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## 1. Introduction

It has been re-affirmed in TSG RAN WG1 #47 to replace the Rel6 turbo coding internal interleaver with a modern contention-free interleaver for lower hardware implementation costs and better support of high data rates. In accordance with the proposed way forward for selecting a final interleaver from the variety of candidates [1], this document provides a performance comparison of all proposals:

- Quadratic permutation polynomial (QPP) interleavers
  - Ericsson designs (QPP-E) [2]
  - Motorola designs (QPP-M) [3]
  - Qualcomm byte-aligned designs (QPP-Q) [4]
- Almost regular permutation (ARP) interleavers
  - Broadcom designs (ARP-B) [5]
  - Motorola designs (ARP-M) [3]
- Quasi-cyclic (QC) interleavers from France Telecomm. [6]
- Inter-block permutation (IBP) interleavers from ITRI [7]
- LRI interleavers from Mitsubishi Electric Corp. [8]

## 2. Performance Comparison Setup

All interleavers are applied to a turbo encoder with Rel6-type trellis termination as illustrated Fig. 4 of 3GPP TS 25.212 [9]. That is, for an input block of  $K$  bits, the coded output contains  $(3K+12)$  bits.

Since the 42 test block sizes [11] rarely correspond to the native lengths of the interleavers, two accommodating approaches are used.

- For contention-free interleaver candidates, code shortening [12, 13] is adopted.
  - For QPP and ARP interleavers, pre-padding is used.  
For interleaver size  $S > K$ , a block of  $(S-K)$  zeros are pre-pended to the input bits before encoding. After encoding, the systematic, 1<sup>st</sup> parity, and 2<sup>nd</sup> parity bits corresponding to these padding positions are punctured. The number of output bits is exactly  $(3K+12)$ .
  - For IBP interleavers, distributed padding as specified in [7] is used.
- For the LRI interleaver proposal, address pruning as specified in [8] is used.
- For the reference prunable prime interleaver (PIL),<sup>1</sup> address pruning per 3GPP TS 25.212 is used.

The coded bits are assumed to be carried by the QPSK modulation over an additive white Gaussian noise (AWGN) channel. The received values are decoded by an improved Max-Log-MAP turbo decoder as illustrated in Figure 1.<sup>2</sup> Block error rates (BLER) are measured after 8 iterations. In order to extract reliable readings of required SNR values at various BLER targets, raw BLER results from simulations are interpolated as follows. All BLER points below 0.9 are first converted to the logarithmic domain and then fitted by a polynomial of the corresponding SNR points. The order of the fitting polynomial is set to  $\min(7, \text{DataLength}-3)$ . Detailed plots of the raw and interpolated BLERs are provided in the Appendix A.

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<sup>1</sup> For  $K > 5114$ , the Rel6 PIL specifications [9] are expanded with Rel-99 parameters [10].

<sup>2</sup> The improved Max-Log-MAP decoder provides SNR gains of 0.2—0.3 dB over the conventional Max-Log-MAP decoder with essentially no additional complexity.

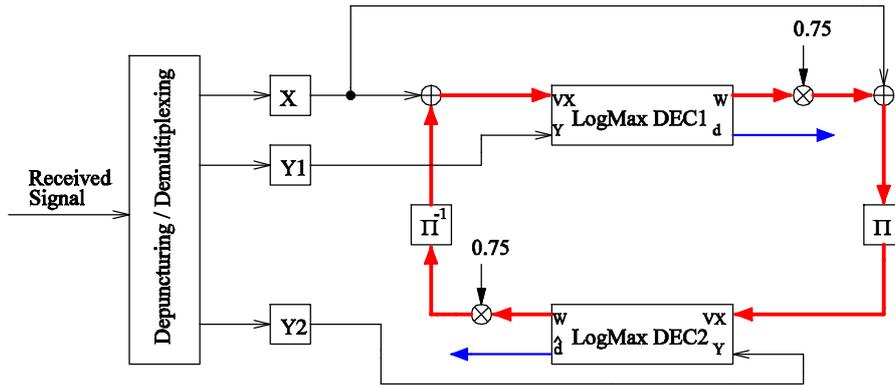


Figure 1 Illustration of an improved Max-Log-MAP turbo decoder.

### 3. Performance Comparison

The required SNR for four BLER targets (10%, 1%, 0.1% and 0.01%) are chosen as comparison points as agreed in the proposed way forward [1]. In the following four sections, the required  $E_b/N_0$  values (in dB) for the reference PIL cases are first listed. The SNR differences of the interleaver proposals than the reference cases are then tabulated. With this convention, a negative SNR difference means a performance gain over the reference case. As an overall summary, the mean and standard deviation (STD) in SNR differences are computed for each interleaver proposals. Pair-wise comparisons between the proposals are provided in Appendix B.

#### 3.1. SNR for BLER=10%

Test block length	$E_b/N_0$	$E_b/N_0$ difference than the reference							
		PIL Ref	QPP-E	QPP-M	QPP-Q	ARP-M	ARP-B	IBP	QC
40	1.547	-0.027	-0.050	-0.064	-0.036	0.027	-0.045	-0.063	-0.000
52	1.471	-0.046	-0.009	0.134	0.008	-0.081	-0.062	-0.014	-0.015
67	1.362	-0.045	-0.022	-0.007	-0.047	1.053	-0.058	-0.003	-0.011
87	1.274	-0.041	-0.041	-0.041	-0.058	0.015	-0.042	-0.020	-0.034
99	1.220	-0.040	-0.048	-0.040	-0.065	-0.032	-0.042	0.695	-0.036
113	1.167	-0.021	-0.019	-0.021	-0.040	-0.033	-0.059	-0.031	-0.013
129	1.112	-0.041	-0.024	-0.025	-0.031	0.029	-0.054	-0.005	-0.025
146	1.071	-0.027	-0.029	-0.019	-0.011	0.042	-0.037	-0.021	-0.020
167	1.014	-0.023	-0.010	-0.013	-0.015	0.005	-0.030	0.116	-0.003
190	0.971	-0.021	-0.011	-0.005	-0.005	0.002	0.000	-0.009	-0.005
216	0.913	0.018	0.007	0.034	0.002	0.032	0.040	0.000	0.019
246	0.886	-0.008	-0.018	0.005	-0.009	0.031	-0.002	0.101	-0.002
280	0.845	-0.008	-0.008	0.018	-0.002	0.011	0.016	0.005	0.015
319	0.817	-0.010	-0.007	0.010	-0.001	-0.005	-0.004	-0.003	-0.005
363	0.775	0.016	0.011	0.010	0.002	0.030	0.009	0.468	0.020
384	0.777	-0.008	-0.021	0.008	-0.010	0.051	-0.001	0.044	-0.002
414	0.734	-0.005	0.006	0.043	0.013	0.084	0.015	0.027	0.018
471	0.713	0.004	0.002	0.052	-0.003	0.073	0.004	0.610	0.004
536	0.676	0.004	0.015	0.050	0.008	0.163	0.027	0.025	0.023
611	0.654	0.019	0.010	0.014	0.005	0.022	0.010	0.034	0.019
695	0.632	0.015	0.016	0.078	0.003	0.027	0.010	0.034	0.025
792	0.621	0.009	0.007	0.006	0.005	0.073	0.020	0.050	0.027
902	0.590	0.012	0.004	0.089	0.010	0.009	0.010	0.061	0.034
1027	0.579	0.011	0.010	0.095	-0.003	0.051	0.000	0.034	0.012

1169	0.563	-0.003	0.011	0.281	0.001	0.061	0.000	0.087	0.005
1331	0.536	0.009	0.013	0.156	0.012	0.016	0.016	0.089	0.022
1536	0.529	0.005	-0.002	-0.001	-0.004	-0.003	-0.000	0.071	0.008
1725	0.512	0.001	-0.000	0.005	0.007	0.012	0.009	0.179	0.009
1965	0.503	0.009	0.031	0.056	-0.005	0.005	0.008	0.107	0.013
2237	0.489	0.003	0.034	0.036	0.003	0.016	0.005	0.344	0.011
2304	0.493	-0.002	-0.004	-0.007	-0.004	-0.006	-0.007	0.159	-0.002
2547	0.482	-0.013	-0.006	0.223	-0.001	0.027	-0.001	0.183	0.008
2900	0.470	-0.000	0.002	-0.002	-0.004	0.019	-0.001	0.208	0.006
3302	0.464	0.003	0.003	0.049	-0.001	0.003	-0.004	0.243	0.003
3760	0.458	-0.008	-0.009	0.127	-0.006	0.013	0.000	0.227	-0.003
4096	0.451	-0.001	-0.006	0.003	0.005	-0.005	0.000	0.316	-0.002
4281	0.443	-0.001	0.012	0.002	0.007	0.007	-0.003	0.317	-0.001
4874	0.443	-0.004	0.026	0.163	0.000	0.018	-0.003	0.404	-0.002
5550	0.433	0.003	-0.001	0.187	0.005	-0.000	0.003	0.407	0.000
6144	0.424	0.003	0.001	0.003	0.001	0.003	0.002	0.407	0.005
7195	0.421	0.018	0.010	-0.002	0.003	0.007	-0.006	0.517	0.004
8192	0.412	-0.003	0.000	0.004	0.009	-0.005	0.005	0.490	0.009
Mean		-0.006	-0.003	0.040	-0.006	0.045	-0.006	0.164	0.003
STD		0.018	0.019	0.075	0.018	0.164	0.024	0.197	0.015

### 3.2. SNR for BLER=1%

Test block length	$E_b/N_0$	$E_b/N_0$ difference than the reference							
	PIL Ref	QPP-E	QPP-M	QPP-Q	ARP-M	ARP-B	IBP	QC	LRI
40	2.675	-0.056	-0.050	-0.058	-0.007	0.111	-0.050	-0.064	0.022
52	2.461	-0.042	0.021	0.383	0.052	-0.085	-0.048	-0.016	0.023
67	2.263	-0.052	-0.011	-0.000	-0.065	1.454	-0.080	0.002	0.009
87	2.078	-0.042	-0.042	-0.042	-0.078	0.067	-0.062	-0.002	-0.016
99	1.965	-0.030	-0.037	-0.030	-0.036	-0.035	-0.050	1.442	-0.010
113	1.882	-0.029	-0.047	-0.029	-0.036	-0.051	-0.055	-0.034	-0.016
129	1.803	-0.057	-0.057	-0.030	-0.053	0.067	-0.072	-0.013	-0.018
146	1.723	-0.052	-0.042	-0.032	-0.027	0.068	-0.068	-0.043	-0.019
167	1.596	-0.017	0.006	0.000	-0.016	0.099	-0.001	0.484	0.002
190	1.533	-0.030	-0.002	-0.018	-0.027	-0.001	-0.003	-0.022	-0.025
216	1.440	-0.011	-0.005	0.033	-0.001	0.036	0.049	0.004	0.017
246	1.371	-0.015	-0.007	0.021	0.006	0.077	0.009	0.187	0.021
280	1.305	-0.008	-0.007	0.040	-0.007	0.005	0.010	-0.001	0.011
319	1.242	-0.007	-0.007	0.031	0.012	0.011	0.009	0.008	0.021
363	1.189	0.008	0.009	0.007	-0.009	0.040	-0.000	1.205	0.004
384	1.172	-0.010	-0.015	0.020	-0.006	0.089	0.009	0.094	-0.006
414	1.120	-0.002	0.002	0.065	-0.005	0.119	0.002	0.039	0.019
471	1.080	0.008	-0.002	0.067	-0.014	0.104	-0.005	1.449	0.001
536	1.026	-0.007	-0.002	0.054	-0.001	0.728	0.001	0.034	0.007
611	0.969	0.007	0.002	0.016	0.005	0.034	0.011	0.154	0.029

695	0.941	0.006	-0.008	0.105	-0.006	0.005	-0.007	0.162	0.013
792	0.897	0.005	-0.004	0.008	0.003	0.094	0.032	0.117	0.030
902	0.863	-0.011	-0.008	0.155	-0.003	-0.009	-0.007	0.127	0.021
1027	0.826	-0.001	0.006	0.194	-0.012	0.062	-0.010	0.135	0.007
1169	0.790	0.001	0.012	0.434	-0.001	0.079	0.002	0.393	0.018
1331	0.768	-0.011	-0.004	0.263	-0.008	-0.004	-0.000	0.286	0.004
1536	0.727	0.001	-0.003	0.003	-0.006	-0.002	-0.000	0.279	0.014
1725	0.705	-0.002	-0.007	0.000	-0.003	0.013	0.001	0.558	0.007
1965	0.680	0.003	0.031	0.106	-0.005	-0.002	0.005	0.392	0.011
2237	0.658	-0.006	0.041	0.041	-0.004	0.008	0.002	0.632	0.003
2304	0.654	-0.010	-0.002	-0.004	-0.001	0.004	-0.006	0.530	0.006
2547	0.641	-0.006	-0.004	0.359	-0.003	0.032	-0.011	0.621	0.015
2900	0.618	-0.002	-0.006	-0.005	-0.010	0.019	-0.001	0.706	0.001
3302	0.596	0.006	0.006	0.150	0.003	0.006	0.003	0.778	0.004
3760	0.578	-0.000	0.006	0.244	0.008	0.010	0.002	0.789	0.007
4096	0.569	-0.001	0.003	0.010	0.013	0.004	0.002	0.877	0.010
4281	0.565	0.001	0.017	-0.005	0.005	-0.002	-0.003	0.922	-0.003
4874	0.548	0.003	0.039	0.298	0.011	0.027	-0.001	0.974	0.006
5550	0.534	0.009	0.004	0.343	0.006	0.005	0.008	1.024	0.001
6144	0.519	0.005	0.004	0.002	0.007	0.007	0.000	1.070	0.010
7195	0.511	0.021	0.013	-0.001	0.004	0.009	-0.001	1.152	0.002
8192	0.498	-0.000	0.001	0.005	0.013	0.002	0.003	1.178	0.011
Mean		-0.010	-0.004	0.076	-0.007	0.079	-0.009	0.443	0.007
STD		0.020	0.021	0.130	0.022	0.247	0.028	0.464	0.013

