

# Lecture Outline

Save energy

Digital TM

All signals are  
orthogonal!

- Have previously considered
  - Optimum detector structure.
  - The optimum receiver (in the sense of minimizing  $P_e$ ) for general M-ary signaling in the presence of AWGN
  - Graphical interpretation of decision regions

## » Will now consider

- » Probability of error expressions
  - » Case study: Orthogonal signaling
  - » Union bound on  $P_e$  for generic M-ary modulations
  - » Orthogonal signaling & its variations



# Prelude

## **Performance evaluation of M-ary modulation:**

- Exact error probability computation is quite complicated
- Engineers typically look for good approximation that makes system analysis and design less complicated

## **Union Bound will be developed**

- A common tool used by communication engineers
- Very easy to derive
- Can give accurate probability estimates

## **Orthogonal Signals are important**

- Will show a method which can generate orthogonal signals based on binary pulses (Walsh functions)

*second architecture*

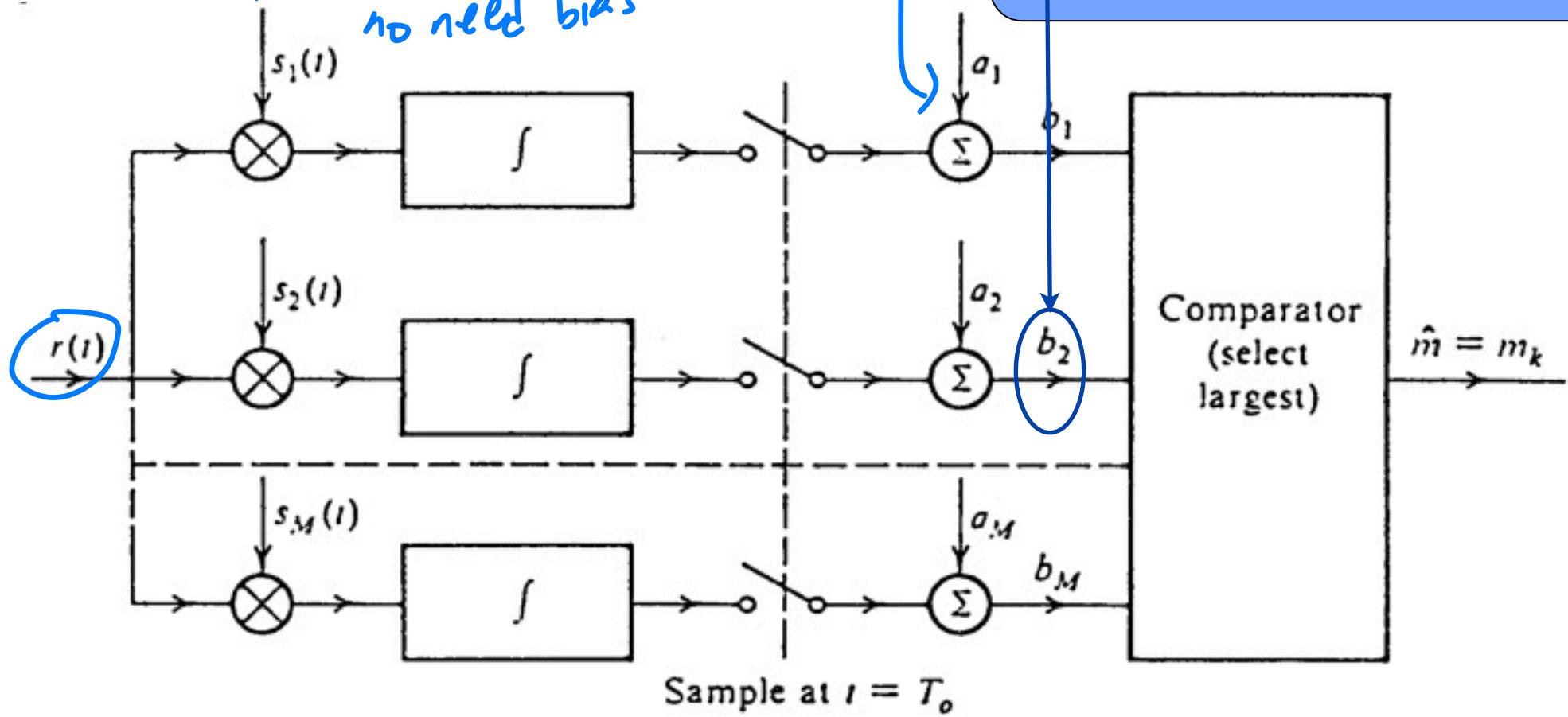
# Recall the Optimum M-ary Receiver

randomness

bias

*if equal distance remove this!*  
no need bias

$$b_k = \int_0^{T_s} r(t)s_k(t)dt - E_k/2$$



$$r_1 := \int_0^{\bar{t}_1} s_1(t) f_n(t) dt$$

$$b_1 = \int_0^{\bar{t}_1} r(t) s_1(t) dt - \frac{b_1}{2} = \int_0^{\bar{t}_1} \left( \int_0^{\bar{t}_1} s_1(t) f_n(t) dt \right)^2 dt +$$

