

# **ML628 IBERT Getting Started Guide (ISE 13.1)**

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## Overview

This document provides a procedure for setting up the ML628 Virtex®-6 FPGA GTX and GTH Transceiver Characterization Board to run the Integrated Bit Error Ratio Test (IBERT) demonstration. The designs that are required to run the IBERT demonstration are stored in a CompactFlash (CF) memory card that is provided with the ML628 board. The demonstration shows the capabilities of the Virtex-6 XC6VHX380T FPGA GTX and GTH transceivers.

The ML628 board is described in detail in [UG771](#), *ML628 Virtex-6 FPGA GTX and GTH Transceiver Characterization Board User Guide*.

The IBERT demonstrations operate one GTH or GTX Quad at a time. Separate procedures are provided for GTH and GTX transceiver evaluation. The GTH procedure consists of:

1. [Setting Up the ML628 Board](#).
2. [Extracting the Project Files](#).
3. [Connecting the GTH Transceivers and Reference Clocks](#).
4. [Configuring the FPGA](#).
5. [Setting Up the ChipScope Pro Software](#).
6. [Viewing GTH Transceiver Operation](#).
7. [Closing the IBERT Demonstration](#).

The GTX procedure consists of:

1. [Setting Up the ML628 Board](#).
2. [Extracting the Project Files](#).
3. [Connecting the GTX Transceivers and Reference Clocks](#).
4. [Configuring the FPGA](#).
5. [Setting Up the ChipScope Pro Software](#).
6. [Viewing GTX Transceiver Operation](#).
7. [Closing the IBERT Demonstration](#).

## Requirements

The hardware and software required to run the GTX or GTH IBERT demonstrations are:

- ML628 Virtex-6 FPGA GTH and GTX Transceiver Characterization Board including:
  - Two CF cards containing the IBERT demonstration designs (*IBERT #1* and *IBERT #2*)
  - One Samtec BullsEye cable
  - Eight SMA female-to-female (F-F) adapters
  - Eight SMA (female-to-male) DC Blocks (optional)
  - GTH transceiver power supply module (installed on board)
  - GTX transceiver power supply module (installed on board)
  - SuperClock-2 module (installed on board)
  - Active BGA Heatsink (installed on FPGA)
  - 12V DC power adapter
- JTAG cable:
  - Platform Cable USB (Xilinx part number DLC9, DLC9G, or DLC9LP) or,
  - Platform Cable USB II (Xilinx part number DLC10) or,
  - Parallel Cable IV (Xilinx part number PC4)
- Host PC with:
  - CF card reader or PCMCIA adapter card for CF cards
  - USB ports
- Xilinx<sup>®</sup> ChipScope<sup>™</sup> Pro software, version 13.1 or higher.  
Software is available at: <http://www.xilinx.com/chipscopepro>

The hardware and software required to rebuild the IBERT demonstration designs are:

- Xilinx ISE<sup>®</sup> Design Suite version 13.1 or higher
- PC with a version of the Windows operating system supported by Xilinx ISE Design Suite
- ML628 IBERT demonstration design source files (provided online as collection `rdf0117_13-1.zip`) at:  
[http://www.xilinx.com/products/boards/ml628/reference\\_designs.htm](http://www.xilinx.com/products/boards/ml628/reference_designs.htm)

## Setting Up the ML628 Board

This section describes how to set up the ML628 Virtex-6 FPGA GTH and GTX Transceiver Characterization Board.

**Caution!** The ML628 board can be damaged by electrostatic discharge (ESD). Follow standard ESD prevention measures when handling the board.

When the ML628 board ships from the factory, it is configured for the GTH and GTX IBERT demonstrations described in this document. If the board has been re-configured it must be returned to the default set-up before running the IBERT demonstrations.

1. Move all jumpers to their default positions. The default jumper positions are listed in [UG771](#), *ML628 Virtex-6 FPGA GTX and GTH Transceiver Characterization Board User Guide*.

2. Install the GTX and GTH transceiver power modules:
  - a. Plug the GTX transceiver power module into connectors J34 and J179.
  - b. Plug the GTH transceiver power module into connectors J6 and J197.
3. Install the SuperClock-2 module:
  - a. Align the three metal standoffs on the bottom side of the module with the three mounting holes in the CLOCK MODULE interface of the ML628 board.
  - b. Using three 4-40 x 0.25 inch screws, firmly screw down the module from the bottom of the ML628 board.
  - c. On the SuperClock-2 module, place a jumper across pins 2-3 (2V5) of the CONTROL VOLTAGE header, J18.

## Extracting the Project Files

The ChipScope Pro Software .cpj project files for the IBERT demonstrations are located in ml628\_cpj.zip on the CF card labeled *IBERT #1*. They are also available online along with .bit files for all 16 designs (as collection rdf0116\_13-1.zip) at:

[http://www.xilinx.com/products/boards/ml628/reference\\_designs.htm](http://www.xilinx.com/products/boards/ml628/reference_designs.htm)

ml628\_cpj.zip contains two project files: ml628\_gth.cpj and ml628\_gtx.cpj. These files are used to load pre-saved MGT/IBERT and SuperClock-2 module control settings for the GTH and GTX demonstrations.

To copy the files from the CompactFlash memory card:

1. Connect the CompactFlash memory card to the host computer.

**Note:** The CompactFlash memory card can be plugged into a host PC's PCMCIA interface using a PCMCIA adapter card.
2. Locate the file ml628\_cpj.zip on the Compact Flash memory card.
3. Unzip the files to a working directory on the host computer.

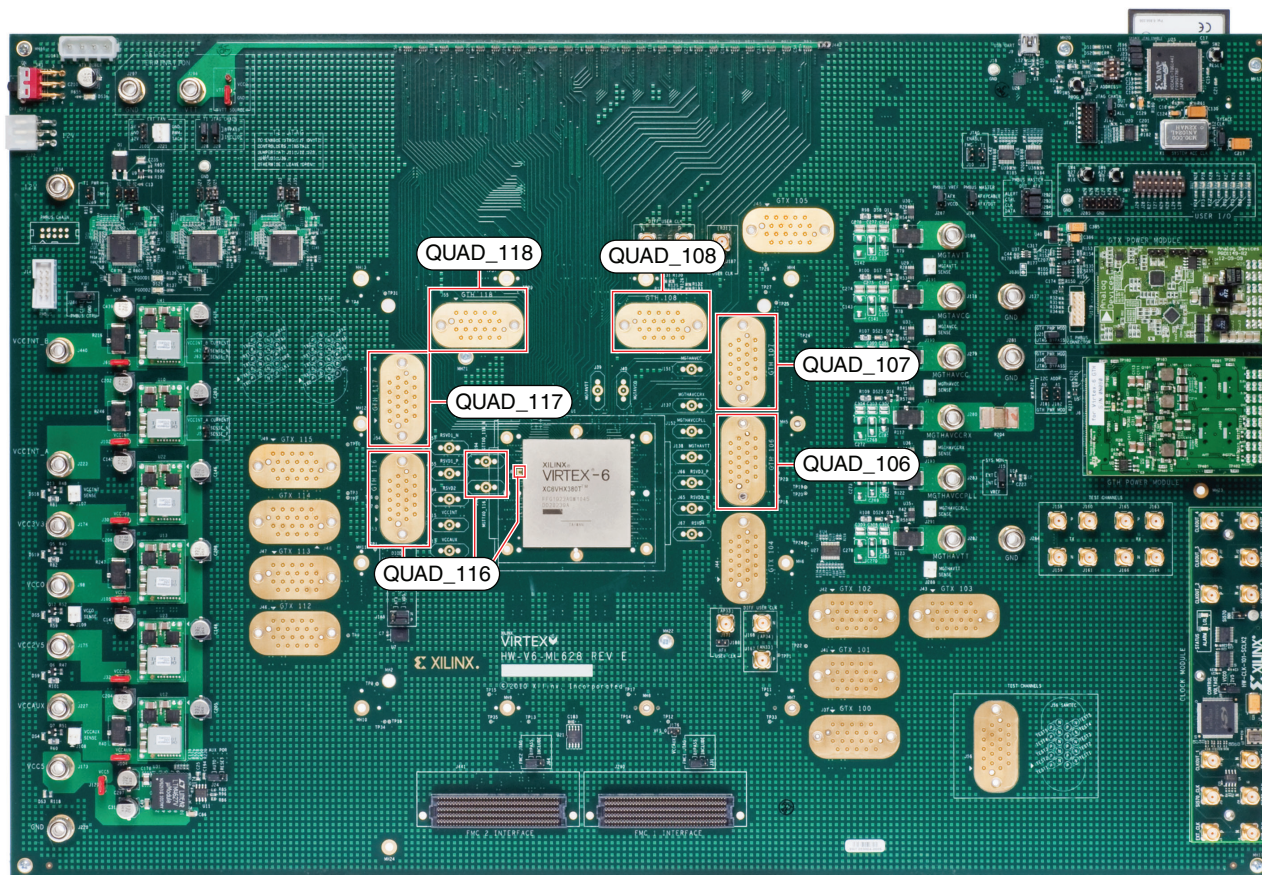
## Running the GTH IBERT Demonstration

The GTH IBERT demonstration operates one GTH Quad at a time. This section describes how to test GTH Quad 117. The remaining GTH Quads are tested following a similar series of steps. The GTX IBERT demonstration is described in [Running the GTX IBERT Demonstration, page 20](#).

### Connecting the GTH Transceivers and Reference Clocks

[Figure 1-1](#) shows the locations for GTH transceiver Quads 106, 107, 108, 116, 117, and 118 on the ML628 board.

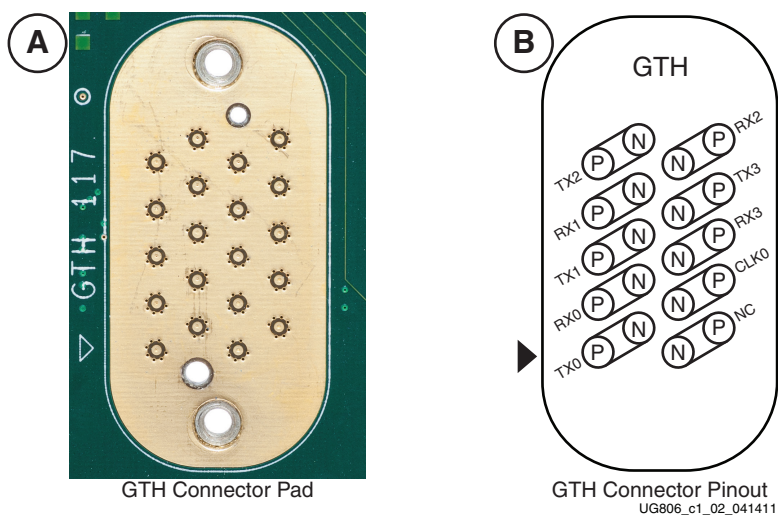
**Note:** [Figure 1-1](#) is for reference only and might not reflect the current revision of the board.



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Figure 1-1: GTH Quad Locations

With the exception of GTH Quad 116, all GTH transceiver pins and reference clock pins are routed from the FPGA to a connector pad which interfaces with Samtec BullsEye connectors. [Figure 1-2 A](#) shows the connector pad. [Figure 1-2 B](#) shows the connector pinout.



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Figure 1-2: A – GTH Connector Pad. B – GTH Connector Pinout



Transmitter pairs TX0 and TX1 on Quad 116 are not connected to the BullsEye connector pads. Refer to [UG771, ML628 Virtex-6 FPGA GTX and GTH Transceiver Characterization Board User Guide](#) for details on accessing these signals.

The SuperClock-2 module provides LVDS clock outputs for the GTH and GTX transceiver reference clocks in the IBERT demonstrations. [Figure 1-3](#) shows the locations of the differential clock SMA connectors on the clock module which can be connected to the reference clock cables. The four SMA pairs labeled CLKOUT provide LVDS clock outputs from the Si5368 clock multiplier/jitter attenuator device on the clock module. The SMA pair labeled Si570\_CLK provides LVPECL clock output from the Si570 programmable oscillator on the clock module. For the GTH IBERT demonstration, the output clock frequencies are preset to 174.690 MHz. For more information regarding the SuperClock-2 module, refer to [UG770, HW-CLK-101-SCLK2 SuperClock-2 Module User Guide](#).

**Note:** The image in [Figure 1-3](#) is for reference only and might not reflect the current revision of the board.

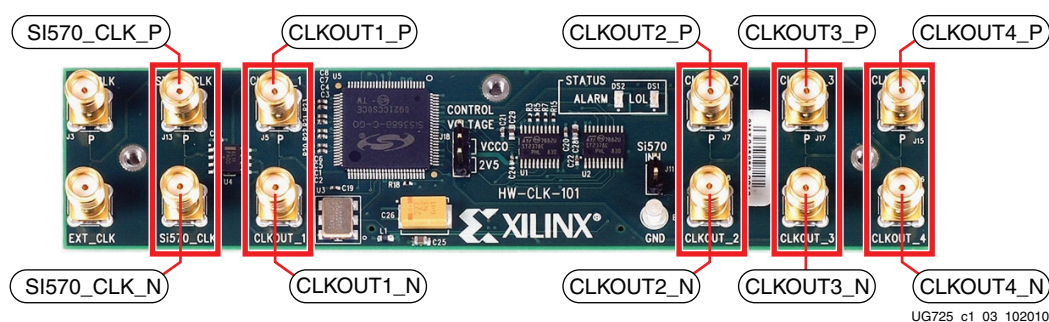


Figure 1-3: SuperClock-2 Module Output Clock SMA Locations

### Attach the GTH Quad Connector

Attach the Samtec BullsEye connector to the connector pad for GTH Quad 117 ([Figure 1-4](#)), aligning the two indexing pins on the bottom of the connector with the guide holes on the board. Hold the connector flush with the board and fasten it by tightening the two captive screws.

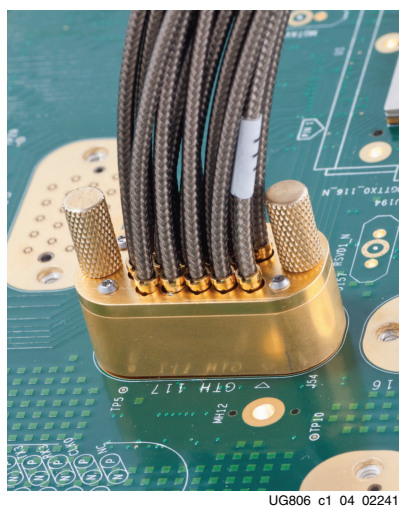


Figure 1-4: BullsEye Connector Attached to Quad 117

## GTH Transceiver Clock Connections

Refer to [Figure 1-2, page 8](#) to identify the P and N coax cables that are connected to the reference clock (CLK0). Connect these cables to the SuperClock-2 Module as follows:

- CLK0\_P coax cable → SMA connector J5 (CLKOUT1\_P on the SuperClock-2 Module)
- CLK0\_N coax cable → SMA connector J6 (CLKOUT1\_N on the SuperClock-2 Module)

**Note:** Any one of the five differential outputs from the SuperClock-2 Module can be used to source the GTH reference clock. CLKOUT1\_P and CLKOUT1\_N are used here as an example.

## GTH TX/RX Loopback Connections

Refer to [Figure 1-2, page 8](#) to identify the P and N coax cables that are connected to the four receivers (RX0, RX1, RX2 and RX3) and the four transmitters (TX0, TX1, TX2 and TX3). Use eight SMA female-to-female (F-F) adapters ([Figure 1-5](#)) to connect the transmit and receive cables as shown in [Figure 1-6](#) and as detailed below:

- TX0\_P → SMA F-F Adapter → RX0\_P
- TX0\_N → SMA F-F Adapter → RX0\_N
- TX1\_P → SMA F-F Adapter → RX1\_P
- TX1\_N → SMA F-F Adapter → RX1\_N
- TX2\_P → SMA F-F Adapter → RX2\_P
- TX2\_N → SMA F-F Adapter → RX2\_N
- TX3\_P → SMA F-F Adapter → RX3\_P
- TX3\_N → SMA F-F Adapter → RX3\_N



Figure 1-5: SMA F-F Adapter

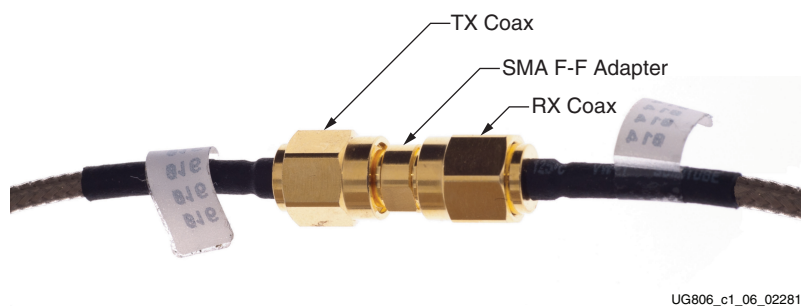
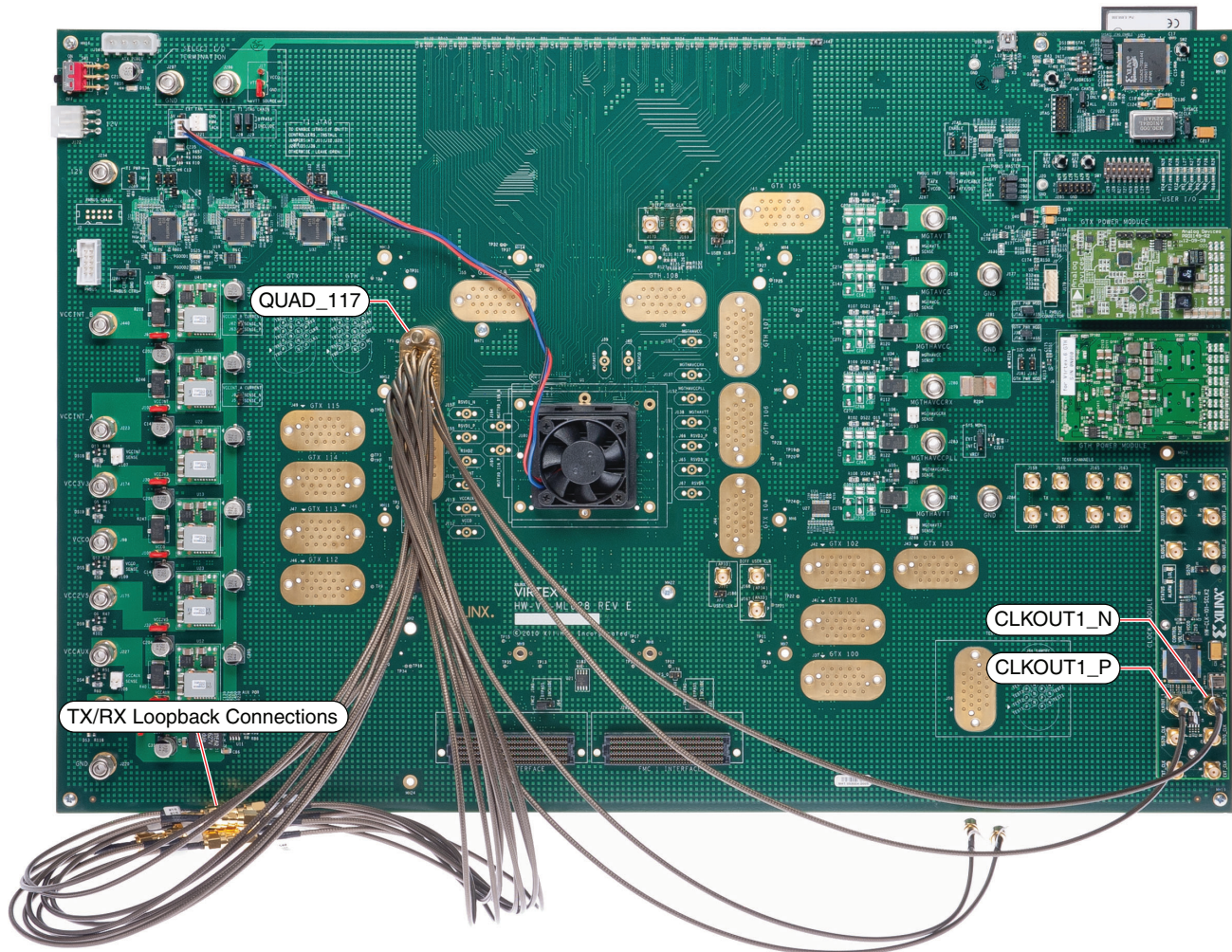


Figure 1-6: TX-To-RX Loopback Connection Example

Figure 1-7 shows the ML628 board with the cable connections required for the Quad 117 GTH IBERT demonstration.



