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System On Chip (SoC) integrates multiple functions of a computer or electronic system onto a single chip. Unlike traditional multi-chip solutions, SoCs combine a central

Details

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|-------------------------|---|
| Product Status | Active |
| Architecture | MCU, FPGA |
| Core Processor | Dual ARM® Cortex®-A9 MPCore™ with CoreSight™ |
| Flash Size | - |
| RAM Size | 256KB |
| Peripherals | DMA, POR, WDT |
| Connectivity | EBI/EMI, Ethernet, I ² C, MMC/SD/SDIO, SPI, UART/USART, USB OTG |
| Speed | 1.5GHz |
| Primary Attributes | FPGA - 270K Logic Elements |
| Operating Temperature | -40°C ~ 100°C (TJ) |
| Package / Case | 1152-BBGA, FCBGA |
| Supplier Device Package | 1152-FBGA, FC (35x35) |
| Purchase URL | https://www.e-xfl.com/product-detail/intel/10as027h4f35i3lg |



Key Advantages of Intel Arria 10 Devices

Table 2. Key Advantages of the Intel Arria 10 Device Family

| Advantage | Supporting Feature |
|--|---|
| Enhanced core architecture | <ul style="list-style-type: none">Built on TSMC's 20 nm process technology60% higher performance than the previous generation of mid-range FPGAs15% higher performance than the fastest previous-generation FPGA |
| High-bandwidth integrated transceivers | <ul style="list-style-type: none">Short-reach rates up to 25.8 Gigabits per second (Gbps)Backplane capability up to 12.5 GbpsIntegrated 10GBASE-KR and 40GBASE-KR4 Forward Error Correction (FEC) |
| Improved logic integration and hard IP blocks | <ul style="list-style-type: none">8-input adaptive logic module (ALM)Up to 65.6 megabits (Mb) of embedded memoryVariable-precision digital signal processing (DSP) blocksFractional synthesis phase-locked loops (PLLs)Hard PCI Express Gen3 IP blocksHard memory controllers and PHY up to 2,400 Megabits per second (Mbps) |
| Second generation hard processor system (HPS) with integrated ARM* Cortex*-A9* MPCore* processor | <ul style="list-style-type: none">Tight integration of a dual-core ARM Cortex-A9 MPCore processor, hard IP, and an FPGA in a single Intel Arria 10 system-on-a-chip (SoC)Supports over 128 Gbps peak bandwidth with integrated data coherency between the processor and the FPGA fabric |
| Advanced power savings | <ul style="list-style-type: none">Comprehensive set of advanced power saving featuresPower-optimized MultiTrack routing and core architectureUp to 40% lower power compared to previous generation of mid-range FPGAsUp to 60% lower power compared to previous generation of high-end FPGAs |

Summary of Intel Arria 10 Features

Table 3. Summary of Features for Intel Arria 10 Devices

| Feature | Description |
|------------------------------|---|
| Technology | <ul style="list-style-type: none">TSMC's 20-nm SoC process technologyAllows operation at a lower V_{CC} level of 0.82 V instead of the 0.9 V standard V_{CC} core voltage |
| Packaging | <ul style="list-style-type: none">1.0 mm ball-pitch FINELINE BGA packaging0.8 mm ball-pitch Ultra FINELINE BGA packagingMultiple devices with identical package footprints for seamless migration between different FPGA densitiesDevices with compatible package footprints allow migration to next generation high-end Stratix® 10 devicesRoHS, leaded⁽¹⁾, and lead-free (Pb-free) options |
| High-performance FPGA fabric | <ul style="list-style-type: none">Enhanced 8-input ALM with four registersImproved multi-track routing architecture to reduce congestion and improve compilation timeHierarchical core clocking architectureFine-grained partial reconfiguration |
| Internal memory blocks | <ul style="list-style-type: none">M20K—20-Kb memory blocks with hard error correction code (ECC)Memory logic array block (MLAB)—640-bit memory |
| continued... | |

⁽¹⁾ Contact Intel for availability.



| Feature | Description |
|--------------------|---|
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none">Dynamic reconfiguration of the transceivers and PLLsFine-grained partial reconfiguration of the core fabricActive Serial x4 Interface |
| Power management | <ul style="list-style-type: none">SmartVIDLow static power device optionsProgrammable Power TechnologyIntel Quartus Prime integrated power analysis |
| Software and tools | <ul style="list-style-type: none">Intel Quartus Prime design suiteTransceiver toolkitPlatform Designer system integration toolDSP Builder for Intel FPGAsOpenCL™ supportIntel SoC FPGA Embedded Design Suite (EDS) |

Related Information

[Intel Arria 10 Transceiver PHY Overview](#)

Provides details on Intel Arria 10 transceivers.

