

# A Discrete Model for the Efficient Analysis of Time-Varying Narrowband Communication Channels

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## Riesz bases...

$L^2(\mathbb{R})$  is the set of square integrable functions, with *norm*

$$\|u\| = \left( \int_{\mathbb{R}} |u(x)|^2 dx \right)^{1/2} < \infty$$

and *inner product*

$$\langle u, v \rangle = \int_{\mathbb{R}} u(x) \overline{v(x)} dx.$$

A basis  $\{e_k\}$  for  $L^2(\mathbb{R})$  is called a *Riesz basis* for  $L^2(\mathbb{R})$  if there are some  $A, B > 0$  such that for all  $s \in L^2(\mathbb{R})$ ,

$$A \sum_k |\langle s, e_k \rangle|^2 \leq \|s\|^2 \leq B \sum_k |\langle s, e_k \rangle|^2.$$



## ...provide numerically stable series expansions

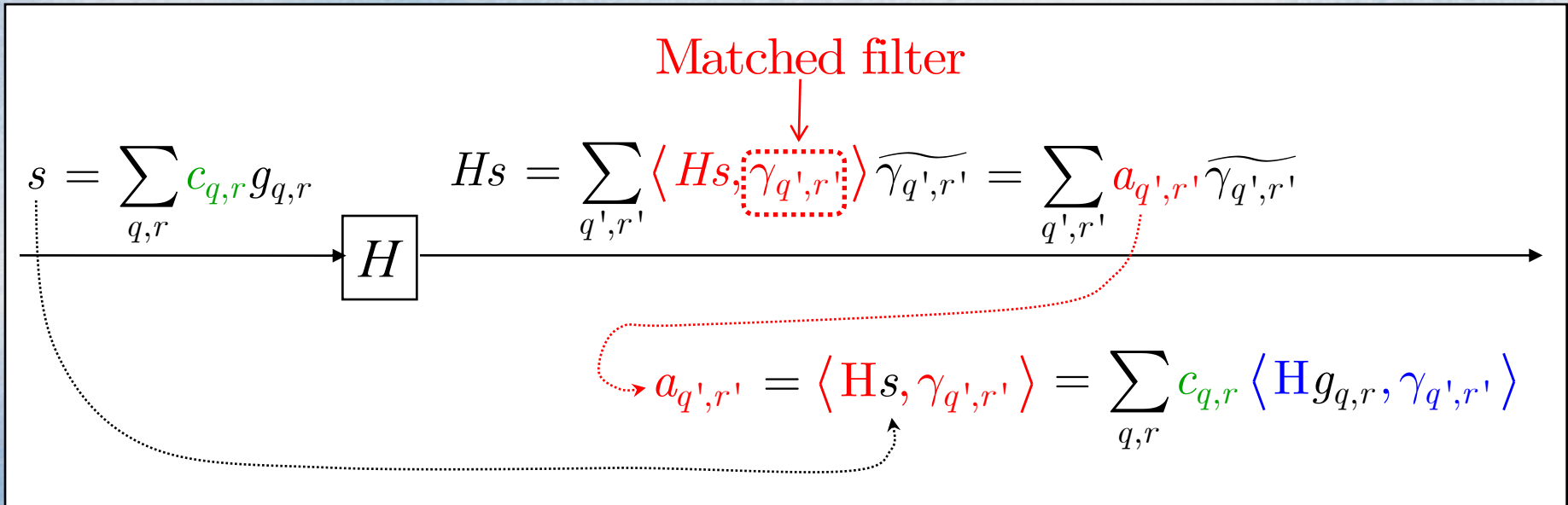
To every Riesz basis  $\{e_k\}$  corresponds a *dual/biorthogonal* basis  $\{\tilde{e}_k\}$  such that all  $s \in L^2(\mathbb{R})$  have series expansions

$$s = \sum_k \langle s, e_k \rangle \tilde{e}_k = \sum_k \langle s, \tilde{e}_k \rangle e_k$$

*Gabor basis:*

$g_{q,r}(t) = e^{i2\pi bqt} g(t - ar) =$  the  $q$ th frequency component in OFDM/DMT symbol number  $r$ .

# Matrix representation:



$$\mathbf{a} = \mathbf{G}\mathbf{c}, \quad \mathbf{G}_{q',r';q,r} = \langle Hg_{q,r}, \gamma_{q',r'} \rangle \quad \text{Channel matrix}$$

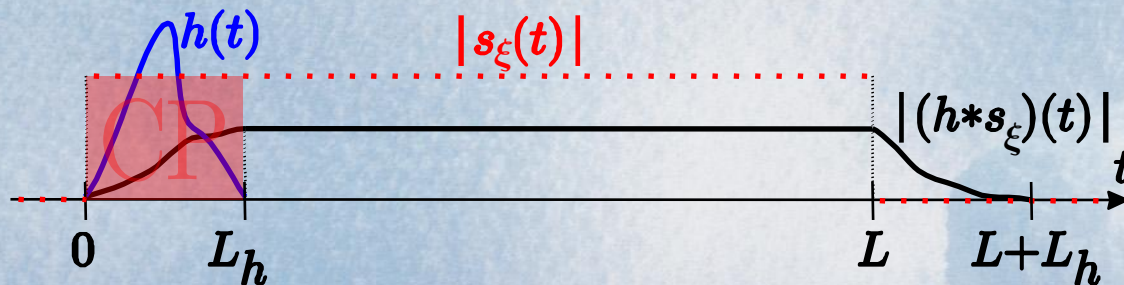


## Goal: approximate diagonalization

$$\mathbf{a} = \mathbf{G}\mathbf{c}, \quad \mathbf{G}_{q',r';q,r} = \langle Hg_{q,r}, \gamma_{q',r'} \rangle \quad \text{Channel matrix}$$

