

# Comparison of Parallel CRC Verification Algorithms for ATM Cell Delineation

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## ATM 셀 경계식별을 위한 병렬 CRC 검증 알고리즘의 비교

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### ABSTRACT

In this paper we discuss three algorithms-*Direct*, *Successive*, and *Recursive*-on parallel CRC(Cyclic Redundancy Check) verification. The algorithms are derived by combining the byte-syndromes precomputed from the generator polynomial. These algorithms are compared in terms of the amount of hardware and the speed of operation. Since the algorithms can be generalized easily, we took the ATM cell delineation example for easier description.

As an application of the algorithm *Recursive*, an ATM cell delineation module suitable for STM-1 transmission has been successfully realized through commercially available field programmable gate arrays.

### 요 약

본 논문에서는 병렬적으로 CRC(Cyclic Redundancy Check)를 검증할 수 있는 세가지의 알고리즘-*Direct*, *Successive* 및 *Recursive*-를 연구하였다. CRC 검증에 필요한 각 알고리즘의 신드롬은 CRC 생성에 사용된 생성다항식으로부터 미리 계산된 보조 신드롬들을 조합함으로써 구해진다. 위 세가지 알고리즘은 구현에 필요한 하드웨어의 양과 전송 지연에 따른 동작속도 관점에서 비교되었다. 한편 본 논문의 알고리즘들은 CRC 계산에 관여하는 데이터 바이트 수의 함수형태로 표현될 수 있으므로 이해를 돕기 위해 ATM 셀 경계식별 알고리즘을 예로 들어 설명하였다. 세가지 알고리즘 중 가장 구현이 간단한 *Recursive* 방법을 이용하여 STM-1급 전송에 적합한 ATM 셀 경계식별 알고리즘을 개발하고 이를 상용 FPGA로 실제 구현하였다.

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### I. Introduction

With the advent of B-ISDN(Broadband Inte-

grated Services Digital Network), the forward error correction(FEC) schemes, which were restricted to specific applications such as deep space communications, high-speed computer memory systems, or storage devices, began to be employed in ordinary data transmission networks. In ATM network, for example, various FEC schemes are used at different layers. The ATM cell delineation at transmission and convergence(TC) sublayer in physical layer(PL) depends on the HEC(Header Error Control) field generated by a (40,32) shortened cyclic code. The protection of SN(Sequence Number) field is achieved by a (7,4) Hamming code at ATM adaptation layer(AAL)[1][2]. In addition, the mandatory use of a Reed-Solomon code has been confirmed to protect video and high-quality audio data for the type 1 AAL services [3]. The algorithms presented in this paper can be generalized to the case involving more than five octets in CRC computation. Therefore we take the ATM cell delineation example for easier description.

According to CCITT I-series documentation, the major functions of the transmission and convergence(TC) sublayer in physical layer(PL) include the ATM cell delineation whose mechanism depends on the HEC(Header Error Control) field of ATM cell header. Specifically, the transmitter computes the CRC corresponding to the first four octets of a header and puts the CRC into the fifth octet called the HEC. The CRC is generated by a (40,32) shortened cyclic code whose generator polynomial is specified as  $g(x) = x^8 + x^2 + x + 1$ . With the CRC octet inserted, the whole header will be divisible by the generator polynomial. That is, the remainder of the header on being divided by  $g(x)$  is zero. Checking whether this property is observed, the receiver determines the ATM cell boundary from the continuously arriving byte streams.

The actual ATM cell delineation mechanism will be controlled by a state diagram shown in Fig 1[2]. In the *HUNT* state, the delineation process is performed by checking the CRC corresponding

to an assumed 5-octet header bit by bit or byte by byte. The agreement of the CRC tells the receiver that a valid cell header has been successfully located. For this purpose the receiver first computes the syndrome by dividing the assumed header by  $g(x)$ . If the syndrome, the remainder on division, is zero, then a CRC agreement has been found and the method enters into the *PRESYNC* state. Once the method leaves the *HUNT* state, the receiver checks the CRC cell by cell. On the other hand, a nonzero syndrome dictates the receiver remain in the *HUNT* state and continue to examine the CRC byte by byte until such an agreement is found.

