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### MINIMUM NOISE PULSE SLIMMER

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Pulse slimming is a technique commonly used to reduce intersymbol interference in magnetic recording, communication, radar and image processing. This technique in general has an adverse effect on the signal to noise ratio and therefore a limitation on the amount of pulse slimming is dictated by the noise deterioration associated with it. Different pulse slimming equalizers can be designed for a given amount of slimming, each one having a different effect on the total noise deterioration.

This paper introduces a method of designing a pulse slimming equalizer with the property that, among all possible equalizers of a given class of linear systems, this one maximizes the fraction of the output energy (hereon called alpha) within a pre-established time window. The noise deterioration introduced is constrained below a given level. Alternatively, for a given amount alpha of pulse slimming the present equalizer minimizes, within its class, a certain measure of noise deterioration. Control over the amount of slimming and over the noise deterioration is extremely important in face of the above considerations. This control permits tradeoffs to be considered. Also extremely important is the fact that the equalizer takes into account the physical constraints of the hardware.

The above technique was used to design equalizers for a magnetic recording channel using a tapped delay line with 10 equally spaced taps separated by 25 ns. For a maximum transition density of 6T (where T is half the clock window) and no intersymbol interference one should have 100% of the energy of the single transition pulse within a 12T time window. The digitized pulse had about 90% of its energy within the 12T window.

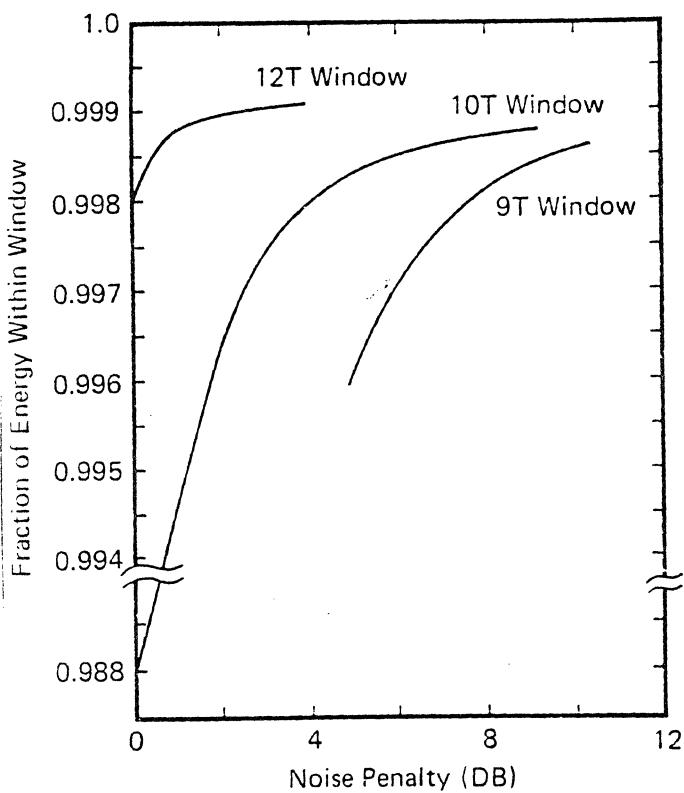


FIG1: Tradeoffs between the fraction of the output energy within a given window and the equalizer's noise penalty. 0db = same noise variance before and after equalization when gain is adjusted for equal input and output signal's energies.

Fig. 1 shows the computed tradeoffs between alpha and the minimized noise deterioration for several time windows. Notice that even with 0db noise penalty a substantial amount of slimming is possible.

Fig. 2 shows the effect of the 4db-noise-penalty equalizer on the resolution of a complex signal: it brings the resolution from below the 55% level to above the 95% level (resolution=ratio of min. peak amplitude and max. peak amplitude).

Fig. 3 shows the effect of the equalizers on peakshifts occurring when a dabit (double transition) separated by  $6T$  is written: notice the substantial reduction of the peakshift variance for low noise penalties and the gains in the average as well as in the variance of the peakshifts introduced by the 4db-noise-penalty equalizer. The unequalized dabit is also shown in the picture.

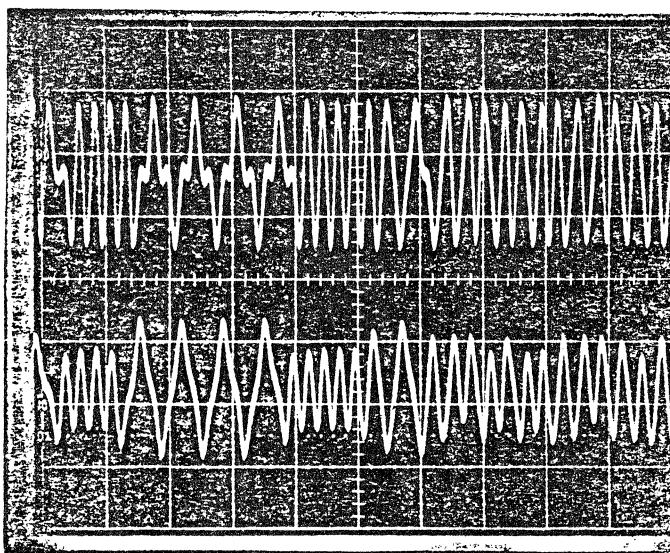


FIG2: Effect of equalization on a complex signal pattern:

top: equalized signal (4db noise penalty equalizer designed for a 10T window).  
bottom: unequalized signal

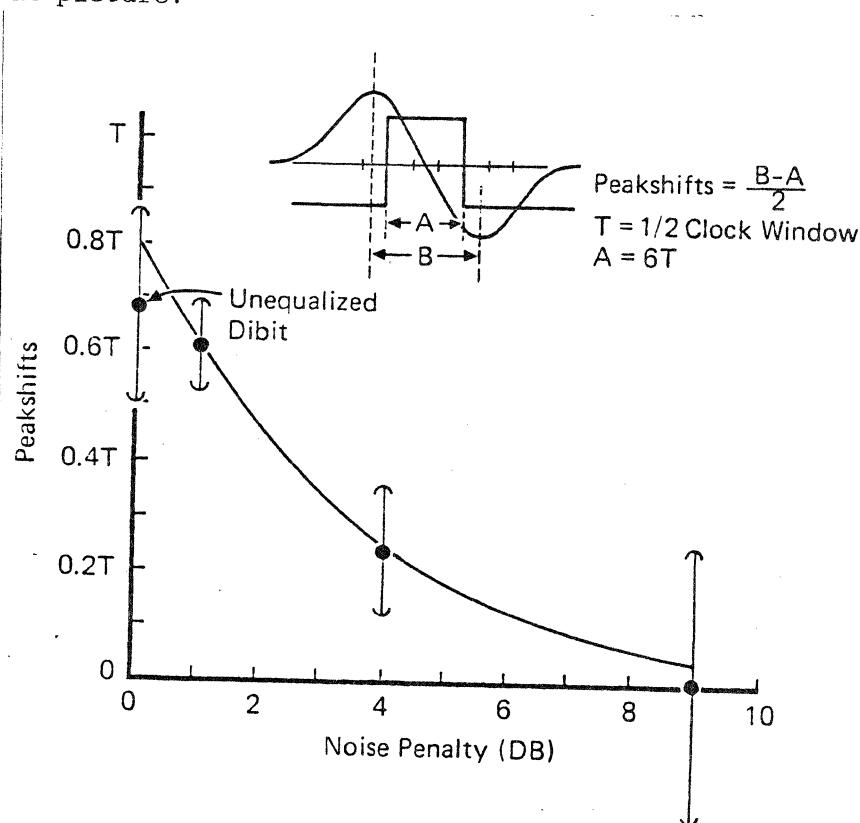
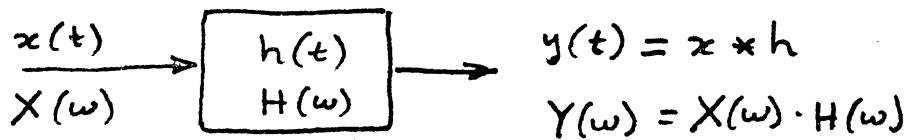


FIG3: Dabit peakshifts as function of the equalizer's noise penalty (10T window)  
theoretical curve for peak shifts due to residual intersymbol interference measured average over 1000 samples  
1 standard deviations

Pulse slimming

Let  $|X(w)| > 0$  for all  $w$

(a) Specify any  $y(t)$  (as slim as desired)

and compute  $Y(w) = \mathcal{F}[y(t)]$

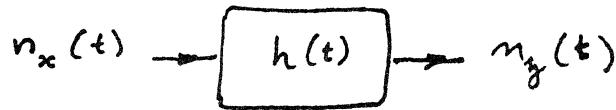
(b) Compute equalizer  $H(w) = \frac{Y(w)}{X(w)}$

Observation: no matter how fat  $x(t)$  is, one can equalize it so as to be as slim as wanted.

However ...

## The effect of equalizers on the variance of the background noise

- General equalizers :



$$n_y(t) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} n_x(t-z) h(z) dz$$

$$\begin{aligned}\therefore \sigma_y^2 &= \overline{n_y(t)^2} = \iint_{-\infty}^{\infty} \overline{n_x(t-z) n_x(t-z')} h(z) h(z') dz dz' \\ &= \iint_{-\infty}^{\infty} R_x(z-z') h(z) h(z') dz dz' = \|h\|_{R_x}^2\end{aligned}$$

- TDL equalizers :

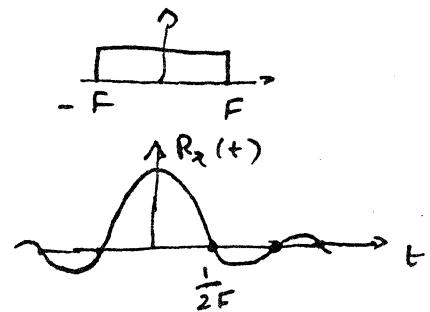
$$n_y(t) = \sum_i n_x(t-z_i) w_i$$

$$\sigma_y^2 = \sum_{ij} R_x(z_i - z_j) w_i w_j$$

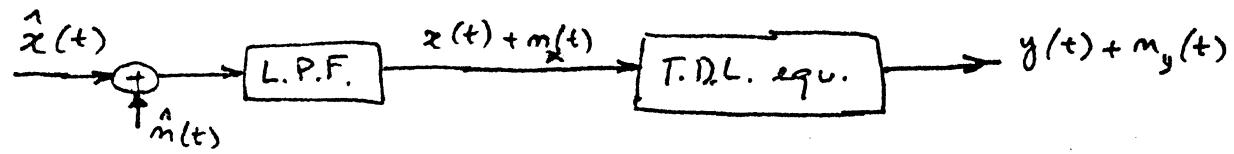
white noise + low pass filter:

$$R_x(z_i - z_j) = \delta_{ij} \sigma_x^2$$

$$\therefore \sigma_y^2 = \sigma_x^2 \sum_i w_i^2 = \sigma_x^2 \|w\|^2$$



### Deterioration on the S/N due to TDL equalizers



$$\text{Input } S/N = \frac{\|x\|_T^2}{\|m_x\|_T^2} = \frac{\|x\|_T^2}{\sigma_x^2 \cdot T} = \frac{\|x\|_T^2}{2N_0 F_m T}$$

( $\sigma_x^2 = 2N_0 F_m$ ) (low pass filter)

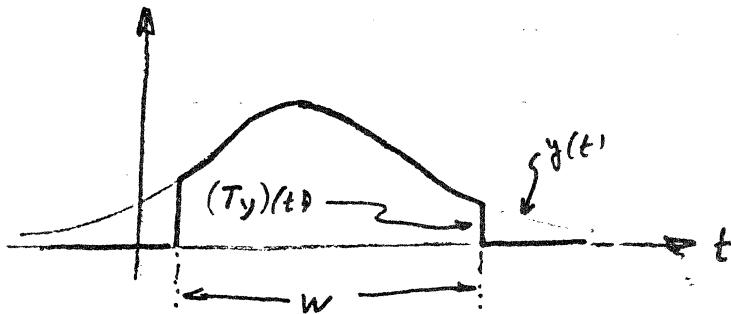
$$\text{Output } S/N = \frac{\|y\|_T^2}{\|m_y\|_T^2} = \frac{\|y\|_T^2}{\sigma_y^2 \cdot T} = \frac{\|y\|_T^2}{2N_0 F_m \|w\|^2 T}$$

(T.D.L. equ.  $\sigma_y^2 = 2F_m N_0 \|w\|^2$ )

$$\therefore S/N \text{ deterioration} \triangleq \frac{(S/N)_{\text{input}}}{(S/N)_{\text{output}}} = \frac{\|x\|_T^2 \|w\|^2}{\|y\|_T^2}$$

## Slimming & noise deterioration compromises

P1: Find the equalizer that performs the most "squeezing" in  $x$  with a noise penalty not greater than a fixed (tolerable) amount  $N$ .



Let :

$$\begin{aligned} (Ty)(t) &= y(t) \text{ if } t \in W \\ &= 0 \quad \text{if } t \notin W \end{aligned}$$

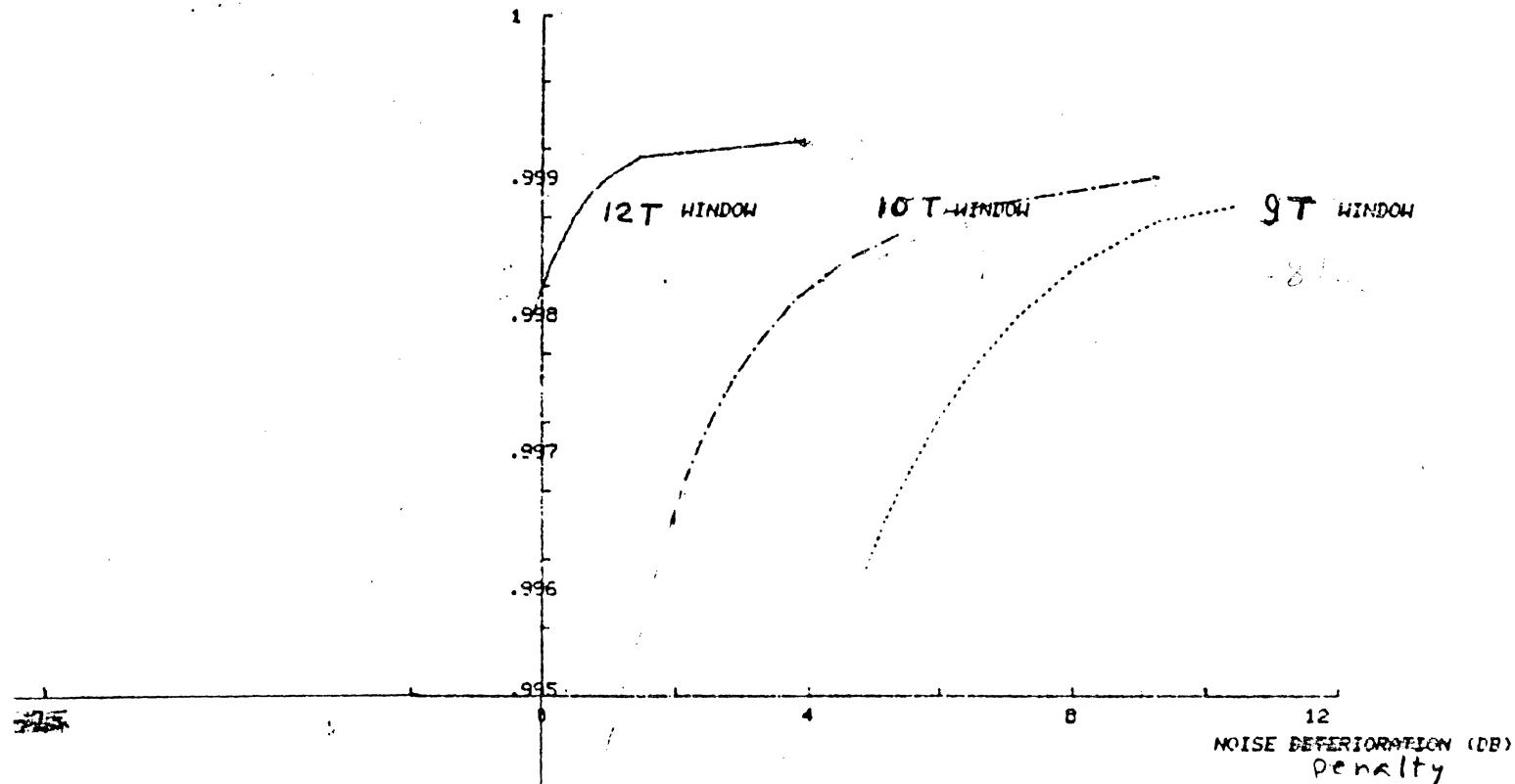
Then,

$$\max_{h \in \mathcal{H}} \frac{\|Ty\|^2}{\|y\|^2} \triangleq \alpha^2 / \frac{\|h\|^2 \cdot \|x\|^2}{\|y\|^2} \leq N, \quad y = h * x$$

P2: Among all equalizers that achieve a certain amount of "squeezing"  $\alpha^2$  on  $x$ , find the one that pays the least noise penalty :

$$\min_{h \in \mathcal{H}} \frac{\|h\|^2 \cdot \|x\|^2}{\|y\|^2} \triangleq N \quad / \quad \frac{\|Ty\|^2}{\|y\|^2} \geq \alpha^2, \quad y = h * x$$

## FRACTION OF ENERGY WITHIN WINDOW (ALPHA)



Tradeoffs between the fraction of single transitions' energy within a given time window and equalizer's noise penalty\*

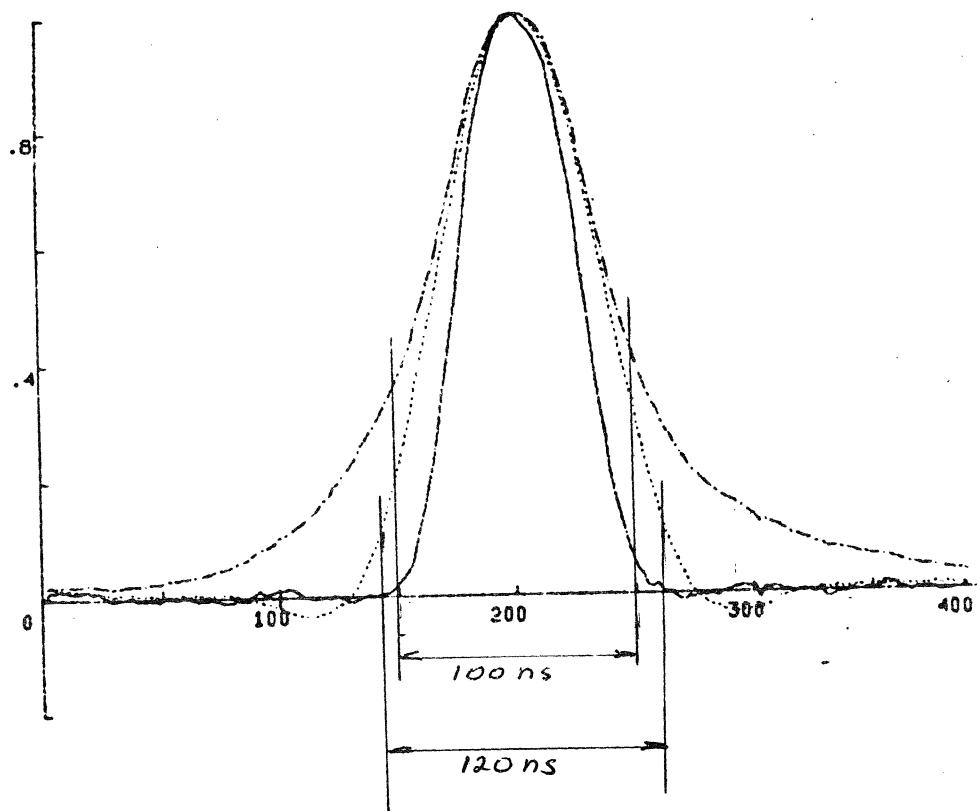
T = clock window

— 12T time window

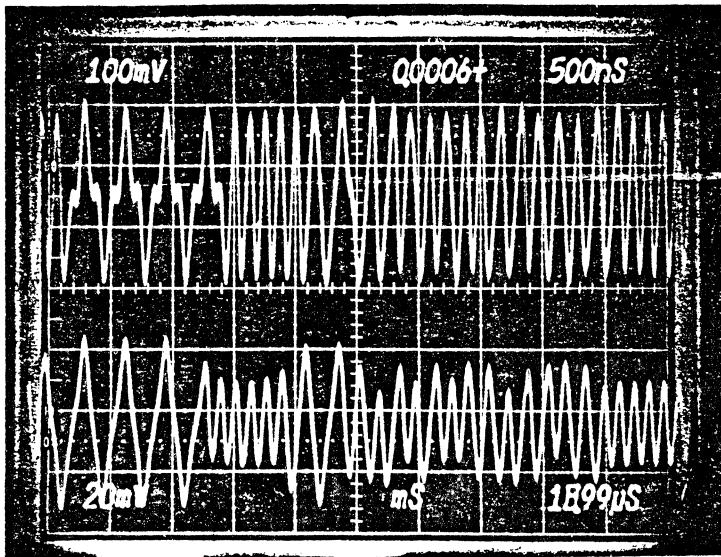
- - - 10T time window

.... 9T time window

\* db ≈ same noise variance before and after equalization when gain is adjusted to have same input and output signals' energies.



- - - Input : 91.4% energy within 100 ns window  
 ..... Equalized (0dB on 100ns) : 98.8% energy within  
 100 ns window  
 — Equalized (9dB on 100ns) : 99.87% energy within  
 100 ns window

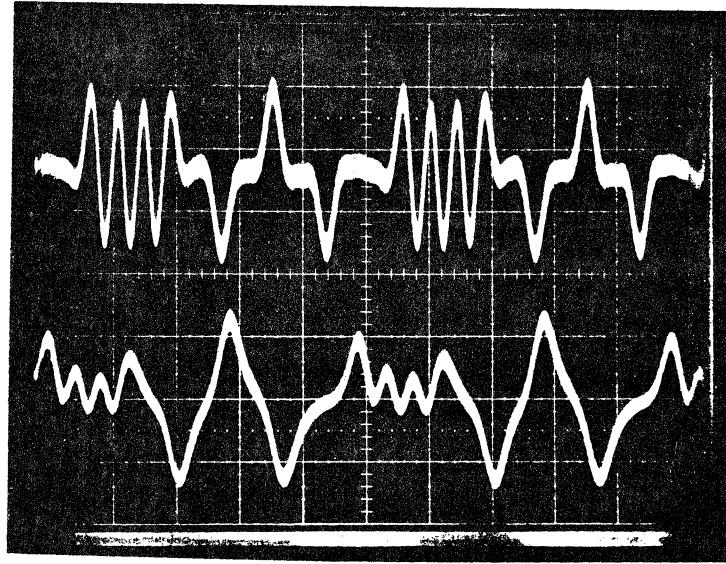
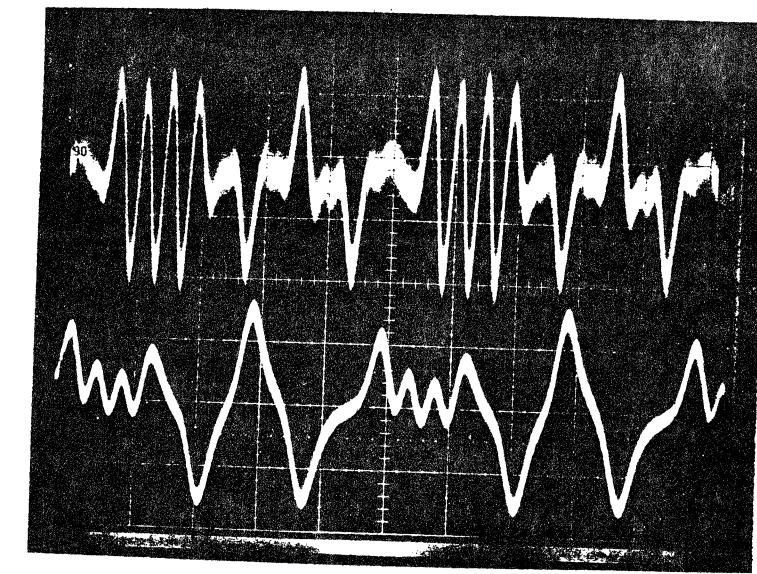


Effect of equalization on a complex  
signal pattern

Signal after equalization  
(4 dB noise penalty for  
single transition)

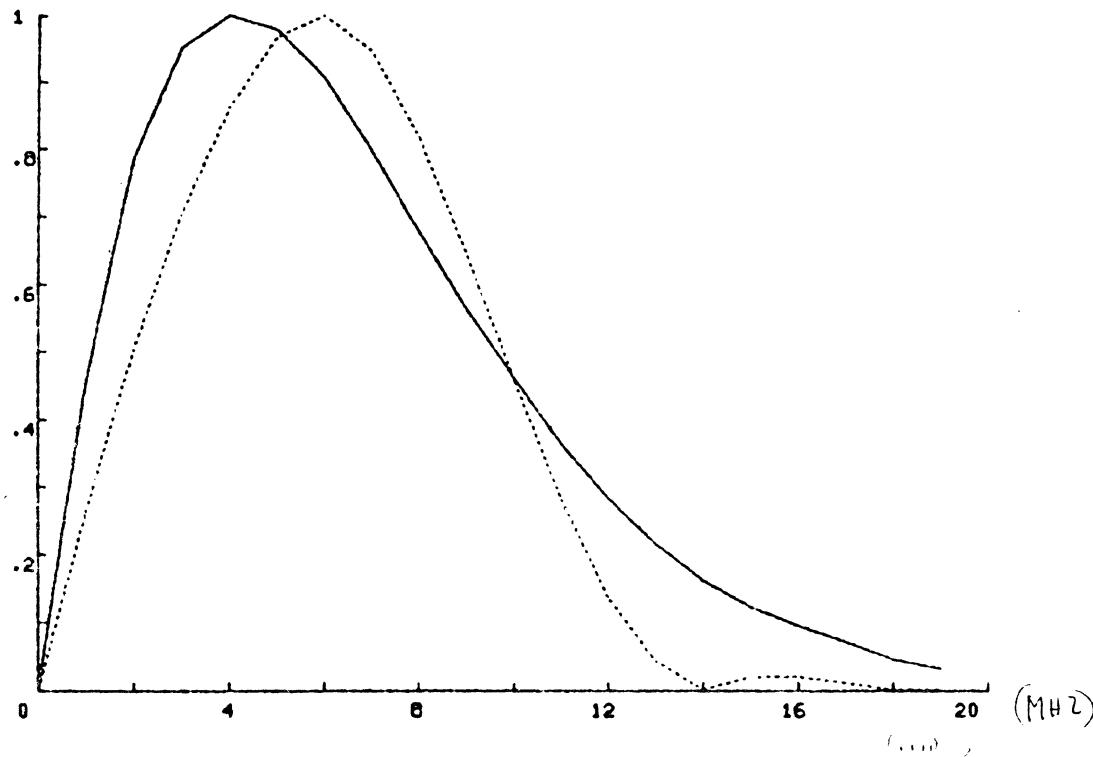
Unequalized signal

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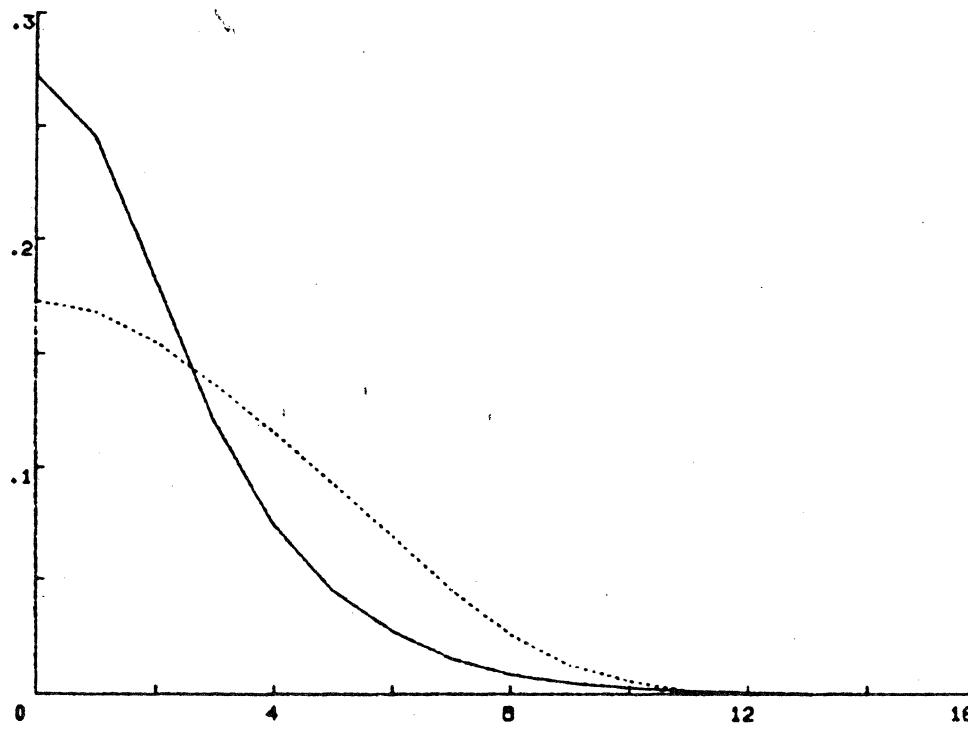
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IMPULSE RESPONSE OF UNEQUALIZED (—) AND EQUALIZED CHANNELS

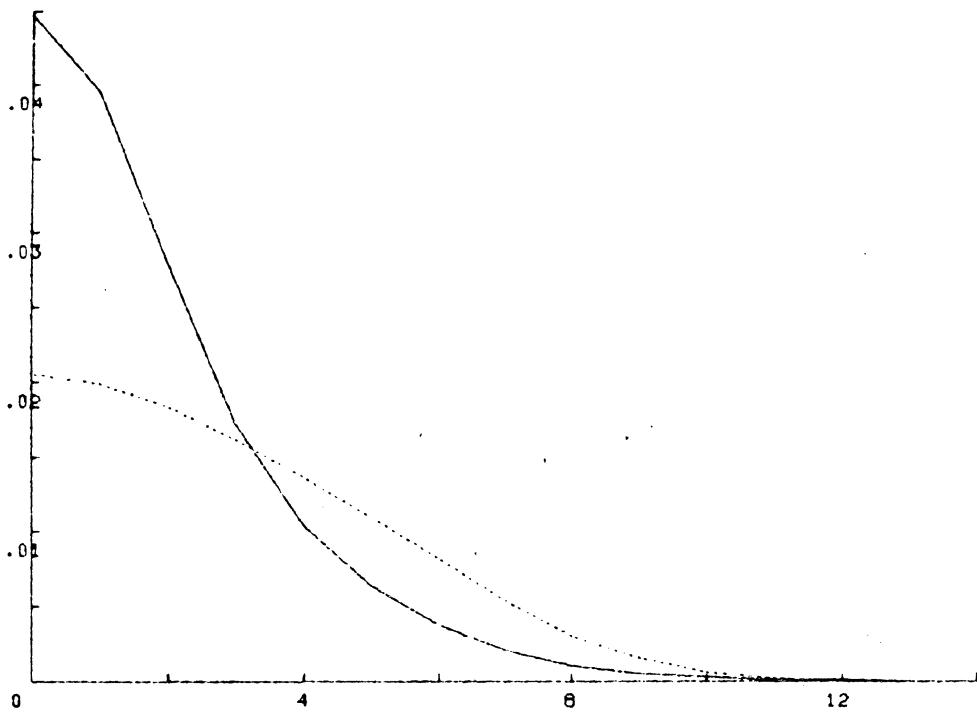
EQUALIZER: 0DB NOISE ENHANCEMENT (10/23/80)



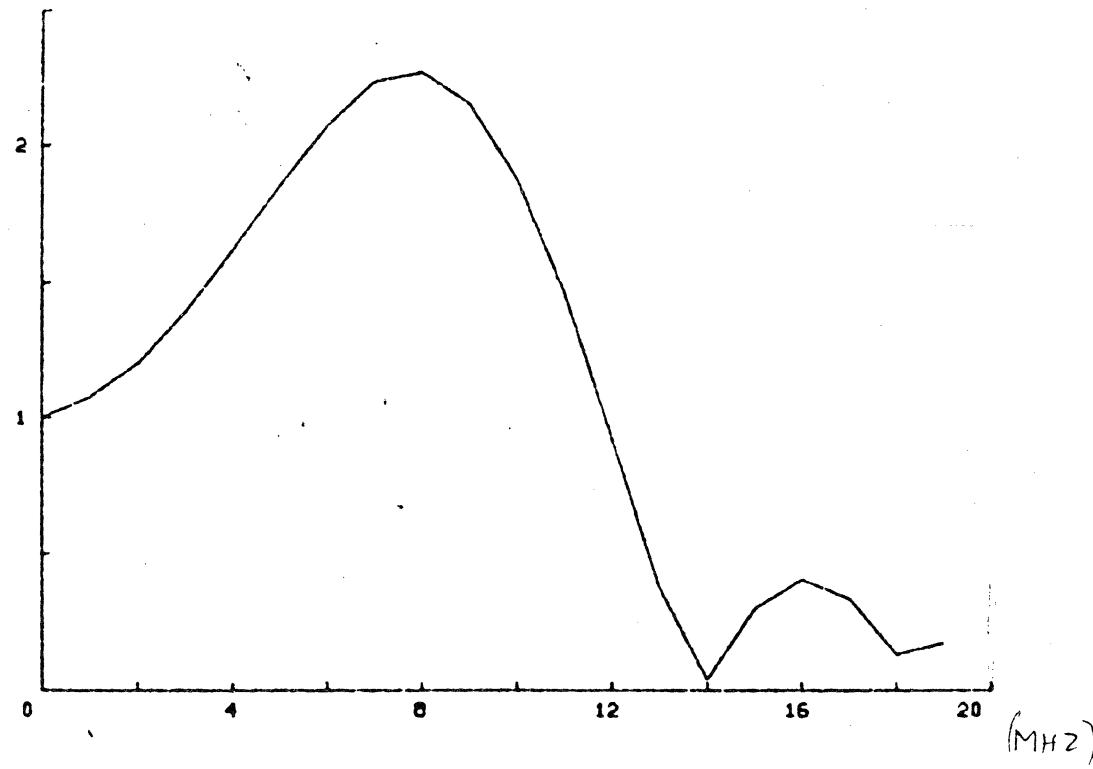
SPECTRUM OF INPUT PULSE AND EQUALIZED PULSE (SQUARED)

(some noise)

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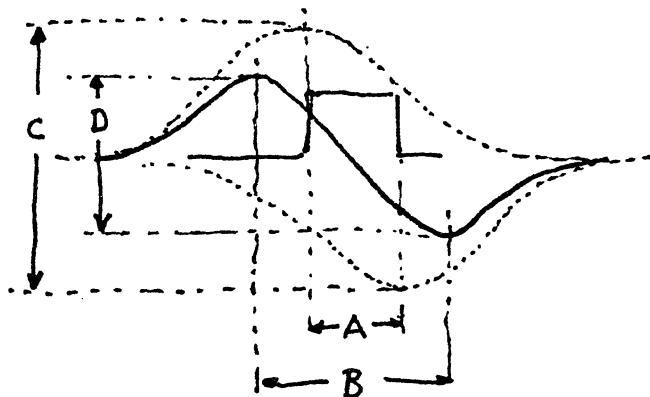
FREQUENCY RESPONSE FO UNEQUALIZED AND EQUALIZED (0DB) TRANSITIONS  
(TRANSITIONS NORMALIZED FOR SAME PEAK)



IMPULSE RESPONSE OF 0 DB EQUALIZER (10/23/80)

## Some problems with Peak Detection

### 1) Intersymbol Interference (ISI) :

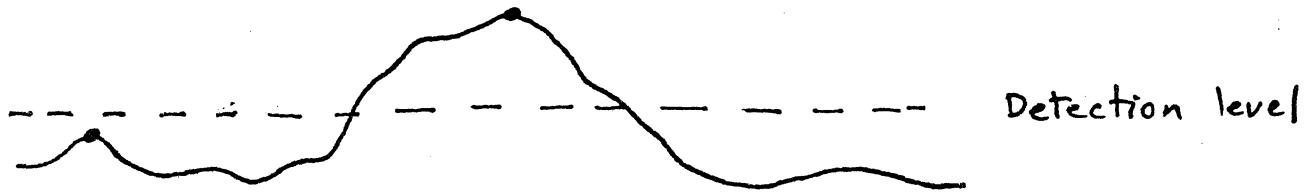


Ex.: For a symmetric dabit:

$$\text{Peak shift: } sh = \frac{1}{2} (B - A)$$

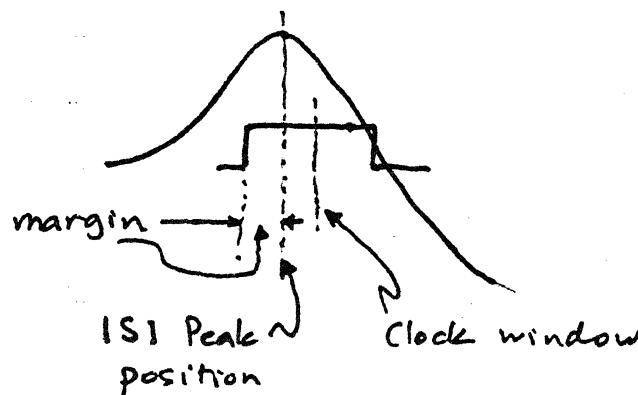
$$\text{Resolution: } r = \frac{D}{C}$$

### 2) Noise (S/N ratio):



## What really matters (for peak detectors)

- Must have "reasonable" resolution
- Low detection probability of error

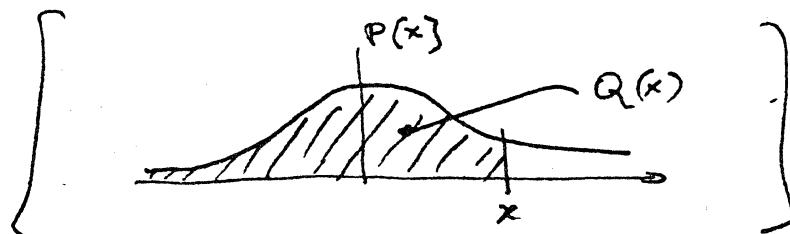


$$\begin{aligned} \text{Total peak shift} &= (\text{ISI shift}) + \\ &\quad \text{noise} + \text{others} \\ &\approx sh_{\text{ISI}} + \text{noise} \end{aligned}$$

$\text{Prob}\{\text{error}\} = \text{Prob}\{\text{Peak fall out of the window}\}$

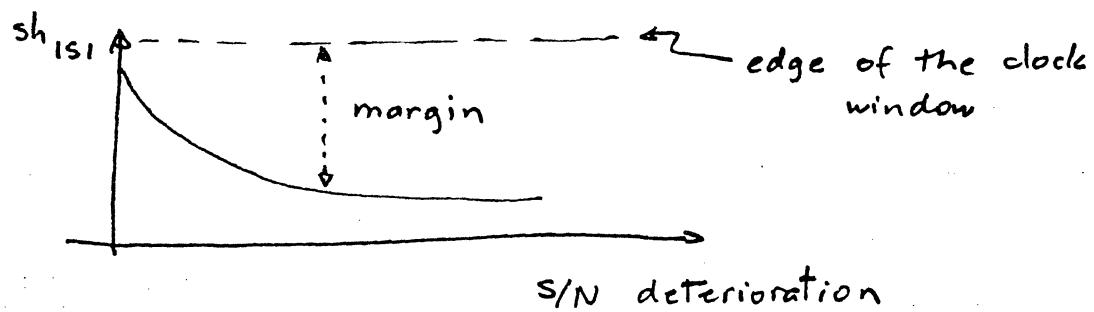
$$= \text{Prob}\{\text{noise} > \text{margin} = \text{clock "edge"} - sh_{\text{ISI}}\}$$

$$= 1 - Q\left\{\frac{\text{margin}}{\sigma}\right\}$$

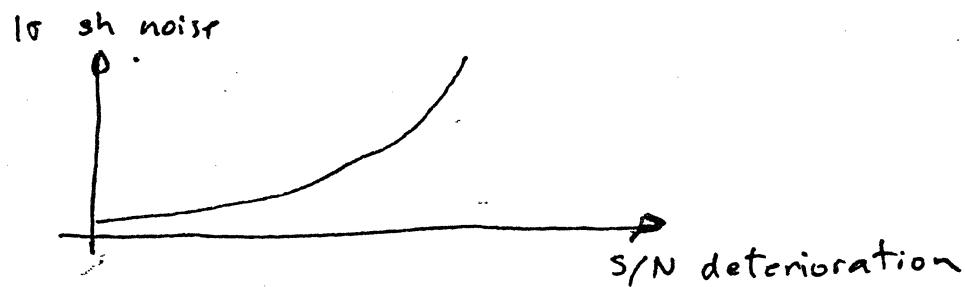


## How to choose the equalizer

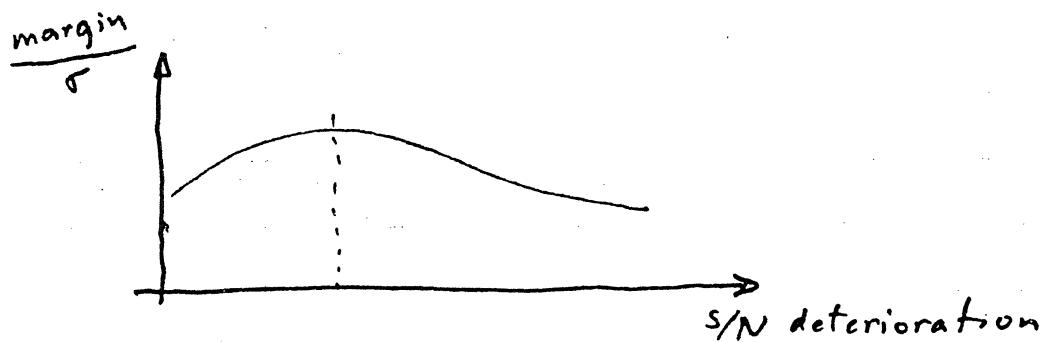
- In general, ISI decreases at expense of noise deterioration :

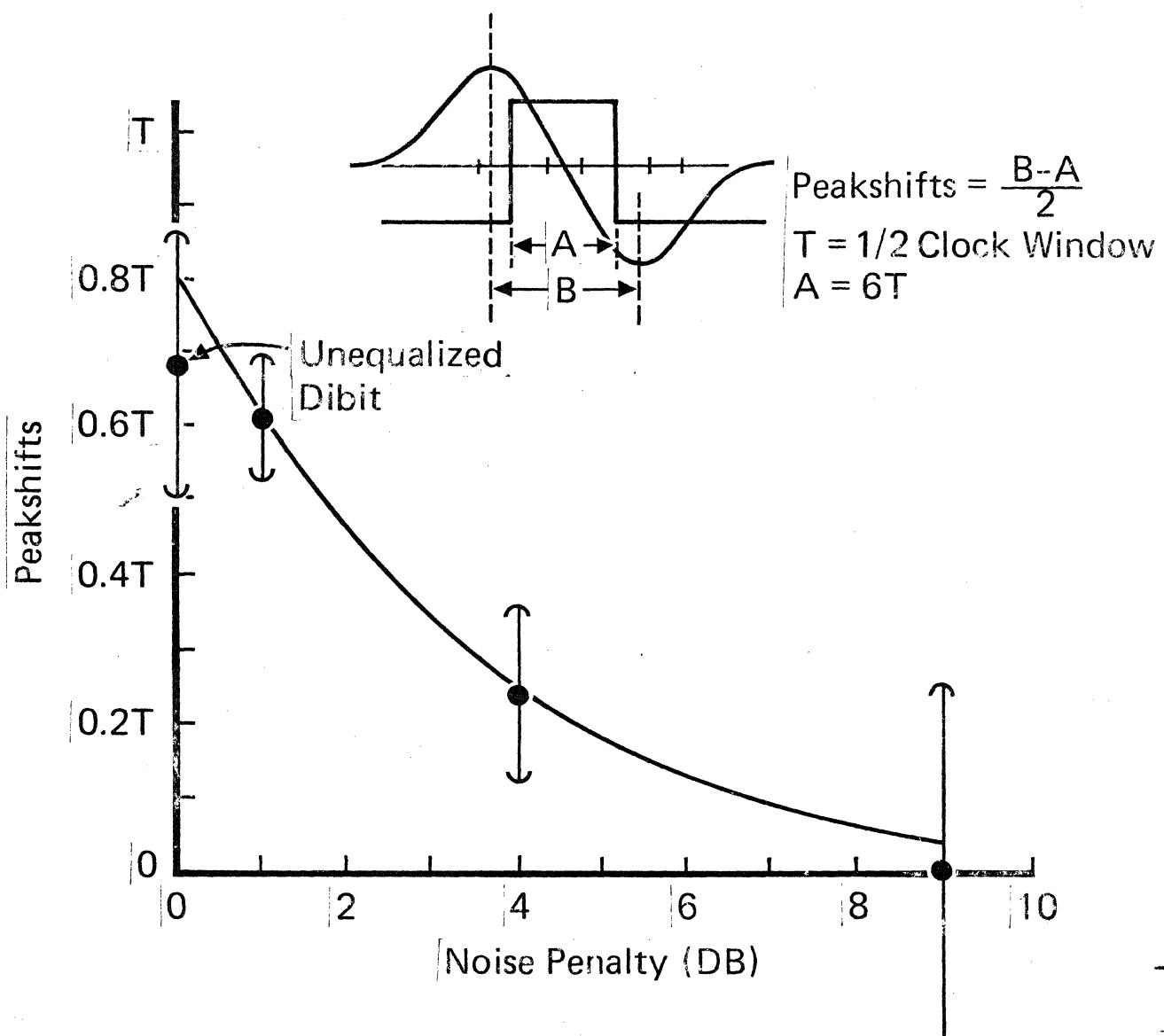


- Peak shift noise increases with background noise:



As a result





## ABSTRACT

Two approaches in implementing adaptive equalization are presented in this talk.

The basic functional block in the first approach is a programmable transversal filter whose tap weights are adjusted according to an error correction algorithm which is a modified version of the mean square estimation. It is explained why the hybrid approach is proposed to implement in a LSI form the transversal filter which performs the convolution using a CCD tap delay line and multiplying DAC's, one for each tap. Due to the stringent cost requirement for the project at hand, it is found necessary to approximate the linear correlation required by the mean square estimation. The effects of such approximation on the convergence time and the adaptivity (to be defined later) are investigated using APL simulation.

A design for the equalizer discussed above is presented for a discrete realization.

Another approach\* is given as an alternative to the transversal filter equalizer, which is especially suitable for a discrete implementation. This approach is based on three

assumptions made on the isolated pulse. They are:

- (1) The pulse is spread over not more than four bit cells
  - (2) The pulse is symmetric
  - (3) The pulse peak amplitude is predetermined.
- In other words, an AGC loop precedes this equalizer.

It is noted that the latter can be described as a simplified version of the former, as evidenced by comparing two respective designs.

\* Richard Schneider in Tucson is the originator of this approach.

# Adaptive Equalization

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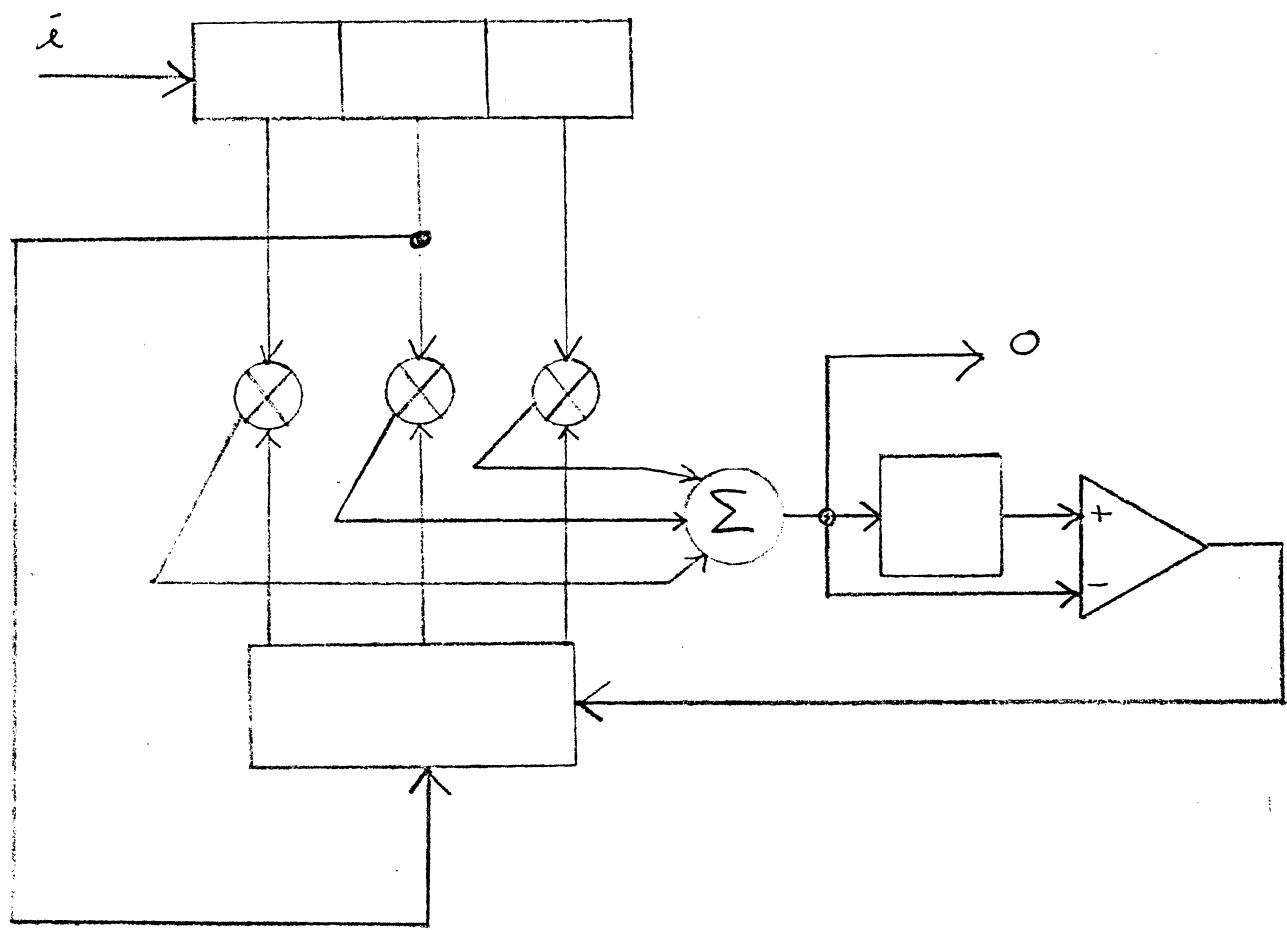
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## TOPICS

- o ADVANTAGES
- o Typical Adaptive Transversal Filter Equalizer
- o Hardware
- o Other Type of Adaptive Eq.
- o DISCUSSION, IF ANY

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# Typical Adaptive Transversal Filter Equalizer



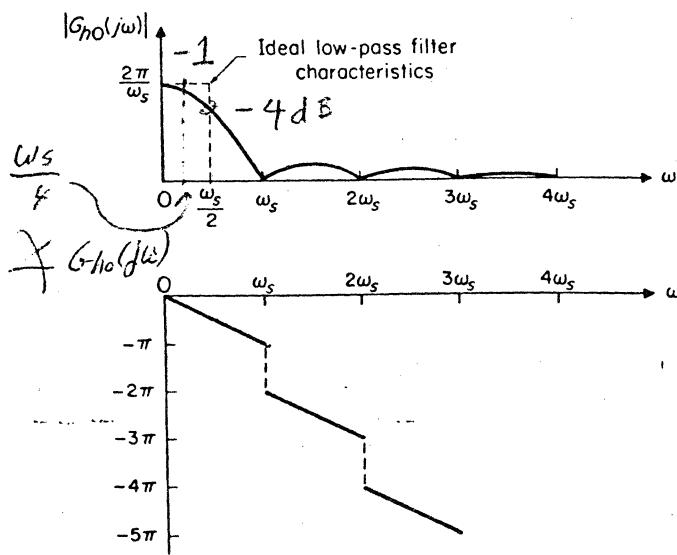
# Transversal Filter Implementation

All Digital: Cost (Hardware Complexity)

All Analog: Analog Multiplier  
Sample + Hold  
⇒ low freq. Applications

Hybrid :

CCD TAP Delay Line &  
MDAC



# Tap Adjustment Algo : MSE

$$e_k \triangleq g_k - d_k \quad \forall k = fT$$

$$\epsilon \triangleq E\{e_k^2\}$$

$$c_j^{k+1} = c_j^k + \Delta c_j^k$$

$\forall j$  th tap from the center one.

where

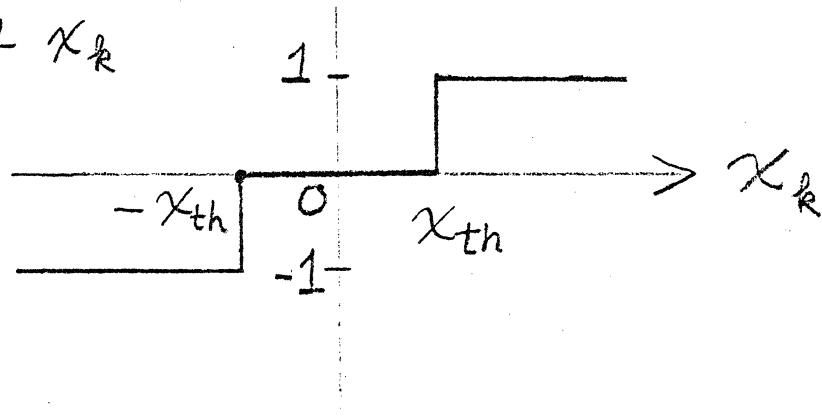
$$\Delta c_j^k = \delta \cdot E\{e_k \cdot x_{k-j}\}$$

$$\Delta c_j^k \approx \delta \cdot e_k \cdot x_{k-j}$$

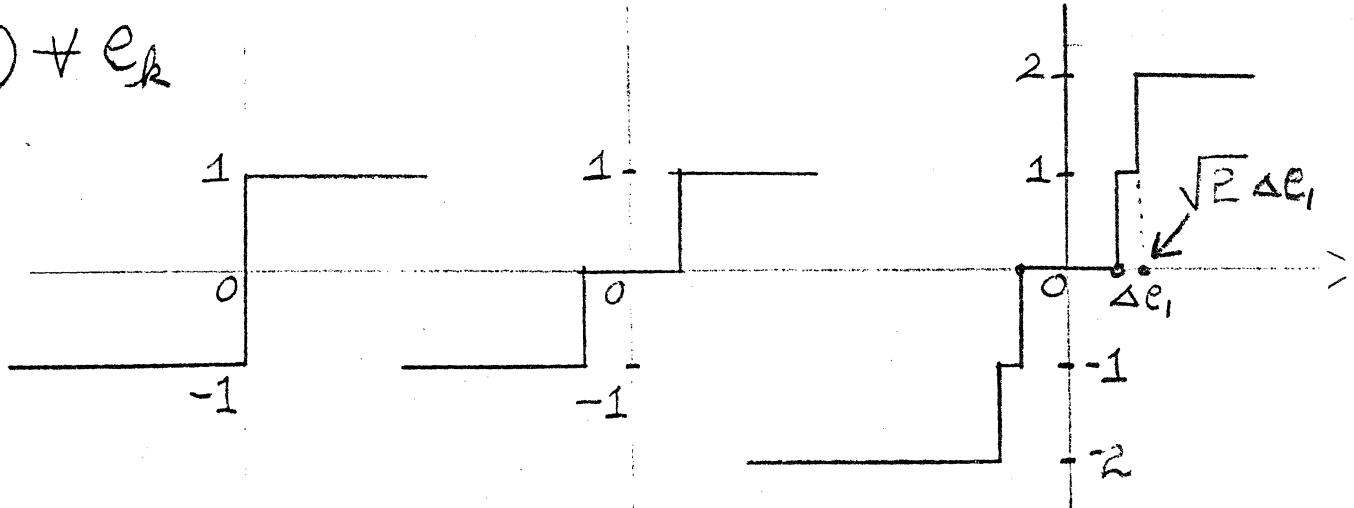
# Further Modification:

## Level Quantization

1)  $\# x_k$



2)  $\# e_k$



Sign

3-level

5-level

# Effect of Quantization

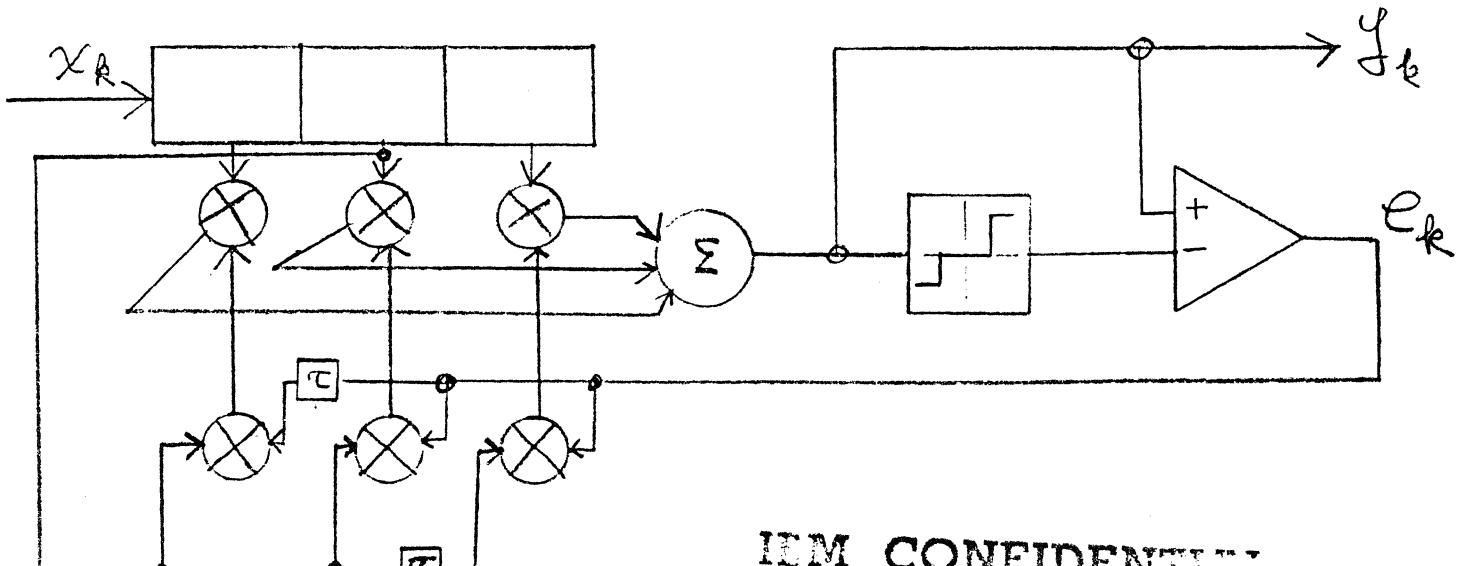
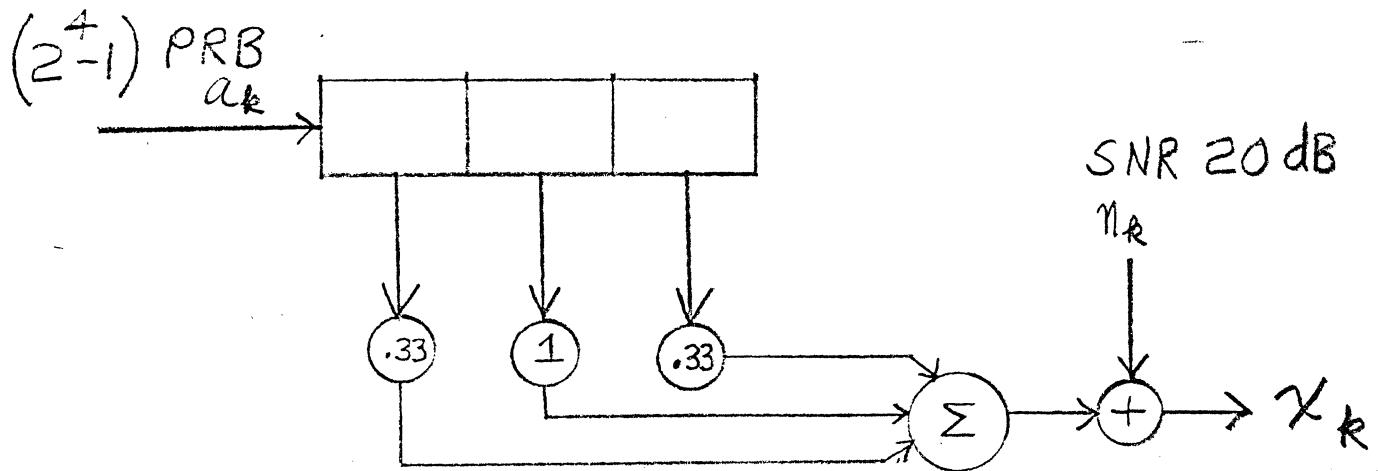
1 Converge?