- For *time-invariant* channels,  $H(s(\cdot - T)) = (Hs)(\cdot - T)$  so that

$$s_\xi(t) = \chi_{[0,L]}(t)e^{i2\pi\xi t} \Rightarrow Hs_\xi(t) = \lambda_\xi s_\xi(t) \text{ for } t \in [L_h, L]$$



$$g = \chi_{[0,L]}, \quad \gamma = \chi_{[L_h,L]}, \quad L, a, b = \dots \Rightarrow \text{diagonal channel matrix } \mathbf{G} \\ \Rightarrow \mathbf{c} = \mathbf{G}^{-1}\mathbf{a} \text{ for all time-invariant } H$$

- Wireless channels*: time-varying  $\Rightarrow$  only approximate diagonalization  $\Rightarrow$  need for an efficient algorithm for computing  $\mathbf{G}$  for numerical comparisons of diagonalization properties of different  $g, \gamma$  on a given  $H$ .



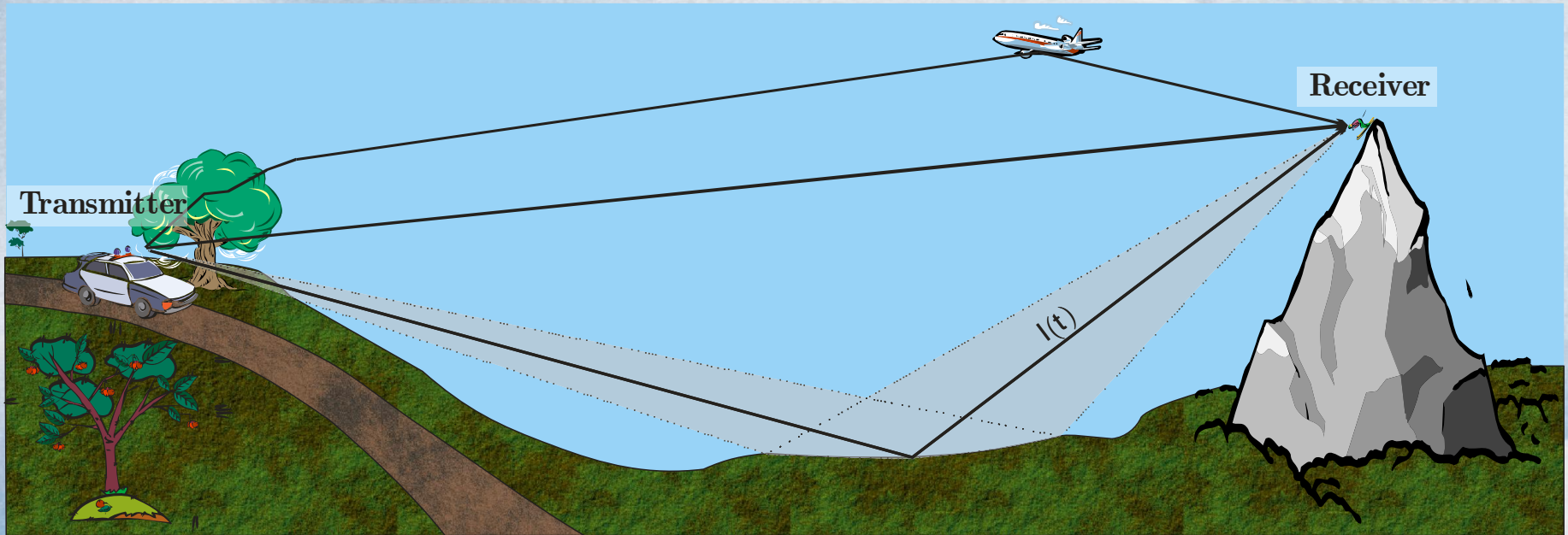
## Direct calculation of the channel matrix

$Q$  carrier frequencies and  $R$  OFDM symbols.

- $\geq Q$  samples of each basis function  $g_{q,r}$ .
- Compute  $Hg_{q,r}$  with  $Q \times Q$  matrix.
- This takes  $\mathcal{O}(Q^2)$  arithmetic operations each for  $QR$  basis functions  $g_{q,r}$ .
- The inner product  $\langle Hg_{q,r}, \gamma_{q',r'} \rangle$  takes  $\mathcal{O}(Q)$  arithmetic operations each for  $QR$  basis functions  $\gamma_{q',r'}$ .

Altogether:  $R^2 \cdot \mathcal{O}(Q^5)$  arithmetic operations.

# The multipath propagation model



$$Hs(t_0) = \iint_{\mathbb{R} \mathbb{R}} S_H(\nu, t) e^{j2\pi\nu(t_0-t)} s(t_0 - t) d\nu dt = \int_{\mathbb{R}} h(t_0, t) s(t_0 - t) dt$$

