



PolarFire® FPGA and PolarFire SoC FPGA User I/O User Guide

Introduction

Microchip's PolarFire FPGAs are the fifth-generation family of non-volatile FPGA devices, built on state-of-the-art 28 nm non-volatile process technology. PolarFire FPGAs deliver the lowest power at mid-range densities. PolarFire FPGAs lower the cost of mid-range FPGAs by integrating the industry's lowest power FPGA fabric, lowest power 12.7 Gbps transceiver lane, built-in low power dual PCI Express Gen2 (EP/RP), and, on select data security (S) devices, an integrated low-power crypto co-processor.

Microchip's PolarFire SoC FPGAs are the fifth-generation family of non-volatile SoC FPGA devices, built on state-of-the-art 28 nm non-volatile process technology. The PolarFire SoC family offers industry's first RISC-V based SoC FPGAs capable of running Linux. It combines a powerful 64-bit 5x core RISC-V Microprocessor Subsystem (MSS), based on SiFive's U54-MC family, with the PolarFire FPGA fabric in a single device.

This document describes the features and supported standards for each of these user I/O types, providing details about I/O banks and I/O naming conventions. User I/Os support multiple I/O standards while simultaneously providing the high bandwidth needed to maximize the internal logic capabilities of the device and achieve the required system-level performance. They are specifically designed for ease of use and rapid system integration.

PolarFire FPGA and PolarFire SoC FPGA devices have two types of user I/Os:

- General-purpose I/O (GPIO)—supports a wide range of I/O standards operating with supplies between 1.2 V to 3.3 V nominal.
- High-speed I/O (HSIO)—supports I/O standards operating with supplies between 1.2 V to 1.8 V.

GPIO and HSIO are organized in I/O banks and each I/O bank has dedicated I/O supplies. The unused supplies are connected to ground to reduce noise leakage. In addition to GPIO and HSIO, a number of I/Os are associated with system controller, transceiver clocks, and data pads. These I/Os are powered up independently of other user I/O banks.

The following table summarizes the dedicated I/Os available in PolarFire and PolarFire SoC families.

Table 1. Dedicated I/Os

Dedicated I/Os	PolarFire FPGA (MPF)	PolarFire SoC FPGA (MPFS)
GPIO	✓	✓
HSIO	✓	✓
MSSIO	—	✓
MSS-DDR	—	✓
MSS-SGMII I/O	—	✓

References

- For more information about PolarFire FPGA GPIO and HSIO performance specifications, see [DS0141: PolarFire FPGA Datasheet](#)
- For more information about PolarFire SoC FPGA GPIO and HSIO performance specifications, see [PolarFire SoC Advance Datasheet](#).
- For more information about PolarFire SoC FPGA I/O types, see [PolarFire SoC FPGA MSS Technical Reference Manual](#).
- For information about clock conditioning circuitry (CCC), see [PolarFire FPGA and PolarFire SoC FPGA Clocking Resources User Guide](#).
- For information about transceiver, see [PolarFire FPGA and PolarFire SoC FPGA Transceiver User Guide](#).
- For information about external reference inputs, unused conditions of supply pins, cold sparing, and hot socketing, see respective [UG0726: PolarFire FPGA Board Design User Guide](#) or [PolarFire SoC FPGA Board Design Guidelines User Guide](#).
- For information about programming and I/O states, see [PolarFire FPGA and PolarFire SoC FPGA Programming User Guide](#).
- For information about MSS Configurator, see [PolarFire SoC Standalone MSS Configurator User Guide](#).

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1. GPIO and HSIO Features

Both the device families support different I/O features for GPIO and HSIO. The following is a summary of I/O features:

1.1 GPIO Features

- Supports 1.2 V to 3.3 V operation
- Single-ended input and output modes
- Flexible supply voltage for certain I/O standards
- Reference, differential, and complementary input receiver modes
- True current-based differential output driver modes and pseudo-differential complementary output modes
- Single-ended static or dynamic termination at 1.8 V and 1.5 V
- Differential static or dynamic termination of 100 Ω
- Cold-sparing and hot swapping (hot plug-in or hot-socket) capabilities
- Process, voltage, and temperature (PVT)-compensated programmable drive strengths
- Supports full and reduced drive for SSTL18 as defined by JEDEC standards
- Built-in weak pull-up, pull-down, and bus-keeper circuits
- Programmable hysteresis
- DDR3 support at up to 1.066 Gbps

1.2 HSIO Features

- Supports 1.2 V to 1.8 V operation
- Single-ended input and output modes
- Mixed single-ended input modes for LVTTTL/LVCMOS, regardless of power supply level
- Reference, differential, and complementary input receiver modes
- Pseudo-differential complementary output modes
- Single-ended static or dynamic termination at 1.8 V, 1.5 V, 1.35 V, and 1.2 V
- PVT-compensated programmable drive strengths
- Supports full and reduced drives for SSTL18 as defined by JEDEC standards
- Built-in weak pull-up, pull-down, and bus-keeper circuits
- DDR3 and LPDDR3 supports at up to 1333 Mbps and DDR4 support at up to 1.6 Gbps

2. Supported I/O Standards

GPIO and HSIO have configurable high-performance I/O drivers and receivers, supporting a wide variety of I/O standards.

The following table lists the I/O standards supported in the receiver and transmitter modes, respectively.

Table 2-1. Supported I/O

I/O Standards	Receiver/Transmitter Modes	VDDI (Nominal) Required	Bank Types	Applications
Single-Ended Standards				
PCI	Receiver, Transmitter	3.3 V	GPIO	PC and embedded systems
LVTTTL ¹	Receiver	3.3 V, 2.5 V, 1.8 V, 1.5 V, 1.2 V	GPIO	General purpose
	Transmitter	3.3 V		
LVCMOS33 ¹	Receiver	3.3 V, 2.5 V, 1.8 V, 1.5 V, 1.2 V	GPIO	General purpose
	Transmitter	3.3 V		
LVCMOS25 ¹	Receiver	3.3 V, 2.5 V, 1.8 V, 1.5 V, 1.2 V	GPIO	General purpose
	Transmitter	2.5 V		
LVCMOS18 ¹	Receiver	3.3 V, 2.5 V, 1.8 V, 1.5 V, 1.2 V	GPIO, HSIO	General purpose
	Transmitter	1.8 V		
LVCMOS15 ¹	Receiver	3.3 V, 2.5 V, 1.8 V, 1.5 V, 1.2 V	GPIO, HSIO	General purpose
	Transmitter	1.5 V		
LVCMOS12 ¹	Receiver	3.3 V, 2.5 V, 1.8 V, 1.5 V, 1.2 V	GPIO, HSIO	General purpose
	Transmitter	1.2 V		
SSTL25I, SSTL25II	Receiver	2.5 V	GPIO	DDR1 ²
	Transmitter	2.5 V	GPIO	DDR1 ²
SSTL18I, SSTL18II	Receiver, Transmitter	1.8 V	GPIO, HSIO	DDR2 ² /RLDRAM2 ²
SSTL15I, SSTL15II	Receiver, Transmitter	1.5 V	GPIO, HSIO	DDR3
SSTL135I, SSTL135II	Receiver, Transmitter	1.35 V	HSIO	DDR3L
HSTL15I, HSTL15II	Receiver, Transmitter	1.5 V	GPIO, HSIO	QDRII+
HSTL135I, HSTL135II	Receiver, Transmitter	1.35 V	HSIO	RLDRAM3 ²
HSTL12I	Receiver, Transmitter	1.2 V	HSIO	QDRII+

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I/O Standards	Receiver/Transmitter Modes	VDDI (Nominal) Required	Bank Types	Applications
HSUL18I, HSUL18II	Receiver, Transmitter	1.8 V	GPIO, HSIO	LPDDR ²
HSUL12I, HSUL12II	Receiver, Transmitter	1.2 V	HSIO	LPDDR ² , LPDDR3
POD12I, POD12II	Receiver, Transmitter	1.2 V	HSIO	DDR4
Differential Standards				
LVDS18G	Receiver	1.8 V	GPIO	General purpose
	Transmitter ³	1.8 V	GPIO	General purpose
LVDS33	Receiver	3.3 V	GPIO	General purpose
	Transmitter ³	3.3 V	GPIO	General purpose
LVDS25	Receiver	2.5V	GPIO	General purpose
	Transmitter ³	2.5V	GPIO	General purpose
LVDS18 ^{4, 5}	Receiver	1.8 V	HSIO	General purpose
RSDS33	Receiver	3.3 V	GPIO	General purpose
	Transmitter ³	3.3 V	GPIO	General purpose
RSDS25	Receiver	2.5 V	GPIO	General purpose
	Transmitter ³	2.5 V	GPIO	General purpose
RSDS18 ⁵	Receiver	1.8 V	HSIO	General purpose
MINILVDS33	Receiver	3.3 V	GPIO	General purpose
	Transmitter ³	3.3 V	GPIO	General purpose
MINILVDS25	Receiver	2.5V	GPIO	General purpose
	Transmitter ³	2.5V	GPIO	General purpose
MINILVDS18 ⁵	Receiver	1.8 V	HSIO	General purpose
SUBLVDS33	Receiver	3.3 V	GPIO	General purpose
	Transmitter ³	3.3 V	GPIO	General purpose
SUBLVDS25	Receiver	2.5V	GPIO	General purpose
	Transmitter ³	2.5V	GPIO	General purpose
SUBLVDS18 ⁵	Receiver	1.8 V	HSIO	General purpose
PPDS33	Receiver	3.3 V	GPIO	General purpose
	Transmitter ³	3.3 V	GPIO	General purpose
PPDS25	Receiver	2.5 V	GPIO	General purpose
	Transmitter ³	2.5 V	GPIO	General purpose
PPDS18 ⁵	Receiver	1.8 V	HSIO	General purpose
SLVS33	Receiver	3.3 V	GPIO	General purpose

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I/O Standards	Receiver/Transmitter Modes	VDDI (Nominal) Required	Bank Types	Applications
SLVS25	Receiver	2.5 V	GPIO	General purpose
SLVS18	Receiver	1.8 V	HSIO	General purpose
SLVSE15 ⁶	Transmitter	1.5 V	GPIO, HSIO	General purpose
HCSL33	Receiver	3.3 V	GPIO	General purpose
HCSL25	Receiver	2.5 V	GPIO	General purpose
HCSL18	Receiver	1.8 V	HSIO	General purpose
BUSLVDSE25 ⁶	Transmitter	2.5 V	GPIO	Multipoint backplane applications
MLVDSE25 ⁶	Transmitter	2.5 V	GPIO	Multipoint backplane applications
LVPECL33	Receiver	3.3 V	GPIO	Video graphics and clock distribution
LVPECLE33 ⁶	Transmitter	3.3 V	GPIO	Video graphics and clock distribution
MIPI25	Receiver	2.5 V	GPIO	Consumer mobile applications
MIPIE25 ⁶	Transmitter	2.5 V	GPIO	Consumer mobile applications, High-speed Mode

(1) Certain I/O standards are designed to support flexible VDDI assignment, see [7.2.2. Mixed I/O in VDDI Banks](#).

(2) This application is supported by the I/O Standard, however, PolarFire FPGA and PolarFire SoC FPGA offering does not include the specific memory controller solution.

(3) Buffers configured for these standards are true-differential transmitters that do not support bidirectional operations.

(4) For HSIO, native LVDS inputs are supported with a single external-differential termination 100 Ω resistor, and LVDS transmit outputs are not supported in HSIO banks.

(5) These standards require an external voltage reference (VREF) and require two single-ended drivers with biasing through external resistors.

(6) Buffers are configured as emulated-differential transmitters and also support bidirectional operations. However, they require an external board termination.

2.1 I/O Standard Descriptions

This section provides an overview for each of the I/O standards.

2.1.1 3.3 V Peripheral Component Interface (PCI)

GPIO supports the PCI I/O standards. The PCI standard uses an LVTTTL input buffer and a push-pull output buffer. This standard is used for both 33 MHz and 66 MHz PCI bus applications.

2.1.2 Low-Voltage TTL (LVTTTL)

LVTTTL is a general-purpose standard (EIA/JESD8-B) for 3.3 V applications. It uses an LVTTTL input buffer and a push-pull output buffer. GPIO supports the LVTTTL I/O standards, and the LVTTTL output buffer can have up to six different programmable drive strengths. For more information about programmable drive strength control, see [Table 7-4](#).

2.1.3 Low-Voltage CMOS (LVCMOS)

LVCMOS is a general-purpose standard implemented in CMOS transistors. Five different LVCMOS operational modes supported are:

- LVCMOS33—an extension of the LVCMOS standard (JESD8-B-compliant) is used for general-purpose 3.3 V applications.
- LVCMOS25—an extension of the LVCMOS standard (JESD8-5-compliant) is used for general-purpose 2.5 V applications.
- LVCMOS18—an extension of the LVCMOS standard (JESD8-7-compliant) is used for general-purpose 1.8 V applications.
- LVCMOS15—an extension of the LVCMOS standard (JESD8-11-compliant) is used for general-purpose 1.5 V applications.
- LVCMOS12—an extension of the LVCMOS standard (JESD8-26-compliant) is used for general-purpose 1.2 V applications.

2.1.4 Stub Series Terminated Logic (SSTL)

SSTL is a general-purpose memory bus standard. Following are the SSTL operational modes supported:

- SSTL25I—SSTL Class I-standard with VDDI (nominal) = 2.5 V
- SSTL25II—SSTL Class II-standard with VDDI (nominal) = 2.5 V
- SSTL18I—SSTL Class I-standard with VDDI (nominal) = 1.8 V
- SSTL18II—SSTL Class II-standard with VDDI (nominal) = 1.8 V
- SSTL15I—SSTL Class I-standard with VDDI (nominal) = 1.5 V
- SSTL15II—SSTL Class II-standard with VDDI (nominal) = 1.5 V
- SSTL135I—SSTL Class I-standard with VDDI (nominal) = 1.35 V
- SSTL135II—SSTL Class II-standard with VDDI (nominal) = 1.35 V

SSTL25 is defined by the JEDEC standard, JESD8-9B, and used for DDR SDRAM and DDR1 memory interfaces. SSTL18 is defined by the JEDEC standard, JESD8, and used for DDR2 SDRAM memory interfaces. SSTL15 is used for DDR3 memory interfaces; SSTL135 is used for DDR3L memory interfaces.

For more information about signal levels for the various SSTL I/O standards, see respective [PolarFire FPGA Datasheet](#) or [PolarFire SoC Advance Datasheet](#).

2.1.5 High-Speed Transceiver Logic (HSTL)

HSTL is a general-purpose, high-speed bus standard (EIA/JESD8-6) with a signaling range between 0 V and 1.5 V, and signals can either be single-ended or differential. This standard is used in memory bus interfaces with data switching capabilities of up to 1.267 GHz.

Following are the HSTL operational modes supported:

- HSTL15I—HSTL Class I-standard with VDDI (nominal) = 1.5 V
- HSTL15II—HSTL Class II-standard with VDDI (nominal) = 1.5 V
- HSTL135I—HSTL Class I-standard with VDDI (nominal) = 1.35 V
- HSTL135II—HSTL Class II-standard with VDDI (nominal) = 1.35 V
- HSTL12I—HSTL Class I-standard with VDDI (nominal) = 1.2 V
- HSTL12II—HSTL Class II-standard with VDDI (nominal) = 1.2 V

For more information about signal levels for the various HSTL I/O standards, see [Table 2-1](#). Also, see respective [PolarFire FPGA Datasheet](#) or [PolarFire SoC Advance Datasheet](#).

Note: HSTL135 and HSTL12 are not part of the JEDEC specification. They are scaled from HSTL15. For more information about HSTL signal levels, see respective [PolarFire FPGA Datasheet](#) or [PolarFire SoC Advance Datasheet](#).

2.1.6 High-Speed Unterminated Logic (HSUL)

HSUL, as specified by the JEDEC standard JESD8-22, is a standard for LPDDR2 and LPDDR3 memory buses. HSUL I/O standards are supported in both HSIO and GPIO.

2.1.7 Pseudo Open Drain (POD)

POD standards are intended for DDR4, DDR4L, and LLDRAM3 applications. HSIO supports both POD receive and transmit modes.

2.1.8 Low-Voltage Differential Signal (LVDS)

LVDS (ANSI/TIA/EIA-644) is a high-speed, differential I/O standard. The voltage swing between two signal lines is approximately 350 mV. GPIO supports LVDS receive and transmit modes. HSIO supports LVDS receive mode with an external 100 Ω board termination, see [7.2.3. I/O External Termination](#) for more information.

2.1.9 Reduced-Swing Differential Signal (RSDS)

RSDS is similar to an LVDS high-speed interface using differential signaling, but with a smaller voltage swing and requiring a parallel termination resistor. RSDS is only intended for point-to-point applications. For more information about RSDS Voltage Swing, see respective [PolarFire FPGA Datasheet](#) or [PolarFire SoC Advance Datasheet](#).

While GPIO supports RSDS receive and transmit modes, HSIO supports RSDS receive mode with an external 100 Ω on-board termination.

2.1.10 Mini-LVDS

Mini-LVDS is a unidirectional interface from the timing controller to the column drivers in TFT LCD displays, and is specified in Texas Instruments standard, SLDA007A. GPIO supports mini-LVDS in both receive and transmit modes. HSIO supports mini-LVDS only in the receive mode and requires an external resistor.

2.1.11 Sub-LVDS

Sub-LVDS is a differential low-voltage standard that is a subset of LVDS, and uses a reduced-voltage swing and lower common-mode voltage compared to LVDS. For sub-LVDS, the maximum differential swing is 200 mV compared to 350 mV for LVDS. The nominal common-mode voltage for sub-LVDS is 0.9 V, while it is 1.25 V for LVDS. GPIO supports sub-LVDS in both receive and transmit modes. HSIO supports sub-LVDS only in the receive mode and requires an external resistor. The common mode voltage and differential voltage swing are key differences between Sub-LVDS and LVDS. PolarFire/PolarFire SoC to PolarFire/PolarFire SoC interfaces allow LVDS to Sub_LVDS and Sub_LVDS to LVDS since the data sheet specifications permit these levels to operate within their specified ranges.

2.1.12 Point-to-Point Differential Signaling (PPDS)

PPDS is the next generation of the RSDS standards introduced by National Semiconductor Corporation, and is used to interface to next-generation LCD row and column drivers. PPDS inputs require a parallel termination resistor.

GPIO supports PPDS in both receive and transmit modes. HSIO supports PPDS only in receive mode and requires an external resistor.

2.1.13 Scalable Low-Voltage Signaling (SLVS)

SLVS is a chip-to-chip signaling standard designed for maximum performance with minimum power consumption, inheriting low noise susceptibility from LVDS. The standard features a scaled-down 400 mV signal swing, versus the 700 mV swing of LVDS, and includes a ground reference. GPIO and HSIO banks support the SLVS I/O standards, but an external resistor is required for transmitter mode. For more information, see [7.2.4. Implementing Emulated Standards for Outputs](#).

2.1.14 High-Speed Current Steering Logic (HCSL)

HCSL is a differential output standard used in PCI Express applications. Both GPIO and HSIO support the HCSL I/O standards (receive-only mode). Although, the common mode range for this standard is from 250 mV to 550 mV, HCSL I/O receivers support a wider range of 50 mV to 2.4 V.

2.1.15 Bus-LVDS (B-LVDS)/Multipoint LVDS (M-LVDS)

B-LVDS refers to bus interface circuits based on the LVDS technology with the M-LVDS specification extending the LVDS standard to high-performance multipoint bus applications. Multidrop and multipoint bus configurations may contain any combination of drivers, receivers, and transceivers. LVDS drivers provide the higher drive current required by B-LVDS and M-LVDS to accommodate bus loading. These drivers require series terminations for better

signal quality and voltage swing control. The drivers can be located anywhere on the bus, and therefore, termination is also required at both ends of the bus.

GPIO supports B-LVDS and M-LVDS in receive mode. For transmit mode, however, external board termination is required. For more information about various BLVDS standards, see [7.2.4.2. Bus-LVDS Emulated \(BLVDSE25\) Output Mode](#) and [7.2.4.3. Multipoint Low-Voltage Emulated \(MLVDSE25\) Output Mode](#).

2.1.16 Low-Voltage Positive Emitter-Coupled Logic (LVPECL)

LVPECL is a 3.3 V differential signal standard that transmits one data bit over a pair of signal lines, thus requiring two pins per input or output. The voltage swing between the two signal lines is approximately 850 mV. While LVPECL input is supported for GPIO, external board termination is required for the LVPECL outputs. For more information about LVPECL33, see [7.2.4.4. LVPECL Emulated \(LVPECLE33\) Output Mode](#).

2.1.17 Mobile Industry Processor Interface (MIPI) D-PHY

MIPI is a serial communication interface used in camera and display applications. GPIO bank supports implementation of the MIPI D-PHY standards using an external termination. For more information, see [7.2.5. Implementing MIPI D-PHY](#).

3. I/O Banks

PolarFire SoC FPGA device has eight user I/O banks, whereas PolarFire FPGA device has five, six, or eight user I/O banks depending upon the device size.

The I/O banks on the north side of the device support only HSIO. Each I/O bank has dedicated I/O supplies and grounds. Each I/O within a given bank shares the same VDDI power supply and VREF reference voltage. Only compatible I/O standards can be assigned to a given I/O bank.

Each bank contains a bank power detector and a bank receiver reference voltage generator to create an internally generated reference voltage, VREF. Each bank also interfaces with a PVT controller to calibrate the I/O buffer output driver strengths and termination values (needed only for certain I/O standards). The PVT controller generates a set of codes to control the source driver and the sink driver, and also calibrates the HSIO output slew. Each I/O buffer has individual drive-strength programmability to multiply the PVT digital code value by a drive setting to create the desired drive, impedance, or termination settings. For more information, see [7.1. I/O Analog \(IOA\) Buffer Programmable Features](#).

[Figure 3-1](#) through [Figure 3-5](#) show simplified floorplans for each device, including the bank locations. These figures also show the corner block and transceiver block. The corner block includes CCCs, two PLLs, and two DLLs each, providing flexible clock management and synthesis for the FPGA fabric, external system, and I/Os. All banks are not available in all devices, see [8.3.2. I/O Lanes in Each Bank](#) for more information. For more information about CCC and transceivers, see [PolarFire FPGA and PolarFire SoC FPGA Clocking Resources User Guide](#) and [PolarFire FPGA and PolarFire SoC FPGA Transceiver User Guide](#).

Figure 3-1. PolarFire FPGA MPF300T, MPF300XT, and MPF500T Device I/O Banks

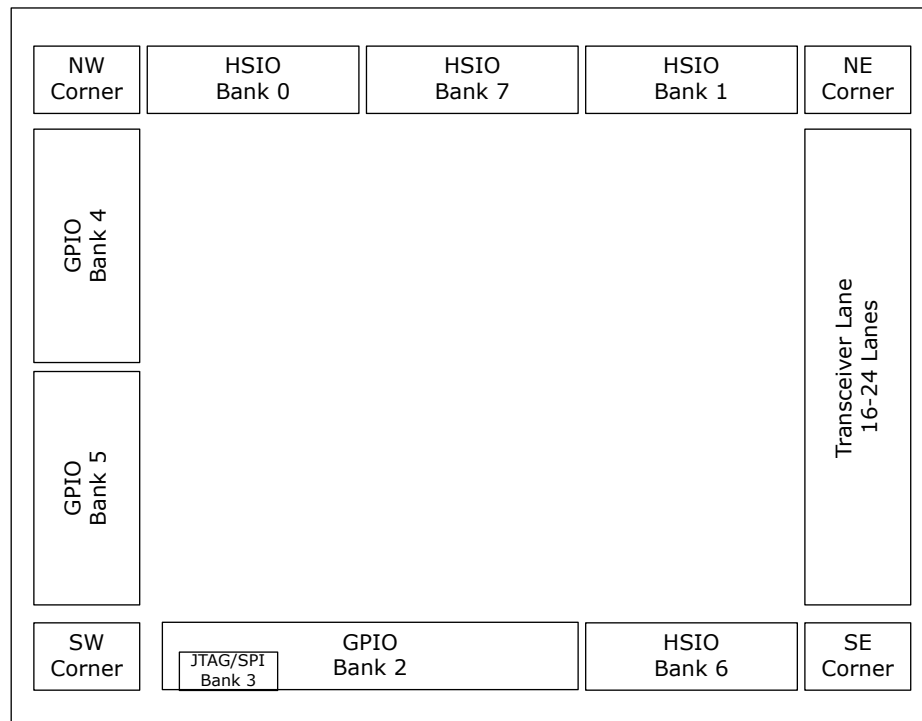


Figure 3-2. PolarFire FPGA MPF200T Device I/O Banks

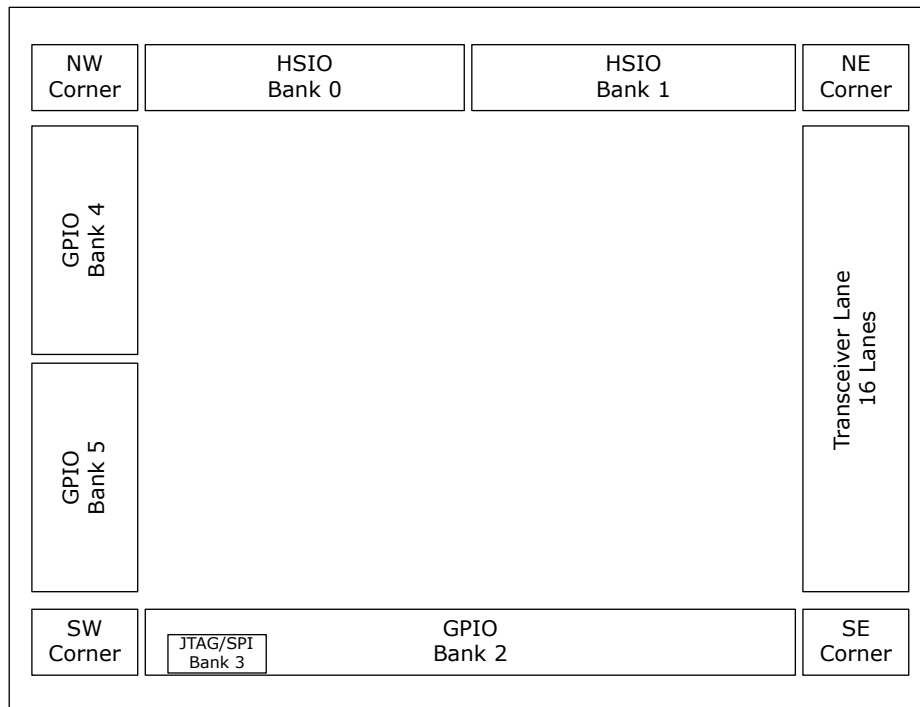


Figure 3-3. PolarFire FPGA MPF100T Device I/O Banks

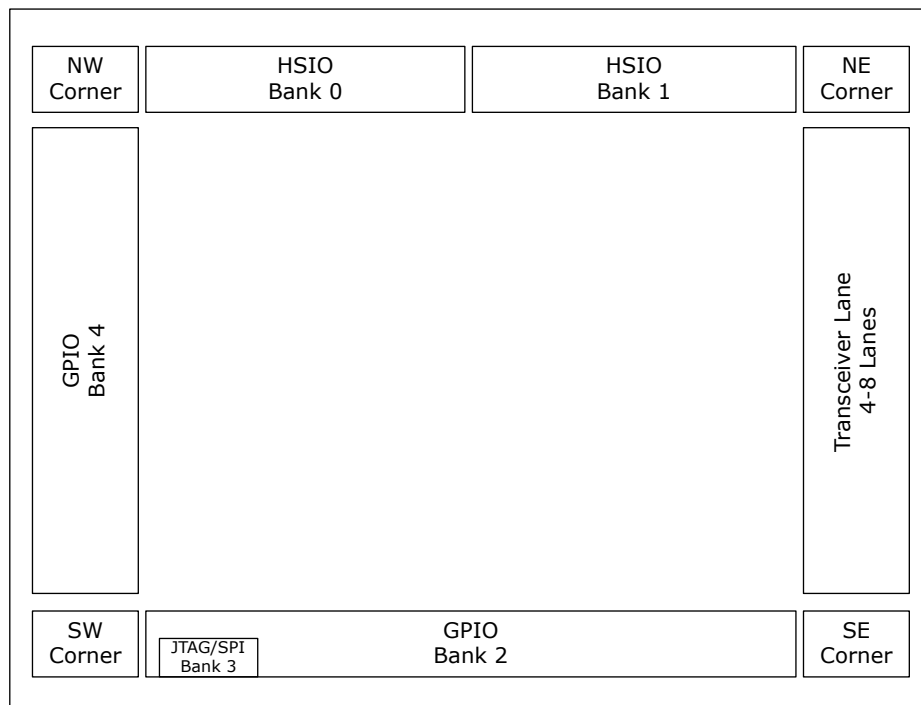
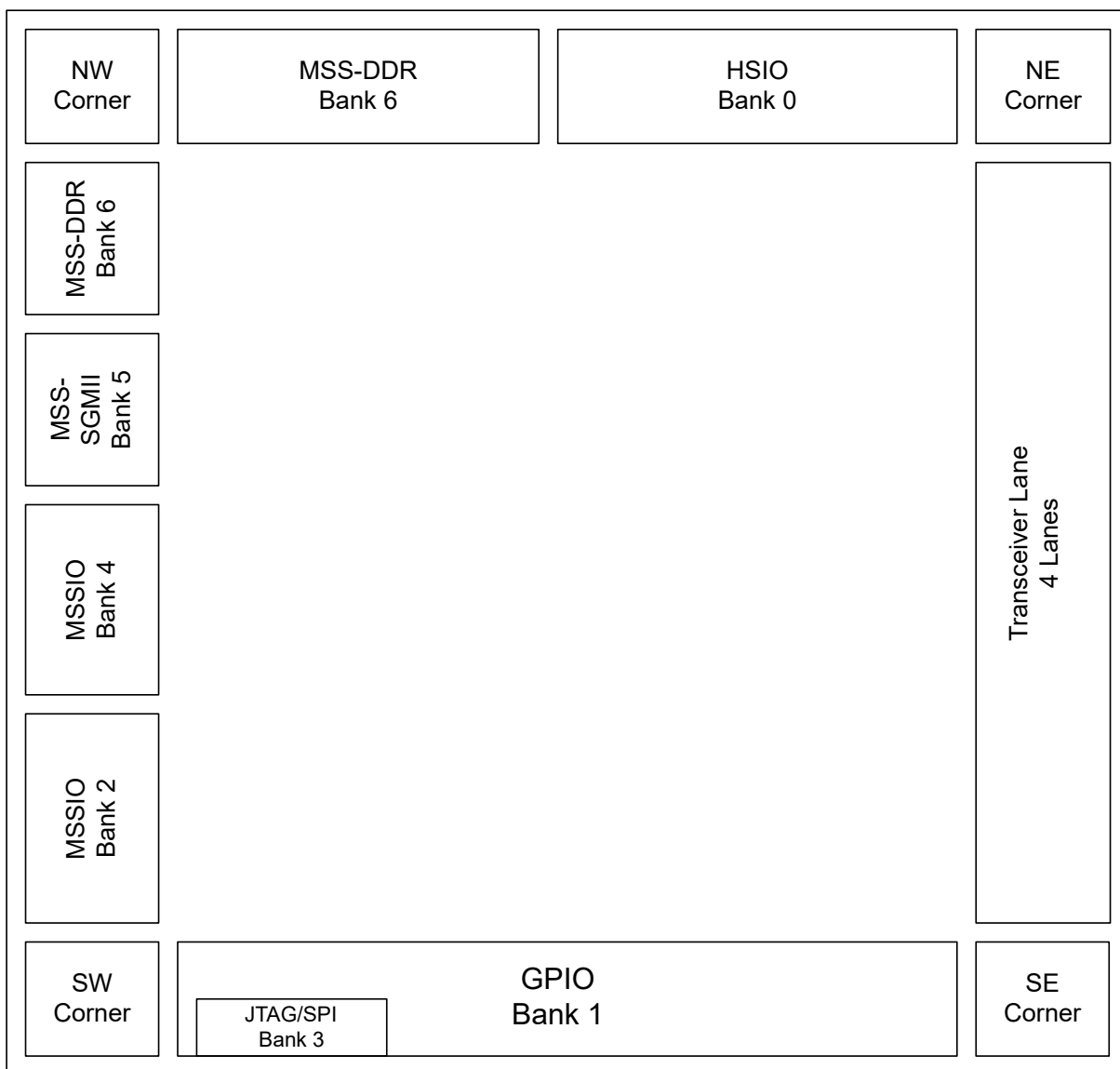


Figure 3-4. PolarFire SoC FPGA MPFS250–FCG1152 I/O Banks



Figure 3-5. PolarFire SoC FPGA MPFS250–FCVG484 I/O Banks



4. Supply Voltages for I/O Banks

Multiple I/O banks require the following bank power supplies listed in the table.

Table 4-1. Supply Pin

Name	Description	Nominal Operating Voltage
VDDIx	Supply for I/O circuits in a bank	For JTAG bank—1.8 V/2.5 V/3.3 V For GPIO bank—1.2 V/1.5 V/ 1.8 V/2.5 V/3.3 V For HSIO bank—1.2 V/1.5 V/1.8 V
VDD25	Power for corner PLLs and PNVM	2.5 V
VDD18	Power for programming and HSIO receiver	1.8 V
VDDAUXx	Auxiliary supply for I/O circuits. Auxiliary supply voltage must be set to 2.5 V or 3.3 V and must be always equal to or higher than VDDIx. See Table 7-12 GPIO Mixed Reference Receiver Mode for legal VDDI and VDDAUX combinations.	Greater than or equal to VDDI. In cases where VDDI and VDDAUX in a given GPIO bank are both 2.5 V or 3.3 V, they should be tied together to the same supply.
VREF	VREF is the supply reference voltage for reference receivers. Each bank can have only one VREF value. VREF can be externally supplied or internally generated, see 4. Supply Voltages for I/O Banks for VREF assignment use model for more information.	Depends on the I/O standards
VDDIx MSSIO Banks ¹	Supply for MSS I/O circuits in a bank	1.2 V/1.5 V/1.8 V/2.5 V/3.3 V
VDDIx MSS-SGMII Banks ¹	Supply for MSS-SGMII circuits in a bank	2.5 V/3.3 V
VDDIx MSS-DDR Banks ¹	Supply for MSS-DDR circuits in a bank	1.2 V/1.5 V/1.8 V

Note: 1. For PolarFire SoC FPGA only.

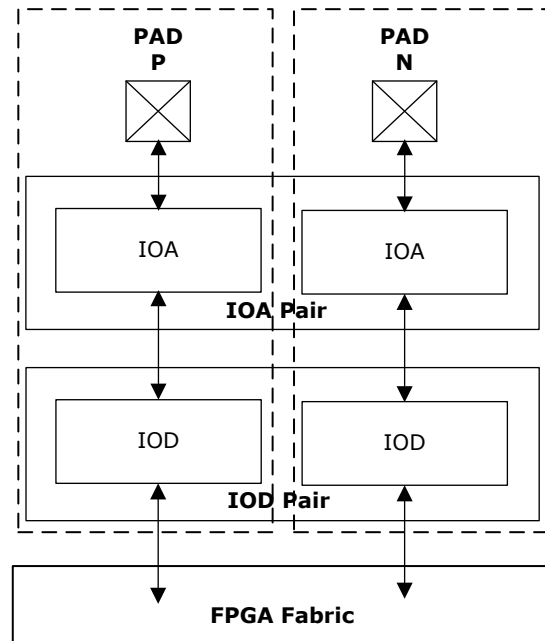
Note: For information about unused condition, see respective [UG0726: PolarFire FPGA Board Design User Guide](#) or [PolarFire SoC FPGA Board Design Guidelines User Guide](#) and PPAT.

5. I/O Overview

Each I/O is composed of an analog I/O buffer (referred to as IOA) and a digital logic block (referred to as IOD). IOA blocks include analog input and output buffers, while IOD blocks include a logic that enables the IOA buffer to interface with the FPGA fabric. The IOD also includes data bus digital logic to widen the bus to and from the IOA, allowing the external pins to run at a much faster clock rate than the fabric logic.

To support a variety of I/O standards, I/Os are organized into pairs, as shown in the following illustration. The two I/O paths in a pair, labeled as positive (P) and negative (N) respectively, can be configured as two separate single-ended I/Os, as one differential or as a complementary I/O pair.

Figure 5-1. I/O Pair



The IOA buffer includes a transmit and receive buffer, on-die termination (Thévenin, differential, up, and down), a slew-rate control circuit, a bus-keeper circuit, and a programmable weak pull-up or pull-down resistor. The transmit and receive buffers transfer signals between the I/O pad and the IOD. [Figure 7-1](#) shows the overview of IOA buffer.

5.1 Single-Ended Transmitter and Receiver Mode

An I/O buffer can be configured as a single-ended transmitter, a single-ended receiver, or both. GPIO and HSIO both support single-ended mode.

5.2 Differential Transmitter Mode

The I/O buffer pair allows implementing both true differential output mode and pseudo-differential output mode. The true differential output mode uses an LVDS H-bridge-type driver. The pseudo-differential output mode, also known as complementary-mode, consists of two single-ended drivers where one driver's output is inverted relative to the other. The pseudo-differential output drivers have lower signal integrity and performance, and usually require biasing by external resistors to emulate true differential signal levels. Only GPIO bank supports true differential output modes using a differential current driver. Both GPIO and HSIO banks support complementary output modes.

5.3 Differential Receiver Mode

Both GPIO and HSIO receivers support operations in differential receiver mode, where the input data from the differential pair of pads (PAD P and PAD N) is received on both pads and is then driven to the FPGA fabric from the IOD block on the P side.

Libero SoC controls the enabling and disabling of the transmit and receive buffer based upon the selected standard and I/O mode, whether single-ended or differential. For more information about IOA buffer and its use model, see [I/O Features and Implementation, page 15](#).

5.4 I/O Digital (IOD)

The IOD block interfaces with the FPGA fabric on one side and the IOA buffers on the other side. It deserializes and transfers input data to a lower core clock speed, or transfers lower-speed data from the fabric to the high-speed output clock domain, serializing it in the process. The I/O digital block works in conjunction with fast and low-skew clock networks. It also includes special clock dividers and other supported circuits to guarantee clock domain crossings. The I/O digital block deserializes high-speed DDR input data and transfers to FPGA fabric at lower speeds, and also serializes the lower speed FPGA fabric data and transfers to high-speed DDR output. For more information about IOD buffer and its use models, see [IOD Features and User Modes, page 38](#).

6. I/O Primitive

The macro library includes a list of I/O primitives to support various I/O standards. Following are the generic I/O primitives, representing most of the available I/O standards.

