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Lab 7: Correlation Decoding

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Lab 7: Correlation Decoding

Introduction

This lab will extend the previous labs and allow you to decode the received signal to extract the original message. The Analog to Digital Conversion (ADC) used to receive the signal will take place on the Chilipepper board. The FMC initialization and microcontroller (MCU) signal control will be handled in software using the Xilinx Software Development Kit (SDK). Finally, verification of the received signal will be done using ChipScope and MATLAB. This lab assumes prior knowledge of the workings of HDL Coder as well as the Xilinx EDK environment. It is recommended that you complete the previous labs before completing this lab.

This lab is created using:

- MATLAB 2014a
- Xilinx ISE Design Suite 14.7
- Windows 7, 64-bit

Procedure

This lab is organized into a series of steps, each including general instructions and supplementary steps, allowing you to take advantage of the lab according to your experience level.

This lab consists of the following basic steps:

- Generate HDL code from MATLAB functions
- Generate an IP core using MATLAB HDL Coder
- Configure your created PCores and export the design into SDK
- Create software to run your design
- Test and verify your results

Objectives

After completing this lab, you will be able to:

- Implement Correlation Decoding for a received QPSK Waveform
- Receive a QPSK Waveform using the Chilipepper FMC
- Create a software application to test your design
- Verify your results in ChipScope and analyze them using MATLAB

Generate HDL code

Step 1

This section will show you how to create your MATLAB function and test bench files which are required to export your design into EDK.

1.1 Supplemental PCores

As in the previous receiver tutorials, this lab will make use of the MCU, ADC and DC Offset PCores designed in earlier labs. Since these cores have already been created, we can copy the core design into our EDK project without having to recreate the HDL Coder project.

1.2 QPSK_RX

The QPSK RX design in this lab adds a fourth component to the previously created three stage receive path. The correlation decoding is required to properly determine the start of the data packet and translate those symbols into bits. This is done by first finding the Kasami sequence sent at the beginning of the transmitted waveform and aligning it properly to find the number of bytes in the payload. Just as in the previous receiver lab, we will split each of these four steps into its own MATLAB function. Each of these functions will then be called sequentially by a central function, called qpsk_rx.m. The contents of the qpsk_rx function are shown in Figure 1-1 below.

```
function [byte, blinky, s out, o out] = qpsk rx(i in, q in)
persistent finish rx latch
persistent blinky cnt
if isempty(finish rx latch)
    finish rx latch = 0; % feedback once packet is received to rest
   blinky cnt = 0;
end
% frequency offset estimation.
[s f i, s f q] = qpsk rx foc(i in, q in, finish rx latch);
% Square-root raised-cosine band-limited filtering and time offset estimation
[s c i, s c q] = qpsk rx srrc(s f i, s f q);
[s_t_i, s_t_q] = qpsk_rx_toc(s_c_i, s_c_q, finish_rx_latch);
% Determine start of packet using front-loaded training sequence
[byte, finish rx, s out, o out] = qpsk rx correlator(s t i, s t q);
blinky cnt = blinky cnt + 1;
if blinky cnt == 20000000
   blinky cnt = 0;
end
blinky = floor(blinky cnt/1000000);
finish rx latch = finish rx;
```

Figure 1-1: MATLAB function to analyze received signal.

- 1. Create a directory for the project under C:\QPSK_Projects\Lab_7.
- 2. Create a MATLAB directory within the main project directory.
- 3. Create a new **MATLAB function** with the contents of Figure 1-1.
- 4. Save this function as qpsk rx.m inside the MATLAB directory.

As you can see from Figure 1 above, there have been some slight modifications to the previously created functions for frequency and timing offset estimation. After correlation decoding has been performed, the algorithm uses the knowledge about when the packet ends to assist the frequency and timing estimation functions by resetting their estimates. This is not required, but can assist in removing false positive hits within these cores. The new qpsk_rx_foc.m and qpsk_rx_toc.m functions are shown in Appendix A and B respectively.

- 5. Create a new **MATLAB function** with the contents of Figure A.
- 6. Save this function as qpsk rx foc.minside the MATLAB directory.
- 7. Create a new **MATLAB function** with the contents of Figure B.
- 8. Save this function as qpsk rx toc.m inside the MATLAB directory.

The function which performs the correlation is called $qpsk_rx_correlator.m$. The code required to create the function can be found in Appendix C.

- 9. Create a new **MATLAB function** with the contents of Appendix C.
- 10. Save this function as qpsk rx correlator.minside the MATLAB directory.

1.3 MATLAB Test Bench

Now that you have added functionality to the receiver core, we also need to modify the test bench script a bit to accommodate the new output. For this lab, the primary output is the payload bytes. Therefore we should be able to fully observe the transmitted message directly within ChipScope. In addition to the payload bytes, we will observe the correlation magnitude which is used to determine the start of the packet, and the message bits waveform, which is a nrz signal that represents each bit of the message. The only code changes required are to the variable names of the output from qpsk_rx. Just as in the previous labs, a simulated transmit waveform is required to fully test the design. Therefore, this script will require several of the MATLAB functions used in Lab 3 to transmit the QPSK waveform. A quick list of the needed files to create the simulated waveform is shown below. The code for the test bench script can be found in Appendix D.

Required files for creating Simulated QPSK waveform

- make srrc lut.m and make trig lut.m
- CreateAppend16BitCRC.m
- tx fifo.m
- qpsk tx.m
- qpsk_tx_byte2sym.m
- qpsk srrc.m
- mybitget.m
- TB_i.m and TB_q.m
- 1. Create a new **MATLAB script** with the contents of Appendix D.
- 2. Save this function as qpsk_tb.m inside the MATLAB project directory.

Observing the output of the simulation results in Figure 1-2 below shows that the correlation magnitude reaches its maximum value when the Kasami sequence is detected. Additionally, the message bits contain the ASCII representation of the transmitted message 'hello world!'

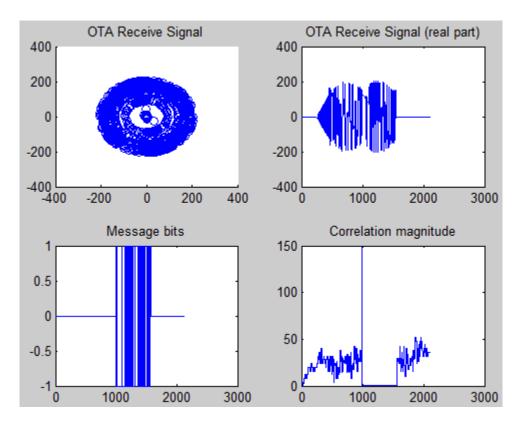


Figure 1-2: Output of QPSK Correlation decoding simulation in MATLAB test bench script

1.4 HDL Coder Project

Now that the MATLAB files have been created, we can turn them into PCores. As mentioned earlier, we will reuse the previously created DC Offset, MCU and ADC Driver PCores, thus the only core we need to create for this lab is the qpsk_rx PCore. Using the same steps outlined in the previous labs, create a new HDL coder project called qpsk_rx. Add both your qpsk_rx.m file and your qpsk_rx tb.m files to the MATLAB Function and MATLAB Test Bench categories respectively.

