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Details

Product Status	Active
Number of LABs/CLBs	1395
Number of Logic Elements/Cells	22320
Total RAM Bits	608256
Number of I/O	79
Number of Gates	-
Voltage - Supply	0.97V ~ 1.03V
Mounting Type	Surface Mount
Operating Temperature	0°C ~ 85°C (TJ)
Package / Case	144-LQFP Exposed Pad
Supplier Device Package	144-EQFP (20x20)
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In addition to the three general routing outputs, LEs in an LAB have register chain outputs, which allows registers in the same LAB to cascade together. The register chain output allows the LUTs to be used for combinational functions and the registers to be used for an unrelated shift register implementation. These resources speed up connections between LABs while saving local interconnect resources.

LE Operating Modes

Cyclone IV LEs operate in the following modes:

- Normal mode
- Arithmetic mode

The Quartus® II software automatically chooses the appropriate mode for common functions, such as counters, adders, subtractors, and arithmetic functions, in conjunction with parameterized functions such as the library of parameterized modules (LPM) functions. You can also create special-purpose functions that specify which LE operating mode to use for optimal performance, if required.

Normal Mode

Normal mode is suitable for general logic applications and combinational functions. In normal mode, four data inputs from the LAB local interconnect are inputs to a four-input LUT (Figure 2–2). The Quartus II Compiler automatically selects the carry-in (cin) or the data3 signal as one of the inputs to the LUT. LEs in normal mode support packed registers and register feedback.

Figure 2–2 shows LEs in normal mode.

Figure 2–2. Cyclone IV Device LEs in Normal Mode

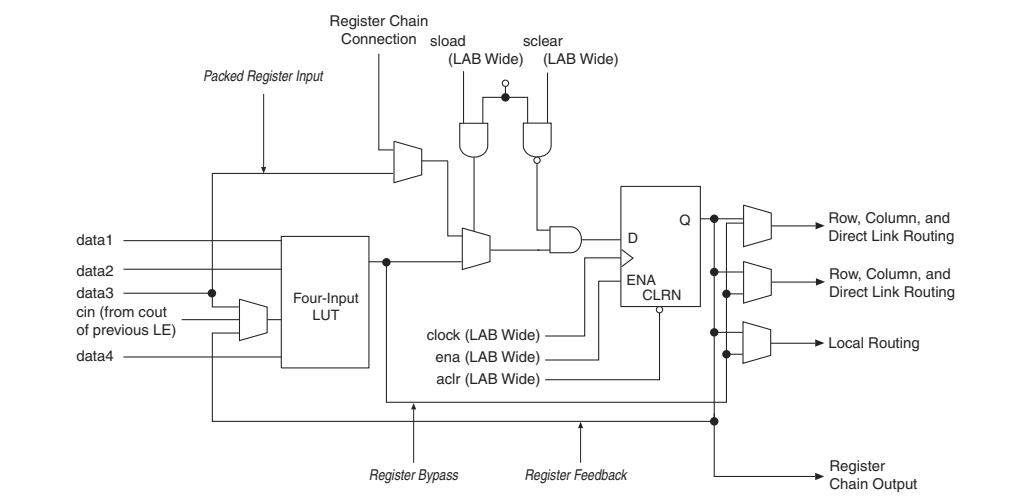
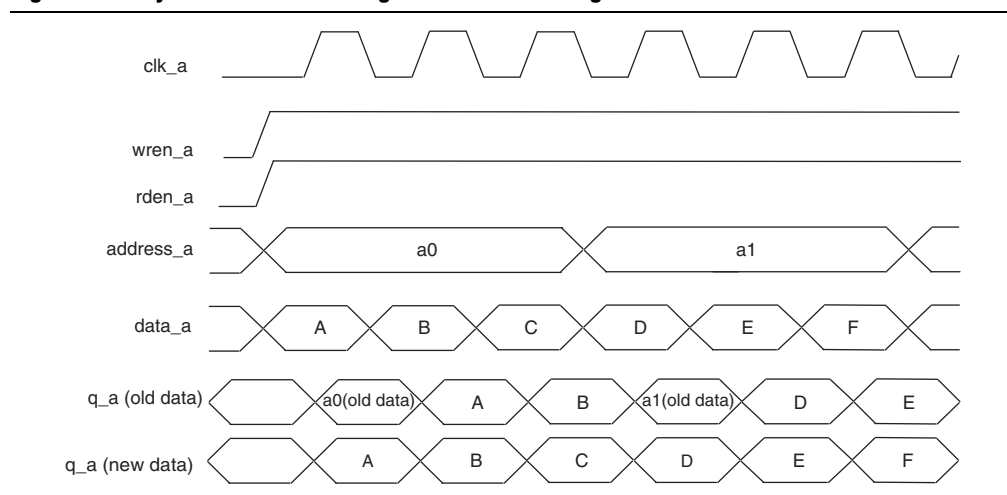


Figure 3-7 shows a timing waveform for read and write operations in single-port mode with unregistered outputs. Registering the outputs of the RAM simply delays the *q* output by one clock cycle.

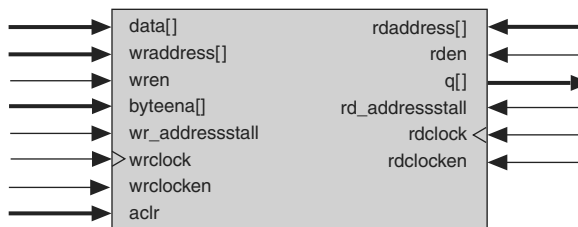
Figure 3-7. Cyclone IV Devices Single-Port Mode Timing Waveform



Simple Dual-Port Mode

Simple dual-port mode supports simultaneous read and write operations to different locations. Figure 3-8 shows the simple dual-port memory configuration.

Figure 3-8. Cyclone IV Devices Simple Dual-Port Memory (1)



Note to Figure 3-8:

(1) Simple dual-port RAM supports input or output clock mode in addition to the read or write clock mode shown.

Cyclone IV devices M9K memory blocks support mixed-width configurations, allowing different read and write port widths. Table 3-3 lists mixed-width configurations.

Table 3-3. Cyclone IV Devices M9K Block Mixed-Width Configurations (Simple Dual-Port Mode) (Part 1 of 2)

Read Port	Write Port								
	8192 × 1	4096 × 2	2048 × 4	1024 × 8	512 × 16	256 × 32	1024 × 9	512 × 18	256 × 36
8192 × 1	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	—	—	—
4096 × 2	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	—	—	—
2048 × 4	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	—	—	—
1024 × 8	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	—	—	—



For more information about the number of GCLK networks in each device density, refer to the *Cyclone IV FPGA Device Family Overview* chapter.

