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The *Virtex®-4 RocketIO™ MGT User Guide* provides the product designer with the detailed technical information needed to successfully implement the RocketIO MGT in Virtex-4 Platform FPGA designs. For information on the Virtex-II Pro RocketIO and the Virtex-II Pro X RocketIO X transceivers, see [UG024](#), *RocketIO Transceiver User Guide*, and [UG035](#), *RocketIO X Transceiver User Guide*.

## MGT Features

RocketIO MGTs have flexible, programmable features that allow a multi-gigabit serial transceiver to be easily integrated into any Virtex-4 design:

- 622 Mb/s to 6.5 Gb/s data rates
- 8 to 24 transceivers per FPGA
- 3-tap transmitter pre-emphasis (pre-equalization)
- Receiver continuous time equalization
- Optional on-chip AC coupled receiver
- Digital oversampled receiver for data rates up to 1.25 Gb/s
- Receiver signal detect and loss of signal indicator and out-of-band (OOB) signal receiver
- Transmit driver idle state for OOB signaling (both outputs at  $V_{CM}$ )
- 8B/10B encoding
- No data encoding (pass-through mode) with digital receiver
- Channel bonding
- Flexible Cyclic Redundancy Check (CRC) generation and checking
- Pins for transmitter and receiver termination voltage
- User reconfiguration using the Dynamic Reconfiguration Port
- Multiple loopback paths
- NRZ signaling

# User Guide Organization

This guide is organized as follows:

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- [Chapter 1, “RocketIO Transceiver Overview”](#) – MGT basic architecture and capabilities. Includes available ports, primitive and modifiable attributes, byte mapping.
- [Chapter 2, “Clocking, Timing, and Resets”](#) – Clock domain architecture, clock ports, examples for clocking/reset schemes.
- [Chapter 3, “PCS Digital Design Considerations”](#) – Top-level architecture and block-level functions, 8B/10B encoding/decoding, comma detection, channel bonding, status/event bus, loopback, digital receiver.
- [Chapter 4, “PMA Analog Design Considerations”](#) – Serial I/O, output swing and emphasis, differential receiver, analog functions.
- [Chapter 5, “Cyclic Redundancy Check \(CRC\)”](#) – CRC functionality, latency, timing.
- [Chapter 6, “Analog and Board Design Considerations”](#) – Power requirements, termination options, AC/DC coupling, high-speed trace design.
- [Chapter 7, “Simulation and Implementation”](#) – Simulation models/considerations, implementation tools, debugging and diagnostics, transceiver locations, package pin assignments.
- [Chapter 8, “Low-Latency Design”](#) – Details of designing for minimum latency.

## Section II: Board Level Design

- [Chapter 9, “Methodology Overview”](#) – Powering, clocking, and coupling MGTs.
- [Chapter 10, “PCB Materials and Traces”](#) – Handling PCB and interconnect characteristics to maximize signal integrity.
- [Chapter 11, “Design of Transitions”](#) – Detailed analysis of PCB trace geometries and their effect on signal integrity, impedance, and differential balance.
- [Chapter 12, “Guidelines and Examples”](#) – Practical guidelines for maximizing PCB design success.

## Section III: Appendixes

- [Appendix A, “RocketIO Transceiver Timing Model”](#) – Timing parameters associated with the MGT core.
- [Appendix B, “8B/10B Valid Characters”](#) – Valid data and K-character table.
- [Appendix C, “Dynamic Reconfiguration Port”](#) – Parallel programming bus for dynamically configuring the attribute settings. (For advanced users.)
- [Appendix D, “Special Analog Functions”](#) – Receiver Sample Phase Adjustment function.
- [Appendix E, “Virtex-II Pro/Virtex-II Pro X to Virtex-4 RocketIO Transceiver Design Migration”](#) – Important differences to be aware of when migrating designs from Virtex-II Pro/ Virtex-II Pro X to Virtex-4 FPGAs.
- [Appendix F, “References”](#)

## Related Information

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For a comprehensive listing of available tutorials and resources on network technologies and communications protocols, visit <http://www.iol.unh.edu/training/>.

## Additional Resources

For additional information, go to <http://support.xilinx.com>. The following table lists some of the resources available on this website. Use the URLs to access these resources directly.

Resource	Description/URL
Tutorials	Tutorials covering Xilinx design flows, from design entry to verification and debugging <a href="http://support.xilinx.com/support/techsup/tutorials/index.htm">http://support.xilinx.com/support/techsup/tutorials/index.htm</a>
Answer Browser	Database of Xilinx solution records <a href="http://support.xilinx.com/xlnx/xil_ans_browser.jsp">http://support.xilinx.com/xlnx/xil_ans_browser.jsp</a>
Application Notes	Descriptions of device-specific design techniques and approaches <a href="http://support.xilinx.com/apps/appsweb.htm">http://support.xilinx.com/apps/appsweb.htm</a>
Data Sheets	Device-specific information on Xilinx device characteristics, including readback, boundary scan, configuration, length count, and debugging <a href="http://support.xilinx.com/xlnx/xweb/xil_publications_index.jsp">http://support.xilinx.com/xlnx/xweb/xil_publications_index.jsp</a>
Problem Solvers	Interactive tools that allow the user to troubleshoot design issues <a href="http://support.xilinx.com/support/troubleshoot/psolvers.htm">http://support.xilinx.com/support/troubleshoot/psolvers.htm</a>
Tech Tips	Latest news, design tips, and patch information for the Xilinx design environment <a href="http://www.support.xilinx.com/xlnx/xil_tt_home.jsp">http://www.support.xilinx.com/xlnx/xil_tt_home.jsp</a>

## User Guide Conventions

This document uses the following conventions.

### Logical / Mathematical Operators

- The asterisk \* when used in a port or attribute name is a wildcard operator indicating that more than one character could be represented.  
*Example:* CLK\_COR\_SEQ\_1\_\* could be CLK\_COR\_SEQ\_1\_1, CLK\_COR\_SEQ\_1\_2, etc.
- != NOT EQUAL TO
- ≠ NOT EQUAL TO
- ≤ LESS THAN OR EQUAL TO
- ≥ GREATER THAN OR EQUAL TO
- ≈ APPROXIMATELY EQUAL TO

## Port and Attribute Names

All input and output ports of the RocketIO transceiver primitives are denoted in upper-case letters. Attributes of the RocketIO transceiver can be denoted in upper-case letters with underscores or all upper-case letters.

When assumed to be the same frequency, RXUSRCLK and TXUSRCLK are referred to as USRCLK and can be used interchangeably. This also holds true for RXUSRCLK2, TXUSRCLK2, and USRCLK2.

## Comma Definition

A comma is a “K” character used by the transceiver to align the serial data on a byte/half-word boundary (depending on the protocol used), so that the serial data is correctly decoded into parallel data.

## Jitter Definition

*Jitter* is defined as the short-term variations of significant instants of a signal from their ideal positions in time (ITU). Jitter is typically expressed in a decimal fraction of Unit Interval (UI), for example, 0.3 UI.

## Total Jitter (DJ + RJ) Definition

- Deterministic Jitter (DJ) – DJ is data pattern dependant jitter, attributed to a unique source (for example, Inter Symbol Interference (ISI) due to loss effects of the media). DJ is linearly additive.
- Random Jitter (RJ) – RJ is due to stochastic sources, such as thermal and flicker noise, and so on. RJ is additive as the sum of squares and follows a normal distribution.

## MGT Definition

The term MGT refers to the Virtex-4 RocketIO Multi-Gigabit Transceiver. Previous generations are explicitly called out: Virtex-II Pro RocketIO or Virtex-II Pro X RocketIO X.

## Typographical

The following typographical conventions are used in this document:

Convention	Meaning or Use	Example
Courier font	Messages and prompts that the system displays	speed grade: - 100
<b>Courier bold</b>	Literal commands to enter in a syntactical statement	<b>ngdbuild design_name</b>
<b>Helvetica bold</b>	Commands to select from a menu	<b>File →Open</b>
	Keyboard shortcuts	<b>Ctrl+C</b>
<i>Italic font</i>	Variables in syntax statements for which the user must supply values	<b>ngdbuild design_name</b>
	References to other manuals	See the <i>Virtex-II Pro User Guide</i> for more information.
	Emphasis in text	If a wire is drawn so that it overlaps the pin of a symbol, the two nets are <i>not</i> connected.
Square brackets [ ]	Optional entry / parameter; required in bus specifications, such as <b>bus[7:0]</b>	<b>ngdbuild [option_name] design_name</b>
Braces { }	A list of items from which the user must choose one or more	<b>lowpwr ={on off}</b>
Vertical bar	Separates items in a list of choices	<b>lowpwr ={on off}</b>
Ellipsis ...	Repetitive material that has been omitted	<b>allow block block_name loc1 loc2 ... locn;</b>



# **Section I: FPGA Level Design**

***Virtex-4 RocketIO  
Multi-Gigabit Transceiver***



# RocketIO Transceiver Overview

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## Basic Architecture and Capabilities

The RocketIO™ Multi-Gigabit Transceiver (MGT) block diagram is illustrated in [Figure 1-1, page 36](#). Depending on the device, a Virtex®-4 FPGA has between 8 and 24 transceiver modules, as shown in [Table 1-1](#).

**Table 1-1: Number of MGT Cores per Device Type**

Device	RocketIO MGT Cores
XC4VFX20	8
XC4VFX40	12
XC4VFX60	12 or 16 <sup>(1)</sup>
XC4VFX100	20
XC4VFX140	24

**Notes:**

1. Number of MGTs depends on the package.

The transceiver module is designed to operate at any serial bit rate in the range of 622 Mb/s to 6.5 Gb/s per channel, including the specific bit rates used by the communications standards listed in [Table 1-2](#).

**Table 1-2: Communications Standards Supported by the MGT**

Mode	Channels <sup>(1)</sup> (Lanes)	I/O Bit Rate (Gb/s)
SONET OC-12	1	0.622
Fibre Channel (1, 2, 4X)	1	1.06/2.12/4.25
Gigabit Ethernet	1	1.25
Infiniband	1/4/12	2.5
PCI Express	1/2/4/8/16	2.5
Serial RapidIO	1/4	1.25/2.5/3.125
Serial ATA	1	1.5/3
XAUI (10 Gigabit Ethernet)	4	3.125
10 Gigabit Fibre Channel (4 x 3.1875G)	4	3.1875
Aurora Protocol <sup>(2)</sup>	1/2/3/4...	0.622 – 6.5

**Notes:**

1. One channel is considered to be one transceiver.
2. See [www.xilinx.com/aurora](http://www.xilinx.com/aurora) for details.

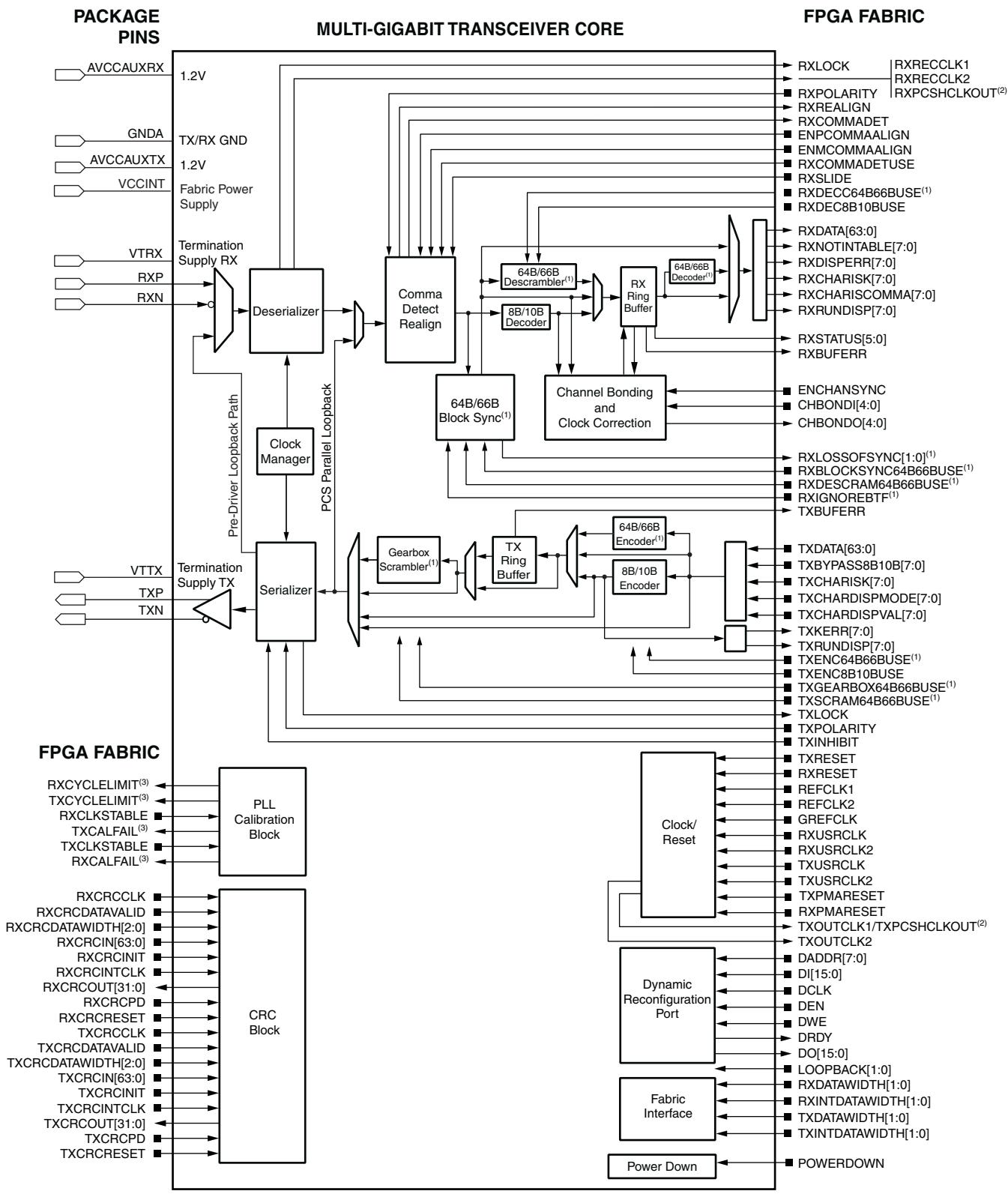


Figure 1-1: RocketIO Multi-Gigabit Transceiver Block Diagram

The RocketIO MGT transceiver consists of the Physical Media Attachment (PMA) and Physical Coding Sublayer (PCS). The PMA contains the serializer/deserializer (SERDES), TX and RX input/output buffers, clock generator, and clock recovery circuitry. The PCS contains the 8B/10B encoder/decoder and the ring buffer supporting channel bonding and clock correction. Refer to [Figure 1-1](#) showing the MGT top-level block diagram and FPGA interface signals.

[Table 1-3](#) lists supported standards and certain values used to support that standard. Data widths of one, two, and four bytes (lower speeds) or four and eight bytes (higher speeds) are selectable for the various protocols.

**Table 1-3: MGT Protocol Settings**

Standard/ Application <sup>(1)</sup>	Data Rate (Gb/s)	RocketIO MGT Coding	Reference Clock Frequency (F <sub>in</sub> )	Parallel Data Width (bytes)	Parallel Data Frequency (MHz)
Custom 6.25 Gb/s	6.25	8B/10B	312.5	8	78.13
				4	156.25
4X Fibre Channel	4.25	8B/10B	212.5	4	106.25
				2	212.5
10G Fibre Channel over 4 links	3.1875	8B/10B	159.375	8	39.84
				4	79.69
XAUI	3.125	8B/10B	312.5	8	39.06
				4	78.13
				2	156.25
Serial RapidIO Type 3	3.125	8B/10B	312.5	8	39.06
				4	78.13
				2	156.25
Serial RapidIO Type 2	2.5	8B/10B	250.0	2	125.00
				1	250.00
Serial RapidIO Type 1	1.25	8B/10B	250.0 <sup>(5)</sup>	2	62.50
				1	125.00
Serial ATA Type 2	3.0	8B/10B	300.0	8	37.50
				4	75.00
				2	150
Serial ATA Type 1	1.5	8B/10B	300.0	2	75.00
				1	150.00
PCI Express	2.5	8B/10B	250.0	2	125.00
				1	250.00
Infiniband	2.5	8B/10B	250.0	2	125.00
				1	250.00

Table 1-3: MGT Protocol Settings (Continued)

Standard/ Application <sup>(1)</sup>	Data Rate (Gb/s)	RocketIO MGT Coding	Reference Clock Frequency (F <sub>in</sub> )	Parallel Data Width (bytes)	Parallel Data Frequency (MHz)	
2X Fibre Channel	2.125	8B/10B	212.5	2	106.25	
				1	212.50	
1X Fibre Channel	1.0625	8B/10B	212.5	2	53.13	
				1	106.25	
1000BASE-X	1.25	8B/10B	250.0 <sup>(5)</sup>	2	62.50	
				1	125.0	
OC-12	0.622	None	155.52	2	38.88	
				1	77.76	
Aurora (Transmit)	0.622 – 1.075	8B/10B	155.52 – 537.5 <sup>(2)</sup>	2	31.1 – 53.75	
				4	15.55 – 26.875	
	1.24 – 2.15		124 – 537.5 <sup>(2)</sup>	2	62 – 107.5	
				4	31 – 53.75	
	2.48 – 4.3		248 – 537.5 <sup>(2)</sup>	2	124 – 215	
				4	62 – 107.5	
	4.96 – 6.5		248 – 406.25 <sup>(2)</sup>	2	248 – 250 <sup>(3)</sup>	
				4	124 – 162.5	
Aurora (Receive)	0.622 – 1.25 <sup>(4)</sup>	8B/10B	124.4 – 625 <sup>(2)</sup>	2	31.1 – 62.5	
				4	15.55 – 31.25	
	1.25 – 2.15		124 – 537.5 <sup>(2)</sup>	2	62.5 – 107.5	
				4	31.25 – 53.75	
	2.48 – 4.3		248 – 537.5 <sup>(2)</sup>	2	124 – 215	
				4	62 – 107.5	
	4.96 – 6.5		248 – 406.25 <sup>(2)</sup>	2	248 – 250 <sup>(3)</sup>	
				4	124 – 162.5	

**Notes:**

- Any fabric I/F is possible. However, these are the best settings for the clocking domains and overall system performance, including the 250 MHz maximum parallel speed of the MGT. Refer to the [DS302: Virtex-4 Data Sheet](#), for details.
- Refer to [Table 2-5](#) and [Table 2-7](#) for selecting the appropriate reference clock frequency based on the chosen line rate.
- Parallel data frequency is limited by the maximum USRCLK2 frequency of 250 MHz.
- Receiver in digital CDR mode.
- These protocols also allow a 125.0 MHz reference clock. A higher reference clock frequency yields lower wide-band jitter generation.

## Configuring the RocketIO MGT

There are two ways to configure a RocketIO transceiver:

1. **Static configuration.** The transceiver is configured using a combination of port tie-offs and attribute settings at design time to support a specific protocol.
2. **Dynamic configuration.** The transceiver is configured by driving ports and operating the Dynamic Reconfiguration Port (DRP) to modify the run-time configuration of the MGT.

MGT configuration can be complex because of the large number of possible settings. There are over 200 ports and attributes available, and many of them are interrelated. Xilinx provides a *RocketIO wizard* to help manage the configuration process. *The wizard is highly recommended for any RocketIO design.*

Unlike previous families, the RocketIO wizard for the Virtex-4 family is delivered as a core from the CORE Generator™ tool. After opening the CORE Generator tool, start a CORE Generator project for a Virtex-4 device with the desired HDL output format selected. If the RocketIO wizard is not shown in the list of available cores, download it from the IP Update Download Center at <http://www.xilinx.com/support/>.

After the core is installed, use the RocketIO wizard to customize a wrapper for one or more RocketIO transceivers, implementing whatever MGT features are required. Most protocols supported by the RocketIO transceiver are provided as templates that can be loaded to automatically configure the MGT. These templates can be used as-is, or modified as necessary to create customized versions of common standards.

## Available Ports

**Table 1-4** (CRC — see [Chapter 5, “Cyclic Redundancy Check \(CRC\)](#)” for additional information about the CRC block of the transceiver), **Table 1-5** (PMA), **Table 1-6** (PCS), **Table 1-7** (Global Signals), **Table 1-8** (Dynamic Reconfiguration), and **Table 1-9** (Communication) contain all the primitive port descriptions. The RocketIO MGT primitives contain 105 ports. The differential serial data ports (RXN, RXP, TXN, and TXP) are connected directly to external pads; the remaining 101 ports are all accessible from the FPGA logic.

Table 1-4: RocketIO MGT CRC Ports

Port	I/O	Port Size	Definition
RXCRCCLK	I	1	Receiver CRC logic clock.
RXCRCVALID	I	1	Signals that the RXCRCIN data is valid.
RXCRCWIDTH	I	3	Determines the data width of the RXCRCIN: 000 = 8 bits RXCRCIN[63:56] 001 = 16 bits RXCRCIN[63:48] 010 = 24 bits RXCRCIN[63:40] 011 = 32 bits RXCRCIN[63:32] 100 = 40 bits RXCRCIN[63:24] 101 = 48 bits RXCRCIN[63:16] 110 = 56 bits RXCRCIN[63:8] 111 = 64 bits RXCRCIN[63:0]
RXCRCIN	I	64	Receiver CRC logic input data.
RXCRCINIT	I	1	When set to logic 1, CRC logic initializes to the TXCRCINITVAL.
RXCRCINTCLK	I	1	Receiver CRC/FPGA fabric interface clock.
RXCRCOUT	O	32	Receiver CRC output data. This bus must be inverted to obtain the valid CRC value.
RXCRCPD	I	1	Powers down the RX CRC logic when set to logic 1.
RXCRCRESET	I	1	Resets the RX CRC logic when set to logic 1.
TXCRCCLK	I	1	Transmitter CRC logic clock.
TXCRCVALID	I	1	Signals that the TXCRCIN data is valid when set to a logic 1.
TXCRCWIDTH	I	3	Determines the data width of the TXCRCIN: 000 = 8 bits TXCRCIN[63:56] 001 = 16 bits TXCRCIN[63:48] 010 = 24 bits TXCRCIN[63:40] 011 = 32 bits TXCRCIN[63:32] 100 = 40 bits TXCRCIN[63:24] 101 = 48 bits TXCRCIN[63:16] 110 = 56 bits TXCRCIN[63:8] 111 = 64 bits TXCRCIN[63:0]
TXCRCIN	I	64	Transmitter CRC logic input data.
TXCRCINIT	I	1	When set to logic 1, CRC logic initializes to the TXCRCINITVAL.
TXCRCINTCLK	I	1	Transmitter CRC/FPGA fabric interface clock.
TXCRCOUT	O	32	Transmitter CRC output data. This bus must be inverted to obtain the valid CRC value.
TXCRCPD	I	1	Powers down the TX CRC logic when set to logic 1.
TXCRCRESET	I	1	Resets the TX CRC logic when set to a logic 1.

Table 1-5: RocketIO MGT PMA Ports

Port	I/O	Port Size	Definition
<b>Calibration</b>			
RXCALFAIL	O	1	Reserved. This calibration port is not supported.
RXCLKSTABLE	I	1	When set to a logic 1, indicates the clocks are stable and MGT RX calibration can start. See <a href="#">Chapter 2, “Clocking, Timing, and Resets,”</a> for details.
RXCYCLELIMIT	O	1	Reserved. This calibration port is not supported.
TXCALFAIL	O	1	Reserved. This calibration port is not supported.
TXCLKSTABLE	I	1	When set to a logic 1, indicates that the clocks are stable and MGT TX calibration can start. See <a href="#">Chapter 2, “Clocking, Timing, and Resets,”</a> for details.
TXCYCLELIMIT	O	1	Reserved. This calibration port is not supported.
<b>Driver/Buffers</b>			
TXINHIBIT	I	1	When set to a logic 1, the TX differential pairs are forced to be a constant 1/0. TXN = 1, TXP = 0
RXPOLARITY	I	1	Inverts the polarity of the parallel RX data at the interface of the PMA and PCS. Receive data is inverted when set to logic 1. Parallel loopback data is affected by this port.
TXPOLARITY	I	1	Inverts the polarity of the parallel TX data at the interface of the PMA and PCS. Transmit data is inverted when set to logic 1. Parallel loopback data is affected by this port.
RXN	I	1	Differential serial input (external package pin). See <a href="#">Chapter 7, “Simulation and Implementation,”</a> for package pin correlation to MGT location constraint.
RXP	I	1	Differential serial input (external package pin). See <a href="#">Chapter 7, “Simulation and Implementation,”</a> for package pin correlation to MGT location constraint.
TXN	O	1	Differential serial output (external package pin). See <a href="#">Chapter 7, “Simulation and Implementation,”</a> for package pin correlation to MGT location constraint.
TXP	O	1	Differential serial output (external package pin). See <a href="#">Chapter 7, “Simulation and Implementation,”</a> for package pin correlation to MGT location constraint.

Table 1-5: RocketIO MGT PMA Ports (*Continued*)

Port	I/O	Port Size	Definition	
<b>Clocks/Clock Status</b>				
RXLOCK	O	1	When set to logic 1, indicates that the receiver is locked to the reference clock or locked to the input data. Logic 0 indicates the receiver is not locked. Possible reasons include no reference clock, incorrect reference clock frequency, incorrect attribute configuration, PMA power was not applied, or receiver was not able to lock to data and is in the process of locking to the local reference clock again. A toggling RXLOCK signal indicates successful “coarse” lock to the local reference clock, but unsuccessful lock to incoming data.	
RXPMARESET	I	1	Resets the receiver PMA when set to logic 1.	
RXRECCLK1	O	1	Recovered clock from incoming data. See “ <a href="#">PMA Receive Clocks</a> ” in Chapter 2.	
RXRECCLK2	O	1	Recovered clock from incoming data. Should not be used to clock user logic; instead use RXRECCLK1. See “ <a href="#">PMA Receive Clocks</a> ” in Chapter 2.	
RXMCLK	O	1	Reserved. This clock port is not supported.	
TXLOCK	O	1	When set to logic 1, indicates that the transmitter PLL is locked to the reference clock. This output cycles from between logic 0 and logic 1 during lock acquisition. When the output maintains a logic 1 state, the transmitter PLL is locked. Failure to acquire or maintain lock can be due to no reference clock, incorrect reference clock frequency, incorrect attribute configuration, or PMA power was not applied.	
TXOUTCLK1	O	1	Transmitter output clock derived from PLL based on transmitter reference clock. See “ <a href="#">PMA Transmit Clocks</a> ” in Chapter 2.	
TXOUTCLK2	O	1	Transmit output clock from the PCS TXCLK domain in the PCS. Source is dependant on the PCS clock configuration. See “ <a href="#">PMA Transmit Clocks</a> ” in Chapter 2.	
TXPMARESET	I	1	Resets the transmitter PMA when set to a logic 1. Initializes the high-speed digital sections of each transmitter. TX VCO calibration is controlled by TXPMARESET. See “ <a href="#">Resets</a> ” in Chapter 2.	
RXPCSHCLKOUT	O	1	Reserved. This clock port is not supported.	
TXPCSHCLKOUT	O	1	Reserved. This clock port is not supported.	

**Table 1-5: RocketIO MGT PMA Ports (Continued)**

Port	I/O	Port Size	Definition
<b>Special Signals</b>			
RXSIGDET	O	1	When set to logic 1, indicates that an out-of-band (OOB) signal has been detected. When proper differential signal input is being received, RXSIGDET is logic 0. See <a href="#">Chapter 4, “PMA Analog Design Considerations”</a> for details.
RXSYNC	I	1	Controls the RX PMA phase aligner used for clock phase alignment in reduced latency modes. See <a href="#">“PMA/PCS Clocking Domains and Data Paths” in Chapter 2</a> .
TXENOOB	I	1	Enables the transmitter to send electric idle signals on the TXN/TXP pins when set to a logic 1. See <a href="#">Chapter 4, “PMA Analog Design Considerations”</a> for details.
TXSYNC	I	1	Controls the TX PMA phase aligner used for clock phase alignment in reduced latency modes and to reduce transmitter output skew across MGTs for channel bonded applications. See <a href="#">Chapter 3, “PCS Digital Design Considerations”</a> for details.

**Table 1-6: RocketIO MGT PCS Ports**

Port	I/O	Port Size	Definition
<b>Channel Bonding</b>			
CHBONDI	I	5	The channel bonding control that is used only by “slaves” which are driven by a transceiver's CHBONDO port.
CHBONDO	O	5	Channel bonding control that passes channel bonding and clock correction control to other transceivers.
ENCHANSYNC	I	1	Control from the fabric to the transceiver which enables the transceiver to perform channel bonding.
<b>64B/66B<sup>(1)</sup></b>			
RXBLOCKSYNC64B66BUSE <sup>(1)</sup>	I	1	Reserved. Tie to logic 0.
RXDEC64B66BUSE <sup>(1)</sup>	I	1	Reserved. Tie to logic 0.
RXDESCRAM64B66BUSE <sup>(1)</sup>	I	1	Reserved. Tie to logic 0.
RXIGNOREBTF <sup>(1)</sup>	I	1	Reserved. Tie to logic 0.
RXLOSSOFSYNC <sup>(1)</sup>	O	2	Reserved.
TXENC64B66BUSE <sup>(1)</sup>	I	1	Reserved. Tie to logic 0.
TXGEARBOX64B66BUSE <sup>(1)</sup>	I	1	Reserved. Tie to logic 0.
TXSCRAM64B66BUSE <sup>(1)</sup>	I	1	Reserved. Tie to logic 0.

Table 1-6: RocketIO MGT PCS Ports (*Continued*)

Port	I/O	Port Size	Definition
<b>8B/10B</b>			
RXCHARISK	O	8	If 8B/10B decoding is enabled, it indicates that the received data is a "K" character when asserted. (See <a href="#">Table 1-15, page 60</a> for association with RX data.) If 8B/10B decoding is bypassed, it becomes the last bit received (Bit "j") of the 10-bit encoded data.
RXCHARISCOMMA	O	8	Indicates the reception by the 8B/10B decoder of K28.1, K28.5, K28.7 (see <a href="#">Table 1-15, page 60</a> for association with RX data), and some out-of-band commas (depending on the setting of DEC_VALID_COMMAS_ONLY).
RXDEC8B10BUSE	I	1	If set to a logic 1, the 8B/10B decoder is used. If set to a logic 0, the 8B/10B decoder is bypassed.
RXDISPERR	O	8	If 8B/10B encoding is enabled, it indicates whether a disparity error has occurred on the serial line. Included in byte-mapping scheme. (See <a href="#">Table 1-15, page 60</a> for association with RX data.)
RXNOTINTABLE	O	8	Status bits are raised to logic 1 when a received 10-bit-encoded data symbol is not found in the encode/decode table. When an RXNOTINTABLE status bit is asserted, the raw undecoded 10-bit symbol corresponding to that bit is delivered to the fabric instead of a decoded character. See <a href="#">Table 1-15, page 60</a> for association with RX data.
RXRUNDISP	O	8	Signals the running disparity (0 = negative, 1 = positive) in the received serial data. See <a href="#">Table 1-15, page 60</a> for association with RX data. If 8B/10B encoding is bypassed, it remains as the second-to-last bit received (Bit "h") of the 10-bit encoded data.
TXBYPASS8B10B	I	8	When asserted, signals the 8B/10B encoder to not encode the associated data. See <a href="#">Table 1-15, page 60</a> for association with RX data. See <a href="#">Chapter 3, "PCS Digital Design Considerations,"</a> for other details.
TXCHARDISPMODE	I	8	If 8B/10B encoding is enabled, this bus determines what mode of disparity is to be sent. (See <a href="#">Table 1-15, page 60</a> for association with RX data.) When 8B/10B is bypassed, this becomes the last bit transmitted (Bit "j") of the 10-bit encoded TXDATA bus section (see <a href="#">Figure 3-10, page 111</a> ) for each byte specified by the byte-mapping. The bits have no meaning if TXENC8B10BUSE is set to a logic 0.
TXCHARDISPVAL	I	8	If 8B/10B encoding is enabled, this bus determines what type of disparity is to be sent. (See <a href="#">Table 1-15, page 60</a> for association with RX data.) When 8B/10B is bypassed, this becomes the second to last bit transmitted (Bit "h") of the 10-bit encoded TXDATA bus section (see <a href="#">Figure 3-10, page 111</a> ) for each byte specified by the byte-mapping section. The bits have no meaning if TXENC8B10BUSE is set to a logic 0.

Table 1-6: RocketIO MGT PCS Ports (*Continued*)

Port	I/O	Port Size	Definition
TXCHARISK	I	8	If TXENC8B10BUSE = 1 (8B/10B encoder enable), then TXCHARISK[7:0] signals the K-definition of the TXDATA byte in the corresponding byte lane.
TXENC8B10BUSE	I	1	If set to a logic 1, the 8B/10B encoder is used. If set to a logic 0, the 8B/10B encoder is bypassed.
TXKERR	O	8	In 8B/10B mode, indicates that an invalid K-character was transmitted.
TXRUNDISP	O	8	Signals the running disparity (0 = negative, 1 = positive) for its corresponding byte after that byte is encoded.
<b>Alignment</b>			
ENMCOMMAALIGN	I	1	Selects realignment of incoming serial bitstream on minus-comma. When set to logic 1, realigns serial bitstream byte boundary to where minus-comma is detected.
ENPCOMMAALIGN	I	1	Selects realignment of incoming serial bitstream on plus-comma. When set to logic 1, realigns the serial bitstream byte boundary to where plus-comma is detected.
RXCOMMADET	O	1	Indicates that the symbol defined by PCOMMA_32B_VALUE (if PCOMMA_DETECT is asserted) and/or MCOMMA_32B_VALUE (if MCOMMA_DETECT is asserted) has been received.
RXCOMMADETUSE	I	1	If set to a logic 1, the comma detect is used. If set to a logic 0, the comma detect is bypassed.
RXREALIGN	O	1	Signal from the PCS data aligner denoting that the byte alignment with the serial data stream changed due to a comma detection. Raised to a logic 1 when alignment occurs.
RXSLIDE	I	1	Enables the “slip” of the PCS alignment block by 1 bit. To enable a slide of 1 bit, it increments from a lower bit to a higher bit. This signal must be set to logic 1 for at least one clock cycle and then set to a logic 0 synchronous to RXUSRCLK2. RXSLIDE must be held Low for at least three RXUSRCLK2 clock cycles before being set to a logic 1 again.
<b>Data Path</b>			
RXDATA	O	64	Receive data at the FPGA user fabric. RXDATA[7:0] is always the first byte received.
RXDATAWIDTH	I	2	Indicates width of FPGA parallel bus. (See <a href="#">Table 3-1, page 104</a> .)
RXINTDATAWIDTH	I	2	Sets the internal mode of the receive PCS: 2'b10 = 32-bit 2'b11 = 40-bit
TXDATA	I	64	Transmit data from the FPGA user fabric that is 8 bytes wide. TXDATA[7:0] is always the first byte transmitted.

Table 1-6: RocketIO MGT PCS Ports (*Continued*)

Port	I/O	Port Size	Definition
TXDATAWIDTH	I	2	Indicates width of FPGA parallel bus. (See <a href="#">Table 3-1, page 104.</a> )
TXINTDATAWIDTH	I	2	Sets the internal mode of the transmit PCS: 2'b10 = 32-bit 2'b11 = 40-bit
<b>Status/Clocks</b>			
RXBUFERR	O	1	Provides status of the receiver buffer. If raised to a logic 1, an overflow/underflow has occurred. When this bit becomes set, it can only be reset by asserting RXRESET
RXRESET	I	1	Synchronous RX PCS reset that “recenters” the receive ring buffer. It also resets 8B/10B decoder, comma detect, channel bonding, clock correction logic, digital oversampling CDR, and other internal receive registers. It does not reset the receiver PLL or transmit PCS.
RXSTATUS	O	6	RXSTATUS[5] indicates a receiver has successfully completed channel bonding when raised to logic 1. RXSTATUS[4:0] indicates the status of the receive buffer pointers, channel bonding skew, and clock correction events. See section “ <a href="#">Status Indication</a> ” in Chapter 3 for details.
RXUSRCLK	I	1	Clock that is used for reading the RX ring buffer. It also clocks CHBONDI and CHBONDO in and out of the transceiver. Typically, the same as TXUSRCLK.
RXUSRCLK2	I	1	Clock output that clocks the receive data and status between the transceiver and the FPGA core. Typically, the same as TXUSRCLK2.
TXBUFERR	O	1	Provides status of the transmission buffer. If raised to logic 1, an overflow/underflow has occurred. When this bit becomes set, it can only be reset by setting TXRESET to logic 1.
TXRESET	I	1	Synchronous TX PCS reset that “recenters” the transmit buffer. It also resets 8B/10B encoder and other internal transmission registers. It does not reset the PMA including the PLL or receive PCS.
TXUSRCLK	I	1	Clock input that is clocked with the reference clock. This clock is used for writing the TX buffer and must be frequency-locked to the reference clock.
TXUSRCLK2	I	1	Clock input that clocks the transmit data and status between the FPGA core and the transceiver. Typically the same as RXUSRCLK2.

**Notes:**

1. 64B/66B encoding/decoding is not supported.

**Table 1-7: RocketIO MGT General Ports**

<b>Port</b>	<b>I/O</b>	<b>Port Size</b>	<b>Definition</b>
LOOPBACK	I	2	Selects the two loopback test modes. These modes are PCS parallel, and pre-driver serial loopback. See <a href="#">Chapter 3, “PCS Digital Design Considerations”</a> for details.
POWERDOWN	I	1	Shuts down entire PCS transceiver when set to logic 1. This input is asynchronous. PMA powerdown is controlled via attributes.
GREFCLK	I	1	Reference clock (alternate clock not recommended for over 1G operation).
REFCLK1	I	1	Reference clock (low jitter input clock).
REFCLK2	I	1	Reference clock (low jitter input clock).

**Table 1-8: RocketIO MGT Dynamic Reconfiguration Ports**

<b>Port</b>	<b>I/O</b>	<b>Port Size</b>	<b>Definition</b>
DADDR	I	8	Dynamic Reconfiguration Port address bus. See <a href="#">Appendix C, “Dynamic Reconfiguration Port.”</a>
DCLK	I	1	Dynamic Reconfiguration Port bus clock.
DEN	I	1	Dynamic Reconfiguration Port bus enable when set to a logic 1.
DI	I	16	Dynamic Reconfiguration Port input data bus.
DO	O	16	Dynamic Reconfiguration Port output data bus.
DRDY	O	1	Indicates that the Dynamic Reconfiguration Port output data is valid when raised to a logic 1.
DWE	I	1	Dynamic Reconfiguration Port write enable when set to a logic 1.

**Table 1-9: RocketIO MGT Communications Ports**

<b>Port</b>	<b>I/O</b>	<b>Port Size</b>	<b>Definition</b>
COMBUSOUT	O	16	Connects to the COMBUSIN of the other GT11 in the tile to allow proper simulation of shared clocks and PLLs.
COMBUSIN	I	16	Connects to the COMBUSOUT of the other GT11 in the tile to allow proper simulation of shared clocks and PLLs.

## Attributes

An *attribute* is a control parameter used to configure the MGT. There are both primitive ports (traditional I/O ports for control and status) and attributes. Transceiver attributes are also controls to the transceiver that regulate data widths and encoding rules, but they are controls that are configured as a group in “soft” form through the invocation of a primitive.

The MGT also contains attributes set by default to specific values. Included are channel bonding settings and clock correction sequences. [Table 1-10](#) through [Table 1-14](#) present a brief description of each attribute. See the memory maps in [Appendix C, “Dynamic Reconfiguration Port”](#) for the default values.

[Table 1-10](#) through [Table 1-14](#) give all the modifiable attributes. Some attributes shown in [Appendix C, “Dynamic Reconfiguration Port”](#) should not be changed from the default settings. These attributes are indicated by footnotes in the DRP tables in [Appendix C](#).

For all Boolean attributes shown as FALSE/TRUE, the FALSE state is the default. For attributes shown as TRUE/FALSE, the TRUE state is the default.

**Note:** Xilinx recommends using the RocketIO wizard to set attributes. The wizard manages dependencies between parameters and applies design-rule checks to prevent invalid configurations.

**Table 1-10: RocketIO MGT CRC Attributes**

Attribute	Type	Description			
RXCRCLOCKDOUBLE	Boolean	<p><b>FALSE/TRUE.</b> Selects clock frequency ratio between RXCRCCLK and RXCRCINTCLK.</p> <p><b>FALSE:</b> Both clocks are at the same frequency.</p> <p><b>TRUE:</b> The fabric data interface clock RXCRCINTCLK is operating at half the frequency of the internal clock RXCRCCLK. See <a href="#">Chapter 5, “Cyclic Redundancy Check (CRC),”</a> for more details.</p>			
RXCRCINITVAL	32-bit Hex	Sets the receiver CRC initial value. This <i>must</i> be defined for each protocol that uses 32-bit CRC:			
		<b>Protocol</b>	<b>Default</b>	<b>Init Value</b>	
		Ethernet	32'h 0000 0000	32'h FFFF FFFF	
		PCI-Express			
		Infiniband			
		Fibre Channel		32'h 5232 5032	
		Serial ATA		N/A	
RXCRCSAMECLOCK	Boolean	<p><b>FALSE/TRUE.</b> Select single clock mode for RX CRC.</p> <p><b>FALSE:</b> The clocks are being supplied to both the RXCRCCLK and RXCRCINTCLK ports.</p> <p><b>TRUE:</b> The fabric interface clock rate is the same as the internal clock rate (RXCRCLOCKDOUBLE is <b>FALSE</b>); the CRC fabric interface and internal logic are being clocked using RXCRCINTCLK. This attribute is typically set to <b>TRUE</b> when RXCRCLOCKDOUBLE is set to <b>FALSE</b>.</p> <p>See <a href="#">Chapter 5, “Cyclic Redundancy Check (CRC),”</a> for more details.</p>			
		<p><b>FALSE/TRUE.</b> Enables the RX CRC block.</p> <p><b>FALSE:</b> RX CRC disabled.</p> <p><b>TRUE:</b> RX CRC enabled.</p>			
RXCRCENABLE	Boolean				

Table 1-10: RocketIO MGT CRC Attributes (*Continued*)

Attribute	Type	Description		
RXCRCINVERTGEN	Boolean	<p><b>FALSE/TRUE.</b> Inverts the receiver CRC clock.</p> <p><b>FALSE:</b> CRC clock not inverted.</p> <p><b>TRUE:</b> CRC clock inverted.</p> <p>During normal operation, this should always be set to <b>FALSE</b>.</p>		
TXCRCLOCKDOUBLE	Boolean	<p><b>FALSE/TRUE.</b> Select clock frequency ratio between TXCRCCLK and TXCRCINTCLK.</p> <p><b>FALSE:</b> Both clocks are at the same frequency.</p> <p><b>TRUE:</b> The fabric data interface clock TXCRCINTCLK is operating at half the frequency of the internal clock TXCRCCLK. See <a href="#">Chapter 5, “Cyclic Redundancy Check (CRC),”</a> for more details.</p>		
TXCRCINITVAL	32-bit Hex	Sets the transmitter CRC initial value. This must be defined for each protocol that uses 32-bit CRC:		
		Protocol	Default	Init Value
		Ethernet	32'h 0000 0000	32'h FFFF FFFF
		PCI-Express		
		Infiniband		
		Fibre Channel		
		Serial ATA		32'h 5232 5032
		RapidIO <sup>(1)</sup>		N/A
TXCRCSAMECLOCK	Boolean	<p><b>FALSE/TRUE.</b> Selects single clock mode for TX CRC.</p> <p><b>FALSE:</b> The clocks are being supplied to both the TXCRCCLK and TXCRCINTCLK ports.</p> <p><b>TRUE:</b> The fabric interface clock rate is the same as the internal clock rate (TXCRCLOCKDOUBLE is <b>FALSE</b>); the CRC fabric interface and internal logic are being clocked using TXCRCINTCLK. This attribute is typically set to <b>TRUE</b> when TXCRCLOCKDOUBLE is set to <b>FALSE</b>.</p> <p>See <a href="#">Chapter 5, “Cyclic Redundancy Check (CRC),”</a> for more details.</p>		
TXCRCENABLE	Boolean	<p><b>FALSE/TRUE.</b> Enables the TX CRC block.</p> <p><b>FALSE:</b> TX CRC disabled.</p> <p><b>TRUE:</b> TX CRC enabled.</p>		
TXCRCINVERTGEN	Boolean	<p><b>FALSE/TRUE.</b> Inverts the transmitter CRC clock.</p> <p><b>FALSE:</b> CRC clock not inverted.</p> <p><b>TRUE:</b> CRC clock inverted.</p> <p>During normal operation, this should always be set to <b>FALSE</b>.</p>		

**Notes:**

1. RapidIO uses a 16-bit CRC, which cannot be generated or checked using the MGT’s CRC-32 block.

Table 1-11: RocketIO MGT PMA Attributes

Attribute	Type	Description
<b>Calibration</b>		
FDET_HYS_CAL	3-bit Binary	Sets up the calibration circuitry. See “Calibration for the PLLs” in Chapter 4 for more details.
FDET_HYS_SEL	3-bit Binary	Sets up the calibration circuitry. See “Calibration for the PLLs” in Chapter 4 for more details.
FDET_LCK_CAL	3-bit Binary	Sets up the calibration circuitry. See “Calibration for the PLLs” in Chapter 4 for more details.
FDET_LCK_SEL	3-bit Binary	Sets up the calibration circuitry. See “Calibration for the PLLs” in Chapter 4 for more details.
LOOPCAL_WAIT	2-bit Binary	Sets up the calibration circuitry.
RXFDET_LCK_CAL	3-bit Binary	Sets up the calibration circuitry. See “Calibration for the PLLs” in Chapter 4 for more details.
RXFDET_HYS_CAL	3-bit Binary	Sets up the calibration circuitry. See “Calibration for the PLLs” in Chapter 4 for more details.
RXFDET_HYS_SEL	3-bit Binary	Sets up the calibration circuitry. See “Calibration for the PLLs” in Chapter 4 for more details.
RXFDET_LCK_SEL	3-bit Binary	Sets up the calibration circuitry. See “Calibration for the PLLs” in Chapter 4 for more details.
RXLOOPCAL_WAIT	2-bit Binary	Sets up the calibration circuitry. See “Calibration for the PLLs” in Chapter 4 for more details.
RXFDET_CLOCK_DIVIDE	3-bit Binary	Sets up the calibration circuitry.
RXVCODAC_INIT	10-bit Binary	Affects the characteristics of the calibration logic. See “Calibration for the PLLs” in Chapter 4.
RXCPSEL	Boolean	Reserved. Use the RocketIO Wizard to set this attribute.
TXFDCAL_CLOCK_DIVIDE	String	None, two, four.
VCODAC_INIT	10-bit Binary	Affects the characteristics of the calibration logic. See “Calibration for the PLLs” in Chapter 4.
TXCPSEL	Boolean	Reserved. Use the RocketIO Wizard to set this attribute.
<b>Drivers/Buffers</b>		
RXAEEQ	9-bit Binary	Receiver linear equalization control attributes. See “Receive Equalization” in Chapter 4.
RXDCCOUPLE	Boolean	<b>FALSE/TRUE.</b> <b>FALSE:</b> Internal RX AC coupling capacitors enabled. <b>TRUE:</b> Internal RX AC coupling capacitors bypassed.
RXEQ	64-bit Hex	Reserved. This feature is not supported. Use the RocketIO Wizard to set this attribute.
TXDAT_TAP_DAC	5-bit Binary	Transmitter data amplitude control. See “Output Swing and Emphasis” in Chapter 4.

Table 1-11: RocketIO MGT PMA Attributes (*Continued*)

Attribute	Type	Description
TXPOST_TAP_DAC	5-bit Binary	Transmitter post-cursor amplitude control. See “ <a href="#">Output Swing and Emphasis</a> ” in Chapter 4.
TXHIGHSIGNALEN	Boolean	<b>TRUE/FALSE.</b> This attribute controls the line driver strength. <b>TRUE:</b> XFP is not used <b>FALSE:</b> XFP is used See “ <a href="#">Output Swing and Emphasis</a> ” in Chapter 4.
TXPOST_TAP_PD	Boolean	<b>TRUE/FALSE.</b> Transmitter post-cursor amplitude control. <b>TRUE:</b> Disable post-cursor amplitude control <b>FALSE:</b> Enable post-cursor amplitude control See “ <a href="#">Emphasis</a> ” in Chapter 4. Note that this must be set <b>FALSE</b> for serial loopback to work properly.
TXPRE_TAP_DAC	5-bit Binary	Transmitter pre-cursor amplitude control. See “ <a href="#">Output Swing and Emphasis</a> ” in Chapter 4.
TXPRE_TAP_PD	Boolean	<b>TRUE/FALSE.</b> Transmitter pre-cursor pre-emphasis control. <b>TRUE:</b> Disable pre-cursor pre-emphasis <b>FALSE:</b> Enable pre-cursor pre-emphasis See “ <a href="#">Emphasis</a> ” in Chapter 4.
TXSLEWRATE	Boolean	<b>FALSE/TRUE.</b> Select reduced slew rate on transmitter output. <b>FALSE:</b> Select standard output slew rate <b>TRUE:</b> Select reduced output slew rate
TXTERMTRIM	4-bit Binary	Resistive line driver termination trim. The default is 1100.
<b>Clocks</b>		
RXCLKMODE	6-bit Binary	Sets the internal clocking modes. See Chapter 2, “ <a href="#">Clocking, Timing, and Resets</a> .”
RXOUTDIV2SEL	Integer	Frequency acquisition loop output divide. See Chapter 2, “ <a href="#">Clocking, Timing, and Resets</a> ” for setting the correct value.
RXPLLNDIVSEL	Integer	Frequency acquisition loop feedback divide for the RX PLL. See Chapter 2, “ <a href="#">Clocking, Timing, and Resets</a> ” for setting the correct value.
RXPMACLKSEL	String	<b>REFCLK1, REFCLK2, GREFCLK.</b> Selects reference clock input for receive PLL. <b>REFCLK1:</b> Select REFCLK1 input (DRP value 00). <b>REFCLK2:</b> Select REFCLK2 input (DRP value 01). <b>GREFCLK:</b> Select GREFCLK input (DRP value 10). See Chapter 2, “ <a href="#">Clocking, Timing, and Resets</a> ” for more details.
RXRECCLK1_USE_SYNC	Boolean	<b>FALSE/TRUE.</b> <b>FALSE:</b> RXRECCLK1 = synchronous PCS RXCLK <b>TRUE:</b> RXRECCLK1 = asynchronous PCS RXCLK See Chapter 2, “ <a href="#">Clocking, Timing, and Resets</a> ” for more details.

Table 1-11: RocketIO MGT PMA Attributes (*Continued*)

Attribute	Type	Description
TXABPMACLKSEL	String	<b>REFCLK1, REFCLK2, GREFCLK.</b> Selects reference clock input for shared Tile transmit PLL.  <b>REFCLK1:</b> Select REFCLK1 input (DRP value 00). <b>REFCLK2:</b> Select REFCLK2 input (DRP value 01). <b>GREFCLK:</b> Select GREFCLK input (DRP value 10).  See <a href="#">Chapter 2, “Clocking, Timing, and Resets”</a> for more details.
TXCLKMODE	4-bit Binary	Sets the internal clocking mode. See <a href="#">Chapter 2, “Clocking, Timing, and Resets”</a>
TXOUTCLK1_USE_SYNC	Boolean	<b>FALSE/TRUE.</b>  <b>FALSE:</b> TXOUTCLK1 = Asynchronous PCS TXCLK <b>TRUE:</b> TXOUTCLK1 = Synchronous PCS TXCLK  See <a href="#">Chapter 2, “Clocking, Timing, and Resets”</a> for more details.
TXOUTDIV2SEL	Integer	Frequency acquisition loop output divide. See <a href="#">Chapter 2, “Clocking, Timing, and Resets”</a> for setting the correct value.
TXPHASESEL	Boolean	<b>FALSE/TRUE.</b>  <b>FALSE:</b> Selects GREFCLK for synchronization clock <b>TRUE:</b> Selects PCS TXCLK for synchronization clock
TXPLLNDIVSEL	Integer	Frequency acquisition loop feedback divide for TX PLL. See <a href="#">Chapter 2, “Clocking, Timing, and Resets”</a> for setting the correct value.
<b>Miscellaneous</b>		
RXCDRLOS	6-bit Binary	These bits set the threshold value for the signal detector (OOB signal detect). Use the RocketIO wizard to set this attribute.
RXLKADJ	5-bit Binary	Reserved. Use the RocketIO wizard to set this attribute.
RXPD	Boolean	<b>FALSE/TRUE.</b> Power-down selector for the receiver.  <b>FALSE:</b> Powers up receiver <b>TRUE:</b> Powers down receiver
RXRSDPD	Boolean	<b>FALSE/TRUE.</b> Signal detect logic power-down selector for the receiver.  <b>FALSE:</b> Powers up receiver signal detect logic <b>TRUE:</b> Powers down receiver signal detect logic
TXPD	Boolean	<b>FALSE/TRUE.</b> Power-down selector for the transmitter.  <b>FALSE:</b> Powers up transmitter <b>TRUE:</b> Powers down transmitter
PMACOREPWRENABLE	Boolean	<b>TRUE/FALSE.</b>  <b>TRUE:</b> Powers up RXA, RXB, and TXAB <b>FALSE:</b> Powers down RXA, RXB, and TXAB
PMA_BIT_SLIP	Boolean	<b>FALSE/TRUE.</b>  <b>FALSE:</b> Performs PCS clock phase alignment when RXSYNC is set to logic 1.  <b>TRUE:</b> PCS clock phase alignment is disabled.

**Table 1-11: RocketIO MGT PMA Attributes (*Continued*)**

Attribute	Type	Description
RXCMADJ	2-bit Binary	Reserved. Use the RocketIO wizard to set this attribute.
POWER_ENABLE	Boolean	<b>TRUE/FALSE.</b> <b>TRUE:</b> Powers up the PCS and Digital Receiver of the transceiver. <b>FALSE:</b> Powers down the PCS and Digital Receiver of the transceiver.

Table 1-12: RocketIO MGT PCS Attributes

Attribute	Type	Description
<b>Channel Bonding</b>		
CCCB_ARBITRATOR_DISABLE	Boolean	<p><b>FALSE/TRUE.</b> Determines if the clock correction/channel bonding arbitrator is disabled or not.</p> <p><b>FALSE:</b> Arbitrator is enabled When the arbitrator is enabled (default), clock correction and channel bonding sequences are allowed to occur adjacently without padding bytes. The clock correction always takes priority over the channel bonding.</p> <p><b>TRUE:</b> Arbitrator disabled</p>
CHAN_BOND_LIMIT	Integer	<p>Integer (1-31) defines maximum number of bytes a slave receiver can read following a channel bonding sequence and still successfully align to that sequence. The higher the CHAN_BOND_LIMIT, the more skew the channel bonding circuit can tolerate.</p> <p>CHAN_BOND_LIMIT must be less than one-half the minimum spacing allowed between channel bonding sequences. For example, the minimum number of characters between XAUI channel bonding sequences is 16, so the CHAN_BOND_LIMIT must be less than 8.</p>
CHAN_BOND_MODE	String	<p><b>STRING: NONE, MASTER, SLAVE_1_HOP, SLAVE_2_HOPS</b>  <b>NONE:</b> No channel bonding involving this transceiver (DRP value 00).</p> <p><b>MASTER:</b> This transceiver is master for channel bonding. Its CHBONDO port directly drives CHBONDI ports on one or more SLAVE_1_HOP transceivers (DRP value 01).</p> <p><b>SLAVE_1_HOP:</b> This transceiver is a slave for channel bonding. SLAVE_1_HOP's CHBONDI is directly driven by a MASTER transceiver CHBONDO port. SLAVE_1_HOP's CHBONDO port can directly drive CHBONDI ports on one or more SLAVE_2_HOPS transceivers (DRP value 10).</p> <p><b>SLAVE_2_HOPS:</b> This transceiver is a slave for channel bonding. SLAVE_2_HOPS CHBONDI is directly driven by a SLAVE_1_HOP CHBONDO port (DRP value 11).</p>
CHAN_BOND_ONE_SHOT	Boolean	<p><b>FALSE/TRUE.</b> Controls repeated execution of channel bonding.</p> <p><b>FALSE:</b> Master transceiver initiates channel bonding whenever possible (whenever channel-bonding sequence is detected in the input) as long as input ENCHANSYNC is High and RXRESET is Low.</p> <p><b>TRUE:</b> Slave transceiver initiates channel bonding only the first time it is possible (channel bonding sequence is detected in input) following negated RXRESET and asserted ENCHANSYNC. After channel-bonding alignment is done, it does not occur again until RXRESET is asserted and negated, or until ENCHANSYNC is negated and reasserted.</p>
CHAN_BOND_SEQ_1_1, 2, 3, 4	11-bit Binary	<p>These define the channel bonding sequence. The usage of these vectors also depends on CHAN_BOND_SEQ_LEN and CHAN_BOND_SEQ_2_USE. For details, see section entitled “<a href="#">CHAN_BOND_SEQ_1_MASK, CHAN_BOND_SEQ_2_MASK, CHAN_BOND_SEQ_LEN, CHAN_BOND_SEQ_*_* Attributes</a>” in Chapter 3.</p>

Table 1-12: RocketIO MGT PCS Attributes (*Continued*)

Attribute	Type	Description
CHAN_BOND_SEQ_1_MASK	4-bit Binary	Each bit of the mask determines if that particular sequence is detected regardless of its value. For example, if bit 0 is High, then CHAN_BOND_SEQ_1_1 is matched regardless of its value.
CHAN_BOND_SEQ_2_1, 2, 3, 4	11-bit Binary	These define the channel bonding sequence. The usage of these vectors also depends on CHAN_BOND_SEQ_LEN and CHAN_BOND_SEQ_2_USE. For details, see section entitled “CHAN_BOND_SEQ_1_MASK, CHAN_BOND_SEQ_2_MASK, CHAN_BOND_SEQ_LEN, CHAN_BOND_SEQ_*_* Attributes” in Chapter 3.
CHAN_BOND_SEQ_2_MASK	4-bit Binary	Each bit of the mask determines if that particular sequence is detected regardless of its value. For example, if bit 0 is High, then CHAN_BOND_SEQ_2_1 is matched regardless of its value.
CHAN_BOND_SEQ_2_USE	Boolean	<b>FALSE/TRUE.</b> Controls use of second channel bonding sequence. <b>FALSE:</b> Channel bonding uses only one channel bonding sequence defined by CHAN_BOND_SEQ_1_1... 4, OR one 8-byte sequence defined by CHAN_BOND_SEQ_1_1...4 and CHAN_BOND_SEQ_2_1...4 in combination. <b>TRUE:</b> Channel bonding uses two channel bonding sequences defined by CHAN_BOND_SEQ_1_1... 4 and CHAN_BOND_SEQ_2_1... 4, as further constrained by CHAN_BOND_SEQ_LEN.
CHAN_BOND_SEQ_LEN	Integer	Integer <b>(1, 2, 3, 4, 8)</b> defines length in bytes of channel bonding sequence. This defines the length of the sequence the transceiver matches to detect opportunities for channel bonding.
<b>Clock Correction</b>		
CLK_CORRECT_USE	Boolean	<b>FALSE/TRUE.</b> Controls the use of clock correction logic. <b>FALSE:</b> Permanently disable execution of clock correction (rate matching). Clock RXUSRCLK must be frequency-locked with RXRECCLK1/RXRECCLK2 in this case. <b>TRUE:</b> Enable clock correction (normal mode).
CLK_COR_8B10B_DE	Boolean	<b>FALSE/TRUE.</b> This signal selects if clock correction and channel bonding occur relative to the encoded or decoded version of the 8B/10B stream. <b>FALSE:</b> Encoded version is used. Must be set in conjunction with RXDEC8B10BUSE. CLK_COR_8B10B_DE = RXDEC8B10BUSE. <b>TRUE:</b> Decoded version is used
CLK_COR_MAX_LAT	Integer	Integer <b>(0-63)</b> defines the upper threshold for clock correction in the receive buffer.
CLK_COR_MIN_LAT	Integer	Integer <b>(0-63)</b> defines the lower threshold for clock correction in the receive buffer.
CLK_COR_SEQ_1_1, 2, 3, 4	11-bit Binary	These define the sequence for clock correction. The attribute used depends on the CLK_COR_SEQ_LEN and CLK_COR_SEQ_2_USE. For details, see section “CLK_COR_SEQ_1_MASK, CLK_COR_SEQ_2_MASK, CLK_COR_SEQ_LEN Attributes” in Chapter 3.

Table 1-12: RocketIO MGT PCS Attributes (*Continued*)

Attribute	Type	Description
CLK_COR_SEQ_1_MASK	4-bit Binary	Each bit of the mask determines if that particular sequence is detected regardless of its value. For example, if bit 0 is High, then CLK_COR_SEQ_1_1 is matched regardless of its value.
CLK_COR_SEQ_2_1, 2, 3, 4	11-bit Binary	These define the sequence for clock correction. The attribute used depends on the CLK_COR_SEQ_LEN and CLK_COR_SEQ_2_USE. For details, see section “ <a href="#">CLK_COR_SEQ_1_MASK, CLK_COR_SEQ_2_MASK, CLK_COR_SEQ_LEN Attributes</a> ” in Chapter 3.
CLK_COR_SEQ_2_MASK	4-bit Binary	Each bit of the mask determines if that particular sequence is detected regardless of its value. For example, if bit 0 is High, then CLK_COR_SEQ_2_1 is matched regardless of its value.
CLK_COR_SEQ_2_USE	Boolean	<b>FALSE/TRUE.</b> Control use of second clock correction sequence. <b>FALSE:</b> Clock correction uses only one clock correction sequence defined by CLK_COR_SEQ_1_1... 4, OR one 8-byte sequence defined by CLK_COR_SEQ_1_1... 4 and CLK_COR_SEQ_2_1... 4 in combination. <b>TRUE:</b> Clock correction uses two clock correction sequences defined by CLK_COR_SEQ_1_1... 4 and CLK_COR_SEQ_2_1... 4, as further constrained by CLK_COR_SEQ_LEN.
CLK_COR_SEQ_LEN	Integer	Integer <b>(1, 2, 3, 4, 8)</b> that defines the length of the sequence the transceiver matches to detect opportunities for clock correction. It also defines the size of the correction, because the transceiver executes clock correction by repeating or skipping entire clock correction sequences.
<b>Alignment</b>		
ALIGN_COMMAS_WORD	Integer	Integer <b>(1, 2, 4)</b> controls the alignment of detected commas within the transceiver’s 4-byte-wide data path. 1 = Aligns commas within a 10-bit alignment range. As a result, the comma is aligned to any byte in the transceivers internal data path. 2 = Aligns commas to any 2-byte boundary. 4 = Aligns commas to any 4-byte boundary.
COMMA32	Boolean	<b>FALSE/TRUE.</b> <b>FALSE:</b> Comma alignment is set for 10 bits. <b>TRUE:</b> Comma alignment is set for 32 bits. This is used for SONET alignment applications.
COMMA_10B_MASK	10-bit Hex	These define the mask that is ANDed with the incoming serial bitstream before comparison against PCOMMA_32B_VALUE and MCOMMA_32B_VALUE.
MCOMMA_DETECT	Boolean	<b>TRUE/FALSE.</b> <b>TRUE:</b> RXCOMMADET is raised when the data aligner matches on MCOMMA_32B_VALUE. <b>FALSE:</b> RXCOMMADET does not respond to MCOMMA_32B_VALUE matches.

Table 1-12: RocketIO MGT PCS Attributes (*Continued*)

Attribute	Type	Description
MCOMMA_32B_VALUE	32-bit Hex	These define minus-comma for the purpose of raising RXCOMMADET and realigning the serial bit stream byte boundary. This definition does not affect 8B/10B encoding or decoding. Refer to “8-Bit / 10-Bit Alignment” in Chapter 3 for more detailed information. Also see COMMA_10B_MASK (above).
PCS_BIT_SLIP	Boolean	Reserved. This feature is not supported. Use the RocketIO Wizard to set this attribute.
PCOMMA_DETECT	Boolean	<b>TRUE/FALSE.</b> TRUE: RXCOMMADET is raised when the data aligner matches on PCOMMA_32B_VALUE. FALSE: RXCOMMADET does not respond to PCOMMA_32B_VALUE matches.
PCOMMA_32B_VALUE	32-bit Hex	These define plus-comma for the purpose of raising RXCOMMADET and realigning the serial bit stream byte boundary. This definition does not affect 8B/10B encoding or decoding. Refer to “8-Bit / 10-Bit Alignment” in Chapter 3 for more detailed information. Also see COMMA_10B_MASK (above).
<b>8B/10B</b>		
DEC_MCOMMA_DETECT	Boolean	<b>TRUE/FALSE.</b> TRUE: Raises RXCHARISCOMMA if 10-bit data presented to 8B/10B Decoder matches a -ve disparity K-character as dictated by DEC_VALID_COMMA_ONLY. FALSE: RXCHARISCOMMA does not respond to -ve disparity K-characters.
DEC_PCOMMA_DETECT	Boolean	<b>TRUE/FALSE.</b> TRUE: Raises RXCHARISCOMMA if 10-bit data presented to 8B/10B Decoder matches a +ve disparity K-character as dictated by DEC_VALID_COMMA_ONLY. FALSE: RXCHARISCOMMA does not respond to +ve disparity K-characters.
DEC_VALID_COMMA_ONLY	Boolean	<b>TRUE/FALSE.</b> Controls the raising of RXCHARISCOMMA on an invalid comma. TRUE: Raise RXCHARISCOMMA only on valid K28.1, K28.5 and K28.7 characters. FALSE: Raise RXCHARISCOMMA on: xxx1111100 (if DEC_PCOMMA_DETECT is TRUE) and/or on: xxx0000011 (if DEC_MCOMMA_DETECT is TRUE)
<b>64B/66B<sup>(1)</sup></b>		
SH_CNT_MAX <sup>(1)</sup>	Integer	Reserved. Use the RocketIO Wizard to set this attribute.
SH_INVALID_CNT_MAX <sup>(1)</sup>	Integer	Reserved. Use the RocketIO Wizard to set this attribute.

Table 1-12: RocketIO MGT PCS Attributes (*Continued*)

Attribute	Type	Description
<b>Clocks</b>		
RXCLK0_FORCE_PMACLK	Boolean	<p><b>FALSE/TRUE.</b> Determines if the PMA RXCLK0 or the RXUSRCLK is chosen as the source for the PCS RXCLK in conjunction with RX_CLOCK_DIVIDER and LOOPBACK[0].</p> <p><b>FALSE:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ If RX_CLOCK_DIVIDER ≠ 00, PCS RXCLK is sourced by RXUSRCLK</li> <li>◆ If RX_CLOCK_DIVIDER = 00, PCS RXCLK is sourced by PMA RXCLK0</li> <li>◆ If LOOPBACK[0] = 1 and RX_CLOCK_DIVIDER = 00, PCS RXCLK is sourced by PMA TXCLK0 (to facilitate parallel loopback mode)</li> </ul> <p><b>TRUE:</b> PCS RXCLK is sourced by PMA RXCLK0</p> <p>See <a href="#">Chapter 2, “Clocking, Timing, and Resets”</a> and <a href="#">Figure 2-7, page 74</a> for more details.</p>
RX_CLOCK_DIVIDER	2-bit Binary	Controls the clock tree in the PCS. See <a href="#">Chapter 2, “Clocking, Timing, and Resets”</a> for more details.
RXASYNCDIVIDE	2-bit Binary	Sets up the internal clocks. See <a href="#">Chapter 2, “Clocking, Timing, and Resets”</a> for setting to the correct value.
RXUSRDIVISOR	Integer	Selects the divisor for the clock received from the PMA. The divided clock becomes RXRECCLK1. See <a href="#">Figure 2-5</a> .
TXCLK0_FORCE_PMACLK	Boolean	<p><b>FALSE/TRUE.</b> Determines if the PMA TXCLK0 or the TXUSRCLK is chosen as the source for the PCS TXCLK in conjunction with TX_CLOCK_DIVIDER.</p> <p><b>FALSE:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ If TX_CLOCK_DIVIDER ≠ 00, PCS TXCLK is sourced by TXUSRCLK</li> <li>◆ If TX_CLOCK_DIVIDER = 00, PCS TXCLK is sourced by PMA TXCLK0</li> </ul> <p><b>TRUE:</b> PCS TXCLK is sourced by PMA TXCLK0</p> <p>See <a href="#">Chapter 2, “Clocking, Timing, and Resets”</a> and <a href="#">Figure 2-8, page 75</a> for more details.</p>
TX_CLOCK_DIVIDER	2-bit Binary	Controls the clock tree in the PCS. See <a href="#">Chapter 2, “Clocking, Timing, and Resets”</a> for more details.
TXASYNCDIVIDE	2-bit Binary	Sets up the internal clocks. See <a href="#">Chapter 2, “Clocking, Timing, and Resets”</a> for setting to the correct value.
<b>Buffers</b>		
RX_BUFFER_USE	Boolean	<p><b>TRUE/FALSE.</b> Controls bypassing the RX ring buffer.</p> <p><b>TRUE:</b> RX ring buffer is used</p> <p><b>FALSE:</b> RX ring buffer is bypassed</p>
TX_BUFFER_USE	Boolean	<p><b>TRUE/FALSE.</b> Controls bypassing the TX buffer.</p> <p><b>TRUE:</b> TX buffer is used</p> <p><b>FALSE:</b> TX buffer is bypassed</p>

Table 1-12: RocketIO MGT PCS Attributes (*Continued*)

Attribute	Type	Description
<b>Bypass Controls</b>		
RXDATA_SEL	2-bit Binary	Selects which blocks are bypassed in the RX PCS data path. See “ <a href="#">Ports and Attributes</a> ” in Chapter 8, “ <a href="#">Low-Latency Design</a> ” for more details.
TXDATA_SEL	2-bit Binary	Selects which blocks are bypassed in the TX PCS data path. See “ <a href="#">Ports and Attributes</a> ” in Chapter 8, “ <a href="#">Low-Latency Design</a> ” for more details.

**Notes:**

- 64B/66B encoding/decoding is not supported.

Table 1-13: RocketIO MGT Digital Receiver Attributes

Attribute	Type	Description
DCDR_FILTER	3-bit Binary	Attribute should be set to 000.
DIGRX_FWDCLK	2-bit Binary	Selects receiver output clock when ENABLE_DCDR is <b>TRUE</b> . See <a href="#">Chapter 2, “Clocking, Timing, and Resets”</a> for details.
DIGRX_SYNC_MODE	Boolean	<b>FALSE/TRUE</b> . <b>FALSE</b> : Disables the RX phase aligner. Should be set <b>FALSE</b> when RX Buffer is to be used. <b>TRUE</b> : Enables the RX phase aligner. Should be set <b>TRUE</b> when RX Buffer is to be bypassed <sup>(1)</sup> .
ENABLE_DCDR	Boolean	<b>FALSE/TRUE</b> . Select clock and data recovery (CDR) mode. Enables the digital oversampling receiver. <b>FALSE</b> : Disables the oversampled digital receiver. <b>TRUE</b> : Enables the oversampled digital receiver for data rates of 1.25 Gb/s and below.
RXBY_32	Boolean	<b>FALSE/TRUE</b> . Determines if internal data path is 40 or 32 bits for the digital receiver. <b>FALSE</b> : 40 <b>TRUE</b> : 32
RXDIGRX	Boolean	<b>FALSE/TRUE</b> . Select clock and data recovery (CDR) mode. <b>FALSE</b> : Allows PLL switch to lock to received data after lock to the reference clock for data rates greater than 1.25 Gb/s. <b>TRUE</b> : Enables PLL to lock continuously to the reference clock for data rates of 1.25 Gb/s and below.
SAMPLE_8X	Boolean	<b>FALSE/TRUE</b> . Determines the type of oversampling that is implemented in the digital receiver. This should always be set to <b>TRUE</b> .
RXDIGRESET	Boolean	<b>FALSE/TRUE</b> . Resets the deserializer. <b>FALSE</b> : Enable receiver deserializer. <b>TRUE</b> : Reset receiver deserializer.

**Notes:**

- Buffer bypass mode used in conjunction with the digital receiver is not supported. DIGRX\_SYNC\_MODE must always be set to **FALSE**.

**Table 1-14: MGT Tile Communication Attributes**

Attribute	Type	Description
GT11_MODE	String	SINGLE, A, B, DONT CARE. Determines which MGT in the MGT tile is simulated. See <a href="#">Chapter 7, "Simulation and Implementation"</a> for details.

## Byte Mapping

Most of the 8-bit wide status and control buses correlate to a specific byte of the TXDATA or RXDATA. This scheme is shown in [Table 1-15](#). This creates a way to tie all the signals together regardless of the data path width needed for the GT11\_CUSTOM. Byte-mapped signals always appear at the FPGA fabric interface on the same clock cycle.

**Table 1-15: Control/Status Bus Association to Data Bus Byte Paths**

Control/Status Bit	Data Bits
[0]	[7:0]
[1]	[15:8]
[2]	[23:16]
[3]	[31:24]
[4]	[39:32]
[5]	[47:40]
[6]	[55:48]
[7]	[63:56]

# Clocking, Timing, and Resets

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## Clock Distribution

The RocketIO™ MGT clock distribution has changed from previous generations to support the columnar architecture of the Virtex®-4 devices.

### Column

A column consists of multiple MGT tiles containing two MGTs each. The MGT tile contains routing for the PLL reference clocks and the clocks that are derived from the PLLs. The clocks derived from the PLLs are forwarded to the FPGA global clock resources. Two low-jitter reference clock trees (SYNCLK1 and SYNCLK2) run the entire length of the column. These SYNCLKs have the ability to route a clock completely up and down a column or to become tile local clocks. See “[GT11CLK\\_MGT and Reference Clock Routing,” page 63](#) for more details.

### Tile

In a tile, each PLL can select its own RX reference clock and a shared TX reference clock. This is because a single PLL is shared by the transmitters, whereas each receiver has an independent PLL and CDR.

### MGT

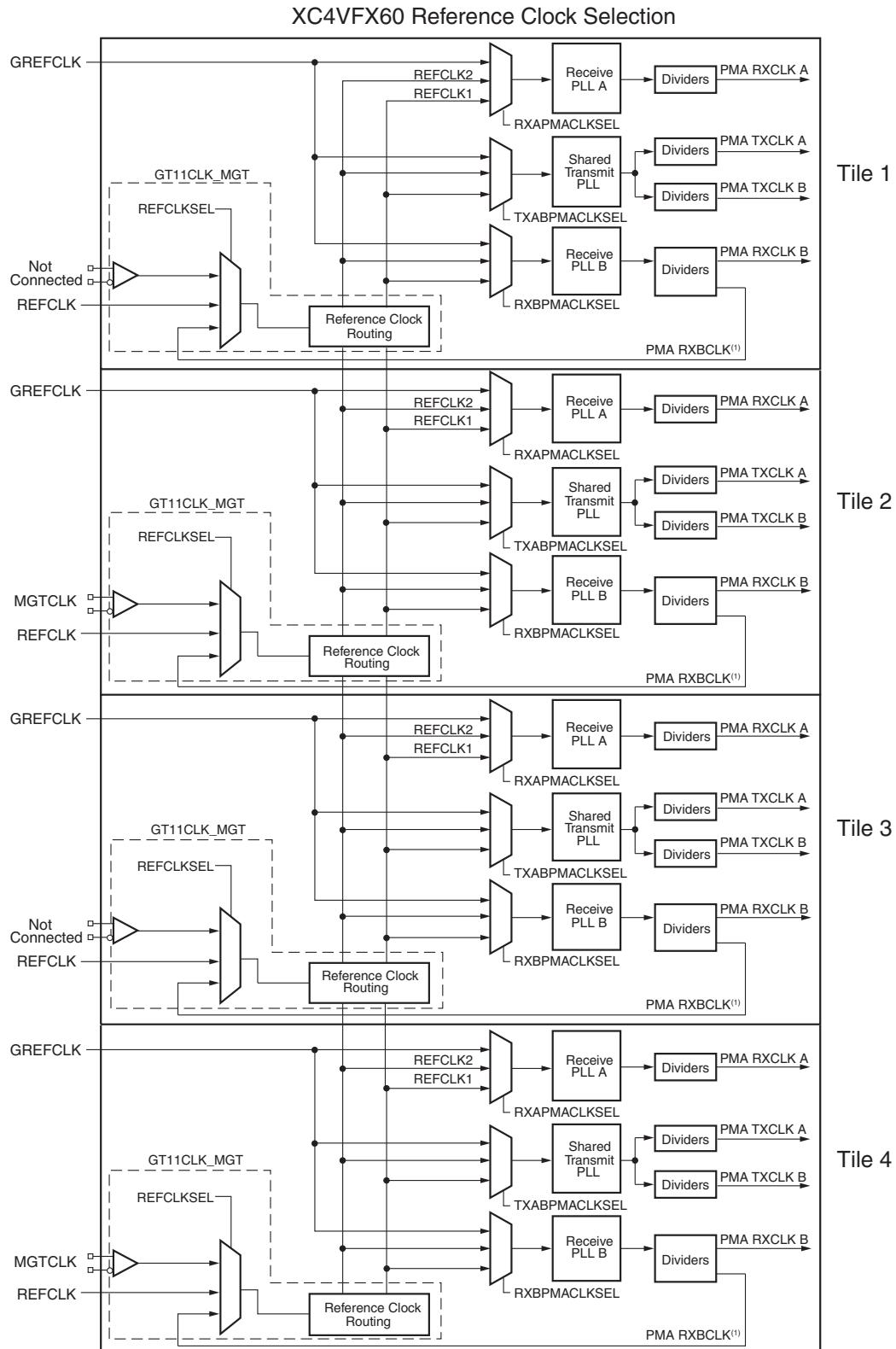
In a Virtex-4 device, there are eleven clock inputs into each Virtex-4 RocketIO MGT instantiation. There are three reference inputs to choose from:

- Two column SYNCLKs, which drive the REFCLK1 and REFCLK2 inputs of the MGTs
- One tile local GREFCLK (for applications below 1 Gb/s).

The attributes in [Figure 2-1](#) and [Table 2-3](#) show how to select the reference clock for the three PLLs in a tile. These clocks are routed differentially in the FPGA to provide better signal integrity.

The reference clock inputs should never be driven from a DCM because its output jitter is too high. Only one of these reference clocks is needed to run the MGT. However, multiple clocks can be used to implement multi-rate designs.

Most of the four user clocks (TXUSRCLK, TXUSRCLK2, RXUSRCLK, and RXUSRCLK2) can be created within the MGT block without the use of a DCM. However, reference clocks or several MGT clock outputs can be used to drive DCMs, which in turn create the necessary clocks. Only DCM outputs CLK0 and DV are suitable; the FX output is not supported. The clocking attributes and serial speed determine the reference clock speed, as shown in [Table 1-3, “MGT Protocol Settings,” page 37](#).



Note: (1) The PMA RXBCLK clock path is not supported.

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**Figure 2-1: MGT Column Clocking**

This chapter also includes several use models (see “[Common Reference Clock Use Models](#),” page 66). The use models illustrated here represent the most common configurations, but other configurations are also possible.

## GT11CLK\_MGT and Reference Clock Routing

Each MGT tile contains a GT11CLK\_MGT block implementable by instantiating either the GT11CLK or GT11CLK\_MGT ports and attributes shown in [Table 2-1](#).

**Note:** The term GT11CLK\_MGT *block* refers to the hardware, whereas GT11CLK\_MGT *module* and GT11CLK *module* refer to the standard and advanced software primitives that access the block. If no specific reference is made to “block” or “module,” the user should assume “module” is intended and refers to the software primitives.

Each column must use its own dedicated MGTCLKP and MGTCLKN clock sources implemented through the GT11CLK\_MGT or GT11CLK module. MGTCLK signals cannot be routed across the FPGA fabric, especially in designs where the data rate is 1 Gb/s or higher, because excessive jitter results. MGTCLK source locations and package pinouts for the various devices are shown in [Table 7-6](#) through [Table 7-10](#). To implement such a connection, the GT11CLK\_MGT should be instantiated. This is shown in [Figure 2-2, page 66](#).

In general, the GT11CLK\_MGT module is always used. The GT11CLK module allows more clocking options for MGTs in a given column, including feeding the fabric clock trees via SYNCLK1 and SYNCLK2 to the REFCLK1 and REFCLK2 column buses. This eliminates the need for individual connections through GREFCLK for multiple MGTs in the same column.

*Table 2-1: MGTCLK Ports and Attributes*

GT11CLK	GT11CLK_MGT	I/O	Description
<b>Ports</b>			
SYNCLK1OUT	SYNCLK1OUT	O	This output drives the REFCLK1 column bus and the FPGA clock trees.
SYNCLK2OUT	SYNCLK2OUT	O	This output drives the REFCLK2 column bus and the FPGA clock trees.
MGTCLKN	MGTCLKN	I	This is the differential package input for the MGT column.
MGTCLKP	MGTCLKP	I	
REFCLK	N/A	I	This input is from the FPGA fabric. This reference clock should only be used in sub-1 Gb/s operation. This allows a fabric clock to access the SYNCLK buses.
RXBCLK	N/A	I	Reserved. This clock port is not supported.
SYNCLK1IN	N/A	I	This input is connected to SYNCLK1OUT of an adjacent GT11CLK or GT11CLK_MGT.
SYNCLK2IN	N/A	I	This input is connected to SYNCLK2OUT of an adjacent GT11CLK or GT11CLK_MGT.
<b>Attributes</b>			
REFCLKSEL	N/A	N/A	Determines which clock input is used for the reference clock (MGTCLK, RXBCLK, REFCLK, SYNCLK1IN, SYNCLK2IN).

Table 2-1: MGTCLK Ports and Attributes (*Continued*)

GT11CLK	GT11CLK_MGT	I/O	Description
SYNCLK1OUTEN	SYNCLK1OUTEN	N/A	Allows the SYNCLK1OUT to drive the REFCLK1 column bus.
SYNCLK2OUTEN	SYNCLK2OUTEN	N/A	Allows the SYNCLK2OUT to drive the REFCLK2 column bus.

## MGT Clock Ports and Attributes

The RocketIO MGT has four groups of clocks: reference, user, MGT output, and CRC logic clocks. The clock ports are shown in Table 2-2. Table 2-3 show how to select the reference clock for the three PLLs in a tile.

Table 2-2: MGT Clock Ports

Clock	I/O	Description
<b>Reference Clocks</b>		
GREFCLK	I	Alternate reference clock. (Used only for 1 Gb/s or slower applications.)
REFCLK1	I	Reference clock for the TX and RX PLLs. The multiplication ratio for parallel-to-serial conversion is application dependent.
REFCLK2	I	Reference clock for the TX and RX PLLs. The multiplication ratio for parallel-to-serial conversion is application dependent.
<b>User Clocks</b>		
RXUSRCLK	I	Clocks the receiver PCS internal logic.
RXUSRCLK2	I	Clocks the receiver PCS/ FPGA fabric interface.
TXUSRCLK	I	Clocks the transmitter PCS internal logic.
TXUSRCLK2	I	Clocks the transmitter PCS/FPGA fabric interface.
<b>MGT Output Clocks</b>		
RXRECCLK1	O	Fabric port that can be routed to the regional and global clock buffers using fabric resources. Recovered clock from incoming data.
RXPCHCLKOUT	O	Reserved. This clock port is not supported.
RXRECCLK2	O	Recovered clock from incoming data. Same as PCS RXCLK except in DCDR mode. Please see section “ <a href="#">Digital Receiver</a> ” in Chapter 3.
TXOUTCLK1	O	Fabric port that can be routed to the regional and global clock buffers using fabric resources. Transmitter output clock derived from PLL based on transmitter reference clock. Can be used to clock the FPGA.
TXPCHCLKOUT	O	Reserved. This clock port is not supported.
TXOUTCLK2	O	Transmit output clock from the PCS TXCLK domain in the PCS. Source is dependant on the PCS clock configuration.
RXMCLK	O	Reserved. This clock port is not supported.
<b>CRC Clocks</b>		
RXCRCCLK	I	Clocks the internal receiver CRC logic.
RXCRCINTCLK	I	Clocks the CRC/FPGA fabric interface.
TXCRCCLK	I	Clocks the internal transmitter CRC logic.
TXCRCINTCLK	I	Clocks the CRC/FPGA fabric interface.

Table 2-3: Clock Selection for Three PLLs in a Tile

Attribute String Value	RXPMACLKSEL (MGTA)	RXPMACLKSEL (MGTB)	TXPMACLKSEL (MGT Tile – MGT A and MGT B) <sup>(1)</sup>
REFCLK1	REFCLK1 column bus supplies MGTA RX PLL	REFCLK1 column bus supplies MGTB RX PLL	REFCLK1 column bus supplies TX PLL for both MGTs in the tile
REFCLK2	REFCLK2 column bus supplies MGTA RX PLL	REFCLK2 column bus supplies MGTB RX PLL	REFCLK2 column bus supplies TX PLL for both MGTs in the tile
GREFCLK <sup>(2)</sup>	GREFCLK column bus supplies MGTA RX PLL	GREFCLK column bus supplies MGTB RX PLL	GREFCLK column bus supplies TX PLL for both MGTs in the tile

**Notes:**

1. This attribute is only contained in MGTB for both MGTs in the tile.
2. Should only be used for 1 Gb/s or slower serial rates.

The MGTCLK inputs drive the reference clocks that are low-jitter and must be used for the fastest data rates (over 1 Gb/s).

Additionally, one of the FPGA fabric (global) clocks can be used as a reference clock for single tiles at lower data rates (1 Gb/s or lower) via the GREFCLK input. If a fabric clock needs to be routed along the REFCLK1 and REFCLK2 column busses, then the reference clock input of the GT11CLK\_MGT must be used.

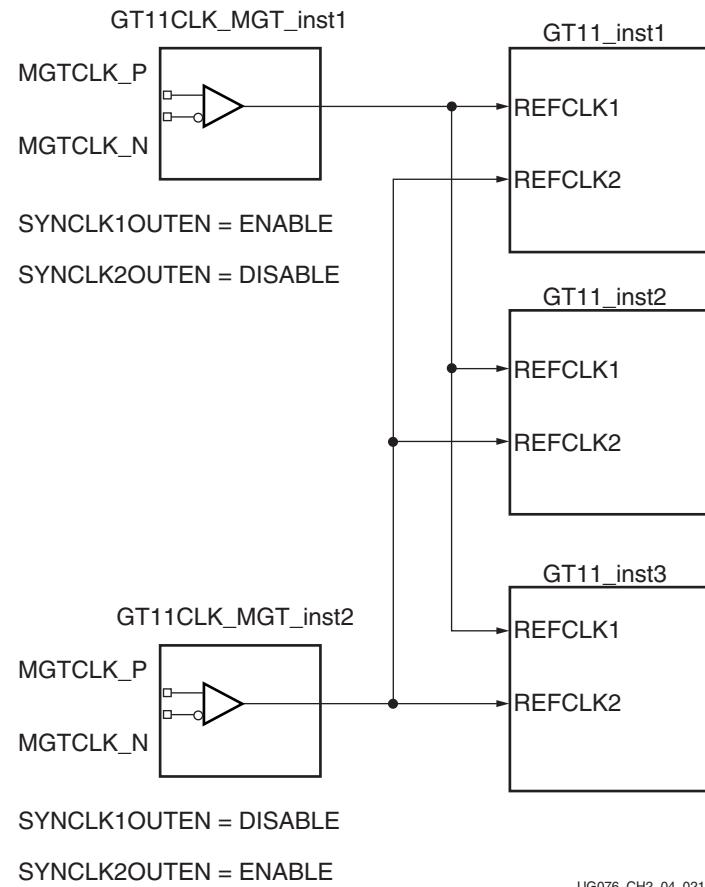
Clocks derived from the MGT or from the MGT clock input can be forwarded to the FPGA global clock resources. See “[GT11CLK\\_MGT and Reference Clock Routing](#),” page 63.

The clock recovered from MGTB can be fed to GT11CLK to be used as a reference clock for that tile or other tiles in the column. This implementation using the MGT’s RXMCLK output and the GT11CLK module’s RXBCLK input is shown in [Figure 2-1, page 62](#). This is an unsupported test feature and is not recommended for normal operating modes.

## Common Reference Clock Use Models

### High-Speed Dedicated MGT Clocks

Illustrated in [Figure 2-2](#) is the common use case where the standard GT11CLK\_MGT module is used to route the dedicated MGTCLOCKP/N to the REFCLK1 and REFCLK2 inputs via the SYNCLK1 and SYNCLK2 column buses respectively.

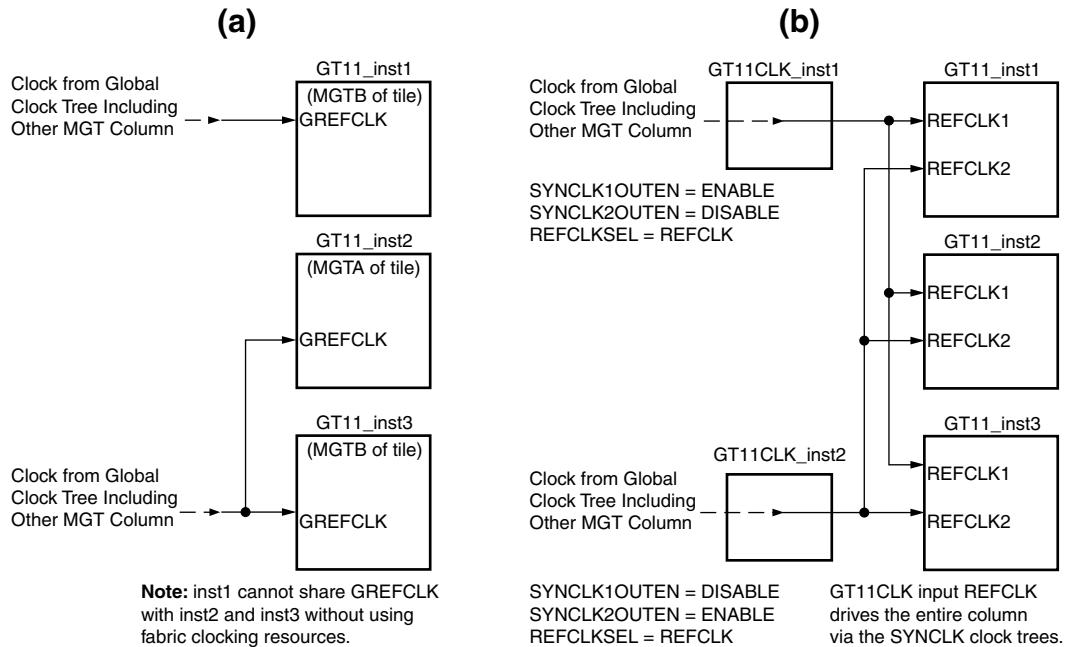


*Figure 2-2: High-Speed Dedicated Clocks (GT11CLK\_MGT Instance)*

## Fabric Clocks

There are two cases, illustrated here in [Figure 2-3](#):

- Direct connection to single tile (two MGTs) from GREFCLK pin, which does not use the GT11CLK\_MGT module.
- REFCLK1 or REFCLK2 column bus routing by connecting the fabric clock to the REFCLK input of the GT11CLK module.



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*Figure 2-3: REFCLK and GREFCLK Options for an MGT Tile*

## PMA Transmit Clocks

The PMA transmit block has several clocking options. These options include several dividers that determine the relationship between the parallel clocks (TXOUTCLK1 and TXOUTCLK2) and the serial rates on TXP/TXN. These dividers are shown in [Figure 2-4](#).

[Table 2-4](#) shows possible values of the TX PMA attributes that are used to create the clocking relationships. [Table 2-5](#) shows the possible combinations of the transmitter PLL dividers.

**Note:** Always use TXOUTCLK1, not TXOUTCLK2. TXOUTCLK2 is actually sourced from the PCS TXCLK domain. For non-reduced-latency use models, this clock is sourced from the PMA parallel clock driving the PISO. For reduced-latency use models, this clock is sourced from TXUSRCLK2 or a derivative. Refer to [Figure 2-8, page 75](#) for all of the PCS TXCLK muxing options.

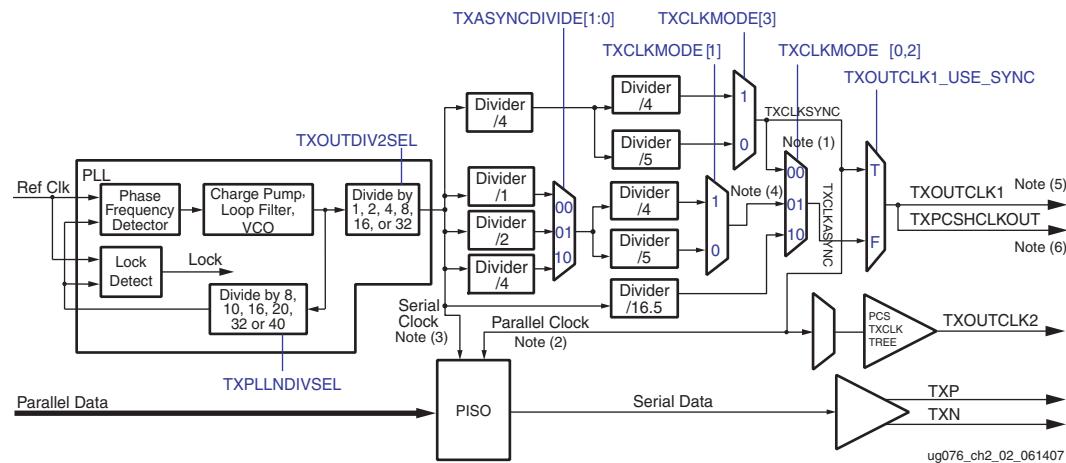


Figure 2-4: MGT Transmit Clocking

### Notes:

- Refer to [Figure 2-8, page 75](#) for PCS TXCLK domain muxing options.
- This clock is always /32 or /40 of the line rate, or /16 or /20 of the serial clock.  
Example: For 8B/10B data at 2.5 Gb/s, it should be set to /20 (TXCLKMODE[3] = 0).
- The PISO is a 1/2-rate architecture, so the serial clock = 1/2 the line rate. Therefore, to determine the proper settings for TXPLLNDSVSEL and TXOUTDIV2SEL, the appropriate VCO frequency must be considered:

VCO Frequency = Reference Clock Frequency x TXPLLNDSVSEL

Serial Clock Frequency = VCO Frequency / TXOUTDIV2SEL

### Examples:

For a 2.5 Gb/s application with 10-bit symbols and a 125 MHz reference clock:

$$2.5 \text{ Gb/s} = 125 \text{ MHz} \times \text{TXPLLNDSVSEL}$$

$$\text{TXPLLNDSVSEL} = 20$$

For a 2.5 Gb/s line rate, the serial clock = 1.25 Gb/s:

$$1.25 \text{ Gb/s} = 2.5 \text{ Gb/s} / \text{TXOUTDIV2SEL}$$

$$\text{TXOUTDIV2SEL} = 2$$

- This path must be used if TXOUTCLK1 is used to generate the PCS user clocks for low-latency applications requiring bypass of the PCS TXBUFFER. Refer to [Chapter 8](#) for details.
- TXOUTCLK1 is a fabric port.
- TXPCSHCLKOUT port is not supported.

