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Jade 78141A

1-channel 6.4 GHz A/D, 2-channel 3.2 GHz A/D
2-channel 6.4 GHz D/A, PCIe board with Kintex UltraScale FPGA

Complete radar and software radio interface solution

- Radar and communication receiver and transmitter
- Electronic Warfare transponder
- Waveform signal generator
- Wideband data acquisition
- Remote monitoring
- Sensor interfaces

The Jade® 78141A is a high-speed analog-to-digital and digital-to-analog converter with programmable DDCs (digital downconverters) and DUCs (digital upconverters). It is suitable for connection to HF or IF ports of a communications or radar system.

Its built-in data capture and generator features offer an ideal turnkey solution as well as a platform for developing and deploying custom FPGA-processing IP. It includes a 6.4 GHz, 12-bit A/D converter, dual 6.4 GHz, 14-bit D/As and a large DDR4 memory. In addition to supporting PCI Express Gen. 3 as a native interface, the 78141A includes optional high-bandwidth connections to the Kintex UltraScale FPGA for custom digital I/O.

FEATURES

- Xilinx® Kintex® UltraScale™ FPGA
- One-channel mode with 6.4 GHz, 12-bit A/D
- Two-channel mode with 3.2 GHz, 12-bit A/Ds
- Programmable DDCs (digital downconverters)
- Two 6.4 GHz, 14-bit D/As
- Programmable DUCs (digital upconverters)
- 5 GB of 2400 MHz DDR4 SDRAM
- μSync clock/sync bus for multiboard synchronization
- PCI Express interface (Gen. 1, 2 & 3) up to x8
- Optional LVDS port and gigabit serial connections for custom FPGA I/O

78141A BLOCK DIAGRAM

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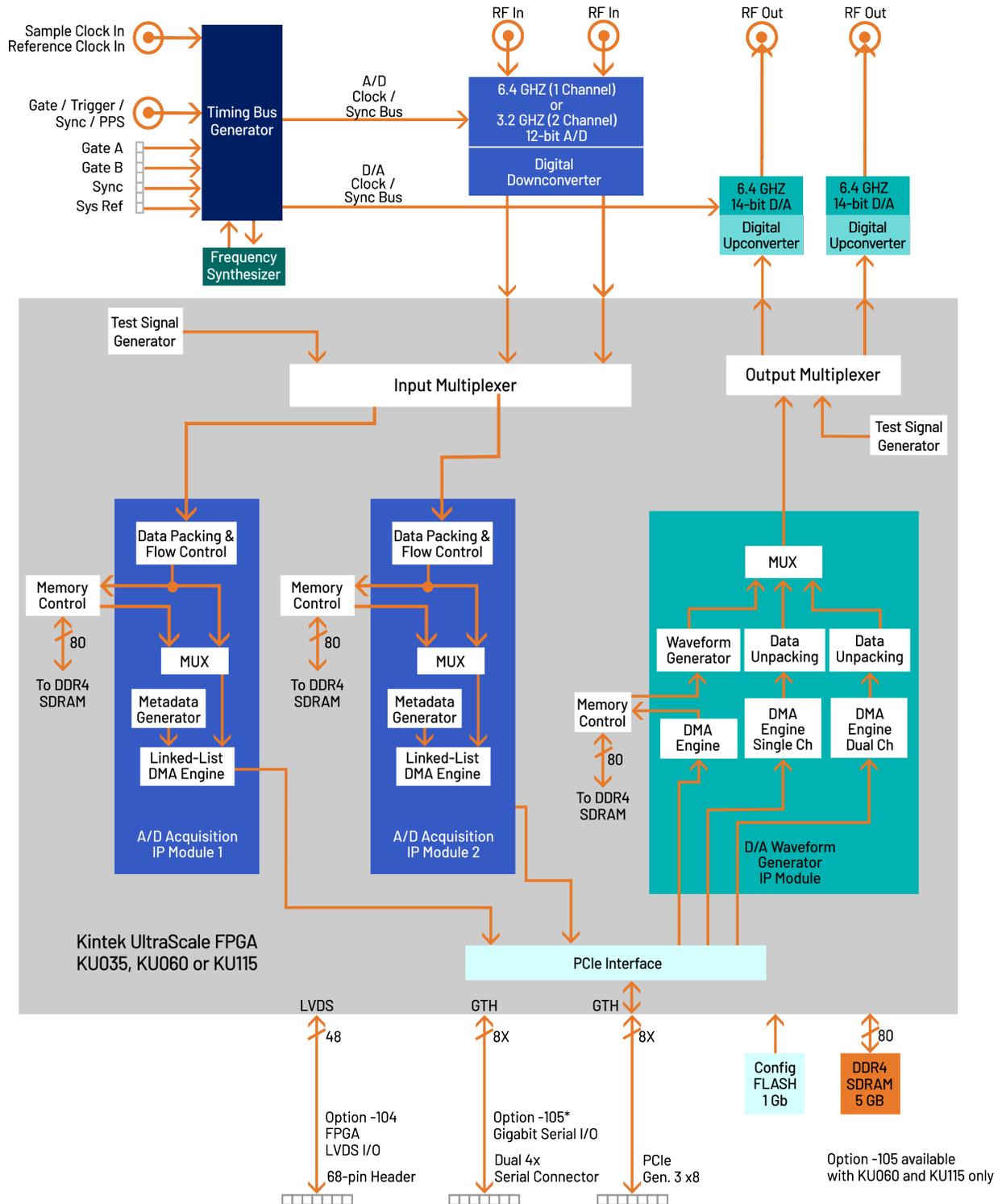
THE JADE ARCHITECTURE

