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# **Code-adaptive Transmission Accounting for Filtering Effects in EON**

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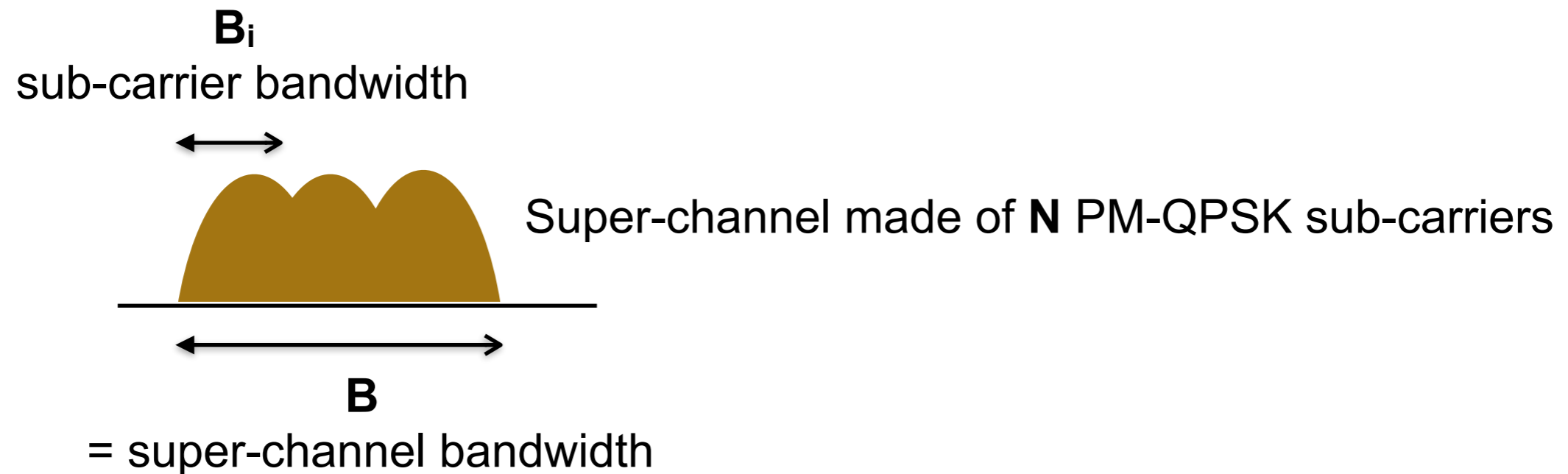
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## In this paper

- We demonstrate the concept of code adaptation for distance adaptation considering time frequency packing transmission
- Coding is selected to satisfy quality of transmission (QoT), also considering detrimental **filtering effects**
- **High spectral-efficiency: e.g., 6.6 b/s/Hz with PM-QPSK**
- Code adaptation is also hitless performed to re-act to the degradation without the need of any re-routing



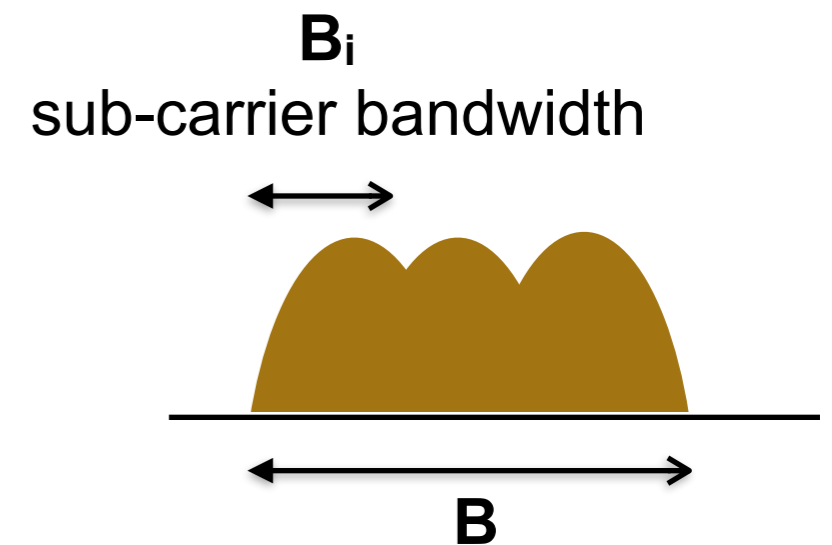
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- $c_i = \text{code rate } f/b$  where  $b - f$  bits of code are transmitted each  $f$  bits of information
  - Code rate (i.e., redundancy) affects the ability to correctly receive the information transmitted over an all-optical path, also traversing a certain number of nodes, thus considering filters (spectrum selective switches —SSSs).
- $R_i = \text{sub-carrier bit rate}$ : it includes information and coding
- Super-channel **information rate**:  $N \times c_i \times R_i$

