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# Cancellation of Air-Induced Passive Intermodulation in FDD MIMO Systems: Low-Complexity Cascade Model and Measurements

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# 1. Introduction

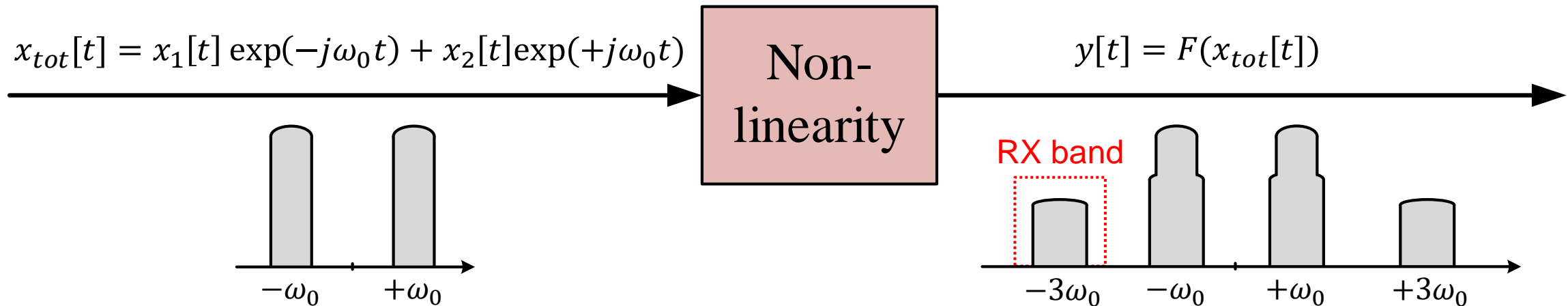
- BSs deployed in various environments
  - Carrier aggregation (CA) in 5G
  - Nearby objects can
    1. Reflect the TX signal
    2. Apply nonlinear distortion
- *Air-induced passive intermodulation (PIM)*



Figure source: <https://research.tuni.fi/wireless/infrastructures/>

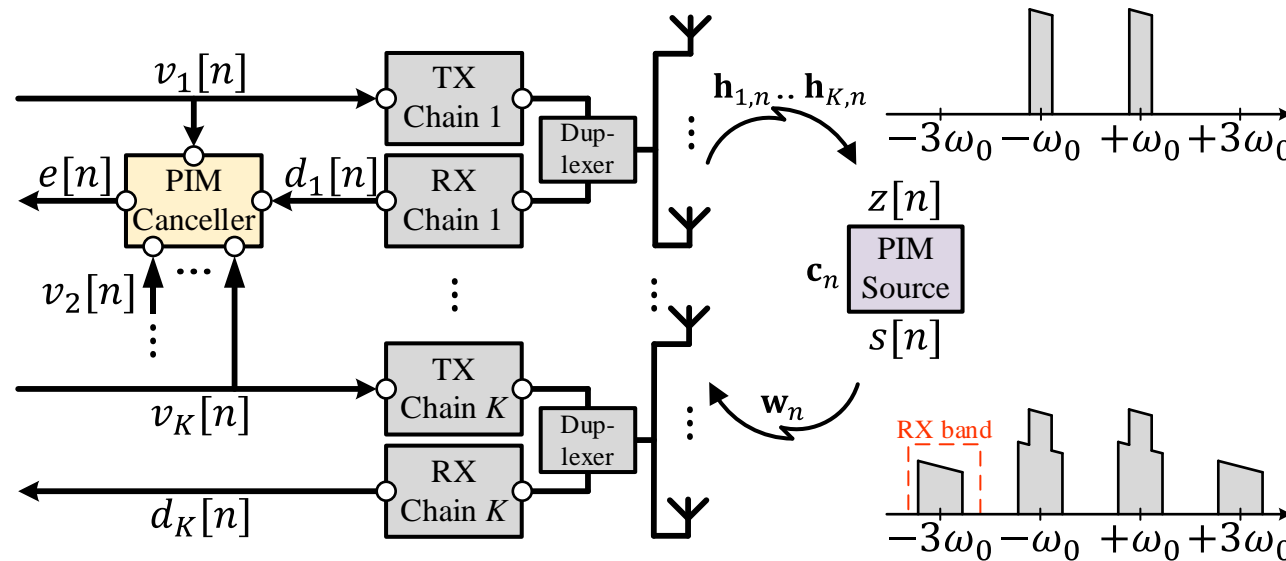
# 1. Introduction

- Intermodulation stems from nonlinear systems
- PIM from passive devices
- Possibly an issue in FDD systems



