

INTRODUCTION TO EECS II

DIGITAL

COMMUNICATION

SYSTEMS

Lecture 1

Fall 2010

- Communication System and Why Study Them.
- Networks, Links and Channels.
- The 6.02 view of a channel (Bits and Voltage Samples)

Why?

- Fundamentally important to society
- Cuts across EE/CS boundaries, across layers of protocol stack
- Develops techniques that are widely applicable across other areas

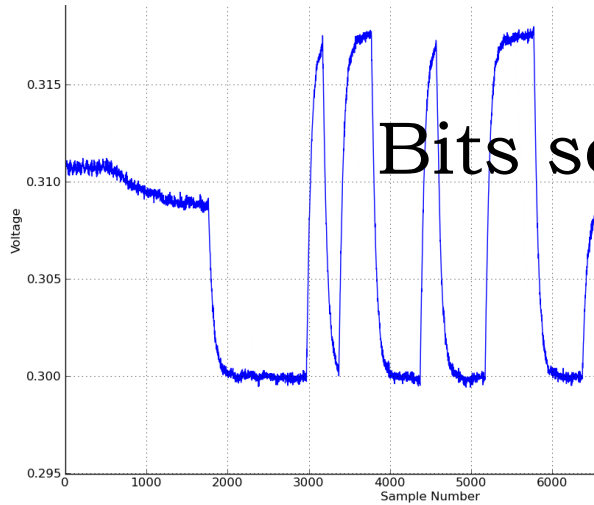
Legend
Verizon group
AT&T group
Cable companies
Other backbones
other

Three Big Challenges

- Fast yet Reliable
 - Communication is hard, many things can go wrong, try to eliminate most errors, fix the rest.
 - 1200 bits/sec over phone in 1980,
 - 100,000,000 bits per second through air in 2010.
- Sharing
 - Dedicated links (e.g. phone lines, TV stations) are impossibly expensive.
- Scalability
 - Successful networks are large; large networks are successful (utility grows with size)
 - Control must be distributed.

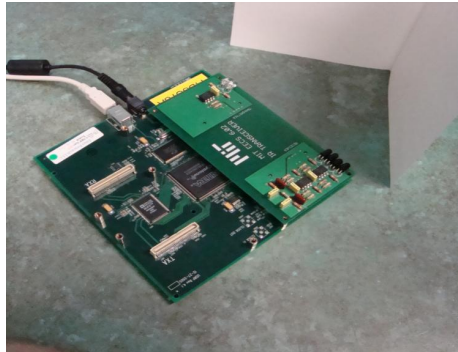
Fundamental Problem: Reliability versus speed.

Dark Room

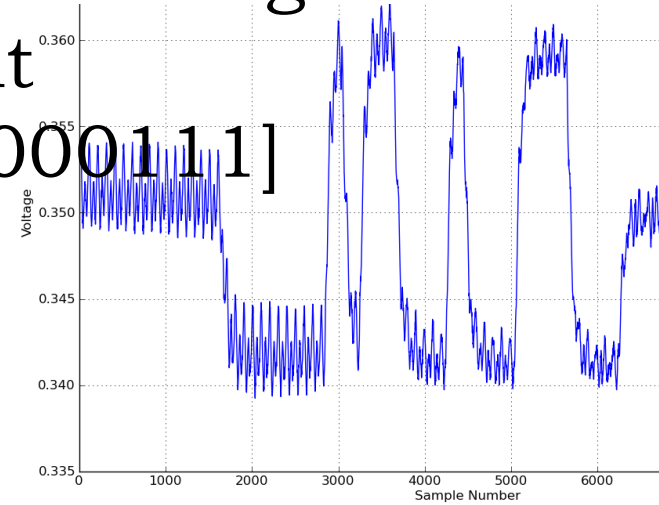


200 Samples/bit

Bits sent = [10110001000111]

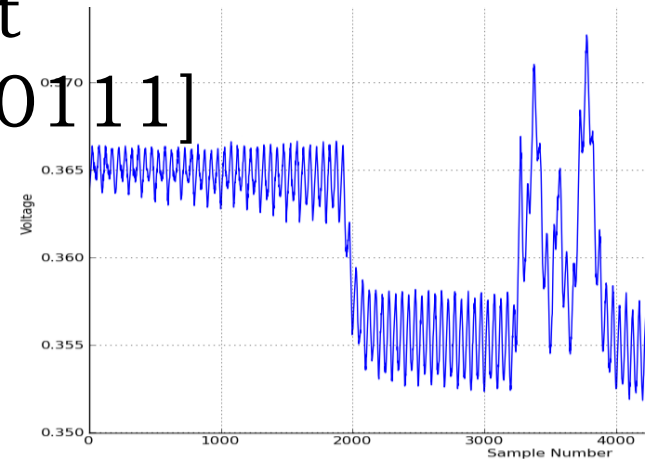
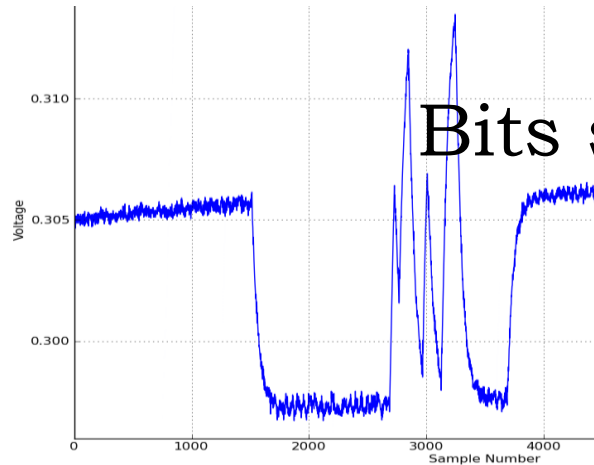


