# LWA352 SNAP2 F-Engine Documentation

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# INSTALLATION

The LWA 352 F-Engine pipeline is available at https://github.com/realtimeradio/caltech-lwa. Follow the following instructions to download and install the pipeline.

Specify the build directory by defining the BUILDDIR environment variable, eg:

```
export BUILDDIR=~/src/mkdir -p $BUILDDIR
```

# 1.1 Get the Source Code

Clone the repository and its dependencies with:

```
# Clone the main repository
cd $BUILDDIR
git clone https://github.com/realtimeradio/caltech-lwa
# Clone relevant submodules
cd caltech-lwa
git submodule init
git submodule update
```

# 1.2 Install Prerequisites

# 1.2.1 Firmware Requirements

The LWA-253 F-Engine firmware can be built with the CASPER toolflow, and was designed using the following software stack:

- Ubuntu 18.04.0 LTS (64-bit)
- MATLAB R2019a
- Simulink R2019a
- MATLAB Fixed-Point Designer Toolbox R2019a
- Xilinx Vivado HLx 2019.1.3
- Python 3.6.9

It is *strongly* recommended that the same software versions be used to rebuild the design.

# F-ENGINE SYSTEM OVERVIEW

# 2.1 Overview

The LWA352 F-Engine firmware is designed to run on a SNAP2<sup>1</sup> FPGA board, and provides channelization of 64 analog data streams, sampled at up to 200 Msps, into 4096 sub-bands.

After channelization, data words are requantized to 4-bit resolution (4-bit real + 4-bit imaginary) and a subset of the 4096 generated frequency channels are output as a UDP/IP stream over a single 40 Gb/s Ethernet interface.

The top-level specs of the F-Engine are:

Parameter	Value	Notes
Number of analog in-	64	32-inputs per SNAP2 FMC+ port
puts		
Maximum sampling	200	Limited by ADC speed & timing constraint target
rate	Msps	
Test inputs	Noise;	Firmware contains 6 independent gaussian noise generators. Any of the 64
	zeros	data streams may be replaced with any of these digital noise sources, or zeros.
Delay compensation	<=8191	Programmable per- input between 5 and 8191 samples
	samples	
Polyphase Filter	4096	
Bank Channels		
Polyphase Filter	Ham-	
Bank Window	ming;	
	4-tap	
Polyphase Filter	9 bits	LSB of ADC samples are discarded. <b>TODO: Fix this</b>
Bank Input Bitwidth		
FFT Coefficient	18 bits	
Width		
FFT Data Path Width	18 bits	
Post-FFT Scaling Co-	16	
efficient Width		
Post-FFT Scaling Co-	5	
efficient Binary Point		
Number of Post-FFT	32768	One coefficient per analog input. One coefficient per 8 frequency channels
Scaling Coefficients		
Post-Quantization	4	4-bit real; 4-bit imaginary
Data Bitwidth		
Frequency Channels	<=3072	Runtime programmable. Maximum is set by total data rate which is limited to
Output		40Gb/s (including protocol overhead). 3072 channels = approx 38Gb/s

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> See SNAP2 design document and SNAP2 CASPER workshop presentation (2017)

A block diagram of the F-engine – which is also the top-level of the Simulink source code for the firmware – is shown in Fig. 2.1.

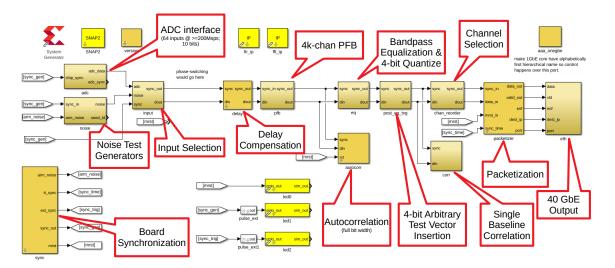


Fig. 2.1: F-Engine top-level Simulink diagram.

#### 2.1.1 Initialization

The functionality of individual blocks is described below. However, in order to simply get the firmware into a basic working state the following process should be followed:

- 1. Program the FPGA
- 2. Initialize all blocks in the system
- 3. Trigger a timing synchronization event.

In a multi-board system, the process of synchronizing a board can be relatively involved. For testing purposes, using single board, a simple software trigger can be used in place of a hardware timing signal to perform an artificial synchronization.

The following commands bring the F-engine firmware into a functional state, suitable for testing. See Section 4 for a full software API description

```
# Import the SNAP2 F-Engine library
from lwa_f import snap2_fengine

# Instantiate a Snap2Fengine instance to a board with
# hostname 'snap2-rev2-11'
f = snap2_fengine.Snap2Fengine('snap2-rev2-11')

# Program a board
f.program() # Load whatever firmware is in flash
# Wait 30 seconds for the board to reboot...

# Initialize all the firmware blocks
f.initialize(read_only=False)
```

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```
# Perform a software synchronization, which resets all
# blocks in the system but does not lock to any
# external timing signal
f.sync.arm_sync()
f.sync.sw_sync()
```

# 2.1.2 Block Descriptions

Each block in the firmware design can be controlled using an API described in Section 4. Here the basic functionality of each block is described.

#### **ADC**

The ADC block contains the interface to the physical ADC cards, and presents ADC data to the Simulink DSP pipeline. It is controlled using the API in Section 4.2.4. This API provides the ability to read ADC samples, and is required to "train" the ADC to FPGA link after the FPGA is programmed.

The block has the following ports:

Name	Direction	Data Type	Description
chip_sync	in	Bool	Path from Simulink to the (multiple) ADC physical sync pins. This
			signal is AND -ed with an internal control flag controlled by the ADC
			block's API.
adc_data	out	UFix_640_0	Concatenated, 10-bit, two's-complement ADC samples from 64
			channels. Bits 10 (i+1) -1 down to 10i correspond to a sample
			from channel i in Fix_10_9 format.
adc_sync	out	Bool	A 1-cycle pulse which precedes the samples from the "even-
			sample" ADC core.

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# **OUTPUT DATA FORMAT**

UDP packets output from the F-Engine are described below. Packet format is chosen to be broadly compatible with bifrost's packet receive architecture, and to have the following features:

- Supports arbitrary numbers of channels / antenna inputs per packet
- Allows channels to be easily distributed among multiple destinations (X-Engine pipelines)

```
struct f_packet {
    uint64_t seq;
    uint32_t sync_time;
    uint16_t npol;
    uint16_t npol_tot;
    uint16_t nchan;
    uint16_t nchan_tot;
    uint32_t chan_block_id;
    uint32_t chan0;
    uint32_t pol0;
    uint32_t data[nchan, npol];
};
```

## Packet Fields are as follows:

Field	Format	Units	Description
seq	uint64	spectra	Spectrum index, with seq=0 corre sponding to the spectra at UNIX
		count	time sync_time
sync_time	uint32	UNIX	UNIX time corresponding to the first (seq=0) spectrum
		seconds	
npol	uint16		Number of inputs present in a packet
npol_tot	uint16		Number of inputs present in the complete multi-SNAP system
nchan	uint16		Number of frequency channels present in a packet
nchan_tot	uint16		Number of frequency channels present in a data stream destined for
			a single destination.
chan_block_id	uint32		Index of this block of channels. I.e. mod (chan0, nchan)
chan0	uint32		The index of the first channel present in a packet
pol0	uint32		The index of the first input present in this packet
data	uint8		An array of nchan x npol data samples, with channel the
			slowest-varying axis, and input number the fastest-varying axis.
			Each sample should be interpretted as complex data, with the most-
			significant and least- significant 4 bits corresponding to the real and
			imaginary data parts, respectively. Each component should be in-
			terpretted as a two's complement signed 4-bit integer

Packet parameters are chosen to be compatible with the total number of frequencies the system is required to process,

the number of independent X-Engine pipelines in the system, a target packet size (generally larger is better, up to the Ethernet network's largest allowed *Maximum Transmission Unit* (MTU).

# In practice, the LWA352 system operates with

- npol = 64
- npol\_tot = 708
- nchan = 96
- $nchan\_tot = 192$

# **CONTROL INTERFACE**

# 4.1 Overview

A Python class Snap2Fengine is provided to encapsulate control of individual blocks in the firmware DSP pipeline. The structure of the software interface aims to mirror the hierarchy of the firmware modules, through the use of multiple Block class instances, each of which encapsulates control of a single module in the firmware pipeline.

In testing, and interactive debugging, the Snap2Fengine class provides an easy way to probe board status for a SNAP2 board on the local network.

In order to integrate with the larger LWA352 control framework, control and monitoring of multiple F-Engines can also be carried out through the passing of JSON-encoded messages through an etcd<sup>1</sup> key-value store. This mechanismi, shown in Fig. 4.1, utilizes the Python class Snap2FengineEtcdClient to translate commands and responses between the etcd format and the underlying Snap2Fengine method calls.

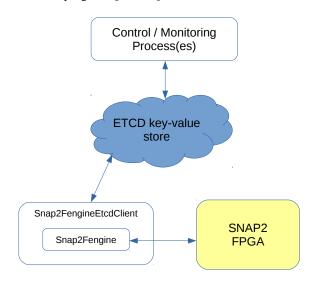


Fig. 4.1: The top-level control architecture.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> See etcd.io

# 4.2 Snap2Fengine Python Interface

The Snap2Fengine class can be instantiated and used to control a single SNAP2 board running LWA's F-Engine firmware. An example is below:

```
# Import the SNAP2 F-Engine library
from lwa_f import snap2_fengine
# Instantiate a Snap2Fengine instance to a board with
# hostname 'snap2-rev2-11'
f = snap2_fengine.Snap2Fengine('snap2-rev2-11')
# Program a board (if it is not already programmed)
# and initialize all the firmware blocks
if not f.fpga.is_programmed():
 f.program() # Load whatever firmware is in flash
 # Wait 30 seconds for the board to reboot...
  # Initialize firmware blocks, including ADC link training
 f.initialize(read_only=False)
# Blocks are available as items in the Snap2Fengine `blocks`
# dictionary, or can be accessed directly as attributes
# of the Snap2Fengine.
# Print available block names
print(sorted(f.blocks.keys()))
# Returns:
# ['adc', 'autocorr', 'corr', 'delay', 'eq', 'eq_tvg', 'eth',
# 'fpga', 'input', 'noise', 'packetizer', 'pfb', 'reorder', 'sync']
# Grab some ADC data from the ADC card(s) on FMC 1
adc_data = f.adc.get_snapshot_interleaved(1, signed=True)
print(adc_data.shape) # returns (32 [channels], 512 [time samples]
```

Details of the methods provided by individual blocks are given in the next section.

# 4.2.1 Top-Level Control

The Top-level Snap2Fengine instance can be used to perform high-level control of the firmware, such as programming and de-programming FPGA boards. It can also be used to apply configurations which affect multiple firmware subsystems, such as configuring channel selection and packet destination.

Finally, a Snap2Fengine instance can be used to initialize, or get status from, all underlying firmware modules.

