



# SMASH

machine learning for science and humanities postdoctoral program



UNIVERZA  
V LJUBLJANI



Jožef  
Stefan  
Institute



Institute of Information Science Math



REPUBLIC OF SLOVENIA  
MINISTRY OF THE ENVIRONMENT,  
CLIMATE AND ENERGY  
SLOVENIAN ENVIRONMENT AGENCY



# Inverse systems approach to design Secure Random Communication Systems



**SMASH**  
machine learning for science and humanities postdoctoral program

**AI and ML for  
scientific  
applications  
through secure  
communications  
for 5G/6G**

**Areeb Ahmed**

SMASH's research area “**1. Data Science -  
Machine Learning for Scientific Applications**”

subarea “**1.3 Beyond Supervised Learning**”

under the supervision of

**Prof. Dr. Zoran Bosnić**

**Laboratory for Machine Learning  
& Language Technology**

**University of Ljubljana.**



**SMASH**  
machine learning for science and humanities postdoctoral program

# 5G

## •Fifth Generation (5G) Overview:

- Current generation wireless technology.
- Massive machine type of communications (mMTC)
- Ultra-reliable low-latency communications (URLLC)
- **Internet of Things (IoT)**
  - Communication of connected devices.
  - Facilitates smart homes.
- **Augmented and Virtual Reality (AR/VR)**
  - Enhances user experiences with immersive technologies.
  - AR/VR applications.
- **Autonomous Vehicles**
- **Enhanced Mobile Broadband**

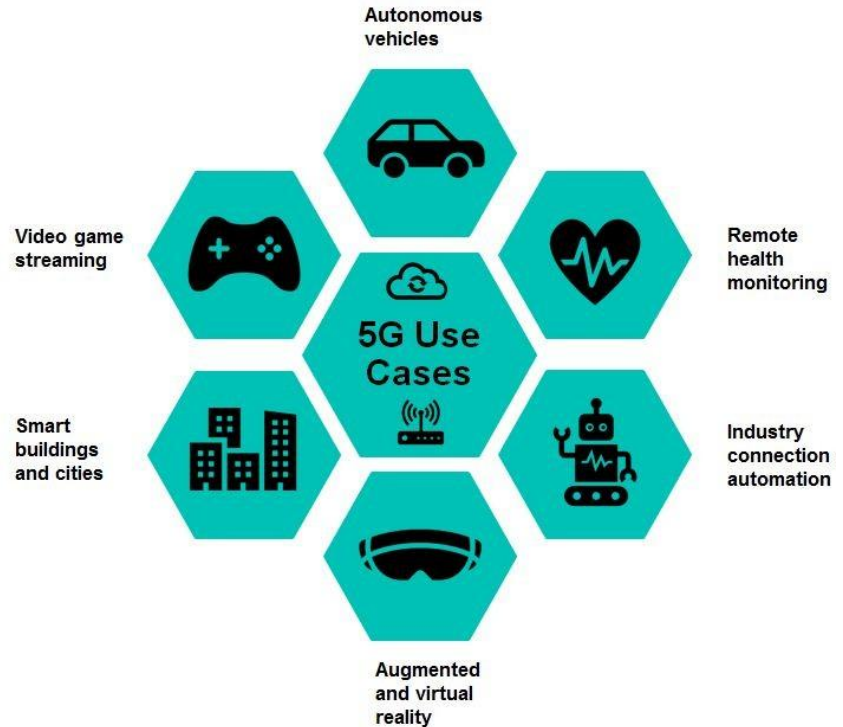


Figure. 1 5G Use Cases [1]

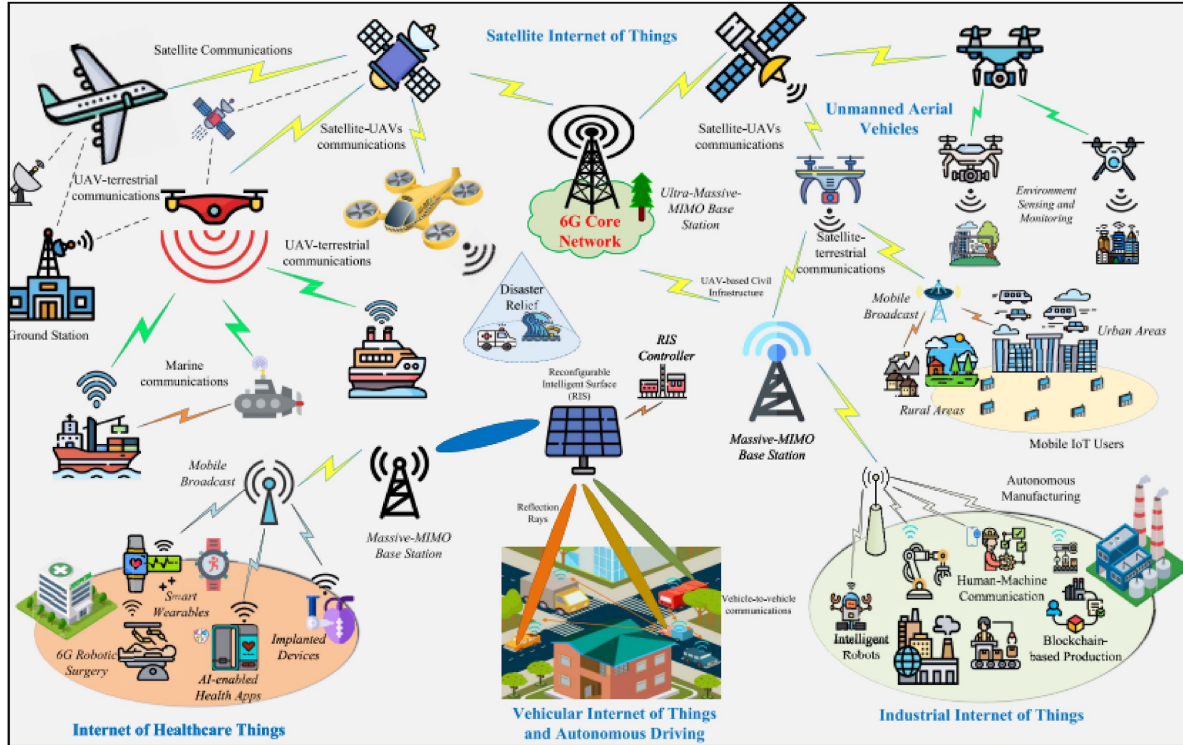


Figure. 2 6G Applications [2]

# Introduction - 6G

Not just about connectivity -  
but about fostering deeper, more meaningful and intelligent interactions in an increasingly Digital world

# Introduction – 6G Applications and Security

---

Communication Revolution with 6G (IoNT) speed and connectivity.

## **Personalized Medicine & Healthcare Advancements :**

- **Health Monitoring:** real-time health monitoring through high-speed, low-latency connections.
- **Improved telemedicine and remote patient monitoring**
- **Remote Healthcare:** Patient monitoring and virtual consultations, transforming healthcare delivery.
- **Data Precision** for personalized treatment plans.

## **Autonomous Systems:**

- **Empowering autonomous vehicles,** drones, robots
- **Precision** navigation and coordination

## **Smart Cities and Infrastructure:**

- **Smart city applications,** energy and traffic
- **Intelligent infrastructure**

## **Climate Research & Environmental Monitoring:**

- **Advanced environmental monitoring,** climate change research and disaster management.
- **Real-time data collection** for proactive measures in preserving and sustaining the environment.

