LDPC Coded OFDM And It's Application To DVB-T2, DVB-S2 And IEEE 802.16e

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ABSTRACT

Since the invention of Information Theory by Shannon in 1948, coding theorists have been trying to come up with coding schemes that will achieve capacity dictated by Shannon's Theorem. The most successful two coding schemes among many are the LDPCs and Turbo codes. In this thesis, we focus on LDPC codes and in particular their usage by the second generation terrestrial digital video broadcasting (DVB-T2), second generation satellite digital video broadcasting (DVB-S2) and IEEE 802.16e mobile WiMAX standards. Low Density Parity Check (LDPC) block codes were invented by Gallager in 1962 and they can achieve near Shannon limit performance on a wide variety of fading channels. LDPC codes are included in the DVB-T2 and DVB-S2 standards because of their excellent error-correcting capabilities. LDPC coding has also been adopted as an optional error correcting scheme in IEEE 802.16e mobile WiMAX.

This thesis focuses on the bit error rate (BER) and PSNR performance analysis of DVB-T2, DVB-S2 and IEEE 802.16e transmission using LDPC coding under additive white Gaussian noise (AWGN) and Rayleigh Fading channel scenarios. The power delay profile for all transmissions was adopted from the ITU channel model. For modelling the fading environment, Jakes fading channel model[7] together with ITU Vehicular-A and ITU Vehicular-B[13] power delay profile parameters were used considering also the Doppler effect. The three scenarios presented in this thesis are the following: (i) simulation of LDPC coding for DVB-S2 standard, (ii) optional LDPC coding as suggested by the WiMAX standard and (iii) simulation of DVB-T2 using LDPC without outer BCH encoder and with outer BCH encoder. During the simulations the encoding algorithm used was the Forward Substitution algorithm.

Even though the second generation DVB standards and WiMAX standard has been out since 2009, not many comparative results have been published for BCH and LDPC concatenated coding schemes making use of either a normal FEC frame or a shortened FEC frame. By carrying out the work presented here we tried to contribute towards this end.

Throughout the simulations, we have considered two different size images as the source of information to transmit. Performance analysis have been presented by making comparisons between BER and PSNR values and psychovisually.

Keywords: Low Density Parity Check Coding; BCH coding; OFDM; WiMAX; Digital Video Broadcasting; Rayleigh Fading Channel; Shortening; Zero-Padding; Digital Image Processing; Iterative decoding.

1948 de Shannon tarafından bilişim kuram geliştirildikten sonra, bir çok kodlama kuramcısı Shanon teoreminde dikte edilen kapasiteye ulaşabilmek için farklı kodlama yöntemleri tasarlamışlardır. Bunlar arasında en başarılı alan ikisi, düşük yoğunluklu eşlik kontrol (DYEK) kodları ve Turbo kodlarıdır. Bu tezde ilgi odağı DYEK kodları ve bu kodların ikinci nesil yerüstü sayısal video yayıncılığı (DVB-T2), ikinci nesil uydu sayısal video yayıncılığı (DVB-S2) ve IEEE 802.16e mobil iletişim alanına uyarlanması olacaktır. Düşük yoğunluklu eşlik kontrol kodları 1962 de Gallager tarafındar keşfedilmiş ve sönümlemeli kanallar üzerinde Shanon sınırına yakın performans elde ettikleri gözlemlenmiştir. Bu özelliklerinden dolayı DYEK kodları DVB-T2 ve DVB-S2 standartlarında yerlerini almış ve IEEE 802.16e mobil WiMAX standardında ise CC ve RS-CC kodlama yöntemleri yanında bir seçenek olarak kabul görmüştür.

Bu tezde, bit hata oranı (BHO) ve tepe işaret gürültü oranı metrikleri kullanılarak DVB-T2, DVB-S2 ve IEEE 802.16e fiziki iletişim sistemlerinin toplanır beyaz Gaus gürültülü kanal ve sönümlemeli kanalla üzerindeki performans analizleri sunulmaktadır. Tüm senaryolarda kullanılan gecikme profili, ITU kanal modelinden alınmıştır. Sönümlemeli ortamı modelleme ise Jake kanal modeli ve ITU Taşıtsal- A ve Taşıtsal- B[13] güç gecikme profillerini kullanarak yapılmıştır. Modelleme Dopler değişimlerini de göz önüne almıştır.

Sunulan üç senaryo aşağıdaki gibidir: (i) DYEK destekli DVB-S2 benzetimleri, (ii) seçmeli DYEK destekli WiMAX benzetimleri ve (iii) DYEK veya DYEK-BCH seri bağlı kodlama destekli benzetimler. Benzetim çalışmaları esnasında kullanılan kodlama algoritması ileri ornatımlı bir algoritma idi.

Hem ikinci nesil sayısal video kodlama standardı, hem de WiMAX standardı, 2009 dan beri bilinmesine rağmen literatürde BCH ve DYEK kodlarını ardışık birleştiren ve hem normal FEC çerçevesi hem de kısaltılmıs FEC çerçevesi kullanan benzetim çalışmaları bulunmadığından bu çalışmayla bu alanda katkı koymaya çalışılmıştır.

Benzetim çalışmaları esnasında, boyutları farklı iki imge iletilmesi arzu edilen veri olarak kabul edilmiştir. Tezde, BHO, tepe sinyal gürültü oranı ve görüntüsel kaliteye bağlı kıyaslamalar sunulmaktadır.

Anahtar kelimeler: Düşük yoğunluklu eşlik kontrol kodları, BCH kodlama; OFDM; WiMAX; Sayısal Video Yayıncılığı, Rayleigh sönümlemeli kanal; Kısaltma; sıfır dolgulama; sayısal imge işleme; Özyineli kod çözümleme.

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LIST OF SYMBOLS

B Transmission bandwidth (hertz)

C Channel capacity (bits/s)

 $c_n(t)$ The tap coefficients

 c_i Check node

 $c_r(t)$ and $c_i(t)$ Gaussian with zero mean values

 $\hat{c}w_i$ Hard decision decoding output

 $c_0, c_1, c_2, c_3, \dots, c_n$ Codeword

 d_l Maximum variable nodes degree

 d_r Maximum check nodes degree

 E_b/N_0 Energy per bit to noise power spectral density ratio

 $f(\alpha)$ PDF of Rayleigh fading signal amplitude

 f_c Carrier frequency

fd Doppler frequency associated with Rayleigh fading channels

 f_m Maximum doppler frequency

GF Galois Field

g(t) Complex envelope

g(x) Generator polynomial

H Parity check matrix

 $h(\tau;t)$ Temporal dispersion of the time-variant wireless propagation channels

 I_{n-k} Identity matrix

k Length of input message

*K*_{hch} Number of bits of BCH uncoded Block

 K_{ldpc} Number of bits of LDPC uncoded Block

 K_{sig} Input binary data that have to be transmitted

 $L(c_i)$ Initial Log likelihood ratio value

 $L(Q_i)$ Soft decoding output

M Number of OFDM symbols

m Number of parity check bits in the code

 $m_0, m_1, m_2, ..., m_k$ Message bits

Number of sinusoids in Jakes' fading simulator

N_{bch} Number of bits of BCH coded Block

 N_{ldpc} Number of bits of LDPC coded Block

 N_{group} Number of bit-groups for BCH shortening

 N_{pad} Number of BCH bit-groups in which all bits will be padded

 N_0 Single-sided noise power spectral density (watts/hertz)

n Code length

 $n_{k,t}$ zero mean Gaussian noise with variance $N_0/2$

P Received signal power (watts)

P Coefficient matrix

 $P(c_i|y_i)$ Probability value for given input y_i

QC Quasi- Cyclic coding techniques

R Code rate

v_i Variable node

 w_c Number of 1's in each column

 w_r Number of 1's in each row

1/W Time resolution

 σ^2 Channel noise variance

α Normalized Rayleigh fading factor

 $\alpha(t)$ Rayleigh fading signal amplitude

 $\lambda(x)$ Degree polynomials for parameterizing irregular LDPC codes

 $\lambda_i(x)$ Fractions of edges belonging to degree-i variable and check nodes

 π_s Permutation operator

 $\phi(t)$ Independent random variable being uniform on $[0, 2\pi]$

 $\rho(x)$ Degree polynomials for parameterizing irregular LDPC codes

 $\rho_i(x)$ Fractions of edges belonging to degree-i variable and check nodes

AWGN Additive White Gaussian Noise

BBFRAME The set of K_{BCH} bits which form the input to one FEC encoding process

BCH Bose- Chaudhuri- Hochquenghem multiple error code

BER Bit Error Rate

BPA Believe Propagation Algorithm

bps Bit per second

CP Cyclic Prefix (copy of the last part of OFDM symbol)

DMT Discrete Multitone

DSNG Digital Satellite News Gathering

DVB Digital Video Broadcasting project

DVB-S Digital Video Broadcasting- Satellite

DVB-S2 Second generation Digital Video Broadcasting-Satellite

DVB-T Digital Video Broadcasting- Terrestrial specified in EN 300 421

DVB-T2 Second generation Digital Video Broadcasting-Terrestrial

ETSI European Telecommunications Standards Institute

FDX Full Duplex (communication channel)

FEC Forward error correction

FECFRAME The set of N_{ldpc} (16200 or 64800) bits from one LDPC encoding operation.

FFT Fast Fourier Transform

girth Length of the shortest cycles in the code's Tanner graph

HDX Half Duplex (communication channel)

ICI Inter Carrier Interfierence

IFFT Inverse Fourier Transform

IMT-2000 International Mobile Telecommunications-2000

IRA Irregular Repeat- Accumulate

ISDN Integrated Services Digital Network

ISI Inter Symbol Interfierence

ITU International Telecommunications Union

LDPC Low Density Parity Check (codes)

LLR Log-likelihood Ratio

MCM Multi Carrier Modulation

MPA Message Passing Algorithm

NFFT Size of FFT

OFDM Orthogonal Frequency- Division Multiplexing

PSTN Public Switched Telephone Network

QAM Quadrature Amplitude Modulation

QC Quasi Cyclic codes are generalization of cyclic codes

QPSK Quadrature Phase Shift Keying

RMS Root Mean Square

RS Reed Solomon

RS-CC Reed Solomon- Convolution Code

SNR Signal-to-noise Ratio

SPA Sum- Product Algorithm

Tanner Graph Bipartite graph used to specify error correcting codes

TC's Turbo Codes

TV Television

UMTS Universal Mobile Telecommunications System

WiMAX Worldwide Interoperability for Microwave Access

8PSK 8-ary Phase Shift Keying

16APSK 16-ary Amplitude Phase Shift Keying

16QAM 16-ary Quadrature Amplitude Modulation

32APSK 32-ary Amplitude Phase Shift Keying

Chapter 1

INTRODUCTION

Modern communication systems aim to transmit information from one point to another over a communication channel, with high performance using efficiently the limited sources available. The need to transmit digital multimedia over wireless channels and through the satellite has become an important issue over the years motivated by the freedom provided by wireless mobile networks to its users in terms of mobility and continuous network connectivity. The challenge of the wireless channel however is overwhelming. Thus researchers have come up with various solutions to minimize or possibly overcome the adverse effects of the channel. Advanced technologies such as WiMAX [1], DVB-T and DVB-T2[2] have been developed to meet the needs of the teeming consumers. Such technologies have gained acceptance because of their capabilities to reliably deliver multimedia content to end users.

Some of the FEC schemes adopted by the above mentioned standards include convolutional coding, Reed Solomon (RS) coding, LDPC coding and/or concatenated BCH and LDPC coding. In concatenated coding typically, there is an outer code and an inner code. The code rate and the data rate of the transmission is mainly controlled by the inner code[3]. After FEC, the data is modulated either by vector modulation, amplitude modulation, frequency modulation or in this case, orthogonal frequency multiplexing (OFDM). OFDM is suitable for outdoor mobile communications because of its advantageous features[4]. The disadvantages associated with the technology come at a relatively cheap cost; thus making it the choice modulation for WiMAX, DVB-S2and DVB-T2 schemes.

Low-density parity-check codes and Turbo Codes (TCs)[5] are among the known FEC codes that give performances nearing the Shannon limit. In this work we have chosen to concentrate on LDPC usage instead of the TCs since LDPC decoding algorithms have more parallelism, less implementation complexity, less decoding latency linear and time complex algorithms for decoding[6].

1.1. Background

In 1948 Claude Shannon published a landmark paper in information theory for AWGN channel which is referred to as the noisy channel coding theorem[4]. Shannon's Theorem gives an upper bound to the capacity of a link, in bits per second (bps), as a function of the available bandwidth and the signal-to-noise ratio of the link.[1].

Stated by Claude Shannon in 1948, the theorem describes the maximum possible efficiency of error-correcting methods versus levels of noise interference and data corruption. He proposed forward error correcting (FEC) codes but he didn't describe how to construct the error-correcting method, however the theorem tells us how good the best possible method can be. In fact, it was shown that LDPC codes can reach within 0.0045 dB of the Shannon limit (for very long block lengths).[2]. Hence, finding a practical solution to this problem was left open to the scientific community.

Forward error correcting codes selectively introduce redundant bits into the transmitted data packet which aid to correct bit errors introduced by noise in the received data stream at the receiver. Low-density parity-check (LDPC) codes are a class of linear block LDPC codes. The name comes from the characteristic of their parity-check matrix which contains only a few 1's in comparison to the amount of 0's. By introducing redundant bits to reduce bit error rate is gained at the cost of reducing data transmission rate. In the following years, iterative decoding algorithm were the main focus of coding theorists. It was already stated

by Gallager in 1962 that LDPC codes are suitable for iterative decoding algorithm but due to lack of required hardware at that time they were almost forgotten. It took almost forty five years for communication researchers to find computationally feasible FEC codes over AWGN channels, capable of delivering low bit error rate close to the channel capacity limit as suggested by Shannon. These outstanding codes named "turbo codes" were first presented by Berrou, Glavieux and Thitimajshima[10] in 1993.

The requirement of of high data transmission reliability and efficiency in the mobile multimedia and digital video broadcasting services puts forward a great challenge for channel coding techniques. Rediscovered by Mackey and Neal in 1990's [5], LDPC codes has recently become a hot research topic because of their excellent properties. They are considered as strong competitor of Turbo Codes especially when used in fading channel. Their inherent interleaving property as discussed in [6] due to random generation of the parity-check matrix makes LDPC an excellent choice for data transmission over fading channels.

Before the rediscovery of LDPC codes by Mackay *et al.*, only work by Tanner [8] and Wiberg [9] used Gallager's codes. Later, the idea of LDPC codes was extended to irregular LDPC codes by Luby *et al.* [11, 12] which even provide superior performance in comparison to their regular counterparts. After this fundamental theoretical work, turbo and LDPC codes moved into standards like DVB-S2, DSL, WLAN, WiMax, etc. and are under consideration for others.

1.2. Thesis Description

Our simulations were carried out for additive White Gaussian Noise channel and a fading channel with AWGN. For the fading channel, the Jakes fading channel model [7] together with ITU Vehicular-A and ITU Vehicular-B [13] power delay profile parameters were used considering also the Doppler effect. LDPC codes that supports DVB-S2, DVB-T2 and

WiMAX (IEEE802.16e) standard will be presented in this thesis. Flat fading channel is assumed throughout for all standards.

In this thesis, the Forward Substitution decoding algorithm is used for DVB-S2, DVB-T2 and WiMAX. Three scenarios are presented in the paper: simulation of DVB-S2 using the specified LDPC coding, simulation of optional LDPC coding as suggested by the WiMAX standard and simulation of DVB-T2 using LDPC with or without outer BCH encoding.

The reminder of this thesis is organized as follows. Chapter 2 introduces a description of the AWGN and Jakes fading channel models. The normalized probability density functions along with their mean and variance for Rayleigh, distribution are also provided to understand the characteristics of fading models. Chapter 3 introduces and defines the concept of LDPC codes and the concept of representing a code (or more specifically, it's parity check matrix) in terms of a bipartite graph. We present the hard decision iterative decoding algorithm as well. Lastly, we also introduce how to design the Quasi- Cyclic LDPC codes, which are used in IEEE 802.16e standard and Irregular Repeat- Accumulate (IRA) LDPC codes used in second generation Digital Video Broadcasting.

The practical issues related to implementation of LDPC codes in two of the standards are discussed in Chapter 4. We discuss the importance of the code length choice and the code rate on the performance of the FEC scheme. In Chapter 5 we provide an overview of our transmission block diagram that is simulated using MATLAB to evaluate the error correction ability of the LDPC FEC scheme and compare it with RS-CC. We also discuss the various assumption under which the FEC schemes are compared. Chapter 6 is completely devoted to presenting and analyzing our experimental results. We present the BER vs. Eb/N0 curves for different code rates and different standards. We also provide the recovered image under different code rate and different standard and discuss the performance of our systems. Finally,

in the concluding chapter of this thesis, Chapter 7, we provide a summary of this thesis, state important conclusions that we have reached, and discuss recommendations that can be taken into consideration for future work on closely related topics.

Chapter 2

SYSTEM MODEL

Shannon in his landmark paper stated that, if the information or entropy rate is below the capacity of the channel, then it is possible to encode information messages and receive them without errors even if the channel distorts the message during transmission [25]. Recent developments in coding theory, have come out with channel codes which have performance very close to the channel capacity. Use of error control coding has become a crucial part of the modern communication system. A typical Digital communication model is represented by block diagram as shown in Figure 2.1. This model is suitable from coding theory and signal processing point of view. Information is generated by source which may be human speech, data source, video or a computer. This information is then transformed to electric signals by source encoder which are suitable for digital communication system. To ensure reliable transmission over communication channel encoder is introduced which accumulate redundant bits to the user information. The modulator is a system component which transforms the message to signal suitable for the transmission over channel.

In communications, a communication channel, or channel, refers to a physical transmission medium such as a wire, or to a logical connection over an environmental medium such as a wireless channel. A channel is used to convey an information signal, fin our study a digital bit stream, from transmitters to receivers. Error may be introduced from the channel noise during transmission, so FEC encoder and decoder blocks must be design in such a way to possibly minimize the errors introduced by channel.

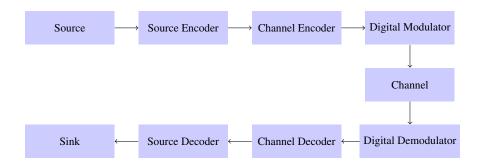


Figure 2.1: Basic Elements of Digital Communication System.

2.1. Channel Modeling

The channel is defined as a single path for transmitting signals in either one direction only HDX or in both directions FDX. The aim of wireless channel modeling is to find useful analytical models for the variations in the channel. The most prominent drawback of the wireless communications is channel fading. Various properties such as multipath propagation, terminal mobility and user interference, result in channel with time-varying parameters. Fading of the wireless channel can be classified into large-scale and small-scale fading. Large-scale fading involves the variation of the mean of the received signal power over large distances relative to the signal wavelength. On the other hand, small-scale fading involves the modulation and demodulation schemes that are robust to these variations. Hence we focus on the small scale variations in this class. Reflection, diffraction and scattering in the communication channel causes rapid variations in the received signal. The reflected signals arrive at different delays which cause random amplitude and phase of the received signals. This phenomenon is called multipath fading. If the product of the root mean square (RMS) delay spread (standard deviation of the delay spread) and the signal bandwidth is much less than unity, the channel is said to suffer from fading. The relative motion between the transmitter and the receiver (or vice versa) causes the frequency of the received signal to be shifted relative to that of the transmitted signal. The frequency shift, or Doppler frequency, is proportional to the velocity of the receiver and the frequency of the transmitted signal. A signal undergoes slow fading

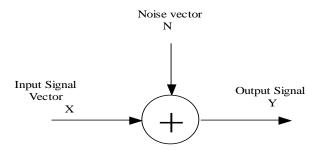


Figure 2.2: Additive white Gaussian noise channel model.

when the bandwidth of the signal is much larger than the Doppler spread (defined as a measure of the spectral broadening caused by the Doppler frequency). The combination of the multipath fading with its time variations causes the received signal to degrade severely. This degradation of the quality of the received signal caused by fading needs to be compensated by various techniques such as diversity and channel coding. In the forthcoming subsections we will briefly discuss a few of standard channel models which we will frequently use in our simulations.

