

# Equalization, Diversity, and Channel Coding

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# Introduction[1]

- Three techniques are used independently or in tandem to improve receiver signal quality
- *Equalization* compensates for ISI created by multipath with time dispersive channels ( $W > B_C$ )
  - Linear equalization, nonlinear equalization
- *Diversity* also compensates for fading channel impairments, and is usually implemented by using two or more receiving antennas
  - Spatial diversity, antenna polarization diversity, frequency diversity, time diversity



# Introduction[1]

- The former counters the effects of time dispersion (ISI), while the latter reduces the depth and duration of the fades experienced by a receiver in a flat fading (narrowband) channel
- *Channel Coding* improves mobile communication link performance by adding redundant data bits in the transmitted message
- Channel coding is used by the Rx to detect or correct some (or all) of the errors introduced by the channel (Post detection technique)
  - Block code and convolutional code



# Equalization Techniques

- The term *equalization* can be used to describe any signal processing operation that minimizes ISI [2]
- Two operation modes for an adaptive equalizer: training and tracking
- Three factors affect the time spanning over which an equalizer converges: equalizer algorithm, equalizer structure and time rate of change of the multipath radio channel
- TDMA wireless systems are particularly well suited for equalizers



# Equalization Techniques

- Equalizer is usually implemented at baseband or at IF in a receiver (see Fig. 1)

$$y(t) = x(t) * f^*(t) + n_b(t)$$

$f^*(t)$ : complex conjugate of  $f(t)$

$n_b(t)$ : baseband noise at the input of the equalizer

$h_{eq}(t)$ : impulse response of the equalizer



# Equalization Techniques

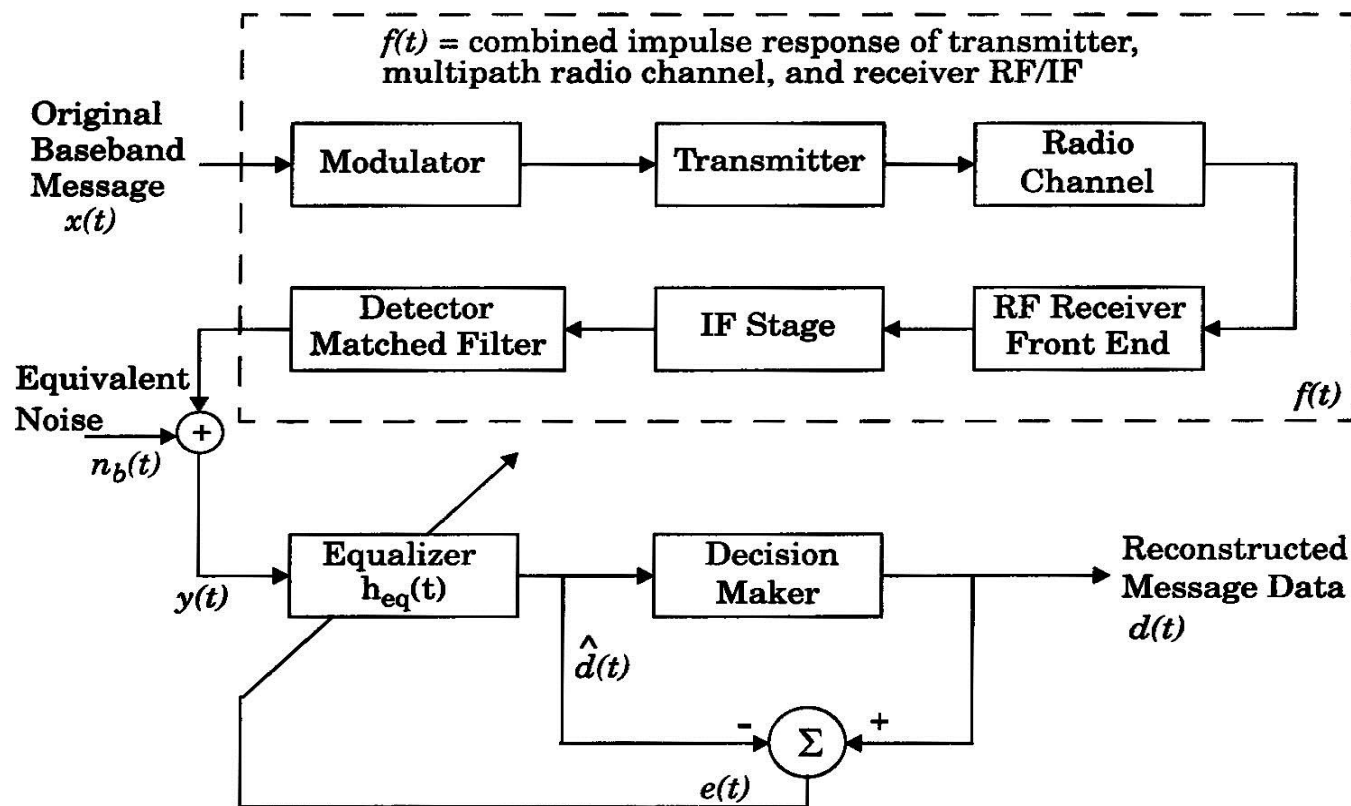


Fig. 1

Block diagram of a simplified communications system using an adaptive equalizer at the receiver.



# Equalization Technologies

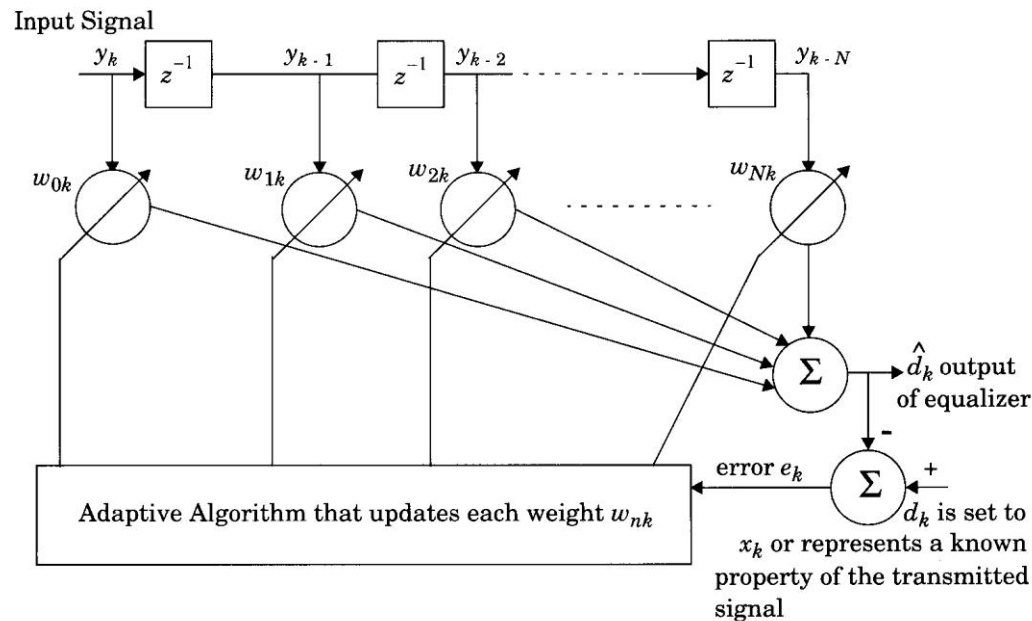
$$\begin{aligned}\hat{d}(t) &= y(t) * h_{eq}(t) \\ &= x(t) * \underbrace{f^*(t) * h_{eq}(t)}_{=\delta(t)} + m_b(t) * h_{eq}(t) \\ \therefore F^*(-f) * H_{eq}(f) &= 1\end{aligned}$$

- If the channel is frequency selective, the equalizer enhances the frequency components with small amplitudes and attenuates the strong frequencies in the received frequency response
- For a time-varying channel, an adaptive equalizer is needed to track the channel variations



# Basic Structure of Adaptive Equalizer

- Transversal filter with  $N$  delay elements,  $N+1$  taps, and  $N+1$  tunable complex weights



A basic linear equalizer during training.

- These weights are updated continuously by an adaptive algorithm
- The adaptive algorithm is controlled by the error signal  $e_k$





# Equalization Techniques

- Classical equalization theory : using training sequence to minimize the cost function

$$E[e(k) e^*(k)]$$

- Recent techniques for adaptive algorithm : blind algorithms
  - Constant Modulus Algorithm (CMA, used for constant envelope modulation) [3]
  - Spectral Coherence Restoral Algorithm (SCORE, exploits spectral redundancy or cyclostationarity in the Tx signal) [4]



# Solutions for Optimum Weights of Figure 2 (—)

•Error signal  $e_k = x_k - \mathbf{y}_k^T \boldsymbol{\omega}_k = x_k - \boldsymbol{\omega}_k^T \mathbf{y}_k$

where  $\mathbf{y}_k = [y_k \quad y_{k-1} \quad y_{k-2} \quad \dots \quad y_{k-N}]^T$

$$\boldsymbol{\omega}_k = [\omega_k \quad \omega_{k-1} \quad \omega_{k-2} \quad \dots \quad \omega_{k-N}]^T$$

•Mean square error  $|e_k|^2 = x_k^2 + \boldsymbol{\omega}_k^T \mathbf{y}_k \mathbf{y}_k^T \boldsymbol{\omega}_k - 2x_k \mathbf{y}_k^T \boldsymbol{\omega}_k$

•Expected MSE  $\xi = E[|e_k|^2] = E[x_k^2] + \boldsymbol{\omega}^T \mathbf{R} \boldsymbol{\omega} - 2\mathbf{p}^T \boldsymbol{\omega}$

where

$$\mathbf{R} = E[\mathbf{y}_k \mathbf{y}_k^*] = E \begin{bmatrix} y_k^2 & y_k y_{k-1} & y_k y_{k-2} & \dots & y_k y_{k-N} \\ y_{k-1} y_k & y_{k-1}^2 & y_{k-1} y_{k-2} & \dots & y_{k-1} y_{k-N} \\ \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots \\ y_{k-N} y_k & y_{k-N} y_{k-1} & y_{k-N} y_{k-2} & \dots & y_{k-N}^2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\mathbf{p} = E[x_k \mathbf{y}_k] = E[x_k y_k \quad x_k y_{k-1} \quad x_k y_{k-2} \quad \dots \quad x_k y_{k-N}]^T$$



## Solutions for Optimum Weights of Figure 2 (二)

- Optimum weight vector

$$\hat{\omega} = \mathbf{R}^{-1} \mathbf{p}$$

- Minimum mean square error (MMSE)

$$\begin{aligned} \xi_{\min} &= E[\chi_{\kappa}^2] - \mathbf{p}^T \mathbf{R}^{-1} \mathbf{p} \\ &= E[\chi_{\kappa}^2] - \mathbf{p}^T \hat{\omega} \end{aligned}$$

- Minimizing the MSE tends to reduce the bit error rate



# Equalization Techniques

- Two general categories - linear and nonlinear equalization (see Fig. 3)
- In Fig. 1, if  $d(t)$  is not the feedback path to adapt the equalizer, the equalization is *linear*
- In Fig. 1, if  $d(t)$  is fed back to change the subsequent outputs of the equalizer, the equalization is *nonlinear*