- 1. Once inside the workflow advisor screen, click on **HDL Code Generation** on the left hand side, and be sure to set the clock to be driven at the **DUT base rate** as in the previous labs.
- 2. Right-click **Fixed-Point Conversion**, and select **Run to Selected Task**.
- 3. The qpsk_rx.m and qpsk_rx_correlator.m, functions both require modifications to their variable's proposed types. Modify your HDL Coder design to match the following Fixed-Point conversions for each function.

Variables	Function	n Replacen	nents T	ype Va	alidation Outpu	t 🔻			
Variable		Type	Sim M	in	Sim Max	Static Min	Static Max	Whole Number	Proposed Type
■ Input									
i_in		double		-205	205			Yes	numerictype(1, 12, 0
q_in		double		-204	205			Yes	numerictype(1, 12, 0
■ Output	t								
blinky		double		0	0			Yes	numerictype(0, 1, 0)
byte		double		0	228			Yes	numerictype(0, 8, 0)
o_out		double		0	148			Yes	numerictype(0, 8, 0)
s_out		double		-1	1			Yes	numerictype(1, 2, 0)
■ Persiste	ent								
blinky_	cnt	double		0	2128			Yes	numerictype(0, 25, 0
finish_r.	x_latch	double		0	1			Yes	numerictype(0, 1, 0)
▲ Local									
finish_r.	×	double		0	1			Yes	numerictype(0, 1, 0)
s_c_i		double	-96.	68 \cdots	97.49 \cdots			No	numerictype(1, 26, 1
s_c_q		double	-97.	22 \cdots	96.32			No	numerictype(1, 26, 1
s_f_i		double	-160.	.32 ⋯	158.9			No	numerictype(1, 26, 1
s_f_q		double	-160.	46 \cdots	157.84			No	numerictype(1, 26, 1
s_t_i		double	-95.	74 ⋯	96.24			No	numerictype(1, 26, 1
s_t_q		double	-96.	67 \cdots	95.39			No	numerictype(1, 26, 1

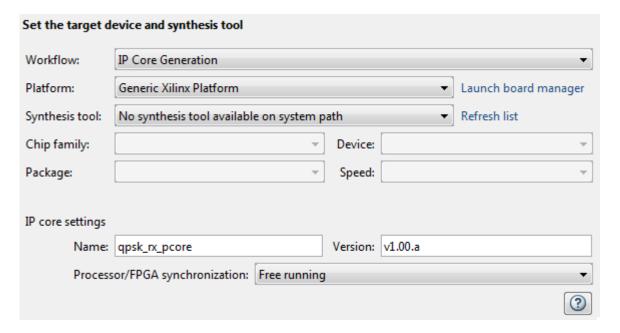
Figure 1-3: Proposed variable types for qpsk_rx function

Variables	Functio	n Replacement	ts Type \	alidation Ou	tput 🔻			
Variable		Туре	Sim Min	Sim Max	Static Min	Static Max	Whole Number	Proposed Type
▲ Input								
s_i_in		double	-95.74	96.24			No	numerictype(1, 26, 12
s_q_in		double	-96.67 \cdots	95.39			No	numerictype(1, 26, 12
■ Output	t							
byte_o	ut	double	0	228			Yes	numerictype(0, 8, 0)
o_out		double	0	148			Yes	numerictype(0, 8, 0)
reset_o	ut	double	0	1			Yes	numerictype(0, 1, 0)
s_out		double	-1	1			Yes	numerictype(1, 2, 0)
▲ Persist	ent							
bits		1×8 double	0	1			Yes	numerictype(0, 1, 0)
byteCo	unt	double	0	18			Yes	numerictype(0, 12, 0)
counte	r	double	0	8			Yes	numerictype(0, 4, 0)
detPac	ket	double	0	1			Yes	numerictype(0, 1, 0)
ip		double	0	130			Yes	numerictype(0, 12, 0
numBy	/tes	double	12	1000			Yes	numerictype(0, 12, 0
oLatch		double	0	148			Yes	numerictype(0, 12, 0
ор		double	0	30			Yes	numerictype(0, 12, 0
persis_	byte	double	0	228			Yes	numerictype(0, 8, 0)
q		double	0	2			Yes	numerictype(0, 2, 0)
sBuf_i		1 x 65 double	-1	1			Yes	numerictype(1, 2, 0)
sBuf_q		1 x 65 double	-1	1			Yes	numerictype(1, 2, 0)
sLatch		double	-1	1			Yes	numerictype(1, 2, 0)
symCo	unt	double	0	4			Yes	numerictype(0, 3, 0)
▲ Local								
BIT_TO	_BYTE	8 x 1 double	1	128			Yes	numerictype(0, 8, 0)
OS_RA	TE	double	8	8			Yes	numerictype(0, 4, 0)
sHard_	j	double	-1	1			Yes	numerictype(1, 2, 0)
sHard_	į.t	double	-1	1			Yes	numerictype(1, 2, 0)
sHard_	9	double	-1	1			Yes	numerictype(1, 2, 0)
sHard_	q_t	double	-1	1			Yes	numerictype(1, 2, 0)
sc_iWit	thi	double	-65	19			Yes	numerictype(1, 13, 0
sc_iWit	thq	double	-15	19			Yes	numerictype(1, 13, 0
sc_qWi	ithi	double	-15	21			Yes	numerictype(1, 13, 0
sc_qWi	ithq	double	-65	19			Yes	numerictype(1, 13, 0
ss_i		double	-1	1			Yes	numerictype(1, 2, 0)
ss_q		double	-1	1			Yes	numerictype(1, 2, 0)
ti		65 x 1 double	-1	1			Yes	numerictype(1, 2, 0)
t_q		65 x 1 double	-1	1			Yes	numerictype(1, 2, 0)

Figure 1-4: Proposed variable types for qpsk_rx_correlator function

The Proposed variable types for <code>qpsk_rx_foc.m</code>, <code>qpsk_rx_toc.m</code>, and <code>qpsk_rx_srrc.m</code> should be set to the same types used in the previous labs. Refer to Lab 6 for help configuring these functions.

