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Embedded - System On Chip (SoC): The Heart of Modern Embedded Systems

Embedded - System On Chip (SoC) refers to an integrated circuit that consolidates all the essential components of a computer system into a single chip. This includes a microprocessor, memory, and other peripherals, all packed into one compact and efficient package. SoCs are designed to provide a complete computing solution, optimizing both space and power consumption, making them ideal for a wide range of embedded applications.

What are Embedded - System On Chip (SoC)?

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

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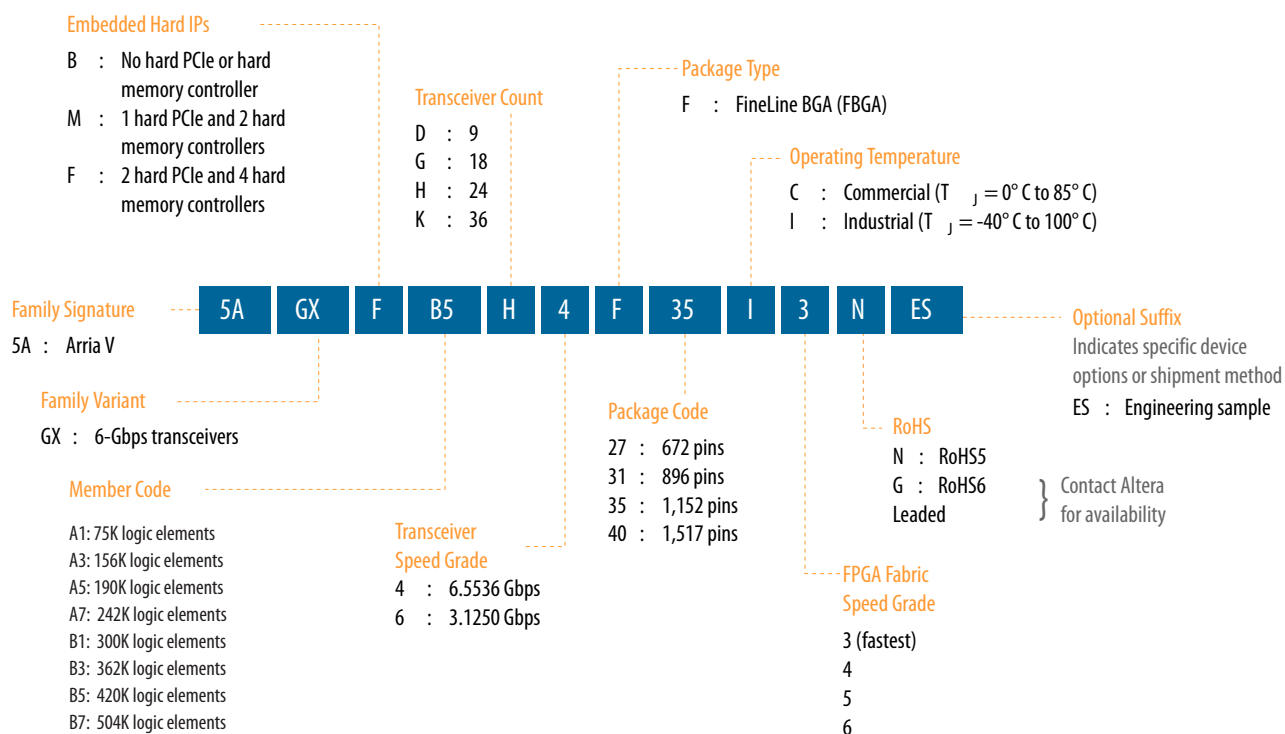
Product Status	Obsolete
Architecture	MCU, FPGA
Core Processor	Dual ARM® Cortex®-A9 MPCore™ with CoreSight™
Flash Size	-
RAM Size	64KB
Peripherals	DMA, POR, WDT
Connectivity	EBI/EMI, Ethernet, I ² C, MMC/SD/SDIO, SPI, UART/USART, USB OTG
Speed	800MHz
Primary Attributes	FPGA - 350K Logic Elements
Operating Temperature	0°C ~ 85°C (TJ)
Package / Case	896-BBGA, FCBGA
Supplier Device Package	896-FBGA, FC (31x31)
Purchase URL	https://www.e-xfl.com/product-detail/intel/5asxmb3e4f31c5n

Feature	Description	
Embedded Hard IP blocks	Variable-precision DSP	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Native support for up to four signal processing precision levels: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Three 9 x 9, two 18 x 18, or one 27 x 27 multiplier in the same variable-precision DSP block One 36 x 36 multiplier using two variable-precision DSP blocks (Arria V GZ devices only) 64-bit accumulator and cascade for systolic finite impulse responses (FIRs) Embedded internal coefficient memory Preadder/subtractor for improved efficiency
	Memory controller (Arria V GX, GT, SX, and ST only)	DDR3 and DDR2
	Embedded transceiver I/O	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Custom implementation: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Arria V GX and SX devices—up to 6.5536 Gbps Arria V GT and ST devices—up to 10.3125 Gbps Arria V GZ devices—up to 12.5 Gbps PCI Express® (PCIe®) Gen2 (x1, x2, or x4) and Gen1 (x1, x2, x4, or x8) hard IP with multifunction support, endpoint, and root port PCIe Gen3 (x1, x2, x4, or x8) support (Arria V GZ only) Gbps Ethernet (GbE) and XAUI physical coding sublayer (PCS) Common Public Radio Interface (CPRI) PCS Gigabit-capable passive optical network (GPON) PCS 10-Gbps Ethernet (10GbE) PCS (Arria V GZ only) Serial RapidIO® (SRIO) PCS Interlaken PCS (Arria V GZ only)
Clock networks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Up to 650 MHz global clock network Global, quadrant, and peripheral clock networks Clock networks that are not used can be powered down to reduce dynamic power 	
Phase-locked loops (PLLs)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> High-resolution fractional PLLs Precision clock synthesis, clock delay compensation, and zero delay buffering (ZDB) Integer mode and fractional mode LC oscillator ATX transmitter PLLs (Arria V GZ only) 	



