4- or 8-Channel 200 MHz A/D with 32- or 64-Channel DDC and Virtex-6 FPGA - cPCI

Model 74662   Model 73662

Cobalt

GateFlow

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Board Support Package

Features

- Complete radar and software radio interface solution
- Supports Xilinx Virtex-6 LXT and SXT FPGAs
- Four or eight 200 MHz 16-bit A/Ds
- 32 or 64 channels of multiband DDCs (digital downconverters)
- Up to 2 or 4 GB of DDR3 SDRAM
- Sample clock synchronization to an external system reference
- LVPECL clock/sync bus for multiboard synchronization
- Optional user-configurable serial gigabit interfaces
- Optional LVDS connections to the Virtex-6 FPGA for custom I/O

General Information

Models 72662, 73662 and 74662 are members of the Cobalt® family of high performance CompactPCI boards based on the Xilinx Virtex-6 FPGA. They consist of one or two Model 71662 XMC modules mounted on a cPCI carrier board.

Model 72662 is a 6U cPCI board while the Model 73662 is a 3U cPCI board; both are equipped with one Model 71662 XMC. Model 74662 is a 6U cPCI board with two XMC modules rather than one.

These models include four or eight A/Ds, 32 or 64 multiband DDCs and four or eight banks of memory.

The Cobalt Architecture

The Pentek Cobalt architecture features a Virtex-6 FPGA. All of the board's data and control paths are accessible by the FPGA, enabling factory-installed functions including data multiplexing, channel selection, data packing, gating, and triggering. The Cobalt architecture organizes the FPGA as a container for data processing applications where each function exists as an intellectual property (IP) module.

Each member of the Cobalt family is delivered with factory-installed applications ideally matched to the board's analog interfaces. The factory-installed functions of these models include four or eight A/D acquisition IP modules.

Each of the acquisition IP modules contains a powerful, programmable 8-channel DDC IP core. IP modules for control of all data clocking, synchronization, gate and trigger functions, a test signal generator, voltage and temperature monitoring, DDR3 SDRAM memory controllers, and a PCIe interface complete the factory-installed func-

tions and enable these models to operate as complete turnkey solutions without the need to develop any FPGA IP.
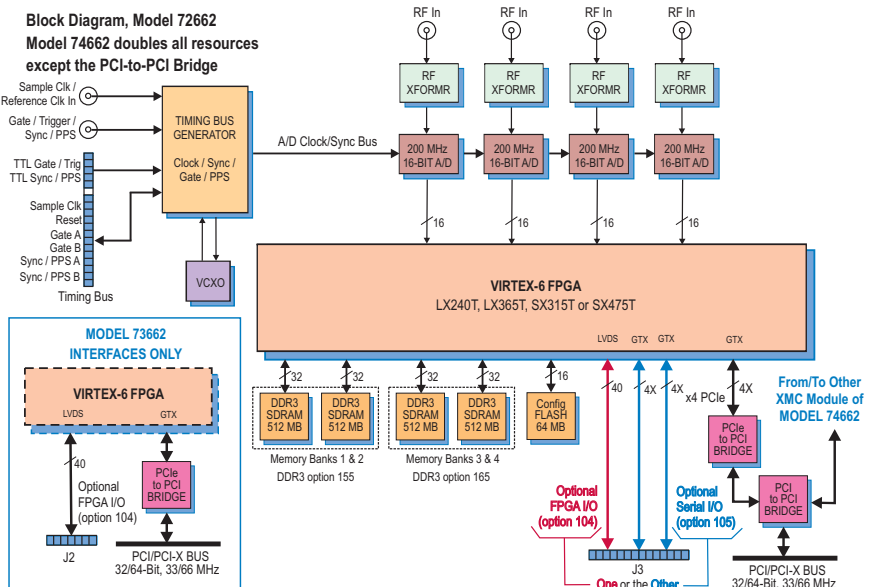
Extendable IP Design

For applications that require specialized function, users can install their own custom IP for data processing. Pentek GateFlow FPGA Design Kits include all of the factory installed modules as documented source code. Developers can integrate their own IP with the Pentek factory-installed functions or use the GateFlow kit to completely replace the Pentek IP with their own.