## **Security and Surveillance:**

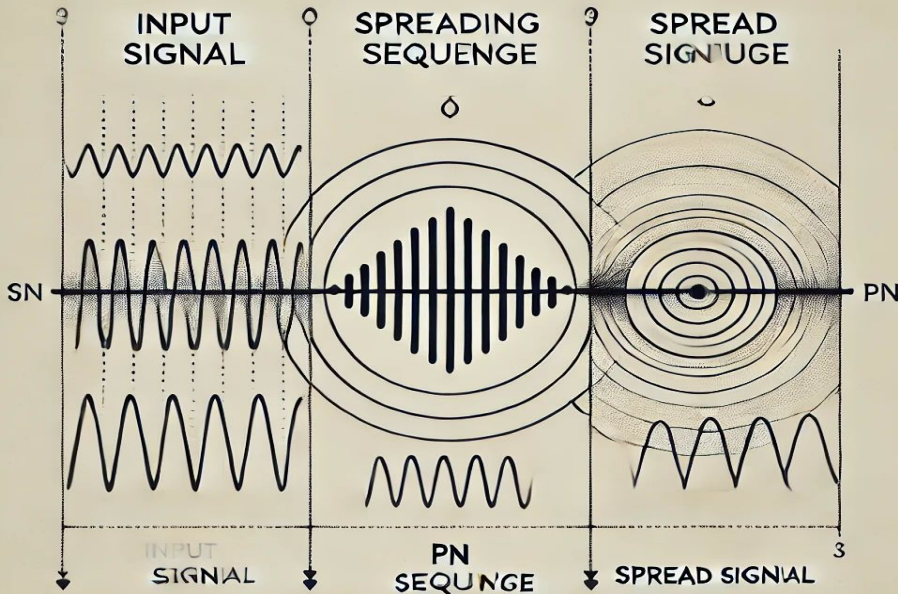
- **Enhanced security systems** with real-time data analytics and monitoring.
- **Improved surveillance**

## **Innovations in Agriculture:**

- **Precision agriculture** IoNT devices and sensors connected via 6G.
- **Monitoring and controlling** agricultural processes

# Current Conventional Security Mechanisms

## INTRODUCING CONVENTIONAL SPREAD SPECTRUM COMMUNICATIONS



Spread Spectrum is a technique where the signal is spread across a wider bandwidth using a spreading code [3]

### Types of Spread Spectrum:

- Direct Sequence Spread Spectrum (DSSS)
- Frequency Hopping Spread Spectrum (FHSS)

### Key Benefits:

- Resistance to interference
- Improved security
- Multipath fading mitigation



# Unconventional Security Mechanisms

Noise as a carrier to establish more secure or covert spread spectrum communication system started in 1950's [1]

Salberg, & Hanssen

(1999)

**Stochastic Process Shift Keying (SPSS)** by autoregressive/moving average (ARMA) processes was first introduced by Salberg, & Hanssen in [2].

Cek & Savaci

2009

Cek & Savaci introduced **Symmetric  $\alpha$ -stable (S $\alpha$ S)** noise based Communication System [3]

(2015)

**Skewed  $\alpha$ -stable noise based communication system** [5]

(2015)

**M-Ary Alpha-Stable Noise based Communication System** in [7]

Areeb and Savaci

(2017)

**RANDOM COMMUNICATION SYSTEM BASED ON SKEWED ALPHA-STABLE LEVY NOISE SHIFT KEYING** [9]

Zhijiang XU

(2014)

**Performance Criterion for S $\alpha$ S noise based communication System** [4] by Zhijiang Xu

(2016)

**Structure and performance analysis of all S $\alpha$ S-based digital modulation system** [6] by Zhijiang XU

(2017)

**Covert Digital Communication System Based on Joint Normal Distribution** in [8] by Zhijiang XU



# Random Communication System (RCS) based on Alpha-stable Noise

## Alpha-stable distribution

$\alpha$ -Stable distribution does not have closed form density function and is expressed by characteristic function:

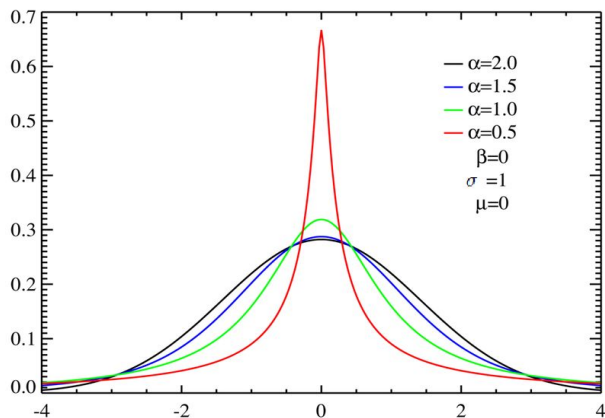
$$\begin{aligned} \phi_{stable}(t; \alpha, \sigma, \beta, \mu) &= E[e^{itX}] \\ &= \begin{cases} \exp(i\mu t - |\sigma t|^\alpha (1 - i\beta(\text{sign}t) \tan \frac{\pi\alpha}{2})) & \alpha \neq 1 \\ \exp(i\mu t - \sigma |t| (1 + i\beta \frac{2}{\pi}(\text{sign}t) \ln |t|)) & \alpha = 1 \end{cases} \end{aligned}$$

where

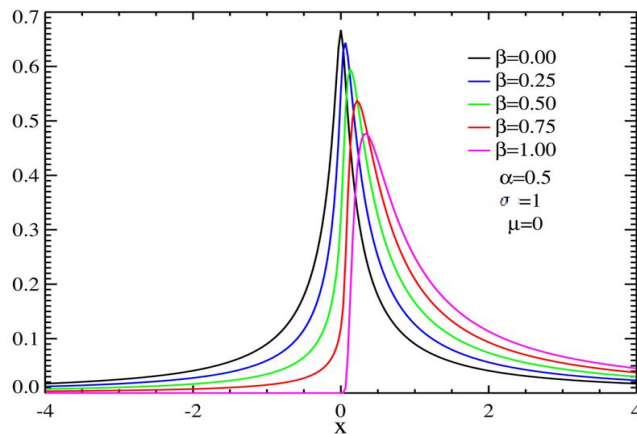
$$\text{sign}t = \begin{cases} 1, & t > 0 \\ 0, & t = 0 \\ -1, & t < 0 \end{cases}$$

Four related parameters are:

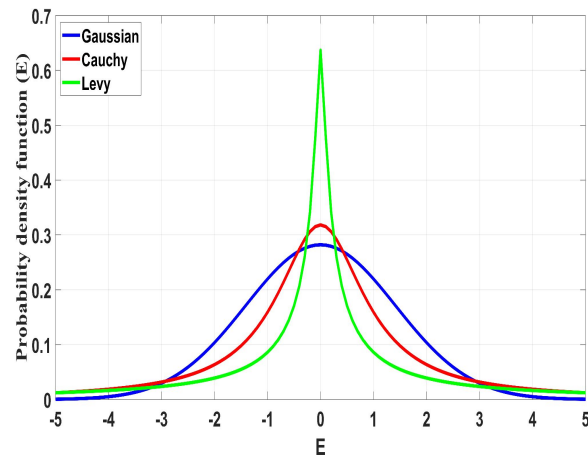
- $\alpha$ : the index of stability or the shape parameter,  $\alpha \in (0, 2)$
- $\beta$ : the skewness parameter,  $\beta \in [-1, 1]$
- $\sigma$ : the scale parameter,  $\sigma \in (0, +\infty)$
- $\mu$ : the location parameter,  $\mu \in (-\infty, +\infty)$



