

Today's telecom and networking systems use high-bandwidth interfaces based on LVDS and other differential I/O standards. These standards – and associated protocols such as SPI-4.2, SFI, RapidIO and HyperTransport – simplify system design by improving performance and signal integrity. However, they also pose a host of challenges for the system designer in ensuring device interoperability and standard compliance.

Virtex-4[™] FPGAs help solve these challenges with more than 1 Gbps SelectIO[™] parallel I/O featuring specialized ChipSync™ source-synchronous circuits. Designers can use most SelectIO as differential I/O without bank restrictions. Plus, Xilinx provides Virtex-4 FPGA development boards, as well as standardscompliant IP cores for major system interface protocols. This allows the designer to focus on the user application rather than interoperability and standards compliance.

With Virtex-4 FPGA Source-Synchronous Interface Tool Kit, designing networking, telecom, servers, and computing systems is faster and easier than ever before.

Virtex-4[™] FPGA Source-Synchronous Interfaces Tool Kit

Powered by ML450 Platform



Faster, Easier Source-Synchronous Interfaces Implementation

Design with major differential I/O standards in networking, computing standards

- Single Data Rate (SDR) and Double Data Rate (DDR) differential interfaces
- OIF SPI-4.2 (POS-PHY level 4), SFI-4 and XSBI interfaces
- HyperTransport and RapidIO interfaces

Finish faster using pre-engineered IP cores and reference designs

- IP cores for SPI-4.2 and RapidIO
- Reference designs for SFI-4, DDR 1 SDRAM controller

Realize Over 1 Gbps performance with the unique built-in ChipSync technology

- ChipSync source-synchronous technology embedded in every I/O
- Dynamic programmable delay/data centering with per-bit de-skew on every I/O
- Bitslip module for training patterns
- Internal SerDes modules and regional clocks

Discover the complete hardware development and evaluation platform

- Based on 4VLX25
- Support for eight clock sources; differential clock inputs
- Connectors for multiple system interface standards
- On-board memory and LCD display



Hardware Platform Details

Use these platforms to develop and evaluate multiple source – synchronous interfaces of over 1 Gbps operation with Virtex-4 FPGAs, IP, and reference designs.

System Interface Support: Design with SPI-4.2, SDR SFI-4, SDR XSBI, HyperTransport, and RapidIO interfaces. Proprietary interfaces based on LVDS can also be developed.

ML450 Hardware Development Platform Block Diagram



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ML450 Specifications

- FPGA
 - Up to 24,192 logic cells
 - Up to 1.3 Mb block RAM
 - Up to 448 user I/O; 224 differential pairs
 - Built-in ChipSync source-synchronous technology
 - 48 XtremeDSP[™] slices
 - 8 DCMs
- 64 MB DDR 1 SDRAM
- LVDS, HyperTransport, RS232 connectors
- 64x128 pixel graphics LCD
- 8 clock sources

Complete Solution: The kit comes with the following Xilinx Productivity Advantage (XPA) options:

- ML450 Platform including Compact Flash, clock modules, documentation, reference designs, cables, and evaluation software
- ISE Foundation Software
- IP Cores: SPI-4.2, RapidIO*, and GFP*
- · Training, Premium, and Titanium services
- * Check with your Xilinx sales representative for availability

Take the Next Step

Buy the Source-Synchronous Interfaces Tool Kit today and get started on your design. For more information about the kit, the Virtex-4 FPGA family, ChipSync technology, and available optional IP, visit www.xilinx.com/virtex4