Lights On

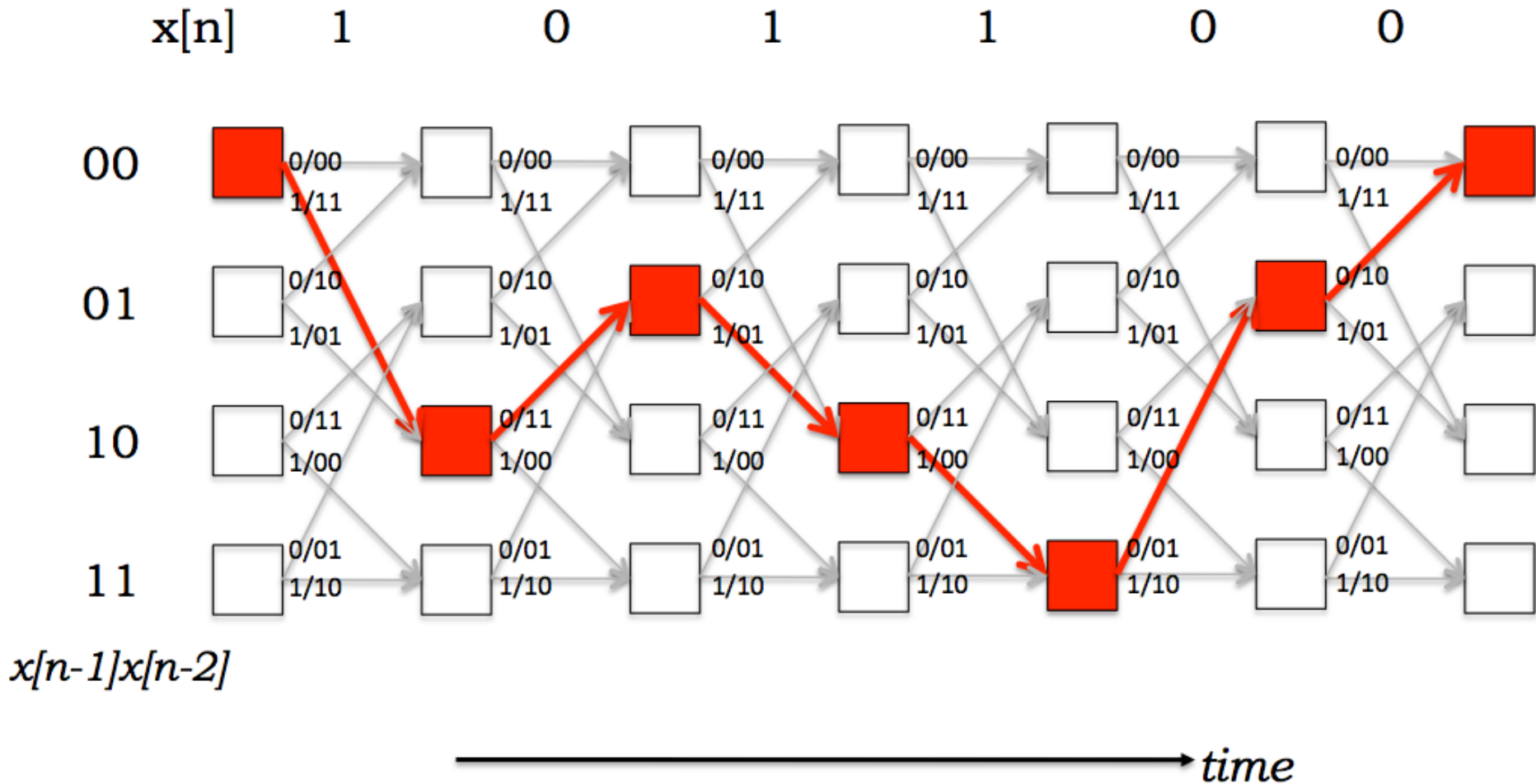


40 Samples/bit

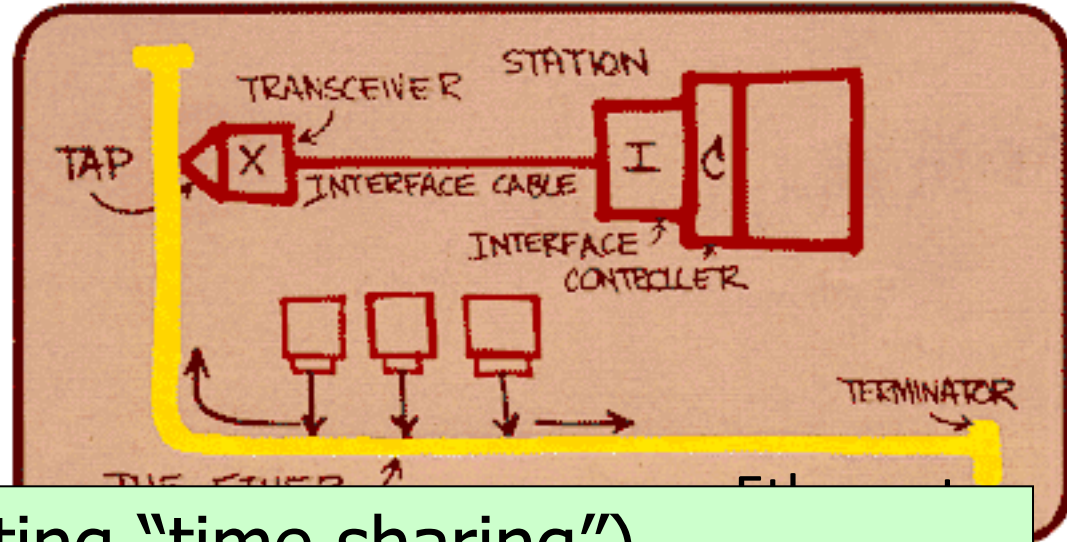
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Error Correcting Codes use Redundancy to fix Errors.



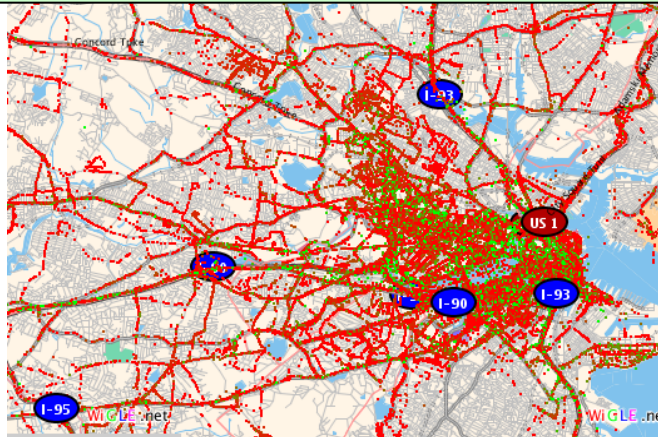
Fundamental Problem: Sharing



MAC protocols (emulating "time sharing")
Frequency division multiplexing ("frequency sharing")