$$= s_1(\bar{t}_1)^2 + b_1$$

$$b_2 := \int_0^{\bar{t}_1} r(t) s_2(t) dt$$

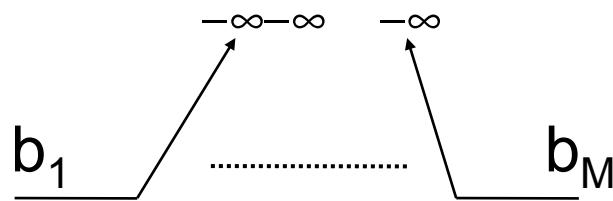
$$= \int_0^{\bar{t}_1} s_1(t) s_2(t) dt + \int_0^{\bar{t}_1} n(t) s_2(t) dt$$

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# General Expression for $P_e$

If  $m_1$  is sent,  $\rightarrow$  correct decision is made only if  $b_1 > b_2, b_3, \dots, b_M$

$$P(c / m_1) = P(b_1 > b_2, b_3, \dots, b_M / m_1)$$
$$= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{b_1} \dots \int_{-\infty}^{b_1} f(b_1, b_2, \dots, b_M / m_1) db_M db_{M-1} \dots db_1$$



Union bound!

$$\rightarrow | P(c) = \sum_{j=1}^M P(c / m_j) P(m_j) \quad \text{total probability!}$$

and  $P_e = P_{eM} = 1 - P(c)$

$$\iiint_A f(x_1 \dots x_m) dx_1 \dots x_m$$

$$Df(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_m) = f(x_1)f(x_2)\cdots f(x_m)$$

$$\textcircled{2} A = A_1 \times A_2 \times \cdots \times A_m$$

$$Z = \prod_{i=1}^m \left( \int f(x_i) dx_i \right)$$

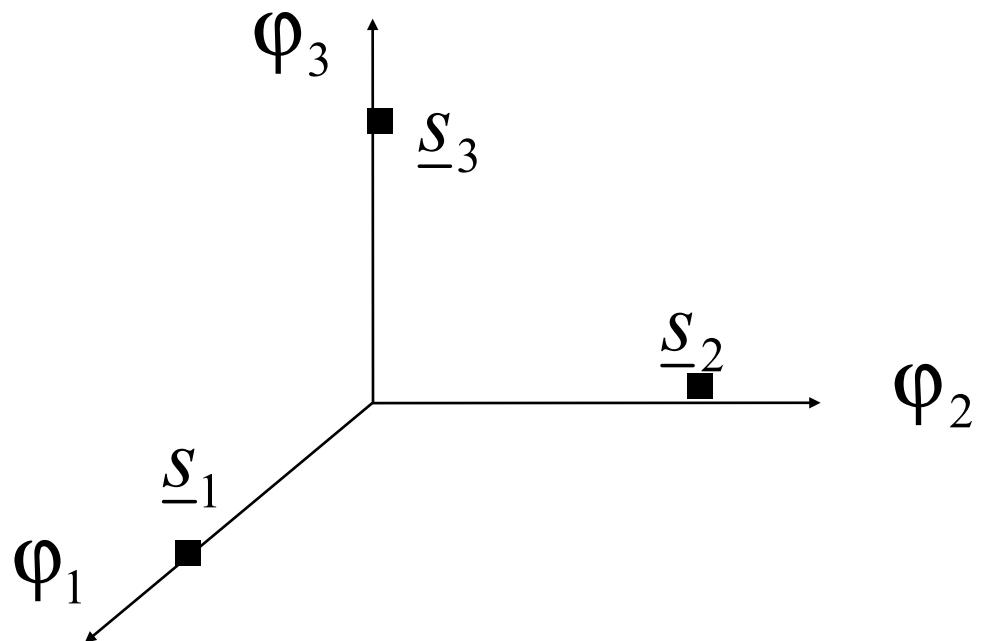
# $P_e$ for Orthogonal Signals

$$s_k(t) = \sqrt{E} \varphi_k(t) \quad \underline{s}_j \cdot \underline{s}_k = \begin{cases} 0 & j \neq k \\ E & j = k \end{cases}$$

