

Computation on Unreliable Architecture

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Major Concerns for Electronics Requirement of Reliability Computation on Unreliable Circuit

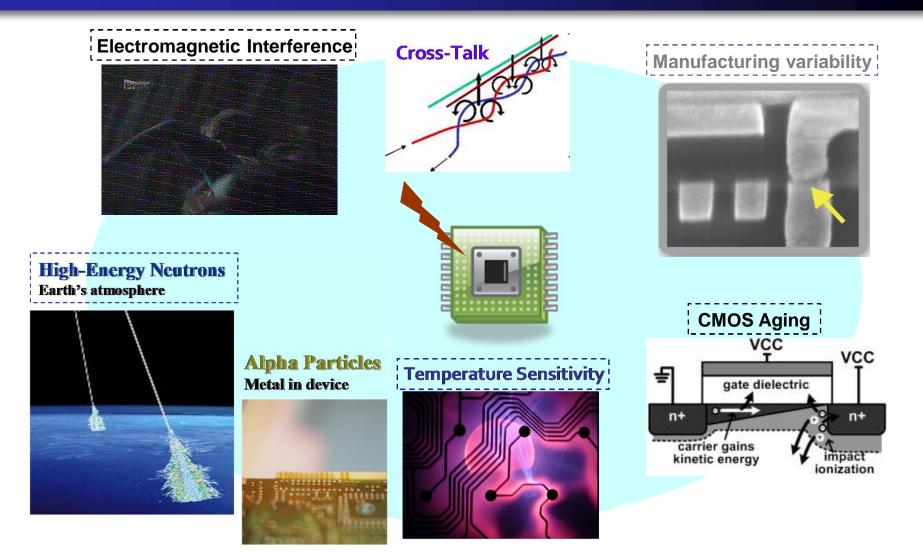
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Major Concerns: Permanent Faults and Transient Faults





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Size Shrinking in CMOS

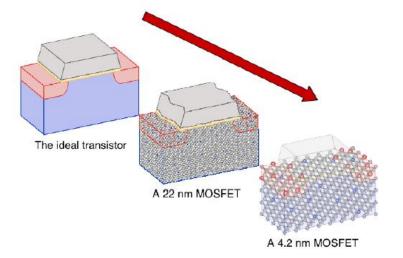
Scaling to atomistic scale devices...

Nanometer CMOS scaling problems:

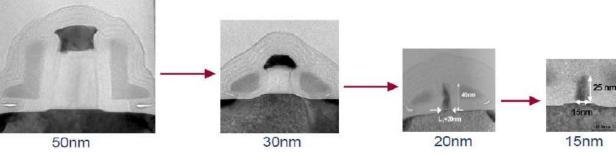
- Noise problems (signal integrity)
- □ Leakage (digital)
- Channel length modulation
- Velocity saturation
- Mobility degradation
- □ Drain induced barrier lowering (DIBL)
- Parasitic effects
- □ IC reliability

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Source: M. Bohr, Intel, IRPS 2003





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Roadmap 2011 Edition

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The Reliability Issue becomes major concern to semiconductors.

In fact, with deep-micro or nanoscale:

Error free component becomes more and more expensive

More and more Transient Faults



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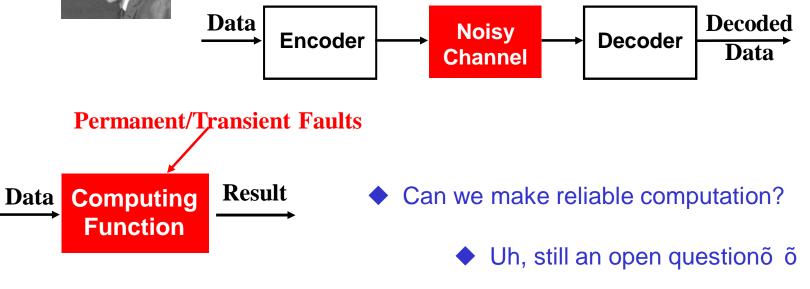
Question on Reliable Computation...





YES! According to Shannon theory (with a rate limit)

Ref: Mathematical theory of communication, C. E. Shannon, 1948.



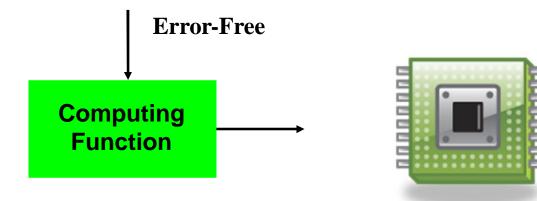


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Phases of Computation on Circuit

Phase 1: Reliable, Computation is Error-Free.



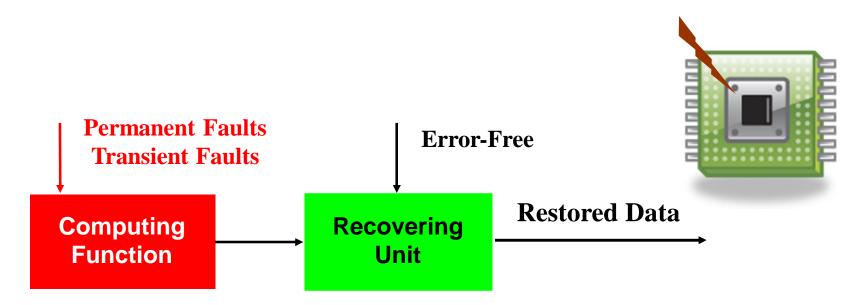


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Phases of Computation on Circuit

Phase 2: Computation is Erroneous, recovering is Error-Free.



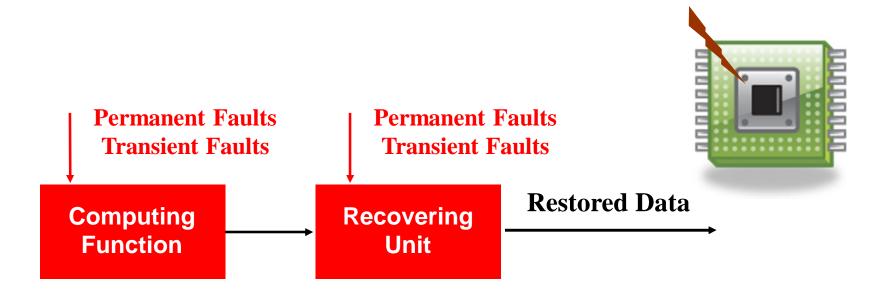


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Phase 3: Computation is Erroneous, recovering is Erroneous as well.





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Objective

- > Approaches for reliable computation on unreliable circuit
- > To design an efficient error-resilient architecture by ECC
- For contemporary logics and future nanoelectronic systems



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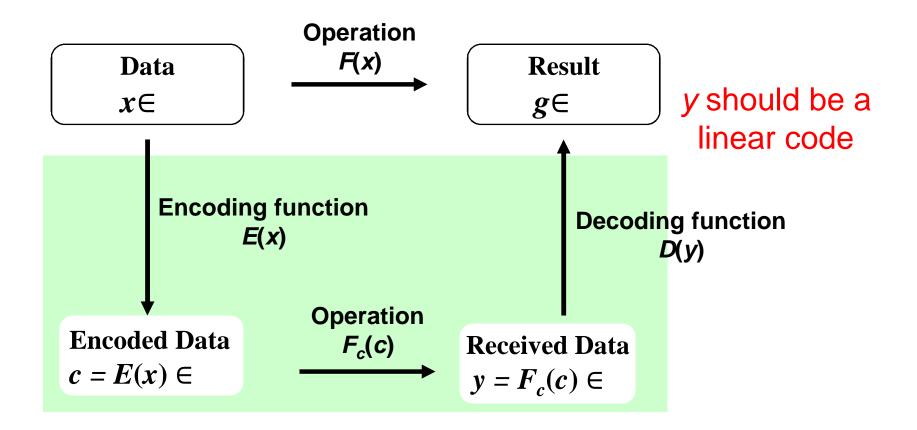
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Formal Model for the application of ECC





Solution 1: Group Homomorphism From E(x) and $F_c(c)$

> What B a group Homomorphism?

Let (, * star) and (,* asterial) be two groups with an internal composition law.

A group homomorphism from (, \star) and (, *) is a morphism E: such that $\forall (x_1, x_2) \in {}^2$,

$$E(x_1 \star x_2) = E(x_1) \star E(x_2)$$



Solution 1: Group Homomorphism From E(x) and $F_c(c)$

> A group Homomorphism

$$E(x_{1} \star x_{2}) = E(x_{1}) \star E(x_{2})$$

$$F_{c}(c) = \text{Group}(, \star)$$

$$(x_{1}, x_{2}) \in 2$$

$$Operation \star (x_{1} \star x_{2}) \in 2$$

$$According to the property of a group homomorphism
$$E: \quad (E(x_{1}), E(x_{2})) \in 2$$

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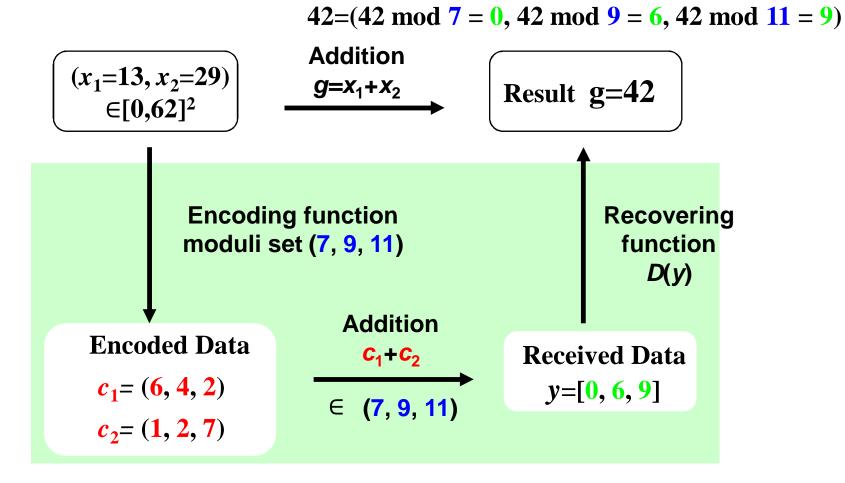




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Solution 1: Example – Residue Number System (RNS)



 $c_1 = (13 \mod 7 = 6, 13 \mod 9 = 4, 13 \mod 11 = 2)$

 $c_1+c_2 = (6+1 \mod 7 = 0, 4+2 \mod 9 = 6, 2+7 \mod 11 = 9)$

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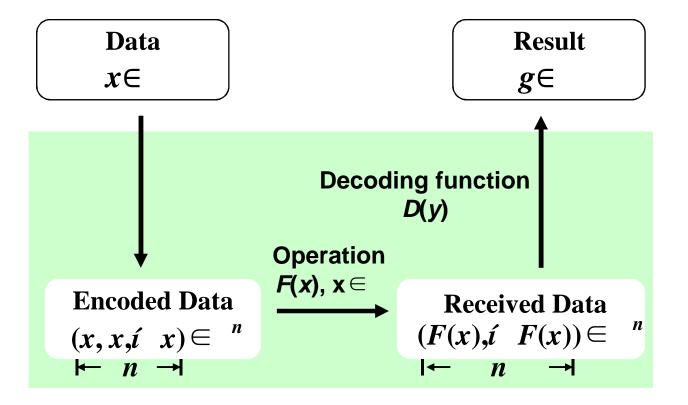
Solution 1: Contribution-RNS based Fault-Tolerant method

- > A contribution of this thesis work:
- An arithmetic fault-tolerant method
- Redundant Residue Number System, called BRRNS
- Fast computation & Error-resilience
- Yangyang Tang, Emmanuel Boutillon, Christophe Jégo, and Michel Jézéquel õA new single-error correction scheme based on self-diagnosis residue number arithmetic,ö Design and Architectures for Signal and Image Processing (DASIP), 2010.



