



PCD03V Features

Turbo Decoder

- 8 state 3GPP™ (UMTS and LTE) and 3GPP2 (cdma2000/1xEV–DV Release D and 1xEV–DO Release B) compatible
- Rate 1/2, 1/3, 1/4 or 1/5
- 40 to 5114 (3GPP™ UMTS), 40 to 6144 (3GPP™ LTE) or 17 to 21504 (3GPP2) bit interleaver
- Optional external interleaver parameters for 3GPP™ LTE and programmable row coefficients for 3GPP2 interleaver
- Up to 295 MHz internal clock
- Up to 28 Mbit/s with 5 decoder iterations
- 6–bit signed magnitude or two’s complement input data
- Optional log–MAP or max–log–MAP constituent decoder algorithms
- Up to 128 iterations in 1/2 iteration steps.
- Optional power efficient early stopping
- Optional extrinsic information scaling and limiting
- Estimated channel error output
- Implement one, two, three, or four different standards from the one core
- Free simulation software

Viterbi Decoder (Optional)

- 16, 32, 64 or 256 states (constraint lengths 5, 6, 7 or 9)
- Rate 1/2, 1/3 or 1/4
- Data lengths from 1 to 32768–*m* bits with tail termination of *m* bits (*m* is encoder memory)
- Optional tail biting decoding from 10 to 1928 bits (short delay) or 20 to 1808 bits (long delay)
- Up to 6.8 Mbit/s (256 state) or 23.3 Mbit/s (16, 32 or 64 states)
- 6–bit signed magnitude or two’s complement input data
- Estimated channel error output

- Available as VHDL core for Xilinx FPGAs under SignOnce IP License. ASIC, Altera, Lattice and Microsemi cores available on request.

Introduction

The PCD03V is a fully compatible 3GPP™ (UMTS [1] and LTE [2]) and 3GPP2 (cdma2000/

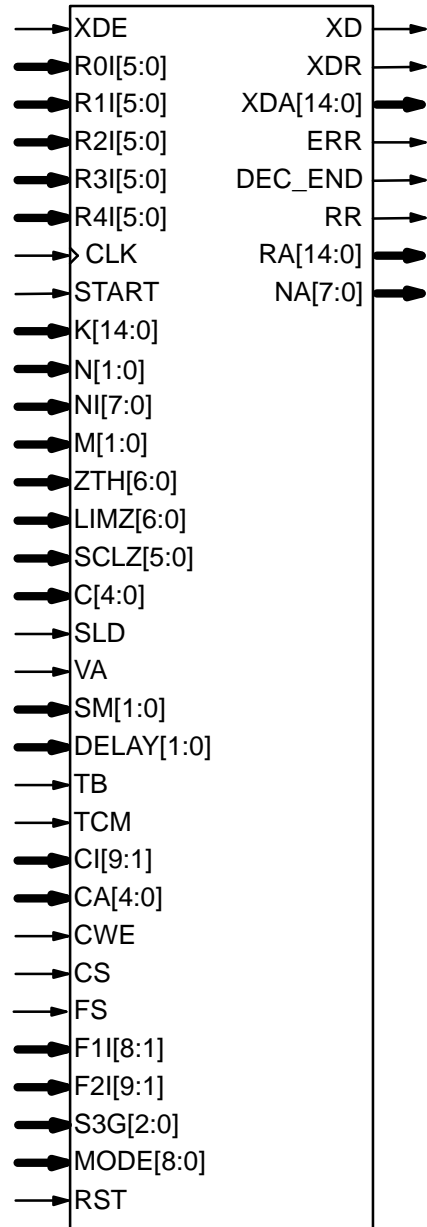


Figure 1: PCD03V schematic symbol.

1xEV–DV Release D [3] and 1xEV–DO Release B [4]) error control decoder. The 3GPP™ and 3GPP2 turbo codes have a number of similarities, but also important differences which affect their implementation. The biggest similarity is that they use the same constituent 8 state systematic recursive convolutional code. The interleavers of 3GPP™ UMTS and 3GPP2 also use a similar row/

column architecture, but are quite different in their complexity. 3GPP™ LTE uses a simple quadratic permutation interleaver. The 3GPP™ and 3GPP2 codes also have different tails.

The 3GPP™ UMTS interleaver has either 5, 10 or 20 rows and a number of columns equal to $p-1$, p or $p+1$, where p is a prime number from 7 to 257. The 3GPP2 interleaver has 32 rows and 2^n columns, where n ranges from 2 to 10.

For 3GPP™ UMTS, the use of prime numbers and other complexities implies that a number of parameters need to be calculated before the interleaver can be used. When the block length is changed, the interleaver parameters are automatically calculated using an efficient internal circuit. This occurs during the first half iteration of decoding. Thus, decoding can start immediately, without having to wait for the parameters to be calculated. The block length can range from 40 to 5114 bits.

For 3GPP2, the use of powers of 2 greatly simplifies parameter calculation. The block length can range from 17 to 21504 bits, although the 3GPP2/1xEV-DV standard only uses 23 specific interleavers (186, 378, 402, 570, 762, 786, 1146, 1530, 1554, 2298, 3066, 3090, 4602, 4626, 6138, 6162, 9210, 9234, 12282, 12306, 15378, 18450 and 20730 bits). The forward link for 1xEV-DO uses eight different interleavers (122, 250, 506, 1018, 2042, 3066, 4090, and 5114 bits). The reverse link for 1xEV-DO uses 12 different interleavers (122, 250, 506, 762, 1018, 1530, 2042, 3066, 4090, 6138, 8186, and 12282 bits). For interleaver sizes less than 65, the parameter n is fixed at 2 (4 columns).

For 3GPP™ LTE, there are 188 interleaver sizes ranging from 40 to 6144 bits. Two parameters f_1 and f_2 are used by the interleaver. All interleaver sizes from 40 to 504 bits that are a multiple of 8, 512 to 1008 bits that are a multiple of 16, 1024 to 2016 bits that are multiple of 32, and 2048 to 6144 bits that are a multiple of 64 are specified.

For 3GPP™ only a code rate of 1/3 is specified. However, the PCD03V can also optionally decode rate 1/2, 1/4 and 1/5 turbo codes. For 3GPP2, rate 1/2, 1/3, 1/4 and 1/5 are specified.

For 3GPP™, each tail of the two constituent encoders are terminated using all the data and parity bits (for a total of 12 bits for rate 1/3). For rate 1/2 the PCD03V uses the same tail as for rate 1/3. For rate 1/4 and 1/5, a total of 18 tail bits are used.

For 3GPP2, the number of tail bits is equal to $6n$, for a rate $1/n$ code. For rate 1/2, the tails for 3GPP™ and 3GPP2 are determined in the same

way. For rate 1/3 and 1/4 though, data bits are repeated to make up for the additional tail bits in the 3GPP2 standard. For rate 1/5 the data bit is repeated three times for 1xEV-DV and two times for 1xEV-DO. The second parity bit is repeated two times for 1xEV-DO.

The MAP03V MAP decoder core is used with the PCD03V core to iteratively decode the 3GPP™ or 3GPP2 turbo code. The Log-MAP algorithm for maximum performance or the max-log-MAP algorithm for minimum complexity can be selected. The sliding block algorithm is used with sliding block lengths of 32 or 64. Six-bit quantisation is used for maximum performance. The extrinsic information can be scaled and limited with each half iteration, improving performance with max-log-MAP decoding.

The VA08V Viterbi decoder core is used with the PCD03V core to decode the 3GPP™ and 3GPP2 convolutional codes. The decoder shares its traceback memory with the internal interleaver memory of the turbo decoder, minimising complexity. Minimum traceback lengths of 32, 64 or 128 bits for 16, 32 and 64 states, or lengths of 56 or 112 bits for 256 states can be selected. 6-bit quantisation is used.