Available Options

Figure 1: Sample Ordering Code and Available Options for Arria V GX Devices



Maximum Resources

Table 4: Maximum Resource Counts for Arria V GX Devices

Resource		Member Code							
		A1	A3	A5	A7	B1	B3	B5	B7
Logic Elements (LE) (K)		75	156	190	242	300	362	420	504
ALM		28,302	58,900	71,698	91,680	113,208	136,880	158,491	190,240
Register		113,208	235,600	286,792	366,720	452,832	547,520	633,964	760,960
Mem ory (Kb)	M10K	8,000	10,510	11,800	13,660	15,100	17,260	20,540	24,140
	MLAB	463	961	1,173	1,448	1,852	2,098	2,532	2,906
Variable-precision DSP Block		240	396	600	800	920	1,045	1,092	1,156
18 x 18 Multiplier		480	792	1,200	1,600	1,840	2,090	2,184	2,312
PLL		10	10	12	12	12	12	16	16

Resource		Member Code							
		A1	A3	A5	A7	B1	B3	B5	B7
6 Gbps Transceiver		9	9	24	24	24	24	36	36
GPIO ⁽³⁾		416	416	544	544	704	704	704	704
LVD S	Transmitter	67	67	120	120	160	160	160	160
	Receiver	80	80	136	136	176	176	176	176
PCIe Hard IP Block		1	1	2	2	2	2	2	2
Hard Memory Controller		2	2	4	4	4	4	4	4

Related Information

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

Provides the number of LVDS channels in each device package.

Package Plan**Table 5: Package Plan for Arria V GX Devices**

Member Code	F672 (27 mm)		F896 (31 mm)		F1152 (35 mm)		F1517 (40 mm)	
	GPIO	XCVR	GPIO	XCVR	GPIO	XCVR	GPIO	XCVR
A1	336	9	416	9	—	—	—	—
A3	336	9	416	9	—	—	—	—
A5	336	9	384	18	544	24	—	—
A7	336	9	384	18	544	24	—	—
B1	—	—	384	18	544	24	704	24
B3	—	—	384	18	544	24	704	24
B5	—	—	—	—	544	24	704	36
B7	—	—	—	—	544	24	704	36

Arria V GT

This section provides the available options, maximum resource counts, and package plan for the Arria V GT devices.

⁽³⁾ The number of GPIOs does not include transceiver I/Os. In the Quartus® Prime software, the number of user I/Os includes transceiver I/Os.

Resource		Member Code			
		C3	C7	D3	D7
Transceiver	6 Gbps ⁽⁴⁾	3 (9)	6 (24)	6 (24)	6 (36)
	10 Gbps ⁽⁵⁾	4	12	12	20
GPIO ⁽⁶⁾		416	544	704	704
LVDS	Transmitter	68	120	160	160
	Receiver	80	136	176	176
PCIe Hard IP Block		1	2	2	2
Hard Memory Controller		2	4	4	4

Related Information

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

Provides the number of LVDS channels in each device package.

- [Transceiver Architecture in Arria V Devices](#)

Describes 10 Gbps channels usage conditions and SFF-8431 compliance requirements.

Package Plan**Table 7: Package Plan for Arria V GT Devices**

Member Code	F672 (27 mm)			F896 (31 mm)			F1152 (35 mm)			F1517 (40 mm)		
	GPIO	XCVR		GPIO	XCVR		GPIO	XCVR		GPIO	XCVR	
		6-Gbps	10-Gbps		6-Gbps	10-Gbps		6-Gbps	10-Gbps		6-Gbps	10-Gbps
C3	336	3 (9)	4	416	3 (9)	4	—	—	—	—	—	—
C7	—	—	—	384	6 (18)	8	544	6 (24)	12	—	—	—
D3	—	—	—	384	6 (18)	8	544	6 (24)	12	704	6 (24)	12
D7	—	—	—	—	—	—	544	6 (24)	12	704	6 (36)	20

The 6-Gbps transceiver counts are for dedicated 6-Gbps channels. You can also configure any pair of 10-Gbps channels as three 6-Gbps channels—the total number of 6-Gbps channels are shown in brackets. For example, you can also configure the Arria V GT D7 device in the F1517 package with nine 6-Gbps

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⁽⁵⁾ Chip-to-chip connections only. For 10 Gbps channel usage conditions, refer to the Transceiver Architecture in Arria V Devices chapter.

⁽⁶⁾ The number of GPIOs does not include transceiver I/Os. In the Quartus Prime software, the number of user I/Os includes transceiver I/Os.

and eighteen 10-Gbps, twelve 6-Gbps and sixteen 10-Gbps, fifteen 6-Gbps and fourteen 10-Gbps, or up to thirty-six 6-Gbps with no 10-Gbps channels.

Arria V GZ

This section provides the available options, maximum resource counts, and package plan for the Arria V GZ 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 Altera Product Selector.