- INBUF—represents input buffer
- INBUF_DIFF—represents differential input buffer
- OUTBUF—represents output buffer
- OUTBUF_DIFF—represents differential output buffer
- TRIBUFF—represents tri-state buffer
- TRIBUFF_DIFF—represents differential tri-state buffer

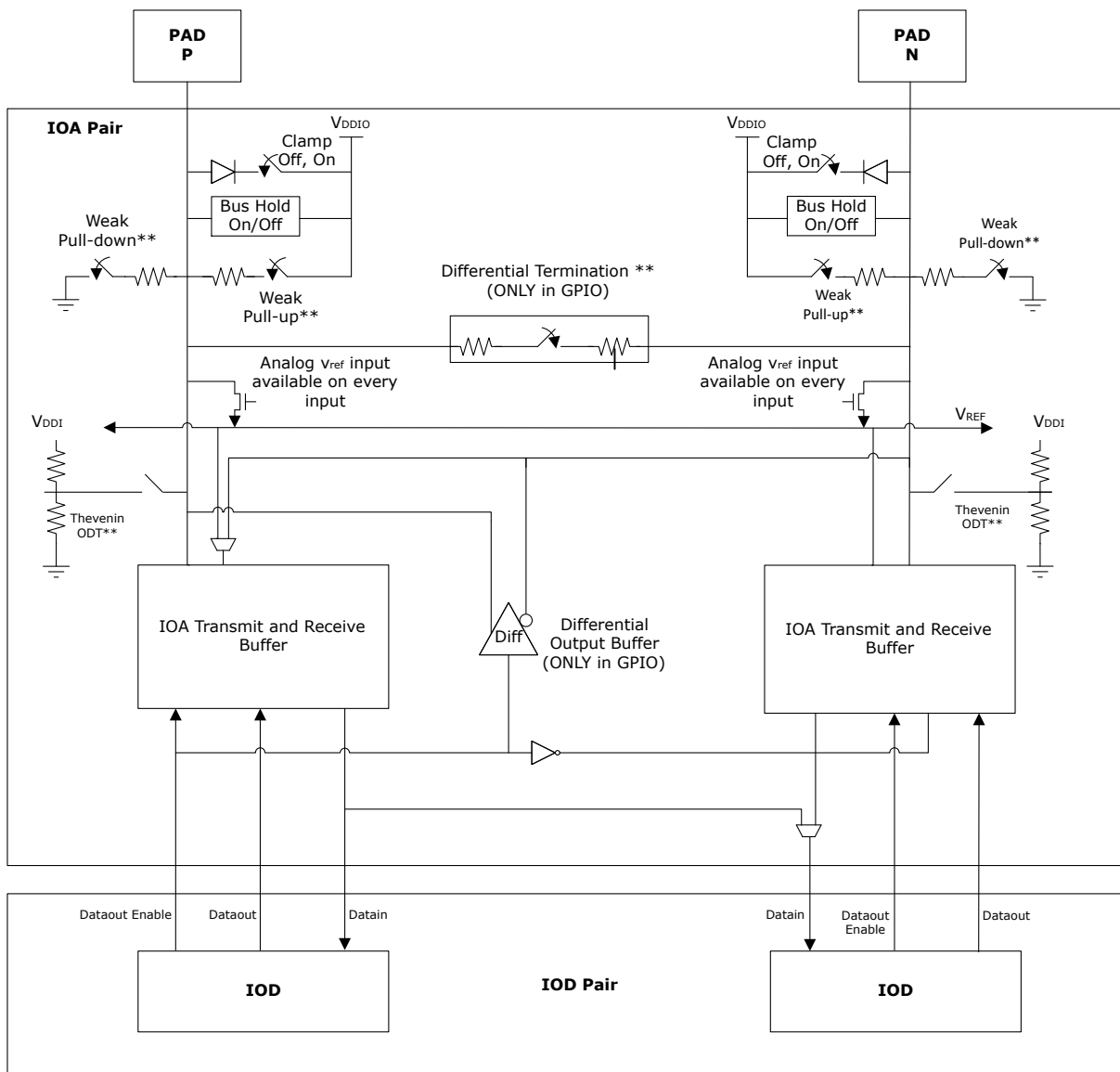
For more information about macro library, see [PolarFire FPGA Macro Library User Guide](#).

7. I/O Features and Implementation

This chapter describes I/O features and provide details about their use. It also provide guidelines for implementing the various I/O standards using I/Os. The terms receive and input, transmit and output are used interchangeably in this document.

The following illustration shows the I/O pair block diagram.

Figure 7-1. I/O Pair (Detailed View) Block Diagram



Note: The weak pull-up, pull-down, and on-die termination (ODT) ranges are listed in respective [PolarFire FPGA Datasheet](#) or [PolarFire SoC Advance Datasheet](#).

7.1 I/O Analog (IOA) Buffer Programmable Features

GPIO and HSIO provide a number of programmable features. These features are set using the I/O attribute editor in Libero SoC or through PDC commands. The following sections describe these features. For information about PDC constraints, see [PDC Commands User Guide for Libero SoC v12.4 for PolarFire](#) or [PDC commands User Guide](#).

7.1.1 Slew Rate Control

GPIO supports slew rate control in non-differential output mode. Turning the slew rate on results to faster slew rate improves the available timing margin. See respective [PolarFire FPGA Datasheet](#) or [PolarFire SoC Advance Datasheet](#) for the timing data. When slew rate is turned OFF, the device uses the default slew rate to reduce the impact of simultaneous switching noise (SSN).

The following table lists the I/O standards that support slew rate control.

Table 7-1. Slew Rate Control

I/O Standards	Supported I/O Type	Options
PCI	GPIO (output only)	ON (default), OFF
LVTTTL	GPIO (output only)	ON (default), OFF
LVC MOS25 and LVC MOS33	GPIO (output only)	ON (default), OFF

Slew rate settings are controlled using the I/O attribute editor in Libero SoC or by using the following PDC command:

```
set_io -slew <value>
```

The value can be set as ON or OFF.

Slew rate control is not available in HSIO buffers. However, these buffers have built-in PVT-compensated slew rate controllers for optimized signal integrity.

7.1.2 Programmable Weak Pull- Up/Down and Bus-Keeper (Hold) Circuits

Both the device families have a programmable weak pull-down (20 K Ω typical), pull-up (20 K Ω typical), and bus-keeper circuit on every I/O pad when in input and output mode. Weak pull-up and pull-down circuits create a default setting for an input when it is not driven. For outputs, the weak pull-up and pull-down can be optionally programmed to set an initial level on the output pad before being actively driven. The bus-keeper circuit is used to weakly hold the signal on an I/O pin at its last driven state, keeping it at a valid level with minimal power dissipation. The bus-keeper circuitry also pulls undriven pins away from the input threshold voltage where noise can cause unintended oscillation. See device/package specific PPAT spreadsheet for default programming of weak pull-up/pull-down for unused pins from Libero SoC.

The following table lists the I/O standards that support weak pull-up/down and bus-keeper control.

Table 7-2. Weak Pull and Bus-Keeper Control

I/O Standards	Supported I/O Types	Options
LVTTTL LVC MOS33, LVC MOS25, LVC MOS18, LVC MOS15, and LVC MOS12 PCI	GPIO (input only)	OFF Weak pull-down Weak pull-up Bus-keeper

.....continued		
I/O Standards	Supported I/O Types	Options
LVC MOS18, LVC MOS15, and LVC MOS12	HSIO (input only)	OFF Weak pull-down Weak pull-up Bus-keeper

The programmable weak pull-down, pull-up, and bus-keeper settings are controlled by using the I/O attribute editor in Libero SoC or by using the following PDC command:

```
set_io -res_pull <value>
```

The value can be set as up, down, hold, or none.

7.1.3 Schmitt Trigger Input Hysteresis

GPIO and HSIO can be configured as a Schmitt Trigger input that, when enabled, exhibits a hysteresis that helps to filter out the noise at the receiver and prevents double-glitching caused by noisy input edges.

The following table lists the I/O standards that support the Schmitt Trigger feature. For more information about hysteresis values for different I/O standards when Schmitt Trigger mode is enabled, see respective [PolarFire FPGA Datasheet](#) or [PolarFire SoC Advance Datasheet](#).

Table 7-3. Schmitt Trigger Control

I/O Standards	Supported I/O Types	Options
LVTTTL LVC MOS33 LVC MOS25 PCI	GPIO (input only)	ON OFF
LVC MOSI15 LVC MOSI18	HSIO (input only)	ON OFF

Schmitt Trigger mode is enabled by using the I/O attribute editor in Libero SoC or by using the following PDC command:

```
set_io -schmitt_trigger <value>
```

The value can be set as ON or OFF.

7.1.4 Programmable Output Drive Strength

For LVC MOS, LVTTTL, LVDS, and PPDS I/O standards, the I/O output buffer has programmable drive strength control to mitigate the effects of high-signal attenuation caused by long transmission lines.

The following table lists the programmable drive strength support and settings.

Table 7-4. Programmable Drive Strength Control

I/O Standards	Supported I/O Types	Drive Strength Settings (mA)
LVTTTL	GPIO (output only)	2, 4, 8, 12, 16, 20
LVC MOS33	GPIO (output only)	2, 4, 8, 12, 16, 20
LVC MOS25	GPIO (output only)	2, 4, 6, 8, 12, 16
LVDS25 and LVDS33	GPIO (output only)	3, 3.5, 4, 6 ¹

.....continued

I/O Standards	Supported I/O Types	Drive Strength Settings (mA)
RSDS33 and RSDS25	GPIO (output only)	1.5, 2, 3
MINILVDS33 and MINILVDS25	GPIO (output only)	3, 3.5, 4, 6
SUBLVDS33 and SUBLVDS25	GPIO (output only)	1, 1.5, 2
PPDS33 and PPDS25	GPIO (output only)	1.5, 2, 3
LVC MOS18	GPIO and HSIO (output only)	2, 4, 6, 8, 10, 12
LVC MOS15	GPIO and HSIO (output only)	2, 4, 6, 8, 10
LVC MOS12 ²	GPIO and HSIO (output only)	2, 4, 6, 8, 10

(1) Recommendation to use 100 Ω source termination with 6 mA LVDS output drive strength, that is, `SOURCE_TERM = 100` when `OUT_DRIVE = 6`.

(2) LVC MOS12 output drive strength of 10 mA is supported only for HSIO.

The programmable drive strength is set by using the I/O attribute editor in Libero SoC or by using the following PDC command:

```
set_io -out_drive <value>
```

Values can be set as listed in [Table 7-4](#).

7.1.5 Programmable Output Impedance Control

For voltage reference I/O standards, I/Os provide the option to control the driver impedance for certain I/O standards such as SSTL, HSUL, HSTL, POD, and LVSTL.

The following table lists the programmable output impedance support and settings.

Table 7-5. Programmable Output Impedance Standards

I/O Standards	Supported I/O Types	Impedance (Ω)
SSTL25I	GPIO	48, 60, 80, 120
SSTL25II	GPIO	34, 40, 48, 60
SSTL18I	GPIO and HSIO	40, 48, 60, 80
SSTL18II	GPIO and HSIO	30, 34, 40, 48
SSTL15I	GPIO and HSIO	40, 48
SSTL15II	GPIO and HSIO	27, 30, 34
SSTL135I	HSIO	40, 48
SSTL135II	HSIO	27, 30, 34
HSUL18I	GPIO and HSIO	34, 40, 55, 60
HSUL18II	GPIO and HSIO	22, 25, 27, 30
HSTL15I	GPIO and HSIO	34, 40, 50, 60
HSTL15II	GPIO and HSIO	22, 25, 27, 30
HSTL135I	HSIO	34, 40, 50, 60
HSTL135II	HSIO	22, 25, 27, 30
HSUL12I	HSIO	34, 40, 48, 60, 80, 120

.....continued		
I/O Standards	Supported I/O Types	Impedance (Ω)
POD12I	HSIO	40, 48, 60
POD12II	HSIO	27, 30, 34
LVSTLI	HSIO	30, 34, 40, 48, 60, 80, 120, 240
LVSTLII	HSIO	30, 34, 40, 48, 60, 80, 120, 240

The output impedance values can be programmed by using the I/O attribute editor in Libero SoC or by using the following PDC command:

```
set_io -impedance <value>
```

Values can be set as listed in [Table 7-5](#).

7.1.6 Differential Near End Termination

Programmable output termination is provided for many differential output types. By default, applications with differential signaling is terminated at the receiver (or far-end). However, near-end or source termination can be used to improve signal integrity in lossy connections.

Table 7-6. Source Termination Support

I/O Standard	Values
LVDS25, LVDS33, MINILVDS25, MINILVDS33, LCMD533, LCMD525, PPDS25, PPDS33, RSDS25, RSDS33, SUBLVDS25, SUBLVDS33	OFF, 100. The default is OFF

The source termination values can be programmed by using the I/O attribute editor in Libero SoC or by using the following PDC command:

```
[-SOURCE_TERM <value>]
```

Note: Source termination is required for 1600 Mbps/800 Mhz clock.

7.1.7 On-Die Termination (ODT)

ODT is used to terminate input signals, helping to maintain signal quality, saving board space, and reducing external component costs. ODT is available in receive mode and also in bidirectional mode when the I/O acts as an input. If ODT is not used or not available, the I/O standards may require an external termination for better signal integrity. For more information, see [7.2.3. I/O External Termination](#).

ODT can be a pull-up, pull-down, differential, or Thévenin termination with both static and dynamic control available, and is set by using the I/O attribute editor in Libero SoC or by using a PDC command.

The following table lists ODT support in GPIO and HSIO.

Table 7-7. ODT Support in GPIO and HSIO

I/O Standards	I/O Types (Input Only)	ODT Control	ODT Type	ODT (Ω)
LVDS33, LVDS25 RSDS33, RSDS25, MINILVDS33, MINILVDS25, SUBLVDS33, SUBLVDS25, LVPECL33,	GPIO, HSIO	OFF ON Dynamic	OFF Differential	100

.....continued				
I/O Standards	I/O Types (Input Only)	ODT Control	ODT Type	ODT (Ω)
SSTL18I, SSTL18II	GPIO, HSIO	OFF ON Dynamic	OFF Thévenin	50, 75, 150
SSTL15I, SST15II	GPIO, HSIO	OFF ON Dynamic	OFF Thévenin	20, 30, 40, 60, 120
SSTL135I, SSTL135II	HSIO	OFF ON Dynamic	OFF Thévenin	20, 30, 40, 60, 120
POD12I, POD12II	HSIO	OFF ON Dynamic	OFF Up	34, 40, 48, 60, 120, 240
HSUL12I, HSUL12II	HSIO	OFF ON Dynamic	OFF Up	120, 240
HSTL15I, HSTL15II	GPIO	OFF ON Dynamic	OFF Differential	50
HSUL18I, HSUL18II	GPIO, HSIO	OFF ON Dynamic	OFF Differential	50
LVC MOS25	GPIO, HSIO	OFF ON	OFF Down	120, 240
LVC MOS18, LVC MOS15, LVC MOS12	GPIO, HSIO	OFF ON	OFF Up Down Thévenin	60, 120, 240

Note: GPIO banks can support 2.5 V and 3.3 V inputs with VDDI = 1.8 V or less.

Select ON in the ODT control to statically set to the `ODT_VALUE`. Select DYNAMIC to enable the `ODT_VALUE` when the `ODT_EN` pin is applied. The static ODT setting and values can be programmed by using the I/O attribute editor in Libero SoC or by using the following PDC command.

```
set_io -ODT <value> -ODT_VALUE <odt_value>
```

Value can be set as ON or OFF and `ODT_VALUE` can be set as listed in [Table 7-7](#).

7.1.8 Common Mode Voltage (Vcm) Settings

GPIO and HSIO inputs allow common mode settings for differential receivers. It assists in preventing common-mode mismatches between devices.

The following table lists the programmable differential termination control support and settings. For more information about common mode voltage levels for various I/O standards, see respective [PolarFire FPGA Datasheet](#) or [PolarFire SoC Advance Datasheet](#).

Table 7-8. Programmable Differential Termination Control

I/O Standards	Supported I/O Types	Differential Termination Type ¹
SSTL18	GPIO, HSIO	Off, Low, Mid
HSUL18	GPIO, HSIO	Off, Low, Mid
SSTL15	GPIO, HSIO	Off, Low, Mid
HSTL15	GPIO, HSIO	Off, Low, Mid
SSTL135	HSIO	Off, Low, Mid
HSTL135	HSIO	Off, Low ¹ , Mid
HSUL12I	HSIO	Off, Low, Mid
HSTL12	HSIO	Low, Mid
POD12	HSIO	Off, Low, Mid
SSTL25	GPIO	—
SLVS25	GPIO, HSIO	MID (HSIO) Low, Mid (GPIO)
HCSL25	GPIO, HSIO	MID (HSIO) Low, Mid (GPIO)
SLVSE	GPIO, HSIO	Off, Mid (HSIO) Off, Low, Mid (GPIO)
PPDS25	GPIO, HSIO	Mid (HSIO) Off, Low, Mid (GPIO)
MLVDSE	GPIO	Off, Low, Mid
BUSLVDS	GPIO	Off, Low, Mid
LVPECL	GPIO	Low, Mid
LVDS	GPIO, HSIO	Mid (HSIO) Off, Low, Mid (GPIO)
RSDS	GPIO, HSIO	Mid (HSIO) Off, Low, Mid (GPIO)
MINILVDS	GPIO, HSIO	Mid (HSIO) Off, Low, Mid (GPIO)

(1) For more information about low and mid differential termination types, see respective [PolarFire FPGA Datasheet](#) or [PolarFire SoC Advance Datasheet](#).

The programmable differential termination control values can be programmed by using the I/O attribute editor in Libero SoC or by using the following PDC command:

```
set_io -vcm_range <value>
```

Value can be set as listed in [Table 7-8](#).

7.1.9 Programmable Clamp Diode

Both HSIO and GPIO have internal clamp diodes. Clamp diodes help reduce the voltage level at the input, and are mainly used when the voltage overshoot exceeds the maximum allowable limit. Although, the HSIO clamp is always ON; it is not a PCI clamp. PCI clamp is only on GPIO. If signaling levels of the receiver are greater than the VDDI_x of

the bank, the clamp diode must be OFF to support hot-swapping insertion, see [7.2.7. Cold Sparing and Hot Swap](#) for more information.

For GPIO, clamp diodes can be programmed to be ON or OFF by using the I/O attribute editor in Libero SoC or by using a PDC command. For HSIO, the internal clamp diode is always ON.

The following table lists programmable clamp diodes.

Table 7-9. Programmable Clamp Diode

I/O Standards	Supported I/O Type	Clamp Diode Control
LVTTL, LVCMOS33, LVCMOS25, LVCMOS18, LCMOS15, LVCMOS12, SSTL25, SSTL18I, SSTL18II, SSTL15I, SSTL15II, HSTL15I, HSTL15II	GPIO	OFF, ON

The following PDC command is used for programmable clamp diode settings:

```
set_io - -clamp_diode <value>
```

value can be set as listed in [Table 7-9](#).

Note: The clamp diode is always on for HSUL18I, HSUL18II, SLVSE15, MIPI25, PCI, SLVS33, HCSL33, MIPIE25, LVPECL33, LVPECLE33, LVDS25, LVDS33, RSDS25, RSDS33, MINILVDS25, MINILVDS33, SUBLVDS25, SUBLVDS33, PPDS25, PPDS33, MLVDSE25, and BUSLVDS25 I/O standards implemented in GPIO bank.

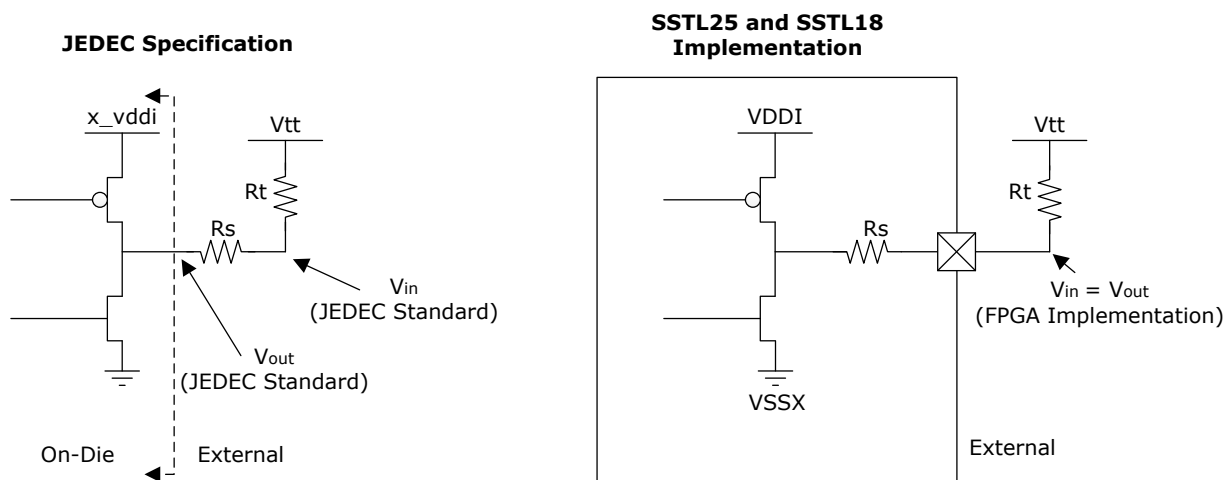
7.1.10 Compensated Drive Impedance and Terminations

Resistors are used to match the impedance of the trace. However, adding resistors close to device pins increases the size of the board area and component count, and can in some cases be physically impossible. To address these issues, a reference controller between the VDDI power supply, and pad signal is used to control the source and sink drivers between the pad and the ground. This compensation happens at power up, and on-demand by the user logic. The I/O compensation adjusts the impedances inside the GPIO or HSIO bank by comparing to the internal reference. The impedance change in I/O compensation is due to process variation. The compensation logic adjusts the impedance of the GPIO or HSIO by selectively turning the transistors ON or OFF in the I/Os. The impedance is adjusted to match the internal reference by doing an initial adjustment when the power-on detector for VDDI and VDDAUX gets to a minimal value. The change in impedance also compensates for Temperature variation and Supply Voltage fluctuations.

7.1.11 SSTL25 and SSTL18 Stub Resistor

For stub-series interface standard SSTL, the output drive also includes the stub resistor. I/Os support this stub resistor for SSTL25 and SSTL18 I/O standards ([Figure 7-2](#)). This feature reduces both cost and board complexity.

Figure 7-2. SSTL25 and SSTL18 Stub Resistor



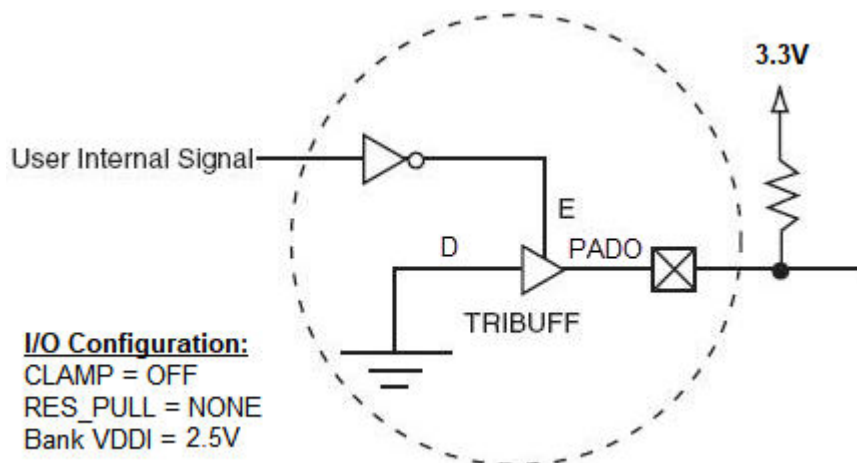
7.1.12 Shield

Shield IOTYPE are provided for “soft ground” pins to improve the localized references. These are actual I/O pins that are re-purposed to isolate switching noises around high-speed I/O interfaces. Shields are only implemented on memory interfaces on the unused DQ bits in specific device/package combinations. This rule applies to GPIO and HSIO based DDRx memory interfaces. For maximum shielding benefit, it is recommended to tie these SHIELD signals to VSS on the board for the specific device/packages included in the PPAT description.

7.1.13 Open Drain GPIO

GPIO can be used to create an open-drain output when $VDDI$ is below the required high output level. In this case, the GPIO pin only drives a LOW output. When not driving LOW, it is externally pulled-up to a maximum of 3.45 V through an external pull-up resistor. This is accomplished by selecting the $CLAMP = OFF$ and the internal $RES_PULL = NONE$. The FPGA design can connect the related output enable (E) and connect it to the inverted data signal.

Figure 7-3. Open Drain GPIO Example



Note: External pull-up values of 250 Ω are suggested up to 33 MHz operations. 200 Ω pull-up is suggested for up to 50 MHz. Users must perform IBIS simulations to verify proper performance.

7.1.14 3.3 V Tolerant Input

As the demand to consolidate power supplies to lower power-supply voltages, bus translators are often necessary to interface between separately powered components of a logic system. However, the GPIO can operate as an LVCMOS25 input ($V_{DDI} = 2.5\text{ V}$) and reliably receive a 3.3 V input signal. This is done by adding a 250 Ω series resistor and configuring the LVCMOS25 input with the CLAMP=OFF. This configuration is suitable for up to 50 MHz. Users must perform IBIS simulations to verify proper performance.

7.2 I/O Implementation Considerations

This section provides the generic guidelines when implementing various I/O standards. In addition, it also provides details of I/O states during various device operational modes such as power-up and initialization.

7.2.1 Reference Voltage for I/O Bank

Each voltage-referenced I/O standard needs a reference voltage (VREF) for inputs while in operation. Each bank contains a single reference voltage bus, which can either be externally supplied through an I/O in the bank or generated internally by the bank controller.

7.2.1.1 External VREF Input

Any GPIO or HSIO pad on the device can be programmed to act as an external VREF input to supply all inputs within a bank. When an I/O pad is configured as a voltage reference, all I/O buffer modes and terminations on that pad are disabled. External VREF is supported for both GPIO and HSIO banks. By default, Libero SoC uses the internal VREF.

Use PDC or the I/O Attribute editor to choose any regular I/O to make it a VREF pin.

This is an example of a PDC command:

```
set_iobank -bank_name Bank0 \
-vcci 1.80 \
-vref 0.90 \
-vref_pins { U5 } \
-fixed false
set_iobank -bank_name Bank2 \
-vcci 1.80 \
-vref 0.90 \
-vref_pins { A2 } \
-fixed false
```

Note: When external VREF is used, the voltage on VREF pins can be any value between 0 and V_{DDI} . However, the value of the -VREF attribute is specified in PDC as 50% of V_{DDI} value.

Any available package pin can be selected and set it as a VREF. This requires placement of at least one I/O type requiring a VREF in IOeditor or pdc.

For more information about external reference inputs, see respective [UG0726: PolarFire FPGA Board Design User Guide](#) or [PolarFire SoC FPGA Board Design Guidelines User Guide](#).

7.2.1.2 Internally-Generated VREF

Every bank also has an internally-generated VREF available. This internally-generated VREF adds more flexibility and dynamic control. This VREF is Libero SoC programmed (to be 50% of V_{DDI}).

7.2.1.3 MSS DDR VREF (PolarFire SoC Only)

Bank 6 is unique as it has two internal VREF generators. These VREF generators have separate and different VREFs, one for the CA bus and the other for the DQ bus. When both VREFs are used internally, the values are same, which is 50% of V_{DDI} for that bank. If it is desired to have a unique voltage for the DQ bus, any of the I/O's in that bank can be selected to provide an external VREF voltage. Typically, both VREFs are internal and the same. It may be desirable to provide external VREF for DQ depending on terminations, or simply having the ability to monitor that voltage.

7.2.2 Mixed I/O in V_{DDI} Banks

Each bank has a V_{DDI} supply that powers the single-ended output drivers and the ratio input buffers such as LVTTTL and LVCMOS. In addition to the bank V_{DDI} supply, the GPIO banks include an auxiliary supply (V_{DDAUX}) that

powers the differential and referenced input buffers. Similarly, in HSIO banks, there are VDDI power pins, however, there are no dedicated VDDAUX pins as the VDD18 supply is used to power the differential and referenced input buffers. This flexibility of power supplies to the I/O provides independence for mixing I/O standards in the same bank.

PolarFire FPGA and PolarFire SoC FPGA inputs are designed to support mixing assignment for certain I/O standards, allowing I/O using compatible standards to be placed in the same I/O bank. The GPIO are self-protecting, which supports mixed input voltage combinations. It also supports over-voltage conditions because of its hot-swap design. For example, when VDDI is set to 3.3 V, a input receiver of 3.3 V, 2.5 V, 1.8 V, and 1.2 V. LVCMOS can be placed in the same I/O bank.

The mixing of different I/O within a bank is supported by the Libero SoC software. Before placing any mixed I/O voltage, you must first set the bank to the desired VDDI voltage followed by setting the attributes of the I/O that allows for mixed mode. Placing the I/O must be the last step. When implementing mixed I/O mode restrictions on ODT, CLAMP and RES_PULL must be followed. The HSIO receivers have a reduced set of compatible I/O standards because the I/O clamp-diode is set to ON. For GPIO, if the signaling levels of the receiver are greater than the VDDI of the bank, the clamp must be set to OFF. See the following tables for details on valid attributes.

The following tables list VDDI and mixed receiver compatibility for GPIO, HSIO for single-ended, reference and differential inputs. The tables list that inputs can be mixed within specific banks and still meet the I/O standards VIH/VIL requirements independent of the VDDI applied to the banks.

Table 7-10. GPIO LVTTTL/LVCMOS I/O Compatibility in Receive Mode¹

VDDI	LVTTTL/LVCMOS33	LVCMOS25	LVCMOS18	LVCMOS15	LVCMOS12
3.3 V	Yes	Yes ²	Yes ²	No	Yes ²
2.5 V	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
1.8 V	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
1.5 V	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
1.2 V	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes

(1) RES_PULL must be DOWN or NONE. All mixed modes above require CLAMP = OFF.

(2) ODT must be OFF.

Table 7-10 lists the compatible I/O types when mixing within the VDDI banks. Using the table for example, a VDDI low voltage of 1.2 V in GPIO can include LVCMOS33 inputs. Similarly, a VDDI low voltage of 1.2 V cannot include LVCMOS18 inputs.

Table 7-11. HSIO LVCMOS I/O Compatibility in Receive Mode¹

VDDI	LVCMOS18	LVCMOS15	LVCMOS12
1.8 V	Yes	Yes	Yes
1.5 V	No	Yes	Yes
1.35 V	No	No	Yes
1.2 V	No	No	Yes

(1) RES_PULL must be DOWN or NONE. All mixed modes above require CLAMP = ON.

The following table lists GPIO mixed reference receiver mode data.

Table 7-12. GPIO Mixed Reference Receiver Mode¹

VDDI	VDDAUX	SSTL25	SSTL18, HSUL18	SSTL15, HSTL15
3.3 V	3.3 V	No	No	No
2.5 V	2.5 V	Yes (mid-range Vcm)	Yes (mid-range Vcm)	Yes (Low-range Vcm)

.....continued				
VDDI	VDDAUX	SSTL25	SSTL18, HSUL18	SSTL15, HSTL15
1.8 V	2.5 V	Yes (mid-range Vcm and clamp diode off)	Yes (mid-range Vcm)	Yes (Low-range Vcm)
1.5 V	2.5 V	Yes (mid-range Vcm and clamp diode off)	Yes (mid-range Vcm and clamp diode off)	Yes (Low-range Vcm)
1.2 V	2.5 V	No	No	No

(1) ODT must be OFF for all cases.

Table 7-13. HSIO HSUL12/HSTL12/POD I/O Compatibility in Receive Mode¹

VDDI	SSTL15 HSUL15	SSTL18 HSTL18	SSTL135 HSTL135	HSUL12 HSTL12 POD
1.8 V	Yes (mid-range Vcm)	Yes (mid-range Vcm)	Yes (mid-range Vcm)	Yes (mid-range Vcm)
1.5 V	Yes (mid-range Vcm)	No	Yes (mid-range Vcm)	Yes (mid-range Vcm)
1.35 V	No	No	Yes (mid-range Vcm)	Yes (mid-range Vcm)
1.2 V	No	No	No	Yes (mid-range Vcm)

(1) ODT must be OFF for all cases.

Table 7-14. GPIO Differential I/O Compatibility in Receive Mode

VDDI	LVDS25, RSDS25, SUBLVDS25, MINILVDS25, PPDS25, LCMD25, SLVS25, HCSL25	MIPI25
3.3 V	No	Yes (Clamp diode ON or OFF)
2.5 V	Yes	Yes
1.8 V	Yes	Yes
1.5 V	Yes	Yes
1.2 V	Yes	Yes

Note: Clamp diode OFF is used for all except where noted.

HSIO differential receivers do not support mixed I/O voltage combinations.

7.2.2.1 LVDS

GPIO and HSIO banks can receive LVDS input signals. For GPIO, these inputs have an internal 100 Ω differential termination resistor that can be enabled by the Libero SoC software. HSIO does not have this internal resistor capability. HSIO requires a 100 Ω resistor across the P and N pair of the LVDS inputs. This requires careful PCB layout to provide this termination close to the device pins.

HSIO banks only support LVDS18 inputs. LVDS18 outputs are not available. Only emulated LVDS-like outputs with lower performance are available in HSIO banks. True LVDS outputs are natively available in GPIO banks. Use either VDDI = 2.5 V or 3.3 V (LVDS25 or LVDS33) or LVDS18G with VDDI = 1.8 V and VDDAUX = 2.5 V. See [7.2.2.2. LVDS in GPIO Banks with VDDI = 1.8 V](#) for more information about GPIO LVDS18G inputs and outputs.

For more information about DC specification, see respective [PolarFire FPGA Datasheet](#) or [PolarFire SoC Advance Datasheet](#). LVDS outputs are not available in HSIO banks.

7.2.2.2 LVDS in GPIO Banks with VDDI = 1.8 V

LVDS inputs and outputs in the GPIO banks are supported from Libero SoC with VDDI = 1.8 V and VDDAUX = 2.5 V or 3.3 V. Both LVDS18G inputs and outputs operate from the VDDAUX power supply, which allows operation independent of the VDDI power supply. LVDS18G inputs include on-chip differential termination, and true high-speed differential outputs are used in LVDS18G. The LVDS18G IOSTD is supported only for input and output I/Os (TRIBUF and INOUT is not supported).

LVDS18G I/O standard allows Libero SoC to set VDDI = 1.8V, thereby place other 1.8 V I/O on the bank as mixed voltage support, and simultaneously support the LVDS modes (see respective [PolarFire FPGA Datasheet](#) or [PolarFire SoC Advance Datasheet](#)). If setting the I/O standards from IOEditor or pdc with VDDI = 1.8 V, it requires the selection of LVDS18G as I/O TYPE and VDDAUX = 2.5 V (3.3 V) circuit board voltage supply. LVDS18G input requires Clamp Diode to be OFF when placed on a bank with VDDI = 1.8.

7.2.3 I/O External Termination

If ODT is not used or not available, I/Os require an external termination for better signal integrity. Voltage-referenced standards generally have serial (driver) and parallel (receiver) termination schemes while differential standards only require parallel (receiver) termination.

The following table lists the external termination schemes for the supported I/O standards when the ODT/driver impedance calibration feature is not used.

Table 7-15. I/O External Termination with ODT Off

I/O Standards	External Termination Schemes
SSTL15, SSTL18, SSTL2 single-ended	Single-ended SSTL I/O standard termination
HSTL15	Single-ended HSTL I/O standard termination
SSTL15, SSTL18, SSTL2 differential	Differential SSTL I/O standard termination
HSTL15	Differential HSTL I/O standard termination
LVC MOS12, LVC MOS15, LVC MOS18, LVC MOS25	No external termination required
LVDS	100 Ω , parallel termination (HSIO only)
MLVDS	100 Ω , parallel termination (HSIO only)
BLVDS	100 Ω , parallel termination (HSIO only)
RLVDS	100 Ω , parallel termination (HSIO only)
Mini-LVDS	100 Ω , parallel termination (HSIO only)
LVPECL	100 Ω , parallel termination (HSIO only)

7.2.4 Implementing Emulated Standards for Outputs

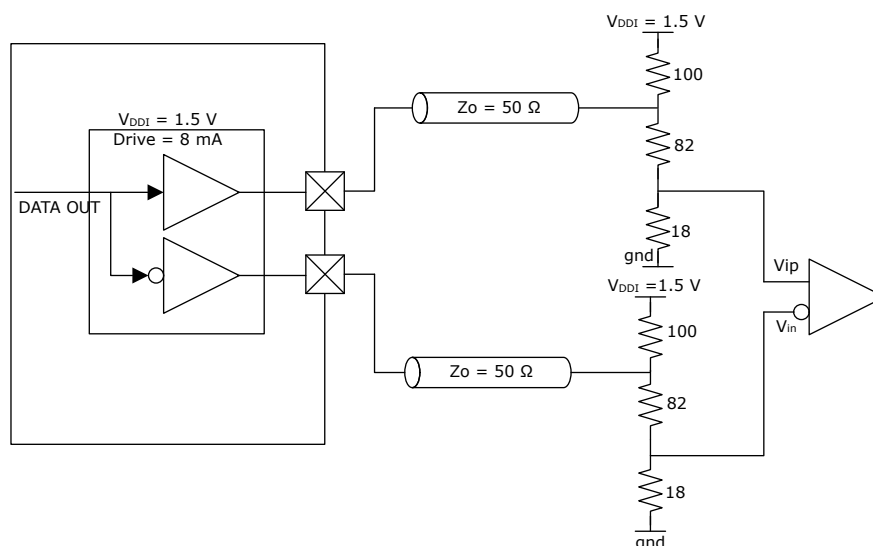
External terminations are required to implement SLVSE, BLVDSE, MLVDSE, and LVPECLE output modes. These outputs, referred to as emulated differential outputs, are noted in [Table 7-3](#).

Emulated differential standards use compensated push-pull drivers in complementary output mode and require external terminations on the board to match the common-mode and voltage swing to meet the I/O signal standards. This section provides example implementations for the emulated standards.

7.2.4.1 Scalable Low-Voltage Signaling Emulated (SLVSE15) Output Mode

GPIO and HSIO support SLVS transmitter with external terminations. The following illustration shows an example of SLVSE implementation. This implementation requires 100 Ω , 82 Ω , and 18 Ω external termination. Additionally, all driver output levels in the implementation are level-shifted by approximately 18%.