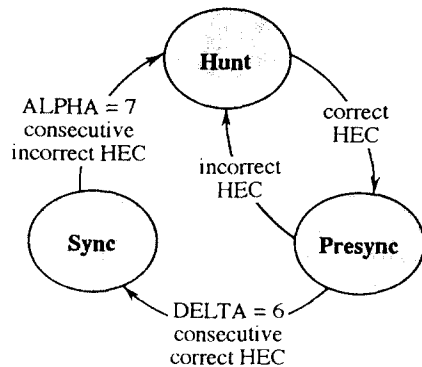


Fig 1. State transition diagram for ATM cell delineation.

There is an abundant amount of literature on the cell by cell CRC verification algorithms which are either in bit-serial forms[4] or in byte-parallel realizations[5,6]. In this case, essentially the same algorithms can be used for both the CRC generation at the transmitter side and the syndrome computation at the receiver side. In the cell verification, the CRC is examined only once for each cell header. The cell header once checked will be discarded regardless of its CRC agreement. In the byte by byte verification, however, a part of the assumed header should be examined many times. When the CRC agreement is not

found in the *HUNT* state, only the first octet of the assumed header is discarded. A new prospective header, consisting of the last four octets of the assumed header and the new octet following the assumed header, should be examined next time. Therefore the algorithms developed for the cell by cell verification can not be applied directly to this case.

This paper considers the byte by byte CRC verification with octet parallel realizations. The organization of this paper is as follows. In section II the three algorithms are developed. An ATM cell delineation module based on the algorithm *Recursive* will be presented in section III. Conclusion will be given in section IV.

## II. Parallel CRC verification algorithms

Before discussing the algorithms, we first compute the *byte-syndromes* corresponding to a single octet  $B$  shifted  $i$  bits to the left. This is equivalent to multiplying  $B = [d_7d_6 \dots d_0]$  by  $x^i$  when  $B$  is regarded as a binary polynomial of degree 7. Since the order of the specified generator polynomial is 8, the syndrome for  $x^n B (n \geq 8)$  becomes a linear combination of the byte-syndromes for  $B, xB, \dots, x^7B$ . That is,

$$\begin{aligned} R_{g(x)}[x^n B] &= R_{g(x)}[R_{g(x)}[x^n] \cdot B] \\ &= R_{g(x)}[(a_7x^7 + a_6x^6 + \dots + a_0)B] \\ &= a_7R_{g(x)}[x^7B] + a_6R_{g(x)}[x^6B] + \dots + a_0R_{g(x)}[B] \\ &= \sum_{i=0}^7 a_i R_{g(x)}[x^i B], \text{ for some binary constants } a_i\text{'s.} \end{aligned}$$

Here  $R_{g(x)}[p(x)]$  is the remainder of a polynomial  $p(x)$  when divided by  $g(x)$ . These byte-syndromes for  $x^i B (i=0,1,\dots,7)$  are tabulated in Table 1. Representing a single octet  $B$  as the polynomial  $B = d_7x^7 + d_6x^6 + \dots + d_1x + d_0$ , the second column, for instance, has been obtained as

$$S(x) = R_{g(x)}[xB]$$

Table 1: Byte-syndromes for  $x^i B, i=0,1,\dots,7$

	$B$	$xB$	$x^2B$	$x^3B$
$s^7$	$d_7$	$d_6$	$d_5$	$d_4$
$s^6$	$d_6$	$d_5$	$d_4$	$d_3$
$s^5$	$d_5$	$d_4$	$d_3$	$d_2$
$s^4$	$d_4$	$d_3$	$d_2$	$d_1 \oplus d_7$
$s^3$	$d_3$	$d_2$	$d_1 \oplus d_7$	$d_0 \oplus d_6 \oplus d_7$
$s^2$	$d_2$	$d_1 \oplus d_7$	$d_0 \oplus d_6 \oplus d_7$	$d_5 \oplus d_6 \oplus d_7$
$s^1$	$d_1$	$d_0 \oplus d_7$	$d_6 \oplus d_7$	$d_5 \oplus d_6$
$s^0$	$d_0$	$d_7$	$d_6$	$d_5$