### 3.3. SNR for BLER=0.1%

Test block length	$E_b/N_0$	$E_b/N_0$ difference than the reference							
	PIL Ref	QPP-E	QPP-M	QPP-Q	ARP-M	ARP-B	IBP	QC	LRI
40	3.525	-0.110	-0.124	-0.111	-0.084	0.275	-0.096	-0.124	0.001
52	3.237	-0.099	0.009	0.706	0.053	-0.164	-0.126	-0.036	0.000
67	2.941	-0.084	0.017	0.005	-0.103	1.804	-0.119	-0.002	-0.002
87	2.692	-0.091	-0.091	-0.091	-0.138	0.110	-0.074	0.001	-0.051
99	2.558	-0.080	-0.065	-0.080	-0.074	-0.080	-0.106	2.090	-0.055
113	2.434	-0.074	-0.084	-0.074	-0.073	-0.097	-0.105	-0.058	-0.046
129	2.362	-0.114	-0.105	-0.065	-0.118	0.118	-0.141	-0.058	-0.078
146	2.230	-0.087	-0.077	-0.075	-0.059	0.086	-0.111	-0.090	-0.065
167	2.047	-0.052	-0.011	0.004	-0.038	0.436	0.003	1.081	-0.015
190	1.954	-0.054	-0.009	-0.018	-0.047	-0.022	-0.016	-0.040	-0.022
216	1.829	-0.032	-0.024	0.066	-0.015	0.069	0.061	0.002	0.013
246	1.743	-0.027	-0.021	0.036	-0.007	0.114	0.002	0.386	0.023
280	1.659	-0.017	-0.003	0.073	-0.023	-0.006	0.010	-0.015	0.046
319	1.546	0.009	0.002	0.084	0.044	0.027	0.017	0.035	0.039
363	1.500	-0.000	0.004	0.013	-0.032	0.108	0.003	1.915	0.008
384	1.475	-0.035	-0.034	0.075	-0.011	0.157	0.014	0.233	-0.015

414	1.427	-0.036	-0.032	0.146	-0.031	0.169	-0.022	0.059	0.011
471	1.342	0.013	0.015	0.196	-0.005	0.184	-0.001	2.200	0.027
536	1.303	-0.038	-0.039	0.077	-0.030	1.663	-0.020	0.112	-0.010
611	1.220	-0.004	-0.012	0.023	-0.007	0.014	0.013	0.604	0.052
695	1.168	-0.007	-0.016	0.251	-0.014	0.003	-0.009	0.671	0.015
792	1.113	-0.014	-0.024	-0.009	-0.009	0.169	0.039	0.310	0.030
902	1.059	-0.017	-0.006	0.381	-0.005	-0.012	-0.010	0.387	0.063
1027	1.004	-0.002	0.019	0.467	-0.004	0.125	0.003	0.592	0.023
1169	0.963	-0.004	0.016	0.708	-0.002	0.139	0.013	1.074	0.030
1331	0.923	-0.003	0.003	0.599	-0.008	0.054	0.002	0.881	0.030
1536	0.888	-0.013	-0.015	-0.010	-0.022	-0.018	-0.014	0.855	0.004
1725	0.849	-0.007	-0.006	0.009	-0.005	0.015	-0.004	1.113	0.011
1965	0.818	-0.012	0.028	0.315	-0.007	-0.015	-0.004	1.005	0.015
2237	0.792	-0.020	0.043	0.044	-0.020	0.002	-0.010	1.151	-0.005
2304	0.778	-0.014	-0.004	-0.004	-0.007	0.004	0.007	1.176	0.007
2547	0.763	-0.017	-0.014	0.692	-0.010	0.044	-0.009	1.250	0.014
2900	0.736	-0.013	-0.006	-0.007	-0.011	0.022	0.004	1.298	-0.000
3302	0.709	-0.004	-0.004	0.567	-0.006	0.003	-0.005	1.358	0.002
3760	0.687	-0.014	-0.009	0.614	0.001	0.008	-0.012	1.348	-0.006
4096	0.679	-0.019	-0.015	0.001	-0.006	-0.008	-0.015	1.461	0.000
4281	0.664	-0.008	0.013	-0.015	-0.000	-0.001	-0.006	1.506	-0.003
4874	0.640	-0.001	0.042	0.710	0.007	0.045	-0.000	1.541	0.001
5550	0.628	-0.006	-0.009	0.727	-0.003	-0.008	-0.003	1.586	-0.004
6144	0.613	-0.013	-0.004	-0.008	-0.007	-0.007	-0.012	1.636	0.010
7195	0.600	0.005	0.007	-0.019	-0.006	0.005	-0.015	1.693	-0.009
8192	0.589	-0.019	-0.020	-0.017	-0.001	-0.013	-0.022	1.754	-0.008
Mean		-0.029	-0.016	0.166	-0.022	0.131	-0.021	0.808	0.002
STD		0.034	0.036	0.274	0.038	0.377	0.047	0.711	0.029

### 3.4. SNR for BLER=0.01%

Test block length	$E_b/N_0$	$E_b/N_0$ difference than the reference							
	PIL Ref	QPP-E	QPP-M	QPP-Q	ARP-M	ARP-B	IBP	QC	LRI
40	4.258	-0.161	-0.167	-0.173	-0.161	0.555	-0.158	-0.186	0.021
52	3.937	-0.191	0.013	0.994	0.053	-0.293	-0.206	-0.123	0.018
67	3.614	-0.208	0.042	0.017	-0.215	2.005	-0.233	-0.046	-0.042
87	3.312	-0.186	-0.186	-0.186	-0.237	0.159	-0.156	0.028	-0.151
99	3.163	-0.198	-0.195	-0.198	-0.200	-0.210	-0.207	2.551	-0.160
113	2.967	-0.104	-0.127	-0.104	-0.135	-0.152	-0.213	-0.111	-0.037
129	2.940	-0.200	-0.198	-0.165	-0.264	0.229	-0.249	-0.122	-0.216
146	2.811	-0.190	-0.201	-0.192	-0.138	0.044	-0.283	-0.256	-0.188
167	2.541	-0.167	-0.095	-0.077	-0.119	0.981	-0.031	1.530	-0.100
190	2.395	-0.154	-0.064	-0.007	-0.095	-0.054	-0.092	-0.061	-0.044
216	2.219	-0.074	-0.071	0.180	-0.056	0.149	0.042	0.009	-0.017
246	2.107	-0.045	-0.082	0.079	-0.037	0.148	-0.042	0.663	0.011

280	2.005	-0.061	0.097	0.218	-0.073	-0.011	-0.001	-0.005	0.266
319	1.858	-0.009	-0.021	0.241	0.046	0.032	-0.010	0.063	0.045
363	1.787	-0.013	-0.015	0.030	-0.049	0.376	0.100	2.450	0.100
384	1.792	-0.100	-0.113	0.296	-0.074	0.235	-0.011	0.487	-0.033
414	1.695	-0.057	-0.072	0.624	-0.046	0.292	-0.011	0.247	0.032
471	1.588	0.028	0.055	0.469	-0.009	0.344	0.006	2.778	0.080
536	1.548	-0.076	-0.058	0.261	-0.055	2.338	-0.021	0.471	0.007
611	1.505	-0.041	-0.068	0.013	-0.065	-0.047	-0.019	1.067	0.166
695	1.391	-0.024	-0.031	0.685	-0.034	0.005	-0.011	1.186	0.040
792	1.331	-0.059	-0.060	-0.047	-0.022	0.280	0.076	0.782	0.071
902	1.246	-0.003	0.009	0.910	0.020	-0.002	-0.014	0.854	0.344
1027	1.204	-0.032	0.012	0.949	-0.041	0.227	-0.025	1.073	0.051
1169	1.152	-0.045	0.021	1.002	-0.057	0.281	0.063	1.625	0.034
1331	1.091	-0.033	-0.009	1.059	-0.032	0.352	-0.021	1.338	0.035
1536	1.082	-0.071	-0.058	-0.066	-0.082	-0.085	-0.058	1.307	-0.018
1725	1.019	-0.060	-0.055	0.032	-0.037	-0.011	-0.034	1.587	-0.019
1965	0.996	-0.061	-0.032	0.810	-0.072	-0.064	-0.055	1.508	0.036
2237	1.005	-0.119	-0.040	-0.034	-0.124	-0.082	-0.103	1.503	-0.054
2304	0.922	-0.035	-0.045	-0.031	-0.034	-0.033	0.002	1.641	-0.018
2547	0.927	-0.076	-0.077	1.038	-0.074	0.054	-0.071	1.660	-0.017
2900	0.854	-0.035	-0.018	0.007	-0.036	0.048	0.002	1.781	-0.016
3302	0.859	-0.061	-0.061	0.918	-0.055	-0.049	-0.037	1.833	-0.039
3760	0.877	-0.116	-0.102	0.995	-0.089	0.170	-0.105	1.804	-0.098
4096	0.933	-0.184	-0.187	-0.116	-0.183	-0.169	-0.183	1.831	-0.120
4281	0.791	-0.056	-0.029	-0.060	-0.034	0.188	-0.019	1.990	-0.009
4874	0.780	-0.050	-0.006	1.164	-0.047	0.232	-0.008	2.034	-0.051
5550	0.902	-0.207	-0.208	1.070	-0.181	-0.206	-0.192	1.934	-0.145
6144	0.810	-0.135	-0.098	-0.106	-0.130	-0.127	-0.113	2.038	-0.047
7195	0.759	-0.083	-0.048	-0.109	-0.074	-0.032	-0.105	2.175	-0.075
8192	0.887	-0.241	-0.244	-0.244	-0.210	-0.243	-0.252	2.010	-0.226
Mean		-0.095	-0.069	0.289	-0.085	0.187	-0.073	1.117	-0.014
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## 4. Conclusion