Evolved from the proven designs of Mercury's Cobalt® and Onyx® families, Jade® raises the processing performance while lowering the overall power requirements by building on the Xilinx family of Kintex UltraScale FPGAs. As the central feature of the board architecture, the FPGA has access to all data and control paths, enabling factory-installed functions as well as providing an ideal platform for user-created intellectual property (IP).

Each member of the Jade family is delivered with factory-installed applications ideally matched to the board's analog interfaces. The 78141A factory-installed functions include two A/D acquisition and two D/A waveform generator IP modules. In addition, IP modules for DDR4 SDRAM memories, a controller for all data clocking and synchronization functions, a test signal generator and a PCIe interface complete the factory-installed functions and enable the 78141A to operate as a complete turnkey solution, without the need to develop any FPGA IP.

XILINX KINTEX ULTRASCALE FPGAS

Depending on the requirements of the processing task, the Kintex Ultrascale can be selected from a range of FPGAs: KU035 through KU115. The KU115 features 5520 DSP48E2 slices and is ideal for modulation/demodulation, encoding/decoding, encryption/decryption, and channelization of the signals between transmission and reception. For applications not requiring large DSP resources or logic, a lower-cost FPGA can be installed.

A/D CONVERTER STAGE

The board's analog interface accepts analog HF or IF inputs on a pair of front panel SSMC connectors with transformer-coupling into a Texas Instruments ADC12DJ3200 12-bit A/D. The converter operates in single-channel interleaved mode with a sampling rate of 6.4 GHz and an input bandwidth of 7.9 GHz; or, in dual-channel mode with a sampling rate of 3.2 GHz and input bandwidth of 8.1 GHz.

The A/D built-in digital down-converters (DDCs) support 2x decimation in real output mode and 4x, 8x, or 16x decimation in complex output mode. The A/D digital outputs are delivered into the Kintex UltraScale FPGA for signal processing, data capture or for routing to other module resources.

A/D ACQUISITION IP MODULES

The 78141A features two A/D Acquisition IP Modules for easy capture and data moving. The IP module can receive data from the A/D, or a test signal generator. The IP module has associated a 5 GB DDR4 memory for buffering data in FIFO mode or for storing data in transient capture mode.

In single-channel mode, all of 5 GB are used to store the single-channel of input data. In dual-channel mode, one half of the memory stores data from input channel 1 and the other half stores data from input channel 2. In both modes, continuous, full-rate transient capture of 12-bit data is supported.

The memory bank is supported with a DMA engine for moving A/D data through the PCIe interface. This powerful linked-list DMA engine is 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 sample-accurate time stamp and data length information. These actions simplify the host processor's job of identifying and executing on the data.

D/A WAVEFORM GENERATOR IP MODULE

The 78141A factory-installed functions include a sophisticated D/A Waveform Generator IP module. It allows users to easily record to the dual D/ As waveforms stored in either on-board memory or off-board host memory.

DIGITAL UPCONVERTER AND D/A STAGE

A Texas Instruments DAC38RF82 DUC (digital upconverter) and D/A accepts a baseband real or complex data stream from the FPGA and provides that input to the upconvert, interpolate and dual D/A stages. When operating as a DUC, it interpolates and translates real or complex baseband input signals. It delivers real or quadrature (I+Q) analog outputs to the dual 14-bit D/A converter. Analog output is through a pair of front panel SSMC connectors.

