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## MECHANISMS FOR ENSURING THE SECURITY OF CHANNELS OF A PROSPECTIVE MANAGEMENT SYSTEM

**Abstract.** The development of military (state) control systems in modern conditions of hybrid warfare requires the possibility of rapid expansion of both functionality and scaling of the physical and logical basis of management, increasing the range of digitization and use of both military and civilian communication channels to manage troops and weapons. Not only the computing power of the enemy, the means of suppressing and / or blocking the communication channels of the control system, but also the development of quantum technologies that place new and more stringent requirements on security mechanisms based on symmetric and asymmetric cryptography algorithms. According to NIST, a full-scale quantum computer breaks both symmetric and asymmetric cryptosystems in polynomial time, significantly reducing their resilience. The paper proposes mechanisms of post-quantum cryptography, which allow to ensure the stability of not only communication channels, but also elements of the structure of the control system. The basis of post-quantum encryption algorithms is the combination of algorithms (schemes) of crypto-code structures with cryptosystems on unprofitable codes (multi-channel cryptography), as well as the possibility of combining them with digital steganography methods. This approach provides the ability to hide elements of management commands, and the use of different channels provides the ability to hide individual elements of cryptograms.

**Keywords:** crypto-code constructions; algebraic geometric codes<sup>4</sup> LDPC-codes; troop control system; quantum period.

### Introduction

The control system of troops and weapons is one of the main elements of the infrastructure of the Armed Forces, which allows to perform a variety of functions, from timely delivery of combat signals in the vertical subordination of combat units, to logistics and technical functions. The share of cyber threats is growing and this trend will intensify with the development of information technologies and their convergence with artificial intelligence technologies in the next decade. The growth of such influence on the functioning of both national and transnational governance structures creates a new security situation. There is a division of spheres of influence in cyberspace between the world's centers of power, and their desire to ensure the realization of their own geopolitical interests is growing [1]. In the conditions of hybrid war, stricter requirements are set for the functionality of a promising system of joint leadership and military management based on [2]:

- digitalization of activities and introduction of modern information technologies, including electronic communications, in the field of defense;

- digital transformation of the activity of the Ministry of Defense of Ukraine, the General Staff of the Armed Forces of Ukraine, other bodies of military management of the Armed Forces of Ukraine and governing bodies of other components of the Defense Forces;

- construction of the Joint Defense Network, which will be based on the electronic communication network and information systems of the Ministry of Defense of Ukraine and the Armed Forces of Ukraine;

- creation and development of operations networks based on modern digital means, by which field communication system of the Armed Forces of Ukraine will be re-equipped, development of new (improvement

of existing) combat control systems. The formation of a promising system of joint leadership and military management requires the use of fundamentally new approaches to structural elements, security protocols not only in terms of hybrid warfare, but also possible cyber-attacks by cybercriminals, their integration with social engineering, synergies and hybridity.

*Analysis of recent research and publications* [1–7] identifies the need to create an automated system of defense components, which should comply with NATO standards, doctrines and recommendations at all levels of control (tactical, operational and strategic) with certain specifics of basic capabilities [7]. In addition, the NIST of the United States has conducted research [3, 8–10], which calls into question the stability of modern symmetric and asymmetric cryptosystems with the advent of a full-scale quantum computer. In addition, the Shor algorithm allows to factorize the number  $N$  over time  $O(\lg^3 N)$ , using  $O(\lg N)$  bit register, which is significantly faster than any classical method of factorization. The advantages of using quantum registers are significant memory savings ( $N$  quantum bits can contain  $2^N$  bits of information), the interaction between qubits allows for one operation to affect the entire register (quantum parallelism) [3, 8–11]. Table 1 shows the results of a comparative analysis of the complexity of factorization for classical and quantum algorithms, table 2 – the complexity of the implementation of the Shor method of discrete logarithm of a group of points  $EC$  [3, 8–11]. These results indicate a significant reduction in computing resources when using a full-scale computer, which significantly reduces the efficiency of modern algorithms for symmetric and asymmetric cryptography to provide security services.

Table 2 shows the results of the analysis of the complexity of the implementation of the Shor method of discrete logarithm of a group of  $EC$  points [3, 8–11].

**Table 1 – Comparative analysis of the complexity of factorization for classical and quantum algorithms**

Module size N, bit	The number of required qubits 2n	The complexity of the quantum algorithm 4n <sup>3</sup>	The complexity of the classical algorithm
512	1024	0.54 · 10 <sup>9</sup>	1.6 · 10 <sup>19</sup>
3072	6144	12 · 10 <sup>10</sup>	5 · 10 <sup>41</sup>
15360	30720	1.5 · 10 <sup>13</sup>	9.2 · 10 <sup>80</sup>

**Table 2 – The complexity of the implementation of the Shore method of discrete logarithm of a group of EC points**

Algorithm for calculating a discrete logarithmic equation			
The size of the order of the base point, bits	The number of required qubits f(n)=7n+4log <sub>2</sub> n+10	The complexity of the quantum algorithm 360n <sup>3</sup>	The complexity of the classical algorithm
163	1210	1.6 · 10 <sup>9</sup>	3.4 · 10 <sup>24</sup>
256	1834	6 · 10 <sup>9</sup>	3.4 · 10 <sup>38</sup>
571	4016	6.7 · 10 <sup>10</sup>	8.8 · 10 <sup>85</sup>
1024	7218	3.8 · 10 <sup>11</sup>	1.3 · 10 <sup>154</sup>

In the conditions of post-quantum cryptography, NIST experts suggest considering special attacks (SIDE-CHANNEL ATTACKS). The implementation of these attacks is aimed at finding vulnerabilities in the practical implementation of the cryptosystem, primarily in the means of cryptographic protection [3, 8–11].

The possibility of using quantum technology by the enemy and/or cybercriminals to hack the command and control system of troops and weapons is questionable to ensure cryptographic stability of cryptograms, which are based on modern algorithms of symmetric and asymmetric cryptography. This requires in the post-quantum period to significantly increase the length of key messages [8], as well as to use post-quantum cryptographic algorithms, among which one of the most promising are algorithms of crypto-code constructs McEliece, based on algebraic geometry or LDPC codes (Low Density Parity Code).

**The aim and objectives of the study.** The aim of the work is to study the mechanisms of ensuring the security of the channels of a promising system of joint leadership and military management based on post-quantum algorithms. To achieve the aim of the work it is necessary to solve the following tasks:

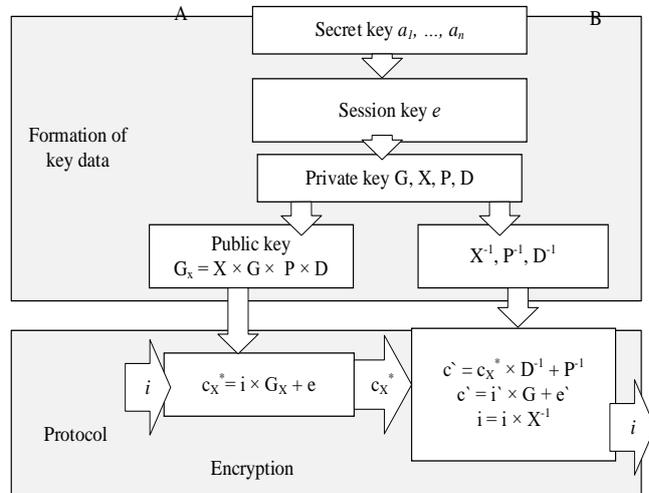
- analysis of construction of McEliece crypto-code constructions on algebraic geometric codes and/or unprofitable codes;
- construction of Niederreiter crypto-code constructions on LDPC and/or unprofitable codes;
- assessment of the stability of the proposed crypto-code structures.

**Analysis of McEliece crypto-code constructions on algebraic geometric codes and/or loss-making codes**

The main advantage of crypto-code constructions is the integrated combination of symmetric encryption –

speed of crypto-transformations, and asymmetric encryption – providing cryptographic stability based on a theoretically complex problem – decoding random code, as well as building crypto-code constructions (CCC) based on interference methods. coding provides the ability to correct errors, which, in turn, allows you to use a data transfer approach with direct error correction. However, a significant drawback is the complexity of their practical implementation in the GF alphabet (2<sup>10</sup>-2<sup>13</sup>), as well as significant energy costs. In addition, [12] proposed a practical algorithm for breaking these structures using cyclic noise-tolerant codes, the essence of which is to find the elements of the generating matrix and remove the effect of masking matrices. The orthogonality of the matrices – generating and testing – allows to consider the effectiveness of the attack on the Niederreiter scheme. Promising direction of elimination of the revealed regularities in [12] suggests to use cascade or algebrogeometric codes – codes constructed on the basis of algebra of the theory of noise-tolerant coding and geometrical parameters of a curve, in particular elliptic curves.

The formation of the crypto-code structure of McEliece is shown in fig. 1. Let G be a generating matrix of linear (n, k, d) code over GF(q) with polynomial decoding complexity, X be a nondegenerate k' k'-matrix over GF(q), D be a diagonal matrix with non-zero diagonal elements, P is an adjustable matrix of size n' n. The permutable matrix implements the permutation of the coordinates of the vector in the form of matrix multiplication, namely, the element p<sub>ij</sub> of the matrix P is equal to 1 if and only if the coordinate with the number i passes by permutation into the coordinate with the number j. In other cases p<sub>ij</sub> = 0. Thus, the matrix P contains only one unit in each column and in each row. The product of the matrices L = P × D specifies the permutable matrix L with nonzero elements of the field GF(q). The permutable matrix L (unipotent matrix) when rearranging the coordinates of the vector preserves the Heming distance, i.e. d(a, b) = d(a × L, b × L), where d(x, y) is the Heming distance between the vectors x and y [11–14].



**Fig. 1. Data exchange protocol using the McEliece CCC on the EC**

The public key in an asymmetric cryptosystem based on McEliece CCC is the generating matrix  $G_X = X \times G \times P \times D$ , obtained by multiplying the linear generation matrix  $(n, k, d)$  code on  $GF(q)$  on the masking matrix  $(X, P, D)$ , personal (private) key are matrices  $X, P, D$ . Closed information (codogram) is a vector of length  $n$  and is calculated as a rule

$$c_X^* = i \times G_X + e, \quad (1)$$

where vector  $c_X = i \times G_X$  belongs to  $(n, k, d)$  code with a generating matrix  $G_X$ ;  $i$  –  $k$ -bit information vector; vector  $e$  – secret weight error vector  $\ell t$  (session secret key).