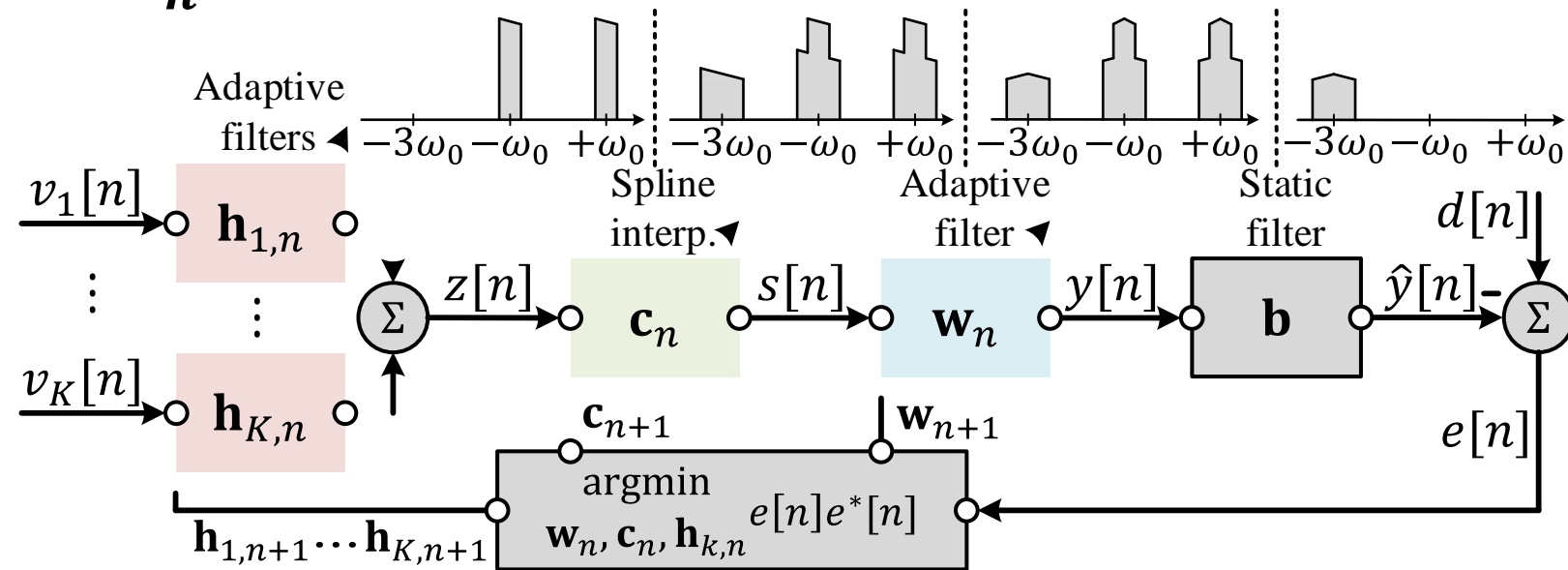
## 2. System Model

- $K$  parallel TX/RX chains transmit aggregated signals  $v_k[n]$
- Signals propagate through channels  $h_n$  to PIM source input
- Nonlinear distortion in PIM source
- Interfering signals  $d[n]$  received after channel  $w_n$



# 3. Proposed Method

- Generate distortion estimate  $\hat{y}[n]$  and subtract from  $d[n]$
- Employ below cascade model:
  - Adaptive filters  $\mathbf{h}_{1,n}, \dots, \mathbf{h}_{K,n}, \mathbf{w}_n$
  - Static filter  $\mathbf{b}$
  - Spline-interpolated LUT  $\mathbf{c}_n$