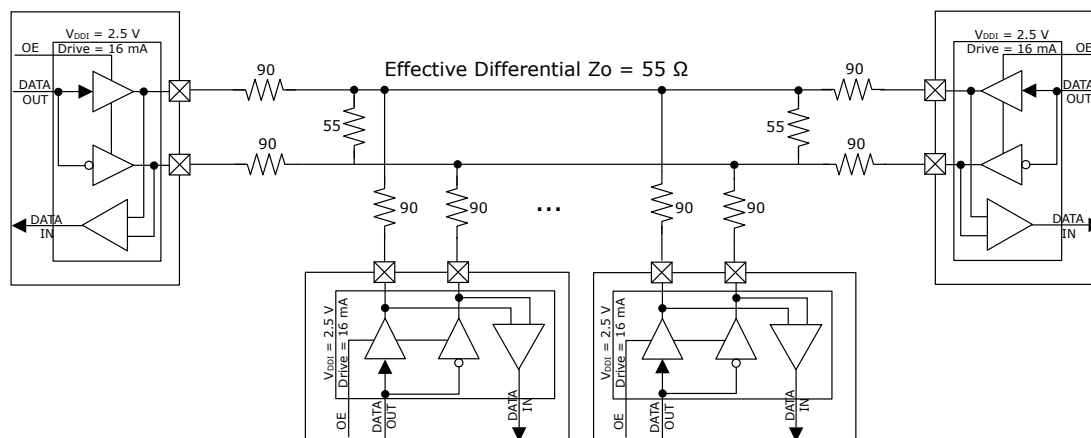
Figure 7-4. SLVSE System Diagram



7.2.4.2 Bus-LVDS Emulated (BLVDSE25) Output Mode

BLVDS is used in multipoint, bidirectional, and heavily-loaded backplane applications. The effective impedance of these systems is lower than a typical pair of PCB traces due to the backplane capacitance, the connectors on the backplane, and the line stubs. The following illustration shows an example of BLVDS implementation using 90 Ω stub resistors at every drop and 55 Ω stub resistors on either side of the bus. The termination values at the end of the bus, which can range anywhere between 45 Ω and 90 Ω, must be optimized to match the effective differential impedance of the bus. In this example, the two parallel 55 Ω stub resistors yield an effective 27 Ω differential termination.

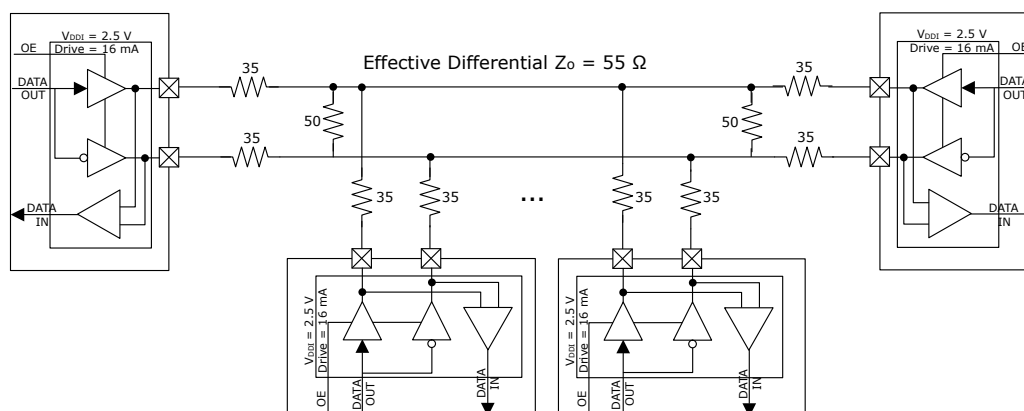
Figure 7-5. Bus-LVDSE System Diagram



7.2.4.3 Multipoint Low-Voltage Emulated (MLVDSE25) Output Mode

MLVDS has larger signaling amplitude when compared to BLVDS, and therefore, it requires more drive current. Similar to BLVDS, the effective impedance of these systems is lower than a typical pair of PCB traces due to backplane capacitance, the connectors on the backplane, and the line stubs. The following illustration shows an example implementation using 35 Ω stub resistors at every drop and 50 Ω stub resistors on either side of the bus. The termination values at the ends of the bus, which can range anywhere between 50 Ω and 70 Ω, must be optimized to match the effective differential impedance of the bus.

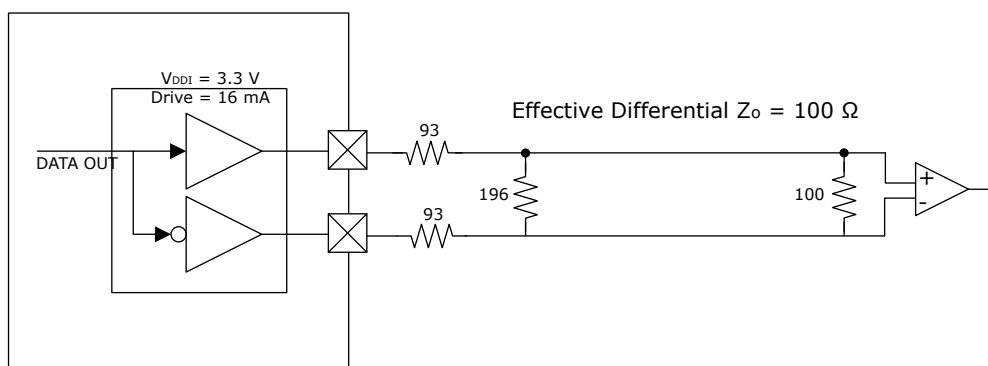
Figure 7-6. MLVDS System Diagram



7.2.4.4 LVPECL Emulated (LVPECLE33) Output Mode

LVPECL is derived from ECL and PECL and uses 3.3 V supply voltage. The following illustration shows an example of implementation using 93 Ω stub resistors with a 196 Ω parallel/differential termination at the driver and a 100 Ω differential termination at the receiver. The termination values at the driver should be optimized to match the effective differential impedance of the bus. In this example, the effective parallel differential termination at the receiver is around 66 Ω . However, the series 93 Ω resistors are always seen by the driver yielding an effective differential impedance of 252 Ω . The receivers see an attenuated signal.

Figure 7-7. LVPECL System Diagram



7.2.5 Implementing MIPI D-PHY

Both the device families support implementation of the MIPI D-PHY standard used in camera and display applications. A minimum D-PHY configuration consists of a clock and one or more data signals. The MIPI D-PHY uses two-conductor connections for both data and clock. Both the device families support MIPI D-PHY with MIPI25 and MIPIE25 I/O types dependent on the interface. See the MIPI25 input and MIPIE25 output in the ac-performance section of respective [PolarFire FPGA Datasheet](#) or [PolarFire SoC Advance Datasheet](#) for MIPI D-PHY performance.

7.2.5.1 MIPI D-PHY Receive Interface

GPIO supports unidirectional MIPI D-PHY I/O in the receive direction, as shown in the following illustration. The MIPI D-PHY receiver supports high-speed (HS) signaling mode for data traffic and low-power (LP) signaling mode used for control. Each HS lane using MIPI25 is terminated and driven by a low-swing, differential signal. LP lanes operate single-ended and not terminated using two MIPI25 outputs driving each connection of the lane independently.

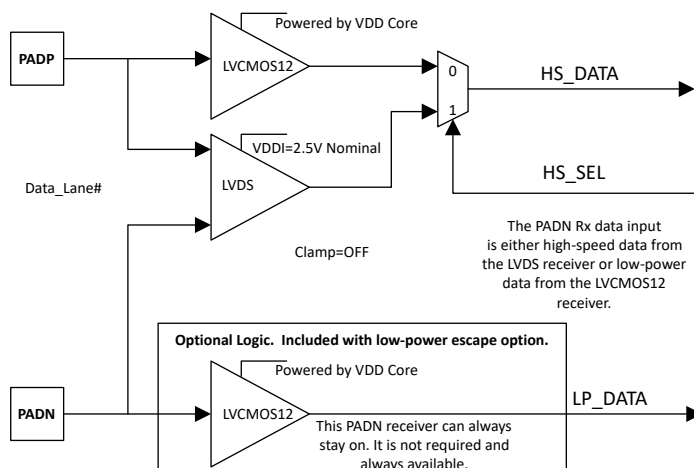
The MIPI receiver supports both the high-speed (HS) and a low-power (LP) receiver modes. These modes are selectable via an enable (HS_SEL) from the IOD component when MIPI low-power escape support is selected in the IOD Generic Receive Interfaces configurator (See [Figure 9-2](#)).

When the MIPI25 low-power escape support is used, the I/O is generated with a differential receiver between PADP and PADN. An additional single-ended receiver is connected to the PADP, allowing the HS_SEL signal to select

between receivers. It also enables the 100 Ω differential termination resistor when HS_SEL = 1. This is generated by Libero SoC when selected in the IOD configurator.

When HS_SEL is selected, the HS_SEL pin serves as the output enable. When HS_SEL = 1, then the HS differential receiver and differential 100 Ω termination is turned ON and a single-ended receiver connected to the compliment PADN pin. When HS_SEL = 0, the differential termination is disabled and the single-ended receiver is enabled on the PADN pins. This MIPI interface is implemented by configuring PADP as a MIPI receiver, PADN pin and LVCMOS12 receiver. FPGA hosted logic is required to control this feature.

Figure 7-8. MIPI D-PHY Receiver

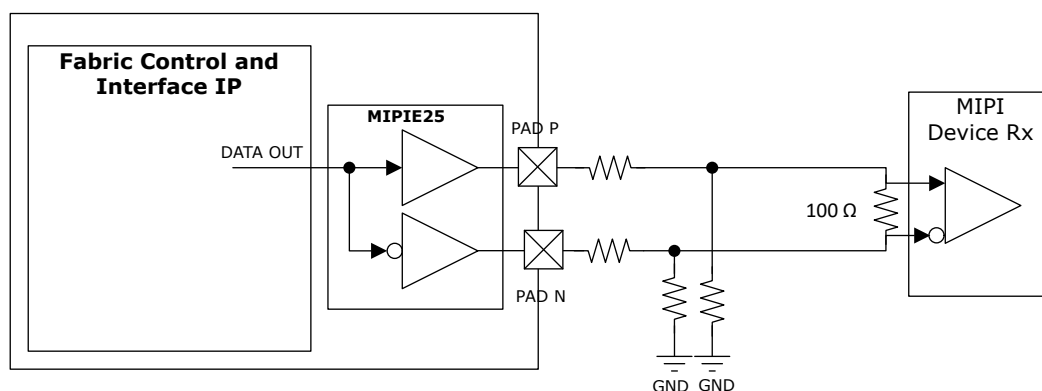


Note: Low-power LVCMOS12 inputs are powered by internal VDD core. VDDI is not used with Low-power LVCMOS12 inputs.

7.2.5.2 MIPI D-PHY Transmitting Interface (High-speed Only)

GPIO supports unidirectional MIPI D-PHY transmit interface with the external resistors, as shown in the following illustration. Every GPIO P and N pair (MIPIE25) can be configured as a MIPI D-PHY transmit interface.

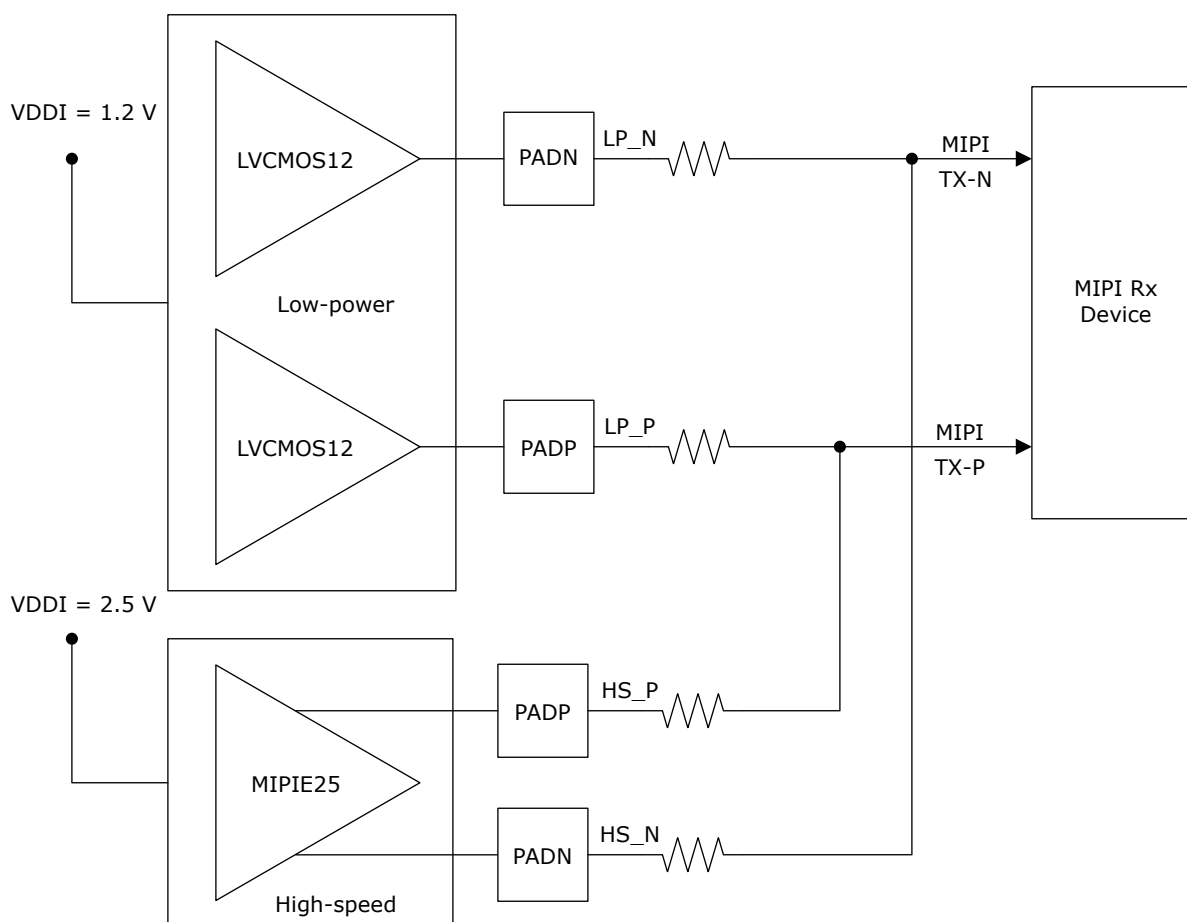
Figure 7-9. MIPI D-PHY Transmit Interface



Note: Resistor value vary based on optimal performance. See respective [UG0726: PolarFire FPGA Board Design User Guide](#) or [PolarFire SoC FPGA Board Design Guidelines User Guide](#) for resistor specifications.

7.2.5.3 MIPI D-PHY Transmit Only (High-speed and Low-power)

The MIPI Low-power (LP) transmit signaling uses pins located in either GPIO or HSIO banks using 1.2 V VDDI I/O bank supply using LVCMOS12 outputs. High-speed MIPI transmit signals must be in GPIO bank using a 2.5 V VDDI I/O bank supply using MIPIE25 emulated differential output drivers. The MIPI TX standards are implemented by using the resistor divider network for LP and High-speed (HS) signals, as shown in the following figure. For required pin-out planning of the HS and LP Tx pins. See respective [UG0726: PolarFire FPGA Board Design User Guide](#) or [PolarFire SoC FPGA Board Design Guidelines User Guide](#).

Figure 7-10. MIPI D-PHY Transmit Interface (High-speed and Low-power)

Note: Resistor value vary based on optimal performance. See respective [UG0726: PolarFire FPGA Board Design User Guide](#) or [PolarFire SoC FPGA Board Design Guidelines User Guide](#) for resistor specifications.

MIPI D_PHY transmits the TXD_DATA out on to the TXD/TX_CLK MIPI pins when the HS_DATA_SEL/HS_CLK_SEL port is asserted controlling the OE of the HS differential driver. The HS_DATA_SEL/HS_CLK_SEL are optionally configured using the Libero SoC IOD configurator.

When HS_DATA_SEL/HS_CLK_SEL is asserted, both single-ended LVCMOS12 8 mA drivers are driven low by the IOD to ensure proper level shifting occurs for high-speed operation.

In LP operation, HS_DATA_SEL/HS_CLK_SEL de-assertion sends the LP_DATA and LP_CLK out to the TXLP/TX_CLK_LP MIPI pins while the HS_TX pair is disabled in a High-Z state.

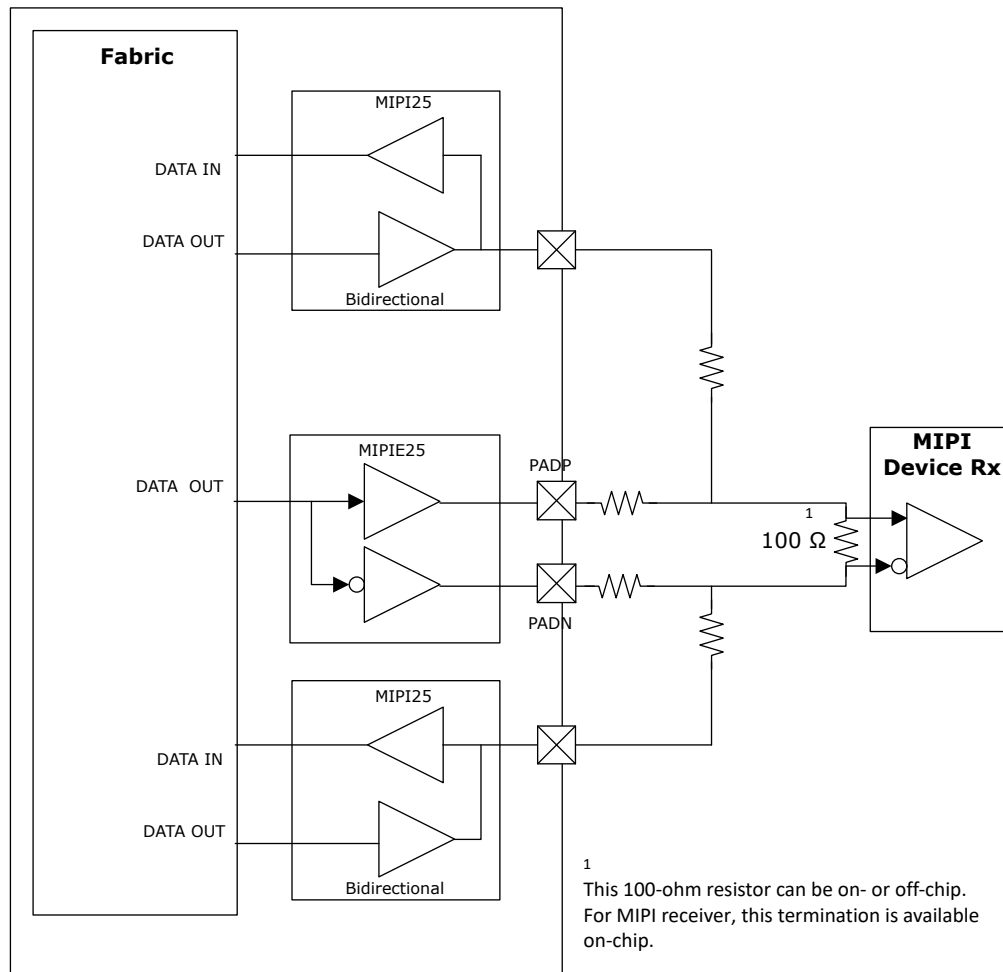
FPGA fabric synchronization registers are required when clocking LP_DATA with RX_CLK_R of the IOD to ensure clean capture of the data.

The D-PHY transmit must be interfaced to the MIPI receiver using the terminated interface shown in [Figure 7-10](#).

7.2.5.4 MIPI D-PHY Transmit Interface (High-speed Only) with Bidirectional Low-Power Mode

GPIO also supports a bidirectional MIPI D-PHY lane with external resistors, as shown in the following illustration. Microchip provides a macro that can be instantiated in the user design to implement the MIPI transmit interface (high-speed only) with bidirectional low-power mode, see [8.5. Generic I/O Interfaces](#) for more information.

Figure 7-11. High-Speed Transmit with Bidirectional



Note: See respective [UG0726: PolarFire FPGA Board Design User Guide](#) or [PolarFire SoC FPGA Board Design Guidelines User Guide](#) for resistor specifications.

Note: For information about implementation, see [DG0807: PolarFire Imaging and Video Kit Demo Guide \(MIPI CSI-2 Camera Sensor\)](#).

7.2.6 I/O States During Various Operational Modes

The state of an I/O at any given point in time depends on the operational mode of the device at that point. This section describes the I/O state during various operational modes so that you can design your boards accordingly.

7.2.6.1 Power-Up and Initialization

The following table lists the I/O states during power-up and initialization modes.

Table 7-16. I/O States during Power-Up and Initialization

Device State	I/O State
Power-up start/powering up	Tri-state I/O buffers are disabled. Output drivers are disabled (tri-stated). Receivers are disabled (input signals are not passed to the FPGA fabric). All terminations, PCI clamp diodes, and weak pull-up/down modes are off. All I/O bank power detectors and PVT controllers are disabled.
User mode	The buffer is programmed based on Libero SoC I/O settings. Data and output enable signals are based on user settings.

For more information about I/O states, see [PolarFire FPGA and PolarFire SoC FPGA Programming User Guide](#).

For more information about I/O settings for unused I/O pins, see PPAT spreadsheets.

7.2.6.2 Device Programming Modes

The following table lists the user I/O states during various programming modes. For more information about programming modes, see [PolarFire FPGA and PolarFire SoC FPGA Programming User Guide](#).

Table 7-17. GPIO and HSIO States During Programming Modes

Programming Modes	I/O States
JTAG	Set during JTAG programming in Libero SoC
SPI slave programming	Tri-state with weak pull-up/pull-down
IAP	Tri-state with weak pull-up/pull-down
Auto-programming	Tri-state
IAP recovery	Tri-state with weak pull-up/pull-down

7.2.7 Cold Sparing and Hot Swap

This section describes cold sparing and hot swapping capabilities of the user I/Os. For more information about cold sparing and hot socketing, see respective [UG0726: PolarFire FPGA Board Design User Guide](#) or [PolarFire SoC FPGA Board Design Guidelines User Guide](#).

7.2.7.1 Cold Sparing

In cold-sparing applications, voltage can be applied to device I/Os before and during power-up. For cold-sparing applications, the device must support the following characteristics:

- I/Os must be tri-stated before and during power-up
- Voltage applied to an I/O must not power up any part of the device
- Device reliability must not be compromised if voltage is applied to I/Os before or during power-up

Cold Sparing is supported with GPIO—any GPIO of an unpowered device can be safely driven with very minimal leakage current. When the device is powered OFF, both VDD and the VDDI are clamped to ground, preventing these supplies from powering up when a voltage is applied to the inputs. It is a good design practice not to rely on the outputs of an unpowered or partially powered device to drive other components in the system.

HSIO are pseudo-cold spare. It requires the spare device to have its HSIO VDDI banks powered-up to prevent I/O leakage through the ESD diodes. This is required to maintain low power and a protected state.

7.2.7.1.1 Hot Swap

Hot Swap allows a voltage to be applied to the inputs of devices before power is present on the VDDI pins. A pull-up clamp diode must not be present in the I/O circuitry to be hot swap. GPIO supports hot swap, but HSIO does not support hot swap.

When FPGA is not powered, GPIO is in a high-impedance state (hi-Z), also known as disabled state. For GPIO configured for I/O standards requiring a VREF, the amount of current flowing into or out should be minimized for the GPIO pin so that the external VREF signal is not affected.

7.2.8 I/O Glitches

I/O glitches can occur at power up or power down. The conditions that cause the glitches depend on the use of GPIO or HSIO in the system. The dependencies of VDD, VDDI, and VDDAUX to mitigate any glitches on the I/O interfaces are discussed in respective [UG0726: PolarFire FPGA Board Design User Guide](#) or [PolarFire SoC FPGA Board Design Guidelines User Guide](#).

7.2.9 I/O Calibration

HSIO and GPIO have a built in I/O calibration feature per bank excluding bank 3. The I/O calibration circuitry is completely self-contained requiring no external reference resistors. The basis for calibration is to optimize the device performance to compensate for process, voltage and temperature (PVT) variations. The calibration controller is used to achieve impedance control for the GPIO and HSIO output buffer drive, termination and HSIO slew rate control by calibrating the I/O drivers. The calibration is initially completed at power up. It is initiated by power-on detectors on VDDI and VDDAUX power supplies. The internal calibration engine initializes the I/O with internal approximation register settings at power-up. On-demand calibration can be invoked by you after the initial I/O calibration. The PF_INIT_MONITOR FPGA IP is used to control the I/O recalibration or to monitor the initial I/O calibration. For more information about calibration requirements for proper start-up, initialization, re-calibration, and usage of the PF_INIT_MONITOR module, see [PolarFire FPGA and PolarFire SoC FPGA Device Power-Up and Resets User Guide](#).

The ODT and output drive features of HSIO and GPIO are calibrated depending on the I/O standard used in a Libero SoC design. The calibration logic is initially in a reset state at power-on. This initial pre-calibration state of the device sets the default to maximum calibration settings. This is done to the I/O's in order to ensure that the buffers are functionally operational after the power-on is complete.

The maximum settings are temporarily used by the buffers until the initial startup is completed. When this is completed, the optimized calibration values are then distributed to the associated I/O's within the bank. The calibration values are used for PVT compensation. GPIO and HSIO use the calibrated values for both drive strength and termination strength. The GPIO differential termination are also calibrated, and HSIO buffers are calibrated for output slew rate control.

HSIO and GPIO initially powers-on with default maximum settings. Maximum pre-calibrated settings are defined as strong drive strength (low output impedance) and low termination values. Due to the nature of these initial pre-calibration settings, a transient current on the VDDI of the associated bank occurs during this pre-calibration phase. The transient current does not have long-term reliability concerns. The transient current diminishes when exiting the pre-calibration phase.

The initial transient current caused by pre-calibration can be mitigated if it is undesirable to the system. Transient current that is caused due to ODT termination can be managed by utilizing the ODT control capabilities in the I/O (see [7.1.7. On-Die Termination \(ODT\)](#)). Training IP (TIP) normally associated with high-speed DDR interfaces can be used to disable the I/O termination until calibration is complete. For untrained termination interfaces, the ODT_DYN interface can be used to disable this pre-calibrated termination.

7.2.10 Dynamic ODT or Fail-Safe LVDS

Both the device families can support an internal LVDS fail-safe solution. This configuration uses a combination of the following device features:

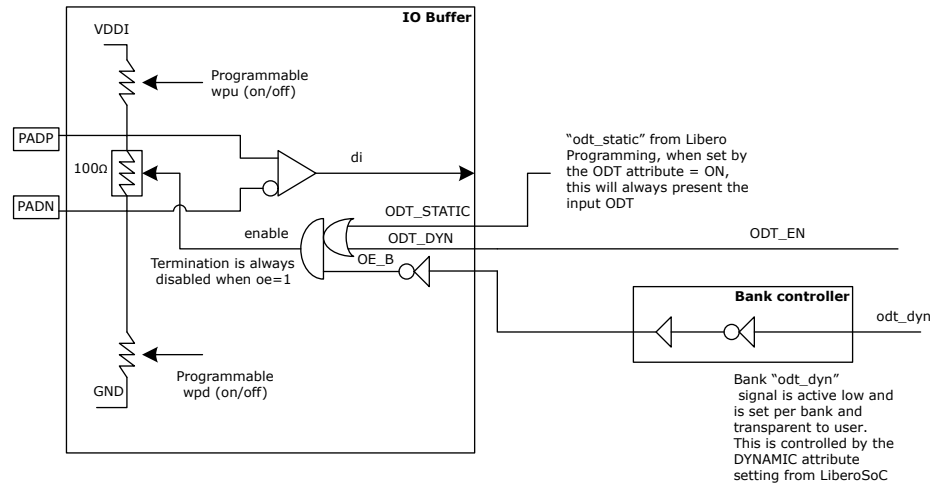
- Dynamic on-die-termination (ODT) access per I/O
- Weak pull-up/pull-down resistor for differential inputs

When the LVDS input temporarily floats during operation, a bank-level input signal can dynamically turn-off the on-die termination resistor so that each leg of the LVDS pair can only see the weak pull-up and pull-down resistor enabled, creating an LVDS fail-safe input.

As per bank, ODT_EN pin can be exposed for any I/O that subscribes for DYNAMIC ODT required to be LVDS fail-safe. The user design uses the ODT_EN to switch in or out the differential termination while the weak pull-up resistor I/O attribute is added on PADP of the LVDS I/O and the PADN is weakly pulled down, automatically. The fail-safe condition has the ODT disabled leaving the pull resistors to differentially bias the PADP and PADN

preventing unwanted behavior when not being driven. During normal operation, the internal ODT must be present for the LVDS receiver. During fail-safe, drive ODT_EN = 0 to disable ODT.

Figure 7-12. Dynamic ODT used for Fail-safe LVDS



I/O configurators that use LVDS input have the “Enable ODT_EN pin for LVDS Failsafe” option. In the I/O Editor, the ODT attribute for differential I/O's has the “Dynamic” option for differential I/Os.

Only GPIO has internal 100 Ω ODT termination that can be dynamically controlled. HSIO requires fixed, external termination resistor on PCB. The set_io PDC command supports the “-dynamic” attribute for differential I/Os.

Note: Differential transceiver reference clock inputs does include optional 100 Ω differential termination. However, dynamic failsafe is not included. Designs must not allow for XCVR REFCLK P/N pads to float. Unused REFCLK pads must follow the recommendations in the public pin-out assignment tables (PPAT).

Note: There is a known issue in the Libero SoC IOEditor and the pin report. A software limitation exists where a design cannot have different values for the P and N sides. Currently, both must have the same value. Libero SoC does program the P and N side correctly for programming. In IOEditor or pin report, if RES_PULL is up on both, it means the N side is programmed as down or visa-versa.

7.2.11 Dedicated I/O Pins

Both the device families have a dedicated bank of I/Os. These I/Os are used for JTAG, SPI, and dedicated functions and pins supporting from 3.3 V to 1.8 V (Nominal) operation using the dedicated VDDI3 bank. Single-ended CMOS/TTL receiver input and output drivers are fixed in the device as listed in the following table.

Table 7-18. Dedicated I/Os—Fixed Settings

Dedicated I/Os Signal	Direction	Hot Swap	Pull Mode	Clamp	Hysteresis	Drive Strength
SCK	BIDI	Yes	OFF	OFF	ON	n/a
SS	BIDI	Yes	OFF	OFF	ON	n/a
SDO	OUT	Yes	OFF	OFF	OFF	8 mA
TDO	OUT	Yes	OFF	OFF	OFF	12 mA
TMS	IN	No	pull up	OFF	ON	n/a
TDI	IN	No	pull up	OFF	ON	n/a
TCK	IN	Yes	OFF	OFF	ON	n/a
TRSTB	IN	No	pull up	OFF	ON	n/a
DEVRST_N	IN	No	pull up	OFF	ON	n/a
RESERVED	IN	No	pull up	OFF	ON	n/a

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Dedicated I/Os Signal	Direction	Hot Swap	Pull Mode	Clamp	Hysteresis	Drive Strength
SDI	IN	Yes	OFF	OFF	ON	n/a
IO_CFG_INTF	IN	Yes	OFF	OFF	ON	n/a
SPI_EN	IN	Yes	OFF	OFF	ON	n/a

Note: These signals cannot be altered or programmed with Libero SoC.

The five dedicated inputs—TDI, TMS, TRSTB, DEVRSTB, and RESERVED—do not support hot swap. The SDI pin does not have an on-chip weak pull-up due to the following reasons:

- There may be multiple SPI interfaces connected on the board yielding too many parallel weak pull ups.
- If SPI is not used in the system, Microchip has defined how the pin must be connected using the PPAT file.

For more information, see [PolarFire FPGA and PolarFire SoC FPGA Programming User Guide](#).

7.2.12 Transceiver Receivers, Transmitters, and Reference Clock Inputs

For information about Transceiver (XCVR) input receivers and output transmitters, see [PolarFire FPGA and PolarFire SoC FPGA Transceiver User Guide](#).

Reference Clock (REF_CLK) Inputs dedicated to transceivers are similar to FPGA GPIO. However, some features and capabilities do differ. For information, see [PolarFire FPGA and PolarFire SoC FPGA Transceiver User Guide](#).

7.2.13 MSSIO (For PolarFire SoC FPGA Only)

There are 38 general purpose I/O pads—split over two banks within the MSS block referred to as MSSIO—to support the peripheral devices/standards. MSSIO supports different peripherals, such as SD, SDIO, eMMC, USB 2.0, I2C, MMUART, SPI and CAN standards and support for USB 2.0 OTG protocol. MSSIO supports the following features:

- 3.3 V – 1.2 V (Nominal) Operation
 - PCI/LVTTL/LVCMOS (3.3 V)
 - LVCMOS (2.5v – 1.8 V)
 - LVCMOS (1.5 & 1.2 V)
- Single-ended CMOS/TTL output driver modes and receiver input modes
- Ratio Receiver with dynamically configurable ON/OFF hysteresis
- Dynamically configurable ON/OFF clamp
- Supports hot socket and cold spare
- Push-pull output driver
- Support for standard and fast operation for I2C only

The MSSIO are configured through the PolarFire SoC MSS configurator and are programmed when the MSS module is included in the Libero SoC project. The pin out information is found in the [PolarFire SoC FPGA Package Pin Assignment Tables](#). In the MSS, MSSIOs are either in Bank 2 or Bank 4 and are used when the MSSIO peripherals are enabled. The associated VDDI for these banks must be connected to support the assigned peripheral.

In addition to MSSIO in the PolarFire SoC, there are also SGMII I/O provided for a PHY interface for the Ethernet MACs and two I/Os for an external reference clock source inputs. There are also DDR I/Os used when the MSS DDR subsystem is configured to support DDR3, DDR4, LPDDR3, and LPDDR4 memory devices. All of these I/Os and MSS I/Os are bonded out to pins in all PolarFire SoC packages.

7.2.14 Unused I/O Pins

In application designs not using specific I/O pins, the unused programming of these I/O pins are managed by Libero SoC. Designers can refer to the PPAT spreadsheets to determine the default programming of unused I/O by Libero SoC. Other recommendations for unused pins such as power pins and special function pins are defined in the respective [UG0726: PolarFire FPGA Board Design User Guide](#) or [PolarFire SoC FPGA Board Design Guidelines User Guide](#).

8. IOD Features and User Modes

Each I/O (both GPIO and HSIO) has a digital block, called IOD, that interfaces with the FPGA fabric on one side and the IOA buffers on the other side ([Figure 8-1](#)). The IOD block includes several digital features, including I/O digital. The I/O digital allows for easy data transfer between the high-speed IOA buffers and the lower-speed FPGA core.

The IOD block can be configured for both input and output SDR and DDR modes. It also allows the gearing-up of the output data rate and gearing-down of the input data rate. These options are configured in Libero SoC and are used to build source synchronous I/O interfaces such as DDR and QDR memory controllers, common interfaces such as RGMII, MIPI D-PHY, 7:1 Video LVDS, and several other non-memory user interfaces.

This chapter provides information about the IOD block and the various I/O user modes, including various SDR, DDR, and digital modes.

8.1 IOD Block Features

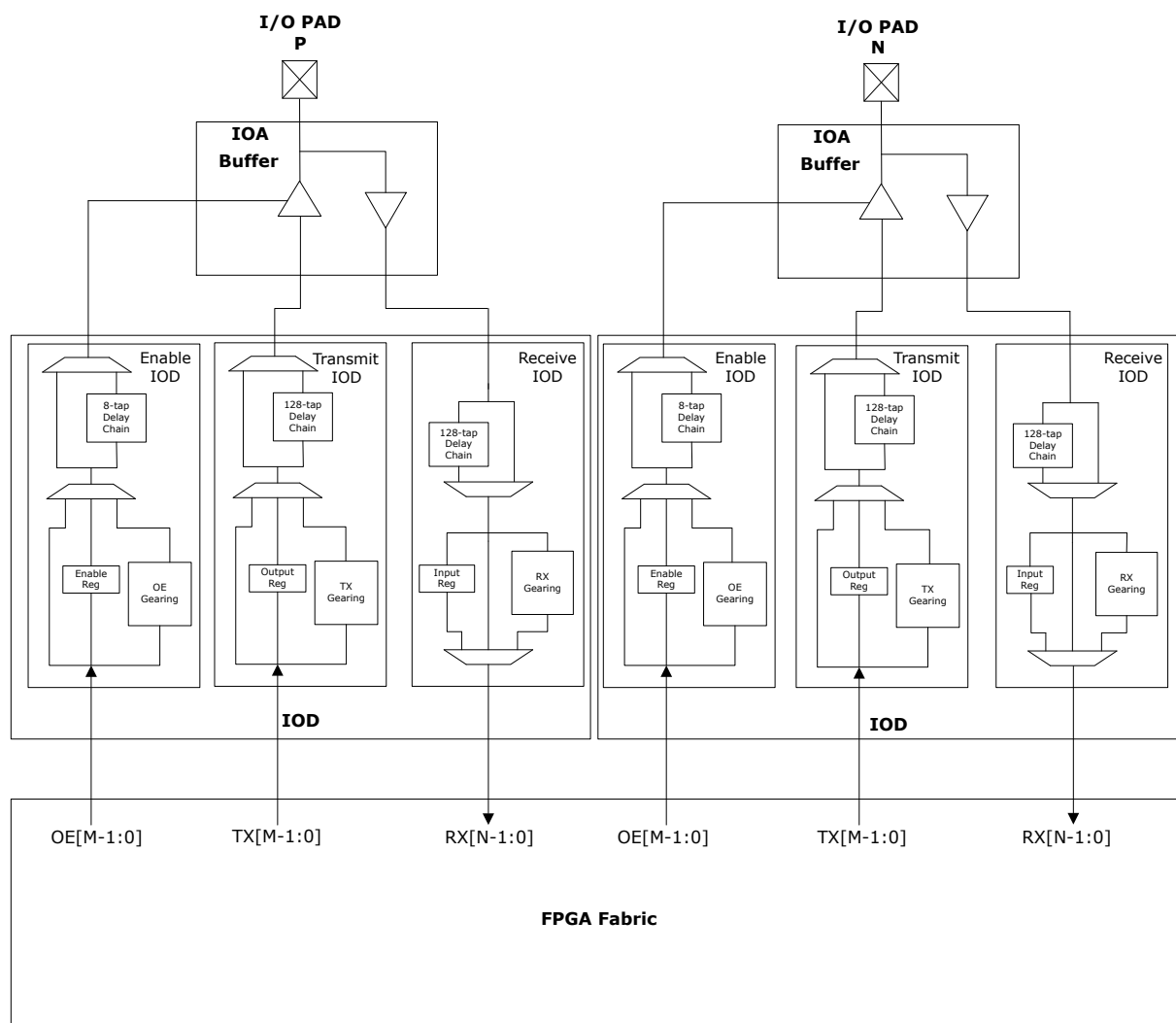
- Programmable input and/or output delay chain
- I/O register for data-in, data-out, and output enable signals
- Up to 1:10 input deserialization (input digital)
- Up to 10:1 output serialization (output digital)
- Support for DDR and SDR interfaces
- Word alignment with a slip control
- High-speed and low-skew I/O clock networks
- Clock recovery for serial protocols and other similar interfaces
- Low-power mode support to latch state of input or output data

8.2 IOD Block Overview

The IOD block includes the input and output delay functions, I/O registers, and digital logic blocks. The digital logic blocks are receive digital (Rx digital) for input, transmit digital (Tx digital) for output, and enable digital (OE digital) for the enable signals. The IOD block also includes several high-speed, low-skew clock networks. [Figure 8-1](#) shows an overview of the IOD block. Various I/O features are set mainly by the protocol configurator or the Libero SoC configurator within Libero SoC. However, some of the I/O features such as I/O register and programmable delay can be controlled automatically or manually by Libero SoC.

The following illustration shows an overview of the IOD block.

Figure 8-1. IOD Configured for I/O Registers



Note: The values of M and N depend on the digital ratio.

