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**Probabilistic Amplitude Shaping Codes**  
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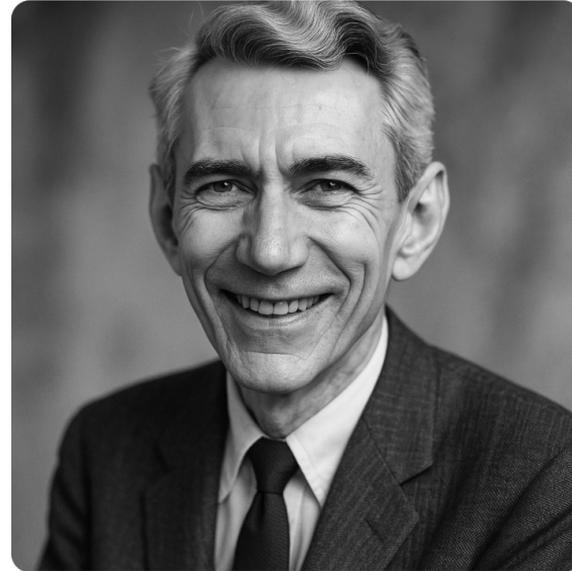
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# Announcements & Agenda

- Shaping Gain and Limits
- Shells, Shaping, and Entropy
- PAS
- CCDM Encoder and Decoder

**The last (up to) 1.5 dB on  
the AWGN**



**Claude Shannon  
(smiling, thank you ChatGPT)**



# Shaping Gain and Limits

## [Section 8.4.2](#)

# Shaping Gain Review

- Coding gain is

$$\gamma \triangleq \frac{\left( d_{\min}^2(\mathbf{x}) / \bar{\mathcal{E}}_{\mathbf{x}} \right)}{\left( d_{\min}^2(\check{\mathbf{x}}) / \bar{\mathcal{E}}_{\check{\mathbf{x}}} \right)} = \underbrace{\frac{\left( \frac{d_{\min}^2(\mathbf{x})}{V^{2/N}(\Lambda)} \right)}{\left( \frac{d_{\min}^2(\check{\mathbf{x}})}{V^{2/N}(\check{\Lambda})} \right)}}_{\gamma_f \text{ fundamental gain}} \cdot \underbrace{\frac{\left( \frac{V^{2/N}(\Lambda)}{\bar{\mathcal{E}}_{\mathbf{x}}} \right)}{\left( \frac{V^{2/N}(\check{\Lambda})}{\bar{\mathcal{E}}_{\check{\mathbf{x}}}} \right)}}_{\gamma_s \text{ shaping gain}}$$

Shaping Gain is This S12A focus

- Shaping gain relative to  $\mathbb{Z}^N$  (SQ QAM) with  $d = 1$  in reference simplifies to

$$\gamma_s = \frac{V^{2/N}(\Lambda) \cdot (2^{2\bar{b}} - 1)}{\tilde{\mathcal{E}}_x \cdot 6 \cdot \tilde{N}}$$

- When both constellations use the same number of 2D constellation points, this further simplifies to

$$\gamma_s = \frac{(2^{2\bar{b}} - 1)}{6 \cdot \tilde{\mathcal{E}}_x}$$

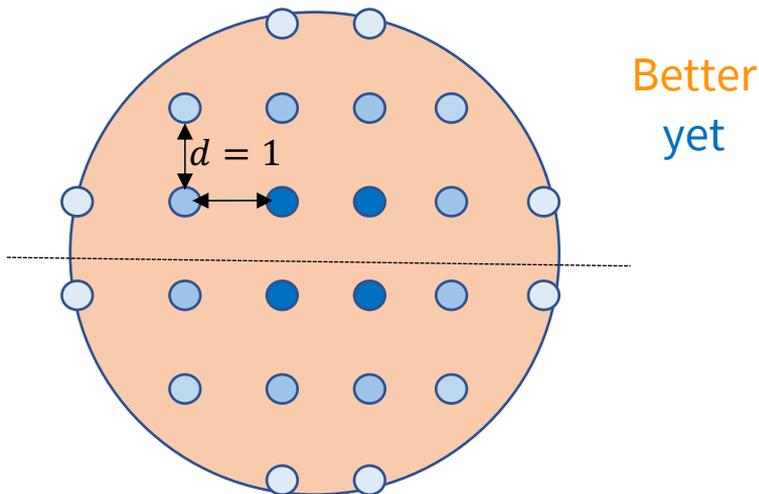
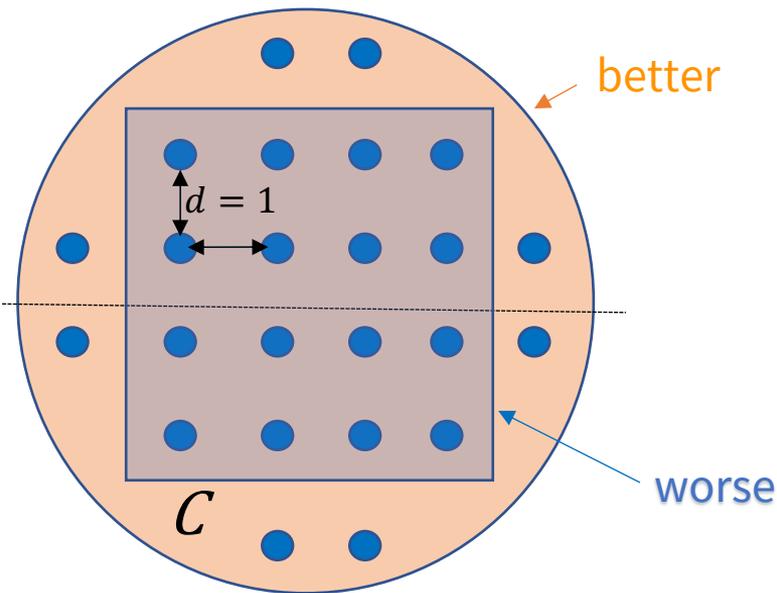
So shaping is basically the energy ratio to send same # of points.