GCLK Network

GCLKs drive throughout the entire device, feeding all device quadrants. All resources in the device (I/O elements, logic array blocks (LABs), dedicated multiplier blocks, and M9K memory blocks) can use GCLKs as clock sources. Use these clock network resources for control signals, such as clock enables and clears fed by an external pin. Internal logic can also drive GCLKs for internally generated GCLKs and asynchronous clears, clock enables, or other control signals with high fan-out.

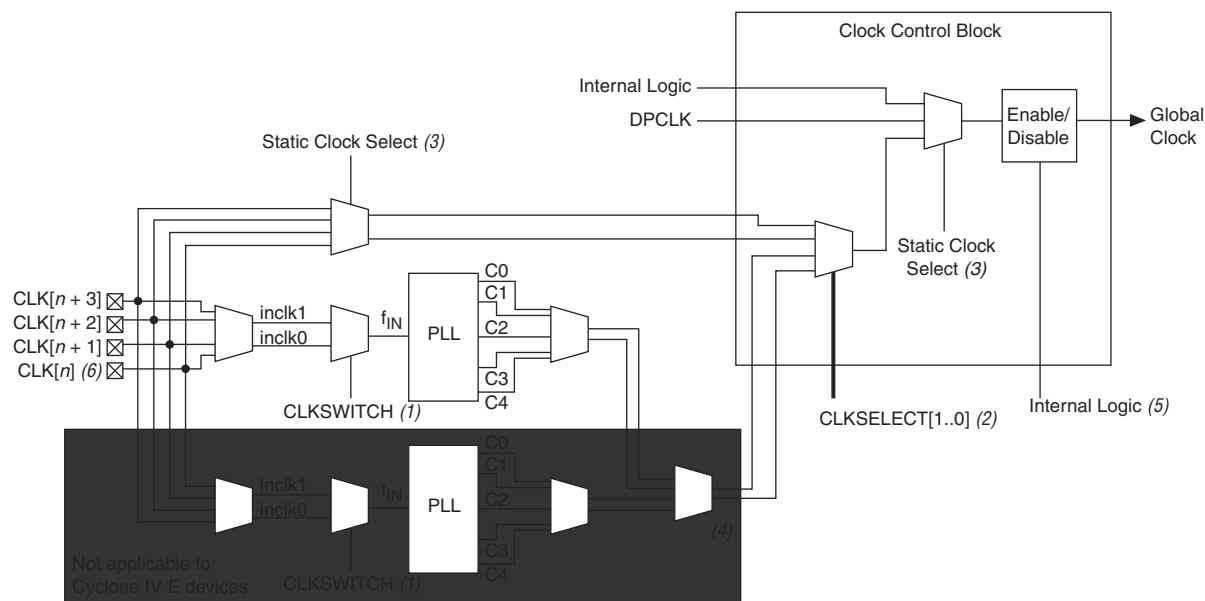
Table 5-1, Table 5-2 on page 5-4, and Table 5-3 on page 5-7 list the connectivity of the clock sources to the GCLK networks.

Table 5-1. GCLK Network Connections for EP4CGX15, EP4CGX22, and EP4CGX30 ⁽¹⁾, ⁽²⁾ (Part 1 of 2)

GCLK Network Clock Sources	GCLK Networks																			
	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19
CLK4/DIFFCLK_2n	—	—	—	—	—	✓	—	✓	—	✓	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
CLK5/DIFFCLK_2p	—	—	—	—	—	—	✓	✓	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
CLK6/DIFFCLK_3n	—	—	—	—	—	—	✓	—	✓	✓	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
CLK7/DIFFCLK_3p	—	—	—	—	—	✓	—	—	✓	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
CLK8/DIFFCLK_5n	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	✓	—	✓	—	✓	—	—	—	—	—
CLK9/DIFFCLK_5p	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	✓	✓	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
CLK10/DIFFCLK_4n/RE FCLK1n	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	✓	—	✓	✓	—	—	—	—	—
CLK11/DIFFCLK_4p/RE FCLK1p	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	✓	—	—	✓	—	—	—	—	—	—
CLK12/DIFFCLK_7p/RE FCLK0p	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	✓	—	✓	—	✓
CLK13/DIFFCLK_7n/RE FCLK0n	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	✓	✓	—	—
CLK14/DIFFCLK_6p	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	✓	—	✓	✓
CLK15/DIFFCLK_6n	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	✓	—	—	✓	—
PLL_1_C0	✓	—	—	✓	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	✓	—	—	✓	—
PLL_1_C1	—	✓	—	—	✓	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	✓	—	—	✓
PLL_1_C2	✓	—	✓	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	✓	—	✓	—	—
PLL_1_C3	—	✓	—	✓	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	✓	—	✓	—
PLL_1_C4	—	—	✓	—	✓	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	✓	—	✓
PLL_2_C0	✓	—	—	✓	—	—	—	—	—	—	✓	—	—	✓	—	—	—	—	—	—
PLL_2_C1	—	✓	—	—	✓	—	—	—	—	—	—	✓	—	—	✓	—	—	—	—	—
PLL_2_C2	✓	—	✓	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	✓	—	✓	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
PLL_2_C3	—	✓	—	✓	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	✓	—	✓	—	—	—	—	—	—
PLL_2_C4	—	—	✓	—	✓	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	✓	—	✓	—	—	—	—	—
PLL_3_C0	—	—	—	—	—	✓	—	—	✓	—	—	—	—	—	—	✓	—	—	✓	—

Figure 5-1 shows the clock control block.

Figure 5-1. Clock Control Block



Notes to Figure 5-1:

- (1) The `clkswitch` signal can either be set through the configuration file or dynamically set when using the manual PLL switchover feature. The output of the multiplexer is the input clock (f_{IN}) for the PLL.
- (2) The `clkselect[1..0]` signals are fed by internal logic and are used to dynamically select the clock source for the GCLK when the device is in user mode.
- (3) The static clock select signals are set in the configuration file. Therefore, dynamic control when the device is in user mode is not feasible.
- (4) Two out of four PLL clock outputs are selected from adjacent PLLs to drive into the clock control block.
- (5) You can use internal logic to enable or disable the GCLK in user mode.
- (6) `CLK[n]` is not available on the left side of Cyclone IV E devices.

Each PLL generates five clock outputs through the `c[4..0]` counters. Two of these clocks can drive the GCLK through a clock control block, as shown in Figure 5-1.



For more information about how to use the clock control block in the Quartus II software, refer to the *ALTCLKCTRL Megafunction User Guide*.

Table 5–12. Dynamic Phase Shifting Control Signals (Part 2 of 2)

Signal Name	Description	Source	Destination
scanclk	Free running clock from core used in combination with phasestep to enable or disable dynamic phase shifting. Shared with scanclk for dynamic reconfiguration.	GCLK or I/O pins	PLL reconfiguration circuit
phasedone	When asserted, it indicates to core logic that the phase adjustment is complete and PLL is ready to act on a possible second adjustment pulse. Asserts based on internal PLL timing. De-asserts on the rising edge of scanclk.	PLL reconfiguration circuit	Logic array or I/O pins

Table 5–13 lists the PLL counter selection based on the corresponding PHASECOUNTERSELECT setting.