2.1.1. AWGN Channel

Additive white Gaussian noise (AWGN) is a channel model which can be expressed as linear addition of wideband or white noise with a constant spectral density and an amplitude of Gaussian distribution [14]. Any wireless system in AWGN channel can be expressed as y = x + n, where n is the additive white Gaussian noise, x and y are the input and output signals respectively. The AWGN channel model does not account for fading, frequency selectivity or dispersion. The source of Gaussian noise comes from many natural sources such as thermal vibrations of atoms in antennas, shot noise, black body radiation from the warm objects and etc. However this channel is very useful model for many satellite and deep space communication links. The AWGN channel can be illustrated as in Figure 2.2 Channel capacity formula is a function of channel characteristics such as received signal and noise powers. As a matter

of fact a number of different formulas are commonly used for calculating channel capacity. For additive Gaussian noise channel the channel capacity can be expressed as in (2.1).

$$C = B\log_2\left(1 + \frac{P}{N_0B}\right) \tag{2.1}$$

where,

C=channel capacity (bits/s)

B=transmission bandwidth (hertz)

P=received signal power (watts)

 N_0 = single-sided noise power spectral density (watts/hertz)

2.1.2. Rayleigh Fading Channel

The Rayleigh fading channel, usually referred as a worst-case fading channel is a statistical model for the effect of a propagation environment on a radio signal, such as that used by wireless devices [15]. It assumes that the magnitude of a signal that has passed through such a transmission medium (also called a communications channel) will vary randomly, or fade, according to a Rayleigh distribution. Received signal can be modeled as $y = \alpha * t_e + t_e$ n. The " α " is the normalized Rayleigh fading factor and related to the fading coefficient of the channel c(t) through $\alpha = |c(t)|$, where the real and imaginary components of c(t)are Gaussian random variables. If sufficient channel interleaving is introduced, then fading coefficients of c(t) are independent. Rayleigh fading is viewed as a reasonable model for heavily built-up urban environments on radio signals [24]. Rayleigh fading is most applicable when there is no dominant propagation along a line of sight between the transmitter and the receiver. If there is a dominant line of sight, Rician fading may be more applicable. A general model for time-variant multipath channel is shown in figure 2.3. The channel model consists of a tapped delay line with uniformly spaced taps. The tap spacing is 1/W, where W amount of the signal transmitted through the channel. As a result 1/W is the time resolution that can

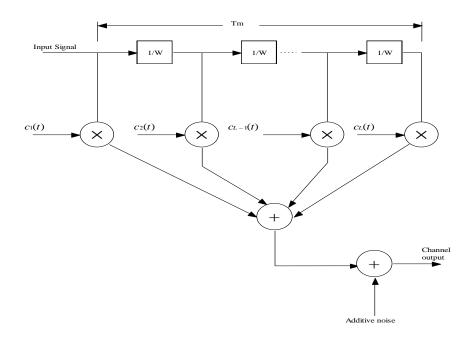


Figure 2.3: Model for time-invariant multipath channel[50].

possibly be achieved by transmitting a signal with bandwidth W. The tap coefficients are denoted as $c_n(t) \equiv \alpha_n(t) \exp^{j\phi_n(t)}$ are usually modeled as complex valued, Gaussian random processes. Each of the tap coefficients can be expressed as

$$c(t) = c_r(t) + jc_i(t)$$
(2.2)

$$c(t) = \alpha_t e^{j\phi(t)} \tag{2.3}$$

where

$$\alpha(t) = \sqrt{c_r^2(t) + c_i^2(t)} \tag{2.4}$$

$$\phi(t) = \tan^{-1} \frac{c_i(t)}{c_r(t)} \tag{2.5}$$

The Rayleigh fading signal amplitude is described by the PDF

$$f(\alpha) = \frac{\alpha}{\sigma^2} e^{-\alpha^2/2\sigma^2}, \alpha \ge 0.$$
 (2.6)

In this representation " $c_r(t)$ " and " $c_i(t)$ " are Gaussian with zero-mean values, the amplitude $\alpha(t)$ is characterized statistically by the Rayleigh probability distribution and $\phi(t)$ is independent random variable which is uniform on $[0, 2\pi]$.

2.1.3. ITU Vehicular- A & ITU Vehicular- B channel Model

The ITU Vehicular-A and the ITU Vehicular-B adopted channel models are empirical, based on measured data in the field. They are well-established channel models for research purposes in mobile communication systems. Moreover specification of channel conditions for various operating environments encountered in third-generation wireless systems, e.g the UMTS Terrestrial Radio Access System (UTRA) standardized by 3GPP are well defined. The ITU channel models are in fact approximating the temporal dispersion of the time-variant wireless propagation channels, $h(\tau;t)$, in a model with discrete tapped-delay-line with K taps.

$$h(\tau;t) = \sum_{k=1}^{K} a_k \delta(\tau - \tau_k). \tag{2.7}$$

The tapped-delay-line parameters for ITU Vehicular-A channel and ITU Vehicular-B channel are shown in Table 2.1 and Table 2.2 respectively.

The tapped-delay-line parameters for ITU Vehicular-B channel are shown in Table 2.2.

2.1.4. Jakes' Fading Simulator

Jakes' model which is based on summation of sinusoids can be easily modeled as described in [7]. The aim is to produce a signal that possesses the same Doppler spectrum as that of the classic Doppler spectrum. Details of the channel model depicted in Figure 2 can be found in [7]. It is possible for one to simulate this model by generating the x(t) and y(t) which

Table 2.1: Tapped-Delay-Line Parameters for ITU Vehicular A Channel

Tap Index	Relative delay(ns)	Average power (dB)
1	0	0
2	310	-1
3	710	-9
4	1090	-10
5	1730	-15
6	2510	-20

Table 2.2: Tapped-Delay-Line Parameters for ITU Vehicular B Channel

Tap Index	Relative delay(ns)	Average power (dB)
1	0	-2.5
2	300	0
3	8.900	-12.8
4	12900	-10
5	17100	-25.2
6	20000	-16

constitute the in-phase and quadrature parts of the complex envelope g(t). Jakes' model is based on summing sinusoids as defined by the following equations:

$$g(t) = x(t) + jy(t) \tag{2.8}$$

$$g(t) = \sqrt{2} \left\{ \left[\sum_{n=1}^{M} \cos \beta_n \cos 2\pi f_n t + \sqrt{2} \cos 2\pi f_m t \right] + j \left[2 \sum_{n=1}^{M} \cos \beta_n \cos 2\pi f_n t + \sqrt{2} \sin \alpha \cos 2\pi f_m t \right] \right\}$$

$$(2.9)$$

$$\alpha = \hat{\phi_N} = -\hat{\phi_{-N}} \tag{2.10}$$

where,

$$\beta_N = \hat{\phi_n} = -\hat{\phi_{-n}} \tag{2.11}$$

 $\hat{\phi}$ is the random phase given by:

$$\hat{\phi} = -2\pi (f_c + f_m) \tau_n$$

where:

$$f_m = \frac{v}{\lambda_c}$$

is the maximum Doppler frequency, and f_c is the carrier frequency. In the fading simulator there are M low frequency oscillators with frequency $f_n = f_m cos 2\pi n$, n = 1, 2, 3, ..., M, where $M = \frac{1}{2}(\frac{N}{2} - 1)$, and N is the number of sinusoids. The amplitudes of the oscillators are all

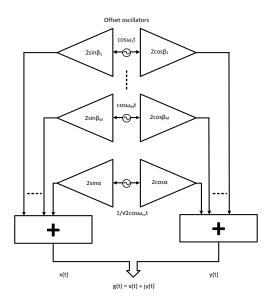


Figure 2.4: Jakes' fading channel model [7].

unity except for the oscillator at frequency f_m which has amplitude $\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$. Note that Figure 2.4 implements 5 low frequency oscillators except for the scaling factor of $\sqrt{2}$. It is desirable that the phase of (5) be uniformly distributed. Jakes' model which is based on summation of sinusoids can be easily modeled as described in [7]. The aim is to produce a signal that possesses the same Doppler spectrum as that of the classic Doppler spectrum.

2.2. OFDM-based Wireless Communication systems

Orthogonal frequency-division multiplexing (OFDM), in some cases known as multicarrier modulation (MCM) or discrete multitone (DMT) is a well known modulation technique that is tolerant to channel disturbances and impulse noise. Multi carrier modulation have been developed 1950's by introducing two modems, the Collins Kineplex system [18] and the one so called Kathryn modem[19]. OFDM has remarkable properties such as bandwidth efficiently, highly flexible in terms of its adaptability to channels and robustness to multipath. OFDM is used in many applications including high data rate transmission over twisted pair

lines and fiber, digital video broadcasting terrestrial (DVBT), personal communications services and etc.

2.2.1. OFDM

To achieve higher spectral efficiency in multicarrier system, the sub-carriers must have overlapping transmit spectra but at the same time they need to be orthogonal to avoid complex separation and processing at the receiving end [48]. As it is stated in [48], the orthogonal set can be represented as such:

$$\psi_k(t) = \left\{ \frac{1}{\sqrt{T_s}} \exp^{jw_k t} for \ t \in [0, T_s] \right\}$$
 (2.12)

with
$$w_k = w_0 + kw_s$$
; $k = 0, 1, ..., N_c - 1$ (2.13)

 w_0 is the lowest frequency used and w_k is the subcarrier frequency. Multicarrier modulation schemes that fulfil above mentioned conditions are called orthogonal frequency division multiplex (OFDM) systems. Instead of baseband modulator and bank of matched filters, Inverse Fast Fourier Transform (IFFT) and Fast Fourier Transform (FFT) is efficient method of OFDM system implementation as shown in Figure 3.1 since it is cheap and does not suffer from inaccuracies in analogue oscillators. Inter symbol interference occurs when the signal passes through the time dispersive channel. In an OFDM system, it is also possible that orthogonality of the subscribers may be lost, resulting in inter carrier interference. OFDM system uses cyclic prefix (CP) to overcome these problems. A cyclic prefix is the copy of the last part of the OFDM symbol to the beginning of transmitted symbol and removed at the receiver before demodulation. The cyclic prefix should be at least as long as the length of impulse response. The use of prefix has two advantages: it serves as guard space between successive symbols to avoid ISI and it converts linear convolution with channel impulse re-

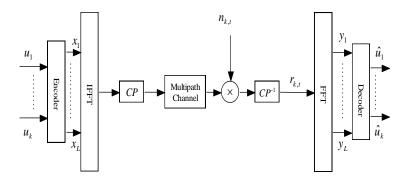


Figure 2.5: Model of OFDM system [41].

sponse to circular convolution. As circular convolution in time domain translates into scalar multiplication in frequency domain, the subcarrier remains orthogonal. Moreover there is no ICI. In Figure 3.1, L coded vector x_i are generated by proper coding, interleaving and mapping. After adding cyclic prefix, OFDM signal is passed through multipath channel. At the receiver the cyclic prefix is removed and received signal is passed through FFT block to get L received vectors y_i ; where $n_{k,t}$ are zero mean Gaussian noise with variance $N_0/2$ of $k_t h$ sample of the $t_t h$ OFDM symbol. N_0 is the noise power, k = (1, 2, ..., NFFT - 1) and t = (1, 2, ..., M), where M is the number of OFDM symbols and NFFT is the size of FFT.

Chapter 3

LDPC CODES

Low-density parity-check (LDPC) codes are a class of linear block LDPC codes. An H matrix with size m by n is low density because the number of 1s in each row w_r is << m and the number of 1s in each column w_c is << n. A LDPC is regular if w_c is constant for every column and $w_r = w_c(n/m)$ is also constant for every row. Otherwise it is irregular. In LDPC encoding, the codeword $(c_0, c_1, c_2, c_3, ..., c_n)$ consists of the message bits $(m_0, m_1, m_2, ..., m_k)$ and some parity check bits and the equations are derived from H matrix in order to generate parity check bits. Their main advantage is that they provide a performance which is very close to the capacity for a lot of different channels and linear time complex algorithms for decoding. Furthermore they are suited for implementations that make heavy use of parallelism. They were first introduced by Gallager in his PhD thesis in 1960. But due to the computational effort in implementing decoder and encoder for such codes and the introduction of Reed-Solomon codes, they were mostly ignored until about ten years ago.

3.1. Regular LDPC Codes

Regular LDPC codes have been and are still playing a crucial role in the history of LDPC coding. Different types of regular coding can be stressed in coding theory field. Mainly, the well known ones can be listed as follows: Gallager Codes, Quasi-Cyclic Codes, Array Codes and Random Codes. Moreover different code rates are possible for different techniques.

A LDPC code is regular if the number of 1s in column w_c and the number of 1s in row w_r are

constant for a given parity-check matrix. A sample of regular matrix is shown in (3.1)

$$H = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 & |1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & |0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ & & & & & & & \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & |0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & |1 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$(3.1)$$

The example matrix from (3.1) is regular with w_c =2 and w_r =4. It is also possible to see the regularity of this code while looking at the graphical representation in Figure 3.1. There is the same number of incoming edges for every v-node and also for all the c-nodes.

As we mentioned above, Low-density parity-check (LDPC) codes are used as optional coding schemes in IEEE 802.16e (WiMAX) [28]. The base model matrices given in the standard for different code rate are fully based on quasi-cyclic (QC) coding techniques. Given the base model matrix, the parity-check matrix H can be generated from blocks of permutation submatrix [29]. In section *Constructing Quasi-cyclic LDPC codes* will be given a guide and criterions how to construct those QC LDPC codes.

3.2. Irregular LDPC Codes

A LDPC code is irregular if the number of 1s in columns and rows are not constant for a given parity-check matrix. Irregular LDPC Codes have an important impact in the coding theory since as it is stated in [32] they perform better than regular ones. Different types of irregular codes have been developed. They can be listed as follow: Modified Array Codes, Poisson, Sub-Poisson, Moderately Super-Poisson, Very Super-Poisson, Fast encoding versions. Irregular LDPC codes can be parameterized by the degree polynomials $\lambda(x)$ and $\rho(x)$, which can be defined as

$$\lambda(x) = \sum_{i=2}^{d_l} \lambda_i x^{i-1} \tag{3.2}$$

$$\rho(x) = \sum_{i=2}^{d_r} \rho_i x^{i-1}$$
 (3.3)

where $\lambda_i(x)$ and $\rho_i(x)$ are the fractions of edges belonging to degree-i variable and check nodes, and d_l and d_r are the maximum variable and check node degrees respectively. The optimization of the $\lambda_i(x)$ and $\rho_i(x)$) is found by optimization algorithm.

3.3. Representations of LDPC codes

Basically there are two different possibilities to represent LDPC codes. Like all linear block codes they can be described via matrices. The second possibility is a graphical representation.

3.3.1. Matrix Representation

Each LDPC code is defined by a matrix H of size (m-n), where n defines the code length and m defines the number of parity check bits in the code. The number of systematic bits would then be k = n - m. The parity check matrix can be represented in the form $H = [I_{n-k} \mid P^T]$ where I_{n-k} is Identity matrix and P is the coefficient matrix. A sample (4×10) parity check matrix given in (3.4):

3.3.2. Graphical Representation of LDPC Codes

In coding theory, codes connected with graphs have been defined in a variety of ways. Tanner graph is the best way to represent the LDPC codes as it is simple, gives good information about parity check matrix, and it simplifies the explanation of decoding algorithm. Tanner graphs of LDPC codes are called bipartite graphs because they are represented mainly with two opposite nodes. One of them is called variable node which represents message node

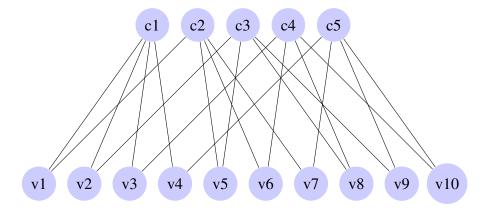


Figure 3.1: Tanner Graph of LDPC Code[8].

and the other one is called check nodes. Each variable node corresponds to a bit, and each parity-check node corresponds to parity check equations on the bits of the code word. The tanner graph representation of the LDPC codes is closely analogous to the more standard parity-check matrix representation of a code. The graph contains m check nodes (number of parity bits) and n variable nodes (number of bits in codeword). Check node c_i is connected to a variable node v_i if the element h_{ij} of H is "1". Parity-check matrices for the LDPC codes of DVB-T2 standard with code rates R(1/4, 1/3, 2/5, 1/2, 3/5, 2/3, 3/4, 4/5, 5/6, 8/9, 9/10) are possible but in this work we have simulated the performances of H matrix supporting R = 1/4 and R = 1/2 code rates; detailed description of how the LDPC coding is done is given in [3]. The block length of the code is fixed to 16,200 for the short FEC frame mode.

3.4. Quasi-cyclic LDPC codes

Different types of codes have the specifics how to design the respective parity-check matrix in order to perform near Shannon limit performance. Since the Quasi-Cyclic LDPC codes are used as an optional FEC scheme in IEEE 802.16e (WiMAX) in this section showing how to construct them is really important.

3.4.1. Constructing Quasi-cyclic codes

In constructing the H matrix for Low-density Parity-Check codes a couple of things have to be kept in mind. As it is stated in [33], an LDPC code has to be defined as the null space of a

sparse parity-check matrix H over Galois Field GF(q) with the following properties:

- 1. each row must have constant weight λ
- 2. each column must have constant weight γ
- 3. two rows or two columns must not have more than one element in common.

The parity-check matrix obsessing the above properties is called a (γ, λ) – regular Lowdensity Parity-check code. The third property restricts and makes sure that the Tanner graph of the H matrix is free of cycles of length four. As it is stated in [34], the minimum distance of the code will be greater or qual to $\gamma + 1$. Regarding to a Quasi-cyclic LDPC code the matrix H is given by the null space of an matrix of sparse circulants [35]. Obviously the performance of an LDPC coding depends on the minimum distance of H matrix. Other important factors shaping the performance are related to the structural properties of the parity-check matrix. The common and important one is the so called girth of the code. As it is defined in [34], "the girth is the length of the shortest cycles in the code's Tanner graph". Short cycles are not desired in coding theory and they should be avoided since they are going to affect decoding performance. The shortest cycle length that mostly affects performance is the magic number "4". Almost in all the methods available for constructing LDPC codes the girth "4" has a crucial impact in degrading the performance and should be eliminated. As it is stated in [30] and [36] a girth of length six can approach the performance near the Shannon limit. Settling the length of the girth limit to six, we have to keep in mind the minimum distance. A code with a girth greater than six does not necessarily perform well if the minimum distance is relatively small. Relatively small minimum distance causes the output of decoding to suffer from high error floor. Now that we settled down the required properties for a H matrix to perform near Shannon limit we are almost ready to start designing it. The so called base matrix can be constructed by different methods. Herein we are going to consider a general method for constructing a q-ray QC-LDPC.

Consider α to be a primitive element of GF(q) field. Lets represent the base matrix $H_b(m \times n)$ over GF(q) such as:

$$H_{b} = \begin{bmatrix} P_{0} \\ P_{1} \\ P_{2} \\ \vdots \\ P_{m-1} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} P_{0,0} & P_{0,1} & P_{0,2} & \cdots & P_{0,n-2} & P_{0,n-1} \\ P_{1,0} & P_{1,1} & P_{1,2} & \cdots & P_{1,n-2} & P_{1,n-1} \\ P_{2,0} & P_{2,1} & P_{2,2} & \cdots & P_{2,n-2} & P_{2,n-1} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots & \vdots \\ P_{m-1,0} & P_{m-1,1} & P_{m-1,2} & \cdots & P_{m-1,n-2} & P_{m-1,n-1} \end{bmatrix}$$
(3.5)

As it is stated in [37], the matrix defined above should have the following structural properties:

- 1. for $0 \le i < m$ and $0 \le k$, l < q 1 and $k \ne l$, $\alpha^k w_i$ and $\alpha^l w_i$ should have at most one place where they have equal element in GF(q).
- 2. for $0 \le i$, j < m, $i \ne j$ and $0 \le k$, l < q 1, $\alpha^k w_i$ and $\alpha^l w_i$ are different in at least n 1 locations.

