

Channel Analytics for V2X Communication

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V2X Communication

- V2I – Vehicle to Infrastructure
- V2V – Vehicle to Vehicle

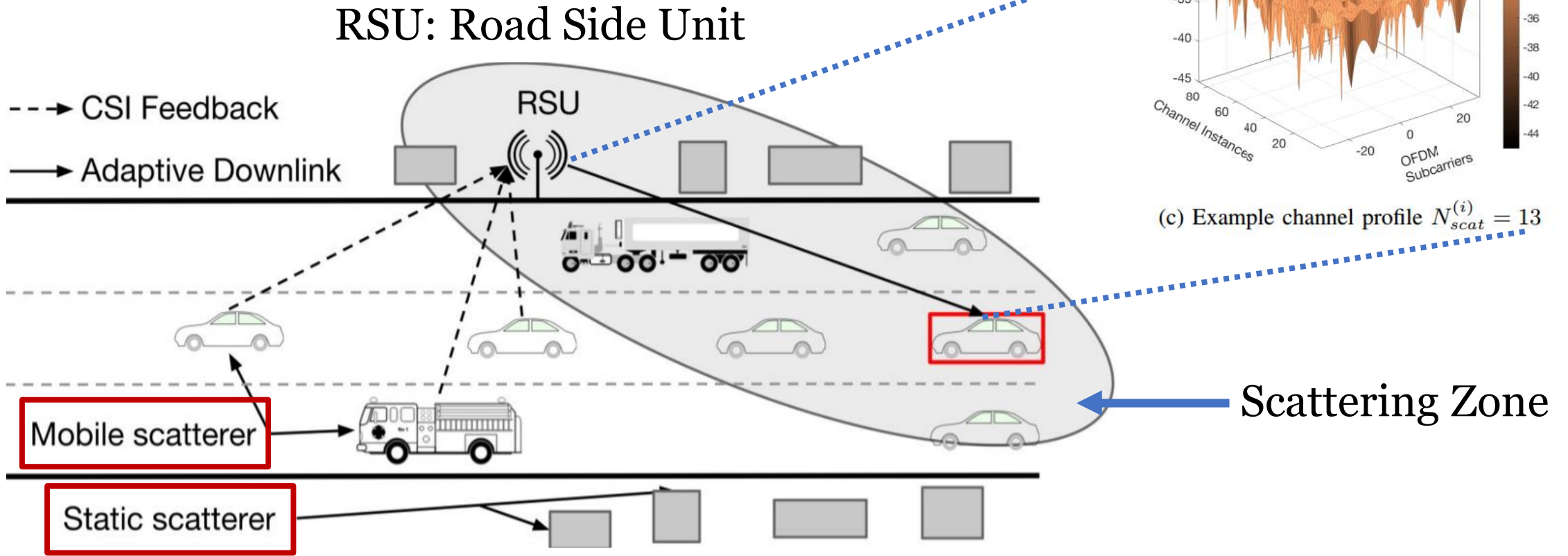


Chaotic V2X Channel → Impaired Communication

Enable Reliable Communication over V2X Channels



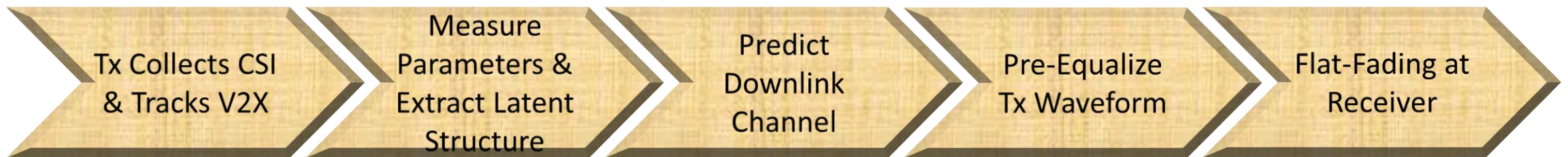
V2X Channel Prediction



Example of a vehicular Edge network

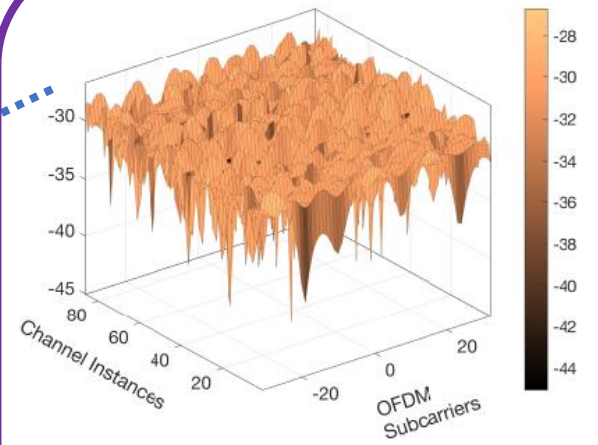
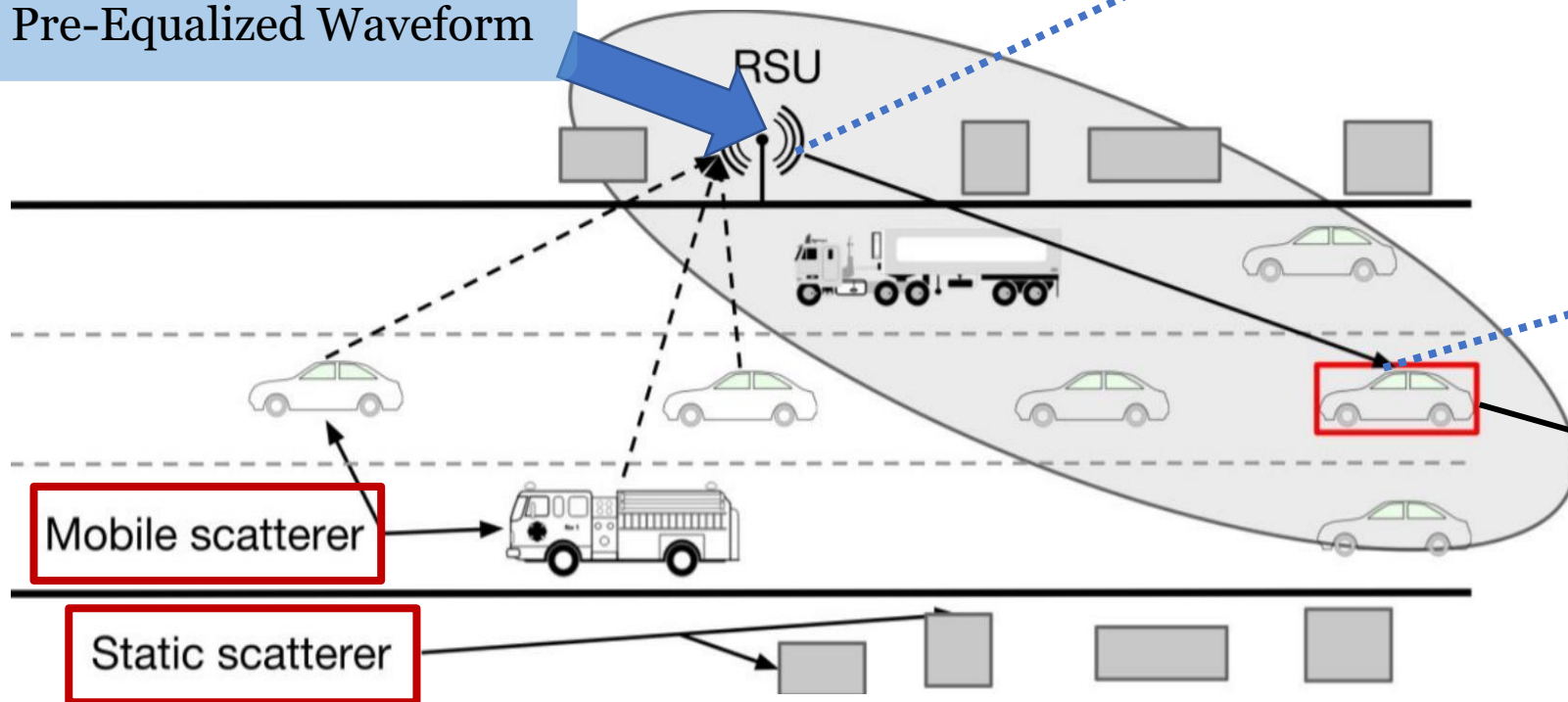
V2X Channel Prediction

- State of the Art techniques do NOT work:
 1. Time-series analysis of the channel
 2. Reactive Receiver-side Equalization
- Problem Statement
 - Prediction and Proactive Transmitter-side Pre-Equalization

