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(57) **ABSTRACT**

An encoding method, a decoding method, and an apparatus. A symbol quantity S is determined based on an encoding bit quantity L and an energy level quantity B, where S is S1 or S2, S1=L/B, and S2=L/2B. K information sub-channels are determined from an encoding sequence based on the symbol quantity S, the energy level quantity B, and a reliability sequence. K information bits are encoded and a bit sequence is output based on the K information sub-channels, where the K information sub-channels are selected from candidate sub-channels based on an order of reliability of the candidate sub-channels. The candidate sub-channels are S1 sub-channels or 2×S2 sub-channels in a sub-sequence whose energy level is i in the encoding sequence.