a) Symmetric  $\alpha$ -stable distributions



b) Skewed centered stable distributions



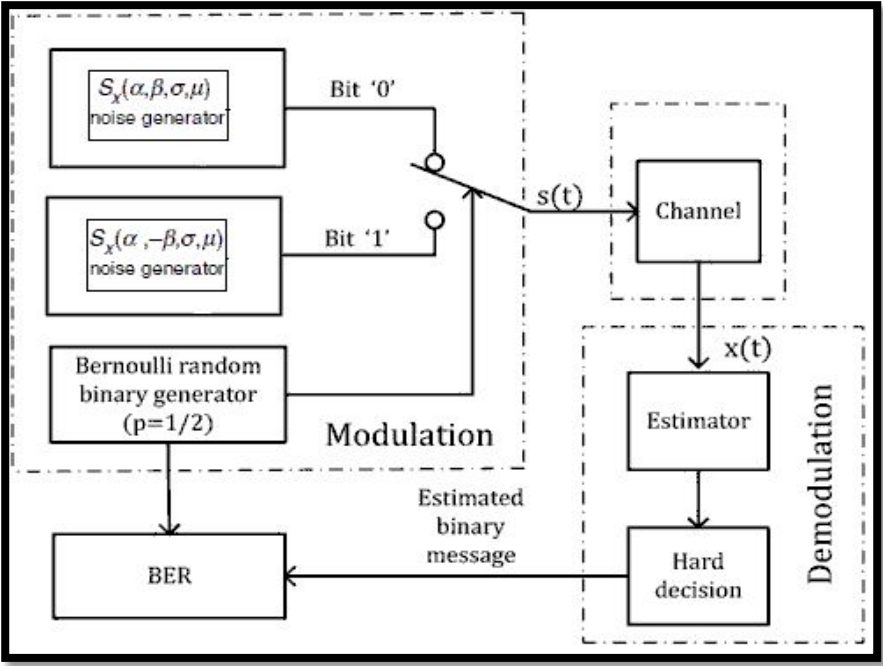
c) Special Noises Cases [12] 9

# Random Communication System (RCS) based on Alpha-stable Noise

# Proposed RCS Model

The random variable  $X_0 \sim Sa(\beta_0, x, \mu)$  is used to code message signal '0' and  $X_1 \sim Sa(\beta_1, x, \mu)$  where  $\beta_1 = -\beta_0$  is used for code message signal '1'

Transmitter



Most Optimised Model [12]

The method proceeds by subdividing the received data  $\{x_1, x_2, \dots, x_N\}$  in duration consisting of  $N$  samples into  $L$  non overlapping segments of length  $K$ .

$$Y_{lmax} = \log \{ \max(x_{iK-K+i} | i \in 1, 2, \dots, K) \}$$

$$Y_{lmin} = \log \{ -\min(x_{iK-K+i} | i \in 1, 2, \dots, K) \}$$

$$Y_{max} = \frac{1}{L} \sum_{l=1}^L Y_{lmax}$$

$$Y_{min} = \frac{1}{L} \sum_{l=1}^L Y_{lmin}$$

$$S_{max}^2 = \frac{1}{L-1} \sum_{l=1}^L (Y_{lmax} - Y_{max})^2$$

$$S_{min}^2 = \frac{1}{L-1} \sum_{l=1}^L (Y_{lmin} - Y_{min})^2$$

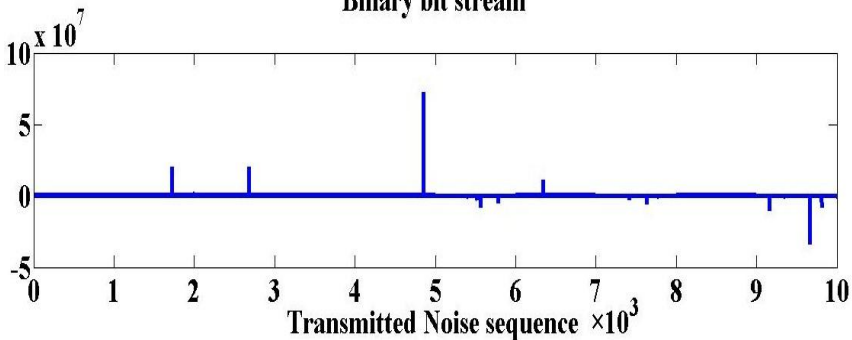
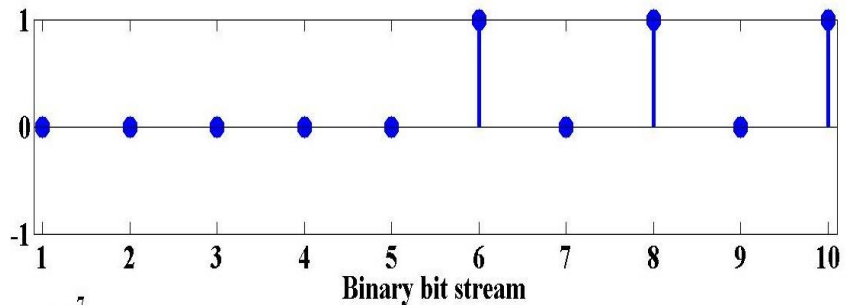
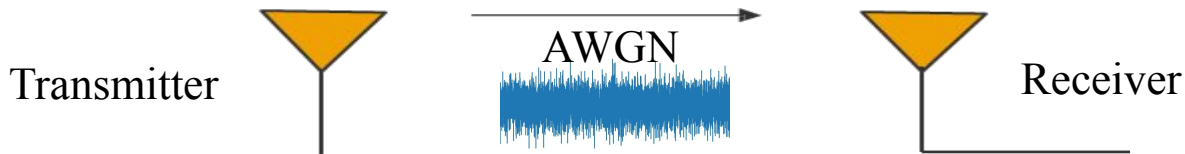
$$\hat{\beta} = 1 - \frac{2}{\exp(\hat{\alpha}(S_{max} - S_{min}))}$$

Where  $\hat{\alpha} = \frac{\pi}{2\sqrt{6}} \left( \frac{1}{Y_{max}} + \frac{1}{Y_{min}} \right)$

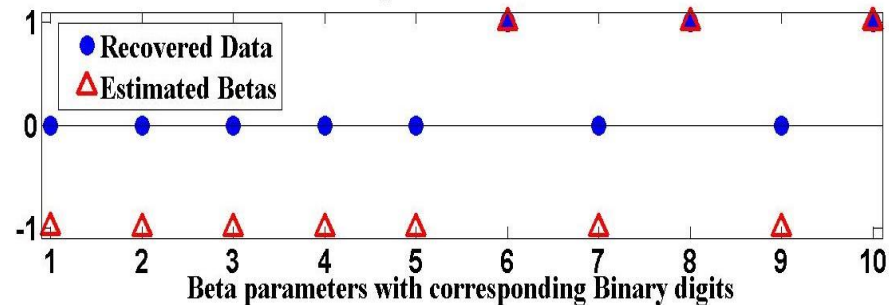
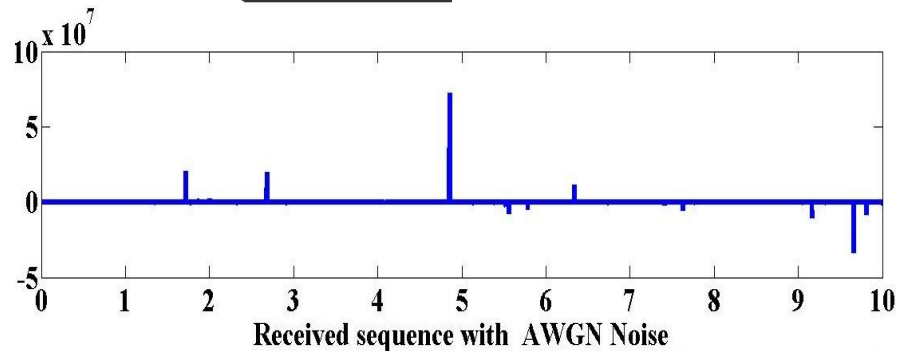
Receiver