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Figure 1-7: Cable Connections for Quad 117 GTH IBERT Demonstration

## Configuring the FPGA

This section describes how to configure the FPGA using the CF cards included with the board. The FPGA can also be configured through ChipScope Pro or iMPACT software using the .bit files which are available online (as collection rdf0116\_13-1.zip) at:

[http://www.xilinx.com/products/boards/ml628/reference\\_designs.htm](http://www.xilinx.com/products/boards/ml628/reference_designs.htm)

To configure from the CF card:

1. Insert the CF card labeled *IBERT #1* into the CF card reader slot located on the bottom-side (upper-right corner) of the board.
2. Plug the 12V output from the power adapter into connector J122.
3. Connect the programming cable to the host computer. Any of these cables can be used:
  - Platform Cable USB-II (DLC10)
  - Platform Cable USB (DLC9, DLC9G or DLC9LP)



- Parallel Cable IV (PC4)

Connect the ribbon cable between the programming cable and the ML628 board at JTAG connector J1.

4. Select the GTH IBERT demonstration with the System Ace™ controller CFG ADDRESS switch, SW3. The setting on this 3-bit DIP switch (Figure 1-8) selects the file used to configure the FPGA. A switch is in the ON position if it switched towards the ON text printed on the DIP; otherwise, it is OFF. For the Quad 117 GTH IBERT demonstration, set: ADR2 = ON, ADR1 = OFF, and ADR0 = OFF.

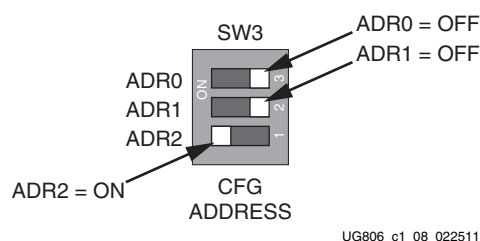


Figure 1-8: Configuration Address DIP Switch (SW3)

There is one IBERT demonstration design for each GTH and GTX Quad on the ML628 board, for a total of 16 designs. The designs are organized and stored on the two CF cards (*IBERT #1* and *IBERT #2*) as shown in Table 1-1.

Table 1-1: CF Card Contents and Configuration Addresses

CF Card	Demonstration Design	ADR2	ADR1	ADR0
IBERT #1	GTH Quad 106	OFF	OFF	OFF
	GTH Quad 107	OFF	OFF	ON
	GTH Quad 108	OFF	ON	OFF
	GTH Quad 116	OFF	ON	ON
	GTH Quad 117	ON	OFF	OFF
	GTH Quad 118	ON	OFF	ON
	GTX Quad 100	ON	ON	OFF
	GTX Quad 101	ON	ON	ON
IBERT #2	GTX Quad 102	OFF	OFF	OFF
	GTX Quad 103	OFF	OFF	ON
	GTX Quad 104	OFF	ON	OFF
	GTX Quad 105	OFF	ON	ON
	GTX Quad 112	ON	OFF	OFF
	GTX Quad 113	ON	OFF	ON
	GTX Quad 114	ON	ON	OFF
	GTX Quad 115	ON	ON	ON

5. Place the main power switch SW1 to the ON position.



## Setting Up the ChipScope Pro Software

1. Start the ChipScope Pro analyzer tool on the host computer and select **File** → **Open Project**.
2. When the Project window opens, navigate to the directory where the ChipScope software project files (.cpj) were extracted. Select `m1628_gth.cpj` and click **Open**.  
The .cpj file loads pre-saved project settings for the demonstration including MGT/IBERT and clock module control parameters. For more information regarding MGT/IBERT settings, refer to [www.xilinx.com/support/documentation/sw\\_manuals/xilinx13\\_1/chipscope\\_pro\\_sw\\_cores\\_ug029.pdf](http://www.xilinx.com/support/documentation/sw_manuals/xilinx13_1/chipscope_pro_sw_cores_ug029.pdf), UG029 - ChipScope Pro Software Cores.
3. Click the **Open Cable** button (Figure 1-9).

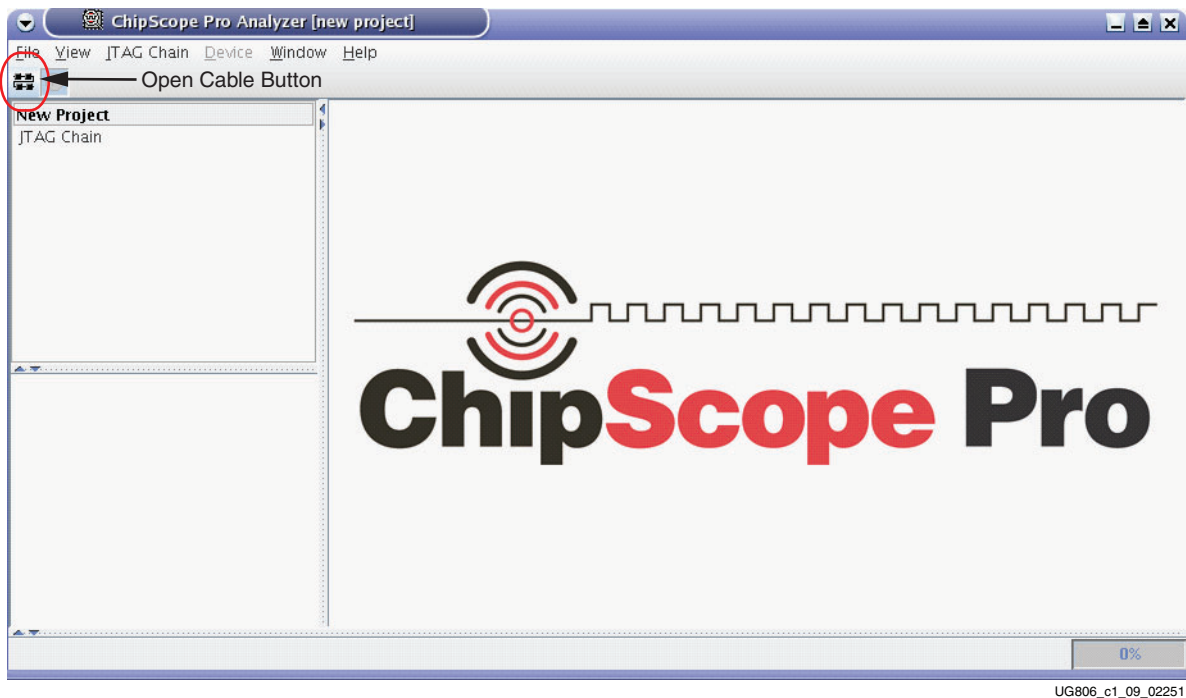


Figure 1-9: Open Cable Button

4. When the dialog opens asking to set up the core with the settings from the current project, click **Yes** (Figure 1-10).

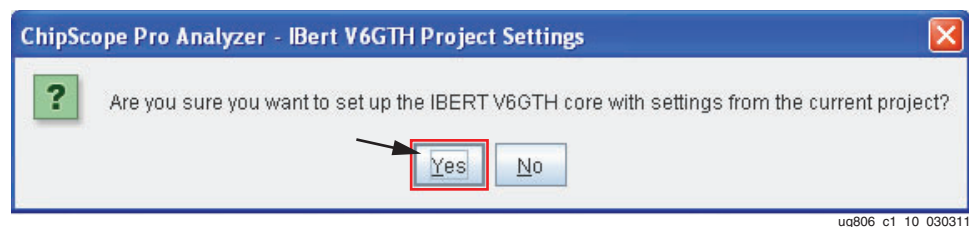


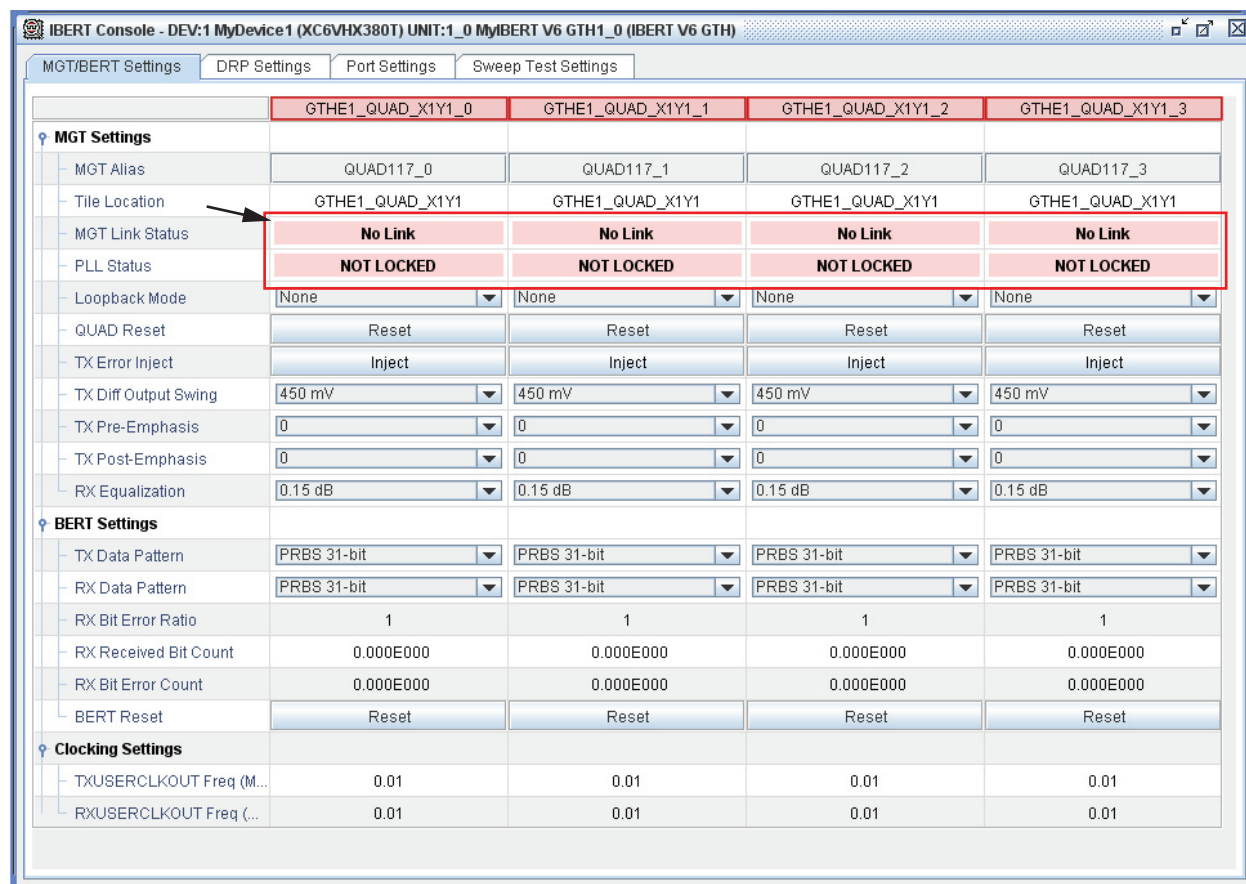
Figure 1-10: Core Settings Dialog

**Note:** After completing step 4, the IBERT Console will open and display **No Link** on all four lanes (Figure 1-11) and error messages will begin scrolling in the status panel at the bottom of the GUI (Figure 1-12). This is due to a limitation in this revision of the GTH IBERT core. At this point the IBERT core is loaded and running, but the outputs of the Si5368 on the SuperClock-2

module are not enabled. Normally, a graceful re-start can be achieved by enabling the reference clock and resetting the core. However, the issue is that the signal from the QUAD Reset button does not reach the reset logic in the core. The workaround is to reload the core which is described later in this procedure. This limitation will be fixed in a later release.

**Note:** Unlike the Si5368, the Si570 on the SuperClock-2 module is an always-on clock source. As such, this problem will not be observed if this procedure is run with the GTH reference clock inputs connected to Si570 outputs on the SuperClock-2 module (Si570\_CLK\_P and Si570\_CLK\_N).

**Note:** This is a limitation of the GTH IBERT core only. It does not exist in the GTX IBERT core.



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Figure 1-11: GTH IBERT 2.03a with No Reference Clock

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INFO: ChipScope Pro Analyzer version: 13.1.0.400 (build 13100.11.04.704)

COMMAND: open_project "F:\ML628_Production_Test\03_IBERT_TEST\ml628_gth.cpj"
COMMAND: open_cable
INFO: Started ChipScope host (localhost:50001)
INFO: Successfully opened connection to server: localhost:50001 (localhost\127.0.0.1)
INFO: Trying to open Xilinx Platform USB Cable on port USB2
INFO: Successfully opened Xilinx Platform USB Cable
INFO: Cable: Platform Cable USB II, Port: USB21, Speed: 3 MHz
INFO: Found 2 Core Units in the JTAG device Chain.
ERROR - Device 1 Unit 1_0: Invalid Fabric Width for GTHE1_QUAD_X1Y1_0- XSDB interface may be corrupted
ERROR - Device 1 Unit 1_0: Invalid Fabric Width for GTHE1_QUAD_X1Y1_1- XSDB interface may be corrupted
ERROR - Device 1 Unit 1_0: Invalid Fabric Width for GTHE1_QUAD_X1Y1_2- XSDB interface may be corrupted
ERROR - Device 1 Unit 1_0: Invalid Fabric Width for GTHE1_QUAD_X1Y1_3- XSDB interface may be corrupted

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Figure 1-12: GTH IBERT 2.03a with No Reference Clock

## Starting the SuperClock-2 Module

The IBERT demonstration designs use an integrated ChipScope Pro software VIO core to control the clocks on the SuperClock-2 module. The SuperClock-2 module features two clock-source components: 1) An always-on Si570 crystal oscillator and, 2) an Si5386 jitter-attenuating clock multiplier. Outputs from either device can be used to drive the transceiver reference clocks. To start the SuperClock-2 Module:

1. In the Project Panel, double-click **VIO Console** (Figure 1-13).

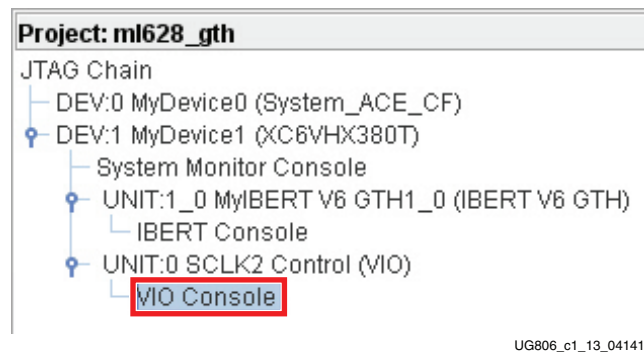


Figure 1-13: Project Panel - VIO Console (GTH)

2. The clock sources on the SuperClock-2 module are controlled from the VIO Console. Click on the **Si5368 Start** button (Figure 1-14) to enable the clock output.

**Note:** The ROM address values for the Si5360 and Si570 devices (i.e., Si5368 ROM Addr and Si570 ROM Addr) are preset to 44 to produce an output frequency of 174.69 MHz. Entering a different ROM address changes the reference clock(s) frequency. The complete list of pre-programmed SuperClock-2 frequencies and their associated ROM addresses is provided in Table 1-2, page 31.

