

# Diversity

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# Introduction (1)

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- The idea behind diversity is to send the same data over independent fading paths
- Macro-diversity
  - Diversity to mitigate the effects of shadowing
  - is generally implemented by combining signals received by several base stations or access points
  - requires coordination among the different base stations, which is implemented as a part of networking protocols in infrastructure-based wireless networks

# Introduction (2)

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- Micro-diversity
  - Diversity techniques that mitigate the effect of multipath fading
  - **Space** diversity: by using multiple transmit or receive antennas
  - **Angle (or directional)** diversity: with smart antennas which are antenna array with adjustable phase at each antenna element
  - **Frequency** diversity: by transmitting the same narrowband signal at different carrier frequencies
  - **Path** diversity: spread spectrum with RAKE receiver
  - **Time** diversity: by transmitting the same data at different time (coding or interleaving)

# Scope of This Chapter

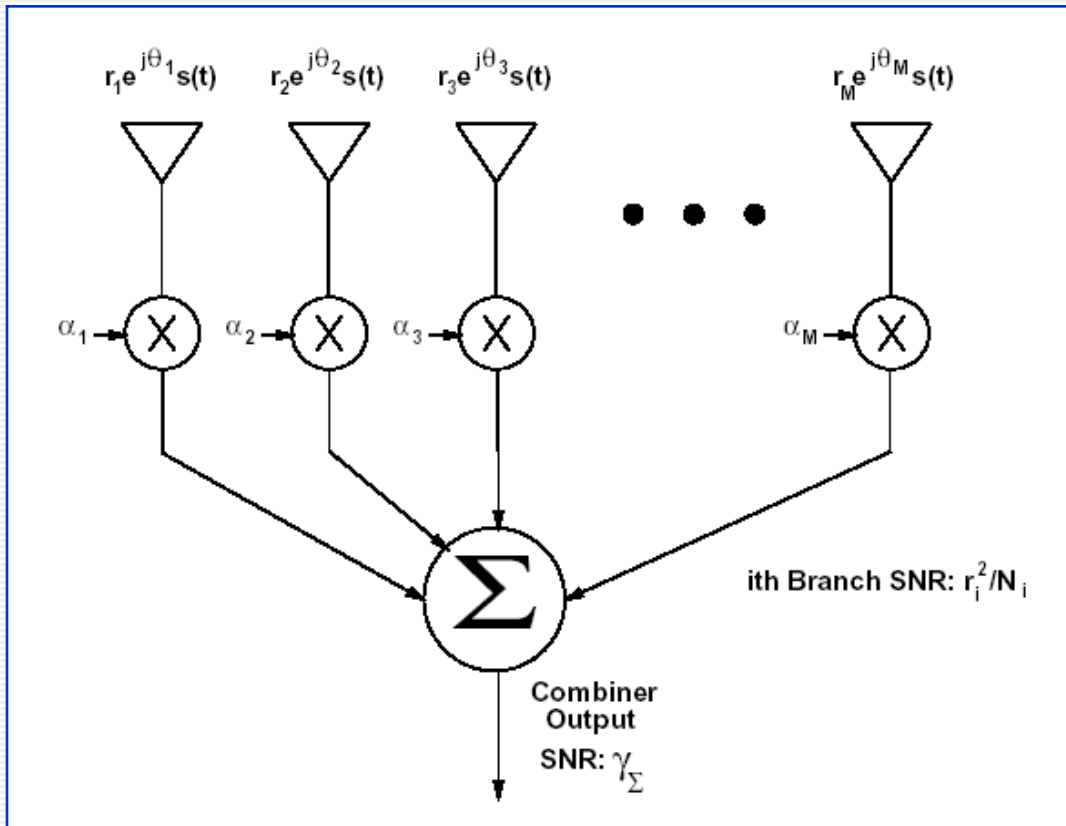
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- We focus on *space diversity*
- Receiver Diversity
  - Combining Techniques
    - Selection Combining
    - Threshold Combining
    - Maximal Ratio Combining
    - Equal Gain Combining
- Transmitter Diversity
  - Channel known at transmitter
  - Channel unknown at transmitter
    - Space Time Transmit Diversity (STTD)

# Receiver Diversity

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# System model for Receiver Diversity (1)



- Co-phasing:  
Removal of phase through multiplication by  $\alpha_i = a_i e^{-j\theta_i}$

- $$\gamma_\Sigma = \frac{\left( \sum_{i=1}^M a_i r_i \sqrt{E_s} \right)^2 \times B}{\sum_{i=1}^M a_i^2 N_0 B}$$