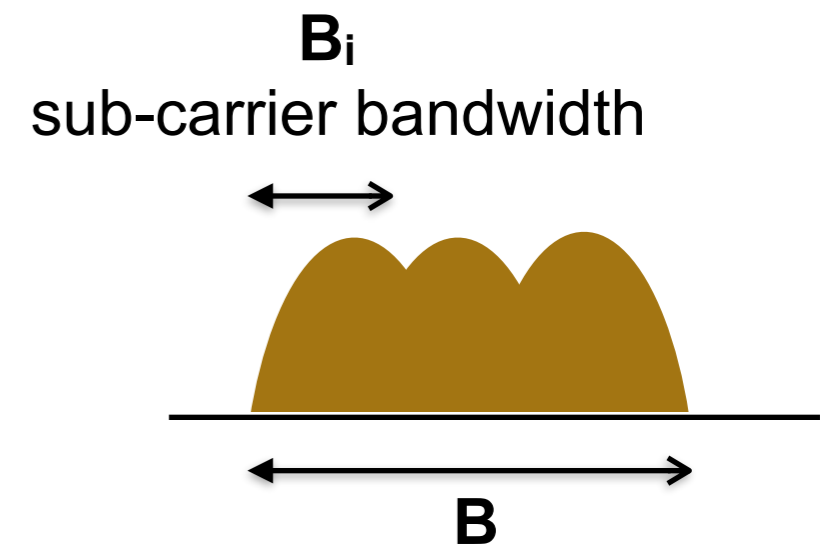


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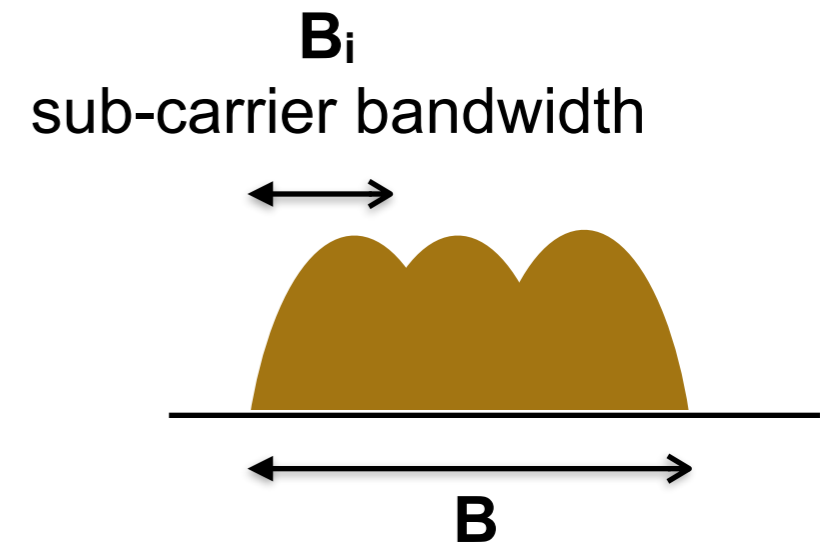
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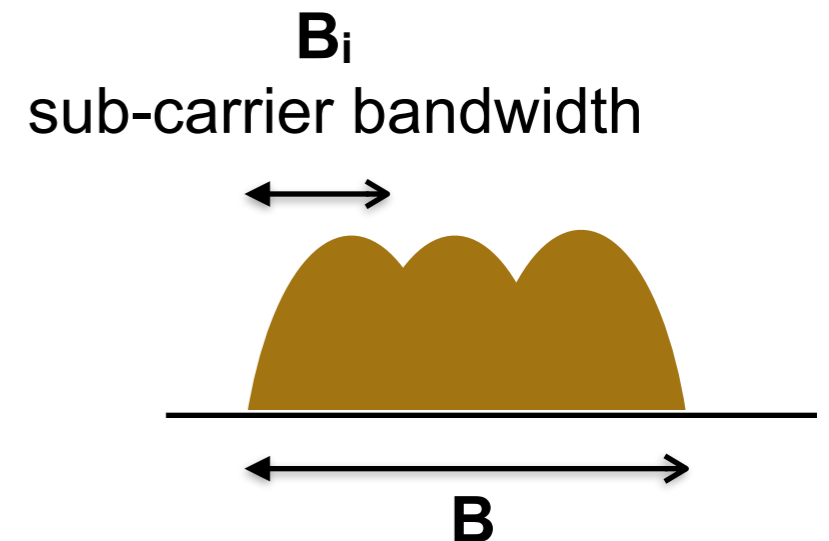
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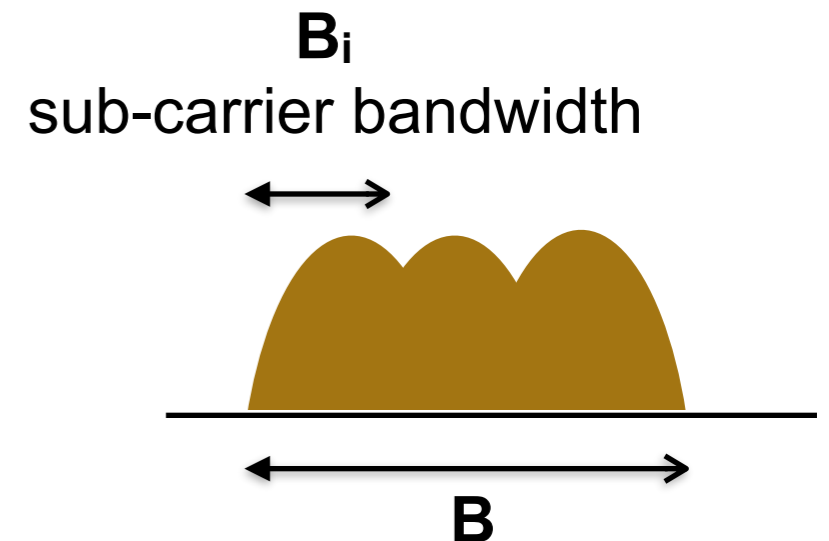
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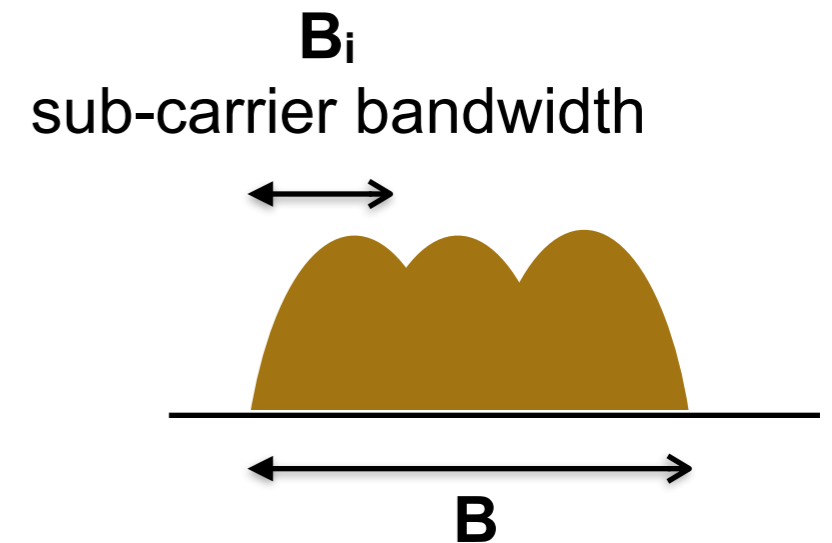
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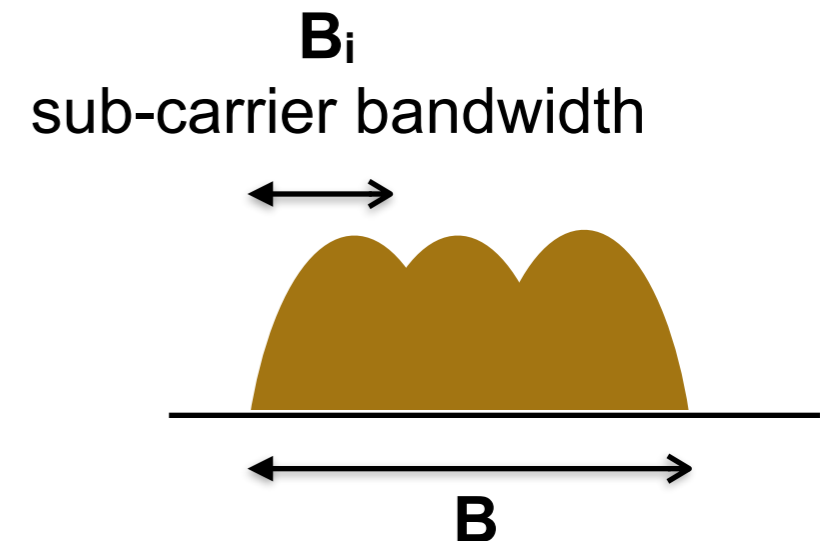