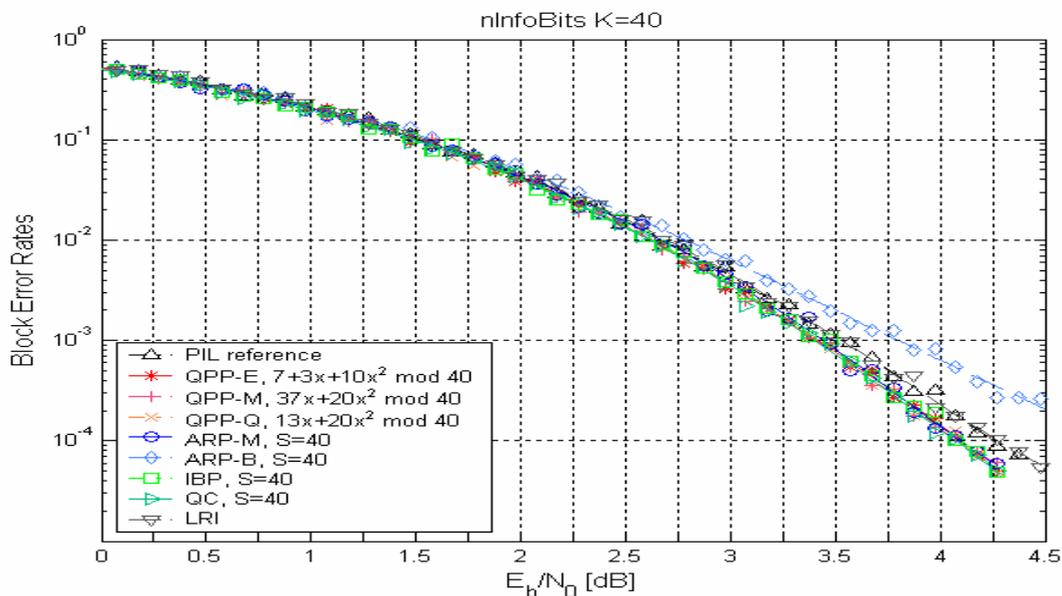
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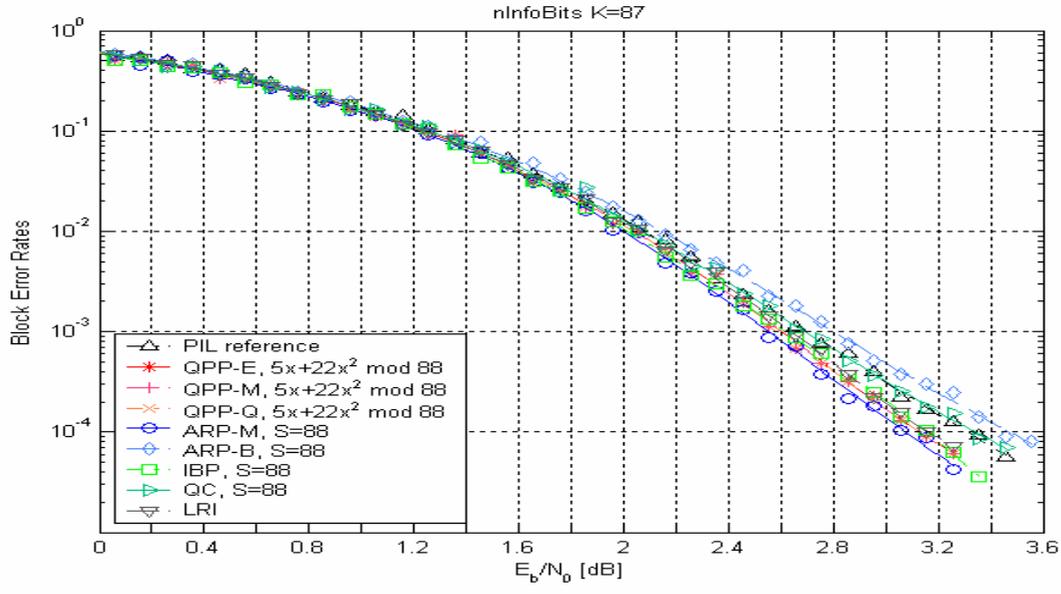
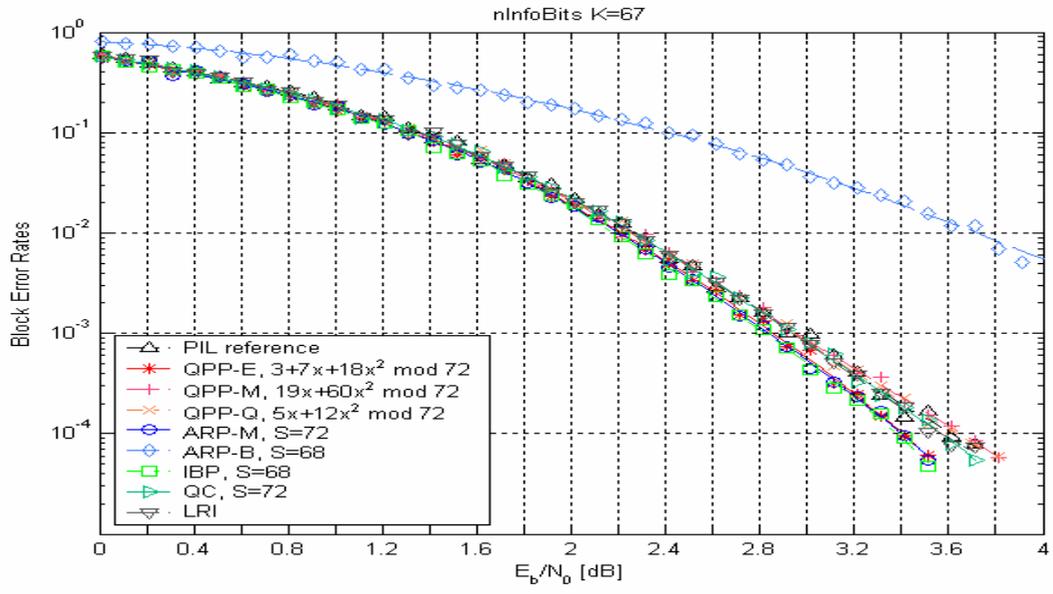
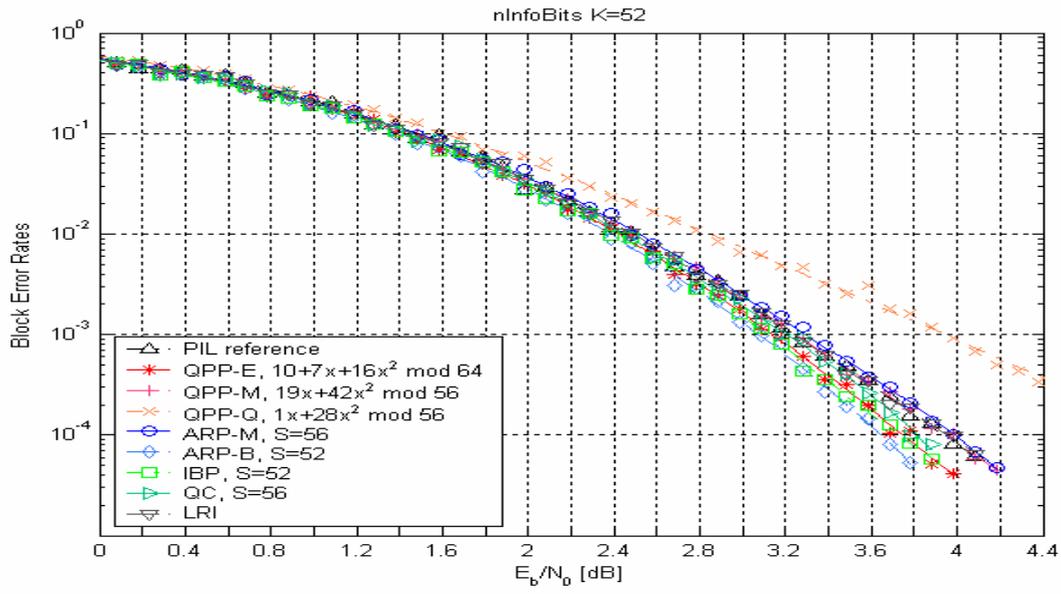
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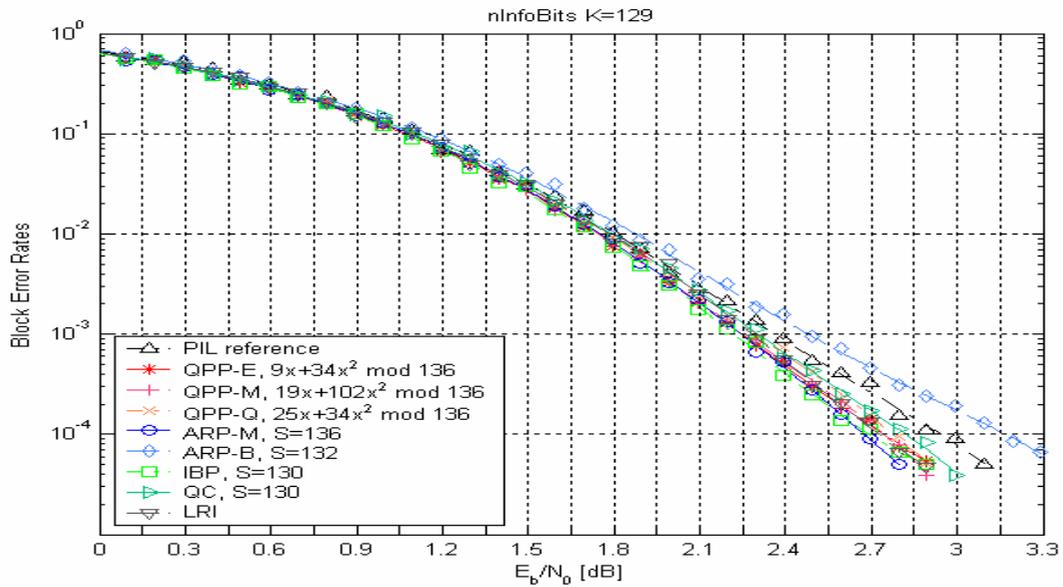
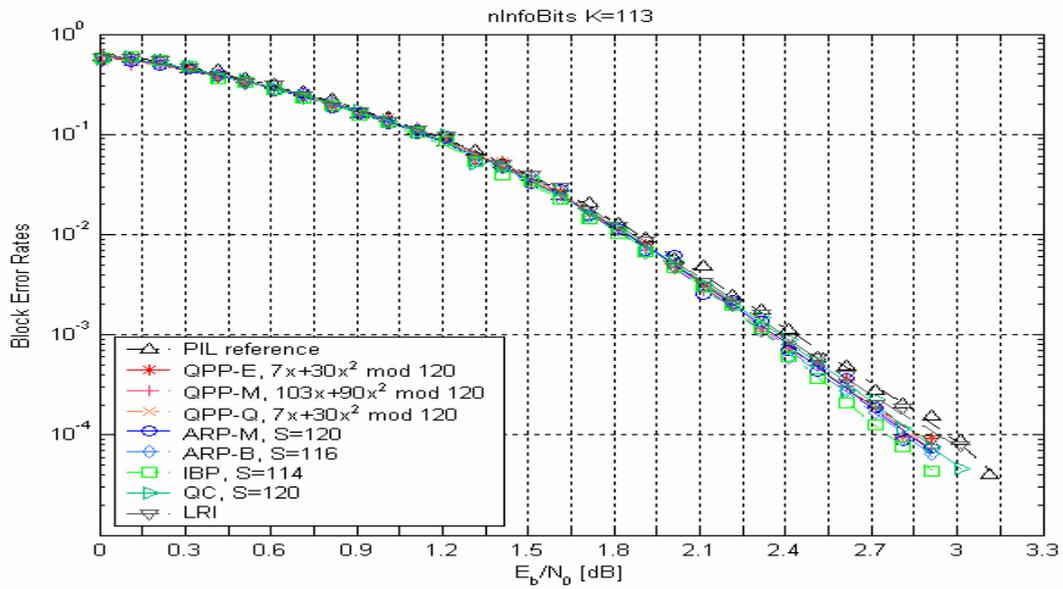
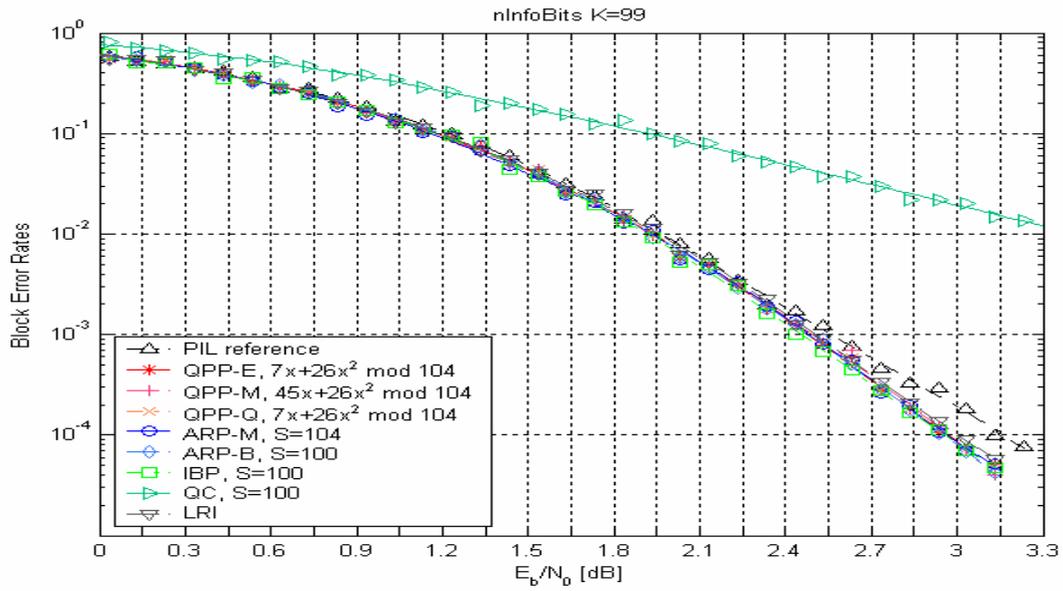
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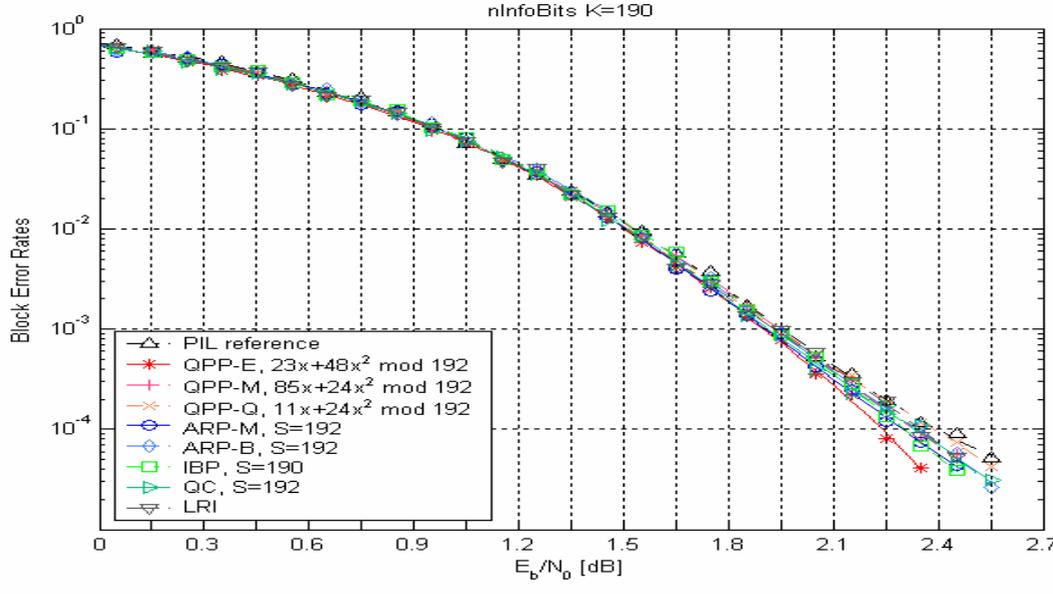
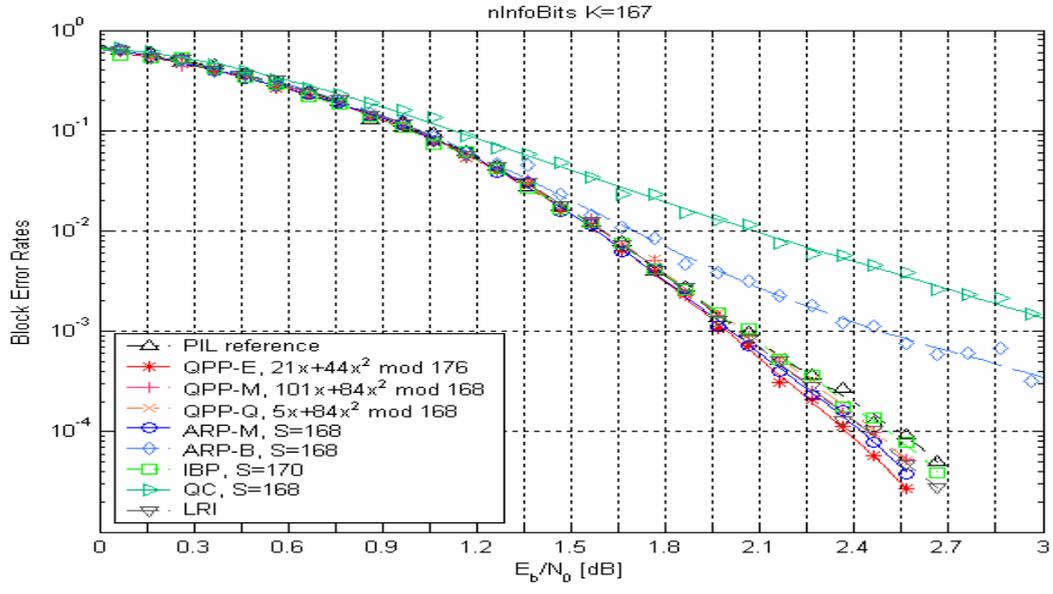
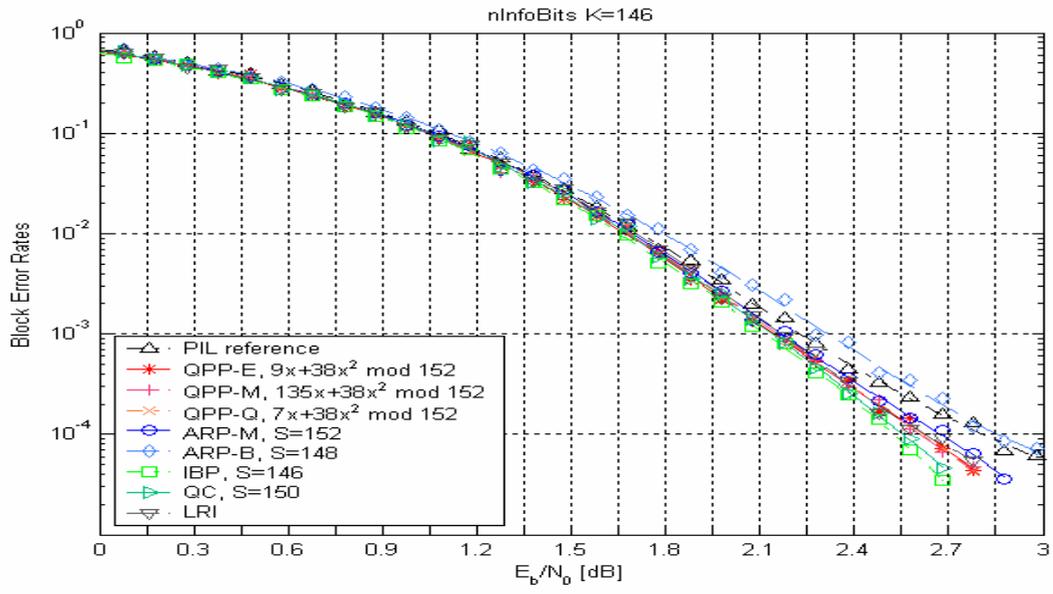
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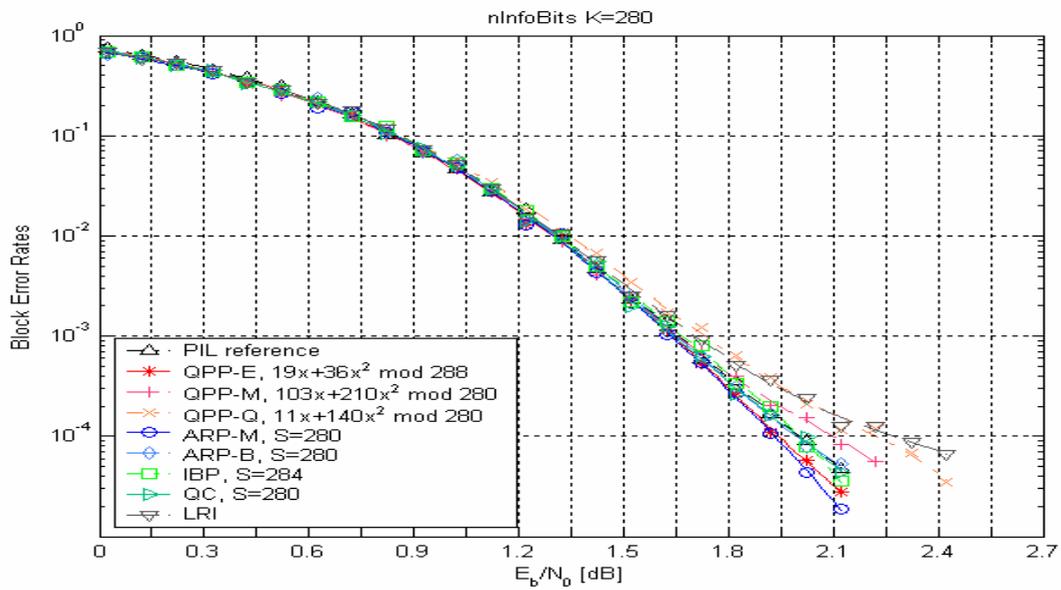
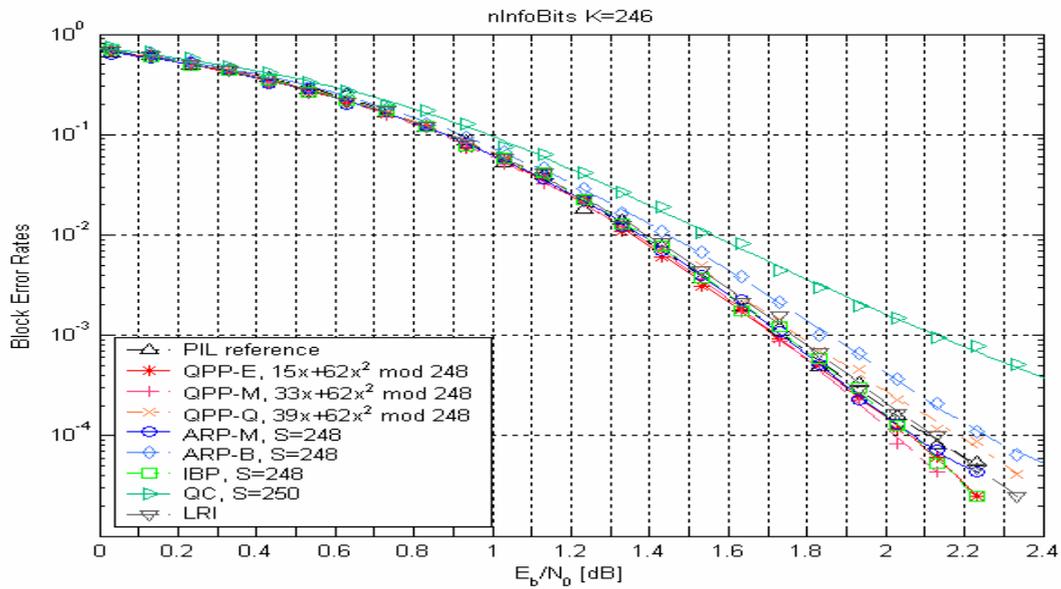
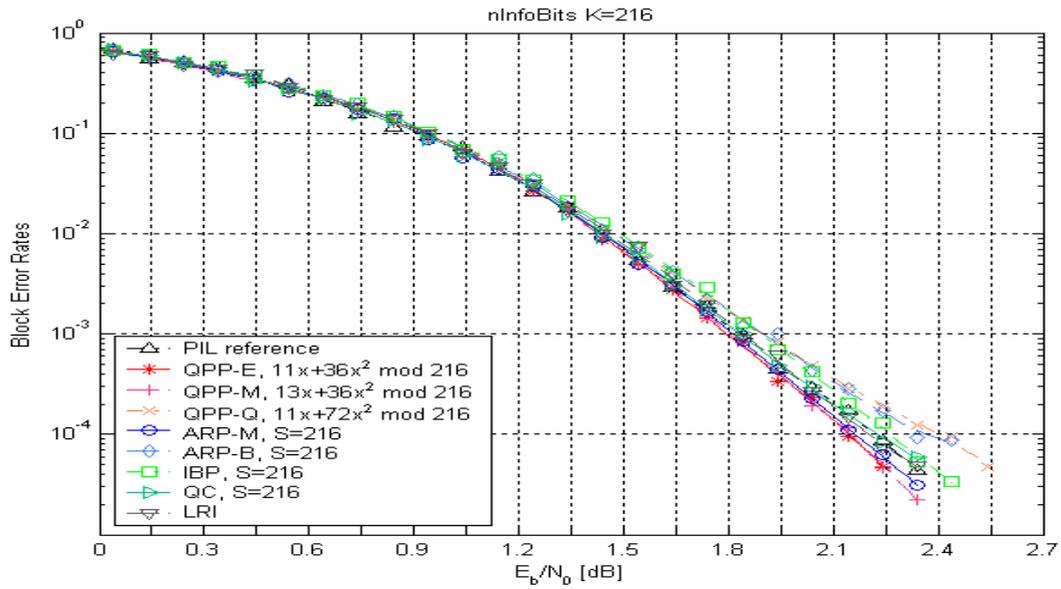
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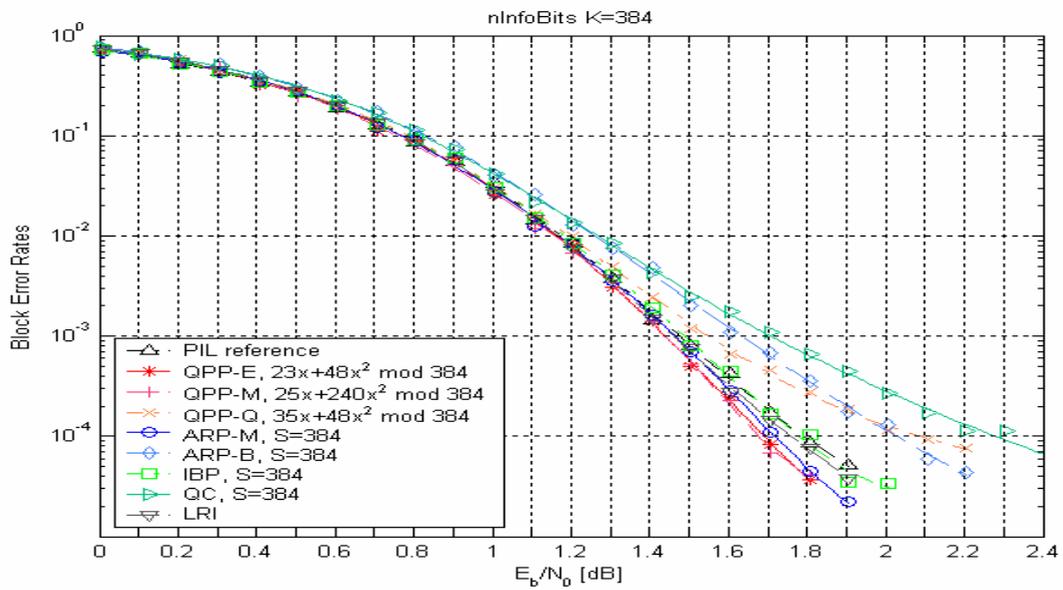
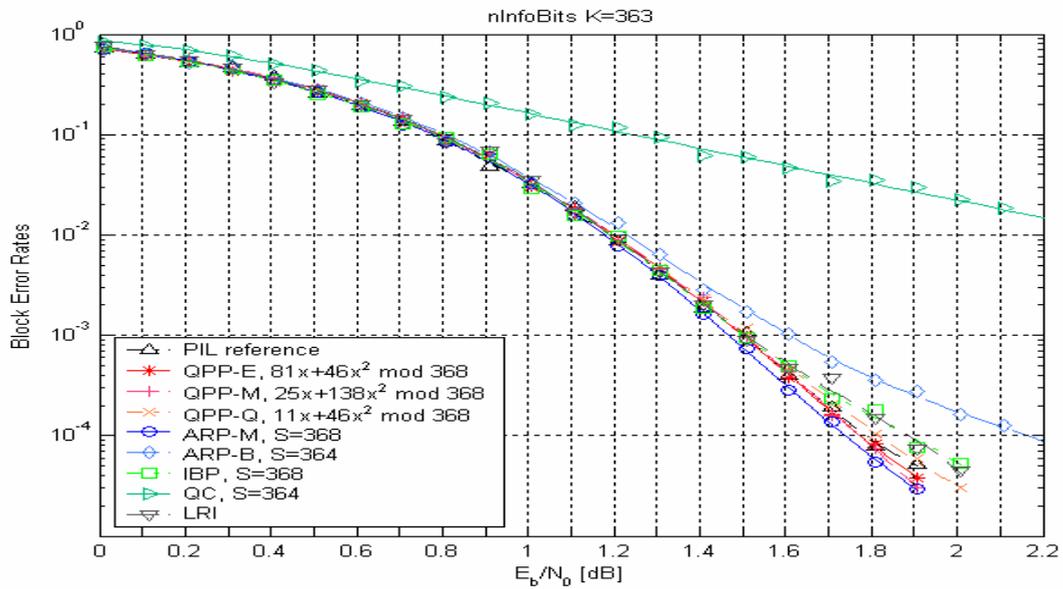
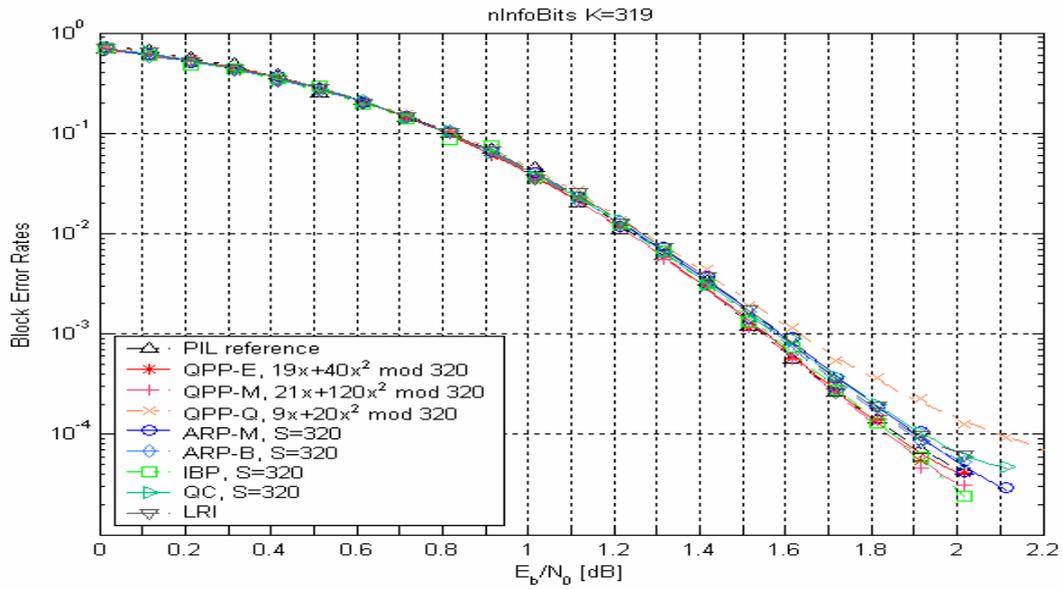