Intel Arria 10 Device Variants and Packages

Table 4. Device Variants for the Intel Arria 10 Device Family

| Variant | Description |
|-------------------|---|
| Intel Arria 10 GX | FPGA featuring 17.4 Gbps transceivers for short reach applications with 12.5 backplane driving capability. |
| Intel Arria 10 GT | FPGA featuring: <ul style="list-style-type: none">17.4 Gbps transceivers for short reach applications with 12.5 backplane driving capability.25.8 Gbps transceivers for supporting CAUI-4 and CEI-25G applications with CFP2 and CFP4 modules. |
| Intel Arria 10 SX | SoC integrating ARM-based HPS and FPGA featuring 17.4 Gbps transceivers for short reach applications with 12.5 backplane driving capability. |

Intel Arria 10 GX

This section provides the available options, maximum resource counts, and package plan for the Intel Arria 10 GX devices.

The information in this section is correct at the time of publication. For the latest information and to get more details, refer to the Intel FPGA Product Selector.

Related Information

[Intel FPGA Product Selector](#)

Provides the latest information on Intel products.



Table 6. Maximum Resource Counts for Intel Arria 10 GX Devices (GX 570, GX 660, GX 900, and GX 1150)

| Resource | | Product Line | | | |
|------------------------------|----------------------|--------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| | | GX 570 | GX 660 | GX 900 | GX 1150 |
| Logic Elements (LE) (K) | | 570 | 660 | 900 | 1,150 |
| ALM | | 217,080 | 251,680 | 339,620 | 427,200 |
| Register | | 868,320 | 1,006,720 | 1,358,480 | 1,708,800 |
| Memory (Kb) | M20K | 36,000 | 42,620 | 48,460 | 54,260 |
| | MLAB | 5,096 | 5,788 | 9,386 | 12,984 |
| Variable-precision DSP Block | | 1,523 | 1,687 | 1,518 | 1,518 |
| 18 x 19 Multiplier | | 3,046 | 3,374 | 3,036 | 3,036 |
| PLL | Fractional Synthesis | 16 | 16 | 32 | 32 |
| | I/O | 16 | 16 | 16 | 16 |
| 17.4 Gbps Transceiver | | 48 | 48 | 96 | 96 |
| GPIO ⁽³⁾ | | 696 | 696 | 768 | 768 |
| LVDS Pair ⁽⁴⁾ | | 324 | 324 | 384 | 384 |
| PCIe Hard IP Block | | 2 | 2 | 4 | 4 |
| Hard Memory Controller | | 16 | 16 | 16 | 16 |

Package Plan

Table 7. Package Plan for Intel Arria 10 GX Devices (U19, F27, and F29)

Refer to I/O and High Speed I/O in Intel Arria 10 Devices chapter for the number of 3 V I/O, LVDS I/O, and LVDS channels in each device package.

| Product Line | U19 (19 mm × 19 mm, 484-pin UBGA) | | | F27 (27 mm × 27 mm, 672-pin FBGA) | | | F29 (29 mm × 29 mm, 780-pin FBGA) | | |
|--------------|---|----------|------|---|----------|------|---|----------|------|
| | 3 V I/O | LVDS I/O | XCVR | 3 V I/O | LVDS I/O | XCVR | 3 V I/O | LVDS I/O | XCVR |
| GX 160 | 48 | 192 | 6 | 48 | 192 | 12 | 48 | 240 | 12 |
| GX 220 | 48 | 192 | 6 | 48 | 192 | 12 | 48 | 240 | 12 |
| GX 270 | — | — | — | 48 | 192 | 12 | 48 | 312 | 12 |
| GX 320 | — | — | — | 48 | 192 | 12 | 48 | 312 | 12 |
| GX 480 | — | — | — | — | — | — | 48 | 312 | 12 |



Available Options

Figure 2. Sample Ordering Code and Available Options for Intel Arria 10 GT Devices





Related Information

I/O and High-Speed Differential I/O Interfaces in Intel Arria 10 Devices chapter, Intel Arria 10 Device Handbook

Provides the number of 3 V and LVDS I/Os, and LVDS channels for each Intel Arria 10 device package.

Intel Arria 10 SX

This section provides the available options, maximum resource counts, and package plan for the Intel Arria 10 SX devices.

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Available Options

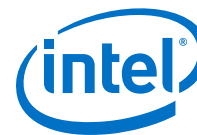
Figure 3. Sample Ordering Code and Available Options for Intel Arria 10 SX Devices



Related Information

Transceiver Performance for Intel Arria 10 GX/SX Devices

Provides more information about the transceiver speed grade.



