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# Introduction

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The *LogiCORE™ IP Ethernet 1000BASE-X PCS/PMA or SGMII User Guide* provides information for generating a Xilinx® Ethernet 1000BASE-X Physical Coding Sublayer/Physical Medium Attachment (PCS/PMA) or Serial Gigabit Media Independent Interface (SGMII) core, customizing and simulating the core using the provided example design, and running the design files through implementation using the Xilinx tools.

The Ethernet 1000BASE-X PCS/PMA or SGMII core is a fully-verified solution that supports Verilog Hardware Description Language (HDL) and VHSIC Hardware Description Language (VHDL.) In addition, the example design provided with the core supports both Verilog and VHDL.

This chapter introduces the Ethernet 1000BASE-X PCS/PMA or SGMII core and provides related information, including licensing information, recommended design experience, additional resources, technical support, and methods for submitting feedback to Xilinx.

## System Requirements

For a list of System Requirements, see the [ISE Design Suite 14: Release Notes Guide](#).

## About the Core

The Ethernet 1000BASE-X PCS/PMA or SGMII core is a Xilinx CORE Generator™ Intellectual Property (IP) software core, included in the latest IP Update on the Xilinx IP Center. For detailed information about the core, see the Ethernet 100BASE-X PCS/PMA [product page](#).

Transceivers are defined by device family in the following way:

- For Virtex®-7 devices, GTX and GTH transceivers
- For Artix™-7 devices, GTP transceivers
- Kintex™-7 devices, GTX transceivers
- For Virtex-6 devices, GTX transceivers
- For Virtex-5 LXT and SXT devices, RocketIO GTP transceivers; Virtex-5 FXT and TXT devices, RocketIO GTX transceivers
- For Virtex-4 devices, RocketIO™ Multi-Gigabit transceivers (MGT)
- For Spartan®-6 devices, GTP transceivers

## Licensing the Core

This version of the Ethernet 1000BASE-X PCS/PMA or SGMII IP core does not require a license key. The Ethernet 1000BASE-X PCS/PMA or SGMII core is provided under the terms of the [Xilinx End User License Agreement](#).

## Recommended Design Experience

Although the Ethernet 1000BASE-X PCS/PMA or SGMII core is a fully-verified solution, the challenge associated with implementing a complete design varies depending on the configuration and functionality of the application. For best results, previous experience building high-performance, pipelined Field Programmable Gate Array (FPGA) designs using Xilinx implementation software and the User Constraint Files (UCF) is recommended.

Contact your local Xilinx representative for a closer review and estimation for your specific requirements.

## Technical Support

To obtain technical support specific to the Ethernet 1000BASE-X PCS/PMA or SGMII core, visit [www.support.xilinx.com](http://www.support.xilinx.com). Questions are routed to a team of engineers with expertise using the Ethernet 1000BASE-X PCS/PMA or SGMII core.

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## Feedback

Xilinx welcomes comments and suggestions about the Ethernet 1000BASE-X PCS/PMA or SGMII core and the documentation supplied with the core.

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## Quick Start Guide

The quick start steps provided in this chapter let you quickly generate an Ethernet 1000BASE-X PCS/PMA or SGMII core, run the design through implementation with the Xilinx tools, and simulate the design using the provided demonstration test bench.

### Overview

The Ethernet 1000BASE-X PCS/PMA or SGMII core deliverables consists of the following:

- Ethernet 1000BASE-X PCS/PMA core netlist
- Example design HDL top-level and associated HDL files
- Demonstration test bench to exercise the example design

A description of the deliverables is provided in later chapters.

The Ethernet 1000BASE-X PCS/PMA or SGMII example design has been tested using Xilinx® Integrated Software Environment (ISE®) design tools v14.1, Cadence Incisive Enterprise Simulator (IES), Mentor Graphics ModelSim and Synopsys VCS and VCS MX\_D. For more details, see the [release notes](#) for this core.

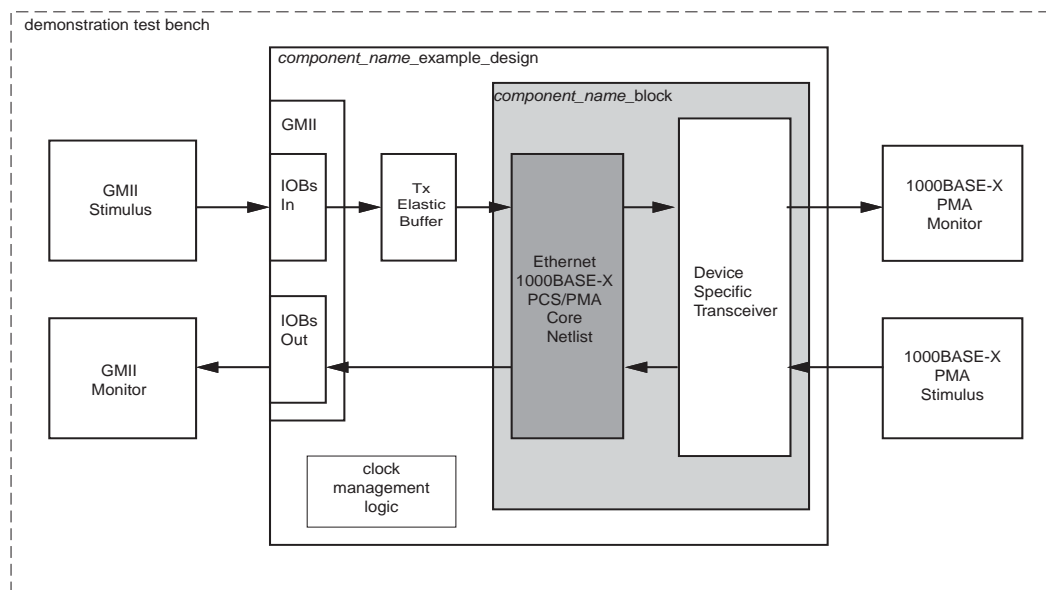


Figure 2-1: Ethernet 1000BASE-X PCS/PMA or SGMII Example Design and Test Bench

## Generating the Core

This section provides detailed instructions for generating the Ethernet 1000BASE-X PCS/PMA or SGMII example design core.

### To generate the core:

1. Start the Xilinx CORE Generator™ tool.  
For general help with starting and using the CORE Generator tool on your system, see the documentation supplied with the ISE design tools, including the *CORE Generator Guide*. These documents can be downloaded from:  
[www.xilinx.com/support/software\\_manuals.htm](http://www.xilinx.com/support/software_manuals.htm).
2. Create a new project.
3. For project options, select the following:
  - Your desired device, within which you intend to implement the Ethernet 1000BASE-X PCS/PMA or SGMII core. See the *Ethernet 1000BASE-X PCS/PMA or SGMII Data Sheet* for a list of supported devices.
  - In the Design Entry section, select VHDL or Verilog; then select Other for Vendor.
4. Locate the Ethernet 1000BASE-X PCS/PMA or SGMII core in the taxonomy tree, listed under one of the following:
  - Communications & Networking/Ethernet
  - Communications & Networking/Networking
  - Communications & Networking/Telecommunications
5. Double-click the core.
6. Click OK; the core customization screen appears.

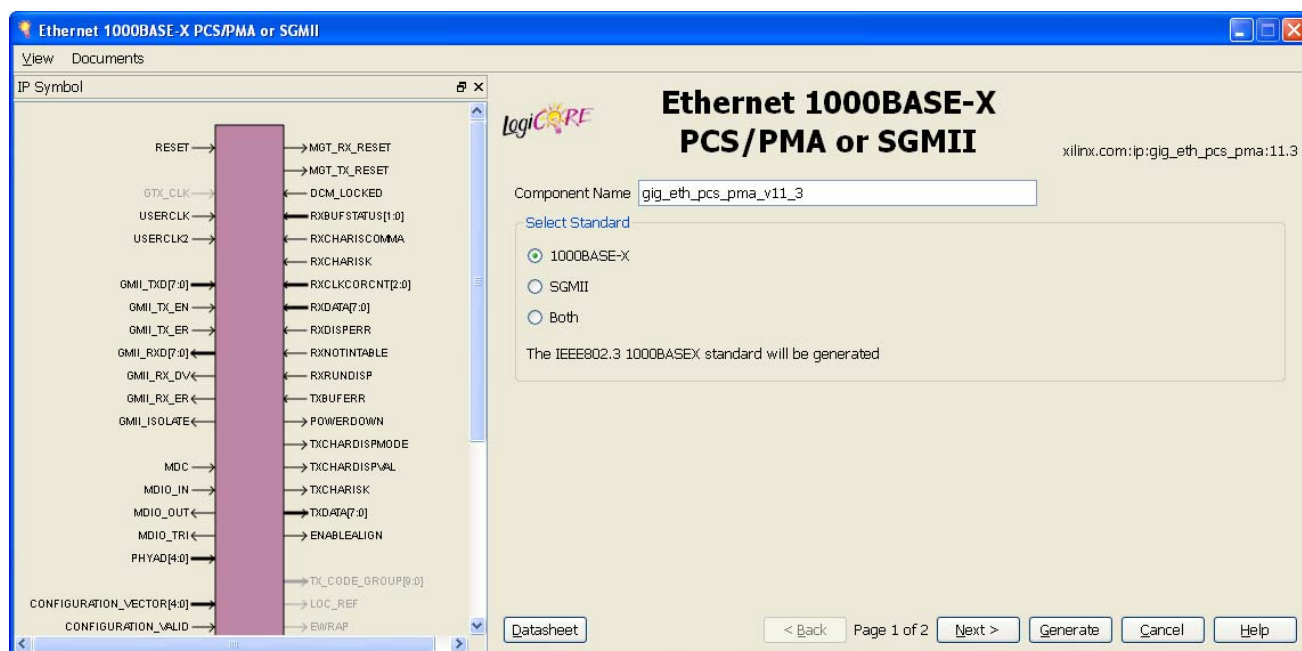


Figure 2-2: Core Customization Screen

7. Enter a core instance name in the Component Name field.

8. Click Finish to generate the core using the default options. Alternatively, select your desired options using [Chapter 3, Generating and Customizing the Core](#) as a guide.

The core and its supporting files, including the example design, are generated in your project directly. For a detailed description of the design example files and directories, see [Chapter 4, CORE Generator Tool Deliverables](#).

## Implementing the Example Design

After the core is generated, the netlists and example design can be processed by the Xilinx implementation tools. The generated output files include several scripts to assist you in running the Xilinx software.

**To implement the Ethernet 1000BASE-X PCS/PMA or SGMII sample design core:**

From the CORE Generator tool project directory window, type the following:

### Linux

```
linux-shell> cd <project_dir>/<component_name>/implement
linux-shell> ./implement.sh
```

### Windows

```
ms-dos> cd <project_dir>\<component_name>\implement
ms-dos> implement.bat
```

These commands execute a script that synthesizes, builds, maps, and place-and-routes the example design. The script then creates a gate-level netlist HDL files in either VHDL or Verilog, along with associated timing information (SDF) files.

## Simulating the Example Design

### Setting up for Simulation

To run the gate-level simulation you must have the Xilinx Simulation Libraries compiled for your system. See the Compiling Xilinx Simulation Libraries (COMPXLIB) in the *Xilinx ISE Synthesis and Verification Design Guide*, and the *Xilinx ISE Software Manuals and Help*. You can download these documents from:  
[www.xilinx.com/support/software\\_manuals.htm](http://www.xilinx.com/support/software_manuals.htm).

In addition, use the following guidelines to determine the simulator type required for your design:

Designs incorporating a device-specific transceiver require a Verilog LRM-IEEE 1364-2005 encryption-compliant simulator. Currently supported simulators are:

- Mentor Graphics ModelSim v6.6d
- Cadence Incisive Enterprise Simulator (IES) v10.2
- Synopsys VCS and VCS MX 2010.06
- For VHDL simulation, a mixed HDL license is required.

## Functional Simulation

This section provides instructions for running a functional simulation of the Ethernet 1000BASE-X PCS/PMA or SGMII core using either VHDL or Verilog. The functional simulation model is provided when the core is generated; implementing the core before simulation is not required.

**To run a VHDL or Verilog functional simulation of the example design:**

1. Open a command prompt or shell, then set the current directory to:  
`<project_dir>/<component_name>/simulation/functional/`
2. Launch the simulation script:

```
ModelSim: vsim -do simulate_mti.do  
IES: ./simulate_ncsim.sh  
VCS: ./simulate_vcs.sh (Verilog only)
```

The simulation script compiles the functional simulation model, the example design files, the demonstration test bench, and adds relevant signals to a wave window. It then runs the simulation to completion. After completion, you can inspect the simulation transcript and waveform to observe the operation of the core.

## What's Next?

For detailed information about the scripts and other deliverables that are provided with the core netlist by the CORE Generator tool, see [Chapter 4, CORE Generator Tool Deliverables](#).

To generate the core with your desired core options, see [Chapter 3, Generating and Customizing the Core](#).

To begin using the Ethernet 1000BASE-X PCS/PMA or SGMII core in your own designs, see [Chapter 5, Designing with the Core](#) as a starting point.

## Generating and Customizing the Core

The Ethernet 1000BASE-X PCS/PMA or SGMII core is generated using the CORE Generator™ tool. This chapter describes the Graphical User Interface (GUI) options used to generate and customize the core.

### GUI Interface

Figure 3-1 displays the Ethernet 1000BASE-X PCS/PMA or SGMII customization screen, used to set core parameters and options. For help starting and using the CORE Generator tool on your system, see the documentation included with the ISE® design suite, including the *CORE Generator Guide*, at [www.xilinx.com/support/software\\_manuals.htm](http://www.xilinx.com/support/software_manuals.htm)

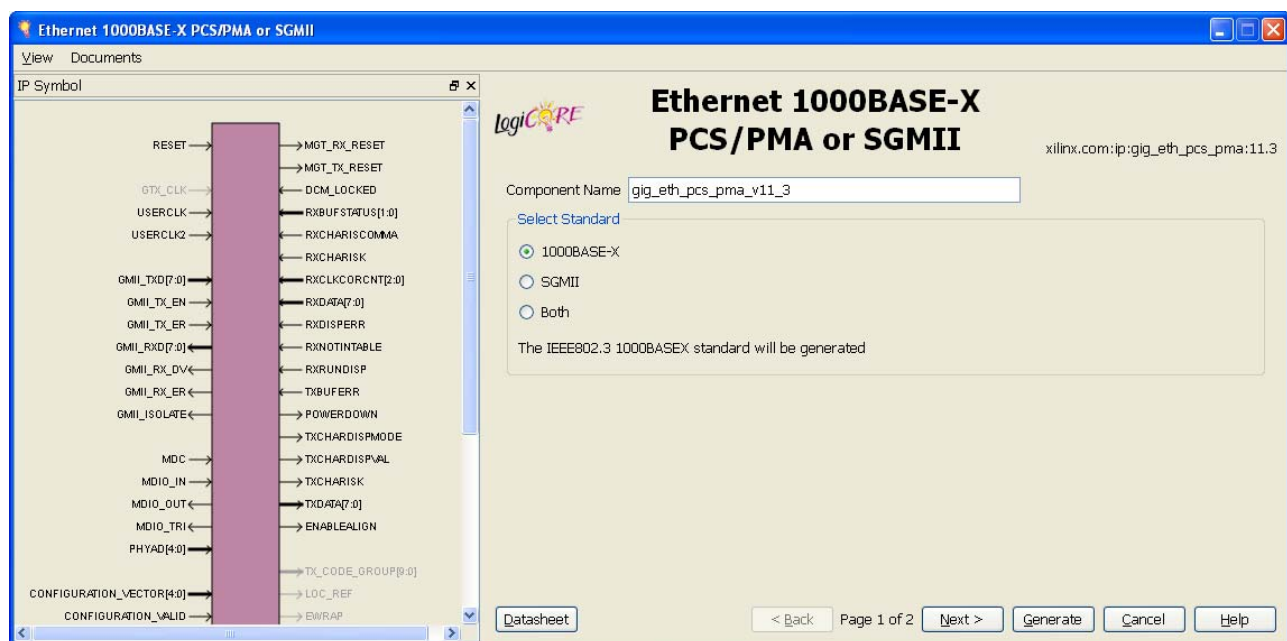


Figure 3-1: Core Customization Screen

## Component Name

The component name is used as the base name of the output files generated for the core. Names must begin with a letter and must be composed from the following characters: a through z, 0 through 9 and “\_.”

## Select Standard

Select from the following standards for the core:

- **1000BASE-X.** 1000BASE-X Physical Coding Sublayer (PCS) functionality is designed to the IEEE 802.3 specification. Depending on the choice of physical interface, the functionality can be extended to include the 1000BASE-X Physical Medium Attachment (PMA) sublayer. Default setting.
- **SGMII.** Provides the functionality to provide a Gigabit Media Independent Interface (GMII) to Serial-GMII (SGMII) bridge, as defined in the Serial-GMII Specification (Cisco Systems, ENG-46158). SGMII can be used to replace Gigabit Media Independent Interface (GMII) at a much lower pin count and for this reason is often favored by Printed Circuit Board (PCB) designers.
- **Both** (a combination of 1000BASE-X and SGMII). Combining the 1000BASE-X and SGMII standards lets you dynamically configure the core to switch between 1000BASE-X and SGMII standards. The core can be switched by writing through the Management Data Input/Output (MDIO) Management Interface. For more information, see [Chapter 12, Configuration and Status](#).

## Core Functionality

Figure 3-2 displays the Ethernet 1000BASE-X PCS/PMA or SGMII functionality screen.

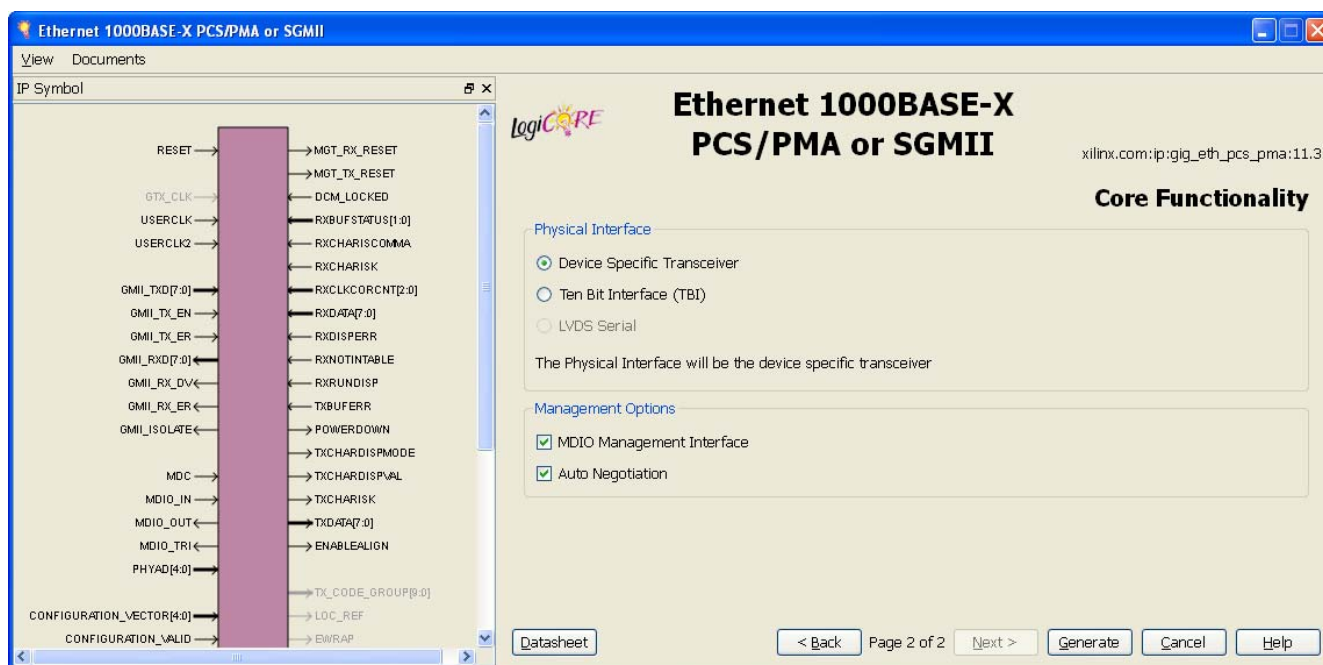


Figure 3-2: 1000BASE-X Standard Options Screen

## Physical Interface

Depending on the target architecture, up to three physical interface options are available for the core.

- **Device Specific Transceiver.** Uses a transceiver specific to the selected device family to extend the 1000BASE-X functionality to include both PCS and PMA sub-layers. For this reason, it is available only for Virtex®-4 FX, Virtex-5 LXT, Virtex-5 SXT, Virtex-5 FXT and Virtex-5 TXT, Spartan®-6 LXT, selective Virtex-6 devices, Virtex-7, Kintex™-7 and Artix™-7 devices. For additional information, see [Transceiver Logic](#).
- **Ten Bit Interface (TBI).** Available in all supported families and provides 1000BASE-X or SGMII functionality with a parallel TBI used to interface to an external Serializer/Deserializer (SERDES.) For more information, see [Ten-Bit-Interface Logic](#). Default setting.
- **LVDS Serial.** Only available in Virtex-6 devices, -2 speed grade or faster for performing the SGMII Standard. This option uses Asynchronous Oversampling over Virtex-6 FPGA Low Voltage Differential Signalling (LVDS) to implement full SGMII functionality without the use of a Virtex-6 FPGA GTX transceiver.

## MDIO Management Interface

Select this option to include the MDIO Management Interface to access the PCS Configuration registers. See [MDIO Management Interface](#).

An additional configuration vector interface is provided to write into Management Registers 0 and 4. See [Additional Configuration Vector Interface](#).

## Auto-Negotiation

Select this option to include Auto-Negotiation functionality with the core. For more information, see [Chapter 13, Auto-Negotiation](#). The default is to include Auto-Negotiation.

## SGMII/Dynamic Standard Switching Elastic Buffer Options

The SGMII/Dynamic Standard Switching Options screen, used to customize the Ethernet 1000BASE-X PCS/PMA or SGMII core, is *only* displayed if either SGMII or Both is selected in the Select Standard section of the initial customization screen, and *only* if the device-specific transceiver is selected as the Physical Standard.

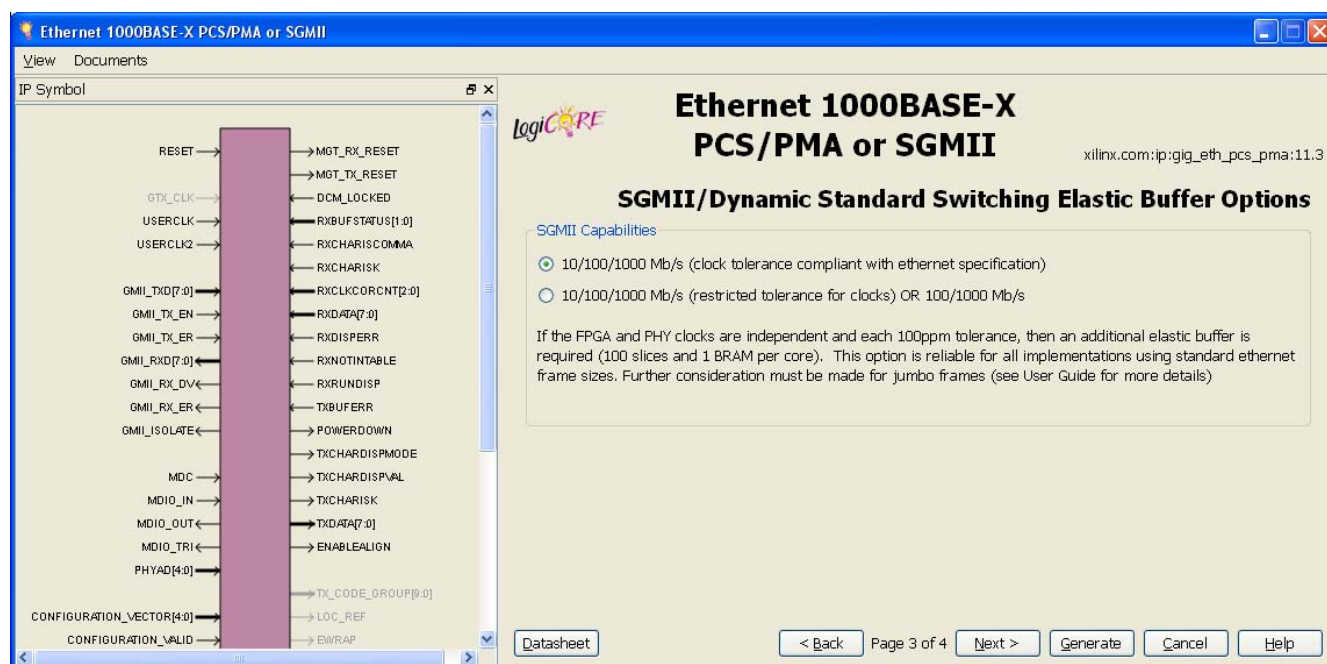


Figure 3-3: SGMII/Dynamic Standard Switching Options Screen

This screen lets you select the Receiver Elastic Buffer type to be used with the core. Before selecting this option, see [Receiver Elastic Buffer Implementations in Chapter 9](#).

## SGMII/Dynamic Standard Mode of Operation

The SGMII/Dynamic Standard Operation Mode screen, used to customize the Ethernet 1000BASE-X PCS/PMA or SGMII core, is only displayed if either SGMII or Both is selected in the Select Standard section of the initial customization screen.

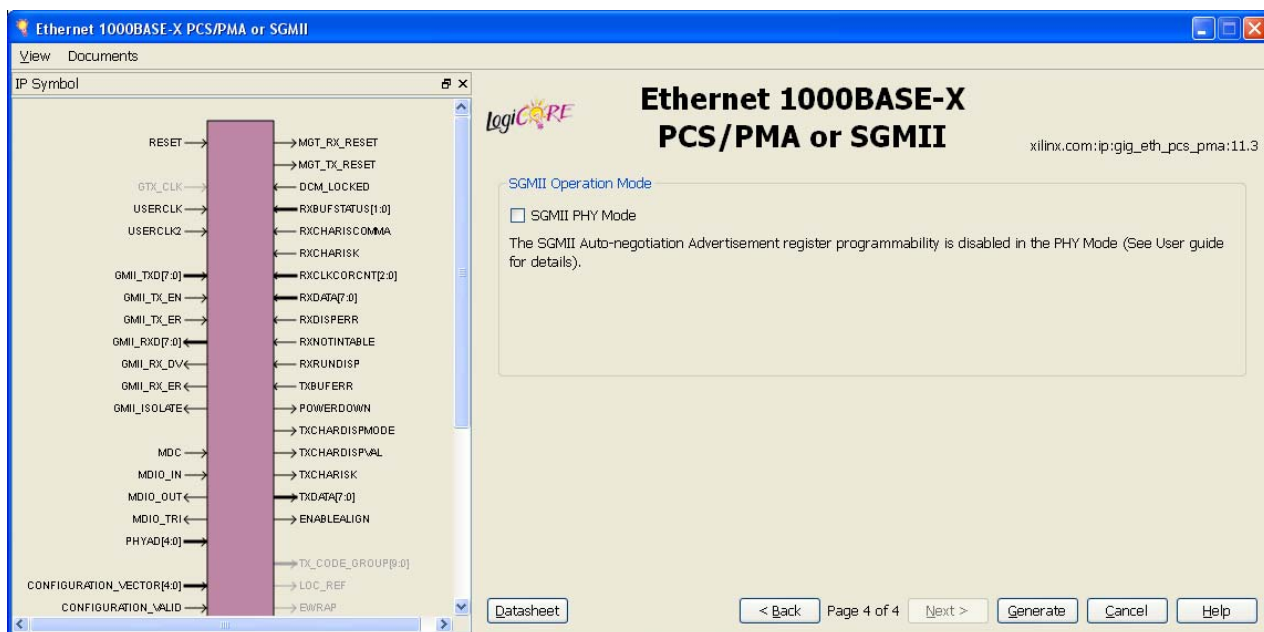


Figure 3-4: SGMII Operation Mode Options Screen

This screen lets you select the core to operate in the PHY mode or Media Access Controller (MAC) mode.

## Transceiver Tile Configuration

The Transceiver Tile Configuration screen is only displayed if the transceiver interface is used with selective Virtex-4, Virtex-5 and Spartan-6 device families.

Transceivers for Virtex-4 FX, Virtex-5 and Spartan-6 device families are available in tiles, each tile consisting of a pair of transceivers. The Transceiver Tile Selection has no effect on the functionality of the core netlist, but determines the functionality of the example design delivered with the core.

Depending on the option selected, the example design instantiates a single core netlist and does one of the following:

- **MGT A (0).** Connects to device-specific transceiver A
- **MGT B (1).** Connects to device-specific transceiver B
- **Both MGTS.** Two instantiations of the core are created in the example design and connected to both device-specific transceiver A and B.

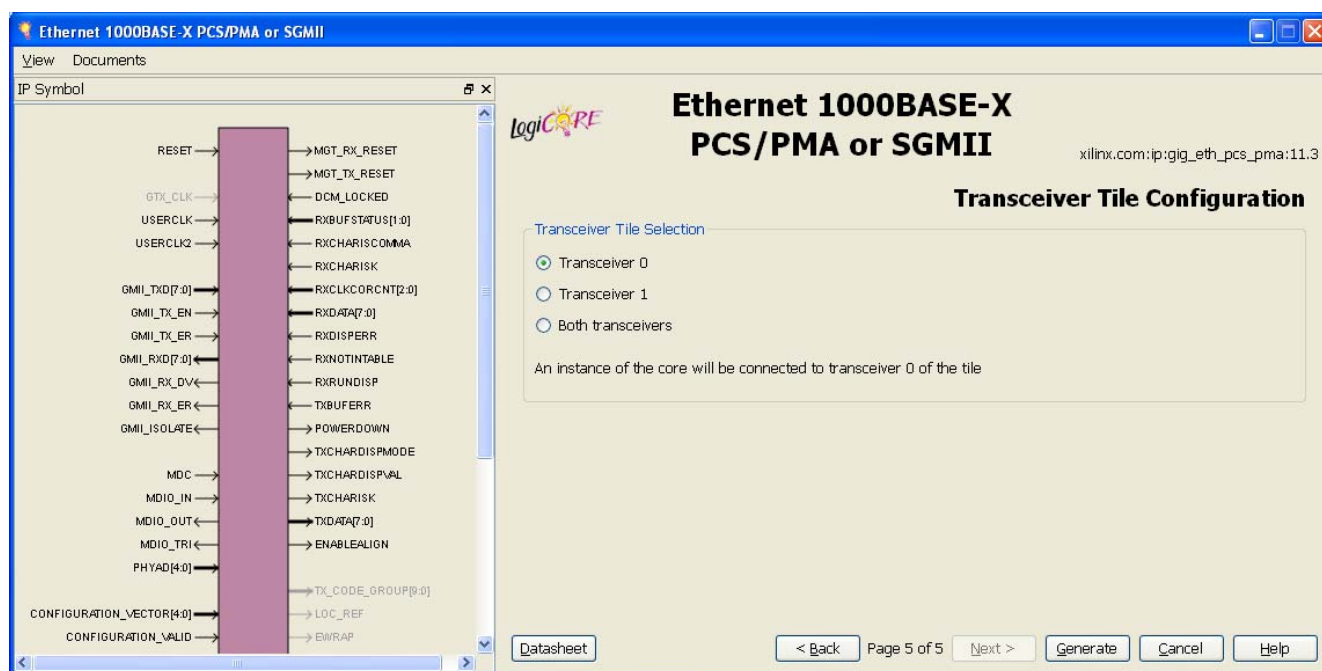


Figure 3-5: Transceiver Tile Configuration Screen

## Parameter Values in the XCO File

XCO file parameters are used to run the CORE Generator tool from the command line. XCO file parameter names and their values are similar to the names and values shown in the GUI, except that underscore characters (\_) can be used instead of spaces. The text in an XCO file is not case sensitive.

Table 3-1 describes the Xilinx CORE Generator™ (XCO) file parameters, values and summarizes the GUI defaults. The following is an example of the CSET parameters in an XCO file:

```
CSET component_name=gig_eth_pcs_pma_v11_3
CSET standard=1000BASEX
CSET physical_interface=TBI
CSET management_interface=true
CSET auto_negotiation=true
CSET sgmiimode=10_100_1000
CSET sgmiiphy_mode=false
CSET RocketIO_tile=A
```

Table 3-1: XCO File Values and Default Values

Parameter	XCO File Values	Default GUI Setting
component_name	ASCII text starting with a letter and based upon the following character set: a..z, 0..9 and _	gig_eth_pcs_pma_v11_3
standard	One of the following keywords: 1000BASEX, SGMII, Both	1000BASEX
physical_interface	One of the following keywords: TBI, RocketIO, LVDS	TBI
management_interface	One of the following keywords: true, false	true
auto_negotiation	One of the following keywords: true, false	true
sgmii_mode	One of the following keywords: 10_100_1000, 100_1000 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>10_100_1000 corresponds to “10/100/1000 Mb/s (clock tolerance compliant with Ethernet specification)”</li> <li>100_1000 corresponds to “10/100/1000 Mb/s (restricted tolerance for clocks) OR 100/1000 Mb/s”</li> </ul>	10_100_1000
sgmii_phy_mode	One of the following keywords: true, false	false
RocketIO_tile	One of the following keywords: A, B, Both	A



# CORE Generator Tool Deliverables

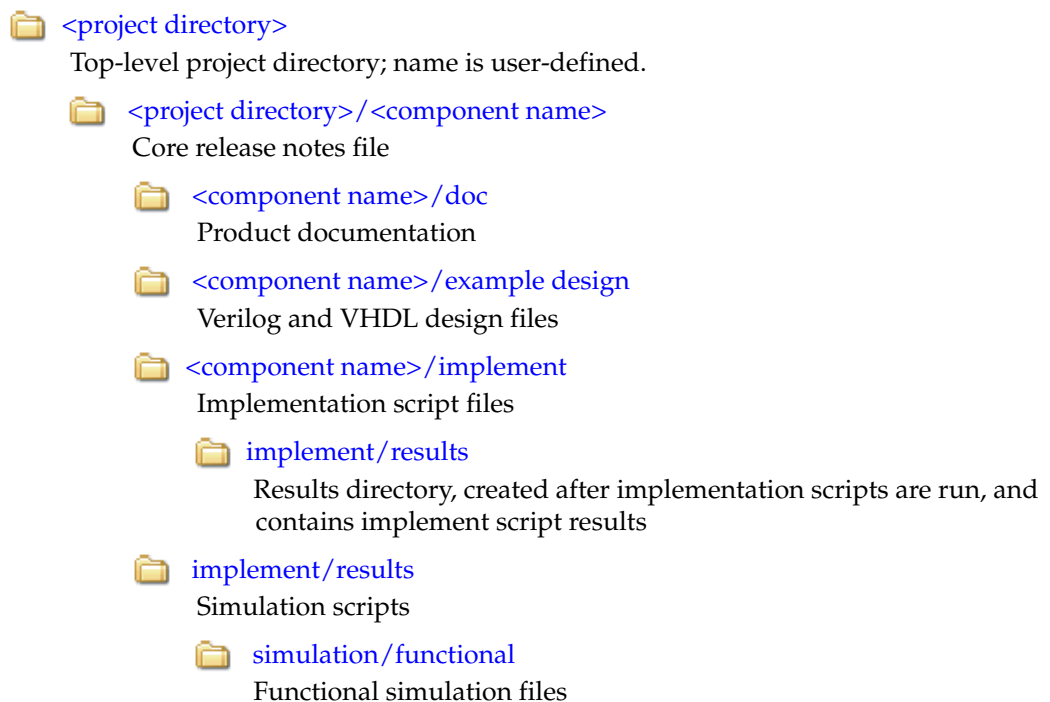
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This chapter provides detailed information about the deliverables provided by the CORE Generator™ tool for the Ethernet 1000BASE-X PCS/PMA or SGMII core. The chapter begins with a directory and file list description for the deliverables, followed by an overview of the purpose and contents of the provided scripts.

Deliverables for the core include the following:

- The netlist file for the core
- Supporting the CORE Generator tool files
- Release notes and documentation
- Subdirectories containing an HDL example design
- Scripts to run the core through the back-end tools and simulate the core using either Mentor Graphics ModelSim, Cadence IES, and Synopsys simulators

## Directory Structure



## Directory and File Contents

The core directories and their associated files are defined in the following tables.

### <project directory>

The project directory contains all the CORE Generator tool project files.

**Table 4-1: Project Directory**

Name	Description
<project_dir>	
<component_name>.ngc	Top-level netlist. This is instantiated by the Verilog or VHDL example design.
<component_name>.v[hd]	Verilog or VHDL simulation model; UNISIM-based
<component_name>.v{ho   eo}	Verilog or VHDL instantiation template for the core
<component_name>.xco	Log file that records the settings used to generate a core. An XCO file is generated by the CORE Generator tool for each core that it creates in the current project directory. An XCO file can also be used as an input to the CORE Generator tool.
<component_name>.xcp	Similar to the XCO file except that it does not specify project-specific settings, such as target architecture and output products
<component_name>_flist.txt	List of files delivered with the core

### <project directory>/<component name>

The <component name> directory contains the release notes file provided with the core, which can include last-minute changes and updates.

**Table 4-2: Component Name Directory**

Name	Description
<project_dir>/<component_name>	
gig_eth_pcs_pma_readme.txt	Core release notes file

## &lt;component name&gt;/doc

The doc directory contains the PDF documentation provided with the core.

**Table 4-3: Doc Directory**

Name	Description
<project_dir>/<component_name>/doc	
gig_eth_pcs_pma_ds264.pdf	Ethernet 1000BASE-X PCS/PMA or SGMII Data Sheet
gig_eth_pcs_pma_ug155.pdf	Ethernet 1000BASE-X PCS/PMA or SGMII User Guide

## &lt;component name&gt;/example design

The example design directory contains the example design files provided with the core, and may contain files and subdirectories other than those defined in [Table 4-4](#). For more information, see one of the following:

- [Example Design for 1000BASE-X with Transceivers](#)
- [Example Designs for the Ten-Bit Interface \(TBI\)](#)
- [SGMII Example Design / Dynamic Switching Example Design with Ten-Bit Interface](#)
- [SGMII Example Design / Dynamic Switching Example Design Using a Transceiver](#)
- [Chapter 10, SGMII Support Using Asynchronous Oversampling over Virtex-6 FPGA LVDS](#)

**Table 4-4: Example Design Directory**

Name	Description
<project_dir>/<component_name>/example_design	
sync_block.v[hd]	This is a synchronization flip-flop pair, used for passing signals across a clock domain.
reset_sync.v[hd]	This is a reset synchronization module for creating a synchronous reset output signal from an asynchronous input.
_example_design.ucf	Example User Constraints File (UCF) provided for the example design
_example_design.v[hd]	Top-level file that allows example design to be implemented in a device as a standalone design.
_block.v[hd]	A block-level file that is a useful part of example design and should be instantiated in all customer designs.

## <component name>/implement

The implement directory contains the core implementation script files.

**Table 4-5: Implement Directory**

Name	Description
<project_dir>/<component_name>/implement	
implement.sh	Linux shell script that processes the example design through the Xilinx tool flow. See <a href="#">Implementation Scripts</a> for more information.
implement.bat	Windows batch file that processes the example design through the Xilinx tool flow. See <a href="#">Implementation Scripts</a> for more information.
xst.prj	XST project file for the example design (VHDL only); it enumerates all of the VHDL files that need to be synthesized.
xst.scr	Xilinx Synthesis Technology (XST) script file for the example design

## implement/results

The results directory is created by the implement script, after which the implement script results are placed in the results directory.

**Table 4-6: Results Directory**

Name	Description
<project_dir>/<component_name>/implement/results	
routed.v[hd]	Back-annotated SIMPRIM-based model used for timing simulation
routed.sdf	Timing information for simulation

## <component name>/simulation

The simulation directory and subdirectories that provide the files necessary to test a Verilog or VHDL implementation of the example design. For more information, see:

- Example Design for 1000BASE-X with Transceivers
- Example Designs for the Ten-Bit Interface (TBI)
- SGMII Example Design / Dynamic Switching Example Design with Ten-Bit Interface
- SGMII Example Design / Dynamic Switching Example Design Using a Transceiver
- Chapter 10, SGMII Support Using Asynchronous Oversampling over Virtex-6 FPGA LVDS

**Table 4-7: Simulation Directory**

Name	Description
<project_dir>/<component_name>/simulation	
demo_tb.v[hd]	Top-level file of the demonstration test bench for the example design. Instantiates the example design (the Device Under Test (DUT)), generates clocks, resets, and test bench control semaphores.
stimulus_tb.v[hd]	Creates test bench stimulus in the form of four Ethernet frames, which are injected into the DUT. The output from the DUT is also monitored for errors.

## simulation/functional

The functional directory contains functional simulation scripts provided with the core.

**Table 4-8: Functional Directory**

Name	Description
<project_dir>/<component_name>/simulation/functional	
simulate_mti.do	ModelSim macro file that compiles Verilog or VHDL sources and runs the functional simulation to completion.
wave_mti.do	ModelSim macro file that opens a wave window and adds signals of interest to it. It is called by the simulate_mti.do macro file.
simulate_ncsim.sh	IES script file that compiles the Verilog or VHDL sources and runs the functional simulation to completion.
wave_ncsim.sv	IES macro file that opens a wave window and adds signals of interest to it. It is called by the simulate_ncsim.sh script file.
simulate_vcs.sh	VCS script file that compiles the Verilog sources and runs the functional simulation to completion.

Table 4-8: Functional Directory (Cont'd)

Name	Description
ucli_commands.key	This file is sourced by VCS at the start of simulation; it configures the simulator.
vcs_session.tcl	VCS macro file that opens a wave window and adds signals of interest to it. It is called by the simulate_vcs.sh script file.

## Implementation Scripts

The implementation script is either a shell script or batch file that processes the example design through the Xilinx tool flow. It is located at:

### Linux

```
<project_dir>/<component_name>/implement/implement.sh
```

### Windows

```
<project_dir>/<component_name>/implement/implement.bat
```

The implement script performs the following steps:

1. The HDL example design files are synthesized using XST.
2. NGDBuild is run to consolidate the core netlist and the example design netlist into the Native Generic Database (NGD) file containing the entire design.
3. The design is mapped to the target technology.
4. The design is placed-and-routed on the target device.
5. Static timing analysis is performed on the routed design using trce.
6. A bitstream is generated.
7. Netgen runs on the routed design to generate a VHDL or Verilog netlist (as appropriate for the Design Entry project setting) and timing information in the form of SDF files.

The Xilinx tool flow generates several output and report files. These are saved in the following directory, which is created by the implement script:

```
<project_dir>/<component_name>/implement/results
```

## Simulation Scripts

### Functional Simulation

The test script is a ModelSim, IES or VCS macro that automates the simulation of the test bench and is in the following location:

```
<project_dir>/<component_name>/simulation/functional/
```

The test script performs the following tasks:

- Compiles the structural UNISIM simulation model
- Compiles HDL example design source code
- Compiles the demonstration test bench
- Starts a simulation of the test bench
- Opens a Wave window and adds signals of interest (wave\_mti.do/wave\_ncsim.sv)
- Runs the simulation to completion



## Designing with the Core

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This chapter provides an introduction into creating your own designs using the Ethernet 1000BASE-X PCS/PMA or SGMII core.

Following are some design guidelines.

### Understand the Features and Interfaces Provided by the Core Netlist

[Chapter 6, Core Architecture](#) introduces the features and interfaces that are present in the logic of the Ethernet 1000BASE-X PCS/PMA or SGMII netlist. This chapter assumes a working knowledge of the IEEE802.3-2008 Ethernet specification, in particular the Gigabit Ethernet 1000BASE-X sections: clauses 34 through to 37.

### Customize and Generate the Core

Generate the core with your desired options using the Xilinx® CORE Generator™ tool, as described in [Chapter 2, Quick Start Guide](#) and [Chapter 3, Generating and Customizing the Core](#).

### Examine the Example Design Provided with the Core

An HDL example design built around the core is provided through the CORE Generator tool and allows for a demonstration of core functionality using either a simulation package or in hardware if placed on a suitable board.

Five different example designs are provided depending upon the core customization options that have been selected. See the example design description in the appropriate chapter:

- Example Design for 1000BASE-X with Transceivers
- Example Designs for the Ten-Bit Interface (TBI)
- SGMII Example Design / Dynamic Switching Example Design with Ten-Bit Interface
- SGMII Example Design / Dynamic Switching Example Design Using a Transceiver
- Chapter 10, SGMII Support Using Asynchronous Oversampling over Virtex-6 FPGA LVDS

Before implementing the core in your application, examine the example design provided with the core to identify the steps that can be performed:

- Edit the HDL top level of the example design file to change the clocking scheme, add or remove Input/Output Blocks (IOBs) as required, and replace the GMII IOB logic with user-specific application logic (for example, an Ethernet MAC).

- Synthesize the entire design.

The Xilinx Synthesis Tool (XST) script and Project file in the `/implement` directory can be adapted to include any added user HDL files.

- Run the `implement` script in the `/implement` directory to create a top-level netlist for the design.

The script also runs the Xilinx tools `map`, `par`, and `bitgen` to create a bitstream that can be downloaded to a Xilinx device. SIMPRIM-based simulation models for the entire design are also produced by the `implement` scripts.

- Download the bitstream to a target device.

## Implement the Ethernet 1000BASE-X PCS/PMA or SGMII Core in Your Application

Before implementing your application, examine the example design delivered with the core for information about the following:

- Instantiating the core from HDL
- Connecting the physical-side interface of the core (device-specific transceiver or TBI)
- Deriving the clock management logic

It is expected that the block level module from the example design will be instantiated directly into customer designs rather than the core netlist itself. The block level contains the core and a completed physical interface.

### Write an HDL Application

After reviewing the example design delivered with the core, write an HDL application that uses single or multiple instances of the block level module for the Ethernet 1000BASE-X PCS/PMA or SGMII core. Client-side interfaces and operation of the core are described in [Chapter 11, Using the Client-Side GMII Datapath](#). See the following information for additional details: using the Ethernet 1000BASE-X PCS/PMA or SGMII core in conjunction with the Tri-Mode Ethernet MAC core in [Chapter 16, Interfacing to Other Cores](#).

### Synthesize your Design

Synthesize your entire design using the desired synthesis tool. The Ethernet 1000BASE-X PCS/PMA or SGMII core is pre-synthesized and delivered as an NGC netlist—for this reason, it appears as a black box to synthesis tools.

## Create a Bitstream

Run the Xilinx tools **map**, **par**, and **bitgen** to create a bitstream that can be downloaded to a Xilinx device. The UCF produced by the CORE Generator tool should be used as the basis for your UCF and care must be taken to constrain the design correctly. See [Chapter 15, Constraining the Core](#) and [Chapter 18, Implementing the Design](#) for more information.

## Simulate and Download your Design

After creating a bitstream that can be downloaded to a Xilinx device, simulate the entire design and download it to the desired device.

## Know the Degree of Difficulty

An Ethernet 1000BASE-X PCS/PMA or SGMII core is challenging to implement in any technology and as such, all Ethernet 1000BASE-X PCS/PMA or SGMII core applications require careful attention to system performance requirements. Pipelining, logic mapping, placement constraints, and logic duplication are all methods that help boost system performance.

## Keep it Registered

To simplify timing and to increase system performance in an FPGA design, keep all inputs and outputs registered between the user application and the core. All inputs and outputs from the user application should come *from*, or connect *to*, a flip-flop. While registering signals may not be possible for all paths, it simplifies timing analysis and makes it easier for the Xilinx tools to place and route the design.

## Recognize Timing Critical Signals

The UCF provided with the example design for the core identifies the critical signals and the timing constraints that should be applied. See [Chapter 15, Constraining the Core](#) for more information.

## Use Supported Design Flows

The core is pre-synthesized and is delivered as an NGC netlist. The example implementation scripts provided currently uses ISE® v13.4 tools as the synthesis tool for the HDL example design delivered with the core. Other synthesis tools can be used for the user application logic. The core will always be unknown to the synthesis tool and should appear as a black box. Post synthesis, only ISE v13.4 tools are supported.

## Make Only Allowed Modifications

The Ethernet 1000BASE-X PCS/PMA or SGMII core should not be modified. Modifications can have adverse effects on system timing and protocol compliance. Supported user configurations of the Ethernet 1000BASE-X PCS/PMA or SGMII core can only be made by selecting the options from within the CORE Generator tool when the core is generated. See [Chapter 3, Generating and Customizing the Core](#).



## Core Architecture

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This chapter describes the architecture of the Ethernet 1000BASE-X PCS/PMA or SGMII core, including all interfaces and major functional blocks.

### System Overview

The core provides three different physical interface options which are introduced in the following sections.

- [Ethernet 1000BASE-X PCS/PMA or SGMII Using A Device Specific Transceiver](#)
- [Ethernet 1000BASE-X PCS/PMA or SGMII with Ten-Bit-Interface](#)
- [SGMII Support Using Asynchronous Oversampling over Virtex-6 FPGA LVDS](#)

### Ethernet 1000BASE-X PCS/PMA or SGMII Using A Device Specific Transceiver

The Ethernet 1000BASE-X PCS/PMA or SGMII core provides the functionality to implement the 1000BASE-X PCS and PMA sublayers or used to provide a GMII to SGMII/SGMII to GMII bridge when used with a device-specific transceiver.

Transceivers are defined in the following way:

- For Virtex®-7 FPGAs: GTX and GTH transceivers
- For Kintex™-7 FPGAs: GTX transceivers
- For Artix™-7 FPGAs: GTP transceivers
- For Virtex-6 FPGAs: GTX transceivers
- For Virtex-5 LXT and SXT FPGAs: RocketIO GTP transceivers  
Virtex-5 FXT and TXT FPGAs: RocketIO GTX transceiver
- Virtex-4 FPGAs: RocketIO™ Multi-Gigabit transceivers (MGT)
- For Spartan®-6 FPGAs: GTP transceivers

The core interfaces to a device-specific transceiver. It provides some of the PCS layer functionality, such as 8B/10B encoding/decoding, the PMA SERDES, and clock recovery. [Figure 6-1](#) illustrates the remaining PCS sublayer functionality and also shows the major functional blocks of the core.

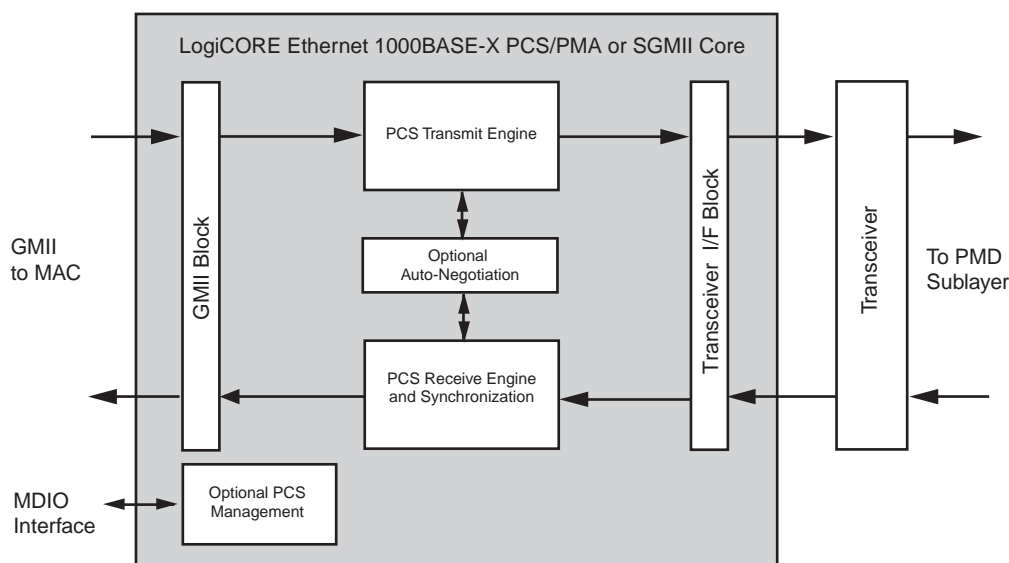


Figure 6-1: Functional Block Diagram Using Device-Specific Transceiver

## GMII Block

A client-side GMII is provided with the core, which can be used as an internal interface for connection to an embedded Media Access Controller (MAC) or other custom logic. Alternatively, the GMII can be routed to device IOBs to provide an external (off device) GMII.