Table 2-4: TX PMA Attribute Values<sup>(1)</sup>

Attribute	Available Values	Definition
TXPLLNDIVSEL	40, 32, 20, 16, 10, 8	Transmit PLL feedback divide. This value becomes the PLL multiplication factor for the reference clock. <u>Transmitter PLL output divide. DRP values are:</u> 40 = 1010 32 = 1000 20 = 0110 16 = 0100 10 = 0010 8 = 0000
TXOUTDIV2SEL	1, 2, 4, 8, 16, 32	<u>TXOUTDIV2SEL value = DRP value:</u> 1 = 0001 2 = 0010 4 = 0011 8 = 0100 16 = 0101 32 = 0110
TXASYNCDIVIDE	00, 01, 10, 11	<u>Async Divide:</u> 00 = Divide by 1 01 = Divide by 2 10 = Divide by 4 11 = Divide by 4
TXCLKMODE	0110, 0100, 1000, 1001, 0000, 1110, 1111	Divider Control for synchronous PCS TXCLK and asynchronous PCS TXCLK. Refer to <a href="#">Figure 2-4</a> .
TXOUTCLK1_USE_SYNC	TRUE, FALSE	<b>FALSE:</b> TXOUTCLK1 = Asynchronous PCS TXCLK <b>TRUE:</b> TXOUTCLK1 = Synchronous PCS TXCLK

**Notes:**

- See [Figure 2-12](#) for application-specific settings.

Table 2-5: Supported Transmitter PLL Divider Combinations

Line Rate (Mb/s)		Output Divider TXOUTDIV2SEL	Feedback Divider TXPLLNDIVSEL	VCO Frequency (MHz)	
Min	Max			Min	Max
4960	6500	1	8, 10	2480	3250
2480	4300	2	8, 10	2480	4300
3100	4300	2	16, 20	3100	4300
1240	2150	4	8, 10, 16, 20	2480	4300
622	1075	8	8, 10, 16, 20	2488	4300

**Notes:**

- For lower wide-band jitter generation, choose a reference clock frequency that uses a lower feedback divider.
- Line Rate = VCO Frequency\*2/TXOUTDIV2SEL.
- Reference Clock = VCO Frequency/TXPLLNDIVSEL

## PMA Receive Clocks

The PMA receive block has several clocking options. These options include several dividers that determine the relationship between the parallel clocks (RXRECCLK1 and RXRECCLK2) and the serial rates on RXP/RXN. These dividers are shown in [Figure 2-5](#).

[Table 2-6](#) shows possible values of these RX PMA attributes that are used to create the clocking relationships. [Table 2-7](#) shows the possible combinations of the receiver PLL dividers.

**Note:** Always use RXRECCLK1, not RXRECCLK2. RXRECCLK2 is sourced from the digital receiver input clock domain. For non-reduced-latency use models, this clock is sourced from the PMA parallel clock driving the SIPO. For reduced-latency use models, this clock is sourced from RXUSRCLK2 or a derivative. Refer to [Figure 2-5](#) for all of the PCS RXCLK muxing options.

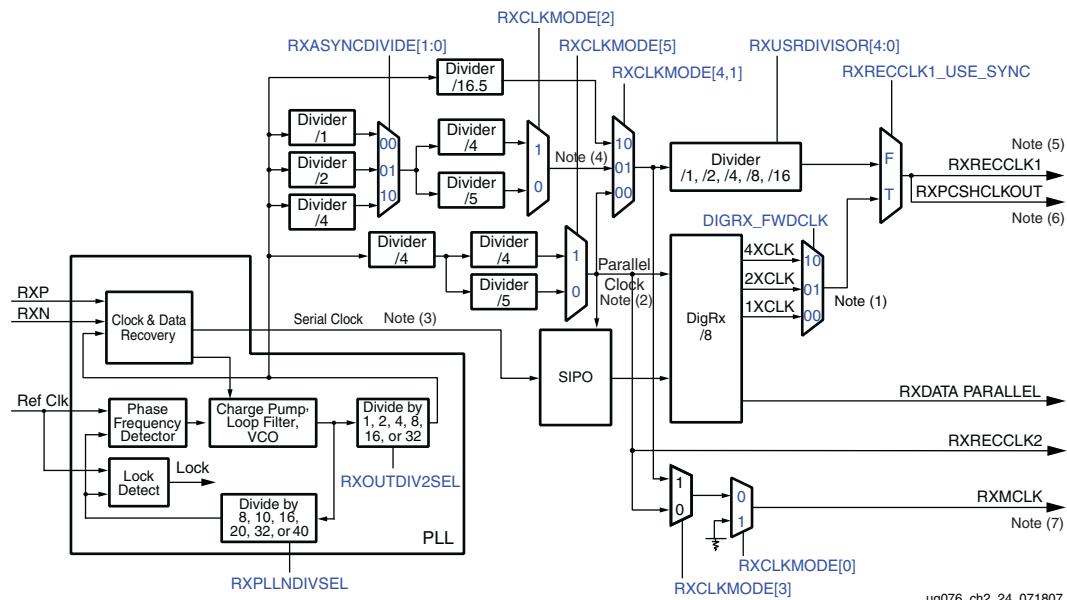


Figure 2-5: MGT Receive Clocking

### Notes:

- When DigRX block is disabled, the PMA parallel clock (PMA RXCLK0) is passed through but is affected by RXRESET. Refer to Digrx section for details on how to configure this mux.
- This clock is always /32 or /40 of the line rate, or /16 or /20 of the serial clock. Example: For 8B/10B data at 2.5 Gb/s, it should be set to /20 (RXCLKMODE[5] = 0).
- The SIPO is a 1/2-rate architecture, so the serial clock = 1/2 the line rate. Therefore, to determine the proper settings for RXPLLNDIVSEL and RXOUTDIVSEL2, the appropriate VCO frequency must be considered:

$$\text{VCO Frequency} = \text{Reference Clock Frequency} \times \text{RXPLLNSIVSEL}$$

$$\text{Serial Clock Frequency} = \text{VCO Frequency} / \text{RXOUTDIV2SEL}$$

### Examples:

For a 2.5 Gb/s application with 10-bit symbols and a 125 MHz reference clock:  
 $2.5 \text{ Gb/s} = 125 \text{ MHz} \times \text{RXPLLNSIVSEL}$   
 $\text{RXPLLNSIVSEL} = 20$

For a 2.5 Gb/s line rate, the serial clock = 1.25 Gb/s:  
 $1.25 \text{ Gb/s} = 2.5 \text{ Gb/s} / \text{RXOUTDIV2SEL}$   
 $\text{RXOUTDIV2SEL} = 2$

- This path must be used if RXOUTCLK1 is used to generate the PCS user clocks for low-latency applications requiring bypass of the PCS RXBUFFER. Refer to [Chapter 8](#) for details.
- RXRECCLK1 is a fabric port.
- RXPCSHCLKOUT port is not supported.
- RXMCLK port is not supported.

Table 2-6: RX PMA Attribute Values<sup>(1)</sup>

Attribute	Available Values	Definition
RXPLLNDIVSEL	8, 10, 16, 20, 16, 32, 40	Receive PLL feedback divide. This value becomes the PLL multiplication factor for the reference clock. <u>Receiver PLL output divide. DRP values are:</u> 40 = 1010 32 = 1000 20 = 0110 16 = 0100 10 = 0010 8 = 0000
RXOUTDIV2SEL	1, 2, 4, 8, 16, 32	<u>RXOUTDIV2SEL value = DRP value:</u> 1 = 0001 2 = 0010 4 = 0011 8 = 0100 16 = 0101 32 = 0110
RXUSRDIVISOR	1, 2, 4, 8, 16	Selects the divisor for the clock received from the PMA. The divided clock becomes RXRECCLK1. See <a href="#">Figure 2-5</a> . <u>RXUSRDIVISOR value = DRP value:</u> 1 = 00001 2 = 00010 4 = 00100 8 = 01000 16 = 10000
RXCLKMODE	See <a href="#">Figure 2-12</a> and <a href="#">Figure 2-11</a>	Selects receiver output clocks and 32- or 40-bit PMA output data path width. See “ <a href="#">Setting the Clocking Options</a> ” for correct settings.
RXASYNCDIVIDE	00, 01, 10, 11	<u>Asynchronous Divider Ratios:</u> 00 = Divide by 1 01 = Divide by 2 10 = Divide by 4 11 = Divide by 4
DIGRX_FWCLK	00, 01, 10, 11	00 = 1XCLK (4-byte clock) 01 = 2XCLK (2-byte clock) 10 = 4XCLK (1-byte clock)
RXRECCLK1_USE_SYNC	FALSE/TRUE	<b>FALSE:</b> RXRECCLK1 = synchronous PCS RXCLK <b>TRUE:</b> RXRECCLK1 = asynchronous PCS RXCLK

**Notes:**

1. See [Figure 2-11](#) for application-specific settings.

**Table 2-7: Supported Receiver PLL Divider Combinations**

Receiver Mode	Line Rate (Mb/s)		Output Divider RXOUTDIV2SEL	Feedback Divider RXPLLNDIVSEL	VCO Frequency (MHz)	
	Min	Max			Min	Max
Analog CDR	4960	6500	1	8, 10	2480	3250
	2480	4300	2	8, 10	2480	4300
	3100	4300	2	16, 20	3100	4300
	1250	2150	4	8, 10, 16, 20	2500	4300
Digital CDR	622	1250	1	8, 10, 16, 20, 32, 40	2488	5000

**Notes:**

1. Line Rate (Analog CDR) = VCO Frequency\*2/RXOUTDIV2SEL
2. Line Rate (Digital CDR) = VCO Frequency\*2/8
3. Reference Clock = VCO Frequency/RXPLLNDIVSEL

## RX and TX PLL Voltage-Controlled Oscillator (VCO) Operating Frequency

The minimum VCO operating frequency is 2480 MHz. The maximum VCO operating frequency is limited by the value of the output divider. [Table 2-8](#) defines the valid VCO operating frequency ranges for each output divider value. VCO operating frequencies outside of these ranges are not supported.

**Table 2-8: Supported VCO Operating Frequency Ranges**

Output Divider [RX, TX]OUTDIV2SEL	VCO Frequency		Units	
	Minimum	Maximum		
1	2480	5000	MHz	
2	2480	4300	MHz	
4	2480		MHz	
8	2488 <sup>(1)</sup>		MHz	
16	Not Supported		—	
32			—	

**Notes:**

1. When the output divider is equal to 8, the minimum VCO frequency is limited by the minimum data rate of 622 Mb/s.

The VCO operating frequency ranges have a direct impact on line rate. Receiver operation in analog CDR mode at line rates between 2.15 Gb/s–2.48 Gb/s and 4.3 Gb/s–4.96 Gb/s is not supported. Transmitter operation at line rates between 1.075 Gb/s–1.24 Gb/s, 2.15 Gb/s–2.48 Gb/s, and 4.3 Gb/s–4.96 Gb/s is not supported.

[Figure 2-6](#) illustrates the supported data rates for the Transmitter (Tx), the Receiver in Digital CDR Mode (Rx DCDR), and the Receiver in Analog CDR Mode (Rx ACDR).

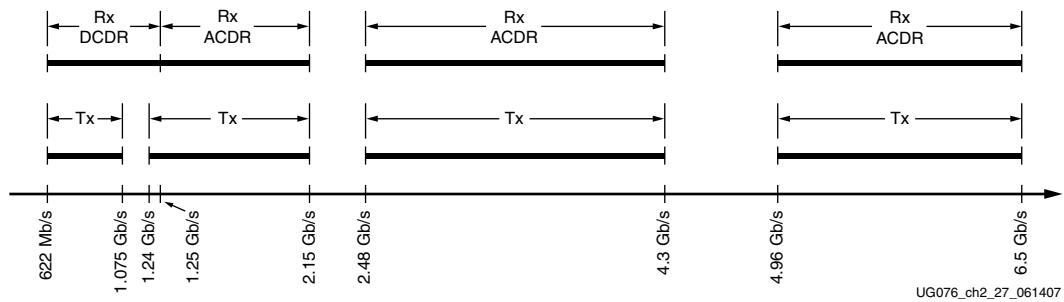


Figure 2-6: Transmitter and Receiver Line Rates

## PMA/PCS Clocking Domains and Data Paths

There are several clocking domains within the PMA and PCS of the MGT's receiver and transmitter.

For the RX, there are four clock domains:

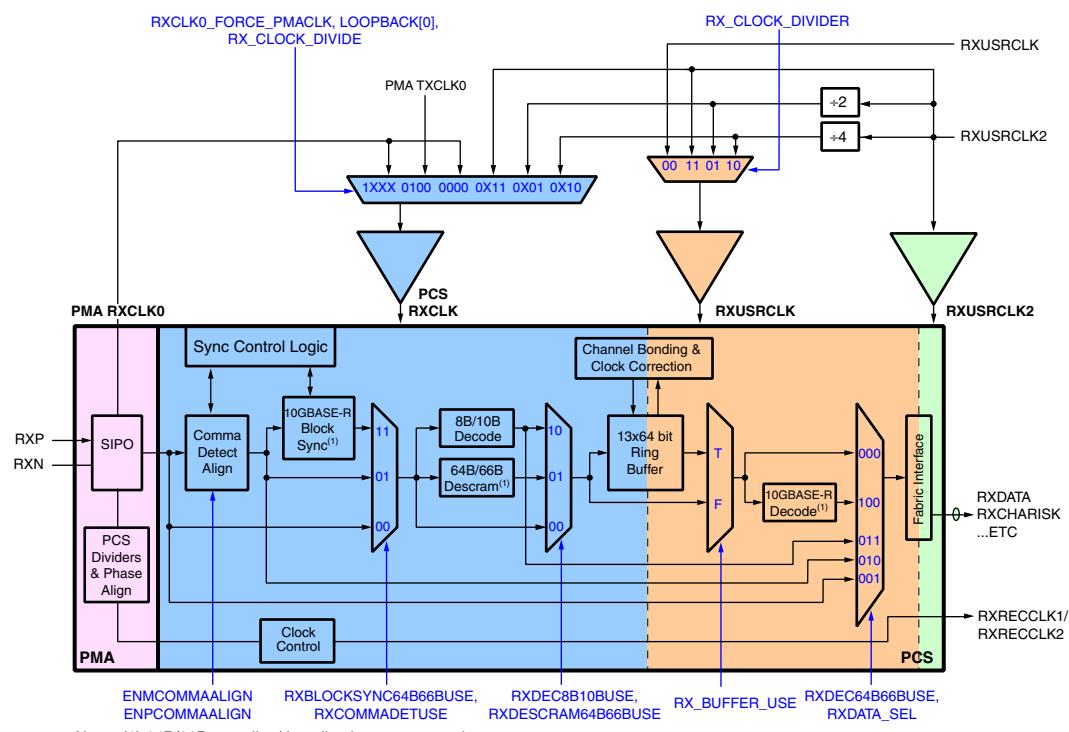
- PMA RXCLK0
- PCS RXCLK
- RXUSRCLK
- RXUSRCLK2

Similarly for the TX, there are four clock domains:

- TXUSRCLK2
- TXUSRCLK
- PCS TXCLK
- PMA TXCLK0

[Figure 2-7](#) illustrates the four RX domains, and [Figure 2-8](#) illustrates the TX domains.

[Chapter 8, “Low-Latency Design”](#) addresses use of the various bypass features and their interaction with the clock domains.



[Figure 2-7: PCS Receive Clocking Domains and Datapaths](#)

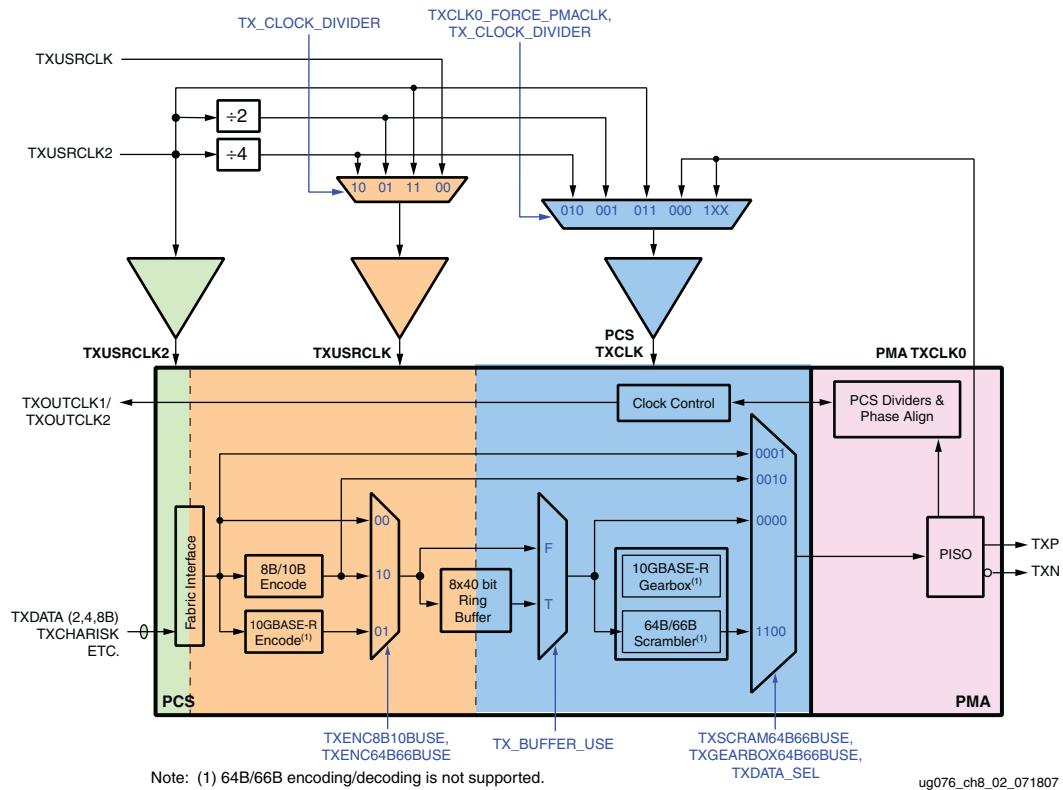


Figure 2-8: PCS Transmit Clocking Domains and Datapaths

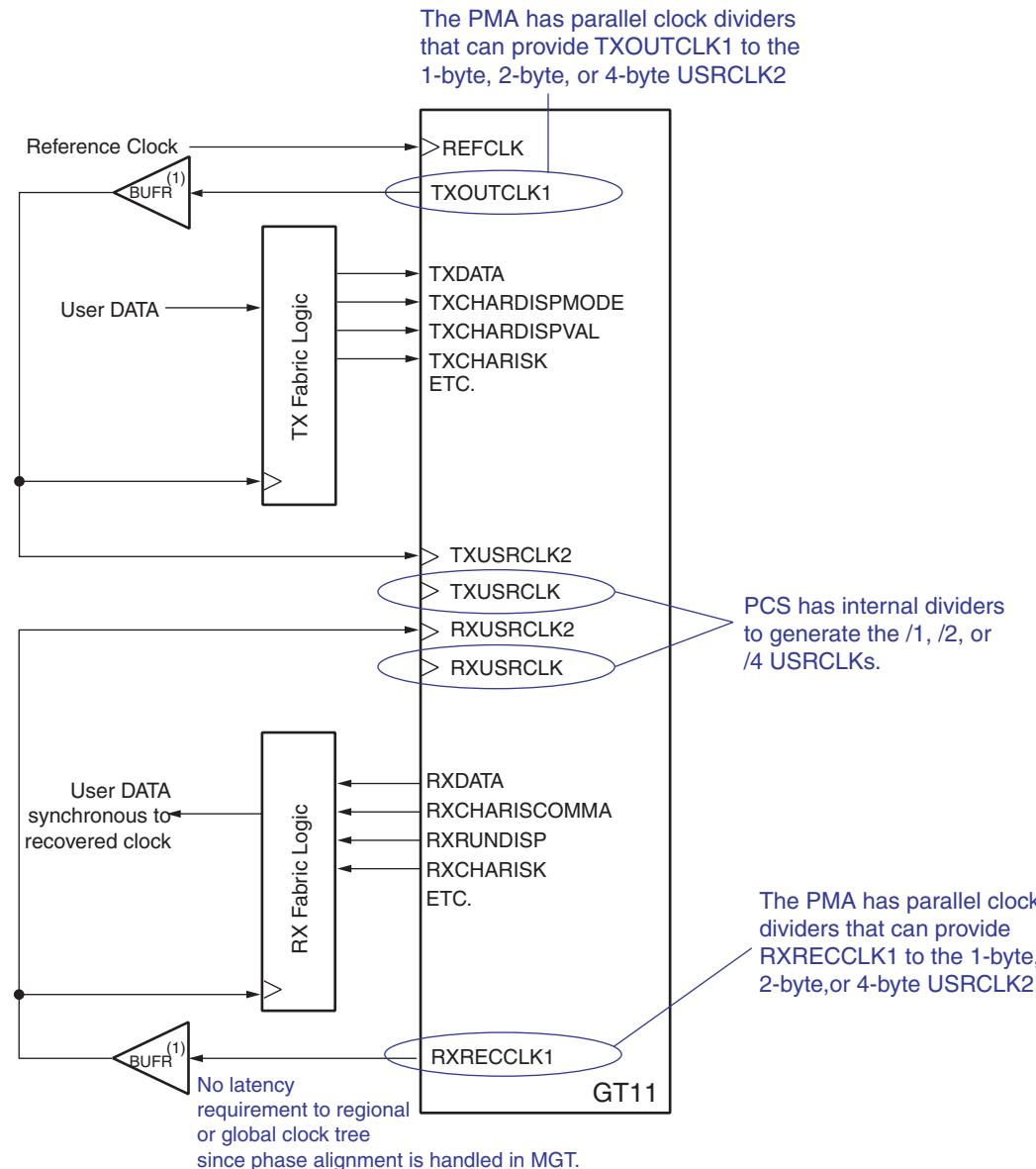
## PMA Configurations

There are several configurations of the PMA that also affect serial speeds and clocking schemes. These configurations can be modified by the Dynamic Reconfiguration Port or with attributes. These settings are covered in [Figure 2-11](#) and [Figure 2-12](#).

## Common MGT Clocking Use Cases

Figure 2-9 and Figure 2-10 show the common clocking use models that the MGT supports.

**Note:** TXOUTCLK1/TXOUTCLK2 / RXRECCLK1/RXRECCLK2 connect to local and regional clocking. A connection of these clocks to BUFG is possible with the use of fabric interconnect.



**Notes:** 1. BUFG connect is possible with TXOUTCLK1 or RXRECCLK1 with the use of fabric interconnect.

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Figure 2-9: Low-Latency Clocking

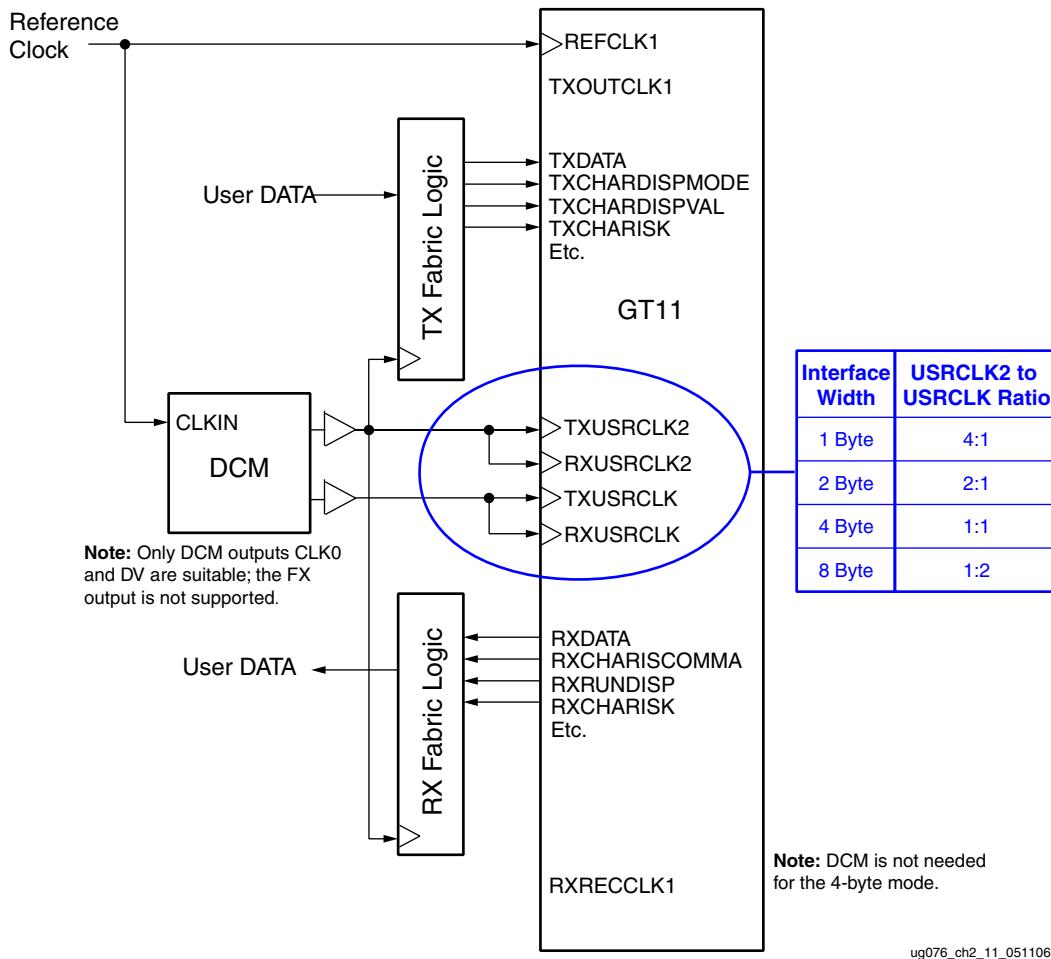


Figure 2-10: DCM Clocking

## Setting the Clocking Options

Because of the MGT's flexibility, there are many different clocking modes available. The RocketIO wizard can automatically configure the MGT clocking options for any rate supported by the device.

**Note:** The reference clock can directly drive the USRCLKs. Because most cases require multiple frequencies to clock data, it is recommended to use TXOUTCLK1 and RXRECCLK1 in conjunction with the internal clock dividers.

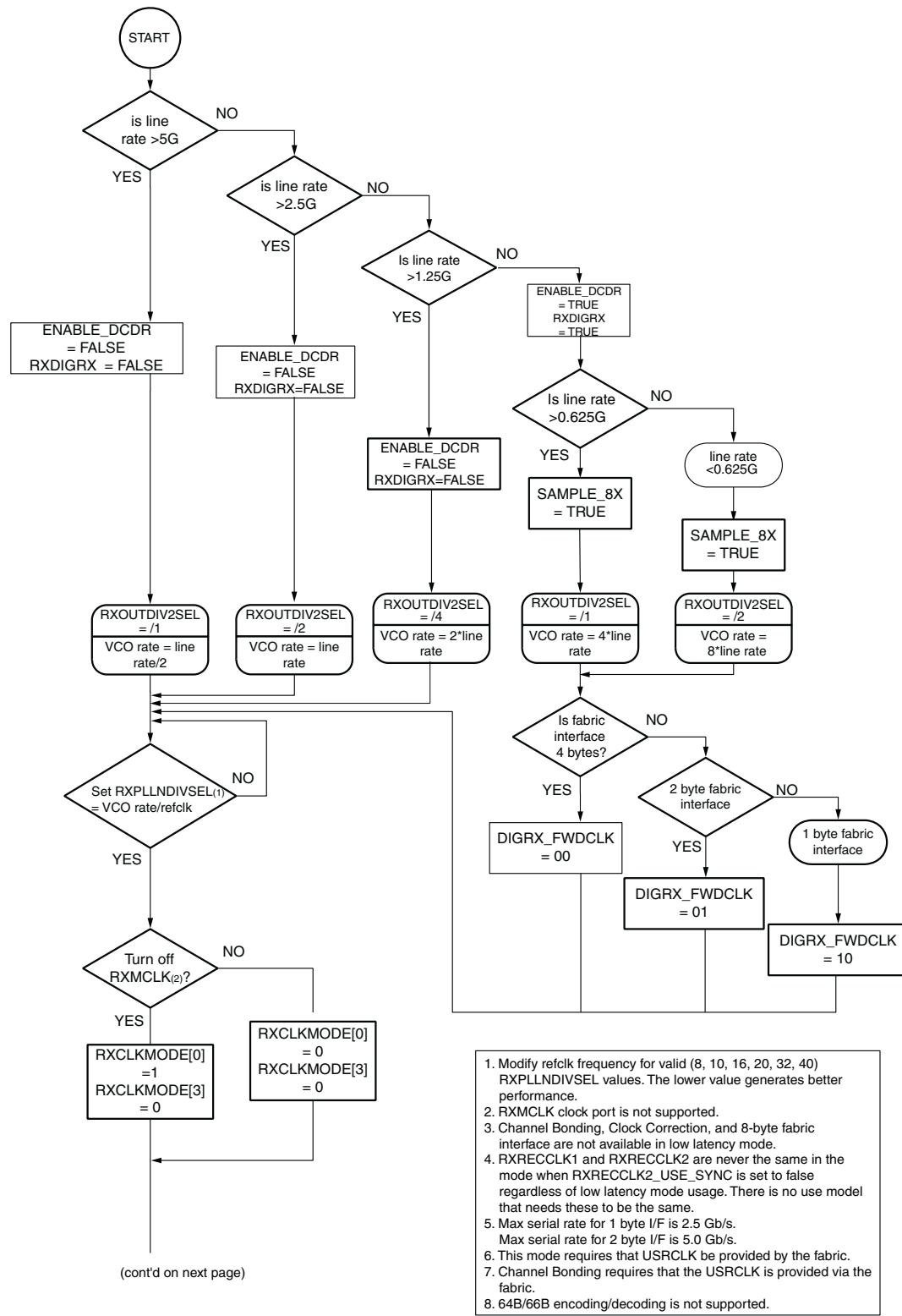
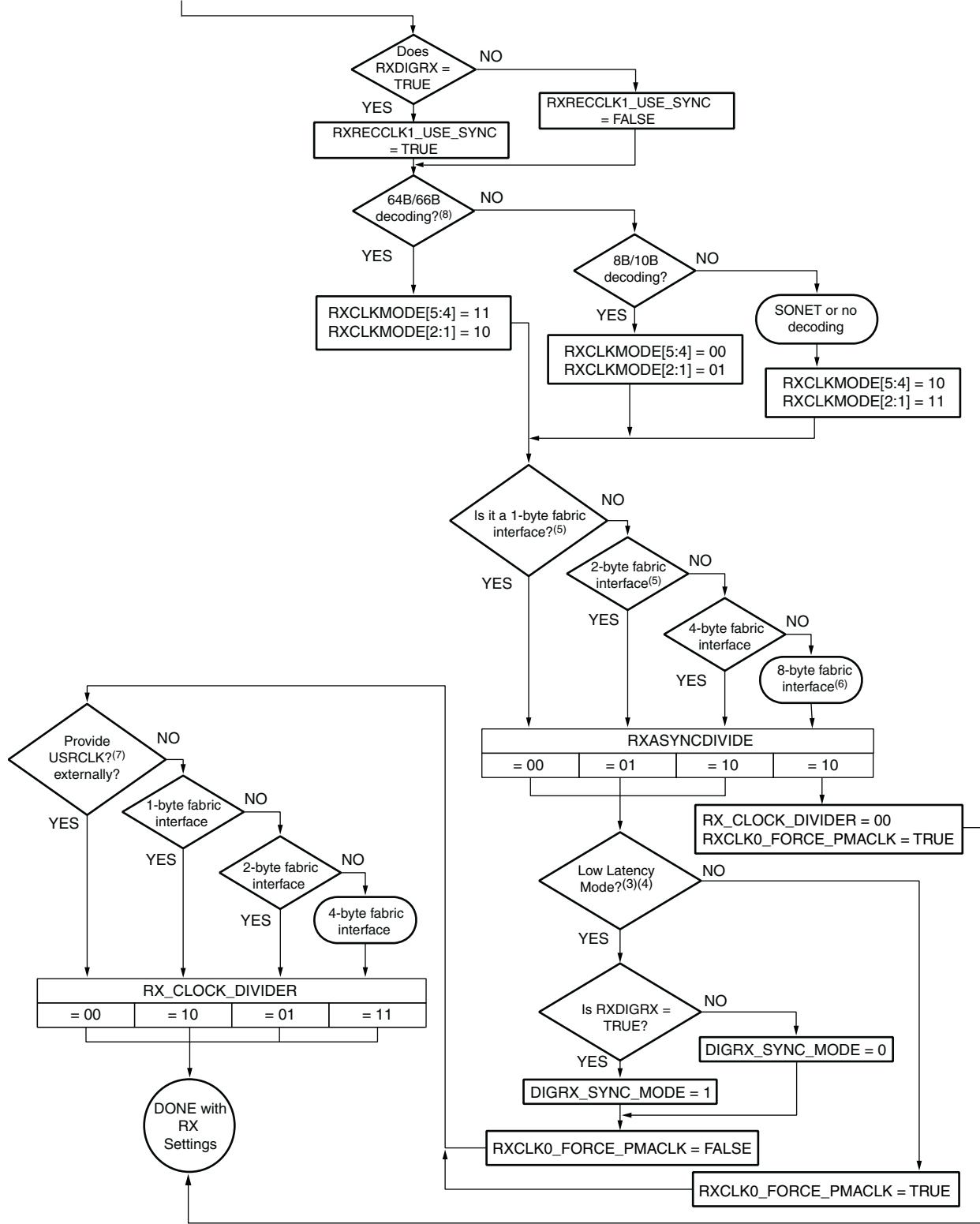


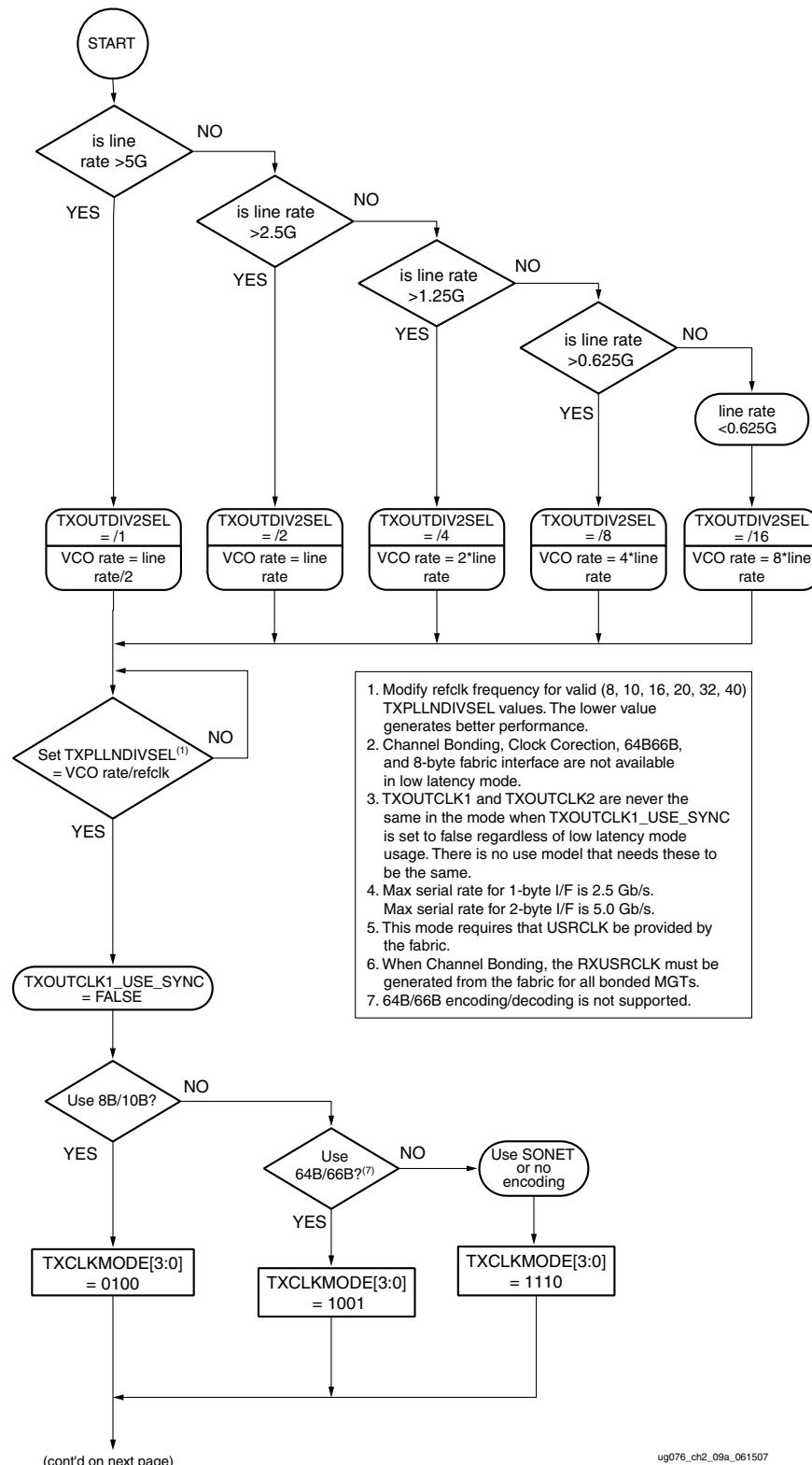
Figure 2-11: Receive Clocking Decision Flow (Page 1 of 2)

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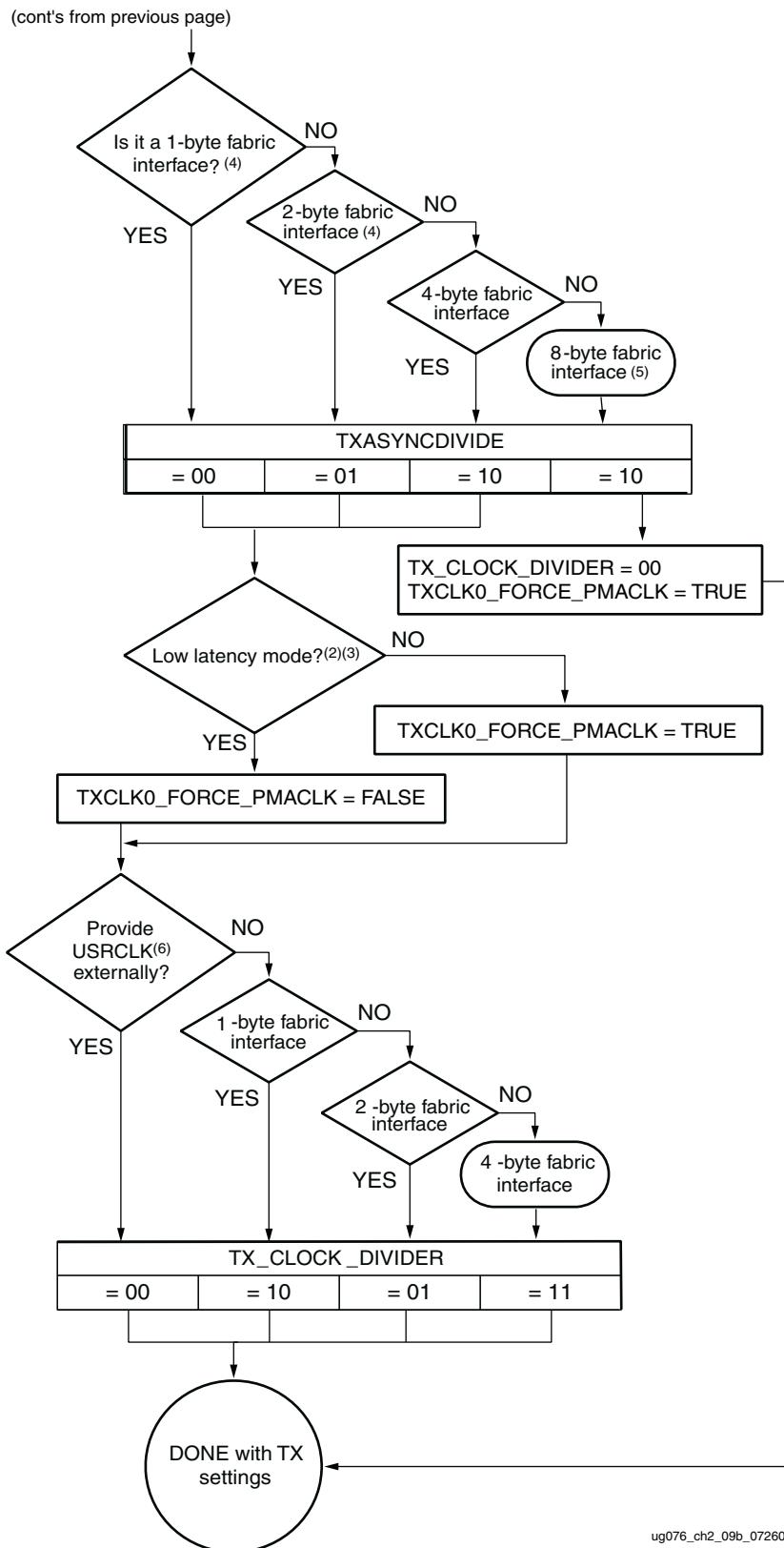
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Figure 2-11 (Cont'd): Receive Clocking Decision Flow (Page 2 of 2)



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Figure 2-12: Transmit Clocking Decision Flow (Page 1 of 2)



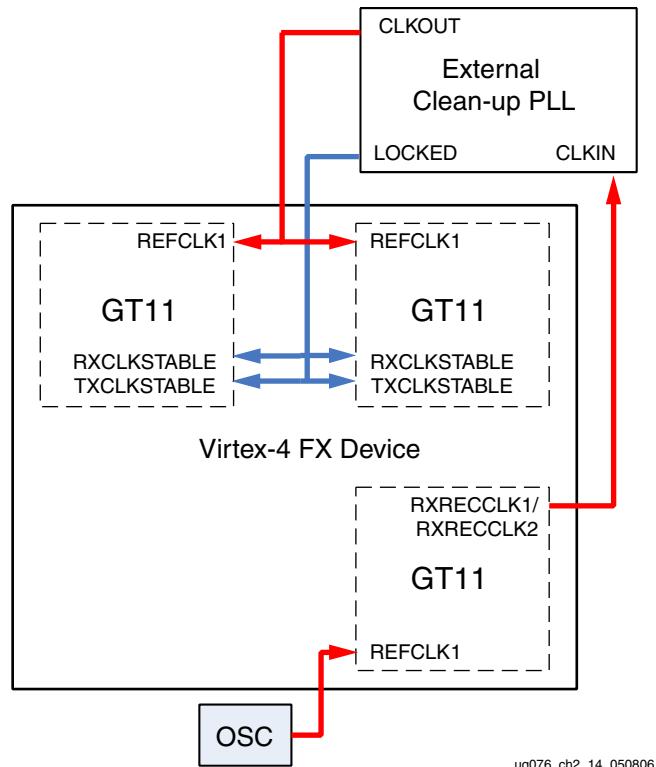
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Figure 2-12 (Cont'd): Transmit Clocking Decision Flow (Page 2 of 2)

## Special Clocking Considerations

### RXCLKSTABLE and TXCLKSTABLE

In some systems, there are cases where the reference clock is not available when the MGT and FPGA come out of configuration. The MGT PLL needs to know when its reference clock is stable and when to try to lock. In one such case — when external cleanup PLLs are used — RXCLKSTABLE and TXCLKSTABLE should be used as shown in [Figure 2-13](#). When the reference clock is known to be ready before the MGT, these signals should be set to a logic 1.



*Figure 2-13: External PLL Locked Signal for MGT*

## Resets

The MGT has several different resets shown in [Table 2-9](#). The resets affect different portions of the MGT. RXRESET and TXRESET reset the PCS portions of the transceiver. RXPMARESET and TXPMARESET reset the PMA portion of the transceiver. There are also two CRC logic resets (see [Chapter 5, “Cyclic Redundancy Check \(CRC\)”](#)).

**Table 2-9: MGT Reset Signals**

Reset	Description
RXCRCRESET	Resets the receiver CRC logic.
TXCRCRESET	Resets the transmitter CRC logic.
RXPMARESET	Resets the receiver PMA logic.
TXPMARESET	Resets the transmitter PMA logic.
TXRESET	Resets the transmitter PCS logic.
RXRESET	Resets the receiver PCS logic.

### TXPMARESET

The TXPMARESET port is used to reset the PMA and reinitialize the PMA functions. Asserting this signal resets PLL control logic and the internal PMA dividers. It also causes the transmit PLL lock signal TXLOCK to be deasserted and forces the TX PLL into calibration. During the time TXPMARESET is asserted, the PMA parallel clocks TXOUTCLK1 and TXOUTCLK2 output to the fabric remains at a constant 0. The data that remains in the parallel-to-serial converter after asserting TXPMARESET is transmitted on the serial lines (TXN/TXP ports). Since TXPMARESET forces the PLL into calibration, the frequency of the transmitted data is not guaranteed to be correct until the PLL is locked.

Below is a list of requirements for TXPMARESET:

- Set TXPMARESET signal to logic 1 at startup for a minimum of three USRCLK cycles (based on internal data width).
- Do not use the output clocks of the MGT for clocking this reset.

The parallel clock dividers used to generate each transmitter’s TXOUTCLK1 and TXOUTCLK2 clocks are controlled by the TXPMARESET ports of MGTA and MGTB. Calibration of the shared transmitter VCO is reset only by the TXPMARESET signal of MGTA. (The MGT tile contains one Tx PLL and two separate parallel clock dividers.)

If the design uses:

- **MGTA only:** apply a TXPMARESET on MGTA.
- **MGTB only:** apply a TXPMARESET on both MGTA *and* MGTB.

### RXPMARESET

The RXPMARESET port is used to reset the PMA and reinitialize the PMA functions. Asserting this signal resets the PLL control logic. It also causes the receive PLL lock signal RXLOCK to be deasserted and forces the RX PLL into calibration. During the time RXPMARESET is asserted, the PMA parallel clocks RXRECCCLK1 and RXRECCCLK2 output to the fabric does *not* remain at a constant 0, but its frequency is incorrect because the PLL is not locked.

Following is a list of requirements for RXPMARESET:

- Set RXPMARESET to logic 1 at startup for a minimum of three USRCLK cycles (based on internal data width).
- Do not use the output clocks of the MGT for clocking this reset.

## TXRESET

The TXRESET is used to bring every flip-flop in the TX PCS to a known value but does not affect the PMA. When TXRESET is set to logic 1, the TX PCS is considered to be in reset.

Below is a list of requirements for TXRESET:

- Need to have stable clock on both the TXUSRCLK and PCS TXCLK domains on the deassertion of TXRESET to obtain reliable pointer initialization of the TX buffer. (See [Figure 2-8, “PCS Transmit Clocking Domains and Datapaths,” page 75.](#))
- Set TXRESET signal to logic 1 for a minimum of three cycles of the slowest frequency on TXUSRCLK or TXUSRCLK2.
- After deassertion of TXRESET, the TX PCS takes five cycles of the slowest frequency on TXUSRCLK or TXUSRCLK2 for each clock domain to come out of reset.
- For 8-byte external data interface widths, TXRESET should be deasserted synchronously to the falling edge of TXUSRCLK2 clock to ensure proper transmit data ordering. See [Figure 2-24, “TXRESET for 8-Byte External Data Interface Width,” page 100.](#)

The blocks affected by TXRESET are:

- Tx Fabric Interface — TXUSRCLK and TXUSRCLK2 domains
- 8B/10B Encode — TXUSRCLK domain
- Tx Buffer — TXUSRCLK and PCS TXCLK domains

See [Figure 2-8, “PCS Transmit Clocking Domains and Datapaths,” page 75.](#)

While TXRESET is asserted, the transmit data going into the PMA is all 0s.

## RXRESET

The RXRESET is used to bring every flip-flop in the RX PCS to a known value but does not affect the PMA. When the signal RXRESET is set to a logic 1, the RX PCS is considered in reset. Below is a list of requirements for RXRESET:

- Need to have stable clock on both the RXUSRCLK and PCS RXCLK domains on the deassertion of RXRESET to obtain reliable pointer initialization of the RX buffer. (See [Figure 2-7, “PCS Receive Clocking Domains and Datapaths,” page 74.](#))
- Set RXRESET signal to logic 1 for a minimum of three cycles of the slowest frequency on RXUSRCLK or RXUSRCLK2.
- After deassertion of RXRESET, the RX PCS takes five cycles of the slowest frequency on RXUSRCLK or RXUSRCLK2 for each clock domain to come out of reset.
- When channel bonding is used in conjunction with 1-byte and 2-byte external data interface widths, RXRESET must be deasserted synchronously on all channel-bonded MGTs with respect to RXUSRCLK2.

The blocks affected by RXRESET are:

- RX Fabric Interface — RXUSRCLK and RXUSRCLK2 domains
- 8B/10B Decode — RXUSRCLK domain

- RX Buffer — RXUSRCLK and PCS RXCLK domains
- Channel Bonding & Clock Correction Logic — RXUSRCLK and PCS RXCLK domains
- Comma Detect Align — PCS RXCLK Domain
- Digital CDR

See [Figure 2-7, “PCS Receive Clocking Domains and Datapaths,” page 74](#) for PCS receive clocking domains and datapaths.

For Digital CDR, asserting RXRESET causes the PMA parallel clock RXRECCLK1 to stop toggling (remain at a constant value).

## CRC Reset

CRCRESET resets the CRC section of the transmitter (TXCRCRESET) and receiver (RXCRCRESET). (See [Chapter 5, “Cyclic Redundancy Check \(CRC\).”](#))

Proper assertion and deassertion of these resets are necessary to set up the CRC for use.

## Resetting the Transceiver

This section describes different use cases of resetting the transceiver.

### Transmit Reset Sequence: TX Buffer Used

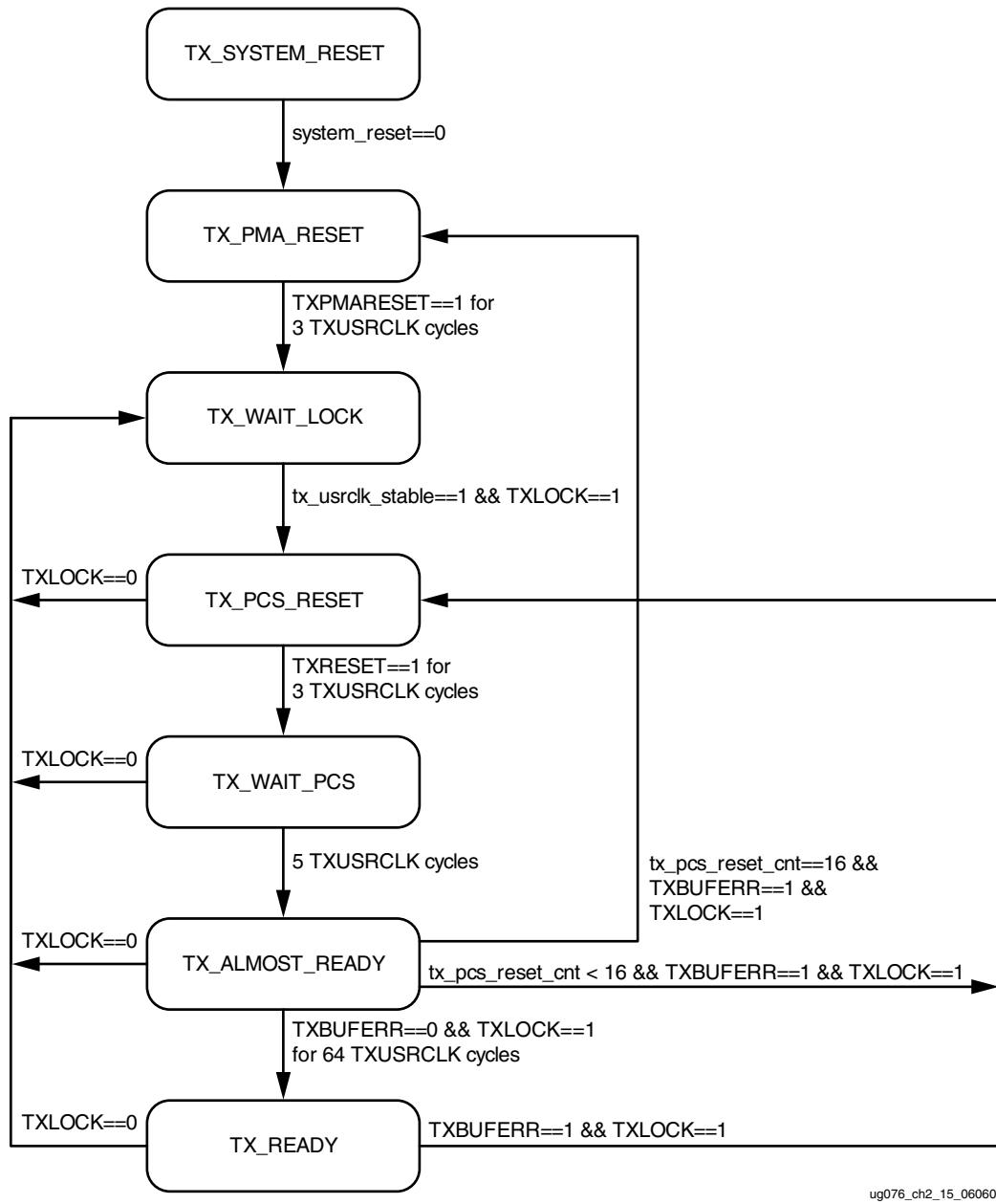
[Figure 2-14](#) provides a flow chart of the transmit reset sequence when the TX buffer is used. Refer to the following points in conjunction with this figure:

- The flow chart uses TXUSRCLK as reference to the wait time for each state. Do not use TXUSRCLK as the clock source for this block; this clock might not be present during some states. Use a free-running clock (for example, the system's clock) and make sure that the wait time for each state equals the specified number of TXUSRCLK cycles.
- It is assumed that the frequency of TXUSRCLK is slower than the frequency of TXUSRCLK2. If TXUSRCLK2 is slower, use that clock as reference to the wait time for each state.
- tx\_usrclk\_stable is a status signal from the user's application that is asserted High when both TXUSRCLK and TXUSRCLK2 clocks are stable. For example, if a DCM is used to generate both the TXUSRCLK and TXUSRCLK2 clocks, then the DCM LOCKED signal can be used here.
- tx\_pcs\_reset\_cnt is a counter from the user's application that is incremented every time both TXBUFERR and TXLOCK signals are asserted. It is reset when the block cycles back to the TX\_PMA\_RESET state.
- In synchronous systems like the GPON application where RXRECCLK1/RXRECCLK2 is used for the TX PLL, the TX\_SYSTEM\_RESET state should stall until there is a stable RXLOCK signal from the RX PLL (RXLOCK == 1 for 16K [16 x 1024] REFCLK cycles). The condition in going from TX\_SYSTEM\_RESET to TX\_PMA\_RESET needs to be modified to:
  - ◆ Analog CDR Mode:  

$$\text{!system\_reset \&& (RXLOCK == 1 for 16K [16 x 1024] REFCLK cycles)}$$
  - ◆ Digital CDR Mode:  

$$\text{!system\_reset \&& RXLOCK == 1}$$

See [“RX Reset Sequence Background,” page 100](#) for information on the 16K REFCLK cycles requirement.



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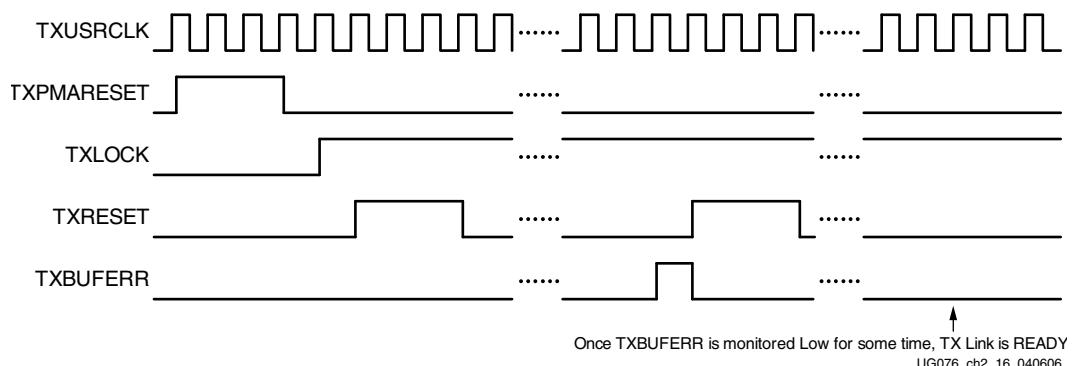
Figure 2-14: Flow Chart of TX Reset Sequence Where TX Buffer Is Used

Below are the steps describing the flow chart in Figure 2-14:

1. **TX\_SYSTEM\_RESET**: Upon TX system reset on this block, go to the TX\_PMA\_RESET state.  
 $\text{TXPMARESET} == 0$   
 $\text{TXRESET} == 0$
2. **TX\_PMA\_RESET**: Assert TXPMARESET for three TXUSRCLK cycles.  
 $\text{TXPMARESET} == 1$   
 $\text{TXRESET} == X$

3. **TX\_WAIT\_LOCK:** Stall until TXLOCK is High and until the clocks on TXUSRCLK and TXUSRCLK2 are stable (`tx_usrclk_stable == 1`).
   
TXPMARESET == 0
   
TXRESET == X
4. **TX\_PCS\_RESET:** Assert TXRESET for three TXUSRCLK cycles. If TXLOCK is deasserted, go back to TX\_WAIT\_LOCK state.
   
TXPMARESET == 0
   
TXRESET == 1
5. **TX\_WAIT\_PCS:** Wait for five TXUSRCLK cycles after deassertion of TXRESET. If TXLOCK is deasserted, go back to TX\_WAIT\_LOCK state.
   
TXPMARESET == 0
   
TXRESET == 0
6. **TX\_ALMOST\_READY:** Wait for 64 TXUSRCLK cycles with no TX buffer errors and TXLOCK High for this amount of time. This is to ensure that the TX MGT is stable after start-up and ready for data transmission. If TXLOCK is deasserted, go back to TX\_WAIT\_LOCK state. If there is a TXBUFERR detected while TXLOCK is High, the reset sequence block should apply TXRESET by cycling back to the TX\_PCS\_RESET state. If this step occurs 16 times, monitored by the `tx_pcs_reset_cnt` counter, apply a TXPMARESET by cycling back to the TX\_PMA\_RESET state.
   
TXPMARESET == 0
   
TXRESET == 0
7. **TX\_READY:** Once TXBUFERR is monitored Low for some time, the TX link is READY for data transmission.
   
TXPMARESET == 0
   
TXRESET == 0

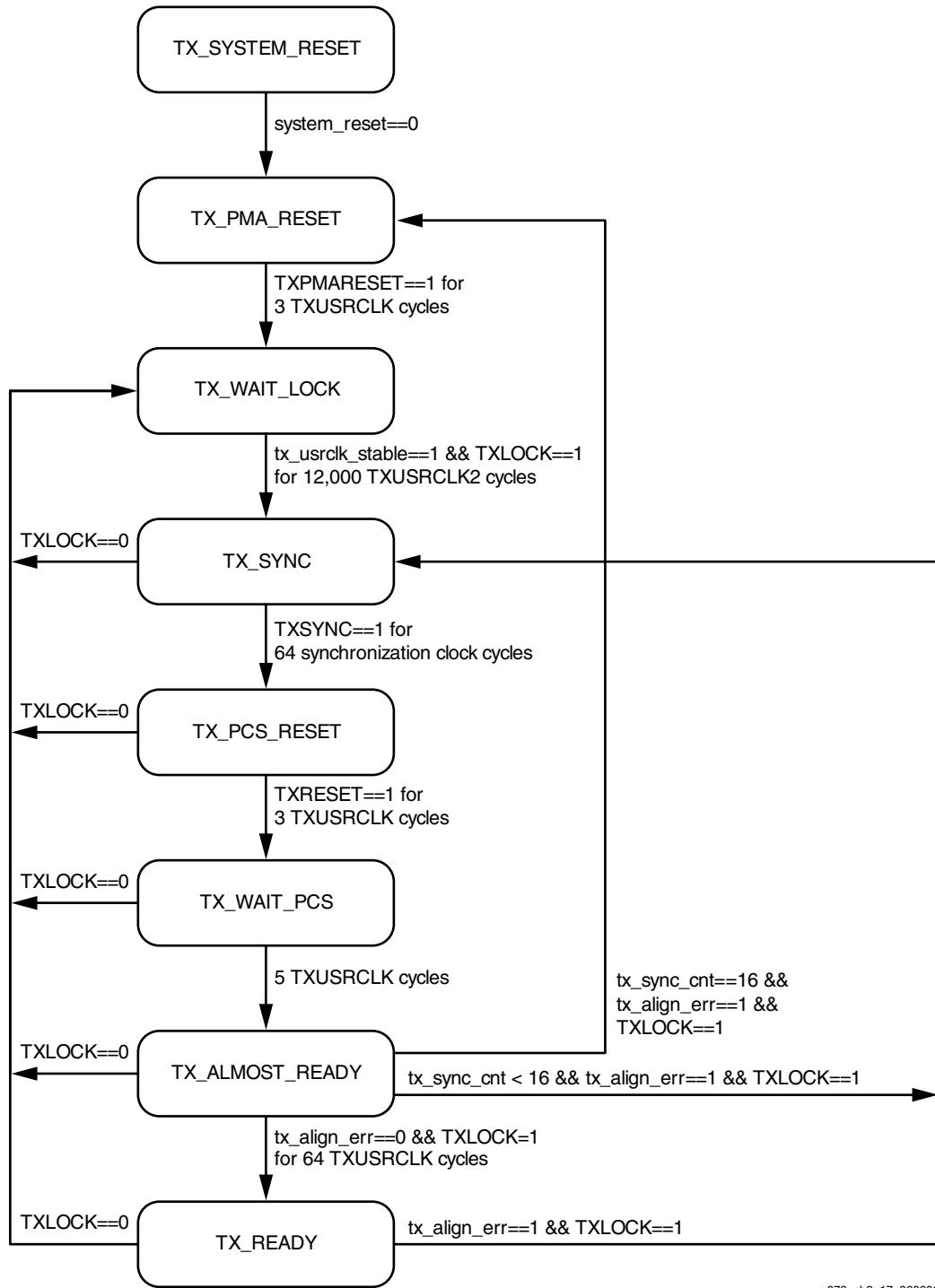
[Figure 2-15](#) illustrates a timing diagram for resetting the transmitter when the TX buffer is used. Refer to the flow chart in [Figure 2-14](#) for more details.



*Figure 2-15: Resetting the Transmitter Where TX Buffer Is Used*

## Transmit Reset Sequence: TX Buffer Bypassed

Figure 2-16 provides a flow chart of the transmit reset sequence when the TX buffer is bypassed.



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Figure 2-16: Flow Chart of TX Reset Sequence Where TX Buffer Is Bypassed

Refer to the following points in conjunction with this figure:

- The flow chart uses TXUSRCLK and TXUSRCLK2 as reference to the wait time for each state. Do not use TXUSRCLK and TXUSRCLK2 as the clock source for this block; these clocks might not be present during some states. Use a free-running clock (for example, the system's clock) and make sure the wait time for each state equals the specified number of TXUSRCLK and TXUSRCLK2 cycles.
- It is assumed that the frequency on TXUSRCLK is slower than the one on TXUSRCLK2. If TXUSRCLK2 is slower, use that clock as reference to the wait time for each state. An exception to this requirement is the wait time between assertions of TXLOCK and TXSYNC signals, from TX\_WAIT\_LOCK to TX\_SYNC states; use the specified TXUSRCLK2 in this step.
- See [Figure 8-11, "TXSYNC Timing," page 214](#) regarding the 12,000 TXUSRCLK2 cycles and the 64 synchronization clock cycles specified in this block.
- tx\_usrclk\_stable is a status signal from the user's application that is asserted High when both TXUSRCLK and TXUSRCLK2 clocks are stable. For example, if a DCM is used to generate both the TXUSRCLK and TXUSRCLK2 clocks, then the DCM LOCKED signal can be used here.
- tx\_align\_err is a status from the user's application that is asserted High when there are errors on the transmission of data as a result of the TX phase alignment not being successful after TXSYNC is applied.
- tx\_sync\_cnt is a counter from the user's application that is incremented every time both the tx\_align\_err and TXLOCK signals are asserted. It is reset when the block cycles back to the TX\_PMA\_RESET state.
- In synchronous systems like the GPON application where RXRECCLK1/RXRECCLK2 is used for the TX PLL, the TX\_SYSTEM\_RESET state should stall until there is a stable RXLOCK signal from the RX PLL ( $RXLOCK == 1$  for 16K [16 x 1024] REFCLK cycles). The condition in going from TX\_SYSTEM\_RESET to TX\_PMA\_RESET needs to be modified to:
  - ◆ Analog CDR Mode:  
 $!system\_reset \&& (RXLOCK == 1 \text{ for } 16K[16 \times 1024] \text{ REFCLK cycles})$
  - ◆ Digital CDR Mode:  
 $!system\_reset \&& RXLOCK == 1$

See ["RX Reset Sequence Background," page 100](#) for information on the 16K REFCLK cycles requirement.

Below are the steps describing the flow chart in [Figure 2-16](#):

1. **TX\_SYSTEM\_RESET:** Upon TX system reset on this block, go to the TX\_PMA\_RESET state.  
TXPMARESET == 0  
TXRESET == 0  
TXSYNC == 0
2. **TX\_PMA\_RESET:** Assert TXPMARESET for three TXUSRCLK cycles.  
TXPMARESET == 1  
TXRESET == X  
TXSYNC == 0

3. **TX\_WAIT\_LOCK:** Stall until TXLOCK is High and until the clocks on TXUSRCLK and TXUSRCLK2 are stable (`tx_usrclk_stable == 1`), then wait for 12,000 TXUSCLK2 cycles and go to TX\_SYNC state.

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TXPMARESET == 0
TXRESET == X
TXSYNC == 0
```

4. **TX\_SYNC:** Assert TXSYNC for 64 synchronization cycles. If TXLOCK is deasserted, go back to TX\_WAIT\_LOCK state.

```
TXPMARESET == 0
TXRESET == X
TXSYNC == 1
```

5. **TX\_PCS\_RESET:** Assert TXRESET for three TXUSRCLK cycles. If TXLOCK is deasserted, go back to TX\_WAIT\_LOCK state.

```
TXPMARESET == 0
TXRESET == 1
TXSYNC == 0
```

6. **TX\_WAIT\_PCS:** Wait for five TXUSRCLK cycles after deassertion of TXRESET. If TXLOCK is deasserted, go back to TX\_WAIT\_LOCK state.

```
TXPMARESET == 0
TXRESET == 0
TXSYNC == 0
```

7. **TX\_ALMOST\_READY:** Wait for 64 TXUSRCLK cycles with TXLOCK High for this amount of time. This is to ensure that the TX MGT is stable after start-up and ready for data transmission. If TXLOCK is deasserted, go back to TX\_WAIT\_LOCK state. If there is a TX alignment error from the user's application as a result of TXSYNC not being successful, apply TXSYNC by cycling back to the TX\_SYNC state. If this step occurs 16 times as monitored by the `tx_sync_cnt` counter, apply a TXPMARESET by cycling back to TX\_PMA\_RESET state.

```
TXPMARESET == 0
TXRESET == 0
TXSYNC == 0
```

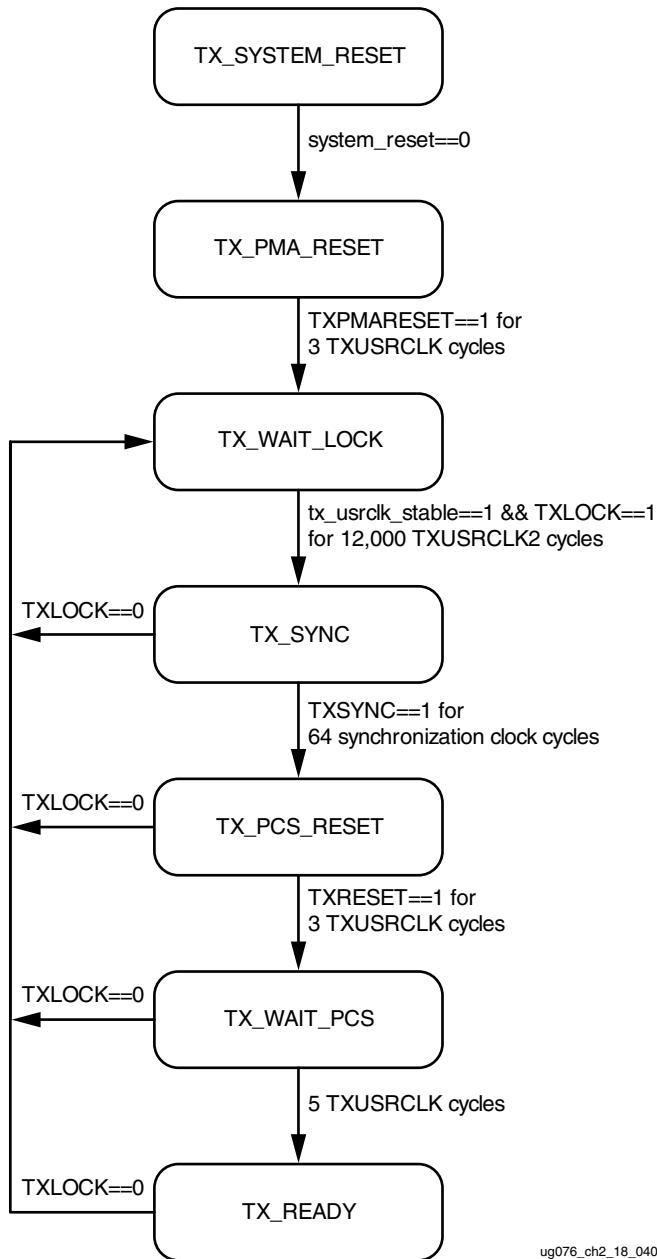
8. **TX\_READY:** If the TX phase alignment is successful for some time, then the TX link is ready.

```
TXPMARESET == 0
TXRESET == 0
TXSYNC == 0
```

In some systems, there might not be a feedback mechanism that can generate the `tx_align_err` signal for the reset sequence. In those cases, users can implement the flow illustrated in [Figure 2-17](#) when the TX buffer is bypassed. The `tx_align_err` signal is not strictly required, but it ensures stability in the user's system, preventing the system from restarting while transmitting data.

Refer to the following points in conjunction with this figure:

- The flow chart uses TXUSRCLK and TXUSRCLK2 as reference to the wait time for each state. Do not use TXUSRCLK and TXUSRCLK2 as the clock source for this block; these clocks might not be present during some states. Use a free-running clock (for example, the system's clock) and make sure that the wait time for each state equals the specified number of TXUSRCLK and TXUSRCLK2 cycles.



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**Figure 2-17: Flow Chart of TX Reset Sequence Where TX Buffer Is Bypassed and `tx_align_err` Is Not Used**

- It is assumed that the frequency of TXUSRCLK is slower than the frequency of TXUSRCLK2. If TXUSRCLK2 is slower, use that clock as reference to the wait time for each state. An exception of this requirement is the wait time between assertions of TXLOCK and TXSYNC signals, from TX\_WAIT\_LOCK to TX\_SYNC states. Use the specified TXUSRCLK2 in this step.
- See [Figure 8-15, “TXSYNC Timing,”](#) page 214 regarding the 12,000 TXUSRCLK2 cycles and the 64 synchronization clock cycles specified in this block.
- `tx_usrclk_stable` is a status signal from the user's application that is asserted High when both TXUSRCLK and TXUSRCLK2 clocks are stable. For example, if a DCM is

used to generate both the TXUSRCLK and TXUSRCLK2 clocks, then the DCM LOCKED signal can be used here.

- In synchronous systems like the GPON application, where RXRECCCLK1/RXRECCCLK2 is used for the TX PLL, the TX\_SYSTEM\_RESET state should stall until there is a stable RXLOCK signal from the RX PLL (RXLOCK == 1 for 16K [16 x 1024] REFCLK cycles). The condition in going from TX\_SYSTEM\_RESET to TX\_PMA\_RESET needs to be modified to
  - ◆ Analog CDR Mode:  
 $\text{!system\_reset \&& (RXLOCK == 1 for 16K [16 x 1024] REFCLK cycles)}$
  - ◆ Digital CDR Mode:  
 $\text{!system\_reset \&& RXLOCK == 1}$

See “[RX Reset Sequence Background](#),” page 100 for information on the 16K REFCLK cycles requirement.

Below are the steps describing the flow chart in [Figure 2-17](#):

1. **TX\_SYSTEM\_RESET:** Upon TX system reset on this block, go to the TX\_PMA\_RESET state.

```
TXPMARESET == 0
TXRESET == 0
TXSYNC == 0
```

2. **TX\_PMA\_RESET:** Assert TXPMARESET for three TXUSRCLK cycles.

```
TXPMARESET == 1
TXRESET == X
TXSYNC == 0
```

3. **TX\_WAIT\_LOCK:** Stall until TXLOCK is High and until the clocks on TXUSRCLK and TXUSRCLK2 are stable (tx\_usrclk\_stable == 1), then wait for 12,000 TXUSCLK2 cycles and go to TX\_SYNC state.

```
TXPMARESET == 0
TXRESET == X
TXSYNC == 0
```

4. **TX\_SYNC:** Assert TXSYNC for 64 synchronization cycles. If TXLOCK is deasserted, go back to TX\_WAIT\_LOCK state.

```
TXPMARESET == 0
TXRESET == X
TXSYNC == 1
```

5. **TX\_PCS\_RESET:** Assert TXRESET for three TXUSRCLK cycles. If TXLOCK is deasserted, go back to TX\_WAIT\_LOCK state.

```
TXPMARESET == 0
TXRESET == 1
TXSYNC == 0
```

6. **TX\_WAIT\_PCS:** Wait for five TXUSRCLK cycles after deassertion of TXRESET. If TXLOCK is deasserted, go back to TX\_WAIT\_LOCK state.

```
TXPMARESET == 0
TXRESET == 0
TXSYNC == 0
```

7. **TX\_READY:** TX link is ready.

$\text{TXPMARESET} == 0$   
 $\text{TXRESET} == 0$   
 $\text{TXSYNC} == 0$

Figure 2-18 shows a timing diagram for resetting the transmitter when the TX buffer is bypassed. Refer to Figure 2-16 and Figure 2-17 for more details.

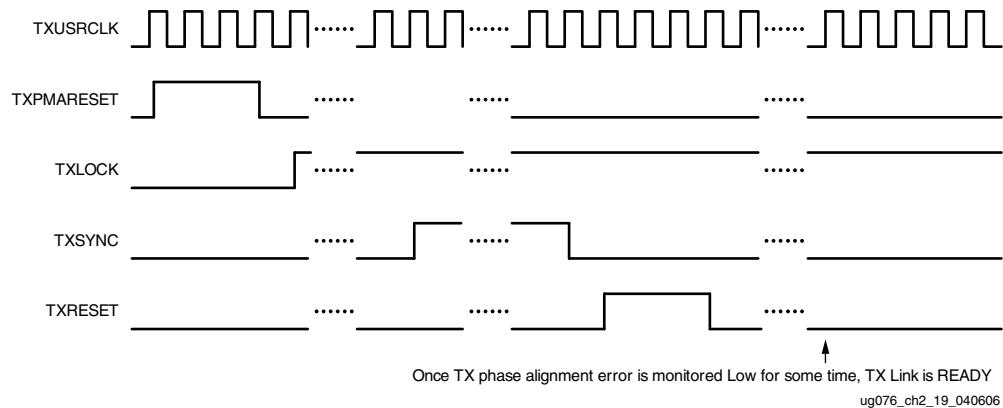


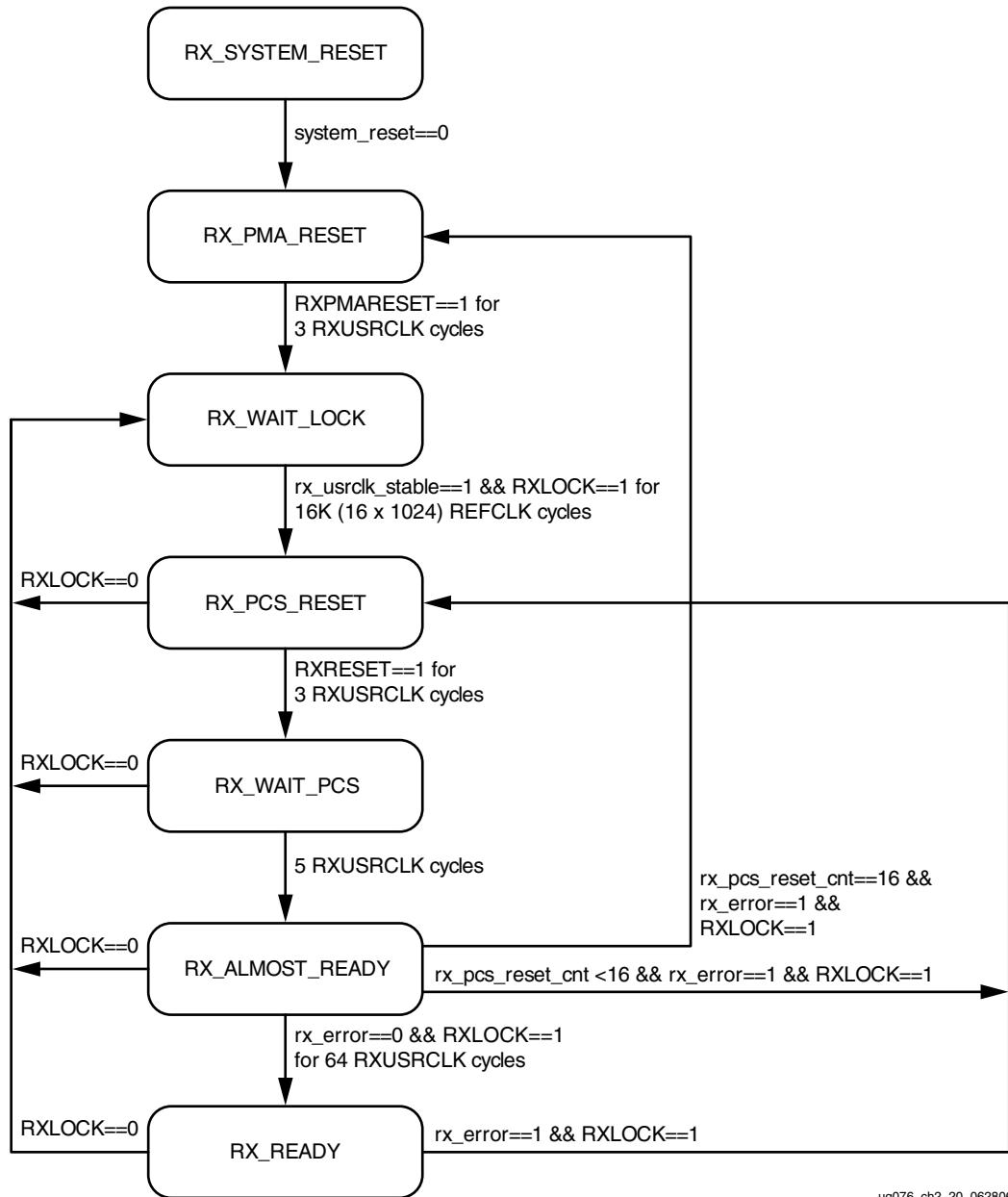
Figure 2-18: Resetting the Transmitter Where TX Buffer Is Bypassed

### Receive Reset Sequence: RX Buffer Used

Figure 2-19 provides a flow chart of the receive reset sequence when the RX buffer is used.

Refer to the following points in conjunction with this figure:

- The flow chart uses RXUSRCLK as reference to the wait time for each state. Do not use RXUSRCLK as the clock source for this block; this clock might not be present during some states. Use a free-running clock (for example, the system's clock) and make sure that the wait time for each state equals the specified number of RXUSRCLK cycles.
- It is assumed that the frequency of RXUSRCLK is slower than the frequency of RXUSRCLK2. If RXUSRCLK2 is slower, use that clock as reference to the wait time for each state.
- `rx_usrclk_stable` is a status signal from the user's application that is asserted High when both RXUSRCLK and RXUSRCLK2 clocks are stable. For example, if a DCM is used to generate both the RXUSRCLK and RXUSRCLK2 clocks, then the DCM `LOCKED` signal can be used here.
- `rx_error` is a status signal from the user's application that is asserted High to indicate that there is either an RX buffer error (`RXBUFFERR==1`) or a burst of errors on the received data (`RXDISPERR` and/or `RXNOTINTABLE` signals are asserted).
- `rx_pcs_reset_cnt` is a counter from the user's application that is incremented every time both the `rx_error` and `RXLOCK` signals are asserted. It is reset when the block cycles back to the `RX_PMA_RESET` state.
- See “RX Reset Sequence Background,” page 100 for information on the 16K REFCLK cycles requirement.



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**Figure 2-19: Flow Chart of Receiver Reset Sequence Where RX Buffer Is Used**

Below are the steps describing the flow chart in Figure 2-19:

- RX\_SYSTEM\_RESET:** Upon RX system reset on this block, go to the RX\_PMA\_RESET state.  
RXPMARESET == 0  
RXRESET == 0
- RX\_PMA\_RESET:** Assert RXPMARESET for three RXUSRCLK cycles.  
RXPMARESET == 1  
RXRESET == X

3. **RX\_WAIT\_LOCK:** Stall until RXLOCK is High and until the clocks on RXUSRCLK and RXUSRCLK2 are stable (`rx_usrclk_stable == 1`). In addition:
  - ◆ For Analog CDR mode, RX\_WAIT\_LOCK state should also stall until RXLOCK is High for 16K (16 x 1024) REFCLK cycles. See “[RX Reset Sequence Background](#),” [page 100](#) for information on the 16K REFCLK cycles requirement.
  - ◆ For Digital CDR mode, since the RX PLL is locked to the reference clock, there is no need to have RXLOCK be asserted High for a specific number of REFCLK cycles.

`RXPMARESET == 0`  
`RXRESET == X`
4. **RX\_PCS\_RESET:** Assert RXRESET for three RXUSRCLK cycles. If RXLOCK is deasserted, go back to RX\_WAIT\_LOCK state.  

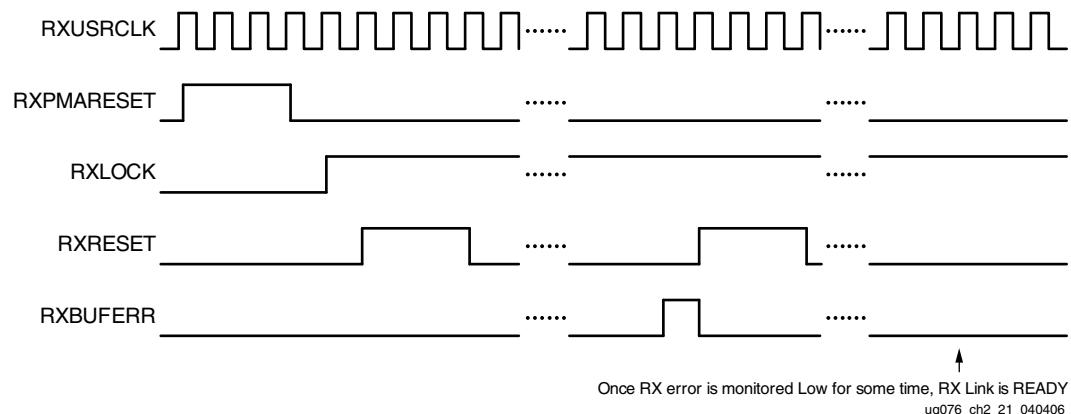
`RXPMARESET == 0`  
`RXRESET == 1`
5. **RX\_WAIT\_PCS:** Wait for five RXUSRCLK cycles after deassertion of RXRESET. If RXLOCK is deasserted, go back to RX\_WAIT\_LOCK state.  

`RXPMARESET == 0`  
`RXRESET == 0`
6. **RX\_ALMOST\_READY:** Wait for 64 RXUSRCLK cycles with no error on the received data and RXLOCK High for this amount of time. This is to ensure that the RX MGT is stable after start-up and ready for data reception. If RXLOCK is deasserted, go back to RX\_WAIT\_LOCK state. If there is an rx\_error detected while RXLOCK is High, the reset sequence block should apply RXRESET by cycling back to the RX\_PCS\_RESET state. If this step occurs 16 times as monitored by the `rx_pcs_reset_cnt` counter, apply a RXPMARESET by cycling back to the RX\_PMA\_RESET state.  

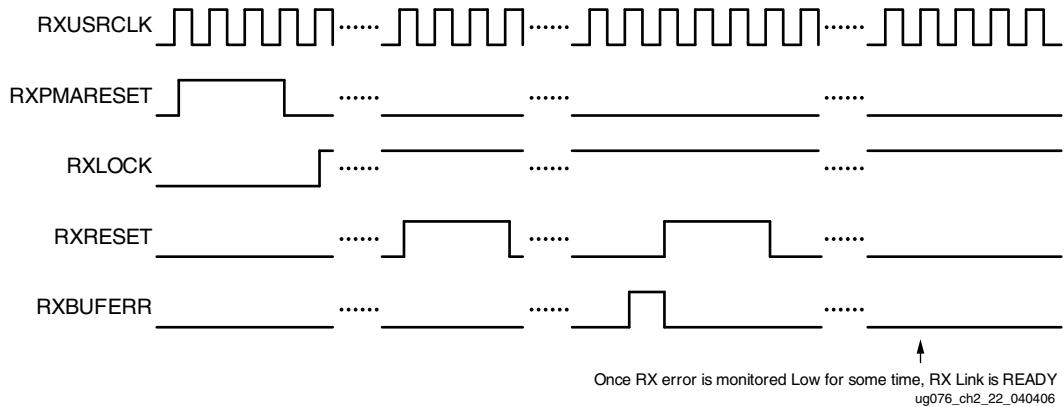
`RXPMARESET == 0`  
`RXRESET == 0`
7. **RX\_READY:** Once `rx_error` is monitored Low for some time, the RX link is READY for data reception.  

`RXPMARESET == 0`  
`RXRESET == 0`

[Figure 2-20](#) and [Figure 2-21](#) show timing diagrams of resetting the receiver where the RX buffer is used. Refer to [Figure 2-19](#) for more details.



*Figure 2-20: Resetting the Receiver in Digital CDR Mode Where RX Buffer Is Used*



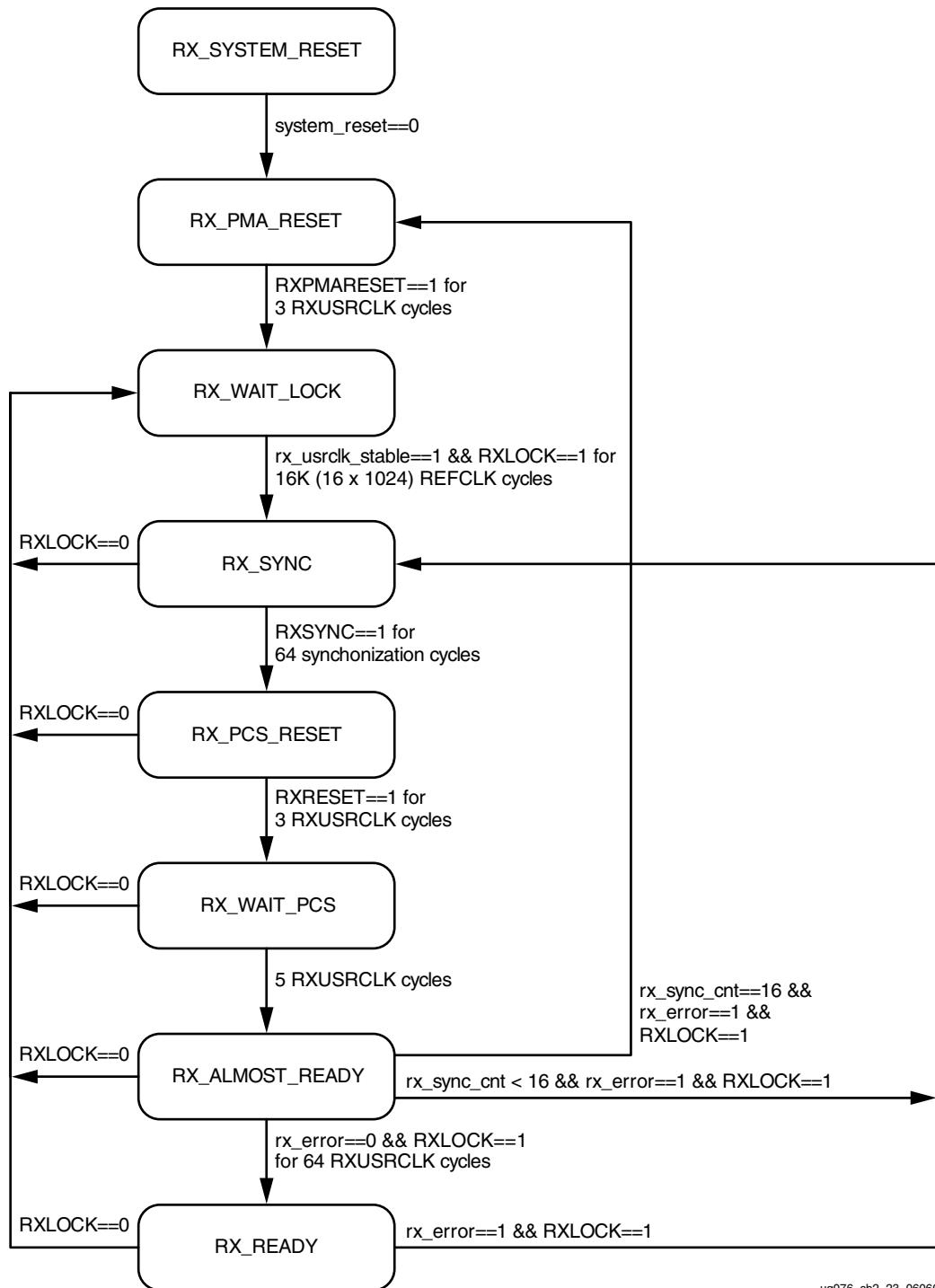
**Figure 2-21: Resetting the Receiver in Analog CDR Mode Where RX Buffer Is Used**

### Receive Reset Sequence: RX Buffer Bypassed

Figure 2-22 provides a flow chart of the receive reset sequence when the RX buffer is bypassed.

Refer to the following points in conjunction with this figure.

- The flow chart uses RXUSRCLK as reference to the wait time for each state. Do not use RXUSRCLK as the clock source for this block; this clock might not be present during some states. Use a free-running clock (for example, the system's clock) and make sure that the wait time for each state equals the specified number of RXUSRCLK cycles.
- It is assumed that the frequency of RXUSRCLK is slower than the frequency of RXUSRCLK2. If RXUSRCLK2 is slower, use that clock as reference to the wait time for each state.
- See [“RXSYNC Timing,” page 228](#) regarding the 64 synchronization clock cycles specified in this block.
- rx\_usrclk\_stable is a status signal from the user's application that is asserted High when both RXUSRCLK and RXUSRCLK2 clocks are stable. For example, if a DCM is used to generate both the RXUSRCLK and RXUSRCLK2 clocks, then the DCM LOCKED signal can be used here.
- rx\_error is a status signal from the user's application that is asserted High indicating that there is a burst of errors on the received data (RXDISPERR and/or RXNOTINTABLE are asserted). The errors observed in the received data also show if an RX phase alignment has not been successful, so there is no need for a separate align error signal from the user similar to the TX reset sequence.
- rx\_sync\_cnt is a counter from the user's application that is incremented every time both rx\_error and RXLOCK are asserted. It is reset when the block cycles back to the RX\_PMA\_RESET state.
- See [“RX Reset Sequence Background,” page 100](#) for information on the 16K REFCLK cycles requirement.
- This RX reset sequence is for Analog CDR mode. The RX buffer bypass mode is not supported with the digital receiver.



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Figure 2-22: Flow Chart of Receiver Reset Sequence Where RX Buffer Is Bypassed

Below are the steps describing the flow chart in [Figure 2-22](#):

1. **RX\_SYSTEM\_RESET:** Upon RX system reset on this block, go to the RX\_PMA\_RESET state.

