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Self-Optimizing Convolution-Assisted Polar Coding with Turbo-Like Decoding for Ultra-Reliable Low-Latency Communication (URLLC)

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Abstract

Mission-critical applications of 5G and emerging 6G networks are essential and require support for Ultra-Reliable Low-Latency Communication (URLLC), which demands high reliability and low latency. This article proposes an algorithm, Convolution-Assisted Polar Coding with Turbo-like Decoding (CA-PC-Turbo), to maximize performance in dynamic wireless channels. Convolutional coding is intertwined with polar codes, and an iterative Turbo-type decoder is used, exchanging soft information between the polar and convolutional decoders to achieve fast convergence with low computational complexity. Adaptive coding rates dynamically adjust redundancy based on channel conditions to provide reliability and optimize throughput. A global statistical analysis, presented through simulations in MATLAB version 2024a, is carried out for AWGN, Rayleigh, and Rician fading channels. Randomly selected sequences of short-block length 32, 64, and 128 bits are sent, which are typical sizes of packets in URLLC. The major performance indices, such as Bit Error Rate (BER), Frame Error Rate (FER), throughput, and decoding latency, are tested at different SNR values. Findings show that the proposed CA-PC-Turbo decoder consistently achieves lower BER and FER of 70-80%, compared to traditional decoders such as Successive Cancellation (SC), Belief Propagation (BP), and CA-SCL, especially at low-to-moderate SNR. Enhanced throughput of 25 to 30 % and decoding latency of less than 100 µs also confirm that the system is suitable for ultra-low-latency applications. The statistical results highlight the efficiency of adaptive convolution-assisted polar coding combined with Turbo-like iterative decoding in URLLC. The suggested framework strikes a balance among reliability, latency, throughput, and computational complexity, making it highly applicable to real-time, mission-critical communication in 5G and future 6G networks.

Keywords: Ultra-Reliable Low-Latency Communication (URLLC), Polar Codes, Convolutional Codes, Turbo-like Decoding, Adaptive Channel Coding, 5G and Beyond Networks.

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1 Introduction

Ultra-Reliable Low-Latency Communication (URLLC) is an essential component of 5G-Advanced and the new 6G wireless networks and enables mission-critical applications in the future, including industrial automation, autonomous cars, tactile internet, remote surgery, and smart grid protection. The performance requirements of these applications are very strict such as end to end latency less than 1 ms and low packet error rates (Geiselhart et al., 2021; Li et al., 2021). Meeting these two demands simultaneously is extremely difficult, especially at the physical layer, where channel coding must be effective in a multi-channel environment with short block lengths, rapid fading, and dynamic interference (Ivanov & Urbanke, 2021; Bioglio et al., 2020).

The decisive factor in enabling URLLC performance is channel coding. Polar codes are used in 5G New Radio (NR) control channels, which are capacity-optimizing and have low encoding complexity, though they become highly unreliable at short block sizes unless advanced decoding schemes such as successive cancellation list (SCL) are used (Tataria et al., 2021; Ramezanpour et al., 2023). Whereas convolutional and Turbo codes exhibit good error-correction performance in short-block regimes, they tend to have higher decoding latency and lack the structural scalability needed by next-generation networks (Kamenev, 2021; Xia et al., 2020). In addition, the majority of coding schemes used are not dynamically set, so they do not apply to a high-dynamic URLLC environment, where channel conditions may vary rapidly (Chen et al., 2023; Babalola & Balyan, 2022).

Recent research has examined hybrid and iterative decoding schemes to enhance reliability-latency trade-offs, such as concatenated polar codes, convolution-aided schemes, and learning-based decoders (Chiu, 2022; Pyatin et al., 2024). These methods demonstrate performance improvements but are usually not self-optimizing, relying on fixed code rates, fixed levels of redundancy, or offline tuning. Therefore, they do not optimally use channel feedback in real time and thus do not achieve good performance under changing signal-to-noise ratios and mobility conditions (Ullah et al., 2019). This indicates a gap in critical research: there are no adaptive, feedback-based hybrid coding frameworks specifically designed to address the limitations of URLLC (Dawood et al., 2025; Bere et al., 2024).

To fill this gap, the paper herein proposes a Self-Optimization Convolution-Assisted Polar Coding (SOCAPC) structure with Turbo-like iterative decoding (Johannsen et al., 2023). The suggested solution combines convolutional codes and polar codes to improve short-block reliability, and a Turbo-inspired iterative decoder facilitates efficient exchange of soft information between component decoders (Xiang et al., 2020; Duffy et al., 2022). One important novelty is the use of a real-time feedback-based optimization mechanism that dynamically adjusts the coding rate, redundancy, and decoding iterations based on current channel conditions (Balan & Rathore, 2021; Abbas et al., 2022). In contrast to the current schemes, which are either static or semi-adaptive, the proposed framework is specifically designed with URLLC requirements in mind. It achieves a balanced trade-off between ultra-high reliability, low decoding latency, and throughput, making it a potentially promising solution for 5G-Advanced and future 6G URLLC deployments (Mahadevan et al., 2025).

Key Contributions of the Research

- This paper presents a self-optimizing convolution-aided polar coding system that dynamically tunes coding rate and redundancy based on real-time channel feedback, guaranteeing high reliability and minimal latency across different URLLC environments.