8.2.1 Programmable I/O Delay

The IOD block includes process, voltage, programmable delay chains for both input and output data paths. The input delay path has an intrinsic delay when the delay chain is enabled. This added delay is above the value of the incremental tap delay and is reported by the Libero SoC software when used. Consequently, there is a fast path to the fabric when the input delay chain is not present. The programmable delay chains on the output data path allow 128 tap delay. The enable path also includes a 8-tap programmable delay chain. The programmable delay chain can be set statically by using the I/O attribute editor or by using a PDC command in Libero SoC. The value per tap delay is not process, voltage, temperature(PVT) compensated and can have variation. For information about delays, see respective [PolarFire FPGA Datasheet](#) or [PolarFire SoC Advance Datasheet](#).

The programmable delay chain is used to:

- Ensure zero hold time for the input registers
- Cancel the skew between the input data path and clock injection path
- Spread out I/O buffer timing along with an edge of the device for SSO noise control

The programmable delay chain can also be controlled via dynamic control signals from the FPGA fabric. Dynamic delay control is useful for high-speed interfaces that require per-bit alignment. The dynamic control is only available

for certain I/O interfaces, see [8.5. Generic I/O Interfaces](#) for more information. Static delay values can be controlled by PDC command constraint via IOEditor or manual constraint file input. In the PDC constraint file, IN_DELAY allows settings from OFF, 0-127, 128-254 (even numbers only).

example:

```
set_io -port_name PAD \
-IN_DELAY 2 \
-DIRECTION INPUT
```

The output delay values can be controlled by PDC command constraint via IOEditor or manual constraint file input. In the PDC constraint file, IN_DELAY allows settings from OFF, 1 - 128.

```
set_io -port_name PAD_0 \
-OUT_DELAY 2 \
-DIRECTION OUTPUT
```

8.2.1.1 Static Timing Analysis

Static delays are automatically prescribed by the IOD configurator. The values that are added based on the IOD configuration can be found in the `boardlayout.xml` report shown in the following figure. These are the initial values set by the software based on initial IOD setup information. The settings can be modified as mentioned in the preceding section with pdc or IOEditor. You can adjust the delay values by adding or subtracting from the initial value applied in the Libero SoC configurations. The per tap incremental delay value is found in the respective [PolarFire FPGA Datasheet](#) or [PolarFire SoC Advance Datasheet](#).

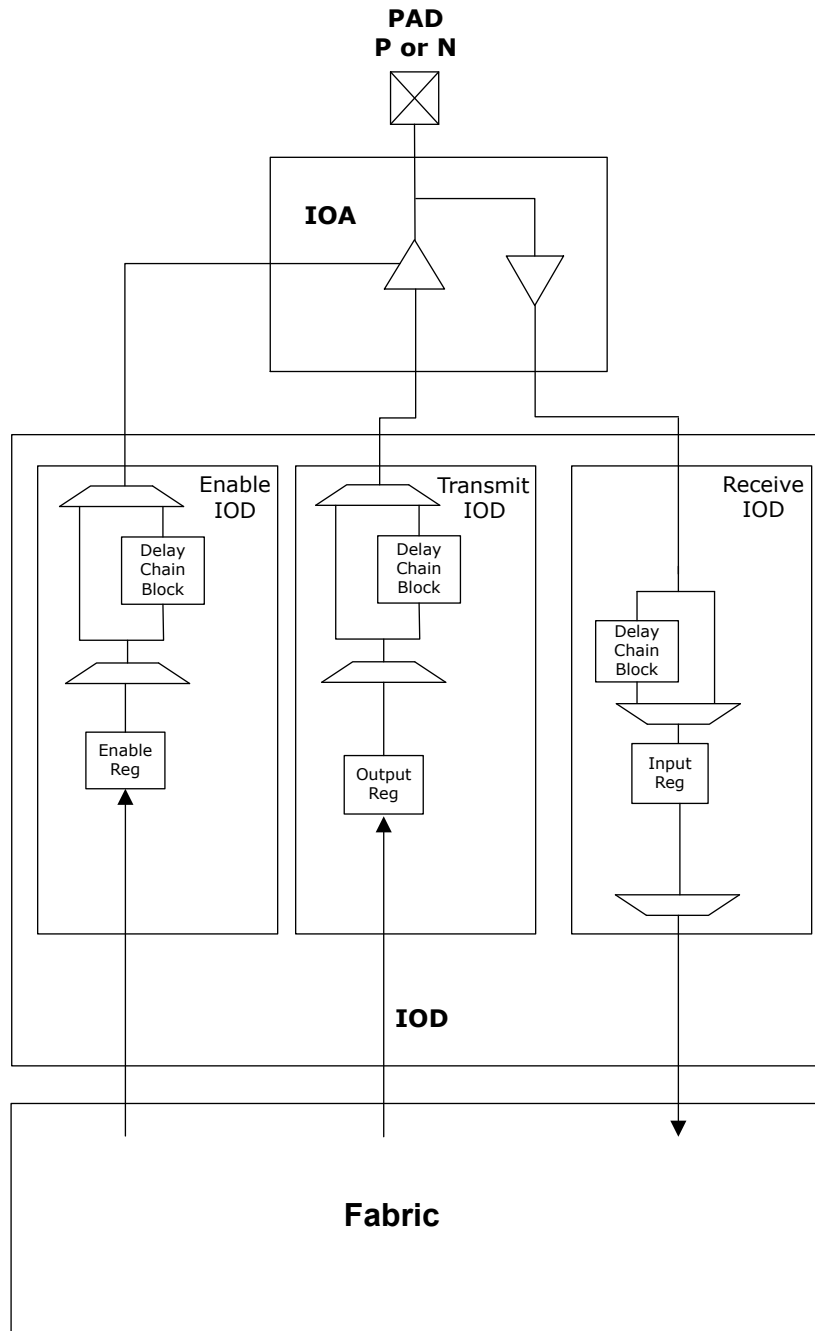
Figure 8-2. IOD Input Delay Example

Pin	Port	Function	Bank	State	Use I/O Reg	I/O Std	Direction	User I/O Lock Down	Clamp Diode	Resistor Pull	Schmitt Trigger	V _{cm} Input Range	On Die Termination	Od _t Value (Ohm)	Input Delay	Slew	Output Drive (mA)	Impedance (ohm)	Output Load (pF)	Source Termination (Ohm)	Output Delay	Board Layout
AA2	adc_xrd_n_i[10]	HSIO91NB0	Bank0	Fixed	No	LVDS18	Input	No	ON	None	OFF	MID	---	---	49	---	---	---	---	---	---	adc_xrd_n_i[10]
AA3	adc_xrd_n_i[11]	HSIO90PB0	Bank0	Fixed	No	LVDS18	Input	No	ON	None	OFF	MID	---	---	49	---	---	---	---	---	---	adc_xrd_n_i[11]
AA4	adc_xrd_n_i[12]	HSIO95PB0	Bank0	Fixed	No	LVDS18	Input	No	ON	None	OFF	MID	---	---	49	---	---	---	---	---	---	adc_xrd_n_i[12]
AA5	adc_xrd_n_i[12]	HSIO95NB0	Bank0	Fixed	No	LVDS18	Input	No	ON	None	OFF	MID	---	---	49	---	---	---	---	---	---	adc_xrd_n_i[12]

8.2.2 I/O Registers

The IOD block includes registers for data-in, data-out, and output enable signals. The input registers (IOINFF) provide the registered version of the input signals from the IOA to the FPGA fabric. The output registers (IOOUTFF) provide the registered version of the output signals from the FPGA fabric to the IOA. The output enable register (IOENFF) acts as a control signal for the output if the I/O is configured as tri-stated or bidirectional. The following figure shows the I/O registers. These registers in IOD blocks are similar to the D-type flip-flops available in fabric logic elements. The IOD blocks contain several macros that cannot be instantiated. The macros are included in the place and route software.

Figure 8-3. I/O Registers in IOD



The I/O register is used for:

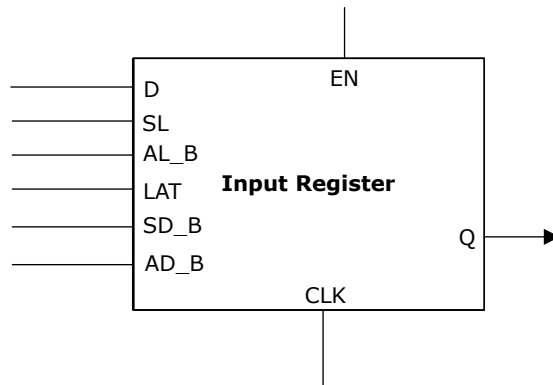
- Better I/O interface performance, as the registers are placed close to the I/O pads.
- Synchronizing the transmit and receive bus signals. For example, the I/O registers ensure that all the bits of the bus are synchronized to the clock signal when they are transmitted or received.

The I/O registers are used by default during place and route if the register can be mapped to the I/O register.

8.2.2.1 Input Register

The following illustration shows the input register.

Figure 8-4. Input Register



The following table lists the input register pins and descriptions.

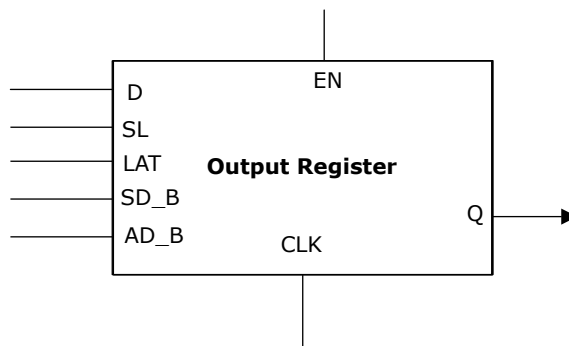
Table 8-1. I/O Input Register Ports

Ports	Types	Descriptions
CLK	Input	Clock input
D	Input	Data input
Q	Output	Data output
EN	Input	Clock enable (active high)
SL	Input	Synchronous load (active high)
AL_B	Input	Active low asynchronous load (active low)
LAT	Input	Latch enable (active high)
SD_B	Input	Synchronous data
AD_B	Input	Asynchronous data (active low)

8.2.2.2 Output Register

The following illustration shows the output register.

Figure 8-5. Output Register



The following table lists the output register pins and their descriptions.

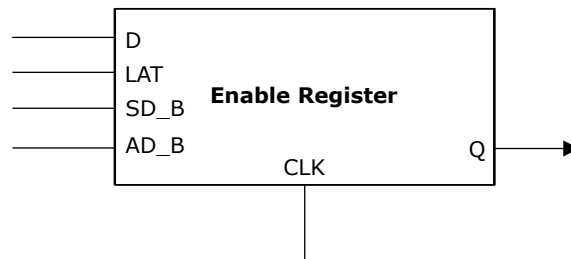
Table 8-2. I/O Output Register Ports

Ports	Types	Descriptions
CLK	Input	Clock input
D	Input	Data input
Q	Output	Data output
EN	Input	Clock enable (active high)
SL	Input	Synchronous load (active high)
LAT	Input	Latch enable (active high)
SD_B	Input	Synchronous data
AD_B	Input	Asynchronous data (active low)

8.2.2.3 Enable Register

The following illustration shows enable register.

Figure 8-6. Enable Register



The following table lists the enable register pins and their descriptions.

Table 8-3. I/O Register Ports

Ports	Types	Descriptions
CLK	Input	Clock input
D	Input	Data input
Q	Output	Data output
LAT	Input	Latch enable (active high)
SD_B	Input	Synchronous data
AD_B	Input	Asynchronous data (active low)

8.2.2.4 I/O Register Combining

I/O register combining is supported on enable, input, and output of any I/O. This support is available using the set_i off command, which is included in a Compile Netlist Constraint (*.ndc) file and passed to the Libero SoC Compile engine for netlist optimization after synthesis.

Syntax:

```
set_ioff -port_name {portname} \
[-IN_REG true/1|false/0] \

[-OUT_REG true/1|false/0] \

[-EN_REG true/1|false/0]
```

Arguments

- <portname>: specifies the name of the I/O port to be combined with a register. The port can be an input, output, or in-out port.
- IN_REG: specifies whether the input register is combined into the port <portname>.
- OUT_REG: specifies whether the output register is combined into the port
- EN_REG: specifies whether the enable register is combined into the port <portname>.

I/O register combining is only permitted with one FF with an I/O. The FF needs to be connected to the I/O with a fanout of one. A bidirectional I/O where both D and Y pins are driven with registered signals can only allow one of the registers to be moved into the I/O pad.

There is another option to allow automatic I/O register combining. This option is enabled from the **Place and Route** configuration settings. Right-click **Place and Route** in the project navigator and select the **I/O Register Combining** checkbox. Enable this option to combine any register directly connected to an I/O when it has a timing Constraint. If there are multiple registers directly connected to a (bi-directional) I/O, select one register to combine in the following order: input-data, output-data, output-enable. Users can use the NDC constraint discussed above for more tightly controlling the use of I/O register combining.

Note: This feature is OFF by default. Users must turn it ON to enable combining.

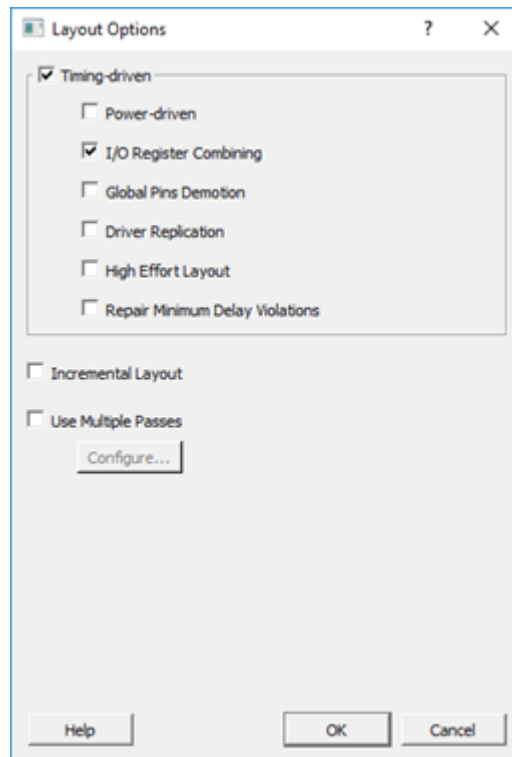
Every I/O has several embedded registers that you can use for faster clock-to-out timing, and external hold and setup. When combining these registers at the I/O buffer, some design rules must be met.

This feature is supported by all I/O standards.

Following are the rules to combining the I/O registers:

- You can combine only one register with an I/O IN, OUT, or EN.
- An input register cannot be combined to different I/Os.
- For input registers (INFF), the Y pin of an I/O needs to drive the D pin of a register with fanout of 1.
- For output registers (OUTFF), the Q pin of a register needs to drive the D pin of an I/O with fanout of 1.
- For enable registers (ENFF), the Q pin of a register needs to drive the E pin of an I/O with fanout of 1.

Figure 8-7. I/O Register Combining from Place and Route Layout Options

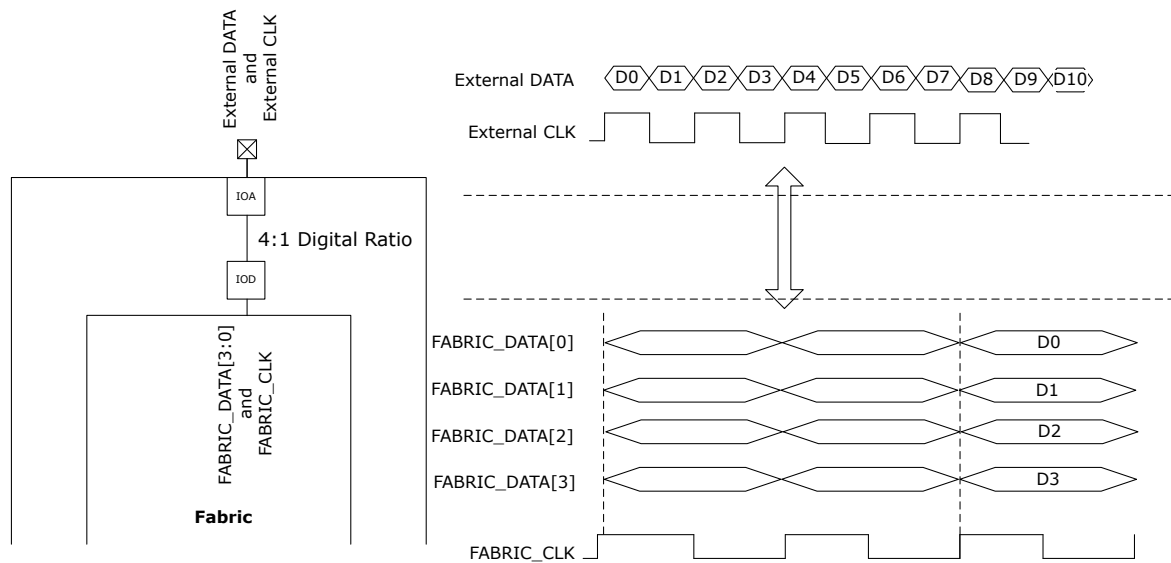


8.2.3 I/O Gearing

I/O gearing handles serial-to-parallel and parallel-to-serial conversion of multiple FPGA fabric signals to and from a single device I/O based on user clock settings, as shown in the following illustration. The gearbox either deserializes and transfers input data to a lower core clock speed, or transfers lower-speed data from the fabric to the high-speed output clock domain, and serializes it in the process. Libero SoC automatically configures these gearboxes based on the application settings. Generic IOD interfaces provide a complete solution from the I/O pins to the fabric. Generic IOD is supported by construction using Libero SoC configurators and limited to the defined list of use cases. See [8.5. Generic I/O Interfaces](#) for available support.

The following illustration shows the I/O gearing example, where high-speed serial data is passed from I/O to fabric via four signals at lower speed.

Figure 8-8. I/O Digital



8.2.4 I/O FIFO

The IOD block contains an I/O FIFO for phase compensation clock domain transfers. In DDR applications, the I/O FIFO is used for high-speed transfer data from the external DQS domain to the internal data clock domain. Libero SoC and Microchip memory controller cores configure the I/O FIFO based on the application settings.

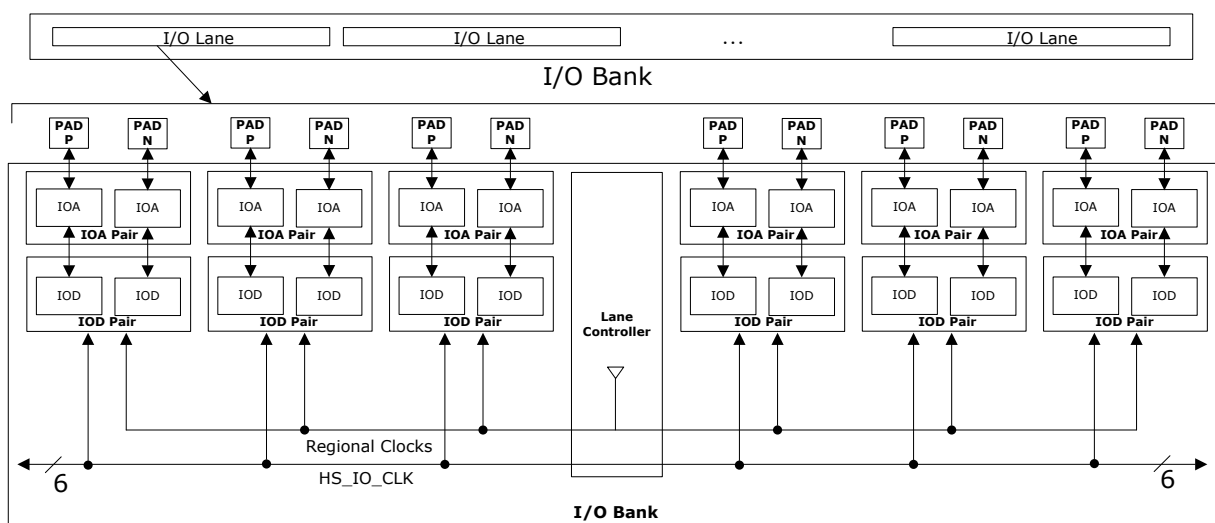
8.3 I/O Lanes

To support memory interfaces, I/O pairs are grouped into lanes, with multiple lanes per bank. Each lane consists of twelve I/Os (six I/O pairs), a lane controller, and a set of high-speed, low-skew clock resources. The uppermost lane on the western side of devices has less than six I/O pairs in each lane. The high-speed and low-skew clock resources in the I/O lane include a global clock network, regional clock networks, high-speed clock networks, and lane controller clock networks, see [PolarFire FPGA and PolarFire SoC FPGA Clocking Resources User Guide](#) for more information.

The I/O lane is used for easy implementation of integrated PHY for memory. For example, a 32-bit SDRAM interface requires four I/O data lanes. Each data lane uses one I/O lane—two I/O pads are used for DQS, eight I/O pads are used for DQ bits, one pad is used for data mask (DM), and one I/O pad is used as a spare. The lane topology is also used to construct generic I/O interfaces, which requires high-speed and low-skew clocking.

The following illustration shows the I/O lanes diagram.

Figure 8-9. I/O Lanes



- **Global Clock Network**—is used to distribute high fan-out signals such as clocks and resets across the FPGA fabric with low-skew.
- **Regional Clock Networks**—are low-latency networks that distribute clocks only to a specific designated area based on the driving source. Regional clock networks are used to move data in and out of the fabric.
- **High-Speed I/O Clock Networks**—are used to distribute high-speed clocks along the edge of the device to service the I/Os. High-speed I/O clock networks are used to implement high-speed interfaces.

Regional and Global I/O clock performance varies around the periphery of the device. The Regional Clock maximum frequency is slower than the Global I/O clock. This is inherent to device design as the regional clock is meant to be utilized in close proximity to its source.

8.3.1 Lane Controller

The lane controller handles the complex operations necessary for the high-speed interfaces, such as DDR memory interfaces and CDR interfaces. To bridge the lane clock to the high-speed I/O clock, the lane controller is used to control an I/O FIFO in each IOD. This I/O FIFO interfaces with DDR memory by utilizing the DQS strobe on the lane clock. The lane controller can also delay the lane clock using a PVT-calculated delay code from the DLL to provide a 90° shift. Certain I/O interfaces require a lane controller to handle the clock-domain that results with higher gear ratios. For more information, see [8.5. Generic I/O Interfaces](#).

The lane controller also provides the functionality for the IOD CDR. Using the four phases from the CCC PLL, the lane controller creates eight phases and selects the proper phase for the current input condition with the input data, see [10.1. PF_IOD_CDR](#) for more information. A divided-down version of the recovered clock is provided to the fabric (DIVCLK).

8.3.2 I/O Lanes in Each Bank

The following tables list the number of I/Os and lanes in each bank for each device and package option.

Table 8-4. PolarFire FPGA I/O Lanes in Each Bank

Devices	Packages	North Corner I/Os						South Corner I/Os						West Corner I/Os			
		Bank 0		Bank 7		Bank 1		Bank 3		Bank 2		Bank 6		Bank 4		Bank 5	
		HSIO	Lanes	HSIO	Lanes	HSIO	Lanes	JTAG	GPIO	Lanes	HSIO	Lanes	GPIO	Lanes	GPIO	Lanes	
MPF100	FCSG325	36	3	0	0	48	4	13	48	4	0	0	38	3	0	0	
MPF200	FCSG325_14.5x11	36	3	0	0	48	4	13	48	4	0	0	38	3	0	0	

.....continued

Devices	Packages	North Corner I/Os						South Corner I/Os						West Corner I/Os			
		Bank 0		Bank 7		Bank 1		Bank 3	Bank 2		Bank 6		Bank 4		Bank 5		
		HSIO	Lanes	HSIO	Lanes	HSIO	Lanes	JTAG	GPIO	Lanes	HSIO	Lanes	GPIO	Lanes	GPIO	Lanes	
MPF200	FCSG536	60	5	0	0	60	5	13	96	8	0	0	84	7	0	0	
MPF300	FCSG536	60	5	0	0	60	5	13	96	8	0	0	84	7	0	0	
MPF100	FCVG484	60	5	0	0	60	5	13	96	8	0	0	68	5	0	0	
MPF200	FCVG484	60	5	0	0	60	5	13	96	8	0	0	68	5	0	0	
MPF300	FCVG484	60	5	0	0	60	5	13	96	8	0	0	68	5	0	0	
MPF100	FCG484	48	4	0	0	48	4	13	84	7	0	0	64	5	0	0	
MPF200	FCG484	48	4	0	0	48	4	13	84	7	0	0	64	5	0	0	
MPF300	FCG484	48	4	0	0	48	4	13	84	7	0	0	64	5	0	0	
MPF200	FCG784	72	6	24	2	60	5	13	96	8	0	0	92	7	44	3	
MPF300	FCG784	72	6	24	2	60	5	13	96	8	0	0	92	7	44	3	
MPF500	FCG784	72	6	24	2	60	5	13	96	8	0	0	92	7	44	3	
MPF300	FCG1152	72	6	72	6	60	5	13	96	8	72	6	92	7	48	4	
MPF500	FCG1152	72	6	96	8	60	5	13	96	8	96	8	92	7	72	6	

Table 8-5. PolarFire SoC FPGA I/O Lanes in Each Bank

Devices	Packages	North Corner I/Os						South Corner I/Os						West Corner I/Os			
		Bank 0		Bank 7		Bank 1		Bank 3	Bank 2		Bank 6		Bank 4		Bank 5		
		HSIO	Lanes	HSIO	Lanes	HSIO	Lanes	JTAG	GPIO	Lanes	HSIO	Lanes	GPIO	Lanes	GPIO	Lanes	
MPFS250	FCVG484	60	5	0	0	44	10	14	24	0	0	84	7	13	0	0	
MPFS250	FCG1152	120	10	60	5	44	10	14	24	60	5	72	6	13	96	8	

Note: Connectivity restrictions apply to the lanes listed as follows with regard to IOCDR and any IOD generic Rx interfaces using regional clock. This also implies a design cannot migrate from the MPF300, which has complete regional clock connectivity to the other devices with the listed impacted lanes.

The impacted lanes are as follows (as documented in the associated Package Pin Assignment Table (PPAT)):

MPF100, MPF200: DDR_S_3 (Bank 2, Lane 3)

MPF500: DDR_S_6 (Bank 2, Lane 6), DDR_N_9 (Bank 7, Lane 9)

Full duplex 1GbE and SGMII IOCDR are supported in the GPIO banks and permit only one per lane. See [10.1.5.2. Full Duplex 1GbE and SGMII IOCDR](#).

8.4 I/O Clock Networks

Each I/O contains a fabric clock connection, a high-speed I/O clock resource, and a lane controller clock resource for efficient clock distribution. All of these four clock networks can be used to interface with the IOD block.

There are some specific PolarFire FPGA IO clock differences along the North and South edges of the devices. The I/O span width of HS_IO_CLK trees on the North Edge is different across Banks 0, 1, and 7 in the MPF300/MPF500. There is no Bank 7 in MPF100/MPF200.

Although, Bank 2 is available in all PolarFire FPGA devices, the I/O span width of the HS_IO_CLK trees varies between device sizes. MPF100/200 device sub-divides Bank 2 into two sub-banks. This means the HS_IO_CLK tree is split between the available I/O within Bank 2. For MPF300/500, there is one continuous Bank 2 and also includes Bank 6. In these devices, the HS_IO_CLK is not split within any Bank.

For more information about global clock network, see [PolarFire FPGA and PolarFire SoC FPGA Clocking Resources User Guide](#).

8.4.1 Global Clock Resource

Each IOD has two global clock inputs from the fabric: one for the receive block (Receive IOD) and the other for the transmit block (Transmit IOD and Enable IOD). Libero SoC automatically routes the clock signals through the global clock network and connects to the two global clock inputs of the IOD block, if they are driven from the specified resources. The global clock network can be driven by any of the following:

- Preferred clock inputs (CLKIN_z_w)
- Oscillator clocks
- CCC (PLL/DLL)
- Fabric routing
- Clock dividers
- NGMUXs
- Transceiver reference clock inputs

For more information about global clock architecture, see [PolarFire FPGA and PolarFire SoC FPGA Clocking Resources User Guide](#).

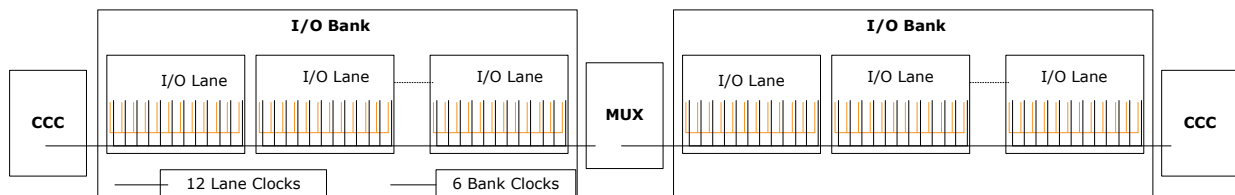
8.4.2 Regional Clock Networks

The regional clock networks are low-latency networks. They can only distribute clocks to a certain area of the device with low skew. They can be driven from the divided CDR clock and the divided high-speed IO clock. PolarFire FPGAs and PolarFire SoC FPGAs offer one regional clock buffer per I/O lane on the northern, southern, and western edges. The size of the region depends on the regional clock buffer location and does not overlap. For more information about regional lock buffer location, see [PolarFire FPGA and PolarFire SoC FPGA Clocking Resources User Guide](#).

8.4.3 Lane Clock Resources

Each lane has several clock networks in the I/O lane. The lane clock resources are distributed from each lane controller to each of the 12 IODs within a lane. The lane clock resource is not controllable as Libero SoC automatically uses the lane clock resource based on the I/O configuration.

Figure 8-10. Distribution of the Lane Clock

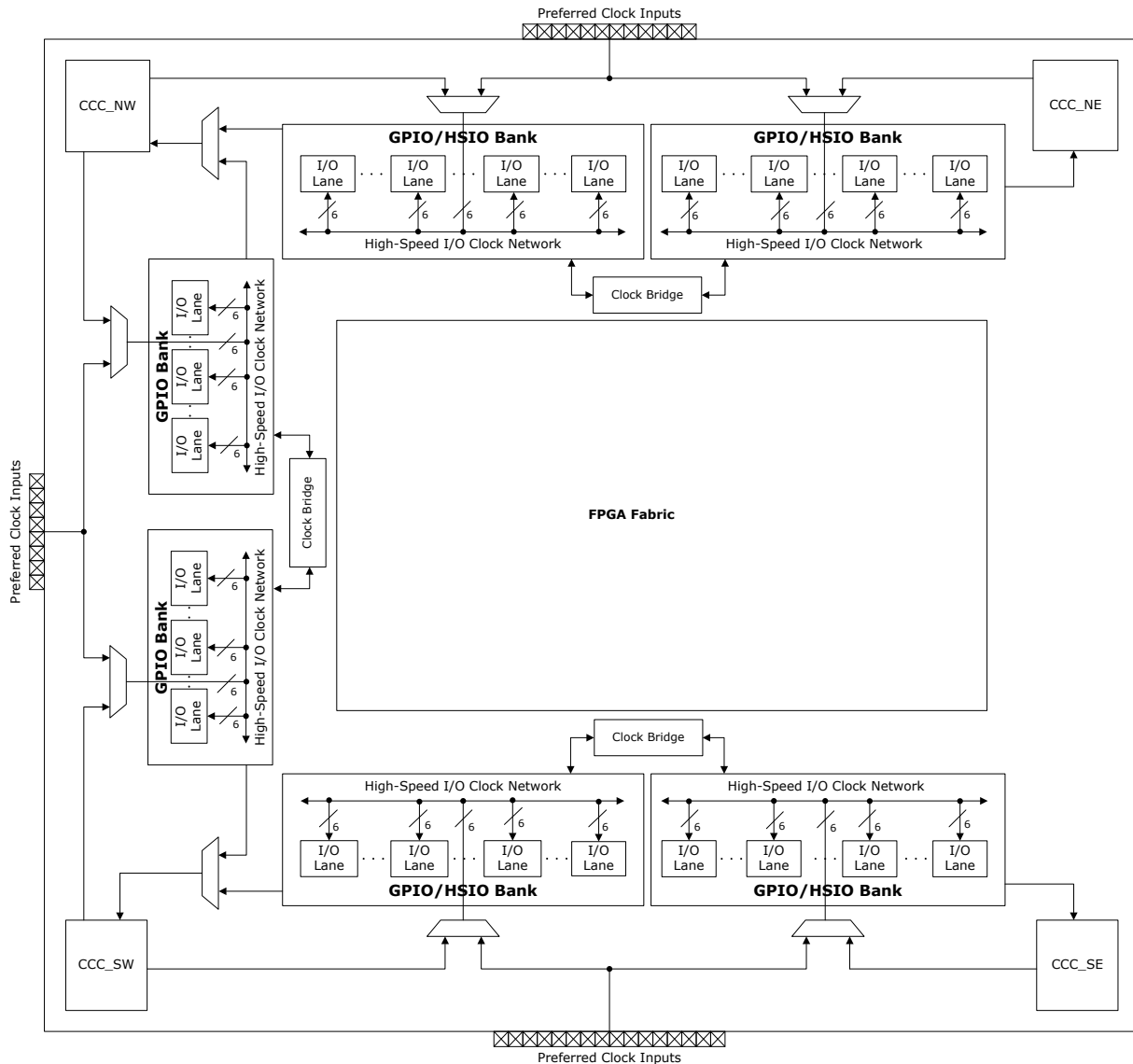


8.4.4 High-Speed I/O Bank Clock Resource (HS_IO_CLK)

High-speed I/O bank clock networks are integrated into I/O banks and distribute clocks along the entire I/O bank with low-skew. They are used to clock data in and out of the I/O logic when implementing the high-speed interfaces. The high-speed I/O clock networks are located on the east corner of the FPGA fabric. Each I/O bank can have six high-speed I/O clocks. High-speed I/O clocks from adjacent banks on the same edge can be bridged to build large I/O interfaces. HS_IO_CLK bridging is allowed only for fractional IOD Rx interfaces (See [8.5.5. RX_DDR Fractional Aligned/Fractional Dynamic Interfaces](#)).

High-speed I/O clock networks are driven either from I/Os or CCCs. The high-speed clocks can be configured to feed reference clock inputs of adjacent CCCs. HS_IO_CLKs are transparent as they are setup by Libero SoC based on configuration.

Figure 8-11. Distribution of the HS_IO_CLK



8.4.5 Bit Slip

BITSLIP is used to align the de-serialized input data burst into the fabric (called word or bit alignment). Serial input data streams require a matching high-frequency clock (HS_IO_CLK), which is derived from the serial input signals to the FPGA inputs. Using BITSLIP allows for word framing by providing a control signal generated in the FPGA fabric and by parallel word logic running at parallel word clock rates. The Lx_BIT_SLIP input control is synchronized to the HS_IO_CLK clock allowing word framing by suppressing one HS_IO_CLK pulse. Assertion of the Lx_BITSLIP control signal allows the word framing to change by only one bit position. Slipping the received data by one bit effectively shifts the word boundary by one bit and only occurs once per word. This operation happens once at initial data startup. Slip is initiated by a rising edge of the Lx_BIT_SLIP signal from the core fabric. It generates a single high-speed clock pulse in the bank clock (HS_IO_CLK) domain. This pulse is used for glitch less and synchronous stopping of the clock. Enabling the BITSLIP exposes the Lx_BIT_SLIP port that can be used to rotate the 8-bit word from the IOD to match the proper alignment of the data per lane. A typical bit slip sequence is as follows:

- Allows bit and word alignment of data.

- Try a slip, evaluate, and iterate until alignment is achieved.

The **Libero SoC Generic IO Interface** configurators allow optional use of the BITSLLIP function.

The bit slip function is used in one of the four ways. Following are the examples:

DDRX2 Modes: (Incrementing round robin)

It slips the word 1-bit at a time. By activating the slip function four times using rising edge of Lx_BIT_SLIP, every word combination can be analyzed during input training to find the required word alignment.

The first bit in the word changes with each activation of the slip pulse. (0,1,2,3,0,1,2,...)

(Example:1000, 0100, 0010, 0001)

DDRX4 Modes: (scrambled, round robin)

It slips the word to different starting positions, one at a time. By activating the slip function eight times using rising edge of Lx_BIT_SLIP, every word combination can be analyzed during input training to find the required word alignment.

The first bit in the word changes with each activation of the slip pulse.

As an example, starting from a word with a first bit such as 0, the pattern of slips is 0, 5, 6, 3, 4, 1, 2, 7, 0, 5,... (-3,+1,-3,+1...). The next slip (-3 or +1) is always a function of the last slip.

After an ARST_N, the first slip always starts with a -3 slip.

(Example of words after each slip starting after a reset: 01101000, 01000011, 10100001, 00001101, 10000110, 00110100, 00011010, 11010000)

DDRX5 Modes: (scrambled, round robin)

It slips the word to different starting positions, one at a time. By activating the slip function 10 times using rising edge of Lx_BIT_SLIP, every word combination can be analyzed during input training to find the required word alignment. The first bit in the word changes with each activation of the slip pulse.

As an example, starting from a word with a first bit such as 0, the pattern of slips is 0, 7, 8, 5, 6, 3, 4, 1, 2, 9, 0, 7,... (-3,+1,-3,+1...) The next slip (-3 or +1) is always a function of the last slip.

After an IOD reset, the first slip always starts with a -3 slip.

(example of words after each slip starting after a reset: 0111110000, 1110000011, 1111000001, 100001111, 1100000111, 0000111110, 0000011111, 0011111000, 0001111100, 1111100000)

DDRX3.5 does not include the Lx_BIT_SLIP capability. Word alignment must be accomplished using FPGA hosted IP.

8.5 Generic I/O Interfaces

Many pre-defined interfaces are available from the Libero SoC I/O configurator. You can select an interface from the list that closest matches their needs. See [9. Generic IOD Interface Implementation](#) for more information about software supported configurations. Based on targeted data rate, configurations use static settings that determine the clock or data relationships fixed by Libero SoC programming of delay elements within the IOD. Dynamic configuration uses dedicated logic controlled by fabric-based training IP that samples and adjusts internal timing elements to optimize the clock to data relationships. See [11. Dynamic IOD Interface Training](#).

When building generic high-speed DDR interfaces, it is required to follow the Interface Rules described for each type of interface. The I/O supports a number of interface modes that can be selected to build the required data interface. The Package Pin Assignment Tables (PPAT) for device and package combination is available. The PPAT is used as a reference to select the proper pins with connectivity for the required resources needed for the interface. You must also be aware of performance specifications for IOA types when building their particular I/O interface. Select an I/O type that matches the desired maximum performance rate by referencing the respective [PolarFire FPGA Datasheet](#) or [PolarFire SoC Advance Datasheet](#).

I/O blocks are used to construct dedicated memory interfaces. These interfaces are generated by Libero SoC using dedicated memory interface configurators for LPDDR3, DDR3, and DDR4 interfaces.

8.5.1 RX DDR Interfaces

The IOD block are assembled using a combination of modules—Delay, IREG or IGEAR, FIFO, Gearing, Lane Controller, and Soft Training IP (TIP, not built automatically by Libero SoC). The I/O makes a direct use of clock topologies around the perimeter of the I/O ring to build synchronous I/O interfaces including lane clocks and bank (HS_IO_CLKs) clocks, local, and global clocks.