2. Convergence Time

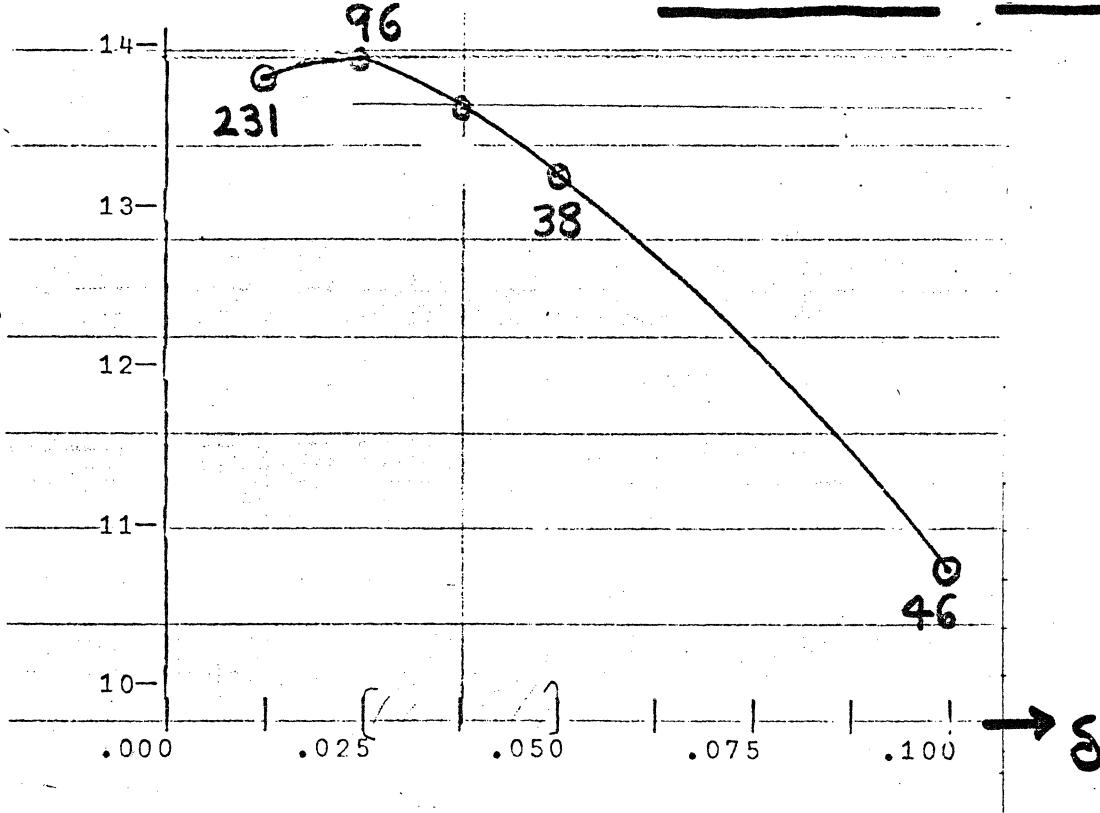
3. Adaptivity (Riegler, 1973)

$$\triangleq 20 \log_{10} \frac{\sigma_d^2}{\sigma_e^2}$$

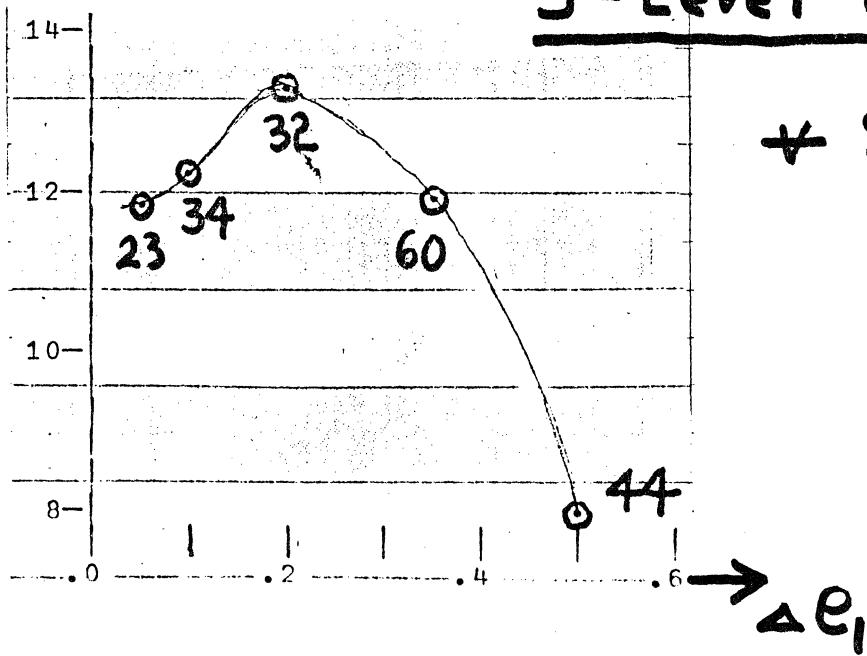
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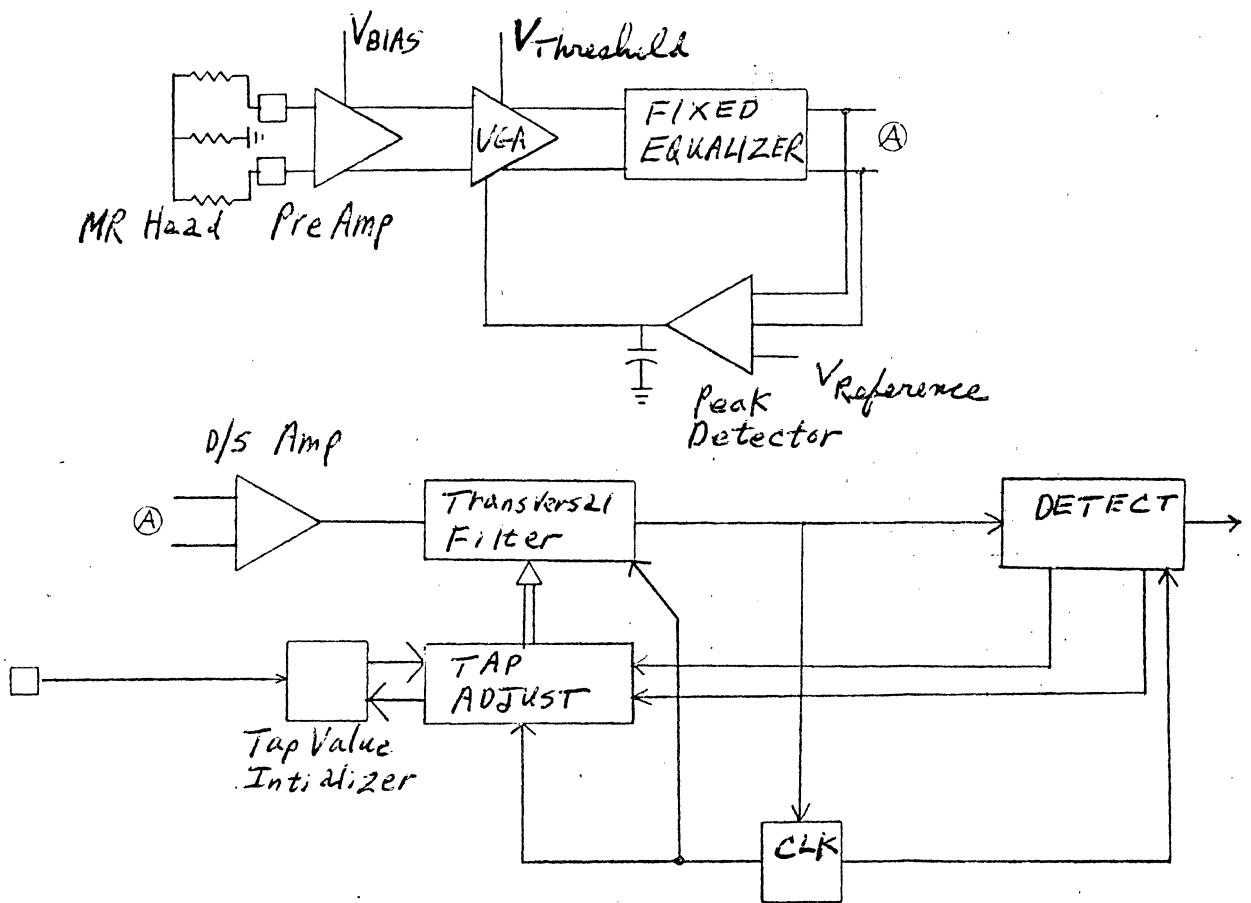


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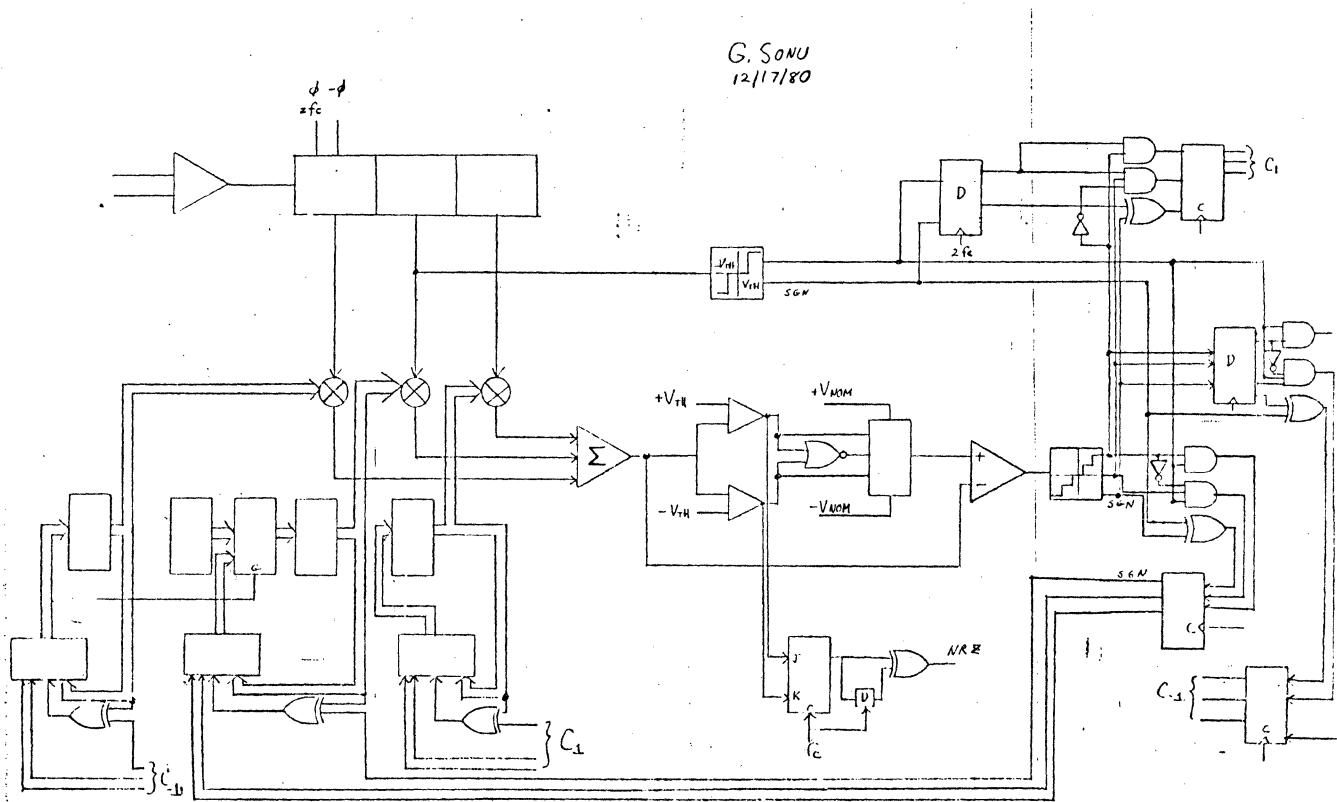
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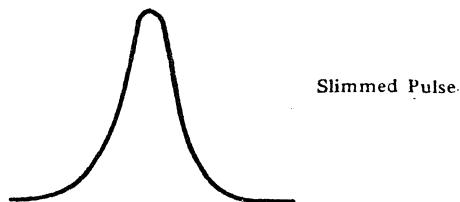
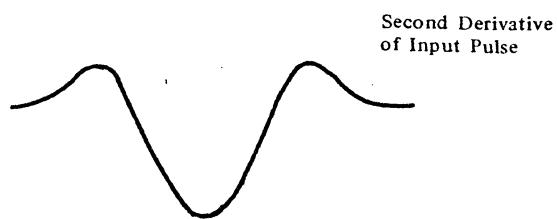
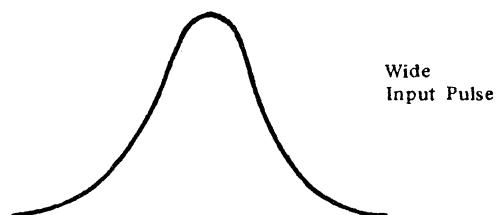
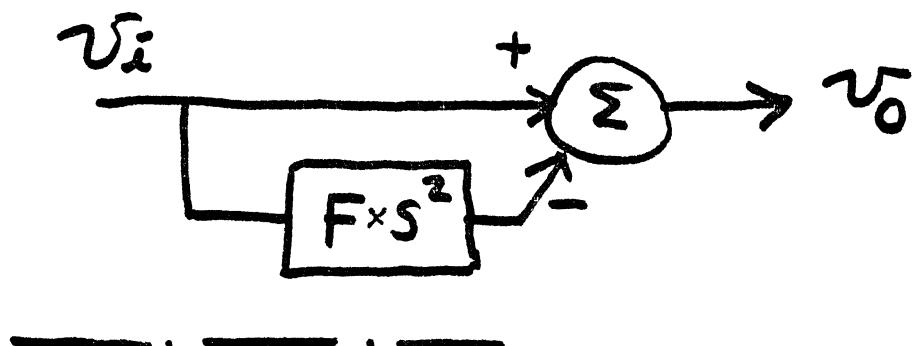
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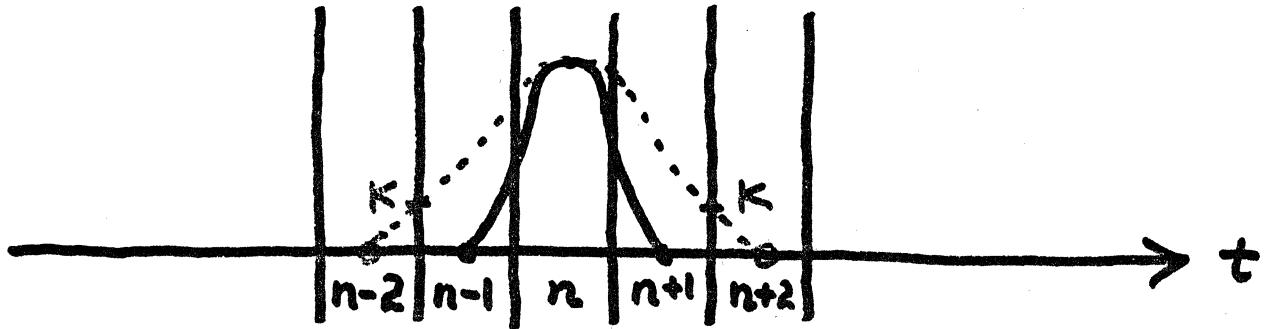
## Other Type of Adaptive Eq.

$$H(s, t) = 1 - F(t) s^2$$

\*  $F(t) = \text{const.}$ ,



### 3 Assumptions



$$S_n = K D_{n-1} + D_n + K D_{n+1}$$

$$\Rightarrow K = \frac{S_n - D_n}{D_{n-1} + D_{n+1}}$$

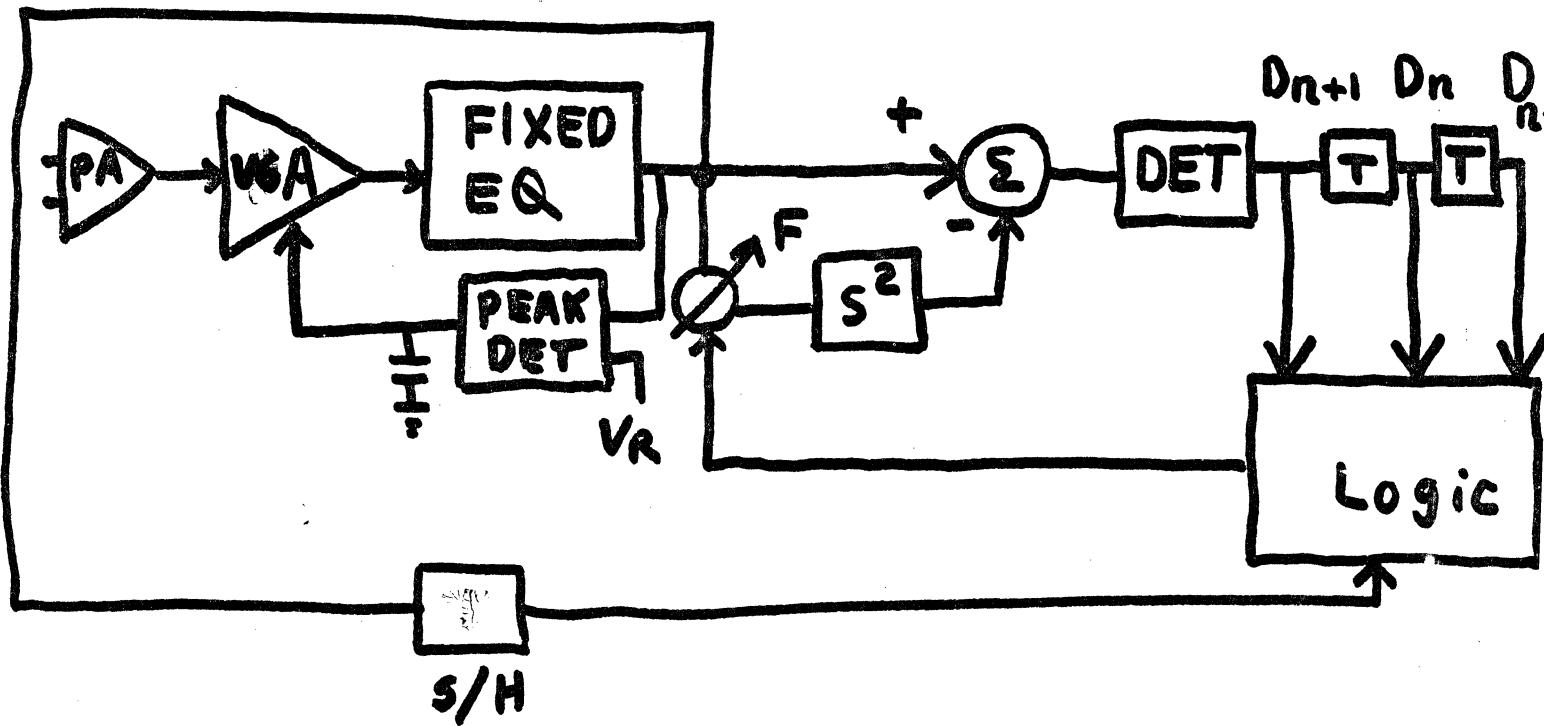
$$E_{n+1} = S_{n+1} + (F_n + \Delta F) S''_{n+1}$$

where

$$\text{if } K > 0 \quad + \Delta F$$

$$\text{if } K < 0 \quad - \Delta F$$

$$\text{if } D_{n-1} + D_{n+1} = 0, \quad 0$$





## Magnetic Recording:

"It's not just an industry,  
it's a way of life"

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Equalization  
and  
Signal-Noise Ratio

D P Turner

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Abstract: "Equalization and S/N Ratio"

January 14, 1981

D. P. Turner

Our early work in equalization has been based on the frequency domain equalizer programs developed by Jud McDowell in Tucson. We have attempted to design an equalizer to operate the 3380 head-disk combination at 1.25 times the 3380 data rate. The equalizer design involved measuring the unequalized channel frequency response and deriving an equalizer which would match the desired "sine channel". The equalizer so designed resulted in reduced on track bit shift compared to the unequalized channel. However, when tested on a precision test stand the equalized channel, although it was a better performer than the unequalized channel, did not perform adequately for a product.

We are very concerned that future programs are going to be faced with serious signal to noise ratio problems. We have made experiments which show error rates dropping very rapidly with increased noise levels. Scaling exercises predict Frontier signal-noise ratios of 13 to 26 dB. These signal-noise ratios may make equalizer design extremely difficult.

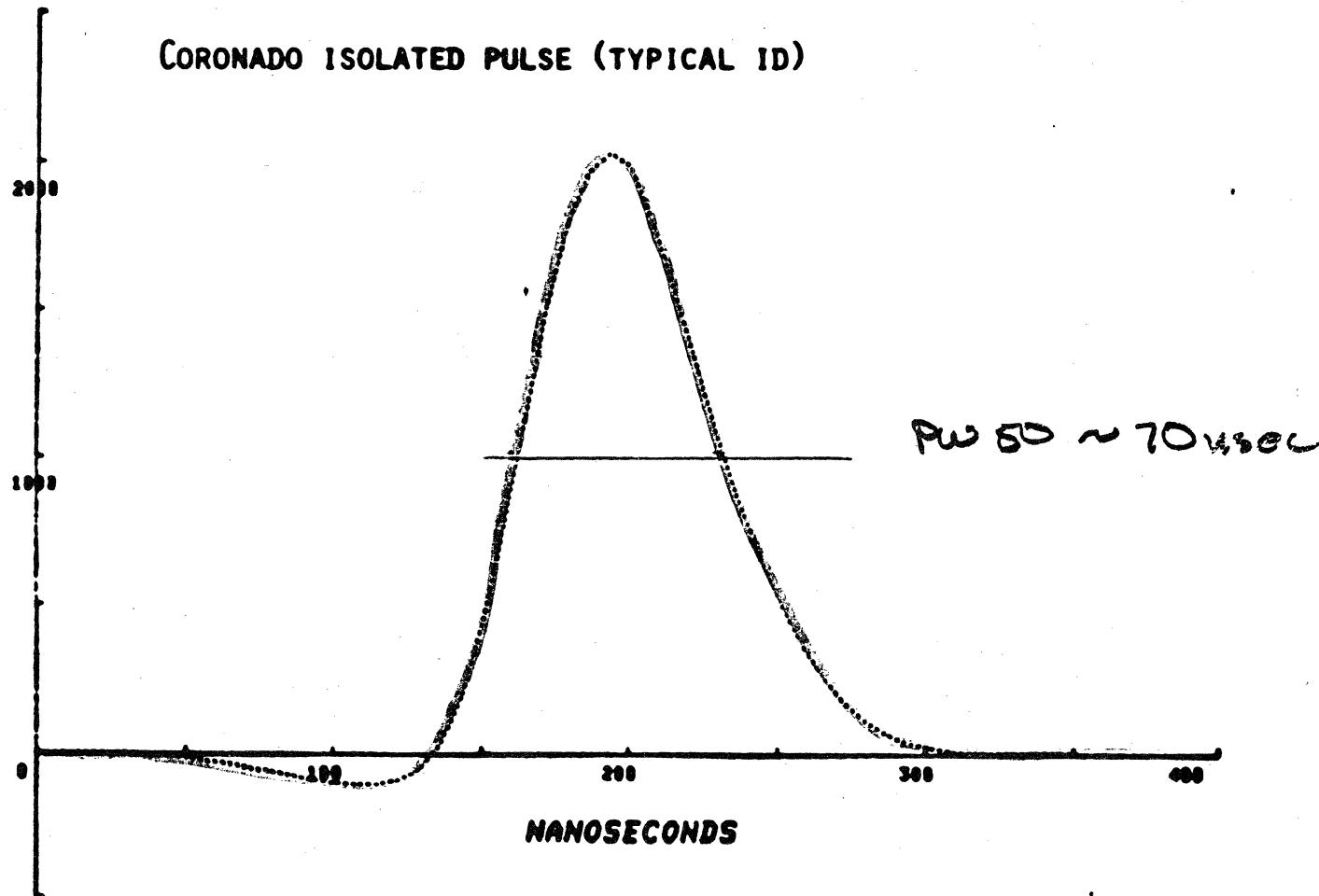
We have recently discovered three papers on equalization by Kameyama, MacIntosh, and Taub which treat equalization in the time domain and which all come up with similar results predicting limits to which equalization may be gainfully employed. The pulse width reduction obtainable by reasonable equalizers indicates that doubling the data rate would be possible, but further detailed analysis of dabit bitshift and tribit amplitude loss indicates that the potential gains are considerably less, say a 20 - 30 % improvement in linear density. Kameyama even shows a case where if the initial signal-noise ratio is high enough the linear density obtainable with equalization is less than that obtainable without. We are presently working to verify some of these results using 3380 components.

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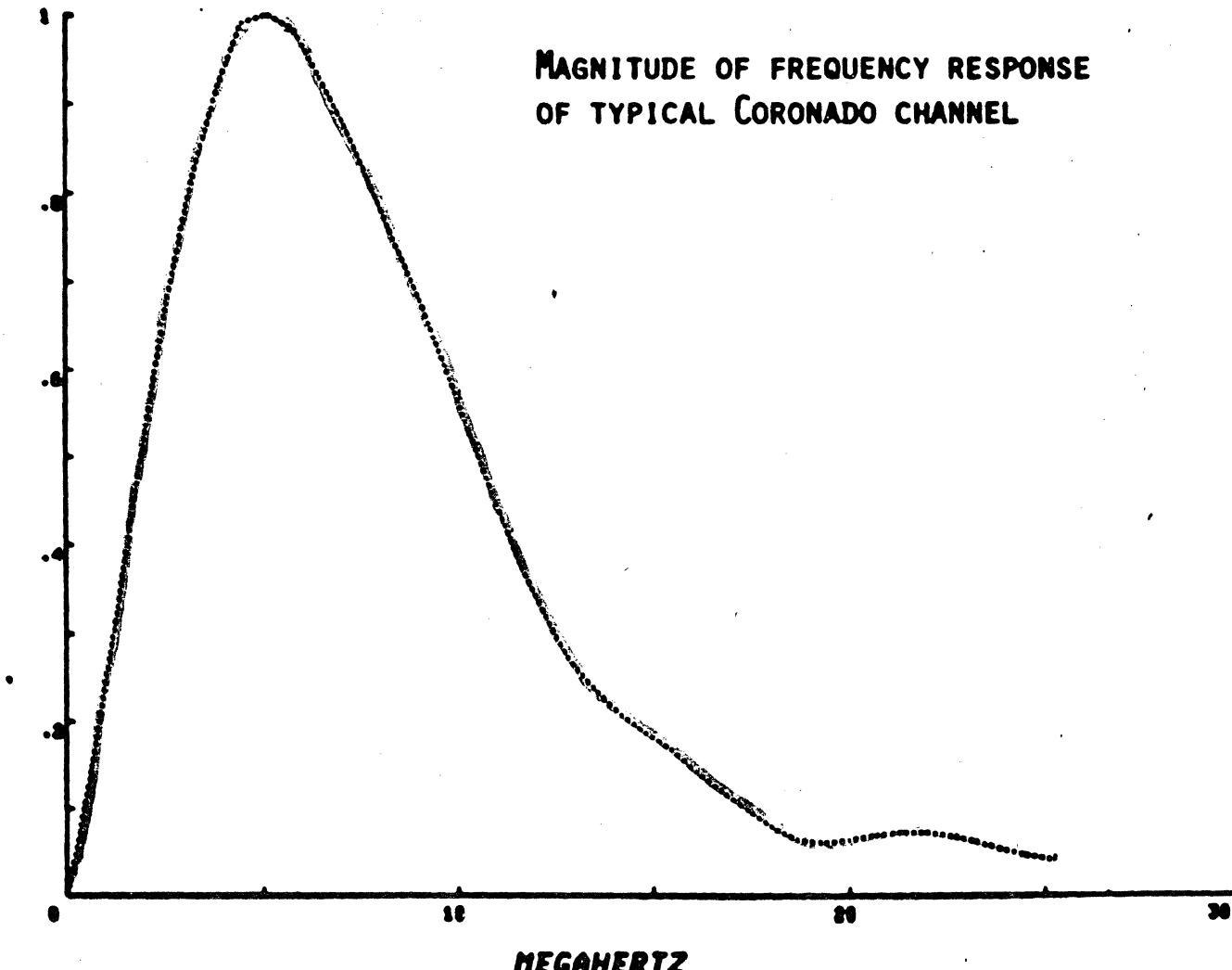
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MAGNITUDE OF FREQUENCY RESPONSE  
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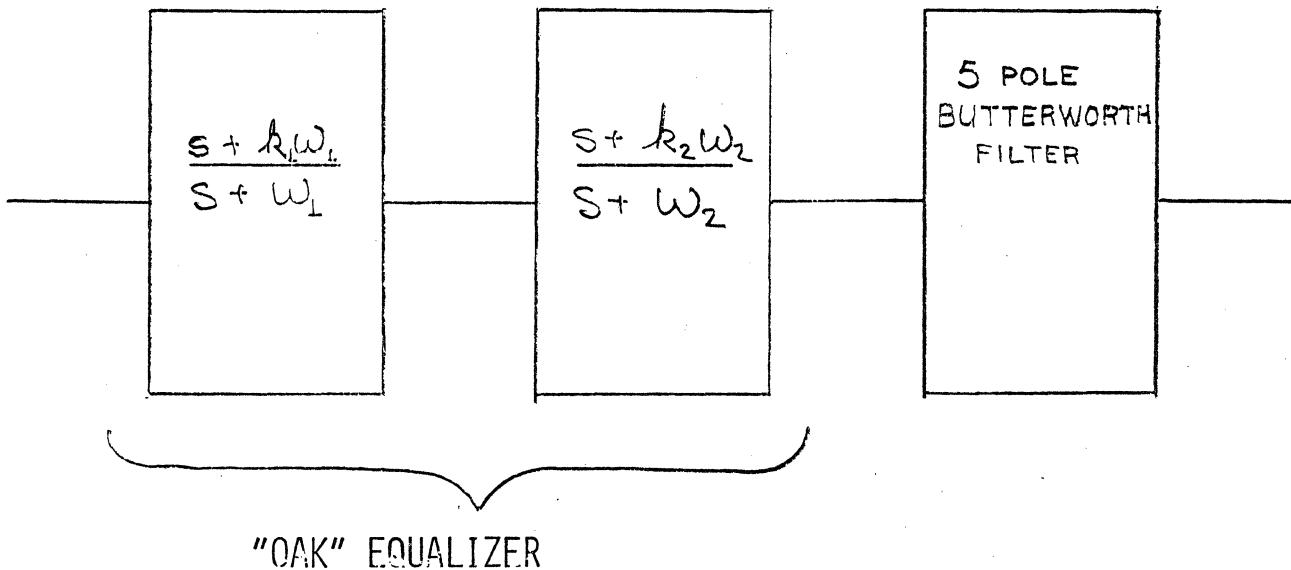
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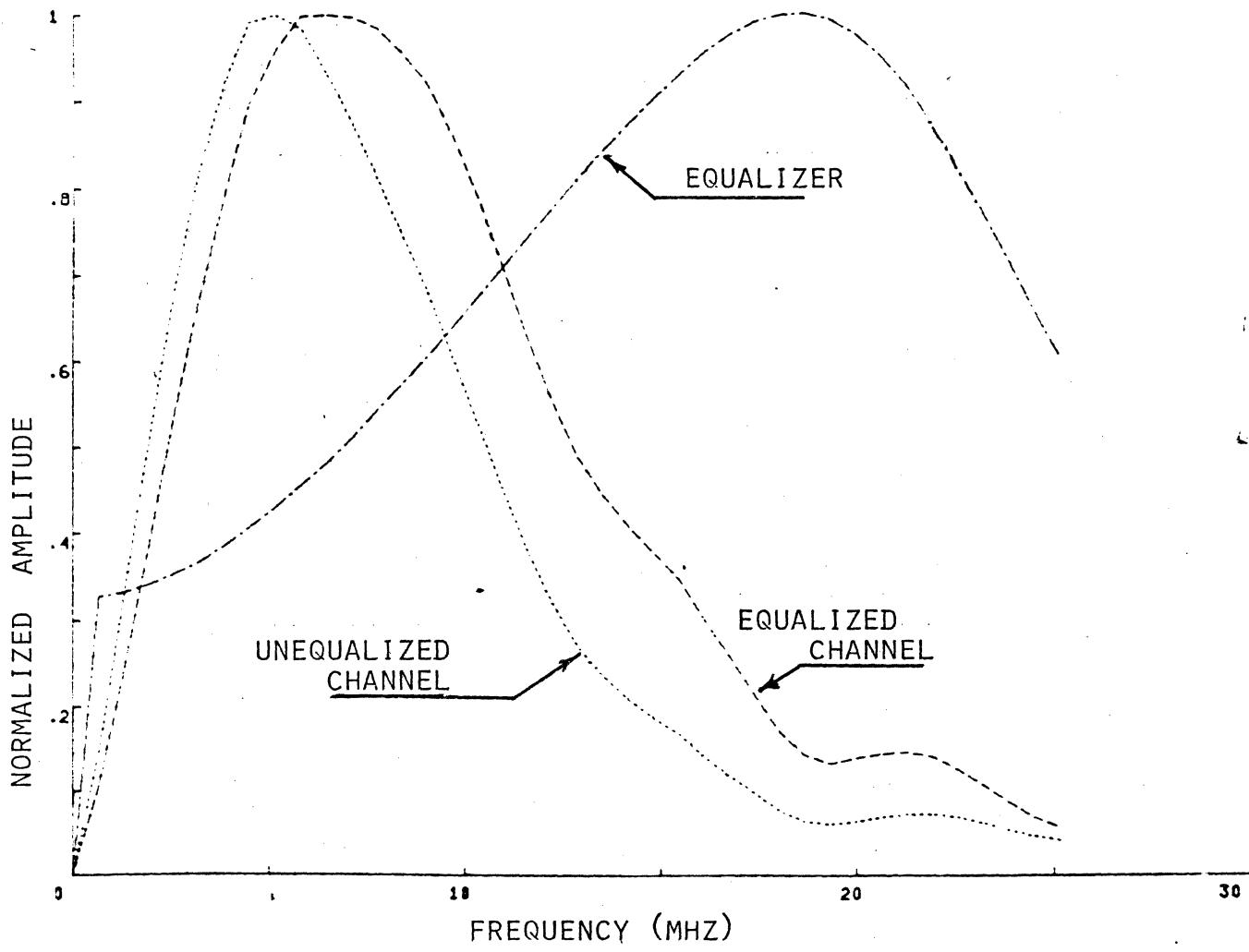


$$k_1 = .38 \quad \omega_1 = 2\pi \times 20 \times 10^6$$

$$k_2 = .43 \quad \omega_2 = 2\pi \times 20 \times 10^6$$

$$5 \text{ POLE BUTTERWORTH FILTER: } \omega_N = 2\pi \times 22 \times 10^6$$

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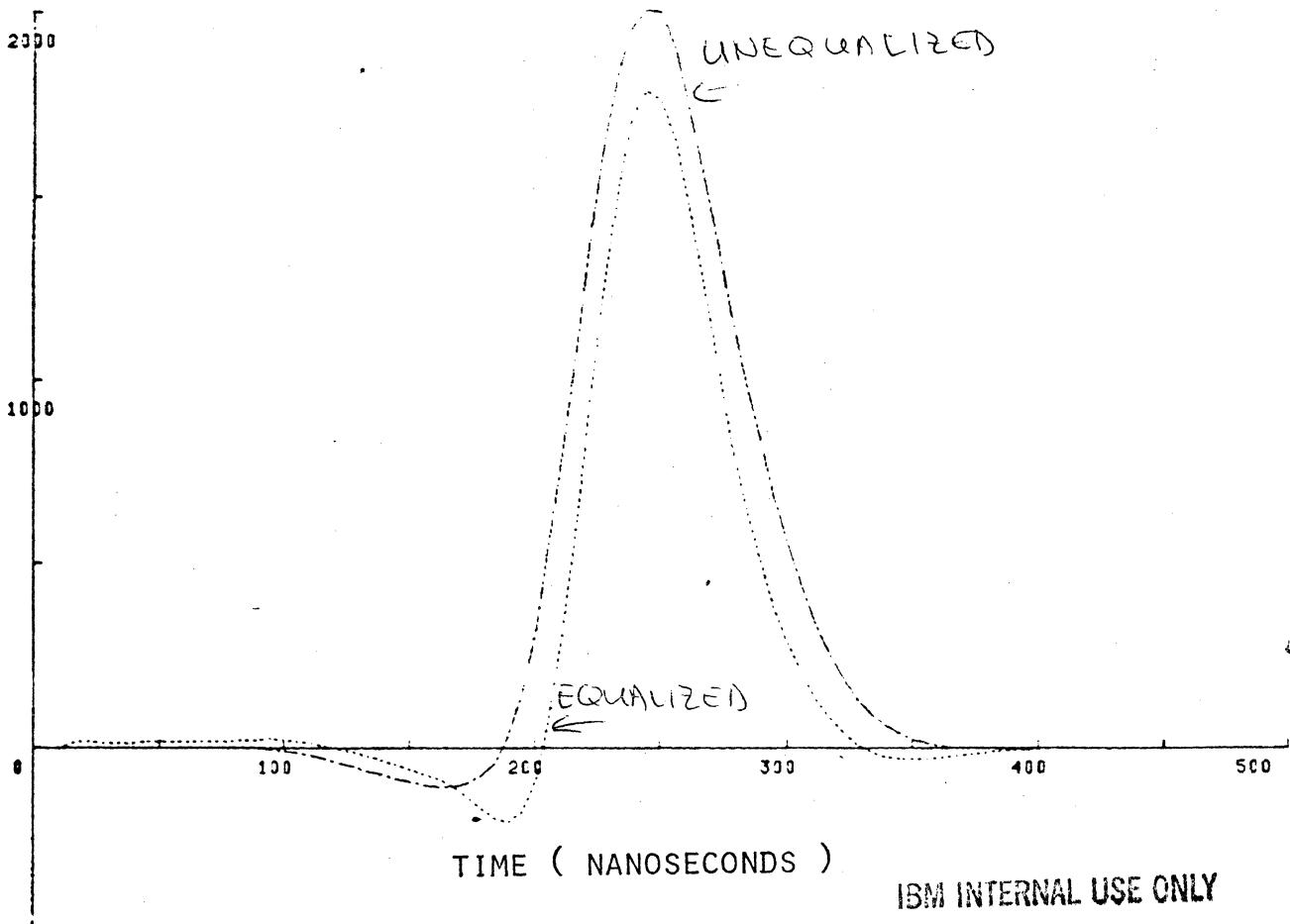


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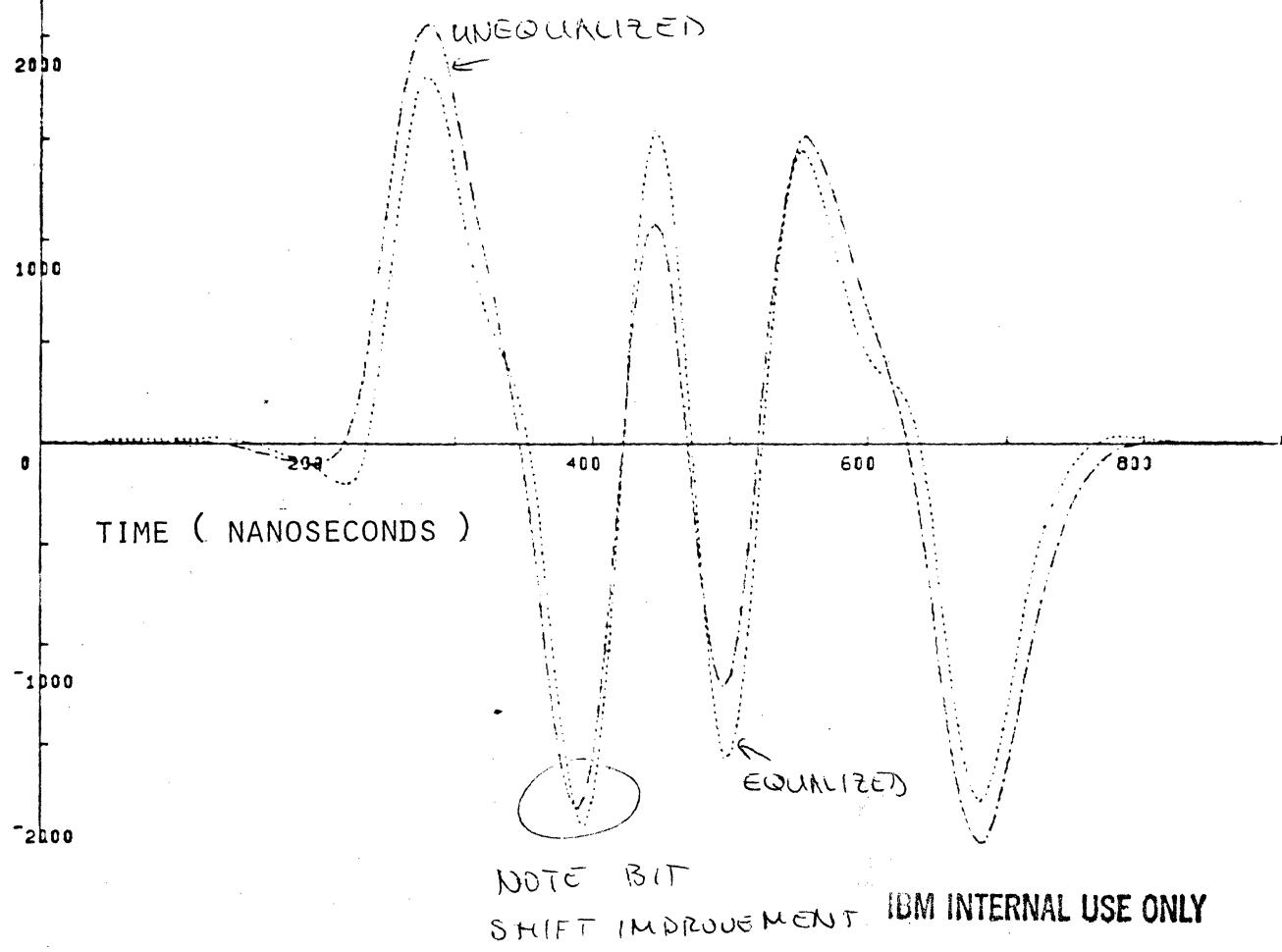


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### READBACK SIGNAL SEQUENCE



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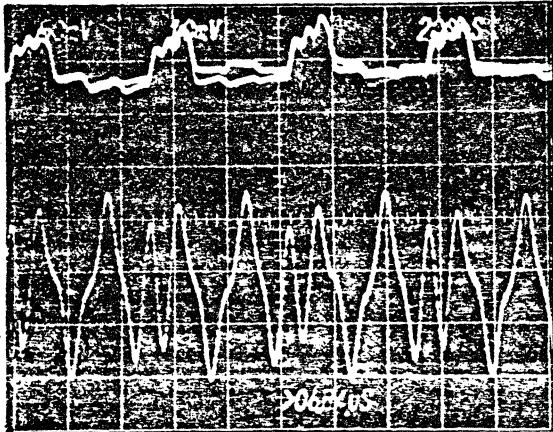
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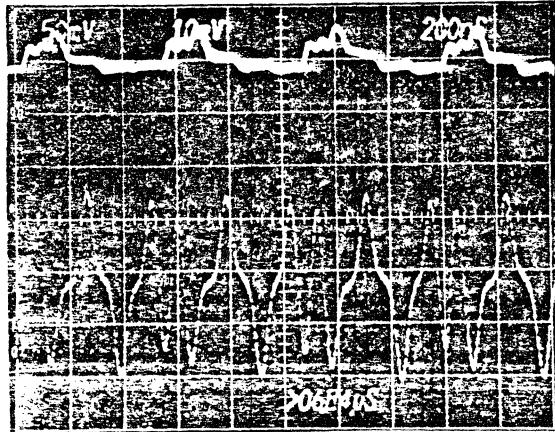
CLOCK RATE = 60 MHz (1.25 TIMES CORONADO)

WITHOUT EQUALIZER (BUTTERWORTH FILTER ONLY)

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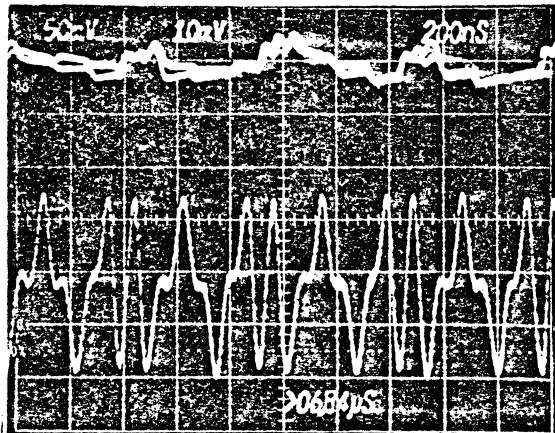


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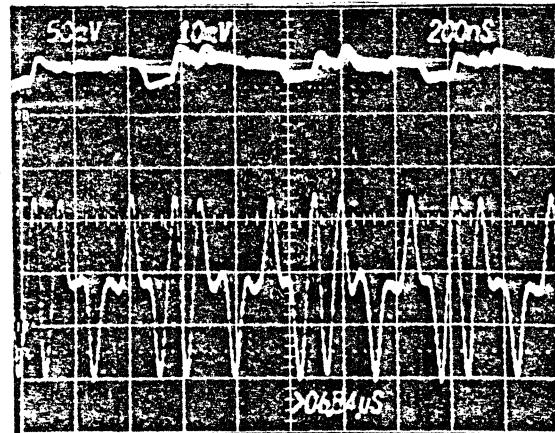


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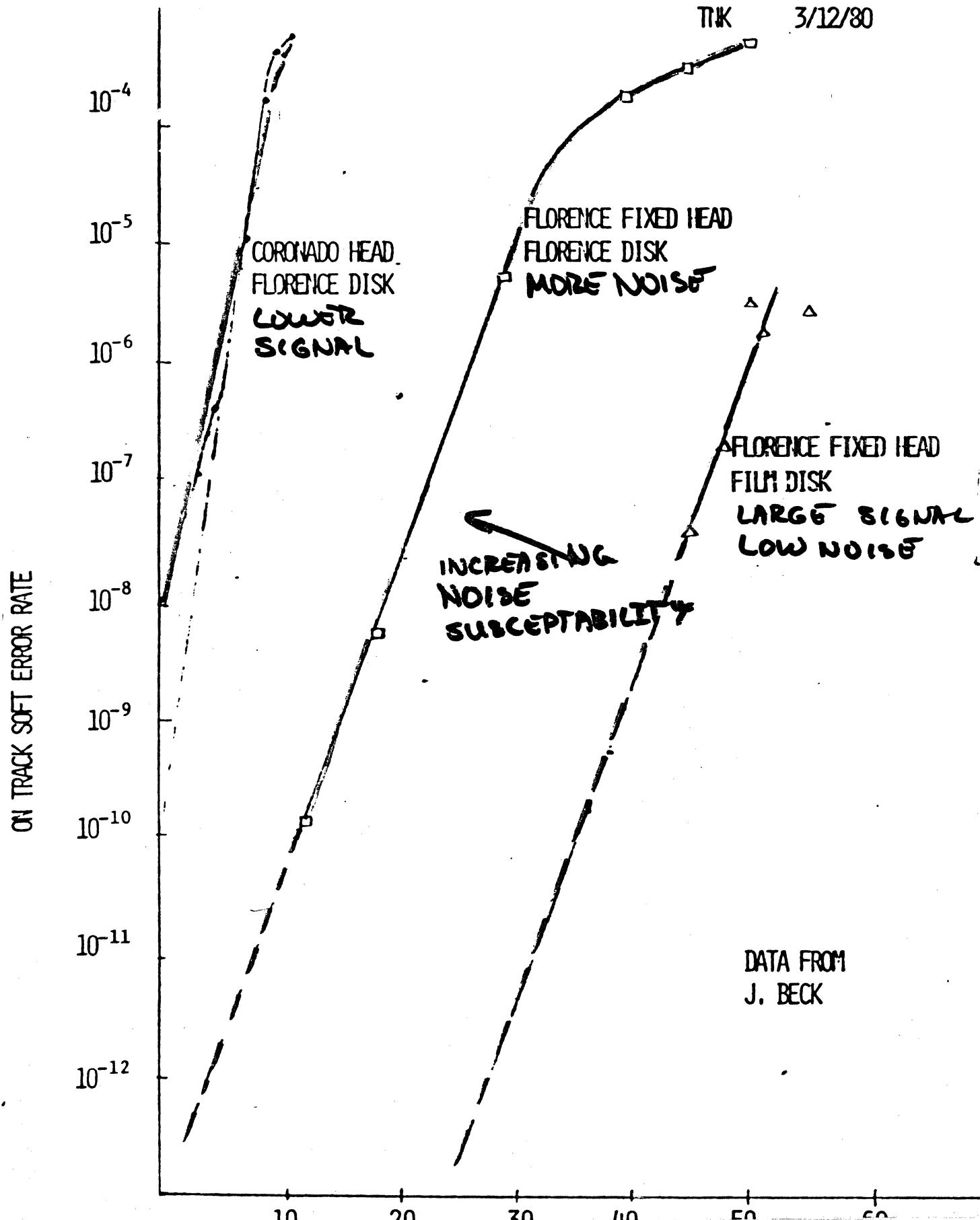
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SIGNAL, NOISE AND CHANNEL CAPACITY  
PARTICULATE AND AURORA DISKS

Environmental Noise ( $\mu V$ rms)	Particulate Disk				Channel Capacity	
	Total Noise ( $\mu V_{rms}$ )	Signal ( $\mu V_{rms}$ )	Aurora Total Noise ( $\mu V_{rms}$ )	Signal ( $\mu V_{rms}$ )	(bits/sec/Hz)	Aurora
1.0	3.3	170	2.4	112	0.653	0.76
2.0	3.7		3.0		0.62	0.68
3.0	4.4		3.7		0.58	0.62
4.0	5.1		4.6		0.54	0.57
5.0	5.9	(=1 order in SER)	5.5			
6.0	6.8		6.4			
7.0	7.7		7.3			
8.0	8.6		8.3			
9.0	9.5		9.3			
10.0	10.5		10.2			

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# Signal / Noise

Disk	RMS Signal	RMS Noise	S/N	S/N (dB)
thin film	109 $\mu$ V	4.3 $\mu$ V	25.4	28.1
par- tic- ulate	153	6.5	23.6	27.4
	110	6.0	18.2	25.2
	115	6.4	17.9	25.1
	107	6.7	15.9	24.0
	111	8.0	13.8	22.8
	117	9.7	12.0	21.6

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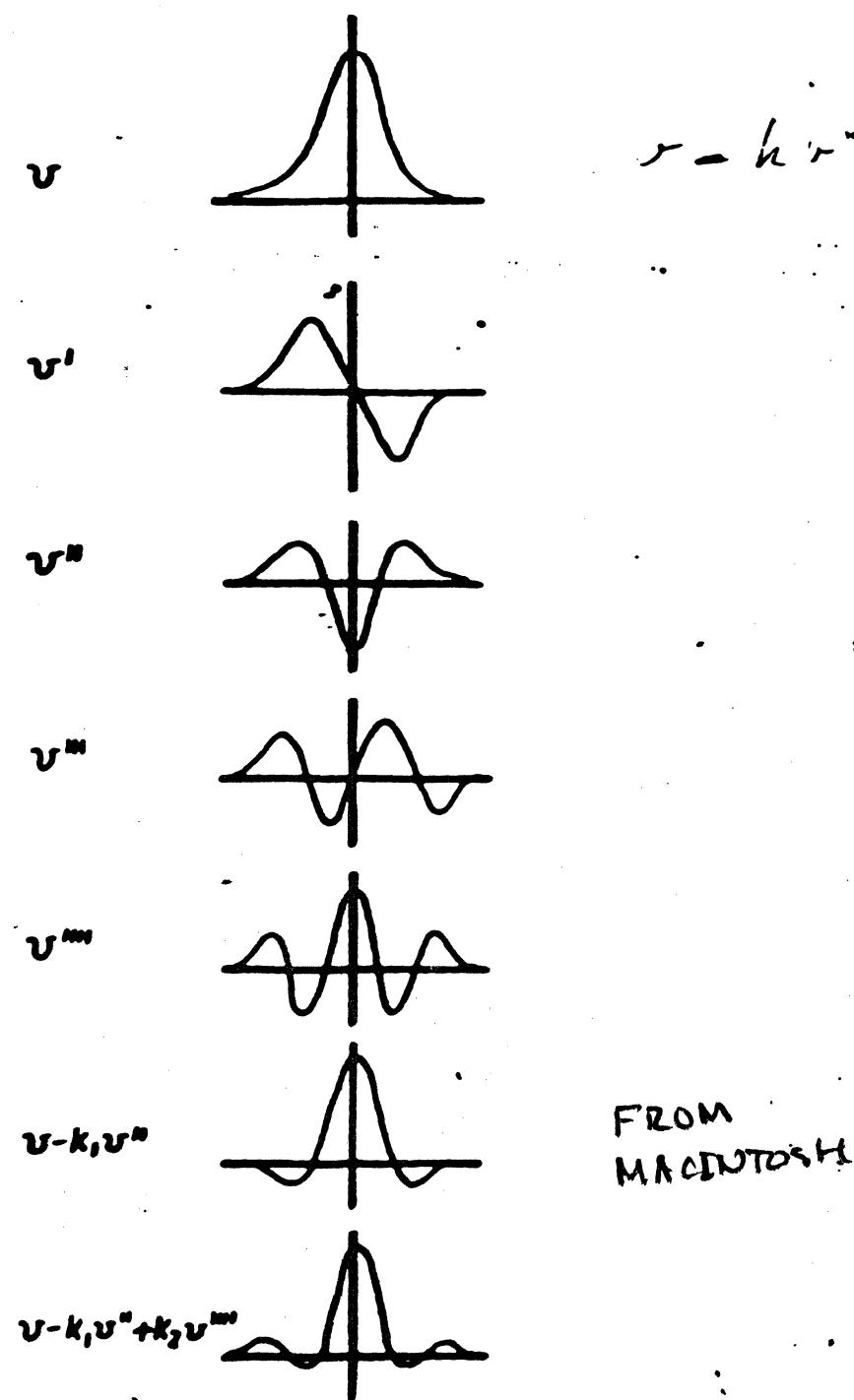
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Fig. 2 Pulse-slimming by addition of derivatives.