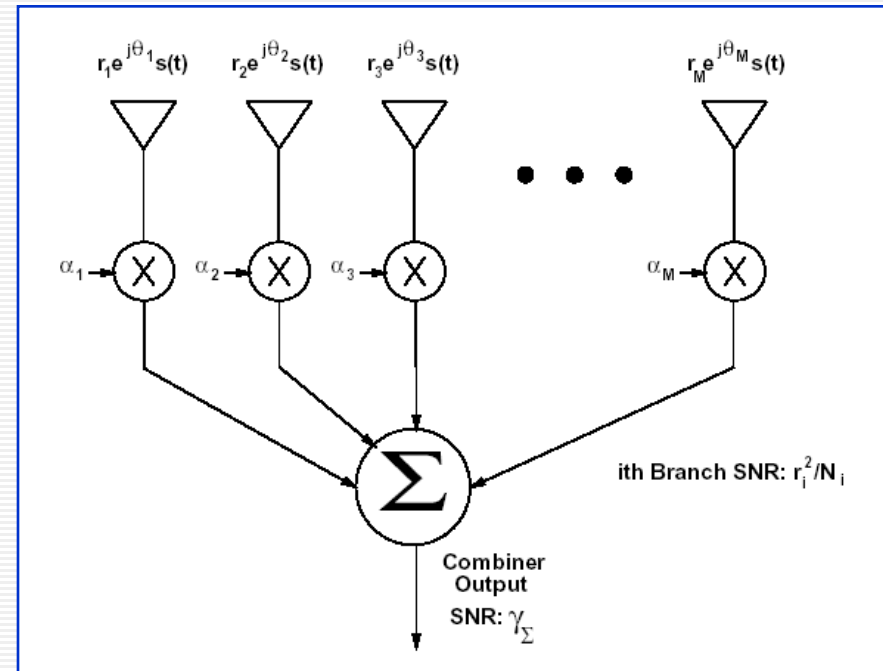
- Identical noise PSD  $N_0/2$  on each branch and pulse shaping such that  $BT_s=1$

# System model for Receiver Diversity (2)

## ■ Example (no fading)

- $r_i = 1$
- $a_i = r_i / \sqrt{N_0} = 1 / \sqrt{N_0}$

$$\gamma_{\Sigma} = \frac{\left( \sum_{i=1}^M a_i r_i \sqrt{E_s} \right)^2 \times B}{\sum_{i=1}^M a_i^2 N_0 B} = \frac{\left( \sum_{i=1}^M \frac{\sqrt{E_s}}{\sqrt{N_0}} \right)^2}{N_0 \sum_{i=1}^M \frac{1}{N_0}} = \frac{M E_s}{N_0}$$



# Diversity Gain

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- With fading, the combining of multiple independent fading path leads to a more favorable distribution for  $\gamma_{\Sigma}$
- Performance of a diversity system
  - Average symbol error probability
    - $\bar{P}_s = \int_0^{\infty} P_s(\gamma) p_{\gamma_{\Sigma}}(\gamma) d\gamma$   
where  $P_s(\gamma)$  is a symbol error probability in AWGN channel with SNR  $\gamma$
  - Outage probability
    - $P_{out} = p(\gamma_{\Sigma} \leq \gamma_0) = \int_0^{\gamma_0} p_{\gamma_{\Sigma}}(\gamma) d\gamma$
- Diversity Gain
  - Performance advantage in  $\bar{P}_s$  and  $P_{out}$  as a result of diversity combining



# Selection Combining (1)

- The combiner outputs the signal on the branch with the highest SNR

- Cumulative distribution function (cdf) of  $\gamma_\Sigma$

- $P_{\gamma_\Sigma}(\gamma) = p(\gamma_\Sigma < \gamma) = P(\max[\gamma_1, \gamma_2, \dots, \gamma_M] < \gamma) = \prod_{i=1}^M p(\gamma_i < \gamma)$

- For  $M$ -branch diversity with uncorrelated Rayleigh fading amplitude,

- On  $i$ th branch:  $p(\gamma_i) = \frac{1}{\gamma_i} e^{-\gamma_i/\bar{\gamma}_i}$ ,  $P_{out}(\gamma_0) = 1 - e^{-\gamma_0/\bar{\gamma}_i}$

- Outage probability of the selection combiner for target  $\gamma_0$

- $P_{out}(\gamma_0) = p(\gamma_\Sigma < \gamma_0) = \prod_{i=1}^M (1 - e^{-\gamma_0/\bar{\gamma}_i}) = [1 - e^{-\gamma_0/\bar{\gamma}}]^M$

The average SNR for all branches are the same

- pdf of  $\gamma_\Sigma$ : differentiating  $P_{out}(\gamma_0)$  relative to  $\gamma_0$

- $p_{\gamma_\Sigma}(\gamma) = \frac{M}{\bar{\gamma}} [1 - e^{-\gamma/\bar{\gamma}}]^{M-1} e^{-\gamma/\bar{\gamma}}$

