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1 Terminology

This chapter describes some of the abbreviations and terms that are used in this document.

Baseboard	The multi-purpose PXI board developed to carry two PA72 modules
Module	PA72 “Daughter board” mounted on the Baseboard . A module can either be a waveform digitizer or a waveform generator.
Instrument	A complete assembly of a Baseboard equipped with one or two modules.

2 Introduction

The PA72 is an integrated one slot PXI card consisting of main board carrying one or two modules. The choice of modules is user configurable. Waveform Digitizer and Generator modules are available. Also Multifunctional Programmable Digital I/O modules and Filter modules are available.
Any combination of available modules is possible.

The configuration of a PA72 module is determined as follows:

PA72-*nm*

n represents module 1 (top position)
m represents module 2 (bottom position)

for *n* and *m* the following module codes are available:

0	empty, no module placed
1	PA72G16400, 16-bit /400Msps Analog Waveform Generator
2	PA72G14180, 14-bit /180Msps AWG
5	PA72D16180A, 16-bit /180Msps Digitizer
6	PA72D14130, 14-bit /130Msps Digitizer
9	PA72DIOS6016, Multifunctional programmable Digital I/O
A	PA72DIOS6100, Multifunctional programmable Digital I/O
F	PA72BPF Filter daughter board (specify filter requirements separately)

For example, a PA72-15 is a PA72 base board with a 16-bit / 400Msps AWG in the top position and a 16-bit / 180Msps Digitizer in the bottom position

The main board has an advanced PLL sample clock generator featuring less than 0.4ps jitter. The sample frequency is programmable from 2 kHz to 945 MHz and can be locked to the 10MHz PXI back plane clock or to an external reference clock. Also external clocking is possible via the front panel clock input.

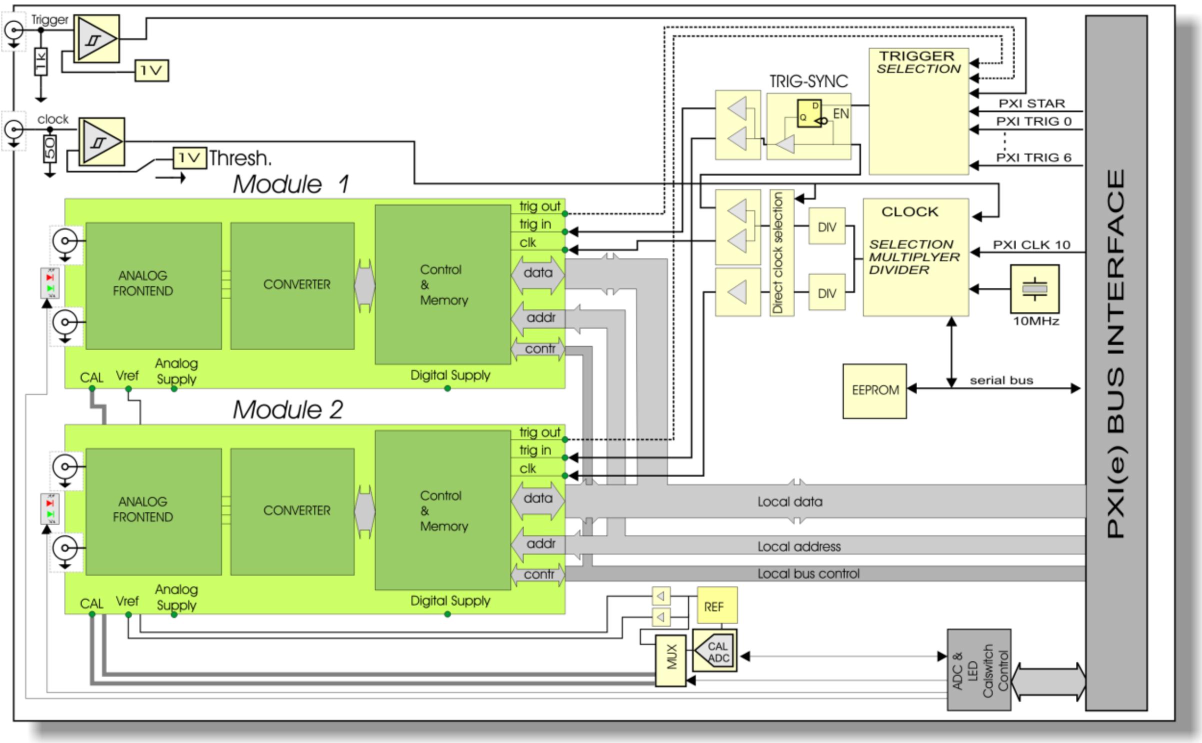
Triggering is possible by software, PXI triggers, PXI star trigger, panel trigger input, or edge triggering on the analog signal of one of the digitizers.

This document provides guidelines to using the PA72 hardware. It contains some references to software driver functions, but is not intended as a full documentation of the driver. Please see “PA72 Driver Source Help” (pa72.chm) documentation for a reference on the driver functions.

3 PA72 Base board

In this section, the Base board of the PA72 is described in detail.

3.1 Base board block diagram



As shown in the block diagram, the base board basically consists of the following :

-PXI bus interface
-Two module slots
-Clock source and PLL management
-Trigger selection and synchronisation
-Precision reference voltage
-Accurate DVM function for auto calibration and self-test purposes.

The PXI bus is transferred to an on-board local bus controlling two module slots.
Basically, a module operates in two states:
In ***configuration mode***, the module can be accessed from the PA72. Then it can be initialized and the stimulus or capture memory may be filled or read. To perform a measurement with a module, it is necessary to switch the module to the so called ***measurement mode***.
In ***measurement mode***, the card memory cannot be accessed from the PA72 bus. Now, the memory address counter is clocked by the clock from the PA72 main board.
Driver function ***pa72_SetInstrumentMode*** is used to switch between configuration and measurement mode.

The composition of modules determine the ultimate function of the PA72 board.
Before a module is addressed i.e. for initialization, the driver selects one of the two installed modules using driver function ***pa72_SetActiveModule***.
The Eeprom and PLL clock logic is controlled by an I^2C serial bus.
An on board eeprom carries calibration data for the reference and calibrator DVM.
The PA72 carries the front trigger and clock connections and front LEDs.

For a description of the modules, please refer to the appropriate section in this manual.

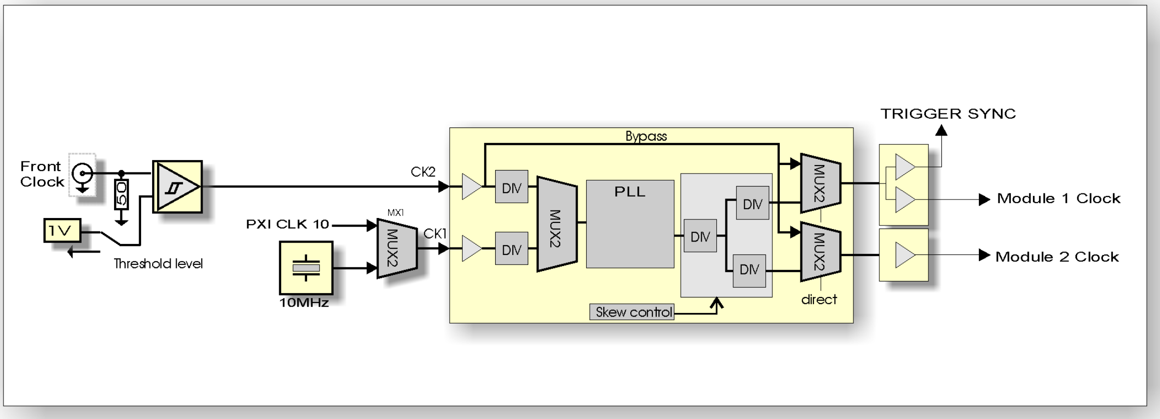
3.2 Clock sources

The figure shows a functional block diagram of the clock logic.
The PA72 board carries an ultra-low jitter PLL clock multiplier, that can generate a clock in the range from 2kHz to 945MHz. The block containing the PLL, dividers and output clock skew control is actual a one chip device, controlled over a serial bus. Several PLL and divider settings are done over the i2c bus and are covered in the PA72 card driver. The desired PLL chip settings are calculated in the driver functions and programmed in the appropriate PLL device registers.

The PLL clock frequency is set using the ***pa72_SetClockFrequency*** function:

pa72_SetClockFrequency(vi, frequency1,frequency2, targetfrequency, waitforlock, locktimeout)
Parameters:

vi:	visa session	
frequency1	requested PLL output frequency (kHz) for daughter module 1	
frequency2	requested PLL output frequency (kHz) for daughter module 2	
targetfrequency	0:	PLL is set to approach frequency1 as close as possible
	1:	PLL is set to approach frequency2 as close as possible
waitforlock	wait until PLL is locked	
	0:	don't wait
	1:	wait
locktimeout	maximum time to wait for lock (ms)	



The PLL circuit uses a 10MHz reference clock. As reference clock, the on board 10MHz precision clock can be chosen. When synchronisation with other cards is desired, the front clock or the 10MHz PXI clock can be chosen. The Front clock should be 10MHz when it is used as PLL reference clock.

The Module clock can either be derived from a (divided) PLL clock or the bypassed front clock (Direct clocking). The selected clock source is chosen for both channels simultaneously.
Only in PLL mode, the channel may work with different clock frequency and/or phase.

pa72_SetClockSource (vi, source) Select the clock source for ***both*** daughter modules.
Parameters:

vi:	visa session
Source:	module clock source:
	0 PLL clock with 10MHz on board oscillator
	1 PLL clock with 10MHz backplane clock
	2 PLL clock with 10MHz front clock
	3 Front clock (bypass PLL clock)

Clock channel to channel skew
When the PLL clock is used as clock source, the clock skew can be set with a minimum step size that ranges between 1 ns and 2 ns, depending on the internal PLL frequency setting and the several clock divider settings. A skew is set in fractions of that internal PLL clock period time.

With driver function ***pa72_GetClockSkewResolution***, the actual clock skew resolution step (in ns) can be retrieved. After setting a different PLL frequency, this resolution step may change.
Now, to set a desired clock skew , the clock skew setting can be calculated:

$$Skewphase = \frac{Skew_{desired}(ns)}{Skew_{Resolution}(ns)}$$

Driver function ***pa72_SetClockSkew*** programs the calculated skew phase value in the appropriate skew registers. For each channel, the value may be in the range from -128 to 127

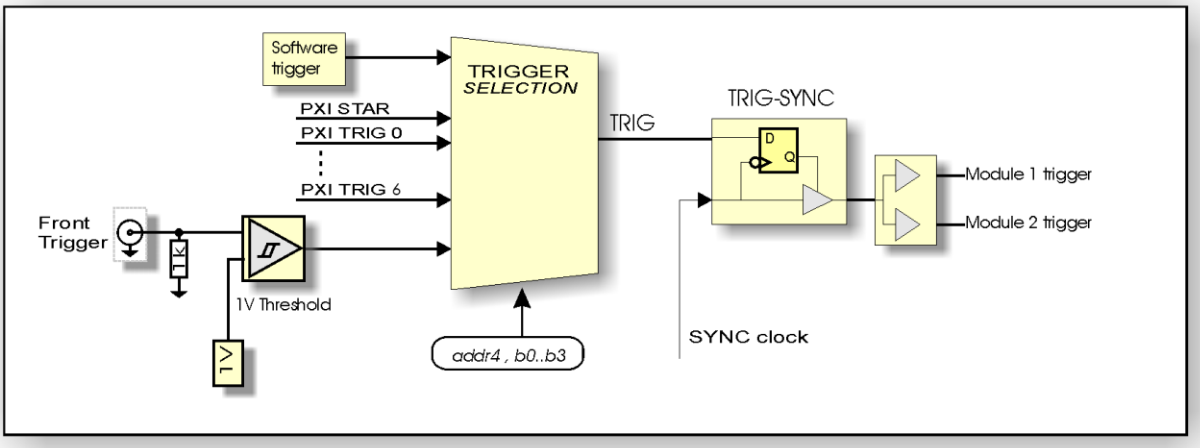
pa72_SetClockSkew (vi, skew1, skew2)
Set module input clock skew (phase offset) value range from -128 to +127.

The front clock threshold level can be set to either 0V for AC, sine shaped clocks or 1V for TTL level clock sources.

When two identical modules are placed on one main board, it can be important to have the output of the channels running perfectly in phase, when using the same clock frequency for both channels. To achieve this with the PA72G16400, see chapter 5.5 on page 19.

3.3 Trigger

The Baseboard accepts several trigger sources. The module trigger can be switched to trigger signals from the front panel and from the PXI backplane, including PXI TRIGGER0..6 and PXI STAR TRIGGER. Alternatively, when trigger timing is not an issue, there is a software-initiated trigger.
The diagram below illustrates the trigger circuit.
The trigger signal coming from the trigger selection mux is then synchronized with the sample clock for module 1, to give more precise control over the trigger timing of both modules.

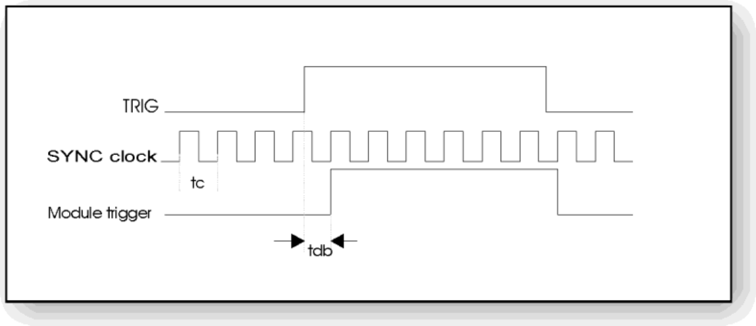


The front panel trigger input uses normal TTL logic levels with a 1 volt threshold level with a 60mV input referred hysteresis. The hysteresis rejects noise and prevents oscillations on low slew input signals.
The logic levels for PXI TRIGGER3..6 are inverted, and thus are low active. This is true for both the PXI and PXI*Express* versions of the baseboard, except for PXI baseboard versions with PCB revision below 5.

The software trigger is controlled with driver function ***pa72_SetSoftwareTrigger***.
Use driver ***pa72_SetTriggerSource*** to select the trigger source.

Note: A digitizer can also generate a trigger from an edge on the input signal. This trigger is generated on the module, but can be routed to the mainboard's trigger circuitry to simultaneously trigger the two channel.
Use driver functions*pa72_SetAnalogEdgeTriggerMode* and *pa72_SetAnalogTriggerLevel* to setup analog edge triggering for digitizer modules.

3.3.1 Trigger timing

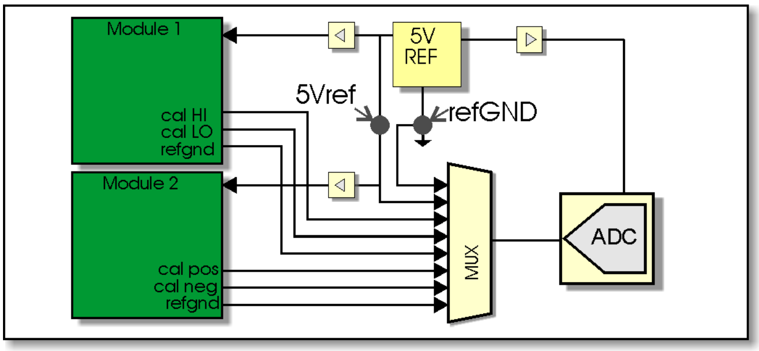


The actual trigger timing is dependent of the clock source chosen. Due to trigger-to sample clock synchronisation, the actual trigger moment falls somewhere within one clock period time (tc) of the chosen clock frequency. When the PLL clock is used as clock source, this actual trigger delay time time tdb has a random value within tc. When the bypassed front clock is used in combination with the trigger, the actual trigger timing can be predicted. The internal front clock delay between the front-clock connector and trigger sync register should be anticipated when applying a trigger signal close to the rising edge of the applied clock.

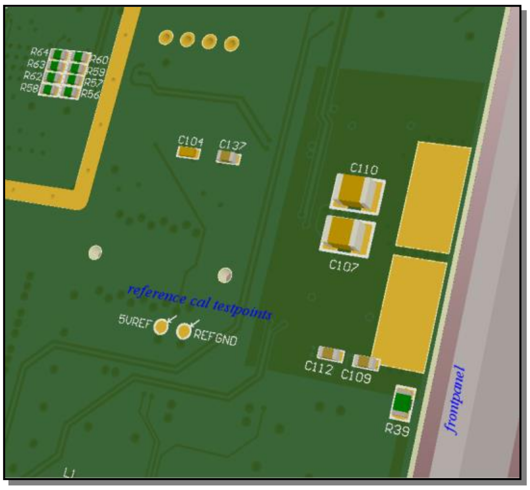
The daughter module adds an additional trigger latency, in time steps that equal the sample clock's cycle period. The number of cycles for the trigger latency depends on the module type and programmed value for the trigger latency counter on that module. Refer to the appropriate section describing the triggering of the module.

3.4 Calibration ADC

The PA72 base board has a 24 bit calibration ADC for auto calibration and self-test purposes.
The ADC has an 8 input mux, from which 2 inputs are used to calibrate the ADC for offset and gain.