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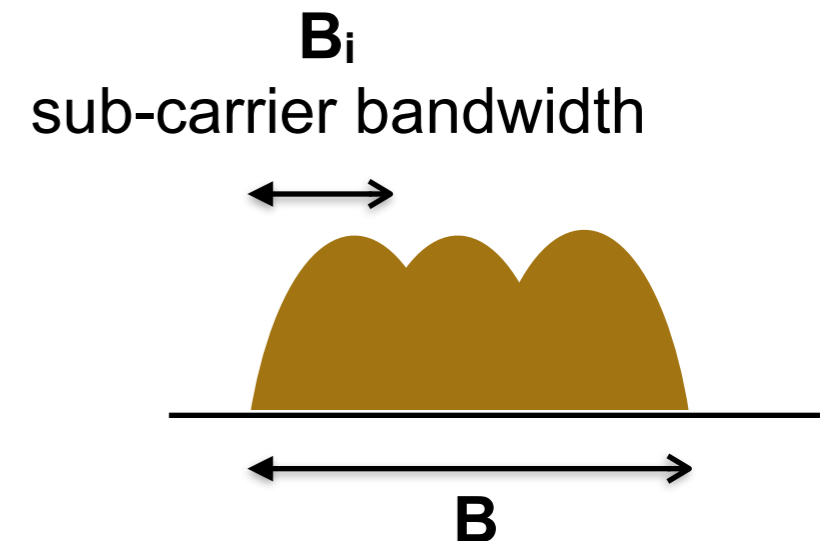
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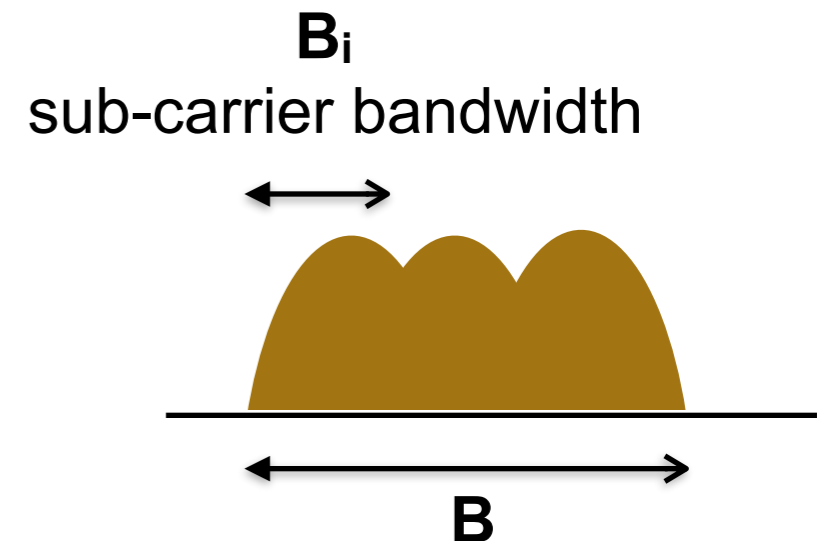
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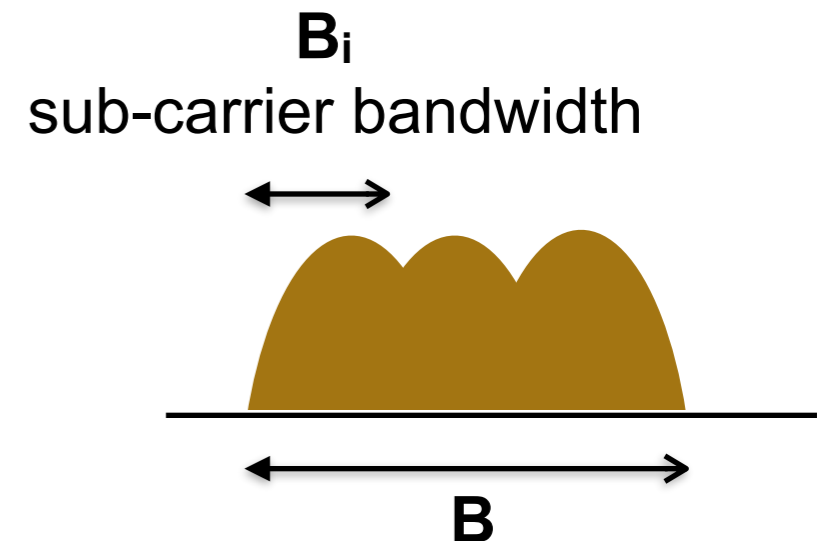
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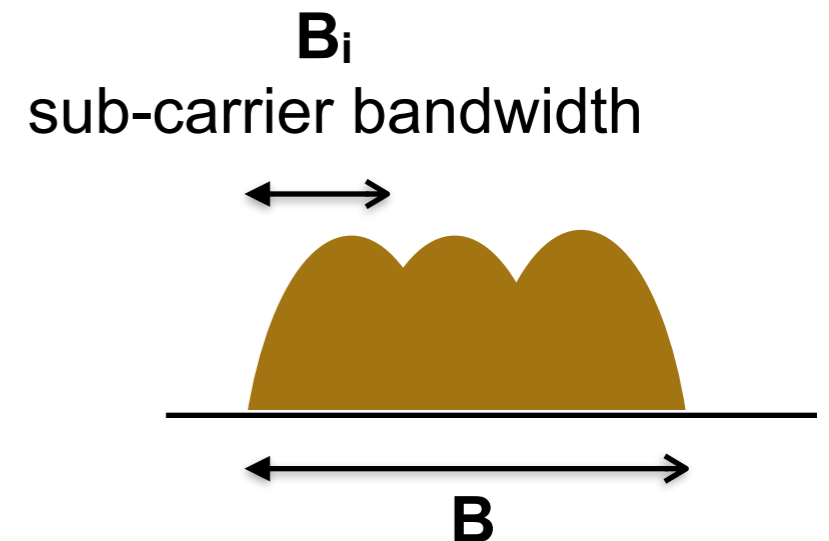
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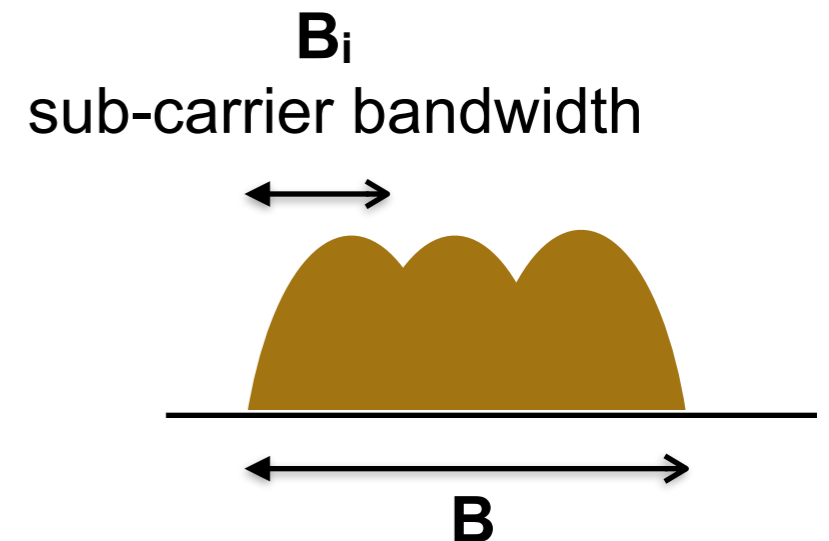
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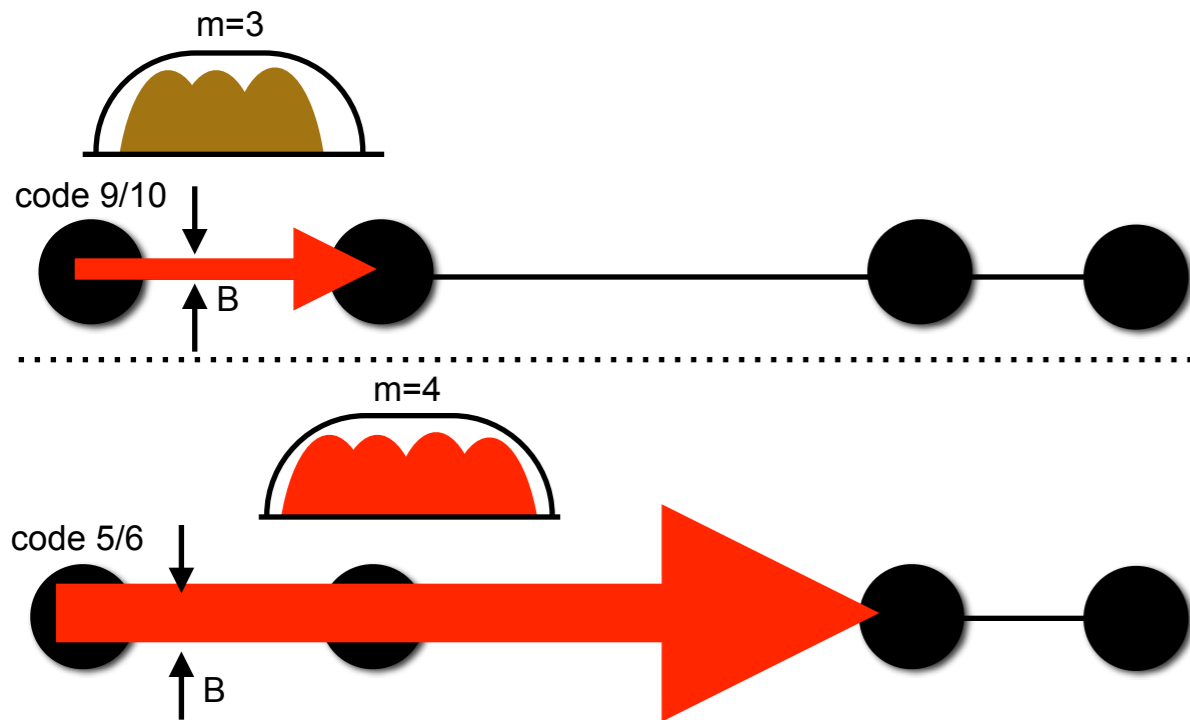