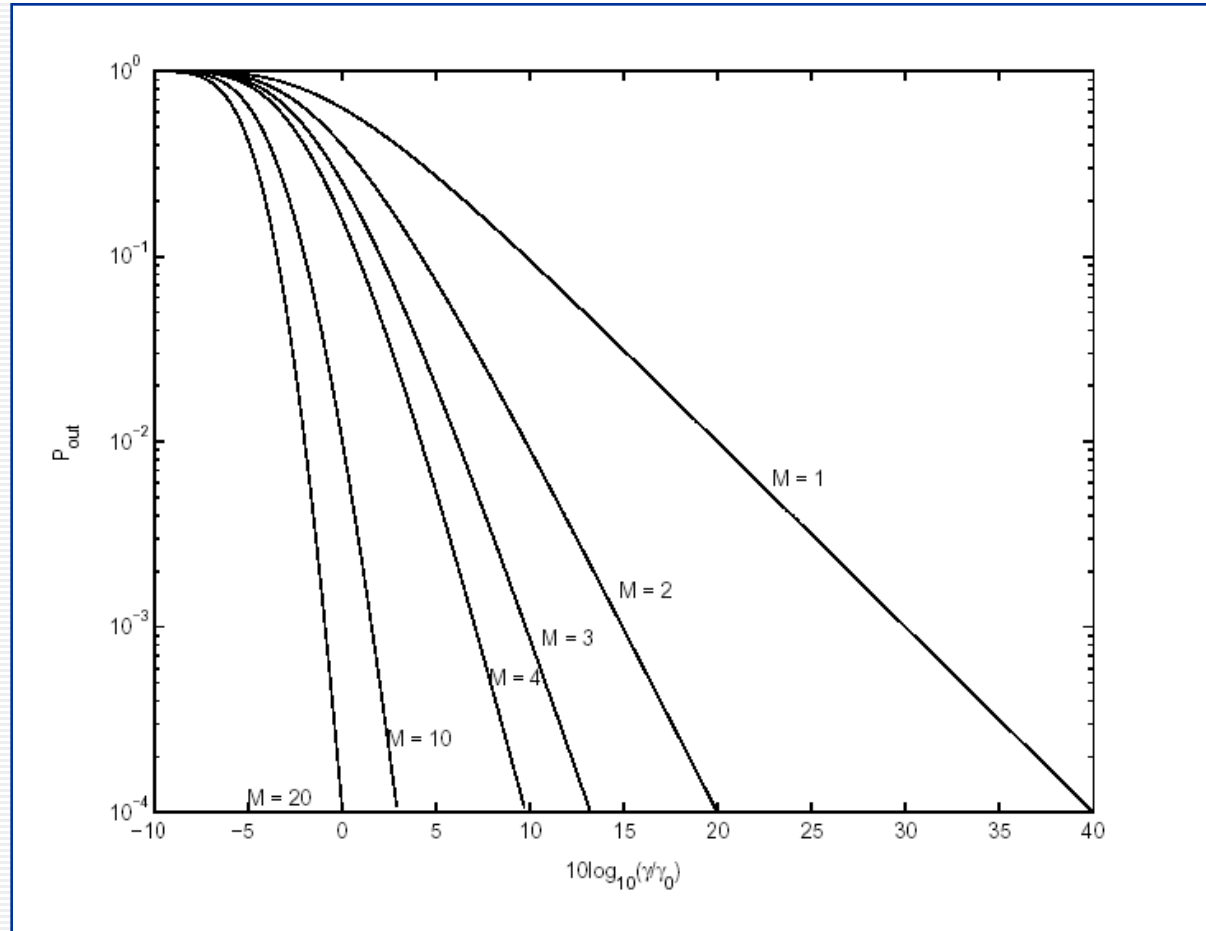
- Average SNR of combiner output:

- $\bar{\gamma}_\Sigma = \int_0^\infty \gamma p_{\gamma_\Sigma}(\gamma) d\gamma = \int_0^\infty \frac{\gamma M}{\bar{\gamma}} [1 - e^{-\gamma/\bar{\gamma}}]^{M-1} e^{-\gamma/\bar{\gamma}} d\gamma = \bar{\gamma} \sum_{i=1}^M \frac{1}{i}$