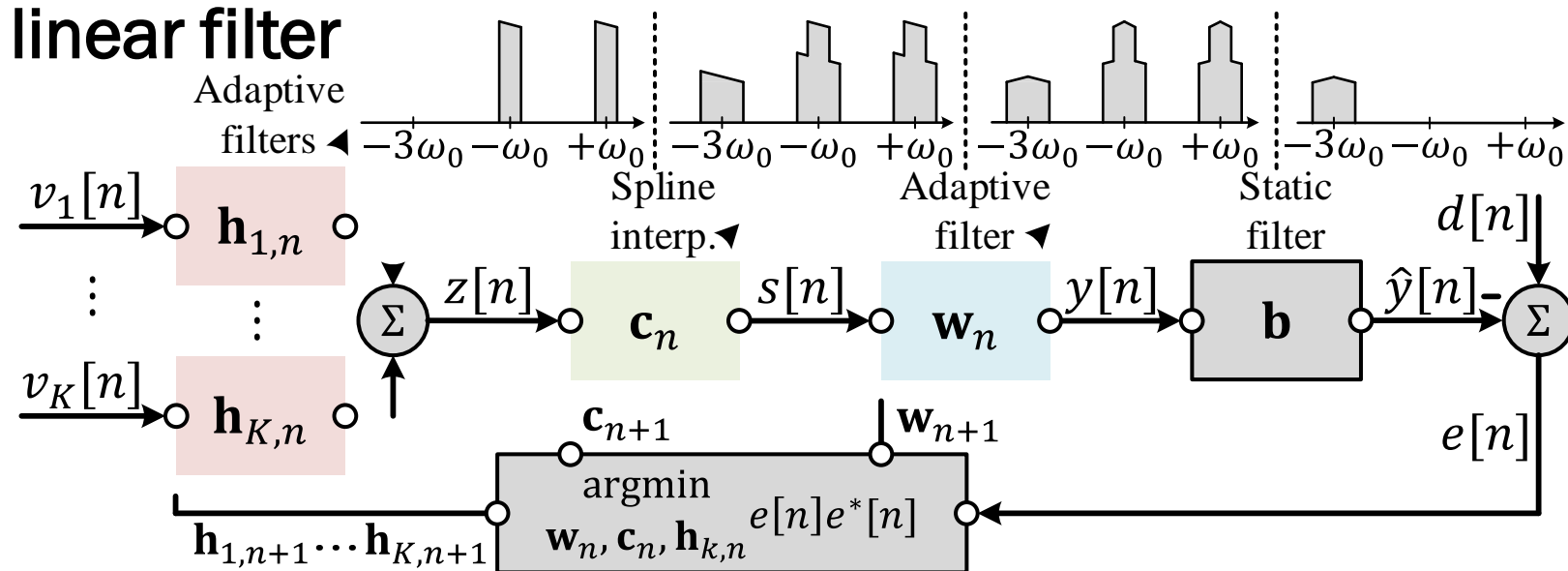


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- Main Path:

- $z[n] = \sum_{k=1}^K \mathbf{h}_{k,n}^T \mathbf{v}_{k,n}$ , sum of adaptive linear filter outputs
- $s[n] = z[n](1 + \Psi_n^T \mathbf{c}_n)$ , spline interpolation
- $y[n] = \mathbf{w}_n^T s[n]$ , adaptive linear filter
- $\hat{y}[n] = \mathbf{b}^T y[n]$ , static linear filter