Table 5–13. Phase Counter Select Mapping

phasecounterselect			Selects
[2]	[1]	[0]	
0	0	0	All Output Counters
0	0	1	M Counter
0	1	0	C0 Counter
0	1	1	C1 Counter
1	0	0	C2 Counter
1	0	1	C3 Counter
1	1	0	C4 Counter

To perform one dynamic phase-shift, follow these steps:

1. Set PHASEUPDOWN and PHASECOUNTERSELECT as required.
2. Assert PHASESTEP for at least two SCANCLK cycles. Each PHASESTEP pulse allows one phase shift.
3. Deassert PHASESTEP after PHASEDONE goes low.
4. Wait for PHASEDONE to go high.
5. Repeat steps 1 through 4 as many times as required to perform multiple phase-shifts.

PHASEUPDOWN and PHASECOUNTERSELECT signals are synchronous to SCANCLK and must meet the t_{su} and t_h requirements with respect to the SCANCLK edges.



You can repeat dynamic phase-shifting indefinitely. For example, in a design where the VCO frequency is set to 1,000 MHz and the output clock frequency is set to 100 MHz, performing 40 dynamic phase shifts (each one yields 125 ps phase shift) results in shifting the output clock by 180°, in other words, a phase shift of 5 ns.

Differential I/O Standard Termination

Differential I/O standards typically require a termination resistor between the two signals at the receiver. The termination resistor must match the differential load impedance of the bus (refer to Figure 6-7 and Figure 6-8).

Cyclone IV devices support differential SSTL-2 and SSTL-18, differential HSTL-18, HSTL-15, and HSTL-12, PPDS, LVDS, RSDS, mini-LVDS, and differential LVPECL.

Figure 6-7. Cyclone IV Devices Differential HSTL I/O Standard Class I and Class II Interface and Termination

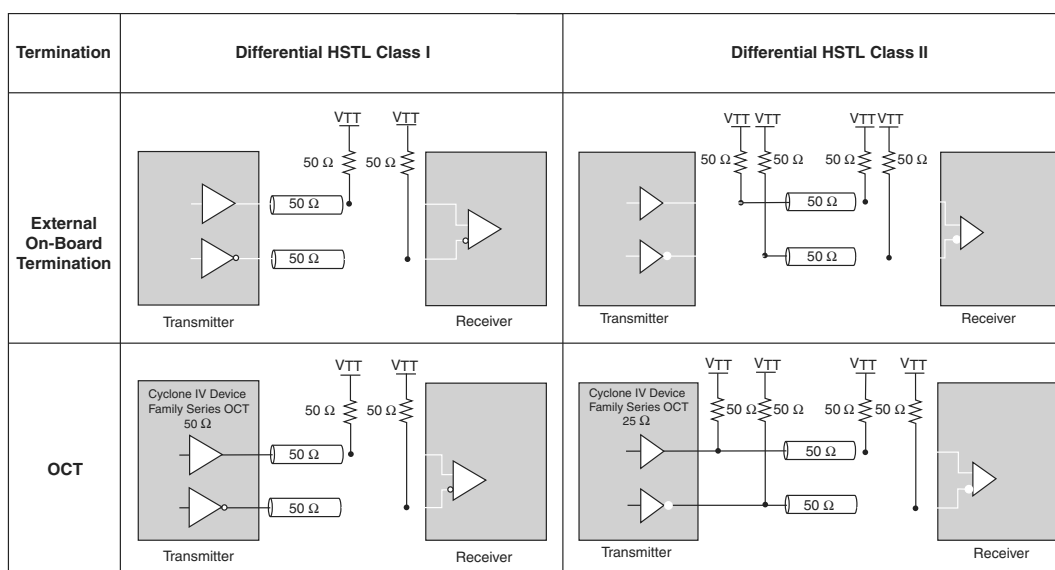
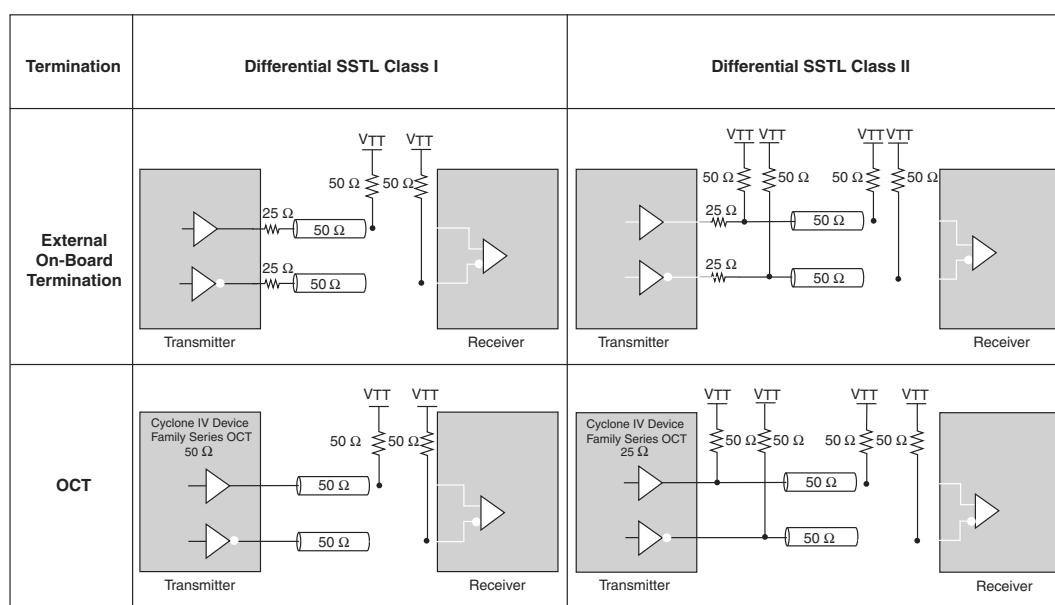


Figure 6-8. Cyclone IV Devices Differential SSTL I/O Standard Class I and Class II Interface and Termination ⁽¹⁾



Note to Figure 6-8:

(1) Only Differential SSTL-2 I/O standard supports Class II output.

Table 8–2. Uncompressed Raw Binary File (.rbf) Sizes for Cyclone IV Devices (Part 2 of 2)

Device		Data Size (bits)
Cyclone IV GX	EP4CGX15	3,805,568
	EP4CGX22	7,600,040
	EP4CGX30	7,600,040
		22,010,888 ⁽¹⁾
	EP4CGX50	22,010,888
	EP4CGX75	22,010,888
	EP4CGX110	39,425,016
	EP4CGX150	39,425,016

Note to Table 8–2:

(1) Only for the F484 package.