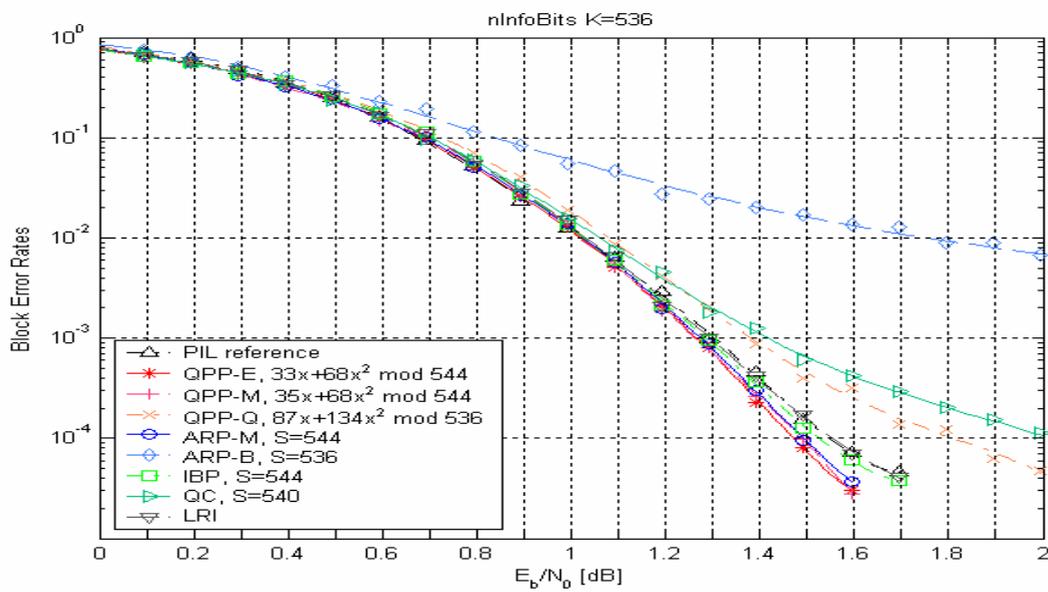
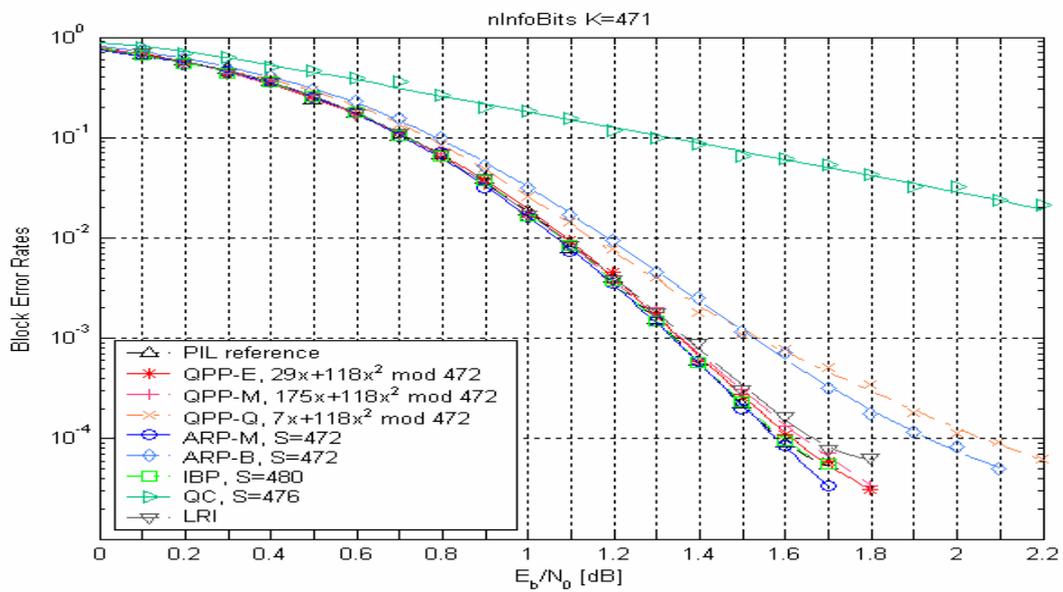
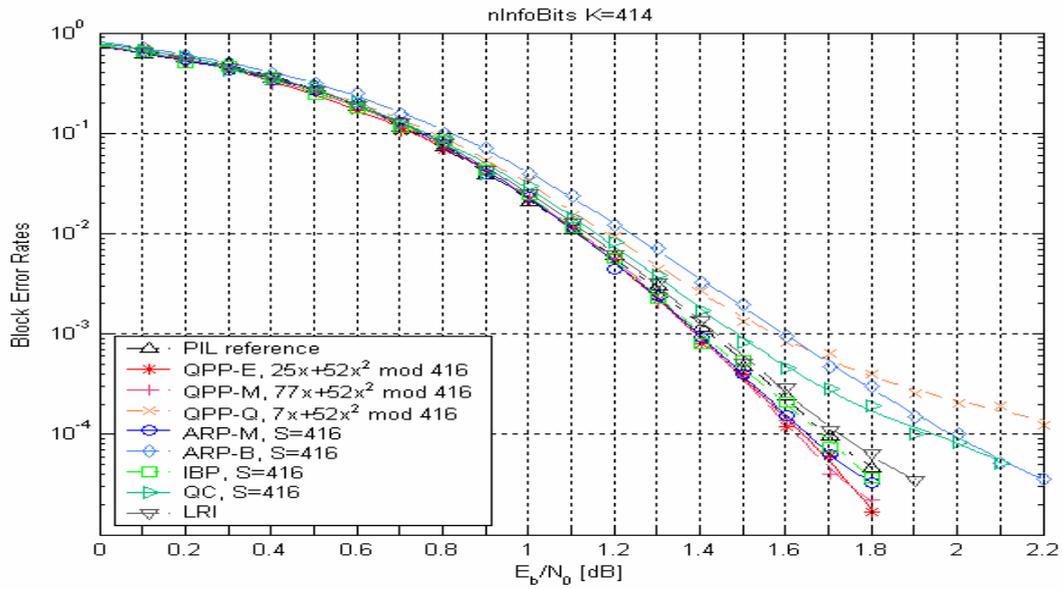