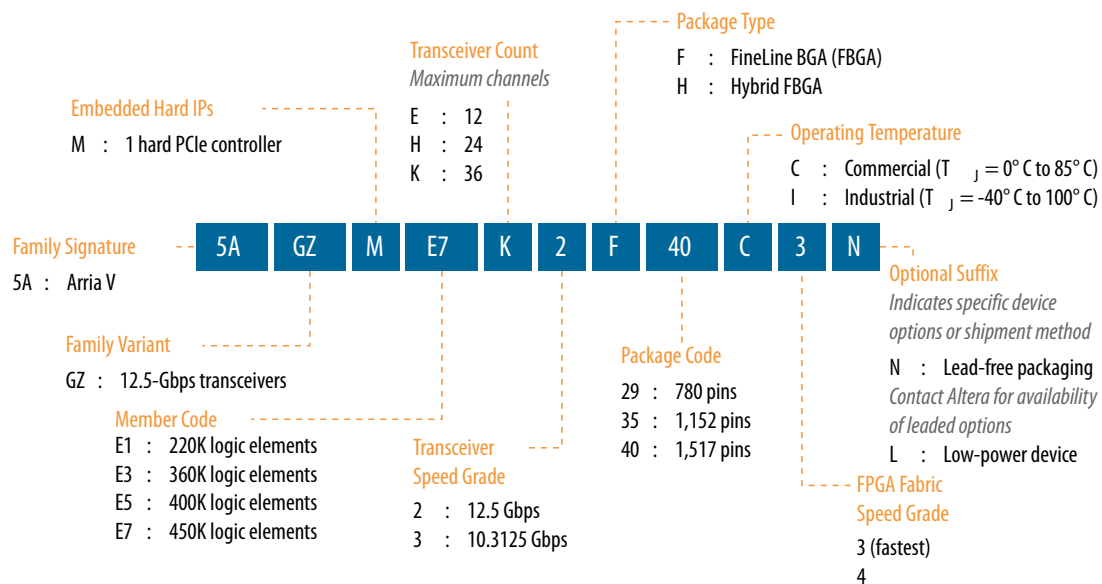
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Available Options

Figure 3: Sample Ordering Code and Available Options for Arria V GZ Devices



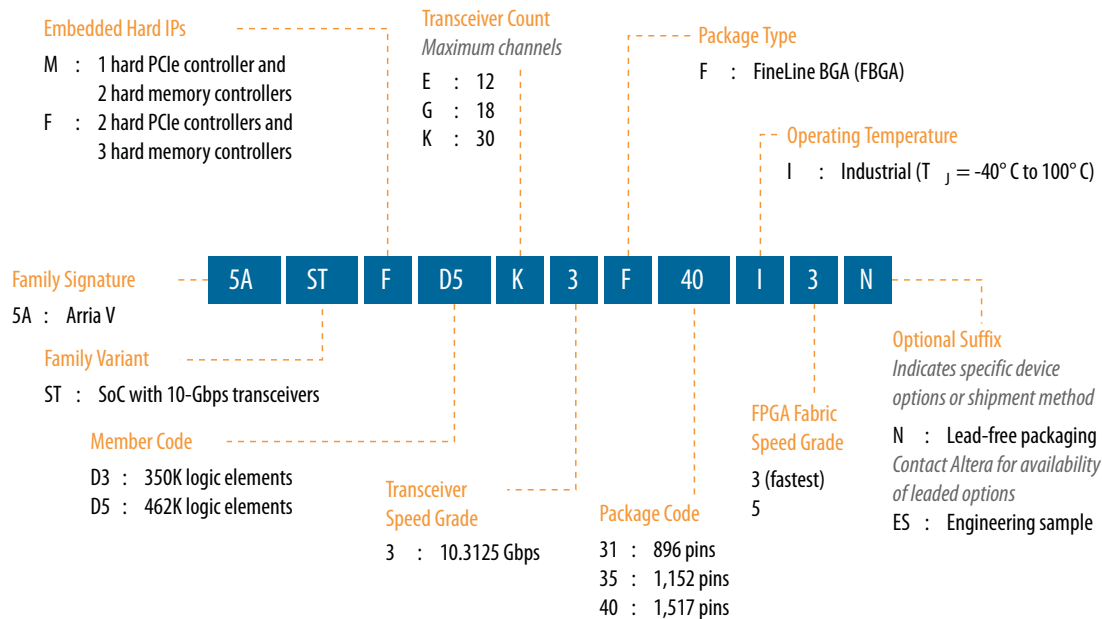
Maximum Resources

Table 8: Maximum Resource Counts for Arria V GZ Devices

Resource	Member Code			
	E1	E3	E5	E7
Logic Elements (LE) (K)	220	360	400	450
ALM	83,020	135,840	150,960	169,800
Register	332,080	543,360	603,840	679,200

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Available Options**Figure 5: Sample Ordering Code and Available Options for Arria V ST Devices****Maximum Resources****Table 12: Maximum Resource Counts for Arria V ST Devices**

Resource		Member Code	
		D3	D5
Logic Elements (LE) (K)		350	462
ALM		132,075	174,340
Register		528,300	697,360
Memory (Kb)	M10K	17,290	22,820
	MLAB	2,014	2,658
Variable-precision DSP Block		809	1,090
18 x 18 Multiplier		1,618	2,180
FPGA PLL		14	14
HPS PLL		3	3
Transceiver	6-Gbps	30	30
	10-Gbps ⁽⁹⁾	16	16

Resource		Member Code	
		D3	D5
FPGA GPIO ⁽¹⁰⁾		540	540
HPS I/O		208	208
LVDS	Transmitter	120	120
	Receiver	136	136
PCIe Hard IP Block		2	2
FPGA Hard Memory Controller		3	3
HPS Hard Memory Controller		1	1
ARM Cortex-A9 MPCore Processor		Dual-core	Dual-core

Related Information

- [High-Speed Differential I/O Interfaces and DPA in Arria V Devices chapter, Arria V Device Handbook](#)
Provides the number of LVDS channels in each device package.
- [Transceiver Architecture in Arria V Devices](#)
Describes 10 Gbps channels usage conditions and SFF-8431 compliance requirements.