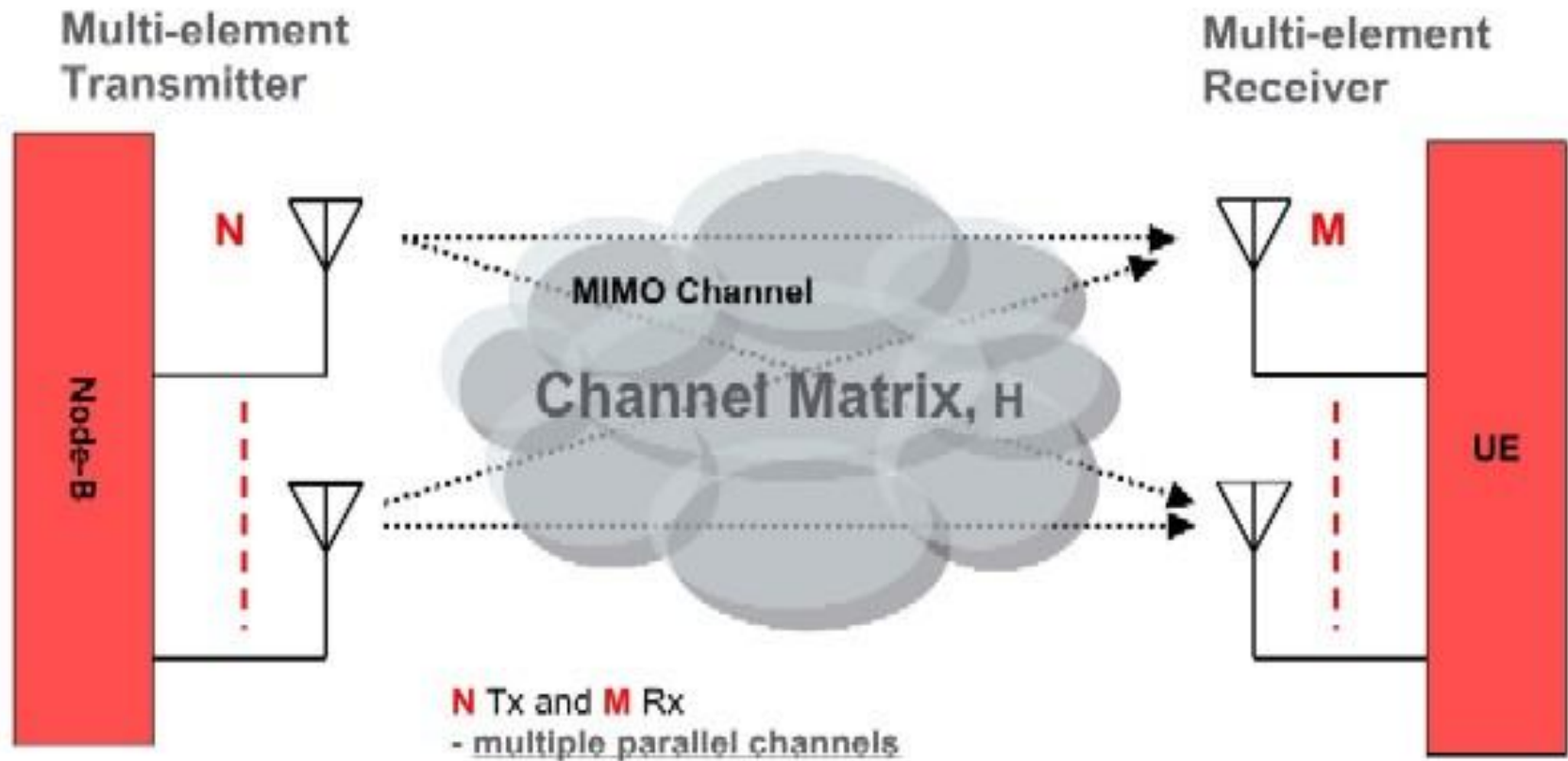


Wireless LANs



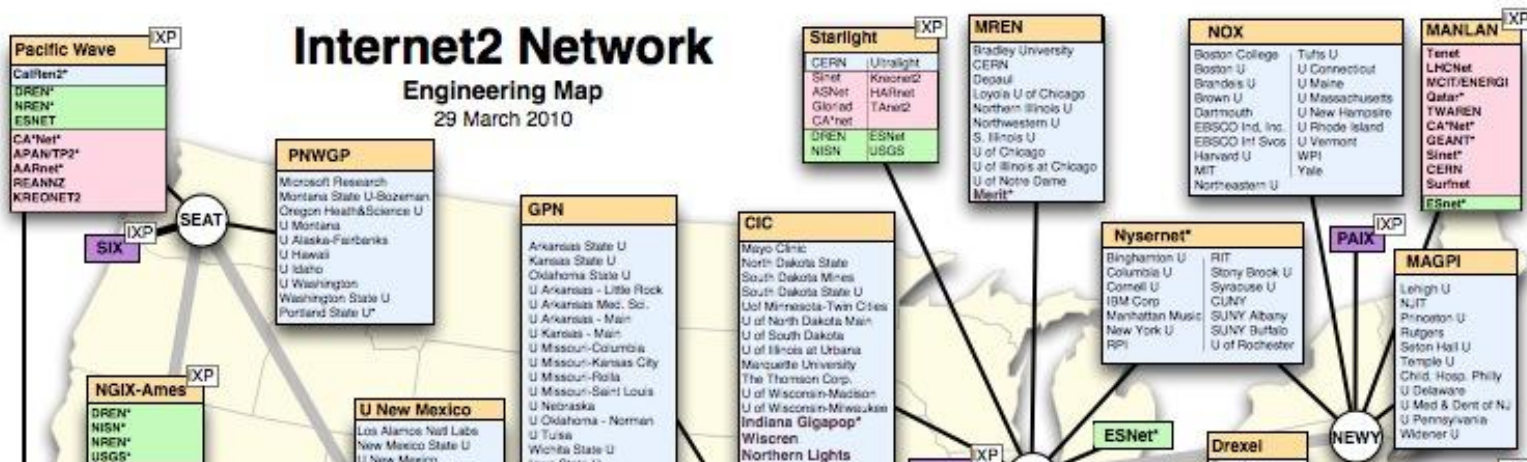
Cellular
wireless

MIMO for Superfast Wireless

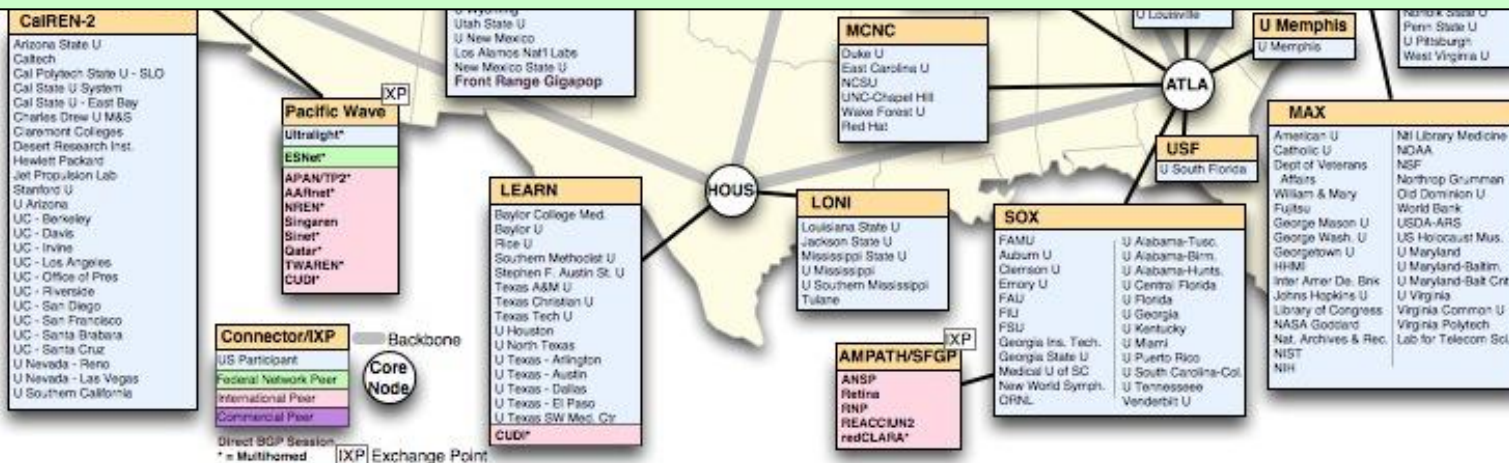


http://connectedplanetonline.com/wireless/technology/mimo_ofdm_091905/

Multi-Hop Networks



How does network routing really work?
How do multiple different conversations share the network?
How can we communicate information reliably?