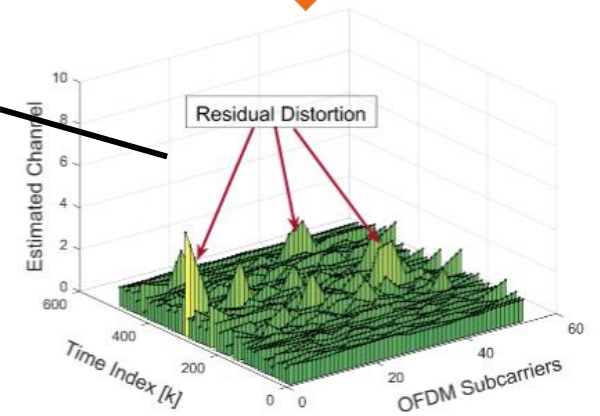


Intuition

Pre-Equalized Waveform

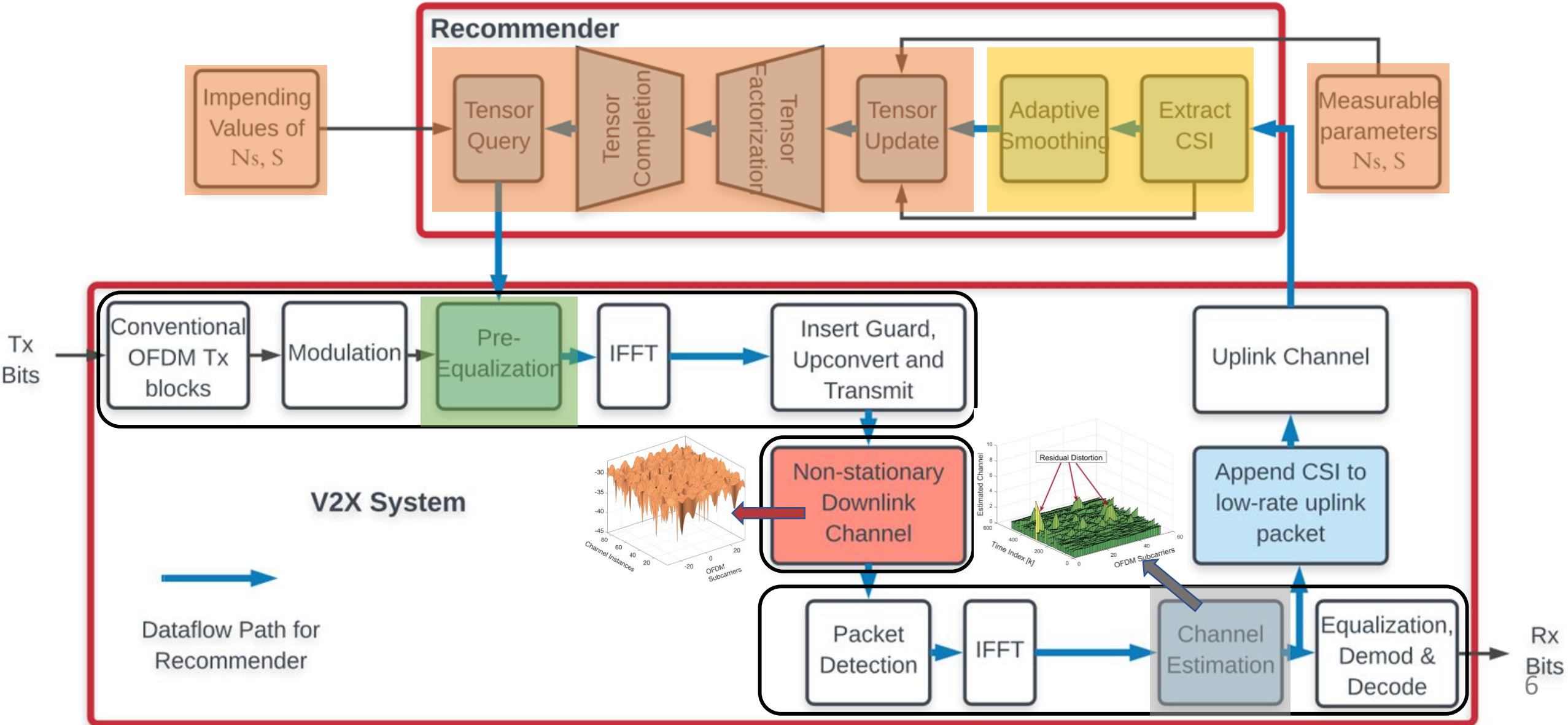


(c) Example channel profile $N_{scat}^{(i)} = 13$

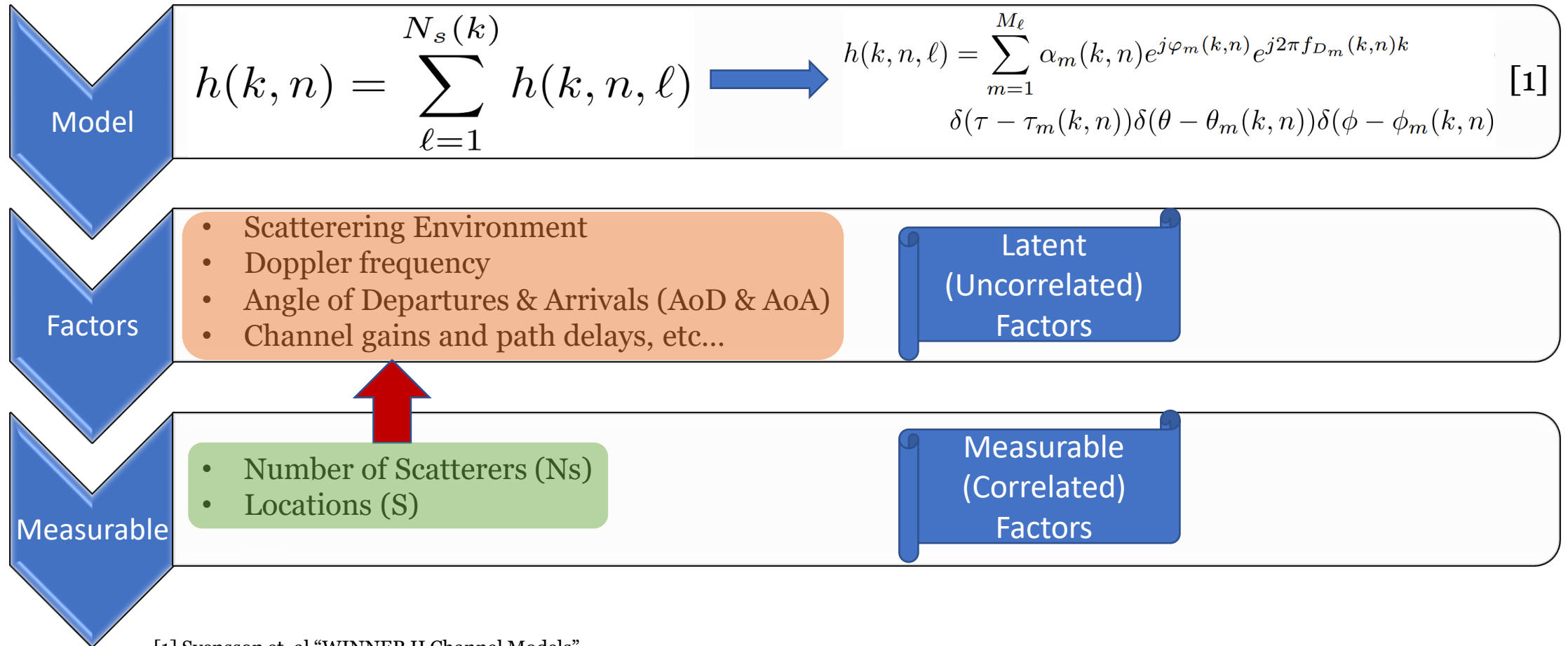


(d) Equalized channel-Receiver

V2X Channel Prediction System



A typical V2X Channel Model

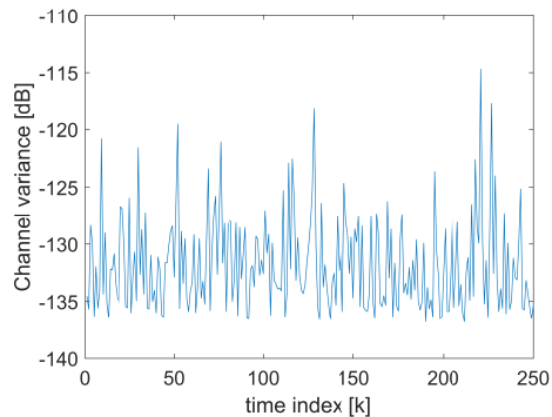


[1] Svensson et. al "WINNER II Channel Models".

Non-stationarity of V2X Channel

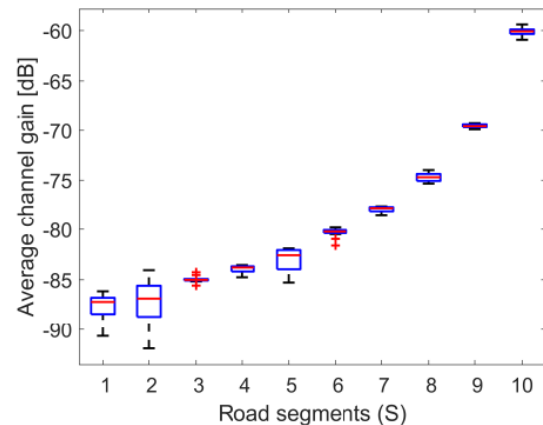
- V2X Channel is non-stationary over space, time and vehicular density.

Over time



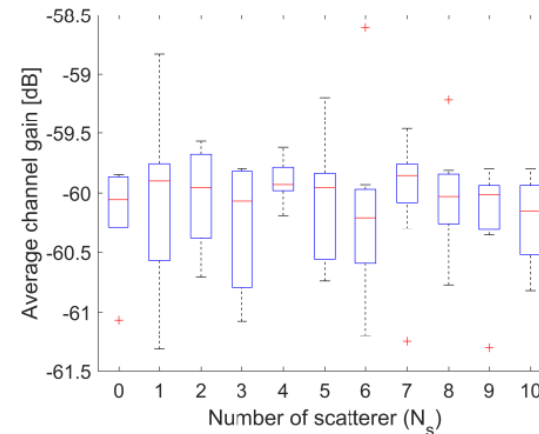
(a) Variance of channel gain varies with time (constant N_s and S)

Over Space



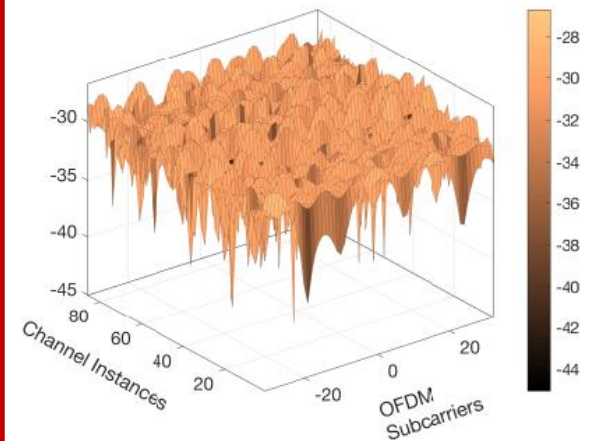
(b) Spatial Distribution of channel gain (constant N_s)

Number of scatterers



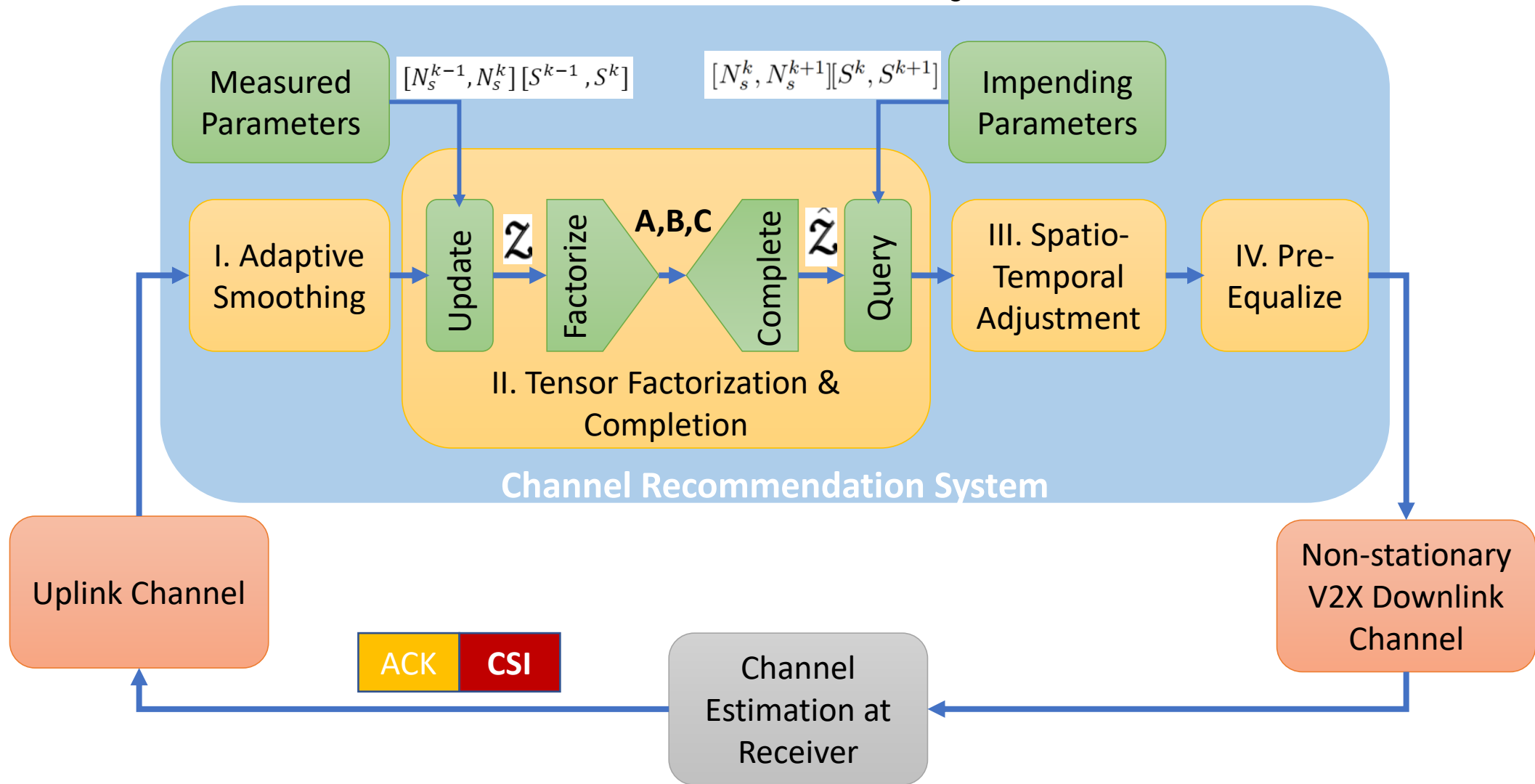
(c) Distribution of channel gain with scatterer density (constant S)

Non-stationary channel



(d) Example channel profile $N_{scat}^{(i)} = 13$

Channel Recommendation System



A. Adaptive Smoothing - Tracking

Kalman-AR Combination:

- Combination of autoregression (AR) and Kalman filter.

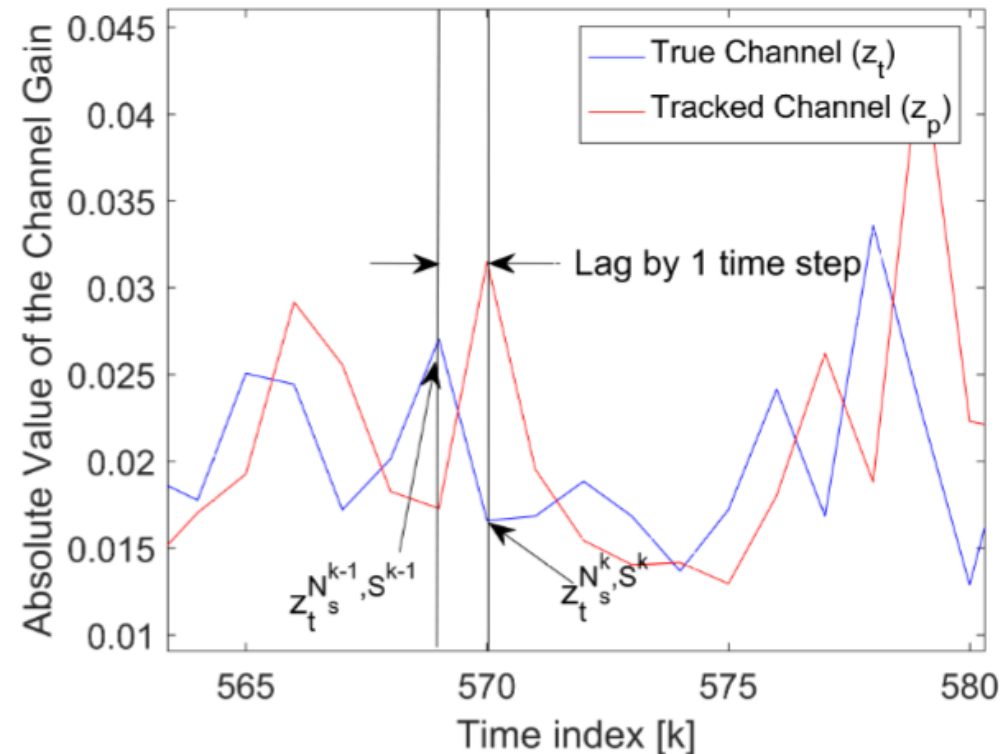
$$z(k) = \sum_{i=1}^p a_i z(k-i) + u(k)$$