Virtex-7 devices support GMII at 3.3 V or lower only in certain parts and packages. See the Virtex-7 Device Documentation. Virtex-6 devices support GMII at 2.5 V only. See the *Virtex-6 FPGA Data Sheet: DC and Switching Characteristics* for more information. Kintex-7, Artix-7, Virtex-5, Virtex-4, Spartan-6, and Spartan-3 devices support GMII at 3.3 V or lower.

## PCS Transmit Engine

The PCS transmit engine converts the GMII data octets into a sequence of ordered sets by implementing the state diagrams of IEEE 802.3-2008 (Figures 36-5 and 36-6). See [Appendix C, 1000BASE-X State Machine](#).

## PCS Receive Engine and Synchronization

The synchronization process implements the state diagram of IEEE 802.3-2008 (Figure 36-9). The PCS receive engine converts the sequence of ordered sets to GMII data octets by implementing the state diagrams of IEEE 802.3-2008 (Figures 36-7a and 36-7b). See [Appendix C, 1000BASE-X State Machine](#).

## Optional Auto-Negotiation Block

Clause 37 in the IEEE 802.3-2008 specification describes the 1000BASE-X Auto-Negotiation function that allows a device to advertise the modes of operation that it supports to a device at the remote end of a link segment (link partner), and to detect corresponding operational modes that the link partner may be advertising.

Auto-Negotiation is controlled and monitored through the PCS Management registers. See [Chapter 13, Auto-Negotiation](#).

## Optional PCS Management Registers

Configuration and status of the core, including access to and from the optional Auto-Negotiation function, uses the 1000BASE-X PCS Management registers defined in clause 37 of the IEEE 802.3 -2008 specification. These registers are accessed through the serial Management Data Input/Output Interface (MDIO), defined in clause 22 of the IEEE 802.3 -2008 specification, as if it were an externally connected PHY.

The PCS Management registers can be omitted from the core when the core is performing the 1000BASE-X standard.

When the core is performing the SGMII standard, the PCS Management registers become mandatory and information in the registers takes on a different interpretation. For more information, see [Management Registers](#).

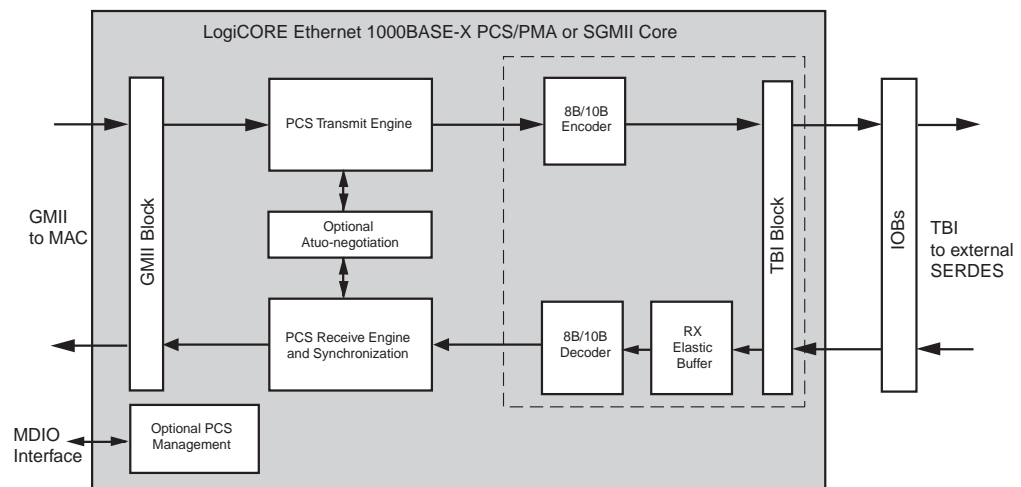
An additional configuration vector interface is provided to program Management Registers 0 and 4 independent of MDIO Interface

## Transceiver Interface Block

The Transceiver Interface Block enables the core to connect to a Virtex-4, Virtex-5, Virtex-6, Spartan-6, Virtex-7, Kintex-7 or Artix-7 FPGA serial transceiver.

## Ethernet 1000BASE-X PCS/PMA or SGMII with Ten-Bit-Interface

The Ethernet 1000BASE-X PCS/PMA or SGMII core, when used with the Ten-Bit Interface (TBI), allows you to implement only the 1000BASE-X PCS sublayer.



**Figure 6-2: Functional Block Diagram with a Ten-Bit Interface**

The optional TBI can be used in place of the device-specific transceiver to provide a parallel interface for connection to an external PMA SERDES device. In this implementation, additional logic blocks are required to replace some of the device-specific transceiver functionality. These are shown in the surrounded by the dotted line box in [Figure 6-2](#) and are described in the following sections. The other blocks are described previously in this document.

Virtex-6 devices support TBI at 2.5 V only. See the *Virtex-6 FPGA Data Sheet: DC and Switching Characteristics* for more information.

Kintex-7, Virtex-5, Virtex-4, Spartan-6 and Spartan-3 devices support TBI at 3.3 V or lower.

## 8B/10B Encoder

8B/10B encoding, as defined in the IEEE 802.3 -2008 specification (Tables 36-1a to 36-1e and Table 36-2), is implemented in a block SelectRAM™ memory, configured as Read Only Memory (ROM), and used as a large look-up table.

## 8B/10B Decoder

8B/10B decoding, as defined in the IEEE 802.3 -2008 specification (Table 36-1a to 36-1e and Table 36-2), is implemented in a block SelectRAM memory, configured as ROM, and used as a large look-up table.

## Receiver Elastic Buffer

The Receiver Elastic Buffer enables the 10-bit parallel TBI data, received from the PMA sublayer synchronously to the TBI receiver clocks, to be transferred onto the cores internal 125 MHz clock domain. It is an asynchronous First In First Out (FIFO) implemented in internal Random Access Memory (RAM.) The Receiver Elastic Buffer attempts to maintain a constant occupancy by inserting or removing Idle sequences as necessary. This causes no corruption to the frames of data.

## TBI Block

The core provides a TBI interface that should be routed to device IOBs to provide an off-device TBI.

## SGMII Support Using Asynchronous Oversampling over Virtex-6 FPGA LVDS

Virtex-6 devices, -2 speed grade or higher, can fully support SGMII using standard LVDS SelectIO™ technology logic resources. This enables direct connection to external PHY devices without the use of a Virtex-6 FPGA GTX transceiver. This implementation is illustrated in Figure 6-3.

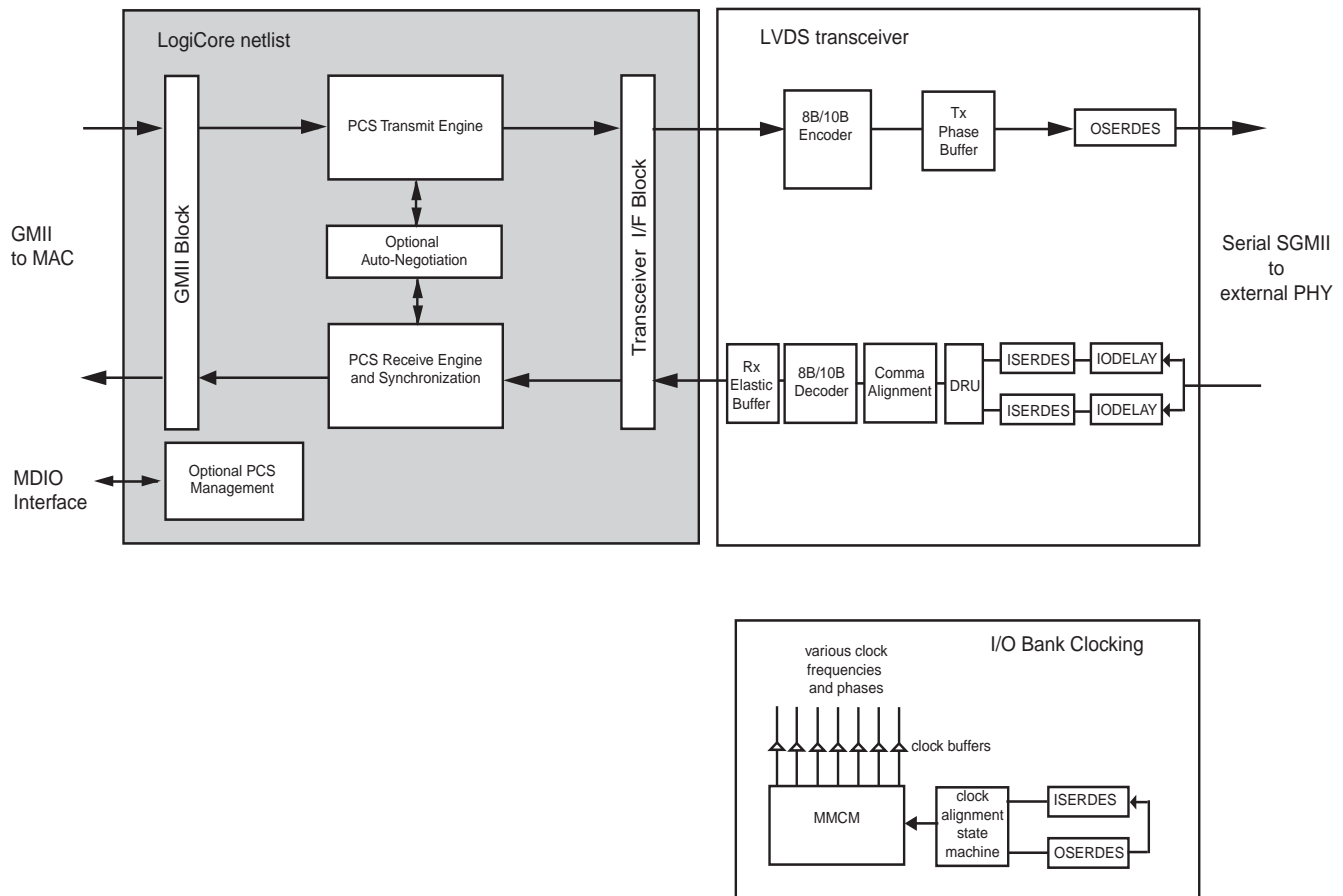


Figure 6-3: Functional Block Diagram of the Core with Standard SelectIO Technology Support for SGMII

The core netlist in this implementation remains identical to that of Figure 6-1 and all core netlist blocks are identical to those described in Ethernet 1000BASE-X PCS/PMA or SGMII Using A Device Specific Transceiver.

As illustrated in Figure 6-3, the HDL example design for this implementation provides additional logic to form the LVDS transceiver module, which fully replaces the functionality otherwise provided by a Virtex-6 FPGA GTX transceiver. The LVDS transceiver block contains IODELAY and Input Serializer/Deserializer (ISERDES) elements along with a Data Recovery Unit (DRU). This uses the Virtex-6 FPGA ISERDES elements in a new asynchronous oversampling mode as described in XAPP 881 *1.25Gbs 4x Asynchronous Oversampling over Virtex-6 LVDS*. The full transceiver functionality is then completed with Comma Alignment, 8B/10B Decoder and Rx Elastic buffer blocks.

Figure 6-3 also illustrates the inclusion of the Input/Output (I/O) Bank Clocking block which creates all of the clock frequencies and clock phases which are required by the LVDS transceiver block. As the name of the block suggests, this logic can be shared across a single Virtex-6 FPGA I/O Bank. This I/O Bank can be used for multiple instances of the core with LVDS I/O to create several independent SGMII ports.

See [Chapter 10, SGMII Support Using Asynchronous Oversampling over Virtex-6 FPGA LVDS](#) for a detailed description of the LVDS SelectIO technology SGMII implementation.

## Core Interfaces

All ports of the core are internal connections in FPGA logic. An HDL example design (delivered with the core) connects the core, where appropriate, to a device-specific transceiver, LVDS transceiver logic and/or add IBUFs, OBUFs. IOB flip-flops to the external signals of the GMII and TBI. IOBs are added to the remaining unconnected ports to take the example design through the Xilinx implementation software.

All clock management logic is placed in this example design, allowing you more flexibility in implementation (such as designs using multiple cores). This example design is provided in both VHDL and Verilog. For more information on the example design provided, see one of the following *chapters depending on your chosen standard and physical interface*:

- [Chapter 7, The Ten-Bit Interface](#)
- [Chapter 8, 1000BASE-X with Transceivers](#)
- [Chapter 9, SGMII / Dynamic Standards Switching with Transceivers](#)
- [Chapter 10, SGMII Support Using Asynchronous Oversampling over Virtex-6 FPGA LVDS](#)

Figure 6-4 shows the pinout for the Ethernet 1000BASE-X PCS/PMA or SGMII core using a device-specific transceiver, or LVDS transceiver logic, *with* the optional PCS Management registers. The signals shown in the Auto-Negotiation box are included only when the core includes the Auto-Negotiation functionality. For more information, see [Chapter 3, Generating and Customizing the Core](#).

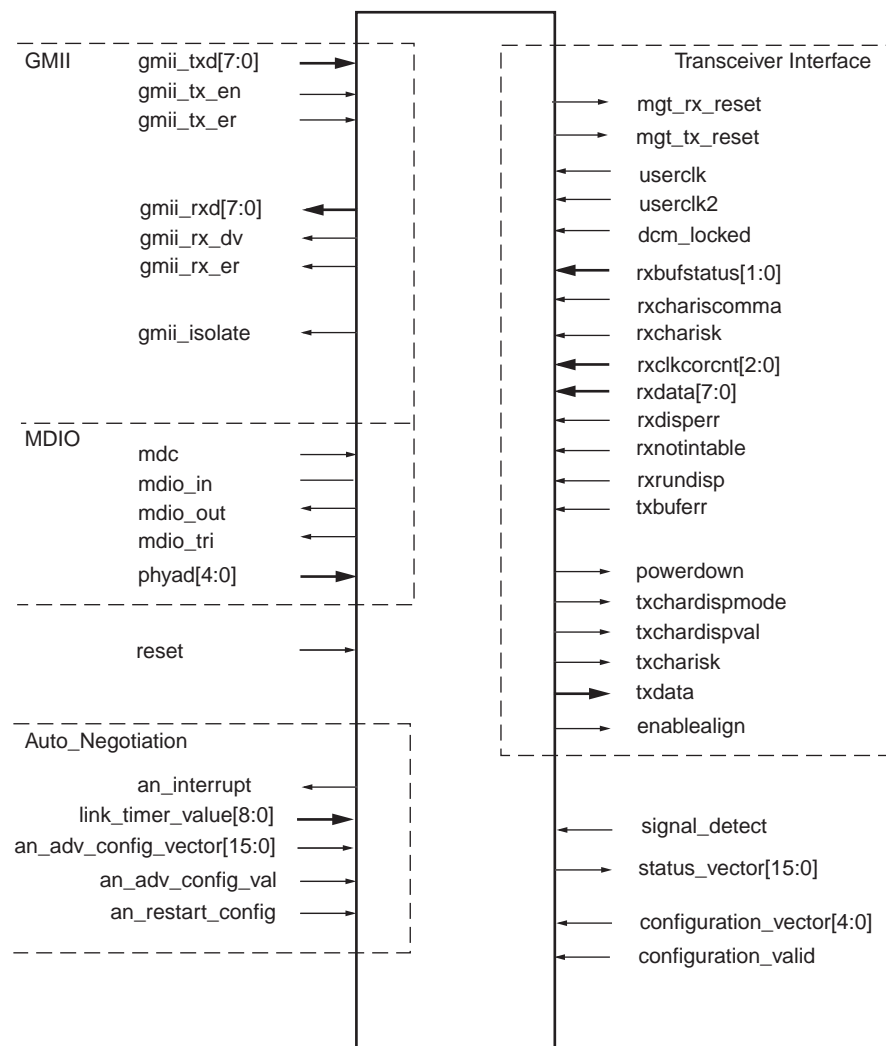
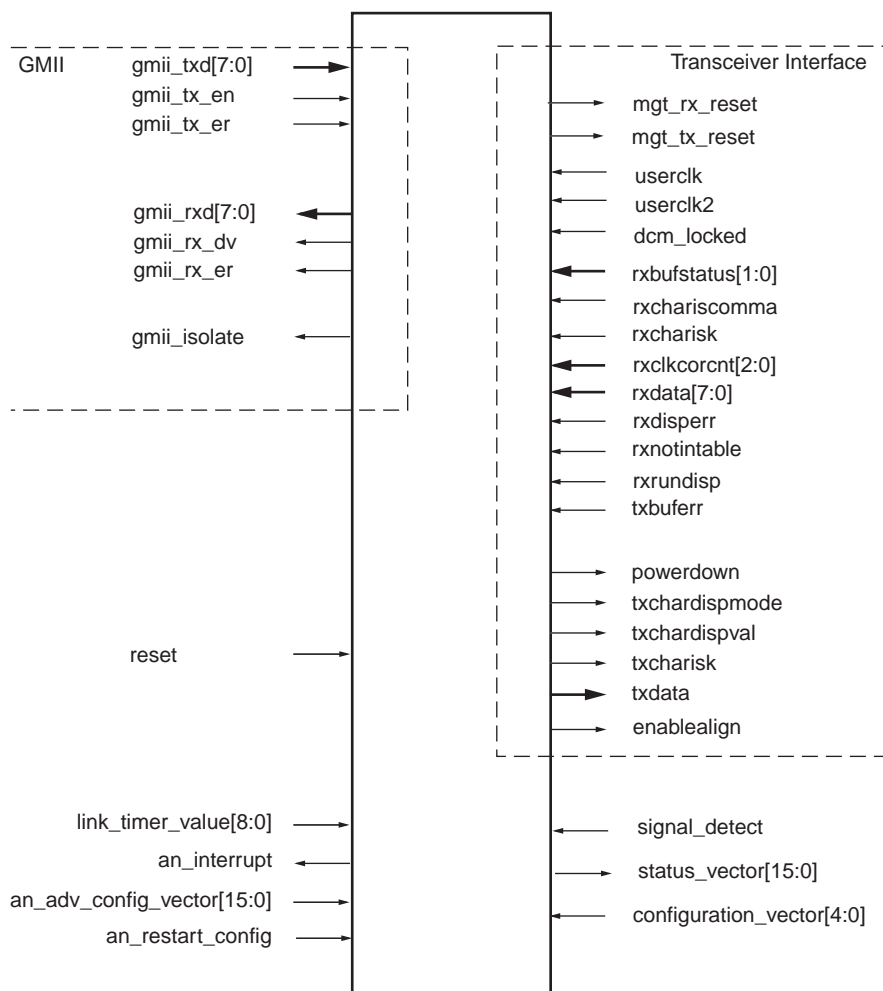


Figure 6-4: Component Pinout Using a Transceiver *with* PCS Management Registers

Figure 6-5 shows the pinout for the Ethernet 1000BASE-X PCS/PMA or SGMII core using a device-specific transceiver, or LVDS transceiver logic *without* the optional PCS Management registers.



**Figure 6-5: Component Pinout Using a Transceiver *without* PCS Management Registers**

Figure 6-6 shows the pinout for the Ethernet 1000BASE-X PCS/PMA or SGMII core when using the TBI with optional PCS Management registers. The signals shown in the Auto-Negotiation box are included only when the core includes the Auto-Negotiation functionality (see Chapter 3, [Generating and Customizing the Core](#)).

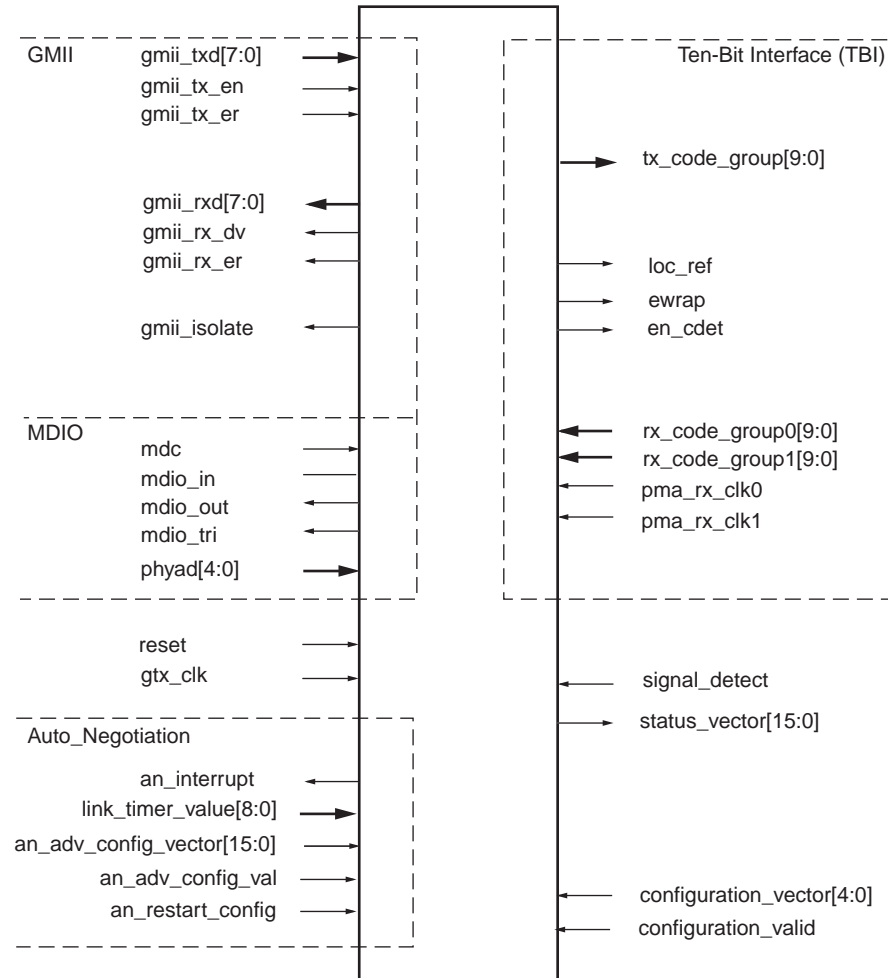
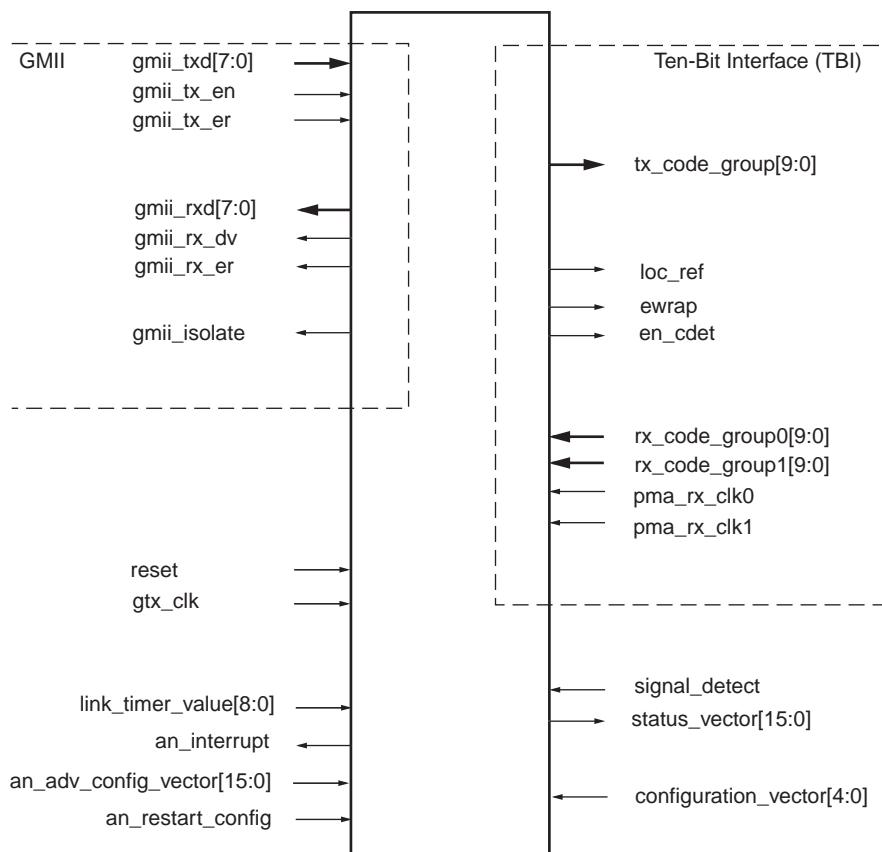


Figure 6-6: **Component Pinout Using the Ten-Bit Interface with PCS Management Registers**

Figure 6-7 shows the pinout for the Ethernet 1000BASE-X PCS/PMA or SGMII core when using a TBI without the optional PCS Management registers.



**Figure 6-7: Component Pinout Using Ten-Bit Interface *without* PCS Management Registers**

Figure 6-8 shows the pinout for the Ethernet 1000BASE-X PCS/PMA or SGMII core using the optional dynamic switching logic (between 1000BASE-X and SGMII standards). This mode is shown used with a device-specific transceiver interface. For more information, see Chapter 14, *Dynamic Switching of 1000BASE-X and SGMII Standards*.

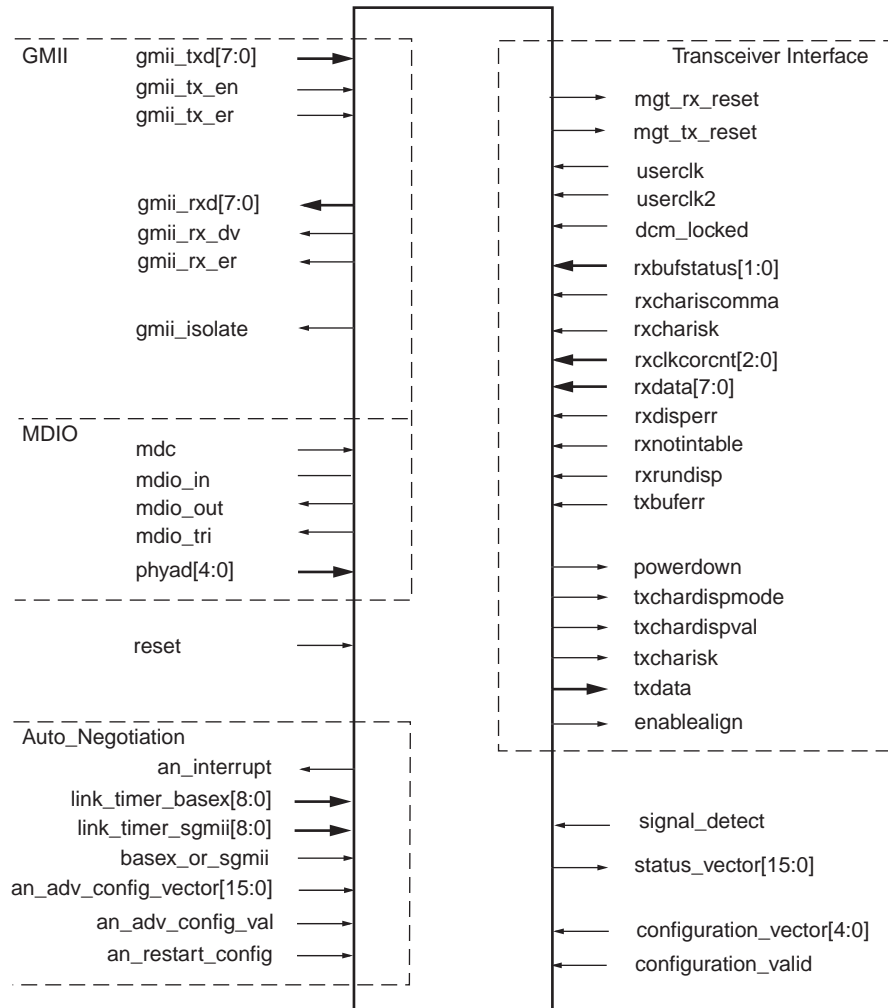


Figure 6-8: Component Pinout with the Dynamic Switching Logic

## Client Side Interface

### GMII Pinout

[Table 6-1](#) describes the GMII-side interface signals of the core common to all parameterizations of the core. These are typically attached to an Ethernet MAC, either off-chip or internally integrated. The HDL example design delivered with the core connects these signals to IOBs to provide a place-and-route example.

For more information, see [Chapter 11, Using the Client-Side GMII Datapath](#).

**Table 6-1: GMII Interface Signal Pinout**

Signal	Direction	Description
gmii_txd[7:0] <sup>(1)</sup>	Input	GMII Transmit data from MAC.
gmii_tx_en <sup>(1)</sup>	Input	GMII Transmit control signal from MAC.
gmii_tx_er <sup>(1)</sup>	Input	GMII Transmit control signal from MAC.
gmii_rxd[7:0] <sup>(2)</sup>	Output	GMII Received data to MAC.
gmii_rx_dv <sup>(2)</sup>	Output	GMII Received control signal to MAC.
gmii_rx_er <sup>(2)</sup>	Output	GMII Received control signal to MAC.
gmii_isolate <sup>(2)</sup>	Output	IOB 3-state control for GMII Isolation. Only of use when implementing an External GMII as illustrated by the example design HDL.

**Notes:**

1. When the Transmitter Elastic Buffer is present, these signals are synchronous to gmii\_tx\_clk. When the Transmitter Elastic Buffer is omitted, see <sup>(2)</sup>.
2. These signals are synchronous to the internal 125 MHz reference clock of the core. This is userclk2 when the core is used with the device-specific transceiver; gtx\_clk when the core is used with TBI.

## Common Signal Pinout

Table 6-2 describes the remaining signals common to all parameterizations of the core

Table 6-2: Other Common Signals

Signal	Direction	Clock Domain	Description
reset	Input	n/a	Asynchronous reset for the entire core. Active High.
status_vector[15:0]	Output	See note <sup>1</sup>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li> <b>Bit[0]: Link Status</b>  This signal indicates the status of the link.  When high, the link is valid: synchronization of the link has been obtained <b>and</b> Auto-Negotiation (if present and enabled) has successfully completed.  When low, a valid link has not been established. Either link synchronization has failed or Auto-Negotiation (if present and enabled) has failed to complete.  When auto-negotiation is enabled, this signal is identical to Status Register Bit 1.2: Link Status.  When auto-negotiation is disabled, this signal is identical to status_vector Bit[1]. In this case, either of the bits can be used. </li> <li> <b>Bit[1]: Link Synchronization</b>  This signal indicates the state of the synchronization state machine (IEEE802.3 figure 36-9) which is based on the reception of valid 8B/10B code groups. This signal is similar to Bit[0] (Link Status), but is <i>not</i> qualified with Auto-Negotiation.  When high, link synchronization has been obtained and in the synchronization state machine, sync_status=OK.  When low, synchronization has failed. </li> <li> <b>Bit[2]: RUDI(/C/)</b>  The core is receiving /C/ ordered sets (Auto-Negotiation Configuration sequences). </li> <li> <b>Bit[3]: RUDI(/I/)</b>  The core is receiving /I/ ordered sets (Idles) </li> <li> <b>Bit[4]: RUDI(INVALID)</b>  The core has received invalid data while receiving/C/ or /I/ ordered set. </li> <li> <b>Bit[5]: RXDISPERR</b>  The core has received a running disparity error during the 8B/10B decoding function. </li> <li> <b>Bit[6]: RXNOTINTABLE</b>  The core has received a code group which is not recognized from the 8B/10B coding tables. </li> <li> <b>Bit[7]: PHY Link Status (SGMII mode only)</b>  When operating in SGMII mode, this bit represents the link status of the external PHY device attached to the other end of the SGMII link (high indicates that the PHY has obtained a link with its link partner; low indicates that it has not linked with its link partner).  When operating in 1000BASE-X mode, this bit remains low and should be ignored </li> </ul>

Table 6-2: Other Common Signals

Signal	Direction	Clock Domain	Description												
status_vector[15:0] (Continued)	Output	See note 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Bit[9:8]: <b>Remote Fault Encoding</b> This signal indicates the remote fault encoding (IEEE802.3 table 37-3). This signal is validated by bit 13 of status_vector and is only valid when Auto-Negotiation is enabled. This signal has no significance when the core is in SGMII mode with PHY side implementation and indicates “00”. In all the remaining modes the signal indicates the remote fault encoding.</li></ul>												
			<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Bit [11:10]: <b>SPEED</b> This signal indicates the speed negotiated and is only valid when Auto-Negotiation is enabled. The signal encoding follows: Bit[11] Bit[10]<table><tr><td>1</td><td>1</td><td>Reserved</td></tr><tr><td>1</td><td>0</td><td>1000 Mb/s</td></tr><tr><td>0</td><td>1</td><td>100 Mb/s</td></tr><tr><td>0</td><td>0</td><td>10 Mb/s</td></tr></table></li></ul>	1	1	Reserved	1	0	1000 Mb/s	0	1	100 Mb/s	0	0	10 Mb/s
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<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Bit[12]: <b>Duplex Mode</b> This bit indicates the Duplex mode negotiated with the link partner 1 = Full Duplex 0 = Half Duplex</li></ul>															
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Bit[13] <b>Remote Fault</b> When this bit is logic one, it indicates that a remote fault is detected and the type of remote fault is indicated by status_vector bits[9:8]. <b>Note:</b> This bit is only deasserted when a MDIO read is made to status register (register1). This signal has no significance in SGMII PHY mode.</li></ul>															
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Bits[15;14]: <b>Pause</b> These bits reflect the bits [8:7] of Register 5 (Link Partner Base AN Register) Bit[15] Bit[14]<table><tr><td>0</td><td>0</td><td>No Pause</td></tr><tr><td>0</td><td>1</td><td>Symmetric Pause</td></tr><tr><td>1</td><td>0</td><td>Asymmetric Pause towards Link partner</td></tr><tr><td>1</td><td>1</td><td>Both Symmetric Pause and Asymmetric Pause towards link partner</td></tr></table></li></ul>	0	0	No Pause	0	1	Symmetric Pause	1	0	Asymmetric Pause towards Link partner	1	1	Both Symmetric Pause and Asymmetric Pause towards link partner			
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1. Signals are synchronous to the core internal 125 MHz reference clock; userclk2 when used with a device-specific transceiver; gtx\_clk when used with TBI.

## MDIO Management Interface Pinout (Optional)

Table 6-3 describes the optional MDIO interface signals of the core that are used to access the PCS Management registers. These signals are typically connected to the MDIO port of a MAC device, either off-chip or to an internally integrated MAC core. For more information, see [Management Registers](#).

**Table 6-3: Optional MDIO Interface Signal Pinout**

Signal	Direction	Clock Domain	Description
mdc	Input	N/A	Management clock ( $\leq 2.5$ MHz).
mdio_in <sup>(1)</sup>	Input	mdc	Input data signal for communication with MDIO controller (for example, an Ethernet MAC). Tie high if unused.
mdio_out <sup>(1)</sup>	Output	mdc	Output data signal for communication with MDIO controller (for example, an Ethernet MAC).
mdio_tri <sup>(1)</sup>	Output	mdc	3-state control for MDIO signals; '0' signals that the value on mdio_out should be asserted onto the MDIO interface.
phyad[4:0]	Input	N/A	Physical Address of the PCS Management register set. It is expected that this signal will be tied off to a logical value.

**Notes:**

1. These signals can be connected to a 3-state buffer to create a bidirectional mdio signal suitable for connection to an external MDIO controller (for example, an Ethernet MAC).

## Additional Configuration Vector Interface

Table 6-4 shows the additional interface to program Management Registers 0 and 4 irrespective of the optional MDIO interface.

Table 6-4: Additional Configuration and Status Vectors

Signal	Direction	Clock Domain	Description
configuration_vector[4:0]	Input	See note	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bit[0]: <b>Unidirectional Enable</b> When set to 1, Enable Transmit irrespective of state of RX (802.3ah). When set to 0, Normal operation</li> <li>• Bit[1]: <b>Loopback Control</b> When the core with a device-specific transceiver is used, this places the core into internal loopback mode. With the TBI version, Bit 1 is connected to ewrap. When set to 1, this signal indicates to the external PMA module to enter loopback mode.</li> <li>• Bit[2]: <b>Power Down</b> When the Virtex-7, Kintex-7, Artix-7, Virtex-6, Virtex-5 or Spartan-6 FPGA transceivers are used and set to 1, the device-specific transceiver is placed in a low-power state. A reset must be applied to clear. With the TBI version this bit is unused.</li> <li>• Bit[3] <b>Isolate</b> When set to 1, the GMII should be electrically isolated. When set to 0, normal operation is enabled.</li> <li>• Bit[4] <b>Auto-Negotiation Enable</b> This signal is valid only if the AN module is enabled through the CORE Generator™ GUI). When set to 1, the signal enables the AN feature. When set to 0, AN is disabled.</li> </ul>
configuration_valid	Input	See Note	<p>This signal is valid only when the MDIO interface is present. The rising edge of this signal is the enable signal to overwrite the Register 0 contents that were written from the MDIO interface. For triggering a fresh update of Register 0 through <i>configuration_vector</i>, this signal should be deasserted and then reasserted.</p>

**Note:** Signals are synchronous to the core internal 125 MHz reference clock; userclk2 when used with a device-specific transceiver; gtx\_clk when used with TBI.

## Auto-Negotiation Signal Pinout

Table 6-5 describes the signals present when the optional Auto-Negotiation functionality is present. For more information, see Chapter 13, Auto-Negotiation.

Table 6-5: Optional Auto-Negotiation Interface Signal Pinout

Signal	Direction	Clock Domain	Description
link_timer_value[8:0]	Input	See note	Used to configure the duration of the Auto-Negotiation function Link Timer. The duration of this timer is set to the binary number input into this port multiplied by 4096 clock periods of the 125 MHz reference clock (8 ns). It is expected that this signal will be tied off to a logical value. This port is replaced when using the dynamic switching mode.
an_adv_config_vector [15:0]	Input	See Note	In SGMII operating in MAC Mode, the AN_ADV register is hard wired internally to "0x4001" and this bus has no effect. For 1000BaseX and SGMII operating in PHY mode, the AN_ADV register is programmed by this bus as specified for the following bits. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Bit[0]: For 1000 BASEX-Reserved. For SGMII- Always 1</li> <li>Bits [4:1]: Reserved</li> <li>Bit [5]: For 1000 BASEX- Full Duplex 1 = Full Duplex Mode is advertised 0 = Full Duplex Mode is not advertised For SGMII- Reserved</li> <li>Bit [6]: Reserved</li> <li>Bits [8:7]: For 1000 BASEX- Pause 0 0 No Pause 0 1 Symmetric Pause 1 0 Asymmetric Pause towards link partner 1 1 Both Symmetric Pause and Asymmetric Pause towards link partner For SGMII - Reserved</li> <li>Bit [9]: Reserved</li> <li>Bits [11:10]: For 1000 BASEX- Reserved For SGMII- Speed 1 1 Reserved 1 0 1000 Mb/s 0 1 100 Mb/s 0 0 10 Mb/s</li> <li>Bits [13:12]: For 1000 BASEX- Remote Fault 0 0 No Error 0 1 Offline 1 0 Link Failure 1 1 Auto-Negotiation Error For SGMII- Bit[13]: Reserved</li> </ul>

Table 6-5: Optional Auto-Negotiation Interface Signal Pinout (Cont'd)

Signal	Direction	Clock Domain	Description
an_adv_config_Vector [15:0] (Continued)	Input	See Note	Bit[12]: Duplex Mode 1 Full Duplex 0 Half Duplex <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Bit [14]: For 1000 BASEX- Reserved For SGMII- Acknowledge</li> <li>Bit [15]: For 1000 BASEX- Reserved For SGMII- PHY Link Status 1 Link Up 0 Link Down</li> </ul>
an_adv_config_val	Input	See Note	This signal is valid only when the MDIO interface is present. The rising edge of this signal is the enable signal to overwrite the Register 4 contents that were written from the MDIO interface. For triggering a fresh update of Register 4 through <i>an_adv_config_vector</i> , this signal should be deasserted and then reasserted.
an_restart_config	Input	See Note	This signal is valid only when AN is present. The rising edge of this signal is the enable signal to overwrite Bit 9 or Register 0. For triggering a fresh AN Start, this signal should be deasserted and then reasserted.
an_interrupt	Output	See Note	When the MDIO module is selected through the GUI interface, this signal indicates an Active High interrupt for Auto-Negotiation cycle completion which needs to be cleared through MDIO. This interrupt can be enabled/disabled and cleared by writing to the appropriate PCS Management register. See the <i>Ethernet 1000BASE-X PCS/PMA or SGMII User Guide</i> .  When the MDIO module is not selected, this signal indicates AN Complete, which is asserted as long as the Auto-Negotiation is complete and AN is not restarted and cannot be cleared.

**Note:** Signals are synchronous to the core internal 125 MHz reference clock, userclk2 when the core is used with the device-specific transceiver, and gtx\_clk when the core is used with TBI.

## Dynamic Switching Signal Pinout

Table 6-6 describes the signals present when the optional Dynamic Switching mode (between 1000BASE-X and SGMII standards) is selected. In this case, the MDIO (Table 6-3)

and device-specific transceiver (Table 6-7) interfaces are always present.

Table 6-6: Optional Dynamic Standard Switching Signals

Signal	Direction	Description
link_timer_basex[8:0] <sup>(1)</sup>	Input	Used to configure the duration of the Auto-Negotiation Link Timer period when performing the 1000BASE-X standard. The duration of this timer is set to the binary number input into this port multiplied by 4096 clock periods of the 125 MHz reference clock (8 ns). It is expected that this signal will be tied off to a logical value.
link_timer_sgmii[8:0] <sup>(1)</sup>	Input	Used to configure the duration of the Auto-Negotiation Link Timer period when performing the SGMII standard. The duration of this timer is set to the binary number input into this port multiplied by 4096 clock periods of the 125 MHz reference clock (8 ns). It is expected that this signal will be tied off to a logical value.
basex_or_sgmii <sup>(1)</sup>	Input	Used as the reset default to select the standard. It is expected that this signal will be tied off to a logical value. '0' signals that the core will come out of reset operating as 1000BASE-X. '1' signals that the core will come out of reset operating as SGMII. <b>Note:</b> The standard can be set following reset through the MDIO Management.

**Notes:**

1. Clock domain is userclk2.

## Physical Side Interface

### 1000BASE-X PCS with PMA Using Transceiver Signal Pinout (Optional)

Table 6-7 describes the optional interface to the device-specific transceiver, or LVDS transceiver logic. The core is connected to the chosen transceiver in the appropriate HDL example design delivered with the core. For more information, see [Appendix D, 1000BASE-X State Machines](#).

- [Chapter 8, 1000BASE-X with Transceivers](#)
- [Chapter 9, SGMII / Dynamic Standards Switching with Transceivers](#)
- [Chapter 10, SGMII Support Using Asynchronous Oversampling over Virtex-6 FPGA LVDS](#)

Table 6-7: Optional Transceiver Interface Pinout

Signal	Direction	Description
mgt_rx_reset <sup>(1)</sup>	Output	Reset signal issued by the core to the device-specific transceiver receiver path. Connect to RXRESET signal of device-specific transceiver.
mgt_tx_reset <sup>(1)</sup>	Output	Reset signal issued by the core to the device-specific transceiver transmitter path. Connect to TXRESET signal of device-specific transceiver.
userclk	Input	Also connected to TXUSRCLK and RXUSRCLK of the device-specific transceiver. Clock domain is not applicable.
userclk2	Input	Also connected to TXUSRCLK2 and RXUSRCLK2 of the device-specific transceiver. Clock domain is not applicable.
dcm_locked	Input	A Digital Clock Manager (DCM) can be used to derive userclk and userclk2. This is implemented in the HDL design example delivered with the core. The core will use this input to hold the device-specific transceiver in reset until the DCM obtains lock. Clock domain is not applicable. If DCM is not used, this signal should be tied to '1'.
rxbufstatus[1:0] <sup>(1)</sup>	Input	Connect to device-specific transceiver signal of the same name.
rxchariscomma <sup>(1)</sup>	Input	Connects to device-specific transceiver signal of the same name.
rxcharisk <sup>(1)</sup>	Input	Connects to device-specific transceiver signal of the same name.
rxclkcorcnt[2:0] <sup>(1)</sup>	Input	Connect to device-specific transceiver signal of the same name.
rxdata[7:0] <sup>(1)</sup>	Input	Connect to device-specific transceiver signal of the same name.
rxdisperr <sup>(1)</sup>	Input	Connects to device-specific transceiver signal of the same name.
rxnotintable <sup>(1)</sup>	Input	Connects to device-specific transceiver signal of the same name.
rxrundisp <sup>(1)</sup>	Input	Connects to device-specific transceiver signal of the same name.
txbuferr <sup>(1)</sup>	Input	Connects to device-specific transceiver signal of the same name.
powerdown <sup>(1)</sup>	Output	Connects to device-specific transceiver signal of the same name.
txchardispmode <sup>(1)</sup>	Output	Connects to device-specific transceiver signal of the same name.
txchardispval <sup>(1)</sup>	Output	Connects to device-specific transceiver signal of the same name.

Table 6-7: Optional Transceiver Interface Pinout (Cont'd)

Signal	Direction	Description
txcharisk <sup>(1)</sup>	Output	Connects to device-specific transceiver signal of the same name.
txdata[7:0] <sup>(1)</sup>	Output	Connect to device-specific transceiver signal of the same name.
enablealign <sup>(1)</sup>	Output	Allows the transceivers to serially realign to a comma character. Connects to ENMCOMMAALIGN and ENPCOMMAALIGN of the device-specific transceiver.

**Notes:**

1. When the core is used with a device-specific transceiver, `userclk2` is used as the 125 MHz reference clock for the entire core.

## 1000BASE-X PCS with TBI Pinout

Table 6-8 describes the optional TBI signals, used as an alternative to the transceiver interfaces. The appropriate HDL example design delivered with the core connects these signals to IOBs to provide an external TBI suitable for connection to an off-device PMA SERDES device. When the core is used with the TBI, `gtx_clk` is used as the 125 MHz reference clock for the entire core. For more information, see [Chapter 7, The Ten-Bit Interface](#).

Table 6-8: Optional TBI Interface Signal Pinout

Signal	Direction	Clock Domain	Description
gtx_clk	Input	N/A	Clock signal at 125 MHz. Tolerance must be within IEEE 802.3-2008 specification.
tx_code_group[9:0]	Output	gtx_clk	10-bit parallel transmit data to PMA Sublayer (SERDES).
loc_ref	Output	N/A	Causes the PMA sublayer clock recovery unit to lock to <code>pma_tx_clk</code> . This signal is currently tied to Ground.
ewrap	Output	gtx_clk	When '1,' this indicates to the external PMA SERDES device to enter loopback mode. When '0,' this indicates normal operation
rx_code_group0[9:0]	Input	pma_rx_clk0	10-bit parallel received data from PMA Sublayer (SERDES). This is synchronous to <code>pma_rx_clk0</code> .
rx_code_group1[9:0]	Input	pma_rx_clk1	10-bit parallel received data from PMA Sublayer (SERDES). This is synchronous to <code>pma_rx_clk1</code> .

Table 6-8: Optional TBI Interface Signal Pinout (*Cont'd*)

Signal	Direction	Clock Domain	Description
pma_rx_clk0	Input	N/A	Received clock signal from PMA Sublayer (SERDES) at 62.5 MHz.
pma_rx_clk1	Input	N/A	Received clock signal from PMA Sublayer (SERDES) at 62.5 MHz. This is 180 degrees out of phase with pma_rx_clk0.
en_cdet	Output	gtx_clk	Enables the PMA Sublayer to perform comma realignment. This is driven from the PCS Receive Engine during the <i>Loss-Of-Sync</i> state.

# The Ten-Bit Interface

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This chapter provides general guidelines for creating 1000BASE-X, SGMII or Dynamic Standards Switching designs using the Ten-Bit Interface (TBI).

This chapter is organized into the following main sections:

- [Ten-Bit-Interface Logic](#)

This section provides an explanation of the TBI physical interface logic in all supported device families. This section is common to both 1000BASE-X and SGMII implementations.

- [Clock Sharing across Multiple Cores with TBI](#)

Providing guidance for using several core instantiations; clock sharing should occur whenever possible to save device resources.

- [Example Designs for the Ten-Bit Interface \(TBI\)](#)

Providing an introduction to the CORE Generator™ tool example design deliverables, this section is split into the following two sub-sections:

- [Example Design for 1000BASE-X with Ten-Bit Interface](#)
- [SGMII Example Design / Dynamic Switching Example Design with Ten-Bit Interface](#)

This section also provides an overview of the demonstration test bench that is provided with the example designs.

Virtex-6 devices support TBI at 2.5 V only. See the *Virtex-6 FPGA Data Sheet: DC and Switching Characteristics* for more information. Kintex™-7, Virtex-5, Virtex-4, Spartan®-6, and Spartan-3 devices support TBI at 3.3 V or lower.

## Ten-Bit-Interface Logic

The example design delivered with the core is split between two hierarchical layers, as illustrated in both [Figure 7-14](#) and [Figure 7-16](#). The block level is designed so that it can be instantiated directly into customer designs and provides the following functionality:

- Instantiates the core from HDL
- Connects the physical-side interface of the core to device IOBs, creating an external TBI

The TBI logic implemented in the block level is illustrated in all the figures in this chapter.

### Transmitter Logic

[Figure 7-1](#) illustrates the use of the physical transmitter interface of the core to create an external TBI in a Virtex-5 family device. The signal names and logic shown exactly match those delivered with the example design when TBI is chosen. If other families are chosen, equivalent primitives and logic specific to that family are automatically used in the example design.

[Figure 7-1](#) shows that the output transmitter datapath signals are registered in device IOBs before driving them to the device pads. The logic required to forward the transmitter clock is also shown. The logic uses an IOB output Double-Data-Rate (DDR) register so that the clock signal produced incurs exactly the same delay as the data and control signals. This clock signal, `pma_tx_clk`, is inverted with respect to `gtx_clk` so that the rising edge of `pma_tx_clk` occurs in the center of the data valid window to maximize setup and hold times across the interface.