The actual voltage level of this reference is measured externally with a calibrated high precision voltmeter and stored as calibration value in the module EEPROM. On the backside of the PA72 base board, there are two test points over which this reference voltage is measured. The measured voltage should be applied to the *pa72_SetAdc24CalVoltage* driver function. This function sets the measured voltage as calibration data and also starts an ADC auto calibration..



During an auto calibration, the ADC offset and gain are calibrated first, by measuring the known reference voltage level and the reference ground level.

The ADC has a 24 bit resolution. The input range is from -4.167 to 8.333 Volt, resulting in a 0.754uV LSB voltage. The expected ADC Code at 0V = 0x555555

3.4.1 Module calibration

Now, the calibration ADC can measure on three different nodes on each module:
Board reference ground, Positive channel output, Negative channel output. To measure an output level, a relative measurement is done. Driver function ***pa72_Calibrate*** starts a complete module auto calibration, measuring several levels on the calibration nodes.

After calibration, the calibration values and date can be stored using ***pa72_StoreCalibrationData and pa72_SetCalibrationDate.***

3.5 Front panel channel LEDs

The front panel LEDs reflect the channel status and connection:

The Channel gate led:

off	Channel is disconnected.
green	Channel gate relay is connected.
green, blinking (5Hz)	Channel is connected and running in measurement mode (trigger active)
red	Remains red after an initialization error

4 General module memory structure and signal definition

In general, all modules described in the subsequent chapters have the same digital hardware (i.e. memory and trigger) structure and signal definition method. The PA72G16400 16-bit generator module is equipped with an 8M words SDRAM memory. The PA72D16180A 16-bit digitizer module and the 14 bit modules have a larger 64M words DDR memory. Basically, the concept of operation and control for both memory types are the same.
This section describes the operational concept, the general memory architecture, how to define stimulus signal and the way to prepare a capturing module (i.e. a digitizer module) for capturing a signal.

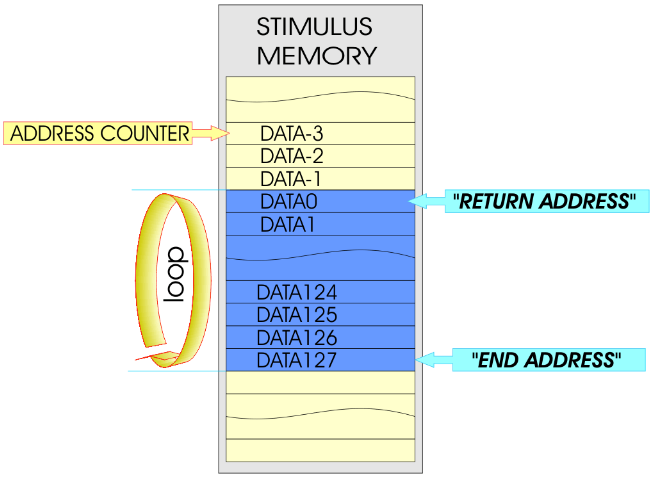
4.1 Module Operational modes

Basically, a module has two operational modes. Configuration mode and Measurement mode.

In **configuration mode**, the module can be configured. Configuration of stimulus memory contents, Memory counter parameters, clock and trigger configurations can be accessed.
After complete configuration, the module can be switched to **measurement mode**. In this mode the module is ready to receive a trigger and start the measurement. While in measurement mode, the module memory cannot be accessed by driver functions. Once the measurement is completed, the instrument is switched back to **configuration mode** in order to read the capture memory or to setup another measurement.

4.2 Module Stimulus memory architecture

A generating module, contains a large stimulus memory, like 8M word for the PA72G16400 16-bit Generator, in which one or more stimulus signals may be stored. The stimulus signal is marked by defining a so called "return-to address" and "end address".
The stimulus signal definition in between these two markers is repeated (looped) a user defined number of times.
The repetition of the stimulus is set with the function ***pa72_SetContinuousMode***. When set to value 0, the stimulus signal is repeated by the sum of the settle loop and measurement loop counter value. When ***pa72_SetContinuousMode*** is set to 1, the stimulus is repeated continuously until the trigger is set inactive or the module is set back in configuration mode.



Note that for the PA72G16400 the return-to address should always be a multiple of eight, and the number of signal steps should also be a multiple of eight. Consequently, the end address value is:

End address = Return-to address + Number of signal steps – 1.

Where "Return-to address" and "Number of signal steps" is always a multiple of eight.

Example:

Return-to address = address 0, Number of signal steps = 1024 , End address = 1023.

Before setting the module in measurement mode, the address counter should be set to the position of stimulus signal start. This does not always have to be the same as the return-to address. Optionally, a leading and not repeated pattern may be programmed in the signal memory locations preceding the return-to address. Again, the address counter should be programmed to a multiple of eight positions from the return to address.
Next the end address pointer should be set, the loop counters or “continuous mode” should be set. The stimulus signal is the repeated by either the sum of the settle loop and measurement loop counters, or it is repeated continuously until the measurement mode or trigger is reset.
Next, when the module is set in measurement mode, the address counter clock is switched to the sample clock logic.
After receipt of the trigger, the counter starts to increment and stimulus data is written to the DAC. The stimulus signal marked by “return-to address” and “end address” is repeated.
For a stimuli memory, the following driver functions are available:

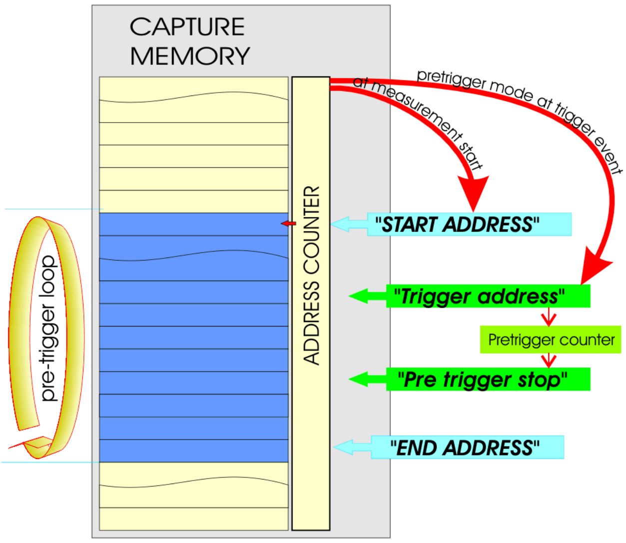
pa72_SetMemoryAddress Configure instrument memory address counter position.

pa72_SetMemoryEndAddress Configure instrument memory end address position.

pa72_SetMemoryReturnToAddress Configure instrument memory return-to address.

4.3 Module Capture memory architecture

A capturing module has a capture memory, in which during the measurement, the converted results are stored. The architecture is a bit different from the stimulus memory.
The return address pointer is loaded immediately at the start of the measurement, when the module enters measurement mode. So, there is no need to assign the return-to address. It is simply equal to the address value at the start of the measurement. The end address should still be assigned. The converter results are stored between the start and end address.



The capturing can be in two modes: Normal capturing mode and pre-triggered capturing mode.
In normal capturing mode, the capturing stops when the address counter reaches the defined end address. A trigger event starts the capture. The trigger event may be delayed by a hold off counter.

In pre-triggered capturing mode, the capturing starts immediately after the module is set in measurement mode. When the address counter has reached the end address, the address counter is reloaded with the start address. The contents of the memory is overwritten with new data. On a trigger event, the current address counter value is stored in a trigger address register. Now a pre-loaded pre-trigger counter starts to count down. The Capturing stops when the pre-trigger counter has reached zero.

For a capture memory, the following driver functions are available:

pa72_SetMemoryAddress Configure instrument memory address counter position.

pa72_SetMemoryEndAddress Configure instrument memory end address position.

pa72_SetMemoryReturnToAddress Configure instrument memory return-to address.

pa72_SetPreTriggerModeStatus Enable or disable pretrigger mode.

pa72_SetPreTriggerPostCounter Configure the pretrigger counter.

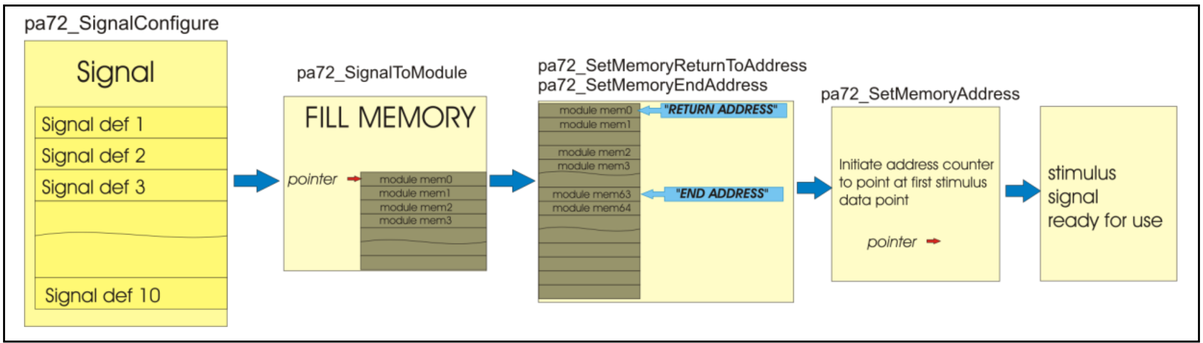
pa72_SetMemoryPointers Configure the pretrigger mode using the above functions.

pa72_GetAnalogSignal Read captured signal from capture memory.

pa72_GetAnalogSignalPretrig Read captured signal in pretrigger mode from capture memory.

4.4 Stimulus signal definition

The stimulus signal definition is a result of a summation of one or more signal definitions.
The figure shows the sequence to define a signal and load them in the module stimulus memory. First, the signal should be configured. Depending on the measurement type, the signal can be configured as a ramp, a sine, a triangle, or a square wave. A signal can also be the sum of up to ten separate signal definitions.



A signal definition is a collection of parameters that define the ***type of signal***, and accompanying signal properties like ***amplitude***, ***phase***, ***number of samples***, etc.

Driver function ***pa72_SignalConfigure*** is used configure the signal:

pa72_SignalConfigure(*vi, index, type, param1, param2, param3, param4, param5, param6)*
where   index = ViInt32, type = ViUInt32, param1..6 = ViReal64

In this function, analog signals should be normalized between 0 and 1.

Parameters:
index

The signal definition index number it selects the signal definition to be defined

Value (0..9). :   All signals configurations will be added.
Value -1:   Use value -1 to clear all 10 configurations

type

defines the signal type:

0 : clear signal configuration for this index

1: analog ramp, defined by endpoints and number of steps:
11: digital ramp, defined by endpoints and number of steps::
- **param1** = start value of ramp
- **param2** = end value of ramp
- **param3** = number of ramp steps
- **param4** = settle steps at start of ramp
- **param5** = repeat ramps
- **param6** = not used

2 : analog ramp defined by start point, increments and number of steps
12: digital ramp defined by start point, increments and number of steps
- **param1** = start value of ramp
- **param2** = increment value
- **param3** = number of ramp steps
- **param4** = settle steps at start of ramp
- **param5** = repeat ramps (total number of the ramps in this definition)
- **param6** = not used

3 : analog sine wave:
13: digital sine wave:
- **param1** = amplitude (peak value, ***not*** peak-peak)
- **param2** = offset
- **param3** = number of samples
- **param4** = number of periods
- **param5** = phase (degrees)
- **param6** = not used

4: analog triangle wave:
14: digital triangle wave:

5: analog square wave:
15: digital square wave:
- **param1** = amplitude
- **param2** = offset
- **param3** = number of samples
- **param4** = periods
- **param5** = phase (degrees)
- **param6** = symmetry (0..100%)

To load the stimulus signal into the stimulus memory, the driver function ***pa72_SignalToModule*** can be used. In this function, the start address of the stimulus signal can be assigned.

This way, more than one signal can be stored into one stimulus memory to eliminate memory load time during tests.

The resulting stimulus signal after the stimulus memory is filled, is a summation of all indexed signals defined with the above described signal configuration function.

For ***analog*** **signal definitions,** this summation results in a stimulus signal with an amplitude that is **clipped** at value 0.0 and 1.0. Value 0.0 corresponds to the *minimum* scale and 1.0 corresponds to the *maximum* scale of the stimulus signal DAC.

In fact, an analog signal definition results in a multiplier, that is multiplied with the output range of the DAC.

The frequency of a signal is determined by the total number of samples or array size (*q*), the number of periods (*r*) and the sample frequency f_{sample}

$$f_{sig} = \frac{f_{sample} \cdot periods}{arraysize} = \frac{f_{sample} \cdot r}{q} \quad or \quad \frac{r}{q \cdot t_{sample}}$$

Alternatively, the number of periods can calculated with:

$$periods(r) = \frac{f_{signal} \cdot arraysize}{f_{sample}} = \frac{f_{signal} \cdot q}{f_{sample}} \quad or \quad f_{signal} \cdot q \cdot t_{sample}$$

The use of the signal definition command is best described following some examples.

Example 1:

Desired output signal on a PA72G16400: sine wave 3.84Vpp, 1kHz, fsamp=500kHz in 65536 samples. Used range : 2.56Vp

The desired output stimulus signal is a sine wave 3.84Vpp, centred in the output range of the signal AWG signal DAC. Note that the DC offset DAC adds an extra offset, independent from the signal definition. The value of the dc offset Dac is therefore disregarded in this example. There is only one harmonic, so only one signal definition should be entered for this signal item.

The generating module is a PA72G16400, set in the 2.56Vp range.

In the sine definition, the amplitude is defined in Volts peak. The desired peak amplitude of a 3.48Vpp sine wave is 1.92V.

Only one sine is defined, so use index number 0: **index**=0
The signal type is an analog sine: **type=3**
The amplitude parameter, *param1,* for the signal definition is calculated :

$$param1 = \frac{desiredAmplitude(Vp)}{DACrange} = \frac{0.5 \cdot Amplitude(Vpp)}{DACrange}$$

$$param1 = \frac{1.92\,(Vp)}{2.56} = 0.75$$

The offset parameter , *param2:*

$$param2 = 0.5 + \frac{Offset(Vo)}{DACrange}; [0 \le p \le 1]$$

$$param2 = 0.5 + \frac{Offset(Vo)}{DACrange} = 0.5 + \frac{0V}{2.56V}$$

The frequency of the sine wave is determined by the total number of samples (*param3*), the number of periods (*param4*) and the sample frequency.

$$f_{sig} = \frac{param4}{param3 \cdot t_{sample}}$$

To get a 1kHz sine wave with a sample freq. of 500kHz (t_{sample}=2µs) using 65536 samples, the number of periods can be calculated:

$$param4 = f_{sig}\, param3 \cdot t_{sample} = 1 \cdot 10^{3} \cdot 65536 \cdot 2 \cdot 10^{-6} = 131$$

When defining a sine wave, it is best to choose a prime number of periods. 131 happens to be a prime number. Otherwise, *param4* could be replaced with the nearest prime number resulting in a slightly different signal frequency.

Summary:
index=0; type=3; param1=0.75; param2=0.5; param3 = 65536; param4=131

Example 2:

Sine wave with amplitude V_{PP} 60% of full scale around midscale, 1kHz,
added sine wave of 10% of full scale, 10kHz
fsamp = 500kHz, 65536 samples used.

First, the 1kHz is defined

Then define the signal parameters for the 1kHz sine:
Index=0
type=3 for analog sine
param1=0,3 (amplitude peak is 30% of full scale)
param2=0,5 (sine should be located around halve)
param3=65536 (number of samples)
param4 =131 (131 periods in 65536 samples and fs=500khz result in 0.99945kHz)

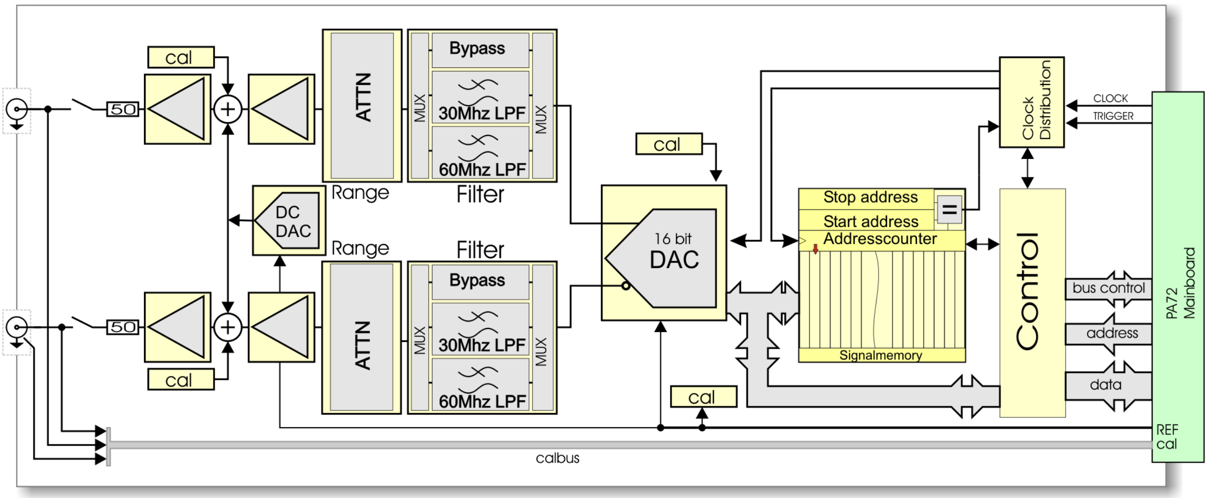
Then define the signal parameters for the 10kHz sine in signal configure index1:
Index=0
type=3 for analog sine
param1=0,05 (amplitude peak is 5% of full scale)
param2=0,5 (sine should be located around halve)
param3=65536 (number of samples)
param4 =1307 (1307 periods in 65536 samples and fs=500khz result in 9.97162kHz)

To load a custom stimulus signal into the stimulus memory, the driver function ***pa72_SetDigitalSignal*** or ***pa72_SetAnalogSignal*** can be used.
pa72_SetDigitalSignal accepts digital codes (main DAC codes), where ***pa72_SetAnalogSignal*** accepts a signal normalized between 0.0 (minimum output voltage of range) and 1.0 (maximum output voltage of range).

