

Flexible Modulation Format For Future Optical Network

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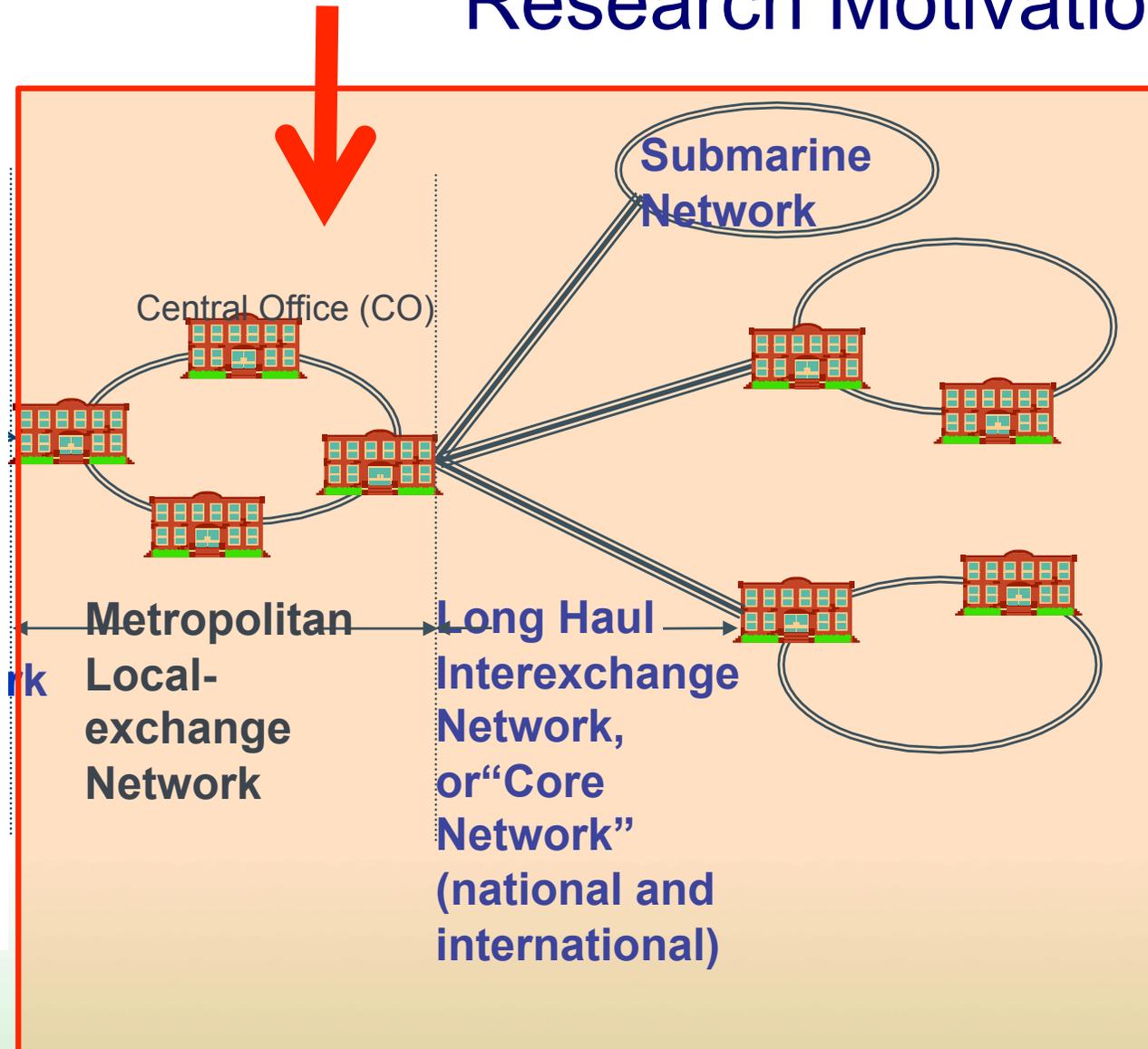
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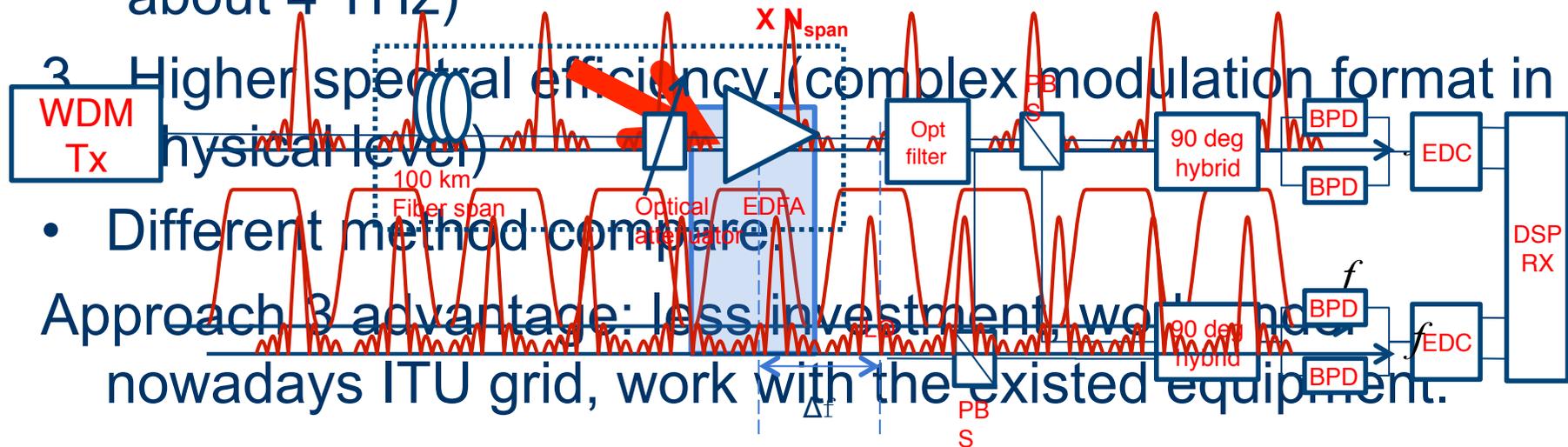
Research Motivation