# Equalization Techniques

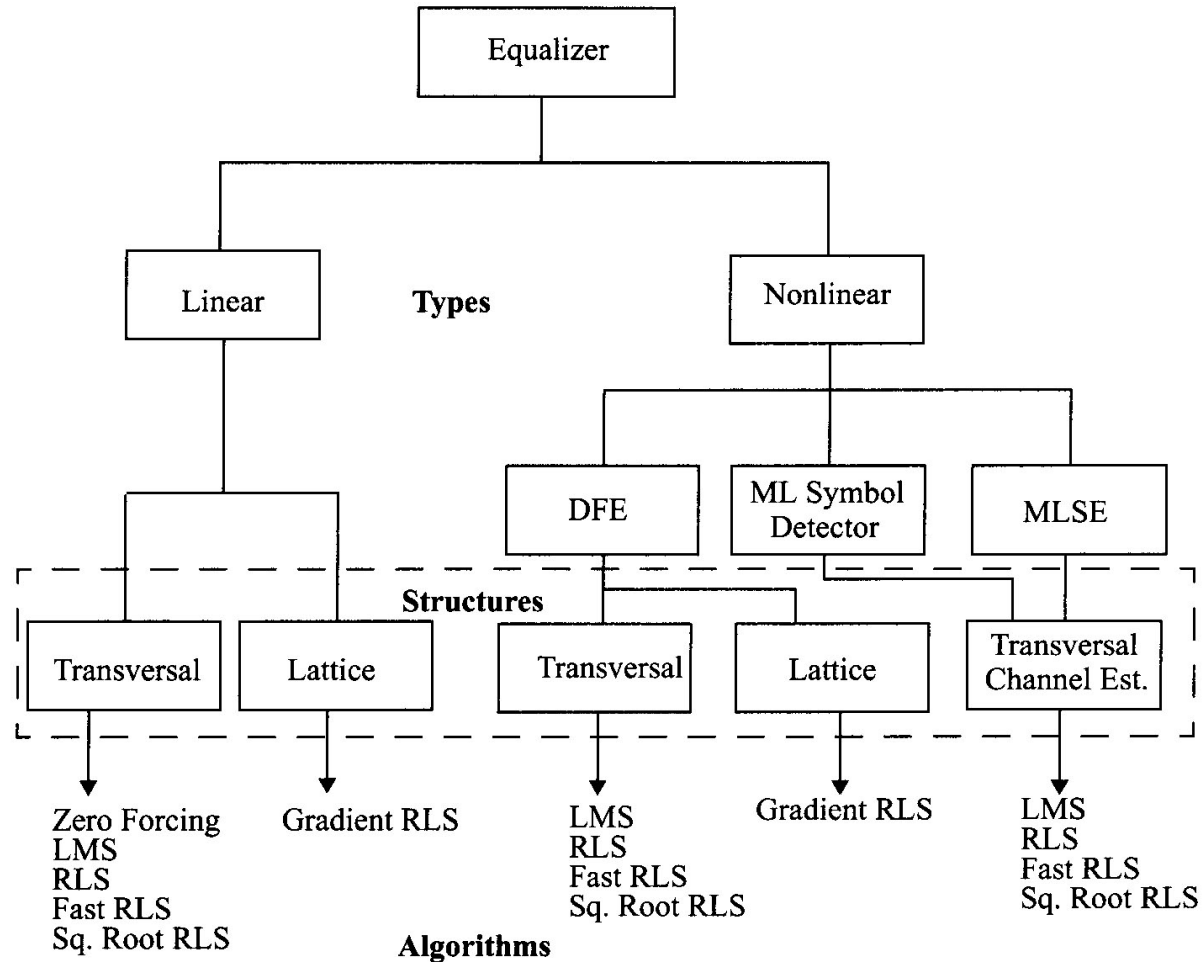


Fig.3 Classification of equalizers



# Equalizer Techniques

- Linear transversal equalizer (LTE, made up of tapped delay lines as shown in Fig.4)

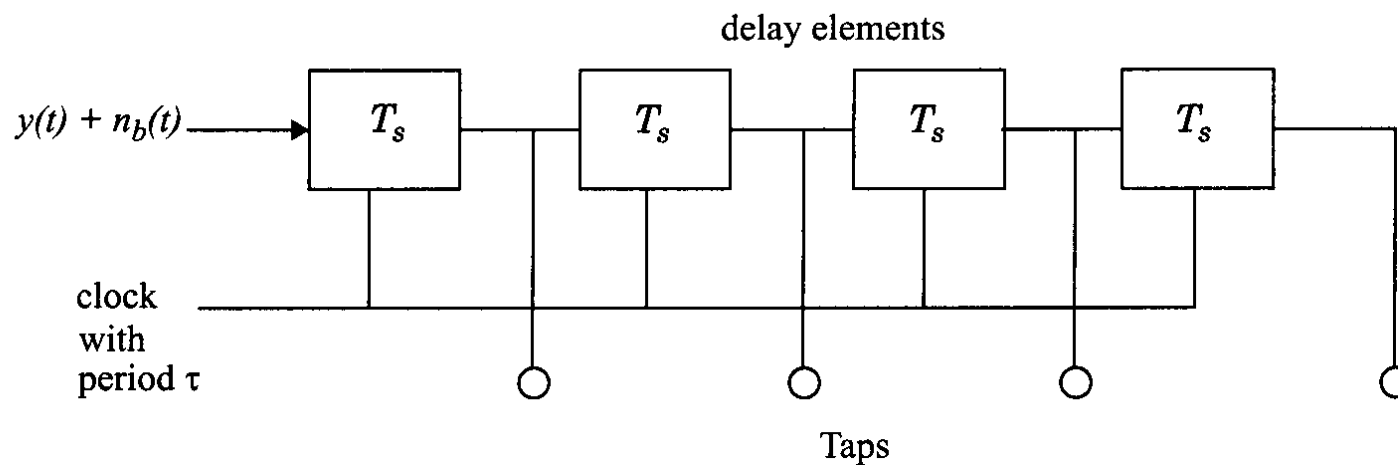


Fig.4 Basic linear transversal equalizer structure

- Finite impulse response (FIR) filter (see Fig.5)
- Infinite impulse response (IIR) filter (see Fig.5)



# Equalizer Techniques

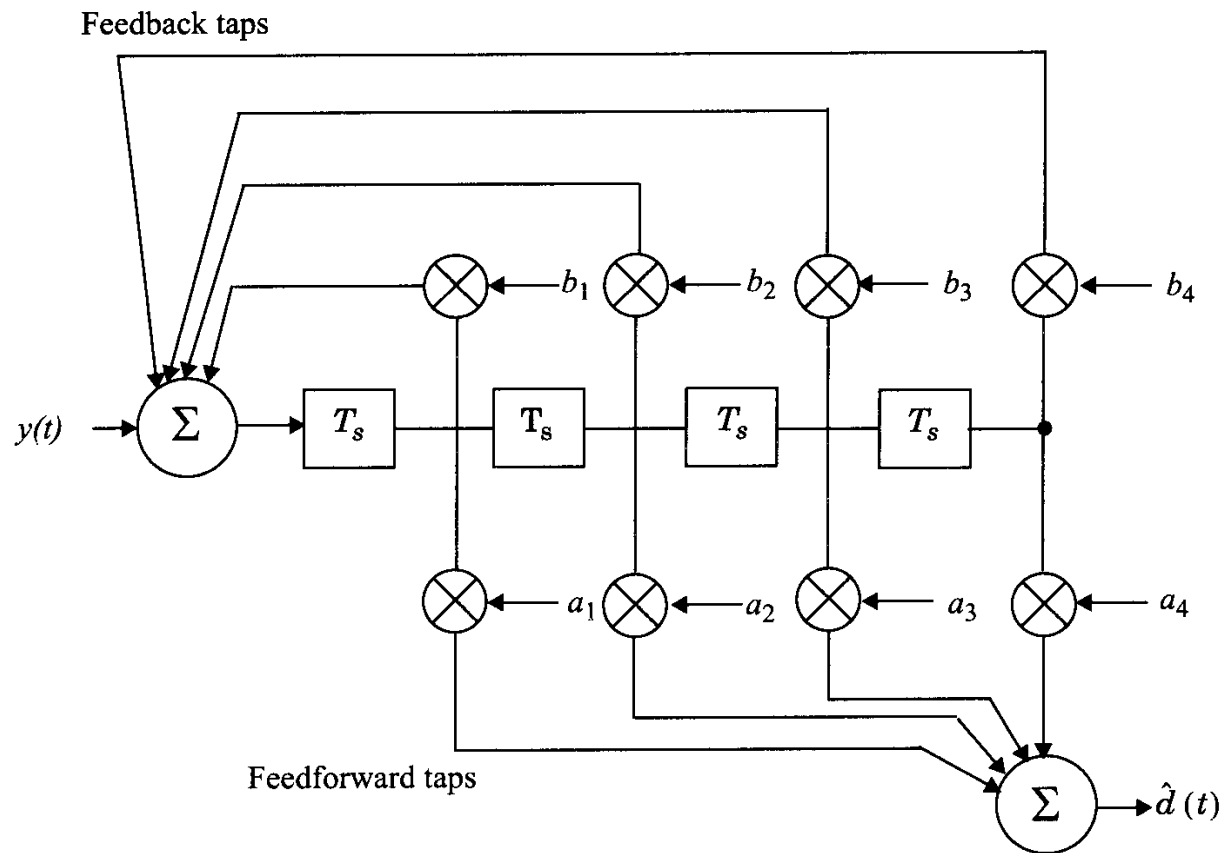
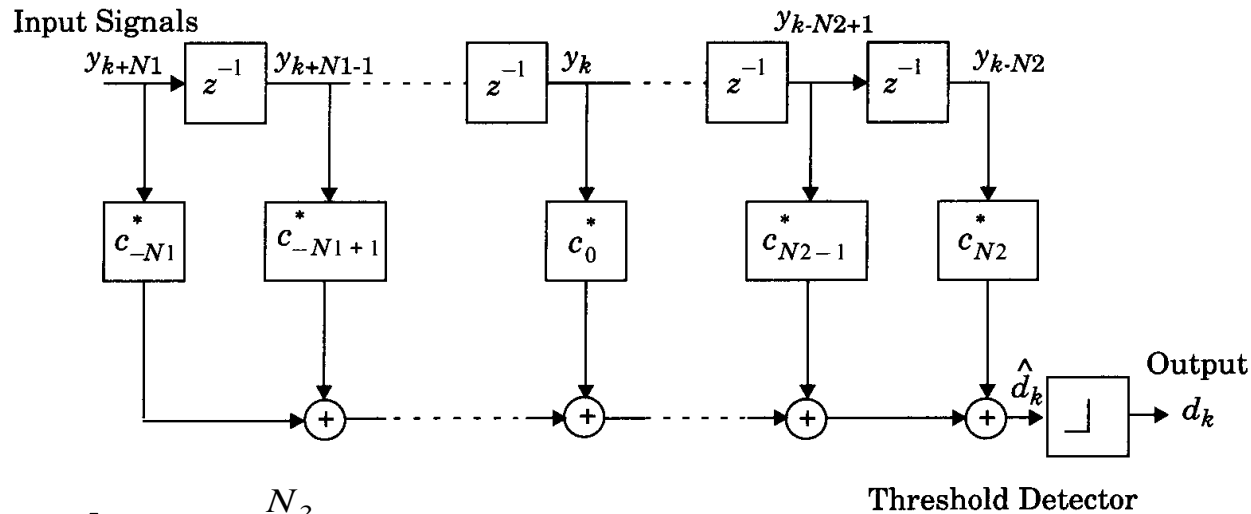


Fig.5 Tapped delay line filter with both feedforward and feedback taps



# Structure of a Linear Transversal Equalizer [5]



$$\bullet \hat{d}_k = \sum_{n=-N_1}^{N_2} C_n^* y_{k-n}$$

$$\bullet E[|e(n)|^2] = \frac{T}{2\pi} \int_{-\frac{\pi}{T}}^{\frac{\pi}{T}} \frac{N_o}{|F(e^{j\omega T})|^2 + N_o} d\omega$$

