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Understanding Embedded - FPGAs (Field Programmable Gate Array)

Embedded - FPGAs, or Field Programmable Gate Arrays, are advanced integrated circuits that offer unparalleled flexibility and performance for digital systems. Unlike traditional fixed-function logic devices, FPGAs can be programmed and reprogrammed to execute a wide array of logical operations, enabling customized functionality tailored to specific applications. This reprogrammability allows developers to iterate designs quickly and implement complex functions without the need for custom hardware.

Applications of Embedded - FPGAs

The versatility of Embedded - FPGAs makes them indispensable in numerous fields. In telecommunications.

Details	
Product Status	Active
Number of LABs/CLBs	-
Number of Logic Elements/Cells	1584
Total RAM Bits	18432
Number of I/O	157
Number of Gates	60000
Voltage - Supply	1.425V ~ 1.575V
Mounting Type	Surface Mount
Operating Temperature	0°C ~ 85°C (TJ)
Package / Case	201-VFBGA, CSBGA
Supplier Device Package	201-CSP (8x8)
Purchase URL	https://www.e-xfl.com/product-detail/microchip-technology/aglp060v5-csg201

The IGLOO PLUS family device architecture mitigates the need for ASIC migration at higher user volumes. This makes the IGLOO PLUS family a cost-effective ASIC replacement solution, especially for applications in the consumer, networking/communications, computing, and avionics markets.

Firm-Error Immunity

Firm errors occur most commonly when high-energy neutrons, generated in the upper atmosphere, strike a configuration cell of an SRAM FPGA. The energy of the collision can change the state of the configuration cell and thus change the logic, routing, or I/O behavior in an unpredictable way. These errors are impossible to prevent in SRAM FPGAs. The consequence of this type of error can be a complete system failure. Firm errors do not exist in the configuration memory of IGLOO PLUS flash-based FPGAs. Once it is programmed, the flash cell configuration element of IGLOO PLUS FPGAs cannot be altered by high-energy neutrons and is therefore immune to them. Recoverable (or soft) errors occur in the user data SRAM of all FPGA devices. These can easily be mitigated by using error detection and correction (EDAC) circuitry built into the FPGA fabric.

Advanced Flash Technology

The IGLOO PLUS family offers many benefits, including nonvolatility and reprogrammability, through an advanced flash-based, 130 nm LVCMOS process with seven layers of metal. Standard CMOS design techniques are used to implement logic and control functions. The combination of fine granularity, enhanced flexible routing resources, and abundant flash switches allows for very high logic utilization without compromising device routability or performance. Logic functions within the device are interconnected through a four-level routing hierarchy.

IGLOO PLUS family FPGAs utilize design and process techniques to minimize power consumption in all modes of operation.

Advanced Architecture

The proprietary IGLOO PLUS architecture provides granularity comparable to standard-cell ASICs. The IGLOO PLUS device consists of five distinct and programmable architectural features (Figure 1-1 on page 1-4):

- Flash*Freeze technology
- FPGA VersaTiles
- Dedicated FlashROM
- Dedicated SRAM/FIFO memory†
- Extensive CCCs and PLLs†
- Advanced I/O structure

The FPGA core consists of a sea of VersaTiles. Each VersaTile can be configured as a three-input logic function, a D-flip-flop (with or without enable), or a latch by programming the appropriate flash switch interconnections. The versatility of the IGLOO PLUS core tile as either a three-input lookup table (LUT) equivalent or a D-flip-flop/latch with enable allows for efficient use of the FPGA fabric. The VersaTile capability is unique to the ProASIC® family of third-generation-architecture flash FPGAs. VersaTiles are connected with any of the four levels of routing hierarchy. Flash switches are distributed throughout the device to provide nonvolatile, reconfigurable interconnect programming. Maximum core utilization is possible for virtually any design.

† The AGLP030 device does not support PLL or SRAM.

2 – IGLOO PLUS DC and Switching Characteristics

General Specifications

Operating Conditions

Stresses beyond those listed in Table 2-1 may cause permanent damage to the device.

Exposure to absolute maximum rating conditions for extended periods may affect device reliability. Absolute Maximum Ratings are stress ratings only; functional operation of the device at these or any other conditions beyond those listed under the Recommended Operating Conditions specified in Table 2-2 on page 2-2 is not implied.

Table 2-1 • Absolute Maximum Ratings

Symbol	Parameter	Limits	Units
VCC	DC core supply voltage	–0.3 to 1.65	V
VJTAG	JTAG DC voltage	–0.3 to 3.75	V
VPUMP	Programming voltage	–0.3 to 3.75	V
VCCPLL	Analog power supply (PLL)	–0.3 to 1.65	V
VCCI	DC I/O buffer supply voltage	–0.3 to 3.75	V
VI[1]	I/O input voltage	–0.3 V to 3.6 V	V
T_{STG} [2]	Storage temperature	–65 to +150	°C
T_J [2]	Junction temperature	+125	°C

Notes:

1. The device should be operated within the limits specified by the datasheet. During transitions, the input signal may undershoot or overshoot according to the limits shown in Table 2-4 on page 2-3.
2. For flash programming and retention maximum limits, refer to Table 2-3 on page 2-3, and for recommended operating limits, refer to Table 2-2 on page 2-2.