- My work is aiming at these two parts of network, which is long haul and large capacity network.
- The goal is to increase the capacity for a **given distance** in a **fixed grid** according to the traffic demand.



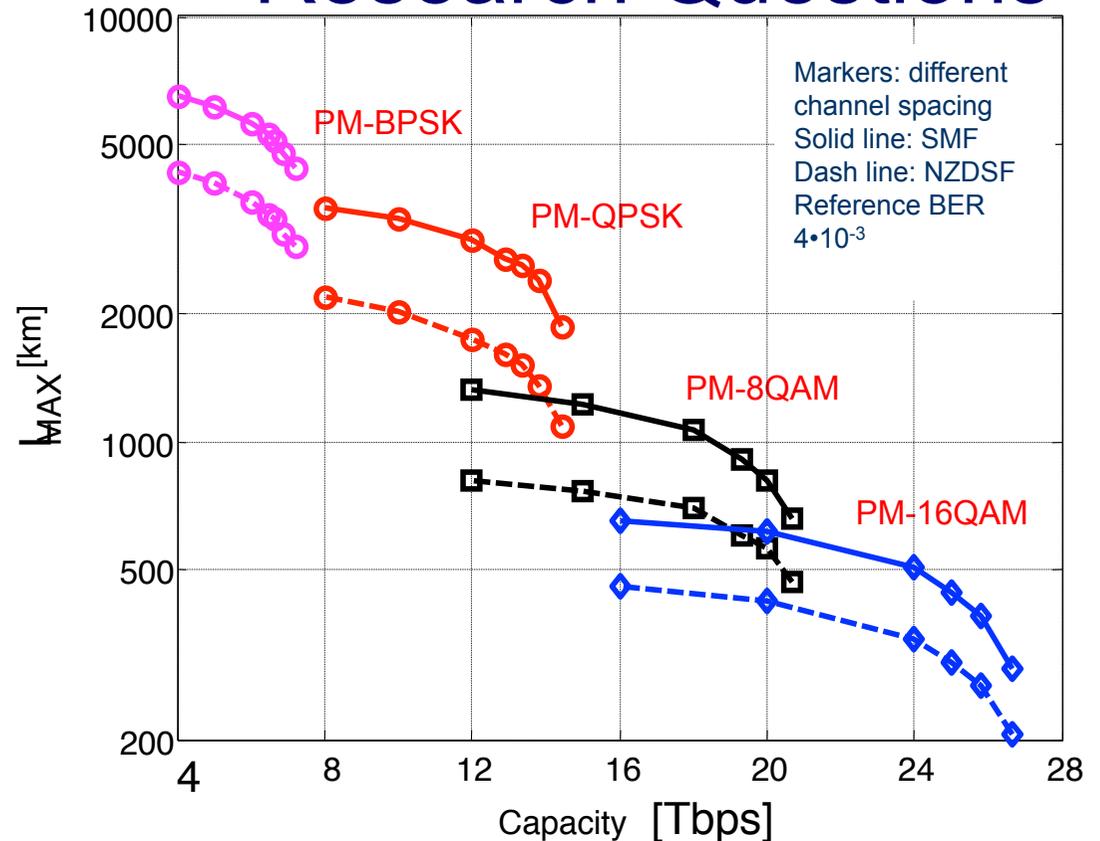
Research Questions

- How to increase the capacity per fiber?
 1. Better device. (e.g. DAC, fiber, DSP)