```
class lwa_f.snap2_fengine.Snap2Fengine(host, logger=None)
A control class for LWA352's SNAP2 F-Engine firmware.
```

#### **Parameters**

- host (casperfpga.CasperFpga) CasperFpga interface for host.
- logger (logging.Logger) Logger instance to which log messages should be emitted.

Configure channel reordering and packetizer modules to emit a selection of frequency channels.

- n\_chans\_per\_packet (int) Number of channels per packet.
- n\_chans\_per\_xeng (int) Number of channels per xeng.
- **chans** (list of int) A list of channel indices to be sent, e.g. range(0, 1024). The number of channels in this list should be an integer multiple of n chans per packet. An assertion error is raised if this is not the case.
- ips (list of str) A list of IP addresses to which packets should be sent. The order of values in ips and chans should reflect where different channels should be sent. The n th IP address in ips is the destination to which channels chans [n\*n\_chans\_per\_packet: (n+1)\*n\_chans\_per\_packet] should be sent. As such, ips should have len(chans) // n\_chans\_per\_packet elements. IP addresses should be provided in dotted-quad string representation.
- **ports** (*list of int*) The UDP destination ports to which packets should be transmitted. Addressing rules are the same as for ips. If None, all packets are transmitted to UDP port 10000.
- antenna\_ids (list) A list of Antenna IDs which should be written to output packet headers. Addressing rules are the same as for ips.
- **debug** (bool) Set to True to print extra diagnostic information.
- n\_boards Transmit packets with headers indicating they came from this many different boards. For example, if n\_boards=2, the board will transmit two streams of packets with antenna IDs base\_ant and base\_ant+64

#### deprogram()

Reprogram the FPGA into its default boot image.

#### get\_status\_all()

Call the get\_status methods of all blocks in self.blocks. If the FPGA is not programmed with F-engine firmware, will only return basic FPGA status.

**Returns** (status\_dict, flags\_dict) tuple. Each is a dictionary, keyed by the names of the blocks in self.blocks. These dictionaries contain, respectively, the status and flags returned by the get\_status calls of each of this F-Engine's blocks.

#### hostname

hostname of the F-Engine's host SNAP2 board

#### initialize(read only=True)

Call the `initialize methods of all underlying blocks.

**Parameters read\_only** (bool) – If True, call the underlying initialization methods in a read only manner.

#### is\_connected()

**Returns** True if there is a working connection to a SNAP2. False otherwise.

Return type bool

#### logger

Python Logger instance

#### n\_pols\_per\_board = 64

Number of analog inputs per FPGA

#### n\_pols\_per\_xeng = 704

Number of analog inputs per X-engine

#### print status all(use color=True)

Print the status returned by get\_status for all blocks in the system. If the FPGA is not programmed with F-engine firmware, will only print basic FPGA status.

**Parameters use\_color** (bool) – If True, highlight values with colors based on error codes.

```
program (fpgfile=None, force=False)
```

Program an .fpg file to a SNAP2 FPGA. If the name of the file matches what is already in flash, this command will simply reboot the FPGA. If the name of the file doesn't match, the new bitstream will be uploaded. This will take <=5 minutes.

#### **Parameters**

- **fpgfile** (*stx*) The .fpg file to be loaded. Should be a path to a valid .fpg file. If None is given, the image currently in flash will be loaded.
- **force** (boolean) If True, write the firmware to flash even if the SNAP claims it is already loaded. Has no effect if fpgfile=None.

## 4.2.2 FPGA Control

The FPGA control interface allows gathering of FPGA statistics such as temperature and voltage levels. Its methods are functional regardless of whether the FPGA is programmed with an LWA F-Engine firmware design.

```
class lwa_f.blocks.fpga.Fpga (host, name, logger=None)
```

Instantiate a control interface for top-level FPGA control.

#### **Parameters**

- host (casperfpga.CasperFpga) CasperFpga interface for host.
- name (str) Name of block in Simulink hierarchy.
- logger (logging.Logger) Logger instance to which log messages should be emitted.

```
get_build_time()
```

Read the UNIX time at which the current firmware was built.

Return build\_time Seconds since the UNIX epoch at which the running firmware was built.

Rtype int

```
get_firmware_version()
```

Read the firmware version register and return the contents as a string.

Return version major\_version.minor\_version.revision.bugfix

Rtype str

```
get_fpga_clock()
```

Estimate the FPGA clock, by polling the sys\_clkcounter register.

**Returns** Estimated FPGA clock in MHz

Return type float

```
get status()
```

Get status and error flag dictionaries.

Status keys:

• programmed (bool): True if FPGA appears to be running DSP firmware. False otherwise, and flagged as a warning.

- flash\_firmware (str): The name of the firmware file currently loaded in flash memory.
- flash firmware md5 (str): The MD5 checksum of the firmware file currently loaded in flash memory.
- timestamp (str): The current time, as an ISO format string.
- serial (str): The serial number / identifier for this board. Flagged with a warning if no serial is available.
- host (str): The host name of this board.
- sw\_version (str): The version string of the control software package. Flagged as warning if the version indicates a build against a dirty git repository.
- fw\_version (str): The version string of the currently running firmware. Available only if the board is programmed.
- fw\_build\_time (int): The build time of the firmware, as an ISO format string. Available only if the board is programmed.
- sys\_mon (str): 'reporting' if the current firmware has a functioning system monitor module. Otherwise 'not reporting', flagged as an error.
- temp (float): FPGA junction temperature, in degrees C. (Only reported is system monitor is available). Flagged as a warning if outside the recommended operating conditions. Flagged as an error if outside the absolute maximum ratings. See DS892.
- vccaux (float): Voltage of the VCCAUX FPGA power rail. (Only reported is system monitor is available). Flagged as a warning if outside the recommended operating conditions. Flagged as an error if outside the absolute maximum ratings. See DS892.
- vccbram (float): Voltage of the VCCBRAM FPGA power rail. (Only reported is system monitor is available). Flagged as a warning if outside the recommended operating conditions. Flagged as an error if outside the absolute maximum ratings. See DS892.
- vccint (float): Voltage of the VCCINT FPGA power rail. (Only reported is system monitor is available). Flagged as a warning if outside the recommended operating conditions. Flagged as an error if outside the absolute maximum ratings. See DS892.

**Returns** (status\_dict, flags\_dict) tuple. *status\_dict* is a dictionary of status key-value pairs. flags\_dict is a dictionary with all, or a sub-set, of the keys in *status\_dict*. The values held in this dictionary are as defined in *error\_levels.py* and indicate that values in the status dictionary are outside normal ranges.

# $\verb|is_programmed|()$

Lazy check to see if a board is programmed. Check for the "version\_version" register. If it exists, the board is deemed programmed.

**Returns** True if programmed, False otherwise.

Return type bool

# 4.2.3 Timing Control

The Sync control interface provides an interface to configure and monitor the multi-SNAP2 timing distribution system.

```
class lwa_f.blocks.sync.Sync(host, name, logger=None)
     arm_noise()
          Arm noise generator resets
     arm_sync()
          Arm sync pulse generator.
     count_ext()
              Returns Number of external sync pulses received.
              Rtype int
     count int()
              Returns Number of internal sync pulses received.
              Rtype int
     get_error_count()
              Returns Number of sync errors.
              Rtype int
     get_latency()
              Returns Number of FPGA clock ticks between sync transmission and reception
              Rtype int
```

Get status and error flag dictionaries.

Status keys:

get status()

- uptime\_fpga\_clks (int): Number of FPGA clock ticks (= ADC clock ticks) since the FPGA was last programmed.
- period\_fpga\_clks (int): Number of FPGA clock ticks (= ADC clock ticks) between the last two internal sync pulses.
- ext\_count (int): The number of external sync pulses since the FPGA was last programmed.
- int\_count (int) : The number of internal sync pulses since the FPGA was last programmed.

**Returns** (status\_dict, flags\_dict) tuple. *status\_dict* is a dictionary of status key-value pairs. flags\_dict is a dictionary with all, or a sub-set, of the keys in *status\_dict*. The values held in this dictionary are as defined in *error\_levels.py* and indicate that values in the status dictionary are outside normal ranges.