Property number one can be translated such that each row of matrix H_b has at most one 0 element. Property number two can be translated such that any two rows in matrix H_b has at most one place where they both have the same element. As it is stated in [37] these two properties are called α -multiplied row-constraints. The matrix H_{bi} with size $((q-1) \times n)$

over GF(q) field for a particular interval $0 \le i < m$ can be represented as follows:

$$H_{bi} = \begin{bmatrix} P_{i} \\ \alpha P_{i} \\ \vdots \\ \alpha^{q-2}P_{i} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} P_{i,0} & P_{i,1} & \cdots & P_{i,n-2} & P_{i,n-1} \\ \alpha P_{i,0} & \alpha P_{i,1} & \cdots & \alpha P_{i,n-2} & \alpha P_{i,n-1} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ \alpha^{q-2}P_{i,0} & \alpha^{q-2}P_{i,1} & \cdots & \alpha^{q-2}P_{i,n-2} & \alpha^{q-2}P_{i,n-1} \end{bmatrix}$$
(3.6)

From the matrix above, similar properties can be noticed. Any two different rows of H_{bi} matrix are different in at least n-1 places. The matrix H_{bi} is simply obtained by expanding the ith row P_i of H_b (q-1) times. Each of the respective entries of H_{bi} matrix can be replaced by its q-array and we can produce a sub matrix Q_i with a given size $(q-1) \times n(q-1)$ over GF(q) field. Any component $P_{i,j} \neq 0$ is replaced by $Q_{i,j}$ submatrix which is a circulant permutation matrix of size $(q-1) \times (q-1)$, otherwise it will be a $(q-1) \times (q-1)$ zero matrix.

$$H = \begin{bmatrix} Q_0 \\ Q_1 \\ \vdots \\ Q_{m-1} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} Q_{0,0} & Q_{0,1} & \cdots & Q_{0,n-2} & Q_{0,n-1} \\ Q_{1,0} & Q_{1,1} & \cdots & Q_{1,n-2} & Q_{1,n-1} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ Q_{m-1,0} & Q_{m-2,1} & \cdots & Q_{m-1,n-2} & Q_{m-1,n-1} \end{bmatrix}$$
(3.7)

Defining k to be the length of input message, n to be the length of total encoded message, the so called code rate R is given by (3.8):

$$R = \frac{k}{n} \tag{3.8}$$

Given a matrix H with the dimension $(n \times k)$, each column is a representative of a single bit in the codeword. On the other hand each respective row of the matrix represents the so called parity check codes.

3.4.2. Features of Quasi-Cyclic Codes

QC LDPC codes have many advantages over other types of linear LDPC codes. In term of encoding they are easier to be implemented using shift-registers in linear time [38]. Looking at the structure feature of QC LDPC, we can easily see that the parity-check matrix consists of circular right shifts submatrices which in WiMAX, those submatrices are identity matrices [39], [40]. Usually permutation vectors are used to create circulant matrices.

3.5. Encoding

Similar to all other linear block codes, we have the relation given by the following equation:

$$C_{(1\times n)}H_{(n\times m)}^T = 0 \tag{3.9}$$

where C is a codeword matrix, and H is a parity check matrix. In a systematic form, C can be written as:

$$C_{(1\times n)} = \begin{bmatrix} m_{(1\times n)} & P_{(1\times n-m)} \end{bmatrix}$$
 (3.10)

where $P_{(1\times n-m)}$ denotes the parity portion and $m_{(1\times n)}$ denotes the message portion respectively.

$$CH^{T} = \begin{bmatrix} m & p \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} H_{1}^{T} \\ H_{2}^{T} \end{bmatrix} = mH_{1}^{T} + pH_{2}^{T} = 0$$
(3.11)

or

$$p = mH_1^T + (H_2^T)^{-1} (3.12)$$

The task of the encoder is then to compute the parity matrix P that can be directly appended to the message to produce the codeword. For the matrix H to be more manageable, the LU

decomposition method can be preferably applied; i.e. [H]=[L][U]

$$\begin{bmatrix} l_{1,1} & l_{1,2} & \cdots & l_{1,n} \\ l_{2,1} & l_{2,2} & \cdots & l_{2,n} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ l_{m,1} & l_{m,2} & \cdots & l_{m,n} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} u_{1,1} & u_{1,2} & \cdots & u_{1,n} \\ u_{2,1} & u_{2,2} & \cdots & u_{2,n} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ u_{m,1} & u_{m,2} & \cdots & u_{m,n} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} p_1 \\ p_2 \\ \vdots \\ p_n \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} m_1 \\ m_2 \\ \vdots \\ m_n \end{bmatrix}$$

$$(3.13)$$

Representing the matrix [Y] such as [Y]=[U][P], we can use forward substitution to solve [L][Y]=[M]

$$\begin{bmatrix} l_{1,1} & l_{1,2} & \cdots & l_{1,n} \\ l_{2,1} & l_{2,2} & \cdots & l_{2,n} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ l_{m,1} & l_{m,2} & \cdots & l_{m,n} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} y_1 \\ y_2 \\ \vdots \\ y_n \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} m_1 \\ m_2 \\ \vdots \\ m_n \end{bmatrix}$$
(3.14)

Finally the backward substitution is used to solve for the matrix P given the relation [U][P]=[Y]. From there we can easy figure out and calculate the $\{p_i\}$ as required.

$$\begin{bmatrix} u_{1,1} & u_{1,2} & \cdots & u_{1,n} \\ u_{2,1} & u_{2,2} & \cdots & u_{2,n} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ u_{m,1} & u_{m,2} & \cdots & u_{m,n} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} p_1 \\ p_2 \\ \vdots \\ p_n \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} y_1 \\ y_2 \\ \vdots \\ y_n \end{bmatrix}$$
(3.15)

3.6. LDPC-IRA Codes

The second generation Digital Video Broadcasting satellite has adopted recently a special class of LDPC codes. They are so called Irregular Repeat- Accumulate (IRA), having linear decoding complexity [45]. The parity check matrix H for this class of special codes can be

represented in the form: $H_{(n-k)\times n} = [A_{(n-k)\times k}|B_{(n-k)\times (n-k)}]$

$$H_{(n-k)\times n} = \begin{bmatrix} a_{0,0} & a_{0,1} & \cdots & a_{0,k-2} & a_{0,k-1} & | 1 & 0 & \cdots & \cdots & \cdots & 0 \\ a_{1,0} & a_{1,1} & \cdots & a_{1,k-2} & a_{1,k-1} & | 1 & 1 & 0 & & \vdots \\ \vdots & & & \vdots & | 0 & 1 & 1 & \ddots & \vdots \\ \vdots & & & \vdots & | \vdots & \ddots & \ddots & \ddots & 0 & \vdots \\ a_{n-k-2,0} & a_{n-k-2,1} & \cdots & a_{n-k-2,k-2} & a_{n-k-2,k-1} & | \vdots & \ddots & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ a_{n-k-1,0} & a_{n-k-1,1} & \cdots & a_{n-k-1,k-2} & a_{n-k-1,k-1} & | 0 & \cdots & \cdots & 0 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$(3.16)$$

where A is a sparse matrix and B is a staircase lower triangular matrix [45]. The codewords generated in DVB-S2 standard are a result of concatenation of parity bits $p = (p_0, p_1, ..., p_{n-k-1})$ and information bits $i = (i_0, i_1, ..., i_{k-1})$. The information bits have been associated to matrix A and the parity check bits to the matrix B.

As it is stated in [47], parity check bits can be obtained form the matrix *A* in the following manner:

$$p_{0} = a_{0,0}i_{0} \oplus a_{0}i_{1} \oplus \cdots \oplus a_{0,k-1}i_{k-1}$$

$$p_{1} = a_{1,0}i_{0} \oplus a_{1,1}i_{1} \oplus \cdots \oplus a_{1,k-1}i_{k-1} \oplus p_{0}$$

$$\vdots$$

$$p_{n-k-1} = a_{n-k-1,0}i_{0} \oplus a_{n-k-1,1}i_{1} \oplus a_{n-k-1,1}i_{1} \oplus \cdots \oplus a_{n-k-1,0}i_{k-1} \oplus p_{n-k-2}$$

$$(3.17)$$

3.7. Decoding LDPC codes

The algorithm used to decode LDPC codes was discovered independently several times so as a matter of fact there are several methods used in decoding LDPC codes. The most commons one are Believe Propagation algorithm (BPA), the message passing algorithm (MPA) and the Sum-Product algorithm (SPA).

The Tanner graph shown in Figure 3.1 can be easily drawn from the matrix H given in (3.4) as shown in this section. The tanner graph contains m check nodes (number of parity bits) labeled with 'c' and n variable nodes (number of bits in a codeword) labeled with 'v'. Check node c_i is connected to a variable node v_i if the element h_{ij} of H is "1". In the Log domain,

the binary message passes between check nodes and variable nodes. In each pass the log likelihood ratio (LLR) is recorded to figure out the probability of its likely symbol. As it is stated in [27], generally the decoder goes through this typically steps:

Step1:

Compute the initial value of LLR transmitted from the variable node v_i to check node c_i ; for all i; $1 \le i \le n$.

$$L(q_{ij}) = L(c_i) = \frac{2y_i}{\sigma^2} = LLR_i = \log \frac{P(c_{i=0}|y_i)}{P(c_{i=1}|y_i)}$$
(3.17)

where $L(c_i)$ denotes log likelihood ratio (LLR), σ^2 denotes the channel noise variance, $P(c_{i=0}|y_i)$ denotes probability value for given input y_i .

Step2:

Compute $L(r_{ij})$ transmitted from the check node c_i to variable node v_i for all $i; 1 \le i \le n$. Denote $\phi(x) = \log(\frac{e^x + 1}{e^x - 1})$.

$$L(r_{ij}) = \prod_{i' \in V_j/i} \alpha_{i'j} \phi \left(\sum_{i' \in V_j/i} \phi \left(\beta_{i'j} \right) \right)$$
(3.18)

where $\alpha_{i'j} = sgn\{L(q_{ij})\}$, and $\beta_{ij} = |L(q_{ij})|$.

Step3:

After obtaining $L(q_{ij})$ it is necessary to modify it so that we can use it as data transmitted from the variable node v_i to check node c_i for all i; $1 \le i \le n$.

$$L(q_{ij}) = L(c_i) + \sum_{j' \in C_i/j} L(r_{j'i})$$
(3.19)

Step4:

The soft output can be represented such as:

$$L(Q_i) = L(c_i) + \sum_{j \in C_i} L(r_{ji})$$
 (3.20)

Step5:

Now that we have already obtained the soft output it can be used to figure out the hard decision output which is given by the following equation:

$$\hat{c}w_i = 1$$
 if $L(Q_i) < 0$, otherwise $\hat{c}w_i = 0$

Chapter 4

DIGITAL VIDEO BROADCASTING and IEEE 802.16e

The Digital Video Broadcasting (DVB) specifications cover digital services delivered via cable, satellite and terrestrial transmitters, as well as by the internet and mobile communication systems. Digital Video Broadcasting (DVB) is playing a crucial role in digital television and data broadcasting world-wide. DVB services have recently been introduced in Europe, in North- and South America, in Asia, Africa and Australia. Among the more recent achievements are the standard for terrestrial transmission, for microwave distribution and for interactive services via PSTN/ISDN and via (coaxial) cable [26]. As it is stated by the standard in [22]techniques used by DVB are able to deliver data at approximately 38 Mbit/s within one satellite or cable channel or at 24 Mbit/s within one terrestrial channel. The satellite member of the DVB family, DVB-S, is defined in European Standard EN 300 421 [18]. September 1993, and at the end of the same year produced its first specification, DVB-S [20], the satellite delivery specification now used by most satellite broadcasters around the world for DTH (direct-to-home) television services. The DVB-S system is based on QPSK modulation and convolutional forward error correction (FEC), concatenated with Reed-Solomon coding. In 1998, DVB produced its second standard for satellite applications, DVB-DSNG [21], extending the functionalities of DVB-S to include higher order modulations (8PSK and 16QAM) for DSNG and other TV contribution applications by satellite.

In the last decade, studies in the field of digital communications and, in particular, of error correcting techniques suitable for recursive decoding, have brought new impulse to the technology innovations. The results of this evolutionary trend, together with the increase in the

operators' and consumers' demand for larger capacity and innovative services by satellite, led DVB to define in 2003 the second-generation system for satellite broad-band services, DVB-S2 [22], now recognized as ITU-R and European Telecommunications Standards Institute (ETSI) standards.

4.1. Second Generation Digital Video Broadcasting Over Satellite (DVB-S2)

Digital satellite transmission technology has evolved considerably since the publication of the original DVB-S specification. New coding and modulation schemes permit greater flexibility and more efficient use of capacity, and additional data formats can now be handled without significant increase of system complexity. DVB-S2 has a range of constellations on offer. DVB-S2 supports a wide range of modulation schemes, including QPSK (2bits/symbol), 8PSK (3bits/symbol), 16APSK (4bits/symbol) and 32APSK (5bits/symbol). These APSK modulation schemes provide superior compensation for transponder non-linearities than QAM. DVB-S2 is so flexible that it can cope with any existing satellite transponder characteristics, with a large variety of spectrum efficiencies and associated SNR requirements. Furthermore it is designed to handle a variety of advanced audiovideo formats which the DVB Project is currently defining [23].

4.1.1. The FEC Scheme

The FEC, together with the modulation, is the key subsystem to achieve excellent performance by satellite, in the presence of high levels of noise and interference. The DVB-S2 FEC selection process, based on computer simulations, compared seven proposals over the AWGN channel's parallel or serially concatenated convolutional codes, product codes, low density parity check codes (LDPC)"all using " turbo (i.e., recursive) decoding techniques. The winning system was based on LDPC codes, and offered the minimum distance from the Shannon limit in the linear AWGN channel, under the constraint of maximum decoder complexity of 14mm of silicon (0.13 - m technology).

At the heart of the DVB-S2 system is the LDPC, BCH FEC engine. DVB-S2 allows for two different LDPC block sizes - a short 16k block or the normal 64k block. Systems using the 16k short block codes are expected to perform 0.2 to 0.3 dB worse than those employing the normal 64k block codes. The output of the FEC engine is an FECFRAME. The FECFRAME is always of constant length, either a 16k or 64k block depending on the choice of a normal or short FEC system. The amount of real data carried by each FECFRAME is dependent upon how much overhead the chosen FEC code uses. The FEC rates defined for use within DVB-S2 are shown in Table 4.1 along with the modulation formats for which they are valid.

Table 4.1: FEC Rates Applicable to the Various Modulation Formats [22].

FEC	QPSK	8PSK	16APSK	32APSK
1/4	√	x	x	x
1/3	✓	x	x	x
2/5	√	x	х	x
1/2	√	x	х	х
3/5	√	√	х	x
2/3	√	√	√	x
3/4	√	√	√	√
4/5	✓	x	✓	✓
5/6	✓	✓	✓	✓
8/9	✓	✓	√	✓
9/10	✓	√	✓	✓

The selected LDPC codes [17] use very large block lengths (64800 bits for applications not too critical for delays, and 16200 bits). Code rates of R = (1/4, 1/3, 2/5, 1/2, 3/5, 2/3, 3/4, 4/5, 5/6, 8/9, are available, depending on the selected modulation and the system requirements. Coding rates R = 1/4, R = 1/3 and R = 2/5 have been introduced to operate, in combination with QPSK, under exceptionally poor link conditions, where the signal level is below the noise level. Concatenated BCH outer codes are introduced to avoid error floors at low bit error rates (BER).

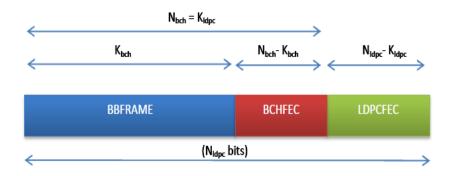


Figure 4.1: Format of data before bit interleaving[21].

4.1.2. Normal FEC Frame

The output of the FEC engine is an FECFRAME. The FECFRAME is always of constant length, either a 16k or 64k block depending on the choice of a normal or short FEC system.

Table 4.2: Coding Parameters for normal FECFRAME $N_{ldpc} = 64800$ bits

LDPC Code	BCH Uncoded Block K _{Bch}	BCH Coded Block N _{Bch}	BCH t-error Correction	$N_{bch}-K_{bch}$	LDPC Coded Block N _{ldpc}
1/2	32 208	32 400	12	192	64 800
3/5	38 688	38 800	12	192	64 800
2/3	43 040	43 200	10	160	64 800
3/4	48 408	48 600	12	192	64 800
4/5	51 648	51 840	12	192	64 800
5/6	53 840	54 000	10	160	64 800

Addresses of parity bit accumulators for code rate R = 1/4 and $n_{ldpc} = 64800$ bits are shown in (4.1) and (4.2).

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23606 36098 1140 28859 18148 18510 6226 540 42014 20879 23802 47088
          16419 24928 16609 17248 7693 24997 42587 16858 34921 21042 37024 20692
          1874 40094 18704 14474 14004 11519 13106 28826 38669 22363 30255 31105
          22254 40564 22645 22532 6134 9176 39998 23892 8937 15608 16854 31009
          8037 40401 13550 19526 41902 28782 13304 32796 24679 27140 45980 10021
          40540 44498 13911 22435 32701 18405 39929 25521 12497 9851 39223 34823
          15233 45333 5041 44979 45710 42150 19416 1892 23121 15860 8832 10308
c_1(t) =
                                                                                    (4.1)
          10468 44296
                      3611 1480 37581 32254 13817 6883 32892 40258 46538 11940
          6705 21634 28150 43757 895
                                       6547 20970 28914 30117 25736 41734 11392
          22002 5739 27210 27828 34192 379924 10915 6998 3824 42130 4494 35739
                1191 13642 30950 25943 12673 16726 34261 31828 3340 8747 39225
          8515
          18979 17058 43130 4246 4793 44030 19454 29511 47929 15174 24333 19354
          16694 8381 29642 46516 32224 26344 9405 18292 12437 27316 35466 41992
          15642 \quad 5871 \quad 46489 \ 26723 \ 23396 \quad 7257 \quad 8974 \quad 3156 \quad 37420 \ 44823 \ 35423 \ 13541
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$$c_2(t) = \begin{bmatrix} 22152 & 24261 & 8297 \\ 19347 & 9978 & 27802 \\ 34991 & 6354 & 33561 \\ 29782 & 30875 & 29523 \\ 9278 & 48512 & 14349 \\ 38061 & 4165 & 43878 \\ 8548 & 33172 & 34410 \\ 22535 & 28811 & 23950 \\ 20439 & 4027 & 24186 \\ 38618 & 8187 & 30947 \\ 35538 & 43880 & 21459 \\ 7091 & 45616 & 15063 \\ 5505 & 9315 & 21908 \\ 36046 & 32914 & 11836 \\ 16905 & 29962 & 12980 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\ 11171 & 23709 & 22460 \\ 34541 & 9937 & 44500 \\ 14035 & 47316 & 8815 \\ 15057 & 45482 & 24461 \\ 30518 & 36877 & 879 \\ 7583 & 13364 & 24332 \\ 448 & 27056 & 4682 \\ 12083 & 31378 & 21670 \\ 1159 & 18031 & 2221 \\ 17028 & 38715 & 9350 \\ 17343 & 24530 & 29574 \\ 46128 & 31039 & 32818 \\ 20373 & 36967 & 18345 \\ 46685 & 20622 & 32806 \end{bmatrix}$$
 (4.2)

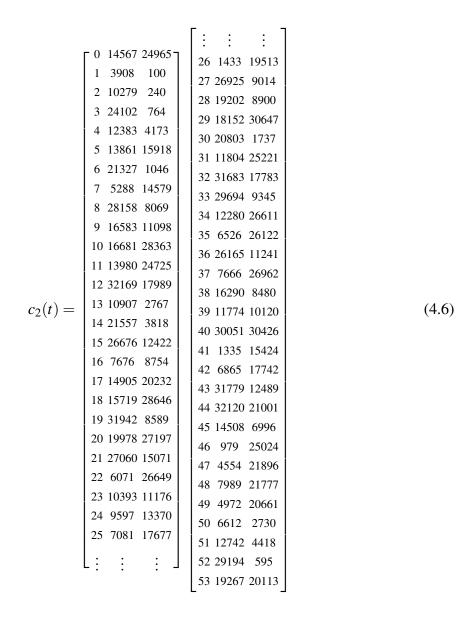
Addresses of parity bit accumulators for code rate R = 1/3 and $n_{ldpc} = 64800$ bits are shown in (4.3) and (4.4).