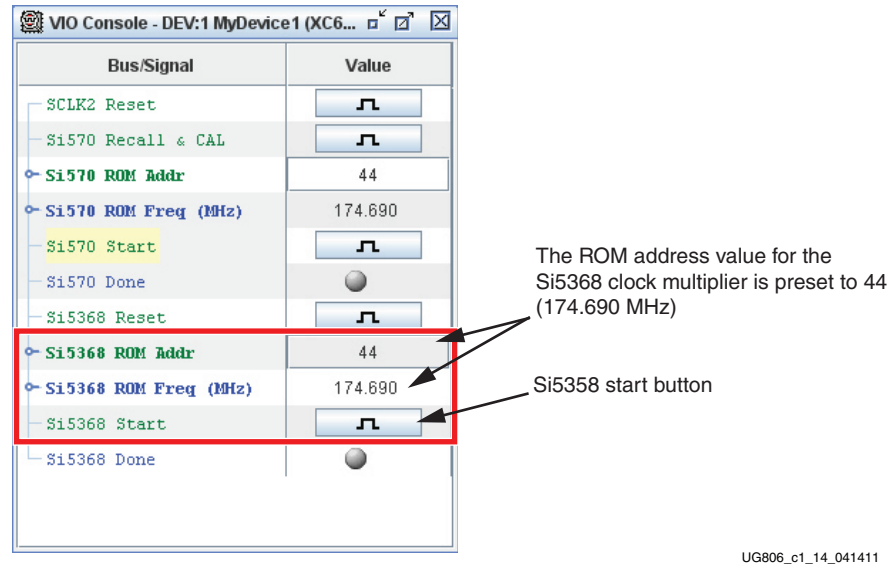
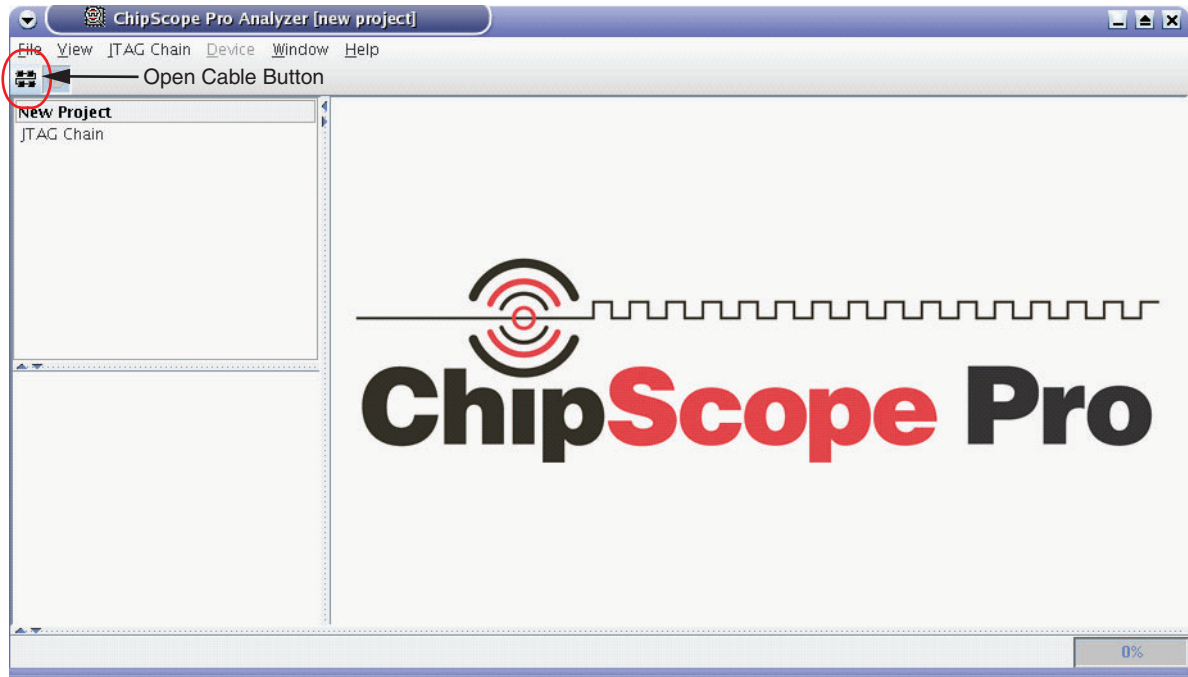


Figure 1-14: Si5368 Address, Frequency and Start Button

**Note:** Perform [step 3](#) through [step 8](#) as part of the GTH IBERT workaround described previously in this procedure (see notes included with [step 4](#), [page 13](#)).

3. Close the ChipScope application by selecting **File** → **Exit**. Do not save the changes when prompted. Do not power down the board.
4. Press and release the System ACE controller reset button (SW2) on the ML628 board to reload the GTH IBERT demonstration design.
5. Restart the ChipScope application and select **File** → **Open Project**.
6. When the Open Project window appears, select `ml628_gth.cpj` and click **Open**.
7. Click the **Open Cable** button ([Figure 1-15](#)).

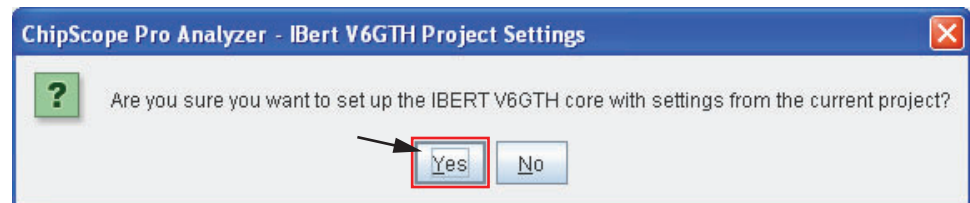


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Figure 1-15: Open Cable Button

8. When the dialog appears asking to set up the core with the settings from the current project, click **Yes** (Figure 1-16).

**Note:** Restarting the SuperClock-2 module is not required. The Si5268 clock outputs will be enabled and running at the correct frequency.



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Figure 1-16: IBERT V6GTH Project Settings

9. In the project panel, double-click **IBERT Console** (Figure 1-17).

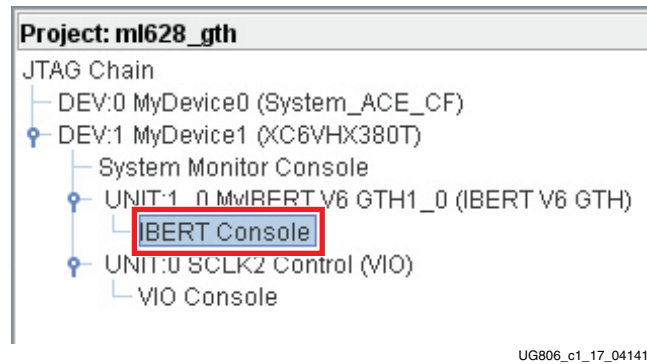


Figure 1-17: Project Panel - IBERT Console (GTH)

10. At the top of the ChipScope Pro analyzer window, click the **Reset All** button (Figure 1-18).

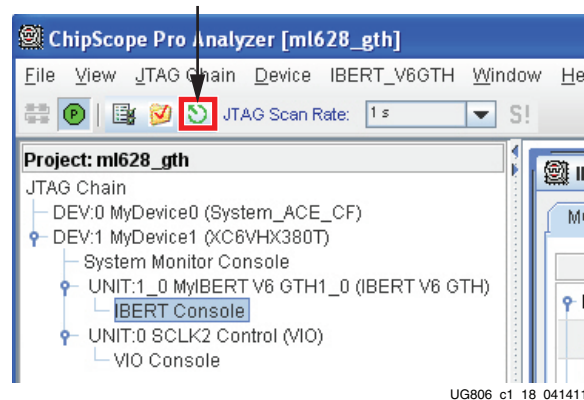


Figure 1-18: Reset All Button

11. When prompted “Are you sure you want to reset all Channels and Counters?” Click **Yes**.

## Viewing GTH Transceiver Operation

After completing [step 11](#) in [Starting the SuperClock-2 Module](#), the IBERT demonstration is configured and running. The status and test settings are displayed on the **MGT/IBERT Settings** tab in the IBERT Console shown in [Figure 1-19](#).

Note the line rate, TX differential output swing, and RX bit error count:

- The line rate for all four GTX transceivers is 11.18 Gps (see **MGT Link Status** in [Figure 1-19](#)).
- The GTX transmitter differential output swing is preset to 800 mV.
- Verify that there are no bit errors. If the count is not zero, see [In Case of RX Bit Errors](#).

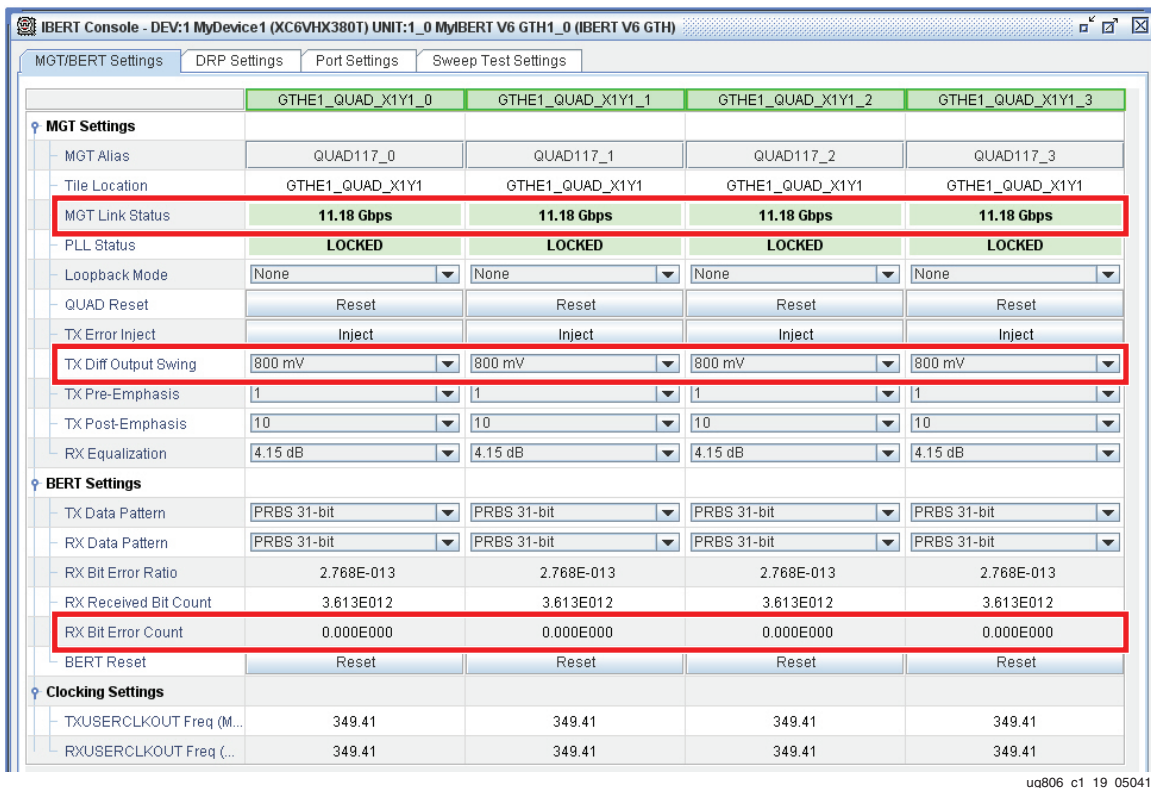


Figure 1-19: GTH IBERT Console

## In Case of RX Bit Errors

If after the **Reset All** button (Figure 1-18) has been pressed the **RX Bit Error Count** for one or more Quads displays a non-zero value, click the respective BERT **Reset** button (Figure 1-20) to zero the count.

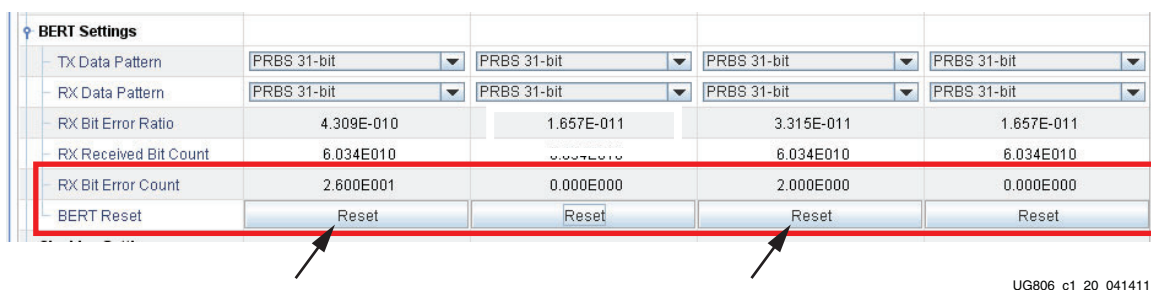


Figure 1-20: Resetting the RX Bit Error Count

If RX bit errors persist after clicking the BERT **Reset** buttons, additional tuning of the transceivers might be required and/or one or more DC blocks might need to be installed in line with the loopback cables. See [DC Blocks](#) for installation instructions.

## DC Blocks

The GTH receiver analog front end (AFE) does not support DC coupling (see [UG371](#), *Virtex-6 FPGA GTH Transceivers User Guide* for details). For this reason, a DC component in



the signal can result in bit errors being observed by the receiver. Sixteen in-line DC blocks are included with the ML628 board and are provided to filter the DC component in the signal path. To use the DC block in loopback, screw one end into the SMA F-F adapter and then connect the RX and TX cables to each end of the union (Figure 1-21). Install a DC block to both the P and N signals of each lane where bit errors are observed.

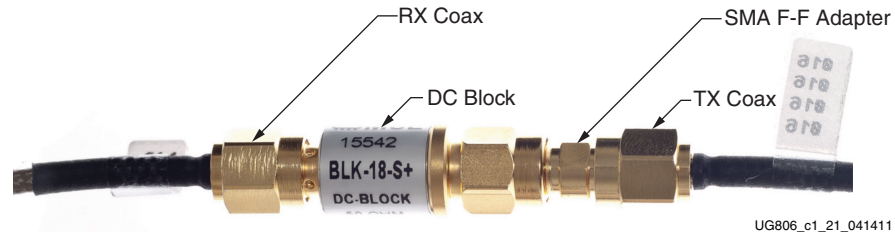


Figure 1-21: Loopback Connection with DC Block

## Closing the IBERT Demonstration

To stop the IBERT demonstration:

1. Close the ChipScope application by selecting **File** → **Exit**.  
**Note:** Do not save changes to the project.
2. Place the main power switch SW1 in the off position.

## More Information

Additional information on the ChipScope Pro software and GTH IBERT core can be found in:

- [www.xilinx.com/support/documentation/sw\\_manuals/xilinx13\\_1/chipscope\\_pro\\_sw\\_cores\\_ug029.pdf](http://www.xilinx.com/support/documentation/sw_manuals/xilinx13_1/chipscope_pro_sw_cores_ug029.pdf), UG029 - ChipScope Pro Software Cores
- [http://www.xilinx.com/support/documentation/ip\\_documentation/chipscope\\_ibert\\_virtex6\\_gth.pdf](http://www.xilinx.com/support/documentation/ip_documentation/chipscope_ibert_virtex6_gth.pdf), DS755 - ChipScope Integrated Bit Error Ratio Test (IBERT) for Virtex-6 GTH.

## Running the GTX IBERT Demonstration

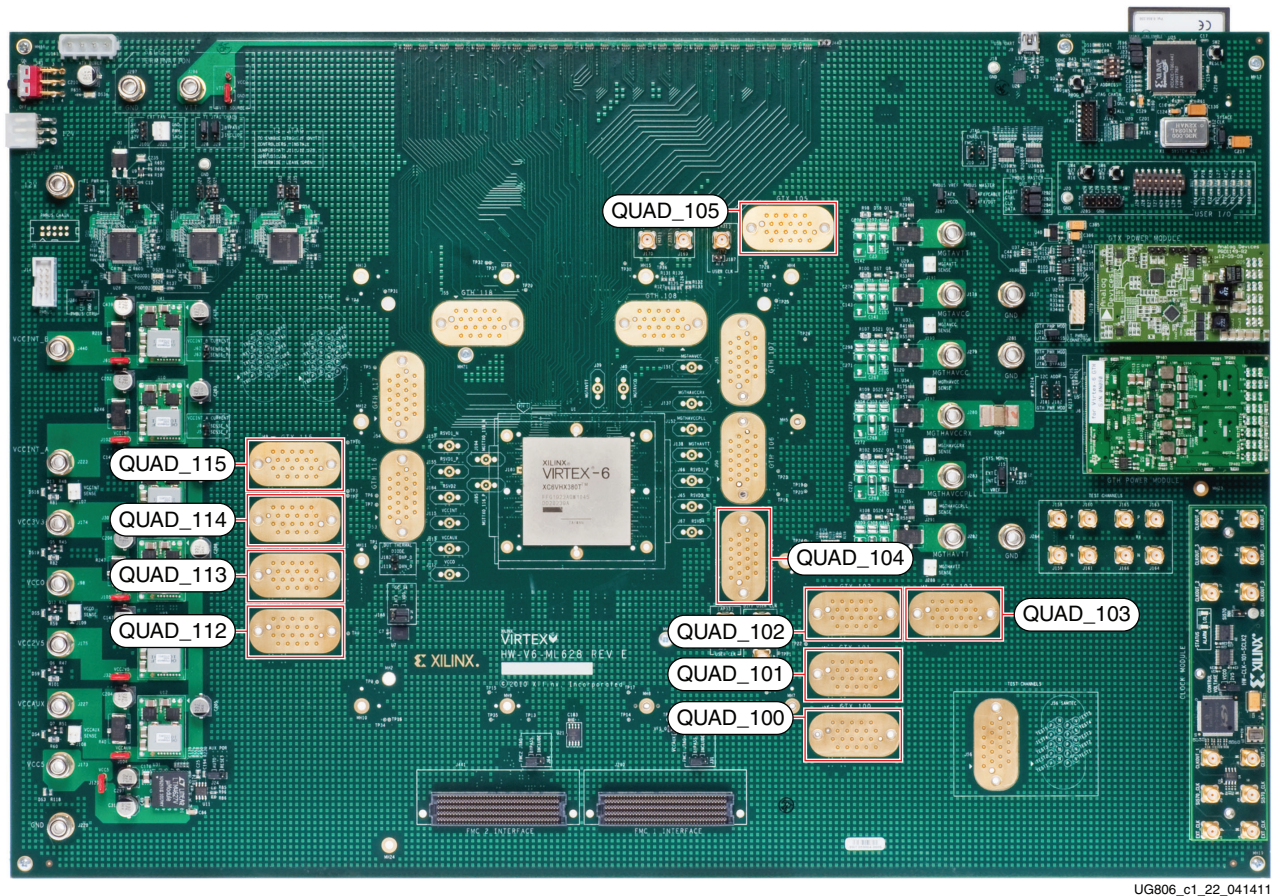
The GTX IBERT demonstration operates one GTX Quad at a time. This section describes how to test GTX Quad 100. The remaining GTX Quads are tested following a similar series of steps. The GTH IBERT demonstration is described in [Running the GTH IBERT Demonstration](#), page 7.

