWave, optical systems
  - $\circ~$  Acoustic, Space, etc.
- Integrated Radar/Sensing and Communications

#### **Given Setup Setup**

Just a waveform modulation technology





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## **Thanks and Questions**



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#### □ Fibre-Optic Systems (Single-Input Single-Output)



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# Channel Estimation Based on OCDM Signals (2/5) Tyndall

#### □ Fibre-Optic Systems (Single-Input Single-Output)



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# Channel Estimation Based on OCDM Signals (3/5) Tyndall

#### □ MIMO-OCDM Systems



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# Channel Estimation Based on OCDM Signals (4/5) Tyndall

#### □ MIMO-OCDM Systems



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Fig. 7. Performance comparison of the proposed and SAW estimators with a received SNR = 30 dB. Both estimators are normalized to the same noise suppression capability as the noise terms (dotted lines) overlapped.

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# OCDM-Baed Integrated Radar/Sensing and Comm Structure