# Selection Combining (2)

Outage Probability  
in Rayleigh fading

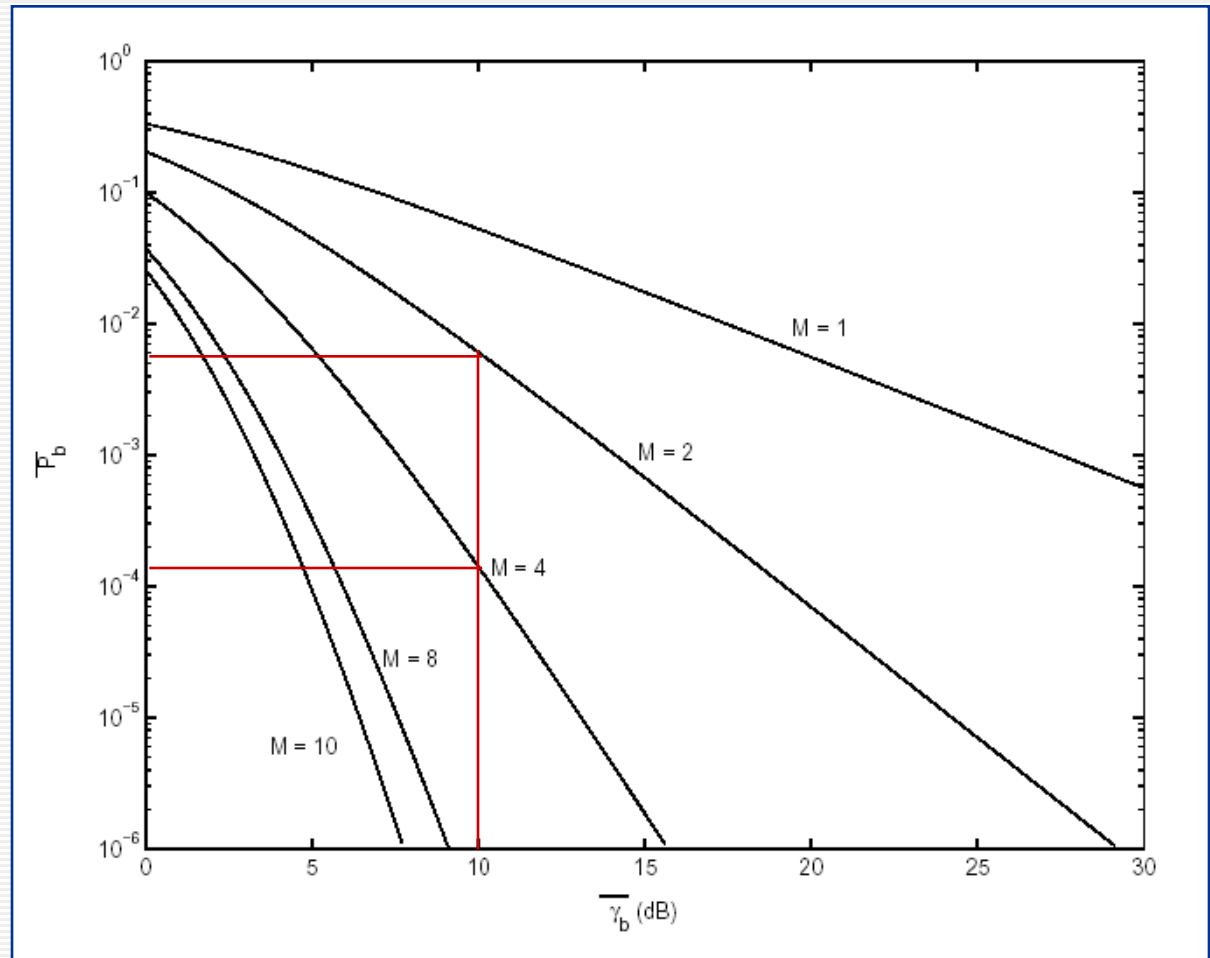
$$P_{out} = \left(1 - e^{-\gamma_0/\bar{\gamma}}\right)^M$$



# Selection Combining (3)

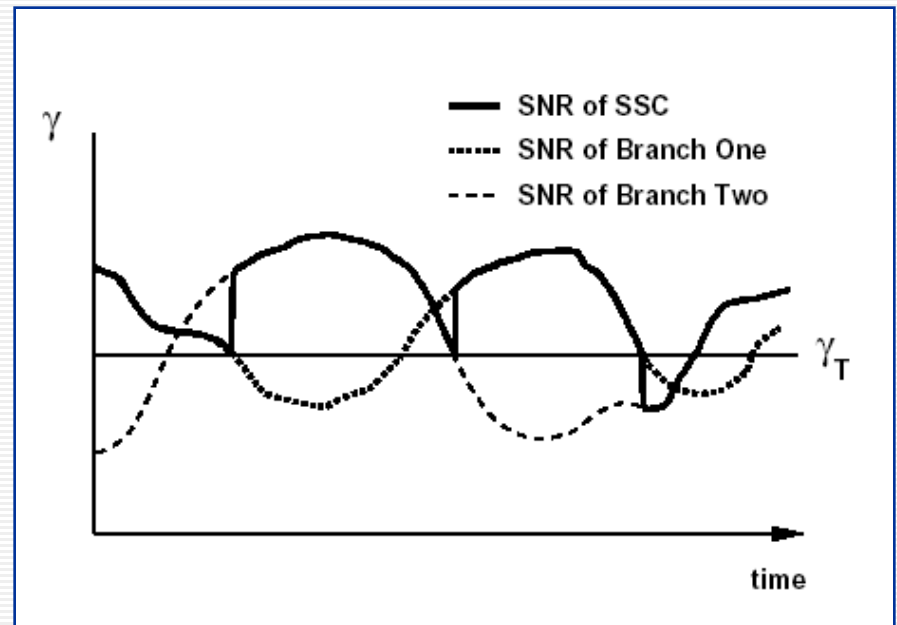
Average  $P_b$  of BPSK  
in Rayleigh fading

$$\int Q(\sqrt{2\gamma_b})p_{\gamma_b}(\gamma_b)d\gamma$$



# Threshold Combining (1)

- The combiner scans each branch in sequential order and outputs the first signal whose SNR is above a given threshold  $\gamma_T$
- Co-phasing is not required because only one branch output is used at a time
- Switch-and-stay combining (SSC)
  - Once a branch is chosen, the combiner outputs that signal as long as the SNR on that branch remains the desired threshold.