	$x^4B$	$x^5B$	$x^6B$	$x^7B$
$s^7$	$d_3$	$d_2$	$d_1 \oplus d_7$	$d_0 \oplus d_6 \oplus d_7$
$s^6$	$d_2$	$d_1 \oplus d_7$	$d_0 \oplus d_6 \oplus d_7$	$d_5 \oplus d_6 \oplus d_7$
$s^5$	$d_1 \oplus d_7$	$d_0 \oplus d_6 \oplus d_7$	$d_5 \oplus d_6 \oplus d_7$	$d_4 \oplus d_5 \oplus d_6$
$s^4$	$d_0 \oplus d_6 \oplus d_7$	$d_5 \oplus d_6 \oplus d_7$	$d_4 \oplus d_5 \oplus d_6$	$d_3 \oplus d_4 \oplus d_5$
$s^3$	$d_5 \oplus d_6 \oplus d_7$	$d_4 \oplus d_5 \oplus d_6$	$d_3 \oplus d_4 \oplus d_5$	$d_2 \oplus d_3 \oplus d_4$
$s^2$	$d_4 \oplus d_5 \oplus d_6$	$d_3 \oplus d_4 \oplus d_5$	$d_2 \oplus d_3 \oplus d_4$	$d_1 \oplus d_2 \oplus d_3 \oplus d_7$
$s^1$	$d_4 \oplus d_5$	$d_3 \oplus d_4$	$d_2 \oplus d_3$	$d_1 \oplus d_2 \oplus d_7$
$s^0$	$d_4$	$d_3$	$d_2$	$d_1 \oplus d_7$

$$\begin{aligned} &= R_{g(x)}[d_7x^8 + d_6x^7 + \dots + d_1x^2 + d_0x] \\ &= d_7(x^2 + x + 1) + d_6x^7 + \dots + d_1x^2 + d_0x \\ &= d_6x^7 + \dots + (d_7 \oplus d_1)x^2 + (d_7 \oplus d_0)x + d_7 \\ &= s_7x^7 + s_6x^6 + \dots + s_1x + s_0 \end{aligned}$$

Note that the symbol  $\oplus$  denotes the binary exclusive OR (XOR) operation used for the addition of two bits. With the byte-syndromes in Table 1, we are now ready to derive the three algorithms, termed *Direct*, *Successive*, and *Recursive*, respectively.

### 2.1 Algorithm I: Direct

The first algorithm termed *Direct* determines the syndrome as the sum of 5 subsyndromes, each corresponding to a single octet in the assumed cell header. Let  $S(x)$  be the syndrome of an assumed 5-byte header  $H = [B_1 B_2 B_3 B_4 B_5]$  with the  $B_1$  being arrived first. Note that the notation  $[B_1 \dots B_5]$  will be used to denote either the entire 40-bit header or the header polynomial of degree 39, with the MSB  $d_7$  of  $B_1$  as the coefficient of  $x^{39}$ . The meaning should be clear from the context.

$$S(x) = R_{g(x)}[H]$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= R_{g(x)}[B_1 B_2 B_3 B_4 B_5] \\
 &= R_{g(x)}[x^{32} B_1] + R_{g(x)}[x^{24} B_2] + \dots + B_5 \quad (1) \\
 &= S_1(x) + S_2(x) + S_3(x) + S_4(x) + S_5(x)
 \end{aligned}$$

where

$$S_i(x) = R_{g(x)}[x^{40-8i} B_i], \quad i = 1, 2, \dots, 5$$

The  $i$ th subsyndrome  $S_i(x)$  is computed directly from the  $i$ th octet  $B_i$ . For example, the fourth subsyndrome  $S_4(x)$  due to  $B_4$  is determined as

$$\begin{aligned}
 S_4(x) &= R_{g(x)}[x^8 B_4] \\
 &= R_{g(x)}[R_{g(x)}[x^8] \cdot B_4] \\
 &= R_{g(x)}[(x^2 + x + 1) \cdot B_4] \\
 &= R_{g(x)}[x^2 B_4] + R_{g(x)}[x B_4] + R_{g(x)}[B_4]
 \end{aligned}$$

