The Eye Pattern

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The Eye Pattern

• synchronized superposition of successive symbol intervals

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- of the distorted waveform
- appearing at the output of the receive-filter
- prior to thresholding

The Eye Pattern Example



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Timing Features

- Optimum sampling time
 - the width of the eye opening
 - when the eye opening is the widest
- Zero-crossing jitter
 - ▶ the timing signal is extracted from the zero-crossings of the waveform

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- Timing sensitivity
 - determined by the rate at which the eye pattern is closed a the sampling time is varied

The Peak Distortion

- An eye opening of unity
 - zero intersymbol interference
- An eye opening of zero
 - completely closed eye pattern
 - intersymbol interference is severe
 - some upper traces in the eye pattern to cross with its lower traces

- An eye opening of 0.5 or better
 - yield reliable data transmission

The Peak Distortion D_{peak}

- Eye opening $= 1 D_{peak}$
 - peak distortion D_{peak}
 - max value assumed by the ISI over all possible transmitted sequences
 - with this evaluation divided by a normalization factor
 - the absolute value of the corresponding signal level
 - idealized for zero ISI
- Zero peak distortion when the eye opening is unity
- Unity peak distortion when the eye pattern is completely closed
 - determined by the rate at which the eye pattern is closed a the sampling time is varied

Reference

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