Package Plan**Table 13: Package Plan for Arria V ST Devices**

The HPS I/O counts are the number of I/Os in the HPS and does not correlate with the number of HPS-specific I/O pins in the FPGA. Each HPS-specific pin in the FPGA may be mapped to several HPS I/Os.

Member Code	F896 (31 mm)				F1152 (35 mm)				F1517 (40 mm)			
	FPGA GPIO	HPS I/O	XCVR		FPGA GPIO	HPS I/O	XCVR		FPGA GPIO	HPS I/O	XCVR	
			6 Gbps	10 Gbps			6 Gbps	10 Gbps			6 Gbps	10 Gbps
D3	250	208	12	6	385	208	18	8	540	208	30	16
D5	250	208	12	6	385	208	18	8	540	208	30	16

⁽⁹⁾ Chip-to-chip connections only. For 10 Gbps channel usage conditions, refer to the Transceiver Architecture in Arria V Devices chapter.

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Table 15: Number of Multipliers in Arria V Devices

The table lists the variable-precision DSP resources by bit precision for each Arria V device.

Variant	Member Code	Variable-precision DSP Block	Independent Input and Output Multiplications Operator				18 x 18 Multiplier Adder Mode	18 x 18 Multiplier Adder Summed with 36 bit Input
			9 x 9 Multiplier	18 x 18 Multiplier	27 x 27 Multiplier	36 x 36 Multiplier		
Arria V GX	A1	240	720	480	240	—	240	240
	A3	396	1,188	792	396	—	396	396
	A5	600	1,800	1,200	600	—	600	600
	A7	800	2,400	1,600	800	—	800	800
	B1	920	2,760	1,840	920	—	920	920
	B3	1,045	3,135	2,090	1,045	—	1,045	1,045
	B5	1,092	3,276	2,184	1,092	—	1,092	1,092
	B7	1,156	3,468	2,312	1,156	—	1,156	1,156
Arria V GT	C3	396	1,188	792	396	—	396	396
	C7	800	2,400	1,600	800	—	800	800
	D3	1,045	3,135	2,090	1,045	—	1,045	1,045
	D7	1,156	3,468	2,312	1,156	—	1,156	1,156
Arria V GZ	E1	800	2,400	1,600	800	400	800	800
	E3	1,044	3,132	2,088	1,044	522	1,044	1,044
	E5	1,092	3,276	2,184	1,092	546	1,092	1,092
	E7	1,139	3,417	2,278	1,139	569	1,139	1,139
Arria V SX	B3	809	2,427	1,618	809	—	809	809
	B5	1,090	3,270	2,180	1,090	—	1,090	1,090
Arria V ST	D3	809	2,427	1,618	809	—	809	809
	D5	1,090	3,270	2,180	1,090	—	1,090	1,090

Embedded Memory Blocks

The embedded memory blocks in the devices are flexible and designed to provide an optimal amount of small- and large-sized memory arrays to fit your design requirements.

Types of Embedded Memory

The Arria V devices contain two types of memory blocks:

- 20 Kb M20K or 10 Kb M10K blocks—blocks of dedicated memory resources. The M20K and M10K blocks are ideal for larger memory arrays while still providing a large number of independent ports.
- 640 bit memory logic array blocks (MLABs)—enhanced memory blocks that are configured from dual-purpose logic array blocks (LABs). The MLABs are ideal for wide and shallow memory arrays. The MLABs are optimized for implementation of shift registers for digital signal processing (DSP) applications, wide shallow FIFO buffers, and filter delay lines. Each MLAB is made up of ten adaptive logic modules (ALMs). In the Arria V devices, you can configure these ALMs as ten 32 x 2 blocks, giving you one 32 x 20 simple dual-port SRAM block per MLAB. You can also configure these ALMs, in Arria V GZ devices, as ten 64 x 1 blocks, giving you one 64 x 10 simple dual-port SRAM block per MLAB.

Embedded Memory Capacity in Arria V Devices

Table 16: Embedded Memory Capacity and Distribution in Arria V Devices

Variant	Member Code	M20K		M10K		MLAB		Total RAM Bit (Kb)
		Block	RAM Bit (Kb)	Block	RAM Bit (Kb)	Block	RAM Bit (Kb)	
Arria V GX	A1	—	—	800	8,000	741	463	8,463
	A3	—	—	1,051	10,510	1538	961	11,471
	A5	—	—	1,180	11,800	1877	1,173	12,973
	A7	—	—	1,366	13,660	2317	1,448	15,108
	B1	—	—	1,510	15,100	2964	1,852	16,952
	B3	—	—	1,726	17,260	3357	2,098	19,358
	B5	—	—	2,054	20,540	4052	2,532	23,072
	B7	—	—	2,414	24,140	4650	2,906	27,046
Arria V GT	C3	—	—	1,051	10,510	1538	961	11,471
	C7	—	—	1,366	13,660	2317	1,448	15,108
	D3	—	—	1,726	17,260	3357	2,098	19,358
	D7	—	—	2,414	24,140	4650	2,906	27,046
Arria V GZ	E1	585	11,700	—	—	4,151	2,594	14,294
	E3	957	19,140	—	—	6,792	4,245	23,385
	E5	1,440	28,800	—	—	7,548	4,718	33,518
	E7	1,700	34,000	—	—	8,490	5,306	39,306
Arria V SX	B3	—	—	1,729	17,290	3223	2,014	19,304
	B5	—	—	2,282	22,820	4253	2,658	25,478