```
initialize(read_only=False)
```

Initialize block.

**Parameters read\_only** (bool) – If False, initialize system control register to 0 and reset error counters. If True, do nothing.

#### load\_telescope\_time (tt, software\_load=False)

Load a new starting value into the telescope time counter on the next sync.

#### **Parameters**

- tt (int) Telescope time to load
- **software\_load** (bool) If True, immediately load via a software trigger. Else load on the next external sync pulse arrival.

#### period()

**Returns** The number of FPGA clock ticks between the last two external sync pulses.

#### Rtype int

```
reset_error_count()
```

Reset internal error counter to 0.

#### reset\_telescope\_time()

Reset the telescope time counter to 0 immediately.

#### sw sync()

Issue a software sync pulse

#### uptime()

**Returns** Time in FPGA clock ticks since the FPGA was last programmed. Resolution is 2\*\*32 (21 seconds at 200 MHz)

#### Return type int

```
wait_for_sync()
```

Block until a sync has been received.

# 4.2.4 ADC Control

The Adc control interface allows link training (aka "calibration") of the ADC->FPGA data link.

```
class lwa f.blocks.adc.Adc(host, name, logger=None)
```

Instantiate a control interface for an ADC block.

#### **Parameters**

- host (casperfpga.CasperFpga) CasperFpga interface for host.
- name (str) Name of block in Simulink hierarchy.
- logger (logging.Logger) Logger instance to which log messages should be emitted

```
calibrate (use_ramp=False, fail_hard=True, step_size=4)
```

Compute and set all ADC data lane input delays to their optimal values. After this call, the ADCs are left in test mode.

- use\_ramp (bool) If True, after calibration, use the ramp test pattern to verify the ADC->FPGA link is functioning correctly. If False, perform this verification with the same constant test value used for the calibration procedure.
- **fail\_hard** (bool) If True, raise an exception if the calibration run doesn't go to plan.
- **step\_size** (*int*) Number of IDELAY tap steps between error counts.

**Returns** (status, delays, slack) tuple. status is True if the calibration procedure succeeded. False otherwise. delays is an N\_ADC\_BOARD x N\_ADC\_CHIP x DATA\_LANES\_PER\_CHIP array of chosen delays. slack is an N\_ADC\_BOARD x N\_ADC\_CHIP x DATA\_LANES\_PER\_CHIP array of slacks – the number of delay taps between the chosen delay and the nearest delay which showed ADC errors.

Return type bool, list, list

#### get\_snapshot (fmc, signed=False, trigger=True)

Read a snapshot of data from all ADC channels on a single FMC card. Return data without interleaving ADC cores.

#### **Parameters**

- fmc (int) Which FMC port (0 or 1) to read.
- **signed** (bool) If True, return data interpretted as signed 2's complement integers. If False, return data as unsigned integers.
- **trigger** (bool) If True, trigger a new simultaneous capture of data from all channels. If False, read existing data capture. Grabbing data without a new trigger may be useful if you wish to read channels from a second FMC port which were captured simultaneously with another port.

**Returns** Array of captured data with dimensions [ADC\_CHIPS\_PER\_FMC, ADC\_LANES, TIME\_SAMPLES]. Data from ADC lanes representing the same analog input are \_not\_ interleaved. Data from ADC lanes n,n+1 are associated with the same analog input.

Return type numpy.array

#### get\_snapshot\_interleaved(fmc, signed=False, trigger=True)

Read a snapshot of data from all ADC channels on a single FMC card. Return data with ADC cores interleaved.

#### **Parameters**

- fmc (int) Which FMC port (0 or 1) to read.
- **signed** (bool) If True, return data interpretted as signed 2's complement integers. If False, return data as unsigned integers.
- **trigger** (bool) If True, trigger a new simultaneous capture of data from all channels. If False, read existing data capture. Grabbing data without a new trigger may be useful if you wish to read channels from a second FMC port which were captured simultaneously with another port.

**Returns** numpy array of captured data with dimensions [ADC\_CHANNELS\_PER\_FMC, TIME SAMPLES].

**Return type** numpy.ndarray

initialize(read\_only=False, clocksource=1)

Initialize connected ADC boards.

- read\_only (bool) If True, don't do anything which would affect a running system. If False, train ADC->FPGA data links.
- **clocksource** (*int*) Which ADC board (0 or 1) on an FMC card should serve as the source of the clocks. Note that while this parameter is set for boards on all FMC cards, only the FMC card selected as the clock source at Simulink compile-time will be used for clocking.

**Returns** True if initialization was successful. False otherwise.

#### mmcm is locked()

Read the ADC control register to determine if the clock PLLs are locked.

**Returns** True if the ADC clocks are locked. False otherwise.

#### Return type bool

#### print\_sweep (errs, best\_delays=None, step\_size=4)

Print, using ASCII, the valid data capture eye as a function of delay setting. Delays are printed such that one row represents a sweep of delays for a single ADC data lane. Each column in the row is X if data contained errors at this delay, – if no errors were detected at this delay, and |, if this delay is considered the best setting in the sweep range.

#### **Parameters**

- **errs** (*list*) Array of error counts with dimensions [DELAY\_TRIALS, ADC\_CHIPS, DATA\_LANES\_PER\_ADC\_CHIP] such as that returned by \_get\_errs\_by\_delay.
- best\_delays (list) Array of best delays, with shape [ADC\_CHIPS, DATA\_LANES\_PER\_ADC\_CHIP], such as that returned by \_get\_best\_delays. These delays are marked with an ASCII |.
- **step\_size** (*int*) Number of IDELAY tap steps between delay trials.

#### reset()

Toggle the ADC reset input.

#### sync()

Toggle the ADC sync input.

#### use data (

Set all ADCs into normal operating mode, in which analog inputs are digitized and transmitted.

## use\_ramp()

Set all ADCs into the "ramp" test mode, in which ADC samples are replaced with a 10-bit counter which increments with each ADC clock.

#### use\_toggle (val0, val1)

Set all ADCs into the "toggle" test mode, in which ADC samples are replaced with a toggling pattern of two 10-bit values.

#### **Parameters**

- val0 (int) First value ADCs should output.
- val1 (int) Second value ADCs should output.

# 4.2.5 Input Control

#### **class** lwa\_f.blocks.input.**Input** (host, name, n\_streams=64, n\_bits=10, logger=None)

Instantiate a control interface for an Input block. This block allows switching data streams between constant-zeros, digital noise, and ADC streams.

A statistics interface is also provided, providing bit statistics and histograms.

- host (casperfpga. CasperFpga) CasperFpga interface for host.
- name (str) Name of block in Simulink hierarchy.

- logger (logging.Logger) Logger instance to which log messages should be emitted.
- n\_streams (int) Number of independent streams which may be delayed
- **n\_bits** (*int*) Number of bits per ADC sample.

#### **Variables**

- n streams Number of streams this interface handles
- n\_bits Number of bits per ADC sample

#### get\_all\_histograms()

Get histograms for all antpols, summing over all interleaving cores.

**Returns** (vals, hists). vals is a list of histogram bin centers. hists is an [n\_stream x 2\*\*n bits] list of histogram data.

#### get\_bit\_stats()

Get the mean, RMS, and mean powers of all ADC streams.

**Returns** (means, powers, rmss) tuple. Each member of the tuple is an array with self. n\_streams elements.

**Rval** (numpy.ndarray, numpy.ndarray, numpy.ndarray)

#### get\_histogram(stream, sum\_cores=True)

Get a histogram for an ADC stream.

#### **Parameters**

- **stream** (*int*) ADC stream from which to get data.
- **sum\_cores** (bool) If True, compute one histogram from both pairs of interleaved ADC cores associated with an analog input. If False, compute separate histograms.

Returns If sum\_cores is True, return (vals, hist), where vals is a list of histogram bin centers, and hist is a list of histogram data points. If sum\_cores is False, return (vals, hist\_a, hist\_b), where hist\_a and hist\_b are separate histogram data sets for the even-sample and odd-sample ADC cores, respectively.

#### get\_status()

Get status and error flag dictionaries.

## Status keys:

- switch\_position<n> (str): Switch position ('noise', 'adc' or 'zero') for input stream n, where n is a two-digit integer starting at 00. Any input position other than 'adc' is flagged with "NOTIFY".
- power<n> (float): Mean power of input stream n, where n is a two-digit integer starting at 00. In units of (ADC LSBs)\*\*2.
- rms<n> (float): RMS of input stream n, where n is a two-digit integer starting at 00. In units of ADC LSBs. Value is flagged as a warning if it is >30 or <5.
- mean<n> (float): Mean sample value of input stream n, where n is a two-digit integer starting at 00. In units of ADC LSBs. Value is flagged as a warning if it is > 2.

**Returns** (status\_dict, flags\_dict) tuple. *status\_dict* is a dictionary of status key-value pairs. flags\_dict is a dictionary with all, or a sub-set, of the keys in *status\_dict*. The values held in this dictionary are as defined in *error\_levels.py* and indicate that values in the status dictionary are outside normal ranges.

#### get\_switch\_positions()

Get the positions of the input switches.

**Returns** List of switch positions. Entry n contains the position of the switch associated with ADC input n. Switch positions are "noise" (internal digital noise generators), "adc" (digitized ADC stream), or "zero" (constant 0).

Return type list of str

```
initialize(read only=False)
```

Initialize the block.

**Parameters read\_only** (bool) – If True, do nothing. If False, set the input multiplexers to ADC data and enable statistic computation.

## plot\_histogram(stream)

Plot a histogram.

Parameters stream (int) - ADC stream from which to get data.

#### print\_histograms()

Print histogram stats to screen.

```
use adc(stream=None)
```

Switch input to ADC.

Parameters stream (int or None) - Which stream to switch. If None, switch all.

```
use noise(stream=None)
```

Switch input to internal noise source.

Parameters stream (int or None) - Which stream to switch. If None, switch all.