Purpose built input capture circuitry uses DDR registers, which captures incoming data on both the rising and falling edges of the clock incoming clock. The RX DDR interfaces are constructed in several input widths and clocking variations using the Libero SoC I/O interface configurators.

In FPGA generic I/O interfaces, there are three types of external interface definitions—centered, aligned, and fractional-aligned. In a centered I/O interface—at the device input pins—the clock is centered in the data opening. In an aligned external interface—at the device pins—the clock and data transition are aligned or edge-on-edge. Fractional aligned IOD mode is used when the receive clock is a fraction of the data rate. Interfaces use either a static or dynamic optimization methods to achieve specific data rate targets. Static uses Libero SoC generated data and clock delay tunings. Using constraints, you can adjust the data delay of a static interface. Dynamic uses IOD capabilities to adapt the interface for optimal performance. Static interfaces are turn-key using Libero SoC whereas dynamic requires user integration to optimize the interface for maximum performance.

The clock source in both types of interfaces can be sourced for a global, regional, or lane clock. See [PolarFire FPGA and PolarFire SoC FPGA Clocking Resources User Guide](#) for more information about clocking topologies.

The Generic I/O Interfaces use a naming convention as follows:

Direction_Gearing_Capture clock_Fabric clock_Clock to data relationship

TX (direction), DDR (gearing), R (regional), C (Centered) ==> TX_DDR_R_C

DDR (direction), B (HS_IO_CLK), FA (Fractional Clock Aligned), DYN (Dynamic alignment), FDYN (Fractional Clock with dynamic alignment)

Both the device families include the following generic RX DDR interface types.

Table 8-6. Generic RX DDR Interfaces^{1, 2}

Name	Clock Type	Gearing Ratio	Description
RX_DDR_G_A	Continuous	1	Rx DDR w/Global aligned
RX_DDR_R_A	Continuous	1	Rx DDR w/Regional clock aligned
RX_DDR_G_C	Continuous	1	Rx DDR w/Global centered
RX_DDR_R_C	Continuous	1	Rx DDR w/Regional clock centered
RX_DDRX_B_G_A	Continuous	2, 3.5, 4, 5	Rx DDR geared w/Bank aligned using Global clock
RX_DDRX_B_G_C	Continuous	2, 3.5, 4, 5	Rx DDR geared w/Bank centered using Global clock
RX_DDRX_B_R_A	Continuous	2, 3.5, 4, 5	Rx DDR geared w/Bank aligned using Regional clock
RX_DDRX_B_R_C	Continuous	2, 3.5, 4, 5	Rx DDR geared w/Bank centered using Regional clock

⁽¹⁾ For more information about maximum operating frequency, see respective [PolarFire FPGA Datasheet](#) or [PolarFire SoC Advance Datasheet](#).

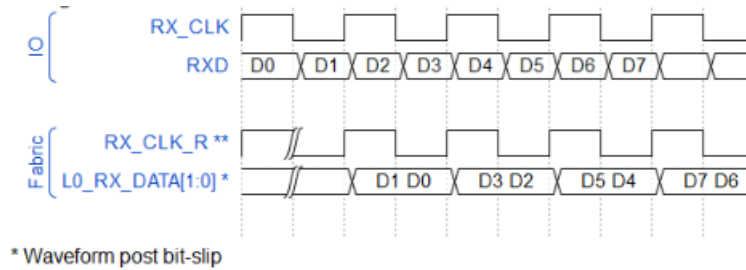
⁽²⁾ Regional clock interfaces use the generated HS_IO_CLK to capture the data and then transfer to the regional clock within the FPGA fabric.

8.5.2 RX_DDR_G_A/ RX_DDR_R_A—Aligned Interfaces with Static Delays

The RX_DDR_G_A and RX_DDR_R_A interfaces are used when the DDR data and clock signals are aligned at the external input pins as shown in the following figure. This interface uses a continuous clock. Internally, the aligned interface is required to adjust the clock to satisfy the capture flip-flop setup and hold times. The adjustments are done by input delay settings, which are automatically applied from the Libero SoC software. The interfaces shown in the

following figure use a gearing ratio of 1 and the maximum X1 data rate. For more information about data rate, see respective [PolarFire FPGA Datasheet](#) or [PolarFire SoC Advance Datasheet](#). There are two interface configurations based on clock source topology being either global or lane-based.

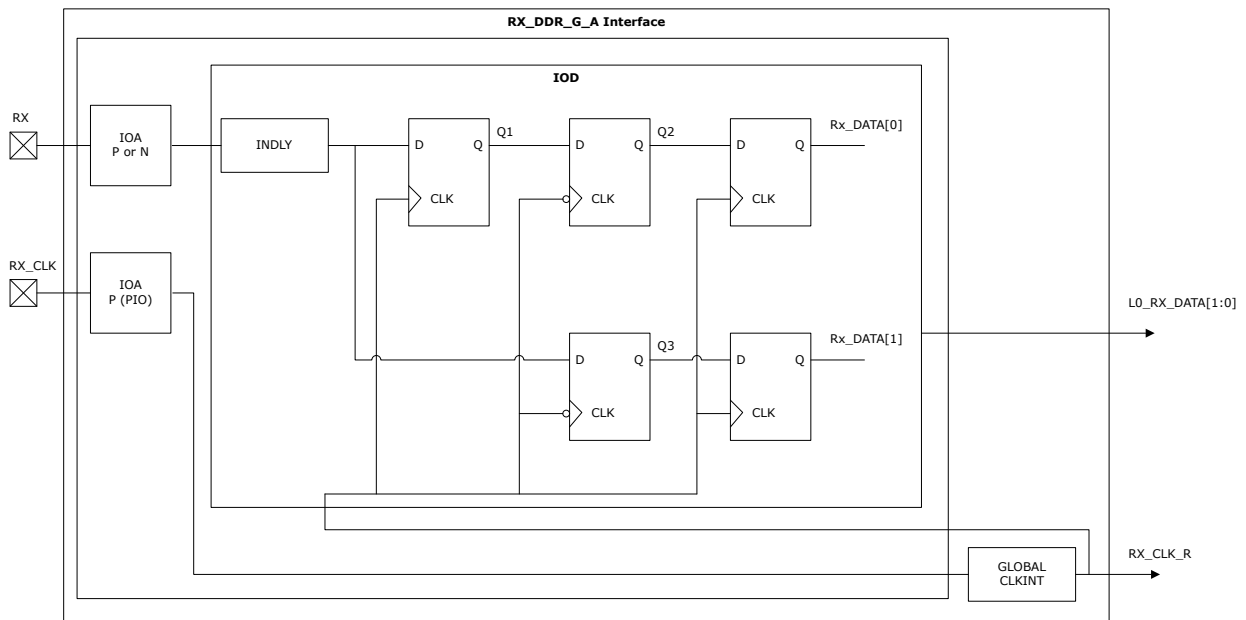
Figure 8-12. Aligned Data and Clock Waveform



In the RX_DDR aligned interface using a global clock assignment, it receives RX data and RX_CLK clock through I/Os and passes RX_DATA and RX_CLK_R to the fabric. The input clock is passed directly to the GLOBAL CLKINT that is sourced to the IOD logic. Libero SoC statically sets the input delay cells within the IOD to cancel RX vs RX_CLK injection time to flip-flop, plus an additional offset to internally center the data/clock relationship.

Global CLKINT resource drives the receive clock for fabric interface RX_CLK_R into the fabric.

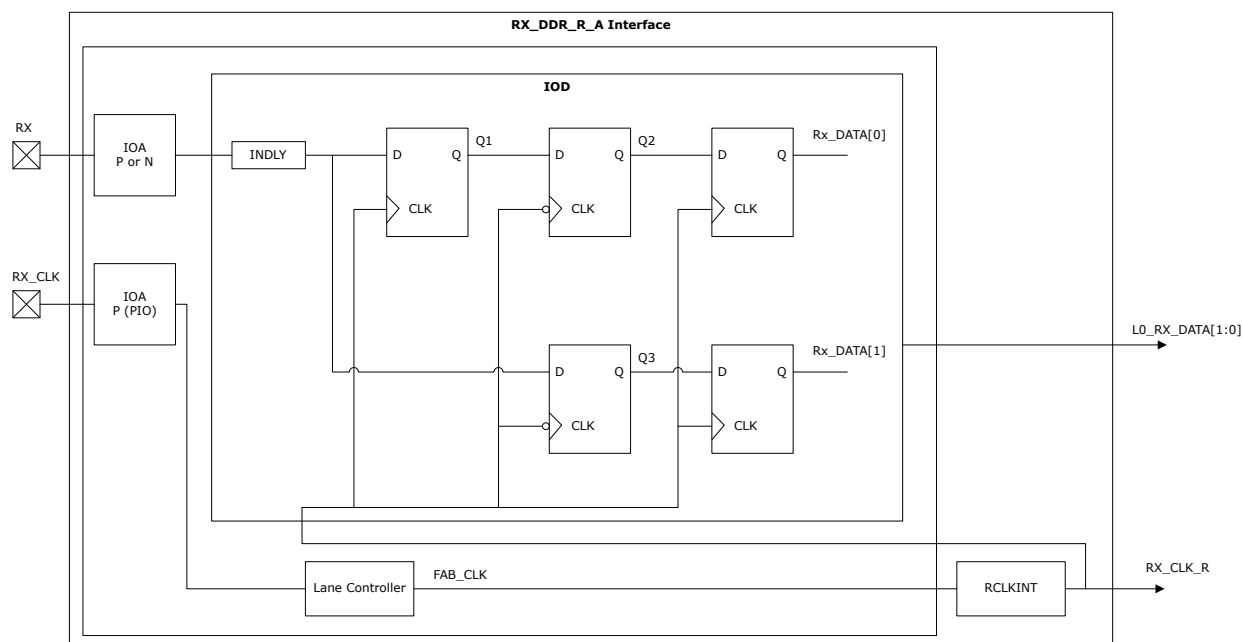
Figure 8-13. RX_DDRX1 Aligned Interface Using Global Clock



The RX_DDR aligned interface using a lane clock assignment receives RX data and RX_CLK clock through I/Os and passes RX_DATA to the IOD. This is an aligned interface using a regional system clock distribution. This uses a continuous clock. RX_CLK is sent to the lane controller. The lane controller manages the skew and passes the FAB_CLK to a RCLKINT. The clock is sent to both the IOD and to the fabric from RCLKINT. Libero SoC statically sets the input delay cells within the IOD to cancel RX vs RX_CLK injection time to flip-flop, plus an offset to internally center the data/clock relationship.

The receive clock for fabric interface RX_CLK_R, is driven by RCLKINT resource into the fabric.

Figure 8-14. RX_DDRX1 Aligned Interface Using Regional Clock



8.5.2.1 Interface Ports

The following table lists the RX_DDR_[G:R]_A interface mode ports.

Table 8-7. RX_DDR Aligned Interface Mode Ports

Port	I/O	Description
RX	Input	Input DDR data. Supports up to 128-bits for _G interfaces and 11-bit for _R interfaces.
RX_CLK	Input	Input DDR clock.
L#_RX_DATA[n:0]	Output	DDR output to FPGA fabric. 'n' equals the output pins from the geared DDR component to the fabric where the even numbered pin is the rising edge data and the odd numbered pin is the falling edge data of the DDR signal. The number of fabric pins are based on the number of I/Os and the gearing ratio. L# is associated with the # of external input pins up to 128 maximum.
RX_CLK_R/ RX_CLK_G	Output	Receive clock to FPGA fabric using a global (G), regional (R) clock.

(1) Other pins are visible when advanced options are used. See [9. Generic IOD Interface Implementation](#).

8.5.2.2 Interface Selection Rules

The following rules apply when assigning a pin to the RX_DDR_G_A aligned interface:

- Up to 12 single-ended data I/O and six differential data I/O.
- RX_CLK input must be placed in an I/O with the CLKIN_z_w function in the same bank as other I/Os.
- One IOD per data I/Os.
- One IOA per data and clock I/Os.
- RX IOA can be freely placed.

The following rules apply when assigning a pin to the RX_DDR_R_A aligned interface:

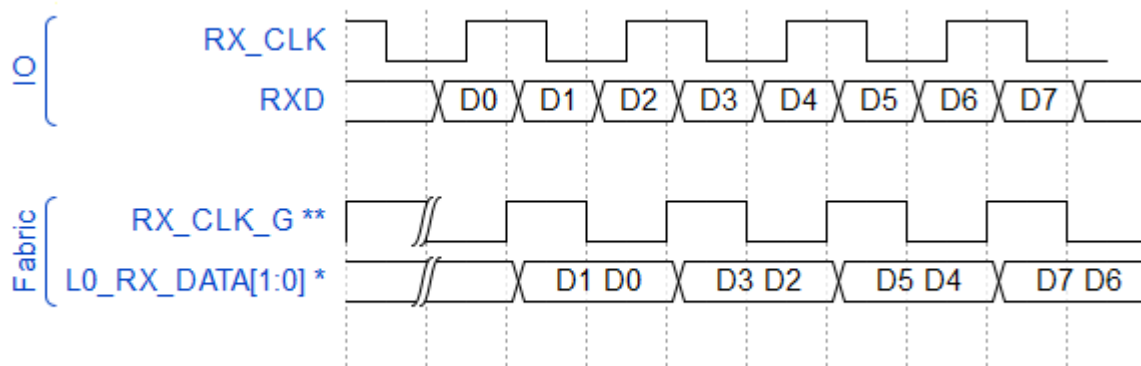
- Up to 11 single-ended data I/O and five differential data I/O.
- Uses one LANCTRL to connect to regional clock.

- Uses one regional clock.
- RX and RX_CLK I/Os must be placed in the same I/O lane.
- RX_CLK input must be placed in the P side I/O with the DQS function in the lane.
- RX and RX_CLK I/Os must be placed in the same bank (RX and RX_CLK I/O pins can be shared across banks 0 and 7).
- One IOD per data I/Os.
- One IOA per data and clock I/Os.

8.5.3 RX_DDR_G_C and RX_DDR_R_C—Centered Interfaces with Static Delays

The RX_DDR_G_C and RX_DDR_R_C interfaces have clock and data signals at the external input pins with the clock centered along the incoming data and uses a continuous clock as shown in the following figure. This interface strategy is similar to the aligned. The Libero SoC controlled input delay is set to cancel RX vs RX_CLK injection time to flip-flop. This is used to balance the clock and data delay—to the first flip-flop—to maintain the setup and hold requirements by compensating for the internal delays.

Figure 8-15. Centered Data and Clock Waveform

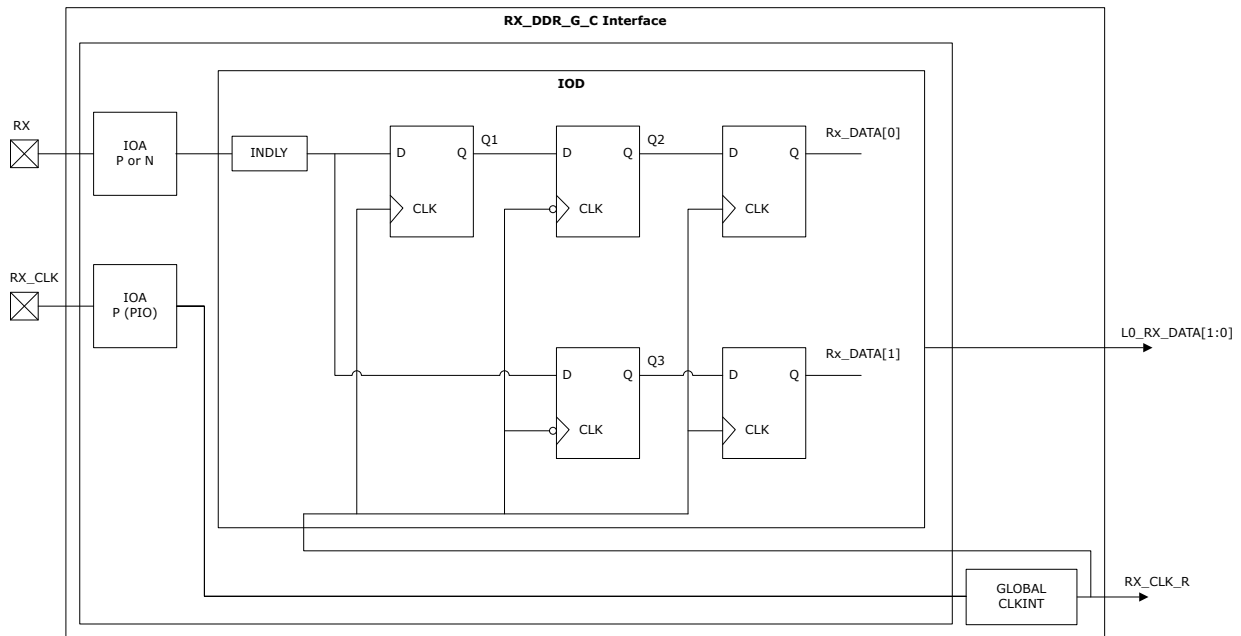


*** Waveform post bit-slip**

Using a global clock assignment receives RX data and RX_CLK clock through I/Os and passes RX_DATA and RX_CLK_R to the fabric. The input clock is passed directly to the GLOBAL CLKINT, sourced to the IOD logic, and forwarded to the fabric.

Global CLKINT resource drives the receive clock for fabric interface RX_CLK_R into the fabric.

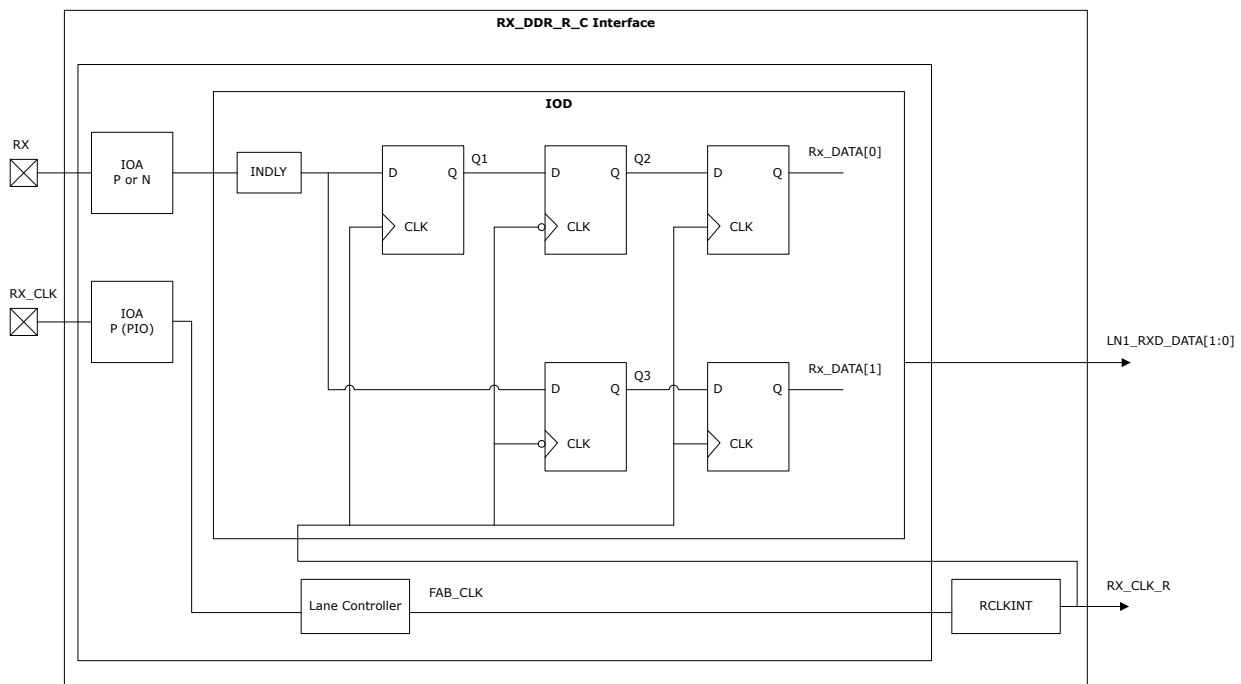
Figure 8-16. RX_DDRX1 Centered Interface Using Global Clock



The RX_DDR centered interface using a lane clock assignment receives RX data and RX_CLK clock through I/Os, passes RX_DATA to the IOD, and RX_CLK_R to the lane controller. This uses a continuous clock. The lane controller manages the skew and passes the FAB_CLK to RCLKINT. The input clock is sent to both the IOD and to the fabric from RCLKINT.

RCLKINT resource drives the receive clock for fabric interface RX_CLK_R into the fabric.

Figure 8-17. RX_DDRX1 Centered Interface Using Regional Clock



8.5.3.1 Interface Ports

The following table lists the RX_DDR_[G:L:B]_C interface mode ports.

Table 8-8. RX_DDR Centered Interface Mode Ports

Port	I/O	Description
RX	Input	Input DDR data. Supports up to 128-bits for _G interfaces and 11-bit for _R interfaces.
RX_CLK	Input	Input DDR clock.
L#_RX_DATA[m:0]	Output	DDR output to FPGA fabric. 'm' equals the output pins from the geared DDR component to the fabric where the even numbered pin is the rising edge data and the odd numbered pin is the falling edge data of the DDR signal. The number of fabric pins are based on the number of I/Os and the gearing ratio. L# is associated with the # of external input pins up to 128 maximum.
RX_CLK_R/ RX_CLK_G	Output	Receive clock to FPGA fabric using a global (G) or regional (R) clock.

(1) Other pins are visible when advanced options are used. See [9. Generic IOD Interface Implementation](#).

8.5.3.2 Interface Selection Rules

The following rules apply when assigning a pin to the RX_DDR_G_C centered interface:

- Up to 12 single-ended data I/O and six differential data I/O.
- RX_CLK input must be placed in an I/O with the CLKIN_z_w function in the same bank as other I/Os.
- One IOD per data I/Os.
- One IOA per data and clock I/Os.
- RX IOA can be freely placed.

The following rules apply when assigning a pin to the RX_DDR_R_C centered interface:

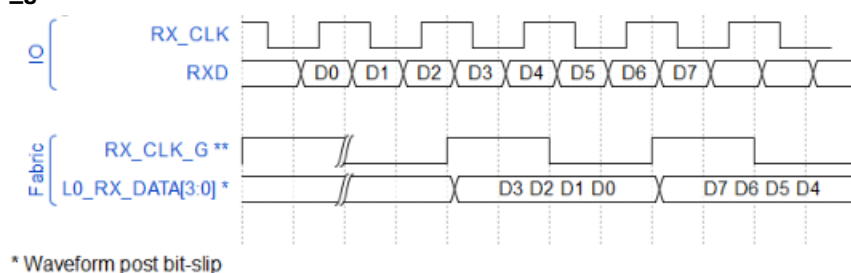
- Up to 11 single-ended data I/O and five differential data I/O.
- Uses one LANECTRL to connect to regional clock.
- Uses one regional clock.
- RX and RX_CLK I/Os must be placed in the same I/O lane.
- RX_CLK input must be placed in the P side I/O with the DQS function in the lane.
- RX and RX_CLK I/Os must be placed in the same bank (exception on device with bank7, I/Os can be either in both bank0 and bank7).
- One IOD per data I/Os.
- One IOA per data and clock I/Os.

8.5.4 RX_DDRX_B_G_C and RX_DDRX_B_G_A/RX_DDRX_B_R_A Interfaces with Static Delays

RX_DDR interfaces can use x2, x3.5, x4, and x5 gearing using bank and lane oriented, high-speed I/O clock networks that provide low-skew, clocks distributed along the edge of the device to service the I/Os. Used to clock data into the I/O logic when implementing the I/O interfaces, the clocks are tightly managed to support wide source synchronous interfaces. The clock domain transfer for the data from the high-speed IO clock to the low-speed system clock is guaranteed by design. These modes permit wider data transfers to the fabric hence achieving more data throughput with lower fabric clock transfers.

The RX_DDRX[2,3,5,4,5]B_G_A/ B_R_A and RX_DDRX[2,3,5,4,5]B_G_C interfaces are also supported by static settings when the user is aware of the input and clock relationship at the boundary of the device. Similar to the RX_DDRX1 interfaces, the Libero SoC IOD configurator creates a component that meets the gearing criteria and is correct by construction from the pads to the fabric interface making use of the correct input pins required for clock and data. For each high-speed input receiver, the component is generated with the appropriate fabric pins based on the gearing ratio. For example, if a single high-speed input is intended to be geared by 4, then the component has 8 pins. The 8-pins has a relative pin name LN0_RXD_DATA[7:0] where as [0:1], [2:3], [4:5], [6:7] are the DDR equivalent for x4 geared data to the fabric.

Figure 8-18. Rx_geared Waveform



8.5.4.1 Interface Ports

The following table lists the RX_DDR_B_C and RX_DDR_B_A interface mode ports.

Table 8-9. RX_DDR_B_C and RX_DDR_B_A Interface Mode Ports¹

Port	I/O	Description
RX	Input	Input DDR data. Supports up to 128-bits for _G interfaces and 11-bit for _R interfaces.
RX_CLK	Input	Input DDR clock.
ARST_N	Input	Asynchronous reset to IOD and lane controller. ARST_N inputs are independent asynchronous resets to both the Rx and Tx IOD blocks.
HS_IO_CLK_PAUSE	Input	Toggling the HS_IO_PAUSE: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Resets the IOD RX state machines. This reset re-synchronizes pattern to HS_IO_CLK (bank clock) and RXCLK. – Resets any adjustment done through SLIP operation. – Resets the IOD TX state machines. This reset synchronizes HS_IO_CLK and TXCLK. – HS_IO_CLK_PAUSE must be pulsed after PLL lock is asserted in fractional aligned mode allowing the I/O Gearing state machine to detect the phase difference between fabric clock and clock coming out of PLL.
L#_RX_DATA[m:0]	Output	DDR output to FPGA fabric. 'm' equals the output pins from the geared DDR component to the fabric where the even numbered pin is the rising edge data and the odd numbered pin is the falling edge data of the DDR signal. The number of fabric pins are based on the number of I/Os and the gearing ratio. L# is associated with the # of external input pins up to 128 maximum.
RX_CLK_R/ RX_CLK_G	Output	Receive clock to FPGA fabric using a global (G) or regional (R) clock. Global and regional can be used for aligned interfaces. Center-aligned interfaces can only use global clock.

⁽¹⁾ Other pins are visible when advanced options are used. See [9. Generic IOD Interface Implementation](#).

8.5.4.2 Interface Selection Rules

The following rules apply when assigning a pin to the RX_DDRX_B_G_A, RX_DDRX_B_R_A, and RX_DDRX_B_G_C interfaces:

- Interface uses two ICB_CLKDIVDELAY and three HS_IO_CLK.
- RX_CLK input must be placed in an I/O with the CLKIN_z_w function in the same bank as other I/Os.
- RX and RX_CLK I/Os must be placed in the same bank (exception on device with bank7, I/Os can be either in both bank0 and bank7).
- One IOD per data I/Os.
- One IOA per data and clock I/Os.

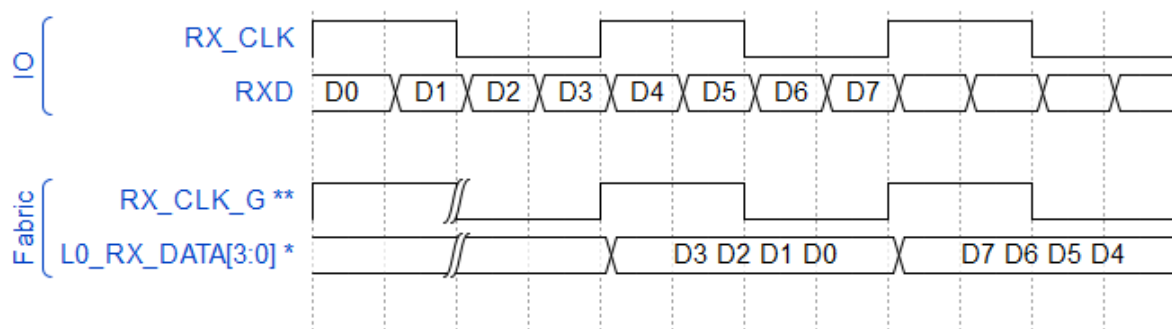
- IOA from two different interfaces (TX/RX/DDR/QDR/OCTAL/CDR) cannot be placed in the same I/O lane.

8.5.5 RX_DDR Fractional Aligned/Fractional Dynamic Interfaces

The DDR fractional aligned IOD mode is used when the receive clock is a fraction of the data rate. A CCC PLL is inserted by Libero SoC into the clock path with a multiplier of 1, 2, 4, 8, or 10 to match data bit rate. For example, source synchronous clock input RX_CLK (which is data-rate / 4) is provided as a reference clock to a fabric PLL, and generates the HS_IO_CLK which is 2X the RX_CLK. With statically trained interface, the static delays to ensure the HS_IO_CLK clock edge alignment within the RXD data bit window. This pre-instantiated PLL also generates the fabric clock (equal to the RX_CLK or data-rate / 4), which is used by the user logic in the fabric to clock the RX_DATA bits coming out of the IOD macro into the fabric.

The following figures shows the waveform diagram of fractional aligned data and clock.

Figure 8-19. Fractional Aligned Data and Clock Waveform



* Waveform post bit-slip

8.5.5.1 Interface Ports

The following table lists the port names and description of fractional aligned interface mode.

Table 8-10. Fractional Aligned Interface Mode Ports

Port	I/O	Description
RX	Input	Input DDR data. Supports up to 11 bits wide and all bits must fit within a lane.
RX_CLK	Input	Input DDR clock.
ARST_N	Input	Asynchronous reset to IOD and lane controller. ARST_N inputs are independent asynchronous resets to both the Rx and Tx IOD blocks. It holds associated interface PLLs in powerdown.
HS_IO_CLK_PAUSE	Input	Toggling the HS_IO_PAUSE: – Resets the IOD RX state machines. This reset re-synchronizes pattern to HS_IO_CLK (bank clock) and RXCLK. – Resets any adjustment done through SLIP operation. – Resets the IOD TX state machines. This reset synchronizes HS_IO_CLK and TXCLK.
L#_RX_DATA[m:0]	Output	DDR output to FPGA fabric. 'm' equals the output pins from the geared DDR component to the fabric where the even numbered pin is the rising edge data and the odd numbered pin is the falling edge data of the DDR signal. The number of fabric pins are based on the number of I/Os and the gearing ratio. L# is associated with the # of external input pins up to 128 maximum.
RX_CLK_R/RX_CLK_G	Output	Receive clock to FPGA fabric using a global (G) or regional (R) clock.
PLL_LOCK	Output	Lock status of the included PLL used in clock path.

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Port	I/O	Description
CLK_TRAIN_DONE	Output	Indicates HS_IO_CLK and system clock training is complete. See 11.1.1. HS_IO_CLK and System Clock Training .

8.5.5.2 Interface Selection Rules

The following rules apply when assigning a pin to the RX_DDRX_B_G_FA interfaces:

- RX_CLK input must be placed in an I/O with the CCC_CLKIN_z_w function in the same bank as other I/Os. This pin allows connection to the PLL reference clock. See [PolarFire FPGA and PolarFire SoC FPGA Clocking Resources User Guide](#) for information about the available pins for each device. Other preferred clock pins are not suited for this connection.
- RX and RX_CLK I/Os must be placed in the same bank (exception on device with bank7, I/Os can be either in both bank0 and bank7).
- Interface uses a PLL to generate high-speed clock.
- One IOD per data I/Os.
- One IOA per data and clock I/Os.
- IOA from two different interfaces (TX/RX/DDR/QDR/OCTAL/IO_CDR) cannot be placed in the same I/O lane.

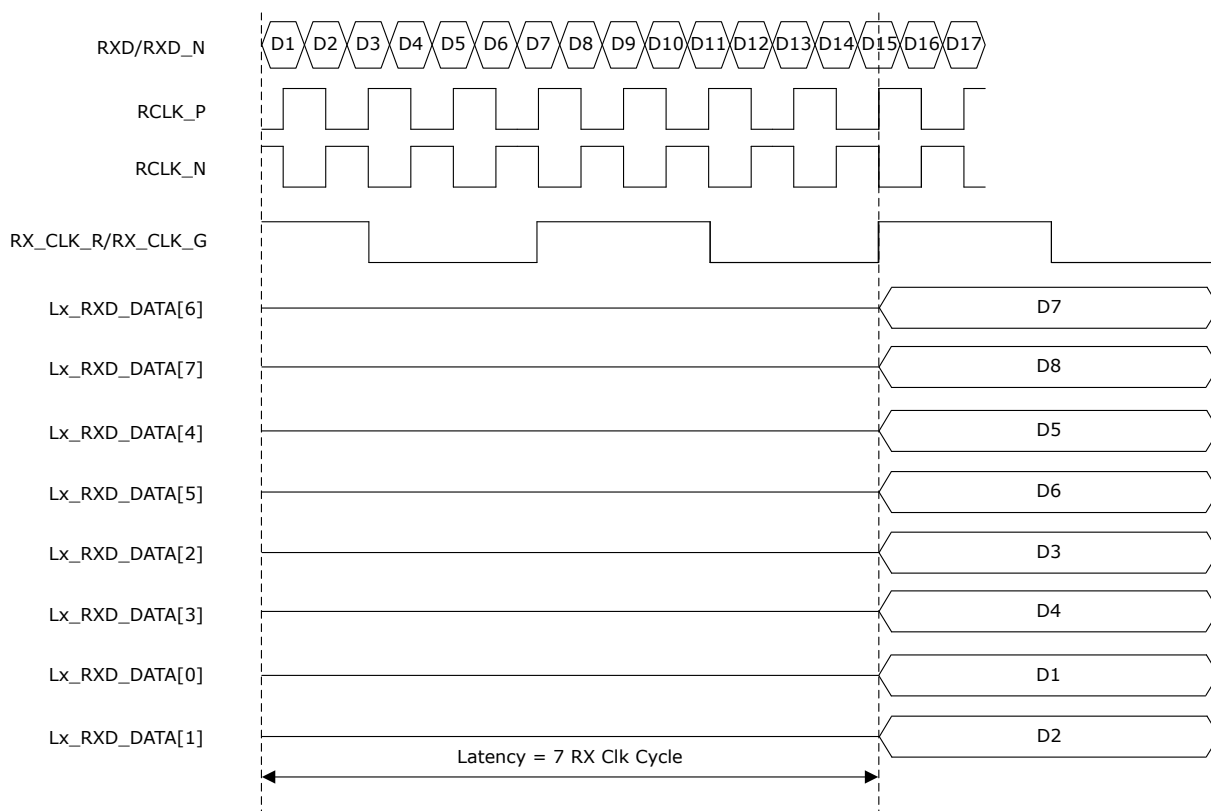
8.5.6 RX_DDRX_B_G_DYN/ RX_DDRX_B_R_DYN

The RX_DDRX_B_G_DYN/ RX_DDRX_B_R_DYN interface is used to capture differential DDR data using dynamic control. The clock and data relationship can be adjusted dynamically when the device receives the differential DDR data. The RX_DDRX_B_G_DYN/ RX_DDRX_B_R_DYN interface uses the digital ratio of 2, 3.5, 4, and 5.

The interface receives the differential data RXD/RXD_N and the differential clock RX_CLK_P/RX_CLK_N via I/O and passed the data Lx_RXD_DATA and fabric clock (RX_CLK_FAB) to the fabric. The receive clock input (RX_CLK_P/ RX_CLK_N) is passed through the lane controller to generate RX_CLK_FAB, which is driven by RCLKINT.

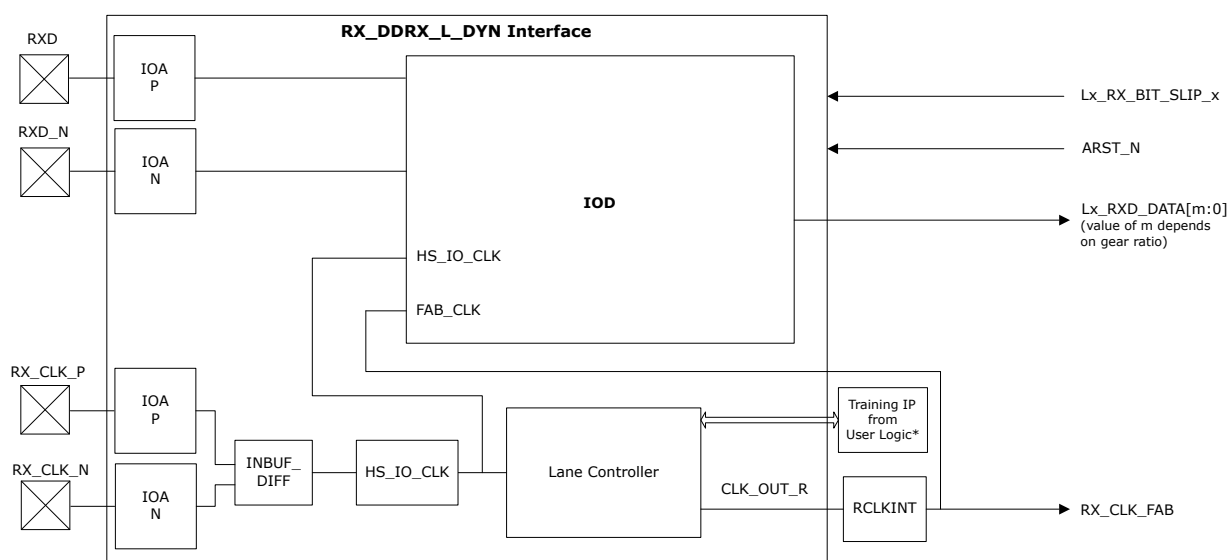
The following illustration shows the signal waveform of RX_DDRX_B_G_DYN/ RX_DDRX_B_R_DYN interface when slip input is not used.

Figure 8-20. RX_DDRX_B_G_DYN/ RX_DDRX_B_R_DYN Waveform



The following illustration shows the block diagram of RX_DDRX_B_G_DYN/ RX_DDRX_B_R_DYN interface.

Figure 8-21. Block Diagram of the RX_DDRX_B_G_DYN/ RX_DDRX_B_R_DYN Interface



Note: For information about connections between IOD block and user training IP, see [9.2.3. Dynamic Delay Control](#).

8.5.6.1 Interface Ports

The following table lists the RX_DDRX_B_G_DYN/ RX_DDRX_B_R_DYN interface mode ports.

Table 8-11. RX_DDRX_L_DYN Ports

Port	I/O	Description
RXD/RXD_N	Input	Differential input DDR data
RX_CLK_P/RX_CLK_N	Input	Differential input clock
ARST_N	Input	Asynchronous reset to IOD and lane controller
Lx_BIT_SLIP	Input	Bit slip input (per lane) from fabric is initiated by a rising edge of the slip signal from the core fabric. Lx_BIT_SLIP is not available for DDRX3.5 gearing.
Lx_RXD_DATA[m:0]	Output	DDR output to FPGA fabric, value depends on digital ratio
RX_CLK_R/RX_CLK_G	Output	Receive clock to FPGA fabric using a global (G) or regional (R) clock.
CLK_TRAIN_DONE	Output	Indicates HS_IO_CLK and system clock training is complete. See 11.1.1. HS_IO_CLK and System Clock Training .
CLK_TRAIN_ERROR	Output	Indicates HS_IO_CLK and system clock training did not complete. See 11.1.1. HS_IO_CLK and System Clock Training .