# Hypersphere boundaries are good (Gaussian)

Subsymbol (ss)

- As  $N$  grows, harder to visualize but uniform spacing with fixed average energy leads to Gaussian marginals



- So, a better boundary shape MARGINAL  $\sim$  non-equal probability (marginal) distribution
  - (NES= Non Equiprobable Signaling – or “Shaping”)



# Asymptotic Shaping-Gain Results

- Volume of  $2n$ -dimensional hypersphere is  $\frac{\pi^n \cdot r^{2n}}{n!}$ .
- Energy of  $2n$ -dimensional hypersphere is  $\frac{1}{2} \cdot \left[ \frac{r^2}{n+1} \right]$ .

$$\gamma_s \leq \frac{\pi r^2 (n!)^{-\frac{1}{n}} / \frac{r^2}{2(n+1)}}{12 (1 - 2^{-2\bar{b}})} = \frac{\pi}{6} \frac{(n!)^{-\frac{1}{n}} \cdot (n+1)}{1 - 2^{-2\bar{b}}}$$

- Large  $n$

$\bar{b}$	$\gamma_s(n \rightarrow \infty)$
$\infty$	1.53 dB
4	1.52 dB
3	1.46 dB
2	1.25 dB
1	0.28 dB
0	0 dB

- Large  $\bar{b}$

$n(N)$	$\gamma_s(\bar{b} \rightarrow \infty)$
1 (2)	0.20 dB
2 (4)	0.46 dB
3 (6)	0.62 dB
4 (8)	0.73 dB
12 (24)	1.10 dB
16 (32)	1.17 dB
24 (48)	1.26 dB
32 (64)	1.31 dB
64 (128)	1.40 dB
100 (200)	1.44 dB
500 (64)	1.50 dB
1000 (2000)	1.52 dB
10000 (20000)	1.53 dB

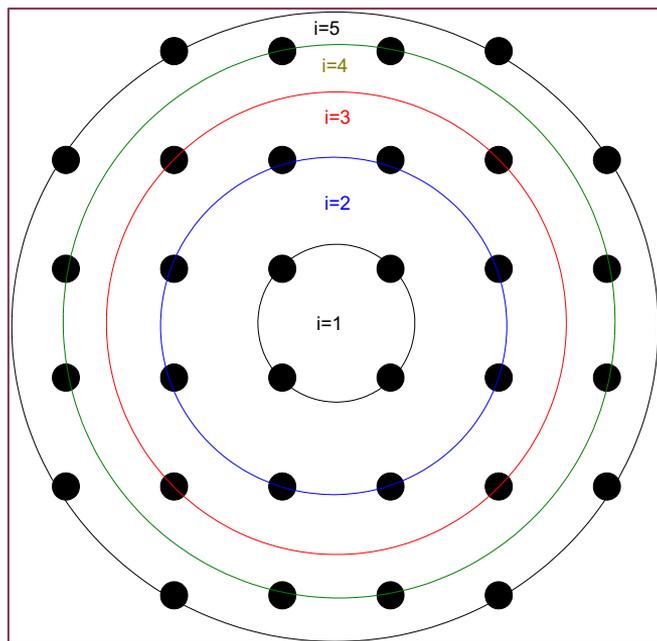
- infinite  $\bar{b}$  first, then infinite  $n$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \gamma_s \leq \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\pi}{6} \cdot \frac{n+1}{(n!)^{\frac{1}{n}}} = \frac{\pi}{6} \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{n+1}{\frac{n}{e}} = \frac{\pi \cdot e}{6} = 1.53 \text{ dB}$$



# Shells from 36SQ

- 32 points, 5 shells, corner points omitted (zero probability)



- With uniform probability of each point (1/32)

$$\mathcal{E}_x = \sum_{i=1}^G p_i \cdot \mathcal{E}_i = \left[ \frac{2}{8} + \frac{10}{4} + \frac{18}{8} + \frac{26}{4} + \frac{34}{4} \right] = 20$$

- Shaping gain is  $\gamma_s = \frac{(1/6) \cdot 31 \cdot d^2}{20} = \frac{31}{30} = 0.14 \text{ dB}$

- How about if the data rate is  $\tilde{b} = 4$ ?
  - But we keep this constellation and reduce outer points' probabilities?
  - It can increase to 1.2 dB (over 16QAM).
  - With  $n \geq 256$ .



# Shells, Shaping, and Entropy

## Section 8.4.2

# Basic Entropy

- The number of bits per subsymbol is

$$\tilde{b} \leq \mathcal{H}_{\bar{\mathbf{x}}} = \underbrace{\sum_{i=1}^G}_{\text{shells}} \underbrace{\sum_{j=1}^{|C|_i}}_{\text{pts in shell}} p_{ij} \cdot \log_2 \left( \frac{1}{p_{ij}} \right)$$