 2. More channels per fiber. (Total bandwidth in C band about 4 THz)



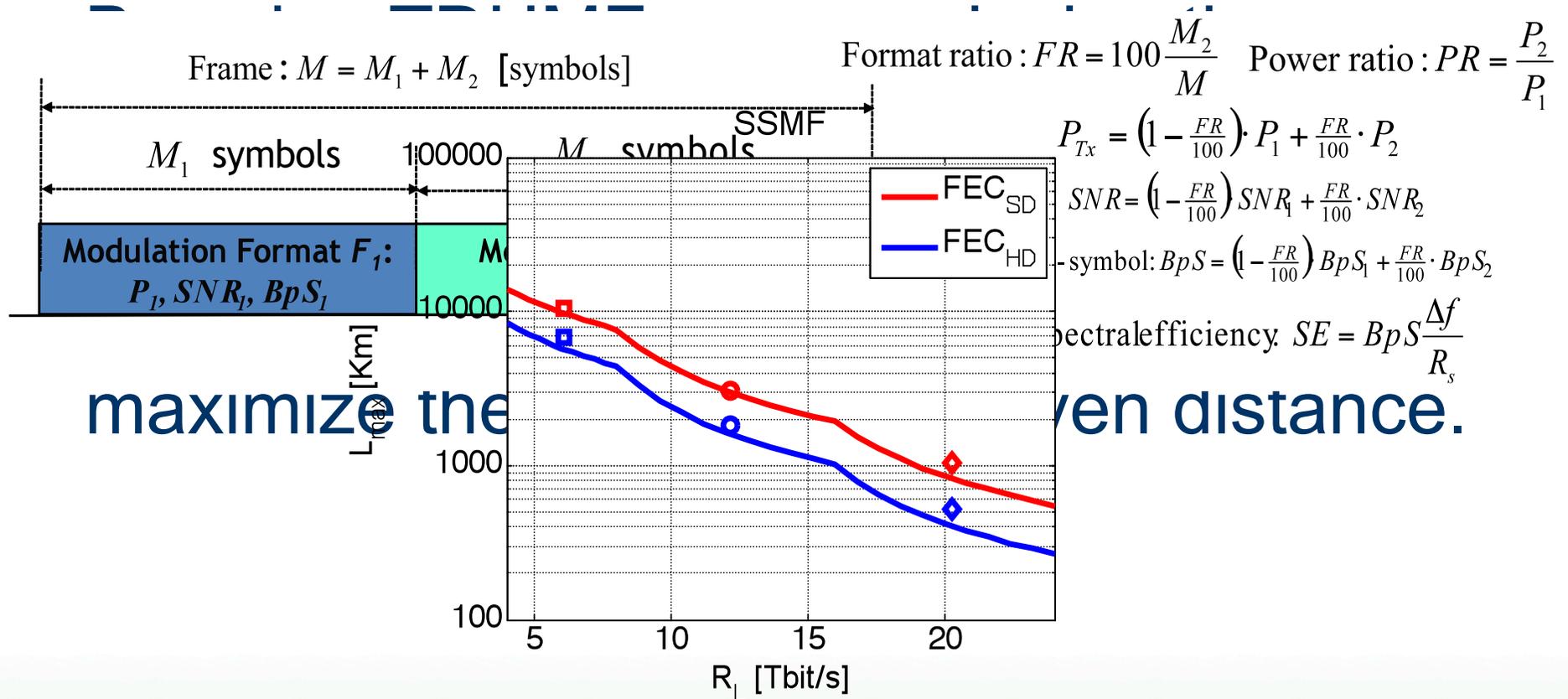
- Standard multilevel modulation format optical transmission system “Max distance vs. Capacity”, **but with a flexible grid.**
- Gap between different curves and markers.
- Finding a new modulation format that has the **largest capacity at a given distance in a fixed grid** according to the traffic demand..