The turbo decoder can achieve up to 28 Mbit/s with 5 iterations and max-log-MAP decoding using a 295 MHz internal clock ($K = 5114$). Log-MAP decoding decreases speed by about 37%. Optional early stopping allows the decoder to greatly reduce power consumption with little degradation in performance. The Viterbi decoder can achieve up to 6.8 Mbit/s with 256 states ($K = 504$) and 23.3 Mbit/s with 16, 32 or 64 states ($K = 506$).

Figure 1 shows the schematic symbol for the PCD03V decoder. The VHDL core can be used with Xilinx Integrated Software Environment (ISE) or Vivado software to implement the core in Xilinx FPGA's.

Table 1 shows the resources used for Kintex-7. Resources for Virtex-5, Virtex-6 and other 7-series devices are similar to that for Kintex-7. The MODE[8:0] inputs can be used to select various decoder implementations. The input/output memory is not included. Only one global clock is used. No other resources are used. If not specified, the turbo decoder uses small-log-MAP.

Table 2 shows the performance achieved with various Xilinx parts. T_{cp} is the minimum clock period over recommended operating conditions. These performance figures may change due to device utilisation and configuration.

Table 1: Resources used.

Configuration	Turbo Rates	Viterbi Rates	6-Input LUTs	18KB Block RAMS
UMTS (max-log-MAP)	1/3	–	2596	3
UMTS (small-log-MAP)	1/3	–	3221	3
UMTS (large-log-MAP)	1/3	–	3360	3
UMTS & Viterbi	1/3	1/2–1/3	4006	3
1xEV-DV	1/2–1/5	–	3205	11
1xEV-DV & Viterbi	1/2–1/5	1/2–1/4	4104	11
UMTS/1xEV-DV	1/2–1/5	–	3783	11
UMTS/1xEV-DV & Viterbi	1/2–1/5	1/2–1/4	4688	11
LTE	1/3	–	2683	3
LTE & Viterbi	1/3	1/3	3490	3

Table 2: Performance of Xilinx parts.

Xilinx Part	T _{CP} (ns)	Turbo* Mbit/s	K=9 Mbit/s	K=7 Mbit/s
XC5VLX30-1	6.257	15.1	3.7	12.6
XC5VLX30-2	5.323	17.8	4.3	14.8
XC5VLX30-3	4.739	20.0	4.8	16.6
XC6VLX75T-1	5.617	16.9	4.1	14.0
XC6VLX75T-2	4.772	19.9	4.8	16.5
XC6VLX75T-3	4.261	22.3	5.4	18.5
XC7Z015-1	7.077	13.4	3.2	11.1
XC7Z015-2	5.818	16.3	3.9	13.5
XC7Z015-3	5.156	18.4	4.4	15.3
XC7A35T-1	6.872	13.8	3.3	11.4
XC7A35T-2	5.612	16.9	4.1	14.0
XC7A35T-3	4.983	19.0	4.6	15.8
XC7K70T-1	4.615	20.5	5.0	17.1
XC7K70T-2	3.682	25.8	6.2	21.4
XC7K70T-3	3.389	28.0	6.8	23.3

*Max-log-MAP, 5 iterations, K = 5114, SLD = 1

Signal Descriptions

C	MAP Decoder Constant 0–9 (MODE1 = 0) 0–17 (MODE1 = 1)
CA	3GPP2 row constant address (0 to 31)
CI	3GPP2 row constant (0 to 511)
CS	3GPP2 row constant select 0 = Select internal row constants 1 = Select programmed row constants
CWE	3GPP2 row constant write enable
CLK	System Clock
DEC_END	Decode End Signal
DELAY	Viterbi Decoder Delay 0 = delay 64+m (TB = 0) 1 = delay 128+m (TB = 0)

	2 = delay 256+m (TB = 0, m ≤ 6) 0 = delay 124+m (TB = 1) 1 = delay 248+m (TB = 1) 2 = delay 376+m (TB = 1, m ≤ 6) m = encoder memory (4, 5, 6 or 8)
ERR	Estimated Error
F1I	LTE external parameter 1 (0 to 255) F1I = f ₁ div 2.
F2I	LTE external parameter 2 (0 to 511) F2I = f ₂ div 2.
FS	LTE external parameter select 0 = Select internal parameters 1 = Select external parameters
K	Interleaver Length 40–5114 for 3GPP™ UMTS 40–6144 for 3GPP™ LTE 17–21504 for 3GPP2
LIMZ	Extrinsic Information Limit (1–127)
M	Early Stopping Mode 0 = no early stopping 1 = early stop at odd half iteration 2 = early stop at even half iteration 3 = early stop at any half iteration
MODE	Implementation Mode (see Table 3)
N	Code Rate 0 = rate 1/4 1 = rate 1/5 (turbo only) 2 = rate 1/2 3 = rate 1/3
NA	Half Iteration Number (0–255)
NI	Number of Half Iterations (0–255) NI = 2I–1 where I is number of iterations
R0I–R4I	Received Data
RA	Received Data Address
RR	Received Data Ready
RST	Synchronous Reset
S3G[1:0]	Turbo Decoder Standard Select 0 = 3GPP™ UMTS 1 = 3GPP™ LTE

	2 = 3GPP2/1xEV-DV
	3 = 3GPP2/1xEV-DO
S3G[2]	Viterbi Decoder Standard Select
	0 = 3GPP™
	1 = 3GPP2
SCLZ	Extrinsic Information Scale (1–32)
SLD	MAP Decoder Delay
	0 = delay 138
	1 = delay 266
SM	Viterbi Decoder State Select
	0 = 16 state (constraint length 5)
	1 = 32 state (constraint length 6)
	2 = 64 state (constraint length 7)
	3 = 256 state (constraint length 9)
START	Decoder Start
TB	Tail Bite Select for Viterbi decoder
	0 = Terminated with m symbol tail
	1 = Tail Bite decoding
TCM	Input data type select
	0 = Signed Magnitude
	1 = Two's Complement
VA	Viterbi Decoder Select
	0 = turbo decoder
	1 = Viterbi decoder
XD	Decoded Data
XDA	Decoded Data Address
XDE	Decoded Data Enable
XDR	Decoded Data Ready
ZTH	Early Stopping Threshold (1–127)

Table 3 describes each of the MODE[8:0] inputs that are used to select various decoder implementations. Note that MODE[8:0] are “soft” inputs and should not be connected to input pins or logic. These inputs are designed to minimise decoder complexity for the configuration selected.

Note that UMTS, LTE, 1xEV-DO and 1xEV-DV have maximum interleaver sizes of 5K, 6K, 12K and 20.25K, respectively. However, sizes of 6K, 12K and 22K are provided since the Xilinx BlockRAM step size is 2K with 8-bit words.

Table 4 gives the various pin connections for the decoder modes. SM[1:0] = 3 and TB = 0 to select the 256 state Viterbi decoder for 3GPP™ UMTS and 3GPP2. SM[1:0] = 2 and TB = 1 to select the 64 state tail biting Viterbi decoder for 3GPP™ LTE.

Turbo Decoder Parameters

For optimal performance, the maximum a posteriori (MAP) [5] constituent decoder is used which is dependent on the signal to noise ratio (SNR). Unlike other turbo decoders with suboptimum soft-in-soft-in (SISO) decoders, using the MAP (or specifically the log-MAP [6]) algorithm

can provide up to 0.5 dB coding gain at low SNRs. Log-MAP operation is enabled when MODE0 is high.