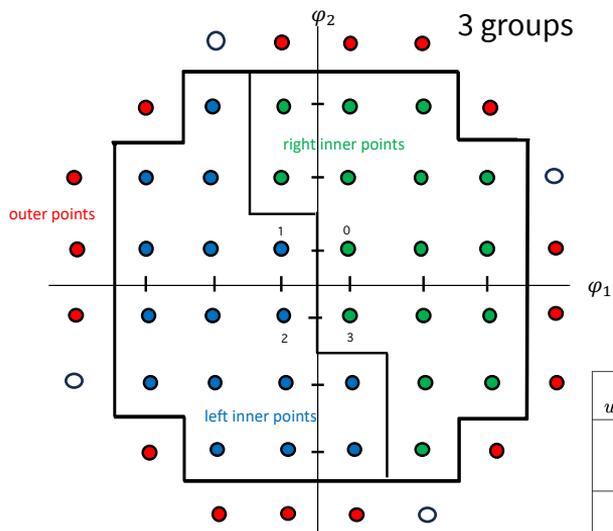
- This rearranges to

$$\mathcal{H}_{\mathbf{x}} = \underbrace{\sum_{i=1}^G p_i \cdot \log_2 \left( \frac{1}{p_i} \right)}_{\text{group rate component}} + \sum_{i=1}^G p_i \cdot b_i = \mathcal{H}(\mathbf{p}) + \underbrace{\sum_{i=1}^G p_i \cdot b_i}_{\text{equally likely in group}}$$

- Good design minimizes energy  $\mathcal{E}_{\bar{\mathbf{x}}} = \sum_{g=1}^G \mathcal{E}_g$  while retaining  $\mathcal{H}_{\bar{\mathbf{x}}}$  rate/bound.



# Groups do not have to be shells



a).  $48CR \tilde{b} = 5.5$

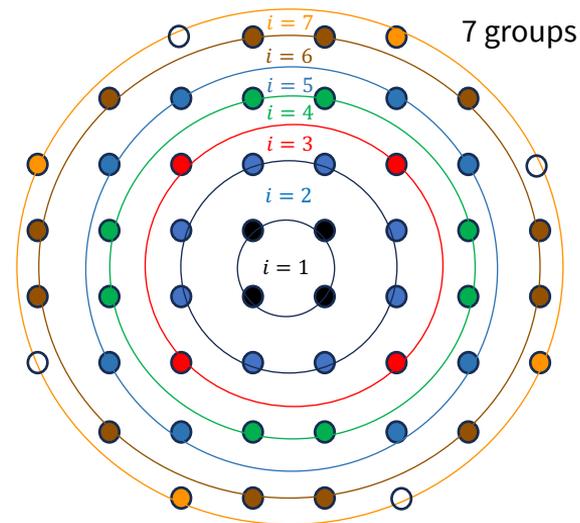
$$p = p' = 2p'$$

(or  $52CR_o$ , with  $\tilde{b} = 5.625$ )

$$\gamma_s = .23 \text{ dB (48)} \rightarrow .61 \text{ dB (52)}$$

Input Bits			1 <sup>st</sup> 2D subsym.			2 <sup>nd</sup> 2D subsym.		
$u_0$	$u_1$	$u_1$	$ss_1$	$ss_0$	position	$ss_3$	$ss_2$	position
0	0	0	0	0	left-inner	0	0	left-inner
0	0	1	0	0	left-inner	0	1	right-inner
0	1	0	0	0	left-inner	1	0	outer
0	1	1	0	1	right-inner	0	0	left-inner
1	0	0	0	1	right-inner	0	1	right-inner
1	0	1	0	1	right-inner	1	0	outer
1	1	0	1	0	outer	0	0	left-inner
1	1	1	1	0	outer	0	1	right-inner

**nonlinear map  
look-up table  
See S3 modulation codes**



b).  $48SH$  or  $52SH$

$$\gamma_s = 1.3 \text{ dB with optimum } p_i$$

- Left side, a), is improvement over  $32CR$ , but still less than b).



# PAS

## (probabilistic amplitude shaping)

[Section 8.4.2.1](#)

# PAS Optimizes Shell Probabilities

## Optimization Statement

$$\begin{aligned} \min_{\mathcal{E}_{i \in [1:G]}} \quad & \mathcal{E}_{\tilde{\mathbf{x}}} = \sum_{i=1}^G p_i \cdot \mathcal{E}_i \\ \text{ST:} \quad & \mathcal{H}_{\tilde{\mathbf{x}}} = - \sum_{i=1}^G p_i \cdot \log_2 \left( \frac{p_i}{|C|_i} \right) \\ & 1 = \sum_{i=1}^G p_i \\ & \mathcal{E}_i = (2i + 1)^2 \\ & 0 \leq p_i \leq 1 \quad \forall i \in [1 : G] . \end{aligned}$$

- Solution (exponential distribution) is:
  - $Z(\nu)$  is a constant function of  $\mathcal{H}_{\tilde{\mathbf{x}}}$  target.

$$p_i(\nu) = |C|_i \cdot \frac{e^{-\nu \cdot \mathcal{E}_i}}{Z(\nu)} \geq 0$$

$$Z(\nu) \triangleq \sum_{i=1}^G |C|_i \cdot e^{-\nu \cdot \mathcal{E}_i}$$



# 8 groups from 7 rings, 1 with 2 arcs

- Ring 6 has 12 points, so divide into arcs of size 8 and size 4 (which are powers of 2).