$F(e^{j\omega T})$  :frequency response of the channel

$N_o$  :noise spectral density





# Structure of a Lattice Equalizer [6-7]

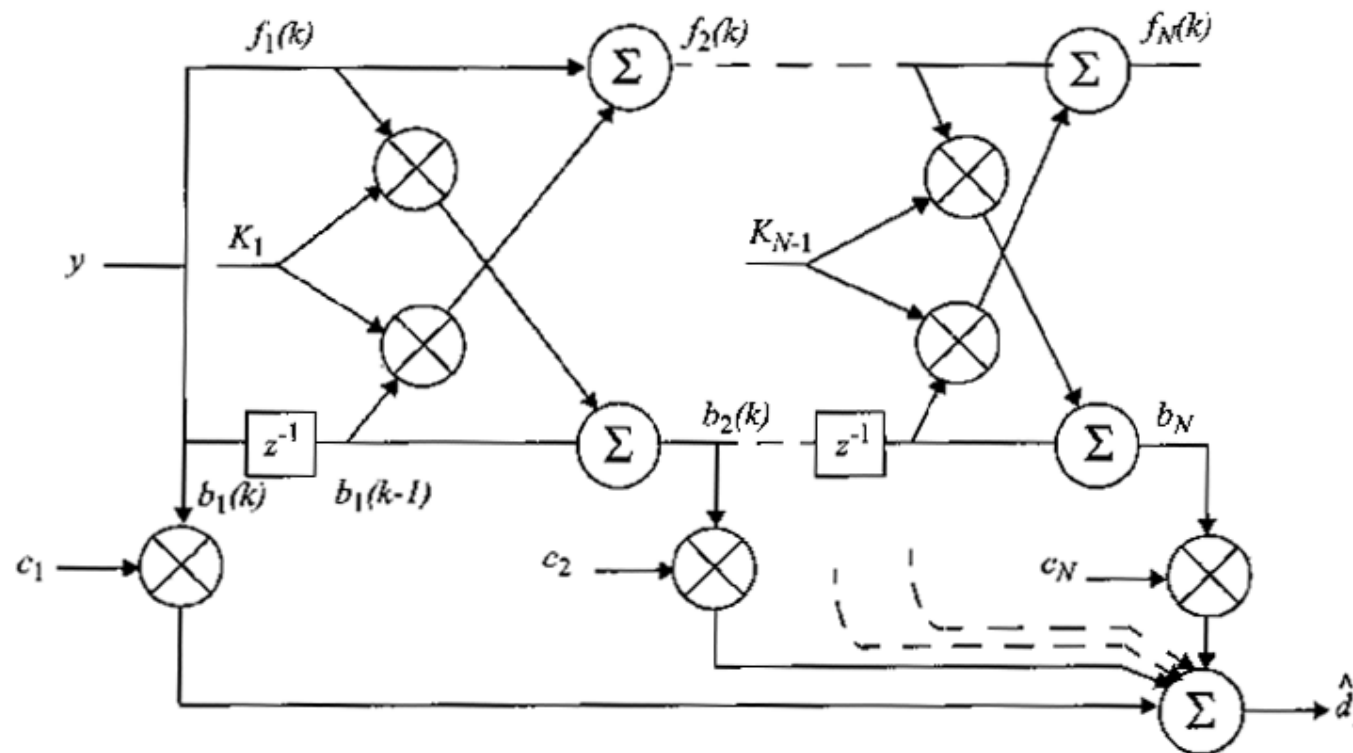


Fig.7 The structure of a Lattice Equalizer



# Characteristics of Lattice Filter

- Advantages

- Numerical stability
- Faster convergence
- Unique structure allows the dynamic assignment of the most effective length

- Disadvantages

- The structure is more complicated



# Nonlinear Equalization

- Used in applications where the channel distortion is too severe
- Three effective methods [6]
  - Decision Feedback Equalization (DFE)
  - Maximum Likelihood Symbol Detection
  - Maximum Likelihood Sequence Estimator (MLSE)



# Nonlinear Equalization--DFE

- Basic idea : once an information symbol has been detected and decided upon, the ISI that it induces on future symbols can be estimated and subtracted out before detection of subsequent symbols
- Can be realized in either the direct transversal form (see Fig.8) or as a lattice filter

$$\bullet \hat{d}_k = \sum_{n=-N_1}^{N_2} C_n^* y_{k-n} + \sum_{i=1}^{N_3} F_i d_{k-i}$$

$$\bullet E[|e(n)|^2]_{min} = \exp\left\{\frac{T}{2\pi} \int_{-\frac{\pi}{T}}^{\frac{\pi}{T}} \ln\left[\frac{N_o}{|F(e^{j\omega T})|^2 + N_o}\right] d\omega\right\}$$



# Nonlinear Equalizer-DFE

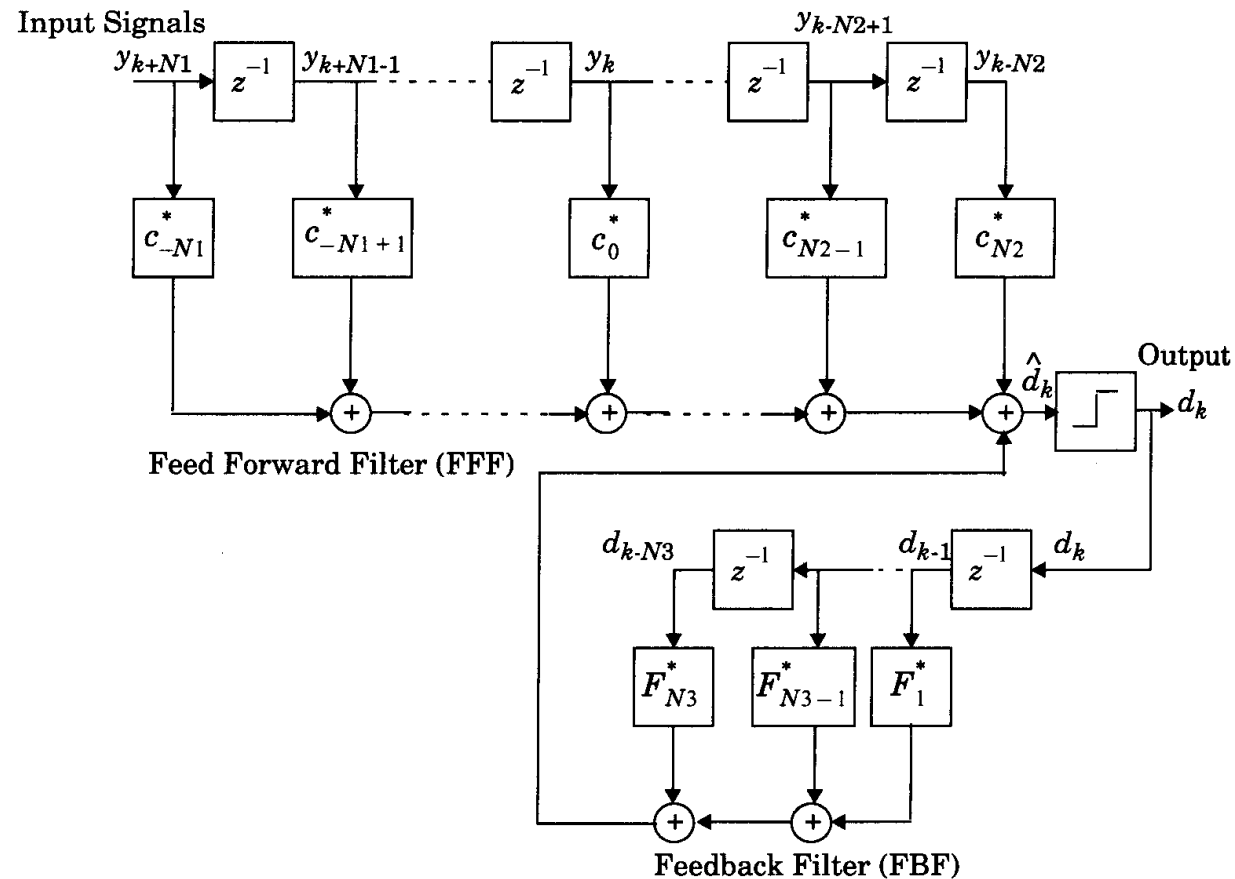


Fig.8 Decision feedback equalizer (DFE)



# Nonlinear Equalization--DFE

- *Predictive* DFE (proposed by Belfiore and Park, [8])
- Consists of an FFF and an FBF, the latter is called a *noise predictor* ( see Fig.9 )
- Predictive DFE performs as well as conventional DFE as the limit in the number of taps in FFF and the FBF approach infinity
- The FBF in predictive DFE can also be realized as a lattice structure [9].  
The RLS algorithm can be used to yield fast convergence



# Nonlinear Equalizer-DFE

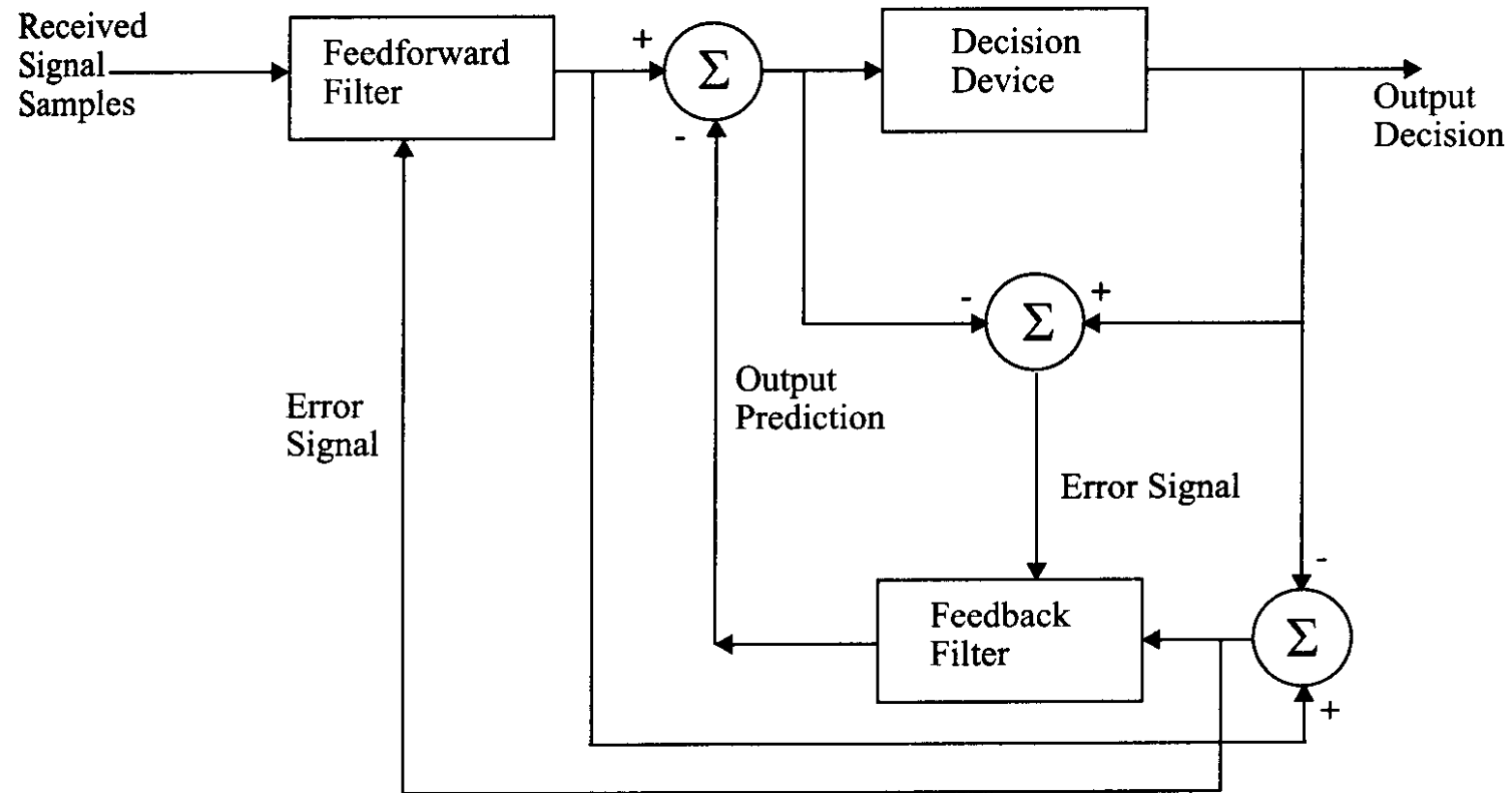


Fig.9 Predictive decision feedback equalizer



# Nonlinear Equalization--MLSE

- MLSE tests all possible data sequences (rather than decoding each received symbol by itself ), and chooses the data sequence with the maximum probability as the output
- Usually has a large computational requirement
- First proposed by Forney [10] using a basic MLSE estimator structure and implementing it with the Viterbi algorithm
- The block diagram of MLSE receiver (see Fig.10 )