two branches

# Threshold Combining (2)

- Cdf of  $\gamma_{\Sigma}$ , the SNR of the combiner output with two branches:

$$P_{\gamma_{\Sigma}}(\gamma) = \begin{cases} P_{\gamma_1}(\gamma_T)P_{\gamma_2}(\gamma) & \gamma < \gamma_T, \\ p(\gamma_T \leq \gamma_1 \leq \gamma) + P_{\gamma_1}(\gamma_T)P_{\gamma_2}(\gamma) & \gamma \geq \gamma_T \end{cases}$$

- For Rayleigh fading of each branch with  $\bar{\gamma}$

$$P_{\gamma_{\Sigma}}(\gamma) = \begin{cases} 1 - e^{-\gamma_T/\bar{\gamma}} - e^{-\gamma/\bar{\gamma}} + e^{-(\gamma_T+\gamma)/\bar{\gamma}} & \gamma < \gamma_T, \\ 1 - 2e^{-\gamma/\bar{\gamma}} + e^{-(\gamma_T+\gamma)/\bar{\gamma}} & \gamma \geq \gamma_T. \end{cases}$$

- Outage probability for a given  $\gamma_0$ :  $P_{out}(\gamma_0) = P_{\gamma_{\Sigma}}(\gamma_0)$
- Probability density function

$$P_{\gamma_{\Sigma}}(\gamma) = \begin{cases} (1 - e^{-\gamma_T/\bar{\gamma}})(1/\bar{\gamma})e^{-\gamma/\bar{\gamma}} & \gamma < \gamma_T \\ (2 - e^{-\gamma_T/\bar{\gamma}})(1/\bar{\gamma})e^{-\gamma/\bar{\gamma}} & \gamma \geq \gamma_T \end{cases}$$

- Average symbol (bit) error probability for DPSK:

$$\bar{P}_b = \int_0^{\infty} \frac{1}{2} e^{-\gamma} p_{\gamma_{\Sigma}}(\gamma) d\gamma = \frac{1}{2(1+\bar{\gamma})} (1 - e^{-\gamma_T/\bar{\gamma}} + e^{-\gamma_T} e^{-\gamma_T/\bar{\gamma}})$$

# Maximal Ratio Combining (1)

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- Combiner Output SNR

- $$\gamma_{\Sigma} = \frac{r^2}{N_{tot}} = \frac{1}{N_0} \frac{\left(\sum_{i=1}^M a_i r_i \sqrt{E_s}\right)^2}{\sum_{i=1}^M a_i^2}$$

- Envelope of combiner output:  $r = \sum_{i=1}^M a_i r_i \sqrt{E_s}$

- Total noise PSD:  $N_{tot}/2 = \sum_{i=1}^M a_i^2 N_0/2$

- $$\gamma_{\Sigma} = \frac{1}{N_0} \frac{\left(\sum_{i=1}^M a_i r_i \sqrt{E_s}\right)^2}{\sum_{i=1}^M a_i^2} \leq \sum_{i=1}^M \frac{r_i^2 E_s}{N_0} = \sum_{i=1}^M \gamma_i \quad \text{since } \left(\sum_{i=1}^M a_i r_i\right)^2 \leq \sum_{i=1}^M a_i^2 \sum_{i=1}^M r_i^2$$

- The goal is to choose the  $a_i$  to maximize  $\gamma_{\Sigma}$

- when  $a_i^2 = r_i^2 / N_0$

- $$\gamma_{\Sigma} = \frac{1}{N_0} \frac{\left(\sum_{i=1}^M a_i r_i \sqrt{E_s}\right)^2}{\sum_{i=1}^M a_i^2} = \sum_{i=1}^M \frac{r_i^2 E_s}{N_0} = \sum_{i=1}^M \gamma_i$$

# Maximal Ratio Combining (2)

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- Distribution of  $\gamma_{\Sigma}$

- Assume i.i.d Rayleigh fading on each branch with the same average SNR  $\bar{\gamma}$
- pdf of  $\gamma_{\Sigma}$ :  $M$ -stage Erlang distribution with mean  $M\bar{\gamma}$  and variance  $M\bar{\gamma}^2$

- $$p_{\gamma_{\Sigma}}(\gamma) = \frac{\gamma^{M-1} e^{-\gamma/\bar{\gamma}}}{\bar{\gamma}^M (M-1)!} \quad \gamma \geq 0$$

- Outage probability for a given  $\gamma_0$

- $$P_{out} = p(\gamma_{\Sigma} < \gamma_0) = \int_0^{\gamma_0} p_{\gamma_{\Sigma}}(\gamma) d\gamma = 1 - e^{-\gamma_0/\bar{\gamma}} \sum_{k=1}^M \frac{(\gamma_0/\bar{\gamma})^{k-1}}{(k-1)!}$$