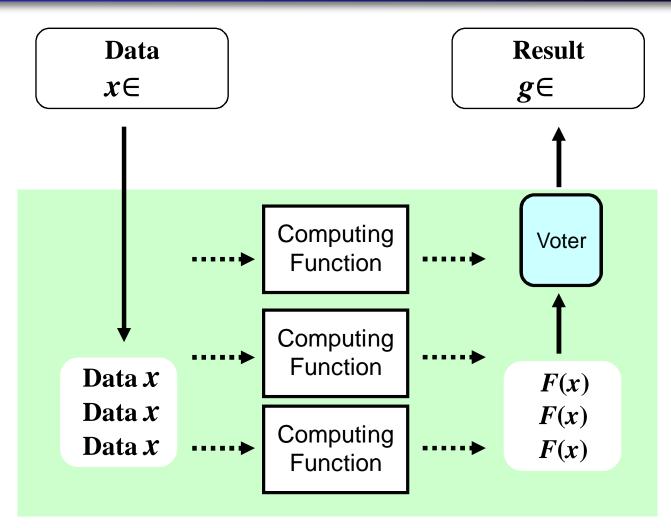
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Solution 2: Repetitions of Computation





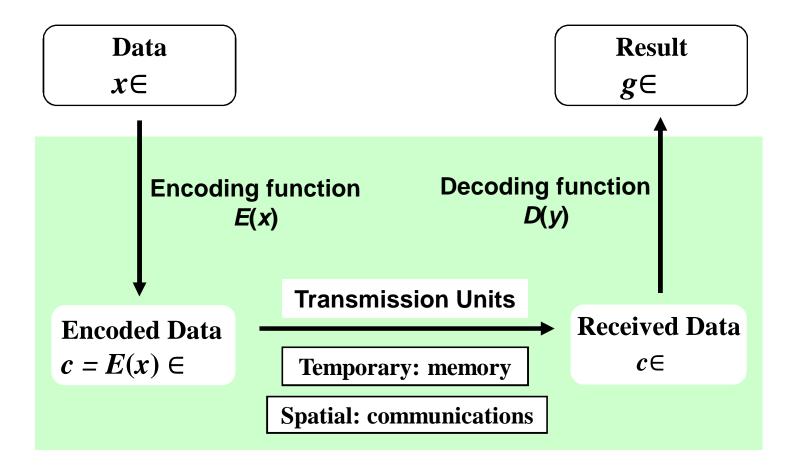
Solution 2: Example – Triple Modular Redundancy (TMR)



Ref: R. Lyons et al., IBM Journal, 1962



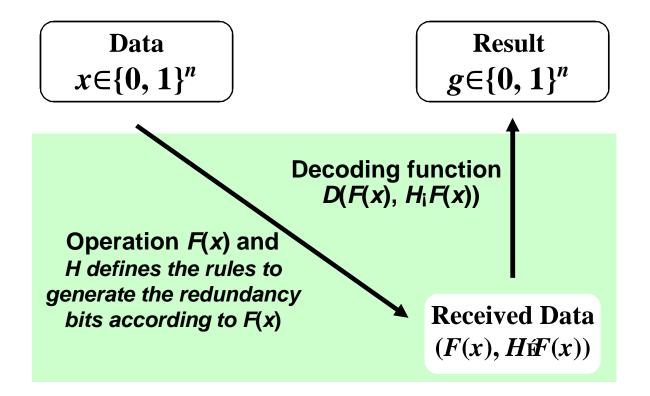
Solution 3: Applying ECC Directly



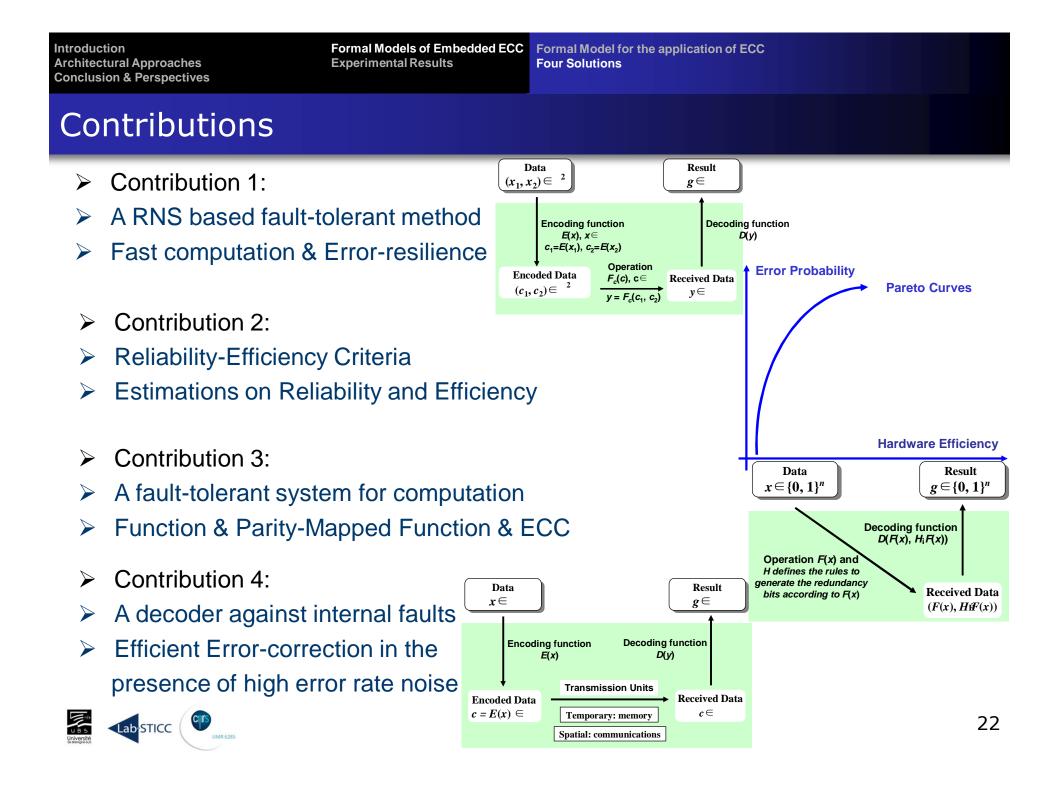


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Solution 4: Function & Parity-Mapped Function & ECC







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Contribution 2: Reliability-Efficiency Criteria (RE-Criteria)

Reliable Electronics:

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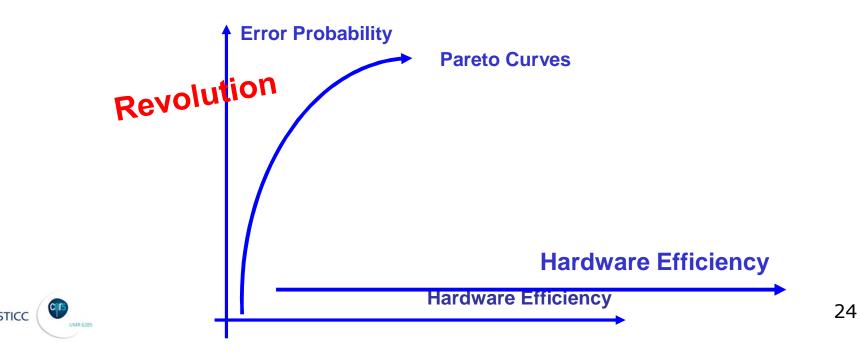
Designer objective in signal processing applications Efficiency = Number of operation / (Area unit x Time unit)

Ref: Y. Tang et al., SiPS, 2011

Unreliable Electronics: (Occurrence of transient errors)

✓ New designer objective

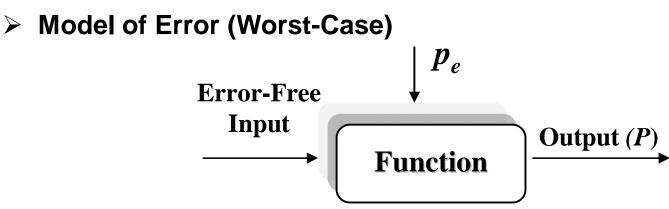
Compromise of Efficiency to Reliability (Error Probability)



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Contribution 2: Reliability Criterion



Hypothesis 1 – Isotropy: an overall Í unitaryl error probability p_e as constant (in an unity area during one clock cycle)

Hypothesis 2 E Contamination: All errors lead to an output error.

Hypothesis 3 Ë Irreversibility:

Two successive errors cannot lead to a correct result.



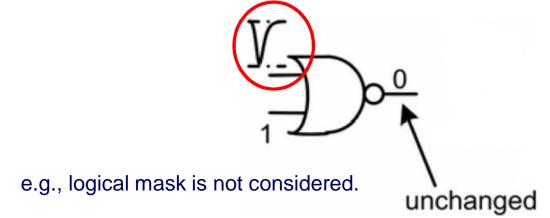
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Contribution 2: Worst-Case hypothesis

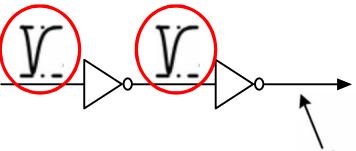
Hypothesis 2 E Contamination:

All errors lead to an output error is not always true



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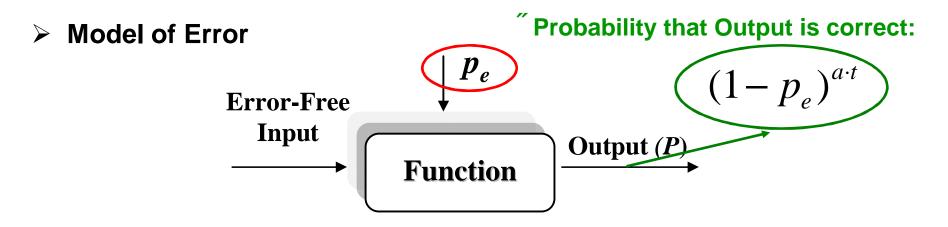


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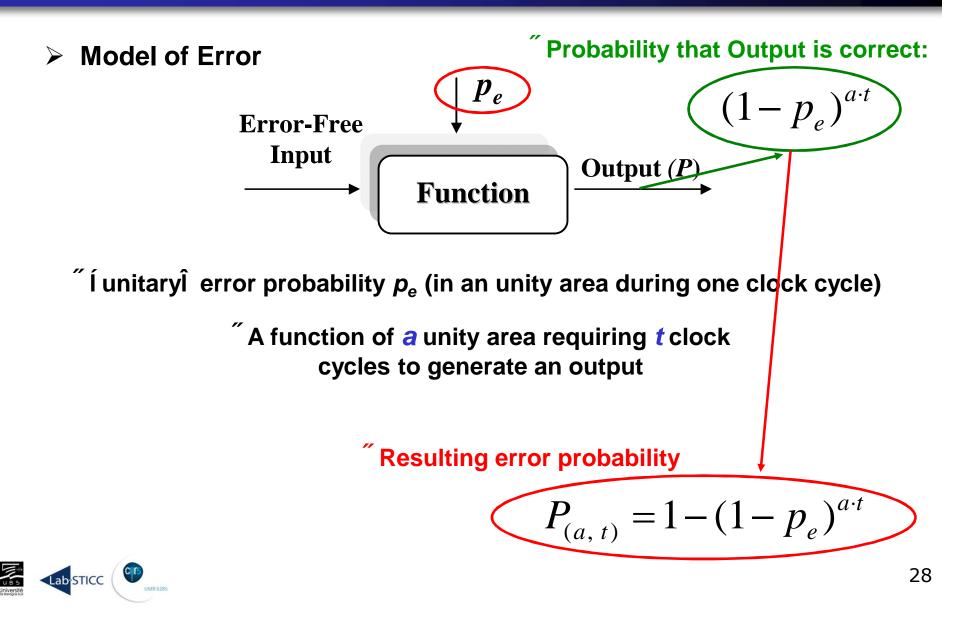
A function of *a* unity area requiring *t* clock cycles to generate an output