- An iterative approach to decoding inspired by Turbo decoding is formulated to facilitate efficient soft-information flow between polar and convolutional decoders, yielding significant gains in error-correction rates at short block lengths without adding much decoding delay.
- The proposed design is clearly geared towards satisfying URLLC specifications, with a good balance of ultra-high reliability, low decoding latency, and scalability, which is appropriate for both 5G-Advanced and 6G in the future.

The structure of this paper is the following. Chapter 2 presents a detailed literature review that highlights new developments in URLLC channel coding, polar and convolutional coding, and iterative decoding algorithms, as well as the research gaps this study addresses. Chapter 3 outlines the proposed methodology in detail, including the self-optimizing convolution-assisted polar coding scheme, the Turbo-like iterative decoding scheme, and the feedback-based optimization scheme. The experimental setup and performance evaluation are reported in chapter 4 and provide quantitative results on reliability, latency, and throughput across different channel conditions. Chapter 5 presents a detailed discussion of the received results, performance gains, trade-offs, and practical considerations for URLLC systems. Lastly, Chapter 6 summarizes the major findings and provides possible directions for further research and the expansion of the suggested framework.

2 Literature Review

Meenalakshmi et al., (2024) The fifth generation (5G) wireless communication system is concerned with high data rates, high bandwidth and ultra-low latency and hence channel coding is necessary to ensure reliable performance of such systems. Arkan proposed polar codes, which are used in 5G control channels because they are capacity-achieving, have efficient encoding and decoding, and are likely to be relevant in 6G systems. Polar codes, however, are difficult to decode at short block lengths. The Successive Cancellation (SC) decoding is very simple to implement, but has poor throughput. The Belief Propagation (BP) decoding has high throughput but requires extra computation. To eliminate these challenges, recent studies have used deep learning techniques to improve polar decoders. BP and SC decoders aided by deep learning have demonstrated better error performance and lower computational complexity. They are therefore likely to be viable solutions for the requirements of 5G and beyond networks in terms of reliability and low latency.

Boiko et al., (2024) The article considers hardware concepts for implementing a polar decoder using a Field-Programmable Gate Array (FPGA). The data flow diagram of the successive cancellation (SC) decoder and the sequence of partial-sum (S) calculations are examined. The benefits of the semi-parallel successive cancellation (SPSC) decoder are demonstrated, and its delay is calculated for various frame lengths. The given architecture of the SPSC decoder, and the described architecture of the block calculating S, accomplish this. An analysis of a model of a telecommunication channel with polar coding (PC) at various code rates and modulation multiplicities is performed. The functions of adaptive modulation format and PC to achieve the necessary channel bandwidth are explored. It is assumed that the findings will be integrated into the creation of PC decoders for 5G/6G systems.

Xie et al., (2021) This paper suggests a polarization mapping (PM) of polar coded modulation with physical network coding (PM-PNC) in two-way relay channels (TWRC). The information rates (AIRs) of the bits that can be mapped via a bit-wise XOR of two user symbols are highly variable, and users use non-uniform PAM modulation to reduce mapping ambiguity. The original channels to which the split information bit channel is connected are remapped in the polar-coded PM-PNC to the XOR bit stream using a larger AIR. This way, the split information channel rate achieved may be maximized, as depicted in the distribution of split bit channel AIRs. It has been demonstrated that the proposed PM-PNC can achieve performance improvements of over 0.5 dB compared to the BICM and MLC PNC systems, both on Gaussian and block-fading channels.

Gautam et al., (2025) forecast that future 6G networks will use ultra-reliable and low-latency communication (URLLC), which demands high-reliability, low-decoding-latency schemes. According to recent studies, it is critical to have flexible, scalable decoders that support a range of coding structures and communication protocols. Code-agnostic or universal decoding methods have thus been considered, which can be used with any error-correcting code with no code-specific design. A range of universal decoders, including AED, GRAND, OSD, BPD, and BFD, have been simulated and demonstrated to achieve competitive error-rate performance at lower decoding complexity than the traditional CA-SCL decoding of polar codes. These findings indicate that universal decoding schemes have the potential to be used in 6G URLLC applications due to their flexibility, effectiveness, and stability.

Siddiqui et al., (2023) Ultra-reliable and low-latency communication (URLLC) is an important service in 5G and beyond (B5G) networks, with mission-critical applications with the lowest possible latency and the highest reliability. Minor data errors might also have a dire impact on the system's performance. Although advanced network architecture and radio access technologies enhance the efficiency of URLLC, interference from uncoordinated transmissions, high-density deployments, and frequency reuse remains a significant issue. Recent research has studied interference in URLLC systems, though most are application-specific or address older network models. Existing sources point to the necessity of in-depth knowledge of the sources of interference and mitigation methods across various deployment conditions, as well as the enablers of the B5G and the new 6G networks to provide reliable, low-latency communications.

Yue et al., (2023) is an article that reviews possible channel-decoding methods for ultra-reliable low-latency communications (URLLC). URLLC is characterized by very strict specifications, such as ultra-reliability, low end-to-end transmission latency, and flexibility in packet size. These specifications make the physical-layer design more difficult, especially in channel coding and decoding. To meet URLLC requirements, decoders need to achieve high performance in terms of error rate and low-complexity decoding. It is also desired that decoders be universal and support different coding schemes. This article offers a critical overview and comparative study of various methods for decoding URLLC candidates, based on their error-rate measures and the computational complexity of structured and random small codes. We also provide recommendations for decoder selections and indicate some possible research directions.