Predicted channel coefficients ($z(k)$) are combined
by an AR model

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{a}(k+1) &= \mathbf{a}(k) + \mathbf{u}_1(k) \\ \mathbf{z}(k) &= \mathbf{C}(k-1)\mathbf{a}(k) + \mathbf{u}_2(k) \end{aligned}$$

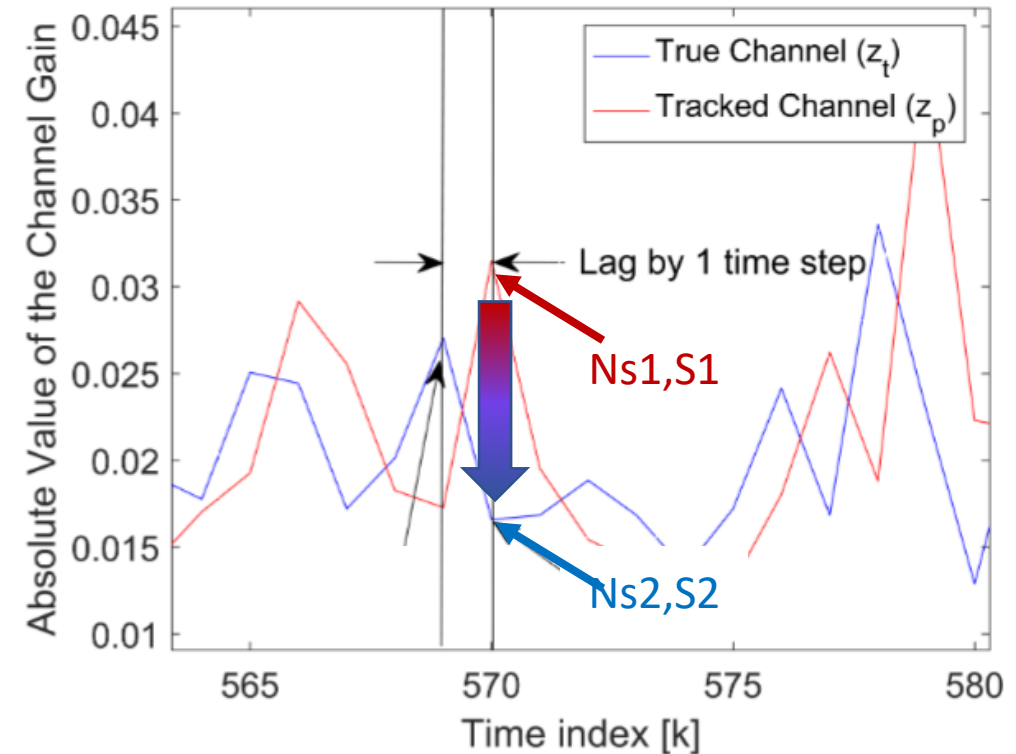
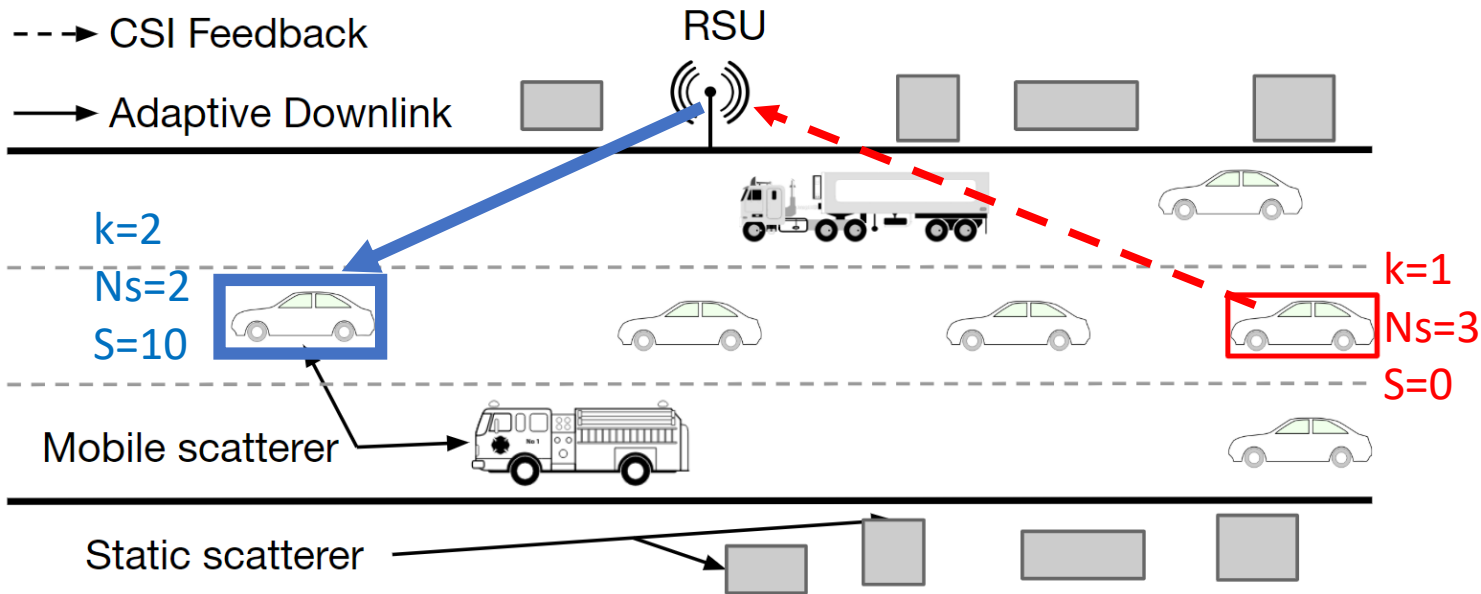
weights of the AR model are tracked and predicted by the
Kalman filter

Additional Smoothing



The tracked channel lags the true channel!

Alleviating the Disparity



This can be used to track the Spatio-Temporal Evolution of V2X Channel!

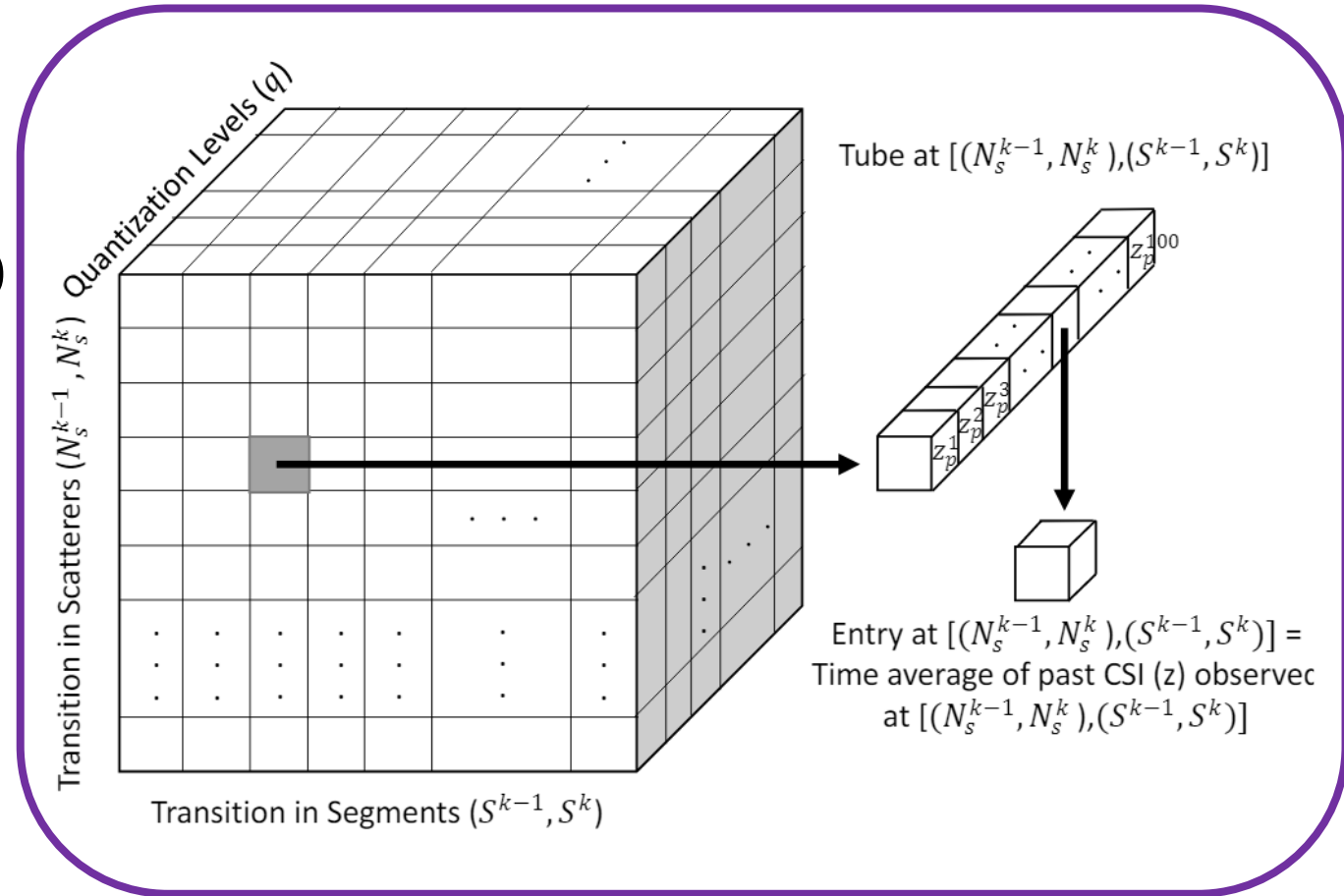
Tensor Update

Dimensions

- Transition in Number of Scatterers (N_s)
- Transition in Location (S)
- Quantization levels (q)

Entries

- Adjustments = $f(\text{CSI})$



Channel Tensor \mathcal{Z}

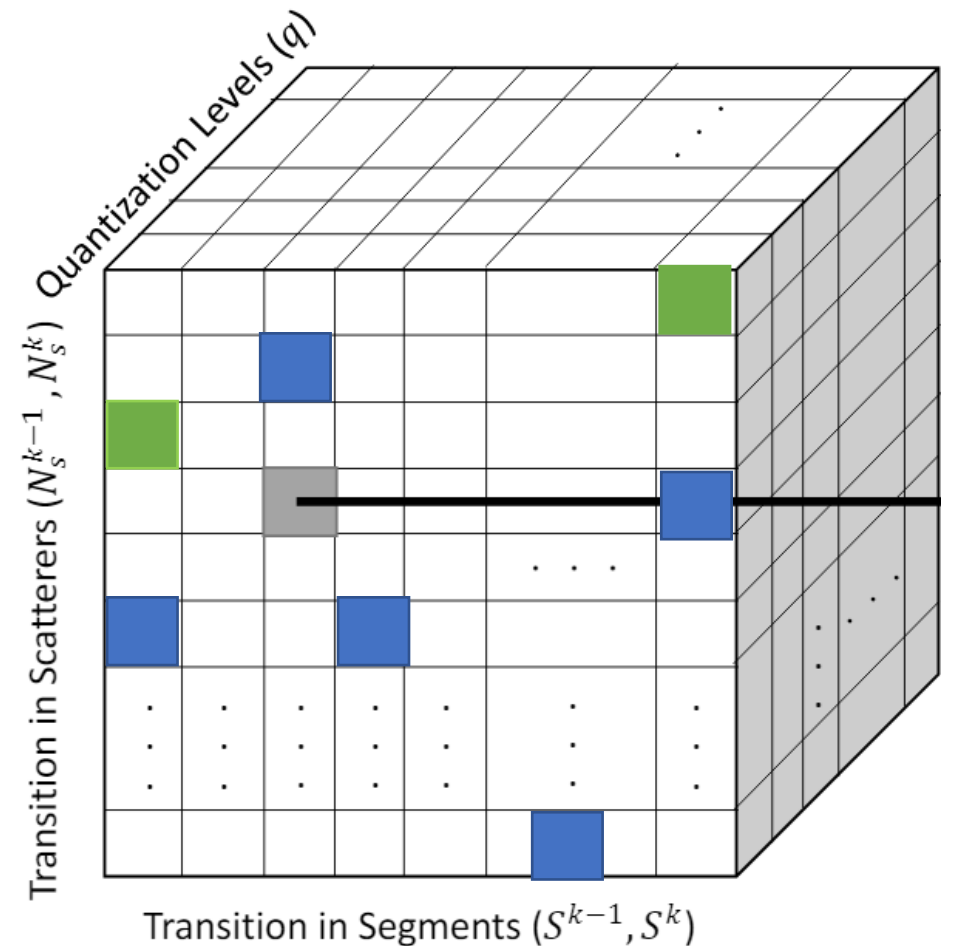
Concerns

Limitations...