(1) For more information, see [9.2.3. Dynamic Delay Control](#).

The RX_DDRX_B_G_DYN/ RX_DDRX_B_R_DYN interface has bit slip input from fabric, called Lx_BIT_SLIP. The slip input pin is used for word alignment. The slip function is used in 2, 4, and 5 Digital Modes—slip 1 bit at a time.

8.5.6.2 Interface Selection Rules

The following conditions are applicable when assigning pins to the RX_DDRX_B_G_DYN/ RX_DDRX_B_R_DYN interface:

- Interface uses two ICB_CLKDIVDELAY and three HS_IO_CLK.
- RX_CLK input must be placed in an I/O with the CLKIN_z_w function in the same bank as other I/Os.
- RX and RX_CLK I/Os must be placed in the same bank (exception on device with bank7, I/Os can be either in both bank0 and bank7).
- One IOD per data I/Os.
- One IOA per data and clock I/Os.
- IOA from two different interfaces (TX/RX/DDR/QDR/OCTAL/CDR) cannot be placed in the same I/O lane.

8.5.7 TX DDR Interfaces

The following table lists the clock-to-data conditions of TX DDR interfaces.

Table 8-12. TX DDR Interfaces

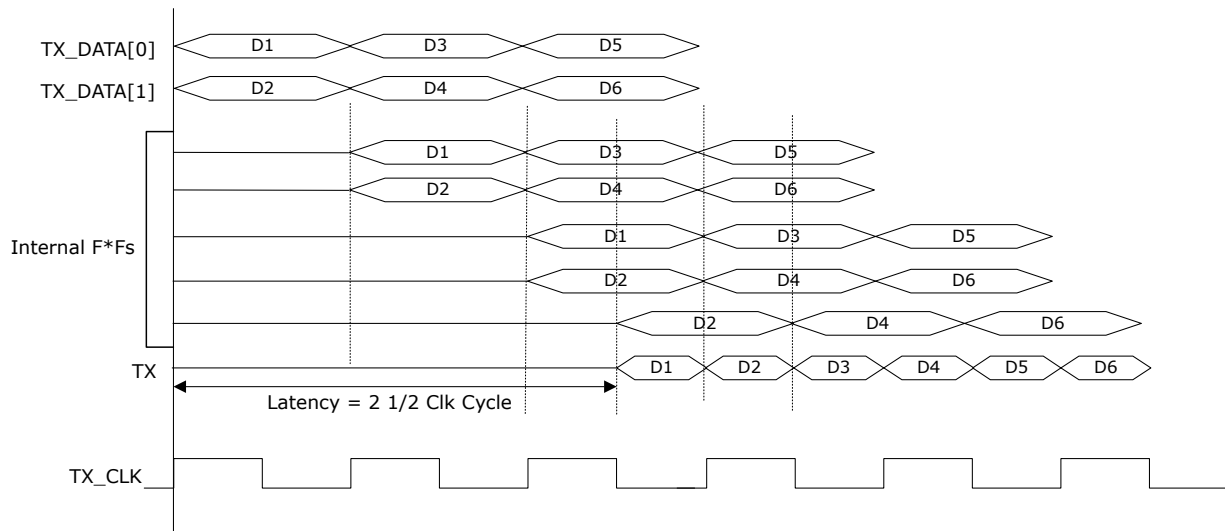
Interface Name	Topology	Gearing Ratio	Clock-to-Data Condition
TX_DDR_G/B_A	TX DDR	1	From a global clock source, aligned clock, and data

8.5.7.1 TX_DDR_G/B_A

The TX_DDR_G_A interfaces implement the DDR transmit interface where clock edges are aligned with the DDR data. The IOD block uses the fabric clock (TX_FAB_CLK) that is routed on a global clock resource to capture the transmitted data from fabric and transmit it via the TX pin.

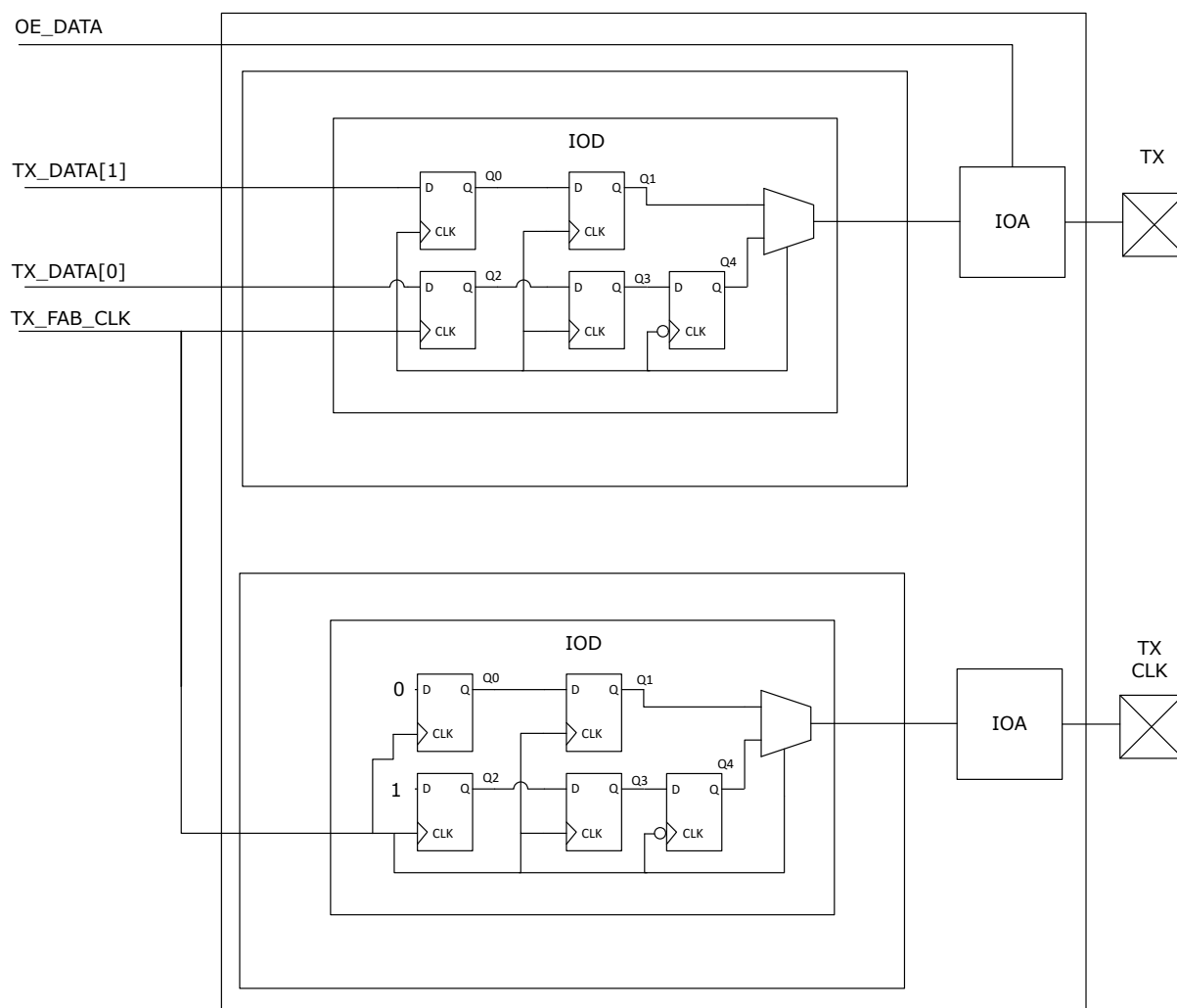
The following figure shows the TX_DDR_G_A interface signal waveform.

Figure 8-22. TX_DDR_G_A Interface Signal Waveform—TXDDR1



The following figure shows the block diagram of the TX_DDR_G_A interface.

Figure 8-23. TX_DDR_G/B_A Interface Block Diagram—TX_DDRX1



8.5.7.2 Interface Ports

The following table lists the TX_DDR_G_A interface mode ports.

Table 8-13. TX_DDR_G/B_A Interface Mode Ports

Port	I/O	Description
TX_DATA[m:0]	Input	DDR transmit data from fabric. 'm' equals the input pins to the DDR component from the fabric where the even numbered pin is the data transmitted on the falling edge of TX_CLK and the odd numbered pin is the data transmitted on the rising of TX_CLK of the DDR signal. The number of fabric pins are based on the number of I/Os and the gearing ratio.
TX_CLK_G	Input	DDR transmit clock from fabric, and routed through global clock network.
TXD/TXD_N(m)	Output	DDR output to IOAs
TX_CLK	Input	DDR clock to IOAs

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Port	I/O	Description
HS_IO_CLK_PAUSE	Input	Toggling the HS_IO_PAUSE. Resets the IOD TX state machines. This reset synchronizes HS_IO_CLK and TXCLK. It takes 5 to 10 clock cycles after deassertion of HS_IO_CLK_PAUSE until valid TX_DATA is accepted by the IOD.

(1) Other pins are visible when advanced options are used. See [9. Generic IOD Interface Implementation](#).

8.5.7.3 Interface Selection Rules

The following conditions are applicable when assigning pins to the TX_DDR_G_A interface:

- TX and TX_CLK I/Os are freely placed. The TX data and TX_CLK skew is equal to the global clock network.
- One IOD per data and clock I/Os.
- One IOA per data and clock I/Os.

Note: At least, one CCC/PLL is required for clock phasing.

An optional feature enables the transmit parallel clock to be sent out synchronously with data. This feature is useful for applications such as CameraLink. The option is found in the Advance tab of the TX_DDR configurator GUI > Misc section > Enable user control of clock pattern. The generated TX_DDR component has a port PF_IOD_TX_CLK:TX_DATA_0 that is in the module with the TX_CLK_DATA ports.

8.6 Latency

The latency listed in the following table is an approximation and based on a specific fixed relationship for HSIO_CLKS clocks and regional clocks. Due to the flexibility and training associated with the DDR interfaces, the latency can be different than that listed by ± 1 cycle.

Table 8-14. Latency for the Rx/Tx CLK Interface

IOD Mode	Direction	Latency Cycle (Rx/Tx CLK)
RX_DDRX1	Input	1
RX_DDRX2	Input	4
RX_DDRX3P5	Input	6
RX_DDRX4	Input	7
RX_DDRX5	Input	9
TX_DDRX1	Output	2.5
TX_DDRX2	Output	5.5
TX_DDRX3P5	Output	6
TX_DDRX4	Output	10.5
TX_DDRX5	Output	13.5

9. Generic IOD Interface Implementation

The I/O architecture includes many functional features to support source synchronous I/O interfaces such as DDR and QDR memory controllers, common interfaces such as RGMII, MIPI D-PHY, 7:1 LVDS, and several other non-memory user interfaces. Some interfaces such as memory interface solutions use soft-training IP to move data from the high-speed Bank I/O clock (HSIO_CLK) to the global clock of the interface.

The Libero SoC software offers many enhanced capabilities to streamline these interfaces easily into FPGA designs. The software is used to configure and generate all the high-speed interfaces such as IOD Generic RX and IOD Generic TX. The software generates a complete HDL module including clocking requirements for each of the interfaces. The Libero SoC built components are correct by construction containing the complete data path from the I/O pins to the fabric. Libero SoC software includes the following I/O interface configurators in the DirectCore catalog.

- IOD Generic RX
- IOD Generic TX

The following steps must be followed to successfully design a high-speed I/O gearing interface using Libero SoC software.

1. Determine the type of interface to implement for list of defined interfaces.
2. Use the I/O Interface configurators to build the interface.
3. Use available pre-sets within the I/O interface configurators for typical application interfaces
4. Add needed clock resources such as CCC.
5. Review package/device pin-out assignment tables for valid clock and data pins for each interface before making pin assignments. The smallest possible device/package combination that may be targeted to reduce architectural migration issues. Also review the Consolidated IOD Rules spreadsheet for pre-place and route guidance.
6. Confirm timing and clock constraints.
7. Define desired I/O standard for single-ended or differential I/O.

9.1 Software Primitives

Several software primitives are used to implement DDR interfaces. The Libero SoC I/O configurator builds and generates the component based on these primitives.

9.1.1 Input DELAY

The DELAY block is used to delay the input data from the input pin to the Input register (IREG). It adjusts among the input data bus for any skews. The data input to this block can be delayed using:

- Static—these are pre-determined delay values (for Zero Hold time, delay based on Interface Type) set by the Libero SoC software.
- DYNAMIC—uses the calibrated codes from DLL of the CCC to maintain correct timing across the system.
- Dynamic/Training IP (TIP)—the data input to this block can also be dynamically updated using Dynamic Delay controls connected to fabric IP logic. See [9.2.3. Dynamic Delay Control](#).

The DELAY can be adjusted through Libero SoC. This can be done using physical design constraints (PDC) or the IOEditor GUI. The DELAY has 256 setting taps that can be adjusted to match the physical connections on the PCB. The PDC values over write the static settings that are configured by Libero SoC defaults. For more information about Input DELAY, see [8.2.1. Programmable I/O Delay](#).

9.1.2 Input Register (IREG)

The Input IREG gearing logic data path uses three sets of registers:

- Shift register
- Update register
- Transfer register

The purpose of these registers is to implement Input gearing, de-serialization of the high-speed pad signals to lower speed parallel core signals, and the clock domain transfers, as required for the specific interface standard.

9.1.3 Input FIFO

After sampling valid DDR data, the positive and negative edge data needs to cross clock domains between the external synchronizing signal (for example, DQS for DDR memory controllers) and the internal system clock. The input FIFO also provides certainty of data being received at the FPGA with slightly different arrival times.

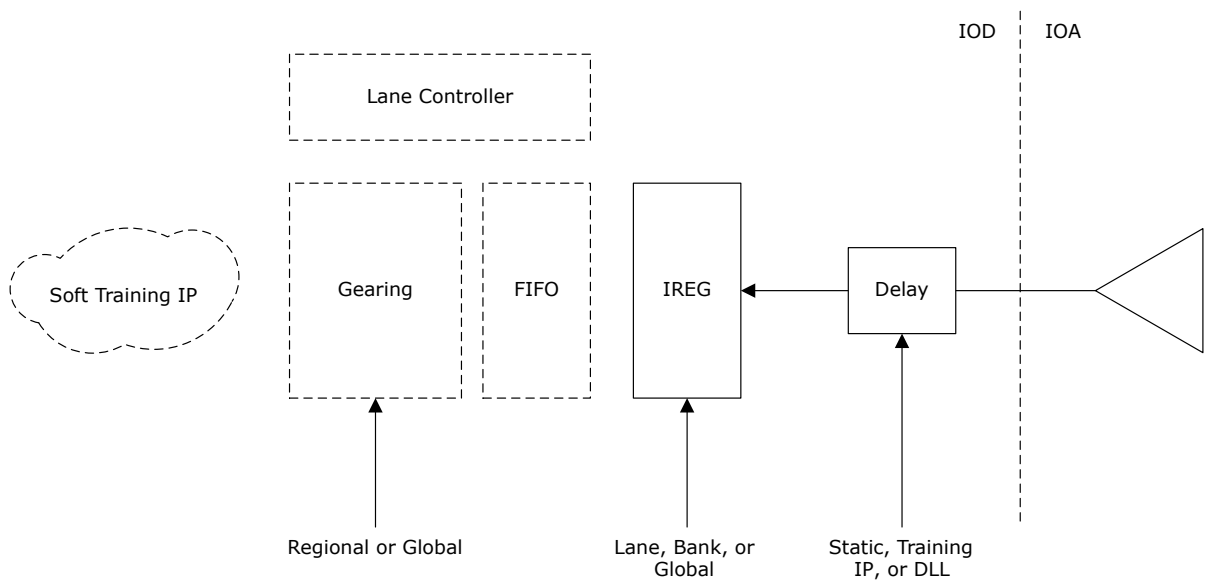
The input FIFO for each I/O is composed of two 8 flip-flop deep registers. One register is used for the input data associated with positive edge of clock and the other register is used for the input data associated with the negative edge of the clock. Both registers run on the negative clock edge, by using a previous half cycle transfer to put DDR input data all on one clock edge. There is a 3-bit write pointer and a 3-bit wide read pointer. The FIFO is used for clock domain transfers. For more information about Input FIFO, see [8.2.4. I/O FIFO](#).

9.1.4 Input Gear Box

The IGEAR is composed of three sets of data registers to de-serialize the input data and transfer it to a lower core speed. It uses three sets of registers:

- Shift: running on the high-speed input clock.
- Update: running on the high-speed input clock, but controlled by an update signal from the clock controller. The update is based on the de-serialization mode required to reduce the frequency to the core speed (X2, X3.5, X4, and X5).
- Transfer: running on the core system clock. It is required to guarantee timing is met in the transition from the update register to the system clock.

Figure 9-1. IOD Modules used within a Generic DDRX I/O Interface



9.2 I/O Interface Configurators

I/O interface configurators assemble interfaces from the device input and output pins to the fabric. The configurator includes IOD blocks and the connectivity required for the interface. The configurators include tabs that show the configured component with the ports. The receiver configurator includes an interactive waveform diagram that updates the use case based on the inputs to the configurator GUI. The GUI also includes simple design rule checks to prevent from crating modules that are not allowed by the architecture.

9.2.1 IOD Templates

Many IOD templates are available for ease entry of interface settings. The interfaces (see [8.5. Generic I/O Interfaces](#)) are captured by the templates. Select a desired preset in the left pane and right-click. Click **Apply** to load the related interface configuration to the GUI. Click **View** to see the specific configuration settings. When applied,

the templates auto-fills the Configuration settings within the tab for the applied template. This is a simple method of applying legal combinations for IOD configurations. Modify according to specific requirement. It also navigates the user to use the available configurations.

9.2.2 IOD Generic RX

The following table lists the receive interface software names and their related data.

Table 9-1. Receive Interface

Software Name	Ratio	Clock to Data Relationship	I/O Clock	Fabric Clock	Lane Organization	One Lane Max	Dynamic Bit Training
RX_DDR_G_A	1	Aligned	Global	Global	✗	✗	✗
RX_DDR_R_A	1	Aligned	Regional	Regional	✓	✓	✗
RX_DDR_G_C	1	Centered	Global	Global	✗	✗	✗
RX_DDR_R_C	1	Centered	Regional	Regional	✓	✓	✗
RX_DDRX_B_G_A	2, 3.5, 4, 5	Aligned	High-speed I/O Clock	Global	✓	✗	✗
RX_DDRX_B_R_A	2, 3.5, 4, 5	Aligned	High-speed I/O Clock	Regional	✓	✓	✗
RX_DDRX_B_G_C	2, 3.5, 4, 5	Centered	High-speed I/O Clock	Global	✓	✗	✗
RX_DDRX_B_R_C	2, 3.5, 4, 5	Centered	High-speed I/O Clock	Regional	✓	✓	✗
RX_DDRX_B_G_FA	2, 3.5, 4, 5	Fractional Aligned	High-speed I/O Clock	Global	✓	✗	✗
RX_DDRX_B_G_DYN	2, 3.5, 4, 5	Dynamic	High-speed I/O Clock	Global	✓	✗	✓
RX_DDRX_B_R_DYN	2, 3.5, 4, 5	Dynamic	High-speed I/O Clock	Regional	✓	✓	✓

The following figure shows the IOD Generic Receive Interfaces.

Figure 9-2. IOD Generic Receive Interfaces—Configuration Tab

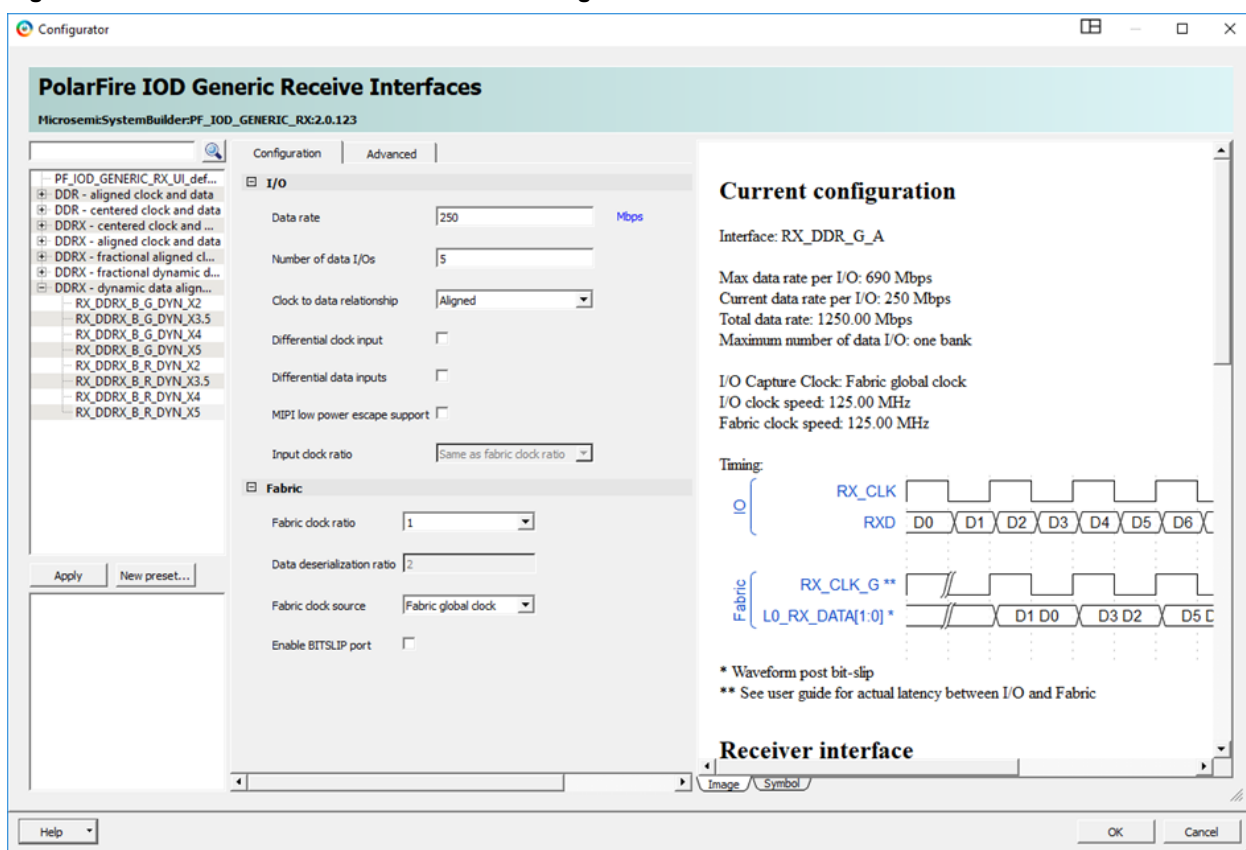


Table 9-2. IOD Generic Receive Interfaces—Configuration Tab

GUI Option	Selections
Data rate	User Input ¹
Number of data I/Os	User Input – Number of desired RX data inputs (1 to 128)
Clock to data relationship	Aligned, Centered, Dynamic, Fractional-aligned, and Fractional-dynamic ²
Differential clock inputs	Disable (single-ended) and Enabled (differential)
Differential data inputs	Disable (single-ended) and Enabled (differential)
MIPI low power escape support	Disable and Enable
Fabric Clock Ratio	1, 2, 3.5, 4, 5
Data deserialization ratio	Predefined ports to the fabric from IOD component
Fabric clock source	Fabric regional clock Fabric global clock
Enable BITSLIP port	Disable and Enable Exposes BITSLIP pin when enabled. See 8.4.5. Bit Slip for more information about Bit Slip. Not available for 3.5 Fabric clock ratio.

(1) See Receiver Interface (right panel) for valid data rates (Figure 9-2).

Figure 9-3. IOD Generic Receive Interfaces—Advanced Tab

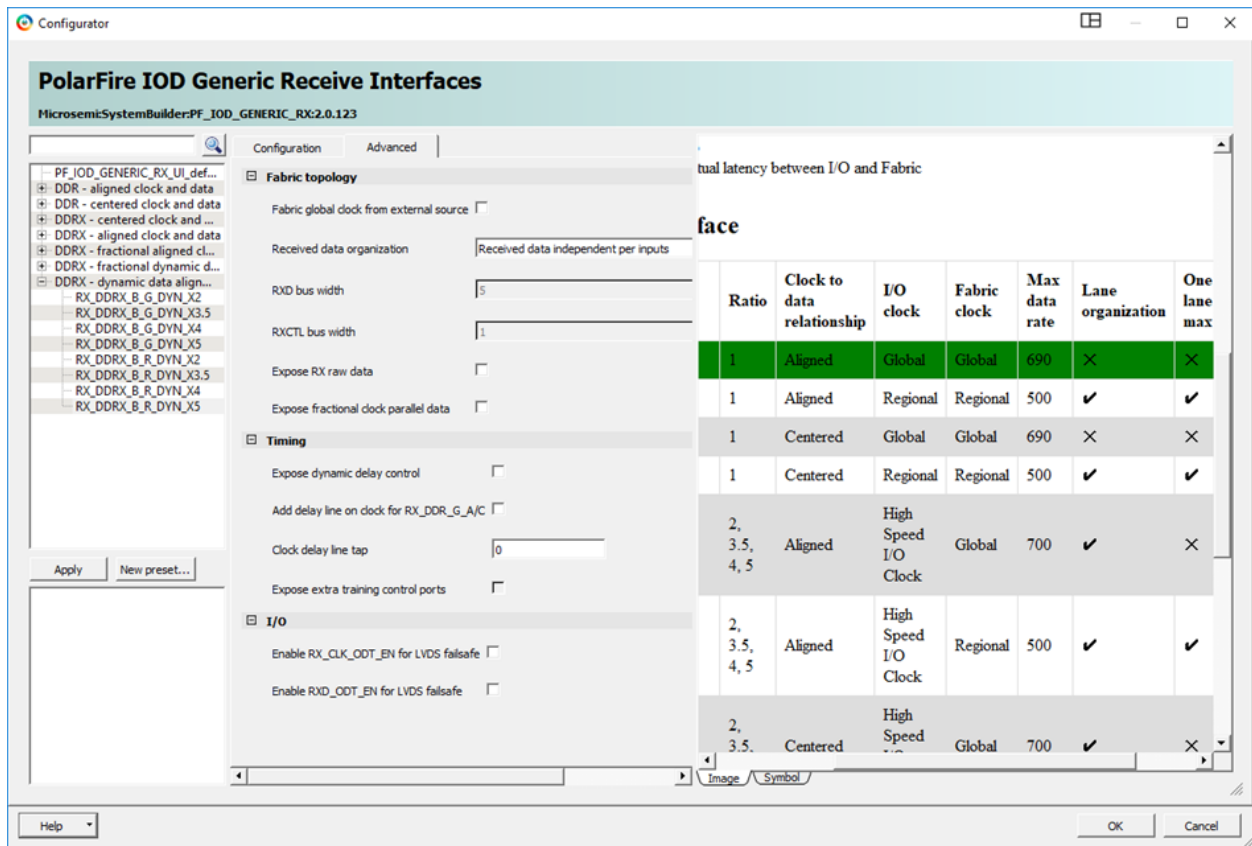


Table 9-3. IOD Generic Receive Interfaces—Advanced Tab

GUI Option	Selections
Fabric global clock for external source	Disable and Enable
Received data organization	Received data spread over inputs, Received data independent over inputs, Received data spread over inputs with data/Control split.
RXD bus Width	This allows organizing the splitting of the data bus.
RXCTL bus Width	This allows organizing the splitting of the data bus.
Expose Rx raw data	Disable and Enable. RXD_RAW_DATA ports are exposed on the module. Expose raw data is available for all fabric clock ratios except for ratio 5.
Expose fractional clock parallel data	Disable and Enable. For fractional interfaces, RXD_CLK_DATA specifies the bit-slips needed to re-frame data.
Expose dynamic delay control	Disable and Enable. See Table 9-4 .
Add delay line on clock for RX_DDR_G_A/C	Enables static delay chain to be added to clock path
Clock delay line tap	Number of delay taps to be added. See 8.2.1. Programmable I/O Delay section for information.
Enable RX_CLK_ODT_EN for LVDS failsafe	See 7.2.10. Dynamic ODT or Fail-Safe LVDS for information.
Enable RXD_ODT_EN for LVDS failsafe	See 7.2.10. Dynamic ODT or Fail-Safe LVDS for information.

9.2.3 Dynamic Delay Control

Dynamic receiver delay controls are exposed on the IOD component by enabling it in the IOD configurator. On the IOD configurator -> **Advanced** (tab) -> **Debug** (pane), select the **Expose dynamic delay control** checkbox to add ports as shown in [Figure 9-3](#). These ports are automatically exposed when selecting any of the RX_DDRX_DYNAMIC interfaces.

Table 9-4. Dynamic Delay Control Ports

Port	I/O	Description
DELAY_LINE_MOVE	Input	Change delay setting on rising edge
DELAY_LINE_DIRECTION	Input	Direction of delay setting change
DELAY_LINE_LOAD	Input	Asyn. Reload flash settings for delay
DELAY_LINE_OUT_OF_RANGE	Output	<p>Delay setting has reached max or min range. The delay_line_load signal asynchronously reloads the initial static flash bit delay settings.</p> <p>The delay_line_move signal is a pulse and changes the delay setting by ± 1 increment each time it is pulsed according to the delay_line_direction signal value.</p> <p>“1” increases up the delay setting by one increment</p> <p>“0” decreases down the delay setting by one increment</p> <p>When the delay setting reaches the minimum value or the maximum value of the delay chain, the delay chain controller generates an delay_line_out_of_range output to indicate that it has reached the end of the delay chain. The delay setting stops at this min or max setting, even if the delay_line_move signal is still pulsing.</p>
EYE_MONITOR_EARLY[n:0]	Output	The EYE_MONITOR_EARLY asserts if the data edge is close to the clock edge on the early side of clock. This flag indicates that the delay settings must be moved down.
EYE_MONITOR_LATE[n:0]	Output	The EYE_MONITOR_LATE asserts if the data edge is close to the clock edge on the late side of clock. This flag indicates that the delay setting must be moved up.
EYE_MONITOR_CLEAR_FLAGS[n:0]	Input	Use the EYE_MONITOR_CLEAR_FLAGS input signal to clear the “early” and “late” flags. This signal is from the fabric and indicates that the delay chain settings is incremented or decremented as a function of the previous flag settings.
EYE_MONITOR_WIDTH[2:0]	Input	Use the input signals “EYE_MONITOR_WIDTH<2:0>” to programably set a minimum delay space requirement between the data edges and the clock edges. The programmable delay settings are programmed in delay increments of 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, or 8. This delay setting is between the clock edge and the data edge. This delay setting is then used to generate flags if the data edges are closer to the clock edges than the minimum setting. By allowing these signals to be dynamically controlled from the core, you can determine the relative size of the eye opening.

9.2.4 IOD Generic TX

The following table lists the transmit interface software names and their related data.

Table 9-5. Transmit Interface

Software Name	Ratio	Clock to Data Relationship	I/O Clock	Fabric Clock	Max Data Rate (Mbps)
TX_DDR_G_A	1	Aligned	Global	Global	500
TX_DDR_G_C	1	Centered	Global	Global	500
TX_DDR	1	No forwarded clock	Global	Global	500
TX_DDRX_B_A	2, 3.5, 4, 5	Aligned	High-speed I/O Clock	Global	1000, 1600, 1600, 1600
TX_DDRX_B_C	2, 3.5, 4, 5	Centered	High-speed I/O Clock	Global	1000, 1600, 1600, 1600
TX_DDRX_B	2, 3.5, 4, 5	No forwarded clock	High-speed I/O Clock	Global	1000, 1600, 1600, 1600

The following figure shows the IOD Generic Transmit Interfaces configurator.

Figure 9-4. IOD Generic Transmit Interfaces—Configuration Tab

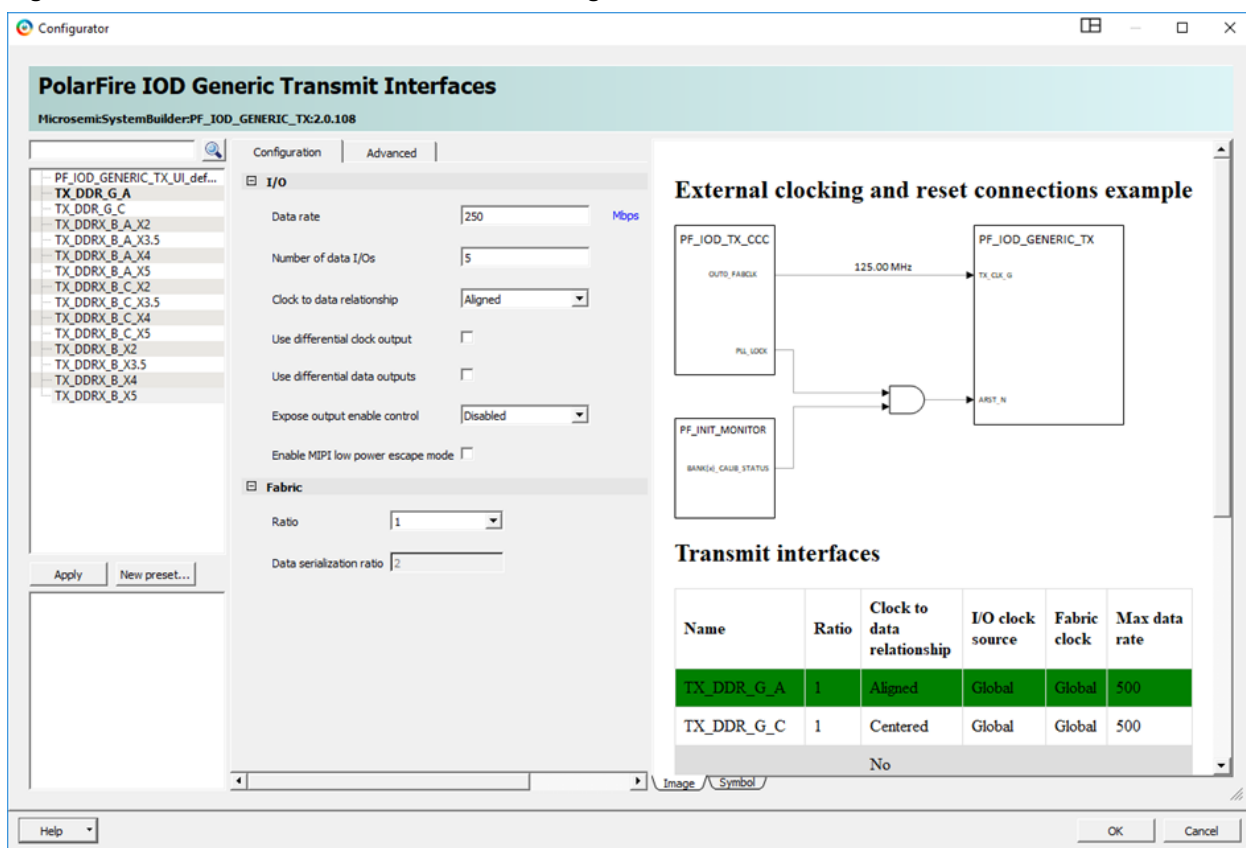


Table 9-6. IOD Generic Transmit Interfaces—Configuration Tab

GUI Option	Selections
Data rate	User Input ¹
Number of data I/Os	User Input
Clock to data relationship	Aligned, Centered, No Forwarded Clock

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GUI Option	Selections
Use differential clock output	Disable (single-ended) and Enabled (differential)
Use differential data outputs	Disable (single-ended) and Enabled (differential)
Enable MIPI low power escape mode	Enable/Disable
Ratio	1, 2, 3.5, 4, 5
Data Serialization Ratio	Derived from the ratio setting

(1) See Transmit Interface (right panel) for valid data rates (Figure 9-4).