Maximum Resources

Table 12. Maximum Resource Counts for Intel Arria 10 SX Devices

| Resource | | Product Line | | | | | | |
|--------------------------------|----------------------|--------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|-----------|
| | | SX 160 | SX 220 | SX 270 | SX 320 | SX 480 | SX 570 | SX 660 |
| Logic Elements (LE) (K) | | 160 | 220 | 270 | 320 | 480 | 570 | 660 |
| ALM | | 61,510 | 80,330 | 101,620 | 119,900 | 183,590 | 217,080 | 251,680 |
| Register | | 246,040 | 321,320 | 406,480 | 479,600 | 734,360 | 868,320 | 1,006,720 |
| Memory (Kb) | M20K | 8,800 | 11,740 | 15,000 | 17,820 | 28,620 | 36,000 | 42,620 |
| | MLAB | 1,050 | 1,690 | 2,452 | 2,727 | 4,164 | 5,096 | 5,788 |
| Variable-precision DSP Block | | 156 | 192 | 830 | 985 | 1,368 | 1,523 | 1,687 |
| 18 x 19 Multiplier | | 312 | 384 | 1,660 | 1,970 | 2,736 | 3,046 | 3,374 |
| PLL | Fractional Synthesis | 6 | 6 | 8 | 8 | 12 | 16 | 16 |
| | I/O | 6 | 6 | 8 | 8 | 12 | 16 | 16 |
| 17.4 Gbps Transceiver | | 12 | 12 | 24 | 24 | 36 | 48 | 48 |
| GPIO ⁽⁸⁾ | | 288 | 288 | 384 | 384 | 492 | 696 | 696 |
| LVDS Pair ⁽⁹⁾ | | 120 | 120 | 168 | 168 | 174 | 324 | 324 |
| PCIe Hard IP Block | | 1 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 |
| Hard Memory Controller | | 6 | 6 | 8 | 8 | 12 | 16 | 16 |
| ARM Cortex-A9 MPCore Processor | | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes |

Package Plan

Table 13. Package Plan for Intel Arria 10 SX Devices (U19, F27, F29, and F34)

Refer to I/O and High Speed I/O in Intel Arria 10 Devices chapter for the number of 3 V I/O, LVDS I/O, and LVDS channels in each device package.

| Product Line | U19 (19 mm × 19 mm, 484-pin UBGGA) | | | F27 (27 mm × 27 mm, 672-pin FBGA) | | | F29 (29 mm × 29 mm, 780-pin FBGA) | | | F34 (35 mm × 35 mm, 1152-pin FBGA) | | |
|--------------|--|-------------|------|---|-------------|------|---|-------------|------|--|-------------|------|
| | 3 V I/O | LVDS I/O | XCVR | 3 V I/O | LVDS I/O | XCVR | 3 V I/O | LVDS I/O | XCVR | 3 V I/O | LVDS I/O | XCVR |
| SX 160 | 48 | 144 | 6 | 48 | 192 | 12 | 48 | 240 | 12 | — | — | — |
| SX 220 | 48 | 144 | 6 | 48 | 192 | 12 | 48 | 240 | 12 | — | — | — |
| SX 270 | — | — | — | 48 | 192 | 12 | 48 | 312 | 12 | 48 | 336 | 24 |
| SX 320 | — | — | — | 48 | 192 | 12 | 48 | 312 | 12 | 48 | 336 | 24 |
| continued... | | | | | | | | | | | | |

⁽⁸⁾ The number of GPIOs does not include transceiver I/Os. In the Intel Quartus Prime software, the number of user I/Os includes transceiver I/Os.

⁽⁹⁾ Each LVDS I/O pair can be used as differential input or output.



| Product Line | U19 (19 mm × 19 mm, 484-pin UBGA) | | | F27 (27 mm × 27 mm, 672-pin FBGA) | | | F29 (29 mm × 29 mm, 780-pin FBGA) | | | F34 (35 mm × 35 mm, 1152-pin FBGA) | | |
|--------------|---|-------------|------|---|-------------|------|---|-------------|------|--|-------------|------|
| | 3 V I/O | LVDS I/O | XCVR | 3 V I/O | LVDS I/O | XCVR | 3 V I/O | LVDS I/O | XCVR | 3 V I/O | LVDS I/O | XCVR |
| SX 480 | — | — | — | — | — | — | 48 | 312 | 12 | 48 | 444 | 24 |
| SX 570 | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | 48 | 444 | 24 |
| SX 660 | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | 48 | 444 | 24 |

Table 14. Package Plan for Intel Arria 10 SX Devices (F35, KF40, and NF40)

Refer to I/O and High Speed I/O in Intel Arria 10 Devices chapter for the number of 3 V I/O, LVDS I/O, and LVDS channels in each device package.

| Product Line | F35 (35 mm × 35 mm, 1152-pin FBGA) | | | KF40 (40 mm × 40 mm, 1517-pin FBGA) | | | NF40 (40 mm × 40 mm, 1517-pin FBGA) | | |
|--------------|--|----------|------|---|----------|------|---|----------|------|
| | 3 V I/O | LVDS I/O | XCVR | 3 V I/O | LVDS I/O | XCVR | 3 V I/O | LVDS I/O | XCVR |
| SX 270 | 48 | 336 | 24 | — | — | — | — | — | — |
| SX 320 | 48 | 336 | 24 | — | — | — | — | — | — |
| SX 480 | 48 | 348 | 36 | — | — | — | — | — | — |
| SX 570 | 48 | 348 | 36 | 96 | 600 | 36 | 48 | 540 | 48 |
| SX 660 | 48 | 348 | 36 | 96 | 600 | 36 | 48 | 540 | 48 |

Related Information

[I/O and High-Speed Differential I/O Interfaces in Intel Arria 10 Devices chapter, Intel Arria 10 Device Handbook](#)

Provides the number of 3 V and LVDS I/Os, and LVDS channels for each Intel Arria 10 device package.