```
RXPMARESET == 0
RXRESET == 0
RXSYNC == 0
```

2. **RX\_PMA\_RESET:** Assert RXPMARESET for three RXUSRCLK cycles.

```
RXPMARESET == 1
RXRESET == X
RXSYNC == 0
```

3. **RX\_WAIT\_LOCK:** Stall until RXLOCK is High and until the clocks on RXUSRCLK and RXUSRCLK2 are stable (rx\_usrclk\_stable == 1), then wait for 16K (16 x 1024) REFCLK cycles. The amount of wait from the REFCLK cycles covers the 12,000 RXUSRCLK2 cycles required by the RXSYNC timing waveform (see [Figure 8-22, "RXSYNC Timing," page 228](#)). Also, see "[RX Reset Sequence Background](#)," page 100 for information on the 16K REFCLK cycles requirement.

```
RXPMARESET == 0
RXRESET == X
RXSYNC == 0
```

4. **RX\_SYNC:** Assert RXSYNC for 64 synchronization cycles. If RXLOCK is deasserted, go back to RX\_WAIT\_LOCK state.

```
RXPMARESET == 0
RXRESET == X
RXSYNC == 1
```

5. **RX\_PCS\_RESET:** Assert RXRESET for three RXUSRCLK cycles. If RXLOCK is deasserted, go back to RX\_WAIT\_LOCK state.

```
RXPMARESET == 0
RXRESET == 1
RXSYNC == 0
```

6. **RX\_WAIT\_PCS:** Wait for five RXUSRCLK cycles after deassertion of RXRESET. If RXLOCK is deasserted, go back to RX\_WAIT\_LOCK state.

```
RXPMARESET == 0
RXRESET == 0
RXSYNC == 0
```

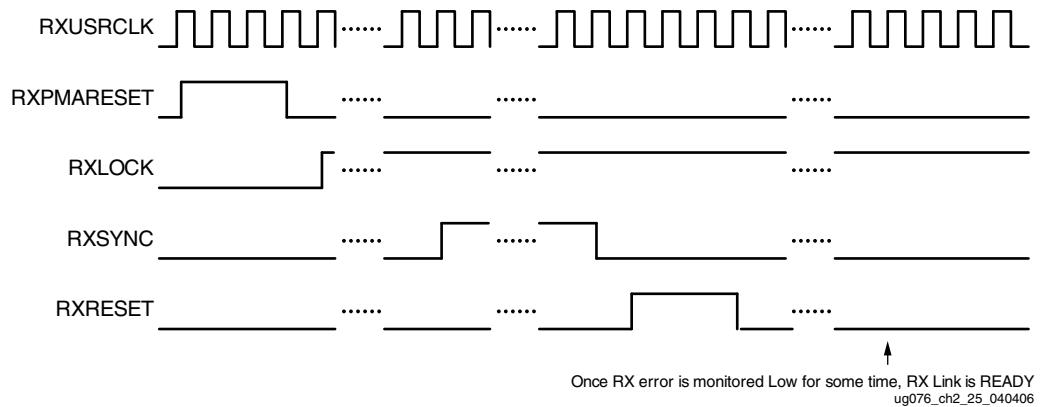
7. **RX\_ALMOST\_READY:** Wait for 64 RXUSRCLK cycles with no error on the received data and RXLOCK High for this amount of time; this is to ensure that the RX MGT is stable after start-up and ready for data reception. If RXLOCK is deasserted, go back to RX\_WAIT\_LOCK state. If an rx\_error is detected while RXLOCK is High, the reset sequence block should apply RXRESET by cycling back to the RX\_PCS\_RESET state. If this step occurs 16 times as monitored by the rx\_pcs\_reset\_cnt counter, apply a RXPMARESET by cycling back to the RX\_PMA\_RESET state.

```
RXPMARESET == 0
RXRESET == 0
RXSYNC == 0
```

8. **RX\_READY:** Once rx\_error is monitored Low for some time, the RX link is READY for data reception.

$\text{RXPMARESET} == 0$   
 $\text{RXRESET} == 0$   
 $\text{RXSYNC} == 0$

Figure 2-23 shows a timing diagram for resetting the RX transceiver when the RX buffer is used. Refer to Figure 2-22 for more details.



**Figure 2-23: Resetting the Receiver in Analog CDR Mode Where RX Buffer Is Bypassed**

## Reset Considerations

Below is a summary of items that need to be considered for resetting the transceiver:

- The configuration bits in the GT11 attributes accessed through the DRP are not affected by any of the reset signals.
- All the blocks that implement the different reset sequences for the GT11 should use a free-running clock from the user's design. Do not use any generated output clock from the GT11 as the clock source for these blocks.
  - TXOUTCLK1 and TXOUTCLK2 output clocks remain a constant 0 when TXPMARESET is applied to the TX PLL.
  - RXRECCLK1 and RXRECCLK2 output clocks are of the wrong frequency when TXPMARESET is applied to the RX PLL.
- TXPMARESET of MGTA resets the shared transmitter VCO:
  - If the design uses MGTA only, apply a TXPMARESET on MGTA
  - If the design uses MGTB only, apply a TXPMARESET on both MGTA and MGTB.
- Both TXUSRCLK and TXUSRCLK2 must be stable before applying TXRESET.
- Both RXUSRCLK and RXUSRCLK2 must be stable before applying RXRESET.
- For 8-byte external data interface widths, TXRESET should be deasserted synchronously with the falling edge of TXUSRCLK2 to ensure proper transmit data ordering. See Figure 2-24.

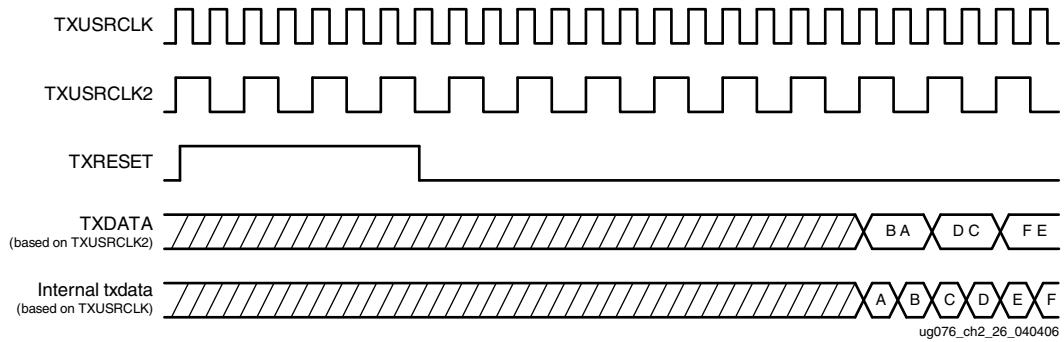


Figure 2-24: TXRESET for 8-Byte External Data Interface Width

- For Digital CDR, asserting RXRESET causes the PMA parallel clock RXRECCLK1 to remain at a constant value.
- When channel bonding is used in conjunction with 1-byte and 2-byte external data interface widths, RXRESET must be deasserted synchronously on all channel-bonded MGTs with respect to RXUSRCLK2.

## RX Reset Sequence Background

When the MGT is used in Analog CDR Mode, its RXLOCK port is asserted after the RX PLL locks to the reference clock. The RXLOCK signal remains High for as few as 128 REFCLK cycles with the loosest receive calibration settings (see “[Calibration for the PLLs](#),” [page 149](#)). At this point, the receiver tries to lock onto incoming data. If no data is present at the receiver or if the PLL is not able to lock to data, the RXLOCK signal transitions back to Low in as few as 128 REFCLK cycles or as many as 16,384 REFCLK cycles, depending on the receive calibration settings. The process repeats until lock-to-data is acquired. It is recommended to wait 16K (16 x 1024) REFCLK periods for the reset sequence to ensure that the PLL is locked to data.

Because the RX PLL is locked to the reference clock in Digital CDR mode, there is no need to assert RXLOCK High for a specific number of REFCLK cycles.

# *PCS Digital Design Considerations*

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The Virtex®-4 RocketIO™ MGT PCS supports 8B/10B encode/decode, SONET compatibility, and generic data modes. The MGT operates in two basic internal modes: 32 bit and 40 bit. Applications can change PMA rates and PCS protocol settings at configuration time or at run-time. Internal data width, external data width, and data routing can all be configured on a clock-by-clock basis.

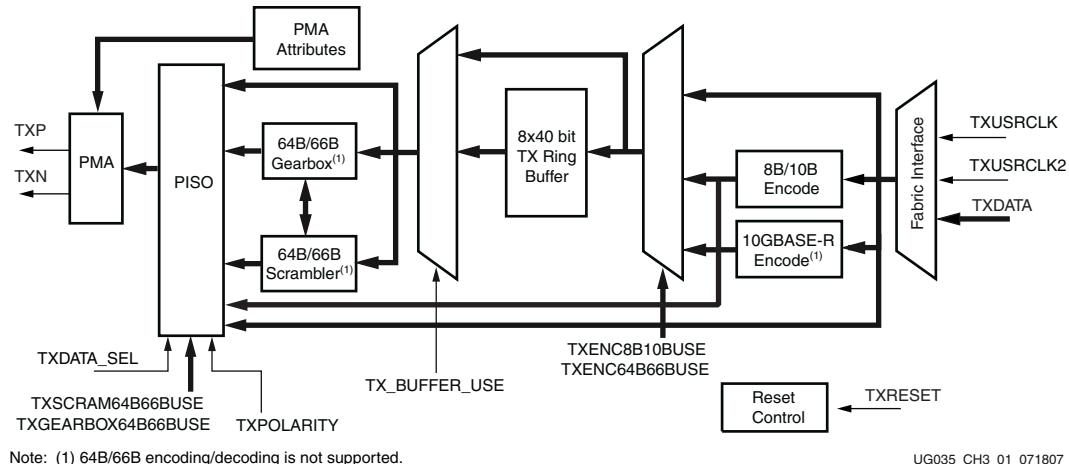
**Note:** The configuration task described in this chapter can be performed using the RocketIO wizard. The wizard also provides example designs and simulations to demonstrate the use model for each feature.

## Top-Level Architecture

### Transmit Architecture

The transmit architecture for the PCS is shown in [Figure 3-1](#). For information about bypassing particular blocks, consult the block function section for that block.

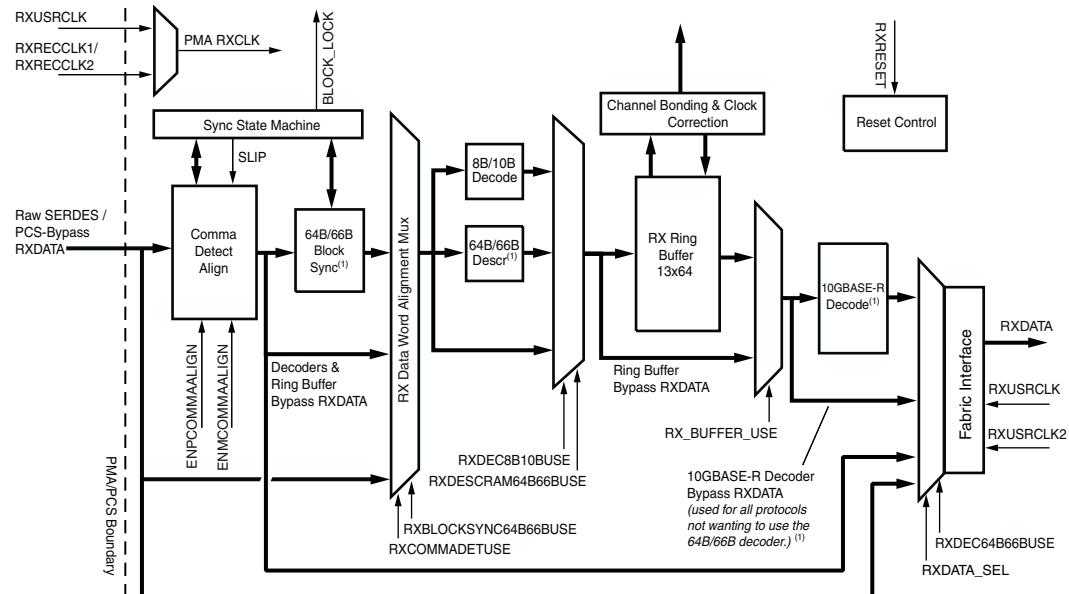
**Note:** The TX and RX CRC blocks can be run independently of the MGT. See [Chapter 5, “Cyclic Redundancy Check \(CRC\)](#)” for more information.



*Figure 3-1: Transmit Architecture*

### Receive Architecture

The receive architecture for the PCS is shown in [Figure 3-2](#). For information about bypassing particular blocks, consult the block function section for that particular block.



Note: (1) 64B/66B encoding/decoding is not supported.

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**Figure 3-2: Receive Architecture**

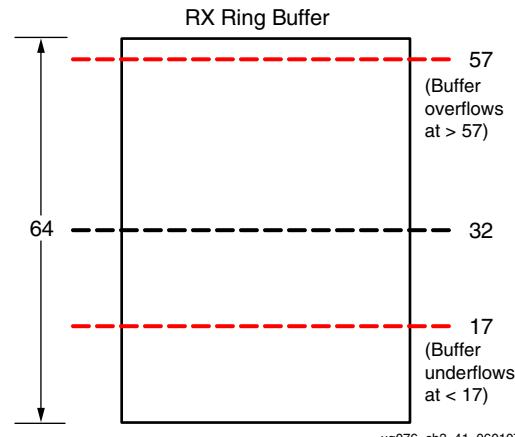
## Fabric Interface Synchronicity

The fabric interface affords a clock domain crossing between RX/TXUSRCLK and RX/TXUSRCLK2. To minimize latency, this cross-clock domain crossing is synchronous and does not use a buffer. This implementation mandates that the TX/RXUSRCLK and TX/RXUSRCLK2 be positive-edge aligned.

## RX Buffer

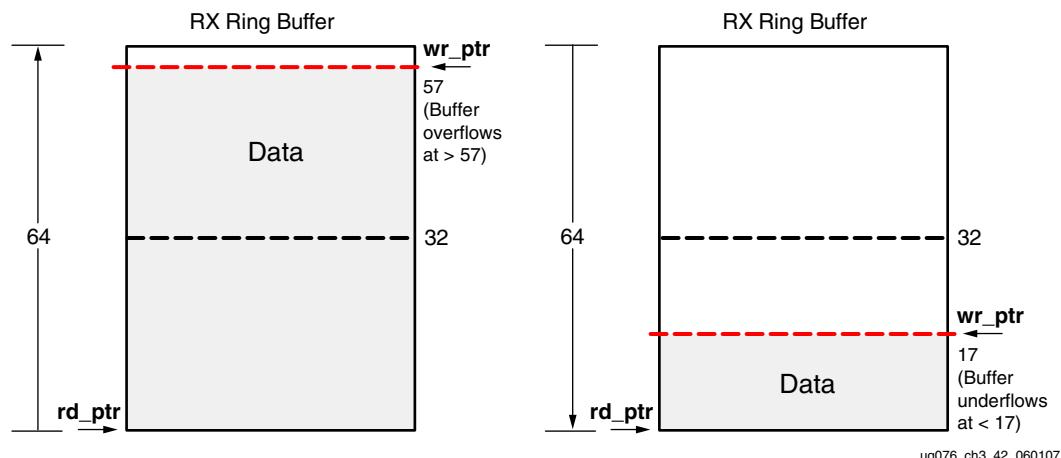
The buffer is 64 bits deep by 13 bits. The 13 bits include each byte of data (either 8 bits or 10 bits, depending upon the data path size) plus a number of status bits.

The RX ring buffer goes to half-full upon initialization or reset (RXRESET = 1), as illustrated in [Figure 3-3](#).



**Figure 3-3: RX Ring Buffer Half-Full Upon Initialization**

The overflow mark is set when the difference between the write and read pointer is greater than 57 bytes. The underflow mark is set when the difference between the write and read pointer is less than 17 bytes. These cases are illustrated in [Figure 3-4](#):



*Figure 3-4: RX Ring Buffer Overflow and Underflow*

An overflow or underflow on the RX ring buffer causes RXBUFERR to go High.

## Bus Interface

### External Bus Width Configuration (Fabric Interface)

The fabric interface module resides in the PCS portion of the MGT. The PCS is divided into transmit (TX) and receive (RX) blocks. Separate fabric interface blocks reside in TX and RX blocks.

The PCS TX fabric interface is used to transform data from the fabric clock domain (TXUSRCLK2) to the internal PCS clock domain (TXUSRCLK). The internal PCS data path is 4 bytes (32/40 bits) wide. The TX fabric interface aggregates user data if the fabric clock domain is higher frequency (narrower bus width: one or two byte mode) than the internal clock domain. It distributes data if the fabric clock domain is slower (eight byte mode) than the internal clock domain. The RX fabric interface distributes user data if the fabric clock domain is higher frequency (narrower bus width: one or two byte mode) than internal clock domain. It aggregates data if the fabric clock domain is slower (eight byte mode) than the internal clock domain.

By using the signals TXDATAWIDTH[1:0] and RXDATAWIDTH[1:0], the fabric interface can be determined. This also determines the USRCLK and USRCLK2 relationships. For slower serial speeds, 1-byte and 2-byte interfaces are preferred. For higher serial rates, 4-byte and 8-byte interfaces are recommended.

[Table 3-2](#) shows the available external (fabric interface) bus width settings.

**Table 3-1: Selecting the External Configuration**

<b>RXDATAWIDTH/TXDATAWIDTH</b>	<b>Data Width</b>
2'b00	8/10 bit (1 byte)
2'b01	16/20 bit (2 byte)
2'b10	32/40 bit (4 byte)
2'b11	64/80 bit (8 byte)

## Internal Bus Width Configuration

By using the signals TXINTDATAWIDTH[1:0] and RXINTDATAWIDTH[1:0], the internal bus width can be designated. This is usually determined by the encoding scheme implemented. For SONET applications, the internal bus widths should be set to 32 bits. For 8B/10B and other encoding schemes that use alignment on 10-, 20-, or 40-bit boundaries, the 40-bit internal bus should be used.

[Table 3-2](#) shows the available internal bus width settings.

**Table 3-2: Selecting the Internal Configuration**

<b>RXINTDATAWIDTH/TXINTDATAWIDTH</b>	<b>Internal Data Width</b>
2'b10	32 bit
2'b11	40 bit

**Note:**

The digital receiver must also have the same data bus width controlled with RXBY\_32.

## Fabric Interface Functionality

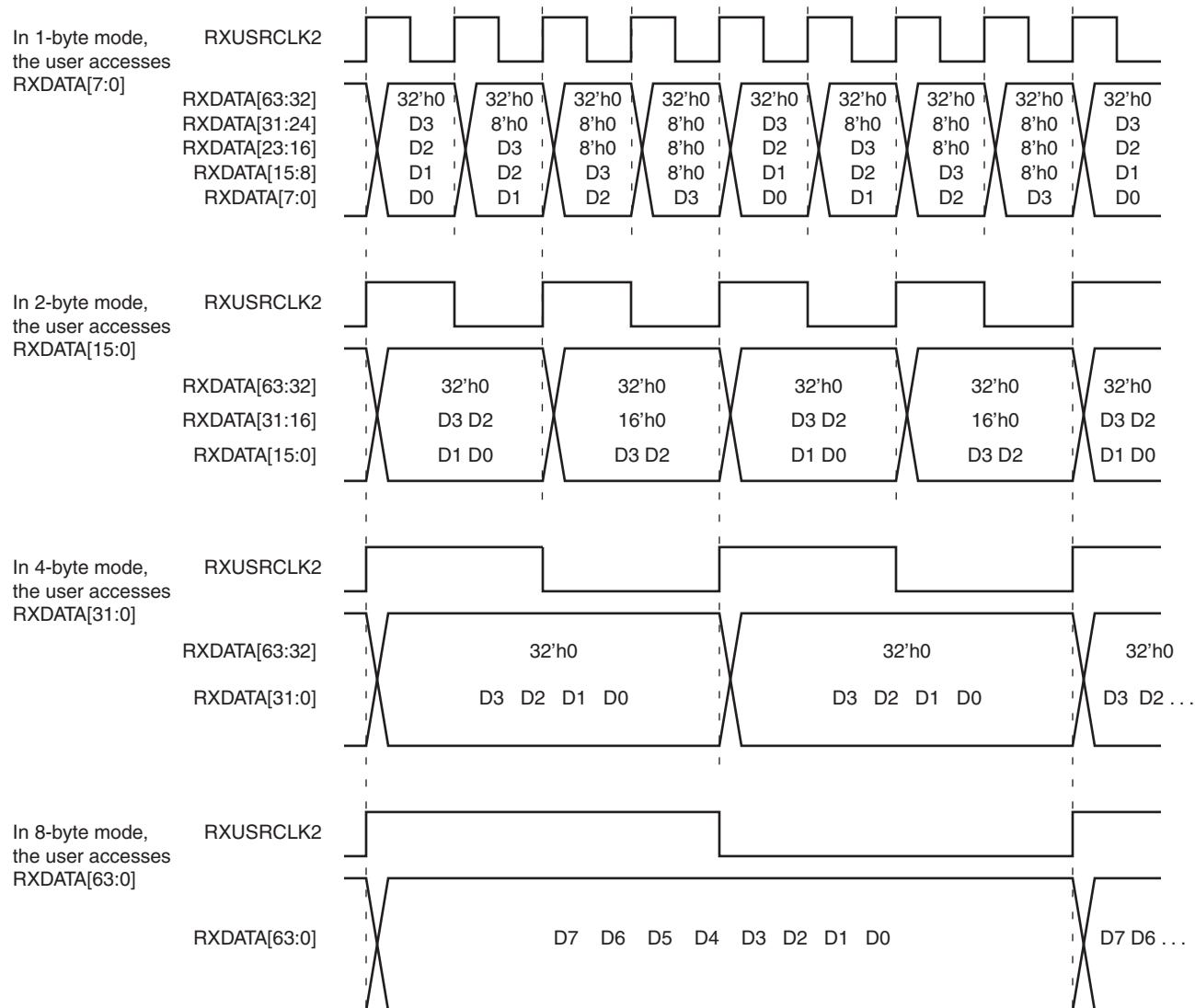
The number of RXUSRCLK2 cycles required to read RXDATA varies depending on the interface mode (width). The MGT's internal datapath is 4 bytes wide; therefore, in 2-byte or 1-byte mode, "future" information is overloaded onto the unused bytes. [Table 3-3](#) summarizes this operation of the fabric interface. [Figure 3-5](#) illustrates the operation graphically, as a user might view it at the ports of the MGT.

**Table 3-3: Fabric Interface Functionality**

RXUSRCLK2 Cycle	Interface Mode (Width)			
	8-Byte	4-Byte <sup>(1)</sup>	2-Byte <sup>(2)</sup>	1-Byte <sup>(3)</sup>
Cycle 0	RXDATA[63:0]	32'h00000000, RXDATA[31:0]	32'h00000000, RXDATA[31:16], RXDATA[15:0]	32'h00000000, RXDATA[31:24], RXDATA[23:16], RXDATA[15:8], RXDATA[7:0]
Cycle 1	Same as Cycle 0	Same as Cycle 0	32'h00000000, 16'h0000, RXDATA[31:16]	32'h00000000, 8'h00, RXDATA[31:24], RXDATA[23:16], RXDATA[15:8]
Cycle 2	Same as Cycle 0	Same as Cycle 0	Same as Cycle 0	32'h00000000, 8'h00, 8'h00, RXDATA[31:24], RXDATA[23:16]
Cycle 3	Same as Cycle 0	Same as Cycle 0	Same as Cycle 1	32'h00000000, 8'h00, 8'h00, 8'h00, RXDATA[31:24]
Cycle 4	Same as Cycle 0	Same as Cycle 0	Same as Cycle 0	Same as Cycle 0
Cycle 5	Same as Cycle 0	Same as Cycle 0	Same as Cycle 1	Same as Cycle 1
Cycle 6	Same as Cycle 0	Same as Cycle 0	Same as Cycle 0	Same as Cycle 2
Cycle 7	Same as Cycle 0	Same as Cycle 0	Same as Cycle 1	Same as Cycle 3

**Notes:**

1. User accesses lower 4 bytes.
2. User accesses lower 2 bytes.
3. User accesses lower 1 byte



NOTE: D7–D0 refer to data that is being received from the internal 4-byte MGT data path.

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**Figure 3-5: Fabric Interface Timing**

## PCS Bypass Byte Mapping

When bypassing the entire RX PCS using an internal data width of 32 bits (RXDATA\_SEL = 01), bytes are ordered as shown in [Figure 3-6](#) through [Figure 3-7](#). Note that this mapping applies only to this one specific configuration. A 40-bit internal datapath setting or any reduced-latency setting other than RXDATA\_SEL = 01 does not follow this mapping.

- **8 Byte External Fabric Width (64 bits),**  
RXINTDATAWIDTH = 2'b10, RXDATAWIDTH = 2'b11:  
Use **Byte 7, Byte 6, Byte 5, Byte 4, Byte 3, Byte 2, Byte 1, Byte 0** mapping ([Figure 3-6](#)):

63	Byte 7	7	6	5	RXCHARISK[6]	4	RXRUNDISP[6]	3	0	RXDATA[55:52]
56		RXDATA[57:56]								
55	Byte 6	7	4	3	RXCHARISK[5]	2	RXRUNDISP[5]	1	0	RXDATA[47:46]
48		RXDATA[51:48]								
47	Byte 5	7	2	1	RXCHARISK[4]	0	RXRUNDISP[4]			
40		RXDATA[45:40]								
39	Byte 4	7	0							
32		RXDATA[39:32]								
31	Byte 3	7	6	5	RXCHARISK[2]	4	RXRUNDISP[2]	3	0	RXDATA[23:20]
24		RXDATA[25:24]								
23	Byte 2	7	4	3	RXCHARISK[1]	2	RXRUNDISP[1]	1	0	RXDATA[15:14]
16		RXDATA[19:16]								
15	Byte 1	7	2	1	RXCHARISK[0]	0	RXRUNDISP[0]			
8		RXDATA[13:8]								
7	Byte 0	7	0							
0		RXDATA[7:0]								

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*Figure 3-6: PCS Bypass Byte Mapping, 8-Byte External Fabric Width*

- **4 Byte External Fabric Width (32 bits),**  
RXINTDATAWIDTH = 2'b10, RXDATAWIDTH = 2'b10:  
Use **Byte 3, Byte 2, Byte 1, Byte 0** mapping ([Figure 3-7](#)):

31	Byte 3	7	6	5	RXCHARISK[2]	4	RXRUNDISP[2]	3	0	RXDATA[23:20]
24		RXDATA[25:24]								
23	Byte 2	7	4	3	RXCHARISK[1]	2	RXRUNDISP[1]	1	0	RXDATA[15:14]
16		RXDATA[19:16]								
15	Byte 1	7	2	1	RXCHARISK[0]	0	RXRUNDISP[0]			
8		RXDATA[13:8]								
7	Byte 0	7	0							
0		RXDATA[7:0]								

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*Figure 3-7: PCS Bypass Byte Mapping, 4-Byte External Fabric Width*

**Note:** External data width of 1 and 2 bytes is not supported in this mode.

## 8B/10B Encoding/Decoding

The GT11 supports the 8B/10B encoding and decoding scheme. These blocks can be enabled or bypassed both statically and on a clock-by-clock basis. Bypassing these internal blocks and encoding in the fabric can support other encoding/decoding schemes. The following sections categorize the ports and attributes of the transceiver according to specific functionality, including 8B/10B encoding/decoding, SERDES alignment, clock correction, clock recovery, channel bonding, fabric interface, and other signals.

**Note:** In the Virtex-II Pro RocketIO transceiver, the most significant byte is sent first. In the Virtex-4 (and Virtex-II Pro X) RocketIO MGT, the least significant byte is sent first.

The 8B/10B encoding translates an 8-bit parallel data byte to be transmitted into a 10-bit serial data stream. This conversion and data alignment are shown in [Figure 3-8](#). The serial port transmits the least significant bit of the 10-bit data, “a” first and proceeds to “j.” This allows data to be read and matched to the form shown in [Appendix B, “8B/10B Valid Characters.”](#)

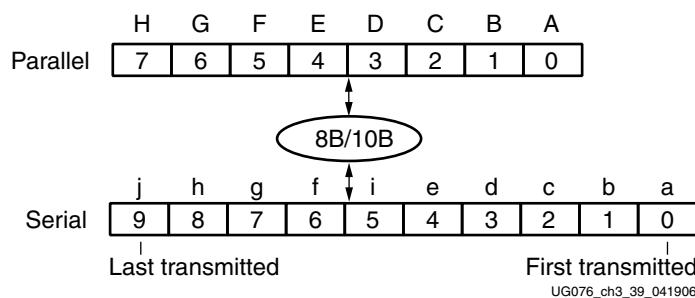


Figure 3-8: 8B/10B Parallel-to-Serial Conversion

**Notes:**

1. This is reversed from normal 8B/10B sequence to account for the LSB-first transmission of the SERDES. The serial data bit sequence is dependent on the width of the parallel data. The least significant byte is always sent first regardless of whether 1-, 2-, 4-, or 8-byte paths are used. The most significant byte is always last. [Figure 3-9](#) shows a case when the serial data corresponds to each byte of the parallel data. TXDATA[7:0] is serialized and sent first, followed by TXDATA[15:8], TXDATA[23:16], and finally TXDATA[31:24]. The 2-byte path transmits TXDATA[7:0] and then TXDATA[15:8].

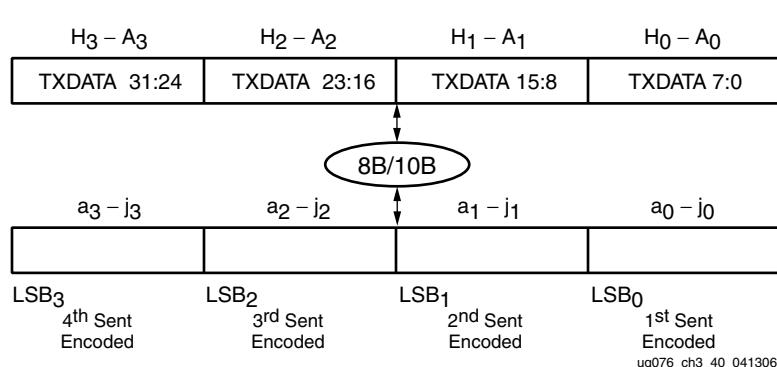


Figure 3-9: 4-Byte Serial Structure

## Encoder

A bypassable 8B/10B encoder is included in the transmitter. The encoder uses the same 256 data characters and 12 control characters (shown in [Appendix B, “8B/10B Valid Characters”](#)) that are used for Gigabit Ethernet, XAUI, Fibre Channel, and InfiniBand.

The encoder accepts 8 bits of data along with a K-character signal for a total of 9 bits per character applied. If the K-character signal is set to a logic 1, the data is encoded into one of the 12 possible K-characters available in the 8B/10B code. If the K-character input is set to a logic 0, the 8 bits are encoded as standard data.

There are two ports that enable the 8B/10B encoding in the transceiver:

- TXENC8B10BUSE controls whether the 8B/10B encoding block is used or not. When set to logic 1, the 8B/10B encoding block is used. When set to logic 0, the 8B/10B encoding block is not used, allowing complete encoding bypass. See [Table 3-4](#). Applications wanting a direct 10-bit interface to the MGT supply the extra bits on the TXCHARDISPMODE and TXCHARDISPVAL buses. Refer to [Figure 3-10](#).
- TXBYPASS8B10B is a byte-mapped port that is 1, 2, 4 or 8 bits wide depending on the data width of the transceiver primitive being used. These bits correlate to each byte of the data path. This signal allows the data to bypass the 8B/10B encoding of the transmitter on a clock-by-clock basis. When set to a logic 1, the 8B/10B encoding is bypassed. In this mode, the extra bits are fed through the TXCHARDISPMODE and TXCHARDISPVAL buses. Otherwise, the normal 8-, 16-, 32-, or 64-bit fabric interfaces are used. Note that running disparity is not synchronized with the encoder when this bypass is asserted. This feature should be used only by applications that are not interested in tracking disparity errors.

Table 3-4: 8B/10B Signal Definitions

Signal		Function	
TXENC8B10BBUSE	1	8B/10B encoding is enabled.	
	0	8B/10B encoding is disabled.	
		8B/10B Encoding Block Enabled	8B/10B Encoding Block Disabled
TXBYPASS8B10B	1	8B/10B encoding is bypassed on a clock-by-clock basis.	Defined by no encoding.
	0	8B/10B encoding block is enabled on a clock-by-clock basis.	
TXCHARDISPMODE, TXCHARDISPVAL	00	Maintain running disparity normally.	Part of 10-bit encoded byte (see Figure 3-10): TXCHARDISPMODE[0], (or: [1] / [2] / [3] / [4] / [5] / [6] / [7])
	01	Invert the normally generated running disparity before encoding this byte.	TXCHARDISPVAL[0], (or: [1] / [2] / [3] / [4] / [5] / [6] / [7])
	10	Set negative running disparity before encoding this byte.	TXDATA[7:0] (or: [15:8] / [23:16] / [31:24] / [39:32] / [47:40] / [55:48] / [63:56])
	11	Set positive running disparity before encoding this byte.	
TXCHARISK	1	Byte to transmit is a K-character.	Undefined. These bits should be set to a logic 0.
	0	Byte to transmit is a data character.	

**Notes:**

1. TXCHARDISPVAL and TXCHARDISPMODE become part of the 10-, 20-, 40-, or 80-bit data only if the internal data width is 40.

**TXCHARDISPVAL and TXCHARDISPMODE**

TXCHARDISPVAL and TXCHARDISPMODE are dual-purpose ports for the transmitter depending on whether 8B/10B encoding is done. Table 3-4 shows this dual functionality. When encoding is enabled, these ports function as byte-mapped control ports controlling the running disparity of the transmitted serial data (Table 3-5).

Table 3-5: Running Disparity Control

{TXCHARDISPMODE, TXCHARDISPVAL}	Function
00	Maintain running disparity normally.
01	Invert normally generated running disparity before encoding this byte.
10	Set negative running disparity before encoding this byte.
11	Set positive running disparity before encoding this byte.

In the encoding configuration, the disparity of the serial transmission can be controlled with the TXCHARDISPVAL and TXCHARDISPMODE ports. When TXCHARDISPMODE is set to a logic 1, the running disparity is set before encoding the specific byte. TXCHARDISPVAL determines if the disparity is negative (set to a logic 0) or positive (set to a logic 1).

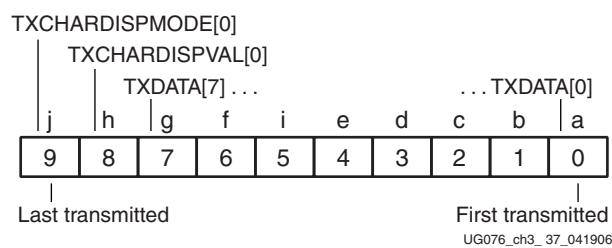
When TXCHARDISPMODE is set to a logic 0, the running disparity is maintained if TXCHARDISPVAL is also set to a logic 0. However, the disparity is inverted before encoding the byte when the TXCHARDISPVAL is set to a logic 1. Most applications use the

mode where both TXCHARDISPMODE and TXCHARDISPVAL are set to logic 0. Some applications can use other settings if special running disparity configurations are required, such as in the “[Non-Standard Running Disparity Example](#),” page 115.

In the bypassed configuration, TXCHARDISPMODE[0] becomes bit 9 of the 10 bits of encoded data (TXCHARDISPMODE[1:7] are bits 19, 29, 39, 49, 59, 69, and 79 in the 20-bit, 40-bit, and 80-bit wide buses). TXCHARDISPVAL becomes bits 8, 18, 28, 38, 48, 58, 68, and 78 of the transmit data bus while the TXDATA bus completes the bus. See [Table 3-4](#).

During transmit while 8B/10B encoding is enabled, the disparity of the serial transmission can be controlled with the TXCHARDISPVAL and TXCHARDISPMODE ports. When 8B/10B encoding is bypassed, these bits become bits “h” and “j,” respectively, of the 10-bit encoded data that the transceiver must transmit to the receiving terminal. [Figure 3-10](#) illustrates the TX data map during 8B/10B bypass.

**Note:** When bypassing on a clock-by-clock basis, TXCHARDISPMODE is transmitted first, TXCHARDISPVAL is transmitted second, and TXDATA[0] is transmitted last.



*Figure 3-10: 10-Bit TX Data Map with 8B/10B Bypassed*

## TXCHARISK

TXCHARISK is a byte-mapped control port that is only used when the 8B/10B encoder is implemented. This port indicates that the byte of TXDATA is to be encoded as a control (K) character when set to a logic 1 and data character when set to a logic 0. When 8B/10B encoding is bypassed, this port is undefined. TXCHARISK should be driven low whenever TXBYPASS8B10B is asserted. See [Table 3-4](#).

## TXRUNDISP

This port indicates the running disparity after this byte of TXDATA is encoded. When set to a logic 1, the disparity is positive. When set to a logic 0, the disparity is negative.

Latency for TXRUNDISP, in TXUSRCLK2 cycles:

- 4-byte fabric interface: TXRUNDISP = 4, TXKERR = 5
- 2-byte fabric interface: TXRUNDISP = 7, TXKERR = 9
- 1-byte fabric interface: TXRUNDISP = 13, TXKERR = 17

## TXKERR

This port indicates the presence of an invalid K-character on the transmit data bus (TXDATA[7:0], etc.). A logic 1 on this port indicates an invalid K-character is present. Logic 0 indicates that no invalid K-character has been detected.

Latency for TXKERR, in TXUSRCLK2 cycles:

- 4-byte fabric interface: TXRUNDISP = 4, TXKERR = 5
- 2-byte fabric interface: TXRUNDISP = 7, TXKERR = 9
- 1-byte fabric interface: TXRUNDISP = 13, TXKERR = 17

## Decoder

An optional 8B/10B decoder is included in the receiver. A programmable option allows the decoder to be bypassed. When the 8B/10B decoder is bypassed, the 10-bit character order is shown in Figure 3-11.

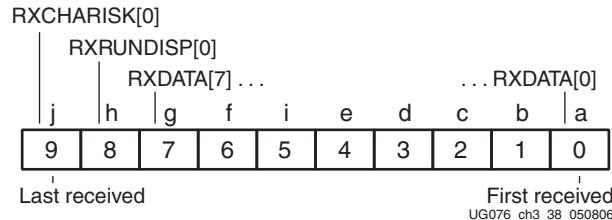


Figure 3-11: 10-Bit RX Data Map with 8B/10B Bypassed

The decoder uses the same table (see Appendix B, “8B/10B Valid Characters”) that is used for Gigabit Ethernet, Fibre Channel, and InfiniBand. In addition to decoding all data and K-characters, the decoder has several extra features. The decoder separately detects both “disparity errors” and “not-in-table” errors. A *disparity error* occurs when a 10-bit character is received that exists within the 8B/10B table but has an incorrect disparity. A *not-in-table error* occurs when a 10-bit character is received that does not exist within the 8B/10B table. It is possible to obtain an not-in-table error without having a disparity error. The current running disparity is available at the RXRUNDISP signal. The 8B/10B decoder performs a unique operation if not-in-table data is detected. When not-in-table data is detected, the decoder signals the error and passes the illegal 10-bits through and places them on the outputs. This can be used for debugging purposes if desired.

The decoder also signals reception of one of the 12 valid K-characters. In addition, a programmable comma detect is included. The comma detect signal registers a comma on the receipt of any comma+, comma-, or both. Because the comma is defined as a 7-bit character, this includes several out-of-band characters. Another option allows the decoder to detect only the three defined commas (K28.1, K28.5, and K28.7) as comma+, comma-, or both. In total, six possible options exist: three for valid commas, three for “any comma.”

**Note:** All bytes (1, 2, 4, or 8) at the RX FPGA interface each have their own individual 8B/10B indicators (K-character, disparity error, out-of-band error, current running disparity, and comma detect).

During receive and while 8B/10B decoding is enabled, the running disparity of the serial transmission can be read by the transceiver from the RXRUNDISP port, while the RXCHARISK port indicates presence of a K-character. When 8B/10B decoding is bypassed, these bits remain as bits “h” and “j,” respectively, of the 10-bit encoded data that the transceiver passes on to the user logic. Table 3-6 illustrates the RX data map during 8B/10B bypass.

Table 3-6: 8B/10B Bypassed Signal Significance

Signal	Function	
	Decoder Block Enabled	Decoder Block Disabled
RXCHARISK	Received byte is a K-character.	Part of 10-bit encoded byte (see <a href="#">Figure 3-11</a> ): RXCHARISK[0], (or: [1]/[2]/[3]/[4]/[5]/[6]/[7]) RXRUNDISP[0], (or: [1]/[2]/[3]/[4]/[5]/[6]/[7]) RXDATA[7:0] (or: [15:8]/[23:16]/[31:24]/[39:32]/ [47:40]/[55:48]/[63:56])
RXRUNDISP	0	Indicates running disparity is NEGATIVE.
	1	Indicates running disparity is POSITIVE.
RXDISPERR	Disparity error occurred on current byte.	Unused.

## RXCHARISK and RXRUNDISP

RXCHARISK and RXRUNDISP are dual-purpose ports for the receiver depending whether 8B/10B decoding is enabled. [Table 3-6](#) shows this dual functionality. When decoding is enabled, these ports function as byte-mapped status ports of the received data.

In the decoding configuration, when RXCHARISK is asserted that byte of the received data is a control (K) character. Otherwise, the received byte of data is a data character. (See [Appendix B, “8B/10B Valid Characters”](#)). The RXRUNDISP port indicates that the disparity of the received byte is either negative or positive. RXRUNDISP is asserted to indicate positive disparity. This is used in cases like the [“Non-Standard Running Disparity Example,” page 115](#).

In the bypassed configuration, RXCHARISK and RXRUNDISP are additional data bits for the 10-, 20-, 40-, or 80-bit buses. This is similar to the transmit side. RXCHARISK[0:7] relates to bits 9, 19, 29, 39, 49, 59, 69, and 79 while RXRUNDISP[0:7] pertains to bits 8, 18, 28, 38, 48, 58, 68, and 78 of the data bus.

## RXDISPERR

RXDISPERR is a status port for the receiver that is byte-mapped to the RXDATA. When a bit is asserted, a disparity error occurred on the received data. This usually indicates that the data is corrupt by bit errors, the transmission of an invalid control character, or cases when normal disparity is not required, such as shown in the [“Non-Standard Running Disparity Example,” page 115](#).

## RXNOTINTABLE

RXNOTINTABLE is set to a logic 1 whenever the received data is not in the 8B/10B tables. The data received on bytes marked by RXNOTINTABLE is the raw 10-bit data, as follows.

Byte 0:	Byte 1:
Bit 9 - RXCHARISK[0]	Bit 9 - RXCHARISK[1]
Bit 8 - RXRUNDISP[0]	Bit 8 - RXRUNDISP[1]
Bit[7:0] - RXDATA[7:0]	Bit[7:0] - RXDATA[15:8]

...and so forth.

This port is also byte-mapped to RXDATA and is only used when the 8B/10B decoder is enabled.

## RXCHARISCOMMA

RXCHARISCOMMA is a status signal byte-mapped to RXDATA. If the 10-bit symbol received by the decoder is a K-character (based on the DEC\_PCOMMA\_DET, DEC\_MCOMMA\_DET and DEC\_VALID\_COMMA\_ONLY attributes), RXCHARISCOMMA is a 1.

The DEC\_PCOMMA\_DET and DEC\_MCOMMA\_DET attributes enable RXCHARISCOMMA.

The DEC\_VALID\_COMMA\_ONLY attribute decides (if enabled) whether RXCHARISCOMMA indicates only valid commas.

This is illustrated in [Table 3-7](#).

**Table 3-7: RXCHARISCOMMA Truth Table**

<b>DEC_VALID_COMMA_ONLY</b>	<b>TRUE</b>	<b>DEC_PCOMMA_DET</b>	TRUE	RXCHARISCOMMA = 1 indicates a positive-disparity 10-bit code corresponding to valid K28.1, K28.5, and K28.7 characters.
			FALSE	RXCHARISCOMMA does not respond to positive-disparity commas.
	<b>FALSE</b>	<b>DEC_MCOMMA_DET</b>	TRUE	RXCHARISCOMMA = 1 indicates a negative-disparity 10-bit code corresponding to valid K28.1, K28.5, and K28.7 characters.
			FALSE	RXCHARISCOMMA does not respond to negative-disparity commas.
		<b>DEC_PCOMMA_DET</b>	TRUE	RXCHARISCOMMA = 1 indicates 10-bit codes with xxx1111100.
			FALSE	RXCHARISCOMMA does not respond to positive-disparity commas.
		<b>DEC_MCOMMA_DET</b>	TRUE	RXCHARISCOMMA = 1 indicates 10-bit codes with xxx0000011.
			FALSE	RXCHARISCOMMA does not respond to negative-disparity commas.

## Non-Standard Running Disparity Example

To support other protocols, the transceiver can affect the disparity mode of the serial data transmitted. For example, Vitesse channel-to-channel alignment protocol sends out:

K28.5+ K28.5+ K28.5- K28.5-  
or

K28.5- K28.5- K28.5+ K28.5+

Instead of:

K28.5+ K28.5- K28.5+ K28.5-

or

K28.5- K28.5+ K28.5- K28.5+

The logic must assert TXCHARDISPVAL to cause the serial data to send out two negative running disparity characters.

### Transmitting Vitesse Channel Bonding Sequence

```

TXBYPASS8B10B
| TXCHARISK
| | TXCHARDISPMODE
| | | TXCHARDISPVAL
| | | | TXDATA
| | | |
0 1 0 0 10111100      K28.5+ (or K28.5-)
0 1 0 1 10111100      K28.5+ (or K28.5-)
0 1 0 0 10111100      K28.5- (or K28.5+)
0 1 0 1 10111100      K28.5- (or K28.5+)

```

The MGT core receives this data but must have the CHAN\_BOND\_SEQ set with the disp\_err bit set High for the cases when TXCHARDISPVAL is set High during data transmission.

### Receiving Vitesse Channel Bonding Sequence

On the RX side, the definition of the channel bonding sequence uses the disp\_err bit to specify the flipped disparity.