The general scheme of algebraic geometric coding was first proposed in [12]. Let  $C$  – class divisors on  $X$  degree  $\alpha$ . Then  $C$  sets the display  $\phi: X \rightarrow P^m$ , set of generator functions  $y_i = \phi(x_i)$  specifies the algebraic geometry code of length  $n \leq N$ .

Code characteristics  $(n, k, d)$  related by ratio  $k + d \geq n - g + 1$ . If  $2g - 2 < \alpha \leq n$ , then the code is related to the characteristics  $(n, \alpha - g + 1, d), d \geq n - \alpha$ .

The code dual to it is also algebraic with characteristics  $(n, n - \alpha + g - 1, d_\perp), d_\perp \geq \alpha - 2g + 2$ . Set the McEliece CCC based on elliptical codes as follows [11]. Let  $G^{EC}$  – generating matrix for elliptical  $(n, k, d)$  code on  $GF(q)$  of view:

$$G^{EC} = \begin{pmatrix} F_0(P_0) & F_0(P_1) & \dots & F_0(P_{n-1}) \\ F_1(P_0) & F_1(P_1) & \dots & F_1(P_{n-1}) \\ \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots \\ F_{k-1}(P_0) & F_{k-1}(P_1) & \dots & F_{k-1}(P_{n-1}) \end{pmatrix} = \left\| F_j(P_i) \right\|_{n,k} \quad (2)$$

and dimension  $k'n, k = a, a = 3 \times \text{deg}F$ .

Let  $X$  – nondegenerate  $k'k$ -matrix on  $GF(q)$ ,  $D$  – diagonal matrix with non-zero diagonal elements,  $P$  – permutable matrix size  $n'n$ . Define an asymmetric McEliece CCC with an elliptical code: public key matrix  $G_X^{EC} = X \times G^{EC} \times P \times D$ , personal (private) key – matrices  $X, P, D$ .

Closed information (codegram) is a vector of length  $n$  and is calculated according to the rule:  $c_X^* = i \times G_X^{EC} + e$ , where the vector belongs to the elliptical  $(n, k, d)$  code with a generating matrix  $G_X^{EC}$ ,  $i$  –  $k$ -bit information vector, vector  $e$  – secret weight error vector  $\ell t$ . The formation of the Niederreiter crypto-code construction is shown in Fig. 2.

Let  $H$  – test matrix of linear  $(n, k, d)$  code on  $GF(q)$  with polynomial decoding complexity. Let  $X$  – nondegenerate  $r'r$ -matrix on  $GF(q)$ ,  $D$  – діагональна матриця з ненульовими елементами на діагоналі,  $P$  – permutation matrix of size  $n'n$ . The public key in the Niederreiter scheme is the matrix  $H_X = X \times H \times P \times D$ , the personal (private) key is the masking matrices –  $X, P, D$ . Closed information (codegram)  $S_X$  is a syndrome-vector of length  $r = n - k$  and is calculated according to the rule:

$$S_X = e \times H_X^T, \quad (3)$$

where vector  $e$  – vector of length  $n$  and weight  $\ell t$ , carrying confidential information (information message to be closed).

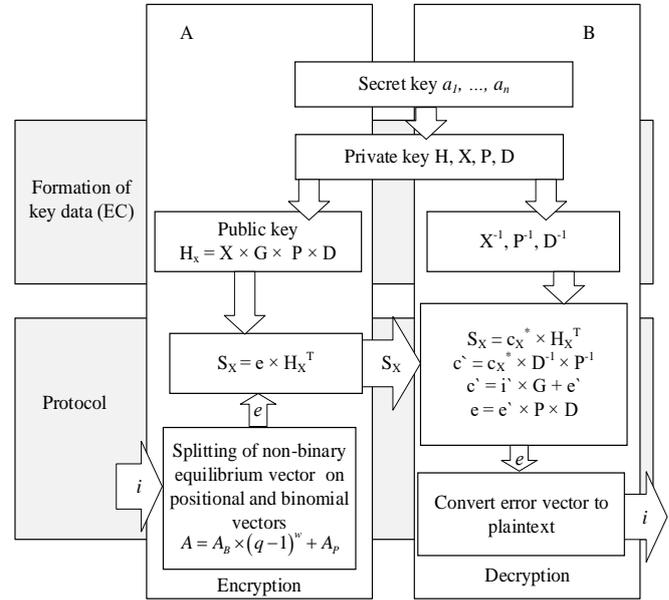


Fig. 2. Protocol of data exchange using Niederreiter CCC on the EC

To transmit non-binary symbols in [11], an algorithm for forming a non-binary equilibrium code sequence is proposed, which is schematically shown in Fig. 3.

The method of non-binary equilibrium coding on the basis of generalized binomial-positional representation allows to implement an asymmetric cryptosystem with Niederreiter CCC on the basis of algebraic geometric codes (AGC), which significantly enhances its statistical cryptographic stability and provide the necessary data reliability and efficiency.

In order to reduce the energy consumption of CCC, it is proposed to use modified elliptical codes - shortened and/or extended, which reduce the field strength to  $GF(2^6-2^8)$ , as well as maintain the required level of stability through the use of additional initialization vectors. To modify the elliptical code that does not reduce the minimum code distance, it is proposed to reduce the number of information symbols.

Let  $I = (I_1, I_2, \dots, I_k)$  – information vector  $(n, k, d)$  of block code. Determine the subset  $h$  of information symbols,  $|h| = x, x \leq 1/2k$ . Place in the information vector  $I$  in the subset  $h$  zeros, ie  $I_i = 0, \forall I_i \in h$ . At other positions of vector  $I$  we will place information symbols.

When encoding the information vector, the characters of the set  $h$  are not used (they are zero) and can be discarded, and the resulting code word will be shorter by  $x$  code characters. To modify (shorten) elliptical codes, it is proposed to use reducing the set of curve points. Then shortened elliptical  $(n, k, d)$  code on  $GF(q)$ , built through the reflection of the view  $\varphi: X \rightarrow P^{k-1}$ , connected by characteristics  $k + d \geq n$ , moreover:  $n = 2\sqrt{q} + q + 1 - x, k \geq \alpha - x, d \geq n - \alpha, \alpha = 3 \times \text{deg}F$ .

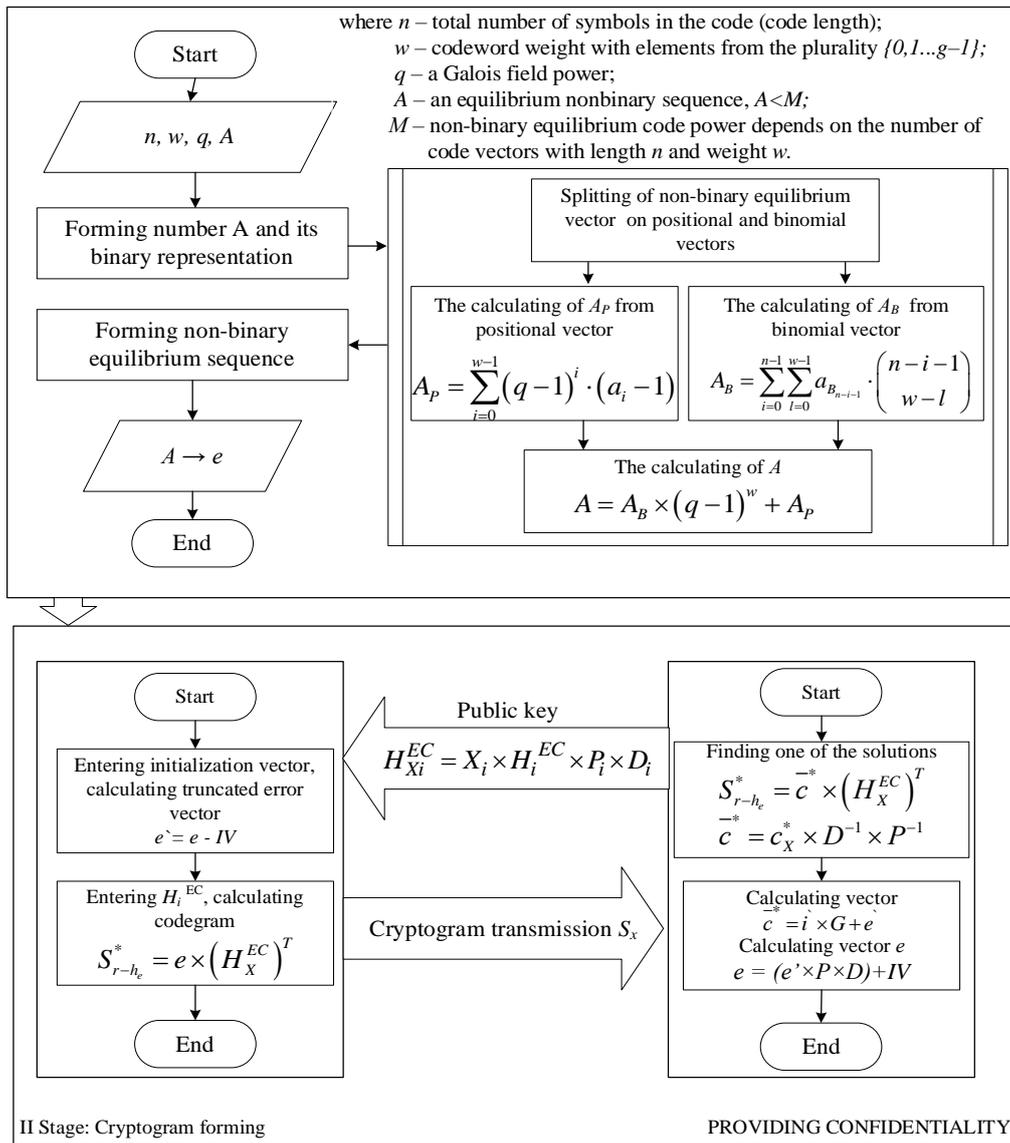


Fig. 3. Scheme of formation of code words of non-binary equilibrium code

Shortened elliptical  $(n, k, d)$  code on  $GF(2^m)$ , built through the reflection of the view  $\varphi: X \rightarrow P^{k-1}$ , determines the modified CCC (MCCC) on the modified elliptical codes (MEC) with parameters:

– secret key dimension:

$$l_{K+} = x \cdot \lceil \log_2 (2\sqrt{q} + q + 1) \rceil; \quad l_I = (\alpha - x) \cdot m; \quad (4)$$

– dimension of information vector (in bits):

$$l_I = (\alpha - x) \cdot m; \quad (5)$$

– dimension of the codegram:

$$l_S = (2\sqrt{q} + q + 1 - x) \cdot m; \quad (6)$$

– relative encoding rate:

$$R = (\alpha - x) / (2\sqrt{q} + q + 1 - x). \quad (7)$$

Fig. 4 shows the algorithm for forming a cryptogram/codogram. The decoding algorithm in the McEliece MCCC with shortened MES is shown in Fig. 5.