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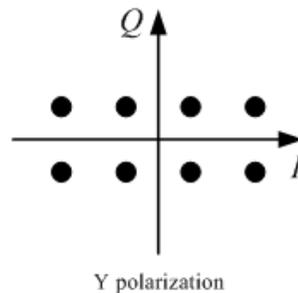
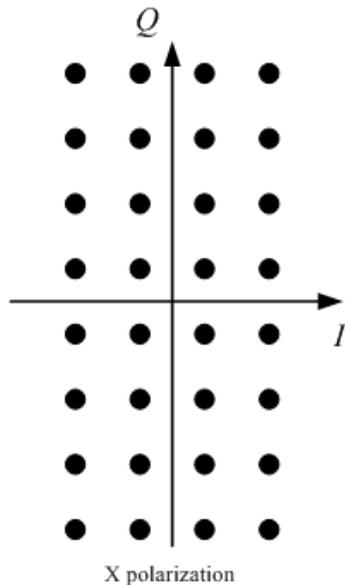
On the Performance of Nyquist-WDM Terabit Superchannels Based on PM-BPSK, PM-QPSK, PM-8QAM or PM-16QAM Subcarriers *Bosco, G et al. Lightwave Technology, Volume: 28, Page: 53-61*

Time-Division Hybrid Modulation Format (TDHMF)

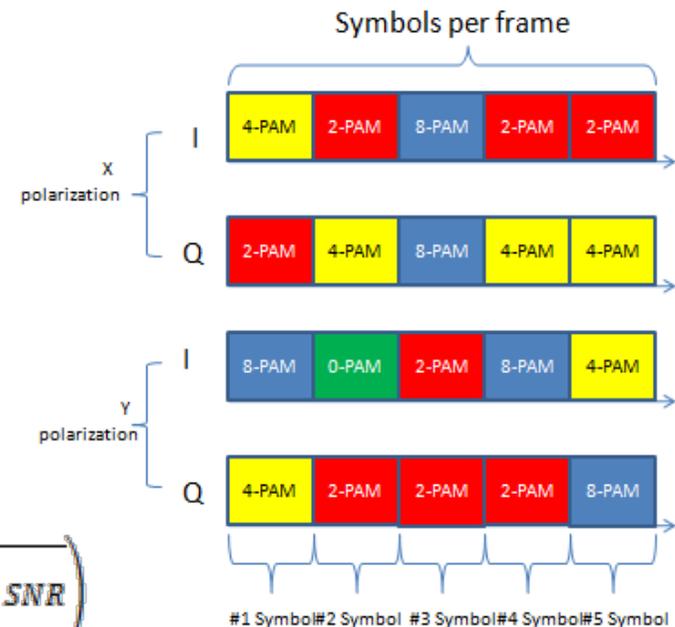


Back-to-back and Nonlinear Propagation Performances of FlexQAM modulation (paper under submission), Squared markers: HEXA, circular markers: PM-8QAM, diamond markers: PM-32QAM.