$S_H$  = Spreading function

$h$  = time-varying impulse response



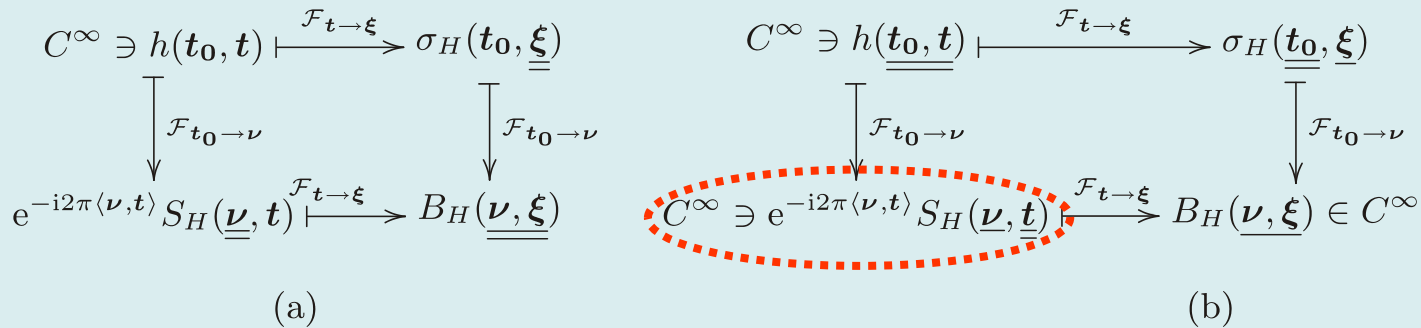
## To which function(al) space should $S_H$ belong?

- $Hg_{q,r}(t_0) = \iint_{\mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R}} S_H(\nu, t) e^{j2\pi\nu(t_0-t)} g_{q,r}(t_0 - t) d\nu dt = \int_{\mathbb{R}} h(t_0, t) g_{q,r}(t_0 - t) dt$
- *Common engineering practice:* Model  $H$  to be a Hilbert-Schmidt operator, that is,  $S_H \in L^2(\mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R})$ . Only standard Fourier analysis necessary, hence no distribution theory and therefore more accessible to engineers.
- *Reasonable objection:* "A good channel operator model should include (small perturbations of) the identity operator ( $S_H = \partial$ ) and time invariant operators ( $h(t_0, t) = h(0, t)$  and  $S_H(\nu, t) = \delta(\nu)h(0, t)$ ). Such operators are not compact and therefore not Hilbert-Schmidt."



## Useful channel and basis function properties

- $Hg_{q,r}(t_0) = \int_{\mathbb{R}} \int_{\mathbb{R}} S_H(\nu, t) e^{j2\pi\nu(t_0-t)} g_{q,r}(t_0 - t) d\nu dt = \int_{\mathbb{R}} h(t_0, t) g_{q,r}(t_0 - t) dt$
- $g$  very well TF-localized  $\Rightarrow \tilde{g}$  very well TF-localized
- We are modelling the *short - time behaviour* of the channel, thus we can do a smooth cut-off  $h$  to compact rectangular support.



**Fig. 3** (a) Bandlimiting properties of the physical channel provides a compactly supported  $B_H$ . Thus  $h \in C^\infty$ , but  $S_H$  may be a tempered distribution, for example, if  $h(\underline{t_0}, \underline{t}) = h(\mathbf{0}, \underline{t})$ . (b) We get a *finite lifelength* channel with well localized  $S_H \in C^\infty$  from a smooth truncation of  $h$  such that the shape of  $S_H$  still is close to the exponential decay with  $\underline{t}$  in (19c). In (a) and (b) we denote with underlining subexponential decay and compact support.

## Resulting formulas

$$\text{Proposition : } \langle Hg_{q,r}, \gamma_{q',r'} \rangle = \sum_{k \in \mathcal{K}} Hg_{q,r}(kT) \overline{\text{BPF}_{g_{q,r}} \gamma_{q',r'}(kT)}$$

$$\text{Proposition : } Hg_{q,r}(kT) = T_0 \sum_{m \in \mathcal{M}} g_{q,r}(mT) \mathcal{F} \left\{ S_H^{\Omega_c, \Omega}(\cdot, kT - mT_0) \right\}(-mT_0)$$