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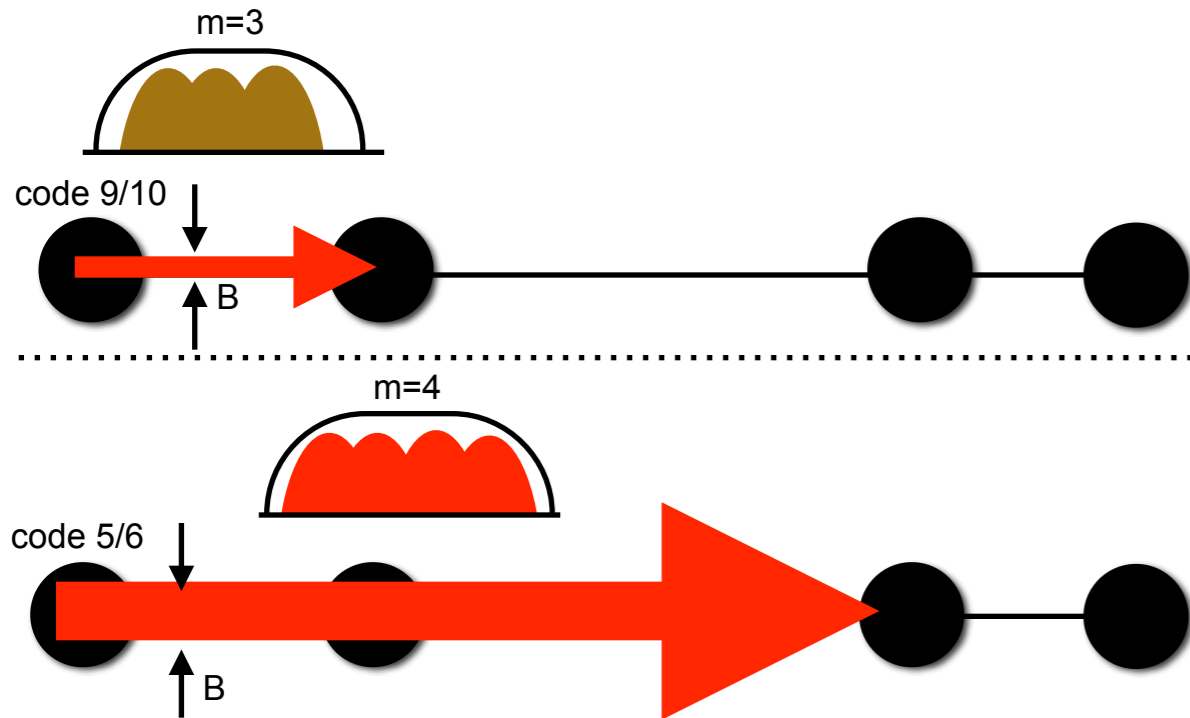