I/O Vertical Migration for Intel Arria 10 Devices

Figure 4. Migration Capability Across Intel Arria 10 Product Lines

- The arrows indicate the migration paths. The devices included in each vertical migration path are shaded. Devices with fewer resources in the same path have lighter shades.
- To achieve the full I/O migration across product lines in the same migration path, restrict I/Os and transceivers usage to match the product line with the lowest I/O and transceiver counts.
- An LVDS I/O bank in the source device may be mapped to a 3 V I/O bank in the target device. To use memory interface clock frequency higher than 533 MHz, assign external memory interface pins only to banks that are LVDS I/O in both devices.
- There may be nominal 0.15 mm package height difference between some product lines in the same package type.
- Some migration paths are not shown in the Intel Quartus Prime software **Pin Migration View**.

| Variant | Product Line | Package | | | | | | | | | | |
|---------------------|--------------|---------|-----|-----|-----|-----|------|------|------|------|------|------|
| | | U19 | F27 | F29 | F34 | F35 | KF40 | NF40 | RF40 | NF45 | SF45 | UF45 |
| Intel® Arria® 10 GX | GX 160 | ↑ | ↑ | ↑ | | | | | | | | |
| | GX 220 | ↓ | ↓ | ↓ | | | | | | | | |
| | GX 270 | | ↓ | ↓ | ↑ | ↑ | | | | | | |
| | GX 320 | | ↓ | ↓ | ↑ | ↑ | | | | | | |
| | GX 480 | | | ↓ | ↑ | ↑ | | | | | | |
| | GX 570 | | | | ↑ | ↑ | ↑ | ↑ | | | | |
| | GX 660 | | | | ↑ | ↑ | ↑ | ↑ | ↑ | ↑ | ↑ | ↑ |
| | GX 900 | | | | ↑ | | | ↑ | ↑ | ↑ | ↑ | ↑ |
| | GX 1150 | | | | ↑ | | | ↑ | ↑ | ↑ | ↑ | ↑ |
| | GT 900 | | | | | | | | | | ↑ | ↑ |
| | GT 1150 | | | | | | | | | | ↓ | ↓ |
| Intel Arria 10 SX | SX 160 | ↑ | ↑ | ↑ | | | | | | | | |
| | SX 220 | ↓ | ↓ | ↓ | | | | | | | | |
| | SX 270 | | ↓ | ↓ | ↑ | ↑ | | | | | | |
| | SX 320 | | ↓ | ↓ | ↑ | ↑ | | | | | | |
| | SX 480 | | | ↓ | ↑ | ↑ | | | | | | |
| | SX 570 | | | | ↑ | ↑ | ↑ | ↑ | | | | |
| | SX 660 | | | | ↑ | ↑ | ↑ | ↑ | | | | |
| | | | | | | | | | | | | |

Note: To verify the pin migration compatibility, use the **Pin Migration View** window in the Intel Quartus Prime software Pin Planner.

Adaptive Logic Module

Intel Arria 10 devices use a 20 nm ALM as the basic building block of the logic fabric.

The ALM architecture is the same as the previous generation FPGAs, allowing for efficient implementation of logic functions and easy conversion of IP between the device generations.

The ALM, as shown in following figure, uses an 8-input fracturable look-up table (LUT) with four dedicated registers to help improve timing closure in register-rich designs and achieve an even higher design packing capability than the traditional two-register per LUT architecture.

Figure 5. ALM for Intel Arria 10 Devices



The Intel Quartus Prime software optimizes your design according to the ALM logic structure and automatically maps legacy designs into the Intel Arria 10 ALM architecture.

Variable-Precision DSP Block

The Intel Arria 10 variable precision DSP blocks support fixed-point arithmetic and floating-point arithmetic.

Features for fixed-point arithmetic:

- High-performance, power-optimized, and fully registered multiplication operations
- 18-bit and 27-bit word lengths
- Two 18 x 19 multipliers or one 27 x 27 multiplier per DSP block
- Built-in addition, subtraction, and 64-bit double accumulation register to combine multiplication results
- Cascading 19-bit or 27-bit when pre-adder is disabled and cascading 18-bit when pre-adder is used to form the tap-delay line for filtering applications
- Cascading 64-bit output bus to propagate output results from one block to the next block without external logic support
- Hard pre-adder supported in 19-bit and 27-bit modes for symmetric filters
- Internal coefficient register bank in both 18-bit and 27-bit modes for filter implementation
- 18-bit and 27-bit systolic finite impulse response (FIR) filters with distributed output adder
- Biased rounding support



Related Information

[Intel Arria 10 Device Datasheet](#)

Lists the memory interface performance according to memory interface standards, rank or chip select configurations, and Intel Arria 10 device speed grades.