- Sparsity ■ → Missing adjustments
- Noisy data ■ → Corrupt adjustments

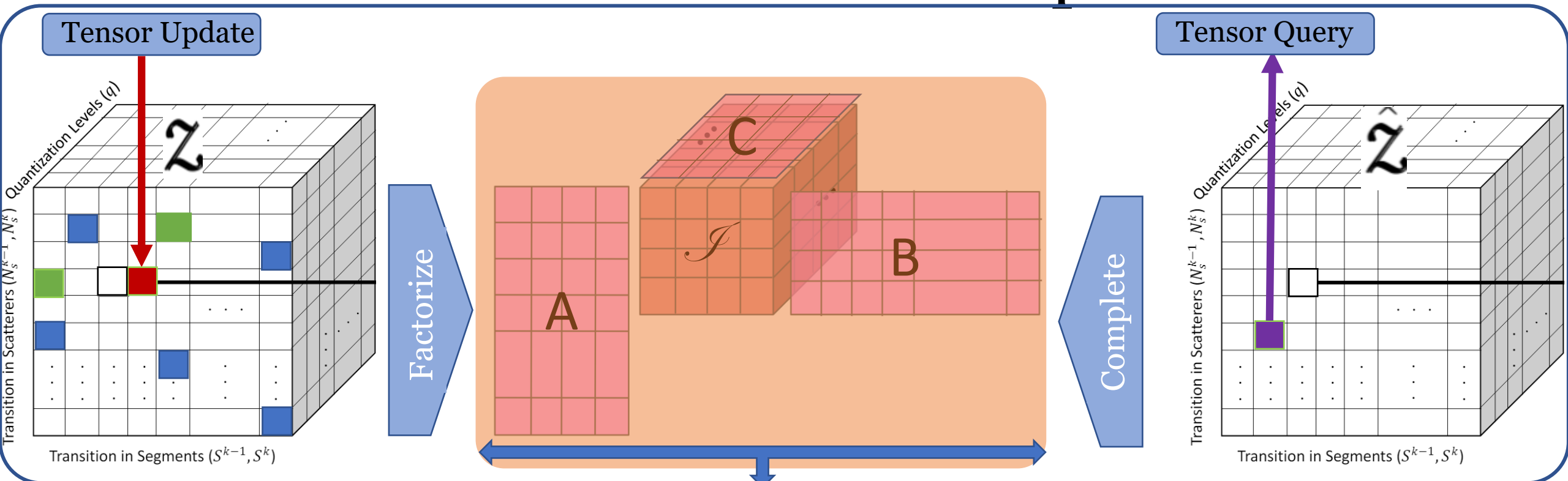
Solution

- Tensor factorization & Completion

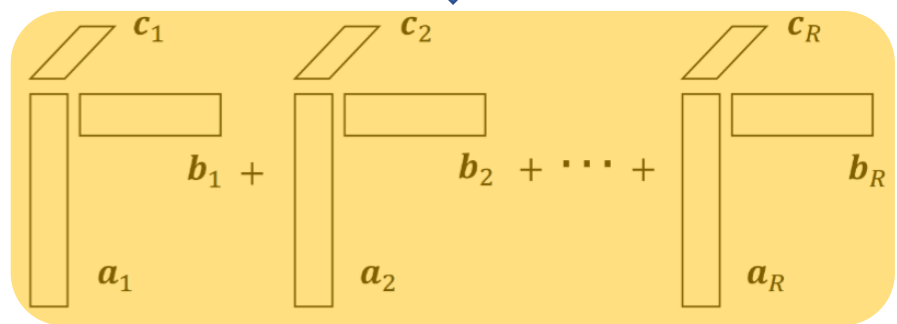


Sparse & Noisy Channel Tensor \mathcal{Z}

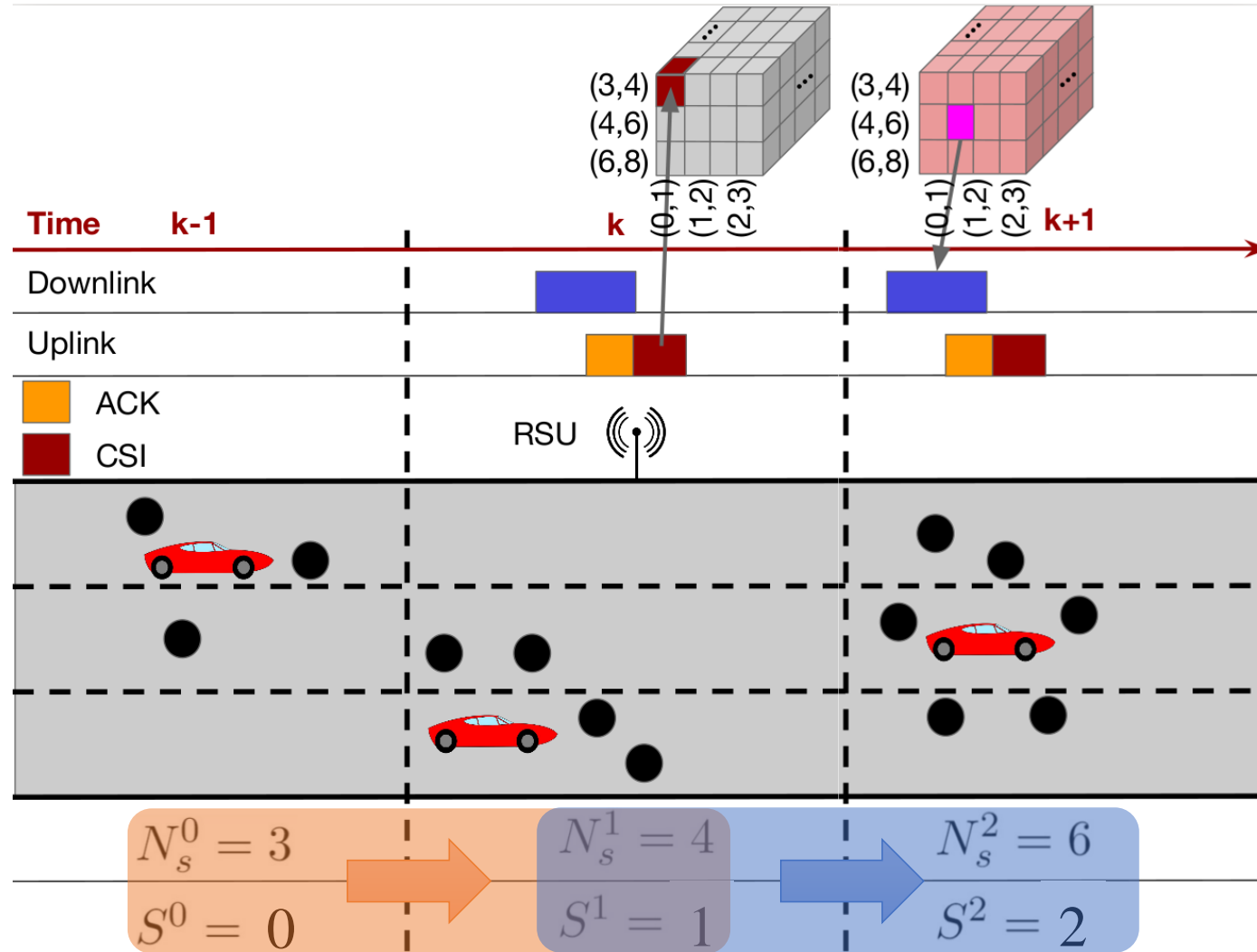
B. Tensor Factorization & Completion



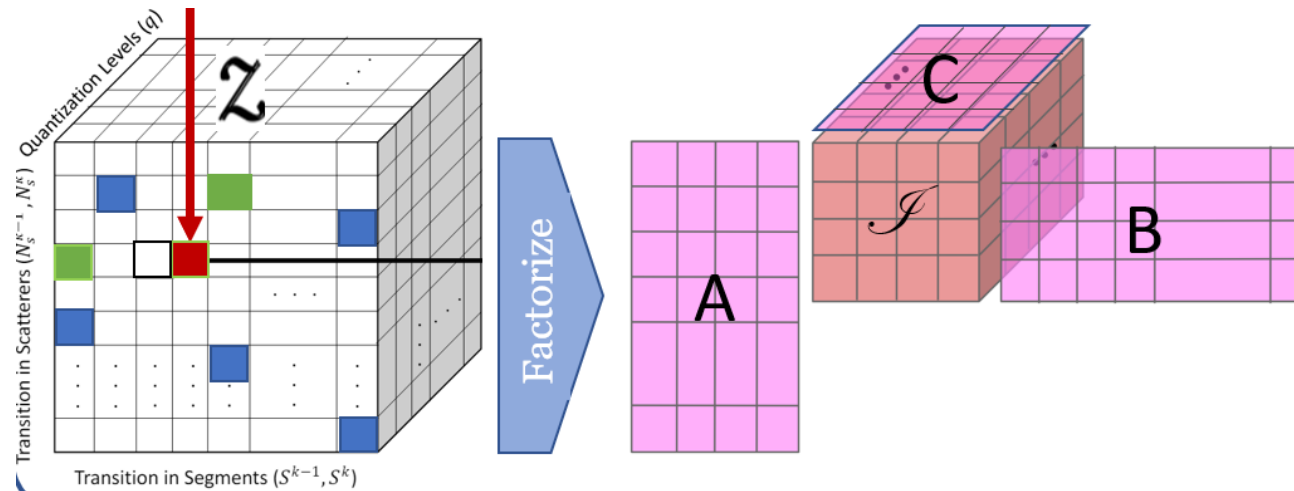
- \mathcal{Z} - Channel Tensor
- $A = [a_1, \dots, a_R]$ - transition in scatterers (N_s^{k-1}, N_s^k)
- $B = [b_1, \dots, b_R]$ - Transition in segment (S^{k-1}, S^k)
- $C = [c_1, \dots, c_R]$ - quantized levels (q)



Example



1) Tensor Factorization

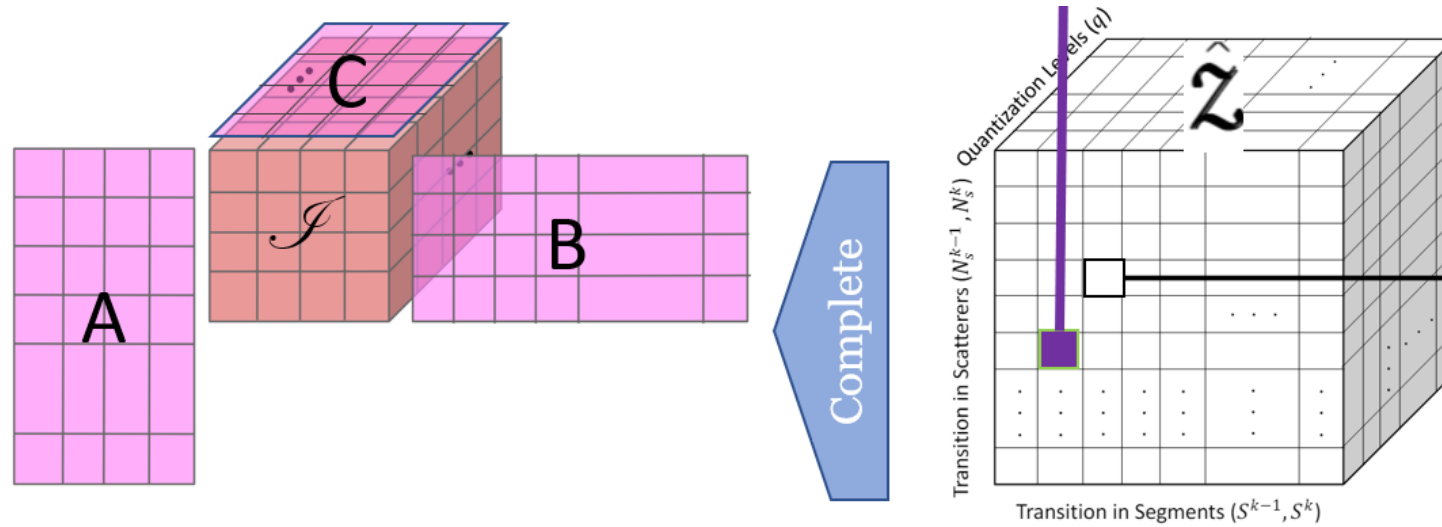


- Captures latent structure of channel tensor (CP Factorization [5])

$$f_{\mathcal{W}}(\mathbf{A}, \mathbf{B}, \mathbf{C}) = \underbrace{\frac{1}{2} \|\mathcal{Z} - \llbracket \mathbf{A}, \mathbf{B}, \mathbf{C} \rrbracket\|_{\mathcal{W}}^2}_{\text{Error Function}} + \underbrace{\frac{\lambda}{2} (\|\mathbf{A}\|^2 + \|\mathbf{B}\|^2 + \|\mathbf{C}\|^2)}_{\text{Regularization Term}}$$

[3] T. G. Kolda and B. W. Bader, "Tensor decompositions and applications,"