Figure 9-5. IOD Generic Transmit Interfaces—Advanced Tab

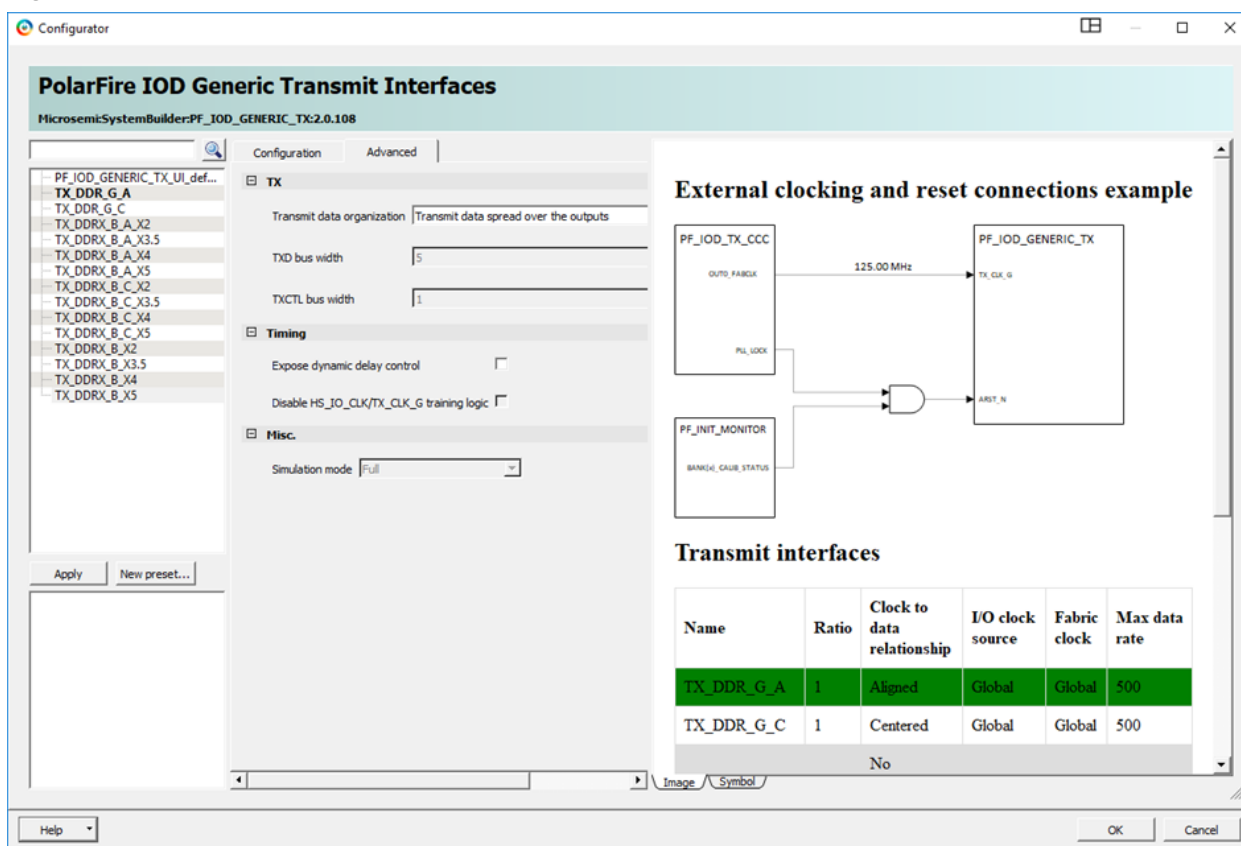


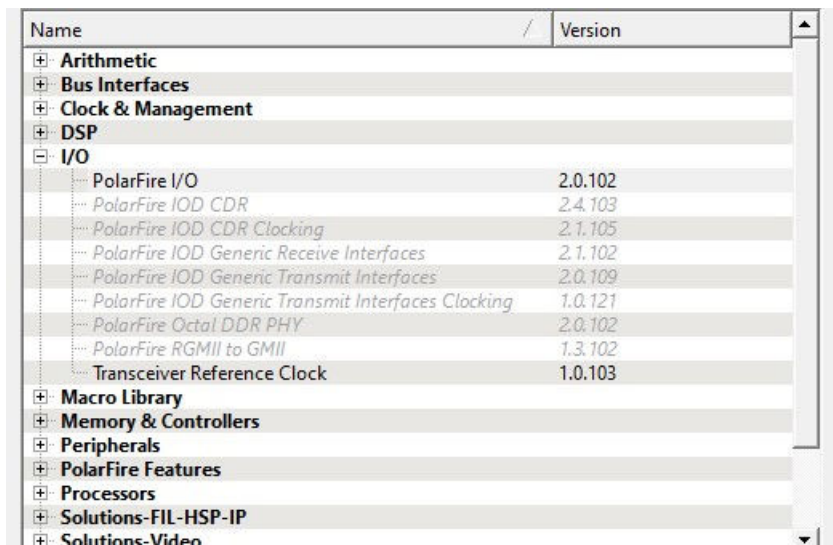
Table 9-7. IOD Generic Transmit Interfaces—Advanced Tab

GUI Option	Selections
Transmit data organization	Transmit data spread over outputs, Transmit data independent over outputs, Transmit data spread over outputs with data/Control split
TXD bus width	This allows organizing the splitting of the data bus.
TXCTL bus width	This allows organizing the splitting of the data bus.
Expose dynamic delay control	Disable and Enable. See Table 9-4.
Simulation mode	Full

9.3 Basic I/O Configurator - PF_IO

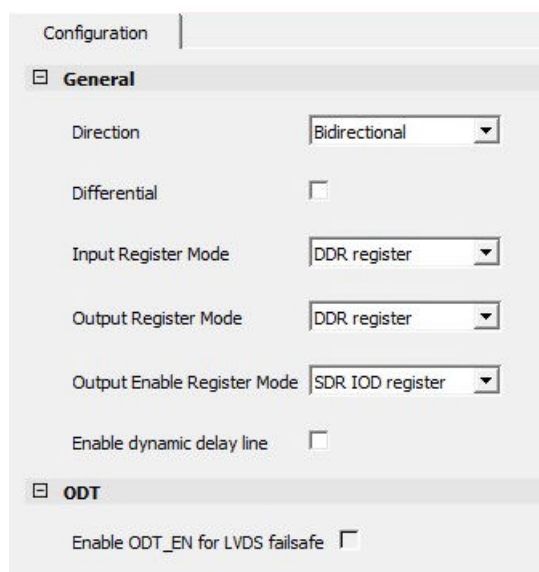
A basic I/O configurator is available in the Libero SoC catalog. It is capable of building simple I/O macros. For information about I/O macros, see [PolarFire Macro Library Guide](#).

Figure 9-6. I/O Configurator



The I/O configurator uses a single tab GUI for configuring the I/O component. The GUI includes a symbol depiction of the macro as configured by the user.

Figure 9-7. I/O Configuration Tab



The Direction pull-down allows selection of Bidirectional, Input, Output, and Tribuf. It has a checkbox for selection of single-ended or differential I/O. The configurator does not provide the capability to choose a specific I/O standard. You must use the IOEditor or PDC to pick an associated single-ended or differential standard.

A Register Mode pull-down allows selections of non-registered, SDR registered, or DDR registered interfaces. Non-registered modes generate simple I/O buffer components. Registered modes construct simple registered interfaces by adding SDR or DDR resources to the input, output, or bidirectional. This capability is for simple DDR applications. With the I/O Configurator, DDR modes uses IOD elements to construct DDR1X configurations without the low-skew clock management capabilities. For information about DDR1X waveform, see [Figure 8-15](#) and [Figure 8-22](#). For

source-synchronous designs, you must target IOD interfaces, which includes low-skew clock management. See [9.2. I/O Interface Configurators](#).

The Enable dynamic delay line checkbox selection adds the capability to control the delay chain structure in the input or output paths. By default, this is not enabled. The fast path from the input or output buffer is used. When enabled (checked), the component includes the delay logic and controls for fabric hosted IP to control the tuning of the path.

ODT_EN checkbox exposes an enable port to differential input macros. This enable pin is used in conjunction with the capability to dynamically enable/disable the ODT resistor when needed for applications such as fail-safe LVDS.

9.4 I/O Interface Timing Constraints

Libero SoC is capable of generating SDC timing constraints for design components used in IOD interfaces. These derived SDC constraints are based on the configuration of the IOD blocks including the sub-blocks required for the specific IOD functionality. The derived SDC constraints are placed in the `<root>_derived_constraints.sdc` file.

For static IOD Rx and Tx interfaces, static timing analysis can be performed using the auto-generated derived constraints. Dynamic IOD Rx interfaces use a training operation on hardware to adapt the I/O timing to the PCB characteristics. For this, the derived SDC uses a wider range of delay and which cannot be used to accurately perform timing analysis of external setup/hold timing of IOD generic Rx when configured in Dynamic mode.

When using IOD Rx and Tx, use derived constraints for timing and physical constraints. Based on the timing violations from SmartTime, define the appropriate tap delays (IN_DELAY for IOD Rx and OUT_DELAY for IOD Tx) using the **I/O Attribute Editor**, and use the generated PDC file for Place and Route. Ensure that there are no timing violations in the SmartTime before programming the device. User must define the tap delays as required.

10. Protocol-Specific I/O Interfaces

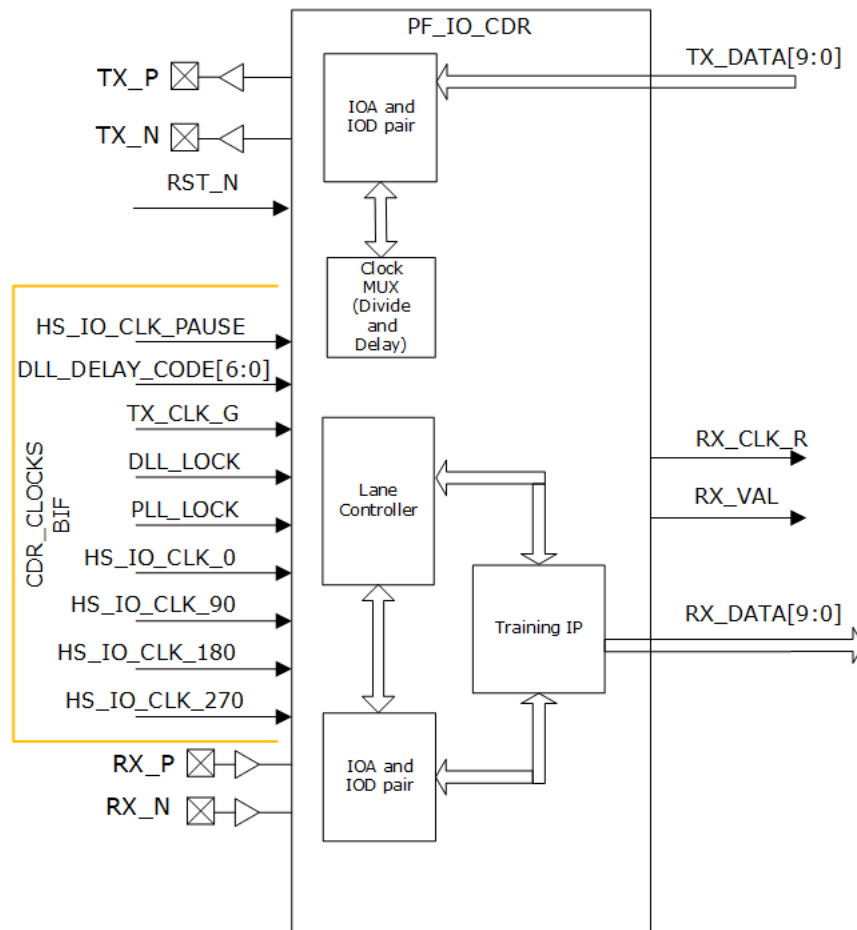
This section describes about protocol-specific I/O interfaces.

10.1 PF_IOD_CDR

The PF_IOD_CDR interface provides an asynchronous receiver and a transmit interface for serial data transfers. This interface can support up to 1 GbE transfers. It supports serial protocols and other similar encoded serial protocols. PF_IOD_CDR uses a 10:1 digital ratio to provide a 10-bit data and clock interface for both transmit and receive modes. In the receive mode, the clock recovery circuit is used in the lane controller to generate the recovered clock. The PF_IOD_CDR interface is compatible with CoreTSE, CoreTSE_AHB, and CoreSGMII configured in TBI mode. For information about reference design using PF_IOD_CDR, see [DG0799: PolarFire FPGA 1G Ethernet Loopback Using IOD CDR Demo Guide](#).

The following illustration shows the PF_IOD_CDR transmit and receive interface.

Figure 10-1. PF_IOD_CDR Transmit and Receive Interface Modes

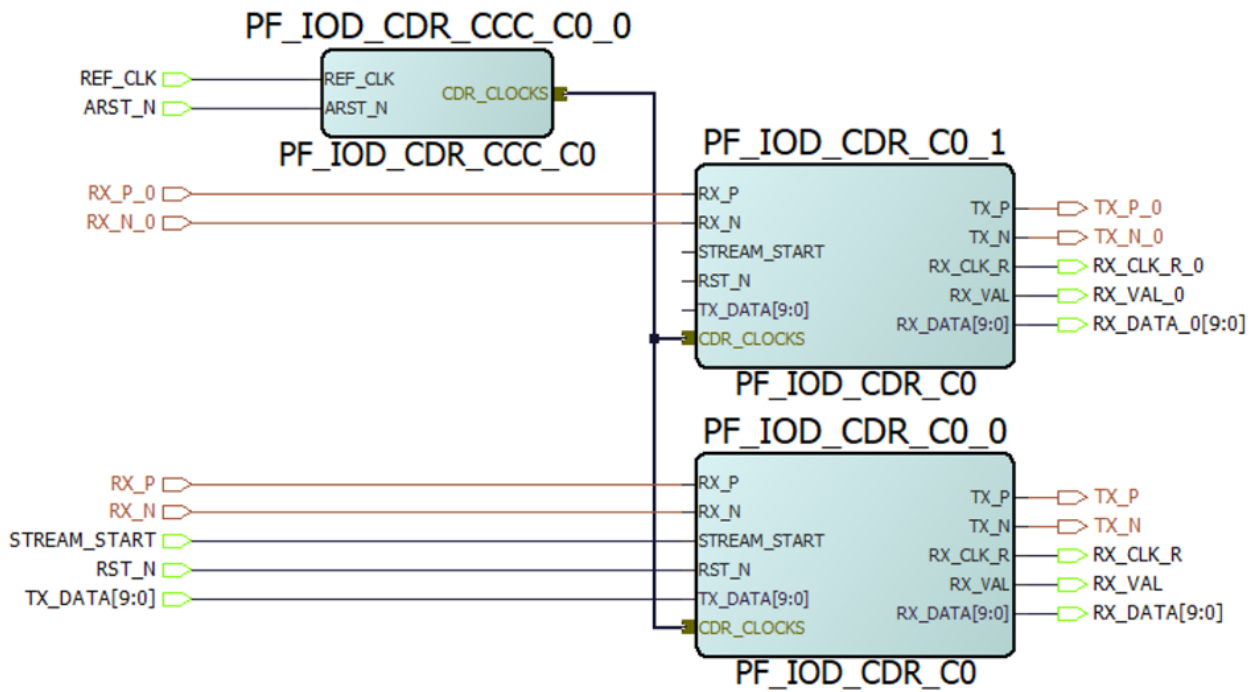


The IOD_CDR solutions requires two purposes built IP cores.

- PF_IOD_CDR
- PF_IOD_CDR_CCC

These two cores permit master and slave sharing. A BIF is available to connect the clock outputs from PF_IOD CDR CCC to PF_IOD CDR.

Figure 10-2. SmartDesign of IOD_CDR Topology



10.1.1 IOD CDR

The following figure shows the IOD CDR configurator.

Figure 10-3. IOD CDR Configuration

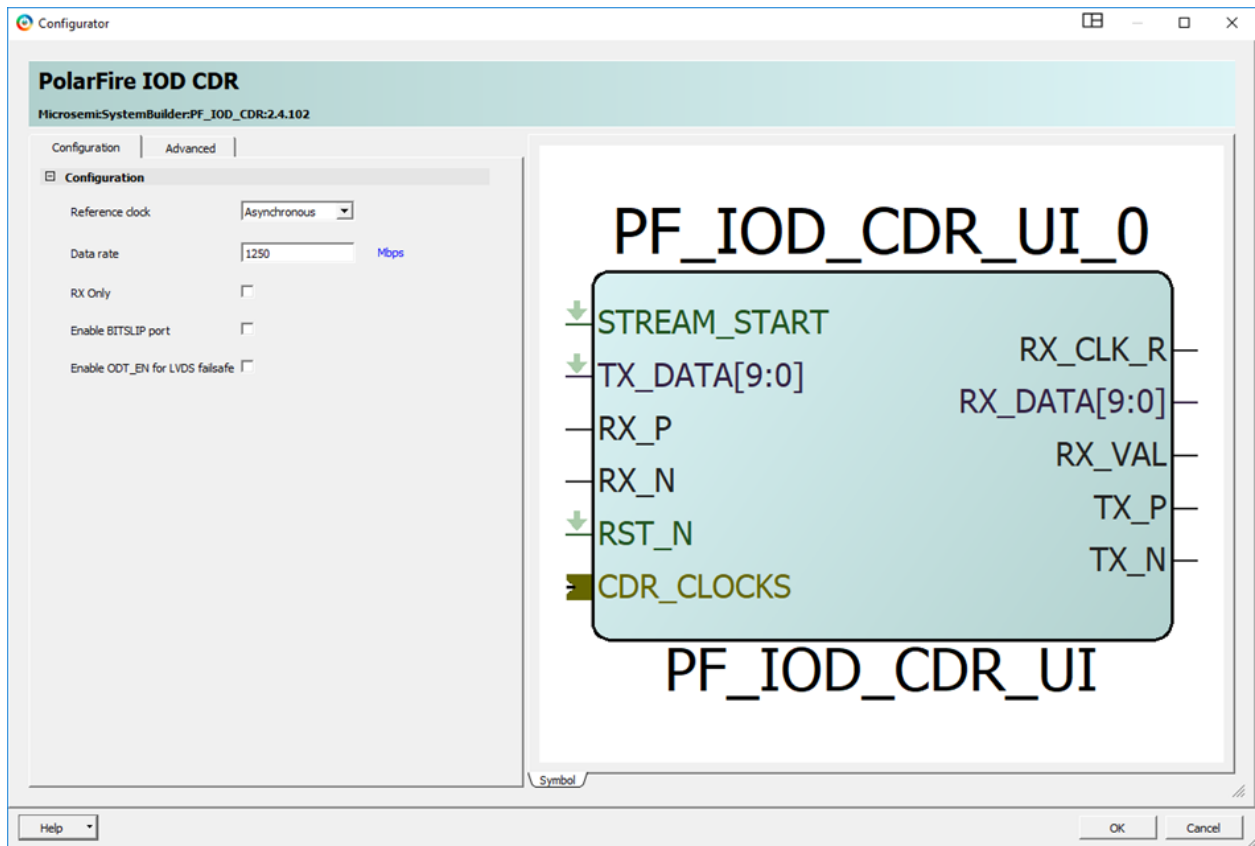


Table 10-1. IOD CDR Configuration

GUI Option	Selections
Data rate	User Input – 1250 Mb/s maximum
Reference Clock	Asynchronous (300 PPM Rx/Tx clocking)/Synchronous (0 PPM Rx/TX clocking) (Default Asynchronous)
RX Only	RX Only (when checked)
Enable BITSCLIP port	Disabled and Enabled

10.1.2 Receive Interface

The PF_IOD_CDR receive interface uses four high-speed bank clocks and generates the recovered clock. The lane controller in the IOD includes a clock recovery block. It uses the incoming data and the four bank clocks and generates RX_CLK_R, also known as DIVCLK. The downstream IP or logic uses this clock. The serial data is received on an IOA pair and sent to the associated IOD block. The IOD block uses a 10:1 digital ratio. The IOD block uses the recovered clock to capture the serial data stream to the core.

The CDR requires four phases of the HS_IO_CLK running at half the frequency of the serial data rate. The RX_CLK_R into the fabric includes jitter from the switching of the phase, which creates this clock.

10.1.3 Transmit Interface

The PF_IOD_CDR transmit interface converts the parallel data into a serial data stream using the IOD interface. It receives the parallel data TXD[9:0] and transmits it via the I/O ports such as TX_P and TX_N. The PF_IOD_CDR transmit interface uses the same PLL used in the receive interface. The transmit clock generated is connected to the pin TX_CLK_G of the PF_IOD_CDR. The source clock is connected to HS_IO_CLK_0.

The following table shows the PF_IOD_CDR interface associated ports.

Table 10-2. PF_IOD_CDR Interface Associated Ports

Port	I/O	BIF	Description
HS_IO_CLK_0 ¹	Input	CDR_CLOCKS	Bank clock with phase 0 is used for both receive and transmit interface. Frequency must be half the rate of the serial data input.
HS_IO_CLK_90 ¹	Input	CDR_CLOCKS	Bank clock with phase 90 is used for the I/O clock recovery. Frequency must be half the rate of the serial data input.
HS_IO_CLK_180 ¹	Input	CDR_CLOCKS	Bank clock with phase 180 is used for the I/O clock recovery. Frequency must be half the rate of the serial data input.
HS_IO_CLK_270 ¹	Input	CDR_CLOCKS	Bank clock with phase 270 is used for the I/O clock recovery. Frequency must be half the rate of the serial data input.
PLL_LOCK	Input	CDR_CLOCKS	Lock signal from CCC-PLL.
HS_IO_CLK_PAUSE	Input	CDR_CLOCKS	Toggling the HS_IO_PAUSE: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Resets the IOD RX state machines. This reset re-synchronizes pattern to HS_IO_CLK (bank clock) and RXCLK. – Resets any adjustment done through SLIP operation. – Resets the IOD TX state machines. This reset synchronizes HS_IO_CLK and TXCLK.
DLL_LOCK	Input	CDR_CLOCKS	Lock signal from CCC-DLL.
TX_CLK_G	Input	CDR_CLOCKS	Transmit clock from the Fabric.
DLL_DELAY_CODE[6:0] ²	Input	CDR_CLOCKS	Delay code bus input from DLL-CCC. DLL delay code for 90° phase of the data.
DLL_VALID_CODE	Input	CDR_CLOCKS	Delay code valid input from Master IO_CDR Lane.
CDR_START	Input	CDR_CLOCKS	Start signal from the Master IO_CDR Lane.
STREAM_START	Input		High input indicates valid serial input stream. STREAM_START signals to the CDR locks to a valid incoming serial data stream. This signal should not be tied high. It should be controlled to go high to indicate the incoming data stream is valid. This is extremely important at start-up or power-up.
TX_DATA[9:0]	Input		Transmit parallel data.
ODT_EN	Input		On Die Termination Enable Input. Optional pin is used with LVDS Fail Safe operation. See 7.2.10. Dynamic ODT or Fail-Safe LVDS for information.
RX_P	Input Pad		Serial data input (P side).
RX_N	Input Pad		Serial data input (N side).
RX_BIT_SLIP ³	Input		This port is used to rotate the parallel data word from the IOD to match the proper alignment of the data per lane.
RST_N ⁴	Input		Active asynchronous low reset input.

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Port	I/O	BIF	Description
RX_CLK_R	Output		Recovered clock for the fabric interface is divided by five from the HS_IO_CLK. This clock is routed using a regional clock.
RX_VAL	Output		The CDR is locked to the incoming serial data after indication by STREAM_START that the incoming data is valid. When the IO_CDR locks to the data, indicated by RX_VAL going high, any disruptions of data stream will not cause RX_VAL to change.
TX_P	Output Pad		Serial data output (P side).
TX_N	Output Pad		Serial data output (N side).

(1) PLL takes any reference clock input frequency (default 125 MHz) and outputs 625 MHz clock with 0, 90, 180, and 270 degree shift on four outputs.

(2) DLL takes 625 MHz reference clock input from the PLL output in Clock Reference Mode and outputs delay code as quarter of the clock cycle. The delay code is used in calculating of fine tune delay of CDR clock phase.

(3) User optional pin enabling the BITS_LIP exposes the Lx_BIT_SLIP.

(4) Resets the IOD block of the IOCDR. Does not reset DLL.

Table 10-3. Advanced Tab Options

GUI Option	Selections
Jump Size Step	Do not change default
Expose Diagnostic Ports	When checked, ports expose. (see Table 10-4)
Flag Window Size	Do not change default

Table 10-4. Advanced Diagnostic Ports

Port	I/O	Description
SELA_LANE[10:0]	Output	SELA/SELB bits [1:0] toggles when the internal CDR clock is switched from delay line A to B or vice versa. The other bits [9:0] can be disregarded for debug.
SELB_LANE[10:0]	Output	
EARLY_N	Output	EYE_MONITOR_EARLY and EYE_MONITOR_LATE flag outputs indicate if the data edges are closer to the clock edges than this minimum setting.
LATE_N	Output	—
CDR_READY	Output	Output asserts when CDR is locked and stays high until reset.
SWITCH_LANE	Output	Ports toggle when there is a clock phase shift. Accompanying with EARLY/LATE flags, this indicates if the phase shift is increasing or decreasing the delay line when SWITCH_LANE output asserts. If both flags are high with SWITCH_LANE high, there is clock jitter and/or causing data errors.
CLR_FLAGS_N	Output	

10.1.4 IOD CDR Clocking

A dedicated CCC is generated by Libero SoC to support IOCDR interfaces. PF_IOD_CDR_CCC configurator provides the options to generate the module. The REF_CLK input is required based on the Data rate and CCC

PLL clock multiplier. The PF_IOD_CDR_CCC does not allow divider control for the divider generating TX_CLK_G since the IOCDR only works in ratio 5 and is preset by Libero SoC. Libero SoC provides the proper timing constraints (as shown) when derived in the constraints manager.

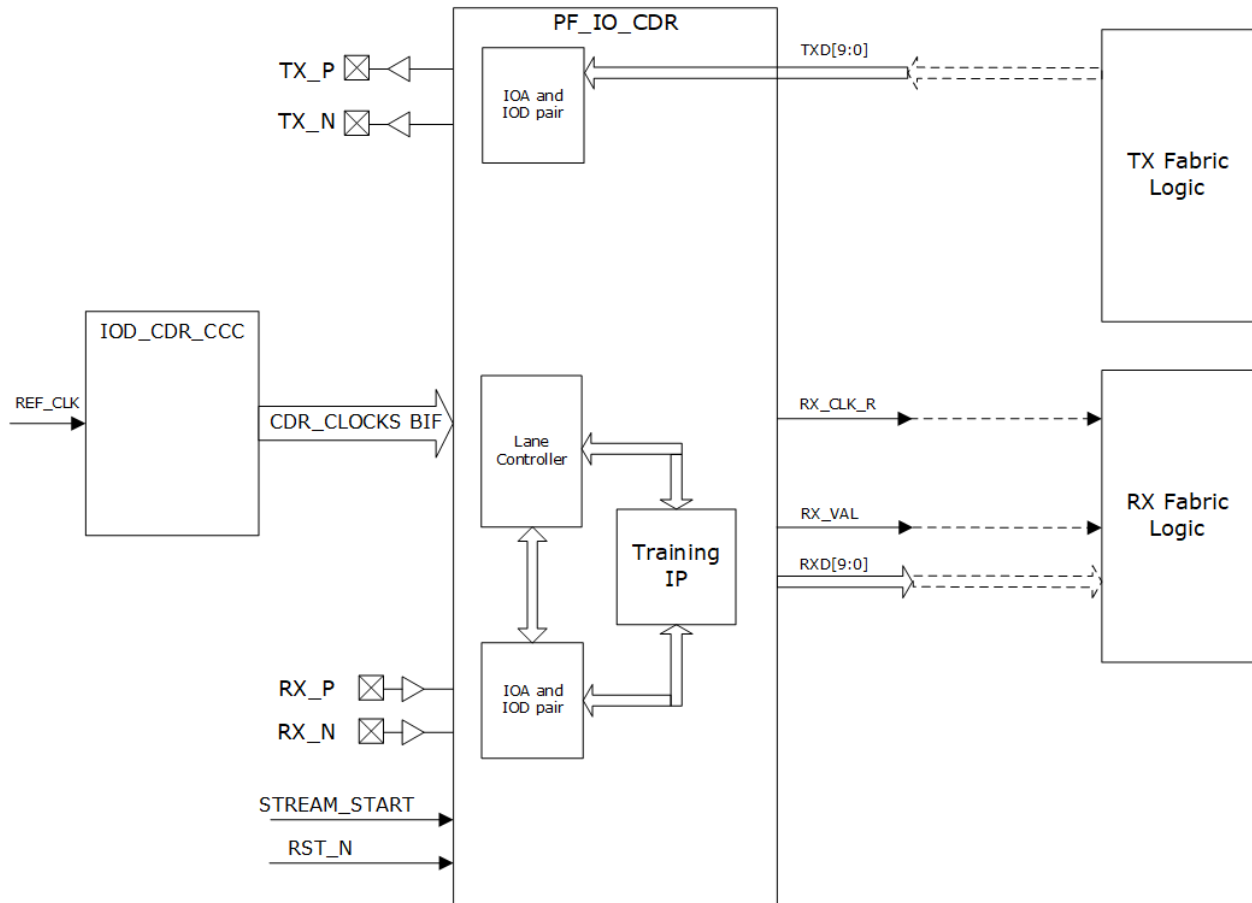
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create_generated_clock -name {PF_IOD_CDR_CCC_C0_0/PF_CLK_DIV_0/I_CD/Y_DIV} -edges {1 7 11} -
source [ get_pins { MY_DESIGN/PF_IOD_CDR_CCC_C0_0/PF_CLK_DIV_0/I_CD/A } ] [ get_pins { MY_DESIGN/
PF_IOD_CDR_CCC_C0_0/PF_CLK_DIV_0/I_CD/Y_DIV } ]
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10.1.4.1 HS_IO_CLK Generation Using PF_IOD_CDR_CCC

The PF_IOD_CDR receive interface is sourced by a single PLL driving four bank clocks of 0, 90, 180, and 270 degrees running at the data rate. PF_IOD_CDR_CCC is available in the Libero SoC IP catalog. The PF_IOD_CDR transmit interface uses fabric clock on OUT0 port of the PLL and generates the transmit clock.

The following illustration shows the PF_IOD_CDR interface connected to the IOD_CDR_CCC and fabric logic.

Figure 10-4. Using PF_IOD_CDR Interfaces

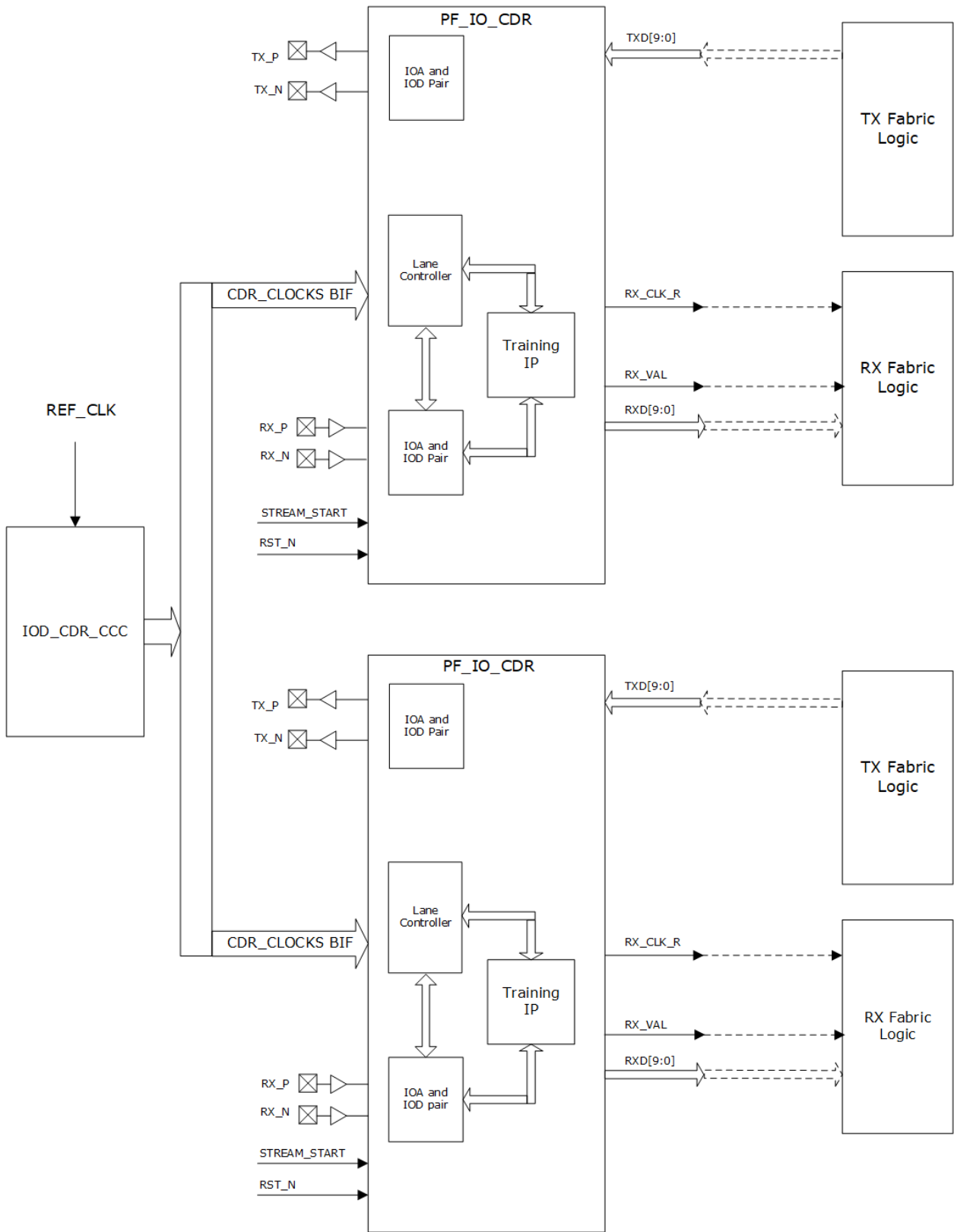


10.1.5 Clock Sharing

The same PLL is shared between the PF_IOD_CDR receive and transmit interfaces, as shown in [Figure 10-5](#). In addition, multiple PF_IOD_CDR interfaces can share the same PLL on the adjacent vertical and horizontal edges. For instance, the PLL_SW_0 interface can drive the PF_IOD_CDR interface on the southern and western edges (see [3. I/O Banks](#)).

The following illustration shows multiple PF_IOD_CDR transmit and receive interfaces.

Figure 10-5. Multiple PF_IOD_CDR Transmit and Receive Interfaces



10.1.5.1 Interface Selection Rules

Follow these rules when assigning a pin for the PF_IOD_CDR interface:

- One differential input IOA, one differential output IOA.
- Four IOD associated with IOA, one floating IOD.
- The floating IOD is placed in the N side IOD site with the function DQS.
- N side IOA with the function DQS cannot be used.
- One PF_IOD_CDR_CCC can be shared with multiple instances of PF_IOD_CDR as long as they are at the same data rate and placed in the same group of lanes.
- PF_IOD_CDR_CCC uses one PLL, one DLL and one LANECTRL.
- Transmit and receive IOA must be placed in the same lane.
- IOA from two different interfaces (TX/RX/DDR/QDR/OCTAL/CDR) cannot be placed in the same I/O lane.

10.1.5.2 Full Duplex 1GbE and SGMII IOCDR

Full duplex 1GbE and SGMII IOCDR are supported in GPIO banks and permit only one per lane. The following table lists the 1GbE and SGMII IOCDR per Device/Package for PolarFire FPGA.

Table 10-5. 1GbE and SGMII IOCDR Per Device/Package

Type/Size/Pitch	1GbE/SGMII IOCDR per Device/Package			
	MPF100	MPF200	MPF300	MPF500
FCSG325 (11x11, 11x14.5*, 0.5 mm)	7	7	—	—
FCSG536 (16x16, 0.5 mm)	—	15	15	—
FCVG484 (19x19, 0.8 mm)	13	13	13	—
FCG484 (23x23, 1.0 mm)	12	12	12	—
FCG784 (29x29, 1.0 mm)	—	18	18	18
FCG1152 (35x35, 1.0 mm)	—	—	19	19

The following table lists the 1GbE and SGMII IOCDR per Device/Package for PolarFire SoC FPGA.

Table 10-6. 1GbE and SGMII IOCDR Per Device/Package

Type/Size/Pitch	1GbE/SGMII IOCDR per Device/Package	
	MPFS250	
FCSG325 (11x11, 11x14.5*, 0.5 mm)		
FCSG536 (16x16, 0.5 mm)	9	
FCVG484 (19x19, 0.8 mm)	7	
FCG484 (23x23, 1.0 mm)		
FCG784 (29x29, 1.0 mm)	15	
FCG1152 (35x35, 1.0 mm)	19	

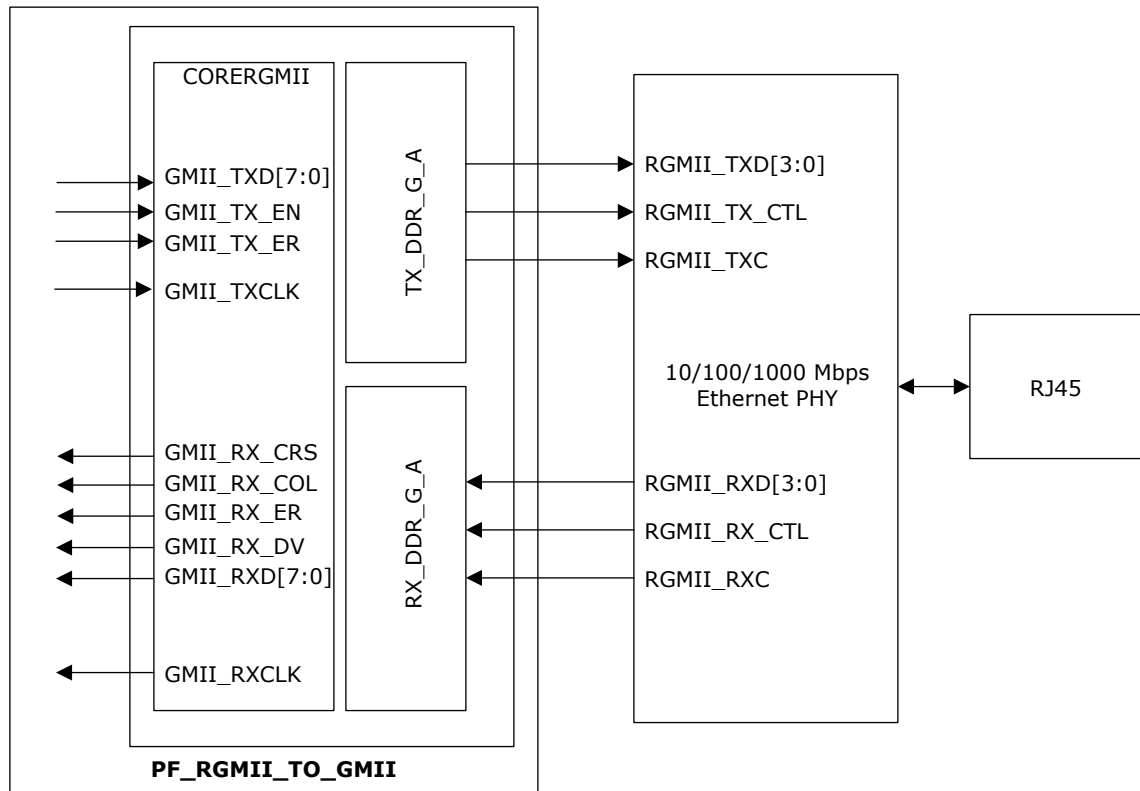
(1) There are always two SGMII lanes available from MSS SGMII Bank.

10.2 RGMII to GMII Converter

Reduced gigabit media independent interface (RGMII) is a standard interface, which helps in reducing the number of signals required to connect a PHY to a MAC. RGMII to GMII converter provides the interface between a standard gigabit media independent interface (GMII) to RGMII conversion. The IP core is compatible with the RGMII

specification v2.0 that is designed to support both the device family using the IOD blocks used with GPIO or HSIO buffers.

Figure 10-6. RGMII to GMII Block Diagram



The fifteen-signal GMII fabric interface adapts to six-signal RGMII interface by using both edges of the clock. All signals are synchronous with a 125 MHz clock signal. The RGMII data signals switch on the positive and negative edges of the clock. The two control signals are multiplexed—one arrives on the positive clock edge, the other on the negative edge. The PF_IOD_GENERIC_TX converts GMII signals (MAC side) to RGMII signals (PHY side), and the PF_IOD_GENERIC_RX converts the RGMII signals into GMII signals and passes the signals to the CoreRGMII IP block before transmission to the MAC. Externally, a 1000BASE-T Ethernet PHY is connected to RGMII through GPIO or HSIO.

See [UG0687: PolarFire FPGA 1G Ethernet Solutions User Guide](#) for more information.

The following table lists the GMII/RGMII ports and description.