4. Once you have corrected the **Type** setting for all your variables, click **Select Code Generation Target**. Here you can select the FPGA you will use for your design. For this Lab, we will not be using any of the built-in Zynq board functionality within our MATLAB PCores. Therefore you can leave the default settings. Ensure your Workflow settings resemble figure 1-5 below



1-5: Settings for Xilinx Zed Board HDL Coder Design

- 5. Just below the synthesis tool settings, **rename your PCore** to <code>qpsk_rx_pcore</code> or something similar. This is optional as MATLAB will give its default name for each of your cores, as well as a default version, however it is helpful to rename your core for easier netlist configuration later in the lab.
- 6. Once the platform and synthesis tool are set, you can click **Set Target Interface** to configure the input and output ports of the design. For this Lab, follow the settings shown in Figure 1-6 below.

Ports			
Port Name	Data Type	Target Platform Interfaces	Bit Range / Address / FPGA Pin
▲ Inport			
i_in	numerictype(1, 12, 0)	External Port	
q_in	numerictype(1, 12, 0)	External Port	
■ Outport			
byte	numerictype(0, 8, 0)	External Port	
blinky	numerictype(0, 1, 0)	External Port	
s_out	numerictype(1, 2, 0)	External Port	
o_out	numerictype(0, 8, 0)	External Port	

Figure 1-6: Port Interface settings for the dc offset correction HDL Coder project

- 7. Once the ports are set, right-click **HDL Code Generation** and select Run This Task. This will create a PCore for your design that can be used directly within Xilinx EDK. By default, the PCore is created in <Project Directory/MATLAB folder/codegen/ipcore>.
- 8. Once the PCore has been created, make a **new EDK project** using the same method used in the previous lab. Be sure that you **import** the correct system configuration file.
- 9. Once the project is created, **copy each of the PCore folders** from the MATLAB directory into the PCores folder of your **EDK Project**. Don't forget to also copy any previously created cores you may be reusing as well. Then simply select project -> **rescan user repositories** to show your newly added user PCores within your EDK project.

Configure Cores and Export Design

Step 2

This section will show you how to integrate your PCores into your FPGA design using EDK. There are several components that must be configured for the design of this project. A quick list of the cores needed is given below. Refer to lab 0 sections 4.3 and 5.1 for information on how to add cores to the design.

2.1 Needed IP Cores

- ADC Driver
- MCU Driver
- MCU UART
- DC Offset
- QPSK RX
- Clock Generator (one for RX and one for TX)
- Processing System
- AXI Interconnect

In addition, several of these cores will require external ports. Be sure that you have access to modifying the external port settings. Refer to Figure 2-1 Below.

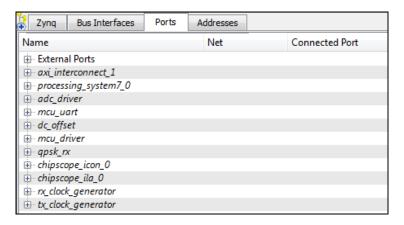


Figure 2-1: EDK project ports list

2.2 Configuring the ADC Driver Port

Expand the **ADC Driver** port. There are 6 individual I/O pins which need to be routed on this port.

- 1. First we will configure the rx_iq_sel, the rxd and the bliky pins. Each of these pins can be assigned as **External ports**.
- 2. Next are the rx_i and the rq_q output pins. Connect these pins to the i_i and q_i pins of the dc_offset PCore.
- 3. Connect the IPCORE_RESETN port to the processing_system7 FCLK_RESETO_N port.
- 4. The IPCORE CLK pin can be skipped for now and will be connected later in section 2.5

2.3 Configuring the MCU Driver Port

Expand the **MCU Driver** core. There are 9 individual I/O pins which need to be routed on this core.

- 1. Configuring this core is very simple as all of the pins with the exception of the IPCORE_CLK and the IPCORE RESETN are simply assigned as external ports.
- 2. Connect the IPCORE_RESETN port to the processing_system7 FCLK_RESETO_N Port and skip the IPCORE_CLK for now.

2.4 Configuring the MCU UART

- 1. Under the Communications Low-Speed section, add the AXI UART (Lite) to your design
- 2. Name the core mcu_uart as shown in Figure 2-1. Keep all configuration settings as default.
- 3. This core requires no other customization; just verify the RX and TX pins are set as External ports.

2.5 Configuring the DC Offset

Expand the **DC Offset** core. There are 7 individual I/O pins which need to be routed on this core.

- 1. If the ADC driver was previously configured correctly, the i_in and q_in pins of the dc_offset core should already be set.
- 2. The i_out and q_out pins should be connected to the qpsk_rx i_in and q_in pins respectively.
- 3. Set the blinky pin as an External port.
- 4. Connect the IPCORE_RESETN port to the processing_system7 FCLK_RESETO_N Port and skip the IPCORE CLK for now.

2.6 Configuring the QPSK RX

Expand the **QPSK RX** core. There are 8 individual I/O pins which need to be routed on this core.

- 1. If the DC Offset core was previously configured correctly, the i_in and q_in pins of the qpsk_rx core should already be set.
- 2. Set the blinky pin as an External port.
- 3. The s_out, o_out and byte pins should be left unconnected for now and will eventually be connected to ChipScope for further analysis.
- 4. Connect the IPCORE_RESETN port to the processing_system7 FCLK_RESET0_N Port and skip the IPCORE_CLK for now.

2.7 Configuring the TX Clock Generator IP Core

The TX Clock Generator is used in this project to distribute the appropriate clock signals to each of the PCores required for Chilipepper initialization, as well as any external hardware which may require a clock signal. For this project, the TX Clock Generator is sourced from the 40 MHz pll_clk_out on the Chilipepper radio board (as described in the **Chilipepper user's guide**). This signal is then distributed to 3 other devices; 1 PCore (MCU Driver) and the TX_CLK and RX_CLK signals. The TX and RX clock signals are used to latch data from the TXD and RXD lines to the DAC and ADC respectively on the radio board. Although no DAC is used within the design, the clock is required for proper initialization of the Chilipepper FMC. For this lab, the Clock Generator has been named tx_clock_generator.

- 1. **Double click** the Clock Generator PCore and **configure** the settings as follows
 - Input Clock Frequency of **40Mhz**
 - CLKOUTO Required Frequency of **20MHz**, 0 Phase, **PLLE0** group and **Buffered True**
 - CLKOUT1 Required Frequency of **40MHz**, 180 Phase, **PLLE0** group and **Buffered True**
 - CLKOUT2 Required Frequency of **40Mhz**, 0 Phase, **PLLE0** group and **Buffered True**

Now that the settings are configured you should have several clocks in your clock generator list.