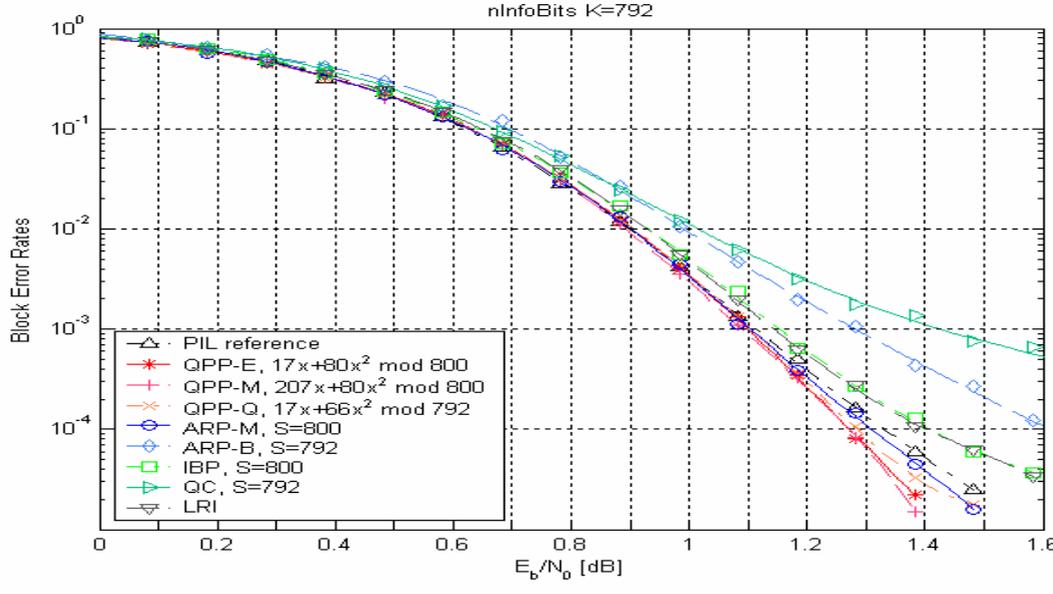
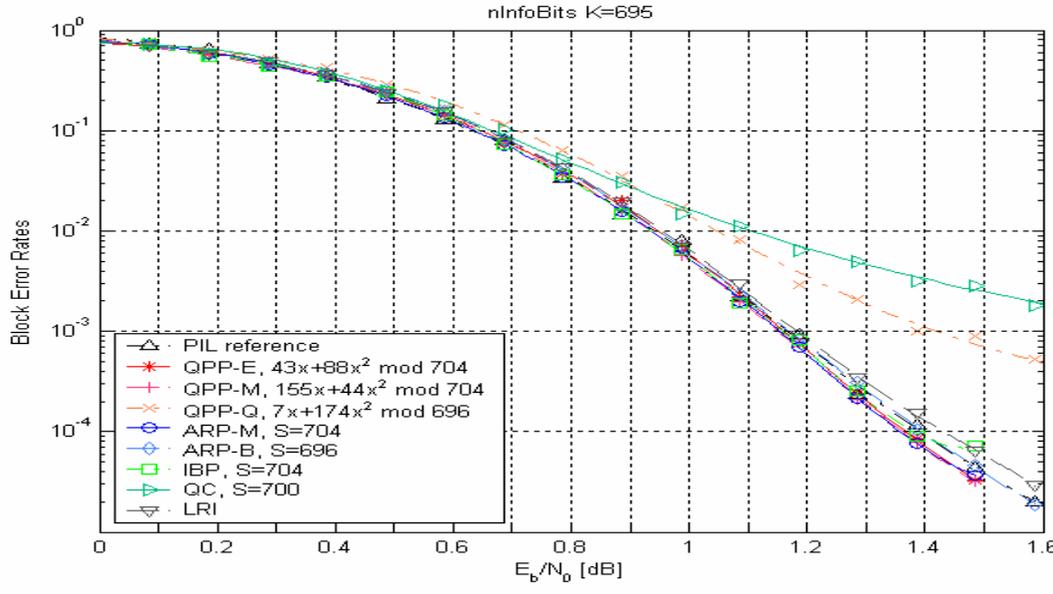
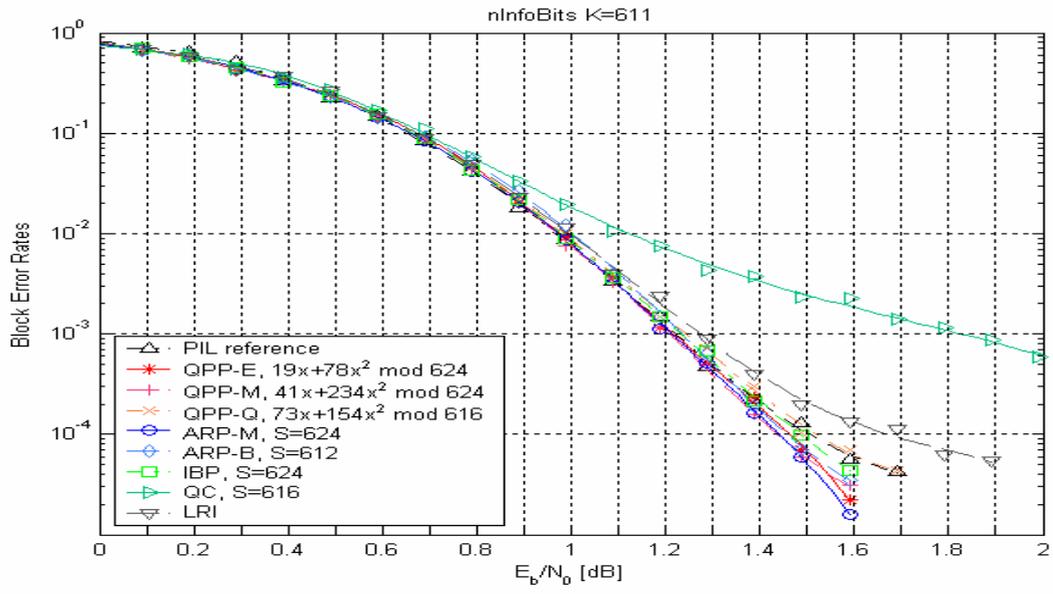