Flexible M-PAM Modulation Format (Flex-PAM)



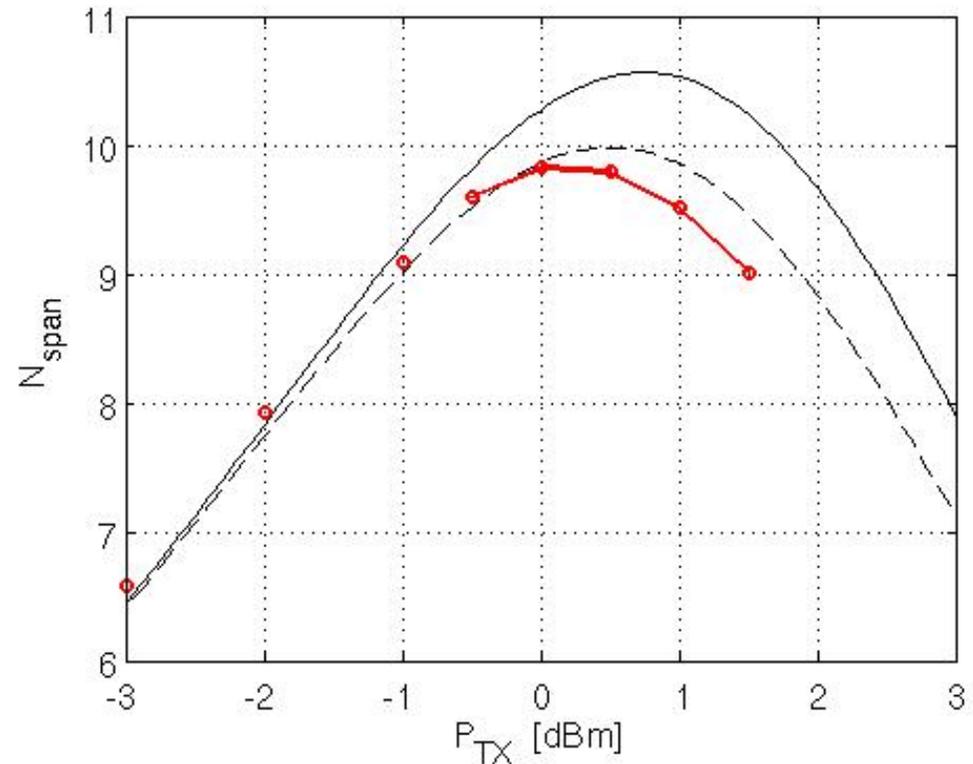
$$BER = \frac{1}{B_p S_{tot}} \cdot \sum_{i=1}^4 \frac{m_i - 1}{m_i} \cdot \text{erfc} \left(\sqrt{\frac{3}{m_i^2 - 1} \cdot 2 \cdot \frac{P_i}{P_{tot}} \cdot SNR} \right)$$



1. Unlike TDHMF, Flex-PAM offers limited possibility of system capacity. But it will have advantage in optical network level.
2. For different network tributary, we can arrange one m-PAM for it according to traffic demands.
3. It has a much simpler Tx/Rx and DSP structure against TDHMF.