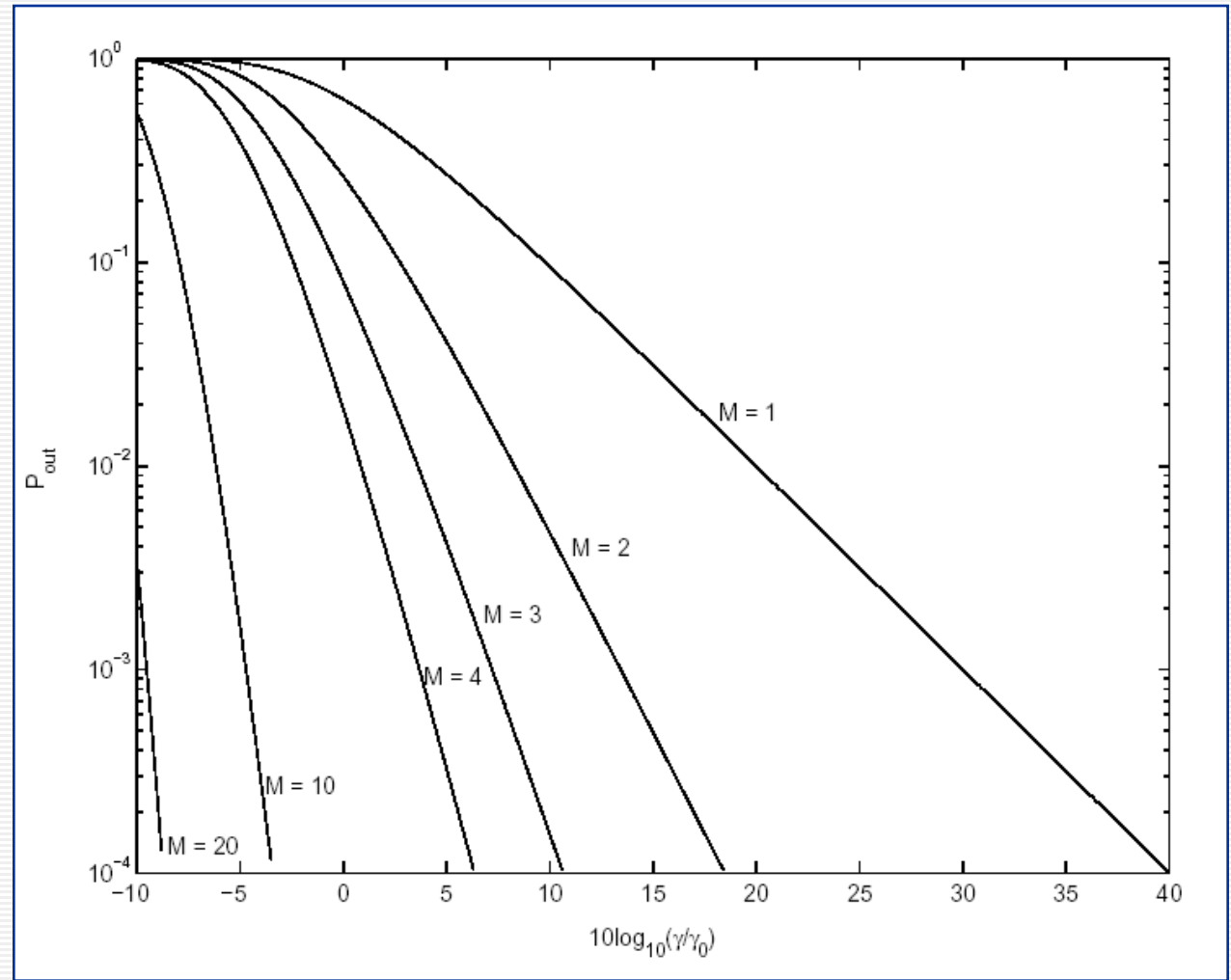
- Average symbol (bit) error probability for BPSK modulation

- $$\bar{P}_b = \int_0^{\infty} Q(\sqrt{2\gamma}) p_{\gamma_{\Sigma}}(\gamma) d\gamma = \left(\frac{1-\Gamma}{2}\right)^M \sum_{m=0}^{M-1} \binom{M-1+m}{m} \left(\frac{1+\Gamma}{2}\right)^m$$