- 2. **Connect** the pins according to the following.

- CLKOUTO → mcu:: IPCORE_CLK
- CLKOUT1 → External Ports
- CLKOUT2 External Ports
- RST → net gnd
- LOCKED → External Port

2.8 Configuring the RX Clock Generator IP Core

In addition to the TX Clock Generator, another clock generator is required for this design. As mentioned in Lab 2 and the Chilipepper User's Guide, the receiver chain is to be clocked using the RX return clock on the Chilipepper board to ensure data is latched properly from the ADC. In this design, there are three cores which must be clocked using the RX return clock; therefore a new clock generator called rx_clock_generator is used to distribute the clock signal.

- 1. **Double click** the Clock Generator PCore and **configure** the settings as follows
 - Input Clock Frequency of 40Mhz
 - CLKOUTO Required Frequency of **40MHz**, 180 Phase, **PLLE0** group and **Buffered True**
 - CLKOUT1 Required Frequency of **20MHz**, 180 Phase, **PLLE0** group and **Buffered True**

Now that the settings are configured you should have several clocks in your clock generator list.

- 2. **Connect** the pins according to the following.
 - CLKIN External Ports
 - CLKOUT0
 adc_driver::IPCORE_CLK
 - CLKOUT1

 dc_offset:: IPCORE_CLK and qpsk_rx::IPCORE_CLK
 - RST → net_gnd
 - LOCKED → External Port

Your Clock Generator ports should look similar to Figure 2-2 below.

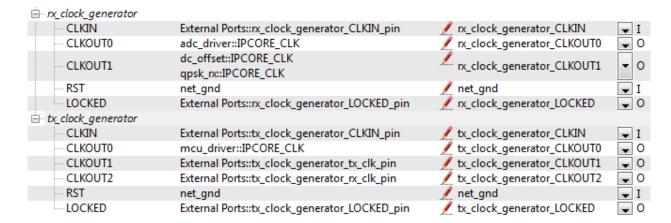


Figure 2-2: Clock Generator port configurations

Be sure your External Port pins, as well as your PCores match the names shown in the figures above.

2.9 Pin Assignments

Once the clock generator is configured correctly, the <code>IPCORE_CLK</code> for the other cores should be set as well. The next step is to setup the **pin assignments** for the external ports.

- 1. Open the **Project** tab.
- 2. Double-click on the **UCF File: data\system.ucf** from this panel, to open the constraints file.
- 3. Fill in the pin out information for your design using Figure 2-3 below as a reference.

```
NET tx_clock_generator_CLKIN_pin
                                 LOC = D18 | IOSTANDARD = LVCMOS25;
NET tx_clock_generator_CLKIN_pin
                                 TNM_NET = tx_clock_generator_CLKIN;
TIMESPEC TS_tx_clock_generator_CLKIN = PERIOD tx_clock_generator_CLKIN 40.000 MHz;
NET rx_clock_generator_CLKIN_pin
                                 LOC = L18 | IOSTANDARD = LVCMOS25;
NET rx_clock_generator_CLKIN_pin
                                 TNM_NET = rx_clock_generator_CLKIN;
TIMESPEC TS_rx_clock_generator_CLKIN = PERIOD rx_clock_generator_CLKIN 40.000 MHz;
NET tx_clock_generator_tx_clk_pin
                                 LOC = C17
                                               | IOSTANDARD = LVCMOS25 | DRIVE = 4 | SLEW = FAST;
                                 LOC = J18
                                               | IOSTANDARD = LVCMOS25 | DRIVE = 4 | SLEW = FAST;
NET tx clock generator rx clk pin
| IOSTANDARD = LVCMOS25;
NET adc_driver_rx_iq_sel_pin
                                 LOC = N19
                                 LOC =M21
                                               | IOSTANDARD = LVCMOS25;
NET adc_driver_rxd_pin[0]
NET adc_driver_rxd_pin[1]
                                 LOC = J21
                                               | IOSTANDARD = LVCMOS25;
NET adc_driver_rxd_pin[2]
                                 LOC = M22
                                               | IOSTANDARD = LVCMOS25;
NET adc_driver_rxd_pin[3]
                                 LOC = J22
                                               | IOSTANDARD = LVCMOS25;
NET adc_driver_rxd_pin[4]
                                 LOC = T16
                                               | IOSTANDARD = LVCMOS25;
                                 LOC = P20
NET adc_driver_rxd_pin[5]
                                               | IOSTANDARD = LVCMOS25;
NET adc_driver_rxd_pin[6]
                                 LOC = T17
                                               | IOSTANDARD = LVCMOS25;
                                               | IOSTANDARD = LVCMOS25;
NET adc_driver_rxd_pin[7]
                                 LOC = N17
NET adc_driver_rxd_pin[8]
                                 LOC = J20
                                               | IOSTANDARD = LVCMOS25;
NET adc_driver_rxd_pin[9]
                                 LOC = P21
                                               | IOSTANDARD = LVCMOS25;
NET adc_driver_rxd_pin[10]
                                 LOC = N18
                                               | IOSTANDARD = LVCMOS25;
                                 LOC = J16
                                               | IOSTANDARD = LVCMOS25;
NET adc_driver_rxd_pin[11]
LOC = R19
                                               | IOSTANDARD = LVCMOS25 | DRIVE = 4 | SLEW = FAST;
NET mcu_uart_RX_pin
                                 LOC = L21
                                               | IOSTANDARD = LVCMOS25 | DRIVE = 4 | SLEW = FAST;
NET mcu_uart_TX_pin
                                 LOC = K20
                                               | IOSTANDARD = LVCMOS25 | DRIVE = 4 | SLEW = FAST;
NET mcu_driver_mcu_reset_out_pin
NET mcu_driver_tx_en_pin
                                 LOC = D22
                                               | IOSTANDARD = LVCMOS25 | DRIVE = 4 | SLEW = FAST;
                                               | IOSTANDARD = LVCMOS25 | DRIVE = 4 | SLEW = FAST;
NET mcu_driver_tr_sw_pin
                                 LOC = D20
NET mcu_driver_rx_en_pin
                                 LOC = C22
                                               | IOSTANDARD = LVCMOS25 | DRIVE = 4 | SLEW = FAST;
                                 LOC = E21
                                               | IOSTANDARD = LVCMOS25 | DRIVE = 4 | SLEW = FAST;
NET mcu_driver_pa_en_pin
                                               | IOSTANDARD = LVCMOS25;
NET mcu_driver_init_done_pin
                                 LOC = K19
NET tx_clock_generator_LOCKED_pin
                                 LOC = T22
                                               | IOSTANDARD = LVCMOS33; # "LD0"
NET rx_clock_generator_LOCKED_pin
                                 LOC = T21
                                               | IOSTANDARD = LVCMOS33; # "LD1"
NET adc_driver_blinky_pin
                                 LOC = U22
                                               | IOSTANDARD = LVCMOS33; # "LD2"
NET mcu_driver_blinky_pin
                                 LOC = U21
                                               | IOSTANDARD = LVCMOS33; # "LD3"
NET dc_offset_blinky_pin
                                 LOC = V22
                                               | IOSTANDARD =LVCMOS33; # "LD4"
                                 LOC = W22
                                               | IOSTANDARD = LVCMOS33; # "LD5"
NET qpsk_rx_blinky_pin
```