# Random Communication System (RCS) based on Alpha-stable Noise

# Transmission Testing



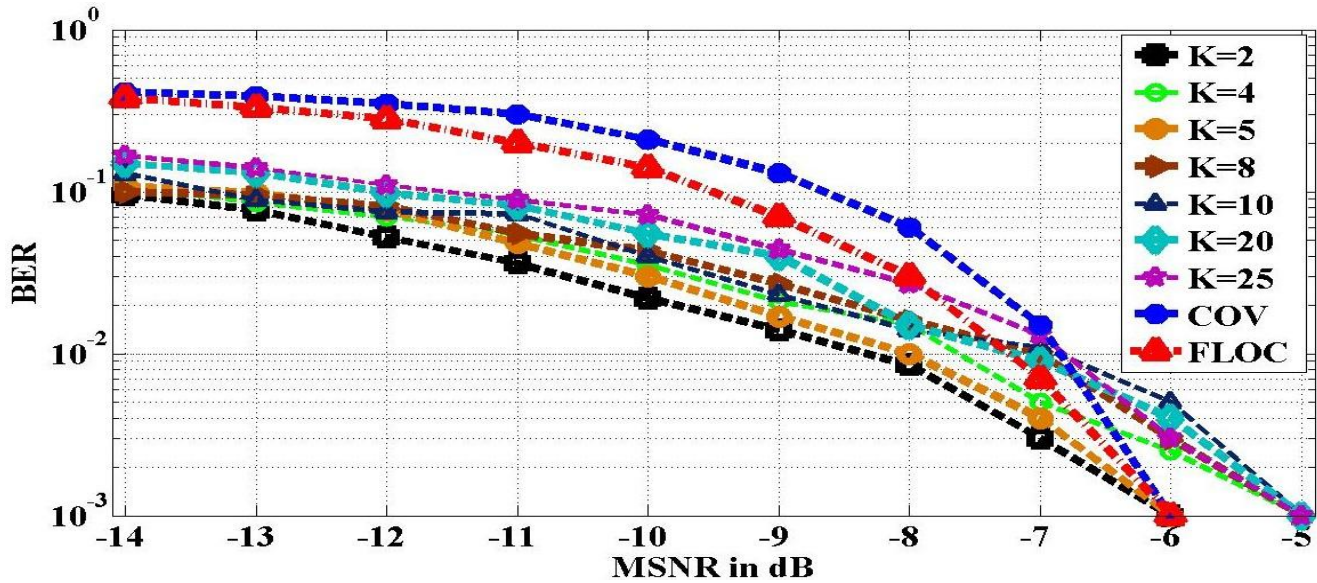
Binary Message sequence (Top), Transmitted Signal In time Domain (Bottom); Bit length =1,  $N = 1000$  noise samples per information bit,  $=1 \times 10^3$  [12]



Received Signal from AWGN Channel in time Domain (Top), Estimated Beta parameters and recovered binary message (bottom); Bit length =1,  $N = 1000$  noise samples per information bit,  $=1 \times 10^3$  bit [12]

$$MSNR_{dB} = 10 \log \frac{\gamma}{\gamma_c}$$

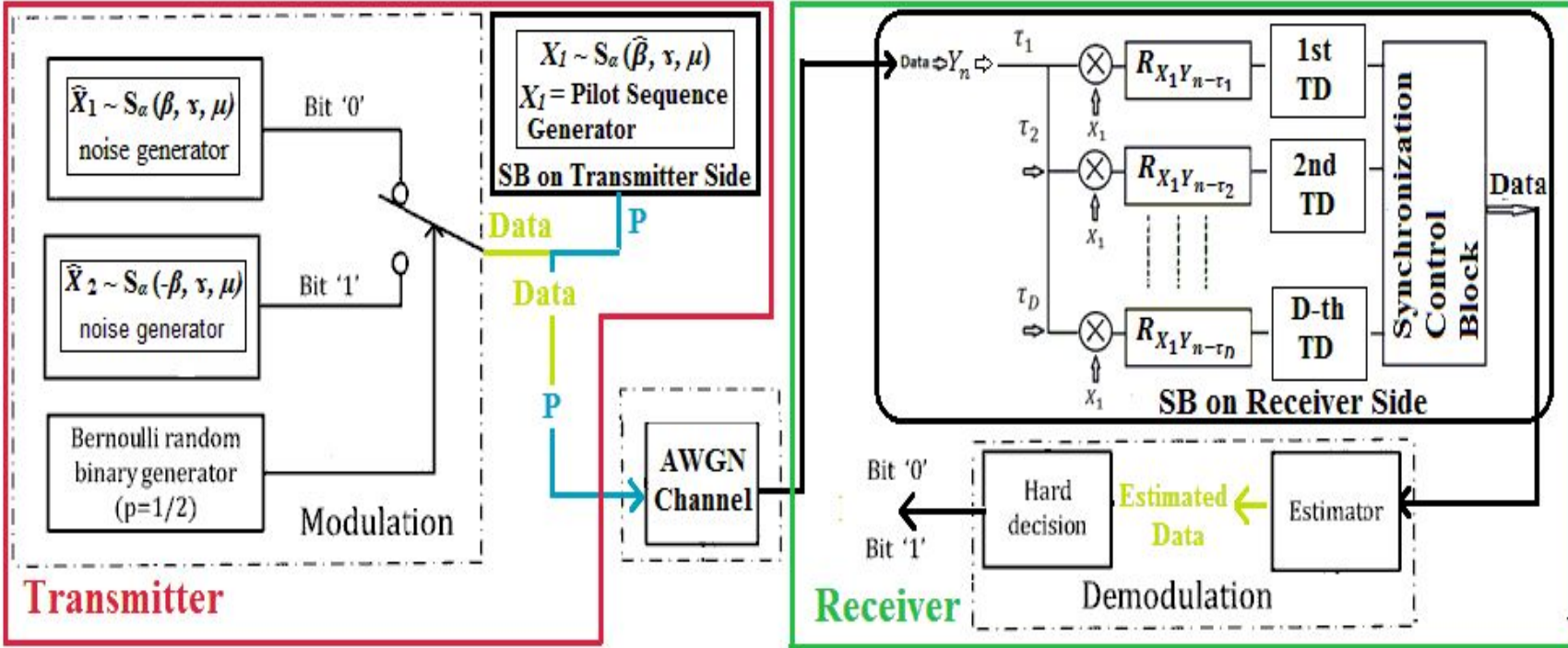
Where  $\gamma$  and  $\gamma_c$  are the dispersion parameters of the information bearing  $\alpha$ -stable random signal and channel noise [7].



BER vs. MSNR (dB) with different 'L and K' of estimator in AWGN channel; where  $\alpha = 1.5$ ; (Where  $\beta_1 = -\beta_0 = 1$ ) [12]

# Synchronized Random Communication System (RCS) Noise

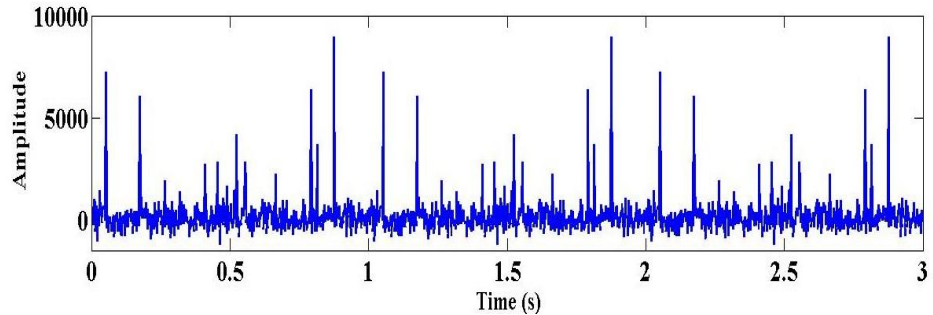
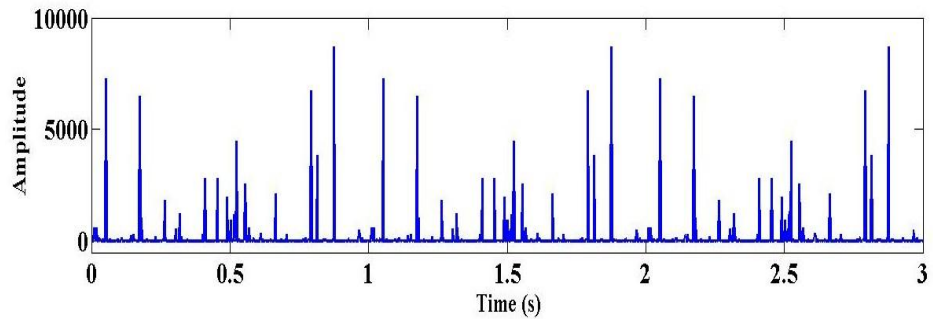
# Proposed RCS Model