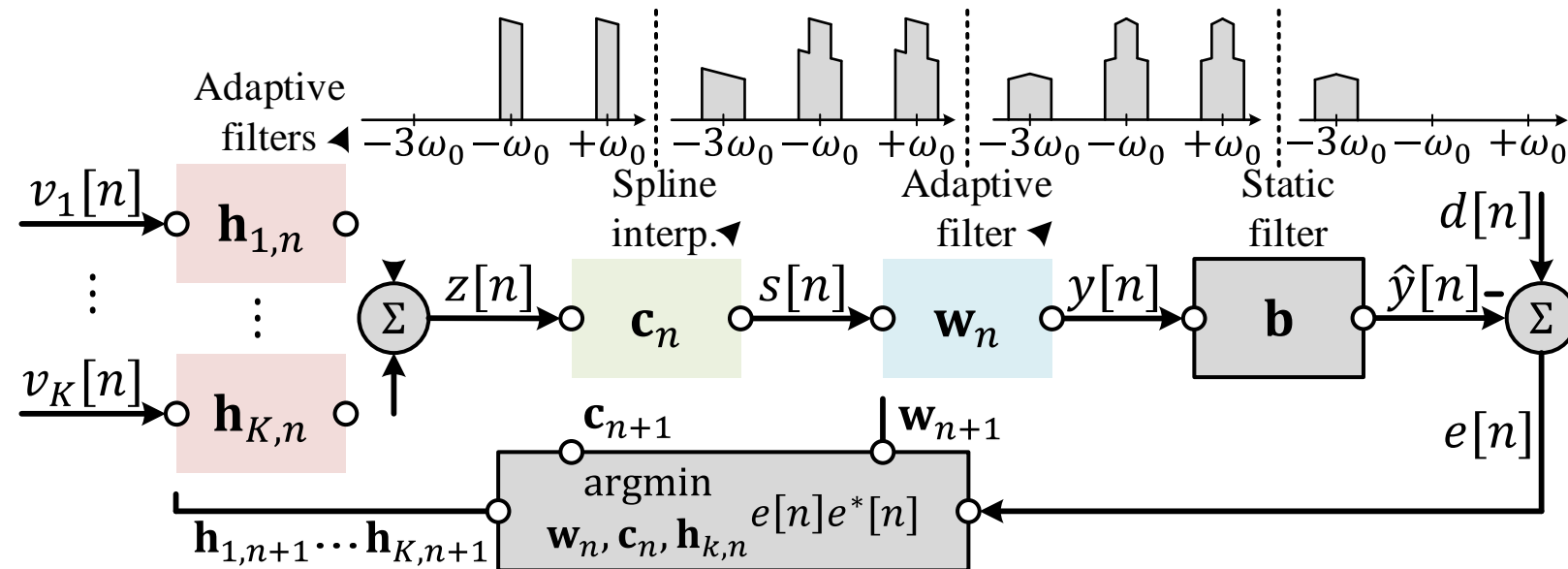
$\mathbf{v}_{k,n}$ ,  $s_n$ , and  $y_n$  collect past samples of  $v_k[n]$ ,  $s[n]$ , and  $y[n]$ , respectively



# 3. Proposed Method

- Low complexity parameter adaptation with gradient descent:
  - $\mathbf{w}_{n+1} = \mathbf{w}_n + \mu_w e[n] \mathbf{S}_n^* \mathbf{b}$
  - $\mathbf{c}_{n+1} = \mathbf{c}_n + \mu_c e[n] \Pi_n^* \mathbf{b}$
  - $\mathbf{h}_{k,n+1} = \mathbf{h}_{k,n} + \mu_h e[n] \Xi_{k,n}^* \mathbf{b}$