## Connecting the GTX Transceivers and Reference Clocks

Figure 1-22 shows the locations for GTX transceiver Quads 100, 101, 102, 103, 104, 105, 112, 113, 114, and 115 on the ML628 board.

**Note:** Figure 1-22 is for reference only and might not reflect the current revision of the board.

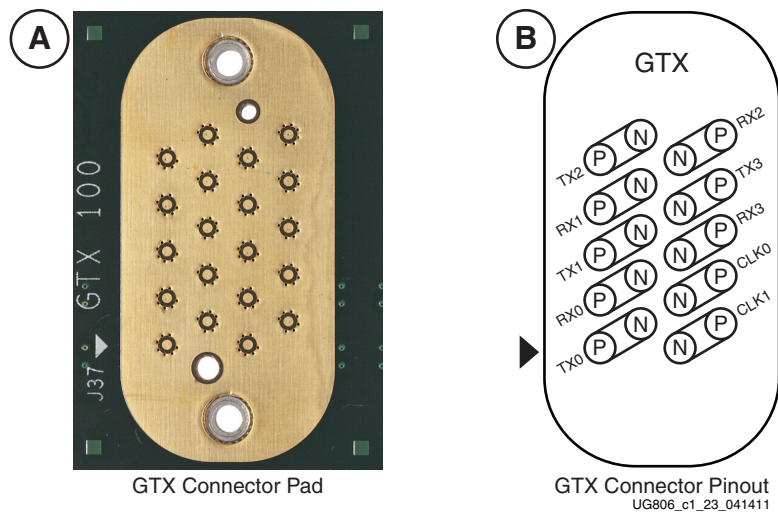




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Figure 1-22: GTX Quad Locations

All GTX transceiver pins and reference clock pins are routed from the FPGA to a connector pad which interfaces with Samtec BullsEye connectors. [Figure 1-23 A](#) shows the connector pad. [Figure 1-23 B](#) shows the connector pinout.



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Figure 1-23: A – GTX Connector Pad. B – GTX Connector Pinout

The SuperClock-2 module provides LVDS clock outputs for the GTX and GTH transceiver reference clocks in the IBERT demonstrations. [Figure 1-3, page 9](#) shows the locations of the differential clock SMA connectors on the clock module which can be connected to the reference clock cables. The four SMA pairs labeled CLKOUT provide LVDS clock outputs from the Si5368 clock multiplier/jitter attenuator device on the clock module. The SMA pair labeled Si570\_CLK provides LVPECL clock output from the Si570 programmable oscillator on the clock module. For the GTH IBERT demonstration, the output clock frequencies are preset to 174.690 MHz. For more information regarding the SuperClock-2 module, refer to [UG770, HW-CLK-101-SCLK2 SuperClock-2 Module User Guide](#).

## Attach the GTX Quad Connector

Attach the Samtec BullsEye connector to GTX Quad 100 ([Figure 1-24](#)), aligning the two indexing pins on the bottom of the connector with the guide holes on the board. Hold the connector flush with the board and fasten it by tightening the two captive screws.

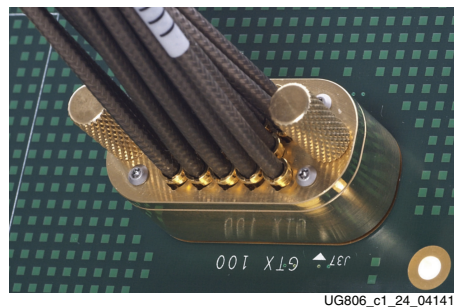


Figure 1-24: BullsEye Connector Attached to Quad 100

## GTX Transceiver Clock Connections

Refer to [Figure 1-22, page 21](#) to identify the P and N coax cables that are connected to the two reference clock inputs (CLK0 and CLK1). Connect these cables to the SuperClock-2 Module as follows:

- CLK0\_P coax cable → SMA connector J5 (CLKOUT1\_P) on the SuperClock-2 Module
- CLK0\_N coax cable → SMA connector J6 (CLKOUT1\_N) on the SuperClock-2 Module
- CLK1\_P coax cable → SMA connector J7 (CLKOUT2\_P) on the SuperClock-2 Module
- CLK1\_N coax cable → SMA connector J8 (CLKOUT2\_N) on the SuperClock-2 Module

**Note:** Any one of the five differential outputs from the SuperClock-2 Module can be used to source the GTX reference clock. CLKOUT1\_P, CLKOUT1\_N, CLKOUT2\_P, and CLKOUT2\_N are used here as an example.

## GTX TX/RX Loopback Connections

Refer to [Figure 1-22, page 21](#) to identify the P and N coax cables that are connected to the four receivers (RX0, RX1, RX2 and RX3) and the four transmitters (TX0, TX1, TX2 and TX3). Use eight SMA female-to-female (F-F) adapters ([Figure 1-25](#)), to connect the transmit and receive cables as shown in [Figure 1-26](#) and detailed below:

- TX0\_P → SMA F-F Adapter → RX0\_P
- TX0\_N → SMA F-F Adapter → RX0\_N
- TX1\_P → SMA F-F Adapter → RX1\_P

- TX1\_N → SMA F-F Adapter → RX1\_N
- TX2\_P → SMA F-F Adapter → RX2\_P
- TX2\_N → SMA F-F Adapter → RX2\_N
- TX3\_P → SMA F-F Adapter → RX3\_P
- TX3\_N → SMA F-F Adapter → RX3\_N



Figure 1-25: SMA F-F Adapter

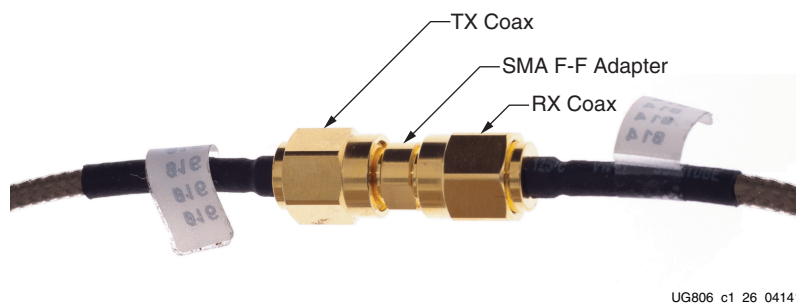


Figure 1-26: TX-To-RX Loopback Connection Example



Figure 1-27 shows the ML628 board with the cable connections required for the Quad 100 GTX IBERT demonstration.

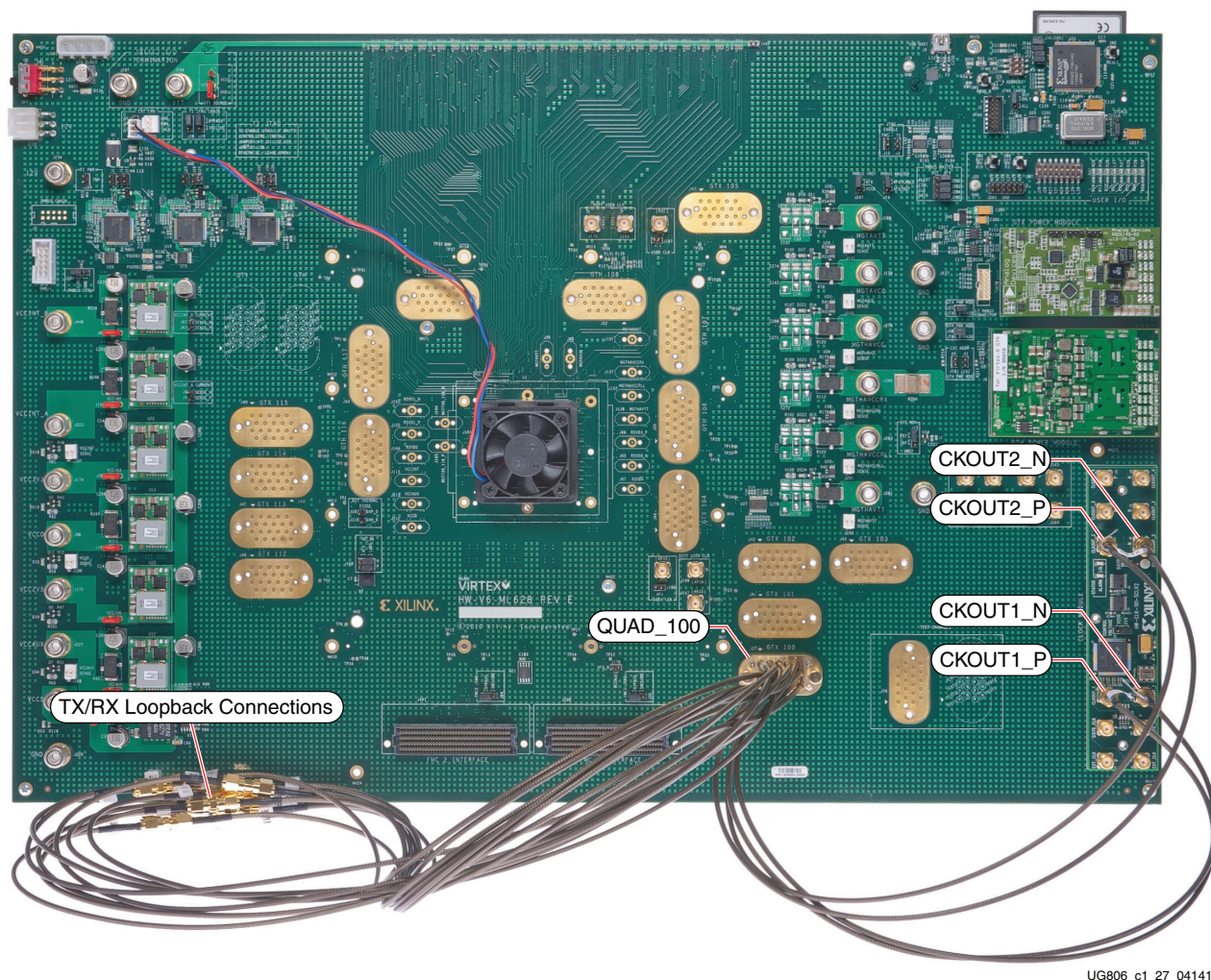


Figure 1-27: Cable Connections for Quad 100 GTX IBERT Demonstration

## Configuring the FPGA

This section describes how to configure the FPGA using the CF cards included with the board. The FPGA can also be configured through ChipScope Pro or iMPACT software using the .bit files which are available online (as collection rdf0116\_13-1.zip) at:

[http://www.xilinx.com/products/boards/ml628/reference\\_designs.htm](http://www.xilinx.com/products/boards/ml628/reference_designs.htm)

To configure from the CF card:

1. Insert the CF card labeled *IBERT #2* into the CF card reader slot located on the bottom-side (upper-right corner) of the board.
2. Plug the 12V output from the power adapter into connector J122.
3. Connect the programming cable to the host computer. Any of these cables can be used:
  - Platform Cable USB-II (DLC10)
  - Platform Cable USB (DLC9, DLC9G or DLC9LP)

- Parallel Cable IV (PC4)

Connect the ribbon cable between the programming cable and the ML628 board at JTAG connector J1.

4. Select the GTX IBERT demonstration with the System Ace controller CFG ADDRESS switch, SW3. The setting on this 3-bit DIP switch (Figure 1-28) selects the file used to configure the FPGA. A switch is in the ON position if it switched towards the ON text printed on the DIP; otherwise, it is OFF. For the Quad 100 GTH IBERT demonstration, set: ADR2 = ON, ADR1 = ON, and ADR0 = OFF.

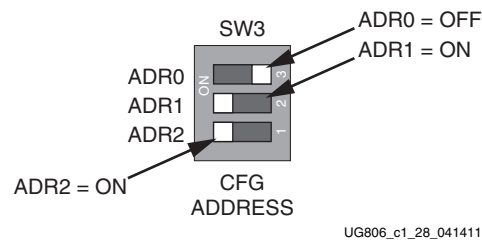


Figure 1-28: Configuration Address DIP Switch (SW3)

There is one IBERT demonstration design for each GTX and GTH Quad on the ML628 board, for a total of 16 designs. The designs are organized and stored on the two CF cards (*IBERT #1* and *IBERT #2*) as shown in Table 1-1, page 12.

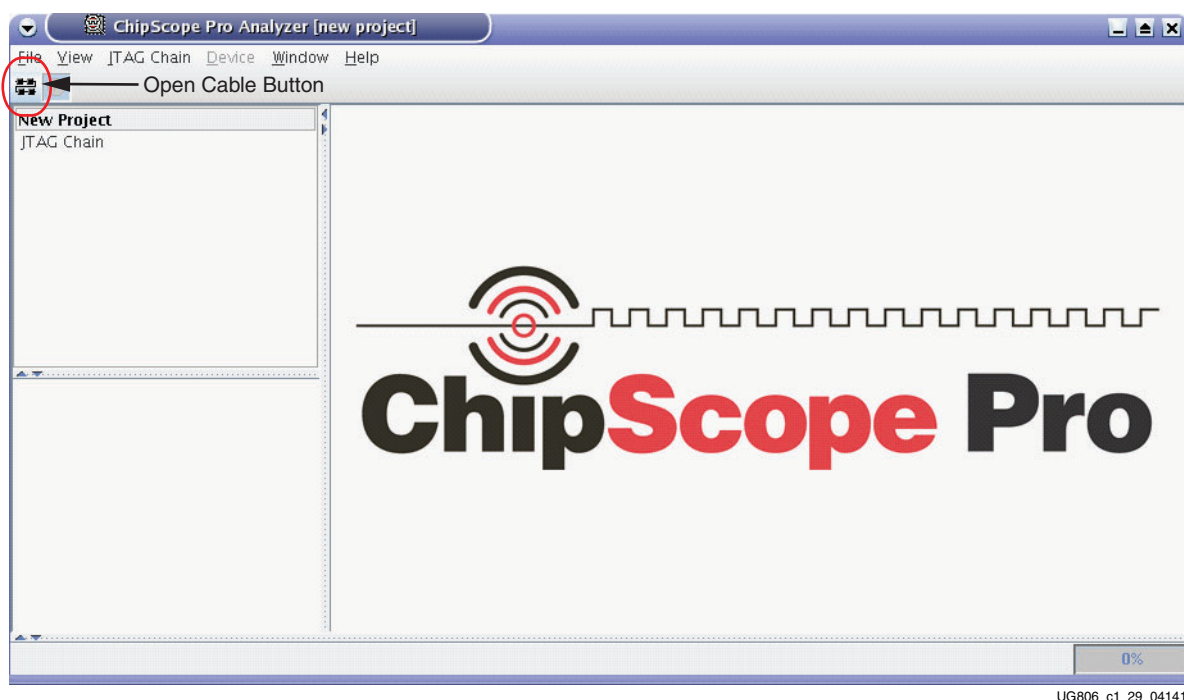
5. Place the main power switch SW1 to the ON position.

## Setting Up the ChipScope Pro Software

1. Start the ChipScope Pro analyzer tools on the host computer and select **File** → **Open Project**.
2. When the Project window opens, navigate to the directory where the ChipScope software project files (.cpj) were extracted. Select ml628\_gtx.cpj and click **Open**.

**Note:** The .cpj file loads pre-saved project settings for the demonstration including MGT/IBERT and clock module control parameters. For more information regarding MGT/IBERT settings, refer to [www.xilinx.com/support/documentation/sw\\_manuals/xilinx13\\_1/chipscope\\_pro\\_sw\\_cores\\_ug029.pdf](http://www.xilinx.com/support/documentation/sw_manuals/xilinx13_1/chipscope_pro_sw_cores_ug029.pdf), UG029 - ChipScope Pro Software Cores.

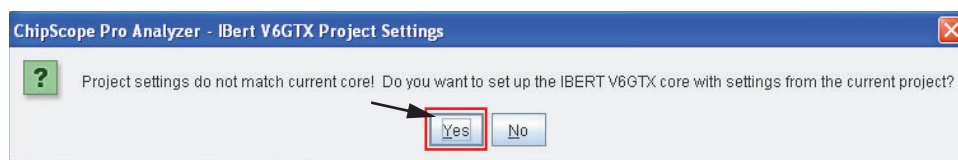
3. Click the **Open Cable** button (Figure 1-29).



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Figure 1-29: Open Cable Button

4. When the dialog appears asking to set up the core with the settings from the current project, click **Yes** (Figure 1-30).



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Figure 1-30: Core Settings Dialog

## Starting the SuperClock-2 Module

The IBERT demonstration designs use an integrated ChipScope Pro software VIO core to control the clocks on the SuperClock-2 module. The SuperClock-2 module features two clock-source components: 1) An always-on Si570 crystal oscillator and, 2) an Si5386 jitter-attenuating clock multiplier. Outputs from either device can be used to drive the transceiver reference clocks. To start the SuperClock-2 Module:

1. In the Project Panel, double-click **VIO Console** (Figure 1-31).

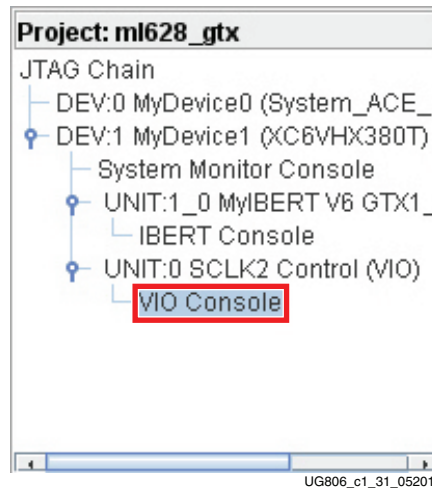


Figure 1-31: Project Panel - VIO Console (GTX)

2. The clock sources on the SuperClock-2 module are controlled from the VIO Console. Click on the **Si5368 Start** button (Figure 1-32) to enable the clock output.