Figure 2-3: EDK project pin assignments

2.10 Adding ChipScope Peripheral

The last step is to setup the ChipScope peripheral which will be used to capture the output of the qpsk_rx core for further analysis in MATLAB.

- 1. Select Debug -> **Debug Configuration** from the top menu
- 2. Click the **Add ChipScope Peripheral** button on the bottom left hand side of the screen
- 3. Select To monitor arbitrary system level signals (middle option) from the list.
- 4. Add the s_out, o_out and byte pins from the qpsk_rx Port. Additionally, you should set the clock to the same clock used for the core, which for this design is rx_clock_generator_clockout_1.
- 5. Click ok to finish configuration of your ChipScope peripheral. Your new port list should look similar to Figure 2-4 below. Be sure your Clock and qpsk_rx ports have the ChipScope peripherals in the correct locations.

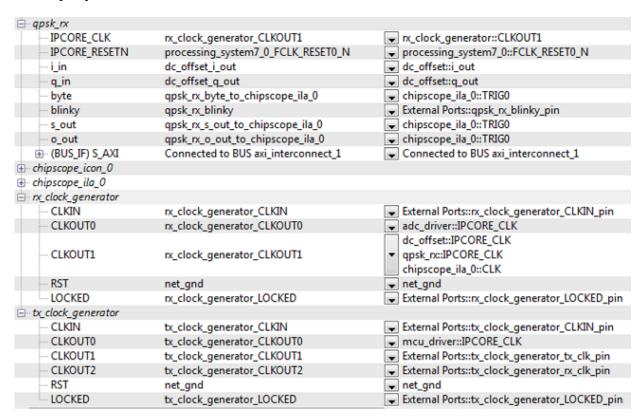


Figure 2-4: Ports list after adding ChipScope peripheral to monitor qpsk rx signals

Once completed, you're ready to generate your bitstream file! Select the Export Design button from the navigator window on the left. Click the Export and Launch SDK button. This process may take awhile.

Create software project

Step 3

Once the design is compiled and exported, you'll be greeted with a screen asking you where you would like to store your software project. It is very helpful to create the SDK folder in the same directory as your MATLAB and EDK folders. Doing this will keep all relevant files in the same location.

3.1 Creating a new C Project

This section will show you how to create a C program to test your QPSK RX project.

- 1. Select **File** → **New** → **Application Project**.
- 2. Name the project "qpsk_rx" or something similar and leave the other settings at their defaults. Click next.
- 3. On the next screen, be sure to select **Hello World** from the list of Available Templates.
- 4. Click **Finish**. You should now see your qpsk_rx project folder, as well as a **board support package** (bsp) folder.
- 5. If you navigate into the qpsk_rx project folder, and into the src folder, you should see a helloworld.c file. Feel free to rename this file to main.c or something more appropriate.
- 6. **Double click** the file to open it and **replace** all of its contents with the code in Figure 3-1.
- 7. **Download** the **Chilipepper.c** and **Chilipepper.h** files from the GitHub repository¹ if you don't already have them. Copy them into the source directory with your main.c file.
- 8. Open the Chilipepper.c file and modify it for this lab. The only PCores that should be defined at the top of the file are MCU_DRIVER, DC_OFFSET, and MCU_UART.

Note

You may be required to add the Math Library to the project to define the pow function used in the Chilipepper.c Library file. If so, follow the optional step 9 listed below.

9. (Optional) Click on **Project** → **Properties.** Open the **C/C++ Build** arrow and click the settings option. Under **ARM gcc linker**, click the Libraries folder. Click the button, type the letter **m** into the prompt and select ok. **Apply** and hit ok.

¹ Can be found at https://github.com/Toyon/Chilipepper/tree/QPSK pcore/ChilipepperSupport/Library%20Files

```
#include <stdio.h>
#include "platform.h"
#include "chilipepper.h"
#include "xuartps.h"
XUartPs uartPs;
XUartPs_Config *pUartPsConfig;
int main()
      init_platform();
      if ( Chilipepper_Initialize() != 0 )
             return -1;
      Chilipepper SetPA(0);
      Chilipepper_SetTxRxSw(1); // 0- transmit, 1-receive
      Chilipepper_SetDCOC(1); // enable \underline{dc} offset correction
      while (1)
             Chilipepper_ControlAgc(); //update the Chilipepper AGC
      cleanup platform();
      return 0;
```

Figure 3-1: main.c file for DC Offset Correction SDK Project

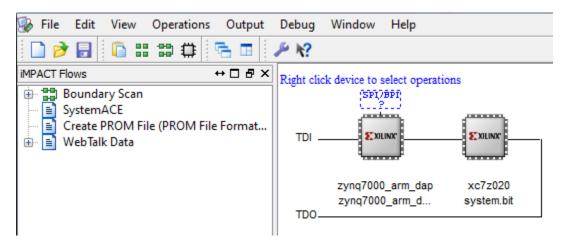
3.2 Programming the Board

Once your program is written and compiled you are ready to test the design! This is done by programming the FPGA with your hardware descriptions defined in the bit file generated in EDK, and running your software on top of this design.

- 1. Connect the Chilipepper to the FPGA board and verify all cables are connected properly and the jumper settings are correct. Verify this by using the *Chilipepper Getting Started Guide*² as a reference. Also See Lab 0 for details on Jumper Configuration.
- 2. Once the FPGA and radio board are connected correctly, turn on the board.
- 3. Open iMPACT in the ISE Design tools.
- 4. Select no if Impact asks you to load the last saved project.
- 5. Select yes to allow iMPACT to automatically create a new project for you. If you receive any connection errors, verify your USB or JTAG programmer cables are connected properly.