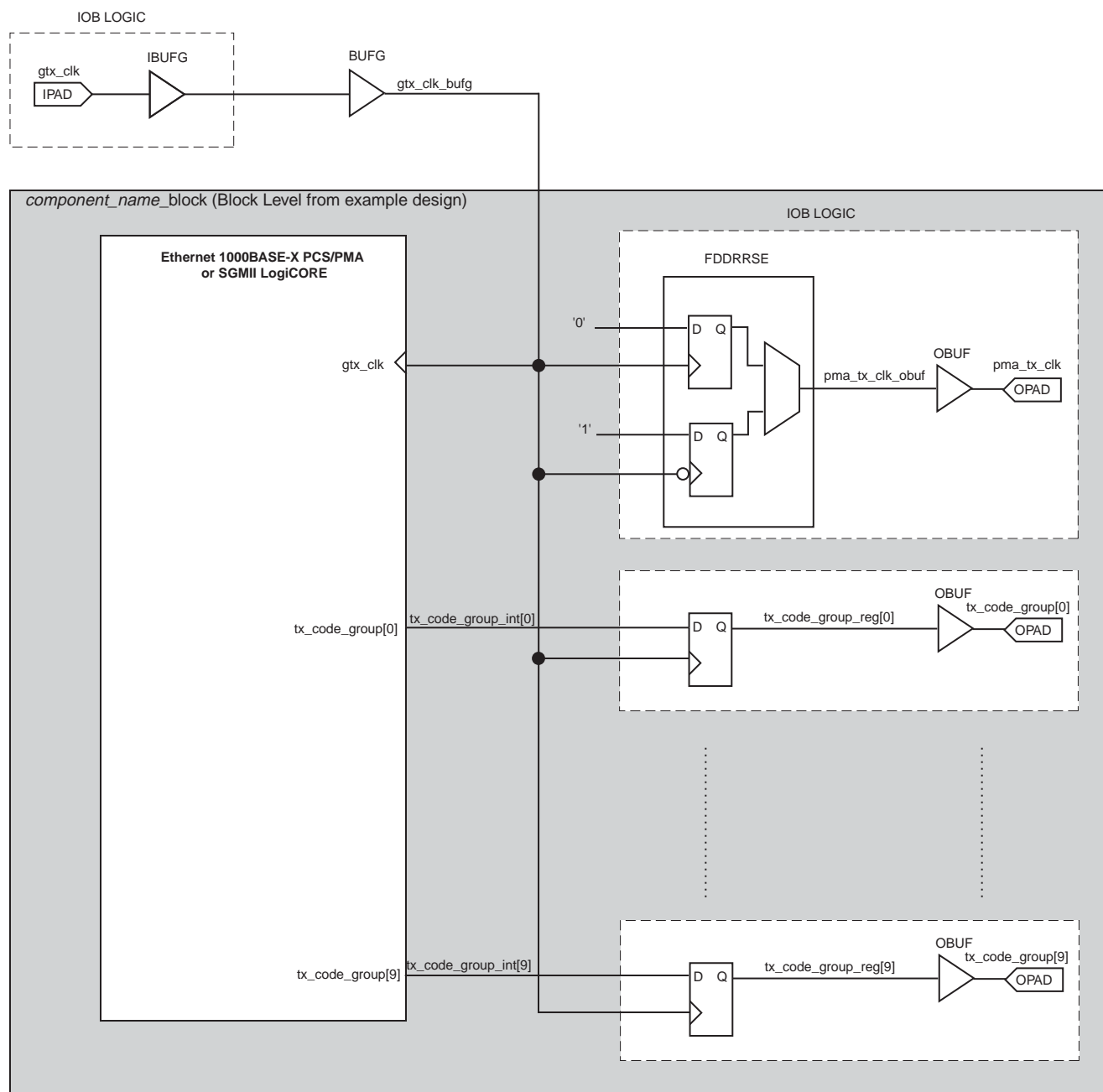


Figure 7-1: Ten-Bit Interface Transmitter Logic

## Receiver Logic

### Introduction

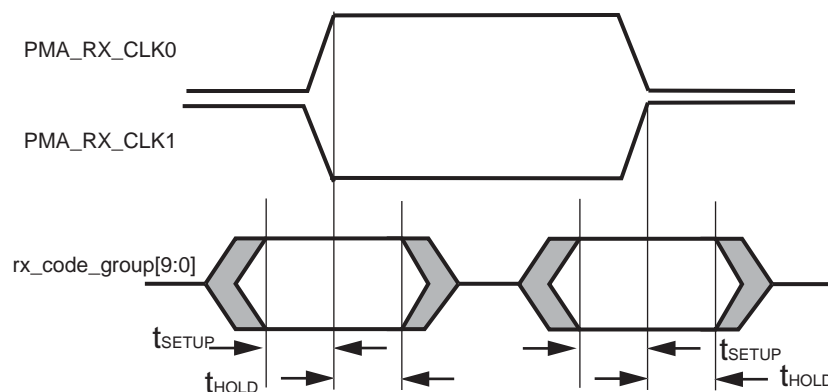


Figure 7-2: Input TBI timing

Figure 7-2 illustrates the input timing for the TBI interface as defined in IEEE802.3-2008 clause 36 (see also [TBI Input Setup/Hold Timing](#) for further information).

The important point is that the input TBI data bus, `rx_code_group[9:0]`, is synchronous to two clock sources: `pma_rx_clk0` and `pma_rx_clk1`. As defined by the standard, the TBI data should be sampled alternatively on the rising edge of `pma_rx_clk0`, then `pma_rx_clk1`. Minimum setup and hold constraints are specified and apply to both clock sources.

In the IEEE802.3-2008 specification, there is no exact requirement that `pma_rx_clk0` and `pma_rx_clk1` be exactly 180 degrees out of phase with each other, so the safest approach is to use both `pma_rx_clk0` and `pma_rx_clk1` clocks as the specification intends. This is at the expense of clocking resources.

However, the data sheet for a particular external SERDES device that connects to the TBI may well specify that this is the case; that `pma_rx_clk0` and `pma_rx_clk1` are exactly 180 degrees out of phase. If this is the case, the TBI receiver clock logic can be simplified by ignoring the `pma_rx_clk1` clock altogether, and simply using both the rising and falling edges of `pma_rx_clk0`.

For this reason, the following sections describe two different alternatives methods for implementing the TBI receiver clock logic: one which uses both `pma_rx_clk0` and `pma_rx_clk1` clock, and a second which only uses `pma_rx_clk0` (but both rising and falling edges). Select the method carefully by referring to the data sheet of the external SERDES.

The example designs provided with the core only provides one of these methods (which vary on a family-by-family basis). However, the example HDL design can easily be edited to convert to the alternative method.

## Spartan-3, Spartan-3E and Spartan-3A Devices

### Method 1: Using Both pma\_rx\_clk0 and pma\_rx\_clk1 (Provided by the Example Design)

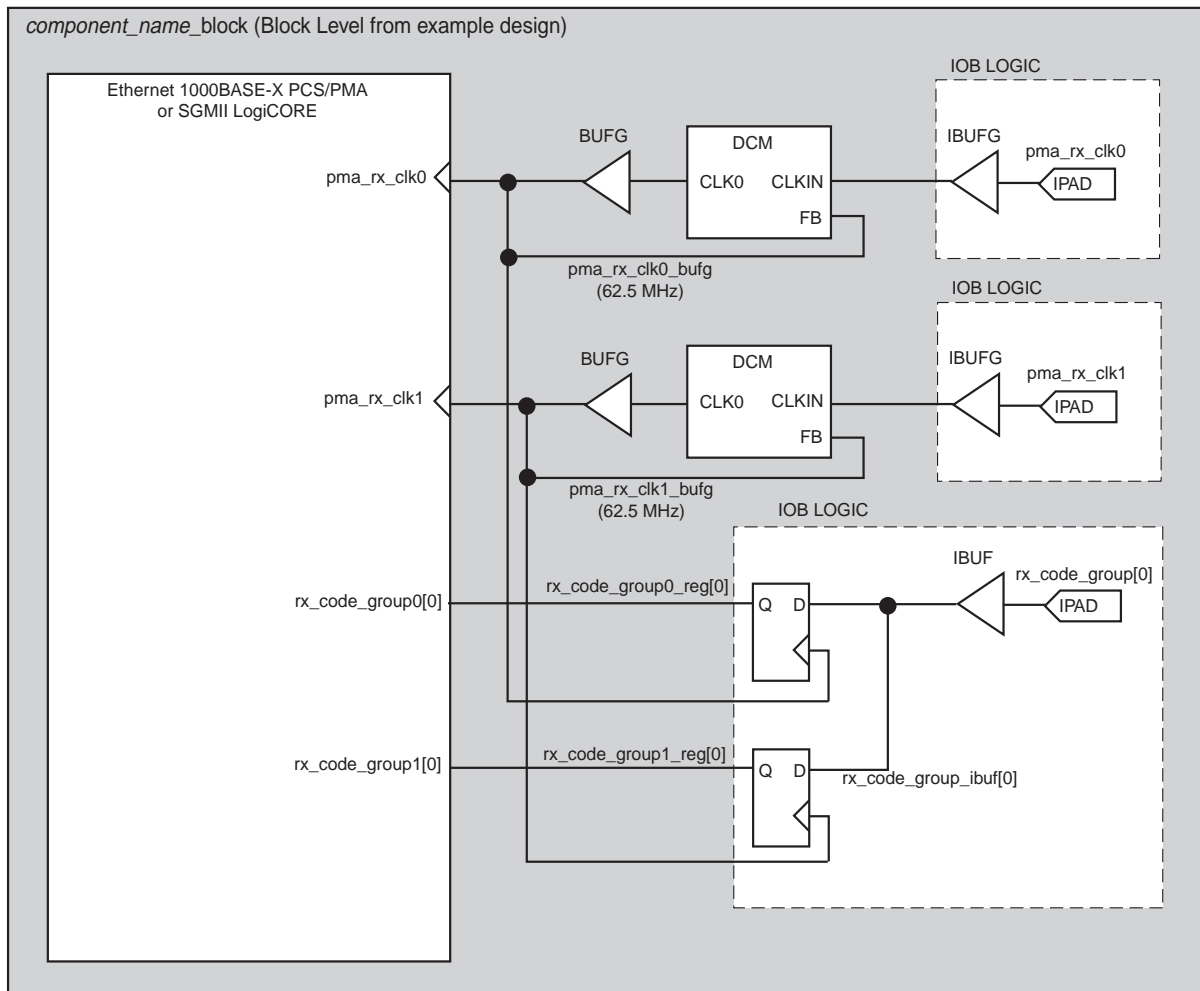


Figure 7-3: TBI Receiver Logic for Spartan-3, Spartan-3E, and Spartan-3A Devices (Example Design)

This is the implementation provided by the example design for the Spartan-3 families. This uses the pma\_rx\_clk0 and pma\_rx\_clk1 clocks as intended by the TBI specification. Contrast this with Method 2 which can save on clock resources *if* the external SERDES devices guarantee that they provide pma\_rx\_clk0 and pma\_rx\_clk1 exactly 180 degrees out of phase with each other.

In this implementation, a DCM is used on both the pma\_rx\_clk0 and pma\_rx\_clk1 clock paths (see Figure 7-3). Phase shifting should then be applied to the DCM to fine-tune the setup and hold times at the TBI IOB input flip-flops. Fixed phase shift is applied to the DCM using constraints in the example UCF for the example design. See [Ten-Bit Interface Constraints](#) for more information.

## Spartan-3, Spartan-3E, and Spartan-3A Devices

## Method 2: An Alternative Using Only pma\_rx\_clk0

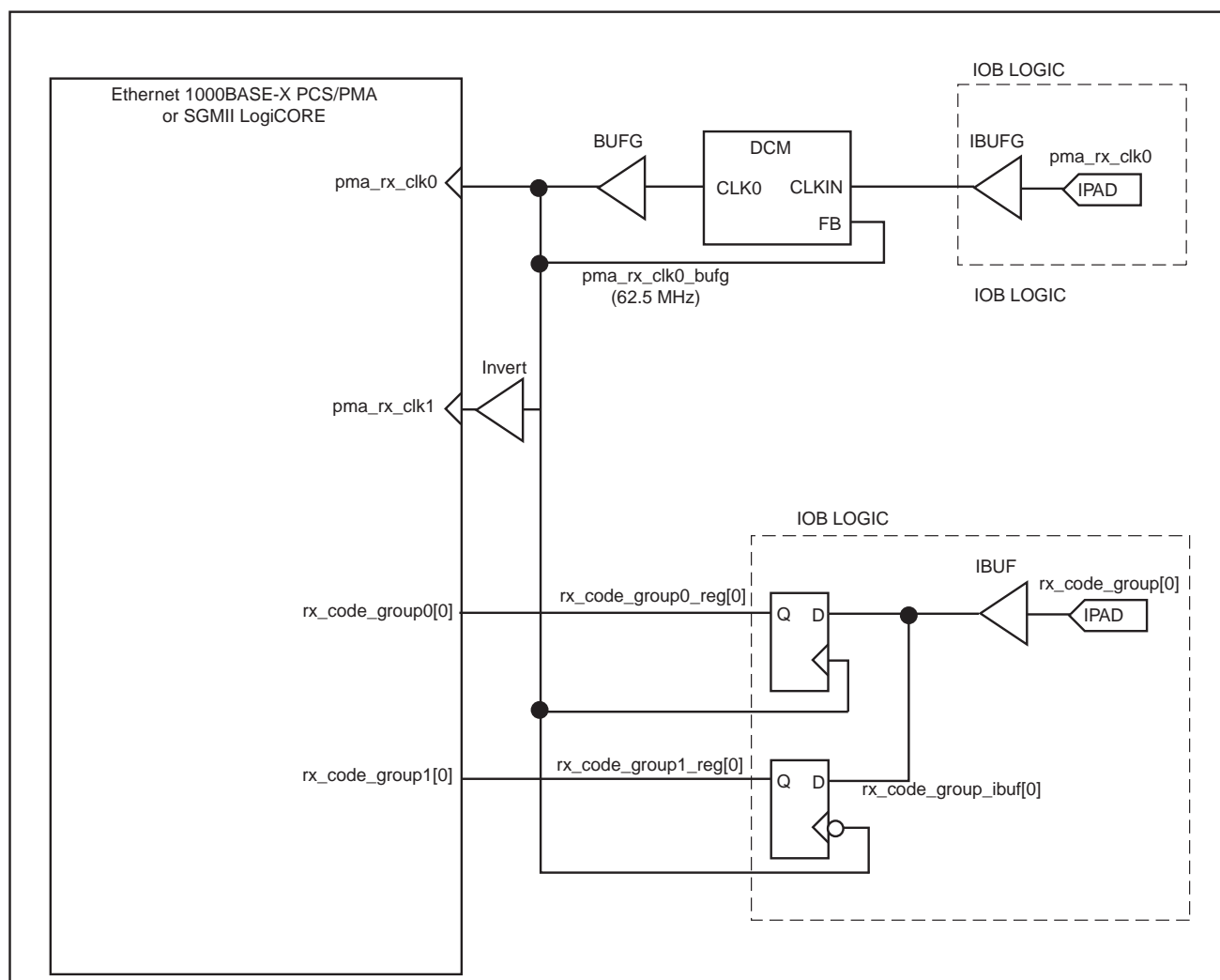


Figure 7-4: TBI Receiver Logic for Spartan-3, Spartan-3E, and Spartan-3A Devices

In this implementation, the falling edge of `pma_rx_clk0` is used instead of `pma_rx_clk1` (see Figure 7-4).

The DCM is used on the `pma_rx_clk0` clock path. Phase shifting should then be applied to the DCM to fine-tune the setup and hold times at the `rx_code_group[9:0]` IOB input flip-flops.

The clock derived from the DCM should be inverted, as illustrated, before routing it to the `pma_rx_clk1` input of the core. This does not create a clock on local routing. Instead the tools then use local clock inversion directly at the clock input of the flip-flops that this clock is routed to.

**Caution!** This logic relies on `pma_rx_clk0` and `pma_rx_clk1` being exactly 180 degrees out of phase with each other because the falling edge of `pma_rx_clk0` is used in place of `pma_rx_clk1`. See the data sheet for the attached SERDES to verify that this is the case.

## Virtex-4 Devices

### Method 1: Using Only pma\_rx\_clk0 (Provided by the Example Design)

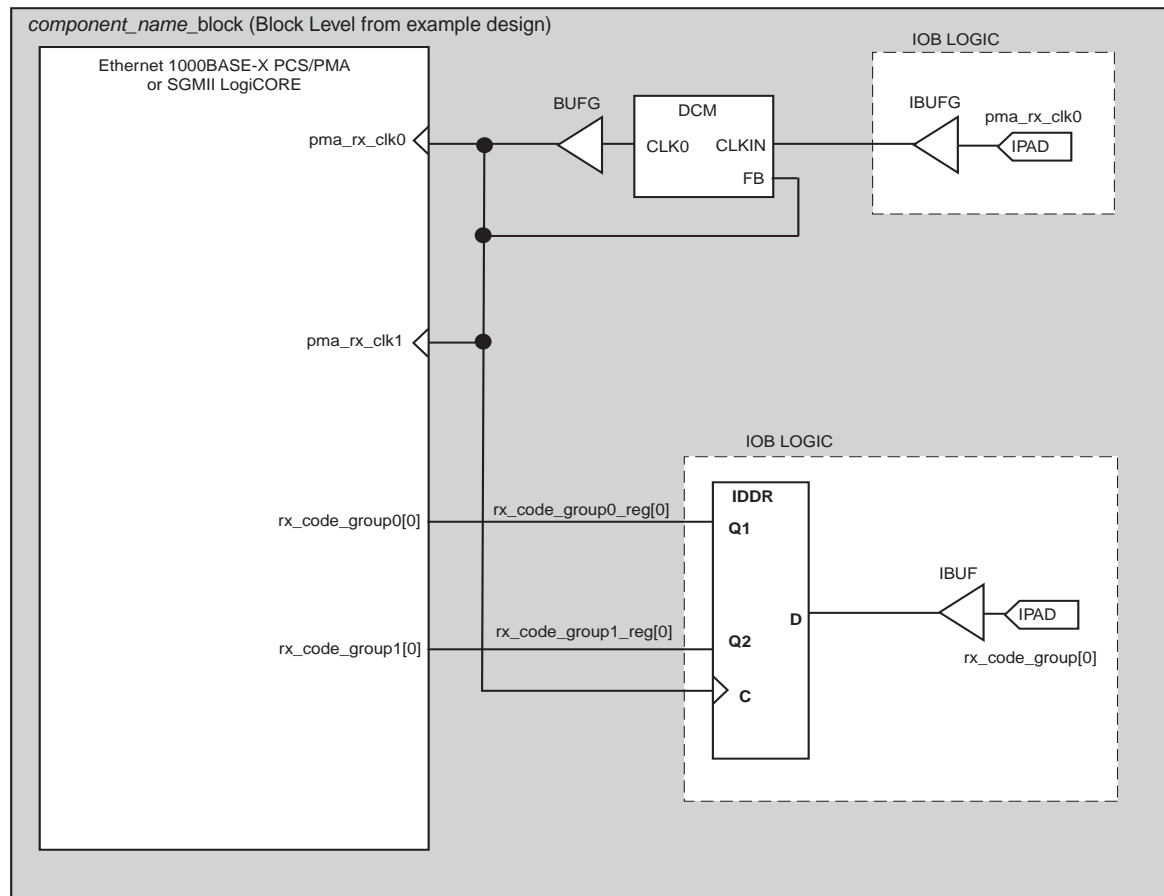


Figure 7-5: Ten-Bit Interface Receiver Logic - Virtex-4 Device (Example Design)

The Virtex-4 FPGA logic used by the example design delivered with the core is illustrated in Figure 7-5. This shows a Virtex-4 device IDDR primitive used with the `DDR_CLK_EDGE` attribute set to `SAME_EDGE` (see the *Virtex-4 FPGA User Guide*). This uses local inversion of `pma_rx_clk0` within the IOB logic to receive the `rx_code_group[9:0]` data bus on both the rising and falling edges of `pma_rx_clk0`. The `SAME_EDGE` attribute causes the IDDR to output both Q1 and Q2 data on the rising edge of `pma_rx_clk0`.

For this reason, `pma_rx_clk0` can be routed to both `pma_rx_clk0` and `pma_rx_clk1` clock inputs of the core as illustrated.

**Caution!** This logic relies on `pma_rx_clk0` and `pma_rx_clk1` being exactly 180 degrees out of phase with each other because the falling edge of `pma_rx_clk0` is used in place of `pma_rx_clk1`. See the data sheet for the attached SERDES to verify that this is the case.

The DCM is used on the `pma_rx_clk0` clock path. Phase shifting should then be applied to the DCM to fine-tune the setup and hold times at the `rx_code_group[9:0]` IOB input flip-flops. Fixed phase shift is applied to the DCM using constraints in the example UCF for the example design. See [Ten-Bit Interface Constraints](#) for more information.

## Method 2: An Alternative Using Both pma\_rx\_clk0 and pma\_rx\_clk1

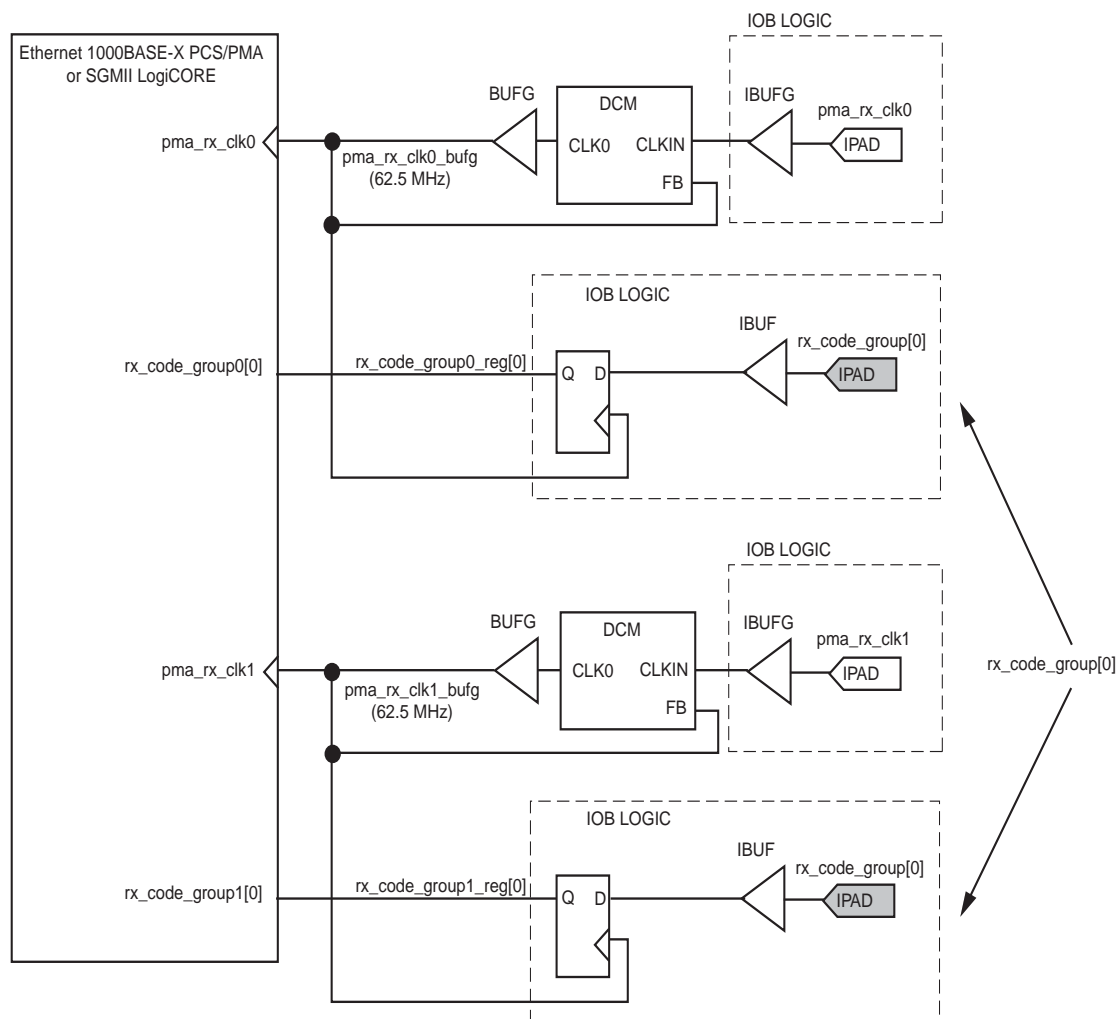


Figure 7-6: Alternate Ten-Bit Interface Receiver Logic for Virtex-4 Devices

This logic from Method 1 relies on pma\_rx\_clk0 and pma\_rx\_clk1 being exactly 180 degrees out of phase with each other because the falling edge of pma\_rx\_clk0 is used in place of pma\_rx\_clk1. See the data sheet for the attached SERDES to verify that this is the case. If not, then the logic of Figure 7-6 illustrates an alternative implementation where both pma\_rx\_clk0 and pma\_rx\_clk1 are used as intended. Each bit of rx\_code\_group[9:0] must be routed to two separate device pads.

In this implementation, a DCM is used on both the pma\_rx\_clk0 and pma\_rx\_clk1 clock paths (see Figure 7-6). Phase shifting should then be applied to the DCMs to fine-tune the setup and hold times at the TBI IOB input flip-flops.

## Virtex-5 Devices

## Method 1: Using Only pma\_rx\_clk0 (Provided by the Example Design)

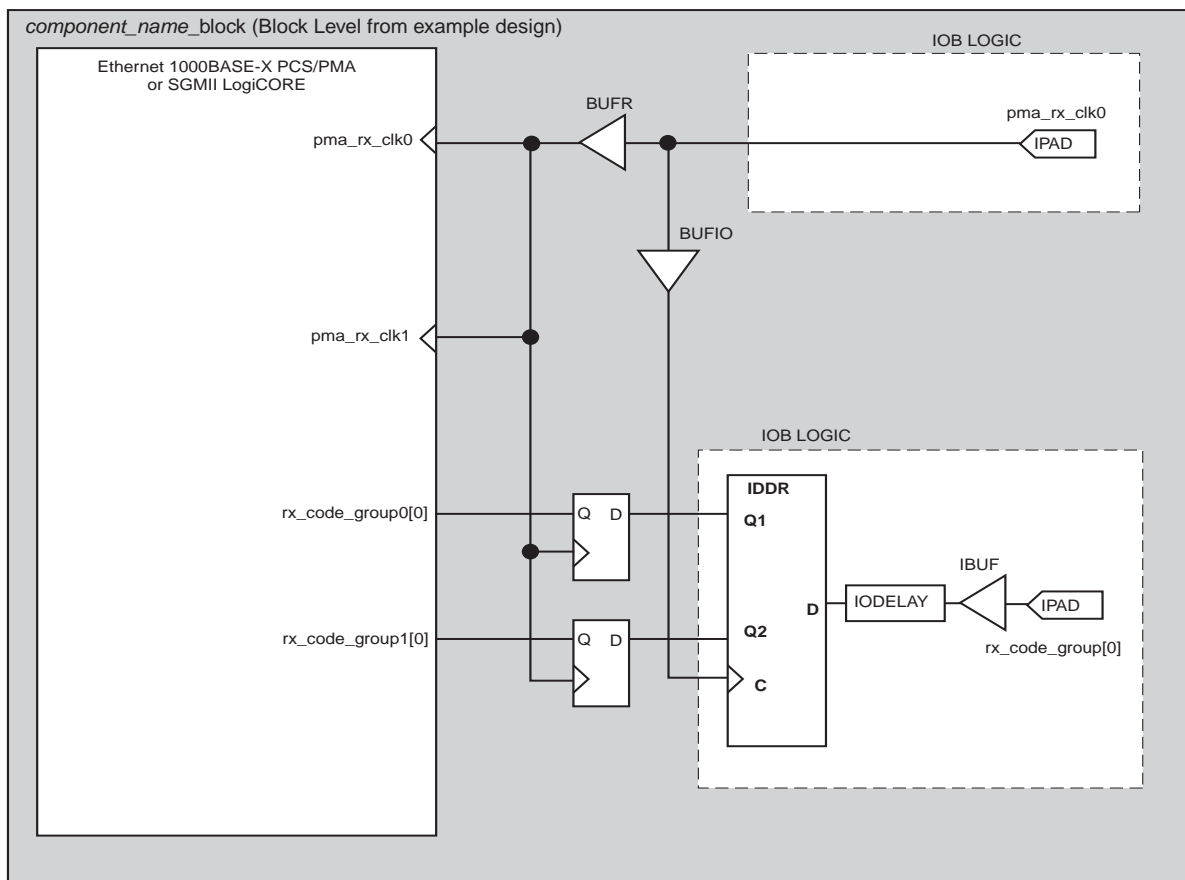


Figure 7-7: Ten-Bit Interface Receiver Logic - Virtex-5 Device (Example Design)

The Virtex-5 FPGA logic used by the example design delivered with the core is illustrated in Figure 7-7. This shows a Virtex-5 device IDDR primitive used with the `DDR_CLK_EDGE` attribute set to `SAME_EDGE` (see the *Virtex-5 FPGA User Guide*). This uses local inversion of `pma_rx_clk0` within the IOB logic to receive the `rx_code_group[9:0]` data bus on both the rising and falling edges of `pma_rx_clk0`. The `SAME_EDGE` attribute causes the IDDR to output both Q1 and Q2 data on the rising edge of `pma_rx_clk0`.

For this reason, `pma_rx_clk0` can be routed to both `pma_rx_clk0` and `pma_rx_clk1` clock inputs of the core as illustrated.

**Caution!** This logic relies on `pma_rx_clk0` and `pma_rx_clk1` being exactly 180 degrees out of phase with each other because the falling edge of `pma_rx_clk0` is used in place of `pma_rx_clk1`. See the data sheet for the attached SERDES to verify that this is the case.

Setup and Hold is achieved using a combination of IODELAY elements on the data, and using BUFIO and BUFR regional clock routing for the `pma_rx_clk0` input clock, as illustrated in Figure 7-7.

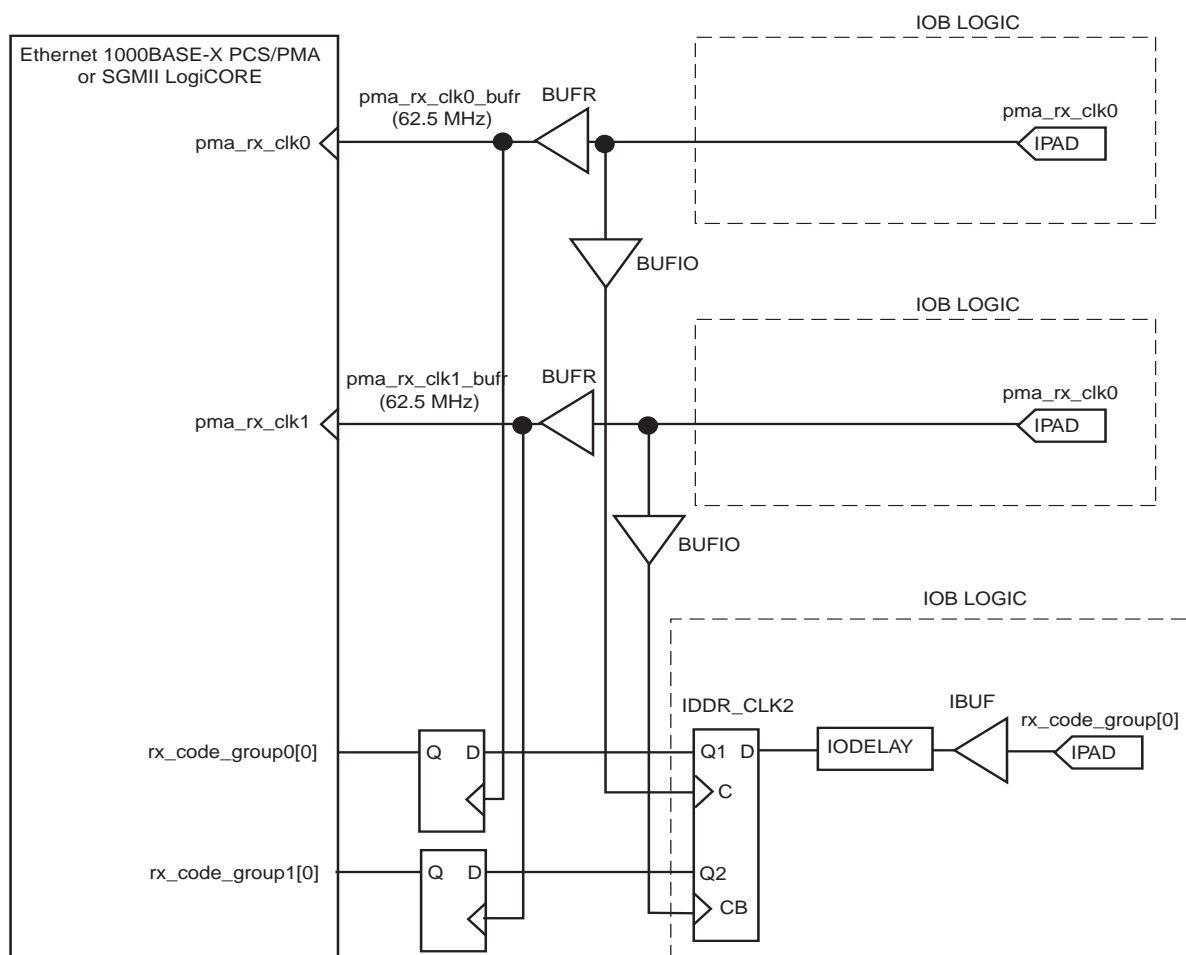
This design provides a simpler solution than the DCM logic required for Virtex-4 devices (see Figure 7-5). It has therefore been chosen as the example design from version 10.1 of the core onwards. However, the Virtex-4 FPGA approach could alternatively be adopted.

In the [Figure 7-7](#) implementation, a BUFIO is used to provide the lowest form of clock routing delay from input clock to input rx\_code\_group[9:0] signal sampling at the device IOBs. However, this creates placement constraints; a BUFIO capable clock input pin must be selected for pma\_rx\_clk0, and all rx\_code\_group[9:0] input signals must be placed in the respective BUFIO region. Consult the *Virtex-5 FPGA User Guide*.

The clock is then placed onto regional clock routing using the BUFR component and the input rx\_code\_group[9:0] data immediately resampled as illustrated.

The IODELAY elements can be adjusted to fine-tune the setup and hold times at the TBI IOB input flip-flops. The delay is applied to the IODELAY element using constraints in the UCF; these can be edited if desired. See [Ten-Bit Interface Constraints](#) for more information.

### Method 2: An Alternative Using Both pma\_rx\_clk0 and pma\_rx\_clk1



**Figure 7-8: Alternate Ten-Bit Interface Receiver Logic - Virtex-5 Devices**

The logic from Method 1 relies on pma\_rx\_clk0 and pma\_rx\_clk1 being exactly 180 degrees out of phase with each other because the falling edge of pma\_rx\_clk0 is used in place of pma\_rx\_clk1. See the data sheet for the attached SERDES to verify that this is the case. If not, the logic of [Figure 7-8](#) illustrates an alternate implementation where both pma\_rx\_clk0 and pma\_rx\_clk1 are used as intended.

In this method, the logic used on `pma_rx_clk0` in Figure 7-7 is duplicated for `pma_rx_clk1`. A `IDDR_CLK2` primitive replaces the `IDDR` primitive; this contains two clock inputs as illustrated.

## Kintex-7 and Virtex-6 Devices

### Method 1: Using Only `pma_rx_clk0` (Provided by the Example Design)

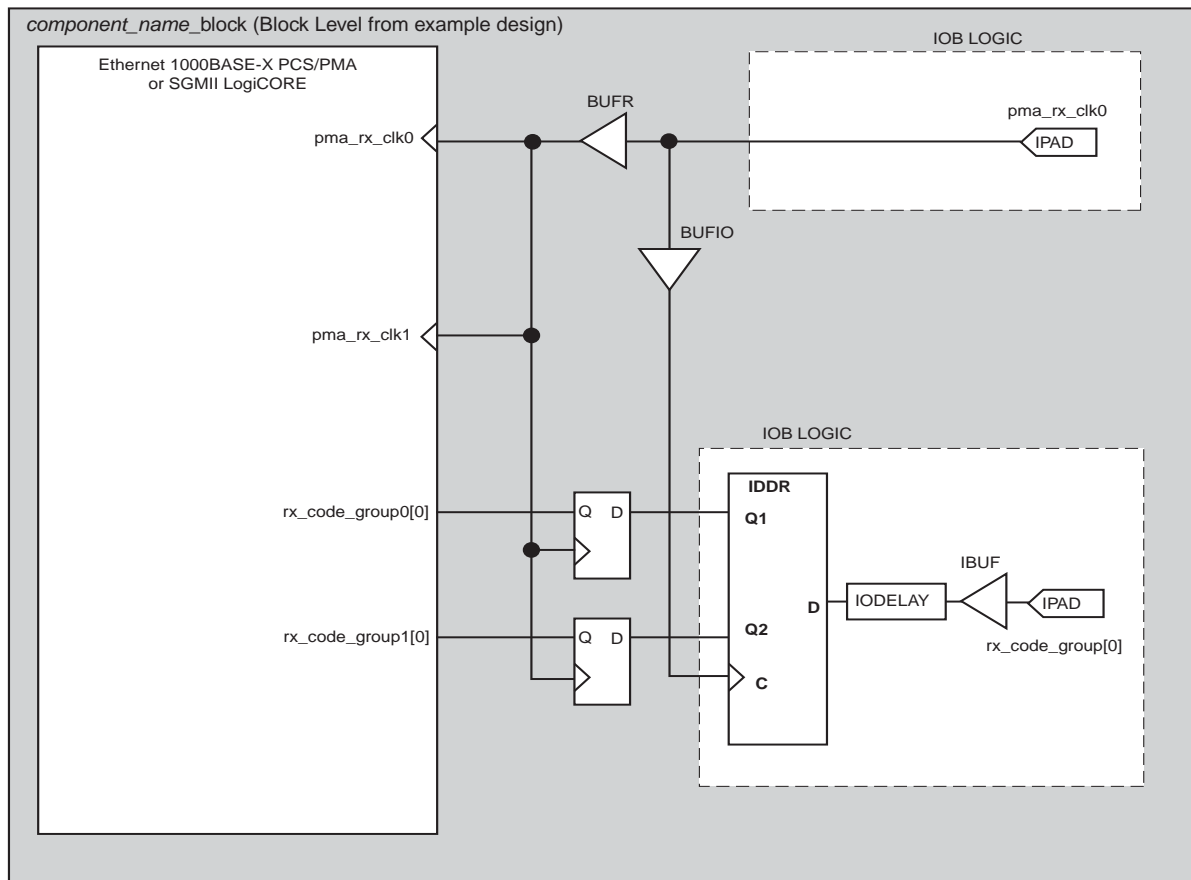


Figure 7-9: Ten-Bit Interface Receiver Logic - Kintex-7 and Virtex-6 Devices (Example Design)

The FPGA logic used by the example design delivered with the core is illustrated in Figure 7-7. This shows an `IDDR` primitive used with the `DDR_CLK_EDGE` attribute set to `SAME_EDGE`. This uses local inversion of `pma_rx_clk0` within the IOB logic to receive the `rx_code_group[9:0]` data bus on both the rising and falling edges of `pma_rx_clk0`. The `SAME_EDGE` attribute causes the `IDDR` to output both `Q1` and `Q2` data on the rising edge of `pma_rx_clk0`.

For this reason, `pma_rx_clk0` can be routed to both `pma_rx_clk0` and `pma_rx_clk1` clock inputs of the core as illustrated.

**Caution!** This logic relies on `pma_rx_clk0` and `pma_rx_clk1` being exactly 180 degrees out of phase with each other because the falling edge of `pma_rx_clk0` is used in place of `pma_rx_clk1`. See the data sheet for the attached SERDES to verify that this is the case.

Setup and Hold is achieved using a combination of `IDELAY` elements on the data and using `BUFIO` and `BUFR` regional clock routing for the `pma_rx_clk0` input clock, as illustrated in Figure 7-9.

This design provides a simpler solution than the DCM logic required for Virtex-4 devices. It has therefore been chosen as the example design for the Kintex-7 and Virtex-6 family. However, the Virtex-4 FPGA approach could alternatively be adopted; simply replace the DCM with a Mixed-Mode Clock Manager (MMCM) module (see [Figure 7-5](#)).

In the [Figure 7-9](#) implementation, a BUFIO is used to provide the lowest form of clock routing delay from input clock to input `rx_code_group[9:0]` signal sampling at the device IOBs. However, this creates placement constraints; a BUFIO capable clock input pin must be selected for `pma_rx_clk0`, and all `rx_code_group[9:0]` input signals must be placed in the respective BUFIO region. Consult the FPGA device user guides.

The clock is then placed onto regional clock routing using the BUFR component and the input `rx_code_group[9:0]` data immediately resampled as illustrated.

The IODELAY elements can be adjusted to fine-tune the setup and hold times at the TBI IOB input flip-flops. The delay is applied to the IODELAY element using constraints in the UCF; these can be edited if desired. See [Ten-Bit Interface Constraints](#) for more information.

#### Method 2: An Alternative Using Both `pma_rx_clk0` and `pma_rx_clk1`

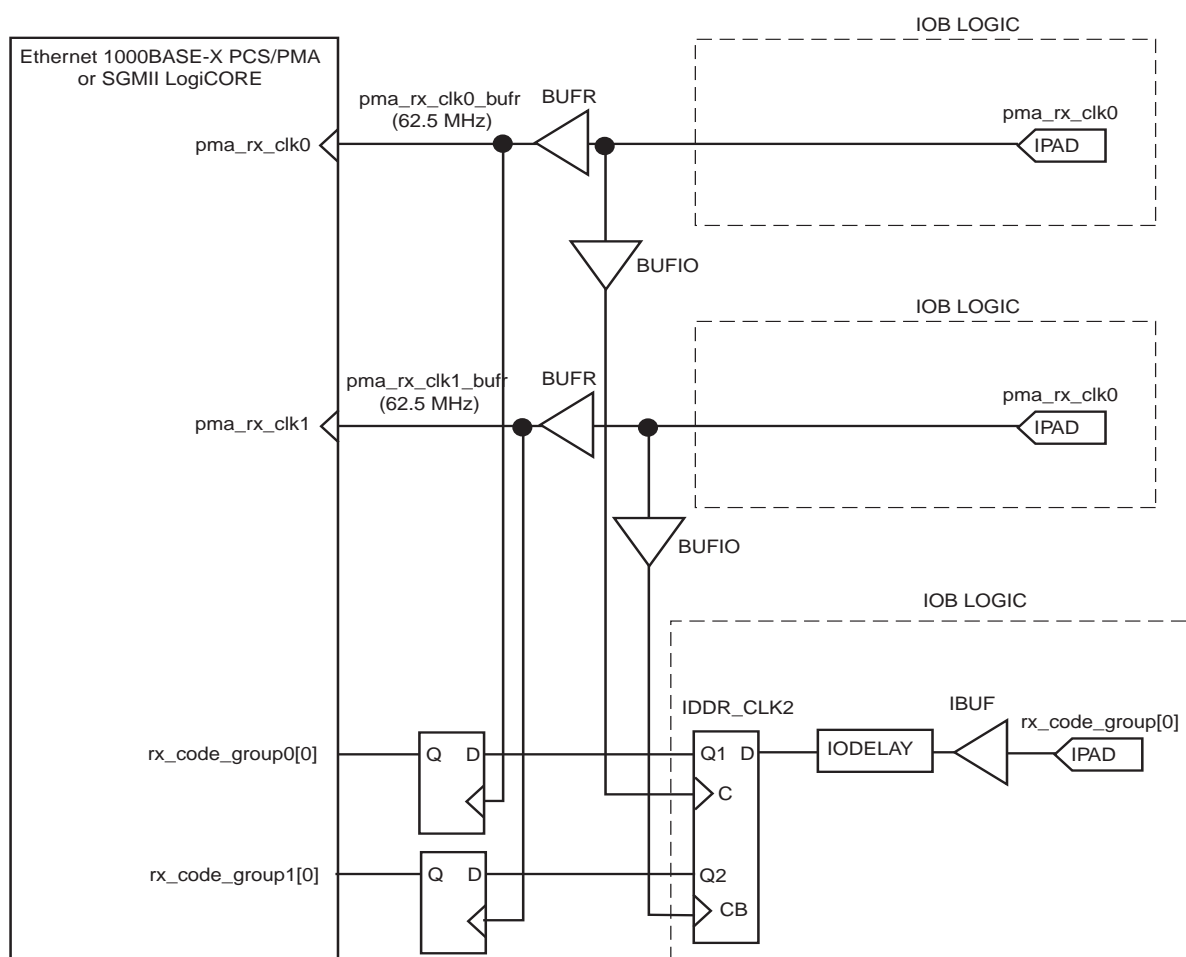


Figure 7-10: Alternate Ten-Bit Interface Receiver Logic - Kintex-7 and Virtex-6 Devices

This logic from Method 1 relies on `pma_rx_clk0` and `pma_rx_clk1` being exactly 180 degrees out of phase with each other because the falling edge of `pma_rx_clk0` is used in place of `pma_rx_clk1`. See the data sheet for the attached SERDES to verify that this is the case. If not, the logic of Figure 7-10 illustrates an alternate implementation where both `pma_rx_clk0` and `pma_rx_clk1` are used as intended. Each bit of `rx_code_group[9:0]` must be routed to two separate device pads.

In this method, the logic used on `pma_rx_clk0` in Figure 7-9 is duplicated for `pma_rx_clk1`. A `IDDR_CLK2` primitive replaces the `IDDR` primitive; this contains two clock inputs as illustrated.

## Spartan-6 Devices

### Method 1: Using Only `pma_rx_clk0` (Provided by the Example Design)

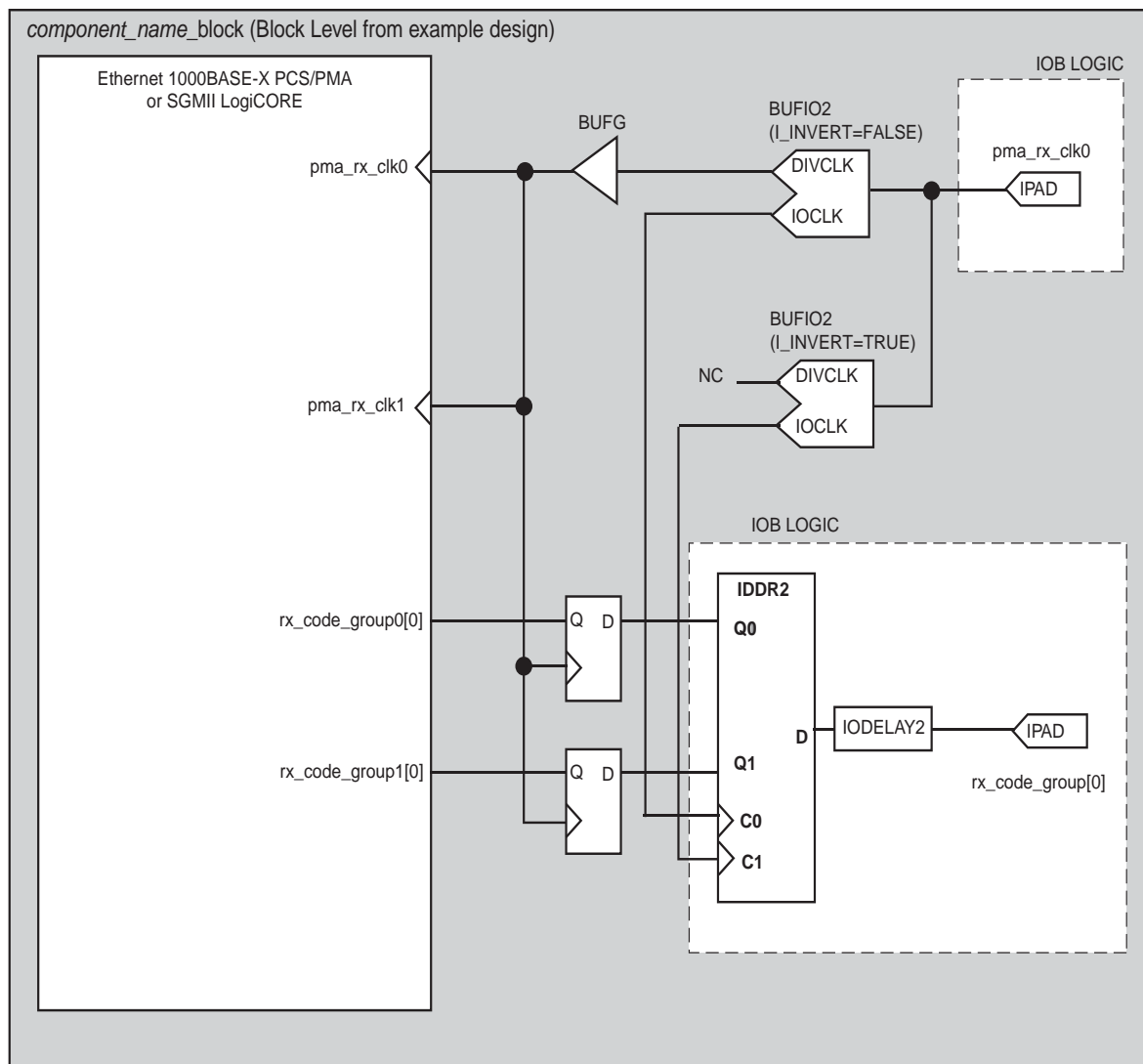


Figure 7-11: Ten-Bit Interface Receiver Logic - Spartan-6 Device (Example Design)

The Spartan-6 FPGA logic used by the example design delivered with the core is illustrated in [Figure 7-11](#). This figure shows a Spartan-6 device IDDR2 primitive used with the `DDR_ALIGNMENT` attribute set to `C0` (see the *Spartan-6 FPGA User Guide*). This `DDR_ALIGNMENT` attribute causes the IDDR2 to output both Q1 and Q2 data on the rising edge of `pma_rx_clk0`.

For this reason, `pma_rx_clk0` can be routed to both `pma_rx_clk0` and `pma_rx_clk1` clock inputs of the core as illustrated.

**Caution!** This logic relies on `pma_rx_clk0` and `pma_rx_clk1` being exactly 180 degrees out of phase with each other because the falling edge of `pma_rx_clk0` is used in place of `pma_rx_clk1`. See the data sheet for the attached SERDES to verify that this is the case.

Setup and Hold is achieved using a combination of `IODELAY2` elements on the data and using `BUFIO2` elements and `BUFG` global clock routing for the `pma_rx_clk0` input clock, as illustrated in [Figure 7-11](#).

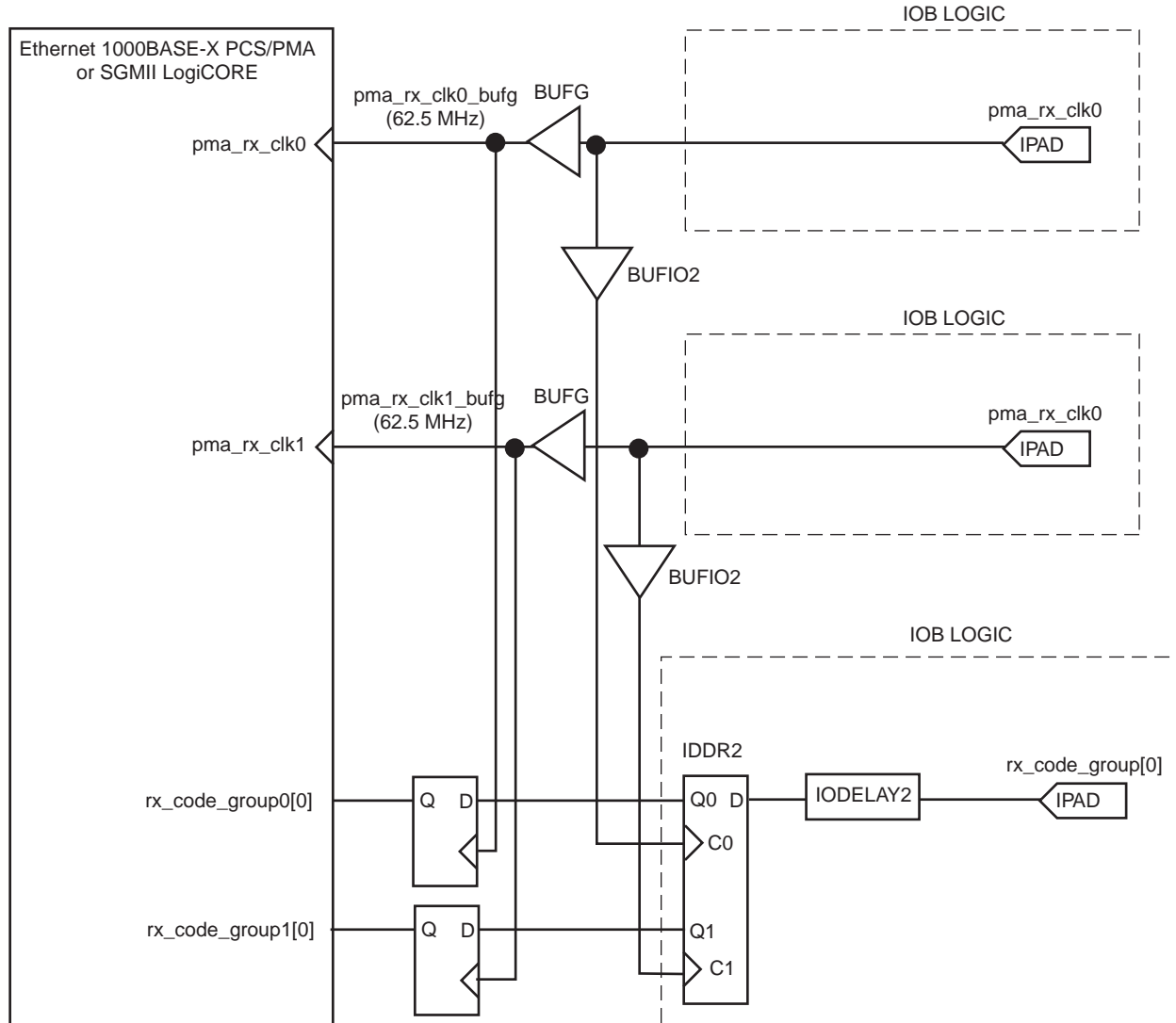
This design provides a simpler solution than the DCM logic required for Virtex-4 devices. It has therefore been chosen as the example design for the Spartan-6 family. However, the Virtex-4 FPGA approach could alternatively be adopted; simply replace the DCM with a MMCM module (see [Figure 7-5](#)).