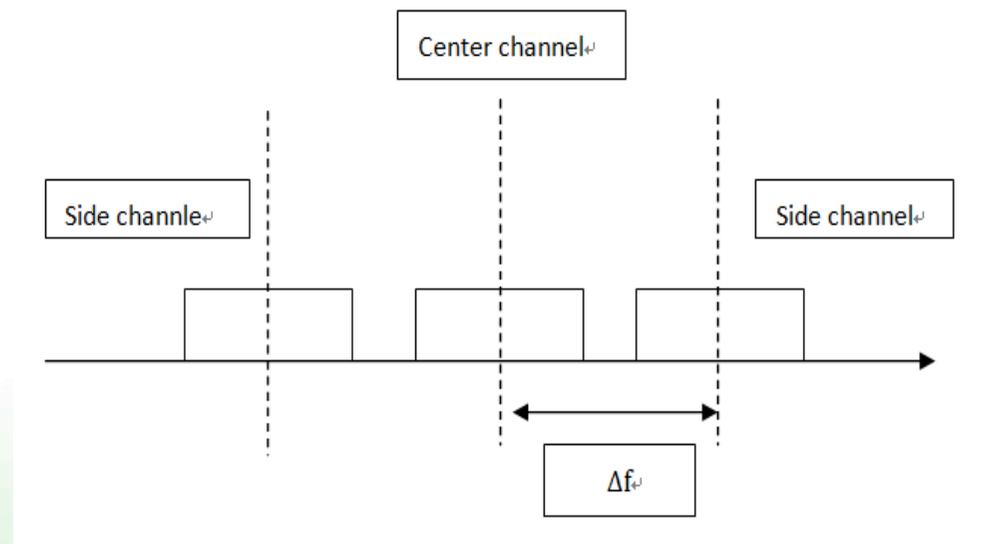
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- Back-to-back simulation results show no penalty against theory.
- I am still working on the propagation simulation.



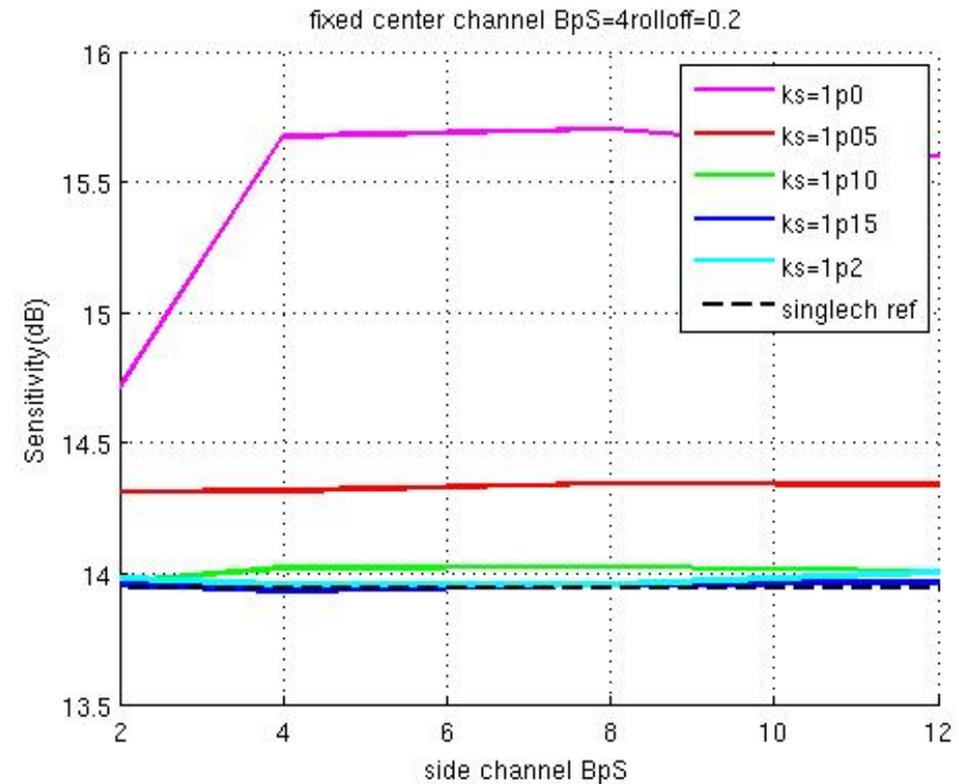
Mixing Modulation Format on Different Channel

- Using different modulation format on different channel
- A simplified three channel model is build.



Mixing Modulation Format on Different Channel

- In most of the situation, side channel won't make an huge impact on the center channel, but when side channel is BPSK, and the channel spacing is equal to the symbol rate, the center channel has advantage.
- I am working on the "BPSK effect".



Future work

- Continue working on the transmission level, find the optimum solution.
- Work on the network level cooperate with other researchers.