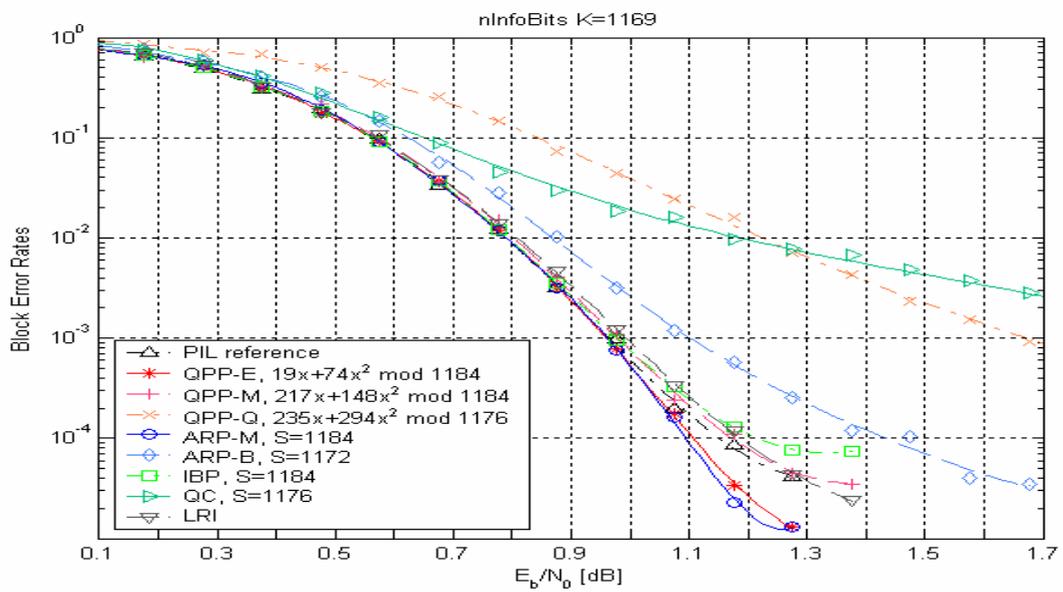
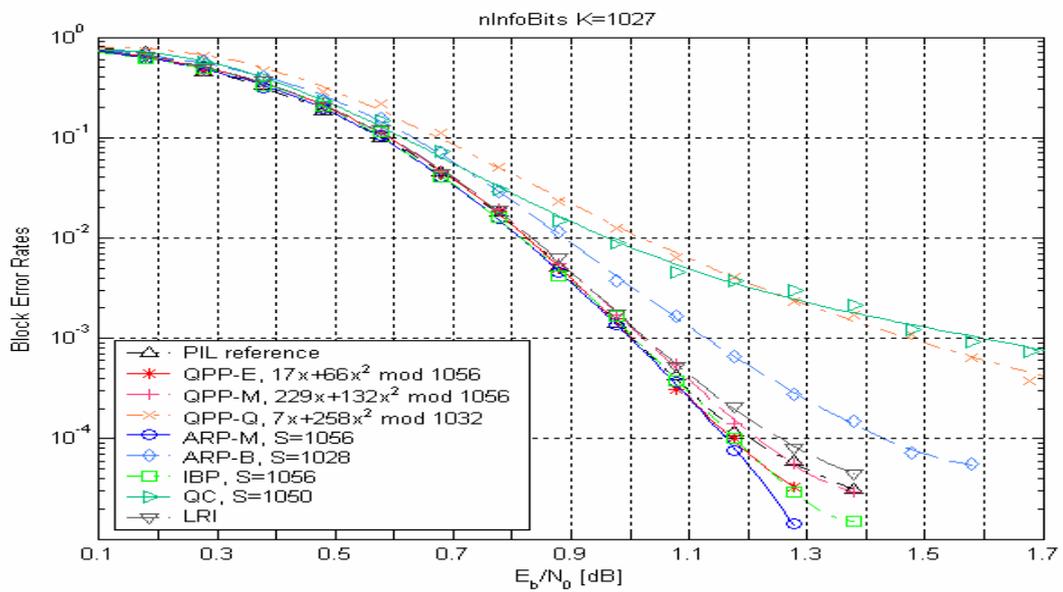
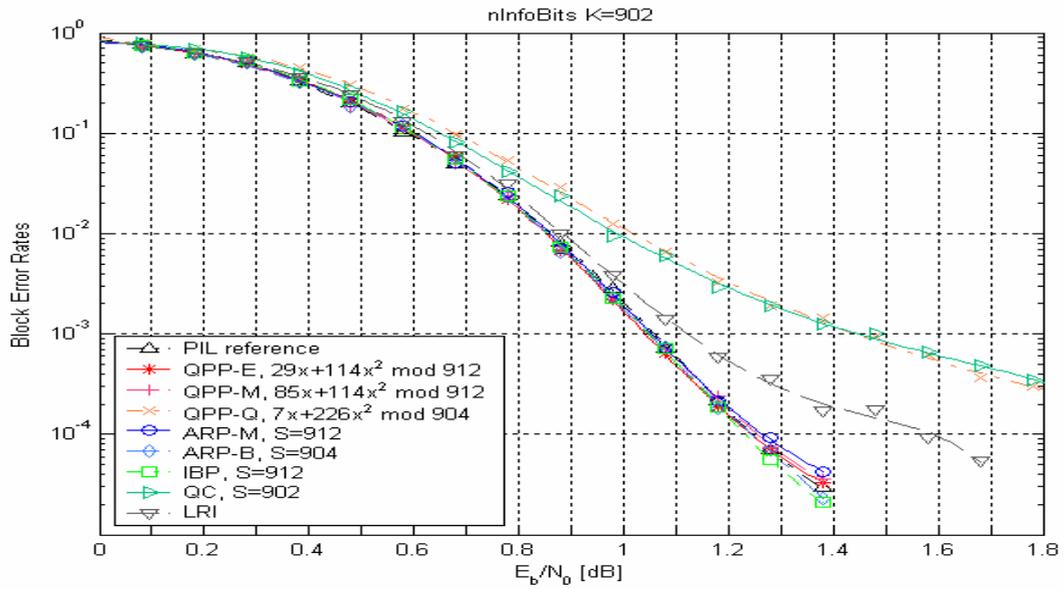


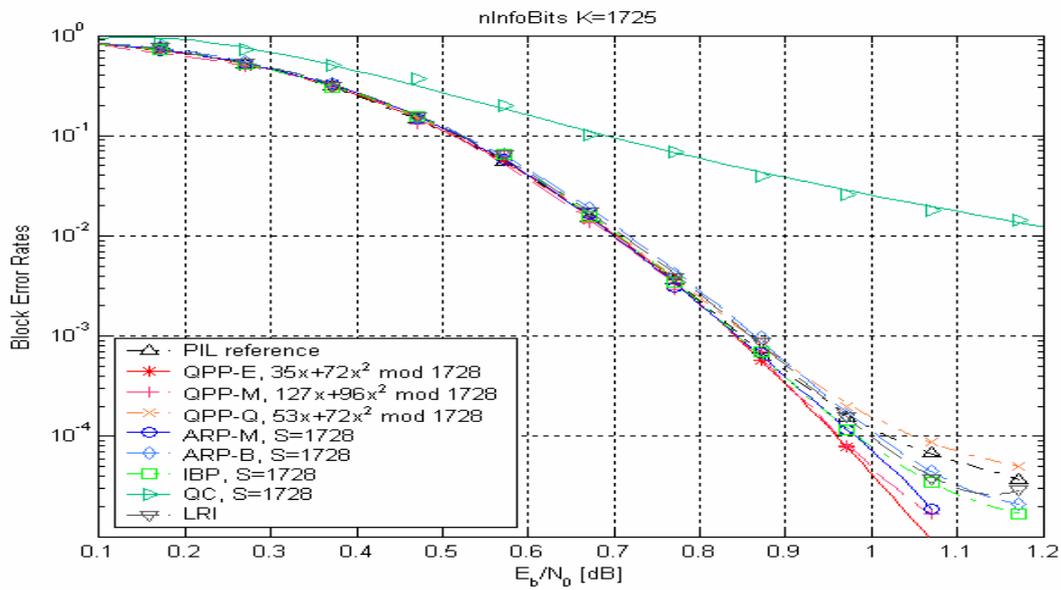
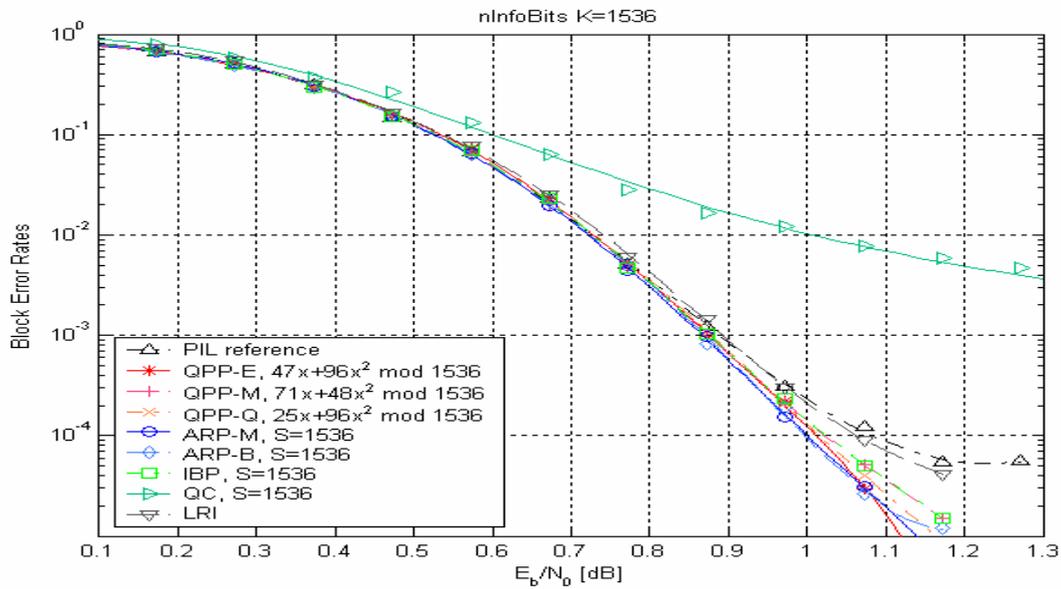
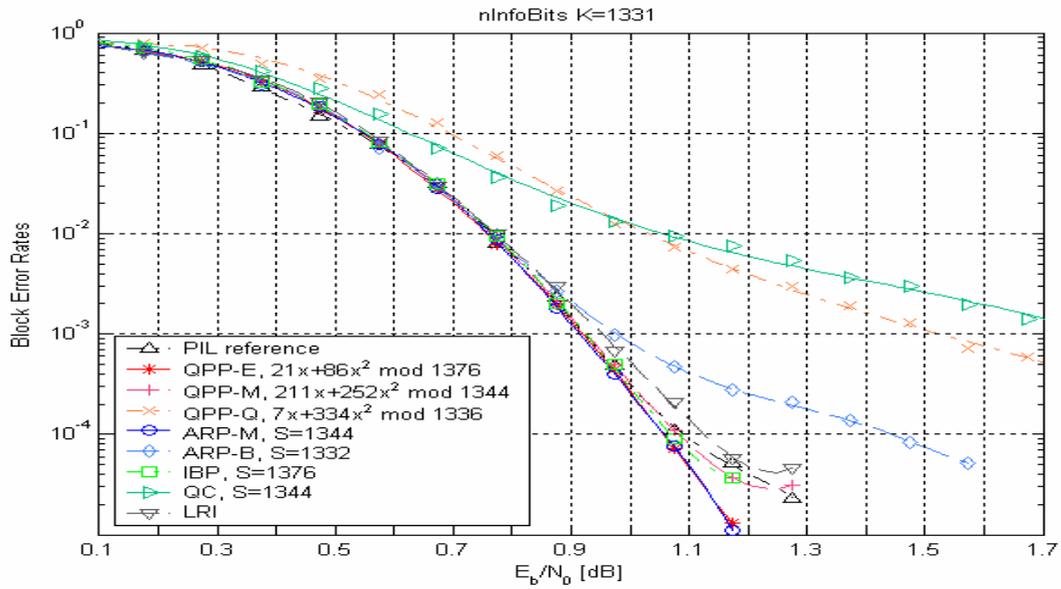