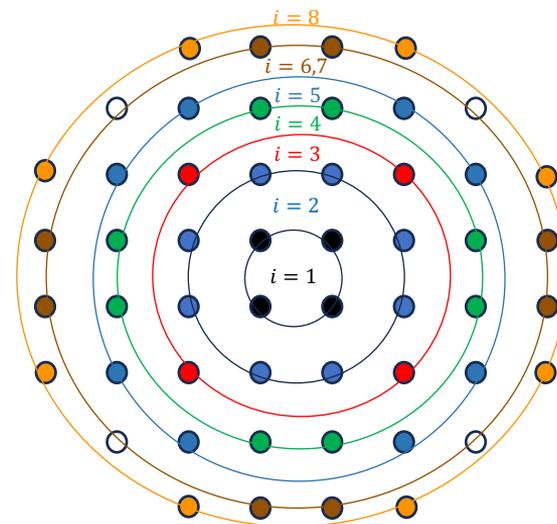
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% function out = qam_shell_shaping(M, G, H_target_bits, opts)
qam_shell_shaping Optimal probabilities for SQ-QAM under an entropy constraint,
    aggregated into G groups/shells.
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Features:
grouping:
- 'rings_only' : each shell is exactly one constant-energy ring.
    If G < #rings, keeps the G lowest-energy rings (outer points dropped).
- 'equal_points': merges adjacent rings to ~equal #points per shell.
- 'equal_rings' : merges adjacent rings to equal ( $\pm 1$ ) #rings per shell.
normalization: 'dmin1' (default;  $E_s$ _uniform=(M-1)/6) or 'dmin2' (energies  $\times 4$ ).
mode:
- 'microstate' :  $q_i \propto 2^{\lambda e_i}$  on the kept support; entropy on q (default)
- 'shell_uniform' :  $p_g$  over shells with  $q_i = p_g/|S_g|$ ; entropy  $H(p) + \sum p_g \log 2|S_g|$ 
    (In 'rings_only', both modes coincide because all points in a ring have the same energy.)

Shaping gain reported = Forney space-filling gain:
 $10 \cdot \log_{10}(E_{\text{square\_eqvolume}}(H) / E_{s\_shaped})$  (energy-only, equal-volume square reference).
No indexing/volume factor is multiplied into the gain (we report it separately).

Example:
opts = struct('grouping','rings_only','normalization','dmin1','mode','shell_uniform');
out = qam_shell_shaping(64, 7, 5.5, opts);
disp(out.shaping_gain_dB)
```

52 of 64 points  
in 64 SQ  
(8 groups with  
2 or 3 bits each)



8 shells (shell 6 with 2 arcs)



# Example Use

- Use 64SQ (but corner points have 0 prob)
  - 8 shells and arcs
  - 7 shells (see program input)
  - Rate/H is 5.5 bits/2D subsymbol
- Lots of outputs, but shaping gain is main one.
- Also, of interest are
  - The 7 → 8 probabilities
- The issue is the probabilities are not yet readily implemented. We'd like them to approximate integer/n so that we have integer occurrence of each shell/arc within a group-selection codeword.

```
>> out = qam_shell_shaping(64, 7, 5.5, opts);
SQ-64 QAM | kept 52/64 points | H_target=5.500000 (achieved 5.500000)
mode=shell_uniform | norm=dmin1 | Es_shaped=5.765538 |
Es_eqvol=7.375806 | gain=1.0697 dB | index K/2^H=1.1490
>> out =
    shell_prob: [7x1 double]
    shell_sizes: [7x1 double]
    shell_avg_energy: [7x1 double]
    Es_shaped: 5.7655
    Es_square_uniform: 10.5000
    Es_reference_eqvolume: 7.3758
    shaping_gain_dB: 1.0697
    H_achieved_bits: 5.5000
    lambda: 0.1688
    indexing_factor: 1.1490
    rings: [9x3 table]

>> temp=out.shell_prob' % =
    0.1637  0.2591  0.1025  0.1622  0.1284  0.1206  0.0636
>> shellprob2=[temp(1:5),(2/3)*temp(6), (1/3)*temp(6), temp(7)] % =
    0.1637  0.2591  0.1025  0.1622  0.1284  0.0804  0.0402  0.0636>>
out.shell_sizes % =
>> out.shell_sizes' % =
    4  8  4  8  8  12  8
>> shellsize2=[temp(1:5),(2/3)*temp(6), (1/3)*temp(6), temp(7)] % =
    4  8  4  8  8  8  4  8
```



# Use larger constellation (and more groups)

- Can increase rate to 6.5, and then groups to 15 → 16
- Again ring 6 → 2 arcs
- The design then needs to trim the probabilities.

