

# SCE02C CCSDS SCCC Encoder

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## **Product Specification**

## SCE02C Features

- 4 state CCSDS compatible serially concatenated convolutional code (SCCC) encoder
- Code rates from 0.355 to 0.899
- Data lengths from 5758 to 43678 bits
- Interleaver sizes from 8640 to 65520 bits
- Symbol interleaver sizes from 16200 to 48600 bits with QPSK, 8PSK, 16APSK, 32APSK or 64APSK modulation and 8100 coded symbols
- Optional 6-bit coded symbol or 12-bit inphase (I) and quadrature (Q) output
- Includes 256 symbol frame marker, 64 symbol frame descriptor and optional pilot symbols with programmable I and Q pseudo randomiser
- Continuous coded symbol data out
- Up to 575 MHz internal clock
- Up to 1.14 Gbit/s encoding speed with 213 MHz symbol clock
- 1191 6-input LUTs and 30 18kB RAMB18s
- Asynchronous logic free design
- Available as EDIF and VHDL core for Xilinx FPGAs under SignOnce IP License. ASIC, Intel/Altera, Lattice and Microsemi/Actel cores available on request.

## Introduction

The SCE02C is a 4 state systematic recursive CCSDS [1] compatible SCCC encoder. Twenty different interleaver sizes from 8640 to 65520 bits are implemented. Twenty seven different code rates R from 0.355 to 0.899 can be selected, giving bandwidth efficiencies from 0.711 to 5.392 bit/ sym, excluding header and pilot symbols.

The outer rate 1/2 code is punctured to a rate of 2/3. The outer four bit tail punctured to three bits. The inner rate 1/2 code uses different forms of puncturing for the systematic and parity bits, with the four bit tail not punctured. The interleaver size is of size I = 1.5K+3, where K is the number of information bits, which ranges from 5758 to 43678.

The number of coded bits is 8100m, where m is the number of bits per symbol, ranging from m = 2 for QPSK to 6 for 64APSK. To allow a continuous output stream, ping–pong interleaver and symbol memories are used to buffer the input data to be encoded.

The encoded stream consists of a 256 bit  $\pi/2$ –BPSK modulated frame marker, a 64 bit  $\pi/2$ –BPSK modulated frame descriptor and 16 codeword segments (CWS). Each CWS consists of 8100 coded symbols using either QPSK (quadrature phase shift keying), 8PSK, 16APSK (amplitude phase shift keying), 32APSK or 64APSK modulation. If pilot symbols are selected, each CWS has a total of 240 pilot symbols, distributed through the CWS in 15 groups of 16 pilot symbols.

The CWS symbols (including the pilots) are I and Q scrambled using a programmable pseudo randomiser, initialised to one of  $2^{18}$ –1 = 262143 values.

Figure 1 shows the schematic symbol for the SCE02C encoder. The EDIF core can be used with Xilinx Foundation or Integrated Software Environment (ISE) software. The VHDL core can be used with Xilinx ISE or Vivado software. Custom VHDL cores can be used in ASIC designs.



Figure 1: SCE02C schematic symbol.

Table 1 shows the performance achieved for various Xilinx parts with K = 43678 (ACM = 27).  $T_{cp}$  is the minimum clock period over recommended operating conditions.  $f_s$  is the maximum coded symbol rate. These performance figures may change due to device utilisation and configuration. Note that Zynq devices up to XC7Z020 and from XC7Z030 use programmable logic equivalent to Artix–7 and Kintex–7 devices, respectively.

## Table 1: Example performance

Part	T <sub>cp</sub> (ns)	Speed (Mbit/s)	<sup>f</sup> s (Msym/s)	
XC7S25-1	5.233	381	70.8	
XC7S25-2	4.283	466	86.5	
XC7A15T-1	5.362	372	69.1	
XC7A15T-2	4.445	449	83.3	
XC7A15T-3	3.935	507	94.1	
XC7K70T-1	3.945	506	93.9	
XC7K70T-2	3.340	598	110.9	
XC7K70T-3	3.003	665	123.4	
XCKU035-1	3.494	572	106.0	
XCKU035-2	3.027	660	122.4	
XCKU035-3	2.467	810	150.2	
XCKU3P-1	2.186	914	169.5	
XCKU3P-2	1.928	1036	192.2	
XCKU3P-3	1.739	1149	213.1	

## **Signal Descriptions**

ACM Advanced Coding and Modulation Format (1 to 27)

- ACMO ACM Output (1 to 27)
- BUSY Encoder Busy (new data not accepted)
- CLK Encoder Clock
- FHR Frame Header Ready
- FR Frame Ready

FI	=	Frame	Finish
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PILOT	Pilot Select
	0 = No pilot symbols
	1 = Pilot symbols inserted
PR	Pilot Ready
PRN	Pseudo Randomiser Number (1 to
	262143)
RN	Randomiser for I and Q (0 to 3)
RST	Synchronous Reset
S	Symbol (0 to 63)
SCLK	Symbol Clock
SI	Symbol In-phase (12-bit 2's comp.)
SR	Symbol Ready
START	Encoder Start
SQ	Symbol Quadrature (12-bit 2's comp.)
Х	Data In
XA	Data In Address (0 to 43677)
XF	Data in Finish
XR	Data In Ready

## **Encoder Operation**

Figure 2 gives a simplified block diagram of the SCE02C CCSDS SCCC encoder.