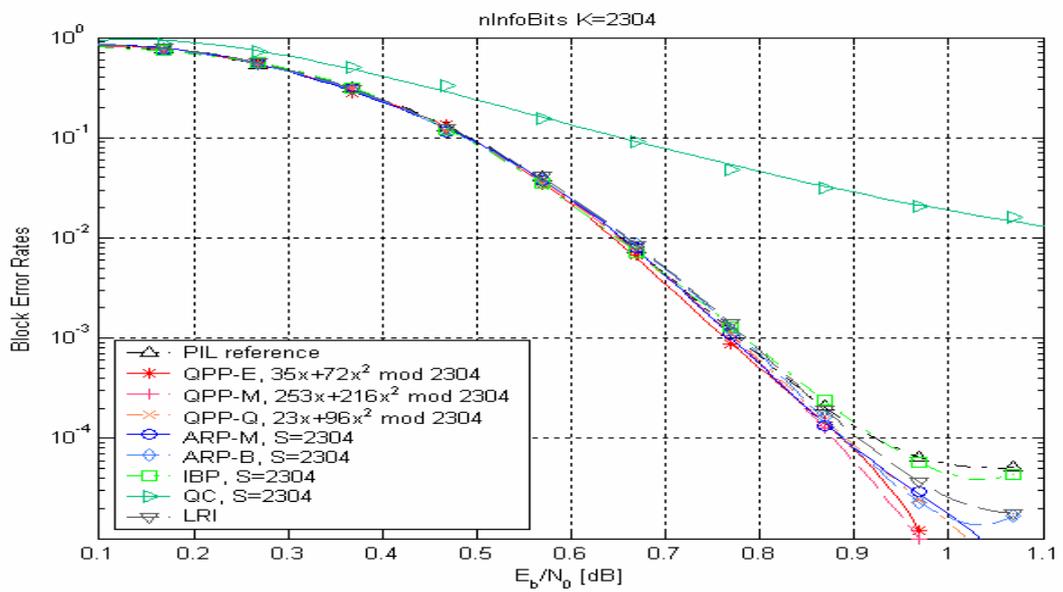
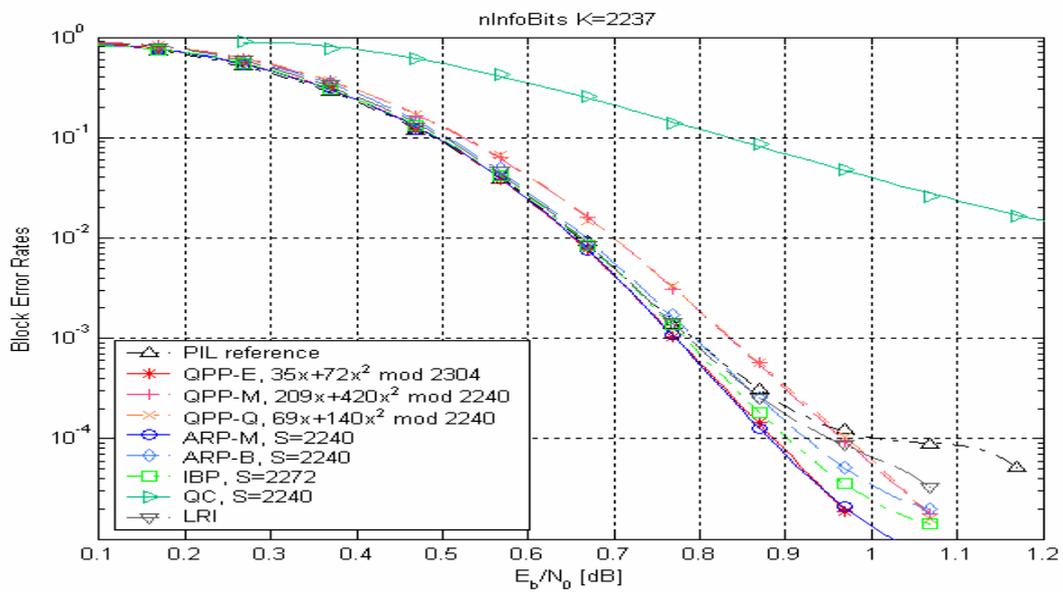
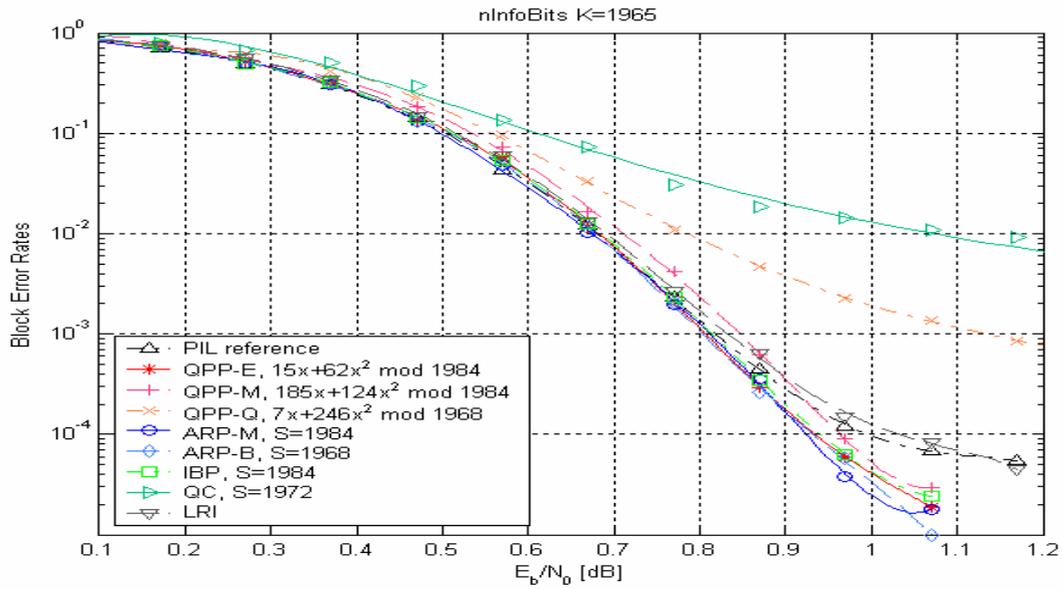


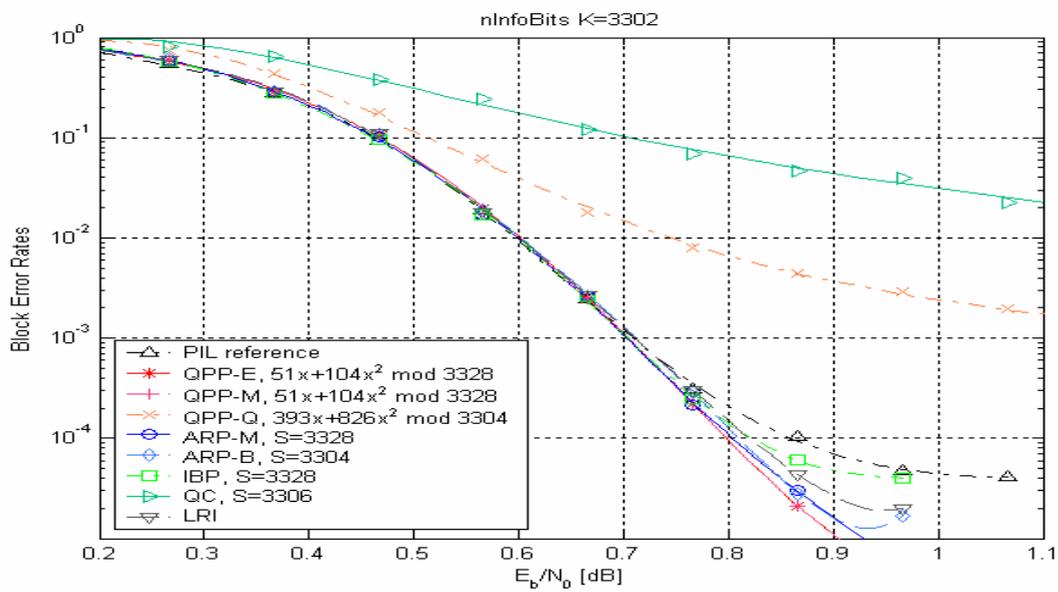
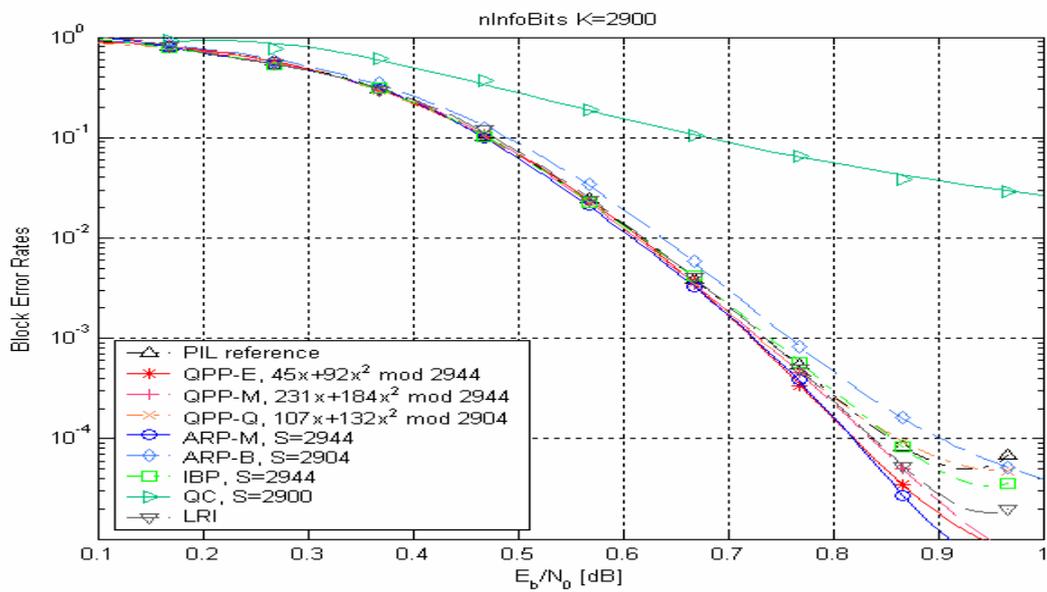
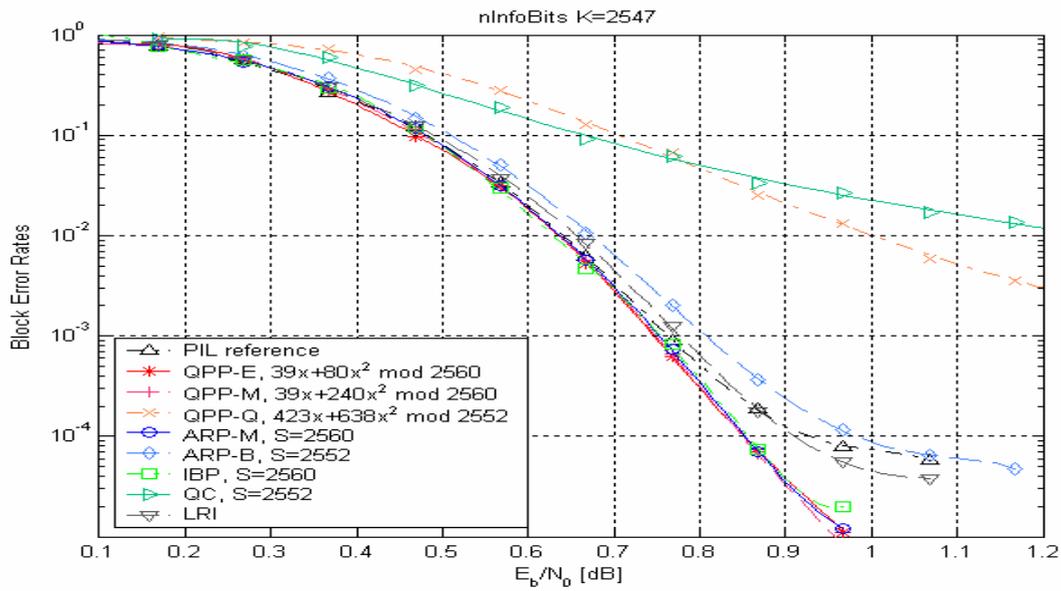