```

10-bit literal value
| disp_err
| | char_is_k
| | | 8-bit_byte_value
| | |
CHAN_BOND_SEQ_1_1 = 0 0 1 10111100      matches K28.5+ (or K28.5-)
CHAN_BOND_SEQ_1_2 = 0 1 1 10111100      matches K28.5+ (or K28.5-)
CHAN_BOND_SEQ_1_3 = 0 0 1 10111100      matches K28.5- (or K28.5+)
CHAN_BOND_SEQ_1_4 = 0 1 1 10111100      matches K28.5- (or K28.5+)
CHAN_BOND_SEQ_LEN = 4
CHAN_BOND_SEQ_2_USE = FALSE

```

# Symbol Alignment and Detection (Comma Detection)

## Summary

In addition to 8/10-bit symbol alignment detection, the RocketIO MGT has been expanded to detect and align to 32-bit boundary to support A1, A2 sequences of SONET applications. The 32-bit SONET aligner was designed specifically for SONET and might not be suitable for generic applications. The ability to detect symbols, and then align either to 1-, 2-, or 4-word boundaries is included. The traditional alignment block has the RXSLIDE input that allows the user to *slide* or *slip* the alignment by one bit in each 32- and 40-bit mode at any time when any applications cannot be supported with the SONET or 10-bit comma definitions.

The following ports and attributes affect the function of the comma detection block:

- RXCOMMADETUSE
- ENMCOMMAALIGN
- ENPCOMMAALIGN
- ALIGN\_COMMA\_WORD[1:0]
- MCOMMA\_32B\_VALUE[31:0]
- MCOMMA\_DETECT
- PCOMMA\_32B\_VALUE[31:0]
- PCOMMA\_DETECT
- COMMA\_10B\_MASK[9:0]
- RXSLIDE
- RXINTDATAWIDTH[1:0]
- COMMA32
- PMA\_BIT\_SLIP
- RXSYNC

## Bypassing

Comma detection is disabled when RXCOMMADETUSE is set to logic 0. If RXCOMMADETUSE is set to logic 1, symbol/comma detection takes place. See [Table 3-8](#).

**Table 3-8: Deserializer Comma Detection Bypass**

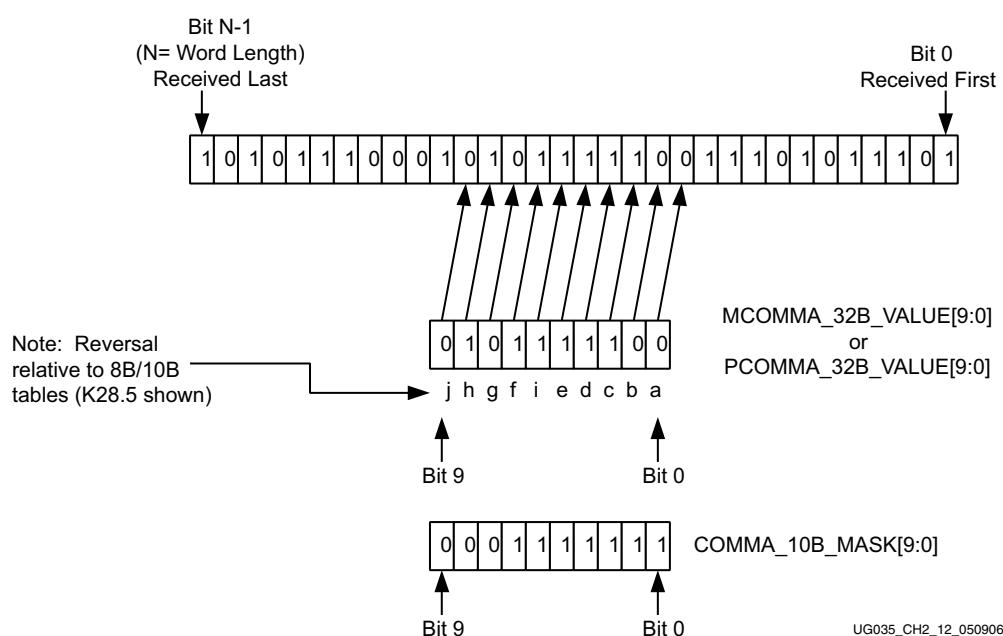
Signal		Function
RXCOMMADETUSE	0	Comma detection is disabled.
	1	Comma detection is enabled. COMMA is detected based on <a href="#">Table 3-9</a> .
ENPCOMMAALIGN ENMCOMMAALIGN	00	Comma alignment is disabled. RXDATA reflects how the data is output from the deserializer.
	01	Comma alignment is enabled. The comma is defined by COMMA_10B_MASK and MCOMMA_32B_VALUE.
	10	Comma alignment is enabled. The comma is defined by COMMA_10B_MASK and PCOMMA_32B_VALUE.
	11	Comma alignment is enabled. The comma is defined by COMMA_10B_MASK and MCOMMA_32B_VALUE, PCOMMA_32B_VALUE.

## 8-Bit / 10-Bit Alignment

The MCOMMA\_32B\_VALUE, PCOMMA\_32B\_VALUE, COMMA\_10B\_MASK, and COMMA32 attributes determine the symbols the comma detection block uses to align data. After it is configured, the comma detection block searches the data stream for these symbols. When a symbol is found, the incoming data is shifted so the symbol is aligned with a byte boundary. Virtex-4 users should note that the 10-bit values (for example, as used in the 8B/10B encoding scheme) are reversed relative to Virtex-II Pro devices, but are similar to Virtex-II Pro X devices. For other generation differences, see [Appendix E, "Virtex-II Pro/Virtex-II Pro X to Virtex-4 RocketIO Transceiver Design Migration."](#)

## 10-Bit Alignment for 8B/10B Encoded Data

[Figure 3-12](#) shows an example of Virtex-4 10-bit comma detection. The lower 10 bits of the attributes MCOMMA\_32B\_VALUE and PCOMMA\_32B\_VALUE, as well as the attributes MCOMMA\_DETECT, PCOMMA\_DETECT, and COMMA\_10B\_MASK, can be used to define two symbols of up to 10 bits.



*Figure 3-12: 8B/10B Comma Detection Example*

For 10-bit alignment (as in 8B/10B encoding), the attribute COMMA32 must be set to FALSE.

The comma alignment block can be configured to notify the application when a comma is detected. If MCOMMA\_DETECT is TRUE, RXCOMMADET is set to logic 1 when an MCOMMA is detected; when PCOMMA\_DETECT is TRUE, RXCOMMADET is set to logic 1 when a PCOMMA is detected. See [Table 3-9](#). After successful alignment, ENPCOMMAALIGN and ENMCOMMAALIGN can be driven Low to turn off alignment and keep the current alignment position.

Note that RXCOMMADET is a signal that is not byte-aligned. Additionally, it is generated on RXUSRCLK, so its width is always one RXUSRCLK.

Therefore:

- For 1-byte fabric width, RXCOMMADET is four RXUSRCLK2 cycles wide.
- For 2-byte fabric width, RXCOMMADET is two RXUSRCLK2 cycles wide.
- For 4-byte fabric width, RXCOMMADET is one RXUSRCLK2 cycle wide.
- For 8-byte fabric width, RXCOMMADET is one RXUSRCLK2 cycle wide.

A user creating a hysteresis alignment (comma detection) state machine utilizing RXCOMMADET should take this into account.

**Table 3-9: 8B/10B Comma Symbol Configuration**

MCOMMA_DETECT	PCOMMA_DETECT	Function
FALSE	FALSE	No symbol detection takes place.
FALSE	TRUE	RXCOMMADET is asserted if the incoming data is compared and aligned to the symbol defined by PCOMMA_32B_VALUE.
TRUE	FALSE	RXCOMMADET is asserted if the incoming data is compared and aligned to the symbol defined by MCOMMA_32B_VALUE.
TRUE	TRUE	RXCOMMADET is asserted if the incoming data is compared and aligned to the symbol defined by PCOMMA_32B_VALUE or MCOMMA_32B_VALUE.

**Table 3-10: 8B/10B Decoder Byte-Mapped Status Flags**

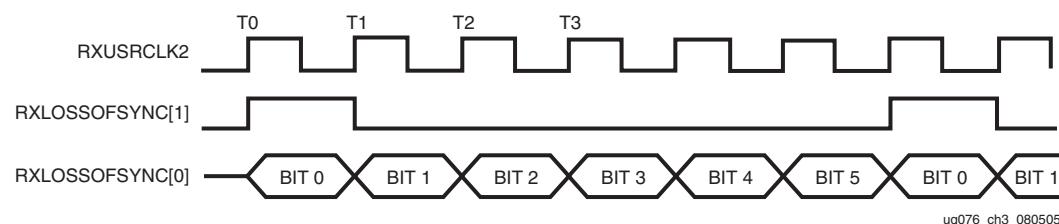
DEC_VALID_COMMA_ONLY <sup>(1)</sup>	Function
FALSE	RXCHARISCOMMA can be asserted for any valid MCOMMA or PCOMMA match. Please refer to <a href="#">Table 3-7, page 114</a> .
TRUE	RXCHARISCOMMA is asserted only if the MCOMMA or PCOMMA detected is a valid K-character from the 8B/10B table. Please refer to <a href="#">Table 3-7, page 114</a> .

**Notes:**

1. In this case, it is assumed that DEC\_PCOMMA\_DET and DEC\_MCOMMA\_DET are set to TRUE.

### Determining Barrel Shifter Position

The 6-bit alignment mux position is overloaded onto the RXLOSSOFSYNC outputs when RXBLOCKSYNC64B66BUSE = 0. This is illustrated in [Figure 3-13](#).



**Figure 3-13: 6-Bit Alignment Mux Position**

## SONET Alignment

Virtex-4 MGTs support bit and byte alignment for SONET A1A2 transitions for line rates of OC12 (12 A1s followed by 12 A2s). The SONET aligner operates on byte-aligned data and relies on the standard byte aligner described in the previous section to perform alignment to byte boundaries. Figure 3-14 shows the data flow of the receive alignment logic. Setting the COMMA32 attribute TRUE selects the output of the SONET Aligner. The SONET aligner can only be used with a 32-bit internal datapath selected by RXINTDATAWIDTH = 2'b10.

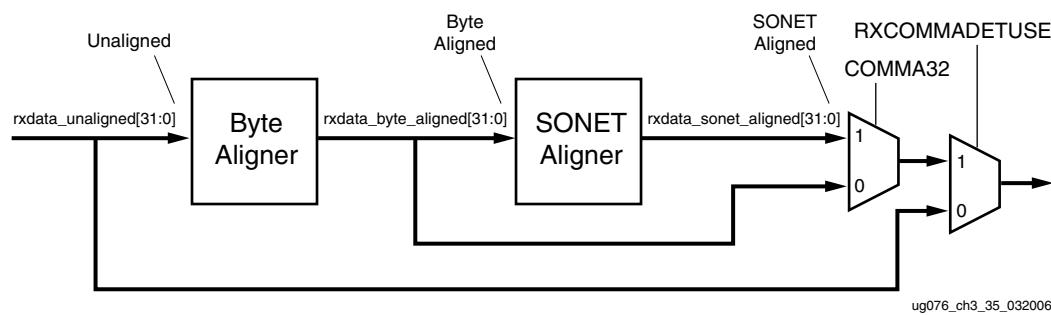


Figure 3-14: SONET Alignment Data Flow

Figure 3-15 exemplifies how the byte and SONET aligners work in combination. For this example, the receiver is not yet aligned and is receiving 0s until the unaligned sequence of A1A1A1A1A2A2A2A2 followed by 0s is received. Within the 32-bit words, the received data order is LSb to MSb.

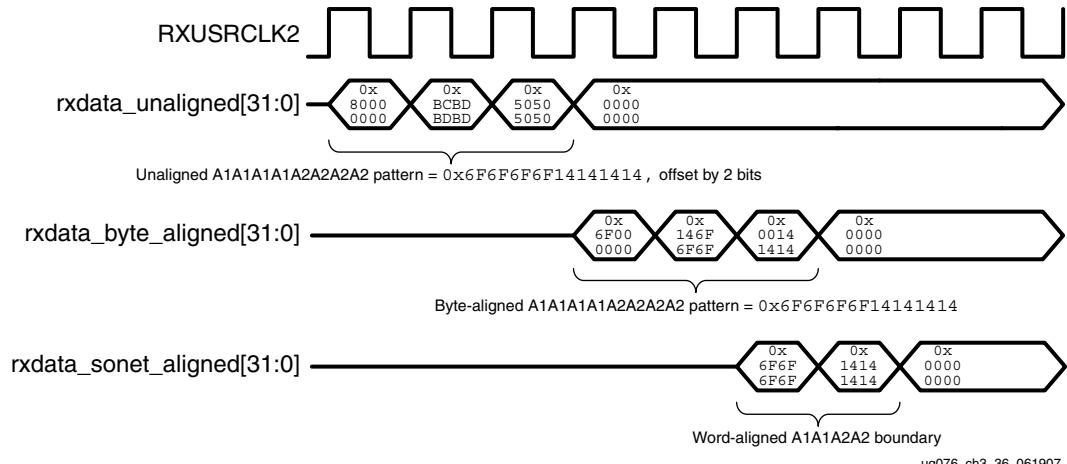


Figure 3-15: SONET Alignment Sequence (4-Byte External Data Interface Width)

Figure 3-16 shows the same process, but for a 16-bit external data interface width.

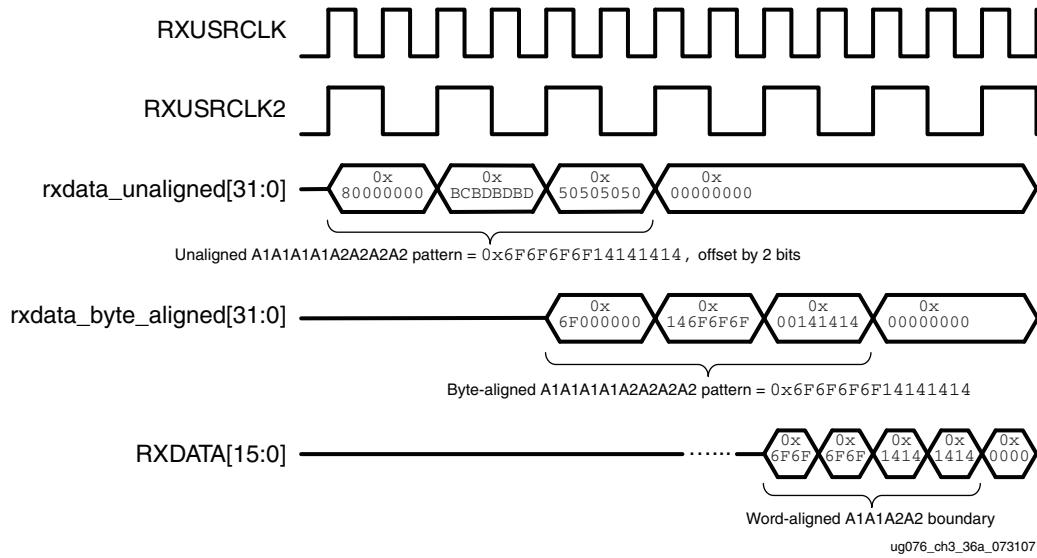


Figure 3-16: SONET Alignment Sequence (2-Byte External Data Interface Width)

The ports and attributes in [Table 3-11](#) and [Table 3-12](#) define the proper configuration for SONET. The MCOMMA attributes are used by the byte aligner only while the PCOMMA attributes are used by both the byte aligner and the SONET aligner.

The A1 symbol defined by the SONET protocol is 0xF6, and the A2 symbol is 0x28. Transmission order is MSb to LSb. The Virtex-4 MGT reception order is LSb to MSb, so the A1 symbol setting must be bit-swapped to 0x6F, and the A2 symbol must be bit-swapped to 0x14.

[Table 3-11: SONET Port Configuration](#)

Fabric Port	Definition
ENMCOMMAALIGN	<b>SONET aligner:</b> Not used. <b>Byte Aligner:</b> 1 = realign byte alignment mux when the A1 symbol is found on a non-byte aligned boundary. 0 = hold alignment mux position.
ENPCOMMAALIGN	<b>SONET aligner:</b> 1 = realign data to the A1A1A2A2 transition so that the A2 stream becomes 32-bit word aligned. 0 = hold SONET alignment mux position. <b>Byte Aligner:</b> 1 = realign byte alignment mux when the A1 symbol is found on a non-byte aligned boundary. 0 = hold alignment mux position.

Table 3-12: SONET Attribute Configuration

Attribute	Setting	Definition
ALIGN_COMMA_WORD	1	<b>SONET aligner:</b> Not used. <b>Byte Aligner:</b> Sets alignment to 1-byte mode. Bit alignment occurs on any byte boundary.
COMMA32	TRUE	Enables the output of SONET-aligned data.
COMMA_10B_MASK	00 1111 1111	<b>SONET aligner:</b> Not used. <b>Byte Aligner:</b> Match on 8-bit symbols defined by MCOMMA_32B_VALUE[7:0] or PCOMMA_32B_VALUE[7:0].
MCOMMA_32B_VALUE	1111 1111 1111 1111 1111 1111 0110 1111	<b>SONET aligner:</b> Not used. <b>Byte Aligner:</b> MCOMMA_32B_VALUE[7:0] = A1 = 0x6F. MCOMMA_32B_VALUE[31:8] are not used and are set to 1.
MCOMMA_DETECT	TRUE	<b>SONET aligner:</b> Not used. <b>Byte Aligner:</b> Enables the MCOMMA comparisons for A1 detection.
PCOMMA_32B_VALUE	0110 1111 0110 1111 0001 0100 0001 0100	<b>SONET aligner:</b> Defines the 32-bit comparison to find the A1A1A2A2 transition. (A1A1A2A2 = 0x6F6F1414) <b>Byte Aligner:</b> Only uses PCOMMA_32B_VALUE[7:0] = A2 = 0x14.
PCOMMA_DETECT	TRUE	<b>SONET aligner:</b> Enables the PCOMMA[31:0] detection for A1A1A2A2. <b>Byte Aligner:</b> Enables the PCOMMA[7:0] comparisons for A2 detection.

Although the SONET aligner is affected only by the ENPCOMMAALIGN port, the ENMCOMMAALIGN port must also be turned off; otherwise, the byte aligner realigns any time an A1 symbol is detected. It is recommended that the SONET user application enable ENPCOMMAALIGN and ENMCOMMAALIGN together, and then turn them both off when alignment is achieved. This allows the A1 and A2 symbols to be received without alignment being affected.

## Alignment Status

When SONET alignment is selected via COMMA32=TRUE, the RXREALIGN and RXCOMMADET status flags indicate the status only of the SONET aligner. Status of symbol detection matches and realignment operations performed by the byte aligner are not indicated on RXCOMMADET or RXREALIGN.

RXCOMMADET is asserted when the SONET aligner detects a match between the receive data and the PCOMMA\_32B\_VALUE. In this mode of operation, RXCOMMADET is not asserted when alignment is disabled (ENPCOMMAALIGN = 0).

RXREALIGN is asserted when the SONET aligner changes its alignment mux position.

## Byte Alignment

After the positive or the negative symbol is detected, the data is aligned to that symbol. By using the signals ENMCOMMAALIGN, ENPCOMMAALIGN (see [Table 3-8](#)), ALIGN\_COMMA\_WORD, and RXSLIDE, alignment can be completely controlled for all data pipeline configurations.

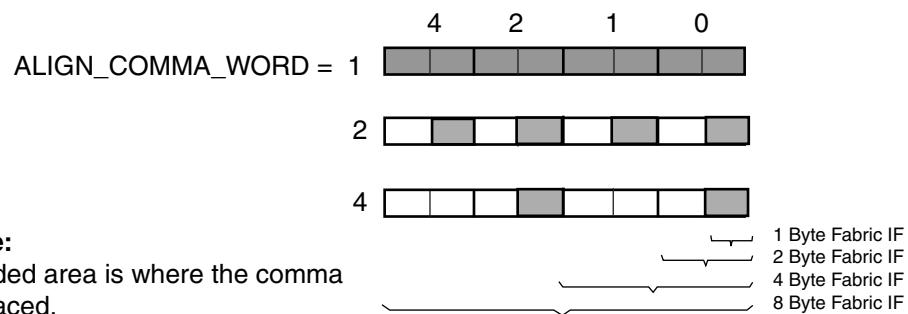
### ALIGN\_COMMA\_WORD

The attribute ALIGN\_COMMA\_WORD controls the alignment of detected commas within the transceiver's 4-byte-wide data path. If the current position of the symbol detected is some fraction of a byte different than the previous symbol position, alignment takes place regardless of the setting of ALIGN\_COMMA\_WORD.

There are three options for ALIGN\_COMMA\_WORD: 1 byte, 2 byte, and 4 byte. When ALIGN\_COMMA\_WORD is set to a 1, the detection circuit allows detection symbols in contiguous bytes. When ALIGN\_COMMA\_WORD is set to a 2, the detection circuit allows detection symbols every other byte. When ALIGN\_COMMA\_WORD is set to a 4, the detection circuit allows detection symbols every fourth byte. See [Table 3-13](#).

*Table 3-13: ALIGN\_COMMA\_WORD Functionality*

ALIGN_COMMA_WORD	Function
1	Byte alignment (aligns comma on any byte boundary).
2	2-byte alignment (aligns on every other byte).
4	4-byte alignment (aligns on every fourth byte).



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*Figure 3-17: Comma Placement*

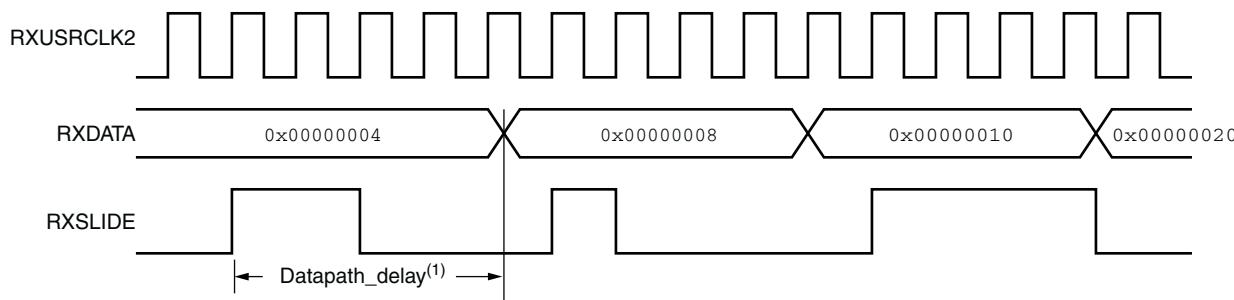
## RXSLIDE

RXSLIDE allows manual control of the PCS barrel shifter for applications that require an alignment function that cannot be defined with PCOMMA\_32B\_VALUE/MCOMMA\_32B\_VALUE. When RXSLIDE is set to a logic 1, the position of the barrel shifter can be adjusted by one bit. This data increment can continue until it reaches the most significant bit, equal to the maximum word length minus 1, where it rolls over.

- RXSLIDE must be set to logic 1 for a minimum of one RXUSRCLK2 cycle for bit slip to occur.
- RXSLIDE must be set to logic 0 for a minimum of three RXUSRCLK2 cycles before being set to logic 1 again.

Every RXSLIDE pulse causes a bit slip from a lower bit to higher bit.

RXSLIDE functionality is shown in [Figure 3-18](#).



**Notes:**

1. Datapath\_delay depends on what receiver functions are used.
2. The receive data is continuously 0x00000004. The data changes are caused by the rising and falling edge of RXSLIDE.

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*Figure 3-18: RXSLIDE Timing Waveform*

**Note:** RXSYNC with the PCS\_BIT\_SLIP attribute is no longer recommended for the bit slip feature. RXSLIDE should be used instead.

## Clock Correction

Clock correction is needed when the rate that data is fed into the write side of the receive buffer is either slower or faster than the rate that data is retrieved from the read side of the receive buffer. The rate of write data entering the buffer is determined by the frequency of RXRECLK1/RXRECLK2. The rate of read data retrieved from the read side of the buffer is determined by the frequency of RXUSRCLK.

### Append/Remove Idle Clock Correction

When the attribute CLK\_COR\_SEQ\_DROP is set Low and CLK\_CORRECT\_USE is set High, the Append/Remove Idle Clock Correction mode is enabled. The Append/Remove Idle Clock Correction mode corrects for differing clock rates by finding clock correction sequences in the bitstream, and then either appending or removing sequences at the point where the sequences were found.

**Note:** CLK\_COR\_SEQ\_DROP, when set to TRUE, causes all matched clock correction sequences to be dropped despite the status of the buffer, and no appending to the buffer is allowed, eventually causing the buffer to empty. CLK\_COR\_SEQ\_DROP should ALWAYS be set to FALSE.

There are a few attributes that need to be set by the user so that the append/remove function can be used correctly. The attribute CLK\_COR\_MAX\_LAT sets the maximum latency through the receive buffer. If the latency through the receive buffer exceeds this value, idles are removed so that latency through the receive buffer is less than CLK\_COR\_MAX\_LAT.

The attribute CLK\_COR\_MIN\_LAT sets the minimum latency through the receive buffer. If the latency through the receive buffer is less than this value, sequences are inserted so that the latency through the receive buffer are greater than CLK\_COR\_MIN\_LAT.

## Clock Correction Sequences

Searching within the bitstream for an idle is the core function of the clock correction circuit. The detection of idles starts the correction procedure.

Idles the clock correction circuit should detect are specified by the lower 10 bits of the attributes:

- CLK\_COR\_SEQ\_1\_1
- CLK\_COR\_SEQ\_1\_2
- CLK\_COR\_SEQ\_1\_3
- CLK\_COR\_SEQ\_1\_4
- CLK\_COR\_SEQ\_2\_1
- CLK\_COR\_SEQ\_2\_2
- CLK\_COR\_SEQ\_2\_3
- CLK\_COR\_SEQ\_2\_4

The 11th bit of each clock correction sequence attribute determines either an 8- or 10-bit compare.

Detection of the clock correction sequence in the bitstream is specified by eight words consisting of 10 bits each. Clock correction sequences can have lengths of 1, 2, 3, 4 or 8 bytes. When the length specified by the user is between 1 and 4, CLK\_COR\_SEQ\_1\_\* holds the first pattern to be searched for. CLK\_COR\_SEQ\_1\_1 is the least significant byte, and is transmitted first from the transmitter and detected first in the receiver. If CLK\_COR\_SEQ\_2\_USE is set to TRUE when the length is between 1 and 4, the sequence specified by CLK\_COR\_SEQ\_2\_\* is specified as a second pattern to match. In that case, the pattern specified by sequence 1 or sequence 2 matches as a clock correction sequence.

When the length specified by the user is eight, CLK\_COR\_SEQ\_1\_\* holds the first four bytes, while CLK\_COR\_SEQ\_2\_\* holds the last four bytes. CLK\_COR\_SEQ\_1\_1 is the least significant byte, which is transmitted first from the transmitter and detected first in the receiver. CLK\_COR\_SEQ\_2\_USE must be set to FALSE. When clock-correcting with 8-byte sequences, the sequences must be 4-byte word aligned.

The clock correction sequence is a special sequence to accommodate frequency differences between the received data (as reflected in RXRECCLK1/RXRECCLK2) and RXUSRCLK. The RocketIO Wizard has these defaulted to the respective protocols when the user selects the protocol file. The sequence contains 11 bits including the 10 bits of serial data. The 11th bit has two different formats. The typical usage is shown in [Table 3-14](#).

**Table 3-14: Definition of Clock Correction Sequence Bits 9-0**

CLK_COR_SEQ_*_* [10]		
	CLK_COR_SEQ_*_* [9:8]	CLK_COR_SEQ_*_* [7:0]
0 0 32 1	XX	Raw RXDATA[7:0]
0 0 40 0	Raw RXDATA[9:8]	Raw RXDATA[7:0]
1 0 40 1	XX	Raw RXDATA[7:0]
1 0 40 0	Raw RXDATA[9:8]	Raw RXDATA[7:0]
1 1 40 1	XX	8B/10B Decoded RXDATA[7:0]
1 1 40 0	RXDISPERR, RXCHARISK	8B/10B Decoded RXDATA[7:0]

**Table 3-15** is an example of data 11-bit attribute setting, the character value, CHARISK value, and the parallel data interface, and how each corresponds with the other.

**Table 3-15: Clock Correction Sequence/Data Correlation**

Attribute Setting	Character	CHARISK	TXDATA (hex)
CLK_COR_SEQ_1_1 = 00110111100	K28.5	1	BC
CLK_COR_SEQ_1_2 = 00010010101	D21.4	0	95
CLK_COR_SEQ_1_3 = 00010110101	D21.5	0	B5
CLK_COR_SEQ_1_4 = 00010110101	D21.5	0	B5

## CLK\_COR\_SEQ\_1\_MASK, CLK\_COR\_SEQ\_2\_MASK, CLK\_COR\_SEQ\_LEN Attributes

These attributes are used to correctly define the clock correction sequences. The CLK\_COR\_SEQ\_LEN attribute defines the length of the clock correction action and is used in conjunction with CLK\_COR\_SEQ\_\*\_MASK attributes to define the length of the sequence match. Valid sequence lengths are 1, 2, 3, 4, and 8. In the case of 8 bytes, the CLK\_COR\_SEQ\_2\_USE must be set to FALSE. **Table 3-16** shows the settings for a 2-byte clock correction sequence. Note that the CLK\_COR\_SEQ\_1\_MASK is set to indicate a 2-byte sequence as well.

**Table 3-16: Clock Correction Mask Example Settings (No Mask)**

Attribute	Setting	Definition
CLK_COR_SEQ_1_1	00110111100	Defines a K28.5.
CLK_COR_SEQ_1_2	00010010101	Defines a D21.4.
CLK_COR_SEQ_1_MASK	1100	Check compare first 2 bytes.
CLK_COR_SEQ_LEN	2	Complete sequence is 2 bytes.

In some cases, more than two clock correction sequences can be defined in a protocol. For this case, the CLK\_COR\_SEQ\_MASK attributes can “mask” portions of the sequence. For example, there are three clock correction sequences:

- K28.5, D.21.4, D21.5, D25.1;
- K28.5, D.21.4, D21.5, D25.2;
- K28.5, D.21.4, D21.5, D25.3.

Any of these sequences should be treated as a clock correction sequence. However, the CLK\_COR\_SEQ\_\*\_\* only allow two sequences. Because three of the four bytes are always the same, CLK\_COR\_SEQ\_1\_MASK[3] can be set to a logic 1, corresponding to the last byte. [Table 3-17](#) shows the setting for this case. Note that bit 3 corresponds to SEQ\_\*\_4.

**Table 3-17: Clock Correction Mask Example Settings (Mask Enabled)**

Attribute	Setting	Definition
CLK_COR_SEQ_1_1	00110111100	Defines a K28.5.
CLK_COR_SEQ_1_2	00010010101	Defines a D21.4.
CLK_COR_SEQ_1_3	00010110101	Defines a D21.5.
CLK_COR_SEQ_1_4	00010110101	Defines a D21.5.
CLK_COR_SEQ_1_MASK	1000	Check compare first 3 bytes. If a 4-byte sequence contains the first 3 bytes, it is determined to be a clock correction sequence. The fourth byte can be any character.
CLK_COR_SEQ_LEN	4	Complete sequence is 4 bytes.

**Notes:**

1. Ensure that sequences that are not clock correction do not fall into this mask definition.

## Determining Correct CLK\_COR\_MIN\_LAT and CLK\_COR\_MAX\_LAT

To determine the correct CLK\_COR\_MIN\_LAT value, several requirements must be met.

- CLK\_COR\_MIN\_LAT must be greater than or equal to 20 for 1, 2, or 4-byte mode. It must be 24 for 8-byte mode.
- CLK\_COR\_MIN\_LAT and CLK\_COR\_MAX\_LAT must be multiples of CCS/CBS lengths and ALIGN\_COMMA\_WORD. The following conditions must be satisfied:
  - ◆ CLK\_COR\_MIN\_LAT (or) CLK\_COR\_MAX\_LAT =  $n * \text{CLK\_COR\_SEQ\_LEN}$  (if clock correction is used)
  - ◆ CLK\_COR\_MIN\_LAT (or) CLK\_COR\_MAX\_LAT =  $m * \text{CHAN\_BOND\_SEQ\_LEN}$  (if channel bonding is used)
  - ◆ CLK\_COR\_MIN\_LAT (or) CLK\_COR\_MAX\_LAT =  $l * \text{ALIGN\_COMMA\_WORD}$  (if the internal word alignment feature is used)

where:

$n, m, l$  = integer values starting from 1

- $(\text{CLK\_COR\_MAX\_LAT} - \text{CLK\_COR\_MIN\_LAT}) \geq 2 * \text{CLK\_COR\_SEQ\_LEN}$
- For symbols of less than 8 bytes,  $(\text{CLK\_COR\_MIN\_LAT} - \text{CHAN\_BOND\_LIMIT}) > 20$  if CHAN\_BOND\_MODE is not OFF. For symbols of 8 bytes,  $(\text{CLK\_COR\_MIN\_LAT} - \text{CHAN\_BOND\_LIMIT}) > 24$ .

The defaults of 36 and 44 meet these requirements for a CHAN\_BOND\_LIMIT of 7.

## Channel Bonding

Channel bonding is the technique of tying several serial channels together to create one aggregate channel. Several channels are fed on the transmit side by one parallel bus and reproduced on the receive side as the identical parallel bus. The maximum number of serial differential pairs that can be bonded is 24. The bonded channels consist of one master transceiver and up to 23 slave transceivers.

### Details

Both the master and slaves independently look for channel bond sequences in the receive data streams. When the master detects a channel bond sequence in the receive data stream it sends a channel bond request to the slaves indicating the byte stagger of the channel bonding sequence. This is the information passed from the master to the slaves on the CHBONDO fabric ports as follows in [Table 3-18](#). It requires 6 clocks to communicate a channel bond request from the master to the slaves; this includes compensating for 1-hop and 2-hop slaves.

**Table 3-18: Channel Bond Alignment Sequence**

Detected	CHBONDO Bus
No Channel Bond	$XX000_2$
Channel Bond - Byte 0	$XX100_2$
Channel Bond - Byte 1	$XX101_2$
Channel Bond - Byte 2	$XX110_2$
Channel Bond - Byte 3	$XX111_2$

Channel bonding can remove up to 2x CHAN\_BOND\_LIMIT bytes of skew between transceivers. When the master detects a channel bonding sequence, it indicates the location of the sequence in its RX ring buffer using the CHBONDO bus.

When there is no skew, all Slaves have the same channel bonding sequence as the master at the same position in their RX ring buffers. However, in most cases, there is skew: the slaves each search CHAN\_BOND\_LIMIT positions forward and backward in their ring buffers for an equivalent channel bonding sequence. If they find it, they shift their pointers to effectively remove their skew relative to the master. If they don't find a channel bonding sequence, they indicate an error. Using the RXSTATUS bus, each transceiver reports channel bonding errors and its current skew with respect to the master.

**CCCB\_ARBITRATOR\_DISABLE = TRUE, CLOCK\_CORRECTION\_USE = FALSE**

A master issues a channel bond request for every channel bond sequence if CCCB\_ARBITRATOR\_DISABLE = TRUE (down to a minimum spacing of 12 bytes between channel bonding sequences).

**CCCB\_ARBITRATOR\_DISABLE = FALSE, CLOCK\_CORRECTION\_USE = TRUE**

If CCCB\_ARBITRATOR\_DISABLE = FALSE, the master is limited in how often channel bond requests can be processed and issued. In this mode, the master arbitrates between clock correction and channel bonding with clock correction being given priority. Clock correction requests to the arbitrator are generated by the RX pointer difference being

outside the limits of the CLK\_COR\_MIN\_LAT and CLK\_COR\_MAX\_LAT attributes. Channel bond operations are blocked while clock correction requests are pending.

While servicing either request, the master is busy for  $17 + \text{CHAN\_BOND\_LIMIT}/4$  (fraction rounded up) RXUSRCLKs. Subsequent channel bond or clock correction sequences are ignored for this period.

Meanwhile, the slaves are independently looking for channel bond sequences. When a slave detects a channel bond sequence, it adjusts for the 6-clock delay required to receive a channel bond request and sets a slave skew point (SSP). The slave tries to correlate the SSP with a master's channel bond request. The slave is looking plus/minus the CHAN\_BOND\_LIMIT from the SSP for the channel bond request. Failure by the slave to detect a CBR from the master results in no effort to bond and a channel bond error status being reported on the RXSTATUS lines.

The channel bond request is also fed back into the master as a common method for generating channel bond done status by the master.

The fastest a SSP can be processed is 8 RXUSRCLKs. In the worst case, the slave requires  $8 + \text{CHAN\_BOND\_LIMIT}/4$  (all fractions are rounded up) RXUSRCLKs to process the SSP. If an error occurs, i.e. no channel bond request is seen within the SSP's channel bonding window, then one more RXUSRCLK (error cycle) is required to process the SSP, for a total of  $9 + \text{CHAN\_BOND\_LIMIT}/4$  (all fractions are rounded up) RXUSRCLKs. A slave can process only one SSP at a time. Similar to the master, if a subsequent channel bond sequence is detected prior to the slave completing the processing of a SSP, this subsequent channel bond sequence is ignored.

**Table 3-19: Maximum Time Required to Process Channel Bond Sequences**

Condition	Master Processing Time	Slave Processing Time
CCCB_ARBITRATOR_DISABLE = FALSE	17 RXUSRCLKs + CHAN_BOND_LIMIT/4 <sup>(1)</sup> (68 Bytes + CHAN_BOND_LIMIT) <sup>(2)</sup>	9 RXUSRCLKs + CHAN_BOND_LIMIT/4 <sup>(1)</sup> (36 Bytes + CHAN_BOND_LIMIT) <sup>(2)</sup>
CCCB_ARBITRATOR_DISABLE = TRUE	2 RXUSRCLKs (8 Bytes) <sup>(2)</sup>	

**Notes:**

1. All fractions are rounded up.
2. Assume 4 bytes of data transmitted per RXUSRCLK.

From the above explanation, it can be seen that masters and slaves require a certain amount of time to service channel bond sequences when CCCB\_ARBITRATOR\_DISABLE = FALSE and CLOCK\_CORRECTION\_USE = TRUE. Consequently, when channel bond sequences are closely spaced, neither the master nor the slaves process every channel bond sequence.

In order to channel bond, both the master and slave need to process on the same relative channel bond sequence from their receive data streams. To ensure that both the master and slave are processing the same relative channel bond sequence when CCCB\_ARBITRATOR\_DISABLE = FALSE and CLOCK\_CORRECTION\_USE = TRUE, the following restrictions apply:

- The channel bond sequence should not be fixed such that it repeats continuously with spacing less than the worst-case slave processing time of  $9 + \text{CHAN\_BOND\_LIMIT}/4$  (rounded up) RXUSRCLKs (36 + CHAN\_BOND\_LIMIT bytes). If possible, channel

bond characters should be spaced more than 36 bytes + CHAN\_BOND\_LIMIT at least once.

- The receivers must not be receiving the fixed channel bond sequence when RXRESET is deasserted or ENCHANSYNC is asserted. (ENCHANSYNC resets the channel bonding logic when it transitions from 0 to 1.)

Varying the channel bond spacing, as is done in most protocols, helps prevent the master and slave from processing different relative channel bonding sequences.

[Table 3-19](#) summarizes the character spacing rules.

**Table 3-20: Channel Bonding and Clock Correction Character Spacing**

<b>Condition</b>		<b>Minimum Symbol Spacing</b>	
		<b>CC to CB or CB to CC</b>	<b>CB to CB</b>
CCCB_ARBITRATOR_DISABLE = FALSE	CLK_CORRECT_USE = TRUE	No minimum.	Absolute min = 12 bytes. Must also be > 2x CHAN_BOND_LIMIT <sup>(1)</sup>
	CLK_CORRECT_USE = FALSE	N/A	Absolute min = 12 bytes. Must also be > 2x CHAN_BOND_LIMIT <sup>(1,2)</sup>
CCCB_ARBITRATOR_DISABLE = TRUE	CLK_CORRECT_USE = TRUE	Not recommended.	Not recommended.
	CLK_CORRECT_USE = FALSE	N/A	Absolute min = 12 bytes. Must also be > 2x CHAN_BOND_LIMIT

#### Notes:

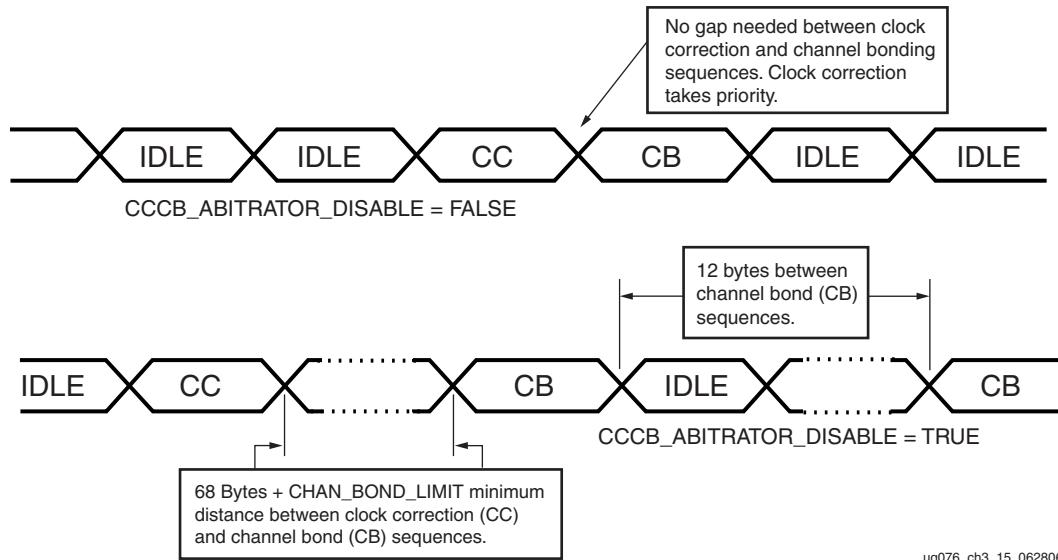
- If the spacing of the symbols is less than the worst-case slave processing time (36 Bytes + CHAN\_BOND\_LIMIT), refer to [Table 3-19, "Maximum Time Required to Process Channel Bond Sequences."](#).
- Arbitrator is not required for applications not requiring clock correction.

If the MGT does not bond when RXRESET is deasserted or ENCHANSYNC is asserted, an RXRESET (0 → 1 → 0) should be issued, or ENCHANSYNC (0 → 1) toggled, until the system bonds.

#### CCCB\_ARBITRATOR\_DISABLE Attribute

This attribute, which always defaults to FALSE, allows clock correction and channel bonding sequences to appear consecutively in the data stream. There are no requirements on how close or far apart the clock correction and channel bonding sequences are when this attribute is set to FALSE. However, when in this mode, the clock correction always takes priority over the channel bonding sequence. See [Figure 3-19](#). Most protocols and applications should use this attribute in the default setting.

If a channel bonding sequence needs to be recognized every time, CCCB\_ARBITRATOR\_DISABLE should be set to TRUE. While in this mode, channel bonding always occurs, providing all the other channel bonding attributes are set accordingly. However, for proper operation of clock correction and channel bonding, there must at all times be a minimum of 68 bytes + CHAN\_BOND\_LIMIT between clock correction and channel bonding sequences. Additionally, there must be a minimum of a 12 byte gap between channel bonding sequences.



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Figure 3-19: Effects of CCCB\_ARBITRATOR\_DISABLE = TRUE

### CHAN\_BOND\_SEQ\_1\_MASK, CHAN\_BOND\_SEQ\_2\_MASK, CHAN\_BOND\_SEQ\_LEN, CHAN\_BOND\_SEQ\_\*\_\* Attributes

These attributes operate exactly the same as their clock correction counterparts. See [Table 3-14](#) for clock correction bit definitions analogous to the CHAN\_BOND\_SEQ\_\*\_\* bits, and [Table 3-16](#) and [Table 3-17](#) for mask information analogous to CHAN\_BOND\_SEQ\_\*\_MASK.

### Disable Channel Bonding

To disable channel bonding, set CHAN\_BOND\_MODE to OFF.

### Setting CHAN\_BOND\_LIMIT

CHAN\_BOND\_LIMIT should be set to the largest possible value less than one-half the minimum distance between channel bonding sequences. This allows the GT11 to correct the largest possible lane skews without the possibility of slaves finding two copies of the channel bonding character while attempting to bond. For example, if a standard or application specifies a skew of  $\pm 8$  (16 absolute) 8-bit or 10-bit symbols, then CHAN\_BOND\_LIMIT must be set to 7.

## Implementation Guidelines

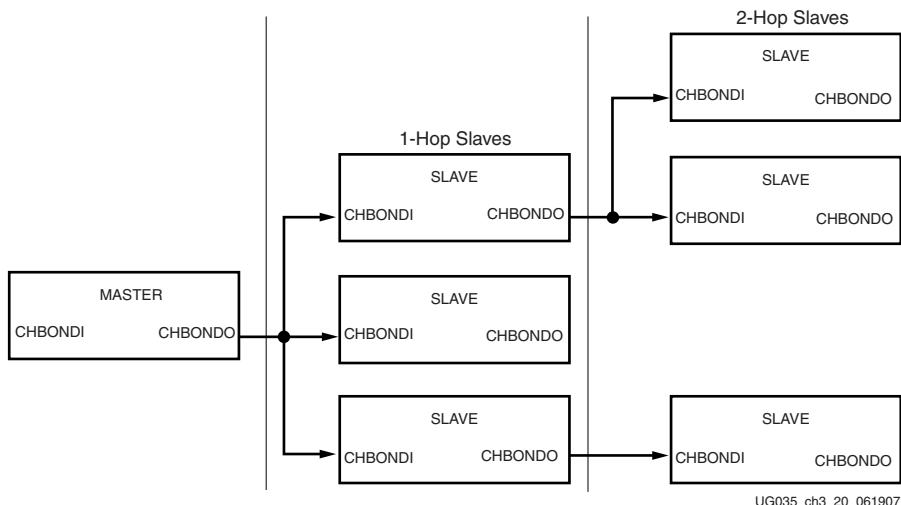
The transceiver CHBONDI/CHBONDO buses are daisy-chained together as shown in [Figure 3-20](#).

Whether a slave is a 1-hop or 2-hop slave, internal logic causes the data driven on the CHBONDO bus from the master to be recognized by the slaves at the same time and must be deterministic. Therefore, it is important that the interconnect of CHBONDO-to-CHBONDI not contain any pipeline stages. The data must transfer from CHBONDO to CHBONDI in one clock cycle.

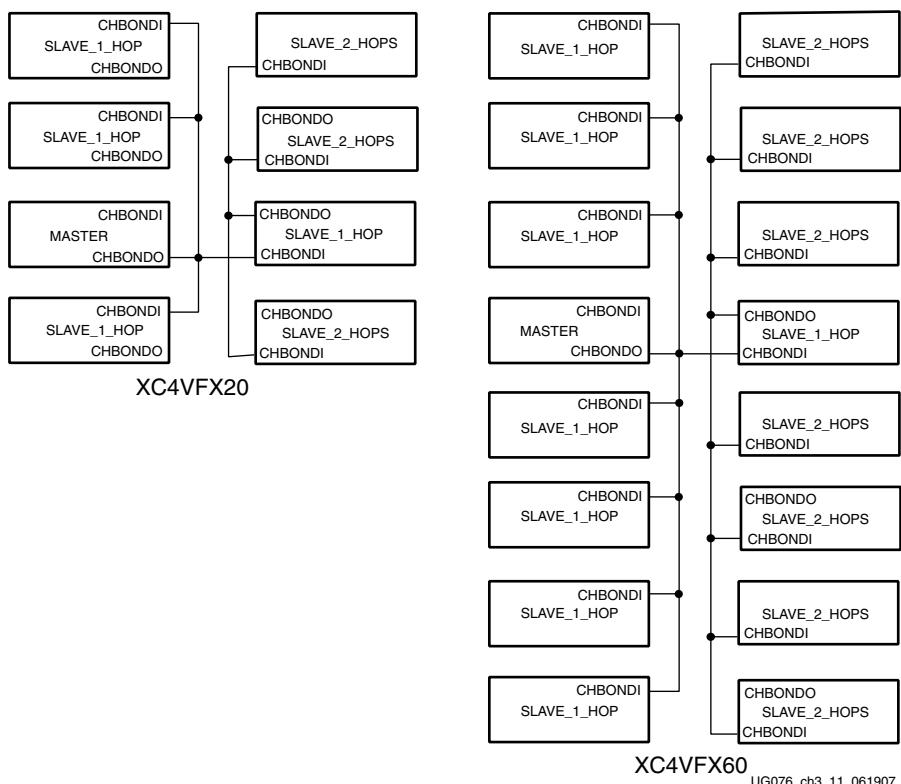
The transceiver requires one place-and-route restriction when channel bonding is implemented. Because of the delay limitations on the CHBONDO to CHBONDI ports, linking of the master to a Slave\_1\_Hop must run either in the X or Y direction, but not both.

In [Figure 3-21](#), the two Slave\_1\_Hops are linked to the master in only one direction. To navigate to the other slave (a Slave\_2\_Hops), both X and Y displacement is needed. This slave needs one level of daisy-chaining, which is the basis of the Slave\_2\_Hops setting.

[Figure 3-21](#) shows the channel bonding mode and linking for XC4VFX20 and XC4VFX60 devices, which contain eight transceivers per chip.



**Figure 3-20: Daisy-Chained Transceiver CHBONDI/CHBONDO Buses**



**Figure 3-21: XC4VFX20/XC4VFX60 Device Implementation**

## RX Fabric Interface and Channel Bonding

When channel bonding is used, RXRESET must be deasserted synchronously on all channel-bonded MGTs. This is because of the way the fabric interface block distributes the internal four bytes of data. A counter is used to select (load) data from the RXUSRCLK domain when 1-byte and 2-byte fabric width is used. On the next RXUSRCLK2 clock, data is shifted from MSB to LSB two bytes at a time. Data can be skewed if RXRESET is deasserted asynchronously (or on different clock cycles to bonded MGTs). Therefore, in 1-byte and 2-byte modes, RXRESET must be deasserted synchronously on all channel-bonded MGTs.

## Status and Event Bus

The Virtex-4 design has merged several signals together to provide extra functionality over the Virtex-II Pro design. The signals CHBONDDONE, RXBUFSTATUS, and RXCLKCORCNT were previously used independently of each other to indicate status. In the Virtex-4 design, these signals are concatenated together to provide a status and event bus.

There are two modes of this concatenated bus, status mode and event mode. In status mode, the bus indicates either the difference between the read and write pointers of the receive side buffer or the skew of the last channel bond event.

### Status Indication

In status mode, the RXSTATUS pins alternate between the buffer pointer difference and channel bonding skew. The protocol is described by three sequential clocks (STATUS and DATA are one RXUSRCLK in duration):

<STATUS INDICATOR> <DATA0><DATA1>

where:

STATUS INDICATOR can indicate either pointer difference or channel bonding skew,  
DATA0 indicates status data 5:3, and  
DATA1 indicates status data 2:0.

[Table 3-21](#) shows the signal values for a pointer difference status where the variable pointer Diff[5:0] holds the pointer difference between the receive write and read pointers:

*Table 3-21: Signal Values for a Pointer Difference Status*

Status	RXSTATUS[5]	RXSTATUS[4:3]	RXSTATUS[2:0]
STATUS INDICATOR	1'b0	2'b01	3'b000
DATA0	1'b0	2'b00	pointerDiff[5:3]
DATA1	1'b0	2'b00	pointerDiff[2:0]

[Table 3-22](#) shows the signal values for a channel bonding skew where the variable cbSkew[5:0] holds the skew between the MGT and the channel bonding master.

*Table 3-22: Signal Values for a Channel Bonding Skew*

Status	RXSTATUS[5]	RXSTATUS[4:3]	RXSTATUS[2:0]
STATUS INDICATOR	1'b0	2'b01	3'b001

**Table 3-22: Signal Values for a Channel Bonding Skew (Continued)**

Status	RXSTATUS[5]	RXSTATUS[4:3]	RXSTATUS[2:0]
DATA0	1'b0	2'b00	cbSkew[5:3]
DATA1	1'b0	2'b00	cbSkew[2:0]

## Event Indication

Four types of events can occur. See [Table 3-23](#). When an event occurs, it can override a status indication. An event can only last for one clock and can be signaled by RXSTATUS[5] being set to logic 1, or RXSTATUS[4:3] equating to 2'b10 or 2'b11.

**Table 3-23: Signal Values for Event Indication**

Event	RXSTATUS[5]	RXSTATUS[4:3]	RXSTATUS[2:0]
Channel Bond Load	1'b1	2'b00	3'b111
Clock Correction	1'b0	2'b10	3'bXX1 (insertion)
			3'bXX0 (deletion)
Channel Bonding Failed	1'b0	2'b11	3'b001
Clock Correction Failed	1'b0	2'b11	3'b000

### Notes:

1. An event always overrides status, but after an event is completed, status continues to alternate between the pointer difference and the channel bond skew.

## RXBUFERR

RXBUFERR uses the pointerDiff value to determine an underflow/overflow. When set to logic 1, an underflow or overflow has occurred. After this bit is set, it can only be reset by RXRESET.

## TXBUFERR

When TXBUFERR is set to logic 1, an underflow or overflow has occurred. After this bit has been set, it can only be reset by TXRESET.

## LOOPBACK

LOOPBACK allows the user to send data that is being transmitted directly to the receiver of the transceiver. This can be used to debug link failures, whether it is the physical link (such as a missing line card, termination issues, or SI issues), PHY layer, or Link layer. The MGT allows three loopback modes. [Figure 3-22](#) shows the three modes available, while [Table 3-24](#) shows the three settings of LOOPBACK to create the different modes. Note that fabric loopback is not a mode of the MGT, but is supported in the fabric.

PCS loopback requires the following key constraints:

- RXCLK0\_FORCE\_PMACLK must be set to FALSE, otherwise the PMA clock region can only be driven by the recovered clock.
- Internal dividers cannot be used because each divider could independently introduce a phase shift, resulting in a phase mismatch between the PCS RXCLK and PCS TXCLK domains.

Enable serial loopback by setting LOOPBACK[1:0] to 11. The TXPOST\_TAP\_PD bit must also be set to 0. This can be set in the DRP at address 0x4C, bit 12 for MGTA, and at address 0x4E, bit 12 for MGTB. The TXPOST\_TAP\_PD is also available as an attribute.

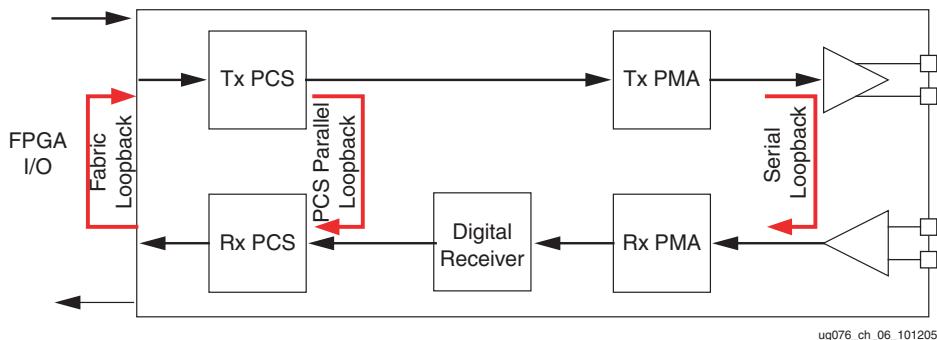


Figure 3-22: Loopback Modes

Table 3-24: Loopback Modes

LOOPBACK[1:0]	Function
00	Normal Operation (No Loopback)
01	PCS Parallel
10	Reserved
11	Pre-driver Serial Loopback

## Digital Receiver

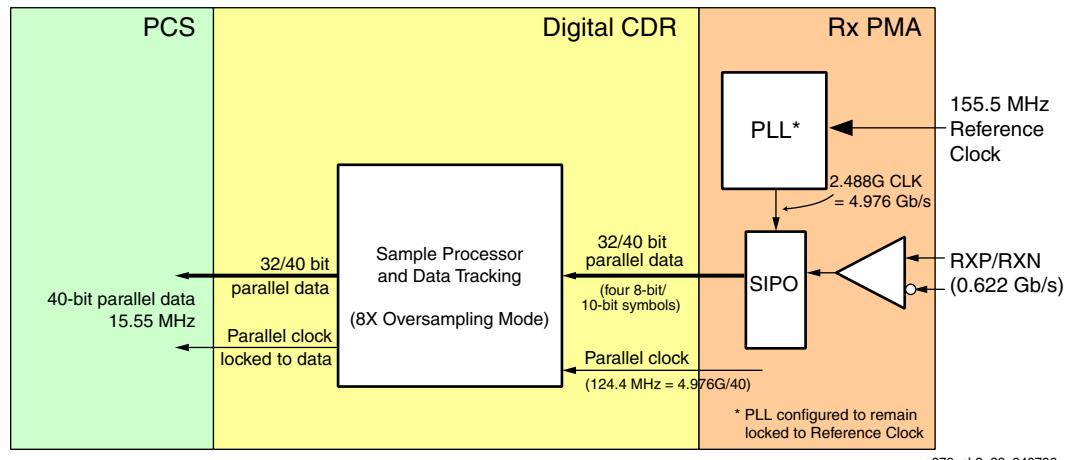
The MGT is equipped with a digital receiver that *oversamples* the incoming data for rates at or below 1.25 Gb/s. The upper limit, 1.25 Gb/s, is set by two times the VCO frequency of 5 GHz divided by eight (the oversampling rate) — that is,  $2 \times 5 \text{ GHz} / 8 = 1.25 \text{ Gb/s}$ . The receiver also recovers the clock and delivers it to the fabric via the RXRECCLK1 output. Although incoming data rates up to 1.25 Gb/s can be received, the more common data rate of 0.622 Gb/s is used as an example in this section. In normal, non-oversampled mode, the maximum data rate is limited to 6.5 Gb/s.

Figure 3-23 shows how a design running at 0.622 Gb/s uses the digital receiver and the resulting clocks. When using the digital receiver, the RX PLL must be locked to the reference clock, not to the incoming data. The deserializer (SISO) runs eight times faster than the line rate, enabling the oversampler to capture eight samples for a single bit of data. The digital receiver then sends out parallel data synchronized with the 1X clock, a clock one-eighth of the parallel SISO clock.

Parameters for the example in Figure 3-23:

- Line rate = 0.622 Gb/s
- For an 8X mode, the SISO sampling rate =  $8 \times 0.622 \text{ Gb/s} = 4.976 \text{ Gb/s}$
- VCO frequency =  $4.976 \text{ Gb/s} \div 2 = 2.488 \text{ GHz}$  (SISO uses both edges of the clock)
- Effectively VCO frequency = line rate  $\times 4$
- Parallel clock (PMA RXCLK0 frequency before digital receiver) =  $4.976 \text{ Gb/s} \div 40$  (parallel data width) = 124.4 Mhz

- Digital receiver output clock = 1X clock =  $124.4 \div 8$  (sampling rate) = 15.55 MHz (line rate/parallel data width)



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**Figure 3-23: Digital Receiver Example**

In addition to the 1X Clock, the digital receiver can also generate a 4X and 2X clock based on the fabric interface width specified by the user. [Table 3-26](#) defines the clock frequency to use for a given interface width. The parallel data is always frequency-locked and phase-locked to these clocks.

Because the receiver is locked to reference, the inherent frequency difference between the incoming data and the local PLL clock must be accommodated. In the Virtex-4 RocketIO transceiver, this is accomplished by modulating the recovered clock. Typically, the recovered clock is output to the FPGA fabric at the nominal frequency, but occasionally, shorter clock periods are generated. The length of the shorter periods depends on the data width chosen for the interface between the MGT and the FPGA logic. This is shown in [Table 3-25](#).

**Table 3-25: Variation of Recovered Clock Period**

Interface Width (8x Oversampling)	Output Clock Rate	Clock Period Variation [%]	Speed Margin Required [%]
1 Byte	4X	25	133
2 Byte	2X	12.5	114
4 Byte	1X	12.5	114

The FPGA logic driven by this clock must be able to run at the clock frequency determined by the shorter period of the recovered clock.

In the example given in [Figure 3-23](#), the nominal frequency of the recovered clock is 15.55 MHz. The normal clock period for this frequency is 64 ns; however, the 12.5% shorter clock period is 56 ns, which translates into a clock frequency of 17.9 MHz.

This variation becomes more important at smaller interface widths and higher interface speeds. For example, changing to a 1-byte interface between MGT and FPGA in [Figure 3-23](#) would result in a nominal speed of 62.2 MHz and period of 16 ns. The 25% shorter clock period (12 ns) translates into a recovered clock frequency of 83.3 MHz.

## Clocking in Buffered Mode

Figure 3-24 shows the various clock domains in the MGT. The ring buffer aligns the PCS RXCLK domain and RXUSRCLK domain. The RXUSRCLK domain and the RXUSRCLK2 domain are separated by the fabric interface. The RXUSRCLK and RXUSRCLK2 domains can differ in frequency based on the fabric interface width.

In the buffered mode (ring buffer in use), the 1X clock drives the PCS RXCLK, and the phase difference between the PCS RXCLK and RXUSRCLK domains is handled by the ring buffer.

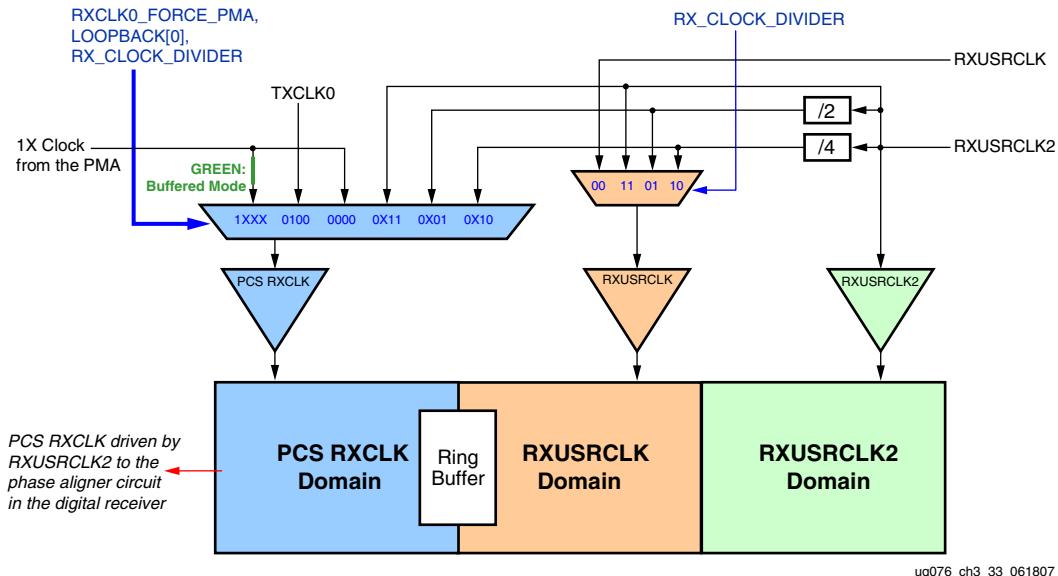


Figure 3-24: PCS RXCLK Generation, Buffered Mode (Green)

Buffer Bypass Mode cannot be used in conjunction with the Digital Receiver. Due to this restriction, the Buffered Mode must be used with the Digital Receiver.

Table 3-26 shows the attribute settings for the digital receiver in the Buffered mode. For more details, refer to Figure 2-11, page 78 and following.

Table 3-26: Digital Receiver Attribute Settings (Line Rates  $\leq$ 1.25 Gb/s)

Digital Receiver Attribute	Description (Buffered Mode)
RX_BUFFER_USE	TRUE: Ring buffer is enabled, allowing it to be used for channel bonding, clock correction, and phase matching between the PMA and PCS domains.
SAMPLE_8X	TRUE: Sampling is done at 8X the line rate.
RXDIGRX	TRUE: Locks the PLL to the reference clock rather than to the incoming data.
ENABLE_DCDR	TRUE: Enables the Digital Receiver Block.
DIGRX_FWDCLK	<p>00 : 1X Clock for a 4-byte fabric interface.            01 : 2X Clock for a 2-byte fabric interface.            10 : 4X Clock for a 1-byte fabric interface.</p> <p>Note: 8-byte fabric interface is not recommended for use in combination with the digital receiver.</p>
RXRECCLK1_USE_SYNC	TRUE: Chooses the asynchronous clock generated by the Digital Receiver to drive RXRECCLK1.

**Table 3-26: Digital Receiver Attribute Settings (Line Rates  $\leq$ 1.25 Gb/s) (Continued)**

Digital Receiver Attribute	Description (Buffered Mode)
RXCLK0_FORCE_PMACLK	<b>TRUE:</b> The PMA RXCLK0 drives the PCS RXCLK.
DIGRX_SYNC_MODE	<b>FALSE:</b> Phase Aligner circuit is disabled.
RX_CLOCK_DIVIDER	Sets RXUSRCLK rate. PCS RXCLK is driven by the PMA RXCLK0 (1X CLK). <b>00:</b> Use external RXUSRCLK port. <b>11:</b> Divide by 1 for a 4-byte fabric interface. <b>01:</b> Divide by 2 for a 2-byte fabric interface. <b>10:</b> Divide by 4 for a 1-byte fabric interface.
RXUSRCLK2	Sourced by RXRECCLK1 <sup>(2)</sup> or derivatives of RXRECCLK2 <sup>(3)</sup> , TXOUTCLK1 <sup>(3)</sup> , MGT Reference clock <sup>(3)</sup> The ring buffer aligns PCS RXCLK and RXUSRCLK/RXUSRCLK <sup>(3)</sup> .

**Notes:**

1. The clock generated by the digital receiver is not a recommended DCM clock input because the clock does not meet the jitter specification of the DCM.
2. Ensure RXRESET is not synchronous with RXRECCLK1. RXRESET resets the 1XCLK, 2XCLK and 4XCLK and consequently the RXRECLK1 that is derived from the Digital receiver.
3. Ensure that the transmitter and receiver are driven by the same clock source and use internal dividers on RXUSRCLK as shown in [Figure 3-24](#).

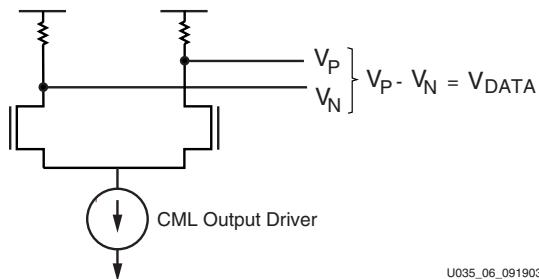


# PMA Analog Design Considerations

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## Serial I/O Description

The RocketIO Multi-Gigabit Transceiver (MGT) transmits and receives serial differential signals, using a nominal termination supply voltage of 1.5 VDC. A serial differential pair consists of a true ( $V_P$ ) and a complement ( $V_N$ ) set of signals. The voltage difference represents the transferred data. Thus:  $V_P - V_N = V_{DATA}$ . Differential switching is performed at the crossing of the two complementary signals so that no separate reference level is needed. A graphical representation of this concept is shown in [Figure 4-1](#).



*Figure 4-1: Differential Amplifier*

## Differential Transmitter

The RocketIO transceiver is implemented in Current Mode Logic (CML). A CML transmitter output consists of transistors configured as shown in [Figure 4-1](#). The CML uses a positive supply and offers easy interface requirements. In this configuration, both legs of the driver,  $V_P$  and  $V_N$ , sink current, with one leg always sinking more current than its complement. The CML output consists of a differential pair with  $50\Omega$  source resistors. The signal swing is created by switching the current in a common-source differential pair.

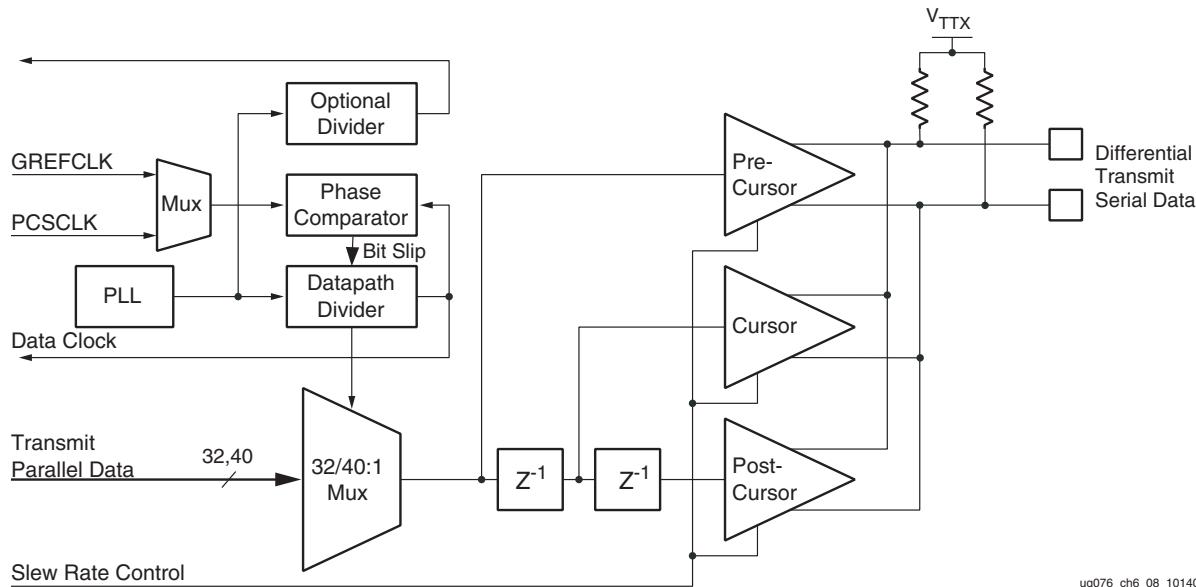
The differential transmitter specifications are shown in the *RocketIO DC Specifications* and the *RocketIO Transmitter Switching Characteristics* in the *Virtex-4 Data Sheet*.

## Output Swing and Emphasis

The output swing and emphasis levels of the MGTs are fully programmable. Each is controlled via attributes at configuration, but can be modified via the Dynamic Reconfiguration Port programming bus ([Appendix C, “Dynamic Reconfiguration Port”](#)).

## Emphasis

The MGT contains a 3-tap transmitter (shown in Figure 4-2). This allows a data driver, pre-cursor driver, and post-cursor driver to help create a cleaner signal at the receiver.



**Figure 4-2: 3-Tap Pre-Emphasis**

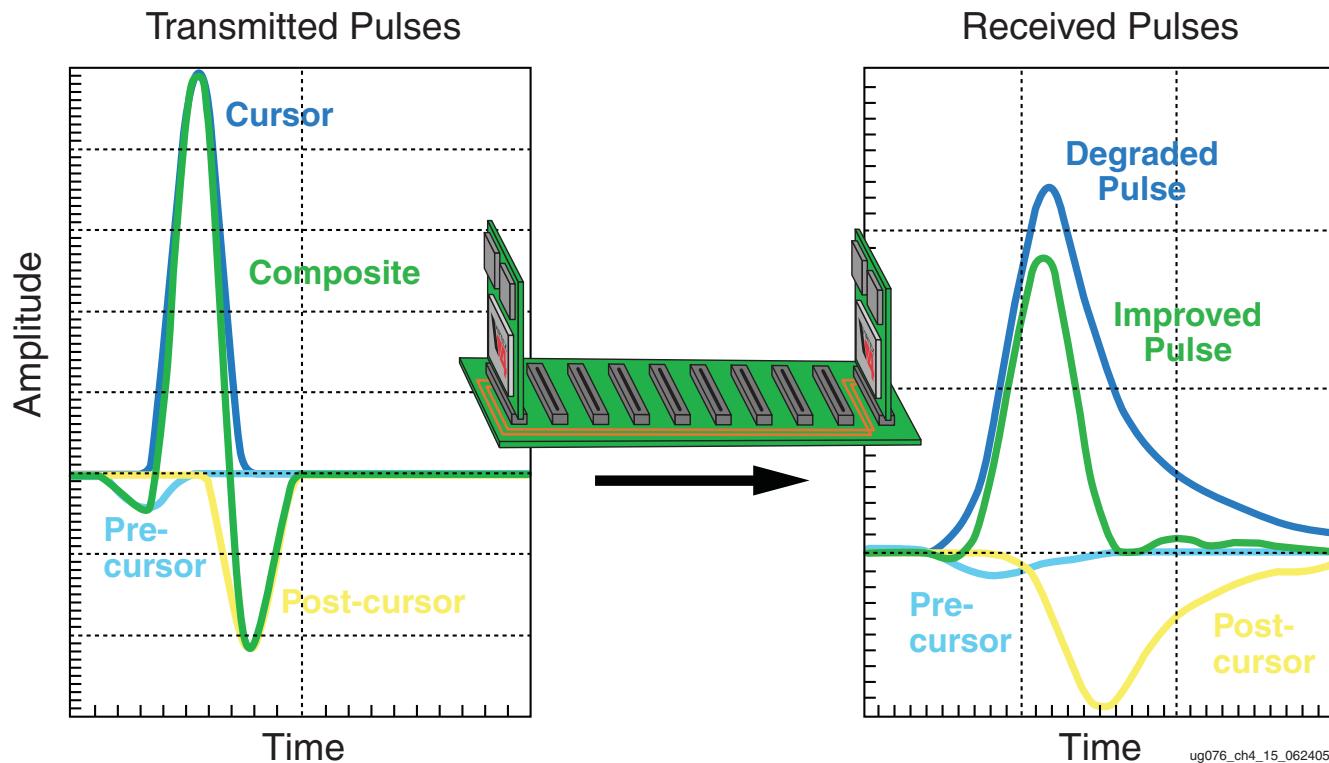
There are several attributes that control the pre-emphasis characteristics. These are shown in Table 4-1.

**Table 4-1: Attributes Controlling Pre-Emphasis Characteristics**

Attribute	Definition
TXPOST_TAP_PD	Disables the POST driver which disables the pre-emphasis.
TXDAT_TAP_DAC	Controls the output swing of the data driver. This value should be much larger (~4 times) than TXPOST_TAP_DAC and (~8 times) TXPRE_TAP_DAC.
TXPOST_TAP_DAC	Controls the output swing of the post data driver. This value is usually twice the value of TXPRE_TAP_DAC.
TXHIGHSIGALEN	This doubles the current level of the driver when set to a logic 1. When set to a logic 0, the current level is set for applications interfacing to an XFP or similar device that requires low signal strength.
TXPRE_TAP_DAC	Controls the output swing of the pre-data driver. This value should be very small.
TXPRE_TAP_PD	Disables the PRE driver. Used to disable the pre-emphasis.

The effect of these three taps are shown in Figure 4-3. The pre-cursor (pre-driver) helps the start of the pulse on the receiver. This degradation is small, which is why TXPRE\_TAP\_DAC is recommended to be small compared to the other driver settings. The post-cursor (post-driver) improves the “tail” of the pulse at the receiver. TXPOST\_TAP\_DAC should be less than TXDAT\_TAP\_DAC, so as not to destroy the pulse

and also to preserve the subsequent pulse of the next bit being transmitted in an actual system.



*Figure 4-3: Effect of 3-Tap Pre-Emphasis on a Pulse Signal*

Table 4-2 shows the recommended TXDAT\_TAP\_DAC and TXPOST\_TAP\_DAC settings for a range of differential swing settings and line loss conditions. 3.5 dB of line loss approximates the signal attenuation for a 10 Gb/s signal across 5 inches of FR4. For lower data rates, traces longer than 5 inches of FR4 can be traversed before the signal experiences 3.5 dB of attenuation.

*Table 4-2: TXDAT\_TAP\_DAC and TXPOST\_TAP\_DAC Settings*

Line Loss (dB)	Differential Swing (mV)	TXDAT_TAP_DAC	TXPOST_TAP_DAC
3.5	600	10011	00000
	800	11011	00010
7	400	01001	00001
	600	10001	00101
	800	11000	01001
10	400	01000	00100
	600	01111	01001
	800	10110	01111

Table 4-2: TXDAT\_TAP\_DAC and TXPOST\_TAP\_DAC Settings (Continued)

Line Loss (dB)	Differential Swing (mV)	TXDAT_TAP_DAC	TXPOST_TAP_DAC
14	400	00110	00110
	600	01101	01101
	800	10100	10100
17	400	00110	01001
	600	01100	10001
	800	10010	11000

The TXPRE\_TAP\_DAC value can be set to some fraction of the TXPOST\_TAP\_DAC value. However, for most channels, TXPRE\_TAP\_DAC can be set to off, unless it is required to improve the performance of the linear receiver equalizer and decision feedback equalizer. It is recommended that all the attributes listed in this section are made accessible through the Dynamic Reconfiguration Port (see [Appendix C, “Dynamic Reconfiguration Port”](#)). This allows transmitter parameters to be fine-tuned in the lab to match the characteristics of a particular channel.

With MGT emphasis, the initial differential voltage swing is boosted to create a stronger rising or falling waveform. This method compensates for high-frequency loss in the transmission media that would otherwise limit the magnitude of this waveform. The effects of emphasis are shown in four scope screen captures, [Figure 4-4](#) through [Figure 4-7](#). (Also, see [“Appendix C, “Dynamic Reconfiguration Port”](#) for the signal or attribute Effects.)

**Note:** [Figure 4-4](#) through [Figure 4-7](#) are for illustration purposes only and do not correspond to actual MGT data.

[Figure 4-4](#) shows the transmit portion of a link with minimal pre-emphasis and [Figure 4-5](#) corresponds to the signal after 36 inches of FR4. [Figure 4-6](#) shows the transmit portion of a link with pre-emphasis over driving the rising and falling edges. This produces a less than optimal eye at the transmit side, but after the attenuation of the rising and falling edges of 36 inches of FR4 ([Figure 4-7](#)), the optimal eye is restored for the receiver. A second characteristic of MGT emphasis is that the overdriving level is reduced after some time to the normal driving level, thereby minimizing the voltage swing necessary to switch the differential pair into the opposite state.

Lossy transmission lines cause the dissipation of electrical energy. This emphasis technique extends the distance to which signals can be driven down lossy line media and increases the signal-to-noise ratio at the receiver.

Emphasis can be described from two perspectives, additive to the smaller voltage ( $V_{SM}$ ) (pre-emphasis) or subtractive from the larger voltage ( $V_{LG}$ ) (de-emphasis). The resulting benefits in compensating for channel loss are identical. It is simply a relative way of specifying the effect at the transmitter.

The equations for calculating pre-emphasis as a percentage and dB are as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Pre-Emphasis\%} &= ((V_{LG}-V_{SM}) / V_{SM}) \times 100 \\ \text{Pre-Emphasis dB} &= 20 \log(V_{LG}/V_{SM}) \end{aligned}$$

The equations for calculating de-emphasis as a percentage and dB are as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{De-Emphasis\%} &= (V_{LG} - V_{SM}) / V_{LG} \times 100 \\ \text{De-Emphasized dB} &= 20 \log(V_{SM}/V_{LG}) \end{aligned}$$

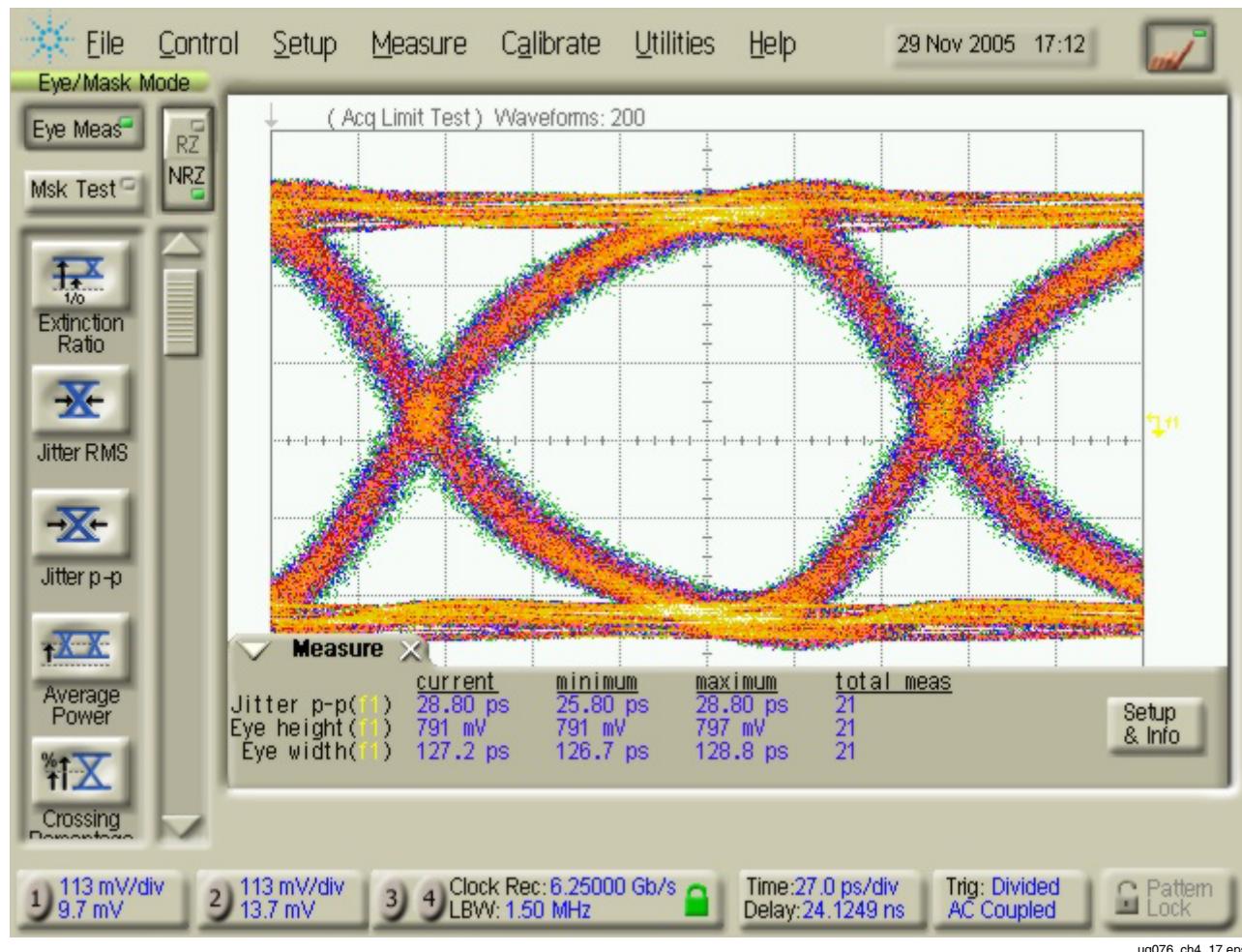


Figure 4-4: TX with Minimal Pre-Emphasis

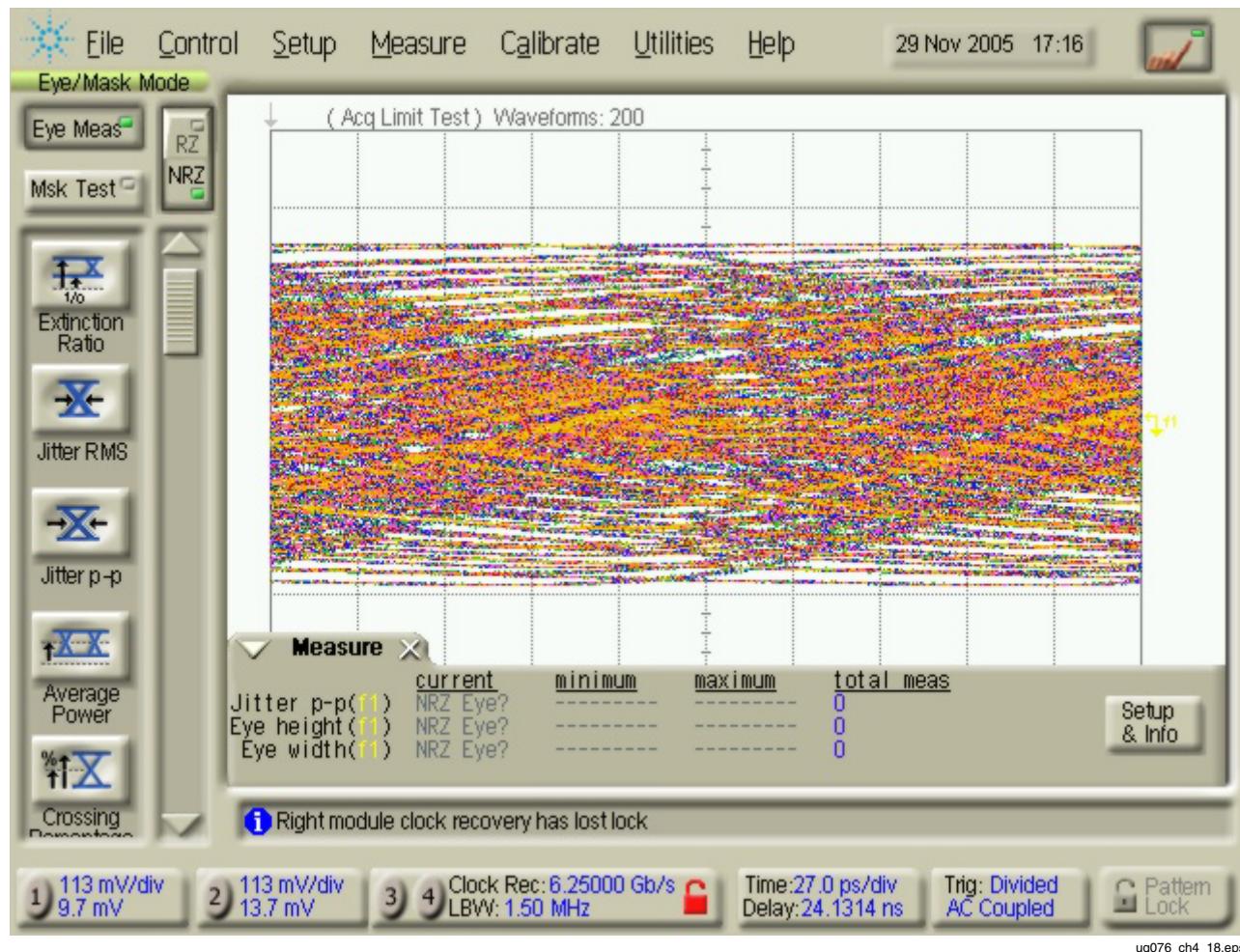


Figure 4-5: RX after 36 Inches FR4 and Minimal Pre-Emphasis

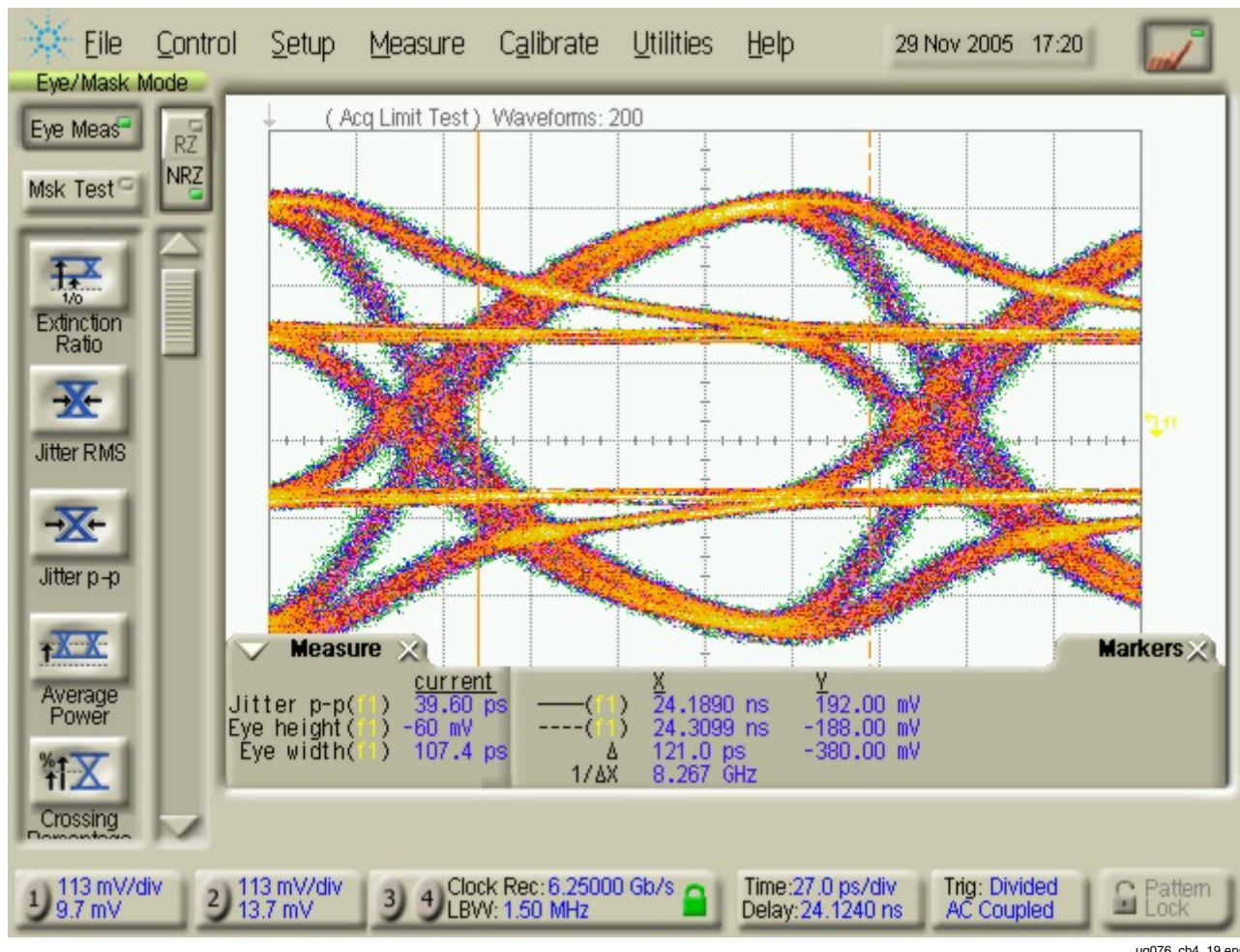


Figure 4-6: TX with Maximal Pre-Emphasis

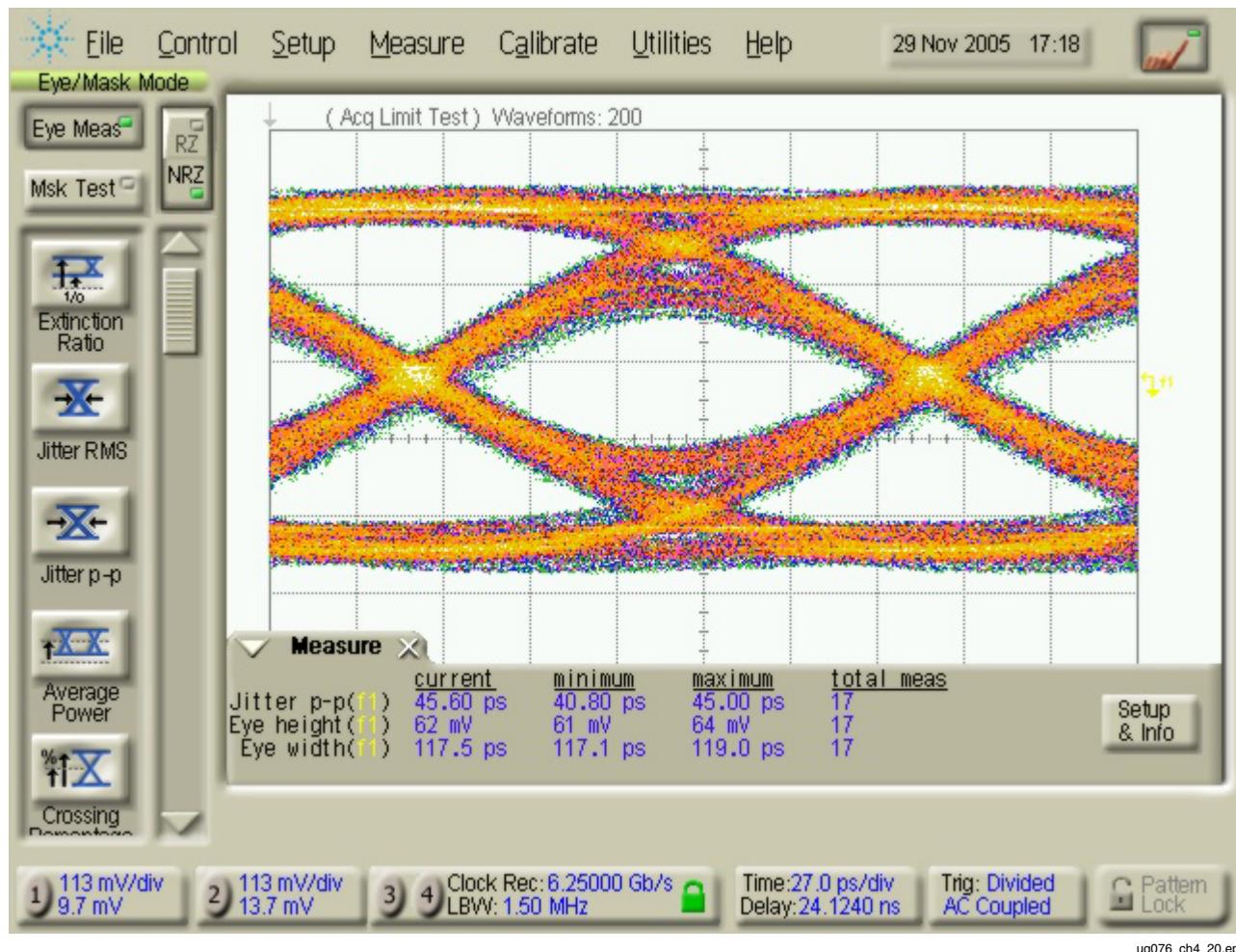


Figure 4-7: RX after 36 Inches FR4 and Maximal Pre-Emphasis

## Differential Receiver

The differential receiver accepts the  $V_P$  and  $V_N$  signals, carrying out the difference calculation  $V_P - V_N$  electronically.

All input data must be differential and nominally biased to a common mode voltage of 0.25 V – 2.5V or AC coupled. Internal terminations provide for simple  $50\Omega$  transmission line connection.

The differential receiver parameters are shown in the *RocketIO DC Specifications* and the *RocketIO Receiver Switching Characteristics* in the *Virtex-4 Data Sheet*.

## Clock and Data Recovery

The serial MGT input is locked to the input data stream through Clock and Data Recovery (CDR), a built-in feature of the MGT. CDR keys off of the rising and falling edges of incoming data and derives a clock that is representative of the incoming data rate.

The derived clock, RXRECLK1/RXRECLK2, is generated and locked to as long as it remains within the specified component range. This clock is presented to the FPGA fabric

at 1/32<sup>nd</sup> and 1/40<sup>th</sup> the incoming data rate depending on mode. A sufficient number of transitions must be present in the data stream for CDR to work properly. The CDR circuit is guaranteed to work with 8B/10B encoding. Further, CDR requires about 5,000 transitions upon power-up to guarantee locking to the incoming data rate.

Another feature of CDR is its ability to accept an external precision clock, REFCLK, which acts either to clock incoming data or to assist in synchronizing the derived RXRECCLK1/RXRECCLK2.

## Receiver Lock Control

During normal operation, the receiver PLL automatically locks to incoming data (when present) or to the local reference clock (when data is not present). This is the default configuration. This function can be overridden via the RXDIGRX attribute, as defined in [Table 4-3](#).

*Table 4-3: RXDIGRX Definition*

RXDIGRX	Description
0	Automatic (Default)
1	Lock to local reference

When receive PLL lock is forced to the local reference, phase information from the incoming data stream is ignored. Data continues to be sampled, but using the local reference clock rather than a recovered clock.

## Receive Equalization

In addition to transmit emphasis, the MGT provides a programmable receive equalization feature to further compensate the effects of channel attenuation at high frequencies. Copper traces on printed circuit boards, including backplanes, have low-pass filter characteristics. The impedance mismatch boundaries can also cause signal degradation. The MGT has an equalizer in the receiver which can essentially null the lossy attenuation effects of the PCB at GHz frequencies.

The receiver equalization circuit is comprised of three concatenated gain stages. Each stage is a peaking equalizer with a different center frequency and programmable gain. This allows varying amounts of gain to be applied depending on the overall frequency response of the channel loss. Channel loss is defined as the summation of all losses through the PCB traces, vias, connectors, and cables present in the physical link.

Ideally, the overall frequency response of the three gain stages should be the inverse of the overall channel loss response. Fine shaping of the gain response is possible by varying the gain for each stage and, hence, the gain at each of the three center frequencies.

The attribute RXAFEEQ[2:0] controls the gain settings for the receiver equalizer and can be adjusted by the Dynamic Reconfiguration Port.

[Figure 4-7](#) shows the AC response of the 3-stage continuous-time linear equalizer.

From the graph ([Figure 4-8](#)), the four response curves correspond to their respective RXAFEEQ setting. Each curve shows the combined gain response of all three equalizer stages expressed in dB. Using one of the four settings here provides sufficient receiver equalization flexibility for most applications. The choice of RXAFEEQ setting depends on the amount of high-frequency loss in the transmission media. Links with more transmission loss should use the higher gain settings.

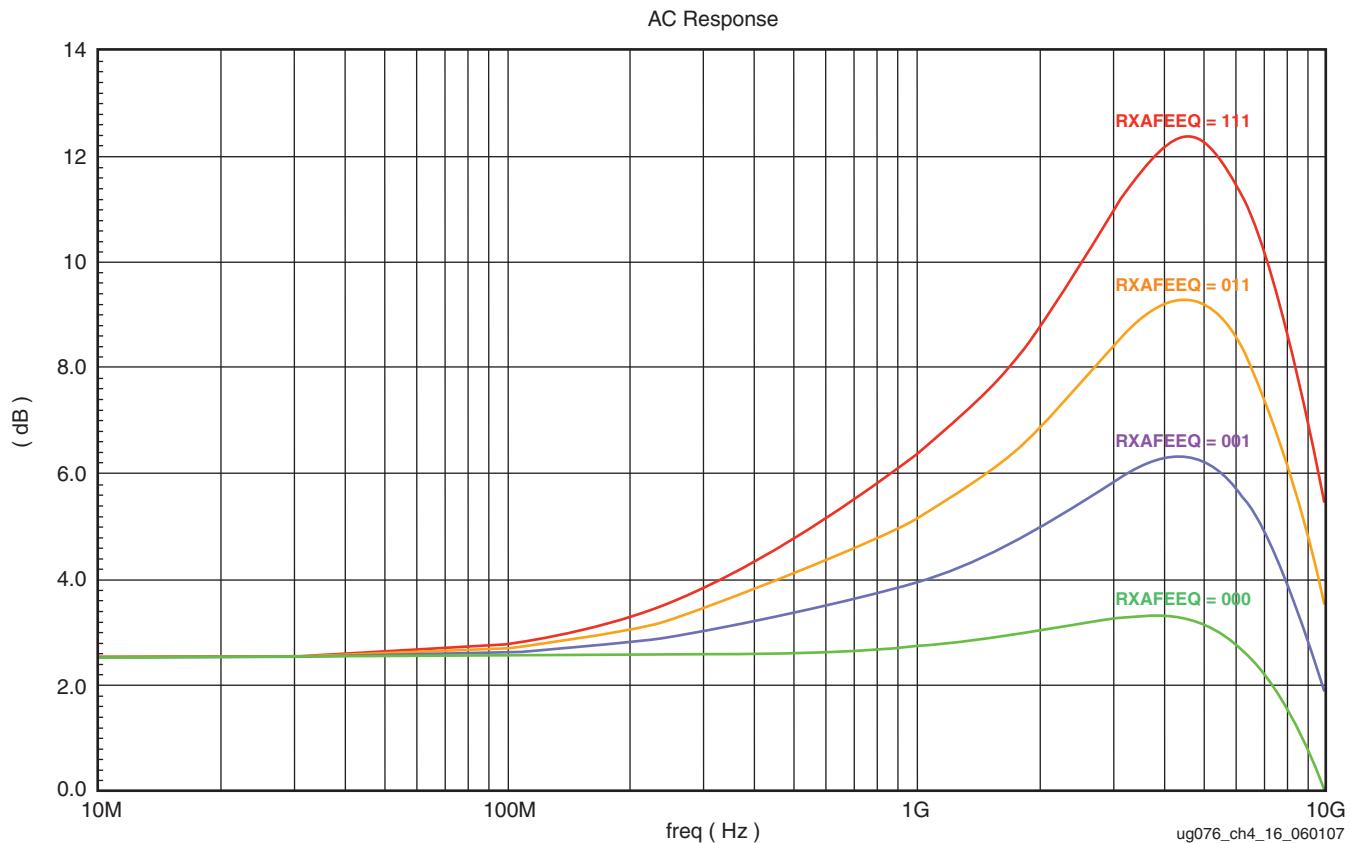


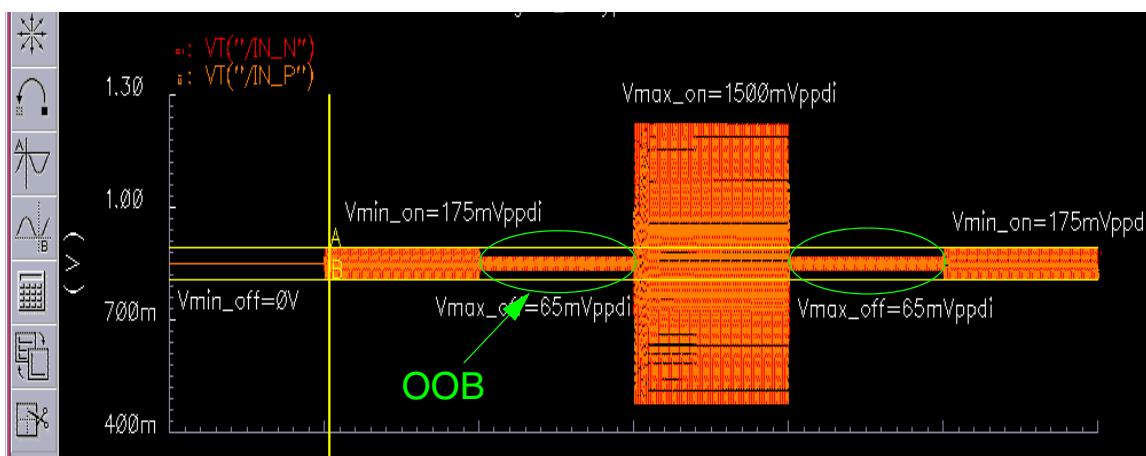
Figure 4-8: AC Response of Continuous-Time Linear Receiver Equalizer

## Special Analog Functions

### Out-of-Band (OOB) Signals

Several protocols including Serial ATA and PCI Express implement OOB signals, which are essentially low-frequency signals when compared to normal data transmission frequencies. These are used mainly for power-down applications and usually contain long run lengths of non-transitions. The MGT supports both the transmission and reception of these OOB signals. There are two fabric ports, RXSIGDET and TXENOOB.

TXENOOB causes the TXP/TXN pins to send an OOB signal that forces the differential output pins (TXP/TXN) to the common mode voltage resulting in a differential swing that is never more than 65 mV pk-pk. This type of signal is illustrated in [Figure 4-9](#). This signal has a direct connection to the transmit drivers which allows almost an instantaneous correlation between the assertion of TXENOOB and the TXP/TXN pins. Also the OOB signal stays on the TXP/TXN as long as the TXENOOB is set to a logic 1. When TXENOOB is set to a logic 0, the TXP/TXN pins quickly return back to normal operation.



*Figure 4-9: OOB Signal*

### Calibration for the PLLs

The MGT contains built-in circuitry to optimize the PLL performance. [Table 4-4](#) and [Table 4-5](#) show the recommended calibration settings. Xilinx recommends using the RocketIO Wizard to set attributes. This wizard manages dependencies between parameters and applies design-rule checks to prevent invalid configurations.

*Table 4-4: Transmit Calibration*

Attribute	Recommended Setting	System Conditions
FDET_HYS_CAL	Use RocketIO wizard to get recommended settings.	The settings for this attribute depend on the system line rate and reference clock frequency.
FDET_HYS_SEL		
FDET_LCK_CAL		
FDET_LCK_SEL		
VCODAC_INIT		

**Table 4-4: Transmit Calibration (Continued)**

Attribute	Recommended Setting	System Conditions
TXFDCAL_CLOCK_DIVIDE	NONE	Reference clock $\leq$ 250 MHz
	TWO	Reference clock $>$ 250 MHz
	FOUR	Reference clock $>$ 500 MHz

**Table 4-5: Receive Calibration**

Attribute	Recommended Setting	System Conditions
RXFDET_HYS_CAL	Use RocketIO wizard to get recommended settings.	The settings for this attribute depend on the system line rate and reference clock frequency.
RXFDET_HYS_SEL		
RXFDET_LCK_CAL		
RXFDET_LCK_SEL		
RXVCODAC_INIT		
RXFDCAL_CLOCK_DIVIDE	NONE	Reference clock $\leq$ 250 MHz
	TWO	Reference clock $>$ 250 MHz
	FOUR	Reference clock $>$ 500 MHz

**Table 4-6** explains the usage of attributes FDET\_HYS\_CAL/RXFDET\_HYS\_CAL and FDET\_LCK\_CAL/RXFDET\_LCK\_CAL during calibration, and of attributes FDET\_HYS\_SEL/RXFDET\_HYS\_SEL and FDET\_LCK\_SEL/RXFDET\_LCK\_SEL after calibration has been completed and normal operation started. These attributes set the PLL accuracy and determine whether the PLL is *in lock* or *out of lock*. For the RX side in analog CDR mode, these settings determine when the PLL starts to track input data (in lock) and when it tracks the reference clock (out of lock) during normal operation.

The Lock setting alone is used to specify a maximum percentage difference between the PLL and the reference clock/data that results in acquisition of lock. After lock has been acquired, the Hysteresis setting (columns 3 through 10) determines, in conjunction with the Lock setting, the percentage difference between the PLL and reference clock/data above which lock is lost. In other words, *acquisition of lock* is based on the Lock setting without hysteresis (a Hysteresis setting of 000); *loss of lock* is based on the Lock setting extended by the amount of additional frequency divergence (hysteresis) that is tolerated.

*Example:*

Lock setting = 101

Hysteresis setting = 011

Referring to **Table 4-6**, lock is acquired when the PLL and the reference clock/data frequencies differ from each other by 0.781% or less. The acquired lock is lost when the PLL and the reference clock/data frequencies differ from each other by 6.25% or more.

In selecting the calibration and normal operation lock and hysteresis settings, always set the normal operation ranges tighter than the calibration ranges.

**Table 4-6: PLL/Data Frequency Divergence as a Function of Lock and Hysteresis**

		Hysteresis							
Lock	Counter	000 (±4)	001 (±8)	010 (±16)	011 (±32)	100 (±64)	101 (±128)	110 (±256)	111 (±512)
<b>000</b>	16,384	0.024%	0.049%	0.098%	0.195%	0.391%	0.781%	1.563%	3.125%
<b>001</b>	8,192	0.049%	0.098%	0.195%	0.391%	0.781%	1.563%	3.125%	6.250%
<b>010</b>	4,096	0.098%	0.195%	0.391%	0.781%	1.563%	3.125%	6.250%	12.50%
<b>011</b>	2,048	0.195%	0.391%	0.781%	1.563%	3.125%	6.250%	12.50%	25%
<b>100</b>	1,024	0.391%	0.781%	1.563%	3.125%	6.250%	12.50%	25%	50%
<b>101</b>	512	0.781%	1.563%	3.125%	6.250%	12.50%	25%	50%	100%
<b>110</b>	256	1.563%	3.125%	6.250%	12.50%	25%	50%	100%	Disable Lock=0
<b>111</b>	128	3.125%	6.250%	12.50%	25%	50%	100%	Disable Lock=1	Disable Lock=0

## POWERDOWN

POWERDOWN, RXPD, and TXPD are used to reduce power. [Table 4-7](#) through [Table 4-9](#) show the definitions of POWERDOWN, RXPD, and TXPD.

**Table 4-7: RocketIO Transceiver Power Control Description**

POWERDOWN	Function
0	PCS and PMA function normally.
1	PCS is in power down mode.

POWERDOWN is a single-bit primitive port (see [Table 1-7, page 47](#)) that allows shutting off the MGT in case it is not needed for the design or is not transmitting or receiving for a long period of time. When POWERDOWN is asserted, the PCS does not use any power. The PCS clocks are disabled and do not propagate through the core. During POWERDOWN, the current to TXP/TXN is turned off. The 50Ω connection to V<sub>TTX</sub> is always connected, creating the termination value. Any given MGT that is *not* instantiated in the design is automatically set to the POWERDOWN state by the Xilinx ISE® development software and consumes no power.

**Table 4-8: PMA Receiver Power Control Description**

RXPD	Function
TRUE	Powerdown the receiver.
FALSE	Normal receiver operation.

**Table 4-9: PMA Power Control Description**

<b>TXPD</b>	<b>Function</b>
TRUE	Powerdown the transmitter.
FALSE	Normal transmitter operation.

**Table 4-10** summarizes the attributes that power down the various TX PMA blocks. When one of the listed attributes is asserted TRUE, the indicated TX PMA block(s) are powered down.

**Table 4-10: Power-Down of TX PMA Blocks**

<b>Attribute</b>	<b>TX PMA Block</b>		
	<b>TX Shared PLL</b>	<b>TX Data Path (MGTA)</b>	<b>TX Data Path (MGTB)</b>
TXABREFCLKPD	Powered down	Powered down	Powered down
TXAPD	Powered down		
TXPD (A side)		Powered down	
TXPD (B side)			Powered down

## RXDCCOUPLE

The attribute RXDCCOUPLE determines internal AC coupling. If set to TRUE, the internal AC coupling is bypassed. If set to FALSE, the internal AC coupling is enabled. The different coupling options are shown in [Chapter 6, “Analog and Board Design Considerations.”](#)

## RXPD

This attribute shuts off the clocks to the receiver to save power. This does not affect the PLL.

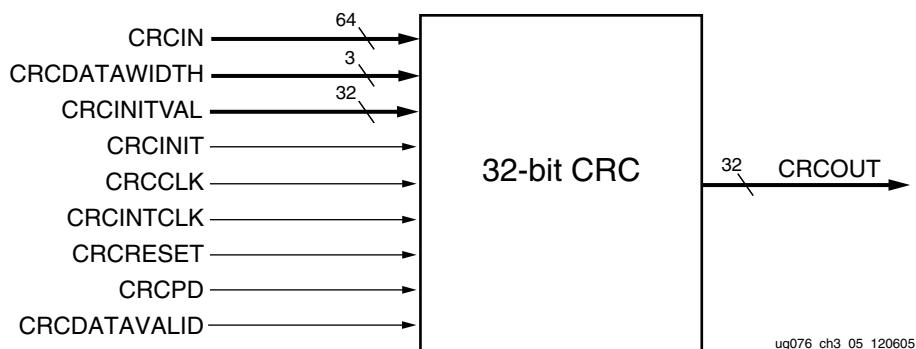
## TXPD

This attribute shuts off the clocks to the transmitter to save power. This does not affect the PLL.

# *Cyclic Redundancy Check (CRC)*

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Each RocketIO MGT has two 32-bit CRC blocks. The input data path width can be 1 to 8 bytes and can be changed on each clock cycle to allow the computation of a CRC of any data length. The CRC initial value is set with the attribute RXCRCINITVAL, or the Dynamic Reconfiguration Port. [Figure 5-1](#) shows the basic concept of the 32-bit CRC block. [Table 5-1](#) shows the ports and attributes associated with the 32-bit CRC block.



*Figure 5-1: 32-bit CRC Inputs and Outputs*

*Table 5-1: Ports for the RX and TX CRC Blocks*

Port	I/O	Port Size	Function
RXCRCCLK	I	1	Receiver CRC logic clock.
RXCRCVALID	I	1	Signals that the RXCRCIN data is valid when set to logic 1.
RXCRCWIDTH	I	3	Determines the data width of the RXCRCIN.
RXCRCIN	I	64	Receiver CRC logic input data. See <a href="#">Table 5-4</a> for data width and active data bus bits with RXDATA mapping.
RXCRCINIT	I	1	Initial value that the RX CRC uses to start the CRC calculation.
RXCRCINTCLK	I	1	Receiver CRC/FPGA fabric interface clock.
RXCRCOUT	O	32	Receiver CRC output data. This bus must be inverted to obtain the valid CRC value.
RXCRCPD	I	1	Powers down RX CRC Logic when set to logic 1.
RXCRCRESET	I	1	Resets the RX CRC logic when set to logic 1.
TXCRCCLK	I	1	Transmitter CRC logic clock.

**Table 5-1: Ports for the RX and TX CRC Blocks (Continued)**

Port	I/O	Port Size	Function
TXCRCDATAVALID	I	1	Signals that the TXCRCIN data is valid when set to logic 1.
TXCRCDATAWIDTH	I	3	Determines the data width of the TXCRCIN.
TXCRCIN	I	64	Transmitter CRC logic input data.
TXCRCINIT	I	1	Initial value that the TX CRC uses to start the CRC calculation. See <a href="#">Table 5-4</a> for data width and active data bus bits with RXDATA mapping.
TXCRCINTCLK	I	1	Transmitter CRC/FPGA fabric interface clock.
TXCRCOUT		32	Transmitter CRC output data. This bus must be inverted to obtain the valid CRC value.
TXCRCPD	I	1	Powers down TX CRC Logic when set to a logic 1.
TXCRCRESET	I	1	Resets the TX CRC logic when set to a logic 1.

**Table 5-2: CRC Attributes**

Attribute	Function			
		Sets the receiver CRC initial value. This must be defined for each protocol that uses 32-bit CRC:		
RXCRCINITVAL	Protocol	Default	Init Value	
	Ethernet	32'h 0000 0000	32'h FFFF FFFF	
	PCI Express			
	Infiniband			
	Fibre Channel			
	Serial ATA		32'h 5232 5032	
	RapidIO <sup>(1)</sup>		N/A	
RXCRCCLKDOUBLE	Allows ratio of 2:1 for RXCRCCLK and RXCRCINTCLK.			
RXCRC SAME CLOCK	TRUE/FALSE. Select single clock mode for RX CRC.			
	<p>TRUE: the fabric interface clock rate is the same as the internal clock rate (RXCRCLOCKDOUBLE is FALSE); the CRC fabric interface and internal logic are being clocked using RXCRCINTCLK. This attribute is typically set to TRUE when RXCRCLOCKDOUBLE is set to FALSE.</p> <p>FALSE: the clocks are being supplied to both the RXCRCCLK and RXCRCINTCLK ports.</p> <p>See <a href="#">Chapter 5, “Cyclic Redundancy Check (CRC),”</a> for details.</p>			
RXCRCENABLE	Enables the RX CRC block. Default = FALSE. User must assert TRUE in the design to enable CRC.			
RXCRCINVERTGEN	FALSE/TRUE. Inverts the receiver CRC clock.			
	<p>FALSE = CRC clock not inverted (default)</p> <p>TRUE = CRC clock inverted. During normal operation this should always be set to FALSE.</p>			

Table 5-2: CRC Attributes (Continued)

Attribute	Function		
TXCRCINITVAL	Sets the transmitter CRC initial value. This must be defined for each protocol that uses 32-bit CRC:		
	Protocol	Default	Init Value
	Ethernet	32'h 0000 0000	32'h FFFF FFFF
	PCI-Express		
	Infiniband		
	Fibre Channel		
	Serial ATA		32'h 5232 5032
	RapidIO <sup>(1)</sup>		N/A
TXCRCCLKDOUBLE	Allows ratio of 2:1 for TXCRCCLK and TXCRCINTCLK.		
TXCRCSAMECLOCK	TRUE/FALSE. Select single clock mode for TX CRC.  TRUE: the fabric interface clock rate is the same as the internal clock rate (TXCRCLOCKDOUBLE is FALSE); the CRC fabric interface and internal logic are being clocked using TXCRCINTCLK. This attribute is typically set to TRUE when TXCRCLOCKDOUBLE is set to FALSE.  FALSE: the clocks are being supplied to both the TXCRCCLK and TXCRCINTCLK ports.  See <a href="#">Chapter 5, “Cyclic Redundancy Check (CRC),”</a> for details.		
TXCRCENABLE	Enables the TX CRC block. Default = FALSE. User must assert TRUE in the design to enable CRC.		
TXCRCINVERTGEN	FALSE/TRUE. Inverts the transmitter CRC clock.  FALSE = CRC clock not inverted (default)  TRUE = CRC clock inverted. During normal operation this should always be set to FALSE.		
<b>Notes:</b>			
1. RapidIO uses a 16-bit CRC, which cannot be generated or checked using the MGT's CRC-32 block.			

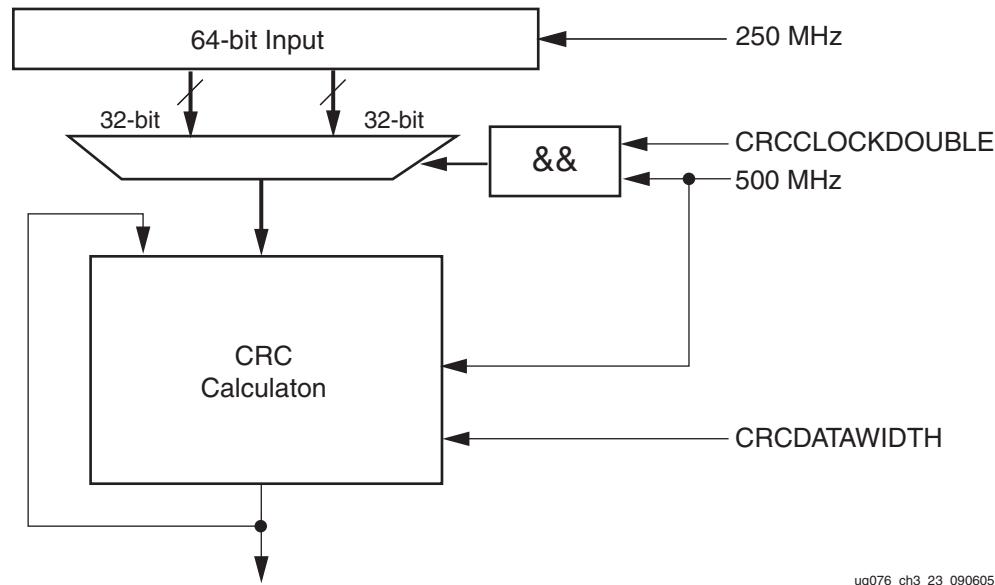
## Functionality

The 32-bit CRC block is a CRC generator using the following polynomial:

$$G(x) = x^{32} + x^{26} + x^{23} + x^{22} + x^{16} + x^{12} + x^{11} + x^{10} + x^8 + x^7 + x^5 + x^4 + x^2 + x + 1.$$

An important feature of the block is its ability to work at twice the speed of RX/TXCRCINTCLK when the fabric data width is twice the internal data width, as shown in [Figure 5-2](#). When the attribute RXCRCCLKDOUBLE / TXCRCCLKDOUBLE is set to TRUE, the ratio between RXCRCINTCLK / TXCRCINTCLK and RXCRCCLK / TXCRCCLK frequencies is 1:2. The maximum interface data width is 64 bits. This allows a maximum supported data rate of 16 Gb/s at 64-bit RXCRCIN / TXCRCIN data width, with RXCRCINTCLK / TXCRCINTCLK and RXCRCCLK / TXCRCCLK at 250 MHz and 500 MHz respectively. See [Table 5-3](#) for all possible combinations of clock frequency and data widths. Data widths supported, shown in [Table 5-4](#), are 8, 16, 24, 32, 40, 48, 56, and 64 bits. The data width can be changed by CRCDATAWIDTH at any time to support change in data rate and end-of-packet residue. (Packet length is assumed to be a multiple of bytes.)

For the different data widths, Data In is always left-aligned within the 64-bit input data interface. For example, using a 32-bit data width would indicate data is transmitted on a Data In bit range 63 to 32. See [Table 5-4](#) for all combinations of the data width field and used Data In bits with their respective RXDATA mapping.



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*Figure 5-2: 64-Bit to 32-Bit Core Interface*

*Table 5-3: Examples of Data Rates for CRC Calculation<sup>(1)</sup>*

Data Width	CRCINTCLK	CRCCLK <sup>(3)</sup>	Data Rate	Remarks
64-bit	250 MHz	500 MHz	16 Gb/s	Max rate for CRC
56-bit	250 MHz	500 MHz	14 Gb/s	Max rate at 56-bit
48-bit	250 MHz	500 MHz	12 Gb/s	Max rate at 48-bit
40-bit	250 MHz	500 MHz	10 Gb/s	Max rate at 40-bit
32-bit	500 MHz <sup>(2)</sup>	500 MHz	16 Gb/s	Max rate for CRC
24-bit	500 MHz <sup>(2)</sup>	500 MHz	12 Gb/s	Max rate at 24-bit
16-bit	500 MHz <sup>(2)</sup>	500 MHz	8 Gb/s	Max rate at 16-bit
8-bit	500 MHz <sup>(2)</sup>	500 MHz	4 Gb/s	Max rate at 8-bit
32-bit	250 MHz	250 MHz	8 Gb/s	
24-bit	250 MHz	250 MHz	6 Gb/s	
16-bit	250 MHz	250 MHz	4 Gb/s	
8-bit	250 MHz	250 MHz	2 Gb/s	

#### Notes:

1. Other data rates can be achieved by changing the frequencies of operation and effective data widths.
2. The maximum speed of these configurations is determined by the fabric speed. The maximum speed is typically about 350 MHz.
3. The maximum frequency is speed-grade specific.

**Table 5-4: Data Width and Active Data Bus Bits with RXDATA Mapping**

<b>CRCWIDTH</b>	<b>Data Width</b>	<b>Active CRC Data Bus Bits</b>	<b>RXDATA Mapping</b>
000	8-bit input	TX/RXCRCIN[63:56]	RXDATA[7:0]
001	16-bit input	TX/RXCRCIN[63:48]	RXDATA[15:0]
010	24-bit input	TX/RXCRCIN[63:40]	RXDATA[23:0]
011	32-bit input	TX/RXCRCIN[63:32]	RXDATA[31:0]
100	40-bit input	TX/RXCRCIN[63:24]	RXDATA[39:0]
101	48-bit input	TX/RXCRCIN[63:16]	RXDATA[47:0]
110	56-bit input	TX/RXCRCIN[63:8]	RXDATA[55:0]
111	64-bit input	TX/RXCRCIN[63:0]	RXDATA[63:0]

## Handling End-of-Packet Residue

If the data width changes, as in the case of end-of-packet residue (shown in [Figure 5-3](#)), the CRCWIDTH must be changed to correspond to the actual data transmitted into the interface. Zeros put in as the unused data bits are interpreted as data, and the final CRC result is therefore different. The output of the CRC is continuously transmitted to the fabric to deliver the CRC value for both the transmitter and the receiver 32-bit CRC blocks.

No data valid check is done. This must be done in the fabric to check the validity of the received packets. CRC is identical for both the transmitter and receiver operation. All intermediate CRC values are correct. All values are observable for data width less than or equal to 32 bits, but not for data width greater than 32 bits.

The user must do the necessary input and output manipulation that is required by the different standards. For that purpose, the CRC data input for bit 63 is MSB and bit 0 is the LSB, and for the CRC output bit 31 is MSB and bit 0 is the LSB.

The attribute CRCINITVAL is used to initialize the CRC value for the beginning of CRC calculations; the default value is 0. CRCINIT is set to a logic 1 for one CRCINTCLK and is used to initialize the CRC with the CRCINITVAL at the beginning of each CRC calculation for every packet. CRCDATAVALID indicates the data on the CRCIN bus is valid. Disabling this input would keep the latest computed value of CRC output as long as it is disabled. Enabling it again would resume CRC computation. This is shown in [Figure 5-3](#).

## Latency and Timing

The latency between the CRC and the corresponding CRCOUT is four cycles when CRCCLOCKDOUBLE = FALSE, and three cycles when CRCCLOCKDOUBLE = TRUE. CRCs can be calculated for back-to-back packets when CRCSAMECLOCK = TRUE; otherwise, packets must be separated by an idle cycle. Both the CRCDATAVALID and CRCINIT are used to initialize the CRC for new packet calculations.

[Figure 5-3](#), [Figure 5-4](#), and [Figure 5-5](#) show the timing of all the ports for the 32-bit CRC block for a 64-bit interface, a 32-bit interface, and for a CRC with a residue.

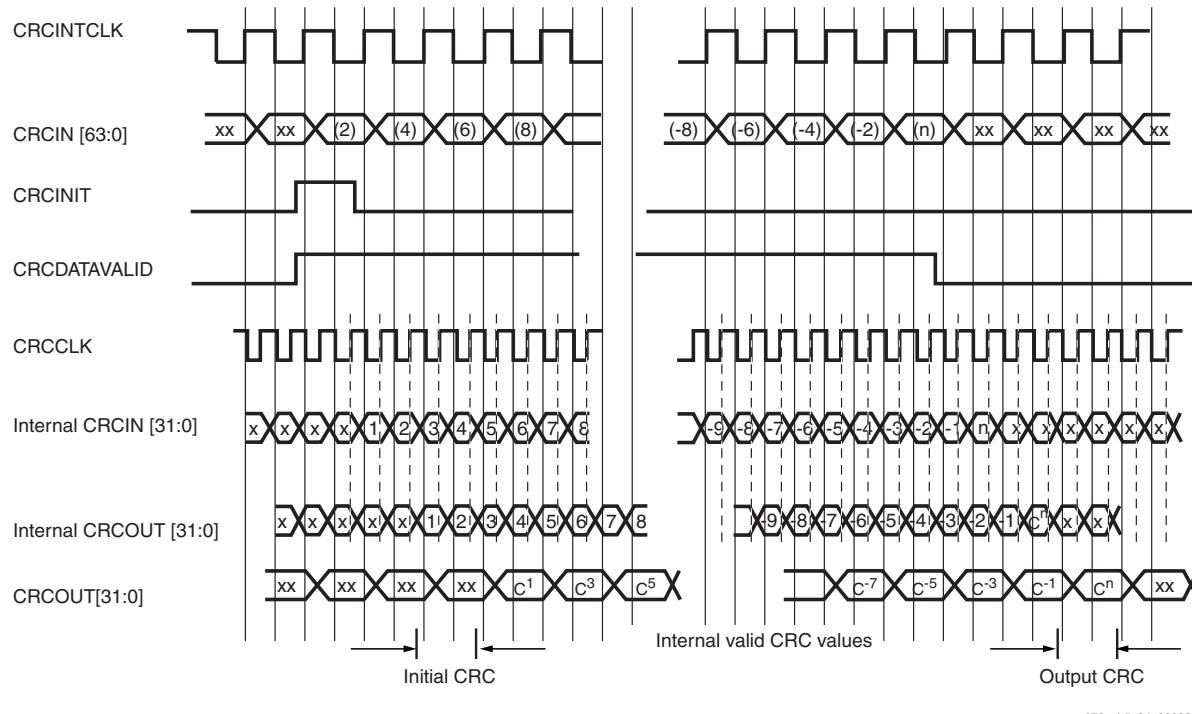
The CRC wakeup time is two CRCCLK clock cycles if the CRC powerdown is asynchronously asserted and deasserted with the CRCINTCLK. The CRC wakeup time is one CRCCLK clock cycle if the CRC powerdown is synchronously asserted and deasserted with the CRCINTCLK.

After wakeup of the CRC, CRCRESET has to be asserted for at least two CRCCLK clock cycles. When CRCRESET is deasserted, the user should wait two CRCCLK clock cycles before starting data transfer. CRCRESET is asynchronous.

When CRCRESET is asserted, it kills the pipeline immediately. CRCOUT and the internal initialization value are set to all zeroes. Hence, the user has to assert CRCINIT with CRCDATAVALID to obtain the correct CRCOUT.

## 64-Bit Example

Notice that valid CRCOUT data only occurs at the 64-bit word boundary clocked by CRCINTCLK, although internally all the CRC values at the 32-bit boundary are clocked by CRCCLK.



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Figure 5-3: Max Data Rate Example (64-Bit)

## 32-Bit Example

CRCINTCLK and CRCCLK data are the same rate internally. The CRCOUT rate is always the same as the CRCIN rate. This is shown in [Figure 5-4](#).

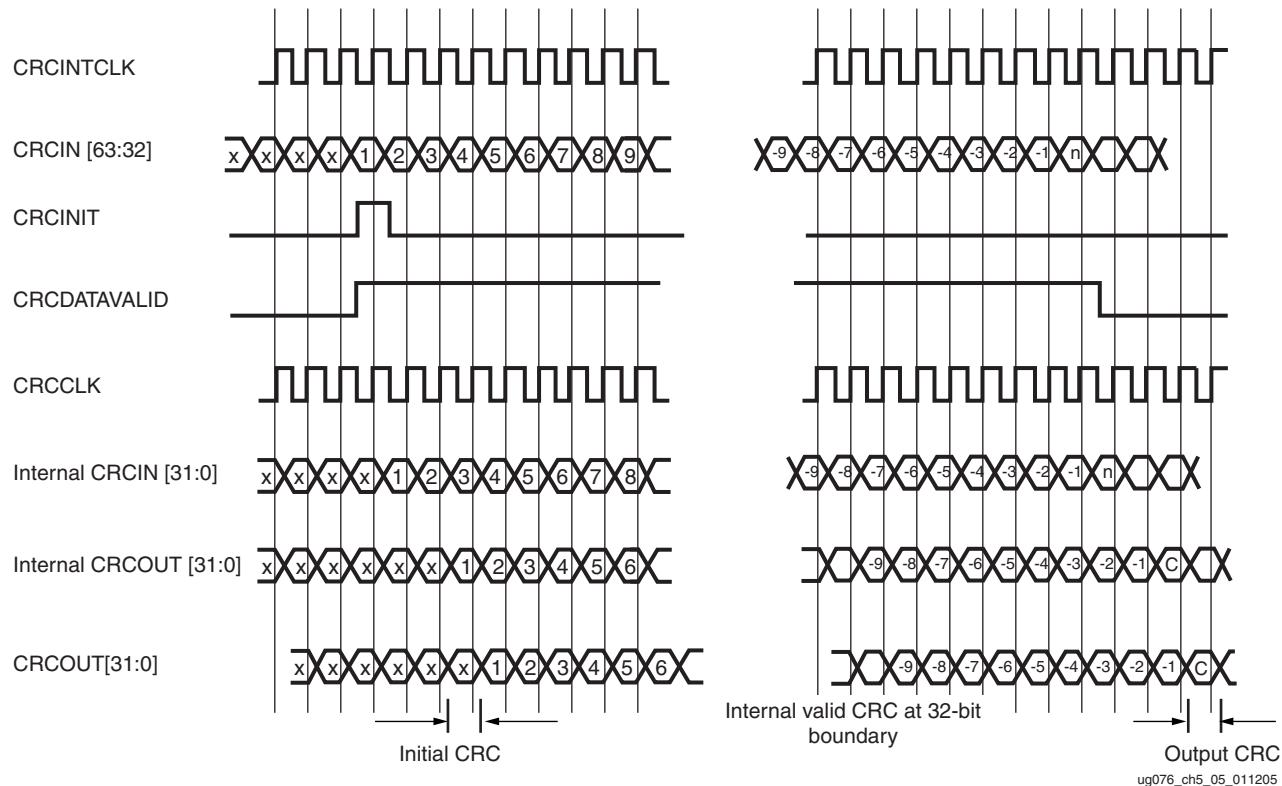
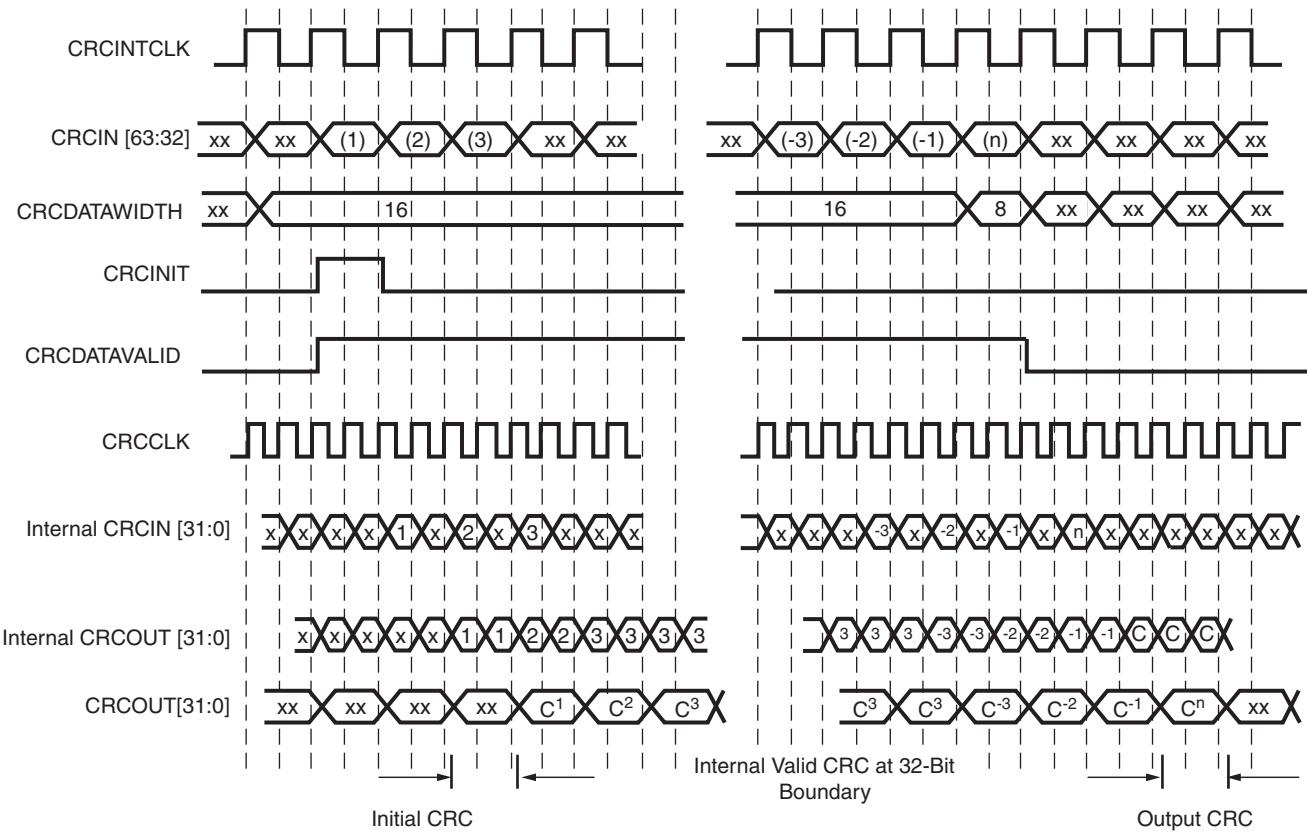


Figure 5-4: Max Data Rate Example (32-Bit)

## 16-Bit Transmission, Hold CRC, and Residue of 8-Bit Example

In this example (Figure 5-5), data is 16 bits wide and the method for holding the CRCOUT value is shown. This example also illustrates a different residue data width. Notice that the internal data is used when there is correct data and is *don't care* otherwise. The internal CRC is the same for two consecutive CRCCLK cycles. CRCOUT is updated as always according to the interface clock. Packet length in bits must be an integer multiple of an 8-bit word.

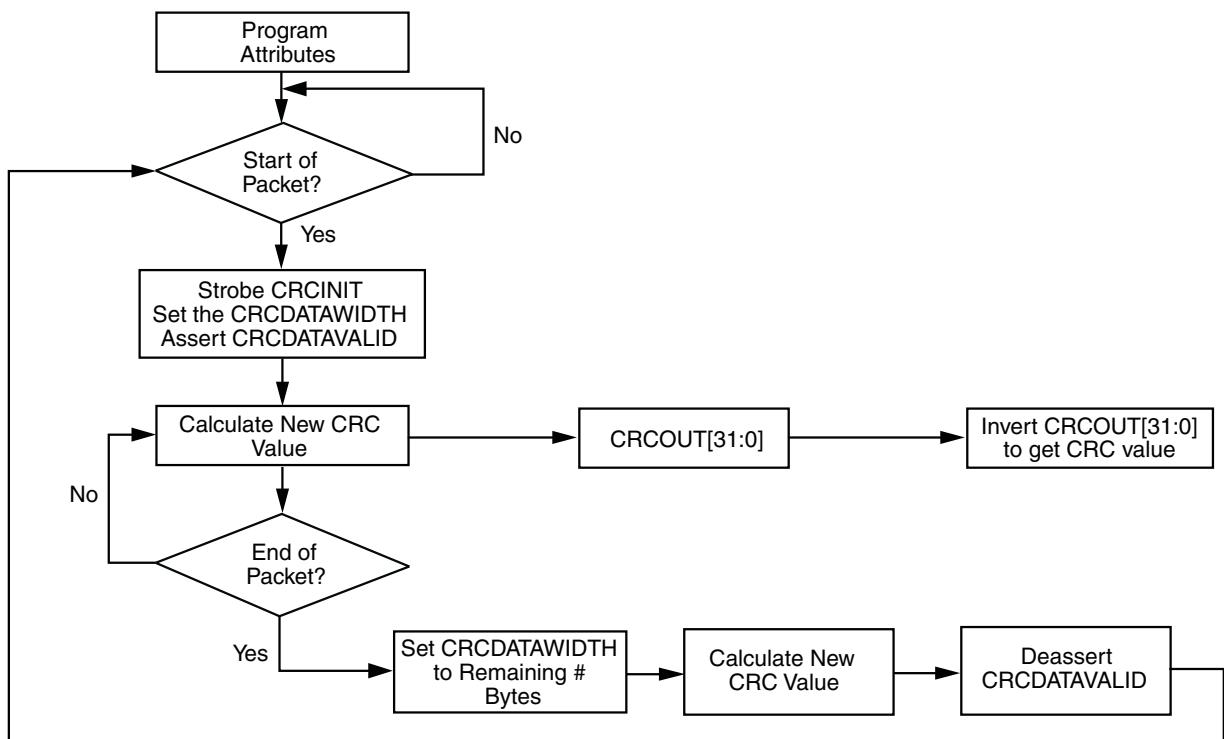


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Figure 5-5: 16-Bit Transmission, Hold CRC, and Residue of 8-Bit Example

## Implementation

The MGT CRC blocks do not recognize start-of-frame (SOF/SOP) and end-of-frame (EOF/EOP), nor do they decode CRC error conditions; this functionality must be implemented in the FPGA fabric. Figure 5-6 shows a state machine that generates the CRC value for a packet using the CRC block.



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Figure 5-6: CRC Generation Diagram



# Analog and Board Design Considerations

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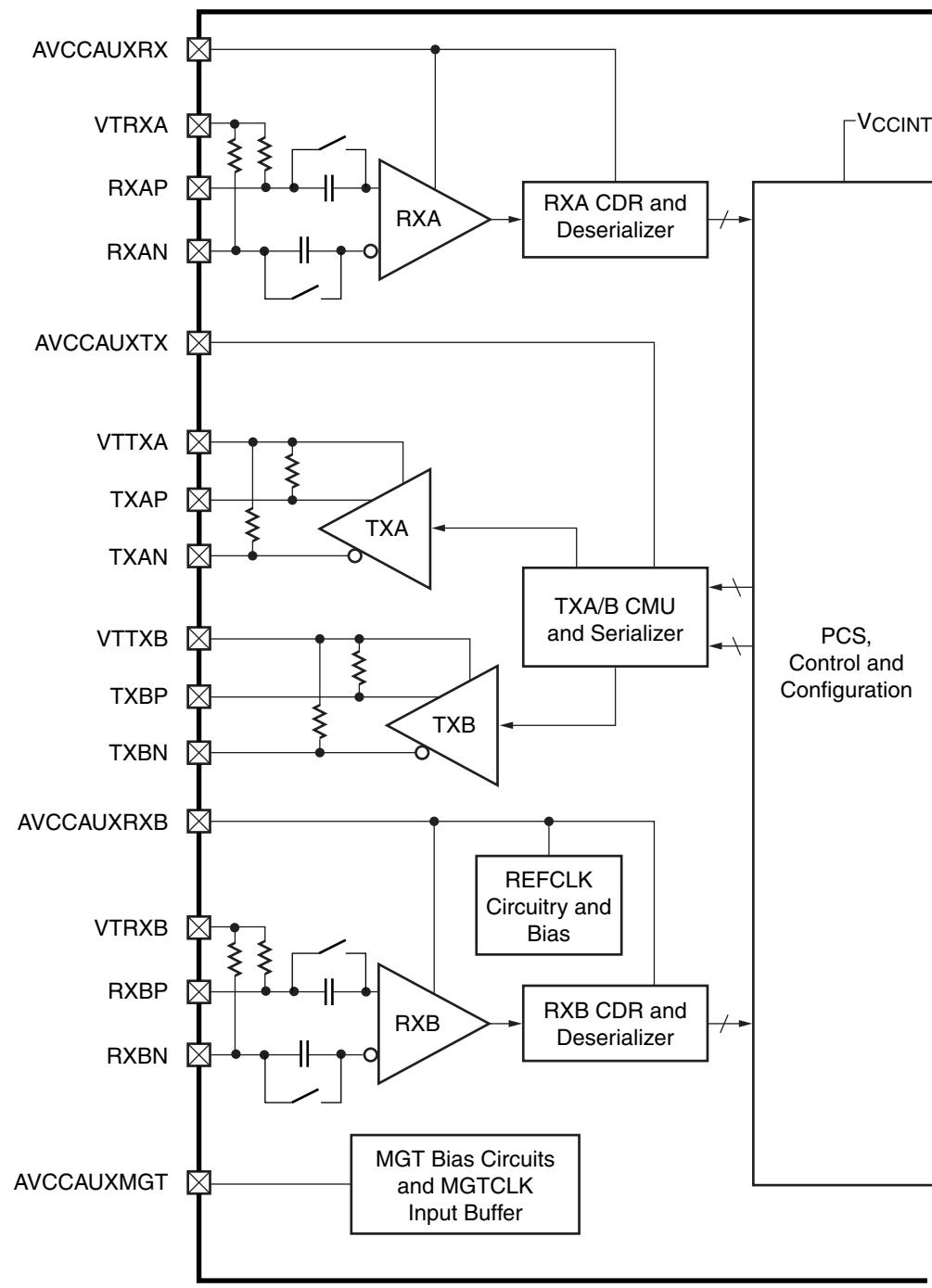
## Physical Requirements

To ensure reliable operation of the Virtex®-4 RocketIO™ MGT, the designer must meet certain requirements. This section outlines the requirements for power filtering networks, reference, and high-speed differential clock signal traces. Designs that do not adhere to these requirements are not supported by Xilinx, Inc.

### Power Conditioning

Each MGT has five power supply pins (AVCCAUXTX is shared between two MGTs in a tile), all of which are sensitive to noise. The *Virtex-4 Data Sheet* specifies the power supply pins and power requirements. [Figure 6-1](#) shows the block diagram of the MGT power system within each tile.

To operate properly, MGTs require a certain level of noise isolation from surrounding noise sources. For this reason, it is required that both dedicated voltage regulators and passive high-frequency filtering be used to power the MGT circuitry.



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Figure 6-1: MGT Tile Power and Serial I/O Pins

## Power Supply Requirements

The *Virtex-4 Data Sheet* should be used for power consumption specifications for an MGT tile.

### Determining Power Supply Budget

Due to the shared transmitter resources, a current consumption budget must be based on the number of tiles and single transmitters used. Current draw depends on VCO and data rate. A conservative estimate always uses maximum current draw specifications obtained from the *Virtex-4 Data Sheet*, Table 3 and Table 4, at a data and/or VCO rate equal to or greater than the operating data rate. [Equation 6-1](#) through [Equation 6-3](#) calculate current consumption:

$$\text{AVCCAUXTX Current Consumption} = [I_{\text{CCAUXTX}[\text{MAX}]} \times M] + [0.7 \times T \times I_{\text{CCAUXTX}[\text{MAX}]}] + [I_{\text{CCAUXTX}[\text{POWERDOWN}]} \times Z] \quad \text{Equation 6-1}$$

$$\text{AVCCAUXRX Current Consumption} = [I_{\text{CCAUXRX}[\text{MAX}]} \times R] + [0.55 \times I_{\text{CCAUXRX}[\text{MAX}]} \times Q] + [0.45 \times I_{\text{CCAUXRX}[\text{MAX}]} \times S] + [I_{\text{CCAUXRX}[\text{POWERDOWN}]} \times (2N - R)] \quad \text{Equation 6-2}$$

$$\text{AVCCAUXMGT Current Consumption} = [I_{\text{CCAUXMGT}[\text{MAX}]} \times (N - Z)] + [I_{\text{CCAUXMGT}[\text{POWERDOWN}]} \times Z] \quad \text{Equation 6-3}$$

Where:

N = total available tiles (6 for the FX20, 10 for the FX100)

M = the number operating tiles that use both transmitters

T = the number of operating transmitters with a shared transmitter that is not operating

R = the number of operating tiles that use both receivers

Q = the number of operating MGTA receivers with an MGTB receiver in the same tile that is not operating

S = the number of operating MGTB receivers with an MGTA receiver in the same tile that is not operating

Z = the number of tiles in total power-down

$I_{\text{CCAUXTX}[\text{POWERDOWN}]} = I_{\text{CCAUXTX}[\text{QUIESCENT}]} / N$

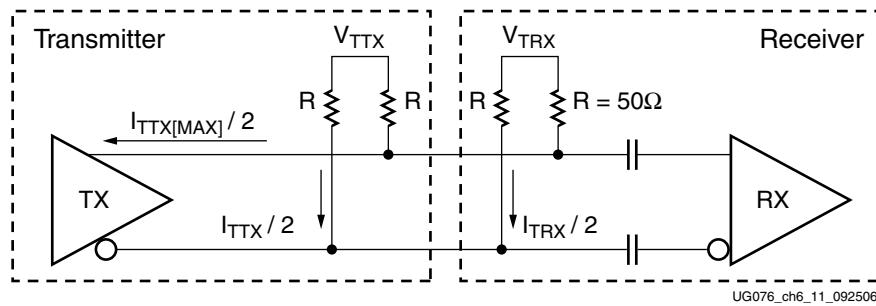
$I_{\text{CCAUXRX}[\text{POWERDOWN}]} = I_{\text{CCAUXRX}[\text{QUIESCENT}]} / N$

$I_{\text{CCAUXMGT}[\text{POWERDOWN}]} = I_{\text{CCAUXMGT}[\text{QUIESCENT}]} / N$

$I_{\text{TTX}[\text{OPEN_CIRCUIT}]} = I_{\text{TTX}[\text{QUIESCENT}]}$

$I_{\text{TRX}[\text{OPEN_CIRCUIT}]} = I_{\text{TRX}[\text{QUIESCENT}]}$

The current consumed by the  $V_{\text{TTX}}$  and  $V_{\text{TRX}}$  pins depends on the coupling scheme between the transmitter and receiver termination networks and their respective voltages. The preferred manner of connecting the transmitter and receiver is internal AC coupling with external DC coupling (see [Figure 6-2](#)). This requirement applies to applications in which a RocketIO transmitter or receiver is coupled to another RocketIO MGT or coupled to a transceiver from another vendor, provided the termination networks have a CML topology. [Equation 6-4](#) and [Equation 6-5](#) are valid only when  $V_{\text{TTX}}$  and  $V_{\text{TRX}}$  are equal.



**Figure 6-2: Internal Receiver AC Coupling with External DC Coupling between Transmitter and Receiver Terminations**

**Note:** Placing a Virtex-4 RocketIO MGT in power-down mode does not disconnect the termination network; current draw from the  $V_{TRX}$  and  $V_{TTX}$  pins continues to occur. Achieving open-circuit current draw from the RocketIO MGT requires the serial data input and output lines to be *completely disconnected from any circuits*.

$V_{TTX}$  Current Consumption when DC-coupled to a receiver with internal AC coupling and  $V_{TRX} = V_{TTX}$ :

$$[(2M + T) \times I_{TTX[MAX]/2}] + [I_{TTX[OPEN_CIRCUIT]} \times (2Z + T)] \quad \text{Equation 6-4}$$

$V_{TRX}$  Current Consumption when DC-coupled to a receiver with internal AC coupling and  $V_{TRX} = V_{TTX}$ :

$$[R \times I_{TTX[MAX]/2}] + [I_{TRX[OPEN_CIRCUIT]} \times (2N - R)] \quad \text{Equation 6-5}$$

Although not the preferred implementation, the transmitter and receiver can also be externally AC-coupled. When externally AC-coupled,  $V_{TTX}$  and  $V_{TRX}$  might be substantially different from each other without changing the current draw.

$V_{TTX}$  Current Consumption when externally AC-coupled to a receiver:

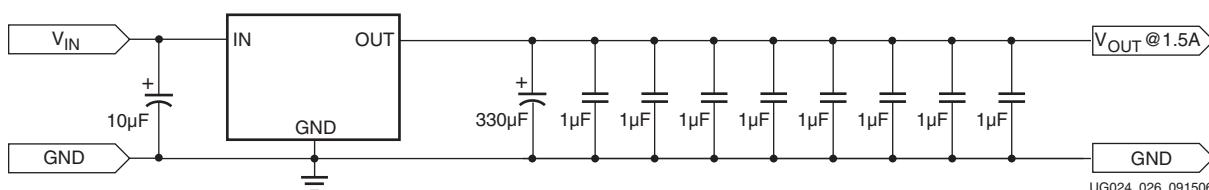
$$[(2M + T) \times I_{TTX[MAX]} + [I_{TTX[OPEN_CIRCUIT]} \times (2Z + T)] \quad \text{Equation 6-6}$$

$V_{TRX}$  Current Consumption when externally AC-coupled to a transmitter:

$$[2M \times I_{TRX[OPEN_CIRCUIT]}] \quad \text{Equation 6-7}$$

## Voltage Regulation

The MGT voltage regulator circuits must be isolated from other supplies (including FPGA supplies  $V_{CCINT}$ ,  $V_{CCO}$ , and  $V_{CCAUX}$ ). Voltage regulators can be shared among MGT power supplies of the same voltage; however, each supply pin must still have its own separate passive-filtering network as shown in Figure 6-4. The regulator filtering network must be used.



**Figure 6-3: Power Supply Circuit**

**Note:** Figure 6-3 shows the power supply circuit only. See Figure 6-4 for the MGT power filtering network. Figure 6-5 shows an example layout.

In most cases  $V_{TTX} = V_{TRX}$ , but receive termination voltage can be of any value in the range of 0V to 2.5V. In cases where the MGT is interfacing with a transceiver from another vendor, termination voltage can be dictated by the specifications of the other transceiver. In cases where the MGT is interfacing with another Xilinx MGT, a 1.5V termination voltage is recommended for largest signal amplitude for longer trace lengths. However,  $V_{TTX} = 1.2V$  can be used for shorter channels to simplify power supply circuits.

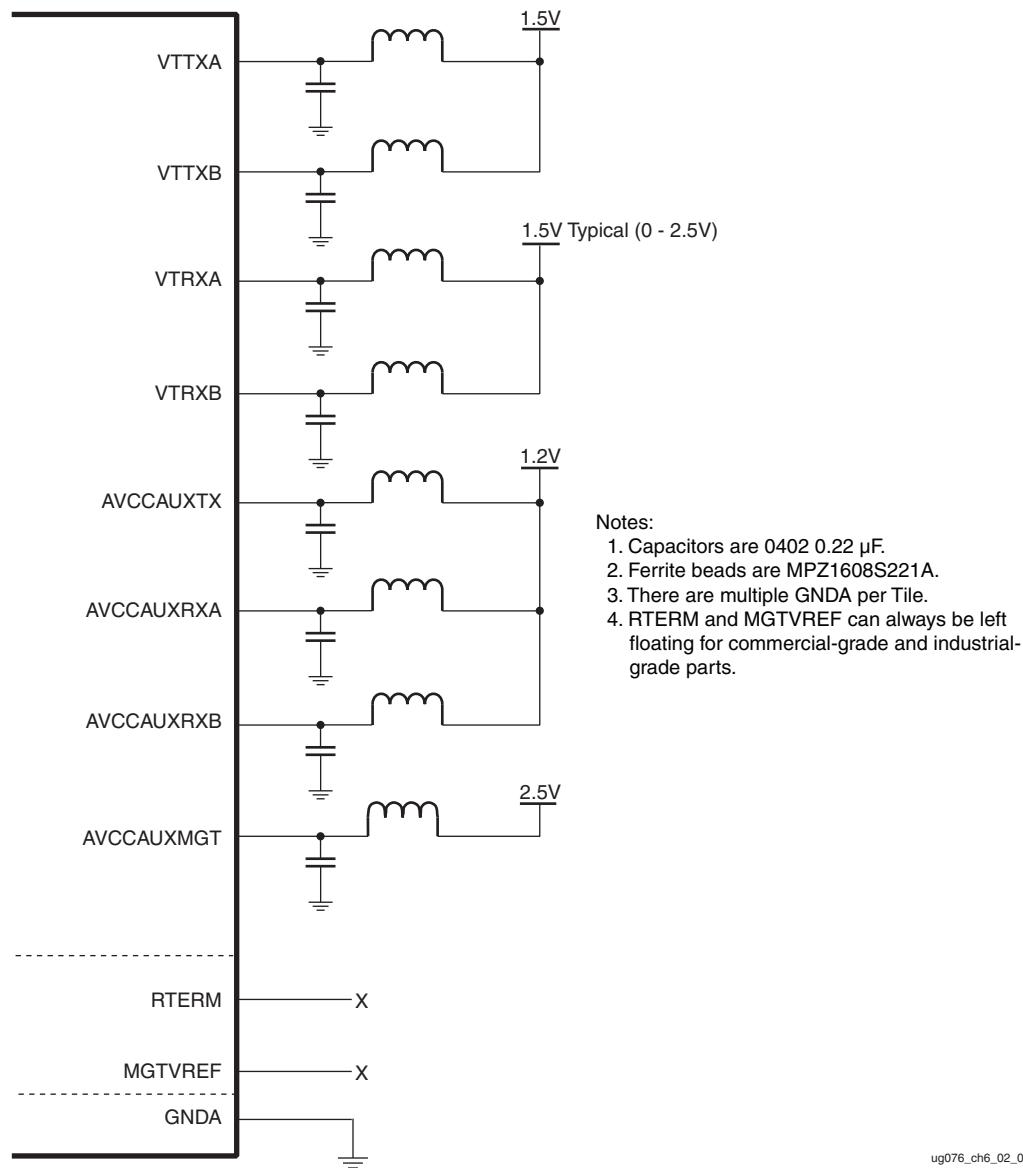


Figure 6-4: Power Filtering Network for One MGT Tile

**Note:** RTERM and MGTREF provide an external bias reference for each MGT column. By default, the internal bias reference is used. RTERM and MGTREF can always be left floating for commercial-grade and industrial-grade parts.

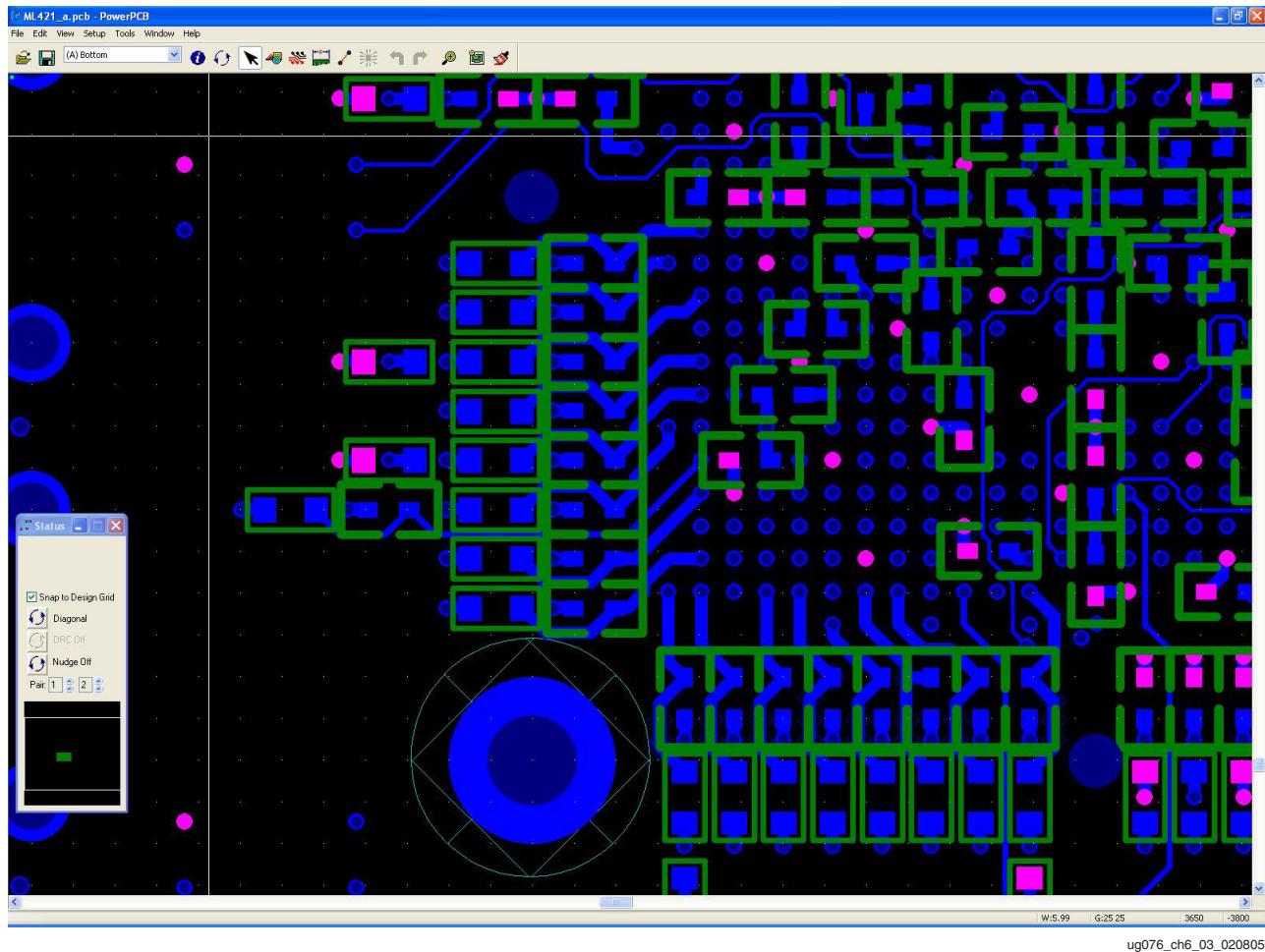


Figure 6-5: Layout for Power Filtering Network

## Powering Unused MGTs

**Important:** All MGTs in the FPGA, whether instantiated in the design or not, must be connected to power and ground. Unused MGTs should be connected as follows:

- AVCCAUXTX and AVCCAUXRX should be connected to 1.2V.
- $V_{TTX}$  and  $V_{TRX}$  should be connected to 1.2V (recommended). However,  $V_{TRX}$  can be left floating (unconnected).
- MGTCLK\_P\_\* / MGTCLK\_N\_\* should be tied to a differential zero (the \_N signal tied to 1.2V and the \_P signal tied to GND), or they can be left floating (unconnected).
- TXP/TXN and RXP/RXN pins can be left floating (unconnected).

Passive filtering of unused supply voltage pins is not required unless certain clock routing layouts make it necessary.

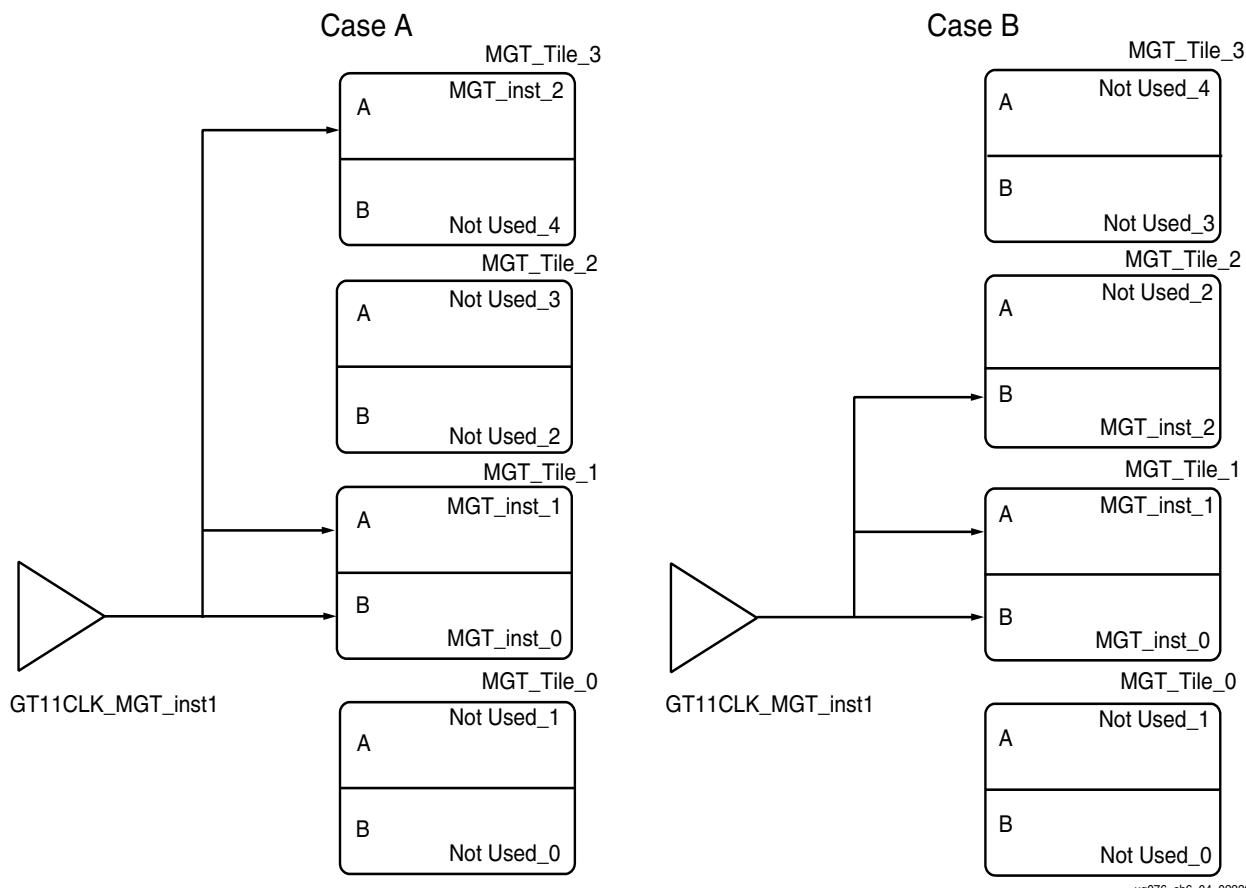
AVCCAUXMGT must always be powered to nominal 2.5V. Filtering must be used in any tile that uses a GT11CLK\_MGT or MGT, or when SYNCLK1/2 passes through that tile.

Since clocking resources for each MGT tile are powered from AVCCAUXRXB and AVCCAUXMGT, careful placement of used/unused MGTs must be observed to reduce the

number of power pins that must be filtered. Several conditions require that the power supply be filtered:

- The GT11CLK\_MGT of a tile is used.
- The SYNCLK1 or SYNCLK2 pass through a tile to reach another tile.

Figure 6-6 shows two scenarios of MGT utilization for an XC4VFX60-FF1152 device.



**Figure 6-6: Optimizing Filtering for an MGT Column**

**Note:** Figure 6-6 assumes that the dedicated GT11CLK\_MGT is used. For serial rates under 1 Gb/s, normal clock inputs can be used with appropriate termination circuitry.

Case A spreads the MGTs that are used among the column. In this case, the SYNCLK passes through MGT\_TILE\_2 to clock MGT\_inst\_2 at the top.

Case B (recommended) condenses the MGTs that are used around the utilized GT11CLK\_MGT\_inst. This case has no unused tiles with the clock passing through them, and this ultimately reduces the number of required filtering networks.

Table 6-1 and Table 6-2 show which AVCCAUXRXB and AVCCAUXMGT must be filtered for each case shown in Figure 6-6.

**Table 6-1: Case A Filtering Requirement**

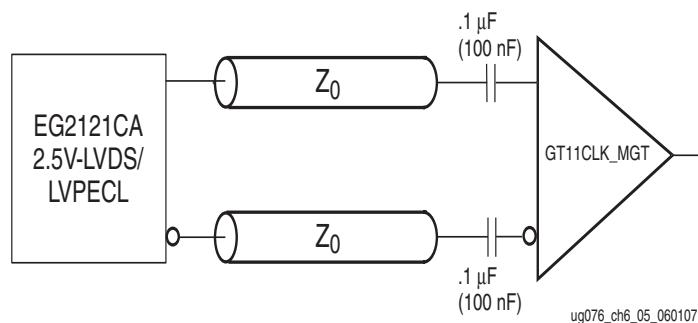
<b>Case A Instance Name</b>	<b>AVCCAUXRXB</b>	<b>AVCCAUXMGT</b>
MGT_inst_2	N/A	Filtering REQUIRED
not_used_4	Filtering REQUIRED	Filtering REQUIRED
not_used_3	N/A	Filtering REQUIRED
not_used_2	Filtering REQUIRED	Filtering REQUIRED
MGT_inst_1	N/A	Filtering REQUIRED
MGT_inst_0	Filtering REQUIRED	Filtering REQUIRED
not_used_1	N/A	Suggested but not required
not_used_0	Suggested but not required	Suggested but not required

**Table 6-2: Case B Filtering Requirement**

<b>Case B Instance Name</b>	<b>AVCCAUXRXB</b>	<b>AVCCAUXMGT</b>
not_used_4	N/A	Suggested but not required
not_used_3	Suggested but not required	Suggested but not required
not_used_2	N/A	Filtering REQUIRED
MGT_inst_2	Filtering REQUIRED	Filtering REQUIRED
MGT_inst_1	N/A	Filtering REQUIRED
MGT_inst_0	Filtering REQUIRED	Filtering REQUIRED
not_used_1	N/A	Suggested but not required
not_used_0	Suggested but not required	Suggested but not required

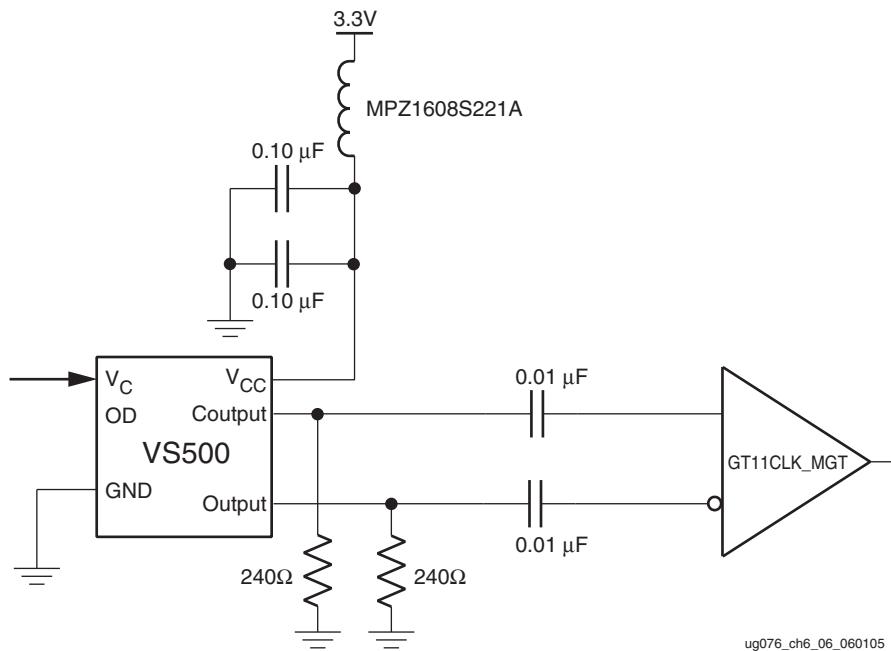
## Reference Clock

Because a high degree of accuracy is required from the reference clock, an EPSON EG2121CA 2.5V oscillator should be used. (Visit the [Epson Electronics America website](#) for detailed information about this device.) The circuit in [Figure 6-7](#) must be used to interface the LVDS or LVPECL outputs of the oscillator with the inputs of the transceiver reference clock.

**Figure 6-7: Reference Clock Oscillator Interface (Up to 400 MHz)**

The EG2121CA can be used for frequencies up to 400 MHz. For frequencies beyond 400 MHz, the EG2121CA must be replaced with the VS500, a Voltage-Controlled Saw Oscillator (VCSO). [Figure 6-8](#) illustrates the VCSO implementation. In addition to the filtered 3.3V supply voltage shown, the VCSO also requires a control voltage (not shown).

For details, refer to the [Vectron website](#). The termination resistors are provided inside the FPGA.

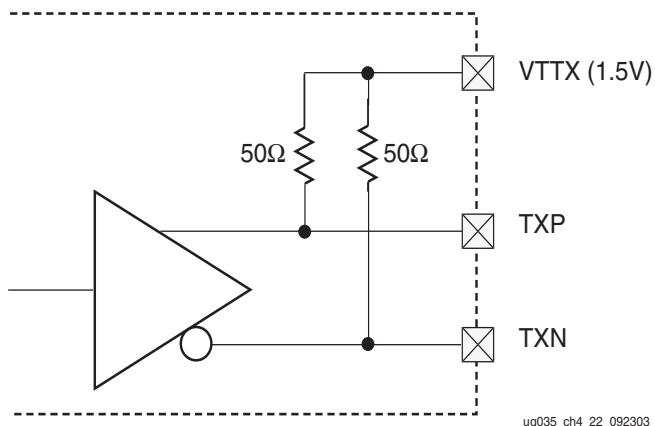


**Figure 6-8: Reference Clock VCSO**

AC coupling caps are required on the GT11CLK\_MGT or GT11CLK inputs. The common mode for these pins is biased internally.

## Termination

The MGT implements on-chip 50Ω termination in both the transmitter (TXP/TXN) and receiver (RXP/RXN). The output driver and termination are powered by V<sub>TTX</sub> at 1.5V. This configuration uses a CML approach with 50Ω to TXP and TXN ([Figure 6-9](#)).



**Figure 6-9: Transmit Termination**

The receiver termination supply (V<sub>TRX</sub>) is the center tap of differential termination to RXP and RXN, as shown in [Figure 6-10](#). This supports multiple termination styles, including

high side, low side, and differential (floating or active). This configuration supports receiver termination compatible to Virtex-II Pro RocketIO transceiver, using a CML (high-side) termination to an active supply of 1.8V – 2.5V. For DC coupling of two Virtex-4 devices or with a Virtex-II Pro X device, a 1.5V CML termination for  $V_{TRX}$  is recommended.

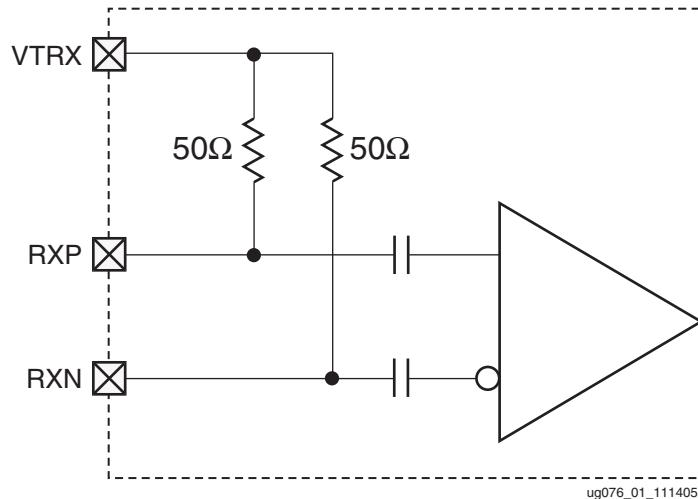


Figure 6-10: Simplified Receive Termination Diagram

## AC and DC Coupling

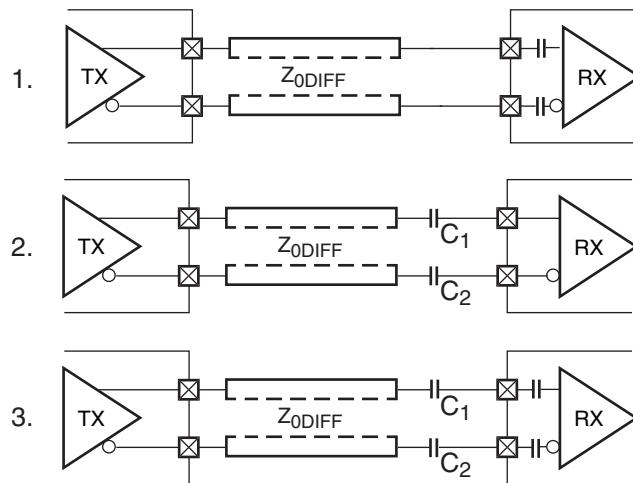
AC coupling (use of DC blocking capacitors in the signal path) should be used in cases where MGT differential voltages are compatible, but common mode voltages are not. Some designs require AC coupling to accommodate hot plug-in, differing power supply voltages at different MGTs, and/or the need to interface with other vendors' devices. This is illustrated in Figure 6-11. The MGT has on-chip AC coupling caps in the receiver after the receive termination, thus supporting a wide common mode input range (0.25V – 2.5V). For common mode voltages outside of this range, external AC coupling should be used.

Figure 6-11 shows the three possible configurations for AC coupling:

- On-chip AC coupling caps with  $V_{TTX} = V_{TRX} = 1.2V$  or  $1.5V$ .  $1.5V$  provides the largest signal amplitude for long trace lengths.  $1.2V$  can be used for shorter channels to simplify power supply circuits (preferred for Virtex-4 transceivers).
- External AC coupling caps are required when the receiver common-mode input is less than  $0V$  or greater than  $2.5V$ , or the single-ended peak voltage is greater than  $2.5V$ . In this scenario, there are two options for  $V_{TRX}$ :
  - ◆ The internal AC-coupling cap is enabled, and  $V_{TRX}$  can be set to a value of  $0V$  to  $2.5V$  (recommended).
  - ◆ The internal AC-coupling cap is bypassed, and  $V_{TRX}$  can be left floating.

Capacitors of value  $0.01\ \mu F$  in a 0402 package are suitable for AC coupling up to  $6.5\ \text{Gb/s}$  when  $8B/10B$  encoding is used. Different data rates and different encoding schemes can require a different value.

The on-chip AC coupling supports DC-balanced data for the entire range of data rates ( $622\ \text{Mb/s}$  –  $6.5\ \text{Gb/s}$ ). DC-balanced coding ensures that the coupling capacitor does not charge up or down, thus leaving the common mode voltage at an optimal value.

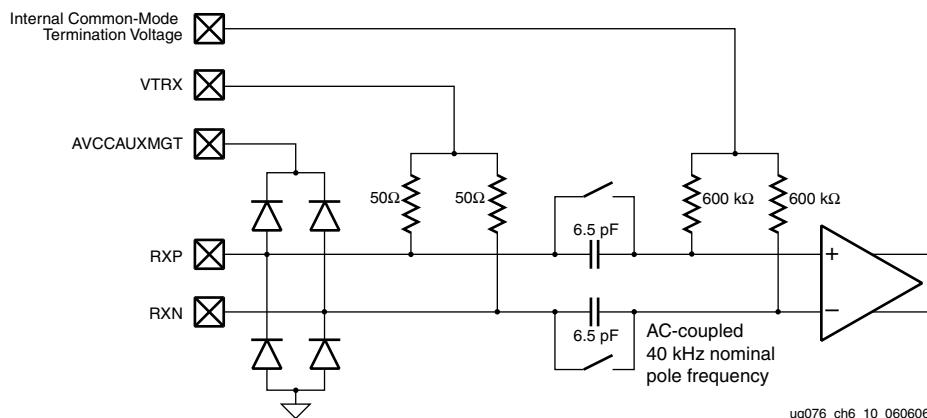


Note: When using an external capacitor on a Virtex-4 RocketIO transmitter, and  $V_{TTX} = V_{TRX}$ , one-third of the maximum differential signal swing is lost.

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**Figure 6-11: AC-Coupled Serial Link**

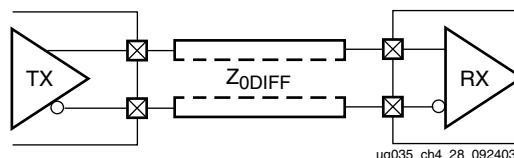
The internal AC coupling provides a high-pass filter with a corner frequency of 40.8 kHz. Figure 6-12 shows the capacitor value as 6.5 pF and the resistance as 600 k $\Omega$ . See the RXDCCOUPLE attribute in Chapter 4, “PMA Analog Design Considerations.”



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**Figure 6-12: AC Coupling Detail**

DC coupling (direct connection) should only be used when data is not DC-balanced and the common mode voltage of the input signal is  $0.8V \pm 20\%$ . In this case  $V_{TRX}$  can be left floating. The single-ended peak input voltage must also be greater than 0V and less than 2.5V. Passive components are not required when DC coupling is used. See Figure 6-13.



**Figure 6-13: DC-Coupled Serial Link**

## SelectIO-to-MGT Crosstalk

Since it is possible that MGT performance can degrade in an environment flooded with SelectIO™ activity, it is important to have guidelines for SelectIO usage which minimize the impact on MGT performance.

Although the Virtex-4 FX package itself exhibits little package-related crosstalk issues, the pinout of the device might lead to customer designs becoming susceptible to PCB-via-related crosstalk issues. The near proximity of SelectIO signals (aggressor) to MGT analog supplies (victim) results in their PCB via structures being placed in close proximity as well. This BGA adjacency and resulting via adjacency creates a via-coupling region between the SelectIO and the MGT analog supplies that is not accounted for by on-board power supply filtering. The amount of crosstalk voltage induced on the victim circuit by the aggressor circuit is equal to the rate of change of current in the aggressor times the mutual inductance shared between the two circuits. For an in-depth discussion on via crosstalk and calculations of mutual inductance for various via configurations, please refer to *High-Speed Signal Propagation: Advanced Black Magic* by Howard Johnson and Martin Graham. The sensitivity of the MGT analog supplies to coupled noise from the PCB results in a degradation of MGT performance. To minimize the impact on MGT performance, consider the following list of BGA adjacency guidelines:

- Avoid utilizing SelectIO nets 1.0 mm or 1.4 mm away from MGT analog power supply pins. Ground these SelectIO locations in the PCB, and set the SelectIO output to highest drive and a forced-Low setting.
- If these SelectIO outputs must be used, use them for static control/status signals, low-speed/low-drive, or differential signaling applications.
- If these SelectIO pins must be used for higher drive/higher speed applications, apply power to the MGT analog supplies with a plane or wide buses a few layers below the top of the board. Using a blind via to the MGT analog supplies is better than using a through via.
- If a through via to supply the MGT analog supply pins must be used, use an upper layer to supply analog power to these vias. Route SelectIO nets in the uppermost layer available after MGT signal and MGT analog supply routing is implemented.
- If supplying MGT power from the bottom of the board, route these SelectIO nets in the highest available routing layer.

The absolute worst-case scenario would be to supply MGT analog supplies from the bottom of the board and have all adjacent SelectIO outputs running at high drive/high speed and routed to lower routing layers. For more information, please refer to “[BGA Escape Example](#)” in the [BGA Escape Example section of Chapter 12](#) for information on escaping of SIO adjacent to MGT analog supply pins.

SelectIO having the largest impact on MGT performance are those whose solder balls are adjacent to MGT analog supply solder balls (BGA Adjacency) and those that have package core vias adjacent to analog supply package core vias (Core Via). [Table 6-3](#) through [Table 6-5](#) provide the RocketIO MGT user with pin-specific guidance recommendations to optimize MGT performance in the presence of SelectIO switching. Specifically, the tables identify those pins which are either 1.0 mm or 1.4 mm away from an MGT analog supply pin. If a pin is both 1.0 mm and 1.4 mm away from two different MGT analog supply pins, then it is only listed in the 1.0 mm column. In addition, the table also lists those pins which have package core vias which are adjacent to analog supply package core vias.

Table 6-3: SelectIO Pin Guidance for XC4VFX60/40/20-FF672

MGT Pair	1mm	1.4mm	Core Via		
			FX60	FX40	FX20
MGT_102	C23, C24, D24	C19, C21, C22	–	K20, K21	K20, L19
MGT_103	P24, U24, V24	J24, L24, N24, T24, W24	K22, M21	N21, P20, P21	–
MGT_105	AC24, AD23, AD24	W24, AA24, AB24	N21, P21, R21	U20, V21	R20
MGT_110	AD3, AD4, AD8	AC3, AD5, AD6, AD9	–	V6	–
MGT_112	P3, V3, AA3	N3, R3, W3, Y3, AC3	L5, M5	M5, N6	–
MGT_113	C4, D3, H3	C3, E3, F3, J3	G5	–	L7

**Notes:**

1. MGT\_103 and MGT\_112 only for XC4VFX40-FF672 and XC4VFX60-FF672

Table 6-4: SelectIO Pin Guidance for XC4VFX100/60/40-FF1152

MGT Pair	1mm	1.4mm	Core Via		
			FX100	FX60	FX40
MGT_101	C25, C28, C30	C22, C24, C27, C29	–	–	–
MGT_102	C32, J32, K32	E32, G32, H32	–	–	–
MGT_103	Y32, AC32, AE32	R32, U32, W32, AB32, AD32	–	–	–
MGT_105	AG32, AM31, AM32	AH32, AK32, AM30	–	–	–
MGT_106	AM22, AM25	AM21, AM23, AM26	–	AD26, AD27	–
MGT_109	AM7, AM10	AM6, AM8, AM11, AM13	–	–	–
MGT_110	AH3, AL3, AM3	AC3, AE3, AG3, AK3	–	–	–
MGT_112	N3, U3, Y3, AB3	M3, T3, V3, AA3, AC3	V8	–	–
MGT_113	C3, F3, G3	C5, C7, E3, H3	–	–	–
MGT_114	C8, C10, C13	C7, C9, C12, C14	–	–	–

**Notes:**

1. MGT\_101 and MGT\_114 only for XC4VFX100-FF1152
2. MGT\_106 and MGT\_109 only for XC4VFX60-FF1152 and XC4VFX100-FF1152
3. Pins in BOLD are no-connects for XC4VFX40-FF1152

Table 6-5: SelectIO Pin Guidance for XC4VFX140/100-FF1517

MGT Pair	1mm	1.4mm	Core Via	
			FX140	FX100
MGT_101	C29, C30	C23, C25, C27, C28	K31, L30, L31	-
MGT_102	C32, D37	C33, C35, E37	-	-
MGT_103	K37, P37, U37, V37	J37, N37, R37, W37	-	W30, AA29
MGT_104	AE37, AH37, AJ37	Y37, AB37, AD37, AG37, AK37	-	-
MGT_105	AM37, AU36	AN37, AR37, AU35, AU36	-	AA29
MGT_106	AU25, AU30	AU23, AU26, AU31	-	-
MGT_109	AU10, AU15	AU11, AU16, AU17	-	-
MGT_110	AM3, AT3	AL3, AN3, AR3, AU5	-	AB10
MGT_111	AE3, AH3	Y3, AB3, AF3, AG3, AK3	-	-
MGT_112	K3, U3, V3	L3, N3, R3, T3	-	V9
MGT_113	C4, C8	C5, C7, C9, E3	P9	-
MGT_114	C10, C14, C18	C9, C12, C13, C15, C17	-	-

**Notes:**

1. MGT\_104 and MGT\_111 only for XC4VFX140-FF1517

## High-Speed Serial Trace Design

### Routing Serial Traces

Because JTAG is not available on serial I/O pins, all MGT I/Os are placed on the periphery of the BGA package to facilitate routing and inspection. The MGTs have a  $50\Omega$  output/input impedance. Controlled impedance traces should be used to connect the MGT to other compatible transceivers.

When routing a differential pair, the complementary traces must be matched in length to the closest tolerance feasible. Length mismatches produce common mode noise and radiation. Severe length mismatches produce jitter and unpredictable timing problems at the receiver. Signals propagate in FR4 PCB traces at approximately 180 ps per inch. The difference in trace length should be less than 50 mils to ensure a robust design at frequencies up to 3 Gb/s. For frequencies up to 6 Gb/s, a maximum difference in trace length of 10 mils is recommended. Use SI CAD tools to confirm these assumptions on specific board designs.

All signal traces must have an intact reference plane beneath them. Stripline and microstrip geometries can be used. The reference plane should extend no less than five trace widths to either side of the trace to ensure predictable transmission line behavior.

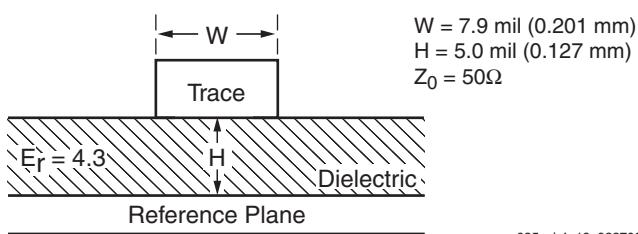
Routing of a differential pair is optimally done in a point-to-point fashion, ideally remaining on the same PCB routing layer. As vias represent an impedance discontinuity, layer-to-layer changes should be avoided wherever possible. It is acceptable to traverse the PCB stackup to reach the transmitter and receiver package pins. If serial traces must change layers, care must be taken to ensure an intact current return path. For this reason, high-speed serial traces should be routed on signal layers that share a reference plane. If both reference layers are DC-coupled (if they are both ground), they can be connected with vias close to where the signals change layers. Also, vias introduce stub effects when routing to internal layers. It is recommended that the entire via length be used by routing to outer layers. This becomes more important at higher data rates.

To control crosstalk, serial differential traces should be spaced at least five trace separation widths from all other PCB routes, including other serial pairs. A larger spacing is required if other PCB routes carry noisy signals, such as TTL and other similarly noisy standards.

The MGT is designed to function up to 6.5 Gb/s through more than 46 inches of FR4 with two high-bandwidth connectors. Longer trace lengths require use of a low-loss dielectric (for example, Rogers 4350 can essentially double the transmission distance compared to FR4). Longer traces are also supported at lower data rates; for example, data at 3.125 Gb/s can be transmitted reliably over much more than 46 inches of FR4 and two high-bandwidth connectors.

## Differential Trace Design

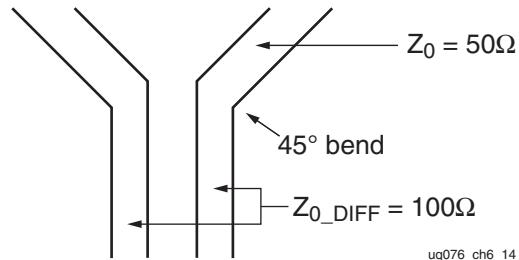
The characteristic impedance of a pair of differential traces depends not only on the individual trace dimensions, but also on the spacing between them. The MGTs require a  $100\Omega$  differential trace impedance. A field solver should be used to determine the exact trace geometry suited to the specific application (Figure 6-14). This task should not be left up to the PCB vendor. Differential impedance of traces on the finished PCB should be verified with Time Domain Reflectometry (TDR) measurements.



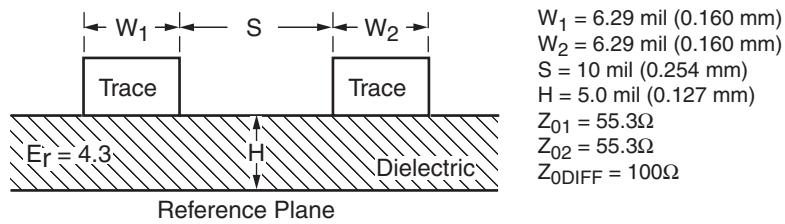
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**Figure 6-14: Single-Ended Trace Geometry**

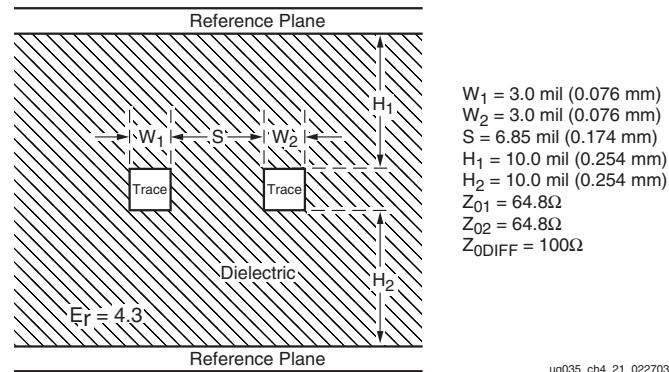
If it is necessary to separate the traces to connect to an AC coupling capacitor or connector, it can be helpful to modify the trace geometry in the vicinity of the obstacle (Figure 6-15) to correct for the impedance discontinuity (increase the individual trace width where trace separation occurs). Figure 6-16 and Figure 6-17 show examples of PCB geometries that result in  $100\Omega$  differential impedance.



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**Figure 6-15: Obstacle Route Geometry**

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**Figure 6-16: Microstrip Edge-Coupled Differential Pair**

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**Figure 6-17: Stripline Edge-Coupled Differential Pair**

# Simulation and Implementation

## Model Considerations

The RocketIO™ MGT SWIFT Model simulates the PLL in the same fashion as in the Virtex®-II Pro device. To save simulation time, the PLL locks much faster than in hardware.

The COMBUSIN/COMBUSOUT ports between each pair of MGTs sharing a tile must be connected. [Table 7-1](#) shows the required setting for GT11\_MODE. The RocketIO wizard can be used to automatically set GT11\_MODE, as well as instantiate and connect a second MGT when necessary.

*Table 7-1: GT11\_MODE Description*

Value	Description
SINGLE	Setting if only one MGT in the tile is used. (Other MGT to be set to DONT_CARE). It is suggested that the bottom MGT in a tile be used for this application. <b>NOTE:</b> It is recommended that either the A or B setting be used. The SINGLE setting is not recommended.
A	Setting when both MGTs in a tile are used. (This is the top MGT) = LOC = $X_x Y_{even+1}$
B	Setting when both MGTs in a tile are used. (This is the bottom MGT) = LOC = $X_x Y_{even}$
DONT_CARE	Setting when the MGT is not used.

## Simulation Models

### SmartModels

*SmartModels* are encrypted versions of the actual HDL code. These models allow the user to simulate the actual functionality of the design without having access to the code itself. The SmartModel must be installed in a SmartModel-capable simulator before it can be used. This can be accomplished using the same **compxlib** utility that installs other Xilinx simulation libraries, such as UNISIMS and SIMPRIMS.

## HSPICE

*HSPICE* is a simulation model for the analog portions of the MGT design. To obtain these HSPICE models, go to the SPICE Suite Access web page at:  
<http://support.xilinx.com/support/software/spice/spice-request.htm>.

## SmartModel Simulation Considerations

### After Reset or Power-Up

Power-up or reset sequences affect simulation.

After reset or power-up, the inputs TX/RXCLKSTABLE going into the MGT must be asserted. (These can be driven by a DCM locked signal, for example.) The TX/RXLOCK signals do not assert if the TX/RXCLKSTABLE signals do not go High. The TX/RXCLKSTABLE signals start the frequency calibration process whereby the PLL lock is determined.

For more information, refer to section “[RXCLKSTABLE and TXCLKSTABLE](#),” page 82.

### Reference Clock Period Restriction

Due to simulator and HDL limitations, the reference clock period must be rounded to the nearest 0.1 ns. For example, in Fibre Channel 2x and 4x with a reference clock of 212.5 MHz, the reference clock period must be changed from 4.71 ns to 4.7 ns.

The RocketIO Wizard generates the correct reference clock period for all configurations.

### RXP/RXN Period Restrictions

The period of the signals provided to the RXP/RXN RocketIO inputs must be an even number in picoseconds. This is due to specific timescale implementations within the SmartModel. If this is not done, the Receive data can be corrupted.

### Reset After Changing Clock Attributes

If any of the attributes pertaining to clocks (see [Table 1-11, page 50](#)) are changed, a PMARESET should be issued. Follow this initialization sequence to issue a PMARESET:

1. Ensure the inputs TX/RXCLKSTABLE going into the MGT are asserted.
2. Issue a TX/RXPMARESET that lasts a minimum of three TX/RXUSRCLK cycles.
3. Wait for TX/RXLOCK.

**Note:** In the absence of a serial data stream, the receiver repeatedly locks and unlocks.

4. Issue a TX/RXRESET that lasts a minimum of three TX/RXUSRCLK cycles.
5. Wait for a minimum of five TX/RXUSRCLKs.
6. Begin normal data transmission and reception.

The reset minimum widths are specified as three TX/RXUSRCLK cycles. Each clock domain clocks in the reset and releases it. Three TX/RXUSRCLKs should be sufficient in all cases. Five TX/RXUSRCLK cycles are needed to allow the reset to be deasserted internally.

## Out-of-Band (OOB) Signaling

*Out-of-band signaling* is said to occur when TXP and TXN are driven to a common-mode voltage indicating “electrical idle” for protocols such as PCI-Express and Serial ATA. The TXENOOB and RXSIGDET behavior is represented in the following way in digital simulation:

- When TXENOOB=0, normal data is transmitted on the TXP/TXN pins. When TXENOOB=1, TXP/TXN pins are set at logic 1.
- When logic 1 is detected on the RXP/RXN pins, RXSIGDET is set to 1. When normal data is received on the RXP/RXN pins, RXSIGDET is set to 0.

## 1-Byte or 2-Byte Fabric Interface Width

When using 1-byte or 2-byte fabric interface width, the upper 2,3,4 or 3,4 bytes respectively appear to contain data. This behavior is inherent in the functionality of the Virtex-4 RocketIO transceiver.

Refer to [Table 3-3, page 105](#) and [Figure 3-5, page 106](#) for details.

## Loopback

In case of a pre-driver serial loopback or external cable loopback, RXRESET and TXRESET must not be tied together; this causes the clock on the receive side to drift, resulting in incorrect data. It is advisable *never* to tie the resets together. For pre-driver serial loopback, TXPOST\_TAP\_PD must be set to FALSE, even for simulation.

## CRC

- The CRC blocks of the MGT do not recognize start-of-frame (SOF/SOP) or end-of-frame (EOF/EOP), and CRC errors are not indicated. These functions must be implemented in the FPGA fabric.
- CRC Latency is defined in [Table 7-2](#).

**Table 7-2: CRC Latency and CRCCLOCKDOUBLE Attribute**

CRCCLOCKDOUBLE State	CRCIN → CRCOUT Latency
FALSE	4 cycles
TRUE	3 cycles

- If CRCCLOCKDOUBLE = FALSE then the latency between CRCIN and CRCOUT is 4 cycles. If the CRCCLOCKDOUBLE = TRUE then the latency is 3 cycles

Refer to [Chapter 5, “Cyclic Redundancy Check \(CRC\)”](#) for further details.

## Toggling GSR

The global set/reset (GSR) is a global routing of nets present in the design that provide a means of setting or resetting applicable components in the device during configuration. The simulation behavior of this signals is modeled using the `g1bl` module in Verilog and the `ROC/ROCBUF` components in VHDL.

## Simulating in Verilog

The global set/reset (GSR) and global 3-state (GTS) signals are defined in the \$XILINX/verilog/src/glbl.v module. The glbl.v module connects the global signals to the design, which is why it is necessary to compile this module with the other design files and load it along with the `design.v` and `testfixture.v` files for simulation.

### Defining GSR/GTS in a Test Bench

There are two ways to do this:

1. In most cases, GSR and GTS need not be defined in the test bench. The `glbl.v` file declares the global GSR and GTS signals and automatically pulses GSR for 100 ns. This is sufficient for back-end simulations, and is generally sufficient for functional simulations as well.
2. If GSR or GTS needs to be emulated in the test bench, the following snippet of code must be added to the `testfixture.v` file:

```
assign glbl.GSR = gsr_r;
assign glbl.GTS = gts_r;

initial
begin
    gts_r = 1'b0;
    gsr_r = 1'b1;
    #(16*CLOCKPERIOD);
    gsr_r = 1'b0;
end
```

## Simulating in VHDL

The `ROCBUF` cell is used to control the emulated GSR signal in a test bench. This component creates a buffer for the global set/reset signal, and provides an input port on the buffer to drive the global set reset line. This port must be declared in the entity list and driven through the test bench.

### VHDL Module: EX\_ROCBUF.vhd

```
library IEEE;
use IEEE.std_logic_1164.all;
use IEEE.std_logic_unsigned.all;
library UNISIM;
use UNISIM.all;

entity EX_ROCBUF is
port (
    CLOCK, ENABLE, SRP,RESET : in std_logic;
    C_OUT: out std_logic_vector (3 downto 0)
);
end EX_ROCBUF;

architecture A of EX_ROCBUF is

signal GSR : std_logic;
signal COUNT : std_logic_vector (3 downto 0);

component ROCBUF
port (
```

```
        I : in std_logic;
        O : out std_logic
    );
end component;

begin
    U1 : ROCBUF port map (I => SRP, O => GSR);

    //dummy process
    COUNTER : process (CLOCK, ENABLE,RESET)
    begin
        ..... .
        .....
    end process COUNTER;
end A;
```

### VHDL Test Bench : EX\_ROCBUF\_tb.vhd

```
entity EX_ROCBUF_tb is
end EX_ROCBUF_tb;

architecture behavior of EX_ROCBUF_tb is

declare component EX_ROCBUF
declare signals

begin
    EX_ROCBUF_inst: EX_ROCBUF PORT MAP(
        CLOCK => CLOCK,
        ENABLE => ENABLE,
        SRP => SRP,
        RESET => RESET,
        COUT => COUT
    );