In the [Figure 7-11](#) implementation, two `BUFIO2`s are used to provide the lowest form of clock routing delay from input clock to input `rx_code_group[9:0]` signal sampling at the device IOBs. One `BUFIO2` element is used for the rising edge logic; no clock inversion is performed and the `DIVCLK` output connects to the `BUFG` to provide global clock routing; the `IOCLK` output of this `BUFIO2` is routed to the IDDR2 primitive to sample data on the rising edge. The second `BUFIO2` element is configured to invert the clock; the `IOCLK` output is routed to the IDDR2 to effectively sample the data on the falling edge position of `pma_rx_clk0`. The `DIVCLK` output of this `BUFIO2` is not used and is left unconnected.

The `IODELAY2` elements can be adjusted to fine-tune the setup and hold times at the TBI IOB input flip-flops. The delay is applied to the `IODELAY` element using constraints in the UCF; these can be edited if desired. See [Ten-Bit Interface Constraints](#) for more information.

However, this logic creates placement constraints; `rx_code_group[9:0]` input signals must be placed in the respective half-bank region for the two `BUFIO2` elements in use. Consult the *Spartan-6 FPGA User Guide*.

## Method 2: An Alternative Using Both pma\_rx\_clk0 and pma\_rx\_clk1



**Figure 7-12: Alternate Ten-Bit Interface Receiver Logic - Spartan-6 Devices**

This logic from Method 1 relies on pma\_rx\_clk0 and pma\_rx\_clk1 being exactly 180 degrees out of phase with each other because the falling edge of pma\_rx\_clk0 is used in place of pma\_rx\_clk1. See the data sheet for the attached SERDES to verify that this is the case. If not, the logic of Figure 7-12 illustrates an alternate implementation where both pma\_rx\_clk0 and pma\_rx\_clk1 are used as intended. Each bit of rx\_code\_group[9:0] must be routed to two separate device pads.

In this method, the logic used on pma\_rx\_clk0 in Figure 7-11 is duplicated for pma\_rx\_clk1.

In the figure, a simplified view of the BUFIO2 elements are provided. The connected output of each BUFIO is the IOCLK port. Other BUFIO2 output ports are unused and unconnected.

## Clock Sharing across Multiple Cores with TBI

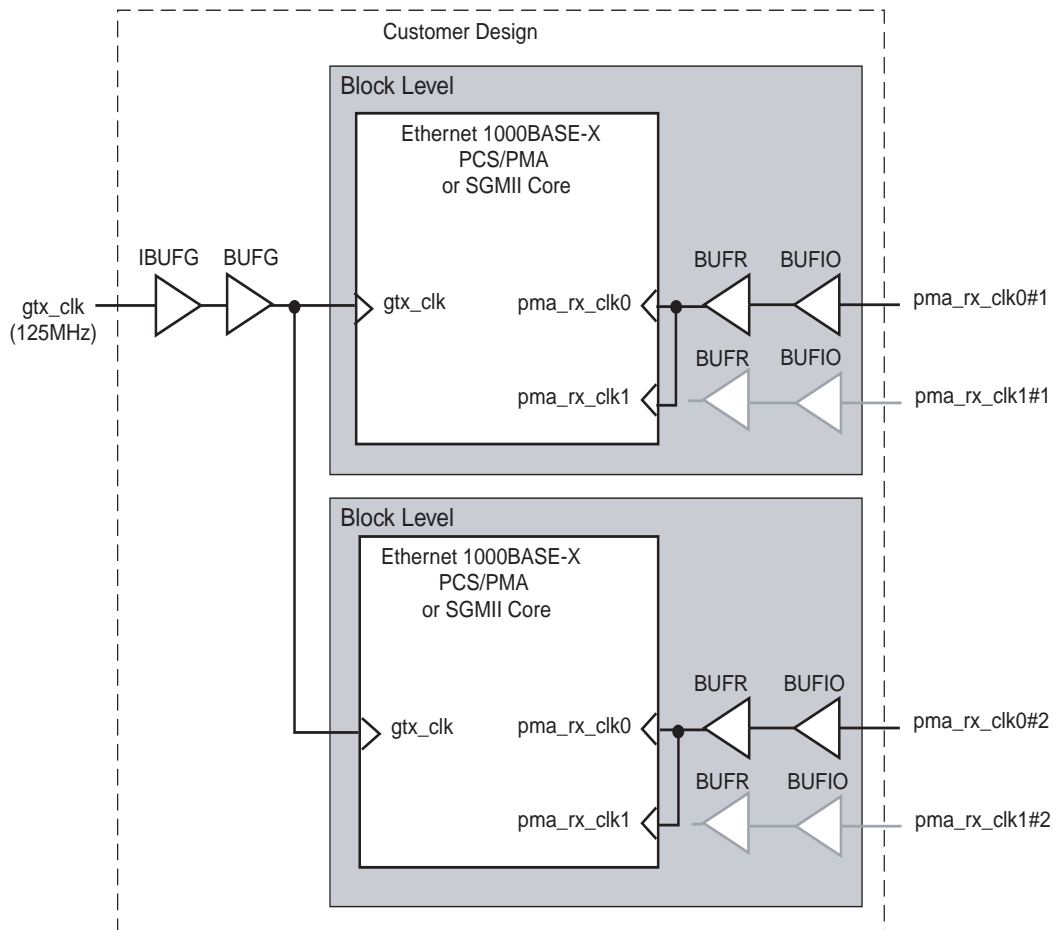


Figure 7-13: Clock Management, Multiple Core Instances with Ten-Bit Interface

Figure 7-13 illustrates sharing clock resources across multiple instantiations of the core when using the TBI. For all implementations, `gtx_clk` can be shared between multiple cores, resulting in a common clock domain across the device.

The receiver clocks `pma_rx_clk0` and `pma_rx_clk1` (if used) cannot be shared. Each core is provided with its own versions of these receiver clocks from its externally connected SERDES.

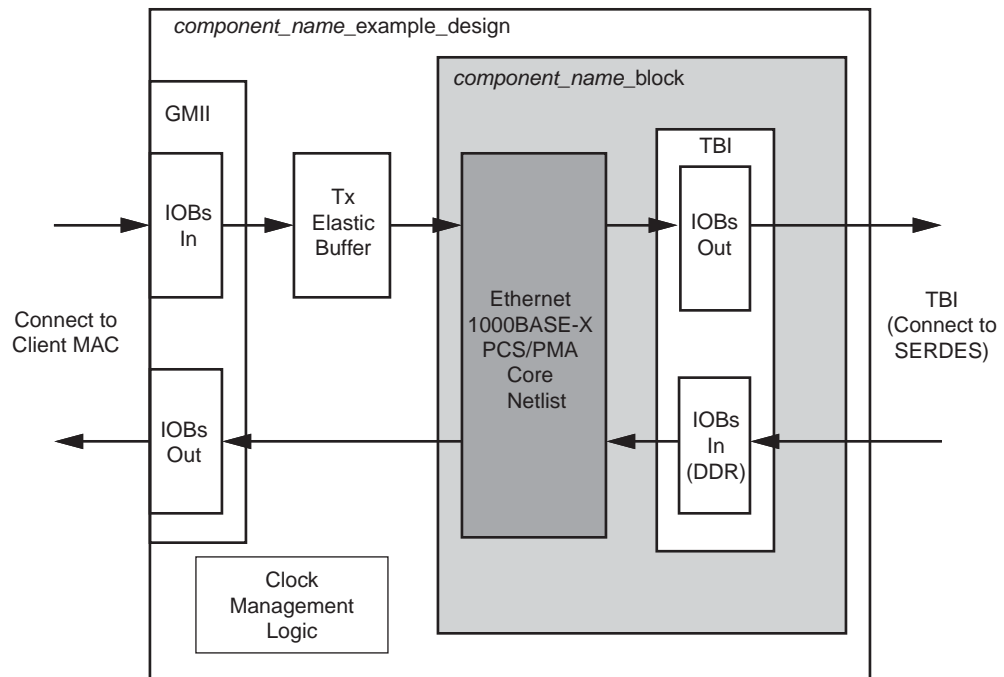
Figure 7-13 illustrates only two cores. However, more can be added using the same principle. This is done by instantiating the cores using the block level (from the example design) and sharing `gtx_clk` across all instantiations. The receiver clock logic cannot be shared and must be unique for every instance of the core.

## Example Designs for the Ten-Bit Interface (TBI)

[Chapter 4, CORE Generator Tool Deliverables](#) provides a full list and description of the directory and file structure that is provided with the core, including the location of the HDL example design provided.

## Example Design for 1000BASE-X with Ten-Bit Interface

Figure 7-14 illustrates the example design for a top-level HDL with a 10-bit interface (TBI).



**Figure 7-14: Example Design HDL for the Ethernet 1000BASE-X PCS with TBI**

As illustrated, the example is split between two hierarchical layers. The block level is designed so that it can be instantiated directly into customer designs and performs the following functions:

- Instantiates the core from HDL
- Connects the physical-side interface of the core to device IOBs, creating an external TBI.

The top level of the example design creates a specific example that can be simulated, synthesized, implemented, and if required, placed on a suitable board and demonstrated in hardware. The top level of the example design performs the following functions:

- Instantiates the block level from HDL
- Derives the clock management logic for the core
- Implements an external GMII

The next few pages in this section describe each of the example design blocks (and associated HDL files) in detail, and conclude with an overview of the demonstration test bench provided for the design.

## Top-Level Example Design HDL

The following files describe the top-level example design for the Ethernet 1000BASE-X PCS/PMA core with TBI:

### VHDL

```
<project_dir>/<component_name>/example_design/<component_name>_example_design.vhd
```

### Verilog

```
<project_dir>/<component_name>/example_design/<component_name>_example_design.v
```

The HDL example design top-level contains the following:

- An instance of the Ethernet 1000BASE-X PCS/PMA block level
- Clock management logic, including DCM and Global Clock Buffer instances, where required
- A transmitter elastic buffer
- GMII interface logic, including IOB and DDR registers instances, where required

The example design HDL top level connects the GMII of the block level to external IOBs. This allows the functionality of the core to be demonstrated using a simulation package as described in this guide. The example design can also be synthesized and placed on a suitable board and demonstrated in hardware, if required.

## Block Level HDL

The following files describe the block level design for the Ethernet 1000BASE-X PCS/PMA core with TBI:

### VHDL

```
<project_dir>/<component_name>/example_design/<component_name>_block.vhd
```

### Verilog

```
<project_dir>/<component_name>/example_design/<component_name>_block.v
```

The block level HDL contains the following:

- An instance of the Ethernet 1000BASE-X PCS/PMA core
- TBI interface logic, including IOB and DDR registers instances, where required

The block-level HDL connects the TBI of the core to external IOBs (the most useful part of the example design) and should be instantiated in all customer designs that use the core.

## Transmitter Elastic Buffer

The Transmitter Elastic Buffer is described in the following files:

### VHDL

```
<project_dir>/<component_name>/example_design/tx_elastic_buffer.vhd
```

### Verilog

```
<project_dir>/<component_name>/example_design/tx_elastic_buffer.v
```

When the GMII is used externally (as in this example design), the GMII transmit signals (inputs to the core from a remote MAC at the other end of the interface) are synchronous to a clock, which is likely to be derived from a different clock source to the core. For this reason, GMII transmit signals must be transferred into the core main clock domain before they can be used by the core. This is achieved with the Transmitter Elastic Buffer, an asynchronous FIFO implemented in distributed RAM. The operation of the elastic buffer is to attempt to maintain a constant occupancy by inserting or removing Idle sequences as necessary. This causes no corruption to the frames of data.

When the GMII is used as an internal interface, it is expected that the entire interface will be synchronous to a single clock domain, and the Transmitter Elastic Buffer should be discarded.

## Demonstration Test Bench

Figure 7-15 illustrates the demonstration test bench for the Ethernet 1000BASE-X PCS with TBI. The demonstration test bench is a simple VHDL or Verilog program to exercise the example design and the core itself.

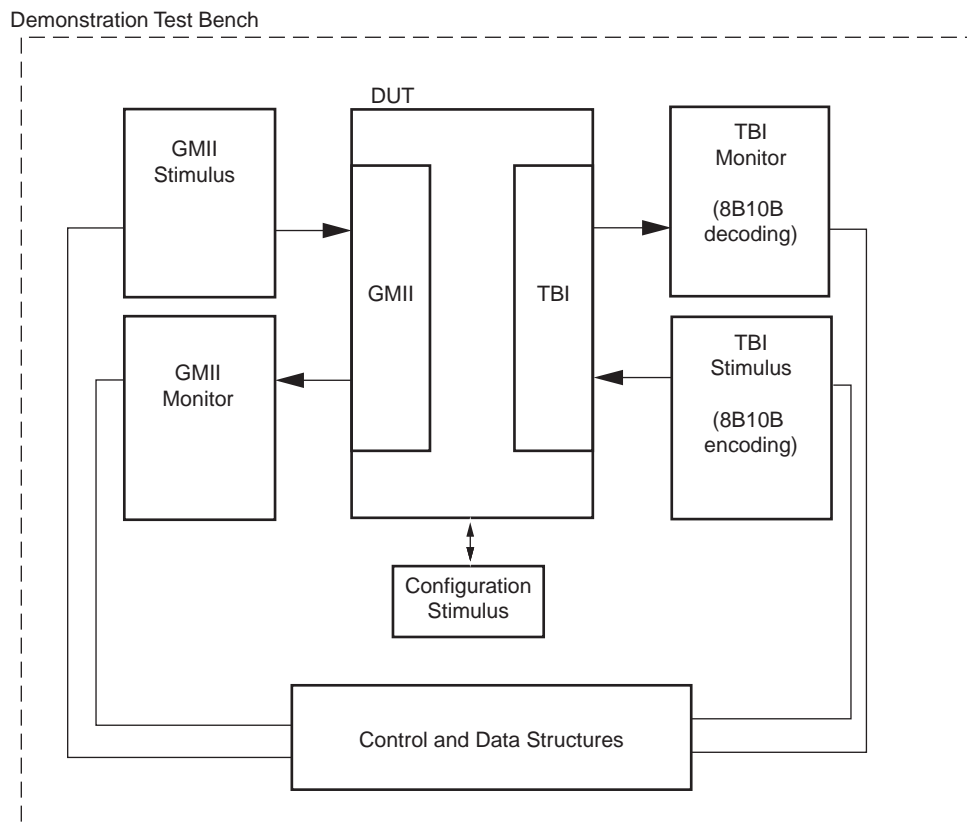


Figure 7-15: Demonstration Test Bench for the Ethernet 1000BASE-X PCS with TBI

The top-level test bench entity instantiates the example design for the core, which is the Device Under Test (DUT). A stimulus block is also instantiated and clocks, resets and test bench semaphores are created. The following files describe the top-level of the demonstration test bench:

VHDL

```
<project_dir>/<component_name>/simulation/demo_tb.vhd
```

Verilog

```
<project_dir>/<component_name>/simulation/demo_tb.v
```

The stimulus block entity, instantiated from within the test bench top level, creates the Ethernet stimulus in the form of four Ethernet frames, which are injected into the GMII and PHY interfaces of the DUT. The output from the DUT is also monitored for errors. The following files describe the stimulus block of the demonstration test bench:

## VHDL

```
<project_dir>/<component_name>/simulation/stimulus_tb.vhd
```

## Verilog

```
<project_dir>/<component_name>/simulation/stimulus_tb.v
```

Together, the top-level test bench file and the stimulus block combine to provide the full test bench functionality, described in the sections that follow.

## Core with MDIO Interface

The demonstration test bench performs the following tasks:

- Input clock signals are generated.
- A reset is applied to the example design.
- The Ethernet 1000BASE-X PCS/PMA core is configured through the MDIO interface by injecting an MDIO frame into the example design. This disables Auto-Negotiation (if present) and takes the core out of the Isolate state.
- The following frames are injected into the GMII transmitter by the GMII stimulus block:
  - the first is a minimum-length frame
  - the second is a type frame
  - the third is an errored frame
  - the fourth is a padded frame
- The data received at the TBI transmitter interface is 8B/10B decoded. The resulting frames are checked by the TBI Monitor against the stimulus frames injected into the GMII transmitter to ensure data integrity.
- The same four frames are generated by the TBI Stimulus block. These are 8B/10B encoded and injected into the TBI receiver interface.
- Data frames received at the GMII receiver are checked by the GMII Monitor against the stimulus frames injected into the TBI receiver to ensure data integrity.

## Core without MDIO Interface

The demonstration test bench performs the following tasks.

- Input clock signals are generated.
- A reset is applied to the example design.
- The Ethernet 1000BASE-X PCS/PMA core is configured via the Configuration Vector to take the core out of the Isolate state.
- The following frames are injected into the GMII transmitter by the GMII stimulus block.
  - the first is a minimum length frame
  - the second is a type frame
  - the third is an errored frame
  - the fourth is a padded frame
- The data received at the TBI transmitter interface is 8B/10B decoded. The resultant frames are checked by the TBI Monitor against the stimulus frames injected into the GMII transmitter to ensure data is the same.

- The same four frames are generated by the TBI Stimulus block. These are 8B/10B encoded and injected into the TBI receiver interface.
- Data frames received at the GMII receiver are checked by the GMII Monitor against the stimulus frames injected into the TBI receiver to ensure data is the same.

## Customizing the Test Bench

This section provides information about making modifications to the demonstration test bench files.

### Changing Frame Data

You can change the contents of the four frames used by the demonstration test bench by changing the *data* and *valid* fields for each frame defined in the stimulus block. Frames can be added by defining a new frame of data. Any modified frames are automatically updated in both stimulus and monitor functions.

### Changing Frame Error Status

Errors can be inserted into any of the predefined frames in any position by setting the *error* field to '1' in any column of that frame. Injected errors are automatically updated in both stimulus and monitor functions.

### Changing the Core Configuration

The configuration of the Ethernet 1000BASE-X PCS/PMA core used in the demonstration test bench can be altered.

**Caution!** Certain configurations of the core can cause the test bench to fail or cause processes to run indefinitely. For example, the demonstration test bench does not auto-negotiate with the design example. Determine the configurations that can safely be used with the test bench.

If the MDIO interface option has been selected, the core can be reconfigured by editing the injected MDIO frame in the demonstration test bench top level. Management Registers 0 and 4 can additionally be written through `configuration_vector[4:0]` and `an_adv_config_vector[15:0]` interface signals respectively

If the MDIO interface option has not been selected, the core can be reconfigured by modifying the configuration vector directly.

## SGMII Example Design / Dynamic Switching Example Design with Ten-Bit Interface

Figure 7-16 illustrates an example design for top-level HDL for the Ethernet 1000BASE-X PCS/PMA or SGMII core in SGMII mode (or dynamic switching standard) with the TBI.

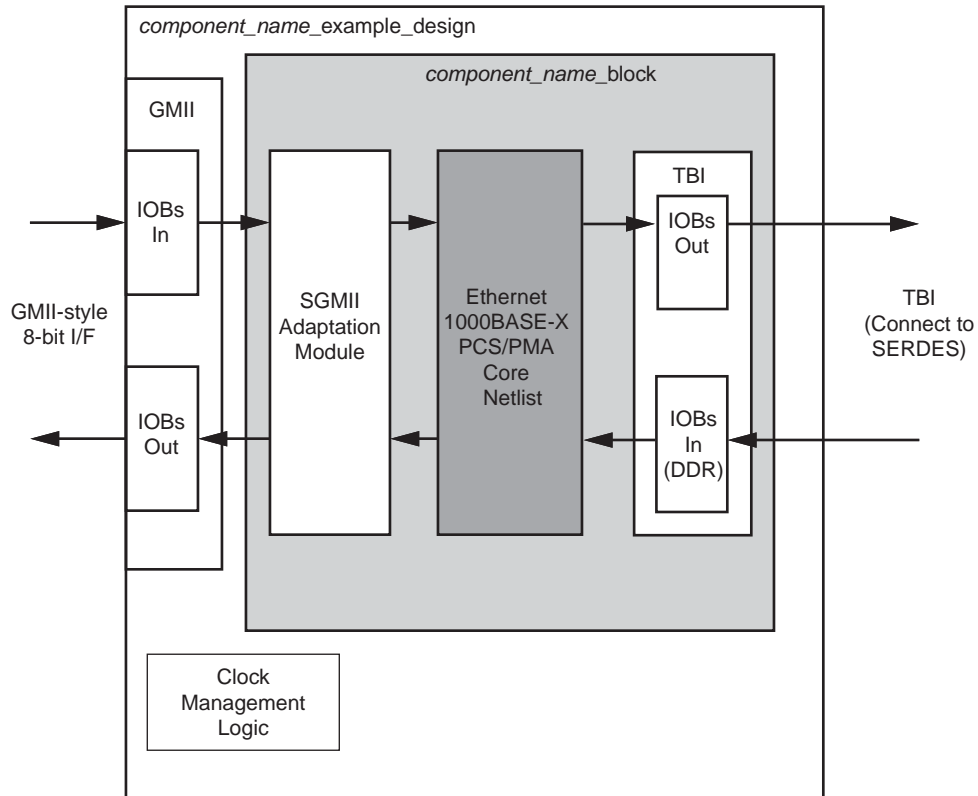


Figure 7-16: **Example Design HDL for the Ethernet 1000BASE-X PCS/PMA or SGMII Core in SGMII Mode with TBI**

As illustrated, the example is split between two hierarchical layers. The block level is designed so that it can be instantiated directly into customer designs and performs the following functions:

- Instantiates the core from HDL
- Connects the physical-side interface of the core to device IOBs, creating an external TBI.
- Connects the client side GMII of the core to an SGMII Adaptation Module, which provides the functionality to operate at speeds of 1 Gb/s, 100 Mb/s and 10 Mb/s.

The top level of the example design creates a specific example which can be simulated, synthesized and implemented. The top level of the example design performs the following functions:

- Instantiates the block level from HDL
- Derives the clock management logic for the core
- Implements an external GMII-style interface

The next few pages in this section describe each of the example design blocks (and associated HDL files) in detail, and conclude with an overview of the demonstration test bench provided for the design.

## Top-Level Example Design HDL

The top-level example design for the Ethernet 1000BASE-X PCS/PMA core in SGMII mode is described in the following files:

### VHDL

```
<project_dir>/<component_name>/example_design/<component_name>_example_design.vhd
```

### Verilog

```
<project_dir>/<component_name>/example_design/<component_name>_example_design.v
```

The example design HDL top level contains the following:

- An instance of the SGMII block level
- Clock management logic, including DCM and Global Clock Buffer instances, where required
- External GMII logic, including IOB and DDR register instances, where required

The example design HDL top level connects the GMII of the block level to external IOBs. This allows the functionality of the core to be demonstrated using a simulation package, as described in this guide.

## Block Level HDL

The following files describe the block level for the Ethernet 1000BASE-X PCS/PMA core in SGMII mode:

### VHDL

```
<project_dir>/<component_name>/example_design/<component_name>_block.vhd
```

### Verilog

```
<project_dir>/<component_name>/example_design/<component_name>_block.v
```

The block level contains the following:

- An instance of the Ethernet 1000BASE-X PCS/PMA core in SGMII mode.
- TBI interface logic, including IOB and DDR registers instances, where required.
- An SGMII adaptation module containing:
  - The clock management logic required to enable the SGMII example design to operate at 10 Mb/s, 100 Mb/s, and 1 Gb/s.
  - GMII logic for both transmitter and receiver paths; the GMII style 8-bit interface is run at 125 MHz for 1 Gb/s operation; 12.5 MHz for 100 Mb/s operation; 1.25 MHz for 10 Mb/s operation.

The block level HDL connects the TBI of the core to external IOBs and the client side to SGMII Adaptation logic as illustrated in [Figure 7-16](#). This is the most useful part of the example design and should be instantiated in all customer designs that use the core.

## SGMII Adaptation Module

The SGMII Adaptation Module is described in the following files:

### VHDL

```
<project_dir>/<component_name>/example_design/sgmii_adapt/  
sgmii_adapt.vhd  
clk_gen.vhd  
johnson_cntr.vhd  
tx_rate_adapt.vhd  
rx_rate_adapt.vhd
```

### Verilog

```
<project_dir>/<component_name>/example_design/sgmii_adapt/  
sgmii_adapt.v  
clk_gen.v  
johnson_cntr.v  
tx_rate_adapt.v  
rx_rate_adapt.v
```

The GMII of the core always operates at 125 MHz. The core makes no differentiation between the three speeds of operation; it always effectively operates at 1 Gb/s. However, at 100 Mb/s, every data byte run through the core should be repeated 10 times to achieve the required bit rate; at 10 Mb/s, each data byte run through the core should be repeated 100 times to achieve the required bit rate. Dealing with this repetition of bytes is the function of the SGMII adaptation module and its component blocks.

The SGMII adaptation module and component blocks are described in detail in [Additional Client-Side SGMII Logic Provided in the Example Design](#).

## Demonstration Test Bench

Figure 7-17 illustrates the demonstration test bench for the Ethernet 1000BASE-X PCS/PMA or SGMII Core in SGMII mode with the TBI. The demonstration test bench is a simple VHDL or Verilog program to exercise the example design and the core itself.

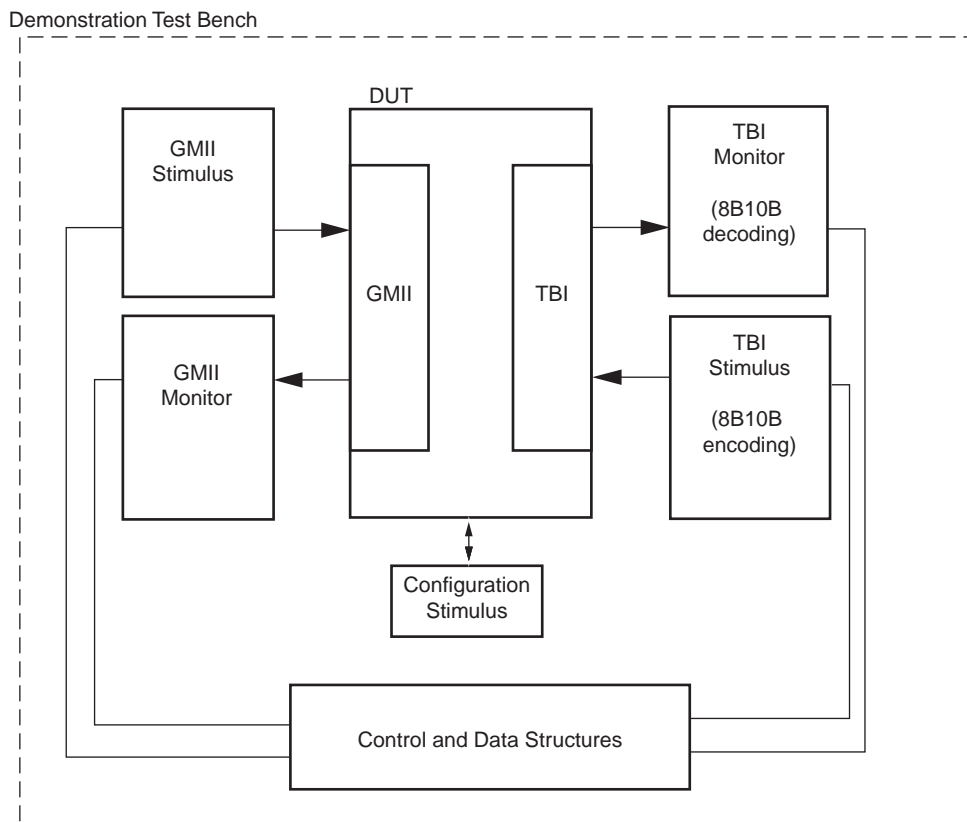


Figure 7-17: **Demonstration Test Bench for the Ethernet 1000BASE-X PCS/PMA or SGMII Core in SGMII Mode with TBI**

The top-level test bench entity instantiates the example design for the core, which is the Device Under Test (DUT). A stimulus block is also instantiated and clocks, resets and test bench semaphores are created. The following files describe the top-level of the demonstration test bench.

VHDL

```
<project_dir>/<component_name>/simulation/demo_tb.vhd
```

Verilog

```
<project_dir>/<component_name>/simulation/demo_tb.v
```

The stimulus block entity, instantiated from within the top-level test bench, creates the Ethernet stimulus in the form of four Ethernet frames, which are injected into GMII and TBI interfaces of the DUT. The output from the DUT is also monitored for errors. The following files describe the stimulus block of the demonstration test bench.

VHDL

```
<project_dir>/<component_name>/simulation/stimulus_tb.vhd
```

Verilog

```
<project_dir>/<component_name>/simulation/stimulus_tb.v
```

Together, the top-level test bench file and the stimulus block combine to provide the full test bench functionality which is described in the sections that follow.

### *Test Bench Functionality*

The demonstration test bench performs the following tasks:

- Input clock signals are generated.
- A reset is applied to the example design.
- The Ethernet 1000BASE-X PCS/PMA core is configured through the MDIO interface by injecting an MDIO frame into the example design. This disables Auto-Negotiation and takes the core out of Isolate state.
- The following frames are injected into the GMII transmitter by the GMII stimulus block at 1 Gb/s.
  - the first is a minimum length frame
  - the second is a type frame
  - the third is an errored frame
  - the fourth is a padded frame
- The data received at the TBI transmitter interface is 8B/10B decoded. The resulting frames are checked by the TBI Monitor against the stimulus frames injected into the GMII transmitter to ensure data integrity.
- The same four frames are generated by the TBI Stimulus block. These are 8B/10B encoded and injected into the TBI receiver interface.
- Data frames received at the GMII receiver are checked by the GMII Monitor against the stimulus frames injected into the device-specific transceiver receiver to ensure data integrity.

## Customizing the Test Bench

### Changing Frame Data

You can change the contents of the four frames used by the demonstration test bench by changing the *data* and *valid* fields for each frame defined in the stimulus block. New frames can be added by defining a new frame of data. Modified frames are automatically updated in both stimulus and monitor functions.

### Changing Frame Error Status

Errors can be inserted into any of the predefined frames in any position by setting the *error* field to '1' in any column of that frame. Injected errors are automatically updated in both stimulus and monitor functions.

### Changing the Core Configuration

The configuration of the Ethernet 1000BASE-X PCS/PMA core used in the demonstration test bench can be altered.

**Caution!** Certain configurations of the core cause the test bench to fail or cause processes to run indefinitely. For example, the demonstration test bench does not auto-negotiate with the design example. Determine the configurations that can safely be used with the test bench.

The core can be reconfigured by editing the injected MDIO frame in the demonstration test bench top level.

### Changing the Operational Speed

SGMII can be used to carry Ethernet traffic at 10 Mb/s, 100 Mb/s or 1 Gb/s. By default, the demonstration test bench is configured to operate at 1 Gb/s. The speed of both the example design and test bench can be set to the desired operational speed by editing the following settings, recompiling the test bench, then running the simulation again.

#### 1 Gb/s Operation

```
set speed_is_10_100 to logic 0
```

#### 100 Mb/s Operation

```
set speed_is_10_100 to logic 1
```

```
set speed_is_100 to logic 1
```

#### 10 Mb/s Operation

```
set speed_is_10_100 to logic 1
```

```
set speed_is_100 to logic 0
```

# 1000BASE-X with Transceivers

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This chapter provides general guidelines for creating 1000BASE-X designs that use transceivers for Virtex®-4, Virtex-5, Virtex-6, Virtex-7, Kintex™-7, Artix™-7 and Spartan®-6 devices.

This chapter is organized into the following main sections, with each section being organized into FPGA families:

- [Transceiver Logic](#)  
Provides a more detailed look at the device-specific transceivers and their connections to the netlist of the core.
- [Clock Sharing Across Multiple Cores with Transceivers](#)  
Provides guidance for using several cores and transceiver instantiations; clock sharing should occur whenever possible to save device resources.
- [Example Design for 1000BASE-X with Transceivers](#)  
Introduces the CORE Generator™ tool example design deliverables.  
  
This section also has an overview of the demonstration test bench that is provided with the example design.

## Transceiver Logic

The example is split between two discrete hierarchical layers, as illustrated in [Figure 8-18](#). The block level is designed so that it can be instantiated directly into customer designs and provides the following functionality:

- Instantiates the core from HDL
- Connects the physical-side interface of the core to a Virtex-4, Virtex-5, Virtex-6, Virtex-7, Kintex-7, Artix-7 or Spartan-6 FPGA transceiver

The logic implemented in the block level is illustrated in all the figures and described in further detail for the remainder of this chapter.

## Virtex-4 FX Devices

The core is designed to integrate with the Virtex-4 FPGA RocketIO™ MGT transceiver. [Figure 8-1](#) illustrates the connections and logic required between the core and MGT—the signal names and logic in the figure precisely match those delivered with the example design when an MGT is used.

**Note:** A small logic shim (included in the *block-level* wrapper) is required to convert between the port differences of the Virtex-5 and Virtex-4 FPGA RocketIO transceivers.

The MGT clock distribution in Virtex-4 devices is column-based and consists of multiple MGT tiles (each tile contains two MGTs). For this reason, the MGT wrapper delivered with the core always contains two MGT instantiations, even if only a single MGT transceiver is in use. [Figure 8-1](#) illustrates a single MGT tile for clarity.

A GT11CLK\_MGT primitive is also instantiated to derive the reference clocks required by the MGT column-based tiles. See the *Virtex-4 RocketIO Multi-Gigabit Transceiver User Guide* (UG076) for information about layout and clock distribution.

The 250 MHz reference clock from the GT11CLK\_MGT primitive is routed to the MGT transceiver, configured to internally synthesize a 125 MHz clock. This is output on the TXOUTCLK1 port of the MGT and after being placed onto global clock routing, can be used by all core logic. This clock is input back into the MGT transceiver on the user interface clock ports rxusrclk2 and txusrclk2. With the attribute settings applied to the MGT transceiver from the example design, the txusrclk and rxusrclk ports are derived internally within the MGT transceiver using the internal clock dividers and do not need to be provided from the FPGA logic.

The Virtex-4 FX FPGA RocketIO MGT transceivers require the inclusion of a calibration block in the logic; the example design provided with the core instantiates calibration blocks as required. Calibration blocks require a clock source of between 25 to 50 MHz that is shared with the Dynamic Reconfiguration Port (DRP) of the MGT transceiver, which is named dclk in the example design. See Xilinx [Answer Record 22477](#) for more information.

[Figure 8-1](#) also illustrates the TX\_SIGNAL\_DETECT and RX\_SIGNAL\_DETECT ports of the calibration block, which should be driven to indicate whether or not dynamic data is being transmitted and received through the MGT transceiver (see [Virtex-4 Errata](#)). However, RX\_SIGNAL\_DETECT is connected to the signal\_detect port of the example design. signal\_detect is intended to be connected to the optical transceiver to indicate the presence of light. When light is detected, the optical transceiver provides dynamic data to the Rx ports of the MGT transceiver. When no light is detected, the calibration block switches the MGT into loopback to force dynamic data through the MGT transceiver receiver path.

**Caution!** signal\_detect is an optional port in the IEEE 802.3-2008 specification. If this is not used, the RX\_SIGNAL\_DETECT port of the calibration block must be driven by an alternative method. See *XAPP732* for more information.

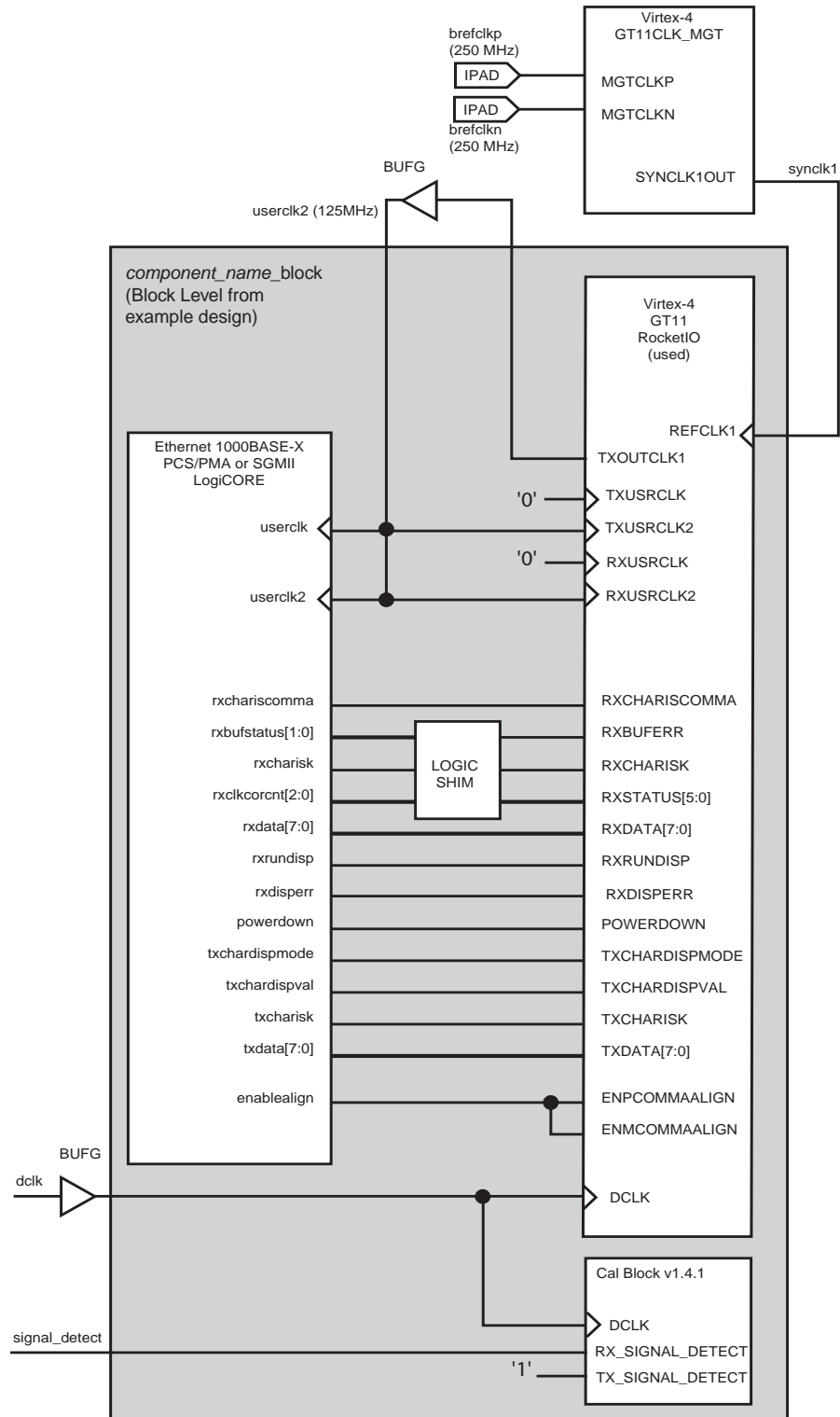


Figure 8-1: 1000BASE-X Connection to Virtex-4 FPGA RocketIO MGT Transceiver

## Virtex-5 LXT and SXT Devices

The core is designed to integrate with the Virtex-5 FPGA RocketIO GTP transceiver. [Figure 8-2](#) illustrates the connections and logic required between the core and the GTP transceiver—the signal names and logic in the figure precisely match those delivered with the example design when a GTP transceiver is used.

A GTP transceiver tile consists of a pair of transceivers. For this reason, the GTP transceiver wrapper delivered with the core always contains two GTP instantiations, even if only a single GTP transceiver tile is in use. [Figure 8-2](#) illustrates a single GTP transceiver tile.

The 125 MHz differential reference clock is routed directly to the GTP transceiver. The GTP transceiver is configured to output a version of this clock on the REFCLKOUT port and after placement onto global clock routing, can be used by all core logic. This clock is input back into the GTP transceiver on the user interface clock ports rxusrclk, rxusrclk2, txusrclk, and txusrclk2.

See also [Virtex-5 FPGA RocketIO GTP Transceivers for 1000BASE-X Constraints](#).

## Virtex-5 FPGA RocketIO GTP Transceiver Wizard

The two wrapper files immediately around the GTP transceiver pair, RocketIO\_wrapper\_gtp\_tile and RocketIO\_wrapper\_gtp (see [Figure 8-2](#)), are generated from the RocketIO GTP Wizard. These files apply all the gigabit Ethernet attributes. Consequently, these files can be regenerated by customers and therefore be easily targeted at ES or Production silicon. This core targets production silicon.

The CORE Generator tool log file (XCO file) which was created when the RocketIO GTP Wizard project was generated is available in the following location:

```
<project_directory>/<component_name>/example_design/transceiver/  
RocketIO_wrapper_gtp.xco
```

This file can be used as an input to the CORE Generator tool to regenerate the device-specific RocketIO transceiver wrapper files. The XCO file itself contains a list of all of the GTP transceiver wizard attributes that were used. For further information, see the *Virtex-5 FPGA RocketIO GTP Wizard Getting Started Guide* (UG188) and the *CORE Generator Guide*, at [www.xilinx.com/support/software\\_manuals.htm](http://www.xilinx.com/support/software_manuals.htm)

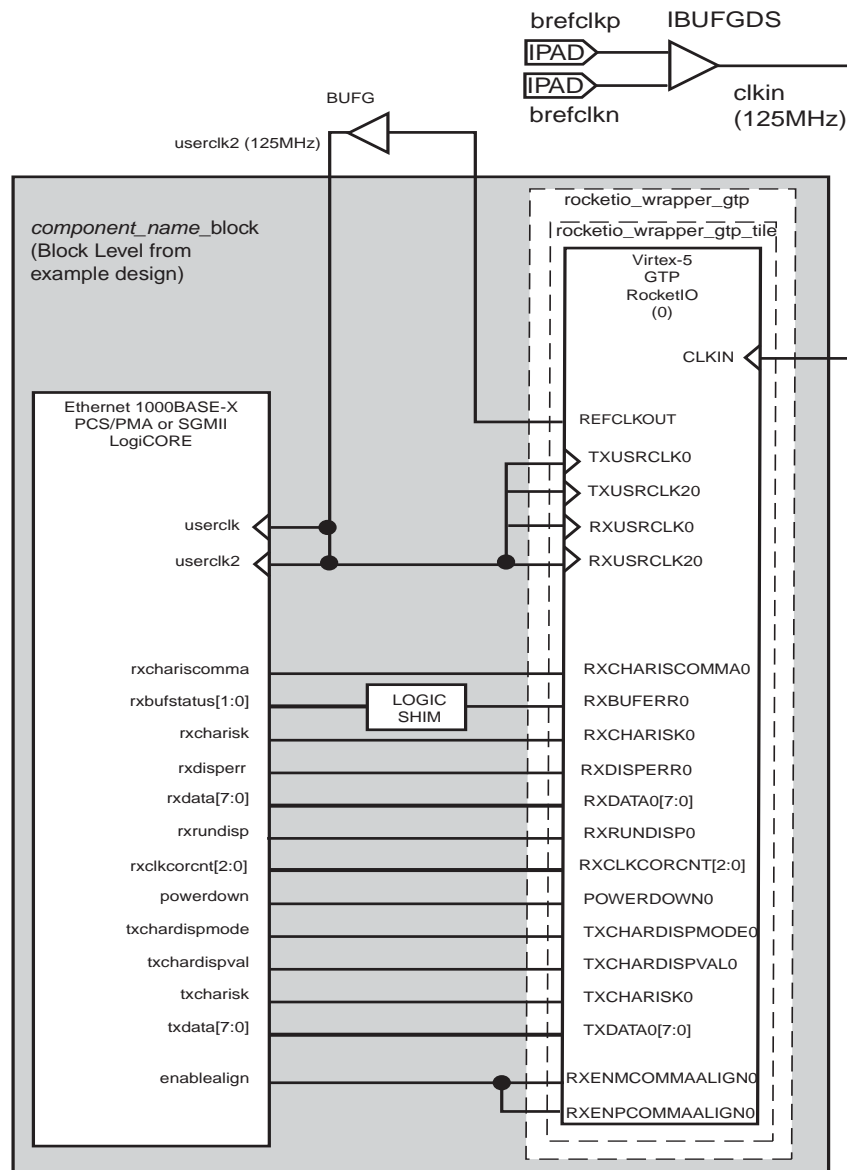


Figure 8-2: 1000BASE-X Connection to Virtex-5 FPGA RocketIO GTP Transceivers

## Virtex-5 FXT and TXT Devices

The core is designed to integrate with the Virtex-5 FPGA RocketIO GTX transceiver. [Figure 8-3](#) illustrates the connections and logic required between the core and the GTX transceiver—the signal names and logic in the figure precisely match those delivered with the example design when a GTX transceiver is used.

A GTX transceiver tile consists of a pair of transceivers. For this reason, the GTX transceiver wrapper delivered with the core always contains two GTX transceiver instantiations, even if only a single GTX transceiver tile is in use. [Figure 8-3](#) illustrates a single GTX transceiver tile.

The 125 MHz differential reference clock is routed directly to the GTX transceiver. The GTX transceiver is configured to output a version of this clock on the REFCLKOUT port; this is then routed to a DCM via a BUFG (global clock routing).

From the DCM, the CLK0 port (125 MHz) is placed onto global clock routing and can be used as the 125 MHz clock source for all core logic; this clock is also input back into the GTX transceiver on the user interface clock ports rxusrclk2 and txusrclk2.

From the DCM, the CLKDV port (62.5 MHz) is placed onto global clock routing and is input back into the GTX transceiver on the user interface clock ports rxusrclk and txusrclk.

See also [Virtex-5 FPGA RocketIO GTX Transceivers for 1000BASE-X Constraints](#).

## Virtex-5 FPGA RocketIO GTX Wizard

The two wrapper files immediately around the GTX transceiver pair, RocketIO\_wrapper\_gtx\_tile and RocketIO\_wrapper\_gtx (see [Figure 8-3](#)), are generated from the RocketIO GTX Wizard. These files apply all the gigabit Ethernet attributes. Consequently, these files can be regenerated by customers and therefore be easily targeted at ES or Production silicon. This core targets production silicon.

The CORE Generator tool log file (XCO file) that was created when the RocketIO GTX Wizard project was generated is available in the following location:

```
<project_directory>/<component_name>/example_design/transceiver/  
RocketIO_wrapper_gtx.xco
```

This file can be used as an input to the CORE Generator tool to regenerate the device-specific RocketIO transceiver wrapper files. The XCO file itself contains a list of all of the GTX transceiver wizard attributes that were used. For further information, see the *Virtex-5 FPGA RocketIO GTX Wizard Getting Started Guide* and the *CORE Generator Guide*, at [www.xilinx.com/support/software\\_manuals.htm](http://www.xilinx.com/support/software_manuals.htm)

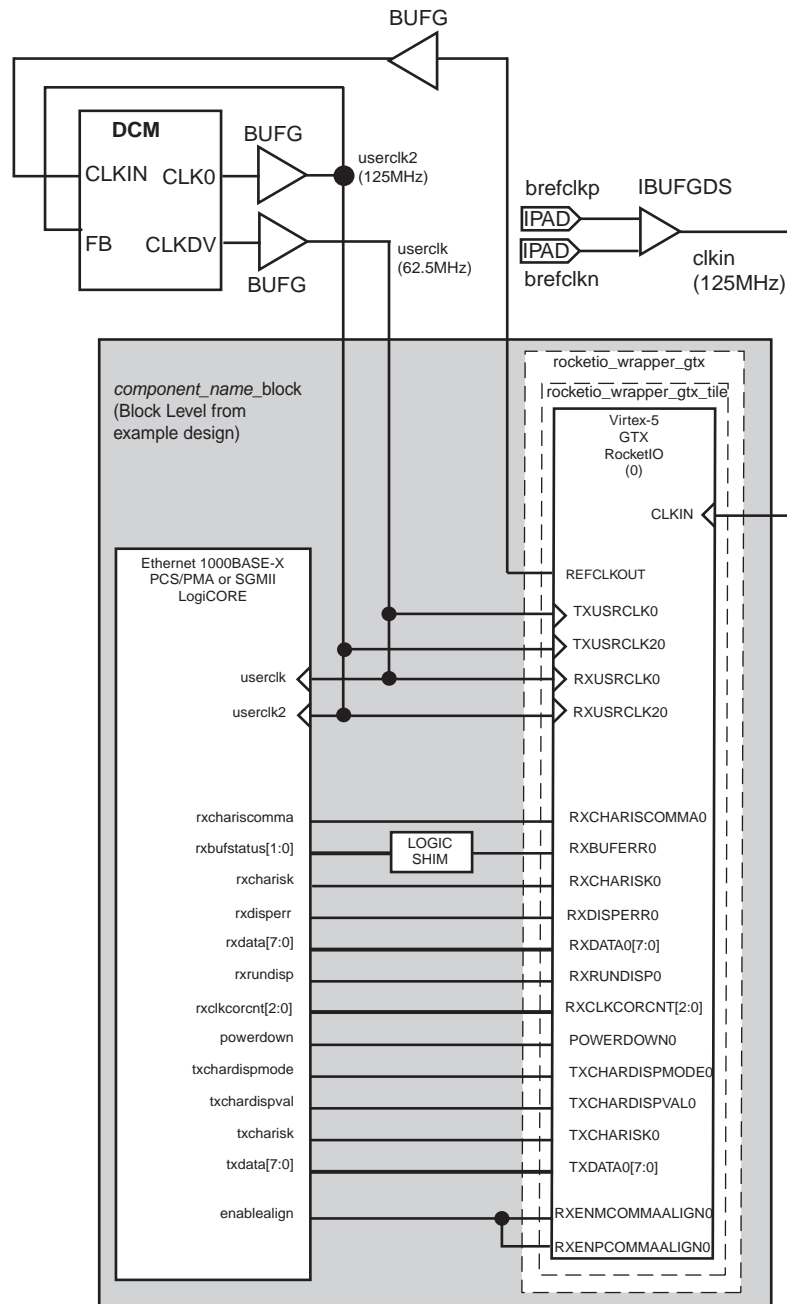


Figure 8-3: 1000BASE-X Connection to Virtex-5 FPGA RocketIO GTX Transceivers

## Virtex-6 Devices

The core is designed to integrate with the Virtex-6 FPGA GTX transceiver. [Figure 8-4](#) illustrates the connections and logic required between the core and the GTX transceiver—the signal names and logic in the figure precisely match those delivered with the example design.

The 125 MHz differential reference clock is routed directly to the GTX transceiver from the specialized IBUFDS\_GTXE1 primitive. The GTX transceiver is configured to output a version of this clock on the TXOUTCLK port and after placement onto global clock routing, can be used by all core logic. This clock is input back into the GTX transceiver on the user interface clock ports rxusrclk2 and txusrclk2. The rxusrclk and txusrclk clocks are derived internally and can be grounded.