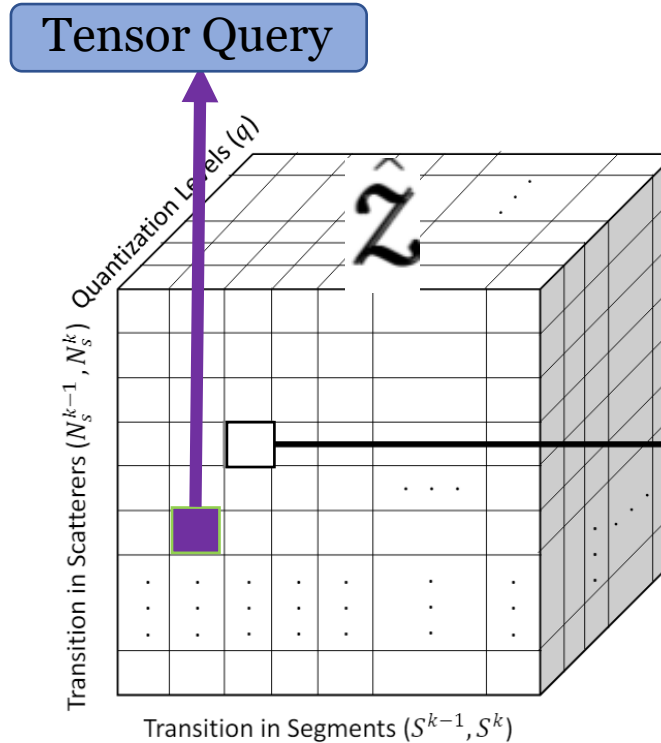
2) Tensor Completion



- Reconstructs tensor from computed factors (A , B , C)

$$\hat{\mathcal{Z}} = \llbracket \mathbf{A}, \mathbf{B}, \mathbf{C} \rrbracket = \sum_{r=1}^R \mathbf{a}_r \circ \mathbf{b}_r \circ \mathbf{c}_r$$

Tensor Query



- Extract Channel Adjustments,

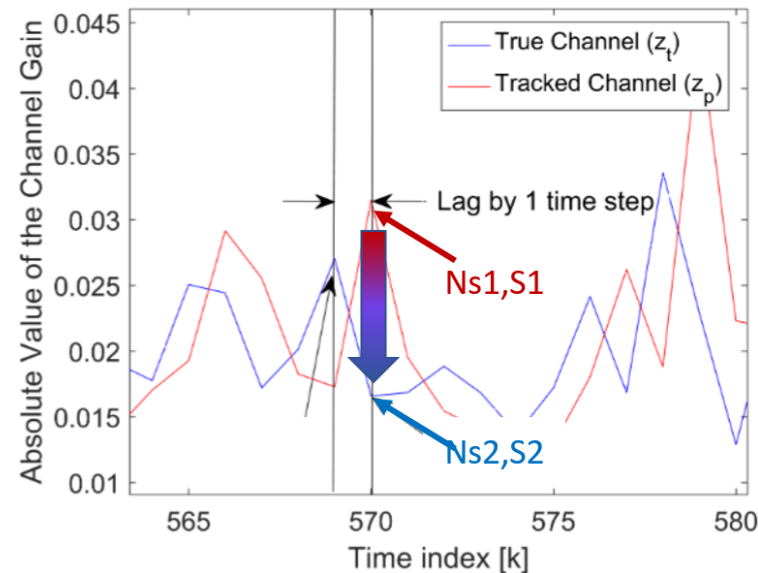
$$z_r(k, n) = \hat{\mathbf{Z}}[(N_s^{k-1}, N_s^k), (S^{k-1}, S^k), q_n]$$

C. Spatio-Temporal Adjustment

- This alleviates the lag and the disparity in Number of Scatterers and location.

$$\hat{\mathbf{z}}_p(k) = (1 - \alpha_k)\mathbf{z}_p(k) + \alpha_k\mathbf{z}_r(k)$$

Predicted Downlink
Channel Profile



D. Pre-equalization at Transmitter

- The waveform of the downlink packet is pre-equalized \rightarrow Net effect is a flat fading at the receiver [4].
- Inverse of the expected fading profile,

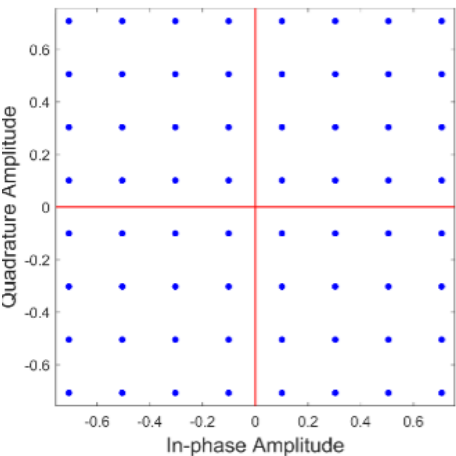
$$\tilde{\mathbf{z}}_p(k) = \mathbf{1}./\hat{\mathbf{z}}_p(k)$$

[4] Al-Ibadi and A. Dutta, “Predictive analytics for non-stationary v2i channel”

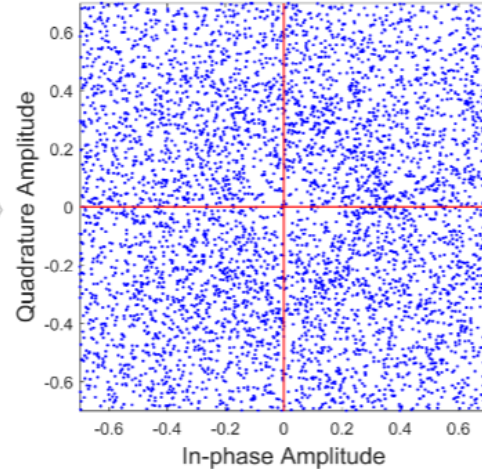
Effect of Pre-Equalization

High level system performance:

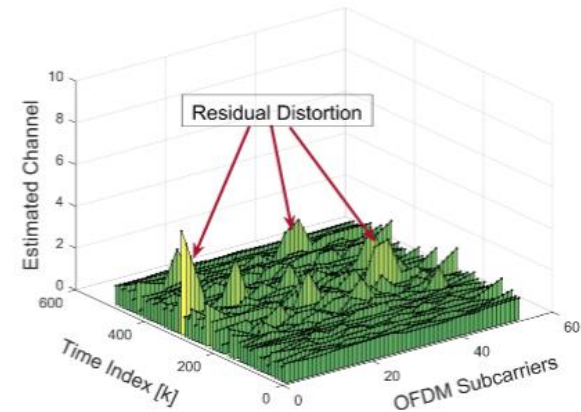
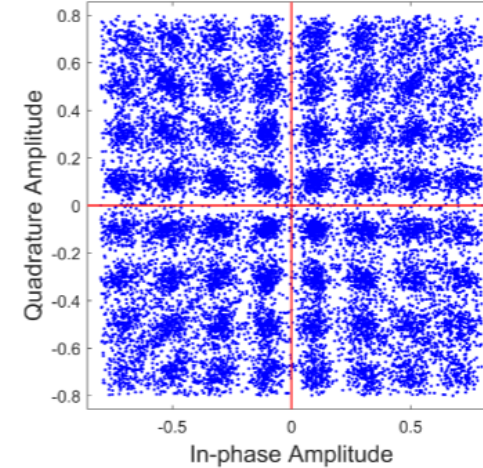
- The waveform of the downlink packet is pre-equalized
→ Result: Clean constellations and flat fading at the receiver



Pre-Equalization
based on
Recommendation
(§II)



Downlink
Transmission and
Pilot based
channel
estimation



(a) Before compensation

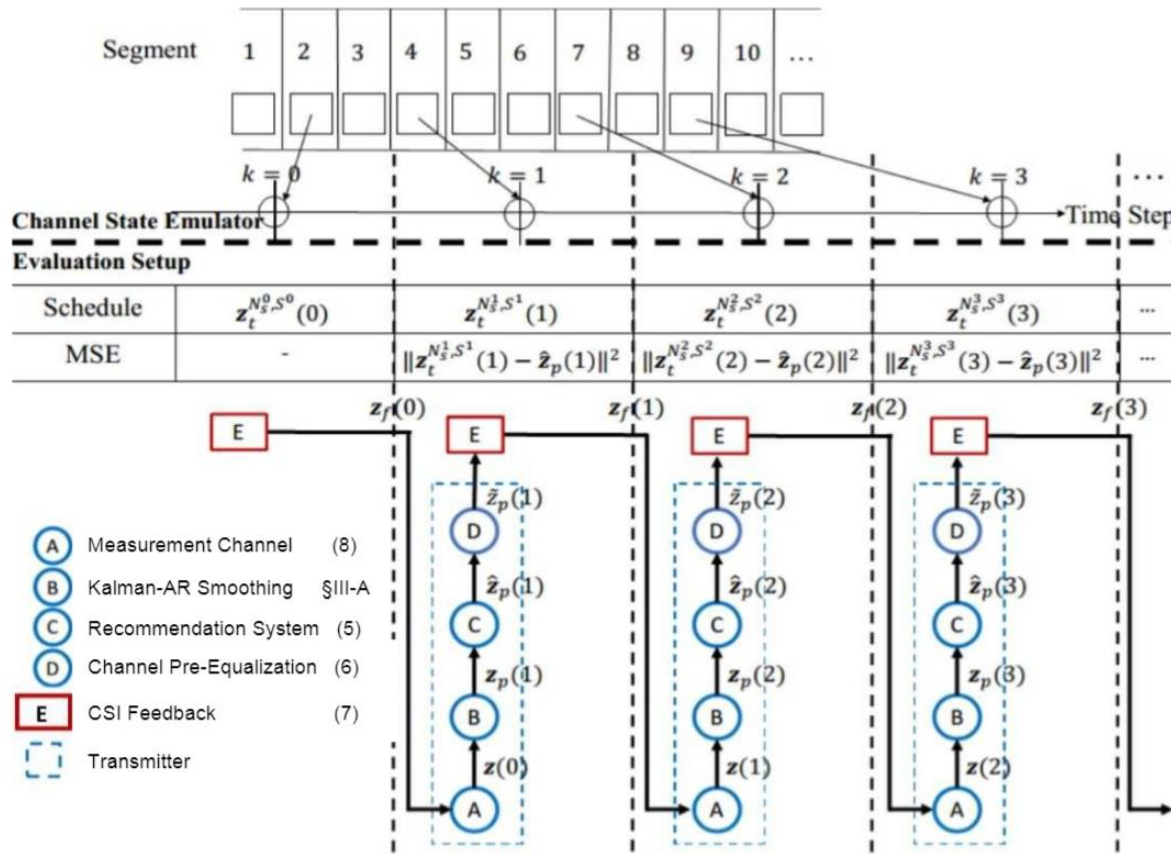
(b) After Pre-equalize

(c) Received constellation

(d) Equalized channel-Receiver

Simulation setup & testbed

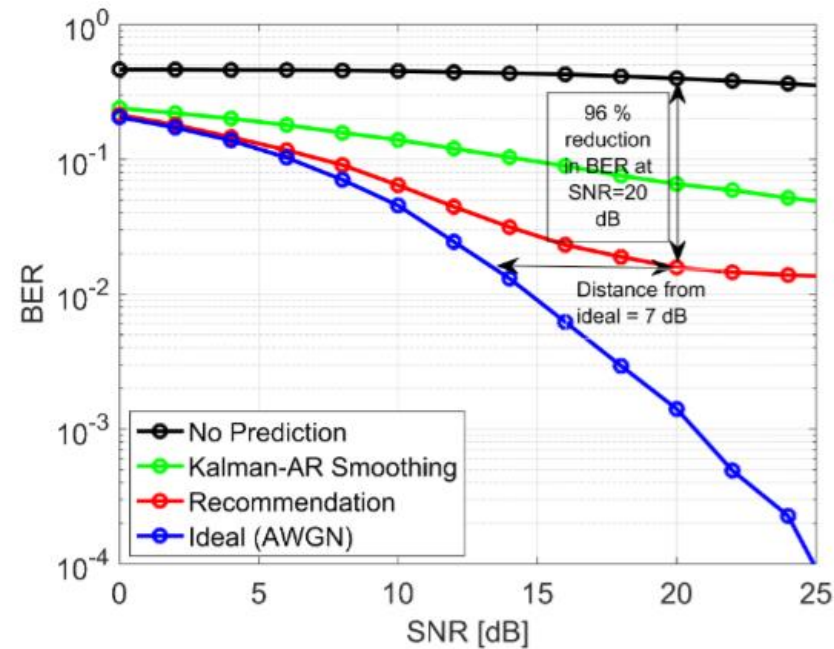
- Measurement channel life-cycle



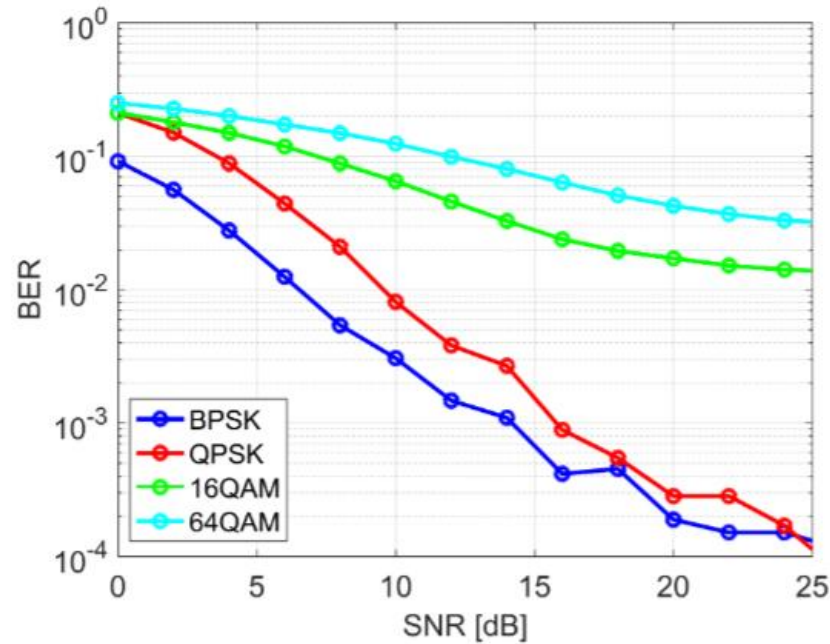
- Conventional 802.11p (OFDM packet)
- With pilot-based linear interpolation equalization
- Carrier frequency (f_c) = 5.9GHz
- Vehicle Speed = 45 mph
- Segment Length = 10 m