```
use_zero (stream=None)
```

Switch input to zeros.

Parameters stream (int or None) - Which stream to switch. If None, switch all.

## 4.2.6 Noise Generator Control

```
class lwa_f.blocks.noisegen.NoiseGen (host, name, n_noise=5, n_outputs=64, logger=None)
Noise Generator controller
```

This block controls a digital noise source, which can generate multiple independent channels of gaussian noise. These channels can be assigned to multiple outputs of this block, to create correlated or uncorrelated noise streams.

#### **Parameters**

- host (casperfpga. CasperFpga) CasperFpga interface for host.
- name (str) Name of block in Simulink hierarchy.
- **logger** (logging.Logger) Logger instance to which log messages should be emitted.
- n\_noise (int) The number of independent noise generation cores in the underlying block. 2\*n\_noise independent noise streams will be produced.
- **n\_outputs** (*int*) The number of output channels from the block.

#### assign\_output (output, noise)

Assign an output channel to a given noise stream. Note that the output stream will not be affected unless the downstream input multiplexors are set to noise mode.

#### **Parameters**

- **output** (*int*) The index of the output stream to be assigned.
- **noise** (*int*) The index of the noise stream to assign to *output*. Note that each noise generator core generates two independent streams, so *noise* can be in range(0, 2\*self.n noise)

#### get\_output\_assignment(output)

Get the index of the noise stream assigned to an output.

**Parameters** output (int) – The index of the output stream to query.

**Returns** The index of the noise stream to assign to *output*. Note that each noise generator core generates two independent streams, so *noise* can be in range(0, 2\*self.n\_noise)

#### Return type int

#### $get\_seed(n)$

Get the seed of a noise generator.

**Parameters** n (int) – Noise generator ID whose seed to read.

Returns Noise generator seed.

#### Rtype int

#### get\_status()

Get status and error flag dictionaries.

Status keys:

- noise\_core<m>\_seed (int): Seed currently loaded into noise generator core m. m should be a two-digit integer starting at 00.
- output\_assignment<n> (int): The noise generator ID currently assigned to output stream n, where n is a two-digit integer starting at 00.

**Returns** (status\_dict, flags\_dict) tuple. *status\_dict* is a dictionary of status key-value pairs. flags\_dict is a dictionary with all, or a sub-set, of the keys in *status\_dict*. The values held in this dictionary are as defined in *error\_levels.py* and indicate that values in the status dictionary are outside normal ranges.

#### initialize(read\_only=False)

Initialize the block

**Parameters** read\_only (bool) - If False, set the seen of noise generator n to n. If True, do nothing.

#### set\_seed(n, seed)

Set the seed of a noise generator.

- n (int) Noise generator ID to seed.
- **seed** (*int*) Noise generator seed to load.

# 4.2.7 Delay Control

**class** lwa\_f.blocks.delay.**Delay** (*host*, *name*, *n\_streams=64*, *logger=None*) Instantiate a control interface for a Delay block.

#### **Parameters**

- host (casperfpga. CasperFpga) CasperFpga interface for host.
- name (str) Name of block in Simulink hierarchy.
- logger (logging.Logger) Logger instance to which log messages should be emitted.
- n\_streams (int) Number of independent streams which may be delayed

#### MIN DELAY = 5

minimum delay allowed

#### get\_delay (stream)

Get the current delay for a given input.

Parameters stream (int) - Which ADC input index to query

Returns Currently loaded delay, in ADC samples

Return type int

#### get max delay()

Query the firmware to get the maximum delay it supports.

Returns Maximum supported delay, in ADC samples

Return type int

#### get\_status()

Get status and error flag dictionaries.

Status keys:

- delay<n>: Currently loaded delay for ADC input index n. in units of ADC samples.
- max delay: The maximum delay supported by the firmware.
- min\_delay: The minimum delay supported by the firmware.

**Returns** (status\_dict, flags\_dict) tuple. *status\_dict* is a dictionary of status key-value pairs. flags\_dict is a dictionary with all, or a sub-set, of the keys in *status\_dict*. The values held in this dictionary are as defined in *error\_levels.py* and indicate that values in the status dictionary are outside normal ranges.

#### initialize (read\_only=False)

Initialize all delays.

**Parameters read\_only** (bool) – If True, do nothing. If False, initialize all delays to the minimum allowed value.

#### **set delay** (*stream*, *delay*)

Set the delay for a given input stream.

- **stream** (*int*) ADC stream index to which delay should be applied.
- delay (int) Number of ADC clock cycles delay to load.

# 4.2.8 PFB Control

```
class lwa_f.blocks.pfb.Pfb (host, name, logger=None)

DEFAULT_FFT_SHIFT = 65535
    Default FFT shift

get_fft_shift()
    Get the currently applied FFT shift schedule.

    Returns Shift schedule
    Return type int
```

get\_overflow\_count()

Get the total number of FFT overflow events, since the last statistics reset.

**Returns** Number of overflows

Return type int

#### get status()

Get status and error flag dictionaries.

Status keys:

- overflow\_count (int): Number of FFT overflow events since last statistics reset. Any non-zero value is flagged with "WARNING".
- fft\_shift (str): Currently loaded FFT shift schedule, formatted as a binary string, prefixed with "0b".

**Returns** (status\_dict, flags\_dict) tuple. *status\_dict* is a dictionary of status key-value pairs. flags\_dict is a dictionary with all, or a sub-set, of the keys in *status\_dict*. The values held in this dictionary are as defined in *error\_levels.py* and indicate that values in the status dictionary are outside normal ranges.

```
initialize(read_only=False)
```

**Parameters** read\_only (bool) – If False, sets FFT shift to the default value, and resets the overflow count. If True, do nothing.

```
rst_stats()
```

Reset overflow event counters.

```
set_fft_shift(shift)
```

Set the FFT shift schedule.

**Parameters** shift (int) – Shift schedule to be applied.

# 4.2.9 Auto-correlation Control

Instantiate a control interface for an Auto-Correlation block. This provides auto-correlation spectra of post-FFT data

In order to save FPGA resourcee, the auto-correlation block may use a single correlation core to compute the auto-correlation of a subset of the total number of ADC channels at any given time. This is the case when

the block is instantiated with n\_cores > 1 and use\_mux=True. In this case, auto-correlation spectra are captured n\_pols / n\_cores channels at a time.

#### **Parameters**

- host (casperfpga. CasperFpga) CasperFpga interface for host.
- name (str) Name of block in Simulink hierarchy.
- logger (logging.Logger) Logger instance to which log messages should be emitted.
- acc\_len (int) Accumulation length initialization value, in spectra.
- n\_chans (int) Number of frequency channels.
- n\_pols (int) Number of individual data streams.
- n\_parallel\_streams (int) Number of streams processed by the firmware module in parallel.
- **n\_cores** (*int*) Number of accumulation cores in firmware design.
- **use\_mux** (bool) If True, only one core is instantiated and a multiplexer is used to switch different inputs into it. If False, multiple cores are instantiated simultaneously in firmware.

**Variables** n\_pols\_per\_block - Number of polarization streams handled by a single correlation core.

# get\_acc\_len()

Get the currently loaded accumulation length in units of spectra.

Returns Current accumulation length

Return type int

#### get new spectra(pol block=0)

Get a new average power spectra.

Parameters pol\_block (int) - If using multiplexing, read data for this polarization block. If not using multiplexing, this parameter does nothing, and data from all inputs will be returned.

When multiplexing, Each call will return data for inputs self.n\_pols\_per\_block x pol\_block to self.n\_pols\_per\_block x (pol\_block+1) - 1.

**Returns** Float32 array of dimensions [POLARIZATION, FREQUENCY CHANNEL] containing autocorrelations with accumulation length divided out.

Return type numpy.array

#### get status()

Get status and error flag dictionaries.

Status keys:

• acc\_len (int): Currently loaded accumulation length in number of spectra.

**Returns** (status\_dict, flags\_dict) tuple. *status\_dict* is a dictionary of status key-value pairs. flags\_dict is a dictionary with all, or a sub-set, of the keys in *status\_dict*. The values held in this dictionary are as defined in *error\_levels.py* and indicate that values in the status dictionary are outside normal ranges.

# initialize(read\_only=False)

Initialize the block, setting (or reading) the accumulation length.

**Parameters read\_only** (bool) – If False, set the accumulation length to the value provided when this block was instantiated. If True, use whatever accumulation length is currently loaded.

#### plot\_spectra (pol\_block=0, db=True, show=True)

Plot the spectra of all polarizations in a single pol\_block, with accumulation length divided out

#### **Parameters**

- pol\_block (int) If using multiplexing, plot data for this polarization block. If not using multiplexing, this parameter does nothing, and data from all inputs will be plotted. When multiplexing, Each call will plot data for inputs self.n\_pols\_per\_block x pol\_block to self.n\_pols\_per\_block x (pol\_block+1) 1.
- **db** (bool) If True, plot 10log10(power). Else, plot linear.
- **show** (bool) If True, call matplotlib's *show* after plotting

**Returns** matplotlib.Figure

```
set_acc_len(acc_len)
```

Set the number of spectra to accumulate.

**Parameters** acc\_len (int) – Number of spectra to accumulate

## 4.2.10 Correlation Control

class lwa\_f.blocks.corr.Corr (host, name, acc\_len=1024, logger=None, n\_chans=1024)
Instantiate a control interface for a Correlation block.

#### **Parameters**

- host (casperfpga.CasperFpga) CasperFpga interface for host.
- name (str) Name of block in Simulink hierarchy.
- **logger** (*logging.Logger*) Logger instance to which log messages should be emitted.
- acc len (int) Accumulation length initialization value, in spectra.
- n\_chans (int) Number of frequency channels in the correlation output.

#### chan sum factor

Number of adjacent frequency channels internally summed

```
get_acc_len()
```

Get the currently loaded accumulation length in units of spectra.

**Returns** Current accumulation length

Return type int