The three terms in the above equation have been precomputed Table 1. Therefore the full expression for this can be obtained as just the sum of corresponding columns. That is, summing the byte-syndromes in columns 1, 2, and 3 of Table 1, we have the expression for the subsyndrome  $S_4(x)$  directly from the fourth octet  $B_4$ .

$$\begin{aligned}
 S_4(x) &= (d_5 \oplus d_6 \oplus d_7)x^7 + (d_1 \oplus d_5 \oplus d_6)x^6 \\
 &\quad + (d_3 \oplus d_4 \oplus d_5)x^5 + (d_2 \oplus d_3 \oplus d_4)x^4 \\
 &\quad + (d_1 \oplus d_2 \oplus d_3 \oplus d_7)x^3 + (d_0 \oplus d_1 \oplus d_2 \oplus d_6)x^2 \\
 &\quad + (d_0 \oplus d_1 \oplus d_6)x + (d_0 \oplus d_6 \oplus d_7)
 \end{aligned}$$

Note that the XOR operation makes an even number of repeated bits in each term to be cancelled out in combining columns. The equation above can be implemented through a set of XOR network. In this manner, it is immediate to find all the XOR networks required for equation (1) as shown in Table 2. With Table 2, the algorithm *Direct* can be implemented by a 5-byte buffer to store the header, 4 different sets of XOR networks (multipliers), and an adder—another set of XOR network—as shown in Fig 2.

It is obvious from Fig 2 that the amount of

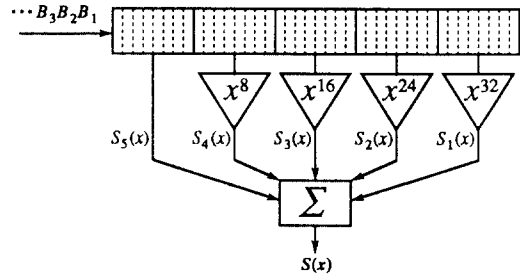


Fig 2. Block diagram of the algorithm *Direct*.

Table 2: XOR networks in algorithm I

	$S_1(x)$ $x^{32}B$	$S_2(x)$ $x^{24}B$	$S_3(x)$ $x^{16}B$	$S_4(x)$ $x^8B$	$S_5(x)$ $B$
$s_7$	$d_{3,5,6}$	$d_{1,2,4,6}$	$d_{3,5,7}$	$d_{5,6,7}$	$d_7$
$s_6$	$d_{2,4,5}$	$d_{0,1,3,5}$	$d_{2,4,6}$	$d_{4,5,6}$	$d_6$
$s_5$	$d_{1,4,7}$	$d_{0,2,4}$	$d_{1,3,5,7}$	$d_{3,4,5}$	$d_5$
$s_4$	$d_{0,2,3,6,7}$	$d_{1,3}$	$d_{0,2,4,6,7}$	$d_{2,3,4}$	$d_4$
$s_3$	$d_{1,2,5,6}$	$d_{0,2,7}$	$d_{1,3,5,6}$	$d_{1,2,3,7}$	$d_3$
$s_2$	$d_{0,1,4,5}$	$d_{1,6}$	$d_{0,2,4,5,7}$	$d_{0,1,2,6}$	$d_2$
$s_1$	$d_{0,4,5,6}$	$d_{0,1,2,4,5,6,7}$	$d_{1,4,5,6,7}$	$d_{0,1,6}$	$d_1$
$s_0$	$d_{4,6,7}$	$d_{0,2,3,5,7}$	$d_{0,4,6}$	$d_{0,6,7}$	$d_0$
$B$	$B_1$	$B_2$	$B_3$	$B_4$	$B_5$

hardware required for the algorithm *Direct* increases linearly with the number of octets involved in the CRC computation. In addition, the maximum speed of operation may be limited significantly due to the excessive propagation delay accumulated along the long paths up to the addition circuitry.