PCIe Gen1, Gen2, and Gen3 Hard IP

Intel Arria 10 devices contain PCIe hard IP that is designed for performance and ease-of-use:

- Includes all layers of the PCIe stack—transaction, data link and physical layers.
- Supports PCIe Gen3, Gen2, and Gen1 Endpoint and Root Port in x1, x2, x4, or x8 lane configuration.
- Operates independently from the core logic—optional configuration via protocol (CvP) allows the PCIe link to power up and complete link training in less than 100 ms while the Intel Arria 10 device completes loading the programming file for the rest of the FPGA.
- Provides added functionality that makes it easier to support emerging features such as Single Root I/O Virtualization (SR-IOV) and optional protocol extensions.
- Provides improved end-to-end datapath protection using ECC.
- Supports FPGA configuration via protocol (CvP) using PCIe at Gen3, Gen2, or Gen1 speed.

Related Information

[PCS Features](#) on page 30

Enhanced PCS Hard IP for Interlaken and 10 Gbps Ethernet

Interlaken Support

The Intel Arria 10 enhanced PCS hard IP provides integrated Interlaken PCS supporting rates up to 25.8 Gbps per lane.

The Interlaken PCS is based on the proven functionality of the PCS developed for Intel's previous generation FPGAs, which demonstrated interoperability with Interlaken ASSP vendors and third-party IP suppliers. The Interlaken PCS is present in every transceiver channel in Intel Arria 10 devices.

Related Information

[PCS Features](#) on page 30

10 Gbps Ethernet Support

The Intel Arria 10 enhanced PCS hard IP supports 10GBASE-R PCS compliant with IEEE 802.3 10 Gbps Ethernet (10GbE). The integrated hard IP support for 10GbE and the 10 Gbps transceivers save external PHY cost, board space, and system power.



The scalable hard IP supports multiple independent 10GbE ports while using a single PLL for all the 10GBASE-R PCS instantiations, which saves on core logic resources and clock networks:

- Simplifies multiport 10GbE systems compared to XAUI interfaces that require an external XAUI-to-10G PHY.
- Incorporates Electronic Dispersion Compensation (EDC), which enables direct connection to standard 10 Gbps XFP and SFP+ pluggable optical modules.
- Supports backplane Ethernet applications and includes a hard 10GBASE-KR Forward Error Correction (FEC) circuit that you can use for 10 Gbps and 40 Gbps applications.

The 10 Gbps Ethernet PCS hard IP and 10GBASE-KR FEC are present in every transceiver channel.

Related Information

[PCS Features](#) on page 30

Low Power Serial Transceivers

Intel Arria 10 FPGAs and SoCs include lowest power transceivers that deliver high bandwidth, throughput and low latency.

Intel Arria 10 devices deliver the industry's lowest power consumption per transceiver channel:

- 12.5 Gbps transceivers at as low as 242 mW
- 10 Gbps transceivers at as low as 168 mW
- 6 Gbps transceivers at as low as 117 mW

Intel Arria 10 transceivers support various data rates according to application:

- Chip-to-chip and chip-to-module applications—from 1 Gbps up to 25.8 Gbps
- Long reach and backplane applications—from 1 Gbps up to 12.5 with advanced adaptive equalization
- Critical power sensitive applications—from 1 Gbps up to 11.3 Gbps using lower power modes

The combination of 20 nm process technology and architectural advances provide the following benefits:

- Significant reduction in die area and power consumption
- Increase of up to two times in transceiver I/O density compared to previous generation devices while maintaining optimal signal integrity
- Up to 72 total transceiver channels—you can configure up to 6 of these channels to run as fast as 25.8 Gbps
- All channels feature continuous data rate support up to the maximum rated speed

Figure 6. Intel Arria 10 Transceiver Block Architecture



Transceiver Channels

All transceiver channels feature a dedicated Physical Medium Attachment (PMA) and a hardened Physical Coding Sublayer (PCS).

- The PMA provides primary interfacing capabilities to physical channels.
- The PCS typically handles encoding/decoding, word alignment, and other pre-processing functions before transferring data to the FPGA core fabric.

A transceiver channel consists of a PMA and a PCS block. Most transceiver banks have 6 channels. There are some transceiver banks that contain only 3 channels.

A wide variety of bonded and non-bonded data rate configurations is possible using a highly configurable clock distribution network. Up to 80 independent transceiver data rates can be configured.

The following figures are graphical representations of top views of the silicon die, which correspond to reverse views for flip chip packages. Different Intel Arria 10 devices may have different floorplans than the ones shown in the figures.



Figure 7. Device Chip Overview for Intel Arria 10 GX and GT Devices



Figure 8. Device Chip Overview for Intel Arria 10 SX Devices



PMA Features

Intel Arria 10 transceivers provide exceptional signal integrity at data rates up to 25.8 Gbps. Clocking options include ultra-low jitter ATX PLLs (LC tank based), clock multiplier unit (CMU) PLLs, and fractional PLLs.