Xilinx Virtex-6 FPGA

The Virtex-6 FPGA can be populated with a variety of different FPGAs to match the specific requirements of the processing task. Supported FPGAs include: LX240T, LX365T, SX315T, or SX475T. The SXT parts feature up to 2016 DSP48E slices and are ideal for modulation/demodulation, encoding/decoding, encryption/decryption, and channelization of the signals between transmission and reception. For applications not requiring large DSP resources, one of the lower-cost LXT FPGAs can be installed.

Option -104 provides 20 LVDS pairs between the FPGA and the J2 connector, Model 73662; J3 connector, Model 72662; J3 and J5 connectors, Model 74662.

Option -105 provides dual 4X gigabit links between the FPGA and the J3 connector to support serial protocols for Models 72662 and 74662. The J3 connector supports Option -104 or Option -105; the two options are mutually exclusive. The J5 connector supports Option -104 or Option -105 for the 2nd XMC module of Model 74662. ▶

Block Diagram, Model 72662. Model 74662 doubles all resources except the PCI-to-PCI Bridge.

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A/D Acquisition IP Modules

These models feature four or eight A/D Acquisition IP Modules for easily capturing and moving data. Each IP module can receive data from any of the four A/Ds or a test signal generator

Each IP module has an associated memory bank for buffering data in FIFO mode or for storing data in transient capture mode. All memory banks are supported with DMA engines for easily moving A/D data through the PCIe interface. These powerful linked-list DMA engines are capable of a unique Acquisition Gate Driven mode. In this mode, the length of a transfer performed by a link definition need not be known prior to data acquisition; rather, it is governed by the length of the acquisition gate. This is extremely useful in applications where an external gate drives acquisition and the exact length of that gate is not known or is likely to vary.

For each transfer, the DMA engine can automatically construct metadata packets containing A/D channel ID, a sample-accurate time stamp and data length information. These actions simplify the host processor's job of identifying and executing on the data.

DDC IP Cores

Within each A/D Acquisition IP Module is a powerful 8-channel DDC bank. Because of the flexible input routing of the A/D Acquisition IP Modules, many different configurations can be achieved including one A/D driving all 32 DDC channels or each of the four A/Ds driving its own DDC bank.

Each of the 32 channels has an independent 32-bit tuning frequency setting that ranges from DC to f_s, where f_s is the A/D sampling frequency. All of the 8 channels within a bank share a common decimation setting that can range from 16 to 8192, programmable in steps

of 8. For example, with a sampling rate of 200 MHz, the available output bandwidths range from 19.53 kHz to 10.0 MHz. Each 8-channel bank can have its own unique decimation setting supporting a different bandwidth associated with each of the four acquisition modules.

The decimating filter for each DDC bank accepts a unique set of user-supplied 18-bit coefficients. The 80% default filters deliver an output bandwidth of $0.8*f_s/N$, where N is the decimation setting. The rejection of adjacent-band components within the 80% output bandwidth is better than 100 dB.

Each DDC delivers a complex output stream consisting of 24-bit I + 24-bit Q samples at a rate of f_s/N. Any number of channels can be enabled within each bank, selectable from 0 to 8. Each bank includes an output sample interleaver that delivers a channel-multiplexed stream for all enabled channels within a bank.

► A/D Converter Stage

The front end accepts four or eight analog HF or IF inputs on front panel SSMC connectors with transformer coupling into four or eight Texas Instruments ADS5485 200 MHz, 16-bit A/D converters.

The digital outputs are delivered into the Virtex-6 FPGA for signal processing, data capture and for routing to other module resources.

Clocking and Synchronization

An internal timing bus provides all timing and synchronization required by the A/D converters. It includes a clock, two sync and two gate or trigger signals. An on-board clock generator receives an external sample clock from the front panel SSMC connector. This clock can be used directly by the A/D or divided by a built-in clock synthesizer circuit. In an alternate mode, the sample clock can be sourced from an on-board programmable voltage-controlled crystal oscillator. In this mode, the front panel SSMC connector can be used to provide a reference clock, typically 10 MHz, for synchronizing the internal oscillator.