5 PA72G16400 waveform generator module

5.1 Board block diagram

The PA72G16400 module is a 16-bit, 400MSps Arbitrary Waveform Generator for high frequency waveform generation. It features differential outputs. Clock and trigger are sourced by the main board.



5.2 Output voltage and available signal ranges

The output voltage range is -5.12V to +5.12V for each output.

The output signal range (Signal DAC voltage swing relative to ground) can be set to: 320mV, 425mV, 640mV, 850mV, 1.28V, 2.56V (ranges are V_P, single ended). The range is set with the software driver function ***pa72_SetRange*** :

Range number	***Output range (V_P, single ended)***	***Output range (V_P, differential)***
0	2.56V	5.12V
1	1.28V	2.56V
2	850mV	1.70V
3	640mV	1.28V
4	425mV	850mV
5	320mV	640mV

The voltage difference between the outputs is twice the programmed output voltage.

5.3 DC-Offset

The DC offset is added by a so called DC-Offset DAC. The voltage range is from -2.56V to 2.56V, programmable in a 78.125 µV resolution. The offset is always connected to the signal path.
The output voltage is composed as follows:

$$V_{outpos} = V_{signal} + V_{DC-Offset}$$

$$V_{outneg} = -V_{signal} + V_{DC-Offset}$$

V_{outpos} is the output voltage relative to ground on the positive force output.
V_{outneg} is the output voltage relative to ground on the negative force output.
V_{signal} is the voltage programmed to the 16 bit signal DAC
$V_{DC-Offset}$ is the voltage programmed to the 16 bit DC-Offset DAC.

$V_{DC\text{-}Offset}$ is programmed using driver function ***pa72_SetOffsetVoltage***. The DAC output voltage (V_{signal}) is either set by the contents of the stimulus memory or, when the module operates in configuration mode, directly with driver function ***pa72_SetVoltage.***

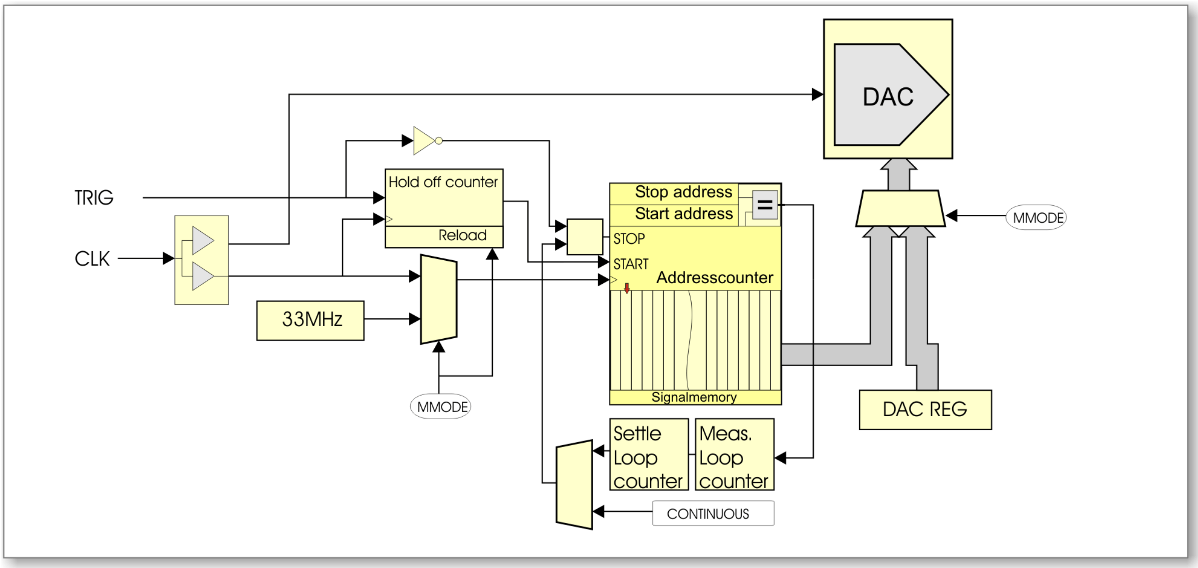
5.4 Filter section

One of the two third order Butterworth low pass filters can be switched into the signal path .The available filters have a cut off frequency of resp. 30MHz and 60MHz. A filter-bypass path may also be chosen. The filter path is configured with the ***pa72_SetFilter*** driver function.

5.5 Clocks, trigger and stimulus

In ***configuration mode***, the module can accessed from the PA72 mainboard. The Address counters and memory logic run on a local 33Mhz clock then. The DAC however is always connected to the PA72 sample clock! When a single voltage is programmed to the signal DAC using ***pa72_SetVoltage***, there should be a valid sample clock running at the PA72G16400 clock input. Be sure that the PLL clock is initialized. In case of direct clocking modus, a valid clock source should be present at the PA72 front clock input.

In ***measurement mode***, the card memory cannot be accessed from the PA72 bus. Now, the memory address counter is clocked by the clock from the PA72 main board. The actual clock source selection is set on the main board.



The clock will be used as sample clock and as clock for the stimulus address counter. It will not be divided on the PA72G16400 module. The applied clock frequency is equal to the sample frequency.

When two identical modules are placed on one main board, it can be important to have the output of the channels running perfectly **in phase**, when using the same clock frequency for both channels. To achieve this with the PA72G16400, the clock on both modules have to be **synchronized** using driver function ***pa72_SyncClock*** after changing the clock frequency.

There are however a few limitations to this synchronization. In the following cases, clock syncing will not be successful, or will not be reliable:

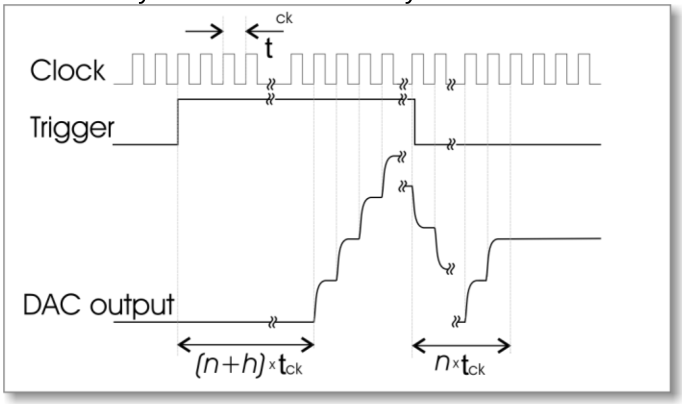
- Module PCB revision older than 2
- Module PCB revision 2, with FPGA revision older than 5
- Module PCB revision 2, with FPGA revision 5 or above, using a sample clock between 92 MHz and 93 MHz or between 267 MHz and 288 MHz.

In these cases, the driver function will return a warning.
This warning message is based on the programmed PLL frequency. When using an external clock directly as sample clock (i.e. not as 10 MHz PLL reference), the driver does not know the clock

frequency, and might give a false warning. To avoid this, program the PLL to the same frequency as the sample clock.

The trigger signal is synchronized on the PA72 main board on the positive edge of the sample clock. Once the card is triggered, it will keep running until it has finished it's pattern, or when the Instrument Mode is returned to Configuration mode. If the Continuous Mode (***pa72_SetContinuousMode***) is enabled, setting the Instrument Mode to Configuration Mode is the *only* way to stop the card from generating.

There is a trigger latency between trigger active and actual DAC update. This latency is divided in a fixed latency and a variable latency.



The fixed latency *n* =26 and is caused by a couple of register stages in the stimulus signal logic. The variable latency *h* is programmed in a hold off counter. The hold off counter is set with driver function ***pa72_SetHoldOffCounter***.

Note that the hold off delay *h* appears only the first trigger event after measurement , at start of the stimulus generation. When the trigger is set inactive, only the fixed *n* latency is applied.

In measurement mode, the stimulus signal repetition is determined by the setting of the running mode. In the so called continues mode, the stimulus signal is repeated until the trigger is disabled or the module is set in configuration mode. In "Counter mode", the stimulus is repeated by the sum of values set in the settle- measurement- loop counters.
The following driver functions control this repetition:

pa72_SetContinuousMode : Set module continuous mode.
When set to value 0, the loop counters determine the stimulus repetition (counter mode).
When set to value 1, the stimulus is repeated until trigger is inactive or the module is set back in configuration mode.

pa72_SetSettleLoopCounter : Set module settle loop counter value.
pa72_SetMeasurementLoopCounter : Set module settle loop counter value.

5.6 Memory

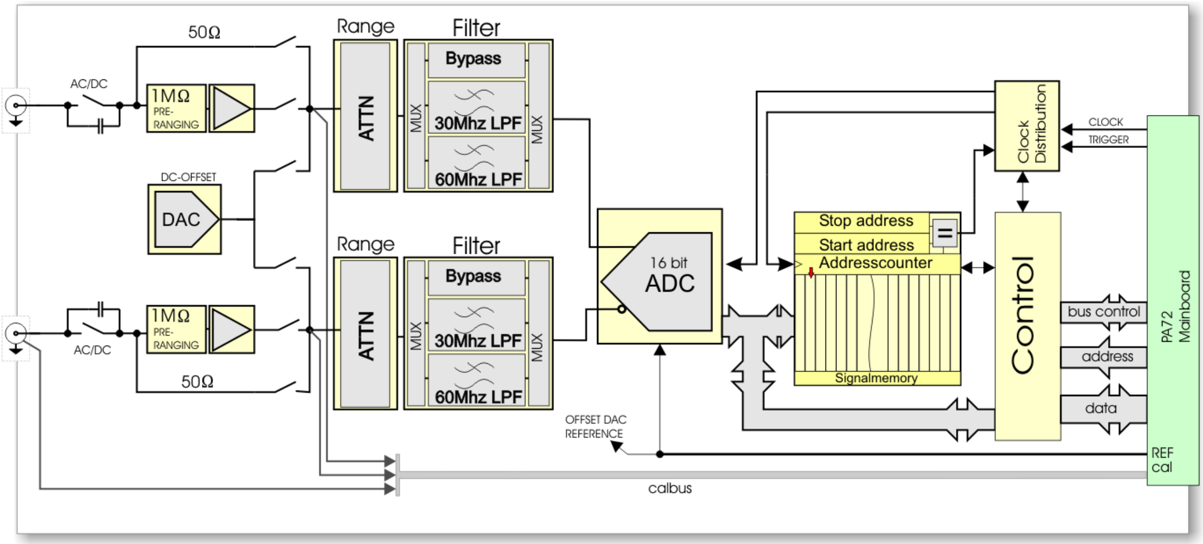
The memory of the PA72G16400 works with block sizes of 8 words. So, the start address and return-to address should always be a multiple of eight. The number of signal steps should also be a multiple of eight.

6 PA72D16180A Waveform digitizer module

The PA72D16180A module is a 16-bit, up to 180MSps Waveform Digitizer for high frequency waveform digitizing. It succeeds the PA72D16180, but adds a 1MΩ input selection, and has significantly improved bandwidth.

Some of the information in this chapter may not be applicable for the PA72D16180. Contact Applicos for details.

6.1 Board block diagram



6.2 Input ranges and common-mode ranges

The input range is selected with the software driver function ***pa72_SetRange***.

The available input ranges and the common-mode input ranges are dependent on the selected input impedance. These ranges can be found in the tables below:

50Ω DC-coupled input:

Range nr.	***Input range (V_{IN+} - V_{IN-})***	***Allowable common-mode offset***
0	6.144 V_{PP}	-0.220V .. + 0.550V
1	4.096 V_{PP}	-0.220V .. + 0.550V
2	3.072 V_{PP}	-0.440V .. + 1.100V
3	2.048 V_{PP}	-0.440V .. + 1.100V
4	1.536 V_{PP}	-0.880V .. + 2.200V
5	1.024 V_{PP}	-0.880V .. + 2.200V
6	0.768 V_{PP}	-1.760V .. + 4.400V
7	0.512 V_{PP}	-1.760V .. + 4.400V

1MΩ DC-coupled input:

Range nr.	***Input range (V_{IN+} - V_{IN-})***	***Allowable common-mode offset***
0	30.720 V_{PP}	-0.220V .. + 0.550V
1	20.480 V_{PP}	-0.220V .. + 0.550V
2	15.360 V_{PP}	-0.440V .. + 1.100V
3	10.240 V_{PP}	-0.440V .. + 1.100V
4	7.680 V_{PP}	-0.880V .. + 2.200V
5	5.120 V_{PP}	-0.880V .. + 2.200V
6	3.072 V_{PP}	-2.200V .. + 5.500V
7	2.048 V_{PP}	-2.200V .. + 5.500V
8	1.536 V_{PP}	-4.400V .. + 11.000V

9	1.024 V_{PP}	-4.400V .. + 11.000V
10	0.768 V_{PP}	-8.800V .. + 22.000V
11	0.512 V_{PP}	-8.800V .. + 22.000V

The input range is specified as the voltage between the In+ and the In- inputs, V_{IN+} - V_{IN-}. This means that for an rangeof 4.096V_{PP}, this can be:

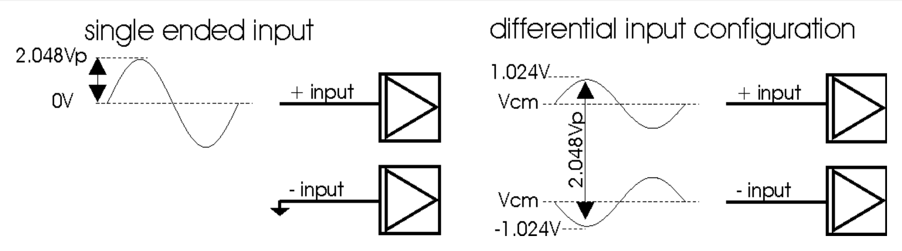
- a ±2.048V signal on the In+ input with a single-ended connection

but also:

- a ±1.024V signal on both the In+ and the In- inputs with a differential connection

Example:

The figure below shows the maximum possible signal amplitude for the 4.096 V_{PP} range, for both a single ended connection and a differential connection mode.



The allowable common-mode offset is the average value between the two inputs:

$$V_{CM} = \frac{V_{IN-} + V_{IN+}}{2}$$

When the differential-mode input signal is 100% of the input range, the common-mode level can still be varied between the specified limits.

Example:

In the case of the 4.096V_{PP} range (available in the 50Ω connection mode), the common-mode offset level of the signal should remain between -1.76V and +4.40V. This could be for example:

• A single-ended sinewave signal with an amplitude of 4.096V_{PP} and an offset of 8.8V:

$$V_{CM} = \frac{V_{IN-} + V_{IN+}}{2} = \frac{0.0V + 8.8V}{2} = 4.4V$$

But also:

• A differential sinewave signal with an amplitude of 4.096VPP and an offset of 4.4V:

$$V_{CM} = \frac{V_{IN-} + V_{IN+}}{2} = \frac{4.4V + 4.4V}{2} = 4.4V$$

6.3 *Filter section*

To reduce the bandwidth of the input signal, one of the two third-order Butterworth low pass filters can be selected. These filters have a cut off frequency of 30MHz and 60MHz. A filter bypass selection is also available, which is the default configuration. The filter path is configured with the driver function ***pa72_SetFilter***.

6.4 *Input connection configuration*

The connection of each input can be set separately to one of the following input configurations:
The ***pa72_SetConnection*** driver function selects the input configuration:

pa72_SetConnection (vi, connect)

Parameters:

vi visa session
connect ***see table***

Connect can be seen as an 8-bit value of which the least significant nibble represents the P input configuration. The highest nibble represents the N input configuration (Value shifted 4 bits to the left, which is a 16x multiplication)

Nibble value	***Connect Value N input***	***Connect Value P input***	***Input configuration***
0x0	0_{DEC} (=0x00)	0_{DEC} (=0x00)	Open (input is loaded 1MΩ AC-coupled)
0x1	16_{DEC} (=0x10)	1_{DEC} (=0x01)	50Ω DC coupled
0x2	32_{DEC} (=0x20)	2_{DEC} (=0x02)	50Ω AC coupled
0x3	48_{DEC} (=0x30)	3_{DEC} (=0x03)	Input connected to DC-Offset DAC
0x4	64_{DEC} (=0x40)	4_{DEC} (=0x04)	Input internally connected to GND
0x5	80_{DEC} (=0x50)	5_{DEC} (=0x05)	1MΩ DC-coupled
0x6	96_{DEC} (=0x60)	6_{DEC} (=0x06)	1MΩ AC-coupled

Examples:

1. To connect input N to the DC-Offset DAC and input P 50Ohms DC :
Connection = 48_{DEC} + 1_{DEC} = 49_{DEC}, or: 0x30 logically OR-ed with 0x1 = 0x31.
2. To connect input N and input P 50Ohms AC Coupled :
Connection = 32_{DEC} + 2_{DEC} = 34_{DEC}, or : 0x20 logically OR-ed with 0x2 = 0x22.
3. To connect input N to GND and input P 50Ohms DC Coupled :
Connection = 64_{DEC} + 1_{DEC} = 65_{DEC}, or : 0x40 logically OR-ed with 0x1 = 0x41.

