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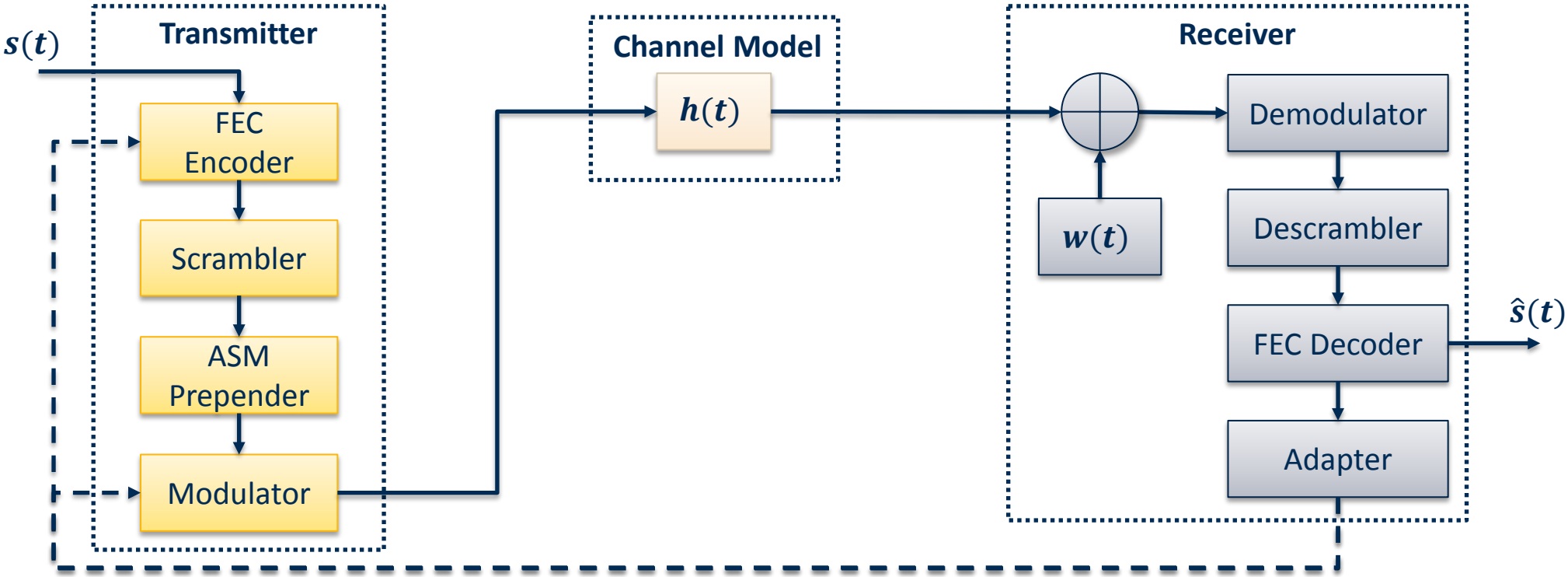
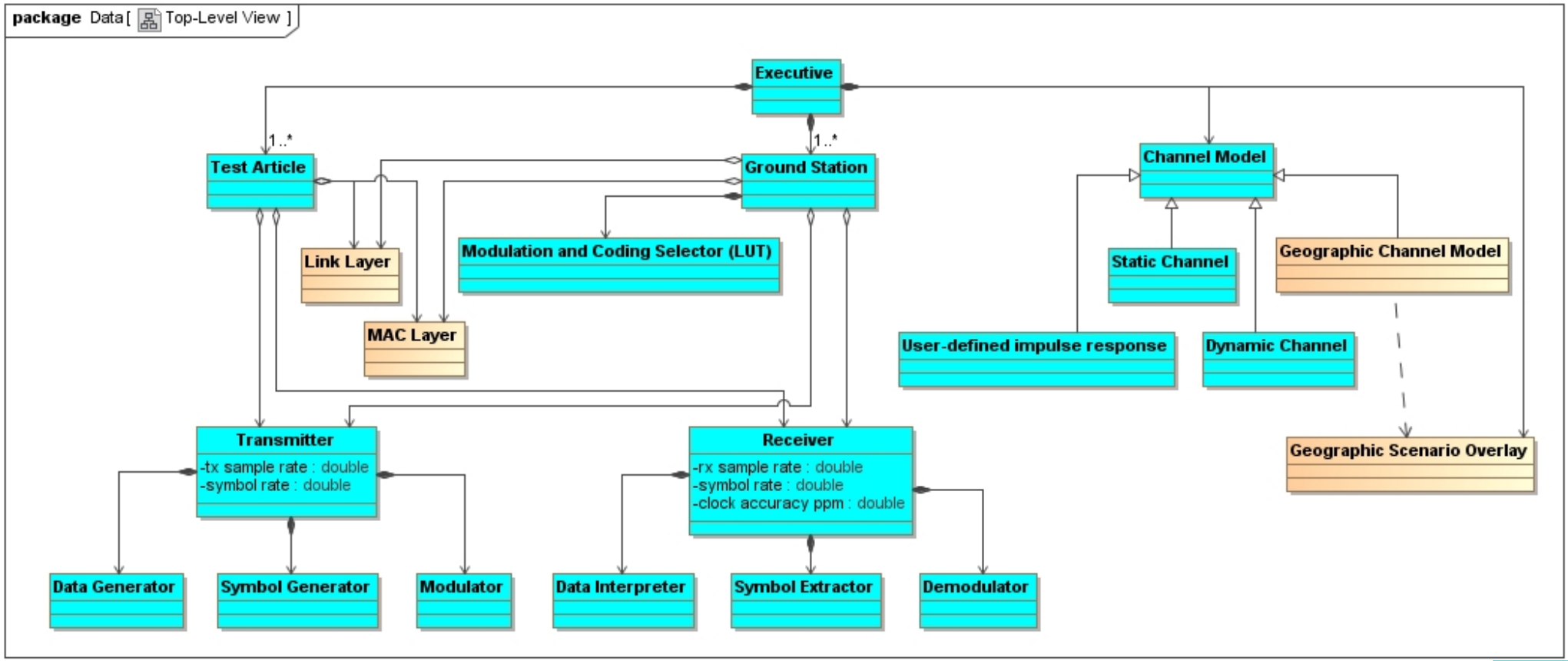