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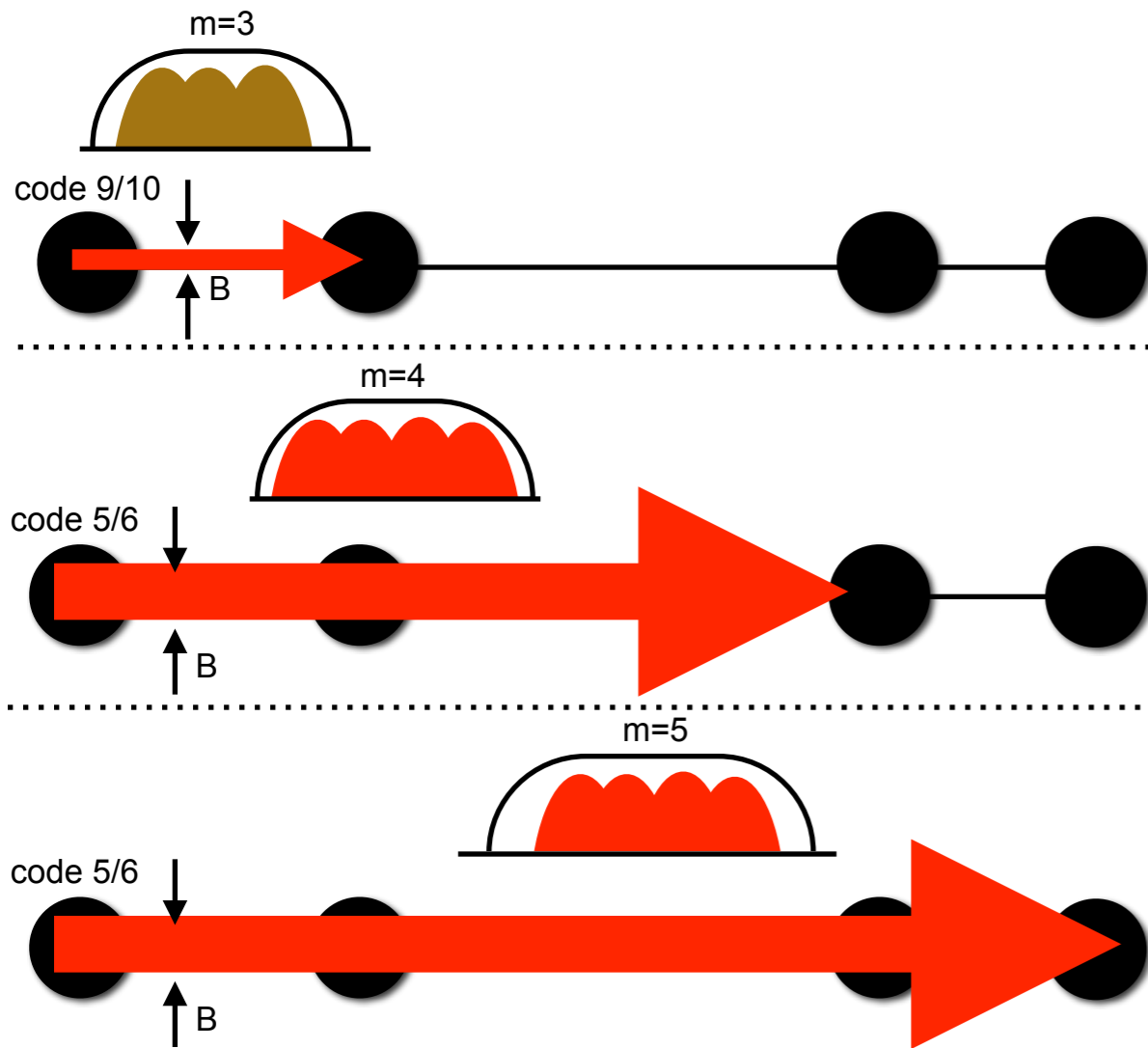
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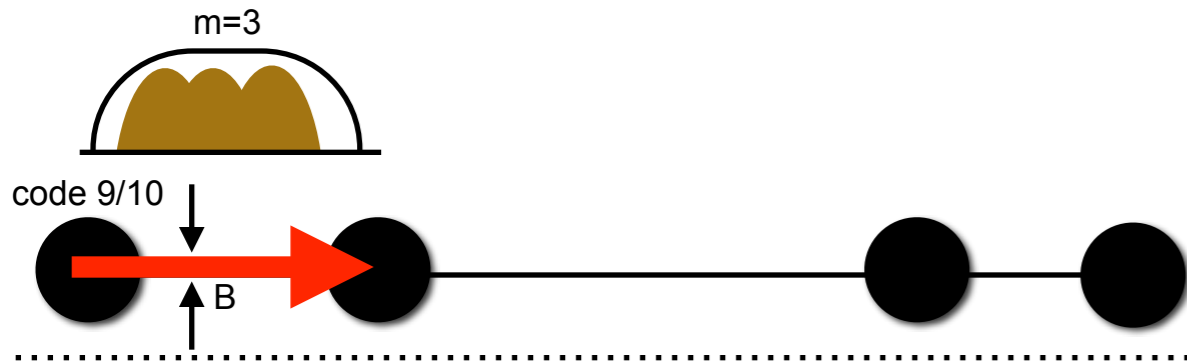
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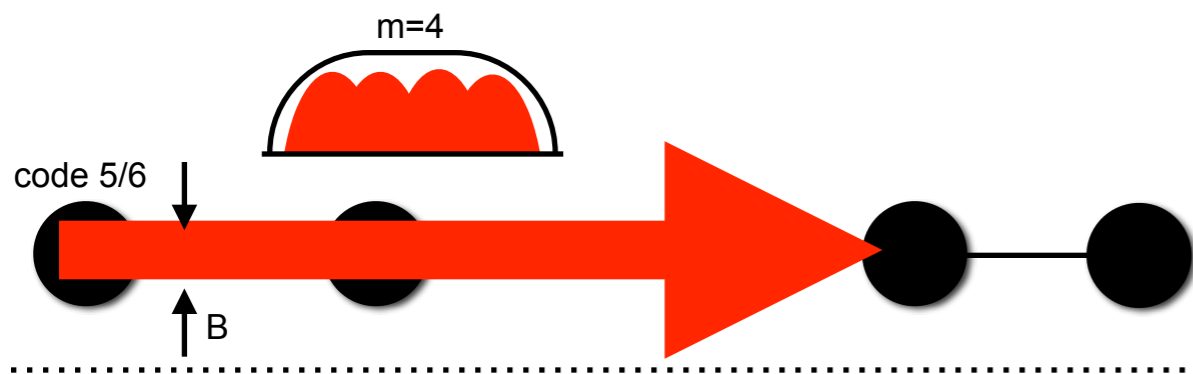


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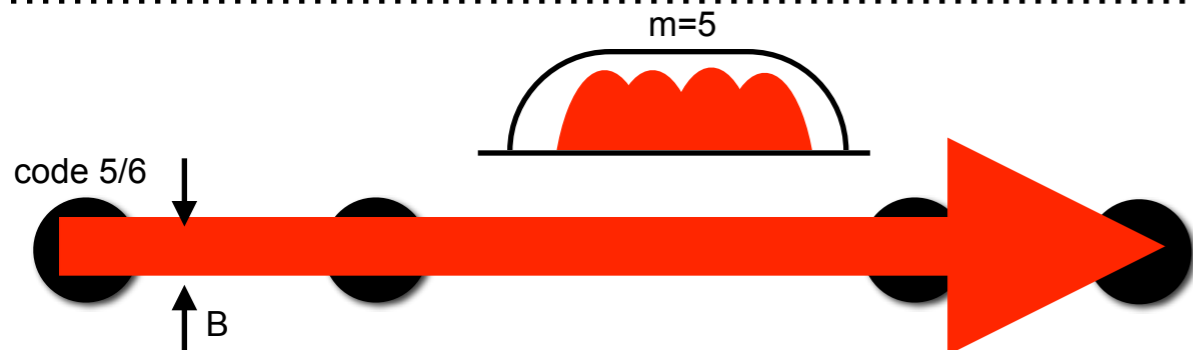


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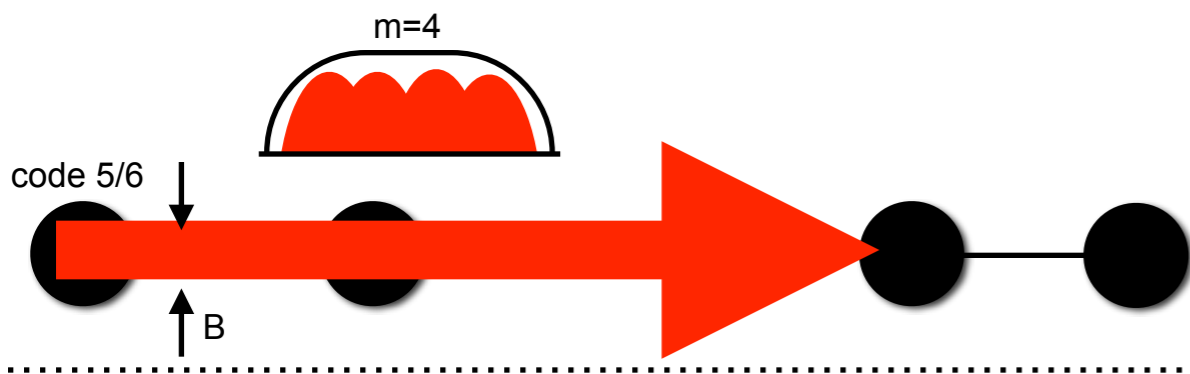