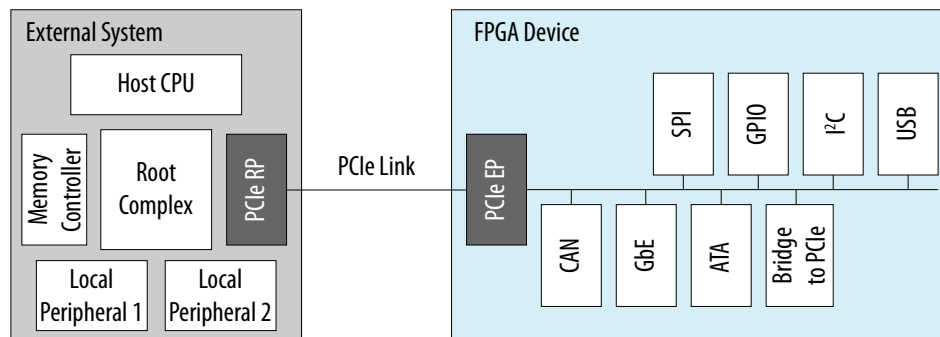
PCIe Gen1, Gen2, and Gen 3 Hard IP

Arria V devices contain PCIe hard IP that is designed for performance and ease-of-use. The PCIe hard IP consists of the MAC, data link, and transaction layers.

The PCIe hard IP supports PCIe Gen3, Gen 2, and Gen 1 end point and root port for up to x8 lane configuration.

The PCIe endpoint support includes multifunction support for up to eight functions, as shown in the following figure. The integrated multifunction support reduces the FPGA logic requirements by up to 20,000 LEs for PCIe designs that require multiple peripherals.

Figure 8: PCIe Multifunction for Arria V Devices



The Arria V PCIe hard IP operates independently from the core logic. This independent operation allows the PCIe link to wake up and complete link training in less than 100 ms while the Arria V device completes loading the programming file for the rest of the device.

In addition, the PCIe hard IP in the Arria V device provides improved end-to-end datapath protection using ECC.

External Memory Interface

This section provides an overview of the external memory interface in Arria V devices.

Hard and Soft Memory Controllers

Arria V GX,GT, SX, and ST devices support up to four hard memory controllers for DDR3 and DDR2 SDRAM devices. Each controller supports 8 to 32 bit components of up to 4 gigabits (Gb) in density with two chip selects and optional ECC. For the Arria V SoC devices, an additional hard memory controller in the HPS supports DDR3, DDR2, and LPDDR2 SDRAM devices.

All Arria V devices support soft memory controllers for DDR3, DDR2, and LPDDR2 SDRAM devices, QDR II+, QDR II, and DDR II+ SRAM devices, and RLDRAM II devices for maximum flexibility.

Note: DDR3 SDRAM leveling is supported only in Arria V GZ devices.