### Proposition

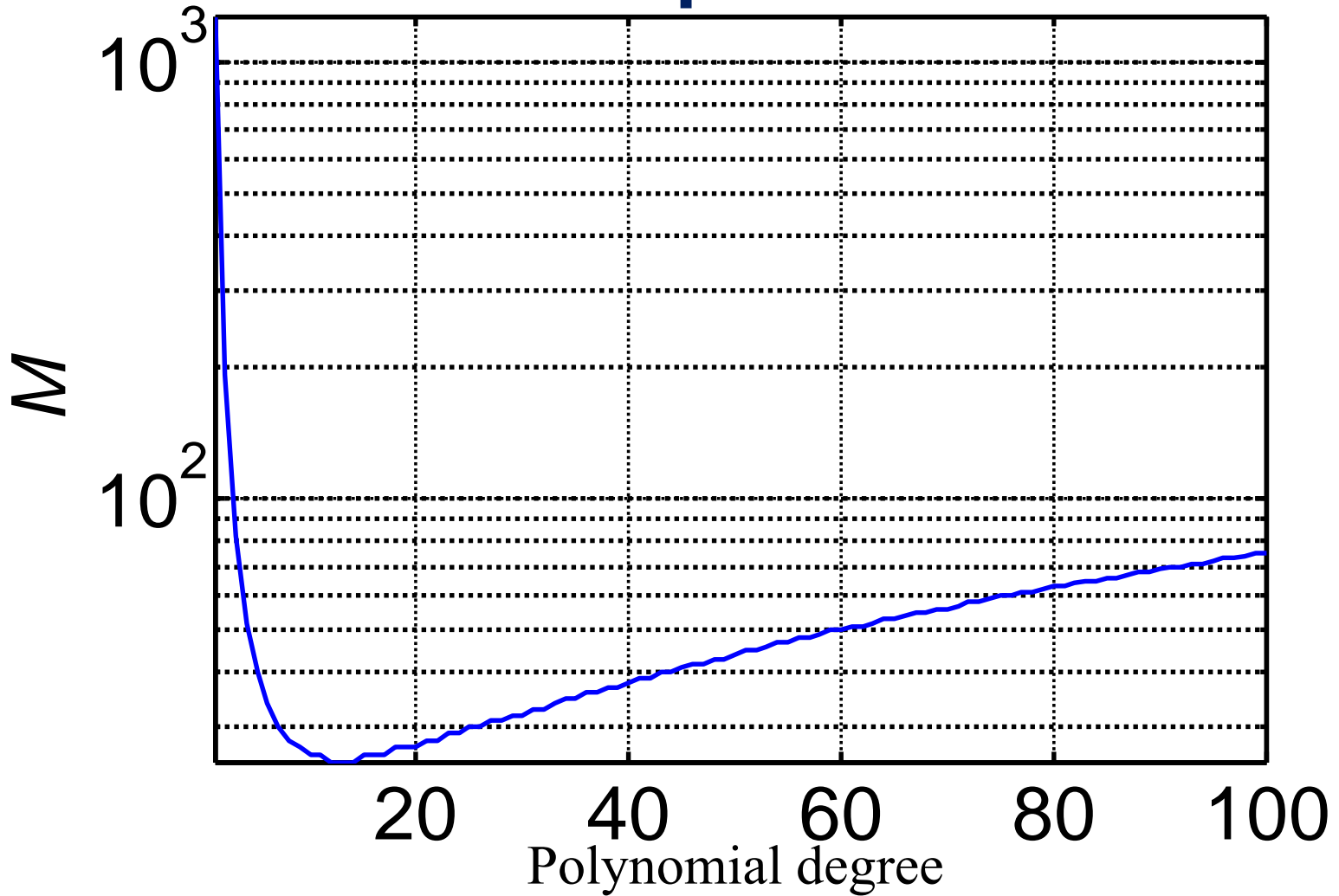
$$\mathcal{F} \left\{ S_H^{\Omega_c, \Omega}(\cdot, t) \right\}(t_0) = \omega_0 T'' \chi_{I_{C_0, L_0}}(t - t_0) \sum_{p \in \mathcal{P}} e^{i2\pi \langle \Omega_{c,q} + \omega_c, t - pT'' \rangle} \text{sinc}_{\Omega}(t - pT'') \sum_{n \in \mathcal{N}} S_{n,p} e^{i2\pi(t - t_0 - p \cdot T'')n\omega_0}$$