```
get_new_corr (pol1, pol2, flush_vacc=True)
```

Get a new correlation.

- **pol1** (*int*) First (unconjugated) polarization index.
- pol2 (int) Second (conjugated) polarization index.
- **flush\_vacc** (bool) If True, throw away the first accumulation after setting the input selection registers. This is good practice the first time a new polarization pair is read.

**Returns** Complex-valued cross-correlation spectra of *pol1* and *pol2* with accumulation length and frequency summing factor divided out.

Return type numpy.array

#### get status()

Get status and error flag dictionaries.

Status keys:

• acc len: Currently loaded accumulation length in number of spectra.

**Returns** (status\_dict, flags\_dict) tuple. *status\_dict* is a dictionary of status key-value pairs. flags\_dict is a dictionary with all, or a sub-set, of the keys in *status\_dict*. The values held in this dictionary are as defined in *error\_levels.py* and indicate that values in the status dictionary are outside normal ranges.

#### initialize (read\_only=False)

Initialize the block, setting (or reading) the accumulation length.

**Parameters read\_only** (bool) – If False, set the accumulation length to the value provided when this block was instantiated. If True, use whatever accumulation length is currently loaded.

#### plot\_corr (pol1, pol2, show=False)

Plot a correlation spectra, with accumulation length and frequency summing factor divided out.

#### **Parameters**

- pol1 (int) First (unconjugated) polarization index.
- pol2 (int) Second (conjugated) polarization index.
- **show** (bool) If True, call matplotlib's *show* after plotting

Returns matplotlib.Figure

```
set_acc_len (acc_len)
```

Set the number of spectra to accumulate.

**Parameters** acc\_len (int) – Number of spectra to accumulate

# 4.2.11 Post-FFT Test Vector Control

**class** lwa\_f.blocks.eqtvg.**EqTvg** (*host*, *name*, *n\_streams=64*, *n\_chans=4096*, *logger=None*) Instantiate a control interface for a post-equalization test vector generator block.

#### **Parameters**

- host (casperfpga. CasperFpga) CasperFpga interface for host.
- name (str) Name of block in Simulink hierarchy.
- logger (logging.Logger) Logger instance to which log messages should be emitted.
- n\_streams (int) Number of independent streams which may be delayed
- n\_chans (int) Number of frequency channels.

#### get\_status()

Get status and error flag dictionaries.

Status keys:

• tvg\_enabled: Currently state of test vector generator. True if the generator is enabled, else False.

**Returns** (status\_dict, flags\_dict) tuple. *status\_dict* is a dictionary of status key-value pairs. flags\_dict is a dictionary with all, or a sub-set, of the keys in *status\_dict*. The values held in this dictionary are as defined in *error\_levels.py* and indicate that values in the status dictionary are outside normal ranges.

#### initialize (read\_only=False)

Initialize the block.

**Parameters read\_only** (bool) – If True, do nothing. If False, load frequency-ramp test vectors, but disable the test vector generator.

#### read\_stream\_tvg(stream)

Read the test vector loaded to an ADC stream.

Parameters stream (int) - Index of stream from which test vectors should be read.

**Returns** Test vector array, as loaded to the FPGA in 8-bit unsigned integer representation.

Return type numpy.ndarray

#### tvg\_disable()

Disable the test vector generator

## tvg\_enable()

Enable the test vector generator.

#### tvq is enabled()

Query the current test vector generator state.

**Returns** True if the test vector generator is enabled, else False.

Return type bool

# write\_const\_per\_stream()

Write a constant to all the channels of a stream, with stream i taking the value i.

#### write\_freq\_ramp()

Write a frequency ramp to the test vector that is repeated for all ADC inputs. Data are wrapped to fit into 8 bits. I.e., the test vector value for channel 257 takes the value 1.

#### write\_stream\_tvg(stream, test\_vector)

Write a test vector pattern to a single signal stream.

- **stream** (*int*) Index of stream to which test vectors should be loaded.
- **test\_vector** (list or numpy.ndarray) self.n\_chans-element test vector. Values should be representable in 8-bit unsigned integer format. Data are loaded such that the most-significant 4 bits of the test\_vectors are interpretted as the 2's complement 4-bit real sample data. The least-significant 4 bits of the test vectors are interpretted as the 2's complement 4-bit imaginary sample data.

# 4.2.12 Equalization Control

**class** lwa\_f.blocks.eq.**Eq** (host, name,  $n_streams=64$ ,  $n_coeffs=512$ , logger=None) Instantiate a control interface for an Equalization block.

#### **Parameters**

- host (casperfpga. CasperFpga) CasperFpga interface for host.
- name (str) Name of block in Simulink hierarchy.
- logger (logging.Logger) Logger instance to which log messages should be emitted.
- n\_streams (int) Number of independent streams which may be delayed
- n\_coeffs (int) Number of coefficients per input stream. Coefficients are shared among neighbouring frequency channels.

#### clip\_count()

Get the total number of times any samples have clipped, since last sync.

Returns Clip count.

Return type int

#### get\_coeffs (stream)

Get the coefficients currently loaded. Reads the actual coefficients from the board.

**Parameters** stream (int) – ADC stream index to query.

**Returns** (coeffs, binary\_point). coeffs is an array of self.n\_coeffs integer coefficients currently being applied. binary\_point is the position of the binary point wy which these integers are scaled on the FPGA.

Return type (numpy.ndarray, int)

## get\_status()

Get status and error flag dictionaries.

Status keys:

- clip count: Number of clip events in the last sync period.
- width: Bit width of coefficients
- binary\_point: Binary point position of coefficients
- coefficients<n>: The currently loaded, integer-valued coefficients for ADC stream n.

**Returns** (status\_dict, flags\_dict) tuple. *status\_dict* is a dictionary of status key-value pairs. flags\_dict is a dictionary with all, or a sub-set, of the keys in *status\_dict*. The values held in this dictionary are as defined in *error\_levels.py* and indicate that values in the status dictionary are outside normal ranges.

# initialize(read\_only=False)

Initialize block.

**Parameters** read\_only (bool) – If False, set all coefficients to some nominally sane value. Currently, this is 100.0. If True, do nothing.

#### set\_coeffs (stream, coeffs)

Set the coefficients for a data stream. Clipping and saturation will be applied before loading.

- **stream** (*int*) ADC stream index to which coefficients should be applied.
- **coeffs** (list or numpy.ndarray) Array of coefficients to load. This should be of length self.n\_coeffs, else an AssertionError will be raised.

# 4.2.13 Channel Selection Control

**class** lwa\_f.blocks.chanreorder.**ChanReorder** (*host*, *name*, *n\_chans=1024*, *logger=None*) Instantiate a control interface for a Channel Reorder block.

#### **Parameters**

- host (casperfpga.CasperFpga) CasperFpga interface for host.
- name (str) Name of block in Simulink hierarchy.
- logger (logging.Logger) Logger instance to which log messages should be emitted.
- n\_chans (int) Number of channels in the system.

#### initialize(read\_only=False)

Initialize the block.

**Parameters** read\_only (bool) – If True, this method is a no-op. If False, initialize the block with the identity map. I.e., map channel n to channel n.

# n\_parallel\_chans = 8

Number of channels per reorder word