Simulation Framework Architecture

- Object-oriented MATLAB to maximize reusability and flexibility



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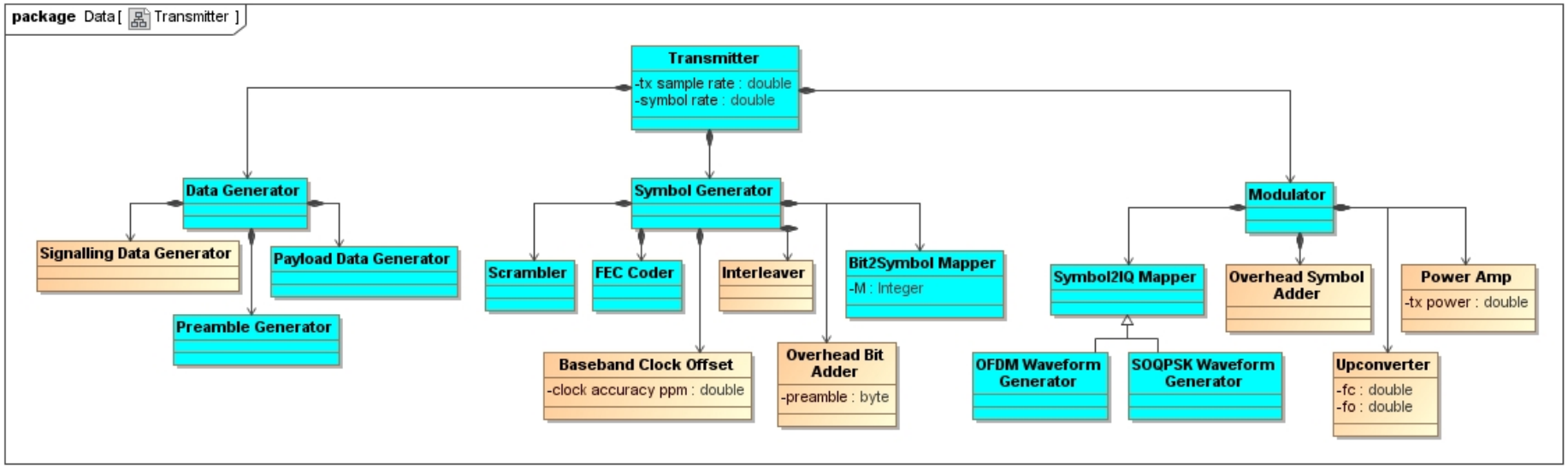