Each transceiver channel contains a channel PLL that can be used as the CMU PLL or clock data recovery (CDR) PLL. In CDR mode, the channel PLL recovers the receiver clock and data in the transceiver channel. Up to 80 independent data rates can be configured on a single Intel Arria 10 device.

Table 23. PMA Features of the Transceivers in Intel Arria 10 Devices

| Feature | Capability |
|---|--|
| Chip-to-Chip Data Rates | 1 Gbps to 17.4 Gbps (Intel Arria 10 GX devices) 1 Gbps to 25.8 Gbps (Intel Arria 10 GT devices) |
| Backplane Support | Drive backplanes at data rates up to 12.5 Gbps |
| Optical Module Support | SFP+/SFP, XFP, CXP, QSFP/QSFP28, CFP/CFP2/CFP4 |
| Cable Driving Support | SFP+ Direct Attach, PCI Express over cable, eSATA |
| Transmit Pre-Emphasis | 4-tap transmit pre-emphasis and de-emphasis to compensate for system channel loss |
| Continuous Time Linear Equalizer (CTLE) | Dual mode, high-gain, and high-data rate, linear receive equalization to compensate for system channel loss |
| Decision Feedback Equalizer (DFE) | 7-fixed and 4-floating tap DFE to equalize backplane channel loss in the presence of crosstalk and noisy environments |
| Variable Gain Amplifier | Optimizes the signal amplitude prior to the CDR sampling and operates in fixed and adaptive modes |
| Altera Digital Adaptive Parametric Tuning (ADAPT) | Fully digital adaptation engine to automatically adjust all link equalization parameters—including CTLE, DFE, and variable gain amplifier blocks—that provide optimal link margin without intervention from user logic |
| Precision Signal Integrity Calibration Engine (PreSICE) | Hardened calibration controller to quickly calibrate all transceiver control parameters on power-up, which provides the optimal signal integrity and jitter performance |
| Advanced Transmit (ATX) PLL | Low jitter ATX (LC tank based) PLLs with continuous tuning range to cover a wide range of standard and proprietary protocols |
| Fractional PLLs | On-chip fractional frequency synthesizers to replace on-board crystal oscillators and reduce system cost |
| Digitally Assisted Analog CDR | Superior jitter tolerance with fast lock time |
| Dynamic Partial Reconfiguration | Allows independent control of the Avalon memory-mapped interface of each transceiver channel for the highest transceiver flexibility |
| Multiple PCS-PMA and PCS-PLD interface widths | 8-, 10-, 16-, 20-, 32-, 40-, or 64-bit interface widths for flexibility of deserialization width, encoding, and reduced latency |

PCS Features

This table summarizes the Intel Arria 10 transceiver PCS features. You can use the transceiver PCS to support a wide range of protocols ranging from 1 Gbps to 25.8 Gbps.



| PCS | Description |
|---------------|--|
| Standard PCS | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Operates at a data rate up to 12 Gbps Supports protocols such as PCI-Express, CPRI 4.2+, GigE, IEEE 1588 in Hard PCS Implements other protocols using Basic/Custom (Standard PCS) transceiver configuration rules. |
| Enhanced PCS | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Performs functions common to most serial data industry standards, such as word alignment, encoding/decoding, and framing, before data is sent or received off-chip through the PMA Handles data transfer to and from the FPGA fabric Handles data transfer internally to and from the PMA Provides frequency compensation Performs channel bonding for multi-channel low skew applications |
| PCIe Gen3 PCS | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Supports the seamless switching of Data and Clock between the Gen1, Gen2, and Gen3 data rates Provides support for PIPE 3.0 features Supports the PIPE interface with the Hard IP enabled, as well as with the Hard IP bypassed |

Related Information

- [PCIe Gen1, Gen2, and Gen3 Hard IP](#) on page 26
- [Interlaken Support](#) on page 26
- [10 Gbps Ethernet Support](#) on page 26

PCS Protocol Support

This table lists some of the protocols supported by the Intel Arria 10 transceiver PCS. For more information about the blocks in the transmitter and receiver data paths, refer to the related information.

| Protocol | Data Rate (Gbps) | Transceiver IP | PCS Support |
|--|------------------|-----------------------------|--------------------------------|
| PCIe Gen3 x1, x2, x4, x8 | 8.0 | Native PHY (PIPE) | Standard PCS and PCIe Gen3 PCS |
| PCIe Gen2 x1, x2, x4, x8 | 5.0 | Native PHY (PIPE) | Standard PCS |
| PCIe Gen1 x1, x2, x4, x8 | 2.5 | Native PHY (PIPE) | Standard PCS |
| 1000BASE-X Gigabit Ethernet | 1.25 | Native PHY | Standard PCS |
| 1000BASE-X Gigabit Ethernet with IEEE 1588v2 | 1.25 | Native PHY | Standard PCS |
| 10GBASE-R | 10.3125 | Native PHY | Enhanced PCS |
| 10GBASE-R with IEEE 1588v2 | 10.3125 | Native PHY | Enhanced PCS |
| 10GBASE-R with KR FEC | 10.3125 | Native PHY | Enhanced PCS |
| 10GBASE-KR and 1000BASE-X | 10.3125 | 1G/10GbE and 10GBASE-KR PHY | Standard PCS and Enhanced PCS |
| Interlaken (CEI-6G/11G) | 3.125 to 17.4 | Native PHY | Enhanced PCS |
| SFI-S/SFI-5.2 | 11.2 | Native PHY | Enhanced PCS |
| 10G SDI | 10.692 | Native PHY | Enhanced PCS |
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Table 24. Improvements in 20 nm HPS