Assume equiprobable messages

$$P(m_k) = \frac{1}{M} \quad \forall k = 1, 2, \dots, M$$

$$\mathbb{E}s = \underline{E}$$



# P<sub>e</sub> for Orthogonal Signals

Now, since {s<sub>k</sub>} is an orthogonal set

$$b_k = \begin{cases} E + n_1 & \text{if } k=1 \\ n_k & \text{otherwise} \end{cases} \quad \text{where } n_k = \int_0^{T_s} n(t)s_k(t)dt$$

{n<sub>k</sub>} are i.i.d. Gaussian r.v.'s       $\bar{n}_k = 0$        $E[n_k^2] = E[N_0/2] = \frac{N_0}{2}$

$$\rightarrow f(b_1, b_2, \dots, b_M / m_1) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{\pi N_0 E}} e^{-\frac{(b_1 - E)^2}{N_0 E}} \prod_{k=2}^M \left[ \frac{1}{\sqrt{\pi N_0 E}} e^{-\frac{(b_k)^2}{N_0 E}} \right]$$

$$\rightarrow P(c / m_1) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{\pi N_0 E}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{-\frac{(b_1 - E)^2}{N_0 E}} \left\{ \prod_{k=2}^M \int_{-\infty}^{b_1} \frac{1}{\sqrt{\pi N_0 E}} e^{-\frac{(b_k)^2}{N_0 E}} db_k \right\} db_1$$

# $P_e$ for Orthogonal Signals

Now note that since signal set is geometrically symmetric:



$$P(c / m_1) = P(c / m_2) = \dots = P(c / m_M)$$



$$P(c) = P(c / m_1)$$

and

$$P_e = P_{eM} = 1 - P(c)$$

# P<sub>e</sub> for Orthogonal Signals

Let  $\lambda = \frac{E_s}{N_0}$  and  $y = x + \sqrt{\frac{2E_s}{N_0}}$

*Correct expression!*



$$P_{eM} = 1 - \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \{-Q[y]\}^{M-1} e^{-\frac{(y-\sqrt{2\lambda})^2}{2}} dy$$

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very sensitive

Overall Probability of Symbol Error to one constellation diagram

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# P<sub>e</sub> for Orthogonal Signals

Let

$$x = \frac{b_1 - E - a}{\sqrt{\frac{N_0 E}{2}}}$$

Cannot simplify more!



$$P(c/m_1) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \left\{ 1 - Q \left[ x + \sqrt{\frac{2E}{N_0}} \right] \right\}^{M-1} e^{-\frac{x^2}{2}} dx$$

# Symbol energy vs bit energy

Next recall that

- # bits that can be represented by a set of M signals:

$$k = \log_2(M)$$

- Energy per bit

$$E_b = \frac{E_s}{\log_2(M)} = \frac{E_s}{k}$$

*difference  
(symbol) energy  
and bit  
energy!.*



$$\frac{2E_s}{N_0} = \frac{2kE_b}{N_0}$$

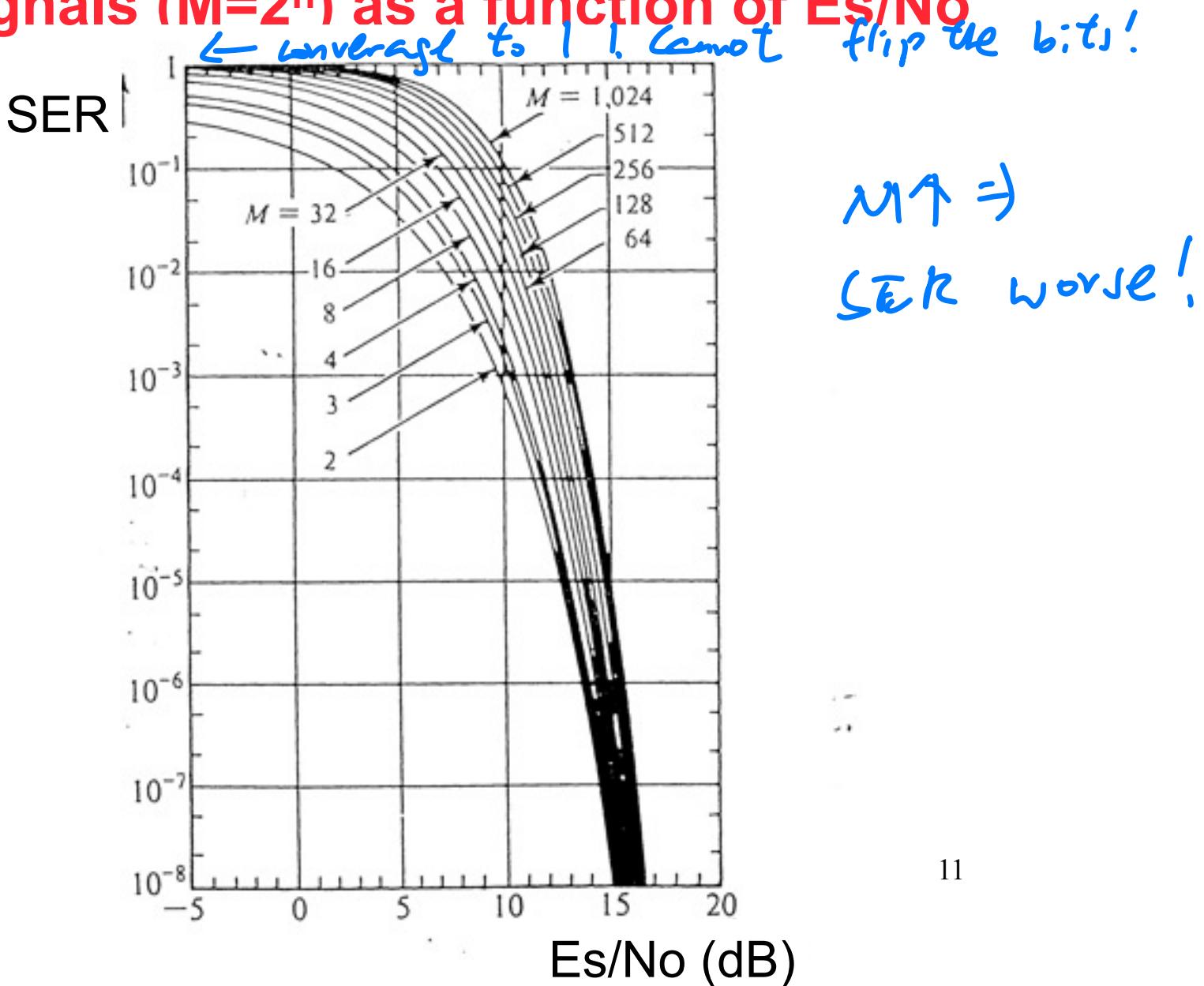
$$\frac{\bar{E}_S}{N_0} = \frac{k \bar{h} h}{h_0}$$

$P_e$  : symbol error  
 $\downarrow$

$P_b$  : bit error!

$\downarrow$   
that the decoded bits  
different from original bits!