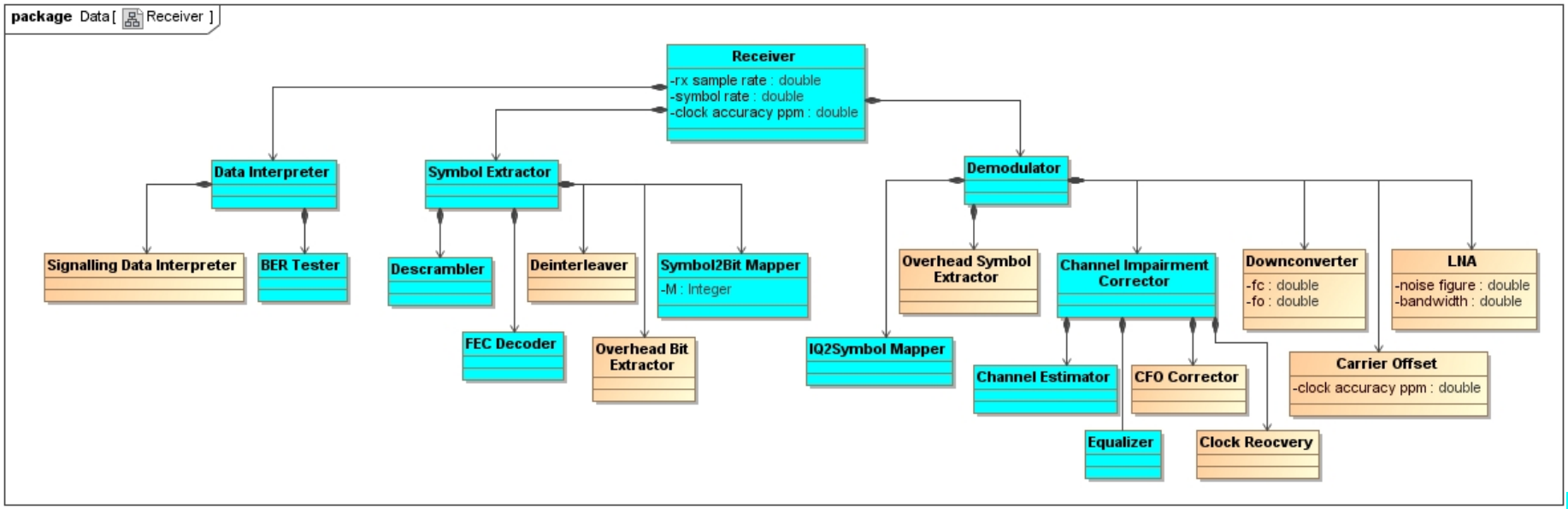