Because the available input ranges are dependent on the input impedance selection, the range selection is reset to 0 **every time** the driver function ***pa72_SetConnection*** is called for the PA72D16180A. Therefore, it is advisable to set the range using the ***pa72_SetRange*** function **every time** after the connection mode is set!
In the PA72 Soft Front Panel application, some of this is done automatically, but it is not always possible to preserve the range selection. When for instance switching from the 50Ω/6.144 V_{PP} range to a 1MΩ connection, the 6.144V_{PP} range is not available. Here the soft front panel will switch over to range 0, 30.72V_{PP}, to make sure the input circuitry is not damaged.

Please note that when selecting “disconnected” input selection, the input circuitry is not fully disconnected; a 1MΩ AC-coupled load remains at the cards input terminal.

6.5 *DC-Offset source*

The DC-Offset source is a 16-bit DAC which can be programmed and internally connected to either one of the inputs to compensate for a common-mode level on the other input. The programmable range is depending on the selected input range.

The table below describes the voltage ranges for the DC-Offset DAC:

Input impedance	***Range nr.***	***Range voltage***	***DC-Offset range***
1MΩ	Range 0..5	$30.72V_{PP}$ .. $5.12V_{PP}$	-25.6V .. +25.6V
1MΩ	Range 6..12	$3.072V_{PP}$ .. $0.512V_{PP}$	-2.56V .. +2.56V
50Ω	Range 0..7	$6.144V_{PP}$ .. $0.512V_{PP}$	-2.56V .. +2.56V

Although it is in most cases possible to program the DC-Offset DAC outside of the input operating range, the input operating range of the selected input range should still be observed.

The DC-Offset DAC is programmed using the function ***pa72_SetOffsetVoltage***.

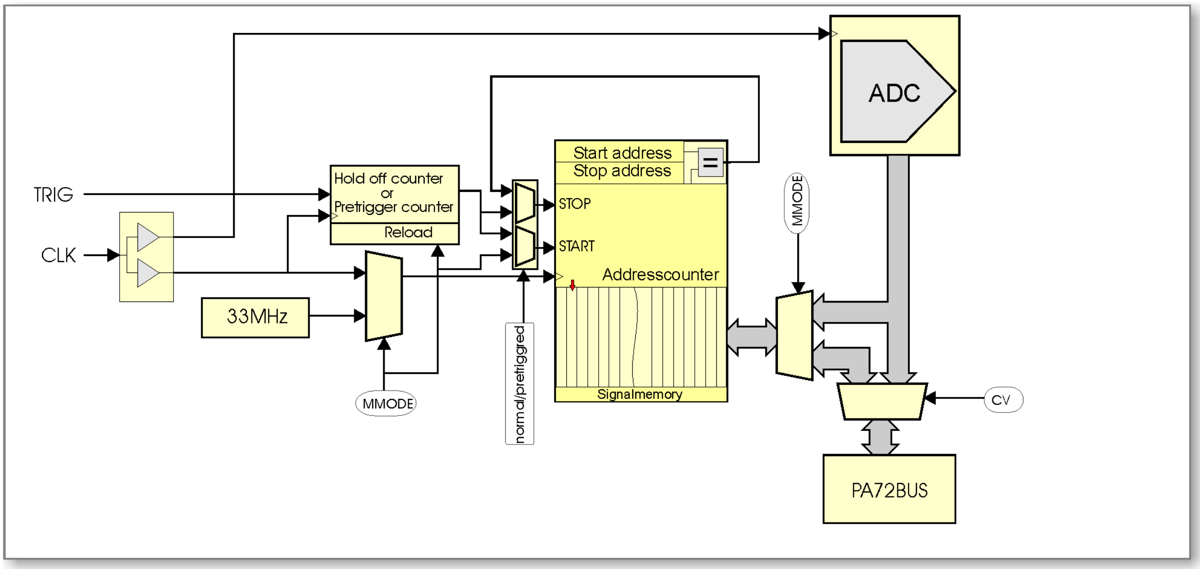
6.6 Clocks and trigger

In ***configuration mode***, the module can accessed from the PA72 mainboard. The address counters and memory logic run on the 33MHz PCI clock. The ADC however is always connected to the PA72 sample clock! When a single voltage is measured with the ADC using ***pa72_GetVoltage***, there should be a valid clock running at the PA72D16180A clock input pins. Be sure that the PLL clock is initialized. In case of direct clocking modus, a valid clock signal should be present at the PA72 front clock input.

In ***measurement mode***, the card memory cannot be accessed from the PA72 bus. Now, the memory address counter is clocked by the clock from the PA72 main board. The actual clock source selection is set on the main board.

The applied clock signal from the Base board will be used as sample clock and as a clock for the capture memory address counter, and will not be divided on this module. The applied clock frequency is equal to the sample frequency.

The trigger signal comes from the base board, where it is synchronized with the sample clock of module 1 before being distributed to both modules.



6.7 Memory

The module contains a 64M word capture memory.
The capture memory array size must be a multiple of two.
For more information about the memory operation, please see section **4.3**.

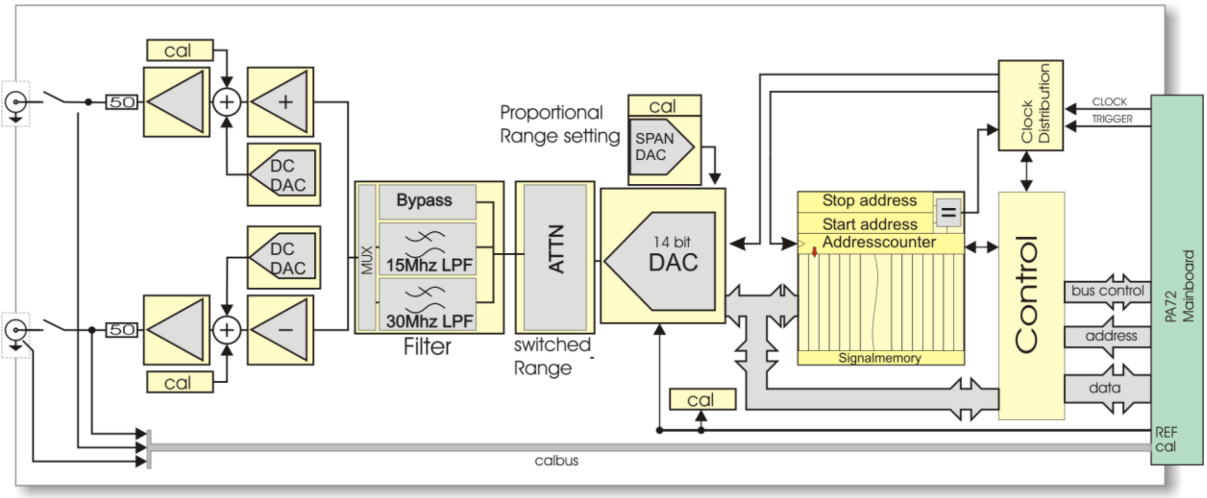
6.8 Module auto calibration

For optimum performance, it is recommended to observe a warming-up period of at least one hour after power up. The module auto calibration should be run at least every 3 months. An auto calibration can be started with the driver function ***pa72_Calibrate*** or using the calibration software tool.

7 PA72G14180 waveform generator module

7.1 Board block diagram

The PA72G14180 module is a 14-bit, 180MSps Arbitrary Waveform Generator for high frequency waveform generation. It features differential outputs with independently configurable output offsets. The module has four proportional ranges. Clock and trigger are sourced by the main board.



7.2 Output voltage and available signal ranges

The common mode output voltage covers the maximum signal range plus the ±2.56V offset voltage range for each output.

In hardware, there are 4 switched signal ranges: 3.2768Vp, 1.6384Vp, 819.2mVp and 409.6mVp (single ended values) but the range can be set proportionally, by adjusting the signal DAC reference voltage. Depending on the desired range, the most DAC efficient switch setting and reference DAC combination is set by the driver.
The range is set with the appropriate software driver function ***pa72_SetRange***: The prompted voltage is the voltage single ended Voltage peak value.

Example:

`pa72_SetRange(vi, 3.10)` sets a voltage range of 3.10 V_P, single ended. This is equal to 6.20V_{PP} single ended (measured between one output and GND) and 12.4 V_{PP} differential, (measured between the two outputs)
The voltage difference between the outputs is twice the programmed output voltage.
Note: mentioned range voltages apply to an open output.

7.3 DC offset

The DC offset is added by a so called DC-offset DAC. Each output has an DC offset DAC that can be set independently. The voltage range is from -2.56V to 2.56V, programmable in a 78.125 µV resolution. The offset is always connected to the signal path.
The output voltage is composed as follows:

$$V_{outpos} = V_{signal} + V_{dcbase1}$$

$$V_{outneg} = -V_{signal} + V_{dcbasse2}$$

V_{outpos} is the output voltage relative to ground on the positive force output.
V_{outneg} is the output voltage relative to ground on the negative force output.
V_{signal} is the voltage programmed to the 14 bit signal DAC
$V_{dcbase1}$ is the voltage programmed to the 16 bit dc offset DAC connected to the positive output buffer
$V_{dcbase2}$ is the voltage programmed to the 16 bit dc offset DAC connected to the negative output buffer

V_{dcbase} is programmed using driver function ***pa72_SetOffsetVoltage*** or ***pa72_SetOffsetVoltages***. The DAC output voltage (V_{signal}) is either set by the contents of the stimulus memory or , when the module operates in configuration mode, directly with driver function ***pa72_SetVoltage.***

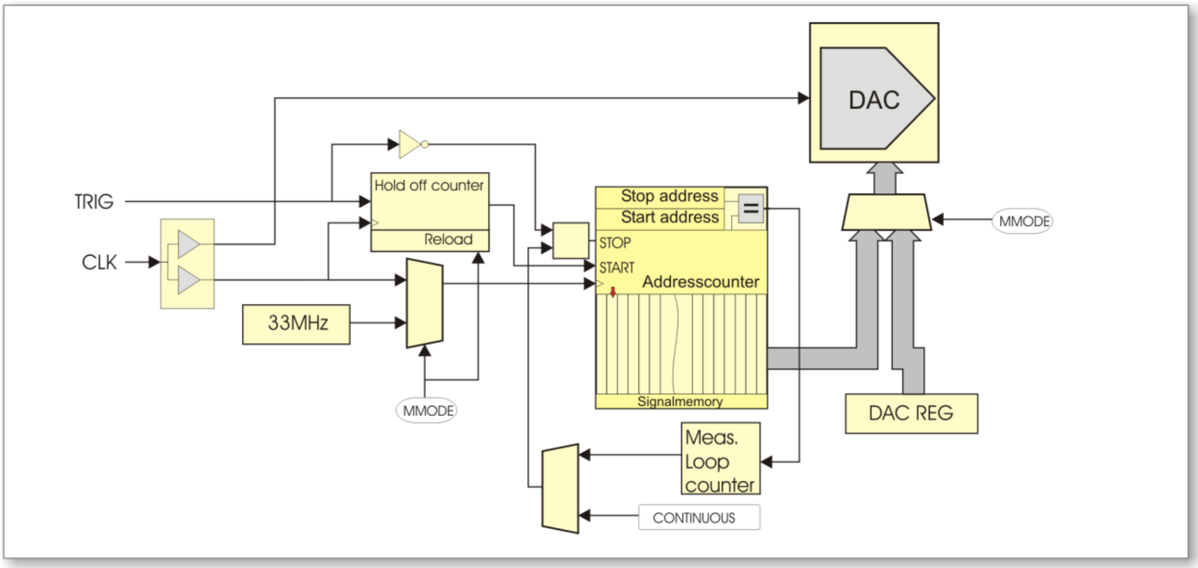
7.4 Filter section

One of the two third order Butterworth low pass filters can be switched into the signal path. The available filters have a cut off frequency of resp. 15MHz and 30MHz. A filter-bypass path may also be chosen. The filter path is configured with the ***pa72_SetFilter*** driver function.

7.5 Clocks, trigger and stimulus

In ***configuration mode***, the module can be accessed from the PA72 mainboard. The address counters and memory logic run on the 33MHz PCI clock. The DAC however is always connected to the PA72 clock! When a single voltage is programmed to the signal DAC using ***pa72_SetVoltage*** , there should be a valid clock running at the PA72G14150 clock input. Be sure that the PLL clock is initialized. In case of direct clocking modus, a valid clock source should be present at the PA72 front clock input.

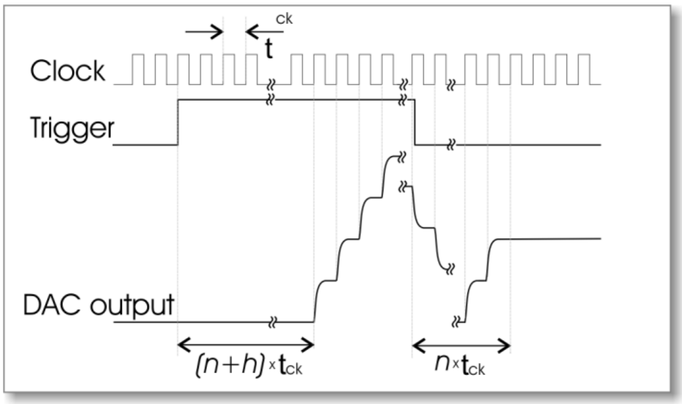
In ***measurement mode***, the card memory cannot be accessed from the PA72 bus. Now, the memory address counter is clocked by the clock from the PA72 main board. The actual clock source selection is set on the main board.



The clock will be used as sample clock and stimulus address counter clock and will not be divided on the PA72G14150 module. The applied clock frequency is equal to the sample frequency.

The trigger signal is synchronized on the PA72 main board on the positive edge of the chosen sample clock.
The triggering is level sensitive. This means that, in measurement mode, the stimulus address counter and the DAC start to update after the trigger signal is set(logic high). When the trigger level is set low again, the DAC and stimulus address counter stop.

There is an trigger latency between trigger active and actual DAC update. This latency is divided in a fixed latency and a variable latency.



The fixed latency *n* = 4 and is caused by a couple of register stages in the stimulus signal logic. The variable latency *h* is programmed in a hold off counter. The hold off counter is set with driver function ***pa72_SetHoldOffCounter***.

Note that the hold off delay *h* appears only the first trigger event after measurement , at start of the stimulus generation. When the trigger is set inactive, only the fixed *n* latency is applied.

In measurement mode, the stimulus signal repetition is determined by the setting of the running mode. In the so called continues mode, the stimulus signal is repeated until the trigger is disabled or the module is set in configuration mode. In “Counter mode”, the stimulus is repeated by value set in the measurement loop counter.
The following driver functions control this repetition:

pa72_SetContinuousMode : Set module continuous mode.
When set to value 0, the loop counters determine the stimulus repetition (counter mode).
When set to value 1, the stimulus is repeated until trigger is inactive or the module is set back in configuration mode.

pa72_SetMeasurementLoopCounter : Set module settle loop counter value.

8 PA72D14130 waveform digitizer module

8.1 Board block diagram

The PA72D14130 module is a 14-bit, 130MSps Waveform Digitizer for high frequency waveform digitizing. It features differential inputs with a programmable DC offset on the negative input. The module has eight input ranges. Clock and trigger are sourced by the main board.

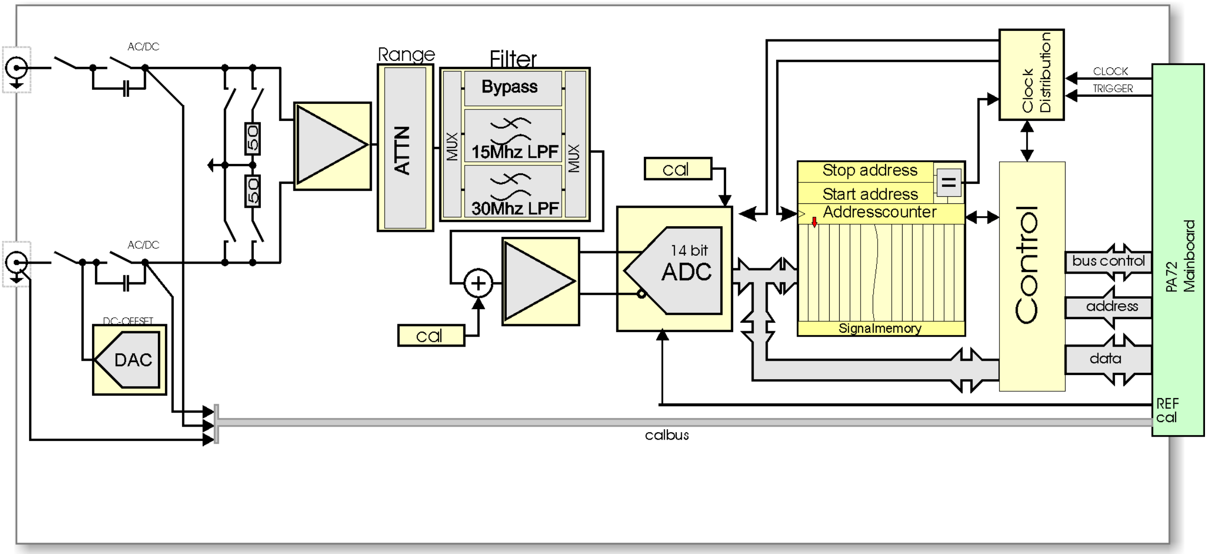


Figure 1 PA72D14130 block diagram.