### Virtex-6 FPGA GTX Transceiver Wizard

The two wrapper files immediately around the GTX transceiver, `gtx_wrapper_gtx` and `gtx_wrapper` (see [Figure 8-4](#)), are generated from the Virtex-6 FPGA GTX Transceiver Wizard. These files apply all the gigabit Ethernet attributes. Consequently, these files can be regenerated by customers and therefore be easily targeted at silicon/device versions.

The CORE Generator tool log file (XCO file) that was created when the Virtex-6 FPGA GTX Transceiver Wizard project was generated is available in the following location:

```
<project_directory>/<component_name>/example_design/transceiver/  
gtx_wrapper_gtx.xco
```

This file can be used as an input to the CORE Generator tool to regenerate the transceiver wrapper files. The XCO file itself contains a list of all of the wizard attributes that were used. For further information, see the *Virtex-6 FPGA GTX Transceiver Wizard Getting Started Guide* and the *CORE Generator Guide*, at [www.xilinx.com/support/software\\_manuals.htm](http://www.xilinx.com/support/software_manuals.htm).

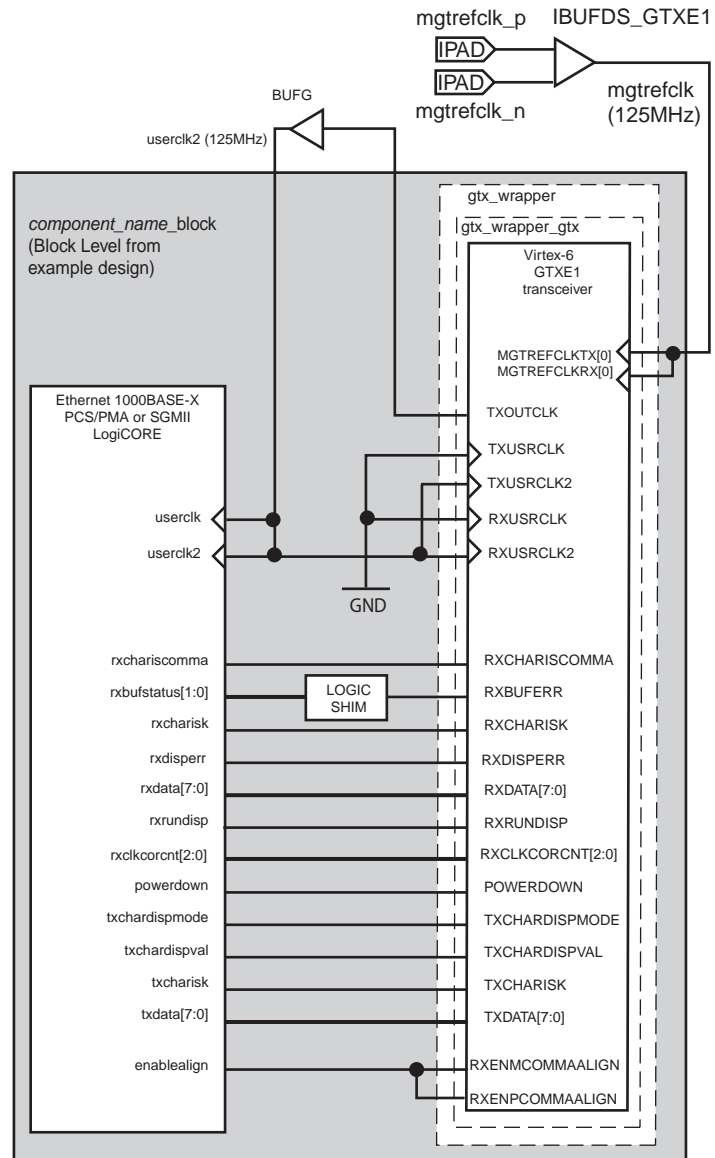


Figure 8-4: 1000BASE-X Connection to Virtex-6 FPGA GTX Transceiver

## Spartan-6 LXT Devices

The core is designed to integrate with the Spartan-6 FPGA GTP transceiver. [Figure 8-5](#) illustrates the connections and logic required between the core and the GTP transceiver—the signal names and logic in the figure precisely match those delivered with the example design when a GTP transceiver is used.

A GTP transceiver tile consists of a pair of transceivers. For this reason, the GTP transceiver wrapper delivered with the core always contains two GTP transceiver instantiations, even if only a single GTP transceiver tile is in use. [Figure 8-5](#) illustrates a single GTP transceiver tile.

The 125 MHz differential reference clock is routed directly to the GTP transceiver. The GTP transceiver is configured to output a version of this clock on the GTPCLKOUT port and after placement through a BUFIO2 and BUFG onto global clock routing, can be used by all core logic. This clock is input back into the GTP transceiver on the user interface clock ports rxusrclk, rxusrclk2, txusrclk, and txusrclk2.

See also [Spartan-6 FPGA GTP Transceivers for 1000BASE-X Constraints](#).

## Spartan-6 FPGA GTP Transceiver Wizard

The two wrapper files immediately around the GTP transceiver pair, `gtp_wrapper_tile` and `gtp_wrapper` (see [Figure 8-5](#)), are generated from the Spartan-6 FPGA GTP Transceiver Wizard. These files apply all the gigabit Ethernet attributes. Consequently, these files can be regenerated by customers and therefore be easily targeted at ES or Production silicon. This core targets production silicon.

The CORE Generator tool log file (XCO file) that was created when the GTP Transceiver Wizard project was generated is available in the following location:

```
<project_directory>/<component_name>/example_design/transceiver/  
gtp_wrapper.xco
```

This file can be used as an input to the CORE Generator tool to regenerate the device-specific transceiver wrapper files. The XCO file itself contains a list of all of the GTP transceiver wizard attributes that were used. For further information, see the *Spartan-6 FPGA GTP Wizard Getting Started Guide* and the *CORE Generator Guide*, at [www.xilinx.com/support/software\\_manuals.htm](http://www.xilinx.com/support/software_manuals.htm)

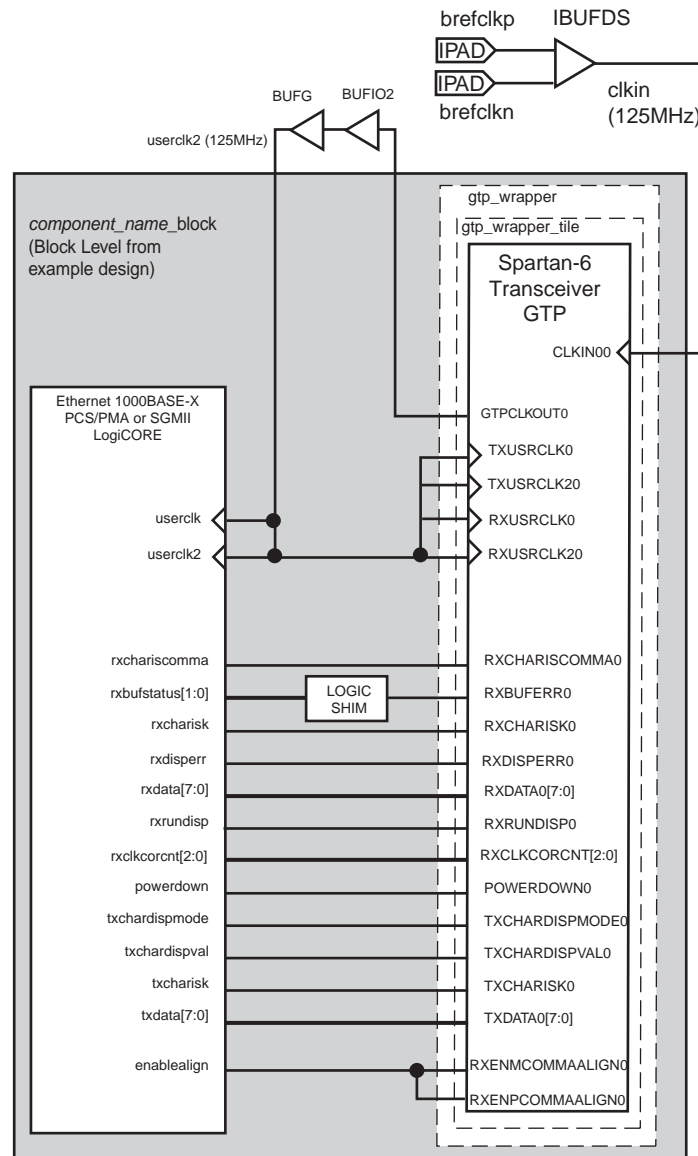


Figure 8-5: 1000BASE-X Connection to Spartan-6 FPGA GTP Transceivers

## Virtex-7 Devices

The core is designed to integrate with the 7 series FPGA transceiver. Figure 8-6 illustrates the connections and logic required between the core and the transceiver—the signal names and logic in the figure precisely match those delivered with the example design when a 7 series FPGA transceiver is used.

The 125 MHz differential reference clock is routed directly to the 7 series FPGA transceiver. The transceiver is configured to output a version of this clock (125 MHz) on the TXOUTCLK port; this is then routed to a MMCM. From the MMCM, the CLKOUT1 port (62.5 MHz) is placed onto global clock routing and is input back into the GTXE2/GTHE2 transceiver on the user interface clock ports rxusrclk, rxusrclk2, txusrclk, and txusrclk2. The CLKOUT0 port (125 MHz) of MMCM is placed onto global clock routing and can be used as the 125 MHz clock source for all core logic. See also [7 Series FPGA Transceivers for 1000BASE-X Constraints](#).

## 7 Series FPGA Transceiver Wizard

The two wrapper files immediately around the GTX/GTH transceiver pair, `gtwizard` and `gtwizard_gt` (Figure 8-6), are generated from the 7 series FPGA Transceiver Wizard. These files apply all the gigabit Ethernet attributes. Consequently, these files can be regenerated by customers. The CORE Generator tool log file (XCO file) that was created when the 7 series FPGA Transceiver Wizard project was generated is available in the following location:

`<project_directory>/<component_name>/example_design/transceiver/gtwizard.xco.`

This file can be used as an input to the CORE Generator tool to regenerate the device specific transceiver wrapper files. The XCO file itself contains a list of all of the Transceiver Wizard attributes that were used. For further information, see the *7 Series FPGAs GTX Transceivers User Guide* and *7 Series FPGAs GTH Transceivers User Guide*.

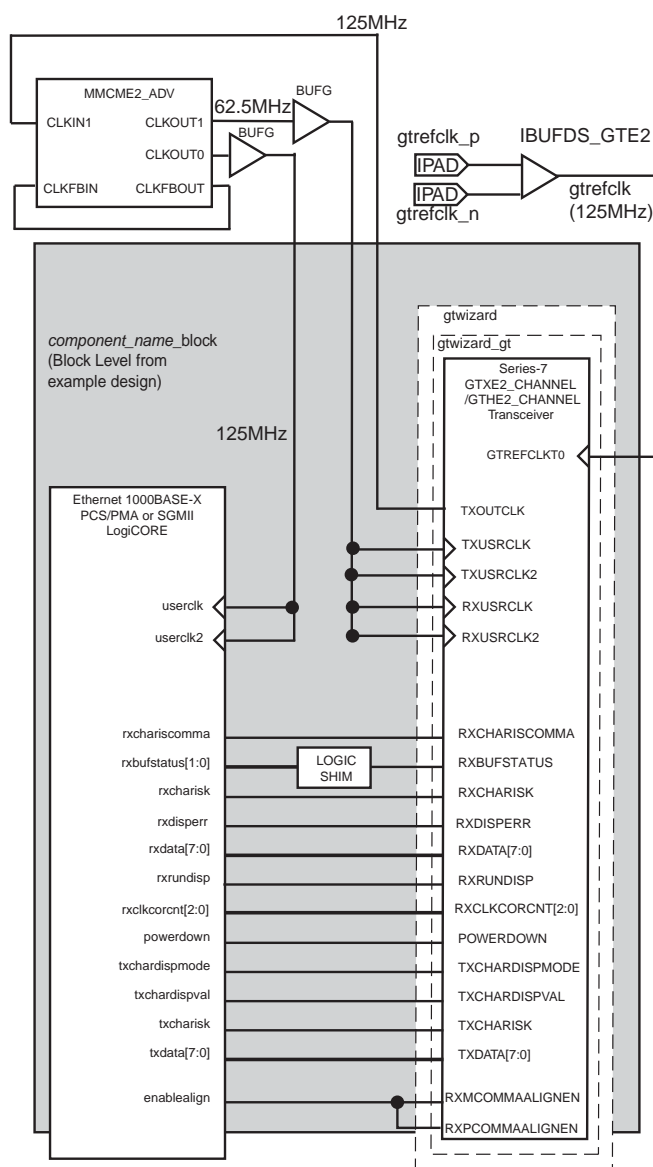


Figure 8-6: 1000BASE-X Connection to Virtex-7 Transceivers

## Kintex-7 Devices

The core is designed to integrate with the 7 series FPGA transceiver. [Figure 8-7](#) illustrates the connections and logic required between the core and the transceiver—the signal names and logic in the figure precisely match those delivered with the example design when a 7 series FPGA transceiver is used.

The 125 MHz differential reference clock is routed directly to the 7 series FPGA transceiver. The transceiver is configured to output a version of this clock (125 MHz) on the TXOUTCLK port; this is then routed to a MMCM via a BUFG (global clock routing). From the MMCM, the CLKOUT1 port (62.5 MHz) is placed onto global clock routing and is input back into the GTXE2 transceiver on the user interface clock ports rxusrclk, rxusrclk2, txusrclk and txusrclk2. The CLKOUT0 port (125 MHz) of MMCM is placed onto global clock routing and can be used as the 125 MHz clock source for all core logic. See also 7 Series FPGA Transceivers for 1000BASE-X Constraints.

## 7 Series FPGA Transceiver Wizard

The two wrapper files immediately around the GTX transceiver pair, gtwizard and gtwizard\_gt ([Figure 8-7](#)), are generated from the 7 series FPGA Transceiver Wizard. These files apply all the gigabit Ethernet attributes. Consequently, these files can be regenerated by customers.

The CORE Generator tool log file (XCO file) that was created when the 7 series FPGA Transceiver Wizard project was generated is available in the location:

```
<project_directory>/<component_name>/example_design/transceiver/gtwizard.xco.
```

This file can be used as an input to the CORE Generator tool to regenerate the device specific transceiver wrapper files. The XCO file itself contains a list of all of the transceiver wizard attributes that were used. For further information, see the *7 Series FPGAs GTX Transceivers User Guide*.

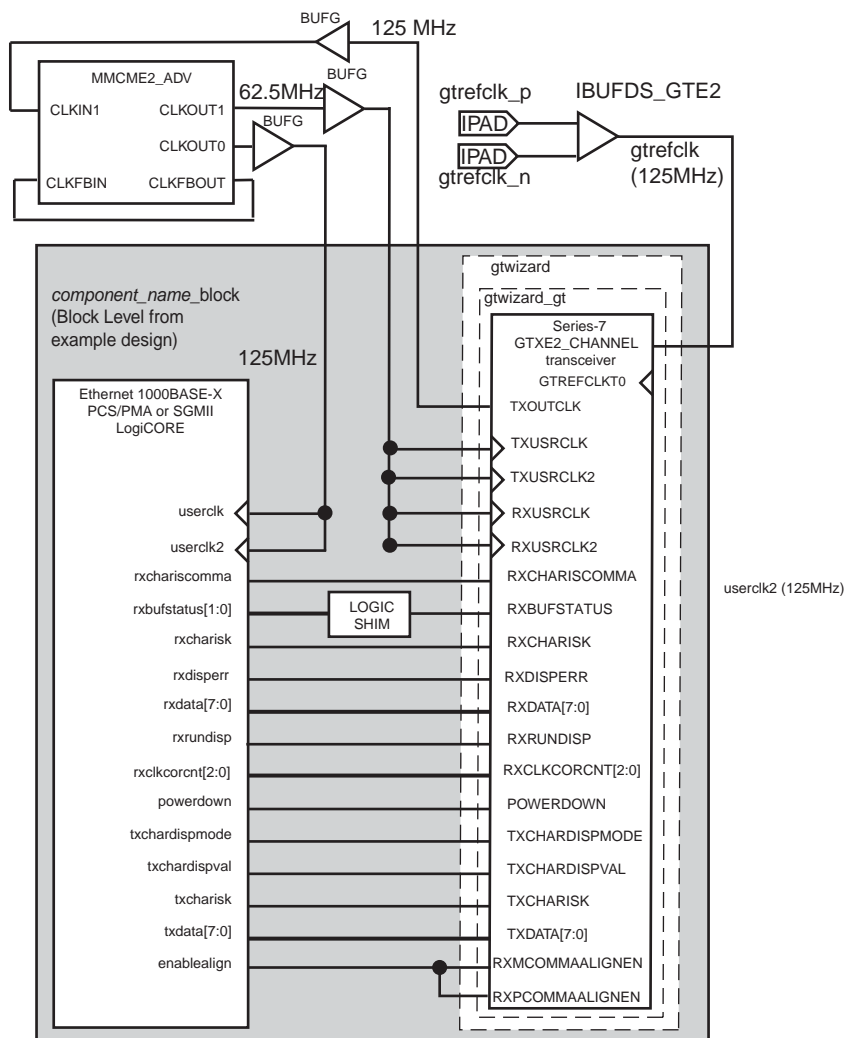


Figure 8-7: 1000BASE-X Connection to Kintex-7 Transceivers

## Artix-7 Devices

The core is designed to integrate with the 7 series FPGA transceiver. Figure 8-8 illustrates the connections and logic required between the core and the transceiver—the signal names and logic in the figure precisely match those delivered with the example design when a 7 series FPGA transceiver is used.

The 125 MHz differential reference clock is routed directly to the 7 series FPGA transceiver. The transceiver is configured to output a version of this clock (125 MHz) on the TXOUTCLK port. The clock is then routed to a MMCM through a BUFG (global clock routing). From the MMCM, the CLKOUT1 port (62.5 MHz) is placed onto global clock routing and is input back into the GTPE2 transceiver on the user interface clock ports rxusrclk, rxusrclk2, txusrclk and txusrclk2. The CLKOUT0 port (125 MHz) of MMCM is placed onto global clock routing and can be used as the 125 MHz clock source for all core logic. See also [7 Series FPGA Transceivers for 1000BASE-X Constraints in Chapter 15](#).

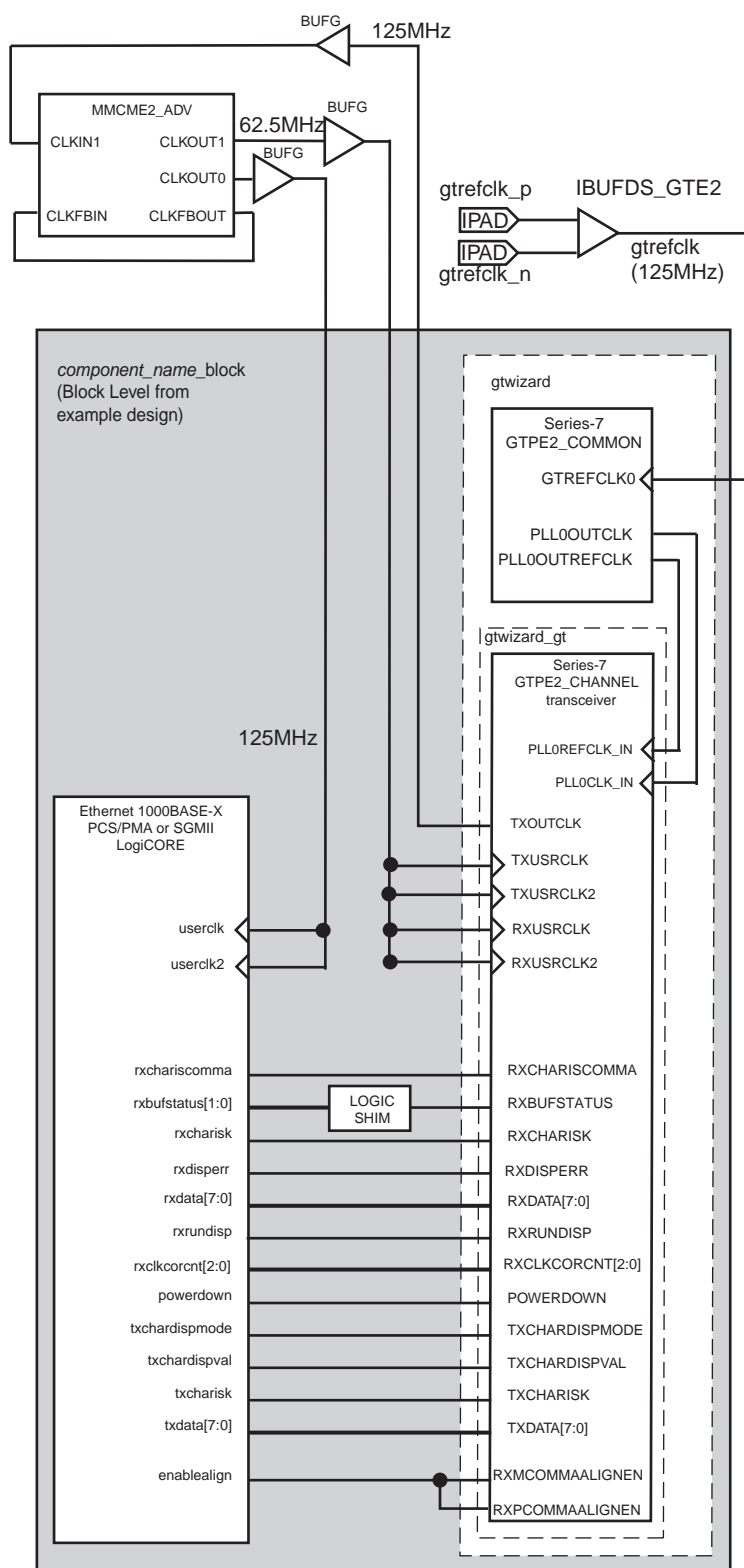
## 7 Series FPGA Transceiver Wizard

The two wrapper files immediately around the GTP transceiver pair, gtwizard and gtwizard\_gt (Figure 8-8), are generated from the 7 series FPGA Transceiver Wizard. These files apply all the gigabit Ethernet attributes. Consequently, these files can be regenerated by customers.

The CORE Generator tool log file (XCO file) that was created when the 7 series FPGA Transceiver Wizard project was generated is available in the location:

```
<project_directory>/<component_name>/example_design/transceiver  
/gtwizard.xco
```

This file can be used as an input to the CORE Generator tool to regenerate the device specific transceiver wrapper files. The XCO file itself contains a list of all of the transceiver wizard attributes that were used. For further information, see the *7 Series FPGAs GTP Transceivers User Guide*.



**Figure 8-8: 1000BASE-X Connection to Artix-7 Transceiver**

## Clock Sharing Across Multiple Cores with Transceivers

### Virtex-4 FX Devices

Figure 8-9 illustrates sharing clock resources across multiple instantiations of the core when using MGTs. The example design, when using the Virtex-4 family, can be generated to connect either a single instance of the core, or connect a pair of core instances to the transceiver pair present in an MGT tile. Figure 8-9 shows two instantiations of the block level, where each block contains a pair of cores, subsequently illustrating clock sharing between four cores in total.

More cores can be added by continuing to instantiate extra block-level modules. Share clocks only between the MGTs in a single column. For each column, use a single `brefclk_p` and `brefclk_n` differential clock pair and connect this to a `GT11CLK_MGT` primitive. The clock output from this primitive should be shared across all used RocketIO transceiver tiles in the column. See the *Virtex-4 RocketIO Multi-Gigabit Transceiver User Guide* (UG076) for more information.

To provide the 125 MHz clock for all core instances, select a `TXOUTCLK1` port from any MGT. This can be routed onto global clock routing using a BUFG as illustrated, and shared between all cores and MGTs in the column. Although not illustrated in Figure 8-9, `dclk` (the clock used for the calibration blocks and for the Dynamic Reconfiguration Port (DRP) of the MGT transceivers) can also be shared.

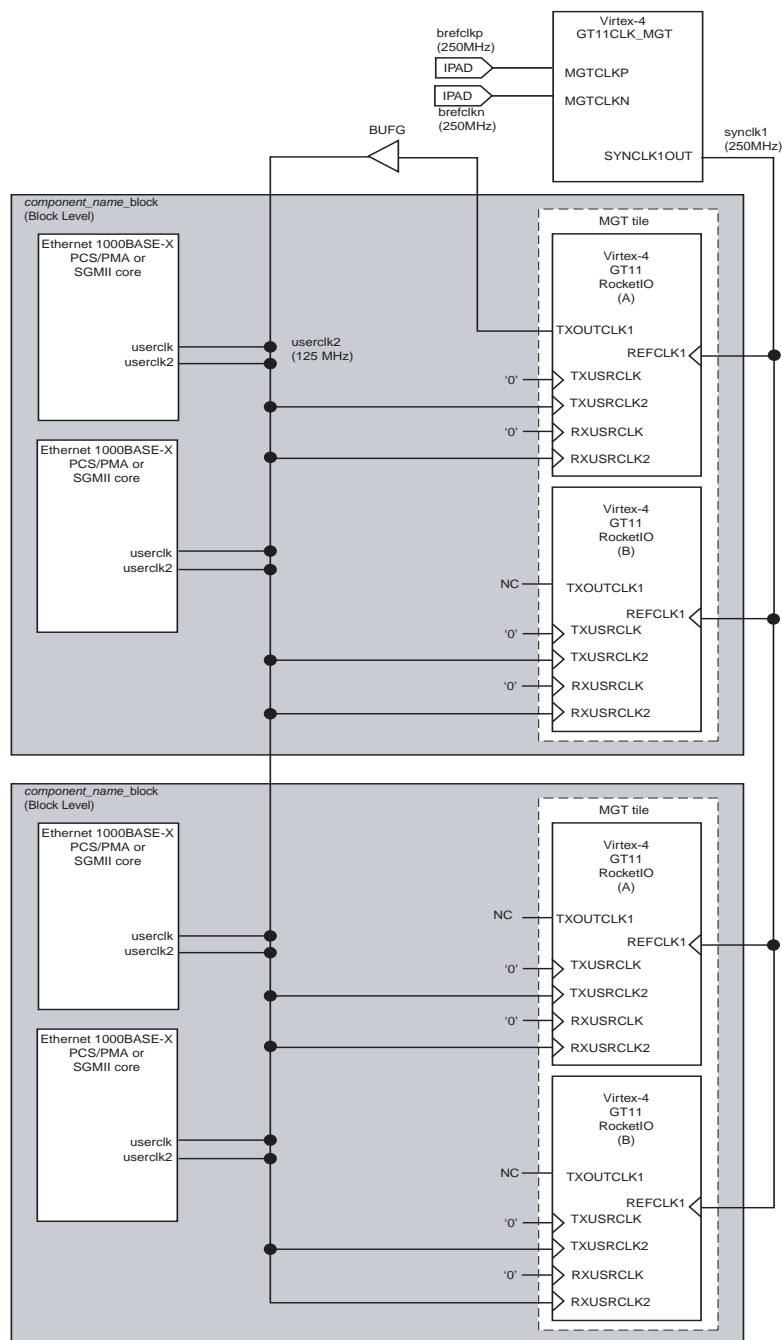


Figure 8-9: Clock Management - Multiple Core Instances, MGT Transceivers for 1000BASE-X

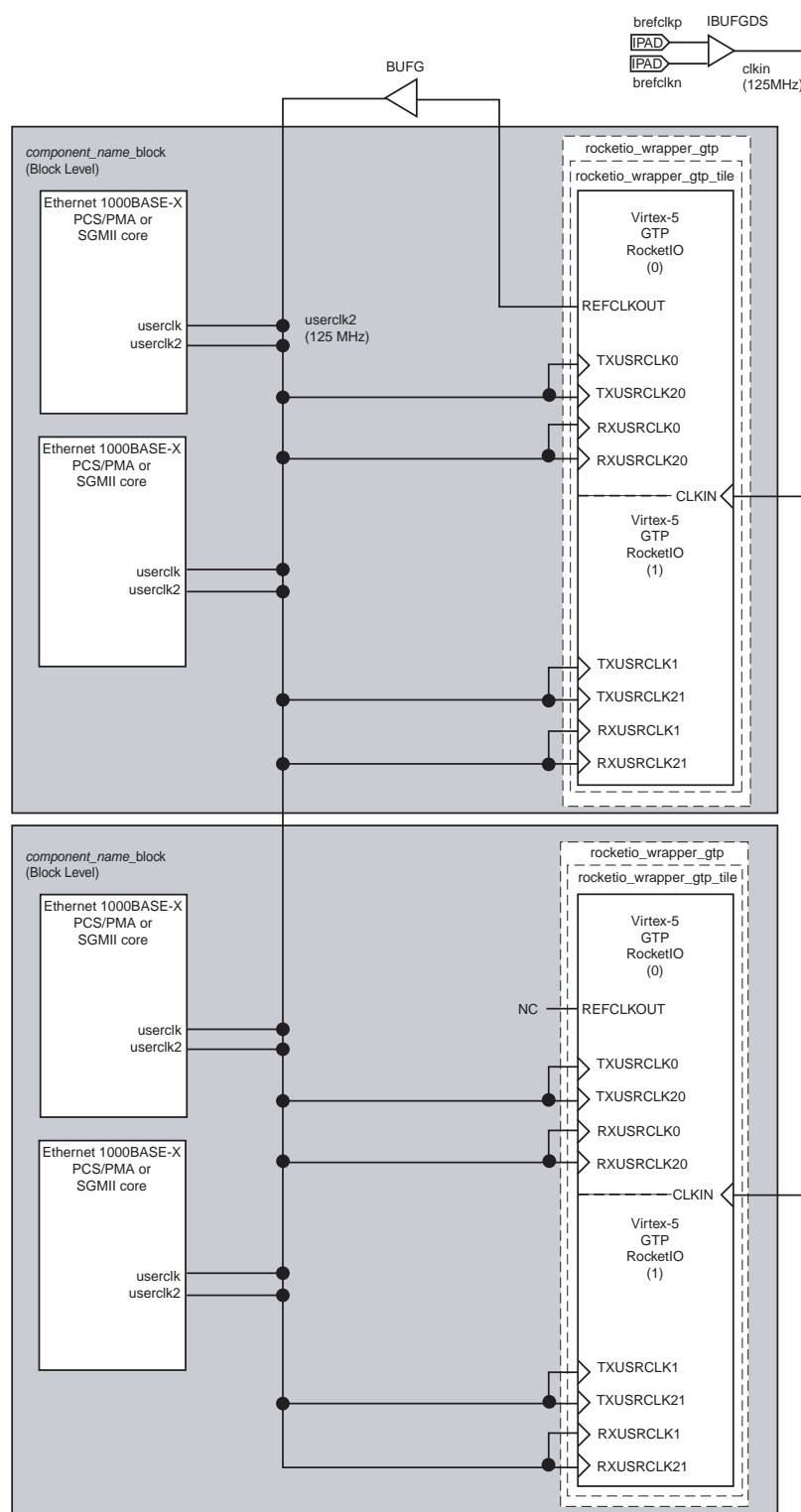
## Virtex-5 LXT and SXT Devices

[Figure 8-10](#) illustrates sharing clock resources across multiple instantiations of the core when using Virtex-5 FPGA RocketIO GTP transceivers.

The example design can be generated to connect either a single instance of the core or connect a pair of core instances to the transceiver pair present in a GTP transceiver tile. [Figure 8-10](#) illustrates two instantiations of the block level, and each block level contains a pair of cores, consequently illustrating clock sharing between a total of four cores.

Additional cores can be added by continuing to instantiate extra block level modules. Share the `brefclk_p` and `brefclk_n` differential clock pair. See the *Virtex-5 FPGA RocketIO GTP Transceiver User Guide* (UG196) for more information.

To provide the 125 MHz clock for all core instances, select a `REFCLKOUT` port from any GTP transceiver. This can be routed onto global clock routing using a BUFG as illustrated and shared between all cores and GTP transceivers.



**Figure 8-10: Clock Management - Multiple Core Instances, Virtex-5 FPGA RocketIO GTP Transceivers for 1000BASE-X**

## Virtex-5 FXT and TXT Devices

Figure 8-12 illustrates sharing clock resources across multiple instantiations of the core when using Virtex-5 FPGA RocketIO GTX transceivers.

The example design can be generated to connect either a single instance of the core or connect a pair of core instances to the transceiver pair present in a GTX transceiver tile. Figure 8-12 illustrates two instantiations of the block level, and each block level contains a pair of cores, consequently illustrating clock sharing between a total of four cores.

Additional cores can be added by continuing to instantiate extra block level modules. Share the `brefclk_p` and `brefclk_n` differential clock pair. See the *Virtex-5 FPGA RocketIO GTX Transceiver User Guide* for more information.

To provide the FPGA logic clocks for all core instances, select a `REFCLKOUT` port from any GTX transceiver and route this to a single DCM via a BUFG (global clock routing). The `CLK0` (125 MHz) and `CLKDV` (62.5 MHz) outputs from this DCM, placed onto global clock routing using BUFGs, can be shared across all core instances and GTX transceivers as illustrated.

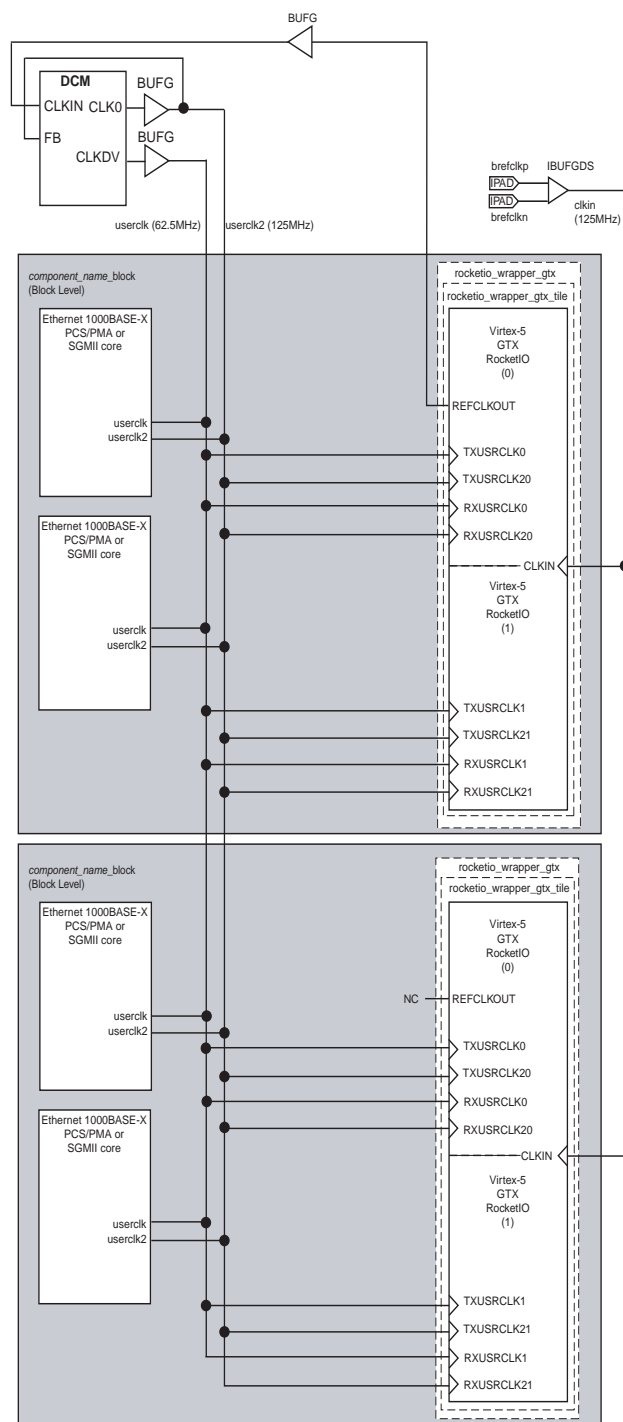


Figure 8-12: Clock Management - Multiple Core Instances, Virtex-5 FPGA RocketIO GTX Transceivers for 1000BASE-X

## Virtex-6 Devices

Figure 8-13 illustrates sharing clock resources across two instantiations of the core when using Virtex-6 FPGA GTX transceivers. Additional cores can be added by continuing to instantiate extra block level modules.

Share the `mgtrefclk_p` and `mgtrefclk_n` differential clock pair clock source across all of the transceivers in use. To provide the 125 MHz clock for all core instances, select a `TXOUTCLK` port from any GTX transceiver. This can be routed onto global clock routing using a BUFG as illustrated and shared between all cores and GTX transceivers.

See the *Virtex-6 GTX Transceiver User Guide* for more information on GTX transceiver clock resources.

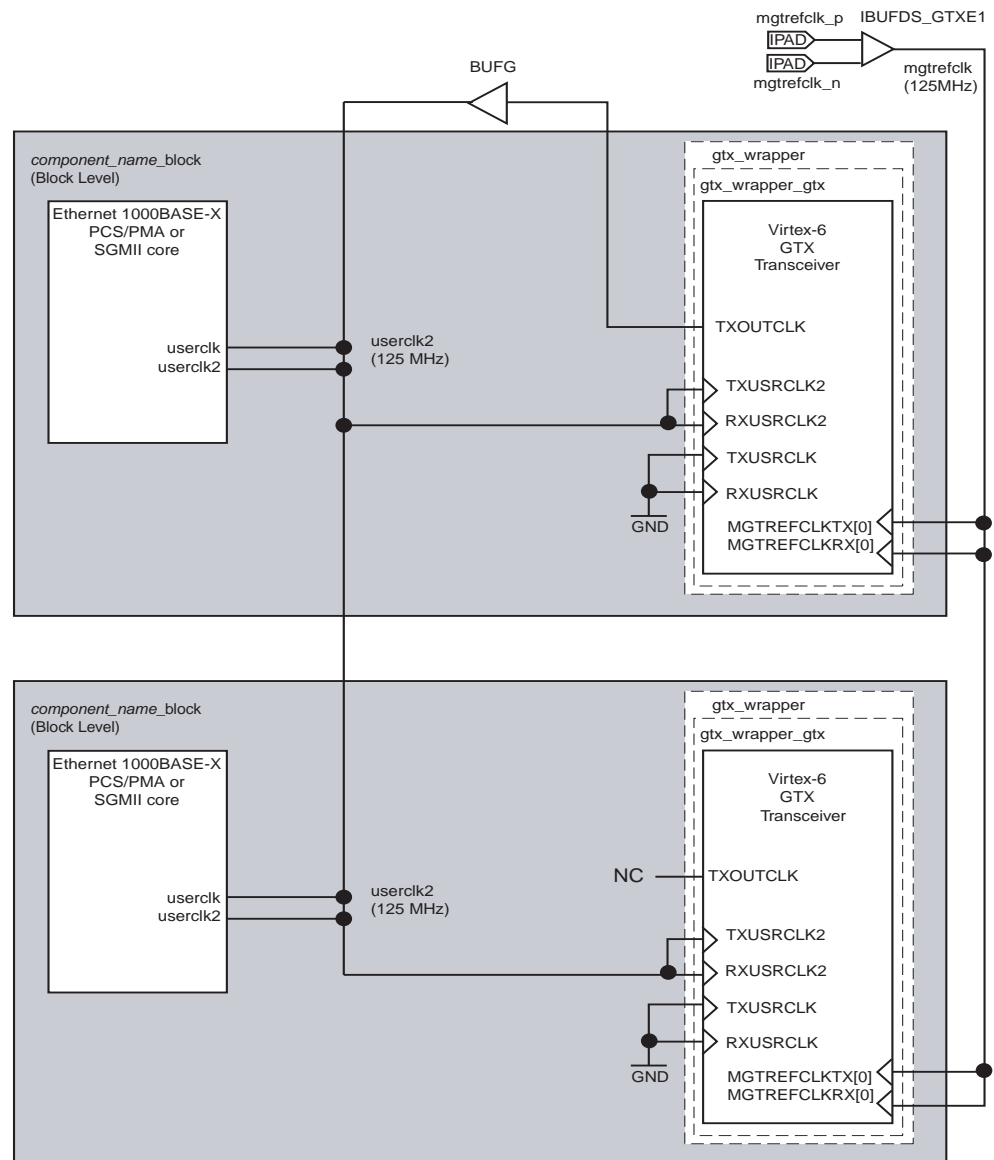


Figure 8-13: Clock Management - Multiple Core Instances, Virtex-6 FPGA GTX Transceivers for 1000BASE-X

## Spartan-6 LXT Devices

[Figure 8-13](#) illustrates sharing clock resources across multiple instantiations of the core when using Spartan-6 FPGA GTP transceivers.

The example design can be generated to connect either a single instance of the core or connect a pair of core instances to the transceiver pair present in a GTP transceiver tile.

[Figure 8-13](#) illustrates two instantiations of the block level, and each block level contains a pair of cores, consequently illustrating clock sharing between a total of four cores.

Additional cores can be added by continuing to instantiate extra block level modules.

Share the `brefclk_p` and `brefclk_n` differential clock pair. See the *Spartan-6 FPGA GTP Transceiver User Guide* for more information.

To provide the 125 MHz clock for all core instances, select a `GTPCLKOUT` port from any GTP transceiver. This can be routed onto global clock routing using a `BUFIO2` and `BUFG` as illustrated and shared between all cores and GTP transceivers.

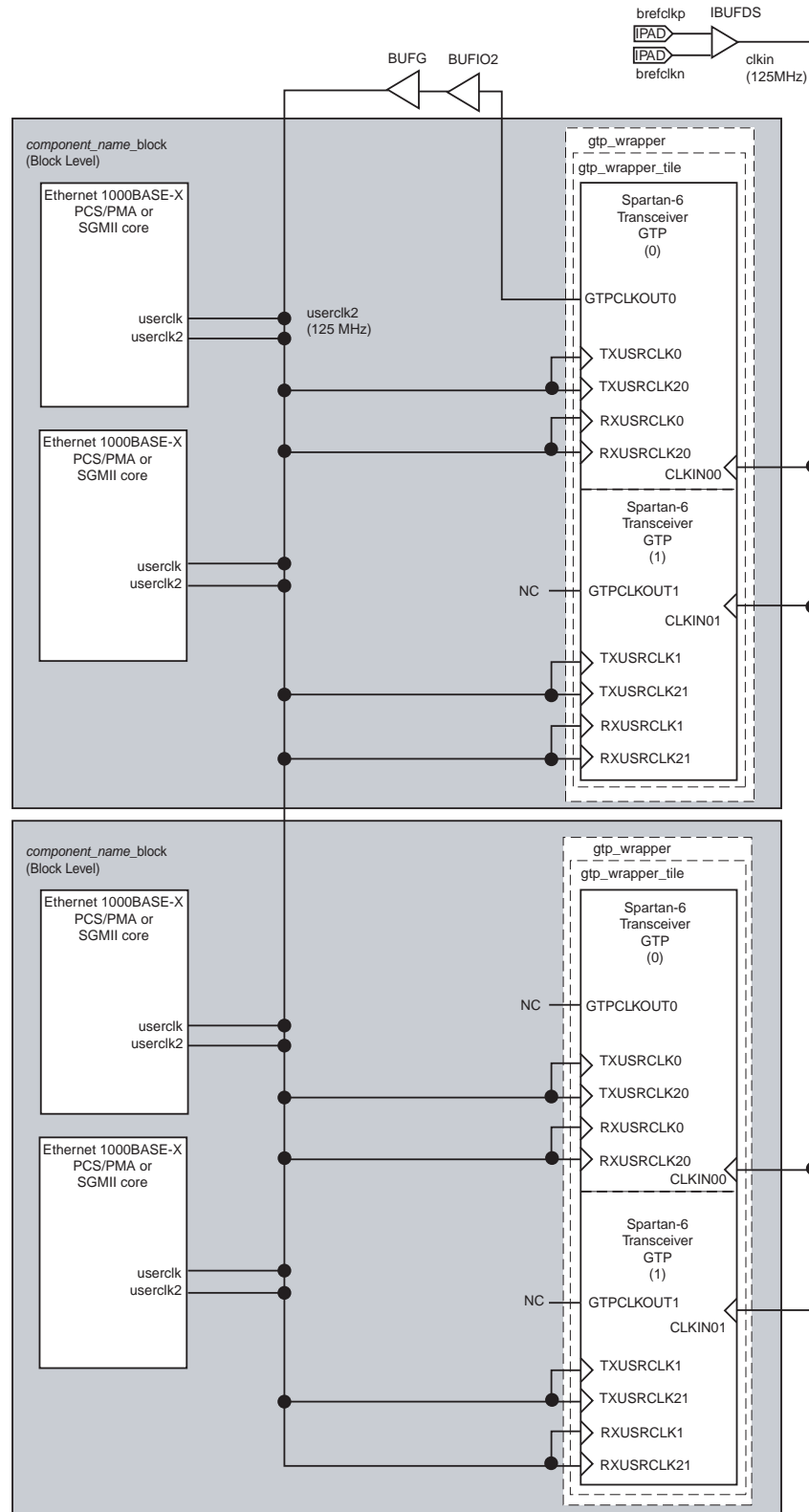


Figure 8-14: Clock Management-Multiple Core Instances, Spartan-6 FPGA GTP Transceivers for 1000BASE-X

## Virtex-7 Devices

Figure 8-15 illustrates sharing clock resources across two instantiations of the core when using 7 series FPGAs Transceivers. Additional cores can be added by continuing to instantiate extra block level modules.

To provide the FPGA logic clocks for all core instances, select a TXOUTCLK port from any transceiver and route this to a single MMCM. The CLKOUT0 (125 MHz) and CLKOUT1 (62.5 MHz) outputs from this MMCM, placed onto global clock routing using BUFGs, can be shared across all core instances and transceivers as illustrated.

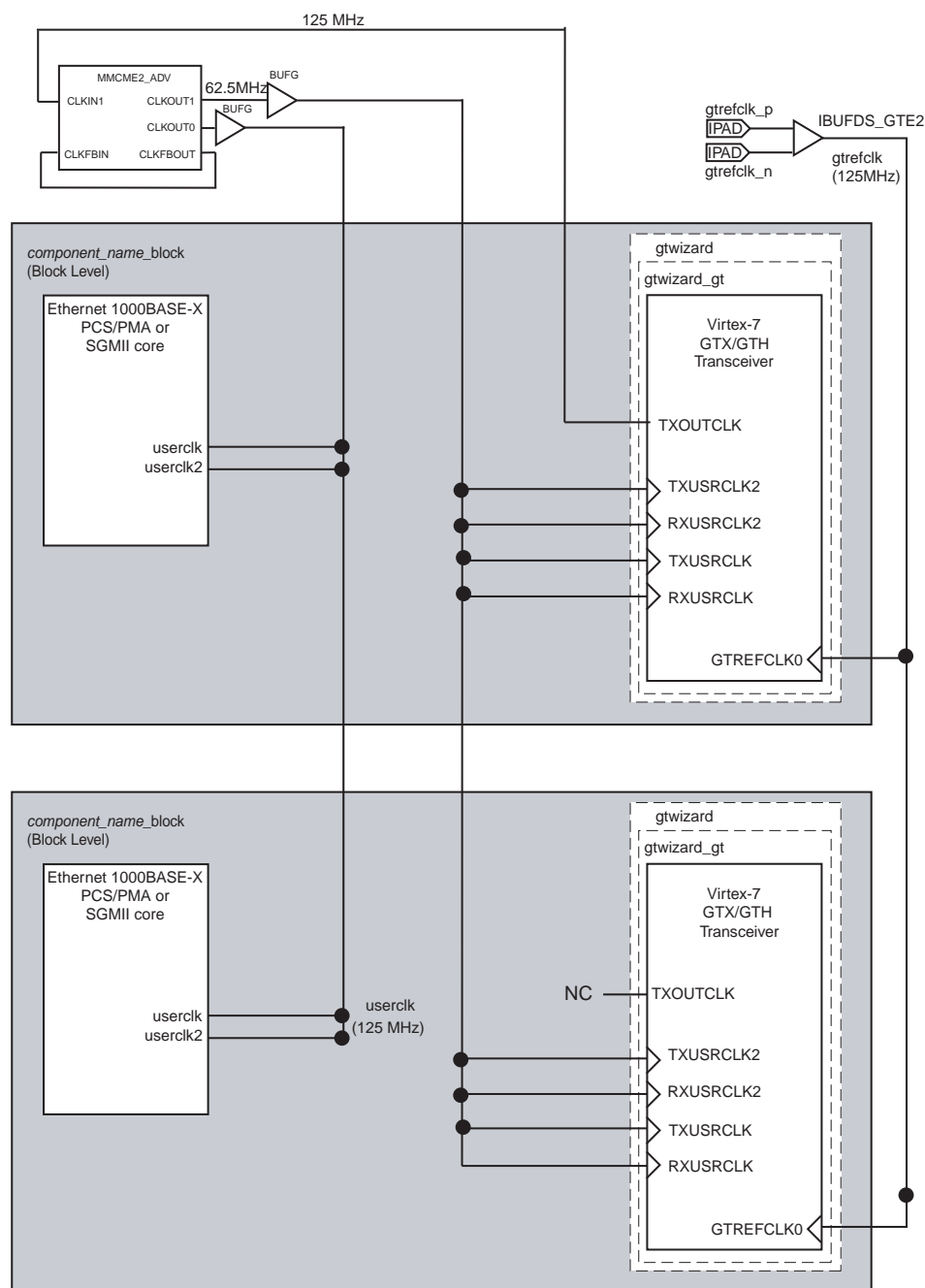


Figure 8-15: Clock Management-Multiple Core Instances, Virtex-7 FPGA Transceivers for 1000BASE-X

## Kintex-7 Devices

Figure 8-16 illustrates sharing clock resources across two instantiations of the core when using 7 series FPGAs transceivers. Additional cores can be added by continuing to instantiate extra block level modules.

To provide the FPGA logic clocks for all core instances, select a TXOUTCLK port from any transceiver and route this to a single MMCM via a BUFG (global clock routing). The CLKOUT0 (125 MHz) and CLKOUT1 (62.5 MHz) outputs from this MMCM, placed onto global clock routing using BUFGs, can be shared across all core instances and transceivers as illustrated.