# Symbol error probability for M orthogonal signals ( $M=2^n$ ) as a function of Es/No

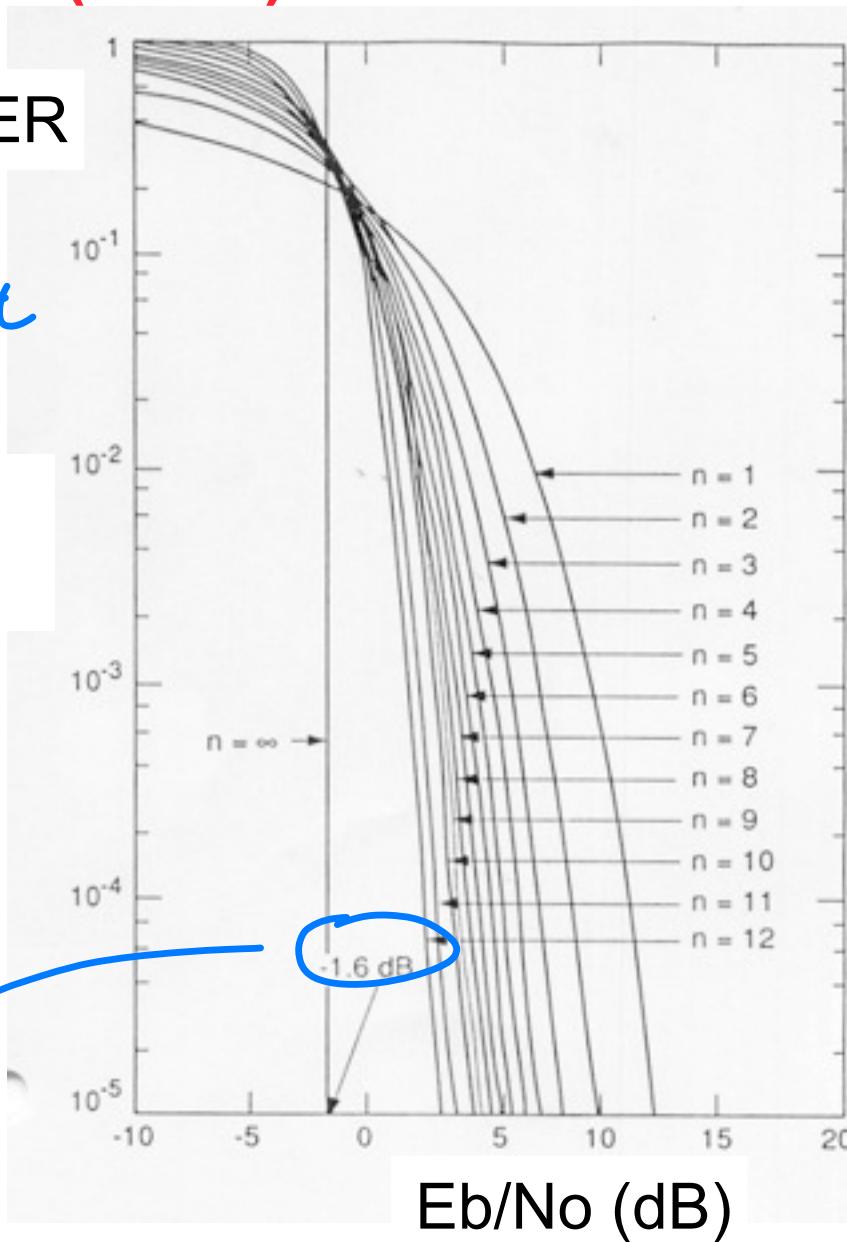


# Symbol error probability for M orthogonal signals ( $M=2^n$ ) as a function of Eb/No

$M \rightarrow \infty$  is the  
only way to  
achieve this limit

like C/I  
if C/I is  
vertical line?

fundamental  
limit!



$P_e + P_b$   
↑  
symbol error,  $\geq 1$   
bits are incorrect:

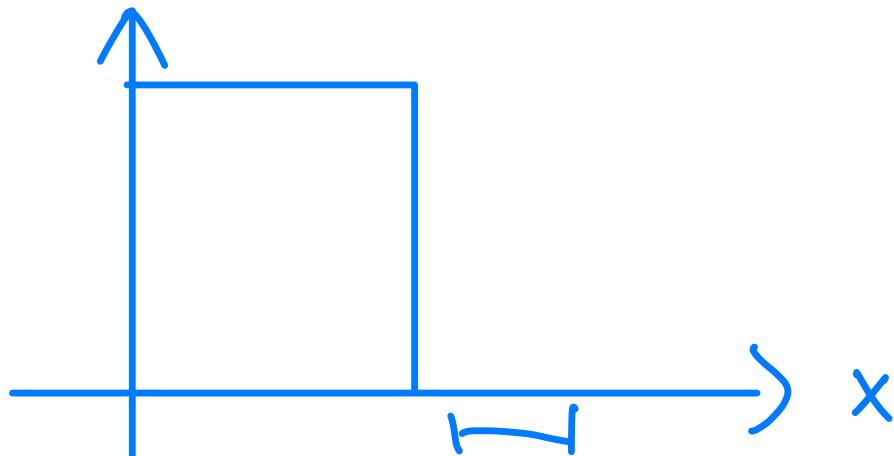
All symbols  
will be incorrect!  
if  $< -1.6$  dB

LL1) and LL2)  
Eb/No  $\rightarrow$   
client sample  
if  $n \uparrow$  !

if  $\bar{E}_{bb}/N_0 < -1.6dB$

$\Rightarrow$  symbol error rate = 100%

$p_r(x \leq x_0)$



no more randomness  
regard to  $x$  !!!

*minibus*

*passengers!*

# Symbol Errors to Bit Errors

*MFSK*

Symbol errors are different from bit errors.

When a symbol error occurs all  $k = \log_2(M)$  bits could be in error

For orthogonal modulation when an error occurs anyone of the other  $M-1$  symbols may result equally likely

On average therefore half the bits will be incorrect

That is  $k/2$  bits in error every  $k$  bits will on average be in error when there is a symbol error

Therefore for a particular bit the probability of error is half the symbol error

$$P_e \cong \frac{1}{2} P_{eM}$$

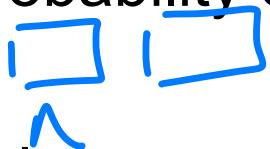
*will symmetrical  
structure!*  
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$\frac{P_e}{M-1}$

# Exact derivation

only for MFSK!