-34903 20927 32093 1052 25611 16093 16454 5520 506 37399 18518 21120 -16636 14594 22158 14763 15333 6838 22222 37856 14985 31041 18704 32910 29235 19780 36056 20129 20029 5457 8157 35554 21237 7943 13873 14980 9912 7143 35911 12043 17360 37253 25588 11827 29152 21936 24125 40870 40701 36035 39556 12366 19946 29072 16365 35495 22686 11106 8756 34863 19165 15702 13536 40238 4465 40034 40590 37540 17162 1712 20577 14138 31338 19342 9301 39375 3211 1316 33409 28670 12282 6118 29236 35787 11504 30506 19558 5100 24188 24738 30397 33775 9699 6215 3397 37451 34689 23126 7571 1058 12127 27518 23064 11265 14867 30451 28289 2966 11660 15334 16867 15160 38843 3778 4265 39139 17293 26229 42604 13486 $c_1(t) =$ (4.3)31497 1365 14828 7453 26350 41346 28643 23421 8354 16255 11055 24279 15687 12467 13906 5215 41328 23755 20800 6447 7970 2803 33262 39843 5363 22469 38091 28457 36696 34471 23619 2404 24229 41754 1297 18563 3673 39070 14480 30279 37483 7580 29519 30519 39831 20252 18132 20010 34386 7252 27526 12950 6875 43020 31566 39069 18985 15541 40020 16715 1721 37332 39953 17430 32134 29162 10490 12971 28581 29331 6489 35383 736 7022 42349 8783 6767 11871 21675 10325 11548 25978 431 24085 1925 10602 28585 12170 15156 34404 8351 13273 20208 5800 15367 21764 $16279\ 37832\ 34792\ 21250\ 34192\ 7406\ 41488\ 18346\ 29227\ 26127\ 25493\ 7048$

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39948 28229 24899
           17408 14274 38993
          38774 15968 28459
          41404 27249 27425
          41229 6082 43114
          13957 4979 40654
           3093 3438 34992
          34082 6172 28760
          42210 34141 41021
          14705 17783 10134
          41755 39884 22773
           14615 15593 1642
           29111 37061 39860
           9579 33552 633
           12951 21137 39608
           38244 27361 29417
           2939 10172 36479
           29094 5357 19224
           9562 24436 28637
          40177 2326 13504
c_2(t) =
                                                           (4.4)
         6834 21583 42516
          40651 42810 25709
          31557 32138 38142
           18624 41867 39296
          37560 14295 16245
           6821 21679 31570
           25339 25083 22081
           8047 697 35268
           9884 17073 19995
          26848 35245 8390
           18658 16134 14807
           12201 32944 5035
          25236 1216 38986
          42994 24782 8681
          28321 4932 34249
           4107 29382 32124
          22157 2624 14468
          38788 27081 7936
           4368 26148 10578
          25353 4122 39751
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Addresses of parity bit accumulators for rate R = 1/2 and $n_{ldpc} = 64800$ bits are shown in (4.5) and (4.6).

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-54 9318 14392 27561 26909 10219 2534 8597
          55 7263 4635 2530 28130 3033 23830 3651
          56 24731 23583 26036 17299 5750 792 9169
          57 5811 26154 18653 11551 15447 13685 16264
          58 12610 11347 28768 2792 3174 29371 12997
          59 16789 16018 21449 6165 21202 15850 3186
          60 31016 21449 17618 6213 12166 8334 18212
          61 22836 14213 11327 5896 718 11727 9308
          62 2091 24941 29966 23634 9013 15587 5444
          63 22207 3983 16904 28534 21415 27524 25912
          64 25687 4501 22193 14665 14798 16158 5491
          65 4520 17094 23397 4264 22370 16941 21526
          66 10490 6182 32370 9597 30841 25954 2762
          67 22120 22865 29870 15147 13668 14955 19235
          68 6689 18408 18346 9918 25746 5443 20645
          69 29982 12529 13858 4746 30370 10023 24828
          70 1262 28032 29888 13063 24033 21951 7863
          71 6594 29642 31451 14831 9509 9335 31552
c_1(t) =
                                                                       (4.5)
          72 1358 6454 16633 20354 24598 624 5265
          73 19529 295 18011 3080 13364 8032 15323
          74 11981 1510 7960 21462 9129 11370 25741
          75 9276 29656 4543 30699 20646 21921 28050
          76 15975 25634 5520 31119 13715 21949 19605
          77 18688 4608 31755 30165 13103 10706 29224
          78 21514 23117 12245 26035 31656 25631 30699
          79 9674 24966 31285 29908 17042 24588 31857
          80 21856 27777 29919 27000 14897 11409 7122
          81 29773 23310 263 4877 28622 20545 22092
          82 15605 5651 21864 3967 14419 22757 15896
          83 30145 1759 10139 29223 26086 10556 5098
          84 18815 16575 2936 24457 26738 6030 505
          85 30326 22298 27562 20131 26390 6247 24791
          86 928 29246 21246 12400 15311 32309 18608
          87 20314 6025 26689 16302 2296 3244 19613
          88 6237 11943 22851 15642 23857 15112 20947
          89 26403 25168 19038 18384 8882 12719 7093
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4.1.3. Shortened FEC Frame

Table 4.3: Coding Parameters for shortened FECFRAME $N_{ldpc} = 16200$ bits

LDPC Code	BCH Uncoded Block K _{Bch}	BCH Coded Block N _{Bch}	BCH t-error Correction	$N_{bch}-K_{bch}$	Effective LDPC Rate	LDPC Coded Block N _{ldpc}
1/4	3 072	32 40	12	168	1/5	16 200
1/2	7 032	7 200	12	168	4/9	16 200
3/5	9 552	9 720	12	168	3/5	16 200
2/3	10 632	10 800	12	168	2/3	16 200
3/4	11 712	11 880	12	168	11/15	16 200
4/5	12 432	12 600	12	168	7/9	16 200
5/6	13 152	13 320	12	168	37/45	16 200

Addresses of parity bit accumulators for code rate R = 1/4 and $n_{ldpc} = 16200$ bits are given in (4.7) and (4.8).

$$c_1(t) = \begin{bmatrix} 6295 & 9626 & 304 & 7695 & 4839 & 4936 & 1660 & 144 & 11203 & 5567 & 6347 & 12557 \\ 10691 & 4988 & 3859 & 3734 & 3071 & 3494 & 7687 & 10313 & 5964 & 8069 & 8296 & 11090 \\ 10774 & 3613 & 5208 & 11177 & 7676 & 3549 & 8746 & 6583 & 7239 & 12265 & 2674 & 4292 \\ 11869 & 3708 & 5981 & 8718 & 4908 & 10650 & 6805 & 3334 & 2627 & 10461 & 9285 & 11120 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$(4.7)$$

$$c_2(t) = \begin{bmatrix} 7844 & 3079 & 10733 \\ 3385 & 10854 & 5747 \\ 1360 & 12010 & 12202 \\ 6189 & 4241 & 2343 \\ 9840 & 12726 & 4977 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$(4.8)$$

Addresses of parity bit accumulators for code rate R = 1/3 and $n_{ldpc} = 16200$ bits are shown in (4.9) and (4.10).

$$c_1(t) = \begin{bmatrix} 416 & 8909 & 4156 & 3216 & 3112 & 2560 & 2912 & 6405 & 8593 & 4969 & 6723 & 6912 \\ 8978 & 3011 & 4339 & 9312 & 6396 & 2957 & 7288 & 5485 & 6031 & 10218 & 2226 & 3575 \\ 3383 & 10059 & 1114 & 10008 & 10147 & 9384 & 4290 & 434 & 5139 & 3536 & 1965 & 2291 \\ 2797 & 3693 & 7615 & 7077 & 743 & 1941 & 8716 & 6215 & 3840 & 5140 & 4582 & 5420 \\ 6110 & 8551 & 1515 & 7404 & 4879 & 4946 & 5383 & 1831 & 3441 & 9569 & 10472 & 4306 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$(4.9)$$

$$c_2(t) = \begin{bmatrix} 1505 & 5682 & 7778 \\ 7172 & 6830 & 6623 \\ 7281 & 3941 & 3505 \\ 10270 & 8669 & 914 \\ 3622 & 7563 & 9388 \\ 9930 & 5058 & 4554 \\ 4844 & 9609 & 2707 \\ 6883 & 3237 & 1714 \\ 4768 & 3878 & 10017 \\ 10127 & 3334 & 8267 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$(4.10)$$

Addresses of parity bit accumulators for code rate R = 1/2 and $n_{ldpc} = 16200$ bits are shown in (4.11) and (4.12).

$$c_1(t) = \begin{bmatrix} 20 & 712 & 2386 & 6354 & 4061 & 1062 & 5045 & 5158 \\ 21 & 2543 & 5748 & 4822 & 2348 & 3089 & 6328 & 5876 \\ 22 & 926 & 5701 & 269 & 3693 & 2438 & 3190 \\ 23 & 2802 & 4520 & 3577 & 5324 & 1091 & 4667 & 4449 \\ 24 & 5140 & 2003 & 1263 & 4742 & 6497 & 1185 & 6202 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$(4.11)$$

$$c_{2}(t) = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 4046 & 6934 \\ 1 & 2855 & 66 \\ 2 & 6694 & 212 \\ 3 & 3439 & 1158 \\ 4 & 3850 & 4422 \\ 5 & 5924 & 290 \\ 6 & 1467 & 4049 \\ 7 & 7820 & 2242 \\ 8 & 4606 & 3080 \\ 9 & 4633 & 7877 \\ 10 & 3884 & 6868 \\ 11 & 8935 & 4996 \\ 12 & 3028 & 764 \\ 13 & 5988 & 1057 \\ 14 & 7411 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$(4.12)$$

Addresses of parity bit accumulators for code rate R = 2/3 and $n_{ldpc} = 16200$ bits are shown in (4.13) and (4.14).

$$c_1(t) = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 2084 & 1613 & 1548 & 1286 & 1460 & 3196 & 4297 & 2481 & 3369 & 3451 & 4620 & 2622 \\ 1 & 122 & 1516 & 3448 & 2880 & 1407 & 1847 & 3799 & 3529 & 373 & 971 & 4358 & 3108 \\ 2 & 259 & 3399 & 929 & 2650 & 864 & 3996 & 3833 & 107 & 5287 & 164 & 3125 & 2350 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$(4.13)$$

$$c_{2}(t) = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 342 & 3529 \\ 4 & 4198 & 2147 \\ 5 & 1880 & 4836 \\ 6 & 3864 & 4910 \\ 7 & 243 & 1542 \\ 8 & 3011 & 1436 \\ 9 & 2167 & 2512 \\ 10 & 4606 & 1003 \\ 11 & 2835 & 705 \\ 12 & 3426 & 2365 \\ 13 & 3848 & 2474 \\ 14 & 1360 & 1743 \\ 0 & 163 & 2536 \\ 1 & 2583 & 1180 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\ 2 & 1542 & 509 \\ 3 & 4418 & 1005 \\ 4 & 5212 & 5117 \\ 5 & 2155 & 2922 \\ 6 & 347 & 2696 \\ 7 & 226 & 4296 \\ 8 & 1560 & 487 \\ 9 & 3926 & 1640 \\ 10 & 149 & 2928 \\ 11 & 2364 & 563 \\ 12 & 635 & 688 \\ 13 & 231 & 1684 \\ 14 & 1129 & 3894 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$(4.14)$$

4.2. Second Generation Terrestrial Digital Video Broadcasting (DVB-T2)

The DVB-T standard is the most successful digital terrestrial television standards in the world. First published in 1995, it has been adopted by more than half of all countries in the world.

ogy has continued, and new options for modulating and error-protecting broadcast steams have been developed. Simultaneously, the demand for broadcasting frequency spectrum has increased as has the pressure to release broadcast spectrum for non-broadcast applications, making it is ever more necessary to maximize spectrum efficiency. In response, the DVB Project has developed the second-generation digital terrestrial television (DVB-T2) standard. The specification, first published by the DVB Project in June 2008, has been standardized by European Telecommunication Standardizations Institute (ETSI) since September 2009. Implementation and product development using this new standard has already begun. In comparison with the current digital terrestrial television standard, DVB-T, the second-generation standard, DVB-T2, provides a minimum increase in capacity of at least 30 % in equivalent reception conditions using existing receiving antennas. Two excellent documents, the DVB-T2 specification (ETSI EN302755) and the Implementation Guidelines (DVB Bluebook A133), are available with the details of the technology. Like the DVB-S2 standard, the

Since the publication of the DVB-T standard, however, research in transmission technol-

Table 4.4: Example of MFN mode in the United Kingdom [21]

	Current Uk DVB-T mode	Selected DVB-T2 mode
Modulation	64 QAM	256 QAM
FFT size	2K	32K
Guard Interval	1/32	1/128
FEC	2/3 CC+RS	2/3 LDPC+BCH

DVB-T2 specification makes use of LDPC (Lowdensity parity-check) codes in combination with BCH (Bose-Chaudhuri- Hocquengham) to protect against high noise levels and interference. In comparison, the DVB-T standard, which makes use of convolutional coding and Reed-Solomon, two further code rates have been added. Compared with the DVB-T stan-

dard, the DVB-T2 specification allows for a reduction in the peak to average power used in the transmitter station. The peak amplifier power rating can be reduced by 25% which can significantly reduce the total amount of power that must be made available for the functionality of high power transmission stations.

4.2.1. Outer encoding (BCH)

BCH (Bose-Chaudhuri-Hocquenghem) codes form a large class of multiple random error-correcting codes. They were first discovered by A. Hocquenghem in 1959 and independently by R. C. Bose and D. K. Ray-Chaudhuri in 1960 [16]. BCH codes are classified as cyclic codes. However at that time just the codes were invented, the decoding algorithm were not discovered yet. The first decoding algorithm for binary BCH codes was discovered by Peterson in 1960. Since then, many coding theorist have tried to refine it.

4.2.2. Binary Primitive BCH codes

A binary primitive BCH code is a BCH code defined using a primitive element α . Taking α to be a primitive element of $GF(2^m)$, then the block length is $n = 2^m - 1$. The parity check matrix for a t-error-correcting primitive narrow-sense BCH code is

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & \alpha & \alpha^2 & \cdots & \alpha^{(n-1)} \\ 1 & \alpha^2 & \alpha^4 & \cdots & \alpha^{2(n-1)} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 1 & \alpha^{2t} & \alpha^{4t} & \cdots & \alpha^{2t(n-1)} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$(4.15)$$

For any integer $m \ge 3$ and $t < 2^{m-1}$ there exists a primitive BCH code with the following parameters: $n = 2^{m-1}$, $n - k \le mt$, $d_{min} \ge 2t + 1$. The generator polynomial g(x) of this codes is specified in terms of its roots from the Galois Field $GF(2^m)$ is the lowest degree polynomial over GF(2) which has α . α^2 . α^3 ... α^{2t} . as its roots.

Practically BCH code can be represented in most of the cases such as BCH(n,k). A t-error

correcting $BCH(N_{bch}, K_{bch})$ shall be applied to each BBFRAME (K_{bch}) The BCH code parameters are given in Table 4.2 for normal frame and in Table 4.4 for short frame. The generator of the t-errors correcting BCH encoder is obtained by simply multiplying the first t polynomials in table 4.5 for $n_{ldpc} = 64800$ bits and in Table 4.6 for $n_{ldpc} = 16200$ bits. Refereing

Table 4.5: BCH polynomials for normal FECFRAME $n_{ldpc} = 64800$ bits

$g_1(x)$	$1 + x^2 + x^3 + x^5 + x^{16}$
$g_2(x)$	$1 + x + x^4 + x^5 + x^6 + x^8 + x^{16}$
$g_3(x)$	$1 + x^2 + x^3 + x^4 + x^5 + x^7 + x^8 + x^9 + x^{10} + x^{11} + x^{16}$
$g_4(x)$	$1 + x^2 + x^4 + x^6 + x^9 + x^{11} + x^{12} + x^{14} + x^{16}$
g ₅ (x)	$1 + x + x^2 + x^3 + x^5 + x^8 + x^9 + x^{10} + x^{11} + x^{12} + x^{16}$
g ₆ (x)	$1 + x^2 + x^4 + x^5 + x^7 + x^8 + x^9 + x^{10} + x^{12} + x^{13} + x^{14} + x^{15} + x^{16}$
g ₇ (x)	$1 + x^2 + x^5 + x^6 + x^8 + x^9 + x^{10} + x^{11} + x^{13} + x^{15} + x^{16}$
$g_8(x)$	$1 + x + x^2 + x^5 + x^6 + x^8 + x^9 + x^{12} + x^{13} + x^{14} + x^{16}$
$g_9(x)$	$1 + x^5 + x^7 + x^9 + x^{10} + x^{11} + x^{16}$
$g_{10}(x)$	$1 + x + x^2 + x^5 + x^7 + x^8 + x^{10} + x^{12} + x^{13} + x^{14} + x^{16}$
$g_{11}(x)$	$1 + x^2 + x^3 + x^5 + x^9 + x^{11} + x^{12} + x^{13} + x^{16}$
$g_{12}(x)$	$1 + x + x^5 + x^6 + x^7 + x^9 + x^{11} + x^{12} + x^{16}$

to the standard of DVB-T2 the coding parameters for short FECFRAME $n_{ldpc} = 16200$ bits are given in Table 4.4. Looking at the given LDPC code rate, we can easily find out the required K_{bch} and N_{bch} . For instance for code rate R = 1/4, $K_{bch} = 3072$ and $N_{bch} = 3240$. The difference N_{bch} - K_{bch} =168. By multiplying the 12 polynomials given in Table 4.6 we will be able to obtain the so called 168^{th} grade generator polynomial. The reason why we need the generator polynomial is that BCH encoder have to obey the code length "n" for given "m". As we know $n = 2^m - 1$ for any $m \ge 3$. Given an integer $m \ge 3$ is impossible to get an "n" value which obeys the given relation above. By finding out the 168^{th} grade polynomial and using it in BCH encoder we will be able to perform the encoding part as required by the standard.