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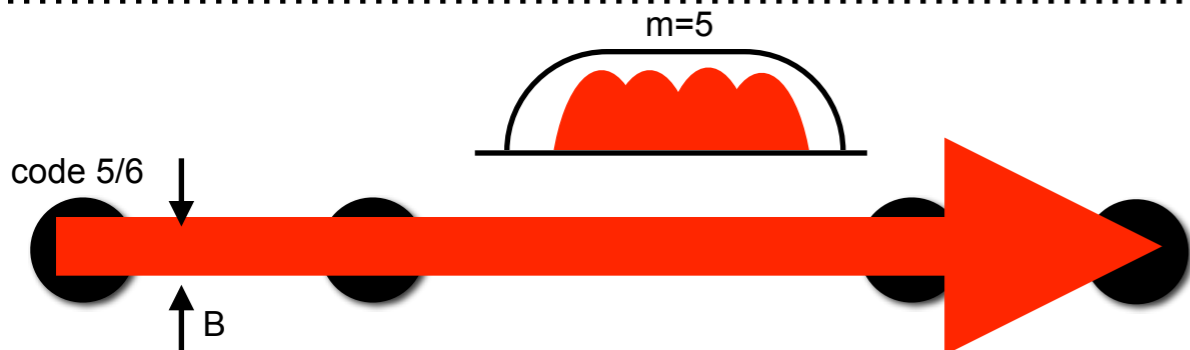


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**Summary: code  $\rightarrow$  number of carriers  $\rightarrow$  super-channel bandwidth  $\rightarrow$  ITU-T  $m$**



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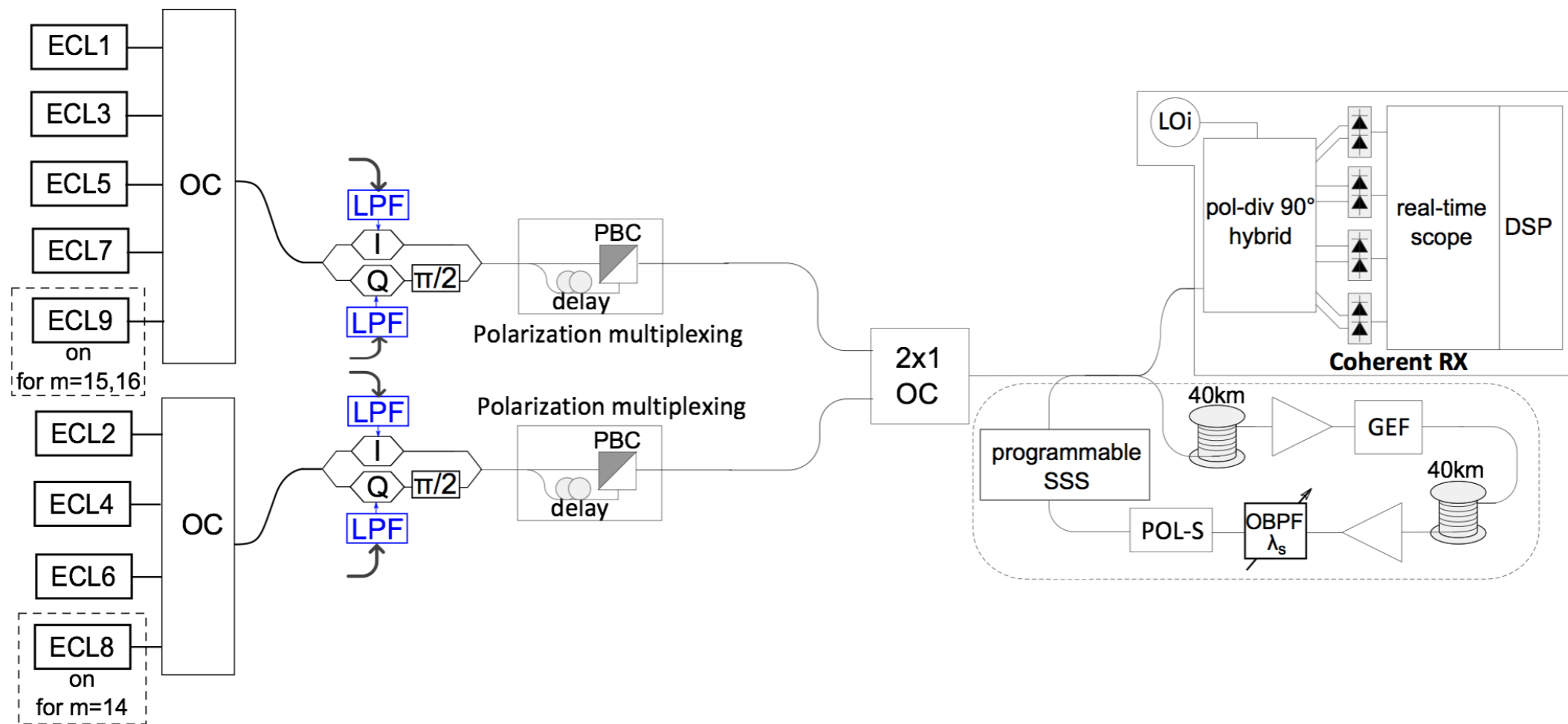