## Outer Encoder

To increase encoding speed, the outer rate 1/2 four state systematic recursive convolutional encoder that is punctured to a rate of 2/3, is converted to a non-punctured rate 2/3 encoder. For the standard rate 1/2 code, we have



$$y_{i}^{0} = x_{i},$$
  

$$y_{i}^{1} = x_{i} + s_{i}^{0},$$
  

$$s_{i+1}^{0} = x_{i} + s_{i}^{0} + s_{i}^{1},$$
  

$$s_{i+1}^{1} = s_{i}^{0},$$
  
(1)

where  $x_i$  is the input data bit for  $0 \le i \le K-1$ ,  $y_i^0$ and  $y_i^1$  are the two coded bits,  $s_i^0$  and  $s_i^1$  are the two bits corresponding to the state of the encoder and + represents modulo-2 (XOR) addition. For  $K \le i \le K+1$ , the tail is generated with

$$y_{i}^{0} = s_{i}^{0} + s_{i}^{1},$$
  

$$y_{i}^{1} = s_{i}^{1},$$
  

$$s_{i+1}^{0} = 0,$$
  

$$s_{i+1}^{1} = s_{i}^{0}.$$
  
(2)

Incrementing *i* by one, we have for the main data  $y_{i+1}^0 = x_{i+1}$ ,

$$y_{i+1}^{1} = x_{i+1} + s_{i+1}^{0} = x_{i+1} + x_{i} + s_{i}^{0} + s_{i}^{1},$$
  

$$s_{i+2}^{0} = x_{i+1} + s_{i+1}^{0} + s_{i+1}^{1} = x_{i+1} + x_{i} + s_{i}^{1},$$
  

$$s_{i+2}^{1} = s_{i+1}^{0} = x_{i} + s_{i}^{0} + s_{i}^{1},$$
(3)

and for the tail we have

$$y_{i+1}^{0} = s_{i+1}^{0} + s_{i+1}^{1} = s_{i}^{0},$$
  

$$y_{i+1}^{1} = s_{i+1}^{1} = s_{i}^{0},$$
  

$$s_{i+2}^{0} = 0,$$
  

$$s_{i+2}^{1} = s_{i+1}^{0} = 0.$$
(4)

Letting i = 2j, we have  $x_j^0 = x_i$ ,  $x_j^1 = x_{i+1}$ ,  $y_j^0 = y_i^0$ ,  $y_j^1 = y_i^1$ ,  $y_j^2 = y_{i+1}^0$ ,  $s_j^0 = s_i^0$ ,  $s_j^1 = s_i^1$ ,  $s_{j+1}^0 = s_{i+2}^0$ and  $s_{j+1}^1 = s_{i+2}^1$ , for  $0 \le j \le K/2$ . There is no  $y_j^3$ since  $y_{i+1}^1$  is punctured. This gives the equations for the rate 2/3 encoder for  $0 \le j \le K/2-1$  as

$$y_{j}^{0} = x_{j}^{0},$$
  

$$y_{j}^{1} = x_{j}^{0} + s_{j}^{0},$$
  

$$y_{j}^{2} = x_{j}^{1},$$
  

$$s_{j+1}^{0} = x_{j}^{1} + x_{j}^{0} + s_{j}^{1},$$
  

$$s_{j+1}^{1} = x_{j}^{0} + s_{j}^{0} + s_{j}^{1},$$
  
(5)

and for the tail with j = K/2 as

$$y_{j}^{0} = s_{j}^{0} + s_{j}^{1},$$
  

$$y_{j}^{1} = s_{j}^{1},$$
  

$$y_{j}^{2} = s_{j}^{0}.$$
(6)

#### Interleaver

The interleaver needs to write three consecutive bits into the RAM and then read three bits in interleaved order. This is achieved by the splitting the RAM into nine separate simple dual port random access (SDPRAM) memories, each of size 16Kx1. We let coded bit  $y_i^h$ ,  $0 \le h \le 2$  be written to one of the nine memories indicated by the pair h, f(3j+h) where

$$f(i) = \pi^{-1}(i) \mod 3$$
 (7)

where  $\pi^{-1}(i)$ ,  $0 \le i \le l-1$  is the inverse function of the interleaver function

$$\pi(i) = W[(i^{W} + \beta(i_{W})) \mod 120] + \alpha(i_{W}),$$
  

$$i_{W} = i \mod W,$$
  

$$i^{W} = i \operatorname{div} W = (i - i_{W})/W,$$
  

$$W = I/120 = (K + 2)/80.$$
(8)

We have  $0 \le \alpha(i_W) \le W$ -1 and  $0 \le \beta(i_W) \le 119$ are lookup table constants dependent the interleaver size *I*. We can express the inverse as

$$\pi^{-1}(i) = W[(i^{W} - \beta(\alpha^{-1}(i_{W}))) \mod 120] + \alpha^{-1}(i_{W}),$$
(9)

where  $\alpha^{-1}(i)$ ,  $0 \le i \le W-1$  is the inverse function of  $\alpha(i)$ . Since *W* is a multiple of 3 we thus have

$$f(i) = \alpha^{-1}(i \mod W) \mod 3.$$
 (10)

Since  $i = Wi^{W} + i_W$ , we have  $f(i) = f(i_W)$  and thus only need a lookup table for  $f(i_W)$ ,  $0 \le i_W \le W-1$ . The lookup table will output three 2–bit values for  $i_W =$ 3j+h,  $0 \le j \le W/3-1$ . Each bit  $y_j^h$ , will be written to RAM h, f(3j+h). Each RAM also has an individual write address counter, which is incremented after each write. Due to the random nature of the h, f(3j+h) pair, the number of writes to each RAM will be uneven.

Table 2 shows the number of writes for each RAM for each of the 19 interleavers. The maximum value is 67 for ACM = 26 and RAM 1,2. To simplify the calculation of the RAM write address, which must be incremented by the maximum address value every W/3 clock cycles for 120 rows, we let the increment value be equal to 68. The total address space is then 120x68 = 8160. As a ping–pong interleaver is used (writing to one half while reading from the other half), each of the nine RAMs is of size 16320x1, which is implemented using a 16Kx1 BlockRAM.

The summation of all the different *W* values is  $W_{sum} = 5367$ . The total address is space for the ROM is thus  $W_{sum}/3 \ge 3 \lceil \log_2 3 \rceil$  or 1789x6 which is implemented using a 2Kx9 BlockRAM.