Table 4.6: BCH polynomials for short FECFRAME $n_{ldpc} = 16200$ bits

$g_1(x)$	$1 + x^3 + x^5 + x^{14}$
$g_2(x)$	$1 + x^6 + x^8 + x^{11} + x^{14}$
$g_3(x)$	$1 + x + x^2 + x^6 + x^9 + x^{10} + x^{14}$
$g_4(x)$	$1 + x^4 + x^7 + x^8 + x^{10} + x^{12} + x^{14}$
$g_5(x)$	$1 + x^2 + x^4 + x^6 + x^8 + x^9 + x^{11} + x^{13} + x^{14}$
g ₆ (x)	$1 + x^3 + x^7 + x^8 + x^9 + x^{13} + x^{14}$
$g_7(x)$	$1 + x^2 + x^5 + x^6 + x^7 + x^{10} + x^{11} + x^{13} + x^{14}$
$g_8(x)$	$1 + x^5 + x^8 + x^9 + x^{10} + x^{11} + x^{14}$
$g_9(x)$	$1 + x + x^2 + x^3 + x^9 + x^{10} + x^{14}$
$g_{10}(x)$	$1 + x^3 + x^6 + x^9 + x^{11} + x^{12} + x^{14}$
$g_{11}(x)$	$1 + x^4 + x^{11} + x^{12} + x^{14}$
$g_{12}(x)$	$1 + x + x^2 + x^3 + x^5 + x^6 + x^7 + x^8 + x^{10} + x^{13} + x^{14}$

4.2.3. Zero Padding of BCH information bits

As mentioned above the BCH encoder will be an outer encoder. Refereing to the Table 4.4 on page 40 taken from the DVB-T2 standard we can easily figure out the respective BCH information bits (K_{bch}) . Defining K_{sig} as the input binary data that have to be transmitted, if $K_{sig} \neq K_{bch}$ zero padding must be done. Part of information bits of the 16K LDPC code shall be zero padded in order to fill K_{bch} . For the given K_{sig} the number of zero padding bits is calculated as $(K_{bch} - K_{sig})$. As it is clearly stated in [22] the shorten procedure is as follows: Step1) Compute the number of groups in which all the bits shall be padded, N_{pad} such that:

If
$$0 < K_{sig} \le 360$$
, $N_{pad} = N_{group} - 1$

Otherwise,
$$N_{pad} = \left[\frac{K_{bch} - K_{sig}}{360}\right]$$

Step2) For N_{pad} groups $X_{\pi_s(0)}, X_{\pi_s(1)}, ..., X_{\pi_s(m-1)}, X_{\pi_s(N_{pad}-1)}$, all information bits of the groups shall be padded with zeros. π_s is defined to be the permutation operator depending on the code rate and the modulation order as described in Table 4.7

<u>Step3</u>) If $N_{pad} = N_{group} - 1$, $(360 - K_{sig})$ information bits in the last part of the bit group $X_{\pi_s(N_{group}-1)}$ shall be additionally padded with zeros. Otherwise, for the group $X_{\pi_s(N_{pad})}$,

$ \begin{array}{ c c c c c c c c c c c c c c c c c c c$		N		$\pi_s(j)$ $(0 \le j < N_{group})$							
		group	$\pi_s(0)$	$\pi_s(1)$	$\pi_s(2)$	$\pi_s(3)$	$\pi_s(4)$	$\pi_s(5)$	$\pi_s(6)$	$\pi_s(7)$	$\pi_s(8)$
QPSK	1/4	9	7	3	6	5	2	4	1	8	0

Table 4.7: Permutation sequence of information bit group to be padded.

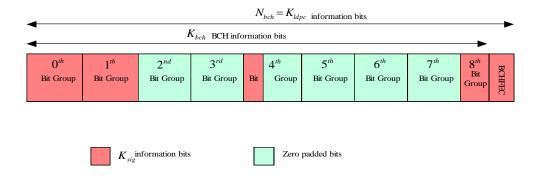


Figure 4.2: Example of shortening of BCH information part.

 $(K_{bch} - K_{sig} - 360 \times N_{pad})$ information bits in the last part of $X_{\pi_s(N_{pad})}$ shall be additionally padded.

Step4) Finally, K_{sig} information bits are sequentially mapped to bit positions which are not padded in K_{bch} BCH information bits, $(m_0, m_1, ..., m_{K_{bch}-1})$ by the above procedure.

4.2.4. Low Density Parity Check code (optional)in WiMAX

As already mentioned in one of the sections above there are mainly two types of LDPC codes: Regular and irregular. The H matrix for optional LDPC coding has been defined in the WiMAX standard IEEE Std $802.16e^{TM}$ -2005 and is as follows:

$$H = \begin{bmatrix} P_{0,0} & P_{0,1} & P_{0,2} & \cdots & P_{0,n_{b-2}} & P_{0,n_{b-1}} \\ P_{1,0} & P_{1,1} & P_{1,2} & \cdots & P_{1,n_{b-2}} & P_{1,n_{b-1}} \\ P_{2,0} & P_{2,1} & P_{2,2} & \cdots & P_{2,n_{b-2}} & P_{2,n_{b-1}} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots & \vdots \\ P_{m_{b-1},0} & P_{m_{b-1},1} & P_{m_{b-1},2} & \cdots & P_{m_{b-1},n_{b-2}} & P_{m_{b-1},n_{b-1}} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$(4.16)$$

Here $P_{i,j}$ corresponds to either a $(z \times z)$ permutation matrix or $(z \times z)$ zeros matrix. The matrix H given in the above form can be expanded to a binary base matrix H_b of size $(m_b \times n_b)$ where $n = z \times n_b$ and $m = z \times m_b$ as stated in [28].

The permutations used are circular right shifts, moreover the set of permutations matrices contains the $(z \times z)$ identity matrix and circular right shifted versions of the identity matrix. In [16] a binary base matrix H has been defined for the largest codeword length (n=2304) for various code rates. Since the base model matrix has 24 columns, the so called expansion factor $z_f = n/24$ for codeword length of n. For codeword length of 2304 the expansion factor would be 2304/24=96. Given a base model matrix H_{bm} , when p(i, j) = -1 it will be replaced by a $(z \times z)$ all-zero matrix and the other elements which correspond to $p(i, j) \ge 0$ will be replaced by circularly shifting the identity matrix by p(i,j). For code rate $\frac{1}{2}$, the base model matrix H_{bm} is defined as:

For code rate $\frac{2}{3}A$, the base model matrix H_{bm} is defined as:

For code rate $\frac{2}{3}$ B, the base model matrix H_{bm} is defined as:

For code rate $\frac{3}{4}A$, the base model matrix H_{bm} is defined as:

For code rate $\frac{3}{4}$ B, the base model matrix H_{bm} is defined as:

For code rate $\frac{5}{6}$, the base model matrix H_{bm} is defined as:

Chapter 5

OVERVIEW OF TRANSMISSION BLOCK DIAGRAM

In order to test the performance of Low-density Parity-check codes, a transmission system is adopted. The block diagram of our simulation system used in MATLAB to evaluate the error correction ability of the LDPC FEC scheme is described in Figure 5.1. The RGB im-

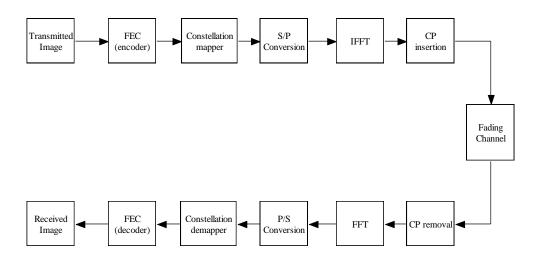


Figure 5.1: Image transmission and Reception model.

age is acquired and then it is converted to gray scale. In order for our system to be robust after converting the image to gray scale, the image will be resized to 180×225 using bicubic method. The original images used are shown in Figure 5.2. After getting the binary data of our test images, they are protected by using FEC channel coding. For comparison purposes as the FEC scheme we are using LDPC coding and RS-CC coding. For DVB-S2 and DVB-T2 standard, LDPC coding is used with the appropriate parameters obtained from the standard. RS-CC coding is used in case of DVB-S and DVB-T standard. As mentioned above, we know that LDPC FEC scheme is used as optional encoding scheme in WiMAX standard and

the parameters used have been obtained from that standard as well [17]. The encoded stream is then fed into the constellation mapper, QPSK in our studies. This constellation mapper produces one symbol for every two bits, after which the signal is modulated by IFFT and lengthened by addition of a cyclic prefix of a certain length. The cyclic prefix is a unique feature of OFDM that protects the data from inter-symbol interference (ISI). The sequence of blocks is modulated according to the OFDM technique, using 2048, 4096, or 8192 carriers (2k, 4k, 8k mode, respectively). Once this has been done, the image is then transmitted over the channel where it is affected by additive noise and multipath fading channel.

The FEC code rates adopted by our simulations, the maximum Doppler frequency and the type of fading channels used are summarized in Table 5.1 and Table 5.2. A 180×225 grey

Table 5.1: Systems parameters with BCH-LDPC encoder.

Parameter	Value		
FEC	BCH(3240,3072,12) LDPC(3240,16200) BCH(7200,3240,12) LPDC(7200,16200)		
Channel	ITU-Vehicular A ITU-Vehicular B		
Doppler spectrum	Jakes'		
Max f_d	300 Hz		

scale image was protected by the FEC schemes and transmitted over the AWGN and fading channels. The quality of reception was measured by observing the bit error rate (BER) and peak signal to noise ratio (PSNR) values over a set of SNR values.

Table 5.2: System Parameters with just LDPC encoder

Parameters	WiMAX	DVB-T	DVB-T2			
	RS(255,239,8)	RS(204,188,8)	LDPC(16200,64800)			
DDG.	CC(1,2,7)	CC(1,2,7)	LDPC(21600,64800)			
FEC	LDPC(1152,2304)		LDPC(21600,64800)			
	LDPC(1536,2304)					
Channel	ITU-Vehicular A & ITU-Vehicular B channel					
Doppler spectrum	Jakes'					
$\operatorname{Max} f_d$	300 Hz					





Figure 5.2: Transmitted images

5.1. FEC Frame Formation

The FEC frame is the output of the FEC sub-system when a BBFrame is the input; that is after BCH and LDPC encoding. This frame as specified in [17], and shown in Figure 4.2, is made up of the BB Frame, BCHFEC, and the LDPCFEC. The BB Frame is of length K_{bch}

and is the input to the BCH encoder. The BCH code will require shortening and zero padding if the size of the data to be encoded is not perfectly divisible by K_{bch} . This padding process is described in [19]. For example if the size of the transmitted grey scale image is 160×200 ; corresponding to a total of 256000 bits; for a code rate of $\frac{1}{4}$, the value of K_{bch} is 3072; this value does not perfectly divide the length of our data thus, if we shorten the BCH code by choosing a [19] of 2000, this would mean that the input data will be encoded in 128 separate data blocks each of length . After BCH encoding, parity bits are appended to the BB Frame and then the resulting output is LDPC encoded to form the FEC frame.

5.2. Cyclic Prefix

In an OFDM system, it is also possible that orthogonality of the subscribers may be lost, resulting in inter carrier interference. OFDM system uses cyclic prefix (CP) to overcome these problems. A cyclic prefix is the copy of the last part of the OFDM symbol to the beginning of transmitted symbol and removed at the receiver before demodulation. The cyclic prefix should be at least as long as the length of impulse response. However, there is a limit on energy while increasing the length of cyclic prefix. As it is expected the energy increases as the cyclic prefix length increases. As it is stated in [41] the SNR loss due to the usage of cyclic prefix can be evaluated using equation 5.1.

$$SNR_{loss} = -10 \log_{10} \left(1 - \frac{T_{cp}}{T} \right) \tag{5.1}$$

In the equation 5.1 T_{cp} refers to the cyclic prefix length. We can express the length of the transmitted symbol $T = T_{cp} + T_s$. Choosing the length of the cyclic prefix must be done carefully. The following matters should be considered,

1. Number of symbols per second decreases to $R(1 - T_{cp}/T)$

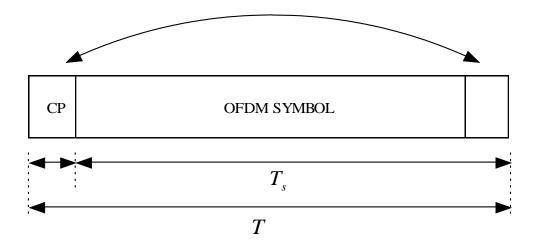


Figure 5.3: Cyclic Prefix.

2. The ratio T_{cp}/T must be kept as small as possible

As it is stated in [17] the width of the guard interval can be R = 1/32, R = 1/16, R = 1/8, or R = 1/4 that of the original block length. In our simulation we are using a guard interval width R = 1/4 of the original block length.

Chapter 6

SIMULATIONS AND PERFORMANCE ANALYSIS

This section sets out to show the BER, PSNR and psychovisual performances of LDPC-only and concatenated BCH-LDPC coded QPSK-OFDM over AWGN and multipath Rayleigh fading channels. Firstly, simulations are carried out over the AWGN channel for concatenated BCH-LDPC coding and compared with the LDPC only scheme; the observation of the performance of the concatenated BCH-LDPC scheme is based mostly on the analysis of the BER curve since the BER performance is clearly reflected to the PSNR and psychovisually performances. The same simulations are carried out over the Rayleigh fading channel with the fading parameters presented in Table 4.2, 4.4, 5.1 and 5.2. Furthermore, the simulations are repeated for the DVB-S2 and WiMAX standards.

6.1. DVB-S2 Channel Coding

This section sets out to show the link-level BER and PSNR performances of RS-CC and LDPC coded QPSK-OFDM over AWGN and multipath Rayleigh fading channels. Four different scenarios are considered. Firstly the RS-CC concatenated coding with RS(255,239,8) and CC(1,2,7) as suggested in the mobile WiMAX standard is simulated. Then, RS(204,188,8) and CC(1,2,7) stated by the European DVB-T standard is simulated and compared against previous set of results. In order to compare and contrast the performance of concatenated coding with those of LDPC coded system performances the code rates and corresponding parity check matrices provided in Table 4.3 (as suggested in DVB-T2 and mobile WiMAX) were also simulated. For LDPC coded system no interleavers were employed since LDPC encoders themselves have inherently good interleaving properties.

6.1.1. Image transmission over AWGN channel

Figure 6.1, depicts the BER performance of the RS-CC coded system over the AWGN channel using the image shown in Figure 5.2b and the RS and CC parameters stated in the mobile WiMAX and DVB-T standards. The slight difference in coding gains achieved by the two

Table 6.1: PSNR Performance using LDPC codes over the AWGN channel

	WiMAX		DVB-T2	
SNR(dB)	R=1/2	R=2/3B	R=1/4	R=1/3
	PSNR (dB)			
0	13.87	11.05	_	_
1	19.49	11.48	10.07	9.93
2	inf	12.12	10.83	10.31
3	inf	12.87	14.85	10.94

RS-CC curves is as a result of shortening the code word length. As noted in [42] a shorter code word length will improve the performance of the RS encoder. In order to assess the quality of the recovered images the peak signal to noise ratio (PSNR) was also examined for the LDPC code rates depicted in Figure 6.2. For the various SNR values shown in Table 6.1 the PSNRs were computed using (6.1) and (6.2) where, $\max(g(x,y))$ is the maximum possible pixel value in the $(u \times v)$ image.

$$PSNR(dB) = 10 \times \log \frac{\max(g(x, y))}{MSE}$$
(6.1)

$$MSE = \sum_{i=1}^{v} \sum_{j=1}^{v} \frac{(g(x,y) - \hat{g}(x,y))^2}{uv}$$
(6.2)

The system's BER performance over the AWGN channel using the optional LDPC coding

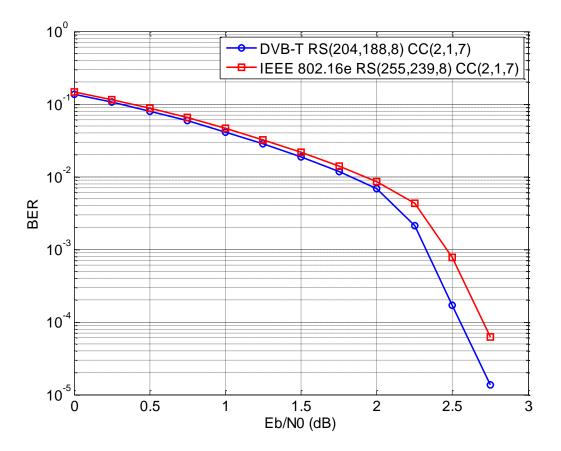


Figure 6.1: BER performance over the AWGN channel using RS-CC coding.

of mobile WiMAX and LDPC coding of DVB-T2 has been summarized in Figure 6.2. Even though more than two code rates are possible for each standard, in this work only two code rates leading to better performances were chosen for each standard. As can be observed from the Figure 6.2 the best BER is obtained using the rate $R = \frac{1}{2}$ LDPC code for IEEE 802.16e. Zero error decoding becomes possible after an SNR of approximately 1.5 dB. For the code rate $R = \frac{2}{3}A$ the BER performance is clearly worst than the code rate $R = \frac{1}{2}$ as it is expected. Here Zero error decoding becomes possible after 6 dB. Furthermore, attaining a BER level of 10^{-3} is possible at an SNR of 1.5 dB for code rate $R = \frac{1}{2}$ and at a SNR of 5.5 dB for code rate $R = \frac{2}{3}B$.

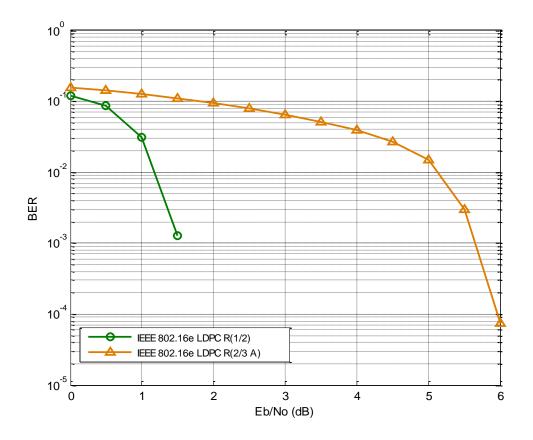


Figure 6.2: BER performance over AWGN channel using LDPC coding

6.1.2. Image transmission over Fading channels

This section provides a comparative analysis for RS-CC and LDPC coded system performances over the ITU Vehicular-A channel as well as gives the performance of LDPC coded system over ITU Vehicular-B channel. Fading channels are known to degrade the system's BER performance more than an AWGN channel and they are refereed as worst degrading channels. The parameter which affects data transmission the most in the context of small scale fading is the Doppler frequency. In this work, the Doppler frequency assumed to be 300 Hz. This amount of shift roughly corresponds to a speed of 90 km/hr for the ITU Vehicular A channel and to a speed of 120 km/hr for the ITU Vehicular B channel. Comparison for LDPC code for shorten length and normal length frame is shown in Figure 6.3. As we can

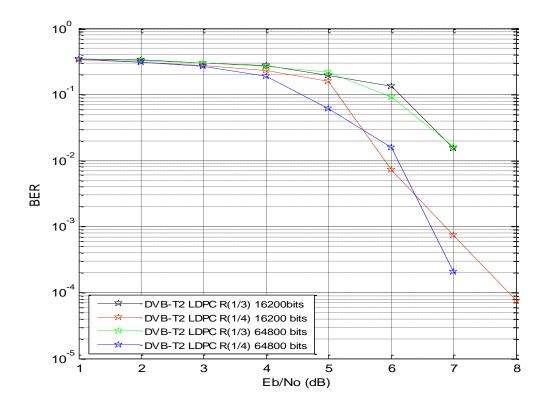


Figure 6.3: BER performance over the ITU Vehicular-A channel using LDPC coding for DVB-T2

see the LDPC with codeword length 64800 bits, with code rate $R = \frac{1}{4}$ has an improvement performance comparing with the same code rate but for codeword length of 16200 bits. As it was expected the LPDC codes usually performs better for long codeword length. However we are aware that the given BER performance is not so accurate and more bits need to be transmitted through the system in order to obtain a more accurate BER performance for both codeword length. Figure 6.4 shows the LDPC coded system performance for the DVB-T2 standard over the ITU-A channel for two different code rate [43]. Figure 6.5 depicts the recovered images transmitted using DVB-T2 over the ITU Vehicular-A channel by means of LDPC coding scheme for SNR values of 4, 10, 16 and 20 dB. As can be observed, the quality of the received image progressively improves as the SNR increases. For instance given the value of SNR = 4 dB the received image condition is subject to discussion to decide if it is

acceptable psychovisually or not.