### Complexity :

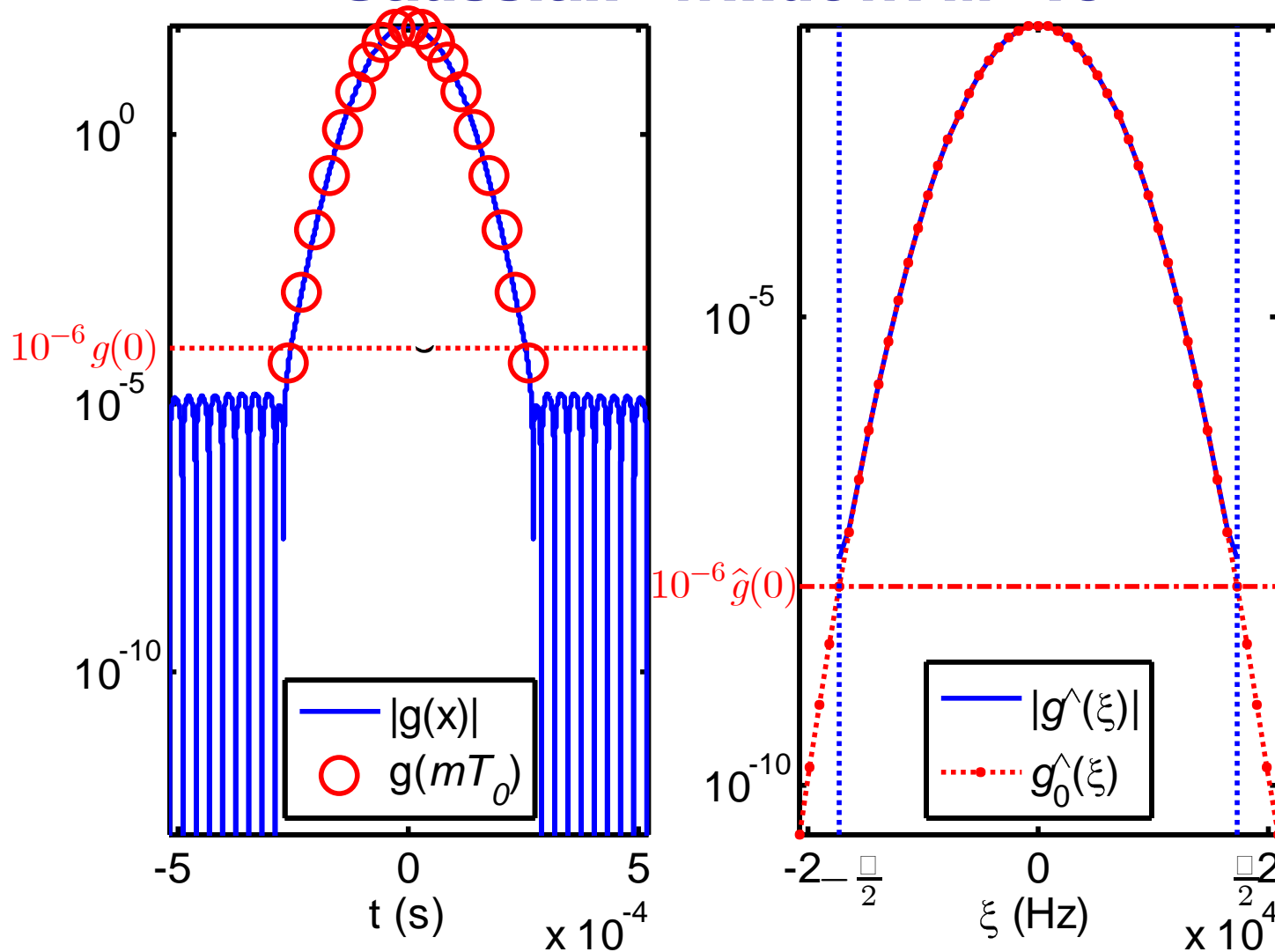
If  $g$  and  $\gamma$  have  $M$  nonzero Nyquist frequency samples, then the channel matrix for  $Q$  carrier frequencies and  $R$  OFDM symbols can be computed in  $R^2 \cdot \mathcal{O}(M^2 \cdot Q^2)$  arithmetic operations ( $< R^2 \cdot \mathcal{O}(Q^5)$  with the "naive approach").



