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TC3000

Turbo Product Code decoders

Introducing turbo product codes with BCH “t=2” codes
Customisable bitrate : 7 to 25 Mbits/s

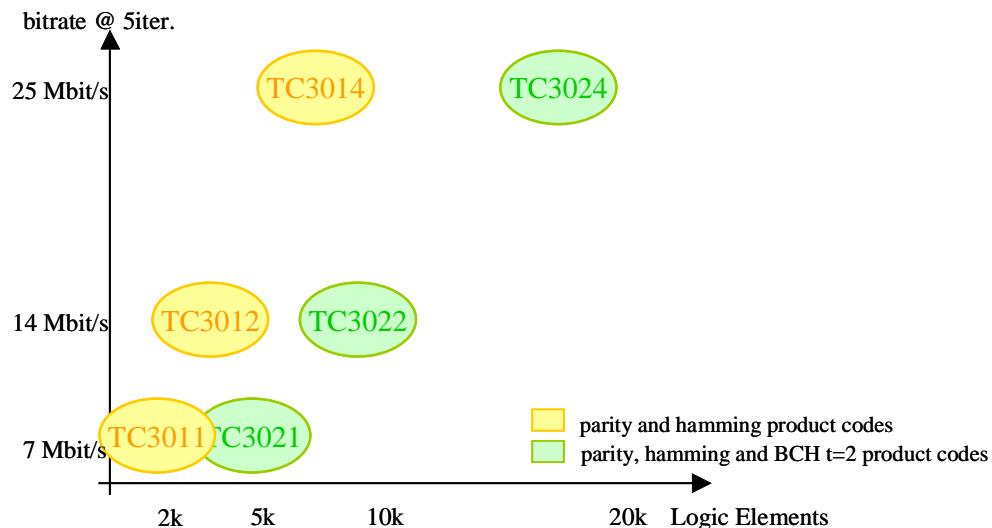
Turbo codes improves a transmission link by an additional gain of 2 to 3 decibels, compared to classical FEC solutions.

TC3000 is a family of IP Cores offering powerful and flexible turbo product codes. TC3000 is the first IP Core implementing Hamming and double-error-correcting BCH product codes. A highly generic approach allows TC3000 to be precisely optimised for a target application.

Features

- Very High FEC performance : **Hamming and "BCH-t=2"** codes
- Bitrate customisable : **7 to 25 Mbits/s** typical @ 5 iterations
- Large block sizes : **up to 65 kbits**
- On-the-fly change of the code
- Shortening facilities to adjust packet size and coding rate
- Single-chip PLD IP Core : Altera APEX, no external memory required
- Latency reduction by bank-swapping
- Two selectable configuration interface

Bitrate/Complexity trade-off



Flexibility

TC3000 family offers 3 levels of flexibility :

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| TC3000 family member | ✓ BCH t=2 code support (YES/NO) ✓ Choice on bitrate |
| VHDL generic parameters <i>before synthesis</i> | ✓ Maximum row code length ✓ Maximum column code length ✓ Input Quantization width ✓ 1 or 2 input buffers |
| On-the fly parameters <i>from block to block</i> | ✓ Row code ✓ Column code ✓ Shortening values ✓ Max. number of iterations ✓ Stopping feature enabled |

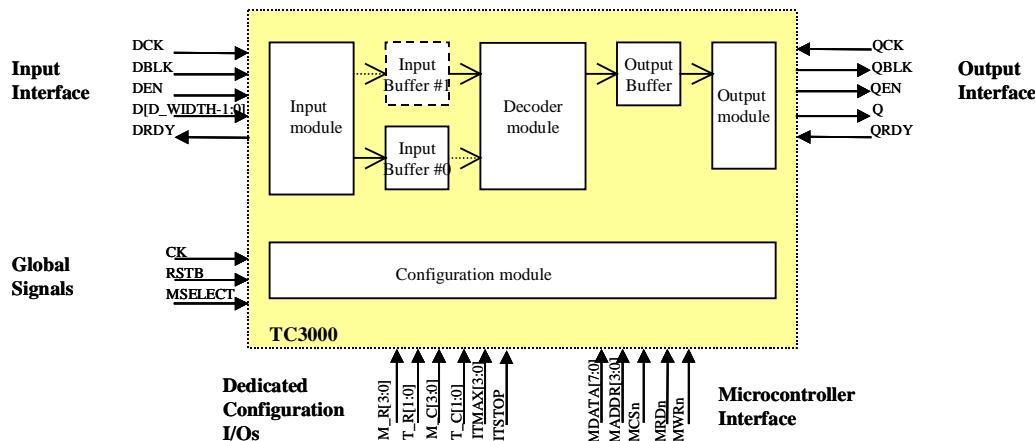
FEC performance

Very high FEC performance are obtained for various block sizes and coding rates. The FEC behaviour of the “BCH t=2” codes makes them particularly attractive for quasi-error free applications.

⇒ Gaussian channel and QPSK modulation. Results given with 5 iterations.

| Product Code | Rate | Eb/N0 @BER=10 ⁻⁵ | Eb/N0 @BER=10 ⁻⁸ |
|-----------------------|-------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| (32,26) x (32,26) | 0.660 | 2.9 dB | 3.6 dB |
| (32,21) x (32,21) | 0.431 | 2.4 dB | N.A. |
| (64,57) x (64,57) | 0.793 | 3.2 dB | 3.6 dB |
| (64,51) x (64,51) | 0.635 | 2.6 dB | 2.9 dB |
| (128,120) x (128,120) | 0.879 | 3.8 dB | 4.2 dB |
| (128,113) x (128,113) | 0.779 | 3.3 dB | 3.4 dB |
| (256,247) x (256,247) | 0.931 | 4.5 dB | 4.8 dB |
| (256,239) x (256,239) | 0.872 | 4.0 dB | N.A. |

Block Diagram



Implementation results

| Product | Codes supported | | Generic parameter setting | | | | Implementation results | | | | |
|---------|-----------------|---------|---------------------------|--------------------|------------|-----------|------------------------|-----|----------------|----------|---|
| | Hamming | BCH t=2 | Row max. length | Column max. length | Data width | bank swap | LE | ESB | APEX20K device | Fmax MHz | Typical Bitrate @ (64,57) ² , 5 iterations |
| TC3011 | ✓ | | 64 | 64 | 4 | NO | 2025 | 22 | 200 C7 | 82 | 8 Mbits/s |
| TC3014 | ✓ | | 64 | 64 | 4 | NO | 6926 | 36 | 200 C7 | 72 | 25 Mbits/s |
| | | | 128 | 128 | 4 | NO | 8115 | 88 | 400 C7 | 67 | 23.5 Mbits/s |
| TC3022 | ✓ | ✓ | 64 | 64 | 4 | NO | 8932 | 24 | 400 C7 | 79 | 14 Mbits/s |