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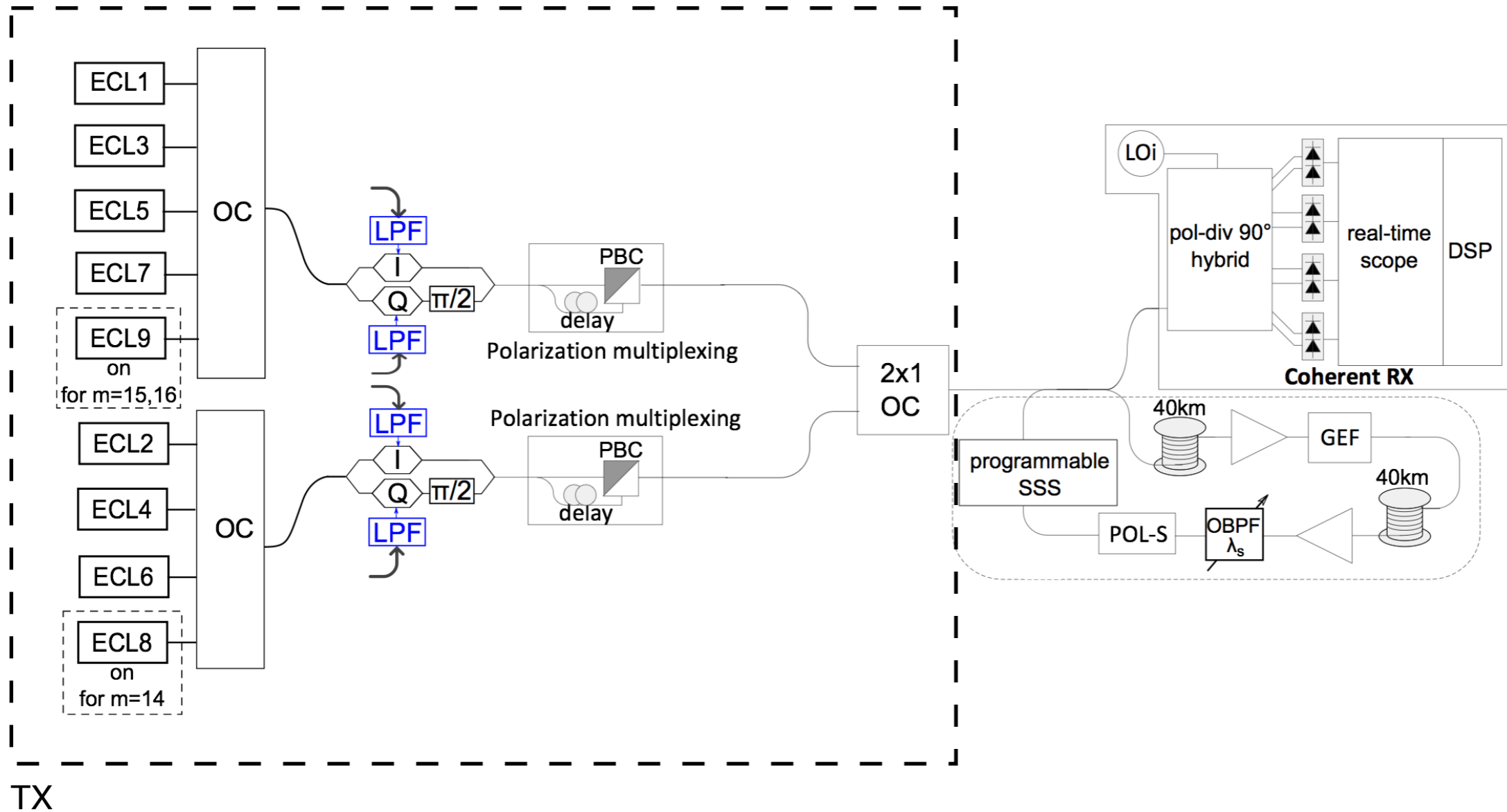
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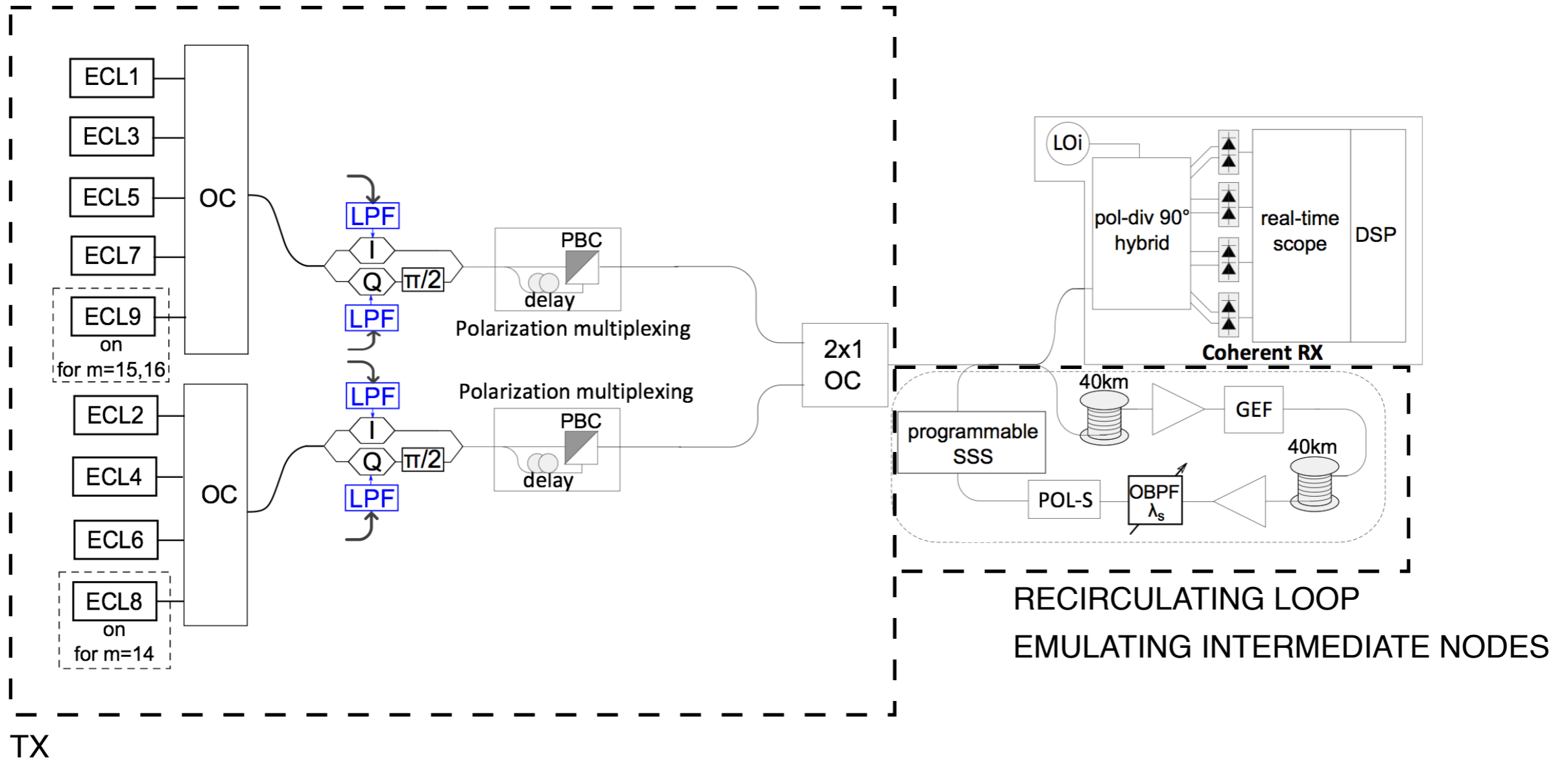


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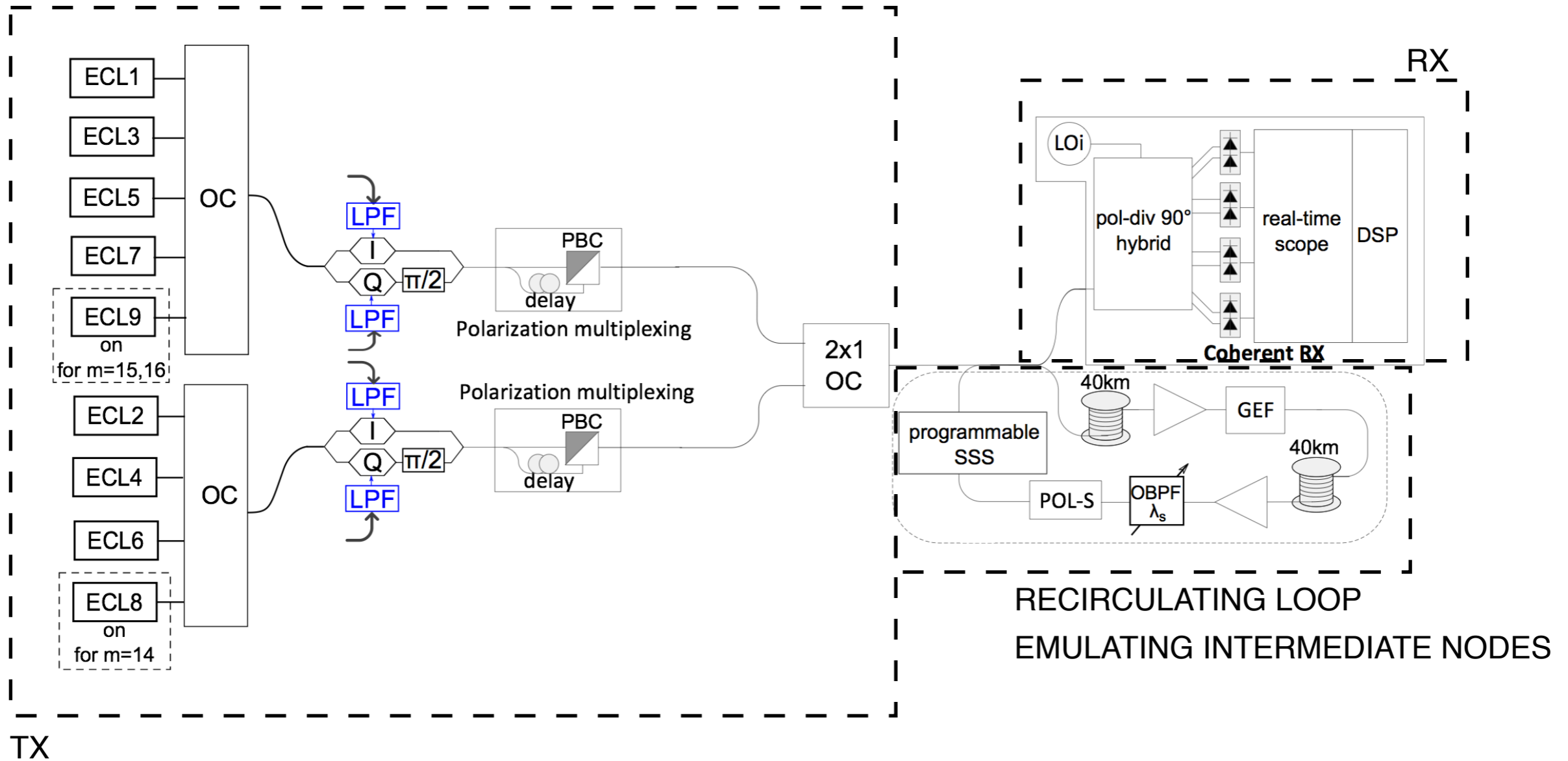
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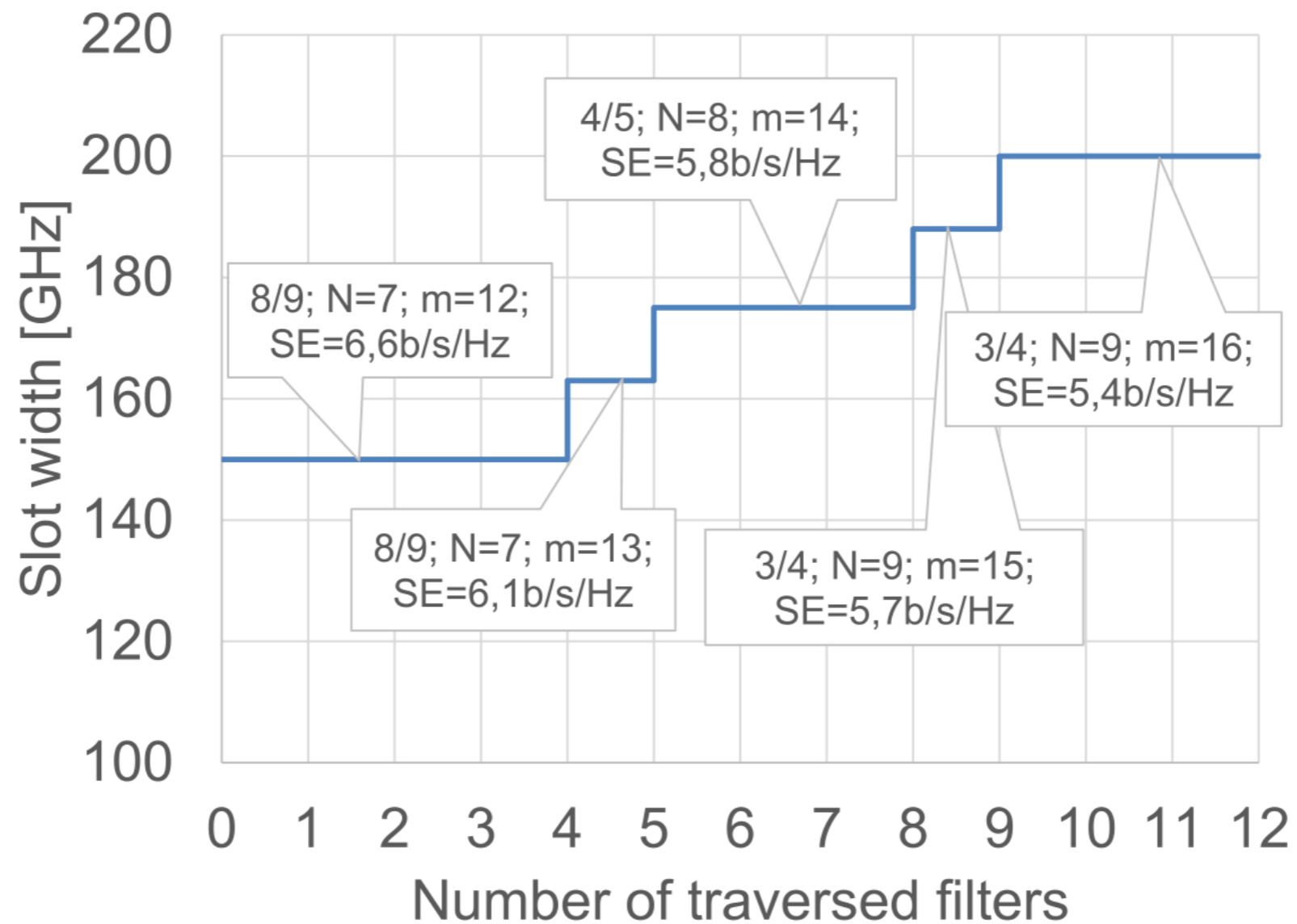
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RECIRCULATING LOOP  
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# Measurements