Use the data in Table 8–2 to estimate the file size before design compilation. Different configuration file formats, such as Hexadecimal (.hex) or Tabular Text File (.tff) formats, have different file sizes. However, for any specific version of the Quartus II software, any design targeted for the same device has the same uncompressed configuration file size. If you use compression, the file size varies after each compilation, because the compression ratio depends on the design.



For more information about setting device configuration options or creating configuration files, refer to the *Software Settings* section in volume 2 of the *Configuration Handbook*.

Configuration and JTAG Pin I/O Requirements

Cyclone IV devices are manufactured using the TSMC 60-nm low-k dielectric process. Although Cyclone IV devices use TSMC 2.5-V transistor technology in the I/O buffers, the devices are compatible and able to interface with 2.5, 3.0, and 3.3-V configuration voltage standards by following specific requirements.

All I/O inputs must maintain a maximum AC voltage of 4.1 V. When using a serial configuration device in an AS configuration scheme, you must connect a 25-Ω series resistor for the DATA[0] pin. When cascading the Cyclone IV device family in a multi-device configuration for AS, AP, FPP, and PS configuration schemes, you must connect the repeater buffers between the master and slave devices for the DATA and DCCLK pins. When using the JTAG configuration scheme in a multi-device configuration, connect 25-Ω resistors on both ends of the TDO-TDI path if the TDO output driver is a non-Cyclone IV device.

The output resistance of the repeater buffers and the TDO path for all cases must fit the maximum overshoot equation shown in Equation 8–1.

Equation 8–1. ⁽¹⁾

$$0.8Z_O \leq R_E \leq 1.8Z_O$$

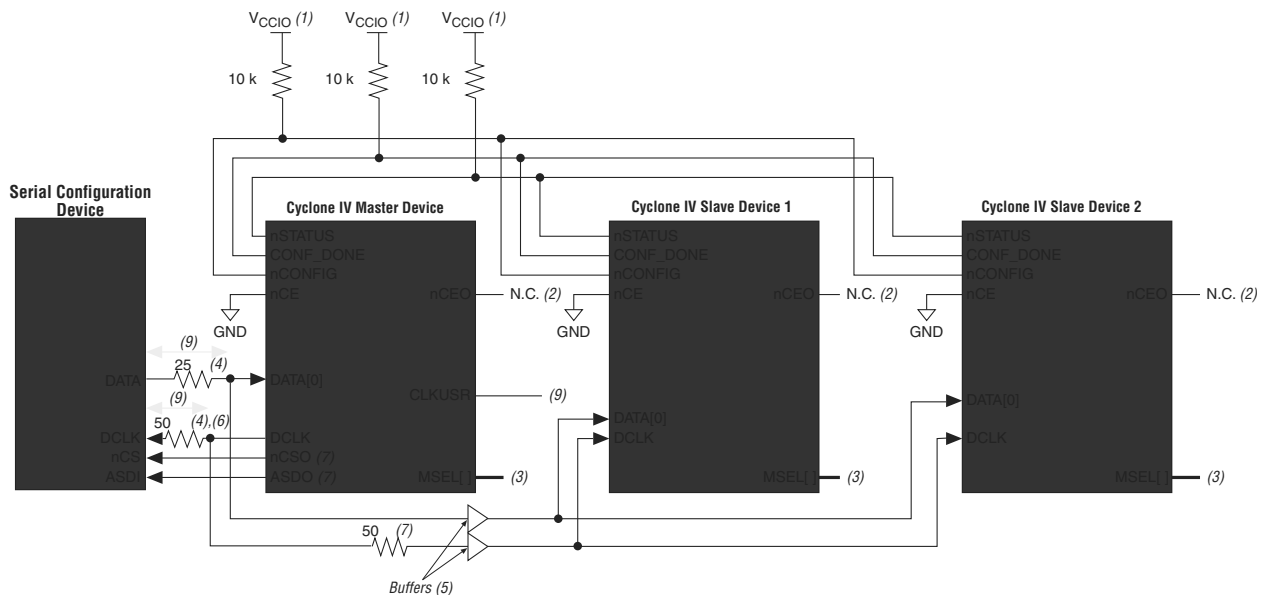
Note to Equation 8–1:

(1) Z_O is the transmission line impedance and R_E is the equivalent resistance of the output buffer.

Single SRAM Object File

The second method configures both the master device and slave devices with the same .sof. The serial configuration device stores one copy of the .sof. You must set up one or more slave devices in the chain. All the slave devices must be set up in the same way (Figure 8-5).

Figure 8-5. Multi-Device AS Configuration in Which Devices Receive the Same Data with a Single .sof



Notes to Figure 8-5:

- (1) Connect the pull-up resistors to the V_{CCIO} supply of the bank in which the pin resides.
- (2) The $nCEO$ pin is left unconnected or used as a user I/O pin when it does not feed the nCE pin of another device.
- (3) The $MSEL$ pin settings vary for different configuration voltage standards and POR time. You must set the master device of the Cyclone IV device in AS mode and the slave devices in PS mode. To connect the $MSEL$ pins for the master device in AS mode and slave devices in PS mode, refer to Table 8-3 on page 8-8, Table 8-4 on page 8-8, and Table 8-5 on page 8-9. Connect the $MSEL$ pins directly to V_{CCA} or GND.
- (4) Connect the series resistor at the near end of the serial configuration device.
- (5) Connect the repeater buffers between the master and slave devices for $DATA[0]$ and $DCLK$. All I/O inputs must maintain a maximum AC voltage of 4.1 V. The output resistance of the repeater buffers must fit the maximum overshoot equation outlined in "Configuration and JTAG Pin I/O Requirements" on page 8-5.
- (6) The 50- Ω series resistors are optional if the 3.3-V configuration voltage standard is applied. For optimal signal integrity, connect these 50- Ω series resistors if the 2.5- or 3.0-V configuration voltage standard is applied.
- (7) These pins are dual-purpose I/O pins. The $nCSO$ pin functions as $FLASH_nCE$ pin in AP mode. The $ASDO$ pin functions as $DATA[1]$ pin in AP and FPP modes.
- (8) Only Cyclone IV GX devices have an option to select $CLKUSR$ (40 MHz maximum) as the external clock source for $DCLK$.
- (9) For multi-devices AS configuration using Cyclone IV E with 1.0 V core voltage, the maximum board trace-length from the serial configuration device to the junction-split on both $DCLK$ and $Data0$ line is 3.5 inches.

In this setup, all the Cyclone IV devices in the chain are connected for concurrent configuration. This reduces the AS configuration time because all the Cyclone IV devices are configured in one configuration cycle. Connect the nCE input pins of all the Cyclone IV devices to GND. You can either leave the $nCEO$ output pins on all the Cyclone IV devices unconnected or use the $nCEO$ output pins as normal user I/O pins. The $DATA$ and $DCLK$ pins are connected in parallel to all the Cyclone IV devices.