8.2 Input voltage and available signal ranges

The common mode input voltage independent of the chosen signal range.

Range number	Input Range (V_{PP})	Range (V_P)	Common mode input voltage range
0	7.2 V_{PP}	3.6 V_P	+/-3.6V DC
1	5.4 V_{PP}	2.7 V_P	+/-3.6V DC
2	3.6 V_{PP}	1.8 V_P	+/-3.6V DC
3	2.7 V_{PP}	1.35 V_P	+/-3.6V DC
4	1.8 V_{PP}	0.90 V_P	+/-3.6V DC
5	1.35 V_{PP}	0.675 V_P	+/-3.6V DC
6	0.90 V_{PP}	0.450 V_P	+/-3.6V DC
7	0.675 V_{PP}	0.3375 V_P	+/-3.6V DC

The range is set with the driver function ***pa72_SetRange***.

The voltage difference between the inputs can be +/- the given input range in V_P.

8.3 Filter section

One of the two third order Butterworth low pass filters can be switched into the signal path .The available filters have a cut off frequency of resp. 15MHz and 30MHz. A filter-bypass path may also be chosen. The filter path is configured with the ***pa72_SetFilter*** driver function.

8.4 Clocks and trigger

In ***configuration mode***, the module can accessed from the PA72 mainboard. The address counters and memory logic run on the 33MHz PCI bus clock. The ADC however is always connected to the PA72 sample clock! When a single voltage is measured with the ADC using ***pa72_GetVoltage***, there should be a valid clock running at the PA72D14130 clock input. Be sure that the PLL clock is initialized. In case of direct clocking modus, a valid clock source should be present at the PA72 front clock input.

In ***measurement mode***, the card memory cannot be accessed from the PA72 bus. Now, the memory address counter is clocked by the clock from the PA72 main board. The actual clock source selection is set on the main board.

The applied clock signal from the Base board will be used as sample clock and as a clock for the capture memory address counter, and will not be divided on this module. The applied clock frequency is equal to the sample frequency.

The trigger signal comes from the base board, where it is synchronized with the sample clock of module 1 before being distributed to both modules.

9 PA72DIOS6016 DIO module

9.1 Board description

The PA72DIOS6016 is a multifunctional digital design core. The FPGA allows for implementing many different custom applications. The connector has 64 Input/Output pins which can be assigned as TTL I/O or as differential inputs. 20 of these pins also support differential output mode. 128 MByte of DDR2 memory is available to the FPGA, and an onboard EEPROM allows for storing values in non-volatile memory. The I/O bank voltage can be FPGA-selected between 2.5 and 3.3 Volt.

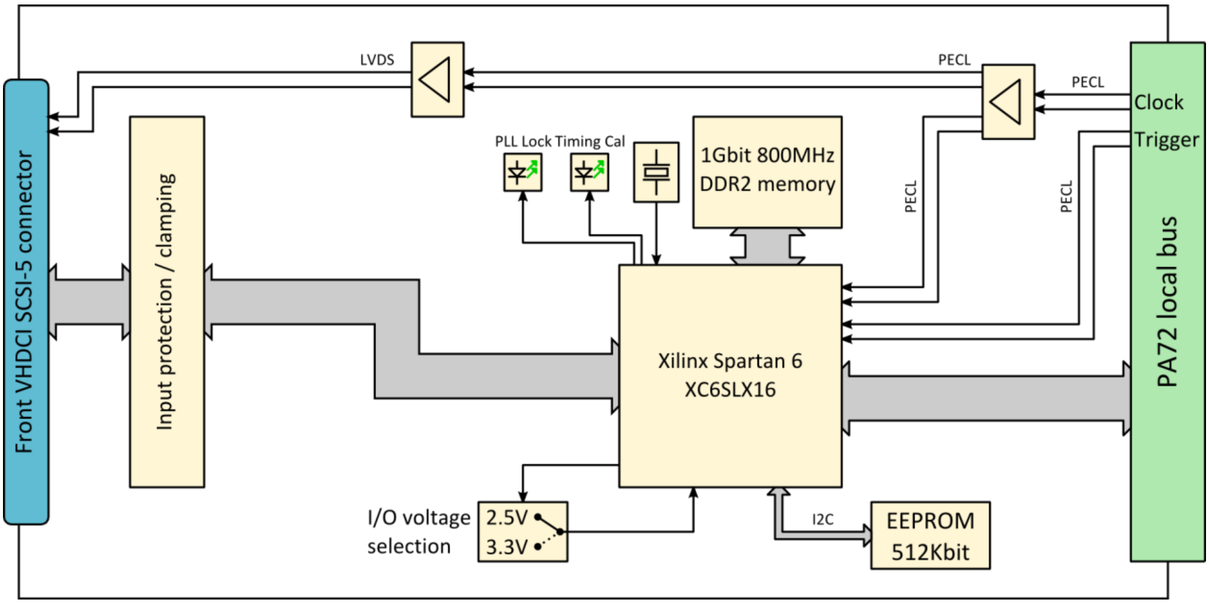


Figure 2 PA72DIOS6016 block diagram.

9.2 Hardware description

9.2.1 I/O voltage selection and clamping.

The PS72DIOS6016 module supports multiple I/O standards, such as LVTTL, LVCMOS, PCI, SSTL, (B)LVDS and LVPECL. When the I/Os are configured as output, the differential I/O standards are not available for all pins.

The FPGA I/O bank voltage can be programmed to 2.5V or 3.3V; this is controlled by a line from the FPGA.
Although the maximum I/O voltage for the FPGA is 3.3V, the front inputs can accept 5V TTL levels, thanks to the internal input protection/clamping circuit.

Please note that, when selecting 2.5V I/O levels for the FPGA, the levels applied at the front are not clamped down to 2.5V, but should match the selected standard.

9.2.2 Module Clocking

There are multiple clock inputs that can be used to clock the logic from the FPGA. The PA72 baseboard drives two clocks to the DIOS6016: the 33 MHz local bus communication clock and a low-jitter module clock, that can be programmed up to 900MHz. This clock is connected to the FPGA and also has a direct connection to the front SCSI connector (see Figure 2). On the DIOS6016 module there is a 200MHz LVPECL oscillator that can be used for the DDR2 memory clocking or other non-synchronized functions.
Some pins on the front SCSI connector can also be used as a clock input for the FPGA, to be used as data clock i.e. when an ADC is connected. All FPGA global clock inputs and their origins are listed in the table below.

Description	***Clock freq.***	***FPGA GCLK input***	***FPGA pin loc***	***IO standard***
PA72 Bus Clock	33 MHz	GCLK12	A10	PCI33
PA72 module clock	0 – 900 MHz	GCLK19 / GCLK18	D9 / C9	LVPECL
On-board oscillator	200 MHz	GCLK17 / GCLK16	B9 / A9	LVPECL
SCSI XIO1_P	0 – 200 MHz	GCLK15	D11	Diff or single programmable
SCSI XIO1_N	0 – 200 MHz	GCLK14	C11	
SCSI XIO14_P	0 – 200 MHz	GCLK5	H17	Diff or single programmable
SCSI XIO14_N	0 – 200 MHz	GCLK4	H18	
SCSI XIO25_P	0 – 200 MHz	GCLK9	K15	Diff or single programmable
SCSI XIO25_N	0 – 200 MHz	GCLK8	K16	

Table 1 Clocking FPGA pin locations.

9.2.3 Module Triggering

The cards on the PA72 board are triggered with a trigger signal coming from the PA72 baseboard. On the baseboard, this module trigger signal is synchronized with the module clock for the upper daughter card position (see block diagram in paragraph 3.1). For a stable trigger design, the trigger needs re-synchronization with the module clock at the FPGA input block. The trigger source is selectable on the PA72 baseboard.

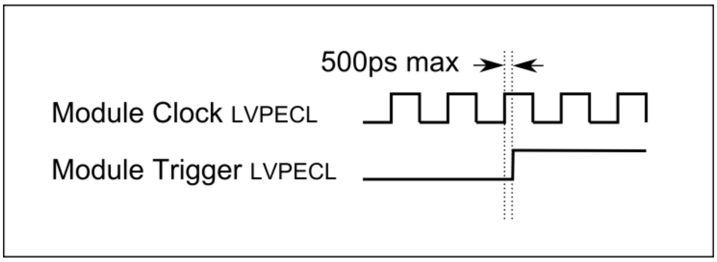


Figure 3 Trigger timing

Description	***FPGA pin location***	***IO standard***
PA72 Module trigger	B4 / A4	LVPECL

Table 2 Trigger FPGA pin locations

9.2.4 I2C EEPROM

The DIOS6016 module has an on-board I2C EEPROM for the storage of calibration data or other parameters. The I2C device address for the EEPROM on this board is: bin 1010 000.

EEPROM pin	***FPGA pin location***	***IO standard***
I2C SCL	B3	LVCMOS
I2C SDA	A2	LVCMOS
Write Protect	A3	LVCMOS

Table 3 EEPROM FPGA pin locations

DIOS6016 two wire serial EEPROM(I2C)

Manufacturer	***Type***	***Size***	***organization***
Atmel	AT24C512B	512kbit	65k x 8bits

9.2.5 On-board DDR2 SDRAM

On the DIOS6016 board, a DDR2 memory is available for volatile storage of large amounts of data. The DDR2 memory is connected to FPGA bank3. The FPGA has a dedicated embedded memory controller block (MCB) connected to this port. Table 4 shows the DDR2 to FPGA pin locations.

DIOS6016 DDR2 Memory type

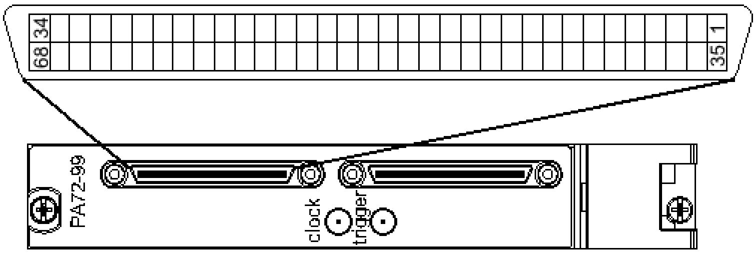
Manufacturer	*Type*	*Size*	*organization*
Elpida	EDE1116AEBG	1 Gbit	64M x 16bits

DDR2 pin	*FPGA pin location*	*IO standard*	*DDR2 pin*	*FPGA pin location*	*IO standard*
A0	J7	SSTL18_II	DQ7	J1	SSTL18_II
A1	J6	SSTL18_II	DQ8	M3	SSTL18_II
A2	H5	SSTL18_II	DQ9	M1	SSTL18_II
A3	L7	SSTL18_II	DQ10	N2	SSTL18_II
A4	F3	SSTL18_II	DQ11	N1	SSTL18_II
A5	H4	SSTL18_II	DQ12	T2	SSTL18_II
A6	H3	SSTL18_II	DQ13	T1	SSTL18_II
A7	H6	SSTL18_II	DQ14	U2	SSTL18_II
A8	D2	SSTL18_II	DQ15	U1	SSTL18_II
A9	D1	SSTL18_II	LDQS	L4	DIFF_SSTL18_II
A10	F4	SSTL18_II	LDQS#	L3	DIFF_SSTL18_II
A11	D3	SSTL18_II	UDQS	P2	DIFF_SSTL18_II
A12	G6	SSTL18_II	UDQS#	P1	DIFF_SSTL18_II
BA0	F2	SSTL18_II	LDM	K3	SSTL18_II
BA1	F1	SSTL18_II	UDM	K4	SSTL18_II
BA2	E1	SSTL18_II	WE#	E3	SSTL18_II
DQ0	L2	SSTL18_II	RAS#	L5	SSTL18_II
DQ1	L1	SSTL18_II	CAS#	K5	SSTL18_II
DQ2	K2	SSTL18_II	CKE	H7	SSTL18_II
DQ3	K1	SSTL18_II	ODT	K6	SSTL18_II
DQ4	H2	SSTL18_II	CLK	G3	DIFF_SSTL18_II
DQ5	H1	SSTL18_II	CLK#	G1	DIFF_SSTL18_II
DQ6	J3	SSTL18_II			

Table 4 DDR2 FPGA pin locations

9.2.6 SCSI connector in and output.

The FPGA has 32 differential pairs routed to the SCSI connector. They are connected to FPGA Bank0 and Bank1. The IOs are programmable in the FPGA firmware as in- or outputs and as well single or differential bus standards. Due to IO resource limitations in the FPGA, bank 1 does not support differential output standards. The IOs that are connected to bank 0 (indicated in purple) are the only lines that can also be used as a differential output, such as LVDS.



Pin	Description	FPGA pin location	Pin	Description	FPGA pin location
1	D0_P (I/O)	C15	35	D0_N (I/O)	A15
2	D1_P (I/O)	D11	36	D1_N (I/O)	C11
3	D2_P (I/O)	B16	37	D2_N (I/O)	A16
4	D3_P (I/O)	F11	38	D3_N (I/O)	E11
5	D4_P (I/O)	C17	39	D4_N (I/O)	C18
6	D5_P (I/O)	G11	40	D5_N (I/O)	F10
7	D6_P (I/O)	D17	41	D6_N (I/O)	D18
8	D7_P (I/O)	B11	42	D7_N (I/O)	A11
9	D8_P (I/O)	E16	43	D8_N (I/O)	E18
10	D9_P (I/O)	B12	44	D9_N (I/O)	A12
11	D10_P (I/O)	F17	45	D10_N (I/O)	F18
12	D11_P (I/O)	B14	46	D11_N (I/O)	A14
13	D12_P (I/O)	G16	47	D12_N (I/O)	G18
14	D13_P (I/O)	D12	48	D13_N (I/O)	C12
15	D14_P (I/O)	H17	49	D14_N (I/O)	H18
16	D15_P (I/O)	D14	50	D15_N (I/O)	C14
17	D16_P (I/O)	J16	51	D16_N (I/O)	J18
18	D17_P (I/O)	F15	52	D17_N (I/O)	F16
19	D18_P (I/O)	K17	53	D18_N (I/O)	K18
20	D19_P (I/O)	F14	54	D19_N (I/O)	G14
21	D20_P (I/O)	L17	55	D20_N (I/O)	L18
22	D21_P (I/O)	H13	56	D21_N (I/O)	H14
23	D22_P (I/O)	M16	57	D22_N (I/O)	M18
24	D23_P (I/O)	H15	58	D23_N (I/O)	H16
25	D24_P (I/O)	N17	59	D24_N (I/O)	N18
26	D25_P (I/O)	K15	60	D25_N (I/O)	K16
27	D26_P (I/O)	P17	61	D26_N (I/O)	P18
28	D27_P (I/O)	L14	62	D27_N (I/O)	M13
29	D28_P (I/O)	T17	63	D28_N (I/O)	T18
30	D29_P (I/O)	M14	64	D29_N (I/O)	N14
31	D30_P (I/O)	U17	65	D30_N (I/O)	U18
32	D31_P (I/O)	N15	66	D31_N (I/O)	N16
33	GND	-	67	GND	-
34	Clock Out_P	-	68	Clock Out_N	-

Table 5 Connector pinning and FPGA pin location

Bank 0
Bank1

9.3 *FPGA logic description*

With this card a basic FPGA start project is provided. This project can be used as starting point for your design.
It already locks all the pin positions and has a bus interface block for communication with the PA72 Baseboard. Figure 4 shows the hierarchy of the basic start file.

This basic project includes:

- DIOS6016_top.vhd - The top file with all the board IO's
- PA72_Module_IO.vhd - Communicates with the PA72 Baseboard.
- AddressDecoderV100.vhd - Address decoder file.
- PXIMain_Package.vhd – VHDL package file with constants
- DIOS6016.ucf – Constraints and pin location file.

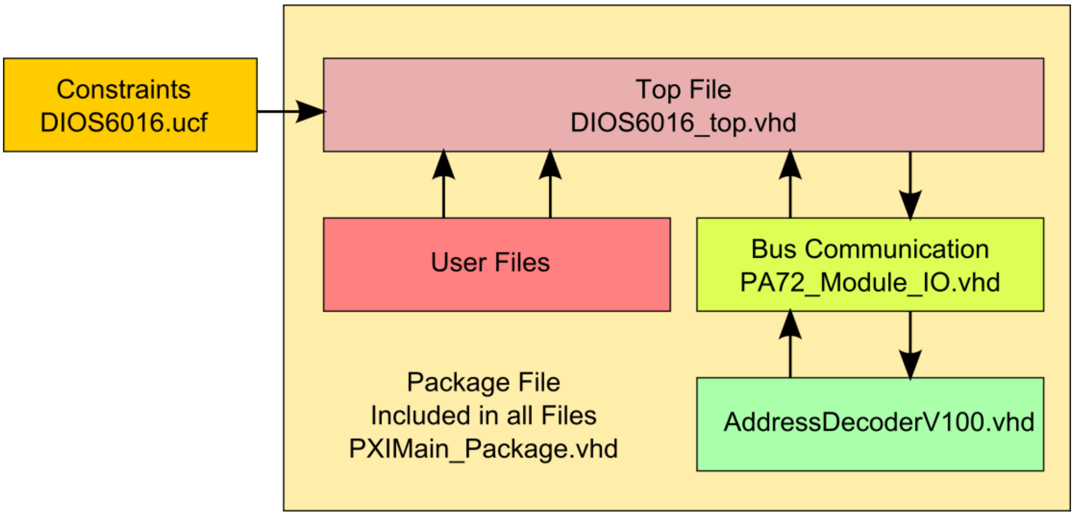


Figure 4 FPGA basic start project hierarchy.

