

## Curriculum Vitae

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Fellow of Jet Propulsion Laboratory

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NASA/JPL Senior Research Scientists, website:

[http://scienceandtechnology.jpl.nasa.gov/people/d\\_divsalar/](http://scienceandtechnology.jpl.nasa.gov/people/d_divsalar/)

Google scholar citations:

<http://scholar.google.com/citations?user=CCJSZ5sAAAAJ&hl=en&oi=ao>

UCLA Adjunct professor

<http://www.ee.ucla.edu/adjunct-faculty/>

### Education:

1977-78 University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA), Ph. D.  
in Electrical Engineering, Dec. 1978.

Major: Communication Systems, Department of  
Electrical Engineering.

Minor: Computer System Modeling and Analysis,  
Department of Computer Science.

Minor: Applied Mathematics, Department of  
Mathematics.

1975-77 University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA),  
Engineer Degree, June 1977.

1973-75 University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA) M.S. in  
Electrical Engineering, March 1975.

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Work Experience:

1978-present. Jet Propulsion Laboratory, California Institute of Technology, Pasadena, CA.

2015 Fellow  
2000 Principal Scientist  
1999 Senior Research Scientist  
1997 Principal of Engineering Staff.  
1989 Senior Member of Technical Staff.  
1982 Member of Technical Staff.  
1978 Senior Engineer.

Involved in research, development, study and analysis of various aspects of coding, modulations, communication theory and applications for Deep Space Communication System Techniques for Future Space Exploration Missions, Satellite Communications, Mobile Satellite Experiment.

Has made contributions to many research and advanced projects including: VOIR, Venus Balloon, Antenna Arraying, LMSS, MSAT-X, TDA Advanced Systems RTOP's concerning optical communication, coding and modulation techniques.

Has led the Modulation and Coding Research Work unit for NASA's MSAT-X Project.

Made contributions in finding  $K=15$ ,  $r=1/4$  convolutional code for the Galileo project.

Was Active in NASA RIMTECH program. Was a consultant for Paradyne through technology transfer in the Civil Programs Office at JPL. Designed a trellis code that was implemented for production.

Was Active in NASA SBIR program. Was technical monitor for Phase I and II SBIR Proposals.

Was in the tiger team for ICE project and made contributions to the analysis of radio loss for ICE.

Made contributions to JPL-FAA Helicopter Project.

Made contributions to NASA ACTS Mobile Terminal (AMT) Project.

Made some contributions to S-band Galileo Mission.

Made several contributions to Military projects on coding and modulation.

Made contributions to the autonomous software-defined radio receivers for Deep Space communications.

Made significant contribution to channel coding for deep space communications.

Proposed new turbo codes and protograph-based LDPC codes to be used in future NASA missions. The proposed codes became CCSDS standard for space applications.

These codes are being used in many NASA missions.

Made contributions since 2007 to Coding, Modulation, and Link Protocol Study for future NASA missions

2012-present UCLA EE Dept. Adjunct Professor. Research collaboration, weekly research group meetings, joint NSF proposals.

1986-1996 Lecturer at UCLA, Electrical Engineering Department, teaching graduate courses in Information Theory, Digital Communications, Coding (TCM, and turbo codes), and Spread Spectrum Communications.

1997-2001 Lecturer at Caltech, Electrical Engineering Department, teaching graduate courses in Random Signals and Communications theory

Teaching accomplishments at Caltech: Taught graduate courses EE162, EE163a, EE163b at Caltech since January 1997. Participated in Ph.D. Qualifying Exams, Ph.D. Candidacy Exams, and Ph.D. defense committees for many graduate students at Caltech. Helped students in their research, gave new ideas for research.

1984-1991 Adjunct Professor at Northrop University, teaching courses in analog and digital communication systems, information theory and error control coding, statistical communication theory, digital communications, probability, stochastic processes, feedback control systems, spread spectrum communications, linear networks, computer networks, digital signal processing.

1982-1996 Distinguished Lecturer at West Coast University, teaching courses in Detection of Signals in Noise, Digital Communication Systems, Coding, Probability, Stochastic Processes, Logic Network Design, Digital Signal Processing, Spread Spectrum.

Current Interests:

Research in digital communication systems, wireless communication systems, bandwidth efficient combined coding modulation techniques, digital signal processing, satellite communications, mobile communications. Channel coding for deep space communications. Spread Spectrum Systems, CDMA, Fast Frequency Hopping, Time Hopping for commercial multiple access systems, Acquisition and tracking for spread spectrum communications, Mutual User Interference Cancellation for CDMA, Turbo codes, LDPC codes and Iterative Decoding for power- and Bandwidth- limited Channels.

Professional Societies: **Fellow of IEEE**, Journal Referee for IEEE societies of Communication and Information Theory. Member of IEEE communication theory and data communication systems technical committees. Technical program representative to International Conference on Communications 1987 and Global Telecommunications Conference, 1989. Technical Program Chairman of Communication Theory Mini-Conference Globecom 93. Organizer and chairman for 16 IEEE conference sessions in the past ten years. Technical Program Chairman of IEEE Communication Theory workshop, Santa Cruz, April 1995.

Editor for Coding Theory and Applications, IEEE Transactions on Communications June 1989-June 1991.

Area Editor for Coding Theory and Applications, IEEE Transactions on Communications July 1991-1996.

Guest Editor: IEEE JOURNAL ON SELECTED AREAS IN COMMUNICATIONS, VOL. 16, NO. 2, FEBRUARY 1998

Senior Technical Consultant IEEE Transactions on Communications 1996-2003

Guest Editor: IEEE JOURNAL ON SELECTED AREAS IN COMMUNICATIONS, VOL. 19, NO. 9, SEPTEMBER 2001

IEEE Paper Award

Best paper of the year award for "The Performance of Trellis Coded Multilevel DPSK in a Fading Mobile Satellite Channel" published in IEEE Transactions on Vehicular Technology, Vol. 37, No. 2, May 1988. Award was given out in 1990.

Joint paper award of the IEEE Information Theory and IEEE Communication Theory societies for “Accumulate Repeat Accumulate Codes” published in April 2007. Award was given in 2008.

Best poster paper award IEEE Communication Theory Workshop (CTW) 2015.

#### IEEE Transaction on Communications Best Papers over 50 years

D. Divsalar and M. K. Simon, "Multiple Symbol Differential Detection of MPSK," IEEE Transactions on Communications March 1990.

This paper has been selected as one of the best 56 key research papers in communications and networking over the past fifty years. It was published in a book entitled “The Best of the Best, Fifty Years of Communications and Networking Research,” by the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers (IEEE) Press and Wiley-Interscience, 2007.

#### Highly Cited Publishing Researcher

D. Divsalar was recognized as highly cited researcher for the period 1981-1999. Highly cited comprise less than one-half of one percent of all publishing researchers worldwide with truly extraordinary accomplishments in category of Computer Science.

#### JPL Publications Best Paper Award

1998 Hugh Fosque best paper for “Code Performance as a function of block size.”

2000 best paper for “A simple tight bound on error probability of block codes with application to turbo codes,” The results also published in the book *Performance analysis of linear codes under ML decoding: A tutorial* by Igal Sason and Shlomo Shamai, NOW Publishers, Delft, the Netherlands, 2006.

#### Group Achievement Award

Advanced Communication Technology Satellite Mobile Terminal Development Team, 1994.

Project Galileo Team, 1996.

Galileo Orbital Operation Recovery Team, 1997.

Turbo Code Development Team, 1998.

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