

LECTURE 15, CSS98 WSI

→ Backscatter Ideas

→ RFID

→ Ambient Backscatter

→ WiTag

→ Frame Aggregation

Q. How do you enable low power transmissions?

LTE/5G : 1W

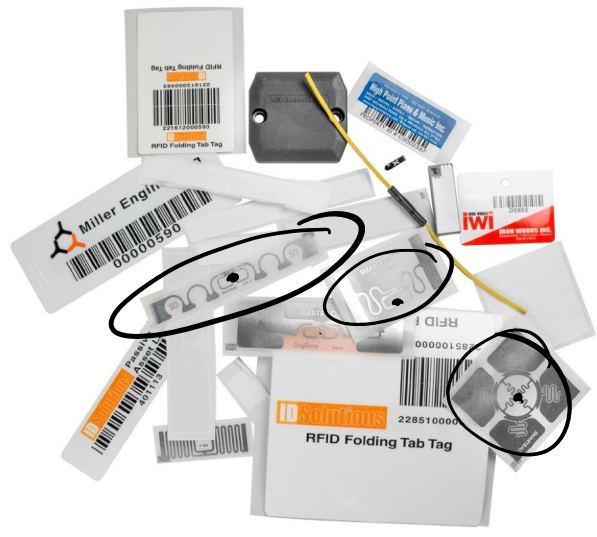
Wi-Fi : \approx 100mW.

→ "Low power Wi-Fi" → I transmit really low power OFDM signals.

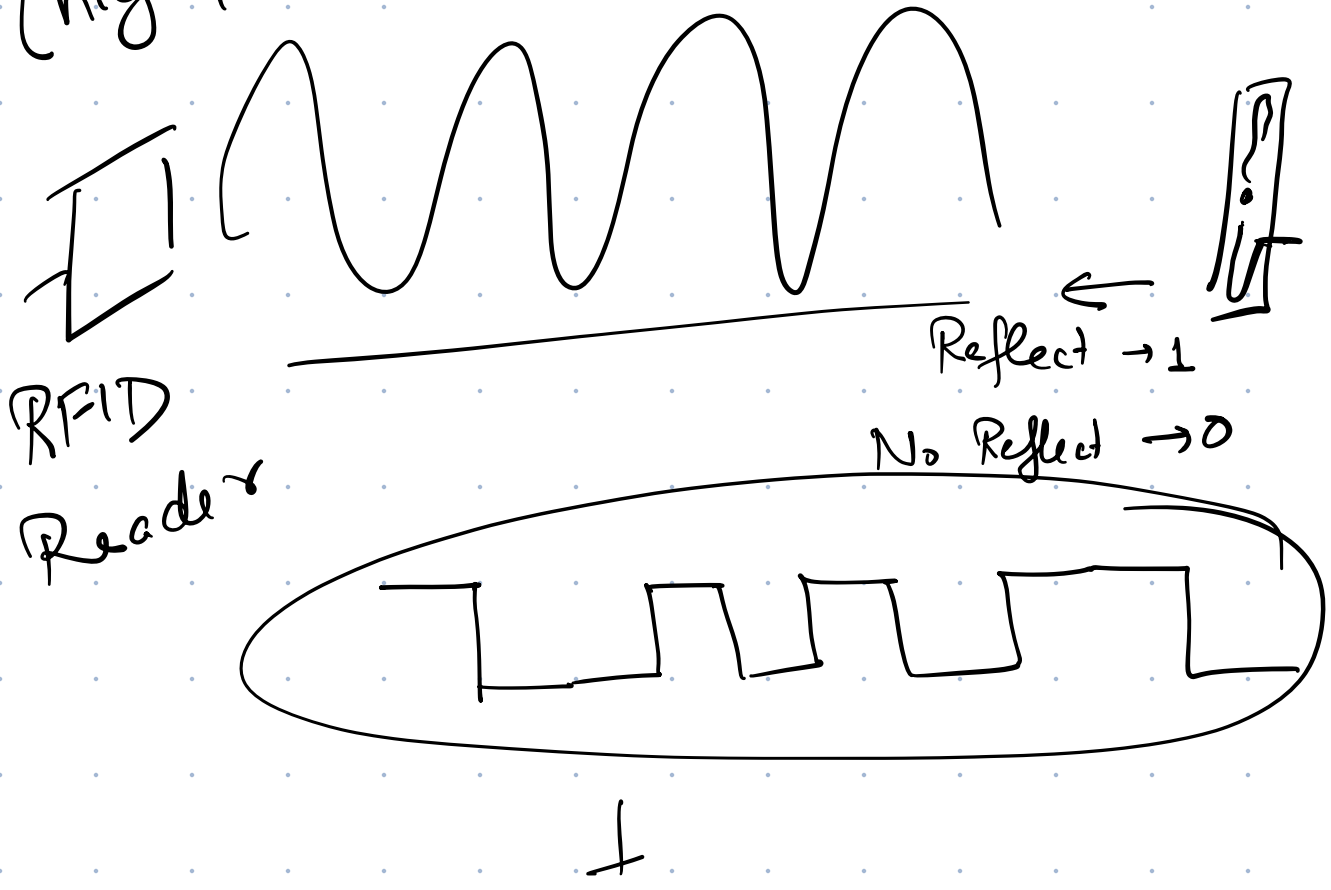
lower range, SNR, lower data rate.
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low power, long range, low throughput
(LoRa)