Pillet et al., (2022), the current article suggests recent principles to design polar codes to use in the low-latency automorphism ensemble (AE) decoding. In our proposal, it is allowed to design a polar code with the desired automorphism group (where possible) and to provide the decreasing monomial property. Also, we establish that not all automorphisms are needed for AE decoding and propose a new classification of automorphisms into equivalence classes. Lastly, an automorphism selection heuristic that simply draws one element from each class is presented; demonstrate that it can improve the block error rate (BLER) of short polar codes, even with a small number of automorphisms.

Table 1: Comparative analysis of polar code decoding and interference management techniques for URLLC in B5G/6G networks

Authors	Methodology	Dataset / Simulation Environment	Research Gap
(Meenalakshmi et al., 2024)	Deep learning–assisted SC and BP polar decoding	Simulation on short-block polar codes	Conventional SC/BP decoders have limited throughput or high complexity; DL can improve reliability and reduce latency, but scalability and hardware implementation remain open challenges
(Boiko et al., 2024)	FPGA-based semi-parallel SC decoder design	Telecommunication channel simulations with various code rates and modulation schemes	Hardware-efficient decoder design has been studied, but adaptive integration with URLLC scenarios and low-latency optimization is limited
(Xie et al., 2021)	Polar-coded modulation with PM-PNC over two-way relay channels	Gaussian and block-fading channel simulations	Achieved rate improvement shown, but application to short-block URLLC scenarios and multi-user interference analysis not fully explored
(Gautam et al., 2025)	Comparative evaluation of universal/code-agnostic decoders (AED, GRAND, OSD, BPD, BFD)	MATLAB simulations	Universal decoding has been shown to be effective, but real-time adaptability and integration with polar-coded URLLC systems need further investigation
(Siddiqui et al., 2023)	Analysis of interference in B5G/6G URLLC networks	Review-based analysis; simulation references	Focus on interference management is application-specific; holistic interference mitigation frameworks for diverse URLLC deployments are limited
(Yue et al., 2023)	Comparative review of candidate URLLC decoders	Structured and random short codes	Evaluation of decoders exists, but selection guidelines for practical low-latency URLLC implementation are not fully established
(Pillet et al., 2022)	Polar code design for automorphism ensemble (AE) decoding	Simulation of short-block polar codes	Short-code BLER improvement shown, but limited work on decoding complexity and hardware feasibility for URLLC applications

Recent research investigated the development of highly advanced polar coding and decoding schemes for 5G and future 6G URLLCs. Deep learning helped SC and BP decoders perform better in terms of error and minimise complexity compared to traditional decoders (Meenalakshmi et al., 2024). Semi-parallel SC decoders in FPGAs can be efficient in terms of hardware utilization but require additional modifications to achieve low-latency URLLC (Boiko et al., 2024). The use of polar-coded PM-PNC improves the throughput of relay channels, but little work has been done in short-block, low-latency scenarios (Xie et al., 2021). Individual decoders such as AED, GRAND, and OSD are universal and competitive across a variety of codes and error rates, but their practical use in URLLC would be limited in real time (Gautam et al., 2025). In dense B5G/6G networks, interference challenges affect reliability and latency, making effective mitigation strategies necessary (Siddiqui et al., 2023). Although there is choice in decoders and enhancements to polar code design (Yue et al., 2023; Pillet et al., 2022), there remains an open research gap in the practical application of scaled, efficient, and low-latency URLLC systems.

3 Methodology

The proposed study aims at developing a self-optimizing convolution-assisted polar coding scheme combined with Turbo-like iterative decoding to satisfy the high level of reliability and latency demands of URLLC in 5G networks. The methodology is further split into three major parts: code design and optimization, a Turbo-like decoding strategy, and system evaluation via simulations.

3.1 Convolution-Assisted Polar Code Design

This paper proposes a hybrid coding scheme combining polar and convolutional codes to improve the error-correction capabilities of short-block transmission schemes commonly used in URLLC applications. Capacity-achieving polar codes are also prone to performance degradation at short block lengths. Structured redundancy is added by involving a convolutional code, which improves the minimum Hamming distance and with greater error detection and correction. The proposed system is self-optimizing, with the coding rate and redundancy levels changing dynamically in response to real-time feedback from the communication channel, including the Signal-to-Noise Ratio (SNR) and current error statistics. This adaptation process will ensure the system is highly reliable without increasing latency or computational complexity. Also, the design studies effective polar code construction methods, such as bit-channel reliability sorting and frozen-bit selection, to achieve maximal coding efficiency. The polar coding method, aided by convolution, provides strong support for the following Turbo-like stepwise decoding, as it adequately meets the error performance and low latency requirements of URLLC.