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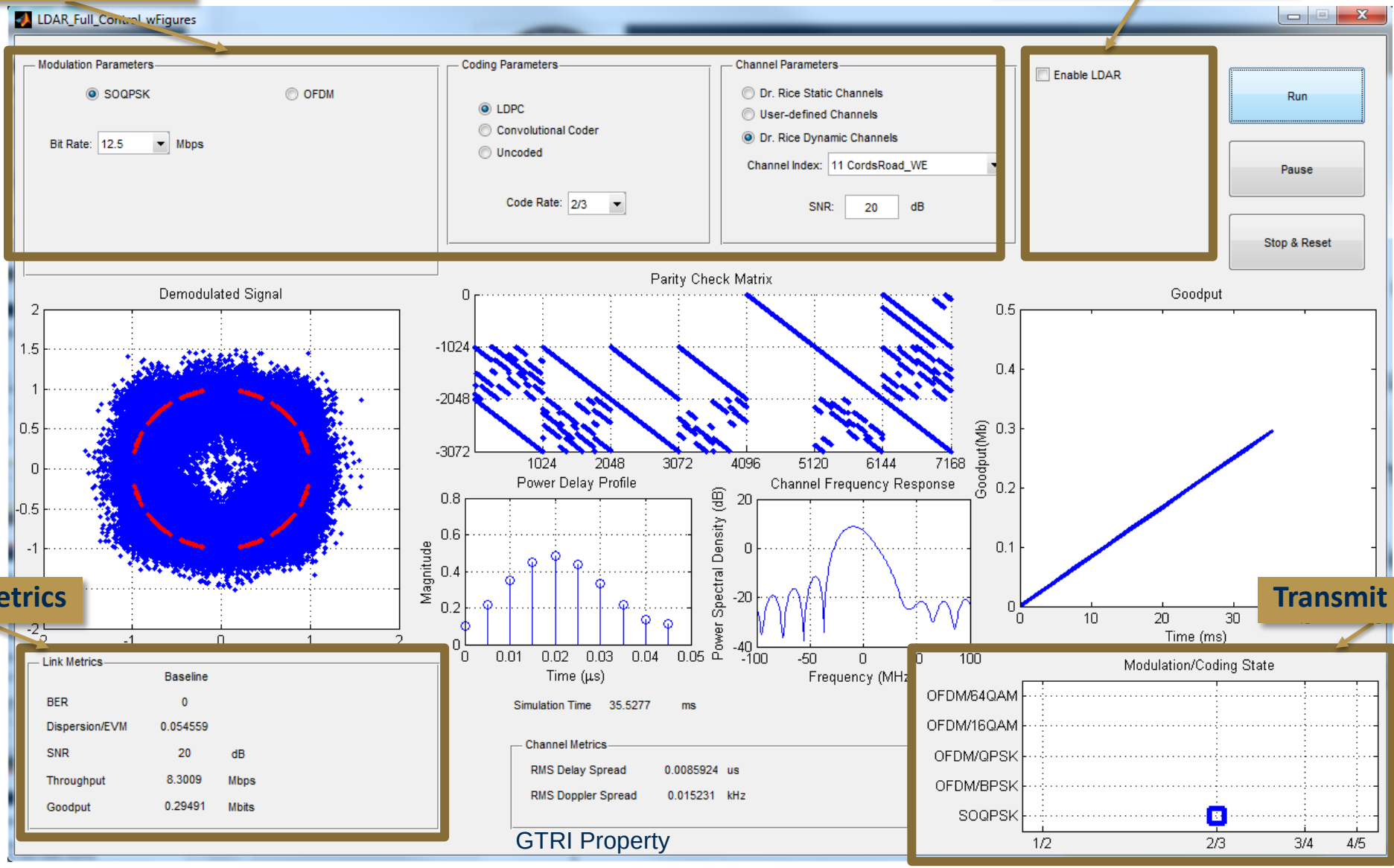