If translation is disabled, the DAC38RF82 acts as a dual interpolating 14-bit D/A. In both modes the DAC38RF82 provides interpolation factors from 1x to 24x.

CLOCKING AND SYNCHRONIZATION

The 78141A accepts a sample clock via a front panel SSMC connector. A second front panel SSMC accepts a TTL signal that can function as Gate, PPS or Sync.

A front panel µSync bus connector allows multiple modules to be synchronized, ideal for multichannel systems. The µSync bus includes gate, reset, and in and out reference clock signals. The Model 7892 high-speed sync module can be used to drive the sync bus to synchronize multichannel systems.

MEMORY RESOURCES

The 78141A architecture supports a 5 GB bank of DDR4 SDRAM memory. User-installed IP along with the Mercury-supplied DDR4 controller core within the FPGA can take advantage of the memory for custom applications.

PCI EXPRESS INTERFACE

The 78141A includes an industry standard interface fully compliant with PCI Express Gen. 1, 2, and 3 bus specifications. Supporting PCIe links up to x8, the interface includes multiple DMA controllers for efficient transfers to and from the module.

FRONT PANEL CONNECTIONS

The front panel includes seven SSMC coaxial connectors for input/output of analog RF, clock, and trigger, signals, and a 12-pin Sync Bus input connector. The front panel also includes seven LED indicators.
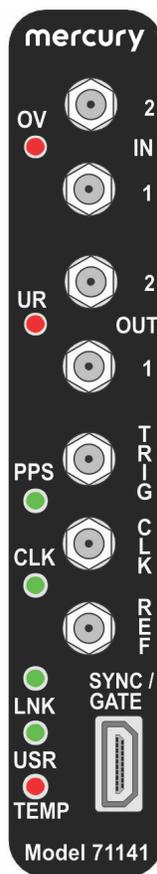
- **ADC Overload LED:** There is one red **OV** (overload) LED for all ADC inputs. This LED indicates either an overload detection in one of the ADC12DJ3200s, or an ADC FIFO overrun.

- **Analog Input Connectors:** Two SSMC coaxial connectors, labeled **In 1** and **IN 2**: one for each ADC input channel.

- **DAC Underrun LED:** One red underrun **UR** LED for both DAC outputs. This LED illuminates when the DAC38RF82 FIFO is out of data.

- **Analog Output Connectors:** Two SSMC coaxial connectors, labeled **OUT 1** and**OUT 2**: one for each DAC38RF82 output channel.

- **PPS LED:** The green **PPS** LED illuminates when a valid PPS signal is detected. The LED will blink at the rate of the PPS signal.

- **Trigger Input Connector:** One SSMC coaxial connector, labeled **TRIG**, for input of an external trigger.

- **Clock LED:** The green **CLK** LED illuminates when a valid sample clock signal is detected. If the LED is not illuminated, no clock has been detected and no data from the input stream can be processed.

- **Clock Input Connector:** One SSMC coaxial connector, labeled **CLK**, for input of an external sample clock.

- **Reference Clock Input Connector:** The SSMC coaxial connector, labeled **REF**, for input of an external reference clock.

- **Link LED:** The green **LNK** LED indicates the link speed when a valid link has been established over the PCIe interface, as follows: Gen 1 - LED blinks slowly (less than once per second); Gen 2 - LED blinks about once per second; Gen 3 - LED will be constantly on.

- **Sync Bus Connector:** The 19-pin µSync front panel connector, labeled **SYNC/GATE**, provides sync and gate input signals for A/D and D/A Processing.

- **User LED:** The green **USR** LED is for user applications.