In orthogonal modulation when there is an error it will lead to any one of the other  $M-1=2^k-1$  possible symbols equally. That is, when there is an error event the probability of a particular symbol getting that error is  $P_{eM}/(M-1)$



$$E(n) = \text{Av. \# of bits error per symbol}$$

For this given symbol error assume there are n bits in error

There are  $(k,n)$  combinations in which this may happen and therefore  $(k,n)$  symbols in total with a possible n bit errors.

$$\binom{k}{n} \frac{P_{eM}}{k}$$

Therefore the probability of a n bit errors occurring is  $\left(\binom{k}{n} \frac{P_{eM}}{n!(M-1)}\right)$

Thus for every k bits there will be on average

$$\text{at most } k = \log_2 M$$

$$\sum_{n=1}^k n \left( \binom{k}{n} \frac{P_{eM}}{n!(M-1)} \right) \quad \text{bit errors}$$

$$E(n) = \sum_{n=1}^k n p(n)$$

Therefore

$$P_b = P_e = \frac{1}{k} \sum_{n=1}^k n \left( \binom{k}{n} \frac{P_{eM}}{n!(M-1)} \right) = \frac{M}{2(M-1)} P_{eM}$$

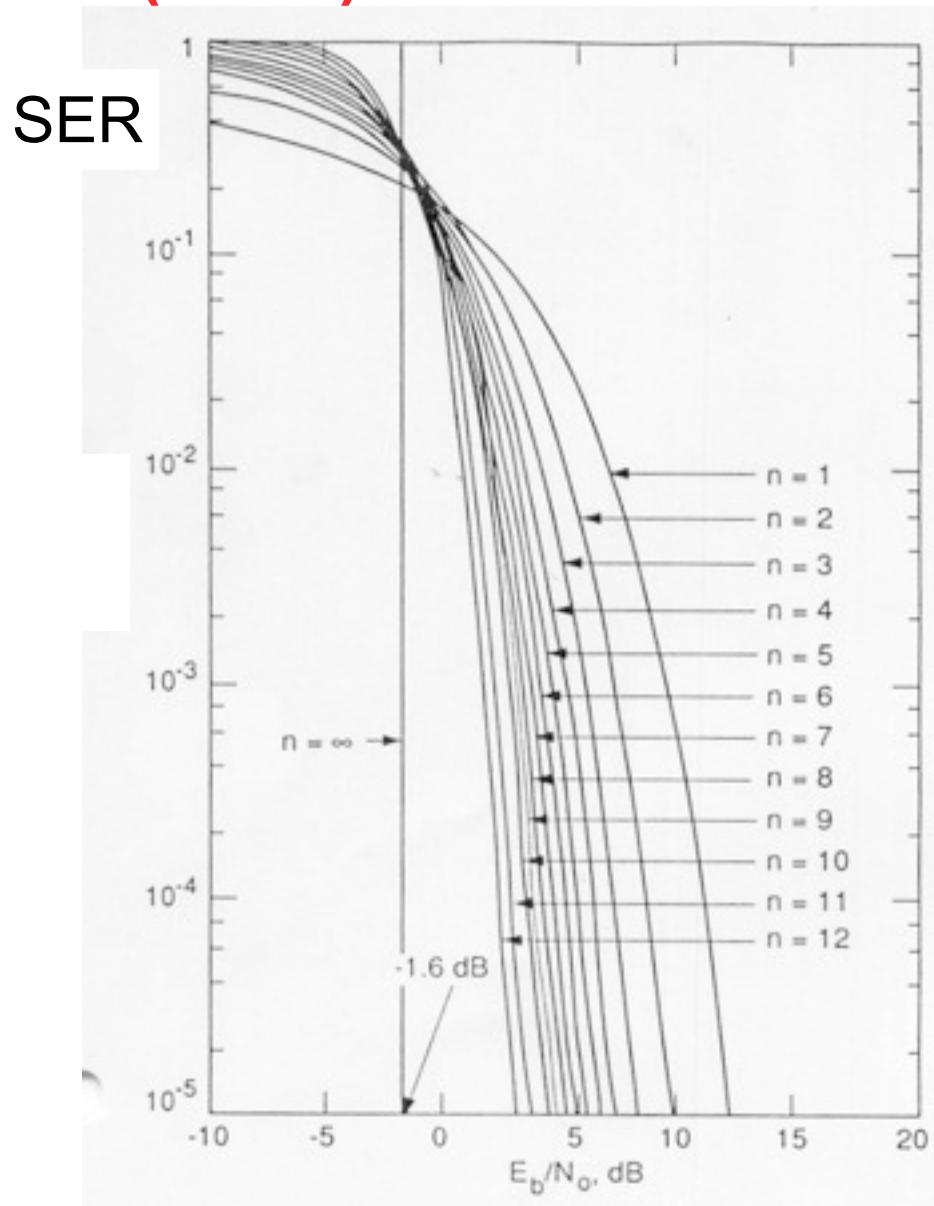
and for large M  
if  $M \rightarrow \infty$