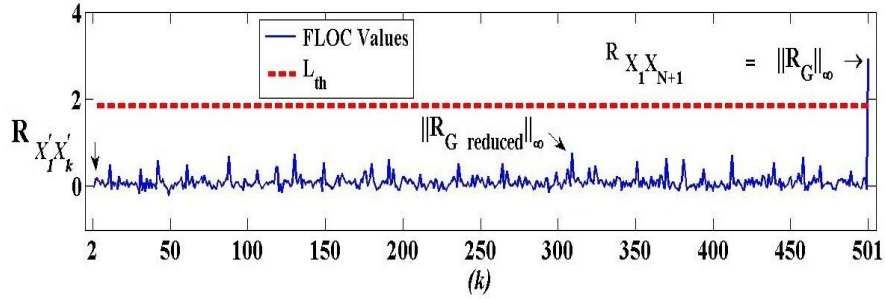
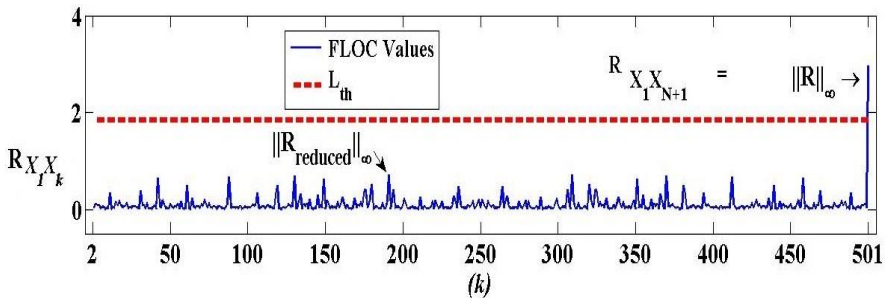
Block diagram of the RCS based on  $\alpha$ -stable Levy noise along with the proposed Synchronization Blocks on Transmitter and Receiver side [13]

# Synchronized Random Communication System (RCS) Noise

# Transmitter Testing

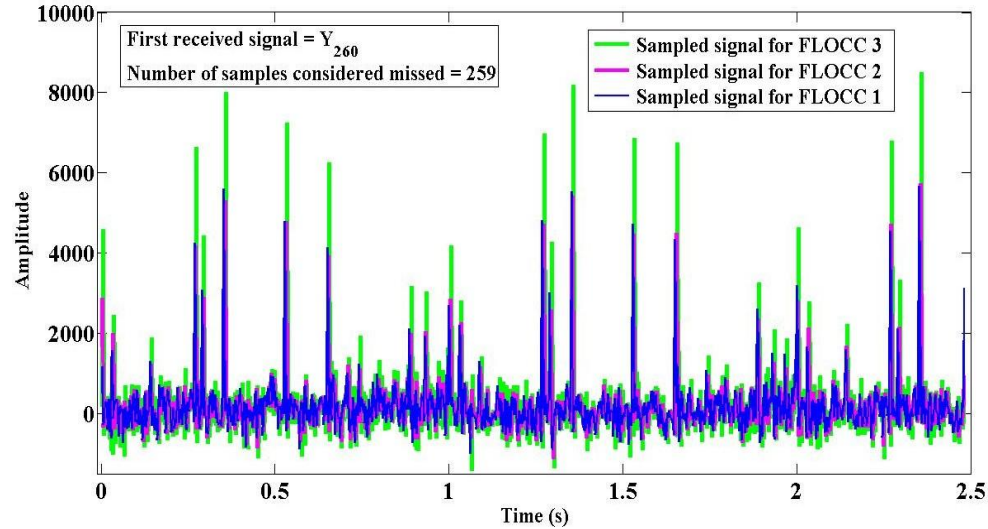


a) Pilot Sequence    b) Noisy Pilot Sequence    [13]

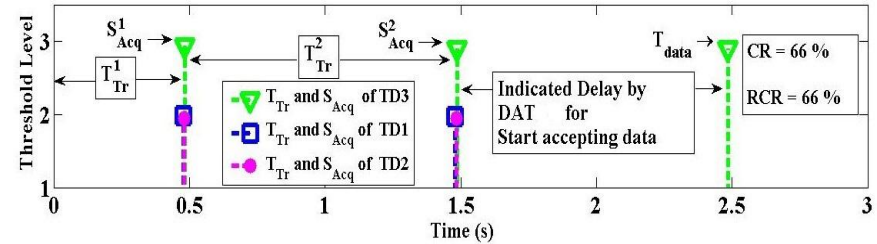
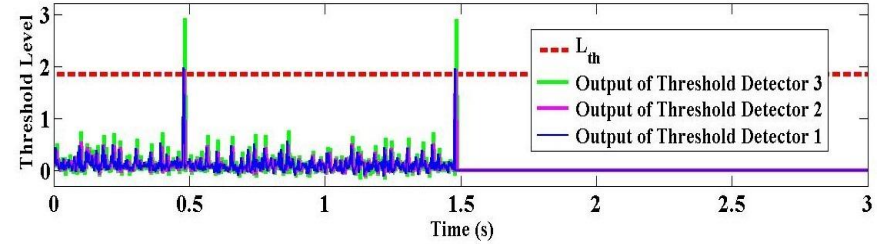


a) FLOCs of  $x_1x_k$     b) FLOCs of  $x'_1x'_k$     [13]



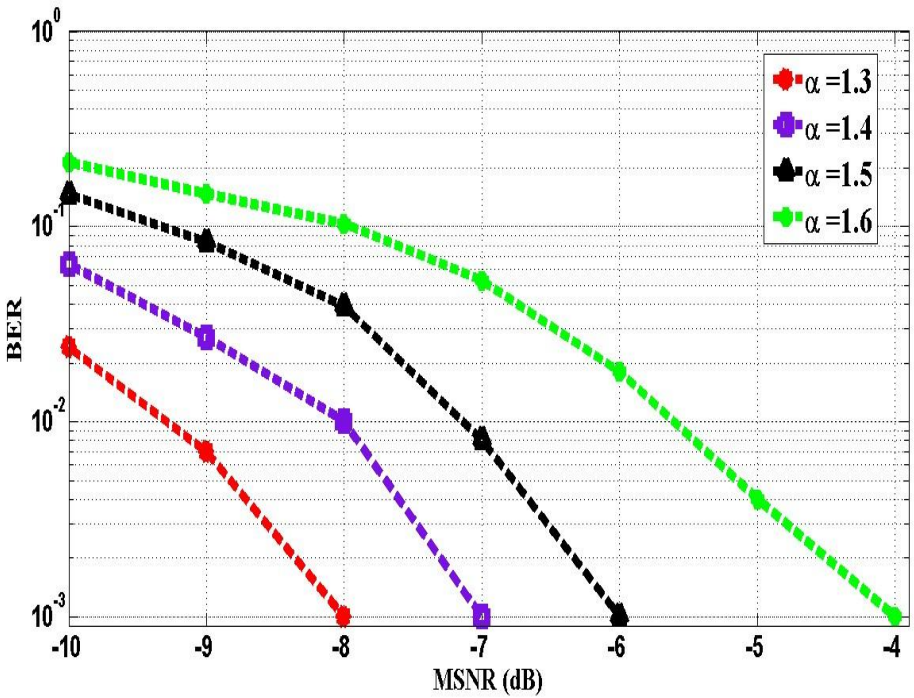


Received signals  $Y_n$  through AWGN channel [13].