There are no series resistors required in AP configuration mode for Cyclone IV E devices when using the Micron flash at 2.5-, 3.0-, and 3.3-V I/O standard. The output buffer of the Micron P30 IBIS model does not overshoot above 4.1 V. Thus, series resistors are not required for the 2.5-, 3.0-, and 3.3-V AP configuration option. However, if there are any other devices sharing the same flash I/Os with Cyclone IV E devices, all shared pins are still subject to the 4.1-V limit and may require series resistors.

Default read mode of the supported parallel flash memory and all writes to the parallel flash memory are asynchronous. Both the parallel flash families support a synchronous read mode, with data supplied on the positive edge of DCLK.

The serial clock (DCLK) generated by Cyclone IV E devices controls the entire configuration cycle and provides timing for the parallel interface.

Multi-Device AP Configuration

You can configure multiple Cyclone IV E devices using a single parallel flash. You can cascade multiple Cyclone IV E devices using the chip-enable (nCE) and chip-enable-out (nCEO) pins. The first device in the chain must have its nCE pin connected to GND. You must connect its nCEO pin to the nCE pin of the next device in the chain. Use an external 10-k Ω pull-up resistor to pull the nCEO signal high to its V_{CCIO} level to help the internal weak pull-up resistor. When the first device captures all its configuration data from the bitstream, it drives the nCEO pin low, enabling the next device in the chain. You can leave the nCEO pin of the last device unconnected or use it as a user I/O pin after configuration if the last device in the chain is a Cyclone IV E device. The nCONFIG, nSTATUS, CONF_DONE, DCLK, DATA[15..8], and DATA[7..0] pins of each device in the chain are connected (Figure 8-8 on page 8-26 and Figure 8-9 on page 8-27).

The first Cyclone IV E device in the chain, as shown in Figure 8-8 on page 8-26 and Figure 8-9 on page 8-27, is the configuration master device and controls the configuration of the entire chain. You must connect its MSEL pins to select the AP configuration scheme. The remaining Cyclone IV E devices are used as configuration slaves. You must connect their MSEL pins to select the FPP configuration scheme. Any other Altera device that supports FPP configuration can also be part of the chain as a configuration slave.

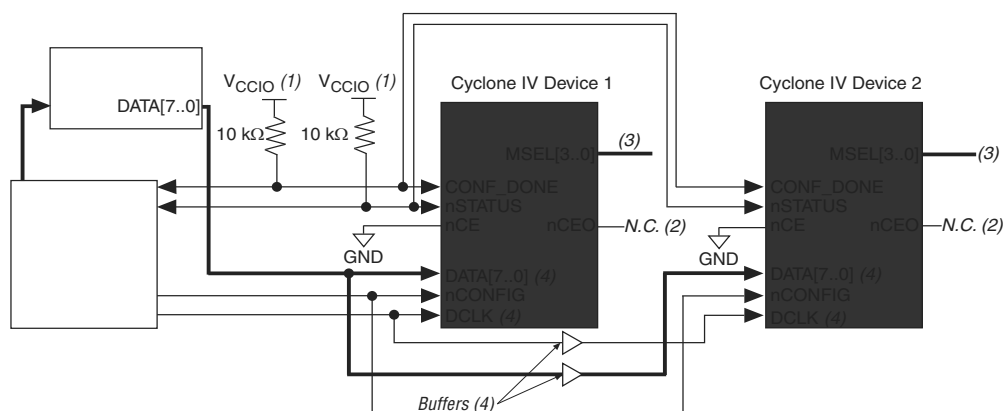
The following are the configurations for the DATA[15..0] bus in a multi-device AP configuration:

- Byte-wide multi-device AP configuration
- Word-wide multi-device AP configuration

All `nSTATUS` and `CONF_DONE` pins are tied together and if any device detects an error, configuration stops for the entire chain and the entire chain must be reconfigured. For example, if the first device flags an error on `nSTATUS`, it resets the chain by pulling its `nSTATUS` pin low. This behavior is similar to a single device detecting an error.

Figure 8–21 shows multi-device FPP configuration when both Cyclone IV devices are receiving the same configuration data. Configuration pins (`nCONFIG`, `nSTATUS`, `DCLK`, `DATA[7..0]`, and `CONF_DONE`) are connected to every device in the chain. Configuration signals may require buffering to ensure signal integrity and prevent clock skew problems. Ensure that the `DCLK` and `DATA` lines are buffered. Devices must be of the same density and package. All devices start and complete configuration at the same time.

Figure 8-21. Multi-Device FPP Configuration Using an External Host When Both Devices Receive the Same Data

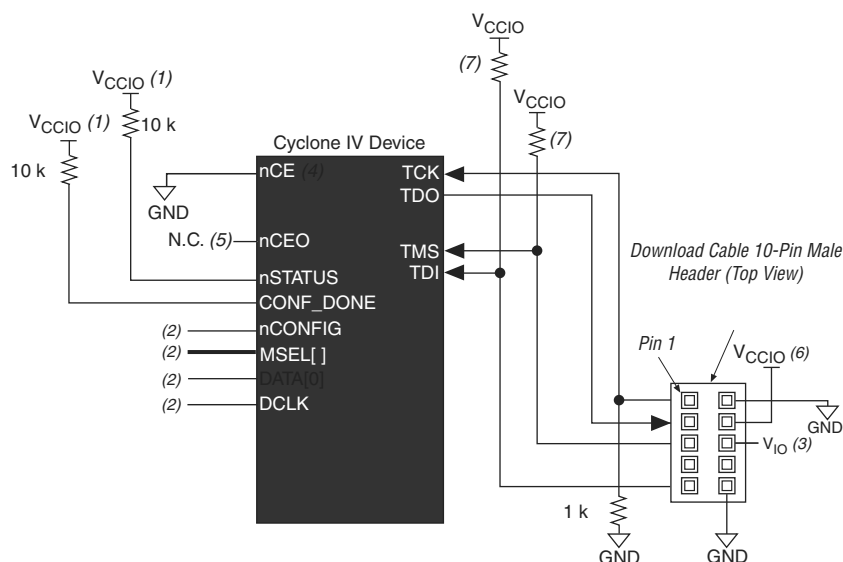


- (1) You must connect the pull-up resistor to a supply that provides an acceptable input signal for all devices in the chain. V_{CC} must be high enough to meet the V_{IH} specification of the I/O on the device and the external host.
- (2) The n_{CEO} pins of both devices are left unconnected or used as user I/O pins when configuring the same configuration data into multiple devices.
- (3) The $MSEL$ pin settings vary for different configuration voltage standards and POR time. To connect the $MSEL$ pins, refer to Table 8–4 on page 8–8 and Table 8–5 on page 8–9. Connect the $MSEL$ pins directly to V_{CCA} or GND.
- (4) All I/O inputs must maintain a maximum AC voltage of 4.1 V. $DATA[7..0]$ and $DCLK$ must fit the maximum overshoot outlined in Equation 8–1 on page 8–5.