```
read_reorder (raw=False)
```

Read the currently loaded reorder map.

**Parameters** raw(bool) – If True, return the map as loaded onto the FPGA. If False, return the resulting channel map – i.e., the channel ordering being output by this F-engine.

**Returns** The reorder map currently loaded.

Return type list

#### set\_channel\_order(order)

Re-order channels so that they are sent with the order in the specified map.

There are various requirements of the map which must be met.

- Every integer multiple of *self.n\_parallel\_chans* of the map must start on an integer multiple of *n\_parallel\_chans*. Eg., for *n\_parallel\_chans* = 8 order[0] = 16 is acceptable. order[0] = 4 is not.
- Blocks of  $n_parallel_channels$  must be consecutive. Eg., if  $n_parallel_chans=8$ , order[16:24] = [0,1,2,3,4,5,6,7] is acceptable. order[16:24] = [0,1,2,3,8,9,10,11] is not.
- The provided map must be *self.n chans* elements long.

**Parameters order** (list of int) – The order to which data should be mapped. I.e., if order[0] = 16, then the first channel out of the F-engine will be channel 16. The order map should meet the above criteria. A ValueError exception will be raised if they are not.

#### 4.2.14 Packetization Control

The packetizer block allows dynamic definition of packet sizes and contents. In firmware, it is a simple block which allows insertion of header entries and EOFs at any point in the incoming data stream. It is up to the user to configure this block such that it behaves in a reasonable manner - i.e.

- Output data rate does not overflow the downstream Ethernet core
- Packets have a reasonable size
- EOFs and headers are correctly placed.

#### **Parameters**

- host (casperfpga. CasperFpga) CasperFpga interface for host.
- name (str) Name of block in Simulink hierarchy.
- logger (logging.Logger) Logger instance to which log messages should be emitted
- n chans (int) Number of frequency channels in the correlation output.
- n\_pols (int) Number of independent analog streams in the system
- **sample\_rate\_mhz** (float) ADC sample rate in MHz. Used for data rate checks.

**get\_packet\_info** (*n\_pkt\_chans*, *occupation=0.95*, *chan\_block\_size=8*)

Get the packet boundaries for packets containing a given number of frequency channels.

#### **Parameters**

- n\_pkt\_chans (int) The number of channels per packet.
- **occupation** (float) The maximum allowed throughput capacity of the underlying link. The calculation does not include application or protocol overhead, so must necessarily be < 1.
- **chan\_block\_size** (*int*) The granularity with which we can start packets. I.e., packets must start on an n\*`chan\_block` boundary.

#### Returns

packet\_starts, packet\_payloads, channel\_indices

- **packet\_starts** [list of ints] The word indexes where packets start i.e., where headers should be written. For example, a value [0, 1024, 2048, ...] indicates that headers should be written into underlying brams at addresses 0, 1024, etc.
- **packet\_payloads** [list of range()] The range of indices where this packet's payload falls. Eg: [range(1,257), range(1025,1281), range(2049,2305), ... etc] These indices should be marked valid, and the last given an EOF.
- **channel\_indices** [list of range()] The range of channel indices this packet will send. Eg: [range(1,129), range(1025,1153), range(2049,2177), ... etc] Channels to be sent should be re-indexed so that they fall into these ranges.

Write the packetizer configuration BRAMs with appropriate entries.

#### **Parameters**

- **packet\_starts** (list of int) Word-indices which are the first entry of a packet and should be populated with headers (see get\_packet\_info())
- packet\_payloads (list of range()s) Word-indices which are data payloads, and should be mared as valid (see get\_packet\_info())
- **channel\_indices** (list of ints) Header entries for the channel field of each packet to be sent
- ant\_indices (list of ints) Header entries for the antenna field of each packet to be sent
- **dest\_ips** list of str IP addresses for each packet to be sent.
- **dest\_ports** (*list of int*) UDP destination ports for each packet to be sent.
- nchans\_per\_packet (int) Number of frequency channels per packet sent.
- nchans\_per\_xeng (int) Total number of frequency channels sent to each destination IP.
- npols\_per\_packet (int) Number of antpols in each packet sent.
- npols\_per\_xeng (int) Number of antpols expected by each destination IP.
- print (bool) If True, print config for debugging

All parameters should have identical lengths.

# 4.2.15 Ethernet Output Control

class lwa\_f.blocks.eth.Eth (host, name, logger=None)
Instantiate a control interface for a 40 GbE block.

#### **Parameters**

- host (casperfpga. CasperFpga) CasperFpga interface for host.
- name (str) Name of block in Simulink hierarchy.
- logger (logging.Logger) Logger instance to which log messages should be emitted.

#### add\_arp\_entry(ip, mac)

Set a single arp entry.

# **Parameters**

- ip (str) The IP address matching the given MAC in dotted-quad string notation. Eg. '10.10.10.1'.
- mac (int) The MAC address to be loaded to the ARP cache.

#### configure\_source (mac, ip, port)

Configure the Ethernet interface source address parameters.

- ip (str) IP address of the interface, in dotted-quad string notation. Eg. '10.10.10.1'
- mac (int) MAC address of the interface.
- port (int) UDP source port for packets sent from the interface.

#### disable tx()

Disable Ethernet transmission.

### enable\_tx()

Enable Ethernet transmission.

#### get\_status()

Get status and error flag dictionaries. See also: status reset.

#### Status keys:

- tx\_of : Count of TX buffer overflow events.
- tx\_full : Count of TX buffer full events.
- tx\_vld : Count of 64-bit words marked as valid for transmission.
- tx\_ctr: Count of transmission End-of-Frames marked valid.

**Returns** (status\_dict, flags\_dict) tuple. *status\_dict* is a dictionary of status key-value pairs. flags\_dict is a dictionary with all, or a sub-set, of the keys in *status\_dict*. The values held in this dictionary are as defined in *error\_levels.py* and indicate that values in the status dictionary are outside normal ranges.

## initialize(read\_only=False)

Initialize the block. See also: configure\_source, which sets transmission source attributes.

**Parameters** read only (bool) - If False, reset error counters. If True, do nothing.

#### reset()

Disable, then reset the 40 GbE core. It must be enabled with enable\_tx before traffic will be transmitted.

## status\_reset()

Reset all status counters.

## 4.3 etcd Interface

The etcd F-Engine interface provides a mechanism to control multiple SNAP2 boards running F-Engine firmware via the passing of messages through an etcd key-value store.

In order to use the etcd control interface, a daemon Snap2FengineEtcdClient instance is required to be running on a server with network access to the SNAP2 hardware being controlled.

## 4.3.1 Key Organization

For an F-Engine running on a SNAP2 hostname, there are three relevant etcd key paths.

## Command

The command key is:

/cmd/snap/<id>

id is the one-indexed ID number of the SNAP board which should respond to these commands. Commands issues to id=0 are processed by all SNAP boards.

Writing messages to this key results in the execution of Snap2Fengine command methods.

## Response

Each command written to the command key will elicit a response published to the key:

/resp/snap/<id>

The response message will indicate the success of failure of the command, and may contain a command-dependent data payload. For example, a spectra, or snapshot of ADC samples.

#### **Monitor**

In addition to the command/response interface described above, a set of basic status values are continuously-polled and written to etcd. This allows basic monitoring scripts to simply watch the etcd keystore to determine system health, rather than having to issue commands.

Each SNAP board reports monitor information to the key:

/mon/snap/<id>

The monitor key is indended to be continuously updated on a ~1 second time cadence, and contains low data-volume status information. For example, FPGA temperature, ADC RMS, number of transmitted Ethernet packets, and similar.

## 4.3.2 Command/Response Protocol

The Command/Response protocol is designed to be a simple interface to the underlying Snap2Fengine control class. It will naturally extend as the control class functionality is expanded.

A simple example of a control client is implemented in the Snap2FengineEtcdControl class, which is used for internal testing.

## **Command Format**

Commands sent to the command key are JSON-encoded dictionaries, and should have the following fields:

Field	Туре	Description
id	string	A unique string associated with this command, used to identify the command's response
cmd	string	Command name
val	dictionary	<ul> <li>A dictionary containing keys:</li> <li>time (string) The time these statistics were gathered, in ISO 3339 format.</li> <li>block (string): The firmware block name to which this command applies.</li> <li>kwargs (dictionary): Dictionary of arguments required by the block.command method.</li> </ul>

Allowed values for "block" are any of the keys in the Snap2Fengine blocks attribute. I.e.:

```
from lwa_f import snap2_fengine
f = snap2_fengine.Snap2Fengine('snap2-rev2-11')
for block in sorted(f.blocks.keys()): print(block)
adc
autocorr
corr
delay
eq
eq_tvg
eth
input
noise
packetizer
pfb
reorder
sync
```

Allowed values for "cmd" are any of the methods which can be called against Snap2Fengine.blocks[block]. For example, for the delay block, allowed commands are:

- get\_max\_delay
- set\_delay
- get\_delay
- initialize
- get\_status

All blocks are instances of the generic Block class, and thus it is also possible to call parent class methods such as read\_uint and write\_uint. These directly manipulate FPGA registers, and should be used with caution.

The "kwargs" field should contain any arguments required by the command method being called. For example, the Fengine delay block's set\_delay method requires a stream argument (to select which of the 64 SNAP2 data streams is being manipulated) and a delay argument (to set the delay for this stream).

As such, in order to set the delay of data stream 5 to 100 adc samples, a command should be issued with:

Field	Value						
cmd	"set_del	ay"					
val	{block:	"delay",	kwargs:	{"stream":	5,	"delay":	100}

An example of a valid command JSON string, issued with the above parameters at UNIX time 1618060712.60 and with id="1" is:

```
'{"cmd": "set_delay", "val": {"block": "delay", "timestamp": 1618060712.6, "kwargs": {"stream": 5, "delay": 100}}, "id": "1"}'
```

Consult the Snap2Fengine API details for a list of commands and their arguments.

## **Response Format**

Every command sent elicits the writing of JSON-encoded dictionary to the response key. This dictionary has the following fields:

Field	Туре	Description
id	string	A string matching the id field of the command string to which this
		is a response
val	dictionary	<ul> <li>A dictionary containing keys:</li> <li>timestamp (float) The UNIX time when this response was issued.</li> <li>status (string): The string "normal" if the corresponding command was processed without error, or "error" if it was not.</li> <li>response (dictionary): The response of the command method, as determined by the command API. If a method would usually return a numpy array, when using the etcd interface the response will be a list. In the event that the status field is "error", The response field will contain an error message string.</li> </ul>

Not all <code>Snap2Fengine</code> methods return values, in whice case the response field is <code>null</code>. The previous command example (setting a delay) results in the underlying API call <code>Snap2Fengine.blocks['delay'].set\_delay(5, 100)</code> which returns <code>None</code>. The response to the example command (assuming processing the command took 0.2 milliseconds) is thus:

Field	Value					
id	"1"					
val	{timestamp:	1618060712.8,	status:	"normal",	response:	null}

or, in JSON-encoded form:

```
'{"id": "1", "val": {"timestamp": 1618060712.8, "status": "normal", "response": null}}'
```

If the response status field is "error", common response error messages, and their meanings are:

"JSON decode er-	Command string could not be JSON-decoded.
ror"	
"Sequence ID not	Sequence ID was not provided in the command string or decoded to a non-string value.
string"	
"Bad command for-	Received command did not comply with formatting specifications. E.g. was missing a
mat"	required field such as block or cmd.
"Command invalid"	Received command doesn't exist in the Snap2Fengine API, or is prohibited for etcd
	access.
"Wrong block"	block field of the command decoded to a block which doesn't exist.
"Command argu-	kwargs key contained missing, or unexpected keys.
ments invalid"	
"Command failed"	The underlying Snap2Fengine API call raised an exception.

In the event that a command fails, more information is available in the Snap2FengineEtcdClient daemon logs.

## **Monitoring Interface**

The monitor key contains a nested dictionary with the following keys:

Field	Туре	Description
timestamp	float	The UNIX timestamp at which the monitor key was last updated.
stats	dictionary	A nested dictionary containing status values, keyed first by block
		name (eg. delay, eq or corr) and then by status key.
flags	dictionary	A nested dictionary containing status values, keyed first by block name (eg. delay, eq or corr) and then by status key. This dictionary contains a subset of the keys present in the stats field. Where they exist, a value associated with a key indicates whether the corresponding value in the stats dictionary is out of normal range. Values in the flags dictionary are interpretted as in error_levels. py; i.e.:  • 0: Value is OK  • 1: Value is different from operational normal  • 2: Value is outside expected range  • 3: Value represents an error condition

Entries in the stats dictionary are shown below

Dictionary Key	Dictionary sub- key	type	Description
autocorr	acc_len	int	Accumulation length, in spectra, of the in-
			ternal autocorrelation module.
corr	acc_len	int	Accumulation length, in spectra, of the in-
			ternal correlation module.
delay	delay``n``	int	Delay of each of the n data streams.
delay	maxdelay	int	The maximum delay supported by the
			firmware.
eq	binary_point	int	The position of the EQ coefficient binary
			point
eq	width	int	The bit width of the EQ coefficients

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Dictionary Key	Dictionary sub-	type	Description
AG	key clip_count	int	The number of clips when requantizing
eq	cnp_count	IIIL	
			spectra to 4-bit. This counter resets every
	66 1	1	[TODO: when??]
eq	coefficients"n"	list (int)	The currently loaded coefficients, in integer
			form (i.e., interpretted with all bits above the
			binary point)
eq_tvg	tvg_enabled	bool	True if the post-FFT test vector generator is
			enabled. False otherwise.
eth	tx_ctr	int	Running count of number of packets trans-
			mitted.
eth	tx_err	int	Running count of number of packet errors
			detected.
eth	tx_full	int	Running count of number of transmission
			buffer overflow events.
eth	tx_vld	int	Running count of number of 256-bit words
			transmitted.
feng	flash_firmware	string	The current .fpg bitstream file stored in flash
icing	nusii_iniiware	Sumg	memory
feng	flash_firmware_md5	int	The MD5 checksum of the .fpg bitstream
iciig	masii_mmwarc_mus	IIIt	stored in flash
fona	haat	atuin a	The hostname of the SNAP2 board
feng	host	string	
feng	programmed	bool	True if the board appears to be running DSP
			firmware. False otherwise.
feng	serial	string	A notional "serial number" of this hardware.
			Not yet implemented.
feng	sw_version	string	The software version of the lwa_f python
			library currently in use
feng	sys_mon	string	"reporting" if the current firmware has a
			working system monitor module. "not re-
			porting" if no monitoring is available.
feng	temp	float	FPGA junction temperature, in degrees C,
			reported by system monitor (if available)
feng	vccaux	float	Voltage of the VCCAUX FPGA power rail
			reported by system monitor (if available)
feng	vccbram	float	Voltage of the VCCBRAM FPGA power
U			rail reported by system monitor (if avail-
			able)
feng	vccint	float	Voltage of the VCCINT FPGA power rail
icing	Vecint	nout	reported by system monitor (if available)
input	mean``n``	float	Mean of ADC sample values for input ADC
mput	mean n	noat	
innut	rms``n``	float	RMS of ADC sample values for input ADC
input	THIS II	noat	
inant	power``n``	floot	n.  Man of squares of ADC sample values for
input	power n	float	Mean of squares of ADC sample values for
			input ADC n.
input	switch_position``n``	string	Switch position for input data stream n.
			noise for internal noise generators, adc
			for analog inputs, zero for zero.
noise	noise_core00_seed	int	Seed value for internal noise generator 0.

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Dictionary Key	Dictionary sub-	type	Description
noise	noise_core01_seed	int	Seed value for internal noise generator 1.
noise	noise_core02_seed	int	Seed value for internal noise generator 2.
noise	output_assignment``n	``int	Noise source (0 - 5) currently assigned to
			data stream n.
pfb	fft_shift	int	Currently loaded FFT shift schedule.
pfb	overflow_count	int	Running count of FFT overflow events.
sync	ext_count	int	Running count of number of external sync
			pulses received since FPGA was pro-
			grammed.
sync	int_count	int	Running count of number of internal sync
			pulses received since FPGA was pro-
			grammed.
sync	period_fpga_clks	int	Detected period of external sync pulses in
			units of FPGA clock cycles.
sync	uptime_fpga_clks	int	Number of FPGA clock ticks since the
			FPGA was last programmed

## F-ENGINE REGISTER DEFINITIONS

F-Engine firmware is designed to be manipulated using the provided Snap2FEngine class, or its higher level etcd-based control interface.

However, individual F-engine registers and their purposes are described below.

# **5.1 Register Descriptions**

Register Name	Size (Bytes)	Permission	Description
ADC Registers	, ,		
ads5296_controller_ <i>_<j></j></i>	128	r/w	ADS5296 board control register for the j th ADC card in FMC i. Should be manipulated using the ADS5296 class of the casperfpga python library.
ads5296_spi_controller <i></i>	16	r/w	ADS5296 SPI controller register for ADC cards on FMC slot i. Should be manipulated using the ADS5296 class of the casperfpga python library.
ads5296_wb_ram <i>_<j>_<k></k></j></i>	4096	r/w	ADC snapshot RAM for ADC chip k on board j of FMC port i. Should be manipulated using the ADS5296 class of the casperfpga python library.
adc_rst	4	r/w	Set to 1 to assert the ADC reset. This flushes the ADC output FIFOs. Data will not begin flowing again until the ADC sync input transitions from 0 to 1.
adc_snapshot_trigger	4	r/w	When this register transitions from 0 to 1, all ADC channels will simultaneously capture a burst of ADC samples.
adc_sync	4	r/w	Write 1 to this register to assert the ADC's sync input. This input is edge sensitive.
Auto-Correlator Registers			
autocorr_acc_cnt	4	r	32-bit wrapping accumulation counter, which increments each time a new accumulation is recorded to RAM. There is no buffer locking when correlation data are read, so this counter can be used to ensure that data have not changed during a read.
autocorr_acc_len	4	r/w	Accumulation length, in spectra.

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Register Name	Size (Bytes)	Permission	Description
autocorr_common_dout0_bram	262144	r/w	For memory name suffix <n>_bram, stores the autocorrelation powers for frequency channels 8n of 16 consective F-engine inputs. Data are stored in [input_number, freq_channel] order.</n>
autocorr_common_dout1_bram	262144	r/w	For memory name suffix <n>_bram, stores the autocorrelation powers for frequency channels 8n of 16 consective F-engine inputs. Data are stored in [input_number, freq_channel] order.</n>
autocorr_common_dout2_bram	262144	r/w	For memory name suffix <n>_bram, stores the autocorrelation powers for frequency channels 8n of 16 consective F-engine inputs. Data are stored in [input_number, freq_channel] order.</n>
autocorr_common_dout3_bram	262144	r/w	For memory name suffix <n>_bram, stores the autocorrelation powers for frequency channels 8n of 16 consective F-engine inputs. Data are stored in [input_number, freq_channel] order.</n>
autocorr_common_dout4_bram	262144	r/w	For memory name suffix <n>_bram, stores the autocorrelation powers for frequency channels 8n of 16 consective F-engine inputs. Data are stored in [input_number, freq_channel] order.</n>
autocorr_common_dout5_bram	262144	r/w	For memory name suffix <n>_bram, stores the autocorrelation powers for frequency channels 8n of 16 consective F-engine inputs. Data are stored in [input_number, freq_channel] order.</n>
autocorr_common_dout6_bram	262144	r/w	For memory name suffix <n>_bram, stores the autocorrelation powers for frequency channels 8n of 16 consective F-engine inputs. Data are stored in [input_number, freq_channel] order.</n>
autocorr_common_dout7_bram	262144	r/w	For memory name suffix <n>_bram, stores the autocorrelation powers for frequency channels 8n of 16 consective F-engine inputs. Data are stored in [input_number, freq_channel] order.</n>
autocorr_mux_sel	4	r/w	Input selection controller. Set bits [1:0] to n to compute the autocorrelations of F-engine inputs 16n16 (n+1) -1.
Channel Reorder Registers			
chan_reorder_dynamic_map1	16384	r/w	Determines the remapping of input samples to output samples. I.e., if the first entry is 5, then the first sample into the reorder will come out 5th
Correlation Registers			
corr_0_acc_cnt	4	r	32-bit wrapping accumulation counter, which increments each time a new accumulation is recorded to RAM. There is no buffer locking when correlation data are read, so this counter can be used to ensure that data have not changed during a read.

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Register Name	Size (Bytes)	Permission	Description
corr_0_acc_len	4	r/w	Accumulation length, in FPGA clock cycles. To specify an accumulation length as a number of spectra this register should be written with number_of_spectra x frequency_channels_per_spectra. Here the number of frequency channels per spectra is the number output by the correlation subsystem. Glitches may occur (resulting in the no new accumulations for a few seconds) if the value in this register is reduced without re-applying a sync to the correlation module.
corr_0_dout	32768	r/w	Correlation data buffer. Word [2n] is the real part of the correlation of frequency channel n (after any channel averaging). Word [2n+1] is the imaginary part of this correlation.
corr_0_input_sel	4	r/w	Input selector control register. Bits [5:0] select the unconjugated correlation input. Bits [13:8] select the conjugated correlation input.
Delay Registers			
delay_ <n>_delay</n>	4	r/w	The delay applied to stream n. Any value entered in this 32-bit register will be interpretted modulo the maximum supported delay.
delay_max_delay	4	r	Interpretted as a unint32 value, contains the maximum allowed delay, in ADC samples, which may be applied to a data stream.