For the inner encoder, three bits are read at a time in interleaved order. Bit  $z_i^h$ ,  $0 \le i \le l/3-1$ ,  $0 \le h \le 2$  is read from RAM g(3i+h), *h* where

 $g(i) = \pi(i) \mod 3. \tag{11}$ 

Similar to f(i), we have that

$$g(i) = \alpha(i \mod W) \mod 3. \tag{12}$$

Thus, the three bits  $z_j^h$ ,  $0 \le h \le 2$ , will be read from RAM g(3j+h),h,  $0 \le j \le W/3-1$ . As the column addresses are unevenly distributed across

ACM	K	1	W	0,0	0,1	0,2	1,0	1,1	1,2	2,0	2,1	2,2
1	5758	8640	72	10	8	6	6	10	8	8	6	10
2	6958	10440	87	7	11	11	9	9	11	13	9	7
3	8398	12600	105	14	11	10	10	10	15	11	14	10
4	9838	14760	123	11	13	17	16	15	10	14	13	14
5,7	11278	16920	141	18	16	13	14	15	18	15	16	16
6,8	13198	19800	165	20	19	16	17	17	21	18	19	18
9	14878	22320	186	20	26	16	21	20	21	21	16	25
10	17038	25560	213	24	29	18	24	20	27	23	22	26
11,13	19198	28800	240	30	23	27	23	31	26	27	26	27
12,14	21358	32040	267	28	28	33	27	36	26	34	25	30
15	23518	35280	294	31	34	33	39	35	24	28	29	41
16,18	25918	38880	324	35	37	36	36	40	32	37	31	40
17,19	28318	42480	354	36	45	37	38	33	47	44	40	34
20	30958	46440	387	38	43	48	42	43	44	49	43	37
21,23	33358	50040	417	50	48	41	42	47	50	47	44	48
22,24	35998	54000	450	52	49	49	49	48	53	49	53	48
25	38638	57960	483	55	51	55	53	57	51	53	53	55
26	41038	61560	513	64	62	45	46	58	67	61	51	59
27	43678	65520	546	64	65	53	63	53	66	55	64	63

Table 2: Number of writes for RAM h.f(3j+h) and clock factor F

the nine RAMs, we can't directly use  $\alpha(i)$ . Instead, we use  $\gamma(i)$  which is determined using the following algorithm, where the array alpha[*i*] corresponds to a(i), alphai[i] to  $a^{-1}(i)$ , column[h,f] to the number of writes to RAM *h*, *f* and gamma[*i*] to  $\gamma(i)$ , which is the column for  $\alpha(i)$ .

for I := 0 to W-1 do alphai[alpha[I]] := I; for H := 0 to 2 do for F := 0 to 2 do column[H,F] := 0;for I := 0 to W-1 do begin{count}  $H := I \mod 3;$  $F := alphai[I] \mod 3;$ gamma[alphai[I]] := column[H,F]; column[H,F] := column[H,F]+1; end;{count}

For each  $0 \le j \le W/3-1$ , where  $j = (i \mod W)$ div 3 and  $h = i \mod 3$ , the ROM outputs three values of  $\gamma(3i+h)$ ,  $0 \le h \le 2$ . The maximum values of  $\gamma(3i)$ ,  $\gamma(3i+1)$  and  $\gamma(3i+2)$  are 63, 64 and 66, respectively. Thus, we could use 6 bits for h = 0 and 7 bits for h = 1 and 2. However, as this does not lead to a reduction in the number of BlockRAMs, we simplify this to using 7 bits for all three values.

The three read address for  $0 \le h \le 2$  are formed for  $0 \le i \le W/3-1$  from

$$RA(i) = 68[i^{W} + \beta(3j + h)) \mod 120] + (13)$$
  
 $\gamma(3j + h)$ 

where  $0 \le i \le I-1$ ,  $j = (I \mod W)$  div 3 and h = imod 3. As the maximum value of  $\beta(i)$  is 119, this requires 7 bits for each of the three values that are output.

In order to select RAM g(3j+h), h we need to also output the three values for g(3j+h), which is similar to f(3j+h) requires a total of  $3x^2 = 6$  bits. As shown in the next section, we calculate this from the ROM values used in puncturing the systematic data.

## Data Puncturing

The standard uses a fairly complex scheme for puncturing the systematic data of the inner convolutional encoder. We first need to generate a length 300 lookup table containing a puncturing pattern of 0's and 1's. As we encode three bits at a time, we need three of these lookup tables. Also, to allow the code rate to change from one frame to the next, we write the new pattern into one half of a 600x1 RAM while outer encoding, and read from the other half of the RAM while inner encoding. Thus, we need a total of six 300x1 RAMs.

For each ACM value, the standard specifies that  $S_{sur}$  bits of the 300 will not be punctured. Values from  $S_{sur}$  = 300 for ACM = 1 and 2 to 208 for ACM = 27 are provided. Another table is provided where for each  $S_{sur}$  value from 299 down to 200, the puncturing position is given, e.g., the positions for  $S_{sur}$  = 299 and 298 are 76 and 1, respectively. The puncturing positions are formed from address 299 down to  $S_{sur}$ . If  $S_{sur}$  = 300, no bits are punctured.

To create the puncturing pattern, we first write 300 one's into the puncturing RAM from address 0 to 299. For the ACM value, we use a small LUT to output  $S_{pun} = 299 - S_{sur}$ , which ranges from -1 to 91. If  $S_{pun} = -1$  (represented by 127 from the LUT) we do not write any zeros. For  $S_{pun} \ge 0$ , we use a counter that increments from 0 to  $S_{pun}$ , writing  $S_{pun}$ +1 zeros to the addresses given from another LUT, e.g., we write zeros to addresses 76 and 1 for counter addresses 0 and 1.

We have the address a(k,l), k = i div W, l = i modW,  $0 \le i \le l-1$ , to the puncturing RAM is

$$a(k, l) = \pi(k, l) \mod 300$$
 (14)

where

$$\pi(k, l) = W((k + \beta(l)) \mod 120) + \alpha(l).$$
(15)

To simplify the calculation of a(k,l) we use differences. Due to the use of lookup tables for a(l) and  $\beta(l)$  we let the first *W* initial values for  $0 \le l \le W-1$  be

 $a(0, h) = [(W\beta(h) \mod 120) + \alpha(h)] \mod 300.$  (16) We have the difference as

$$\pi(k+1, \hbar) - \pi(k, \hbar) = \begin{cases} W; \ k+1+\beta(\hbar) < 120, \\ -119W; \ k+1+\beta(\hbar) = 120, \\ W; \ k+1+\beta(\hbar) > 120. \end{cases}$$
(17)

Thus, we can calculate the next values as

$$a(k+1, l) = \begin{cases} (a(k, l) + W) \mod 300 \ ; \ k+\beta(l) \neq 119, \\ (a(k, l) - 119W) \mod 300 \ ; \ k+\beta(l) = 119. \end{cases}$$

As we already have  $\beta(l)$ , we only need  $\delta(l) = a(0,l)$  from the ROM. The values of *W* mod 300 and -119W mod 300 are stored in LUTs and are used for the additions.