# Nonlinear Equalizer-MLSE

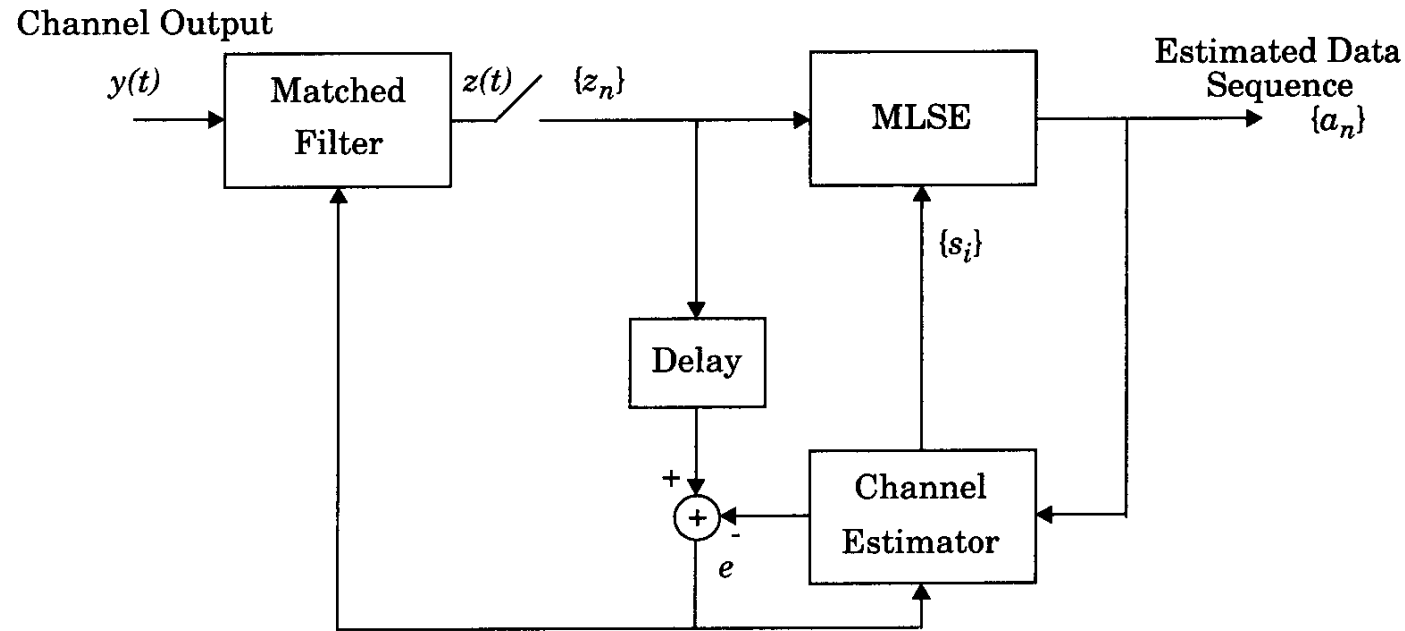


Fig.10 The structure of a maximum likelihood sequence equalizer(MLSE) with an adaptive matched filter

- MLSE requires knowledge of the channel characteristics in order to compute the matrices for making decisions
- MLSE also requires knowledge of the statistical distribution of the noise corrupting the signal



# Algorithm for Adaptive Equalization

- Excellent references [6, 11--12]
- Performance measures for an algorithm
  - Rate of convergence
  - Misadjustment
  - Computational complexity
  - Numerical properties
- Factors dominate the choice of an equalization structure and its algorithm
  - The cost of computing platform
  - The power budget
  - The radio propagation characteristics



# Algorithm for Adaptive Equalization

- The speed of the mobile unit determines the channel fading rate and the Doppler spread, which is related to the coherent time of the channel directly
- The choice of algorithm, and its corresponding rate of convergence, depends on the channel data rate and coherent time
- The number of taps used in the equalizer design depends on the maximum expected time delay spread of the channel
- The circuit complexity and processing time increases with the number of taps and delay elements



# Algorithm for Adaptive Equalization

- Three classic equalizer algorithms : zero forcing (ZF), least mean squares (LMS), and recursive least squares (RLS) algorithms
- Summary of algorithms (see Table 1)



# Summary of algorithms

Algorithm	Number of Multiply Operations	Advantages	Disadvantages
LMS Gradient DFE	$2N + 1$	Low computational complexity, simple program	Slow convergence, poor tracking
Kalman RLS	$2.5N^2 + 4.5N$	Fast convergence, good tracking ability	High computational complexity
FTF	$7N + 14$	Fast convergence, good tracking, low computational complexity	Complex programming, unstable (but can use rescue method)
Gradient Lattice	$13N - 8$	Stable, low computational complexity, flexible structure	Performance not as good as other RLS, complex programming
Gradient Lattice DFE	$13N_1 + 33N_2 - 36$	Low computational complexity	Complex programming
Fast Kalman DFE	$20N + 5$	Can be used for DFE, fast convergence and good tracking	Complex programming, computation not low, unstable
Square Root RLS DFE	$1.5N^2 + 6.5N$	Better numerical properties	High computational complexity

Table 1 Comparison of various algorithms for adaptive equalization



# Diversity Techniques

- Requires no training overhead
- Can provides significant link improvement with little added cost
- Diversity decisions are made by the Rx, and are unknown to the Tx
- Diversity concept
  - If one radio path undergoes a deep fade, another independent path may have a strong signal
  - By having more than one path to select from, both the instantaneous and average SNRs at the receiver may be improved, often by as much as 20 dB to 30 dB



# Diversity Techniques

- *Microscopic diversity* and *Macroscopic diversity*

- The former is used for small-scale fading while the latter for large-scale fading

- Antenna diversity (or space diversity)

- Performance for M branch selection diversity (see Fig.11)

$$\begin{aligned} Pr[SNR > r] &= 1 - Pr[\gamma_1, \dots, \gamma_M \leq r] \\ &= 1 - (1 - e^{-r/\Gamma})^M \end{aligned}$$

$$P_M(r) = \frac{d}{dr} Pr[SNR \leq r] = \frac{M}{\Gamma} (1 - e^{-r/\Gamma})^{M-1} e^{-r/\Gamma}$$

$$\frac{\bar{r}}{\Gamma} = \sum_{k=1}^M \frac{1}{k}$$



# Diversity techniques

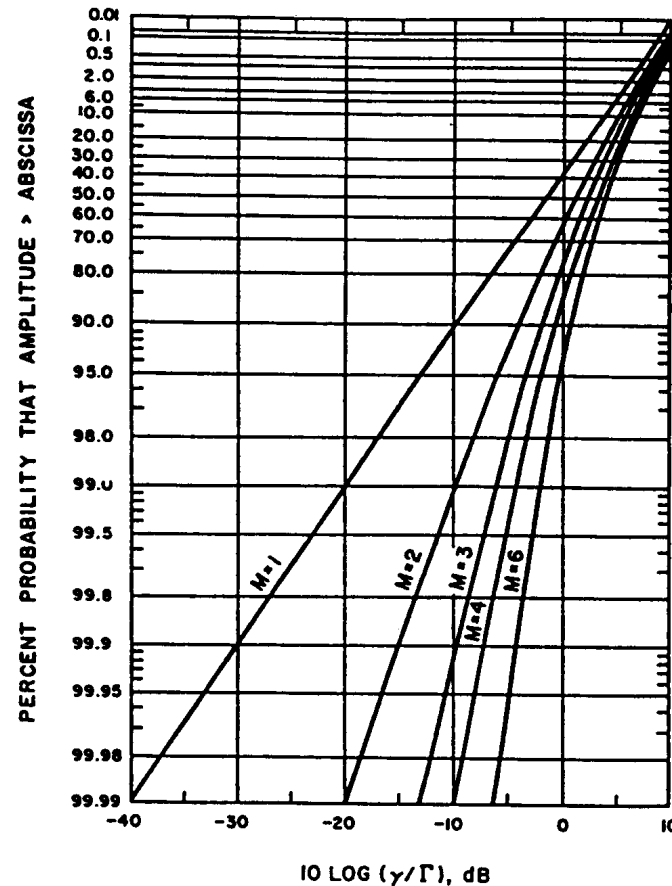


Fig. 11 Graph of probability distributions of  $SNR=\gamma$  threshold for M branch selection diversity. The term  $\Gamma$  represents the mean SNR on each branch





# Diversity Techniques

- Performance for Maximal Ratio Combining Diversity [13]  
(see Fig. 12)

$$\gamma_M = \sum_{i=1}^M G_i \gamma_i \quad N_T = N \sum_{i=1}^M G_i^2$$

$$r_M = \frac{\gamma_M^2}{2N_T}$$

$$Pr\{r_M \leq r\} = \int_0^r p(r_M) dr_M = 1 - e^{-r/\Gamma} \sum_{k=1}^M \frac{(r/\Gamma)^{k-1}}{(k-1)!}$$

$$P(r_M) = \frac{r_M^{M-1} e^{-r_M/\Gamma}}{\Gamma^M (M-1)!}$$



# Diversity Techniques

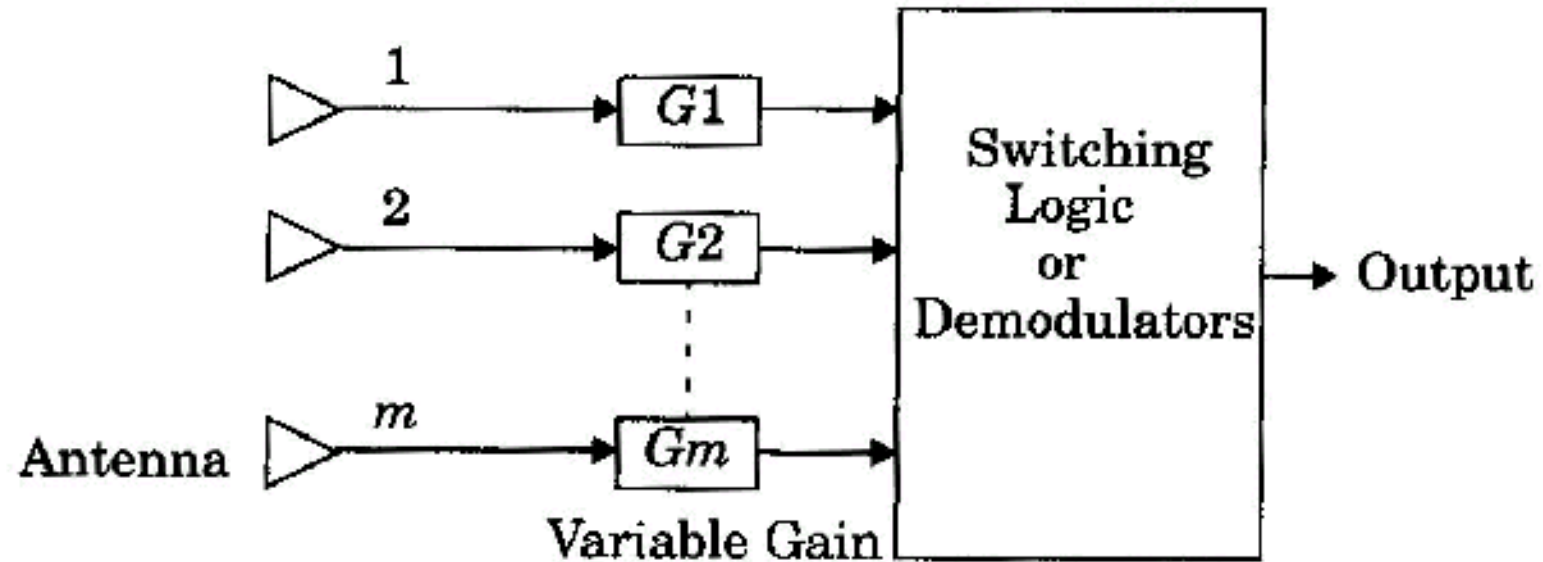


Fig. 12 Generalized block diagram for space diversity



# Diversity Techniques

- Space diversity [14]
  - Selection diversity
  - Feedback diversity
  - Maximal ration combining
  - Equal gain diversity