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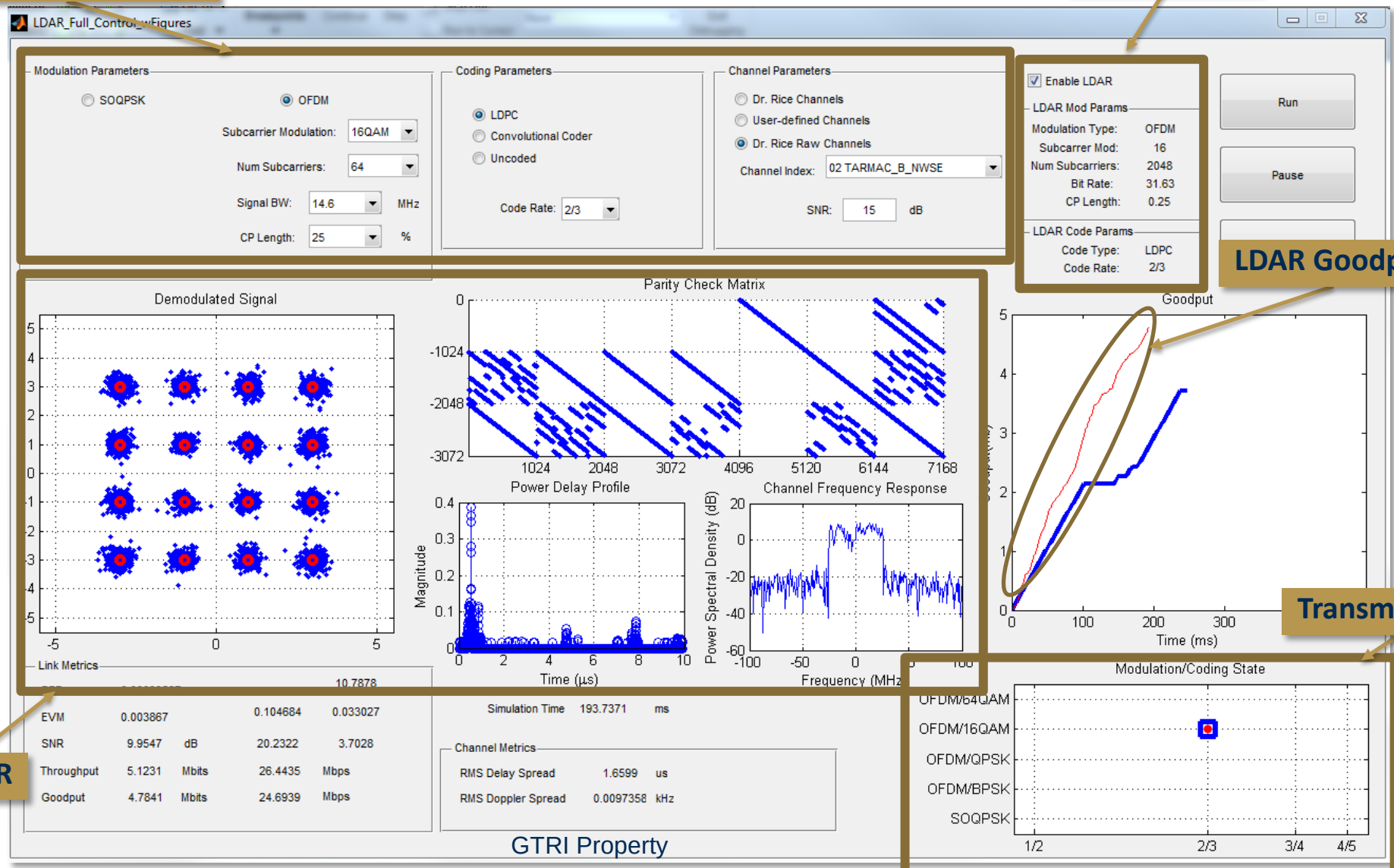
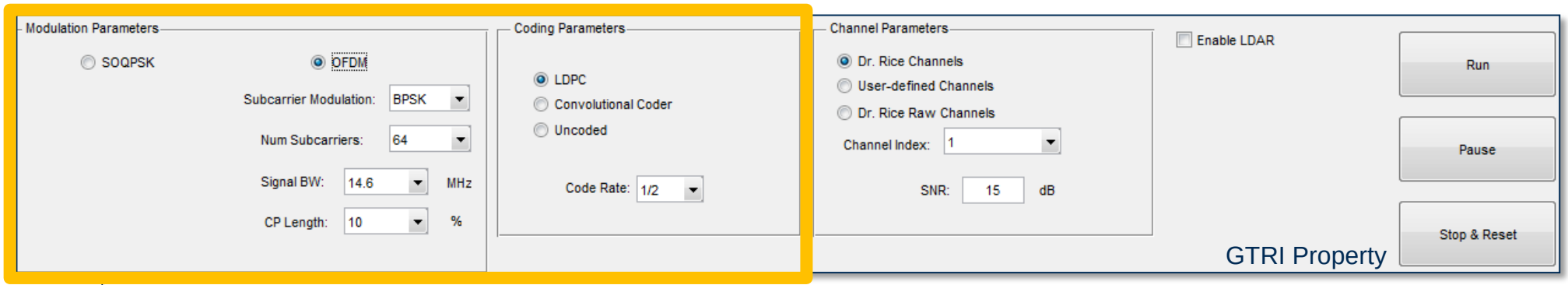