### 2.2 Algorithm II : Successive

The second algorithm termed *Successive* is similar to the first algorithm *Direct* except the former uses only one kind of XOR network. That is, the subsyndrome for each octet is successively updated each time it passes the multiplier  $x^8$  as shown in Fig 3. To derive this algorithm, the syndrome  $S(x)$  of an assumed header  $H = [B_1 B_2 B_3 B_4 B_5]$  is rewritten as

$$\begin{aligned}
 S(x) &= R_{g(x)}[H] \\
 &= R_{g(x)}[B_1 B_2 B_3 B_4 B_5]
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= R_{g(x)}[B_1 0000] + R_{g(x)}[B_2 000] \\
 &\quad + R_{g(x)}[B_3 00] + R_{g(x)}[B_4 0] + R_{g(x)}[B_5] \\
 &= S_1(x) + S_2(x) + S_3(x) + S_4(x) + S_5(x)
 \end{aligned}$$

The symbol  $O$  denotes the all-zero byte, *i.e.*,  $O = [00000000]$  and the number of  $O$ 's following an octet equals the number of times that the octet passes the multiplier  $x^8$ . As depicted in Fig 3, the first octet  $B_1$  will pass the multiplier  $x^8$  four times during the 5 octet cycles. This is equivalent to multiplying  $B_1$  by  $x^{32}$ . The second octet  $B_2$  passes  $x^8$  three times to achieve  $x^{24}B_2$ , and so on. Each time a new octet is received, the subsyndromes are multiplied by  $x^8$  and passed to the next stages. Let  $s_i(t)$ ,  $i = 0, 1, \dots, 7$  be the contents of a syndrome register at time  $t$ . Denoting  $T$  as the byte-clock period, the contents  $s'_i(t+T)$ ,  $i = 0, 1, \dots, 7$  of the subsequent syndrome register at time  $t+T$  is obtained from  $s_i(t)$  by multiplying  $s_i(t)$  by  $x^8$ . That is,

$$\begin{aligned}
 s'_0(t+T) &= s_0(t) \oplus s_6(t) \oplus s_7(t) \\
 s'_1(t+T) &= s_0(t) \oplus s_1(t) \oplus s_6(t) \\
 s'_2(t+T) &= s_0(t) \oplus s_1(t) \oplus s_2(t) \oplus s_6(t) \\
 s'_3(t+T) &= s_1(t) \oplus s_2(t) \oplus s_3(t) \oplus s_7(t) \\
 s'_4(t+T) &= s_2(t) \oplus s_3(t) \oplus s_4(t) \\
 s'_5(t+T) &= s_3(t) \oplus s_4(t) \oplus s_5(t) \\
 s'_6(t+T) &= s_4(t) \oplus s_5(t) \oplus s_6(t) \\
 s'_7(t+T) &= s_5(t) \oplus s_6(t) \oplus s_7(t)
 \end{aligned} \tag{2}$$

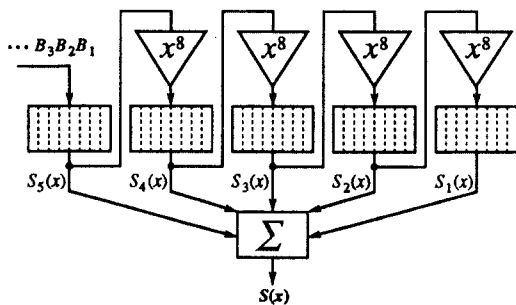


Fig 3. Block diagram of the algorithm *Successive*.