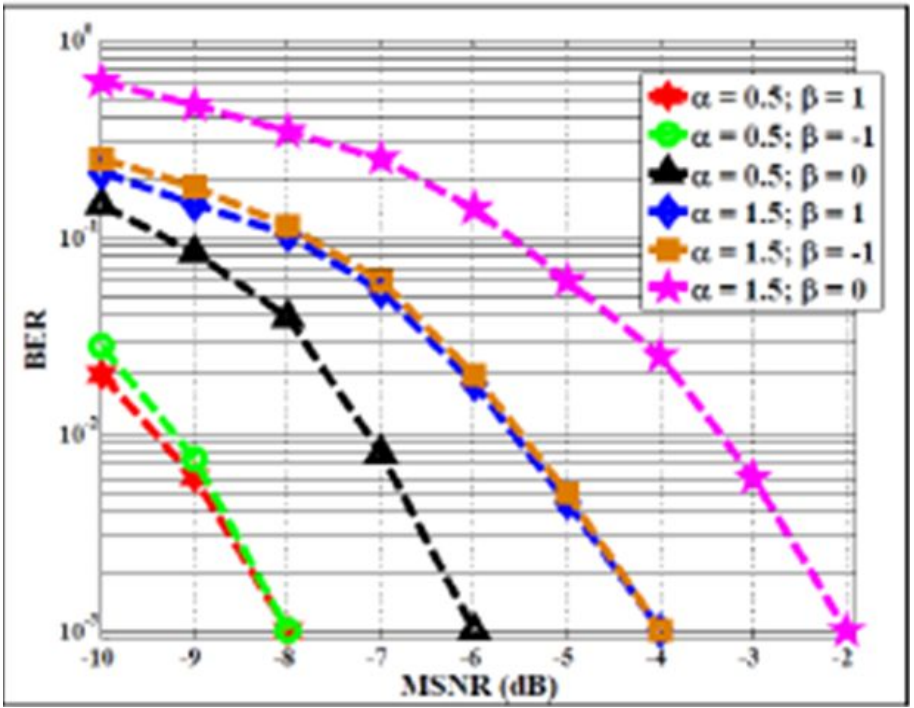


a) Output of Threshold Detectors  
b) Output of Synchronization Control block [13]





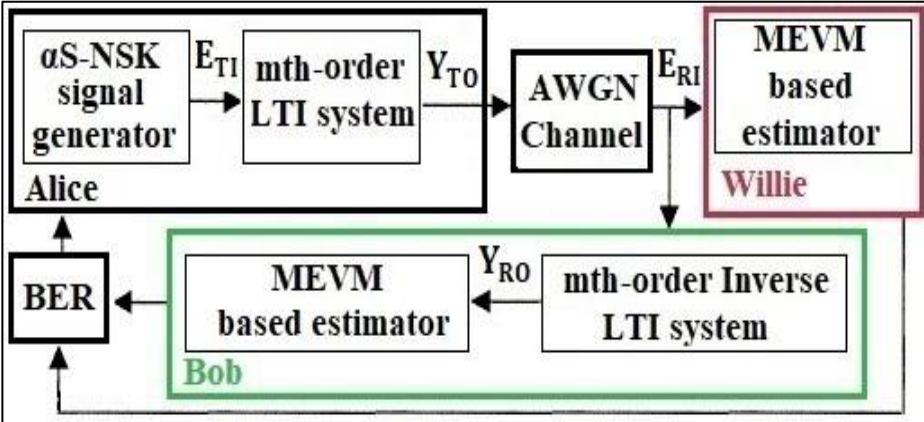
BER vs. MSNR for different characteristic exponents ' $\alpha$ ' [13]



BER vs. MSNR for different characteristic exponents ' $\alpha$ ' & ' $\beta$ ' [13]

# Inverse System Approach to design Secure RCS

# Model and Initial Testing



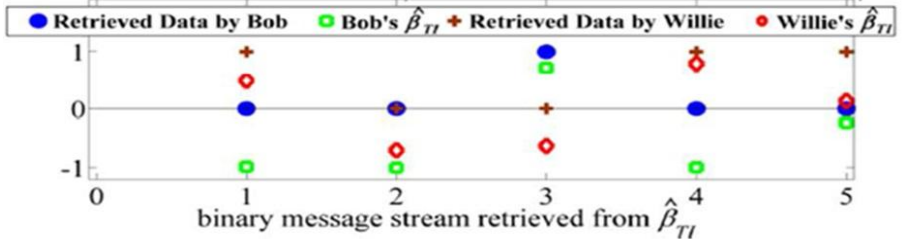
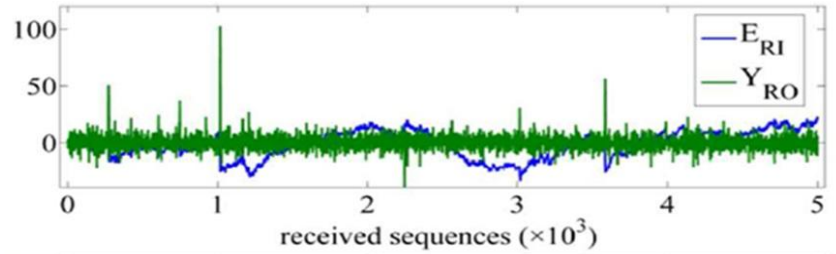
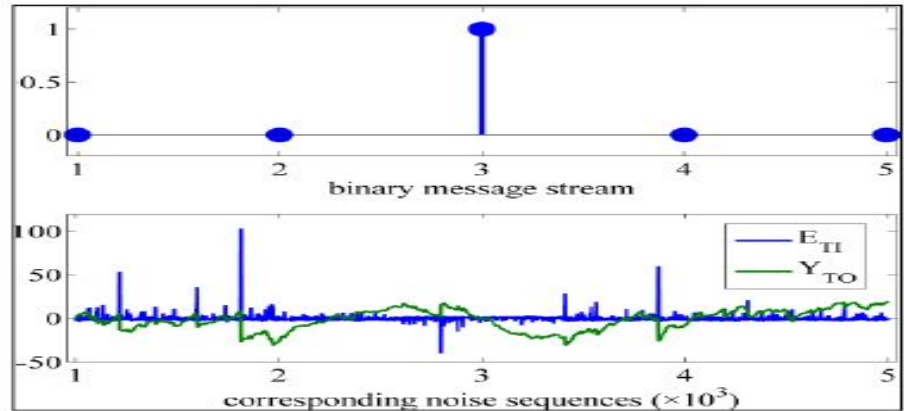
$$\mathcal{R} = [A \ B \ C \ D];$$