Table 3: MODE selection

Input	Description
MODE0	0 = max-log-MAP 1 = log-MAP
MODE1	0 = small log-MAP (C4 = 0) 1 = large log-MAP
MODE2	0 = rate 1/2–1/3 turbo 1 = rate 1/2–1/5 turbo
MODE3	0 = turbo decoder 1 = turbo and Viterbi decoder
MODE4	0 = rate 1/2–1/3 Viterbi 1 = rate 1/2–1/4 Viterbi
MODE[6:5]	0 = 4K Interleaver 1 = 6K Interleaver (3GPP™) 2 = 12K Interleaver (1xEV-DO) 3 = 22K Interleaver (1xEV-DV)
MODE[8:7]	0 = Other implementation 1 = 3GPP2/UMTS Implementation 2 = 3GPP2/LTE Implementation 3 = Not used

Table 4: Decoder mode

Mode	S3G [1:0]	VA	MODE [6:2]	K[14:12]	N[1:0]
3GPP™ UMTS	00	0	01000	00,PIN	11
3GPP™ UMTS VA	00	PIN	01010	00,PIN	1,PIN
3GPP™ LTE	01	0	01000	00,PIN	11
3GPP™ LTE VA	01	PIN	01010	00,PIN	11
1xEV-DV	10	0	11001	PIN	PIN
1xEV-DV VA	10	PIN	11111	PIN	PIN
1xEV-DO Forward	11	0	01001	00,PIN	PIN
1xEV-DO Reverse	11	0	10001	0,PIN	PIN

With binary phase shift keying (BPSK, $m = 1$) or quadrature phase shift keying (QPSK, $m = 2$) modulation (see Figure 2) the decoder constant C should be adjusted such that

$$C = A\sigma^2 \sqrt{m}/2. \quad (1)$$

where A is the signal amplitude and σ^2 is the normalised noise variance given by

$$\sigma^2 = 1/(2mRE_b/N_0). \quad (2)$$

E_b/N_0 is the energy per bit to single sided noise density ratio and $R = 1/(n+6(\lfloor n/2 \rfloor + 1)/K)$ for 3GPP™, $R = 1/(n+6n/K)$ for 3GPP2, K is the data length, and $n = 2-5$. C should be rounded to the

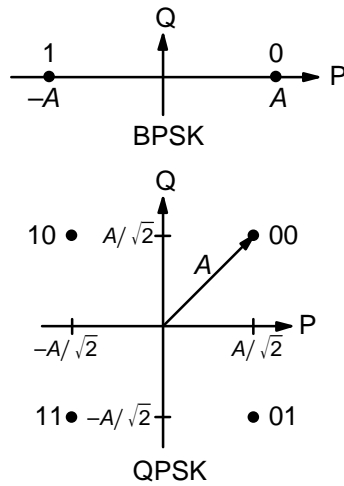


Figure 2: BPSK and QPSK signal sets.

nearest integer and limited to be no higher than 17 with MODE1 high and 9 with MODE1 low. Max-log-MAP [6] operation occurs when $C = 0$. Due to quantisation effects, $C = 1$ is equivalent to $C = 0$. Max-Log-MAP operation is also enabled when MODE0 is low.

For each code (with a particular block size, rate and number of iterations), there will be a minimum E_b/N_0 where the maximum acceptable BER or FER is achieved. The value of C should be chosen for this E_b/N_0 . This value of C can be kept constant for all E_b/N_0 values for this code. For higher values of E_b/N_0 , there will be negligible degradation in performance, even though C will be higher than optimal [7]. For lower E_b/N_0 values, there could be up to a few tenths of a dB degradation, since C will be lower than optimal. However, this should not have much impact since the BER or FER will already be above the maximum acceptable level anyway.

For fading channels the value of A and σ^2 should be averaged across the block to determine the average value of C . Each received value r_k should then be scaled by $(A\sigma^2)/(A_k\sigma_k^2)$ where A_k and σ_k^2 are the amplitude and normalised variance of r_k . Note that this scaling should be performed for both the log-MAP and max-log-MAP algorithms for optimal performance.

The value of A directly corresponds to the 6-bit signed magnitude inputs (shown in Table 5). The 6-bit inputs have 63 quantisation regions with a central dead zone. The quantisation regions are labelled from -31 to $+31$. For example, one could have $A = 15.7$. This value of A lies in quantisation region 15 (which has a range between 15 and 16).

Table 5: Quantisation for R0I to R4I.

Signed Magnitude		Two's Complement		Range
Dec.	Binary	Dec.	Binary	
31	011111	31	011111	$30.5 \leftrightarrow \infty$
30	011110	30	011110	$29.5 \leftrightarrow 30.5$
⋮	⋮	⋮	⋮	⋮
2	000010	2	000010	$1.5 \leftrightarrow 2.5$
1	000001	1	000001	$0.5 \leftrightarrow 1.5$
0	000000	0	000000	$-0.5 \leftrightarrow 0.5$
33	100001	63	111111	$-1.5 \leftrightarrow -0.5$
34	100010	62	111110	$-2.5 \leftrightarrow -1.5$
⋮	⋮	⋮	⋮	⋮
62	111110	34	100010	$-30.5 \leftrightarrow -29.5$
63	111111	33	100001	$-\infty \leftrightarrow -30.5$

Since most analogue to digital (A/D) converters do not have a central dead zone, a 7-bit A/D should be used and then converted to 6-bit as shown in the table. This allows maximum performance to be achieved.

For signed magnitude inputs a decimal value of 32 has a magnitude of 0 (equivalent to -0). For two's complement inputs, if 32 is input, this will be internally limited to 33 (equivalent to -31).

For input data quantised to less than 6-bits, the data should be mapped into the most significant bit positions of the input, the next bit equal to 1 and the remaining least significant bits tied low. For example, for 3-bit received data $R0T[2:0]$, where $R0T[2]$ is the sign bit, we have $R0I[5:3] = R0T[2:0]$ and $R0I[2:0] = 4$ in decimal (100 in binary). For punctured input data, all bits must be zero, e.g., $R1I[5:0] = 0$.

Due to quantisation and limiting effects the value of A should also be adjusted according to the received signal to noise ratio.

Example 1: Rate 1/3 BPSK code operating at $E_b/N_0 = 0.3$ dB. From (2) we have $\sigma^2 = 1.39988$. Assuming $A = 16$ we have from (1) that $C = 11$ to the nearest integer.

Figure 3 gives a block diagram of the PCD03V eight state turbo decoder. The number of turbo decoder half-iterations is given by NI , ranging from 0 to 255. $NI = 2I - 1$ where I is the number of iterations. This is equivalent to 0.5 to 128 iterations. The decoder initially starts at half iteration $NA = 0$, increasing by one until NI is reached or an earlier time if early stopping is enabled. The NA output can be used to select LIMZ and SCLZ values, especially for max-log-MAP decoding.

The turbo decoder speed f_d is given by

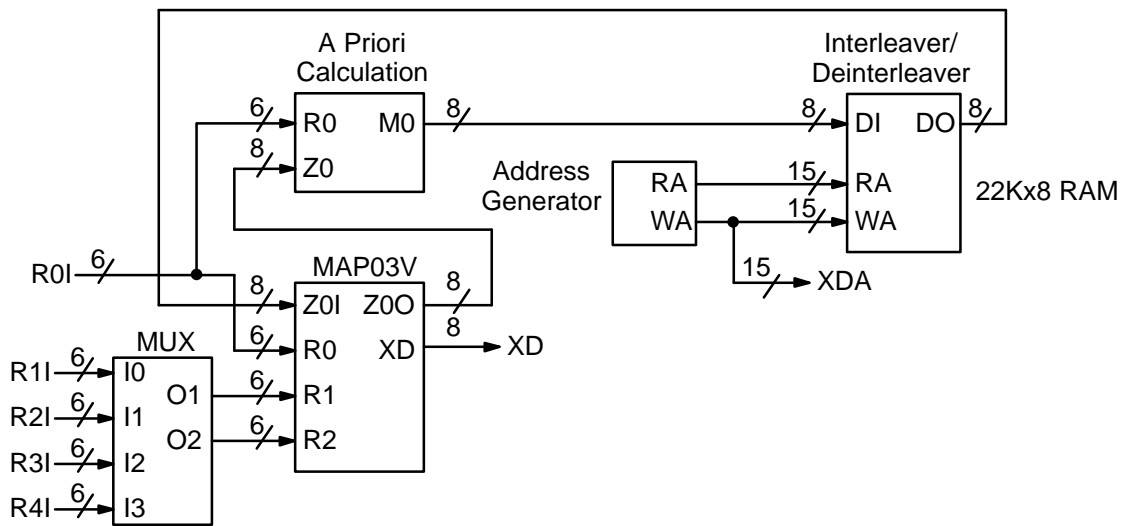


Figure 3: Simplified block diagram of PCD03V eight state turbo decoder.