**Note:** The ROM address values for the Si5360 and Si570 devices (i.e., Si5368 ROM Addr and Si570 ROM Addr) are preset to 2 to produce an output frequency of 162.500 MHz. Entering a different ROM address changes the reference clock(s) frequency. The complete list of pre-programmed SuperClock-2 frequencies and their associated ROM addresses is provided in Table 1-2, page 31.

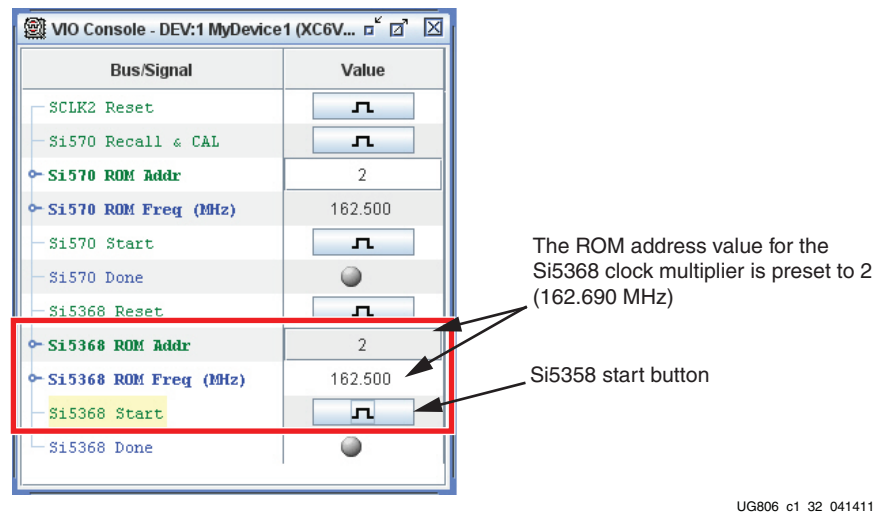


Figure 1-32: Si5368 Address, Frequency and Start Button



3. In the project panel, double-click **IBERT Console** (Figure 1-33).

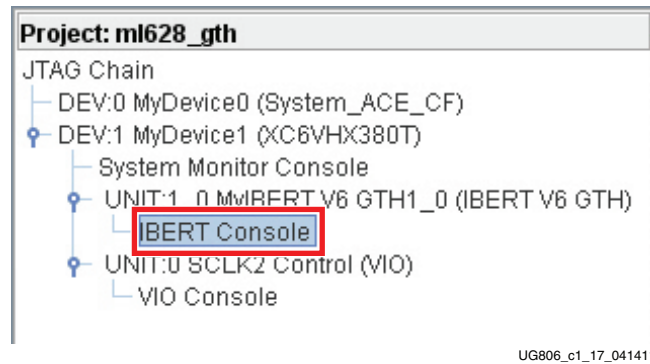


Figure 1-33: Project Panel - IBERT Console (GTX)

4. At the top of the ChipScope Pro analyzer window, click the **Reset All** button (Figure 1-34).



Figure 1-34: Reset All Button

5. When prompted “Are you sure you want to reset all Channels and Counters?” Click **Yes**.

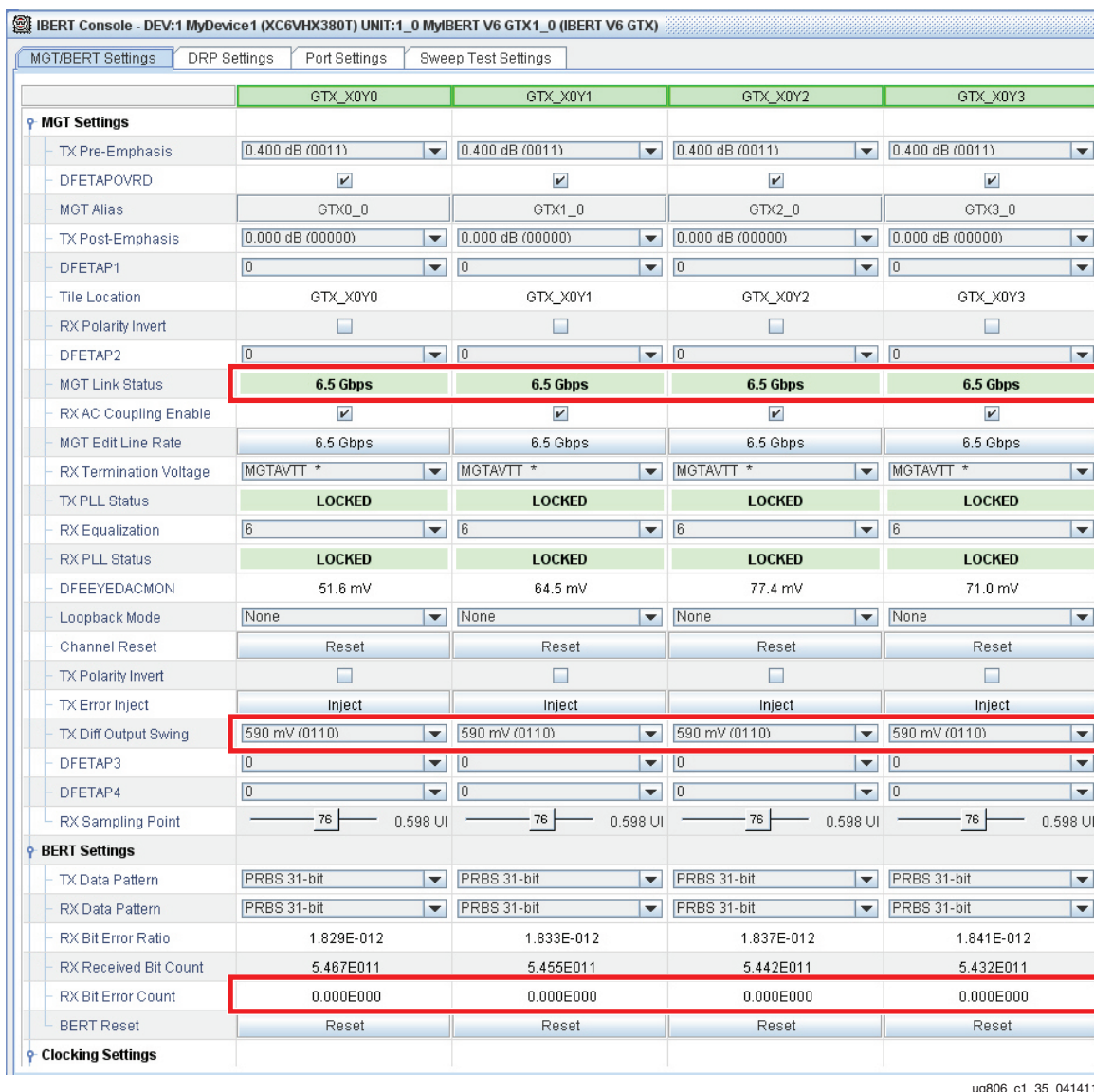
## Viewing GTX Transceiver Operation

After completing [step 5](#) in [Starting the SuperClock-2 Module](#), the IBERT demonstration is configured and running. The status and test settings are displayed on the **MGT/IBERT Settings** tab in the IBERT Console shown in [Figure 1-35](#).

Note the line rate, TX differential output swing, and RX bit error count:

- The line rate for all four GTX transceivers is 6.5 Gps (see **MGT Link Status** in [Figure 1-35](#)).
- The GTX transmitter differential output swing is preset to 590 mV.
- Verify that there are no bit errors.





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Figure 1-35: GTX IBERT Console

Additional information on the ChipScope Pro software and IBERT core can be found in:

- [www.xilinx.com/support/documentation/sw\\_manuals/xilinx13\\_1/chipscope\\_pro\\_sw\\_cores\\_ug029.pdf](http://www.xilinx.com/support/documentation/sw_manuals/xilinx13_1/chipscope_pro_sw_cores_ug029.pdf), UG029 - ChipScope Pro Software Cores
- [http://www.xilinx.com/support/documentation/ip\\_documentation/chipscope\\_ibert\\_virtex6\\_gth.pdf](http://www.xilinx.com/support/documentation/ip_documentation/chipscope_ibert_virtex6_gth.pdf), DS755 - ChipScope Integrated Bit Error Ratio Test (IBERT) for Virtex-6 GTH.

## Closing the IBERT Demonstration

To stop the IBERT demonstration:

1. Close the ChipScope application by selecting **File** → **Exit**.

**Note:** Do not save changes to the project.

2. Place the main power switch SW1 in the off position.

## More Information

Additional information on the ChipScope Pro software and GTH IBERT core can be found in:

- [www.xilinx.com/support/documentation/sw\\_manuals/xilinx13\\_1/chipscope\\_pro\\_sw\\_cores\\_ug029.pdf](http://www.xilinx.com/support/documentation/sw_manuals/xilinx13_1/chipscope_pro_sw_cores_ug029.pdf), UG029 - *ChipScope Pro Software Cores*
- [http://www.xilinx.com/support/documentation/ip\\_documentation/chipscope\\_ibert\\_virtex6\\_gtx.pdf](http://www.xilinx.com/support/documentation/ip_documentation/chipscope_ibert_virtex6_gtx.pdf), DS732 - *ChipScope Integrated Bit Error Ratio Test (IBERT) for Virtex-6 GTX*.

# SuperClock-2 Frequency Table

Table 1-2 lists the addresses for the frequencies that are programmed into the SuperClock-2 read-only-memory (ROM).

**Table 1-2: Si570 and Si5368 Frequency Table**

Address	Protocol	Frequency (MHz)	Address	Protocol	Frequency (MHz)	Address	Protocol	Frequency (MHz)
0	100GE/40GE/10GE	161.130	30	OBSAI	307.200	60	XAUI	156.250
1	Aurora	81.250	31	OBSAI	614.400	61	XAUI	312.500
2	Aurora	162.500	32	OC-48	19.440	62	XAUI	625.000
3	Aurora	325.000	33	OC-48	77.760	63	Generic	66.667
4	Aurora	650.000	34	OC-48	155.520	64	Generic	133.333
5	CE111	173.370	35	OC-48	311.040	65	Generic	166.667
6	CPRI	61.440	36	OC-48	622.080	66	Generic	266.667
7	CPRI	122.880	37	OTU-1	166.629	67	Generic	333.333
8	CPRI	153.630	38	OTU-1	333.257	68	Generic	533.333
9	CPRI	245.760	39	OTU-1	666.514	69	Generic	644.000
10	CPRI	491.520	40	OTU-1	666.750	70	Generic	666.667
11	Display Port	67.500	41	OTU-2	167.330	71	Generic	205.000
12	Display Port	81.000	42	OTU-2	669.310	72	Generic	210.000
13	Display Port	135.000	43	OTU-3	168.050	73	Generic	215.000
14	Display Port	162.000	44	OTU-4	174.690	74	Generic	220.000
15	Fibrechannel	106.250	45	PCIe	100.000	75	Generic	225.000
16	Fibrechannel	212.500	46	PCIe	125.000	76	Generic	230.000
17	Fibrechannel	425.000	47	PCIe	250.000	77	Generic	235.000
18	GigE	62.500	48	SATA	75.000	78	Generic	240.000
19	GigE	125.000	49	SATA	150.000	79	Generic	245.000
20	GigE	250.000	50	SATA	300.000	80	Generic	250.000
21	GigE	500.000	51	SATA	600.000	81	Generic	255.000
22	GPON	187.500	52	SDI	74.250	82	Generic	260.000
23	Interlaken	132.813	53	SDI	148.500	83	Generic	265.000
24	Interlaken	195.313	54	SDI	297.000	84	Generic	270.000
25	Interlaken	265.625	55	SDI	594.000	85	Generic	275.000
26	Interlaken	390.625	56	SMPTE435M	167.063	86	Generic	280.000
27	Interlaken	531.250	57	SMPTE435M	334.125	87	Generic	285.000
28	OBSAI	76.800	58	SMPTE435M	668.250	88	Generic	290.000
29	OBSAI	153.600	59	XAUI	78.125	89	Generic	295.000

Table 1-2: Si570 and Si5368 Frequency Table (Cont'd)

Address	Protocol	Frequency (MHz)	Address	Protocol	Frequency (MHz)	Address	Protocol	Frequency (MHz)
90	Generic	300.000	103	Generic	365.000	116	Generic	430.000
91	Generic	305.000	104	Generic	370.000	117	Generic	435.000
92	Generic	310.000	105	Generic	375.000	118	Generic	440.000
93	Generic	315.000	106	Generic	380.000	119	Generic	445.000
94	Generic	320.000	107	Generic	385.000	120	Generic	450.000
95	Generic	325.000	108	Generic	390.000	121	Generic	455.000
96	Generic	330.000	109	Generic	395.000	122	Generic	460.000
97	Generic	335.000	110	Generic	400.000	123	Generic	465.000
98	Generic	340.000	111	Generic	405.000	124	Generic	470.000
99	Generic	345.000	112	Generic	410.000	125	Generic	475.000
100	Generic	350.000	113	Generic	415.000	126	Generic	480.000
101	Generic	355.000	114	Generic	420.000	127	Generic	485.000
102	Generic	360.000	115	Generic	425.000			

## IBERT Demonstration Designs

This section provides an overview of the source files used to generate the IBERT demonstrations provided with ML628 board.

To rebuild the designs shown here, you must have an installation of ISE Design Suite version 13.1 or higher.

### Source Directories and Files

The file `rdf0116_13-1.zip` contains the source files for 16 individual designs (one for each GTH and GTX Quad on the ML628 board). The `.zip` file is located at:

[http://www.xilinx.com/products/boards/ml628/reference\\_designs.htm](http://www.xilinx.com/products/boards/ml628/reference_designs.htm).

Each design is saved in a separate directory:

```

ML628_gth_q106/      ML628_gtx_q100/
ML628_gth_q107/      ML628_gtx_q101/
ML628_gth_q108/      ML628_gtx_q102/
ML628_gth_q116/      ML628_gtx_q103/
ML628_gth_q117/      ML628_gtx_q104/
ML628_gth_q118/      ML628_gtx_q105/
                      ML628_gtx_q112/
                      ML628_gtx_q113/
                      ML628_gtx_q114/
                      ML628_gtx_q115/

```

The directory structures for the GTH and GTX designs are identical. For example:

```
ML628_gth_q117/  
  par/  
    example_ibert_v6_q117_top.bit  
    example_implement_ibert_v6_q117.prj  
    example_implement_ibert_v6_q117.xst  
    i2c_sclk2_control.ngc  
    ibert_v6_q117.ngc  
    icon_v6_1.ngc  
    implement.bat  
    vio_v6_si84_so78.ngc  
  src/  
    chipscope.v  
    example_ibert_v6_q117.v  
    i2c_sclk2_control_bb.v  
    ibert_v6_q117_top.ucf  
    vio_sclk2_control.v
```

Has the same structure as:

```
ML628_gtx_q100/  
  par/  
    example_ibert_v6_q100_top.bit  
    example_implement_ibert_v6_q100.prj  
    example_implement_ibert_v6_q100.xst  
    i2c_sclk2_control.ngc  
    ibert_v6_q100.ngc  
    icon_v6_1.ngc  
    implement.bat  
    vio_v6_si84_so78.ngc  
  src/  
    chipscope.v  
    example_ibert_v6_q100.v  
    i2c_sclk2_control_bb.v  
    ibert_v6_q100_top.ucf  
    vio_sclk2_control.v
```

The par directory contains the project, input and pre-compiled .ngc files required to build the demonstration. The .bit configuration file is also in the par directory.

## IBERT Design Files

The IBERT design files are described in this section.

### example\_ibert\_v6\_q1xx\_top.bit

The example\_ibert\_v6\_q1xx\_top.bit file is the FPGA bitstream (configuration) file for the IBERT demonstration. This file can be used to program the FPGA directly using ChipScope or iMPACT and a JTAG download cable.

### example\_implement\_ibert\_v6\_q1xx.prj

The example\_implement\_ibert\_v6\_q1xx.prj project file is used with the Xilinx Synthesis Technology (xst) synthesis application to provide a list of files associated with the design. The .prj file contains the language, library name (e.g., "work") and the design files. This .prj file is referenced in the .xst file.

For additional details on this file, see:

- [http://www.xilinx.com/support/documentation/sw\\_manuals/xilinx13\\_1/xst.pdf](http://www.xilinx.com/support/documentation/sw_manuals/xilinx13_1/xst.pdf), UG627 - XST User Guide for Virtex-4, Virtex-5, Spartan-3, and Newer CPLD Devices

### example\_implement\_ibert\_v6\_q1xx.xst

The `example_implement_ibert_v6_q1xx.xst` file contains the arguments that are passed to the xst synthesis application when the application is run in command line (i.e., script) mode.

For details on the arguments used in this file, see:

- [http://www.xilinx.com/support/documentation/sw\\_manuals/xilinx13\\_1/xst.pdf](http://www.xilinx.com/support/documentation/sw_manuals/xilinx13_1/xst.pdf), UG627 - XST User Guide for Virtex-4, Virtex-5, Spartan-3, and Newer CPLD Devices

### i2c\_sclk2\_control.ngc

The `i2c_sclk2_control.ngc` file is a binary implementation netlist file containing the logic and constraints required for the FPGA to control the SuperClock-2 module over an I<sup>2</sup>C interface. The SuperClock-2 frequency table is also contained in this module. A black box interface (`i2c_sclk2_control_bb.v`) is provided for synthesis, but the underlying HDL source code is not provided in the design package.

### ibert\_v6\_q1xx.ngc

The `ibert_v6_q1xx.ngc` file is a binary implementation netlist file containing the logic and constraints required to implement the ChipScope IBERT core in an FPGA.