where  $\Gamma = \sqrt{\bar{\gamma}/(1+\bar{\gamma})}$

# Maximal Ratio Combining (3)

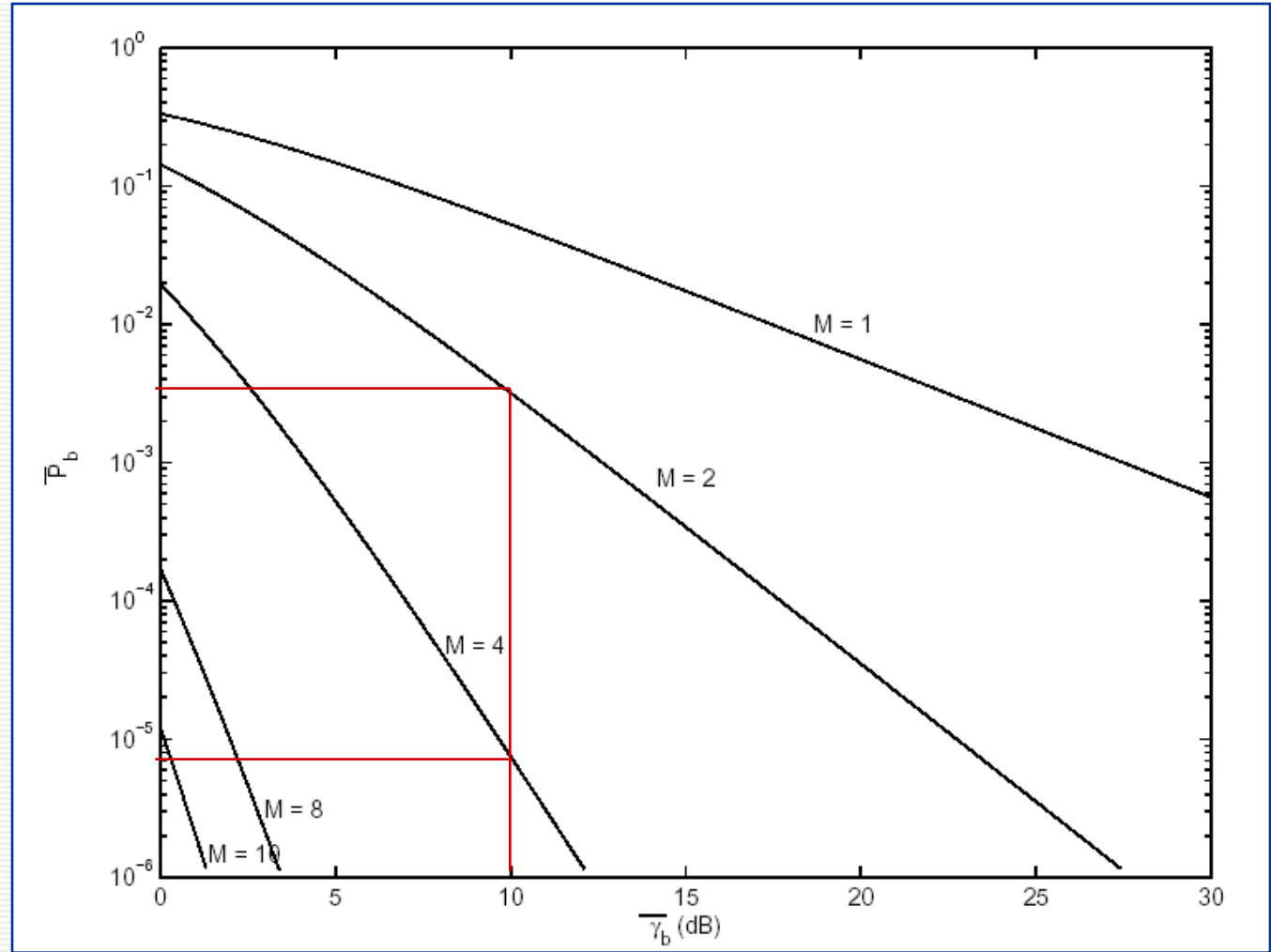
Outage Probability  
in Rayleigh fading





# Maximal Ratio Combining (4)

Average  $P_b$   
of BPSK in  
Rayleigh fading



# Equal Gain Combining

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- Simple technique which co-phases the signal on each branch and then combines them with equal weighting,  $\alpha_i = e^{-j\theta_i}$
- Combiner output SNR  $\gamma_\Sigma$ , assuming the same noise PSD  $N_0/2$  in each branch
  - $\gamma_\Sigma = \frac{1}{N_0 M} \left( \sum_{i=1}^M r_i \sqrt{E_s} \right)^2$
- For i.i.d. Rayleigh fading with two branches having average branch SNR  $\bar{\gamma}$ 
  - Cdf of  $\gamma_\Sigma$ :  $P_{\gamma_\Sigma}(\gamma) = 1 - e^{-2\gamma/\bar{\gamma}} - \sqrt{\pi\gamma/\bar{\gamma}} e^{-\gamma/\bar{\gamma}} \left\{ 1 - 2Q\left(\sqrt{2\gamma/\bar{\gamma}}\right) \right\}$
  - Outage Probability:  $P_{out} = P_{\gamma_\Sigma}(\gamma_0)$
  - Pdf of  $\gamma_\Sigma$ :  $p_{\gamma_\Sigma}(\gamma) = \frac{1}{\bar{\gamma}} e^{-2\gamma/\bar{\gamma}} - \sqrt{\pi} e^{-\gamma/\bar{\gamma}} \left( \frac{1}{\sqrt{4\gamma\bar{\gamma}}} - \frac{1}{\bar{\gamma}} \sqrt{\frac{\gamma}{\bar{\gamma}}} \right) \left( 1 - 2Q\left(\sqrt{\frac{2\gamma}{\bar{\gamma}}}\right) \right)$
  - Average bit error rate for BPSK
$$\bar{P}_b = \int_0^\infty Q(\sqrt{2\gamma}) p_{\gamma_\Sigma}(\gamma) d\gamma = 0.5 \left( 1 - \sqrt{1 - (1 + \bar{\gamma})^{-2}} \right)$$