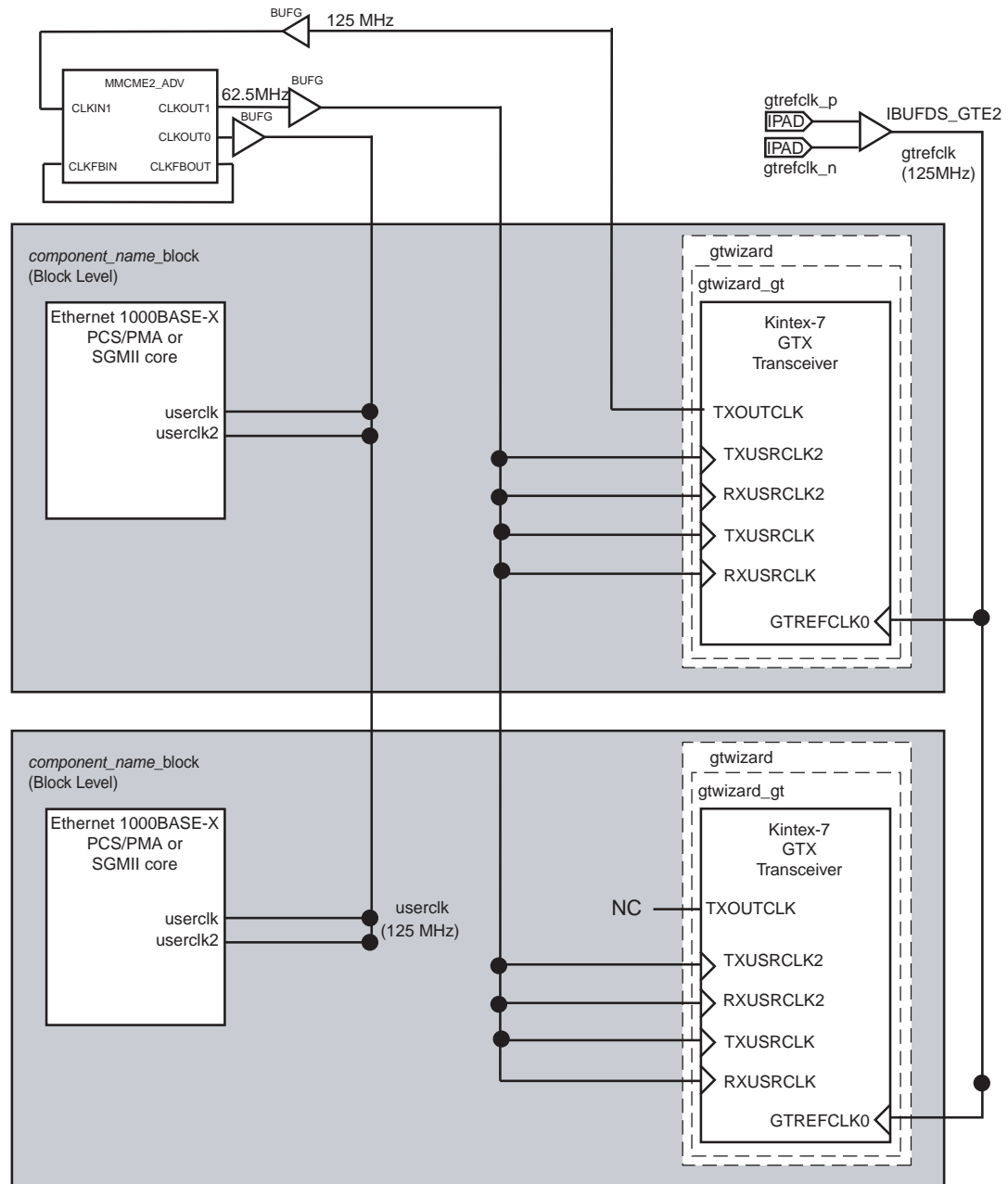


Figure 8-16: Clock Management-Multiple Core Instances, Kintex-7 FPGA Transceivers for 1000BASE-X

## Artix-7 Devices

[Figure 8-17](#) illustrates sharing clock resources across two instantiations of the core when using 7 series FPGAs Transceivers. Additional cores can be added by continuing to instantiate extra block level modules.

To provide the FPGA logic clocks for all core instances, select a TXOUTCLK port from any transceiver and route this to a single MMCM. The CLKOUT0 (125 MHz) and CLKOUT1 (62.5 MHz) outputs from this MMCM, placed onto global clock routing using BUFGs, can be shared across all core instances and transceivers as illustrated.

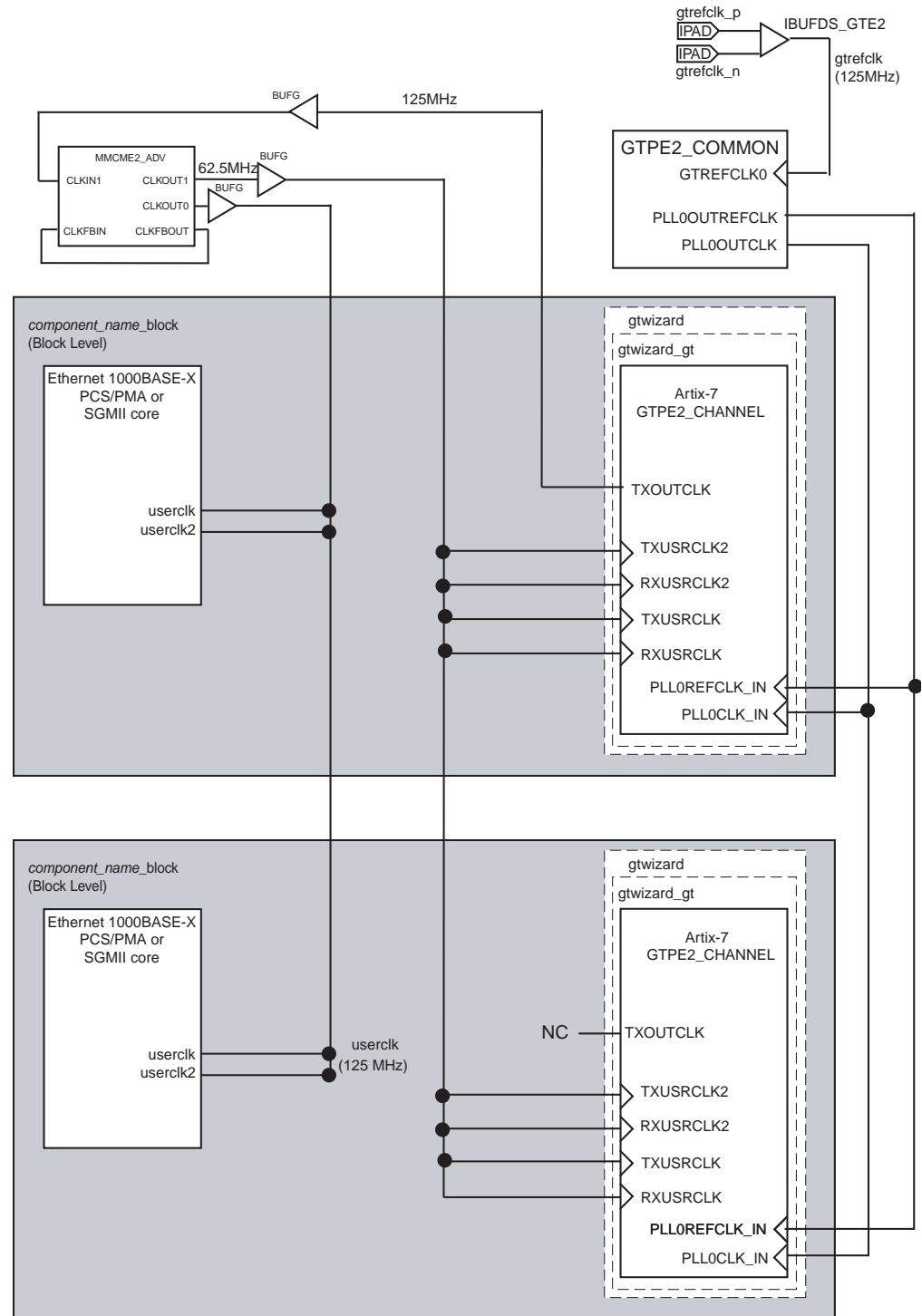


Figure 8-17: Clock Management-Multiple Core Instances, Artix-7 FPGA Transceivers for 1000BASE-X

## Example Design for 1000BASE-X with Transceivers

Chapter 4, [CORE Generator Tool Deliverables](#) contains a full list and description of the directory and file structure that is provided with the core, including the location of the HDL example design.

Figure 8-18 illustrates the complete example design for the Ethernet 1000BASE-X PCS/PMA using the transceiver specific to the target device (Virtex-4, Virtex-5, Virtex-6, Virtex-7, Kintex-7, Artix-7 or Spartan-6).

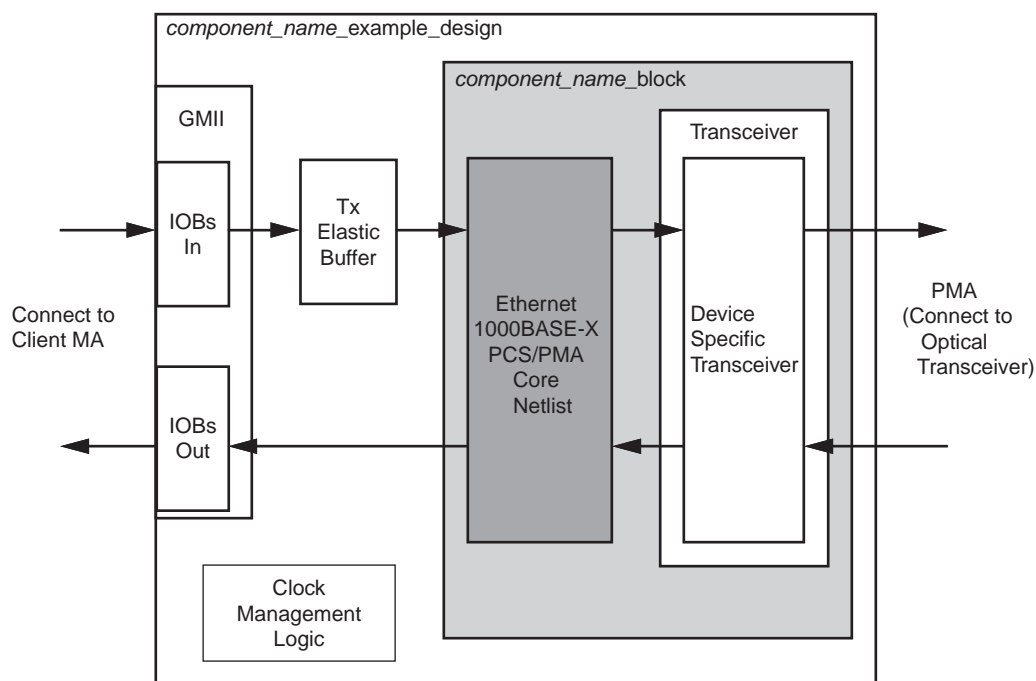


Figure 8-18: Example Design HDL for the Ethernet 1000BASE-X PCS/PMA Using a Device-Specific Transceiver

As illustrated, the example is split between two hierarchical layers. The block level is designed so that it can be instantiated directly into your design and performs the following functions:

- Instantiates the core from HDL
- Connects the physical-side interface of the core to a device-specific transceiver

The top level of the example design creates a specific example that can be simulated, synthesized, implemented, and if required, placed on a suitable board and demonstrated in hardware. The top level of the example design performs the following functions:

- Instantiates the block level from HDL
- Derives the clock management logic for a device-specific transceiver and the core
- Implements an external GMII

The next few pages in this section describe each of the example design blocks (and associated HDL files) in detail, and conclude with an overview of the demonstration test bench provided for the design.

## Top-Level Example Design HDL

The following files describe the top-level example design for the Ethernet 1000BASE-X PCS/PMA core using a transceiver specific to the desired device.

### VHDL

```
<project_dir>/<component_name>/example_design/<component_name>_example_design.vhd
```

### Verilog

```
<project_dir>/<component_name>/example_design/<component_name>_example_design.v
```

The example design HDL top level contains the following:

- An instance of the Ethernet 1000BASE-X PCS/PMA block level
- Clock management logic for the core and the device-specific transceiver, including DCM (if required) and Global Clock Buffer instances
- A transmitter elastic buffer
- GMII interface logic, including IOB instances

The example design HDL top-level connects the GMII of the block level to external IOBs. This configuration allows the functionality of the core to be demonstrated using a simulation package as discussed in this guide. The example design can also be synthesized and, if required, placed on a suitable board and demonstrated in hardware.

**Note:** In the Virtex-4, Virtex-5 and Spartan-6 architectures, transceivers are provided in pairs. When generated with the appropriate options, the example design is capable of connecting two instances of the core to the transceiver pair.

## Block Level HDL

The following files describe the block-level design for the Ethernet 1000BASE-X PCS/PMA core using a device-specific transceiver specific to the target device.

### VHDL

```
<project_dir>/<component_name>/example_design/<component_name>_block.vhd
```

### Verilog

```
<project_dir>/<component_name>/example_design/<component_name>_block.v
```

The block-level HDL contains the following:

- An instance(s) of the Ethernet 1000BASE-X PCS/PMA core
- An instance(s) of a transceiver specific to a Virtex-4, Virtex-5, Virtex-6, Virtex-7, Kintex-7, Artix-7 or Spartan-6 device

The block-level HDL connects the PHY side interface of the core to a device-specific transceiver, as illustrated in [Figure 8-18](#). This is the most useful part of the example design and should be instantiated in all customer designs that use the core.

**Note:** In the Virtex-4, Virtex-5 and Spartan-6 architectures, transceivers are provided in pairs. When generated with the appropriate options, the block level is capable of connecting two instances of the core to the transceiver.

## Files for Artix-7, Virtex-7, and Kintex-7 Devices

### Transceiver Wrapper

This device-specific transceiver wrapper is instantiated from the block-level HDL file of the example design and is described in the following files:

#### VHDL

```
<project_dir>/<component_name>/example_design/transceiver/  
transceiver.vhd
```

#### Verilog

```
<project_dir>/<component_name>/example_design/transceiver/  
transceiver.v
```

This file instances output source files from the transceiver wizard (used with Gigabit Ethernet 1000BASE-X attributes).

### Virtex-7, Kintex-7, and Artix-7 FPGA Transceiver Wizard Files

For Virtex-7, Kintex-7, and Artix-7 devices, the transceiver wrapper file directly instantiates device-specific transceiver wrapper files created from the GT Transceiver Wizard. These files tie off (or leave unconnected) unused I/O for the transceiver and apply the 1000BASE-X attributes. The files can be edited/tailored by re-running the wizard and swapping these files. The files include the following:

#### VHDL

```
<project_dir>/<component_name>/example_design/transceiver/  
gtwizard.vhd  
<project_dir>/<component_name>/example_design/transceiver/  
gtwizard_gt.vhd
```

#### Verilog

```
<project_dir>/<component_name>/example_design/transceiver/  
gtwizard.v  
<project_dir>/<component_name>/example_design/transceiver/  
gtwizard_gt.v
```

To re-run the transceiver wizard, a CORE Generator tool XCO file for the wizard is included. This file defines all the required wizard attributes used to generate the preceding files. See the CORE Generator tool documentation for further information about XCO files. The XCO file is in the following location:

```
<project_dir>/<component_name>/example_design/transceiver/  
gtwizard.xco
```

## Transceiver Files for Spartan-6 Devices

### Transceiver Wrapper

This device-specific transceiver wrapper is instantiated from the block-level HDL file of the example design and is described in the following files:

#### VHDL

```
<project_dir>/<component_name>/example_design/transceiver/  
transceiver.vhd
```

#### Verilog

```
<project_dir>/<component_name>/example_design/transceiver/  
transceiver.v
```

This file instances output source files from the transceiver wizard (used with Gigabit Ethernet 1000BASE-X attributes).

### Spartan-6 FPGA GTP Transceiver Wizard Files

For Spartan-6 devices, the transceiver wrapper file directly instantiates device-specific transceiver wrapper files created from the Spartan-6 FPGA GTP Transceiver Wizard. These files tie off (or leave unconnected) unused I/O for the GTP, and apply the 1000BASE-X attributes. The files can be edited/tailored by rerunning the wizard and swapping these files. The files include the following:

#### VHDL

```
<project_dir>/<component_name>/example_design/transceiver/  
s6_gtpwizard.vhd  
<project_dir>/<component_name>/example_design/transceiver/  
s6_gtpwizard_tile.vhd
```

#### Verilog

```
<project_dir>/<component_name>/example_design/transceiver/  
s6_gtpwizard.v  
<project_dir>/<component_name>/example_design/transceiver/  
s6_gtpwizard_tile.v
```

To re-run the Spartan-6 FPGA GTX Transceiver Wizard, a CORE Generator tool XCO file for the wizard is included. This file defines all the required Wizard attributes used to generate the preceding files. See the CORE Generator tool documentation for further information about XCO files. The XCO file is in the following location:

```
<project_dir>/<component_name>/example_design/transceiver/  
s6_gtpwizard.xco
```

## Files for Virtex-6 Devices

### Transceiver Wrapper

This device-specific transceiver wrapper is instantiated from the block-level HDL file of the example design and is described in the following files:

#### VHDL

```
<project_dir>/<component_name>/example_design/transceiver/  
v6_gtxwizard_top.vhd
```

#### Verilog

```
<project_dir>/<component_name>/example_design/transceiver/  
v6_gtxwizard_top.v
```

This file instances output source files from the transceiver wizard (used with Gigabit Ethernet 1000BASE-X attributes).

### Virtex-6 FPGA GTX Transceiver Wizard Files

For Virtex-6 devices, the transceiver wrapper file directly instantiates device-specific transceiver wrapper files created from the Virtex-6 FPGA GTX Transceiver Wizard. These files tie off (or leave unconnected) unused I/O for the GTX transceiver, and apply the 1000BASE-X attributes. The files can be edited/tailored by rerunning the wizard and swapping these files. The files include the following:

#### VHDL

```
<project_dir>/<component_name>/example_design/transceiver/  
v6_gtxwizard.vhd  
<project_dir>/<component_name>/example_design/transceiver/  
v6_gtxwizard_gtx.vhd
```

#### Verilog

```
<project_dir>/<component_name>/example_design/transceiver/  
v6_gtxwizard.v  
<project_dir>/<component_name>/example_design/transceiver/  
v6_gtxwizard_gtx.v
```

To re-run the Virtex-6 FPGA GTX Transceiver Wizard, a CORE Generator tool XCO file for the wizard is included. This file defines all the required wizard attributes used to generate the preceding files. See the CORE Generator tool documentation for further information about XCO files. The XCO file is in the following location:

```
<project_dir>/<component_name>/example_design/transceiver/  
v6_gtxwizard.xco
```

## RocketIO Transceiver Files for Virtex-5 Devices

### Transceiver Wrapper

This device-specific RocketIO™ transceiver wrapper is instantiated from the block-level HDL file of the example design and is described in the following files:

#### VHDL

```
<project_dir>/<component_name>/example_design/transceiver/  
transceiver.vhd
```

#### Verilog

```
<project_dir>/<component_name>/example_design/transceiver/  
transceiver.v
```

This file instances output source files from the device-specific RocketIO Transceiver Wizard (used with Gigabit Ethernet 1000BASE-X attributes).

In the Virtex-5 families, RocketIO transceivers are provided in pairs. When generated with the appropriate options, the block level is capable of connecting two instances of the core to the device-specific RocketIO transceiver pair. When only a single instance of the core is requested, the unused device-specific RocketIO transceiver from the pair is still instantiated from within this transceiver wrapper but left unconnected.

### Virtex-5 FPGA RocketIO GTP Transceiver Specific Files

For Virtex-5 LXT and SXT devices, the transceiver wrapper file directly instantiates device-specific RocketIO GTP transceiver wrapper files created from the Virtex-5 FPGA RocketIO GTP Transceiver Wizard. These files tie off (or leave unconnected) unused I/O for the GTP transceiver pair, and apply the 1000BASE-X attributes. The files can be edited/tailored by rerunning the device-specific RocketIO GTP Transceiver Wizard and swapping these files. The files include the following:

#### VHDL

```
<project_dir>/<component_name>/example_design/transceiver/  
v5_gtpwizard.vhd  
<project_dir>/<component_name>/example_design/transceiver/  
v5_gtpwizard_tile.vhd
```

#### Verilog

```
<project_dir>/<component_name>/example_design/transceiver/  
v5_gtpwizard.v  
<project_dir>/<component_name>/example_design/transceiver/  
v5_gtpwizard_tile.v
```

To re-run the device-specific RocketIO GTP Transceiver Wizard, a CORE Generator tool XCO file for the RocketIO GTP Transceiver Wizard is included. This file defines all the device-specific RocketIO GTP Transceiver Wizard attributes used to generate the preceding files. See the CORE Generator tool documentation for further information about XCO files. The XCO file is in the following location:

```
<project_dir>/<component_name>/example_design/transceiver/  
v5_gtpwizard.xco
```

## Virtex-5 FPGA RocketIO GTX Transceiver Specific Files

For Virtex-5 FXT and TXT devices, the transceiver wrapper file directly instantiates RocketIO GTX transceiver wrapper files created from the Virtex-5 FPGA RocketIO GTX Transceiver Wizard. These files tie off (or leave unconnected) unused I/O for the GTX transceiver pair, and apply the 1000BASE-X attributes. The files can be edited/tailored by rerunning the device-specific RocketIO GTX Transceiver Wizard and swapping these files, which include the following:

### VHDL

```
<project_dir>/<component_name>/example_design/transceiver/  
v5_gtxwizard.vhd  
<project_dir>/<component_name>/example_design/transceiver/  
v5_gtxwizard_tile.vhd
```

### Verilog

```
<project_dir>/<component_name>/example_design/transceiver/  
v5_gtxwizard.v  
<project_dir>/<component_name>/example_design/transceiver/  
v5_gtxwizard_tile.v
```

To re-run the device-specific RocketIO GTX Transceiver Wizard, a CORE Generator tool XCO file for the RocketIO GTX Transceiver Wizard has also been included. This file defines all the device-specific RocketIO GTX Transceiver Wizard attributes used to generate the preceding files. See the CORE Generator tool documentation for more information about XCO files. The XCO file is in the following location:

```
<project_dir>/<component_name>/example_design/transceiver/  
v5_gtxwizard.xco
```

## RocketIO Transceiver Files for Virtex-4 FX Devices

### Transceiver Wrapper

This device-specific RocketIO transceiver wrapper is instantiated from the block-level HDL file of the example design and is described in the following files:

### VHDL

```
<project_dir>/<component_name>/example_design/transceiver/  
transceiver.vhd
```

### Verilog

```
<project_dir>/<component_name>/example_design/transceiver/  
transceiver.v
```

This file instances the device-specific RocketIO transceiver with Gigabit Ethernet 1000BASE-X attributes applied.

In the Virtex-4 FX devices, RocketIO transceivers are provided in pairs. When generated with the appropriate options, the block level is capable of connecting two instances of the core to the device-specific RocketIO transceiver pair. When only a single instance of the core is requested, the unused device-specific RocketIO transceiver from the pair is still instantiated from within this transceiver wrapper but left unconnected.

## Calibration Blocks

For Virtex-4 FX devices only, calibration blocks are required. A calibration block is connected to both GT11 A and B within the RocketIO transceiver tile. This occurs in the transceiver wrapper file. See [Answer Record 22477](#) for information about downloading the *Calibration Block User Guide*. The calibration block is described in the following files:

### VHDL

```
<project_dir>/<component_name>/example_design/transceiver/  
cal_block_v1_4_1.vhd
```

### Verilog

```
<project_dir>/<component_name>/example_design/transceiver/  
cal_block_v1_4_1.v
```

## GT11 Reset/Initialization Circuitry

Precise reset/initialization circuitry is required for the GT11 device-specific RocketIO transceivers.

The reset circuitry for the device-specific RocketIO receiver is illustrated in *Figure 2-18* of the *Virtex-4 FPGA RocketIO Multi-Gigabit Transceiver User Guide* (UG076) and implemented in the following files:

### VHDL

```
<project_dir>/<component_name>/example_design/transceiver/  
gt11_init_rx.vhd
```

### Verilog

```
<project_dir>/<component_name>/example_design/transceiver/  
gt11_init_rx.v
```

The reset circuitry for the device-specific RocketIO transmitter is illustrated in *Figure 2-13* of the *Virtex-4 RocketIO Multi-Gigabit Transceiver User Guide* (UG076) and implemented in the following files:

### VHDL

```
<project_dir>/<component_name>/example_design/transceiver/  
gt11_init_tx.vhd
```

### Verilog

```
<project_dir>/<component_name>/example_design/transceiver/  
gt11_init_tx.v
```

Both receiver and transmitter reset circuitry entities are instantiated from within the block level of the example design.

## Transmitter Elastic Buffer

The Transmitter Elastic Buffer is described in the following files:

### VHDL

```
<project_dir>/<component_name>/example_design/tx_elastic_buffer.vhd
```

### Verilog

```
<project_dir>/<component_name>/example_design/  
tx_elastic_buffer.v
```

When the GMII is used externally (as in this example design), the GMII transmit signals (inputs to the core from a remote MAC at the other end of the interface) are synchronous to a clock that is likely to be derived from a different clock source to the core. For this reason, GMII transmit signals must be transferred into the core main clock domain before they can be used by the core and device-specific transceiver. This is achieved with the Transmitter Elastic Buffer, an asynchronous FIFO implemented in distributed RAM. The operation of the elastic buffer is to attempt to maintain a constant occupancy by inserting or removing any idle sequences. This causes no corruption to the frames of data.

When the GMII is used as an internal interface, it is expected that the entire interface will be synchronous to a single clock domain, and the Transmitter Elastic Buffer should be discarded.

## Demonstration Test Bench

Figure 8-19 illustrates the demonstration test bench for the Ethernet 1000BASE-X PCS/PMA using a device-specific transceiver. The demonstration test bench is a simple VHDL or Verilog program to exercise the example design and the core.

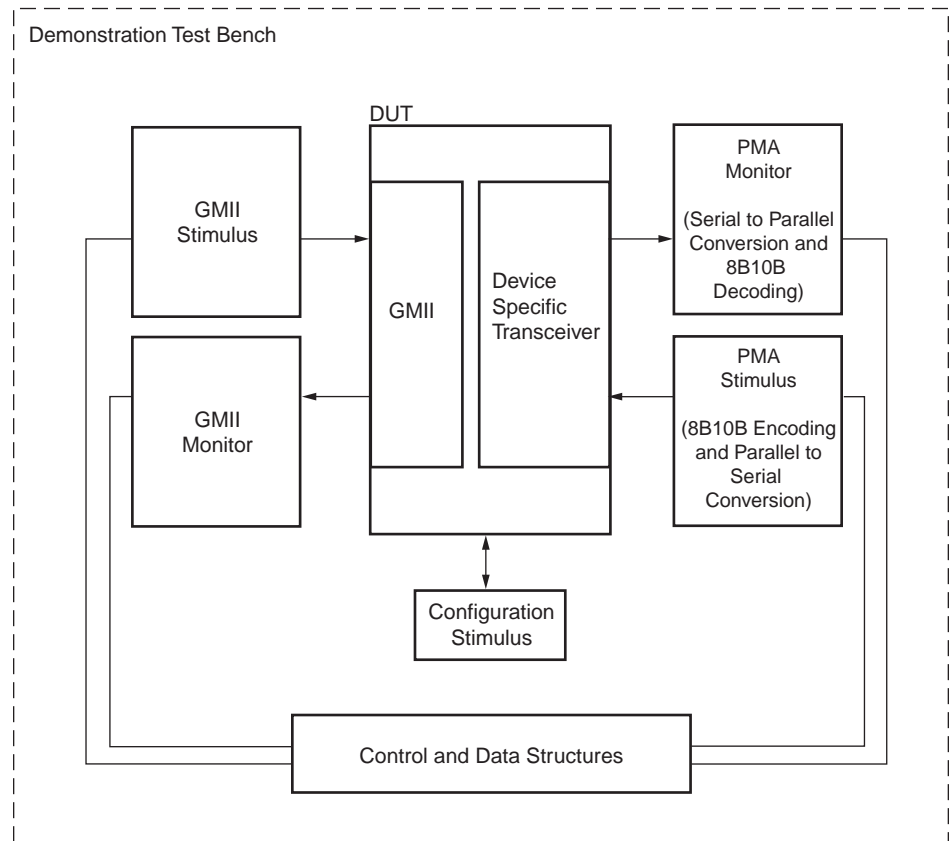


Figure 8-19: Demonstration Test Bench Using Device-Specific Transceiver

The top-level test bench entity instantiates the example design for the core, which is the Device Under Test (DUT). A stimulus block is also instantiated and clocks, resets, and test bench semaphores are created. The following files describe the top level of the demonstration test bench:

### VHDL

```
<project_dir>/<component_name>/simulation/demo_tb.vhd
```

### Verilog

```
<project_dir>/<component_name>/simulation/demo_tb.v
```

The stimulus block entity, instantiated from within the test bench top level, creates the Ethernet stimulus in the form of four Ethernet frames, which are injected into the GMII and PHY interfaces of the DUT. The output from the DUT is also monitored for errors. The following files describe the stimulus block of the demonstration test bench.

## VHDL

```
<project_dir>/<component_name>/simulation/stimulus_tb.vhd
```

## Verilog

```
<project_dir>/<component_name>/simulation/stimulus_tb.v
```

Together, the top-level test bench file and the stimulus block combine to provide the full test bench functionality, described in the sections that follow.

**Note:** In the Virtex-4, Virtex-5 and Spartan-6 families, transceivers are provided in pairs. When generated with the appropriate options, the example design is capable of connecting two instances of the core to the transceiver pair. When this is the case, two stimulus blocks are instantiated from the top-level test bench to independently exercise both cores.

## Core with MDIO Interface

The demonstration test bench performs the following tasks:

- Input clock signals are generated.
- A reset is applied to the example design.
- The Ethernet 1000BASE-X PCS/PMA core is configured through the MDIO interface by injecting an MDIO frame into the example design. This disables Auto-Negotiation (if present) and takes the core out of the Isolate state.
- Four frames are injected into the GMII transmitter by the GMII stimulus block.
  - the first frame is a minimum length frame
  - the second frame is a type frame
  - the third frame is an errored frame
  - the fourth frame is a padded frame
- The serial data received at the device-specific transmitter interface is converted to 10-bit parallel data, then 8B/10B decoded. The resulting frames are checked by the PMA Monitor against the stimulus frames injected into the GMII transmitter to ensure data integrity.
- The same four frames are generated by the PMA Stimulus block. These are 8B/10B encoded, converted to serial data, and injected into the device-specific transceiver receiver interface.
- Data frames received at the GMII receiver are checked by the GMII Monitor against the stimulus frames injected into the device-specific transceiver receiver to ensure data integrity.

## Core without MDIO Interface

The demonstration test bench performs the following tasks:

- Input clock signals are generated.
- A reset is applied to the example design.
- The Ethernet 1000BASE-X PCS/PMA core is configured using the Configuration Vector to take the core out of the Isolate state.
- Four frames are injected into the GMII transmitter by the GMII stimulus block.
  - the first frame is a minimum length frame
  - the second frame is a type frame
  - the third frame is an errored frame
  - the fourth frame is a padded frame
- The serial data received at the device-specific transmitter interface is converted to 10-bit parallel data, then 8B/10B decoded. The resultant frames are checked by the PMA Monitor against the stimulus frames injected into the GMII transmitter to ensure data integrity.
- The same four frames are generated by the PMA Stimulus block. These are 8B/10B encoded, converted to serial data and injected into the device-specific receiver interface.
- Data frames received at the GMII receiver are checked by the GMII Monitor against the stimulus frames injected into the device-specific transceiver receiver to ensure data is the same.

## Customizing the Test Bench

### Changing Frame Data

You can change the contents of the four frames used by the demonstration test bench by changing the *data* and *valid* fields for each frame defined in the stimulus block. New frames can be added by defining a new frame of data. Modified frames are automatically updated in both stimulus and monitor functions.

### Changing Frame Error Status

Errors can be inserted into any of the predefined frames in any position by setting the *error* field to '1' in any column of that frame. Injected errors are automatically updated in both stimulus and monitor functions.

## Changing the Core Configuration

The configuration of the Ethernet 1000BASE-X PCS/PMA core used in the demonstration test bench can be altered.

**Caution!** Certain configurations of the core cause the test bench to fail or cause processes to run indefinitely. For example, the demonstration test bench does not auto-negotiate with the example design. Determine the configurations that can safely be used with the test bench.

When the MDIO interface option is selected, the core can be reconfigured by editing the injected MDIO frame in the demonstration test bench top level. Management Registers 0 and 4 can additionally be written through `configuration_vector[4:0]` and `an_adv_config_vector[15:0]` interface signals respectively.

When the MDIO interface option is not selected, the core can be reconfigured by modifying the configuration vector directly.

# *SGMII / Dynamic Standards Switching with Transceivers*

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This chapter provides general guidelines for creating SGMII designs, and designs capable of switching between 1000BASE-X and SGMII standards (Dynamic Standards Switching), using a device-specific transceiver. Throughout this chapter, any reference to SGMII also applies to the Dynamic Standards Switching implementation.

This chapter is organized into the following main sections:

- [Receiver Elastic Buffer Implementations](#)<sup>154</sup>
- The section provides an explanation of the two Receiver Elastic Buffer implementations; one implementation uses the buffer present in the device-specific transceivers, and the other uses a larger buffer, implemented in the FPGA logic.
- [Transceiver Logic with the FPGA Logic Rx Elastic Buffer](#) or [Transceiver Logic with the FPGA Logic Rx Elastic Buffer](#)  
After selecting the type of Receiver Elastic Buffer, see the relevant one of these two sections to obtain an explanation of the device-specific transceiver and core logic in all supported device families.
- [Clock Sharing - Multiple Cores with Transceivers, FPGA Logic Elastic Buffer](#)  
The section provides guidance for using several cores and transceiver instantiations; clock sharing should occur whenever possible to save device resources.
- [SGMII Example Design / Dynamic Switching Example Design Using a Transceiver](#)  
This section introduces the CORE Generator™ tool example design deliverables.  
This section also contains an overview of the demonstration test bench that is provided with the example design.

## Receiver Elastic Buffer Implementations

### Selecting the Buffer Implementation from the GUI

The GUI provides two SGMII Capability options:

- 10/100/1000 Mb/s (clock tolerance compliant with Ethernet specification)
- 10/100/1000 Mb/s (restricted tolerance for clocks) OR 100/1000 Mb/s

The first option, 10/100/1000 Mb/s (clock tolerance compliant with Ethernet specification) is the default and provides the implementation using the Receiver Elastic Buffer in FPGA logic. This alternative Receiver Elastic Buffer uses a single block RAM to create a buffer twice as large as the one present in the device-specific transceiver, for this reason consuming extra logic resources. However, this default mode is reliable for all implementations using standard Ethernet frame sizes. Further consideration must be made for jumbo frames.

The second option, 10/100/1000 Mb/s (restricted tolerance for clocks) or 100/1000 Mb/s, uses the receiver elastic buffer present in the device-specific transceivers. This is half the size and can potentially underflow or overflow during SGMII frame reception at 10 Mb/s operation (see the next section). However, there are logical implementations where this can be reliable and has the benefit of lower logic utilization.

### The Requirement for the FPGA Logic Rx Elastic Buffer

[Figure 9-1](#) illustrates a simplified diagram of a common situation where the core, in SGMII mode, is interfaced to an external PHY device. Separate oscillator sources are used for the FPGA and the external PHY. The Ethernet specification uses clock sources with a tolerance of 100 Parts Per Million (ppm). In [Figure 9-1](#), the clock source for the PHY is slightly faster than the clock source to the FPGA. For this reason, during frame reception, the receiver elastic buffer (shown here as implemented in the device-specific transceiver) starts to fill.

Following frame reception, in the interframe gap period, idles are removed from the received data stream to return the Rx Elastic Buffer to half-full occupancy. This is performed by the clock correction circuitry (see the device-specific transceiver user guide for the targeted device).

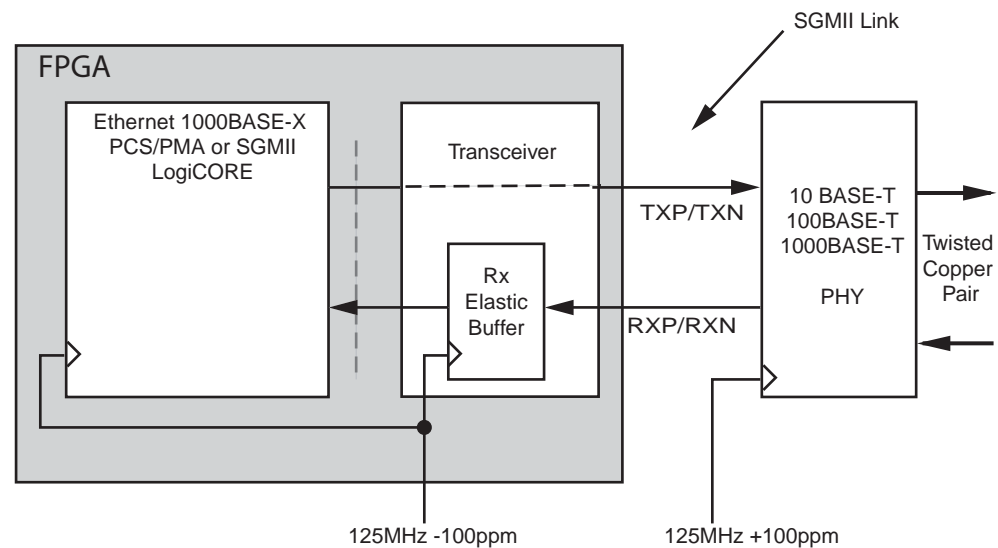


Figure 9-1: SGMII Implementation using Separate Clock Sources

Assuming separate clock sources, each of tolerance 100 ppm, the maximum frequency difference between the two devices can be 200 ppm. It can be shown that this translates into a full clock period difference every 5000 clock periods.

Relating this to an Ethernet frame, there will be a single byte of difference for every 5000 bytes of received frame data, which will cause the Rx Elastic Buffer to either fill or empty by an occupancy of one.

The maximum Ethernet frame size (non-jumbo) is 1522 bytes for a Virtual Local Area Network (VLAN) frame.

- At 1 Gb/s operation, this translates into 1522 clock cycles.
- At 100 Mb/s operation, this translates into 15220 clock cycles (as each byte is repeated 10 times).
- At 10 Mb/s operation, this translates into 152200 clock cycles (as each byte is repeated 100 times).

Considering the 10 Mb/s case, you need  $152200/5000 = 31$  FIFO entries in the Elastic Buffer above and below the half way point to guarantee that the buffer does not under or overflow during frame reception. This assumes that frame reception begins when the buffer is exactly half full.

The size of the Rx Elastic Buffer in the device-specific transceivers is 64 entries. However, you cannot assume that the buffer is exactly half full at the start of frame reception. Additionally, the underflow and overflow thresholds are not exact (see [Appendix E, Rx Elastic Buffer Specifications](#) for more information).

To guarantee reliable SGMII operation at 10 Mb/s (non-jumbo frames), the device-specific transceiver Elastic Buffer must be bypassed and a larger buffer implemented in the FPGA logic. The FPGA logic buffer, provided by the example design, is twice the size of the device-specific transceiver alternative. This has been proven to cope with standard (none jumbo) Ethernet frames at all three SGMII speeds.

[Appendix E, Rx Elastic Buffer Specifications](#) provides further information about all Rx Elastic Buffers used by the core. Information about the reception of jumbo frames is also provided.

## The Transceiver Rx Elastic Buffer

The Elastic Buffer in the device-specific transceiver can be used reliably when the following conditions are met:

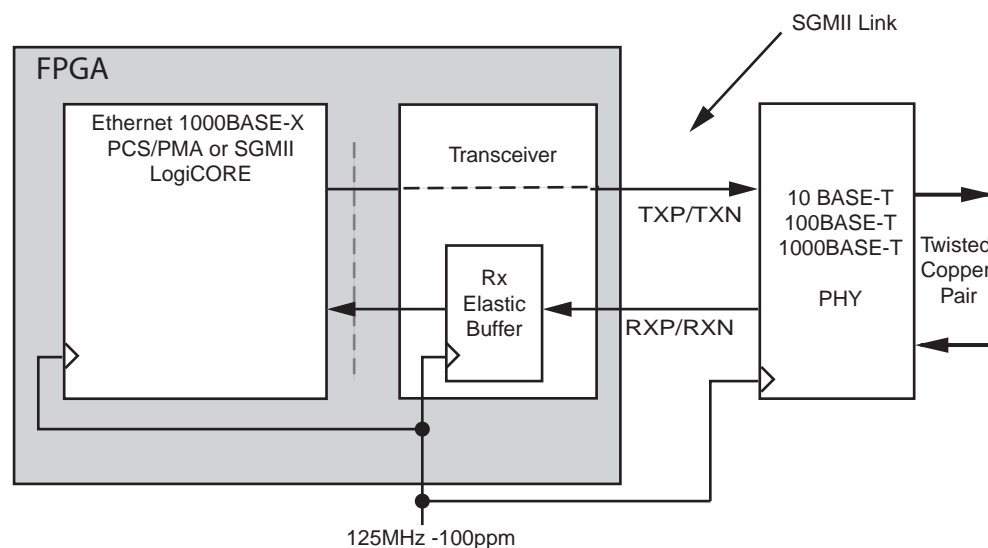
- 10 Mb/s operation is not required. Both 1 Gb/s and 100 Mb/s operation can be guaranteed.
- When the clocks are closely related (see the following section).

If there is any doubt, select the FPGA logic Rx Elastic Buffer Implementation.

## Closely Related Clock Sources

### Case 1

[Figure 9-2](#) illustrates a simplified diagram of a common situation where the core, in SGMII mode, is interfaced to an external PHY device. A common oscillator source is used for both the FPGA and the external PHY.



**Figure 9-2: SGMII Implementation using Shared Clock Sources**

If the PHY device sources the receiver SGMII stream synchronously from the shared oscillator (check PHY data sheet), the device-specific transceiver receives data at exactly the same rate as that used by the core. The receiver elastic buffer neither empties nor fills, having the same frequency clock on either side.

In this situation, the receiver elastic buffer does not under or overflow, and the elastic buffer implementation in the device-specific transceiver should be used to save logic resources.

## Case 2

Consider again the case illustrated in [Figure 9-1](#) with the following exception; assume that the clock sources used are both 50 ppm. Now the maximum frequency difference between the two devices is 100 ppm. It can be shown that this translates into a full clock period difference every 10000 clock periods, resulting in a requirement for 16 FIFO entries above and below the half-full point. This provides reliable operation with the device-specific transceiver Rx Elastic Buffers. Again, however, check the PHY data sheet to ensure that the PHY device sources the receiver SGMII stream synchronously to its reference oscillator.

## Logic Using the Transceiver Rx Elastic Buffer

When the device-specific transceiver Rx Elastic Buffer implementation is selected, the connections between the core and the device-specific transceiver as well as all clock circuitry in the system are identical to the 1000BASE-X implementation. For a detailed explanation, see the following sections in [Chapter 8, 1000BASE-X with Transceivers](#):

- [Transceiver Logic](#)
- [Clock Sharing Across Multiple Cores with Transceivers](#)

## Transceiver Logic with the FPGA Logic Rx Elastic Buffer

The example design delivered with the core is split between two hierarchical layers, as illustrated in [Figure 9-15](#). The block level is designed so to be instantiated directly into customer designs and provides the following functionality:

- Instantiates the core from HDL
- Connects the physical-side interface of the core to a Virtex®-4, Virtex-5, Virtex-6, Virtex-7, Kintex™-7, Artix™-7 or Spartan®-6 FPGA transceiver via the FPGA logic Rx Elastic Buffer

The logic implemented in the block level is illustrated in all figures throughout the remainder of this chapter.

## Virtex-4 Devices for SGMII or Dynamic Standards Switching

The core is designed to integrate with the Virtex-4 FPGA MGT transceiver. The connections and logic required between the core and MGT transceiver are illustrated in [Figure 9-3](#)—the signal names and logic in the figure precisely match those delivered with the example design when an MGT transceiver is used.

**Note:** A small logic shim (included in the “block” level wrapper) is required to convert between the port differences between the Virtex-5 and Virtex-4 FPGA serial transceivers. This is not illustrated in [Figure 9-3](#).

The MGT transceiver clock distribution in Virtex-4 devices is column-based and consists of multiple MGT transceiver tiles (that contain two MGT transceivers each). For this reason, the MGT transceiver wrapper delivered with the core always contains two MGT transceiver instantiations, even if only a single MGT transceiver is in use. [Figure 9-3](#) illustrates only a single MGT transceiver for clarity.

A GT11CLK\_MGT primitive is also instantiated to derive the reference clocks required by the MGT transceiver column-based tiles. See the *Virtex-4 FPGA RocketIO Multi-Gigabit Transceiver User Guide* (UG076) for more information about layout and clock distribution.

The 250 MHz reference clock from the GT11CLK\_MGT primitive is routed to the MGT transceiver, which is configured to internally synthesize a 125 MHz clock. This is output on the TXOUTCLK1 port of the MGT transceiver and after being placed onto global clock routing, can be used by all core logic. This clock is input back into the MGT transceiver on the user interface clock port txusrclk2. With the attribute settings applied to the MGT transceiver from the example design, the txusrclk port is derived internally within the MGT transceiver using the internal clock dividers and does not need to be provided from the FPGA logic.

It can be seen from [Figure 9-3](#) that the Rx Elastic Buffer is implemented in the FPGA logic between the MGT transceiver and the core. This replaces the Rx Elastic Buffer in the MGT transceiver (which is bypassed).

This alternative Receiver Elastic Buffer uses a single block RAM to create a buffer twice as large as the one present in the MGT transceiver. It is able to cope with larger frame sizes before clock tolerances accumulate and result in emptying or filling of the buffer. This is necessary to guarantee SGMII operation at 10 Mb/s where each frame size is effectively 100 times larger than the same frame would be at 1 Gb/s because each byte is repeated 100 times (see [Using the Core Netlist Client-Side GMII for the SGMII Standard](#)).

In bypassing the MGT transceiver Rx Elastic Buffer, data is clocked out of the MGT transceiver synchronously to rxrecclk1. This clock can be placed on a BUFR component and is used to synchronize the transfer of data between the MGT transceiver and the Elastic Buffer, as illustrated in [Figure 9-3](#). See also [Virtex-4 FPGA RocketIO MGT Transceivers for SGMII or Dynamic Standards Switching Constraints](#).

The MGT transceivers require a calibration block to be included in the FPGA logic. The example design provided with the core instantiates calibration blocks as required. Calibration blocks require a clock source of between 25 to 50 MHz, which is shared with the Dynamic Reconfiguration Port (DRP) of the MGT transceiver, named dclk in the example design. See Xilinx® [Answer Record 22477](#) for more information.

[Figure 9-3](#) also illustrates the TX\_SIGNAL\_DETECT and RX\_SIGNAL\_DETECT ports of the calibration block, which should be driven to indicate whether or not dynamic data is being transmitted and received through the MGT transceiver (see [Virtex-4 Errata](#)). However, RX\_SIGNAL\_DETECT is connected to the signal\_detect port of the example design. signal\_detect is intended to indicate to the core that valid data is being received. When not asserted, the calibration block switches the MGT transceiver into loopback to force dynamic data through the MGT transceiver receiver path.

**Caution!** The PHY connected via SGMII can always provide dynamic SGMII data (when powered up). If not, and if signal\_detect is not present, the RX\_SIGNAL\_DETECT port of the calibration block must be driven by an alternative method. See XAPP732 for more information.



## Virtex-5 LXT or SXT Devices for SGMII or Dynamic Standards Switching

The core is designed to integrate with the Virtex-5 FPGA RocketIO™ GTP transceiver. The connections and logic required between the core and GTP transceiver are illustrated in [Figure 9-4](#); the signal names and logic in the figure precisely match those delivered with the example design when a GTP transceiver is used.

A GTP transceiver tile consists of a pair of transceivers. For this reason, the GTP transceiver wrapper delivered with the core always contains two GTP transceiver instantiations, even if only a single GTP transceiver is in use. [Figure 9-4](#) illustrates only a single GTP transceiver for clarity.

The 125 MHz differential reference clock is routed to the GTP transceiver, which is configured to output a version of this clock on the REFCLKOUT port, and after being placed onto global clock routing can be used by all core logic. This clock is input back into the GTP transceiver on the user interface clock port txusrclk and txusrclk2.

It can be seen from [Figure 9-4](#) that the Rx Elastic Buffer is implemented in the FPGA logic between the GTP transceiver and the core; this replaces the Rx Elastic Buffer in the GTP transceiver.

This alternative Receiver Elastic Buffer uses a single block RAM to create a buffer twice as large as the one present in the GTP transceiver. It is able to cope with larger frame sizes before clock tolerances accumulate and result in emptying or filling of the buffer. This is necessary to guarantee SGMII operation at 10 Mb/s where each frame size is effectively 100 times larger than the same frame would be at 1 Gb/s because each byte is repeated 100 times (see [Using the Core Netlist Client-Side GMII for the SGMII Standard](#)).

With this FPGA logic Rx Elastic Buffer implementation, data is clocked out of the GTP transceiver synchronously to rxrecclk0. This clock can be placed on a BUFR component and is used to synchronize the transfer of data between the GTP transceiver and the Elastic Buffer, as illustrated in [Figure 9-4](#). See also [Virtex-5 FPGA RocketIO GTP Transceivers for SGMII or Dynamic Standards Switching Constraints](#).

### Virtex-5 FPGA RocketIO Transceiver GTP Wizard

The two wrapper files immediately around the GTP transceiver pair, RocketIO\_wrapper\_gtp\_tile and RocketIO\_wrapper\_gtp (see [Figure 9-4](#)), are generated from the RocketIO GTP Transceiver Wizard. These files apply all the gigabit Ethernet attributes. Consequently, these files can be regenerated by customers and therefore be easily targeted at ES or Production silicon. This core targets production silicon.

The CORE Generator tool log file (XCO file) that was created when the RocketIO GTP Wizard project was generated is available in the following location:

```
<project_directory>/<component_name>/example_design/transceiver/
RocketIO_wrapper_gtp.xco
```

This file can be used as an input to the CORE Generator tool to regenerate the device-specific RocketIO transceiver wrapper files. The XCO file itself contains a list of all of the GTP transceiver wizard attributes that were used. For further information, see the *Virtex-5 RocketIO GTP Wizard Getting Started Guide* (UG188) and the *CORE Generator Guide*, at [www.xilinx.com/support/software\\_manuals.htm](http://www.xilinx.com/support/software_manuals.htm).

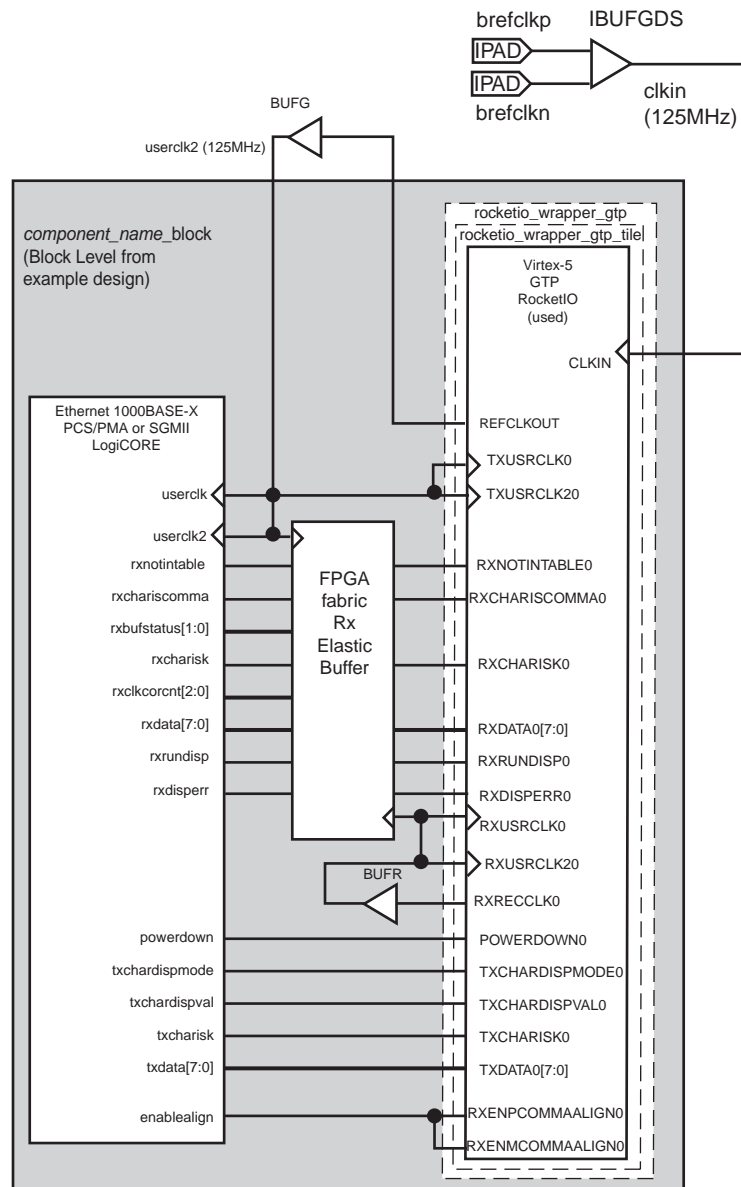


Figure 9-4: SGMII Connection to a Virtex-5 FPGA RocketIO GTP Transceiver

## Virtex-5 FXT and TXT Devices for SGMII or Dynamic Standards Switching

The core is designed to integrate with the Virtex-5 FPGA RocketIO GTX transceiver. The connections and logic required between the core and GTX transceiver are illustrated in [Figure 9-5](#). The signal names and logic in the figure precisely match those delivered with the example design when a GTX transceiver is used.