Combinatorial Cells Contribution—$P_{C\text{-}CELL}$

$P_{C\text{-}CELL} = N_{C\text{-}CELL} * \alpha_1 / 2 * PAC7 * F_{CLK}$

$N_{C\text{-}CELL}$ is the number of VersaTiles used as combinatorial modules in the design.

α_1 is the toggle rate of VersaTile outputs—guidelines are provided in Table 2-19 on page 2-14.

F_{CLK} is the global clock signal frequency.

Routing Net Contribution—P_{NET}

$P_{NET} = (N_{S\text{-}CELL} + N_{C\text{-}CELL}) * \alpha_1 / 2 * PAC8 * F_{CLK}$

$N_{S\text{-}CELL}$ is the number of VersaTiles used as sequential modules in the design.

$N_{C\text{-}CELL}$ is the number of VersaTiles used as combinatorial modules in the design.

α_1 is the toggle rate of VersaTile outputs—guidelines are provided in Table 2-19 on page 2-14.

F_{CLK} is the global clock signal frequency.

I/O Input Buffer Contribution—P_{INPUTS}

$P_{INPUTS} = N_{INPUTS} * \alpha_2 / 2 * P_{AC9} * F_{CLK}$

N_{INPUTS} is the number of I/O input buffers used in the design.

α_2 is the I/O buffer toggle rate—guidelines are provided in Table 2-19 on page 2-14.

F_{CLK} is the global clock signal frequency.

I/O Output Buffer Contribution—$P_{OUTPUTS}$

$P_{OUTPUTS} = N_{OUTPUTS} * \alpha_2 / 2 * \beta_1 * PAC10 * F_{CLK}$

$N_{OUTPUTS}$ is the number of I/O output buffers used in the design.

α_2 is the I/O buffer toggle rate—guidelines are provided in Table 2-19 on page 2-14.

β_1 is the I/O buffer enable rate—guidelines are provided in Table 2-20 on page 2-14.

F_{CLK} is the global clock signal frequency.

RAM Contribution—P_{MEMORY}

$P_{MEMORY} = P_{AC11} * N_{BLOCKS} * F_{READ\text{-}CLOCK} * \beta_2 + PAC12 * N_{BLOCK} * F_{WRITE\text{-}CLOCK} * \beta_3$

N_{BLOCKS} is the number of RAM blocks used in the design.

$F_{READ\text{-}CLOCK}$ is the memory read clock frequency.

β_2 is the RAM enable rate for read operations.

$F_{WRITE\text{-}CLOCK}$ is the memory write clock frequency.

β_3 is the RAM enable rate for write operations—guidelines are provided in Table 2-20 on page 2-14.

PLL Contribution—P_{PLL}

$P_{PLL} = PDC4 + PAC1_3 * F_{CLKOUT}$

F_{CLKOUT} is the output clock frequency.[1]

Guidelines

Toggle Rate Definition

A toggle rate defines the frequency of a net or logic element relative to a clock. It is a percentage. If the toggle rate of a net is 100%, this means that this net switches at half the clock frequency. Below are some examples:

- The average toggle rate of a shift register is 100% because all flip-flop outputs toggle at half of the clock frequency.
- The average toggle rate of an 8-bit counter is 25%:

1. If a PLL is used to generate more than one output clock, include each output clock in the formula by adding its corresponding contribution ($P_{AC13} * F_{CLKOUT}$ product) to the total PLL contribution.

Overview of I/O Performance

Summary of I/O DC Input and Output Levels – Default I/O Software Settings

Table 2-21 • Summary of Maximum and Minimum DC Input and Output Levels Applicable to Commercial and Industrial Conditions—Software Default Settings

I/O Standard	Drive Strength	Equiv. Software Default Drive Strength Option [2]	Slew Rate	VIL		VIH		VOL	VOH	IOL [1]	IOH [1]
				Min. V	Max. V	Min. V	Max. V	Max. V	Min. V	mA	mA
3.3 V LVTTL / 3.3 V LVCMOS	12 mA	12 mA	High	–0.3	0.8	2	3.6	0.4	2.4	12	12
3.3 V LVCMOS Wide Range[3]	100 µA	12 mA	High	–0.3	0.8	2	3.6	0.2	VDD 3 0.2	0.1	0.1
2.5 V LVCMOS	12 mA	12 mA	High	–0.3	0.7	1.7	3.6	0.7	1.7	12	12
1.8 V LVCMOS	8 mA	8 mA	High	–0.3	0.35 * VCCI	0.65 * VCCI	3.6	0.45	VCCI – 0.45	8	8
1.5 V LVCMOS	4 mA	4 mA	High	–0.3	0.35 * VCCI	0.65 * VCCI	3.6	0.25 * VCCI	0.75 * VCCI	4	4
1.2 V LVCMOS[4]	2 mA	2 mA	High	–0.3	0.35 * VCCI	0.65 * VCCI	3.6	0.25 * VCCI	0.75 * VCCI	2	2
1.2 V LVCMOS Wide Range[4,5]	100 µA	2 mA	High	–0.3	0.3 * VCCI	0.7 * VCCI	3.6	0.1	VCCI – 0.1	0.1	0.1