```
out = qam_shell_shaping(256, 15, 6.5, opts);
>> out
shaping_gain_dB: 1.3061
  H_achieved_bits: 6.5000
    lambda: 0.1081
  indexing_factor: 1.3325800
    rings: [32x3 table]
> out.shell_prob' % =
  0.0974  0.1676  0.0722  0.1242  0.1069  0.1189  0.0682  0.0506
  0.0435  0.0375  0.0161  0.0278  0.0206  0.0354  0.0131
>> out.shell_sizes % =
>> out.shell_sizes'
  4  8  4  8  8  12  8  8  8  8  4  8  8  16  8  4
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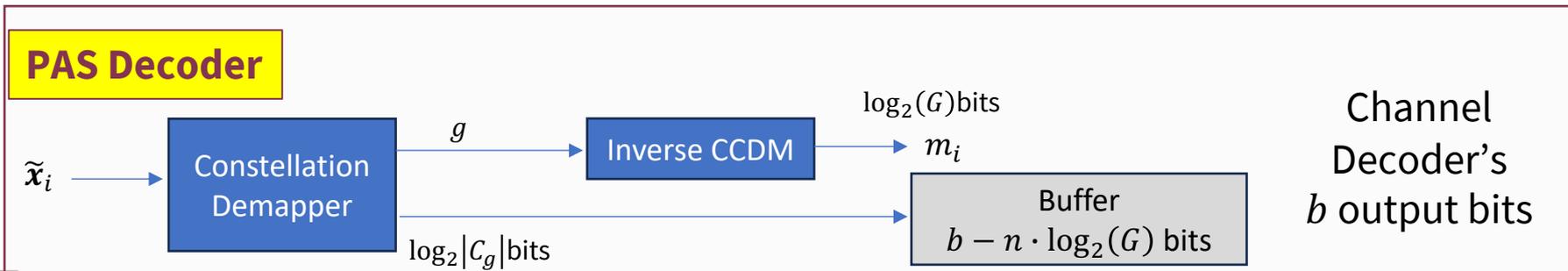
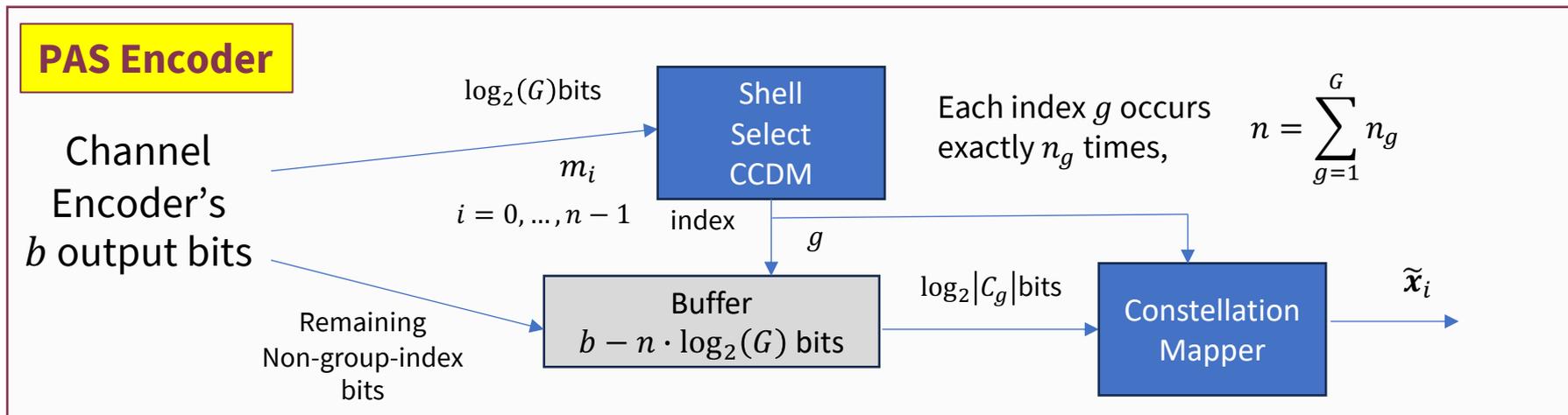


# CCDM Encoder and Decoder

## [Section 8.4.2.2](#)

# Need to map input bits to rings

- Assumes initially that  $n = \sum_{g=1}^G n_g$ , and that all  $n_g$  are integers (we'll return to this "rounding" later).



# Constant Composition Distribution Matching

- Given a (trimmed) probability distribution with  $n_g = n \cdot p_g \in \mathbb{Z}^+$ , compose codeword
  - that has exactly  $n_i$  occurrences of group  $g$  in each codeword of group indices,  $n = \sum_{g=1}^G n_g$
- This relies heavily on reduction of the number and denominator of the multinomial integer:

$$\frac{n!}{\prod_{g=1}^G n_g}$$

- The CCDM algorithm iteratively creates a series of  $r_g = n_g - i$  remaining index instances within codeword until all are zero.
- With time  $t = 0, \dots, n - 1$ , the multinomial becomes time dependent, and one group is selected and then reduced by 1 in remaining occurrences for transmission. This creates the time-varying multinomial

$$C(t, \mathbf{r}_t) \triangleq \frac{(n - t)!}{\prod_{i=1}^G (r_{i,t})!}$$

- Proceeding sequentially in time, up to  $G$  possible next multinomial values are tested/computed

$$C_g(t + 1, \mathbf{r}_{t+1}) \triangleq \frac{(n - t - 1)!}{(r_g - 1) \cdot \prod_{i \neq g} (r_{i,t})!}$$