`ibert_v6_q1xx.ngc` is created using the ISE Design Suite CORE Generator™. In the ML628 IBERT demonstration designs, each IBERT core is configured to support a single GTH or GTX Quad. For example, `ibert_v6_q117.ngc` is the GTH IBERT core for Quad 117. The flows for building the GTH and GTX IBERT cores for the demonstration designs are provided in [Creating the GTH IBERT Core, page 36](#) and [Creating the GTX IBERT Core, page 43](#)

For additional information on ChipScope IBERT cores, refer to following documents:

- [www.xilinx.com/support/documentation/sw\\_manuals/xilinx13\\_1/chipscope\\_pro\\_sw\\_cores\\_ug029.pdf](http://www.xilinx.com/support/documentation/sw_manuals/xilinx13_1/chipscope_pro_sw_cores_ug029.pdf), UG029 - ChipScope Pro Software Cores
- [http://www.xilinx.com/support/documentation/ip\\_documentation/chipscope\\_ibert\\_virtex6\\_gth.pdf](http://www.xilinx.com/support/documentation/ip_documentation/chipscope_ibert_virtex6_gth.pdf), DS755 - ChipScope Integrated Bit Error Ratio Test (IBERT) for Virtex-6 GTH.
- [http://www.xilinx.com/support/documentation/ip\\_documentation/chipscope\\_ibert\\_virtex6\\_gtx.pdf](http://www.xilinx.com/support/documentation/ip_documentation/chipscope_ibert_virtex6_gtx.pdf), DS732 - ChipScope Integrated Bit Error Ratio Test (IBERT) for Virtex-6 GTX.

### icon\_v6\_1.ngc

The `icon_v6_1.ngc` file is a binary implementation netlist file containing the logic and constraints required to implement the ChipScope Integrated Control (ICON) core in an FPGA. This file is created using the ISE Design Suite CORE Generator. In the ML628 IBERT demonstration designs, the ICON core is configured with a single control port which connects to the SuperClock-2 VIO core `vio_v6_si84_so78.ngc`. The ICON core is required to control the SuperClock-2 VIO core from the ChipScope software.

For additional details on the ChipScope ICON core, refer to:

- [www.xilinx.com/support/documentation/sw\\_manuals/xilinx13\\_1/chipscope\\_pro\\_sw\\_cores\\_ug029.pdf](http://www.xilinx.com/support/documentation/sw_manuals/xilinx13_1/chipscope_pro_sw_cores_ug029.pdf), UG029 - *ChipScope Pro Software Cores*

## vio\_v6\_si84\_so78.ngc

The `vio_v6_si84_so78.ngc` file is a binary implementation netlist file containing the logic and constraints required to implement the ChipScope Virtual Input/Output (VIO) core in an FPGA. `vio_v6_si84_so78.ngc` is created using the ISE Design Suite CORE Generator. In the ML628 IBERT demonstration designs, a VIO core is required to control and receive status from SuperClock-2. The VIO core is configured with 84 synchronous inputs and 78 synchronous outputs, and communicates with ChipScope through an ICON core (`icon_v6_1.ngc`).

For additional details on the ChipScope VIO core, refer to:

- [www.xilinx.com/support/documentation/sw\\_manuals/xilinx13\\_1/chipscope\\_pro\\_sw\\_cores\\_ug029.pdf](http://www.xilinx.com/support/documentation/sw_manuals/xilinx13_1/chipscope_pro_sw_cores_ug029.pdf), UG029 - *ChipScope Pro Software Cores*

## implement.bat

The `implement.bat` file is a Windows (DOS) batch file used to build the IBERT demonstration design. To use this batch, open a DOS shell:

1. From the Windows desktop, click the **Start** button and select **Run...**
2. When the Run dialog box appears, enter **cmd** in the **Open** field.
3. Click **OK** to open the DOS shell.

From the DOS shell, navigate to the directory containing the `implement.bat` file. To run the build, pass the Quad number as an argument to the batch. For example, to build the IBERT demonstration in the `ML628_gth_q117` directory, enter **implement 117** on the command line.

The batch file checks that the IBERT core (e.g., `ibert_v6_q117.ngc`) is present in the current directory before starting the build. The batch file also creates a results directory where, upon successful completion of the build, the `.bit` file is placed.

The `src` directory contains the Verilog HDL source code for the design. An example of the design hierarchy is shown here:

```
example_ibert_v6_q117.v
icon_v6_1.ngc
vio_sclk2_control.v
i2c_sclk2_control_bb.v
```

The following is a description of each source file:

## example\_ibert\_v6\_q1xx.v

The `example_ibert_v6_q1xx.v` file is the top-level source file for the IBERT demonstration. `example_ibert_v6_q1xx.v` is a modified version of the example code that is automatically created by the CORE Generator when the IBERT core is generated (see [Creating the GTH IBERT Core, page 36](#) and [Creating the GTX IBERT Core, page 43](#)). All of the top-level modules and cores for the design are instantiated in this file.

### i2c\_sclk2\_control\_bb.v

The `i2c_sclk2_control_bb.v` file is the "black box" definition for the SuperClock-2 control module. It is a black box because it provides only an interface to `i2c_sclk2_control.ngc`, but no source code is present at this level. This module is instantiated in `vio_sclk2_control.v`.

### ibert\_v6\_qxxx\_top.ucf

The `ibert_v6_qxxx_top.ucf` file is the user constraints file (UCF) for the demonstration. `ibert_v6_qxxx_top.ucf` is the example .ucf created by the CORE Generator during the IBERT core generation, but is modified to include the system clock, I<sup>2</sup>C and SuperClock-2 control pin mapping.

For additional details on the user constraints file, refer to:

[http://www.xilinx.com/support/documentation/sw\\_manuals/xilinx11/cgd.pdf](http://www.xilinx.com/support/documentation/sw_manuals/xilinx11/cgd.pdf),  
UG625 - Constraints Guide.

### vio\_sclk2\_control.v

The `vio_sclk2_control.v` file provides the interface between the ChipScope Virtual IO (VIO) and the SuperClock-2 control module, `i2c_sclk2_control.ngc`. For this reason, the ChipScope VIO core (`vio_v6_si84_so78.ngc`) and SuperClock-2 control module (`i2c_sclk2_control.ngc`) are instantiated here.

## Creating the GTH IBERT Core

This section provides a procedure to create a single Quad GTH IBERT core using CORE Generator software. The procedure assumes Quad 117 and the OTU4 protocol (11.18 Gb/s line rate), but cores for any of the GTH Quads with any supported line rate can be created following the same series of steps.

For more details on generating IBERT cores, refer to [www.xilinx.com/support/documentation/sw\\_manuals/xilinx13\\_1/chipscope\\_pro\\_sw\\_cores\\_ug029.pdf](http://www.xilinx.com/support/documentation/sw_manuals/xilinx13_1/chipscope_pro_sw_cores_ug029.pdf),  
UG029 - ChipScope Pro Software Cores

1. Start the CORE Generator tool from either the ISE Project Navigator window or a command line:
  - From the Project Navigator window, select: **Tools** → **Core Generator...**
  - From a command line, enter: **coregen**
2. In the Core Generator window, click the **New Project** icon (highlighted in Figure 1-36).



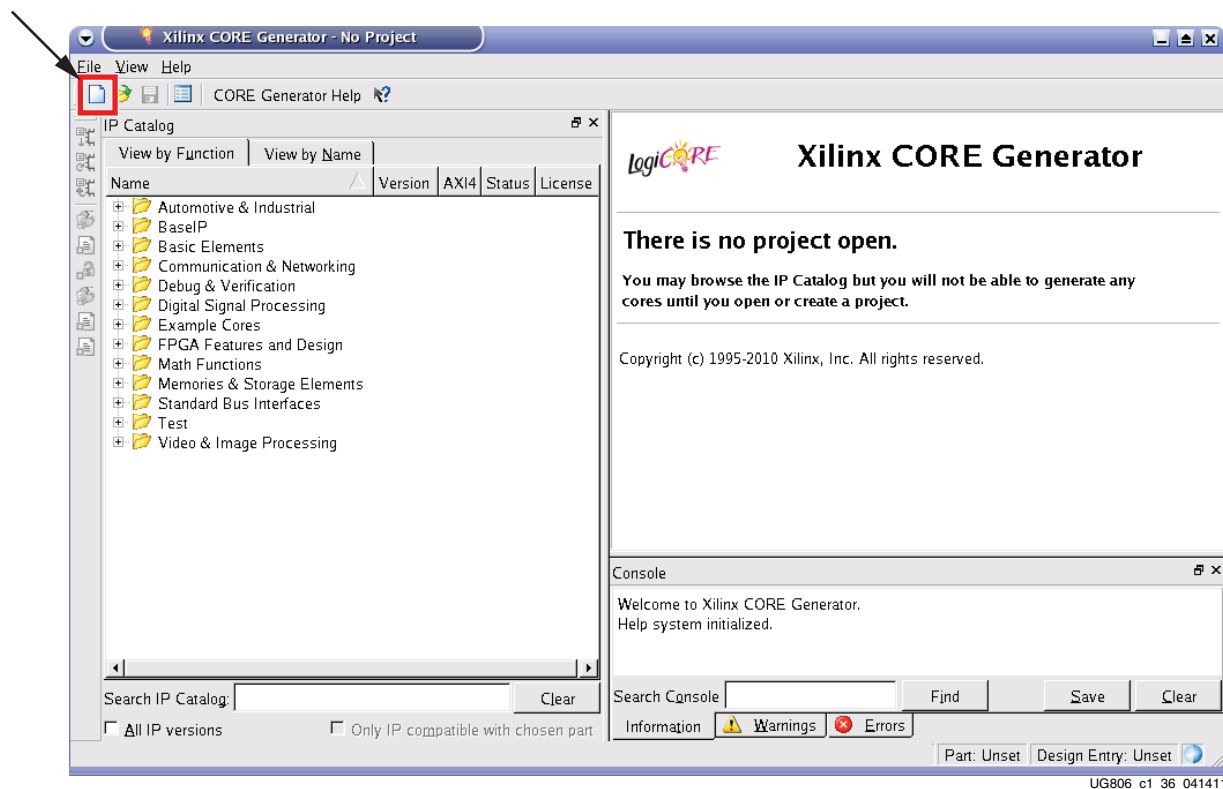


Figure 1-36: Open New Project Icon, CORE Generator Project Window

3. When the the New Project dialog window opens (not shown), name the project and click **Save**.
4. In the Project Options window, click on **Part** and select the parameters listed here:
  - Family: **Virtex6**
  - Device: **xc6vhx380t**
  - Package: **ff1923**
  - Speed Grade: **-2**

Figure 1-37 shows the correct settings.

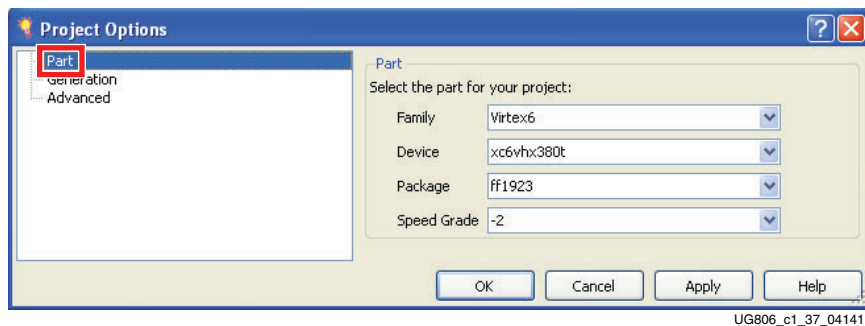


Figure 1-37: CORE Generator Project Options (Part Options)

5. Next in the Project Options window, click on **Generation** and select the parameters listed here:
  - Design Entry: **Verilog**
  - Vendor: **Other**
  - Netlist Bus Format: **B<n:m>**
  - Preferred Simulation Model: **Structural**
  - ASY Symbol File: **unchecked**

Figure 1-38 shows the correct settings.

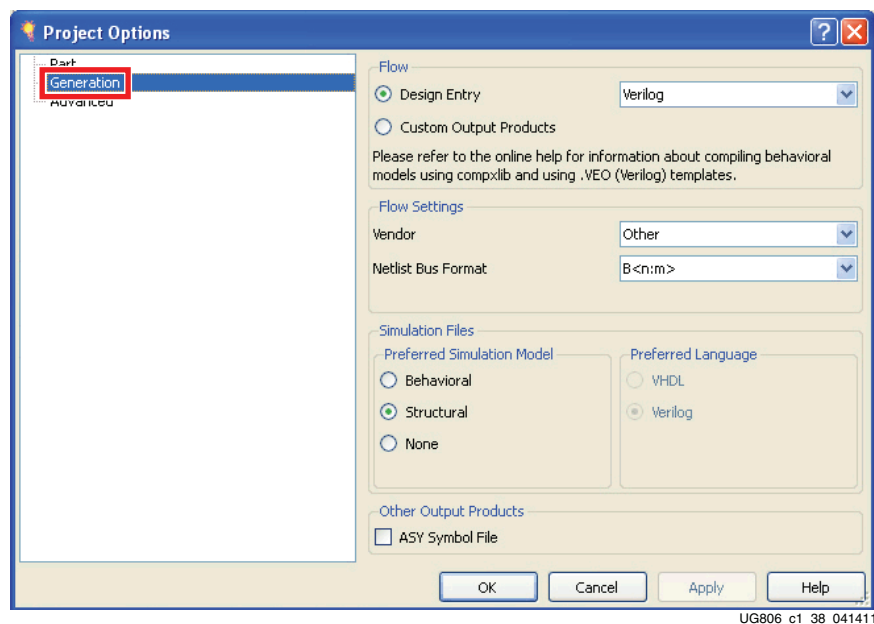


Figure 1-38: CORE Generator Project Options (Generation Options)

6. Click **OK** to close the Project Options window.
7. In the IP Catalog pane of the CORE Generator window (Figure 1-39) select:
  - Debug & Verification** →
  - ChipScope Pro** →
  - IBERT Virtex6 GTH (ChipScope Pro - IBERT) 2.03.a**

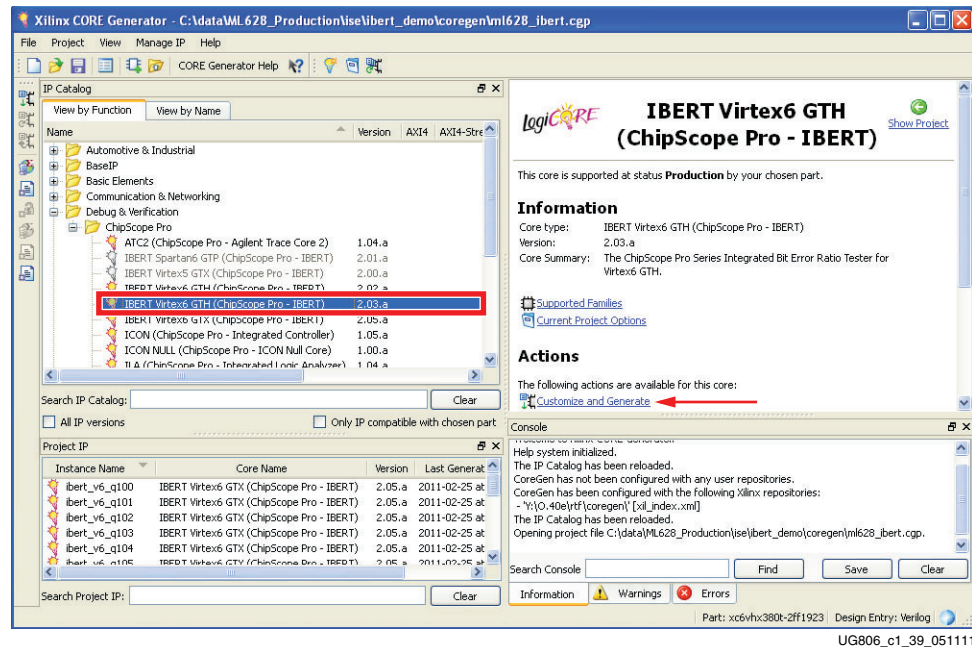
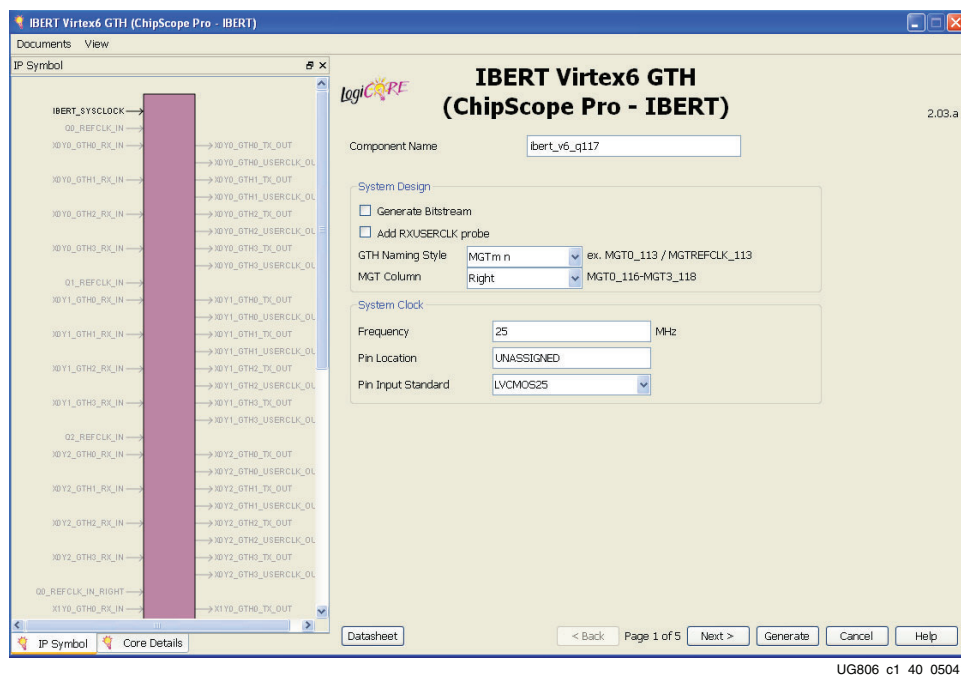