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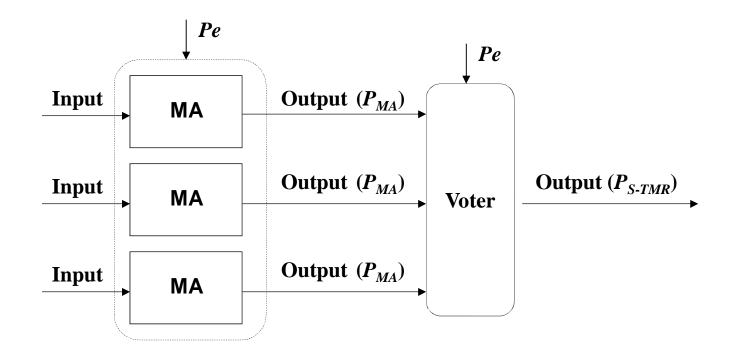
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Spatial-TMR based MA filter structure



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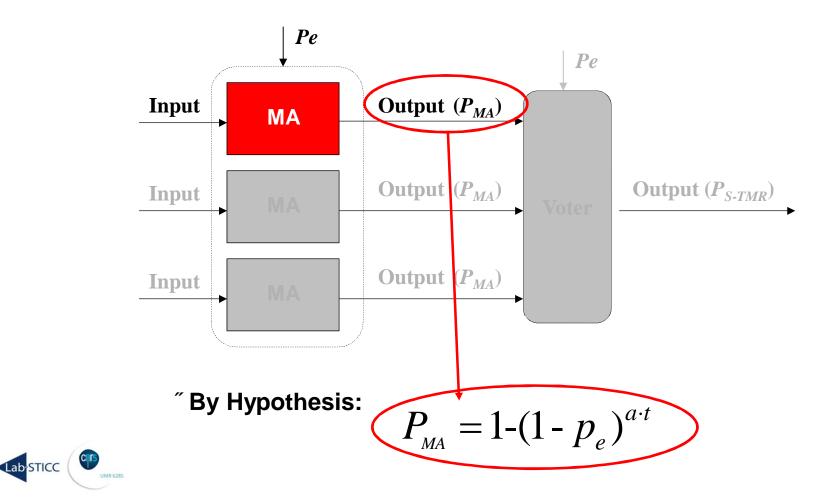
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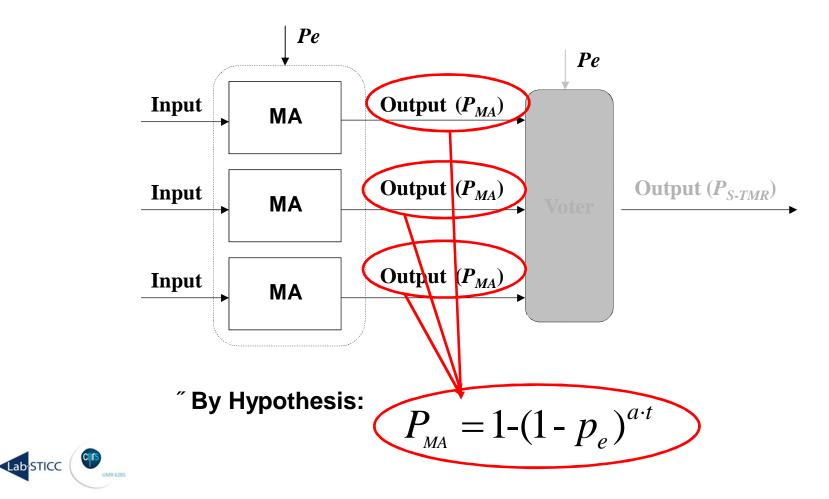


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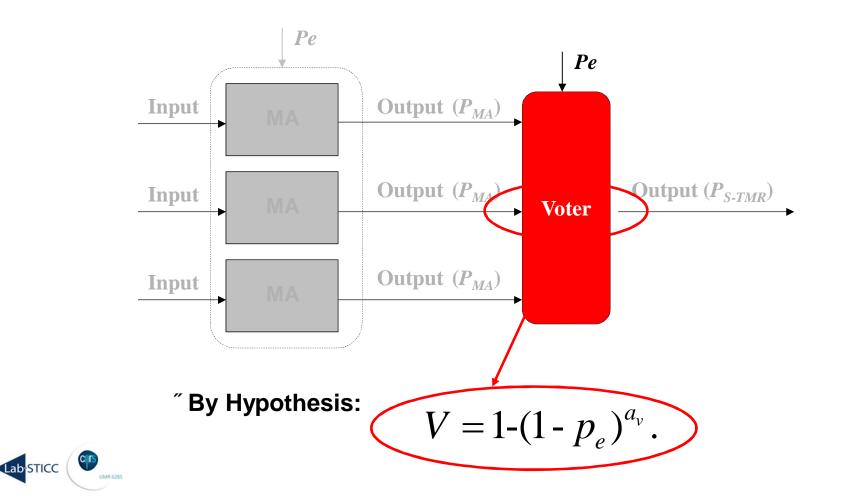


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" Event of probability V: voter is faulty and a_v as the area unit of voter.

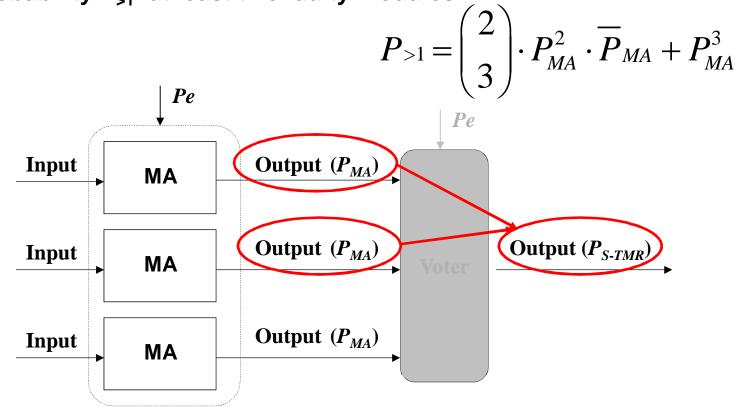


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" Event of probability $P_{>1}$: at least two faulty modules



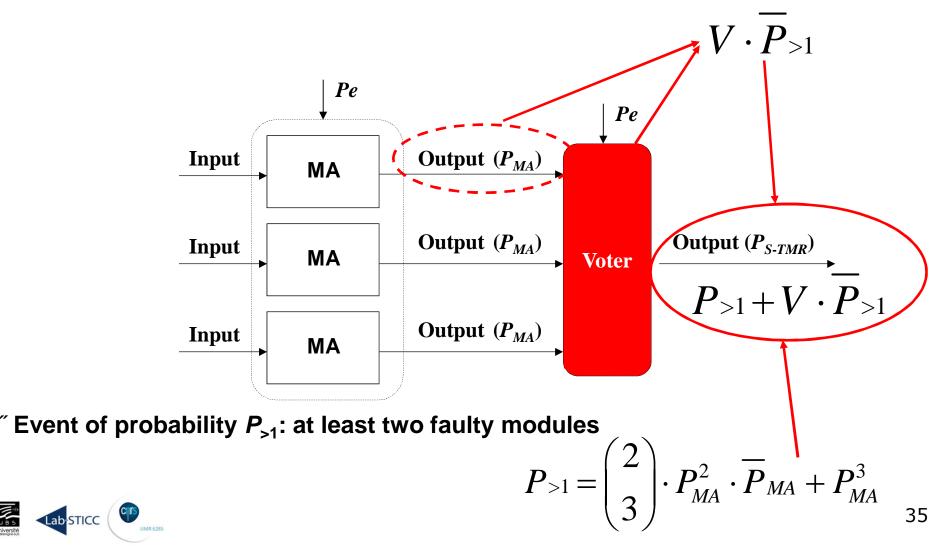


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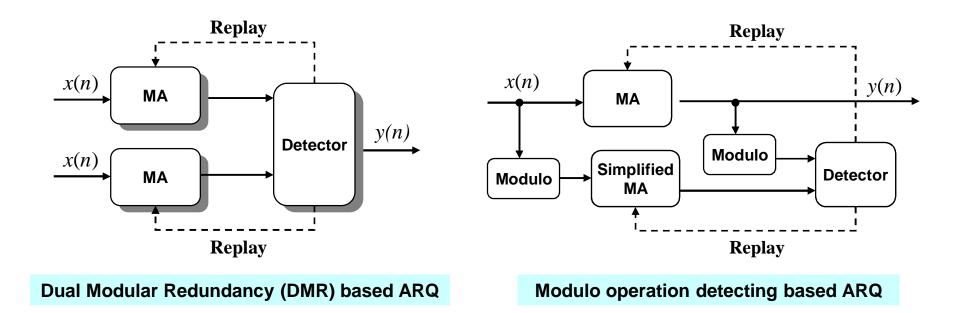
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" Event of probability: only one faulty module and voter is faulty



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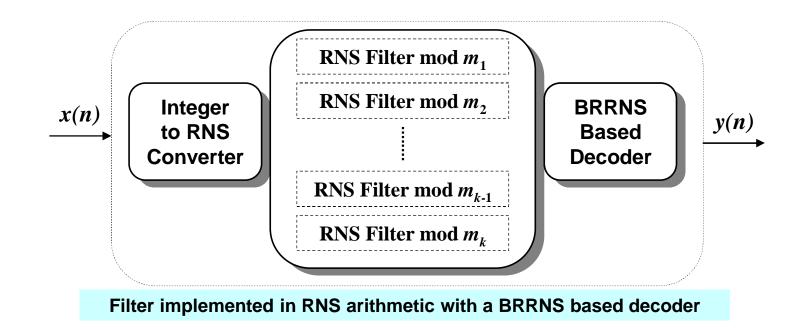