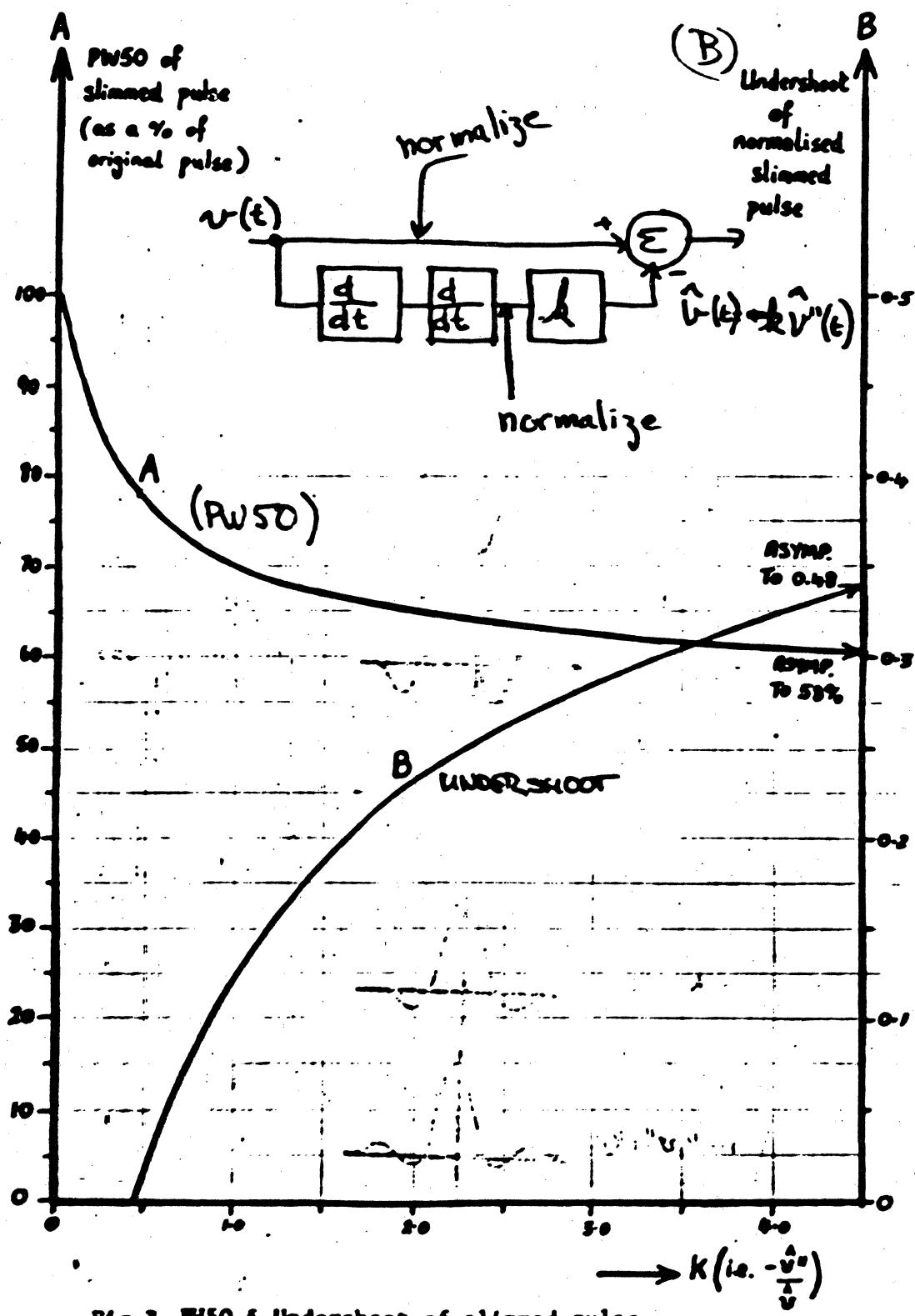


Fig.3 PW50 & Undershoot of slimmed pulse.

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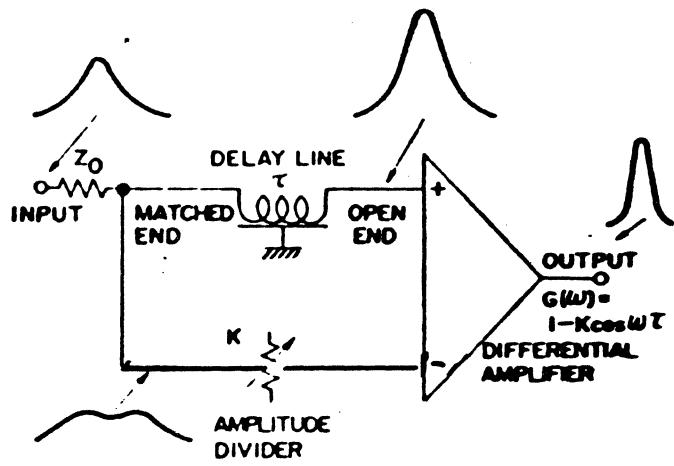


Fig. 1 Waveform and blockdiagram.

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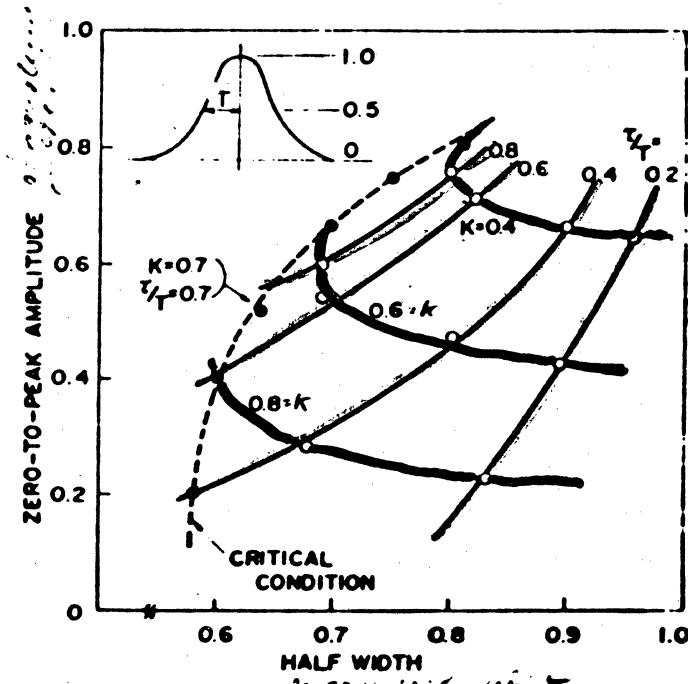
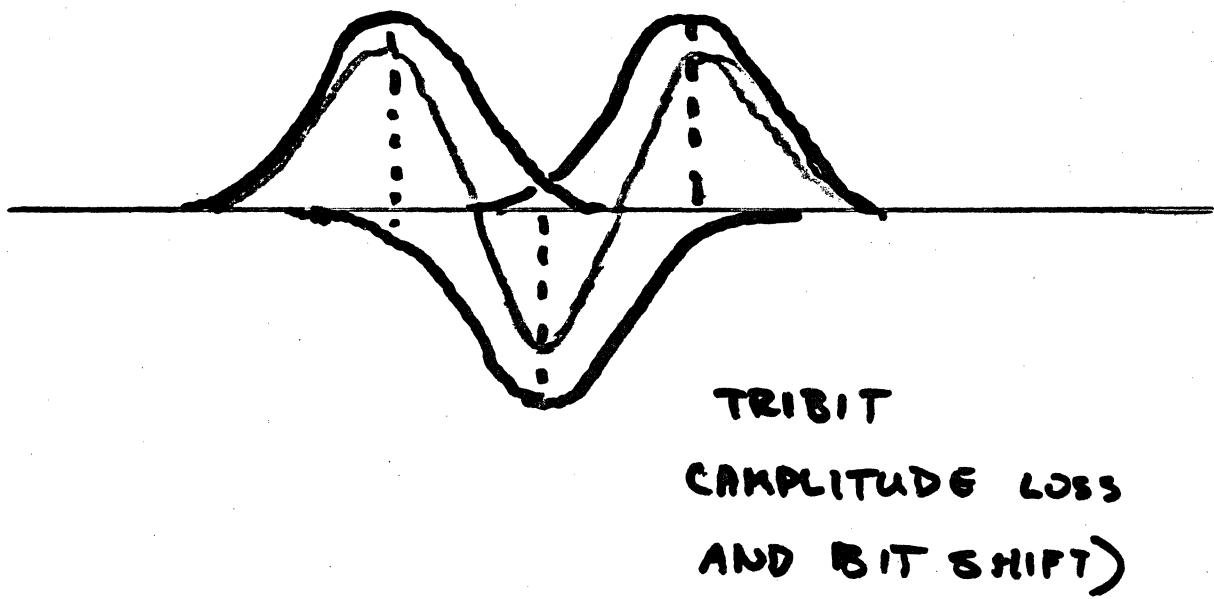
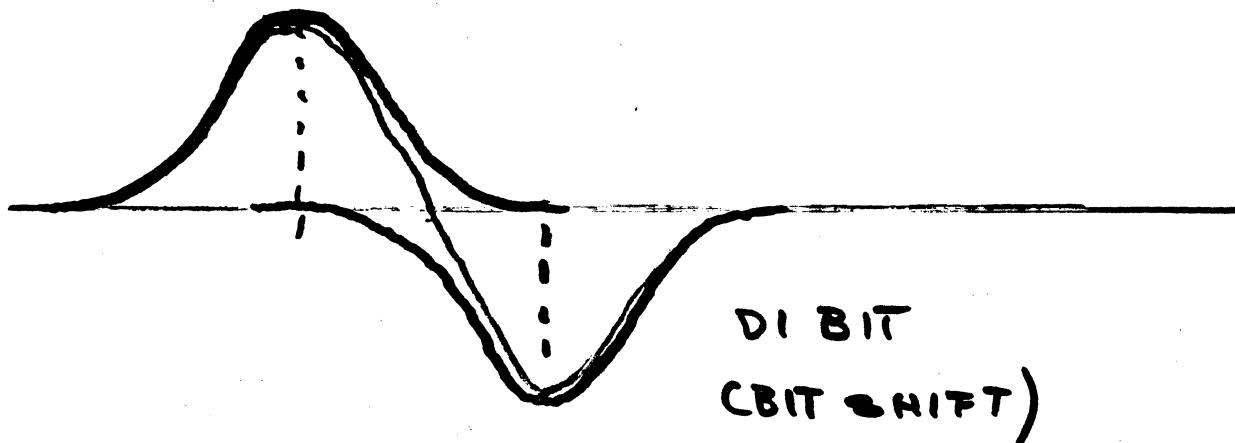


Fig.2 Resulting half width and zero-to-peak amplitude for various parameter values. Both width and zero-to-peak amplitude without compensation are normalized to unity.

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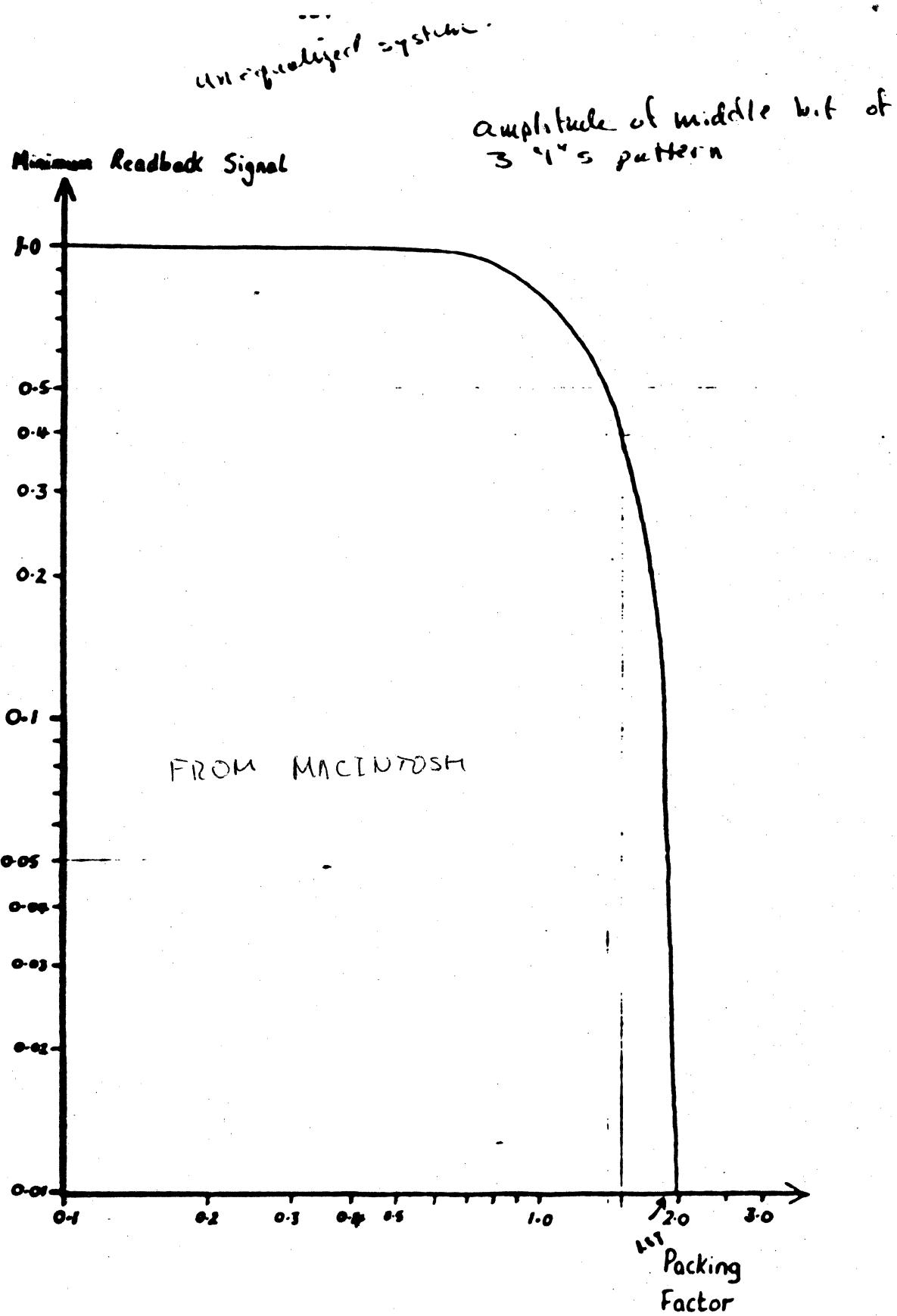


Fig.9 Minimum readback signal vs Packing Factor, for NRZI 'three-ones'.

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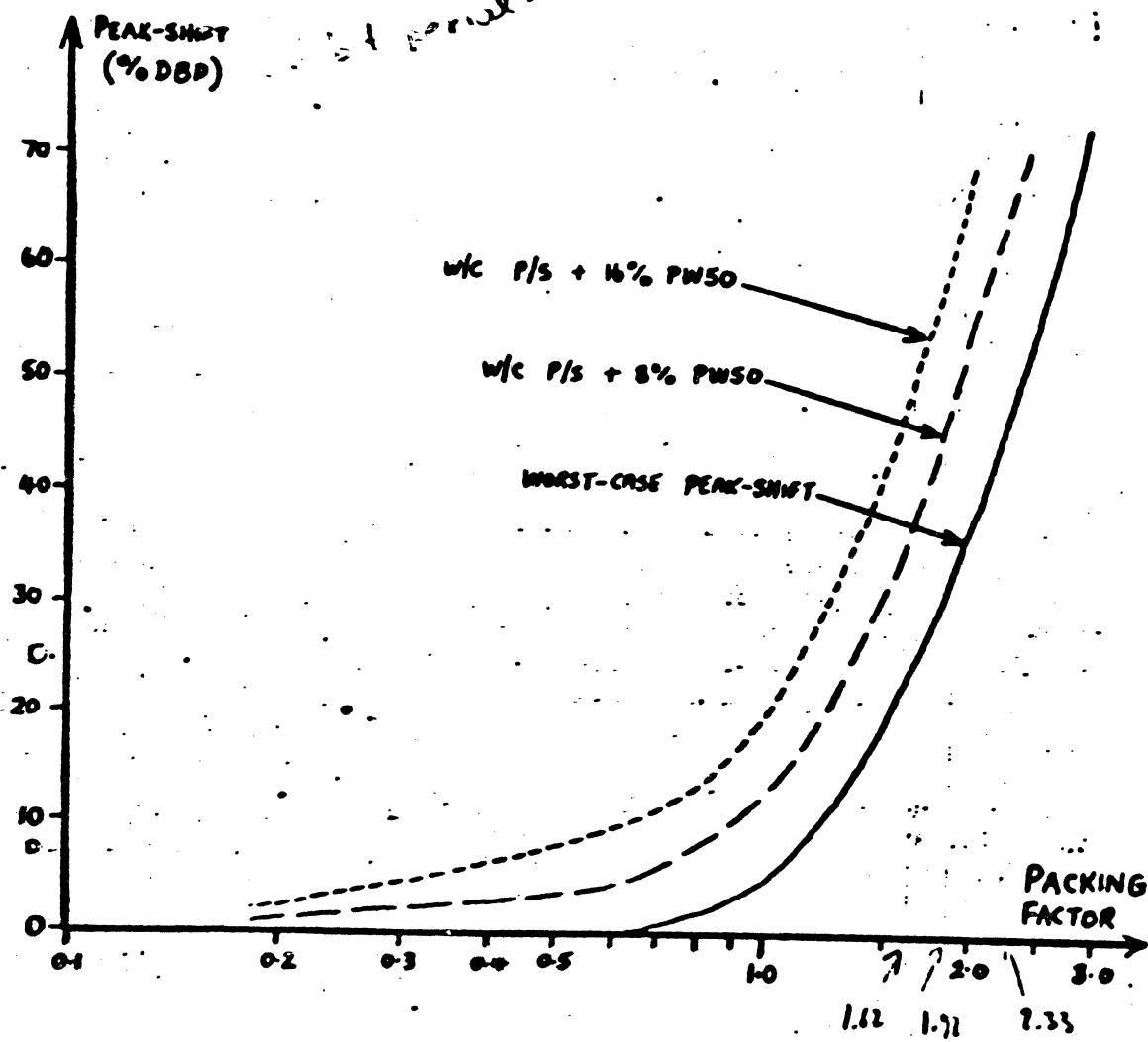
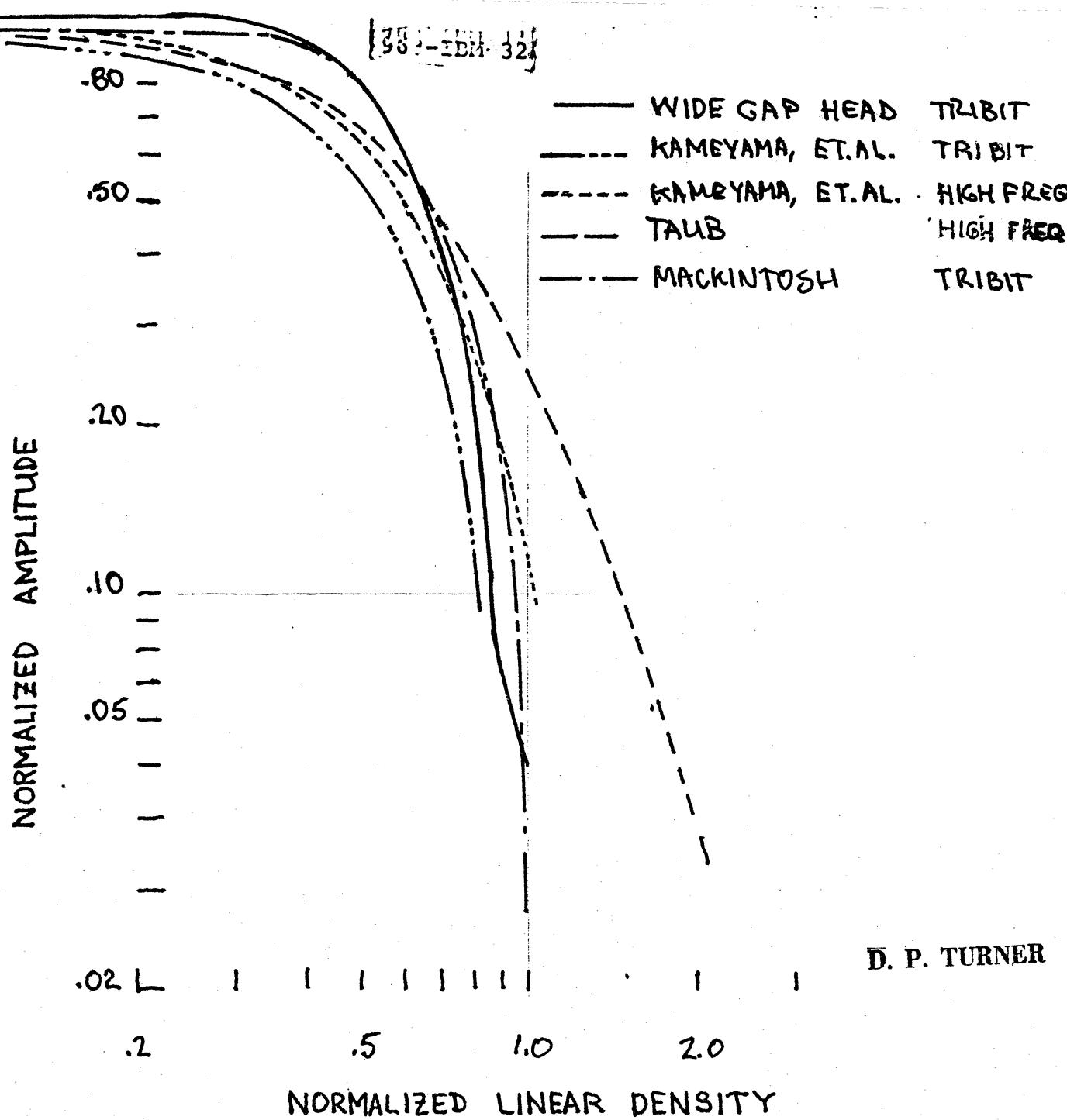


Fig. 10 Worst-case peak-shift for WRZ1.

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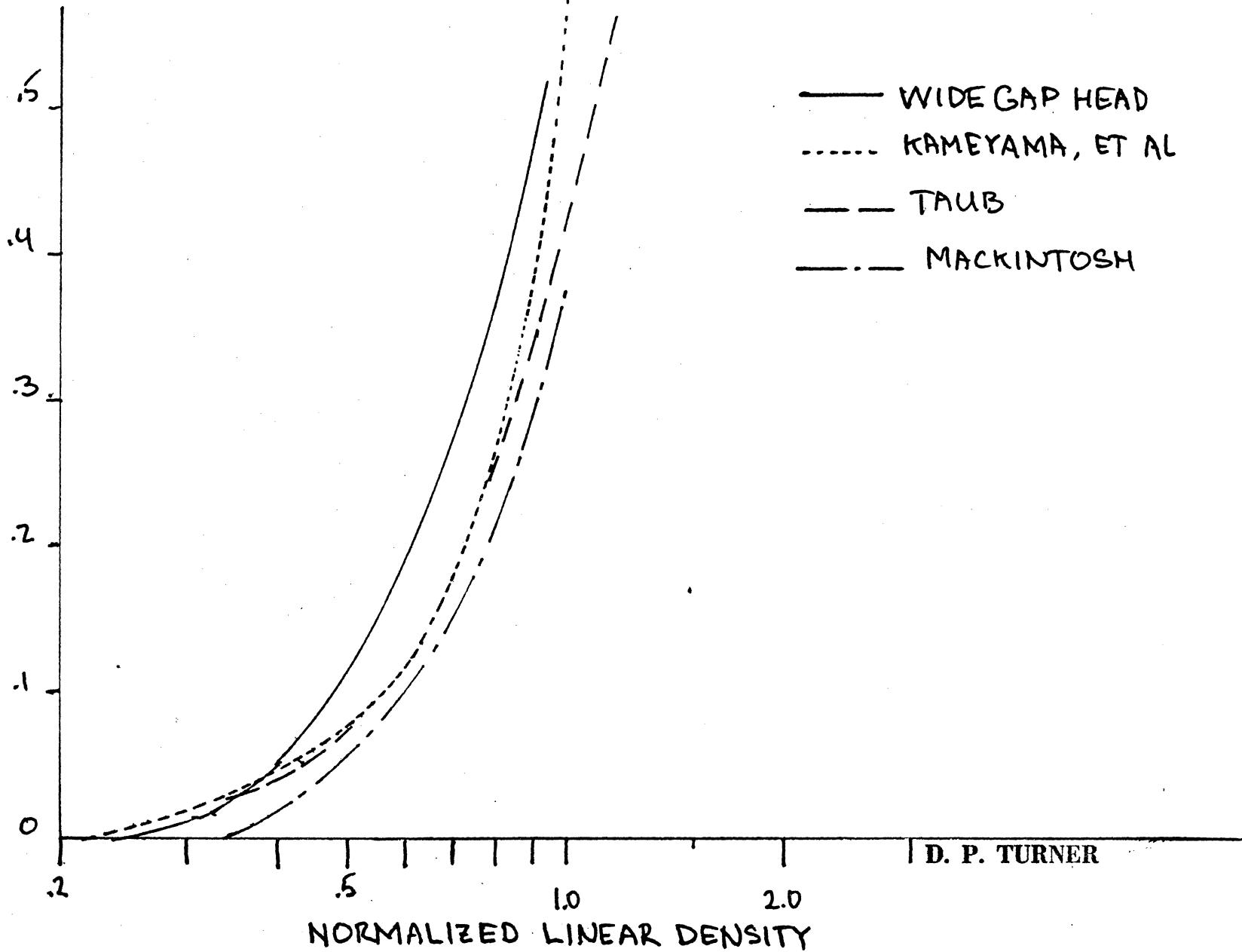


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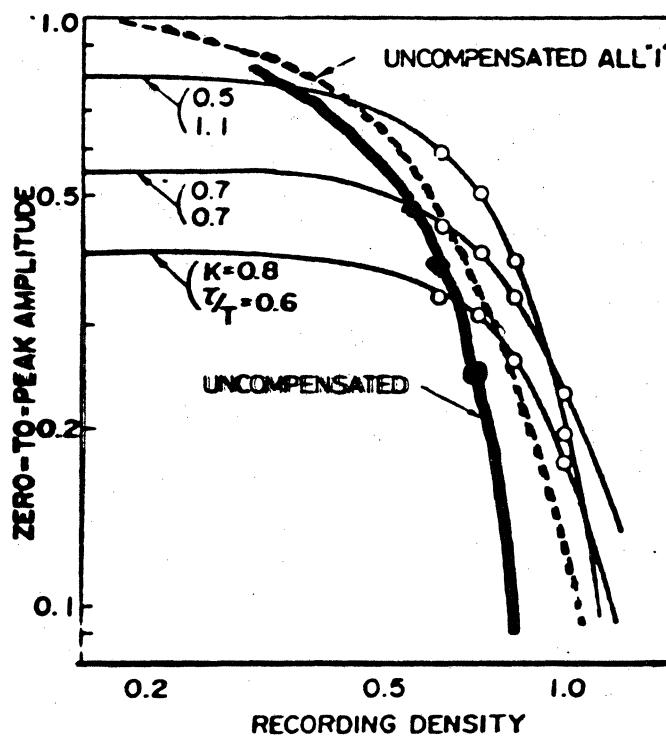
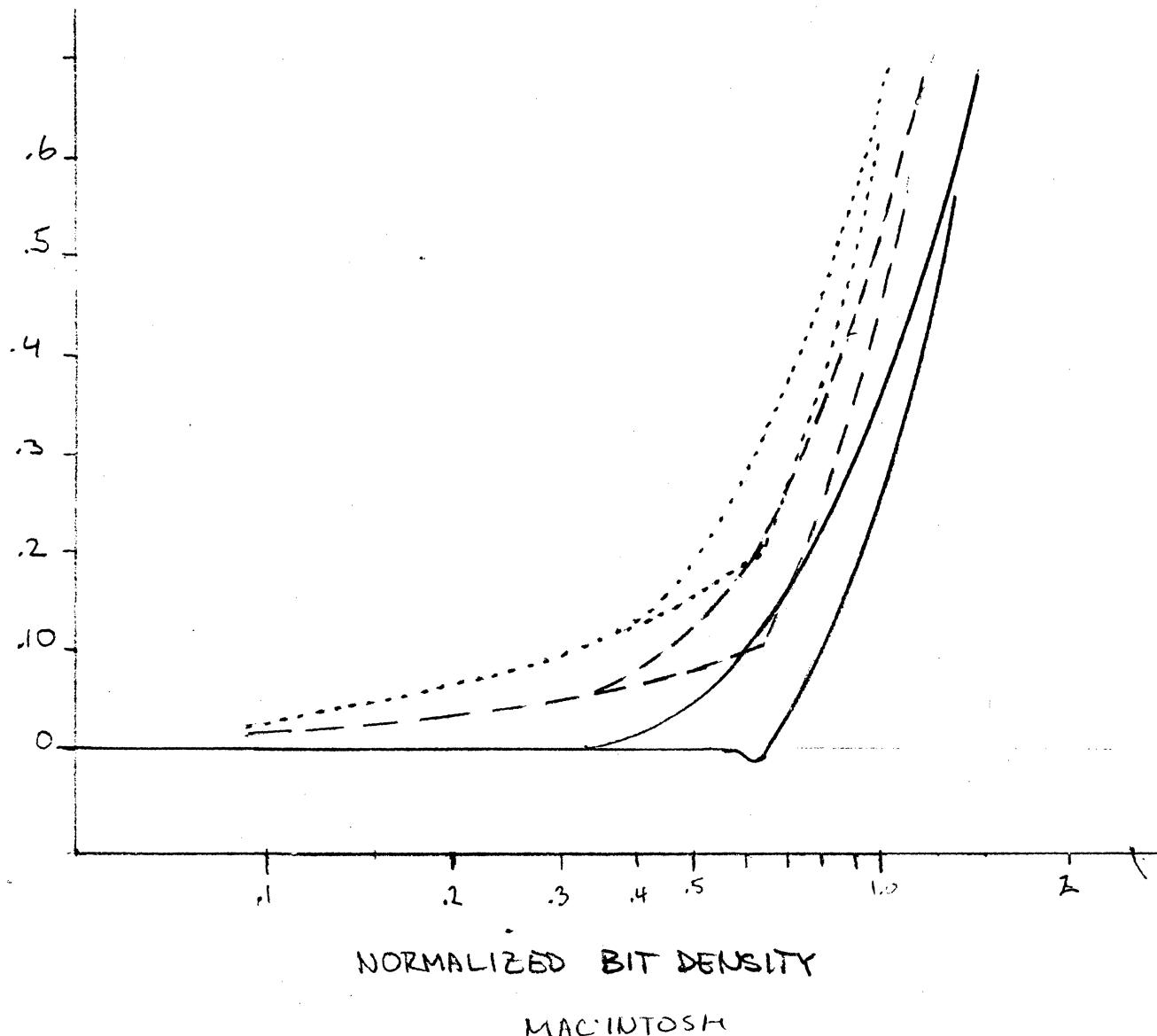


Fig. 4 Zero-to-peak amplitude vs. recording density for the worst pattern cases (isolated three-bit in NRZ-I).

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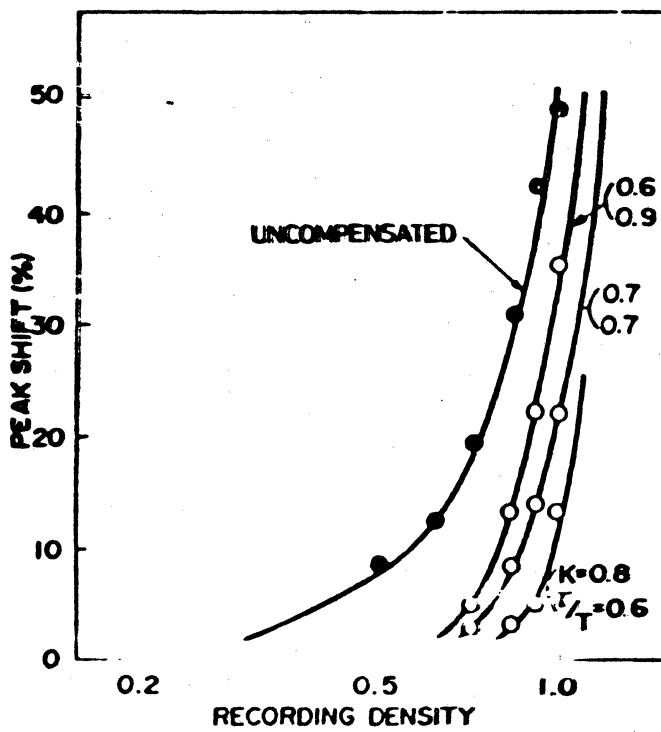


Fig. 3 Peak shift vs. recording density for the worst pattern cases (isolated two-bit in ERZ-I).

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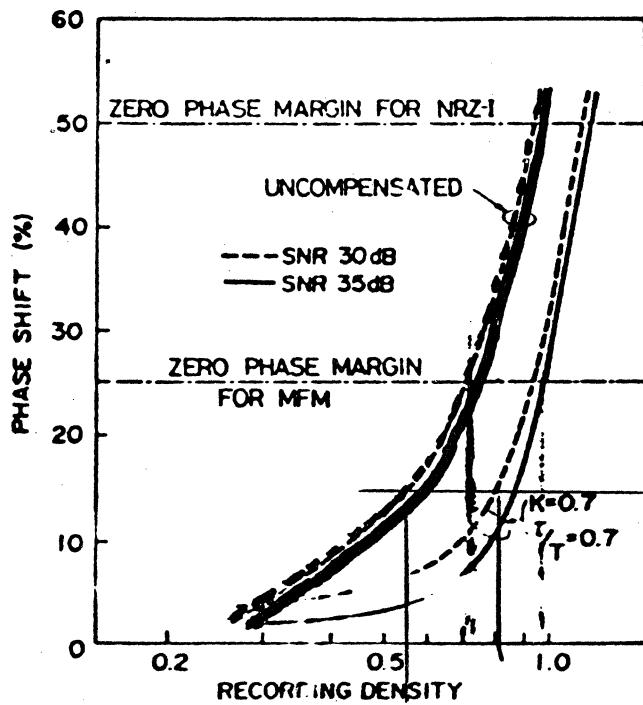


Fig. 6 Phase margin vs. recording density.

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 $\sim 50\%$  improvement.

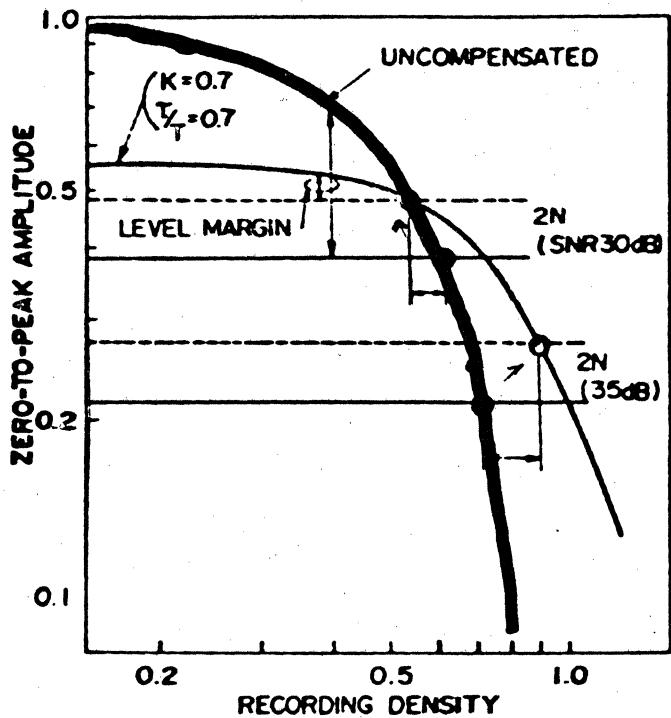
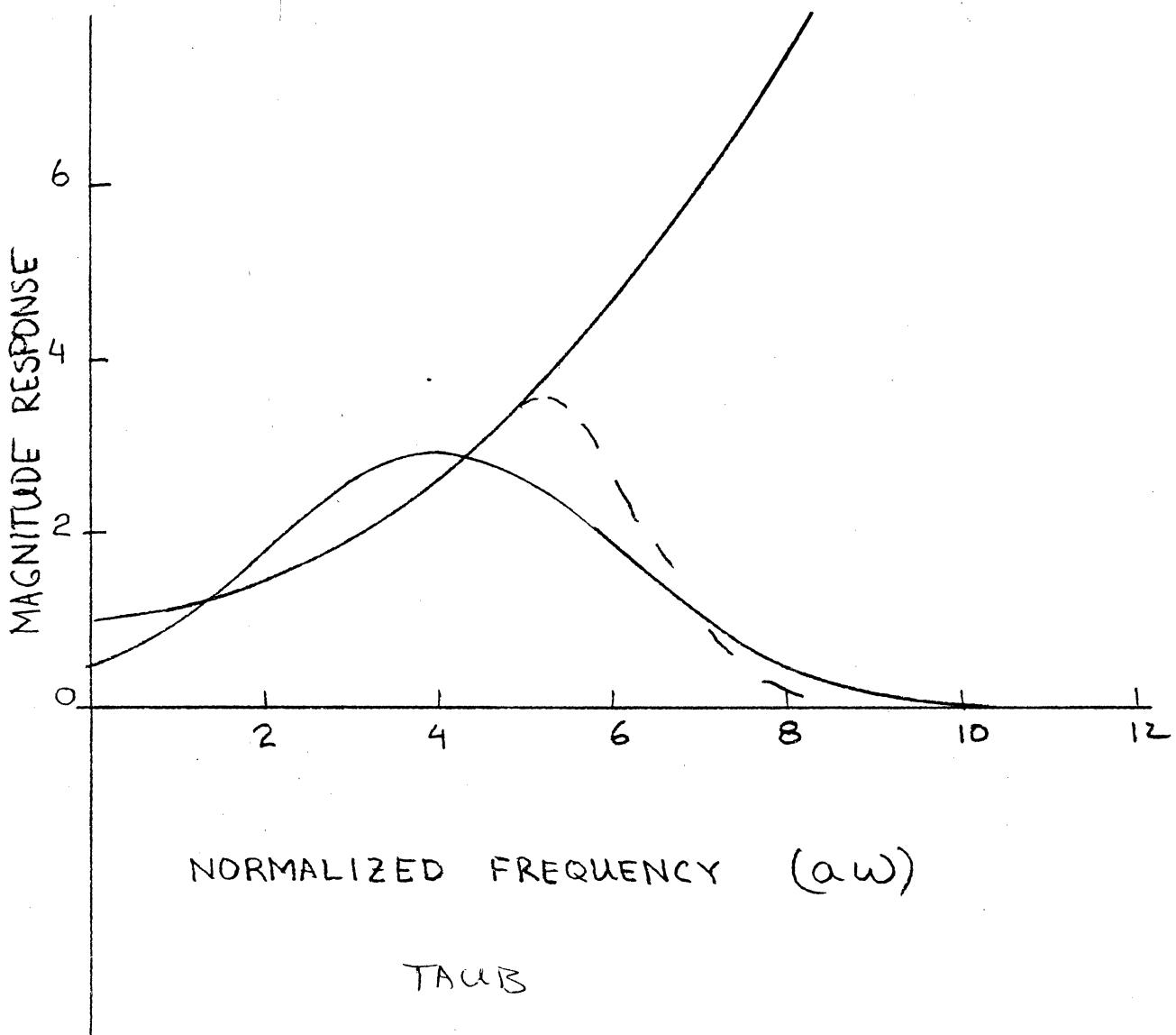


Fig. 7 Amplitude margin vs. recording density.

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## SUMMARY

The objective of this talk is to demonstrate how one can achieve write equalization by shaping the write current transition in the saturate type recording.

Before presenting a novel technique for the write equalization, we will first characterize an 18-track double-gap head manufactured by Nortronics. Then, we will proceed to demonstrate the effectiveness of the proposed technique in terms of the pulse slimming and the peak shift improvement using a test set-up with this head. It is mentioned that this Nortronics head has been highly publicized as a major innovation in the recording field.

For a given test set-up, the maximum flux density one can achieve with this head is obtained by taking into account the following:

- (1) The signal-to-noise ratio is 25dB at minimum.
- (2) The peak shift with a worst case pattern is 50% at maximum.
- (3) The amplitude variation from  $3f_1$  to  $f_1$  with the same pattern in (2) is 4:1 at maximum.

The results show the maximum flux density is 17.2kfcpi with the test set-up previously discussed.

The effectiveness of write equalization depends on dominance of linearity over nonlinearity associated with the write process. For a given recording channel where the above is true, the write equalization provides SNR enhancement and economical hardware implementation.

A general form of the write equalizer functions to be presented can be represented by a transversal filter structure. The first-order function has been reported in the literature to be very effective as a read equalizer and also as a write equalizer in AC bias recording. If the first-order function is realized as a write equalizer in saturate type recording by shaping the write current transition, the major transition is modified such that two minor transitions are added before and after the transition, respectively.

In order to provide some perception on how to select an optimum minor transition, the plot is obtained from APL simulation, where the effects of the minor transition on the Lorentzian pulse are shown.

The transfer function for the second-order case is plotted and a hardware realization of this function in a transversal filter configuration is given. This realization can be seen as an extension of the first-order realization.

The write equalizers discussed so far are compared in terms of the isolated pulse response and the pattern response. It is shown in this comparison that the pulse was slimmed by the factor of two with the second-order equalizer. The performance of the second-order equalizer is also shown to be most satisfactory in terms of peak shift and maintaining the symmetry property the input pattern possesses. The peak shifts associated with the three bits in the pattern are improved from 53, 53 and 20% to 21, 14 and -21%, respectively.

# WRITE Equalization by CURRENT Shaping

Gene Sonu  
GPD-Tucson  
Jan., 1981

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## Topics

- o Test Set - Up
- o Write Current Shaping
- o Hardware
- o Effectiveness
  - Pulse Slimming  
(High Freq Boost)
  - Peak Shift  
Improvement  
(Pattern Response)

# Characterization of

## A 18-Track Double-Gap Permalloy Head (Nortronics)

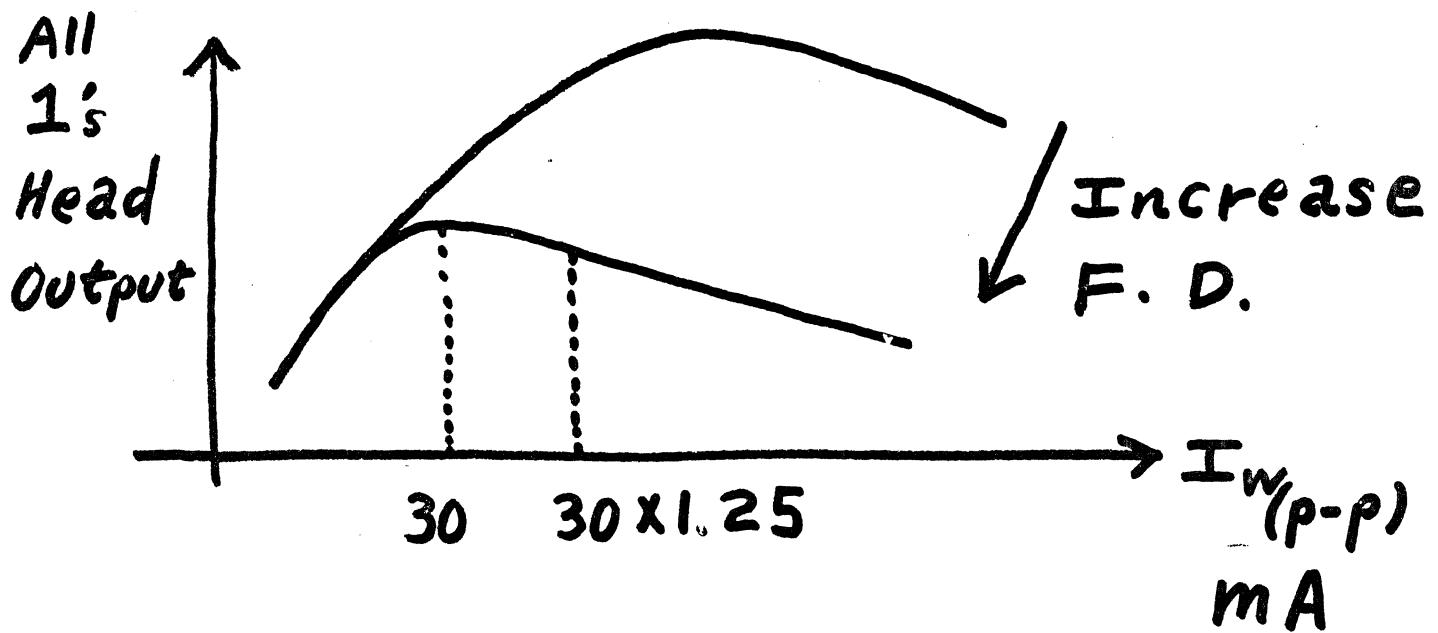
### Test Set-Up

- ✓ B-H Drive
- ✓ Tape Tension 9.5 oz
- ✓ Tape Speed 1 m/sec
- ✓ γ-Fe<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> (Low Energy Tape)
- ✓ Saturate Type Recording

### Flux Density

- ✓ SNR > 25 dB
- ✓ Peak Shift ≈ 50%
- ✓ Dynamic Range ≈ 4.0

## SNR



>25 dB

$$I_{w_{p-p}} \text{ (operating)} = 37.5 \text{ mA}$$

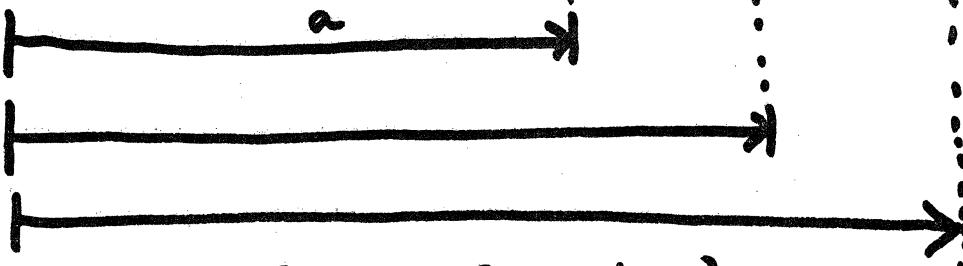
$$F.D. \approx 18 K f c i$$

# A Worst Case P. S. Pattern

✓ INPUT  $\xrightarrow{c}$

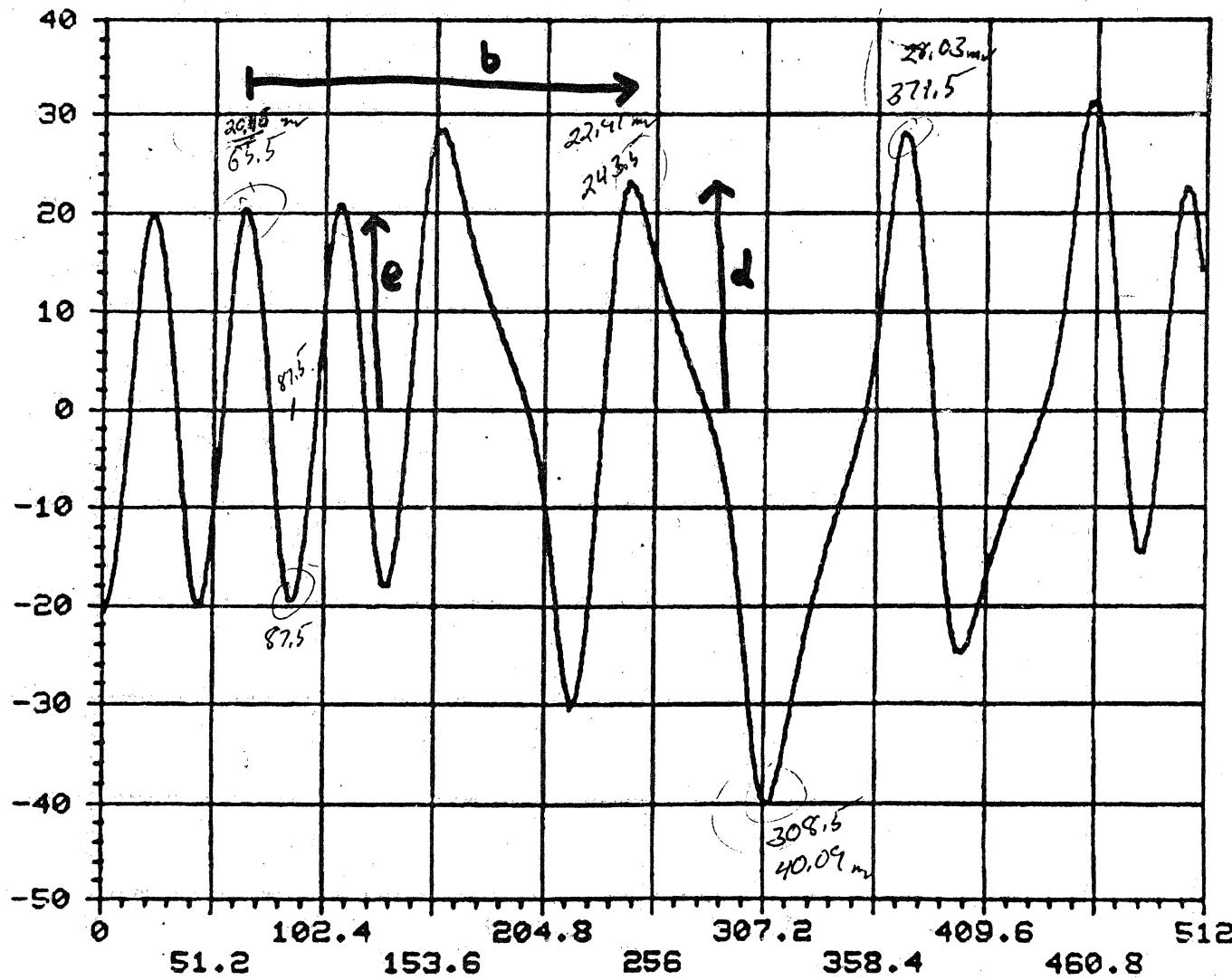
#1 #2 #3

1...111110011001001100



✓ OUTPUT (Av. of 200 Samples)

1E-3

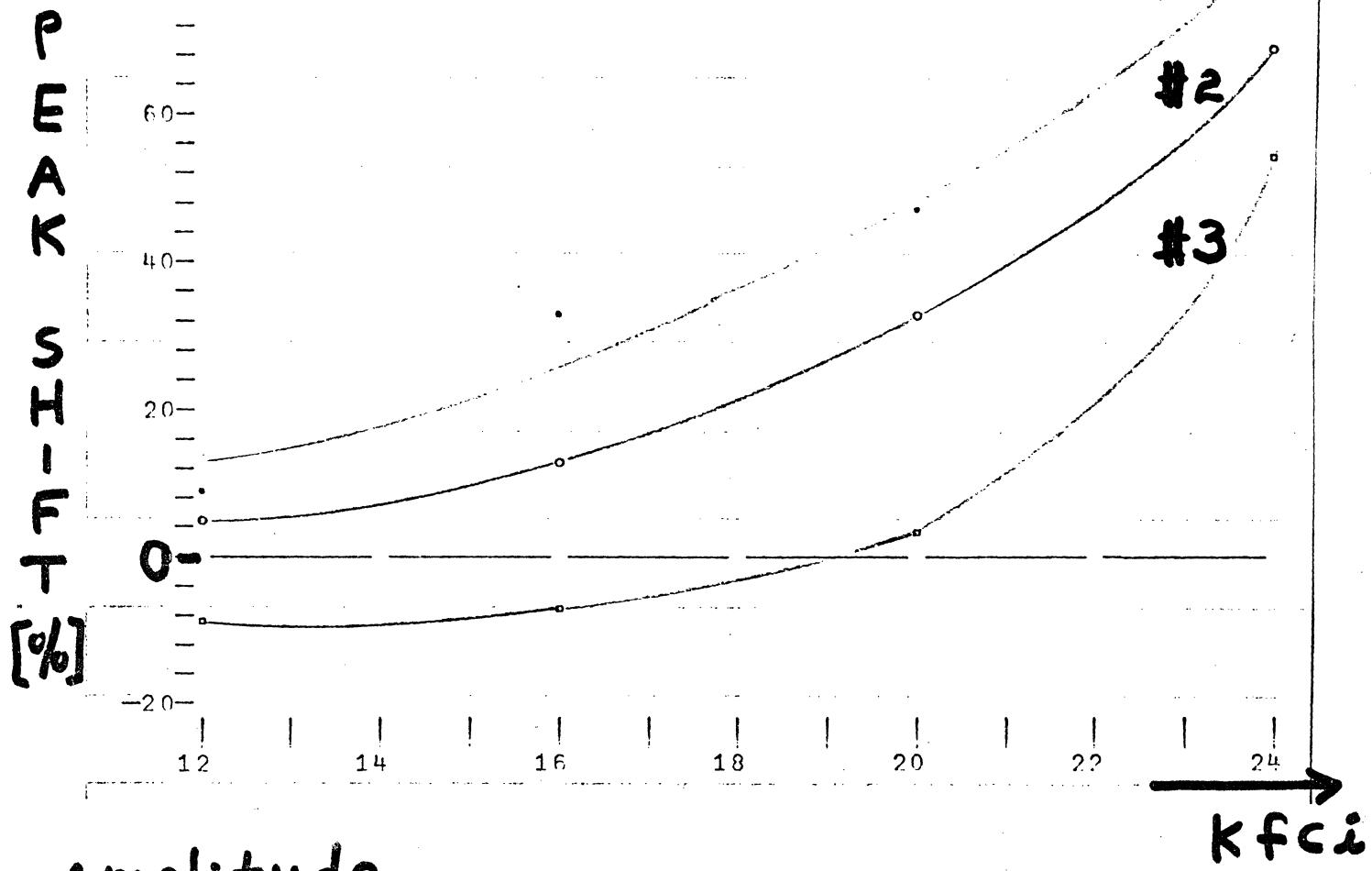


$$P.S \text{ for } \#1 \triangleq (b - a)/c \%$$

$$A.M.P. V.A.R. \text{ for } \#1 \triangleq d/e \%$$

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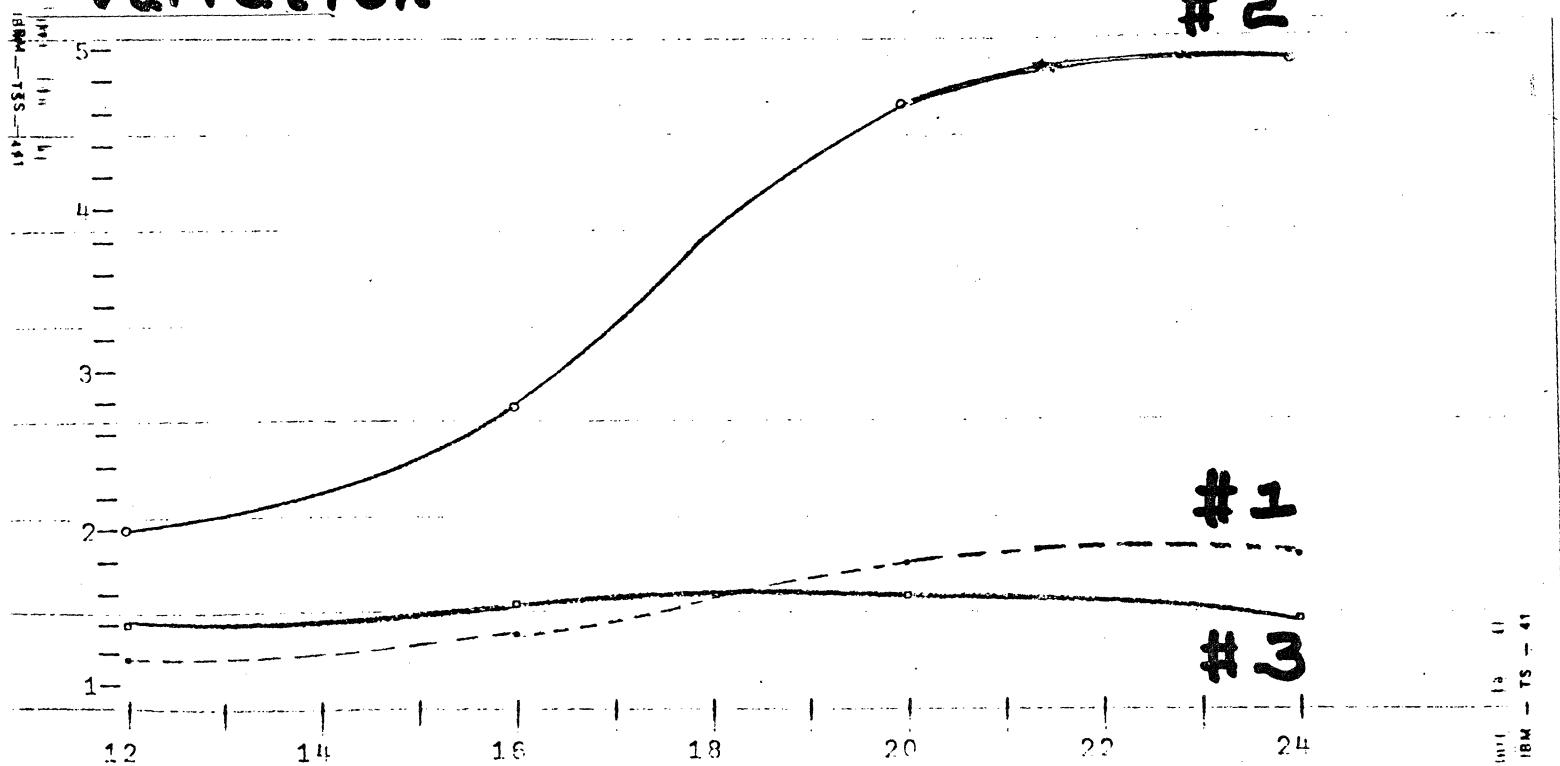