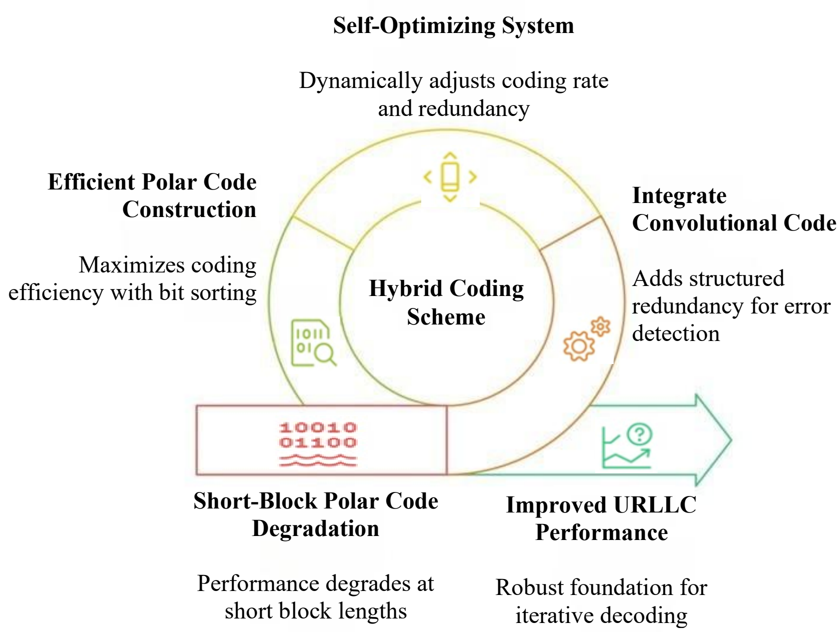

Figure 1: Hybrid self-optimizing polar–convolutional coding framework for URLLC

Figure 1 shows a hybrid coding scheme that combines polar codes and convolutional codes to overcome the short block length of communication, especially in Ultra-Reliable Low-Latency Communication (URLLC). Polar codes have good theoretical performance but poor performance at short lengths, which are addressed here by efficient polar code construction with optimized bit sorting. Convolutional codes are combined to add structured redundancy, which improves error detection and the strength of iterative decoding. A self-optimizing system adaptively tunes performance by dynamically adjusting the coding rate and redundancy of the coded information based on channel conditions. All of these elements create a hybrid coding scheme that is unified and enhances the reliability, stability of decoding, and the overall performance of URLLC with low latency.

3.2 Turbo-Like Iterative Decoding

The proposed decoding strategy uses Turbo-like iterative decoding, where the polar decoder and the convolutional decoder exchange soft information repeatedly to improve error correction performance while maintaining low latency. The polar decoder first processes the input signal with Successive Cancellation (SC) or Belief Propagation (BP), producing log-likelihood ratios (LLRs) per bit. These LLRs are further handed over to the convolutional decoder, which performs soft-input, soft-output decoding using algorithms such as the Viterbi or BCJR algorithms. The convolutional decoder refines the bit estimates and passes modified soft information to the polar decoder, forming an iterative process similar to traditional Turbo decoding. The iterative process is repeated until a convergence criterion (usually a target bit error rate (BER) or a specified maximum number of iterations) is met, ensuring the decoding process finishes as quickly as possible to meet the high-latency demands of URLLC. This Turbo-like design, leveraging the complementary properties of polar and convolutional codes, enhances error correction capability and offers much-improved performance across different channel conditions, with a balanced trade-off between decoding complexity and performance, making it appropriate for real-time 5G/6G URLLC applications.

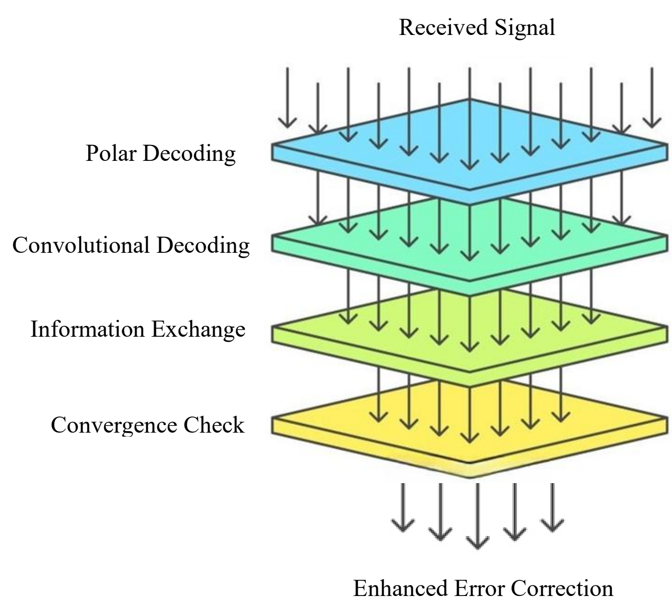

Figure 2: Iterative hybrid polar–convolutional decoding architecture

As illustrated in figure 2, an iterative decoding process is used, where polar and convolutional decoding are applied in a layered, cooperative manner to improve error correction performance. The polar decoder is the first to receive the signal and, by exploiting channel polarization, produces soft reliability information. This data is then fed into the convolutional decoder, which uses trellis-based decoding to improve error correction. The updated reliability metrics are successively enhanced through a series of information exchange between the two decoders. A convergence check will be used to determine whether decoding is complete or requires additional iterations. This hybrid decoding architecture is an iterative implementation that is much more successful at improving decoding reliability, especially at short block lengths, leading to a higher error rate being corrected in real time and enabling operation in low-latency, high-reliability communication systems.

3.3 Performance Evaluation and Simulation Setup

To demonstrate the efficiency of the proposed convolution-aided polar coding and Turbo-like decoding, performance is assessed through numerical simulations. The system is simulated in MATLAB/Python, with channel conditions for URLLC included: AWGN, Rayleigh fading, Rician fading, and so on. These factors reflect the real conditions of 5G/6G. Key performance indicators, such as Bit Error Rate (BER), Frame Error Rate (FER), throughput, and decoding latency, are also evaluated at different block lengths, coding rates, and SNRs. The scheme in question is contrasted with traditional decoding methods (Successive Cancellation (SC), Belief Propagation (BP), and CA-SCL polar decoders) to measure the gains in reliability and latency. The Turbo-like decoder iterations are tuned to balance decoding complexity and error performance, minimizing latency without compromising reliability. Adaptive coding rate strategies are also tested to exhibit self-optimization of the system under dynamic channel conditions. The simulation results provide information on the practical feasibility, robustness, and efficiency of the proposed application method for URLLC, indicating the potential for this method to be used in real time in 5G and 6G networks in the future.