² Can be found at https://github.com/Toyon/Chilipepper/tree/master/QPSK Radio/DemoFilesAndDocumentation

- 6. Select the Automatic option for the JTAG boundary scan setting and click ok.
- 7. Hit yes to assign configuration files. Bypass the first file selection, but for the second selection, browse to the location of your system.bit file. It should be inside the "Implementation" folder of your EDK project folder.
- 8. Select ok on the next screen verifying that the board displayed is your Zynq xc7z020 board. It should look similar to Figure 3-2 below.



3-2: configuration for Zed Board System.bit file

9. Right click on the xc7z020 board icon (should be on the right), select program and hit ok.

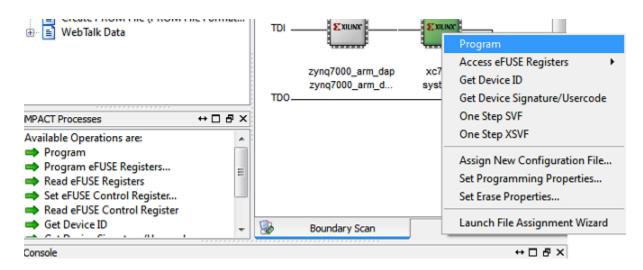


Figure 3-3: iMPACT configuration screen

3.3 Debugging with SDK

If the hardware design is correct, you should see a blue light on the ZED Board indicating the program was successful. You can now return to the SDK project screen to test your software.

- 1. Test it by **right clicking** the $qpsk_rx$ project folder and selecting **Debug As** \rightarrow **Launch on Hardware (GDB)**.
- 2. You should now be taken to a screen which shows the <code>init_platform()</code> function as highlighted. You can now start the software program by clicking the **play** button in the top menu.

If the software initialization worked, you should see a green light on the Chilipepper, as well as the Blinking LEDs on the FPGA from the PCore blinky pins.

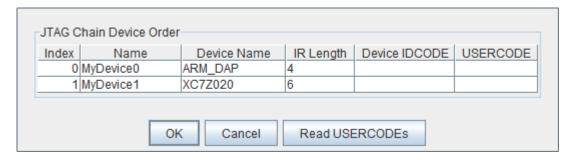
Testing and Design Verification

Step 4

4.1 Verification with ChipScope Pro

There are several methods available for verifying the MATLAB functions. For verification of the qpsk_rx_correlator design, ChipScope is recommended as it provides the most useful view of the signal correlation magnitude and an output of the resulting bytes.

- 1. To verify the qpsk_rx signals, you will need to open **ChipScope Pro Analyzer**. Be sure that the JTAG cable is connected to the FPGA board properly.
- 2. Once the program opens, click the (open cable) button to open your JTAG connection to the board. If your jumpers are configured correctly, you should see the following devices on the cable.

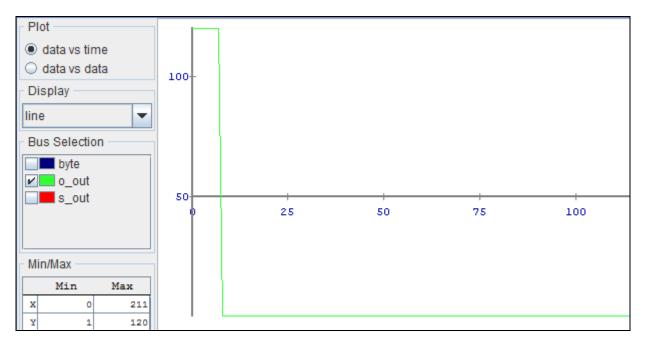


Note

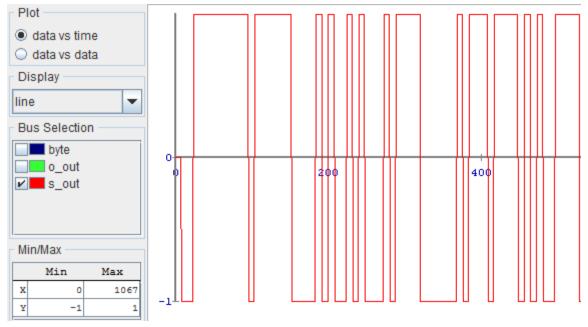
If you receive an error from ChipScope stating that you either cannot detect or cannot open the cable, try using the optional Step 3 to configure your cable setup correctly.

- 3. **(Optional)**Click JTAG Chain in the top menu selection. Select the option for **Open Plug-in**... You will be greeted with a Plug-in Parameters screen. Enter the following in the box, and hit ok. "xilinx_tcf URL=tcp::3121". Then click the open cable button and proceed as usual.
- 4. Select ok to get to the Analyzer main screen. Open the **file menu** and select **Import**.
- 5. Click **Select New File**, and browse to the location of your ChipScope **CDC file**, which is located in the <EDK/implementation/chipscope_ila_0_wrapper> folder of your project directory. This file was created for you when you generated your bit file in EDK, assuming you added the ChipScope peripheral appropriately. It tells the ChipScope program how to interpret the data it is receiving from the JTAG port.
- 6. On the Bus Plot screen, you can view correlation and NRZ signals that you connected to your ChipScope peripheral previously. Right click on a signal to change its features such as bus radix, name or color. For this Lab, both signals should be set to the signed decimal bus radix.

7. Click the **play button** in the top menu bar to display the signal. Additionally you can set up triggering options for periodic or continuous playback of the received signal. Your signals should look similar Figures 4-1 and 4-2.



4-1: Correlation magnitude when a new QPSK signal is received. Notice it spikes once the training sequence is detected.



4-2: NRX signal which represents each bit of the received message 'hello world!'

From Figure 4-1 above, you can also observe that the correlation magnitude spikes when the front loaded Kassami sequence is detected. At this point, the correlator begins working, and sending bytes out of the qpsk_rx core. However, these bytes are not yet valid as the received signal has not yet reached the payload of the transmitted signal. Therefore, this receiver core must now be expanded to let the processor know when valid data is sent out of the QPSK correlator. This will be the focus of lab 8.