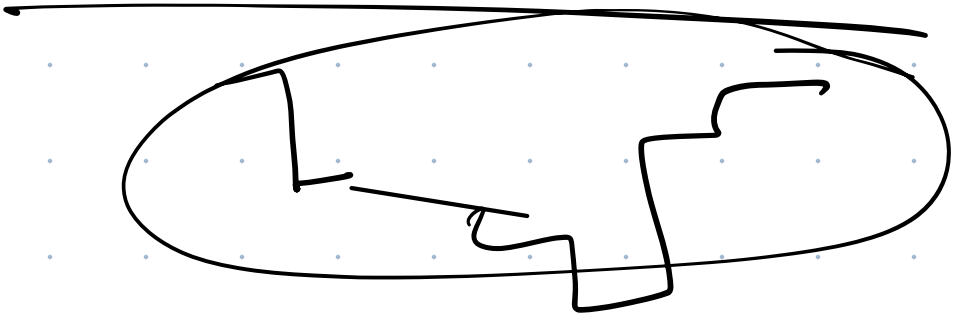
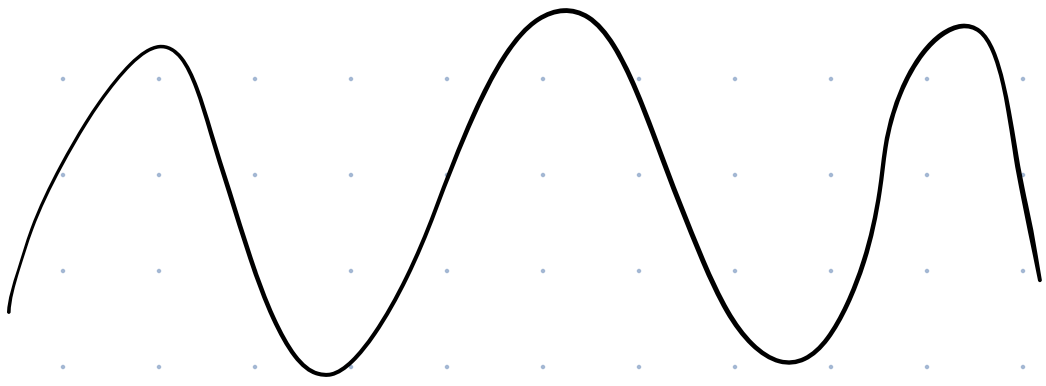
RFIDs

Zero power RF-
communications



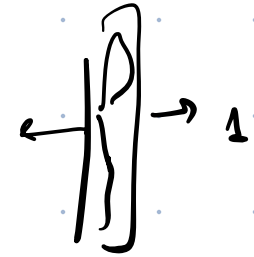
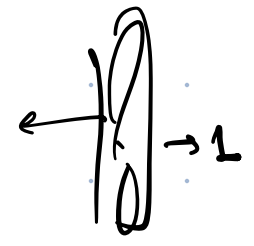
(high power)



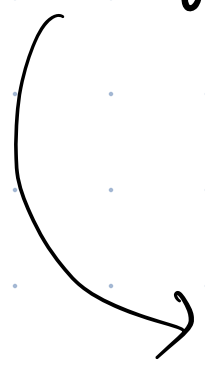
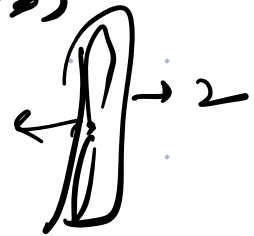


MEDIUM ACCESS

EPC $G_{m2/3}$



Query \rightarrow Pick one of slots $\{0, 1\}$



$\{0, 1\}$

Pros

Cons

→ Low power

→ Specialized hardware.