$$f_d = \frac{F_d}{(NI + 1)(1 + L/K) + 1/K} \quad (3)$$

where F_d is the CLK frequency and L is the MAP decoder delay in bits (equal to either 138 or 266). The two delays indicate the sliding block length used in the MAP decoder, either 32 or 64, respectively. For short block lengths $L = 138$ should be used to increase decoder speed, while $L = 266$ should be used for larger block sizes to increase performance. This parameter can be selected with the SLD input.

For example, if $F_d = 100$ MHz and $I = 5$ ($NI = 9$) the decoder speed ranges from 2.2 Mbit/s for $K = 40$ and $L = 138$ to 9.5 Mbit/s for $K = 5114$ and $L = 266$.

An important parameter is LIMZ, the limit factors for the extrinsic information. Extrinsic information is the “correction” term that the MAP decoder determines from the received data and a priori information. It is used as a priori information for the next MAP decoding or half iteration. By limiting the correction term, we can prevent the decoder from making decisions too early, which improves decoder performance.

The limit factor LIMZ should vary between 1 and 127, although we recommend that 96 be used.

Another parameter that can be used to adjust decoder performance is SCLZ which ranges from 1 to 32. The extrinsic information is scaled by $SCLZ/32$. Thus, when $SCLZ = 32$, no scaling is performed. For log-MAP decoding we recommend $SCLZ = 29$. For max-log-MAP decoding we recommend $SCLZ = 23$. The NA output can be used to adjust LIMZ and SCLZ with the number of iterations for optimum performance.

There are four decoder operation modes given by M . Mode $M = 0$ decodes a received block with a fixed number of iterations (given by NI). Modes 1 to 3 are various early stopping algorithms. Early stopping is used to stop the decoder from iterating further once it has estimated there are zero errors in the block. Mode 1 will stop decoding after an odd number of half-iterations. Mode 2 will stop decoding after an even number of half iterations. Mode 3 will stop after either an odd or even number of half iterations. Further details are given in the next section.

3GPP2 Interleaver Programming

The PCD03V turbo decoder allows the option of programming the row constants that are used in the 3GPP2 interleaver. There are 32 constants, all of them being odd in value. Note that if K is the interleaver size, the maximum constant value must be less than 2^n , where $n = \lceil \log_2 K \rceil - 5$.

The maximum value of n is 10, so each constant can be represented by a 10 bit value. However, since all the parameters are odd, this implies the least significant bit (lsb) is always equal to one. Thus, only the nine most significant bits (msb) should be input, with the lsb being ignored. This is why the constant input $CI[9:1]$ does not include the lsb $CI0$. For example, if the constant is 349, then the lsb should be deleted and $\lfloor 349/2 \rfloor = 174$ be input to $CI[9:1]$.

Figure 4 shows an example of programming the 3GPP2 interleaver parameters. During the low to high transition of CLK, if CWE is high, the value at $CI[9:1]$ is programmed into the internal memory at address location $CA[4:0]$.

Note that K or CS can be changed in any order before, during or after programming the row con-

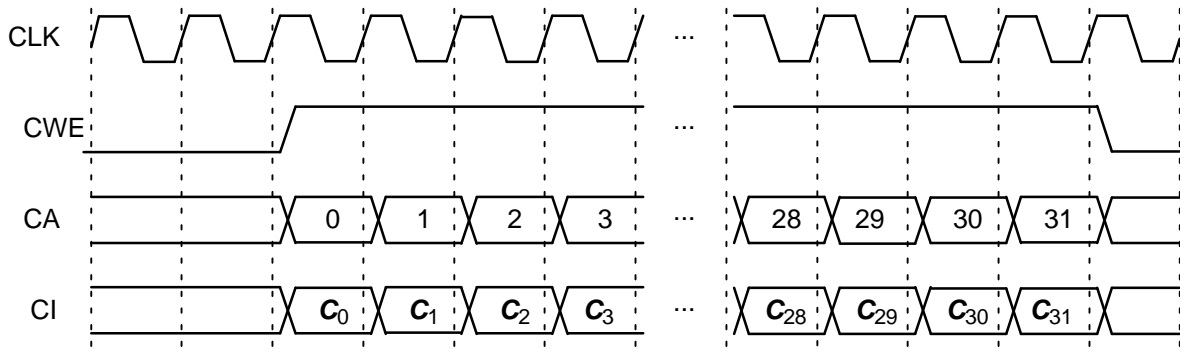


Figure 4: 3GPP2 Parameter Programming.

starts. As long as the correct K and CS are input to the decoder before decoding begins, the decoder will use the selected parameters. If CS is low, the internal 3GPP2 standard parameters are selected. If CS is high, the externally programmed parameters are selected.

3GPP™ LTE Interleaver

There are 188 standard interleaver sizes from 40 to 6144 bits. To select the internal parameters, set FS low and input the data length into $K[12:0]$. The decoder will automatically select the parameters for that length. Note that the only valid lengths are from 40 to 504 bits that are a multiple of 8, 512 to 1008 bits that are a multiple of 16, 1024 to 2016 bits that are multiple of 32, and 2048 to 6144 bits that are a multiple of 64. Other interleaver lengths will cause incorrect operation.

To input external interleaver parameters, set FS high. Any length from 40 to 6144 bits can be input, provided that K is a multiple of 8. Parameter $F1[8:1]$ is equal to f_1 divided by two. That is, the least significant bit of f_1 is deleted since it is always equal to one due to f_1 being odd. Similarly, parameter $F2[9:1]$ is equal to f_2 divided by two since f_2 is always even. For correct operation, $f_1 < 512$, $f_2 < 1024$, and $f_1 + f_2 < 1024$.

Turbo Decoder Operation

After the START signal is sent, the decoder will read the received data at the CLK speed. It is assumed that the received data is stored in a synchronous read RAM of size $(K+6) \times 6n$, $n = 2$ to 5. The received data ready signal RR goes high to indicate the data to be read from the address given by $RA[14:0]$. Tables 6 and 7 illustrates which data is stored for address 0 to $K-1$ for the main data, K to $K+2$ for the first tail, and $K+3$ to $K+5$ for the second tail, for 3GPP™ and 3GPP2, respectively. The entries for the table indicate which encoded data output is selected, X, Y1 and Y2 for the first encoder and X', Y1' and Y2' for the second encoder. The code polynomials are $g^0(D) =$

$1+D^2+D^3$ (13 in octal), $g^1(D) = 1+D+D^3$ (15) and $g^2(D) = 1+D+D^2+D^3$ (17). For rate 1/2 and 1/4 the main data is punctured, which is why two entries are shown.