- **Over Temperature LED:** The red TMP LED illuminates when an over-temperature or over-voltage condition is indicated by any of the temperature/voltage sensors on the PCB.
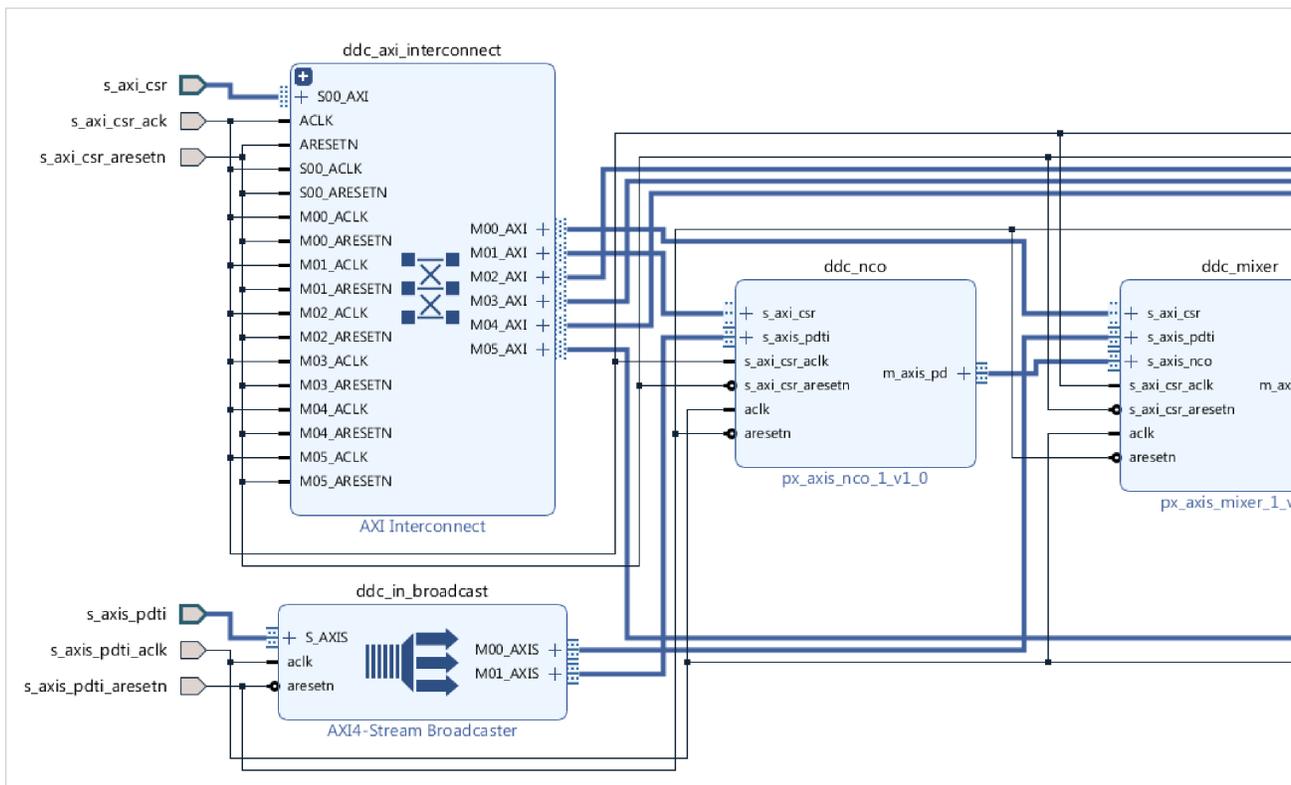
NAVIGATOR DESIGN SUITE

For applications that require specialized functions, the Navigator Design Suite allows customers to fully utilize the processing power of the FPGA. It includes an FPGA design kit for integrating custom IP into the factory-shipped design, and a board support package for creating host applications for control of all hardware and FPGA IP-based functions.

The **Navigator FPGA Design Kit (FDK)** for the Xilinx® Vivado® Design Suite includes the complete Vivado project folder for each Jade product with all design files for the factory-installed FPGA IP. Vivado's IP Integrator is a graphical design entry tool that visually presents the complete block diagram of all IP blocks so the developer can access every component of the Jade design. Developers can quickly import, delete, and modify IP blocks and change interconnection paths using simple mouse operations.