→ battery free

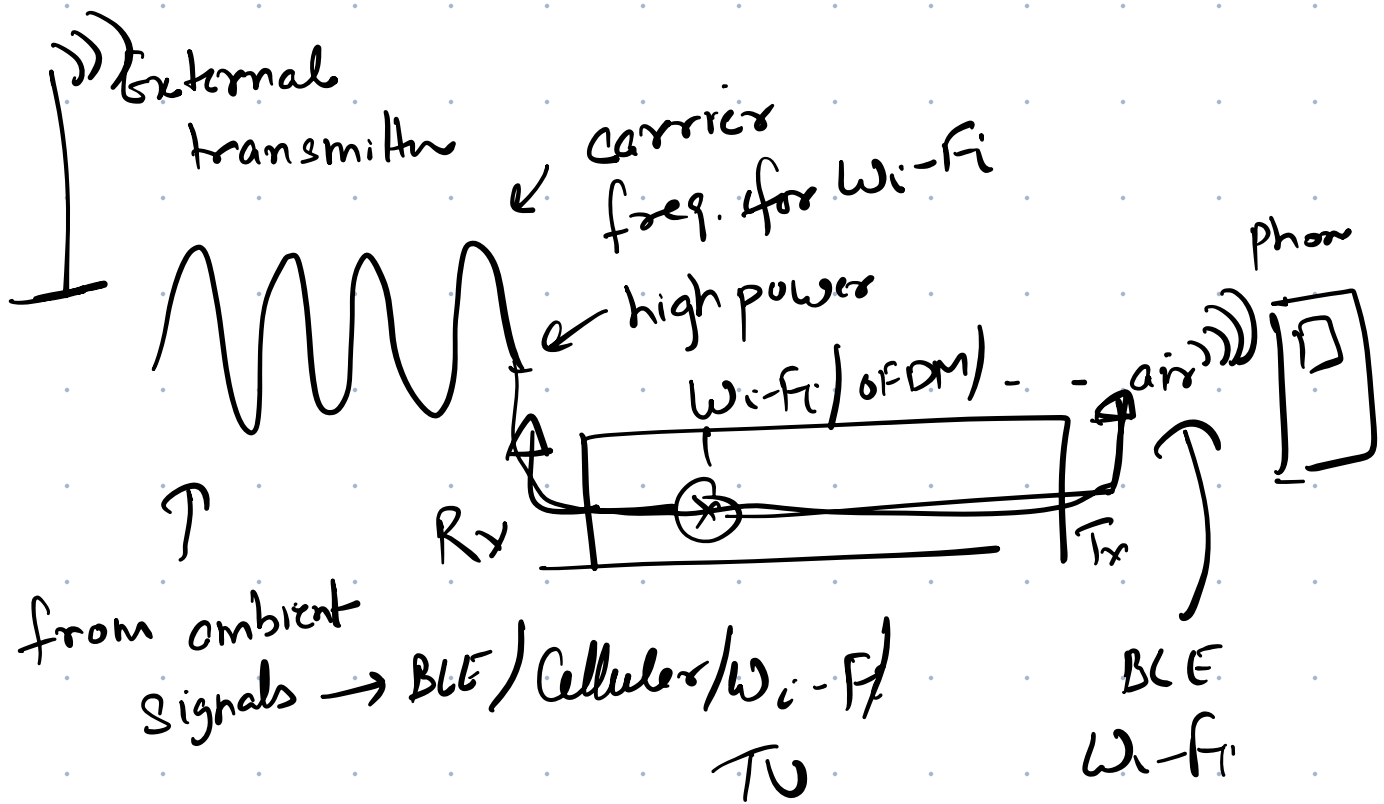
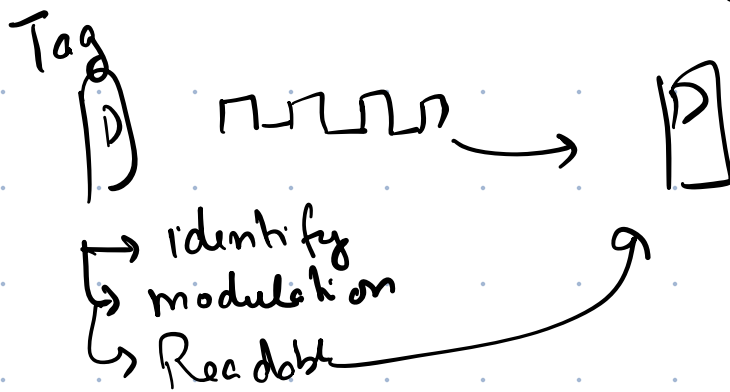
cost (10¢)

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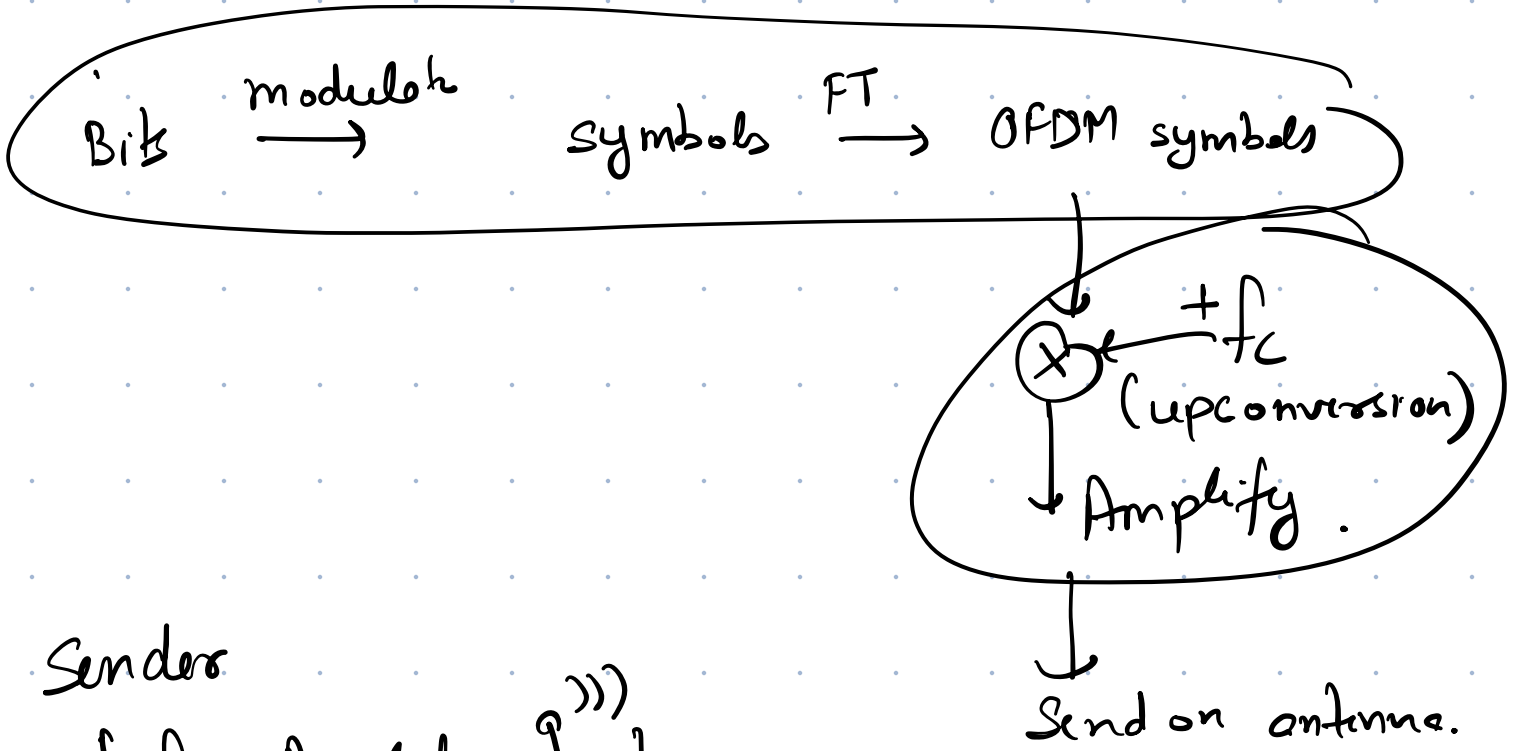
Ambient Backscatter