Amplitude  
Variation

#2

#1

#3



# Why Write Eq?

- SNR
- Simple Hardware Implementation

IF

LINEARITY IS GUARANTEED

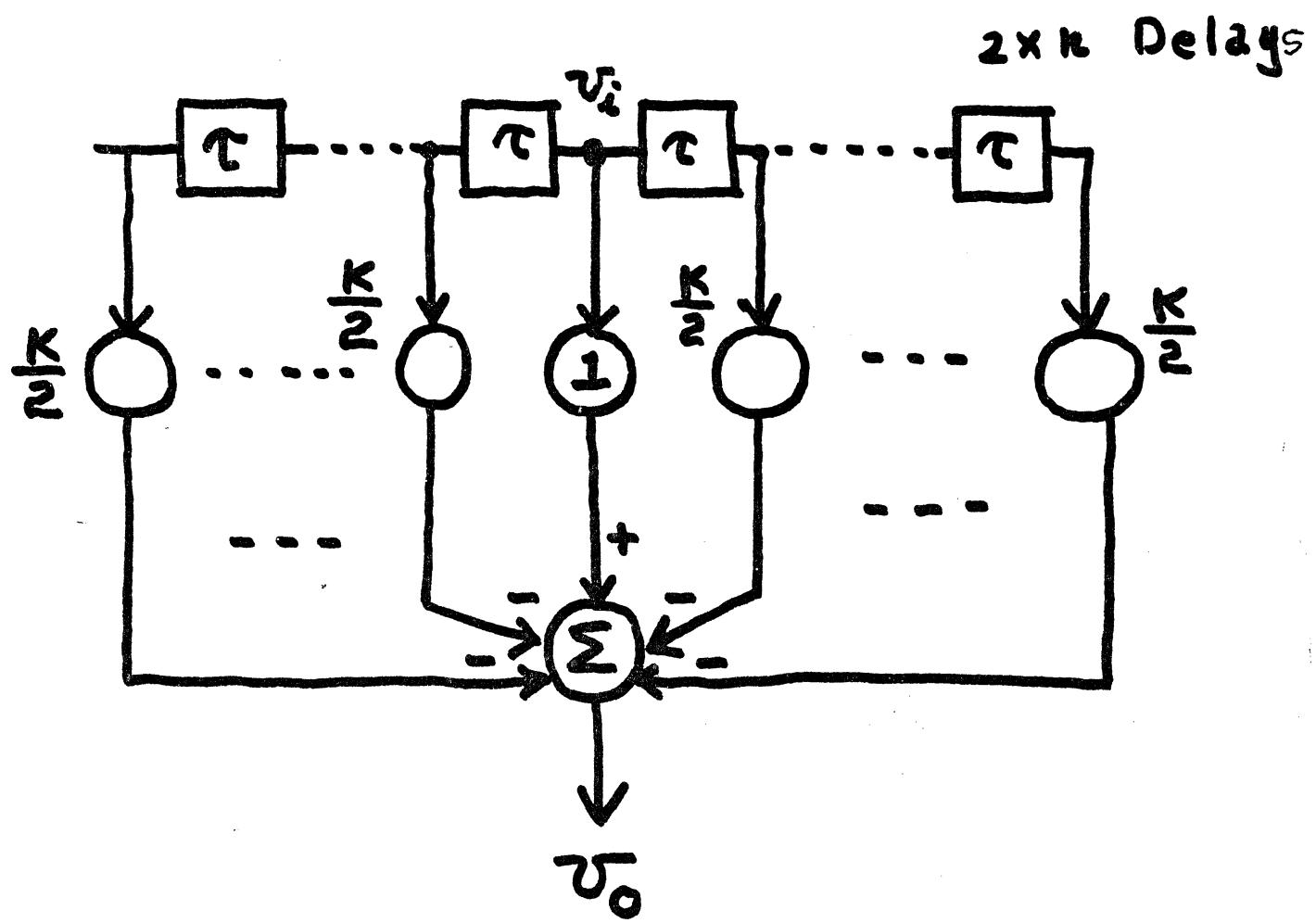
## Applications:

NOT FOR VERY HIGH DENSITY  
RECORDING UNLESS LINEARITY  
IS MAINTAINED

# A Transversal Filter Function

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$$H(\omega) = 1 - \kappa \sum_{k=1}^n \cos k\omega\tau$$



## History

†  $n = 1$ ,

$$H(\omega) = 1 - K \cos \omega \tau$$

- o Read Eq:
  - ✓ Pulse Slimming (2:1)
  - ✓ SNR DEGRADATION
  
- o WRITE EQ:
  - Jacoby 1979
  - AC Bias
  - 3PM
  - ✓ SNR IMPROVE
  - ✓ Double Linear Density

# Determination of K and T

Based on  
Isolated Pulse Output

Lorentzian Pulse

$v(t)$

$H(\omega)$

IFT



$$v(t) = \left[ 1 + \left( \frac{2t}{PW_{50\%}} \right)^2 \right]^{-1}$$

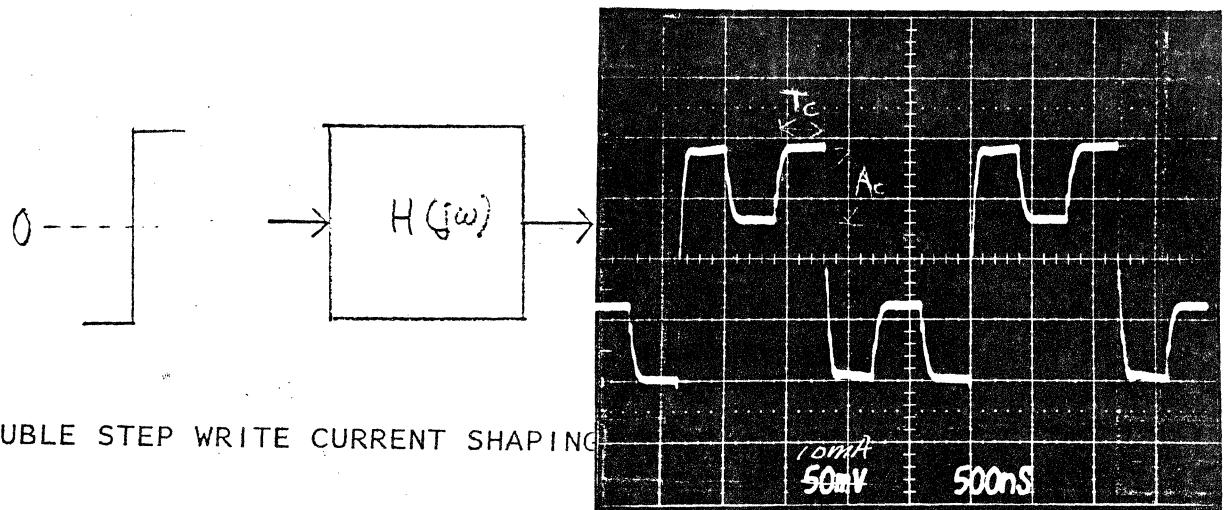


FIGURE 4. DOUBLE STEP WRITE CURRENT SHAPING

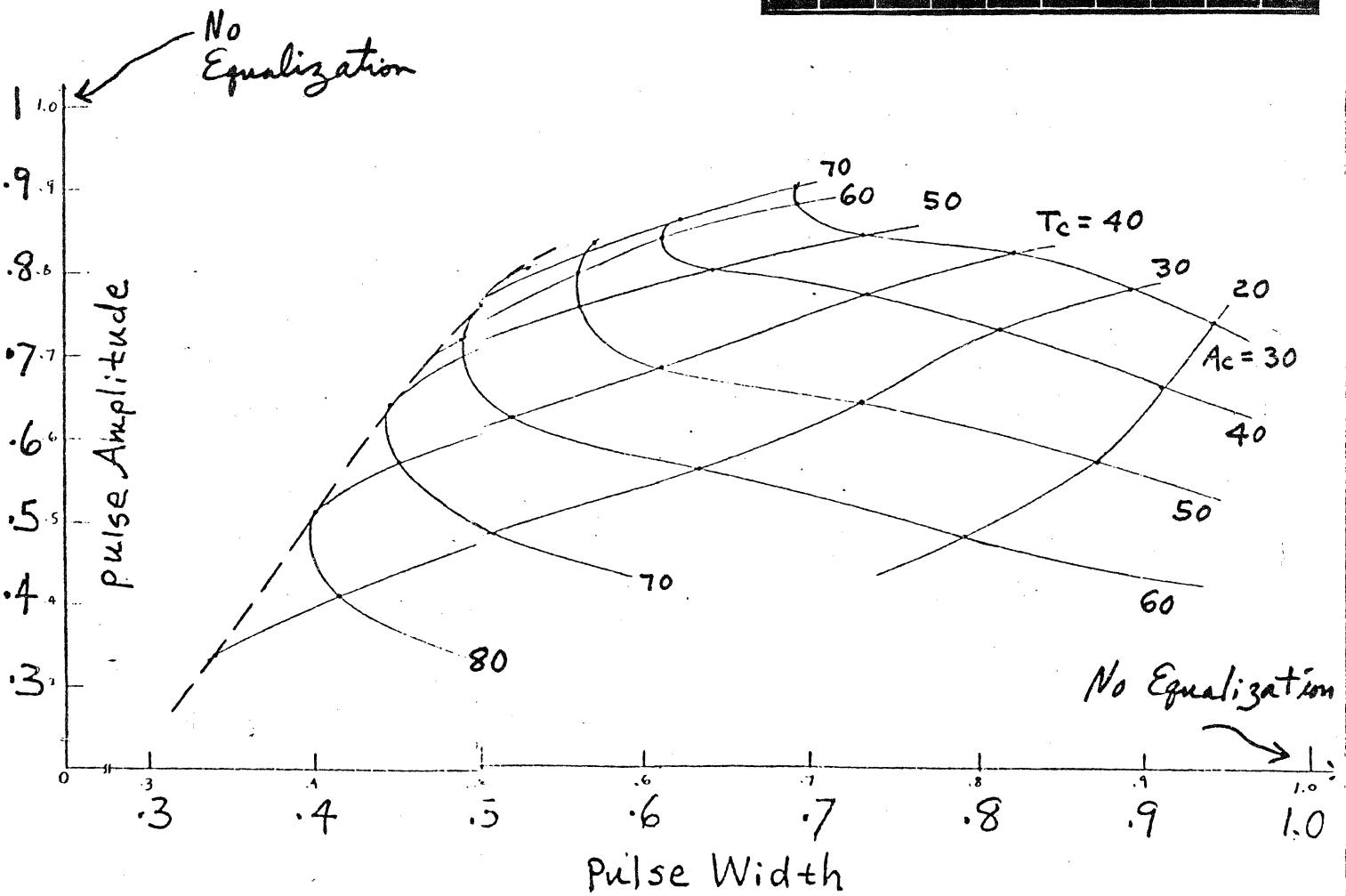


FIGURE 5. COMPUTER RESULTS RELATING PULSE WIDTH TO PULSE AMPLITUDE IN THE ISOLATED PULSE RESPONSE OF THE DOUBLE STEP WRITE EQUALIZER.

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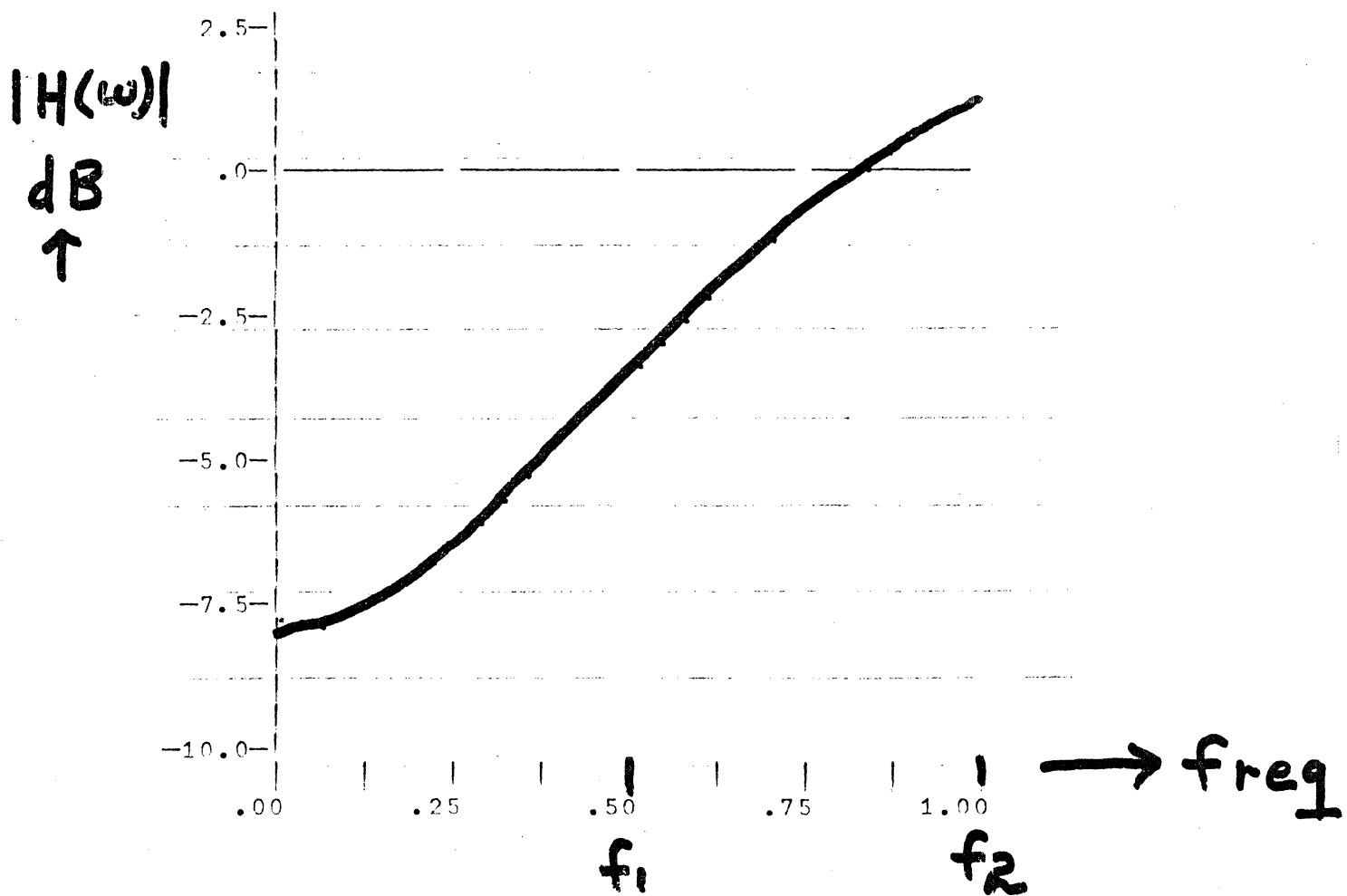
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$$\underline{n=2}$$

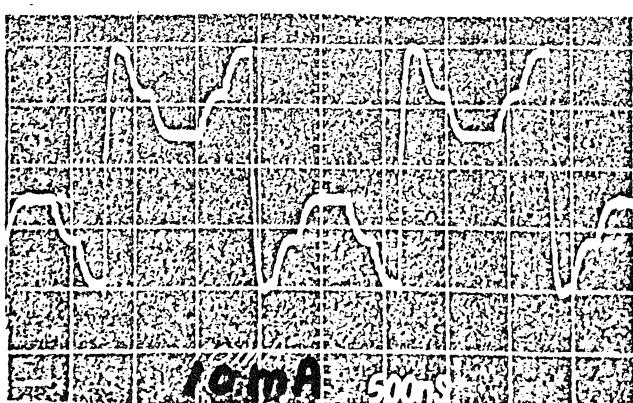
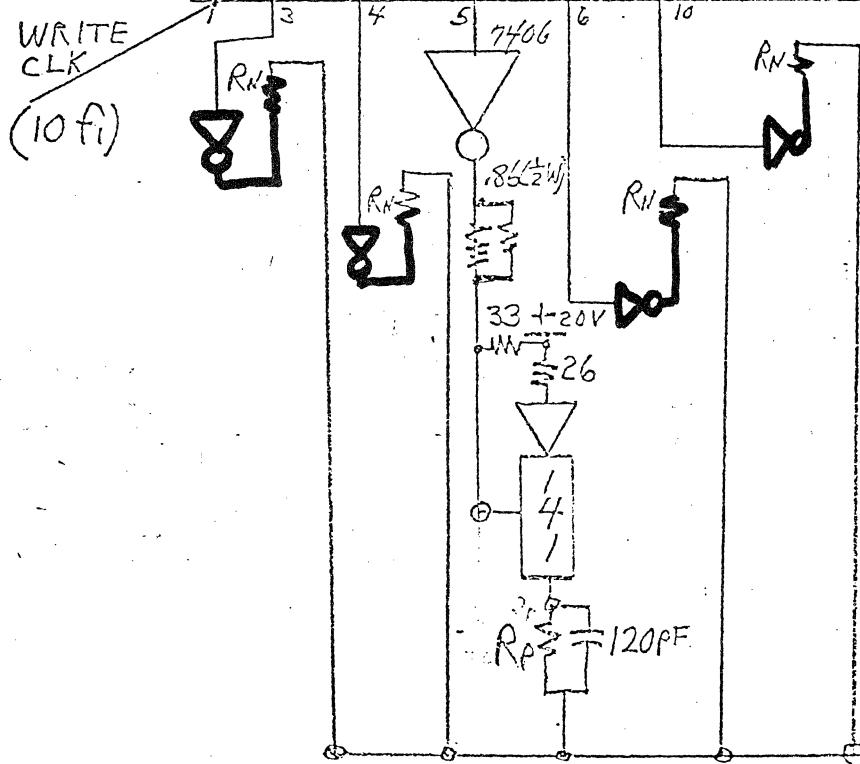
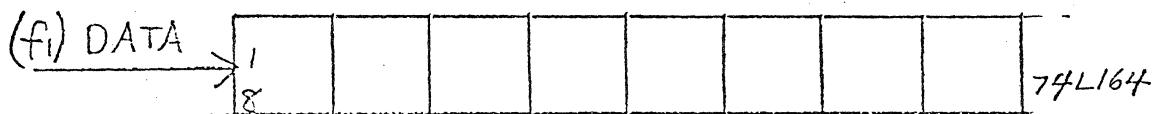
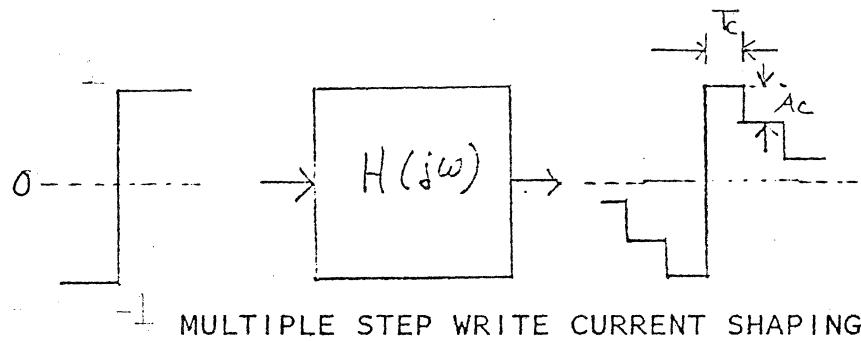
$$\kappa = .3 I_{w(0-p)}$$

$$\tau = .2 T \quad \text{where } T = 1$$

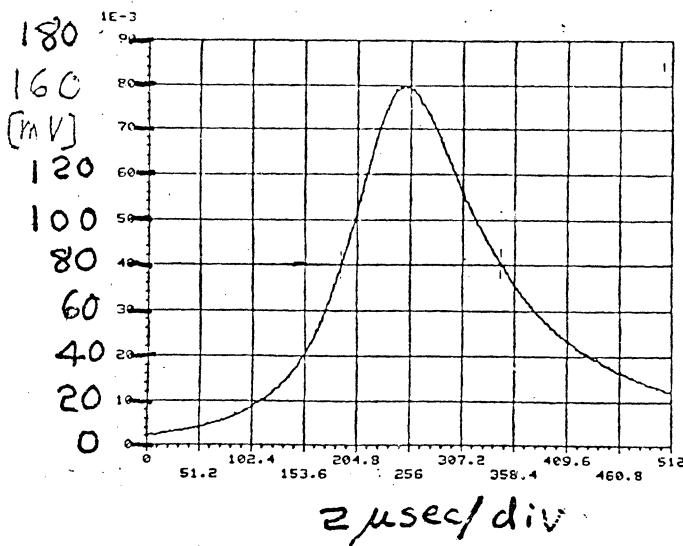
$$H(\omega) = 1 - \kappa \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \cos k\omega\tau$$



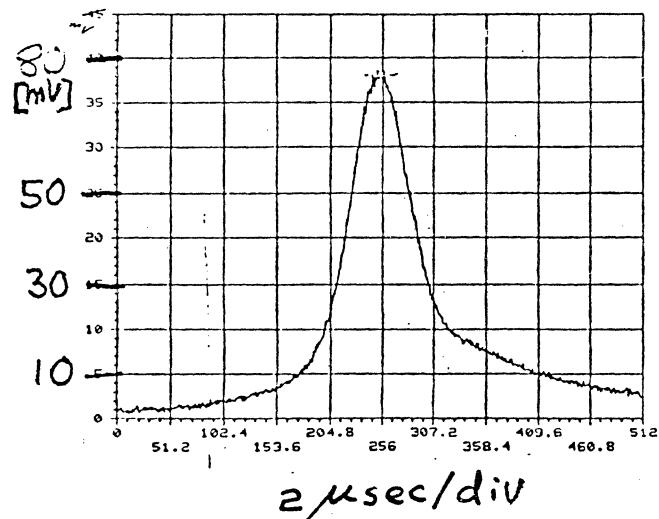
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200 Samples are Averaged



NO EQ



n = 2

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# Peak Shift [%]

	PS <sub>1</sub>	PS <sub>2</sub>	PS <sub>3</sub>	
No Eq	53	53	20	
n = 1	$\tau = .34 T$ $K = .6 I_w (0-p)$	33	33	-13
n = 2	$\tau = .2 T$ $K = .3 I_w (0-p)$	21	14	-21

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# NOISELESS SLIDING BLOCK CODES

FOR

FINITE STATE CHANNELS

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## ABSTRACT

WE DESCRIBE AN ALGORITHM FOR GENERATING NONLINEAR CONVOLUTIONAL MAPS, TERMED AS SLIDING BLOCK CODES, THAT MAP UNCONSTRAINED (OR CONSTRAINED) DATA INTO FINITE STATE CHANNELS. THE CHANNELS CONSIDERED ARE BOTH OF FINITE AND INFINITE MEMORY TYPE. FOR THE LATTER THE ALGORITHM PRODUCES SLIDING BLOCK CODES THAT HAVE (CHANNEL) STATE INDEPENDENT DECODERS, THUS AVOIDING INFINITE (CATASTROPHIC) ERROR PROPAGATION. THE SLIDING BLOCK CODES TRANSFER INFORMATION AT A RATE ARBITRARILY CLOSE TO THE CHANNEL CAPACITY (WHICH IS THE MAXIMAL INFORMATION RATE TRANSMISSIBLE OVER THE CHANNEL).

THE MAIN PRACTICAL APPLICATION CONSIDERED is MAGNETIC RECORDING. THE MAGNETIC MEDIUM LIMITATIONS GIVE RISE TO A VARIETY OF CONSTRAINTS ALL OF WHICH CAN BE REPRESENTED IN THE FORMAT OF FINITE STATE CHANNELS. THE CONSTRAINTS CONSIDERED ARE  $(d, k)$  RUN-LENGTH-LIMITS DUE TO INTERSYMBOL INTERFERENCE AND CLOCKING REQUIREMENTS, SPECTRAL NULLS DUE TO A-C COUPLING OR THE NEED FOR PILOT SIGNALS THAT WILL NOT INTERFERE WITH THE DATA, EXCLUDED WORST CASE PEAK SHIFT BIT PATTERNS, ETC.

IN SOME OF THE APPLICATIONS THESE CONSTRAINTS HAVE TO BE IMPOSED SIMULTANEOUSLY AS WELL AS IN CONJUNCTION WITH OTHER PREPROCESSING TECHNIQUES SUCH AS PARTIAL RESPONSE (CORRELATIVE) CODING.

THE CONSTRAINTS, PROPERTIES OF THE SLIDING BLOCK CODE SOLUTIONS, AS WELL AS THE IBM DIVISIONS THAT SUGGESTED THE PROBLEMS WHICH THEY SOLVE ARE SUMMARIZED IN THE FOLLOWING TABLE.

$d$	$r$	SPECTRAL NULL	W.C. PEAK SHIFT PATTERN EXCLUDED	PARTIAL RESPONSE	CODING RATE	ERROR PROPAG. (BITS)	IBM DIVISION
1	6			NRZI	$\frac{2}{3}$	26	GPD, TUCSON
1	7			NRZI	$\frac{2}{3}$	6	GPD, TUCSON
0	4	$\omega = 0$ $\omega = \omega/6$		NRZI	$\frac{4}{6}$	4	RES., SJ
0	5	$\omega = 0$		INTERLEAVED NRZI	$\frac{3}{4}$	3	GPD, TUCSON
0	2	$\omega = 0$		NRZI	$\frac{3}{4}$	3	GPD, TUCSON
2	7		$10^2 10^7$ $10^7 10^2$	NRZI	$\frac{1}{2}$	4	ISD, ROCHESTER

THE CONSTRAINTS ABOVE AS WELL AS THE CORRESPONDING SLIDING BLOCK CODE SOLUTIONS SHOULD BE VIEWED AS EXAMPLES THAT DEMONSTRATE THE POWER OF THE ALGORITHM PRESENTED. IN OUR VIEWPOINT THIS ALGORITHM WOULD BE BETTER EXPLOITED IF USED IN CONJUNCTION WITH A SYSTEMATIC ANALYSIS OF THE CHANNEL, EQUALIZATION AND DETECTION SCHEME. SUCH AN ANALYSIS SHOULD GIVE AS AN OUTPUT MATCHING SETS OF CONSTRAINTS TO OPTIMIZE OVERALL SYSTEM PERFORMANCE AND WOULD PROVIDE AN INPUT TO OUR ALGORITHM RESULTING IN OPTIMAL SLIDING

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FOR  
FINITE-STATE CHANNELS

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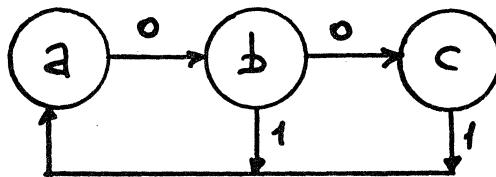
## PRACTICAL MOTIVATION

FINITE STATE CHANNELS MODEL PHYSICAL LIMITATIONS OF DIGITAL TRANSMISSION OR STORAGE MEDIA.

## FINITE-MEMORY CHANNEL MODELS OF MAGNETIC RECORDING

RUN-LENGTH-LIMITATIONS DESCRIBED BY FINITE-MEMORY CHANNELS OF  $(d, k)$ -TYPE MODEL CONSTRAINTS DUE TO INTERSYMBOL INTERFERENCE AND CLOCKING REQUIREMENTS

EXAMPLE :



$$d=1$$

$$k=2$$

FINITE MEMORY PROPERTY : CHANNEL STATES  $\{a, b, c\}$  ARE UNIQUELY DETERMINED BY THE NUMBER OF 0's THAT FOLLOW THE LAST OCCURRENCE OF A 1 ( i.e. BY A FINITE NUMBER OF PAST CHANNEL SYMBOLS )

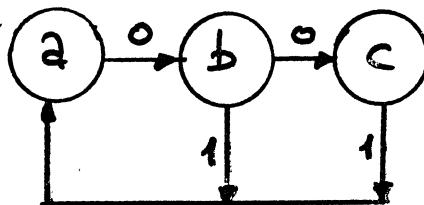
CHANNEL SYMBOL SEQUENCE : 1 0 0 1 0

CHANNEL STATE SEQUENCE :  $a \rightarrow b \rightarrow c \rightarrow a \rightarrow b$

# SHANNON'S NOISELESS CODING THEOREM

NECESSARY AND SUFFICIENT CONDITION FOR THE EXISTENCE OF AN INVERTIBLE (NOISELESS) CODE THAT MAPS DATA INTO A CONSTRAINED FORMAT.

## MATHEMATICAL FORMULATION



## STATE TRANSITION MATRIX REPRESENTATION

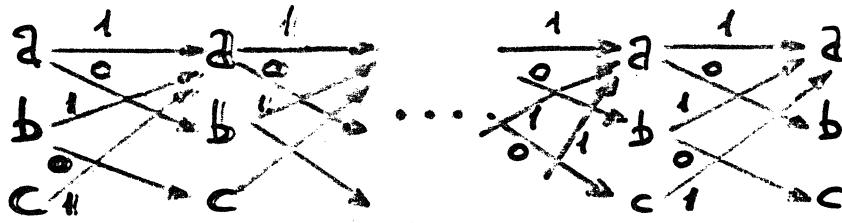
$$T = \begin{bmatrix} a & b & c \\ a & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ b & 1 & 0 & 1 \\ c & 1 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

CHANNEL CAPACITY

$$C_T = \log_2 \lambda_T \text{ bps}$$

$\lambda_T$  is the maximal eigenvalue (or spectral radius) of  $T$  obtained as a solution of the characteristic equation  $\det(T - \lambda I) =$

## OPERATIONAL INTERPRETATION



TRELLIS DESCRIPTION OF T-ADMISSIBLE  $n$ -BLOCKS.

$$\Theta_n(T) = \sum_{i,j} T^{(n)}(i,j) = \|T^n\|, i,j = a, b, c$$

(IS CARDINALITY OF SET OF  $n$ -BLOCKS DESCRIBED BY  
SPECTRAL RADIUS THEOREM  
TRELLIS)

$$\text{GROWTH RATE} = \lim_n \|T^n\|^{\frac{1}{n}} = \lambda_T$$

$$C_T = \log_2 \lambda_T = \lim_n n' \log \Theta_n(T)$$

CHANNEL CAPACITY  $C_T$  IS THE MAXIMUM INFORMATION RATE THAT CAN BE TRANSMITTED OVER CHANNEL BY USING T-ADMISSIBLE BLOCKCODES OF ARBITRARY BLOCKLENGTH.

## (UNCONSTRAINED BINARY) DATA SOURCE

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

SOURCE ENTROPY

$$H_M = \log_2 \lambda_M \text{ bps}$$

(FOR THIS PARTICULAR CASE  $\lambda_M = 2$ )

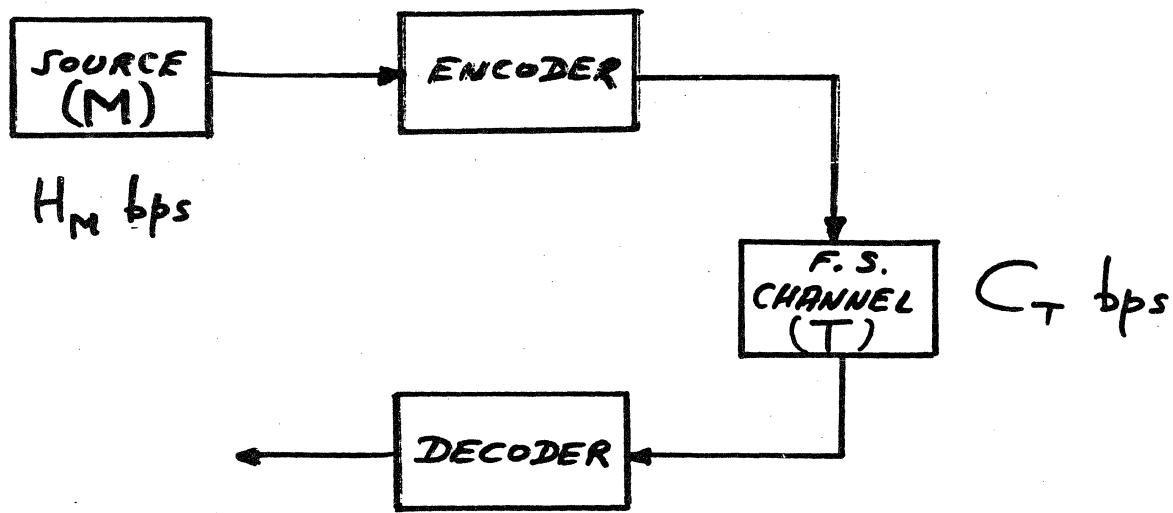
## OPERATIONAL INTERPRETATION

$\lambda_M = \lim_n n^{-1} \|M^n\|^{1/n}$  is THE GROWTH RATE OF THE SOURCE WORD SETS

$H_M = \log_2 \lambda_M$  is THE MINIMAL INFORMATION RATE REQUIRED FOR ERRORLESS TRANSMISSION.

## NOISELESS CODING THEOREM

A SOURCE  $M$  CAN BE INVERTIBLY CODED INTO  
A FINITE STATE CHANNEL  $T$  IF AND ONLY IF  
 $H_M \leq C_T$



THE THEOREM IMPLIES THE EXISTENCE OF  
ENCODER / DECODER SCHEMES.

## BLOCK CODE INTERPRETATION OF THEOREM

FOR LARGE  $n$  THERE EXISTS  $\Theta_n(T) \approx 2^{nC_T}$  AND  
 SINCE THE NUMBER OF  $n$ -SOURCE BLOCKS IS  $2^{nH_M}$   
 (FOR OUR PARTICULAR SOURCE  $H_M = 1$ ) THE CONDITION  
 $H_M \leq C_T^*$  IMPLIES THE EXISTENCE OF INVERTIBLE  
 $n$ -BLOCK MAPS AS FOLLOWS

LIST OF SOURCE  $n$ -BLOCKS

$$2^{nH_M} \left\{ \begin{array}{l} x_1^1 \dots x_n^1 \\ x_1^2 \dots x_n^2 \\ \vdots \end{array} \right.$$

LIST OF CHANNEL  $n$ -BLOCKS

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} y_1^1 \dots y_n^1 \\ y_1^2 \dots y_n^2 \\ \vdots \end{array} \right. \quad 2^{nC_T}$$

\* IF  $H_M > C_T$  WE CAN ENCODE INVERTIBLY AT THE EXPENSE OF LOWER INFORMATION RATES

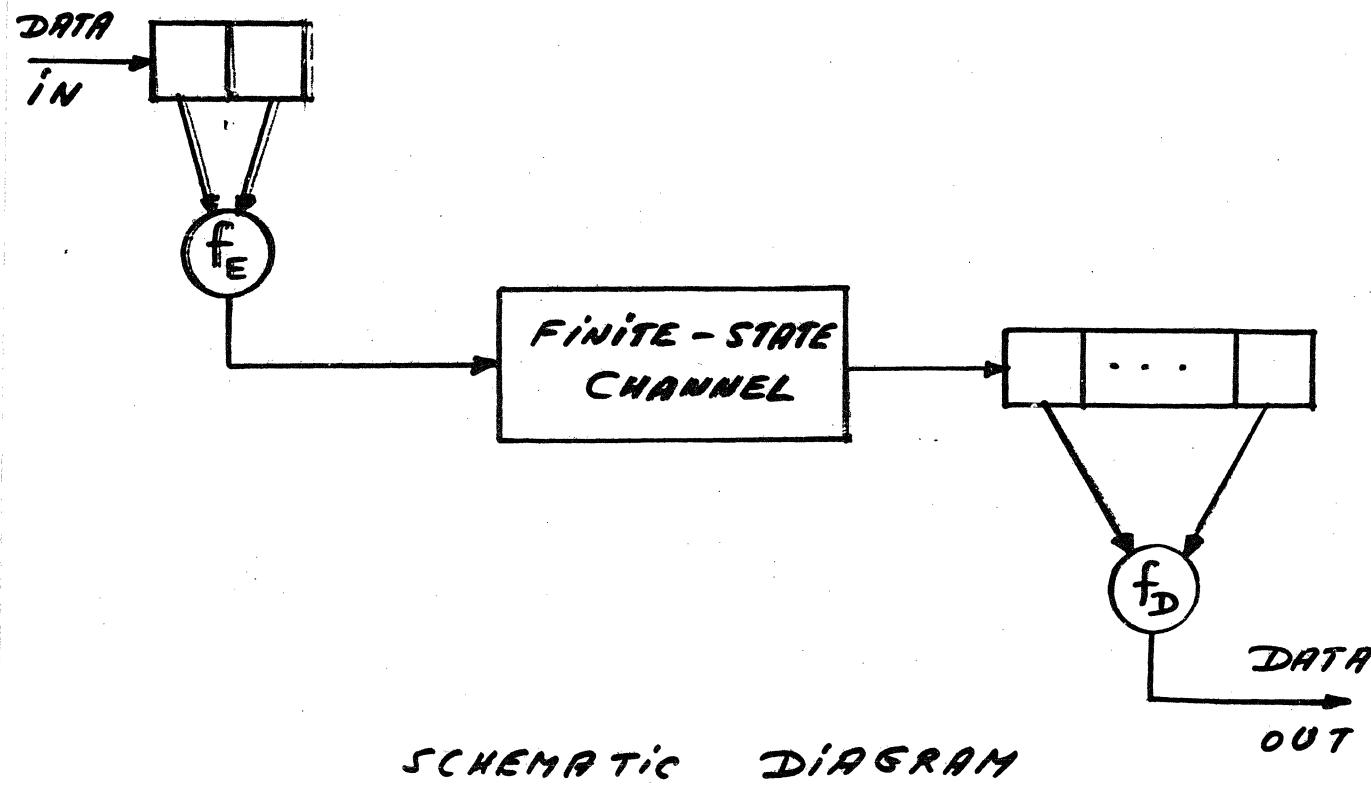
$$m, n : 2^{nH_M} \leq 2^{mC_T}, \frac{n}{m} < 1$$

## CRITIQUE OF SHANNON THEORY

1. THERE IS NO ALGORITHM FOR GENERATING BLOCK CODES BUT SEARCH TECHNIQUES.

2. LARGE BLOCKLENGTHS ARE REQUIRED TO ACHIEVE INFO RATES CLOSE TO CHANNEL CAPACITY.

# SLIDING BLOCK ALGORITHM



SCHEMATIC DIAGRAM

SEQUENTIAL CODING SCHEME THAT CODES NOISELESSLY (CONSTRAINED OR UNCONSTRAINED) DATA INTO AN ARBITRARY FINITE CONSTRAINT FORMAT AT AN INFORMATION RATE ARBITRARILY CLOSE TO THE CHANNEL CAPACITY.

THE ENCODER  $f_E$  AND DECODER  $f_D$  ARE DERIVED FROM AN ALGORITHM.

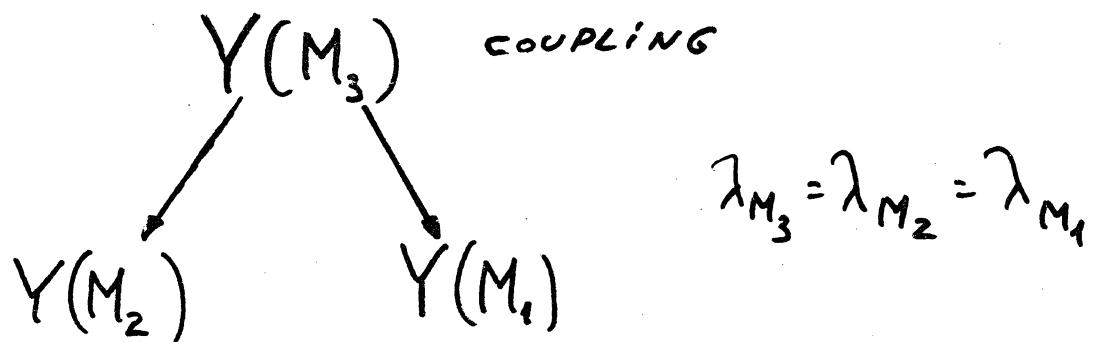
# NONPROBABILISTIC ISOMORPHISM THEOREM

(ADLER, GOODWIN, MARCUS AND WEISS)

A SEQUENCE SPACE  $Y(M_1)$  THAT CONSISTS OF ALL  $M_1$ -ADMISSIBLE SEQUENCES, WHERE  $M_1$  IS AN (IRREDUCIBLE) 0-1 MATRIX, IS ISOMORPHIC TO A SEQUENCE SPACE  $Y(M_2)$  IF AND ONLY

$$\lambda_{M_1} = \lambda_{M_2}$$

(THE 0-1 MATRICES  $M_1$  AND  $M_2$  DESCRIBE FINITE EXCLUDED BLOCK LISTS)



## THEOREM ILLUSTRATION

ENCODER

$$f_E = \pi_2 \circ \pi_1^{-1}$$

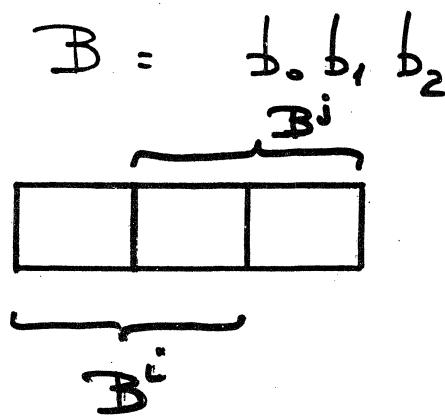
DECODER

$$f_D = \pi_1 \circ \pi_2^{-1}$$

# FINITE EXCLUDED BLOCK LIST DESCRIPTION

EXAMPLE:

$$\mathcal{B}_3 = \{101\}$$



$$i, j \in \{a_1 = 00, a_2 = 01, a_3 = 10, a_4 = 11\}$$

0-1 MATRIX

REPRESENTATION

OF  $\mathcal{B}_3$

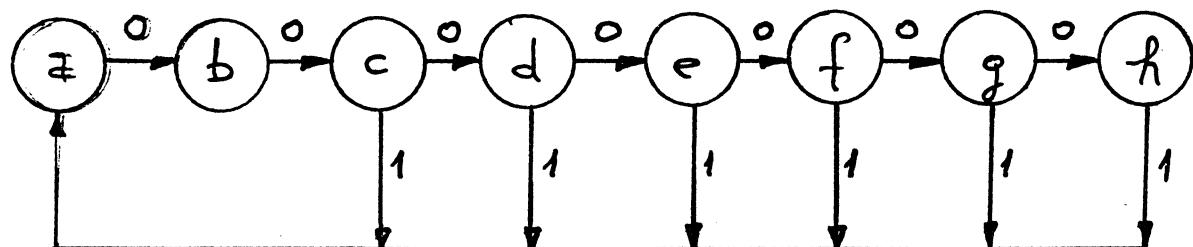
$$M = \begin{matrix} & a_1 & a_2 & a_3 & a_4 \\ a_1 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ a_2 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 \\ a_3 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ a_4 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 \end{matrix}$$

$Y(M)$  is THE COLLECTION OF M-ADMISSIBLE SEQUENCES

OBSERVATION: A FINITE EXCLUDED BLOCK LIST DESCRIPTION IS EQUIVALENT TO A FINITE MEMORY CHANNEL.

APPLICATION TO MAGNETIC RECORDING -  $(d, k)$  CHANNELS  
(RUN-LENGTH-LIMITED)

### EXAMPLE :



## FINITE STATE DESCRIPTION OF THE $(2,7)$ -CHANNEL

## STATE TRANSITION MATRIX

$$T = \begin{bmatrix} a & b & c & d & e & f & g & h \\ a & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ b & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ c & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ d & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ e & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ f & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ g & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ h & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

## CHANNEL CAPACITY COMPUTATION

THE CHARACTERISTIC EQUATION FOR A  $(d, k)$ -CHANNEL  
is  $\lambda^{k+1} - \frac{\lambda^{kd+1} - 1}{\lambda - 1}$  [TANG AND BAHL]

FOR THE  $(2, 7)$  - CHANNEL  $C_T = \log_2 \lambda_T$  WHERE  
 $\lambda_T$  IS THE LARGEST ROOT OF THE EQUATION

$$\lambda^8 - \frac{\lambda^6 - 1}{\lambda - 1} = 0 \quad (\sqrt{2} < \lambda_T \approx 1.4314)$$

## DATA ENTROPY

$$H_M = \log_2 \lambda_M = 1 \quad \text{SINCE } \lambda_M = 2, \quad M = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

SINCE  $H_M > C_T$  WE HAVE TO  
LOSE INFORMATION RATE

$$m, n : \lambda_T^m \geq \lambda_M^n$$

$$n = 1$$

$$m = 2$$

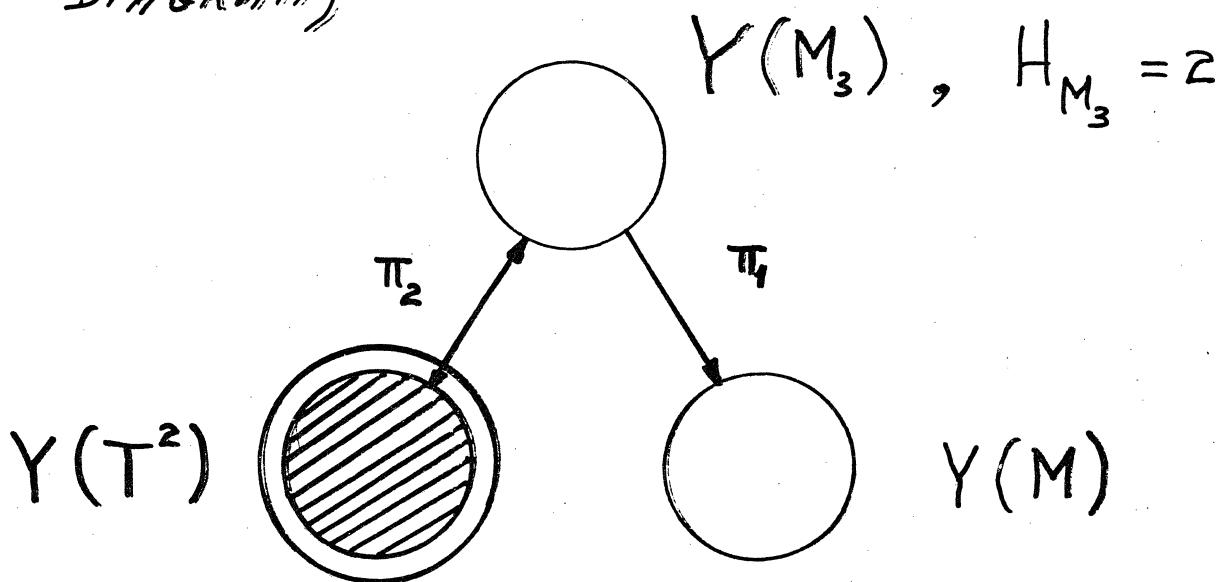
CODING RATE CHOSEN IS  $\frac{1}{2}$

TWO-STEP STATE TRANSITION MATRIX DESCRIBES  
 THE CHANNEL IN WHICH EACH STATE TRANSITION IS  
 LABELLED BY 2 BITS.

$$T^2 = \begin{matrix} & \begin{matrix} a & b & c & d & e & f & g & h \end{matrix} \\ \begin{matrix} a \\ b \\ c \\ d \\ e \\ f \\ g \\ h \end{matrix} & \left[ \begin{matrix} 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{matrix} \right] \end{matrix}$$

$$\lambda_{T^2} = \lambda_T^2 > 2 = \lambda_M^1$$

GENERALIZED ISOMORPHISM THEOREM (SCHEMATIC  
DIAGRAM)



$\pi_1$  is onto 1-1 A.E.

$\pi_2$  is onto 1-1

MAXIMUM EIGENVALUE-EIGENVECTOR INEQUALITY

$$(T_r^m \geq \lambda_m \underline{r})$$

$$T_r^2 \geq 2 \underline{r}$$

THERE EXISTS AN INTEGRAL SOLUTION SINCE

$T^2$  is AN INTEGRAL MATRIX.  $\underline{r}$  is AN APPROX.  
PERIODIC EIGENVECTOR

## INTEGRAL RIGHT APPROXIMATE EIGENVECTOR SOLUTION

$$\underline{r} = [2, 3, 4, 4, 3, 3, 1, 1]$$

## SPLITTING ALGORITHM

THE CHANNEL STATES THAT LABEL THE ROWS AND COLUMNS OF  $T^2$  ARE SPLIT IN A CONTROLLED MANNER AND  $T^2$  IS TRANSFORMED INTO  $\hat{T}^2$  SUCH THAT

$$\hat{T}^2 \underline{r} \geq 2 \underline{r}$$

a.  $\hat{\underline{r}} = [1, \dots, 1]^T$

b.  $\dim(\hat{T}^2) = \sum r_i (= 21)$

c. Row sum  $(\hat{T}^2) \geq 2$

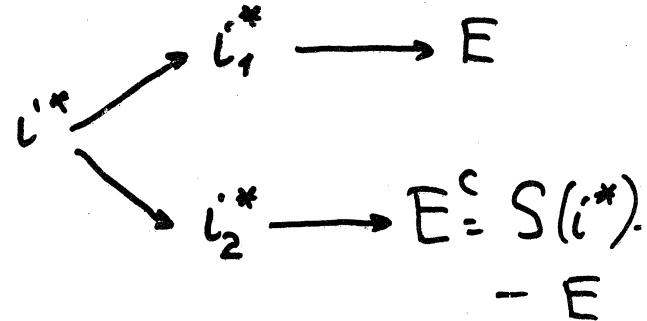
d. Column sum  $(\hat{T}^2) = \text{column sum } (T^2)$

# ONE STEP OF ITERATIVE SPLITTING ALGORITHM (GENERAL)

2. CHOOSE STATE  $i^*$  SUCH THAT  $r_{i^*} \geq r_i$  AND ITS SET OF SUCCESSORS  $S(i^*)$  IS OF SIZE  $|S(i^*)| > \lambda_M^n$ . (THE EXISTENCE OF  $i^*$  IS GUARANTEED BY THE IRREDUCIBILITY OF  $T^m$ ).

3. AMONG ALL SUBSETS  $E \subset S(i^*)$  OF SIZE  $|E| \leq \lambda_M^n$  THERE IS ONE (OR MANY) SUCH THAT  $\sum_{j \in E} r_j \equiv 0 \pmod{\lambda_M^n}$

C. SPLIT AND ASSIGN  
NEW TRANSITIONS AS FOLLOWS



SUCCESSOR TABLE

a	$\rightarrow c$
b	$\rightarrow a, d$
c	$\rightarrow a, b, e$
d	$\rightarrow a, b, f$
e	$\rightarrow a, b, g$
f	$\rightarrow a, b, h$
g	$\rightarrow a, b$

r
$r_a = 2$
$r_b = 3$
$r_c = 4$
$r_d = 4$
$r_e = 3$
$r_f = 3$
$r_g = 1$
- - -

ONE STEP OF ITERATIVE SPLITTING ALGORITHM  
(SPECIFIC EXAMPLE)

a. CHOOSE MAXIMAL COMPONENT  $r_c = 4$

b.  $c \rightarrow \{a, b, e\}$   $\begin{cases} E = \{a\}, r_a = 2 \\ E' = \{b, e\} \end{cases}$

c.

$c \rightarrow c_1 \rightarrow a$	$r_{c_1} = \frac{r_a}{2} = 1$
$c \rightarrow c_2 \rightarrow b, e$	$r_{c_2} = \frac{r_b + r_e}{2} = 3$

d. ALL OTHER TRANSITIONS ARE LEFT UNCHANGED.

NEW SUCCESSOR TABLE

$r'$

$a \rightarrow$	$c_1, c_2$	$r_a = 2$
$b \rightarrow$	$a, d$	$r_b = 3$
$c_1 \rightarrow$	$a$	$r_{c_1} = 1$
$c_2 \rightarrow$	$b, e$	$r_{c_2} = 3$
$d \rightarrow$	$a, b, f$	$r_d = 4$
$e \rightarrow$	$a, b, g$	$r_e = 3$
$f \rightarrow$	$a, b, h$	$r_f = 3$
$g \rightarrow$	$a, b$	$r_g = 1$
$h \rightarrow$	$b$	$r_h = 1$

$$\begin{array}{ccccccccc}
 & a & b & c & d & e & f & g & h \\
 \begin{matrix} a \\ b \\ c \\ d \\ e \\ f \\ g \\ h \end{matrix} & \left[ \begin{array}{ccccccccc}
 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\
 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\
 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\
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\end{array} \right] & \left[ \begin{array}{c} 2 \\ 3 \\ 4 \\ 4 \\ 3 \\ 3 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{array} \right] & \Rightarrow & \left[ \begin{array}{c} 2 \\ 3 \\ 4 \\ 4 \\ 3 \\ 3 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{array} \right]
\end{array}$$

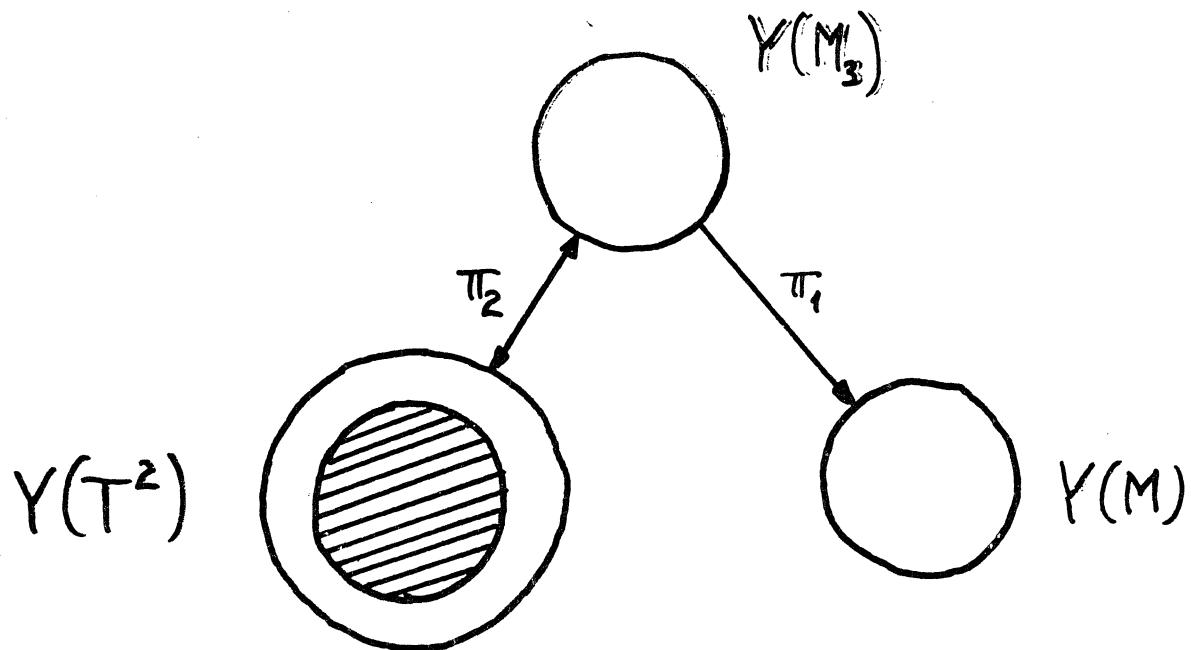
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$$\begin{array}{ccccccccc}
 & a & b & c_1 & c_2 & d & e & f & g & h \\
 \begin{matrix} a \\ b \\ c_1 \\ c_2 \\ d \\ e \\ f \\ g \\ h \end{matrix} & \left[ \begin{array}{ccccccccc}
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 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\
 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\
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\end{array}$$

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## PROPERTIES OF SPLITTING MAP

THE "OFFSPRING" CHANNEL STATES AND THE "PARENT" STATES HAVE IDENTICAL PREDECESSORS. (THE COLUMN SUMS STAY INvariant UNDER SPLITTING). THIS GUARANTEES THAT THE SPLITTING MAP BE INVERTIBLE RESULTING in a FINITE SLIDING BLOCK DECODER.