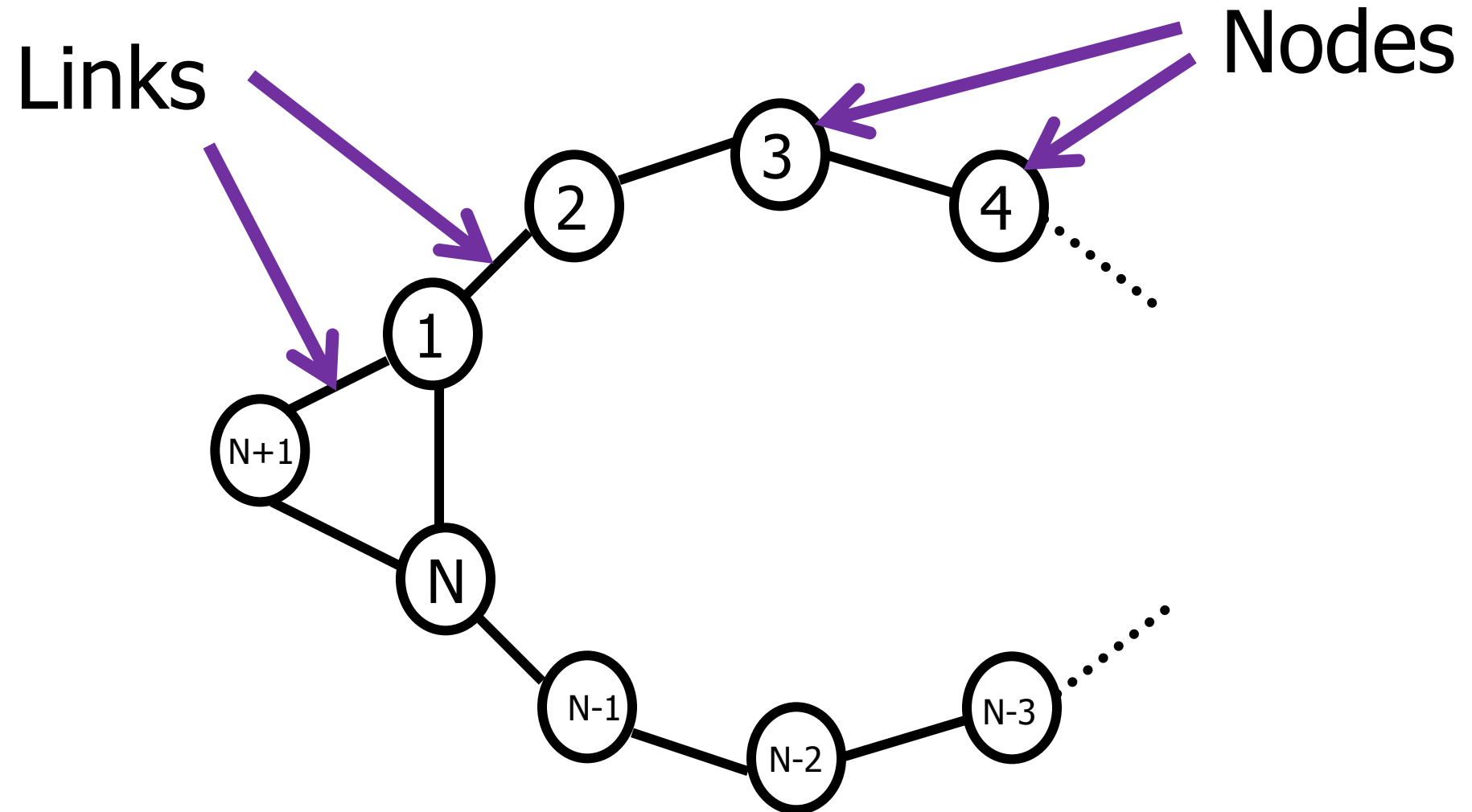
Approach

- Understand **tools and techniques**
 - Concepts and principles
 - Labs
 - Small problems
- Begin to understand **trade-offs**
 - The essence of all engineering systems
 - Science, art, or a mix?
 - Principles and tools matter, as do intuition and experience

EECS Ideas

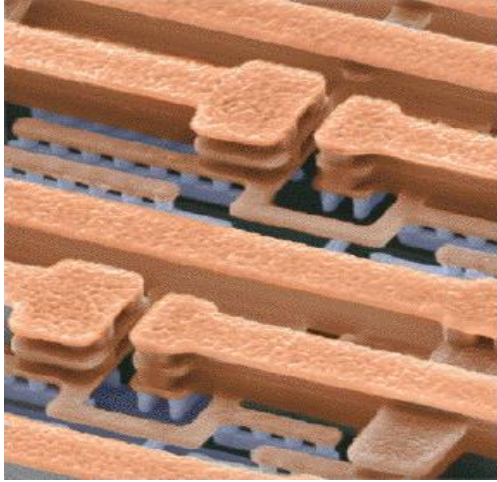
- Signals and systems
 - Linearity and time-invariance, superposition, deconvolution, filters and frequency response, modulation.
- Algorithms, centralized and distributed
 - Trellis decoding (Viterbi), shortest paths (Dijkstra), distance vector routing (Bellman-Ford), compression (Huffman, LZW)
- Computer systems
 - Abstraction and modularity, layering, protocols, hierarchy
- Applied probability (for Noise modeling)
 - Continuous-domain probability (density): error analysis
 - Discrete-domain probability: MAC protocol analysis
 - Basic queueing models: packet switch sharing analysis
- Methods: design, simulation, experimentation