$$P_e \approx \frac{1}{2} P_{eM}$$

$$E(n) = \sum_{n=1}^k n p(n)$$

$$P_b = \frac{E(n)}{k}$$

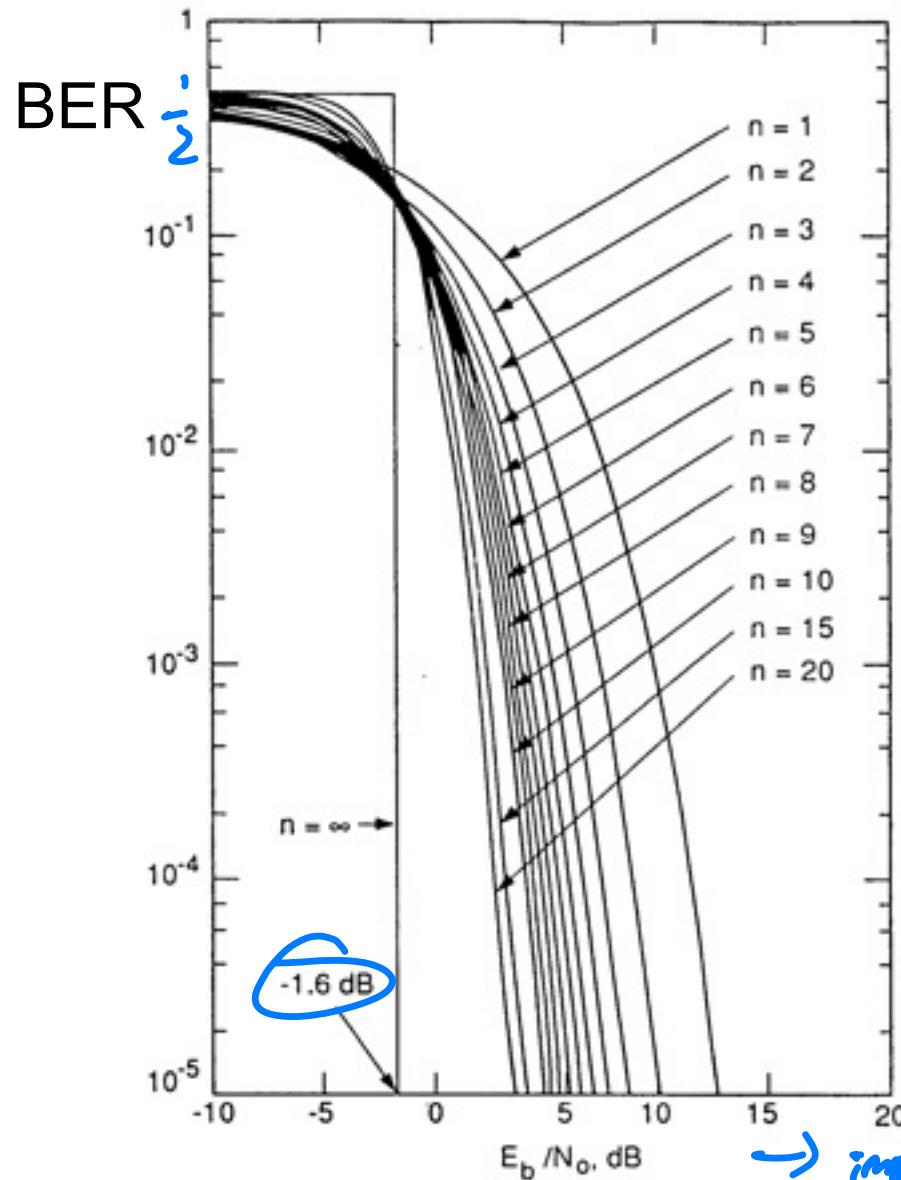
# Symbol error probability for M orthogonal signals ( $M=2^n$ ) as a function of $E_b/N_0$



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performance improves!

# Bit error probability for M orthogonal signals ( $M=2^n$ ) as a function of $E_b/N_0$



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# M-ary Communication

## Performance Evaluation

**So far, we have considered the performance evaluation of M-ary digital modulation.**

- Typically involve the computation of error probability.
- Such computation is often very complicated.
- Derived the **symbol error probability** of **orthogonal** signals.
- Derived the **bit error probability** of **orthogonal** signals.

**Bit** error probability and **Symbol** error probability **ARE DIFFERENT.**

Bit errors

Signal errors<sup>17</sup>

union bound is **generic!**  
**Union Bound**       $b_1 > b_2$   
 $b_1 > b_3 \dots b_1 > b_m$

Multi-dimension integral and quite difficult to evaluate

$$P(\text{error} / m_j) = 1 - P(\bigcap(b_j > b_k / m_j \quad \forall k \neq j))$$

OR

$$P(\text{error} / m_j) = P(\bigcup(b_j \leq b_k / m_j \quad \forall k \neq j))$$

Now we simplify Pe calculation using an **approximation**  
known as the **union upper bound**