A front panel 26-pin LVPECL Clock/Sync connector allows multiple boards to be synchronized. In the slave mode, it accepts LVPECL inputs that drive the clock, sync and gate signals. In the master mode, the LVPECL bus can drive the timing signals for synchronizing multiple boards.

Multiple boards can be driven from the LVPECL bus master, supporting synchronous sampling and sync functions across all connected boards.

Memory Resources

The Cobalt architecture supports up to four or eight independent memory banks which can be configured with DDR3 SDRAM. ►

VIRTEX-6 FPGA DATAFLOW DETAIL
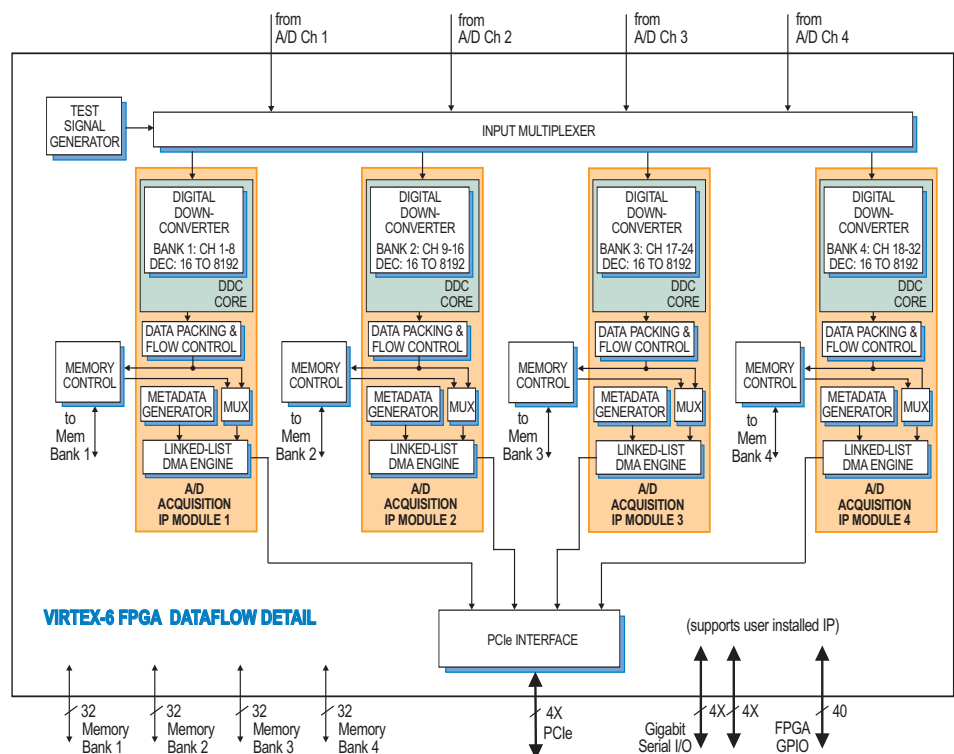
➤ Each DDR3 SDRAM bank can be up to 512 MB deep and is an integral part of the Board's DMA capabilities, providing FIFO memory and capture space for creating DMA packets. Built-in memory functions include multichannel A/D data capture, tagging and streaming.

In addition to the factory-installed functions, custom user-installed IP within the FPGA can take advantage of the memories for many other purposes.

PCI-X Interface

These models include an industry-standard interface fully compliant with PCI-X bus specifications. The interface includes multiple DMA controllers for efficient transfers to and from the board. Data widths of 32 or 64 bits and data rates of 33 and 66 MHz are supported.

Optional PCI Express Interface

For systems that require a PCI Express board interface, these models can be optionally configured with an industry-standard interface fully compliant with PCI Express Gen. 1 & 2 bus specifications. Supporting PCIe links up to x8, the interface includes multiple DMA controllers for efficient transfers to and from the boards.