    Clk_generation: process
    Begin
        .....
    End process

    reset <= '1', '0' after CLK_PERIOD * 30;
    SRP <= '1', '0' after CLK_PERIOD * 25;
end
```

For further details, refer to the software user manual *Synthesis and Verification Design Guide* available at [http://www.xilinx.com/support/sw\\_manuals/xilinx7/download/](http://www.xilinx.com/support/sw_manuals/xilinx7/download/).

## Phase-Locked Loop

The TXABPMACLKSEL and TXPLLNDIVSEL attributes are present in both MGTA and MGTB instantiations. However, due to the physical nature of a single TX PLL, only one of these takes precedence. The shared TX PLL attributes are mapped in the software as follows:

- In simulation, the MGTA attribute takes precedence for TXPLLNDIVSEL (for MGTA and MGTB) Reg 0x7A [11:8]
- In simulation, the MGTB attribute takes precedence for TXABPMACLKSEL (for MGTA and MGTB) Reg 0x5D [9:8]
- The attribute TXOUTDIV2SEL, on the other hand, can be set to different values on each MGT in order to facilitate use of multiples-of-2 data rates in a tile.
- Although there is an open-loop divider for each MGT, both attributes map into MGTA locations in the DRP Memory Map:  
 TXOUTDIV2SEL (for MGTB) Reg 0x6A [14:11]  
 TXOUTDIV2SEL (for MGTA) Reg 0x7A [15:12]

## Frequency Calibration and Detector

Currently, due to the single TX PLL, only the MGTA attributes FDET\_LCK\_\* and FDET\_CAL\_\* affect the hardware. The MGTB attributes have no effect. For simulation, therefore, both the MGTA and MGTB attributes must be the same.

## SONET

Some key points:

- In a SONET application, the bit/byte ordering is completely reversed because SONET requires the MSB to be transmitted first. The Virtex-4 transceiver transmits LSB first. Therefore, TXDATA needs to be flipped before it is transmitted.

The byte mapping is as follows for a 4-byte interface:

TX\_DATA [31:0] → USER SONET TX DATA [0:31]  
 USER SONET RX DATA [31:0] → RX DATA [0:31]

- Send at least four A1s followed by four A2s to attain data alignment.
- Always keep ENPCOMMAALIGN active to prevent data misalignment.
- PCOMMA\_32\_VAL should be set to 0x6F6F1414.

## 8B/10B Encoding/Decoding

If the MGT's embedded 8B/10B encoders/decoders are used, a byte swap is required when transmitting the data and when reassembling it on the RX side. This is due to the fact that the Virtex-4 MGT transmits the LSB first and that the bit flip is done by the 8B/10B encoders/decoders. Hence, unlike SONET, only a byte flip is required. The byte mapping is as follows for a 4-byte interface:

TX\_DATA [31:24] → USER 8B TX DATA [7:0]  
 TX\_DATA [23:16] → USER 8B TX DATA [15:8]  
 TX\_DATA [15:8] → USER 8B TX DATA [23:16]  
 TX\_DATA [7:0] → USER 8B TX DATA [31:24]

USER\_8B\_RX\_DATA [31:24] → RX\_DATA [7:0]  
USER\_8B\_RX\_DATA [23:16] → RX\_DATA [15:8]  
USER\_8B\_RX\_DATA [15:8] → RX\_DATA [23:16]  
USER\_8B\_RX\_DATA [7:0] → RX\_DATA [31:24]

## MGT Ports that Cannot Be Simulated

These MGT ports cannot be simulated by digital simulators such as ModelSim:

- ◆ RXMCLK
- ◆ TXSYNC
- ◆ RXSYNC

**Note:** RXMCLK clock port is not supported.

## TXBUFFERR

If an assertion of TXBUFFERR occurs, it is most likely that the clock attributes were set incorrectly.

## Transceiver Location and Package Pin Relation

### MGT Package Pins

The MGT is a hard core placed in the FPGA fabric. All package pins for the MGTs are dedicated on the Virtex-4 FX device, as documented in the pinout tables and pinout diagrams in the *Virtex-4 Packaging and Pinout Specification*, UG075. When creating a design, LOC constraints must be used to implement a specific MGT on the die and also determine which package pins are used. An MGT tile contains two transceivers. LOC GT11\_XnYeVen is associated with MGTB and LOC GT11\_XnYeVen+1 is associated with MGTA. Table 7-3 through Table 7-5 show the correlation between the LOC grid and the package pins themselves. The pin numbers are for TXNPAD, TXPPAD, RXNPAD, and RXPPAD, respectively. Other transceiver pins, including power, ground, and clocks, are documented in the *Virtex-4 Packaging and Pinout Specification*.

Table 7-3: LOC Grid and Package Pins Correlation for FF672

LOC Constraint	XC4VFX20-FF672					XC4VFX40-FF672					XC4VFX60-FF672					
	MGT	TXP	TXN	RXP	RXN	MGT	TXP	TXN	RXP	RXN	MGT	TXP	TXN	RXP	RXN	
GT11_X0Y0	105B	AD26	AE26	AF24	AF23	105B	AD26	AE26	AF24	AF23	Not Bonded Out					
GT11_X0Y1	105A	AB26	AC26	W26	Y26	105A	AB26	AC26	W26	Y26	Not Bonded Out					
GT11_X0Y2	102B	A24	A25	C26	D26	103B	P26	R26	U26	V26	105B	AD26	AE26	AF24	AF23	
GT11_X0Y3	102A	A22	A23	A19	A20	103A	M26	N26	J26	K26	105A	AB26	AC26	W26	Y26	
GT11_X0Y4	-	-	-	-	-	102B	A24	A25	C26	D26	103B	P26	R26	U26	V26	
GT11_X0Y5	-	-	-	-	-	102A	A22	A23	A19	A20	103A	M26	N26	J26	K26	
GT11_X0Y6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	102B	A24	A25	C26	D26	
GT11_X0Y7	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	102A	A22	A23	A19	A20	
GT11_X1Y0	110B	AF4	AF5	AF7	AF8	110B	AF4	AF5	AF7	AF8	Not Bonded Out					
GT11_X1Y1	110A	AF2	AF3	AC1	AD1	110A	AF2	AF3	AC1	AD1	Not Bonded Out					
GT11_X1Y2	113B	D1	E1	G1	H1	112B	V1	W1	AA1	AB1	110B	AF4	AF5	AF7	AF8	
GT11_X1Y3	113A	B1	C1	A4	A3	112A	T1	U1	N1	P1	110A	AF2	AF3	AC1	AD1	
GT11_X1Y4	-	-	-	-	-	113B	D1	E1	G1	H1	112B	V1	W1	AA1	AB1	
GT11_X1Y5	-	-	-	-	-	113A	B1	C1	A4	A3	112A	T1	U1	N1	P1	
GT11_X1Y6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	113B	D1	E1	G1	H1	
GT11_X1Y7	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	113A	B1	C1	A4	A3	

Table 7-4: LOC Grid and Package Pins Correlation for FF1152

LOC Constraint	XC4VFX40-FF1152					XC4VFX60-FF1152					XC4VFX100-FF1152				
	MGT	TXP	TXN	RXP	RXN	MGT	TXP	TXN	RXP	RXN	MGT	TXP	TXN	RXP	RXN
GT11_X0Y0	105B	AL34	AM34	AP32	AP31	106B	AP21	AP20	AP18	AP17	106B	AP21	AP20	AP18	AP17
GT11_X0Y1	105A	AJ34	AK34	AF34	AG34	106A	AP23	AP22	AP26	AP25	106A	AP23	AP22	AP26	AP25
GT11_X0Y2	103B	Y34	AA34	AC34	AD34	105B	AL34	AM34	AP32	AP31	105B	AL34	AM34	AP32	AP31
GT11_X0Y3	103A	V34	W34	R34	T34	105A	AJ34	AK34	AF34	AG34	105A	AJ34	AK34	AF34	AG34
GT11_X0Y4	102B	F34	G34	J34	K34	103B	Y34	AA34	AC34	AD34	103B	Y34	AA34	AC34	AD34
GT11_X0Y5	102A	D34	E34	A31	A32	103A	V34	W34	R34	T34	103A	V34	W34	R34	T34
GT11_X0Y6	-	-	-	-	-	102B	F34	G34	J34	K34	102B	F34	G34	J34	K34
GT11_X0Y7	-	-	-	-	-	102A	D34	E34	A31	A32	102A	D34	E34	A31	A32
GT11_X0Y8	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	101B	A25	A26	A28	A29
GT11_X0Y9	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	101A	A23	A24	A20	A21
GT11_X1Y0	110B	AH1	AJ1	AL1	AM1	109B	AP11	AP12	AP14	AP15	109B	AP11	AP12	AP14	AP15
GT11_X1Y1	110A	AF1	AG1	AC1	AD1	109A	AP9	AP10	AP6	AP7	109A	AP9	AP10	AP6	AP7
GT11_X1Y2	112B	U1	V1	Y1	AA1	110B	AH1	AJ1	AL1	AM1	110B	AH1	AJ1	AL1	AM1
GT11_X1Y3	112A	R1	T1	M1	N1	110A	AF1	AG1	AC1	AD1	110A	AF1	AG1	AC1	AD1
GT11_X1Y4	113B	C1	D1	F1	G1	112B	U1	V1	Y1	AA1	112B	U1	V1	Y1	AA1
GT11_X1Y5	113A	A4	A3	A7	A6	112A	R1	T1	M1	N1	112A	R1	T1	M1	N1
GT11_X1Y6	-	-	-	-	-	113B	C1	D1	F1	G1	113B	C1	D1	F1	G1
GT11_X1Y7	-	-	-	-	-	113A	A4	A3	A7	A6	113A	A4	A3	A7	A6
GT11_X1Y8	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	114B	A13	A12	A10	A9
GT11_X1Y9	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	114A	A15	A14	A18	A17

Table 7-5: LOC Grid and Package Pins Correlation for FF1517

LOC Constraint	XC4VFX100-FF1517					XC4VFX140-FF1517				
	MGT	TXP	TXN	RXP	RXN	MGT	TXP	TXN	RXP	RXN
GT11_X0Y0	106B	AW25	AW24	AW22	AW21	106B	AW25	AW24	AW22	AW21
GT11_X0Y1	106A	AW28	AW27	AW31	AW30	106A	AW28	AW27	AW31	AW30
GT11_X0Y2	105B	AT39	AU39	AW37	AW36	105B	AT39	AU39	AW37	AW36
GT11_X0Y3	105A	AP39	AR39	AL39	AM39	105A	AP39	AR39	AL39	AM39
GT11_X0Y4	103B	P39	R39	U39	V39	104B	AE39	AF39	AH39	AJ39
GT11_X0Y5	103A	M39	N39	J39	K39	104A	AC39	AD39	Y39	AA39
GT11_X0Y6	102B	A36	A37	C39	D39	103B	P39	R39	U39	V39
GT11_X0Y7	102A	A34	A35	A31	A32	103A	M39	N39	J39	K39
GT11_X0Y8	101B	A26	A27	A29	A30	102B	A36	A37	C39	D39
GT11_X0Y9	101A	A24	A25	A21	A22	102A	A34	A35	A31	A32
GT11_X0Y10	-	-	-	-	-	101B	A26	A27	A29	A30
GT11_X0Y11	-	-	-	-	-	101A	A24	A25	A21	A22
GT11_X1Y0	109B	AW15	AW16	AW18	AW19	109B	AW15	AW16	AW18	AW19
GT11_X1Y1	109A	AW12	AW13	AW9	AW10	109A	AW12	AW13	AW9	AW10
GT11_X1Y2	110B	AT1	AU1	AW3	AW4	110B	AT1	AU1	AW3	AW4
GT11_X1Y3	110A	AP1	AR1	AL1	AM1	110A	AP1	AR1	AL1	AM1
GT11_X1Y4	112B	P1	R1	U1	V1	111B	AE1	AF1	AH1	AJ1
GT11_X1Y5	112A	M1	N1	J1	K1	111A	AC1	AD1	Y1	AA1
GT11_X1Y6	113B	A4	A3	C1	D1	112B	P1	R1	U1	V1
GT11_X1Y7	113A	A6	A5	A9	A8	112A	M1	N1	J1	K1
GT11_X1Y8	114B	A14	A13	A11	A10	113B	A4	A3	C1	D1
GT11_X1Y9	114A	A16	A15	A19	A18	113A	A6	A5	A9	A8
GT11_X1Y10	-	-	-	-	-	114B	A14	A13	A11	A10
GT11_X1Y11	-	-	-	-	-	114A	A16	A15	A19	A18

**Table 7-6: Bonded Out MGTCLK Sources for XC4VFX20**

LOC Constraint	XC4VFX20-FF672		
	MGTCLK	CLKN	CLKP
GT11CLK_X0Y0	105	AF20	AF21
GT11CLK_X0Y1	102	G26	F26
GT11CLK_X1Y0	110	AF11	AF10
GT11CLK_X1Y1	113	L1	K1

**Table 7-7: Bonded Out MGTCLK Sources for XC4VFX40**

LOC Constraint	XC4VFX40-FF672			XC4VFX40-FF1152		
	MGTCLK	CLKN	CLKP	MGTCLK	CLKN	CLKP
GT11CLK_X0Y0	105	AF20	AF21	105	AP28	AP29
GT11CLK_X0Y1	-	-	-	-	-	-
GT11CLK_X0Y2	102	G26	F26	102	N34	M34
GT11CLK_X1Y0	110	AF11	AF10	110	AP4	AP3
GT11CLK_X1Y1	-	-	-	-	-	-
GT11CLK_X1Y2	113	L1	K1	113	K1	J1

**Table 7-8: Bonded Out MGTCLK Sources for XC4VFX60**

LOC Constraint	XC4VFX60-FF672			XC4VFX60-FF1152		
	MGTCLK	CLKN	CLKP	MGTCLK	CLKN	CLKP
GT11CLK_X0Y0	-	-	-	-	-	-
GT11CLK_X0Y1	105	AF20	AF21	105	AP28	AP29
GT11CLK_X0Y2	-	-	-	-	-	-
GT11CLK_X0Y3	102	G26	F26	102	N34	M34
GT11CLK_X1Y0	-	-	-	-	-	-
GT11CLK_X1Y1	110	AF11	AF10	110	AP4	AP3
GT11CLK_X1Y2	-	-	-	-	-	-
GT11CLK_X1Y3	113	L1	K1	113	K1	J1

**Table 7-9: Bonded Out MGTCLK Sources for XC4VFX100**

LOC Constraint	XC4VFX100-FF1152			XC4VFX100-FF1517		
	MGTCLK	CLKN	CLKP	MGTCLK	CLKN	CLKP
GT11CLK_X0Y0	-	-	-	-	-	-
GT11CLK_X0Y1	105	AP28	AP29	105	AW33	AW34
GT11CLK_X0Y2	-	-	-	-	-	-
GT11CLK_X0Y3	102	N34	M34	102	G39	F39
GT11CLK_X0Y4	-	-	-	-	-	-
GT11CLK_X1Y0	-	-	-	-	-	-
GT11CLK_X1Y1	110	AP4	AP3	110	AW7	AW6
GT11CLK_X1Y2	-	-	-	-	-	-
GT11CLK_X1Y3	113	K1	J1	113	G1	F1
GT11CLK_X1Y4	-	-	-	-	-	-

**Table 7-10: Bonded Out MGTCLK Sources for XC4VFX140**

LOC Constraint	XC4VFX140-FF1517		
	MGTCLK	CLKN	CLKP
GT11CLK_X0Y0	-	-	-
GT11CLK_X0Y1	105	AW33	AW34
GT11CLK_X0Y2	-	-	-
GT11CLK_X0Y3	-	-	-
GT11CLK_X0Y4	102	G39	F39
GT11CLK_X1Y0	-	-	-
GT11CLK_X1Y1	110	AW7	AW6
GT11CLK_X1Y2	-	-	-
GT11CLK_X1Y3	-	-	-
GT11CLK_X1Y4	113	G1	F1

# Low-Latency Design

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## Introduction

The Virtex®-4 RocketIO™ Multi-Gigabyte Transceiver (MGT) has the flexibility to minimize latency in the PCS.

The RocketIO transceiver contains two buffers, one for the transmitter and one for the receiver. The RX buffer is a ring buffer that supports clock correction and channel bonding. Specifically, these buffers allow for phase differences between PCS RXCLK and RXUSRCLK, as shown in [Figure 8-1](#), or between PCS TXCLK and TXUSRCLK, as shown in [Figure 8-2](#).

Some applications do not require the full feature set of the PCS, and a user can choose to minimize latency from/to the serial pins (RXP/RXN, TXP/TXN). For these applications, the MGT includes parallel clock synchronization features that align the PMA-generated parallel clock (PMA XCLK0) to a parallel clock sourced from the PCS (PCS XCLK), making it possible to bypass the RX buffer and TX buffer. The transmitter and receiver data paths include PCS bypass muxes that allow PCS features to be bypassed in these clocking modes.

Refer to [Figure 8-1](#) and [Figure 8-2](#) for the buffer bypass muxing options selected by the RXDATA\_SEL and TXDATA\_SEL attributes respectively.

For the RX, latency reduction is achieved by using the RX Buffer (RX Low Latency Buffered Mode) or by bypassing the RX Buffer (RX Low Latency Buffer Bypass Mode). The latter mode supports the low-latency data path bypass options selected via RXDATA\_SEL:

- RXDATA\_SEL = 00 — full data path
- RXDATA\_SEL = 01 — data directly from PMA interface
- RXDATA\_SEL = 10 — data directly from alignment block
- RXDATA\_SEL = 11 — data directly from 8B/10B decoder

For the TX, latency reduction is achieved by bypassing features of the PCS (TX Low Latency Buffered Mode) or by bypassing the TX Buffer and/or PCS features (TX Low Latency Buffer Bypass Mode). These reduced-latency bypass options are selected via TXDATA\_SEL:

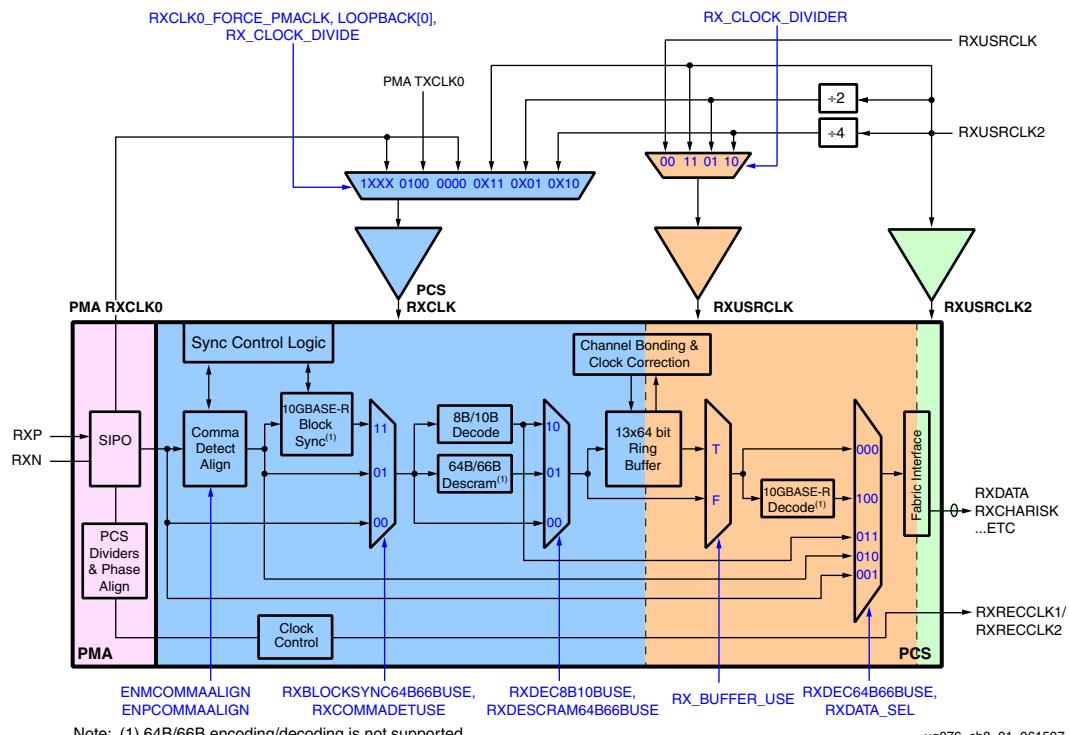
- TXDATA\_SEL = 00 — full data path
- TXDATA\_SEL = 01 — data directly from fabric interface
- TXDATA\_SEL = 10 — data directly from output of 8B/10B encoder

## PCS Clocking Domains and Data Paths

**Note:** In this chapter, all references to Unit Intervals (UI) are in relation to the serial bit time.

### Receiver

Refer to [Figure 8-1](#). If the shortest path is taken, the RX latency is reduced to the latency of the RX SERDES (64 UI or 80 UI), PMA /PCS interface (two RXCLK0 cycles), and fabric interface (one RXUSRCLK2 cycle and one RXUSRCLK cycle). Refer to [Table 8-1, page 194](#). This results in a latency of less than seven RXUSRCLK2 cycles in the 4-byte mode.



## Transmitter

Refer to [Figure 8-2](#). On the transmit side, the only blocks to consider are the fabric interface (one TXUSRCLK2 cycle and one TXUSRCLK cycle), PMA registers (one PMA TXCLK0 cycle), and PISO (68 UI). Refer to [Table 8-2, page 195](#). This results in a latency of less than five TXUSRCLK2 cycles in the 4-byte mode.

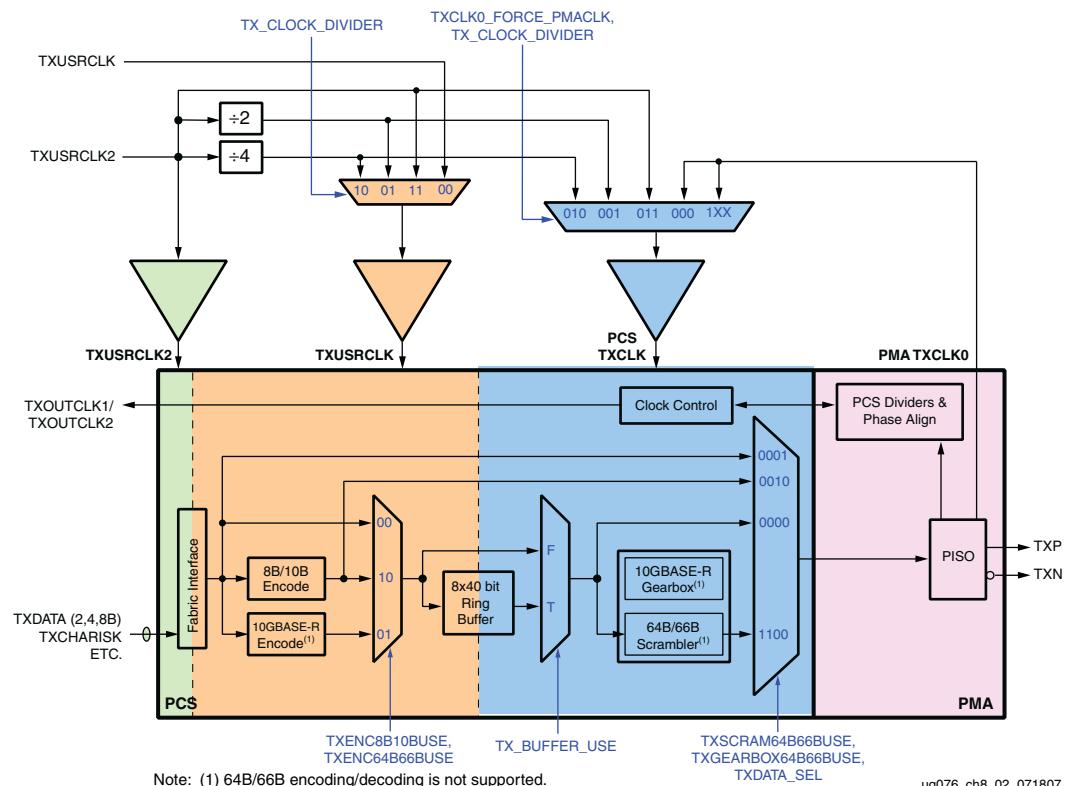


Figure 8-2: PCS Transmit Clocking Domains and Data Paths

## PCS Data Path Latency

The relationship between USRCLK and USRCLK2 (both TX and RX) depends on several factors, including the fabric interface width and the serial standard used. Another important timing consideration is the clock delay for data to pass through the entire MGT. Table 8-1 and Table 8-2 show approximate clock cycles for the main PCS blocks. The cycles depend on the external parallel data bus width (shown) and the phase relationship between the different clocks, adding a small uncertainty factor to this table.

**Table 8-1: Latency through Various Receiver Components/Processes<sup>(1,2)</sup>**

Receive Blocks	1 Byte	2 Byte	4 Byte	8 Byte
RX SERDES		62 UI or 80 UI		
PMA_PCS Interface <sup>(3)</sup>		2 PCS RXCLK		
RX DATA Alignment <sup>(3)</sup>	CommaDET/Align		3 PCS RXCLK	
	Bypass		1 PCS RXCLK	
Decoding <sup>(4)</sup>	8B/10B	2 PCS RXCLK		
	64B/66B <sup>(7)</sup>	2 PCS RXCLK		
	Bypass <sup>(3)</sup>	1 PCS RXCLK		
RX Buffer <sup>(5)</sup>	No Clock Correction	3 PCS RXCLK + RXUSRCLK (phase diff) + 8 RXUSRCLK Latency + 1 RXUSRCLK		
	Clock Correction Min/Max Used	(3 PCS RXCLK + 1 RXUSRCLK + CLK_COR_MIN_LAT/4) < latency < (3 PCS RXCLK + 1 RXUSRCLK + CLK_COR_MAX_LAT/4)		
64B/66B <sup>(7)</sup>	Decode	2 RXUSRCLK		
	Bypass <sup>(3)</sup>	1 RXUSRCLK		
Fabric Interface <sup>(6)</sup>	1 RXUSRCLK + 4 RXUSRCLK2	1 RXUSRCLK + 2 RXUSRCLK2	1 RXUSRCLK + 1 RXUSRCLK2	2 RXUSRCLK + 1 RXUSRCLK2

### Notes:

1. See [Chapter 5, “Cyclic Redundancy Check \(CRC\)”](#) for more information on CRC Latency.
2. Linear equalization does not affect the receiver latency.
3. These delays include a registered data mux, which accounts for one clock of delay.
4. Bypass is when RXDEC8B10BUSE and RXDEC64B66BUSE are both deasserted.
5. Bypassed buffer accounts for one registered data mux = 1 RXUSRCLK, but must be equal to 1 RXCLK0 to bypass buffer. (Only works reliably if RX low-latency buffer bypass mode is implemented.)
6. Fabric interface has delays in both clock domains. Clock ratios are:
  - a. 1-byte mode USRCLK2:USRCLK ratio = 4:1
  - b. 2-byte mode USRCLK2:USRCLK ratio = 2:1
  - c. 4-byte mode USRCLK2:USRCLK ratio = 1:1
  - d. 8-byte mode USRCLK2:USRCLK ratio = 1:2
7. 64B/66B encoding/decoding is not supported.

Table 8-2: Latency through Various Transmitter Components/Processes<sup>(1)</sup>

Transmit Blocks	1 Byte	2 Byte	4 Byte	8 Byte			
Fabric Interface <sup>(2)</sup>	4 TXUSRCLK2 + 1 TXUSRCLK	2 TXUSRCLK2 + 1 TXUSRCLK	1 TXUSRCLK2 + 1 TXUSRCLK	1 TXUSRCLK2 + 2 TXUSRCLK			
Encoding	8B/10B	2 or 3 TXUSRCLK <sup>(3)</sup>					
	64B/66B <sup>(6)</sup>	3 TXUSRCLK					
	Bypass <sup>(5)</sup>	1 TXUSRCLK					
TX Buffer	3 1/2 TXUSRCLK / PCS TXCLK						
64B/66B Format <sup>(6)</sup>	Scrambling & Gearbox	2 PCS TXCLK					
	Bypass <sup>(5)</sup>	1 PCS TXCLK					
PMA Interface <sup>(5)</sup>	1 PCS TXCLK						
PMA Register	1 PMA TXCLK0						
PISO	28 UI – 68 UI <sup>(4)</sup>						

**Notes:**

1. See [Chapter 5, “Cyclic Redundancy Check \(CRC\)”](#) for more information on CRC Latency.
2. Fabric interface has delays in both clock domains. Clock ratios are:
  - a. 1-byte mode USR2:USR ratio = 4:1
  - b. 2-byte mode USR2:USR ratio = 2:1
  - c. 4-byte mode USR2:USR ratio = 1:1
  - d. 8-byte mode USR2:USR ratio = 1:2
3. The Latency of the 8B/10B Encoder is 2 TXUSRCLKs when the data is taken directly into the PMA interface, TXDATA\_SEL = 10, else it is 3 TXUSRCLKs.
4. 28 UI is the latency through the PISO for the first bit transmitted. For the entire word, it is 28 UI + 32 UI or 40 UI, depending on internal datapath width.
5. These delays include a registered data mux, which accounts for one clock of delay.
6. 64B/66B encoding/decoding is not supported.

## Ports and Attributes

### Receiver

**Table 8-3: RX Low-Latency Ports<sup>(1)</sup>**

PORTS	DESCRIPTION
LOOPBACK(0)	Determines clock source for PMA RXCLK0 domain in conjunction with RX_CLOCK_DIVIDER and RXCLK0_FORCE_PMACLK
RXBLOCKSYNC64B66BUSE	Determines 10GBASE-R Block Sync bypass mode
RXCOMMADETUSE	Determines Comma Detect Align Block bypass mode
RXDEC8B10BUSE	Determines Encoding bypass mode in conjunction with RXDESCRAM64B66BUSE
RXDEC64B66BUSE	Determines Encoding bypass mode in conjunction with RXDEC8B10BUSE and RXDATA_SEL <sup>(2)</sup>
RXDESCRAM64B66BUSE	Determines Global encoding bypass mode in conjunction with RXDEC8B10BUSE
RXSYNC	Enables synchronization of PMA (PMA RXCLK0) and PCS (PCS RXCLK) clocks in RX low-latency buffer bypass mode

**Notes:**

1. 64B/66B encoding/decoding is not supported.
2. Refer to [Figure 8-1](#).

**Table 8-4: RX Low-Latency Attributes<sup>(1)</sup>**

ATTRIBUTES	DESCRIPTION
PMA_BIT_SLIP	Determines if clock phase alignment is to be done; RXSYNC is set to logic 1. See <a href="#">Table 1-11, “RocketIO MGT PMA Attributes,” page 50</a> . Should be set to FALSE to enable phase alignment.
RX_BUFFER_USE	Determines buffer bypass mode
RXDATA_SEL	Determines Global bypass mode in conjunction with RXDESCRAM64B66BUSE
RXCLK0_FORCE_PMACLK	Determines if PMA RXCLK0 or RXUSRCLK sources the PCS RXCLK <sup>(2)</sup>
RX_CLOCK_DIVIDER	Determines the clock source for the RXUSRCLK domain. And in conjunction with RXCLK0_FORCE_PMACLK and LOOPBACK(0) determines the source for the PCS RXCLK domain.

**Notes:**

1. 64B/66B encoding/decoding is not supported.
2. PCS RXCLK is the RX PCS parallel clock, the RX buffer read clock. Refer to [“Attributes” in Chapter 1](#) and [Figure 2-7, page 74](#) for more details.

## Transmitter

**Table 8-5: TX Low-Latency Ports<sup>(1)</sup>**

PORTS	DESCRIPTION
TXENC8B10BUSE	Determines Encoding bypass mode in conjunction with TXENC64B66BUSE <sup>(2)</sup>
TXENC64B66BUSE	Determines Encoding bypass mode in conjunction with TXENC8B10BUSE <sup>(2)</sup>
TXSCRAM64B66BUSE	Determines Global bypass mode in conjunction with TXDATA_SEL and TXGEARBOX64B66BUSE <sup>(2)</sup>
TXGEARBOX64B66BUSE	Determines Global bypass mode in conjunction with TXDATA_SEL and TXSCRAM64B66BUSE <sup>(2)</sup>
TXSYNC	Enables synchronization of PMA (PMA TXCLK0) and PCS (PCS TXCLK or GREFCLK) clocks in TX low-latency buffer bypass mode

**Notes:**

1. 64B/66B encoding/decoding is not supported.
2. Refer to [Figure 8-2](#).

**Table 8-6: TX Low-Latency Attributes<sup>(1)</sup>**

ATTRIBUTES	DESCRIPTION
TX_BUFFER_USE	Determines buffer bypass mode
TXDATA_SEL	Determines Global bypass mode in conjunction with TXSCRAM64B66BUSE and TXGEARBOX64B66BUSE
TXCLK0_FORCE_PMACLK	Determines if PMA TXCLK0 or TXUSRCLK sources the PCS TXCLK <sup>(2)</sup>
TX_CLOCK_DIVIDER	Determines the clock source for the TXUSRCLK domain. Combination of TX_CLOCK_DIVIDER and TXCLK0_FORCE_PMACLK determines the source for the PCS TXCLK domain
TXPHASESEL	Determines if PCS TXCLK or GREFCLK is used as synchronization source

**Notes:**

1. 64B/66B encoding/decoding is not supported.
2. PCS TXCLK is the TX PCS parallel clock, the TX buffer read clock. Refer to “[Attributes](#)” in Chapter 1 and [Figure 2-8, page 75](#) for more details.

## Synchronizing the PMA/PCS Clocks in Low-Latency Modes

The TXSYNC and RXSYNC ports are used to enable low-latency modes by activating the phase-alignment functions of the PMA. Asserting TXSYNC or RXSYNC causes the TX PMA or RX PMA to synchronize the PCS and PMA clocks. This operation should be performed only after the PLL is locked. See “[Resets](#)” in Chapter 2 for more details on establishing lock.

## Transmit Latency and Output Skew

The channel-to-channel transmit output skew is an important concern for many channel bonding applications. Many traditional SERDES products manage this issue by using a single PLL for multiple serial lanes. In the Virtex-4 MGT, a single transmit PLL is shared by both MGTs in a tile.

Many applications, however, require that more than two channels be synchronized. This means that the Virtex-4 MGTs have to handle two phase-disparate PLLs, generating serial data with minimum skew. This is addressed by using the phase alignment circuitry controlled via the TXSYNC fabric input. The TX outputs are aligned to one of two global timing sources, GREFCLK or the PCS TXCLK. The selection of the appropriate alignment source depends on the clocking mode requirements for the application.

The following most frequently anticipated use cases can serve as a guide to determine a custom path, if required.

### TX Low-Latency Buffered Mode without Channel Deskew

#### Overview

The TXSYNC functionality is not required in this mode, resulting in bypassed functionality without the need for synchronizing the PCS and PMA clocks. An additional penalty in latency is incurred, and the skew between channels is not specifically addressed.

#### Clocking

To use the internal PCS dividers for TXUSRCLK:

- If 4-byte mode is required, TX\_CLOCK\_DIVIDER = 11
- If 2-byte mode is required, TX\_CLOCK\_DIVIDER = 01
- If 1-byte mode is required, TX\_CLOCK\_DIVIDER = 10

To provide External TXUSRCLK, set TX\_CLOCK\_DIVIDER = 00 and provide the appropriate frequency clock at the TXUSRCLK port. This could require the use of an additional DCM or PMCD.

**Note:** If using a DCM, only CLK0 and CLKDV outputs should be used.

## Use Models

Table 8-7: TX Use Models: Low-Latency Buffered Mode w/out Channel Deskew

USE MODEL <sup>(1)</sup>	TX_BUFFER_USE	TXUSRCLK SOURCE	BYPASS MODE <sup>(2)</sup>	PORTS				ATTRIBUTES				
				TXENC8B10BUSE	TXENC64B66BUSE	TXSCRAM64B66BUSE <sup>(3)</sup>	TXGEARBOX64B66BUSE <sup>(3)</sup>	TXSYNC	TXDATA_SEL	TXCLK0_FORCE_PMACLK	TX_CLOCK_DIVIDER <sup>(1)</sup>	TXPHASESEL
TX_1A	TRUE	Internal PCS clock dividers to derive TXUSRCLK from TXUSRCLK2 <i>or</i> External TXUSRCLK	No Bypass. 10GBASE-R Encode and GearBox and 64B/66B Scrambler	0	1	1	1	NOT USED Tie to logic 0	00 or 11	TRUE	00 or 11	TRUE or FALSE
TX_1B			No Bypass. 8B/10B Encode	1	0	0	0					
TX_1C			10GBASE-R GearBox and 64B/66B Scrambler Bypass	0	1	0	0					
TX_1D			8B/10B and 64B/66B Encoding Bypass	0	0	0	0					

### Notes:

1. All cases addressed assume a 4-byte fabric width. Refer to section “Clocking,” page 198 for 2 byte or 1 byte fabric width.
  - a. If 2-byte mode is required and the TXUSRCLK dividers are to be used, TX\_CLOCK\_DIVIDER = 01.
  - b. If 1-byte mode is required and the TXUSRCLK dividers are to be used, TX\_CLOCK\_DIVIDER = 10.
  - c. If external TXUSRCLK is to be used, leave TX\_CLOCK\_DIVIDER = 00 and provide the appropriate frequency clock at the TXUSRCLK port.
2. 64B/66B encoding/decoding is not supported.
3. TXSCRAM64B66BUSE and TXGEARBOX64B66BUSE are always to be set to the same value.

## Skew

Without using the TXSYNC alignment circuitry, the native skew of the A and B MGTs is 4 UI. Because the reset of the parallel clock dividers in the transmit data path occurs after the initial divide-by-two where the serial clock is one-fourth the line rate, the deassertion of TXPMARESET is completely asynchronous with regard to this serial clock domain.

The 4 UI accuracy assumes that the individual MGTA and MGTB TXPMARESETs do not contain additional sources of skew from fabric routing.

## Reset

TXRESET across multiple channels should always be synchronized to minimize skew across channels.

Refer to section “Resets” in Chapter 2 for details on resetting multiple channels.

## TX Low Latency Buffered Mode with Channel Deskew

### Overview

For this mode, the TXSYNC functionality is required to synchronize the PCS and PMA clocks across all channels that need to be deskewed.

Transmitters in different MGT tiles are not inherently aligned, as their TX PMA parallel clocks are generated from independent PLLs. The phase alignment circuit aligns the phase of the PMA parallel clocks in multiple transceivers, thus reducing the skew seen at the serial TX outputs.

### Clocking

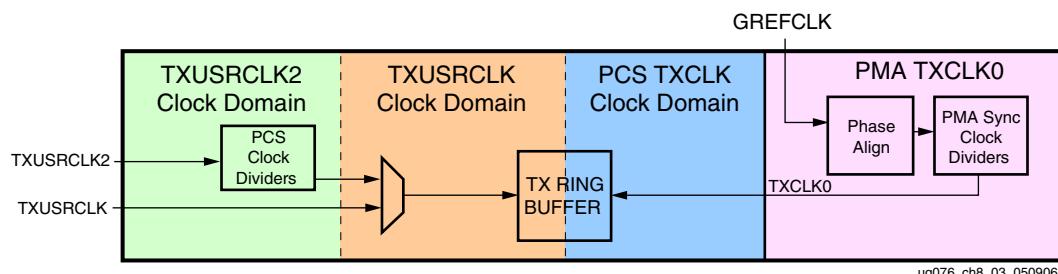
[Figure 8-3](#) shows GREFCLK used as the synchronization clock. Since GREFCLK has an unknown phase relationship to the PCS TXCLK domain, the phase alignment circuit using GREFCLK inherits the phase uncertainty and passes it to the TX PMA parallel clock (PMA TXCLK0). The user must then source the PCS TXCLK with PMA TXCLK0 and use the TX buffer to compensate for the phase difference between the TXUSRCLK and PCS TXCLK clock domains. The frequency of GREFCLK must be equal to or less than the frequency of TXUSRCLK. At the same time, GREFCLK can be used as the TX PLL reference clock.

The setting of TXABPMACLKSEL does not affect the operation of the phase alignment circuit. The phase alignment circuit adjusts the phase only of PMA TXCLK0 and not TXOUTCLK1 as long as TXOUTCLK1 is sourced from the asynchronous PMA clock dividers (not the synchronous dividers). If TXOUTCLK1 is to be used as the source for TXUSRCLK2 in Use Models TX\_1x and TX\_2x, the asynchronous PCS clock dividers must be used. These dividers are not affected by the phase alignment circuit. Doing this requires attributes TXCLKMODE[0] = 0, TXCLKMODE[2] = 1, and TXOUTCLK1\_USE\_SYNC = FALSE.

GREFCLK's limitation of 1 Gb/s does not apply if it is only being used as an alignment reference. For data rates greater than 1 Gb/s, GREFCLK can be used as the alignment reference and MGTCLK can be used as the TX PLL reference clock.

Use Models TX\_2A through TX\_2D illustrate the use of internal PCS clock dividers, whereas Use Models TX\_2E through TX\_2H illustrate the use of an external clock to drive the TXUSRCLK port.

This function is recommended for standards such as SFI4.2, where there is a specified maximum channel skew and no inherent channel bonding functionality.



[Figure 8-3: Using GREFCLK as Synchronization Clock \(Use Models TX\\_2A-H\)](#)

## Use Models

Table 8-8: TX Use Models: Low-Latency Buffered Mode with Channel Deskew

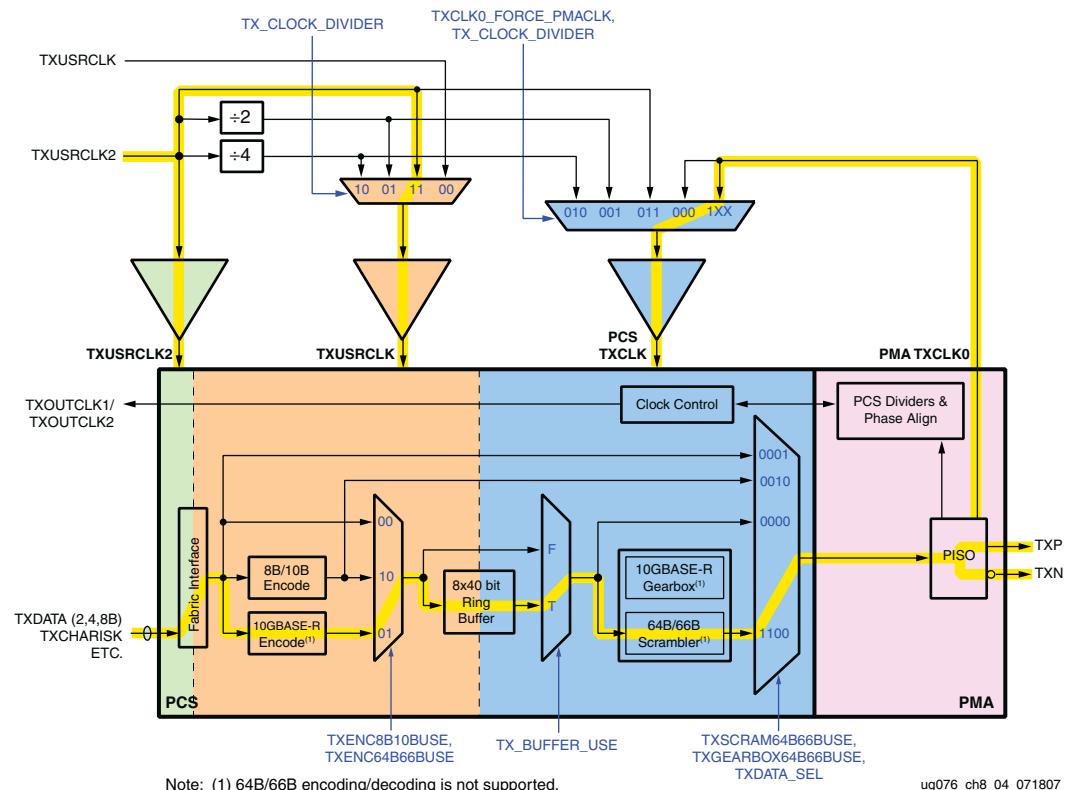
USE MODEL <sup>(1)</sup>	TX_BUFFER_USE	TXUSRCLK SOURCE <sup>(2)</sup>	BYPASS MODE <sup>(5)</sup>	PORTS				ATTRIBUTES				
				TXENC8B10BUSE	TXENC64B66BUSE	TXSCRAM64B66BUSE <sup>(3)</sup>	TXGEARBOX64B66BUSE <sup>(3)</sup>	TXSYNC	TXDATA_SEL	TXCLK0_FORCE_PMACLK		
TX_2A	TRUE	Internal PCS clock dividers to derive TXUSRCLK from TXUSRCLK2	No Bypass. 10GBASE-R Encode and 64B/66B GearBox and Scrambler	0	1	1	1	REQ'D	00	TRUE	11	FALSE (Note 4)
TX_2B			No Bypass. 8B/10B Encode	1	0	0	0					
TX_2C			64B/66B GearBox and Scrambler Bypass	0	1	0	0					
TX_2D			8B/10B and 64B/66B Encoding Bypass	0	0	0	0					
TX_2E	TRUE	External TXUSRCLK	No Bypass. 10GBASE-R Encode and 64B/66B GearBox and Scrambler	0	1	1	1	REQ'D	00	FALSE or TRUE	00	FALSE (Note 4)
TX_2F			No Bypass. 8B/10B Encode	1	0	0	0					
TX_2G			64B/66B GearBox and Scrambler Bypass	0	1	0	0					
TX_2H			8B/10B and 64B/66B Encoding Bypass	0	0	0	0					

### Notes:

1. All cases addressed assume a fabric width of 4 bytes.
  - a. For Use Models TX\_2A -D, if 2-byte mode is required, TX\_CLOCK\_DIVIDER = 01.
  - b. For Use Models TX\_2A -D, if 1-byte mode is required, TX\_CLOCK\_DIVIDER = 10.
  - c. For Use Models TX\_2E-H, the appropriate frequency clock should be provided at the TXUSRCLK port for 2-byte or 1-byte mode. This could require the use of an additional DCM or PMCD.
2. GREFCLK is used as clock synchronization source.
3. TXSCRAM64B66BUSE and TXGEARBOX64B66BUSE are always to be set to the same value.
4. MGT/MGTB Register 0x43[7]=1 always for TX Low Latency. This can be accomplished with a Read-Modify-Write Operation via the Dynamic Reconfiguration Port. Alternatively, this can be achieved by adding the constraint TXCLK0\_INVERT\_PMALEAF = "TRUE" to the UCF file. The COREGen RocketIO Wizard generates this constraint when choosing to bypass the buffer to enable Low Latency.
5. 64B/66B encoding/decoding is not supported.

Use Models TX\_1A–TX\_1D *without* Channel Deskew and TX\_2A–TX\_2D *with* Channel Deskew, TXUSRCLK from TXUSRCLK2

**Figure 8-4** shows the buffered-mode flow through the TX using the 10GBASE-R Encoder, 10GBASE-R GearBox, and 64B/66B Scrambler.



**Figure 8-4: TX Low Latency Buffered Mode: Use Models TX\_1A, TX\_2A**

Figure 8-5 shows the buffered-mode flow through the TX using the 8B/10B Encoder.

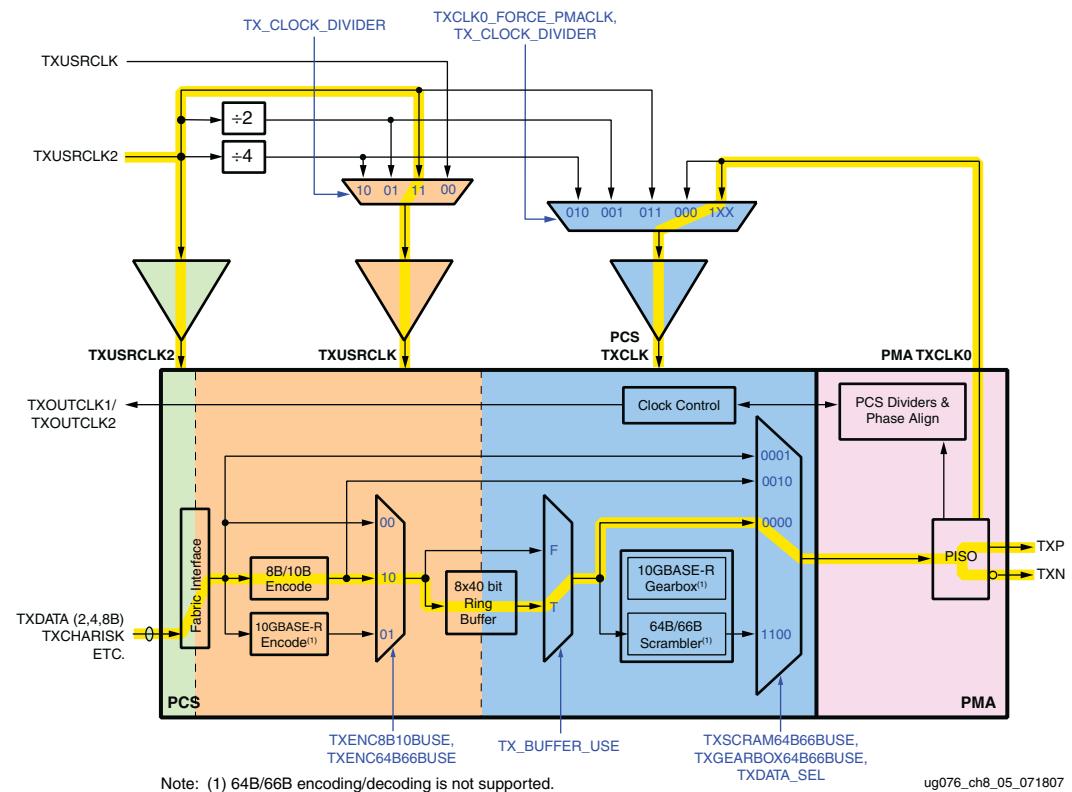
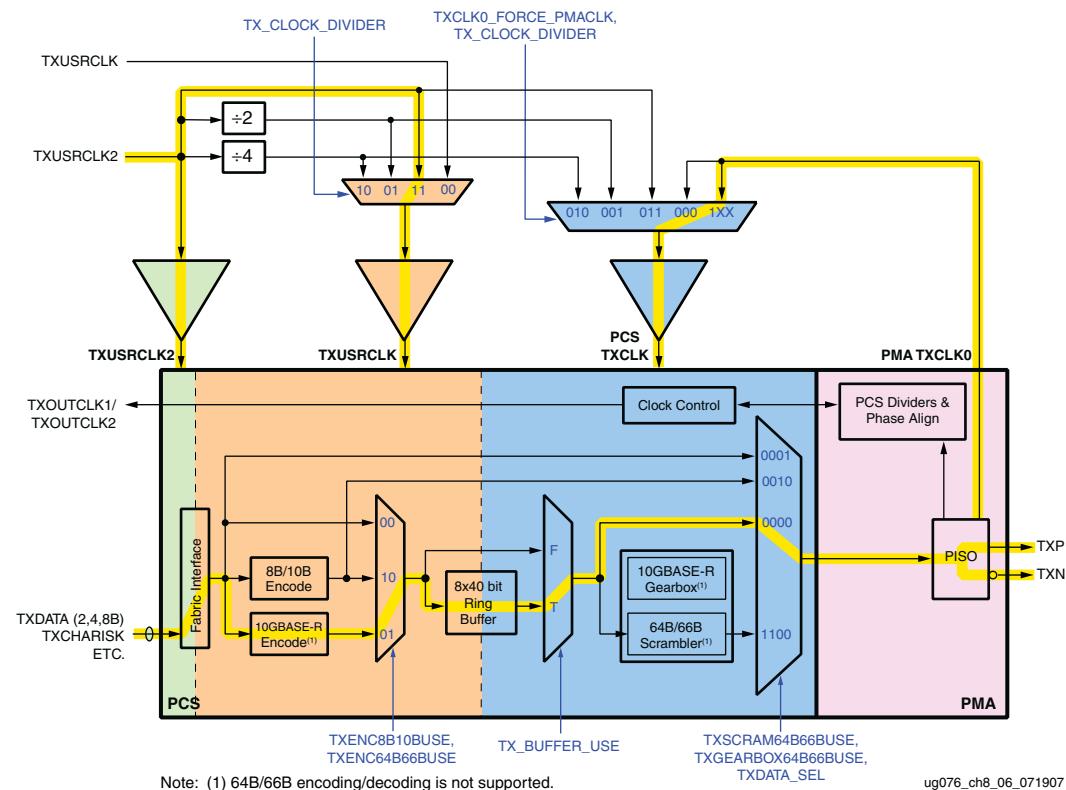


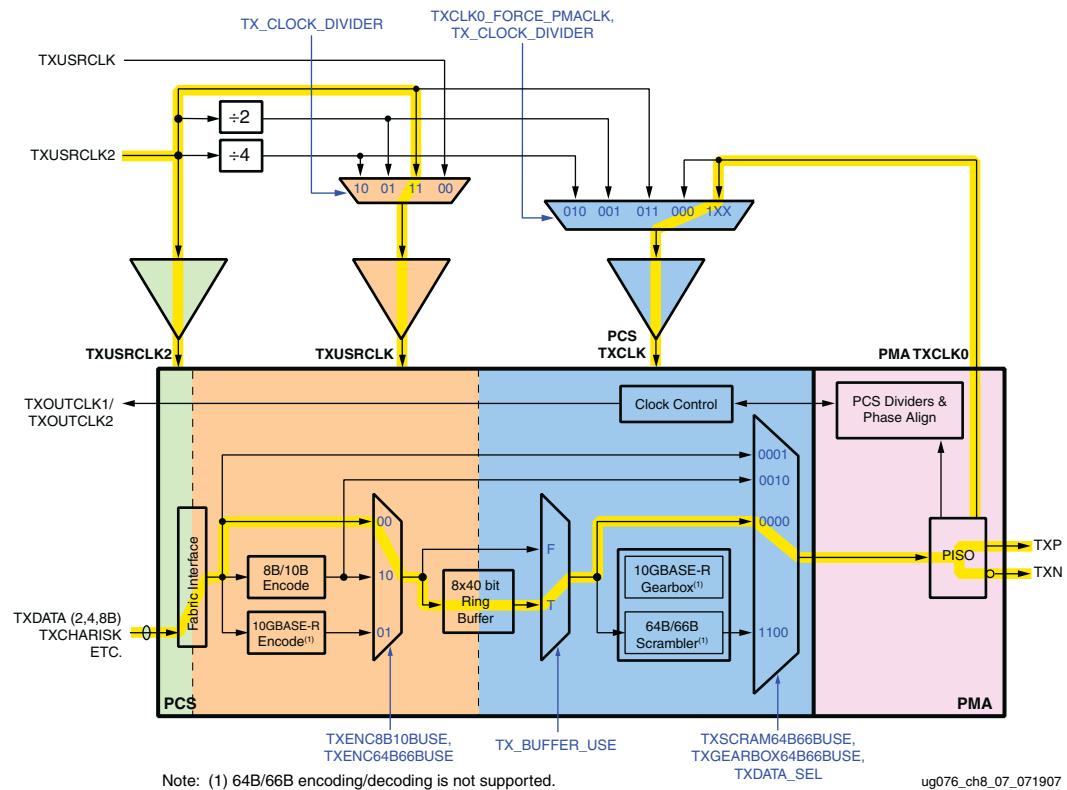
Figure 8-5: TX Low Latency Buffered Mode: Use Models TX\_1B, TX\_2B

**Figure 8-6** shows the buffered-mode flow through the TX bypassing the 10GBASE-R GearBox and 64B/66B Scrambler.



**Figure 8-6: TX Low Latency Buffered Mode: Use Models TX\_1C, TX\_2C**

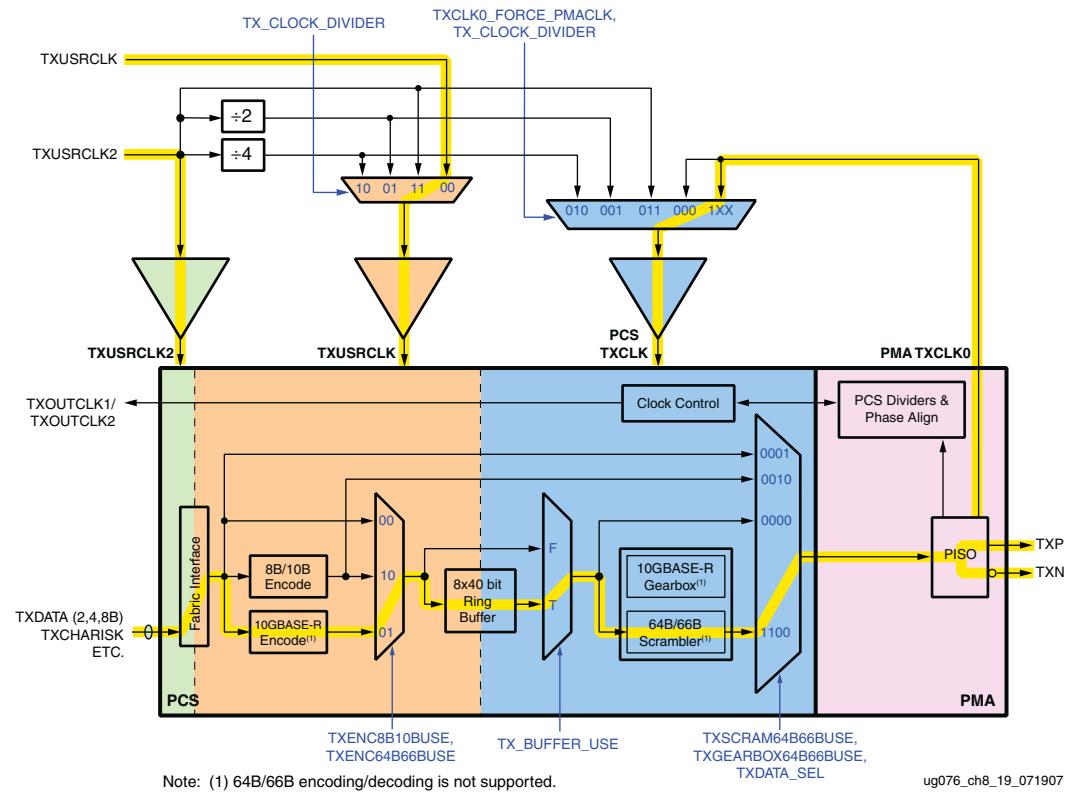
**Figure 8-7** shows the buffered-mode flow through the TX bypassing 8B/10B encoding, 10GBASE-R encoding, 10GBASE-R GearBox, and 64B/66B Scrambler.



**Figure 8-7: TX Low Latency Buffered Mode: Use Models TX\_1D, TX\_2D**

### Use Models TX\_2E–TX\_2H with Channel Deskew, External TXUSRCLK

**Figure 8-8** shows the buffered-mode flow through the TX using the 10GBASE-R Encoder, 10GBASE-R GearBox, and 64B/66B Scrambler.



**Figure 8-8: TX Low Latency Buffered Mode: Use Model TX\_2E**

Figure 8-9 shows the buffered-mode flow through the TX using the 8B/10B Encoder.

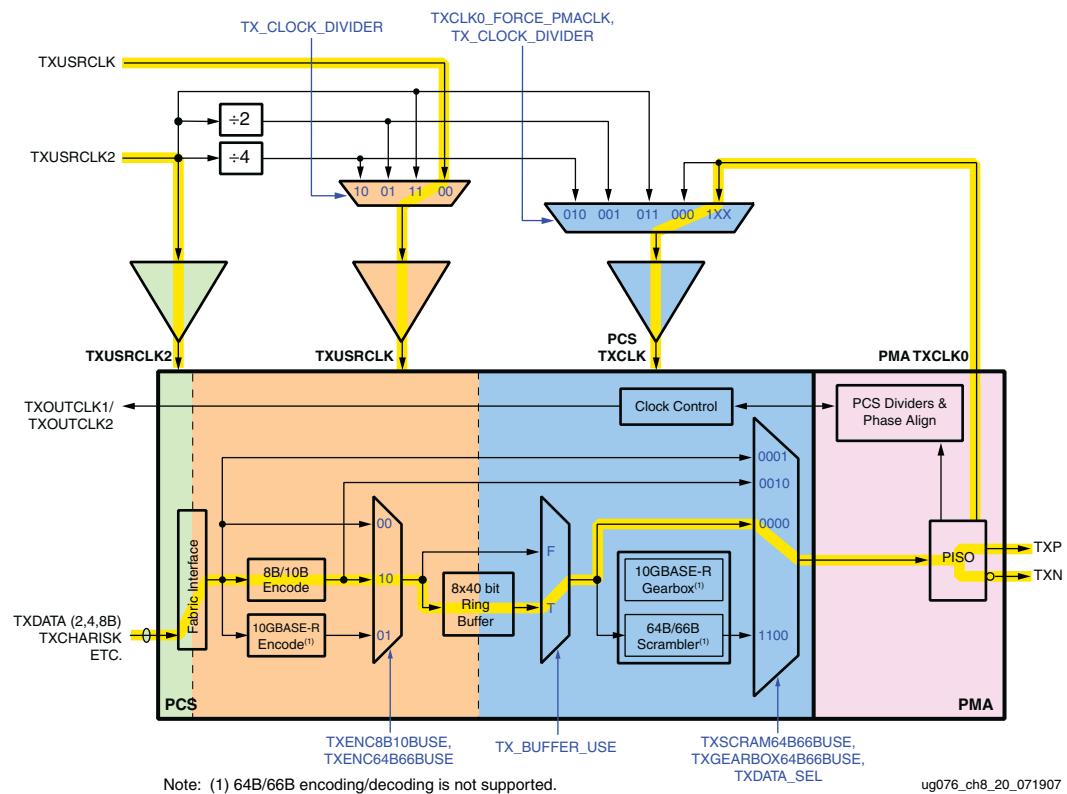


Figure 8-9: TX Low Latency Buffered Mode: Use Model TX\_2F

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Figure 8-10 shows the buffered-mode flow through the TX bypassing the 10GBASE-R GearBox and 64B/66B Scrambler.

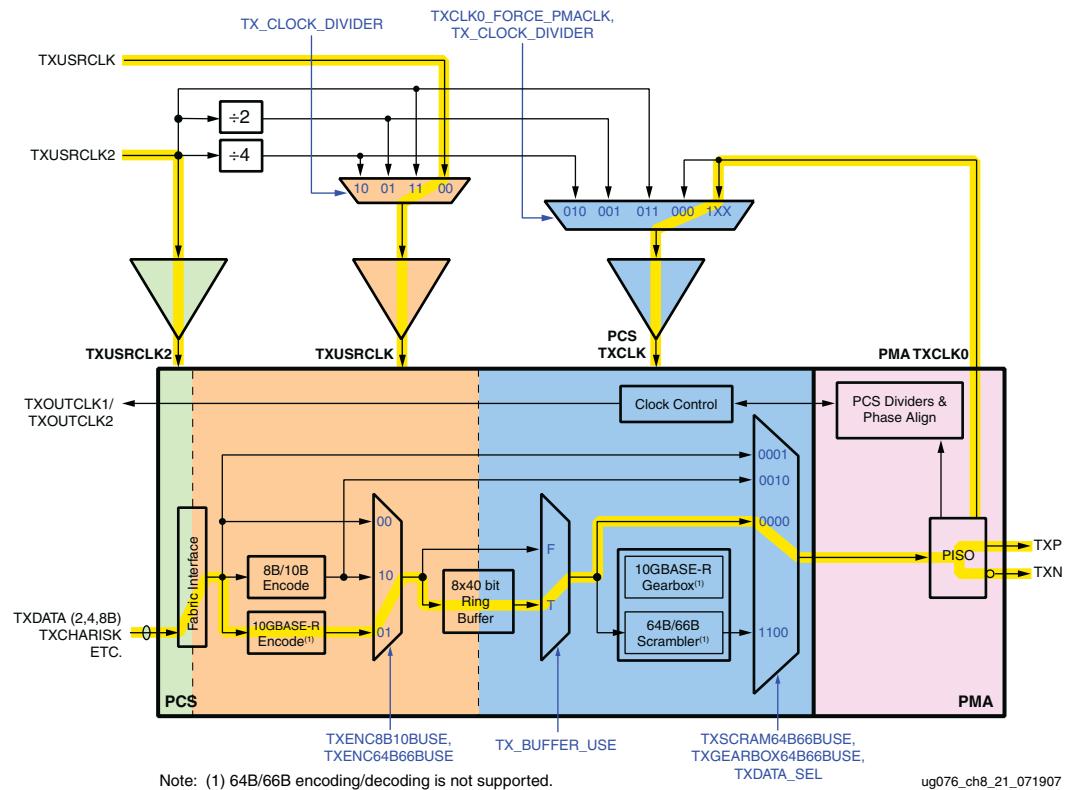


Figure 8-10: TX Low Latency Buffered Mode: Use Model TX\_2G

Figure 8-11 shows the buffered-mode flow through the TX bypassing 8B/10B encoding, 10GBASE-R encoding, 10GBASE-R GearBox, and 64B/66B Scrambler.

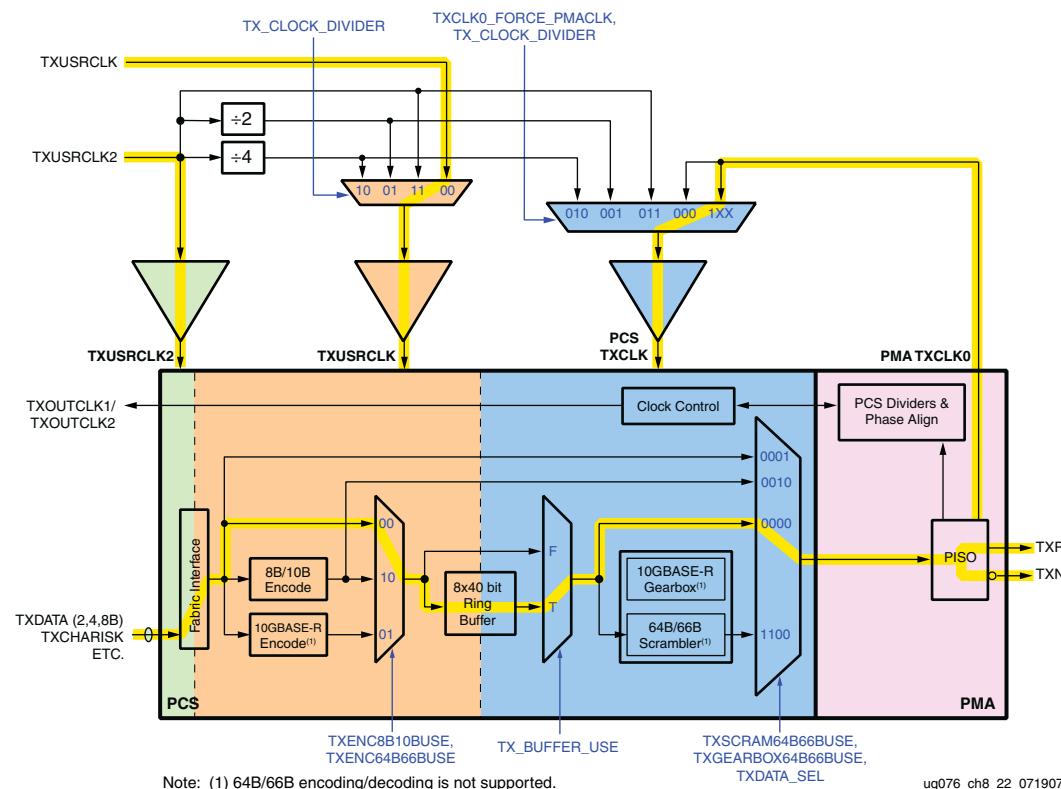


Figure 8-11: TX Low Latency Buffered Mode: Use Model TX\_2H

## Skew

See section “TX Channel Skew using TXSYNC,” page 215.

## Reset

For the use models using GREFCLK to synchronize the MGTs, the user must ensure that the TX phase buffer included in the PCS comes out of reset across the MGTs on the same PCS TXCLK so the latency through the TX buffers is consistent.

To ensure this, the TXRESET should be deasserted on the negative edge of TXUSRCLK.

Refer to section “Resets” in Chapter 2 for details on resetting multiple MGTs to minimize skew.

## TX Low Latency Buffer Bypass Mode

### Overview

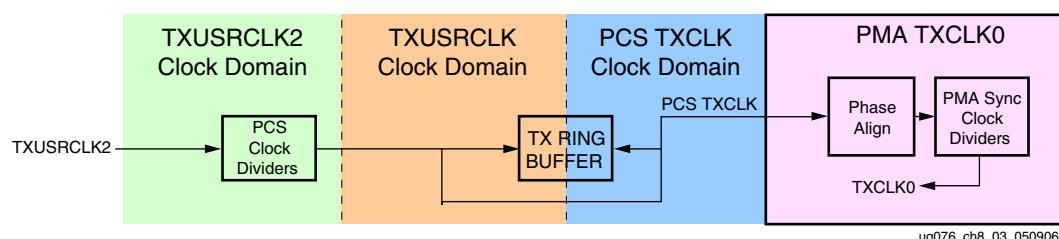
For this mode, the TX Buffer is bypassed and TXSYNC must be used to synchronize the PCS TXCLK and PMA TXCLK0. In this case, the phase alignment circuit requires the PCS TXCLK to be the synchronization clock. This mode also results in channel to channel skew reduction, but not as much as when GREFCLK is used as the synchronization source.

[Table 8-9](#) summarizes the use models of the TX PMA phase alignment circuit, along with the relevant MGT attribute settings. The attribute TXPHASESEL is used to select the synchronization clock for the phase alignment circuit. The TXCLK0\_FORCE\_PMACLK and TX\_CLOCK\_DIVIDER settings together determine the source of PCS TXCLK, which can be generated either from the TX PMA parallel clock (PMA TXCLK0) or from the internal PCS clock dividers. For low-latency buffer bypass mode, the PCS TXCLK must always be sourced from the internal PCS Dividers. Refer to the figures in this section for details.

### Clocking

[Figure 8-12](#) shows PCS TXCLK used as the synchronization clock. Since TXUSRCLK and PCS TXCLK are sourced from the same PCS clock divider, the use of TX buffer is optional. In these use models, PMA TXCLK0 is not used in the PCS. Since the PCS TXCLK domain and the PMA TXCLK0 domain do not have a known phase relationship, the TX phase alignment circuit in the TX PMA is used to eliminate the phase difference between the clock domains and thus guarantee that setup and hold times are met at the PCS/PMA boundary. For a good deskew result with these use models, it is recommended that the same clock source be used to source TXUSRCLK2 on different channels.

As before, the phase alignment circuit adjusts the phase only of PMA TXCLK0 and not TXOUTCLK1 when TXOUTCLK1 is sourced from the asynchronous PCS clock dividers. If TXOUTCLK1 is to be used as the source for TXUSRCLK2 in Use Models TX\_1x and TX\_2x, the asynchronous PCS clock dividers must be used. These dividers are not affected by the phase alignment circuit. Doing this requires attributes TXCLKMODE[0] = 0, TXCLKMODE[2] = 1, and TXOUTCLK1\_USE\_SYNC = FALSE.



[Figure 8-12: Using PCS TXCLK as Synchronization Clock \(Use Models TX\\_3A-B\)](#)

In this mode, only the internal PCS dividers can be used for TXUSRCLK.

- If 4-byte mode is required, TX\_CLOCK\_DIVIDER = 11
- If 2-byte mode is required, TX\_CLOCK\_DIVIDER = 01
- If 1-byte mode is required, TX\_CLOCK\_DIVIDER = 10

An external TXUSRCLK cannot be used in low-latency buffer bypass mode.

## Use Models

Table 8-9: TX Use Models: Low-Latency Buffer Bypass w/out Channel Deskew

USE MODEL <sup>(1)</sup>	TX_BUFFER_USE	TXUSRCLK SOURCE <sup>(2)</sup>	BYPASS MODE	PORTS <sup>(6)</sup>				ATTRIBUTES			
				TXENC8B10BUSE	TXENC64B66BUSE	TXSCRAM64B66BUSE <sup>(3)</sup>	TXGEARBOX64B66BUSE <sup>(3)</sup>	TXSYNC <sup>(4)</sup>	TXDATA_SEL	TXCLK0_FORCE_PMACLK	TX_CLOCK_DIVIDER
TX_3A	FALSE	Internal PCS clock dividers to derive TXUSRCLK from TXUSRCLK2 <i>only</i> .	Partial Bypass uses 8B/10B Encode	1	0	0	0	REQ'D	10	FALSE	11 (Note 5)
TX_3B			Full PCS Bypass (8B/10B Bypass)	0	0	0	0		01		

### Notes:

1. All cases addressed assume a 4-byte fabric width. Refer to section “Clocking,” page 198 for 2 byte or 1 byte fabric width.
2. PCS TXCLK used as clock synchronization source.
3. TXSCRAM64B66BUSE and TXGEARBOX64B66BUSE are always to be set to the same value.
4. TXSYNC functionality must be used in order to sync the PCS/PMA clocks.
5. MGT/MGTB Register 0x43[7]=1 always for TX Low Latency. This can be accomplished with a Read-Modify-Write Operation via the Dynamic Reconfiguration Port. Alternatively, this can be achieved by adding the constraint TXCLK0\_INVERT\_PMALEAF = "TRUE" to the UCF file. The COREGen RocketIO Wizard generates this constraint when choosing to bypass the buffer to enable Low Latency.
6. 64B/66B encoding/decoding is not supported.

### Use Models TX\_3A and TX3B

Figure 8-13 shows the buffer bypass mode flow through the TX using 8B/10B encoding.

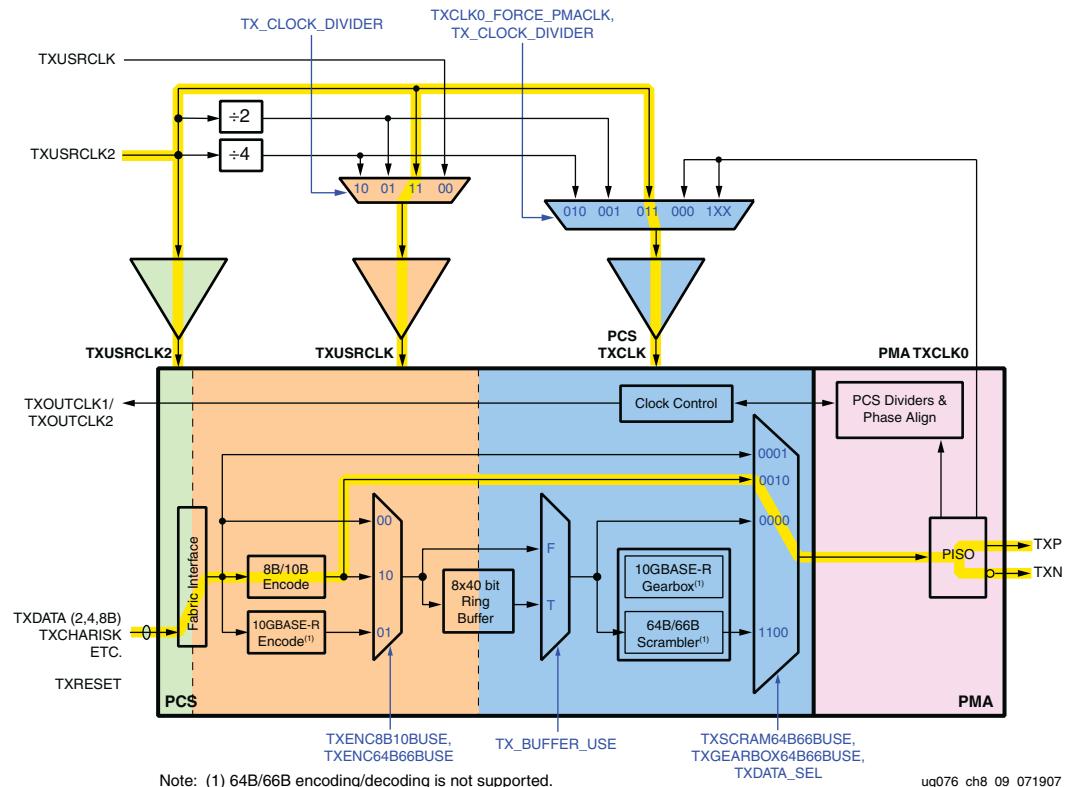


Figure 8-13: TX Low Latency Buffer Bypass Mode: Use Model TX\_3A

Figure 8-14 shows the full PCS bypass flow through the TX.

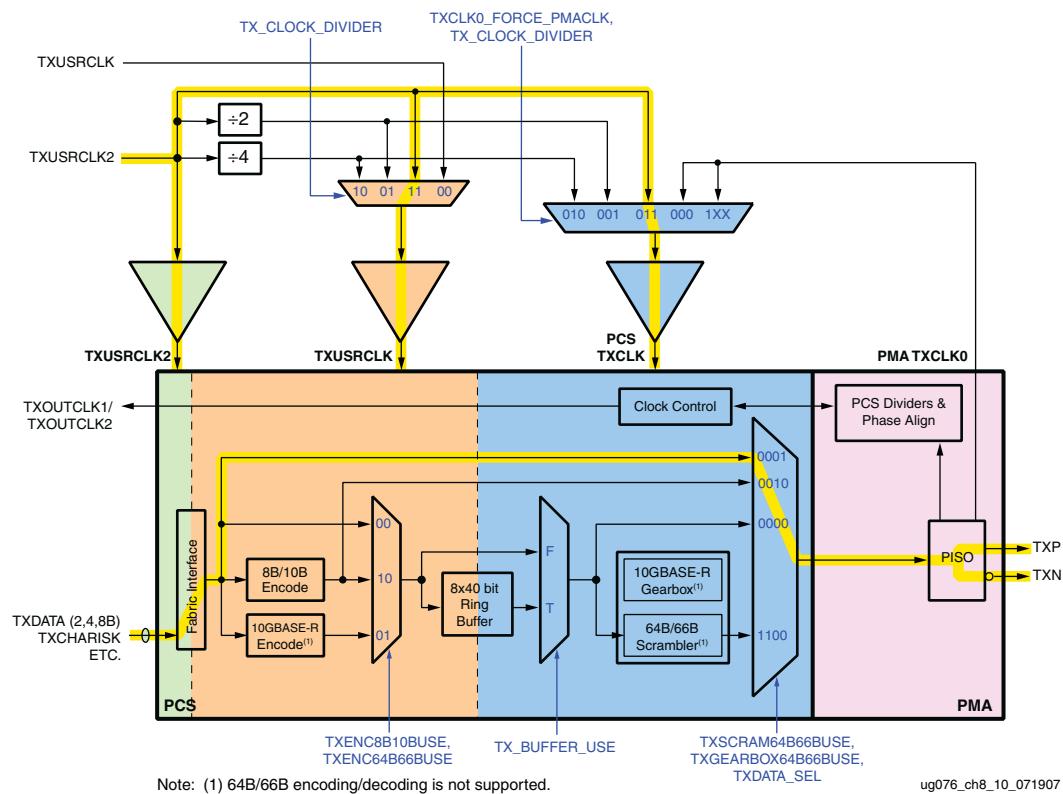


Figure 8-14: TX Low Latency Buffer Bypass Mode: Use Model TX\_3B

## Skew

See section “TX Channel Skew using TXSYNC,” page 215.

## Reset

Refer to section “Resets” in Chapter 2 for more details.

# TXSYNC

## Overview

The PMA phase alignment block compares and then synchronizes the phase relationship between PMA TXCLK0 and either the PCS TXCLK or GREFCLK, depending on the setting of the TXPHASESEL attribute. The appropriate alignment reference is dependent on the Use Model requirements for the TX PCS as per the user's application.

The phase alignment circuit is enabled by the rising edge of the fabric port TXSYNC. From assertion of TXSYNC, the phase alignment process takes two sweeps. A *sweep* is defined here as the rising edges of the two parallel clocks that are compared crossing each other in response to a high-speed serial clock being skipped. Two sweeps are done instead of one to ensure that a glitch at startup (rising edge of TXSYNC) does not confuse the circuit into thinking that the clocks are aligned when in reality they are not.

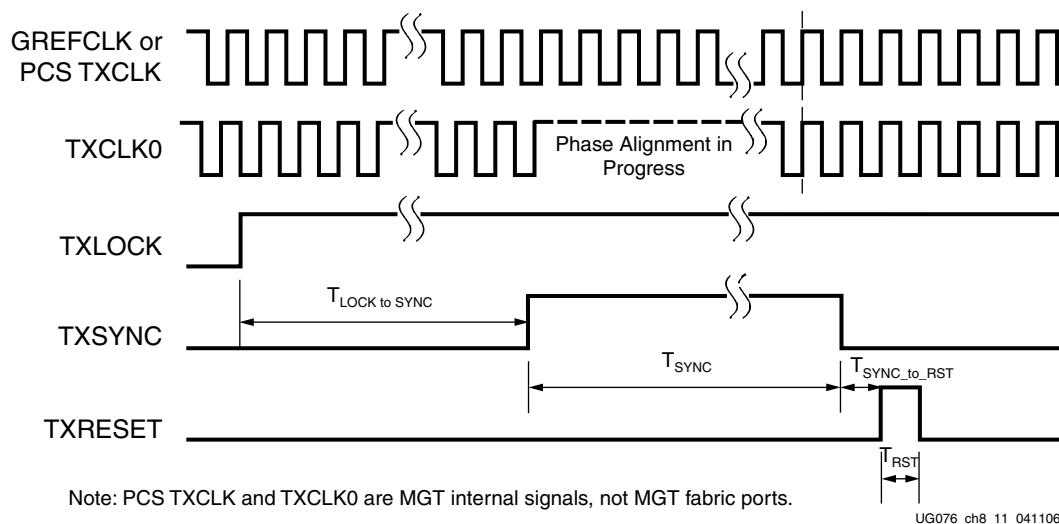
Therefore, the first sweep is variable in length, depending on the initial relationship of the two clocks. The second sweep takes either 16 or 20 adjustments, according to the

synchronous clock divider setting (32-bit or 40-bit data path). The circuit adjusts one high-speed clock for every parallel clock being used as the timing reference (GREFCLK or PCS TXCLK). The synchronization clock frequency can be equal to or slower than PMA TXCLK0.

The phase alignment process should be initiated only after the TX PLL is locked, as indicated by the TXLOCK output. If for any reason the TX PLL becomes unlocked, the alignment process must be re-executed to insure the output skew is correct.

## Timing

[Figure 8-15](#) illustrates the timing waveform of all the signals involved in the TX phase alignment process.



*Figure 8-15: TXSYNC Timing*

## Usage

1. Phase alignment is a one-time, multi-clock-cycle event enabled when the TXSYNC port is asserted. Although the TXSYNC port is asynchronous to TXUSRCLK2, the user can simply generate TXSYNC in the TXUSRCLK2 domain and apply the TXSYNC signal to all MGTs involved in the TX phase alignment.
2. TX phase alignment should not be initiated until all involved TX PLLs are locked. Refer to “[Resets](#)” in [Chapter 2](#) for more details. Depending on the TX PLL settings (for example, FDET\_LCK\_SEL and TXLOOPFILT), the required TXLOCK-to-TXSYNC interval ( $T_{LOCK\_to\_SYNC}$ ) can vary greatly, from a few TXUSRCLK2 cycles to several thousand TXUSRCLK2 cycles.
  - a. It is recommended that TXSYNC be asserted after TXLOCK has remained High for at least 12,000 TXUSRCLK2 cycles.
  - b. This TXLOCK-to-TXSYNC interval can be reduced when using a different FDET\_LCK\_SEL setting.
3. The TXSYNC port must remain asserted for the entire phase alignment process.
  - a. TXSYNC must be asserted for least 64 synchronization clock cycles ( $T_{SYNC}$ ).
  - b. The synchronization clock (alignment reference) can be GREFCLK or PCS TXCLK.

- c. If multiple TXSYNC pulses are necessary, it is also recommended that they be spaced at least four synchronization clock cycles apart.
  - d. If TXSYNC is left asserted, it acts as an enable, such that if the PMA TXCLK0 edge is detected prior to the synchronization clock, and TXSYNC is High, a clock adjustment is executed, dropping one high-speed serial clock (and the associated data). Bringing TXSYNC Low causes the circuit to stay locked in its current position; therefore, after alignment is complete, TXSYNC should be brought Low.
4. Finally, the PCS reset (TXRESET) must be asserted on all MGTs involved in the phase alignment to reset all TX buffer pointers. Aligning TXRESET to all transceivers is essential where the TX buffer is used and channel-to-channel skew needs to be minimized.
- a. The interval between TXSYNC deasserting and TXRESET asserting (TSYNC\_to\_RST) can be as small as zero TXUSRCLK2 cycles.
  - b. The TXRESET pulse (TRST) normally should be synchronized to the TXUSRCLK domain and should remain asserted for at least three TXUSRCLK cycles.
- Refer to section “[Resets](#)” in Chapter 2 for more details.
5. MGTA/MGTB Register 0x43 [7] = 1 always for TX low latency. This can be accomplished with a read-modify-write operation via the dynamic reconfiguration port. Alternatively, this can be achieved by adding the constraint TXCLK0\_INVERT\_PMALEAF = TRUE to the UCF file. The CORE Generator RocketIO Wizard generates this constraint when choosing to bypass the buffer to enable low latency.

## TX Channel Skew using TXSYNC

### Worst-Case TX Skew Estimation

Synchronization Clock = PCS TXCLK, TXPHASESEL = TRUE

$$\begin{aligned} TXSkew_{worstcase}(UI) &= Skew_{TXSYNC Algnmt} + Skew_{ClkRef} + Skew_{MGTClkRtng} + Skew_{USRCLKDiv} + Skew_{Pkg} \\ &= 2UI + \frac{100 \text{ ps}}{UI_{UserDataRate}(\text{ps})} UI + \frac{320 \text{ ps}}{UI_{UserDataRate}(\text{ps})} UI + (0, 16, 20, 24, 30 \text{ UI}) + \frac{\sim 70 \text{ ps}}{UI_{UserDataRate}(\text{ps})} UI \end{aligned}$$

where:

$Skew_{TXSYNC Algnmt}$  is the worst-case skew from the TXSYNC alignment circuit. This is 2 UI because the PMA-generated parallel clock (PMA TXCLK0) aligns from 0–2 UI ahead of the parallel clock used as a timing reference (PCS TXCLK or GREFCLK).

$Skew_{ClkRef}$  is the worst-case clock skew across the FPGA for the alignment reference (synchronization clock), 100 ps worst case.

$Skew_{MGTClkRtng}$  is the worst-case clock routing skew between the A and B MGTs, 320 ps worst case.

$Skew_{USRCLKDiv}$  is the skew from the internal USRCLK dividers. In the worst case, it is one USRCLK period for 1-byte and 2-byte fabric widths if the internal PCS dividers are used. This is because the phase relationship of the internal PCS dividers is asynchronous between MGTs. For 4-byte fabric width, there is no divider, so the skew is 0. For 2-byte and 1-byte mode, the skew in UI depends on the internal datapath used:

2-byte:

- 32-bit internal datapath: 16UI
- 40-bit internal datapath: 20UI

1-byte:

- 32-bit internal datapath: 24UI
- 40-bit internal datapath: 30UI

$Skew_{Pkg}$  is the worst-case package skew between differential pairs, 70 ps.

**Note:** This skew calculation is accurate to the package pin at the TX side accounting for all significant sources of skew within the FPGA. User must also account for skew on the board and at the receiver end to determine the total skew seen at the receiver.

### Synchronization Clock = GREFCLK, TXPHASESEL = FALSE

$$TXSkew_{worstcase}(UI) = Skew_{TXSYNC Algnmt} + Skew_{ClkRef} + Skew_{USRCLKDiv} + Skew_{Pkg}$$

$$= 2UI + \frac{100 \text{ ps}}{UI_{UserDataRate}(ps)} UI + (0,16,20,24,30 \text{ UI}) + \frac{\sim 70 \text{ ps}}{UI_{UserDataRate}(ps)} UI$$

$Skew_{TXSYNC Algnmt}$  is the worst-case skew from the TXSYNC alignment circuit. This is 2 UI because the PMA-generated parallel clock (PMA TXCLK0) aligns from 0–2 UI ahead of the parallel clock used as a timing reference (PCS TXCLK or GREFCLK).

$Skew_{ClkRef}$  is the worst-case clock skew across the FPGA for the alignment reference (synchronization clock), 100 ps worst case.

$Skew_{USRCLKDiv}$  is the skew from the internal USRCLK dividers. In the worst case, it is one USRCLK period for 1-byte and 2-byte fabric widths if the internal PCS dividers are used. This is because the phase relationship of the internal PCS dividers is asynchronous between MGTs. For 4-byte fabric width, there is no divider, so the skew is 0. For 2-byte and 1-byte mode, the skew in UI depends on the internal datapath used:

2-byte:

- 32-bit internal datapath: 16UI
- 40-bit internal datapath: 20UI

1-byte:

- 32-bit internal datapath: 24UI
- 40-bit internal datapath: 30UI

$Skew_{Pkg}$  is the worst-case package skew between differential pairs, 70 ps.

**Note:** This skew calculation is accurate to the package pin at the TX side accounting for all significant sources of skew within the FPGA. User must also account for skew on the board and at the receiver end to determine the total skew seen at the receiver.

## TX Skew Estimation Examples

All examples assume 4-byte fabric width and 40-bit internal datapath.

### 1.25 Gbit/s, Synchronization Clock = PCS TXCLK, TXPHASESEL = TRUE

$$\begin{aligned} TXSkew_{worstcase}(UI) &= 2UI + \frac{100}{800} ps UI + \frac{320}{800} ps UI + 0UI + \frac{70}{800} ps UI \\ &= 2UI + 0.125UI + 0.4UI + 0UI + 0.0875UI \\ &= 2.6125UI \end{aligned}$$

### 1.25 Gbit/s, Synchronization Clock = GREFCLK, TXPHASESEL = FALSE

$$\begin{aligned} TXSkew_{worstcase}(UI) &= 2UI + \frac{100}{800} ps UI + 0UI + \frac{70}{800} ps UI \\ &= 2UI + 0.125UI + 0.0875UI \\ &= 2.2125UI \end{aligned}$$

### 6.5 Gbit/s, Synchronization Clock = PCS TXCLK, TXPHASESEL = TRUE

$$\begin{aligned} TXSkew_{worstcase}(UI) &= 2UI + \frac{100}{153.85} ps UI + \frac{320}{153.85} ps UI + 0UI + \frac{70}{153.85} ps UI \\ &= 2UI + 0.6500UI + 2.0799UI + 0UI + 0.4550UI \\ &= 5.1849UI \end{aligned}$$

### 6.5 Gbit/s, Synchronization Clock = GREFCLK, TXPHASESEL = FALSE

$$\begin{aligned} TXSkew_{worstcase}(UI) &= 2UI + \frac{100}{153.85} ps UI + 0UI + \frac{70}{153.85} ps UI \\ &= 2UI + 0.6500UI + 0.4550UI \\ &= 3.1050UI \end{aligned}$$

Table 8-10: Worst-Case Skew Estimates

Data Rate	UI (ps)	Internal Data Path	TXUSRCLK Source	Fabric Data Width	Synchronization Clock			
					PCS TXCLK		GREFCLK	
					UI	(ns)	UI	(ns)
622 Mb/s	1608	32	Internal PCS Dividers	4	2.3048	3.71	2.1057	3.39
			External TXUSRCLK	4			2.1057	3.39
			Internal PCS Dividers	2	18.3048	29.43	18.1057	29.11
				1	26.3048	42.29	26.1057	41.97
			External TXUSRCLK	2, 1			2.1057	3.39
1.25 Gb/s	800	40	Internal PCS Dividers	4	2.6125	2.09	2.2125	1.77
			External TXUSRCLK	4			2.2125	1.77
			Internal PCS Dividers	2	22.6125	18.09	22.2125	17.77
				1	32.6125	26.09	32.2125	25.77
			External TXUSRCLK	2, 1			2.2125	1.77
2.5 Gb/s	400	32	Internal PCS Dividers	4	3.225	1.29	2.425	0.97
			External TXUSRCLK	4			2.425	0.97
			Internal PCS Dividers	2	19.225	7.69	18.425	7.37
				1	27.225	10.89	26.425	10.57
			External TXUSRCLK	2, 1			2.425	0.97
		40	Internal PCS Dividers	4	3.225	1.29	2.425	0.97
			External TXUSRCLK	4			2.425	0.97
			Internal PCS Dividers	2	23.225	9.29	22.425	8.97
				1	33.225	13.29	32.425	12.97
			External TXUSRCLK	2, 1			2.425	0.97
3.125 Gb/s	320	40	Internal PCS Dividers	4	3.5313	1.13	2.5313	0.81
			External TXUSRCLK	4			2.5313	0.81
			Internal PCS Dividers	2	23.5313	7.53	22.5313	7.21
			External TXUSRCLK	2			2.5313	0.81
6.5 Gb/s	153.85	40	Internal PCS Dividers	4	5.185	0.8	3.105	0.48
			External TXUSRCLK	4			3.105	0.48

**Notes:**

- 1-byte mode is not supported for 3.125 Gb/s data rate, and 1-byte and 2-byte modes are not supported for 6.5 Gb/s data rate, because fabric interface speed is limited to 250 MHz.

## RX Latency

To minimize the latency in the RX, the phase discrepancy between the PCS RXCLK and PMA RXCLK0 can be minimized by the RX phase alignment circuitry. This allows the user to bypass portions of the PCS or the entire PCS and thereby reduce the latency through the RX side of the MGT.

In cases where the RX buffer is bypassed, the phase alignment circuitry is necessary to align the PCS RXCLK and PMA RXCLK0.

The most frequently anticipated use cases are mentioned below. The user can use these examples as a guide to determine a custom path if required.

### RX Low Latency Buffered Mode

#### Overview

For this mode, the RXSYNC functionality is not required. This results in bypassed functionality without the need for synchronizing the PCS and PMA clocks.

#### Clocking

There is no particular clocking restriction in this mode. If there are multiple synchronized channels, the same USRCLK and USRCLK2 should be input to all the MGTs so that they are all in phase with each other.

As noted earlier, if channel bonding is being used, the internal PCS dividers cannot be used, and an external RXUSRCLK must be provided.

To use the internal PCS dividers for RXUSRCLK (do not use for channel bonding because bonded GT11s must share the same RXUSRCLK):

- If 4-byte mode is required, RX\_CLOCK\_DIVIDER = 11.
- If 2-byte mode is required, RX\_CLOCK\_DIVIDER = 01.
- If 1-byte mode is required, RX\_CLOCK\_DIVIDER = 10.
- Set RXCLK0\_FORCE\_PMACLK to TRUE.

To provide for an external RXUSRCLK:

- Set RX\_CLOCK\_DIVIDER = 00 and provide the appropriate frequency clock at the RXUSRCLK port. This might require the use of an additional DCM or PMCD.
- Set RXCLK0\_FORCE\_PMACLK to FALSE.

## Use Models

Table 8-11: RX Use Models: Low-Latency Buffered Mode

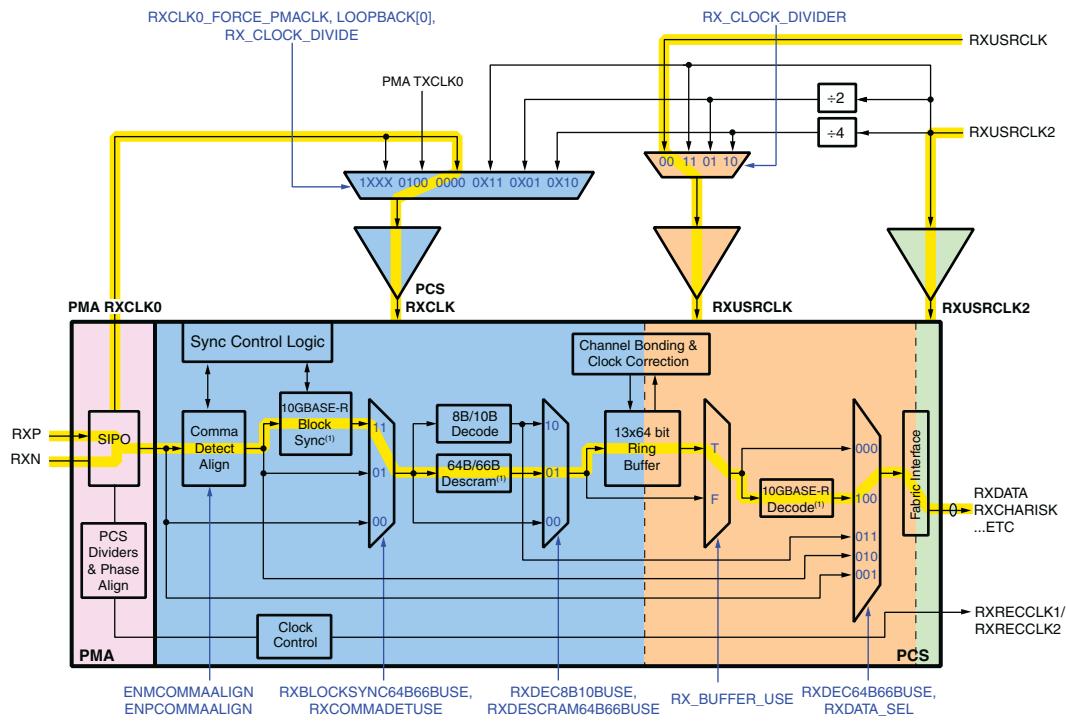
USE MODEL <sup>(1)</sup>	RX_BUFFER_USE	RXUSRCLK SOURCE <sup>(2)</sup>	BYPASS MODE <sup>(3)</sup>	PORTS					ATTRIBUTES			
				RXBLOCKSYNC64B66BUSE	RXCMDMADETUSE	RXDEC8B10BUSE	RXDEC64B66BUSE	RXDESCRAM64B66BUSE	RXSYNC	PMA_BIT_SLIP	RXDATA_SEL	RXCLK0_FORCE_PMACLK
RX_1A	TRUE	Internal PCS clock dividers to derive RXUSRCLK from RXUSRCLK2 OR External RXUSRCLK	No Bypass. Uses 10GBASE-R Decode and 64B/66B Descrambler and Block Sync.	1	1	0	1	1	NOT USED Tie to logic 0	00	FALSE	00
RX_1B			No Bypass. Uses 8B/10B Decode.	0	1	1	0	0		00		00
RX_1C			Decoding Bypass of 8B/10B and 64B/66B Decode.	0	1	0	0	0		00		00

### Notes:

1. All cases addressed assume a 4-byte fabric width.
2. All cases addressed use external RXUSRCLK. To use the internal PCS dividers, refer to section “Clocking,” page 219. When using the internal PCS dividers, only Pre-Driver Serial Loopback or Normal Operation are possible. Parallel Loopback is not supported.
3. 64B/66B encoding/decoding is not supported.

### Use Models RX\_1A, RX\_1B, and RX\_1C

Figure 8-16 shows the buffered mode flow through the RX using 64B/66B decoding and block sync.

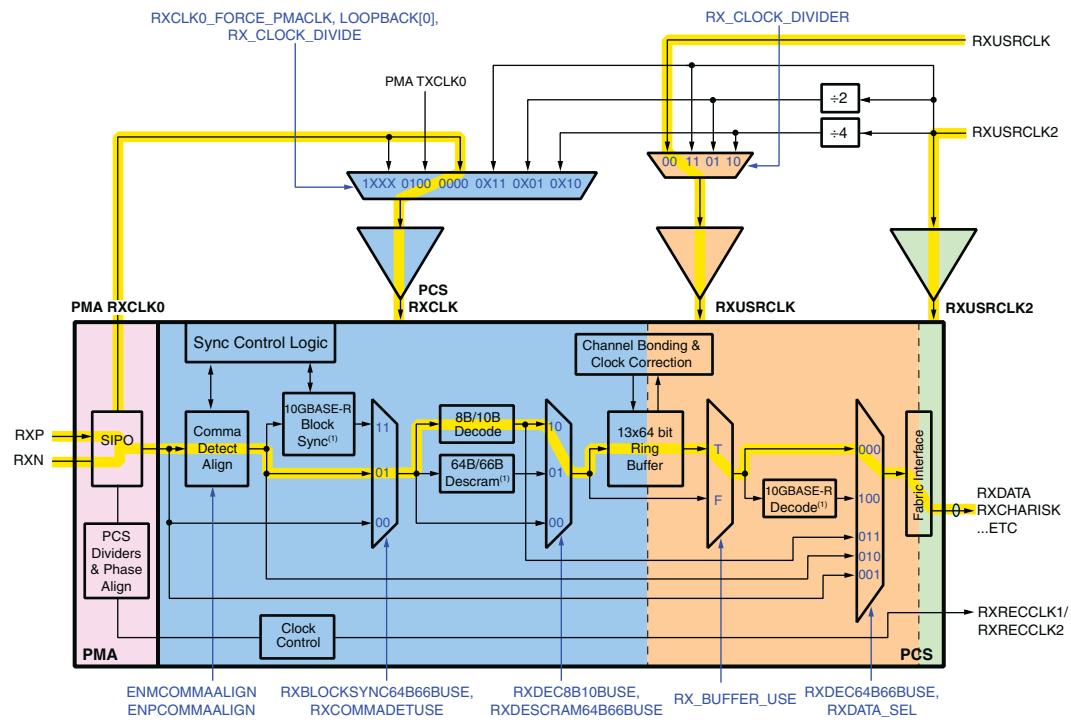


Note: (1) 64B/66B encoding/decoding is not supported.

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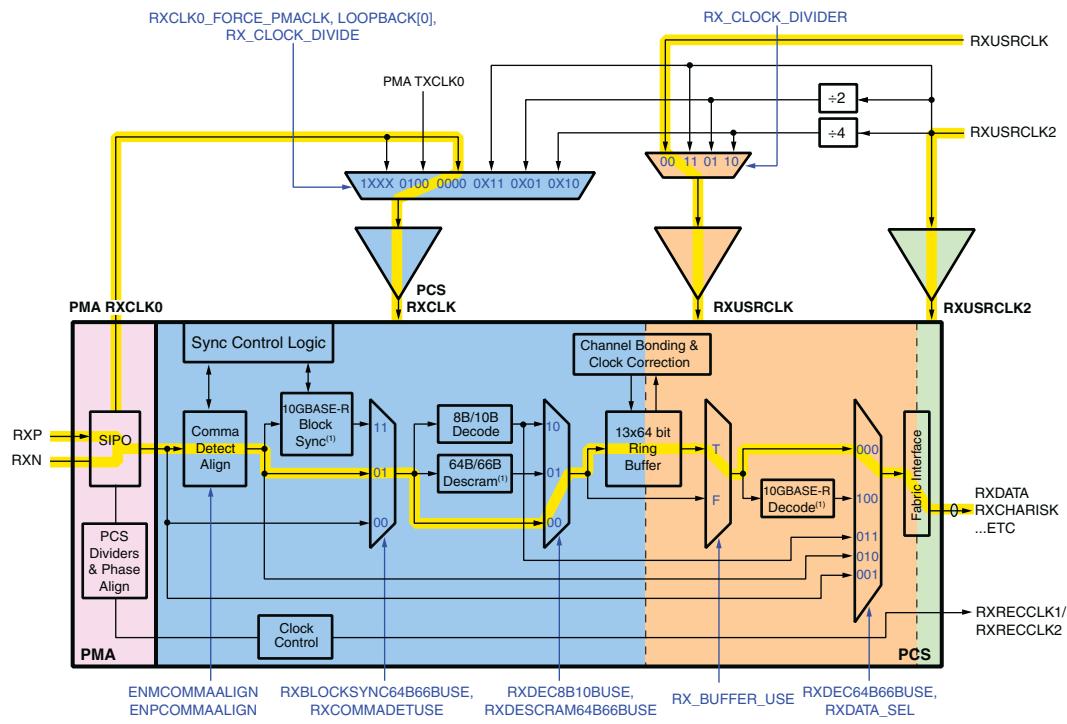
*Figure 8-16: RX Low Latency Buffered Mode: Use Model RX\_1A*

Figure 8-17 shows the buffered mode flow through the RX using 8B/10B decoding.



**Figure 8-17: RX Low Latency Buffered Mode: Use Model RX\_1B**

Figure 8-18 shows the buffered mode flow through the RX bypassing 8B/10B and 64B/66B decoding.



Note: (1) 64B/66B encoding/decoding is not supported.

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Figure 8-18: RX Low Latency Buffered Mode: Use Model RX\_1C

## Reset

RXRESET should be synchronized across channels to ensure that all the RX buffer pointers are in phase with each other. Refer to section “[Resets](#)” in [Chapter 2](#) for more details.

## RX Low Latency Buffer Bypass Mode

### Overview

For this mode, the RX buffer is bypassed and RXSYNC must be used to synchronize the PCS RXCLK and PMA RXCLK0. The PCX RXCLK is used as the synchronization clock source.

### Clocking

In this mode, only the internal PCS dividers can be used for RXUSRCLK. As a result, this mode is incompatible with channel bonding and 8-byte RX interface data path widths.

- If 4-byte mode is required, RX\_CLOCK\_DIVIDER = 11
- If 2-byte mode is required, RX\_CLOCK\_DIVIDER = 01
- If 1-byte mode is required, RX\_CLOCK\_DIVIDER = 10

As shown in [Table 8-12](#), an external RXUSRCLK cannot be used in buffer-bypass mode. Where RXRECCLK1 is used as the source for RXUSRCLK and RXUSRCLK2, the asynchronous PMA clock dividers must be used. These dividers are not affected by the phase alignment circuit. Therefore, the phase alignment circuit adjusts the phase only of PMA RXCLK0, not of RXRECCLK1. This configuration requires attributes RXCLKMODE[1] = 1, RXCLKMODE[4] = 0, and RXRECCLK1\_USE\_SYNC = FALSE.

**Table 8-12: RX Use Models: Low-Latency Buffer Bypass Mode**

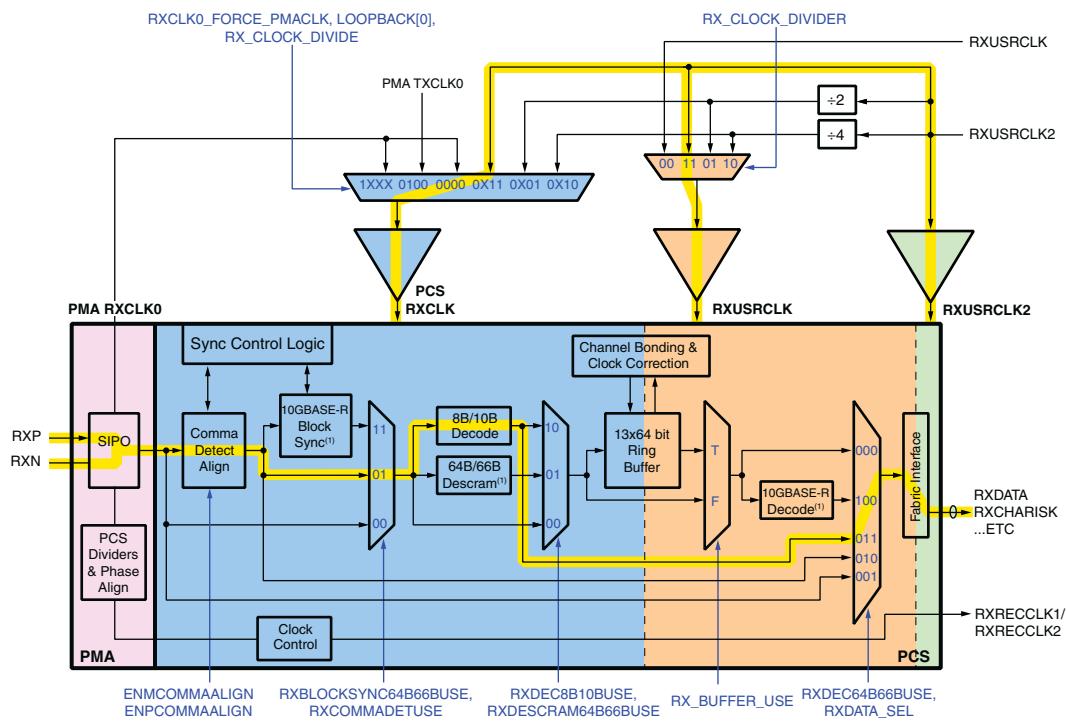
USE MODEL <sup>(1)</sup>	RX_BUFFER_USE	RXUSRCLK SOURCE	BYPASS MODE <sup>(4)</sup>	PORTS					ATTRIBUTES			
				RXBLOCKSYNC64B66BUSE	RXCOMMADETUSE	RXDEC8B10BUSE	RXDEC64B66BUSE <sup>(1)</sup>	RXDESCRAM64B66BUSE	RXSYNC <sup>(2)</sup>	RMA_BIT_SLIP	RXDATA_SEL	RXCLK0_FORCE_PMACLK
RX_2A	FALSE	Internal PCS clock dividers to derive RXUSRCLK from RXUSRCLK2	No Bypass. Uses 8B/10B Decode.	0	1	1	0	0	REQ'D	FALSE	11	11
RX_2B			Decoding Bypass of 8B/10B and 64B/66B Decode.	0	1	0	0	0			10	FALSE
RX_2C			Full PCS Bypass, including Comma Detection block.	0	0	0	0	0			01	

#### Notes:

1. All cases addressed assume a fabric width of 4 bytes. Refer to section [“Clocking,” page 224](#) for 2 byte or 1 byte fabric width.
2. RXSYNC functionality must be used in order to sync the PCS/PMA clocks.
3. Because the internal PCS dividers are used, Parallel Loopback and Channel Bonding are not supported.
4. 64B/66B encoding/decoding is not supported.

## Use Models RX\_2A, RX\_2B, and RX\_2C

Figure 8-19 shows the buffer bypass mode flow through the RX using 8B/10B decoding.



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Figure 8-19: RX Low Latency Buffer Bypass Mode: Use Model RX\_2A

Figure 8-20 shows the buffer bypass mode flow through the RX bypassing 8B/10B and 64B/66B decoding but retaining comma detection.

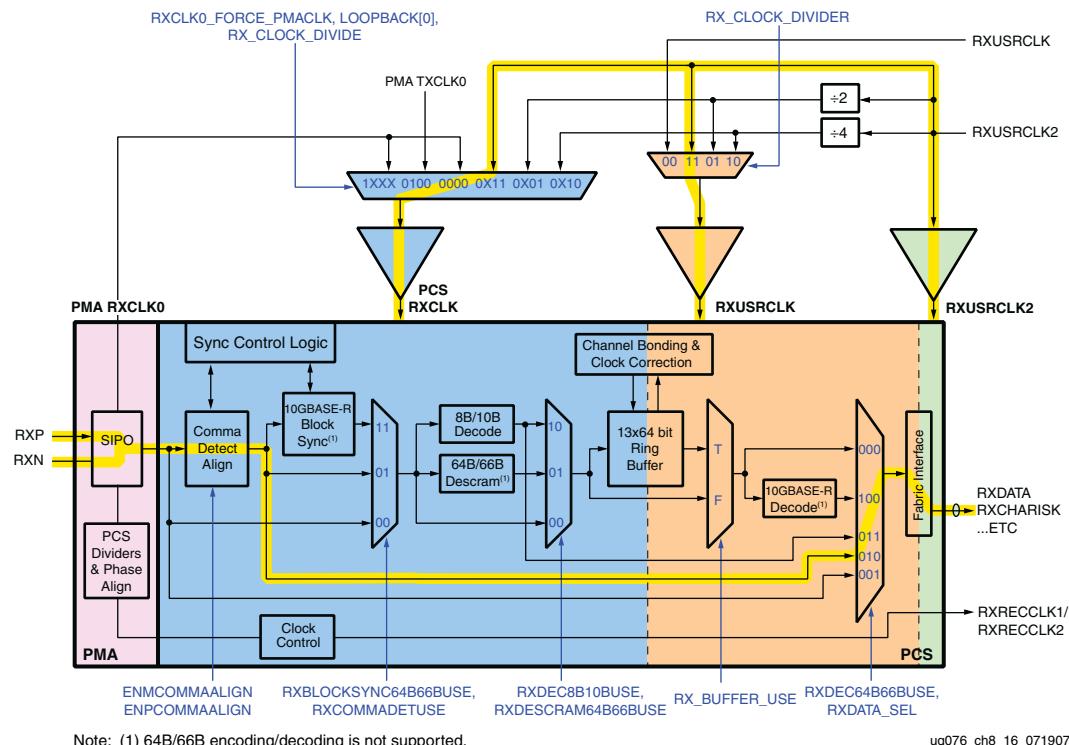


Figure 8-20: RX Low Latency Buffer Bypass Mode: Use Model RX\_2B

Figure 8-21 shows the full PCS bypass flow through the RX, bypassing comma detection as well as decoding.

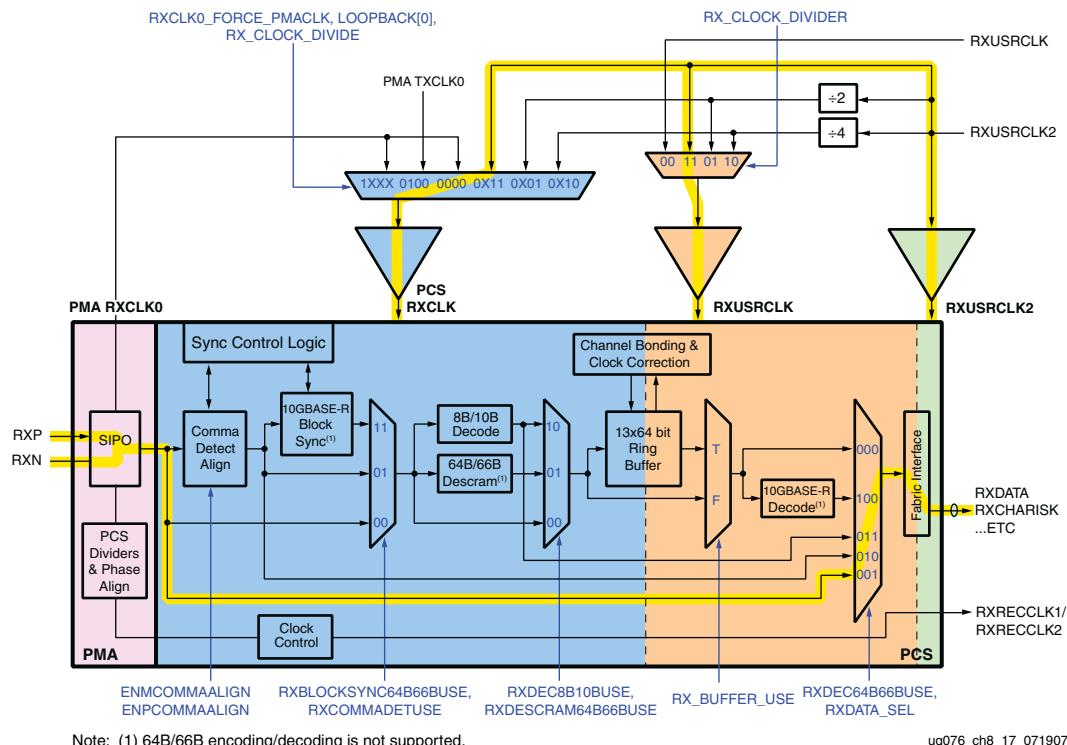


Figure 8-21: RX Low Latency Buffer Bypass Mode: Use Model RX\_2C

## Reset

Refer to section “Resets” in Chapter 2 for more details.

# RXSYNC

## Overview

The PMA phase alignment block compares and then synchronizes the phase relationship between PMA RXCLK0 and the PCS RXCLK. The phase alignment circuit is enabled by the rising edge of the fabric port RXSYNC. RXSYNC is similar in functionality to TXSYNC.

From assertion of RXSYNC, the phase alignment process takes two sweeps. A *sweep* is defined here as the rising edges of the two parallel clocks that are compared crossing each other in response to a high-speed serial clock being skipped. Two sweeps are done instead of one to ensure that a glitch at startup (rising edge of RXSYNC) does not confuse the circuit into thinking that the clocks are aligned when in reality they are not.

Therefore, the first sweep is variable in length, depending on the initial relationship of the two clocks. The second sweep takes either 16 or 20 adjustments, according to the synchronous clock divider setting (32-bit or 40-bit data path). The circuit adjusts one high-speed clock for every parallel clock being used as the timing reference (PCS RXCLK).

The phase alignment process should be initiated only once the RX PLL is locked as indicated by the RXLOCK output. If for any reason the RX PLL becomes unlocked then the alignment process must be reinitiated.

## Timing

Figure 8-22 illustrates the timing waveform of all the signals involved in the RX phase alignment process.

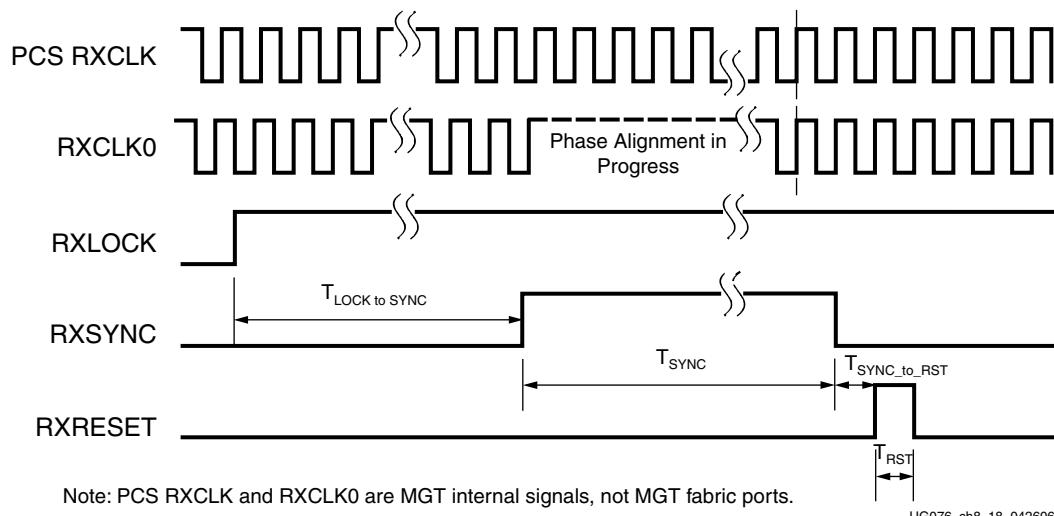


Figure 8-22: RXSYNC Timing

## Usage

1. Phase alignment is a one-time multi-clock-cycle event enabled when the RXSYNC port is asserted. Although the RXSYNC port is asynchronous to RXUSRCLK2, the user can simply generate RXSYNC in the RXUSRCLK2 domain and apply the RXSYNC signal to all MGTs involved in the RX phase alignment.

2. RX phase alignment should not be initiated until all involved RX PLLs are locked. Refer to section “[Resets](#)” in [Chapter 2](#) for more details. Depending on the RX PLL settings (for example, RXFDET\_LCK\_SEL and RXLOOPFILT), the required RXLOCK-to-RXSYNC interval (TLOCK\_to\_SYNC) can vary greatly, from a few RXUSRCLK2 cycles to several thousand RXUSRCLK2 cycles.
  - a. It is recommended that RXSYNC be asserted after RXLOCK has remained High for at least 12,000 RXUSRCLK2 cycles. This requirement is already met if the user waits for 16K (16 x 1024) REFCLK cycles to make sure that RXLOCK is asserted for that time. Refer to section “[Resets](#)” in [Chapter 2](#) for more details.
  - b. This TLOCK\_to\_SYNC interval can be reduced when using a different RXFDET\_LCK\_SEL setting.
3. The RXSYNC port must remain asserted for the entire phase alignment process.
  - a. It is recommended that RXSYNC should be asserted for least 64 synchronization clock cycles. Since RXUSRCLK is the clock source for the PCS RXCLK domain, this would be 64 RXUSRCLK cycles.
  - b. If multiple RXSYNC pulses are necessary, it is also recommended that they be spaced at least four synchronization clock (RXUSRCLK) cycles apart.
  - c. If RXSYNC is left asserted, it acts as an enable, such that if the PMA RXCLK0 edge is detected prior to the reference clock, and RXSYNC is High, a clock adjustment is executed, dropping one high-speed serial clock (and the associated data). Bringing RXSYNC Low causes the circuit to stay locked in its current position; therefore, after alignment is complete, RXSYNC should be brought Low
4. Finally, the PCS reset, RXRESET, must be asserted on all MGTs involved in the phase alignment to reset all the MGTs.
  - a. The interval between RXSYNC deasserting and RXRESET asserting (TSYNC\_to\_RST) can be as small as zero RXUSRCLK2 cycles.
  - b. The RXRESET pulse (TRST) normally should be synchronized to the RXUSRCLK2 domain and should remain asserted for at least three RXUSRCLK cycles. This must be translated to the appropriate number of RXUSRCLK2 cycles based on the fabric width of 1, 2, or 4 bytes. Refer to “[Resets](#)” in [Chapter 2](#) for more details.

## Restrictions on Low Latency Buffer Bypass Modes

1. Clock correction is not supported because the RX ring buffer is bypassed. (This can be mitigated by using RXRECCLK1/RXRECCLK2 to derive the clocks for RXUSRCLK and RXUSRCLK2.)
2. Channel bonding is not supported because the RX ring buffer is bypassed. (This can be implemented in the fabric if required.)
3. Fabric width of 8 bytes is not supported.
4. Fabric widths of 2 bytes and 1 byte can be supported only by the internal PCS dividers controlled by the RX\_CLOCK\_DIVIDER and TX\_CLOCK\_DIVIDER attributes. External RXUSRCLK/TXUSRCLK connections cannot be used.
5. Parallel loopback for 2-byte and 1-byte fabric width is not supported in low-latency buffer bypass modes because the internal PCS dividers are used in this mode. PCS Loopback is only supported in 4-byte fabric width in RX low-latency mode.
6. 64B/66B is not supported because the low-latency buffer bypass modes are incompatible with the gearbox and blocksync functionality.
7. In PCS bypass mode, external data width of 1 byte and 2 bytes are not supported.

## Example of a Reduced-Latency System

### XAU

#### System Characteristics

- 3.125 Gb/s Data Rate
- 156.25 MHz Reference Clock
- 4-Lane Channel-Bonded System
- 40-bit Internal Data Width
- 2-byte Fabric Width
- 8B/10B Encoding
- Clock Correction Supported  
(Reference of link partner can be  $\pm 100$  ppm from nominal 156.25 MHz)

### TX

Since this is a channel-bonded system, so minimizing channel-to-channel skew is a concern. To provide the lowest possible skew, GREFCLK should be used as the synchronization clock.

Based on the encoding, this would lead the user to pick Use Model TX\_2B or TX\_2F. The system summarized in [Table 8-13](#) incurs the smallest possible worst-case skew according to [Table 8-10, page 218](#): ~2.53 UI (~810 ps). The latency through this system is 168.96 ns. (Refer to [Table 8-1, page 194](#) and [Figure 8-5, page 203](#).)

**Table 8-13: Latency for Use Model TX\_2B or TX\_2F**

Transmit Blocks	Latency	Latency (ns)
Fabric Interface (2 Byte)	2 TXUSRCLK2 + 1 TXUSRCLK	25.60
Encoding (8B/10B)	3 TXUSRCLK	38.40
TX Buffer	3 + 1/2 TXUSRCLK / PCS TXCLK	44.80
64B/66B Format (Bypass) <sup>(4)</sup>	1 PCS TXCLK	12.80
PMA Interface	1 PCS TXCLK	12.80
PMA Register	1 PMA TXCLK0	12.80
PISO	68 UI	21.76
<b>Total:</b>		<b>168.96</b>

#### Notes:

1.  $T_{PMA\ TXCLK0} = T_{PCS\ TXCLK} = T_{TXUSRCLK} = 1 / 156.25\text{MHz} * 2 = 12.8\text{ ns}$
2.  $T_{TXUSRCLK2} = 1 / 156.25\text{ MHz} = 6.4\text{ ns}$
3.  $1\text{ UI} = 1 / 3.125\text{e}9 = 320\text{ ps}$
4. 64B/66B encoding/decoding is not supported.

The system summarized in [Table 8-14](#) incurs quite a significant penalty in latency. Since the standard does support channel bonding and can tolerate fairly significant skew, Use Model TX\_3A would be a good choice.

The worst-case skew ([Table 8-10](#)) increases to ~23.5313 UI (~7.53 ns). The latency, however, according to [Table 8-1](#) and [Figure 8-13, page 212](#), reduces to 85.76 ns, a significant savings.

Table 8-14: Latency for Use Model TX\_3A

Transmit Blocks	Latency	Latency (ns)
Fabric Interface (2 Byte)	2 TXUSRCLK2 + 1 TXUSRCLK	25.60
Encoding (8B/10B)	2 TXUSRCLK	25.60
TX Buffer	0 TXUSRCLK / PCS TXCLK	0
PMA Interface	0 PCS TXCLK	0
64B/66B Format (Bypass) <sup>(4)</sup>	0 PCS TXCLK	0
PMA Register	1 PMA TXCLK0	12.80
PISO	68 UI	21.76
<b>Total:</b>		<b>85.76</b>

**Notes:**

1.  $T_{PMA\ TXCLK0} = T_{PCS\ TXCLK} = T_{TXUSRCLK} = 1/156.25\ MHz * 2 = 12.8\ ns$
2.  $T_{TXUSRCLK2} = 1/156.25\ MHz = 6.4\ ns$
3.  $1\ UI = 1/3.125e9 = 320\ ps$
4. 64B/66B encoding/decoding is not supported.

As summarized in Table 8-15, a further step a user might take is to go to a 4-byte fabric interface. This would reduce the fabric interface latency and the skew. User logic can still have a 2-byte data path, with the final input stage to the MGT being a fabric mux that muxes two 2-byte words from the user logic into a 4-byte word to input to TXDATA.

This incurs one additional TXUSRCLK2 latency, as detailed below. In this implementation, the worst case skew is reduced to ~3.53 UI (1.13 ns), while the latency increases to 98.56 ns. This implementation provides a good trade-off of latency versus skew.

Table 8-15: Latency for Use Model TX\_3A Using a 4-Byte Fabric Interface

Transmit Blocks	Latency	Latency (ns)
User Fabric 2-byte to 4-byte MUX	1 TXUSRCLK2	12.8
Fabric Interface (4 Byte)	1 TXUSRCLK2 + 1 TXUSRCLK	25.60
Encoding (8B/10B)	2 TXUSRCLK	25.60
TX Buffer	0 TXUSRCLK / PCS TXCLK	0
PMA Interface	0 PCS TXCLK	0
64B/66B Format (Bypass) <sup>(3)</sup>	0 PCS TXCLK	0
PMA Register	1 PMA TXCLK0	12.80
PISO	68 UI	21.76
<b>Total:</b>		<b>98.56</b>

**Notes:**

1.  $T_{PMA\ TXCLK0} = T_{PCS\ TXCLK} = T_{TXUSRCLK} = T_{TXUSRCLK2} = 1/156.25\ MHz * 2 = 12.8\ ns$
2.  $1\ UI = 1/3.125e9 = 320\ ps$
3. 64B/66B encoding/decoding is not supported.

## RX

Since this is a channel-bonded system, the RX buffer should be used. From a system perspective, a user might decide not to use clock correction in order to minimize latency, using the RXRECCLK1/RXRECCLK2 to clock the RXUSRCLK and RXUSRCLK2 ports.

From the RX datapath perspective, this ensures that the system is synchronous and does not require clock correction.

Based on the encoding, this would lead the user to pick Use Model RX\_1B. See [Table 8-14](#). According to [Table 8-2, page 195](#), this results in a latency of 332.80 ns.

**Table 8-16: Latency for Use Model RX\_1B**

Receive Blocks	Latency	Latency (ns)
RX SERDES	1/40 serial clock	25.60
PMA/PCS Interface	2 PCS RXCLK	25.60
RX Data Alignment (CommaDet Align)	3 PCS RXCLK	38.40
Decoding (8B/10B)	2 PCS RXCLK	25.60
RX buffer (No Clock Correction)	3 PCS RXCLK + RXUSRCLK (Phase Difference) + 8 RXUSRCLK (Latency) + 1 RXUSRCLK (Data Mux)	166.40
64B/66B Format (Bypass) <sup>(4)</sup>	2 RXUSRCLK	25.60
Fabric Interface (2 Byte)	1 RXUSRCLK + 2 RXUSRCLK2	25.60
<b>Total:</b>		<b>332.80</b>

**Notes:**

1.  $T_{PMA\ RXCLK0} = T_{PCS\ RXCLK} = T_{RXUSRCLK} = 1 / 156.25\text{MHz} * 2 = 12.8\text{ ns}$
2.  $T_{RXUSRCLK2} = 1/156.25\text{ MHz} = 6.4\text{ ns}$
3.  $1\text{ UI} = 1/3.125\text{e}9 = 320\text{ ps}$
4. 64B/66B encoding/decoding is not supported.

The latency incurred is quite significant, although not using clock correction did reduce it. The most significant source of latency is the RX buffer. A user could choose to bypass the RX buffer and eliminate this latency. This implementation leaves it up to the user to design a channel-bonding scheme in the fabric.

This would lead the user to choose Use Model RX\_2A. See [Table 8-17](#). According to [Table 8-2](#), bypassing the RX buffer results in a latency of 115.20 ns, which represents a significant savings over previous implementations.

**Table 8-17: Latency for Use Model RX\_2A**

Receive Blocks	Latency	Latency (ns)
RX SERDES	1/40 serial clock	25.60
PMA/PCS Interface	1 PCS RXCLK	12.80
RX Data Alignment (CommaDet Align)	2 PCS RXCLK	25.60
Decoding (8B/10B)	2 PCS RXCLK	25.60
RX Buffer (No Clock Correction)	0 PCS RXCLK + 0 RXUSRCLK (Phase Difference) + 0 RXUSRCLK (Latency) + 0 RXUSRCLK (Data Mux)	0