## FINAL OUTCOME

$a_1$	$\longrightarrow$	$c_2, c_3$
$a_2$	$\longrightarrow$	$c_1, c_4$
$b_1$	$\longrightarrow$	$d_1, d_2$
$b_2$	$\longrightarrow$	$a_2, a_1$
$b_3$	$\longrightarrow$	$d_3, d_4$
$c_1$	$\longrightarrow$	$a_2, a_1$
$c_2$	$\longrightarrow$	$b_1, b_3$
$c_3$	$\longrightarrow$	$e_2, e_3$
$c_4$	$\longrightarrow$	$b_2, e_1$
$d_1$	$\longrightarrow$	$f_2, f_3$
$d_2$	$\longrightarrow$	$b_1, b_3$
$d_3$	$\longrightarrow$	$a_2, a_1$
$d_4$	$\longrightarrow$	$b_2, f_1$
$e_1$	$\longrightarrow$	$a_1, a_2$
$e_2$	$\longrightarrow$	$b_1, b_3$
$e_3$	$\longrightarrow$	$b_2, g_1$
$f_1$	$\longrightarrow$	$a_2, a_1$
$f_2$	$\longrightarrow$	$h_1, b_2$
$f_3$	$\longrightarrow$	$b_1, b_3$
$g_1$	$\longrightarrow$	$a_2, b_1, (b_2, b_3, a_1)$
$h_1$	$\longrightarrow$	$b_2, b_3, (b_1)$

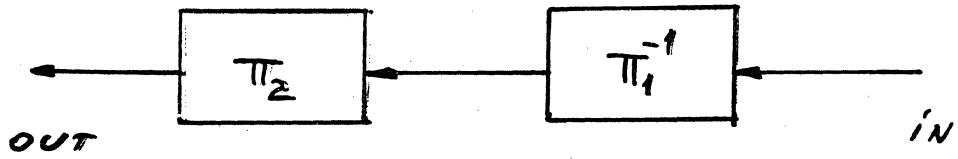
SUCCESSOR TABLE REPRESENTATION OF A ROW SUM 2  
 MATRIX  $M_3$  (EXCESS TRANSITIONS DELETED)

$\pi_1$  - ASSIGNMENT ("COLORING")

$a_1$	$\xrightarrow{0}$	$c_3$
$a_2$	$\xrightarrow{1}$	$c_1$
$b_1$	$\xrightarrow{2}$	$d_1$
$b_2$	$\xrightarrow{3}$	$d_2$
$b_3$	$\xrightarrow{4}$	$d_3$
$c_1$	$\xrightarrow{5}$	$d_2$
$c_2$	$\xrightarrow{6}$	$b_3$
$c_3$	$\xrightarrow{7}$	$e_2$
$c_4$	$\xrightarrow{8}$	$e_1$
$d_1$	$\xrightarrow{9}$	$f_{12}$
$d_2$	$\xrightarrow{10}$	$b_3$
$d_3$	$\xrightarrow{11}$	$a_2$
$d_4$	$\xrightarrow{12}$	$f_1$
$e_1$	$\xrightarrow{13}$	$a_2$
$e_2$	$\xrightarrow{14}$	$b_3$
$e_3$	$\xrightarrow{15}$	$g_1$
$f_1$	$\xrightarrow{16}$	$a_2$
$f_2$	$\xrightarrow{17}$	$f_1$
$f_3$	$\xrightarrow{18}$	$b_3$
$g_1$	$\xrightarrow{19}$	$a_2$
$h_1$	$\xrightarrow{20}$	$b_3$

$a_1$	$\xrightarrow{1}$	$c_2$
$a_2$	$\longrightarrow$	$c_4$
$b_1$	$\longrightarrow$	$d_2$
$b_2$	$\longrightarrow$	$a_1$
$b_3$	$\longrightarrow$	$d_4$
$c_1$	$\longrightarrow$	$a_1$
$c_2$	$\longrightarrow$	$b_1$
$c_3$	$\longrightarrow$	$e_1$
$c_4$	$\longrightarrow$	$f_{12}$
$d_1$	$\longrightarrow$	$f_3$
$d_2$	$\longrightarrow$	$b_1$
$d_3$	$\longrightarrow$	$a_1$
$d_4$	$\longrightarrow$	$b_2$
$e_1$	$\longrightarrow$	$a_1$
$e_2$	$\longrightarrow$	$b_1$
$e_3$	$\longrightarrow$	$b_2$
$f_1$	$\longrightarrow$	$a_1$
$f_2$	$\longrightarrow$	$b_2$
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$h_1$	$\longrightarrow$	$b_2$

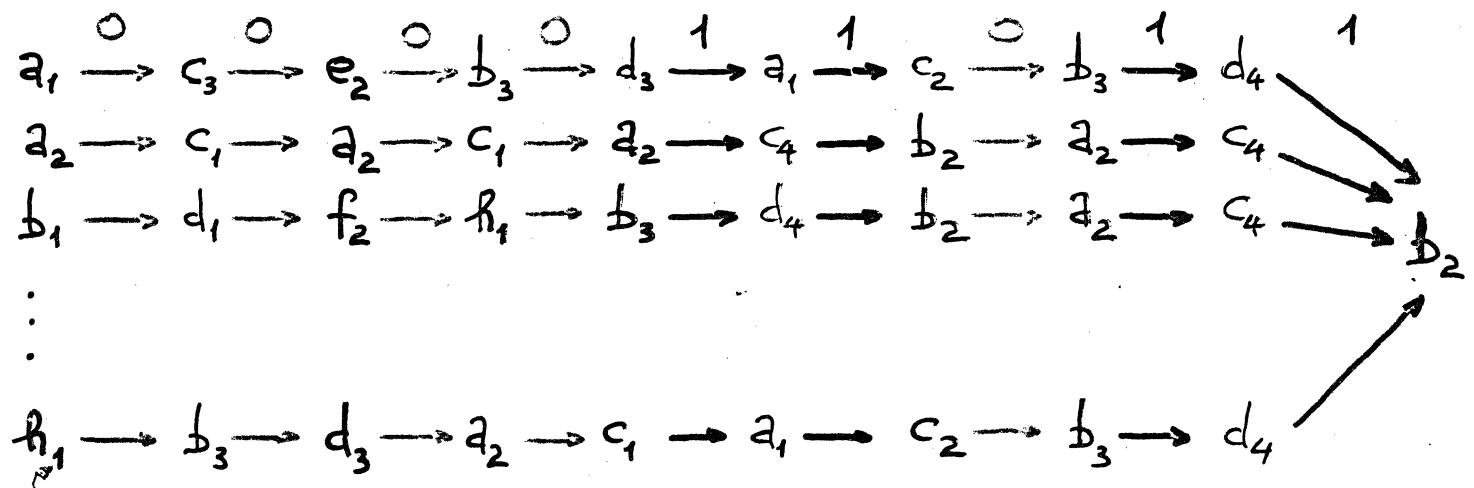
THE "COLORING" is AN (ARBITRARY) ASSIGNMENT  
OF DATA SYMBOLS TO (SPLIT) CHANNEL STATE TRANSITIONS



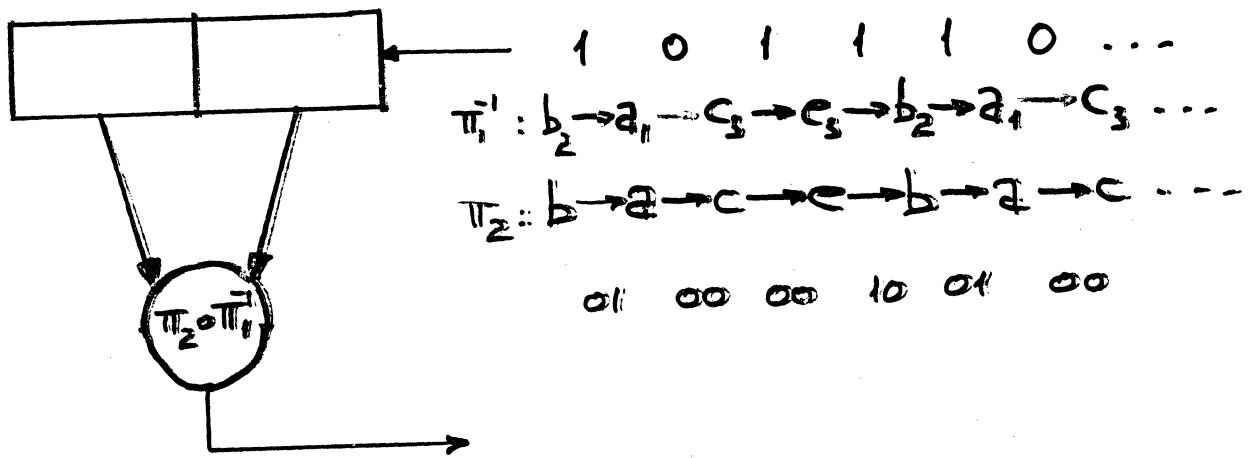
## SCHEMATIC DIAGRAM OF ENCODER

# RIGHT RESOLVING PROPERTY OF $\pi_1$

THE ENCODING AMBIGUITY IS RESOLVED TO THE RIGHT  
IN A FINITE NUMBER OF STEPS RESULTING IN A  
FIXED POINT (THE RIGHT END SPLIT CHANNEL STATE  
IS FIXED INDEPENDENTLY OF THE PARTICULAR "ROAD" CHOSEN)



RIGHT RESOLVING BLOCK  $R = 000011011$  RESULT.  
IN FIXED POINT  $b_2$

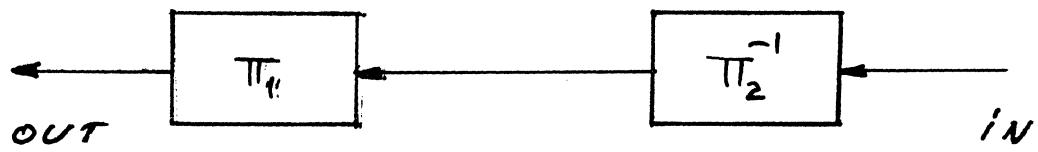


ONE STEP SEQUENTIAL ENCODER

$$f_E = \pi_2 \circ \pi_1^{-1}$$

$b_2$	,	$c_1$	,	$d_3$	,	$e_1$	:	$f_1$	,	$g_1$	,	$h_1$	,	$a_1$
$b_2$	,	$c_1$	,	$d_3$	,	$e_1$	,	$f_1$	,	$g_1$	,	$h_1$	,	$a_2$
$c_2$	,	$d_2$	,	$e_2$	,	$f_3$	,	$g_1$	,	$h_1$	,	$a_1$	,	$b_1$
$c_4$	,	$d_4$	,	$e_3$	,	$f_2$	,	$g_1$	,	$h_1$	,	$a_2$	,	$b_2$
$c_2$	,	$d_2$	,	$e_2$	,	$f_3$	,	$g_1$	,	$h_1$	,	$a_2$	,	$b_3$
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$f_2$														$h_1$

PREDECESSOR TABLE REPRESENTATION OF  $M_3$



SCHEMATIC DIAGRAM OF DECODER

UNIFORM LEFT RESOLVING PROPERTY OF  $\Pi_1^{-1}$

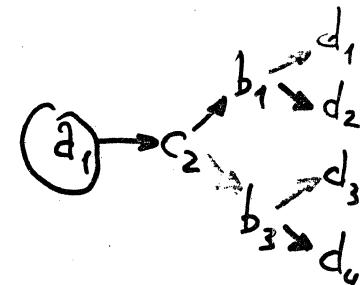
EVERY CHANNEL SYMBOL IS UNIQUELY DECODEABLE  
 GIVEN A FIXED AMOUNT OF "LOOK-AHEAD".  
 FOR THE PARTICULAR MATRIX  $M_3$  CHOSEN  
 THIS PARAMETER IS 3.

## LENGTH 4 DECODING TREE STRUCTURE

$\begin{matrix} f \\ A \end{matrix}$   $\rightarrow c \rightarrow e \rightarrow g$   
 $\begin{matrix} f \\ A \end{matrix}$   $\rightarrow c \rightarrow e \rightarrow a$   
 $\begin{matrix} f \\ A \end{matrix}$   $\rightarrow c \rightarrow e \rightarrow b$   
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 $\begin{matrix} f \\ A \end{matrix}$   $\rightarrow c \rightarrow b \rightarrow a$   
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$\textcircled{A}_1 \rightarrow c_3 \rightarrow e_3 \rightarrow g_1$

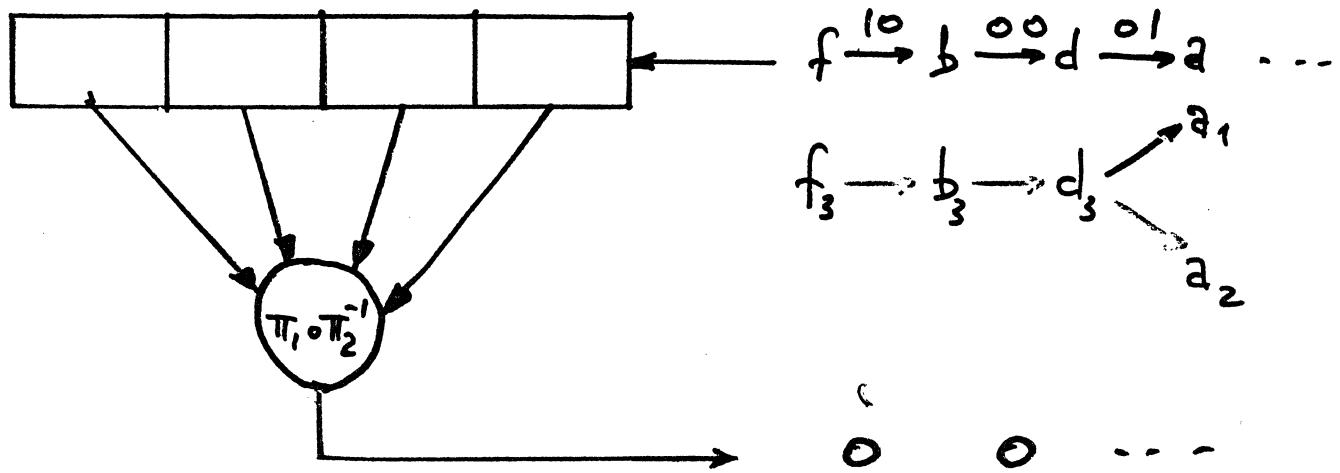
$\textcircled{A}_2 \rightarrow c_4 \rightarrow e_1 \xrightarrow{a_1} \xrightarrow{a_2}$



$\textcircled{A}_1 \rightarrow c_3 \rightarrow e_2 \xrightarrow{b_1} \xrightarrow{b_3}$   
 $\textcircled{A}_1 \rightarrow c_3 \rightarrow e_3 \rightarrow b_2$

$\textcircled{A}_2 \rightarrow c_1 \xrightarrow{a_2} \begin{matrix} c_1 \\ c_4 \end{matrix}$   
 $\textcircled{A}_2 \rightarrow c_1 \xrightarrow{a_1} \begin{matrix} c_2 \\ c_3 \end{matrix}$

$\textcircled{A}_2 \rightarrow c_4 \rightarrow b_2 \xrightarrow{a_1} \xrightarrow{a_2}$



4-STEP LOOK-AHEAD SEQUENTIAL DECODER

$$f_D = \pi_1 \circ \pi_2^{-1}$$

RUN-LENGTH-LIMITED CHANNEL APPLICATIONS  
CONSIDERED (FOR MAGNETIC RECORDING)

1. SLIDING BLOCK CODE FOR  $(1,7)$ -CHANNEL  
WITH CODING RATE  $2/3$
2. SLIDING BLOCK CODE FOR  $(1,6)$ -CHANNEL  
WITH CODING RATE  $2/3$

APPLICATIONS TO FINITE STATE CHANNELS DEFINED  
BY RUN-LENGTH AND SPECTRAL NULL CONSTRAINTS

OBSERVATION

THESE ARE NOT FINITE-MEMORY CHANNELS SINCE THE CHANNEL STATES ARE NOT UNIQUELY DETERMINED BY A FINITE NUMBER OF PAST CHANNEL SYMBOLS.

CHANNEL STATE IDENTIFICATION REQUIRES IN ADDITION (CONSTRAINED) VALUES WHICH ARE CALCULATED FROM CUMULATIVE SPECTRAL SUMS, EVALUATED AT THE FREQUENCIES OF THE SPECTRAL NULLS SPECIFIED.

MAIN PROBLEM

THE OCCURRENCE OF AN ERROR IN THE CHANNEL SYMBOL SEQUENCE CAN BE CATASTROPHIC i.e IT MAY PROPAGATE INDEFINITELY ~~AS WE USE A STATE~~  
INDEPENDENT DECODER.

(STATE DEPENDENT DECODING CAN RESULT IN LARGE HARDWARE COMPLEXITY)

CODE FOR MAGNETIC CHANNEL OF TYPE  $(\alpha, R)$   
WITH TWO SPECTRAL NULLS (ONE AT DC)

THIS PROBLEM WAS SUGGESTED BY T. HOWELL (ST RES)  
AS APPLICABLE TO THE BURIED SERVO PROJECT.

### FINITE STATE CHANNEL REPRESENTATION

A NECESSARY AND SUFFICIENT CONDITION FOR THE EXISTENCE OF A SPECTRAL ZERO IN THE AVERAGE POWER SPECTRUM  $S_X(\omega)$  OF A  $\{-1, 1\}$ -VALUED SEQUENCE  $\{x_R\}$

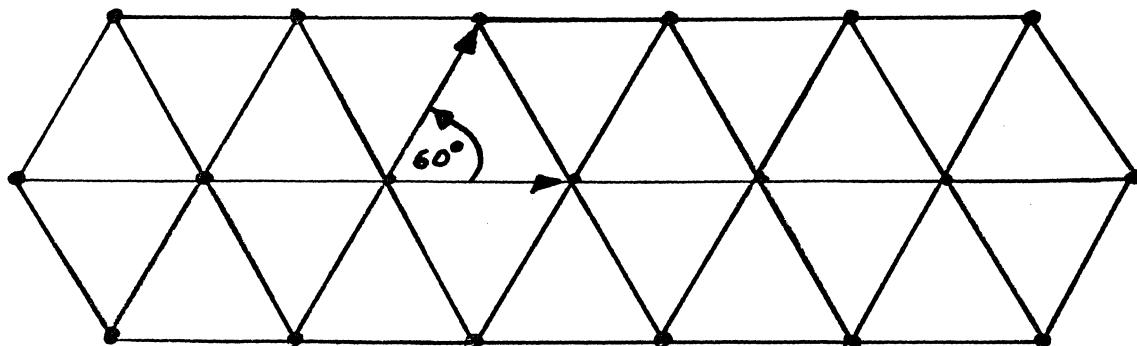
$$\left| \sum_{R=0}^N x_R e^{j\omega k} \right| \leq C \text{ FOR EVERY } N \text{ IS EQUIVALENT}$$

$$\text{TO } S_X(\omega) = 0$$

### OBSERVATION

FOR  $\omega = 0, \frac{\pi}{4}, \frac{\pi}{6}$  THE VALUES OF  $\left| \sum_{R=0}^N x_R e^{j\omega k} \right|$   
OCCUR AT SPECIAL POSITIONS IN THE COMPLEX PLANE (FOR  $\omega=0$  THESE ARE THE INTEGERS ON THE REAL LINE).

FOR  $\omega = \frac{\pi}{6}$  THESE ARE THE LATTICE POINTS OF A TILING OF THE PLANE BY EQUILATERAL TRIANGLES



STATE DESCRIPTION OF  $\{S_X(0)=0, S_X\left(\frac{\omega}{6}\right)=0\}$

A STATE  $G$  IS SPECIFIED BY A TRIPLET  $(s_1, s_2, s_3)$

$$s_1 = \sum_{k=0}^m x_k$$

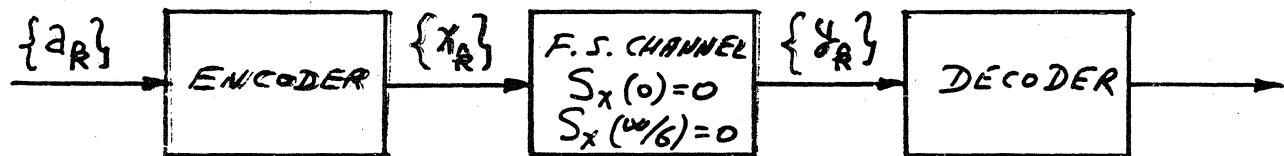
$$s_2 = \operatorname{Re} \sum_{k=0}^m x_k e^{j \frac{\omega}{6} k}$$

$s_3 = \text{VALUE OF COMPONENT OF } \sum_{k=0}^m x_k e^{j \frac{\omega}{6} k} \text{ IN THE DIRECTION OF } e^{j \frac{\omega}{6}}$

WE CONSTRAIN THE STATE TRIPLETS TO BE INTEGERS IN THE RANGE  $(-c, -c+1, \dots, c-1, c)$ . FOR EACH VALUE OF  $c$  WE COMPUTE THE CHANNEL CAPACITY AS THE MAXIMAL EIGENVALUE OF A STATE TRANSITION MATRIX.

FOR  $c=4$  THE FEASIBLE (NOISELESS) CODING RATE IS  
4/6

## CODE PROPERTIES



1. THE CODE MAPS 4 UNCONSTRAINED BITS INTO A CHANNEL STATE TRANSITION THAT GENERATES 6 CONSTRAINED (OUTPUT) BITS
2. THE RUNLENGTHS OF 0's AND 1's DO NOT EXCEED 5 (EQUIVALENTLY THERE ARE NO MORE THAN 4 ZEROS BETWEEN TWO ONES)
3. THE CODE HAS A SPECTRAL ZERO AT  $\omega/2$
4. THE DECODER IS STATE INDEPENDENT AND HENCE DOES NOT PROPAGATE ERRORS. THIS IS ACHIEVED BY ENCODING THE SAME DATA BLOCK INTO STATE TRANSITIONS THAT CORRESPOND TO IDENTICAL BIT PATTERNS (AFTER DROPPING THE STATE LABELS). THIS ENSURES THAT A CHANNEL ERROR WILL NOT PROPAGATE SINCE WE CAN DECODE CORRECTLY EVEN THOUGH THE DECODER MAY BE IN AN ERRONEOUS STATE (WHICH IS INDISTINGUISHABLE FROM THE CORRECT ONE)

FOR OUR PARTICULAR CASE THE MAXIMUM ERROR PROPAGATION IS 4 BITS.

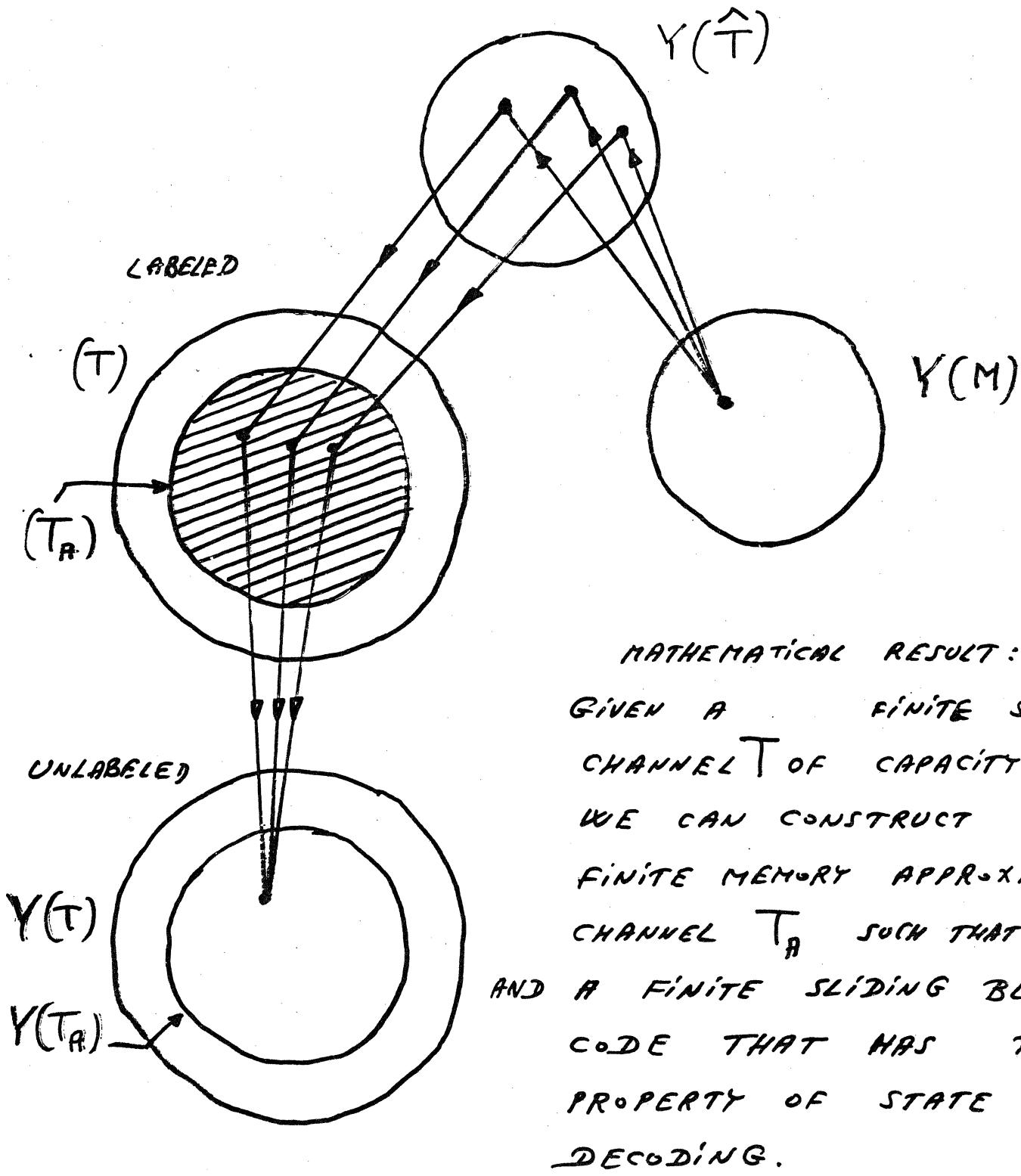
## OBSERVATION

THIS CODING STRATEGY TO ACHIEVE STATE INDEPENDENT DECODING IS FEASIBLE PROVIDED THE ROW SUM OF THE STATE TRANSITION MATRIX  $\geq \lambda_M^n$ . IT ALSO SEEMS THAT FOR THIS CASE STATE INDEPENDENT BLOCK CODING SCHEMES CAN BE FOUND.

IN THE GENERAL CASE STATE INDEPENDENT BLOCK CODING SCHEMES DO NOT EXIST.

WITHOUT ADDITIONAL OVERHEAD

STATE INDEPENDENT SLIDING BLOCK CODE  
SOLUTION



MATHEMATICAL RESULT:

GIVEN A FINITE STATE CHANNEL  $T$  OF CAPACITY  $C_T > H_M$   
WE CAN CONSTRUCT A FINITE MEMORY APPROXIMATION CHANNEL  $T_A$  SUCH THAT  $C_{T_A} = H_M$   
AND A FINITE SLIDING BLOCK CODE THAT HAS THE PROPERTY OF STATE INDEP.  
DECODING.

UNSOLVED (YET) PROBLEM :  $C = H$  (ZERO-MODULATION)

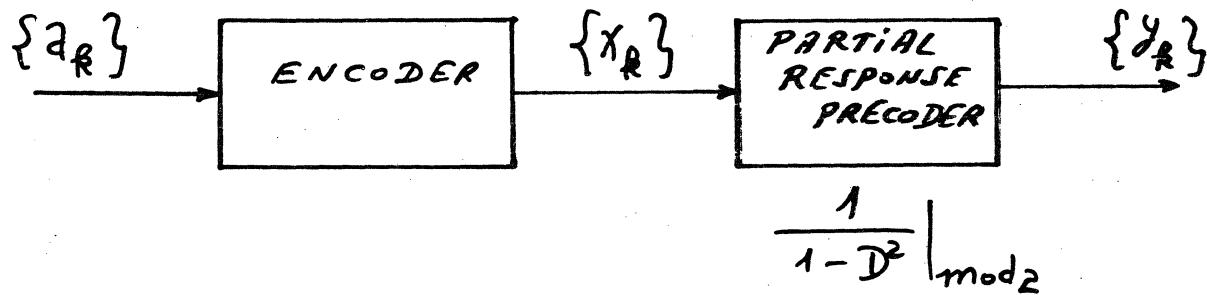
APPLICATIONS

1.  $(0, 2)$  DC-FREE CODE AT CODING RATE  $\frac{3}{4}$  WITH ERROR PROPAGATION OF 3 BITS
2. R. SCHNEIDER SUGGESTED  $(2, 7)$  DC FREE CODE

CODE FOR PARTIAL RESPONSE (CORRELATIVE) CHANNEL  
WITH  $(0, k)$  RUN-LENGTH CONSTRAINT  
AND SPECTRAL ZERO AT DC

THIS PROBLEM WAS SUGGESTED BY R. SCHNEIDER (GPD, TUCSON)  
AND WORKED JOINTLY WITH HIM. P. FRANASZEK  
(RES. YORKTOWN) HAS EQUIVALENT BLOCK CODE SOLUTION.

FINITE STATE CHANNEL DESCRIPTION



A NECESSARY AND SUFFICIENT CONDITION FOR  $S_y(0)=0$   
CAN BE STATED IN TERMS OF THE SPECTRAL PRODUCT  
SUMS OF  $\{x_k\}$

$$(\text{EVEN sum}) \quad \tilde{\sigma}_m^e(0) = \sum_{k=0}^m x_0 \dots x_{2k}$$

$$(\text{ODD sum}) \quad \tilde{\sigma}_m^o(0) = \sum_{k=0}^m x_1 \dots x_{2k+1}$$

$$\tilde{\sigma}_m^e(0) + \tilde{\sigma}_m^o(0) = \sum_{k=0}^m y_{-2} y_{2k} + \sum_{k=1}^m y_{-1} y_{2k+1}$$

$$S_y(0) = 0 \iff \left| \sum_{k=-m}^m y_k \right| \leq \left| \tilde{\sigma}_m^e(0) + \tilde{\sigma}_m^o(0) \right| \leq C$$

AN EQUIVALENT STATE DESCRIPTION WITH LESS STATES RESULTS IF WE USE "PATEL'S CHARGE RULE"  
(A. PATEL, GPD ST, SEE ZERO MODULATION)

$$\begin{aligned}\tau_i(0) &\xrightarrow{0} \tau_i(0) + 1 \\ \tau_i(0) &\xrightarrow{1} -\tau_i(0) + 1\end{aligned}$$

$$\tau_m(\omega) = \sum_{k=0}^m x_k \dots x_m e^{jk\omega} + 1 = [\tilde{\tau}_m(\omega) - \tilde{\tau}_{m-1}(\omega)] [\tilde{\tau}_m(\omega) + 1]$$

$$\boxed{\tau_m(\omega) = \Delta \tilde{\tau}_m(\omega) [\tilde{\tau}_m(\omega) + 1]}$$

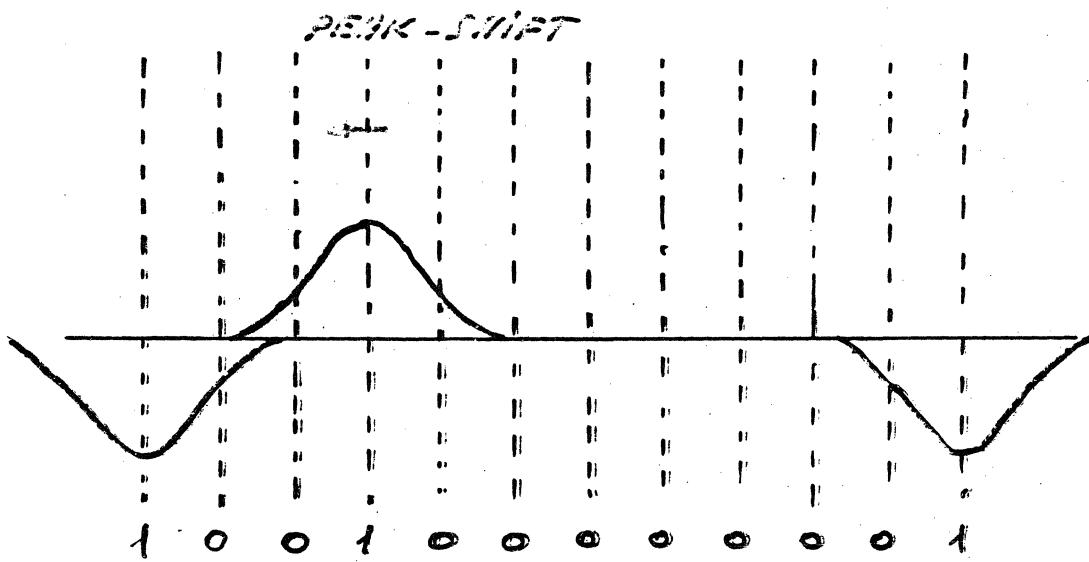
### CODE PROPERTIES

1. CODING RATE is  $\frac{3}{4}$  WHERE 3 BITS ARE ENCODED INTO A CHANNEL STATE TRANSITION THAT OUTPUTS 4 CONSTRAINED BITS
2. IN THE SEQUENCE  $\{y_k\}$  AT THE OUTPUT OF THE PARTIAL RESPONSE PRECODER THE RUNLENGTH OF ZEROS BETWEEN TWO ONES DOES NOT EXCEED 5.
3. A CHANNEL ERROR DUE TO RANDOM NOISE WILL NOT PROPAGATE BEYOND 3 BITS OF DECODED DATA
4. PART OF THE ERRORS CAN BE CORRECTED

NOTE: THIS CHANNEL HAS A TRANSITION MATRIX WHOSE ROWSUM  $\geq 2^3 (= \lambda_M^n)$  AND THUS STATE-INDEP DECODING IS ALSO ACHIEVABLE BY BLOCK SCHEMES [FRANASZEK]

CODE FOR  $(d, k)$ -CHANNEL THAT ELIMINATES  
WORST CASE PEAK SHIFT BIT PATTERNS

THIS PROBLEM WAS SUGGESTED BY E. CUNNINGHAM (ISD  
ROCK.)



WORST CASE PEAK-SHIFT FOR  $(2, 7)$ -CODE IS  
CREATED SHORT-TO-LONG AND LONG-TO-SHORT  
RUNLENGTH TRANSITIONS

PROBLEM : ELIMINATE  $10^2 10^7 1$

$10^7 10^2 1$

$10^2 10^6 1$

$10^6 10^2 1$

$10^2 10^5 1$

## FINITE MEMORY MODEL

EACH CHANNEL STATE IS DEFINED BY  
A TRIPLET  $(s_1, s_2, s_3)$

$$s_1 \in \{2, \dots, 7\} \quad \text{FIRST RLL}$$

$$s_2 \in \{2, \dots, 7\} \quad \text{SECOND RLL}$$

$$s_3 \in \{0, 1\} \quad \text{LAST BIT}$$

FROM STATE TRANSITION MATRIX WE CALCULATE  
CHANNEL CAPACITY

## PRELIMINARY CONCLUSIONS

1.  $10^2 10^7 1$  AND  $10^7 10^2 1$  CAN BE ELIMINATED  
FROM  $(2, 7)$ -CODE WITHOUT LOWERING THE CODING  
RATE.
2. IN ADDITION  $10^2 10^6 1$  AND  $10^6 10^2 1$  CAN  
BE ELIMINATED HOWEVER  $k$  HAS TO BE  
INCREASED FROM 7 TO 8 POSSIBLY 9
3. THE PATTERNS  $10^2 10^5 1$  AND  $10^5 10^2 1$   
CANNOT BE EXCLUDED FROM A  $(2, k)$ -  
CODE WITH ARBITRARY UNLESS WE  
LOWER THE CODING RATE.

## SUMMARY

THIS IS A GENERAL METHOD FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF MODULATION CODES DEFINED BY AN ARBITRARY FINITE SET OF CONSTRAINTS. THE SLIDING BLOCK CODES FURTHERMORE POSSESS THE PROPERTY OF STATE INDEPENDENT DECODING.

## PROBLEMS

1. HOW TO DERIVE CONSTRAINTS OF INTEREST, BEYOND THOSE MENTIONED ( $(d, k)$ , SPECTRAL NULLS ETC.)
2. HOW TO QUANTIFY THE IMPROVEMENTS DUE TO CODING.

## ERROR CONTROL CODES -- A TUTORIAL -- R. E. Blahut

The attached charts were used as part of a tutorial on error-control codes. The tutorial discussed the nature of the coding problem, solutions, and applications. A description of a simple Hamming (7,4) code illustrates many of the elementary ideas. A discussion of the role of Galois fields in coding follows. Next comes some circuits for decoding simple codes. The tutorial ends with a description of concatenated codes and convolutional codes.

# ERROR CONTROL CODES

## A TUTORIAL

SHANNON SAYS —

- To ACHIEVE CHANNEL CAPACITY ONE MUST USE AN ECC
- DIVIDE COMMUNICATION PROBLEM INTO MODULATION AND ECC TO MAKE LIFE SIMPLE
- DESIGN MODULATION AND ECC SIMULTANEOUSLY

## APPLICATIONS

- SATELLITE COMMUNICATIONS  
    > 100 MBPS
- DEEP SPACE COMMUNICATION  
(255, 223)  $t=16$  REED-SOLOMON (8-BIT-BYTE)
- MILATARY COMMUNICATION  
    10 MBPS  
    JAM PROTECTION
- TAPES / DISCS
- DATA BUS
- DIGITAL VIDEO & AUDIO (TV & PHONO)
- VOICEBAND MODEMS
- FACSIMILE

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MASSIVE CODES ARE NOW  
POSSIBLE

TRANSMITTER'S MESSAGE

THE QUIK BROWN FOX JUMPED ...

RECEIVED MESSAGE WITH RANDOM ERRORS ...

THE QUIRK BROWN SOXTJUMPRD ...

RECEIVED MESSAGE WITH BURST ERRORS

THE QUIK BR2ATCLTX JUMPED ...

RECEIVED MESSAGE WITH ERASURES

THE QUI-K BROWN -OX J-MP-D ...

RECEIVED MESSAGE WITH SOFT DECISIONS

THE QUIRK BROWN ...  
.9.7.2 .9.8.23.9

OR LIST DECISIONS

THE QUIRK BROWN ...  
S P C TL

OR READABLE ERASURES

THE QUIRK BROWN SOX ...

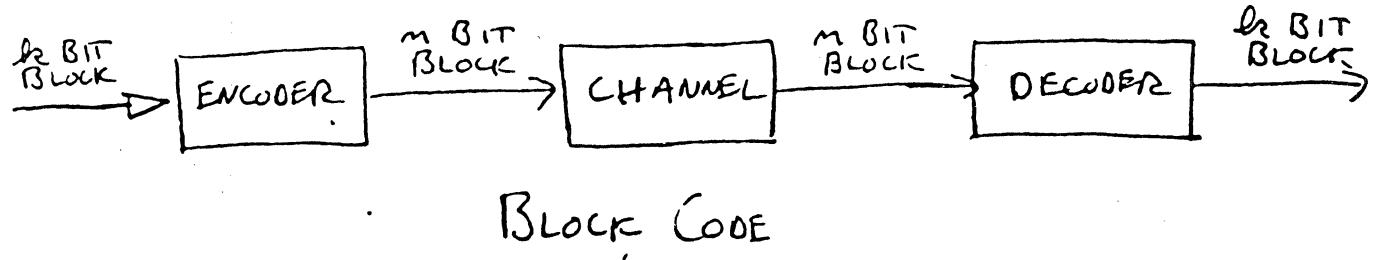
## COMPLETE DECODER

GIVES ITS BEST GUESS ON  
EVERY MESSAGE - NO MATTER  
HOW BAD

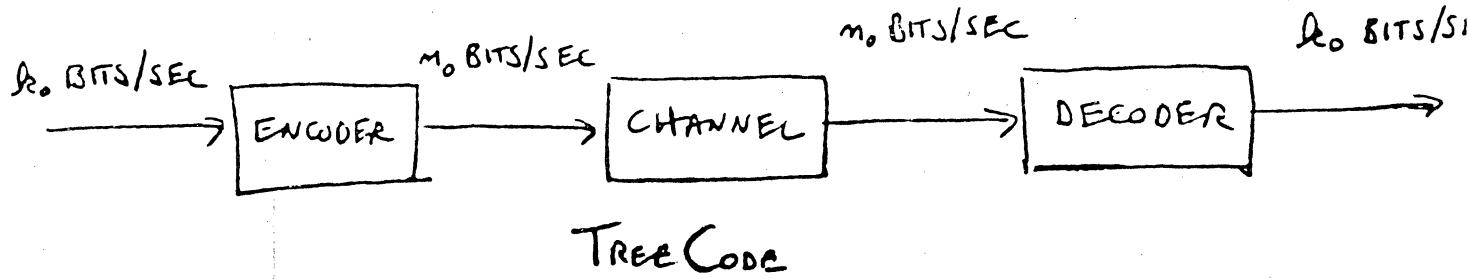
## INCOMPLETE DECODER

ONLY CORRECTS UP TO SOME LIMIT  
- OTHERWISE FLAGS MESSAGE AS BAD

INFORMATION SEQUENCE —  $k$  BITS  
 CODENCODED —  $m$  BITS  
 $\text{RATE} = k/m$

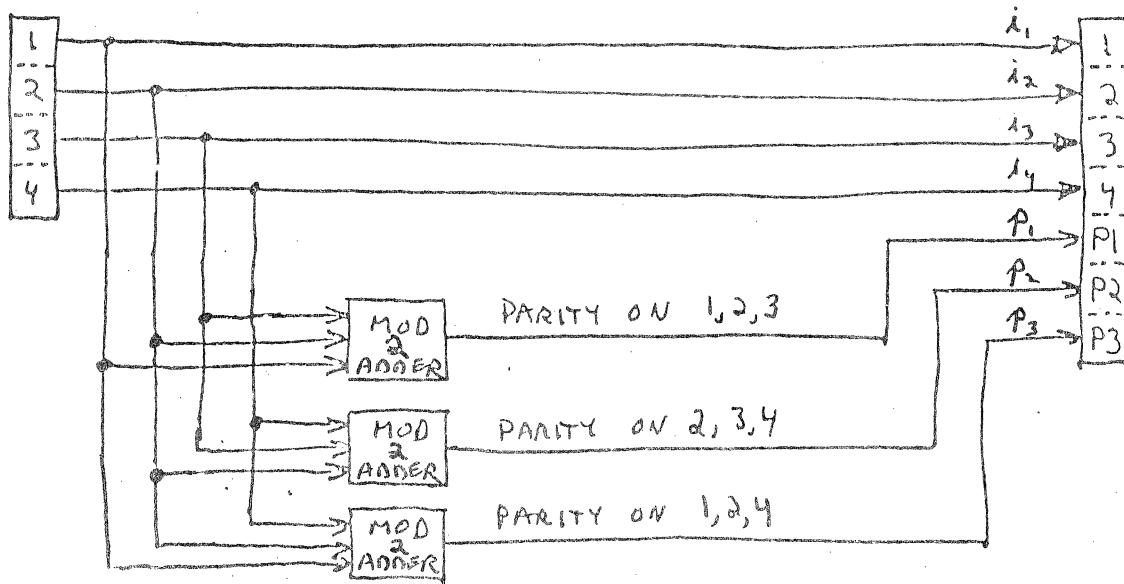


INFORMATION RATE —  $k_0$  BITS/SEC  
 CHANNEL RATE —  $m_0$  BITS/SEC  
 CODE RATE —  $k_0/m_0$  (BITS/BIT)



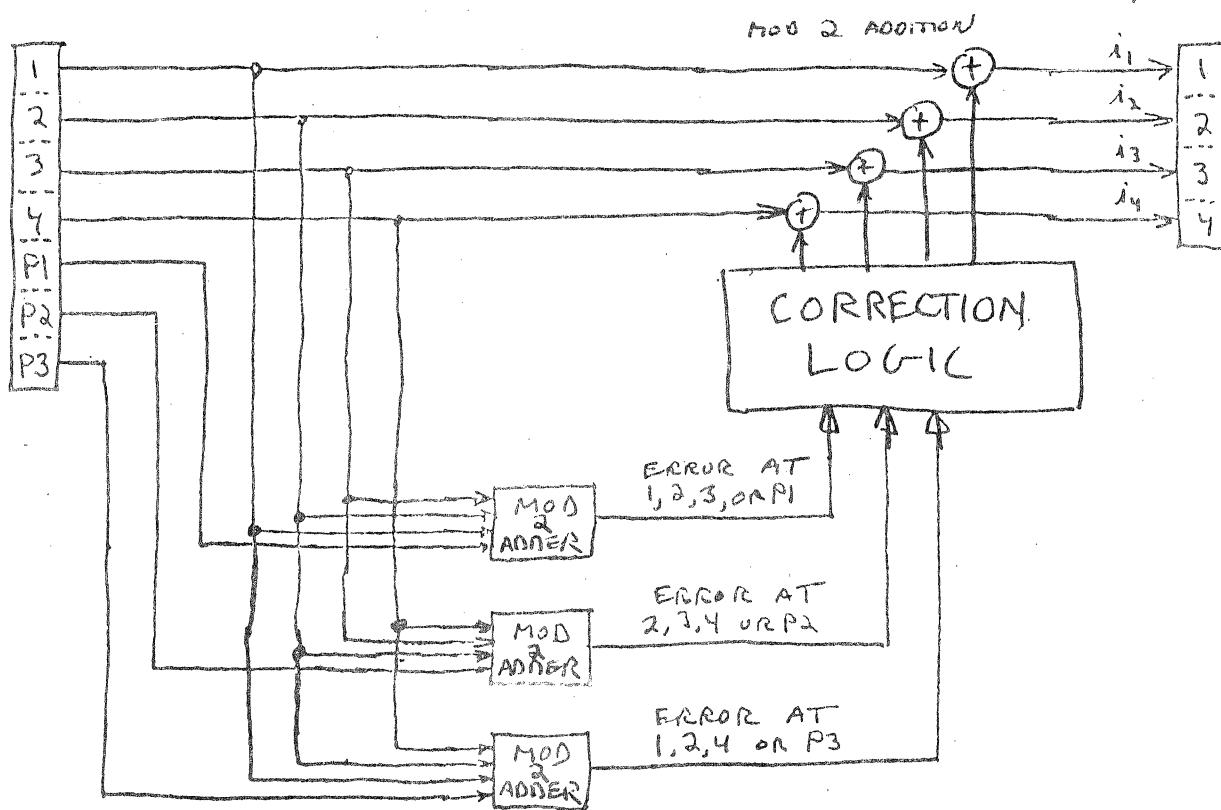
4 BIT DATA WORD

7 BIT CODE WORD

a) ENCODER

7 BIT CODE WORD

4 BIT DATA WORD

b) DECODER

A SIMPLE HAMMING (7,4) ENCODER/DECODER

0	0	0	0	0	0	0
0	0	0	1	0	1	1
0	0	1	0	1	1	0
0	0	1	1	1	0	1
0	1	0	0	1	1	1
0	1	0	1	1	0	0
0	1	1	0	0	0	1
0	1	1	1	0	1	0
1	0	0	0	1	0	1
1	0	0	1	1	1	0
1	0	1	0	0	1	1
1	0	1	1	0	0	0
1	1	0	0	0	1	0
1	1	0	1	0	0	1
1	1	1	0	1	0	0
1	1	1	1	1	1	1

2  $^{60} \cdot 2^{20}$

2  $4 \times 10^7$

Table 1.5-1

Hamming (7,4) Code

~~it comes~~

NONSYSTEMATIC  
ENCODING

0 0 0 0 0 0 0	←	0 0 0 0
0 0 0 1 0 1 1		1 0 0 0
0 0 1 0 1 1 0		0 1 0 0
0 0 1 1 1 0 1		1 1 0 0
0 1 0 0 1 1 1		0 0 1 0
0 1 0 1 1 0 0		1 0 1 0
0 1 1 0 0 0 1		0 1 1 0
0 1 1 1 0 1 0		1 1 1 0
1 0 0 0 1 0 1		0 0 0 1
1 0 0 1 1 1 0		1 0 0 1
1 0 1 0 0 1 1		0 1 0 1
1 0 1 1 0 0 0		1 1 0 1
1 1 0 0 0 1 0		0 0 1 1
1 1 0 1 0 0 1		1 0 1 1
1 1 1 0 1 0 0		0 1 1 1
1 1 1 1 1 1 1		1 1 1 1

Table 1.5-1

Hamming (7,4) Code

SYSTEMATIC  
ENCODING

A →

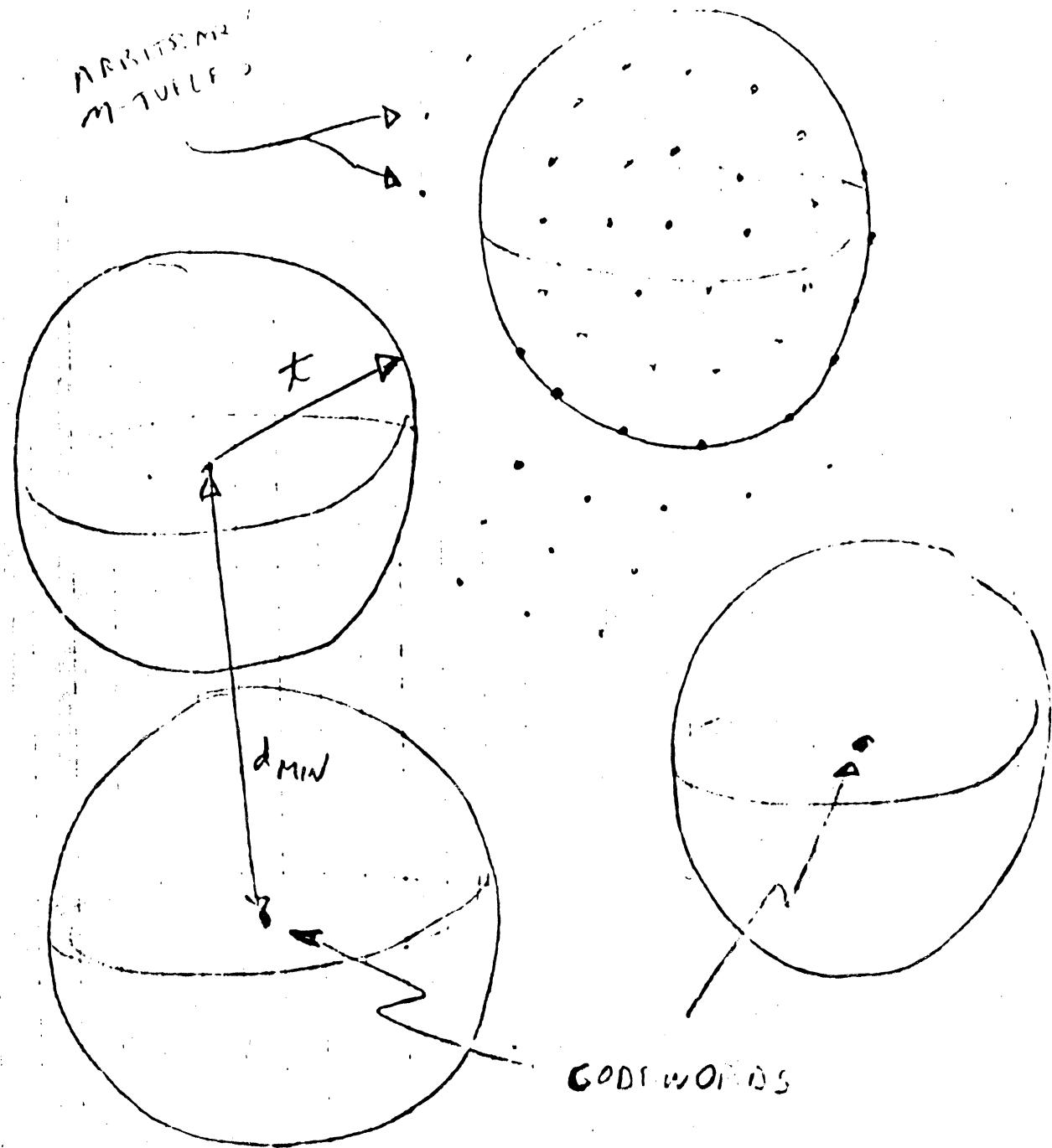
0 0 0 0 0 0 0	0 0 0 0
0 0 0 1 0 1 1	0 0 0 1
0 0 1 0 1 1 0	0 0 1 0
0 0 1 1 1 0 1	0 0 1 1
0 1 0 0 1 1 1	0 1 0 0
0 1 0 1 1 0 0	0 1 0 1
0 1 1 0 0 0 1	0 1 1 0
0 1 1 1 0 1 0	0 1 1 1
1 0 0 0 1 0 1	1 0 0 0
1 0 0 1 1 1 0	1 0 0 1
1 0 1 0 0 1 1	1 0 1 0
1 0 1 1 0 0 0	1 0 1 1
1 1 0 0 0 0 1 0	1 1 0 0
1 1 0 1 0 0 0 1	1 1 0 1
1 1 1 0 1 0 0 0	1 1 1 0
1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1	1 1 1 1

Table 1.5-1

Hamming (7,4) Code

GF(2)	GF(4)	GF(8)	GF(16)
(7,4)	(5,3)	(9,7)	(17,15)
(15,11)	(21,18)	(73,70)	(273,270)
(31,26)	(85,81)	(585,581)	
{63,57}	(341,336)		
(127,120)			

Table 3.4-1  
Descriptors of Some Hamming Codes



GOD WORNS

Figure 1.4-2  
Decaying Spheres



ÉVARISTE GALOIS  
(1811-1832)

+ 0	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	A	B	C	D	E	F
0	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	A	B	C	D	E	F
1	1	0	3	2	5	4	7	6	9	8	B	A	D	C	F	E
2	2	3	0	1	6	7	4	5	A	B	8	9	E	F	C	D
3	3	2	1	0	7	6	5	4	B	A	9	8	F	E	D	C
4	4	5	6	7	0	1	2	3	C	D	E	F	8	9	A	B
5	5	4	7	6	1	0	3	2	D	C	F	E	9	8	B	A
6	6	7	4	5	2	3	0	1	E	F	C	D	A	B	8	9
7	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0	F	E	D	C	B	A	9	8
8	8	9	A	B	C	D	E	F	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
9	9	8	B	A	D	C	F	E	1	0	3	2	5	4	7	6
A	A	B	8	9	E	F	C	D	2	3	0	1	6	7	4	5
B	B	A	9	8	F	E	D	C	3	2	1	0	7	6	5	4
C	C	D	E	F	3	9	A	B	4	5	6	7	0	1	2	3
D	D	C	F	E	9	8	B	A	5	4	7	6	1	0	3	2
E	E	F	C	D	A	B	8	9	6	7	4	5	2	3	0	1
F	F	E	D	C	B	A	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0

Addition Table

## The Hexadecimal Field

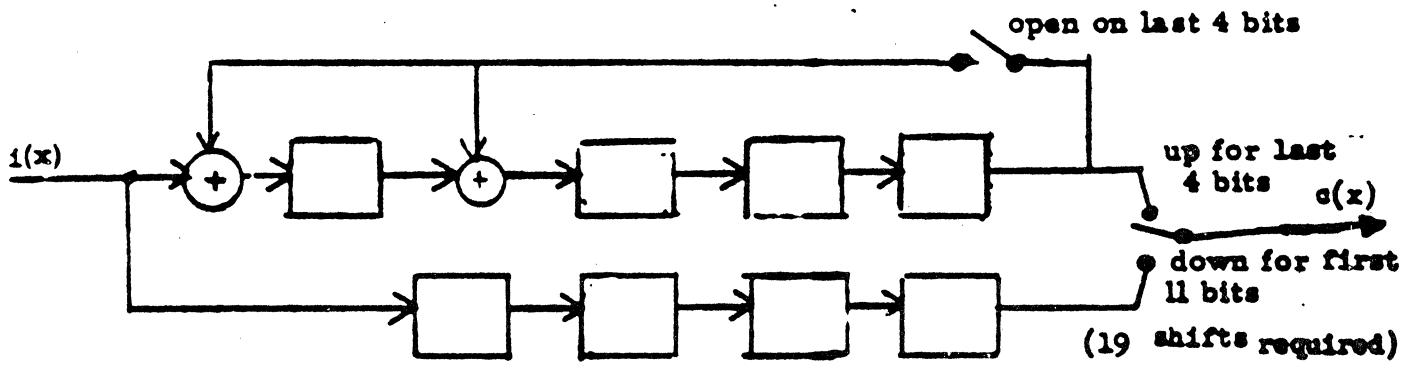
Figure 2.1-1a

X	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	A	B	C	D	E	F
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
1	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	A	B	C	D	E	F
2	0	2	4	6	8	A	C	E	3	1	7	5	B	9	F	D
3	0	3	6	5	C	F	A	9	B	8	D	E	7	4	1	2
4	0	4	8	C	3	7	B	F	6	2	E	A	5	1	D	9
5	0	5	A	F	7	2	D	8	E	B	4	1	9	C	3	6
6	0	6	C	A	B	D	7	1	5	3	9	F	E	8	2	4
7	0	7	E	9	F	8	1	6	D	A	3	4	2	5	C	B
8	0	8	3	B	6	E	5	D	C	4	F	7	A	2	9	1
9	0	9	1	8	2	B	3	A	4	D	5	C	6	F	7	E
A	0	A	7	D	E	4	9	3	F	5	8	2	1	B	6	C
B	0	B	5	E	A	1	F	4	7	C	2	9	D	6	8	3
C	0	C	B	7	5	9	E	2	A	6	1	D	F	3	4	8
D	0	D	9	4	1	C	8	5	2	F	B	6	3	E	A	7
E	0	E	F	1	D	3	2	C	9	7	6	8	4	A	B	5
F	0	F	D	2	9	6	4	B	1	E	C	3	8	7	5	A