This table lists the key improvements of the 20 nm HPS compared to the 28 nm HPS.

| Advantages/ Improvements | Description |
|---|---|
| Increased performance and overdrive capability | While the nominal processor frequency is 1.2 GHz, the 20 nm HPS offers an “overdrive” feature which enables a higher processor operating frequency. This requires a higher supply voltage value that is unique to the HPS and may require a separate regulator. |
| Increased processor memory bandwidth and DDR4 support | Up to 64-bit DDR4 memory at 2,400 Mbps support is available for the processor. The hard memory controller for the HPS comprises a multi-port front end that manages connections to a single port memory controller. The multi-port front end allows logic core and the HPS to share ports and thereby the available bandwidth of the memory controller. |
| Flexible I/O sharing | An advanced I/O pin muxing scheme allows improved sharing of I/O between the HPS and the core logic. The following types of I/O are available for SoC: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 17 dedicated I/Os—physically located inside the HPS block and are not accessible to logic within the core. The 17 dedicated I/Os are used for HPS clock, resets, and interfacing with boot devices, QSPI, and SD/MMC.• 48 direct shared I/O—located closest to the HPS block and are ideal for high speed HPS peripherals such as EMAC, USB, and others. There is one bank of 48 I/Os that supports direct sharing where the 48 I/Os can be shared 12 I/Os at a time.• Standard (shared) I/O—all standard I/Os can be shared by the HPS peripherals and any logic within the core. For designs where more than 48 I/Os are required to fully use all the peripherals in the HPS, these I/Os can be connected through the core logic. |
| EMAC core | Three EMAC cores are available in the HPS. The EMAC cores enable an application to support two redundant Ethernet connections; for example, backplane, or two EMAC cores for managing IEEE 1588 time stamp information while allowing a third EMAC core for debug and configuration. All three EMACs can potentially share the same time stamps, simplifying the 1588 time stamping implementation. A new serial time stamp interface allows core logic to access and read the time stamp values. The integrated EMAC controllers can be connected to external Ethernet PHY through the provided MDIO or I ² C interface. |
| On-chip memory | The on-chip memory is updated to 256 KB support and can support larger data sets and real time algorithms. |
| ECC enhancements | Improvements in L2 Cache ECC management allow identification of errors down to the address level. ECC enhancements also enable improved error injection and status reporting via the introduction of new memory mapped access to syndrome and data signals. |
| HPS to FPGA Interconnect Backbone | Although the HPS and the Logic Core can operate independently, they are tightly coupled via a high-bandwidth system interconnect built from high-performance ARM AMBA AXI bus bridges. IP bus masters in the FPGA fabric have access to HPS bus slaves via the FPGA-to-HPS interconnect. Similarly, HPS bus masters have access to bus slaves in the core fabric via the HPS-to-FPGA bridge. Both bridges are AMBA AXI-3 compliant and support simultaneous read and write transactions. Up to three masters within the core fabric can share the HPS SDRAM controller with the processor. Additionally, the processor can be used to configure the core fabric under program control via a dedicated 32-bit configuration port. |
| FPGA configuration and HPS booting | The FPGA fabric and HPS in the SoCs are powered independently. You can reduce the clock frequencies or gate the clocks to reduce dynamic power. You can configure the FPGA fabric and boot the HPS independently, in any order, providing you with more design flexibility. |
| Security | New security features have been introduced for anti-tamper management, secure boot, encryption (AES), and authentication (SHA). |



FPGA Configuration and HPS Booting

The FPGA fabric and HPS in the SoC FPGA must be powered at the same time. You can reduce the clock frequencies or gate the clocks to reduce dynamic power.

Once powered, the FPGA fabric and HPS can be configured independently thus providing you with more design flexibility:

- You can boot the HPS independently. After the HPS is running, the HPS can fully or partially reconfigure the FPGA fabric at any time under software control. The HPS can also configure other FPGAs on the board through the FPGA configuration controller.
- Configure the FPGA fabric first, and then boot the HPS from memory accessible to the FPGA fabric.

Hardware and Software Development

For hardware development, you can configure the HPS and connect your soft logic in the FPGA fabric to the HPS interfaces using the Platform Designer system integration tool in the Intel Quartus Prime software.

For software development, the ARM-based SoC FPGA devices inherit the rich software development ecosystem available for the ARM Cortex-A9 MPCore processor. The software development process for Intel SoC FPGAs follows the same steps as those for other SoC devices from other manufacturers. Support for Linux*, VxWorks*, and other operating systems are available for the SoC FPGAs. For more information on the operating systems support availability, contact the Intel FPGA sales team.