64B/66B Format (Bypass) <sup>(1)</sup>	0 RXUSRCLK	0
Fabric Interface (2 Byte)	1 RXUSRCLK + 2 RXUSRCLK2	25.60
<b>Total:</b>		<b>115.20</b>

**Notes:**

1. 64B/66B encoding/decoding is not supported.

# **Section II: Board Level Design**

***Virtex-4 RocketIO  
Multi-Gigabit Transceiver***



# Methodology Overview

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## Introduction

Xilinx, in partnership with Dr. Howard Johnson, has developed a two-part DVD tutorial on signal integrity techniques and loss budgeting for RocketIO transceivers. [Ref 2] These DVDs cover in more detail much of the material in Chapter 9 through Chapter 12 of this User Guide.

[Figure 9-1](#) shows a typical physical interconnect topology between two RocketIO multi-gigabit transceivers (MGTs). Any physical link connecting two point-to-point high-speed serial transceivers is defined as a channel. A channel begins at the die solder bumps of the transmitter and ends at the die solder bumps of the receiver.

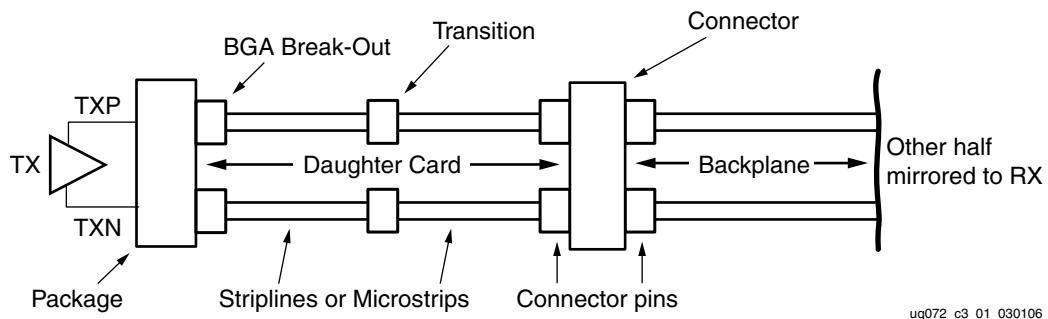


Figure 9-1: Two RocketIO MGTs Interconnected

In [Figure 9-1](#), the channel consists of the FPGA package, transmission lines, connectors and transitions.

Transitions are defined as any section along a multi-gigabit channel where the signal must go from a transmission line to a three-dimensional structure or vice-versa. Vias, connectors, and coupling capacitors are examples of these structures.

While a more comprehensive list of transitions is discussed in [Chapter 11, “Design of Transitions,”](#) some common transitions are:

- Ball grid array (BGA) to PCB microstrip
- Microstrip to stripline vias
- DC blocking capacitors
- Connectors
- Bends and turns in a trace

For optimal performance, the following must be minimized in a given channel:

- Signal attenuation due to losses in the transmission medium

- The impedance mismatch (to  $50\Omega$ ) of a transition which can lead to reflections, attenuation, and other artifacts in the signal.

At gigahertz signaling speeds, losses due to the transmission medium become significant due to greater signal attenuation with increasing frequency. The attenuation of the high-frequency components slow down the edge and reduce voltage swing, resulting in eye closure. See [Chapter 10, “PCB Materials and Traces”](#) for guidelines on stack-up and characteristic trace impedance design.

While there are several transitions in each channel, most or all transitions can be designed for the least negative impact on performance. Because standard non-optimized PCB structures tend to be capacitive at gigahertz frequencies, a convenient figure of merit for transitions is excess capacitance. An ideal transition does not have excess capacitance or inductance.

For each typical transition, techniques to limit excess capacitance and excess inductance are provided to build a robust channel on the first pass. These design rules, techniques, and examples are presented in [Chapter 11, “Design of Transitions.”](#) The goal is to minimize the amount of performance lost due to transitions.

In general, minimizing the number of components and layer changes in the high-speed serial PCB traces brings about the most benefit. Careful design of the traces, vias, and even connector pads is required for gigahertz speeds.

Using the techniques described in this Guide, the ML421 board reference design [[Ref 3](#)], and other resources the specified transceiver performance can be attained.

Without previous experience with multi-gigabit designs, determining if via designs or other transitions are adequate for target data rates can be daunting. Guidelines in [Chapter 11](#) are provided to help the designer determine whether a board design is adequate.

## Powering the RocketIO MGTs

### Regulators

Linear regulators are required for the RocketIO MGT power supplies. Although switching regulators are an attractive option in applications requiring high-power efficiency, they are unsuitable for use as they can introduce switching noise, even if care is taken to eliminate the noise.

### Filtering

The power distribution system guidelines in [Chapter 6](#) must be strictly followed to achieve the specified performance. The Virtex-4 transceiver characterization and demonstration boards follow the same guidelines. Refer to [Chapter 6](#) for design guideline details.

## Reference Clock

### Clock Sources

A high-quality crystal oscillator is essential for good performance. When using one of the recommended oscillators, the manufacturer’s power supply design guide must be followed. Virtex-4 device characterization is based on the same recommended oscillators.

When considering alternate clock sources, the alternate oscillators must meet or exceed the specifications of the recommended oscillators. As with the regulator, allowances should be made for both recommended and alternative clock sources to be populated, at least on the initial board revision.

Depending on the application and its performance goals, it is possible to stray from the clock source specifications, but in that case the specified performance of the MGT is not guaranteed.

## Clock Traces

As performance of the MGT is directly related to the quality of its reference clock, every effort must be made to ensure the signal integrity of the clock traces from oscillator to FPGA. Apply the same techniques for multi-Gb/s trace design in [Chapter 11, “Design of Transitions”](#) to these clock traces.

If more than one clock source is driving a single reference clock differential pair, use a high-speed switch. When multiple clock sources are bussed together on a single connection, the signal integrity of the clock is not optimal due to the presence of stubs. Using a high-speed switch makes every clock path point-to-point with one driver and one receiver.

One example is when an unpopulated oscillator shares the same trace to the clock input pin as another clock source. The trace segment from the pad to the junction is a stub. Any signal travelling down the segment is reflected entirely due to the infinite impedance presented by the open end at the pad.

In applications requiring both the left and right columns of MGTs to be clocked with the same clock source, use high-speed clock buffers for clock distribution to both left and right column reference clock inputs. With one source and one sink for each trace, the presence of branches causing reflections and degrading clock quality is removed. Xilinx recommends ICS 8543BG as a high-speed clock buffer for clock distribution to both left and right column reference clock inputs. For more information regarding ICS 8543BG, please visit [www.idt.com](http://www.idt.com).

## Coupling

### DC Coupling

DC coupling can be used when the common mode ranges of the interconnecting devices are the same. Any discrepancy in the common mode not only takes margin away from the differential voltage swing but can also damage the device.

### AC Coupling

The RocketIO MGT receivers have built-in DC blocking capacitors with programmable bypass. AC coupling isolates the common modes of the two devices and is the preferred configuration in hot-plug applications. The capacitor prevents any DC current from flowing between connected devices.

### External Capacitor Value Selection

If an external DC blocking capacitor is needed, it is important to select an appropriate value. Series capacitance acts as a high-pass filter. A small value attenuates the lower frequency components and subharmonics present in a signal. The period of the lowest

frequency component in a coded stream is the longest run length allowed by the encoding scheme.

Large value capacitors have larger body sizes, which can introduce sufficient shunt capacitance and series inductance to filter the edges of the signal. A 0402 capacitor is preferred for higher data rates, whereas 0603 capacitors are acceptable for lower data rates. To improve performance, use smaller capacitor values in applications with higher data rates. If the value is too small, the capacitor charges quickly and develops voltage across it during long runs of consecutive zeros or ones, resulting in common mode voltage drift. A larger capacitor value has less common mode voltage drift for the same run length due to the larger RC time constant. Choosing capacitors with values much higher than required can introduce more surge currents during board hot-swaps. Such surge currents can stress MGT circuits.

# PCB Materials and Traces

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The choice of PCB materials and cable type can have a large impact on system performance. Although any transmission medium is lossy at gigahertz frequencies, this section provides some guidelines on managing signal attenuation so as to obtain optimal performance for a given application.

## How Fast is Fast?

An MGT signal is comprised of harmonics related to the data rate. In a channel with fairly uniform loss, the one-zero-one-zero repeating pattern defines the minimum eye opening height. Such a repeating pattern resembles a sine wave with a frequency of one-half the data rate, because the channel filters out much of the fast edge rates of the transmitted signal.

As described in more detail below, the PCB traces or other transmission lines have attenuation that increases very uniformly with increasing frequency. Therefore, when determining what criteria to use in selecting an acceptable loss for the transmission lines in the channel, it is adequate to simply focus on the one-half data rate frequency.

Additionally, an often-used expression relating frequency content to the edge rate of the signal is given by [Equation 10-1](#):

$$f = 0.35 / (T_r \text{ or } T_f) \quad \text{Equation 10-1}$$

Where:

- |       |   |                        |
|-------|---|------------------------|
| $f$   | = | Frequency in GHz       |
| $T_r$ | = | Signal rise time in ns |
| $T_f$ | = | Signal fall time in ns |

This result seems to contradict the one-half data rate criteria described above, which predicts that, at 5 Gb/s with a 35 ps edge rate, 2.5 Ghz is the one-half data rate frequency — yet [Equation 10-1](#) predicts significant frequency content up to 10 Ghz. If such things as coupled noise and proximity of the propagating signal to the TX (where it has not been filtered due to channel losses) are of primary concern, the higher frequency based on [Equation 10-1](#) should be considered. On the other hand, if budgeting for stripline or other transmission line losses is paramount, the one-half data rate criteria should be used.

## PCB Losses

The amount of signal energy lost into the dielectric is a function of the materials characteristics. Some parameters used to describe the dielectric material include Relative Permittivity (also known as the Dielectric Constant), and Loss Tangent. Skin effect, which causes loss from the metal conductor, is also a contributor to energy loss at line speeds in the gigahertz range.

## Relative Permittivity

Relative permittivity ( $E_r$ ) is a measure of the effect of the dielectric on the capacitance of a conductor. The higher the relative permittivity, the slower a signal travels on a trace and the lower the impedance of a given trace geometry. A lower  $E_r$  is almost always preferred.

## Loss Tangent

Loss tangent is a measure of how much electromagnetic energy is lost to the dielectric as it propagates down a transmission line. A lower loss tangent allows more energy to reach its destination with less signal attenuation.

As frequency increases, the magnitude of energy loss increases as well, causing the highest frequency harmonics in the signal edge to suffer the most attenuation. This loss is a linear effect. For example, the loss at 5 GHz is twice the loss at 2.5 GHz. Conversely, at a given data rate, the dielectric loss can be halved by using a material with half the loss tangent. Lower loss materials generally have lower dielectric constants. A lower dielectric constant also helps to lower the dielectric loss somewhat.

## Skin Effect and Resistive Losses

The skin effect is the tendency for current to flow preferentially near the outer surface of a conductor. This is mainly due to the larger magnetic fields in higher frequency signals pushing current flow in the perpendicular direction towards the perimeter (skin) of the conductor. At gigahertz data rates, most of the current is constrained to within a few micrometers of the outer surface of the conductor. Therefore, the effective cross-sectional area of the conductors decreases and the conductor resistance increases with frequency. This effect changes with the square root of the frequency. For example, the conductor resistance is twice that at 4 GHz than it is at 1 GHz.

As an example, an 8 mil wide trace at 1 MHz has a resistance on the order of  $0.06\Omega/\text{inch}$ , while the same trace at 3.125 Gb/s has a resistance of just over  $0.5\Omega/\text{inch}$ . Given a 10 inch trace and 1.6V voltage swing, a voltage drop of 80 mV occurs from resistive losses of the fundamental frequency, not including the losses in the harmonics and dielectric loss.

## Choosing the Substrate Material

The goal in material selection is to optimize both performance and cost for a particular application.

FR4, the most common substrate material, provides good performance with careful system design. The *Virtex-4 RocketIO Multi-Gigabit Transceiver Characterization Report* [Ref 1] shows a BER performance of  $10^{-12}$  for 44-inch FR4 traces up at speeds of 3.125 Gb/s. However, for longer trace lengths or higher signaling rates, a more expensive substrate material with lower dielectric loss should be considered.

Substrates, such as Nelco, have lower dielectric loss and exhibit significantly less attenuation in the gigahertz range, thus increasing the maximum bandwidth of PCBs. At 3.125 Gb/s, the advantages of Nelco over FR4 are added voltage swing margin and longer trace lengths. Above 6 Gb/s, Nelco is considered necessary unless high-speed traces are kept very short.

The choice of substrate material depends on the total length of the high-speed trace and also the signaling rate. For more information on the transmission lengths possible at various speeds and with various materials, refer to the *Virtex-4 RocketIO Multi-Gigabit Transceiver Characterization Report*. [Ref 1]

For less dense applications, it might be possible to use a more traditional material such as FR4, yet achieve lower loss by using wider lines. However, this is more often true in lower data rate applications. At higher data rates, there is a *crossover frequency* above which the linearly increasing dielectric loss dominates skin-effect loss, and only by choosing a lower-loss dielectric material can overall losses be minimized. Conversely, skin-effect loss dominates dielectric loss below the crossover frequency. Although not analytically correct, it is accurate for typical applications to simply add the dielectric and conductor losses to achieve the total transmission line loss.

The crossover frequency typically varies from several hundred MHz to several GHz for line widths of .006" and loss tangents from .025 to .01. Narrower and wider lines and lower loss tangents extend the crossover frequency extremes even further.

A “what-if” analysis can be done in HSPICE simulation to evaluate various substrate materials by varying the line and dielectric geometries, dielectric constant, loss tangent, and other parameters of the PCB substrate material. The impact on eye quality can be simulated to justify the use of higher cost materials.

## Traces

### Trace Geometry

For any trace, its characteristic impedance is dependent on its stack-up geometry as well as the trace geometry. In the case of differential traces, the inductive and capacitive coupling between the tightly coupled pair also determines the characteristic impedance of the traces. 2D field solvers are useful tools for estimating the characteristic impedance of differential traces and for computing crosstalk between traces.

Wider traces create a larger cross-sectional area for current to flow and reduce resistive losses. Use the widest traces that space constraints allow. Because trace width tolerances are expressed in absolute terms, a wider trace also minimizes the percentage variation of the manufactured trace, resulting in tighter impedance control along the length of the transmission line.

Striplines are preferred over microstrips because the reference planes on both sides of the trace provide radiation shielding. Microstrips are shielded on only one side (by the reference plane) because they run on the topmost or bottommost layers, leaving the other side exposed to the environment. However, many products are shipped with a substantial amount of microstrip routing used for MGTs, because differential signaling cancels out much of the radiation.

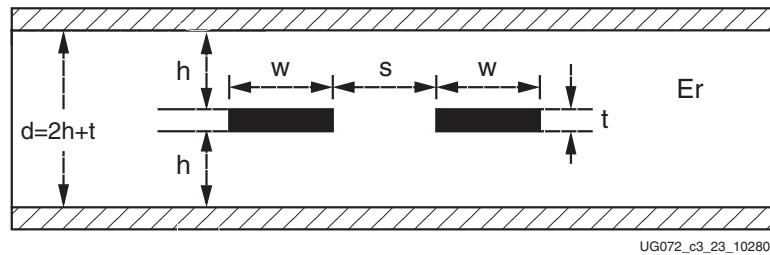
### Trace Characteristic Impedance Design

Because the RocketIO MGTs use differential signaling, the most useful trace configurations are differential edge-coupled center stripline and differential microstrip. While some backplanes use the differential broadside-coupled stripline configuration, it is not recommended for multi-gigahertz operation, because the P and N vias are asymmetrical and introduce differential-to-common-mode signal conversion.

With few exceptions,  $50\Omega$  characteristic impedance ( $Z_0$ ) is used for transmission lines in the channel. In general, when the width/spacing (W/S) ratio is greater than 0.4 (8 mil wide traces with 20 mil separation), coupling between the P and N signals affects the trace impedance. In this case, the differential traces must be designed to have an odd mode impedance ( $Z_{0O}$ ) of  $50\Omega$ , resulting in a differential impedance ( $Z_{DIFF}$ ) of  $100\Omega$ , because  $Z_{DIFF} = 2 \times Z_{0O}$ .

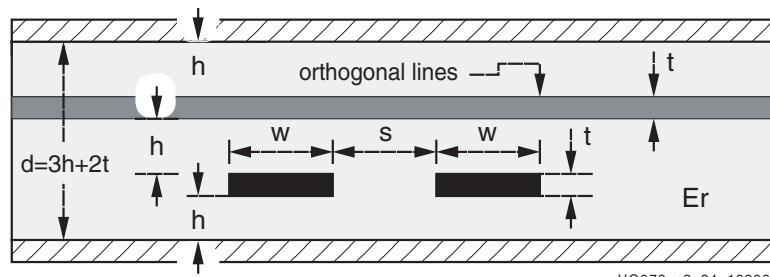
The same W/S ratio also must be less than 0.8, otherwise strong coupling between the traces requires narrower, lossier traces for a  $Z_{0O}$  of 50Ω. If an impedance-checking tool is used, coupling can be kept at moderate levels by designing for a  $Z_{0O}$  of 50Ω while keeping the even-mode impedance ( $Z_{0E}$ ) less than 60Ω.

Figure 10-1 through Figure 10-4 show example cross sections of differential structures.



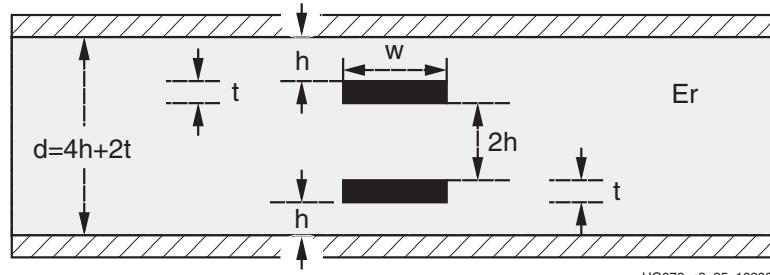
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Figure 10-1: Differential Edge-Coupled Centered Stripline



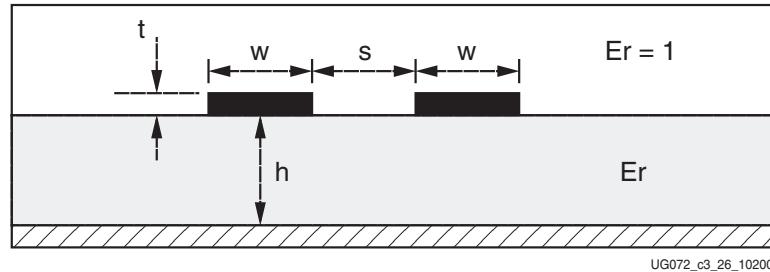
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Figure 10-2: Differential Edge-Coupled Offset Stripline



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Figure 10-3: Centered Broadside-Coupled Stripline



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Figure 10-4: Differential Microstrip

Obtain dielectric material properties from the PCB manufacturer. Then, using either an equation or simulation tool (preferred), compute the line widths required for the

characteristic impedance requirement. Alternatively, some manufacturers are willing to compute the initial line widths.

A good PCB manufacturer understands controlled impedance and allows fine adjustments for line widths to produce a  $Z_{0O}$  of  $50\Omega$ . The manufacturer should calculate the final line widths based on prior experience and knowledge of the effective dielectric constant due to the proportions of fiberglass cloth and resin. Although  $\pm 10\%$  tolerance on  $Z_{0O}$  is typical and can provide adequate performance, the additional cost of a tighter tolerance can result in somewhat better channel performance.

## Trace Routing

High-speed serial differential traces are routed with the highest priority to ensure that the optimal path is available to these critical traces. This reduces the need for bends and vias and minimizes the potential for impedance transitions. Traces must be kept straight, short, and with as few layer changes as possible. The impact of vias is discussed in “[Differential Vias](#)” in Chapter 11.

Routing of high-speed traces must be avoided near other traces or other potential sources of noise. Orthogonally crossing striplines over multi-gigabit striplines (as with a differential edge-coupled offset configuration) is generally discouraged, but could be feasible if first proven by simulation and/or testing.

With the FPGA placed on the top surface, it is best to route on the lowermost striplines to minimize via stubs. If routing blockages exist, then vias from lowest to highest striplines minimize via stub lengths. Microstrips can be used to relieve congestion, especially when breaking out from the FPGA signal or when launching into a surface-mount connector. A microstrip break-out from the FPGA has the added benefit of maintaining solid planes around the FPGA to improve power delivery. (See “[BGA Escape Example](#)” in Chapter 12.)

Right-angled bends must not be used. Mitered  $45^\circ$  bends are to be used instead. For a  $90^\circ$  bend, the effective width of the trace changes, causing an impedance discontinuity due to the capacitive fringing of the outside corner of the conductor to the reference planes.

The two traces of a differential pair must be length-matched to eliminate skew. Skew creates mismatches causing differential-to-common-mode conversion, which reduces the differential voltage swing.

## Plane Splits

Ground planes should be used as reference planes for signals, as opposed to noisier power planes. Each reference plane should be contiguous for the length of the trace, because routing over plane splits creates an impedance discontinuity. In this case, the impedance of the trace changes because its coupling to the reference plane is changed abruptly at the plane split. Furthermore, although a differential signal can cross narrow splits, there is a small common-mode component that cannot do so and is therefore reflected. This can cause signal distortion either directly, or indirectly by way of power-supply disturbances and coupling.

## Simulating Lossy Transmission Lines

Circuit simulators like HSPICE model a lossy transmission line differently for frequency-domain simulations (AC sweep) and time-domain simulations (transient run). Therefore, it is important to check that the models accurately reflect actual losses. One method is to compare the models against known published configurations.

Once a verified configuration is obtained, begin by modeling the configuration in the frequency domain by doing an AC sweep, and plot transmission line loss versus frequency. If this matches the verified configuration, then test the time-domain accuracy of the model.

To do this, apply a 2V sine source with a  $50\Omega$  source termination to the transmission line model. Add a  $50\Omega$  termination to the far end of the transmission line. Set the sine source frequency at the data rate frequency. Then simulate the model with a stop time about 3.5 times longer than the transmission line delay. Measure the peak-to-peak value ( $V_{0,\text{pk-pk}}$ ) at the far end of the transmission line and compute loss in dB as:

$$V_{\text{loss}} = 20 \log \left( \frac{V_{0,\text{pk-pk}}}{2} \right) \quad \text{Equation 10-2}$$

Repeat this process for 80%, 60%, 40%, and 20% of the data rate. These numbers should be within a few tenths of a dB of the validated AC model.

## Cable

Cables are controlled-impedance transmission lines due to the constant physical dimensions of conductor and dielectric along the length of the cable. The highest quality cable shows little variation in these dimensions and also has a wide bandwidth with low loss at high frequencies.

## Connectors

The connectors attached to cables should exhibit low parasitic inductance and capacitance for high bandwidth operation. Most cables are very well shielded and therefore have very low levels of crosstalk between signal pairs. However, there could be substantial levels of crosstalk within the connector region.

## Optimal Cable Length

Xilinx provides HSPICE models of the transceiver. Designers can use these models with vendor-supplied cable models to select the appropriate cable for their systems.

## Skew Between Conductors

When selecting a cable, look for a specification of the skew between the conductors in a cable. If the conductors are not length-matched, the skew can directly reduce the eye height. Indirectly — by means of crosstalk, power supply disturbance, or higher return loss — even smaller amounts of length mismatch can create common-mode signals that can have deleterious effects on eye height.

# Design of Transitions

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Transmission lines have defined and controlled characteristic impedance along their length by definition. However, the transitions — i.e., the three-dimensional structures to which they interface — do not have constant or easily defined impedance along the signal path. Software tools such as 3D field-solvers are necessary for computing the impedance that a multi-gigahertz signal sees as it passes through these structures, while 2D field-solvers are sufficient for computing transmission line characteristic impedance.

PCB designers can use the analyses and examples in this section to greatly accelerate the design of such a channel. Cases not covered in this section might need further simulation and board iterations.

## Excess Capacitance and Inductance

Most differential transitions are overly capacitive. The P and N paths couple to each other, increasing capacitance. Many transitions have a frequency response identical to that of a lumped capacitor over a wide frequency band.

By design, spreading conductors and clearing away reference planes reduces this excess capacitance. In many cases, only limited optimization is possible due to density concerns and physical limitations. While techniques such as blind vias, solder balls on a larger pitch, and very small via pads reduce capacitance, they are not always feasible in a design due to a variety of reasons.

Time domain reflectometry (TDR) techniques, either through simulation or measurement, allow the designer to identify excess capacitance or excess inductance in a transition.

## Time Domain Reflectometry (TDR)

To make TDR measurements, a step input is applied to the interconnect. The location and magnitude of the excess capacitance or inductance that the voltage step experiences as it traverses the interconnect can be determined through observing the reflected signal.

A shunt capacitance (see [Figure 11-1](#)) causes a momentary dip in the impedance, while a series inductance (see [Figure 11-2](#)) causes an impedance discontinuity in the opposite polarity.  $T_d$  is assumed to be the propagation delay through the first transmission line segment on the left. The reflected wave due to the impedance discontinuity takes  $2 * T_d$  to return to the TDR port. If the signal propagation speed through the transmission line is known, the location of the excess capacitance or inductance along the channel can be calculated.

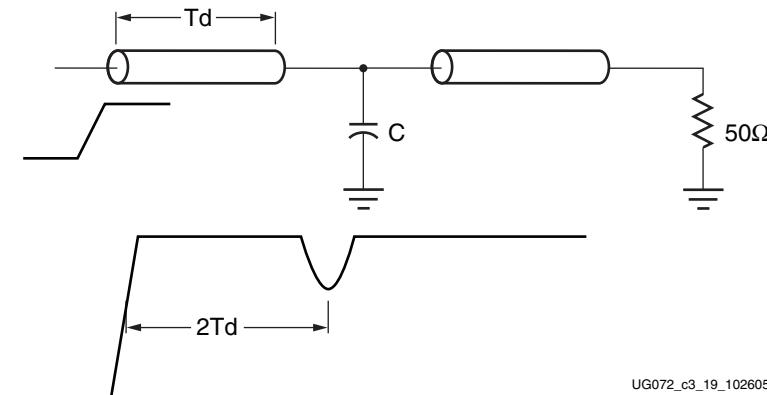


Figure 11-1: TDR Signature of Shunt Capacitance

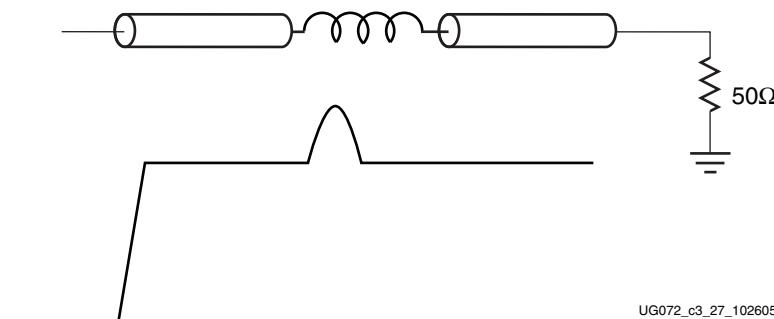


Figure 11-2: TDR Signature of Series Inductance

The magnitude of this excess capacitance ( $C$ ) or inductance ( $L$ ) can also be extracted from the TDR waveform by integrating the normalized area of the transition's TDR response. The respective equations for capacitance and inductance are:

$$C = -\frac{2}{Z_0} \int_{t_1}^{t_2} \frac{V_{tdr}(t) - V_{step}}{V_{step}} dt \quad \text{Equation 11-1}$$

$$L = 2Z_0 \int_{t_1}^{t_2} \frac{V_{tdr}(t) - V_{step}}{V_{step}} dt \quad \text{Equation 11-2}$$

**Figure 11-3** shows the integration of the normalized TDR area. Since this is a negative reflection, in this case excess capacitance is computed.

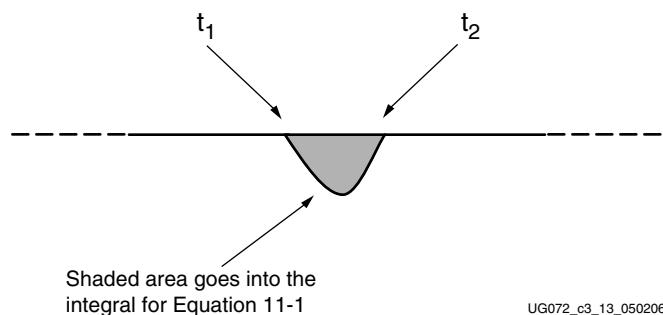
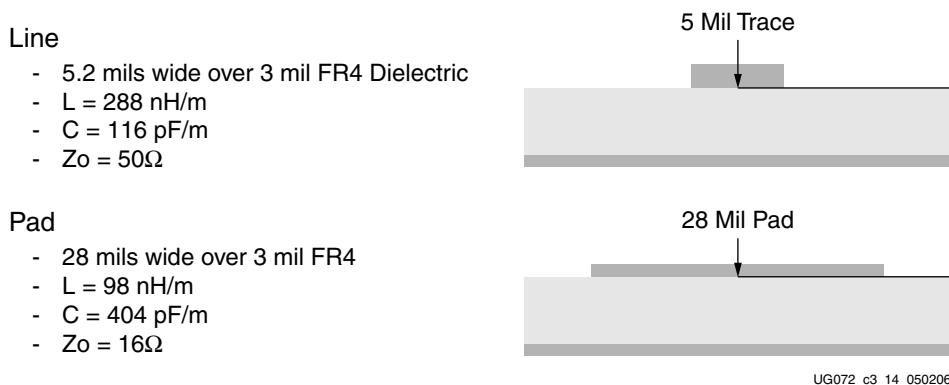


Figure 11-3: Integration of Normalized TDR Area

The results using these equations are not sensitive to rise time variation and are valid for simulated TDR measurements provided that the leading and trailing transmission lines are very close to  $50\Omega$ . However, for actual measurements, accuracy is very dependent on  $Z_0$  being very close to  $50\Omega$ .

## SMT Pads

For applications that require AC coupling between transmitter and receiver, SMT pads are introduced in the channel to allow coupling capacitors to be mounted. Standard SMT pads have excess capacitance due to plate capacitance to a nearby reference plane. In the following example, a 5 mil trace with a  $Z_0$  of  $50\Omega$  transitions to an 0402 SMT pad that is 28 mils wide. In this example, there is 3 mils of FR4 above a solid ground plane. Cross-sections of both the line and pad are shown in [Figure 11-4](#).



**Figure 11-4: 2D Field Solver Analysis of 5 Mil Trace and 28 Mil Pad**

Using a 2D field solver on these dimensions yields a  $Z_0$  of  $50\Omega$  for the 5 mil trace. The  $Z_0$  for the 0402 pad is  $16\Omega$  because the pad has too much capacitance and too little inductance, resulting in an impedance of less than  $50\Omega$ . Performance of this transition can be optimized in one of two ways.

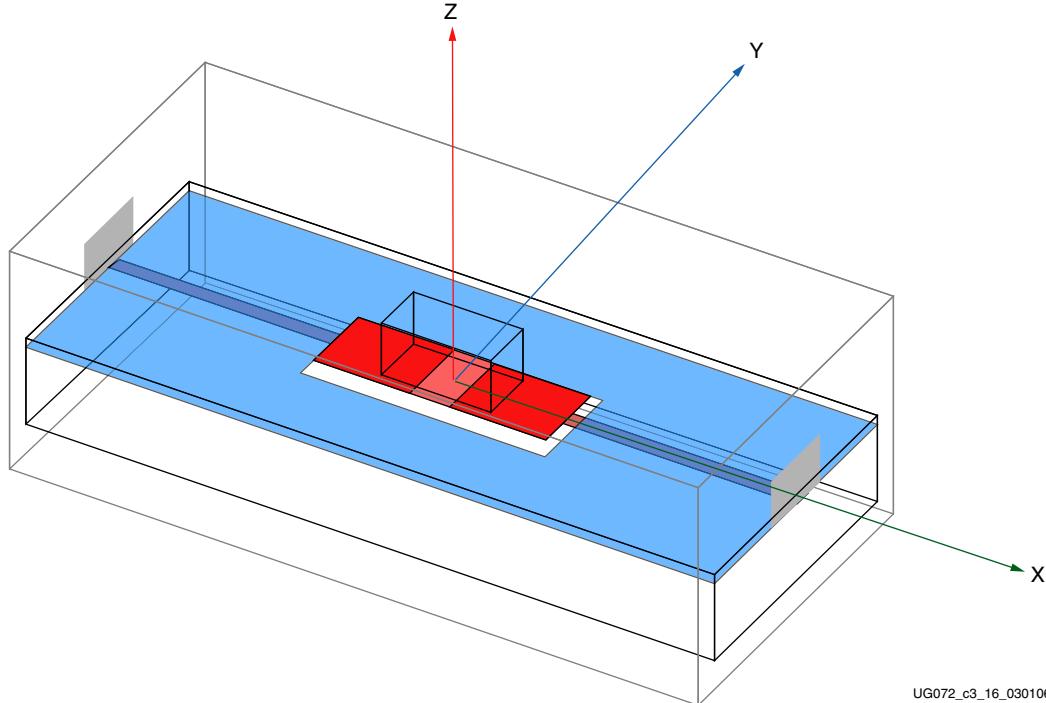
The first method makes the trace the same width as the pad and moves the ground plane deeper into the stack-up to maintain the  $Z_0$  of the transition at  $50\Omega$ . This method does not require any special analysis, but there might be some error due to the fringing capacitance of the SMT capacitor body. The trace density is greatly limited because traces are now 28 mils wide.

The second method, as illustrated by [Figure 11-5](#), clears the ground plane underneath the pad, which removes much of the excess capacitance caused by the plate capacitance between the pad and the ground plane. This technique allows for greater trace density than the first method, but requires a 3D field solver analysis or measurement along with several board iterations to get the desired performance.



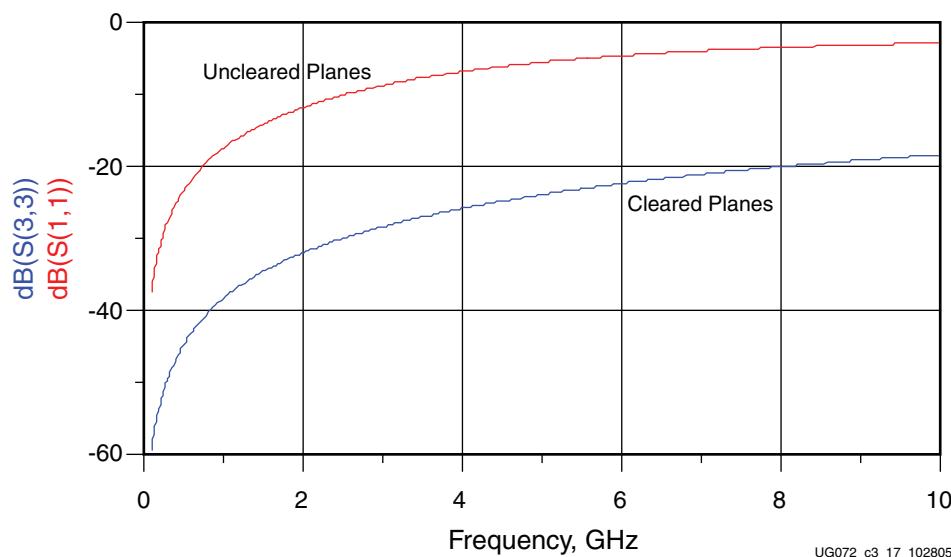
**Figure 11-5: Transition Optimization**

The 2D field solver example shows that close to  $50\Omega$  can be achieved if the ground plane under the pad footprint is cleared out. A 3D field solver is then used to verify this result to a greater degree of accuracy.

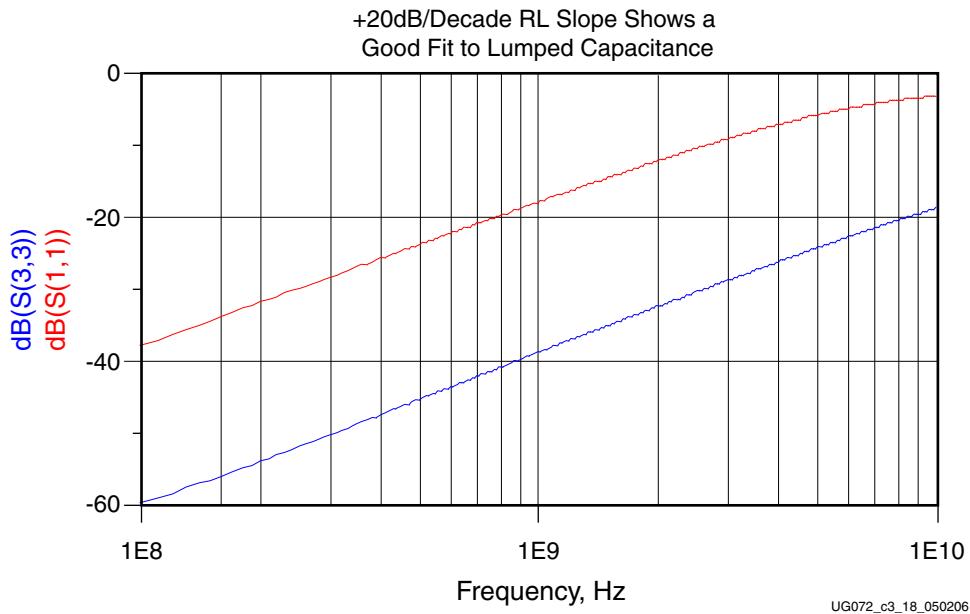


**Figure 11-6: Ansoft HFSS Model of Capacitor with a Pad Clear-Out**

Figure 11-6 shows the ground plane cleared away exactly as it was for the 2D simulation. Using frequency domain analysis within HFSS, Figure 11-7 shows a 21 dB (11x) improvement in return loss using this technique. The approximately +20 dB/decade slope in Figure 11-8 shows good fit to the frequency response of a lumped capacitor.



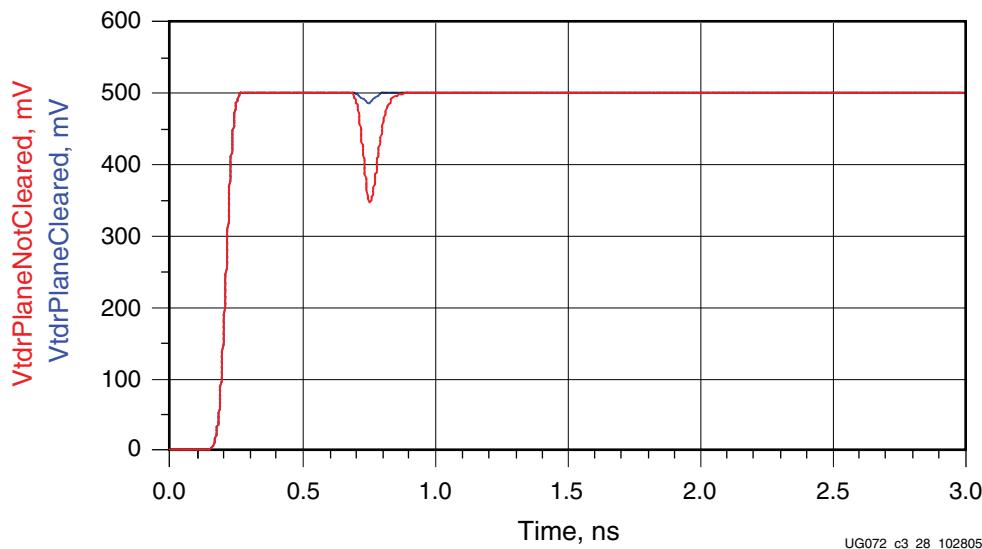
**Figure 11-7: Return Loss Comparison Between 0402 Pad Structures**



**Figure 11-8: Return Loss Comparison Between 0402 Pad Structures on Log (Frequency) Scale**

Next, using simulated measurements on the same transition modeled in HFSS, the time-domain performance of this transition can be measured by doing a TDR on the S-parameter results from the earlier frequency domain analysis.

In Figure 11-9, the red curve with the large capacitive dip corresponds to the SMT pad without the ground plane cleared from underneath. The blue curve shows that clearing out the ground plane removes much of the excess capacitance. This improvement can be quantified using Equation 11-1 and Equation 11-2 to show that the uncleared pads have 840 fF excess capacitance, and the cleared pads have 70 fF excess capacitance.

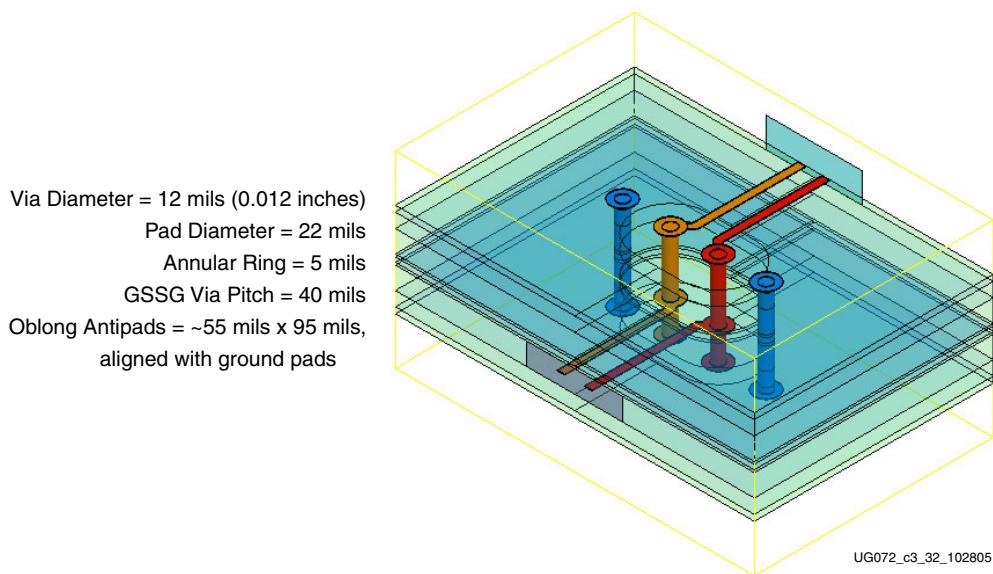


**Figure 11-9: TDR Results Comparing 0402 Pad Structures with Excess Capacitance Reduced from 840 fF to 70 fF**

## Differential Vias

The most common transition is the differential via where the signal pair must transition from an upper stripline layer or top microstrip to a lower stripline layer or bottom microstrip.

[Figure 11-10](#) shows a Ground-Signal-Signal-Ground (GSSG) type differential via. Ground vias are connected to each ground plane in the stack-up, while signal layers only contain pads for the entry and exit layers and top and bottom pads needed for manufacturability.



**Figure 11-10: Differential Via Design Example**

A key advantage of a GSSG via is that it allows for the differential signal's common-mode current to flow in the ground via near the corresponding signal via, reducing excess inductance. The signal path is also symmetrical between the P and N halves of the differential signal, which minimizes differential-to-common-mode conversion due to P/N imbalance.

A good starting point is to use the dimensions shown in [Figure 11-10](#) as an example differential via design for an 80 mil thick board. To accommodate density constraints, the dimensions can be scaled accordingly to preserve the ratios of each dimension relative to the others. Such scaling preserves much of the impedance performance of the differential via while allowing variation in overall size to better suit specific applications. These final dimensions are limited by manufacturability and density constraints.

Where possible, the via stub lengths should be kept to a minimum so that the signal can traverse through the entire length of the via. [Figure 11-11](#) shows models of differential vias with moderate stubs below layer 11 (left side) and long stubs below layer 6 (right side). The analysis results of these models is shown in [Figure 11-12](#), which compares the S-parameter return loss for common-mode (SCC11) and differential (SDD11) responses.

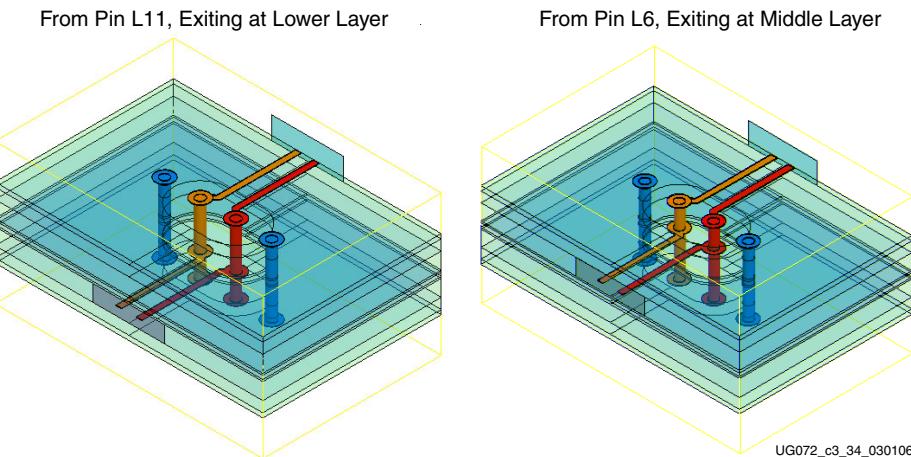


Figure 11-11: Differential GSSG Via in 16-layer PCB from Pins L11 and L6

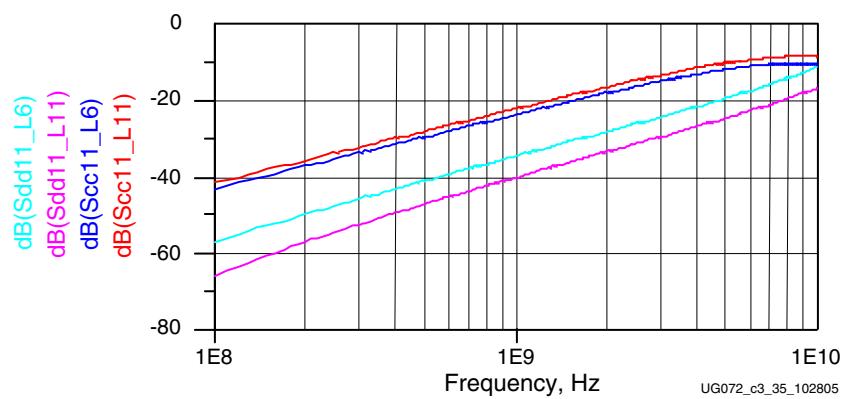


Figure 11-12: Simulated Return Loss Comparing Differential and Common-Mode Losses for L11 and L6 GSSG Vias

From the graph in Figure 11-12, the common-mode return loss (SCC11) is about 20 dB worse when compared to differential return loss (SDD11). The much worse common-mode response relative to the differential response is the reason why it is a good idea to reduce P/N skew as much as possible before entering a transition. It is generally best to optimize for the differential signal, so in many cases, the common mode performance can actually have excess inductance.

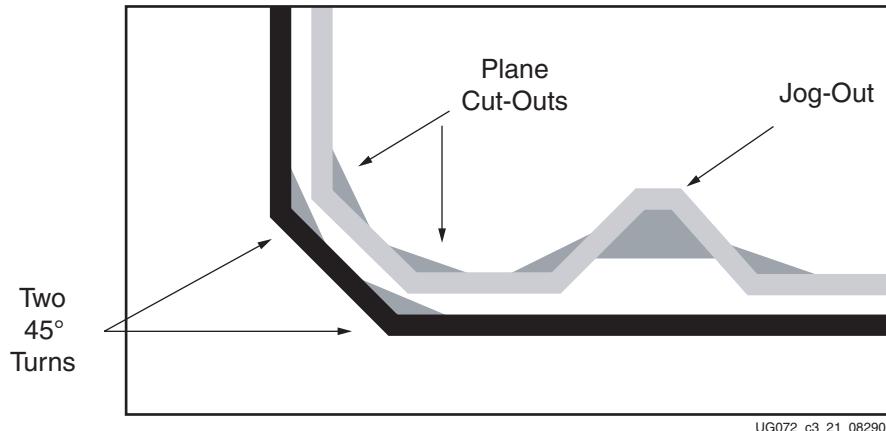
To quickly compute excess capacitance, the "60/40" rule of thumb states that a -40 dB return loss at 1 Ghz equates to approximately 60 fF, or 63 fF to be more exact, of excess capacitance. Because excess capacitance is a single-pole response, simple extrapolation rules can be used. For example, a shift of +6 dB to -34 dB return loss doubles the excess capacitance. The 60/40 rule of thumb is applied to determine that the excess capacitance is only 60 fF for the via with the shorter stub. Due to the excellent performance characteristics of GSSG vias, even long via stubs only double at most (less than a +6 dB shift) the differential via's capacitance.

Chapter 12, "Guidelines and Examples" provides additional examples of differential vias. Appendix D of the XFP Specification [Ref 4] also provides example differential via designs.

## Microstrip/Stripline Bends

A bend in a PCB trace is considered a transition. When routing differential traces through a 90° corner, the outer trace is longer than the inner trace, which introduces P/N imbalance. Even within a single trace, signal current has the tendency to hug the inside track of a corner, further reducing the actual delay through a bend.

To minimize skew between the P and N paths, 90° turns in microstrips or striplines are routed as two 45° bends to give mitered corners. The addition of a jog-out also allows the trace lengths to be matched. [Figure 11-13](#) shows example bends in traces.



[Figure 11-13: Example Design for 90 Degree Bends in Traces](#)

Turns add capacitance because the trace at a 90° corner is 41% wider. That difference is reduced to 8% with a 45° turn. The addition of plane cutouts acts to reduce this amount of excess capacitance. Plane cut-outs are difficult to implement and offer only a little better performance than just using a jog-out. Therefore, only consider cut-outs when using very wide lines, where the effect of capacitive corners is much more pronounced. It is very important to note that the traces are *not* widened to maintain a 50Ω differential impedance along the jog-out region. The tendency is to widen differential traces that are separated, but this technique should not be applied to jog-outs.

When this mitered bend is simulated with the jog-out and plane cutouts, excess capacitance is reduced and P/N length and phase matching is improved. Without jog-outs, the P/N length mismatch is 25 mils for a signal-pair pitch of 16 mils. Given FR4 material, the 25 mil difference translates to a phase mismatch of 7.8° at 5 GHz, or 4.36 ps (0.0436 UI) at 10 Gb/s. This phase difference scales linearly with data rate, so for 5 Gb/s each turn results in 3.9°, or 0.0218 UI.

[Figure 11-14](#) shows the simulated P/N response to a differential TDR; the negative reflection confirms that the mitered corners have excess capacitance. In this case, both configurations show that plane cut-outs offer a small amount of capacitance reduction.

The 40/60 rule of thumb can be used to estimate the excess capacitance from [Figure 11-15](#), showing an SDD11 of -35 dB at 1 GHz equates to roughly 105 fF of excess capacitance. Again, there is only a slight improvement of less than 1 dB (~10% less capacitance) by using the cutouts with the jog-outs.

Designers are tempted to widen lines to compensate for the characteristic impedance increase as the lines are separated and couple less strongly. However, even without widening the lines, the characteristics of the corners and jog-outs are still overly capacitive; therefore, the uncoupled section of the jog-out must *not* be widened.

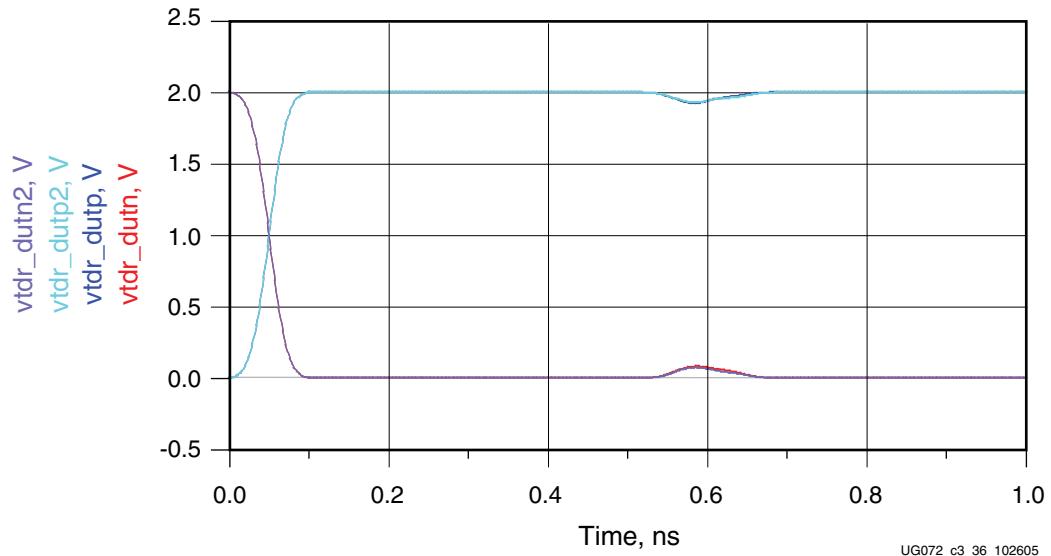


Figure 11-14: Simulated TDR of 45 Degree Bends with Jog-Outs

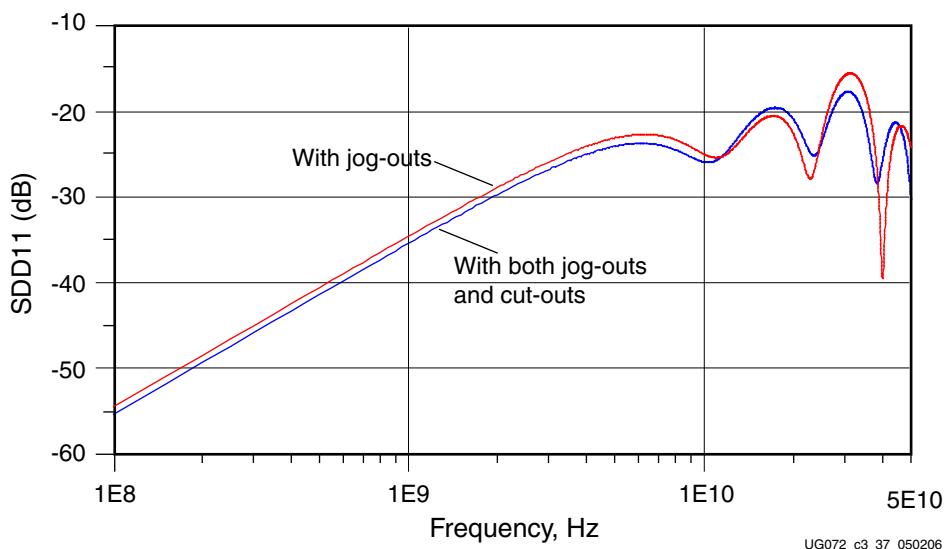
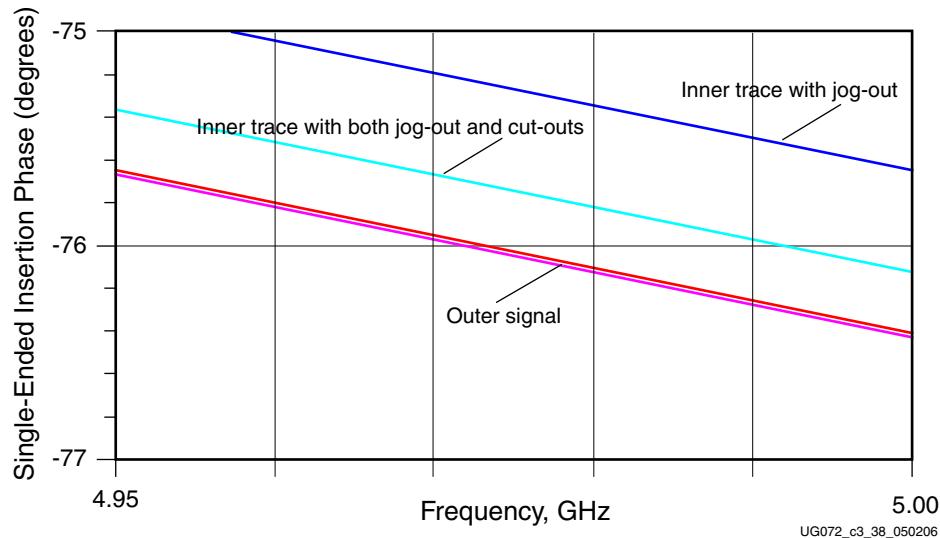


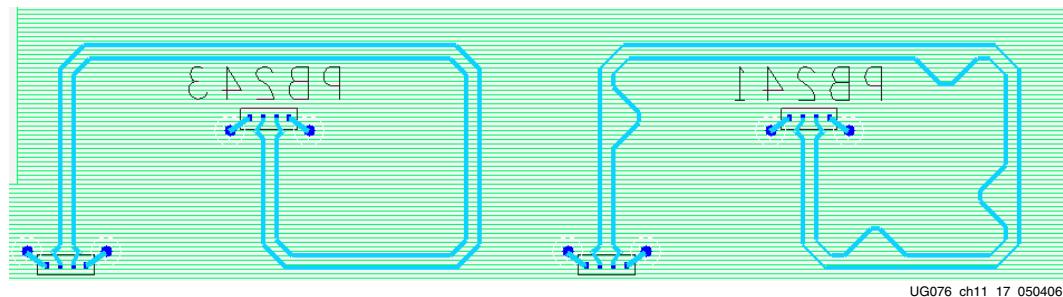
Figure 11-15: Simulated Return Loss of 45 Degree Bends with Jog-Outs

[Figure 11-16](#) shows that phase mismatch is reduced to  $0.75^\circ$  with jog-outs and  $0.3^\circ$  with jog-outs and plane cutouts.



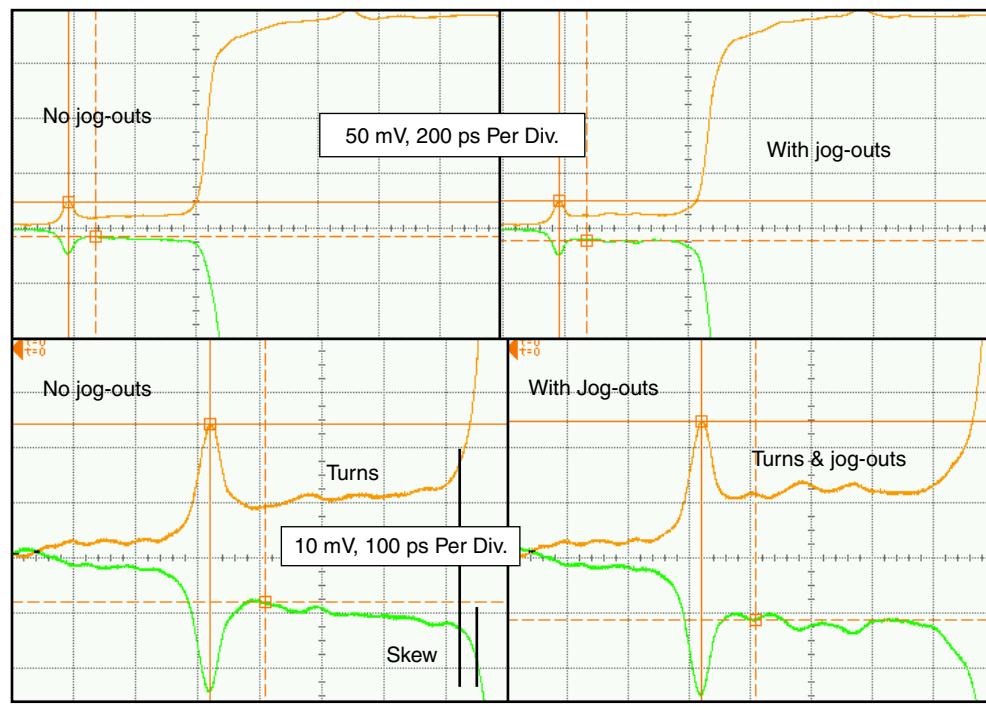
[Figure 11-16: Simulated Phase Response of 45 Degree Bends with Jog-Outs](#)

[Figure 11-17](#) shows test cases without (left side) and with (right side) jog-outs. There are four pairs of  $45^\circ$  turns — i.e., four  $90^\circ$  mitered turns in each structure.



[Figure 11-17: 90° Mitered Turns without and with Jog-Outs](#)

The left side of [Figure 11-18](#) are the results of a differential TDR measurement showing the P/N mismatch of about 33 ps of down-and-back delay from the structure without the jog-outs. The P/N mismatch is one-half of 33 ps, and with four mitered corners, the mismatch for each corner is therefore about 4.125 ps, which agrees well with the model. On the right side are the measured TDR results for the structure with the jog-outs where the P/N skew has been decreased substantially.



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**Figure 11-18: Measured TDR of Differential Pair with Four Mitered 90° Turns, with and without Jog-Outs**

For higher data rates, curved routing can be helpful as an alternative to using mitered corners. Examples of curved routing are shown in [Figure 12-4, page 263](#). For wider lines, using curved routing should become more important.

## BGA Packages

The MGT signal paths within the BGA package are optimized using a 3D full-wave solver. Package traces are designed to be  $50\Omega$  high-speed transmission lines, while solder ball and chip-attach (bump) regions are designed to minimize excess capacitance as much as possible within manufacturing constraints. Bump region excess capacitance is approximately 50 fF and has the effect of adding to the IC capacitance. Solder ball region capacitance varies from 100 fF to 250 fF.

The longest package paths have some insertion loss, less than 1 dB worst-case at 5 GHz. To allow full simulation of package effects, the Xilinx Signal Integrity Simulation kit for Virtex-4 FPGAs provides extracted S-parameter models of the package.

## SMA Connectors

Well-designed SMA connectors can reduce debugging time and allow a high-performance channel to be designed correctly on the first pass. SMA connectors that perform well in multi-gigahertz applications need to be simulated, designed, and manufactured to meet this performance target. Vendors can also offer design guidelines or custom design services that ensure that the connector works well on a specific board. Assembly guidelines are crucial in ensuring that the process of mating the connector to the board is well-controlled to give the specified performance.

Xilinx uses Rosenberger SMA connectors almost exclusively on our evaluation boards because of their excellent performance and because of the points listed in the previous paragraph.

# Guidelines and Examples

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This section discusses high-level PCB guidelines and strategies. Design examples are provided that show how these guidelines are applied and how transitions can be modified to accommodate specific applications.

## Summary of Guidelines

This high-level summary provides a quick reference to some of the guidelines already covered in previous sections, and also introduces some general strategies when designing high-speed serial channels.

When defining the stack-up, high-speed stripline layers are kept near the bottom of the board. If all high-speed traces can be routed on the top and/or the bottom microstrip layers, there is no need for a stripline layer. Wider traces are preferred and widths of 6 mils to 12 mils are typical, although widths down to 4 mils are often used for lower data rates.

Unless there are tight space constraints, the differential trace pairs need not be closely coupled. For example, instead of using a 5 mil trace width with 5 mil spacing, the same characteristic trace impedance can be obtained using a 7 mil width with 12 mil spacing.

High-speed differential pairs and transitions must be spread apart on adjacent channels generously to limit crosstalk, even if the paths become a little longer. In most cases, signal pairs eventually have to be spread out to match connector pin spacings.

Signal loss increases exponentially with increasing capacitance, so compute excess capacitance along the channel. Identify the largest sources of excess capacitance; removing 100 fF from a large capacitance source provides much more improvement than removing 100 fF from a transition with a low amount of capacitance.

Another way to counteract the exponential increase of loss with increasing capacitance is to split grouped transitions. As an example, 1000 fF at 5 GHz has a loss of 2.08 dB, but four 250 fF capacitors spread far enough apart create just 0.164 dB loss each, for a total loss of 0.66 dB.

Simulate the channel to confirm expected losses due to line and transition attenuation. Also observe any ripple or notches in the frequency sweep, which is indicative of multiple reflections in the time domain. Reduce the ripple as much as possible by reducing the incidence of multiple capacitances separated by short lengths of transmission line.

For transitions, large clearances of planes must be provided around and below transitions to limit excess capacitance. As just mentioned, it is generally desirable to space transitions apart within the same channel. For example, differential vias must not be placed next to DC blocking capacitors or connectors. However, in some specific cases, performance was acceptable with this placement.

To further limit excess capacitance in vias, the unused pads on vias should be removed and the via stub length is kept to a minimum. By routing from the top microstrip to the bottom

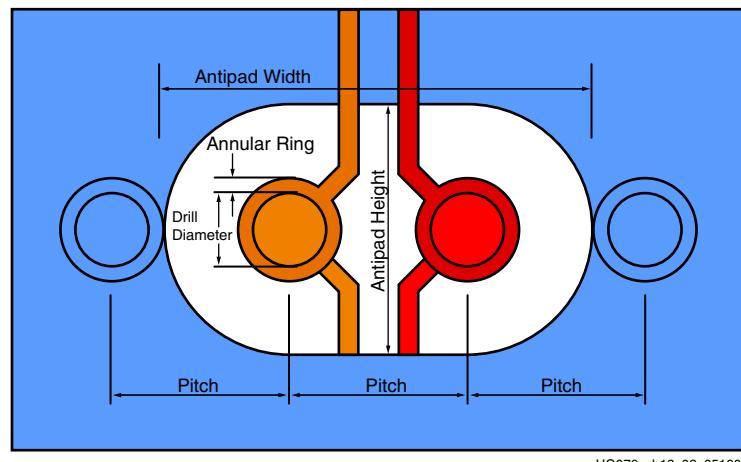
microstrip, the via stub can be eliminated. Routing from the top microstrip to the bottom-most stripline layer results in a negligible via stub. If the lowest layers are not available for high-speed striplines, other striplines can be used. However, long via stubs might need to be removed by back-drilling the vias.

Use of minimum spacing and clearance design rules is to be avoided, such as 5 mil pad clearances. These clearances can be detrimental to performance even at lower multi-gigabit rates due to the excess capacitance from the tight spacing.

Most transitions shown in this document have 40 fF to 200 fF of excess capacitance. One exception is a press-fit connector with the PCB pin array having about 500 fF to 800 fF of excess capacitance using these guidelines, with a via stub less than 10 mils. With smaller antipads or longer via stubs, the excess capacitance is much greater. Because the Virtex®-4 RocketIO™ transceivers have a die capacitance of 500 fF to 600 fF, most transitions can be designed to have a very small impact on performance up to speeds beyond 10 Gb/s.

## Channel Budgeting Considerations

It can be difficult to select components and board materials for the target data rate. To further complicate this task, there are many transitions within the channel which can affect performance. To simplify the channel analysis, an initial loss budget assessment should be done. Such analyses are presented in examples below. The intent of these exercises is to focus on the effect that transitions have on the channel. To get a better understanding regarding the impact of transitions, the differential via whose dimensions are shown in [Figure 12-1](#) is revisited.



*Figure 12-1: Differential Via Dimensions*

Next, in [Table 12-1, page 259](#) the vias are modeled with a 3-D full-wave solver to calculate the return loss (RL) at 1 GHz for a variety of differential vias with many differing dimensions. All differential vias are *through* vias, meaning they extend from the top to the bottom layers. Therefore, the board thicknesses of 200, 125, and 50 mils are the actual via lengths. For each board thickness, there are two via diameters to approximately represent 8:1 and 10:1 aspect ratios. Via diameters are in drilled dimension, not finished hole sizes. There are two via pitches chosen to explore performance versus density trade-offs. All vias assume a top microstrip entry, and there are cases for:

- a) a bottom microstrip exit, i.e. no via stub
- b) a stripline exit about two-thirds along the via length (a short stub)
- c) a stripline exit about one-third along the via length (a long stub)

A dielectric constant of 4.4 has been used in these via models. All unused pads have been removed.

Since the vias have very little resistive and dielectric losses, the insertion loss (IL) in linear magnitude can be computed as:

$$IL_{Mag} = \sqrt{1 - (RL_{Mag})^2} \quad \text{Equation 12-1}$$

Where the RL has been converted from dB to linear magnitude with:

$$RL_{Mag} = 10^{(RL_{dB}/20)} \quad \text{Equation 12-2}$$

Since a single-pole response of +6dB/octave has been assumed for the RL with increasing frequency, then RL at frequencies higher than 1 GHz can be computed with:

$$RL_{dB, f} = 20\log(f/(1\text{GHz})) + RL_{dB, 1\text{GHz}} \quad \text{Equation 12-3}$$

In [Equation 12-3](#),  $f$  is the desired frequency. Now [Equation 12-1](#) can be used to compute the linear IL magnitude at higher frequencies. [Equation 12-2](#) can be used for the IL to compute the IL in dB. This has been done for frequencies of 2, 3, 4, and 5 GHz; the results are displayed in [Table 12-1](#). For other frequencies, simply use the equations above.

Since a single-pole response has been used to extrapolate RL and IL from 1 GHz to higher frequencies, the accuracy of the results decreases for increasing IL. For example, for an extrapolated IL of 0.5 dB, the actual loss is about 0.45 dB. As the IL increases to a few tenths of a dB, it is recommended that a detailed circuit simulation of the channel be relied upon for high-level loss budgeting, rather than using this table.

Not only does IL inaccuracy become an issue, but more importantly, the RL typically creates ripple in the frequency response. This ripple correlates to significant inter-symbol interference (ISI), which closes the RX eye. Specifically, the ISI is caused by multiple reflections from high-capacitance transitions in the channel, as well as pulse spreading due to RC charging of the capacitance. In addition, the lumped capacitance approximation begins to lose accuracy for larger vias and other transitions, and the accuracy of the loss increases as the data rate increases.

**Table 12-1: Model-Derived Loss for Differential Vias of Various Dimensions**

Board Thickness (mils)	Stub Length (mils)	Via Diameter (mils)	Via Pitch (mils)	Excess Capac. (fF)	RL @1GHz (dB)	IL @1GHz (dB)	IL @2GHz (dB)	IL @3GHz (dB)	IL @4GHz (dB)	IL @5GHz (dB)
200	0	25	60	415	-23.7	-0.019	-0.074	-0.170	-0.304	-0.490
			80	173	-31.3	-0.003	-0.013	-0.029	-0.051	-0.081
		20	60	92	-36.8	-0.001	-0.004	-0.008	-0.014	-0.023
			80	430	-23.4	-0.020	-0.080	-0.182	-0.327	-0.527
	60	25	60	622	-20.2	-0.042	-0.168	-0.390	-0.713	-1.185
			80	107	-35.5	-0.001	-0.005	-0.011	-0.019	-0.031
		20	60	301	-26.5	-0.010	-0.039	-0.088	-0.157	-0.250
			80	131	-33.7	-0.002	-0.007	-0.017	-0.029	-0.047
	140	25	60	848	-17.5	-0.078	-0.319	-0.757	-1.438	-2.554
			80	379	-24.5	-0.015	-0.062	-0.141	-0.251	-0.403
		20	60	594	-20.6	-0.038	-0.153	-0.354	-0.645	-1.067
			80	201	-30.0	-0.004	-0.017	-0.039	-0.069	-0.110

Table 12-1: Model-Derived Loss for Differential Vias of Various Dimensions (Continued)

Board Thickness (mils)	Stub Length (mils)	Via Diameter (mils)	Via Pitch (mils)	Excess Capac. (fF)	RL @1GHz (dB)	IL @1GHz (dB)	IL @2GHz (dB)	IL @3GHz (dB)	IL @4GHz (dB)	IL @5GHz (dB)
125	0	16	35	494	-22.2	-0.026	-0.105	-0.242	-0.436	-0.709
			50	33	-45.6	0.000	0.000	-0.001	-0.002	-0.003
		12	35	208	-29.7	-0.005	-0.019	-0.042	-0.074	-0.118
			50	163	-31.8	-0.003	-0.011	-0.026	-0.046	-0.072
	28	16	35	614	-20.3	-0.041	-0.164	-0.381	-0.695	-1.154
			50	177	-31.1	-0.003	-0.013	-0.030	-0.054	-0.085
		12	35	334	-25.6	-0.012	-0.048	-0.109	-0.194	-0.310
			50	12	-54.5	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
	95	16	35	868	-17.3	-0.082	-0.335	-0.796	-1.519	-2.721
			50	392	-24.2	-0.017	-0.066	-0.151	-0.270	-0.434
		12	35	548	-21.3	-0.032	-0.130	-0.300	-0.543	-0.890
			50	265	-27.6	-0.008	-0.030	-0.068	-0.121	-0.193
50	0	10	25	250	-28.1	-0.007	-0.027	-0.061	-0.108	-0.172
			35	67	-39.6	0.000	-0.002	-0.004	-0.008	-0.012
		8	25	183	-30.8	-0.004	-0.014	-0.033	-0.058	-0.091
			35	22	-49.1	0.000	0.000	0.000	-0.001	-0.001
	11	10	25	326	-25.8	-0.011	-0.046	-0.104	-0.185	-0.295
			35	131	-33.7	-0.002	-0.007	-0.017	-0.029	-0.047
		8	25	253	-28.0	-0.007	-0.027	-0.062	-0.110	-0.176
			35	67	-39.6	0.000	-0.002	-0.004	-0.008	-0.012
	39	10	25	379	-24.5	-0.015	-0.062	-0.141	-0.251	-0.403
			35	201	-30.0	-0.004	-0.017	-0.039	-0.069	-0.110
		8	25	319	-26.0	-0.011	-0.044	-0.099	-0.176	-0.282
			35	158	-32.1	-0.003	-0.011	-0.024	-0.043	-0.067

To understand how to use [Table 12-1](#), three examples are given below:

#### Example 1:

For a targeted BER at a data rate of 4.25 Gb/s, assume that an IL of less than 10 dB is required. The channel is from a motherboard to a daughter card using a very clean mezzanine connector with no appreciable loss. Assume a 100 mil thick motherboard and a 50 mil thick daughtercard with 0.4 dB/inch at 2.125 Ghz and 12-inch maximum routes for 4.8 dB of channel loss. Using the 125 mil long vias from the table, if no or short stubs are allowed, then a 16 mil diameter/35 mil pitch via has -0.164 IL @ 2 GHz. Therefore, the via pitch can simply be increased to 40 mils, and/or a 12 mil diameter via can be used to keep the via IL below -0.1 dB. A -0.1 dB IL is presumed to be an acceptably low-loss for a transition so as to have no noticeable effect on overall channel performance.

#### Example 2:

This example assumes a 6 Gb/s application and the choice of using either an expensive connector with a 200 fF launch or a less expensive connector with a 400 fF launch. A board

thickness of 62 mil is required. Cable and board traces use most of the available loss budget. Therefore, a solution is needed to keep the remaining transitions below 0.1 dB. At 3 GHz, an 8 mil diameter / 30 mil pitch via should be used. For the less expensive connector, the top line of the table predicts about -0.17 dB of IL. Note that [Table 12-1](#), or alternatively [Equation 12-1](#) through [Equation 12-3](#), can be applied to the capacitance of any transitions, not just to differential vias. Although the IL is still low, there could be associated ISI from the larger capacitances, which should be a focus of more detailed circuit simulations.

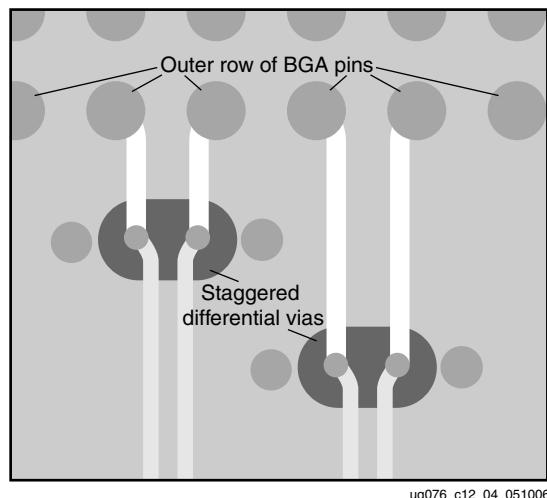
### Example 3:

This example uses a very dense 125 mil thick daughtercard for a 3.125 Gb/s data rate. The new design is an upgrade of an existing backplane legacy design. Here, the one-half data rate is 1.5625 GHz, and [Equation 12-1](#) through [Equation 12-3](#) can be used to project the excess capacitance from the 1 GHz data. Doing these calculations, acceptable vias are 16 mil diameter/30 mil pitch with short stubs, or 12 mil diameter/35 mil pitch with long vias.

## BGA Escape Example

The MGT signal pairs are routed along the edges of the flip-chip BGA. A microstrip is used to escape. When there is adequate spacing from the BGA, the optimized GSSG differential vias are used to change layers, if needed. It is recommended that these vias be staggered, as shown in [Figure 12-2](#), to minimize the formation of slots in the power and ground planes.

The round BGA pads for the RocketIO signals present a small amount of capacitance to a solid PCB ground below. Therefore one consideration is to open a void in the ground plane below the signal pads with the same diameter as the signal pads. However, simulations show that the void only removes 30 fF of capacitance.



*Figure 12-2: BGA Escape Design Example*

Also of interest is the breakout of SIO adjacent to MGT analog supply pins. As noted earlier in ["SelectIO-to-MGT Crosstalk" in the Physical Requirements section of Chapter 6](#) these SelectIO™ requirements, if not taken into consideration, can have an affect on MGT performance. This impact occurs when SIO solder balls are adjacent to MGT analog supply screwballs and their corresponding PCB vias are adjacent as well, creating both a package and board coupling mechanism. The screwballs, which are part of the package, offer some

coupling and the adjacent PCB vias offer 2-4 times more coupling. Simulation suggests that the amount of coupling due to adjacent PCB vias is affected by which layer the SIO escape is located, and on how the analog supplies are delivered to the MGTs. Simulation predicts that coupling can be reduced by using the upper PCB routing layers to route SIO and/or by using a higher layer to distribute MGT analog power supplies. When a design dictates that SIO with a BGA adjacency to MGT analog supply pins are to be used for high drive/high speed applications, the following guidelines apply:

- Apply power to the MGT analog supplies with a plane or wide buses a few layers below the top of the board. Using a blind via to the MGT analog supplies is better than using a through via.
- If a through via to supply the MGT analog supply pins must be used, use an upper layer to supply analog power to these vias. Route SelectIO nets in the uppermost layer available after MGT signal and MGT analog supply routing is implemented.
- If supplying MGT power from the bottom of the board, route these SelectIO nets in the highest available routing layer.

**Figure 12-3**, depicts the coupling regions for BGA adjacent SIO. The primary coupling mechanism is mutual inductive coupling and this occurs in the area between the active signal path and the power via. The secondary coupling mechanism is capacitive and is also shown in **Figure 12-3**. The primary coupling mechanism is much larger, and the recommendations are designed to minimize this effect.

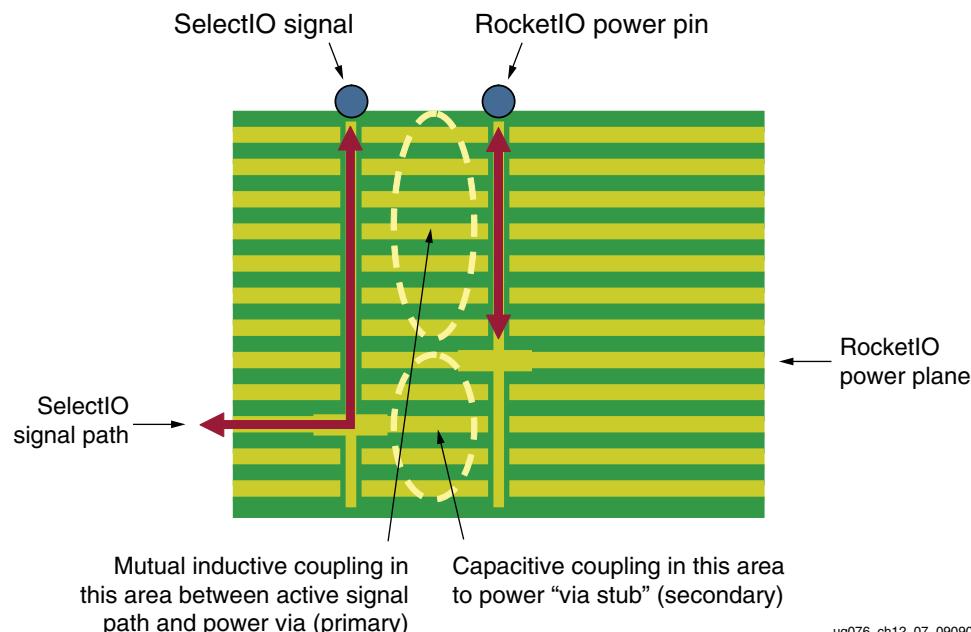
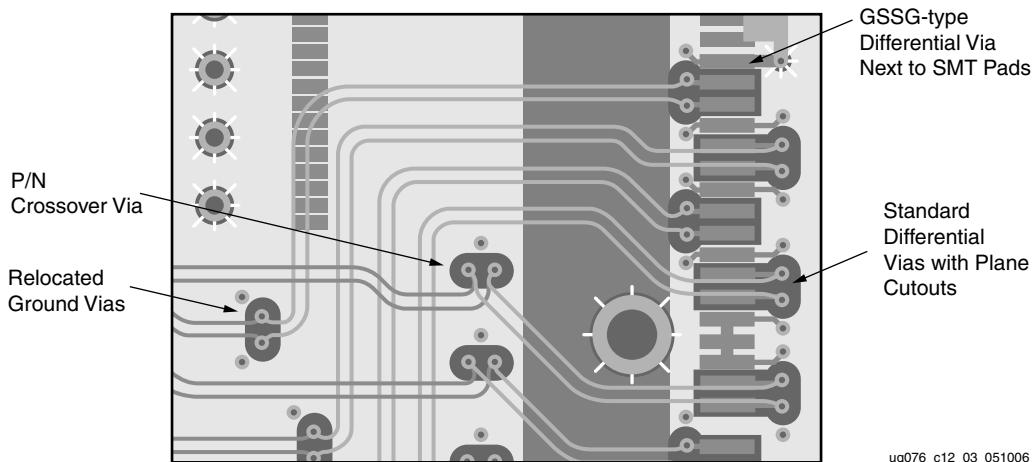


Figure 12-3: Via Structures for BGA Adjacent SIO

## SMT XENPAK70 Connector Design Example

**Figure 12-4** shows a XENPAK70 connector entry. Due to space constraints on this board and the connector mounting hole, differential vias other than the preferred GSSG-type differential via are used.



**Figure 12-4: XENPAK70 Connector Design Example**

On the left side of [Figure 12-4](#), the recommended GSSG-type differential vias are modified slightly to fit in the congested region. The overall size of the differential via is reduced slightly by moving the ground vias along the edge of the oblong antipad.

Near the middle of [Figure 12-4](#), signal-ground-signal (SGS) type differential vias are used to cross-over P and N signals. However, the MGTs have a programmable polarity invert function that eliminates the need for such vias.

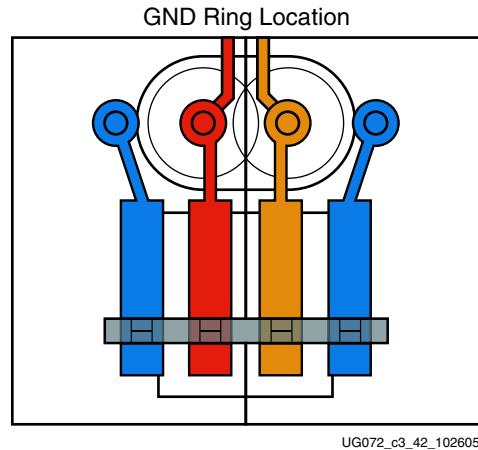
Transitions are to be spaced some distance away from each other where possible. In the upper-right corner of [Figure 12-4](#), space constraints dictate that the differential via be placed next to the SMT pads of the connector. All the metal beneath the pads is cleared to a depth of 30 mils for higher data rate applications. More shallow clearances below pads are acceptable for lower data rate applications.

Due to congestion in the vicinity of the large mounting hole, the connector entry needs to be placed to the right of the connector SMT pads. The GSSG-type differential vias need oblong antipads in all planes.

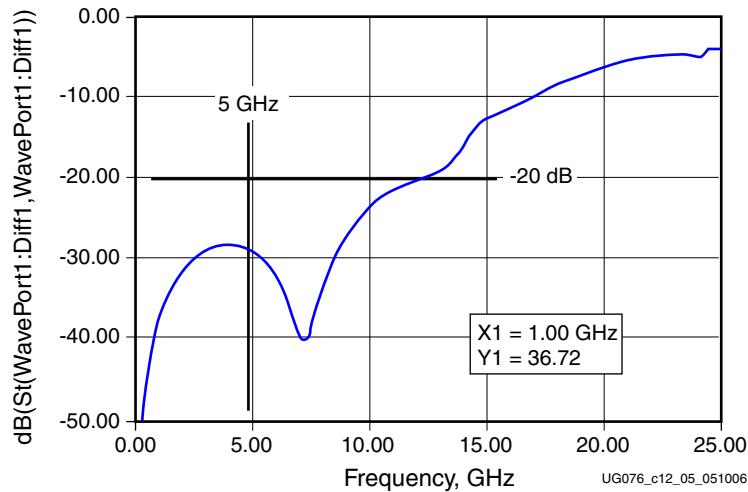
In general, it is good practice to have at least one ground via that interconnects multiple ground planes at each differential via transition. This via provides a low-impedance path for the small common-mode return current. This common-mode part of the differential signal pair results from the fact that drivers are not perfectly differential. Also, there is differential-to-common-mode conversion occurring at various locations along the channel, such as at turns (corners).

## SMT XFP Connector Design Example

The XFP connector, shown in [Figure 12-5](#), has a ground ring on the top surface near the pads. As a result, it is not possible to connect to the SMT pads using the top microstrip. A differential via placed near the connector pads allows the signals to exit via an inner stripline or a bottom microstrip. As with the Xenpak70 design and other SMT designs, the planes are cleared to a depth of 30 mils for higher data rate applications. Loss simulation results are shown in [Figure 12-6](#).



**Figure 12-5: SMT XFP Connector Design Example**

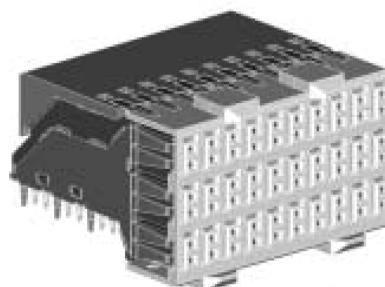


**Figure 12-6: SMT XFP Connector Return Loss Simulation Results**

Although it is not ideal to have two transitions next to each other, the SMT transition design rules are applied along with the optimized GSSG differential vias. Simulation indicates that performance is adequate, and the actual board showed similar performance.

## Tyco Z-PACK HM-Zd Connector Design Example

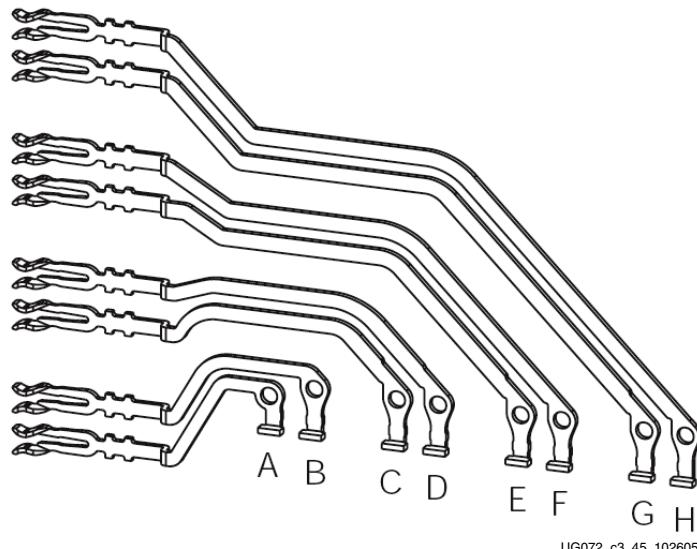
For backplane applications, in-line connectors such as the one shown in Figure 12-7, are the most common. Of these connectors, the most common mounting method is press-fit, although SMT connectors offer much better performance.



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**Figure 12-7: Tyco Z-PACK HM-Zd Press-Fit Connector**

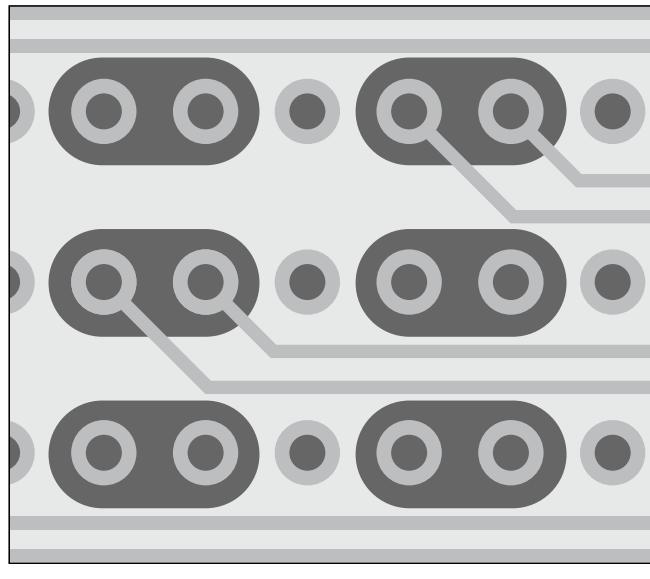
The right-angle connectors have P/N length differences in the signal paths, as shown in [Figure 12-8](#), that require PCB trace lengths to be adjusted to compensate for the skew.



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**Figure 12-8: Tyco Z-PACK HM-Zd Press-Fit Connector Internals**

[Figure 12-9](#) shows an example design where the traces are preskewed to compensate for P/N length mismatches within the connector body.



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**Figure 12-9: Tyco Z-PACK HM-Zd Press-Fit Connector Design Example**

Press-fit connectors require large vias that allow the connector pins to be inserted. These vias are on a fixed pitch to match the pitch of the connector pins. Having large vias on a tight pitch results in excess capacitance.

To mitigate this excess capacitance, via stubs must be kept short. Because the connector pin is around 95 mils, back-drilling can only be done to that depth. Routing on the lower layers helps to reduce the via stub length.

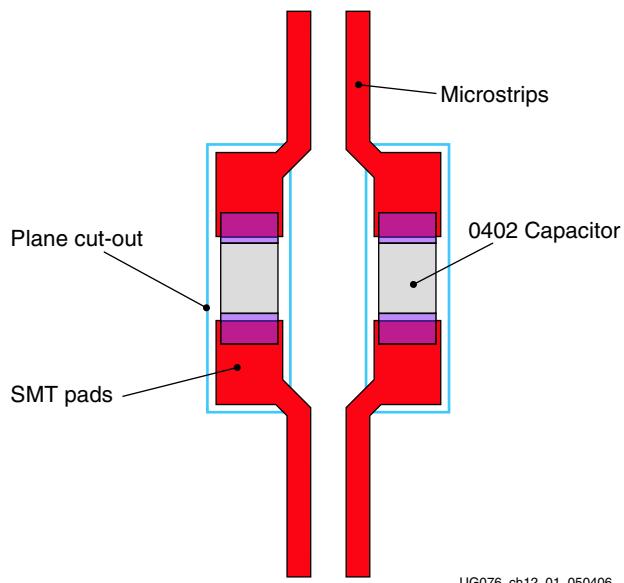
Making the antipads around the differential vias as large as possible minimizes capacitance. As shown in [Figure 12-9](#), the antipad size is maximized such that the ground reference for the traces extends beyond the edge of the striplines by about 3 mils to ensure the striplines have reference plane beneath them after allowing for layer misregistration during manufacture of the boards.

All power and ground planes that do not provide an impedance reference to the striplines or microstrips can be removed to reduce the via capacitance slightly. Vias need to be distributed around the periphery of the connector to stitch the ground planes together.

The designer can consider tapering the wide microstrips or striplines as they enter the connector footprint. The narrower lines require closer spacing so that the greater P/N coupling lowers the differential impedance back to  $100\Omega$ . However, this technique has not yet been fully validated. The reduced trace width causes additional line loss and inter-symbol interference (ISI) effects from the greater impedance variation. These effects can be offset by the additional performance gained from larger antipads with less excess capacitance.

## SMT DC Blocking Capacitor Design Example

The external DC blocking capacitors of the MGTs, shown in [Figure 12-10](#), are used only when there is a specific need for external capacitors, because they limit the transmit pre-emphasis range.



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*Figure 12-10: SMT DC Blocking Capacitor Design Example*

Capacitors on the differential traces should be spaced 50 mils apart, and all metal layers directly underneath the footprint of the two capacitors must be cleared to a depth of 30 mils. The area to be cleared is a solid rectangle where the edges are flush with the overall perimeter of the differential capacitors. For lower data rate applications, it should be acceptable to place the capacitors on a 40 mil pitch and clear the plane to a depth of about 10 mils.

The capacitor pairs are also staggered to reduce crosstalk by allowing for increased separation from adjacent capacitor pairs.



# **Section III:** **Appendices**

***Virtex-4 RocketIO  
Multi-Gigabit Transceiver***



## RocketIO Transceiver Timing Model

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This appendix explains the timing parameters associated with the RocketIO MGT core. Use it in conjunction with the Virtex-4 data sheet and the Timing Analyzer (TRCE) report from Xilinx software. For specific timing parameter values, refer to the data sheet.

There are many signals entering and exiting the MGT core. (Refer to [Figure A-2](#).) The model presented in this section treats the MGT core as a “black box.” Propagation delays internal to the MGT core logic are ignored. Signals are characterized with setup and hold times for inputs, and with clock-to-valid output times for outputs.