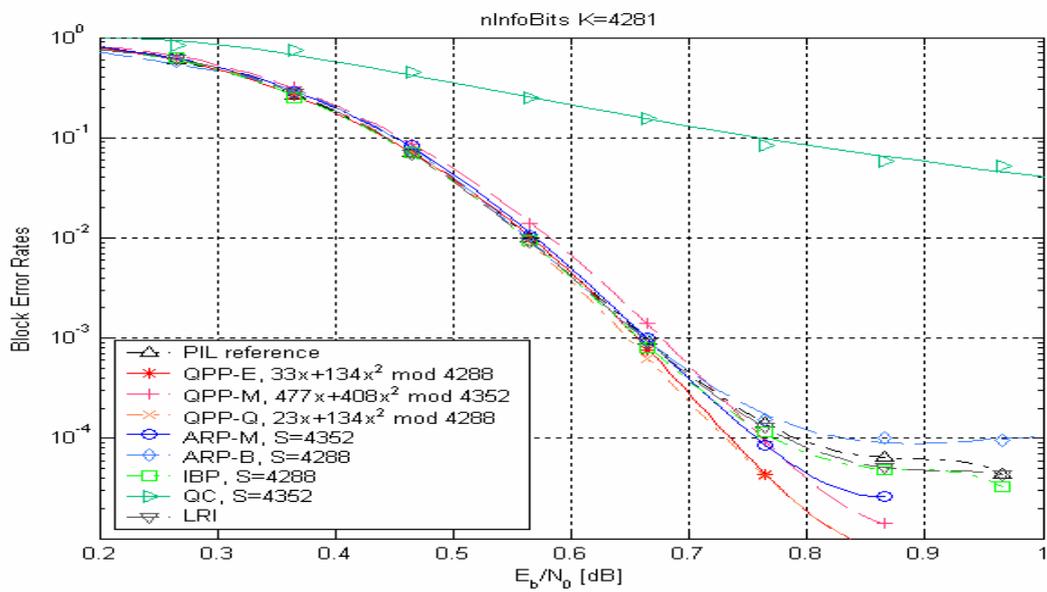
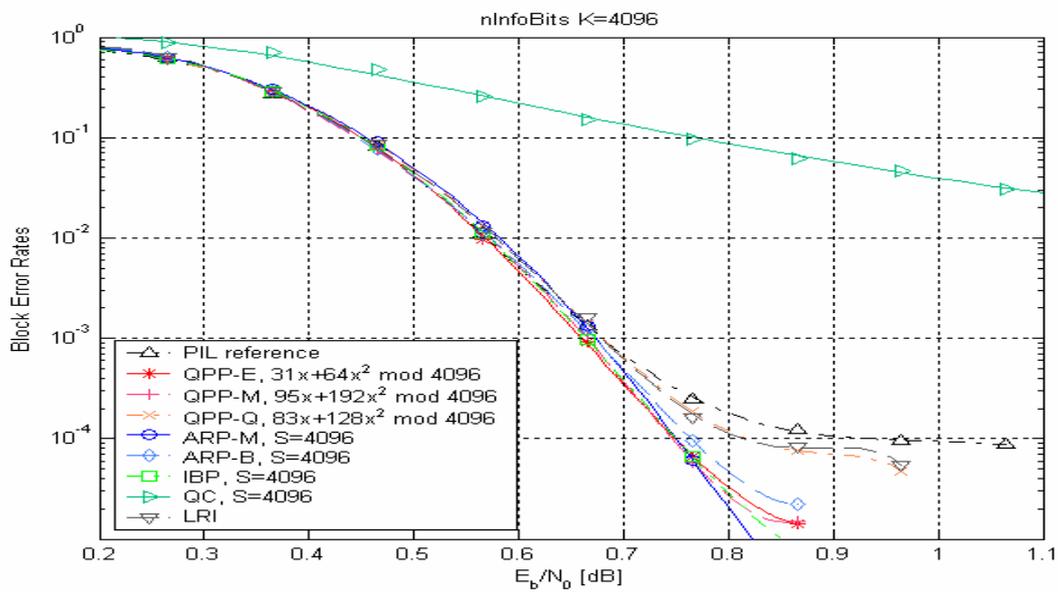
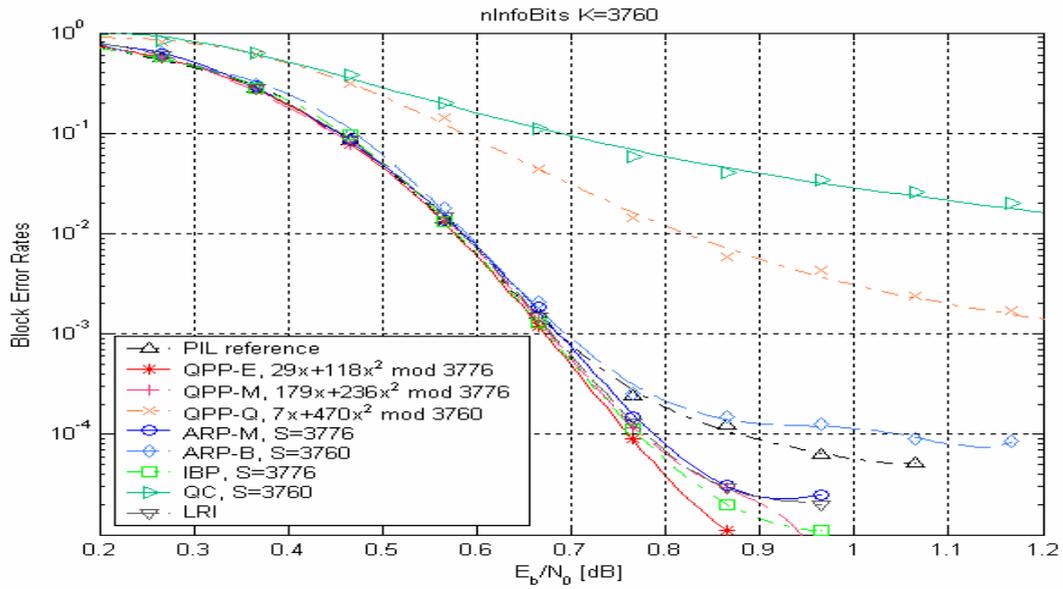


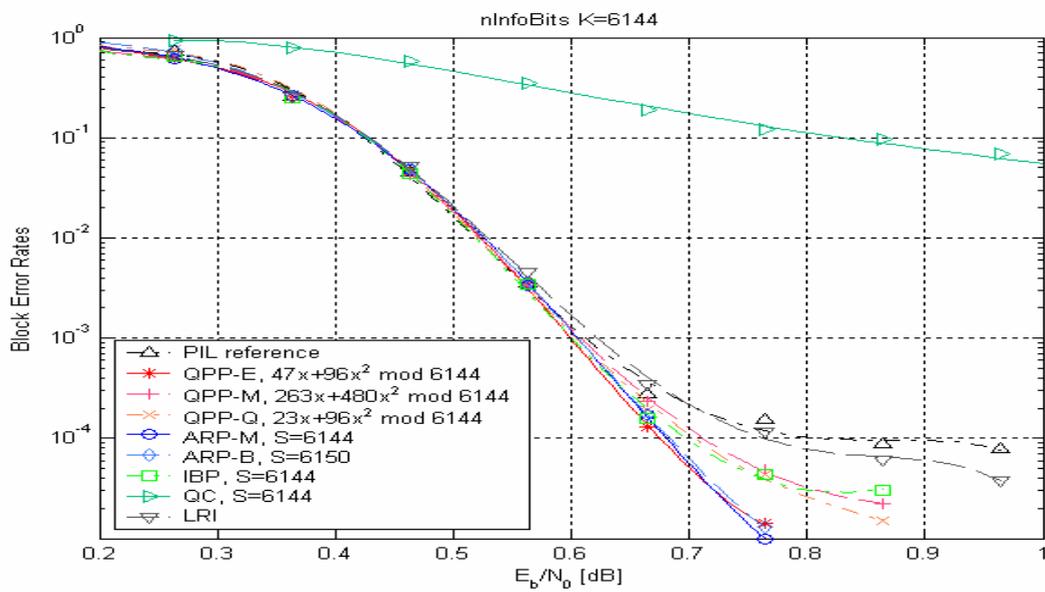
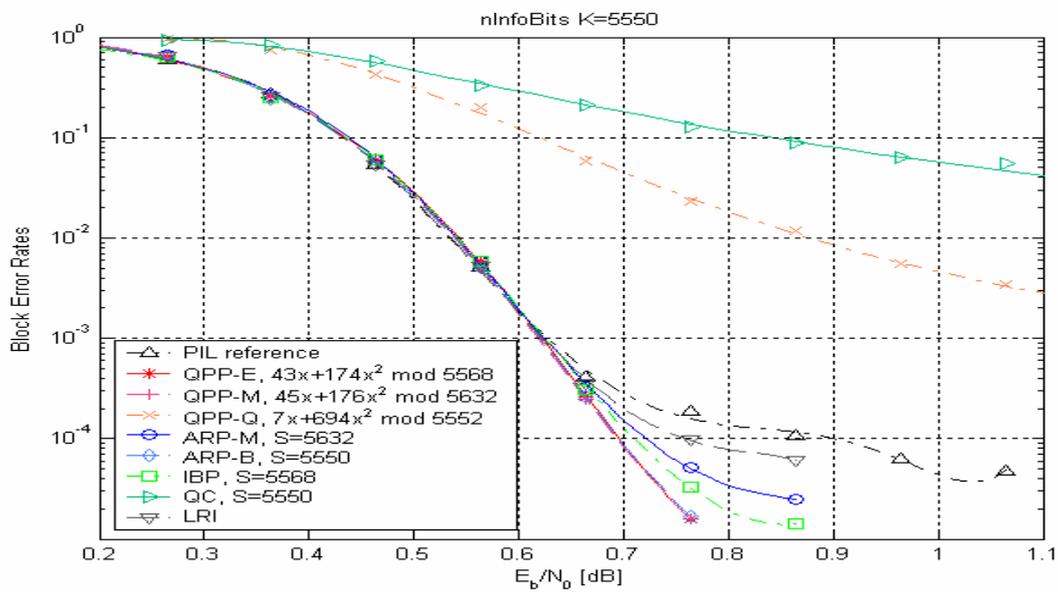
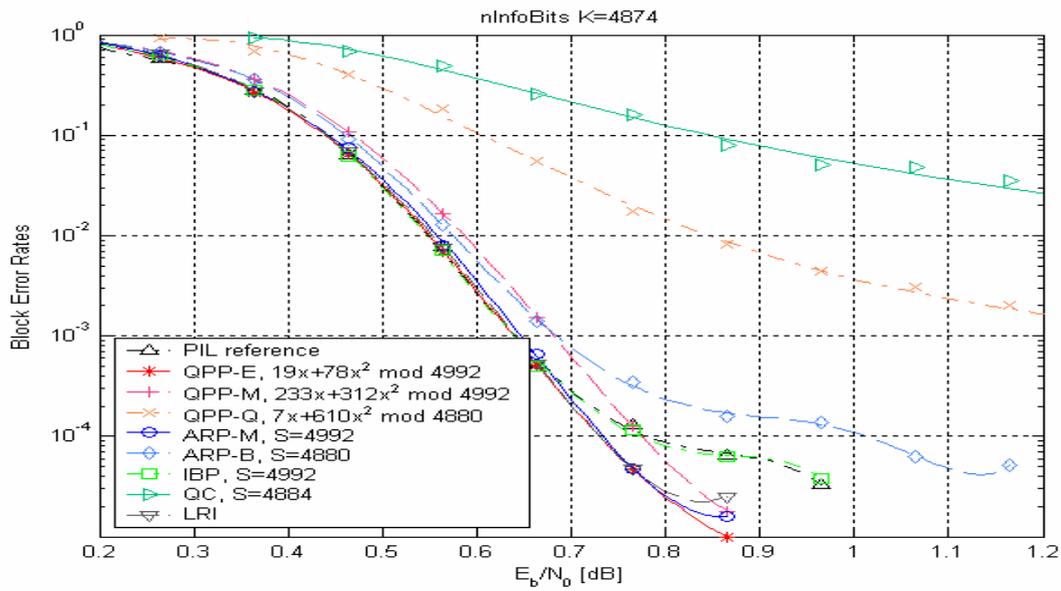


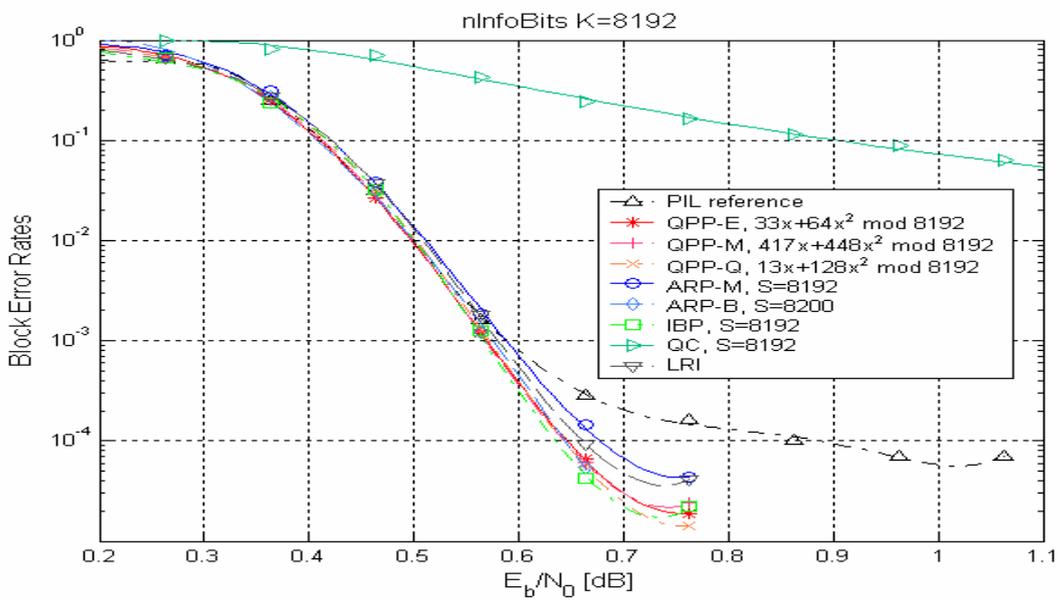
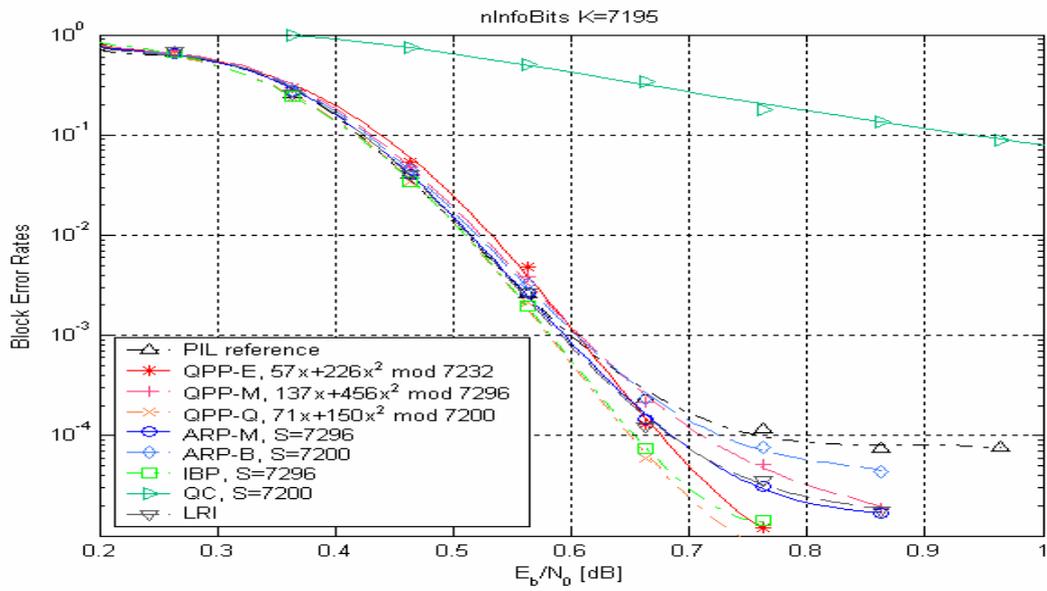












## Appendix B — Pair-wise Performance Comparison