As we need to generate three bits in parallel, we let l = 3j+h,  $j = l \operatorname{div} 3$  and  $h = l \mod 3$ , where we output  $\delta(3j+h)$  for  $0 \le h \le 2$  in parallel for  $0 \le j \le W/3-1$ . As the maximum value of  $\delta(l)$  is 299, this requires three 9 bit values to be stored.

As we have

$$\delta(l) \mod 3 = (\pi(0, l) \mod 300) \mod 3$$
(19)  
= [\pi(0, l) - 300(\pi(0, l) \div 300)] \dots d3  
= \pi(0, l) \dots d3 = \alpha(l) \dots d3 = g(l)

we can use  $\delta(l)$  to calculate which RAM to read from, thus reducing the size of the ROM. The total width for the ROM is thus 3x(7+7+9) = 69.

## Inner Encoder

The standard inner encoder is the same as the outer encoder, being a rate 1/2 four state systematic recursive convolutional encoder. As the interleaver outputs three consecutive bits in parallel, we form a rate 3/6 encoder. This is done similarly as for the outer encoder. From (3) and (4) and incrementing *i* by 1, we have for the main data

$$y_{i+2}^{0} = x_{i+2},$$
  

$$y_{i+2}^{1} = x_{i+2} + x_{i+1} + s_{i+1}^{0} + s_{i+1}^{1}$$
  

$$= x_{i+2} + x_{i+1} + x_{i} + s_{i}^{1},$$
  

$$s_{i+3}^{0} = x_{i+2} + x_{i+1} + s_{i+1}^{1} = x_{i+2} + x_{i+1} + s_{i}^{0},$$
  

$$s_{i+3}^{1} = x_{i+1} + s_{i+1}^{0} + s_{i+1}^{1} = x_{i+1} + x_{i} + s_{i}^{1},$$
  
(20)

and for the tail we have

$$y_{i+2}^{0} = s_{i+2}^{0} + s_{i+2}^{1} = 0,$$
  

$$y_{i+2}^{1} = s_{i+2}^{1} = 0,$$
  

$$s_{i+3}^{0} = 0,$$
  

$$s_{i+3}^{1} = s_{i+2}^{0} = 0.$$
(21)

Letting i = 3j, we have  $z_j^h = x_{i+h}$  as the input data,  $w_j^h = y_{i+h}^0$  as the encoded data,  $w_j^{3+h} = y_{i+h}^1$  as the encoded parity, for  $0 \le h \le 2$ ,  $s_j^0 = s_i^0$ ,  $s_j^1 = s_i^1$ ,  $s_{j+1}^0 = s_{i+3}^0$  and  $s_{j+1}^1 = s_{i+3}^1$ . This gives the equations for the rate 3/6 encoder for  $0 \le j \le l/3-1$  as

$$w_{j}^{0} = z_{j}^{0},$$

$$w_{j}^{1} = z_{j}^{1},$$

$$w_{j}^{2} = z_{j}^{2},$$

$$w_{j}^{3} = z_{j}^{0} + s_{j}^{0},$$

$$w_{j}^{4} = z_{j}^{1} + z_{j}^{0} + s_{j}^{0} + s_{j}^{1},$$

$$w_{j}^{5} = z_{j}^{2} + z_{j}^{1} + z_{j}^{0} + s_{j}^{1},$$

$$s_{j+1}^{0} = z_{j}^{2} + z_{j}^{1} + s_{j}^{0},$$

$$s_{j+1}^{1} = z_{j}^{1} + z_{j}^{0} + s_{j}^{1},$$
(22)

and for the tail with j = I/3 as

$$w_{j}^{0} = s_{j}^{0} + s_{j}^{1},$$
  

$$w_{j}^{1} = s_{j}^{0},$$
  

$$w_{j}^{2} = 0,$$
  

$$w_{j}^{3} = s_{j}^{1},$$
  

$$w_{j}^{4} = s_{j}^{0},$$
  

$$w_{j}^{5} = 0.$$
  
(23)

## Parity Puncturing

Unlike data puncturing, parity puncturing is much more elegant and simpler to implement. Let  $q_i$  be the puncturing value (either 0 or 1) for the parity bit from  $0 \le i \le l-1$ . That standard uses the variable  $e_i$  (where we have added the index *i*), but to reduce complexity, we use the variable  $f_i = e_i - 1$ . We have that

$$f_{i+1} = (f_i - \Delta) \mod l,$$
  

$$q_{i+1} = u(f_i - \Delta),$$
(24)

where  $\Delta$  is the number of bits to be punctured from the *I* parity bits,  $f_0 = 0$ ,  $q_0 = 1$  and

$$u(x) = \begin{cases} 1 \ ; \ x \ge 0, \\ 0 \ ; \ x < 0. \end{cases}$$
(25)

Note that the tail data and parity bits are not punctured. As we need to output three punctured bits at a time, we calculate the following values

$$m_h = (h(I - \Delta) \mod I) - I,$$
  

$$d_h = (h(I - \Delta) \operatorname{div} I) \mod 2.$$
(26)

for  $1 \le h \le 3$ . We have

$$f_{i+h} = (f_i + m_h) \mod I, c_{i+h} = u(f_i + m_h).$$
(27)

For h = 1, we have that  $q_{i+1} = c_{i+1}$ . However, for  $q_{i+2}$  we need to also add  $d_2$  (the number of overflows) and subtract  $q_{i+1}$  (the number of previous overflows) modulo 2. A similar operation is also required for  $q_{i+3}$ . That is, we have

$$q_{i+1} = c_{i+1},$$

$$q_{i+2} = (c_{i+2} + d_2 - q_{i+1}) \mod 2$$

$$= c_{i+2} \oplus c_{i+1} \oplus d_2,$$

$$q_{i+3} = (c_{i+3} + d_3 - q_{i+2} - q_{i+1}) \mod 2$$

$$= c_{i+3} \oplus c_{i+2} \oplus d_3 \oplus d_2.$$
(28)

That is, given  $f_i$ ,  $m_h$  for  $1 \le h \le 3$ ,  $d_2$  and  $d_2 \oplus d_3$  stored in LUTs we can calculate the three following puncturing bits. We only need to store  $f_i$ +3 for the next calculation.