Backscatter → Reflection-based.

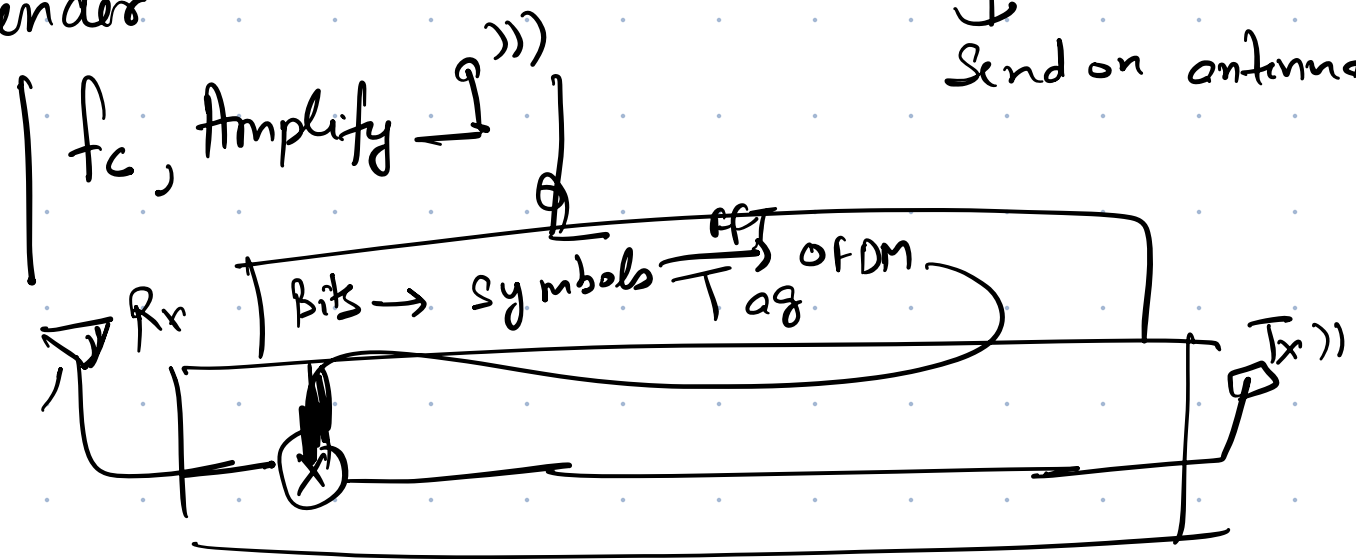
- 1) Wi-Fi
 - 2) Cellular
- ① harvests energy
 - ② Uses them to communicate
 - ③ Is readable by commodity devices.



Cellular



Senders



(Mbps)

Pros

You can use off-the-shelf readers

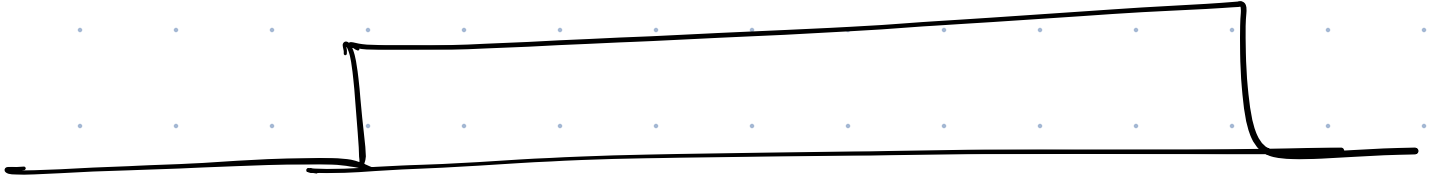
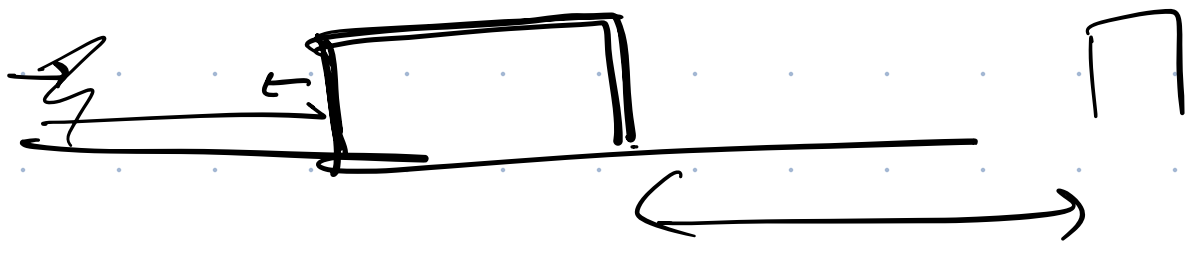
But you still need some external source.