# Diversity Techniques

- Selection diversity (see Fig. 13)
  - The receiver branch having the highest instantaneous SNR is connected to the demodulator
  - The antenna signals themselves could be sampled and the best one sent to a single demodulation

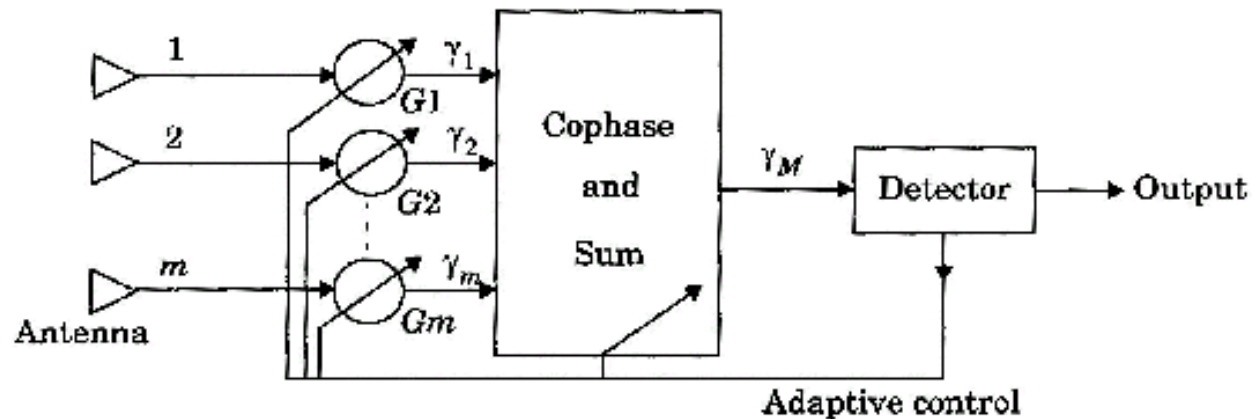


Fig. 13 Maximal ratio combiner

# Diversity Techniques

- Feedback or scanning diversity (see Fig. 14)
  - The signal, the best of  $M$  signals, is received until it falls below threshold and the scanning process is again initiated

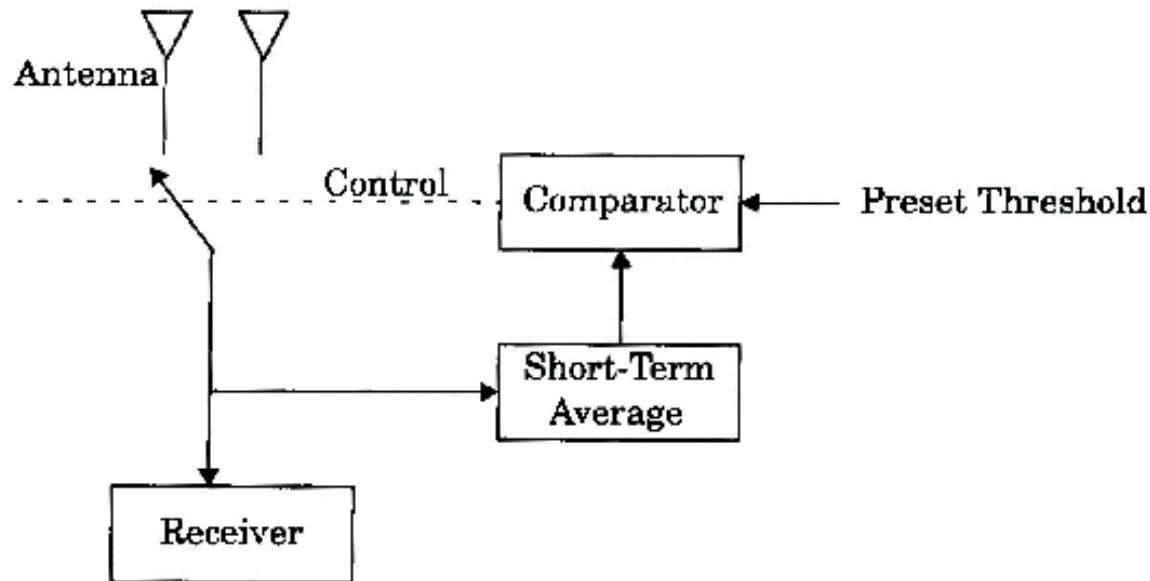


Fig. 14 Basic form for scanning diversity



# Diversity Techniques

- Maximal ratio combining [15] (see Fig. 12)
  - The signals from all of the  $M$  branches are weighted according to their signal voltage to noise power ratios and then summed
- Equal gain diversity
  - The branch weights are all set to unity but the signals from each are co-phased to provide equal gain combining diversity



# Diversity Techniques

- Polarization diversity

➤ Theoretical model for polarization diversity [16] (see Fig.15)

the signal arrive at the base station  $x = r_1 \cos(\omega t + \phi_1)$

$$y = r_2 \cos(\omega t + \phi_2)$$

the correlation coefficient can be written as

$$\rho = \left( \frac{\tan^2(\alpha) \cos^2(\beta) - \Gamma}{\tan^2(\alpha) \cos^2(\beta) + \Gamma} \right)^2$$

$$\Gamma = \frac{\langle R_2^2 \rangle}{\langle R_1^2 \rangle}$$

$$R_1 = \sqrt{r_1^2 a_2 + r_2^2 b_2 + 2r_1 r_2 ab \cos(\phi_1 + \phi_2)}$$

$$R_1 = \sqrt{r_1^2 a_2 + r_2^2 b_2 - 2r_1 r_2 ab \cos(\phi_1 + \phi_2)}$$



# Diversity Techniques

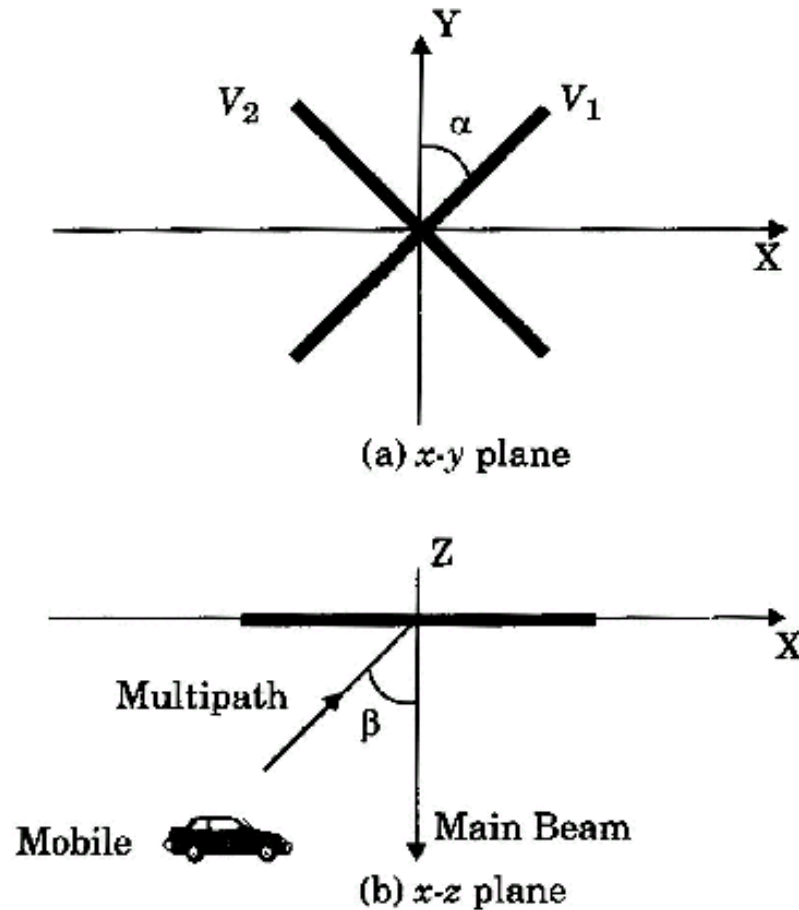


Fig. 15 Theoretical Model for base station polarization diversity based on [Koz85]





# Diversity Techniques

- Frequency diversity
  - Frequency diversity transmits information on more than one carrier frequency
  - Frequencies separated by more than the coherence bandwidth of the channel will not experience the same fads
- Time diversity
  - Time diversity repeatedly transmits information at time spacings that exceed the coherence time of the channel



# RAKE Receiver

- RAKE Receiver [17]

$$Z' = \sum_{m=1}^M \alpha_m Z_m$$

$$\alpha_m = \frac{Z_m^2}{\sum_{m=1}^M Z_m^2}$$

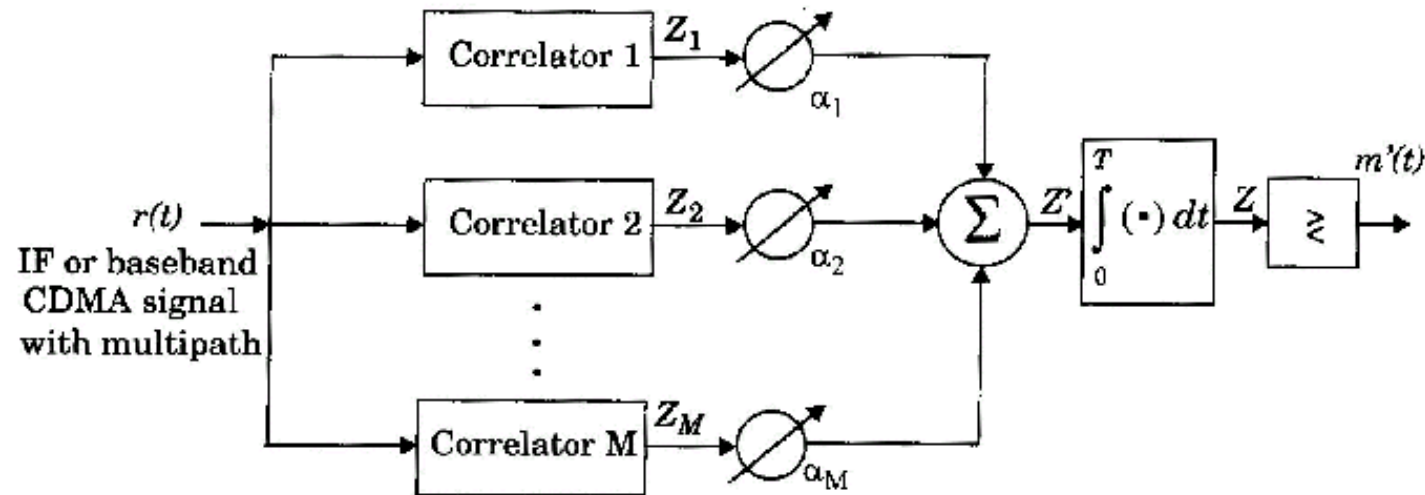


Fig. 16 An M-branch (M-finger) RAKE receiver implementation. Each correlator detects a time shifted version of the original CDMA transmission, and each finger of the RAKE correlates to a portion of the signal which is delayed by at least one chip in time from the other finger.