As noted this method is similar to the algorithm *Direct* in terms of the amount of hardware and the speed of operation. One advantage over *Direct* is the possibility of a modular implementation using the identical XOR network at each stage. This fact leads to the development of the third algorithm with much reduced hardware.

### 2.3 Algorithm III : Recursive

The third algorithm termed *Recursive* computes the syndrome in a radically different way. Note that the *successive* use of the four identical multipliers in series for the algorithm *Successive* can be replaced with the *recursive* use of a single multiplier  $x^8$ . To accomplish this, the output of the first syndrome register in Fig 3 is fed back to the input as depicted in Fig 4.

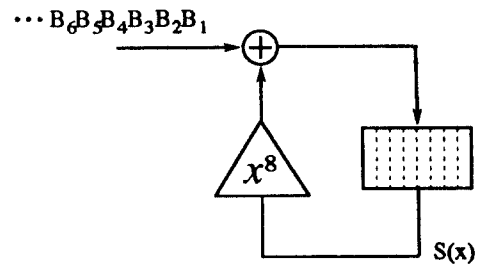


Fig 4. Updating syndrome based on a recursive multiplier  $x^8$ .

Let  $S(t)$  and  $S(t+T)$  be the syndrome at time  $t$  and  $t+T$ , respectively. Then for each byte  $B$  applied the syndrome will be updated as

$$S(t+T) = R_{g(x)}[x^8 S(t)] + B$$

and this expression can be expanded as follows.

$$\begin{aligned}
 s_0(t+T) &= s_0(t) \oplus s_6(t) \oplus s_7(t) \oplus d_0 \\
 s_1(t+T) &= s_0(t) \oplus s_1(t) \oplus s_6(t) \oplus d_1 \\
 s_2(t+T) &= s_0(t) \oplus s_1(t) \oplus s_2(t) \oplus s_6(t) \oplus d_2 \\
 s_3(t+T) &= s_1(t) \oplus s_2(t) \oplus s_3(t) \oplus s_7(t) \oplus d_3 \\
 s_4(t+T) &= s_2(t) \oplus s_3(t) \oplus s_4(t) \oplus d_4 \\
 s_5(t+T) &= s_3(t) \oplus s_4(t) \oplus s_5(t) \oplus d_5
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 s_6(t+T) &= s_4(t) \oplus s_5(t) \oplus s_6(t) \oplus d_6 \\
 s_7(t+T) &= s_5(t) \oplus s_6(t) \oplus s_7(t) \oplus d_7
 \end{aligned}
 \tag{3}$$

Conscious readers would notice that the set of these recursive equations is similar to the formula employed for HEC generations such as in Bellcore's ATM chip[5]. These equations can also be used for the *cell by cell* CRC verification.

Note that the configuration in Fig 4 does not have separate registers to store the subsyndromes of individual bytes. The content of the register is the syndrome of the *entire bytes applied up to present*. This is in a sharp contrast to the cases of algorithms *Direct* and *Successive*, where their outputs are determined by the *most recent five octets only*. For this reason, the syndrome register in Fig 4 should be initialized to zero before the first byte  $B_1$  is applied. After five byte-clock ( $5T$ ) periods, the register will contain the syndrome of  $H = [B_1 B_2 B_3 B_4 B_5]$ . If the syndrome turns out to be nonzero, the syndrome of the reassumed header  $H = [B_2 B_3 B_4 B_5 B_6]$  must be checked. The content of the register at  $6T$ , however, will be the syndrome of  $[B_1 B_2 B_3 B_4 B_5 B_6]$ , six octets altogether. Therefore we must remove the effect of the oldest octet  $B_1$ . This subtracting process can be derived as follow.

$$\begin{aligned}
 R_{g(x)}[B_2 \cdots B_6] &= R_{g(x)}[B_1 \cdots B_6] - R_{g(x)}[B_1 00000] \\
 &= R_{g(x)}[B_1 \cdots B_6] \oplus R_{g(x)}[x^{40} B_1] \\
 &= R_{g(x)}[B_1 \cdots B_6] \oplus R_{g(x)}[(x^6 + x^5 + x) \cdot B_1]
 \end{aligned}$$