Table 6: Input data format (3GPP™)

Rate	Data	Main	Tail 1	Tail 2
1/2	R0I	X X	X	X'
	R1I	Y1 Y1'	Y1	Y1'
1/3	R0I	X	X	X'
	R1I	Y1	Y1	Y1'
	R2I	Y1'	0	0
1/4	R0I	X X	X	X'
	R1I	Y1 Y1	Y1	Y1'
	R2I	Y2 Y1'	Y2	Y2'
	R3I	Y2' Y2'	0	0
1/5	R0I	X	X	X'
	R1I	Y1	Y1	Y1'
	R2I	Y2	Y2	Y2'
	R3I	Y1'	0	0
	R4I	Y2'	0	0

The decoder then iteratively decodes the received data for $N/1$ half iterations, rereading the received data for each half iteration for $K+3$ CLK cycles. The signal RR goes high for $K+3$ clock cycles while data is being output. Figure 5 illustrates the decoder timing where the data is input on the first half iteration.

If the START signal goes high while decoding, the decoder is reset and decoding starts anew. A synchronous reset is also provided. All flip flops in the turbo decoder are reset during a low to high transition of CLK while RST is high.

The decoded block is output during the last half-iteration. The signal XDR goes high for K CLK cycles while the block is output. If $N/1$ is even, the block is output in sequential order. For $N/1$ odd, the block is output in interleaved order. To deinterleave the block, the output XDA[14:0] can be used

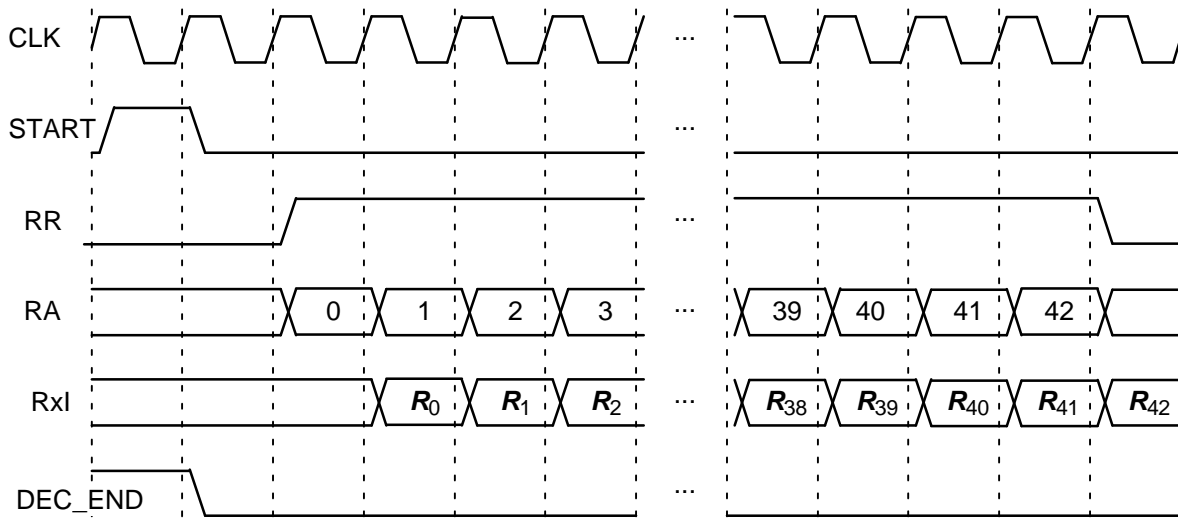


Figure 5: Turbo Decoder Input Timing ($K = 40$).

as the write address to a buffer RAM. After the block has been written to the buffer RAM, the decoded block can be sequentially read from the buffer RAM.

The signal ERR is a channel error estimator output. For even N_i , it is the exclusive OR of XD and the sign bit of the input R0I. For odd N_i , it is the exclusive OR of XD re-encoded to give the first parity bit and the sign bit of the input corresponding to $Y1'$ (this is because R0I is input in sequential order, not in the interleaved order of the output). If the output of the MAP decoder has zero errors, then this gives an approximation of the channel bit error rate (BER). Since $Y1'$ is punc-

tured for rate 1/2 and 1/4, the number of bits counted is $\lfloor K/2 \rfloor$.

The DEC_END signal is low during decoding. At the end of decoding, DEC_END goes high. Figure 6 illustrates the decoder timing where data is output on the last half iteration. After startup, the maximum number of clock cycles for decoding is $(N_i+1)(K+L)+1$.

During the last half iteration the decoded data is stored into the interleaver memory. Once decoding has been completed, the input XDE can be used to sequentially clock the decoded data from from the interleaver memory (regardless of the

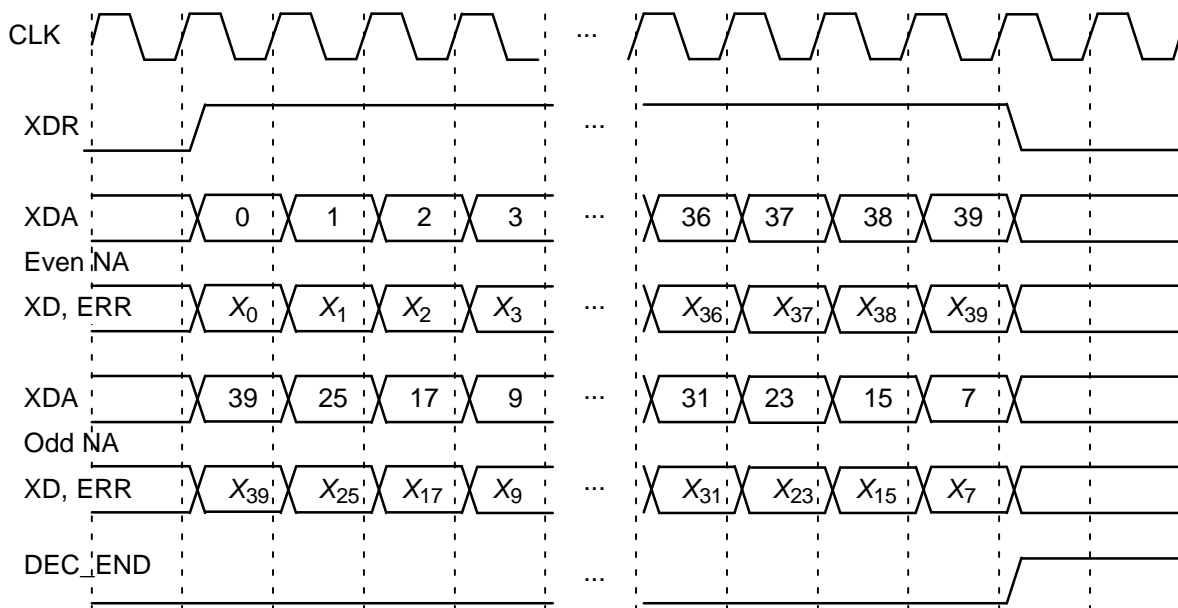


Figure 6: Turbo Decoder Output Timing ($K = 40$).

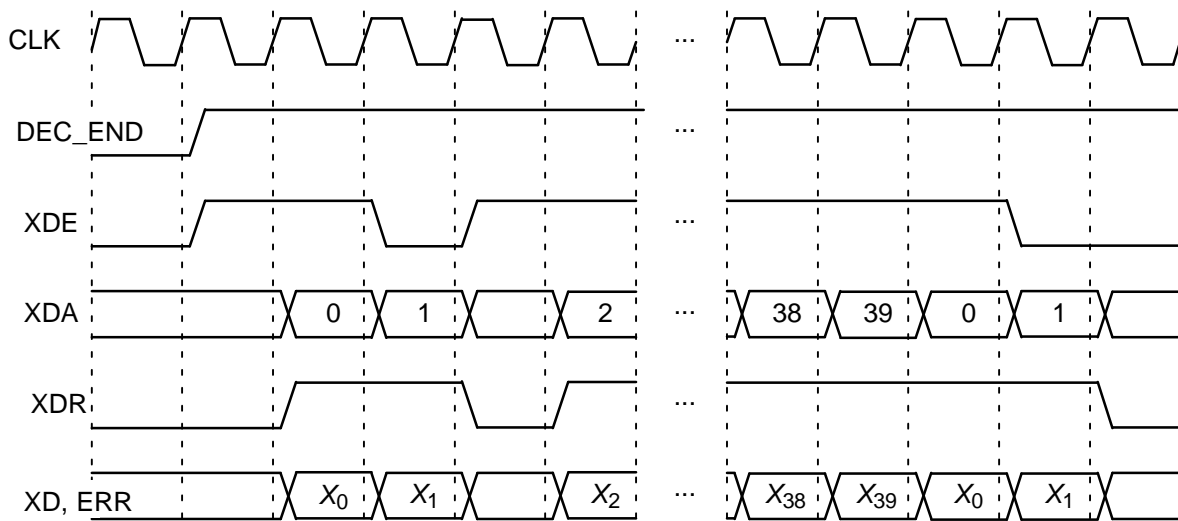


Figure 7: XDE Timing ($K = 40$).

number of iterations). XDE is disabled while the decoder is iterating. Figure 7 shows the decoder timing when XDE is used.