Having obtained the respective PSNR values of received images, looking at the visually performance of them, some filtering methods can be chosen to be applied to possible minimize the effect of the noise and smoothen the image. For SNR values equal to and greater than 20 dB, error free reception is achieved [43]. Looking at the given BER performance we can say that achieving BER level of 10^{-5} is possible at a SNR of 8.2 dB for code rate $R = \frac{1}{4}$ and at a SNR of 9 dB for a code rate $R = \frac{1}{3}$. Clearly, as it was expected the LDPC $R = \frac{1}{4}$ performs better and in this case has a gain of 1 dB.

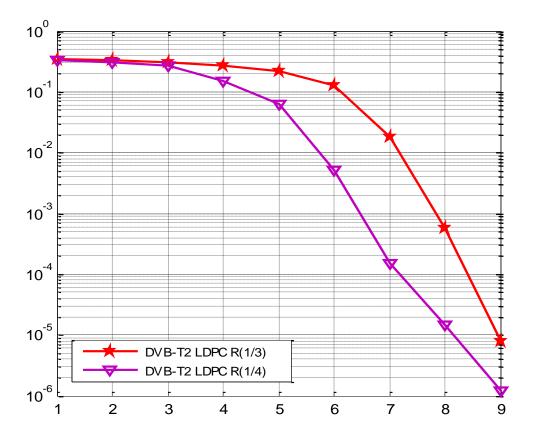


Figure 6.4: BER performance over the ITU-A channel using LDPC coding.

The computed PSNR values for the RS-CC coding of DVB-T standard has been summarized for both the AWGN and ITU Vehicular-A channels in Table 6.2. Note that over the AWGN channel a PSNR value of 30.37 dB is attained for an SNR value of 2.25 dB. However on the ITU Vehicular-A channel a similar performance is only possible around 15 dB. For AWGN channel the free error reception is possible for a SNR \geq 2.5 dB. However, for the fading channel the free error reception is possible only for SNR \geq 18 dB. This clearly points out the degrading effect of the fading mobile communication channel. The next set of simulation results are from using LDPC parameters for WiMAX and DVB-T2. In Figure 6.6, the IEEE 802.16e LDPC code with rate R = 1/2 performs best with zero error decoding starting at an SNR of about 5 dB.

The second best performance is attained by using the rate $R = \frac{1}{4}$ LDPC code dictated by the DVB-T2 standard as the FEC scheme. Comparing the code rate $R = \frac{1}{2}$ and $R = \frac{2}{3}B$ for IEEE 802.16e, leads to a conclusion that the trade off between the two code rates can be done by giving up a 5 dB performance for obtaining a free error reception. In Figure 6.7 we compare the best LDPC codes with the concatenated RS-CC codes in order to highlight the drastic improvement in the performance of the system when LDPC codes are used in a Rayleigh fading channel with the consideration of Doppler effect. For example there is a coding gain of about 9 dB for a target BER of 10^{-2} when the IEEE 802.16e LDPC $R = (\frac{1}{2})$ is used instead of the IEEE 802.16e RS(255,239,8) CC(2,1,7). Clearly the usage of LDPC encoders brings a big improvement to the system's BER performance. All the PSNR values for received images while using rate $R = \frac{1}{4}$ and $R = \frac{2}{3}B$ WiMAX LDPCs and rate $R = \frac{1}{4}$ and $R = \frac{1}{3}$ DVB-T2 LDPC encoders have been provided in Table 6.3. Figure 6.8 and Figure 6.9 depict the recovered images after LDPC decoding of the received data sequences. Looking at the image received under 1 dB SNR, we can say that the image is unrecognizable and surrounded by noise. Even by filtering the image it is quite hard to smoothen it and remove the noise.

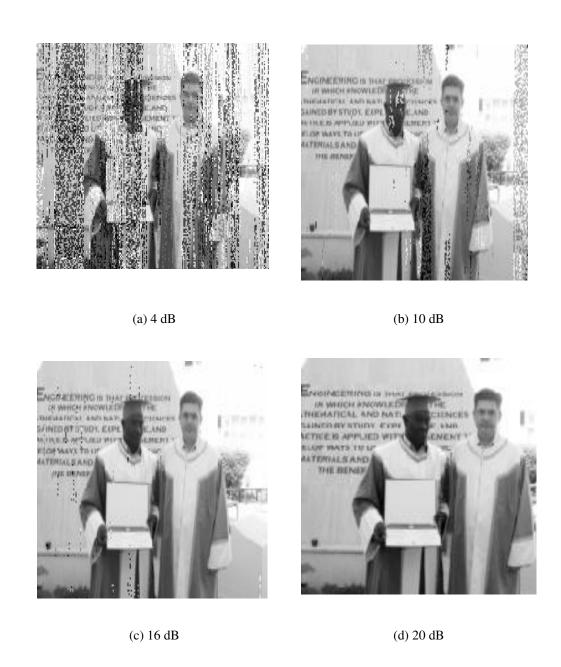


Figure 6.5: Recovered images transmitted using DVB-T over the ITU Vehicular-A channel.

Table 6.2: PSNR performance using RS-CC scheme of DVB-T standard over additive and fading channels

SNR v.s. PSNR results for DVB-T RS-CC coding						
over additive and fading channels						
(RS(204,188,8) and CC(1,2,7))						
AWGN		Fading Channel				
		ITU Vehicular-A				
SNR	PSNR	SNR	PSNR			
О	13.04	О	9.46			
0.25	14.14	2	11.26			
0.50	15.50	4	13.57			
0.75	16.69	6	15.88			
1	18.22	8	19.02			
1.25	19.81	10	22.83			
1.5	21.74	12	22.34			
1.75	23.47	14	26.82			
2	26.16	16	32.41			

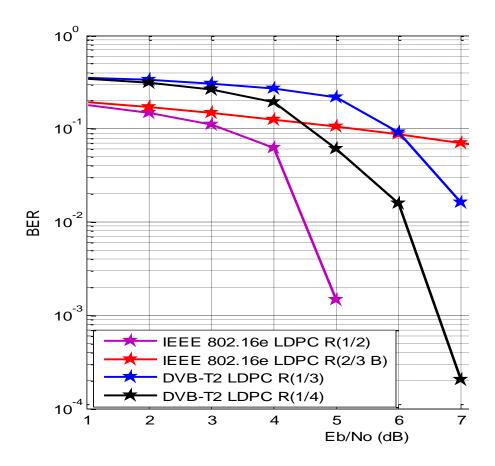


Figure 6.6: BER performance over Rayleigh fading channel using LDPC coding.

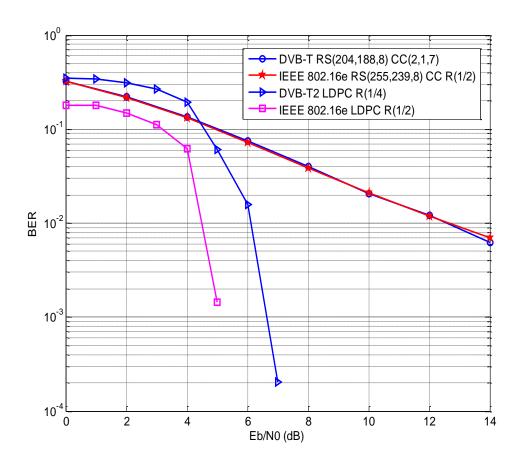


Figure 6.7: Comparison of BER performance over Rayleigh fading channel using LDPC coding and concatenated RS-CC coding.

Table 6.3: PSNR Performance using LDPC codes over the ITU-Vehicular A channel

	WiMAX		DVB-T2	
SNR(dB)	R=1/2	R=2/3B	R=1/4	R=1/3
	PSNR (dB)			
1	12.29	11.92	9.54	9.47
2	13.22	12.44	9.96	9.72
3	14.35	13.01	10.61	10.15
4	32.85	13.68	12.05	10.54

However looking at the PSNR value, it gives us a taste that the image can be reconstructed by means of filtering or some other algorithms. For WiMAX with $R = (\frac{1}{2})$ error free reception is possible after 5 dB. Looking at the received images using DVB-T2 channel for SNR values 1 dB and 3 dB the image is quite disturbed and a lot of effort must be made probably to minimize the error level. However looking at the image received under 5 dB SNR level we can conclude that the image is probably filterable and easily can be smoothen out. Similarly for the DVB-T2 LDPC with rate $R = (\frac{1}{4})$ error free reception starts around 8 dB.

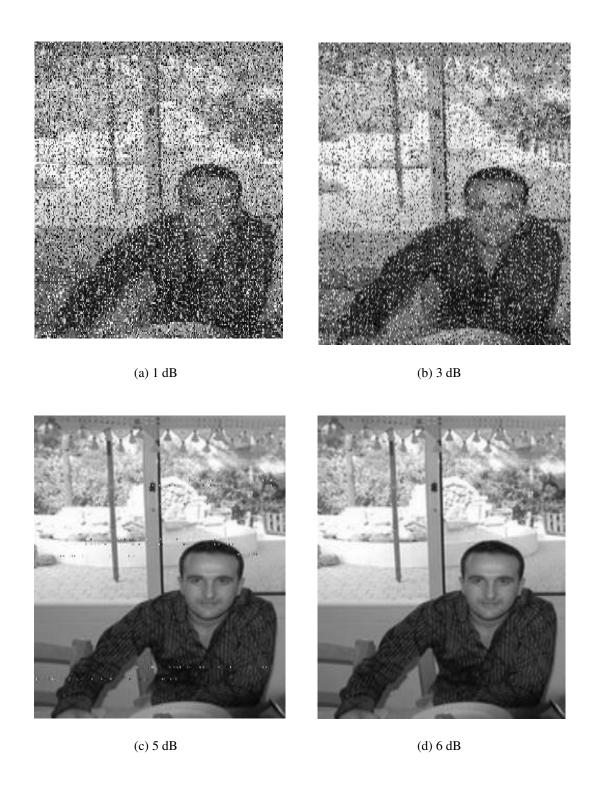


Figure 6.8: Recovered image transmitted over ITU-Vehicular A channel using (R = 1/2) LDPC as FEC scheme.

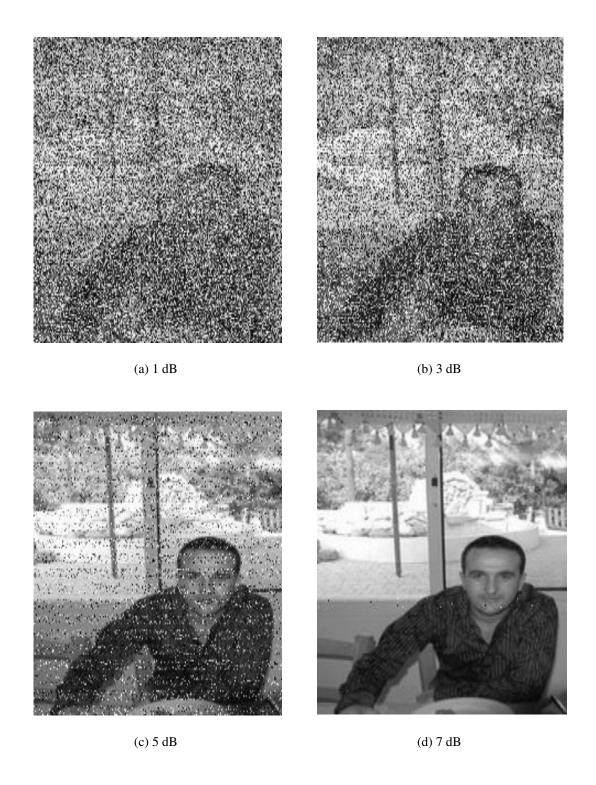


Figure 6.9: Received image transmitted over ITU Vehicular-A channel using (R = 1/4)LDPC as the FEC scheme.

6.2. DVB-T2 Channel Coding

This section sets out to show the BER, PSNR and psycho-visual performances of LDPC-only and concatenated BCH-LDPC coded QPSK-OFDM over AWGN and multipath Rayleigh fading channels. Firstly simulations are carried out over the AWGN channel for concatenated BCH-LDPC coding and for the LDPC only scheme; the comparison between them is clearly stated. Furthermore, the comparison between two different code rates for BCH-LDPC coding schemes is provided and a brief discussion is settled. The same simulations are carried out over the Rayleigh fading channel with the fading parameters presented in Table 4.4 and in Table 5.2

6.2.1. Image transmission over AWGN channel

Figure 6.10 presents the BER curves obtained for rate $R = \frac{1}{3}$ and rate $R = \frac{1}{4}$ BCH-LDPC coded systems. As can be observed from the figure the best BER is obtained for the rate $R = \frac{1}{4}$ system as it was expected. We note that after an SNR of 3 dB all decoding will be error free for code rate $R = \frac{1}{4}$. Similarly, for code rate $R = \frac{1}{3}$ the free error decoding will be possible for an SNR level of 4.75 dB. The generator polynomial specified for the given BCH encoder is of the grade 168^{th} and can correct up to 12 bit errors. Related to the generator and primitive polynomials please refer to Table 4.5 on page 42 and Table 4.6 on page 43.

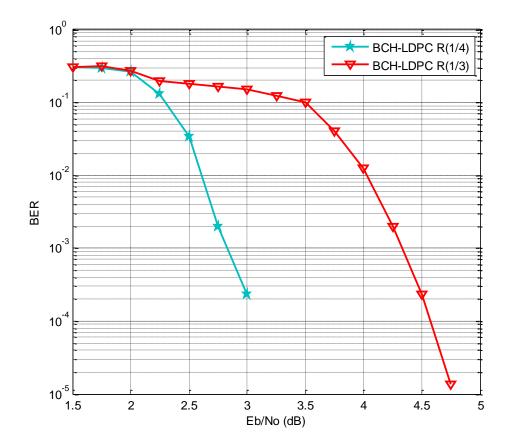


Figure 6.10: BER performance over AWGN channel using concatenated BCH-LDPC coding

In Figure 6.11 the performance of LDPC-only coded with code rate $R = \frac{1}{3}$ is shown. In this case we are expecting a degradation of our system performance because we are using just LDPC-only coding schemes. However this discussion will be settled down when Figure 6.12 is considered.

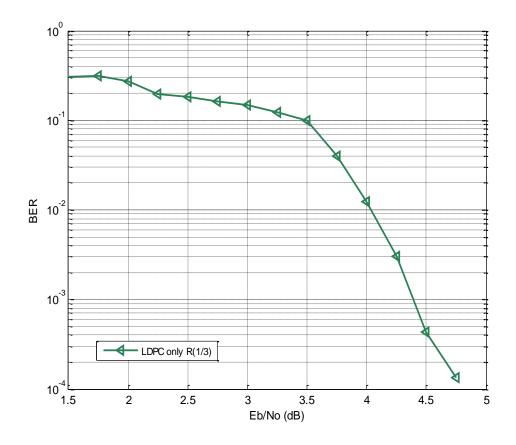


Figure 6.11: BER performance over AWGN channel using LDPC-only coding

Figure 6.12 shows the performance of concatenated BCH-LDPC coding and LDPC only coding over an AWGN channel. As we can clearly see from the Figure 6.12 after an SNR of 4 dB we can observe a slightly amount of BER gain. For instance, for a target BER of 10⁻⁴ with LDPC only coding scheme this is possible at a SNR of 4.75 dB. However, for BCH-LDPC coding scheme that is possible for a SNR of 4.55 dB. That is as it was expected. We know that for high SNR values BCH-LDPC scheme performs better than LDPC only coding scheme with an BER gain of 0-0.3 dB. In our case this BER gain is about 0.2 dB. For low SNR values the performance is exactly the same for both coding schemes.

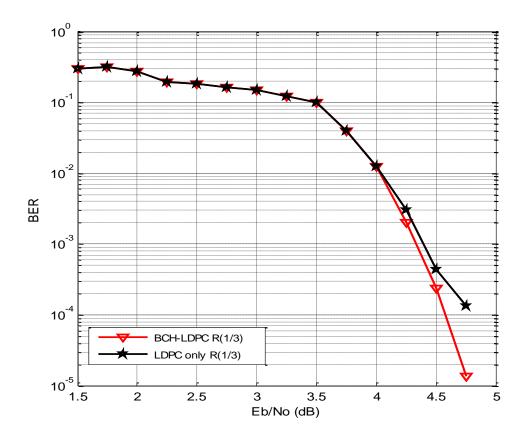


Figure 6.12: BER performance over AWGN channel using concatenated BCH-LDPC coding and LDPC coding

Table 6.4 summarizes the received image PSNR values for both coding schemes (BCH-LDPC and LDPC). According to the results, when BCH-LDPC coding is used in the presence of bit errors, it is possible to receive the transmitted image without any errors after an SNR value of 3.5 dB; but when LDPC-only is used under the same conditions, a slightly degradation in the system is observed. Moreover looking at the table results and comparing the two schemes we can observe that we have a slight gain of PSNR dB values. For instance for a SNR level of 1 dB the LDPC coding scheme gives us 10.01 dB PSNR level. However for the same SNR level the LDPC-BCH coding scheme gives us 10.33 dB PSNR level. Figure 6.13 depicts the quality of decoded images after the test image has been transmitted over the AWGN channel.

Table 6.4: PSNR performance using rate $R = \frac{1}{4}$ LDPC and BCH-LDPC codes over the AWGN channel

SNR (dB)	BCH-LDPC	LDPC
О	9.75	9.6
1	10.33	10.01
2	10.99	10.75
3	14.85	12.52

Free error decoding (high PSNR level) will be possible for a SNR level of approximately 4.5 dB for a code rate $R = \frac{1}{4}$. Psychovisualy, we can state that the received images under an SNR level of 2 dB and 3 dB are so hard to be filtered out in order to probably smoothen the images or minimize the psychovisually error level.

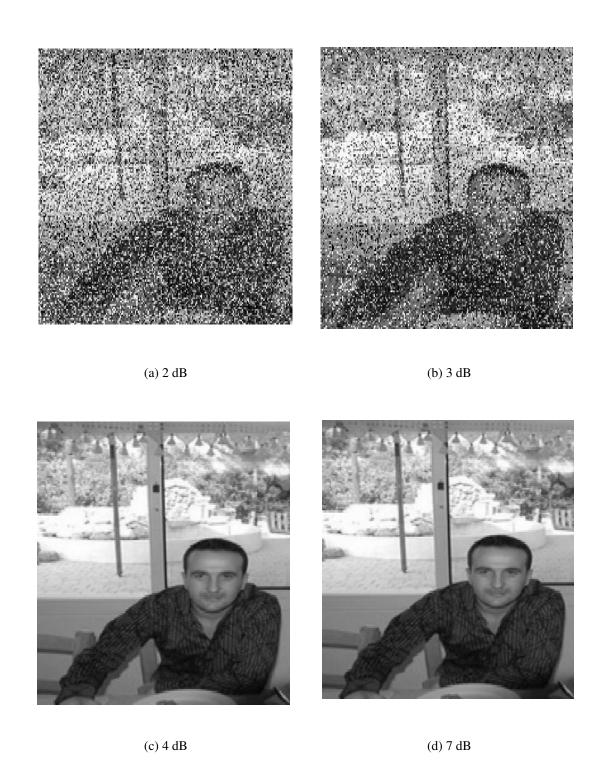


Figure 6.13: Decoded image at various SNR values for concatenated BCH-LDPC coding over the AWGN channel.