Appendix A MATLAB Frequency Offset

 $MATLAB \ function \ {\tt qpsk} \ \ {\tt rx} \ \ {\tt foc.m}$

```
% QPSK demonstration packet-based transceiver for Chilipepper
% Toyon Research Corp.
% http://www.toyon.com/chilipepper.php
% Created 10/17/2012
% embedded@toyon.com
% Demonstration of a Costas Loop. Refer to:
% Telecommunications Breakdown: Concepts of Communication Transmitted via
% Software-Defined Radio C. Richard Johnson
% We employ a hard-decision feedback in order to get rid of the loop
% filters.
%#codegen
function [z i out, z q out] = qpsk rx foc(y i, y q, finish rx)
persistent phi
lsin = SIN;
lcos = cos;
if isempty(phi)
  phi = 0;
end
if finish rx == 1
   phi = 0;
end
% create the VCO signal
phi = mod(phi, 1);
if phi >= 1
  phi = phi - 1;
end
if phi < 0</pre>
  phi = phi + 1;
end
phi12 = round(phi*2^12)+1;
if phi12 >= 2^12
  phi12 = 1;
end
if phi12 < 0
  phi12 = 0;
end
```

```
f i = lCos(phi12+1);
f_q = lSin(phi12+1);
ti1 = y_i*f_i;
ti2 = y q*f q;
tq1 = y_q*f_i;
tq2 = -y_i*f_q;
z_i = ti\overline{1} + \overline{t}i2;
z_q = tq1 + tq2;
% generate the error term to drive VCO generateion
if z q < 0
   \overline{t}f = -z_i;
else
   tf = z_i;
end
if z i < 0
   \overline{b}f = -z_q;
else
   bf = z q;
end
% using sign of error in order to make it gain invariant
time diff = tf-bf;
if time diff < 0</pre>
   e = -1;
else
   e = 1;
end
% update with hard coded mu 40/2^12
c = (0.009765625) *e;
phiNew = phi - c;
phi = phiNew;
z i out = z i;
z_q_out = z_q;
```

Appendix B MATLAB Timing Offset

MATLAB function qpsk rx toc.m

```
% QPSK demonstration packet-based transceiver for Chilipepper
% Toyon Research Corp.
% http://www.toyon.com/chilipepper.php
% Created 10/17/2012
% embedded@toyon.com
%#codegen
function [s i, s q] = qpsk rx toc(r i, r q, finish rx)
persistent counter
persistent tau
persistent rBuf i rBuf q
persistent symLatch i symLatch q
OS RATE = 8;
if isempty(counter)
   counter = 0;
   tau = 0;
   rBuf i = zeros(1,4*OS_RATE);
   rBuf q = zeros(1,4*OS RATE);
   symLatch i = 0; symLatch q = 0;
end
if finish rx == 1
  tau = 0;
end
rBuf i = [rBuf i(2:end) r i];
rBufq = [rBufq(2:end) rq];
if counter == 0
   taur = round(tau);
   % basically if we shift out of the window just bail as we're screwed
   if abs(taur) >= OS RATE
      tau = 0;
      taur = 0;
   end
   % Determine lead/lag values and compute offset error
   zl i = rBuf i(2*OS RATE+taur-1);
   zo i = rBuf i(2*OS RATE+taur);
   ze i = rBuf i(2*OS RATE+taur+1);
   zl_q = rBuf_q(2*OS RATE+taur-1);
   zo q = rBuf_q(2*OS_RATE+taur);
   ze q = rBuf q(2*OS RATE+taur+1);
```

```
od r = ze i-zl i;
   od_i = ze_q-zl_q;
oe_r = zo_i*od_r;
    oe i = zo q*od i;
   % using sign of error in order to make gain invariant
    os = oe r+oe i;
    if os < 0
       oe = -1;
   else
     oe = 1;
   end
   % update tau (with hard coded mu in) 327/2^12
    tau = tau + (0.079833984375) *oe;
    symLatch_i = zo_i;
    symLatch_q = zo_q;
end
s_i = symLatch_i;
s_q = symLatch_q;
counter = counter + 1;
if counter >= OS RATE
   counter = 0;
end
```

Appendix C MATLAB RX Correlator

MATLAB function qpsk rx correlator.m

```
% QPSK demonstration packet-based transceiver for Chilipepper
% Toyon Research Corp.
% http://www.toyon.com/chilipepper.php
% Created 10/17/2012
% embedded@toyon.com
% There are two major goals with this core. The first is to find the peak
% of the training sequence and then to subsequently pull out and pack the
% bits. The number of bytes transmitted is in the packet so we extract this
% to determine how many bytes to pull out.
% The second goal is to send these bytes off to the Microblaze processor.
%#codegen
function [byte out, reset out, s out, o out] = ...
   qpsk rx correlator(s i in, s q in)
persistent counter
persistent sBuf i sBuf q
persistent oLatch sLatch
persistent q detPacket
persistent ip op
persistent bits symCount byteCount numBytes
persistent persis byte
t i = TB i;
t q = TB q;
OS RATE = 8;
BIT TO BYTE = [1 2 4 8 16 32 64 128]';
if isempty(counter)
   counter = 0;
   sBuf i = zeros(1,65);
   sBuf q = zeros(1,65);
   sLatch = 0;
   oLatch = 0;
   q = 0;
   detPacket = 0;
   ip = 0; op = 0;
   bits = zeros(1,8);
   symCount = 0;
   byteCount = 0;
   numBytes = 1000;
   persis byte = 0;
```

```
reset out = 0;
% found a packet, now we're ready to write the data
% out
if counter == 0 && detPacket == 1
   if s i in < 0
       sHard i t = -1;
    else
       sHard i t = 1;
    end
    if s q in < 0
       sHard_q_t = -1;
    else
       sHard q t = 1;
    end
    sHard i = 0; sHard q = 0;
    switch q
        case 0
            sHard i = sHard i t;
           sHard q = sHard q t;
        case 1
            sHard i = sHard q t;
            sHard q = -sHard i t;
            sHard_i = -sHard_i_t;
            sHard q = -sHard q t;
            sHard i = -sHard q t;
            sHard q = sHard_i_t;
    end
    sLatch = sHard i;
    oLatch = 1;
   bits(symCount*2+1) = (sHard i+1)/2;
    bits(symCount*2+2) = (sHard q+1)/2;
    symCount = symCount + 1;
    if symCount >= 4
       byteCount = byteCount + 1;
       symCount = 0;
        persis byte = bits*BIT TO BYTE;
       % first byte is number of bytes in payload
        if byteCount == 1
            numBytes = persis byte;
        % if we exceed the packet ID
        if byteCount > 3
            % exit if we've written all the bytes or above reasonable
            if byteCount == numBytes+6 || byteCount > 256
                detPacket = 0;
                counter = 1;
                reset out = 1;
            end
        end
    end
end
```

```
% let's see if we can find a packet. only do so if MCU is ok to rcv packet
if counter == 0 && detPacket == 0
   sLatch = 0;
   if s_i_in < 0</pre>
       ss_i = -1;
   else
       ssi=1;
   end
   if s q in < 0
      ss q = -1;
       ssq=1;
   end
   sBuf_i = [sBuf_i(2:end) ss_i];
    sBuf_q = [sBuf_q(2:end) ss_q];
    sc iWithi = sBuf i*t i;
    sc iWithq = sBuf i*t q;
    sc qWithi = sBuf q*t i;
    sc qWithq = sBuf_q*t_q;
   ip = abs(sc iWithi) + abs(sc qWithq);
    op = abs(sc iWithq)+abs(sc qWithi);
    % we found a packet. While we have frequency offset lock we don't
    % know the phase offset. Here we use the inphase and quadrature
    % phasing to determine how to rotate around the circle
    if ip > 100 % 0 or 180 angle
       if sc iWithi > 10 && sc qWithq > 10
           q = 0; % 0 degrees
        else
           q = 2; % 180 degrees;
       end
       detPacket = 1;
   end
    if op > 100
       if sc iWithq > 10 && sc qWithi < 10
           q = 3; % 90 degrees
            q = 1; % 270 degrees;
        end
       detPacket = 1;
    end
   oLatch = ip+op;
   symCount = 0;
   byteCount = 0;
   numBytes = 1000;
end
```