WiTag : Goals

- Compatible with existing Wi-fi access points.
- Encryption
- Battery-free.

(We are okay with low throughput/
inefficient design).

FRAME AGGREGATION



Wi-Tag: Idea

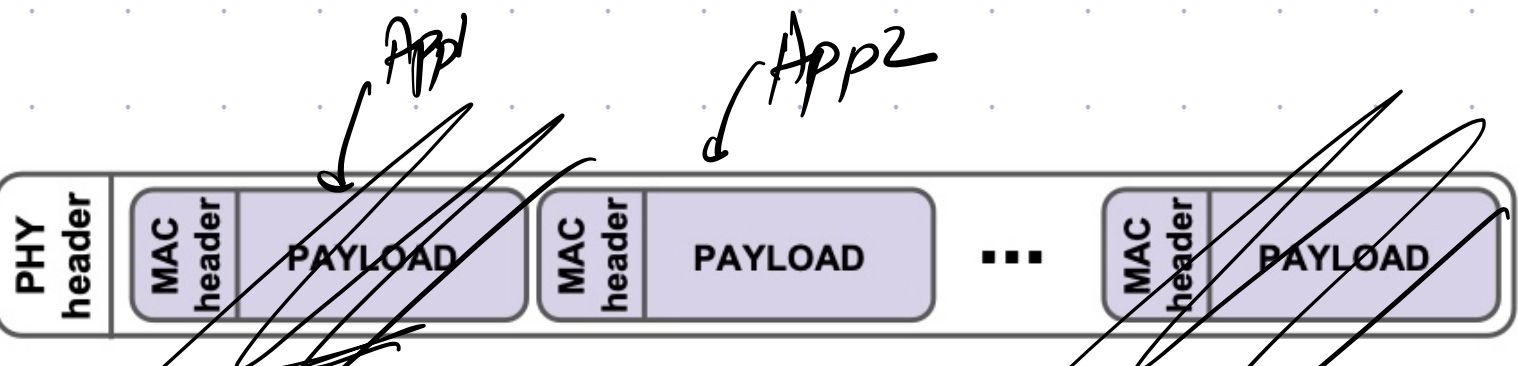
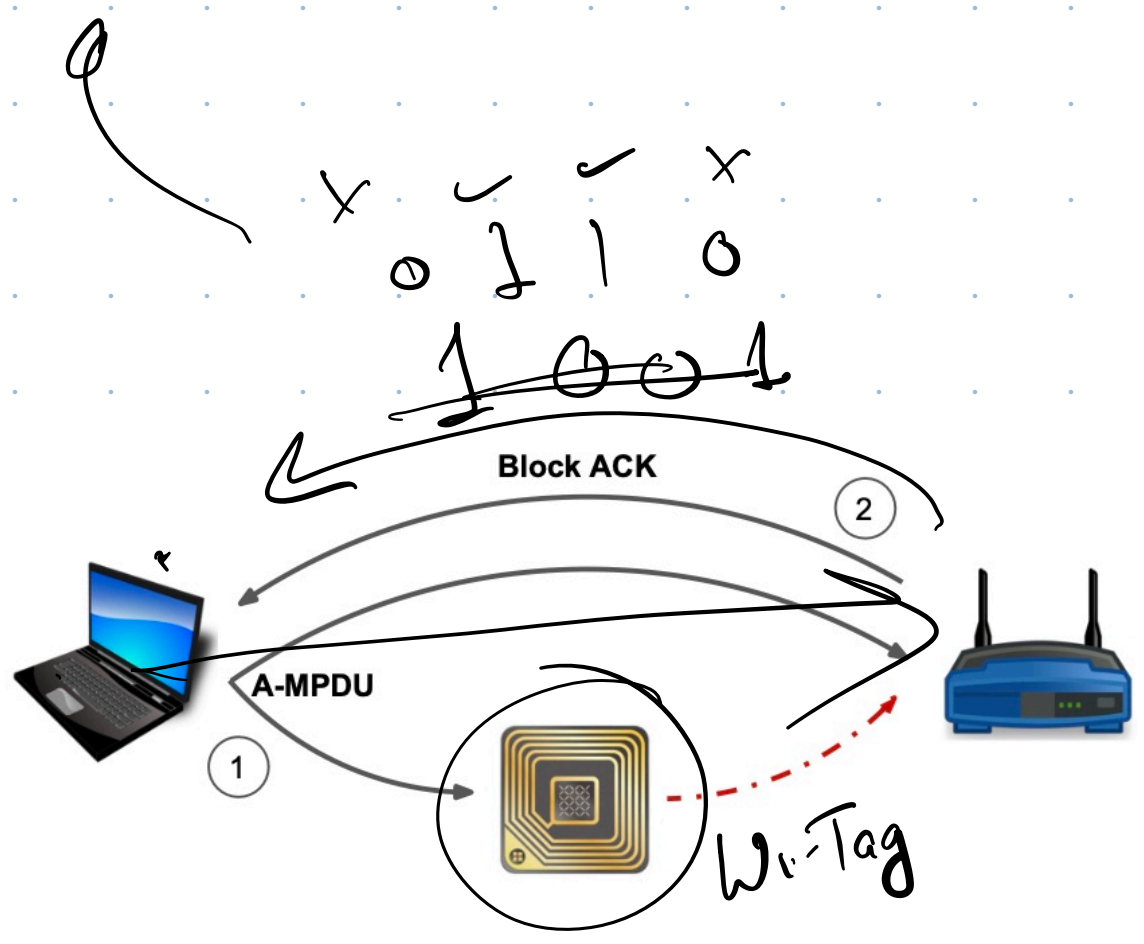