Notes:

1. Currents are measured at 85°C junction temperature.
2. Note that 1.2 V LVCMOS and 3.3 V LVCMOS wide range are applicable to 100 µA drive strength only. The configuration will not operate at the equivalent software default drive strength. These values are for normal ranges only.
3. All LVCMOS 3.3 V software macros support LVCMOS 3.3 V wide range as specified in the JESD-8B specification.
4. Applicable to IGLOO PLUS V2 devices operating at VCC_I ≥ VCC.
5. All LVCMOS 1.2 V software macros support LVCMOS 1.2 V wide range as specified in the JESD8-12 specification.

The length of time an I/O can withstand IOSH/IOSL events depends on the junction temperature. The reliability data below is based on a 3.3 V, 12 mA I/O setting, which is the worst case for this type of analysis.

For example, at 100°C, the short current condition would have to be sustained for more than six months to cause a reliability concern. The I/O design does not contain any short circuit protection, but such protection would only be needed in extremely prolonged stress conditions.

Table 2-31 • Duration of Short Circ uit Event before Failure

Temperature	Time before Failure
–40°C	> 20 years
0°C	> 20 years
25°C	> 20 years
70°C	5 years
85°C	2 years
100°C	6 months

Table 2-32 • Schmitt Trigger Input Hysteresis
Hysteresis Voltage Value (Typ.) for Schmitt Mode Input Buffers

Input Buffer Configuratio n	Hysteresis Value (typ.)
3.3 V LVTTL/LVCMOS (Schmitt trigger mode)	240 mV
2.5 V LVCMOS (Schmitt trigger mode)	140 mV
1.8 V LVCMOS (Schmitt trigger mode)	80 mV
1.5 V LVCMOS (Schmitt trigger mode)	60 mV
1.2 V LVCMOS (Schmitt trigger mode)	40 mV

Table 2-33 • I/O Input Rise Time, Fall Time, and Related I/O Reliability

Input Buffer	Input Rise/Fall Time (min.)	Input Rise/Fall Time (max.)	Reliability
LVTTL/LVCMOS (Schmitt trigger disabled)	No requirement	10 ns *	20 years (100°C)
LVTTL/LVCMOS (Schmitt trigger enabled)	No requirement	No requirement, but input noise voltage cannot exceed Schmitt hysteresis.	20 years (100°C)

Note: *The maximum input rise/fall time is related to the noise induced into the input buffer trace. If the noise is low, then the rise time and fall time of input buffers can be increased beyond the maximum value. The longer the rise/fall times, the more susceptible the input signal is to the board noise. Microsemi recommends signal integrity evaluation/characterization of the system to ensure that there is no excessive noise coupling into input signals.

VersaTile Specifications as a Sequential Module

The IGLOO PLUS library offers a wide variety of sequential cells, including flip-flops and latches. Each has a data input and optional enable, clear, or preset. In this section, timing characteristics are presented for a representative sample from the library. For more details, refer to the *Fusion, IGLOO/e, and ProASIC3/E Macro Library Guide*.

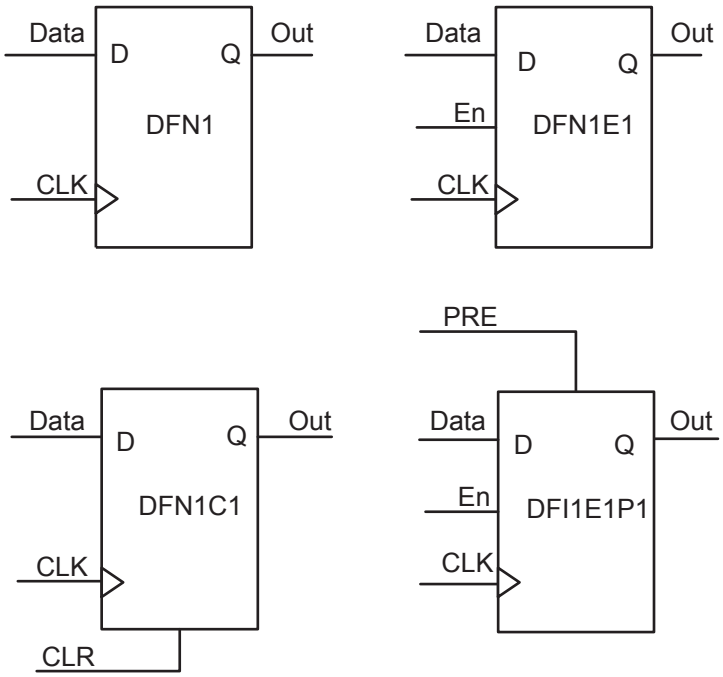

Figure 2-19 • **Sample of Sequential Cells**