Ref: S. LIn et al., IEEE Mag., 1984



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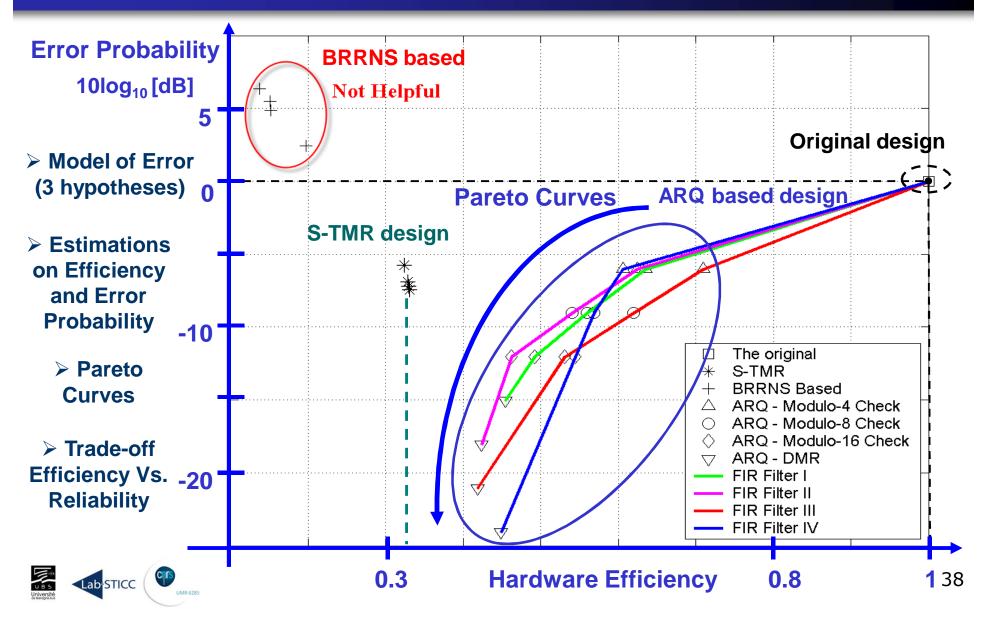
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Contribution 2: Experimental Results – Pareto Curves

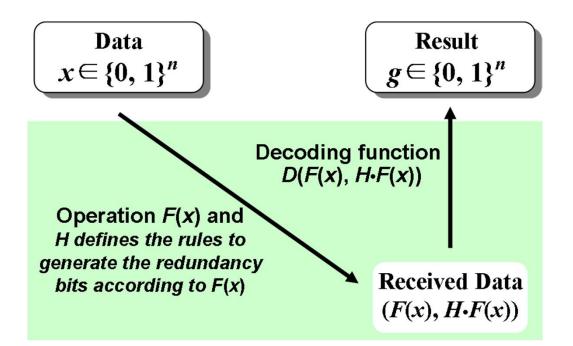


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Proposed Work

- Contribution 3:
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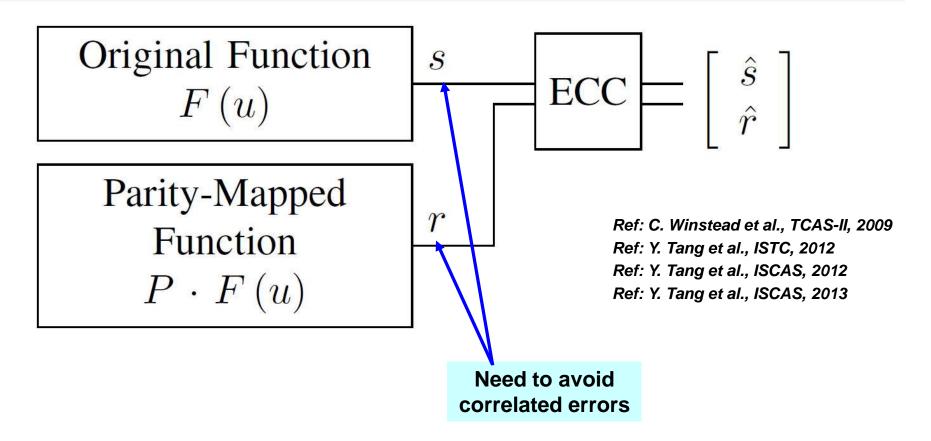




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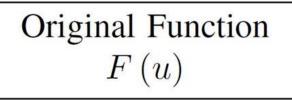
The original logic function *F*(u) is composed with a block ECC code to create the parity-mapped function *P* ["] *F*(u).



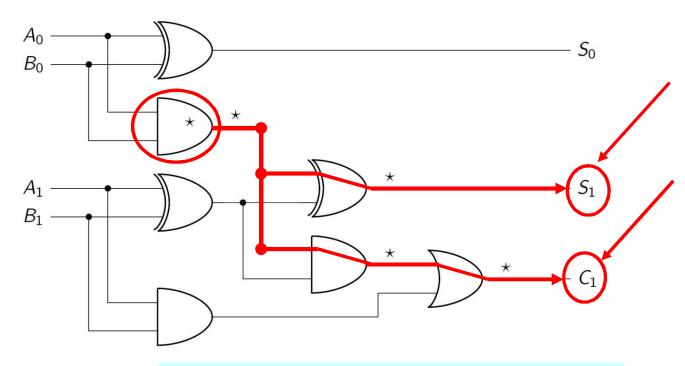
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Contribution 3: Traditional Design







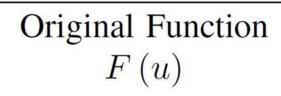
Traditional design, Ï*Đsymbol indicates the occurrence of an error.



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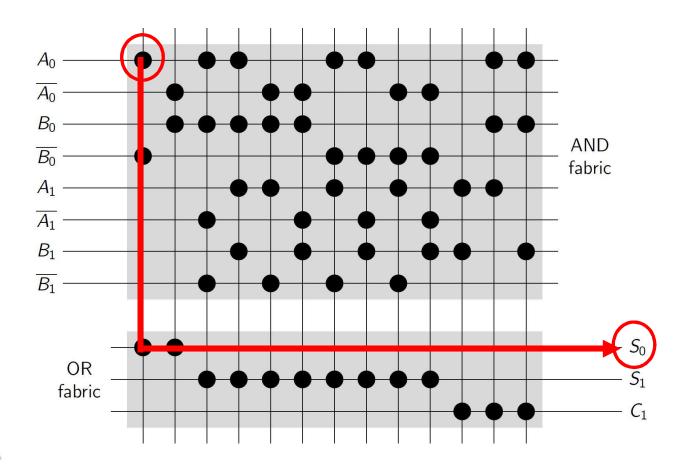
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Contribution 3: Cross-Bar Technique



= Two-bit Adder

Crossbar design suitable for some nanoelectronic device families.

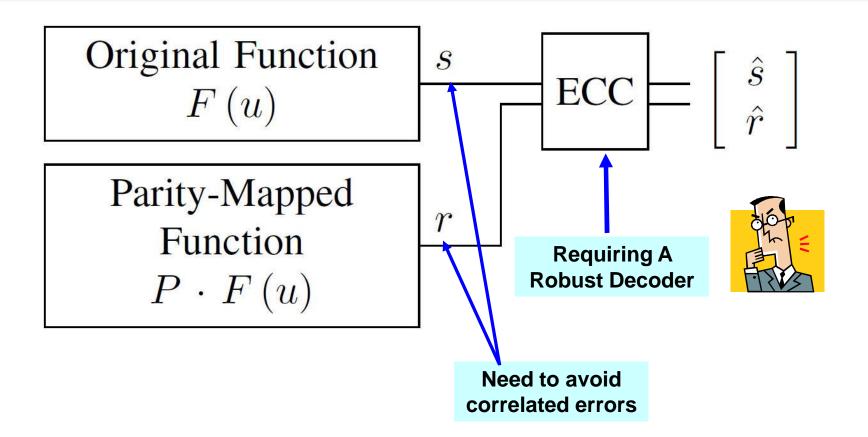




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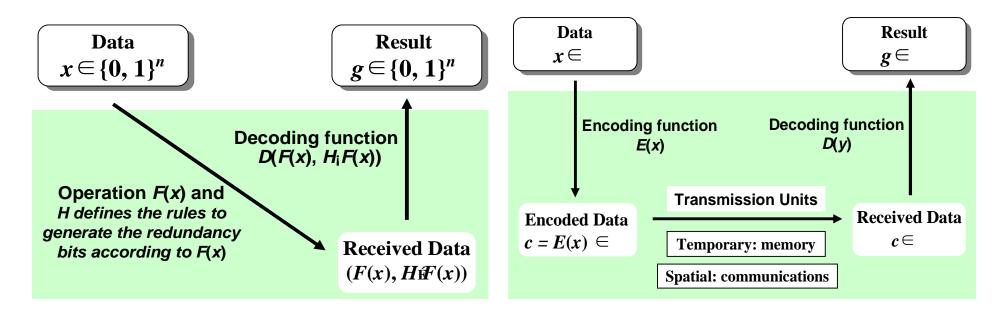




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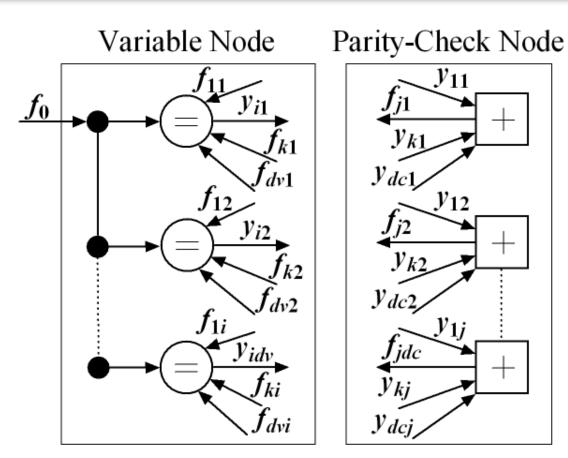
- Contribution 4:
- A decoder against internal faults
- Efficient Error-correction in the presence of high error rate noise





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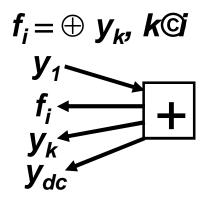
Related Work - Message Passing Decoding Method



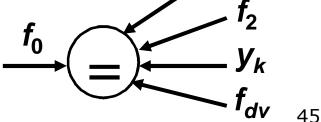
Ref: message-passing decoding, T. Richardson and R. Urbanke, 2001.

Gallager-A Decoder

Check Node Processing



Variable Node Processing $y_k = f_0$ if $(f_i, i \otimes k)$ disagree, f_1 elsewise $f_1 f_2$

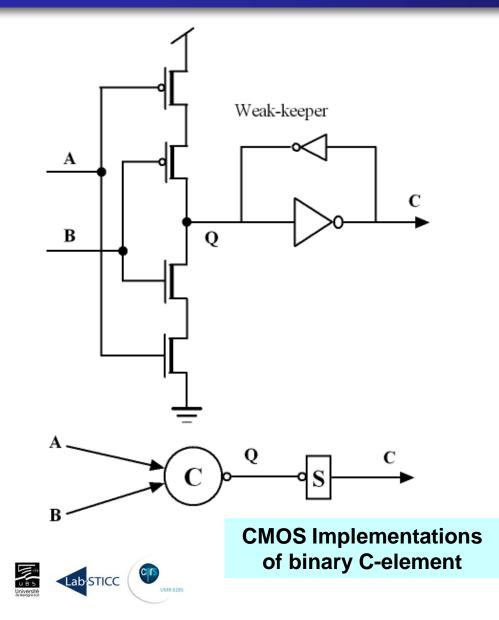




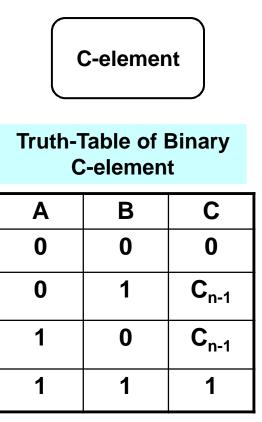
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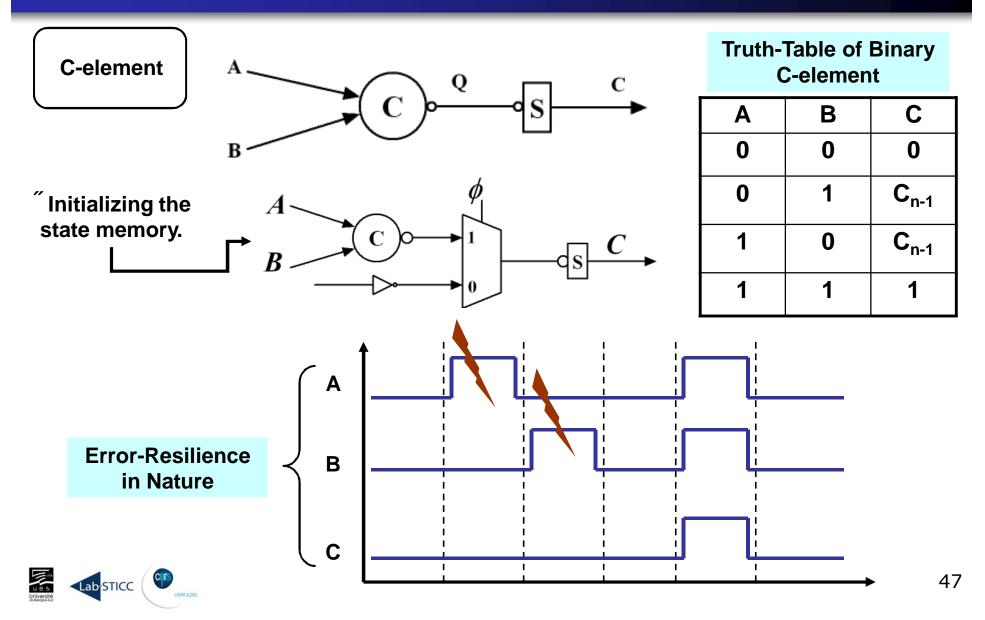
Ref : D. E. Muller and W. S. Bertky, 1959