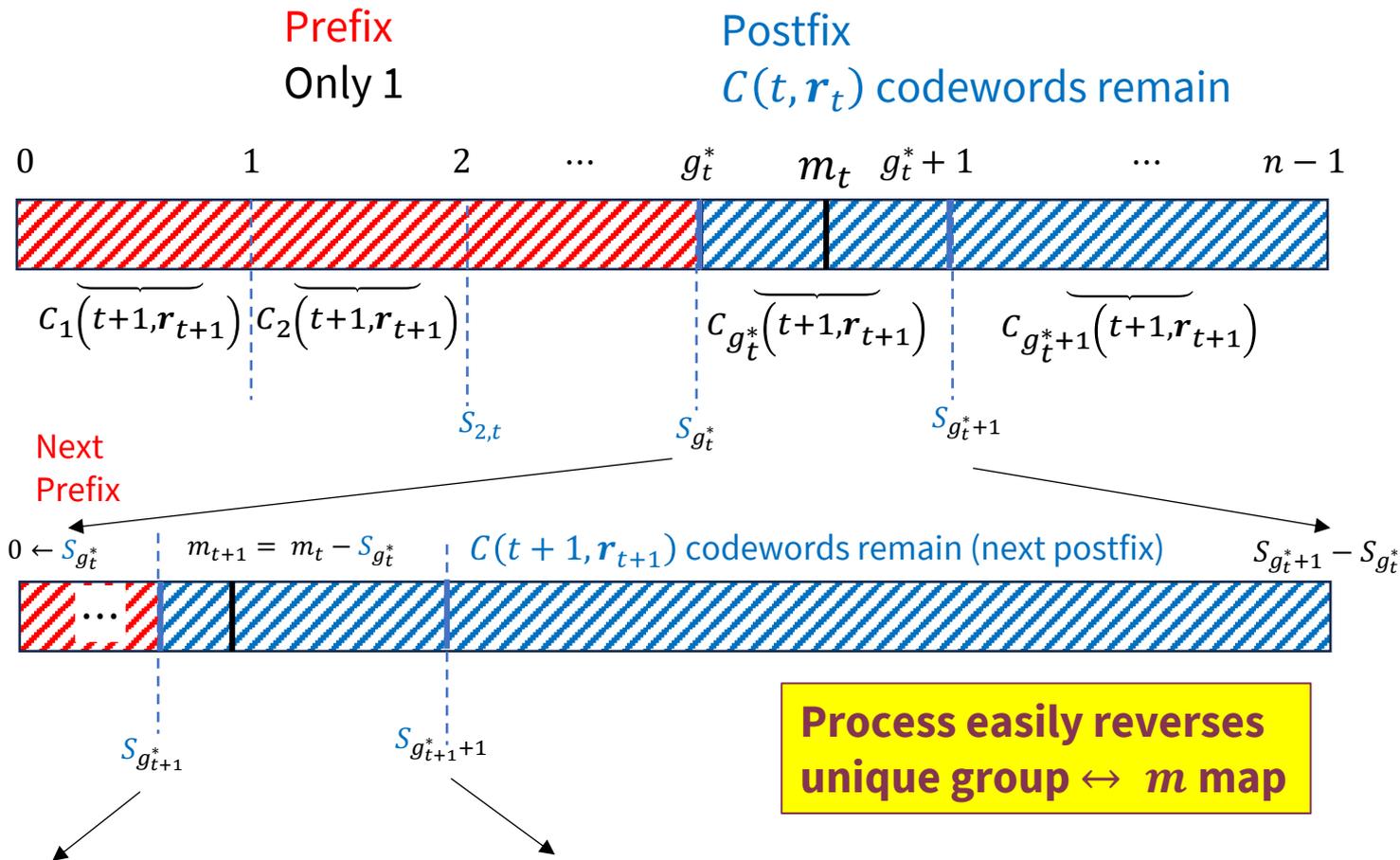


# Timeline of Code Generation

Time  $t$

$$S_g \triangleq \sum_{i=1}^g C_i(t+1, \mathbf{r}_{t+1})$$

$0 \leq m_0 = m < 2^n$   
 Map  $m$  to codeword  
 Invertibly maps  
 to group indices.



# Encoder example with $G = 3$ groups, $n = 8$

Initial 8-bit input:  $m = 182$ , converted from unsigned binary 8 bits (10110110) ;  $[.5 .25 .25] \rightarrow [4 2 2]$

$G = 3$  is not power of 2 (example only) so there is some additional rate loss.  $G = 3$  is presented only to facilitate CDDM algorithm description.

1.  $t = 0, \mathbf{r}_0 = [4, 2, 2], C(0, \mathbf{r}_0) = 420$

$$C_1(1, \mathbf{r}_0 - \mathbf{e}_1) = \frac{7!}{3! \cdot 2! \cdot 2!} = 210 \quad (8.200)$$

$$C_2(1, \mathbf{r}_0 - \mathbf{e}_2) = \frac{7!}{4! \cdot 2!} = 105 \quad (8.201)$$

$$C_3(1, \mathbf{r}_0 - \mathbf{e}_3) = \frac{7!}{4! \cdot 2!} = 105 \quad (8.202)$$

$S_{[1:3]} = [210, 315, 420]$ . Since 182 is between cumulative sums 0 and 1, then  $\mathbf{x}_0 = 1$ . Further,  $\mathbf{r}_1 = [3, 2, 2]$  while  $m_1 = 182 - 0 = 0$ .

2.  $t = 1, \mathbf{r}_1 = [3, 2, 2], C(1, \mathbf{r}_1) = \frac{6!}{3! \cdot 2! \cdot 2!} = 210 = S_1$  from step  $t = 0$ .

$$C_1(1, \mathbf{r}_1 - \mathbf{e}_1) = \frac{6!}{2! \cdot 2! \cdot 2!} = 90 \quad (8.203)$$

$$C_2(1, \mathbf{r}_1 - \mathbf{e}_2) = \frac{6!}{3! \cdot 2!} = 60 \quad (8.204)$$

$$C_3(1, \mathbf{r}_1 - \mathbf{e}_3) = \frac{6!}{3! \cdot 2!} = 60 \quad (8.205)$$

$S_{[1:3]} = [90, 150, 210]$ . Since 182 is between cumulative sums 2 and 3, then  $\mathbf{x}_1 = 3$ . Further,  $\mathbf{r}_2 = [3, 2, 1]$  while  $m_2 = 182 - 150 = 32$ .

3.  $t = 2, \mathbf{r}_2 = [3, 2, 1], C(2, \mathbf{r}_2) = \frac{5!}{3! \cdot 2! \cdot 1!} = 60 = S_3$  from step  $t = 1$ .

$$C_1(2, \mathbf{r}_2 - \mathbf{e}_1) = \frac{5!}{2! \cdot 2!} = 30 \quad (8.206)$$

$$C_2(2, \mathbf{r}_2 - \mathbf{e}_2) = \frac{5!}{3! \cdot 1!} = 20 \quad (8.207)$$

$$C_3(2, \mathbf{r}_2 - \mathbf{e}_3) = \frac{5!}{3! \cdot 2!} = 10 \quad (8.208)$$

$S_{[1:3]} = [30, 50, 60]$ . Since 32 is between cumulative sums 1 and 2, then  $\mathbf{x}_2 = 2$ . Further,  $\mathbf{r}_3 = [3, 1, 1]$  while  $m_2 = 32 - 30 = 2$ .