Figure 10: Device Chip Overview for Arria V GZ Devices

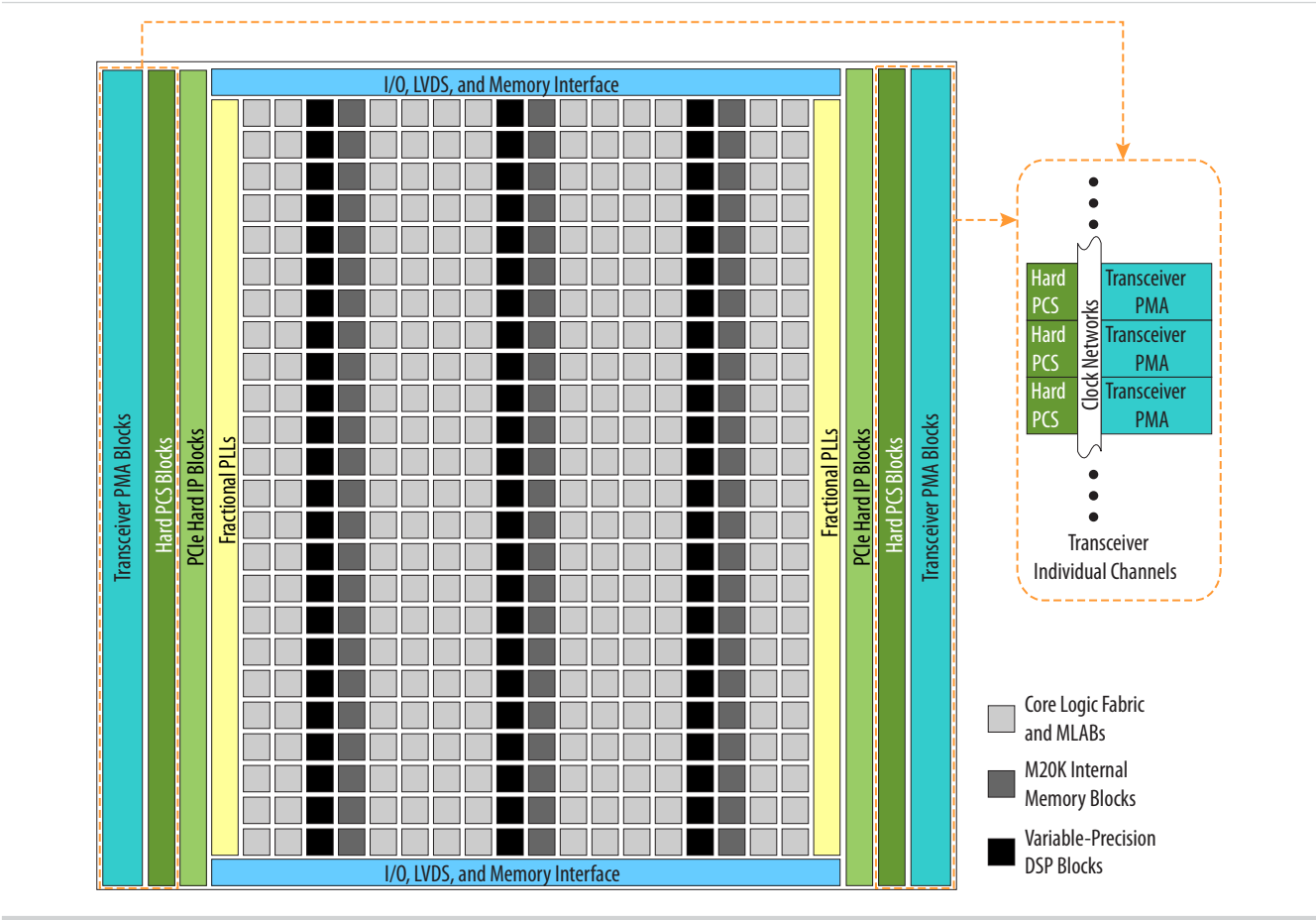
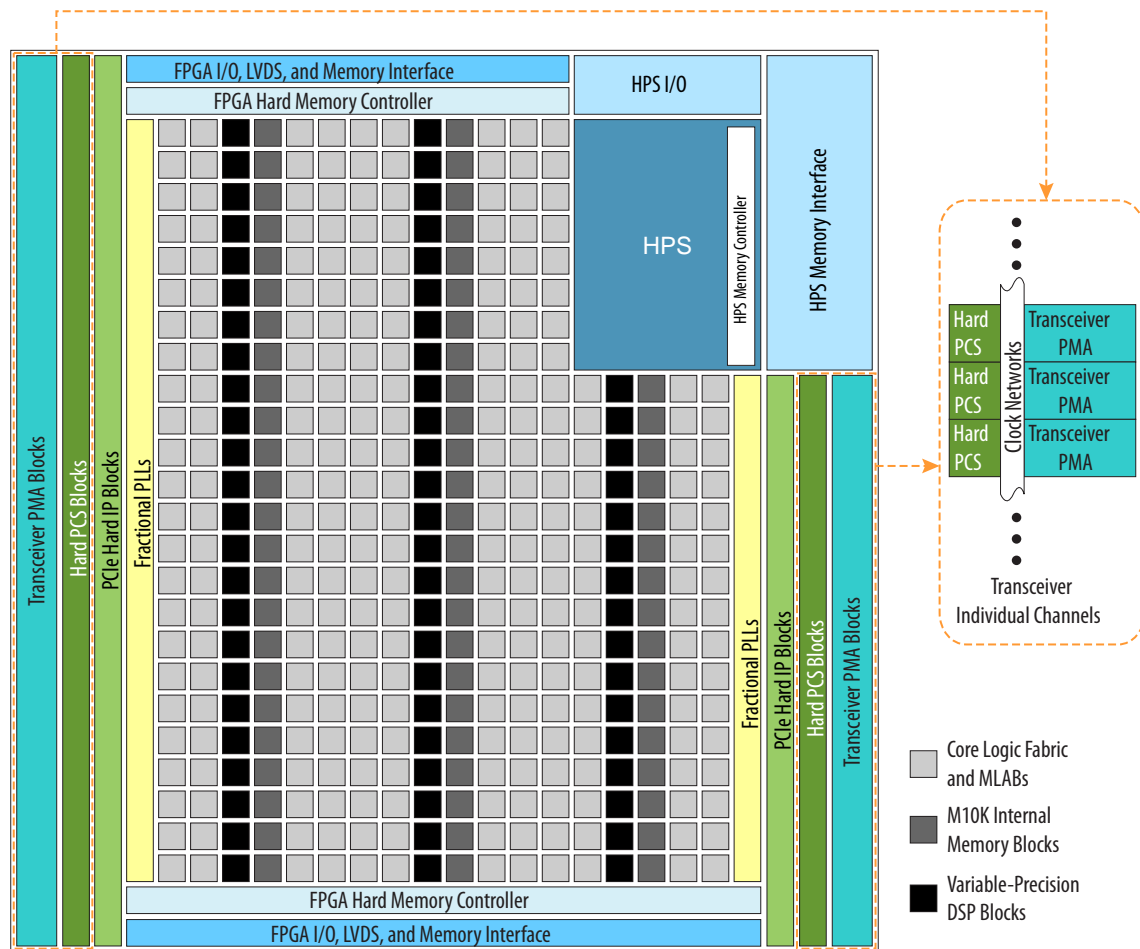


Figure 11: Device Chip Overview for Arria V SX and ST Devices



PMA Features

To prevent core and I/O noise from coupling into the transceivers, the PMA block is isolated from the rest of the chip—ensuring optimal signal integrity. For the transceivers, you can use the channel PLL of an unused receiver PMA as an additional transmit PLL.