By combining the columns 2, 6, and 7 of Table 1, the XOR network for multiplying the oldest octet by  $x^{40}$  is obtained as

$$\begin{aligned}
 R_{g(x)}[B_1 x^{40}] &= (d_1 \oplus d_2 \oplus d_6 \oplus d_7)x^7 + (d_0 \oplus d_1 \oplus d_5 \oplus d_6)x^6 \\
 &\quad + (d_0 \oplus d_4 \oplus d_5)x^5 + (d_3 \oplus d_4 \oplus d_7)x^4 \\
 &\quad + (d_2 \oplus d_3 \oplus d_6)x^3 + (d_1 \oplus d_2 \oplus d_5 \oplus d_7)x^2 \\
 &\quad + (d_0 \oplus d_2 \oplus d_4 \oplus d_7)x + (d_2 \oplus d_3 \oplus d_7)
 \end{aligned}$$

As can be seen from Fig 5, the significance of the algorithm *Recursive* is that the required amount

of hardware is independent of the block size. It uses only the two sets of XOR networks with a little additional circuitry:  $x^8$  for updating the syndrome and  $x^{40}$  for removing the effect of the oldest octet. Out of the three algorithms on parallel CRC verification, the algorithm *Recursive* requires the least amount of XOR networks and can operate at a higher speed than others. Accounting these, we have concluded that the algorithm *Recursive* is the most suitable in the parallel verification of CRC for ATM cell delineation.

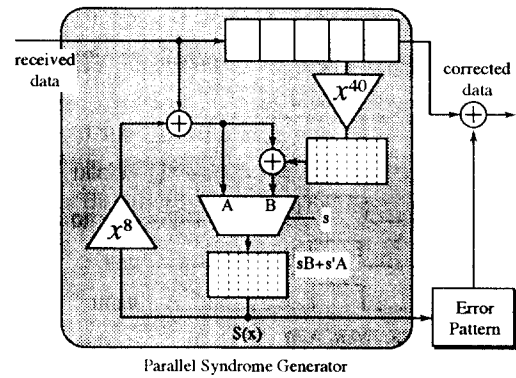


Fig 5. Block diagram of the algorithm *Recursive*.

### III. An ATM cell delineation module

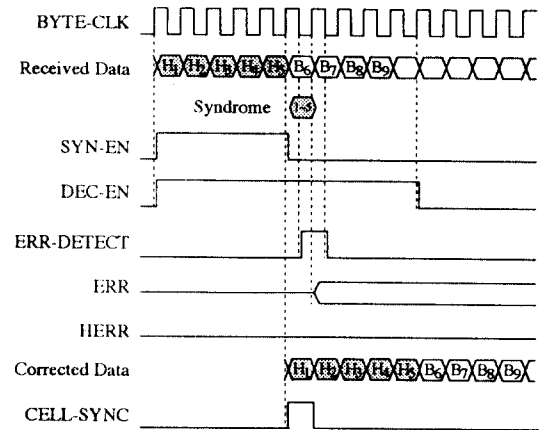
In this section an ATM cell delineation module is realized to show the effectiveness of the algorithm *Recursive*. According to CCITT recommendations, the cell delineation and scrambling/descrambling block performs the following functions of PL/TC sublayer: (1) HEC generation and scrambling the payloads at the transmitter side and (2) cell delineation and descrambling the payloads at the receiver side. The SDH(Synchronous Digital Hierarchy)-based transmission with STM-1(155.520 Mbps) framing is assumed. Therefore the self synchronous scrambler/descrambler  $(x^{13} + 1)$  is adopted. To achieve the speed of 155.520 Mbps required for STM-1 transmission, an octet parallel implementation has

been considered. For the design and simulation of logic circuits, CAD tools including WorkView and ALS have been used. The circuits have been placed within two chips of Actel FPGAs(Field Programmable Gate Array), called CDSB-Tx and CDSB-Rx, respectively[7].