Network (Topology), Links, and Channels

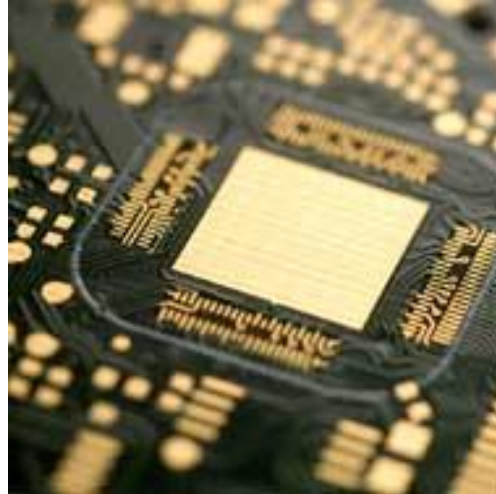


Link's physical connection is the channel

IC Interconnect

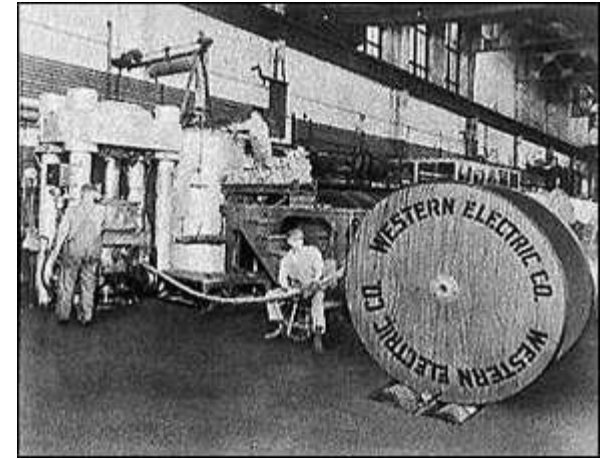


Printed Circuit Board



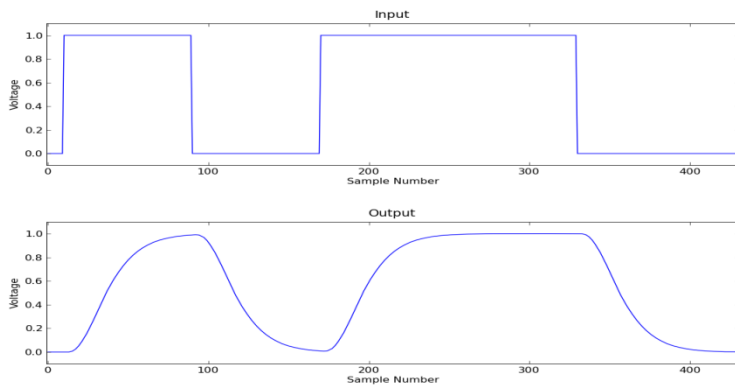
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Transatlantic Cable

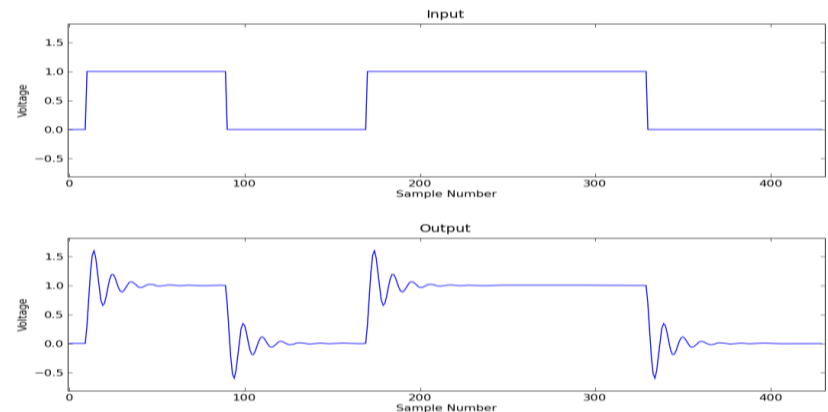


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Slow Response

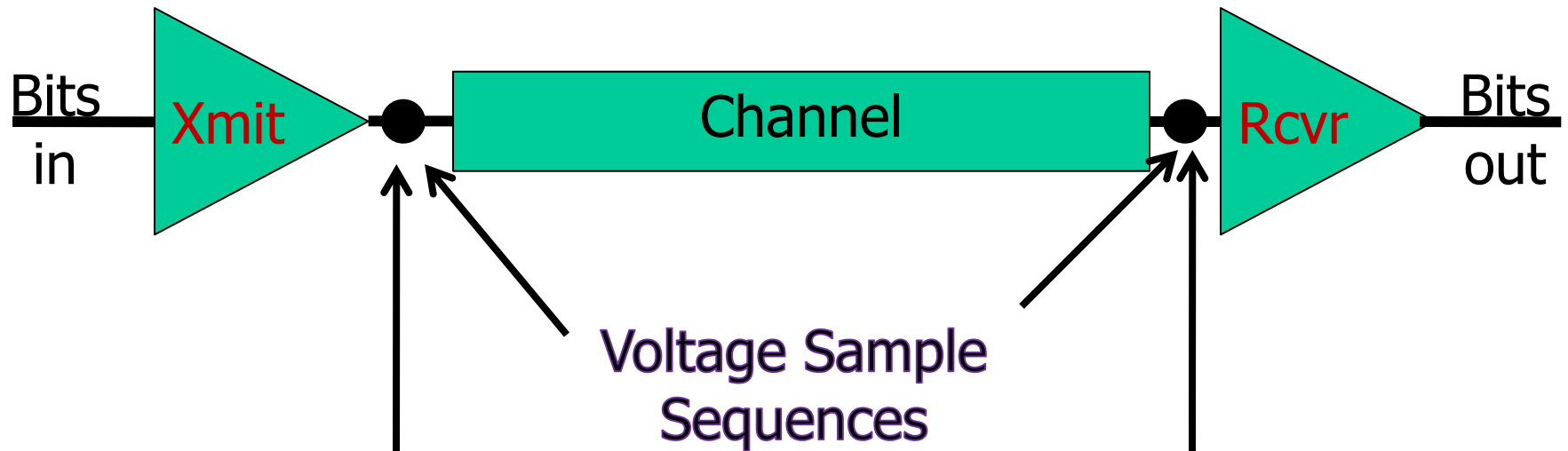


Ring



May also have long delays (Receiver does NOT know)

6.02 Channel Setup and Notation



$X \equiv$ entire sequence

$x[n] \equiv n^{th}$ sample value

$Y \equiv$ entire sequence

$y[n] \equiv n^{th}$ sample value

Sample Rates:

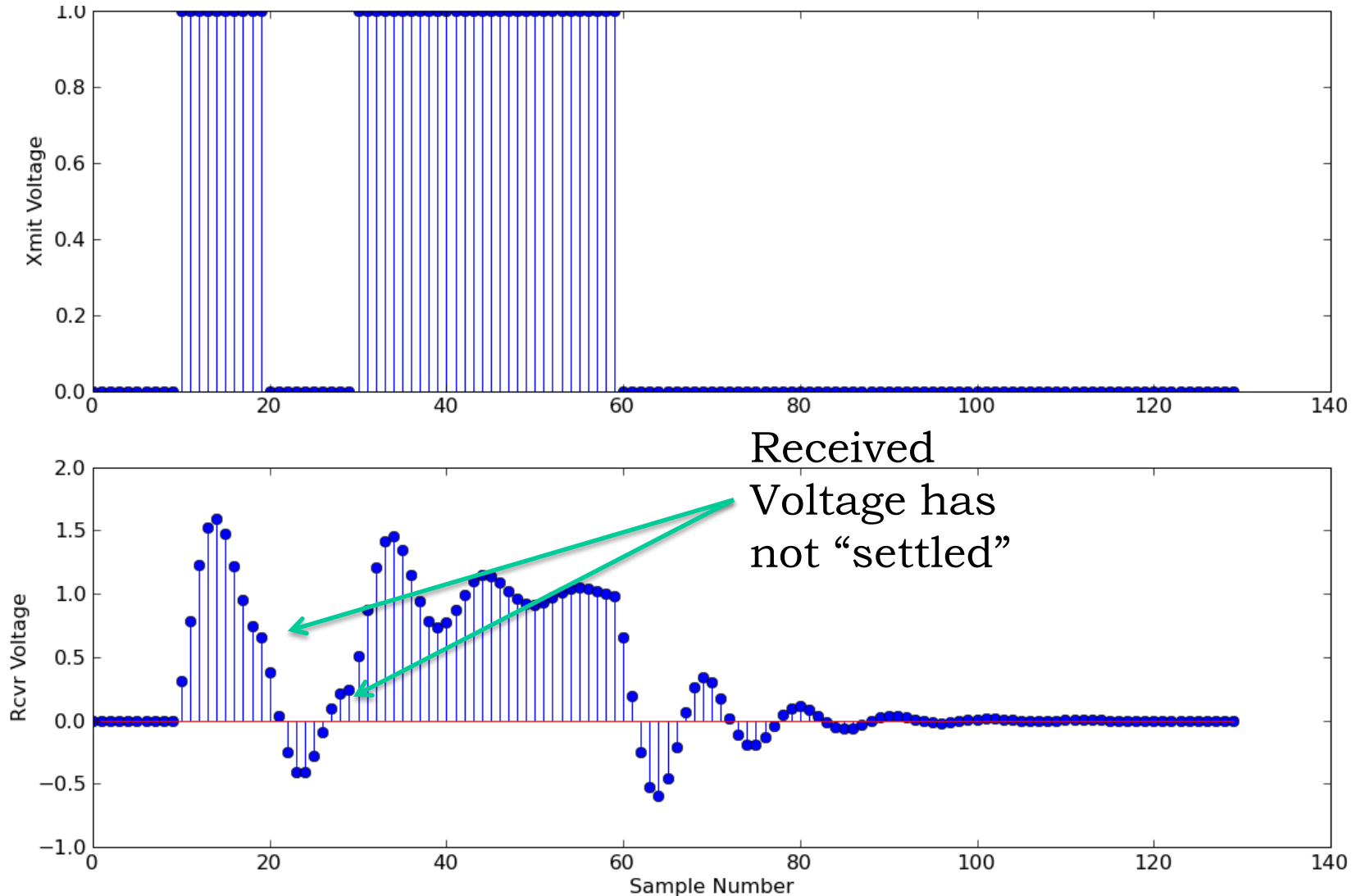
- 4 million Samples/Second (IR Transceiver)
- Up to gigaSamples/Second (Fastest)

Samples, Bit Period, Bit Rate

- Our Hardware
 - Updates transmitter output voltage every $\frac{1}{4}$ microsecond (4 million times a second).
 - Remeasures receiver voltage every $\frac{1}{4}$ microsecond (4 million times a second).
- Bit Period and Bit Rate
 - $BP = \text{Samples/bit} * \frac{1}{4} \text{ microsecond}$
 - $BR = \text{Bits transmitted per second}$
 - $BR = (4 \text{ million}) / (\text{Samples/bit})$
- Slower Bit Rate = Longer Bit Period
 - More time to propagate through channel