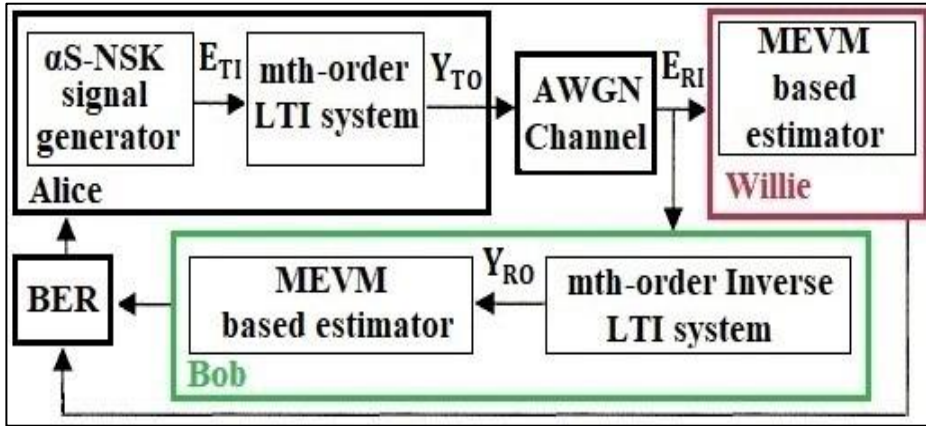
where  $A \in R^{m \times m}$ ,  $B \in R^{m \times p}$ ,  $C \in R^{q \times m}$  and  $D \in R^{q \times p}$ . In the proposed RCS, we have chosen the representation |

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 0.98 & -0.01 \\ -0.01 & 0.98 \end{bmatrix}, B = \begin{bmatrix} -0.06 \\ 2.19 \end{bmatrix},$$

$$C = [0 \quad -0.16], \text{ and } D = [-0.33]$$

$$\mathcal{R}_I = [A - BD^{-1}C \quad BD^{-1} \quad -D^{-1}C \quad D^{-1}].$$





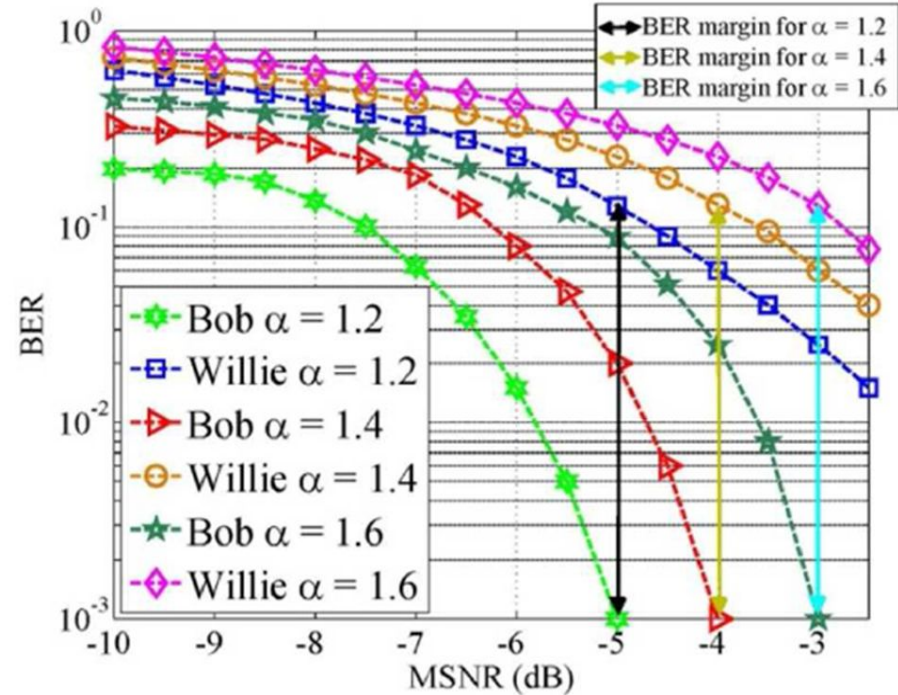
$$\mathcal{R} = [A \ B \ C \ D];$$

where  $A \in R^{m \times m}$ ,  $B \in R^{m \times p}$ ,  $C \in R^{q \times m}$  and  $D \in R^{q \times p}$ . In the proposed RCS, we have chosen the representation |

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 0.98 & -0.01 \\ -0.01 & 0.98 \end{bmatrix}, B = \begin{bmatrix} -0.06 \\ 2.19 \end{bmatrix},$$

$$C = [0 \quad -0.16], \text{ and } D = [-0.33]$$

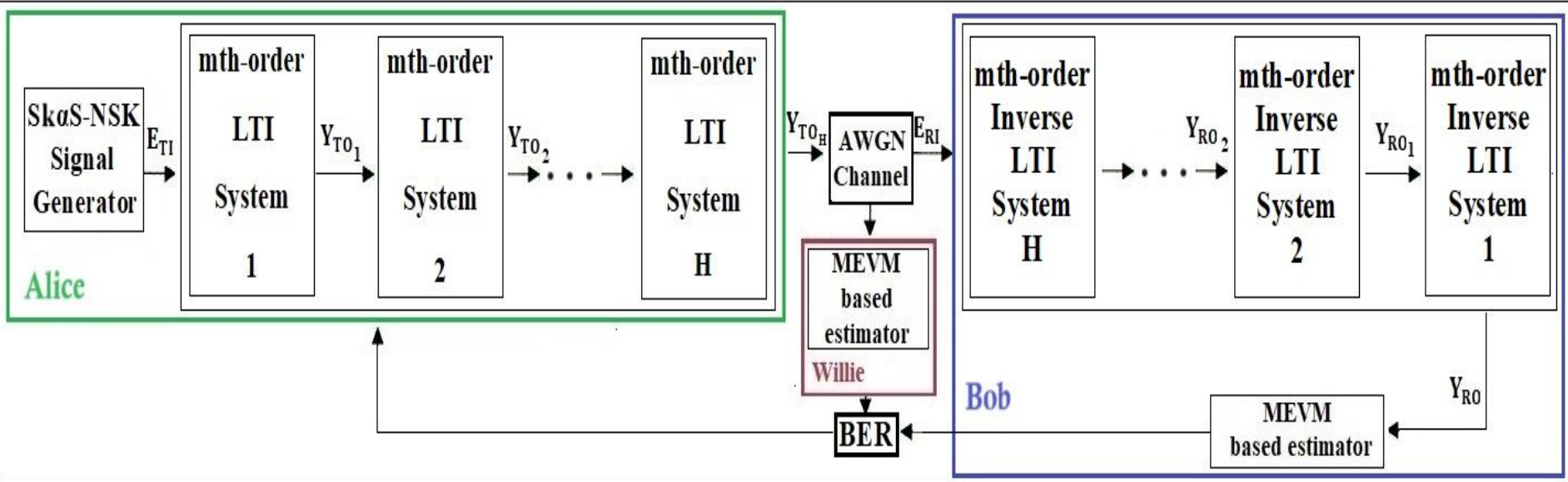
$$\mathcal{R}_I = [A - BD^{-1}C \quad BD^{-1} \quad -D^{-1}C \quad D^{-1}].$$



BER vs. MSNR (dB) performances of Bob and Willie for the different  $\alpha$ 's utilized by Alice; number of transmitted bits=1000