4.  $t = 3, \mathbf{r}_3 = [3, 1, 1], C(3, \mathbf{r}_3) = \frac{5!}{3!} = 20 = S_2$  from step  $t = 2$ .

$$C_1(3, \mathbf{r}_3 - \mathbf{e}_1) = \frac{4!}{2!} = 12 \quad (8.209)$$

$$C_2(3, \mathbf{r}_3 - \mathbf{e}_2) = \frac{4!}{3!} = 4 \quad (8.210)$$

$$C_3(3, \mathbf{r}_3 - \mathbf{e}_3) = \frac{4!}{3!} = 4 \quad (8.211)$$

$S_{[1:3]} = [12, 16, 20]$ . Since 2 is between cumulative sums 0 and 1, then  $\mathbf{x}_3 = 1$ . Further,  $\mathbf{r}_4 = [2, 1, 1]$  while  $m_3 = 2 - 0 = 2$ .

5.  $t = 4, \mathbf{r}_4 = [2, 1, 1], C(4, \mathbf{r}_4) = \frac{4!}{2!} = 12 = S_1$  from step  $t = 3$ .

$$C_1(4, \mathbf{r}_4 - \mathbf{e}_1) = \frac{3!}{1!} = 6 \quad (8.212)$$

$$C_2(4, \mathbf{r}_4 - \mathbf{e}_2) = \frac{3!}{2!} = 3 \quad (8.213)$$

$$C_3(4, \mathbf{r}_4 - \mathbf{e}_3) = \frac{3!}{2!} = 3 \quad (8.214)$$

$S_{[1:3]} = [6, 9, 12]$ . Since 2 is between cumulative sums 0 and 1, then  $\mathbf{x}_4 = 1$ . Further,  $\mathbf{r}_4 = [1, 1, 1]$  while  $m_4 = 2 - 0 = 2$ .

6.  $t = 5, \mathbf{r}_5 = [1, 1, 1], C(5, \mathbf{r}_5) = \frac{3!}{1!} = 6 = S_1$  from step  $t = 4$ .

$$C_1(5, \mathbf{r}_5 - \mathbf{e}_1) = 2! = 2 \quad (8.215)$$

$$C_2(5, \mathbf{r}_5 - \mathbf{e}_2) = 2! = 2 \quad (8.216)$$

$$C_3(5, \mathbf{r}_5 - \mathbf{e}_3) = 2! = 2 \quad (8.217)$$

$S_{[1:3]} = [2, 4, 6]$ . Since 2 is between cumulative sums 1 and 2, then  $\mathbf{x}_5 = 2$ . Further,  $\mathbf{r}_5 = [1, 0, 1]$  while  $m_5 = 2 - 2 = 0$ .

7.  $t = 6, \mathbf{r}_6 = [1, 0, 1], C(6, \mathbf{r}_6) = \frac{2!}{1!} = 2 = S_2$  from step  $t = 5$ .

$$C_1(6, \mathbf{r}_6 - \mathbf{e}_1) = 1! = 1 \quad (8.218)$$

$$C_2(6, \mathbf{r}_6 - \mathbf{e}_2) = \emptyset \quad (8.219)$$

$$C_3(6, \mathbf{r}_6 - \mathbf{e}_3) = 1! = 1 \quad (8.220)$$

$S_{[1:3]} = [1, 1, 1]$ . Since 0 is between cumulative sums 0 and 0, then  $\mathbf{x}_6 = 1$ . Further,  $\mathbf{r}_6 = [0, 0, 1]$  while  $m_6 = 2 - 2 = 0$ .

8. clearly  $\mathbf{x}_7 = 3$  as it is the only choice left.

$$\mathbf{x} = [1 \ 3 \ 2 \ 1 \ 1 \ 2 \ 1 \ 3]$$

# Corresponding Decoder Example

▪  $\mathbf{x} = [1\ 3\ 2\ 1\ 1\ 2\ 1\ 3]$

1.  $t = 0, \mathbf{r}_0 = [4, 2, 2], C(0, \mathbf{r}_0) = 420, g^* = \mathbf{x}_0 - 1 = 1 - 1 = 0$