Specifications

Model 72662 or Model 73662: 4 A/Ds, 32 DDCs

Model 74660: 8 A/Ds, 64 DDCs

Front Panel Analog Signal Inputs (4 or 8)
Input Type: Transformer-coupled, front panel female SSMC connectors
Transformer Type: Coil Craft WBC4-6TLB
Full Scale Input: +8 dBm into 50 ohms
3 dB Passband: 300 kHz to 700 MHz

A/D Converters (4 or 8)
Type: Texas Instruments ADS5485
Sampling Rate: 10 MHz to 200 MHz
Resolution: 16 bits

Digital Downconverters (32 or 64)
Quantity: Four 8-channel banks, one per acquisition module
Decimation Range: 16x to 8192x in steps of 8x
LO Tuning Freq. Resolution: 32 bits, 0 to f_s
Phase Offset Resolution: 32 bits, 0 to 360 degrees
FIR Filter: 18-bit coefficients, 24-bit output, with user programmable coefficients
Default Filter Set: 80% bandwidth, >100 dB stopband attenuation

Sample Clock Sources (1 or 2)
On-board clock synthesizer
Clock Synthesizers (1 or 2)
Clock Source: Selectable from on-board programmable VCXO (10 to 810 MHz), front panel external clock or LVPECL timing bus
Synchronization: VCXO can be locked to an external 4 to 180 MHz PLL system reference, typically 10 MHz
Clock Dividers: External clock or VCXO can be divided by 1, 2, 4, 8, or 16 for the A/D clock
External Clocks (1 or 2)
Type: Front panel female SSMC connector, sine wave, 0 to +10 dBm, AC-coupled, 50 ohms, accepts 10 to 800 MHz divider input clock, or PLL system reference
Timing Bus (1 or 2): 26-pin connector LVPECL bus includes, clock/sync/gate/ PPS inputs and outputs; TTL signal for gate/trigger and sync/PPS inputs
External Trigger Inputs (1 or 2)
Type: Front panel female SSMC connector, LVTTL
Function: Programmable functions include: trigger, gate, sync and PPS
Field Programmable Gate Array (1 or 2)
Standard: Xilinx Virtex-6 XC6VLX240T
Optional: Xilinx Virtex-6 XC6VLX365T, XC6VSX315T, or XC6VSX475T
Custom I/O
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MemoryBanks (1 or 2)
Option 155 or 165: Two 512 MB DDR3 SDRAM memory banks, 400 MHz DDR
PCI-X Interface
PCI-X Bus: 32- or 64-bits at 33 or 66 MHz
Environmental
Operating Temp: 0° to 50° C
Storage Temp: –20° to 90° C
Relative Humidity: 0 to 95%, non-cond.
Size: Standard 6U or 3U cPCI board

Ordering Information
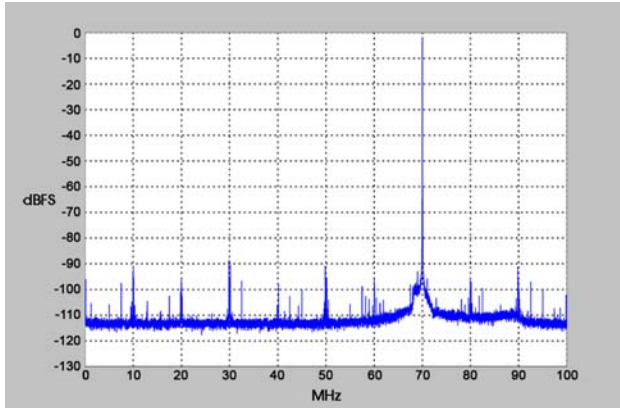
Model Description

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73662	4-Ch 200 MHz A/D with 32-Ch DDC and Virtex-6 FPGA - 3U cPCI
74662	8-Ch 200 MHz A/D with 64-Ch DDC and Virtex-6 FPGA - 6U cPCI

Options:

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-062	XC6VLX240T
-063	XC6VLX365T
-064	XC6VSX315T
-065	XC6VSX475T
-104	LVDS I/O between the FPGA and J2 connector, Model 73662; J3 connector, Model 72662; J3 and J5 connectors, Model 74662
-105	Gigabit serial FPGA I/O through J3 or J5 connector
-155	Two 512 MB DDR3 SDRAM Memory Banks (Banks 1 and 2)
-165	Two 512 MB DDR3 SDRAM Memory Banks (Banks 3 and 4)