Equalization Registers			
eq_core <n>_clip_cnt</n>	4	r	A count of the number of times a sample has been clipped, for any of F-engine inputs $16n$ $16(n+1)-1$ . This counter is reset only by a global system reset.
eq_core <n>_coeffs</n>	131072	r/w	This memory holds coefficients for F-engine streams 16n16(n+1)-1. Coefficients are stored as a [16, n_fft_channels / 8] array, where the first axis (over input number) varies <i>slowest</i> . Coefficients are shared over 8 consecutive frequency channels, with coefficient m being applied to frequency channel m8(m+1)-1. Coefficients are interpretted with 5 bits below the binary point.
40GbE Registers			
eth_ctrl	4	r/w	40GbE control register. Bit 0 is an active high reset of the 40GbE interface core. Bit 1 is an active high transmission enable for the core, which takes effect either after the next packet is sent, or when the force flag is asserted. Bit 18 is an active high reset for statistics provided by the Ethernet core. Bit 19 is an active high force signal, which causes the current transmission enable flag to immediately take effect.
eth_forty_gbe_txctr	4	r	Counter which increments each time a valid end-of-frame is seen on a packet to be transmitted

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Register Name	Size (Bytes)	Permission	Description
eth_forty_gbe_txfullctr	4	r	Counter which increments every time the transmission buffer is full
eth_forty_gbe_txofctr	4	r	Counter which increments on every transmission overflow event
eth_forty_gbe_txvldctr	4	r	Counter which increments with every valid word of data input to the core
Input Control Registers			
input_bit_stats_histogram_outpu	t 32768	r/w	BRAM storing histogram data. Word n in the bottom half of the RAM stores the number of occurances of of ADC sample code n in _even_ numbered ADC samples. Word n in the _top_ half of the RAM stores the number of occurances of ADC sample code n in _odd_ numbered ADC samples.
input_bit_stats_input_sel	4	r/w	Input selection. The least significant 6 bits should be set to n to compute the histogram for input n.
input_rms_enable	4	r/w	Enable statistics recording. If the least-significant bit is 1, statistics will be recorded to RAM.
input_rms_levels	32768	r/w	Multi-channel statistics. For the n th 64-bit word, the least significant 32 bits represent the accumulated ADC power, accumulated over 65536 samples and stored as an unsigned 32-bit integer. The most significant 32 bits represent the sum of 65536 ADC samples stored as a signed 32-bit integer.
input_source_sel0	4	r/w	Selector control to determine if signal streams carry ADC samples, digital noise samples, or zeros. Streams n=015 is controlled by register bits [2n+1:2n]. Value 0 selects noise; 1 selects ADC; 2 selects zeros.
input_source_sel1	4	r/w	Selector control to determine if signal streams carry ADC samples, digital noise samples, or zeros. Streams n=1631 is controlled by register bits [2 (n-16)+1:2 (n-16)]. Value 0 selects noise; 1 selects ADC; 2 selects zeros.
input_source_sel2	4	r/w	Selector control to determine if signal streams carry ADC samples, digital noise samples, or zeros. Streams n=3247 is controlled by register bits [2 (n-32) +1:2 (n-32)]. Value 0 selects noise; 1 selects ADC; 2 selects zeros.
input_source_sel3	4	r/w	Selector control to determine if signal streams carry ADC samples, digital noise samples, or zeros. Streams n=4863 is controlled by register bits [2 (n-48) +1:2 (n-48)]. Value 0 selects noise; 1 selects ADC; 2 selects zeros.
Noise Generator Registers			
noise_octal_mux0_sel	4	r/w	The lower 2 bits define the select signal for the noise multiplexor. If this register has value v, then noise generator v is selected.

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Register Name	Size (Bytes)	Permission	Description
noise_octal_mux1_sel	4	r/w	The lower 2 bits define the select signal for the noise multiplexor. If this register has value v, then noise generator v is selected.
noise_octal_mux2_sel	4	r/w	The lower 2 bits define the select signal for the noise multiplexor. If this register has value v, then noise generator v is selected.
noise_octal_mux3_sel	4	r/w	The lower 2 bits define the select signal for the noise multiplexor. If this register has value v, then noise generator v is selected.
noise_octal_mux4_sel	4	r/w	The lower 2 bits define the select signal for the noise multiplexor. If this register has value v, then noise generator v is selected.
noise_octal_mux5_sel	4	r/w	The lower 2 bits define the select signal for the noise multiplexor. If this register has value $v$ , then noise generator $v$ is selected.
noise_octal_mux6_sel	4	r/w	The lower 2 bits define the select signal for the noise multiplexor. If this register has value $v$ , then noise generator $v$ is selected.
noise_octal_mux7_sel	4	r/w	The lower 2 bits define the select signal for the noise multiplexor. If this register has value v, then noise generator v is selected.
noise_seeds0	4	r/w	Noise generator seed values. If the 32-bit value in this register is v, the seed for the first noise generator is (using Verilog syntax) {8'h5c, v[7:0], v[0:7], 8'ha3}. The seed for the second noise generator is {8'h5c, v[15:8], v[8:15], 8'ha3}. The seed for the third noise generator is {8'h5c, v[23:16], v[16:23], 8'ha3}. The seed for the fourth noise generator is {8'h5c, v[31:24], v[24:31], 8'ha3}
Packetizer Registers			
packetizer_ants	262144	r/w	Antenna header entry map. Word n``contains the header antenna ID field for sample ``n in a transmission period. This field is only relevant for samples accompanied by valid and header flags.
packetizer_chans	262144	r/w	Channel ID header entry map. Bits [23:0] of word n contain the header channel ID field for sample n in a transmission period. This header field should hold the index of the first channel in a packet. Bits [31:24] contain the header channel block index field for this sample. These field is only relevant for samples accompanied by valid and header flags.
packetizer_flags	262144	r/w	Packet flags. For word n, bit 0 is an active high flag which indicates that sample n in a transmission period is a packet header. Bit 8 is an active high flag which indicates that this word is valid and should be transmitted. Bit 16 is an active high flag indicating that this word is the last in a packet.

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Register Name	Size (Bytes)	Permission	Description
packetizer_ips	262144	r/w	IP Destination address map. Word n contains the IP address to which sample n in a transmission period should be sent. Only entries accompanied by valid and end of frame flags result in a packet's destination being set from this register.
packetizer_n_chans	4	r/w	32-bit n_chans header field for F-engine output data packets, indicating the number of frequency channels per packet.
packetizer_n_pols	4	r/w	32-bit n_pols header field for F-engine output data packets, indicating the number of antennapolarizations present in a packet.
packetizer_ports	262144	r/w	UDP Destination port map. For word n, bits [15:0] contain the UDP port to which sample n in a transmission period should be sent. Only samples accompanied by valid and end of frame flags result in a packet's destination being set from this register.
PFB Registers			
pfb_ctrl	4	r/w	PFB control register. Bit 18 is an active-high reset for overflow statistics counters. Bits 15:0 hold the FFT shift schedule for the PFB processing pipeline, with bit n an active high shift signal for the n th FFT stage.
pfb_pfb16x_ <n>_status</n>	4	r	A 32-bit counter which, for register name suffix <n>_status increments every time an FFT over-flow event is detected in any of FFT channels 16n16(n+1)-1. Resets only when commanded via the PFB control register, and will wrap once the maximum value is reached.</n>
Post-EQ Test Vector Genera-			
post_eq_tvg_tvg_en  post_eq_tvg_tvg_en	524288	r/w	This memory holds 4+4 bit complex test vector streams for F-engine streams 16n 16 (n+1)-1. Test vectors are stored as a [16, n_fft_channels] array, where the first axis (over input number) varies <i>slowest</i> , and vectors are stored in order of increasing FFT channel. An 8-bit word in location [m, c] is interpretted as a 4+4 bit complex value for channel c of F-engine stream 16n + m. The most significant 4 bits are interpretted as the real part of the complex value.  Test vector multiplexor control. If the least significant bit is 1, ADC data will be replaced with
			software-controllable test vectors.
Synchronization Registers			

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Rogistor Namo	Size		Description
Register Name	(Bytes)	Fermission	Description
sync_ctrl	4	r/w	Timing control register. Bit 0: active high enable
syme_ear	'	1,	allowing telescope time counter to be loaded from
			telescope time load registers on next synchroniza-
			tion pulse. Bit 1: When transitioned from 0 to 1,
			forces telescope time counter to be loaded from tele-
			scope time load registers immediately. Bit 2: ac-
			tive high telescope time counter reset. Bit 3: active
			high reset for error counters. Bit 4: active high arm
			signal, which causes a global system reset, released
			on the next synchronization pulse; a system sync on
			the next synchronization pulse. Bit 5: When transit-
			tioned from 0 to 1, emulates the arrival of an exter-
			nal sync pulse. Bit 6: When transittioned from 0 to
			1, arms noise generator seed loaders.
sync_ext_sync_count	4	r	Number of external synchronization pulses received.
sync_ext_sync_period	4	r	Measured number of FPGA clock ticks between pre-
			vious two external synchronization pulses.
sync_ext_sync_tt_lsb	4	r	Least significant 32 bits of the telescope time
			counter, at the point of the last external synchroniza-
			tion pulse.
sync_ext_sync_tt_msb	4	r	Most significant 32 bits of the telescope time
			counter, at the point of the last external synchroniza-
			tion pulse.
sync_int_sync_count	4	r	Number of synchronization pulses emitted via
sync_int_sync_count	'		GPIO.
sync_latency	4	r	Measured latecy, in FPGA clock ticks, between
, – ,			transmitting a synchronization pulse and receiving
			it from the timing distribution system.
sync_sync_div_bits	4	r	Holds the log2 value of the sync period – i.e. the rate
syne_syne_urv_ens	'	1	at which sync pulses are emitted from the board via
			GPIO – in FPGA clock ticks.
sync_tt_load_lsb	4	r/w	Telescope time load register. Least significant 32
sync_tt_toad_isb	4	17 W	bits to load to the telescope time counter.
gring tt load mah	4	r/w	•
sync_tt_load_msb	4	I/W	Telescope time load register. Most significant 32 bits
	4		to load to the telescope time counter.
sync_tt_lsb	4	r	Least significant 32 bits of the telescope time
1	4		counter.
sync_tt_msb	4	r	Most significant 32 bits of the telescope time
			counter.
sync_uptime_msb	4	r	Board uptime, in units of 2^32 FPGA clock ticks.
Version Registers			
version_timestamp	4	r	Unix timestamp, in integer seconds, when firmware
			was last compiled.
version_version	4	r	Version register. Bits [31:24]: major version.
			Bits [23:16]: minor version. Bits [15:8]: re-
			vision. Bits [7:0]: buxfix.
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