9.3.1 Top file and Constraints file

The top file (DIOS6016_top.vhd) holds all the IO pins that are connected on the DIOS6016 board. These pins are constrained in the *DIOS6016.ucf* file. In the design phase the pin constraints for the XIO_P and XIO_N pins to the SCSI connector needs to be adjusted to the used IO pin standard with the corresponding pin voltage. The user project files can be added to this top file to access the IO pins.

9.3.2 *Bus communication block*

The bus communication block (PA72_Module_IO.vhd) handles all the board write and read actions from the PA72-baseboard and converts them to a simple internal read and write bus. The PA72 baseboard uses two types of data transport: single read/write and DMA read and write. If the read data is not available on the next clock edge, the read actions can be delayed with the wait value input signal.

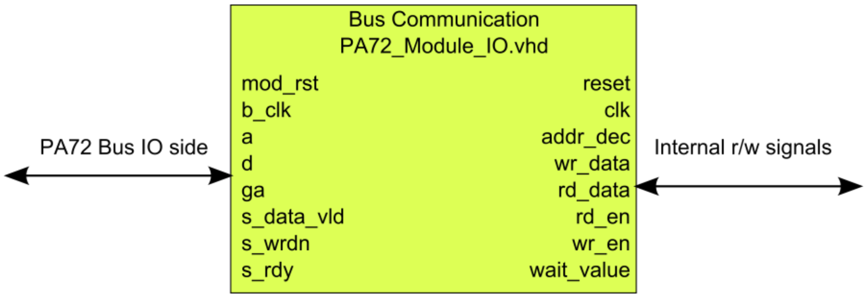


Figure 5 PA72 Module IO

9.3.2.1 *Single read and write actions*

The following pictures show the single write and read timing. All FPGA actions are rising edge clocked.

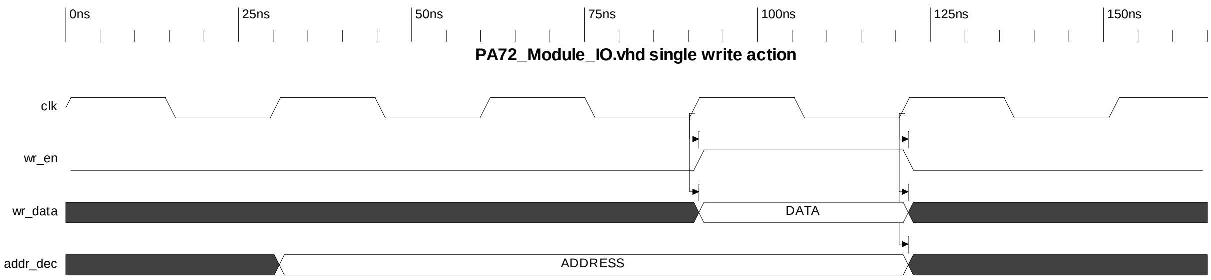


Figure 6 Internal single write action

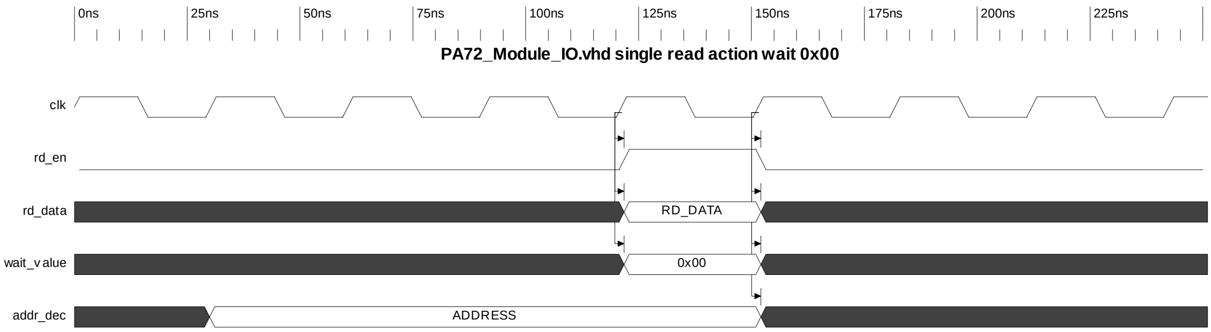


Figure 7 Internal single read action

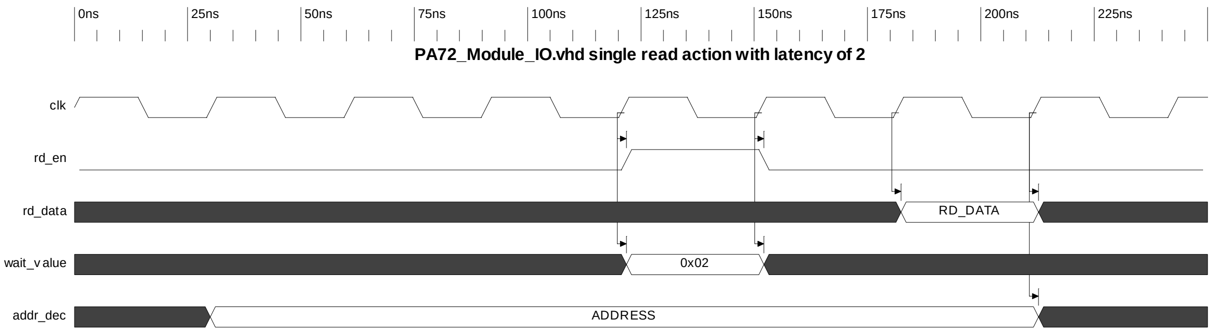


Figure 8 Internal single read action with latency 2

9.3.2.2 Burst read and write actions

Beside the single read and write actions, the PA72-mainboard can also setup a DMA transfer to the host. The DMA transfer is completely done by the PA72-mainboard and the daughter cards only sees a multiple read action or burst transfer. A burst transfer is setup to one address. For example: During the burst transfer to a memory a counter needs to count the memory address.
The following pictures showing the burst write and read timing. All FPGA actions are rising edge clocked.

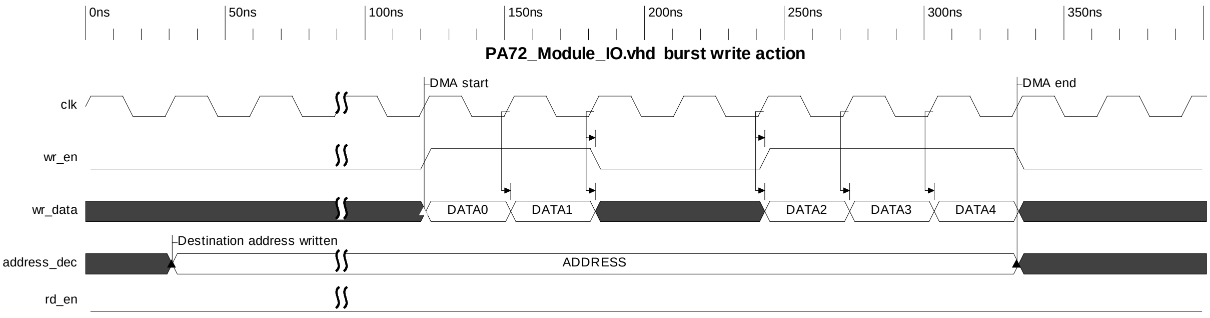


Figure 9 Internal burst write action

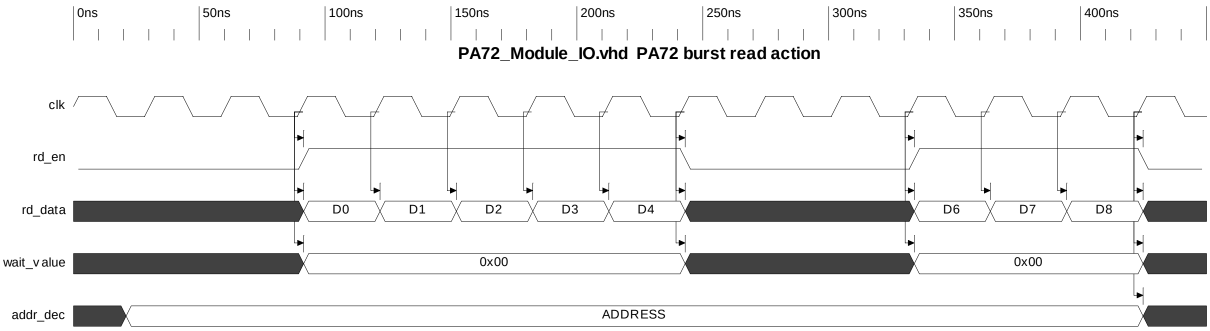


Figure 10 Internal burst read action

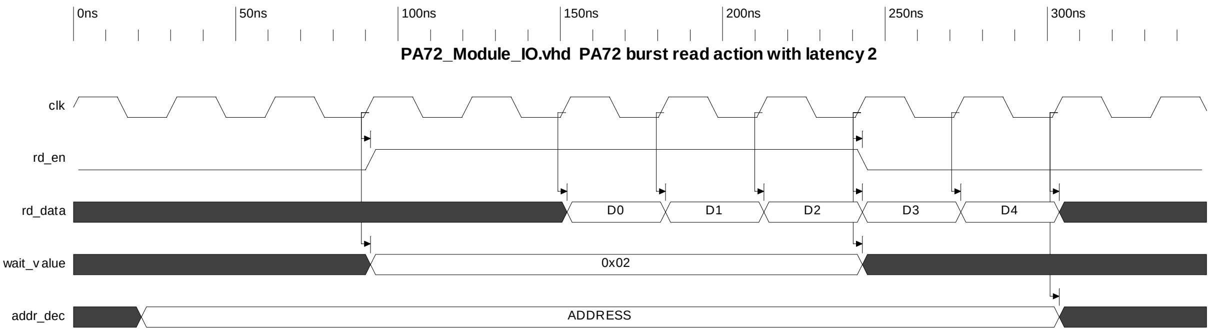


Figure 11 Internal burst read action with latency 2

9.3.3 *Accessing the on-board EEPROM*

Connected to the FPGA there is a Two-Wire serial EEPROM. To access this non-volatile memory, an I2C core is needed that converts the parallel interface to a I2C communication bus. In the example files a working example core is used to access this device.

9.3.4 *Accessing the on-board DDR2 SDRAM*

On the PA72DIOS6016 board a DDR2 memory available. To access the DDR2 memory this FPGA uses the Xilinx Spartan6 dedicated embedded memory controller block (MCB). The MCB block is configured and enabled by the ISE core generator. A generated MCB Block for the on-board memory is available in the basic start file folder, under the coregen folder. The memory block is not implemented in the example files because the use and control of this block is very application dependent. For more information see the Memory controller user guide from Xilinx (UG388)

9.4 FPGA logic development

The FPGA program development can be done with any FPGA development tool that can output a bit file. It is recommended to use a tool that supports Xilinx Spartan6 because of the use of specific Xilinx building blocks.
With the PA72DIOS6016 board several examples and a basic start file are included.
The supplied examples and basic start file are written in VHDL using Xilinx ISE Project navigator 14.7

9.4.1 *Programming file generation*

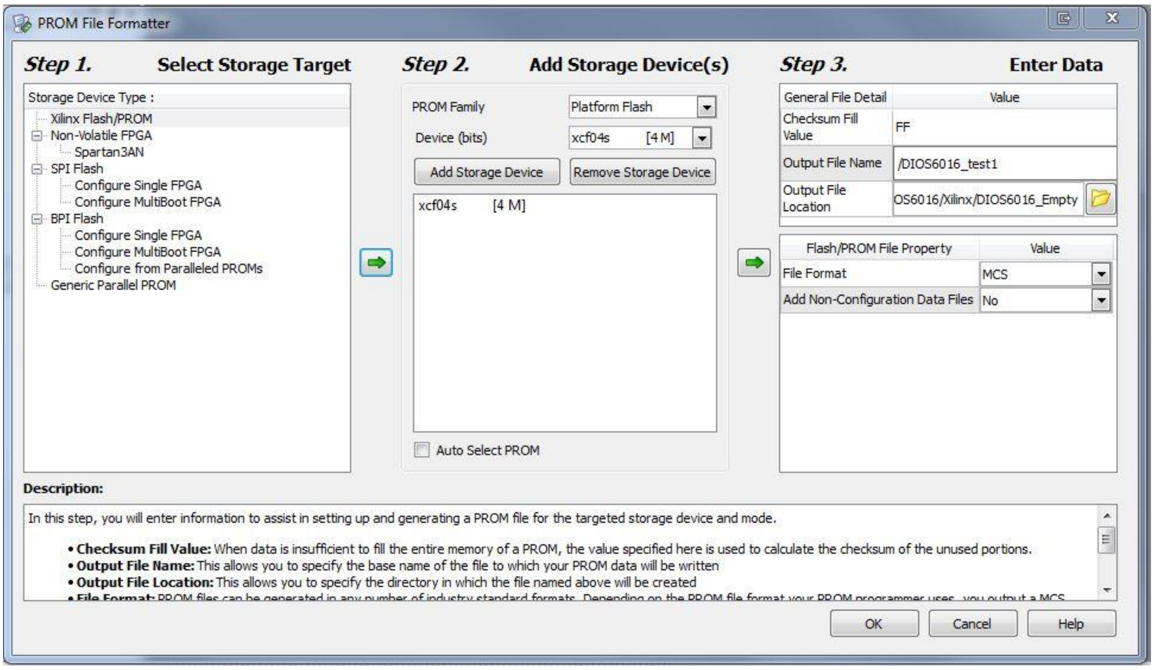
The PA72 baseboard is equipped with an ACE file programmer (as in Xilinx Application Note XAPP424), that allows you to upload and program your firmware to the FPGA loading PROM. This programmer can be accessed using a PA72 driver function, or using the “PA72 tools” application.

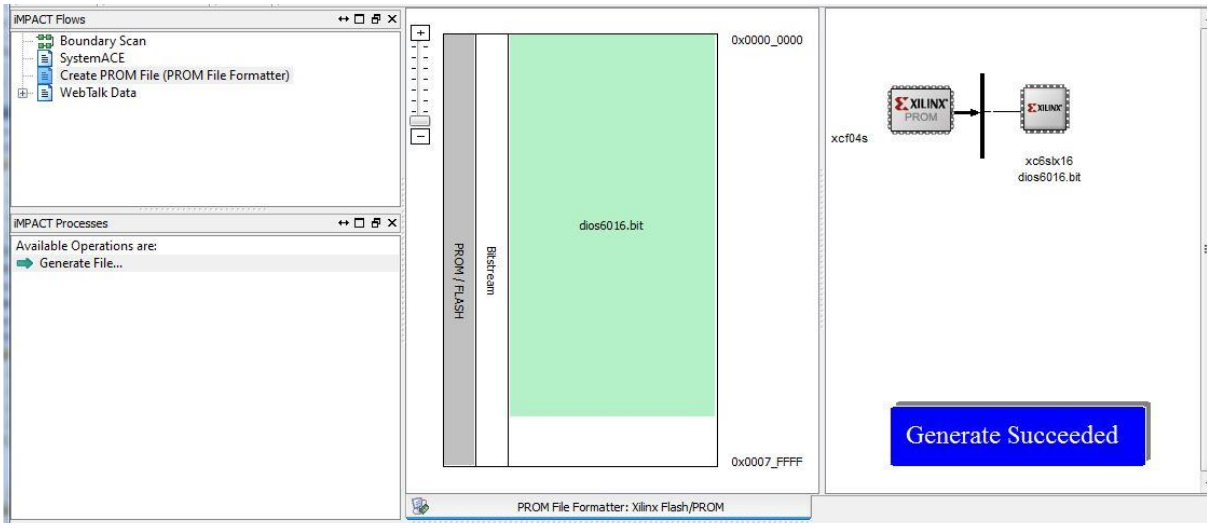
Step 1: Generate bit file

Generating the bit file for the spartan6 XC6SLX16-3CSG324 with Xilinx ISE, Xilinx Vivado or another tool.

Step 2: Generate PROM file

Generate the PROM file for a XCF04S device with the *PROM File Formatter* in *Xilinx ISE impact*.