The second way to modify the linear block code, which maintains a minimum code distance and increases

the amount of transmitted data, is to lengthen its length after the formation of the initialization vector, by reducing the information symbols. Let  $I = (I_1, I_2, \dots, I_k)$  – information vector  $(n, k, d)$  block code. Choose a subset  $h$  of information symbols,  $|h| = x$ ,  $x \leq 1/2 k$  and form the initialization vector. Place in the information vector  $I$  in the subset  $h$  zeros, ie  $I_i = 0, \forall I_i \in h$ . At other positions of vector  $I$  we will place information symbols. After that, we add information symbols in the position of the initialization vector. To modify (lengthen) the elliptical codes, we will use decreasing the set of curve points.

Parameters of extended by  $x_1$  characters from  $GF(q)$  elliptical code constructed through the mapping of the view  $\varphi: (X \cup \mathcal{H}_1) \rightarrow P^{k-1}$ ,  $n = 2\sqrt{q} + q + 1 - x + x_1$  will be connected by such relationships:

$$n = 2\sqrt{q} + q + 1 - x + x_1,$$

$$k \geq \alpha - x + x_1, \quad d \geq n - \alpha, \quad \alpha = 3 \times \deg F.$$

Elongated elliptical  $(n, k, d)$  code on  $GF(2^m)$ , built through the reflection of the view  $\varphi: (X \cup \mathcal{H}_1) \rightarrow P^{k-1}$ , determines the MCCC with parameters:

– secret key dimension (in bits):

$$l_{K+} = (x - x_1) \cdot \left\lceil \log_2 (2\sqrt{q} + q + 1) \right\rceil; \quad (8)$$

– dimension of information vector (in bits):

$$l_I = (\alpha - x + x_1) \cdot m; \quad (9)$$

– cryptogram dimension (in bits):

$$l_S = (2\sqrt{q} + q + 1 - x + x_1) \cdot m; \quad (10)$$

– relative baud rate:

$$R = (\alpha - x + x_1) / (2\sqrt{q} + q + 1 - x + x_1). \quad (11)$$

For Niederreiter CCC, an additional initialization vector is used to define codewords that satisfy the decoding algorithm. Fig. 6 and 7 show the protocol of exchange in an asymmetric cryptosystem based on Niederreiter CCC on extended and shortened MEC. The algorithm for forming a cryptogram in the modified Niederreiter CCC at MEC, taking into account the identified pattern, will be presented in the form of a sequence of steps [11, 16, 17]:

*Step 1.* Entering the information to be encoded, one of the elements of a set of suitable plaintexts. Public key input  $H_X^{EC}$ .

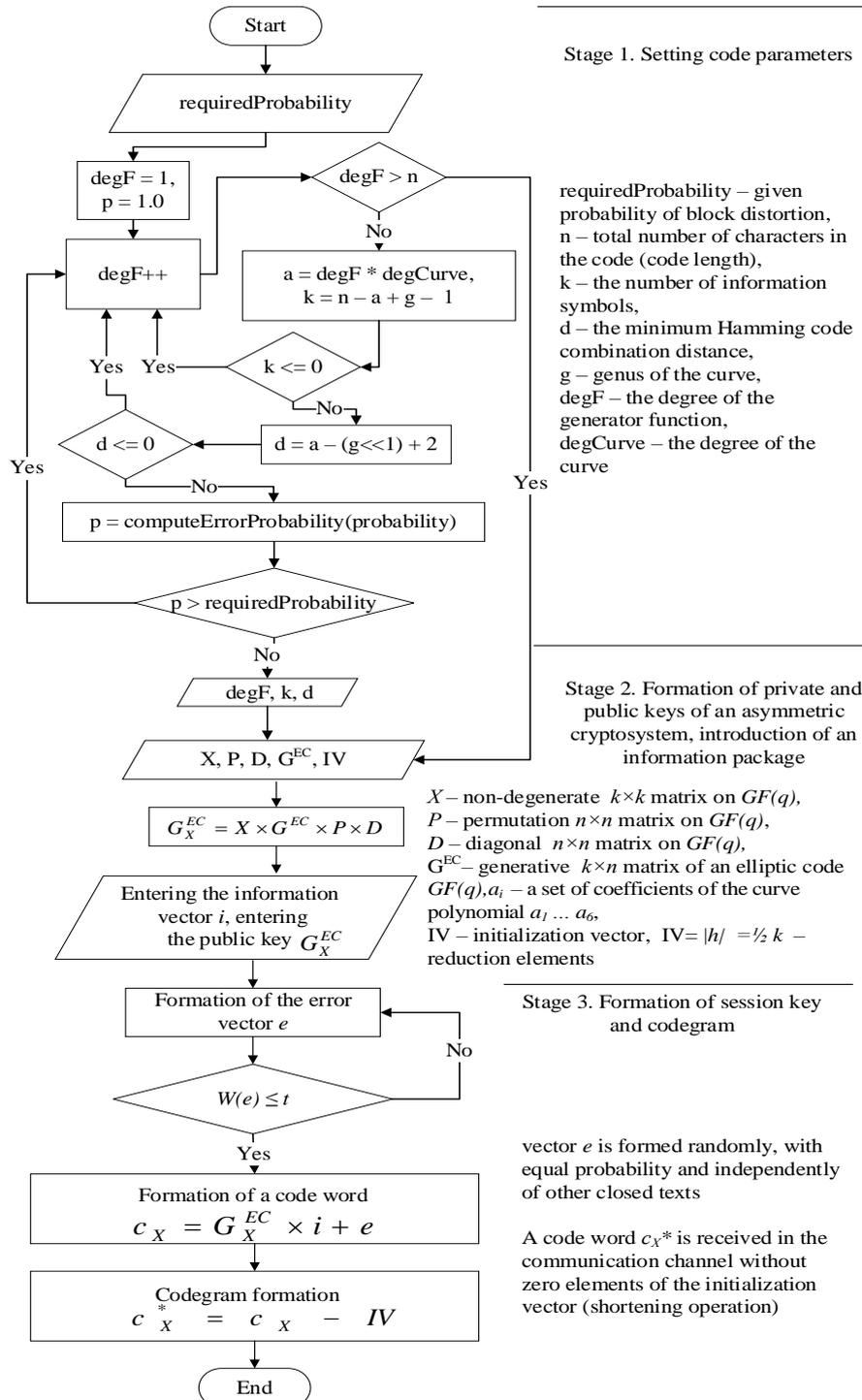


Fig. 4. Algorithm for forming a codogram in the McEliece MCCC with shortened MEC

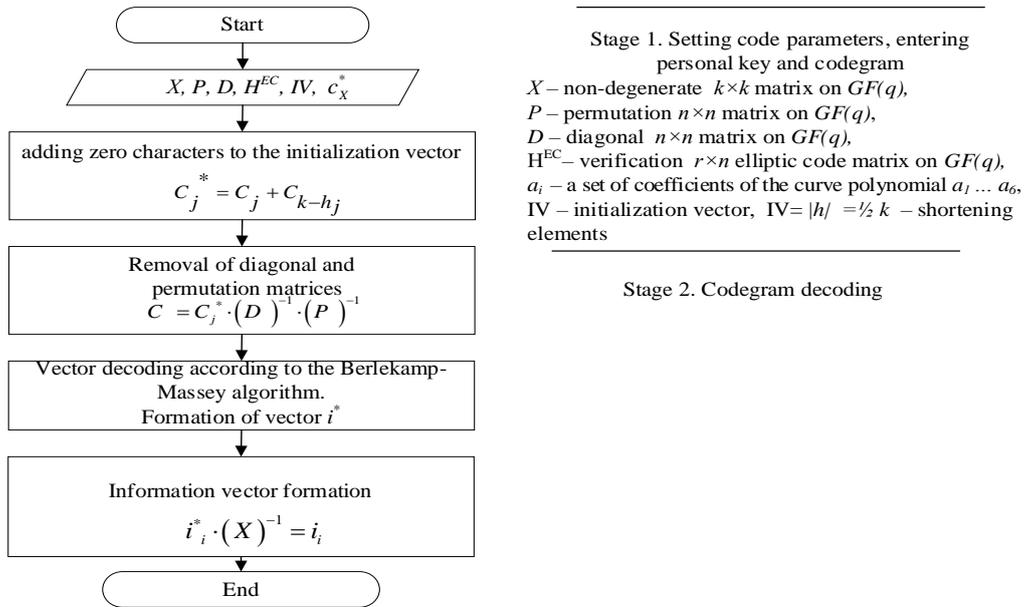


Fig. 5. Decoding algorithm in the McEliece MCCC with shortened MES

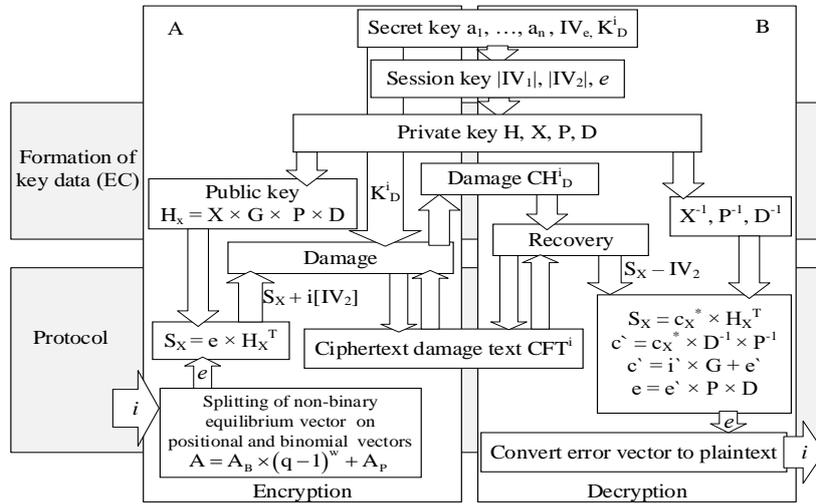


Fig. 6. Exchange protocol in an asymmetric cryptosystem based on Niederreiter CCC on extended MEC