There are seven clocks associated with the MGT core, but only three of these clocks—RXUSRCLK, RXUSRCLK2, and TXUSRCLK2—have I/Os that are synchronous to them. The following table gives a brief description of all of these clocks. For an in-depth discussion of clocking the MGT core, refer to [Chapter 2, “Clocking, Timing, and Resets.”](#)

**Table A-1: MGT Clock Descriptions**

CLOCK SIGNAL	DESCRIPTION
GREFCLK	Reference clock for the MGT. Selected with attribute PMACLKBSEL. (Use only in 1 Gb/s or below applications.)
REFCLK1/ REFCLK2	High-quality reference clock driving transmission (reading TX buffer, and multiplied for parallel/serial conversion) and clock recovery. This clock originates off the device, is routed through fabric interconnect, and is selected by the attribute PMACLKBSEL.
TXOUTCLK1	Synthesized clock from the PMA. This clock can be scaled relative to GREFCLK, depending upon the specific operating mode of the transmitter.
TXOUTCLK2	Synthesized clock from the PCS. This clock can be scaled relative to GREFCLK, depending upon the specific operating mode of the transmitter.
TXUSRCLK	Clock used for writing the TX buffer. Frequency-locked to REFCLK.
TXUSRCLK2	Clocks transmission data and status and reconfiguration data between the transceiver and the FPGA core. Relationship between TXUSRCLK2 and TXUSRCLK depends on width of transmission data path.
RXRECCLK1/	Recovered clock from the CDR, locked to incoming data stream. This clock can be scaled relative to incoming data rate, depending upon the specific operating mode of the receiver.
RXRECCLK1/ RXRECCLK2	Recovered clock from the PCS, locked to incoming data stream. This clock can be scaled relative to incoming data rate, depending upon the specific operating mode of the receiver.

**Table A-1: MGT Clock Descriptions (Continued)**

CLOCK SIGNAL	DESCRIPTION
RXUSRCLK	Clock used for reading the RX ring buffer. Clocks CHBONDI and CHBONO into and out of the transceiver. Typically the same as TXUSRCLK.
RXUSRCLK2	Clocks receiver data and status between the transceiver and the FPGA core. Typically the same as TXUSRCLK2. Relationship between RXUSRCLK2 and RXUSRCLK depends on width of receiver data path.

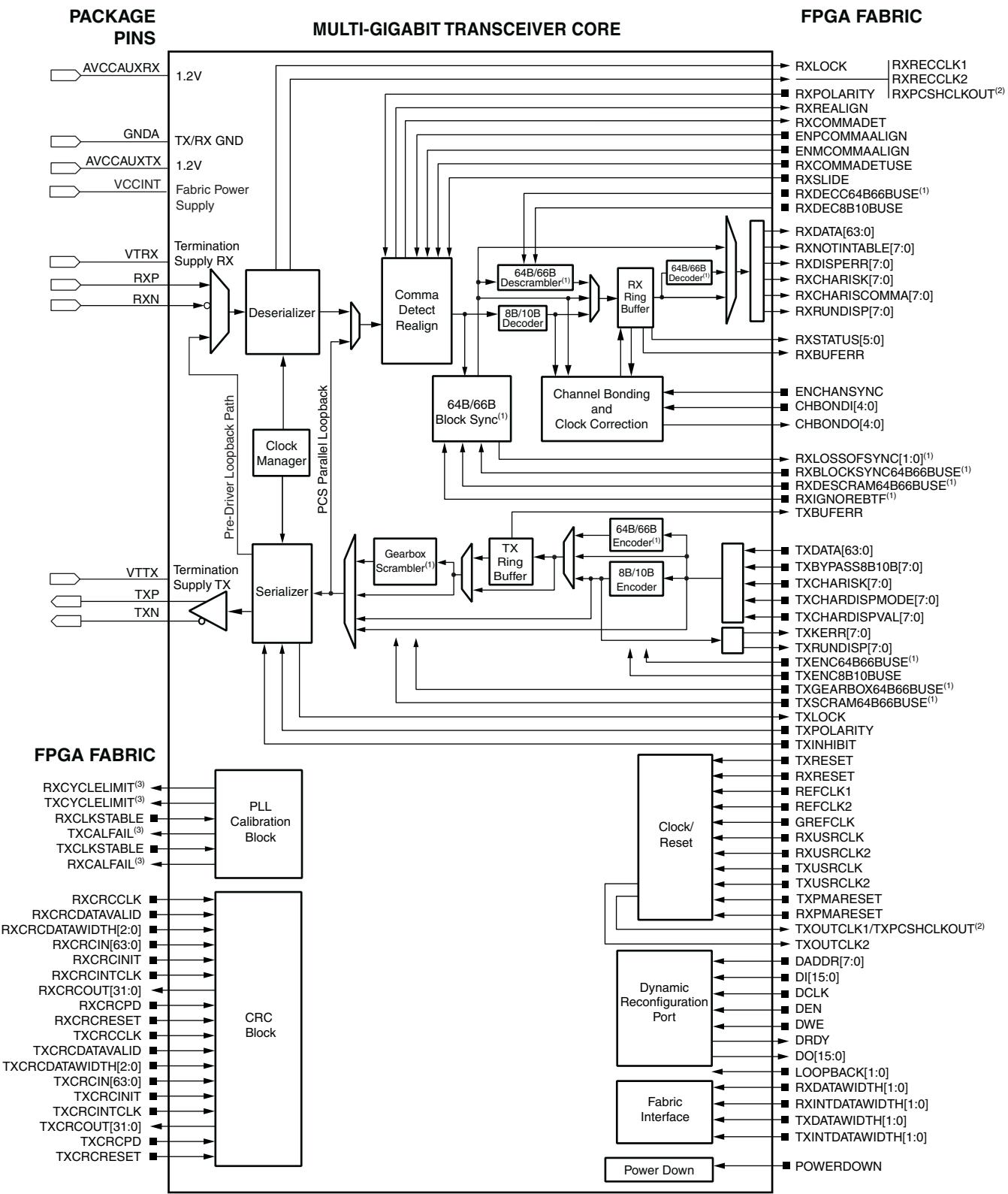


Figure A-1: RocketIO Multi-Gigabit Transceiver Block Diagram

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## Timing Parameters

Parameter designations are constructed to reflect the functions they perform, as well as the I/O signals to which they are synchronous. The following subsections explain the meaning of each of the basic timing parameter designations used in the tables.

### Input Setup/Hold Times Relative to Clock

Basic Format:

*ParameterName\_SIGNAL*

where

ParameterName = T with subscript string defining the timing relationship

SIGNAL = name of RocketIO signal synchronous to the clock

ParameterName Format:

$T_{GxCK}$  = Setup time before clock edge

$T_{GCKx}$  = Hold time after clock edge

where

x = C (Control inputs)

D (Data inputs)

Setup/Hold Time (Examples):

$T_{GCCK\_RRST}/T_{GCKC\_PLB}$  Setup/hold times of RX Reset input relative to rising edge of RXUSRCLK2

$T_{GDCK\_TDAT}/T_{GCKD\_TDAT}$  Setup/hold times of TX Data inputs relative to rising edge of TXUSRCLK2

### Clock to Output Delays

Basic Format:

*ParameterName\_SIGNAL*

where

ParameterName = T with subscript string defining the timing relationship

SIGNAL = name of RocketIO signal synchronous to the clock

ParameterName Format:

$T_{GCKo}$  = Delay time from clock edge to output

Output Delay Time (Examples):

$T_{GCKO\_CHBO}$  Rising edge of RXUSRCLK to Channel Bond outputs

$T_{GCKO\_RDAT}$  Rising edge of RXUSRCLK2 to RX Data outputs

$T_{GCKO\_TBERR}$  Rising edge of TXUSRCLK2 to TX Buffer Err output

### Clock Pulse Width

ParameterName Format:

$T_{xPWH}$  = Minimum pulse width, High state

$T_{xPWL}$  = Minimum pulse width, Low state

where

x = REF (REFCLK)

TX (TXUSRCLK)

TX2 (TXUSRCLK2)

RX (RXUSRCLK)

RX2 (RXUSRCLK2)

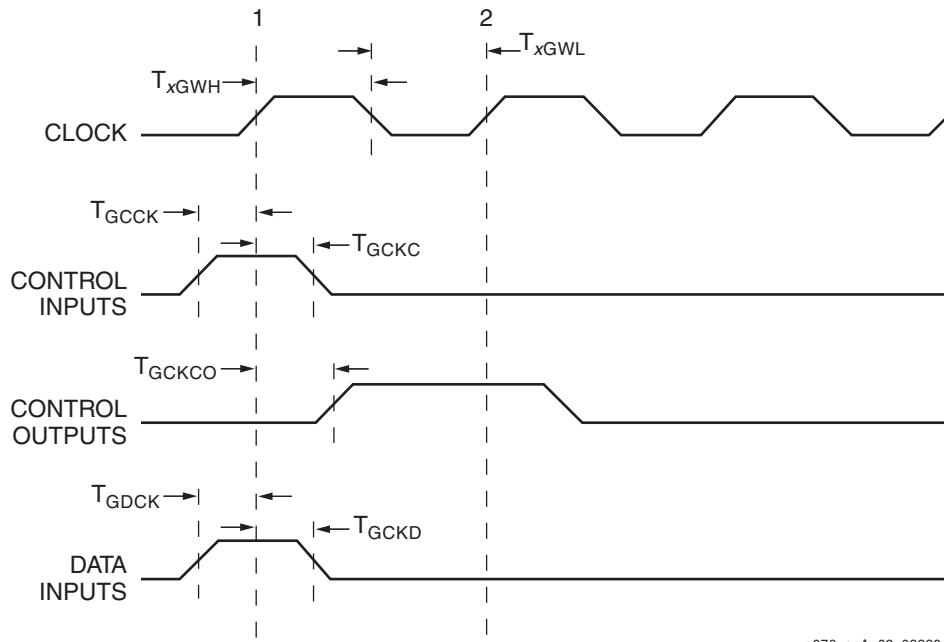
Pulse Width (Examples):

$T_{TX2PWL}$  Minimum pulse width, TX2 clock, Low state

$T_{REFPWH}$  Minimum pulse width, Reference clock, High state

## Timing Diagram and Timing Parameter Tables

Figure A-2 illustrates the timing relationships.



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**Figure A-2: MGT Timing Relative to Clock Edge**

Table A-2 through Table A-7 list the timing parameters as reported by the implementation tools relative to the clocks given in Table A-1, page 271, along with the MGT signals that are synchronous to each clock. (No signals are synchronous to REFCLK or TXUSRCLK.)

- Table A-2, “RocketIO DCLK Switching Characteristics,” page 276
- Table A-3, “RocketIO RXCRCCLK Switching Characteristics,” page 276
- Table A-4, “RocketIO TXCRCCLK Switching Characteristics,” page 277
- Table A-5, “RocketIO RXUSRCLK2 Switching Characteristics,” page 278
- Table A-6, “RocketIO RXUSRCLK2 Switching Characteristics,” page 278
- Table A-7, “RocketIO TXUSRCLK Switching Characteristics,” page 280

**Table A-2: RocketIO DCLK Switching Characteristics**

Parameter	Function	Signal
<b>Setup and Hold Relative to Clock (DCLK)</b>		
$T_{GT11CCK\_DEN}/T_{GT11CKC\_DEN}$	Control Input	DEN
$T_{GT11CCK\_DWE}/T_{GT11CKC\_DWE}$	Control Input	DWE
$T_{GT11DCK\_DADDR}/T_{GT11CKD\_DADDR}$	Control Input	DADDR
$T_{GT11DCK\_DI}/T_{GT11CKD\_DI}$	Data Input	DI
<b>Clock to Out</b>		
$T_{GT11CKO\_DO}$	Data Output	DO
$T_{GT11CKO\_DRDY}$	Control Output	DRDY

**Table A-3: RocketIO RXCRCCLK Switching Characteristics**

Parameter	Function	Signal
<b>Setup and Hold Relative to Clock (RXCRCCLK)</b>		
$T_{GT11CCK\_RXCRCDATAVALID}/T_{GT11CKC\_RXCRCDATAVALID}$	Control Input	RXCRCDATAVALID
$T_{GT11CCK\_RXCRCRESET}/T_{GT11CKC\_RXCRCRESET}$	Control Input	RXCRCRESET
$T_{GT11DCK\_RXCRCWIDTH}/T_{GT11CKD\_RXCRCWIDTH}$	Control Input	RXCRCWIDTH
$T_{GT11DCK\_RXCRCIN}/T_{GT11CKD\_RXCRCIN}$	Data Input	RXCRCIN
$T_{GT11DCK\_RXCRCINIT}/T_{GT11CKD\_RXCRCINIT}$	Control Input	RXCRCINIT
$T_{GT11DCK\_RXCRCPD}/T_{GT11CKD\_RXCRCPD}$	Control Input	RXCRCPD
<b>Clock to Out</b>		
$T_{GT11CKO\_RXCRCOUT}$	Data Output	RXCRCOUT

**Table A-4: RocketIO TXCRCCLK Switching Characteristics**

Parameter	Function	Signal
<b>Setup and Hold Relative to Clock (TXCRCCLK)</b>		
$T_{GT11CCK\_TXCRCDATAVALID}/T_{GT11CKC\_TXCRCDATAVALID}$	Control Input	TXCRCDATAVALID
$T_{GT11CCK\_TXCRCRESET}/T_{GT11CKC\_TXCRCRESET}$	Control Input	TXCRCRESET
$T_{GT11DCK\_TXCRCWIDTH}/T_{GT11CKD\_TXCRCWIDTH}$	Control Input	TXCRCWIDTH
$T_{GT11DCK\_TXCRCIN}/T_{GT11CKD\_TXCRCIN}$	Data Input	TXCRCIN
$T_{GT11DCK\_TXCRCINIT}/T_{GT11CKD\_TXCRCINIT}$	Control Input	TXCRCINIT
$T_{GT11DCK\_TXCRCPD}/T_{GT11CKD\_TXCRCPD}$	Control Input	TXCRCPD
<b>Clock to Out</b>		
$T_{GT11CKO\_TXCRCOUT}$	Data Output	TXCRCOUT

**Table A-5: RocketIO RXUSRCLK Switching Characteristics**

Parameter	Function	Signal
<b>Setup and Hold Relative to Clock (RXUSRCLK)</b>		
$T_{CCCK\_CHBI}/T_{CCKC\_CHBI}$	Control Input	CHBONDI
<b>Clock to Out</b>		
$T_{GCKCO\_CHBO}$	Control Output	CHBONDO
<b>Clock</b>		
$T_{GPWH\_RX}$	Minimum Pulse Width, High	RXUSRCLK
$T_{GPWL\_RX}$	Minimum Pulse Width, Low	RXUSRCLK

Table A-6: RocketIO RXUSRCLK2 Switching Characteristics

Parameter	Function	Signal
<b>Setup and Hold Relative to Clock</b>		
$T_{GT11CCK\_RXRESET}/T_{GT11CKD\_RXRESET}$	Control Input	RXRESET <sup>(1)</sup>
$T_{GT11DCK\_CHBONDI}/T_{GT11CKD\_CHBONDI}$	Control Input	CHBONDI
$T_{GT11DCK\_ENCHANSYNC}/T_{GT11CKD\_ENCHANSYNC}$	Control Input	ENCHANSYNC
$T_{GT11DCK\_ENMCOMMAALIGN}/T_{GT11CKD\_ENMCOMMAALIGN}$	Control Input	ENMCOMMAALIGN
$T_{GT11DCK\_ENPCOMMAALIGN}/T_{GT11CKD\_ENPCOMMAALIGN}$	Control Input	ENPCOMMAALIGN
$T_{GT11DCK\_RXBLOCKSYNC64B66BUSE}/T_{GT11CKD\_RXBLOCKSYNC64B66BUSE}$	Control Input	RXBLOCKSYNC64B66BUSE
$T_{GT11DCK\_RXCOMMADETUSE}/T_{GT11CKD\_RXCOMMADETUSE}$	Control Input	RXCOMMADETUSE
$T_{GT11DCK\_RXDATAWIDTH}/T_{GT11CKD\_RXDATAWIDTH}$	Control Input	RXDATAWIDTH
$T_{GT11DCK\_RXDEC64B66BUSE}/T_{GT11CKD\_RXDEC64B66BUSE}$	Control Input	RXDEC64B66BUSE
$T_{GT11DCK\_RXDEC8B10BUSE}/T_{GT11CKD\_RXDEC8B10BUSE}$	Control Input	RXDEC8B10BUSE
$T_{GT11DCK\_RXDESCRAM64B66BUSE}/T_{GT11CKD\_RXDESCRAM64B66BUSE}$	Control Input	RXDESCRAM64B66BUSE
$T_{GT11DCK\_RXIGNOREBTF}/T_{GT11CKD\_RXIGNOREBTF}$	Control Input	RXIGNOREBTF
$T_{GT11DCK\_RXINTDATAWIDTH}/T_{GT11CKD\_RXINTDATAWIDTH}$	Control Input	RXINTDATAWIDTH
$T_{GT11DCK\_RXPMARESET}/T_{GT11CKD\_RXPMARESET}$	Control Input	RXPMARESET <sup>(1)</sup>
$T_{GT11DCK\_RXPOLARITY}/T_{GT11CKD\_RXPOLARITY}$	Control Input	RXPOLARITY
$T_{GT11DCK\_RXSLIDE}/T_{GT11CKD\_RXSLIDE}$	Control Input	RXSLIDE
$T_{GT11DCK\_RXUSRLOCK}/T_{GT11CKD\_RXUSRLOCK}$	Control Input	RXUSRLOCK
$T_{GT11DCK\_RXUSRVCOCAL}/T_{GT11CKD\_RXUSRVCOCAL}$	Control Input	RXUSRVCOCAL
$T_{GT11DCK\_RXUSRVCODAC}/T_{GT11CKD\_RXUSRVCODAC}$	Control Input	RXUSRVCODAC

Table A-6: RocketIO RXUSRCLK2 Switching Characteristics (*Continued*)

Parameter	Function	Signal
<b>Clock to Out</b>		
T <sub>GT11CKO</sub> _CHBONDDONE	Status Output	CHBONDDONE
T <sub>GT11CKO</sub> _CHBONDO	Status Output	CHBONDO
T <sub>GT11CKO</sub> _RXBUFSTATUS	Status Output	RXBUFFSTATUS
T <sub>GT11CKO</sub> _RXCHARISCOMMA	Status Output	RXCHARISCOMMA
T <sub>GT11CKO</sub> _RXCHARISK	Status Output	RXCHARISK
T <sub>GT11CKO</sub> _RXCLKCORCNT	Status Output	RXCLKCORCNT
T <sub>GT11CKO</sub> _RXCOMMADET	Status Output	RXCOMMADET
T <sub>GT11CKO</sub> _RXYCLELIMIT	Status Output	RXYCLELIMIT
T <sub>GT11CKO</sub> _RXDATA	Status Output	RXDATA
T <sub>GT11CKO</sub> _RXDISPERR	Status Output	RXDISPERR
T <sub>GT11CKO</sub> _RXLOCK	Status Output	RXLOCK
T <sub>GT11CKO</sub> _RXLOSSOFSYNC	Status Output	RXLOSSOFSYNC
T <sub>GT11CKO</sub> _RXNOTINTABLE	Status Output	RXNOTINTABLE
T <sub>GT11CKO</sub> _RXREALIGN	Status Output	RXREALIGN
T <sub>GT11CKO</sub> _RXRUNDISP	Status Output	RXRUNDISP
T <sub>GT11CKO</sub> _RXSIGDET	Status Output	RXSIGDET
<b>Clock</b>		
T <sub>GPWH</sub> _RX2	Minimum Pulse Width, High	RXUSRCLK2
T <sub>GPWL</sub> _RX2	Minimum Pulse Width, Low	RXUSRCLK2

**Notes:**

1. These signals are asynchronous within the MGT. The software timing model treats these signals synchronously with respect to RXUSRCLK2:
  - a. In a back-annotated timing simulation and in a static timing analysis, the user might see timing violations if these signals are not synchronous to RXUSRCLK2.
  - b. The user can safely ignore these timing violations.

Table A-7: RocketIO TXUSRCLK Switching Characteristics

Parameter	Function	Signal
<b>Setup and Hold Relative to Clock (TXUSRCLK2)</b>		
$T_{GT11CCK\_TXRESET}/T_{GT11CKC\_TXRESET}$	Control Input	TXRESET <sup>(1)</sup>
$T_{GT11DCK\_LOOPBACK}/T_{GT11CKD\_LOOPBACK}$	Control Input	LOOPBACK
$T_{GT11DCK\_POWERDOWN}/T_{GT11CKD\_POWERDOWN}$	Control Input	POWERDOWN
$T_{GT11DCK\_TXBYPASS8B10B}/T_{GT11CKD\_TXBYPASS8B10B}$	Control Input	TXBYPASS8B10B
$T_{GT11DCK\_TXCHARDISPMODE}/T_{GT11CKD\_TXCHARDISPMODE}$	Control Input	TXCHARDISPMODE
$T_{GT11DCK\_TXCHARISPVAL}/T_{GT11CKD\_TXCHARISPVAL}$	Control Input	TXCHARISPVAL
$T_{GT11DCK\_TXCHARISK}/T_{GT11CKD\_TXCHARISK}$	Control Input	TXCHARISK
$T_{GT11DCK\_TXDATA}/T_{GT11CKD\_TXDATA}$	Data Input	TXDATA
$T_{GT11DCK\_TXDATAWIDTH}/T_{GT11CKD\_TXDATAWIDTH}$	Control Input	TXDATAWIDTH
$T_{GT11DCK\_TXENC64B66BUSE}/T_{GT11CKD\_TXENC64B66BUSE}$	Control Input	TXENC64B66BUSE
$T_{GT11DCK\_TXENC8B10BUSE}/T_{GT11CKD\_TXENC8B10BUSE}$	Control Input	TXENC8B10BUSE
$T_{GT11DCK\_TXENOOB}/T_{GT11CKD\_TXENOOB}$	Control Input	TXENOOB
$T_{GT11DCK\_TXGEARBOX64B66BUSE}/T_{GT11CKD\_TXGEARBOX64B66BUSE}$	Control Input	TXGEARBOX64B66BUSE
$T_{GT11DCK\_TXINHIBIT}/T_{GT11CKD\_TXINHIBIT}$	Control Input	TXINHIBIT
$T_{GT11DCK\_TXINTDATAWIDTH}/T_{GT11CKD\_TXINTDATAWIDTH}$	Control Input	TXINTDATAWIDTH
$T_{GT11DCK\_TXPMARESET}/T_{GT11CKD\_TXPMARESET}$	Control Input	TXPMARESET <sup>(1)</sup>
$T_{GT11DCK\_TXPOLARITY}/T_{GT11CKD\_TXPOLARITY}$	Control Input	TXPOLARITY
$T_{GT11DCK\_TXSCRAM64B66BUSE}/T_{GT11CKD\_TXSCRAM64B66BUSE}$	Control Input	TXSCRAM64B66BUSE
$T_{GT11DCK\_TXSYNC}/T_{GT11CKD\_TXSYNC}$	Control Input	TXSYNC <sup>(1)</sup>

Table A-7: RocketIO TXUSRCLK Switching Characteristics (*Continued*)

Parameter	Function	Signal
<b>Clock to Out</b>		
T <sub>GT11CKO_TXBUFFERR</sub>	Status Output	TXBUFFERR
T <sub>GT11CKO_TXCALFAIL</sub>	Status Output	TXCALFAIL
T <sub>GT11CKO_TCYCYLELIMIT</sub>	Status Output	TCYCYLELIMIT
T <sub>GT11CKO_TXKERR</sub>	Status Output	TXKERR
T <sub>GT11CKO_TXLOCK</sub>	Status Output	TXLOCK
T <sub>GT11CKO_TXRUNDISP</sub>	Status Output	TXRUNDISP
<b>Clock</b>		
T <sub>GPWH_TX</sub>	Minimum Pulse Width, High	TXUSRCLK
T <sub>GPWL_TX</sub>	Minimum Pulse Width, Low	TXUSRCLK
T <sub>GPWH_TX2</sub>	Minimum Pulse Width, High	TXUSRCLK2
T <sub>GPWL_TX2</sub>	Minimum Pulse Width, Low	TXUSRCLK2

**Notes:**

1. These signals are asynchronous within the MGT. The software timing model treats these signals synchronously with respect to TXUSRCLK2:
  - a. In a back-annotated timing simulation and in a static timing analysis, the user might see timing violations if these signals are not synchronous to TXUSRCLK2.
  - b. The user can safely ignore these timing violations.



# 8B/10B Valid Characters

## Valid Data and Control Characters

8B/10B encoding includes a set of Data characters and K-characters. Eight-bit values are coded into 10-bit values, keeping the serial line DC balanced. K-characters are special Data characters designated with a CHARISK. K-characters are used for specific informative designations. [Table B-1](#) and [Table B-2](#) show the Data and K tables of valid characters.

*Table B-1: Valid Data Characters*

Data Byte Name	Bits HGF EDCBA	Current RD – abcdei fghj	Current RD + abcdei fghj
D0.0	000 00000	100111 0100	011000 1011
D1.0	000 00001	011101 0100	100010 1011
D2.0	000 00010	101101 0100	010010 1011
D3.0	000 00011	110001 1011	110001 0100
D4.0	000 00100	110101 0100	001010 1011
D5.0	000 00101	101001 1011	101001 0100
D6.0	000 00110	011001 1011	011001 0100
D7.0	000 00111	111000 1011	000111 0100
D8.0	000 01000	111001 0100	000110 1011
D9.0	000 01001	100101 1011	100101 0100
D10.0	000 01010	010101 1011	010101 0100
D11.0	000 01011	110100 1011	110100 0100
D12.0	000 01100	001101 1011	001101 0100
D13.0	000 01101	101100 1011	101100 0100
D14.0	000 01110	011100 1011	011100 0100
D15.0	000 01111	010111 0100	101000 1011
D16.0	000 10000	011011 0100	100100 1011
D17.0	000 10001	100011 1011	100011 0100
D18.0	000 10010	010011 1011	010011 0100
D19.0	000 10011	110010 1011	110010 0100
D20.0	000 10100	001011 1011	001011 0100

Table B-1: Valid Data Characters (Continued)

Data Byte Name	Bits HGF EDCBA	Current RD – abcdei fghj	Current RD + abcdei fghj
D21.0	000 10101	101010 1011	101010 0100
D22.0	000 10110	011010 1011	011010 0100
D23.0	000 10111	111010 0100	000101 1011
D24.0	000 11000	110011 0100	001100 1011
D25.0	000 11001	100110 1011	100110 0100
D26.0	000 11010	010110 1011	010110 0100
D27.0	000 11011	110110 0100	001001 1011
D28.0	000 11100	001110 1011	001110 0100
D29.0	000 11101	101110 0100	010001 1011
D30.0	000 11110	011110 0100	100001 1011
D31.0	000 11111	101011 0100	010100 1011
D0.1	001 00000	100111 1001	011000 1001
D1.1	001 00001	011101 1001	100010 1001
D2.1	001 00010	101101 1001	010010 1001
D3.1	001 00011	110001 1001	110001 1001
D4.1	001 00100	110101 1001	001010 1001
D5.1	001 00101	101001 1001	101001 1001
D6.1	001 00110	011001 1001	011001 1001
D7.1	001 00111	111000 1001	000111 1001
D8.1	001 01000	111001 1001	000110 1001
D9.1	001 01001	100101 1001	100101 1001
D10.1	001 01010	010101 1001	010101 1001
D11.1	001 01011	110100 1001	110100 1001
D12.1	001 01100	001101 1001	001101 1001
D13.1	001 01101	101100 1001	101100 1001
D14.1	001 01110	011100 1001	011100 1001
D15.1	001 01111	010111 1001	101000 1001
D16.1	001 10000	011011 1001	100100 1001
D17.1	001 10001	100011 1001	100011 1001
D18.1	001 10010	010011 1001	010011 1001
D19.1	001 10011	110010 1001	110010 1001
D20.1	001 10100	001011 1001	001011 1001
D21.1	001 10101	101010 1001	101010 1001
D22.1	001 10110	011010 1001	011010 1001

Table B-1: Valid Data Characters (Continued)

Data Byte Name	Bits HGF EDCBA	Current RD – abcdei fghj	Current RD + abcdei fghj
D23.1	001 10111	111010 1001	000101 1001
D24.1	001 11000	110011 1001	001100 1001
D25.1	001 11001	100110 1001	100110 1001
D26.1	001 11010	010110 1001	010110 1001
D27.1	001 11011	110110 1001	001001 1001
D28.1	001 11100	001110 1001	001110 1001
D29.1	001 11101	101110 1001	010001 1001
D30.1	001 11110	011110 1001	100001 1001
D31.1	001 11111	101011 1001	010100 1001
D0.2	010 00000	100111 0101	011000 0101
D1.2	010 00001	011101 0101	100010 0101
D2.2	010 00010	101101 0101	010010 0101
D3.2	010 00011	110001 0101	110001 0101
D4.2	010 00100	110101 0101	001010 0101
D5.2	010 00101	101001 0101	101001 0101
D6.2	010 00110	011001 0101	011001 0101
D7.2	010 00111	111000 0101	000111 0101
D8.2	010 01000	111001 0101	000110 0101
D9.2	010 01001	100101 0101	100101 0101
D10.2	010 01010	010101 0101	010101 0101
D11.2	010 01011	110100 0101	110100 0101
D12.2	010 01100	001101 0101	001101 0101
D13.2	010 01101	101100 0101	101100 0101
D14.2	010 01110	011100 0101	011100 0101
D15.2	010 01111	010111 0101	101000 0101
D16.2	010 10000	011011 0101	100100 0101
D17.2	010 10001	100011 0101	100011 0101
D18.2	010 10010	010011 0101	010011 0101
D19.2	010 10011	110010 0101	110010 0101
D20.2	010 10100	001011 0101	001011 0101
D21.2	010 10101	101010 0101	101010 0101
D22.2	010 10110	011010 0101	011010 0101
D23.2	010 10111	111010 0101	000101 0101
D24.2	010 11000	110011 0101	001100 0101

Table B-1: Valid Data Characters (Continued)

Data Byte Name	Bits HGF EDCBA	Current RD – abcdei fghj	Current RD + abcdei fghj
D25.2	010 11001	100110 0101	100110 0101
D26.2	010 11010	010110 0101	010110 0101
D27.2	010 11011	110110 0101	001001 0101
D28.2	010 11100	001110 0101	001110 0101
D29.2	010 11101	101110 0101	010001 0101
D30.2	010 11110	011110 0101	100001 0101
D31.2	010 11111	101011 0101	010100 0101
D0.3	011 00000	100111 0011	011000 1100
D1.3	011 00001	011101 0011	100010 1100
D2.3	011 00010	101101 0011	010010 1100
D3.3	011 00011	110001 1100	110001 0011
D4.3	011 00100	110101 0011	001010 1100
D5.3	011 00101	101001 1100	101001 0011
D6.3	011 00110	011001 1100	011001 0011
D7.3	011 00111	111000 1100	000111 0011
D8.3	011 01000	111001 0011	000110 1100
D9.3	011 01001	100101 1100	100101 0011
D10.3	011 01010	010101 1100	010101 0011
D11.3	011 01011	110100 1100	110100 0011
D12.3	011 01100	001101 1100	001101 0011
D13.3	011 01101	101100 1100	101100 0011
D14.3	011 01110	011100 1100	011100 0011
D15.3	011 01111	010111 0011	101000 1100
D16.3	011 10000	011011 0011	100100 1100
D17.3	011 10001	100011 1100	100011 0011
D18.3	011 10010	010011 1100	010011 0011
D19.3	011 10011	110010 1100	110010 0011
D20.3	011 10100	001011 1100	001011 0011
D21.3	011 10101	101010 1100	101010 0011
D22.3	011 10110	011010 1100	011010 0011
D23.3	011 10111	111010 0011	000101 1100
D24.3	011 11000	110011 0011	001100 1100
D25.3	011 11001	100110 1100	100110 0011
D26.3	011 11010	010110 1100	010110 0011

Table B-1: Valid Data Characters (Continued)

Data Byte Name	Bits HGF EDCBA	Current RD – abcdei fghj	Current RD + abcdei fghj
D27.3	011 11011	110110 0011	001001 1100
D28.3	011 11100	001110 1100	001110 0011
D29.3	011 11101	101110 0011	010001 1100
D30.3	011 11110	011110 0011	100001 1100
D31.3	011 11111	101011 0011	010100 1100
D0.4	100 00000	100111 0010	011000 1101
D1.4	100 00001	011101 0010	100010 1101
D2.4	100 00010	101101 0010	010010 1101
D3.4	100 00011	110001 1101	110001 0010
D4.4	100 00100	110101 0010	001010 1101
D5.4	100 00101	101001 1101	101001 0010
D6.4	100 00110	011001 1101	011001 0010
D7.4	100 00111	111000 1101	000111 0010
D8.4	100 01000	111001 0010	000110 1101
D9.4	100 01001	100101 1101	100101 0010
D10.4	100 01010	010101 1101	010101 0010
D11.4	100 01011	110100 1101	110100 0010
D12.4	100 01100	001101 1101	001101 0010
D13.4	100 01101	101100 1101	101100 0010
D14.4	100 01110	011100 1101	011100 0010
D15.4	100 01111	010111 0010	101000 1101
D16.4	100 10000	011011 0010	100100 1101
D17.4	100 10001	100011 1101	100011 0010
D18.4	100 10010	010011 1101	010011 0010
D19.4	100 10011	110010 1101	110010 0010
D20.4	100 10100	001011 1101	001011 0010
D21.4	100 10101	101010 1101	101010 0010
D22.4	100 10110	011010 1101	011010 0010
D23.4	100 10111	111010 0010	000101 1101
D24.4	100 11000	110011 0010	001100 1101
D25.4	100 11001	100110 1101	100110 0010
D26.4	100 11010	010110 1101	010110 0010
D27.4	100 11011	110110 0010	001001 1101
D28.4	100 11100	001110 1101	001110 0010

Table B-1: Valid Data Characters (Continued)

Data Byte Name	Bits HGF EDCBA	Current RD – abcdei fghj	Current RD + abcdei fghj
D29.4	100 11101	101110 0010	010001 1101
D30.4	100 11110	011110 0010	100001 1101
D31.4	100 11111	101011 0010	010100 1101
D0.5	101 00000	100111 1010	011000 1010
D1.5	101 00001	011101 1010	100010 1010
D2.5	101 00010	101101 1010	010010 1010
D3.5	101 00011	110001 1010	110001 1010
D4.5	101 00100	110101 1010	001010 1010
D5.5	101 00101	101001 1010	101001 1010
D6.5	101 00110	011001 1010	011001 1010
D7.5	101 00111	111000 1010	000111 1010
D8.5	101 01000	111001 1010	000110 1010
D9.5	101 01001	100101 1010	100101 1010
D10.5	101 01010	010101 1010	010101 1010
D11.5	101 01011	110100 1010	110100 1010
D12.5	101 01100	001101 1010	001101 1010
D13.5	101 01101	101100 1010	101100 1010
D14.5	101 01110	011100 1010	011100 1010
D15.5	101 01111	010111 1010	101000 1010
D16.5	101 10000	011011 1010	100100 1010
D17.5	101 10001	100011 1010	100011 1010
D18.5	101 10010	010011 1010	010011 1010
D19.5	101 10011	110010 1010	110010 1010
D20.5	101 10100	001011 1010	001011 1010
D21.5	101 10101	101010 1010	101010 1010
D22.5	101 10110	011010 1010	011010 1010
D23.5	101 10111	111010 1010	000101 1010
D24.5	101 11000	110011 1010	001100 1010
D25.5	101 11001	100110 1010	100110 1010
D26.5	101 11010	010110 1010	010110 1010
D27.5	101 11011	110110 1010	001001 1010
D28.5	101 11100	001110 1010	001110 1010
D29.5	101 11101	101110 1010	010001 1010
D30.5	101 11110	011110 1010	100001 1010

Table B-1: Valid Data Characters (Continued)

Data Byte Name	Bits HGF EDCBA	Current RD – abcdei fghj	Current RD + abcdei fghj
D31.5	101 11111	101011 1010	010100 1010
D0.6	110 00000	100111 0110	011000 0110
D1.6	110 00001	011101 0110	100010 0110
D2.6	110 00010	101101 0110	010010 0110
D3.6	110 00011	110001 0110	110001 0110
D4.6	110 00100	110101 0110	001010 0110
D5.6	110 00101	101001 0110	101001 0110
D6.6	110 00110	011001 0110	011001 0110
D7.6	110 00111	111000 0110	000111 0110
D8.6	110 01000	111001 0110	000110 0110
D9.6	110 01001	100101 0110	100101 0110
D10.6	110 01010	010101 0110	010101 0110
D11.6	110 01011	110100 0110	110100 0110
D12.6	110 01100	001101 0110	001101 0110
D13.6	110 01101	101100 0110	101100 0110
D14.6	110 01110	011100 0110	011100 0110
D15.6	110 01111	010111 0110	101000 0110
D16.6	110 10000	011011 0110	100100 0110
D17.6	110 10001	100011 0110	100011 0110
D18.6	110 10010	010011 0110	010011 0110
D19.6	110 10011	110010 0110	110010 0110
D20.6	110 10100	001011 0110	001011 0110
D21.6	110 10101	101010 0110	101010 0110
D22.6	110 10110	011010 0110	011010 0110
D23.6	110 10111	111010 0110	000101 0110
D24.6	110 11000	110011 0110	001100 0110
D25.6	110 11001	100110 0110	100110 0110
D26.6	110 11010	010110 0110	010110 0110
D27.6	110 11011	110110 0110	001001 0110
D28.6	110 11100	001110 0110	001110 0110
D29.6	110 11101	101110 0110	010001 0110
D30.6	110 11110	011110 0110	100001 0110
D31.6	110 11111	101011 0110	010100 0110
D0.7	111 00000	100111 0001	011000 1110

Table B-1: Valid Data Characters (Continued)

Data Byte Name	Bits HGF EDCBA	Current RD – abcdei fghj	Current RD + abcdei fghj
D1.7	111 00001	011101 0001	100010 1110
D2.7	111 00010	101101 0001	010010 1110
D3.7	111 00011	110001 1110	110001 0001
D4.7	111 00100	110101 0001	001010 1110
D5.7	111 00101	101001 1110	101001 0001
D6.7	111 00110	011001 1110	011001 0001
D7.7	111 00111	111000 1110	000111 0001
D8.7	111 01000	111001 0001	000110 1110
D9.7	111 01001	100101 1110	100101 0001
D10.7	111 01010	010101 1110	010101 0001
D11.7	111 01011	110100 1110	110100 1000
D12.7	111 01100	001101 1110	001101 0001
D13.7	111 01101	101100 1110	101100 1000
D14.7	111 01110	011100 1110	011100 1000
D15.7	111 01111	010111 0001	101000 1110
D16.7	111 10000	011011 0001	100100 1110
D17.7	111 10001	100011 0111	100011 0001
D18.7	111 10010	010011 0111	010011 0001
D19.7	111 10011	110010 1110	110010 0001
D20.7	111 10100	001011 0111	001011 0001
D21.7	111 10101	101010 1110	101010 0001
D22.7	111 10110	011010 1110	011010 0001
D23.7	111 10111	111010 0001	000101 1110
D24.7	111 11000	110011 0001	001100 1110
D25.7	111 11001	100110 1110	100110 0001
D26.7	111 11010	010110 1110	010110 0001
D27.7	111 11011	110110 0001	001001 1110
D28.7	111 11100	001110 1110	001110 0001
D29.7	111 11101	101110 0001	010001 1110
D30.7	111 11110	011110 0001	100001 1110
D31.7	111 11111	101011 0001	010100 1110

**Table B-2: Valid Control “K” Characters**

<b>Special Code Name</b>	<b>Bits HGF EDCBA</b>	<b>Current RD – abcdei fghj</b>	<b>Current RD + abcdei fghj</b>
K28.0	000 11100	001111 0100	110000 1011
K28.1	001 11100	001111 1001	110000 0110
K28.2	010 11100	001111 0101	110000 1010
K28.3	011 11100	001111 0011	110000 1100
K28.4	100 11100	001111 0010	110000 1101
K28.5	101 11100	001111 1010	110000 0101
K28.6	110 11100	001111 0110	110000 1001
K28.7 <sup>(1)</sup>	111 11100	001111 1000	110000 0111
K23.7	111 10111	111010 1000	000101 0111
K27.7	111 11011	110110 1000	001001 0111
K29.7	111 11101	101110 1000	010001 0111
K30.7	111 11110	011110 1000	100001 0111

**Notes:**

1. Used for testing and characterization only.



# Dynamic Reconfiguration Port

The Virtex®-4 RocketIO™ transceivers provide a simple parallel-programming port for dynamically configuring the PMA and PCS attribute settings. This gives the user real-time control of all transceiver features without the need to use partial reconfiguration or to bring out discrete control ports to the fabric for each attribute. This configuration port is identical to the Dynamic Reconfiguration Port (DRP) for other Virtex-4 primitives, such as the DCM and system monitor.

For more details of this interface, see the *Virtex-4 Configuration Guide* ([UG071](#)).

**Note:**

1. This feature is intended for *advanced users only*. Direct modification of these attributes should only be done with a thorough understanding of the capabilities, performance, and side-effects of the resulting settings. For most applications, the default attribute settings provided in the software primitives should be adequate.
2. Improper settings can cause excessive power consumption.
3. Because modification of some registers can affect the PLL performance during reconfiguration, reconfiguration time can run anywhere between 10 µs and 10 ms, approximately.
4. Attempts to address DRP locations outside the defined memory map can fail to return a DRDY. User logic should provide safeguards against this condition by mechanisms such as a time-out or similar.

## Interface Description

The Dynamic Reconfiguration Port consists of a simple, 2-byte-wide interface. The user accessible ports are defined in [Table C-1](#). The DRP is not affected by PMARESET.

**Table C-1: Dynamic Reconfiguration Port Ports**

Port	I/O	Size	Definition
DADDR	I	8	Dynamic reconfiguration address bus
DCLK	I	1	Dynamic Reconfiguration Port clock
DEN	I	1	Dynamic Reconfiguration Port enable when set to a logic 1
DI	I	16	Dynamic reconfiguration input data bus
DO	O	16	Dynamic reconfiguration output data bus
DRDY	O	1	Strobe that indicates read/write cycle is complete
DWE	I	1	Dynamic reconfiguration write enable when set to a logic 1

See the figures entitled “Write Timing with Wait States” and “Read Timing with Wait States” in the *Virtex-4 Configuration Guide* ([UG071](#)).

## Memory Map

The configuration registers are 16-bit byte-wide and memory mapped based on DADDR[7:0]. The memory assignment and resistor layout for MGTA are shown in [Table C-2](#) through [Table C-14](#). The memory assignment and resistor layout for MGTB are shown in [Table C-15](#) through [Table C-27](#). [Table C-28](#) shows the PLL configuration settings.

**Table C-2: Dynamic Reconfiguration Port Memory Map: MGTA Address 40–44**

Bit	Address										
	40	Def	41	Def	42	Def	43	Def	44	Def	
15	RXCRCINITVAL [15:0]	N/A	RESERVED [15:0]	N/A	RESERVED [7:0]	N/A	RESERVED	N/A	RESERVED [14:0]	0	
14							CLK_COR_8B10B_DEF				
13							CLK_CORRECT_USE				
12											
11							CLK_COR_SEQ_LEN [2:0]				
10							CLK_COR_SEQ_DROP				
9							CLK_COR_SEQ_2_USE				
8							TXCLK0_INVERT_PMALEAF				
7							RESERVED				
6											
5											
4											
3											
2											
1							CLK_COR_MAX_LAT [5:0]				
0											
							TXPD				

Table C-3: Dynamic Reconfiguration Port Memory Map: MGTA Address 45–49

Bit	Address									
	45	Def	46	Def	47	Def	48	Def	49	Def
15	UNUSED [15:0]	0	RXDIGRESET	0	RXEQ [15:0]	0	RXCRCINITVAL [31:16]	N/A	RESERVED [15:0]	N/A
14			RXFECONTROL2 [2:0] <sup>(1)</sup>	0		0				
13				0		0				
12				0		0				
11				0		0				
10			RXPDDTST <sup>(1)</sup>	1		0				
9			RXACTST <sup>(1)</sup>	0		0				
8			RXAFTST <sup>(1)</sup>	0		0				
7			RXFECONTROL1 [1:0] <sup>(1)</sup>	0		0				
6				0		0				
5			RXLKAPD <sup>(1)</sup>	0		0				
4			RXRSDPD <sup>(1)</sup>	0		0				
3			RXRCPPD	0		0				
2			RXRPPDPD	0		0				
1			RXAEPD	0		0				
0			RXPD	0		0				

**Notes:**

1. This attribute should never be changed from the default setting. Otherwise the MGT can operate below optimum levels, compromising overall performance.

Table C-4: Dynamic Reconfiguration Port Memory Map: MGTA Address 4A–4E

Bit	Address										
	4A	Def	4B	Def	4C	Def <sup>(1)</sup>	4D	Def	4E	Def	
15	RESERVED [15:0]	N/A	SH_INVALID_CNT_MAX [7:0]	N/A	TXDAT_PRDRV_DAC [1:0] <sup>(2)</sup>	1	UNUSED [15:0]	N/A	RXCMAJ [1:0]	N/A	
14						1					
13					TXASYNCDIVIDE[0]	X				0	
12					TXPOST_TAP_PD	1				0	
11						0				0	
10						1				0	
9						1				0	
8						1				0	
7			SH_CNT_MAX [7:0]			0			RESERVED	N/A	
6					RESERVED [1:0]	0			RXDCCOUPLE	0	
5						0			RESERVED	0	
4						1				0	
3						0				0	
2						1				0	
1						1				0	
0						0				0	

**Notes:**

1. The default X depends on the operation. See [Table C-28, page 320](#) for details.
2. This attribute should never be changed from the default setting. Otherwise the MGT can operate below optimum levels, compromising overall performance.

Table C-5: Dynamic Reconfiguration Port Memory Map: MGTA Address 4F–53

Bit	Address									
	4F	Def	50	Def	51	Def	52	Def	53	Def
15	RXEQ [31:16]	0	TXCRCINITVAL [15:0]	N/A	RESERVED [15:0]	N/A	RESERVED [5:0]	N/A	RXFDCAL_CLOCK_DIVIDE [1:0]	N/A
14		0							TXFDCAL_CLOCK_DIVIDE [1:0]	
13		0							RXBY_32	
12		0							RESERVED	
11		0							ENABLE_DCDR	
10		0							SAMPLE_8X	
9		0							DCDR_FILTER [2:0] <sup>(1)</sup>	
8		0							0	
7		0							1	
6		0							0	
5		0							RXUSRDIVISOR [4:0]	N/A
4		0								
3		0								
2		0								
1		0								
0		0								

**Notes:**

1. This attribute should never be changed from the default setting. Otherwise the MGT can operate below optimum levels, compromising overall performance.

Table C-6: Dynamic Reconfiguration Port Memory Map: MGTA Address 54–58

Bit	Address																	
	54	Def <sup>(1)</sup>	55	Def	56	Def <sup>(1)</sup>	57	Def	58	Def								
15	TXPRE_TAP_DAC [2:0]	0	UNUSED [15:0]	0	RXFETUNE [1:0] <sup>(2)</sup>	0	RXCRCINITVAL [31:16]	0	N/A									
14		0		0		1												
13		0		0		X												
12		RESERVED		0		X												
11		TXHIGHSIGALEN <sup>(2)</sup>		0		X												
10		RESERVED		0	RESERVED [1:0]	RXEQ [47:32]												
9		1		0														
8	TXTERMTRIM [3:0]	1		0	RXAFEEQ [8:0] <sup>(4)</sup>													
7		0		0														
6		0		0														
5		TXASYNCDIVIDE[1]		X														
4	TXSLEWRATE <sup>(3)</sup>	0		0														
3		1		0														
2		1		0														
1		1		0														
0		0		0														

**Notes:**

1. The default X depends on the operation. See [Table C-28, page 320e](#) for details.
2. This attribute should never be changed from the default setting. Otherwise the MGT can operate below optimum levels, compromising overall performance.
3. TXSLEWRATE is set to 0 by default. It must be set to 1 for all serial rates below 6.25 Gb/s. The RocketIO Wizard sets this attribute to 1.
4. Although this is a 9-bit register, the user can only control bits [2:0]. See [“Receive Equalization” in Chapter 4](#) for details. Note that in a UCF file RXAFEEQ must be specified as a 9-bit value. The RXAFEEQ[8:3] bits are unused and can be set to 0.

Table C-7: Dynamic Reconfiguration Port Memory Map: MGTA Address 59–5D

Bit	Address										
	59	Def	5A	Def	5B	Def	5C	Def <sup>(1)</sup>	5D	Def	
15	RESERVED [15:0]	N/A	RESERVED [15:0]	N/A	RXRECCCLK1_USE_SYNC	RESERVED [4:0]	0	0	0	0	
14					TXOUTCLK1_USE_SYNC						
13					TXCLK0_FORCE_PMACLK						
12					RXCLK0_FORCE_PMACLK						
11					TX_CLOCK_DIVIDER [1:0]						
10					RX_CLOCK_DIVIDER [1:0]	TXPRE_PRDRV_DAC [2:0] <sup>(2)</sup>	1	UNUSED [15:0]	0	0	
9					TXCRCENABLE		1				
8					RESERVED		1				
7					TXCRCINVERTGEN		0				
6					TXCRCLOCKDOUBLE	TXPRE_TAP_DAC [4:3]	0	0	0	0	
5					RXCRCENABLE		X				
4					RESERVED		X				
3					RXCRCINVERTGEN		X				
2					RXCRCLOCKDOUBLE	TXCLKMODE [3:0]	X	0	0	0	
1							X				
0							X				

**Notes:**

1. The default X depends on the operation. See [Table C-28, page 320](#) for details.
2. This attribute should never be changed from the default setting. Otherwise the MGT can operate below optimum levels, compromising overall performance.

Table C-8: Dynamic Reconfiguration Port Memory Map: MGTA Address 5E–62

Bit	Address													
	5E	Def <sup>(1)</sup>	5F	Def	60	Def	61	Def	62	Def				
15	RESERVED [5:0]	0	RXEQ [63:48]	0	RXBYPASS_CAL <sup>(2)</sup>	N/A	MCOMMA_32B_VALUE [15:0]	N/A	RESERVED [15:0]	0				
14		0		1	RXFDET_HYS_CAL [2:0]					0				
13		0		0						0				
12		0		0	RXFDET_LCK_CAL [2:0]					0				
11		0		0						0				
10		0		0	RXFDET_HYS_SEL [2:0]					0				
9	PMA_BIT_SLIP	0		0						0				
8	RXASYNCDIVIDE [1:0]	X		0	RXFDET_LCK_SEL [2:0]					0				
7		X		0						0				
6		X		0						0				
5		X		0	RXVCO_CTRL_ENABLE <sup>(2)</sup>					0				
4		X		0						0				
3		X		0	RXCYCLE_LIMIT_SEL [1:0] <sup>(2)</sup>	0				0				
2		X		0						0				
1		X		0						0				
0	RXLB	0		0						0				

**Notes:**

1. The default X depends on the operation. See [Table C-28, page 320](#) for details.
2. This attribute should never be changed from the default setting. Otherwise the MGT can operate below optimum levels, compromising overall performance.

Table C-9: Dynamic Reconfiguration Port Memory Map: MGTA Address 63–67

Bit	Address									
	63	Def	64	Def	65	Def	66	Def	67	Def
15						0				
14						0				
13	CLK_COR_SEQ_2_2 [4:0]		CLK_COR_SEQ_1_2 [4:0]			0	CHAN_BOND_SEQ_2_2 [4:0]		CHAN_BOND_SEQ_1_2 [4:0]	
12						0				
11						0				
10						0				
9						0				
8						0				
7						0				
6						0				
5	CLK_COR_SEQ_2_1 [10:0]	N/A	CLK_COR_SEQ_1_1 [10:0]	N/A	RESERVED [15:0]	0	CHAN_BOND_SEQ_2_1 [11:0]	N/A	CHAN_BOND_SEQ_1_1 [11:0]	N/A
4						0				
3						0				
2						0				
1						0				
0						0				

Table C-10: Dynamic Reconfiguration Port Memory Map: MGTA Address 68–6C

Bit	Address														
	68	Def	69	Def	6A	Def <sup>(1)</sup>	6B	Def	6C	Def					
15	RESERVED	RXVCODAC_INIT [9:0] <sup>(2)</sup>	N/A	MCOMMA_32B_VALUE [31:16]	N/A	RESERVED	0	CLK_COR_SEQ_2_3 [9:0]	CLK_COR_SEQ_1_3 [9:0]	N/A					
14	X														
13	X														
12	X														
11	X														
10	1														
9	0														
8	0														
7	0														
6	0														
5	0					CLK_COR_SEQ_2_2 [10:5]	CLK_COR_SEQ_1_2 [10:5]								
4	RXSLOWDOWN_CAL [1:0] <sup>(2)</sup>										0				
3	0														
2	RXBYPASS_FDET <sup>(2)</sup>	N/A									X				
1	RXLOOPCAL_WAIT [1:0] <sup>(2)</sup>										X				
0	0														
					RESERVED	0									

**Notes:**

- The default X depends on the operation. See [Table C-28, page 320](#) for details.
- This attribute should never be changed from the default setting. Otherwise the MGT can operate below optimum levels, compromising overall performance.
- Although there is an open-loop divider for each MGT, both attributes map into MGTA locations in the DRP Memory Map:  
TXOUTDIV2SEL (for MGTA) Reg 0x6A [14:11]  
TXOUTDIV2SEL (for MGTA) Reg 0x7A [15:12]

Table C-11: Dynamic Reconfiguration Port Memory Map: MGTA Address 6D–71

Bit	Address									
	6D	Def <sup>(1)</sup>	6E	Def	6F	Def	70	Def	71	Def
15	RESERVED	0	RXOUTDIV2SEL [3:0] <sup>(2)</sup>	CHAN_BOND_SEQ_2_3 [9:0]	CHAN_BOND_SEQ_1_3 [9:0]	N/A	BYPASS_CAL <sup>(3)</sup>	N/A	PCOMMA_32B_VALUE [15:0]	N/A
14	X	FDET_HYS_CAL [2:0]								
13	X	FDET_LCK_CAL [2:0]								
12	X	FDET_HYS_SEL [2:0]								
11	X	FDET_LCK_SEL [2:0]								
10	1	VCO_CTRL_ENABLE <sup>(3)</sup>								
9	0	CYCLE_LIMIT_SEL [1:0] <sup>(3)</sup>					0			
8	0	0								
7	0									
6	0									
5	0									
4	0									
3	X									
2	X									
1	0									
0	RESERVED	0								

**Notes:**

1. The default X depends on the operation. See [Table C-28, page 320](#) for details.
2. This register value must equal the register value at address 0x7D, bit[15:12] on MGTA. The attribute RXOUTDIV2SEL sets both registers upon configuration, but must be written to separately using the DRP.
3. This attribute should never be changed from the default setting. Otherwise the MGT can operate below optimum levels, compromising overall performance.

Table C-12: Dynamic Reconfiguration Port Memory Map: MGTA Address 72–76

Bit	Address									
	72	Def <sup>(1)</sup>	73	Def	74	Def	75	Def <sup>(1)</sup>	76	Def
15		0	CLK_COR_SEQ_2_MASK [3:0]	N/A	CLK_COR_SEQ_1_MASK [3:0]	N/A	RESERVED [14:0]	0	CHAN_BOND_SEQ_2_MASK [3:0]	N/A
14		0						0		
13		0						0		
12		0						0		
11		0						0		
10		0						0		
9		0						0		
8	RESERVED [14:0]	0						0		
7		0						0		
6		0						0		
5		0						0		
4		0						0		
3		0						0		
2		1						1		
1		1						1		
0	TXCPSEL <sup>(2)</sup>	X	CLK_COR_SEQ_2[10]		CLK_COR_SEQ_1[10]		RXCPSEL <sup>(2)</sup>	X	CHAN_BOND_SEQ_2[10]	

**Notes:**

1. The default X depends on the operation. See [Table C-28, page 320](#) for details.
2. This attribute should never be changed from the default setting. Otherwise the MGT can operate below optimum levels, compromising overall performance.

Table C-13: Dynamic Reconfiguration Port Memory Map: MGTA Address 77–7B

Bit	Address													
	77	Def	78	Def	79	Def	7A	Def <sup>(1)</sup>	7B	Def				
15	CHAN_BOND_SEQ_1_MASK [3:0]	N/A	RESERVED	N/A	PCOMMA_32B_VALUE [31:16]	N/A	TXOUTDIV2SEL [3:0] <sup>(3)</sup>	X	RESERVED [15:0]	N/A				
14			VCODAC_INIT [9:0] <sup>(2)</sup>					X						
13								X						
12								X						
11			TXPLLNDIVSEL [3:0]				X							
10							X							
9							X							
8							X							
7	CHAN_BOND_SEQ_1_4 [10:0]		SLOWDOWN_CAL [1:0] <sup>(2)</sup>	0	N/A	N/A	RESERVED [1:0]	0						
6								0						
5			BYPASS_FDET <sup>(2)</sup>	0			TXLOOPFILT [3:0] <sup>(2)</sup>	X						
4								X						
3			LOOPCAL_WAIT [1:0] <sup>(2)</sup>	N/A				X						
2								X						
1				RESERVED [1:0]			0							
0	CHAN_BOND_SEQ_1_3[10]						0							

**Notes:**

- The default X depends on the operation. See [Table C-28, page 320](#) for details.
- This attribute should never be changed from the default setting. Otherwise the MGT can operate below optimum levels, compromising overall performance.
- Although there is an open-loop divider for each MGT, both attributes map into MGTA locations in the DRP Memory Map:

TXOUTDIV2SEL (for MGTB) Reg 0x6A [14:11]

TXOUTDIV2SEL (for MGTA) Reg 0x7A [15:12]

Table C-14: Dynamic Reconfiguration Port Memory Map: MGTA Address 7C–7F

Bit	Address							
	7C	Def	7D	Def <sup>(1)</sup>	7E	Def	7F	Def
15	RXDATA_SEL [1:0]	N/A	RXOUTDIV2SEL [3:0] <sup>(2)</sup>	X	RESERVED [7:0]	N/A	RESERVED	N/A
14				X			TX_BUFFER_USE	
13	TXDATA_SEL [1:0]			X			RX_BUFFER_USE	
12				X				
11	RESERVED		RXPLLNDIVSEL [3:0]	X			CHAN_BOND_SEQ_LEN [2:0]	
10				X			CHAN_BOND_SEQ_2_USE	
9				X			CHAN_BOND_ONE_SHOT	
8	CLK_COR_MIN_LAT [5:0]			X			CHAN_BOND_MODE [1:0]	
7			RESERVED [1:0]	0	UNUSED [1:0]	N/A		
6				0			CHAN_BOND_LIMIT [5:0]	
5				X	CCCB_ARBITRATOR_DISABLE			
4	RESERVED			X	OPPOSITE_SELECT			
3	PCS_BIT_SLIP		RXLOOPFILT [3:0] <sup>(3)</sup>	X	POWER_ENABLE			
2	DIGRX_SYNC_MODE			X	RESERVED [2:0]	N/A		
1	DIGRX_FWCLK [1:0]			RXDIGRX	0			
0				RESERVED	0			

**Notes:**

1. The default X depends on the operation. See [Table C-28, page 320](#) for details.
2. This register value must equal the register value at address 0x6D, bit[14:11] on MGTA. The attribute RXOUTDIV2SEL sets both registers upon configuration, but must be written to separately using the DRP.
3. This attribute should never be changed from the default setting. Otherwise the MGT can operate below optimum levels, compromising overall performance.

Table C-15: Dynamic Reconfiguration Port Memory Map: MGTB Address 40–44

Bit	Address												
	40	Def	41	Def	42	Def	43	Def	44	Def	44	Def	
15	RXCRCINITVAL [15:0]	N/A	RESERVED [15:0]	0	RESERVED [7:0]	N/A	RESERVED	N/A	RXEQ [15:0]	0	0		
14				0			CLK_COR_8B10B_DE			0	0		
13				0			CLK_CORRECT_USE			0	0		
12				0			CLK_COR_SEQ_LEN [2:0]			0	0		
11				0			N/A			0	0		
10				0						CLK_COR_SEQ_DROP	0	0	
9				0						CLK_COR_SEQ_2_USE	0	0	
8				0						TXCLK0_INVERT_PMALEAF	0	0	
7				0	COMMA32	N/A	RESERVED	N/A	RXEQ [15:0]	0	0		
6				0			CLK_COR_MAX_LAT [5:0]			0	0		
5				0						0	0		
4				0			DEC_VALID_COMMAS_ONLY			0	0		
3				0						0	0		
2				0			DEC_PCOMMA_DETECT			0	0		
1				0						0	0		
0				0			ALIGN_COMMAS_WORD [1:0]			0	0		

Table C-16: Dynamic Reconfiguration Port Memory Map: MGTB Address 45–49

Bit	Address									
	45	Def	46	Def	47	Def	48	Def	49	Def <sup>(1)</sup>
15		0		0					RESERVED	0
14		0		0					X	
13		0		0					X	
12		0		0					X	
11		0		0					X	
10	RESERVED [10:0]	1	RESERVED [14:0]	0	RESERVED [15:0]	N/A	RXCRCINITVAL [31:16]	N/A		1
9		0		0					0	
8		0		0					0	
7		0		0					0	
6		0		0					0	
5		1		0					0	
4	TXPHASESEL <sup>(4)</sup>	0		0					0	
3	TXPHASESEL <sup>(5)</sup>	0		0					X	
2	RESERVED	0		0					X	
1	PMACLKENABLE <sup>(3)</sup>	1		1					1	
0	PMACOREPWRENABLE	1	TXPD	0					RESERVED	0

**Notes:**

1. The default X depends on the operation. See [Table C-28, page 320](#) for details.
2. This register value must equal the register value at address 0x59, bit[15:12] on MGTB. The attribute RXOUTDIV2SEL sets both registers upon configuration, but must be written to separately using the DRP.
3. This attribute should never be changed from the default setting. Otherwise the MGT can operate below optimum levels, compromising overall performance.
4. Applies to MGTa only.
5. Applies to MGTb only.

Table C-17: Dynamic Reconfiguration Port Memory Map: MGTB Address 4A–4E

Bit	Address											
	4A	Def	4B	Def	4C	Def	4D	Def	4E	Def <sup>(1)</sup>		
15	RESERVED [15:0]	N/A	SH_INVALID_CNT_MAX [7:0]	N/A	RXEQ [31:16]	0	BANDGAPSEL <sup>(2)</sup>	0	TXDAT_PRDRV_DAC [1:0] <sup>(2)</sup>	1		
14						0	0	1				
13						0	1	TXASYNCDIVIDE[0]	X			
12						0	1	TXPOST_TAP_PD	1			
11						0	1	TXPOST_TAP_DAC [4:0]	0			
10						0	1		1			
9						0	1		1			
8						0	BIASRESSEL		0	1		
7			SH_CNT_MAX [7:0]			0	RESERVED [7:0]		0	0		
6						0		1	RESERVED [1:0]	0		
5						0		1		0		
4						0		1	TXDAT_TAP_DAC [4:0]	1		
3						0		0		0		
2						0		1		1		
1						0		0		0		
0						0						

**Notes:**

1. The default X depends on the operation. See [Table C-28, page 320](#) for details.
2. This attribute should never be changed from the default setting. Otherwise the MGT can operate below optimum levels, compromising overall performance.

Table C-18: Dynamic Reconfiguration Port Memory Map: MGTB Address 4F–53

Bit	Address									
	4F	Def	50	Def	51	Def <sup>(1)</sup>	52	Def	53	Def
15	RESERVED [15:0]	N/A	TXCRCINITVAL [15:0]	N/A	RESERVED [14:0]	N/A	COMMA_10B_MASK [9:0]	N/A	RXUSRDIVISOR [4:0]	N/A
14										
13										
12										
11										
10										
9										
8										
7										
6										
5										
4										
3										
2										
1										
0										
					RXCSEL <sup>(2)</sup>	X				

**Notes:**

1. The default X depends on the operation. See [Table C-28, page 320](#) for details.
2. This attribute should never be changed from the default setting. Otherwise the MGT can operate below optimum levels, compromising overall performance.

Table C-19: Dynamic Reconfiguration Port Memory Map: MGTB Address 54–58

Bit	Address									
	54	Def	55	Def	56	Def <sup>(1)</sup>	57	Def	58	Def
15	RREQ [47:32]	0	RESERVED [15:0]	0	TXPRE_TAP_DAC [2:0]	0	RESERVED [15:0]	N/A	TXCRCINITVAL [31:16]	N/A
14		0		0		0				
13		0		0		0				
12		0		0		0				
11		0		0	TXHIGHSIGNALEN <sup>(2)</sup>	1				
10		0		0		1				
9		0		0	TXTERMTRIM [3:0]	1				
8		0		0		0				
7		0		0		0				
6		0		0		0				
5		0		0	TXASYNCDIVIDE[1]	X				
4		0		0		0				
3		0		0	TXPOST_PRDRV_DAC [2:0] <sup>(2)</sup>	1				
2		0		0		1				
1		0		0		1				
0		0		0		0				
					TXDAT_PRDRV_DAC[2] <sup>(2)</sup>	1				

**Notes:**

1. The default X depends on the operation. See [Table C-28, page 320](#) for details.
2. This attribute should never be changed from the default setting. Otherwise the MGT can operate below optimum levels, compromising overall performance.
3. TXSLEWRATE is set to 0 by default. It must be set to 1 for all serial rates below 6.25 Gb/s. The RocketIO Wizard sets this attribute to 1.

Table C-20: Dynamic Reconfiguration Port Memory Map: MGTB Address 59–5D

Bit	Address									
	59	Def <sup>(1)</sup>	5A	Def	5B	Def	5C	Def	5D	Def
15	RXOUTDIV2SEL [3:0] <sup>(3)</sup>	X	RESERVED [15:0]	N/A	RXRECCCLK1_USE_SYNC	RXEQ [63:48]	0	RESERVED [1:0]	0	
14		X			TXOUTCLK1_USE_SYNC		1	RXPMACLKSEL [1:0] <sup>(4)</sup>	0	
13		X			TXCLK0_FORCE_PMACLK		0		0	
12		X			RXCLK0_FORCE_PMACLK		0		0	
11		X			TX_CLOCK_DIVIDER [1:0]		0	RXPMACLKSEL [1:0] <sup>(5)</sup>	0	
10		X			RX_CLOCK_DIVIDER [1:0]		0		0	
9		X			TXCRCENABLE		0	TXABPMACLKSEL [1:0]	0	
8		X			RESERVED		0		0	
7	RESERVED [1:0]	0			TXCRCINVERTGEN		0		0	
6		0			TXCRCLOCKDOUBLE		0		0	
5	RXLOOPFILT [3:0] <sup>(2)</sup>	X			RXCRCENABLE		0	RESERVED [7:0]	0	
4		X			RESERVED		0		1	
3		X			RESERVED		0		1	
2		X			RESERVED		0		1	
1	RXDIGRX	0	RXCRCINVERTGEN	N/A	RESERVED	RXEQ [63:48]	0		0	
0	RESERVED	0			RXCRCLOCKDOUBLE		0		0	

**Notes:**

1. The default X depends on the operation. See [Table C-28, page 320](#) for details.
2. This attribute should never be changed from the default setting. Otherwise the MGT can operate below optimum levels, compromising overall performance.
3. This register value must equal the register value at address 0x49, bit[14:11] on MGTB. The attribute RXOUTDIV2SEL sets both registers upon configuration, but must be written to separately using the DRP.
4. Applies to MGTa only.
5. Applies to MGTb only.

Table C-21: Dynamic Reconfiguration Port Memory Map: MGTB Address 5E–62

Bit	Address									
	5E	Def <sup>(1)</sup>	5F	Def	60	Def	61	Def	62	Def
15	RESERVED [4:0]	0	RESERVED [15:0]	N/A	RXBYPASS_CAL <sup>(2)</sup>	N/A	MCOMMA_32B_VALUE [15:0]	N/A	RXDIGRESET	0
14		0			RXFDET_HYS_CAL [2:0]				RXFECONTROL2 [2:0] <sup>(2,3)</sup>	0
13		0			RXFDET_LCK_CAL [2:0]				0	0
12		0			RXFDET_HYS_SEL [2:0]				0	0
11		0			RXFDET_LCK_SEL [2:0]				RXCPTST <sup>(2,3)</sup>	0
10		1			RXVCO_CTRL_ENABLE <sup>(2)</sup>				RXPDDTST <sup>(2,4)</sup>	1
9		1			RXCYCLE_LIMIT_SEL [1:0] <sup>(2)</sup>				RXACTST <sup>(2,4)</sup>	0
8		1							RXAFETST <sup>(2,4)</sup>	0
7	TXPRE_TAP_PD	1							RXFECONTROL1 [1:0] <sup>(2,4)</sup>	0
6	TYPRE_TAP_DAC [4:3]	0							0	0
5		0							RXLKAPD <sup>(2)</sup>	0
4	RESERVED	0							RXRSDPD <sup>(2)</sup>	0
3	TXCLKMODE [3:0]	X								0
2		X								0
1		X								0
0		X							RXPD	0

**Notes:**

1. The default X depends on the operation. See [Table C-28, page 320](#) for details.
2. This attribute should never be changed from the default setting. Otherwise the MGT can operate below optimum levels, compromising overall performance.
3. RXSELDACFIX[3:0] on MGTB is composed of bits [14:11] at address 0x62 in this table.
4. RXSELDACTRAN[4:0] on MGTB is composed of bits [10:6] at address 0x62 in this table.

Table C-22: Dynamic Reconfiguration Port Memory Map: MGTB Address 63–67

Bit	Address									
	63	Def	64	Def	65	Def	66	Def	67	Def
15						0				
14						0				
13	CLK_COR_SEQ_2_2 [4:0]		CLK_COR_SEQ_1_2 [4:0]			0	CHAN_BOND_SEQ_2_2 [4:0]		CHAN_BOND_SEQ_1_2 [4:0]	
12						0				
11						0				
10						0				
9						0				
8						0				
7						0				
6						0				
5	CLK_COR_SEQ_2_1 [10:0]	N/A	CLK_COR_SEQ_1_1 [10:0]	N/A	UNUSED [15:0]	0	CHAN_BOND_SEQ_2_1 [10:0]	N/A	CHAN_BOND_SEQ_1_1 [10:0]	N/A
4						0				
3						0				
2						0				
1						0				
0						0				

Table C-23: Dynamic Reconfiguration Port Memory Map: MGTB Address 68–6C

Bit	Address									
	68	Def	69	Def	6A	Def	6B	Def	6C	Def
15	RESERVED				RXCMAJ [1:0]	N/A				
14						0				
13						0				
12						0	CLK_COR_SEQ_2_3 [9:0]			
11						0				
10	RXVCODAC_INIT [9:0] <sup>(1)</sup>	N/A	MCOMMA_32B_VALUE [31:16]	N/A	RXCDRLOS [5:0]	0			CLK_COR_SEQ_1_3 [9:0]	
9						0				
8						0				
7						0				
6						RESERVED	N/A			
5						RXDCCOUPLE	0			
4	RXSLOWDOWN_CAL [1:0] <sup>(1)</sup>	0				UNUSED	0			
3		0								
2	BYPASS_FDET <sup>(1)</sup>									
1	RXLOOPCAL_WAIT [1:0] <sup>(1)</sup>	N/A			RXLKADJ [4:0]		CLK_COR_SEQ_2_2 [10:5]		CLK_COR_SEQ_1_2 [10:5]	
0										

**Notes:**

- This attribute should never be changed from the default setting. Otherwise the MGT can operate below optimum levels, compromising overall performance.

Table C-24: Dynamic Reconfiguration Port Memory Map: MGTB Address 6D–71

Bit	Address									
	6D	Def	6E	Def	6F	Def	70	Def	71	Def
15	UNUSED [15:0]	0	CHAN_BOND_SEQ_2_3 [9:0]	N/A	CHAN_BOND_SEQ_1_3 [9:0]	N/A	BYPASS_CAL <sup>(1)</sup>	N/A	PCOMMA_32B_VALUE [15:0]	N/A
14		0					FDET_HYS_CAL [2:0]			
13		0					FDET_LCK_CAL [2:0]			
12		0					FDET_HYS_SEL [2:0]			
11		0					FDET_LCK_SEL [2:0]			
10		0					VCO_CTRL_ENABLE <sup>(1)</sup>			
9		0					CYCLE_LIMIT_SEL [1:0] <sup>(1)</sup>	0		
8		0						0		
7		0								
6		0								
5		0								
4		0								
3		0	CHAN_BOND_SEQ_2_2 [10:5]	N/A	CHAN_BOND_SEQ_1_2 [10:5]	N/A				
2		0								
1		0								
0		0								

**Notes:**

1. This attribute should never be changed from the default setting. Otherwise the MGT can operate below optimum levels, compromising overall performance.

Table C-25: Dynamic Reconfiguration Port Memory Map: MGTB Address 72–76

Bit	Address									
	72	Def <sup>(1)</sup>	73	Def	74	Def	75	Def	76	Def
15	RXFETUNE [1:0] <sup>(2)</sup>	0	CLK_COR_SEQ_2_MASK [3:0]	N/A	CLK_COR_SEQ_1_MASK [3:0]	N/A	UNUSED [15:0]	0	CHAN_BOND_SEQ_2_MASK [3:0]	N/A
14	1	0								
13	X	0								
12	X	0								
11	X	0								
10	RESERVED [1:0]	0								
9	1	0								
8	0	0								
7	0	0								
6	0	0								
5	0	0								
4	RXAFEEQ [8:0] <sup>(3)</sup>	0						0		
3		0						0		
2		0						0		
1		0						0		
0		0	CLK_COR_SEQ_2_3[10]		CLK_COR_SEQ_1_3[10]			0	CHAN_BOND_SEQ_2_3[10]	

**Notes:**

1. The default X depends on the operation. See [Table C-28, page 320](#) for details.
2. This attribute should never be changed from the default setting. Otherwise the MGT can operate below optimum levels, compromising overall performance.
3. Although this is a 9-bit register, the user can only control bits [2:0]. See ["Receive Equalization" in Chapter 4](#) for details. Note that in a UCF file RXAFEEQ must be specified as a 9-bit value. The RXAFEEQ[8:3] bits are unused and can be set to 0.

Table C-26: Dynamic Reconfiguration Port Memory Map: MGTB Address 77–7B

Bit	Address										
	77	Def	78	Def	79	Def	7A	Def <sup>(1)</sup>	7B	Def	
15			RESERVED					0			
14	CHAN_BOND_SEQ_1_MASK [3:0]							0			
13								0			
12								0			
11								0			
10								0			
9											
8											
7											
6	CHAN_BOND_SEQ_1_4 [10:0]	N/A	VCODAC_INIT [9:0] <sup>(1)</sup>	N/A	PCOMMA_32B_VALUE [31:16]	N/A	RESERVED [5:0]				
5							PMA_BIT_SLIP	0			
4			SLOWDOWN_CAL [1:0] <sup>(1)</sup>	0			RXASYNCDIVIDE [1:0]	X	RESERVED [15:0]		
3				0				X			
2			BYPASS_FDET <sup>(1)</sup>				RXCLKMODE [5:0]	X			
1					N/A			X			
0	CHAN_BOND_SEQ_1_3[10]		LOOPCAL_WAIT [1:0] <sup>(1)</sup>				RXLB	0			

**Notes:**

1. This attribute should never be changed from the default setting. Otherwise the MGT can operate below optimum levels, compromising overall performance.

Table C-27: Dynamic Reconfiguration Port Memory Map: MGTB Address 7C–7F

Bit	Address								
	7C	Def	7D	Def	7E	Def	7F	Def	
15	RXDATA_SEL [15:14]	N/A	UNUSED [15:0]	0	RESERVED [7:0]	N/A	RESERVED	N/A	N/A
14				0			TX_BUFFER_USE		
13	TXDATA_SEL [13:12]			0			RX_BUFFER_USE		
12				0					
11	RESERVED			0			CHAN_BOND_SEQ_LEN [2:0]		
10				0					
9				0			CHAN_BOND_SEQ_2_USE		
8	CLK_COR_MIN_LAT [5:0]			0			CHAN_BOND_ONE_SHOT		
7				0	UNUSED [1:0]	N/A	CHAN_BOND_MODE [1:0]		
6				0					
5				0					
4	RESERVED			0			CHAN_BOND_LIMIT [5:0]		
3	PCS_BIT_SLIP			0	RESERVED [2:0]	N/A			
2	DIGRX_SYNC_MODE			0					
1	DIGRX_FWDCLK [1:0]			0					
0				0					

Table C-28: PLL Configuration Settings

Mode	Data Rate (Gb/s)	VCO Freq (GHz)	Reference Clock Freq (MHz)	TXPLLNDIVSEL/RXPLLNDIVSEL	TXOUTDIV2SEL/RXOUTDIV2SEL	RXDIGRX
OC12	0.622	2.488	155.42	0100	0100/0001	1
1GE, SRIO1	1.25	5	125	0110/1010	0011/0001	1
PCIe, SRIO2	2.5	2.5	125	0110	0010	0
XAUI GE, XAUI FC, SRIO3	3.125 – 3.1875	3.125 – 3.1875	156.25 – 159.375	0110	0010	0

# *Special Analog Functions*

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## Receiver Sample Phase Adjustment

**Note:** The Receiver Sample Phase Adjustment function is for ADVANCED USERS ONLY and should be used only after a complete understanding of the Receiver Sample Phase Adjustment attributes has been attained. INCORRECT USE COULD RESULT IN UNDESIRABLE SYSTEM OPERATION. This functionality only applies for configurations in which the receiver is set in analog CDR mode or the PLL is set to lock to receiver data (RXDGRX = FALSE).

There are serial-link situations where sampling the data at the center of the eye (based on the recovered clock) does not produce the best results. The MGT allows adjusting the phase of this sample point. This type of adjustment can be done dynamically, which requires that the Dynamic Reconfiguration Port (DRP) be used in conjunction with the RXSELDACFIX[4:0] and RXSELDACTRAN[4:0] registers. These registers (whose DRP addresses are shown in Table D-1) can co-control the CDR phase up to  $\pm 46.9\%$  UI in 31 steps. Table D-2 shows the settings and how this correlates to UI phase adjustment.

*Table D-1: Register Address Location*

Register	MGTA Address and Bits	MGTB Address and Bits
RXSELDACFIX[4]	0x56 bit [14]	0x72 bit [14]
RXSELDACFIX[3:0]	0x46 bit [14:11]	0x62 bit [14:11]
RXSELDACTRAN[4:0]	0x46 bit [10:6]	0x62 bit [10:6]

*Table D-2: Example RXSELDACTRAN and RXSELDACFIX Combinations*

RXSELDACFIX value	RXSELDACTRAN Value	Phase Adjustment (in UI%)
11111	00001	-46.875
11110	00010	-43.750
11101	00011	-40.625
11100	00100	-37.500
11011	00101	-34.375
11010	00110	-31.250
11001	00111	-28.125
11000	01000	-25.000
10111	01001	-21.875
10110	01010	-18.750

Table D-2: Example RXSELDACTRAN and RXSELDACFIX Combinations

RXSELDACFIX value	RXSELDACTRAN Value	Phase Adjustment (in UI%)
10101	01011	-15.625
10100	01100	-12.500
10011	01101	-9.375
10010	01110	-6.250
10001	01111	-3.125
10000	10000	0
01111	10001	+3.125
01110	10010	+6.250
01101	10011	+9.375
01100	10100	+12.500
01011	10101	+15.625
01010	10110	+18.750
01001	10111	+21.875
01000	11000	+25.000
00111	11001	+28.125
00110	11010	+31.250
00101	11011	+34.375
00100	11100	+37.500
00011	11101	+40.625
00010	11110	+43.750
00001	11111	+46.875





# Virtex-II Pro/Virtex-II Pro X to Virtex-4 RocketIO Transceiver Design Migration

## Introduction

This appendix describes important differences regarding migration from the Virtex®-II Pro/Virtex-II Pro X to the Virtex-4 RocketIO™ Multi-Gigabit Transceivers (MGTs). This appendix does *not* describe all of the features and capabilities of these devices, but only highlights relevant PCB, power supply, and reference clock differences. For more information on Virtex-II Pro and Virtex-II Pro X FPGAs, refer to [DS083, Virtex-II Pro Data Sheet; RocketIO Transceiver User Guide; and RocketIO X Transceiver User Guide](#).

## Primary Differences

Virtex-4 FPGAs are a different family from the Virtex-II Pro/Virtex-II Pro X family. The Virtex-4 FPGAs are not pin compatible. However, many aspects of the MGTs between the families are the same. The primary differences between Virtex-II Pro/Virtex-II Pro X FPGAs are:

- MGTs per device
- Clocking – Naming conventions and actual topography
- Serial rates – supporting 0.622 Gb/s to 6.5 Gb/s I/O
- Encoding standards – 8B/10B, SONET, and others
- Clock multipliers – X10, 16, 20, 32, 40
- Flexibility – partial reconfiguration, PMA programming bus, Dynamic Reconfiguration Port
- Board guidelines

## MGTs per Device

Virtex-4 FPGAs allow for a large range of MGTs per device. [Table E-1](#) shows the number of MGTs available for each family.

*Table E-1: MGTs per Device*

Virtex-II Pro	4, 8, 12, 16, 20
Virtex-II Pro X	8, 20
Virtex-4	8, 12, 16, 20, 24

## Clocking

As with Virtex-II Pro/Virtex-II Pro X MGTs, there are several available clock inputs. Table E-2 shows the clocks for each family and the serial speeds they are available for.

Table E-2: Available Clock Inputs

Family	Clock Names	Differential (Internal)	Dedicated Routes	Max Serial Speeds (Gb/s)	Dynamic Switching	Package Input Voltage	Inputs per Device (No. of Package Pins)	Clocks per Device
Virtex-II Pro	BREFCLK		Yes	3.125	Yes <sup>(1)</sup>	2.5	8 <sup>(3)</sup>	2 <sup>(3)</sup>
	BREFCLK2		Yes	3.125	Yes <sup>(1)</sup>	2.5	8 <sup>(3)</sup>	2 <sup>(3)</sup>
	REFCLK			2.5	Yes <sup>(1)</sup>	2.5	8 <sup>(3)</sup>	2 <sup>(3)</sup>
	REFCLK2			2.5	Yes <sup>(1)</sup>	2.5	8 <sup>(3)</sup>	2 <sup>(3)</sup>
Virtex-II Pro X	BREFCLK	Yes	Yes	6.25	Yes	2.5/3.3 <sup>(5)</sup>	4 <sup>(4)</sup>	2 <sup>(4)</sup>
	REFCLK			Not recommended	Yes	2.5	8 <sup>(3)</sup>	2 <sup>(3)</sup>
	REFCLK2			Not recommended	Yes	2.5	8 <sup>(3)</sup>	2 <sup>(3)</sup>
Virtex-4	GREFCLK	Yes	Yes	1.0	Yes <sup>(2)</sup>	TBD	(6)	(6)
	REFCLK1	Yes	Yes	6.5	Yes <sup>(2)</sup>	TBD	8	4
	REFCLK2	Yes	Yes	6.5	Yes <sup>(2)</sup>	TBD	8	4

**Notes:**

1. Dynamic selection between the REFCLKs or the BREFCLKs; to switch from REFCLK to BREFCLK or vice versa requires reconfiguration.
2. Reference clock switching is done via an attribute and the Dynamic Reconfiguration Port using the RXAPMACLKSEL, RXBPMACLKSEL, and TXABPMACLKSEL attributes. These attributes are located at Dynamic Reconfiguration Port address 0x5D on bits [13:12], [11:10], and [9:8] respectively.
3. BREFCLK should use dedicated GCLK I/O which decreases GCLK I/O resources for other logic (also two pins per clock).
4. There is only one BREFCLK on each side and cannot drive MGTs on the other side of the chip.
5. Depends on clock speed and implementation.
6. GREFCLK comes from the global clock tree which can come from any FPGA clock input, but should only be used for serial rates under 1.0 Gb/s.

Clock selection has changed slightly over the past three generations of MGTs. Figure E-1 shows how the reference clocks are selected for each device.

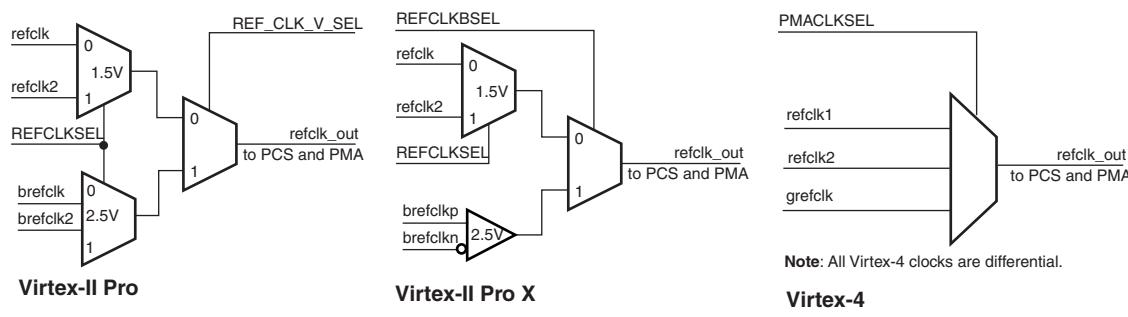


Figure E-1: Reference Clock Selection for Each Device

## Serial Rate Support

As the MGTs continue to migrate, so do the supported serial rates. Virtex-4 MGTs span the serial range of both Virtex-II Pro and Virtex-II Pro X MGTs. [Table E-3](#) shows the rates supported by each MGT.

*Table E-3: Serial Rate Support*

Virtex-II Pro	Virtex-II Pro X	Virtex-4
0.622 – 3.125	2.488 – 6.25	0.622 – 6.5

## Encoding Support and Clock Multipliers

[Table E-4](#) shows the encoding available in the MGT and which clock multipliers are available.

*Table E-4: Encoding Support and Clock Multipliers*

	Virtex-II Pro	Virtex-II Pro X	Virtex-4
<b>Encoding Schemes</b>			
8B/10B	Yes	Yes	Yes
64B/66B	Yes <sup>(2)</sup>	Yes	No
SONET	Yes <sup>(2)</sup>	Yes <sup>(1)</sup>	Yes <sup>(4)</sup>
Others	Yes <sup>(3)</sup>	Yes <sup>(3)</sup>	Yes <sup>(3)</sup>
<b>Clock Multipliers</b>			
X16	–	Yes	Yes
X20	Yes	Yes	Yes
X32	–	Yes	Yes
X40	–	Yes	Yes

### Notes:

1. Byte alignment must be done in fabric.
2. Encoding and clocks must be done in fabric.
3. Depending on encode, some functionality must be done in fabric.
4. SONET is supported only for the OC-12 protocol.

## Flexibility

In Virtex-II Pro devices, changing of attributes required partial reconfiguration. Virtex-II Pro X devices allow dynamic changing of PMA attributes via the PMA attribute bus. Virtex-4 devices allow all attribute changes from the Dynamic Reconfiguration Port, plus any default values can be set in the HDL itself.

## Board Guidelines

### Power Supply Filtering

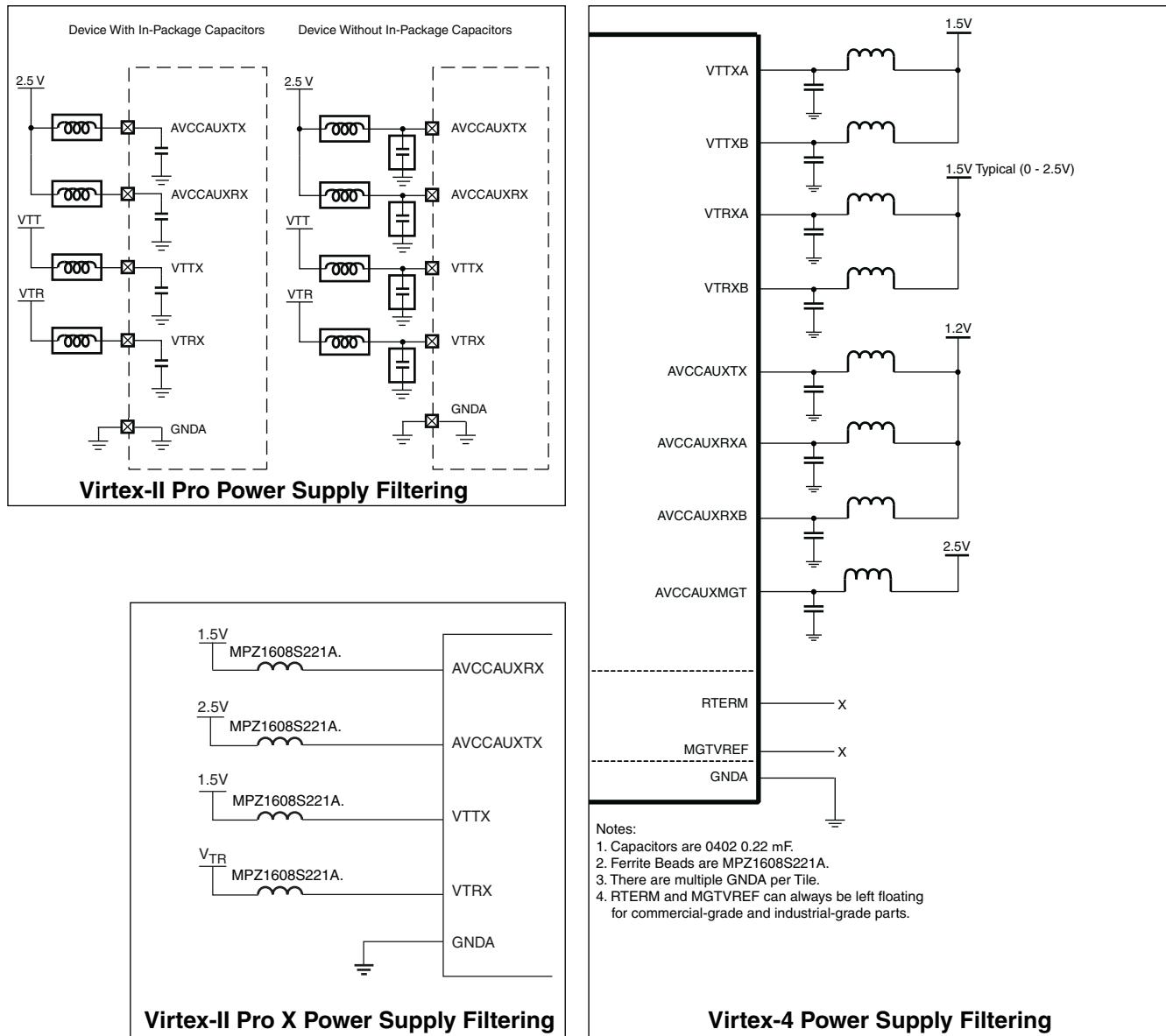
For the Virtex-4 RocketIO transceiver, the voltage level of the power pins has been reduced to 1.2V in the case of the AVCCAUXRX and AVCCAUXTX. See [Table E-5](#) and [Figure E-2](#).

**Table E-5: Power Pin Voltages**

Pin	Virtex-II Pro	Virtex-II Pro X	Virtex-4
AVCCAUXRX	2.5V	1.5V	1.2V
AVCCAUXTX	2.5V	2.5V	1.2V
AVCCAUXMGT	N/A	N/A	2.5V
$V_{TTX}$	1.8 – 2.5V <sup>(1)</sup>	1.5V	1.5V
$V_{TRX}$	1.5 – 2.5V <sup>(1)</sup>	0.25 – 2.5V <sup>(1)</sup>	0 – 2.5V <sup>(1)</sup>

**Notes:**

1. Depends on AC/DC coupling or termination options. See the user guides for more details.



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Figure E-2: Virtex-II, Virtex-II Pro, and Virtex-4 Power Supply Filtering

## Other Minor Differences

### Termination

In Virtex-II Pro and Virtex-II Pro X devices, the transceivers contained on-chip termination and reference voltages for  $V_{TTX}$  and  $V_{TRX}$ . In Virtex-4 devices, the MGTs use a reference resistor to create the termination circuitry for each MGT column. These new package pins are RTERM and MGTREF (see [Chapter 6, “Analog and Board Design Considerations”](#) for more details). [Table E-6](#) shows the termination options for each generation.

*Table E-6: Termination Options*

Termination	Virtex-II Pro	Virtex-II Pro X	Virtex-4
<b>Value</b>	50/75Ω	50Ω	50Ω
<b>Voltage Pins</b>	V <sub>TTX</sub> /V <sub>TRX</sub>	V <sub>TTX</sub> /V <sub>TRX</sub>	V <sub>TTX</sub> /V <sub>TRX</sub>

## CRC

CRC support has changed over the three generations of transceivers. [Table E-7](#) shows the CRC support for all three transceiver families.

*Table E-7: CRC Transceiver Support*

Virtex-II Pro	Virtex-II Pro X	Virtex-4
32-bit CRC	CRC must be done in fabric.	Flexible and independent CRC from 8 to 64 bits wide with the 32-bit CRC polynomial.

## Loopback

Loopback support has changed over the three generations of transceivers. In Virtex-II Pro transceivers, there were two loopback modes. [Table E-8](#) shows the various loopback modes for all the three transceiver families.

*Table E-8: Loopback Options*

Mode	Virtex-II Pro	Virtex-II Pro X	Virtex-4
Parallel Loopback (Tx → RX)	Yes	Yes	Yes
Serial Pre-Driver	–	Yes	Yes
Serial Post-Driver	Yes	Yes	–

## Serialization

As in Virtex-II Pro X devices, Virtex-4 also serializes and sends the least significant byte first. This is opposite of the format Virtex-II Pro devices used in sending the most significant byte first.

## RXSTATUS Bus

Several buses have changed over the generations to improve the information that is indicated. [Table E-9](#) shows the migration from Virtex-II Pro to Virtex-II Pro X and finally Virtex-4 devices.

**Table E-9: Status Bus Changes**

Description	Virtex-II Pro	Virtex-II Pro X	Virtex-4
Indicates channel bonding complete.	CHBONDONE <sup>(1)</sup>	CHANBONDDONE	RXSTATUS[5]
Indicates status bus is status, data, event.	N/A	RXBUFSTATUS[1:0]	RXSTATUS[4:3]
Indicates channel bonding or clock correction pointers change.	RXCLKCORCNT	RXCLKCORCNT[2:0]	RXSTATUS[2:0]
Indicates that an RX buffer has under/overflowed.	RXBUFSTATUS[1]	N/A <sup>(2)</sup>	RXBUFFERR

**Notes:**

1. RXCLKCORCNT must go to 3'b101 before channel bonding is complete.
2. Logic can be implemented in the fabric to indicate an under/over flow.

## Pre-emphasis, Differential Swing, and Equalization

The differential signaling techniques have continued to get more robust throughout the MGT devices. [Table E-10](#) shows the migration of attributes from Virtex-II Pro to Virtex-II Pro X and finally Virtex-4 devices.

**Table E-10: Signal Optimization Attributes**

Description	Virtex-II Pro	Virtex-II Pro X	Virtex-4
Controls TX pre-emphasis and edge rate	TX_PREMPHASIS	TXEMPHLEVEL	TXPRE_PRDRV_DAC TXPRE_TAP_PD TXSLEWRATE TXPOST_PRDRV_DAC TXDAT_PRDRV_DAC TXPOST_TAP_PD
Controls differential amplitude of the transmitted signal	TX_DIFF_CTRL	TXDOWNLEVEL	TXPRE_TAP_DAC TXPOST_TAP_DAC TXDAT_TAP_DAC
Active equalization	N/A	RXFER	RXAEEQ



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