Multiplication Table

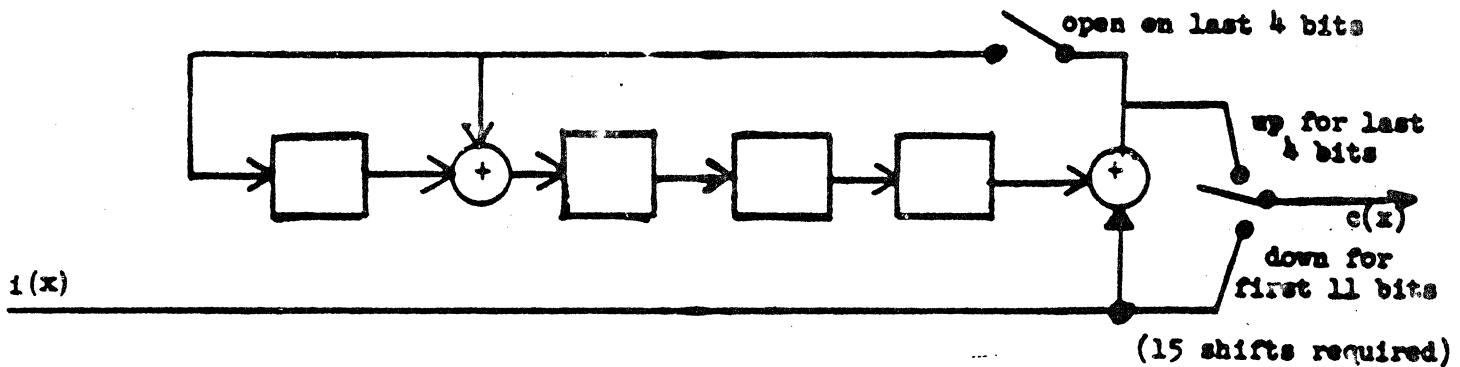
The Hexadecimal Field

Figure 2.1-1b



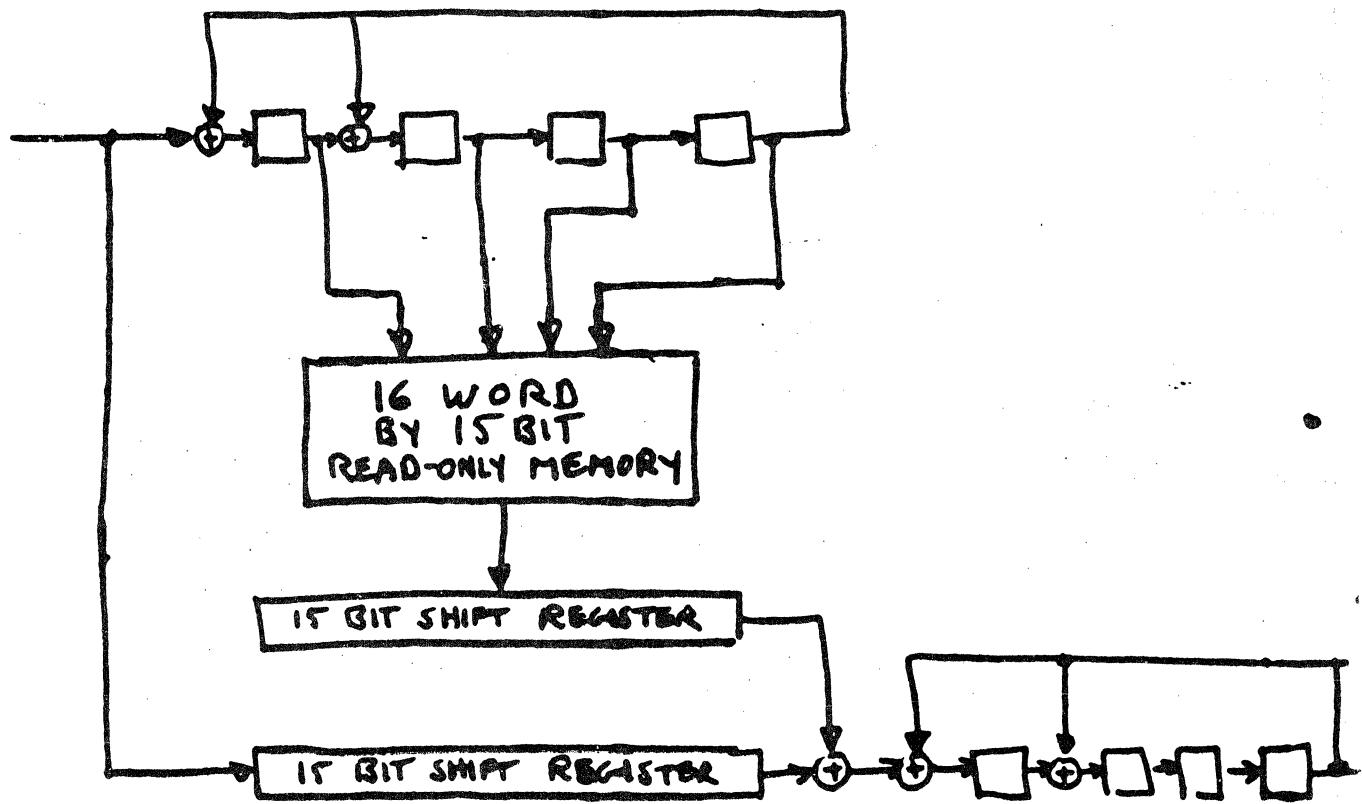
A SYSTEMATIC ENCODER  
FOR HAMMING (15, 11) CODE

Figure 6.3-3



ANOTHER SYSTEMATIC ENCODER  
FOR HAMMING (15, 11) CODE

Figure 6.3-4



SYNDROME DECODER FOR NONSYSTEMATIC  
HAMMING (15, 11) CODE

FIGURE 6.3-3

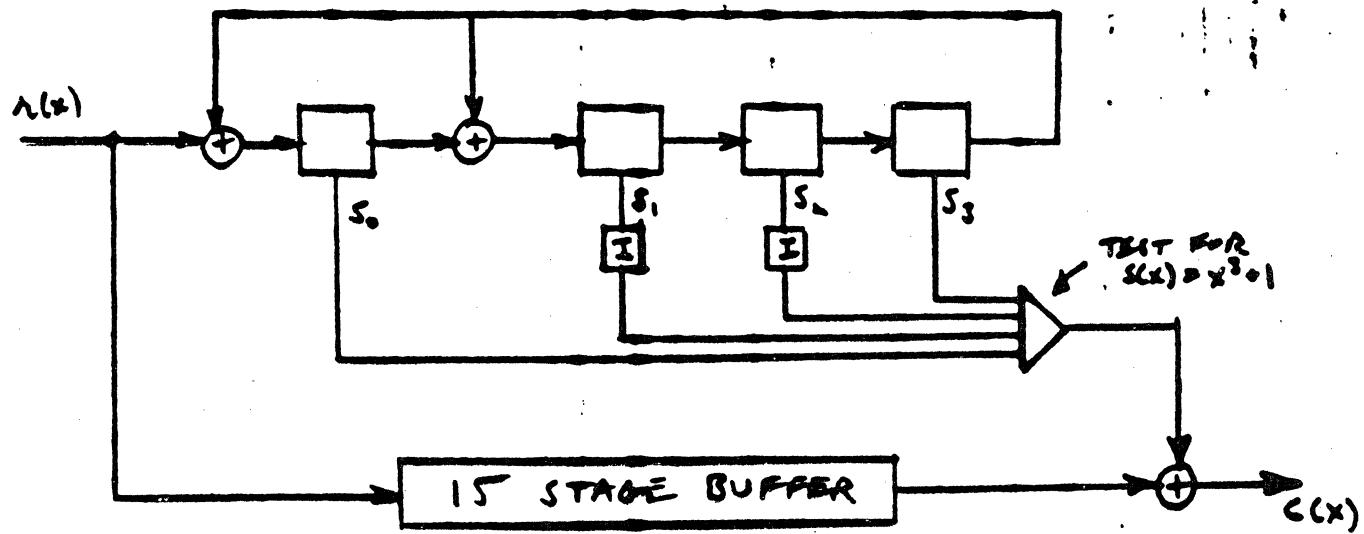
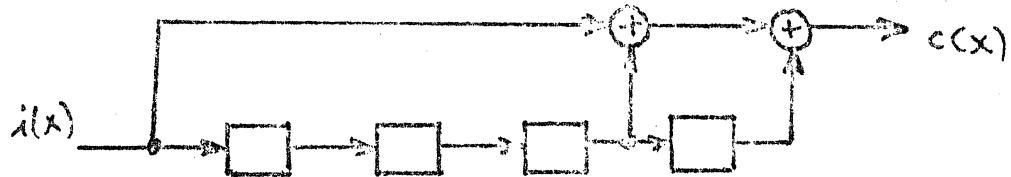


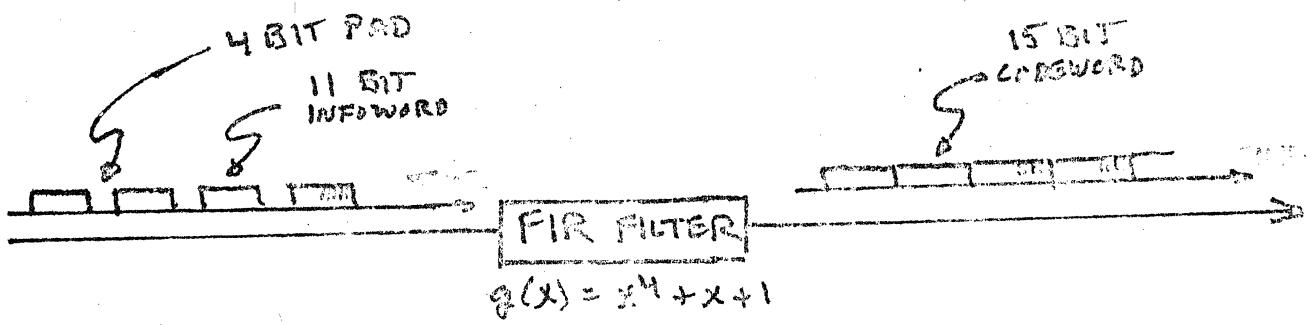
FIGURE 6.4-2  
Maggitt Decoder for a (15,11) Hamming Code

$$C(x) = i(x)(x^4 + x + 1)$$



NON-SYSTEMATIC (15,11) ENCODER

FIGURE 6.3-1

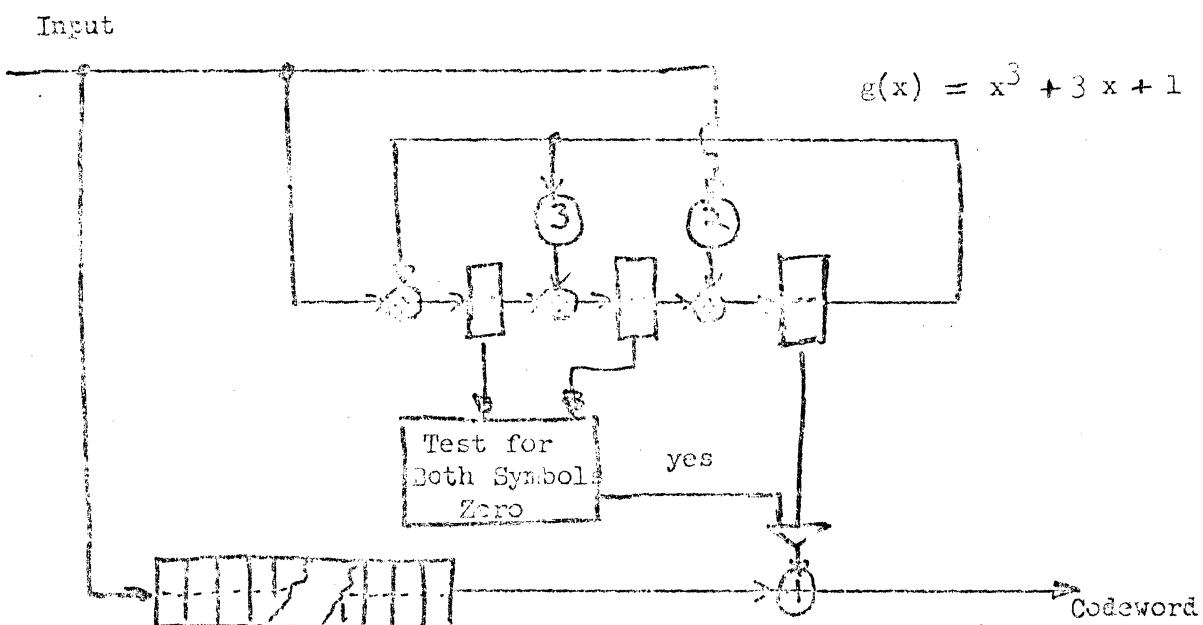


ENCODING A LONG-BIT STREAM

FIGURE 6.3-2

## NOTES

- All Data Paths are 2 Bits Wide
- 36 Shifts to Decode



1.8 Stage  
GF(4) Shift Register

Figure 6.6-2

A Meggitt Decoder for a (15,15) Shortened Hamming Code Over  $\text{GF}(4)$

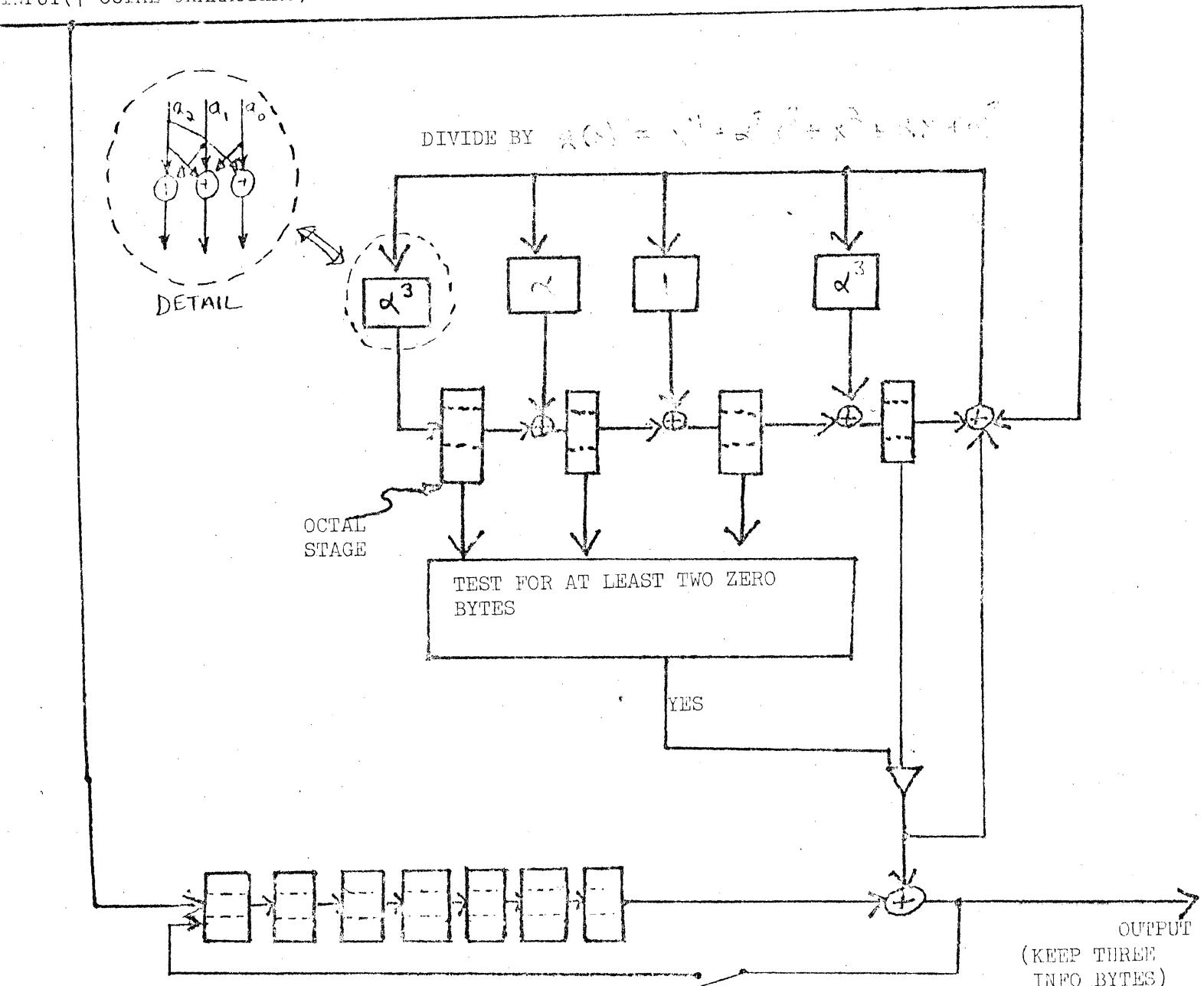
FIGURE 6.5-4

ERROR TRAPPING  
FOR (7,3) REED-SOLOMON

DOUBLE SYMBOL ERROR CORRECTION

Note: All Data Paths are  
Three Bits Wide

INPUT(7 OCTAL CHARACTERS)



SHIFT IN 14 BITS  
WITH BURST ERROR

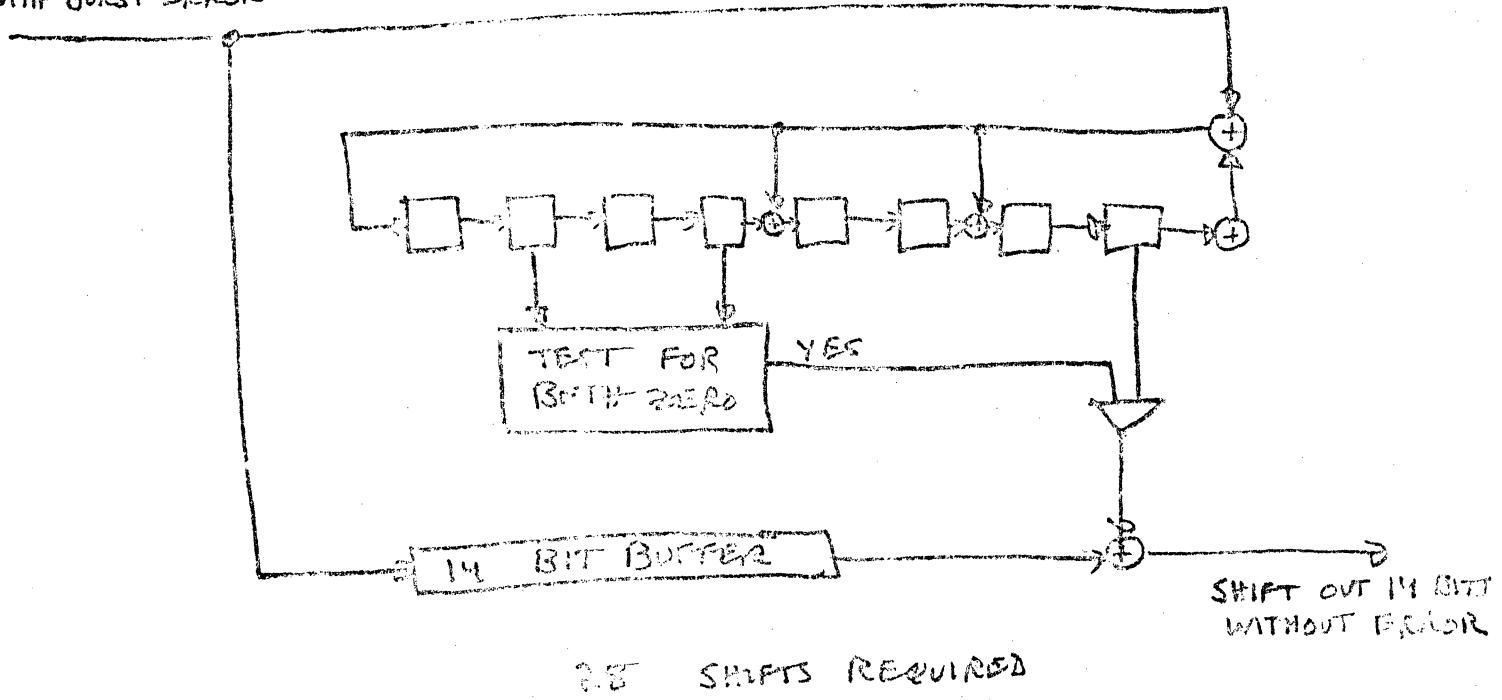
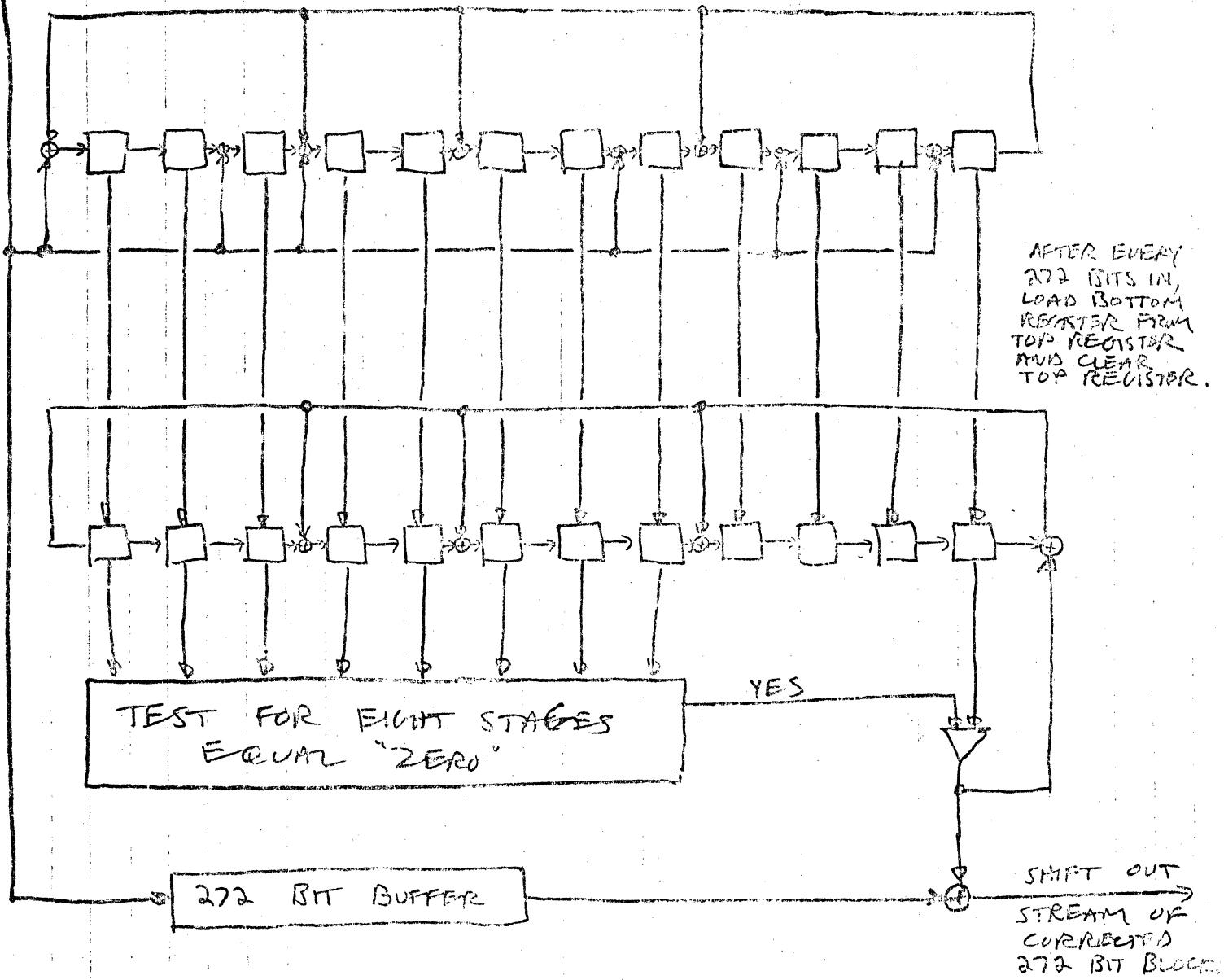


FIGURE 6.5-6  
ERROR TRAPPING DECODER FOR  
AN INTERLEAVED BURST-ERROR CORRECTING CODE

SHIFT IN STREAM  
OF 272 BIT BLOCKS  
WITH BURST ERRORS



ERROR TRAPPING DECODER FOR (272, 260)  
BURST-ERROR-CORRECTING CODE

FIGURE 6.6-1

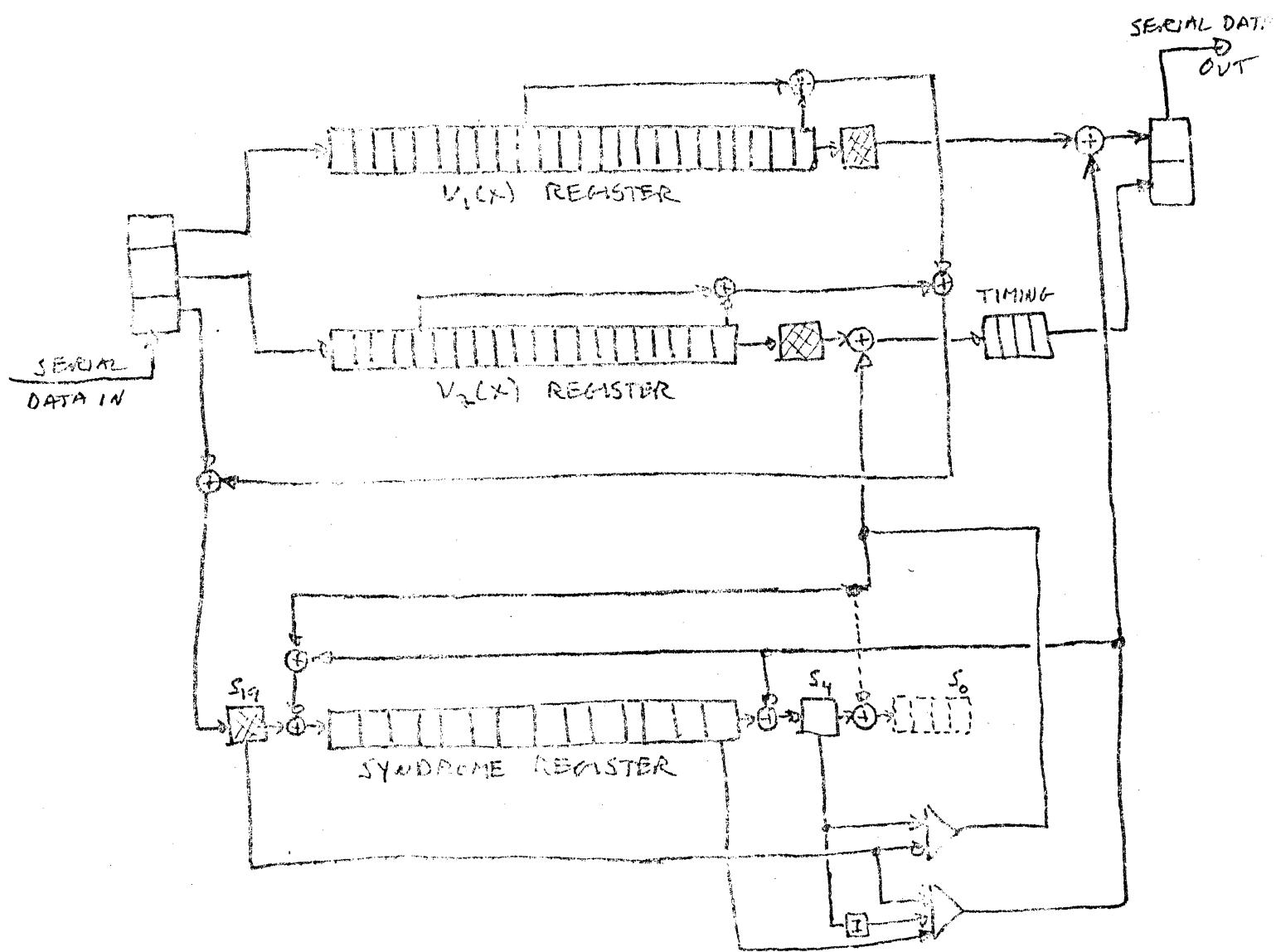
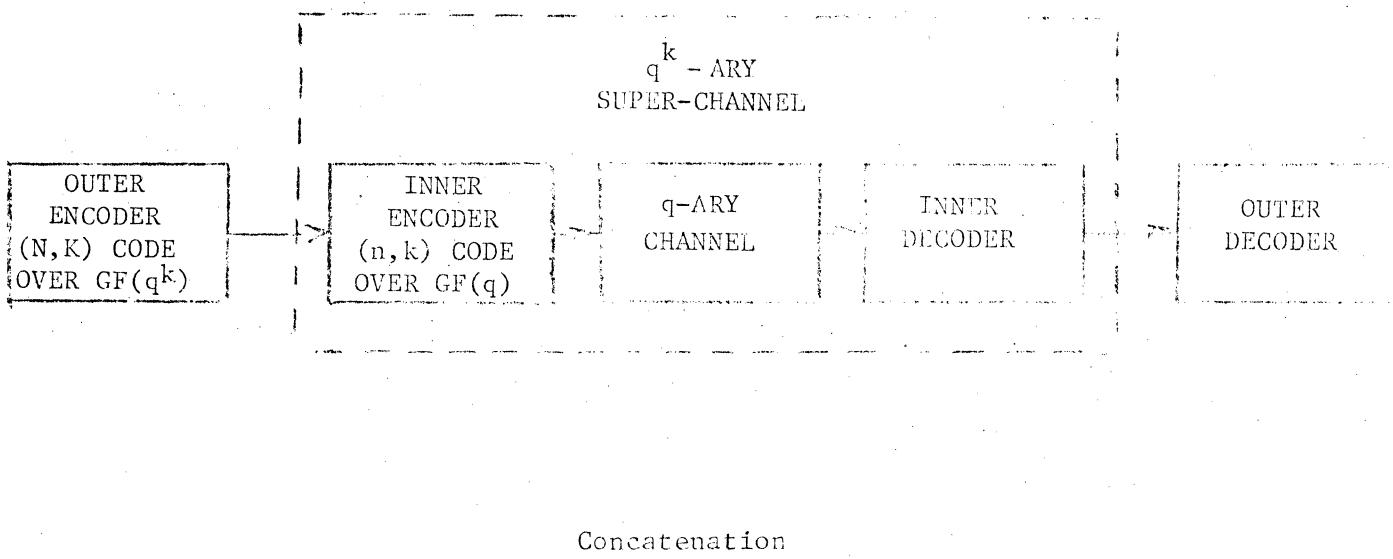


FIGURE 12.7-3

DECODER FOR (72, 48) IWADARE CODE



Concatenation

FIGURE 7.8-1

## ORIGINAL DATA:

0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0	0	1	2
3	4	5	6	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0	0	1	2	3	4	5
6	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	6
5	4	3	2	1	0	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	6	5	4	3

## OUTER ENCODED DATA: (PARITY BLOCK FIRST 4 COLUMNS)

0	4	6	5	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0	0	1	2
2	4	6	5	3	4	5	6	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0	0	1	2	3	4	5
4	0	0	2	6	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	6
2	1	7	2	5	4	3	2	1	0	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	6	5	4	3

## INNER ENCODED MESSAGE: (PARITY BLOCK TOP 3 ROWS)

7	7	6	7	4	1	4	5	4	1	0	4	2	5	4	3	6	2	6	4	1	4
4	4	5	6	0	4	7	2	6	5	2	4	2	1	5	4	3	4	6	0	4	7
2	2	5	2	4	6	1	7	1	1	2	5	3	0	7	3	3	2	2	4	6	1
3	4	5	5	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0	0	1	2
2	4	6	5	3	4	5	6	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0	0	1	2	3	4	5
4	0	0	2	6	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	6
2	1	7	2	5	4	3	2	1	0	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	6	5	4	3

## THE MESSAGE WITH ERRORS AND ERASURES:

4	7	-	7	4	-	4	5	4	1	-	4	2	1	4	-	6	2	6	4	-	4
4	3	-	-	0	2	7	2	-	-	2	4	2	4	5	4	3	4	5	0	4	7
2	2	-	2	4	4	1	7	1	1	2	5	3	5	7	3	3	-	2	4	6	1
0	4	-	-	1	6	0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
4	0	-	2	6	1	6	5	4	3	2	-	-	4	-	0	-	5	6	-	6	-
2	1	5	2	5	2	3	-	1	0	0	1	2	6	4	5	6	7	6	5	4	1

## INNER DECODE

## THE CORRECTED MESSAGE IS:

0	4	-	5	0	-	2	3	4	5	6	7	6	7	4	3	2	1	0	0	1	2
2	4	-	5	3	-	5	6	7	6	5	4	3	3	1	0	0	1	2	3	4	5
4	0	-	2	6	-	6	5	4	3	2	1	0	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	6
2	1	-	2	5	-	3	2	1	0	0	1	2	6	4	5	6	7	6	5	4	3

## OUTER DECODE

## THE RESTORED MESSAGE:

0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0	0	1	2
3	4	5	6	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0	0	1	2	3	4	5
6	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	6
5	4	3	2	1	0	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	6	5	4	3

(22,18) RS

$$q = 2^{12}$$

- 4096

$$t = 2$$

$d = 5$

EACH COLUMN

(7,4) RS

$$q = 8$$

$$d = 4$$

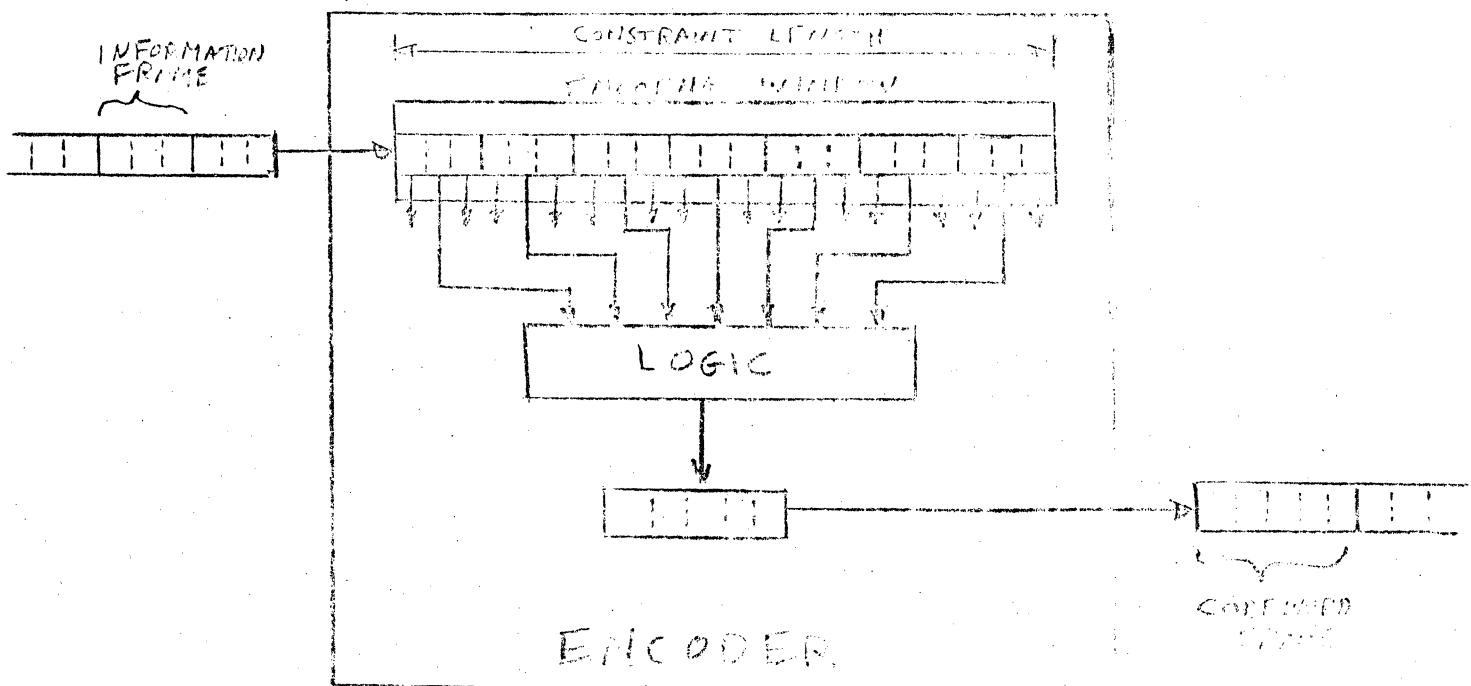


FIGURE 12.1-1

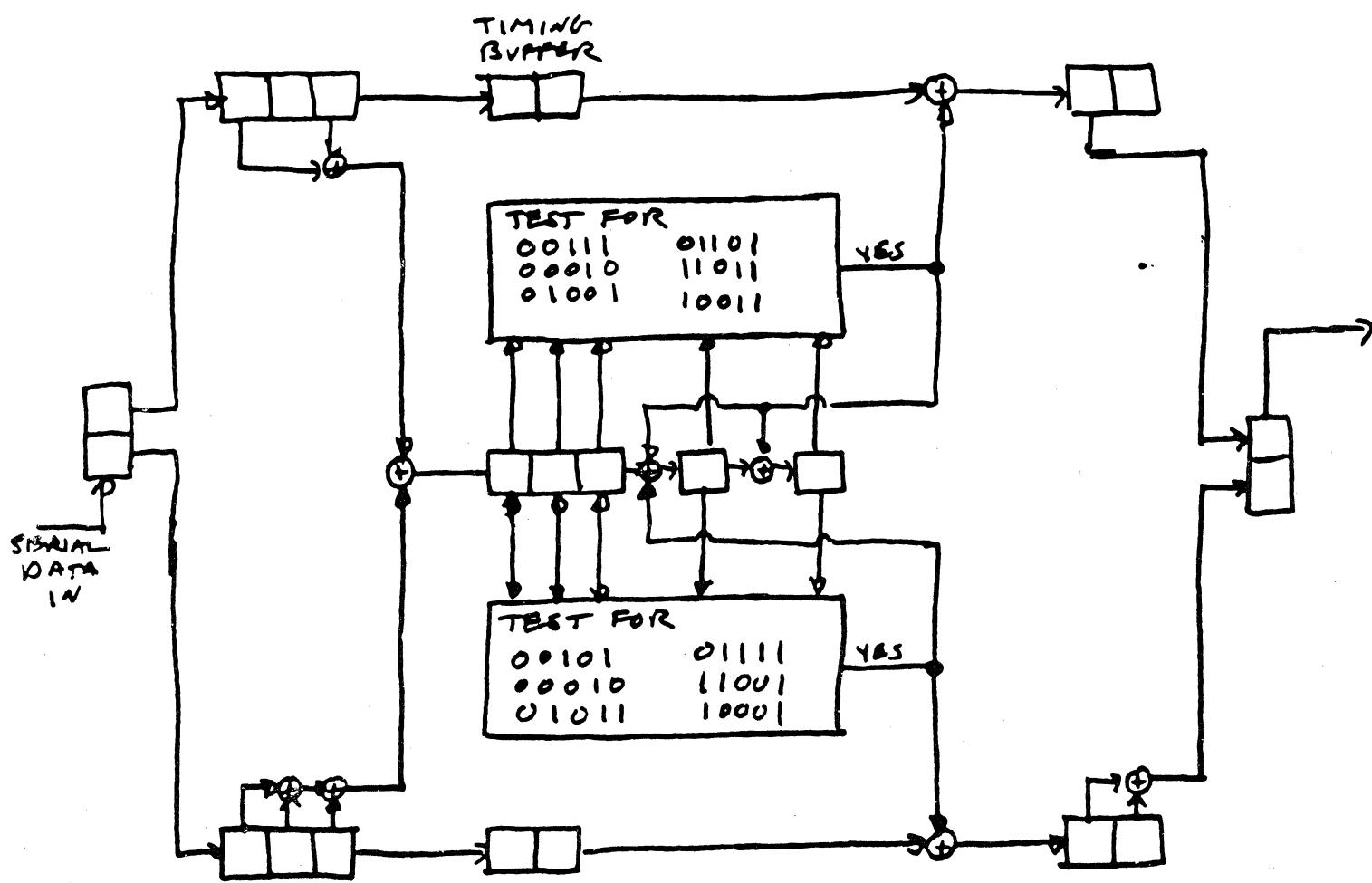
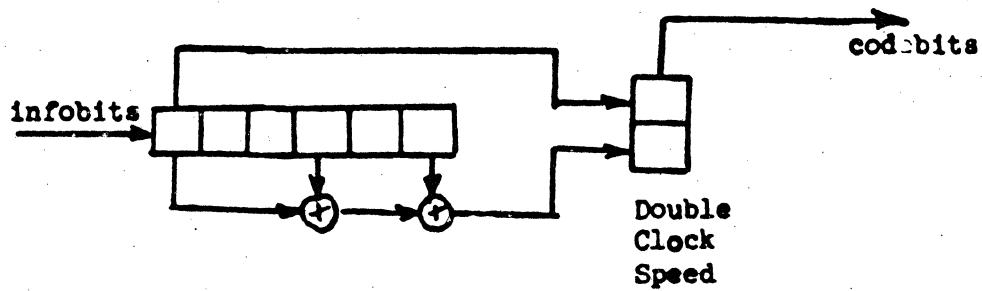
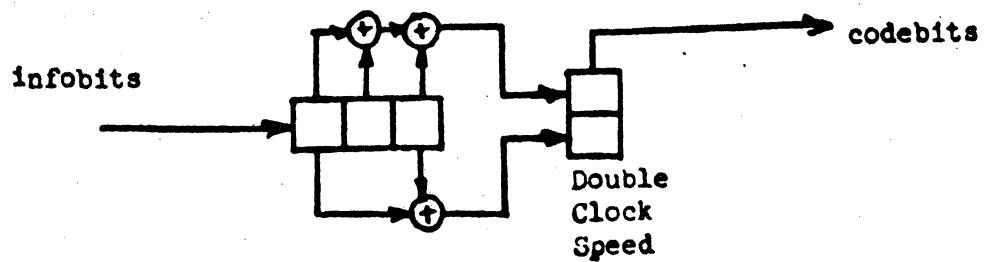


FIGURE 12-6-5  
DECODER FOR A (6,3) CODE



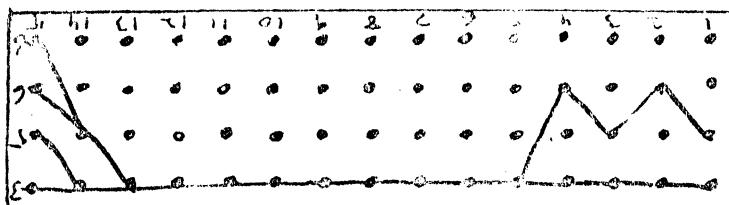
AN ENCODER FOR A BINARY (12,6) CONVOLUTIONAL CODE



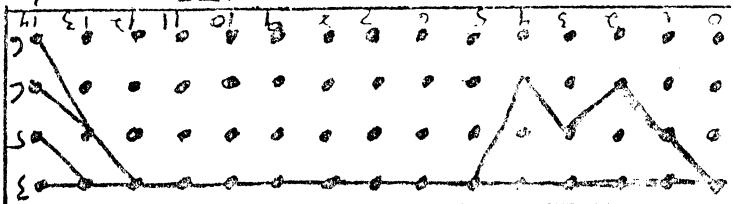
AN ENCODER FOR A BINARY (6,3) CONVOLUTIONAL CODE

FIGURE 12.1-3

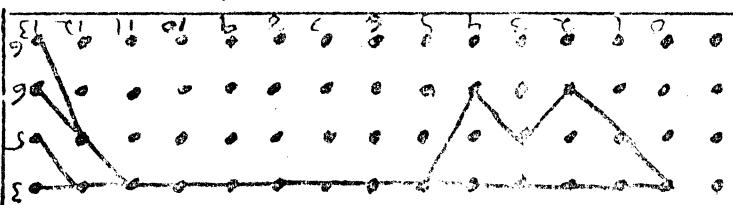
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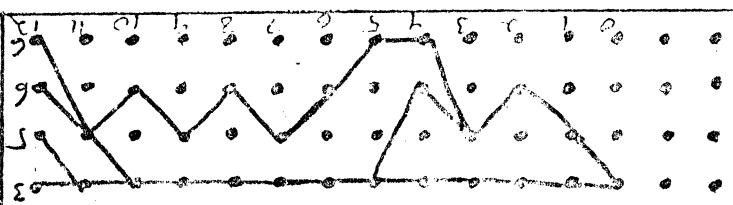
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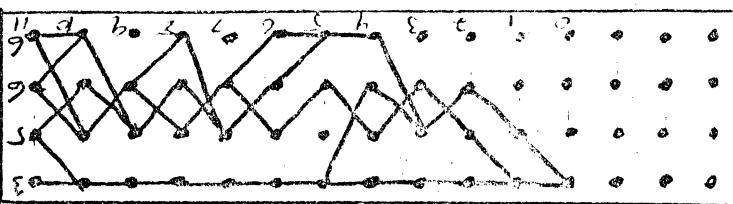
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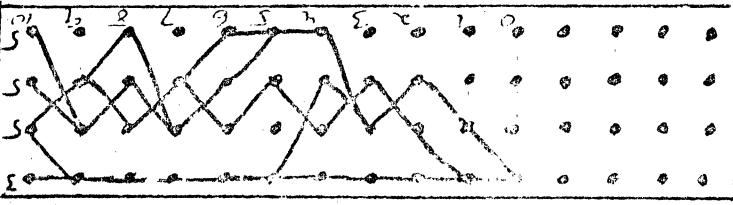
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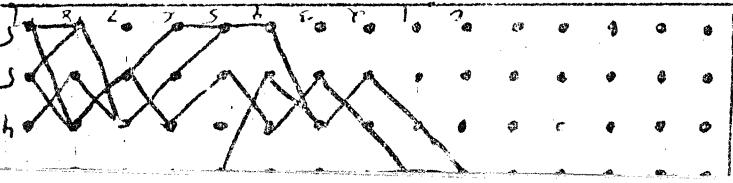
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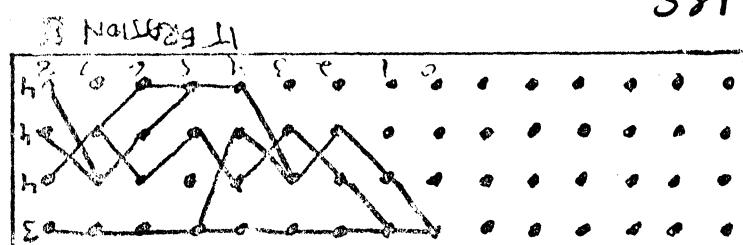
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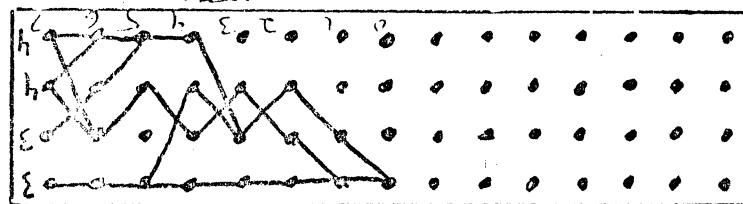
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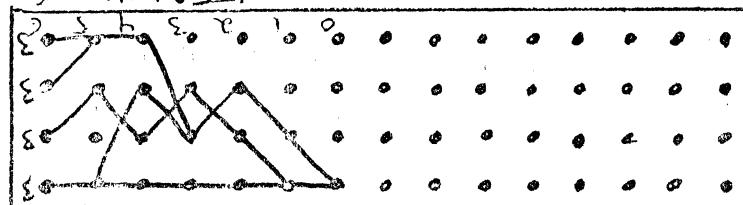
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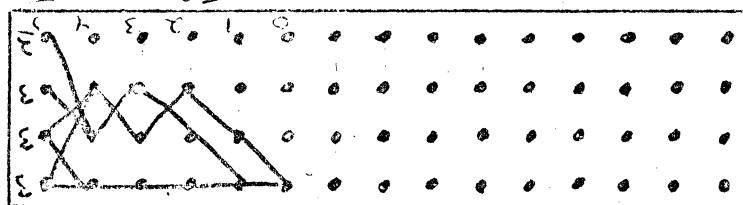
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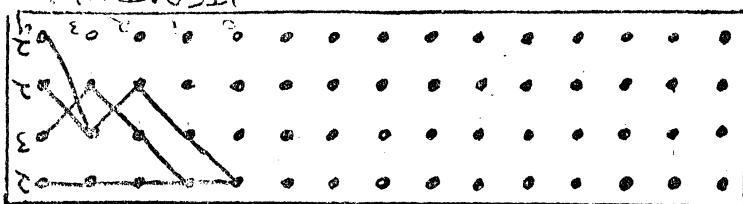
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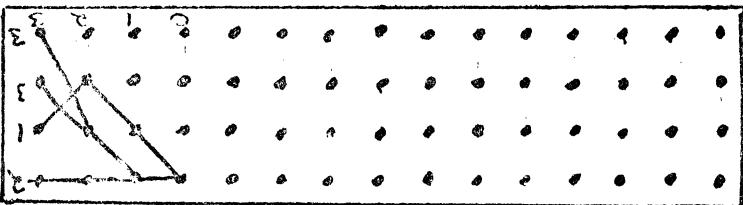
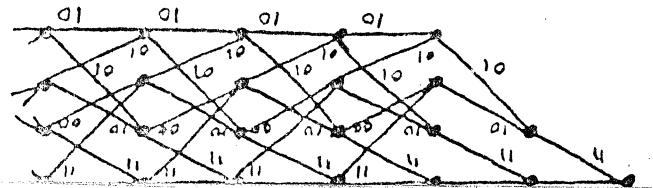
ITERATION 5



ITERATION 4



ITERATION 3

 $\epsilon = 10 \ 10 \ 00 \ 00 \ 10 \ 00 \ 00 \ 00 \ 00 \ 00 \dots$ 



## ECC FOR TAPES AND DISCS -- R. E. Blahut

This presentation is a companion to the following presentation by Steve West. Between the two presentations a proposed universal LSI decoder is described. This decoder will decode any Reed-Solomon code for magnetic tape or disc applications. Very high decoding speed is possible, and any number of errors can be corrected by the decoder. The user need only provide enough redundancy in the recorded message to allow correction of the desired number of errors.

The talk considers the theory upon which the design is based.

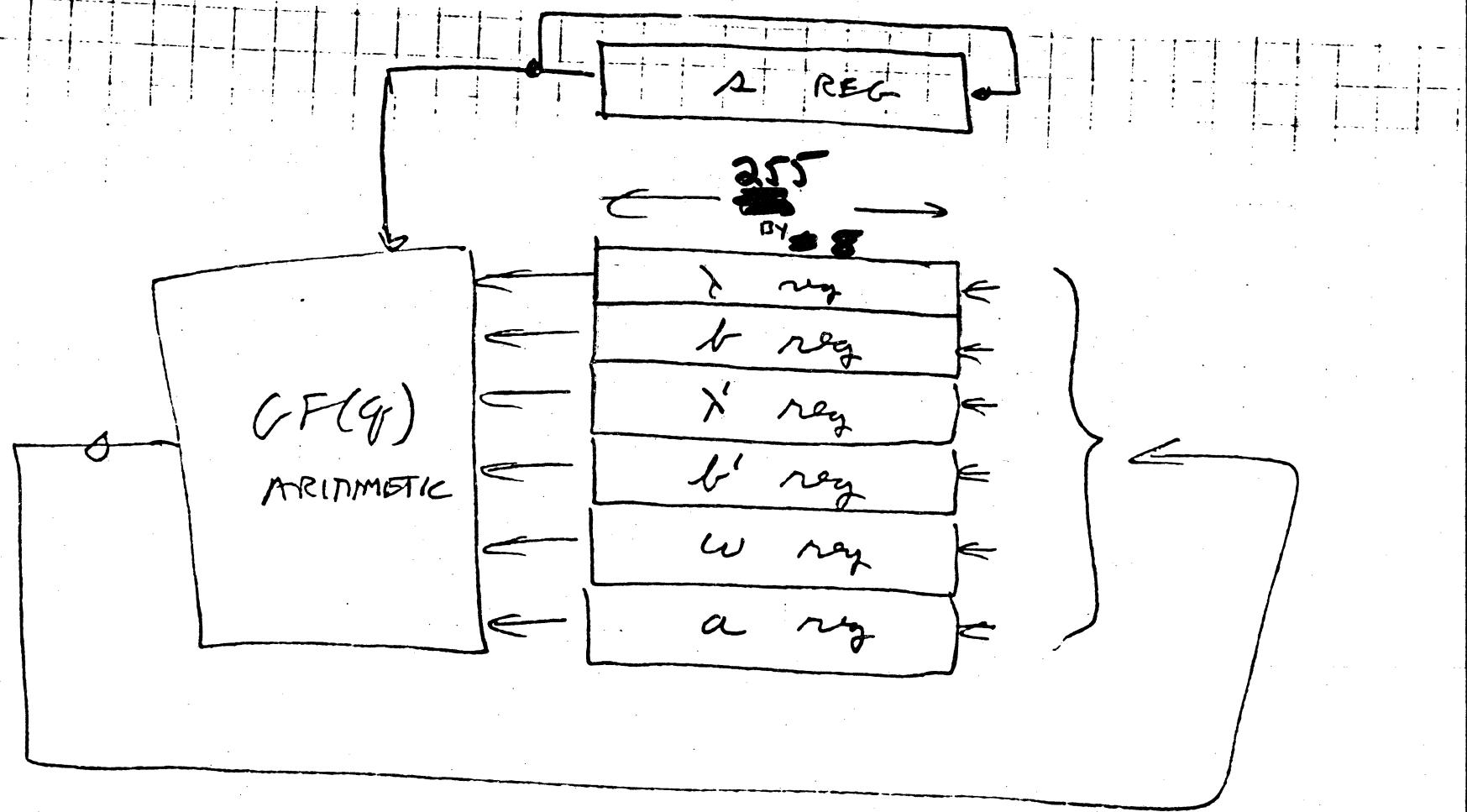
## UNIVERSAL LSI DECODER FOR Block CODES

- $n \leq 256$  BYTES
- $q = 2, 4, 8, 16, 32, 64, 128, 256$   
(1 TO 8 BIT BYTES)
- BCH & REED-SOLOMON CODES
- ERRORS & ERASURES DECODING
- DECODE TIME  $n \times 2t$  CLOCKS
- 7 GATES / CLOCK
- CHIP SIZE = ?