Results: A. BER at the Receiver

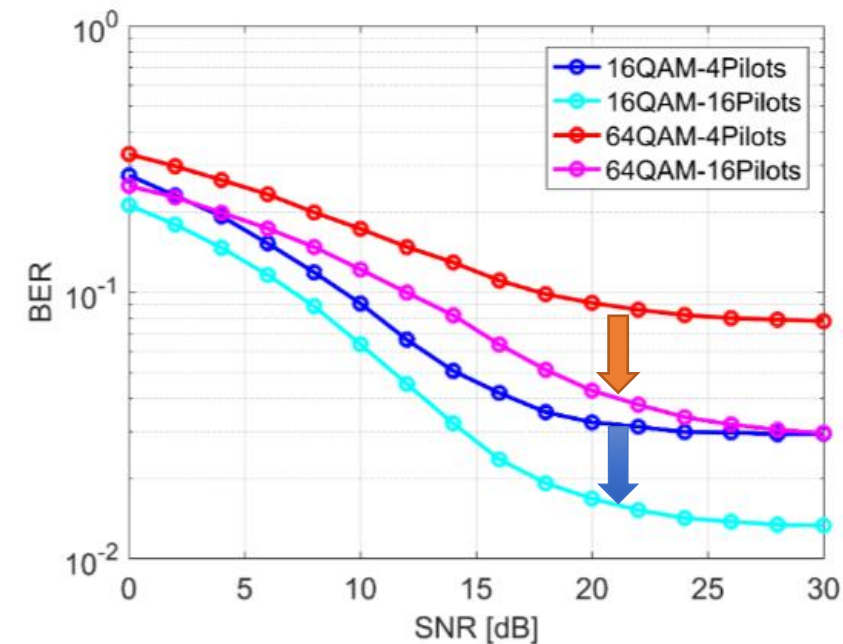
- Bit Error Rate (BER)



(a) BER for 16-QAM with 16 pilot tones.



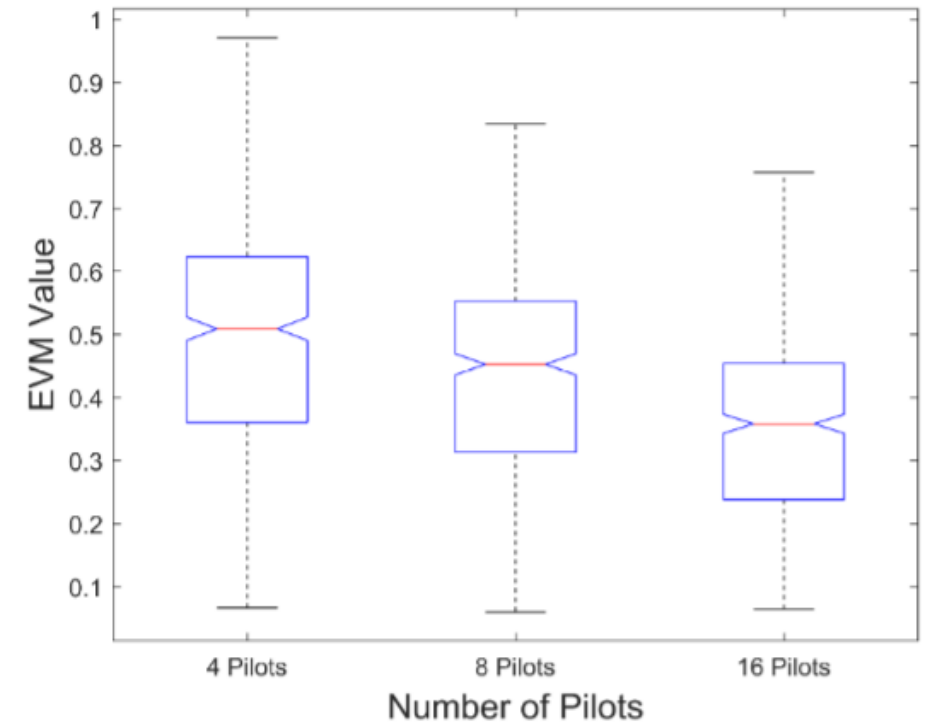
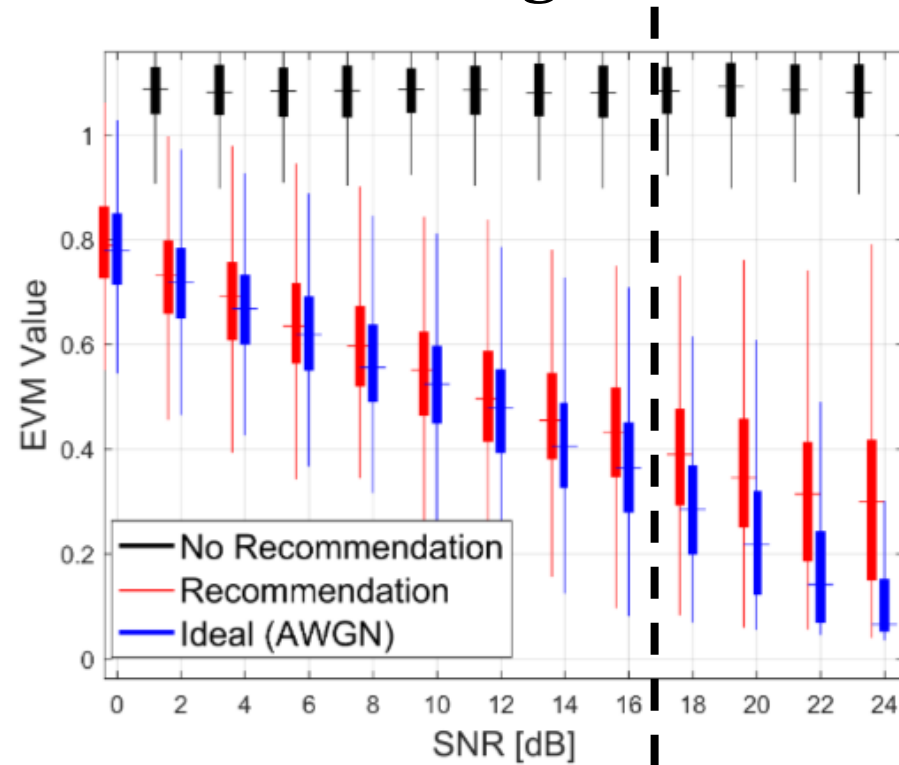
(b) BER for different modulation with 16 pilot tones.



(c) BER for 16QAM and 64QAM with varying # pilot tones.

B. EVM at the Receiver

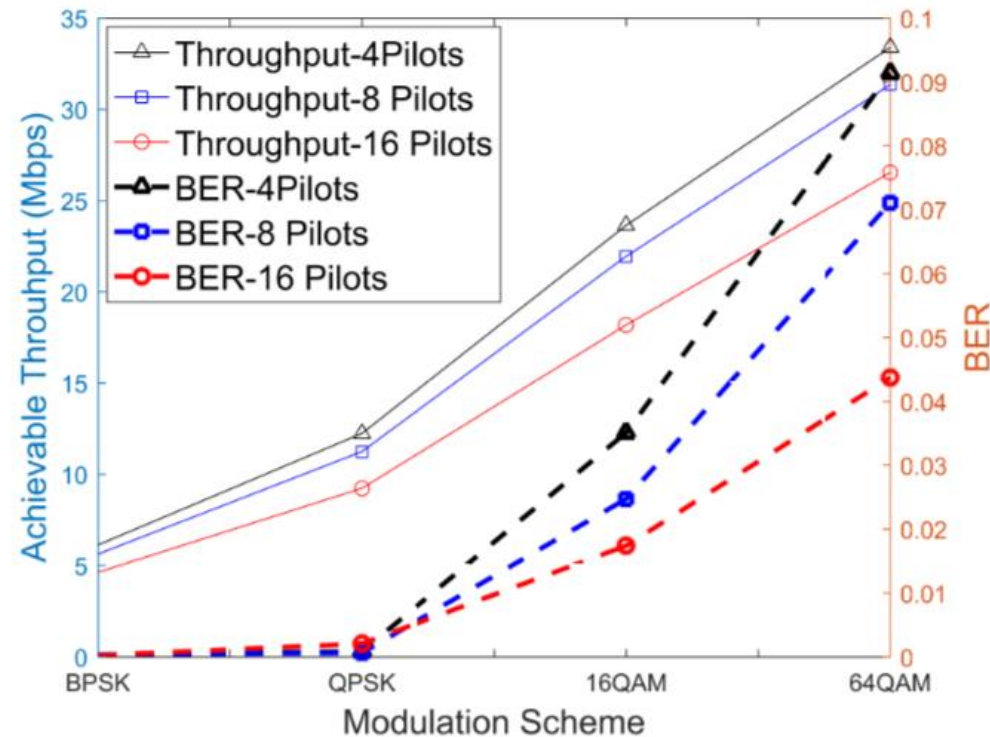
- Error Vector Magnitude (EVM)



(a) EVM distribution for 16QAM with 16 pilot tones (b) EVM plot for 16QAM with varying pilot tones at 20dB SNR.

C. Throughput-Pilot Trade-off

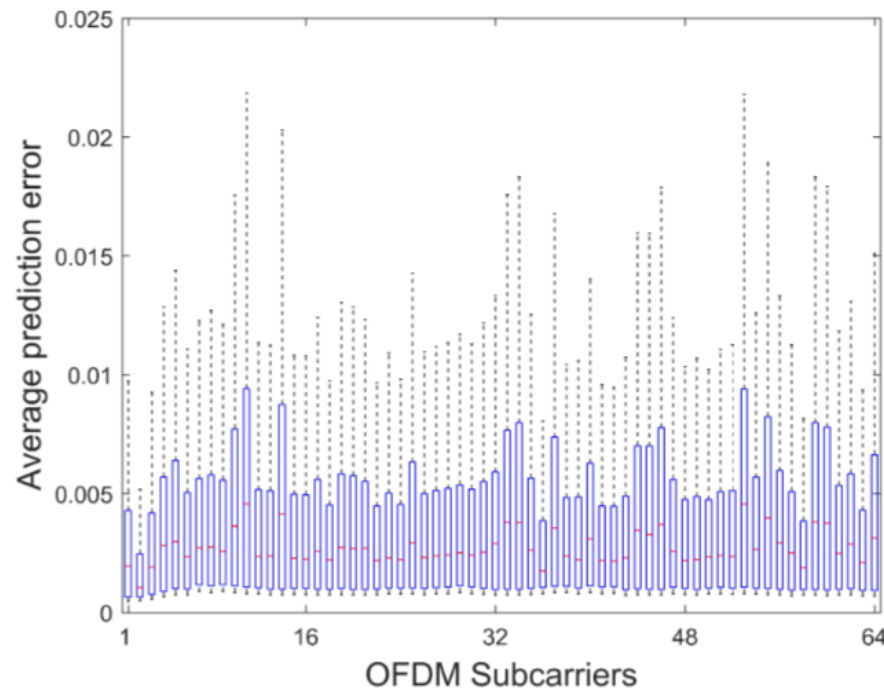
- The gain in goodput due to low BER.