A GTX transceiver tile consists of a pair of transceivers. For this reason, the GTX transceiver wrapper delivered with the core always contains two GTX transceiver instantiations, even if only a single GTX transceiver is in use. [Figure 9-5](#) illustrates only a single GTX transceiver for clarity.

The 125 MHz differential reference clock is routed directly to the GTX transceiver. The GTX transceiver is configured to output a version of this clock on the REFCLKOUT port; this is then routed to a DCM via a BUFG (global clock routing).

From the DCM, the CLK0 port (125 MHz) is placed onto global clock routing and can be used as the 125 MHz clock source for all core logic; this clock is also input back into the GTX transceiver on the user interface clock port `txusrclk2`.

From the DCM, the CLKDV port (62.5 MHz) is placed onto global clock routing and is input back into the GTX transceiver on the user interface clock port `txusrclk`.

It can be seen from [Figure 9-5](#) that the Rx Elastic Buffer is implemented in the FPGA logic between the GTX transceiver and the core; this replaces the Rx Elastic Buffer in the GTX transceiver.

This alternative Receiver Elastic Buffer uses a single block RAM to create a buffer twice as large as the one present in the GTX transceiver. It is able to cope with larger frame sizes before clock tolerances accumulate and result in emptying or filling of the buffer. This is necessary to guarantee SGMII operation at 10 Mb/s where each frame size is effectively 100 times larger than the same frame would be at 1 Gb/s because each byte is repeated 100 times (see [Using the Core Netlist Client-Side GMII for the SGMII Standard](#)).

With this FPGA logic Rx Elastic Buffer implementation, data is clocked out of the GTX transceiver synchronously to `rxrecclk0` (62.5 MHz) on a 16-bit interface. This clock can be placed on a BUFR component and is used to synchronize the transfer of data between the GTX transceiver and the Elastic Buffer, as illustrated in [Figure 9-5](#). See also [Virtex-5 FPGA RocketIO GTX Transceivers for SGMII or Dynamic Standards Switching Constraints](#).

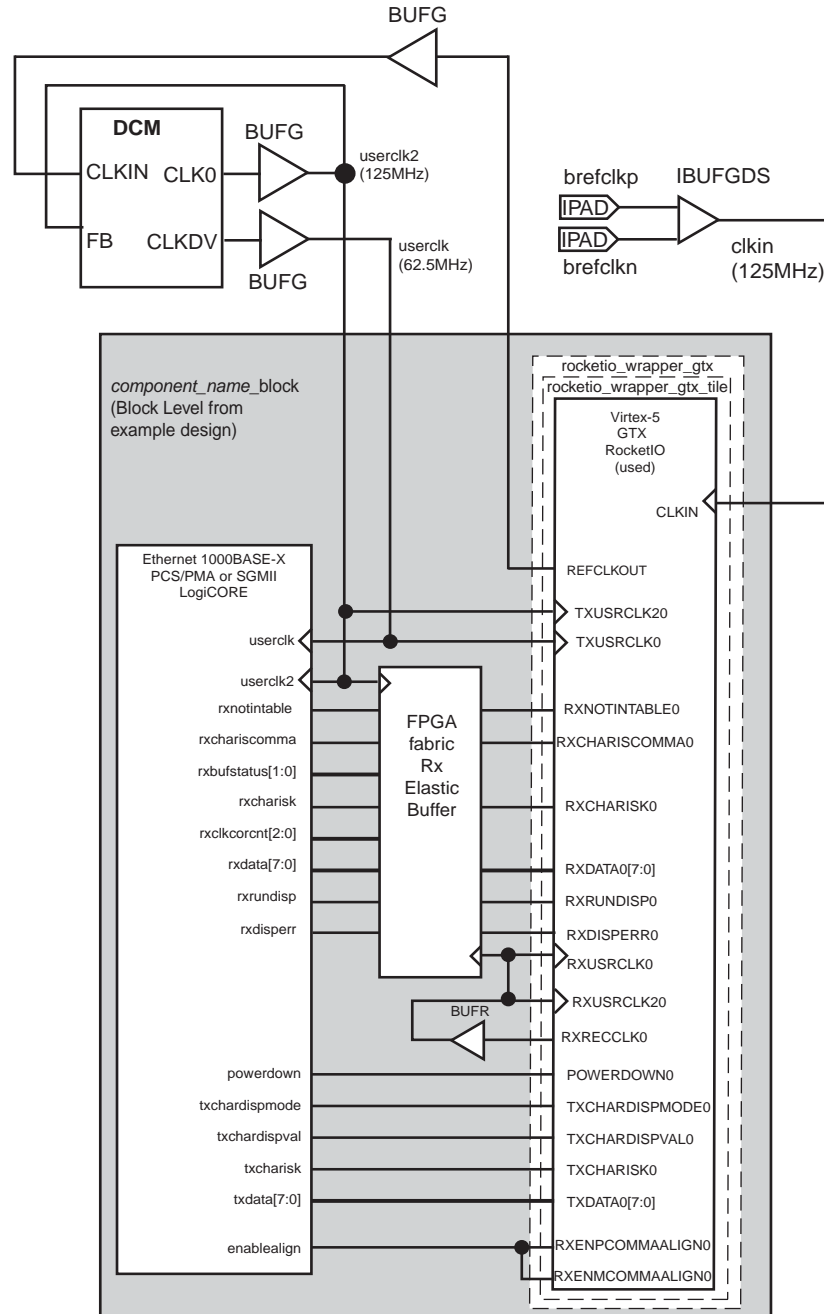
### Virtex-5 FPGA RocketIO GTX Transceiver Wizard

The two wrapper files immediately around the GTX transceiver pair, `RocketIO_wrapper_gtx_tile` and `RocketIO_wrapper_gtx` (see [Figure 9-5](#)), are generated from the RocketIO GTP Transceiver Wizard. These files apply all the gigabit Ethernet attributes. Consequently, these files can be regenerated by customers and therefore be easily targeted at ES or Production silicon. This core targets production silicon.

The CORE Generator tool log file (XCO file) which was created when the RocketIO GTX Transceiver Wizard project was generated is available in the following location:

```
<project_directory>/<component_name>/example_design/transceiver/
RocketIO_wrapper_gtx.xco
```

[www.xilinx.com/support/software\\_manuals.htm](http://www.xilinx.com/support/software_manuals.htm)



**Figure 9-5: SGMII Connection to a Virtex-5 FPGA RocketIO GTX Transceiver**

## Virtex-6 Devices for SGMII or Dynamic Standards Switching

The core is designed to integrate with the Virtex-6 FPGA GTX transceiver. The connections and logic required between the core and GTX transceiver are illustrated in [Figure 9-6](#); the signal names and logic in the figure precisely match those delivered with the example design when a Virtex-6 FPGA GTX transceiver is used.

The 125 MHz differential reference clock is routed to the GTX transceiver, which is configured to output a version of this clock on the TXOUTCLK port, and after being placed onto global clock routing can be used by all core logic. This clock is input back into the GTX transceiver on the user interface clock port txusrclk2. The txusrclk clock signal is derived internally in the GTX transceiver and so can be connected to ground.

It can be seen from [Figure 9-6](#) that the Rx Elastic Buffer is implemented in the FPGA logic between the GTX transceiver and the core; this replaces the Rx Elastic Buffer in the GTX transceiver.

This alternative Receiver Elastic Buffer uses a single block RAM to create a buffer twice as large as the one present in the GTX transceiver. It is able to cope with larger frame sizes before clock tolerances accumulate and result in emptying or filling of the buffer. This is necessary to guarantee SGMII operation at 10 Mb/s where each frame size is effectively 100 times larger than the same frame would be at 1 Gb/s because each byte is repeated 100 times (see [Using the Core Netlist Client-Side GMII for the SGMII Standard](#)).

With this FPGA logic Rx Elastic Buffer implementation, data is clocked out of the GTX transceiver synchronously to RXRECCLK. This clock can be placed on a BUFR component and is used to synchronize the transfer of data between the GTX transceiver and the Elastic Buffer, as illustrated in [Figure 9-6](#). See also [Virtex-6 FPGA GTX Transceivers for SGMII or Dynamic Standards Switching Constraints](#).

### Virtex-6 FPGA GTX Transceiver Wizard

The two wrapper files immediately around the GTX transceiver, gtx\_wrapper\_gtx and gtx\_wrapper (see [Figure 9-6](#)), are generated from the Virtex-6 FPGA GTX Transceiver Wizard. These files apply all the gigabit Ethernet attributes. Consequently, these files can be regenerated by customers and therefore be easily targeted at silicon/device versions.

The CORE Generator tool log file (XCO file) which was created when the Virtex-6 FPGA GTX Transceiver Wizard project was generated is available in the following location:

```
<project_directory>/<component_name>/example_design/transceiver/  
gtx_wrapper_gtx.xco
```

This file can be used as an input to the CORE Generator tool to regenerate the device-specific transceiver wrapper files. The XCO file itself contains a list of all of the wizard attributes that were used. For further information, see the *Virtex-6 FPGA GTX Transceiver Wizard Getting Started Guide* and the *CORE Generator Guide*, at [www.xilinx.com/support/software\\_manuals.htm](http://www.xilinx.com/support/software_manuals.htm).

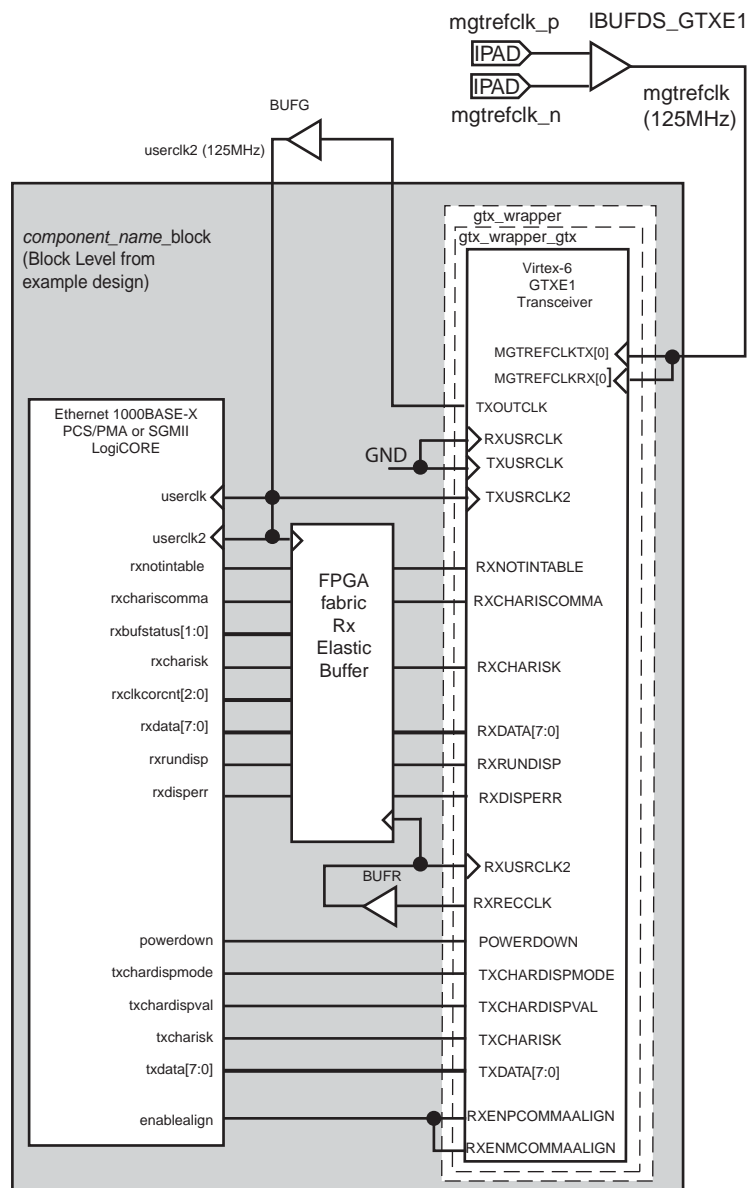


Figure 9-6: SGMII Connection to a Virtex-6 FPGA GTX Transceiver

## Spartan-6 LXT Devices for SGMII or Dynamic Standards Switching

The core is designed to integrate with the Spartan-6 FPGA GTP transceiver. The connections and logic required between the core and GTP transceiver are illustrated in [Figure 9-7](#). The signal names and logic in the figure precisely match those delivered with the example design when a GTP transceiver is used.

A GTP transceiver tile consists of a pair of transceivers. For this reason, the GTP transceiver wrapper delivered with the core always contains two GTP transceiver instantiations, even if only a single GTP transceiver is in use. [Figure 9-7](#) illustrates only a single GTP transceiver for clarity.

The 125 MHz differential reference clock is routed to the GTP transceiver, which is configured to output a version of this clock on the GTPCLKOUT port, then routed through a BUFIO2 and BUFG to place onto global clock routing where it can be used by all core logic. This clock is input back into the GTP transceiver on the user interface clock port txusrclk and txusrclk2.

It can be seen from [Figure 9-7](#) that the Rx Elastic Buffer is implemented in the FPGA logic between the GTP transceiver and the core; this replaces the Rx Elastic Buffer in the GTP transceiver.

This alternative Receiver Elastic Buffer uses a single block RAM to create a buffer twice as large as the one present in the GTP transceiver. It is able to cope with larger frame sizes before clock tolerances accumulate and result in emptying or filling of the buffer. This is necessary to guarantee SGMII operation at 10 Mb/s where each frame size is effectively 100 times larger than the same frame would be at 1 Gb/s because each byte is repeated 100 times (see [Using the Core Netlist Client-Side GMII for the SGMII Standard](#)).

With this FPGA logic Rx Elastic Buffer implementation, data is clocked out of the GTP transceiver synchronously to rxrecclk0. This clock can be placed on a BUFG component and is used to synchronize the transfer of data between the GTP transceiver and the Elastic Buffer, as illustrated in [Figure 9-4](#). See also [Spartan-6 FPGA GTP Transceivers for SGMII or Dynamic Standards Switching Constraints](#).

### Spartan-6 FPGA Transceiver GTP Wizard

The two wrapper files immediately around the GTP transceiver pair, gtp\_wrapper\_tile and gtp\_wrapper (see [Figure 9-7](#)), are generated from the GTP transceiver wizard. These files apply all the gigabit Ethernet attributes. Consequently, these files can be regenerated by customers and therefore be easily targeted at ES or Production silicon. This core targets production silicon.

The CORE Generator tool log file (XCO file) that was created when the GTP Transceiver Wizard project was generated is available in the following location:

```
<project_directory>/<component_name>/example_design/transceiver/  
gtp_wrapper.xco
```

This file can be used as an input to the CORE Generator tool to regenerate the device-specific transceiver wrapper files. The XCO file itself contains a list of all of the GTP transceiver wizard attributes which were used. For further information, see the *Spartan-6 GTP Wizard Getting Started Guide* and the *CORE Generator Guide*, at [www.xilinx.com/support/software\\_manuals.htm](http://www.xilinx.com/support/software_manuals.htm)

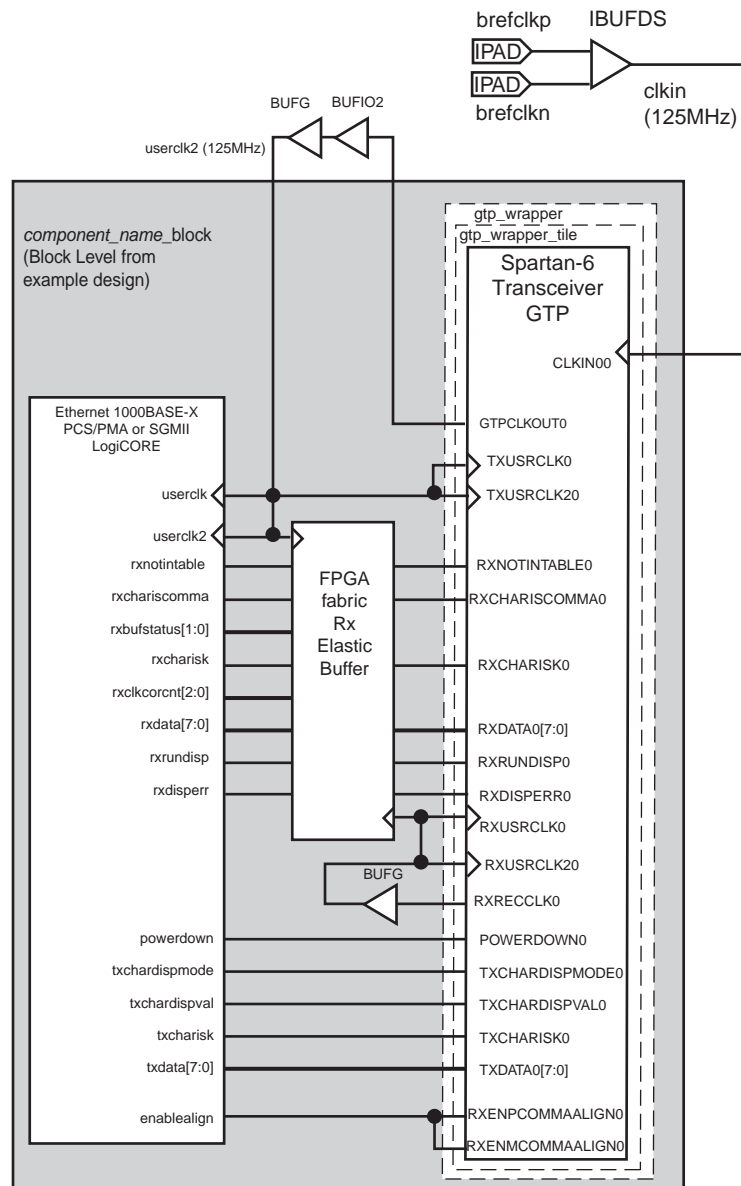


Figure 9-7: SGMII Connection to a Spartan-6 FPGA GTP Transceiver

## Virtex-7 Devices for SGMII or Dynamic Standards Switching

The core is designed to integrate with the 7 series FPGA transceiver. The connections and logic required between the core and GTX/GTH transceiver are illustrated in [Figure 9-8](#); the signal names and logic in the figure precisely match those delivered with the example design when a GTX/GTH transceiver is used.

The 125 MHz differential reference clock is routed directly to the GTX/GTH transceiver. The GTX/GTH transceiver is configured to output a version of this clock on the TXOUTCLK port; this is then routed to an MMCM.

From the MMCM, the CLKOUT0 port (125 MHz) is placed onto global clock routing and can be used as the 125 MHz clock source for all core logic.

From the MMCM, the CLKOUT1 port (62.5 MHz) is placed onto global clock routing and is input back into the GTX/GTH transceiver on the user interface clock port txusrclk and txusrclk2.

It can be seen from [Figure 9-8](#) that the Rx Elastic Buffer is implemented in the FPGA logic between the GTX transceiver and the core; this replaces the Rx Elastic Buffer in the GTX/GTH transceiver.

This alternative Receiver Elastic Buffer uses a single block RAM to create a buffer twice as large as the one present in the GTX/GTH transceiver. It is able to cope with larger frame sizes before clock tolerances accumulate and result in emptying or filling of the buffer. This is necessary to guarantee SGMII operation at 10 Mb/s where each frame size is effectively 100 times larger than the same frame would be at 1 Gb/s because each byte is repeated 100 times (see [Using the Core Netlist Client-Side GMII for the SGMII Standard](#)).

With this FPGA logic Rx Elastic Buffer implementation, data is clocked out of the GTX transceiver synchronously to RXOUTCLK. This clock can be placed on a BUFMR followed by a BUFR component and is used to synchronize the transfer of data between the GTX transceiver and the Elastic Buffer, as illustrated in [Figure 9-8](#). See also [7 Series FPGA Transceivers for SGMII or Dynamic Standards Switching Constraints](#).

### Virtex-7 FPGA GTX/GTH Transceiver Wizard

The two wrapper files immediately around the GTX/GTH transceiver, gtwizard\_gt and gtwizard (see [Figure 9-8](#)), are generated from the 7 series FPGA Transceiver Wizard. These files apply all the gigabit Ethernet attributes. Consequently, these files can be regenerated by customers and therefore be easily targeted at silicon/device versions.

The CORE Generator tool log file (XCO file) that was created when the 7 series FPGA Transceiver Wizard project was generated is available in the following location:

```
<project_directory>/<component_name>/example_design  
/transceiver/gtwizard.xco
```

This file can be used as an input to the CORE Generator tool to regenerate the device specific transceiver wrapper files. The XCO file itself contains a list of all of the wizard attributes that were used. For further information, see the *7 Series FPGAs Transceivers User Guide* and the *CORE Generator Guide*, at [www.xilinx.com/support/software\\_manuals.htm](http://www.xilinx.com/support/software_manuals.htm).

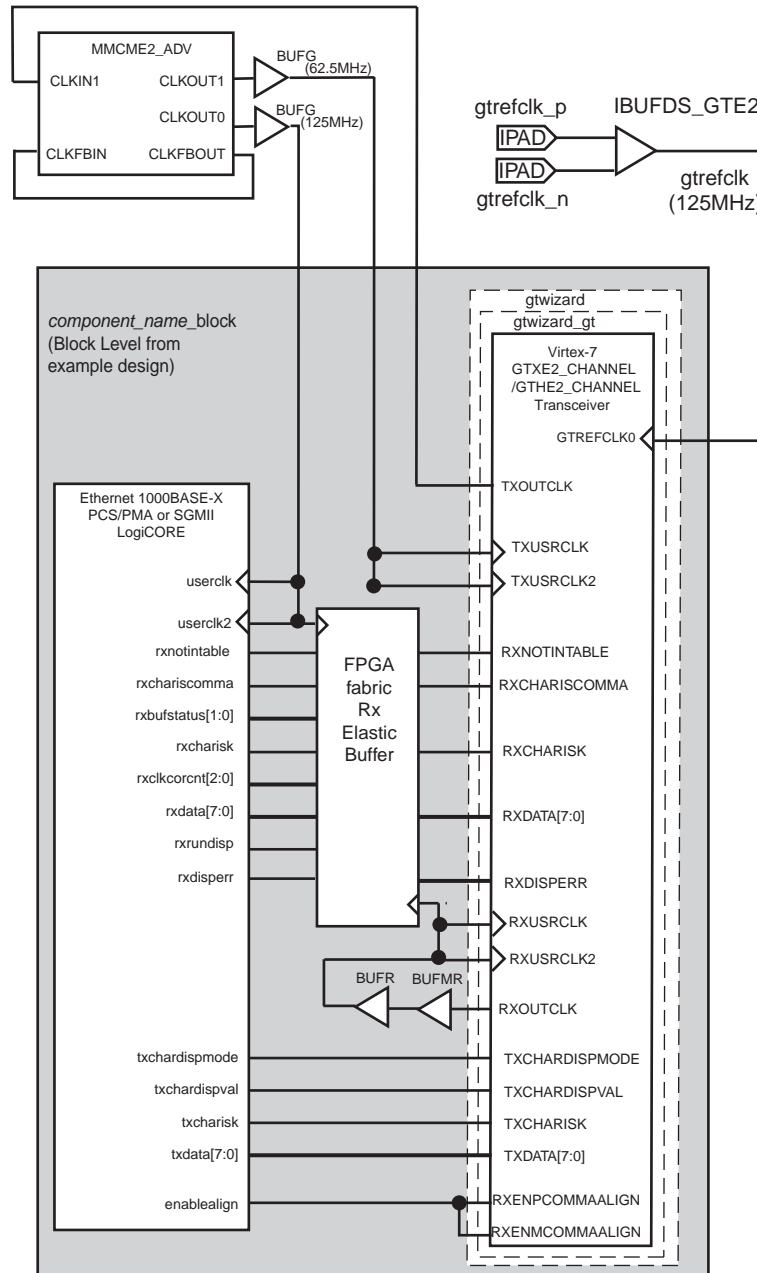


Figure 9-8: SGMII Connection to a Virtex-7 FPGA Transceiver

## Kintex-7 Devices for SGMII or Dynamic Standards Switching

The core is designed to integrate with the 7 series FPGA transceiver. The connections and logic required between the core and GTX transceiver are illustrated in [Figure 9-9](#); the signal names and logic in the figure precisely match those delivered with the example design when a GTX transceiver is used.

The 125 MHz differential reference clock is routed directly to the GTX transceiver. The GTX transceiver is configured to output a version of this clock on the TXOUTCLK port; this is then routed to an MMCM via a BUFG (global clock routing).

From the MMCM, the CLKOUT0 port (125 MHz) is placed onto global clock routing and can be used as the 125 MHz clock source for all core logic.

From the MMCM, the CLKOUT1 port (62.5 MHz) is placed onto global clock routing and is input back into the GTX transceiver on the user interface clock port txusrclk and txusrclk2.

It can be seen from [Figure 9-9](#) that the Rx Elastic Buffer is implemented in the FPGA logic between the GTX transceiver and the core; this replaces the Rx Elastic Buffer in the GTX transceiver.

This alternative Receiver Elastic Buffer uses a single block RAM to create a buffer twice as large as the one present in the GTX transceiver. It is able to cope with larger frame sizes before clock tolerances accumulate and result in emptying or filling of the buffer. This is necessary to guarantee SGMII operation at 10 Mb/s where each frame size is effectively 100 times larger than the same frame would be at 1 Gb/s because each byte is repeated 100 times (see [Using the Core Netlist Client-Side GMII for the SGMII Standard](#)).

With this FPGA logic Rx Elastic Buffer implementation, data is clocked out of the GTX transceiver synchronously to RXOUTCLK. This clock can be placed on a BUFG component and is used to synchronize the transfer of data between the GTX transceiver and the Elastic Buffer, as illustrated in [Figure 9-9](#). See also [7 Series FPGA Transceivers for SGMII or Dynamic Standards Switching Constraints](#).

### Kintex-7 FPGA GTX Transceiver Wizard

The two wrapper files immediately around the GTX transceiver, gtwizard\_gt and gtwizard (Figure 9-9), are generated from the 7 series FPGA Transceiver Wizard. These files apply all the gigabit Ethernet attributes. Consequently, these files can be regenerated by customers and therefore be easily targeted at silicon/device versions.

The CORE Generator tool log file (XCO file) that was created when the 7 series FPGA Transceiver Wizard project was generated is available in the following location:

```
<project_directory>/<component_name>/example_design/transceiver
/gtwizard.xco
```

This file can be used as an input to the CORE Generator tool to regenerate the device specific transceiver wrapper files. The XCO file itself contains a list of all of the wizard attributes which were used. For further information, see the *7 Series FPGA Transceivers User Guide* and the *CORE Generator Guide*, at [www.xilinx.com/support/software\\_manuals.htm](http://www.xilinx.com/support/software_manuals.htm)

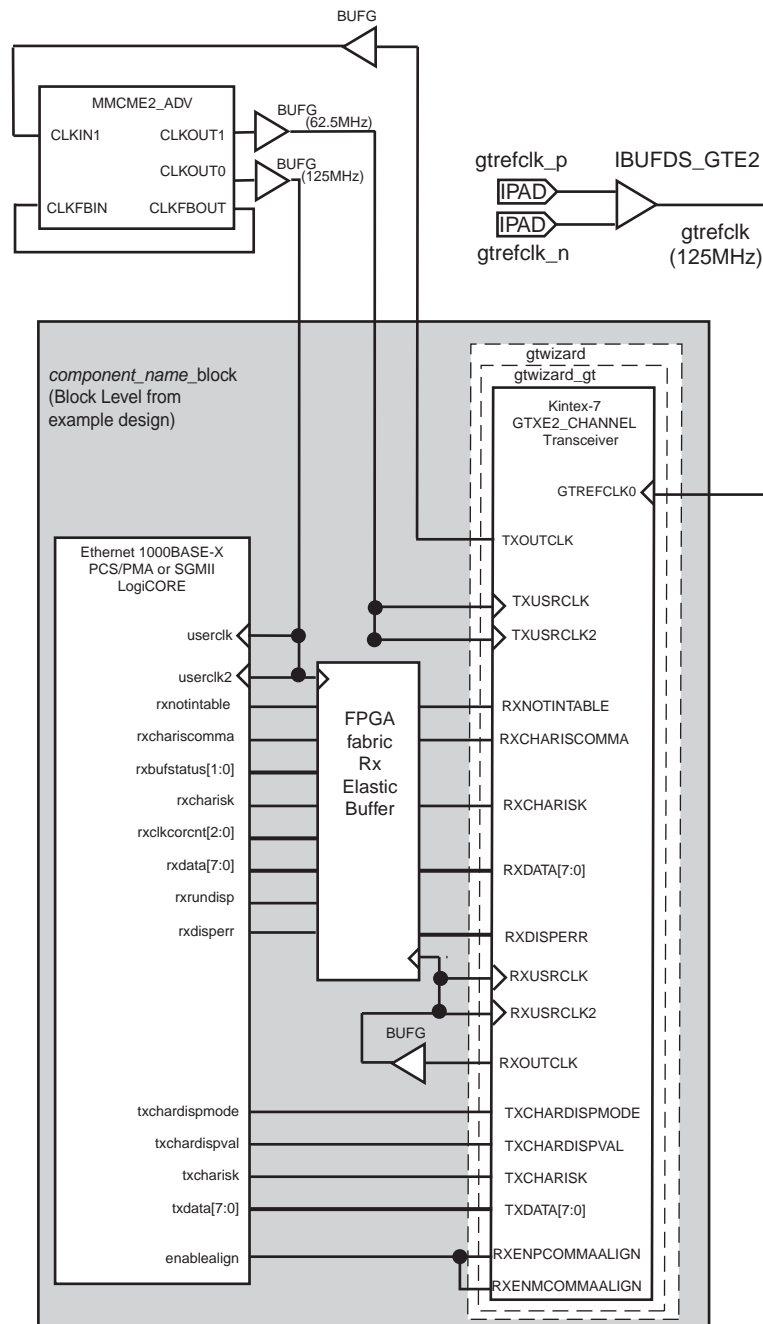


Figure 9-9: SGMII Connection to a Kintex-7 FPGA Transceiver

## Artix-7 Devices for SGMII or Dynamic Standards Switching

The core is designed to integrate with the 7 series FPGA transceiver. The connections and logic required between the core and GTP transceiver are illustrated in Figure 9-10. The signal names and logic in the figure match those delivered with the example design when a GTP transceiver is used.

The 125 MHz differential reference clock is routed directly to the GTP transceiver. The GTP transceiver is configured to output a version of this clock on the TXOUTCLK port. This clock is then routed to an MMCM via a BUFG (global clock routing).

From the MMCM, the CLKOUT0 port (125 MHz) is placed onto global clock routing and can be used as the 125 MHz clock source for all core logic. From the MMCM, the CLKOUT1 port (62.5 MHz) is placed onto global clock routing and is input back into the GTP transceiver on the user interface clock port txusrclk and txusrclk2. [Figure 9-10](#) shows that the Rx Elastic Buffer is implemented in the FPGA logic between the GTP transceiver and the core; this replaces the Rx Elastic Buffer in the GTP transceiver.

This alternative Receiver Elastic Buffer uses a single block RAM to create a buffer twice as large as the one present in the GTP transceiver. It is able to cope with larger frame sizes before clock tolerances accumulate and result in emptying or filling of the buffer. This is necessary to guarantee SGMII operation at 10 Mb/s where each frame size is effectively 100 times larger than the same frame would be at 1 Gb/s because each byte is repeated 100 times (see [Using the Core Netlist Client-Side GMII for the SGMII Standard in Chapter 11](#)).

With this FPGA logic Rx Elastic Buffer implementation, data is clocked out of the GTP transceiver synchronously to RXOUTCLK. This clock can be placed on a BUFG component and is used to synchronize the transfer of data between the GTP transceiver and the Elastic Buffer, as illustrated in [Figure 9-10](#). See also [7 Series FPGA Transceivers for SGMII or Dynamic Standards Switching Constraints in Chapter 15](#).

## Artix-7 FPGA GTP Transceiver Wizard

The two wrapper files immediately around the GTP transceiver, gtwizard\_gt and gtwizard ([Figure 9-10](#)), are generated from the 7 series FPGA Transceiver Wizard. These files apply all the gigabit Ethernet attributes. Consequently, these files can be regenerated by customers and therefore be easily targeted at silicon/device versions.

The CORE Generator tool log file (XCO file) that was created when the 7 series FPGA Transceiver Wizard project was generated is available in the following location:

```
<project_directory>/<component_name>/example_design  
/transceiver/gtwizard.xco
```

This file can be used as an input to the CORE Generator tool to regenerate the device specific transceiver wrapper files. The XCO file itself contains a list of all of the wizard attributes that were used. For further information, see the 7 Series FPGAs Transceivers User Guide and the CORE Generator Guide, at [www.xilinx.com/support/software\\_manuals.htm](http://www.xilinx.com/support/software_manuals.htm).

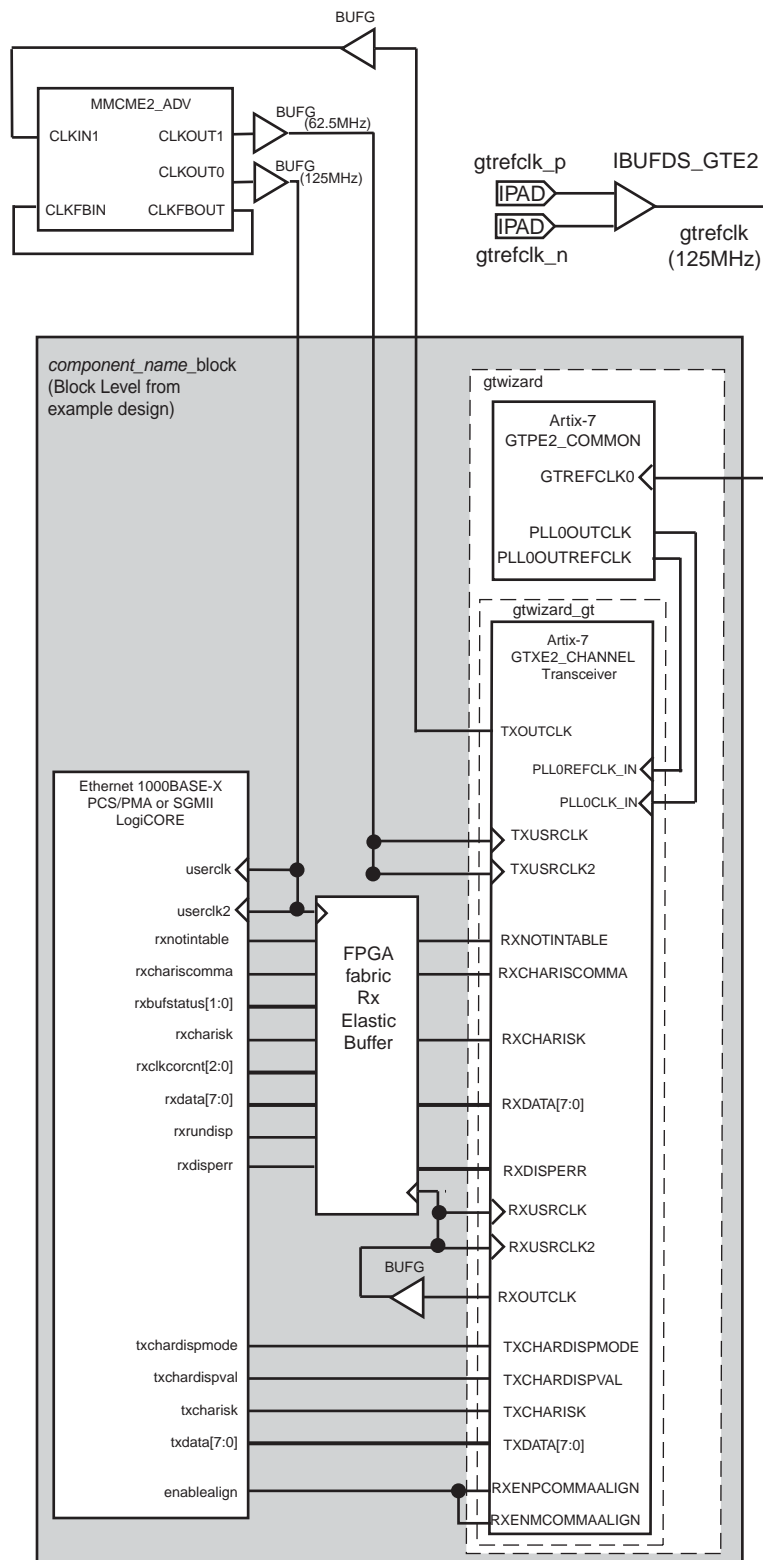


Figure 9-10: SGMII Connection to Artix-7 FPGA Transceiver

## Clock Sharing - Multiple Cores with Transceivers, FPGA Logic Elastic Buffer

### Virtex-4 FX Devices

[Figure 9-11](#) illustrates sharing clock resources across multiple instantiations of the core when using the Virtex-4 FPGA RocketIO MGT transceiver. The example design, when using the Virtex-4 devices, can be generated to connect either a single instance of the core, or connect a pair of core instances to the transceiver pair present in a MGT transceiver tile. [Figure 9-11](#) illustrates two instantiations of the block level, and each block level contains a pair of cores, illustrating clock sharing between four cores.

More cores can be added by continuing to instantiate extra block level modules. Share clocks only between the MGT transceivers in a single column. For each column, use a single `brefclk_p` and `brefclk_n` differential clock pair and connect this to a `GT11CLK_MGT` primitive. The clock output from this primitive should be shared across all used MGT transceiver tiles in the column. See the *Virtex-4 RocketIO Multi-Gigabit Transceiver User Guide* for more information.

To provide the 125 MHz clock for all core instances, select a `TXOUTCLK1` port from any MGT transceiver. This can be routed onto global clock routing using a `BUFG` as illustrated, and shared between all cores and MGT transceivers in the column.

Each MGT transceiver and core pair instantiated has its own independent clock domain synchronous to `RXRECCLK1` which is placed on regional clock routing using a `BUFR`, as illustrated in [Figure 9-11](#). These cannot be shared across multiple MGT transceivers. Although not illustrated in [Figure 9-11](#), `dc1k` (the clock used for the calibration blocks and for the Dynamic Reconfiguration Port (DRP) of the MGT transceivers) can also be shared.



## Virtex-5 LXT and SXT Devices

[Figure 9-12](#) illustrates sharing clock resources across multiple instantiations of the core when using the Virtex-5 FPGA RocketIO GTP transceiver. The example design can be generated to connect either a single instance of the core, or connect a pair of core instances to the transceiver pair present in a GTP transceiver tile. [Figure 9-12](#) illustrates two instantiations of the block level, and each block level contains a pair of cores. [Figure 9-12](#) illustrates clock sharing between four cores.

More cores can be added by instantiating extra block level modules. Share the `brefclk_p` and `brefclk_n` differential clock pairs. See the *Virtex-5 RocketIO GTP Transceiver User Guide* for more information.

To provide the 125 MHz clock for all core instances, select a REFCLKOUT port from any GTP transceiver. This can be routed onto global clock routing using a BUFG as illustrated and shared between all cores and GTP transceivers in the column.

Each GTP transceiver and core pair instantiated has its own independent clock domains synchronous to RXRECCLK0 and RXRECCLK1. These are placed on regional clock routing using a BUFR, as illustrated in [Figure 9-12](#), and cannot be shared across multiple GTP transceivers.

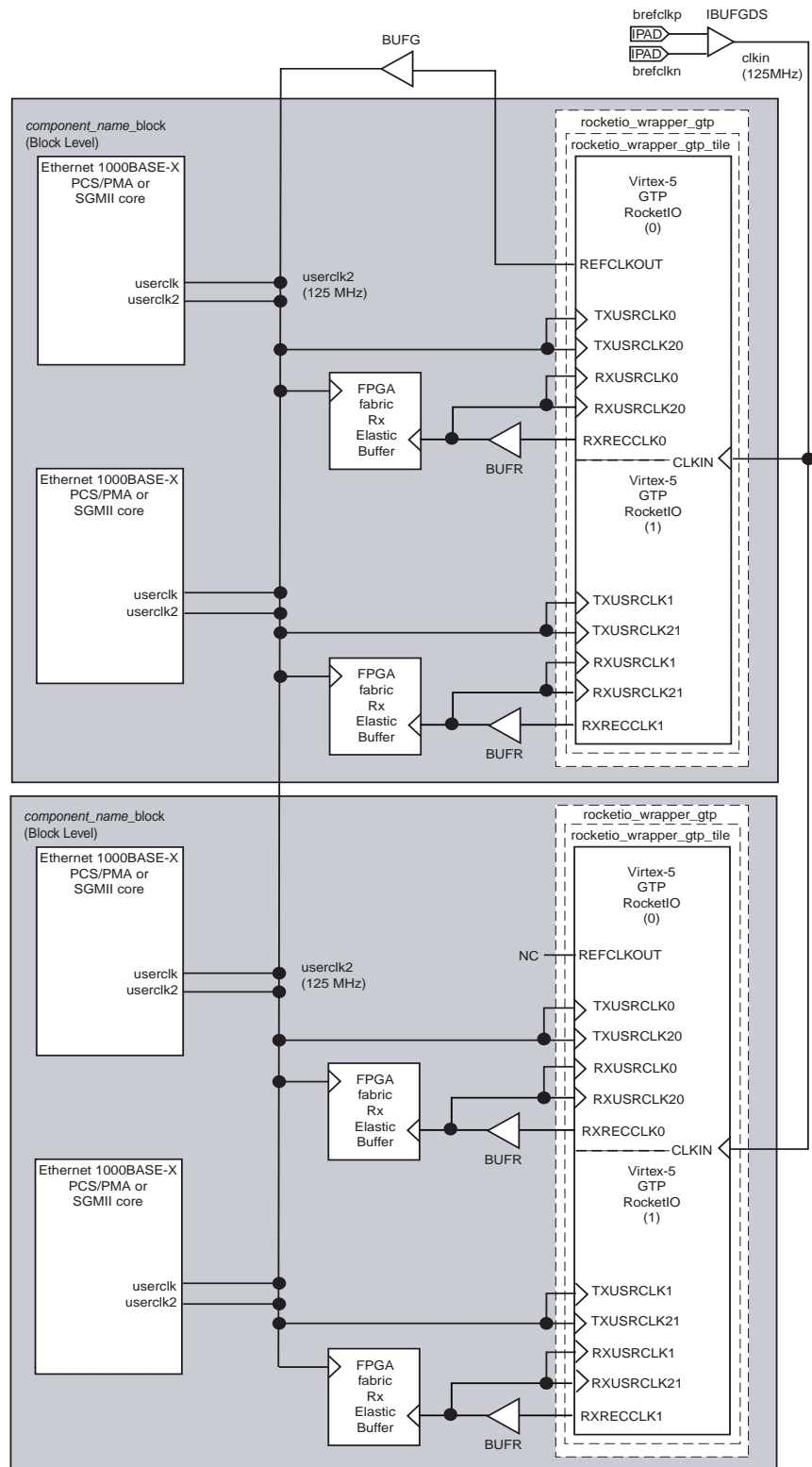


Figure 9-12: Clock Management with Multiple Core Instances with Virtex-5 FPGA RocketIO GTP Transceivers for SGMII

## Virtex-5 FXT and TXT Devices

[Figure 9-13](#) illustrates sharing clock resources across multiple instantiations of the core when using the Virtex-5 FPGA RocketIO GTX transceiver. The example design can be generated to connect either a single instance of the core, or connect a pair of core instances to the transceiver pair present in a GTX transceiver tile. [Figure 9-13](#) illustrates two instantiations of the block level, and each block level contains a pair of cores. [Figure 9-13](#) illustrates clock sharing between four cores.

More cores can be added by instantiating extra block level modules. Share the `brefclk_p` and `brefclk_n` differential clock pairs. See the *Virtex-5 RocketIO GTX Transceiver User Guide* for more information.

To provide the FPGA logic clocks for all core instances, select a REFCLKOUT port from any GTX transceiver and route this to a single DCM via a BUFG (global clock routing). The CLK0 (125 MHz) and CLKDV (62.5 MHz) outputs from this DCM, placed onto global clock routing using BUFGs, can be shared across all core instances and GTX transceivers as illustrated.

Each GTX transceiver and core pair instantiated has its own independent clock domains synchronous to RXRECCLK0 and RXRECCLK1. These are placed on regional clock routing using a BUFR, as illustrated in [Figure 9-13](#), and cannot be shared across multiple GTX transceivers.

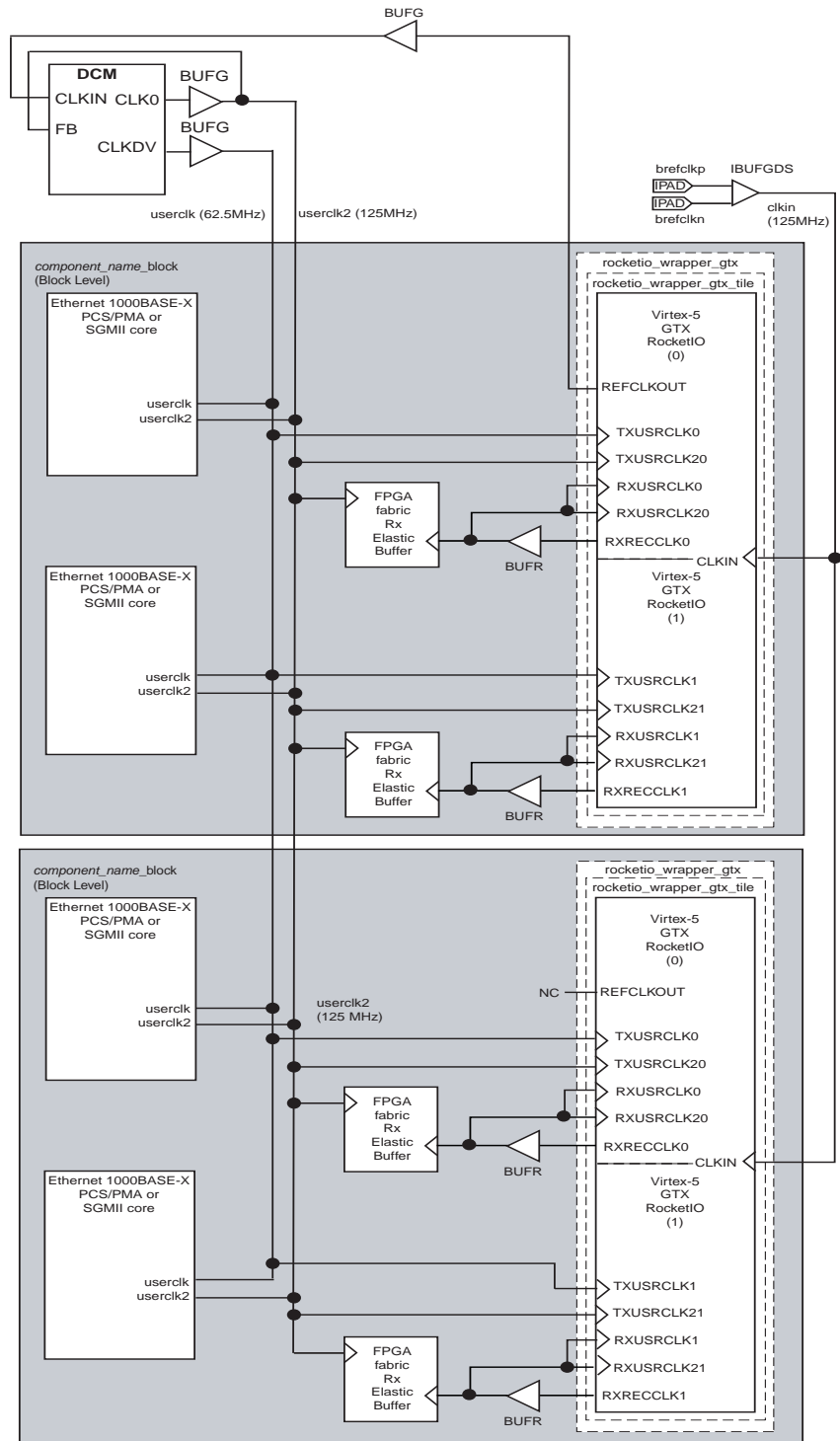


Figure 9-13: Clock Management with Multiple Core Instances with Virtex-5 FPGA RocketIO GTX Transceivers for SGMII

## Virtex-6 Devices

Figure 9-14 illustrates sharing clock resources across two instantiations of the core when using the Virtex-6 FPGA GTX transceivers. Further cores can be added by instantiating extra block level modules.

Share the `mgtrfclk_p` and `mgtrfclk_n` differential clock pair clock source across all of the transceivers in use. To provide the 125 MHz clock for all core instances, select a `TXOUTCLK` port from any GTX transceiver. This can be routed onto global clock routing using a BUFG as illustrated and shared between all cores and GTX transceivers.

Each GTX transceiver and core pair instantiated has its own independent clock domains synchronous to `RXRECCLK`. These are placed on regional clock routing using a BUFR, as illustrated in Figure 9-14, and cannot be shared across multiple GTX transceivers.

See the *Virtex-6 FPGA GTX Transceiver User Guide* for more information on GTX transceiver clock resources.

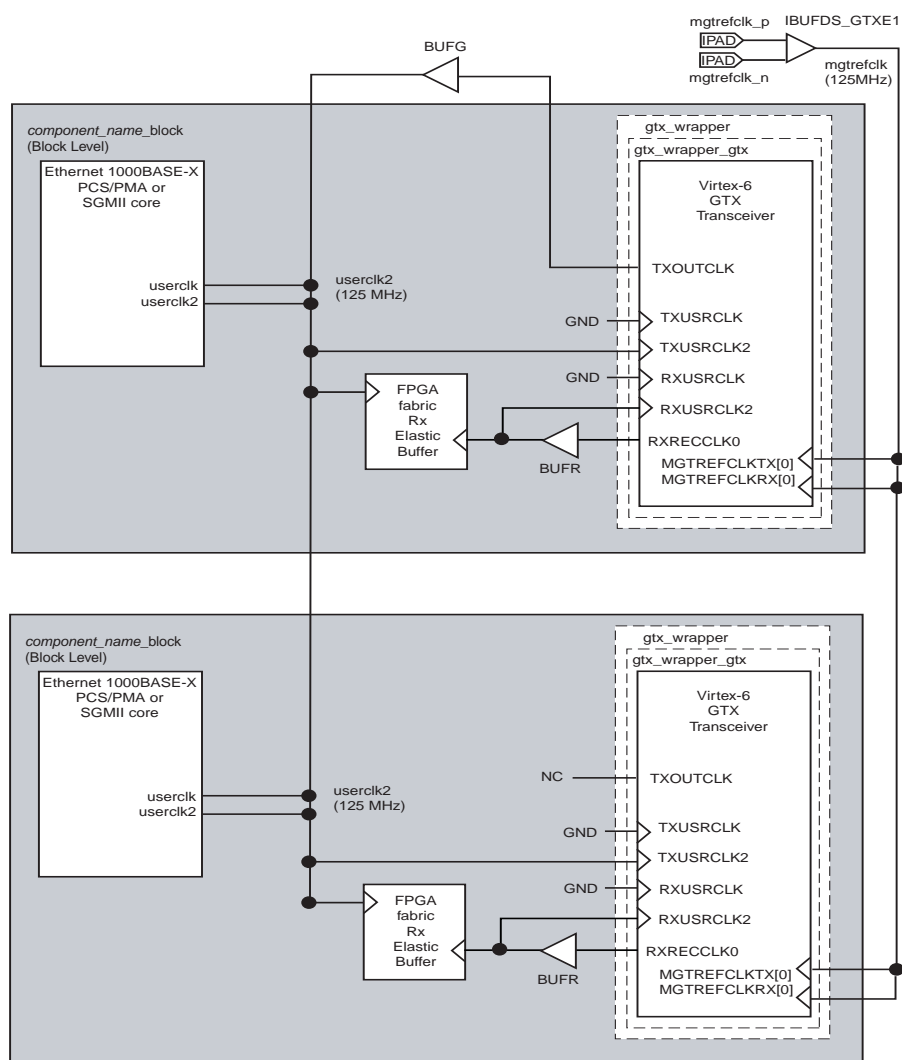


Figure 9-14: Clock Management with Multiple Core Instances with Virtex-6 FPGA GTX Transceivers for SGMII

## Spartan-6 LXT Devices

Figure 9-15 illustrates sharing clock resources across multiple instantiations of the core when using the Spartan-6 FPGA GTP transceiver. The example design can be generated to connect either a single instance of the core, or connect a pair of core instances to the transceiver pair present in a GTP transceiver tile. Figure 9-15 illustrates two instantiations of the block level, and each block level contains a pair of cores. Figure 9-15 illustrates clock sharing between four cores.