Table 7: Input data format (3GPP2)

Rate	Data	Main	Tail 1	Tail 2
1/2	R0I	X X	X	X'
	R1I	Y1 Y1'	Y1	Y1'
1/3	R0I	X	X	X'
	R1I	Y1	X	X'
	R2I	Y1'	Y1	Y1'
1/4	R0I	X X	X	X'
	R1I	Y1 Y1	X	X'
	R2I	Y2 Y1'	Y1	Y1'
	R3I	Y2' Y2'	Y2	Y2'
1/5	R0I	X	X	X'
	R1I	Y1	X	X'
	R2I	Y2	X	X'
	R3I	Y1'	Y1	Y1'
1xEV-DV	R4I	Y2'	Y2	Y2'
	R0I	X	X	X'
	R1I	Y1	X	X'
	R2I	Y2	Y1	Y1'
1xEV-DO	R3I	Y1'	Y2	Y2'
	R4I	Y2'	Y2	Y2'

The output ERR is also output when XDE goes high. The outputs RA and RR are used to read the sign bit of R0I which is exclusive-ORed with XD to give ERR.

The early stopping algorithm uses the magnitude of the extrinsic information to determine when to stop. As the decoder iterates, the magni-

tudes generally increases in value as the decoder becomes more confident in its decision. By comparing the smallest magnitude of a block with threshold ZTH, we can decide when to stop. If the smallest magnitude is greater than ZTH, i.e., not equal or less than ZTH, the decoder will stop iterating if early stopping has been enabled.

Since the last half iteration is used to store the decoded data into the interleaver memory, the decoder performs an extra half iteration once the threshold has been exceeded.

Increasing ZTH will increase the average number of iterations and decrease the BER. Decreasing ZTH will decrease the average number of iterations and increase the BER. In general, higher values of SNR will decrease the number of iterations. A value of ZTH = 23 was found to give a good trade off between the average number of iterations and BER performance.

For high SNR operation early stopping can lead to significantly reduced power consumption, since most blocks will be decoded in one or two iterations.

Simulation Software

Free software for simulating the PCD03V turbo decoder in additive white Gaussian noise (AWGN) or with external data is available by sending an email to info@sworld.com.au with "pcd03vsim request" in the subject header. The software uses an exact functional simulation of the PCD03V turbo decoder, including all quantisation and limiting effects.

After unzipping pcd03vsim.zip, there should be pcd03vsim.exe and code.txt. The file code.txt contains the parameters for running pcd03vsim. These parameters are

m	Constituent code (CC) memory (2 to 4)
nt	Number of turbo code outputs (2 to 5)
g0	Divisor polynomial of CC in octal notation
g1	1st numerator polynomial of CC
g2	2nd numerator polynomial of CC
EbNomin	Minimum E_b/N_0 (in dB)
EbNomax	Maximum E_b/N_0 (in dB)
EbNoinc	E_b/N_0 increment (in dB)
optC	Input scaling parameter (0.37 for rate 1/3)
ferrmax	Number of frame errors to count
Pfmin	Minimum frame error rate (FER)
Pbmin	Minimum bit error rate (BER)
NI	Number of half iterations–1 (0 to 255)
SLD	MAP decoder delay select (0 or 1)
LIMZ	Extrinsic information limit (1 to 127)
SCLZ	Extrinsic information scale (1 to 32)
M	Stopping mode (0 to 4)
ZTH	Extrinsic info. threshold (0 to 127)
S3G	Standard select (0 to 3)
CS	Use external 3GPP2 interleaver parameters (0 or 1)
K	Block length (40 to 5114 for 3GPP™ or 17 to 21504 for 3GPP2)
q	Number of quantisation bits (1 to 6)
LOGMAP	Log–MAP decoding (MODE0, 0 or 1)
C4PIN	Use five–bit C (MODE1, 0 or 1)
enter_C	Use external value of C (y or n)
C	C (0 to 17)
state	State file (0 to 2)
s1	Seed 1 (1 to 2147483562)
s2	Seed 2 (1 to 2147483398)
fs	LTE interleaver parameter select (0 or 1)
f1	LTE interleaver parameter 1 (1 to 511)
f2	LTE interleaver parameter 2 (0 to 1022)
read_x	Use external information data (y or n)
read_r	Use external received data (y or n)
out_dir	Output directory
in_dir	Input directory
out_screen	Output data to screen (y or n)

Note that g0, g1 and g2 are given in octal notation, e.g., $g0 = 13 \equiv 1011_2 \equiv 1+D^2+D^3$. For the 3GPP™ standard, $m = 3$, $nt = 3$, $g0 = 13$ and $g1 = 15$ ($g2$ is not used). The nominal turbo code rate is $1/nt$.

An optional Genie aided stopping mode can be selected by setting $M = 4$. This will stop the decoder from further iterations when the Genie has detected there are no errors compared to the transmitted data. This allows a lower performance bound to be simulated, allowing fast simulations for various configurations at low bit error rates.

The parameter $optC$ is used to determine the “optimum” values of A and C . The “optimum” value of A is

$$A = \frac{optC(2^{q-1} - 1)}{mag(\sigma)} \quad (4)$$

where σ^2 is the normalised noise variance given by (2) and $mag(\sigma)$ is the normalising magnitude resulting from an auto–gain control (AGC) circuit. With log–MAP decoding, we recommend using $optC = 0.37$ for rate 1/3 and $optC = 0.58$ for rate 1/2. We have

$$mag(\sigma) = \sigma \sqrt{\frac{2}{\pi}} \exp\left(\frac{-1}{2\sigma^2}\right) + 1 - 2Q\left(\frac{1}{\sigma}\right) \quad (5)$$

where $Q(x)$ is the error function given by

$$Q(x) = \int_x^{\infty} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \exp\left(-\frac{t^2}{2}\right) dt. \quad (6)$$

For the “optimum” A , if $enter_C = n$, we round the value of C given by (1) to the nearest integer. If $LOGMAP = MODE0 = 0$ then C is forced to 0. If $LOGMAP = 1$ and $C4PIN = MODE1 = 0$, C is limited to a maximum value of 9. If $LOGMAP = 1$ and $C4PIN = 1$, C is limited to a maximum value of 17. If $enter_C = y$, a constant value of C is used for all SNR values. For the recommended $optC$ values, $C = 6$ can be used for all SNR values with little degradation in performance.

The simulation will increase E_b/N_0 (in dB) in $EbNoinc$ increments from $EbNomin$ until $EbNomax$ is reached or the frame error rate (FER) is below or equal to $Pfmin$ or the bit error rate (BER) is below or equal to $Pbmin$. Each simulation point continues until the number of frame errors is equal to $ferrmax$. If $ferrmax = 0$, then only one frame is simulated.