6.2.2. Image transmission over Fading channels

Figure 6.14 shows the rate $R = \frac{1}{4}$ BCH-LDPC coded system BER performance over the ITU Vehicular-A channel. Herein the free error decoding may be possible for a SNR level of greater than 10 dB. For instance, for a target BER of 10^{-5} the corresponding SNR level will be approximately 7.3 dB. For a range of SNR values between 7 dB to 8.5 dB the correspond-

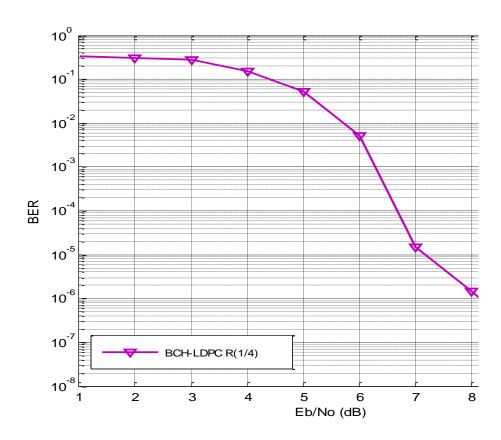


Figure 6.14: BER performance over Rayleigh fading channel using concatenated BCH-LDPC coding

ing BER level is approximately around 10^{-6} which means that in 1000000 bits transmitted one of them is decoded not correctly. This level of bit errors rate is translated most probably to a high PSNR values of recovered images and good looking psychovisually.

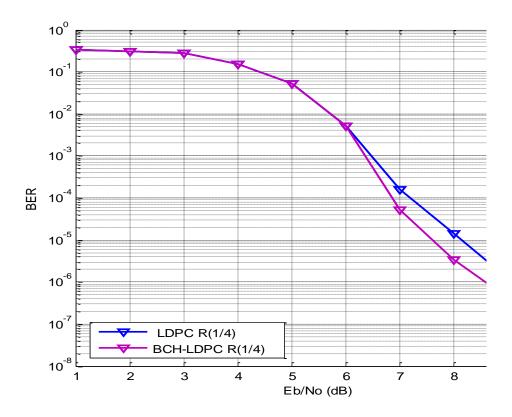


Figure 6.15: BER performance over Rayleigh fading channel for LDPC-only coding and BCH-LDPC coding over ITU-A

In Figure 6.15 the BER performance for BCH-LDPC and LDPC coding scheme is provided. Again, as for the AWGN case, for high SNR values we have a BER gain in case of BCH-LDPC coding scheme. For instance, for a target BER of 10⁻⁶ the corresponding BER level is 8.7 dB for BCH-LDPC and 9.5 dB for LDPC only coding scheme. We have a BER gain of about 0.8 dB. However, for low SNR values the BER level is quite similar for both coding schemes.

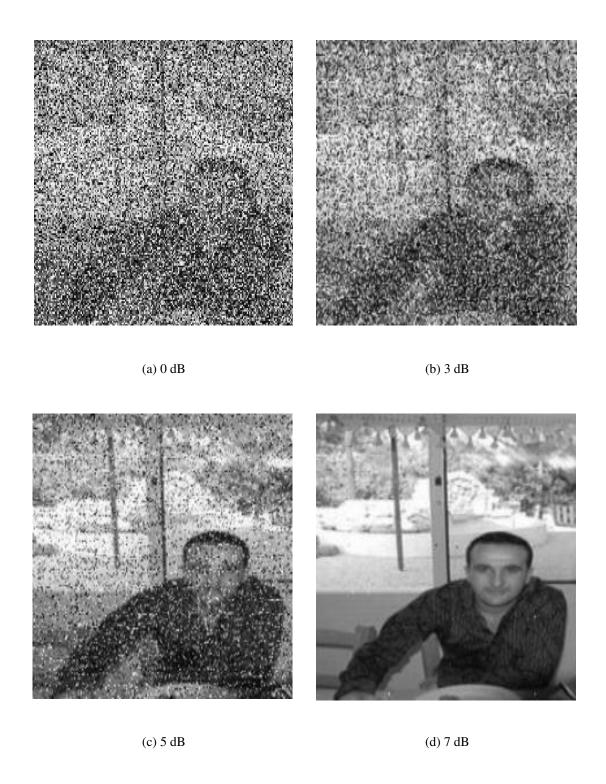


Figure 6.16: Decoded image at various SNR values for concatenated BCH-LDPC coding over the ITU Vehicular-A channel.

The psycho-visual performance of the received image at various SNR values is depicted in Figure 6.16. The results shown are from simulations carried out for rate $R = \frac{1}{4}$ BCH-LDPC over the ITU Vehicular-A channel. As can be observed, the quality of the received image progressively improves as the SNR increases. For SNR values greater than 5 dB, the received image becomes visually appealing, the background and foreground features of the image are visible and distinguishable.

6.2.3. ITU-Vehicular B

Depicted in Figure 6.17 is the performance of the received images at different SNR values. The results shown in the figure mentioned above are carried out for a code rate $R = \frac{1}{4}$ BCH-LDPC over the ITU Vehicular-B channel. For SNR level of 4 dB the received image is almost unrecognizable. Similarly given the SNR level of 6 dB the image recovered is more distinguishable, however the quality level of the image is subject to discussion. After an SNR level of 7 dB the received image is appearing much better.

As we can obviously see the noise introduced in our received images can be modeled as a salt and pepper noise. Different types of filter are capable to filter out such kind of noises with very high output performances. In Figure 6.18 the BER performance is given for BCH-LDPC with code rate $R = \frac{1}{4}$. For a SNR level of 7 dB, the corresponding BER level is approximately on the range of 10^{-4} . Probably this high level of BER value is translated to a high PSNR value. Considering the SNR value of 8 dB the corresponding BER level is roughly around 10^{-5} . However we are aware that increasing the number of bits to be transmitted through the systems will give us a more clear picture of what really will happen after an SNR level of 8 dB.

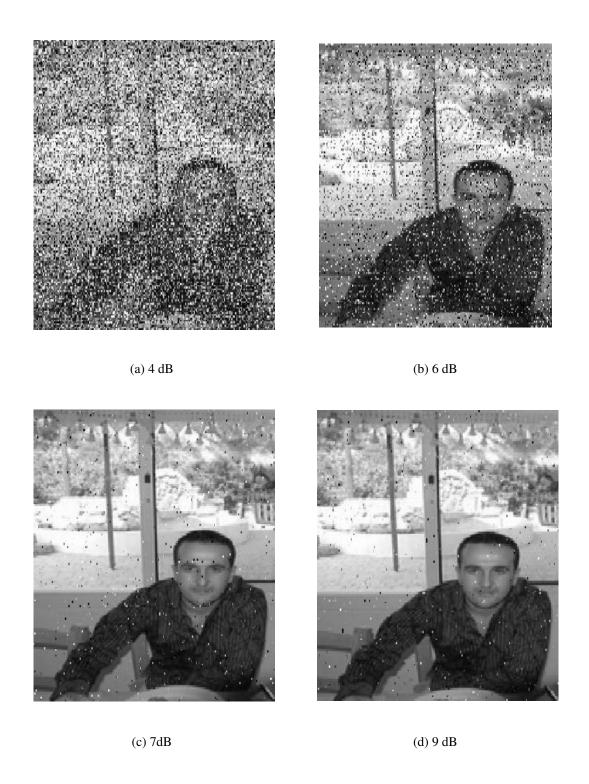


Figure 6.17: Decoded image at various SNR values for concatenated BCH-LDPC coding over the ITU Vehicular-B channel.

Comparing the performance depicted in Figure 6.18 on page 77 with the performance depicted in Figure 6.14 on page 72 we can see that ITU-Vehicular B channel is a more difficult channel than ITU-Vehicular A. For instance for a SNR level of 7 dB the corresponding BER level are roughly 10^{-2} and 10^{-4} respectively.

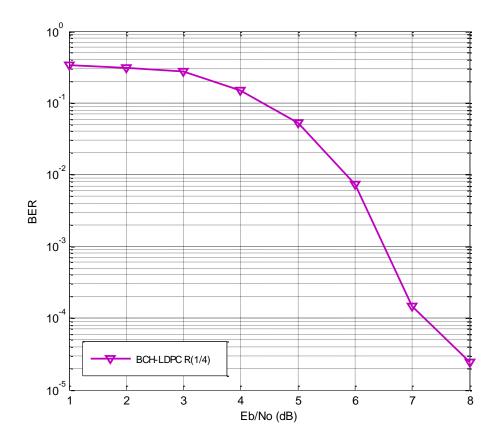


Figure 6.18: BER performance over Rayleigh fading channel using BCH-LDPC over ITU-B

In Figure 6.19 a comparative BER performance of LDPC is shown, which is carried out over the Rayleigh fading channel, ITU-Vehicular B and ITU-Vehicular A. The code rate is $R = \frac{1}{4}$ and the standard obeyed is Digital Video Broadcasting Terrestrial Second Generation (DVB-T2). As it can be seen from the Figure the ITU-Vehicular B channel is harder than ITU-Vehicular A channel. For instance refereing to the same BER level (10^{-3}) for both channels we can say that for ITU- Vehicular A this is possible for a E_b/N_0 of 6.5 dB, however for ITU-Vehicular B this BER level is only possible for an E_b/N_0 of 7.5 dB. As it was expected and as mentioned above the ITU Vehicular-B channel is harder than ITU Vehicular A-channel. A difference of 2 dB gain can be stressed out when comaring both channels.

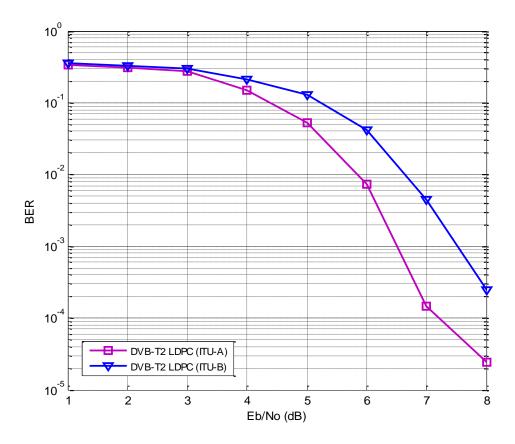


Figure 6.19: BER performance over Rayleigh fading channel using LDPC-only coding over ITU-A and ITU-B

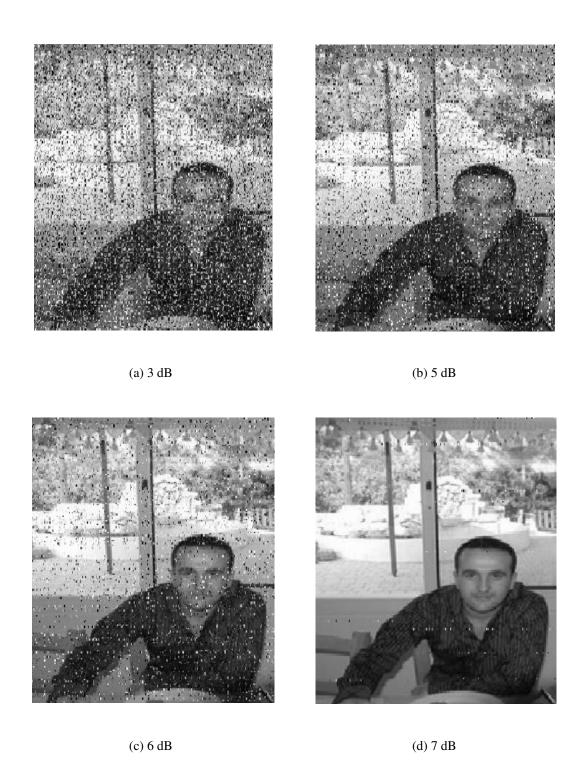


Figure 6.20: Decoded image at various SNR values for concatenated LDPC coding over the ITU Vehicular-B channel.

Chapter 7

CONCLUSIONS AND FUTURE WORK

7.1. Conclusion

Even though the study of the complete system for DVB-S2, DVB-T2 and IEEE 802.16e standards is beyond the scope of this thesis, a detailed study and analysis of the important parts of the systems such as LDPC coding part, BCH coding, OFDM as well as polynomials for generating the short/normal FEC frame. The performance analysis provided in Chapter 6 agrees with the present publications and literature.

BER and PSNR performances of the three systems were obtained over AWGN and fading channel models (ITU- Vehicular A and ITU- Vehicular B). For AWGN channel, the best BER performance was obtained using the rate R = 1/2 LDPC code specified in IEEE 802.16e, where zero- error decoding becomes possible after an SNR of 1.5 dB. The second best BER is attained while using the rate R = 1/4 LDPC for the DVB-T2. Here zero- error decoding was shown to be possible after 3.5 dB. It has been shown that there is a coding gain of about 9 dB for a target BER of 10^{-2} when the IEEE 802.16e LDPC is used instead of the IEEE 802.16e RS(255;239;8) CC(2;1;7) concatenated coding. Clearly the usage of LDPC encoders brings a big improvement to the system's BER performance. Also it has been shown that in the case of many bit errors introduced by the channel the error floor has been removed by the concatenation of an outer BCH encoder. Similar many error correcting codes LDPC codes also have a limit for the number of errors they can fix. If the errors introduced by the channel are more than this limit an error floor would be observed. It was shown by simulation that concatenating a BCH encoder with the LDPC coding block would help to reduce or eliminate

this error floor. However the maximum number of errors the BCH-LDPC concatenated coder can fix is also limited. This is because the generator polynomials are designed to fix only a maximum number of errors. In the case of DVB-T2 this number is 12. Hence if more than 12 errors per block occurs the error floor will not be removed even using BCH-LDPC encoding.

According to the results presented in Chapter 6, when BCH-LDPC coding is used in the presence of bit errors, it is possible to receive the transmitted image without any errors after an SNR value of 3.5 dB in case of AWGN channel; but when LDPC-only is used under the same conditions, a degradation in the performance is observed. This error floor might keep the PSNR of the received image at a fairly constant value, thus limiting the received image quality. Comparing the performance results for ITU- Vehicular A and ITU-Vehicular B channels, we can see that ITU-Vehicular B channel is a more difficult channel than ITU-Vehicular A. For instance a target BER level of (10⁻³) can be attained at 5.5 dB and 7.5 dB respectively.

7.2. Future work

Facing the need for transmitting reliable data over the modern communications channel, many researchers focused in channel coding and in the features of LDPC codes. It is important to mention that great progress has been made in this area. As it is stated in this work LDPC codes performs best for long codeword length. However, need of the communication industry to shorten the length of codeword gives to the researchers another assignment. Shortening the LDPC codeword raise up the problem of so called "girth4". Girth 4 cycles leads performance degradation and should be avoided.

As a future work designing the Low-Density Parity-Check matrix for shorter codeword lengths in order to extend the applications of LDPC channel coding is recommended. Some results on this issue has been published but a lot more remains to be done because even though the

LDPC codes designed give good performance they still do not attain the Shannon limit as explained in [5].

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APPENDIX

Appendix A: Addresses of parity bit accumulators

Addresses of parity bit accumulators for rate R = 2/5, $n_{ldpc} = 64800$ bits

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                                28646 2558 19687
          14654 38201 22605
                                6259 4499 26336
          28404 6595 1018
                                11952 28386 8405
          19932 3524 29305
                                10609 961 7582
          31749 20247 8128
                                10423 13191 26818
          18026 36357 26735
                                15922 36654 21450
          7543 29767 13588
                                10492 1532 1205
          13333 25965 8463
c_2(t) =
                                                                     (7.2)
                                30551 36482 22153
          14504 36796 19710
                                5156 11330 34243
           4528 25299 7318
                                28616 35369 13322
          35091 25550 14798
                                8962 1485 21186
           7824 215 1248
                                23541 17445 35561
          30848 5362 17291
                                33133 11593 19895
          28932 30249 27073
                                33917 7863 33651
          13062 2103 16206
                                20063 28331 10702
          7129 32062 19612
                                13195 21107 21859
          9512 21936 38833
                                4364 31137 4804
          35849 33754 23450
                                5585 2037 4830
          18705 28656 18111
                               30672 16927 14800
          22749 27456 32187
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Addresses of parity bit accumulators for rate R = 3/5, $n_{ldpc} = 64800$ bits

(7.3)

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0 18539 18661
           1 10502 3002
          2 9368 10761
          3 12299 7828
                            38 4934 125872
          4 15048 13362
                            39 21197 5133
           5 18444 24640
                            40 22705 6938
          6 20775 19175
                            41 7534 24633
          7 18970 10971
                            42 24400 12797
          8 5329 19982
                            43 21911 25712
          9 11296 18655
                            44 12039 1140
          10 15046 20659
                            45 24306 1021
          11 7300 22140
                            46 14012 20747
          12 22029 14477
                            47 11265 15219
          13 11129 742
                            48 4670 15531
          14 13254 13813
                            49 9417 14359
          15 19234 13273
                            50 2415 6504
          16 6079 21122
                            51 24964 24690
          17 22782 5828
                            52 14443 8816
          18 19775 4247
                            53 6926 1291
          19 1660 19413
c_2(t) =
                                                                  (7.4)
                            54 6209 20806
          20 4403 3649
                            55 13915 4079
          21 13371 25851
                            56 24410 13196
          22 22770 21784
                            57 13505 6117
          23 10757 14131
                            58 9869 8220
          24 16071 21617
                            59 1570 6044
          25 6393 3725
                            60 25780 17387
          26 597 19968
                            61 20671 24913
          27 5743 8084
                            62 24558 20591
          28 6770 9548
                            63 12402 3702
          29 4285 17542
                            64 8314 1357
          30 13568 22599
                            65 20071 14616
          31 1786 4617
                            66 17014 3688
          32 23238 11648
                            67 19837 946
          33 19627 2030
                            68 15195 12136
          34 13601 13458
                            69 7758 22808
          35 13740 17328
                            70 3564 2925
          36 25012 13944
                            71 3434 7769
          37 22513 6687
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Addresses of parity bit accumulators for rate R = 2/3, $n_{ldpc} = 64800$ bits

 $c_1(t) = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 10491 & 16043 & 506 & 12826 & 8065 & 8226 & 2767 & 240 & 18673 & 9279 & 10579 & 20928 \\ 1 & 17819 & 8313 & 6433 & 6224 & 5120 & 5824 & 12812 & 17187 & 9940 & 13447 & 13825 & 18483 \\ 2 & 17957 & 6024 & 8681 & 18628 & 12794 & 5915 & 14576 & 10970 & 12064 & 20437 & 4455 & 7151 \\ 3 & 19777 & 6183 & 9972 & 14536 & 8182 & 17749 & 11341 & 5556 & 4379 & 17434 & 15477 & 18532 \\ 4 & 4651 & 19689 & 1608 & 659 & 16707 & 14335 & 6143 & 3058 & 14618 & 17894 & 20684 & 5306 \\ 5 & 9778 & 2552 & 12096 & 12369 & 15198 & 16890 & 4851 & 3109 & 1700 & 18725 & 1997 & 15882 \\ 6 & 486 & 6111 & 13743 & 11537 & 5591 & 7433 & 15227 & 14145 & 1483 & 3887 & 17431 & 12430 \\ 7 & 20647 & 14311 & 11734 & 4180 & 8110 & 5525 & 12141 & 15761 & 18661 & 18441 & 10569 & 8192 \\ 8 & 3791 & 14759 & 15264 & 19918 & 10132 & 9062 & 10010 & 12786 & 10675 & 9682 & 19246 & 5454 \\ 9 & 19525 & 9485 & 7777 & 19999 & 8378 & 9209 & 3163 & 20232 & 6690 & 16518 & 716 & 7353 \\ 10 & 4588 & 6709 & 20202 & 10905 & 915 & 4317 & 11073 & 13576 & 16433 & 368 & 3508 & 21171 \\ 11 & 14072 & 4033 & 19959 & 12608 & 631 & 19494 & 14160 & 8249 & 10223 & 21504 & 12395 & 4322 \\ \end{bmatrix}$