You can begin device-specific firmware and software development on the Intel SoC FPGA Virtual Target. The Virtual Target is a fast PC-based functional simulation of a target development system—a model of a complete development board. The Virtual Target enables the development of device-specific production software that can run unmodified on actual hardware.

Dynamic and Partial Reconfiguration

The Intel Arria 10 devices support dynamic and partial reconfiguration. You can use dynamic and partial reconfiguration simultaneously to enable seamless reconfiguration of both the device core and transceivers.

Dynamic Reconfiguration

You can reconfigure the PMA and PCS blocks while the device continues to operate. This feature allows you to change the data rates, protocol, and analog settings of a channel in a transceiver bank without affecting on-going data transfer in other transceiver banks. This feature is ideal for applications that require dynamic multiprotocol or multirate support.

Partial Reconfiguration

Using partial reconfiguration, you can reconfigure some parts of the device while keeping the device in operation.



| Scheme | Data Width | Max Clock Rate (MHz) | Max Data Rate (Mbps) ⁽¹³⁾ | Decompression | Design Security ⁽¹⁴⁾ | Partial Reconfiguration ⁽¹⁵⁾ | Remote System Update |
|--|----------------------|----------------------|--------------------------------------|---------------|---------------------------------|---|----------------------|
| Fast passive parallel (FPP) through CPLD or external microcontroller | 8 bits | 100 | 3200 | Yes | Yes | Yes ⁽¹⁷⁾ | PFL IP core |
| | 16 bits | | | Yes | Yes | | |
| | 32 bits | | | Yes | Yes | | |
| Configuration via HPS | 16 bits | 100 | 3200 | Yes | Yes | Yes ⁽¹⁷⁾ | — |
| | 32 bits | | | Yes | Yes | | |
| Configuration via Protocol [CvP (PCIe*)] | x1, x2, x4, x8 lanes | — | 8000 | Yes | Yes | Yes ⁽¹⁶⁾ | — |

You can configure Intel Arria 10 devices through PCIe using Configuration via Protocol (CvP). The Intel Arria 10 CvP implementation conforms to the PCIe 100 ms power-up-to-active time requirement.

SEU Error Detection and Correction

Intel Arria 10 devices offer robust and easy-to-use single-event upset (SEU) error detection and correction circuitry.

The detection and correction circuitry includes protection for Configuration RAM (CRAM) programming bits and user memories. The CRAM is protected by a continuously running CRC error detection circuit with integrated ECC that automatically corrects one or two errors and detects higher order multi-bit errors. When more than two errors occur, correction is available through reloading of the core programming file, providing a complete design refresh while the FPGA continues to operate.

The physical layout of the Intel Arria 10 CRAM array is optimized to make the majority of multi-bit upsets appear as independent single-bit or double-bit errors which are automatically corrected by the integrated CRAM ECC circuitry. In addition to the CRAM protection, the M20K memory blocks also include integrated ECC circuitry and are layout-optimized for error detection and correction. The MLAB does not have ECC.

Power Management

Intel Arria 10 devices leverage the advanced 20 nm process technology, a low 0.9 V core power supply, an enhanced core architecture, and several optional power reduction techniques to reduce total power consumption by as much as 40% compared to Arria V devices and as much as 60% compared to Stratix V devices.

⁽¹³⁾ Enabling either compression or design security features affects the maximum data rate. Refer to the Intel Arria 10 Device Datasheet for more information.

⁽¹⁴⁾ Encryption and compression cannot be used simultaneously.

⁽¹⁵⁾ Partial reconfiguration is an advanced feature of the device family. If you are interested in using partial reconfiguration, contact Intel for support.

⁽¹⁷⁾ Supported at a maximum clock rate of 100 MHz.



The optional power reduction techniques in Intel Arria 10 devices include:

- **SmartVID**—a code is programmed into each device during manufacturing that allows a smart regulator to operate the device at lower core V_{CC} while maintaining performance
- **Programmable Power Technology**—non-critical timing paths are identified by the Intel Quartus Prime software and the logic in these paths is biased for low power instead of high performance
- **Low Static Power Options**—devices are available with either standard static power or low static power while maintaining performance

Furthermore, Intel Arria 10 devices feature Intel's industry-leading low power transceivers and include a number of hard IP blocks that not only reduce logic resources but also deliver substantial power savings compared to soft implementations. In general, hard IP blocks consume up to 90% less power than the equivalent soft logic implementations.

Incremental Compilation

The Intel Quartus Prime software incremental compilation feature reduces compilation time and helps preserve performance to ease timing closure. The incremental compilation feature enables the partial reconfiguration flow for Intel Arria 10 devices.

Incremental compilation supports top-down, bottom-up, and team-based design flows. This feature facilitates modular, hierarchical, and team-based design flows where different designers compile their respective design sections in parallel. Furthermore, different designers or IP providers can develop and optimize different blocks of the design independently. These blocks can then be imported into the top level project.

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