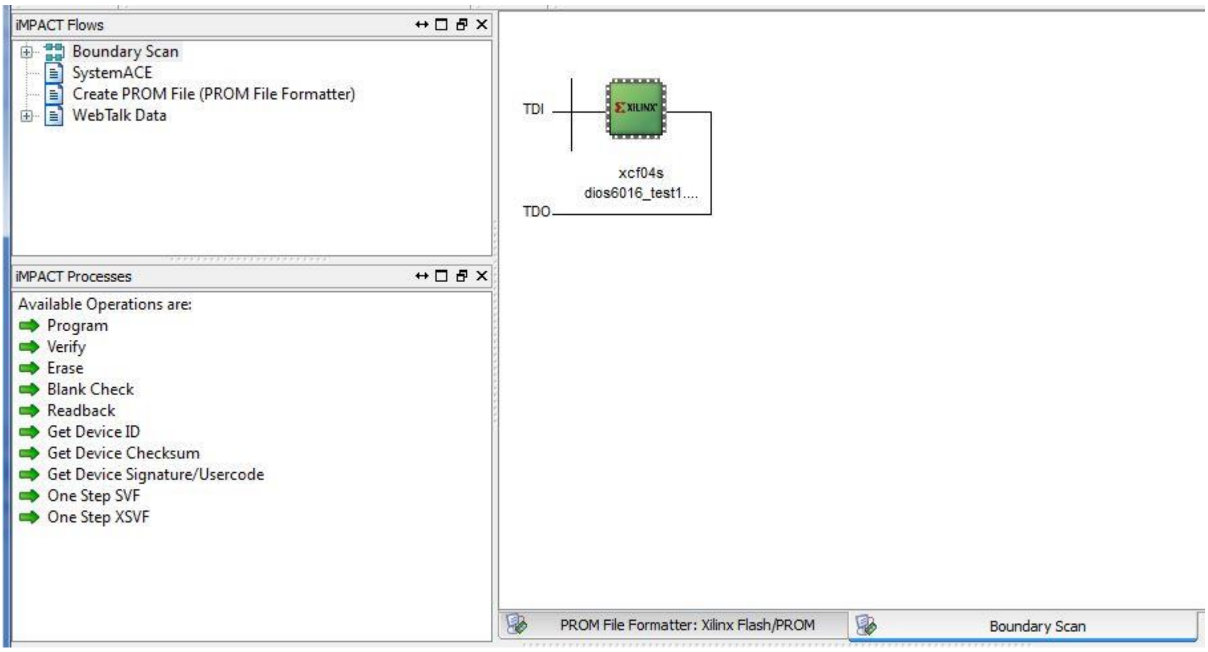




Step3: Create .SVF file in Xilinx ISE Impact

1. Select Boundary scan and add Xilinx device in the boundary Scan window.
2. Select the generated MCS file and select the right prom (XCF04S).
3. Select: output => SVF File => Create SVF file.
4. Give SVF file a name.
5. Select the PROM and program. Do not check load FPGA
6. File is written now.
7. Select Output => SVF file => stop writing SVF file.

SVF file is now generated.



Step 4: Create ACE File

The .SVF file can be converted to an .ACE file using the Xilinx tool SVF2ACE. The download link for this tool can be found in the Xilinx Application Note XAPP424 (found on the Xilinx website).
On the software disc delivered with the PA72DIOS6xxx, a batch file (“Generate Ace.bat”) is included that can help in passing the right parameters to this tool.

Generate ACE.bat

```
@REM
@REM This batch file can be used to convert .SVF files to .ACE files using the Xilinx SVF2ACE utility.
@REM

@TITLE Convert SVF to ACE file

@REM Location of input .SVF file and output .ACE file
@SET inputfile="D:\Doorgeef\DIOS6016 HS ADC Example\DIOS6016_AD9244.svf"
@SET outputfile="D:\Doorgeef\DIOS6016 HS ADC Example\test_Capture.ace"

@REM Location of SVF2ACE.EXE utility
@SET svf2aceloc="svf2ace.exe"

@REM Execute conversion
%svf2aceloc% -i %inputfile% -o %outputfile% -tck 3000000

@TITLE Convert SVF to ACE file - Ready
@ECHO.
@ECHO.
@PAUSE
```

9.4.2 In-system programming

On the PA72 Baseboard an ACE file programmer is available so the file can be programmed in the PROM by software. See chapter 10: “FPGA firmware update” for details.

9.5 Software description

9.5.1 Low-level communication

When the PA72 driver is installed to your system, the operating system matches the found hardware (PA72 baseboard) to a VISA driver. The PA72 daughter cards do not need a separate driver.
To interface the PA72DIOS6016 module on register level, a tool like NI VISA Interactive Control can be used.

The following Bus Address Ranges (BAR) are in use:
BAR0 – Access PA72 baseboard registers
BAR2 – Access PA72 daughter card registers.

For module position 1, the address range is 0x00 - 0x0F
For module position 2, the address range is 0x10 - 0x1F (an offset of 0x10)

9.5.2 Instrument driver

Because the functionality of the PA72DIOS6016 module is not fixed by Applicos, it can be used for a broad range of applications. The instrument driver provided by Applicos covers the basic functionality such as register-based read and write functions. Although the source code of the PA72 driver is provided, it is not recommended to make firmware-specific adjustments in the PA72 driver. Instead a separate driver could be created which uses the PA72 driver register access functions, and wraps this to the functionality matching the firmware in use.

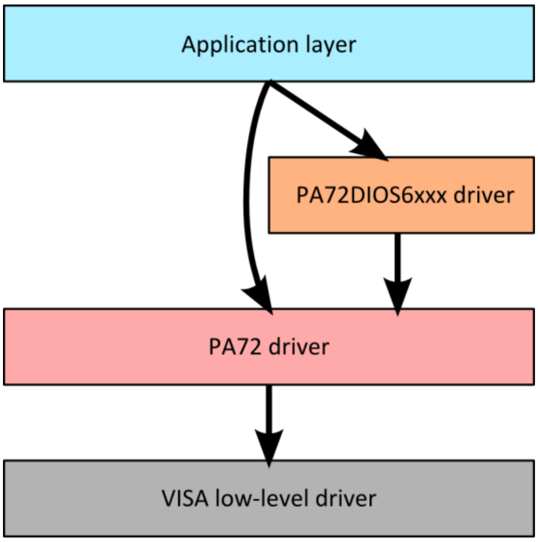


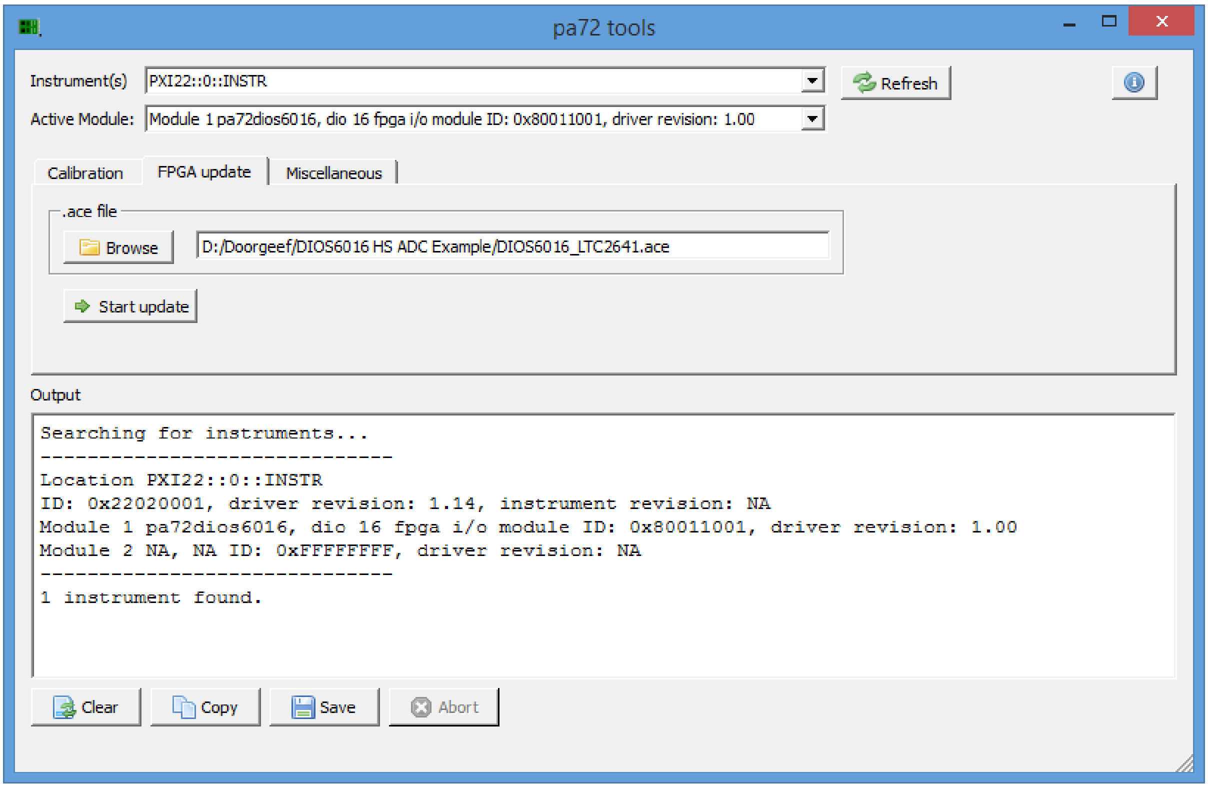
Figure 12 Suggested driver topology

9.6 Example firmware and software

On the disc that is provided with your PA72DIOS6016 are some example firmware + software applications. The examples have very basic functionality, and are intended to provide some guidance in developing firmware and software by showing how to achieve tasks like writing module registers, generating or capturing data to or from the front SCSI connector, accessing the EEPROM, etc.
Each example is accompanied with a descriptive document.

10 FPGA firmware update

The PA72 daughter boards FPGA firmware can be updated in the field. The PA72 instrument driver exports the function “pa72_ProgramFPGA”, which accepts a path to an .ACE file to upload to the daughter card FPGA loading EEPROM.
A more convenient way of updating the FPGA firmware is using the PA72 tools application (pictured below).



The steps are easy:

1. Start the “PA72 Tools” application.
2. Click “Refresh” to search for installed PA72 cards.
3. Select the tab “FPGA update”
4. Enter the path to the .ACE file, or find it using the “Browse” button.
5. Click the “Start update” button to start the FPGA firmware update.
   The output window shows the progress of the FPGA updating process.

The FPGA is loaded with the new content of the loading EEPROM after a power down. Therefore, once the updating process is finished, **the system needs to be powered off before changes will become active**.

11 Specifications

All specifications @ Ta=25°C

11.1 Specification PA72 base board

Clock generator

Clock sources	: Front clock, PLL clock on base board.
Output frequency	: 2kHz..945MHz
Sync possibilities	: 10MHz backplane or 10MHz external clock
PLL lock time	: 250ms..1s (depending on loop filter BW)
Jitter	: 0.5ps, typical
Front clock input impedance	: 50 Ω DC
Front clock threshold level	: 1.02 Volt +/- 5%
Front clock input hysteresis	: 60mV, typical
Front clock input frequency	: As direct clocking: 0Hz...945MHz
	: As PLL reference: 10MHz only

Triggering

Trigger sources	: PXI trigger 0..7, PXI star trigger, Front trig, Software trigger
Front trigger impedance	: 1 kΩ DC
Front trigger threshold level	: 1.02 Volt +/- 5%
Front trigger hysteresis	: 60mV, typical
Max. input level	: -0.5V to +5.5V

Power requirements:
Typical power consumption

	+3.3 Volt	**+5 Volt**	**+12V**	**-12V**
PXI	720mA	120mA	10mA	10mA

Note: *for each module, an additional supply current should be added, refer to appropriate module power consumption specification.*

11.2 Specification PA72e base board

Clock generator

Clock sources	: Front clock, PLL clock on base board.
Output frequency	: 2kHz..945MHz
Sync possibilities	: 10MHz backplane or 10MHz external clock
PLL lock time	: 250ms..1s (depending on loop filter BW)
Jitter	: 0.5ps, typical
Front clock input impedance	: 50 Ω DC
Front clock threshold level	: 1.02 Volt +/- 5%
Front clock input hysteresis	: 60mV, typical
Front clock input frequency	: As direct clocking: 0Hz...945MHz
	: As PLL reference: 10MHz only

Triggering

Trigger sources	: PXI trigger 0..6, PXI star trigger, Front trig, Software trigger
Front trigger impedance	: 1 kΩ DC
Front trigger threshold level	: 1.02 Volt +/- 5%
Front trigger hysteresis	: 60mV, typical
Max. input level	: -0.5V to +5.5V

Power requirements:
Typical power consumption

	+3.3 Volt	**+12V**
PXIexpress	750 mA	165 mA

Note: *for each module, an additional supply current should be added, refer to appropriate module power consumption specification.*

11.3 Specification PA72G16400 module

Channels	: 1 (for each module)
Resolution	: 16-bit
Update rate with internal clock	: 2kHz to 400MHz (PLL clock with backplane 10MHz sync. capability)
Update rate with external clock	: DC to 400MHz
Pattern depth	: 8M-words
Output ranges Single ended	: 0.32V_P, 0.425V_P, 0.64V_P, 0.85V_P, 1,28V_P, 2.56V_P
Output ranges Differential	: 0.64V_P, 0.85V_P, 1,28V_P, 1.9V_P, 2.56V_P, 5.12V_P
DC-Offset voltage	: -2.56 to +2.56V (>14-bit resolution)
Output configuration	: 50Ω, Single Ended or Differential
Bandwidth	: DC to 80-140MHz (depending on range)
Output filters	: Bypass, 30MHz, 60MHz
Absolute accuracy, diff	: ±(250µV+0.1% of range + 0.1% of value)
Relative accuracy	: ±0.006%
SNR (200Msps, 5Vpp diff.)	: 69dB @ f-out = 1MHz (BW: 0-80MHz)
SNR (200Msps, 5Vpp diff.)	: 67dB @ f-out = 10MHz (BW: 0-80MHz)
THD (200Msps, 5Vpp diff.)	: 84dB @ f-out = 1MHz
THD (200Msps, 5Vpp diff.)	: 73dB @ f-out = 10MHz
SFDR (200Msps, 5Vpp diff.)	: 82dB @ f-out = 1MHz

Additional power requirement for a single module:

	+3.3 Volt	**+5 Volt**	**+12V**	**-12V**
PXI	980 mA	610 mA	55 mA	55 mA

11.4 Specification PA72D16180A module

Channels	: 1 (for each module)
Resolution	: 16-bit
Sample rate	: 1MHz to180MHz
Pattern depth	: 64M-words
Input configurations	: 50Ω or 1MΩ, AC or DC coupled, Differential or Single Ended
Input ranges (V_P)	: 50Ω: 0.256, 0.384, 0.512, 0.768 1.024, 1.536, 2.048, 3.072 1MΩ: 0.256, 0.384, 0.512, 0.768 1.024, 1.536, 2.048, 3.072, 5.12, 7.86, 10.24,15.36
DC-offset voltage	: ± the input range (16-bit resolution)
Input bandwidth	: DC to 95-175MHz (typical, depending on range)
Input filters	: Bypass, 60MHz, 30MHz
Absolute accuracy	: ±(250µV+0.1% of range + 0.2% of value)
Relative accuracy	: ±0.006%
SNR (180Msps, 50Ω, 4V_{PP} diff)	: 69dB @ f-in = 1MHz (BW: DC to 80MHz)
SNR (180Msps, 50Ω, 4V_{PP} diff)	: 67dB @ f-in = 10MHz (BW: DC to 80MHz)
THD (180Msps, 50Ω, 4V_{PP} diff)	: 85dB @ f-in = 1MHz
THD (180Msps, 50Ω, 4V_{PP} diff)	: 81dB @ f-in = 10MHz
SFDR (180Msps, 50Ω,4V_{PP} diff)	: 83dB @ f-in = 1MHz

Additional power requirement for a single module:

	+3.3 Volt	**+5 Volt**	**+12V**	**-12V**
PXI	535 mA	1090 mA	0 mA	50 mA

11.5 Specification PA72G14180 module

Channels	: 1(for each module)
Resolution	: 14-bit
Update rate with PA72 clock	: 2kHz to 180MHz
Update rate external clock	: DC to 180MHz
Pattern depth	: 64M-words
Output ranges (V_P, single ended)	: Four proportional ranges: 409.6mV, 819.2mV, 1.6384V and 3.2768 V
DC-offset voltage	: -2.56V to +2.56V
Output configuration	: 50Ω, Single ended or Differential
Bandwidth	: DC to 90MHz
Output filters	: Bypass, 30MHz, 15MHz
Absolute accuracy	: ±(250µV+0.1% of range + 0.1% of value)
Relative accuracy (INL)	: ±0.025% of range
SNR (180Msps, 3.2V_P diff.)	: 68dB @ f-out=1MHz (BW: 0-70MHz)
SNR (180Msps, 3.2V_P diff.)	: 64dB @ f-out=10MHz (BW: 0-70MHz)
THD (180Msps, 2.0V_P diff.)	: 81dB @ f-out = 1MHz
THD (180Msps, 2.0V_P diff.)	: 70dB @ f-out = 10MHz
SFDR (180Msps, 2.0V_P diff.)	: 82dB @ f-out = 1MHz

Additional power requirement for a single module:

	+3.3 Volt	**+5 Volt**	**+12V**	**-12V**
PXI	605 mA	285 mA	40 mA	40 mA

11.6 Specification PA72D14130 module

Channels	: 1 (for each module)
Resolution	: 14-bit
Sample rate	: 1MHz to 130MHz
Memory depth	: 64M-Words
Input ranges (span)	: 0.3375V_P to 3.6V_P in 8 ranges
Input operating area	: -3.6V to +3.6V
Input configurations	: Differential or single ended
Input impedance	: 10kΩ or 50Ω, DC or AC
DC-offset voltage	: -3.6V to +3.6V
Input bandwidth	: 65MHz (typical)
Input filters	: Bypass, 30MHz, 15MHz
Absolute accuracy	: ±(250µV+0.05% of range + 0.1% of value)
Relative accuracy (INL)	: ±0.025% of range
SNR (130Msps, 3.2V_{PP} diff)	: 66dB @ f-in=1MHz (BW: 0-60MHz)
SNR (130Msps, 3.2V_{PP} diff)	: 64dB @ f-in=10MHz (BW: 0-60MHz)
THD (130Msps, 3.2V_{PP} diff.)	: 78dB @ f-in = 1MHz
THD (130Msps, 3.2V_{PP} diff.)	: 74dB @ f-in = 10MHz
SFDR (130Msps, 3.2V_{PP} diff.)	: 80dB @ f-in = 1MHz

11.7 Specifications PA72DIOS6016 module

FPGA	Xilinx Spartan6 XC6SLX16
Logic cells	14579
CLB Flip-Flops	18224
Front connector	VHDCI SCSI-5
Max. TTL/LVCMOS I/Os	32
Max. differential inputs	32
Max. differential outputs	10
I/O voltages	2.5V and 3.3V
I/O configurations	LVTTL, LVCMOS, PCI, SSTL, (B)LVDS*, LVPECL*, and more.
DDR Memory size	1Gbit
DDR Memory frequency	800MHz
Total block RAM	576kBit
Block RAM max. frequency	320MHz

* Differential signals as input only

Appendix A: Calibration

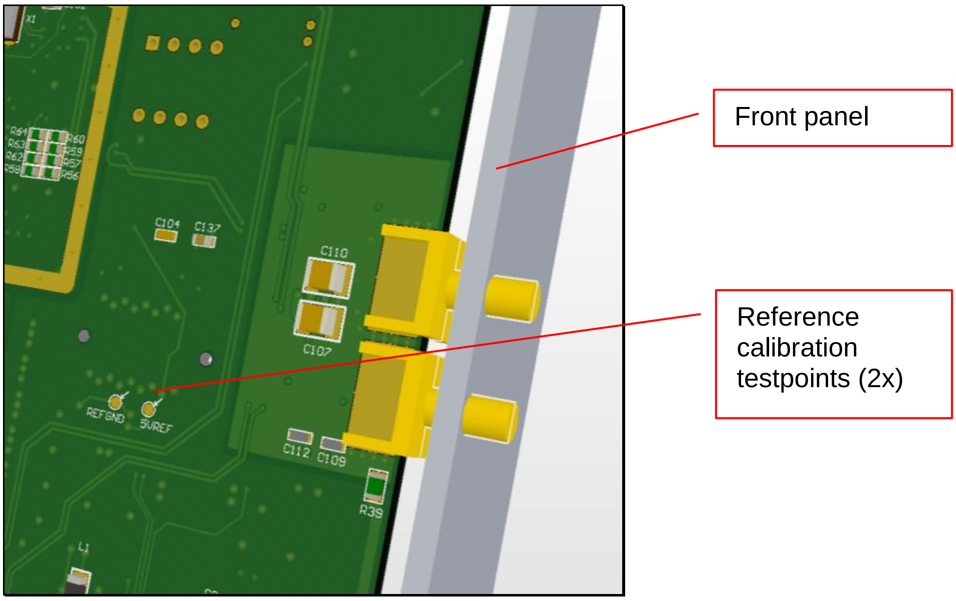
There are several stages on a PA72 that need calibration:

- The baseboard's on-board high-stability voltage reference
- The baseboard's on-board 24-bit calibration voltmeter/ADC
- The analog daughter cards

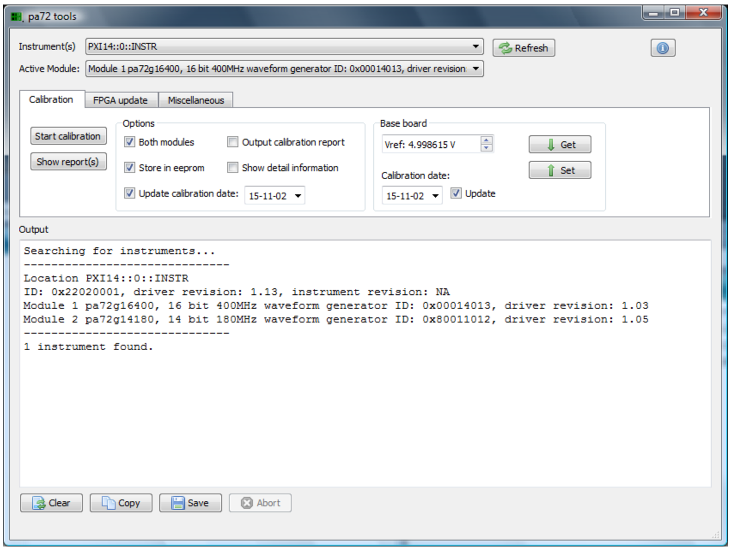
Base board calibration

The PA72 baseboard contains an on-board high-stability voltage reference that needs calibration only once every year.
Calibration of this voltage reference entails measuring the reference voltage with a calibrated high precision voltmeter and storing the measured value in the base board's EEPROM.

On the rear side of the PA72 mainboard PCB, there are two test points. The reference voltage should be measured across these two points. This requires at least one free slot directly to the left of the PA72 module.



Once this voltage is measured, the driver function ***pa72_SetAdc24CalVoltage*** needs to be called.
This function tells the driver what the exact (measured) voltage of the on-board reference is.
A comfortable way to do this is using the application "PA72 Calibration and other Tools" that is installed when running the software/driver installer setup.



1. Click “Refresh” to search for available PA72 modules in the system
2. Select the module that needs to be calibrated
3. On the “Calibration” tab page, enter the measured voltage in the “Base board” Vref field
4. Click “Set” to write this to the EEPROM.

When writing the reference voltage, the driver also performs a self-calibration on the 24-bit ADC is started: the ADC measures the known GND and Reference voltage, and stores the offset and gain value in the EEPROM.

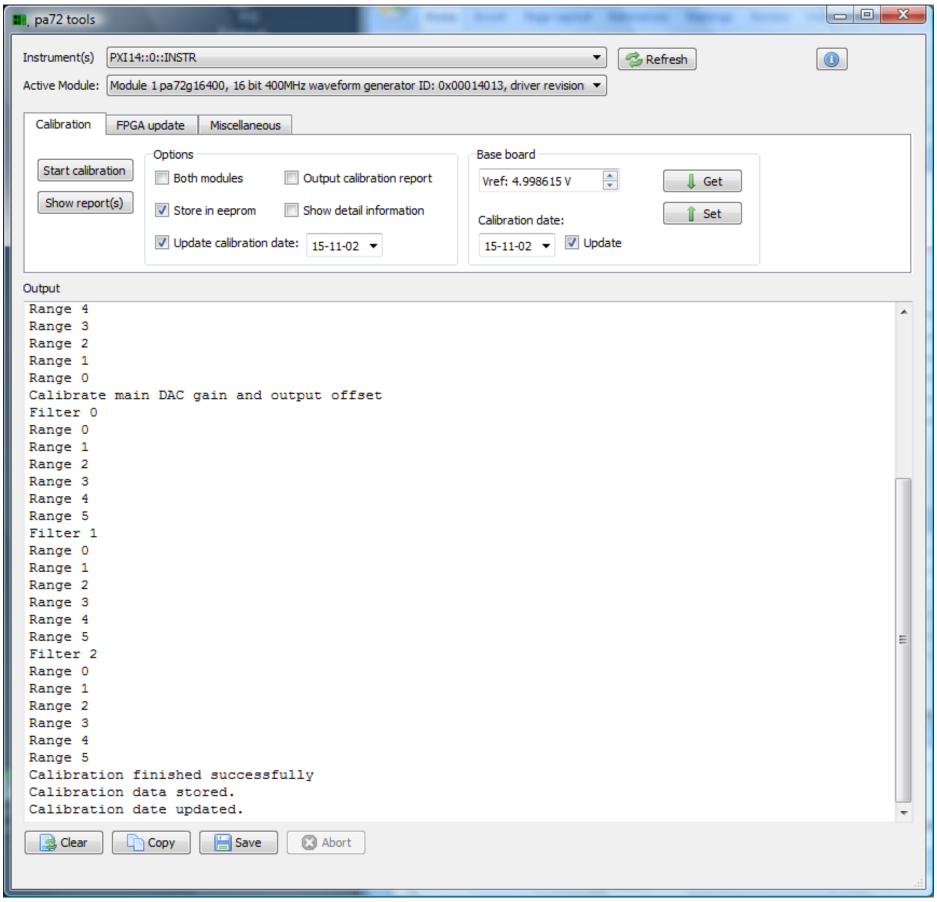
Analog Daughter cards calibration

The 24-bit calibration ADC can measure three different voltage levels on each analog daughter card: Board reference ground, Positive output/input voltage, Negative output/input voltage. This is used during self-calibration of the daughter cards.

Note: The PA72D16180A and PA72D14130 digitizer modules require a connection between the positive input and the negative input for calibration. This connection is not on the board, so before starting calibration, connect both inputs together with a short coaxial cable.

The driver function ***pa72_Calibrate*** is used to start self-calibration on the selected daughter card (make sure to set it first using ***pa72_SetActiveModule***).

A comfortable way to do this is using the application “PA72 Calibration and other Tools” that is installed when running the software/driver installer setup:



1. Click “Refresh” to search for available PA72 modules in the system
2. Select the module that needs to be calibrated
3. Select the daughter card that you want to calibrate, OR check “Both modules” in the “Options” groupbox on the “Calibration” tab page.

4. Make sure “Store in eeprom” is checked, if you want to store the calibration values in the daughter card’s EEPROM (make it permanent).
5. Make sure “Update calibration date” is set, if you want to update the date of the last calibration in the daughter card’s EEPROM.
6. Click “Start calibration” to start the calibration routine.

Calibration interval table

Calibration	***Type of cal***	***Recommended interval***	***Calibration time / effort***
PA72 reference voltage	Manual	Every year	Approx. 5 minutes
PA72 mainboard AD converter	Auto cal	Every three months	5 seconds
PA72D16180A	Auto cal	Every three months	
PA72D14130	Auto cal	Every three months	
PA72G16400	Auto cal	Every three months	Approx. 10 minutes
PA72G14180	Auto cal	Every three months	Approx. 1 minute

All calibrations should be started at least 30 minutes after power up.

Appendix B: Module IDs

The PA72 baseboard modules and daughter cards all have an ID register at offset address 0x0. The description of the bits in this register is explained below.

PA72(e) baseboard ID register:

Bit	***31-29***	***28-24***	***23-16***	***15-0***
Description	b000 for PA72 b001 for PA72e	Geographical address in PXI chassis*	Printed Wire Board revision	FPGA revision

* PA72 PCB revision 5 or above, or PA72e only

PA72 daughter card ID registers:

Bit	***31***	***30-24***	***23-16***	***15-12***	***11-8***	***7-0***
Description	0 = 24-bit bus 1 = 32-bit bus	reserved	FPGA revision	Printed Wire Board revision	reserved	Module type**

** ID register bits 7-0 can be a value from the table below:

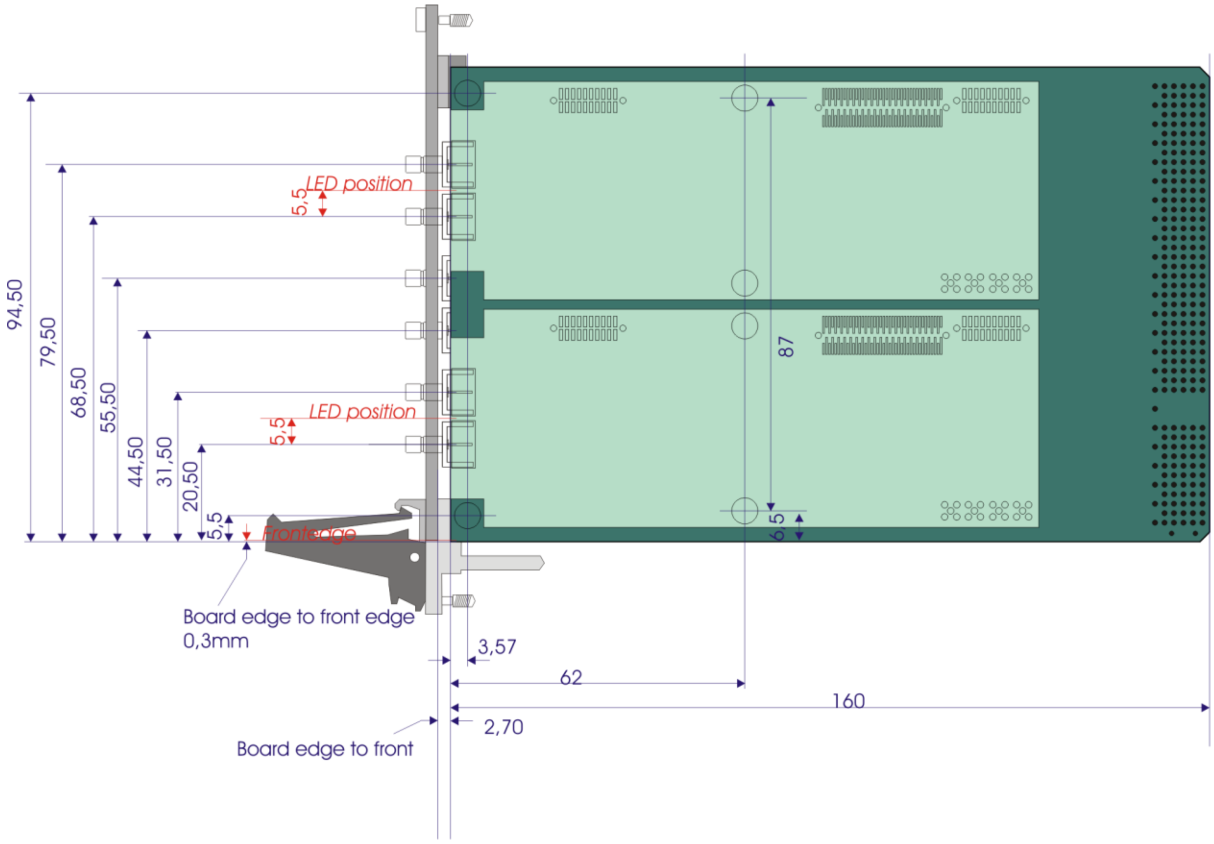
ID register bits 7-0	***Module type***
0x01	PA72DIOS6016
0x02	PA72DIOS6100
0x12	PA72G14180
0x13	PA72G16400
0x22	PA72D14130
0x23	PA72D16180
0x51, 0x52	PA72BPF

Example: ID 0x800A2022:

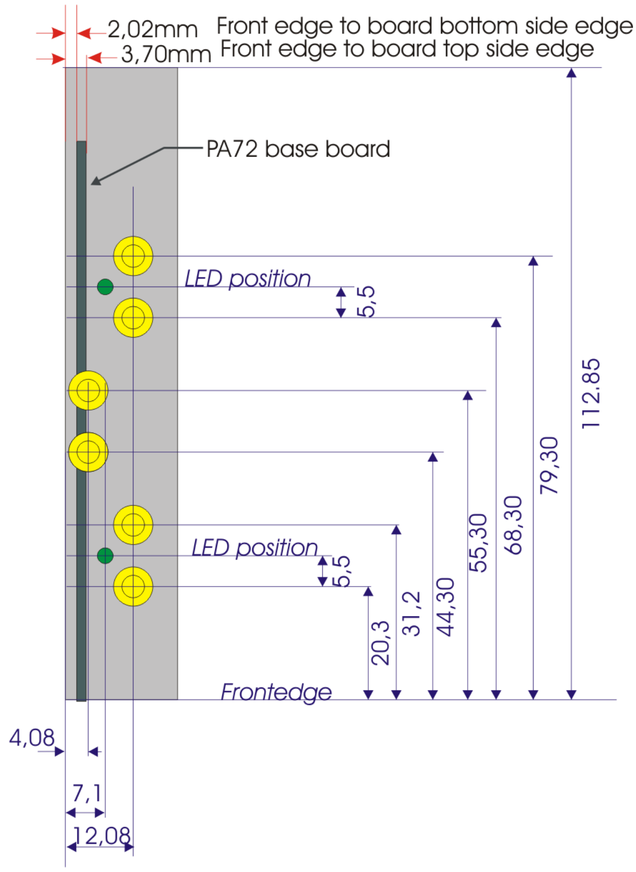
- 32-bit data bus
- FPGA revision 0x0A = 10
- PWB revision 0x2 = 2
- Module type 0x22 = D14130

Appendix C: Module dimensions

Module side view



Module front panel view



Appendix E: Cross reference

Appendix F: Document history

Version	Date	Editor	Changes
1.0			Initial version.
1.09	10-11-2014	JvW	PXIe added in the power consumption list
1.09	26-11-2014	JvW/JvdV	Added PA72DIOS016 chapter Expanded cross reference Added chapter on FPGA firmware update.
1.10	16-02-2015	JvdV	Fixed incorrect description of availability of differential I/Os in 9.1 and 9.2.1.
1.11	Nov. 2015	JvdV	Updated chapter on calibration. Minor typographic changes in paragraph 3.2 and 5.5.