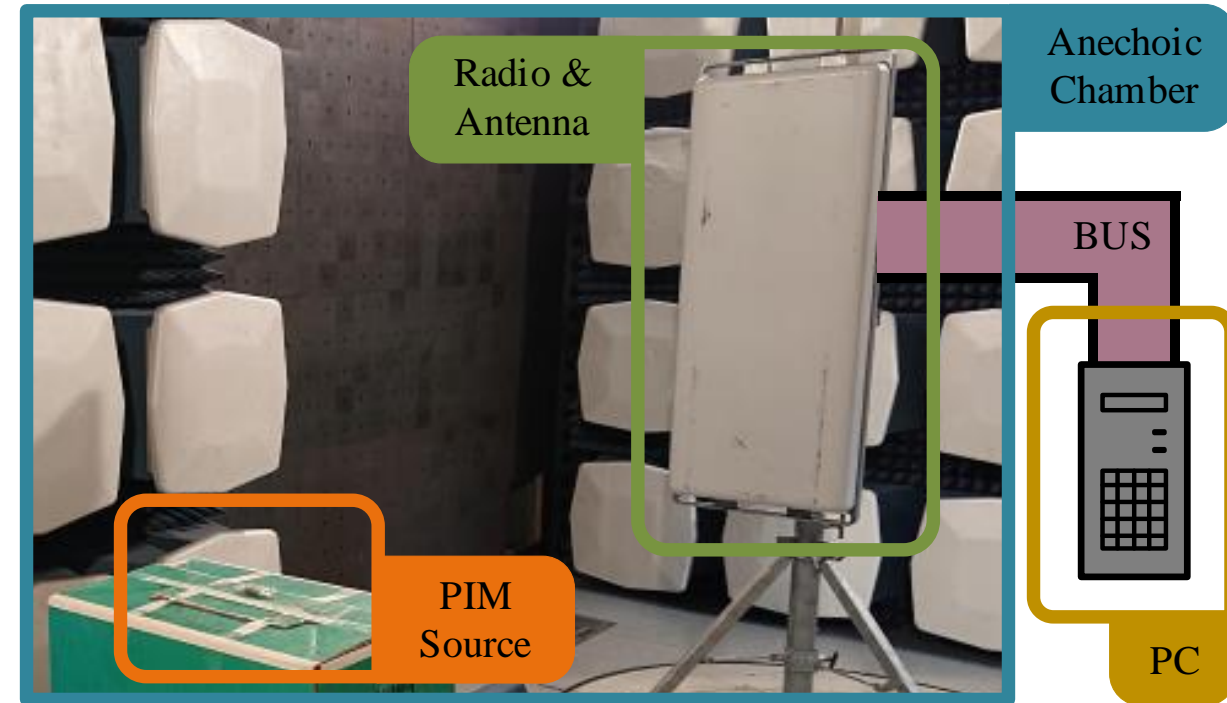
Definitions of  $\mathbf{S}_n$ ,  $\Pi_n$ , and  $\Xi_n$  omitted for brevity





## 4. Measurements & Results

- Measurements in anechoic chamber
- Steel wool as PIM source
- TX: 1819 MHz and 1866.5 MHz (n3)
- RX: 1771.5 MHz (n3)
- TX power at 31 dBm