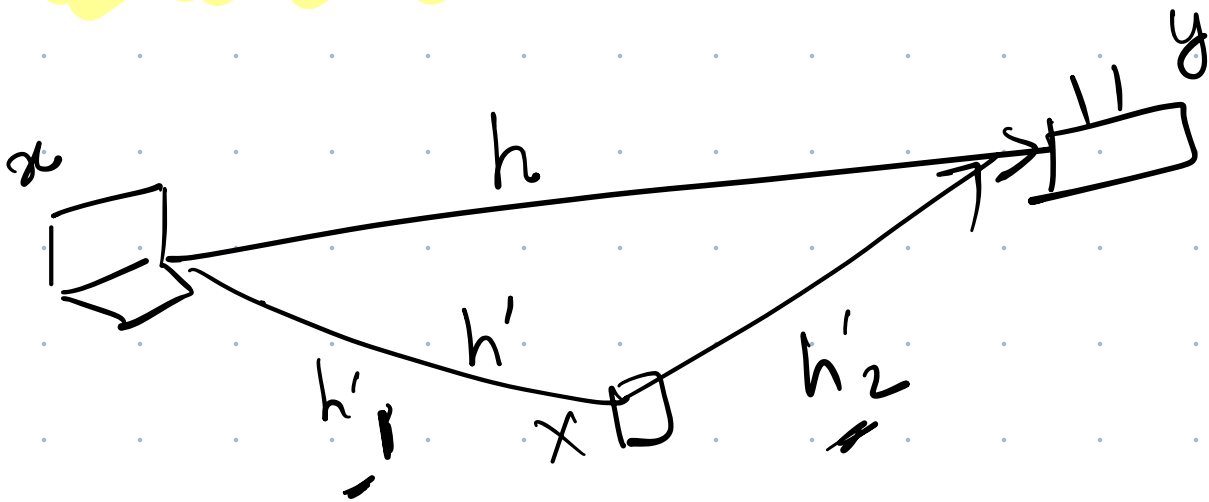
Figure 1: 802.11n/ac A-MPDU structure

1 0 0 1



x ✓ ✓ x
0 1 1 0
~~1 0 0 1~~

CORRUPTING PACKETS



$$y = h\underline{x} + h'\underline{x} + n$$

$$y = (h+h')x + n$$

• Reflecting $\rightarrow (h+h')x$

• Not Reflecting $\rightarrow hx \quad \left| \frac{h'}{h} \right|$