# Interleaving

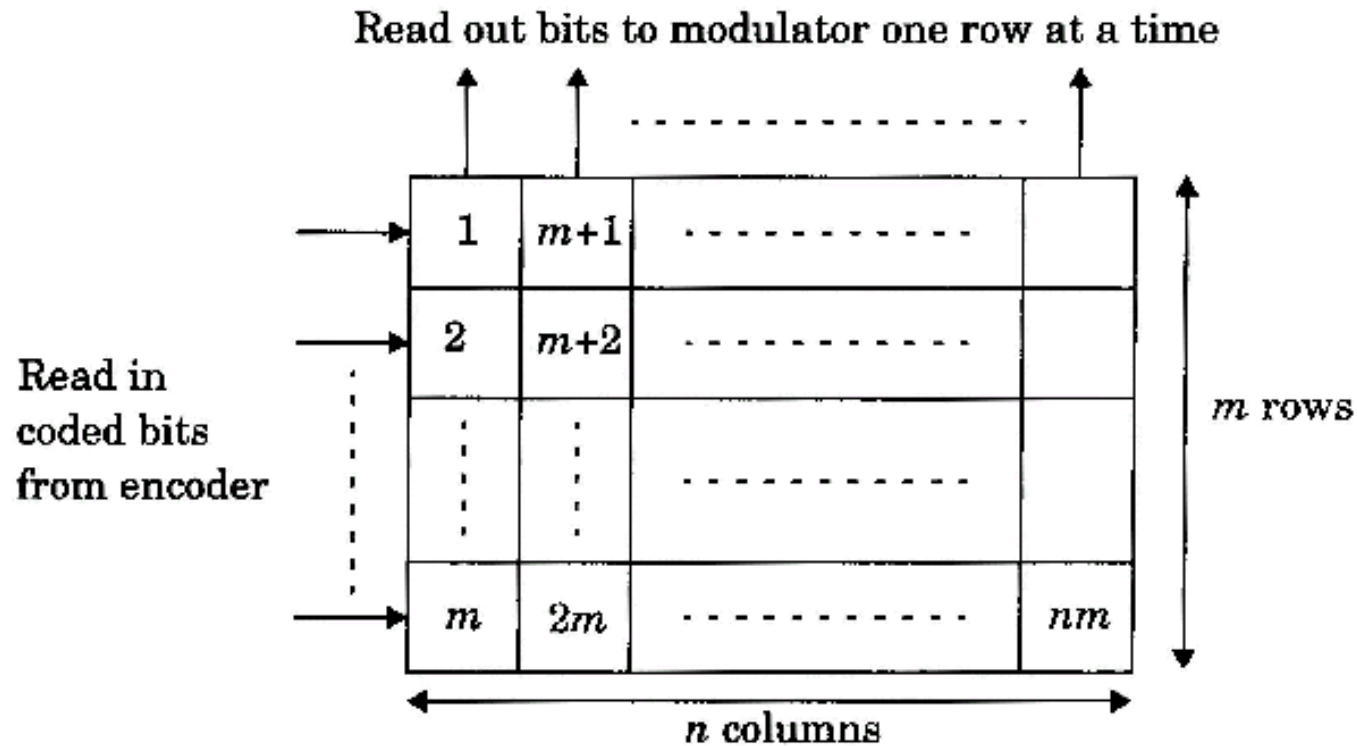


Fig. 17 Block interleaver where source bits are read into columns and out as  $n$ -bit rows



# Hamming Code

**$H(n,k)$ :  $k$  information bit length,  $n$  overall code length**

**$n=2^m-1$ ,  $k=2^m-m-1$ :**

**$H(7,4)$ , rate  $(4/7)$ ;  $H(15,11)$ , rate  $(11/15)$ ;  $H(31,26)$ ,  
rate  $(26/31)$**

**$H(7,4)$ : Distance  $d=3$ , correction ability 1, detection  
ability 2.**

**Remember that it is good to have larger distance and  
rate.**

**Larger  $n$  means larger delay, but usually better code**



# Hamming Code Example

**H(7,4)**

**Generator matrix G: first 4 identical columns**

$$G := \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

**Message information vector**

$$\mathbf{r} = \mathbf{x} + \mathbf{e}_i$$

$$G\mathbf{p} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} = \mathbf{x}$$

**Transmission vector x**

$$\text{Rece}^H := \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

**and error vector e**



# Error Correction

If there is no error, syndrome vector  $\mathbf{z} = \mathbf{0}$

$$\mathbf{H}\mathbf{r} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} = \mathbf{z}$$

$$\mathbf{H}\mathbf{r} = \mathbf{H}(\mathbf{x} + \mathbf{e}_i) = \mathbf{H}\mathbf{x} + \mathbf{H}\mathbf{e}_i = \mathbf{0} + \mathbf{H}\mathbf{e}_i = \mathbf{H}\mathbf{e}_i$$

If there is one error at location

$$\mathbf{H}\mathbf{r} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = \mathbf{z}$$

$$\mathbf{r} = \mathbf{x} + \mathbf{e}_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$



# Important Hamming Codes

**Hamming (7,4,3) -code.** It has 16 codewords of length 7. It can be used to send  $2^4 = 16$  messages and can be used to correct 1 error.

- **Golay (23,12,7) -code.** It has 4096 codewords. It can be used to transmit 8192 messages and can correct 3 errors.

**Quadratic residue (240,120,12) -code.** It has 16777216 codewords and can be used to transmit 140737488355238 messages and correct 5 errors.



# Reed–Muller code

Reed-Muller codes form a family of codes defined recursively with interesting properties and easy decoding.

If  $D_1$  is a binary  $[n, k_1, d_1]$  -code and  $D_2$  is a binary  $[n, k_2, d_2]$  -code, a binary code  $C$  of length  $2n$  is defined as follows  $C = \{ |u| u + v|, \text{ where } u \in D_1, v \in D_2 \}$ .

**Lemma**  $C$  is  $[2n, k_1 + k_2, \min\{2d_1, d_2\}]$  -code and if  $G_i$  is a generator matrix for  $D_i$ ,  $i = 1, 2$ , then  $\begin{pmatrix} G_1 & G_2 \\ 0 & G_2 \end{pmatrix}$  is a generator matrix for  $C$ .

Reed-Muller codes  $R(r, m)$ , with  $0 \leq r \leq m$  are binary codes of length  $n = 2^m$ .  $R(m, m)$  is the whole set of words of length  $n$ ,  $R(0, m)$  is the repetition code.

If  $0 < r < m$ , then  $R(r + 1, m + 1)$  is obtained from codes  $R(r + 1, m)$  and  $R(r, m)$  by the above construction.





# Cyclic code

**Cyclic codes** are of interest and importance because

They possess rich algebraic structure that can be utilized in a variety of ways.

They have extremely concise specifications.

They can be efficiently implemented using simple shift register

Many practically important codes are cyclic

**In practice, cyclic codes are often used for error detection (Cyclic redundancy check,**



# BASIC DEFINITION of Cyclic Code

**Definition** A code  $C$  is cyclic if

- (i)  $C$  is a linear code;
- (ii) any cyclic shift of a codeword is also a codeword, i.e. whenever  $a_0, \dots, a_{n-1} \in C$ , then also  $a_{n-1} a_0 \dots a_{n-2} \in C$ .

**Example**

- (i) Code  $C = \{000, 101, 011, 110\}$  is cyclic.

(ii)

$$G = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

is equivalent to a cyclic code



# FREQUENCY of CYCLIC CODES

Comparing with linear codes, the cyclic codes are quite scarce. For, example there are 11 811 linear  $(7,3)$  linear binary codes, but only two of them are cyclic.

**Trivial cyclic codes.** For any field  $F$  and any integer  $n \geq 3$  there are always the following cyclic codes of length  $n$  over  $F$ :

- **No-information code** - code consisting of just one all-zero codeword.
- **Repetition code** - code consisting of code-words  $(a, a, \dots, a)$  for  $a \in F$ .
- **Single-parity-check code** - code consisting of all code-words with parity 0.
- **No-parity code** - code consisting of all code-words of length  $n$

For some cases, for example for  $n = 19$  and  $F = GF(2)$ , the above four trivial cyclic codes are the only cyclic codes.



## EXAMPLE of a CYCLIC CODE

The code with the generator matrix

$$G = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

has code-words

$$c_1 = 1011100$$

$$c_2 = 0101110$$

$$c_3 = 0010111$$

$$c_1 + c_2 = 1110010$$

$$c_1 + c_3 = 1001011$$

$$c_2 + c_3 = 0111001$$

$$c_1 + c_2 + c_3 = 1100101$$

and it is cyclic because the right shifts have the following impacts

$$c_1 \rightarrow c_2,$$

$$c_2 \rightarrow c_3,$$

$$c_3 \rightarrow c_1 + c_3$$

$$c_1 + c_2 \rightarrow c_2 + c_3,$$

$$c_1 + c_3 \rightarrow c_1 + c_2 + c_3,$$

$$c_2 + c_3 \rightarrow c_1$$

$$c_1 + c_2 + c_3 \rightarrow c_1 + c_2$$



# POLYNOMIALS over GF(q)

A codeword of a cyclic code is usually denoted

$$a_0 a_1 \dots a_{n-1}$$

and to each such a codeword the polynomial

$$a_0 + a_1 x + a_2 x^2 + \dots + a_{n-1} x^{n-1}$$

is associated.

$F_q[x]$  denotes the set of all polynomials over  $GF(q)$ .

$\deg(f(x))$  = the largest  $m$  such that  $x^m$  has a non-zero coefficient in  $f(x)$ .

Multiplication of polynomials If  $f(x), g(x) \in F_q[x]$ , then

$$\deg(f(x)g(x)) = \deg(f(x)) + \deg(g(x)).$$

Division of polynomials For every pair of polynomials  $a(x), b(x) \neq 0$  in  $F_q[x]$  there exists a unique pair of polynomials  $q(x), r(x)$  in  $F_q[x]$  such that

$$a(x) = q(x)b(x) + r(x), \deg(r(x)) < \deg(b(x)).$$

Example Divide  $x^3 + x + 1$  by  $x^2 + x + 1$  in  $F_2[x]$ .

Definition Let  $f(x)$  be a fixed polynomial in  $F_q[x]$ . Two polynomials  $g(x), h(x)$  are said to be congruent modulo  $f(x)$ , notation

$$g(x) \equiv h(x) \pmod{f(x)},$$

if  $g(x) - h(x)$  is divisible by  $f(x)$ .



# EXAMPLE

The task is to determine all ternary codes of length 4 and generators for them.

Factorization of  $x^4 - 1$  over  $GF(3)$  has the form

$$x^4 - 1 = (x - 1)(x^3 + x^2 + x + 1) = (x - 1)(x + 1)(x^2 + 1)$$

Therefore there are  $2^3 = 8$  divisors of  $x^4 - 1$  and each generates a cyclic code.

Generator polynomial

$$1$$

$$x$$

$$x + 1$$

$$x^2 + 1$$

$$(x - 1)(x + 1) = x^2 - 1$$

$$(x - 1)(x^2 + 1) = x^3 - x^2 + x - 1$$

$$(x + 1)(x^2 + 1)$$

$$x^4 - 1 = 0$$

Generator matrix

$$I_4$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} -1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} -1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$[-1 \ 1 \ -1 \ 1]$$

$$[1 \ 1 \ 1 \ 1]$$

$$[0 \ 0 \ 0 \ 0]$$



# Cyclic Code Encoder

Encoding using a cyclic code can be done by a multiplication of two polynomials - a message polynomial and the generating polynomial for the cyclic code.

Let  $C$  be an  $(n,k)$ -code over an field  $F$  with the generator polynomial  $g(x) = g_0 + g_1x + \dots + g_{r-1}x^{r-1}$  of degree  $r = n - k$ .

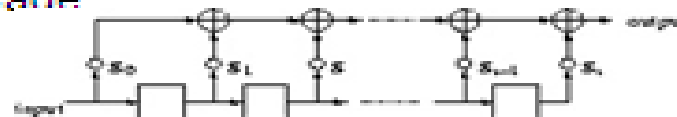
If a message vector  $m$  is represented by a polynomial  $m(x)$  of degree  $k$  and  $m$  is encoded by

$$m \Rightarrow c = mG_1,$$

then the following relation between  $m(x)$  and  $c(x)$  holds

$$c(x) = m(x)g(x).$$

Such an encoding can be realized by the shift register shown in Figure below, where input is the  $k$ -bit message to be encoded followed by  $n - k$  0's and the output will be the encoded message.