When the simulation is finished the output is given in, for example, file `k512.dat`, where $K = 512$. The first line gives the E_b/N_0 (Eb/No), the number of frames (num), the number of bit errors in the frame (err), the total number of bit errors ($berr$), the total number of frame errors ($ferr$), the average number of iterations (na), the average BER (Pb) and the average FER (Pf). Following this, the number of iterations, na , $berr$, $ferr$, Pb , and Pf are given for each half iteration.

The following file was used to give the simulation results shown in Figure 8 with log–MAP decoding. Auto–stopping was used with up to 10 iterations. When iterating is stopped early, the $nasum$ ($2*num*na$), $berr$ and $ferr$ results at stopping are copied for each half iteration to the maximum iteration number. This allows the performance to be obtained at each half iteration. Figure 9 shows the average number of iterations with E_b/N_0 . Figure 10 shows the log–MAP performance with $NI = 19$, $n = 2$ and 3, and $K = 256, 512$ and 1024.

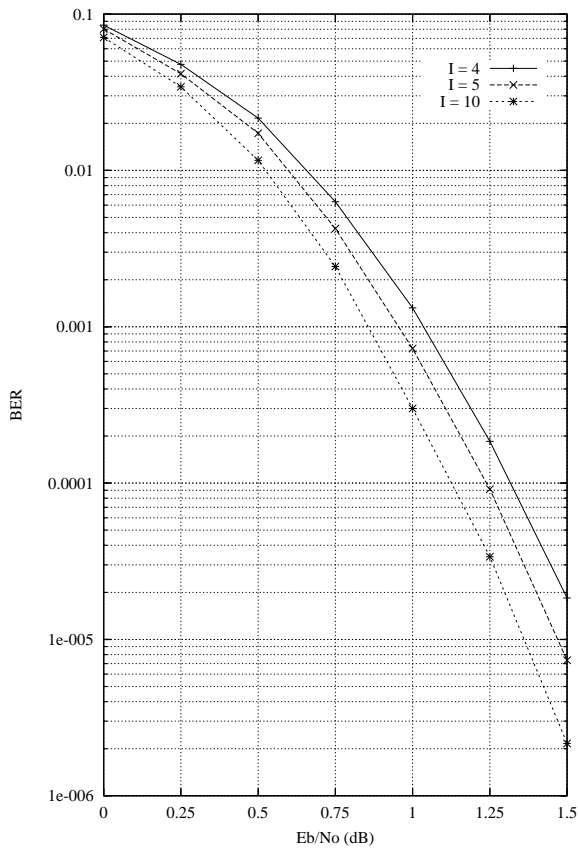


Figure 8: Performance with block size 512, 3GPP™ and auto-stopping (ZTH = 23).

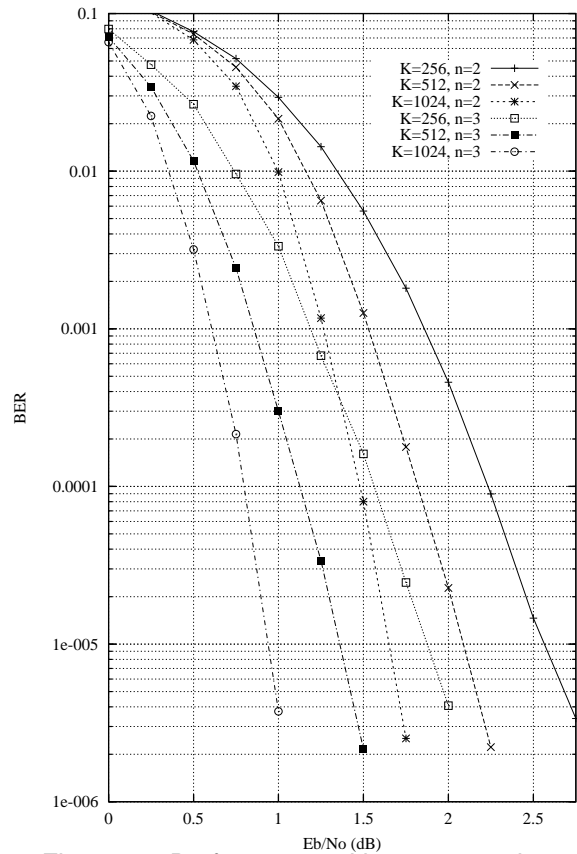


Figure 10: Performance with auto-stopping and 10 iterations.

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{m nt g0 g1 g2}
3 3 13 15 17
{EbNomin EbNomax EbNoinc optC ferrmax
Pfmin Pbmin}
0.0 1.5 0.25 0.37 128
1e-99 1e-5
{NI SLD LIMZ SCLZ M ZTH S3G CS}
19 1 96 29 3 23 0 0
{K q LOGMAP C4PIN enter_C C}
512 6 1 1 y 6
{state s1 s2 fs f1 f2}
0 12345 67890 0 3 10
{read_x read_r out_dir in_dir
```

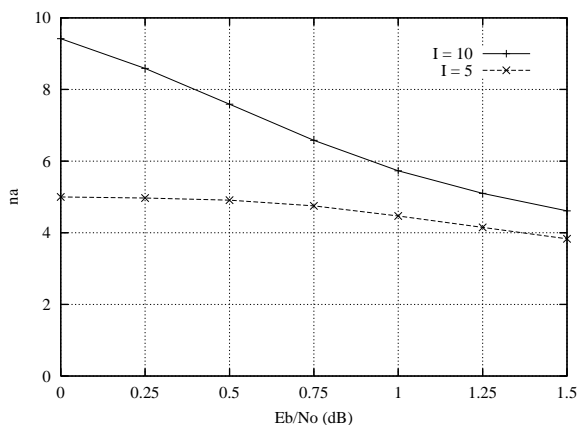


Figure 9: Average number of iterations with block size 512 and auto-stopping (ZTH = 23).

```
out_screen}
n n output input y
```

The `state` input can be used to continue the simulation after the simulation has been stopped, e.g., by the program being closed or your computer crashing. For normal simulations, `state=0`. While the program is running, the simulation state is alternatively written into `State1.dat` and `State2.dat`. Two state files are used in case the program stops while writing data into one file. To continue the simulation after the program is stopped follow these instructions:

- 1) Copy the state files `State1.dat` and `State2.dat`. This ensures you can restart the program if a mistake is made in `configuring code.txt`.
- 2) Examine the state files and choose one that isn't corrupted.
- 3) Change the state parameter to 1 if `State1.dat` is used or 2 if `State2.dat` is used.
- 4) Restart the simulation. The output will be appended to the existing `k(K).dat` file.
- 5) After the simulation has been completed, make sure that `state` is changed back to 0.

The software can also be used to encode and decode external data. To encode a block `X_(K).dat` in the directory given by `in_dir`, set

read_x to y, e.g., X_512.dat in directory input (each line contains one bit of data). The encoded stream Y_(K).dat will be output to the directory given by out_dir, e.g., Y_512.dat to directory output.

To decode data, place the received block of data in file R_(K).dat in directory in_dir and set read_r to y. The decoded data is output to XD_(K).dat in directory out_dir. For 3GPP™ R_(K).dat has in each line R[i,j], i = 0 to nt-1 from j = 0 to K-1 and then i = 0 to n-1 from j = K to K+2m-1. For 3GPP2 R_(K).dat has in each line R[i,j], i = 0 to nt-1 from j = 0 to K+2m-1. e.g., for nt = 3 the first three lines could be