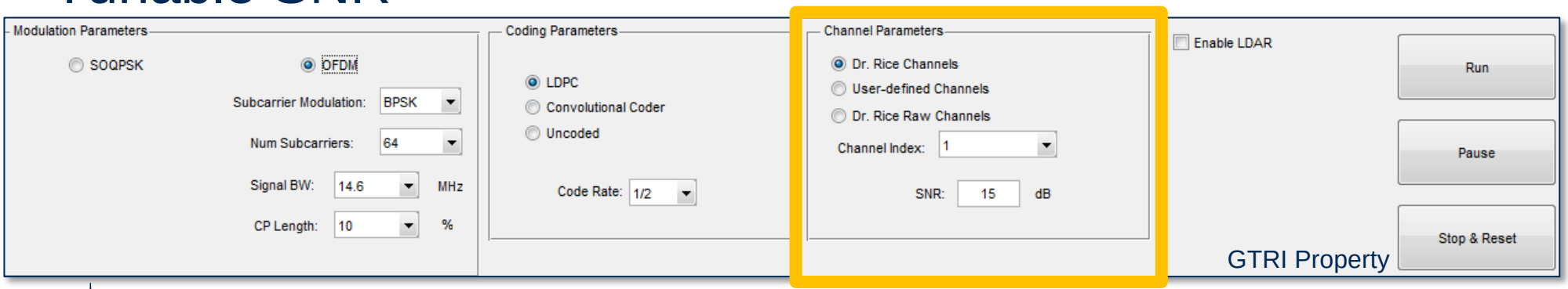
Tunable Parameters

- Modulation
  - SOQPSK
  - OFDM (IEEE 802.11a)
    - Modulations: BPSK, QPSK, 16 QAM, 64 QAM
    - Cyclic Prefix Lengths
    - Number of Subcarriers
- Coding
  - LDPC
    - Rates: 1/2, 2/3, 3/4, 4/5



Channel Models

- Static
  - Representative channels from Dr. Michael Rice's collected data
- User-Defined
  - Arbitrary channel taps (mainly used for AWGN channel)
- Dynamic
  - Dr. Michael Rice's collected data from airborne channel sounding runs
  - We use these to reflect the dynamics of actual telemetry channels
- Tunable SNR



Link-Dependent Adaptive Radio

- Empirically-based rule developed by GTRI
  - Collect data for each static channel
  - Create look-up tables for each static channel
    - Include values of EVM, Dispersion, BER, Throughput for various SNRs
  - Select a near-optimal transmission mode based on throughput and channel impairments
    - RMS Delay Spread
    - Error Vector Magnitude (EVM) for OFDM or Dispersion for SOQPSK