 $\mathbf{\tilde{C}}_{n-1}$ denotes the state maintained via weak feedback.

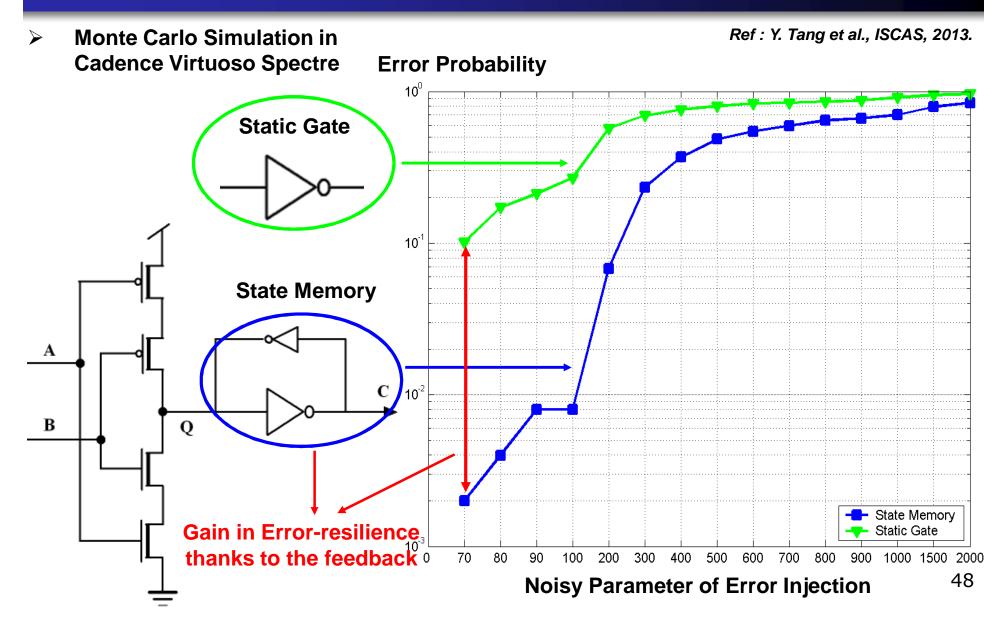
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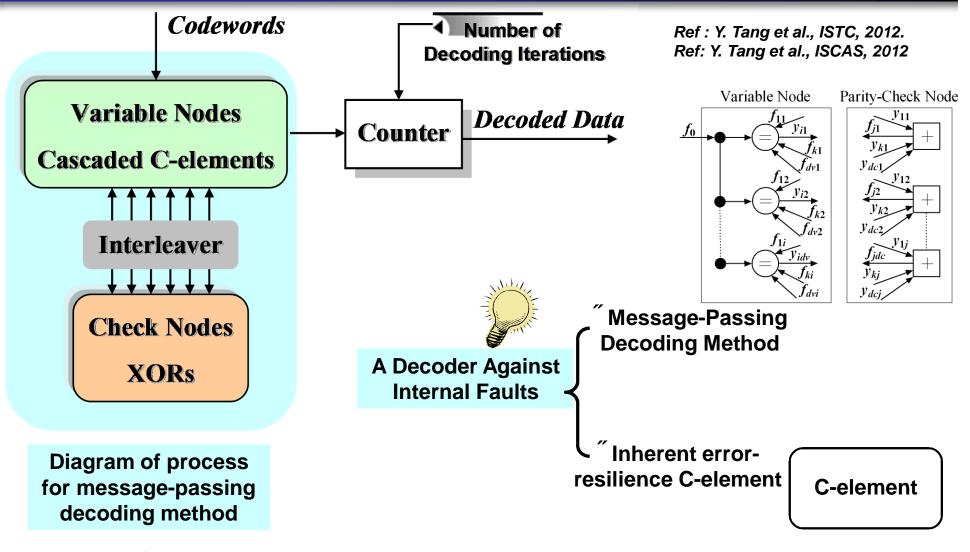
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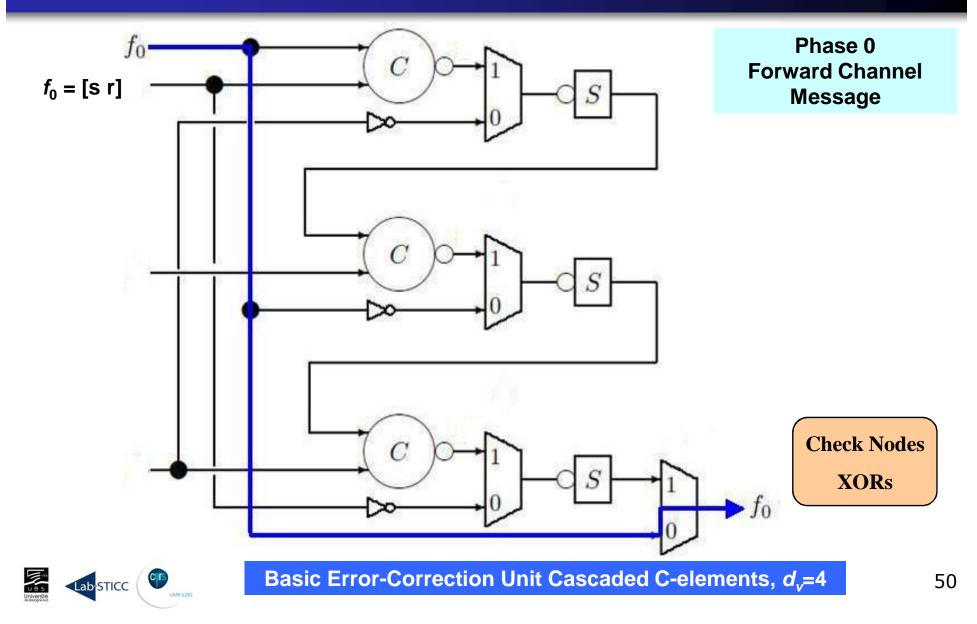




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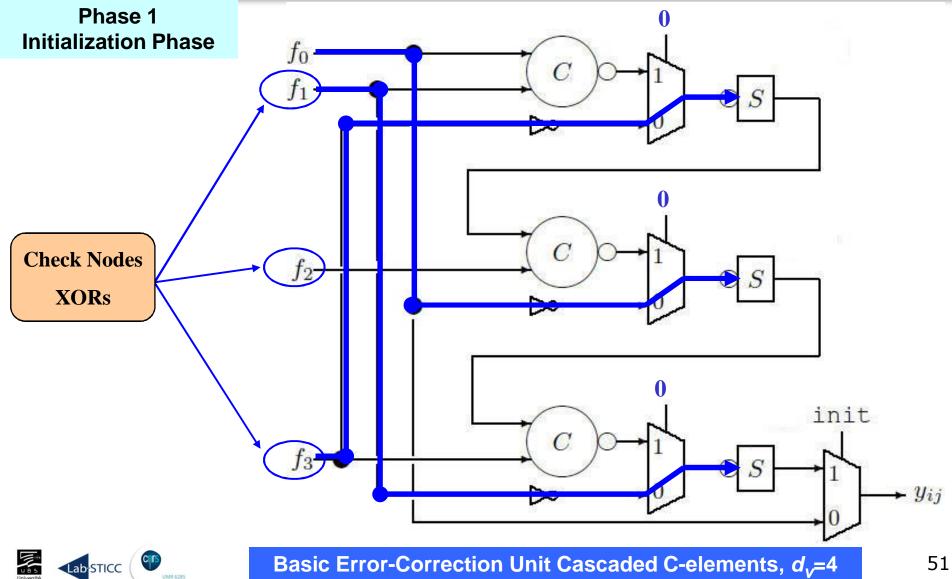
Contribution 4: Variable Node in MCD Phase 0



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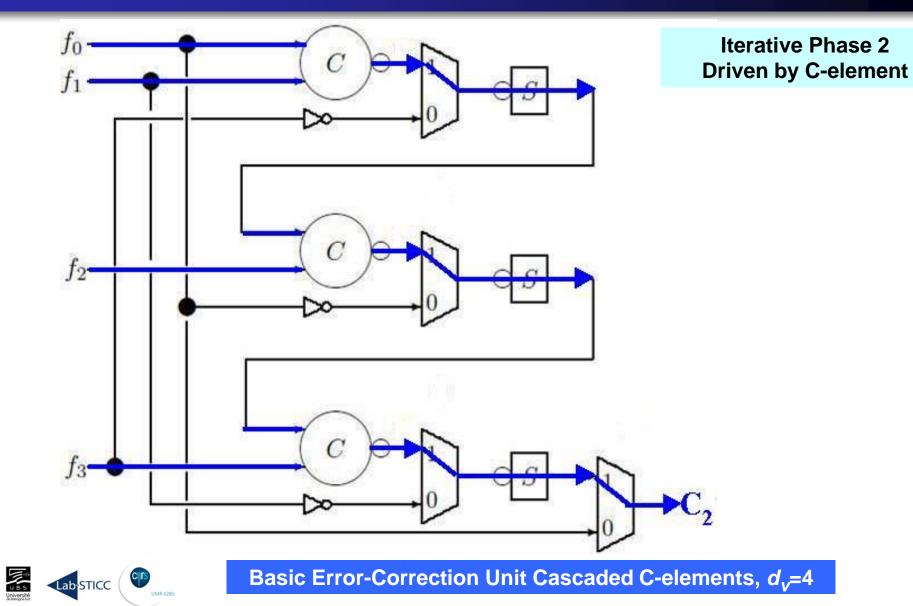
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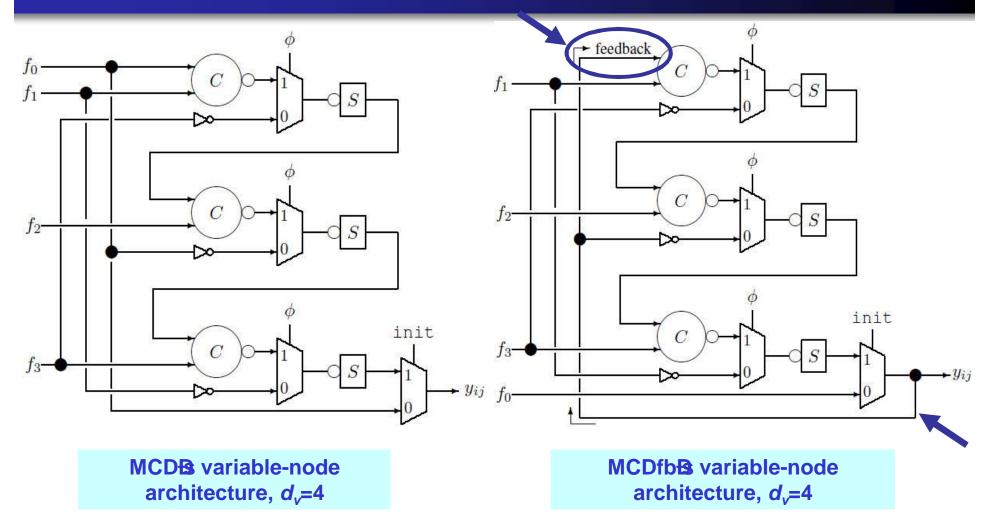