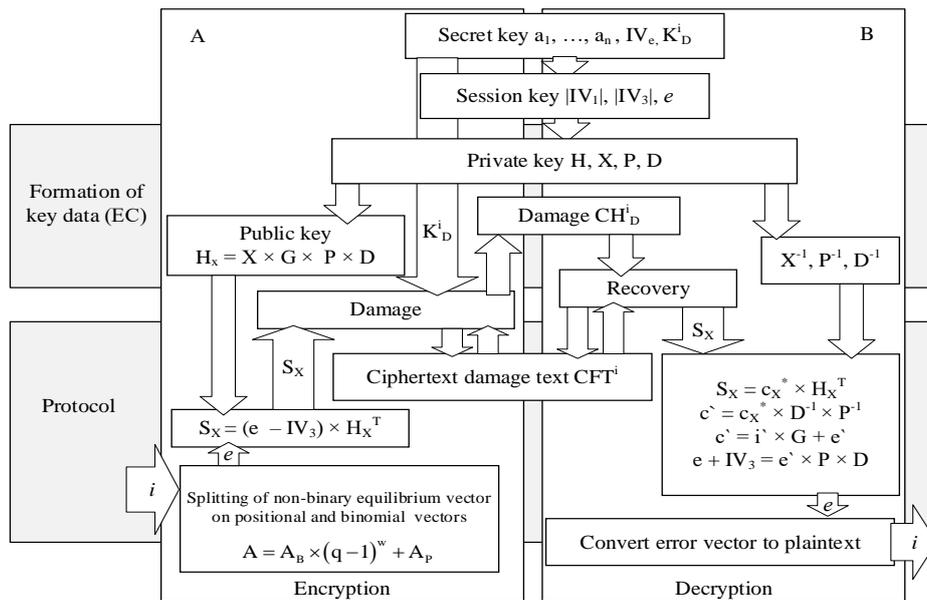


Fig. 7. Exchange protocol in an asymmetric cryptosystem based on Niederreiter CCC on shortened MEC

Step 2. Formation of an error vector  $e$ , the weight of which does not exceed  $\mathcal{L}t$  (corrective ability of the elliptical code based on the algorithm of non-binary equilibrium coding).

Step 3. Formation of the initialization vector  $IV_1$ .

Step 4. Formation of a shortened error vector:  $e_x = e(A) - IV_2$ .

Step 5. Codogram formation:

$$S_{r-h_e}^* = (e_n - h_e) \times H_X^{EC^T}.$$

The algorithm for decoding the codogram in the modified Niederreiter CCC on MEC will be written as a sequence of steps [11, 16, 17]:

Step 1. Input of the codogram  $S_x$ , which is decoding. Private key input – matrices  $X, P, D$ .

Step 2. Finding one of the possible solutions of the equation:  $S_{r-h_e}^* = \bar{c}^* \times (H_X^{EC})^T$ .

Step 3. Removal of diagonal and permutable matrices influence:  $\bar{c}^* = c_X^* \cdot D^{-1} \cdot P^{-1}$ .

Step 4. Decoding of the vector  $\bar{c}^*$ . Formation of the vector  $e_x'$ .

Step 5. Transformation of the vector  $e_x'$ :  $e_x = e_x' \times P \times D$ .

Step 6. Formation of the desired vector of error  $e$ :  $e = e_x + IV_2$ .

Step 7. Transformation of the vector  $e$  based on the use of non-binary equilibrium code into an information sequence.

To further reduce energy costs while maintaining the level of sustainability, it is proposed to create a hybrid McEliece, Niederreiter CCC (HCCC) with MEC based on the use of unprofitable codes. The theoretical basis for the construction of unprofitable texts is to remove the order of the symbols of the source text and, as a consequence, reduce the redundancy of language symbols in the unprofitable text. The amount of information expressing this order will be equal to the decrease in the entropy of the text compared to the

maximum possible value of entropy, the corresponding lack of order in the text in general, i.e., equally likely to appear any letter after any previous letter [18, 19]. Cryptographic unprofitable texts are texts obtained in the following ways [18, 19]: damage to the original text with subsequent encryption of unprofitable text and/or its losses, damage to ciphertext, damage to ciphertext of unprofitable text and/or ciphertext of losses.

Taking into account that the McEliece and Niederreiter CCC use the same approach to the formation of the private key (masking matrices are similar), and coding and decoding algorithms use the classical algorithms of noise-tolerant coding theory, it is proposed to use the approach to assessing the stability of HCCC, proposed in [11]. The overall stability of the proposed approach to the formation of HCCC consists of the stability of the modified cryptocode structure of Niederreiter and the stability of the multichannel cryptosystem on unprofitable codes. Universal mechanism of damage  $C_m$  can be described as:

$$\begin{aligned} CFT / CH_{FT} &= E_1(M, KU^{EC}), \\ CHD / CH_D &= E_2(M, KU^{EC}), \end{aligned} \quad (12)$$

$$M = E_{1,2}^{-1}(CFT / CH_{FT}, CHD / CH_D, KU^{EC}),$$

$$CFT / CH_{FT} = CFT / CH_{FT}^i, \dots, CFT / CH_{FT}^m,$$

$$KU^{EC} = \varphi(K_D^i, \dots, K_D^m, KU_1^{EC}, \dots, KU_m^{EC}),$$

$$CHD / CH_D = CHD / CH_D^i, \dots, CHD / CH_D^m$$

Thus, as a result we have two ciphertexts (loss ( $CH_D$ ) and unprofitable text ( $FT_C$ )), each of which does not make sense either in the alphabet of the original text or in the alphabet of ciphertext. In fact, the ciphertext of the original message ( $M$ ) is presented as a set of two unprofitable ciphertexts, each of which separately cannot recover the original text.

The main methods of damage are shown in Fig. 8 and Fig. 9. They reflect the basic protocols for providing security services based on the use of lossy codes.

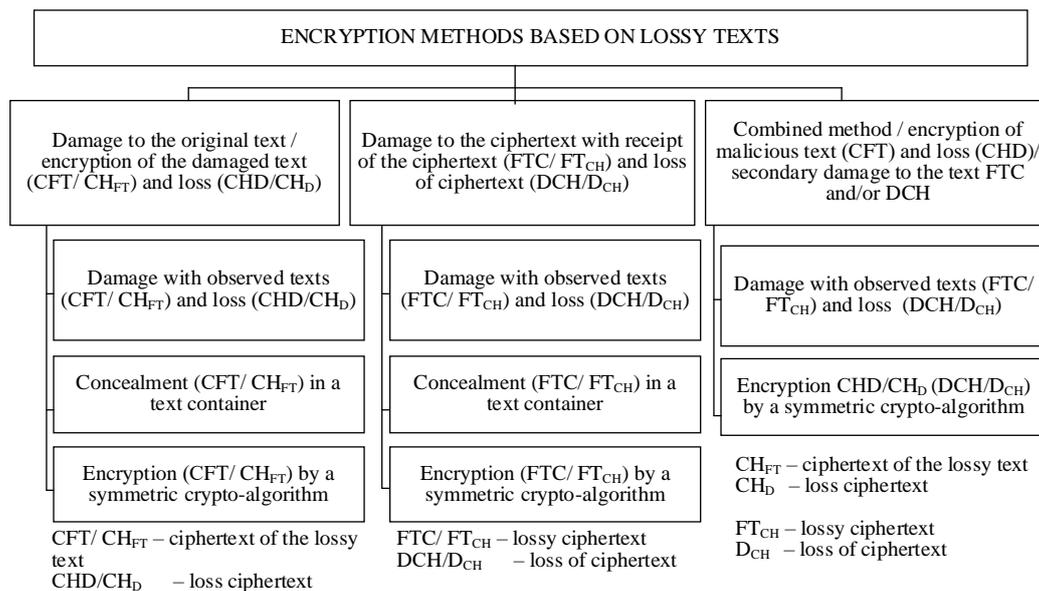
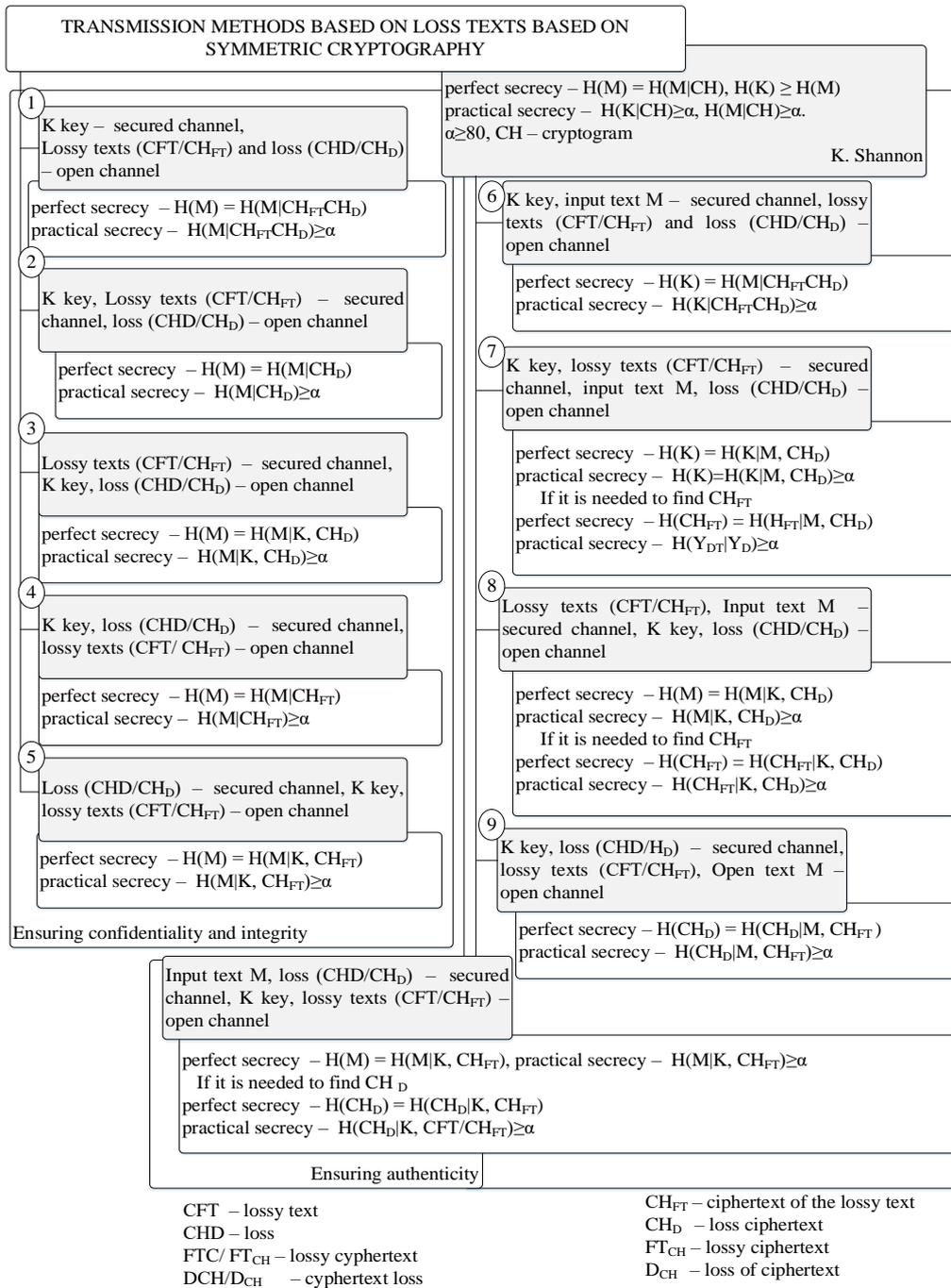