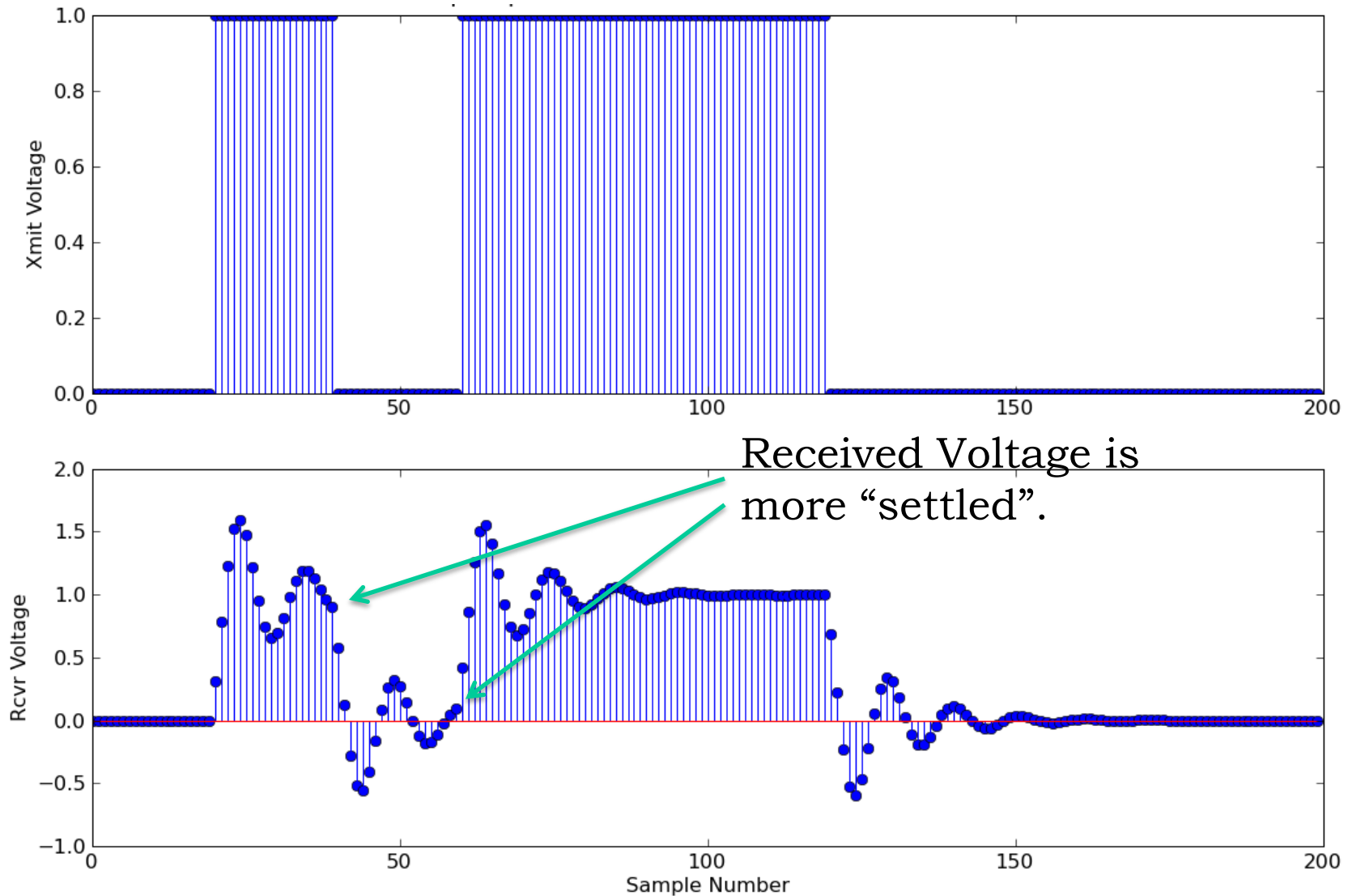
Sending 0101110, 2.5 microseconds/bit

10 samples/bit, 400,000 bits/sec



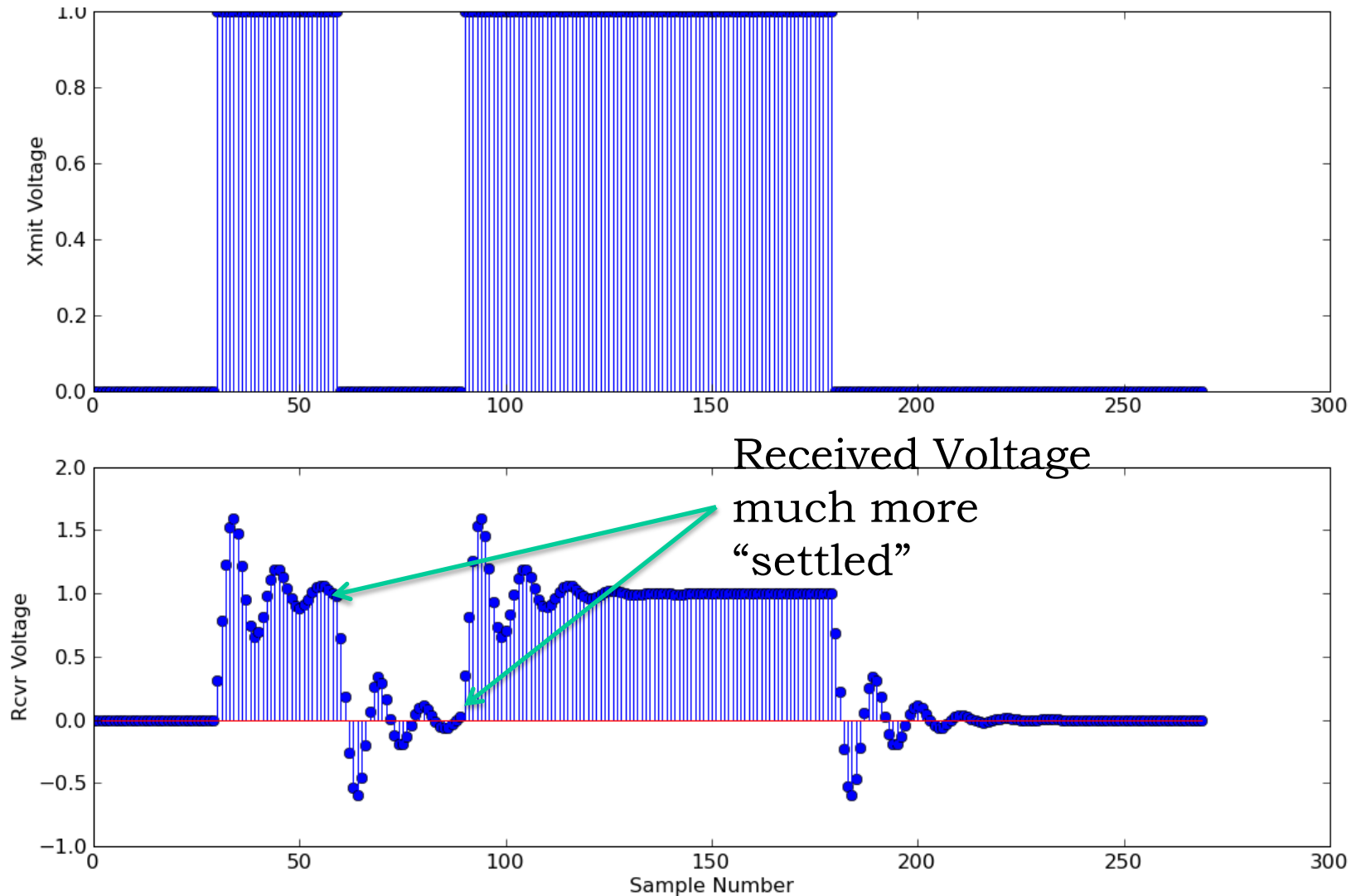
Sending 0101110, 5 microseconds/bit

20 samples/bit, 200,000 bits/sec

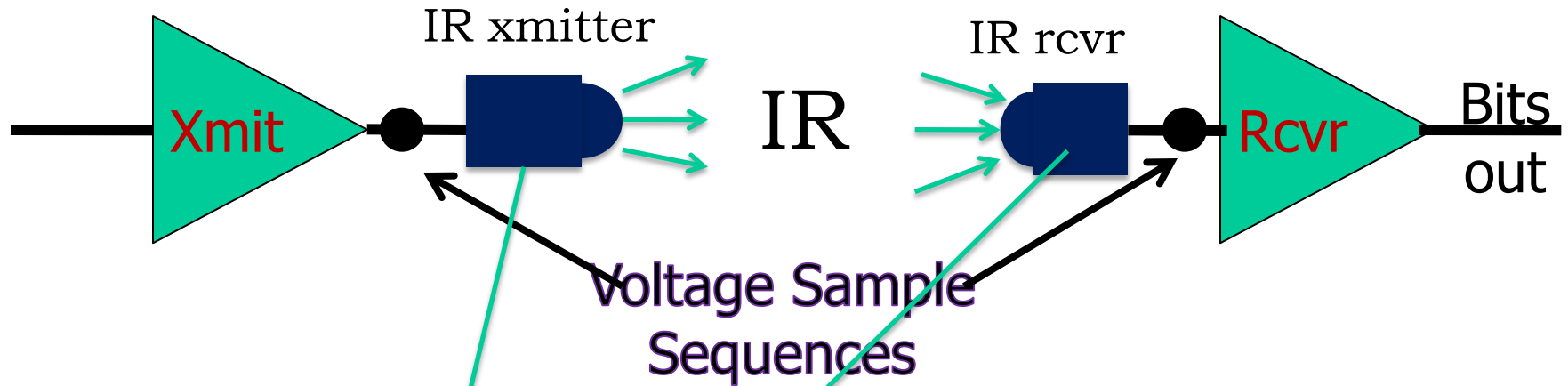


Sending 0101110, 7.5 microseconds/bit

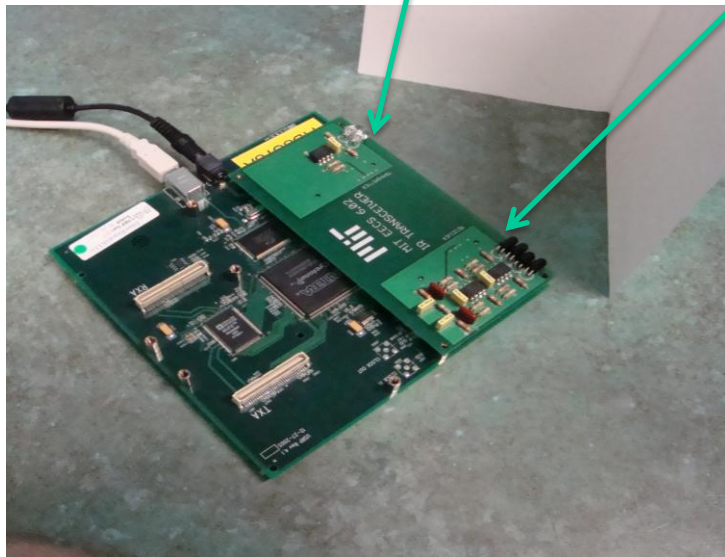
30 samples/bit, 133,333 bits/sec



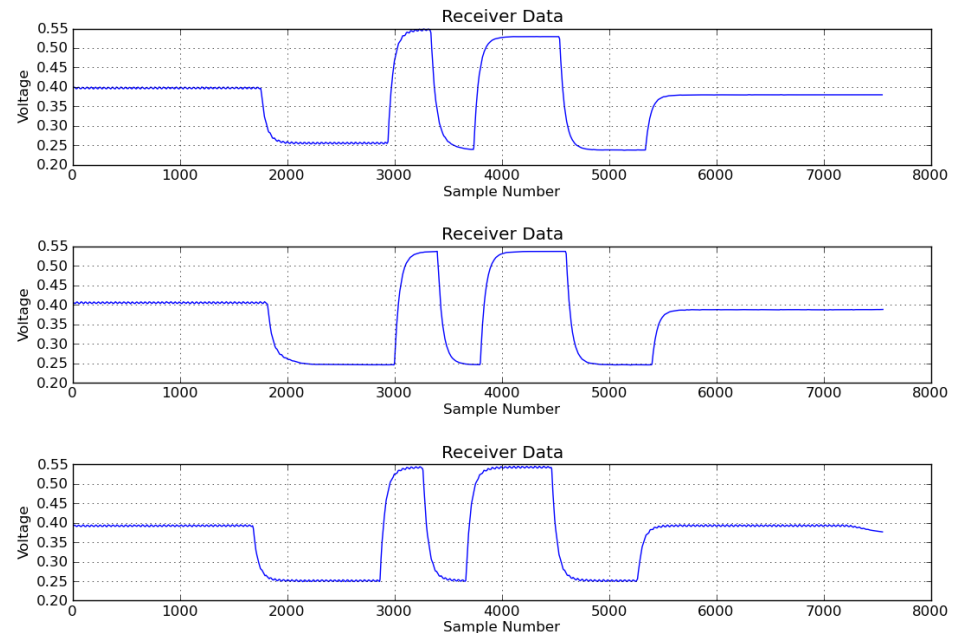
The 6.02 Infrared Transceiver



Loopback Setup

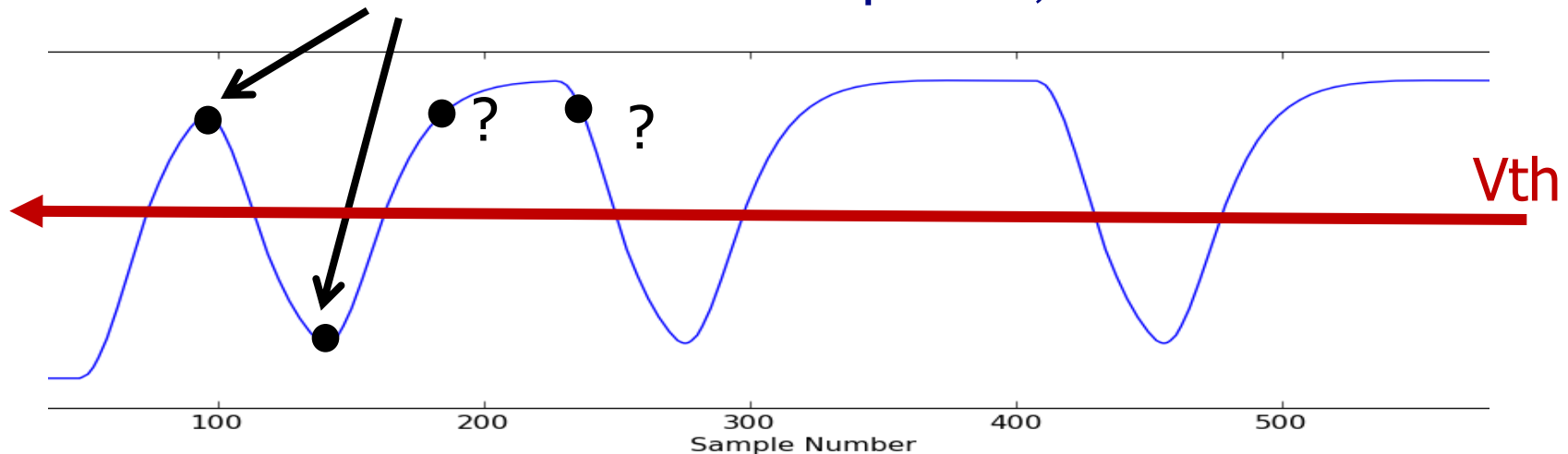


400 Samples/bit



How does Rcvr convert samples to Bits?

- Decide on a threshold voltage
 - Bigger than the threshold is a '1'
 - Smaller than the threshold is a '0'
- Decide when to detect
 - Receiver knows the bit period, that's all.



On-line Problem Sets, Labs and Interviews

- Problem Sets are basic questions
 - Get immediate feedback (Due Monday night)
- Labs in Python and sometimes using IR hardware
 - Experiment with concepts.
 - Examine real data.
 - Opportunity to design.
 - Must answer lab questions (All due Wednesday night)
- Interviews
 - You must explain your programs to your TA each week.
 - A chance to show your insights, clarify concepts.