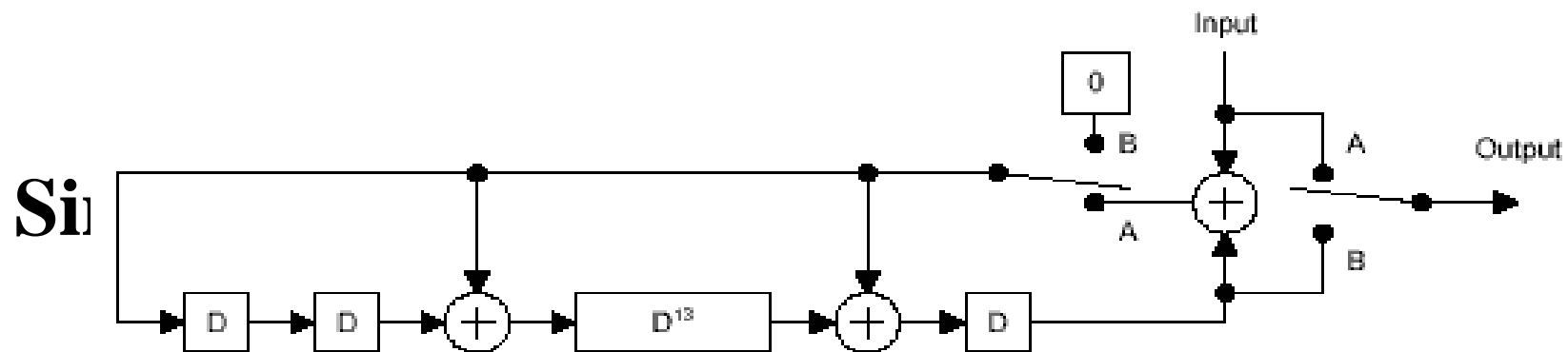
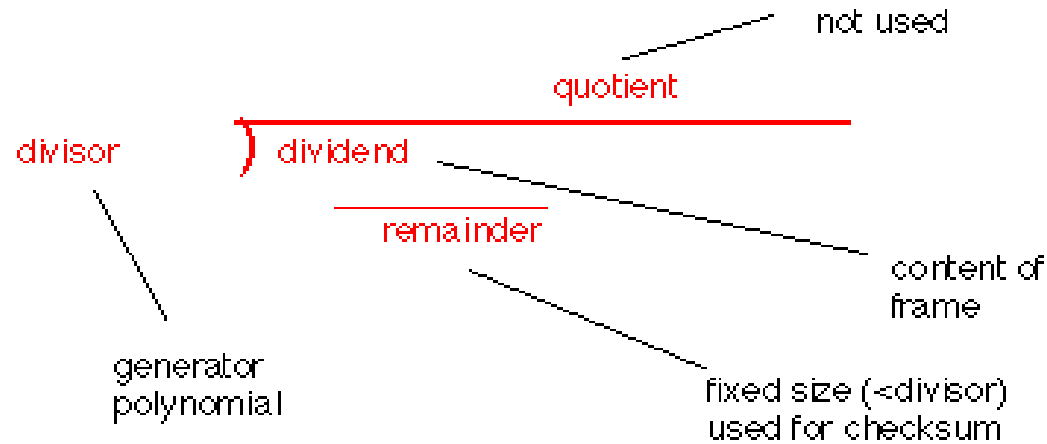


Shift-register encodings of cyclic codes. Small circles represent multiplication by the corresponding constant,  $\oplus$  nodes represent modular addition, squares are delay elements



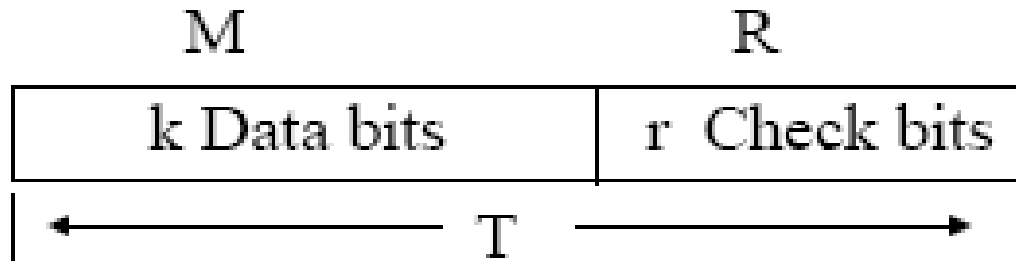
# Cyclic Code Decoder

## Divider





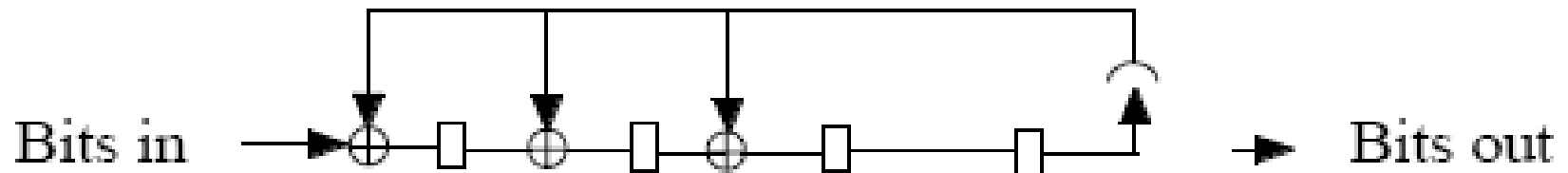
# Cyclic Redundancy Checks (CRC)



M = info bits  
R = check bits  
T = codeword

$$T = M 2^I + R$$

A CRC is implemented using a feedback shift register



# Example of CRC

$$r = 3, G = 1001$$
$$M = 110101 \Rightarrow M2^r = 110101000$$
[illegible]

011 = R (3 bits)

## Modulo 2 Division



# Checking for errors

- Let  $T'$  be the received sequence
- Divide  $T'$  by  $G$ 
  - If remainder = 0 assume no errors
  - If remainder is non zero errors must have occurred

Example:

Send  $T = 110101011$

Receive  $T' = 110101011$   
(no errors)

No way of knowing how many  
errors occurred or which bits are  
In error

$$\begin{array}{r} 1001 \overline{) 110101011} \\ \underline{1001} \phantom{000} \phantom{000} \phantom{000} \phantom{000} \\ 01000 \phantom{000} \phantom{000} \phantom{000} \phantom{000} \\ \underline{1001} \phantom{000} \phantom{000} \phantom{000} \phantom{000} \\ 0001101 \phantom{000} \phantom{000} \phantom{000} \\ \underline{1001} \phantom{000} \phantom{000} \phantom{000} \phantom{000} \\ 01001 \phantom{000} \phantom{000} \phantom{000} \\ \underline{1001} \phantom{000} \phantom{000} \phantom{000} \\ 000 \Rightarrow \text{No errors} \end{array}$$



# Capability of CRC

**An error  $E(X)$  is undetectable if it is divisible by  $G(x)$ . The following can be detected.**

All single-bit errors if  $G(x)$  has more than one nonzero term

All double-bit errors if  $G(x)$  has a factor with three terms

Any odd number of errors, if  $P(x)$  contain a factor  $x+1$

Any burst with length less or equal to  $n-k$

A fraction of error burst of length  $n-k+1$ ; the fraction



# BCH Code

## Bose, Ray-Chaudhuri, Hocquenghem

Multiple error correcting ability

Ease of encoding and decoding

## Most powerful cyclic code

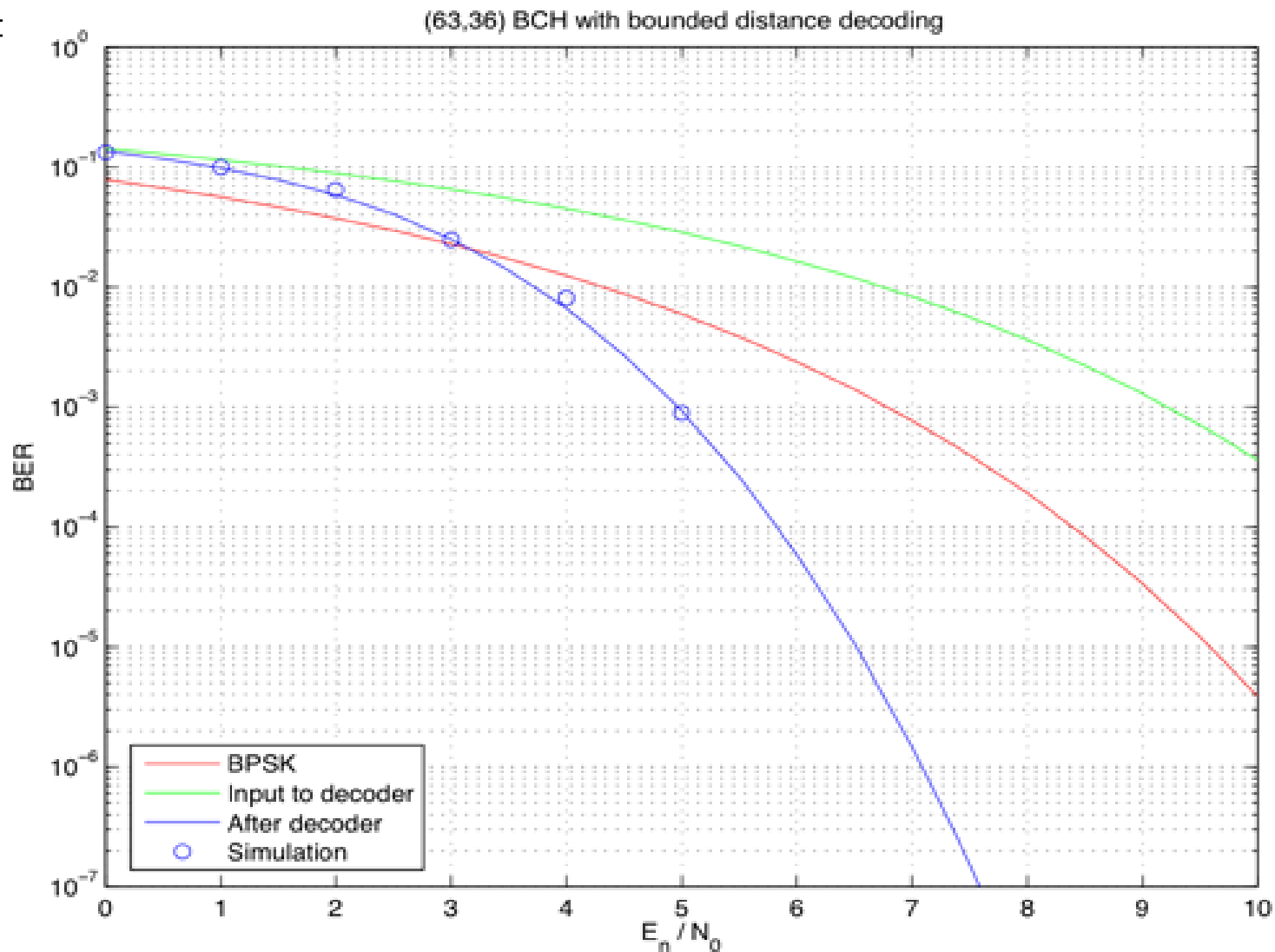
For any positive integer  $m$  and  $t < 2^{m-1}$ , there exists a  $t$ -error correcting  $(n, k)$  code with  $n = 2^m - 1$  and  $n - k \leq mt$ .

## Industry standards

(511, 493) BCH code in ITU-T. Rec. H.261 “video codec for audiovisual service at kb/s” a video



# BCH Performance



# Reed-Solomon Codes

**An important subclass of non-binary BCH**

**Wide range of applications**

Storage devices (tape, CD, DVD...)