Appendix D MATLAB QPSK RX Test Bench Script

MATLAB script qpsk tb.m

```
% Model/simulation parameters
OS RATE = 8;
SNR = 100;
fc = 10e3/20e6; % sample rate is 20 MHz, top is 10 kHz offset
sim = 1;
% Initialize LUTs
make srrc lut;
make trig lut;
2888\overline{9}
% Emulate microprocessor packet creation
% data payload creation
messageASCII = 'hello world!';
message = double(unicode2native(messageASCII));
% add on length of message to the front with four bytes
msqLength = length(message);
messageWithNumBytes =[ ...
  mod(msqLength, 2^8) ...
  mod(floor(msqLength/2^8), 2^8) ...
  mod(floor(msqLength/2^16),2^8) ...
  1 ... % message ID
  message];
% add two bytes at the end, which is a CRC
messageWithCRC = CreateAppend16BitCRC(messageWithNumBytes);
ml = length(messageWithCRC);
% FPGA radio transmit core
data in = 0;
empty in = 1;
tx en in = 0;
store byte = 0;
numBytesFromFifo = 0;
num samp = ml*8*2*2*3;
x = zeros(1, num samp);
CORE LATENCY = 4;
data buf = zeros(1,CORE LATENCY);
store byte buf = zeros(1, CORE LATENCY);
```

```
clear buf = zeros(1,CORE LATENCY);
tx en buf = zeros(1,CORE LATENCY);
re byte out(1) = 0;
reset fifo = 0;
byte request = 0;
for i1 = 1:num samp
    % first thing the processor does is clear the internal tx fifo
    if i1 == 1
        clear fifo in = 1;
    else
        clear fifo in = 0;
    end
    data buf = [data buf(2:end) data in];
    store byte buf = [store byte buf(2:end) store byte];
    clear buf = [clear buf(2:end) clear fifo in];
    tx en buf = [tx en buf(2:end) tx en in];
    [new data in, empty in, byte recieved, full, percent full] = ...
    tx fifo(byte request, store byte buf(1), data buf(1), reset fifo);
    [i out, q out, tx done out, request byte, clear fifo in done] = ...
        qpsk tx(new data in,empty in,clear buf(1),tx en buf(1));
    x \text{ out} = \text{complex}(i \text{ out, q out})/2^11;
    x(i1) = x out;
    byte request = request byte;
    %%% Emulate write to FIFO interface
    if mod(i1,8) == 1 && numBytesFromFifo < length(messageWithCRC)</pre>
        data in = messageWithCRC(numBytesFromFifo+1);
        numBytesFromFifo = numBytesFromFifo + 1;
    end
    %%% Software lags a but on the handshaking signals %%%
    if (0 < mod(i1, 8) \&\& mod(i1, 8) < 5) \&\& tx en in == 0
        store byte = 1;
    else
        store byte = 0;
    end
    % processor loaded all bytes into FIFO so begin transmitting
    if (numBytesFromFifo == length(messageWithCRC) && mod(i1,8) > 5)
        empty in = 1;
        tx_en in = 1;
    end
end
if ~sim % load data that was transmitted and captured from chipscope
        fid = fopen('tx.prn');
        M = textscan(fid, '%d %d %d %d %d %d %d %d %d', 'Headerlines', 1);
        fclose(fid);
        iFile = double(M{3})'/2^11;
        qFile = double(M{4})'/2^11;
    else
        M = load('dac.prn');
        if M(1,end-1) == 0
            iFile = M(1:2:end,end)'/2^11;
            qFile = M(2:2:end,end)'/2^11;
```

```
else
        qFile = M(1:2:end,end)'/2^11;
        iFile = M(2:2:end,end)'/2^11;
     end
  end
  x = complex(iFile, qFile);
end
% Emulate channel
% pad on either side with zeros
p = complex(zeros(1,100), zeros(1,100));
xp = [p x p]; % pad
% Apply frequency offset and receive/over-the-air AWGN
y = xp.*exp(1i*2*pi*fc*(0:length(xp)-1));
rC = y/max(abs(y))*.1*2^11; % this controls receive gain
%r = awqn(rC,SNR,0,1);
r = rC;
if ~sim
  fid = fopen('rx.prn');
  M = textscan(fid,'%d %d %d %d','Headerlines',1);
  fclose(fid);
  is = double(M{3});
  qs = double(M{4});
  r = complex(is,qs);
  figure(1)
  subplot(2,1,1);
  plot(is);
  subplot(2,1,2);
  plot(qs)
end
% Main receiver core
r out = zeros(1,length(r));
s out = zeros(1, length(r));
o out = zeros(1,length(r));
for i1 = 1:length(r) + 200
  if i1 > length(r)
     r in = 0;
  else
     r in = r(i1);
  end
  i in = round(real(r in));
  q in = round(imag(r in));
  r out(i1) = real(complex(i in,q in));
```

```
[dc i out, dc q out, rssi out, rssi en out, dir out, dir en out] = ...
       dc offset correction(i in, q in, mod(i1,2), 500, 1500, +(i1>3000));
   [byte(i1), blinky, s out(i1), o out(i1)] = ...
       qpsk rx(dc i out, dc q out);
figure(2)
subplot(2,2,1)
scatter(real(r),imag(r))
title('OTA Receive Signal');
subplot(2,2,2)
plot(real(r out));
title('OTA Receive Signal (real part)');
subplot(2,2,3)
plot(s out);
title('Message bits');
subplot(2,2,4)
axis([0 length(s out) -1.25 1.25]);
plot(o out);
title('Correlation magnitude');
```