# Multiple Inverse System Approach for Secure RCS in Terahertz Band

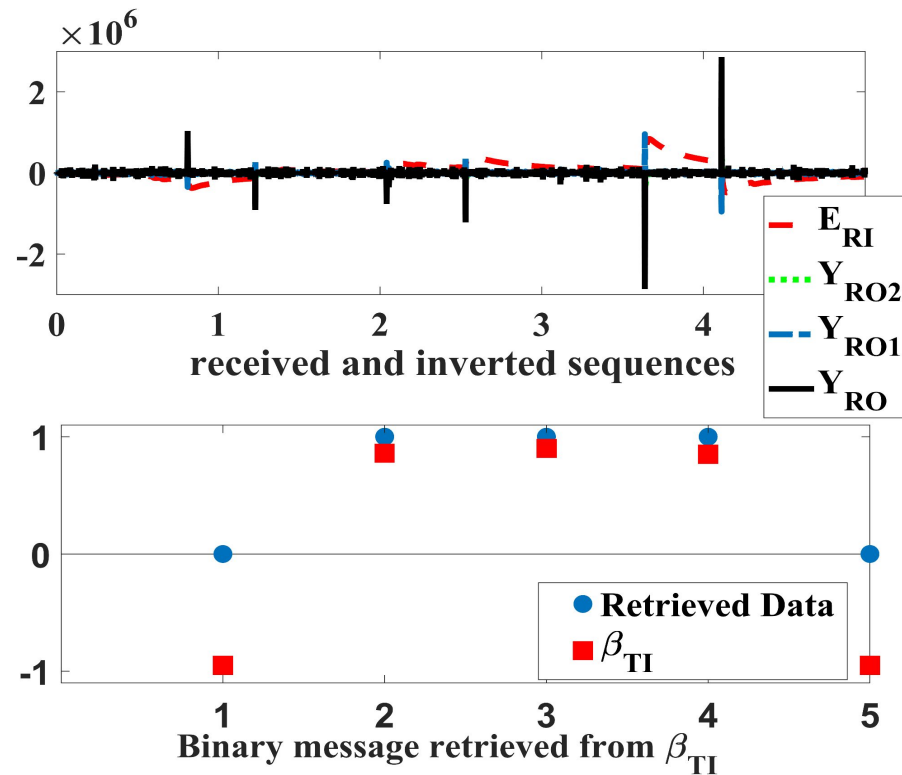
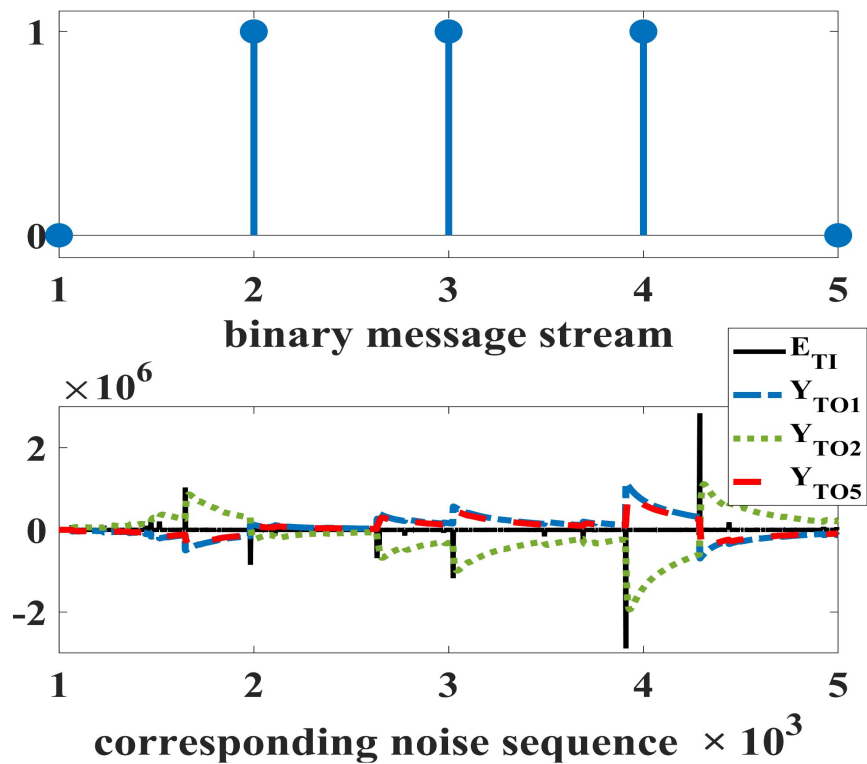
# Proposed Model



System model of the proposed ERCS based on the multiple inverse systems

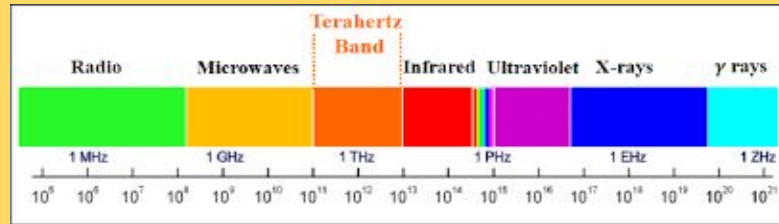
# Multiple Inverse System Approach for Secure RCS in Terahertz Band

## Initial Results



# Currently in Lab

- The research proposal aims to leverage **AI and ML techniques to enhance the security of wireless communications in the Terahertz (THz) band for future scientific applications.**
  - THz band offers immense bandwidth and potential for high-speed data transfer.
  - Unique security challenges, such as vulnerability to eavesdropping and signal attenuation.



- The proposal addresses these challenges by developing **ML and data-driven solutions with Random Communication Systems (RCSs)**, such as
  - Intrusion detection
  - Encryption, authentication,
  - Adaptive modulation
  - Coding, and channel modeling.



# Conclusion – Beyond State of the Art

## Expected Outcomes:

- **Comprehensive data collection** and analysis framework for THz communication.
- **ML-driven** intrusion detection, encryption, authentication, and adaptive modulation **techniques for THz communication**.
- **Data-driven channel models** for THz communication evaluation.
- **Testing and evaluation results** of the AI-driven secure communication solutions.

## Beyond State of the Art:

- **Advancing the state-of-the-art** in machine learning and wireless communication research.
- **Enhancing the security and efficiency** of wireless communication systems for 5G/6G applications.
- **Supporting scientific applications** that require high-speed and secure data transmission, such as multidisciplinary communications, healthcare and climate operations.
- **Contributing to the development** of a sustainable and secure future.



# References

1. *Electromagnetic wireless nanosensor networks, Nano Communication Networks 1 (2010) 3–19.*
2. *Nanonetworks: A new frontier in communications, Communications ACM 54 (2011) 84–89.*
3. *The Internet of nano-things, Nano Communication Networks 17 (2010) 58–63.*
4. *Nano-Communication for Biomedical Applications: A Review on the State-of-the-Art From Physical Layers to Novel Networking Concepts, IEEE Access 4 (2016) 3920-3935.*
5. *Terahertz Communication for Vehicular Networks, IEEE Transactions on Vehicular Technology 66 (2017) 5617-5625.*
6. *Comparative efficiency and power assessment of optical photoconductive material-based terahertz sources for wireless communication systems, Journal of Circuits, Systems and Computers 28 (2019) 1950005.*
7. *Terahertz communications: Past, present and future, IEEE 40th International Conference on Infrared, Millimeter, and Terahertz waves (IRMMW-THz)( HongKong, August, 2015).*
8. *Ultra-Massive MIMO Systems at Terahertz Bands: Prospects and Challenges. arXiv preprint arXiv:1902.11090 (2019).*
9. *Covert electromagnetic nanoscale communication system in the terahertz channel." Journal of Circuits, Systems and Computers 29, no. 08 (2020): 2050126*
10. *Deep kernel learning-based channel estimation in ultra-massive MIMO communications at 0.06-10 THz." In 2019 IEEE Globecom Workshops (GC Wkshps), pp. 1-6. IEEE, 2019.*
11. *Channel Modeling and Capacity Analysis for Electromagnetic Wireless Nanonetworks in the Terahertz Band," in IEEE Transactions on Wireless Communications, vol. 10, no. 10, pp. 3211-3221, October 2011, doi: 10.1109/TWC.2011.081011.100545*
12. *Random communication system based on skewed alpha-stable levy noise shift keying." Fluctuation and Noise Letters 16, no. 03 (2017): 1750024.*
13. A. Ahmed and F.A. Savaci, "Synchronization of alpha-stable levy noise-based random communication system," *IET Commun.*, vol. 12, no. 3, pp. 276–282, Mar. 2018. DOI: 10.1049/iet-com.2017.0526.
14. F.A. Savaci and A. Ahmed, "Inverse system approach to design alpha-stable noise driven random communication system," *IET Commun.*, vol. 14, no. 6, pp. 910–913, Apr. 2020. DOI: 10.1049/iet-com.2019.5702.