Table 20: PMA Features of the Transceivers in Arria V Devices

Features	Capability
Backplane support	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Arria V GX, GT, SX, and ST devices—Driving capability at 6.5536 Gbps with up to 25 dB channel loss Arria V GZ devices—Driving capability at 12.5 Gbps with up to 16 dB channel loss
Chip-to-chip support	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Arria V GX, GT, SX, and ST devices—Up to 10.3125 Gbps Arria V GZ devices—Up to 12.5 Gbps

Features	Capability
PLL-based clock recovery	Superior jitter tolerance
Programmable serializer and deserializer (SERDES)	Flexible SERDES width
Equalization and pre-emphasis	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Arria V GX, GT, SX, and ST devices—Up to 14.37 dB of pre-emphasis and up to 4.7 dB of equalization Arria V GZ devices—4-tap pre-emphasis and de-emphasis
Ring oscillator transmit PLLs	611 Mbps to 10.3125 Gbps
LC oscillator ATX transmit PLLs (Arria V GZ devices only)	600 Mbps to 12.5 Gbps
Input reference clock range	27 MHz to 710 MHz
Transceiver dynamic reconfiguration	Allows the reconfiguration of a single channel without affecting the operation of other channels

PCS Features

The Arria V core logic connects to the PCS through an 8, 10, 16, 20, 32, 40, 64, 66, or 67 bit interface, depending on the transceiver data rate and protocol. Arria V devices contain PCS hard IP to support PCIe Gen1, Gen2, and Gen3, GbE, Serial RapidIO (SRIO), GPON, and CPRI.

All other standard and proprietary protocols within the following speed ranges are also supported:

- 611 Mbps to 6.5536 Gbps—supported through the custom double-width mode (up to 6.5536 Gbps) and custom single-width mode (up to 3.75 Gbps) of the transceiver PCS hard IP.
- 6.5536 Gbps to 10.3125 Gbps—supported through dedicated 80 or 64 bit interface that bypass the PCS hard IP and connects the PMA directly to the core logic. In Arria V GZ, this is supported in the transceiver PCS hard IP.

Table 21: Transceiver PCS Features for Arria V GX, GT, ST, and SX Devices

PCS Support ⁽¹³⁾	Data Rates (Gbps)	Transmitter Data Path Feature	Receiver Data Path Feature
Custom single- and double-width modes	0.611 to ~6.5536	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Phase compensation FIFO Byte serializer 8B/10B encoder 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Word aligner 8B/10B decoder Byte deserializer Phase compensation FIFO
SRIO	1.25 to 6.25		
Serial ATA	1.5, 3.0, 6.0		

⁽¹³⁾ Data rates above 6.5536 Gbps up to 10.3125 Gbps, such as 10GBASE-R, are supported through the soft PCS.

System Peripherals and Debug Access Port

Each Ethernet MAC, USB OTG, NAND flash controller, and SD/MMC controller module has an integrated DMA controller. For modules without an integrated DMA controller, an additional DMA controller module provides up to eight channels of high-bandwidth data transfers. Peripherals that communicate off-chip are multiplexed with other peripherals at the HPS pin level. This allows you to choose which peripherals to interface with other devices on your PCB.

The debug access port provides interfaces to industry standard JTAG debug probes and supports ARM CoreSight debug and core traces to facilitate software development.

HPS–FPGA AXI Bridges

The HPS–FPGA bridges, which support the Advanced Microcontroller Bus Architecture (AMBA[®]) Advanced eXtensible Interface (AXI[™]) specifications, consist of the following bridges:

- FPGA-to-HPS AXI bridge—a high-performance bus supporting 32, 64, and 128 bit data widths that allows the FPGA fabric to issue transactions to slaves in the HPS.
- HPS-to-FPGA AXI bridge—a high-performance bus supporting 32, 64, and 128 bit data widths that allows the HPS to issue transactions to slaves in the FPGA fabric.
- Lightweight HPS-to-FPGA AXI bridge—a lower latency 32 bit width bus that allows the HPS to issue transactions to slaves in the FPGA fabric. This bridge is primarily used for control and status register (CSR) accesses to peripherals in the FPGA fabric.

The HPS–FPGA AXI bridges allow masters in the FPGA fabric to communicate with slaves in the HPS logic, and vice versa. For example, the HPS-to-FPGA AXI bridge allows you to share memories instantiated in the FPGA fabric with one or both microprocessors in the HPS, while the FPGA-to-HPS AXI bridge allows logic in the FPGA fabric to access the memory and peripherals in the HPS.

Each HPS–FPGA bridge also provides asynchronous clock crossing for data transferred between the FPGA fabric and the HPS.

HPS SDRAM Controller Subsystem

The HPS SDRAM controller subsystem contains a multiport SDRAM controller and DDR PHY that are shared between the FPGA fabric (through the FPGA-to-HPS SDRAM interface), the level 2 (L2) cache, and the level 3 (L3) system interconnect. The FPGA-to-HPS SDRAM interface supports AMBA AXI and Avalon[®] Memory-Mapped (Avalon-MM) interface standards, and provides up to six individual ports for access by masters implemented in the FPGA fabric.

To maximize memory performance, the SDRAM controller subsystem supports command and data reordering, deficit round-robin arbitration with aging, and high-priority bypass features. The SDRAM controller subsystem supports DDR2, DDR3, or LPDDR2 devices up to 4 Gb in density operating at up to 533 MHz (1066 Mbps data rate).

FPGA Configuration and Processor Booting

The FPGA fabric and HPS in the SoC are powered independently. You can reduce the clock frequencies or gate the clocks to reduce dynamic power, or shut down the entire FPGA fabric to reduce total system power.

You can configure the FPGA fabric and boot the HPS independently, in any order, 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.
- You can power up both the HPS and the FPGA fabric together, configure the FPGA fabric first, and then boot the HPS from memory accessible to the FPGA fabric.