You can use a single configuration chain to configure Cyclone IV devices with other Altera devices that support FPP configuration. To ensure that all devices in the chain complete configuration at the same time or that an error flagged by one device starts reconfiguration in all devices, tie all the `CONF_DONE` and `nSTATUS` pins together.



For more information about configuring multiple Altera devices in the same configuration chain, refer to *Configuring Mixed Altera FPGA Chains* in volume 2 of the *Configuration Handbook*.

Figure 8-24. JTAG Configuration of a Single Device Using a Download Cable (1.5-V or 1.8-V V_{CCIO} Powering the JTAG Pins)**Notes to Figure 8-24:**

- (1) Connect these pull-up resistors to the V_{CCIO} supply of the bank in which the pin resides.
- (2) Connect the $nCONFIG$ and $MSEL$ pins to support a non-JTAG configuration scheme. If you only use JTAG configuration, connect the $nCONFIG$ pin to logic-high and the $MSEL$ pins to GND. In addition, pull $DCLK$ and $DATA[0]$ to either high or low, whichever is convenient on your board.
- (3) In the USB-Blaster and ByteBlaster II cables, this pin is connected to nCE when it is used for AS programming; otherwise it is a no connect.
- (4) The nCE must be connected to GND or driven low for successful JTAG configuration.
- (5) The $nCEO$ pin is left unconnected or used as a user I/O pin when it does not feed the nCE pin of another device.
- (6) Power up the V_{CC} of the EthernetBlaster, ByteBlaster II or USB-Blaster cable with supply from V_{CCIO} . The Ethernet-Blaster, ByteBlaster II, and USB-Blaster cables do not support a target supply voltage of 1.2 V. For the target supply voltage value, refer to the *ByteBlaster II Download Cable User Guide*, the *USB-Blaster Download Cable User Guide*, and the *EthernetBlaster Communications Cable User Guide*.
- (7) Resistor value can vary from 1 k Ω to 10 k Ω .

To configure a single device in a JTAG chain, the programming software places all other devices in bypass mode. In bypass mode, devices pass programming data from the TDI pin to the TDO pin through a single bypass register without being affected internally. This scheme enables the programming software to program or verify the target device. Configuration data driven into the device appears on the TDO pin one clock cycle later.

The Quartus II software verifies successful JTAG configuration after completion. At the end of configuration, the software checks the state of $CONF_DONE$ through the JTAG port. When Quartus II generates a **.jam** for a multi-device chain, it contains instructions so that all the devices in the chain are initialized at the same time. If $CONF_DONE$ is not high, the Quartus II software indicates that configuration has failed. If $CONF_DONE$ is high, the software indicates that configuration was successful. After the configuration bitstream is serially sent using the JTAG TDI port, the TCK port clocks an additional clock cycles to perform device initialization.

Table 9–7 lists the input and output ports that you must include in the atom.

Table 9–7. CRC Block Input and Output Ports

Port	Input/Output	Definition
<code><crcblock_name></code>	Input	Unique identifier for the CRC block, and represents any identifier name that is legal for the given description language (for example, Verilog HDL, VHDL, and AHDL). This field is required.
<code>.clk (<clock source></code>	Input	This signal designates the clock input of this cell. All operations of this cell are with respect to the rising edge of the clock. Whether it is the loading of the data into the cell or data out of the cell, it always occurs on the rising edge. This port is required.
<code>.shiftnld (<shiftnld source>)</code>	Input	This signal is an input into the error detection block. If <code>shiftnld=1</code> , the data is shifted from the internal shift register to the <code>regout</code> at each rising edge of <code>clk</code> . If <code>shiftnld=0</code> , the shift register parallel loads either the pre-calculated CRC value or the update register contents, depending on the <code>ldsrc</code> port input. To do this, the <code>shiftnld</code> must be driven low for at least two clock cycles. This port is required.
<code>.ldsrc (<ldsrc source>)</code>	Input	This signal is an input into the error detection block. If <code>ldsrc=0</code> , the pre-computed CRC register is selected for loading into the 32-bit shift register at the rising edge of <code>clk</code> when <code>shiftnld=0</code> . If <code>ldsrc=1</code> , the signature register (result of the CRC calculation) is selected for loading into the shift register at the rising edge of <code>clk</code> when <code>shiftnld=0</code> . This port is ignored when <code>shiftnld=1</code> . This port is required.
<code>.crcerror (<crcerror indicator output>)</code>	Output	This signal is the output of the cell that is synchronized to the internal oscillator of the device (80-MHz internal oscillator) and not to the <code>clk</code> port. It asserts high if the error block detects that a SRAM bit has flipped and the internal CRC computation has shown a difference with respect to the pre-computed value. You must connect this signal either to an output pin or a bidirectional pin. If it is connected to an output pin, you can only monitor the <code>CRC_ERROR</code> pin (the core cannot access this output). If the <code>CRC_ERROR</code> signal is used by core logic to read error detection logic, you must connect this signal to a <code>BIDIR</code> pin. The signal is fed to the core indirectly by feeding a <code>BIDIR</code> pin that has its output enable port connected to V_{CC} (see Figure 9–3 on page 9–8).
<code>.regout (<registered output>)</code>	Output	This signal is the output of the error detection shift register synchronized to the <code>clk</code> port to be read by core logic. It shifts one bit at each cycle, so you should clock the <code>clk</code> signal 31 cycles to read out the 32 bits of the shift register.

Recovering from CRC Errors

The system that the Altera FPGA resides in must control device reconfiguration. After detecting an error on the `CRC_ERROR` pin, strobing the `nCONFIG` low directs the system to perform the reconfiguration at a time when it is safe for the system to reconfigure the FPGA.

When the data bit is rewritten with the correct value by reconfiguring the device, the device functions correctly.

While soft errors are uncommon in Altera devices, certain high-reliability applications might require a design to account for these errors.