### Data and Parity Combining

The symbol interleaver is separated in two non-equal halves, with the first half containing the data and the second half containing the parity. Thus, the data and parity bits are separately combined after puncturing. That is, we combine the three data bits  $z_j^h$ ,  $0 \le h \le 2$ ,  $0 \le j \le l/3$  with the corresponding three data puncturing bits  $p_j^h$  to give a sequence that ranges from 0 to 3 bits. Similarly, we combine the three parity bits  $w_j^h$  with the three parity puncturing bits  $q_j^h = q_{3j+h}$  to give a sequence that ranges from 0 to 3 bits. As the tail is not punctured, we always write two bits for  $z_{l/3}^h$  and  $w_{l/3}^h$ .

### Symbol Interleaver

The symbol interleaver first writes all the data bits, followed by all the parity bits, column by column into a memory with *m* rows and 8100 columns, where the number of signal points is  $2^m$ , with m = 2, 3, 4, 5, and 6 for QPSK, 8PSK, 16APSK, 32APSK and 64APSK, respectively. Data is then read row by row for each signal point.

However, as we need to write up to six bits at a time, we use six separate memories to store the data. The first three memories are used to store the data bits and the second three memories are used to store the parity bits.

Each RAM has a separate write address counter for one third of the number of rows (8100/3 = 2700) and another counter for the column. The number of columns is determined by how many columns are used by the data and parity bits. We have

$$N_d = \lceil S/8100 \rceil,$$
  

$$N_p = \lceil P/8100 \rceil.$$
(29)

where  $N_d$  and  $N_p$  are the number of columns for S data bits and P parity bits, respectively. The maximum value of S is 45429 (for ACM = 27) with  $N_d$  = 6 and the maximum value of P is 9234 (for ACM = 23) with  $N_p$  = 2.

Thus, we use 12 bit counter for the row address, a 3 bit counter for the data column address and a 1 bit counter for the parity column address. Each counter is increment according to the number of bits being written (0 to 3) with the write enables to each RAM being appropriately selected. For example, if two data bits are being written with the previous last bit to be written to memory 1 at row *j* and column *k*, then the first bit would be written to memory 2 at row (*j*+1) mod 2700 and column k+((*j*+1) div 2700). The second bit would be written to memory 0 at its corresponding row and column.

For the parity RAM, we need to also use  $S_m = S \mod 3$  to indicate the start of the write enable counter.  $S_d = S \dim 3$  and  $S_m$  are also used to indicate the initial values of the row counters. For the first, second and third parity RAMs, the initial values are  $S_d + u(S_m-1)$ ,  $S_d + u(S_m-2)$  and  $S_d$ , respectively.

Ideally, each data RAM would be of size 2700x6 where the row address corresponds to one of the 2700 addresses and the column address to one of the 6 data bits. With a ping-pong memory, the size would be 5400x6. Each data

RAM is implemented using three 8Kx2 memories, with a 16Kx1 write and 8Kx2 read. Similarly, each of the parity RAMs would ideally be of size 5400x2, which is implemented using one 8Kx2 memory with a 16Kx1 write and 8Kx2 read.

To read *m* bit symbol  $s_i$ ,  $0 \le i \le 8099$ , we use the read address *i* mod 2700 going to all six RAMs, reading a total of 8 bits (6 for data and 2 for parity) from the data and parity RAM *i* div 2700. We use u(i - S) to determine how we combine the 6 bit data and 2 bit parity. For example, with ACM = 27, if i < S, the output symbol is  $(d_0, d_1, d_2, d_3, d_4, d_5)$ corresponding to the six bits selected from the data RAM. For  $i \ge S$ , the output is  $(d_0, d_1, d_2, d_3, d_4, d_5)$ where  $(p_0, p_1)$  corresponds to the two bits selected from the parity RAMs.

### Frame Marker

A length 256 frame marker is attached to the beginning of each frame. This is used to allow a demodulator to synchronise to the phase and start of the encoded data. The marker is generated using an 8-bit Gold code and modulated using  $\pi/2$ -BPSK. The marker sequence is

$$s_i = z_i^0 + z_i^1$$
 (30)

where  $0 \le i \le 255$ , the addition is modulo 2 and

$$z_{i-8}^{0} = z_{i}^{0} + z_{i-4}^{0} + z_{i-5}^{0} + z_{i-6}^{0},$$
  

$$z_{i-8}^{1} = z_{i}^{1} + z_{i-1}^{1} + z_{i-3}^{1} + z_{i-4}^{1} + z_{i-5}^{1} + z_{i-6}^{1}$$
(31)

are the two feedback equations for polynomials  $g0(x) = 1+x^4+x^5+x^6+x^8$  and  $g1(x) = 1+x^1+x^3+x^4+x^5+x^6+x^8$ , respectively. We have that g0(x) is a primitive polynomial that generates a length 255 sequence and g1(x) is an irreducible polynomial that can generate three different length 85 sequences. We define two 8-bit registers as

$$Z_{i}^{j} = \sum_{h=0}^{7} 2^{h} Z_{i-h}^{j}$$
(32)

where  $0 \le j \le 1$ . We have that

$$z_{i}^{j} = Z_{i}^{j} \mod 2,$$
  

$$Z_{i+1}^{j} = 128 z_{i-8}^{j} + (Z_{i}^{j} \operatorname{div} 2).$$
(33)

where the initial values are  $Z_0^0 = 150$  and  $Z_0^1 = 73$ .