Fig. 8. The main methods of damage



**Fig. 9.** Basic protocols for providing security services

The main advantage of the proposed methods and protocols for providing security services based on the use of lossy codes is the use not, and McEliece and Niederreiter MCCC on modified shortened or extended EC to ensure cryptocurrency and / or lossy text.

The unity distance for a random cipher model for which there is a probability to obtain meaningful text by randomly and equally probable selection of the key  $K$  and an attempt to decrypt the ciphertext when

$$N_S = H(K) \frac{2^{HL}}{|I|^L} = 1 \text{ is equal to:}$$

$$L = U_0 = \frac{H(K)}{\log |I| - H} = \frac{H(K)}{B \log |I|}, \quad (13)$$

where  $B$  – redundancy of the source text;  $H$  – entropy on the letter of the meaningful text in the input alphabet  $I$ ,  $|I| > 2$ ;  $2^{HL}$  – the approximate value of the number of meaningful texts.

Thus, a necessary and sufficient condition for the loss of meaningless text is to reduce the code lengths of text characters beyond their redundancy. As a result, the unprofitable text has a length less than the length of the source text, and does not make sense of the source text [18, 19].

A quantitative measure of the effectiveness of the damage is the degree of destruction of the value equal to the difference between the entropy of the unprofitable text and the source text at different segments of the length of the unprofitable text:

$$d = H(FTC) - \sum_{i=1}^s H(M_i) p_i, \quad (14)$$

$$\sum_{i=1}^s p_i = 1, s = \lceil (L_0 - L_{FTC}) / L_{FTC} \rceil \quad (15)$$

where  $M_i$  – part of the source text corresponding to the  $i$ -th segment;  $p_i$  – its probability;  $L_0$  – length  $M_i$  equal to the length of  $L_{FTC}$  – lossy text;  $s$  – number of segments.

Fig. 10 shows a universal mechanism of damage (algorithm MV2 (lossy text formation)).

The transformation definition set in the MV2 algorithm is a set  $\{0, 1\}^n$  – consider as the power of the alphabet of a family of source texts, which is associated

with some probability distribution of the letters of this alphabet, and the symbols of the source text – the value of a discrete random element [18].

The main methods of damage are shown in Fig. 11–13. To determine the optimal method, we analyze the ratio of the number of required additional operations to implement the approach to the size of the resulting source data. The dependence of group operations of HCCC implementation on field strength is given in table 3. Table 4 shows the length of the transmitted data. The ratio of these values shows the bit rate of the bandwidth for each additional operation (Table 5).

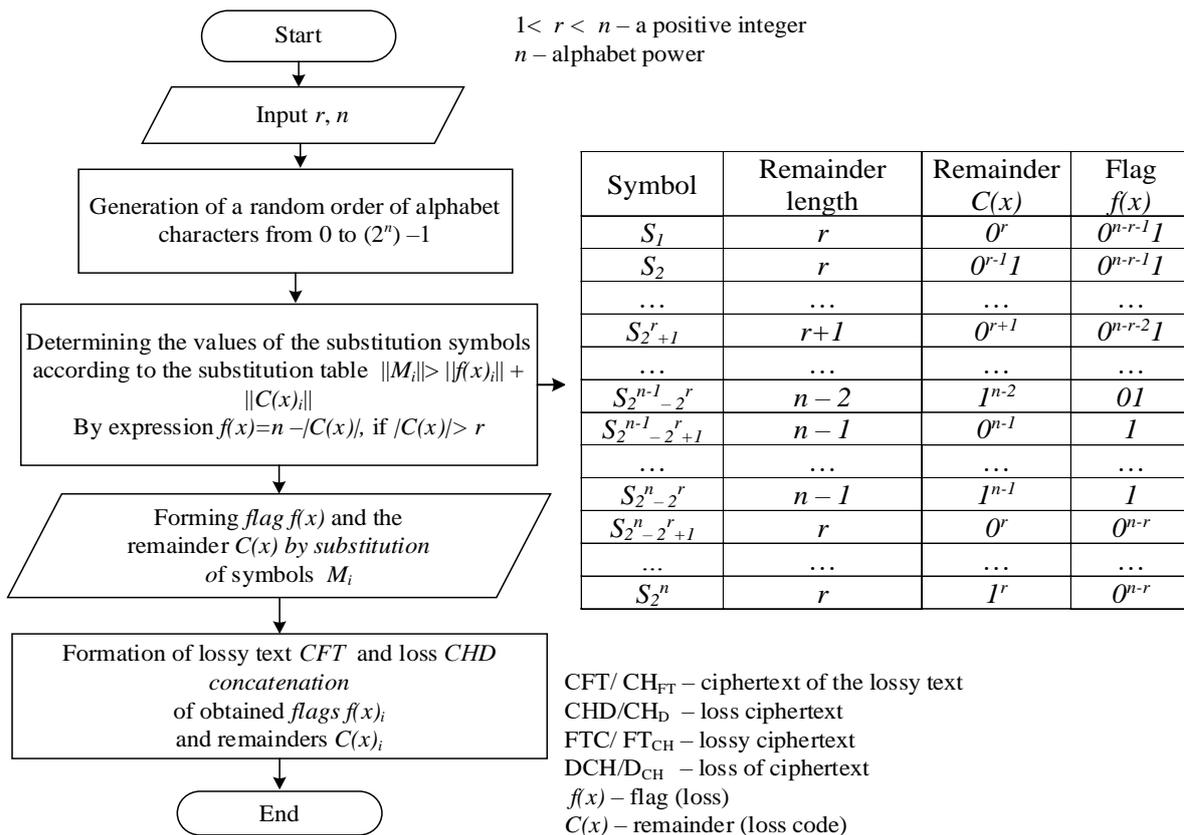


Fig. 10. Universal mechanism of damage - algorithm MV2

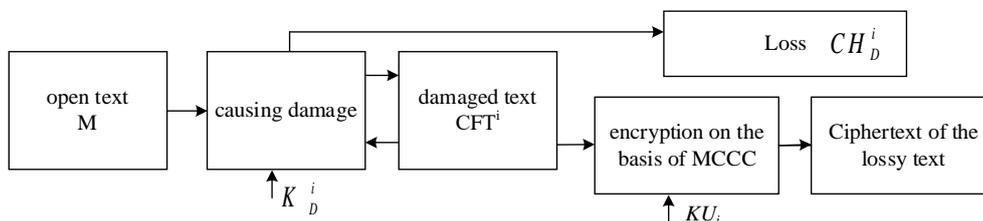


Fig. 11. Block diagram of a hybrid cryptosystem based on damage to the original text (approach 1)

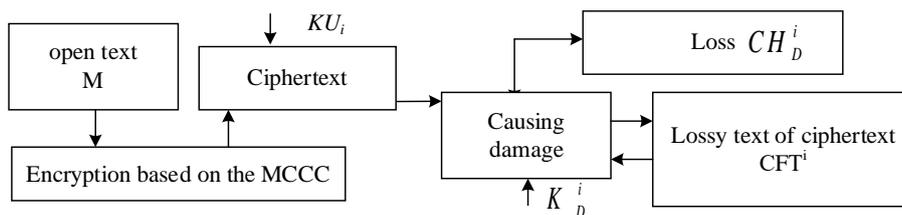


Fig. 12. Block diagram of a hybrid cryptosystem based on damage to ciphertext (approach 2)

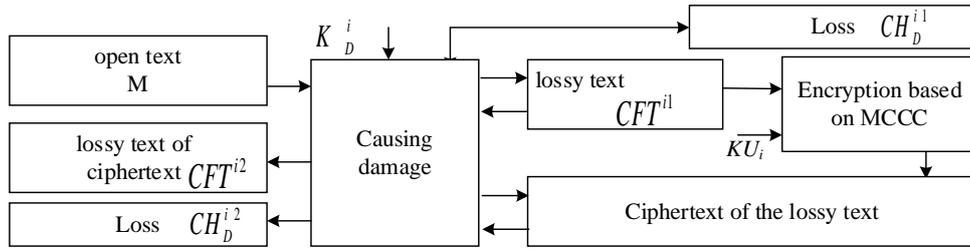


Fig. 13. Block diagram of a hybrid cryptosystem based on damage to the original text and ciphertext (approach 3)

Table 3 – Dependence of software implementation on field strength (number of thousands of additional operations before encryption / after / amount)

Approach	2 <sup>5</sup>	2 <sup>7</sup>	2 <sup>9</sup>	2 <sup>11</sup>
1	1002/-/1002	3285/-/3285	6322/-/6322	11078/-/8247
2	-/1501/1501	-/4289/4289	-/9296/9296	-/15908/15908
3	992/1487/2479	2952/4428/7380	5793/8690/14483	10086/15130/25216

Table 4 – Length of transmitted data in bytes

Approach	2 <sup>5</sup>	2 <sup>7</sup>	2 <sup>9</sup>	2 <sup>11</sup>
1	500902	902403	1642357	2374489
2	375298	667029	1072313	1652979
3	627533	1044069	1868102	2716713

Table 5 – Number of bits per additional operation

Approach	2 <sup>5</sup>	2 <sup>7</sup>	2 <sup>9</sup>	2 <sup>11</sup>
1	2.5E-04	4.55E-04	4.812E-04	4.341E-04
2	4.999E-04	8.038E-04	<b>10.836E-04</b>	<b>12.03E-04</b>
3	4.938E-04	8.836E-04	9.691E-04	11.602E-04

Thus, the use of approach 3 in inflicting damage to ciphertext from the Niederreiter on MEC is shown in Fig. 7 increases the bandwidth in the field  $GF(2^9)$ . This method is the optimal approach for building a hybrid CCC.