Note: Although the FPGA fabric and HPS are on separate power domains, the HPS must remain powered up during operation while the FPGA fabric can be powered up or down as required.

Related Information

- [Arria V GT, GX, ST, and SX Device Family Pin Connection Guidelines](#)
Provides detailed information about power supply pin connection guidelines and power regulator sharing.
- [Arria V GZ Device Family Pin Connection Guidelines](#)
Provides detailed information about power supply pin connection guidelines and power regulator sharing.

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 Qsys system integration tool in the Quartus Prime software.

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

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

Related Information

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Dynamic and Partial Reconfiguration

The Arria V devices support dynamic reconfiguration and partial reconfiguration.

Dynamic Reconfiguration

The dynamic reconfiguration feature allows you to dynamically change the transceiver data rates, PMA settings, or protocols of a channel, without affecting data transfer on adjacent channels. This feature is ideal for applications that require on-the-fly multiprotocol or multirate support. You can reconfigure the PMA, PCS, and PCIe hard IP blocks with dynamic reconfiguration.

Partial Reconfiguration

Note: Partial reconfiguration is an advanced feature of the device family. If you are interested in using partial reconfiguration, contact Altera for support.

Partial reconfiguration allows you to reconfigure part of the device while other sections of the device remain operational. This capability is important in systems with critical uptime requirements because it allows you to make updates or adjust functionality without disrupting services.

Apart from lowering cost and power consumption, partial reconfiguration increases the effective logic density of the device because placing device functions that do not operate simultaneously is not necessary. Instead, you can store these functions in external memory and load them whenever the functions are required. This capability reduces the size of the device because it allows multiple applications on a single device—saving the board space and reducing the power consumption.

Altera simplifies the time-intensive task of partial reconfiguration by building this capability on top of the proven incremental compile and design flow in the Quartus Prime design software. With the Altera solution, you do not need to know all the intricate device architecture details to perform a partial reconfiguration.

Partial reconfiguration is supported through the FPP x16 configuration interface. You can seamlessly use partial reconfiguration in tandem with dynamic reconfiguration to enable simultaneous partial reconfiguration of both the device core and transceivers.

Enhanced Configuration and Configuration via Protocol

Table 23: Configuration Modes and Features of Arria V Devices

Arria V devices support 1.8 V, 2.5 V, 3.0 V, and 3.3 V⁽¹⁹⁾ programming voltages and several configuration modes.

Mode	Data Width	Max Clock Rate (MHz)	Max Data Rate (Mbps)	Decompression	Design Security	Partial Reconfiguration ⁽²⁰⁾	Remote System Update
AS through the EPCS and EPCQ serial configuration device	1 bit, 4 bits	100	—	Yes	Yes	—	Yes
PS through CPLD or external microcontroller	1 bit	125	125	Yes	Yes	—	—

⁽¹⁹⁾ Arria V GZ does not support 3.3 V.

⁽²⁰⁾ Partial reconfiguration is an advanced feature of the device family. If you are interested in using partial reconfiguration, contact Altera for support.

Mode	Data Width	Max Clock Rate (MHz)	Max Data Rate (Mbps)	Decompression	Design Security	Partial Reconfiguration ⁽²⁰⁾	Remote System Update
FPP	8 bits	125	—	Yes	Yes	—	Parallel flash loader
	16 bits	125	—	Yes	Yes	Yes ⁽²¹⁾	
	32 bits ⁽²²⁾	100	—	Yes	Yes	—	
CvP (PCIe)	x1, x2, x4, and x8 lanes	—	—	Yes	Yes	Yes	—
JTAG	1 bit	33	33	—	—	—	—
Configuration via HPS	16 bits	125	—	Yes	Yes	Yes ⁽²¹⁾	Parallel flash loader
	32 bits	100	—	Yes	Yes	—	

Instead of using an external flash or ROM, you can configure the Arria V devices through PCIe using CvP. The CvP mode offers the fastest configuration rate and flexibility with the easy-to-use PCIe hard IP block interface. The Arria V CvP implementation conforms to the PCIe 100 ms power-up-to-active time requirement.

Note: Although Arria V GZ devices support PCIe Gen3, you can use only PCIe Gen1 and PCIe Gen2 for CvP configuration scheme.

Related Information

[Configuration via Protocol \(CvP\) Implementation in Altera FPGAs User Guide](#)

Provides more information about CvP.

Power Management

Leveraging the FPGA architectural features, process technology advancements, and transceivers that are designed for power efficiency, the Arria V devices consume less power than previous generation Arria V FPGAs:

- Total device core power consumption—less by up to 50%.
- Transceiver channel power consumption—less by up to 50%.

Additionally, Arria V devices contain several hard IP blocks, including PCIe Gen1, Gen2, and Gen3, GbE, SRIO, GPON, and CPRI protocols, that reduce logic resources and deliver substantial power savings of up to 25% less power than equivalent soft implementations.

⁽²⁰⁾ Partial reconfiguration is an advanced feature of the device family. If you are interested in using partial reconfiguration, contact Altera for support.

⁽²¹⁾ Supported at a maximum clock rate of 62.5 MHz.

⁽²²⁾ Arria V GZ only

Document Revision History

Date	Version	Changes
December 2015	2015.12.21	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Updated RoHS and optional suffix information in sample ordering code and available options diagrams for Arria V GX and GT devices. Changed instances of <i>Quartus II</i> to <i>Quartus Prime</i>.
January 2015	2015.01.23	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Updated package dimension for Arria V GZ H780 package from 29 mm to 33 mm. Updated dual-core ARM Cortex-A9 MPCore processor maximum frequency from 800 MHz to 1.05 GHz.
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