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Contribution 4: MCDfb – feedback mechanism



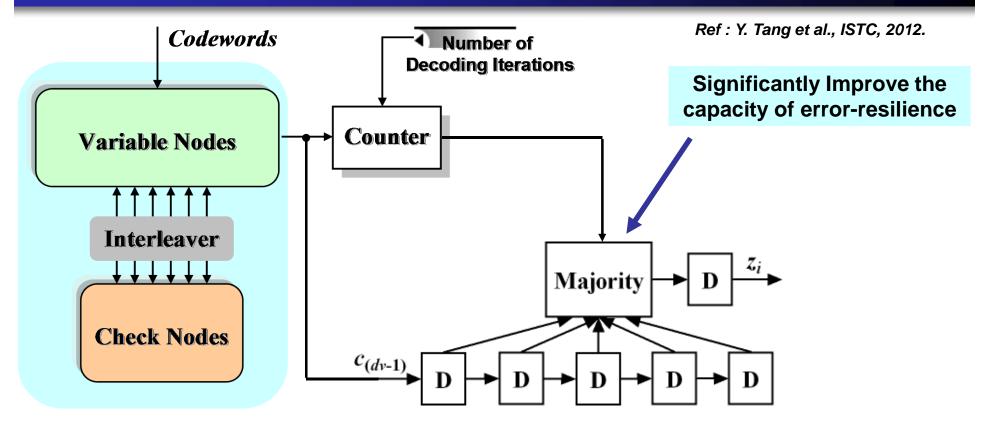
A feedback mechanism employed to suppress internal fault event.



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Contribution 4: Space-Time Technique – Improving BER



Message-Passing Decoder with Space-Time Redundancy Technique. For instance, the Majority unit can be a 3-of-5 voter.



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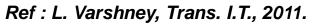
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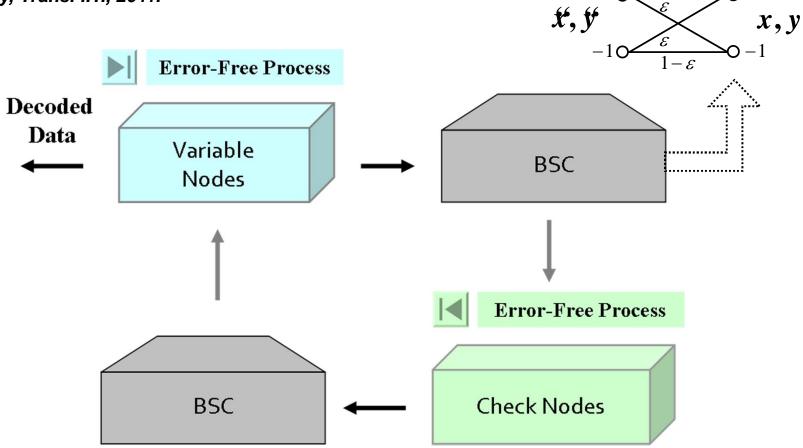
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Error Model







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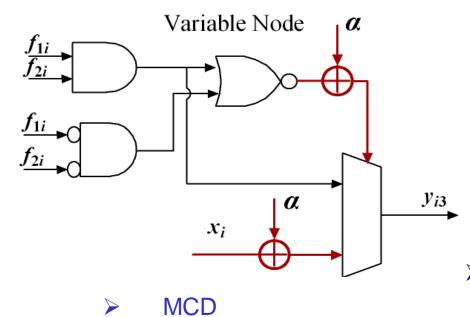
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MCDc BER Performance Under a Faulty Process

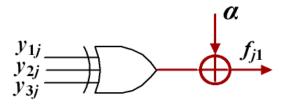
Gallager Bit-Flipping Decoding Method (GBF)



C-element of Variable Node

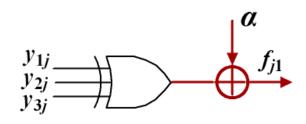
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Parity-Check Node



> Injected into critical path in RTL

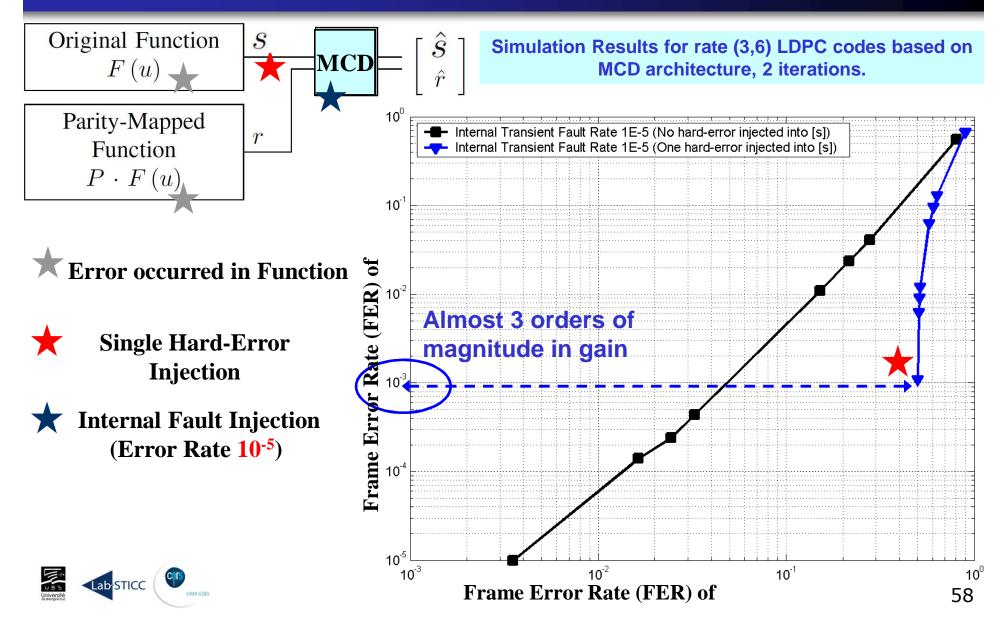
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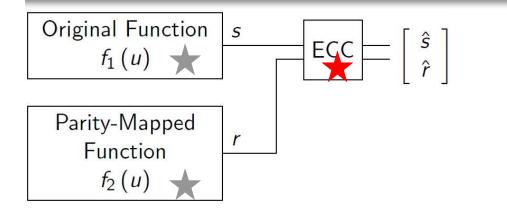
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Comparisons Between MCD and GBF, (3,6) LDPC codes N=64



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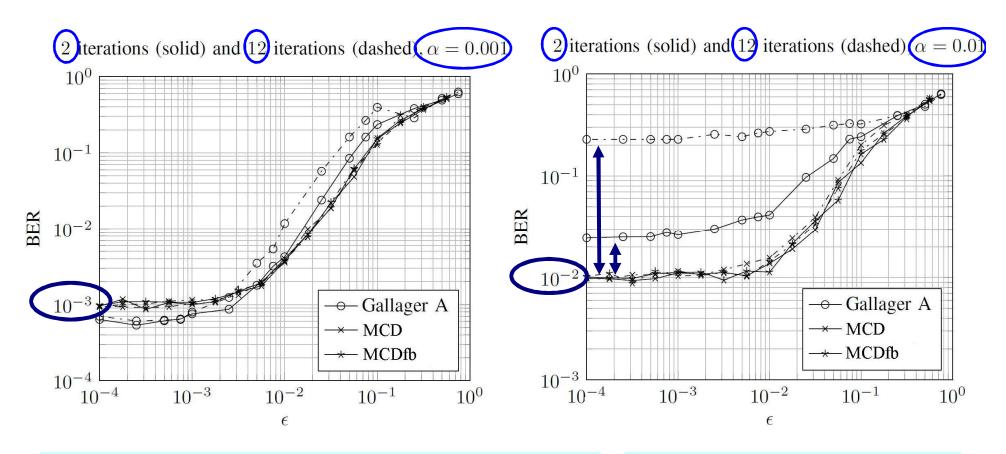
Error occurred in Function: Epsilon

T Internal Fault Injection: *Alpha*



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Gallager-A performance worsens with increased iterations when internal faults rate is high.

But MCD does not exhibit this degradation.



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Decoding Performance Improvement by Space-Time Technique

WITH Space-Time Redundancy ÉInternal Fault Injection: *Alpha* É(3,6) LDPC code of length 64 over a BSC parameter of *Epsilon*

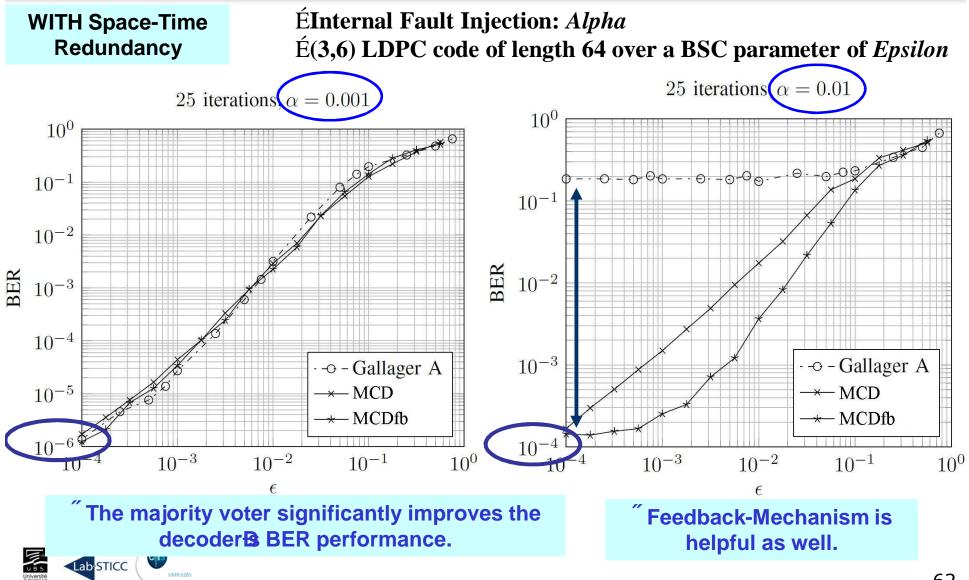
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Formal Models of Embedded ECC