The algorithm for forming a cryptogram in Niederreiter HCCC is shown in Fig. 14, 15:

Step 1. Entering information to be encoded. Entering a public key  $H_X^{EC}$ .

Step 2. Formation of the error vector  $e$ , the weight of which does not exceed  $\ell t$  – corrects the ability of MEC based on the algorithm of non-binary equilibrium coding [11].

Step 3. Formation of a shortened error vector:  $e_x = e(A) - IV$

Step 4. Codogram formation:

$$S_{r-h_e}^* = (e_n - h_e) \times H_X^{EC^T}.$$

Step 5. Formation of unprofitable text (balance) and flag (loss):

$$E_{KMV2} : S_{r-h_e}^* \rightarrow \|f(x)_i\| + \|C(x)_i\|. \quad (16)$$

The codegram decoding algorithm in Niederreiter HCCC is shown in Fig. 16, 17:

Step 1. Obtaining meaningful text of the codegram based on the MV2 algorithm:

$$E_{KMV2}^{-1} : \|f(x)_i\| + \|C(x)_i\| \rightarrow S_{r-h_e}^*. \quad (17)$$

Step 2. Input of the  $S_X$  codegram to be decoded. Entering a private key – matrices  $X, P, D$ .

Step 3. Finding one of the possible solutions to the equation

$$S_{r-h_e}^* = \bar{c}^* \times (H_X^{MEC})^T. \quad (18)$$

Step 4. Removing the effect of diagonal and permutation matrices:

$$\bar{c}^* = c_X^* \cdot D^{-1} \cdot P^{-1}. \quad (19)$$

Step 5. Decoding of the vector  $\bar{c}^*$ . The formation of the vector  $e_x'$ .

Step 6. Transformation of the vector  $e_x'$ :

$$e_x = e_x' \times P \times D. \quad (20)$$

Step 7. Formation of the desired error vector  $e$ :

$$e = e_x + IV \quad (21)$$

Step 8. Transformation of the vector  $e$  based on the use of a non-binary equilibrium code into an information sequence.

### Construction of Niederreiter's crypto-code constructions on LDPC and/or lossy codes

Low Density Parity Check (LDPC) codes are linear block codes whose check matrices in each column and each row have a small number of ones compared to the number of zeros in them [20–25].

To form the CCC on LDPC codes and/or lossy codes, we will use the approach of forming the  $H$  matrix, which is proposed in works [20–22].

A regular LDPC code with block length  $n$  is formed on the basis of the check matrix  $H$ , which is characterized

by a constant number of ones in a row  $W_r$  and a constant number of ones in the column  $W_c$ .

The verification matrix  $H$  has a low density of ones (the density of ones is considered low if the specific part of ones is less than 50% of all elements of the verification matrix).

Based on the given parameters  $n$ ,  $W_r$ ,  $W_c$  the corrective properties of the code  $t$ , bits are changed. At the same time, the position of the ones in the verification matrix  $H$  is formed on the basis of random permutations of the columns of the base submatrix, which contains only one one in each column.

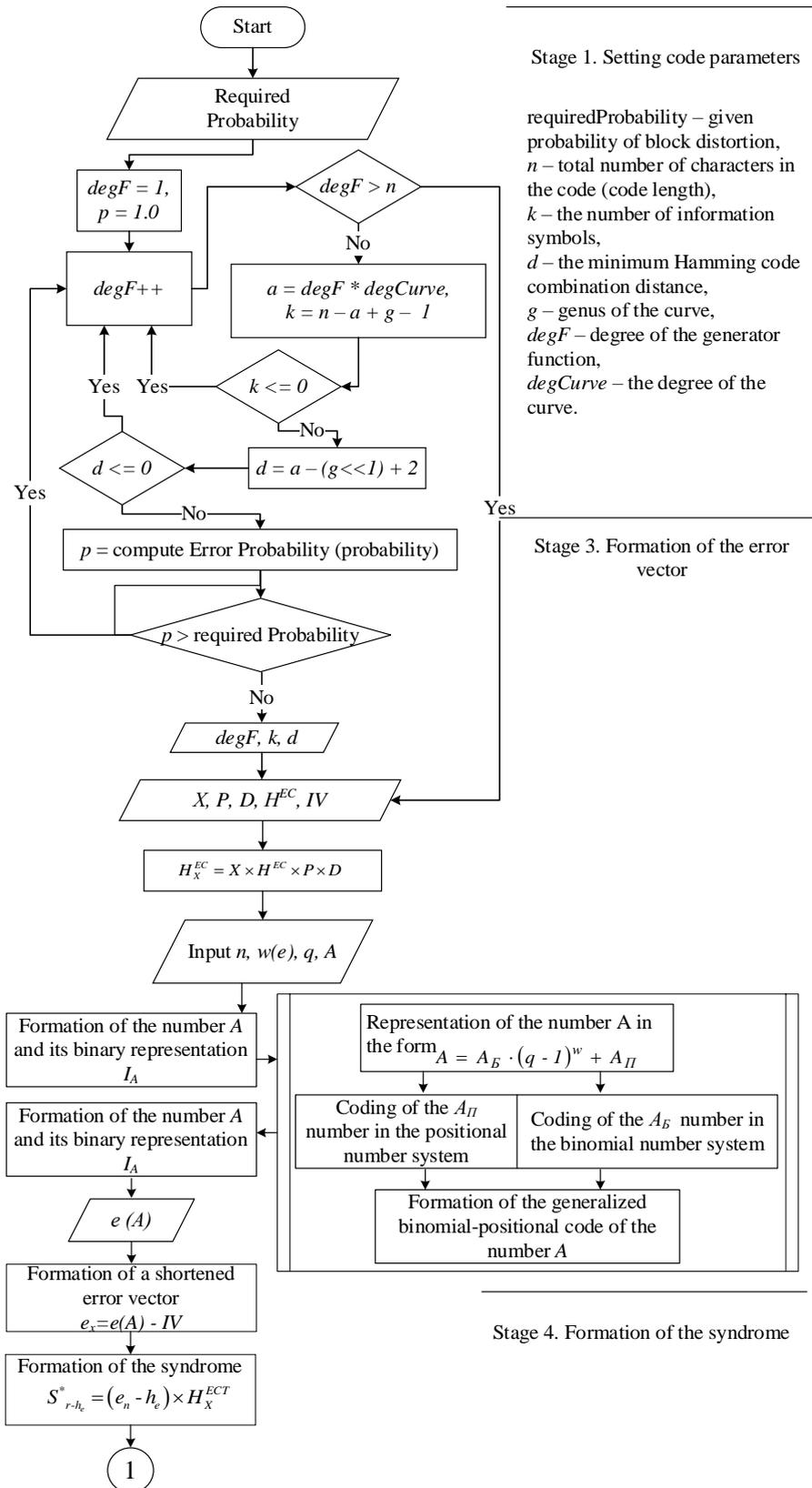


Fig. 14. Codegram formation in Niederreiter HCCC on MEC

At the same time, the speed of the regular LDPC code, depending on the parameters of the check matrix, is determined by the formula:

$$r_k = \frac{n - \left( \frac{n \cdot W_c / W_r -}{-(W_c - 1)} \right)}{n} = (22)$$

$$= 1 - \frac{W_c}{W_r} + \frac{W_c - 1}{n}$$

At the same time, LDPC code  $H$  matrices of the same size and with the same parameters can generate codes with different code distance  $d$  and correction ability  $t$ . From this follows the task of finding the best verification matrix of the LDPC code with the given parameters  $n$ ,  $W_r$ ,  $W_c$  by the criterion of the maximum corrective capacity

$$t_{\max} \leq (d_{\max} - 2)/2.$$

The verification matrix of the LDPC code can be represented as:

$$H = \begin{bmatrix} H_1 / \pi_1(H_1) \\ \vdots / \pi_{W_c-1}(H_1) \end{bmatrix}, \quad (23)$$

where  $H_1$  – base submatrix,  $\pi_1(H_1)$  – submatrices obtained by randomly permuting the columns of the base submatrix  $H_1$ ,  $i = 1, 2, \dots, W_c - 1$ .

The verification matrix  $H$  can be reduced to the form:

$$H = [A | I_{n-k}], \quad (24)$$

where  $A$  – some fixed  $((n-k) \times k)$  – matrix with 0 and 1 (no longer sparse with ones), and  $I_{n-k}$  – a ones matrix of size  $((n-k) \times (n-k))$ .

The code word generation matrix  $G$  has the form:

$$G = [I_k | -A^T]. \quad (25)$$

If the matrix  $H$  is presented in the form (24), then the matrix  $G$  (25) is easily obtained from the matrix  $H$  by transformations using the Gaussian method [26, 27]. The code distance  $d$  for a regular LDPC code is defined as follows:  $d$  is equal to the smallest number of columns of the  $H$  matrix, which in sum give 0;  $d$  is equal to the smallest weight of a row (the number of ones in a row) of the matrix  $G$ .