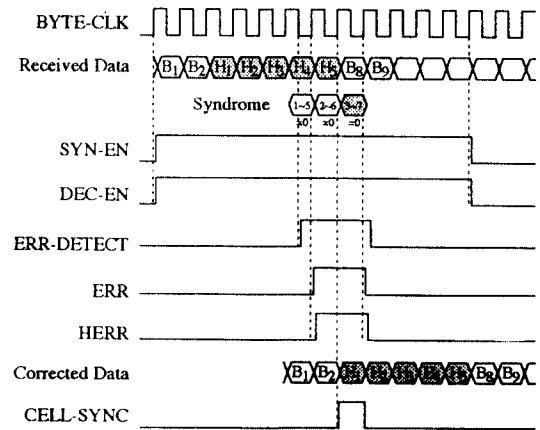
The required timing diagram of the control signals is shown in Fig 6. The control signals are generated under the following assumptions. (1) The CRC verification is performed *byte by byte* in the *HUNT* state. Once the receiver enters into the *PRESYNC* or *SYNC* state, however, the CRC is checked *cell by cell*. (2) Error correction will not be carried out in the *HUNT* state since the receiver can leave the *HUNT* state only when a CRC agreement is found, that is, only when an error free header is encountered. In the *PRESYNC* or *SYNC* state, the receiver of course should correct any single bit errors by subtracting(XORing) the suitable error patterns from headers during the error correction cycle.

The signal *SYN-EN* remains *HIGH* during the syndrome computation. With the signal *ERR-DETECT* set to *HIGH*, the value of syndrome is examined to set the signal *ERR*. In the *PRESYNC* or *SYNC* state, the receiver checks the CRC cell by cell. The corrected header being aligned with the signal *CELL-SYNC* is to be delivered to the upper layer. In the *HUNT* state, on the contrary, the receiver keeps checking the CRC byte by byte until it sees the zero syndrome. Let us consider the case illustrated in Fig 6(b). The receiver first computes the syndrome for the assumed header  $H = [B_1 B_2 H_1 H_2 H_3]$ , not a genuine header. Since the syndrome can not be zero, the signals *ERR* and *HERR*—meaning a HEC error in the *HUNT* state—are set to *HIGH*. Therefore the signal *ERR-DETECT* remains *HIGH* extending the syndrome computation cycle one clock period further. At the next clock, the syndrome for the reassumed header  $H = [B_2 H_1 H_2 H_3 H_4]$  will not be zero again, and all the signals retain their previous values. Finally at the next clock the receiver encounters a genuine header  $H = [H_1 H_2 H_3$

$H_4 H_5]$ . Since the syndrome will be zero this time, the control signals *ERR*, *HERR*, and *ERR-DETECT* change their values to *LOW* in that order and the receiver enters into the *PRESYNC* state.



(a) *PRESYNC* or *SYNC* state (cell by cell)



(b) *HUNT* state (byte by byte)

Fig 6. Required timing for the ATM cell delineation.

#### IV. Conclusions

This paper discussed three algorithms on parallel CRC verification, termed *Direct*, *Successive*, and *Recursive*, respectively. The first and second algorithms are similar in terms of the amount of hardware and the speed of operation. The required

amount of hardware increases linearly with the number of octets involved in CRC computation. One advantage of the algorithm *Successive* over *Direct* is the possibility of modular implementation, *i.e.*, the identical XOR network can be used in each stage. On the other hand, the third algorithm *Recursive* requires a fixed amount of hardware independent of the block size.

As an application of the algorithm *Recursive*, an ATM cell delineation module suitable for STM 1 transmission operated at a rate 155.520 Mbps has been successfully realized with field programmable gate arrays.

It is not difficult to generalize the algorithms presented in this paper to the case involving more than five octets in CRC computation. The bitwise algorithms can also be derived from these bitwise algorithms with a minor modification.

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