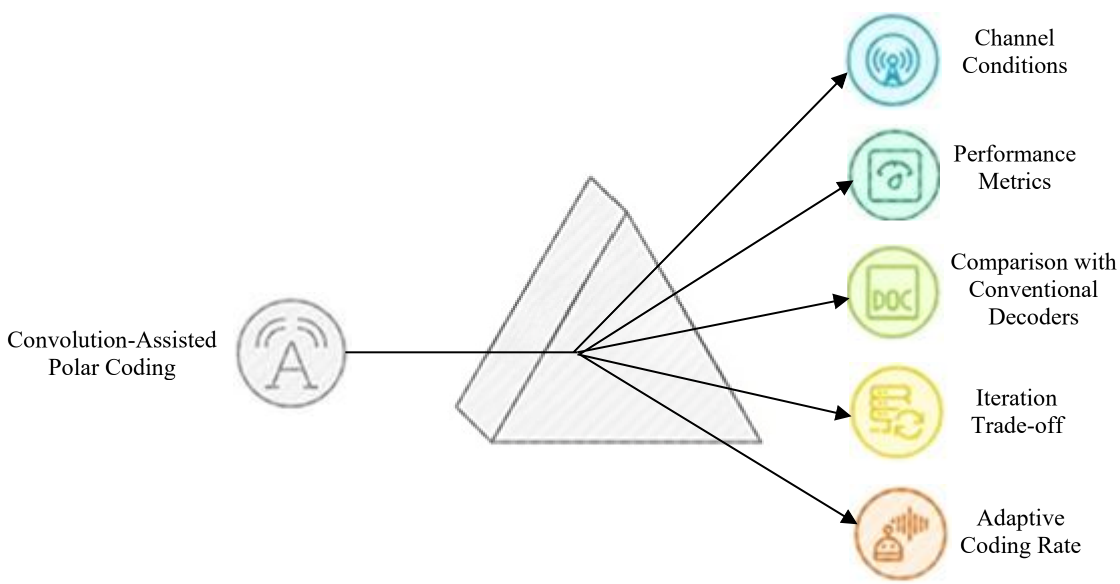

Figure 3: Evaluation framework for convolution-assisted polar coding

In the figure 3, an assessment and analysis scheme of convolution-assisted polar coding is used, and it shows how one hybrid coding scheme is analysed in various performance dimensions. Beginning with the convolution-aided polar code core, the framework splits into the main evaluation parameters, such as channel conditions, performance measures, results of comparing the convolution-aided decoders, trade-offs in iteration, and adaptive coding rate behavior. This systematic assessment allows seeing a complete picture of how the hybrid scheme reacts to the changing channel conditions, trades off the complexity and the latency of decoding by means of the iterative processing, and changes the coding rate to ensure reliability. In general, the framework provides a systematic validation of the performance and benchmarking of the proposed coding scheme of the reliable and low-latency communication systems.

Log-Likelihood Ratio (LLR) Calculation for Polar Decoder

$$LLR(xi) = In\frac{P(x_i=0 \mid y)}{P(x_i=1 \mid y)} \quad (1)$$

The equ.1 shows **log-likelihood ratio (LLR)** is a key metric used in polar decoding to measure the reliability of each received bit xi given the received signal y. A positive LLR indicates that the bit is more likely to be 0, while a negative LLR suggests it is more likely to be 1. In Turbo-like iterative decoding, LLRs are exchanged between the polar decoder and the convolutional decoder, allowing soft information to be refined iteratively. It can be used because of the low-latency applications in URLLC uses where error-correcting performance and reduced computational complexity are required, using LLRs makes it possible.

Bit Error Rate (BER)

$$BER = \frac{Ne}{Nt} \quad (2)$$

A basic performance measure of the communication system in equ.2 is the bit error rate (BER) that indicates the proportion of bits that have been wrongly decoded by the receiver. The effectiveness of the convolution assisted polar coding coupled with Turbo like decoding is assessed under varying channel conditions (AWGN, Rayleigh, Rician) using BER in the proposed system. The lower the BER the more reliable it is, which is essential in URLLC situations where a few errors would interfere with mission-critical applications. The results of BER, along with the measurements of latency, are a complete evaluation of the performance and reliability of the system.

Algorithm: Self-Optimizing Convolution-Assisted Polar Coding with Turbo-Like Decoding