```
-31 1 -25
-31 12 9
11 31 31
```

The input data is of the form

$$R[i,j] = A*(1-2*Y[i,j]+N[i,j])$$

where A is the signal amplitude, Y[i,j] is the coded bit, and N[i,j] is white Gaussian noise with zero mean and normalised variance σ^2 . The magnitude of R[i,j] should be rounded to the nearest integer and be no greater than $2^{q-1}-1$. If read_r = y, then C is externally input via c.

For 3GPP2, external interleaver parameters can be used. Set cs = 1 and place the 32 interleaver parameters, one parameter per line, in file c.dat in directory in_dir. The full value should be input, and not the value with the lsb removed.

Viterbi Decoder Operation

The Viterbi decoder is operated in a similar way to the turbo decoder. The START signal is used to start decoding, using RR and RA to read the received data. For rate 1/2 operation, R2I to R4I are not used. For rate 1/3 operation R3I to R4I are not used. For rate 1/4 R4I is not used.

The input SM selects 16, 32, 64 or 256 states (constraint lengths 5, 6, 7 or 9). For TB = 0, the input DELAY = 0, 1 and 2 selects a delay of 64+m, 128+m, and 256+m, where m is the encoder memory. The number of states is equal to 2^m and the constraint length is equal to m+1. For TB = 1, the delay is 124+m, 248+m, and 376+m for DELAY = 0, 1, and 2, respectively. This assumes that the encoder start state is equal to the last m bits of the data block. Note that $m \leq 6$ for DELAY = 2 and TB = 0 or 1.

Table 8 shows the codes selected with the number of states, code rate, and 3G standard (selected by S3G[2]).

Table 8: Convolutional Codes.

S3G [2]	SM [1:0]	N[1:0]	g0	g1	g2	g3
X	00	10	23	35	–	–
X	00	11	25	33	37	–
X	00	00	23	35	25	37
X	01	10	51	67	–	–
X	01	11	51	67	75	–
X	01	00	51	55	67	77
0	10	10	133	171	–	–
0	10	11	133	171	165	–
0	10	00	173	167	135	111
0	11	10	561	753	–	–
0	11	11	557	663	711	–
0	11	00	473	513	671	765
1	10	10	171	133	–	–
1	10	11	171	133	165	–
1	10	00	173	167	135	111
1	11	10	753	561	–	–
1	11	11	557	663	711	–
1	11	00	765	671	513	473

For TB = 0, the decoder first inputs the received data from address 0 to K-1. The tail is then input from address K to K+m-1. After a decoding delay, the decoded data is output to XD. XDR goes high for one clock cycle at the beginning of each decoded bit. XDA goes from address 0 to K-1 as the decoded data is output.

For TB = 1, the input sequence is more complicated. For DELAY = 0, the data is input for 60 symbols from address (-60 mod K) to K-1, for K symbols from address 0 to K-1, and then for 60 symbols from address 0 to ((K+59) mod K). For DELAY = 1 and 2, the data is input for 120 symbols from address (-120 mod K) to K-1, for K symbols from address 0 to K-1, and then for 120 symbols from address 0 to ((K+119) mod K). The decoder automatically calculates the correct address for RA, so the data only needs to be stored from address 0 to K-1.

Due to the modulus operation, the data lengths available for tail biting are restricted for use in the decoder. For DELAY = 0, data lengths from 10 to

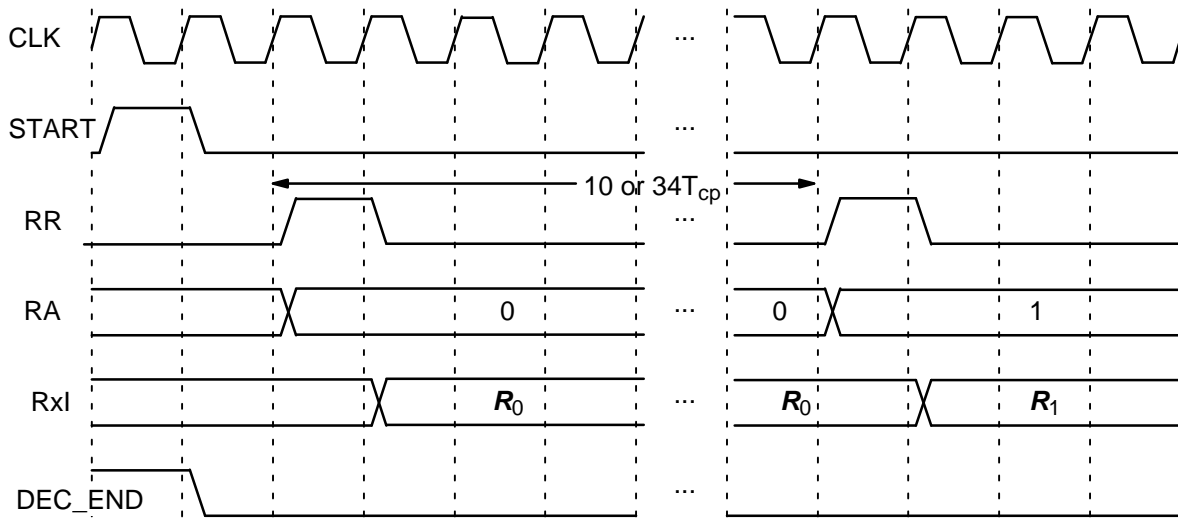


Figure 11: Viterbi Decoder Input Timing.

1928 bits can be used. For DELAY = 1 and 2, data lengths from 20 to 1808 bits can be used.

The output ERR is the exclusive-OR of the sign bit of ROI with the corresponding re-encoded decoded output bit. This allows an estimate of the channel BER.

Figure 11 shows the Viterbi decoder input timing. Two clock cycles are used to start decoding, with each decoded bit taking 10 clock cycles for 16, 32 or 64 states or 34 clock cycles with 256 states.

Figure 12 shows the Viterbi decoder output timing. The input XDE is not used either during or after Viterbi decoding.

The decoding speed is given by

$$f_d = \frac{F_d}{N_c(1 + D/K) + 3/K} \quad (7)$$

where F_d is the internal clock speed, N_c is the number of decoder clock cycles (10 or 34) and D is the Viterbi decoder delay in bits. For example, if $TB = 0$, $K = 504$ (the maximum in 3GPP™), $D =$

136 (SM = 3, DELAY = 1), $N_c = 34$ (SM = 3) and $F_d = 100$ MHz, decoding speed is 2.3 Mbit/s.

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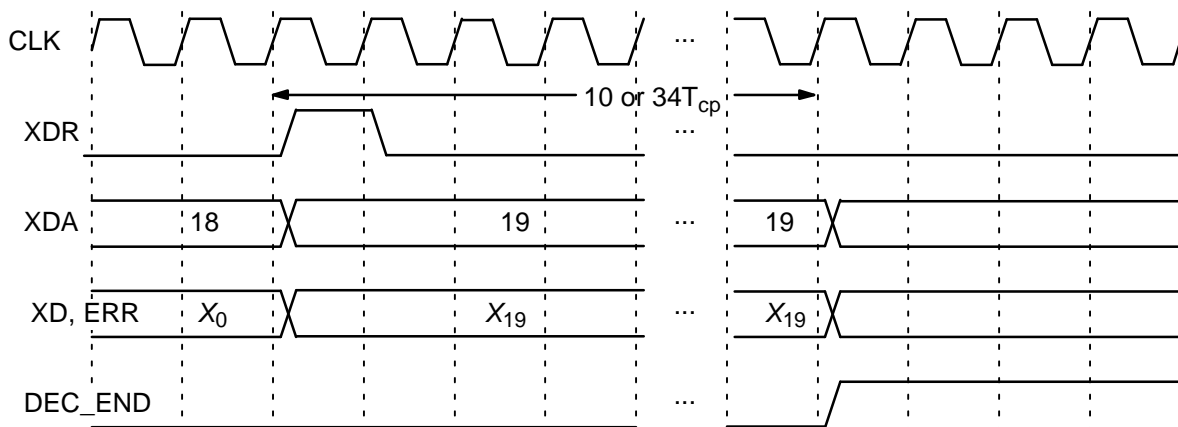


Figure 12: Viterbi Decoder Output Timing ($K = 20$).

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