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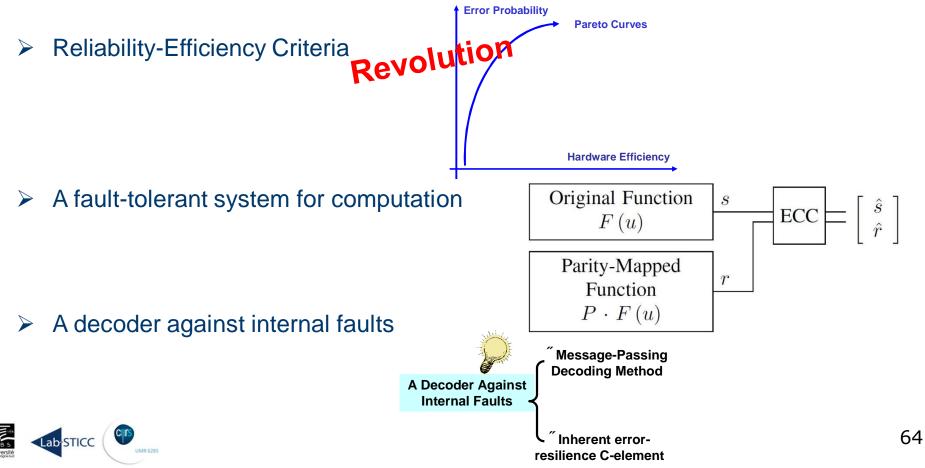
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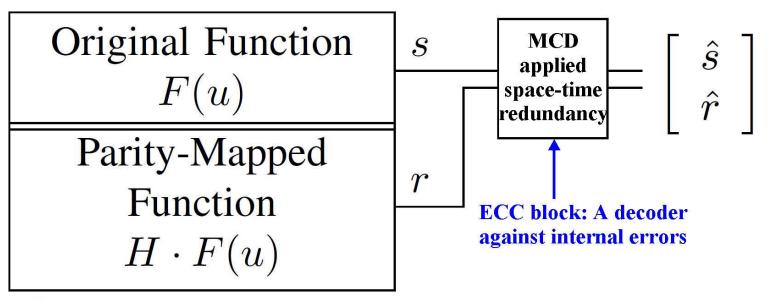
Conclusion

- > Objective : to design an efficient error-resilient architecture by ECC
- > Contribution :
- > An arithmetic method (Fast computation & Error-resilience)



Future Perspectives

- > For MCD, high code rate, such like a (3,4) code, would be worth to try.
- Moreover, simulating a 3-of-5 voter based space-time technique.
- Approaching the proposed reliability criterion as a precise error model.
- Implementation of the cDMR & MCD & Space-Time Technique.





Future Directions

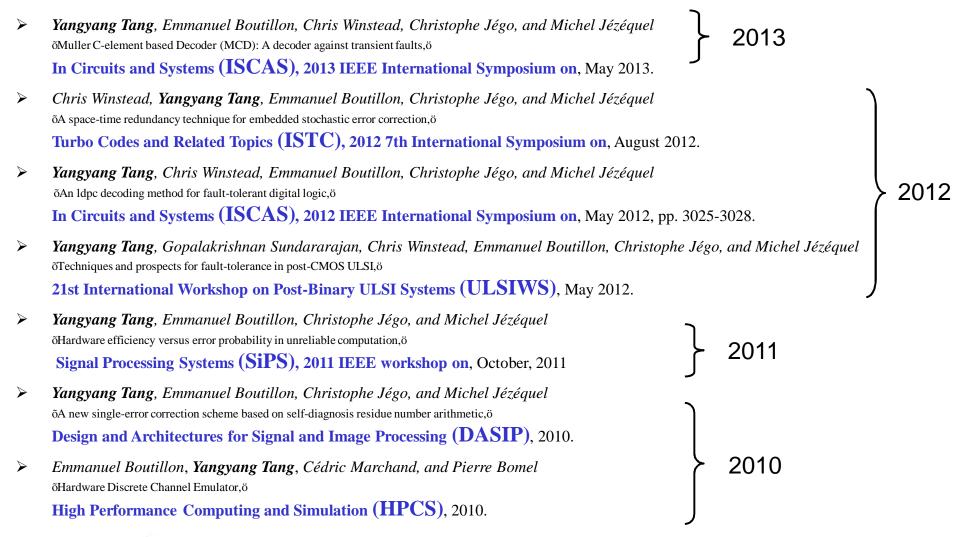
Collaboration (2011. June - 2012) with LEFT-Lab directed by Dr. Chris Winstead, Utah State University, Logan, Utah, USA.



- > Continued Work . Application of an ANR Project on this subject
 - Collaboration with, LEFT-Lab, Dr. Winstead
 - . Ongoing thesis work, *Pr. Jégo*
 - Asynchronous Decoder to decrease power consumption



List of Publications





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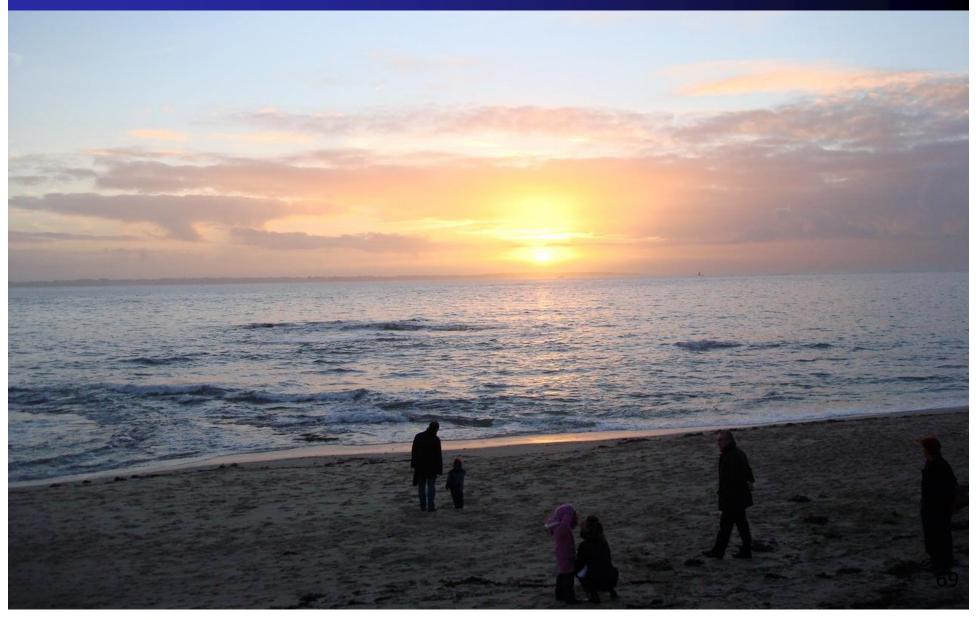


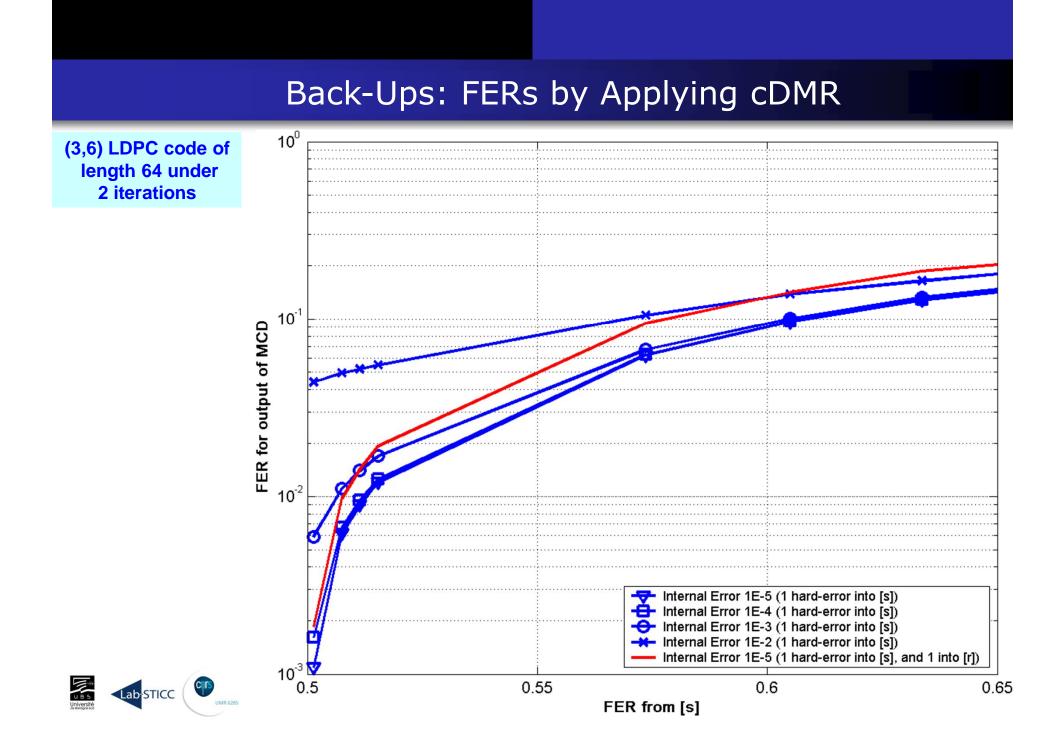
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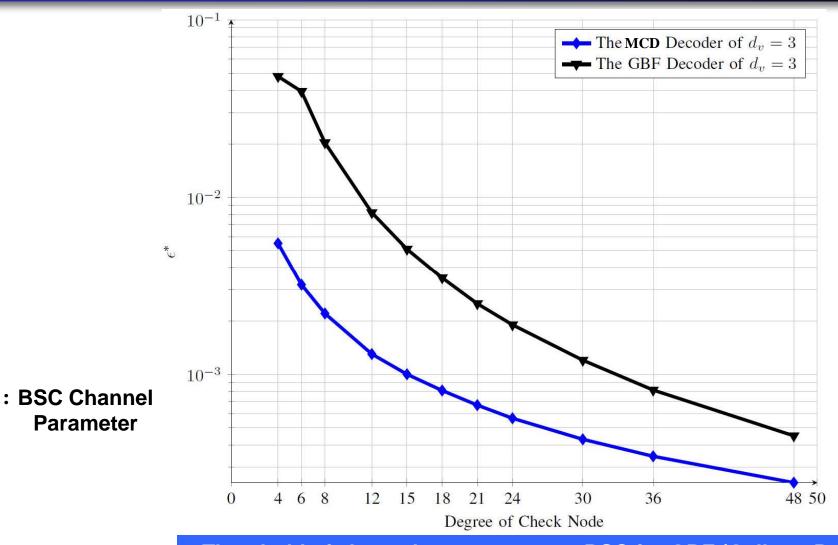
Questions

Thank You For Your Attention!





Back-Ups: Threshold Determinations





Threshold of channel parameter over BSC for GBF (Gallager B Bit-Flipping method) and MCD, if the decoder process is error-free.