PERFORMANCE PREDICTIONS  
AT A 30 nSEC DECODE CYCLE

BLOCKLENGTH (BYTES)	$2t$	DECODE TIME	DECODE TIME/BIT	# DECODES FOR 50 MBPS
$n = 256$	20	13 nsec	.08 nsec	4
$n = 86$	20	50 nsec	<del>.08</del> nsec	4
$n = 52$	20	30 nsec	.08 nsec	4
$n = 18$	4	2 nsec	.05 nsec	0.8

$t \cancel{\cancel{\cancel{\ }}} = \# \text{ BYTE ERRORS}$   
 $2t \cancel{\cancel{\cancel{\ }}} = \# \text{ BYTE ERASURES}$



DECODER

# Now IT GETS HARD

BCH CODES & REED-SOLOMON CODES

- CODES OVER  $GF(q)$
- BLOCKLENGTH  $n = q^m - 1$  ( $7, 15, 31, 63, \dots$ )
  - IF  $m = 1 \Rightarrow$  REED-SOLOMON
  - $m \neq 1 \Rightarrow$  BCH
- DEFINE  $g(x)$  BY SPECIFYING ROOTS  
IN  $GF(q^m)$
- $g(\alpha^i) = 0$  FOR  $i=1, \dots, 2t$   
 $\alpha$  IS AN ELEMENT OF  $GF(q^m)$

EXAMPLE : Hamming (7, 4) over  $GF(2)$

$$n = 2^m - 1$$

$$g(x) = x^3 + x + 1$$

BECAUSE IN  $GF(8)$ ,  $g(\alpha) = 0$   
 $g(\alpha^2) = 0$

SIMPLEST CASE REED-SOLOMON CODES

$$n = q - 1$$

$$k = q - 1 - 2t$$

2 PARITY BYTES  
FOR ERROR CORRECTION

## FOURIER TRANSFORMS

- DISCRETE FOURIER TRANSFORM OVER COMPLEX FIELDS

$$P_k = \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} e^{-j2\pi \frac{ik}{N}} p_i \quad k=0, \dots, n-1$$

$$p_i = \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} e^{j2\pi \frac{ik}{N}} P_k$$

- DISCRETE FOURIER TRANSFORM OVER GALOIS FIELDS

$$E_j = \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} \alpha^{ji} e_i \quad j=0, \dots, n-1$$

$$e_i = \frac{1}{(m \text{ mod } p)} \sum_{j=0}^{n-1} \alpha^{-ji} E_j$$

BUT  $n$  DIVIDES  $q^m - 1$   
 $\alpha$  HAS ORDER  $n$

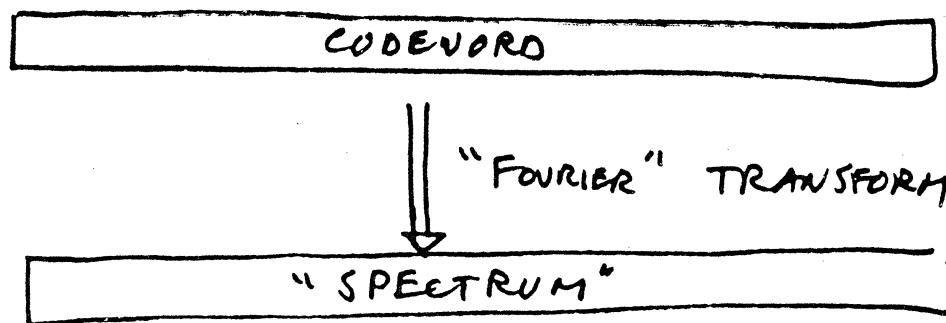
IN GENERAL

$$[GF(q)]^n \xrightarrow{\text{FT}} [GF(q^m)]^n$$

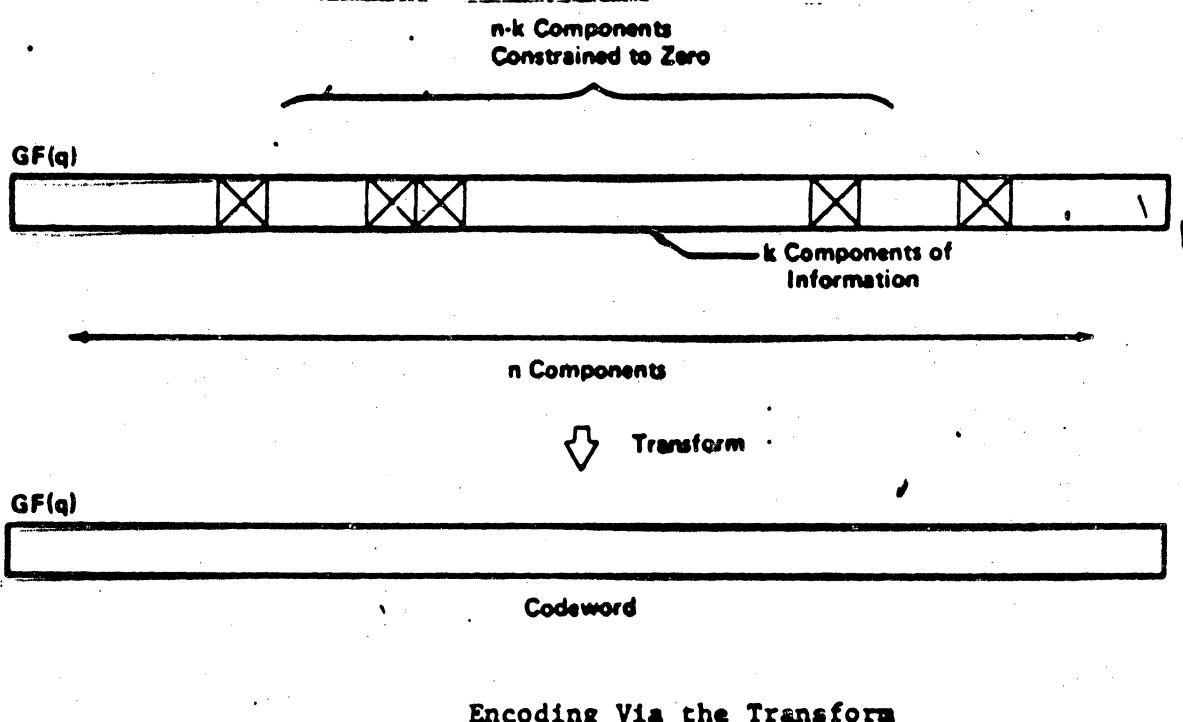
$$a_i b_i \longleftrightarrow A * B$$

## FREQUENCY DOMAIN DECODER

- CODES ARE IN  $GF(q)$   $m = q^m - 1$
- CODING ALGORITHMS ARE IN  $GF(q^m)$
- "FREQUENCY DOMAIN" IS DEFINED BY ANALOGY WITH TRUE FREQUENCY



- "SPECTRUM" IS A SET OF  $q^m$ -ARY SYMBOLS
- "SPECTRUM" IS PROCESSED TO FIND ERRORS IN ORIGINAL CODEWORD



IF  $2t$  FREQUENCIES CONSTRAINED  
TO ZERO ARE CONTIGUOUS, THEN  
CODE IS CALLED  $t$ -ERROR-CORRECTING  
BCH CODE

## Frequency Domain Codewords

## Time Domain Codewords

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$c_0$	$c_1$	$c_2$	$c_3$	$c_4$	$c_5$	$c_6$
-------	-------	-------	-------	-------	-------	-------

0	0	0	0	0	0	0
0	0	0	$\alpha^0$	0	$\alpha^0$	$\alpha^0$
0	0	0	$\alpha^1$	0	$\alpha^4$	$\alpha^2$
0	0	0	$\alpha^2$	0	$\alpha^1$	$\alpha^4$
0	0	0	$\alpha^3$	0	$\alpha^5$	$\alpha^6$
0	0	0	$\alpha^4$	0	$\alpha^2$	$\alpha^1$
0	0	0	$\alpha^5$	0	$\alpha^6$	$\alpha^3$
0	0	0	$\alpha^6$	0	$\alpha^3$	$\alpha^5$
1	0	0	0	0	0	0
1	0	0	$\alpha^0$	0	$\alpha^0$	$\alpha^0$
1	0	0	$\alpha^1$	0	$\alpha^4$	$\alpha^2$
1	0	0	$\alpha^2$	0	$\alpha^1$	$\alpha^4$
1	0	0	$\alpha^3$	0	$\alpha^5$	$\alpha^6$
1	0	0	$\alpha^4$	0	$\alpha^2$	$\alpha^1$
1	0	0	$\alpha^5$	0	$\alpha^6$	$\alpha^3$
1	0	0	$\alpha^6$	0	$\alpha^3$	$\alpha^5$

$c_0$	$c_1$	$c_2$	$c_3$	$c_4$	$c_5$	$c_6$
-------	-------	-------	-------	-------	-------	-------

0	0	0	0	0	0	0
1	1	1	0	1	0	0
0	0	1	1	1	0	1
0	1	0	0	1	1	1
1	1	0	1	0	1	0
0	1	1	1	0	1	0
1	0	0	1	1	1	0
0	0	0	1	0	1	1
1	1	1	1	1	1	1
0	0	0	1	0	1	1
1	0	0	0	0	1	0
0	1	0	0	1	0	1
1	0	0	1	0	0	0
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1	0	0	1	0	1	0
0	1	0	1	1	0	0

F.T.

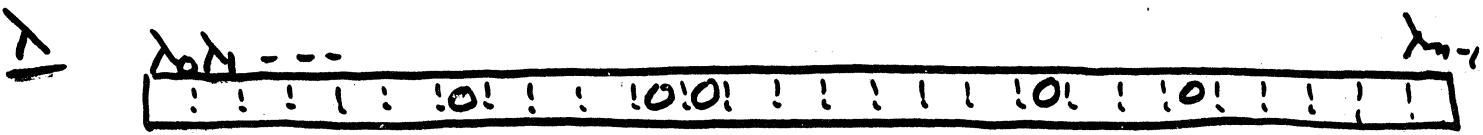
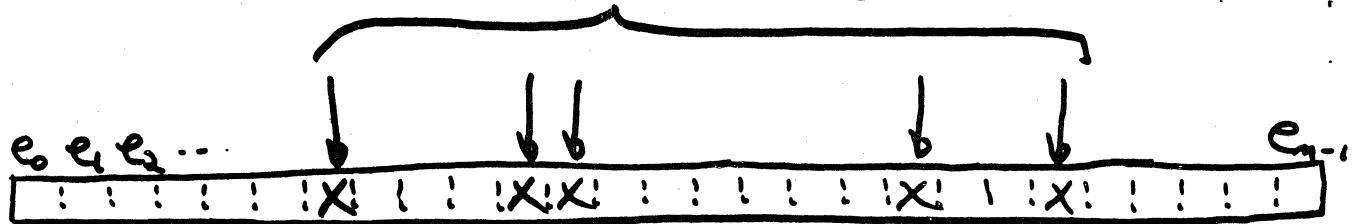
Hamming (7,4) Code

0	0	0	0	0	1	1
0	0	0	1	0	1	0
1	0	0	0	1	0	0

0	0	0	0	0	0	0
0	0	0	0	0	0	0
0	0	1	1	1	0	1

Parity

## ERROR LOCATIONS



TO GET  $\Delta$ , DEFINE  $N(x) = \prod_{k=1}^v (1 - x\alpha^{i_k})$

THEN

$$\lambda_i = \sum_{j=0}^{n-1} \alpha^{-i_j} \Lambda_j$$

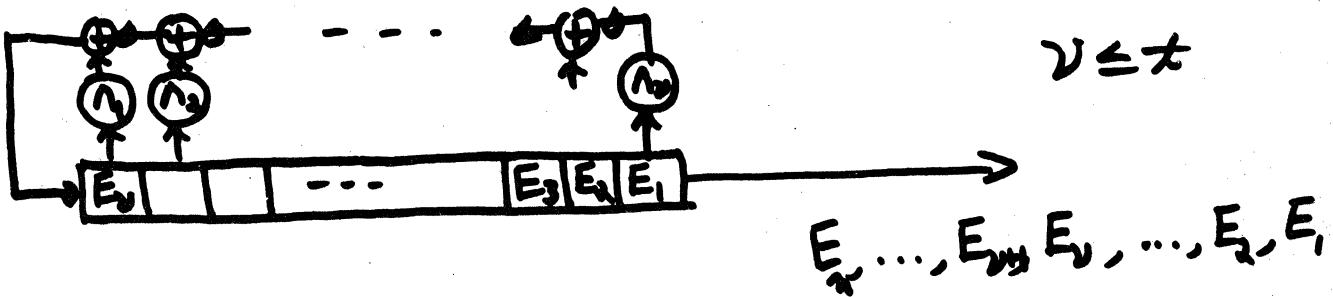
GIVES DESIRED ZEROS

AND

$$\deg(N(x)) = v \leq t$$

$$\lambda_i e_i = 0 \Rightarrow \Delta * E = 0$$

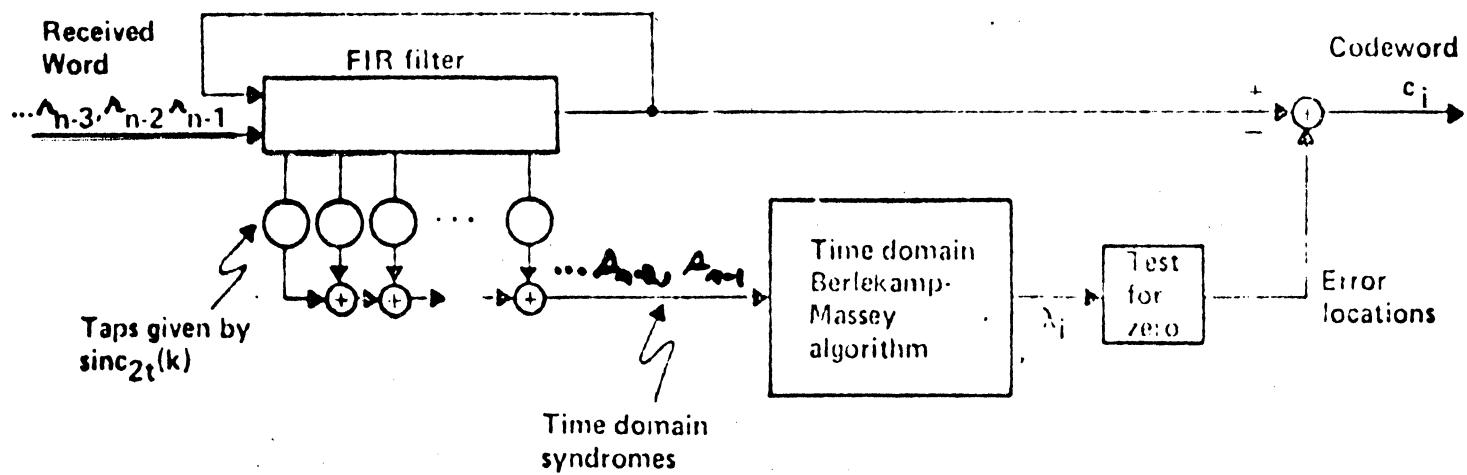
$$E_{i_k} = - \sum_{j=1}^v \Lambda_j E_{i_k-j}$$



$$E_{v+1} = -\Lambda_1 E_v - \Lambda_2 E_{v-1} - \dots - \Lambda_v E_1 \quad \left. \right\} v \text{ Equations}$$

$$E_{2v} = -\Lambda_1 E_{2v} - \Lambda_2 E_{2v-2} - \dots - \Lambda_v E_2$$

$$E_{2v+1} = -\Lambda_1 E_{2v} - \Lambda_2 E_{2v-1} - \dots - \Lambda_{v-1} E_{v+1}$$



Time Domain Decoder For Binary BCH Codes

$$S_i = R_i \quad i = 1, \dots, 2T$$

$$S_i = \text{RECT}_i R_i \quad \text{RECT}_i = \begin{cases} 1 & i=1, \dots, 2T \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

$$S_i = \text{sinc}_{\Delta x}(i) * r_i$$

BERLEKAMP - MASSEY ITERATION

$$\Delta_n = \sum_{i=0}^{m-1} \Lambda_i^{(n-1)} S_{n-i}$$

$$\begin{vmatrix} \Lambda^{(n)}(x) \\ B^{(n)}(x) \end{vmatrix} = \begin{vmatrix} 1 & -\Delta_n x \\ \Delta_n^{-1} \delta_n x & \bar{\delta}_n x \end{vmatrix} \begin{vmatrix} \Lambda^{(n-1)}(x) \\ B^{(n-1)}(x) \end{vmatrix}$$

TIME DOMAIN BERLEKAMP - MASSEY ITERATION

$$\Delta_n = \sum_{i=0}^{m-1} \alpha^{in} \lambda_i^{(n)} s_i$$

$$\begin{vmatrix} \lambda_i^{(n)} \\ b_i^{(n)} \end{vmatrix} = \begin{vmatrix} 1 & -\Delta_n \alpha^{ni} \\ \Delta_n^{-1} \delta_n \alpha^{ni} & \bar{\delta}_n \alpha^{ni} \end{vmatrix} \begin{vmatrix} \lambda_i^{(n-1)} \\ b_i^{(n-1)} \end{vmatrix}$$

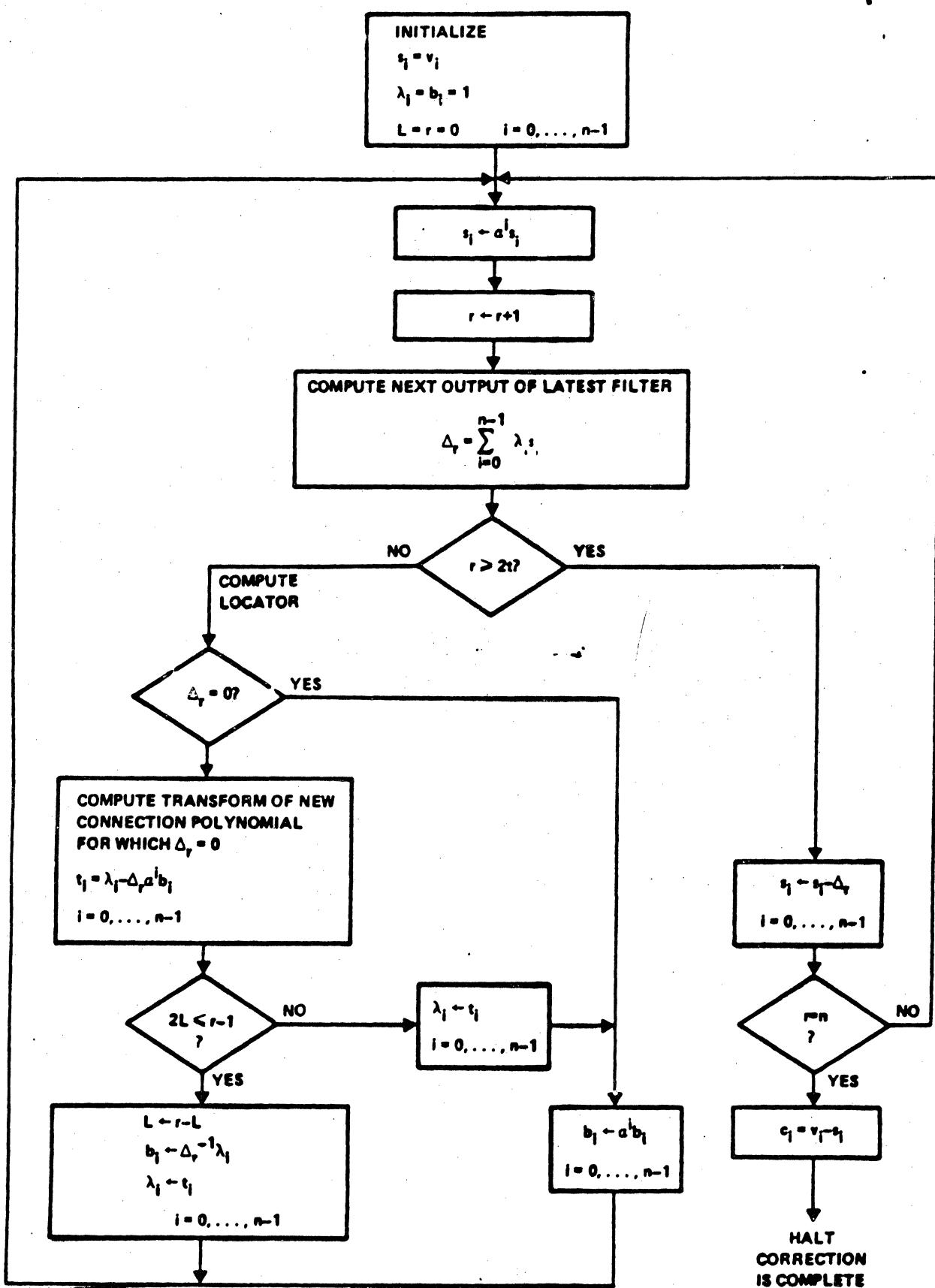


Figure 9.5-3 Time Domain Decoder

Reed-Solomon Time Domain Decoder  
Architecture and Galois Field Multipliers

Stephen C. West

GPD Tucson

There is an Advanced Technology effort underway at GPD Tucson to investigate the implementation and performance of a Reed-Solomon error control decoder. This presentation reports on two aspects of the investigation, the decoder architectures being investigated and a recently developed Galois Field multiplier.

Reed-Solomon Decoder Architectures

One of the primary objectives of the current effort is to develop a general purpose Reed-Solomon decoder. The motivation for this objective is two fold: first, to allow selection of the precise code parameters to occur as late as possible in the product development cycle, and second, to support a range of products (low, medium and high end products) within a generation of products.

We are currently trying to put a plan in place to design and build a VTL prototype decoder to be followed by an LSI version.

The significant features being considered for the VTL decoder are listed in Figure 1.

There are four architectures being examined, all of which are based on two decoding algorithms developed by R. E. Blahut at FSD Owego. The four architectures are summarized in Figure 2. Architectures III and IV are particularly interesting, if multiple LSI chips are required to implement the decoder. A properly partitioned decoder would allow an application, needing only  $N^2$  speed, to purchase and implement a lower cost decoder than an application which required  $N \times 2t$  speed.

Figures 3 thru 9 illustrate the algorithms and block diagrams for the four architectures. The algorithm of Figure 3 (Architecture I) is a subset of the algorithm of Figure 5 (Architectures II and III) with the exception of a slight change in the YES branch of the  $R > 2t$  check (Architecture II). The algorithm of Architecture III is expanded, over that shown in Figure 5, to include the operations in the YES branch of the  $R > 2t$  check as a selectable mode of operation.

The algorithm for Architecture IV (Figure 8) differs from the Architecture I algorithm only in the assignment of the variable used to accumulate the  $\lambda_i^i$  multiplications ( $s_i$  versus  $\lambda_i$ ). Architecture IV has organized the  $N^2$  decoder

into two processors:

- o Core Processor -  $N \times 2t$  clocks per block decode,
- o Auxillary Processor -  $N \times (N - 2t)$  clocks per block decode.

By replicating and multiplexing the Auxillary Processors, the resultant decoder can achieve the  $N \times 2t$  speed of Architectures II and III. The Core Processor is also a stand alone  $N^2$  decoder.

#### Galois Field (GF) Multipliers

One of the more critical elements of the decoder, in terms of delay and chip real estate, is the GF multiplier. A GF multiplier design which has a low circuit count and delay was recently developed at GPD Tucson. A design procedure and implementation for this multiplier, called the Direct GF Multiplier in this presentation, are given in Figures 11 thru 18.

Figure 10 compares a number of different implementations of GF multipliers. The top two configurations use log and anti-log, to the base alpha, look up tables. The second configuration requires the MOD 255 Adder for each multiplier element within the decoder plus a complex GF adder for each adder element within the decoder.

The apparent choice for an 8-bit LSI decoder implementation would be the Direct GF Multiplier, which has both low circuit count and low delay. A procedure for generating the equations implemented by the Direct GF Multiplier is given in Figure 11 and a GF(8) example of the procedure is given in Figure 12.

Figure 13 lists the equations for GF(2) thru GF(128) multipliers, and Figure 14 lists the equations for the GF(256) multiplier.

Figure 15 shows the block diagram of the Direct GF Multiplier. The three basic operations (blocks) in the multiplier are:

- "AND" Product Array - "AND" each bit of one input with each bit of the second input
- Product Compression - generation of the Y variables shown in Figure 14
- Final Selection - collecting the Y's into the final output equations.

Figures 16, 17 and 18 illustrate the implementations of the three blocks of Figure 15. This particular implementation employs 64 2-input "AND" circuits and 76 2-input "XOR" circuits.

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- o ERRORS AND ERASURES (POINTERS) DECODING
- o VARIABLE BLOCK LENGTH
- o ONE SYMBOL EXTENSION BEYOND THE PRIMITIVE BLOCK LENGTH
- o VARIABLE REDUNDANCY
- o VARIABLE BITS PER SYMBOL
- o EXTENDABLE ARCHITECTURE (FROM  $N^2$  CLOCKS PER BLOCK DECODE TO  $N \times 2t$  CLOCKS PER BLOCK DECODE)
- o ARCHITECTED FOR LSI IMPLEMENTATION
- o PIPELINING FOR SPEED
- o CODE POINTER GENERATION

FEATURES BEING CONSIDERED FOR THE RS DECODER

FIGURE 1

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<u>ARCHITECTURE</u>	<u>SPEED</u>	<u>HARDWARE*</u>	<u>REMARKS</u>
I	$N^2$	1	
II	$N \times 2t$	$2^+$	
III	$N \times 2t$	$2^{++}$	ARCHITECTURE I IS A SUBSET
IV	$N \times 2t \leq \boxed{N \times \frac{N}{I}} \leq N^2$	$1 + I^- \times I$	AUXILIARY PROCESSORS ARE VERY SIMPLE. I IS NUMBER OF AUXILIARY PROCESSORS. ARCHITECTURE I IS A SUBSET.

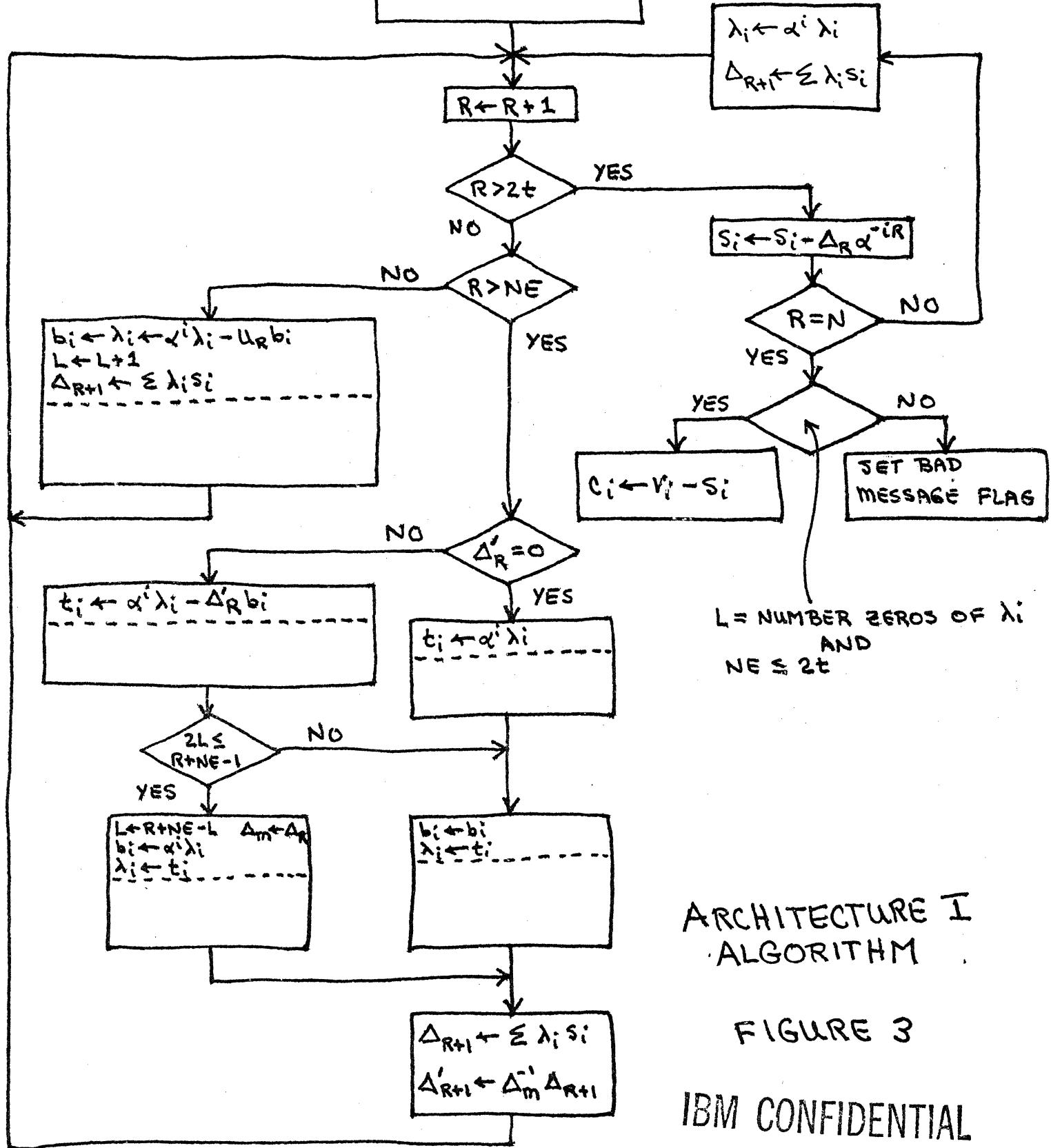
\* ARCHITECTURE I IS THE BASE FOR THE HARDWARE COMPARISON.  $2^+$  IMPLIES ARCHITECTURE II REQUIRES SOMETHING MORE THAN TWICE THE HARDWARE FOR ARCHITECTURE I.

ARCHITECTURE Summary

FIGURE 2

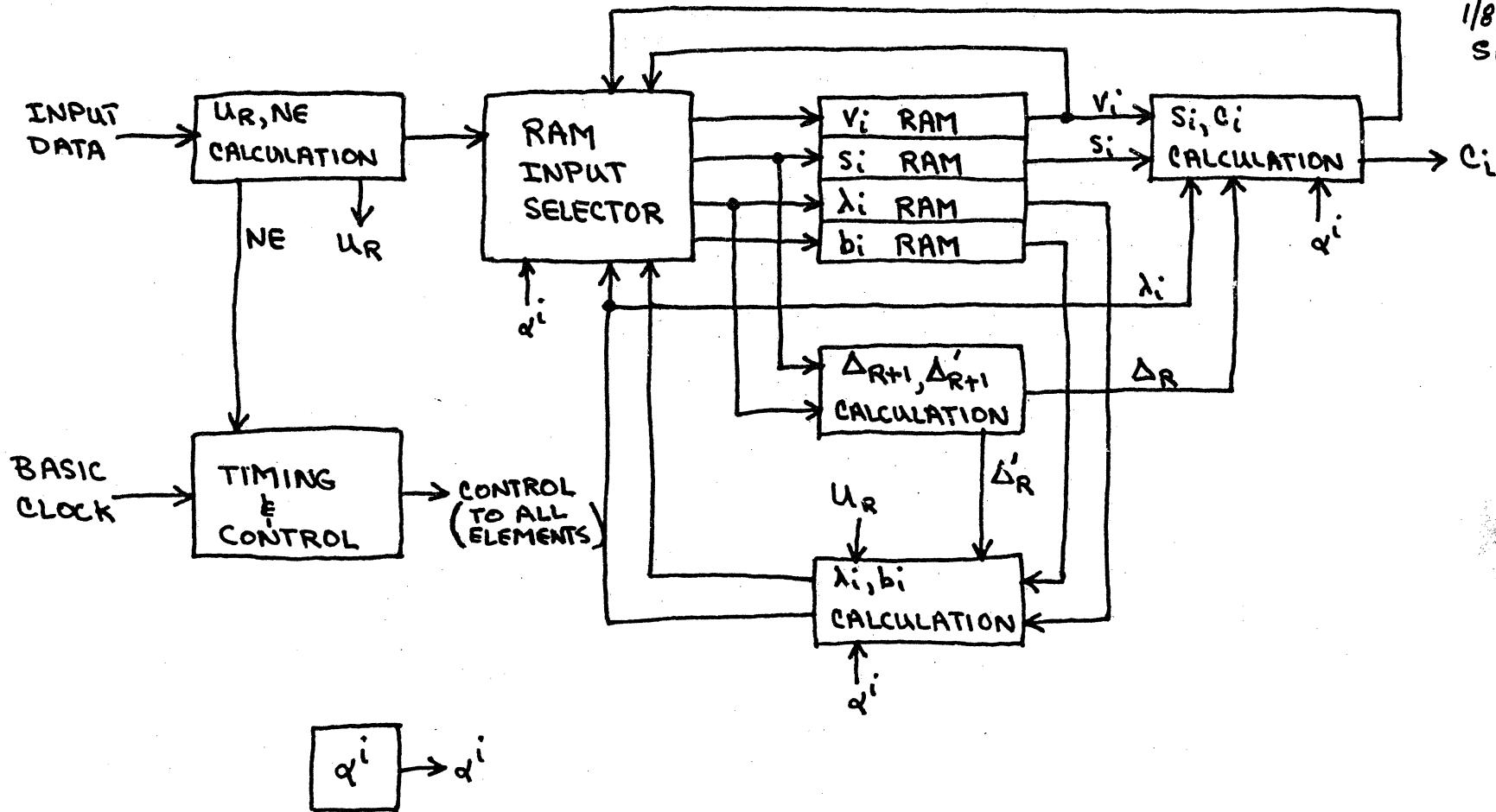
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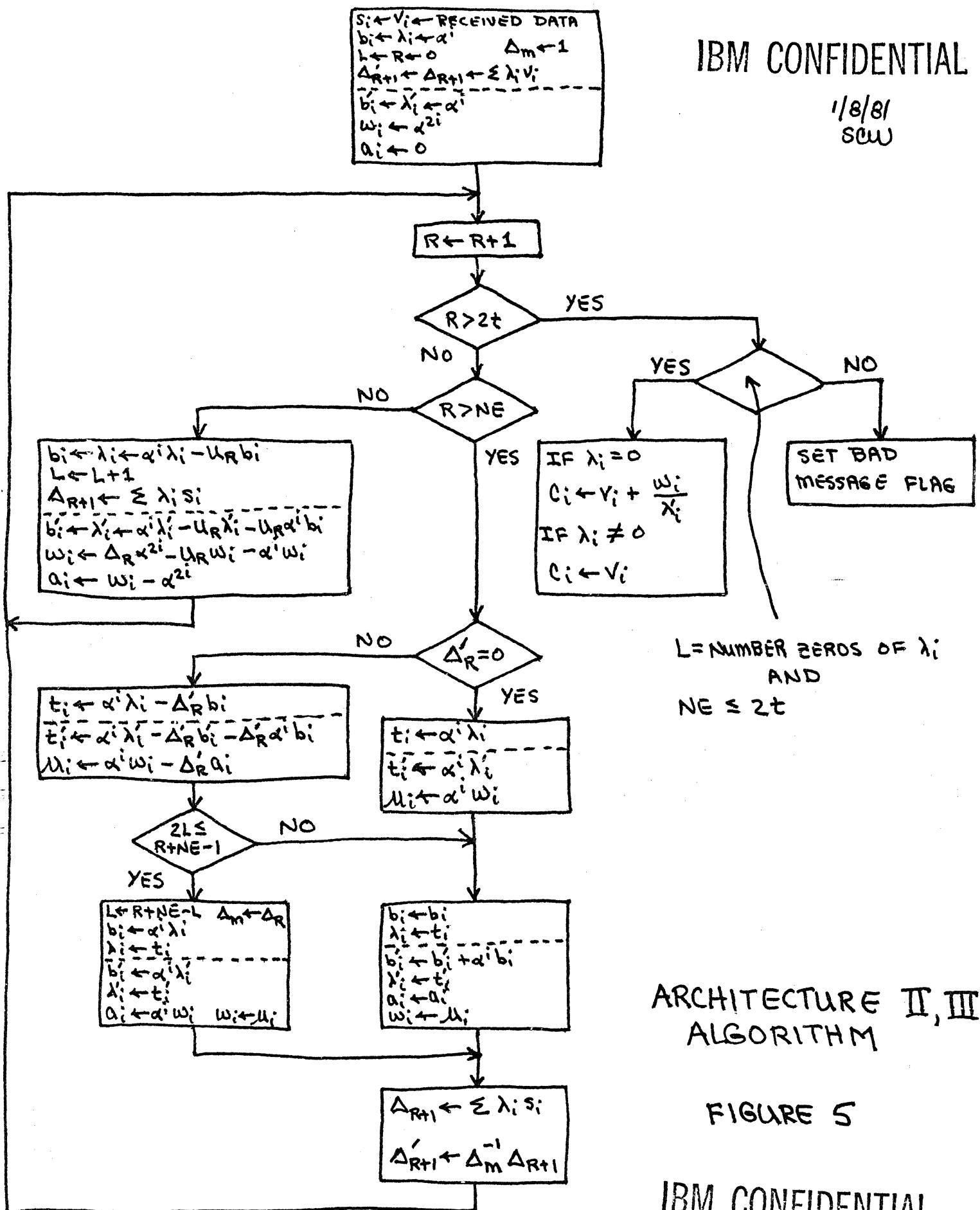


ARCHITECTURE I  
BLOCK DIAGRAM

FIGURE 4

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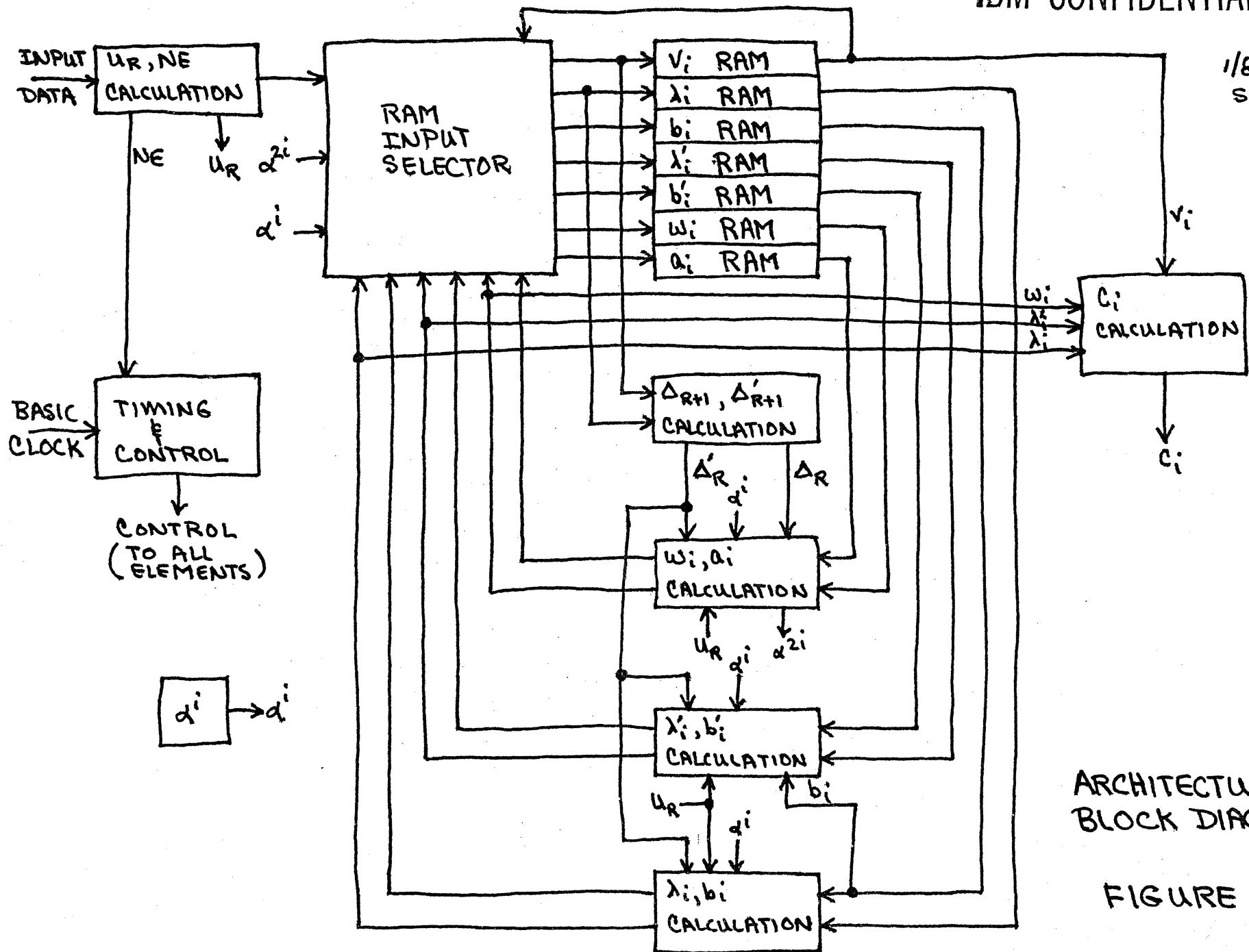
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ARCHITECTURE II  
BLOCK DIAGRAM

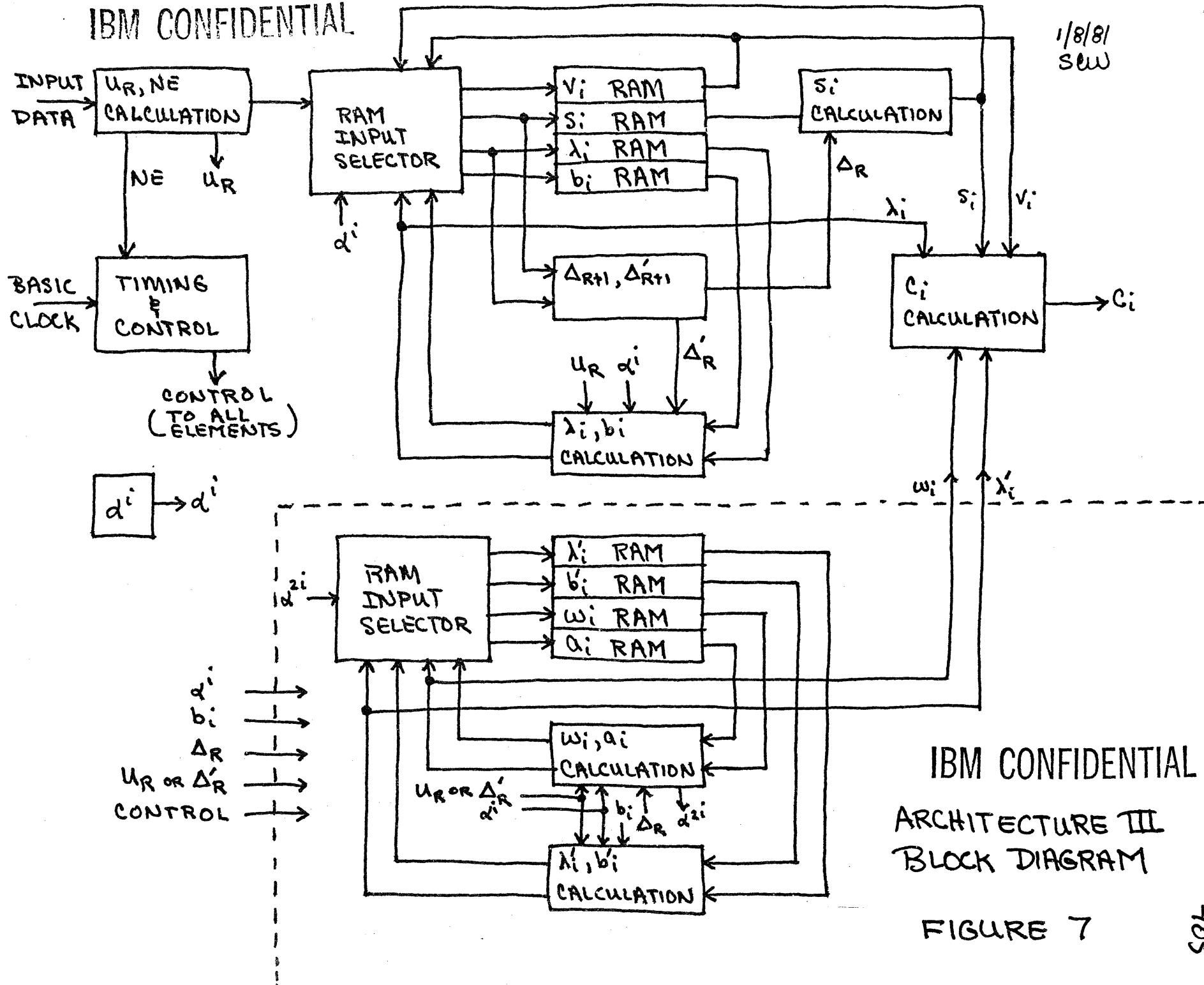
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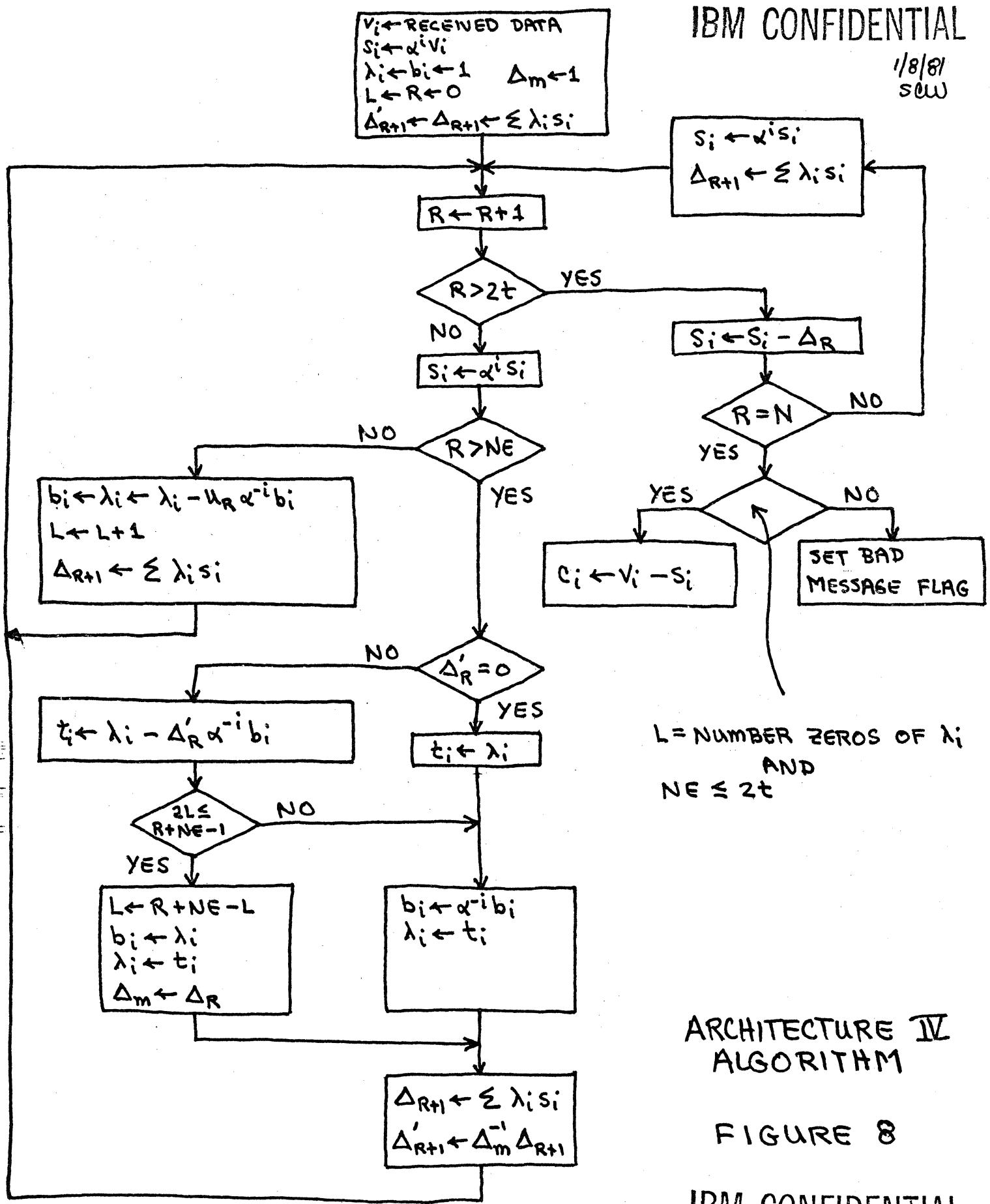
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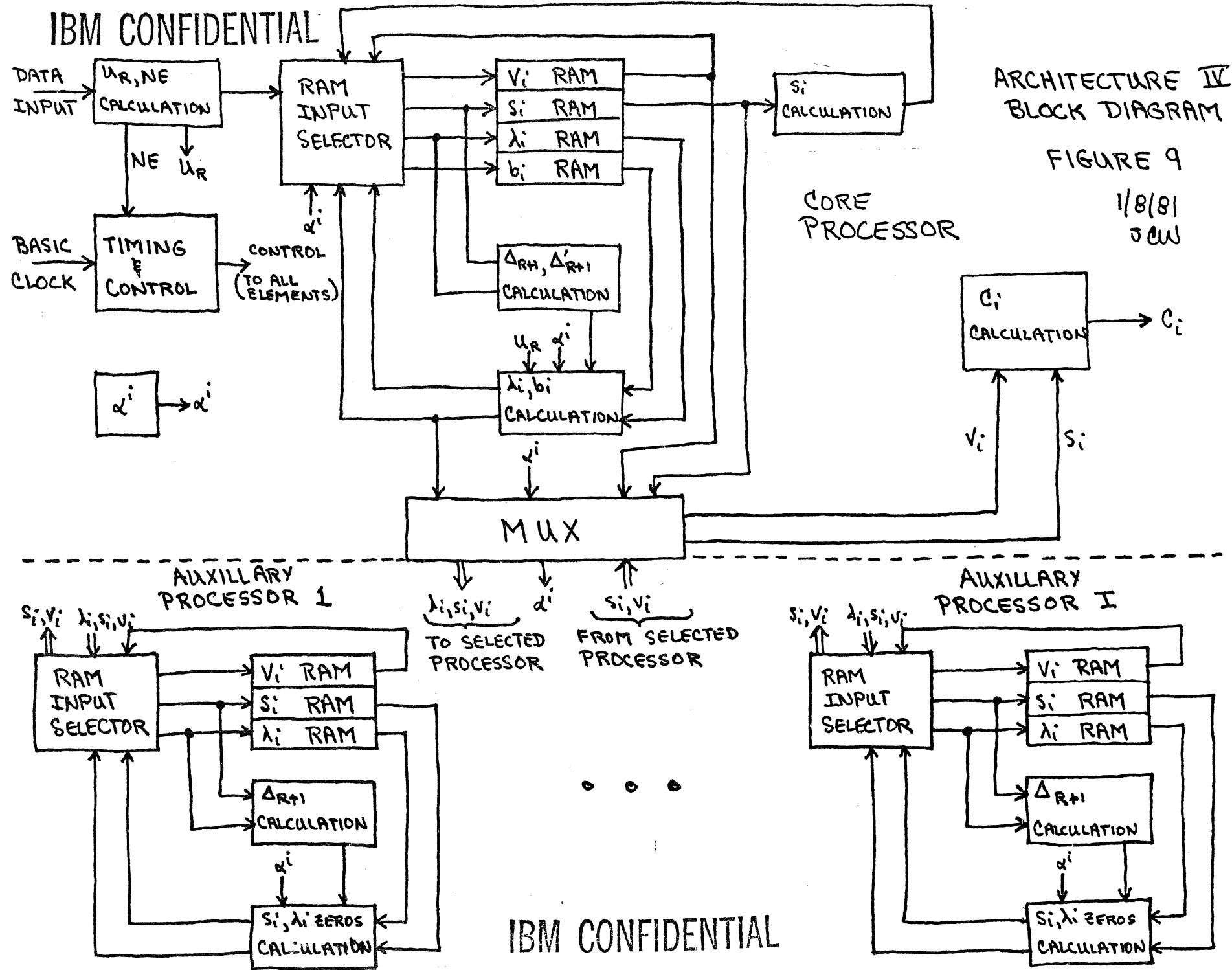
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## # CIRCUITS

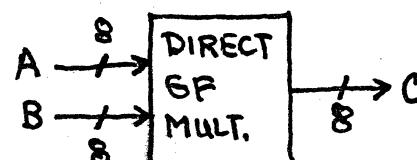
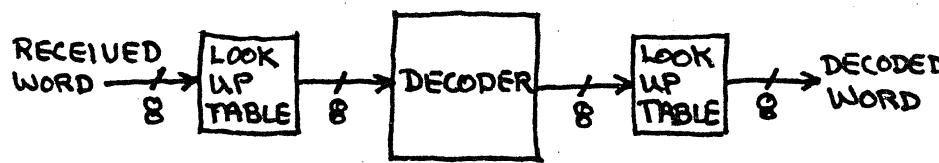
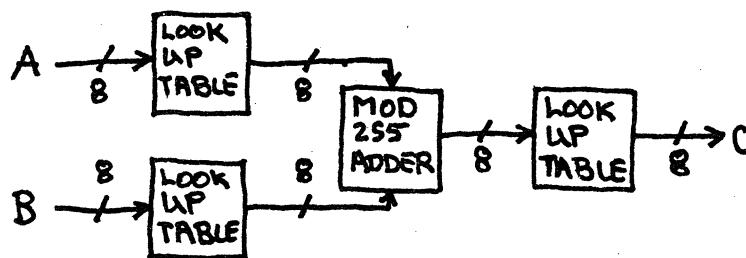
3-256x8 ROM  
MEMORIES PER  
MULTIPLIER  
~100 "AND", "OR",  
"XOR" CIRCUITS  
PER MULTIPLIER

## DELAY

2 MEMORY  
ACCESES  
PLUS ~25  
CIRCUIT  
DELAYS

## GF ADDER

8 "XOR"  
CIRCUITS  
1 CIRCUIT  
DELAY



2-256x8 ROM  
MEMORIES PER  
DECODER  
~100 "AND", "OR",  
"XOR" CIRCUITS  
PER MULTIPLIER

~25 CIRCUIT  
DELAYS

COMPLEX  
MULTI-CIRCUIT  
AND DELAY

1-65536x8 ROM  
MEMORY PER  
MULTIPLIER

1 MEMORY  
ACCESS

8 "XOR"  
CIRCUITS  
1 CIRCUIT  
DELAY

8 SHIFT REGISTER  
STAGES PER  
MULTIPLIER  
~20 "AND", "XOR"  
CIRCUITS PER  
MULTIPLIER

8CLOCKS

8 "XOR"  
CIRCUITS  
1 CIRCUIT  
DELAY

~140 "AND",  
"XOR" CIRCUITS  
PER MULTIPLIER

7 CIRCUIT  
DELAYS

8 "XOR"  
CIRCUITS  
1 CIRCUIT  
DELAY

COMPARISON OF GF MULTIPLIER IMPLEMENTATIONS

FIGURE 10

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1. DEFINE THE FIRST  $2r-1$  ELEMENTS OF THE GALOIS FIELD AND ARRANGE IN AN  $r$  BY  $r^2$  MATRIX AS FOLLOWS :

$$M = \left[ \alpha^0 \alpha^1 \alpha^2 \cdots \alpha^{r-1} \alpha^r \alpha^{2r} \alpha^{3r} \cdots \alpha^{(r-1)r} \cdots \alpha^{(r-1)r+1} \cdots \alpha^{2r-2} \right]$$

( EACH  $\alpha$  IS REPRESENTED BY AN  $r$  BIT COLUMN VECTOR { LSB AT TOP } AND THERE ARE  $r^2$   $\alpha$ 's )

2. DEFINE THE  $r^2$  "AND" PRODUCTS AND ARRANGE IN AN  $r^2$  ELEMENT VECTOR AS FOLLOWS :

"AND" PRODUCTS

$$A_i \cdot B_j = X_{(i+j \bmod r)+1, j+1} \quad \begin{cases} i = 0, 1, \dots, r-1 \\ j = 0, 1, \dots, r-1 \end{cases}$$

VECTOR

$$V = [x_{11} x_{21} x_{31} \cdots x_{r1} x_{12} x_{22} x_{32} x_{42} \cdots x_{1r} \cdots x_{rr} x_{1r} x_{2r} \cdots x_{(r-1)r}]$$

3. THE GALOIS FIELD PRODUCT OF A, B ( EACH  $r$  ELEMENT VECTORS ) IS THE VECTOR C, I.E.,  $A \times B = C$ . C CAN BE FOUND USING THE MATRIX M AND THE VECTOR V AS FOLLOWS :

$$C = M \underbrace{\neq \cdot \wedge}_{APL INNER PRODUCT} V^T$$

APL INNER PRODUCT

PROCEDURE FOR DEVELOPING  
DIRECT GF MULTIPLIER EQUATIONS

FIGURE 11

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THE ELEMENTS OF GF(8) ARE :

( DEFINED BY THE  
POLYNOMIAL  $x^3 + x + 1$ )  
( r = 3 )

0	0 0 0
$\alpha^0$	0 0 1
$\alpha^1$	0 1 0
$\alpha^2$	1 0 0
$\alpha^3$	0 1 1
$\alpha^4$	1 1 0
$\alpha^5$	1 1 1
$\alpha^6$	1 0 1

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$$M = \begin{bmatrix} \alpha^0 \alpha^1 \alpha^2 \alpha^3 \alpha^4 \alpha^5 \alpha^6 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \leftarrow \text{LSB}$$

$$\begin{aligned} V &= \begin{bmatrix} X_{11} & X_{21} & X_{31} & X_{22} & X_{32} & X_{12} & X_{33} & X_{13} & X_{23} \end{bmatrix} \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} A_0 B_0 & A_1 B_0 & A_2 B_0 & A_0 B_1 & A_1 B_1 & A_2 B_1 & A_0 B_2 & A_1 B_2 & A_2 B_2 \end{bmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

$$C = \begin{bmatrix} X_{11} \oplus X_{12} \oplus X_{13} \\ X_{21} \oplus X_{22} \oplus X_{12} \oplus X_{13} \oplus X_{23} \\ X_{31} \oplus X_{32} \oplus X_{33} \oplus X_{23} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} A_0 B_0 \oplus A_2 B_1 \oplus A_1 B_2 \\ A_1 B_0 \oplus A_0 B_1 \oplus A_2 B_1 \oplus A_1 B_2 \oplus A_2 B_2 \\ A_2 B_0 \oplus A_1 B_1 \oplus A_0 B_2 \oplus A_2 B_2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\alpha^3 \times \alpha^6 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \times \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \oplus 0 \oplus 1 \\ 1 \oplus 0 \oplus 0 \oplus 1 \oplus 0 \\ 0 \oplus 0 \oplus 1 \oplus 0 \oplus 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \alpha^2$$

$$\alpha^1 \times \alpha^1 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \times \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \oplus 0 \oplus 0 \\ 0 \oplus 0 \oplus 0 \oplus 0 \oplus 0 \\ 0 \oplus 1 \oplus 0 \oplus 0 \oplus 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \alpha^2$$

GF(8) EXAMPLE OF DIRECT GF MULTIPLIER

FIGURE 12

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SCWGF(2)

$$C_0 = X_{11}$$

GF(4)

$$C_0 = \oplus / X_{11}, X_{12}$$

$$C_1 = \oplus / X_{12}, X_{21}, X_{22}$$

GF(8)

$$C_0 = \oplus / X_{11}, X_{12}, X_{13}$$

$$C_1 = \oplus / X_{12}, X_{13}, X_{21}, X_{22}, X_{23}$$

$$C_2 = \oplus / X_{23}, X_{31}, X_{32}, X_{33}$$

GF(16)

$$C_0 = \oplus / X_{11}, X_{12}, X_{13}, X_{14}$$

$$C_1 = \oplus / X_{12}, X_{13}, X_{14}, X_{21}, X_{22}, X_{23}, X_{24}$$

$$C_2 = \oplus / X_{23}, X_{24}, X_{21}, X_{32}, X_{33}, X_{34}$$

$$C_3 = \oplus / X_{34}, X_{41}, X_{42}, X_{43}, X_{44}$$

GF(32)

$$C_0 = \oplus / X_{11}, X_{12}, X_{13}, X_{14}, X_{15}, X_{45}$$

$$C_1 = \oplus / X_{21}, X_{22}, X_{23}, X_{24}, X_{25}$$

$$C_2 = \oplus / X_{12}, X_{13}, X_{14}, X_{15}, X_{31}, X_{32}, X_{33}, X_{34}, X_{35}, X_{45}$$

$$C_3 = \oplus / X_{23}, X_{24}, X_{25}, X_{41}, X_{42}, X_{43}, X_{44}, X_{45}$$

$$C_4 = \oplus / X_{34}, X_{35}, X_{51}, X_{52}, X_{53}, X_{54}, X_{55}, X_{56}$$