Figure 1-39: Select IBERT Core

8. Click on the **Customize and Generate** link under the **Actions** heading (Figure 1-39)
9. After a few seconds page 1 of the IP customization window will appear. Enter the information shown here and in Figure 1-40, then click Next:
  - Component Name: **ibert\_v6\_q117**
  - Generate Bitstream: **unchecked**
  - Add RXUSERCLK probe: **unchecked**
  - GTH Naming Style: **MGT m n**
  - MGT Column: **Right**
  - Frequency: **25 MHz**
  - Pin Location: **UNASSIGNED**
  - Pin Input Standard: **LVCNMOS25**

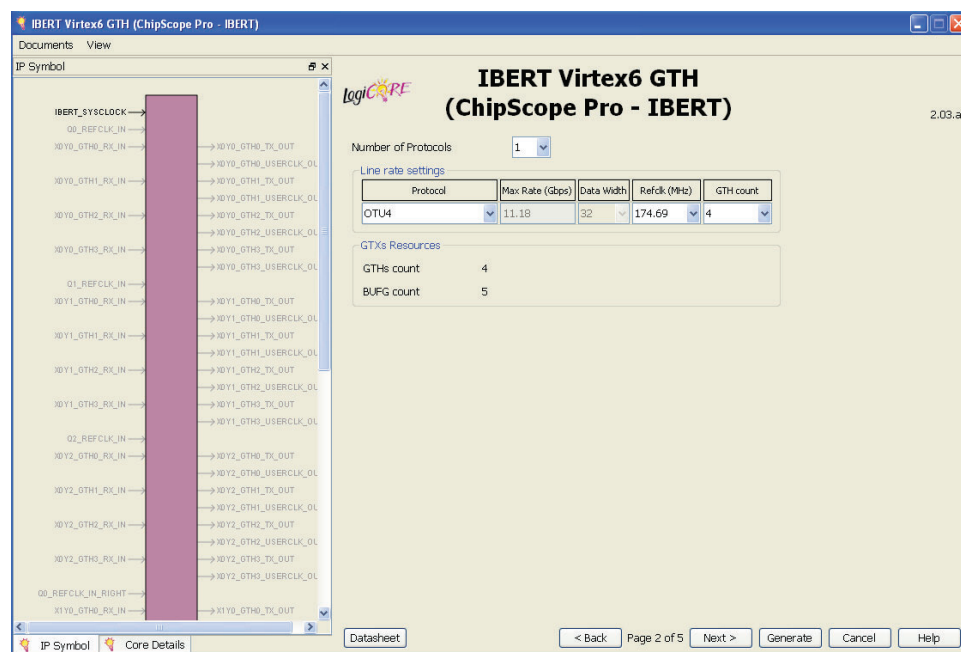


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Figure 1-40: CORE Generator - IBERT GTH Customization - Page 1

10. Enter the information shown here and in Figure 1-41, then click **Next**:

- Protocol: **OTU4**
- Refclk (MHz): **174.69**
- GTH count: **4**



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Figure 1-41: CORE Generator - IBERT GTH Customization - Page 2

11. Enter the information shown here and in Figure 1-42, then click **Next**:

- Select Protocol for Quad117: **OTU4 / 11.18 Gps**

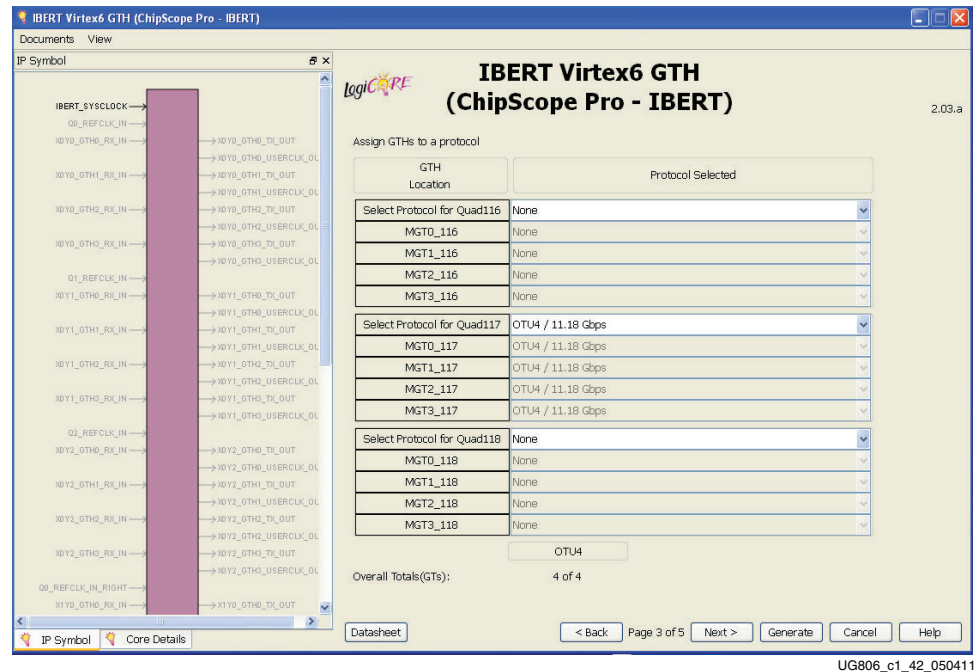


Figure 1-42: CORE Generator - IBERT GTH Customization - Page 3

12. Enter the information shown here and in Figure 1-43, then click **Next**:

- Quad\_117: **MGTREFCLK 117**

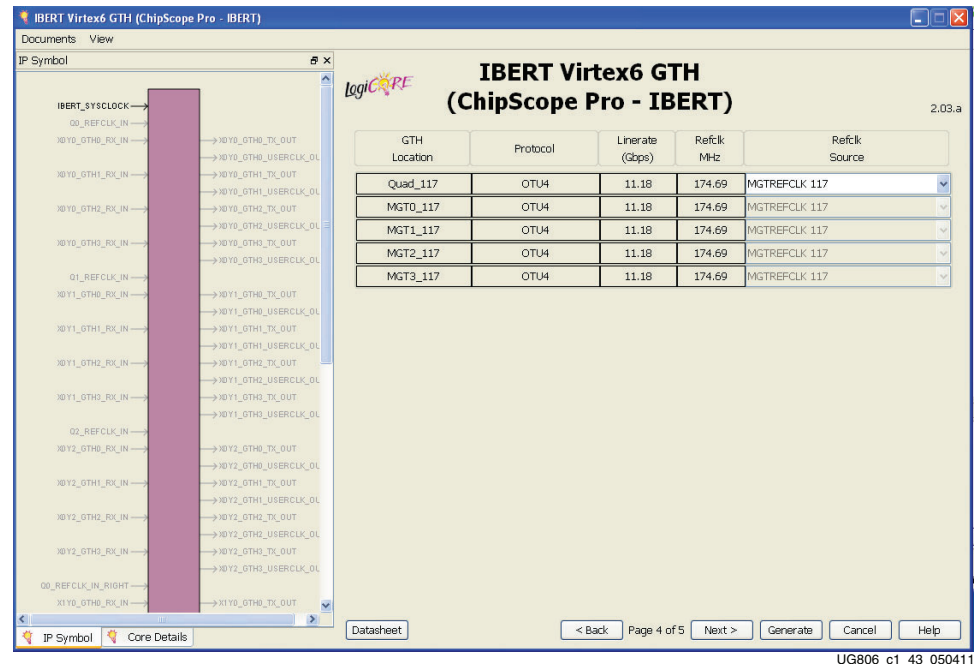


Figure 1-43: CORE Generator - IBERT GTH Customization - Page 4



13. Verify the information shown here and in [Figure 1-44](#), then click **Generate**.
- Production Silicon (v2.1): **Selected**

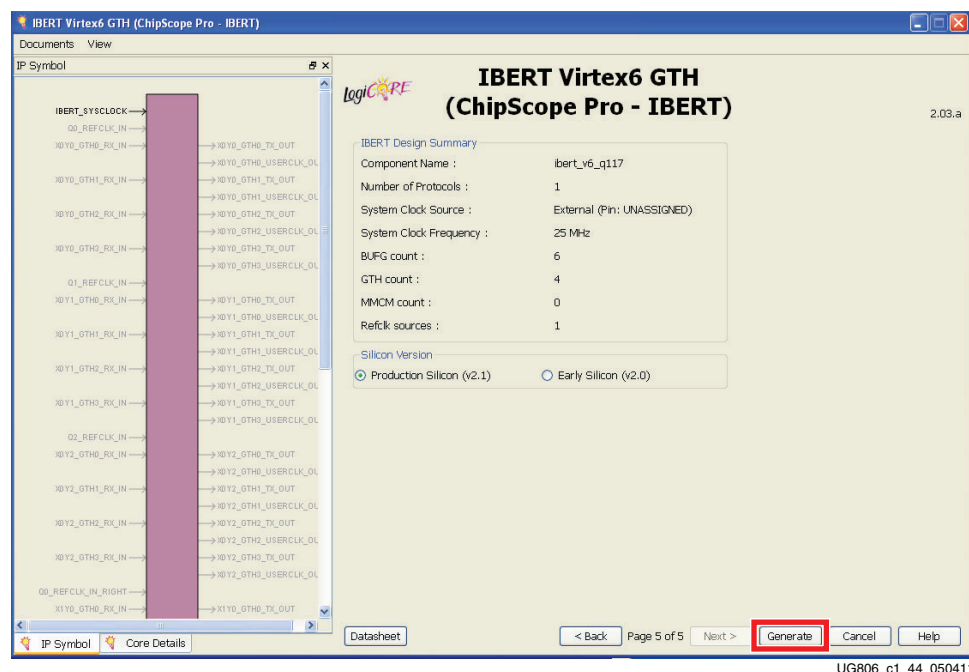


Figure 1-44: CORE Generator - IBERT GTH Customization - Page 5

14. The generation process will take a few minutes. When complete, a *Readme* window will appear (Figure 1-45). Review the information presented and locate the following files:
  - `ibert_v6_q117.ngc`
  - `example_ibert_v6_q117.v`
  - `example_ibert_v6_q117_top.ucf`

Compare the .v and .ucf files generated here with the identically named source files provided with the ML628 board (see [Source Directories and Files, page 32](#)) for details on how the SuperClock-2 control module is integrated and the system clock is connected.

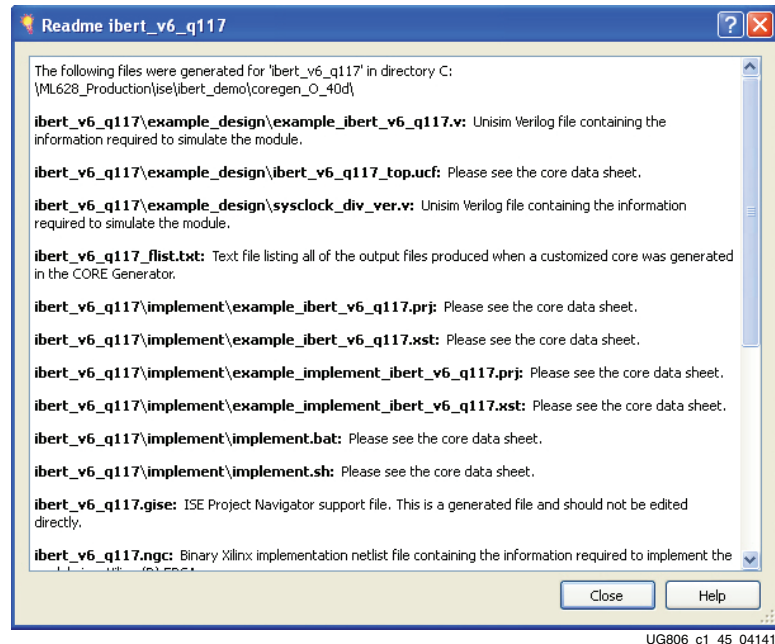


Figure 1-45: CORE Generator - Readme

## Creating the GTX IBERT Core

This section provides a procedure to create a single Quad GTX IBERT core using CORE Generator software. The procedure assumes Quad 100 and 6.5 Gb/s line rate, but cores for any of the GTX Quads with any supported line rate can be created following the same series of steps.

For more details on generating IBERT cores, refer to [www.xilinx.com/support/documentation/sw\\_manuals/xilinx13\\_1/chipscope\\_pro\\_sw\\_cores\\_ug029.pdf](http://www.xilinx.com/support/documentation/sw_manuals/xilinx13_1/chipscope_pro_sw_cores_ug029.pdf), UG029 - ChipScope Pro Software Cores

1. Start the CORE Generator tool from either the ISE Project Navigator window or a command line:
  - From the Project Navigator window, select: **Tools** → **Core Generator...**
  - From a command line, enter: **coregen**
2. In the Core Generator window, click the **New Project** icon (highlighted in Figure 1-36).

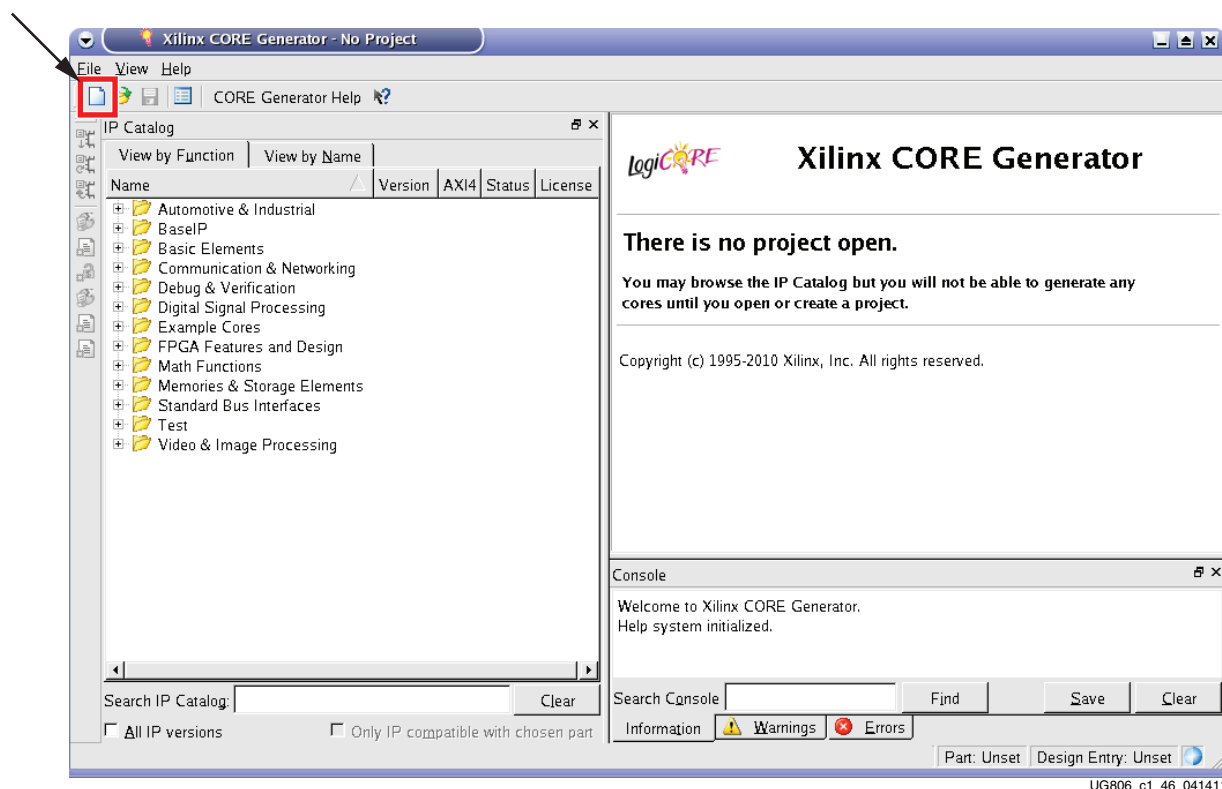


Figure 1-46: Open New Project Icon, CORE Generator Project Window

3. When the the New Project dialog window opens (not shown), name the project and click **Save**.
4. In the Project Options window, click on **Part** and select the parameters listed here:
  - Family: **Virtex6**
  - Device: **xc6vhx380t**
  - Package: **ff1923**
  - Speed Grade: **-2**

Figure 1-37 shows the correct settings.

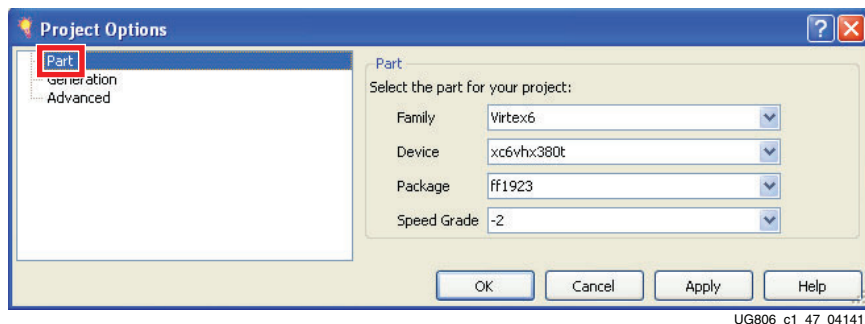


Figure 1-47: CORE Generator Project Options (Part Options)

5. Next in the Project Options window, click on **Generation** and select the parameters listed here:
  - Design Entry: **Verilog**
  - Vendor: **Other**
  - Netlist Bus Format: **B<n:m>**
  - Preferred Simulation Model: **Structural**
  - ASY Symbol File: **unchecked**

Figure 1-38 shows the correct settings.

