

Designing terabit networks can be quite a challenge; the insatiable demand for higher performance and higher bandwidth constantly stretches the boundaries. To satisfy this need, the **Optical Internetworking** Forum (OIF) adopted the SATURN[®] Group's POS-PHY[™] Level 4 (PL4) technology based on the original Packet-Over SONET/SDH (POS) specifications. POS enables network core routers to send native IP packets directly over SONET/SDH frames, providing lower packet overhead and lower cost per megabit than any other data transport method. Xilinx provides fully compliant System Packet Interface Level 4 Phase 2 (SPI-4.2) cores to address the data path connectivity between POS Physical Layer devices and Link Layer devices in terabit networking and communications systems. Our solutions include SPI-4.2 LogiCORE[™] products designed to work with the latest Virtex[™]-II Series Platform FPGAs.

SPI-4.2 (POS-PHY Level 4) Cores



Xilinx SPI-4 Phase 2 applications

Key Benefits

The Xilinx POS-PHY Level 4 cores provide user-configurable options, excellent flexibility, and seamless operation with industry leading PL4 ASSPs, ensuring maximum bandwidth data transfers. The key benefits include:

- **Full Compliance** The Xilinx SPI-4.2 core is fully compliant with the OIF System Packet Interface Level-4 Phase 2 and the SATURN POS-PHY Level 4 Standards.
- Proven Interoperability The Xilinx SPI-4.2 core is proven to operate seamlessly with the leading ASSP devices such as the Mindspeed M29730 OptiPHY,[™] the PMC-Sierra XENON[™] family, and the Intel IXF1810x family.
- **Single-chip Dynamic Alignment** the Xilinx SPI-4.2 core centers the data eye and clock edge without additional external devices, reducing overall system design cost and complexity.
- 10 Gbps Performance The Xilinx SPI-4.2 core can support OC-192 rates by providing an aggregate bandwidth of 12.8 Gbps in Virtex-II series FPGAs. The performance is achieved using features such as the Digital Clock Manager, Block RAM, and high-speed LVDS I/O buffers with double data rate (DDR) registers.
- Faster Time to Market The Xilinx SPI-4.2 core accelerates the development of emerging OC-192 POS and 10 Gigabit Ethernet systems, by decreasing your development time, and allowing you to focus on adding value to your system.



Key Features

Here are the key features of the Xilinx SPI-4.2 core:

- Fully compliant SPI-4.2 interface with integrated FIFO
- Multi-link operation, scalable from 1-256 links
- Supports static and dynamic alignment
- Split (Source/Sink) configurations allowing for flexible system egress and ingress architectures
- Supports mux/demux and bridging functions
- Automatic transmission of source data based on source FIFO threshold
- DIP-4 and DIP-2 parity generation and checking
- 64-bit internal data path up to 200 MHz to support seamless integration of back-end logic
- Demonstration testbench for quick start-up
- Delivered through CORE Generator



Implementing a SPI-4.2 interface in Virtex-II FPGAs

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Applications

Xilinx SPI-4.2 solutions are ideally suited for line cards in gigabit routers, terabit and optical cross connect switches, and a wide range of multi-service Dense Wavelength Division Multiplexing (DWDM) and SONET/SDH-based transmission systems. Due to its extremely high performance, low pin count, and streamlined data transfer protocol, the SPI technology is widely used to connect network processors with OC-192 framers and mappers as well as Gigabit and 10 Gigabit Ethernet data link MACs.

For More Information

We are continually enhancing the SPI-4.2 core, adding more features and capabilities. For the latest details on Xilinx SPI-4.2 solutions, visit Xilinx Connectivity Central at www.xilinx.com/connectivity, or call your local Xilinx representative.

Xilinx SPI-4.2 Solution - LogiCORE Facts

LogiCORE [™] Facts		
Core Specifics		
Supported Family Virtex [™] -II		
Core Performance: Static Alignment		
Performance (Virtex™-II -5)	800 Mbps on SPI-4.2 Interface 200 MHz on User Interface	
Performance (Virtex ¹¹ -II -4)	640 Mbps on SPI-4.2 Interface 160 MHz on User Interface	
Core Performance: Dynamic Alignment		
erformance 700 Mbps (+/-5%) on SPI irtex-II -5) 175 MHz on User Interface		on SPI-4.2 Interface nterface
Core Resources: Static Alignment		
	Rx	Тх
Virtex-II Slices	1950	1600
Virtex-II Block RAM	5	6
Global Clock Buffers	2	3
Digital Clock Managers (DCM)	1	2
Core Resources: Dynamic Alignment		
	Rx	Тх
Virtex-II Slices	2700	1600
Virtex-II Block RAM	5	6
Global Clock Buffers	2	3
Digital Clock Managers (DCM)	1	2
Provided with Core		
Documentation	Quick Start Guide Design Example Guide	
Design File Formats	EDIF netlist	
Constraints File	.ucf and .ncf	
Design Tool Requirements		
Xilinx Tools	Alliance/Foundation/ISE v4.2i SP3	
Support		
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