Navigator FDK includes an IP core library of more than 100 functions representing a wealth of resources for DSP, data formatting, timing, and streaming operations, all based on the powerful AXI4 standard. multilevel documentation for each IP core is a mouse click away, and fully consistent with Xilinx IP cores.
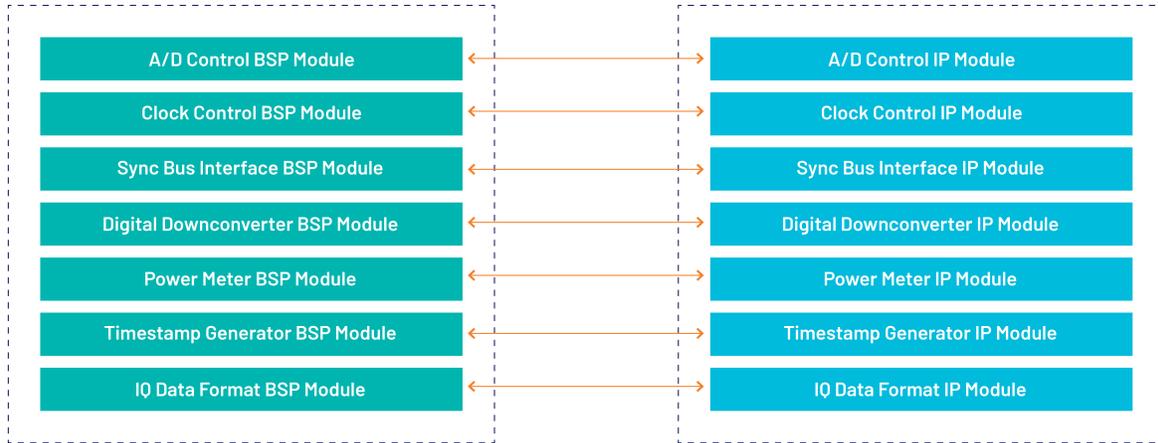
The **Navigator Board Support Package (BSP)** provides software support for Jade boards. It enables operational control of all hardware functions on the board and IP functions in the FPGA. The BSP structure is designed to complement the functions of the FDK by maintaining a one-to-one relationship between FDK and BSP components. For each IP block found in the FDK library, a matching software module can be found in the BSP. This organization simplifies the creation and editing of software to support new IP functions and modifications to existing IP cores.

**Navigator IP FPGA Design viewed in IP Integrator**

NAVIGATOR
BOARD SUPPORT PACKAGE

NAVIGATOR
FPGA DESIGN KIT

A/D Control BSP Module	↔	A/D Control IP Module
Clock Control BSP Module	↔	Clock Control IP Module
Sync Bus Interface BSP Module	↔	Sync Bus Interface IP Module
Digital Downconverter BSP Module	↔	Digital Downconverter IP Module
Power Meter BSP Module	↔	Power Meter IP Module
Timestamp Generator BSP Module	↔	Timestamp Generator IP Module
IQ Data Format BSP Module	↔	IQ Data Format IP Module

Because all Jade boards are shipped with a full suite of built-in IP functions and numerous software examples, new applications can be developed by building on the provided software examples or built entirely new with the BSP extensive libraries. All BSP libraries are provided as C-language source for full access and code transparency.

The Navigator BSP includes the **Signal Viewer**, a full-featured analysis tool, that displays data in time and frequency domains. Built-in measurement functions display 2nd and 3rd harmonics, THD (total harmonic distortion), and SINAD (signal to noise and distortion). Interactive cursors allow users to mark data points and instantly calculate amplitude and frequency of displayed signals. With the Signal Viewer users can install the Jade board and Navigator BSP and start viewing analog signals immediately.
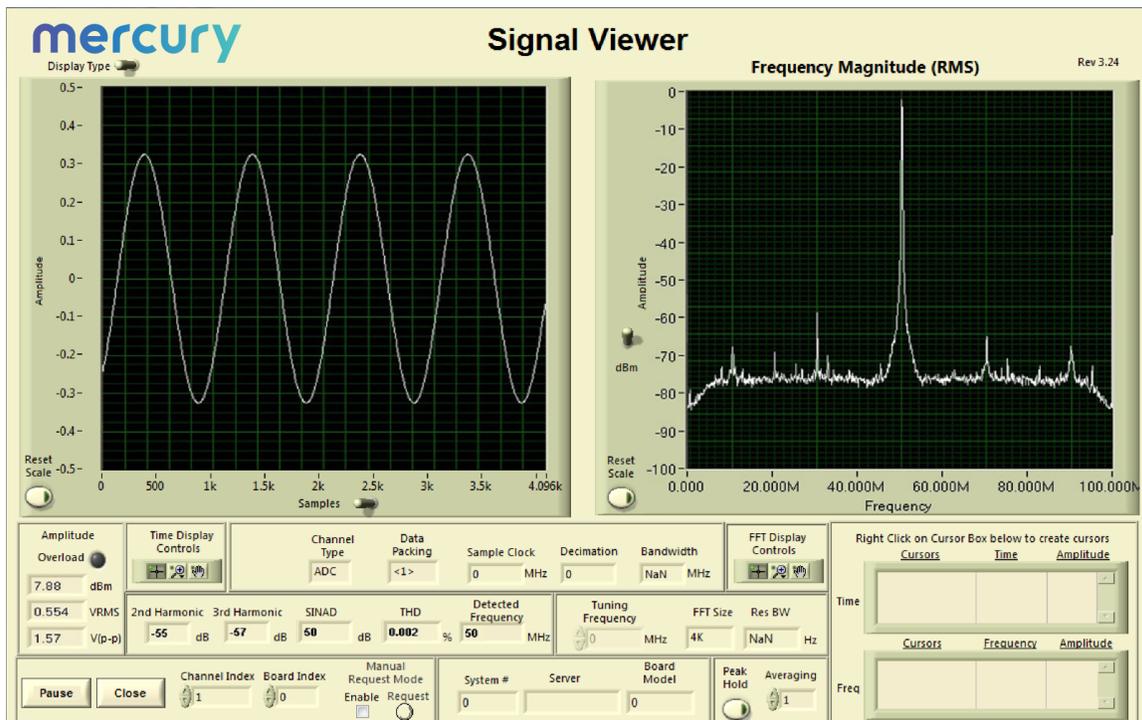
SPECIFICATIONS