# Transmit Diversity

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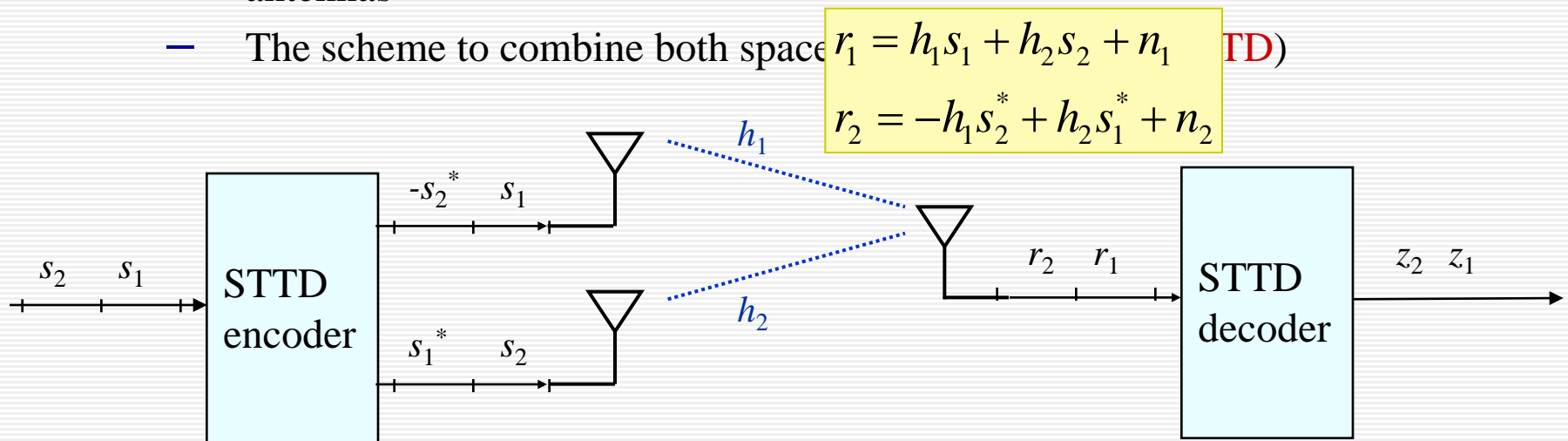
# Channel Known at Transmitter

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- A transmit diversity system with  $M$  transmit antennas and one receive antenna is considered
- We assume that the path gain  $r_i e^{j\theta_i}$  of the  $i$ th antenna is known at transmitter.
- The signal is multiplied by  $\alpha_i = a_i e^{-j\theta_i}$  and then sent through the  $i$ th antenna.
- Because the symbol energy  $E_s$  in the transmitted signal  $s(t)$  is a constant,  $\sum_{i=1}^M a_i^2 = 1$
- Received signal:  $r(t) = \sum_{i=1}^M a_i r_i s(t)$
- The weights  $a_i$  to achieve the maximum SNR:  $a_i = \frac{r_i}{\sqrt{\sum_{i=1}^M r_i^2}}$
- The resulting SNR:  $\gamma_\Sigma = \frac{E_s}{N_0} \sum_{i=1}^M r_i^2 = \sum_{i=1}^M \gamma_i$ 
  - When the channel gains are known at transmitter, the transmit diversity is similar to the receiver diversity with MRC
  - If all antennas has the same gain  $r_i = r$ ,  $\gamma_\Sigma = M r^2 E_s / N_0$
  - There is **an array gain of  $M$**  corresponding to an  $M$ -fold increase in SNR over a single antenna transmitting with full power

# Channel Unknown at Transmitter-Alamouti Scheme

- The transmitter no longer knows the channel gain
  - If the transmit energy is divided equally among antenna, no performance advantage is obtained
- Alamouti Scheme
  - This scheme is designed for a digital communication system with two antennas
  - The scheme to combine both space



$$z_1 = h_1^* r_1 + h_2 r_2^* = (|h_1|^2 + |h_2|^2) s_1 + h_1^* n_1 + h_2 n_2^*$$

$$z_2 = h_2^* r_1 - h_1 r_2^* = (|h_1|^2 + |h_2|^2) s_2 + h_2^* n_1 - h_1 n_2^*$$

# STTD-Alamouti Scheme

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- Channel estimation with known data  $(x_1, x_2)$

$$\hat{h}_1 = r_1 x_1^* - r_2 x_2 = (|x_1|^2 + |x_2|^2)h_1 + n_1 x_1^* - n_2 x_2$$

$$\hat{h}_2 = r_1 x_2^* - r_2 x_1 = (|x_1|^2 + |x_2|^2)h_2 + n_1 x_2^* - n_2 x_1$$

- Diversity gain of 2

$$z_1 = (|h_1|^2 + |h_2|^2)s_1 + \tilde{n}_1$$

$$z_2 = (|h_1|^2 + |h_2|^2)s_2 + \tilde{n}_2$$

- Array gain of 1

- The symbols  $s_1$  and  $s_2$  are transmitted simultaneously with energy  $E_s/2$ .
- The received SNR for  $z_i$

$$\gamma_i = \frac{(|h_1|^2 + |h_2|^2)^2}{2} \times \frac{E_s}{N_0}$$