#### Frame Descriptor

A length 64 frame descriptor with  $\pi/2$ –BPSK modulation follows the frame marker. This uses a rate R = 7/64 orthogonal code with a minimum distance of  $d_{min} = 32$  that encodes five bits for the ACM value, one bit for PILOT, with one bit reserved for future upgrades. The asymptotic  $E_b/N_0$  (energy per bit to single sided noise density ratio) coding gain is  $10\log_{10}(2Rd_{min}) = 8.45$  dB. We use

a 6-bit counter to encode the descriptor where the counter value at time *i*,  $0 \le i \le 63$  is

$$C_{i} = \sum_{h=0}^{5} 2^{h} c_{i}^{h},$$
  

$$C_{i+1} = C_{i} + 1.$$
(34)

The encoded sequence is

$$s_i = \left(a_6 + \sum_{i=0}^{5} c_i^h a_{5-h} + r_i\right) \mod 2$$
 (35)

where  $a_6$  = PILOT ( $b_6$  in the standard),  $a_4$  down to  $a_0$  corresponds to ACM[4:0] ( $b_1$  to  $b_5$  in the standard),  $a_5$  = 0 is the reserved bit ( $b_7$  in the standard) and  $r_i$  corresponds to a randomising sequence equal to E89B1C39AC244BF5 in hexadecimal (left most bit is  $r_0$ ).

For each ACM value, Table 3 gives the values for Mod (modulation), *K*, *I*,  $S_{sur}$ , *S*,  $\Delta$ , *P*, *N* = *S*+*P* (total number of encoded bits),  $R_{eff} = K/8100$ (bandwidth efficiency, not including frame header and pilots) and SS (Signal Set, see Symbol Mapper section).

#### Symbol Combiner

The symbol combiner is used to first select the  $\pi/2$ –BPSK modulation symbols used in the frame header (while FHR is high), the 6–bit coded symbols from the encoder (while SR is high) or the optional pilot symbols (while PR is high). As  $\pi/2$ –BPSK uses a subset of QPSK symbols (00 and 11 for even *i* and 01 and 10 for odd *i*) we represent  $\pi/2$ –BPSK using two–bit QPSK symbols. For the pilot symbol, we represent this as a two bit QPSK symbol equal to 00.

The symbol combiner also shifts the 6–bit output so that the least significant bit as at the right most position. For example, for QPSK the symbol RAM output ( $s_0, s_1, s_2, s_3, s_4, s_5$ ) is output as S[5:0] = [0,0,0,0,s\_0,s\_1].

#### Symbol Mapper

The symbol mapper takes the 6 bit symbol S[5:0] and according to the ACM value, outputs the corresponding 12 bit I and Q values, using two's complement values. There are a total of 10 different signal sets used; one for QPSK, one for 8PSK, four for 16APSK, three for 32APSK and one for 64APSK. Using a single LUT, would require a memory of size 236x24. However, as all the signal sets are 90° rotationally symmetric, we can reduce the memory address space by one quarter to 59x22 (using 11 bits for the magnitude of I and Q).

For QPSK, 16APSK and 64APSK, the right most 0, 2 and four bits, respectively, are used to address the lookup table (adding an offset depen–

## **Table 3: Encoder Constants**

ACM	Mod	K	1	S <sub>sur</sub>	S	Δ	Р	N	R <sub>eff</sub> (bit/sym)	SS
1	QPSK	5758	8640	300	8642	1084	7558	16200	0.71086	0
2	QPSK	6958	10440	300	10442	4684	5758	16200	0.85901	0
3	QPSK	8398	12600	274	11510	7912	4690	16200	1.03679	0
4	QPSK	9838	14760	251	12351	10913	3849	16200	1.21457	0
5	QPSK	11278	16920	234	13200	13922	3000	16200	1.39235	0
6	QPSK	13198	19800	218	14390	17992	1810	16200	1.62938	0
7	8PSK	11278	16920	292	16470	9092	7830	24300	1.39235	1
8	8PSK	13198	19800	240	15842	11344	8458	24300	1.62938	1
9	8PSK	14878	22320	250	18602	16624	5698	24300	1.83679	1
10	8PSK	17038	25560	234	19939	21201	4361	24300	2.10346	1
11	8PSK	19198	28800	221	21218	25720	3082	24300	2.37012	1
12	8PSK	21358	32040	214	22857	30599	1443	24300	2.63679	1
13	16APSK	19198	28800	255	24482	20884	7918	32400	2.37012	2
14	16APSK	21358	32040	241	25741	25383	6659	32400	2.63679	2
15	16APSK	23518	35280	230	27051	29933	5349	32400	2.90346	3
16	16APSK	25918	38880	220	28515	34997	3885	32400	3.19975	4
17	16APSK	28318	42480	211	29880	39962	2520	32400	3.49605	5
18	32APSK	25918	38880	245	31755	30137	8745	40500	3.19975	6
19	32APSK	28318	42480	234	33137	35119	7363	40500	3.49605	6
20	32APSK	30958	46440	224	34677	40619	5823	40500	3.82198	6
21	32APSK	33358	50040	217	36197	45739	4303	40500	4.11827	7
22	32APSK	35998	54000	210	37802	51304	2698	40500	4.44420	8
23	64APSK	33358	50040	236	39366	40808	9234	48600	4.11827	9
24	64APSK	35998	54000	228	41042	46444	7558	48600	4.44420	9
25	64APSK	38638	57960	220	42507	51869	6093	48600	4.77012	9
26	64APSK	41038	61560	214	43915	56877	4685	48600	5.06642	9
27	64APSK	43678	65520	208	45429	62351	3171	48600	5.39235	9

dent on the ACM value), while the two most significant bits are used to perform a two's complement on the I and Q magnitude values if needed.

For 8PSK and 32APSK, as there are points on the I and Q axis, this complicates the address to the LUT and determining the signs of the I and Q values. A swap circuit for I and Q is also required.

The signal set is normalised so that the root mean square (RMS) value is equal to  $\sqrt{2}$  1024 = 1448.15. For example, QPSK has points at

(1024,1024), (-1024,1024), (-1024,-1024) and (1024,-1024).

For 16APSK, 32APSK and 64APSK the signal points are distributed in rings with equidistant signal points in each ring. The ring ratio is defined as  $\gamma_r = R_{r+1}/R_1$ , where  $R_r$ ,  $1 \le r \le m-2$  is the ring radius from the inner ring with radius  $R_1$  to the outer ring with radius  $R_{m-2}$ . Thus, 16APSK has two rings with  $\gamma_1 = R_2/R_1$ , 32APSK has three rings with  $\gamma_1$  and  $\gamma_2 = R_3/R_1$  and 64APSK has four rings with

 $\gamma_1$ ,  $\gamma_2$  and  $\gamma_3 = R_4/R_1$ . Table 4 gives the values for  $\gamma_1$ ,  $\gamma_2$  and  $\gamma_3$  for the signal set indicated by SS.