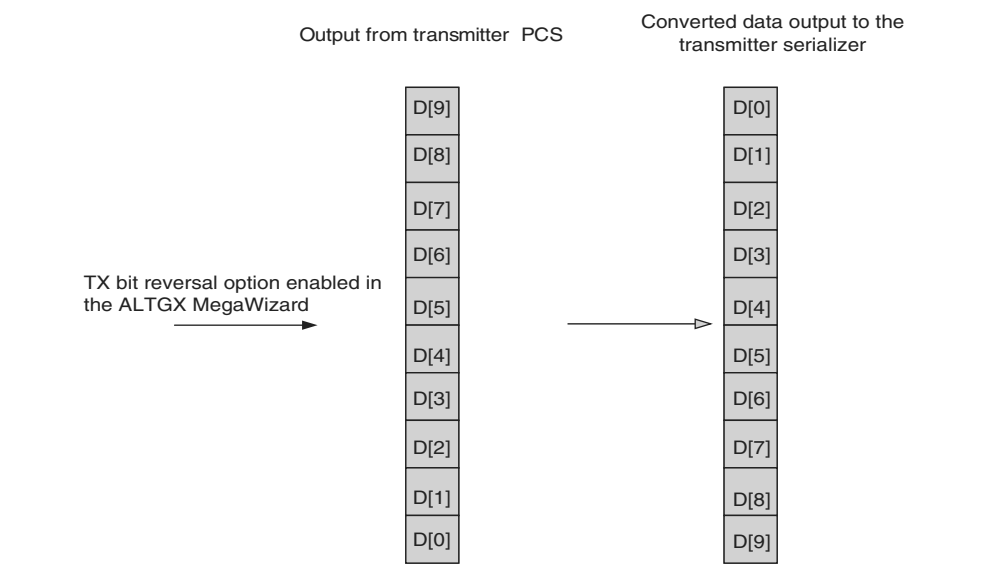
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- Bit reversal—reverses the transmit bit order from LSB-to-MSB (default) to MSB-to-LSB at the input to the serializer. For example, input data to serializer $D[7..0]$ is rewired to $D[0..7]$ for 8-bit data width, and $D[9..0]$ is rewired to $D[0..9]$ for 10-bit data width. Figure 1–10 shows the transmitter bit reversal feature.

Figure 1–10. Transmitter Bit Reversal Operation in Basic Single-Width Mode



- Input bit-flip—reverses the bit order at a byte level at the input of the transmitter phase compensation FIFO. For example, if the 16-bit parallel transmitter data at the `tx_datain` port is '10111100 10101101' (16'hBCAD), selecting this option reverses the input data to the transmitter phase compensation FIFO to '00111101 10110101' (16'h3DB5).
- Bit-slip control—delays the data transmission by a number of specified bits to the serializer with the `tx_bitslipboundaryselect` port. For usage details, refer to the “Transmit Bit-Slip Control” on page 1–76.

Serializer

The serializer converts the low-speed parallel 8-bit or 10-bit data from the transmitter PCS to high-speed serial data for the transmitter output buffer. The serializer operates with a high-speed clock at half of the serial data rate. The serializer transmission sequence is LSB to MSB.

Table 1–4 lists the synchronization state machine parameters for the word aligner in this mode.

Table 1–4. Synchronization State Machine Parameters

Parameter	Allowed Values
Number of erroneous code groups received to lose synchronization	1–64
Number of continuous good code groups received to reduce the error count by one	1–256

After deassertion of the `rx_digitalreset` signal in automatic synchronization state machine mode, the word aligner starts looking for the synchronization code groups, word alignment pattern or its complement in the received data stream. When the programmed number of valid synchronization code groups or ordered sets are received, the `rx_syncstatus` signal is driven high to indicate that synchronization is acquired. The `rx_syncstatus` signal is constantly driven high until the programmed number of erroneous code groups are received without receiving intermediate good groups; after which the `rx_syncstatus` signal is driven low. The word aligner indicates loss of synchronization (`rx_syncstatus` signal remains low) until the programmed number of valid synchronization code groups are received again.

In addition to restoring word boundaries, the word aligner supports the following features:

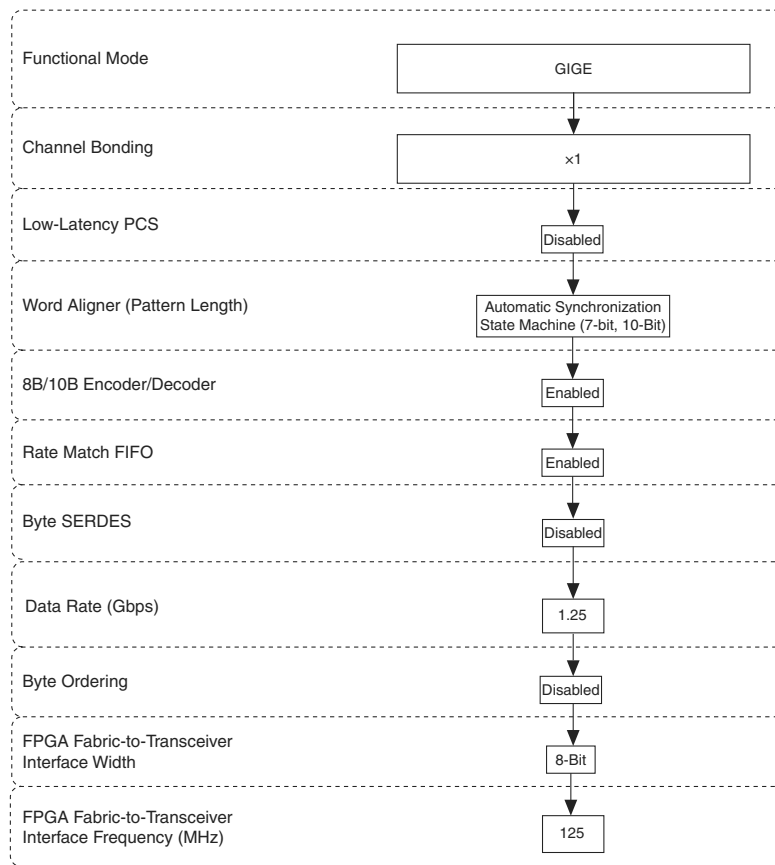
- Programmable run length violation detection—detects consecutive 1s or 0s in the data stream, and asserts run length violation signal (`rx_rlv`) when a preset run length threshold (maximum number of consecutive 1s or 0s) is detected. The `rx_rlv` signal in each channel is clocked by its parallel recovered clock and is asserted for a minimum of two recovered clock cycles to ensure that the FPGA fabric clock can latch the `rx_rlv` signal reliably because the FPGA fabric clock might have phase differences, ppm differences (in asynchronous systems), or both, with the recovered clock. Table 1–5 lists the run length violation circuit detection capabilities.

Table 1–5. Run Length Violation Circuit Detection Capabilities

Supported Data Width	Detector Range		Increment Step Settings
	Minimum	Maximum	
8-bit	4	128	4
10-bit	5	160	5

Figure 1–56 shows the transceiver configuration in GIGE mode.