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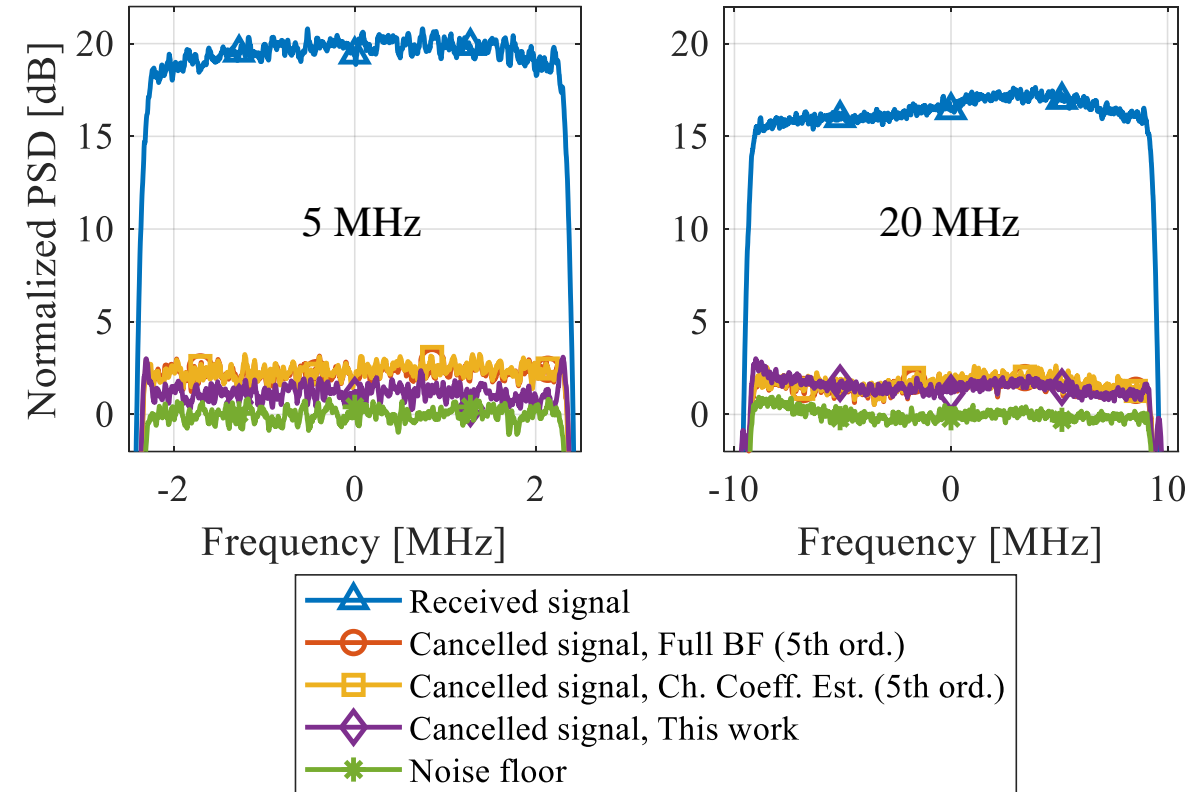
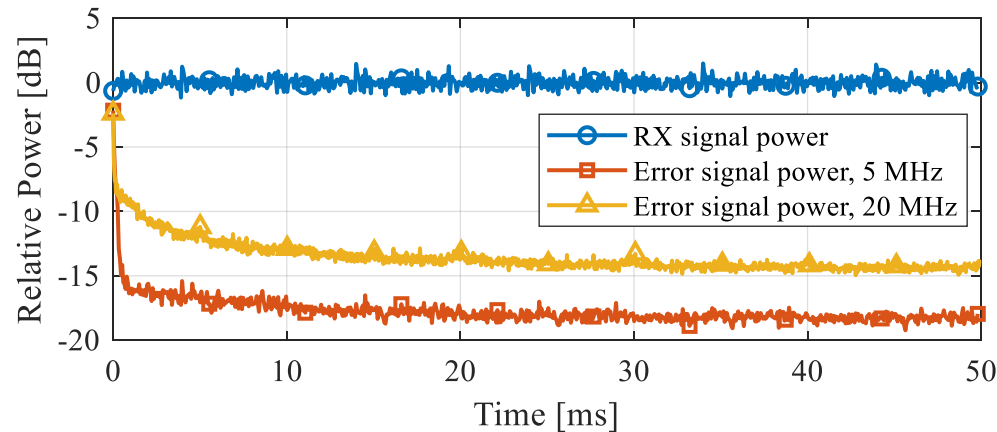
- Two cases with 5 MHz and 20 MHz carriers, comparing to previous models (Full BF; Ch. Coeff. Est.) [1]
- Complexities given below in floating point operations (FLOPs) per sample

Model		This work	Full BF	Ch. Coeff. Est.
Main Path	5 MHz	196	4,554	404
	20 MHz	332		
Learning	5 MHz	6,280	1,843,200	10,142
	20 MHz	9,048		

[1] V. Lampu, L. Anttila, M. Turunen, M. Fleischer, J. Hellmann, and M. Valkama, "Air-Induced Passive Intermodulation in FDD MIMO Systems: Algorithms and Measurements," IEEE Trans. Microw. Theory Techn., vol. 71, no. 1, pp. 373–388, 2023.

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- Performance of the reference models met or exceeded with cascade model
- Initial convergence in  $\sim 0.5$  ms; full convergence in  $\sim 40$  ms



# 5. Conclusion

- Air-induced PIM was discussed in a MIMO scenario
- Novel cascaded model to remove PIM from RX data
- Gradient descent-based updates for low complexity
- Performance on par with previous works but with lower complexity