SS	Signal Set	<i>γ</i> <sub>1</sub> <i>γ</i> <sub>2</sub> <i>γ</i> <sub>3</sub>
0	QPSK	
1	8PSK	
2	16APSK	3.15
3	16APSK	2.85
4	16APSK	2.75
5	16APSK	2.60
6	32APSK	2.84 5.27
7	32APSK	2.72 4.87
8	32APSK	2.54 4.33
9	64APSK	2.73 4.52 6.31

#### **Table 4: Signal Sets**

### Pseudo Randomiser

The I and Q values of the coded symbols and pilot are pseudo randomised using an 18–bit Gold code. The randomiser outputs are defined by

$$\begin{aligned} r_{i}^{0} &= z_{i}^{0} + z_{i}^{1}, \\ r_{i}^{1} &= z_{(i+2^{17}) \mod 2^{18}-1}^{0} + z_{(i+2^{17}) \mod 2^{18}-1}^{1} \\ &= z_{i-15}^{0} + z_{i-6}^{0} + z_{i-4}^{0} + z_{i-15}^{1} + z_{i-14}^{1} + z_{i-13}^{1} + z_{i-14}^{1} + z_{i-13}^{1} + z_{i-14}^{1} + z_{i-14}^{1} + z_{i-15}^{1} + z_{i-14}^{1} + z_{i-5}^{1} + z_{i-5}^{1} \end{aligned}$$
(36)

where  $0 \le i \le 129599+3840a_6$  (16 codeword segments of 8100 symbols and 240 pilots each) and

$$z_{i-18}^{0} = z_{i}^{0} + z_{i-7}^{0},$$
  

$$z_{i-18}^{1} = z_{i}^{1} + z_{i-5}^{1} + z_{i-7}^{1} + z_{i-10}^{1}$$
(37)

are the two feedback equations for polynomials  $g0(x) = 1+x^7+x^{18}$  and  $g1(x) = 1+x^5+x^7+x^{10}+x^{18}$ , respectively. We define two 18–bit registers as

$$Z_{i}^{j} = \sum_{h=0}^{17} 2^{h} z_{i-h}^{j}$$
(38)

where  $0 \le j \le 1$ . We have that

$$z_{i}^{j} = Z_{i}^{j} \mod 2,$$
  

$$Z_{i+1}^{j} = 2^{17} z_{i-18}^{j} + (Z_{i}^{j} \operatorname{div} 2).$$
(39)

where the initial values are  $Z_0^0 = \text{PRN}[17:0] > 0$  and  $Z_0^1 = 2^{18}-1 = 262143$ . The standard specifies a value  $n, 0 \le n \le 2^{18}-2$ , that is used to determine PRN[17:0]. If we define  $Z_0^0 = 1$ , then PRN[17:0] =  $Z_0^0$ . For example, if n = 1, then PRN[17:0] =  $2^{17}$ .

We have that the output  $RN[1:0] = [r_i^1, r_i^0]$ . The *I* and Q outputs from the LUT are randomised according to Table 5. Randomisation is applied to all coded and pilot symbols, but not to the frame header symbols.

#### Table 5: I and Q randomisation

RN[1:0]	l[11:0]	Q[11:0]
0	1	Q
1	-Q	1
2	-/	–Q
3	Q	_/

## **Encoding Operation**

The input data  $X[1:0] = X_i = [x_i^1, x_i^0] = [x_{2i+1}, x_{2i}],$   $0 \le i \le K/2-1$ , where *i* corresponds to XA[14:0], is input two bits at a time to the outer rate 2/3 convolutional encoder and into one half of the interleaver RAM. The other half of the interleaver memory has input data read into the inner rate 3/6 convolutional encoder in each CLK cycle.

The BUSY output indicates when the encoder can accept data. When high this indicates that new data must not be input to the encoder. That is, START must remain low while BUSY is high. If BUSY is low, the START signal is used to start the encoder by going high for one CLK cycle.

Figure 3 illustrates the encoder input timing. XR will go high one CLK cycle later after START goes high and will stay high for K/2-1 CLK cycles. The first data input must be input one CLK cycle after START and must be continuously input for a total of K/2 CLK cycles. A data address output XA[14:0] is provided for reading data from an external synchronous read input memory. Signal START and XR can ORed together to form the read enable.

When XA = K/2-1, XF will go high for one CLK cycle. BUSY will then go high for one CLK cycle while the tail bits are calculated. If the other half of the Input RAM is available, BUSY will go low, indicating that the next block may be input. If both halves of the RAM are full, then BUSY will stay high. BUSY will not go low again until one of the halves of the RAM becomes available. If BUSY is low, START can go high. To ensure a continuous output, data should be input as soon as possible after BUSY goes low. Figure 3 shows START going high again for the case where BUSY = 0.

Inputs X[1:0], START, ACM[4:0] and PILOT must be synchronous to CLK. Outputs XA[14:0], XR, XF and BUSY are synchronous to CLK. Internal encoding uses CLK.

The input data can be input in any ACM order. That is, it is not necessary to wait for the encoder to output the last block of one code before changing to another code. If changing the code, the encoder parameters ACM[4:0] and PILOT must stay constant from the time START goes high to until

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one CLK cycle after XF goes high. As the frame header is only inserted every 16 codeword segments (CWS), ACM[4:0] and PILOT should only be changed after multiples of 16 CWS have been input.

Input PRN[17:0] is synchronous to SCLK and must not be changed during encoding. Outputs SI, SQ, S, RN, ACMO, FR, FHR, SR, PR and FF are synchronous to SCLK.

Figure 4 illustrates the encoder output timing. The frame ready signal FR goes high when data is ready to be output. The user can select either the symbol inphase SI[11:0] and symbol quadrature SQ[11:0] values, or the symbol S[5:0] values and scrambling sequence RN[1:0]. If frame header ready FHR or pilot ready PR are high then S[1:0] should be used to select a QPSK output. For FHR high, the QPSK points selected by S[1:0] will effectively produce a  $\pi/2$ -BPSK modulated signal. If symbol ready SR is high, the appropriate modulation as indicated by ACMO[4:0] should be selected. For SR and PR high, the *I* and *Q* values produced from S[5:0] should be scrambled according to Table 5.