Figure 1–56. Transceiver Configuration in GIGE Mode

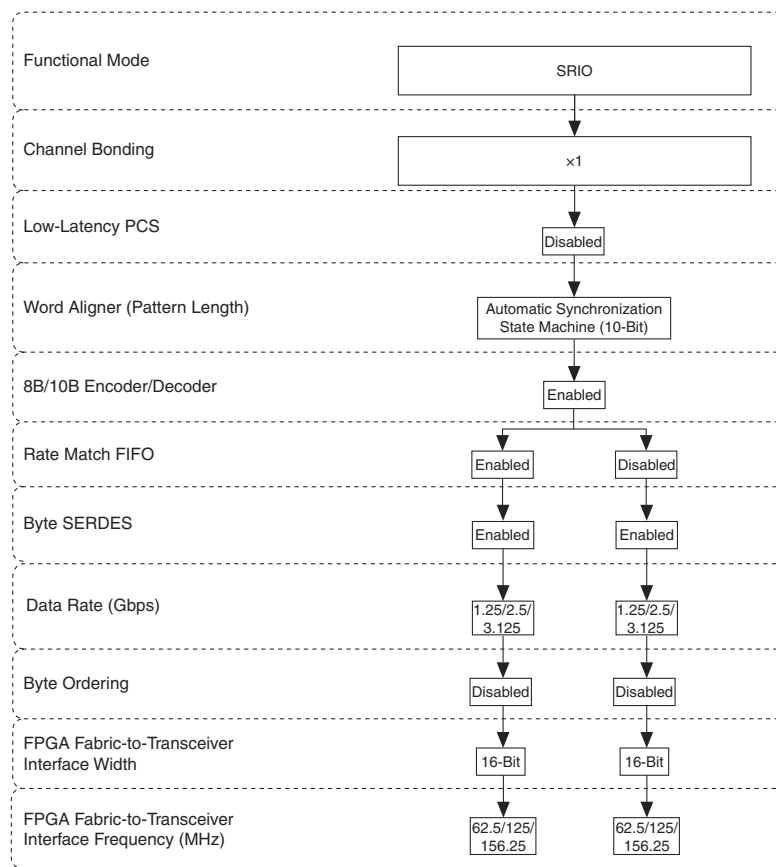


When configured in GIGE mode, three encoded comma (/K28.5/) code groups are transmitted automatically after deassertion of `tx_digitalreset` and before transmitting user data on the `tx_datain` port. This could affect the synchronization state machine behavior at the receiver.

Depending on when you start transmitting the synchronization sequence, there could be an even or odd number of encoded data (/Dx.y/) code groups transmitted between the last of the three automatically sent /K28.5/ code groups and the first /K28.5/ code group of the synchronization sequence. If there is an even number of /Dx.y/ code groups received between these two /K28.5/ code groups, the first /K28.5/ code group of the synchronization sequence begins at an odd code group boundary. An IEEE802.3-compliant GIGE synchronization state machine treats this as an error condition and goes into the Loss-of-Sync state.

Figure 1–61 shows the transceiver configuration in Serial RapidIO mode.

Figure 1–61. Transceiver Configuration in Serial RapidIO Mode



Lane Synchronization

In Serial RapidIO mode, the word aligner is compliant to the SRIO Specification 1.3 and is configured in automatic synchronization state machine mode with the parameter settings as listed in Table 1–20.

Table 1–20. Synchronization State Machine Parameters ⁽¹⁾

Parameter	Value
Number of valid synchronization (/K28.5/) code groups received to achieve synchronization	127
Number of erroneous code groups received to lose synchronization	3
Number of continuous good code groups received to reduce the error count by one	255

Note to Table 1–20:

(1) The word aligner supports 10-bit pattern lengths in SRIO mode.

3. Cyclone IV Dynamic Reconfiguration

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Cyclone® IV GX transceivers allow you to dynamically reconfigure different portions of the transceivers without powering down any part of the device. This chapter describes and provides examples about the different modes available for dynamic reconfiguration.

You can use the ALTGX_RECONFIG and ALTPLL_RECONFIG controller instance to reconfigure the physical medium attachment (PMA) controls, physical coding sublayer (PCS), multipurpose phase locked loops (PLLs), and general purpose PLLs.

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- “Dynamic Reconfiguration Controller Architecture” on page 3–2
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- “Functional Simulation of the Dynamic Reconfiguration Process” on page 3–37

Glossary of Terms

Table 3–1 lists the terms used in this chapter:

Table 3–1. Glossary of Terms Used in this Chapter (Part 1 of 2)

Term	Description
ALTGX_RECONFIG Instance	Dynamic reconfiguration controller instance generated by the ALTGX_RECONFIG MegaWizard™ Plug-In Manager.
ALTGX Instance	Transceiver instance generated by the ALTGX MegaWizard Plug-In Manager.
ALTPLL_RECONFIG Instance	Dynamic PLL reconfiguration controller instance generated by the ALTPLL_RECONFIG Megawizard Plug-In Manager
Logical Channel Addressing	Used whenever the concept of logical channel addressing is explained. This term does not refer to the <code>logical_channel_address</code> port available in the ALTGX_RECONFIG MegaWizard Plug-In Manager.

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Table 3-5. rx_dataoutfull[31..0] FPGA Fabric-Transceiver Channel Interface Signal Descriptions (Part 2 of 3)

FPGA Fabric-Transceiver Channel Interface Description	Receive Signal Description (Based on Cyclone IV GX Supported FPGA Fabric-Transceiver Channel Interface Widths)
16-bit FPGA fabric-Transceiver Channel Interface with PCS-PMA set to 8/10 bits	Two 8-bit unencoded Data (rx_dataout) rx_dataoutfull[7:0] - rx_dataout (LSByte) and rx_dataoutfull[23:16] - rx_dataout (MSByte)
	The following signals are used in 16-bit 8B/10B modes:
	Two Control Bits rx_dataoutfull[8] - rx_ctrldetect (LSB) and rx_dataoutfull[24] - rx_ctrldetect (MSB)
	Two Receiver Error Detect Bits rx_dataoutfull[9] - rx_errdetect (LSB) and rx_dataoutfull[25] - rx_errdetect (MSB)
	Two Receiver Sync Status Bits rx_dataoutfull[10] - rx_syncstatus (LSB) and rx_dataoutfull[26] - rx_syncstatus (MSB)
	Two Receiver Disparity Error Bits rx_dataoutfull[11] - rx_disperr (LSB) and rx_dataoutfull[27] - rx_disperr (MSB)
	Two Receiver Pattern Detect Bits rx_dataoutfull[12] - rx_patterndetect (LSB) and rx_dataoutfull[28] - rx_patterndetect (MSB)
	rx_dataoutfull[13] and rx_dataoutfull[29]: Rate Match FIFO deletion status indicator (rx_rmfiodeleted) in non-PCI Express (PIPE) functional modes
	rx_dataoutfull[14] and rx_dataoutfull[30]: Rate Match FIFO insertion status indicator (rx_rmfiodeinserted) in non-PCI Express (PIPE) functional modes
	Two 2-bit PCI Express (PIPE) Functional Mode Status Bits rx_dataoutfull[14:13] - rx_pipestatus (LSB) and rx_dataoutfull[30:29] - rx_pipestatus (MSB)
	rx_dataoutfull[15] and rx_dataoutfull[31]: 8B/10B running disparity indicator (rx_runningdisp)