LDAR Algorithm for Selecting New Transmission Mode
1: Compute the RMS delay spread of the current channel
2: Select a static channel that has the closest RMS delay spread as the representative channel
3: Look up the EVM/Dispersion value with the same transmission mode from the LUT of the representative channel
4: Select a mode with the highest throughput that has a BER lower than the threshold
5: Repeat Steps 1 to 4 for each delivered packet

Simulation Results

- Compare goodput performances between a baseline scheme and LDAR scheme
  - Baseline: 2/3 16-QAM OFDM
  - Burst Size: eight codewords
  - Fixed SNR: 15 dB
  - 11 Dynamic Channel Models

Dynamic Channel	Baseline Goodput (Mb)	LDAR Goodput (Mb)	Performance Increase (%)
1	4.0	5.2	30
2	2.9	5.3	83
3	0	4.2	N/A
4	2.0	4.4	120
5	4.0	8.2	105
6	0	8.1	N/A
7	3.3	4.4	33
8	0	3.7	N/A
9	3.3	5.2	58
10	4.0	8.8	120
11	4.0	8.4	110

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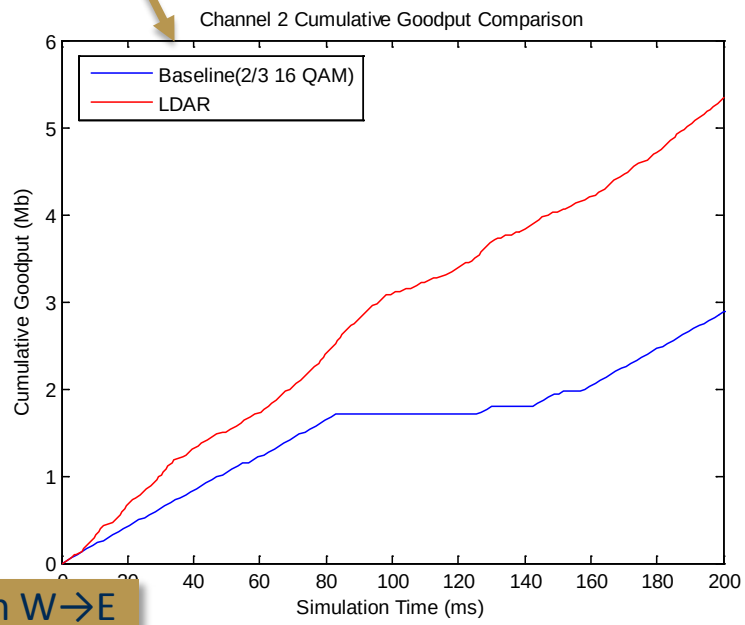

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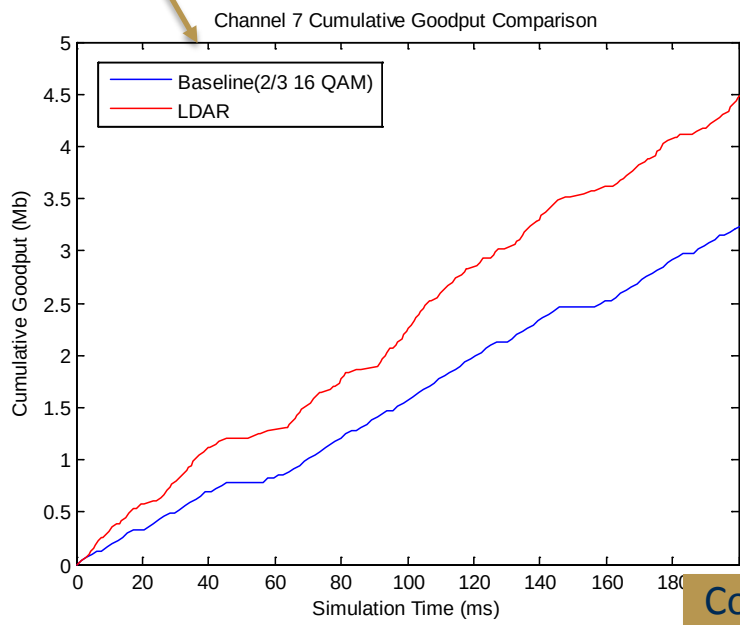