GF(64)

$$C_0 = \oplus / X_{11}, X_{12}, X_{13}, X_{14}, X_{15}, X_{16}$$

$$C_1 = \oplus / X_{12}, X_{13}, X_{14}, X_{15}, X_{16}, X_{21}, X_{22}, X_{23}, X_{24}, X_{25}, X_{26}$$

$$C_2 = \oplus / X_{23}, X_{24}, X_{25}, X_{26}, X_{31}, X_{32}, X_{33}, X_{34}, X_{35}, X_{36}$$

$$C_3 = \oplus / X_{34}, X_{35}, X_{36}, X_{41}, X_{42}, X_{43}, X_{44}, X_{45}, X_{46}$$

$$C_4 = \oplus / X_{45}, X_{46}, X_{51}, X_{52}, X_{53}, X_{54}, X_{55}, X_{56}$$

$$C_5 = \oplus / X_{56}, X_{61}, X_{62}, X_{63}, X_{64}, X_{65}, X_{66}$$

GF(128)

$$C_0 = \oplus / X_{11}, X_{12}, X_{13}, X_{14}, X_{15}, X_{16}, X_{17}, X_{56}, X_{57}$$

$$C_1 = \oplus / X_{21}, X_{22}, X_{23}, X_{24}, X_{25}, X_{26}, X_{27}, X_{67}$$

$$C_2 = \oplus / X_{31}, X_{32}, X_{33}, X_{34}, X_{35}, X_{36}, X_{37}$$

$$C_3 = \oplus / X_{12}, X_{13}, X_{14}, X_{15}, X_{16}, X_{17}, X_{41}, X_{42}, X_{43}, X_{44}, X_{45}, X_{46}, X_{47}, X_{56}, X_{57}$$

$$C_4 = \oplus / X_{23}, X_{24}, X_{25}, X_{26}, X_{27}, X_{51}, X_{52}, X_{53}, X_{54}, X_{55}, X_{56}, X_{57}, X_{67}$$

$$C_5 = \oplus / X_{34}, X_{35}, X_{36}, X_{37}, X_{61}, X_{62}, X_{63}, X_{64}, X_{65}, X_{66}, X_{67}$$

$$C_6 = \oplus / X_{45}, X_{46}, X_{47}, X_{71}, X_{72}, X_{73}, X_{74}, X_{75}, X_{76}, X_{77}$$

DIRECT GF MULTIPLIER EQUATIONS  
FOR GF(2) - GF(128)

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$$C_0 = \oplus / \underbrace{x_{11}, x_{12}, x_{13}, x_{14}, x_{15}, x_{16}, x_{17}, x_{18}}_{y_1} \underbrace{x_{56}, x_{57}, x_{58}, x_{67}, x_{68}, x_{78}}_{y_{10}} \underbrace{x_{56}, x_{57}, x_{58}, x_{67}, x_{68}, x_{78}}_{y_{12}} \underbrace{x_{56}, x_{57}, x_{58}, x_{67}, x_{68}, x_{78}}_{y_{19}}$$

$$C_1 = \oplus / \underbrace{x_{21}, x_{22}, x_{23}, x_{24}, x_{25}, x_{26}, x_{27}, x_{28}}_{y_3} \underbrace{x_{67}, x_{68}, x_{78}}_{y_{12}} \underbrace{x_{67}, x_{68}, x_{78}}_{y_{19}}$$

$$C_2 = \oplus / \underbrace{x_{12}, x_{13}, x_{14}, x_{15}, x_{16}, x_{17}, x_{18}}_{y_2} \underbrace{x_{31}, x_{32}, x_{33}, x_{34}, x_{35}, x_{36}, x_{37}, x_{38}}_{y_5} \underbrace{x_{56}, x_{57}, x_{58}, x_{78}}_{y_{10}} \underbrace{x_{56}, x_{57}, x_{58}, x_{78}}_{y_{19}}$$

$$C_3 = \oplus / \underbrace{x_{12}, x_{13}, x_{14}, x_{15}, x_{16}, x_{17}, x_{18}}_{y_2} \underbrace{x_{23}, x_{24}, x_{25}, x_{26}, x_{27}, x_{28}}_{y_4} \underbrace{x_{91}, x_{92}, x_{93}, x_{94}, x_{95}, x_{96}, x_{97}, x_{98}}_{y_7} \underbrace{x_{91}, x_{92}, x_{93}, x_{94}, x_{95}, x_{96}, x_{97}, x_{98}}_{y_8}$$

$$C_4 = \oplus / \underbrace{x_{12}, x_{13}, x_{14}, x_{15}, x_{16}, x_{17}, x_{18}}_{y_2} \underbrace{x_{23}, x_{24}, x_{25}, x_{26}, x_{27}, x_{28}, x_{39}, x_{35}, x_{36}, x_{37}, x_{38}, x_{51}, x_{52}, x_{53}, x_{54}, x_{55}, x_{78}}_{y_6} \underbrace{x_{51}, x_{52}, x_{53}, x_{54}, x_{55}, x_{78}}_{y_9} \underbrace{x_{51}, x_{52}, x_{53}, x_{54}, x_{55}, x_{78}}_{y_{14}}$$

$$C_5 = \oplus / \underbrace{x_{23}, x_{24}, x_{25}, x_{26}, x_{27}, x_{28}, x_{39}, x_{35}, x_{36}, x_{37}, x_{38}, x_{45}, x_{46}, x_{47}, x_{48}, x_{49}, x_{62}, x_{63}, x_{64}, x_{65}, x_{66}}_{y_4} \underbrace{x_{45}, x_{46}, x_{47}, x_{48}, x_{49}, x_{62}, x_{63}, x_{64}, x_{65}, x_{66}}_{y_8} \underbrace{x_{45}, x_{46}, x_{47}, x_{48}, x_{49}, x_{62}, x_{63}, x_{64}, x_{65}, x_{66}}_{y_{12}}$$

$$C_6 = \oplus / \underbrace{x_{39}, x_{35}, x_{36}, x_{37}, x_{38}, x_{45}, x_{46}, x_{47}, x_{48}, x_{56}, x_{57}, x_{58}, x_{71}, x_{72}, x_{73}, x_{74}, x_{75}, x_{76}, x_{77}}_{y_6} \underbrace{x_{71}, x_{72}, x_{73}, x_{74}, x_{75}, x_{76}, x_{77}}_{y_8} \underbrace{x_{71}, x_{72}, x_{73}, x_{74}, x_{75}, x_{76}, x_{77}}_{y_{10}} \underbrace{x_{71}, x_{72}, x_{73}, x_{74}, x_{75}, x_{76}, x_{77}}_{y_{13}}$$

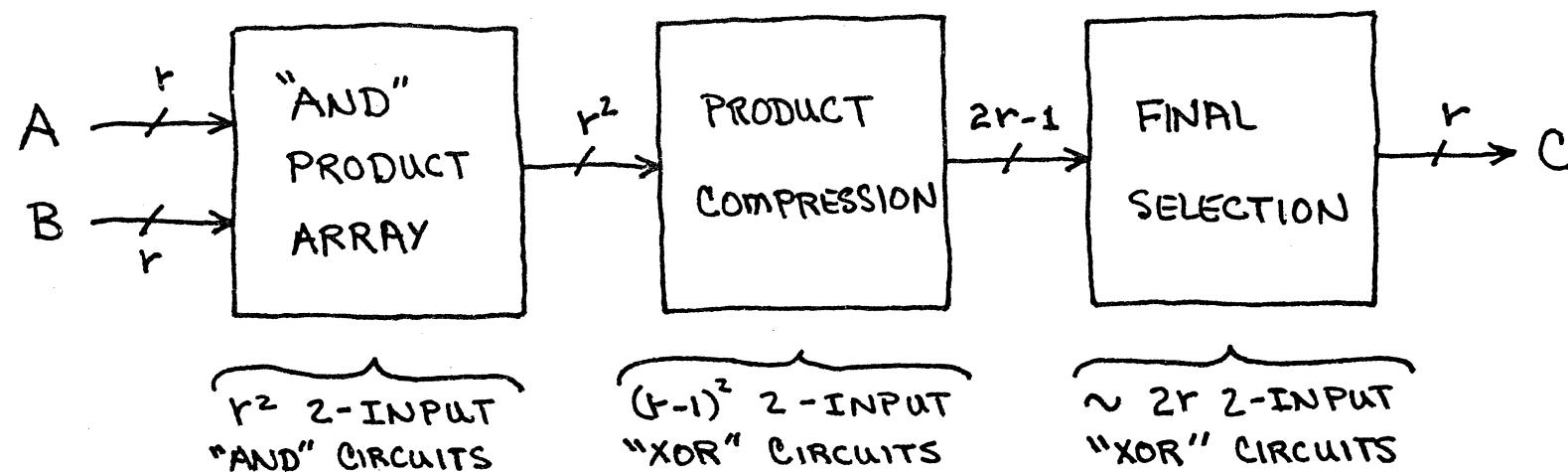
$$C_7 = \oplus / \underbrace{x_{45}, x_{46}, x_{47}, x_{48}, x_{56}, x_{57}, x_{58}, x_{67}, x_{68}, x_{69}, x_{81}, x_{82}, x_{83}, x_{84}, x_{85}, x_{86}, x_{87}, x_{88}}_{y_8} \underbrace{x_{67}, x_{68}, x_{69}, x_{81}, x_{82}, x_{83}, x_{84}, x_{85}, x_{86}, x_{87}, x_{88}}_{y_{10}} \underbrace{x_{67}, x_{68}, x_{69}, x_{81}, x_{82}, x_{83}, x_{84}, x_{85}, x_{86}, x_{87}, x_{88}}_{y_{12}} \underbrace{x_{67}, x_{68}, x_{69}, x_{81}, x_{82}, x_{83}, x_{84}, x_{85}, x_{86}, x_{87}, x_{88}}_{y_{15}}$$

DIRECT GF MULTIPLIER EQUATIONS  
FOR GF(256)

FIGURE 14

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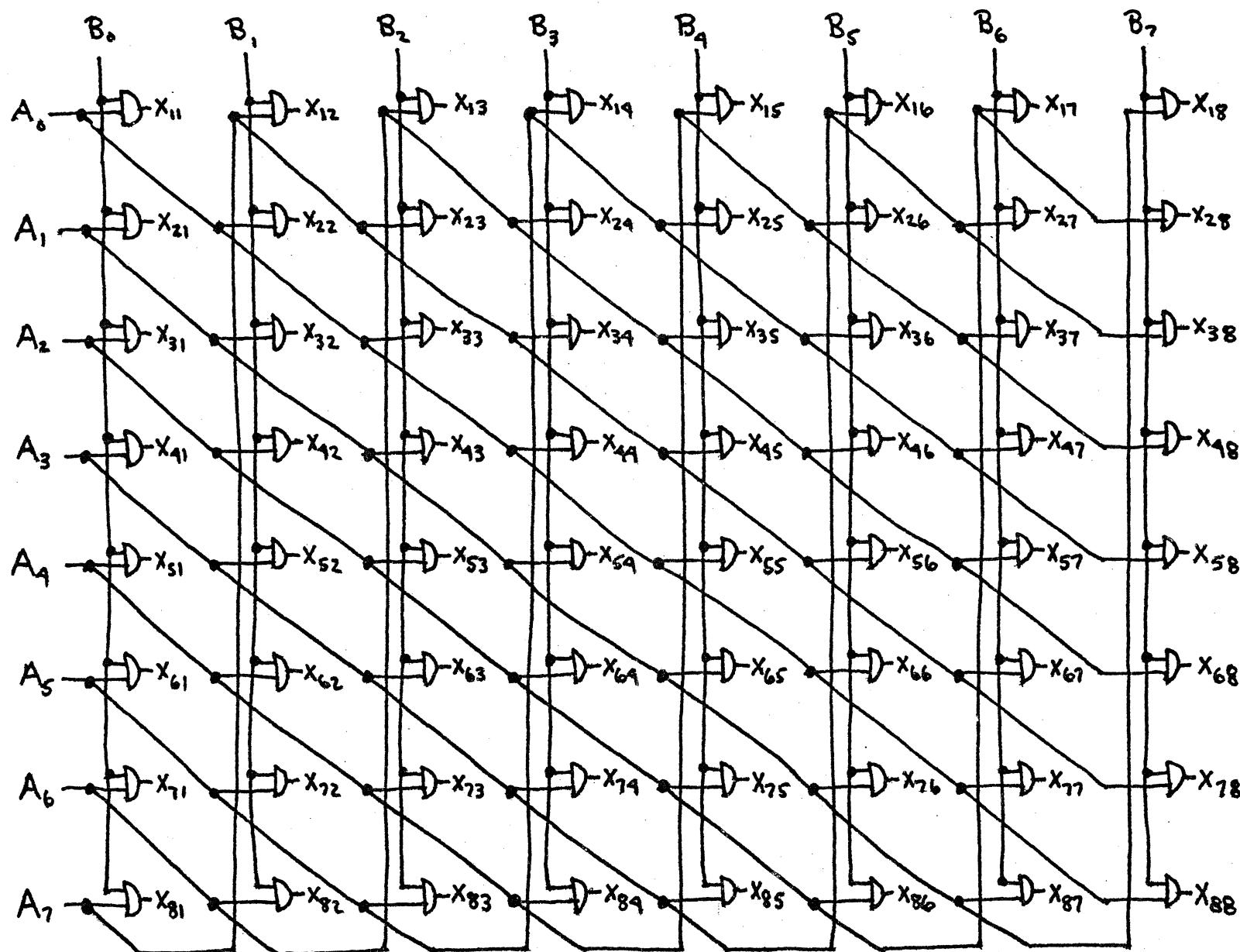
$$C = \underbrace{A \times B}_{\leftarrow \text{POLYNOMIAL MULTIPLY}} \text{ MOD (GF GENERATOR POLYNOMIAL)}$$

 $r^2$  2-INPUT "AND" CIRCUITS $\sim r^2+1$  2-INPUT "XOR" CIRCUITS
$$\left( r = \text{NUMBER BITS/GF ELEMENT} \right)$$
DIRECT GF MULTIPLIER  
BLOCK DIAGRAM

FIGURE 15

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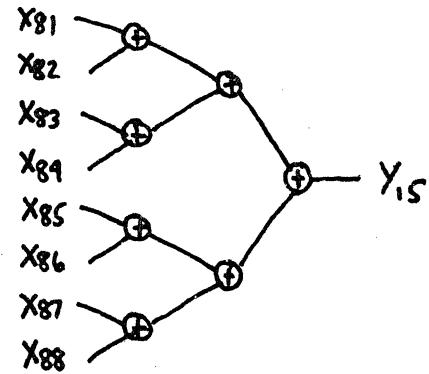
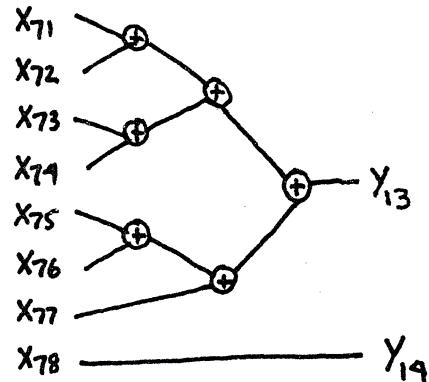
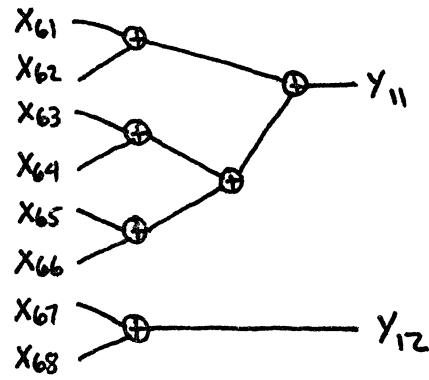
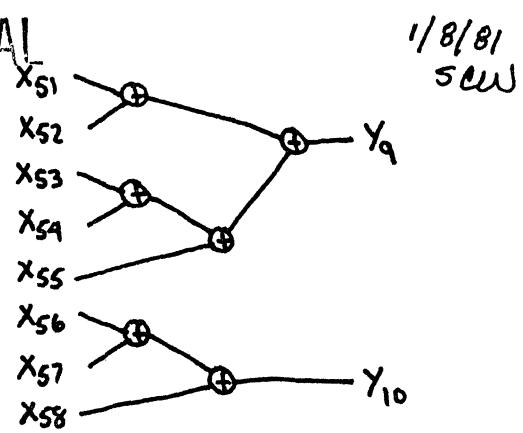
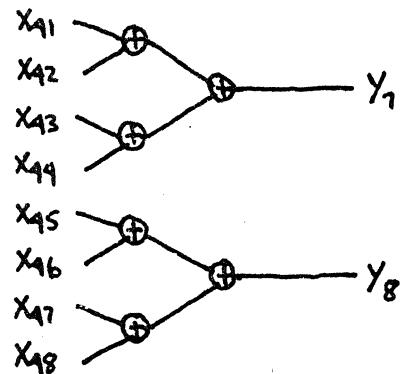
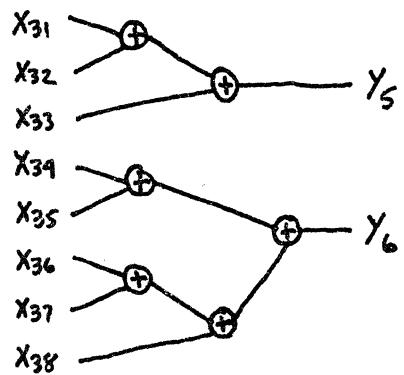
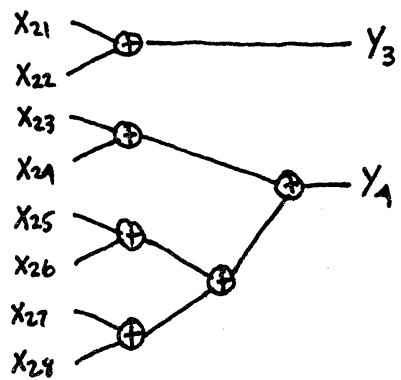
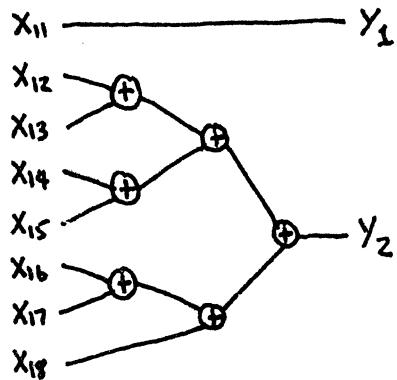
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"AND" PRODUCT ARRAY  
FIGURE 16

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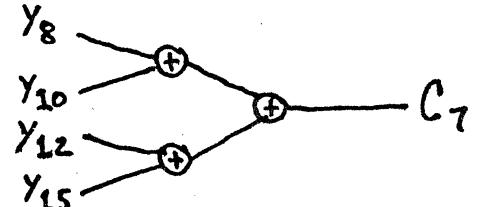
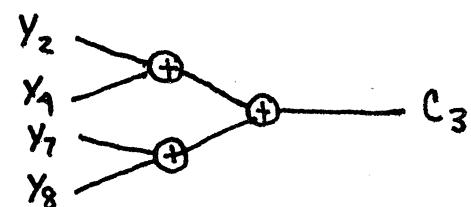
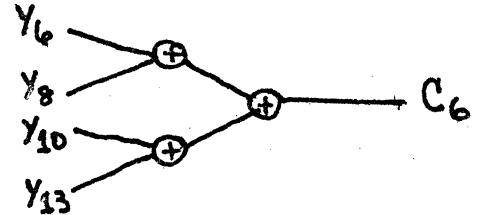
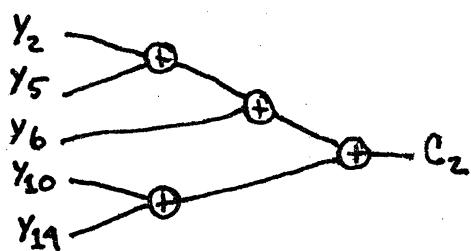
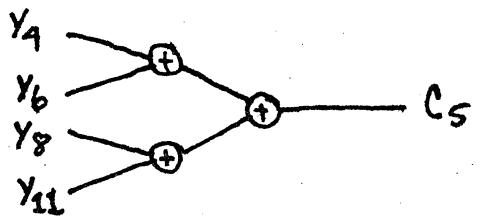
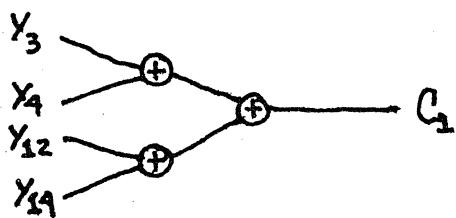
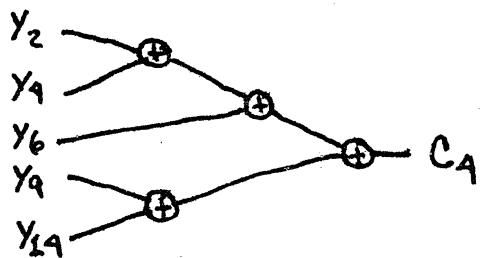
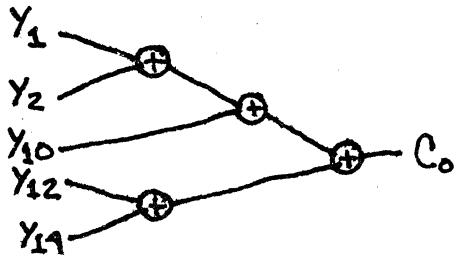
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FIGURE 17

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FINAL SELECTION

FIGURE 18

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ON THE FLY ERROR CORRECTION FOR DISK FILES  
by William Bliss 2C8/050-1 Rochester, Mn. Jan. 10, 1981

Present error correcting systems for disk files typically can only correct a single error burst in a block and require the system to 'hickup' to achieve correction. The decoding of multiple burst error correcting codes can be implemented at a minimal expense by using slower software techniques instead of dedicated hardware solutions. Methods do exist to utilize the encoder hardware/standard syndrome generator to assist in the calculations of the syndrome components (fig. 1&2). If throughput degradation is acceptable then no special high speed circuitry is required. The software does utilize a modest amount of hardware.

As the need for multiple burst correction becomes greater the soft error rate will worsen until an unacceptable level is reached. At this raw error rate on the fly correction of single error bursts will become cost effective. This will necessitate an additional block of buffering to store data while it is checked for correctibility under the constraint of one burst (fig. 3). The system will be allowed to hickup if more than one burst error occurs in a block. In the time of one data block the syndrome components must be calculated, the error solved for under the assumption of only one occurrence, and that solution checked for validity (fig. 4). We are probably in the realm of 'special Galois processor hardware' to achieve these goals. A hardware syndrome component calculator could be used to ease these high speed calculation constraints and also to speed up multiple burst correction (fig. 5). Alternately, a duplicate encoder/standard syndrome generator could be used with a traditional burst error trapping method (fig. 6).

For systems with even higher raw error probabilities it may be desirable to achieve on the fly double burst error correction with Reed-Solomon codes. The solution is similar to that of single burst correction except that a lookup table is used to solve for the roots of the error location polynomial (fig. 7).

On the fly correction of three bursts in a block is more difficult for all B.C.H. codes. A Chien root searcher (hardware) is needed in all cases. The root searcher can operate synchronously with the appropriate output buffer but the validity of the correction is not known until tested after the fact. A Reed-Solomon code requires additional data buffering to allow time for calculation of the values of the errors at the locations indicated by the recipricals of the roots of the error location polynomial.

$r(x)$  is received word, degree  $< n$

$g(x)$  is generator polynomial, degree =  $r$

$s_j$  is the  $j$ th Syndrome component,  $GF(2^m)$

$s_j = r(\alpha^j)$   $n-1$  multiplications

The encoder hardware can easily generate an 'overall syndrome'  $\sigma(x)$

$$\sigma(x) = \text{Rem} \left[ \frac{r(x)}{g(x)} \right] \quad s_i \in GF(2) \text{ binary BCH} \\ \in GF(2^m) \text{ R-S}$$

$$r(x) = q(x) g(x) + \sigma(x)$$

$$s_j = r(\alpha^j) = q(\alpha^j) \cdot 0 + \sigma(\alpha^j) = \sigma(\alpha^j)$$

which is  $r-1$  multiplications

Reduction by  $\frac{r-1}{n-1} \approx \frac{r}{n}$

Syndrome Component Calculation Using Standard Syndrome Remainder

fig 1

# SYNDROME COMPONENT CALCULATIONS

for Binary BCH codes

$$\begin{aligned}
 S_i &= g(\alpha^i) = g_{r-1} \alpha^{(r-1)i} + g_{r-2} \alpha^{(r-2)i} + \dots + \\
 &\quad g_1 \alpha^i + g_0 \\
 &= (\dots ((g_{r-1}) \alpha^i + g_{r-2}) \alpha^i + \dots g_1) \alpha^i + g_0 \\
 &= [\dots [ [ (g_{r-1} \alpha^{i(b-1)} + g_{r-2} \alpha^{i(b-2)} + \dots + g_{r-b} \alpha^{i(b-b)}) \alpha^{ib} + \\
 &\quad (g_{r-b-1} \alpha^{i(b-1)} + g_{r-b-2} \alpha^{i(b-2)} + \dots + g_{r-2b} \alpha^0) ] \alpha^{ib} + \\
 &\quad \cdot \\
 &\quad \cdot \\
 &\quad \cdot \\
 &\quad (g_{2b-1} \alpha^{i(b-1)} + g_{2b-2} \alpha^{i(b-2)} + \dots + g_b) ] \alpha^{ib} + \\
 &\quad (g_{b-1} \alpha^{i(b-1)} + g_{b-2} \alpha^{i(b-2)} + \dots + g_0)
 \end{aligned}$$

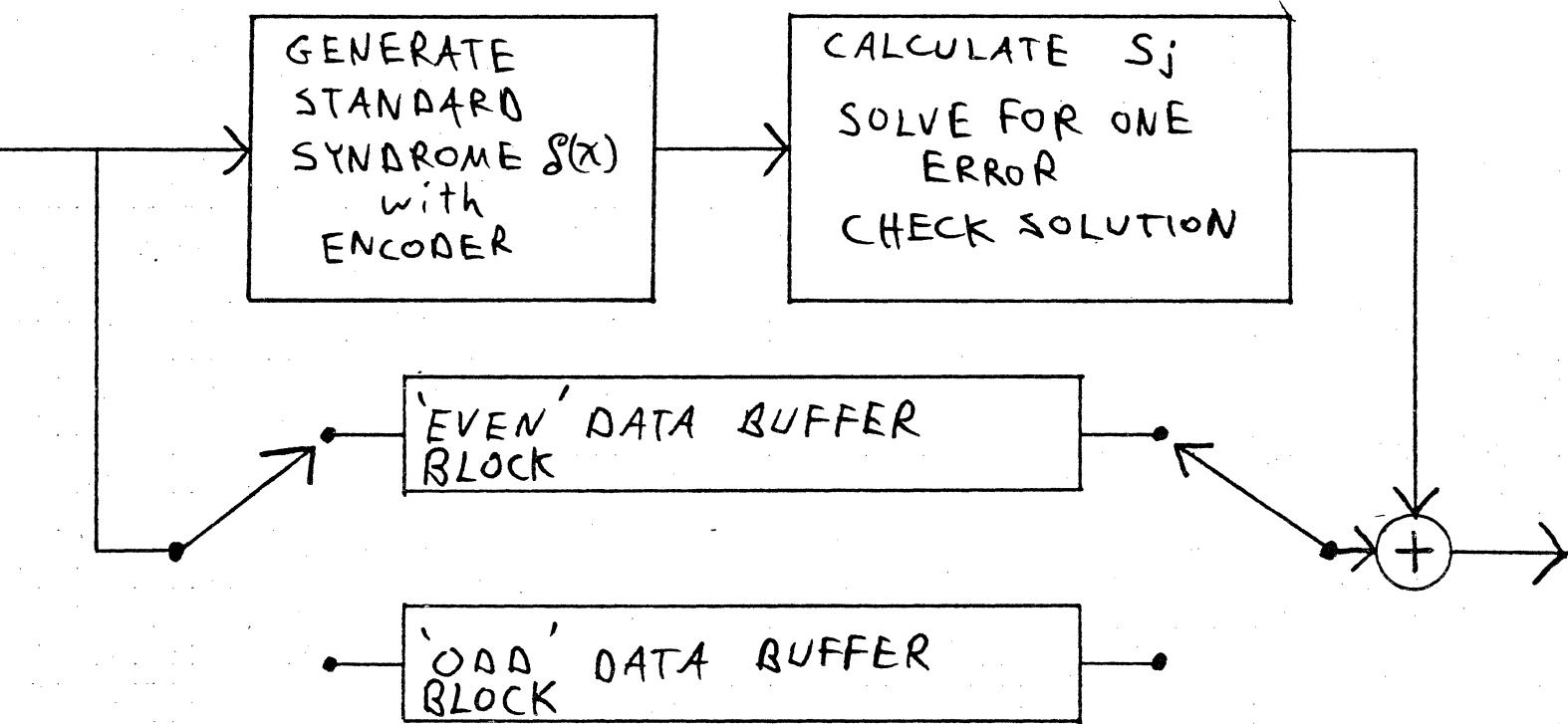
Let  $\frac{r}{b} = R$  (an integer) # of multiplies over  $GF(2^m)$ .

$\alpha^{i(b-1)}, \alpha^{i(b-2)}, \dots, \alpha^i$  are pre-computed constants.

Fig. 2

$$X_1 = \frac{S_2}{S_1}$$

$$Y_1 = \frac{S_1^2}{S_2}$$



On the Fly Correction of Single Bursts  
with Software

fig. 3

$t=1$ 

$$\begin{bmatrix} s_1 & \dots & s_r \\ \vdots & & \\ s_r & & s_{2r-1} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} r_1 \\ \vdots \\ r_r \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} s_{r+1} \\ \vdots \\ s_{2r} \end{bmatrix}$$

Error Location

$$s_1 - r_1 = s_2$$

$$r_1 = \frac{s_2}{s_1}$$

$$r'(x) = x + r_1 = 0$$

$$x + \frac{s_2}{s_1} = 0$$

$$x_1 = \frac{s_2}{s_1}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} x_1 & \dots & x_r \\ \vdots & & \\ x_r & \dots & x_r \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} y_1 \\ \vdots \\ y_r \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} s_1 \\ \vdots \\ s_r \end{bmatrix}$$

Error Value

$$x_1 - y_1 = s_1$$

$$y_1 = \frac{s_1}{x_1} = \frac{s_1}{s_2/s_1} = \frac{s_1^2}{s_2}$$

Check Solution

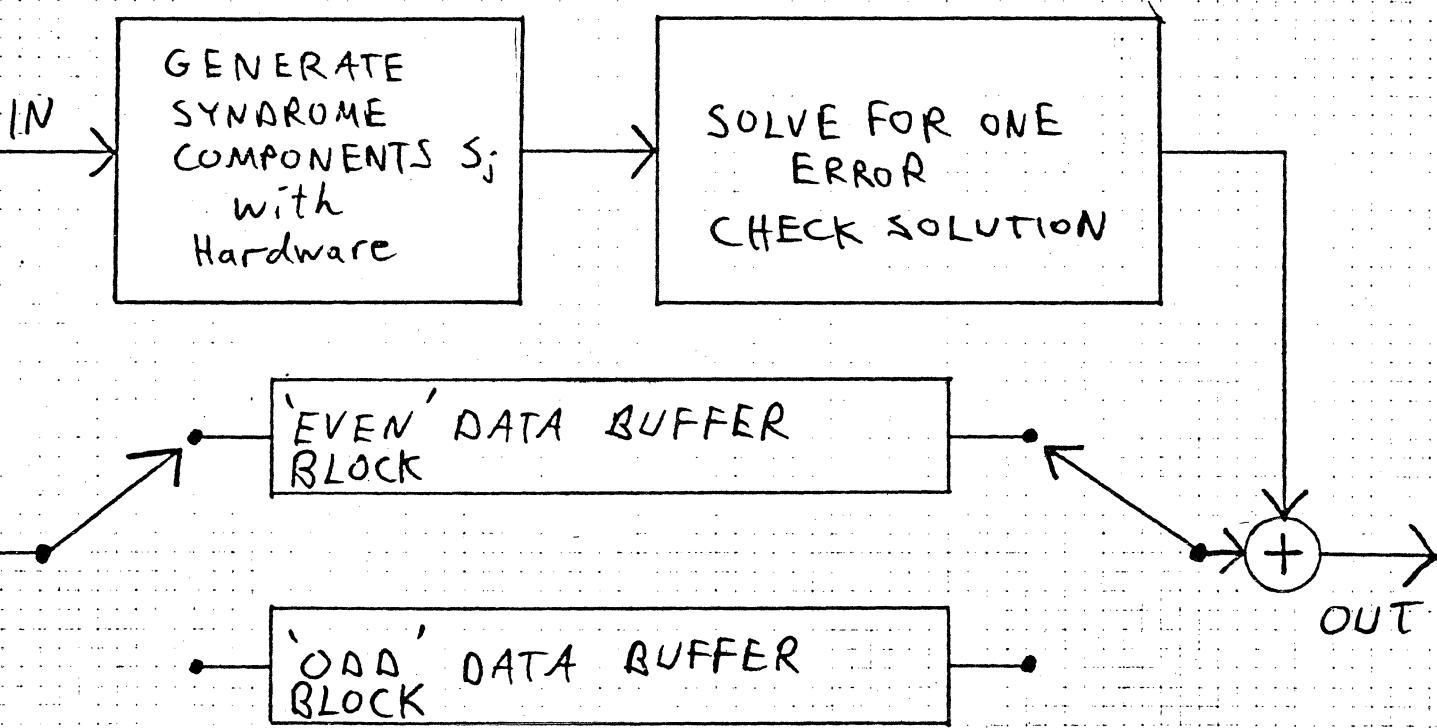
$$s_j' = s_j + y_1(x_1)^j \stackrel{?}{=} 0 \quad \text{for } 1 \leq j \leq 2t$$

Fig. 4

Solution and Check for One Burst

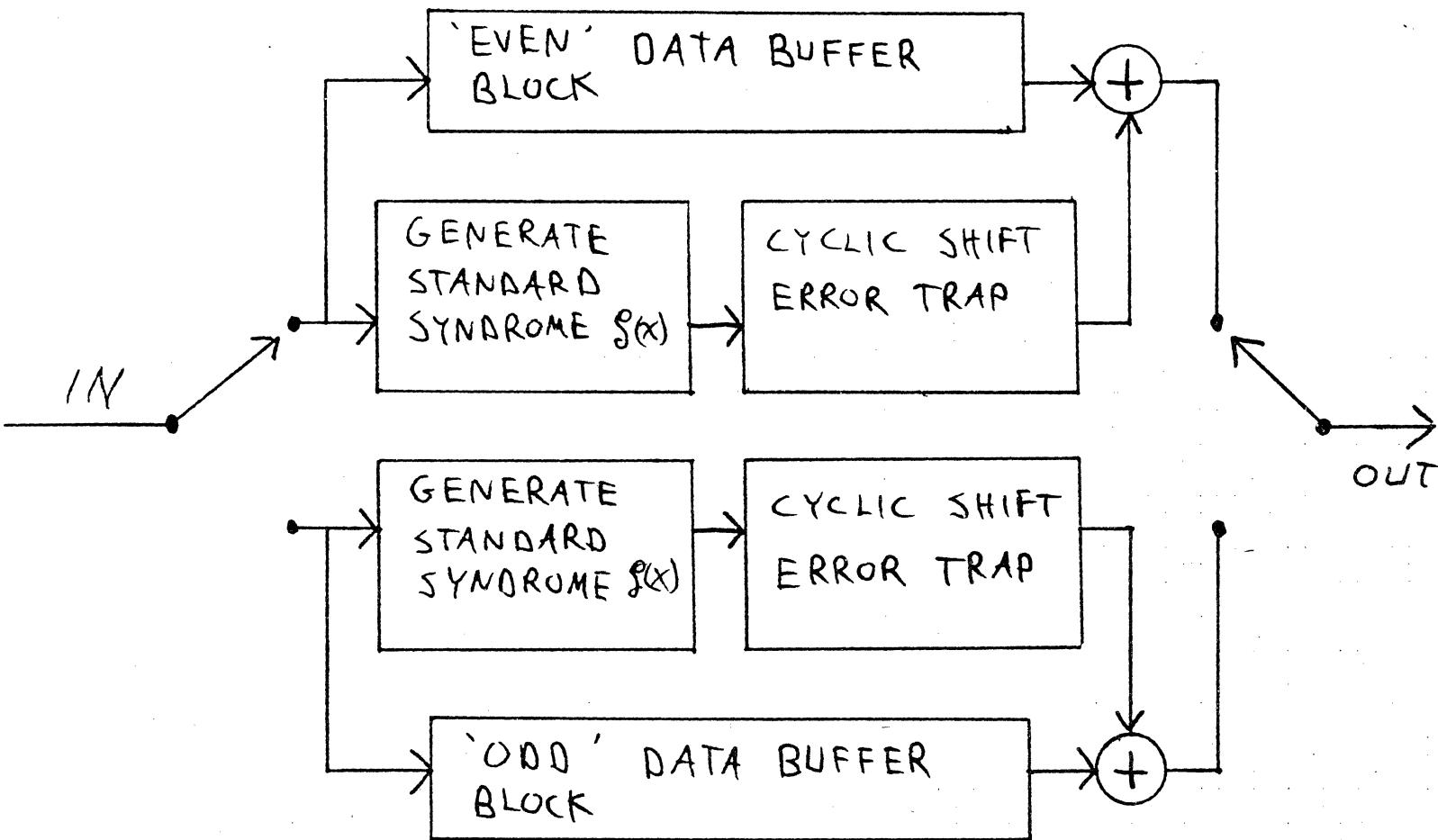
$$X_{-1} = \frac{s_2}{s_1}$$

$$Y_1 = \frac{s_1^2}{s_2}$$



On the Fly Correction of Single Bursts  
with Dedicated Hardware Syndrome  
Component Generator

fig. 5



On the Fly Correction of Single Bursts  
with Duplicate Encoder and Simple Error  
Trapping Decoding

fig. 6

$$\Gamma'(x) = x^2 + \Gamma_1 x + \Gamma_2 = 0$$

where  $\Gamma_1 = \frac{s_2 s_3 + s_1 s_4}{s_2^2 + s_1 s_3}$

$$\Gamma_2 = \frac{s_3^2 + s_2 s_4}{s_2^2 + s_1 s_3}$$

Let  $x = y \Gamma_1$

$$\Gamma_1^2 y^2 + \Gamma_1^2 y = \Gamma_2$$

$$y^2 + y = \frac{\Gamma_2}{\Gamma_1^2} = d$$

Look-up  $d$  to get  
a root ' $y_p$ '

$y_p + 1$  is other root

$$X_1 = \Gamma_1 y_p$$

$$X_2 = \Gamma_1 (y_p + 1)$$

Lookup Table to Find Roots of Second Degree Equation

Fig. 7

ERROR RECOVERY STRATEGY  
FOR FUTURE DASD

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WHITNEY : ERROR CORRECTION CODE.

- Each Area Count has 12 check bytes ECC.  
Key  
DATA (WORD = 18 bytes to 47476 bytes)
- Correct One group of 3 consecutive bytes  
(50% of 4 byte groups).
- High degree of Error Detection.
- Syndrome Computation in Whitney.  
Syndrome Decoding in Storage Control.  
Error Correction in Host Memory.
- ECC Uncorrectable Error → Reread with Offsets.  
Upto. 37 reread operations in ERP
- Unrecoverable Error → Track flagged Unusable  
Alternate Track assigned.

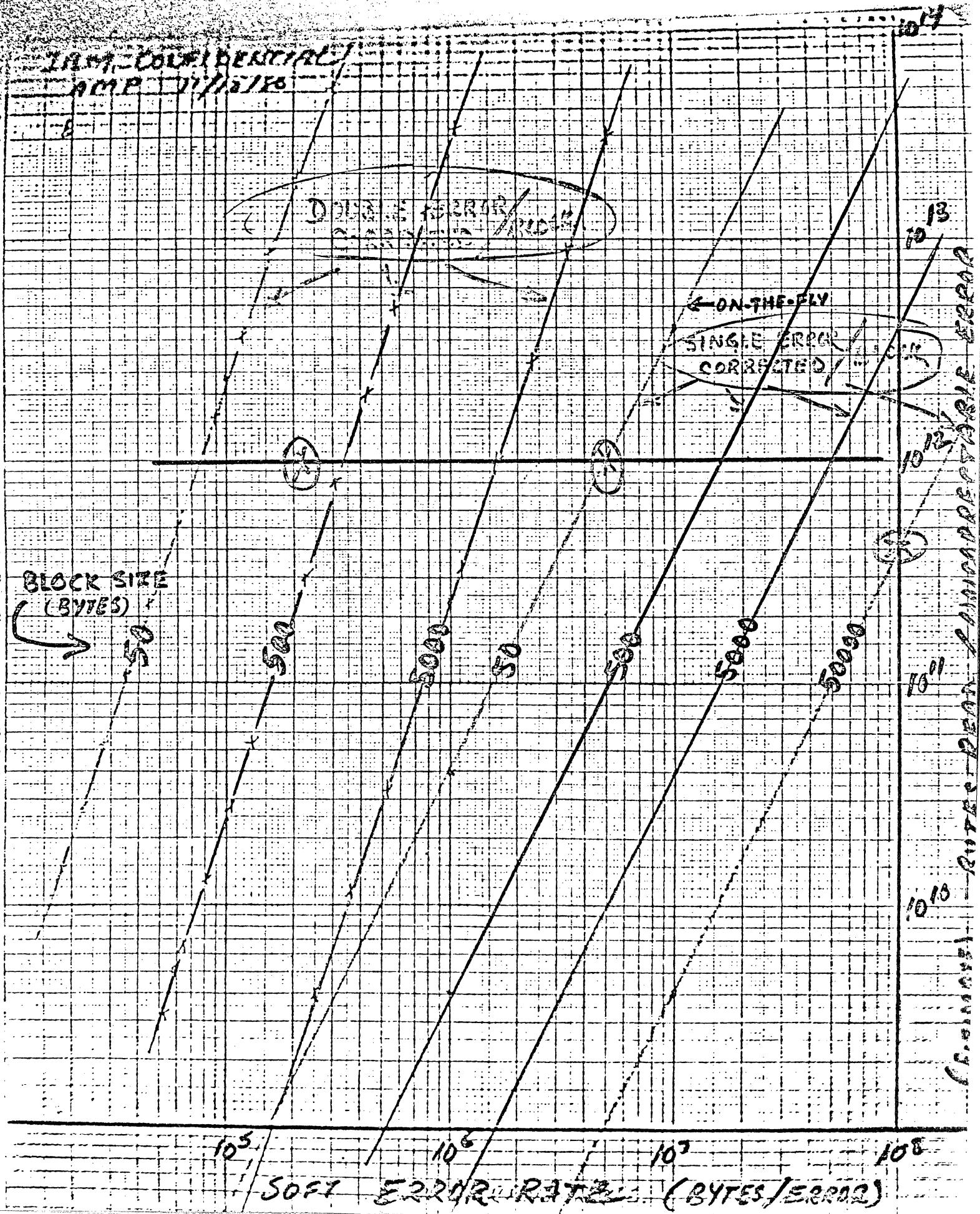
$$\frac{12 \times 3}{1000} \xrightarrow{\text{C10.}} \begin{array}{l} 3.6\% \text{ for 1000 byte record} \\ 1.8\% \text{ for 2000 " " } \\ .36\% \text{ for 10000 byte " } \end{array}$$

## FUTURE ENVIRONMENT.

- ⇒ HIGHER DENSITY / DATA RATE.
  - SHORT MULTIPLE ERRORS.
- ⇒ DEMAND FOR HIGHER RELIABILITY / DATA INTEGRITY.
- ⇒ RELIABILITY AWARENESS OF CUSTOMER.
  - RELIABILITY +
- ⇒ IBM's EMPHASIS ON QUALITY.
- ⇒ COST OF UNSCHEDULED MAINTENANCE IS HIGH and INCREASING.
- ⇒ IMPACT OF HIGHER SOFT ERROR RATE.
  - ON PERFORMANCE
  - CUSTOMER ACCEPTANCE

## RATIONALE AND DESIGN POINT.

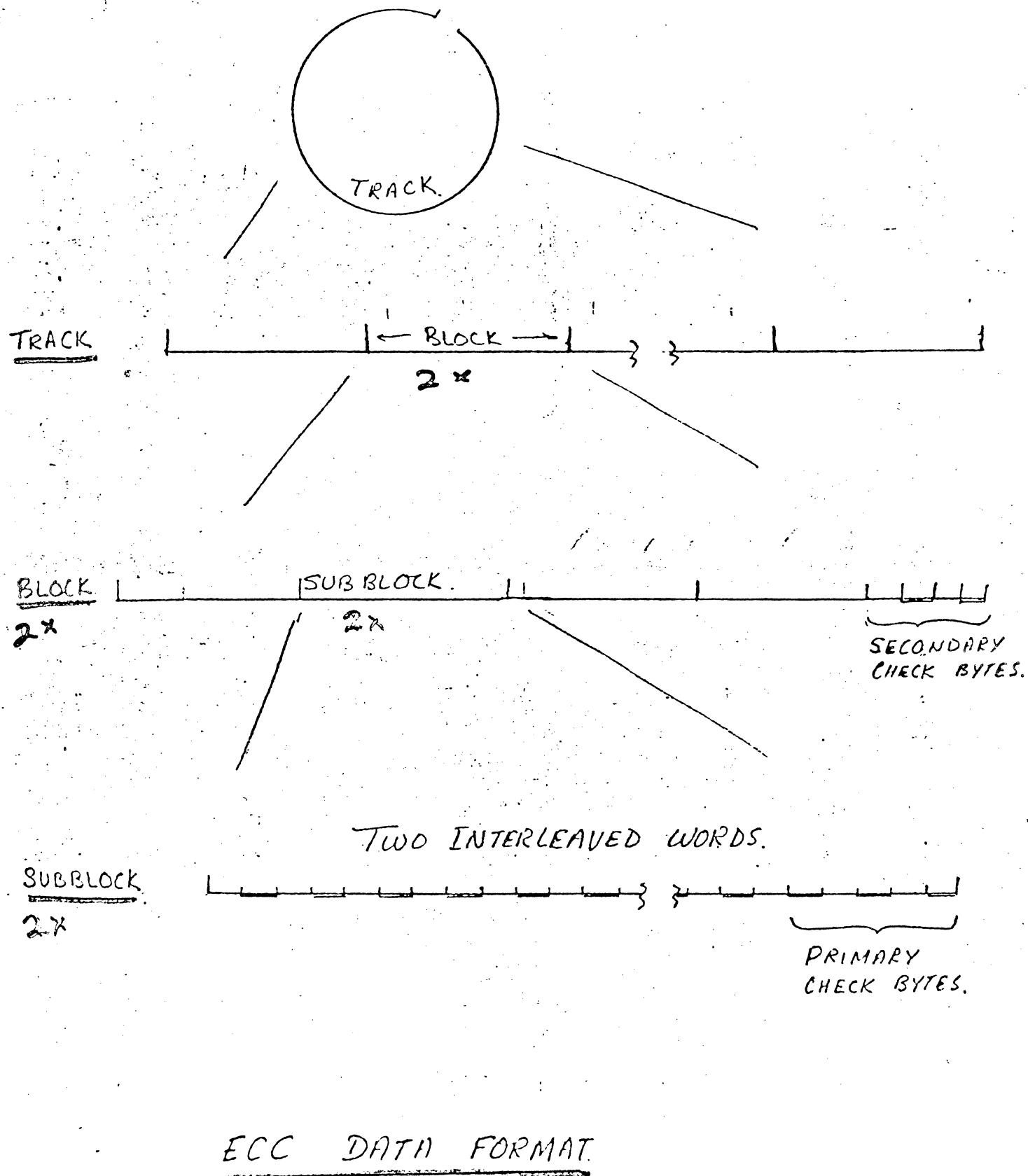
- COST OF ECC IS IN
  - DECODING HARDWARE
  - DECODING TIME
- REDUNDANCY IS NOT COST. (25%)
  - BUY BACK WITH DENSITY.
  - REDUCE DECODING COST. - HARDWARE TIME
- ON-THE-FLY CORRECTION OF MOST ERRORS
  - WITHOUT CPU INVOLVEMENT
  - NO EFFECT ON THRU-PUT
  - NO NEED TO LOG ERRORS.
- PLAN ON CORRECTING LOT OF ERRORS.
  - INCREASE DENSITY
  - TRADE-OFF IN HEAD-DISK TOLERANCES.
  - PARTIAL COVERAGE FOR SMALL DEFECTS
- RESERVE CAPABILITY TO COVER WEAKER DEVICE
  - SIGNAL WEAKER DEVICE
  - AVOID UNSCHEDULED SERVICE CALLS.



## TWO LEVEL CODING SCHEME

- SEPERABLE CODING STRUCTURE WITH TWO LEVEL CAPABILITY
- PRIMARY CAPABILITY ON-THE-FLY.
- SECONDARY CAPABILITY ON FURTHER PROCESSING
- SIMPLE CHECK AND EASY TRANSITION FROM PRIMARY TO SECONDARY
- BYTE PROCESSING AND BYTE CORRECTION.
- INTERLEAVED FOR BURST CORRECTION.
- FLEXIBILITY ON BLOCK SIZE

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PRIMARY WORD (SUB BLOCK)\* 432  
REDUNDANCY  $\approx 3\%$ 

$$\begin{array}{r} 64 \\ \text{DATA} \end{array} + \begin{array}{r} 2 \\ \text{CHECK} \end{array} = \begin{array}{l} 66 \text{ BYTES/WORD} \end{array}$$

- CORRECT ONE BYTE/WORD (BYTE ERROR)
- MAXIMUM DECODE TIME  $\approx 66$  SHIFTS.
- ON-THE-FLY CORRECTION ( $\frac{132}{66}$  BYTE BUFFER)
- INTERLEAVE TWO WORDS (BURST 9-bit MIN)
- MORE INTERLEAVING FOR LONGR BURST ( $\Rightarrow$  BUFFER)

SECONDARY WORD (BLOCK)REDUNDANCY  $\approx 1\%$ 

$$4 \text{ SUBBLOCK} + 2 \text{ CHECK BYTES} = 266 \text{ BYTES/BLOCK}$$

- SIMPLE CHECK DETECTS DOUBLE ERROR
- CORRECTS TWO BYTE ERROR IN ONE SUBBLOCK
- DECODING VIA MICROCODE PROCESSING
- PROVIDES RESERVE CAPABILITY FOR WEAKER DEV.
- SIGNALS WEAKER DEVICE
- (WILL WORK ON ANY NUMBER OF SUBBLOCKS)

END-OF-RECORD CHECK. (Optional, 2 bytes) IBM CONFIDENTIAL

- INVOKES REREAD

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## CONCLUSIONS & COMMENTS

• DESIGN FOR HIGH. SOFT ERROR RATE.

• TWO LEVEL CAPABILITY

FIRST LEVEL  $\Leftrightarrow$  AVERAGE DEVICE ?

SECOND LEVEL  $\Leftrightarrow$  WEAKER DEVICE ?

• OPTIMAL USAGE OF REDUNDACY

• ON-THE-FLY CORRECTION OF MOST ERRORS

• FLEXIBILITY OF DESIGN TO FIT ERROR MODES  
(INCLUDING MOST DEFECTS).

• SECOND LEVEL PROCESSING CAN BE ELIMINATED  
LATER AND/OR IN ALTERNATE OFFERING.

• USE SUBBLOCK CODE AS INDEPENDENT CODE ON  
SMALL FIELDS (COUNT, KEY etc)

• TRUNCATE (OR PAD) SUBBLOCK A/O BLOCK IN CKD

• NEW CONCEPT IN ERROR PROCESSING IN DASD.

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## ENCODING PROCESS.

### EACH SUBBLOCK

|| 2 CHECK BYTES  $B_0 \ B_1$ ,  
   64 DATA BYTES      $B_2 \ B_3 \dots B_{65}$ .

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} \sum_{i=0}^{65} T^i B_i = 0 \\ \sum_{i=0}^{65} T^{2i} B_i = 0 \end{array} \right\} \begin{array}{l} \text{16-bit SHIFT REGISTER} \\ \text{w/ } T^m \text{ & } T^n \text{ MULTIPLIER.} \end{array}$$

- ON-THE-FLY COMPUTATIONS.

### BLOCK

|| 2 CHECK BYTES P C.  
   ANY NUMBER OF SUBBLOCKS!

$$P = \sum_{\text{SUBBLOCK}} \left( \sum_i B_i \right) \quad \text{OVERALL PARITY}$$

$$C = \sum_{\text{SUBBLOCK}} \left( \sum_i T^{3i} B_i \right) \quad \begin{array}{l} \text{8-bit SHIFT REGISTER} \\ \text{w/ } T^3 \text{ MULTIPLIER.} \end{array}$$

- ON-THE-FLY COMPUTATIONS

## SYNDROME GENERATION

EACH SUBBLOCK

SYNDROMES  $S_1, S_2$

$$S_1 = \sum_i T^i \hat{B}_i$$

8-bit SR w/ T MULT

$$S_2 = \sum_i T^{2i} \hat{B}_i$$

8-bit SR w/  $T^2$  MULT

- ON-THE-FLY COMPUTATIONS.

BLOCK

$$S_0 = \hat{P} \oplus \sum_{\text{SUBBLOCK}} \left( \sum_i \hat{B}_i \right)$$

$$S_3 = \hat{C} \oplus \sum_{\text{SUBBLOCK}} \left( \sum_i T^{3i} \hat{B}_i \right)$$

- ON-THE-FLY COMPUTATIONS.

## SYNDROME DECODING.

EACH SUBBLOCK

$e$  = BYTE ERROR in  $x^k$  byte

$$S_1 = T^x e$$

$$S_2 = T^{2x} e$$

$$e = T^{-x} S_1$$

8-bit SR1 w/  $T^{-1}$  MULT.

$$e = T^{-2x} S_2$$

8-bit SR2 w/  $T^{-2}$  MULT.

*65 shifts max*

$x$  = # of SHIFTS IN SR1 and SR2 }  
 FOR CONTENTS TO BECOME EQUAL. } ( $x \leq 65$ )

$e$  = CONTENT OF BOTH REGISTERS.

CORRECT ERROR.

HOLD  $S_1 S_2 \propto e$  (FOR ONE SUBBLOCK w/ ERROR)\*

HOLD  $\sum e$  when MORE THAN ONE SUBBLOCK CORRECTED.

\* SUBBLOCK THAT IS MOST LIKELY w/ MULTIPLE ERROR

- e.g.
1. only subblock w/ syndromes nonzero
  2. subblock w/ UNDECODABLE syndromes
  3. subblock w/ more than one dropouts.

## SYNDROME DECODING (CONTD.)

### BLOCK LEVEL CHECK

$$S_0 = \sum e \Rightarrow \text{ALL CORRECT.}$$

$$S_0 \neq \sum e \Rightarrow \text{MULTIPLE ERROR PRESENT}$$

A DOUBLE ERROR IN ONE SUBBLOCK\*

CORRECTED BY PROCESSING  $S_0 S_1 S_2 S_3$

BLOCK CORRECTION

- ONE SUBBLOCK MISCORRECTED ( $S_1, S_2 \neq 0$  on HOLD)

- OTHER SUBBLOCKS OK ( $S_1, S_2$  ZERO)

$S_0, S_3$  ARE BLOCK SYNDROMES.

COMPUTE:  $A = S_0 S_2 \oplus S_1 S_3$ ,

$$B = S_2 S_1 \oplus S_3 S_0$$

$$R = S_3 S_1 \oplus S_2 S_2$$

} 256x16  
TABLE LOOK-UP  
w/ ADDER FUNCTION  
EX-OR

CHECK:  $T^{2^y} A \oplus T^y B \stackrel{?}{=} R$  } TWO SHIFT REGISTERS  
w/ T MULTIPLIER  
w/  $T^2$  MULTIPLIER

$y$  = { # OF SHIFTS IN T AND  $T^2$  MULTIPLIER  
(also z) { REGISTERS FOR CONTENTS TO ADD-UP TO R.  
(IF  $R=0$ , THEN P IN ERROR, NO MISCORRECTION)

COMPUTE ERROR PATTERNS:

FOR LOCATION  $y$ :  $e_y = A / (T^{2^y} S_0 \oplus S_2)$

FOR LOCATION  $z$ :  $e_z = S_0 \oplus e_y$

CORRECT ERRORS:

$$B_x = \hat{B}_x \oplus e \quad (\text{MISCORRECTION REMOVED})$$

$$B_y = \hat{B}_y \oplus e_y \quad \} \text{TWO ERRORS}$$

$$B_z = \hat{B}_z \oplus e_z.$$