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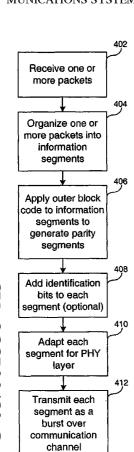
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(57) Abstract: A method for transmitting packets of electronic information comprising: organizing one or more packets into a plurality of information segments (404); encoding the plurality of information segments in accordance with a block code to generate at least one parity segment (406, 408, 410); adapting each of the plurality of information segments and at least one parity segment for transmission over a channel of a communication system, wherein the adapting includes forward error correction encoding each of the plurality segment and at least one parity segments (406, 408, 410); and separately transmitting each of the plurality of information segments and at least one parity segment over a channel.

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