## “Best” B-spline: $M=25$

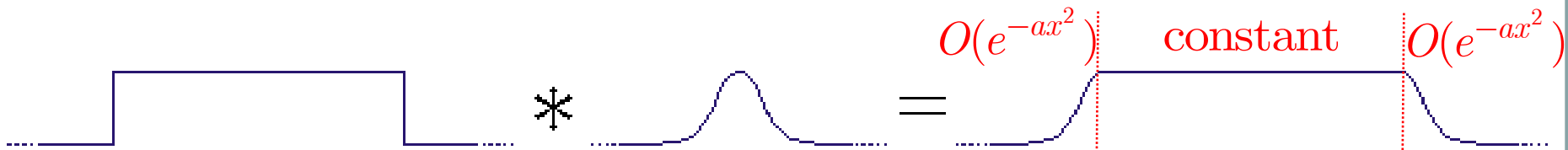


## "Gaussian" window: $M=19$



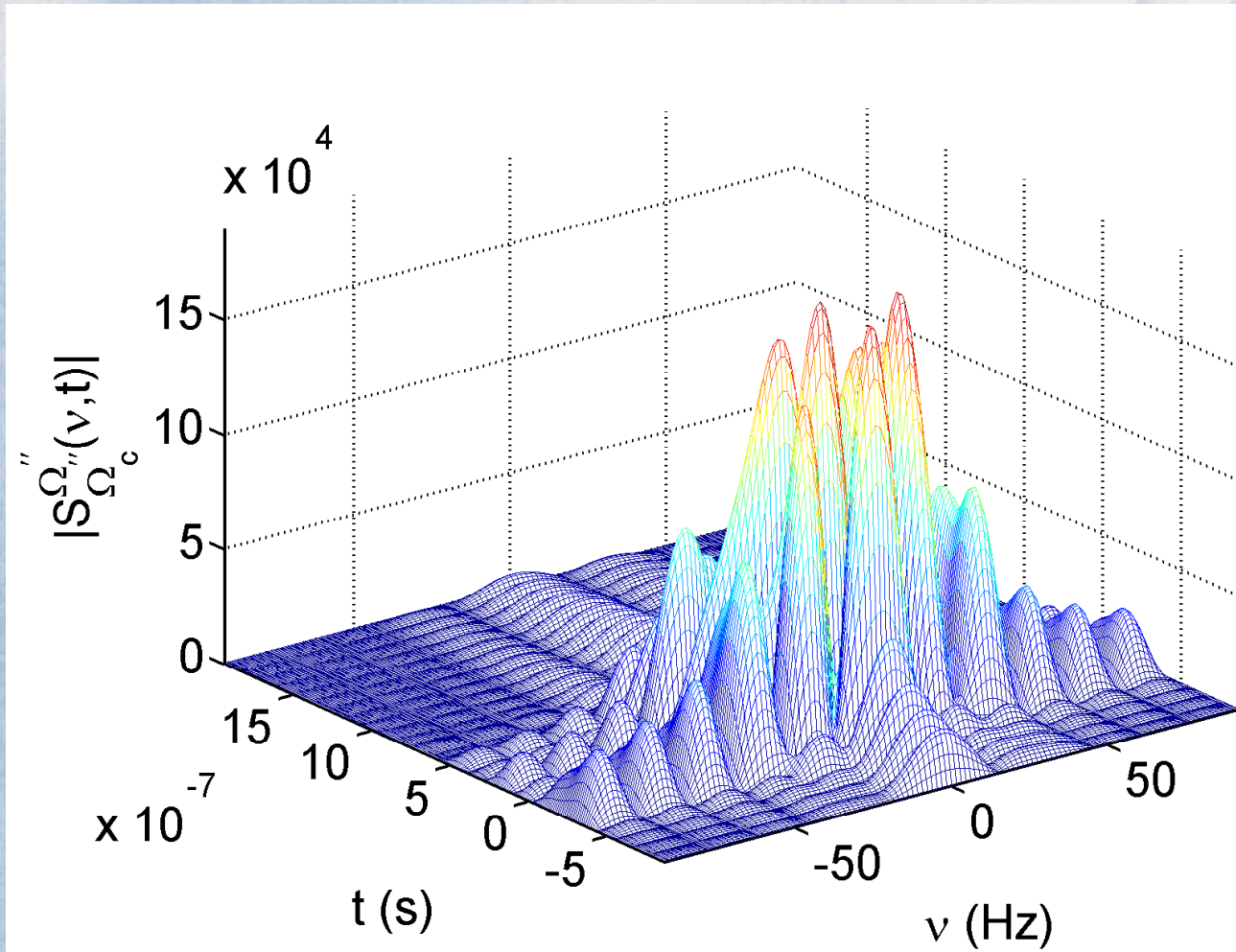


## Box convoluted with Gaussian window



In the following plots: "Gaussian" window