$$C_1(1, \mathbf{r}_0 - \mathbf{e}_1) = \frac{7!}{3! \cdot 2! \cdot 2!} = 210$$

$$C_2(1, \mathbf{r}_0 - \mathbf{e}_2) = \frac{7!}{4! \cdot 2!} = 105$$

$$C_3(1, \mathbf{r}_0 - \mathbf{e}_3) = \frac{7!}{4! \cdot 2!} = 105$$

Further,  $m = 0 + 0. r_1 = 4 - 1 = 3$

2.  $t = 1, \mathbf{r}_1 = [3, 2, 2], g^* = \mathbf{x}_1 - 1 = 3 - 1 = 2$

$$C_1(1, \mathbf{r}_1 - \mathbf{e}_1) = \frac{6!}{2! \cdot 2! \cdot 2!} = 90$$

$$C_2(1, \mathbf{r}_1 - \mathbf{e}_2) = \frac{6!}{3! \cdot 2!} = 60$$

$$C_3(1, \mathbf{r}_1 - \mathbf{e}_3) = \frac{6!}{3! \cdot 2!} = 60$$

Further,  $m = 0 + S_2 = 150. r_3 = 2 - 1 = 1$

3.  $t = 2, \mathbf{r}_2 = [3, 2, 1], g^* = \mathbf{x}_2 - 1 = 2 - 1 = 1$

$$C_1(2, \mathbf{r}_2 - \mathbf{e}_1) = \frac{5!}{2! \cdot 2!} = 30$$

$$C_2(2, \mathbf{r}_2 - \mathbf{e}_2) = \frac{5!}{3! \cdot 1!} = 20$$

$$C_3(2, \mathbf{r}_2 - \mathbf{e}_3) = \frac{5!}{3! \cdot 2!} = 10$$

Further,  $m = 150 + 30 = 180. r_2 = 2 - 1 = 1$

4.  $t = 3, \mathbf{r}_3 = [3, 1, 1], g^* = \mathbf{x}_3 - 1 = 1 - 1 = 0$

$$C_1(3, \mathbf{r}_3 - \mathbf{e}_1) = \frac{4!}{2!} = 12$$

$$C_2(3, \mathbf{r}_3 - \mathbf{e}_2) = \frac{4!}{3!} = 4$$

$$C_3(3, \mathbf{r}_3 - \mathbf{e}_3) = \frac{4!}{3!} = 4$$

Further,  $m = 180 + 0 = 180. r_1 = 3 - 1 = 2$

5.  $t = 4, \mathbf{r}_4 = [2, 1, 1], g^* = \mathbf{x}_4 - 1 = 1 - 1 = 0$

$$C_1(4, \mathbf{r}_4 - \mathbf{e}_1) = \frac{3!}{1!} = 6$$

$$C_2(4, \mathbf{r}_4 - \mathbf{e}_2) = \frac{3!}{2!} = 3$$

$$C_3(4, \mathbf{r}_4 - \mathbf{e}_3) = \frac{3!}{2!} = 3$$

Further,  $m = 180 + 0 = 180. r_1 = 1 - 1 = 1$

6.  $t = 5, \mathbf{r}_5 = [1, 1, 1], g^* = \mathbf{x}_5 - 1 = 2 - 1 = 1$

$$C_1(5, \mathbf{r}_5 - \mathbf{e}_1) = 2! = 2$$

$$C_2(5, \mathbf{r}_5 - \mathbf{e}_2) = 2! = 2$$

$$C_3(5, \mathbf{r}_5 - \mathbf{e}_3) = 2! = 2$$

7.  $t = 6, \mathbf{r}_6 = [1, 0, 1], g^* = \mathbf{x}_6 - 1 = 1 - 1 = 0.$

$$C_1(6, \mathbf{r}_6 - \mathbf{e}_1) = 1! = 1$$

$$C_2(6, \mathbf{r}_6 - \mathbf{e}_2) = \emptyset$$

$$C_3(6, \mathbf{r}_6 - \mathbf{e}_3) = 1! = 1$$

Further,  $m = 182 + 0 = 182. r_2 = 1 - 1 = 0$

8. Because  $\mathbf{x}_7 = 3$  and  $r_3 \rightarrow 0, m = 182.$



# Probability Rounding & index-swapping

[Section 8.4.2.2](#)

# Integer power of 2 multinomial?

- **Wastes no bandwidth:** The input bits map to each and every possible multinomial combination.
  - This requires some further tuning of the shell probabilities,
  - which is possible for reasonable  $n$  with very little rate loss.

$$M(\mathbf{n}) \triangleq \frac{n!}{\prod_{g=1}^G n_g} \quad L \triangleq \log_2 M(\mathbf{n}) \quad k \triangleq \lfloor L \rfloor$$

- **Deficit:** The amount of power-of-2 miss  $\Delta = n - k$ .
  - $n_i \rightarrow n_i + 1$  for the original  $p_i \cdot n$  that are closest to the upper integer (recall these all truncated earlier).
  - This provides a sum that adds exactly to  $n$  (so the multinomial works), but reduces the entropy/rate/
- **Index swapping:** Then pairs of  $(i, j)$  are found where  $n_i \rightarrow n_i + 1$  and  $n_j \rightarrow n_j - 1$
- The improvement in entropy is  $\Delta_{ij} = \log_2 \left( \frac{n_j}{n_i + 1} \right)$  see proof in Section 8.4.2.2
- **Greedy Selection (like bit swapping, Chap 4):** swap in positions with largest entropy benefit first.

$$\Delta L(\mathbf{n}) = \left| L(\mathbf{n}) - \underbrace{\left[ \log_2(\mathbf{n}) - \sum_{g=1}^G \log_2(n_g) \right]}_{\text{rounded value}} \right|;$$



# Program to index swap

## Power2\_multinomial\_round.m

```
[r, info] = power2_multinomial_round(p, n, max_moves)
p      : probability vector (will be normalized to sum=1)
n      : blocklength (integer)
max_moves : optional cap on unit-transfer moves (default 8)
```

### Outputs:

```
r      : integer composition (sum(r)=n)
info   : struct with fields
        .q_input, .q_rounded, .q_final
        .H_input_bits, .H_rounded_bits, .H_final_bits
        .deltaH_rounded, .deltaH_final
        .L0, .L, .k
        .moves : [i j delta] rows (unit transfers j->i with delta added to log2 M)
```

### Notes:

- Each unit transfer updates  $\log_2 M$  by  $\delta = \log_2(r_j / (r_i + 1))$ .
- Entropies are base-2;  $0 \cdot \log_2(0)$  is treated as 0.

```
>> out=qam_shell_shaping(256,15,5.6)
shaping_gain_dB: 1.4375
H_achieved_bits: 5.6000

>> temp=out.shell_prob'
>> shellprob2=[temp(1:5),(2/3)*temp(6), (1/3)*temp(6), temp(7:15)]
>> [r,info]=power2_multinomial_round(shellprob2,256)
>> r' % =
    53    73    26    37    26    13     6     9     4     3     2     1     1     1     1     0

info = struct with fields:
    q_input: [16x1 double]
    q_rounded: [16x1 double]
    q_final: [16x1 double]
    H_input_bits: 2.9304
    H_rounded_bits: 2.9219
    H_final_bits: 2.9238
    deltaH_rounded: -0.0085
    deltaH_final: -0.0066
    L0: 712.5086
    L: 712.9901
    k: 713
    moves: [1 2 0.4815]
```

- Very small loss (.02 dB) in shaping gain for the rounded replacement probabilities.
- Retains shaping gain of 1.43 dB, which is near the limit





# End Lecture S12A