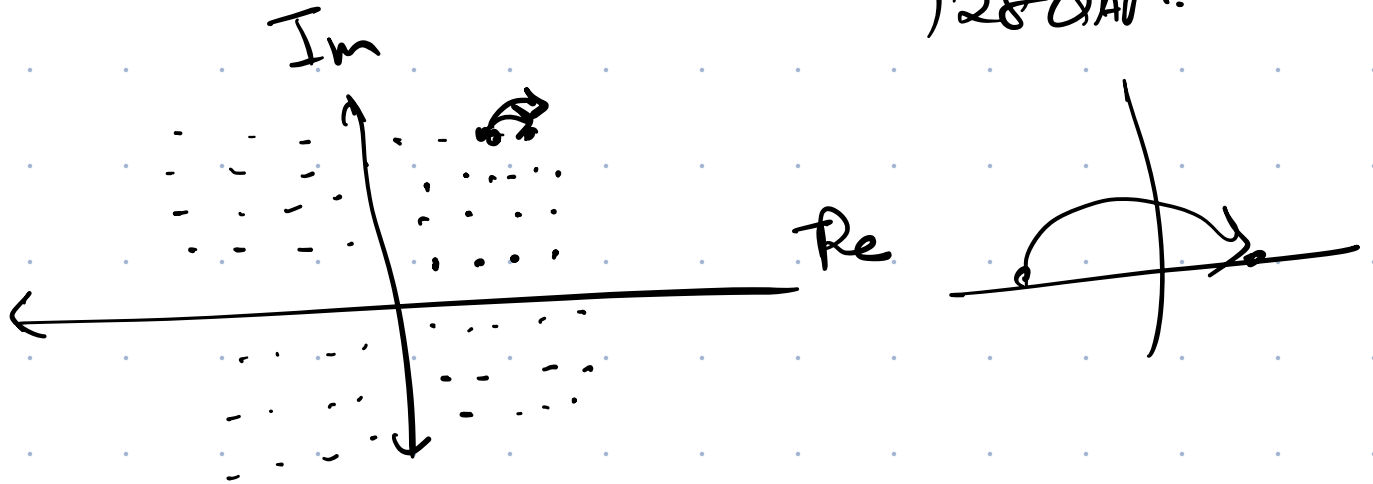
• Phase status \rightarrow off by 180°

$$h+h'$$

$$\frac{2h'}{h}$$

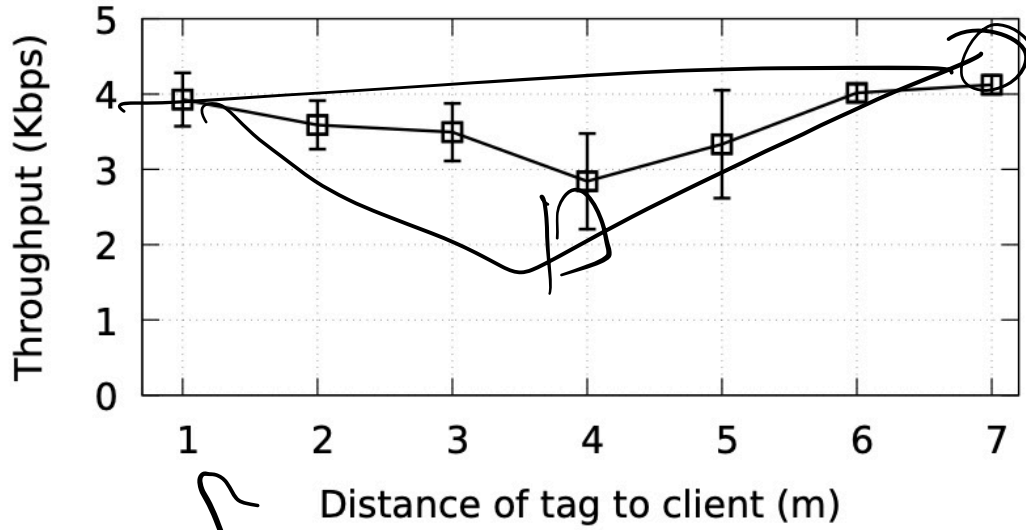
$$h-h'$$

using a high modulation \rightarrow 64QAM,
128QAM.



• distances have to be small ($\sim 5m$)

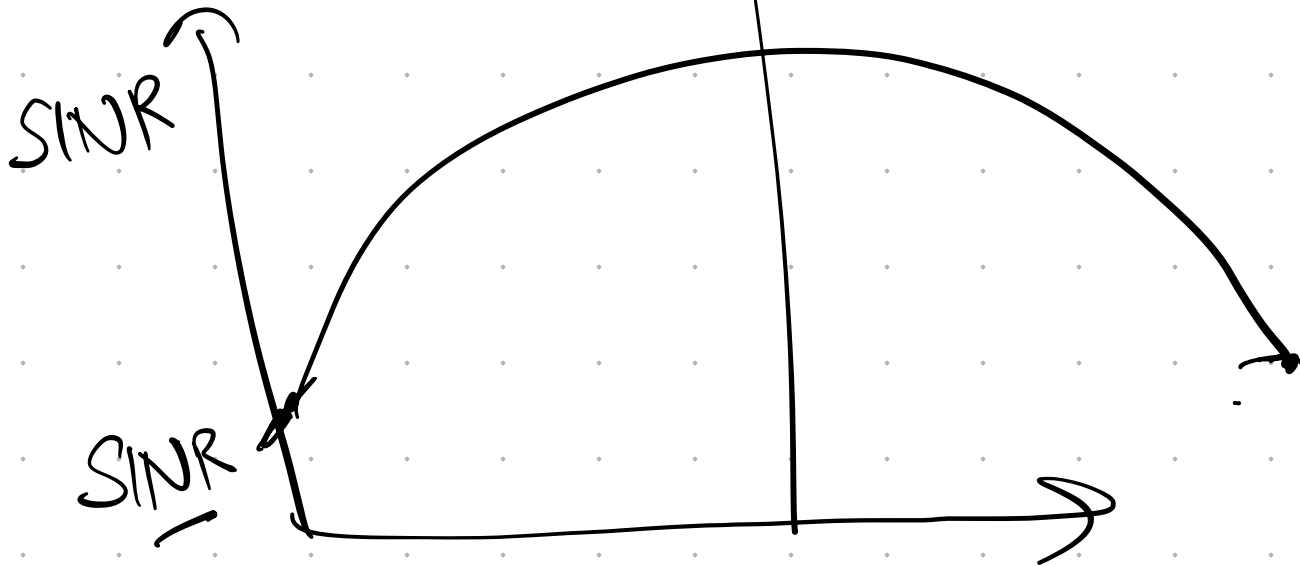
1Gbps \rightarrow 1Mbps \rightarrow 1Kbps