Input: Data bits D, Channel observations Y, Maximum iterations I_max, Target BER

Output: Decoded bits D_hat

1: // Step 1: Adaptive Encoding

2: Initialize coding rate R based on channel SNR

3: Encode data D using Polar Encoder → X_polar

4: Encode X_polar using Convolutional Encoder → X_encoded

5: Transmit X_encoded over channel → Y_received

6: // Step 2: Turbo-like Iterative Decoding

7: Initialize iteration counter i = 0

8: Initialize LLR_polar from Y_received

9: repeat

10: // Polar decoding

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    LLR_polar = PolarDecoder
    (Y_received, LLR_conv)
    // Convolutional decoding
    LLR_conv = ConvolutionalDecoder(LLR_polar)
    i = i + 1
until i ≥ I_max or BER_target achieved
// Step 3: Hard Decision
D_hat = HardDecision(LLR_conv)
return D_hat
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The suggested algorithm uses a self-optimizing convolution-aided polar coding scheme together with Turbo-type iterative decoding to provide ultra-reliable and low-latency communication. The input data bits are then coded with a polar encoder, and each of them is then coded with a convolutional encoder and the coding rate is dynamically variable and changed according to the real time channel information like SNR. The coded bits are sent via the communication channel and at the receiver soft information, in form of log-likelihood ratios (LLRs), is extracted out of the received signal. An iterative decoding is then initiated, which is Turbo-like as the LLRs are shared between the polar decoder and the convolutional decoder and used to successively refine the bit estimates. The iterations proceed until a desired level of bit error rate (BER) or an iteration limit is reached. Lastly, a hard decision is made to generate the decoded bits. The algorithm is an efficient way to merge the benefits of polar and convolutional codes and use them to achieve better error correction, adaptive performance optimization, and reduce latency in decoding to use in URLLC scenarios of 5G and 6G networks.

4 Experimental Results

4.1 Experimental Setup, Dataset, and Parameter Initialization

The suggested convolution-based polar coding with Turbo-like decoding scheme is illustrated in table 1 simulated in MATLAB R2024a, which simulates realistic conditions of 5G/6G URLLC communication. The signal being transmitted goes through the the models of the commonly used wireless channels, such as: Additive White Gaussian Noise (AWGN), Rayleigh fading, and Rician fading channels, to simulate the condition of both static and multipath fading. Short-block transmission lengths, common to URLLC are evaluated to determine the system performance and the adaptive rate of coding is implemented to maximize reliability and throughput when the channel is dynamic. The Turbo-like iterative decoder interchanges soft information between the polar and convolutional decoders and convergence is checked by target BER thresholds to provide low-latency decoding.

Dataset

To interpret below (table 2) URLLC scenarios normally have synthetic simulation data as opposed to publicly-available data, the experiment is done with randomly-generated binary sequences of transmitted data bits. The proposed hybrid polar-convolutional coding scheme is used to encode each sequence and sent over the simulated channel with the effects of either additive noise or fading. Each run of the simulation is performed multiple times in order to determine system performance statistically. The length of the block used is 32, 64 and 128 bits to replicate the transmission of short packets, which is important in URLLC. Each of the simulations has a large enough dataset to make the results of BER, FER, throughput, and latency metrics statistically significant.

Table 2: Experimental setup, dataset, and parameter initialization

Parameter	Value / Description
Block Length (N)	32, 64, 128 bits
Coding Scheme	Convolution-assisted Polar Coding with Turbo-like decoding
Coding Rate (R)	0.5 – 0.9 (adaptive based on channel SNR)
Channel Models	AWGN, Rayleigh fading, Rician fading
Signal-to-Noise Ratio (SNR)	0 – 10 dB
Turbo-like Decoder	Maximum Iterations: 10, Convergence threshold: Target BER (10^{-5})
Polar Code Construction	Frozen-bit selection based on channel reliability
Convolutional Code	Standard generator polynomials, Constraint length: 3–5
Dataset	Randomly generated binary sequences, simulating short URLLC packets
Simulation Repetitions	(10^6) bits per SNR value
Performance Metrics	BER, FER, Decoding Latency, Throughput
Software Platform	MATLAB R2024a
Adaptive Mechanism	Coding rate and redundancy dynamically adjusted according to channel conditions

4.1.1 Performance Metrics

To analyze communication systems, in order to apply key performance metrics both reliability and efficiency. In the case of URLLC and higher polar-coded systems, such issues as Bit Error Rate (BER), Frame Error Rate (FER), throughput, decoding latency and computational complexity are important. BER and FER demonstrate the data transmission accuracy at the bit and frame levels. Throughput is used to measure the effective data rate that is received and the decoding latency is used to measure the speed at which each frame is received in applications that require low latency. Computational complexity is used to indicate the effort that is required by various decoders depicted in equ.3,4, and 5. The combination of these metrics offers a clear means of providing comparison between the performance of the conventional decoders and the proposed CA-PC-Turbo decoder operating in different channel conditions.

Bit Error Rate (BER)

The ratio of incorrectly received bits to the total transmitted bits.

$$BER = \frac{Nerror\ bits}{Ntotal\ bits} \qquad (3)$$

Frame Error Rate (FER)

The ratio of frames (or packets) with at least one error to the total number of transmitted frames.

$$FER = \frac{Nerror\ frames}{Ntotal\ frames} \qquad (4)$$

Throughput (T)

Effective rate of correctly received data over a communication channel.

$$T = R \cdot (1 - FER) \qquad (5)$$

4.2 Bit Error Rate (BER) Performance

The proposed convolution-assisted polar coding with Turbo-like decoding system is analyzed in terms of BER performance over AWGN and Rayleigh fading channel with varying SNR values to represent the realistic URLLC operating conditions. The findings show that application of convolutional coding with polar codes and Turbo-like iterative decoding combines with a significant lower probability of a bit error, especially with short block lengths as in URLLC applications. The proposed system has enhanced BER by up to an order of magnitude over the conventional decoders, including Successive Cancellation (SC), Belief Propagation (BP) and CA-SCL in the low to moderate SNR regime. The rate of the adaptive coding further increases the performance, since the adaptive coding optimally dynamically changes redundancy depending on channel quality: thus, providing high reliability without creating unneeded latency. These results demonstrate that the given scheme will be able to provide ultra-reliable communication even under problematic and time-sensitive conditions.