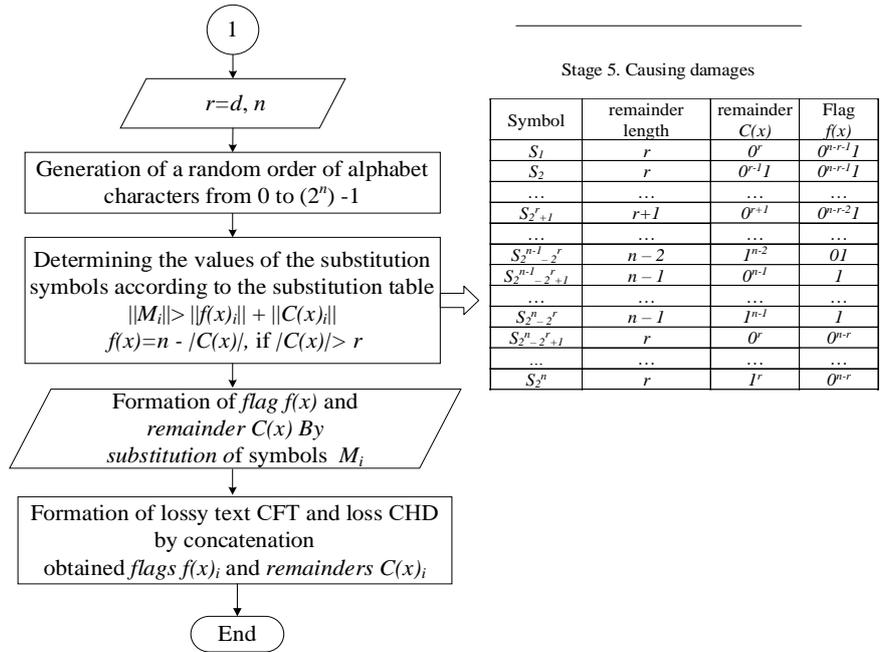


Fig. 15. Codegram formation in Niederreiter HCCC on MEC

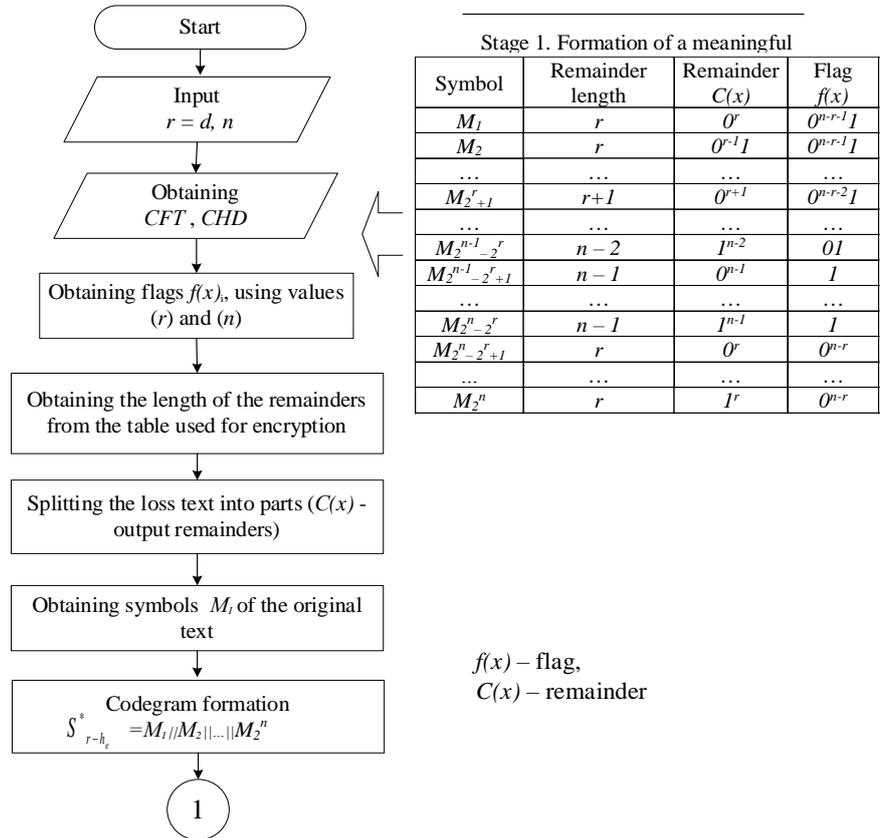


Fig. 16. Codegram decoding in Niederreiter HCCC on MEC

Use of these codes ensures compliance with the IEEE 802.16 standard. LDPC codes in the IEEE 802.16e standard are all represented by independent check matrices. For these verification matrices, there are a total of six basic matrices that's why 802.16e LDPC codes have strict structures and dimensions. Suppose the verification matrix  $H$  has size  $m \times n$ , where  $m$  is the number of parity checks and  $n$  – is the number of codeword coordinates. Thus, the code size (number of source symbols)  $k = n - m$ .

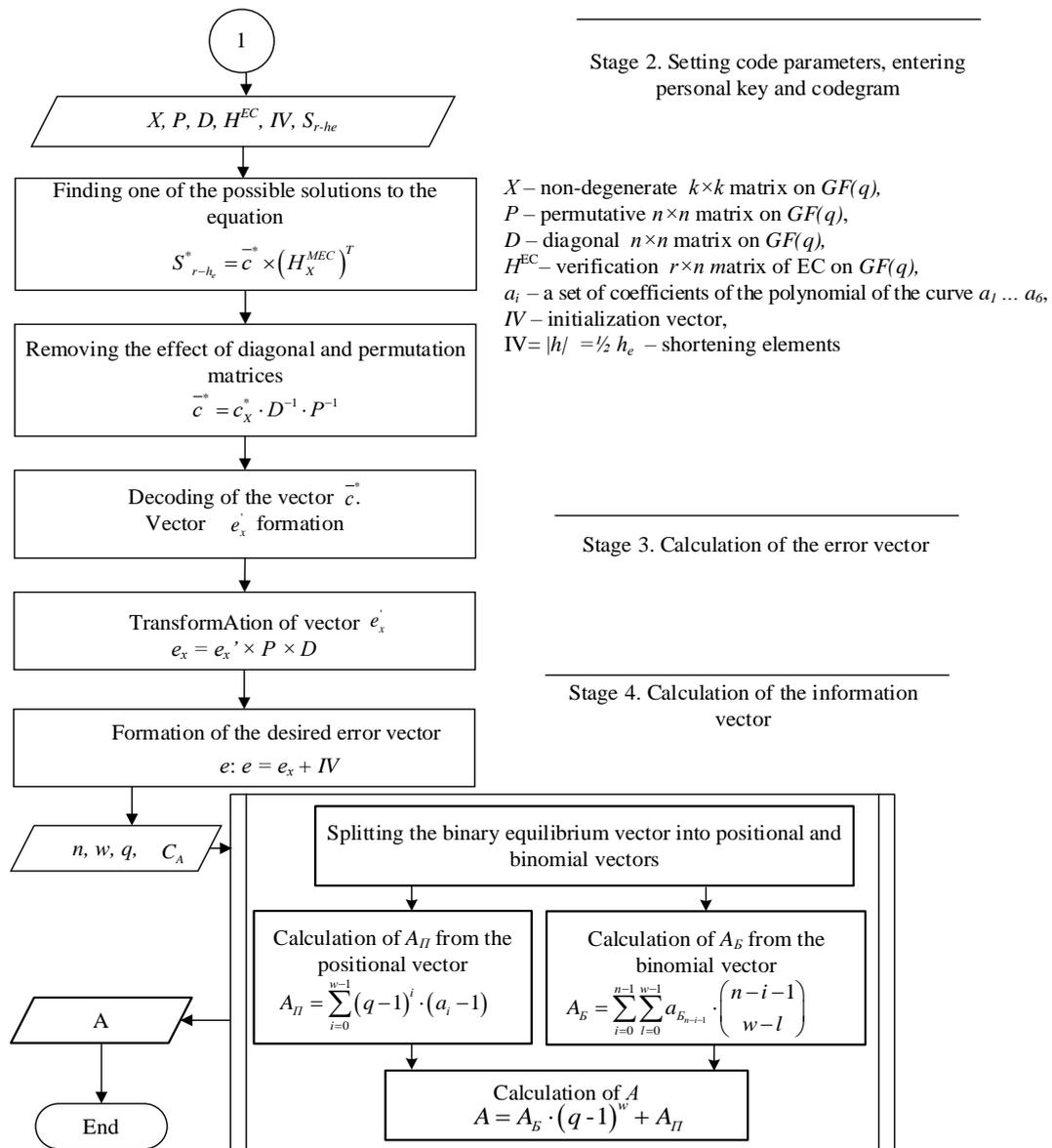


Fig. 17. Codegram decoding in Niederreiter HCCC on MEC

The check matrix is a combination of several  $z \times z$  submatrices. Each submatrix or permutation is either a ones matrix or a zero matrix, so the base matrix simply needs to be a set of numbers that define the individual right-cycle shifts for the permutations. The size of the base matrix  $m_b \times n_b$ , where  $m = zm_b$  and  $n = zn_b$  (so we can determine  $k = zk_b$ ). The input data of the base matrix are real numbers not less than -1. The verification matrix is constructed by replacing each entry of the base matrix with  $z \times z$  submatrix: every -1 is exchanged with a zero matrix and every non-negative number with a ones matrix with a cyclic right shift. Therefore, given the code dimension  $k$  (or block length  $n$ ) and the basis matrix, the LDPC code is defined.

Apparently, any LDPC code check matrix in the IEEE 802.16e standard is represented in an approximate lower-triangular form without any row or column operations, so fast coding can be incorporated directly. For any matrix  $H$  in 802.16e, it always has  $N = n$  and  $g = z$ . This approach allows using these channels for the transmission of both control and combat commands/signals.

### Assessment of the stability of the proposed crypto-code constructions

To estimate time and speed indicators, it is customary to use a unit of measurement *cpb*, where *cpb* (cycles per byte) – the number of processor cycles required to process 1 byte of input information.

The complexity of the algorithm can be calculated using the expression

$$Per = Util * CPU\_clock / Rate, \tag{26}$$

where *Util* – processor core utilization (%); *Rate* – Algorithm bandwidth (byte/s).

Table 6 shows the results of studies of the dependence of the length of the input sequence on the MV2 algorithm on the number of processor cycles.

Table 7 presents the results of studies of the assessment of time and speed indicators of procedures for applying and removing damage.

Table 8 shows the results of research on the dependence of the length of the code sequence of

Niederreiter HCCC on the number of processor cycles for performing elementary operations in the software implementation of CCC.

Analysis of the results of the table 8 showed that the energy consumption of the practical implementation of Niederreiter HCCC will decrease by 7%, while the implementation is possible on the main hardware and software platforms that have become widespread:

- 8/16-bit microcontrollers and smart cards;
- 32-bit microprocessors and microcontrollers (ARM, IA 32);
- 64-bit general purpose processors (AMD64, Intel 64).

Table 9 presents the results of studies of the assessment of time and speed indicators of procedures for applying and removing damages.