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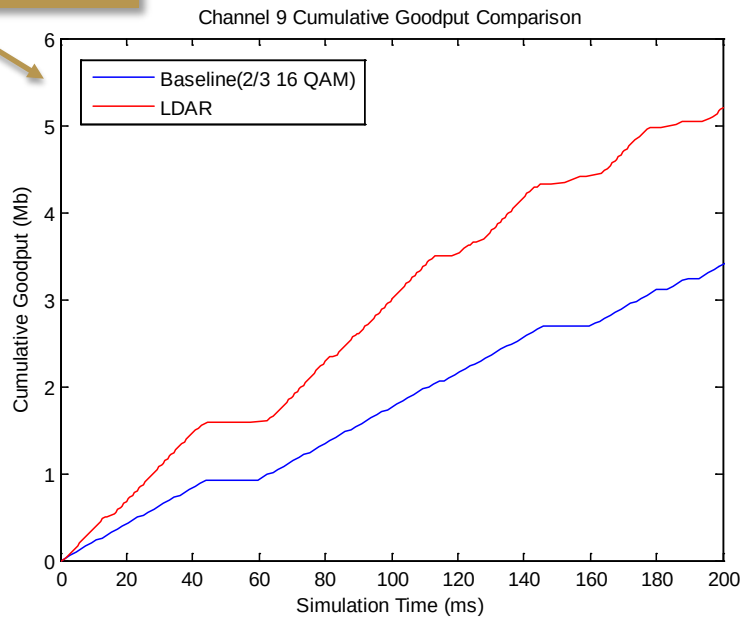

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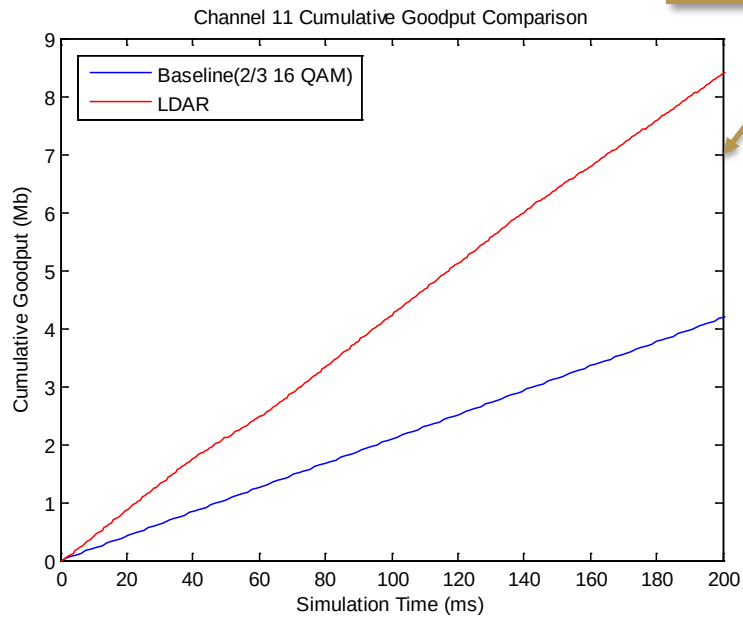

Conclusion and Future Work

- Developed a simulation testbed for aeronautical telemetry
  - Various Tunable Parameters
  - Example: Link-Dependent Adaptive Radio
  - Other Applications:
    - Tradeoffs of Phased Array Antennas
    - Utility of Multiple access schemes
    - Performance of Command and Control
- Future Work
  - Carrier Frequency Offset (CFO)
  - Doppler Shift
  - Convolutional/Turbo Encode
  - iNET Uplink
  - Mapping between EVM and Dispersion

Questions?

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