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17 1274 19286
                                               18 14777 2044
          -12 13800 14161 -
                                               19 13920 9900
           13 2948 9647
                                               20 452 7374
           14 14693 16027
                                               21 18206 9921
           15 20506 11082
                                               22 6131 5414
           16 1143 9020
                                               23 10077 9726
           17 13501 4014
                                               24 12045 5479
           18 1548 2190
                             50 11087 3319
                                               25 4322 7990
           19 12216 21556
                             51 18892 4356
           20 2095 19897
                                               26 15616 5550
                             52 7894 3898
                                               27 15561 10661
           21 4189 7958
                             53 5963 4360
                                               28 20718 7387
           22 15940 10048
                             54 7346 11726
                                               29 2518 18804
           23 515 12614
                             55 5182 5609
                                               30 8984 2600
           24 8501 8450
                             56 2412 17295
                                               31 6516 17909
           25 17595 16784
                             57 9845 20494
                                               32 11148 98
           26 5913 8495
                             58 6687 1864
                                               33 20559 3704
           27 16394 10423
                             59 20564 5216
          28 7409 6981
                                               34 7510 1569
                             0 18226 17206
           29 6678 15939
                                               35 16000 11692
                             1 9380 8266
                                               36 9147 10303
          30 20344 12987
                             2 7073 3065
                                               37 16650 191
          31 2510 14588
c_2(t) =
                             3 18252 13437
                                                                            (7.6)
                                               38 15577 18685
          32 17918 6655
                               9161 15642
                                               39 17167 20917
          33 6703 19451
                             5 10714 10153
                                               40 4256 3391
           34 496 4217
                             6 11585 9078
                                               41 20092 17219
           35 7290 5766
                             7 5359 9418
                                               42 9218 5056
          36 10521 8925
                             8 9024 9515
                                               43 18429 8472
           37 20379 11905
                             9 1206 16354
                                               44 12093 20753
           38 4090 5838
                             10 14994 1102
                                               45 16345 12748
           39 19082 17040
                             11 9375 20796
                                               46 16023 11095
          40 20233 12352
                             12 15964 6027
                                               47 5048 17595
          41 19365 19546
                             13 14789 6452
                                               48 18995 4817
          42 6249 19030
                             14 8002 18591
          43 11037 19193
                                               49 16483 3536
                             15 14742 14089
                                               50 1439 16148
          44 19760 11772
                             16 253 3045
                                               51 3661 3039
          45 19644 7428
                                               52 19010 18121
          46 16076 3521
                                               53 8968 11793
          47 11779 21062
                                               54 13427 18003
          48 13062 9682
          49 8934 5217
                                               55 5303 3083
                                               56 531 16668
                                               57 4771 6722
                                               58 5695 7960
                                               59 3589 14630
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Addresses of parity bit accumulators for rate R = 3/4, $n_{ldpc} = 64800$ bits

T 0 6385 7901 14611 13389 11200 3252 5243 2504 2722 821 7374 1 11359 2698 357 13824 12772 7244 6752 15310 852 2001 11417 2 7862 7977 6321 13612 12197 14449 15137 13860 1708 6399 13444 $3 \quad 1560 \quad 11804 \quad 6975 \quad 13292 \quad 3646 \quad 3812 \quad 8772 \quad 7306 \quad 5795 \quad 14327 \quad 7866$ $4 \quad 7626 \quad 11407 \quad 14599 \quad 9689 \quad 1628 \quad 2113 \quad 10809 \quad 9283 \quad 1230 \quad 15241 \quad 4870$ 5 1610 5699 15876 9446 12515 1400 6303 5411 14181 13925 7358 $6 \quad 4059 \quad 8836 \quad 3405 \quad 7853 \quad 7992 \quad 15336 \quad 5970 \quad 10368 \quad 10278 \quad 9675 \quad 4651$ $c_1(t) = \begin{bmatrix} 7 & 441 & 3963 & 9153 & 2109 & 12683 & 7459 & 12030 & 12221 & 629 & 15212 & 406 \end{bmatrix}$ (7.7)8 6007 8411 5771 3497 543 14202 875 9186 6235 13908 3563 9 3232 6625 4795 546 9781 2071 7312 3399 7250 4932 12652 10 8820 10088 11090 7069 6585 13134 10158 7183 488 7455 9238 11 1903 10818 119 215 7558 11046 10615 11545 14784 7961 15619 12 3655 8736 4917 15874 5129 2134 15944 14768 7150 2692 1469 13 9316 3820 505 8923 6757 806 7957 4216 15589 13244 2622 $14\ 14463\ 4852\ 15733\ 3041\ 11193\ 12860\ 13673\ 8152\ 6551\ 15108\ 8758$

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-15 3149 11981
          16 13416 6906
                             13 4129 7091
          17 13098 13352
                             14 1426 8415
          18 2009 14460
                             15 9783 7604
          19 7207
                    4314
                             16 6295 11329
          20 3312
                    3945
                                               10 1810 904
                             17 1409 12061
          21 4418
                    6248
                                               11 11332 9264
                             18 8065 9087
          22 2669 139754
                                               12 11312 3570
                             19 2918 8438
          23 7571
                    9023
                                               13 14916 2650
                             20 1293 14115
          24 14172 2967
                                               14 7679 7842
                             21 3922 13851
          25 7271
                    7138
                                               15 6089 13084
                             22 3851 4000
          26 6135
                  13670
                                               16 3938 2751
                             23 5865 1768
          27 7490
                    6981
                                               17 8509 4648
                             24 2655 14957
             8657
                    2466
                                               18 12204 8917
                             25 5565 6332
          29 8599 12834
                                               19 5749 12433
                             26 4303 12631
          30 3470
                   3152
                                               20 12613 4431
                             27 11653 12236
          31 13917 4365
                                               21 1344 4014
                             28 16025 7632
          32 6024 13730
                                               22 8488 13850
                             29 4655 14128
          33 10973 14182
                                               23 1730 14896
                             30 9584 13123
          34 2464 13167
                                               24 14942 7126
                             31 13987 9597
          35 5281 15049
                                               25 14983 8863
                             32 15409 12110
          36 1103
                    1849
                                               26 6578 8564
c_2(t) =
                                                                            (7.8)
                             33 8754 15490
          37 2058
                    1069
                                               27 4947 396
                             34 7416 15325
          38 9654
                    6095
                                               28 297 12805
                             35 2909 15549
          39 14311 7667
                                               29 13878 6692
                             36 2995 8257
          40 15617 8146
                                               30 11857 11186
                             37 9406 4791
          41 4588 11218
                                               31 14395 11493
                             38 11111 4854
          42 13660 6243
                                               32 16145 12251
                             39 2812 8521
          43 8578
                    7874
                                               33 13462 7428
                             40 8476 14717
          44 11741
                   2686
                                               34 14526 13119
                             41 7820 15360
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                                               37 6872 9334
                              0 3477 7067
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                              1 3931 13845
              354
                    1514
                                               39 8101 10187
                              2 7675 12899
             6978 14058
                                               40 11963 4848
                              3 1754 8187
             7922
                  16079
                                               41 15125 6119
                              4 7785 1400
           7 15087 12138
                                               42 8051 14465
                              5 9213 5891
             5053
                    6470
                                               43 11139 5167
                              6 2494 7703
           9 12687 14932
                                               42\ 2883\ 14521
                              7 2576 7902
          10 15458
                   1763
                               4821 15682
          11 8121
                    1721
                              9 10426 11935
          12 12431
                    549
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Addresses of parity bit accumulators for rate R = 4/5, $n_{ldpc} = 64800$ bits

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149 11212 5575 6360 12559 8108 8505 408 10026 12828
            5237 490 10677 4998 3869 3734 3092 3509 7703 10305
          2 8742 5553 2820 7085 12116 10485 564
                                                 7795 2972
                                                            2157
          3 2699 4304 8350
                            712 2841 3250 4731 10105 517
                                                            7516
          4 12067 1351 11992 12191 11267 5161
                                             537
                                                 6166 4246
          5 6828 7107 2127 3724 5743 11040 10756 4073 1011
          6 11259 1216 9526 1466 10816 940
                                            3744 2815 11506 11573
          7 4549 11507 1118 1274 11751 5207 7854 12803 4047
          8 8430 4115 9440
                            413
                                  4455 2262
                                            7915 12402 8579
c_1(t) =
                                                                          (7.9)
          9 3885 9126 5665 4505 2343
                                       253
                                            4707 3742 4166
                                                            1556
          10 1704 8936
                       6775 8639 8179 7954 8234
                                                 7850 8883
          11 11716 4344 9087 11264 2274 8832 9147 11930 6054
          12 7323 3970 10329 2170 8262 3854
                                            2087 12899 9497 11700
          13 4418 1467 2490 5841
                                  817 11453 533 11217 11962 5251
         14 1541 4525 7976 3457 9536 7725 3788
         15 11484 2739 4023 12107 6516 551
                                            2572 6628 8150 9852
         16 6070 1761 4627 6534 7913 3730 11866 1813 12306 8249
         17 12441 5489 8748 7837 7660 2102 11341 2936 6712 11977
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-18 10155 4210 -
          19 1010 10483
                            25 4368 3479
                                               30 8171 10933
          20 8900 10250
                            26 6316 5342
                                               31 6297
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          21 10243 12278
                            27 2455 3493
                                               32 616
                                                       7146
          22 7070 4397
                            28 12157 7405
                                               33 5142
                                                      9761
          23 12271 3887
                            29 6598 11495
          24 11980 6836
                                               34 10377 8138
                            30 11805 4455
                                               35 7616 5811
          25 9514 4356
                            31 9625
                                     2090
                                                 7285
                                                       9863
          26 7137 10281
                            32 4731
                                     2321
                                                 7764 10867
          27 11881 2526
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          28 1969 11477
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                                     1849
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                            35 4027 1151
                                                 3464
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          31 9104 6340
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          32 7342 8582
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                             2 10968 8054
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                               6970 5447
                                                 7423
                                                       5601
          34 6467 12775
                               3217
                                      5638
                                                 8120 4885
          35 3186 12198
                               8972
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                   5611
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                                     1280
                   4879
                                               12 424 10162
             4319
                               8868 3883
                                               13 1347
                                                      7597
             2196
                    344
c_2(t) =
                                                                          (7.10)
                               8866
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                                266
                                     4405
                                               16 8945
                                                      7397
             6755
                   2706
                             12 3706 3244
                                               17 6590
                                                        8316
             5144
                   5998
                             13 6039 5844
           8 11043 8033
                                               18 6838
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                            14 7200 3283
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             4846
                   4435
                             15 1502 11282
                                               20 255
          10 4157
                   9228
                                                        113
                            16 12318 2202
                                               21 6197
                                                       5835
          11 12270 6562
                             17 4523
                                      965
                                               22 12902 3844
          12 11954 7592
                            18 9587 7011
                                               23 4377 3505
          13 7420
                   2592
                             19 2552 2051
                                               24 5478 8672
          14 8810
                   9636
                            20 12045 10306
                                               25 44531 2132
          15
             689
                   5430
                            21 11070 5104
                                               26 9724 1380
                   1304
             920
                            22 6627 6906
                                               27 12131 11526
              253
                  11934
                            23 9889 2121
                                               28 12323 9511
          18 9559
                   6016
                            24 829
                                     9701
                                               29 8231 1752
             312
                   7589
                            25 2201 1819
                                               30 497
                                                        9022
          20 4439
                   4197
                            26 6689 12925
                                               31 9288
                                                       3080
                   9555
          21 4002
                            27 2139 8757
                                              32 2481
                                                       7515
          22 12232 7779
                            28 12004 5948
                                               33 2696
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          23 1494
                   8782
                            29 8704 3191
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          24 10749 3969
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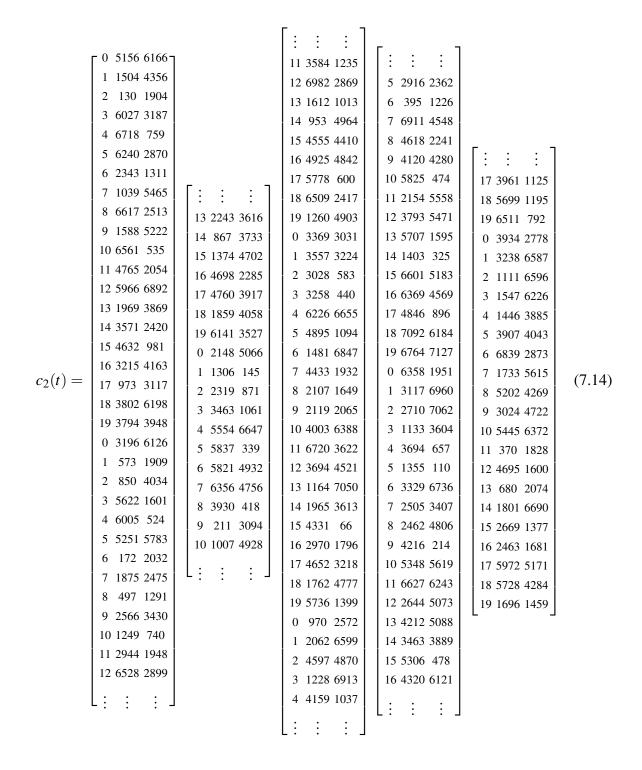
Addresses of parity bit accumulators for rate R = 5/6, $n_{ldpc} = 64800$ bits

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0 \quad 4362 \quad 416 \quad 8909 \quad 4156 \quad 3216 \quad 3112 \quad 2560 \quad 2912 \quad 6405 \quad 8593 \quad 4969 \quad 6723
              1 \quad 2479 \quad 1786 \quad 8978 \quad 3011 \quad 4339 \quad 9313 \quad 6397 \quad 2957 \quad 7288 \quad 5484 \quad 6031 \quad 10217
              2 10175 9009 9889 3091 4985 7267 4092 8874 5671 2777 2189 8716
              3 \quad 9052 \quad 4795 \quad 3924 \quad 3370 \quad 10058 \quad 1128 \quad 9996 \quad 10165 \quad 9360 \quad 4297 \quad 434 \quad 5138
                                                                     8353 7167 3070 1528 7311
              4 2379 7834 4835 2327 9843 804
                                                             329
              5 3435 7871
                                 348 3693 1876 6585 10340 7144 5870 2084 4052 2782
              6 \quad 3917 \quad 3111 \quad 3476 \quad 1304 \quad 10331 \quad 5939 \quad 5199 \quad 1611 \quad 1991 \quad 699 \quad 8316 \quad 9960
c_1(t) = \begin{bmatrix} 7 & 6883 & 3237 & 1717 & 10752 & 7891 & 9764 & 4745 & 3888 & 10009 & 4176 & 4614 & 1567 \end{bmatrix}
                                                                                                                 (7.11)
              8 10587 2195 1689 2968 5420 2580 2883 6496
                                                                             111 6023 1024 4449
              9 3786 8593 2074 3321 5057 1450 3840 5444
                                                                            6572 3094 9892 1512
              10 8548 1848 10372 4585 7313 6536 6379 1766 9462 2456 5606 9975
              11 8204 10593 7935 3636 3882 394 5968 8561 2395 7289 9267 9978
              12 7795 74
                                 1633 9542 6867 7352 6417 7568 10623 725 2531 9115
              13 7151 2482 4260 5003 10105 7419 9203 6691 8798 2092 8263 3755
              14\ \ 3600 \quad 570 \quad 4527 \quad 200 \quad 9718\ \ 6771\ \ 1995 \quad 8902 \quad 5446 \quad 768\ \ 1103\ \ 6520
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15 9027 3415
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                                                                           611
                             14 4107
                                     1559
          15 6304 7621
                                               20 4125 7008
                                                                 26 4687
                                                                           362
                             15 4506
                                     3491
          16 6498
                   9209
                                               21 1612
                                                        6702
                                                                 27 8684
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                             16 8191
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          17 7293
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                                               22 9069
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                             17 10192 6157
          18 5950
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                             18 5668
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          19 8521
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                                      1540
          20 6174
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          21 9773
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                             21 4069
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          22 9517 10268
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                                                                          9918
                             22 1117
                                     1016
          23 2181
                   9349
                                               28 8069
                                                        5893
                                                                    1914
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                             23 5619
                                      3085
          24 1949
                    5560
                                               29 2051 2885
                                                                    4244
                                                                          5669
                            24 8483
                                      8400
          25 1556
                    555
                                               0 10691 3153
                                                                    10245 7821
                             25 8255
                                      394
          26
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                             26 6338
                                      5042
          27 5072
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                                                                    3310 5488
                             27 6174
                                     5119
          28 7928 3542
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                               7203
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                                                                 10 7088 6122
c_2(t) =
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                               1781
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                                      5174
             7045
                   2420
                                                   617
                                                        206
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                                                                          7827
                                1464
                                      3559
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                   2641
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                                                                 12 10592 8945
                                3376
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              2774
                   2452
                                               7 10676 3240
                                                                 13 3609
                                                                          7120
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                                       67
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                   2031
                                                  6672
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                                                                 14 9168
                                                                          9112
                             3 10595 8831
              9400
                   7503
                                                 3170 7457
                                                                 15 6203
                                                                          8052
                                1221
                                      6513
              1850
                   2338
                                               10 7868 5731
                                                                 16 3330
                                                                          2895
                                5300 4652
             10456 9774
                                               11 6121 10732
                                                                 17 4264 10563
                                1429
                                     9749
              1692
                   9276
                                               12 4843
                                                        9132
                                                                 18 10556 6496
                                7878 5131
             10037 4038
                                                  580
                                                         91
                                               13
                                                                 19 8807
                                                                          7645
                                4435 10284
                    338
              3964
                                               14 6267
                                                        9290
                                                                 20 1999
                                                                          4530
                                6331 5507
          10 2640
                   5087
                                               15 3009
                                                        2268
                                                                 21 9202 6818
                             10 6662
                                     4941
          11
              858
                   3473
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                                                        2419
                                               16
                                                                 22 3403
                                                                          1734
                             11 9614 10238
          12 5582
                   5683
                                               17 8016 1557
                                                                 23 2106
                                                                          9023
                             12 8400
                                     8025
          13 9523
                    916
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                                      8878
                                               20 2095 8968
                                                                 26 4062 6424
                                                  753
                                               21
                                                        7326
                                                                 27 3755 9536
                                               22 6291
                                                        3833
                                               23 2614
                                                        7844
                                               24 2303
                                                        646
```

Addresses of parity bit accumulators for rate R = 8/9, $n_{ldpc} = 64800 \ bits$

```
0 6235 2848 32227
           1 5800 3492 5348
           2 2757 927 90
           3 6961 4516 4739
           4 1172 3237 6264
           5 1927 2425 3683
           6 3714 6309 2495
           7 3070 6342 7154
           8 2428 613 3761
           9 2906 264 5927
c_1(t) =
                                                         (7.13)
         10 1716 1950 4273
          11 4613 6179 3491
          12 4865 3286 6005
          13 1343 5923 3529
          14 4589 4035 2132
          15 1579 3920 6737
          16 1644 1191 5998
          17 1482 2381 4620
          18 6791 6014 6596
          19 2738 5918 3786
```



Addresses of parity bit accumulators for rate R = 9/10, $n_{ldpc} = 64800 \ bits$

```
0 5611 2563 2900 7
             1 5220 3143 4813
             2 2481 834 81
             3 6265 4064 4265
             4 1055 2914 5638
             5 1734 2182 3315
             6 3342 5678 2246
             7 2185 552 3385
            8 2615 236 5334
c_1(t) = \left| \begin{array}{cc} 3 & 25.15 \\ 9 & 1546 & 1755 & 3846 \end{array} \right|
                                                                    (7.15)
            10 4154 5561 3142
             11 4382 2957 5400
            12 1209 5329 3179
            13 1421 3528 6063
            14 1480 1072 5398
            15 3843 1777 4369
            16 1334 2145 4163
            17 2368 5055 260
```