- 1Tb/s information rate
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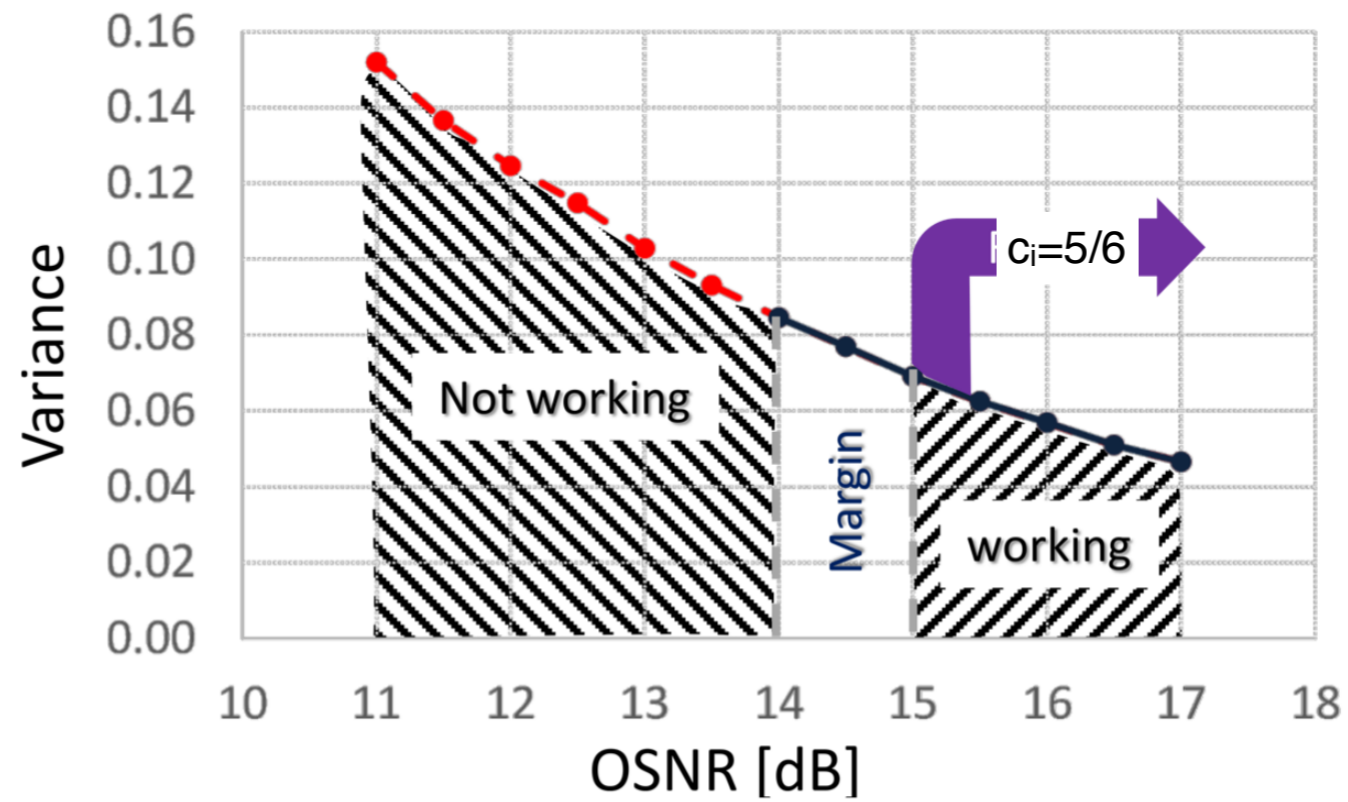
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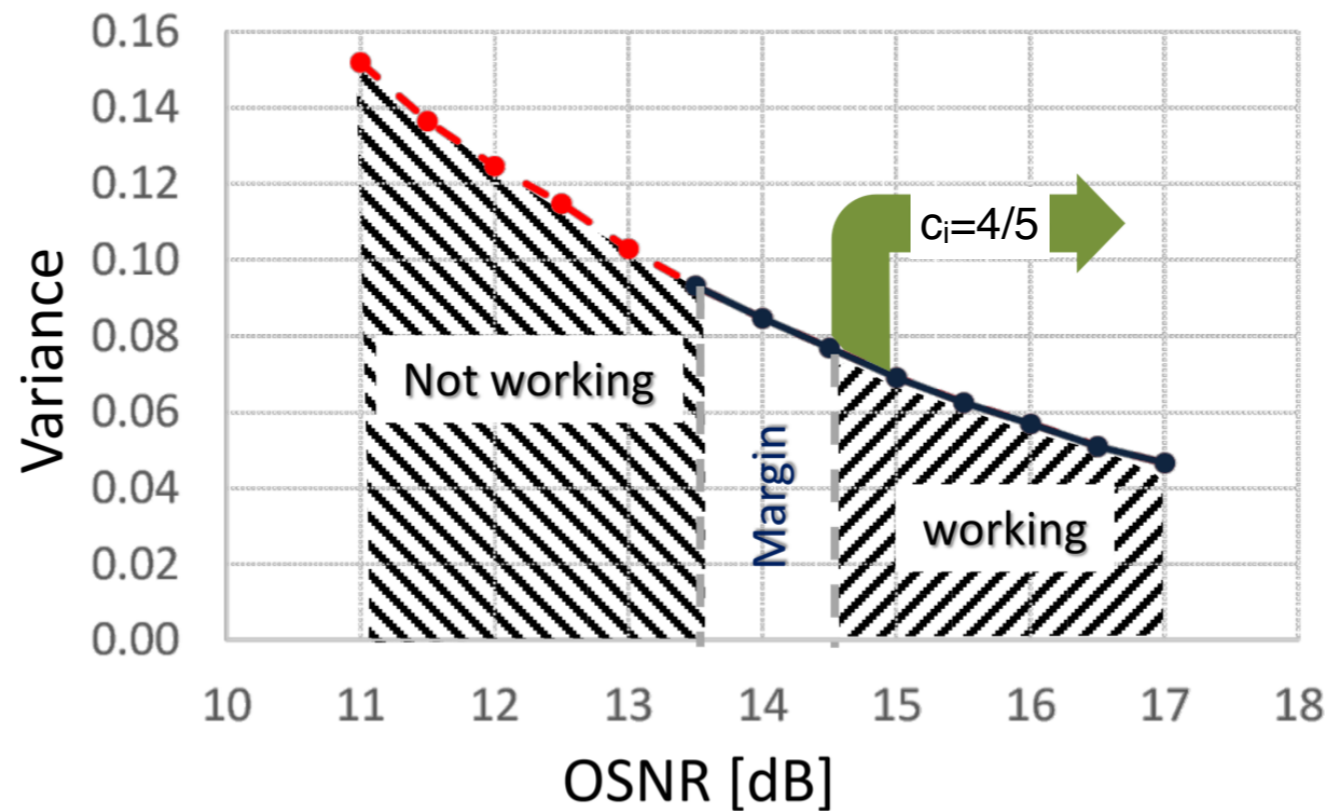
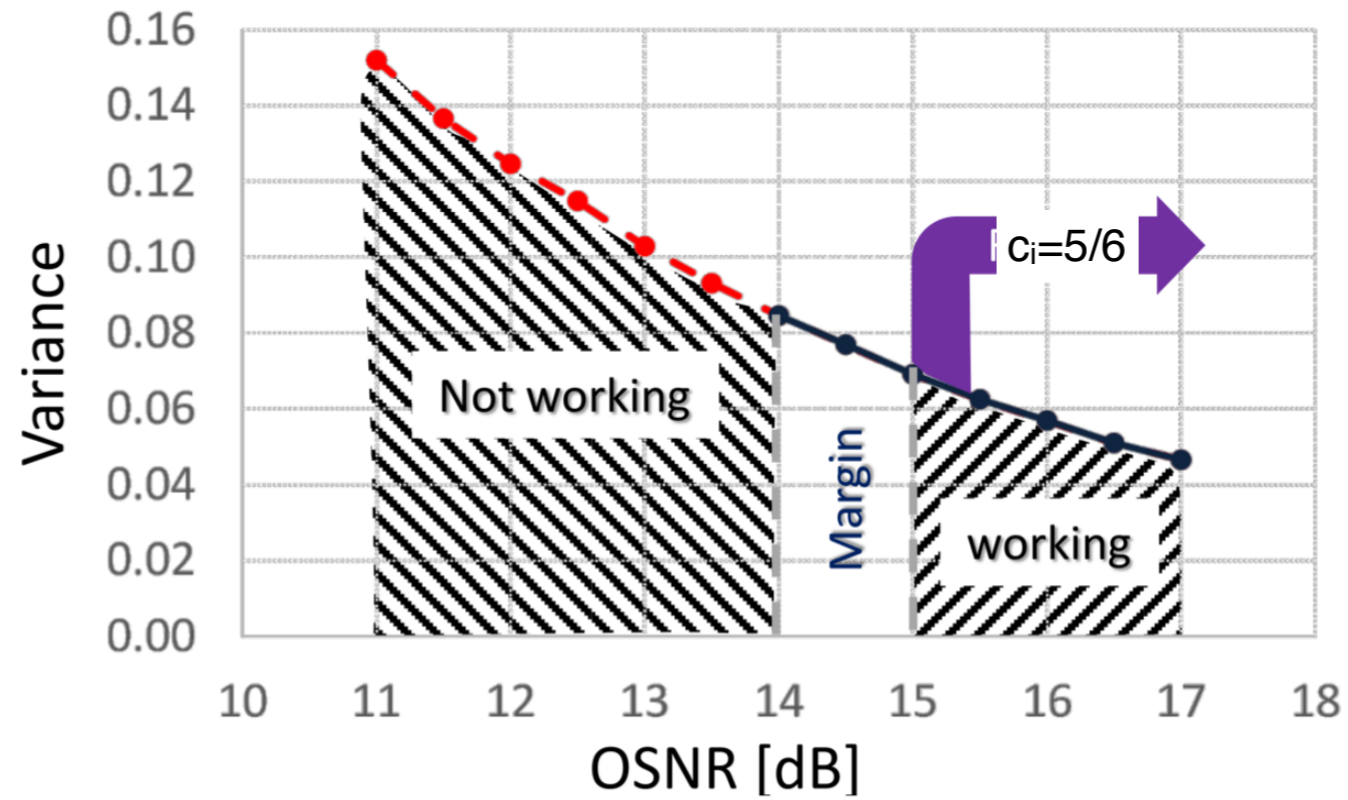
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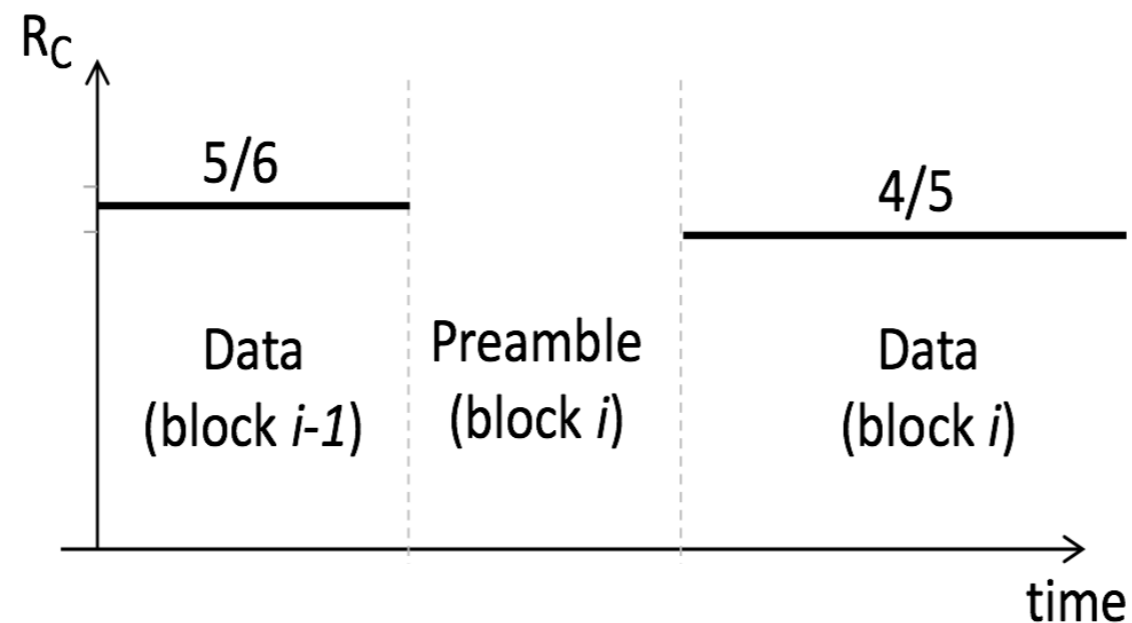
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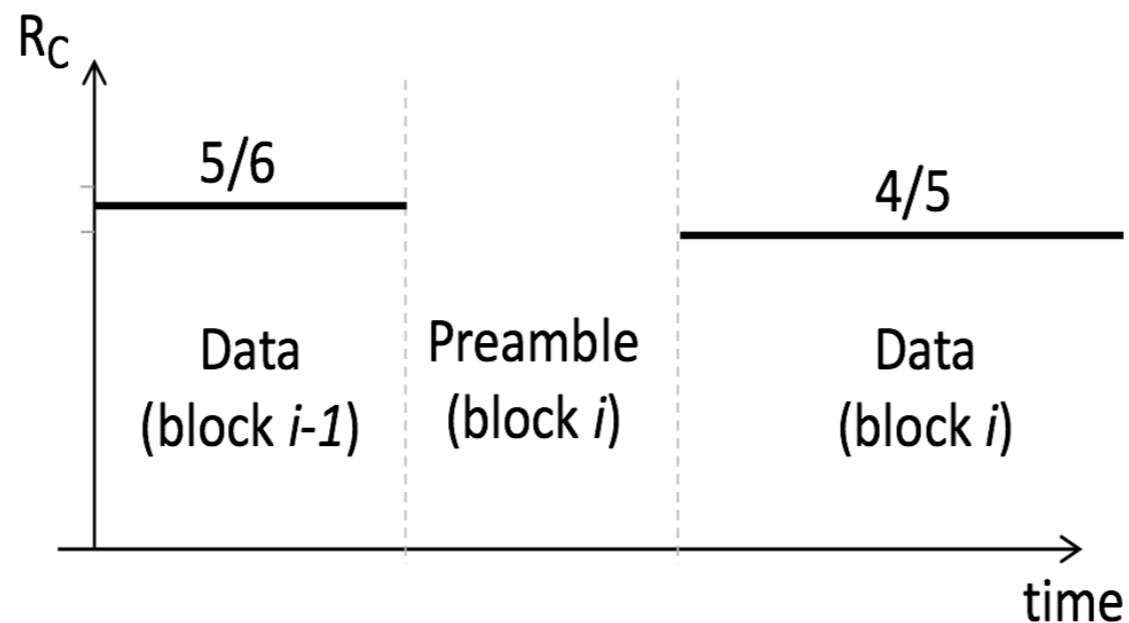
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# Conclusions

- Distance adaptation is demonstrated in EONs with proper selection of code
- Filtering effects must be considered
- Hitless code adaptation is demonstrated to re-act against soft-failures:
  - no re-routing, no change of modulation format
- Failure monitoring is enabled by variance monitoring

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