But note that

$$P(\text{error} / m_j) \leq \sum_{\substack{k=1 \\ k \neq j}}^M P(b_j \leq b_k / m_j)$$

$$P(\bigcup_i A_i) \leq \sum_i P(A_i)$$

$$P_{\text{EM}} = \sum_{j=1}^M p_{L(j)} P(\text{error}|s_j) = \frac{1}{M} \sum_{j=1}^M P(\text{error}|s_j) - \frac{L(M-1)}{M} Q\left(\sqrt{\frac{E_s}{N_0}}\right) \leq (M-1) Q\left(\sqrt{\frac{E_s}{N_0}}\right)$$

$$= P(\text{error}|s_j) = \Pr\left(\bigcup_{b \neq j} b_j \leq b_k | s_j\right)$$

$$\leq \Pr_{k \neq j}\left(b_j \leq b_k | s_j\right)$$

if  $s_j$  is an  
 $s_j$ , can  
see  $M-1$   
neighboors!

$$Q\left(Q\left(\sqrt{\frac{E_s}{N_0}}\right)\right)$$

no bottleneck:

$$= (M-1) Q\left(\sqrt{\frac{E_s}{N_0}}\right)$$

# Union Bound

The key approximation is that there may be several pairwise comparisons that imply the same symbol error

The union bound does not subtract out this intersecting possibility- therefore it is an upper bound

Now for **equally likely** symbols,

$$P_{eM} = \frac{1}{M} \sum_{j=1}^M P(\text{error} / m_j)$$

$$P_{eM} \leq \frac{1}{M} \sum_{j=1}^M \sum_{\substack{k=1 \\ k \neq j}}^M P(b_j \leq b_k / m_j)$$

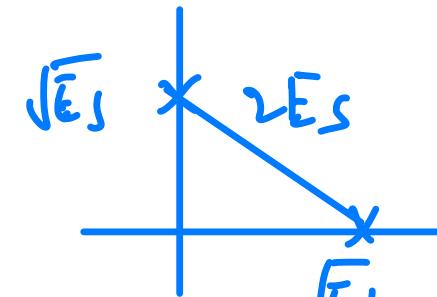


**Pairwise error probability**

# Union Bound

Let  $P_e(j,k)$  = Pairwise error probability for signals j and k

$$P_e(j,k) = Q\left[\sqrt{\frac{d_{kj}^2}{2N_0}}\right]$$



where

$$d_{ij}^2 = \int_0^T [s_i(t) - s_j(t)]^2 dt = \|s_i - s_j\|^2 = 2E$$

$$P_{eM} \leq (M-1)Q\left[\sqrt{\frac{E}{N_0}}\right]$$

$$P_b = \frac{M}{2(M-1)} P_{eM}$$



$$P_b \leq \frac{M}{2} Q\left[\sqrt{\frac{E}{N_0}}\right]$$

# Union Bound for Orthogonal signals

Also we can upper bound the Q function with (different from previous approximation)

intuition!

$$Q[x] \leq \frac{1}{2} e^{-\frac{x^2}{2}} \longrightarrow \text{Quite accurate for } x \geq 3$$

exponentially by  $\frac{E_b}{N_0}$

$$\longrightarrow P_b \leq \frac{M}{4} e^{-\frac{E}{2N_0}} \longrightarrow \text{Widely used}$$

bit error rate!

where  $k = \log_2(M)$

$$E_b = \frac{E}{\log_2(M)} = \frac{E}{k}$$

$$P_b \approx \frac{M}{4} e^{-\frac{kE_b}{2N_0}}$$

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# Comparison of union bound with the exact $P_e$

Comparison of union  
bound with exact result for  
orthogonal signals

if  $\text{wrc}(\frac{E_b}{N_0}) \approx \text{union bound!}$

$$E/N_0 = 18.2$$

$M$	Exact $P_e$	Union bound
2	$10^{-5}$	$\approx 10^{-5}$
4	$2.9 \times 10^{-5}$	$3 \times 10^{-5}$
8	$6.9 \times 10^{-5}$	$7 \times 10^{-5}$
16	$1.45 \times 10^{-4}$	$1.5 \times 10^{-4}$
32	$2.70 \times 10^{-4}$	$3.1 \times 10^{-4}$
64	$5.1 \times 10^{-4}$	$6.3 \times 10^{-4}$
128	$1.1 \times 10^{-3}$	$\ll 1.27 \times 10^{-3}$

-1.6 dB 級  
其他數字

# Union Bound

- Have shown that the **Union bound** is a nice and good approximation.
- Must keep in mind that one does not know **a priori** (before hand) when such approximation is accurate or not.
- In general, **SIMULATION** is the practical alternative.
- Typical bit error rate is small. Hence, simulation can also take a very long time.