Back-Ups: Threshold Determinations

	GBF	MCD				
	(d_v, d_c)	(d_v,d_c)	(d_v,d_c)	(d_v,d_c)	(d_v,d_c)	
	(3,6)	(3,6)	(3,12)	(3,24)	(3,48)	
$lpha^*$	0.0082	0.0303	0.0096	0.0032	0.0011	
ϵ^*	0.0126	0.0690	0.0199	0.0059	0.0011	

- : Decoder B Internal Transient Error Rate
- : BSC Channel Parameter

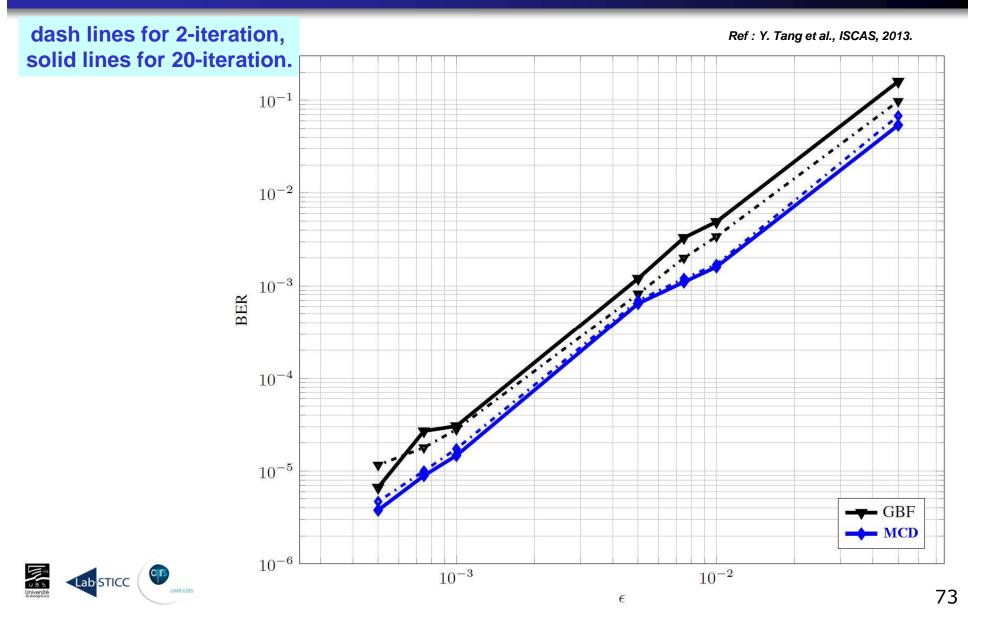
Tab. 3 Maximal Parameter* and Maximal Parameter* are determinedwhen it is beneficial to use the decoder under a faulty decoder process.



Theoretical Modeling of solutions Experimental Results

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Good Candidate for the ECC of cDMR: Error-Free Process

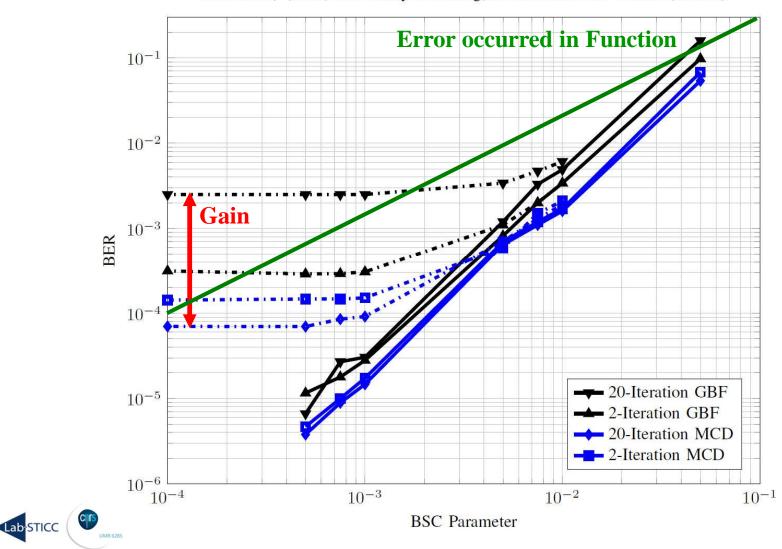


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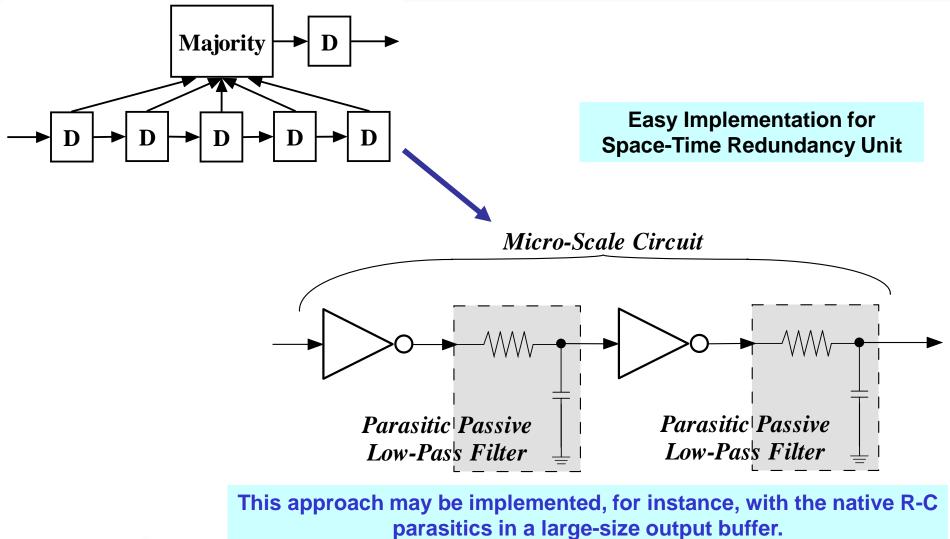
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Error-Free, (solid) and Faulty Decoding, internal fault rate 0.0001 (dashed)

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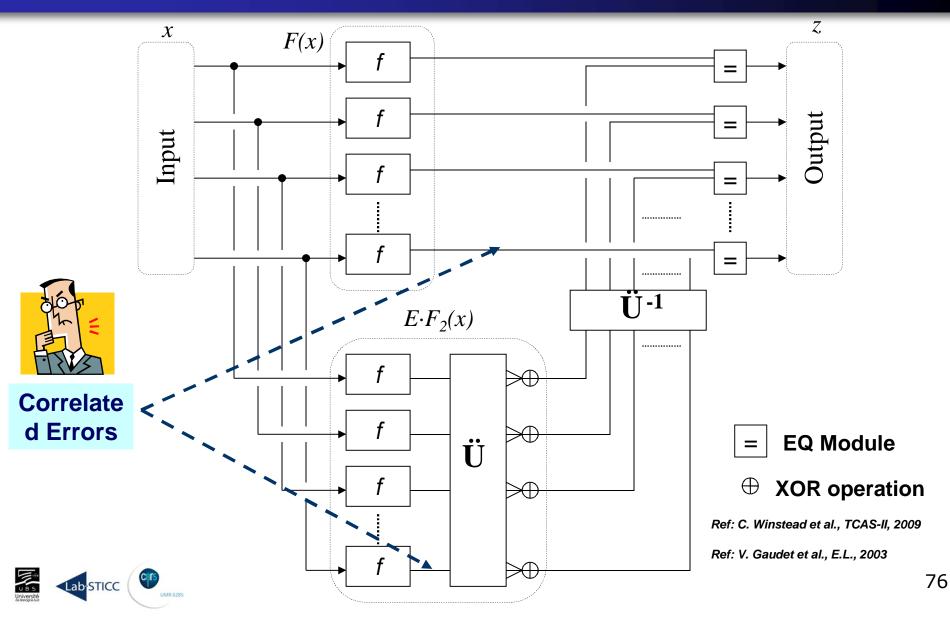
Solution 4: A Reliable Way to Implement S-T Technique





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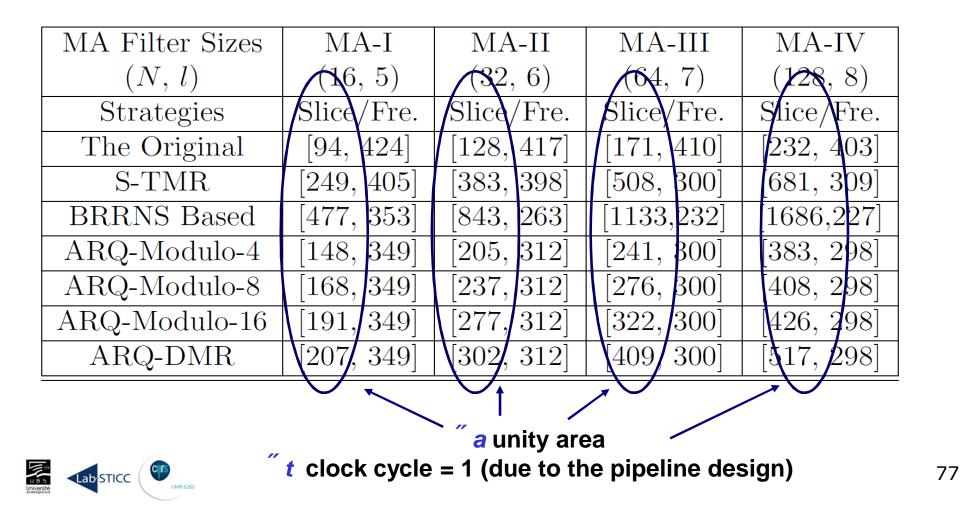
Solution 4: Example – LDPC-coded Fault Compensation Technique (LFCT)



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Contribution 2: Experimental Results – Pareto Curves

Synthesis Results from XILINX Virtex 5 in Terms of [Slice(#)/Clock Freq.(mhz)]. (*N*: order of filter, *I*: bit length of input)



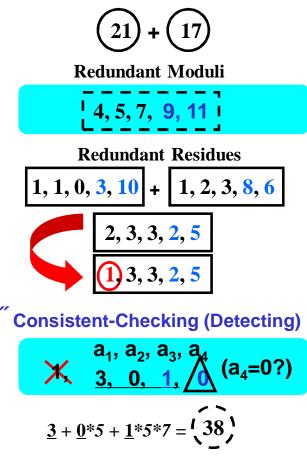
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Redundant RNS (RRNS) ⇔ RNS + Redundancy

| Error-Correction and Carry-Free properties |





Error-Free

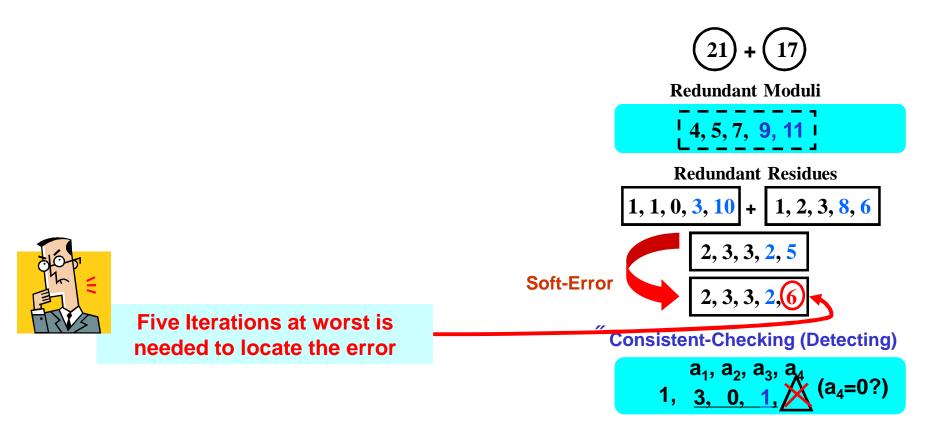
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Solution 1: RRNS – High Latency

Redundant RNS (RRNS) ⇔ RNS + Redundancy

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Solution 1: Proposed Work – Bidirectional RRNS (BRRNS)