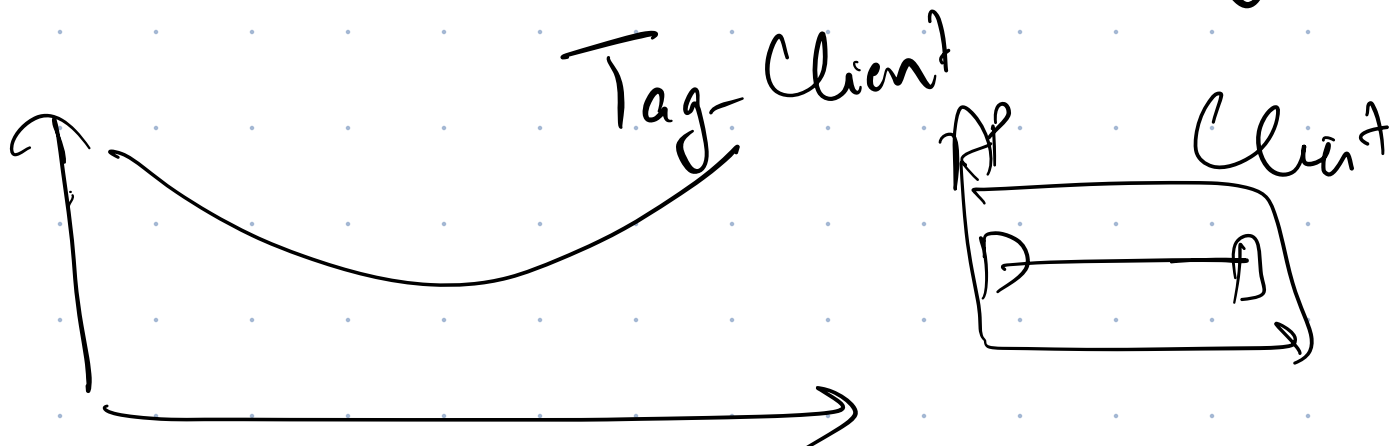
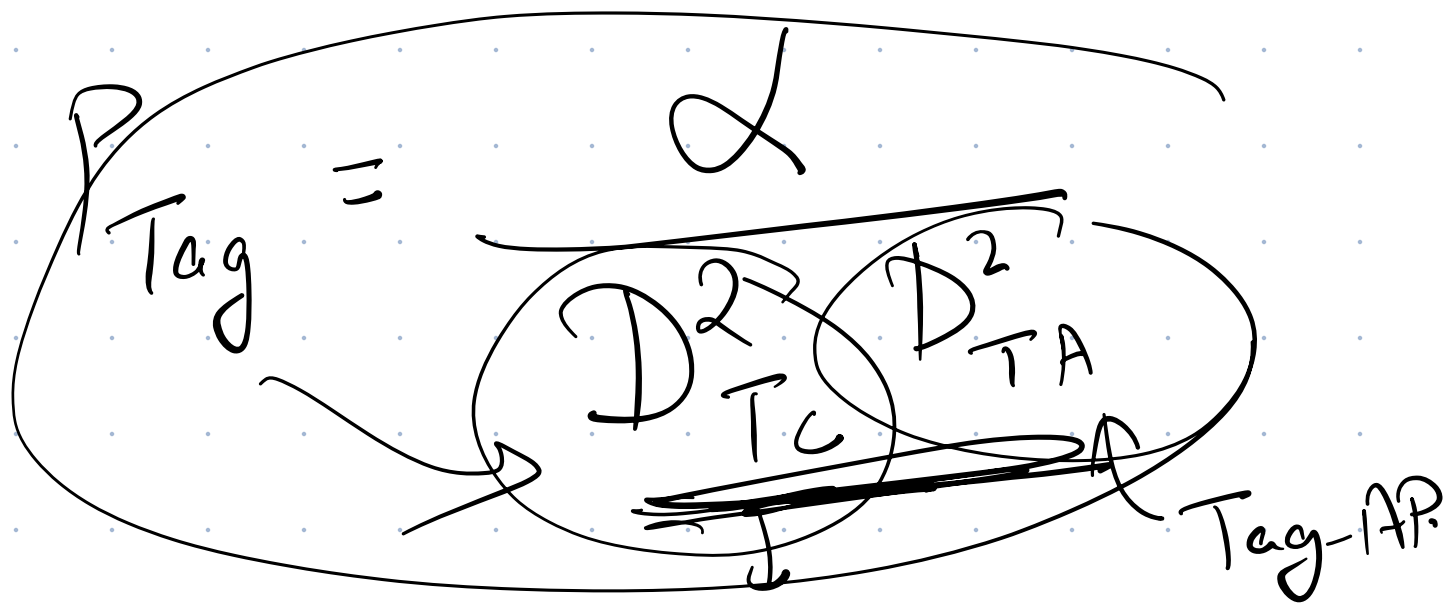
(b) Throughput

Figure 13: BER and throughput of WiTAG in the line-of-sight scenario. The client and AP are 8 meters apart.





$$SINR = \frac{P_{Client}}{P_{Tag} + P_{noise}}$$



$$0.9 \times 0.1 \approx$$

$0.09 \Rightarrow$ Higher tag power

$$0.5 \times 0.5 \approx$$

$$0.25$$

\Rightarrow lower tag power

$$xy$$

$$2xy = c$$

Pros

\hookrightarrow Works with existing h/w

Cons

\hookrightarrow Efficient
 \hookrightarrow Low throughput
 \hookrightarrow Low range
 \hookrightarrow interrupts actual data transmissions.

→ normal ~~SS~~' losses.