## OFDM 1990 band example: Spreading function

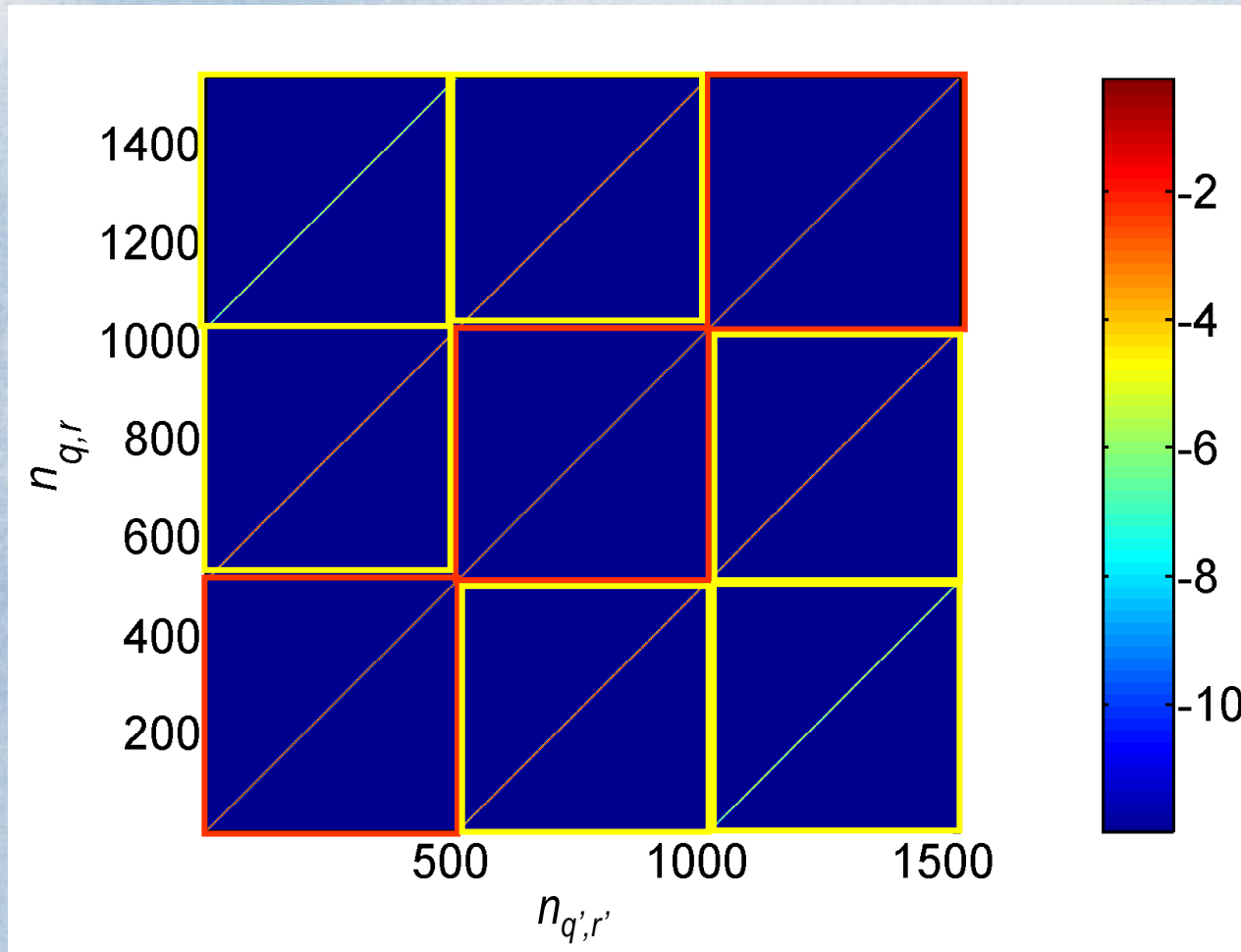




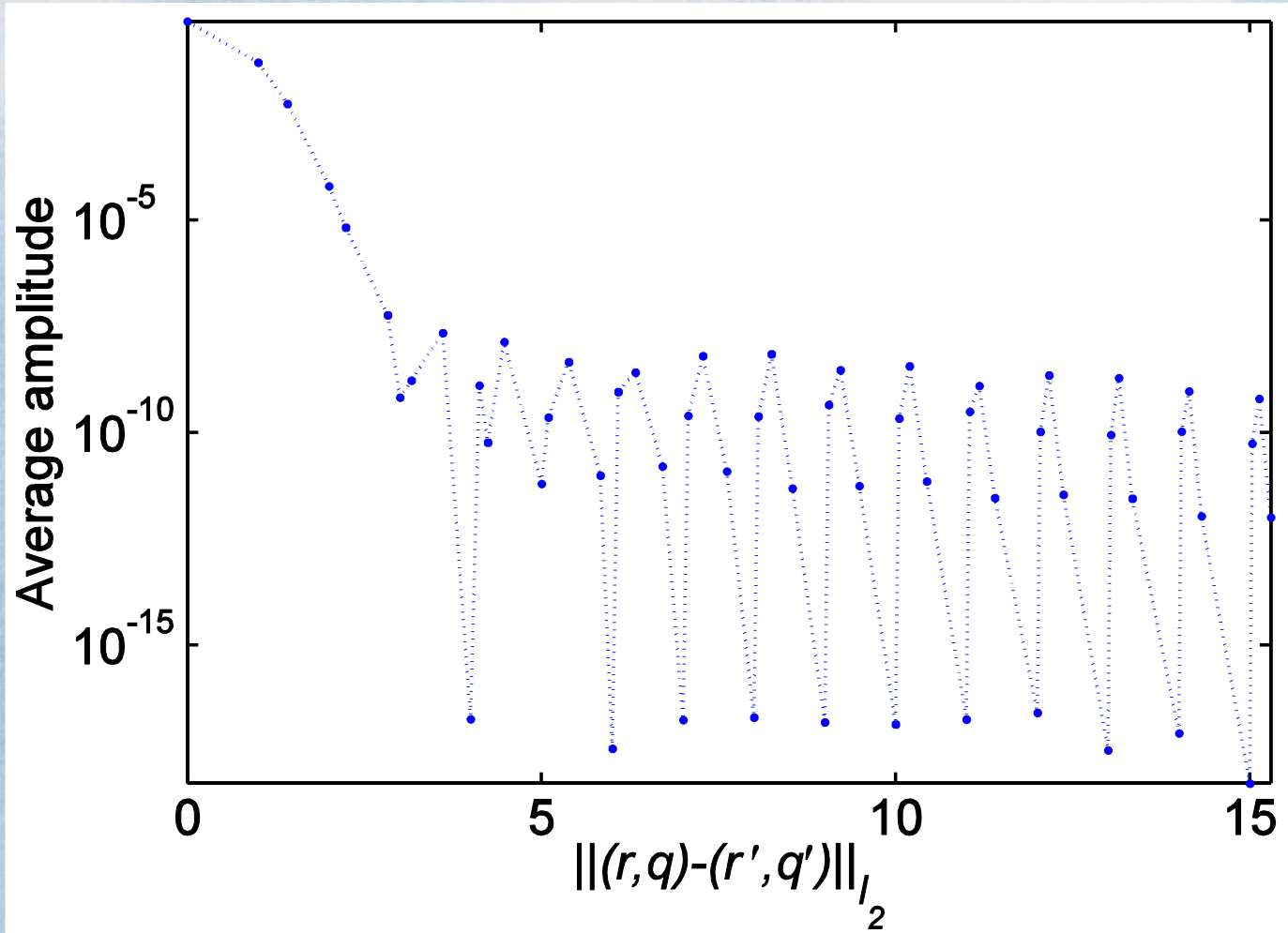
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# OFDM 1990 band example: $\log_{10}$ Channel matrix