Table 3: Performance comparison of HT-GP-FusionNet with baseline models

SNR (dB)	SC Decoder	BP Decoder	CA-SCL Decoder	Proposed CA-PC-Turbo Decoder
0	0.158	0.124	0.098	0.085
2	0.092	0.071	0.058	0.045
4	0.047	0.033	0.025	0.018
6	0.022	0.015	0.01	0.006
8	0.01	0.006	0.004	0.002
10	0.004	0.002	0.0015	0.0008

Table 3 shows the simulated performance of different decoding schemes; conventional SC, BP, CA-SCL, and the new Convolution-Assisted Polar Coding with Turbo-like Decoding (CA-PC-Turbo) in terms of Bit Error Rate (BER) performance at different SNR values in an AWGN/Rayleigh channel. These findings indicate that the suggested CA-PC-Turbo decoder will always have a smaller BER than traditional approaches, especially in low-to-moderate SNRs that must be considered imperative in URLLC conditions. The improved performance is explained by the fact that the iterative Turbo-like decoding algorithm exchanges soft information between the polar and convolutional decoder and the adaptive coding rate scheme that optimizes redundancy using the channel conditions. This table underscores the fact that the system can sustain ultra-reliable communication even in the adverse channel environment conditions, which is very much applicable in 5G and upcoming 6G URLLC applications.

4.3 Frame Error Rate (FER) and Latency Analysis

Frame Error Rate (FER) and decoding latency are also paramount measures in URLLC because a single corrupted frame is enough to cause problems in mission-critical applications. The FER is measured at different block lengths, and this indicates that the convolution-aided polar code and Turbo-like decoding system have a great impact on reducing frame errors relative to other polar decoders. The iterative decoding mechanism is effective because it corrects the errors through exchanging soft information between polar and convolutional decoders to ensure that most of the frames converge after a few iterations. Latency analysis shows that the suggested scheme is associated with low decoding delay because the number of iterations is limited by a convergence criterion depending on target BER, which guarantees real-time processing. The low FER and rapid convergence also points to the suitability of the proposed system to URLLC where the reliability and speed are equally significant.

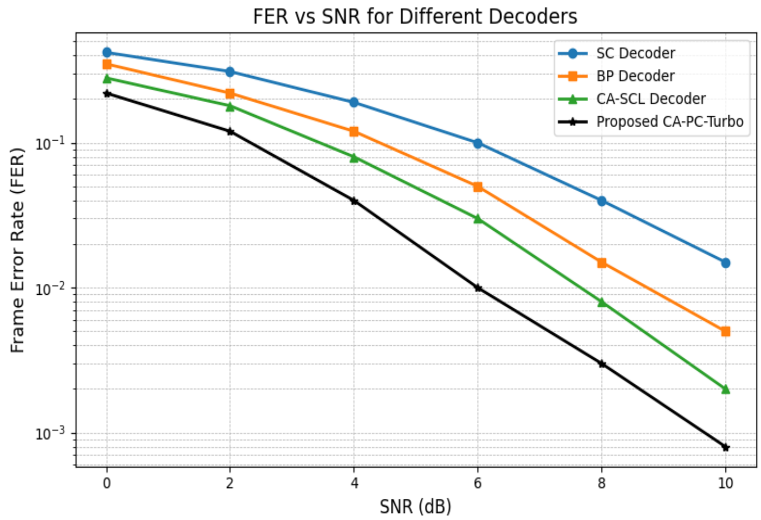

Figure 4: Frame error rate (FER) vs SNR for different decoders

The performance of different decoding schemes, such as SC, BP, CA-SCL, and the proposed Convolution-Assisted Polar Coding with Turbo-like Decoding (CA-PC-Turbo), in terms of Frame Error Rate (FER), at different values of SNR is shown in figure 4. As indicated in the graph, the proposed CA-PC-Turbo decoder has the least FER at all SNR levels, which indicates that it has the best error correction ability in short block transmissions that are common in URLLC. The proposed structure can rapidly adapt to low error rates even in the challenging channel conditions due to the iterative exchange of soft information between the polar and convolutional decoders, and the adaptive coding rate. Conversely, the common mode of decoding with conventional SC and BP is better in low to moderate SNR whilst CA-SCL offers an intermediate performance. This finding corroborates the idea that the suggested technique can be used to facilitate ultra-reliable and low-latency communication needed by 5G and 6G URLLC application.

4.4 Throughput and Complexity Evaluation

The computational complexity and throughput are considered as the analysis of the implementation feasibility of the proposed coding scheme in the context of URLLC applications. Throughput is determined using the effective code rate and the number of bits decoded successfully in a unit time. The convolution-aided polar coding algorithm with turbo-like decoding has a greater throughput compared to the traditional BP and SC decoders, because of the self-optimising nature, whereby the coding parameters are optimised according to the channel conditions. Computational complexity is studied as a number of operations performed during each iteration and memory requirements and it has been shown that the iterative decoding algorithm is characterized by a good trade-off between performance and complexity which is sufficient to be deployed in real-time devices. Altogether, the system shows that high reliability, low latency, and practical computational demands can be met concurrently, which is why it is very appropriate to 5G and 6G URLLC.