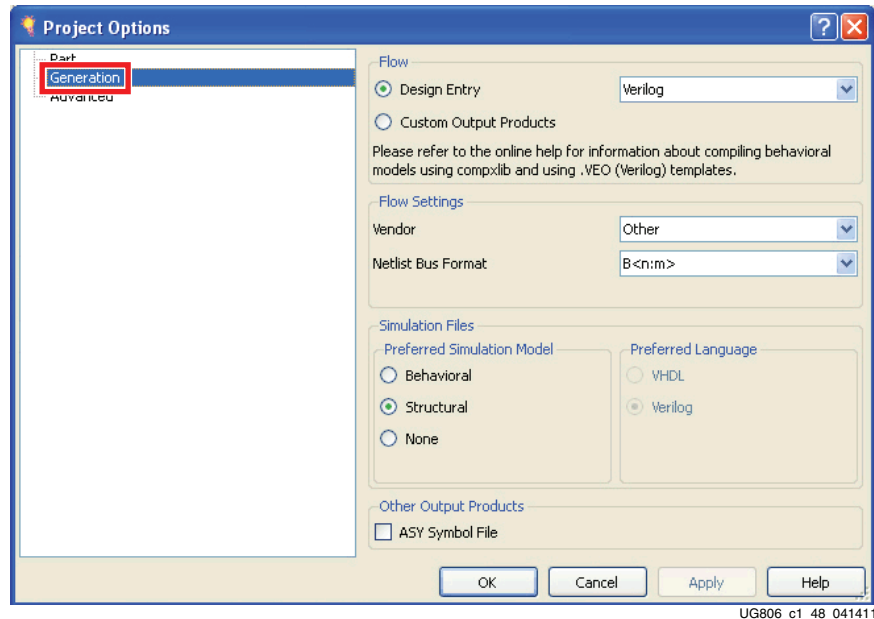


Figure 1-48: CORE Generator Project Options (Generation Options)

6. Click **OK** to close the Project Options window.
7. In the IP Catalog pane of the CORE Generator window (Figure 1-49) select:
  - Debug & Verification** →
  - ChipScope Pro** →
  - IBERT Virtex6 GTX (ChipScope Pro - IBERT) 2.05.a**

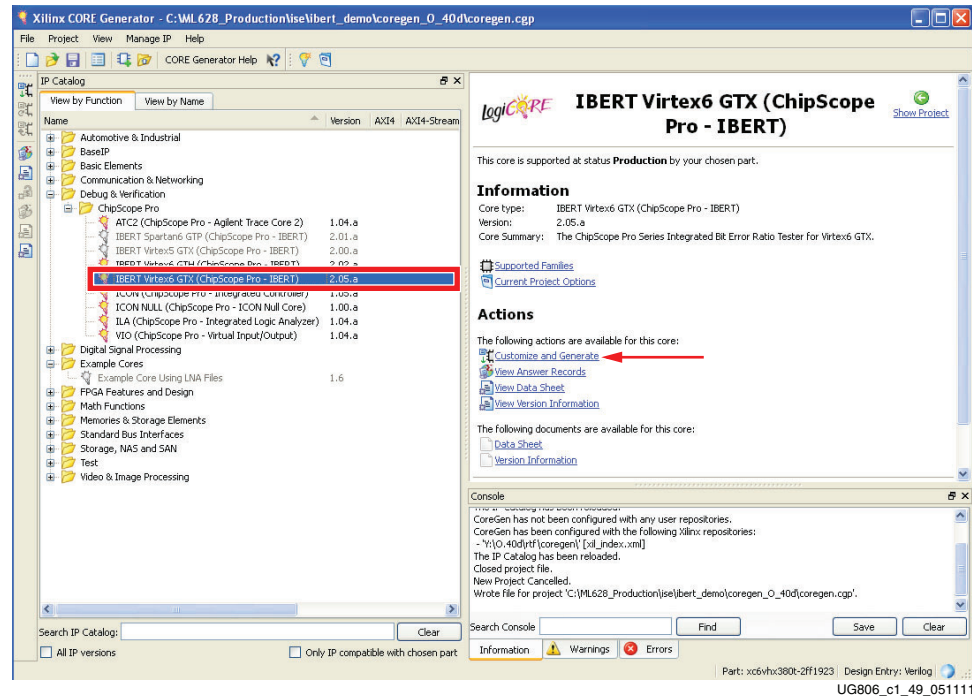


Figure 1-49: Select IBERT Core

8. Click on the **Customize and Generate** link under the **Actions** heading (Figure 1-49)
9. After a few seconds page 1 of the IP customization window will appear. Enter the information shown here and in Figure 1-50, then click Next:
  - Component Name: **ibert\_v6\_q100**
  - Generate Bitstream: **unchecked**
  - Add RXRECCLK probe: **unchecked**
  - GTX Naming Style: **MGT m n**
  - GTX Column: **Left**
  - Use External clock source: **checked**
  - Frequency: **25 MHz**
  - Pin Location: **UNASSIGNED**
  - Pin Input Standard: **LVC MOS25**



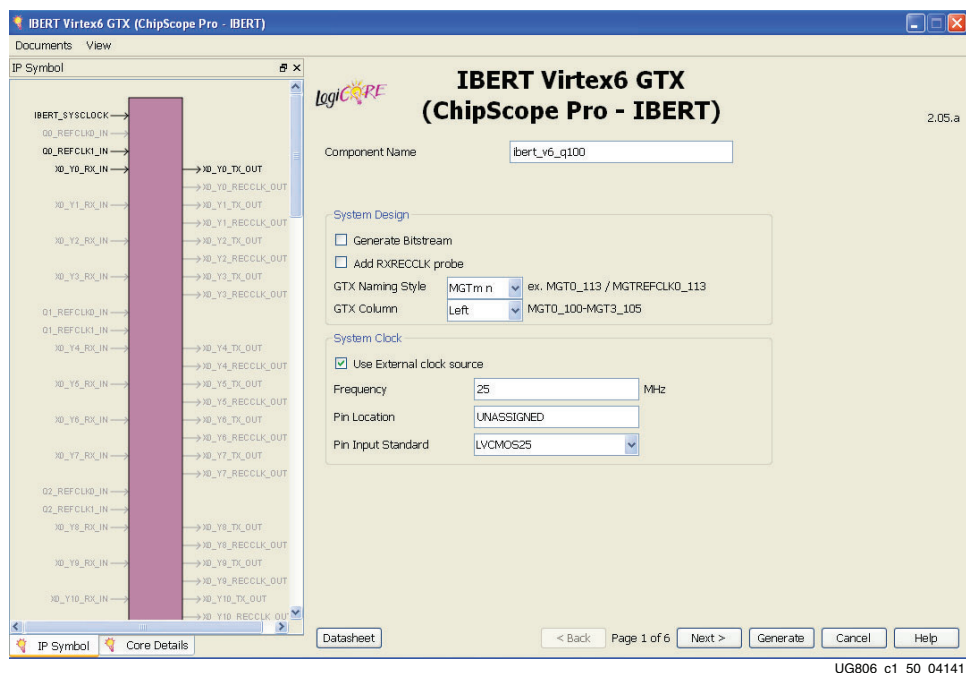


Figure 1-50: CORE Generator - IBERT GTX Customization - Page 1

10. Enter the information shown here and in Figure 1-51, then click **Next**:

- Max Rate (Gps): **6.5**
- Refclk (MHz): **162.50**
- GTX count: **4**

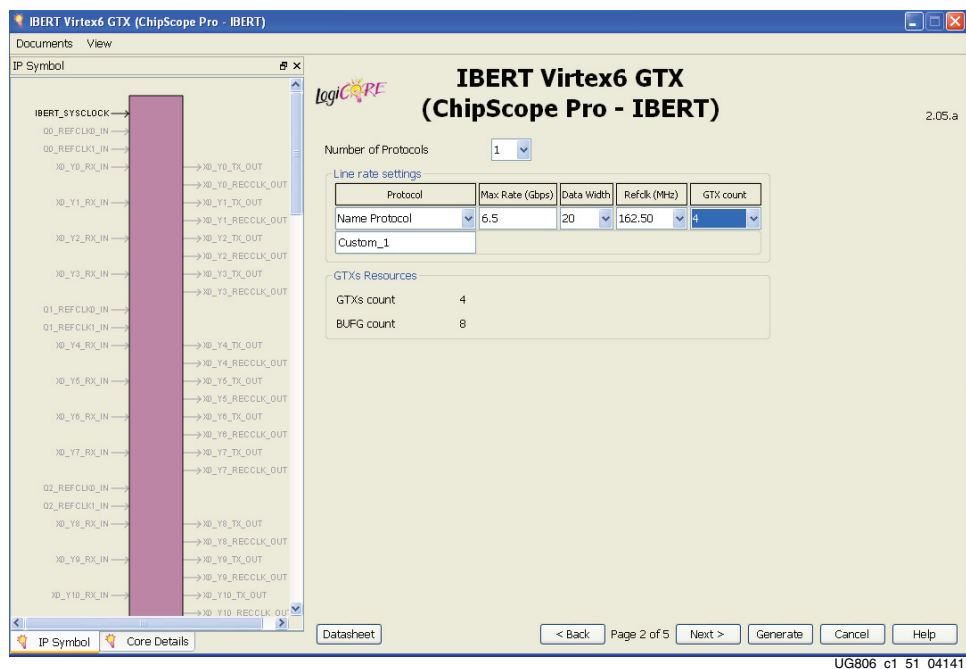
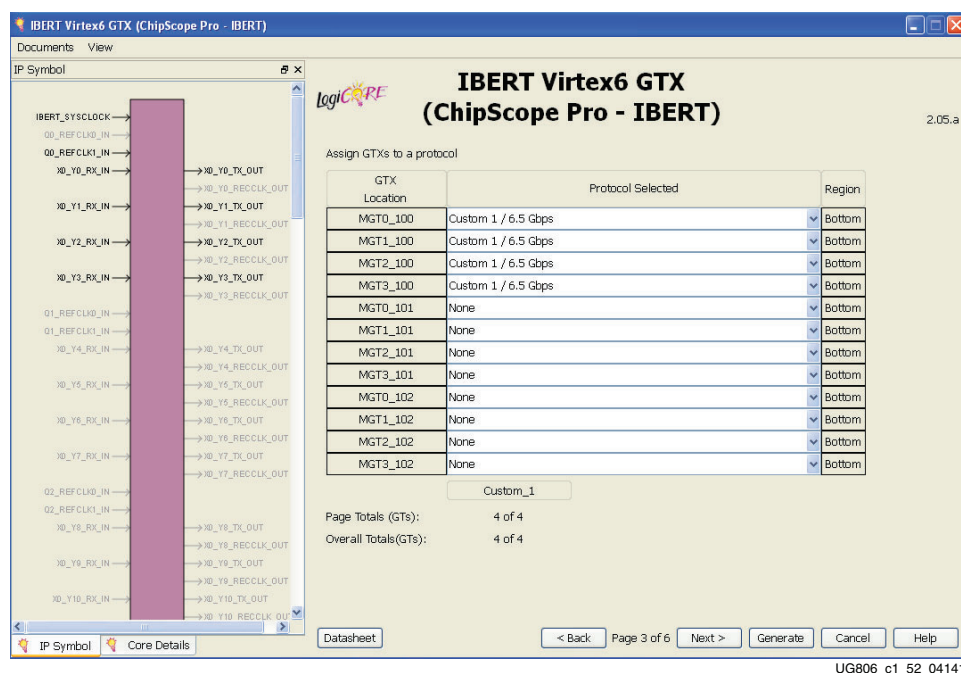


Figure 1-51: CORE Generator - IBERT GTX Customization - Page 2

11. Enter the information shown here and in [Figure 1-52](#), then click **Next**:

- MGT0\_110: **CUSTOM1 / 6.5 Gps**
- MGT1\_110: **CUSTOM1 / 6.5 Gps**
- MGT2\_110: **CUSTOM1 / 6.5 Gps**
- MGT3\_110: **CUSTOM1 / 6.5 Gps**



**Figure 1-52: CORE Generator - IBERT GTX Customization - Page 3**

12. Leave page 4 unchanged and click **Next**.

13. Enter the information shown here and in [Figure 1-52](#), then click **Next**:

- MGT0\_100: **MGTREFCLK0 100**
- MGT1\_100: **MGTREFCLK0 100**
- MGT2\_100: **MGTREFCLK1 100**
- MGT3\_100: **MGTREFCLK1 100**

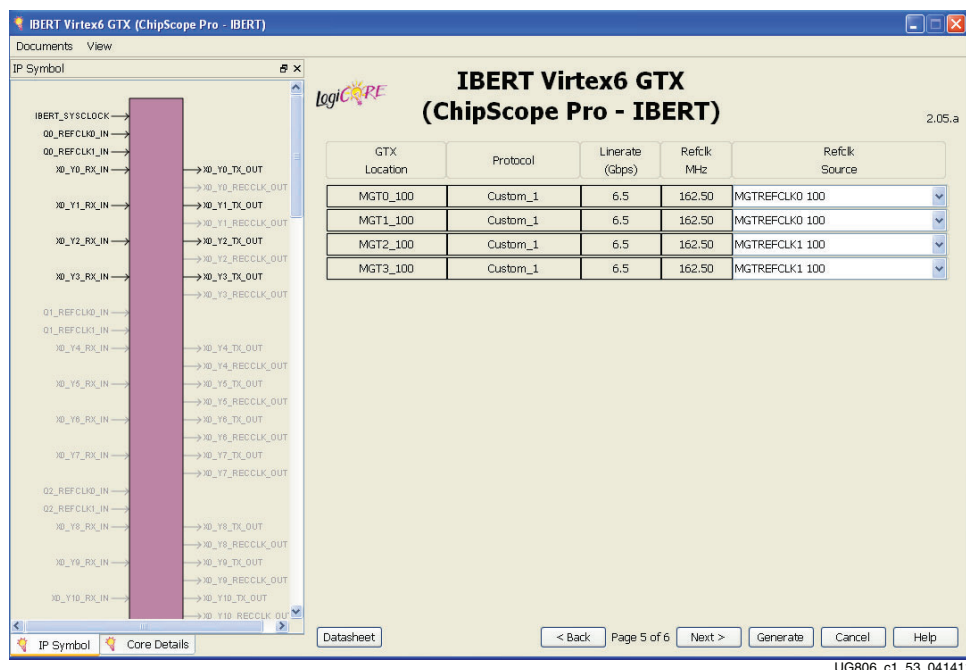


Figure 1-53: CORE Generator - IBERT GTX Customization - Page 5

14. Verify the information shown in Figure 1-54, then click **Generate**.

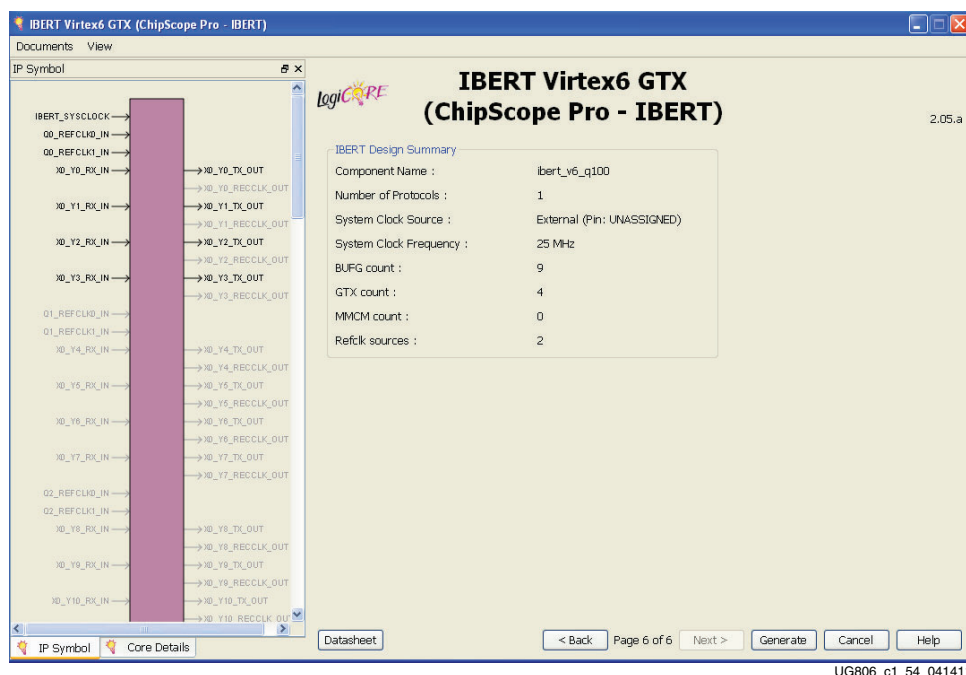


Figure 1-54: CORE Generator - IBERT GTX Customization - Page 6

15. The generation process will take a few minutes. When complete, a *Readme* window will appear (Figure 1-55). Review the information presented and locate the following files:

- `ibert_v6_q100.ngc`
- `example_ibert_v6_q100.v`
- `example_ibert_v6_q100_top.ucf`

Compare the `.v` and `.ucf` files generated here with the identically named source files provided with the ML628 board (see [Source Directories and Files, page 32](#)) for details on how the SuperClock-2 control module is integrated and the system clock is connected.

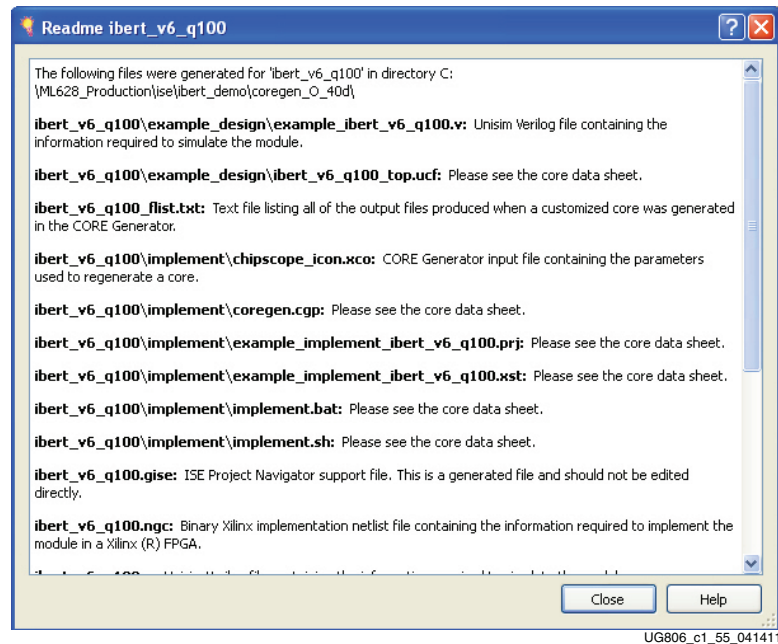


Figure 1-55: CORE Generator - Readme

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