$$G_{(q,r);(q',r')} = \langle Hg_{q,r}, \gamma_{q',r'} \rangle$$

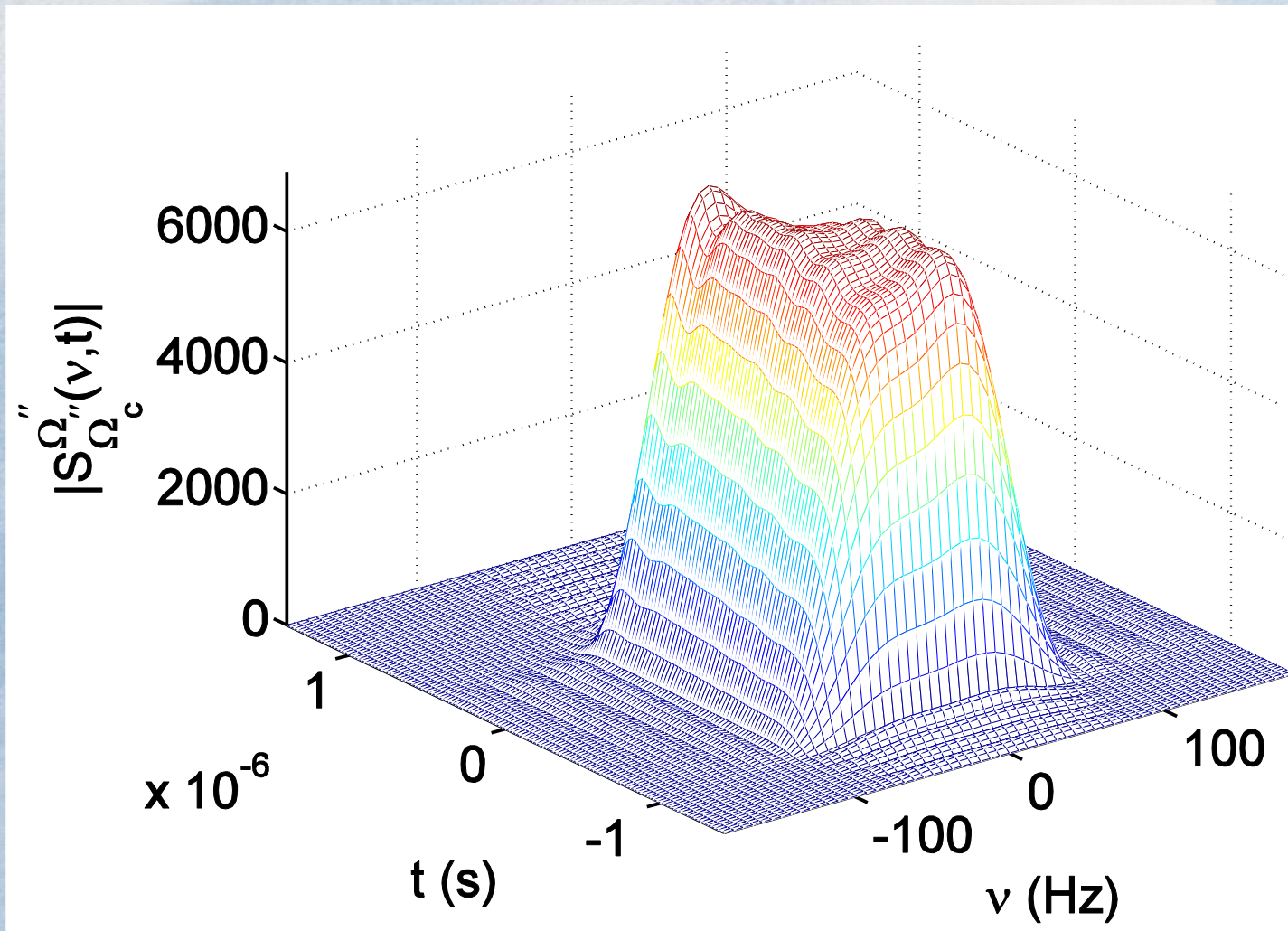


# OFDM 1990 band example: Off-diagonal decay

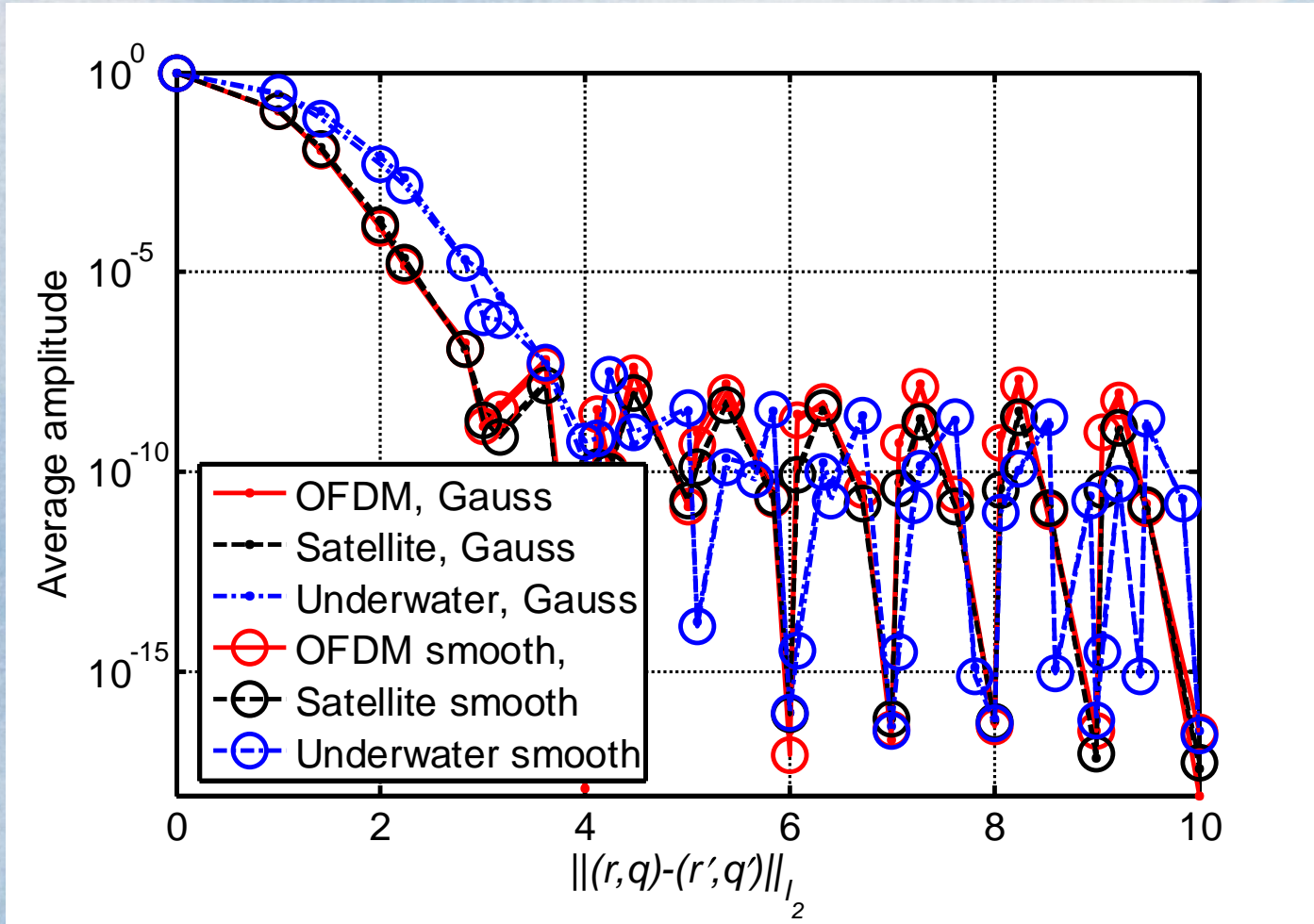




# OFDM 1990 example: Smoother spreading function



# Off-diagonal decay







*"That's all Folks!"*