Table 10-7. GMII Ports

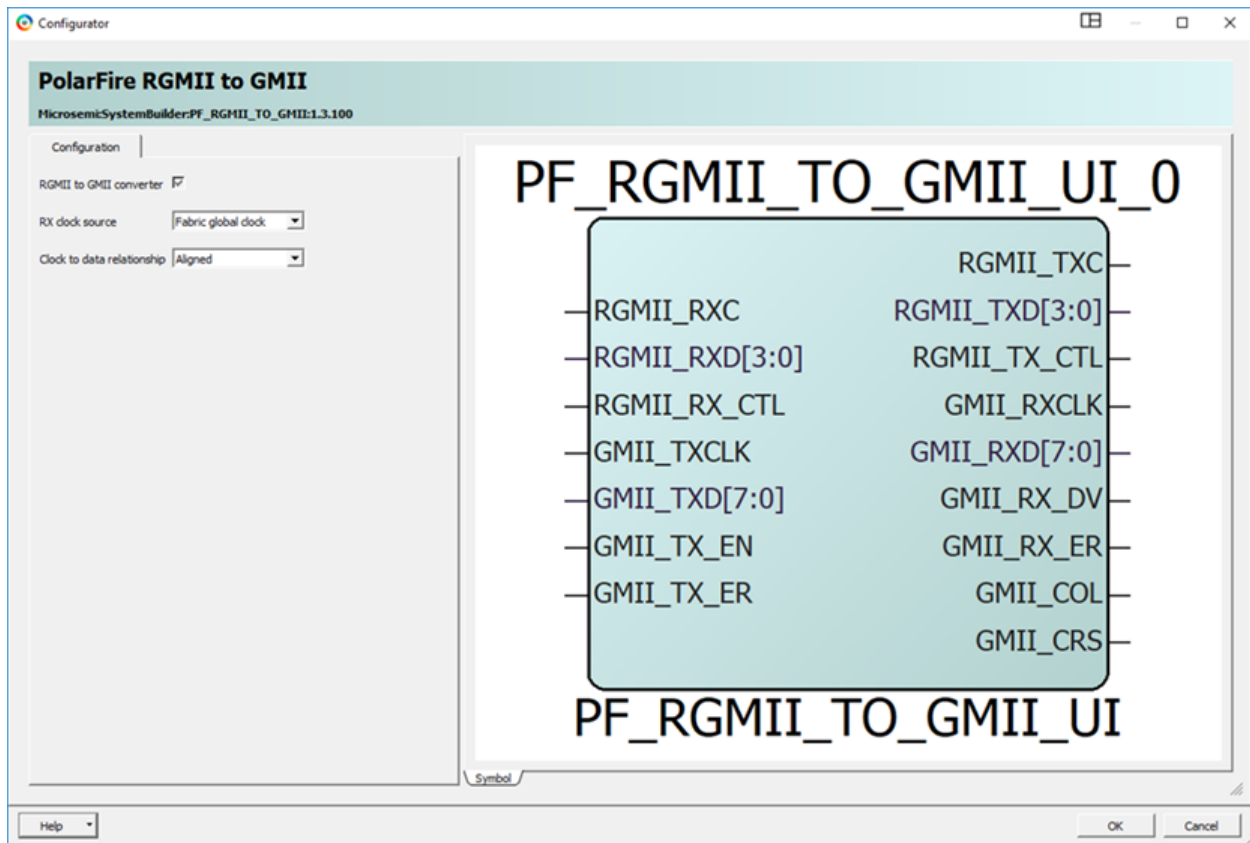
Port	I/O	Description
GMII_TXCLK	Input	Clock from fabric (GTXCLK)
GMII_TXD [7:0]	Input	GMII transmit data
GMII_TX_EN	Input	Transmit enable
GMII_RXCLK	Output	Clock to fabric depending on RX clock configurator option, either fabric global or fabric regional via the iod_generic_tx block
GMII_TX_ER	Input	Transmit error
GMII_RXD[7:0]	Output	MII receive data
GMII_RX_DV	Output	Receive data valid

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Port	I/O	Description
GMII_RX_ER	Output	Receive error
GMII_COL	Output	Collision, considered asynchronous
GMII_CRS	Output	Carrier sense, considered asynchronous
RGMII_TXD[3:0]	Output	Transmit data to PHY
RGMII_TX_CTL	Output	Transmit Control To PHY. The TX_CTL signal carries: – GMII_TX_EN on the rising edge – TX_EN or GMII_TX_ER on the falling edge
RGMII_RXD[3:0]	Input	Receive data from PHY
RGMII_RX_CTL	Input	Receive control from PHY. The RX_CTL signal carries: – gmii_rx_dv (data valid) on the rising edge – gmii_rx_dv xor gmii_rx_er on the falling edge
RGMII_RXC	Input	RGMII receive clock
RGMII_TXC	Input	RGMII transmit clock

The following figure shows the RGMII to GMII configurator.

Figure 10-7. RGMII to GMII Configurator

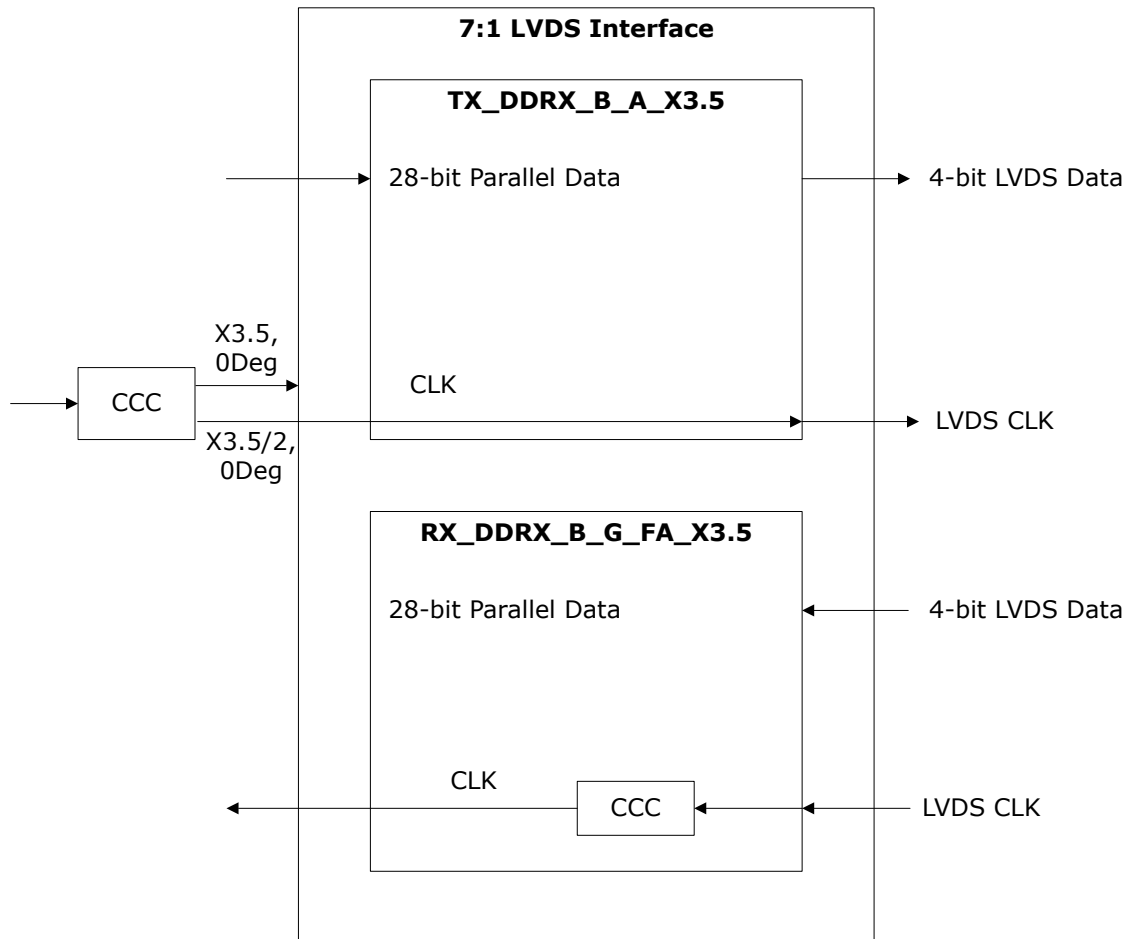


Both RX and TX IOD sub-modules are within the PF_RGMII_TO_GMII conversion module. Both blocks are pre-configured for the proper clock and data alignment and gearing ratios. You are not required to change the default setting for these modules but may need to be aware of the actual configurations for informational purposes. Designs using the PF_RGMII_TO_GMII conversion module must reference the pin selection rules discussed in [8.5.2.2. Interface Selection Rules](#).

10.3 LVDS 7:1

A typical source-synchronous interface application is the 7:1 LVDS video interface (used in Channel Link, Flat Link, and Camera Link). This has become a common standard in many products including consumer devices, industrial control, medical, and automotive telematics. The display interface is a source synchronous LVDS interface. Seven data bits are serialized for each cycle of the low-speed clock. Typically, the interface consists of four (three data, one clock) or five (four data, one clock) LVDS pairs. The four pairs translate to 21 parallel data bits and five pairs translate to 28 parallel data bits.

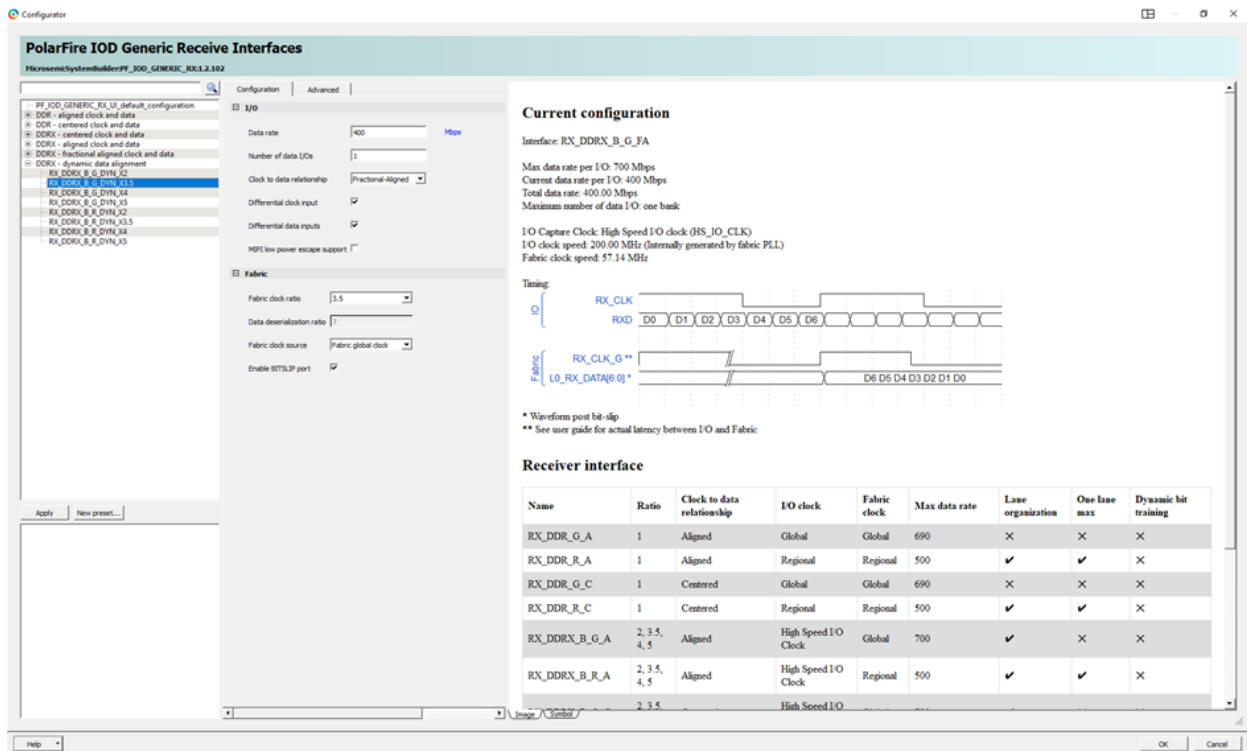
Figure 10-8. Example of 7:1 LVDS Interface—Four Data and One Clock



10.3.1 7:1 LVDS Receive Interface

The LVDS 7:1 receive module receives LVDS data and an LVDS clock from the FPGAs LVDS IOA inputs. The source-synchronous LVDS clock is passed to the fabric clock conditioning circuitry (CCC) block while the LVDS data is sent to the **RX_DDRX_B_G_FA** (fractional aligned clock and data) using 3.5 gearing ratio. The receive block uses double data rate registers to capture data on both the rising and falling edge of the input clock. **RX_BIT_SLIP** is not available in **DDR3P5** gearing, which requires the bit and word alignment to be part of the FPGA fabric IP. The data is deserialized to 7-bit data that is sent to the fabric with a forwarded clock.

Figure 10-9. RX_DDRX_B_G_FA Interface



10.3.2 7:1 LVDS Transmit Interface

The transmit block uses double data rate registers of the TX_DDRX_B_A_X3.5 to transmit data on both the rising and falling edges of the clock. It multiplies the parallel clock by 3.5 and uses the clock to transmit seven serial bits of data in one parallel clock cycle and serialize the data into a single LVDS data stream. HS_IO_PAUSE needs to be pulsed after the clocks are stable. This forces all gearbox to be framed in the same cycle (including the one used to generate the clk). This assures synchronization of the data word. Word starts with the rising edge of the forwarded fractional clock.

Figure 10-10. TX_DDRX_B_A_X3.5

PolarFire IOD Generic Transmit Interfaces

MicrochipSystemBuilderPF_300_GENERIC_TX1.2.104

Configuration | Advanced

I/O

- Data rate: 800 Mbps
- Number of data I/Os: 1
- Clock to data relationship: Aligned
- Use differential clock output: ☒
- Use differential data outputs: ☒
- Expose output enable control: Disabled
- Enable HPS low power escape mode: ☐

Fabric

- Ratio: 3.5
- Data serialization ratio: 7

External clocking and reset connections example

Diagram showing connections between PF_CCC, PF_INT_MONITOR, and PF_GENERIC_TX blocks. PF_CCC provides 400.0 MHz and 334.29 MHz signals. PF_INT_MONITOR provides a reset signal. PF_GENERIC_TX receives these signals and outputs TX_GA_0 and TX_GA_1.

Transmit interfaces

Name	Ratio	Clock to data relationship	I/O clock source	Fabric clock	Max data rate
TX_DDR_G_A	1	Aligned	Global	Global	500
TX_DDR_G_C	1	Centered	Global	Global	500
TX_DDRX_B_A	2, 3.5, 4, 5	Aligned	High Speed I/O Clock	Global	1000, 1600, 1600, 1600
TX_DDRX_B_C	2, 3.5, 4, 5	Centered	High Speed I/O Clock	Global	1000, 1600, 1600, 1600
TX_DDRX_B	2, 3.5, 4, 5	No forwarded clock	High Speed I/O Clock	Global	1000, 1600, 1600, 1600

The TIP uses the dynamic delay control pins of the dynamic RX_DDRX interface components to optimize the receive relationship between the clock and data. Status flags are used to dynamically monitor the relationship of the clock and data at the IREG and uses dynamic controls to adjust the delay chain by adding or removing delay elements in the data path. The delay setting is adjusted to move the data edges earlier or later relative to the clock edges. This feature monitors the relation of the data edges to both the positive and negative clock edges.

FPGA fabric hosted logic is used to control and monitor IOD signals to perform adaptive tuning functions on a bit- or word-wide basis. Bit alignment is the alignment of the data to be 90 degrees centered from the clock edges. This is a physical layer function that is independent of the data or protocol being used. This step requires the transmitter to send data (with transitions) and has a static alignment with the forwarded clock.

RX_DDRX_DYN macro provides controls to add or remove delay from the data path relative to the clock path. The RX_DDRX_DYN also provides flags using the eye monitor which can identify when the data and clock are too close together and side of the clock in which the violation occurs. Using these controls and flags, bit alignment can be performed by only looking at the physical layer.

Word Alignment is the alignment of the fabric presented word to a specific pattern. The RX_DDRX_DYN provides IO gearing and supports both a 4-bit and 8-bit fabric width. Byte alignment is data pattern dependent and would require a training pattern. When the transmitter sends the training pattern, a pattern detector in the FPGA fabric would use the Lx_BITSLIP port on the RX_DDRX_DYN to rotate the fabric word till the training pattern is found.

The signal, "DELAY_LINE_LOAD" asynchronously reloads the initial static Flash bit delay settings that are predefined by Libero SoC. The signal, "DELAY_LINE_MOVE" uses a rising edge to change the delay setting by ± 1 increment each time it is pulsed according to the "DELAY_LINE_DIRECTION" signal value (a "1" increases up the delay setting by 1 increment and a "0" decreases down the delay setting by 1 increment). When the delay setting reaches the minimum value or the maximum value of the delay chain, the delay chain controller generates an out of range output Flag "DELAY_LINE_OUT_OF_RANGE" to indicate that it has reached the end of the delay chain. The delay setting stops at this minimum or maximum setting, even if the "DELAY_LINE_MOVE" signal is still pulsing.

The IOD block has a data eye monitor (DEM) used to optimize the clock and input data relationship. The DEM includes EYE_MONITOR_EARLY and EYE_MONITOR_LATE flags used to analyze the clock-to-data relationship. IOD designs can utilize these flags to determine the input data edge relationship to the clock edge. The design can then use the DELAY_LINE control inputs to dynamically adjust this relationship to optimize the clock and data relationships until an optimal setting is found.

Similarly, output delays are affected when the IOD tri-state enable "E" = 1 or the input delay "E" = 0. The DELAY_LINE_MOVE is applied to the output delay path.

The data edge monitoring (DEM) is accomplished as follows:

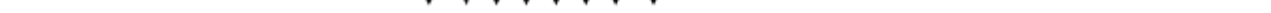
- Use the input signals "EYE_MONITOR_WIDTH<2:0>" to set a minimum delay space requirement between the data edges and the clock edges. The programmable delay settings are programmed in delay increments of 1 to 128 taps. This delay setting is then used to generate EYE_MONITOR_EARLY and EYE_MONITOR_LATE flag if the data edges are closer to the clock edges than this minimum setting. By allowing these signals to be dynamically controlled from the FPGA hosted logic, the user can determine the relative size of the eye opening.
- EYE_MONITOR_EARLY is asserted if the data edge is too close to the clock edge on the early side of clock. This Flag indicates that the delay setting should be moved down (decremented).
- EYE_MONITOR_LATE is asserted if the data edge is too close to the clock edge on the late side of clock. This Flag indicates that the delay setting should be moved up (incremented).
- Use the "EYE_MONITOR_CLEAR_FLAGS" input signal, from the fabric, to clear the "EYE_MONITOR_EARLY" and "EYE_MONITOR_LATE" Flags. This signal is from the fabric and indicates that the delay chain setting has been incremented or decremented as a function of the previous Flag settings.

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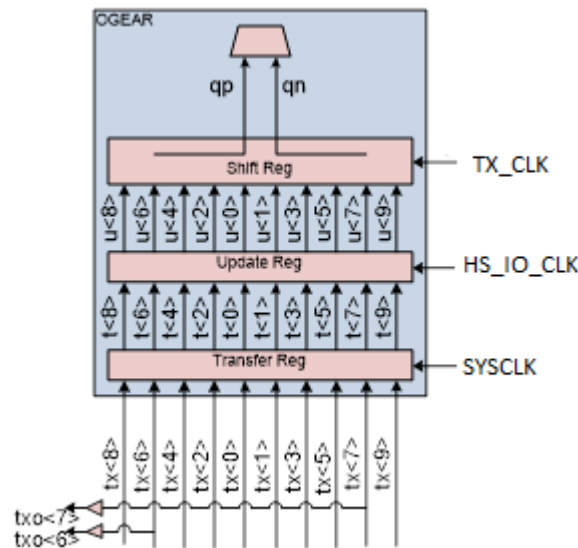
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Figure 11-4. SYSCLK to HS_IO_CLK Data Transfer



The HS_IO_CLK and SYSCLKs can have different insertion delays due to dissimilar routing paths within the fabric. This causes the rising clock edges to be misaligned potentially causing timing mismatches when the rising edges of these clocks are not aligned.

Figure 11-5. SYSCLK to HS_IO_CLK Before Training



Figure 11-6. SYSCLK to HS_IO_CLK After Training

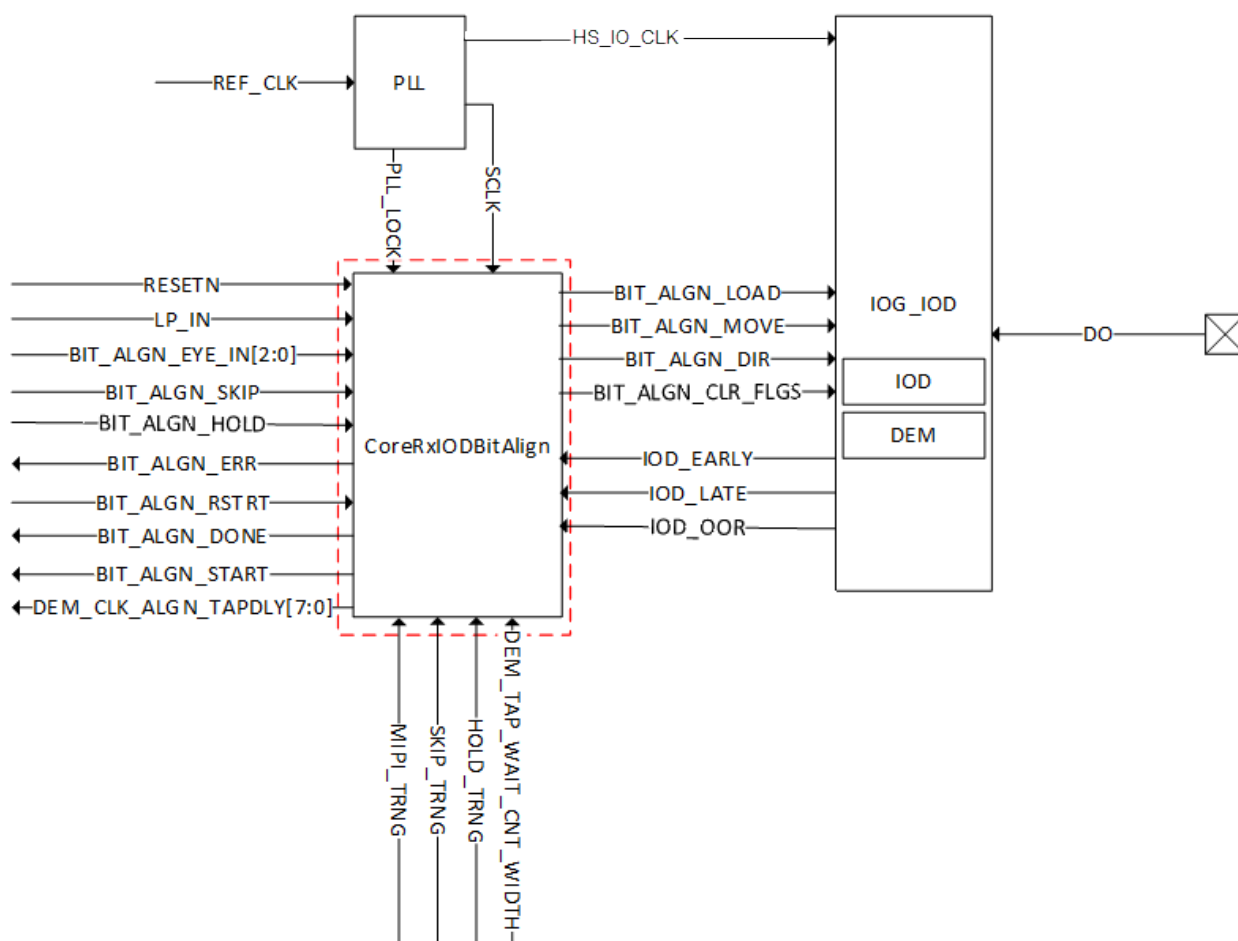


In the [Figure 11-5](#) and [Figure 11-6](#), a PLL VCO phase adjustment for the HS_IO_CLK is required to align the rising edges of System clock and HS_IO_CLK for best performance. It requires use of the data EYE_MONITOR of an unused/spare IOD lane to derive the best setting. Upon completion, the CLK_TRAIN_DONE output indicates that the training is successful. CLK_TRAIN_ERROR indicates an error causing the HS_IO_CLK and system clock not to train. This can occur when the clocks are interrupted. CLK_TRAIN_ERROR is not available with fractional interfaces.

11.2 CoreRxlODBitAlign

CoreRxlODBitAlign IP available from the Libero SoC Catalog performs training when interfacing the IOD macro to support as a dynamic source with adjusting delays to capture the data correctly.

Figure 11-7. CoreRxIODBitAlign Implementation Diagram



Note: HS_IO_CLK is internal connection.

This CoreRxIODBitAlign IP works based on Fabric clock (OUT_FABCLK*) from CCC or PLL component and PF_IOD_GENERIC_RX IOD component works based on OUT*_HS_IO_CLK_* or for bit alignment.

An example application for Bit Alignment uses the PF_IOD_GENERIC_RX IOD component to receive the serial data with a required data rate of 1000 Mbps in DDRx4 fabric mode. The OUT2_FABCLK_0 or SCLK should be driven from the PLL or CCC component at 125 MHz and OUT0_HS_IO_CLK_0 to PF_IOD_GENERIC_RX at 500 MHz.

The CoreRxIODBitAlign IP starts the training when the PLL_LOCK is stable and driven high. The LP_IN input is used only in the CoreRxIODBitAlign IP when MIPI_TRNG parameter is set to 1. This LP_IN signaling is active low and level-based, detected as neg edge every time by the IP to indicate the valid start of frame to start the bit alignment training mechanism. If MIPI_TRNG parameter is set to 0, then this input is left unused by the IP.

The CoreRxIODBitAlign IP indicates the start of training by driving BIT_ALGN_START high and BIT_ALGN_DONE as low. It then drives the output BIT_ALGN_LOAD to load the default settings in the PF_IOD_GENERIC_RX component. The BIT_ALGN_CLR_FLGS is used to clear the IOD_EARLY, IOD_LATE and BIT_ALGN_OOR flags.

The CoreRxIODBitAlign IP proceeds with BIT_ALGN_MOVE followed with BIT_ALGN_CLR_FLGS for every TAP and records the IOD_EARLY, IOD_LATE flags. When BIT_ALGN_OOR is set high by the PF_IOD_GENERIC_RX component, then the CoreRxIODBitAlign IP sweeps the recorded EARLY and LATE flags and finds the optimal EARLY and LATE flags to calculate the required TAP delays for clock and data bit alignment.

The CoreRxIODBitAlign IP loads the calculated TAP delays and drives BIT_ALGN_START low and BIT_ALGN_DONE high to indicate the completion of the training.

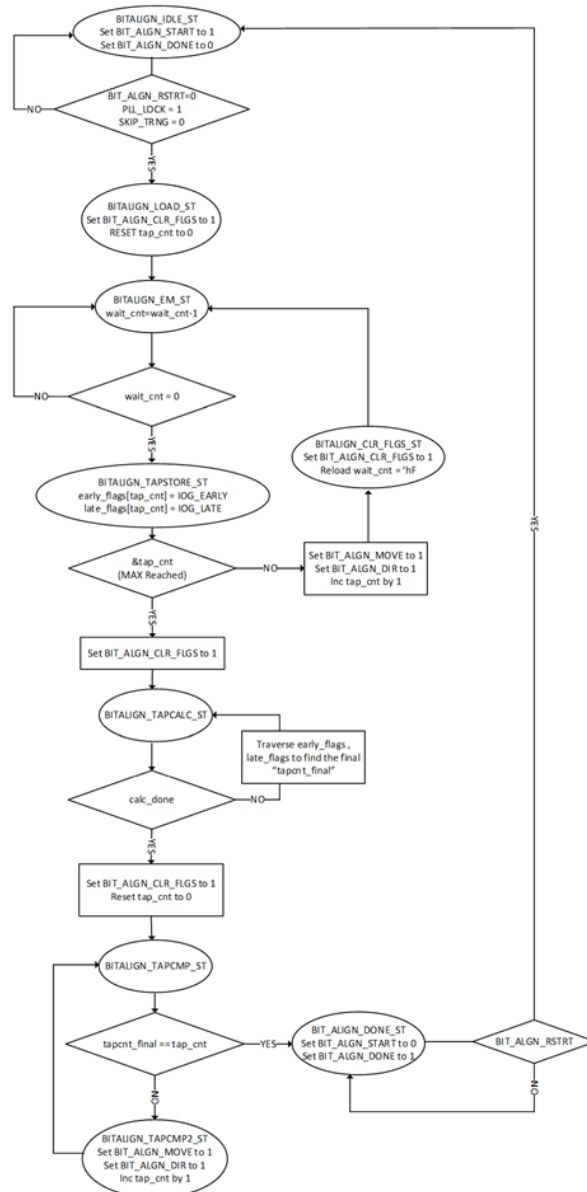
The CoreRxIODBitAlign IP continues the Re-training dynamically if it detects noisy IOD_EARLY or IOD_LATE feedback assertion from PF_IOD_GENERIC_RX component. The BIT_ALGN_DONE is reset and driven low and

BIT_ALGN_START is driven high again by the CoreRxIODBitAlign IP to indicate the restart of the training. The timeout counter when reaches the timeout condition asserts the BIT_ALGN_ERR at the end of the training.

The CoreRxIODBitAlign IP also provides restart mechanism for the user to restart the training whenever required. The BIT_ALGN_RSTRT input is active high level should be driven high (for example, 8 clocks). The BIT_ALGN_DONE is reset and driven low. BIT_ALGN_START is driven high again by the CoreRxIODBitAlign IP to indicate the fresh start of the training.

The CoreRxIODBitAlign IP also provides hold mechanism to hold the training in the middle. In this use case, the HOLD_TRNG parameter should be set to 1 then the CoreRxIODBitAlign IP uses the BIT_ALGN_HOLD input and asserts active high level-based until it requires the CoreRxIODBitAlign IP to hold the training and then continues the training when the input BIT_ALGN_HOLD is driven low.

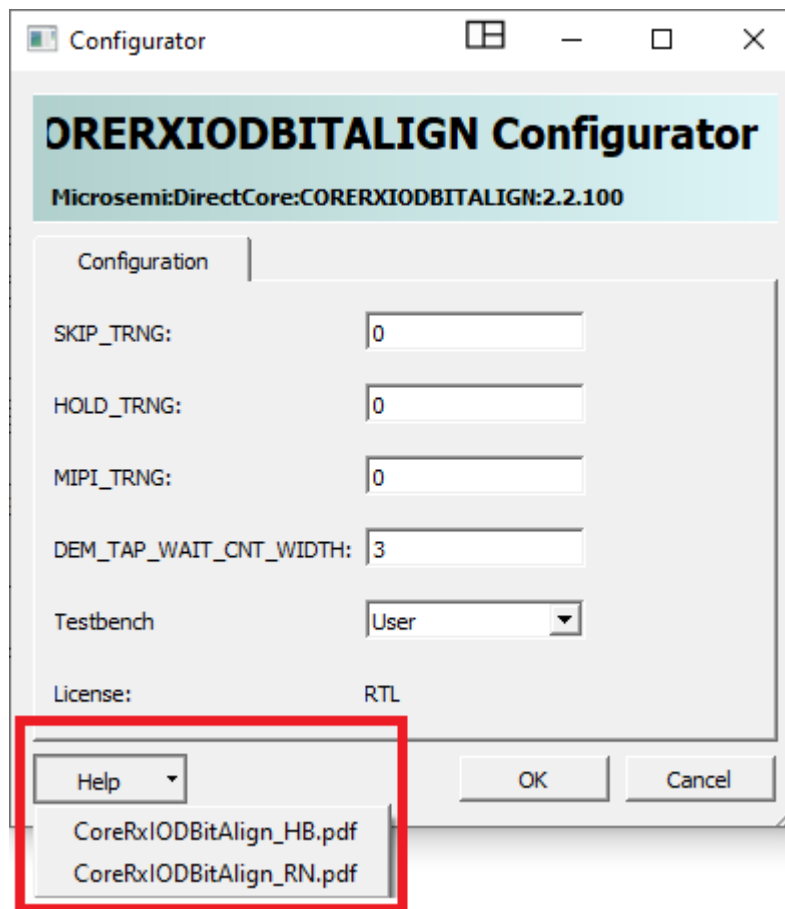
Figure 11-8. CoreRxIODBitAlign Training State Diagram



For more information about IP module usage, see HB0861: CoreRxIODBitAlign Handbook. This handbook can be downloaded from the Libero SoC Catalog.

The following figure shows the CoreRxIODBitAlign Libero SoC Configurator.

Figure 11-9. CoreRxIODBitAlign Libero SoC Configurator



12. Revision History

The revision history table describes the changes that were implemented in the document. The changes are listed by revision, starting with the most current publication.

Revision	Date	Description
C	12/2021	<p>The following is a summary of the changes made in this revision.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Updated 9.4. I/O Interface Timing Constraints. The revision history tables of both the user guides are retained here for the future reference. For information, see Table 12-1 and Table 12-2.
B	10/2021	<p>The following is a summary of the changes made in this revision.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Updated 7.1.12. Shield. Updated 7.1.13. Open Drain GPIO. Added 7.1.14. 3.3 V Tolerant Input. Updated 7.2.5.1. MIPI D-PHY Receive Interface. Updated 7.2.13. MSSIO (For PolarFire SoC FPGA Only). Updated 10.1.1. IOD CDR.
A	08/2021	<p>The first publication of this document.</p> <p>This user guide was created by merging the following documents:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> UG0686: PolarFire FPGA User I/O User Guide UG0916: PolarFire SoC FPGA I/O User Guide

The following revision history table describes the changes that were implemented in the *UG0686: PolarFire FPGA User I/O User Guide* document. The changes are listed by revision.

Note: UG0686: PolarFire FPGA User I/O User Guide document is now obsolete and the information in the document has been migrated to PolarFire® FPGA and PolarFire SoC FPGA User I/O User Guide.

Table 12-1. Revision History of UG0686: PolarFire FPGA User I/O User Guide

Revision	Date	Description
Revision 7.0	4/21	<p>The following is a summary of the changes in this revision.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Information about Sub-LVDS was updated. • Information about Programmable Weak Pull- Up/Down and Bus-Keeper (Hold) Circuits was updated. • Information about LVPECL25 IO Standard was removed from the document. • Information about HS_IO_CLK and System Clock Training was updated. • Information about Unused I/O Pins was added. • Information about IO Interface Timing Constraints was added. • Information about Full Duplex 1GbE and SGMII IOCDR was added. • Information about GPIO was updated in footnote of ODT Support in GPIO and HSIO table. • Information about HSIO was corrected in Cold Sparing. • Information about Dynamic ODT or Fail-Safe LVDS was updated. • Information about Transceiver Receivers, Transmitters and Reference Clock Inputs was added. • Information about CoreRxIODBitAlign Ports was updated. • Information about STREAM_START port was updated. See PF_IOD_CDR Interface Associated Ports table. • Information about Clock to Data Margin Training was updated. • Information about MIPI D-PHY Transmit Only (High-Speed and Low-power) was updated. • Information about HS_IO_CLK_PAUSE port was added to TX_DDR_G/B_A Interface Mode Ports table.
Revision 6.0	9/20	<p>The following is a summary of the changes in this revision.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Information about Open Drain GPIO was added. • Information about Bit Slip was updated. • Information about MIPI D-PHY Transmit Only (High-Speed and Low-power) was updated. • Information about Implementing MIPI D-PHY was updated.
Revision 5.0	4/20	<p>The following is a summary of the changes in this revision.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Information about Cold Sparing was updated. • Information about I/O Lanes in Each Bank was updated. • Information about I/O Clock Networks was updated. • Information about MIPI D-PHY Transmit Only (High-Speed and Low-power) was added. • Information about RX DDR Interfaces was updated. • Information about RX port and L#_RX_DATA[n:0] port was updated. • Information about PolarFire IOD CDR Clocking was added.

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Revision	Date	Description
Revision 4.0	2/20	<p>The following is a summary of the changes in this revision.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Information about ODT Control was updated. • Updated the IO Calibration section. • Added the section Dynamic ODT or Fail-Safe LVDS. • Updated the section Programmable I/O Delay. • Added the section IO Register Combining. • Updated the section High-Speed I/O Bank Clock Resource (HS_IO_CLK). • Updated the section Interface Selection Rules. • Updated the section Generic IOD Interface Implementation. • Updated the section Dynamic Delay Control. • Added the section Basic I/O Configurator. • Updated the section HS_IO_CLK and System Clock Training.
Revision 3.0	5/19	<p>The following is a summary of the changes in this revision.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Information about Static Timing Analysis was added. • Information about LVDS18 Receivers in GPIO was added. • Information about global clock and regional clock network was added. See PolarFire FPGA I/O Lanes. • Information about IO lanes in each bank was updated. • Information about Bit Slip was updated. • Information about HS_IO_CLK_PAUSE port was updated. • Information about Dynamic Delay Control ports was updated. • Information about RGMII to GMII Converter was added. • Information about LVDS 7:1 was added. • Information about PF_IOD_CDR was updated.
Revision 2.0	11/18	<p>The following is a summary of the changes in this revision.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Information about PLL and DLL signals in PF_IOD_CDR Interface Associated Ports were added. • Information about failsafe logic for differential receivers was added. See Differential Receiver Mode. • Information about Supply Voltages for PolarFire FPGA I/O Banks was updated. • Information about Cold Sparing and Hot Swap was updated. • Information about flexible VDDI was added. See Mixed IO in VDDI Banks. • Information about MIPI25 IO standard was added. See Implementing MIPI D-PHY. • Information about PolarFire FPGA Generic I/O Interfaces was added. • Information about Generic IOD Interface Implementation was added. • Information about Software Primitives was added. • Information about HSIO data rate was added. • Information about IO lane in each bank was updated.
Revision 1.0	2/17	The first publication of UG0686: PolarFire FPGA User I/O User Guide.

The following revision history table describes the changes that were implemented in the *UG0916: PolarFire SoC FPGA User I/O User Guide* document. The changes are listed by revision.

Note: UG0916: PolarFire SoC FPGA User I/O User Guide document is now obsolete and the information in the document has been migrated to PolarFire® FPGA and PolarFire SoC FPGA User I/O User Guide.

Table 12-2. Revision History of UG0916: PolarFire SoC FPGA User I/O User Guide

Revision	Date	Description
Revision 3.0	4/21	<p>The following is a summary of the changes in this revision.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Information about MSS DDR VREF was added. • Information about Sub-LVDS was updated. • Information about Programmable Weak Pull- Up/Down and Bus-Keeper (Hold) Circuits was updated. • Information about LVPECL25 IO Standard was removed from the document. • Information about HS_IO_CLK and System Clock Training was updated. • Information about Unused I/O Pins was added. • Information about IO Interface Timing Constraints was added. • Information about Full Duplex 1GbE and SGMII IOCDR was added. • Information about GPIO was updated in footnote of ODT Support in GPIO and HSIO table. • Information about HSIO was corrected in Cold Sparing. • Information about Dynamic ODT or Fail-Safe LVDS was updated. • Information about Transceiver Receivers, Transmitters and Reference Clock Inputs was added. • Information about CoreRxIODBitAlign Ports was updated. • Information about STREAM_START port was updated. See PF_IOD_CDR Interface Associated Ports table. • Information about Clock to Data Margin Training was updated. • Information about MIPI D-PHY Transmit Only (High-Speed and Low-power) was updated. • Information about HS_IO_CLK_PAUSE port was added to TX_DDR_G/B_A Interface Mode Ports table.
Revision 2.0	9/20	<p>The following is a summary of the changes in this revision.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Information about Open Drain GPIO was added. • Information about Bit Slip was updated. • Information about MIPI D-PHY Transmit Only (High-Speed and Low-power) was updated. • Information about Implementing MIPI D-PHY was updated.
Revision 1.0	4/20	The first publication of UG0916: PolarFire SoC FPGA User I/O User Guide.

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