**Table 6 – Results of research on the dependence of the length of the input sequence on the MV2 algorithm on the number of processor cycles**

The length of the code sequence		MV2		
		10	100	1000
The number of function calls that implement elementary operations	addition	3942	28673	275499
	subtraction	1794	3810	23881
	division	3274	4804	20104
	multiplication	19	109	1009
	comparison	8939	60963	578784
Sum		17968	98359	899277
Duration of execution of functions* in processor clocks	addition	19.53	93.58	2297.36
	subtraction	8.89	12.43	199.14
	division	16.22	15.68	167.65
	multiplication	0.09	0.36	8.41
	comparison	44.28	198.96	4826.43
Sum		89	321	7499
Duration of execution** in msec		89	321	7499

Note: \* – duration of 1000 operations in processor clocks: character reading – 27 clocks, line comparison – 54 clocks, line concatenation – 297 clocks; \*\* – for the calculation, a processor with a clock frequency of 2 GHz is taken, taking into account the loading of the operating system at 5%

**Table 7 – Research results of evaluation of time and speed indicators of procedures for applying and removing damage**

Indicators	The length of the code sequence	Bandwidth of the algorithm, Rate (bytes/sec)	Processor core utilisation (%)	Algorithm complexity, Per (cpb)	Indicators
The number of calls to functions that implement elementary operations	10	0,089	112,3596	90	0,801
	100	0,321	311,5265	322	1,034
	1000	7,499	133,3511	7500	66,166

**Table 8 – Results of research on the dependence of the length of the code sequence on the number of processor cycles**

The length of the code sequence		Niederreiter HCCC on MEC			Niederreiter CCC on MEC		
		10	100	1000	10	100	1000
The number of function calls that implement elementary operations	Reading the symbol	10294 397	28750 457	76759 874	11018 042	30800 328	80 859 933
	String comparison	3 406 921	9 246 748	25478 498	3 663 356	10199 898	26 364 634
	String concatenation	1 705 544	5 045 748	12379 422	1834 983	5125 564	13 415 329
Sum		15406 862	43042 953	114617 794	16516 381	46125 790	120639 896
Duration of execution of functions* in processor clocks	Reading the symbol	295374	810478	2 001 167	297 487	831 609	2 183 218
	String comparison	178 814	531 379	1 248 684	197 821	550 794	1 423 690
	String concatenation	544 990	1 328 114	3 586 486	544 990	1 522 293	3 984 353
Sum		1 006 781	2 749 548	7 247 488	1 040 298	2 904 696	7 591 261
Duration of execution** in msec		0,52	1,37	3,4	0,55	1,53	4

Note: \*\* – a processor with a clock frequency of 2 GHz is taken for the calculation, taking into account the load of the operating system 5%

Table 9 – Results of studies of the assessment of time and speed indicators of procedures for applying and removing damage

Indicators	The length of the code sequence	Working time (s)	Bandwidth of the algo-rithm, Rate (bytes/sec)	Processor core utilisation (ticks)	Algorithm comp-lexity, Per (cpb)
The number of function calls that implement elementary operations	10	0,089	112,3596	90	0.801
	100	0,321	311,5265	322	1.034
	1000	7,499	133,3511	7500	66.166

Thus, the analysis of the basic principles of the construction of Niederreiter MCCC and systems of multi-channel cryptography on lossy codes allows for the development of hybrid cryptosystems.

The main difference from the "classical" approach of forming a hybrid cryptosystem is the use of CCC with fast algorithms of crypto-transformations (the speed of transformations can be compared with the speed of crypto-transformations in BSC). Niederreiter CCC acts as the main mechanism for ensuring the stability (security) of information with the subsequent use of the MV2 algorithm (systems based on lossy codes).

This approach provides a reduction in energy costs (the power of the Niederreiter MCCC alphabet) with

further transmission through one or more channels, which allows the use of almost every type of cyberspace channel in a prospective system of joint leadership and military control.

Statistical tests are used to experimentally assess how closely crypto-algorithms approximate generators of "random" sequences [11].

The NIST STS test suite was proposed as part of a competition for a new US national block cipher standard. This set was used to investigate the statistical properties of candidates for a new block cipher.

Today, the testing method proposed by NIST is the most common among developers of cryptographic means of information protection [11].

The results of the research are given in table 10.

Table 10 – Results of statistical security studies

Cryptosystems	Number of tests in which > 99% of sequences passed tests, (%)	Number of tests in which > 96% of sequences passed tests	Number of tests in which < 96% of sequences passed tests
CCC on MEC	149 (78,83)	189	0
CCC on shortened MEC	151 (79,89)	189	0
CCC on lengthened MEC	152 (80,42)	189	0
HCCC on shortened MEC	<b>153 (80,95)</b>	189	0
HCCC on lengthened MEC	<b>155 (82)</b>	189	0

The results in the table 10, show that despite the reduction of the field strength to  $GF(2^6)$  for MCCC and  $GF(2^4)$  for HCCC, the statistical characteristics of such crypto-code constructions turned out to be, at least, no worse than the traditional Niederreiter CCC on  $GF(2^{10})$ . All cryptosystems passed 100% of tests, and the best

result was shown by HCCC on shortened MEC: 155 out of 189 tests passed at the level of 0.99, which is 82% of the total number of tests. At the same time, Niederreiter traditional CCC on  $GF(2^{10})$  showed 149 tests at the level of 0.99. The results of the speed of transformations are shown in Fig. 18.

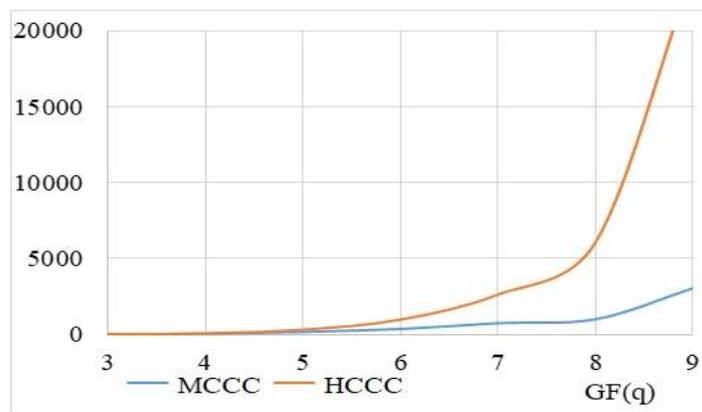


Fig. 18. Dependencies of the complexity of cryptogram formation, when using (n, k, d) code on GF(q)

If the masked code is given by the check matrix  $H$  in the general case in a non-systematic form, then to form the code word it is necessary to calculate the check symbols and place them in the appropriate place in the code word.

The complexity of decoding is determined by the complexity of the algebraic algorithm for decoding the algebraic block code.

For BCH codes, RS codes and their generalizations, alternative codes and their subclasses, error localization is reduced to solving a system of linear equations.

The complexity of decoding is:

$$S_{\text{pm}} = n^{5/2} + (2 \times n^3) + t^{5/2}, \quad (27)$$

$$S_{\text{pm(HCCC)}} = n \times m \times L + n^{5/2} + (2 \times n^3) + t^{5/2}. \quad (28)$$

The dependence of addition and multiplication operations on the finite field in various cryptosystems is presented in the table 11. The results in the table 10 confirm a reduction of  $\approx 7$  times the number of addition and multiplication operations over the finite field in the proposed HCCC on lossy codes over  $GF(2^4)$  in comparison with MCCC on MEC over the field  $GF(2^6)$ .

The obtained result confirms the competitiveness of HCCC in post-quantum cryptography.

Table 11 – Dependence of addition and multiplication operations on the final field in different cryptosystems

Cryptosystem	$GF(q)$						
	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
MCCC on MEC	821	7627	64948	531613	4278546	34201122	272768399
HCCC on MEC	828	7657	65103	532243	4280451	34206222	272789350

## Conclusions

1. In the conditions of a hybrid war, the use of means of information suppression/blocking significantly reduces the possibility of using control system means and communication channels based on outdated hardware communication tools and a cipher body. The use of civilian channels of cyberspace (a set of Internet, computer and mobile technology channels) requires the use of cryptographic systems. However, in the conditions of the rapid growth of computing capabilities of quantum computers (the emergence of full-scale quantum computers), ensuring the stability of classical symmetric and asymmetric cryptosystems (including asymmetric cryptosystems based on elliptic curves) is called into question. Which in turn requires the use of post-quantum cryptography algorithms. Among the contenders are the crypto-code constructions of McEliece and Niederreiter, which provide stability requirements and integrated (additionally) ensure the reliability and efficiency of

providing information.

2. The presented algorithms of crypto-code constructions provide the necessary level of stability, efficiency and reliability when using various communication channels, which allows their use in a prospective system of joint leadership and military management in the conditions of conducting hybrid warfare.

3. The combination of crypto-code constructions with damage mechanisms (lossy codes) provides an additional increase (maintenance) of the stability level and the practical implementation of HCCC on various algebraic geometric codes and/or LDPC codes. This approach provides a  $\approx 7$ -fold reduction in the number of addition and multiplication operations over the final field in the proposed HCCC on lossy codes over  $GF(2^4)$  in comparison with MCCC on MEC over the field  $GF(2^6)$  and the possibility of timely change of constructions and/or code constructions, which will allow to ensure the use of cyberspace channels in the prospective system of joint management and military control.

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**Механізми забезпечення безпеки каналів перспективної системи управління**

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**Анотація.** Розвиток систем військового (державного) управління в сучасних умовах гібридної війни вимагає можливості стрімкого розширення як функціональності, так і масштабування фізичної та логічної основи управління, нарощування спектра цифровізації та використання як військових, так і цивільних каналів зв'язку щодо управління військами та зброєю. При цьому необхідно враховувати не тільки обчислювальні можливості противника, засоби придушення та/або блокування каналів зв'язку системи управління, а також розвиток квантових технологій, які висувають нові більш жорсткі вимоги до механізмів забезпечення безпеки на основі алгоритмів симетричної та несиметричної криптографії. За рахунками спеціалістів НІСТ США повномасштабний квантовий комп'ютер забезпечує злам, як симетричних, так й несиметричних криптосистем за поліноміальний час, що суттєво зменшує їх стійкість. В роботі пропонуються механізми постквантової криптографії, які дозволяють забезпечити стійкість не тільки каналів зв'язку, та й елементів структури системи управління. Основою постквантових алгоритмів шифрування поєднання алгоритмів (схем) крипто-кодових конструкцій з криптосистемами на збиткових кодах (багатоканальної криптографії), а також можливість їх поєднання з методами цифрової стеганографії. Такий підхід забезпечує можливість приховування елементів управлінських команд, а використання різних каналів забезпечує можливість приховування окремих елементів криптограм.

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