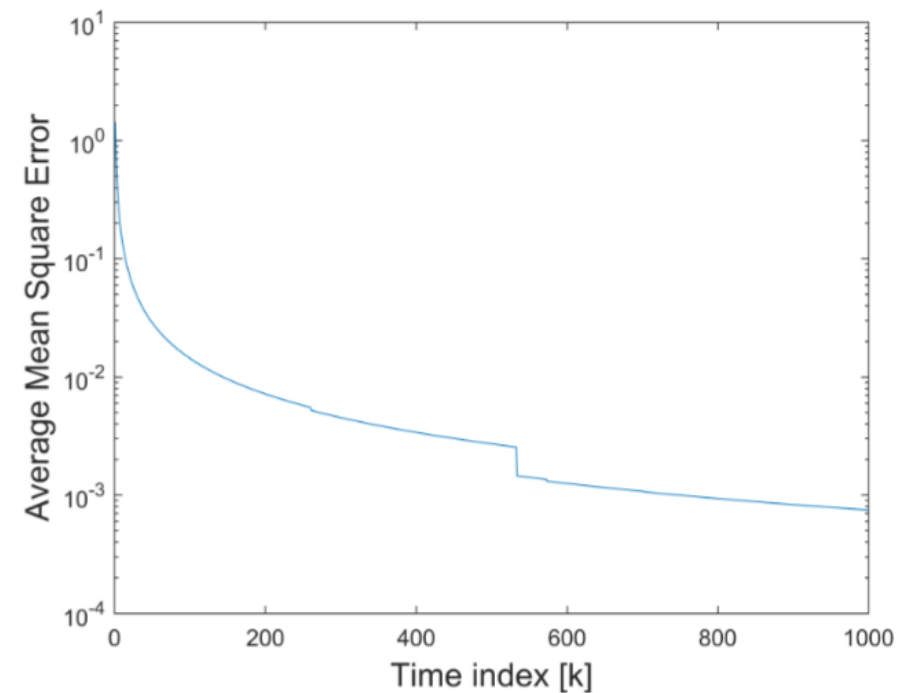
(a) Throughput and BER for different modulation for different number of pilots.

D. Accuracy of the Recommender System

- Mean Square Error (MSE) of the Recommender at Transmitter.



(a) MSE is fairly consistent for each frequency sub-carrier.

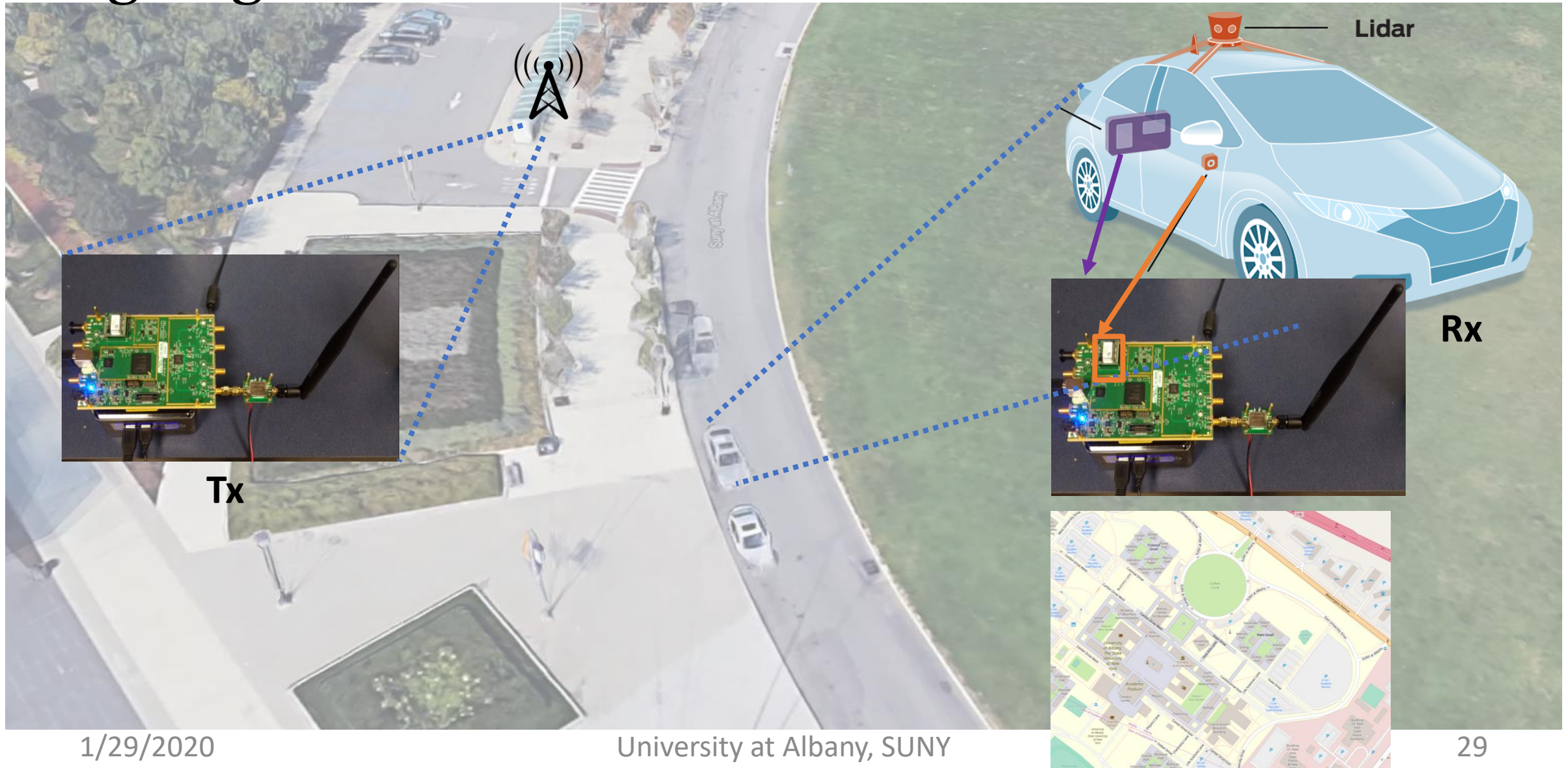


(b) MSE reduces with more CSI entries in the tensor.

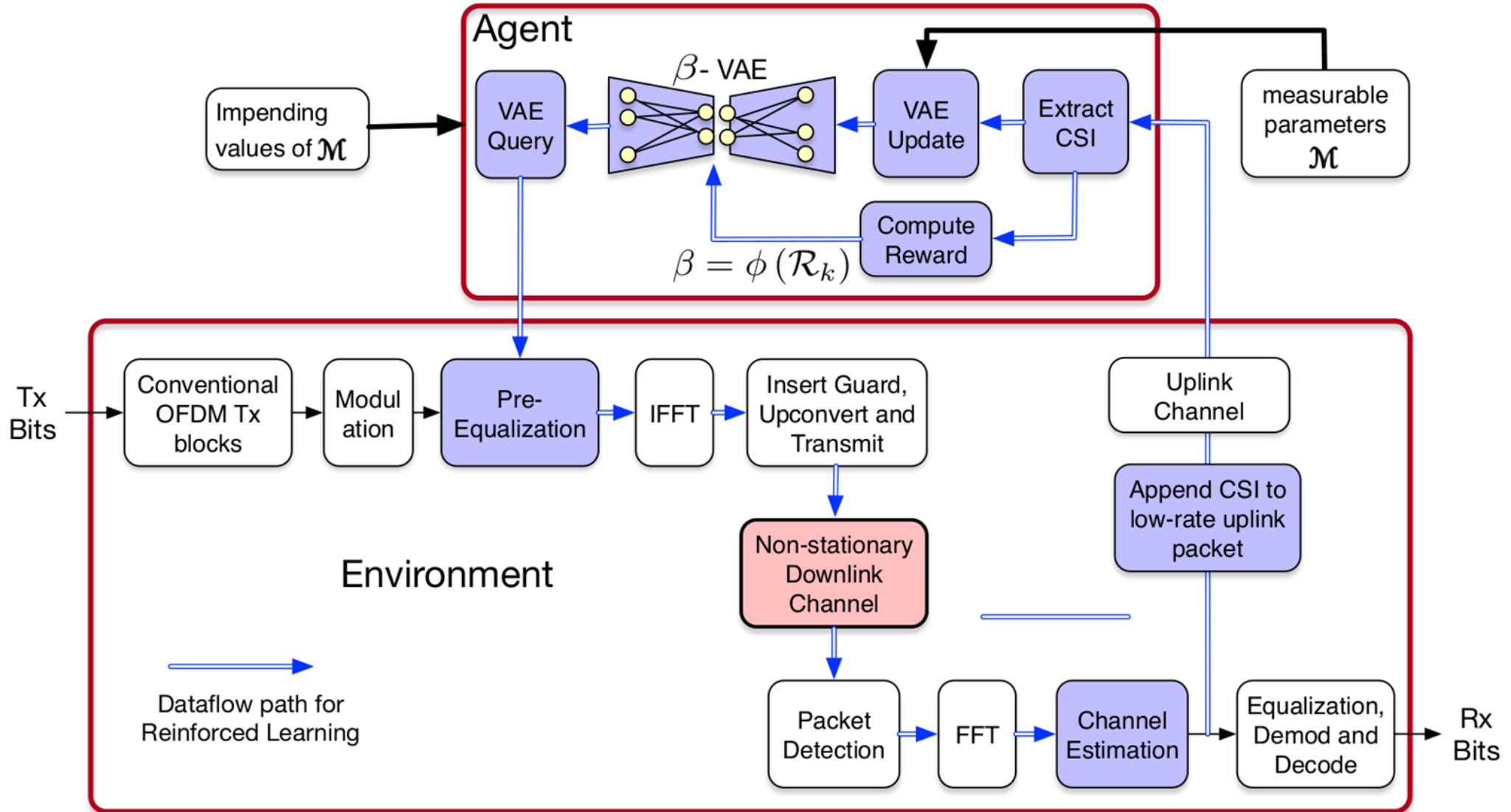
Discussion

- 1) V2X Channels have high spatio-temporal non-stationarity.
- 2) Recommender at Tx is able to predict the V2X channel
→ flat fading profile → 96% lower BER
- 3) Higher modulation orders → V2X achieves higher Data Rates
- 4) Accuracy of recommender improves with time (MSE of 0.001)

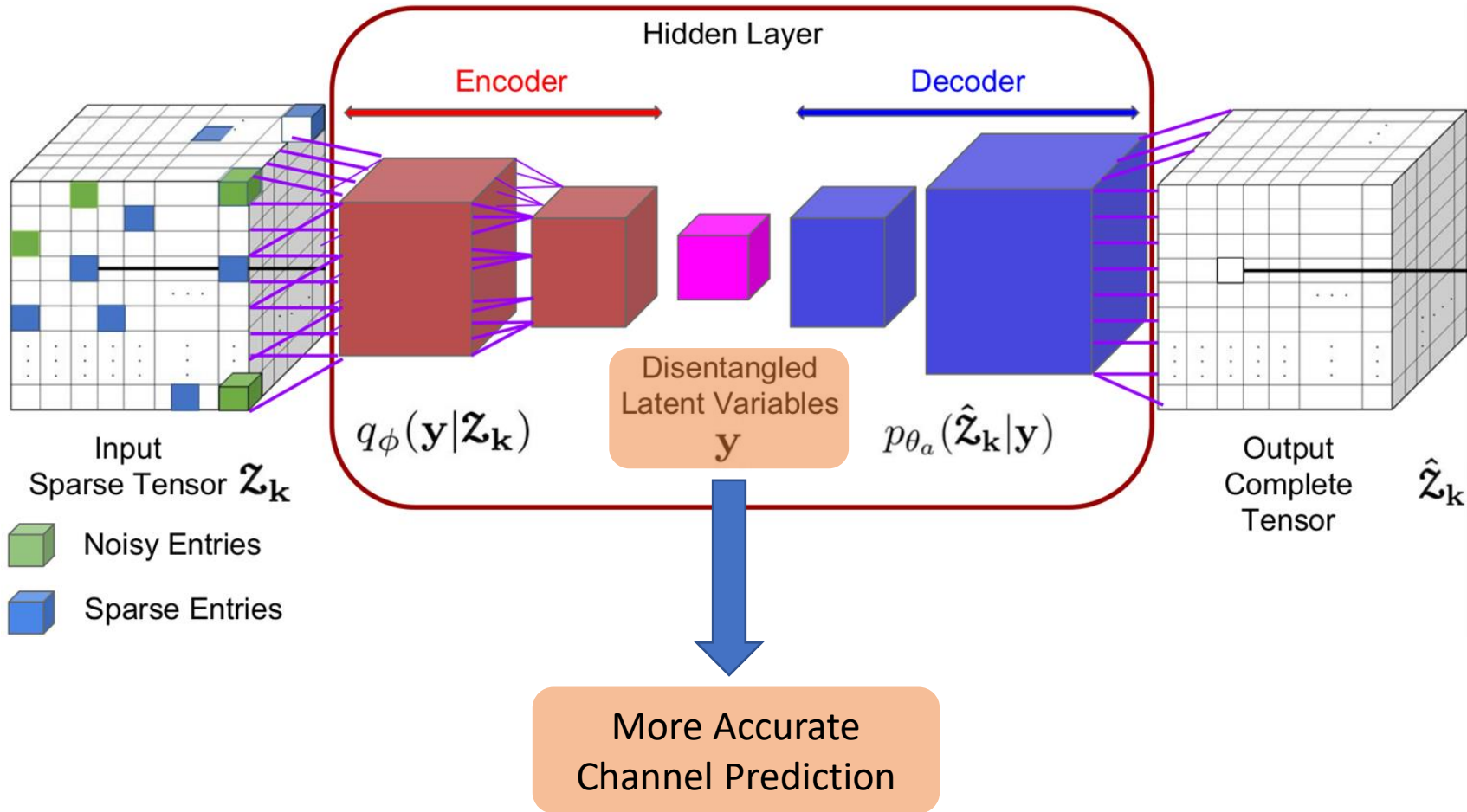
Ongoing Work: A. Outdoor V2X wireless testbed:



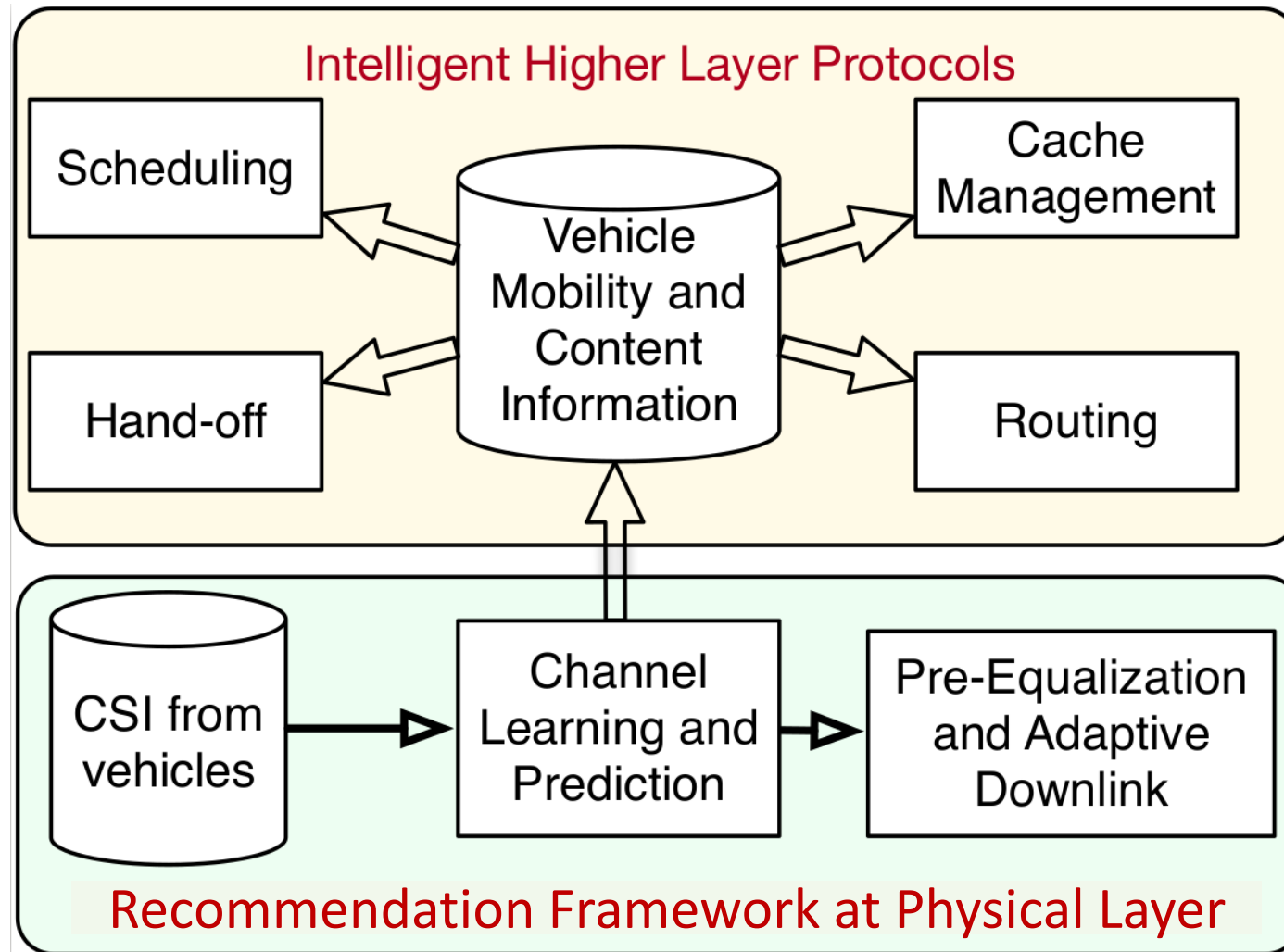
B. Deep Reinforcement Learning for V2X



Unique Advantage

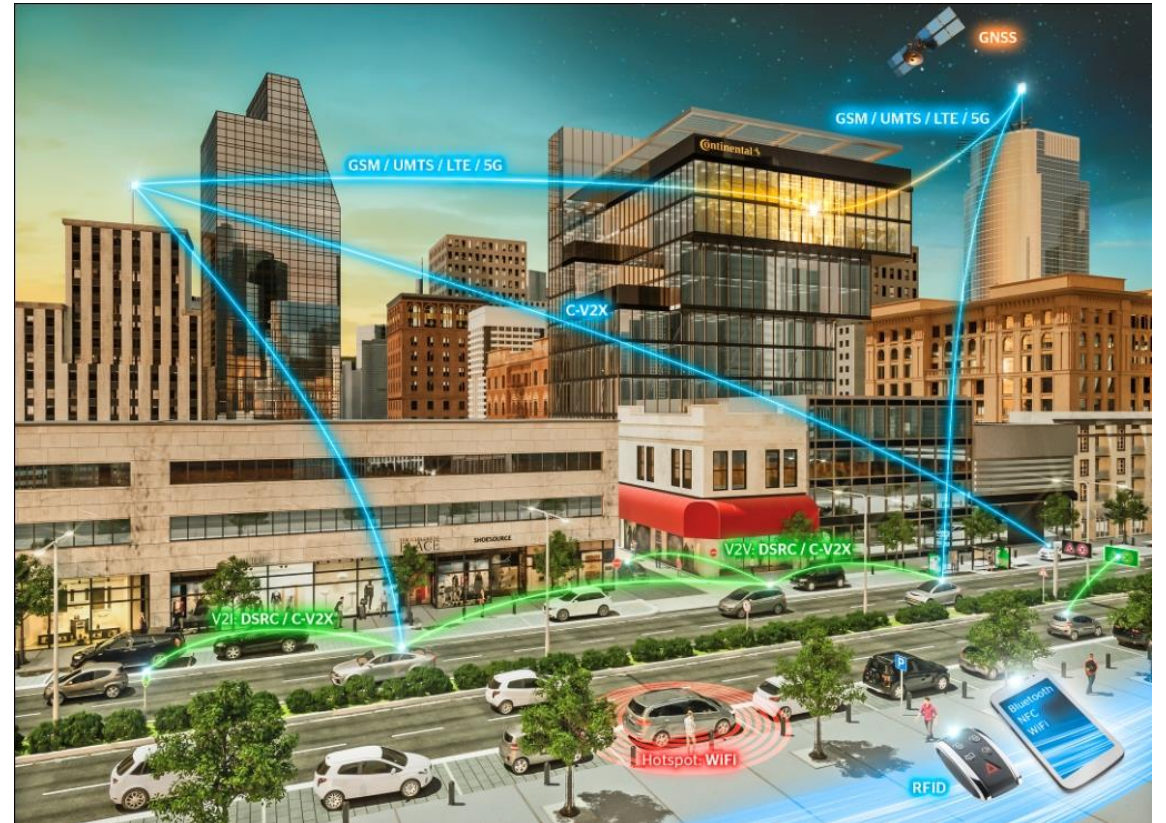


C. Intelligent Higher Layer Functions



D. Generalization to other Non-stationary Channels

- This framework can be generalized to other wireless channels,
 - 802.11-(xx),
 - C-V2X,
 - Visible Light,
 - Space communication and
 - Underwater networks



Courses Taken

ICSI 516 - Computer Communication Networks

ICSI 525 - Mobile Wireless Networks

ICEN 553 - Cyber-Physical Systems

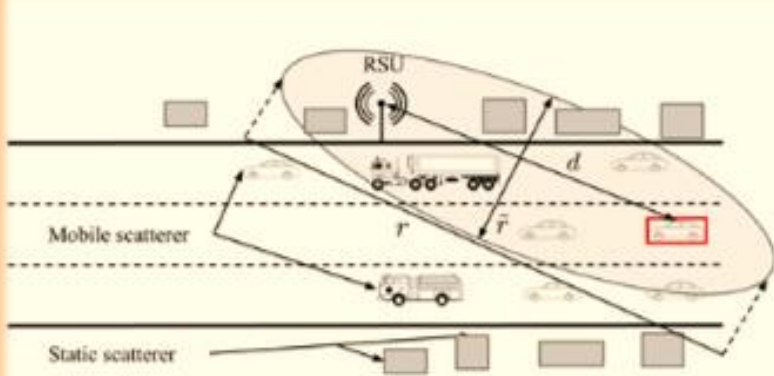
ICSI 503 - Algorithms & Data Structures

ICSI 551 - Bayesian Data Analysis

AMAT 575 - Optimization Theory

AMAT 524 - Advanced Linear Algebra

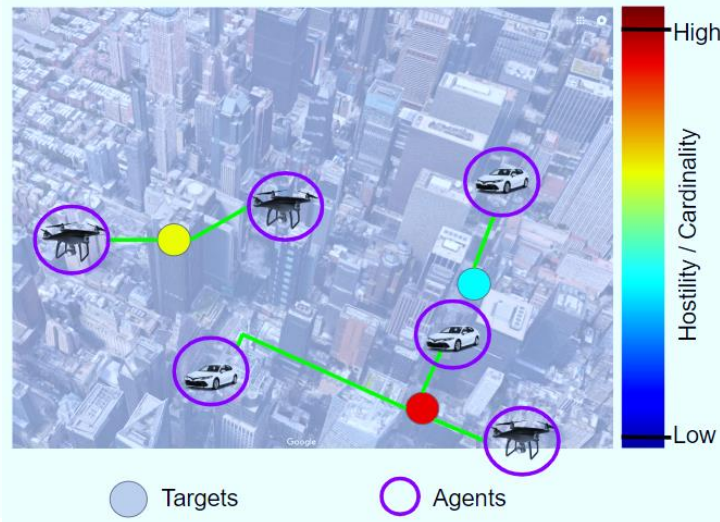
Predictive Analytics for V2X channels



Relevant Publications:

- [VTC 2018] Spatio-Temporal Recommender for V2X Channels
- [IEEE 5GWF] Channel Analytics for V2X Communication
- [TWC*] Real-time prediction of Non-Stationary V2X channel using Tensor Decomposition

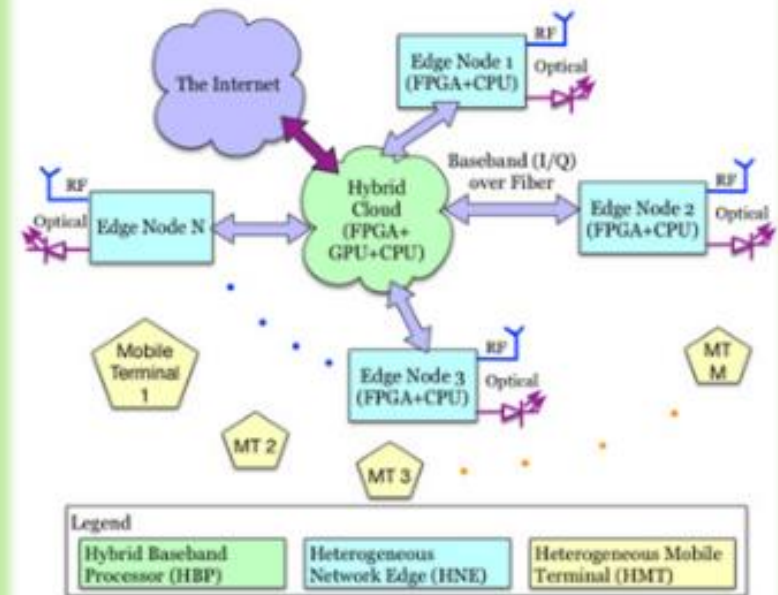
Enforcement of Spectrum Policies



Relevant Publications:

- [Dyspan 2018] Multi-Agent Planning with Cardinality: Towards Autonomous Enforcement of Spectrum Policies
- [TCCN] Spectrum Enforcement & Localization using Autonomous Agents with Cardinality

Cloud Radio Access Network (CRAN)



Relevant Publications:

- [IEEE 5GWF] CHRONOS : A Cloud based Hybrid RF-Optical Network Over Synchronous Links

Conclusion

- My work...

- Emerging Applications in Emerging Wireless Networks:
Autonomous Agents, Adverse Channels, Hybrid Communications etc.

- Emerging Techniques:
Deep AI, Distributed Consensus Algorithms, Quantum Computing, etc.

- My Vision...

- *Enabling Pro-active, Real-time applications via Autonomous agents (UAVs, UGVs, crowd) for emerging wireless networks*

Thank you

Questions & Feedback