Wireless or mobile communication

Satellite communication

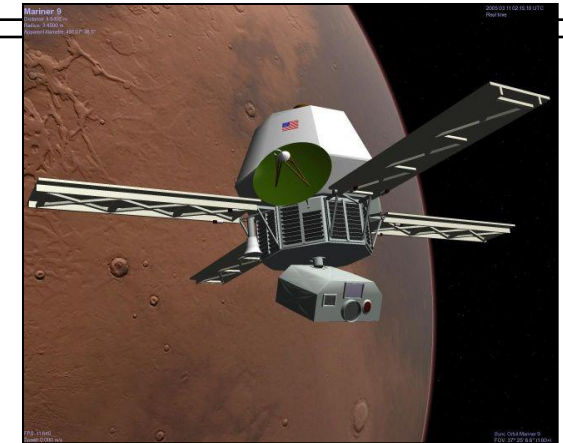
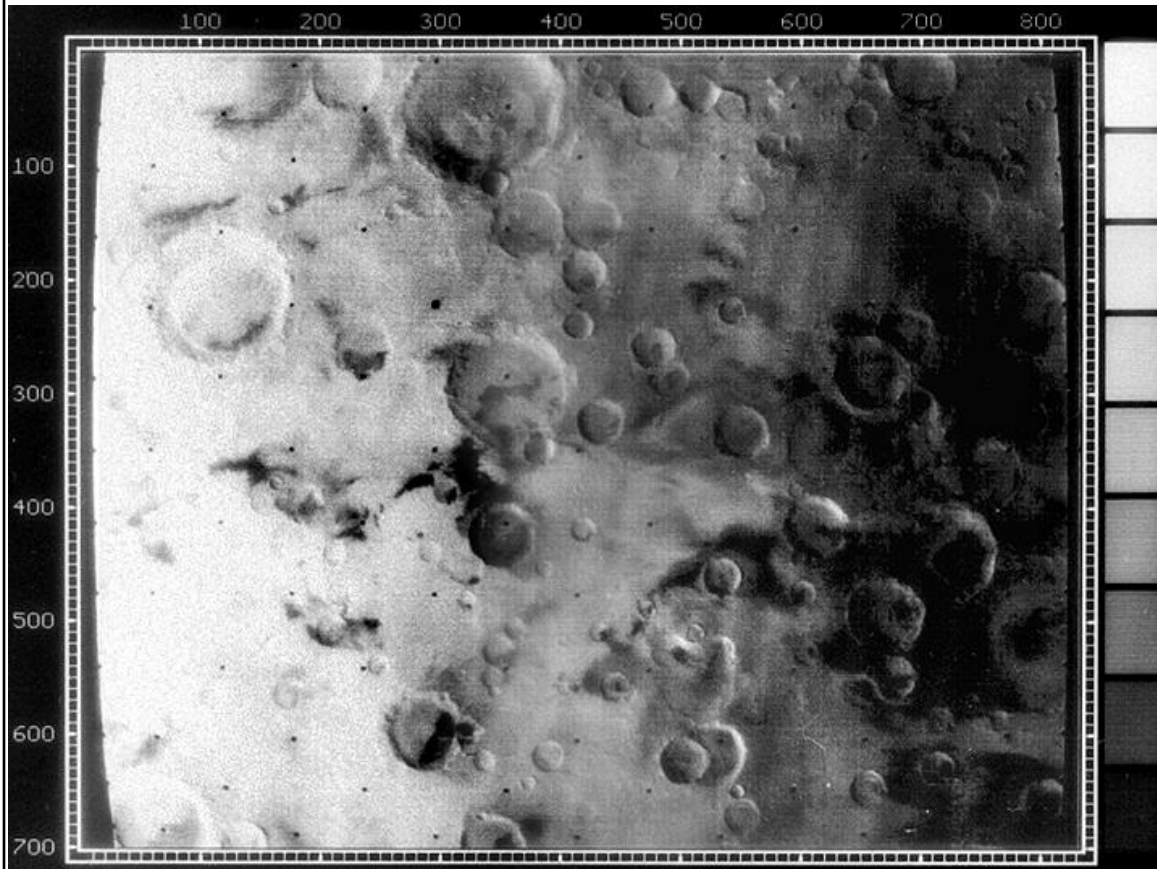
Digital television/Digital Video Broadcast(DVB)

High-speed modems (ADSL, xDSL...)



# 1971: Mariner 9

- Mariner 9 used a  $[32,6,16]$  *Reed-Muller* code to transmit its grey images of Mars.



camera rate:  
100,000 bits/second

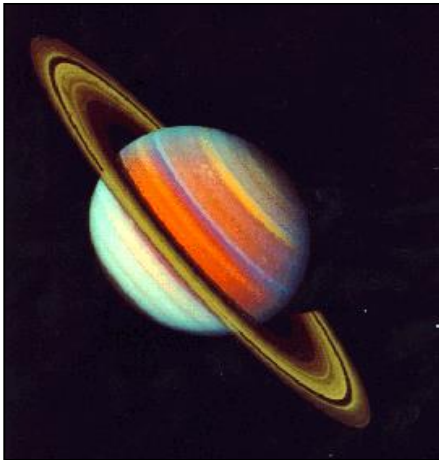
transmission speed:  
16,000 bits/second



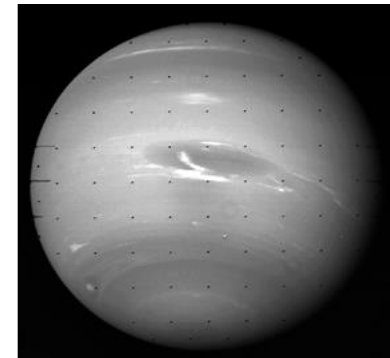


# 1979+: Voyagers I & II

- Voyagers I & II used a  $[24,12,8]$  *Golay* code to send its color images of Jupiter and Saturn.

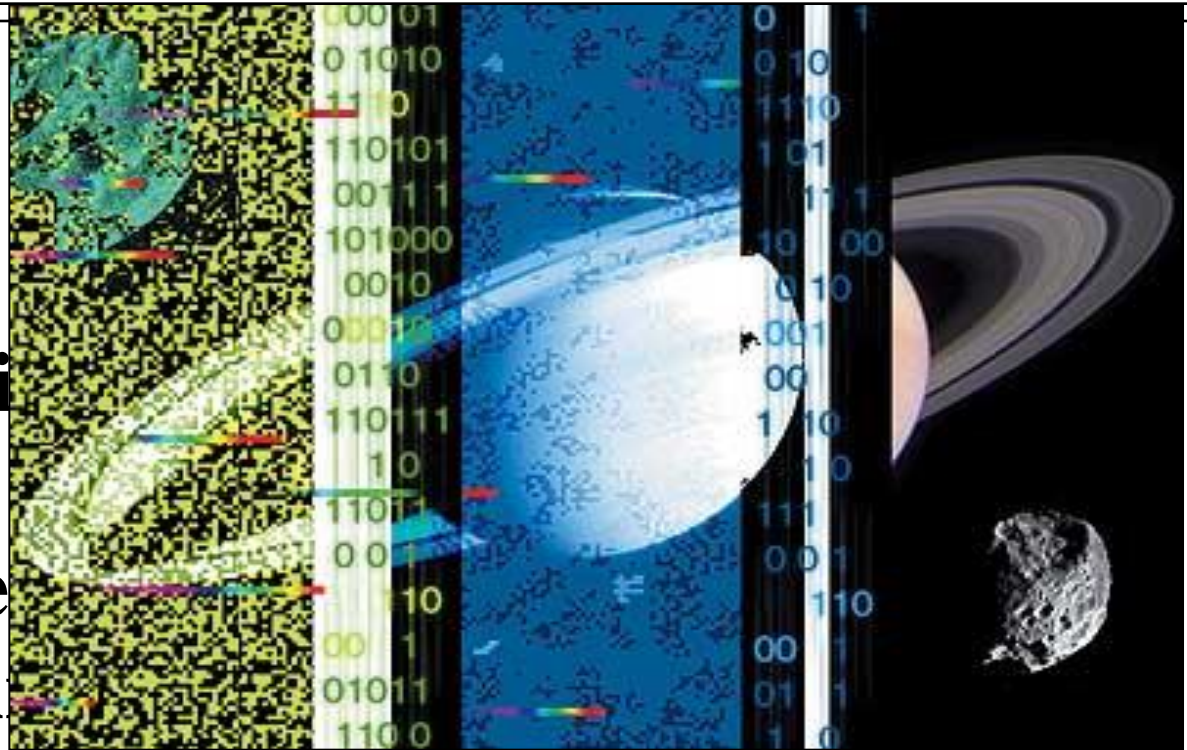


- Voyager 2 traveled further to Uranus and Neptune. Because of the higher error rate it switched to the more robust *Reed-Solomon* code.



# Modern Codes

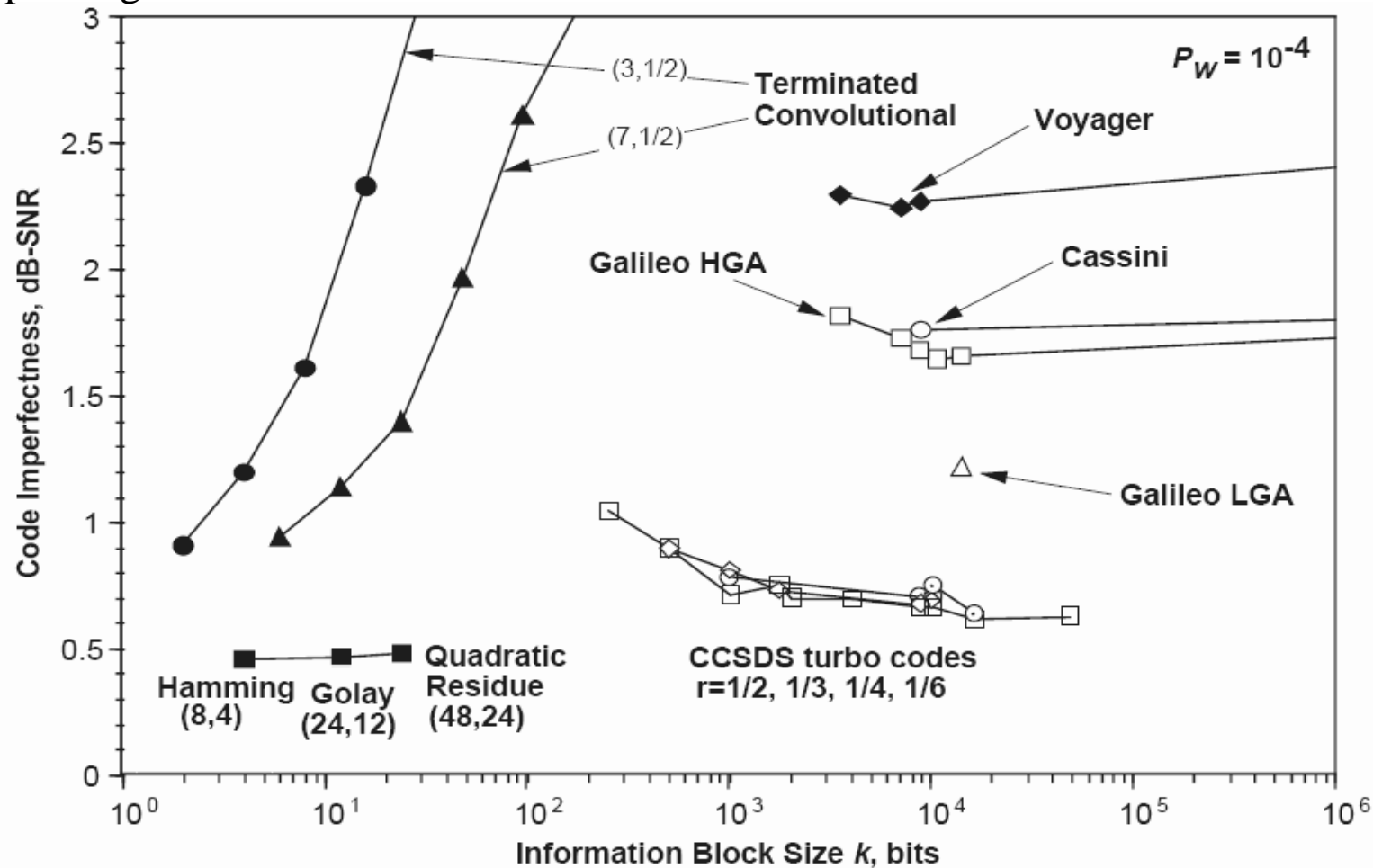
More recently  
*Turbo codes*  
were invented,  
which are used in  
3G cell phones,  
(future) satellite  
and in the Cassini  
Huygens space  
probe [1997–].



Other modern codes: Fountain, Raptor, LT, online

# Error Correcting Codes

~~imperfectness~~ of a given code as the difference between the code's required  $E_b/N_0$  to attain a given word error probability ( $P_w$ ), and the minimum possible  $E_b/N_0$  required to attain the same  $P_w$ , as implied by the sphere-packing bound for codes with the same block size  $k$  and code rate  $r$ .



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