The encoder will first produce a 256 symbol frame marker and 64 symbol frame descriptor. The encoder will then output 16 CWS with each CWS having 8100 code symbols plus 240 pilot symbols if PILOT = 1. The total number of symbols in each frame is  $256+64+16(8100+240a_6) = 129920+3840a_6$ .

If PILOT = 1, each CWS is subdivided into 15 subsections. Each subsection consists of 540 code symbols followed by 16 pilot symbols. Before scrambling, a pilot symbol is equal to point 00 of the QPSK signal set.

If data is input at an insufficient rate into the encoder, FR will go low after one and before 16 CWS. That is, the number of symbols output will be  $320+c(8100+240a_6)$ , where  $1 \le c \le 16$ . Once sufficient data has been received, a new frame will be output, begining with the frame marker.

## Encoder Speed

To ensure that a continuous output is formed, The total time to input the data must not exceed the time to output an encoded stream. The input time is limited by the inner encoder and is equal to  $(K/2+8)T_c+2T_s$  where  $T_c$  and  $T_s$  are the clock periods of CLK and SCLK, respectively.

The extra clock cycles consist of one CLK cycle for encoding the tail for the outer encoder, two CLK cycles to read the inner encoder interleaver parameters, two CLK cycles to read the data from the interleaver RAM, one CLK cycle for encoding the tail for the inner encoder, two SCLK cycles to start outputting the encoded symbols (going from the CLK to the SCLK domain) and two CLK cycles to indicate that inner encoding has completed (going from the SCLK to the CLK domain).

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Figure 4: SCCC encoder output timing (ACM = 1, PILOT = 0).

When sending signals from the CLK to SCLK domain and vice–versa, this must done only from FF to FF, with no logic in between, otherwise glitches from the LUT outputs can cause incorrect operation. Thus dual FF falling edge detectors are used to indicate the end of inner encoding.

The minimum output time is equal to  $(8100+240a_6)T_s$  where  $a_6 = PILOT$ . Thus, we have

$$(K/2+8)T_c + 2T_s \le (8100 + 240a_6)T_s.$$
(40)

Thus, if given  $f_s = 1/T_s$  (SCLK frequency), the minimum  $f_c = 1/T_c$  (CLK frequency) is given by

$$f_c \ge \frac{(K/2+8)f_s}{8098+240a_6} = F(a_6)f_{s.}$$
 (41)

Table 6 gives the value of the clock scaling factor  $F(a_6)$  for K and PILOT. If  $F \ge 1$ , the maximum encoding speed is determined by CLK and we have

$$f_e = \frac{K}{(K/2+8)T_c + 2T_s} = \frac{Kf_c}{K/2+8+2F(a_6)}.$$
 (42)

If F < 1 the maximum encoding speed is determined by SCLK and we have

$$f_e = \frac{K f_s}{8100 + 240 a_6}.$$
 (43)

Table 6 also gives  $G(a_6) = f_e/f_c$  and  $H(a_6) = f_e/f_s$ . The factor *G* is useful for determining the maximum encoding speed when CLK limits the encoding speed. The factor *H* is useful when a fixed SCLK is used for all coding schemes.

For example, if  $f_s = 100$  MHz, we require  $f_c \ge F(0)f_s = 269.783$  MHz with data rates ranging from

69.041 Mbit/s (ACM = 1, PILOT = 1) to 539.235 Mbit/s (ACM = 27, PILOT = 0).

## Encoder Delay

The total encoder delay can be separated into two parts. This is the outer encoder delay  $T_i$  and inner encoder delay  $T_0$ . Each delay is equal to

$$T_{i} = (K/2 + 2)T_{c},$$
  

$$T_{o} = (K/2 + 6)T_{c} + 5T_{s}.$$
(44)

The total encoder delay is then

$$T_e = (K+8)T_c + 5T_s.$$
 (45)

Depending on the phase between CLK and SCLK, the actual encoder delay will vary from  $T_e-T_s$  to  $T_e$ .

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ACM	K	<i>F</i> (0)	<i>F</i> (1)	G(0)	G(1)	<i>H</i> (0)	<i>H</i> (1)
1	5758	0.35651	0.34625	1.99421	1.99422	0.71086	0.69041
2	6958	0.43060	0.41821	1.99517	1.99517	0.85901	0.83429
3	8398	0.51951	0.50456	1.99595	1.99596	1.03679	1.00695
4	9838	0.60842	0.59091	1.99651	1.99651	1.21457	1.17962
5,7	11278	0.69733	0.67726	1.99692	1.99693	1.39235	1.35228
6,8	13198	0.81588	0.79240	1.99733	1.99734	1.62938	1.58249
9	14878	0.91961	0.89314	1.99760	1.99761	1.83679	1.78393
10	17038	1.05298	1.02267	1.99788	1.99788	2.10346	2.04293
11,13	19198	1.18634	1.15219	1.99809	1.99809	2.37012	2.30192
12,14	21358	1.31971	1.28172	1.99826	1.99826	2.63679	2.56091
15	23518	1.45307	1.41125	1.99839	1.99840	2.90346	2.81990
16,18	25918	1.60126	1.55517	1.99852	1.99853	3.19975	3.10767
17,19	28318	1.74944	1.69909	1.99862	1.99863	3.49605	3.39544
20	30958	1.91245	1.85740	1.99872	1.99873	3.82198	3.71199
21,23	33358	2.06063	2.00132	1.99879	1.99880	4.11827	3.99976
22,24	35998	2.22364	2.15963	1.99886	1.99887	4.44420	4.31631
25	38638	2.38664	2.31794	1.99893	1.99893	4.77012	4.63285
26	41038	2.53482	2.46186	1.99897	1.99898	5.06642	4.92062
27	43678	2.69783	2.62017	1.99902	1.99903	5.39235	5.23717

## Table 6: Clock scaling factor $F(PILOT) = f_c/f_s$ . $G(PILOT) = f_e/f_c$ and $H(PILOT) = f_e/f_s$ .

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