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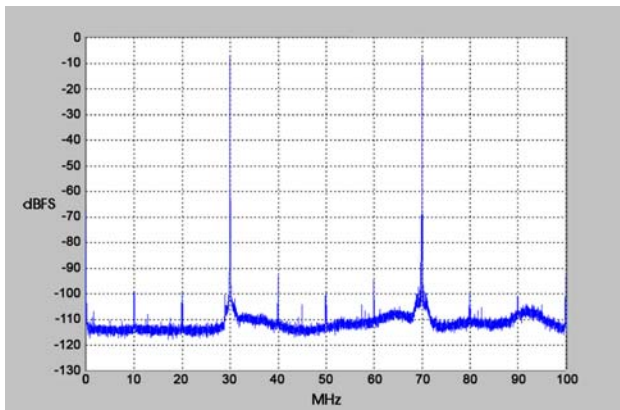

f_{in} = 70 MHz, f_s = 200 MHz, Internal Clock

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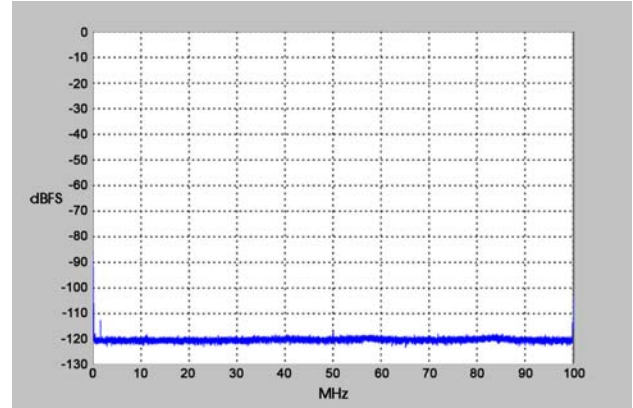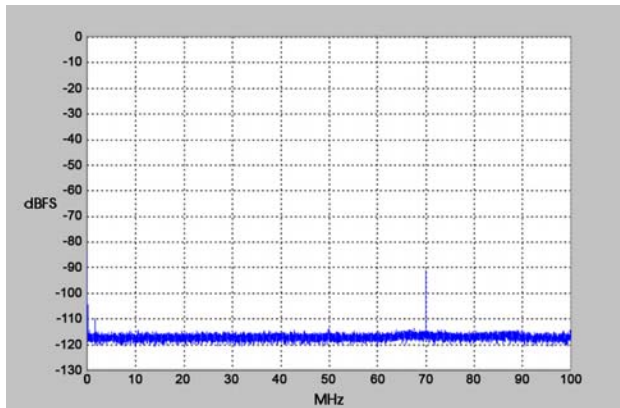

f_s = 200 MHz, Internal Clock

Two-Tone SFDR

f_1 = 30 MHz, f_2 = 70 MHz, f_s = 200 MHz

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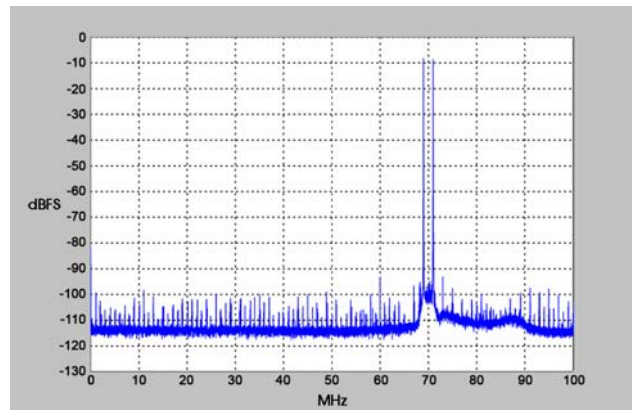
f_1 = 69 MHz, f_2 = 71 MHz, f_s = 200 MHz

Adjacent Channel Crosstalk Crosstalk

$f_{in\ Ch2}$ = 70 MHz, f_s = 200 MHz, Ch 1 shown

Input Frequency Response

f_s = 200 MHz, Internal Clock