Front Panel Analog Signal Inputs

Input Type: Transformer-coupled, front panel female SSMC connectors

A/D Converters

Type: ADC12DJ3200

Sampling Rate: Single-channel mode: 6.4 GHz; dual-channel mode: 3.2 GHz

Resolution: 12 bits

Input Bandwidth: single-channel mode: 7.9 GHz; dual-channel mode: 8.1 GHz

D/A Converters

Type: Texas Instruments DAC38RF82

Output Sampling Rate: 6.4 GHz.

Resolution: 14 bits

Sample Clock Source

Front panel SSMC connector

Timing Bus

19-pin µSync bus connector includes sync and gate/trigger inputs, CML

External Trigger Input

Type: Front panel female SSMC connector, LVTTL

Function: Programmable functions include: trigger, gate, sync and PPS

Field Programmable Gate Array

Standard: Xilinx Kintex UltraScale XCKU035-2

Option -084: Xilinx Kintex UltraScale XCKU060-2

Option -087: Xilinx Kintex UltraScale XCKU115-2

Custom I/O

Option -104: installs 24 pairs of LVDS connections from the FPGA to a 68-pin header for custom I/O.

Option -105 (only available with option -084 or -087): provides an 8X gigabit link between the FPGA and a serial connector to support serial protocols

Memory

Type: DDR4 SDRAM

Size: 5 GB

Speed: 1200 MHz (2400 MHz DDR)

PCI-Express Interface

PCI Express Bus: Gen. 1, 2 or 3: x4 or x8

Environmental

Standard: L0 (air-cooled)

- Operating Temp: 0° to 50° C
- Storage Temp: -20° to 90° C
- Relative Humidity: 0 to 95%, non-condensing

Option -702: L2 (air-cooled)

- Operating Temp: -20° to 65° C
- Storage Temp: -40° to 100° C
- Relative Humidity: 0 to 95%, non-condensing

Physical

Dimensions: Half-length PCIe card

- Depth: 181.10 mm (7.13 in)
- Height: 111.25 mm (4.38 in)

Weight: Approximately 14 oz (400 grams)

ORDERING INFORMATION

Model	Description
78141A	1-Ch. 6.4 GHz or 2-Ch. 3.2 GHz A/D, 2-Ch. 6.4 GHz D/A, Kintex UltraScale FPGA - PCIe

Options:	
-084	XCKU060-2 FPGA
-087	XCKU115-2 FPGA
-104	LVDS FPGA I/O
-105	Gigabit serial FPGA I/O
-702	Air-cooled, Level 2

Contact Mercury for compatible option combinations and complete specifications of rugged and conduction-cooled versions. Options may change, so be sure to contact Mercury for the latest information.

ACCESSORY PRODUCTS

Model	Description
2171	Cable Kit: SSMC to SMA
7892	High-Speed Synchronizer and Distribution Board

FORM FACTORS

Jade products are available in standard form factors including 3U VPX, 6U VPX, PCIe, and XMC. The Jade Model 71141A XMC (8-Channel 250 MHz A/D with DDC, Kintex UltraScale FPGA) has the following variants:

Model	
52141A	3U VPX board (single XMC)
54141A	3U VPX board (single XMC with optical/backplane RF)
57141A	6U VPX board (single XMC)
58141A	6U VPX board (dual XMC)
71141A	XMC module
78141A	PCIe board (single XMC)

DEVELOPMENT SYSTEMS

Mercury offers development systems for Jade products. They come with all pre-tested software and hardware ready for immediate operation. These systems are intended to save engineers and system integrators the time and expense associated with building and testing a development system that ensures optimum performance of Jade boards. Please contact Mercury to configure a system that matches your requirements.

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