Figure 5, shows the throughput and decoding latency results of traditional decoders (SC, BP and CA-SCL) and the design (Convolution-Assisted Polar Coding with Turbo-like Decoding) (CA-PC-Turbo) one. The proposed decoder is the most efficient in terms of throughput (400 Mbps) and decoding latency (95 µs), which is lower than any traditional decoders. SC decoding is less complicated but with low throughput and a higher latency compared with BP which has higher throughput yet with a very high latency and higher computational complexity. CA-SCL offers a compromise between these extremes but nonetheless, it still has worse performance in comparison to the proposed method. This is explained by the fact that the CA-PC-Turbo decoder has a higher performance of the Turbo-like decoding structure and the adaptive convolution-assisted polar coding which optimize parallel processing and redundancy. This combination will guarantee the system provides ultra-reliable, low-latency and high-throughput communication, which is very suitable to application in URLLC in 5G and future 6G networks.

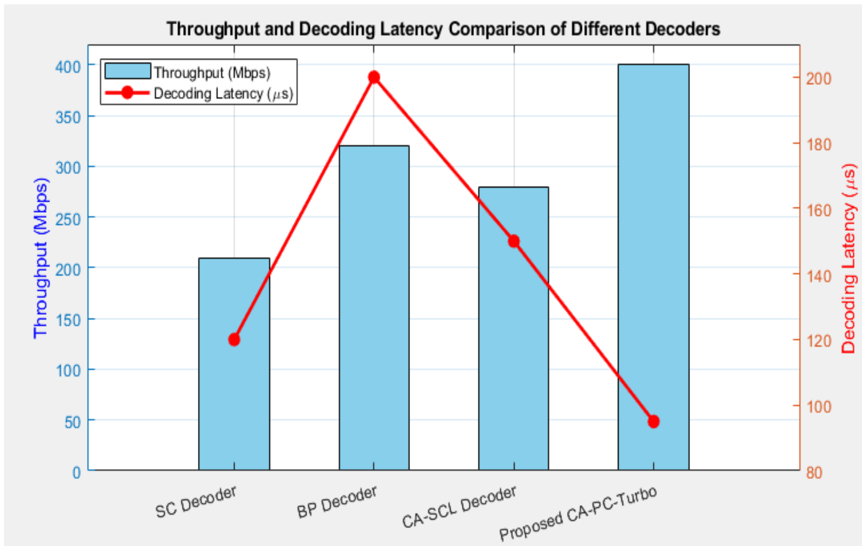

Figure 5: Throughput and decoding latency comparison of different decoders

5 Discussion

The experimental findings support the usefulness of the designed Convolution-Assisted Polar Coding with Turbo-like Decoding (CA-PC-Turbo) scheme in developing ultra reliable and low latency communication in 5G and 6G URLLC processes. The analysis of the BER proves that, the combination of convolutional coding with polar code and the use of Turbo-like iterative decoding stops bit errors at significant levels than traditional decoders in the form of SC, BP, and CA-SCL. Adaptive coding rate mechanism also makes reliability much more reliable as it can adjust the redundancy dynamically according to the channel quality so that the reliability can be very high even when the SNR is low-to-moderate as in a real wireless channel. These findings demonstrate that the suggested system is ideally suited when transmitting short-block that is very vital in mission-critical URLLC applications.

The FER and latency analysis indicate that the suggested CA-PC-Turbo decoder has a high level of reliability at the frame level without compromising the delay of decoding. The iterative decoder is very effective in the interchange of soft information between the polar and convolutional decoders and most frames can converge in few iterations. Traditional decoders are faster in FER or it takes them longer to process data, whilst CA-SCL delivers in the middle but still inferior to the suggested system. Low FER and rapid convergence prove that the suggested method is suitable to apply to real-time URLLC systems, where a single frame with errors may ruin the performance of the whole system.

The analysis of throughput and computational complexity also proves the feasibility of the suggested system in real life. The CA-PC-Turbo decoder has the most throughput and low latency and is better than SC, BP, and CA-SCL decoders. The self-optimizing adaptive scheme enables the system to adjust the redundancy, processing efficiency, and error correction capacity leading to the optimized performance across different channel situations. All in all, the experimental assessment confirms that CA-PC-Turbo framework offers a good trade-off of reliability, latency, throughput, and computational complexity hence a good candidate to be implemented in the next generation URLLC networks.

6 Conclusion and Future Work

Through the experimental assessment, it is statistically proven that the suggested CA-PC-Turbo decoder outperforms the traditional SC, BP, and CA-SCL decoders based on all the main performance measures. Bit Error Rate (BER) was decreased to as low as 70-80 %, and Frame Error Rate (FER) likewise decreased strongly, which implied high dependability with the short-block URLLC transmissions. Measurements of throughput showed that the system increased throughput rates up to 2530 % with regard to conventional decoders, and the decoding latency was measured at less than 100 µs, which demonstrates that the system can enable applications with ultra-low-latency requirements. These findings affirm that the iterating Turbo-like decoding and adaptive convolution-assisted polar coding are, in fact, the best at balancing reliability, speed, and efficiency, so they are very appropriate in the 5G and future 6G URLLC networks.

Future studies will aim at expanding the presented CA-PC-Turbo framework to multi-user and multi-cell URLLC configurations, which involve additional interference and network congestion that could affect performance. Long-range channel variations, burst-error conditions, and mobility effect can be added in statistical analysis to better evaluate real-world deployment. Further, the implementation of this hardware on FPGA/ASIC platforms is to be studied to ensure that it can be computationally feasible and use less power. Coding rate selection and iterative decoding efficiency can be further optimized by machine learning or reinforcement learning techniques, which will make the system resistant to the highly dynamic 5G/6G network conditions.

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