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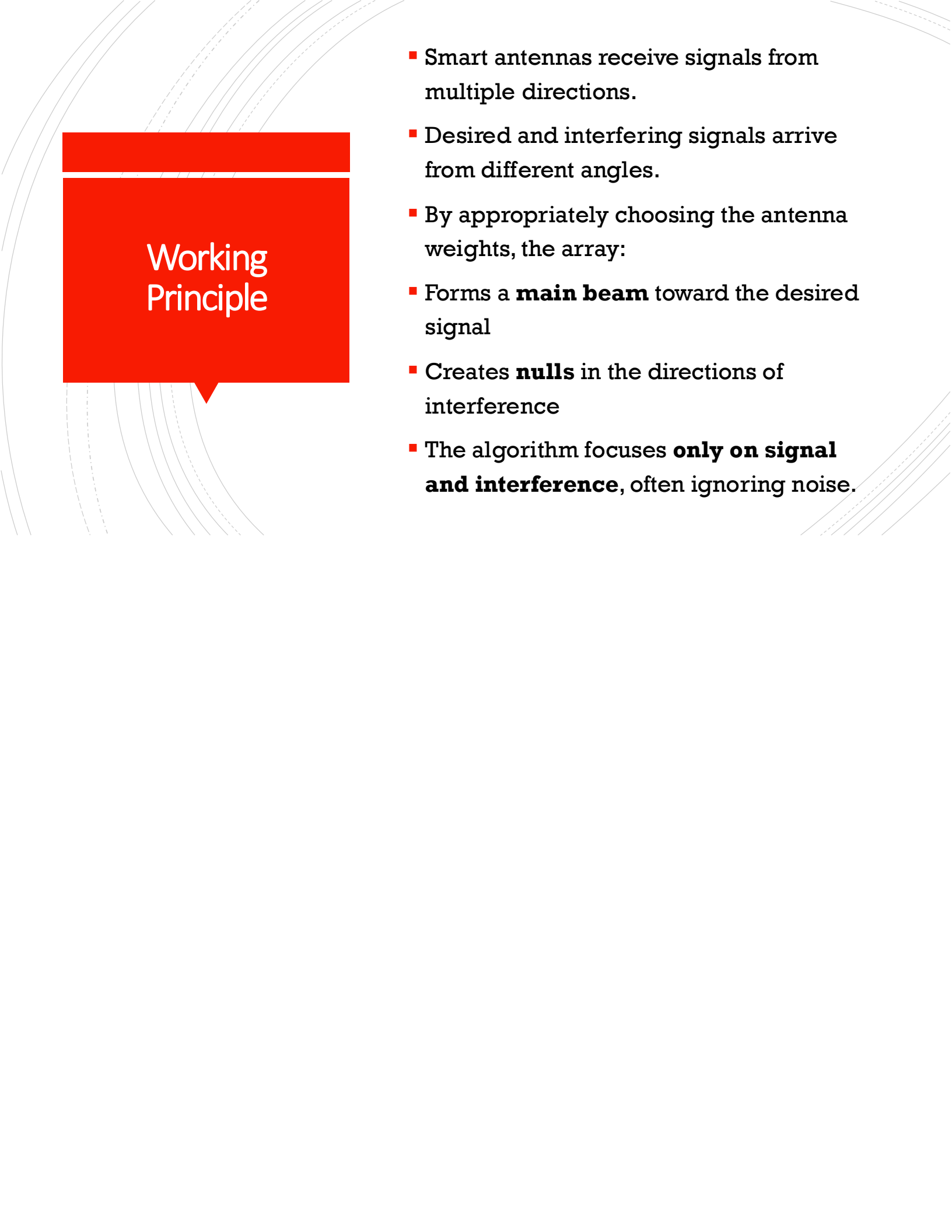
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Maximum Likelihood (ML)

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Definition

- The **Maximum Likelihood (ML)** method selects the signal parameters that **maximize the probability of receiving the observed data.**

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Working Principle

- Assumes a statistical model of the received signal
- Evaluates all possible transmitted signals
- Chooses the signal that best explains the received antenna data
- Often assumes **Gaussian noise**

Mathematical Formulation

The ML estimate is:

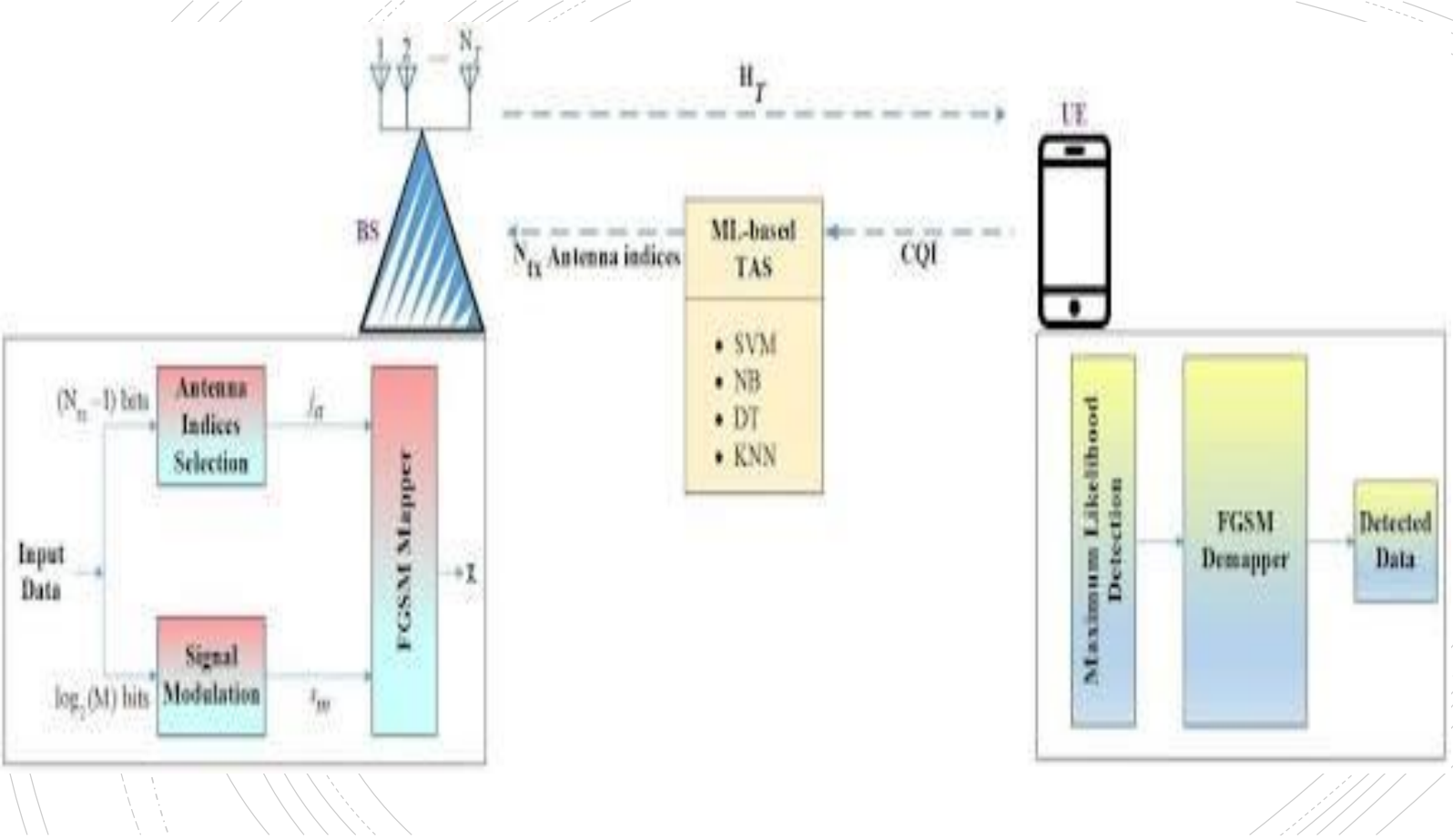
$$\hat{s} = \arg \max_s P(y|s)$$

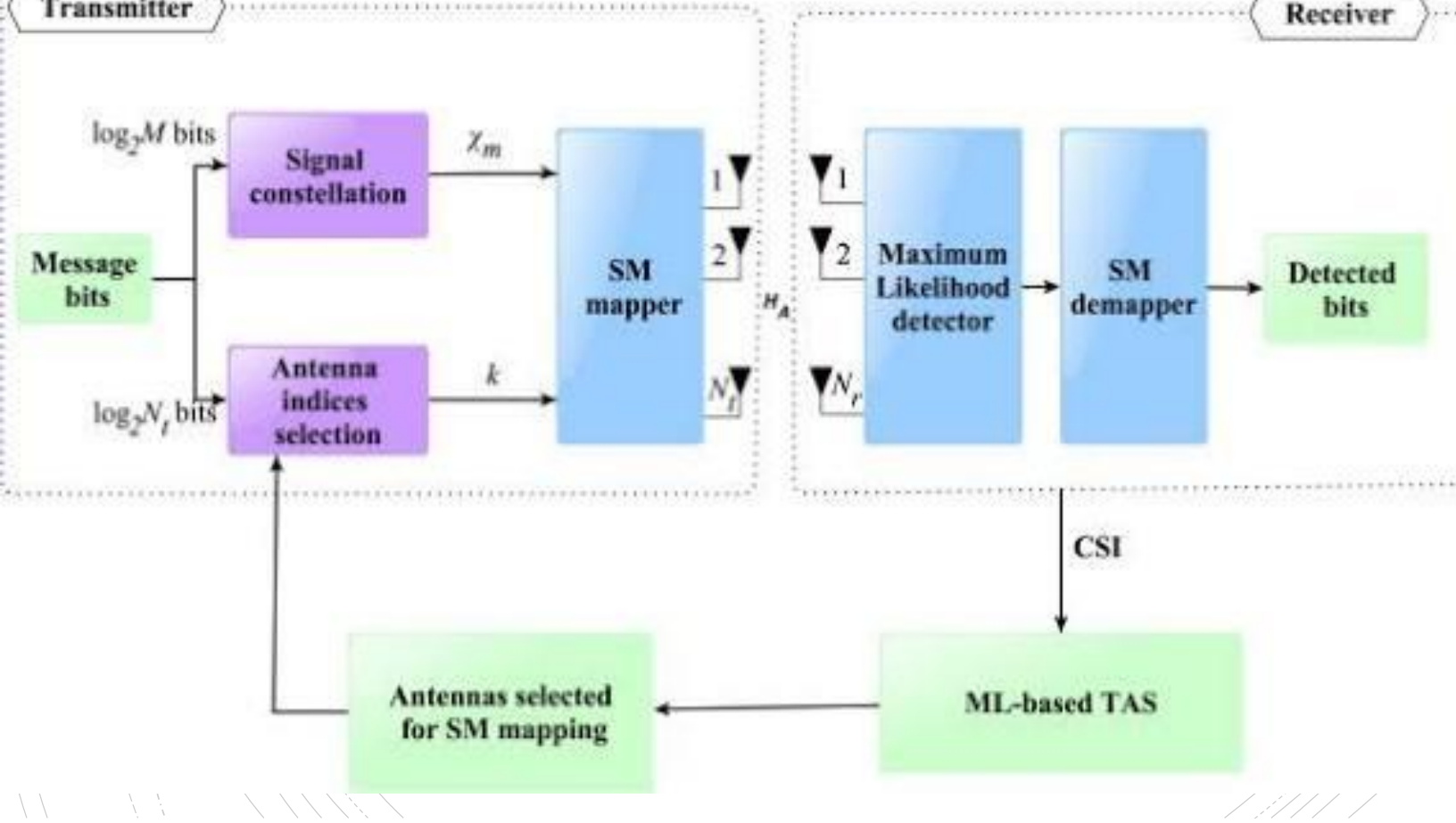
For Gaussian noise, this becomes a minimum distance problem:

$$\hat{s} = \arg \min_s \|y - Hs\|^2$$

where:

- y = received signal vector
- H = channel/array response matrix
- s = transmitted signal vector





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Advantages

- Statistically optimal detection
- Minimum probability of error
- Excellent performance in low-noise environments

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Limitations

- Very high computational complexity
- Not suitable for real-time large antenna systems
- Requires accurate channel knowledge



Applications

- Signal detection
- Channel estimation
- Radar and sonar systems