More cores can be added by instantiating extra block level modules. Share the `brefclk_p` and `brefclk_n` differential clock pairs. See the *Spartan-6 FPGA GTP Transceiver User Guide* for more information.

To provide the 125 MHz clock for all core instances, select a GTP transceiver `CLKOUT` port from any GTP transceiver. This can be routed onto global clock routing using a `BUFIO2` and `BUFG` as illustrated and shared between all cores and GTP transceivers in the column.

Each GTP transceiver and core pair instantiated has its own independent clock domains synchronous to `RXRECCLK0` and `RXRECCLK1`. These are placed on global clock routing using a `BUFG`, as illustrated in Figure 9-15, and cannot be shared across multiple GTP transceivers.



## Virtex-7 Devices

[Figure 9-17](#) illustrates sharing clock resources across multiple instantiations of the core when using the 7 series FPGA transceiver. More cores can be added by instantiating extra block level modules.

Share the `gtrefclk_p` and `gtrefclk_n` differential clock pairs. See the *7 Series GTX Transceiver User Guide* and the *7 Series GTH Transceiver User Guide* for more information.

To provide the FPGA logic clocks for all core instances, select a `TXOUTCLK` port from any GTX/GTH transceiver and route this to a single MMCM. The `CLKOUT0` (125 MHz) and `CLKOUT1` (62.5 MHz) outputs from this MMCM, placed onto global clock routing using BUFGs, can be shared across all core instances and GTX/GTH transceivers as illustrated.

Each GTX/GTH transceiver and core pair instantiated has its own independent clock domains synchronous to `RXOUTCLK`. These are placed on BUFGMR followed by regional clock routing using a BUFR, as illustrated in [Figure 9-17](#), and cannot be shared across multiple GTX/GTH transceivers.

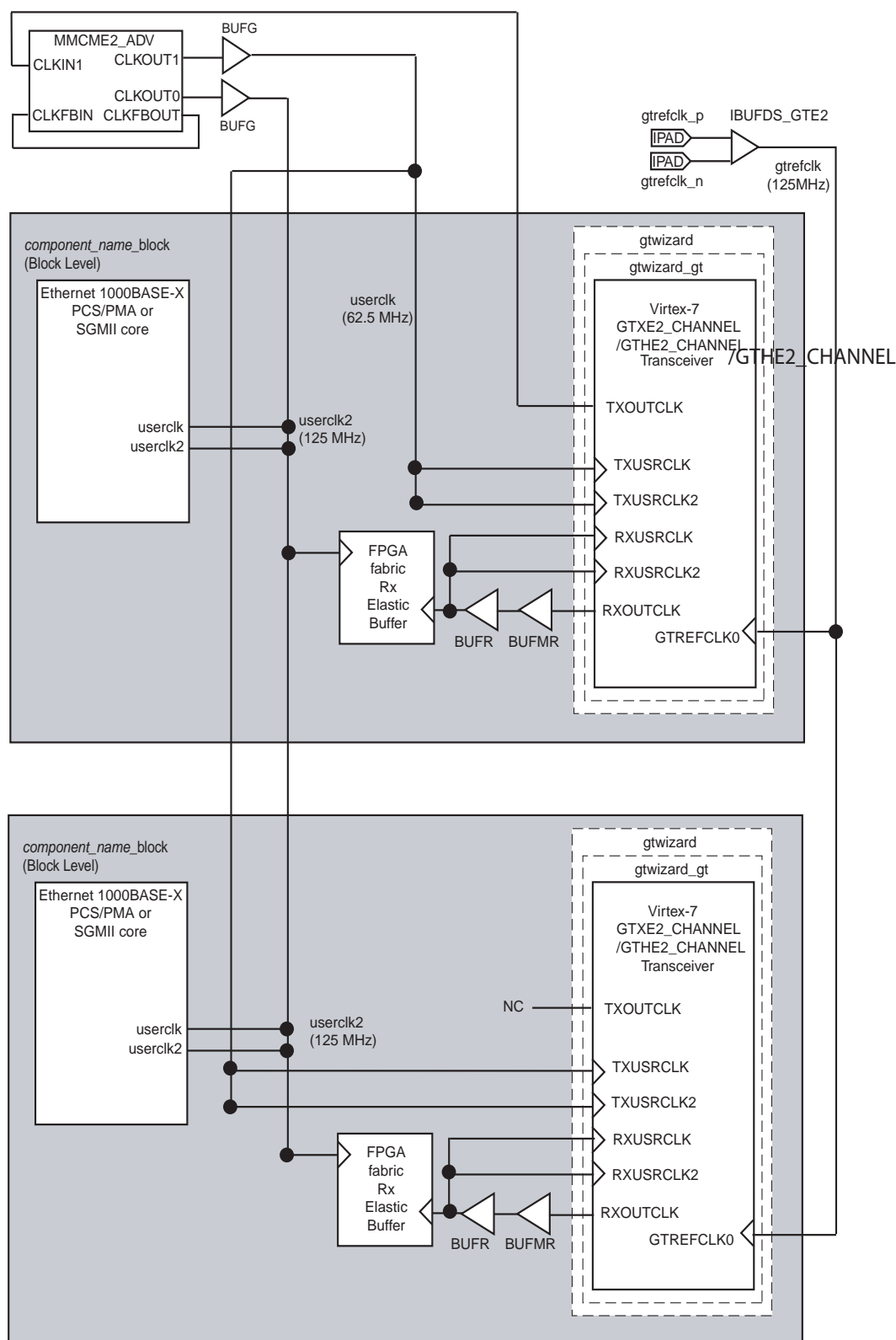


Figure 9-16: Clock Management with Multiple Core Instances with Virtex-7 FPGA Transceivers for SGMII

## Kintex-7 Devices

[Figure 9-19](#) illustrates sharing clock resources across multiple instantiations of the core when using the 7 series FPGA GTX transceiver. More cores can be added by instantiating extra block level modules.

Share the `gtrefclk_p` and `gtrefclk_n` differential clock pairs. See the *7 Series Transceiver User Guide* for more information.

To provide the FPGA logic clocks for all core instances, select a `TXOUTCLK` port from any GTX transceiver and route this to a single MMCM via a BUFG (global clock routing). The `CLKOUT0` (125 MHz) and `CLKOUT1` (62.5 MHz) outputs from this MMCM, placed onto global clock routing using BUFGs, can be shared across all core instances and GTX transceivers as illustrated.

Each GTX transceiver and core pair instantiated has its own independent clock domains synchronous to `RXOUTCLK`. These are placed on global clock routing using a BUFG, as illustrated in [Figure 9-19](#), and cannot be shared across multiple GTX transceivers.

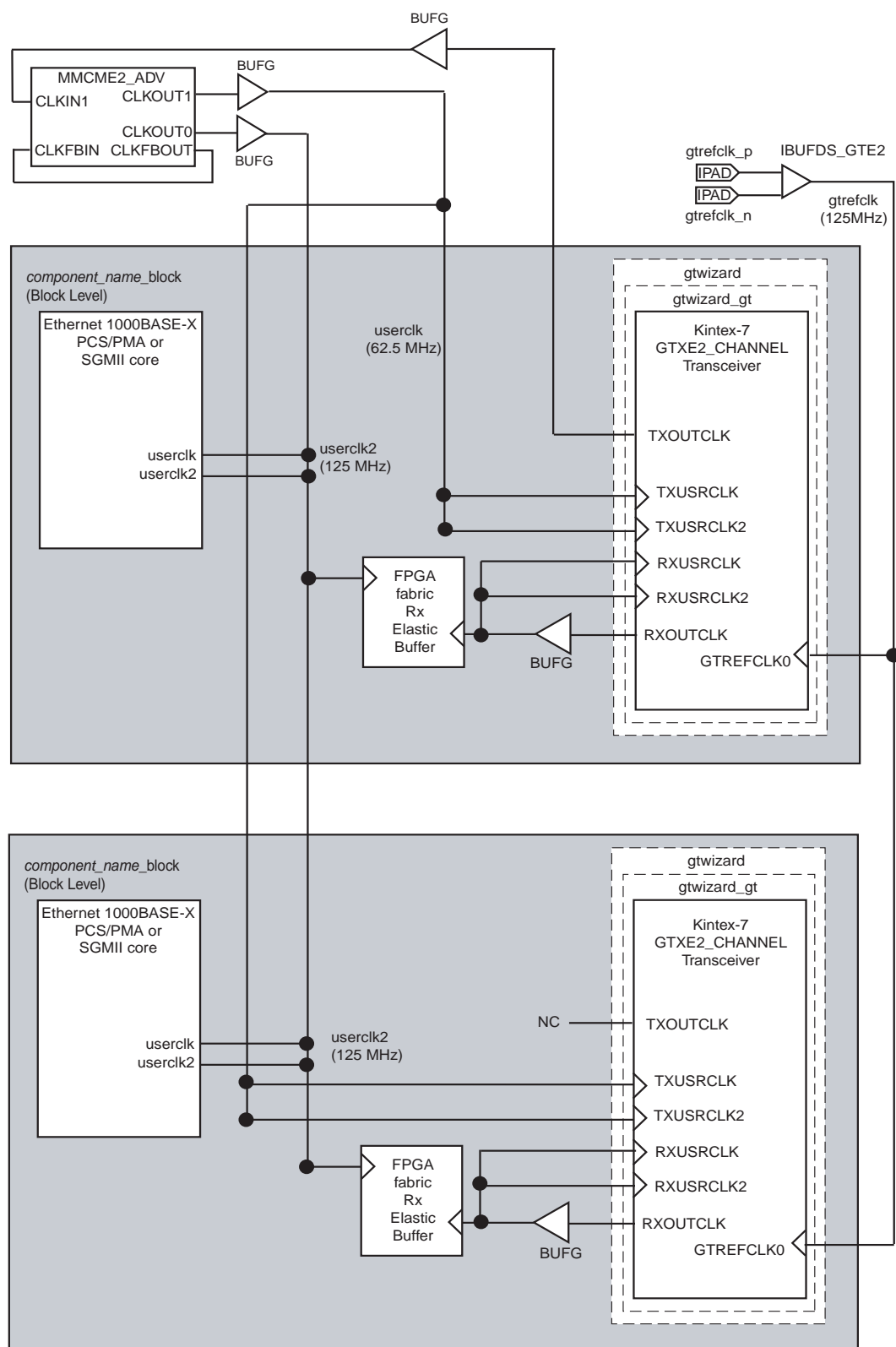


Figure 9-17: Clock Management with Multiple Core Instances with Kintex-7 FPGA Transceivers for SGMII

## Artix-7 Devices

[Figure 9-18](#) illustrates sharing clock resources across multiple instantiations of the core when using the 7 series FPGA GTP transceiver. More cores can be added by instantiating extra block level modules and sharing the `gtrefclk_p` and `gtrefclk_n` differential clock pairs. See the *7 Series Transceiver User Guide* for more information.

To provide the FPGA logic clocks for all core instances, select a TXOUTCLK port from any GTP transceiver and route this to a single MMCM through a BUFG (global clock routing). The CLKOUT0 (125 MHz) and CLKOUT1 (62.5 MHz) outputs from this MMCM, placed onto global clock routing using BUFGs, can be shared across all core instances and GTP transceivers as illustrated.

Each GTP transceiver and core pair instantiated has its own independent clock domains synchronous to RXOUTCLK. These are placed on global clock routing using a BUFG, as illustrated in [Figure 9-18](#), and cannot be shared across multiple GTP transceivers.

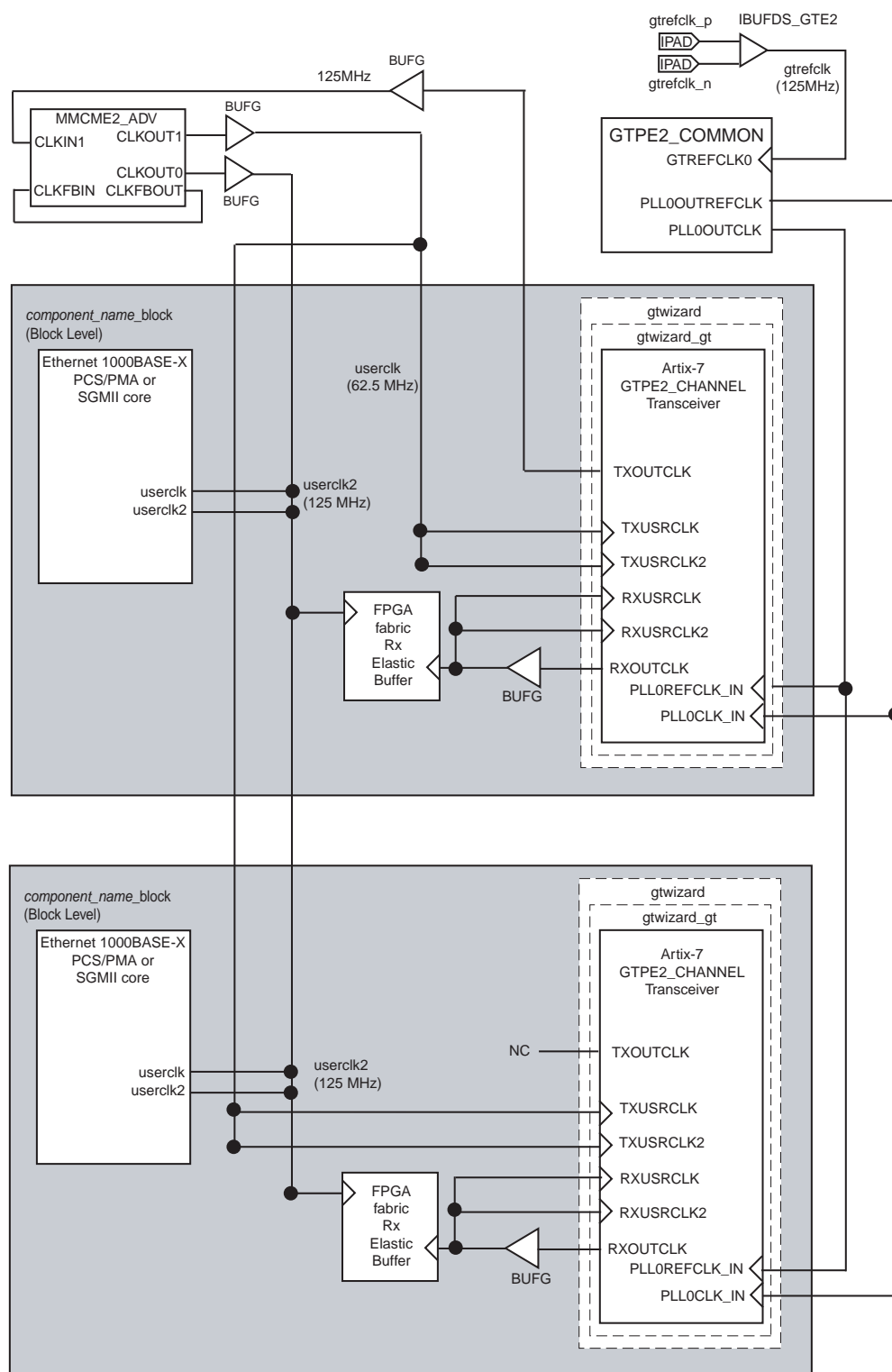


Figure 9-18: Clock Management with Multiple Core Instances with Artix-7 FPGA Transceivers for SGMII

## SGMII Example Design / Dynamic Switching Example Design Using a Transceiver

Chapter 4, [CORE Generator Tool Deliverables](#) provides a full list and description of the directory and file structure that is provided with the core, including the location of the HDL example design provided.

Figure 9-19 illustrates an example design for top-level HDL for the Ethernet 1000BASE-X PCS/PMA or SGMII in SGMII (or dynamic standards switching) mode using a device-specific transceiver (Virtex-4, Virtex-5, Virtex-6, Virtex-7, Kintex-7, Artix-7 or Spartan-6).

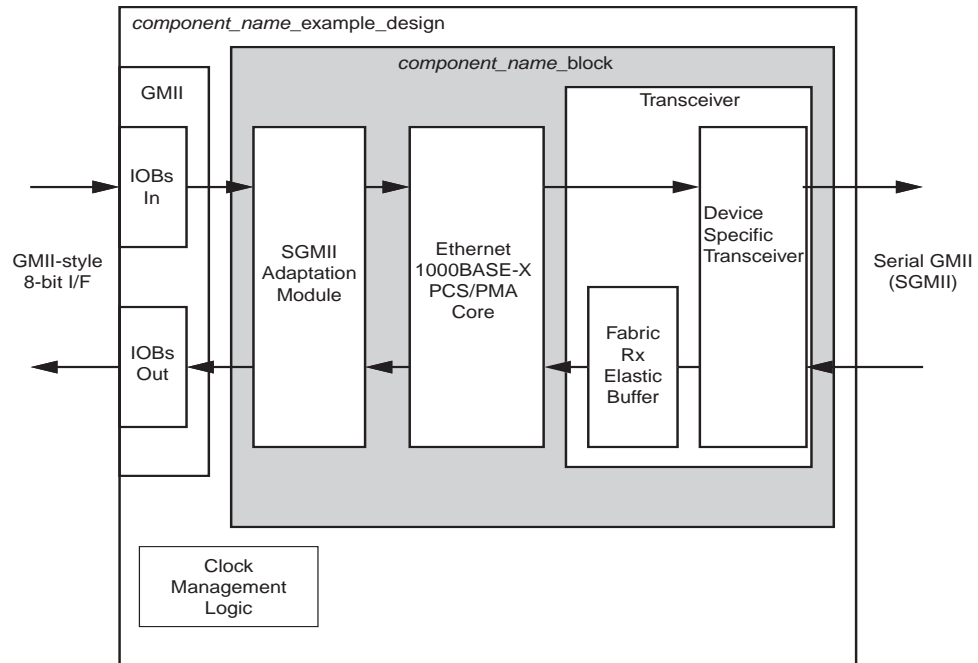


Figure 9-19: **Example Design HDL for the Ethernet 1000BASE-X PCS/PMA or SGMII Core in SGMII Mode Using a Device-Specific Transceiver**

As illustrated, the example is split between two hierarchical layers. The block level is designed so that it can be instantiated directly into customer designs and performs the following functions:

- Instantiates the core from HDL
- Connects the physical-side interface of the core to a device-specific transceiver
- Connects the client side GMII of the core to an SGMII Adaptation Module, which provides the functionality to operate at speeds of 1 Gb/s, 100 Mb/s and 10 Mb/s

The top level of the example design creates a specific example which can be simulated, synthesized and implemented. The top level of the example design performs the following functions:

- Instantiates the block level from HDL
- Derives the clock management logic for device-specific transceiver and the core
- Implements an external GMII-style interface

The next few pages in this section describe each of the example design blocks (and associated HDL files) in detail, and conclude with an overview of the demonstration test bench provided for the design.

## Top-Level Example Design HDL

The top-level example design for the Ethernet 1000BASE-X PCS/PMA core in SGMII mode is described in the following files:

### VHDL

```
<project_dir>/<component_name>/example_design/<component_name>_
example_design.vhd
```

### Verilog

```
<project_dir>/<component_name>/example_design/<component_name>_
example_design.v
```

The example design HDL top level contains the following:

- An instance of the SGMII block level
- Clock management logic for the core and the device-specific transceiver, including DCM (if required) and Global Clock Buffer instances
- External GMII logic, including IOB and DDR register instances, where required

The example design HDL top level connects the GMII of the block level to external IOBs. This allows the functionality of the core to be demonstrated using a simulation package, as described in this guide.

**Note:** In the Virtex-4, Virtex-5 and Spartan-6 families, transceivers are provided in pairs. When generated with the appropriate options, the example design is capable of connecting two instances of the core to the transceiver pair.

## Block Level HDL

The following files describe the block level for the Ethernet 1000BASE-X PCS/PMA core in SGMII mode:

### VHDL

```
<project_dir>/<component_name>/example_design/<component_name>_
block.vhd
```

### Verilog

```
<project_dir>/<component_name>/example_design/<component_name>_
block.v
```

The block level contains the following:

- An instance of the Ethernet 1000BASE-X PCS/PMA core in SGMII mode.
- An instance of a transceiver specific to the target device (Virtex-4, Virtex-5, Virtex-6, Virtex-7, Kintex-7, Artix-7, or Spartan-6)
- An SGMII adaptation module containing:
  - The clock management logic required to enable the SGMII example design to operate at 10 Mb/s, 100 Mb/s, and 1 Gb/s.

- GMII logic for both transmitter and receiver paths; the GMII style 8-bit interface is run at 125 MHz for 1 Gb/s operation; 12.5 MHz for 100 Mb/s operation; 1.25 MHz for 10 Mb/s operation.

The block-level HDL connects the PHY side interface of the core to a device-specific transceiver instance and the client side to SGMII Adaptation logic as illustrated in [Figure 9-19](#). This is the most useful part of the example design and should be instantiated in all customer designs that use the core.

**Note:** In the Virtex-4, Virtex-5 and Spartan-6 devices, transceivers are provided in pairs. When generated with the appropriate options, the block level is capable of connecting two instances of the core to the transceiver.

## Files for Virtex-7 Kintex-7, and Artix-7 Devices

### Transceiver Wrapper

This device-specific transceiver wrapper is instantiated from the block-level HDL file of the example design and is described in the following files:

#### VHDL

```
<project_dir>/<component_name>/example_design/transceiver/  
transceiver.vhd
```

#### Verilog

```
<project_dir>/<component_name>/example_design/transceiver/  
transceiver.v
```

This file instances output source files from the transceiver wizard (used with Gigabit Ethernet 1000BASE-X attributes).

### Virtex-7, Kintex-7, and Artix-7 FPGA Transceiver Wizard Files

For Virtex-7 and Kintex-7 devices, the transceiver wrapper file directly instantiates device-specific transceiver wrapper files created from the GT transceiver wizard. These files tie off (or leave unconnected) unused I/O for the transceiver, and apply the 1000BASE-X attributes. The files can be edited/tailored by rerunning the wizard and swapping these files. The files include the following:

#### VHDL

```
<project_dir>/<component_name>/example_design/transceiver/  
gtwizard.vhd  
<project_dir>/<component_name>/example_design/transceiver/  
gtwizard_gt.vhd
```

#### Verilog

```
<project_dir>/<component_name>/example_design/transceiver/  
gtwizard.v  
<project_dir>/<component_name>/example_design/transceiver/  
gtwizard_gt.v
```

To re-run the transceiver wizard, a CORE Generator tool XCO file for the wizard is included. This file defines all the required wizard attributes used to generate the preceding files. See the CORE Generator tool documentation for further information about XCO files. The XCO file is in the following location:

```
<project_dir>/<component_name>/example_design/transceiver/  
gtwizard.xco
```

## Transceiver Files for Spartan-6 Devices

### Transceiver Wrapper

This device-specific transceiver wrapper is instantiated from the block-level HDL file of the example design and is described in the following files:

#### VHDL

```
<project_dir>/<component_name>/example_design/transceiver/  
transceiver.vhd
```

#### Verilog

```
<project_dir>/<component_name>/example_design/transceiver/  
transceiver.v
```

This file instances output source files from the transceiver wizard (used with Gigabit Ethernet 1000BASE-X attributes).

### Spartan-6 FPGA GTP Transceiver Wizard Files

For Spartan-6 devices, the transceiver wrapper file directly instantiates device-specific transceiver wrapper files created from the Spartan-6 FPGA GTP Transceiver Wizard. These files tie off (or leave unconnected) unused I/O for the GTP transceiver, and apply the 1000BASE-X attributes. The files can be edited/tailored by rerunning the wizard and swapping these files. The files include the following:

#### VHDL

```
<project_dir>/<component_name>/example_design/transceiver/  
s6_gtpwizard.vhd  
<project_dir>/<component_name>/example_design/transceiver/  
s6_gtpwizard_tile.vhd
```

#### Verilog

```
<project_dir>/<component_name>/example_design/transceiver/  
s6_gtpwizard.v  
<project_dir>/<component_name>/example_design/transceiver/  
s6_gtpwizard_tile.v
```

To re-run the Spartan-6 FPGA GTX Transceiver Wizard, a CORE Generator tool XCO file for the wizard is included. This file defines all the required wizard attributes used to generate the preceding files. See the CORE Generator tool documentation for further information about XCO files. The XCO file is in the following location:

```
<project_dir>/<component_name>/example_design/transceiver/
s6_gtpwizard.xco
```

## Transceiver Files for Virtex-6 Devices

### Transceiver Wrapper

This device-specific transceiver wrapper is instantiated from the block-level HDL file of the example design and is described in the following files:

#### VHDL

```
<project_dir>/<component_name>/example_design/transceiver/
v6_gtxwizard_top.vhd
```

#### Verilog

```
<project_dir>/<component_name>/example_design/transceiver/
v6_gtxwizard_top.v
```

This file instances output source files from the device-specific wizard (used with Gigabit Ethernet 1000BASE-X attributes).

### Virtex-6 FPGA GTX Transceiver Wizard Files

For Virtex-6 devices, the transceiver wrapper file directly instantiates transceiver wrapper files created from the Virtex-6 FPGA GTX Transceiver Wizard. These files tie off (or leaves unconnected) unused I/O for the GTX transceiver, and apply the 1000BASE-X attributes. The files can be edited/tailored by rerunning the wizard and swapping these files. The files include the following:

#### VHDL

```
<project_dir>/<component_name>/example_design/transceiver/
v6_gtxwizard.vhd
<project_dir>/<component_name>/example_design/transceiver/
v6_gtxwizard_gtx.vhd
```

#### Verilog

```
<project_dir>/<component_name>/example_design/transceiver/
v6_gtxwizard.v
<project_dir>/<component_name>/example_design/transceiver/
v6_gtxwizard_gtx.v
```

To re-run the Virtex-6 FPGA GTX Transceiver Wizard, a CORE Generator tool XCO file for the wizard is included. This file defines all the required wizard attributes used to generate the preceding files. See the CORE Generator tool documentation for further information about XCO files. The XCO file is in the following location:

```
<project_dir>/<component_name>/example_design/transceiver/
v6_gtxwizard.xco
```

## RocketIO Transceiver Files for Virtex-5 Devices

### Transceiver Wrapper

This device-specific RocketIO transceiver wrapper is instantiated from the block-level HDL file of the example design and is described in the following files:

#### VHDL

```
<project_dir>/<component_name>/example_design/transceiver/  
transceiver.vhd
```

#### Verilog

```
<project_dir>/<component_name>/example_design/transceiver/  
transceiver.v
```

This file instances output source files from the device-specific RocketIO Transceiver Wizard (used with Gigabit Ethernet 1000BASE-X attributes).

In the Virtex-5 devices, RocketIO transceivers are provided in pairs. When generated with the appropriate options, the block level is capable of connecting two instances of the core to the RocketIO transceiver pair. When only a single instance of the core is requested, the unused RocketIO transceiver from the pair is still instantiated from within this transceiver wrapper but left unconnected.

### Virtex-5 FPGA RocketIO GTP Transceiver Specific Files

For Virtex-5 LXT and SXT devices, the transceiver wrapper file directly instantiates RocketIO GTP transceiver wrapper files created from the Virtex-5 FPGA RocketIO GTP Transceiver Wizard. These files tie off (or leave unconnected) unused I/O for the GTP transceiver pair, and apply the 1000BASE-X attributes. The files can be edited/tailored by rerunning the RocketIO GTP Transceiver Wizard and swapping these files. These are the following files:

#### VHDL

```
<project_dir>/<component_name>/example_design/transceiver/  
v5_gtpwizard.vhd  
<project_dir>/<component_name>/example_design/transceiver/  
v5_gtpwizard_tile.vhd
```

#### Verilog

```
<project_dir>/<component_name>/example_design/transceiver/  
v5_gtpwizard.v  
<project_dir>/<component_name>/example_design/transceiver/  
v5_gtpwizard_tile.v
```

To re-run the device-specific RocketIO Transceiver GTP Wizard, a CORE Generator tool XCO file for the RocketIO Transceiver GTP Wizard has also been included. This file lists all of the device-specific RocketIO Transceiver GTP Wizard attributes used to generate the preceding files. See the CORE Generator tool documentation for more information about XCO files. The XCO file is in the following location:

```
<project_dir>/<component_name>/example_design/transceiver/  
v5_gtpwizard.xco
```

## Virtex-5 FPGA RocketIO GTX Transceiver Specific Files

For Virtex-5 FXT and TXT devices, the transceiver wrapper file directly instantiates RocketIO GTX transceiver wrapper files created from the Virtex-5 FPGA RocketIO GTX Transceiver Wizard. These files tie off (or leaves unconnected) unused I/O for the GTX transceiver pair and apply the 1000BASE-X attributes. The files can be edited/tailored by rerunning the RocketIO GTX Transceiver Wizard and swapping these files. These are the following files:

### VHDL

```
<project_dir>/<component_name>/example_design/transceiver/  
v5_gtxwizard.vhd  
<project_dir>/<component_name>/example_design/transceiver/  
v5_gtxwizard_gtx_tile.vhd
```

### Verilog

```
<project_dir>/<component_name>/example_design/transceiver/  
v5_gtxwizard.v  
<project_dir>/<component_name>/example_design/transceiver/  
v5_gtxwizard_gtx_tile.v
```

To re-run the device-specific RocketIO GTX Transceiver Wizard, a CORE Generator tool XCO file for the RocketIO GTX Transceiver Wizard has also been included. This file lists all of the RocketIO GTX Transceiver Wizard attributes which were used in the generation of the preceding files. See the CORE Generator tool documentation for further information about XCO files. The XCO file is located:

```
<project_dir>/<component_name>/example_design/transceiver/  
v5_gtxwizard.xco
```

## RocketIO Transceiver Files for Virtex-4 FX Devices

### Transceiver Wrapper

This device-specific RocketIO transceiver wrapper is instantiated from the block-level HDL file of the example design and is described in the following files:

### VHDL

```
<project_dir>/<component_name>/example_design/transceiver/  
transceiver.vhd
```

### Verilog

```
<project_dir>/<component_name>/example_design/transceiver/  
transceiver.v
```

This file instances the RocketIO transceiver with Gigabit Ethernet 1000BASE-X attributes applied.

In the Virtex-4 FX devices RocketIO transceivers are provided in pairs. When generated with the appropriate options, the block level is capable of connecting two instances of the core to the RocketIO transceiver pair. When only a single instance of the core is requested, the unused RocketIO transceiver from the pair is still instantiated from within this transceiver wrapper but left unconnected.

## Calibration Blocks

For Virtex-4 FX devices only, calibration blocks are required. A calibration block is connected to both GT11 A and B within the RocketIO transceiver tile. This occurs in the transceiver wrapper file. See [Answer Record 22477](#) for information about downloading the *Calibration Block User Guide*.

The calibration block is described in the following files:

### VHDL

```
<project_dir>/<component_name>/example_design/transceiver/  
cal_block_v1_4_1.vhd
```

### Verilog

```
<project_dir>/<component_name>/example_design/transceiver/  
cal_block_v1_4_1.v
```

## GT11 Reset/Initialization Circuitry

Precise reset/initialization circuitry is required for the GT11 device-specific RocketIO transceivers.

The reset circuitry for the device-specific RocketIO receiver is illustrated in Figure 2-18 of the *Virtex-4 RocketIO Multi-Gigabit Transceiver User Guide* (UG076). This is implemented in the following files:

### VHDL

```
<project_dir>/<component_name>/example_design/transceiver/  
gt11_init_rx.vhd
```

### Verilog

```
<project_dir>/<component_name>/example_design/transceiver/  
gt11_init_rx.v
```

The reset circuitry for the RocketIO transceiver is illustrated in Figure 2-13 of the *Virtex-4 FPGA RocketIO Multi-Gigabit Transceiver User Guide* (UG076). This is implemented in the following files:

### VHDL

```
<project_dir>/<component_name>/example_design/transceiver/  
gt11_init_tx.vhd
```

### Verilog

```
<project_dir>/<component_name>/example_design/transceiver/  
gt11_init_tx.v
```

Both receiver and transmitter reset circuitry entities are instantiated from within the block level of the example design.

## Receiver Elastic Buffer

The Receiver Elastic Buffer if present (see [Receiver Elastic Buffer Implementations](#)) is described in the following files:

### VHDL

```
<project_dir>/<component_name>/example_design/transceiver/  
rx_elastic_buffer.vhd
```

### Verilog

```
<project_dir>/<component_name>/example_design/transceiver/  
rx_elastic_buffer.v
```

In SGMII or Dynamic Switching modes, the Rx Buffer in the device-specific transceiver is optionally bypassed. If bypassed, a larger buffer is implemented in the FPGA logic and instantiated from within the transceiver wrapper.

This alternative Receiver Elastic Buffer uses a single block RAM to create a buffer twice as large as the one present in the device-specific transceiver, which is able to cope with larger frame sizes before clock tolerances accumulate and result in an emptying or filling of the buffer.

## SGMII Adaptation Module

The SGMII Adaptation Module is described in the following files:

### VHDL

```
<project_dir>/<component_name>/example_design/sgmii_adapt/  
sgmii_adapt.vhd  
clk_gen.vhd  
johnson_cntr.vhd  
tx_rate_adapt.vhd  
rx_rate_adapt.vhd
```

### Verilog

```
<project_dir>/<component_name>/example_design/sgmii_adapt/  
sgmii_adapt.v  
clk_gen.v  
johnson_cntr.v  
tx_rate_adapt.v  
rx_rate_adapt.v
```

The GMII of the core always operates at 125 MHz. The core makes no differentiation between the three speeds of operation; it always effectively operates at 1 Gb/s. However, at 100 Mb/s, every data byte run through the core should be repeated 10 times to achieve the required bit rate; at 10 Mb/s, each data byte run through the core should be repeated 100 times to achieve the required bit rate. Dealing with this repetition of bytes is the function of the SGMII adaptation module and its component blocks.

The SGMII adaptation module and component blocks are described in detail in the [Additional Client-Side SGMII Logic Provided in the Example Design](#).

## Demonstration Test Bench

Figure 9-20 illustrates the demonstration test bench for the Ethernet 1000BASE-X PCS/PMA or SGMII core in SGMII mode. The demonstration test bench is a simple VHDL or Verilog program to exercise the example design and the core itself.

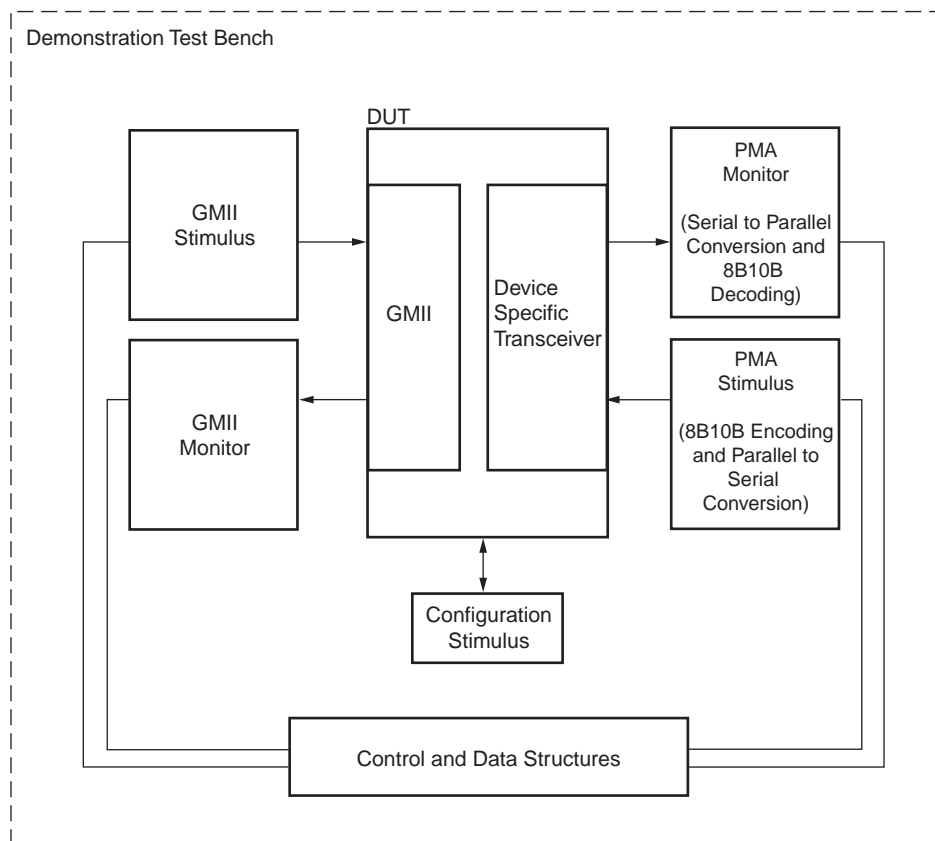


Figure 9-20: **Demonstration Test Bench for the Ethernet 1000BASE-X PCS/PMA or SGMII Core in SGMII Mode Using Device-Specific Transceivers**

The top-level test bench entity instantiates the example design for the core, which is the Device Under Test (DUT). A stimulus block is also instantiated and clocks, resets and test bench semaphores are created. The following files describe the top-level of the demonstration test bench.

### VHDL

```
<project_dir>/<component_name>/simulation/demo_tb.vhd
```

## Verilog

```
<project_dir>/<component_name>/simulation/demo_tb.v
```

The stimulus block entity, instantiated from within the top-level test bench, creates the Ethernet stimulus in the form of four Ethernet frames, which are injected into GMII and PHY interfaces of the DUT. The output from the DUT is also monitored for errors. The following files describe the stimulus block of the demonstration test bench.

## VHDL

```
<project_dir>/<component_name>/simulation/stimulus_tb.vhd
```

## Verilog

```
<project_dir>/<component_name>/simulation/stimulus_tb.v
```

Together, the top-level test bench file and the stimulus block combine to provide the full test bench functionality which is described in the sections that follow.

**Note:** In the Virtex-4, Virtex-5 and Spartan-6 devices, transceivers are provided in pairs. When generated with the appropriate options, the example design is capable of connecting two instances of the core to the device-specific transceiver pair. When this is the case, two stimulus blocks are instantiated from the top level test bench to independently exercise both cores.

## Test Bench Functionality

The demonstration test bench performs the following tasks:

- Input clock signals are generated.
- A reset is applied to the example design.
- The Ethernet 1000BASE-X PCS/PMA core is configured through the MDIO interface by injecting an MDIO frame into the example design. This disables Auto-Negotiation and takes the core out of Isolate state.
- The following frames are injected into the GMII transmitter by the GMII stimulus block at 1 Gb/s.
  - the first is a minimum length frame
  - the second is a type frame
  - the third is an errored frame
  - the fourth is a padded frame
- The serial data received at the device-specific transceiver transmitter interface is converted to 10-bit parallel data, then 8B/10B decoded. The resulting frames are checked by the PMA Monitor against the stimulus frames injected into the GMII transmitter to ensure data integrity.
- The same four frames are generated by the PMA Stimulus block. These are 8B/10B encoded, converted to serial data and injected into the device-specific transceiver receiver interface at 1 Gb/s.
- Data frames received at the GMII receiver are checked by the GMII Monitor against the stimulus frames injected into the device-specific transceiver receiver to ensure data integrity.

## Customizing the Test Bench

### Changing Frame Data

You can change the contents of the four frames used by the demonstration test bench by changing the *data* and *valid* fields for each frame defined in the stimulus block. New frames can be added by defining a new frame of data. Modified frames are automatically updated in both stimulus and monitor functions.

### Changing Frame Error Status

Errors can be inserted into any of the predefined frames in any position by setting the *error* field to '1' in any column of that frame. Injected errors are automatically updated in both stimulus and monitor functions.

### Changing the Core Configuration

The configuration of the Ethernet 1000BASE-X PCS/PMA core used in the demonstration test bench can be altered.

**Caution!** Certain configurations of the core cause the test bench to fail or cause processes to run indefinitely. For example, the demonstration test bench does not auto-negotiate with the design example. Determine the configurations that can safely be used with the test bench.

The core can be reconfigured by editing the injected MDIO frame in the demonstration test bench top level.

### Changing the Operational Speed

SGMII can be used to carry Ethernet traffic at 10 Mb/s, 100 Mb/s or 1 Gb/s. By default, the demonstration test bench is configured to operate at 1 Gb/s. The speed of both the example design and test bench can be set to the desired operational speed by editing the following settings, recompiling the test bench, then running the simulation again.

#### 1 Gb/s Operation

```
set speed_is_10_100 to logic 0
```

#### 100 Mb/s Operation

```
set speed_is_10_100 to logic 1
set speed_is_100 to logic 1
```

#### 10 Mb/s Operation

```
set speed_is_10_100 to logic 1
set speed_is_100 to logic 0
```

# *SGMII Support Using Asynchronous Oversampling over Virtex-6 FPGA LVDS*

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This chapter provides general guidelines for creating SGMII designs using asynchronous oversampling over Virtex®-6 FPGA LVDS. Virtex-6 devices, -2 speed grade or higher, can fully support SGMII using standard LVDS SelectIO™ technology logic resources. This enables direct connection to external PHY devices without the use of a Virtex-6 FPGA GTX Transceiver. This implementation is illustrated in [Figure 10-4](#).

This chapter is organized into the following sections:

- [Design Requirements](#) provides the UI specifications for the SGMII receiver.
- [Clocking Logic](#) discusses the clocking logic that is required for the asynchronous oversampling LVDS design.
- [Layout and Placement](#) provides guidelines for performing FPGA layout to guide the tools through Place and Route (PAR) and to achieve timing success.
- [Example Design Implementation](#) describes the format of the example design provided, a description of all blocks of the example design, and describes how the design can be used to create your own custom implementation.

This section also contains an overview of the demonstration test bench that is provided with the example design.

Users of the core in this mode can benefit from a detailed understanding of Virtex-6 FPGA Clocking Resources and SelectIO Resources. See *Virtex-6 FPGA User Guide* ([Virtex-6 FPGA product page](#)).

## Design Requirements

### SGMII Only

The interface implemented using this asynchronous oversampling method supports SGMII between the FPGA and an external PHY device; the interface cannot directly support 1000BASE-X.

### Supported in Virtex-6 Devices, -2 Speed Grade or Faster

The SGMII LVDS implementation has only been characterized in the -2 speed grade and faster Virtex-6 devices.

Timing closure of this interface is challenging; perform the steps described in [Layout and Placement](#).

### Receiver UI Specification

The DRU must have at least two valid sampling points per data bit, requiring 0.5 UI of opening. The settings of the FPGA add 0.125 UI of requirement making a total opening requirement at the receiver of 0.625 UI.

### Recommended for Chip-to-Chip Copper Implementations Only

This interface supports an SGMII link between the FPGA and an external PHY device across a single PCB; keep the SGMII copper signal lengths to a minimum.

## Clocking Logic

The HDL for the [I/O Bank Level of the Example Design](#) logical block contains the parameter TX\_AND\_RX\_SHARE\_CLOCK; this value is set to true by default, implying that the Tx and Rx logic of the SGMII ports will share the BUFIO clocks.

- Setting the parameter TX\_AND\_RX\_SHARE\_CLOCK to true necessitates that the transmitter and receiver ports of the SGMII are LOC-ed into the same Virtex-6 FPGA I/O bank. See [SGMII Tx and Rx Ports are in the Same I/O Bank](#).

Setting the parameter TX\_AND\_RX\_SHARE\_CLOCK to false will duplicate the clock circuitry that is required by the transmitter, allowing the receiver and transmitter ports to be separated and placed into different Virtex-6 FPGA I/O banks. See [SGMII Tx and Rx Ports are in Different I/O Banks](#).

Edit the HDL file for the [I/O Bank Level of the Example Design](#) directly to change the value of the TX\_AND\_RX\_SHARE\_CLOCK parameter.

# SGMII Tx and Rx Ports are in the Same I/O Bank

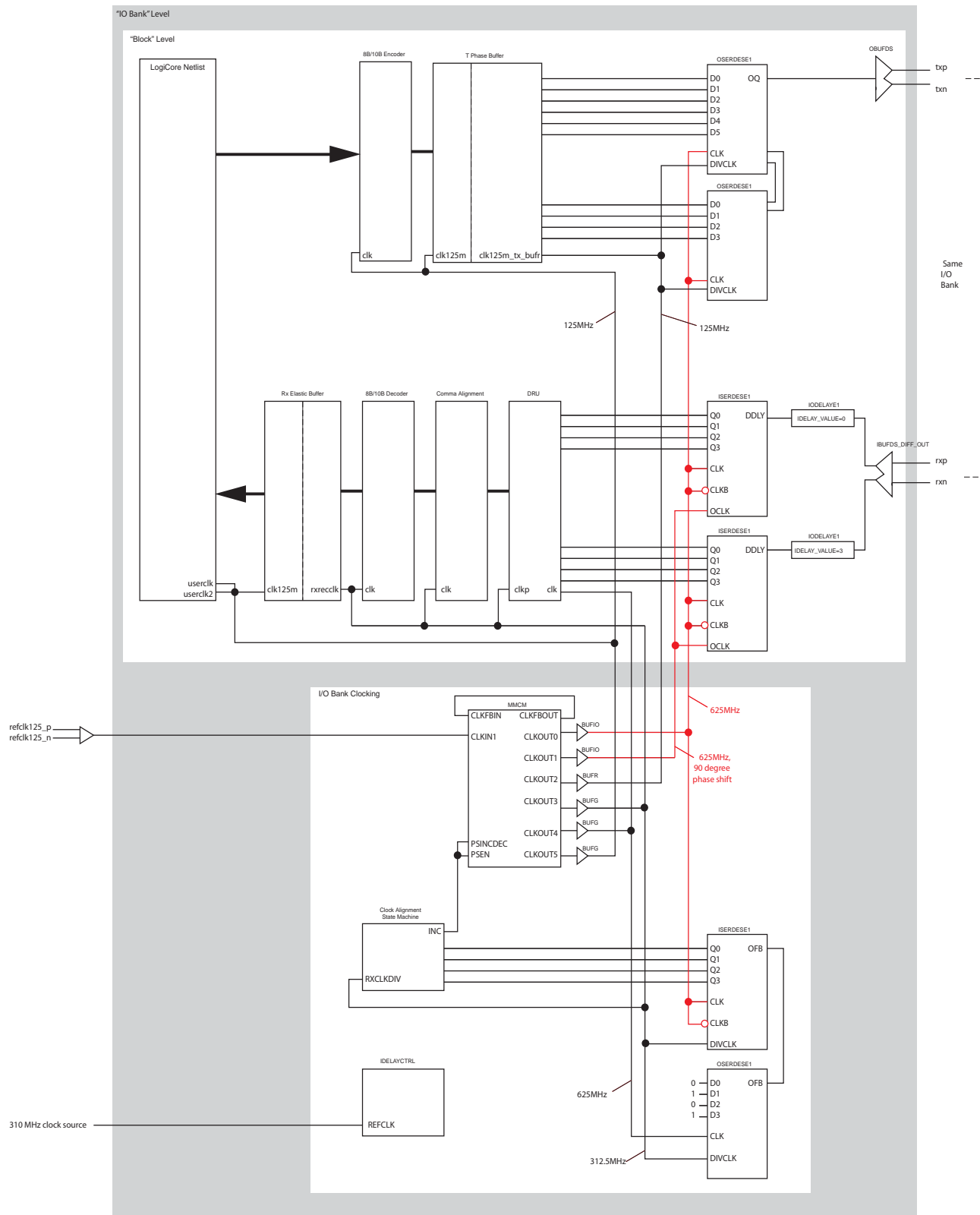


Figure 10-1: Asynchronous Oversampling LVDS Clocking Logic (Tx and Rx Placed in the Same I/O Bank)

[Figure 10-1](#) provides a detailed illustration of the clocking logic provided when the TX\_AND\_RX\_SHARE\_CLOCK parameter is set to true. This necessitates that associated SGMII Tx and Rx ports are placed into the same I/O Bank.

Only a single SGMII port is illustrated but the clocks are identically wired up to all SGMII ports sharing the same I/O Bank.

A major component of the I/O Bank clocking logic is the MMCM module. This module should be provided with a high quality 125 MHz clock reference as illustrated. The MMCM is configured to provide the frequency related clocks defined in [Table 10-1](#) which are used by all SGMII ports within the respective I/O bank.

**Table 10-1: MMCM Generated Clocks That Are Shared across the I/O Bank**

MMCM Output	Frequency	Clock Buffer Used	HDL Clock name	Description
CLKOUT0	625 MHz	BUFIO	clk625m_rx_bufio_0	<p>A 625 MHz clock source with no phase shift. This is provided on BUFIO clock routing to act as a clock source for all ISERDES and <a href="#">OSERDES</a> primitives.</p> <p>The route from the MMCM to the ISERDES and <a href="#">OSERDES</a> primitives use high performance clock routing (shown in red on <a href="#">Figure 10-1</a>).</p> <p>This clock output is not affected by the dynamic MMCM phase shift.</p>
CLKOUT1	625 MHz	BUFIO	clk625m_rx_bufio_90	<p>A 625 MHz clock source with 90 degree phase shift with respect to clk625m_rx_bufio_0. This is provided on BUFIO clock routing to act as a clock source for the ISERDES primitives.</p> <p>The route from the MMCM to the ISERDES and <a href="#">OSERDES</a> primitives use high performance clock routing (shown in red on <a href="#">Figure 10-1</a>).</p> <p>This clock output is not affected by the dynamic MMCM phase shift.</p>
CLKOUT2	125 MHz	BUFR	clk125m_tx_buf	<p>A 125 MHz clock source with no phase shift relative to clk625m_rx_bufio_0. This is used to satisfy the parallel to serial clock phase relationships within the <a href="#">OSERDES</a> primitives used by the SGMII transmitter ports.</p> <p>This clock output is not affected by the dynamic MMCM phase shift.</p>
CLKOUT3	312.5 MHz	BUFG	clk312p5m	<p>A 312.5 MHz global clock source, used for the DRU and the receiver path within the LVDS transceiver.</p> <p>This clock output is affected by the dynamic MMCM phase shift (performed by the <a href="#">Clock Alignment State Machine</a>).</p>
CLKOUT4	625 MHz	BUFG	clk625m	<p>A 625 MHz global clock source, required by the DRU and Clock Alignment State Machines.</p> <p>This clock output is affected by the dynamic MMCM phase shift (performed by the <a href="#">Clock Alignment State Machine</a>).</p>

Table 10-1: MMCM Generated Clocks That Are Shared across the I/O Bank (Cont'd)

MMCM Output	Frequency	Clock Buffer Used	HDL Clock name	Description
CLKOUT5	125 MHz	BUFG	clk125m	A 125 MHz global clock source, used as the 125 MHz reference clock for the entire core netlist and the transmitter path of the LVDS transceivers. This clock output is affected by the dynamic MMCM phase shift (performed by the <a href="#">Clock Alignment State Machine</a> ).
CLKOUT6	Unused			

Important notes relating to [Figure 10-1](#):

- The differential 125 MHz clock (refclk125\_p/n) that is routed to the CLKIN1 pin of the MMCM should enter the FPGA on a global clock pin. This enables the clock signal to be routed to any number of device MMCM modules using dedicated clock routing. The clock source should conform to ethernet specifications (100 ppm of accuracy).
- Routing from the MMCM to the BUFIOs should utilize High Performance Clocks (illustrated in red). A given I/O Bank has a choice of MMCM primitives that can be selected to utilize this routing; see the *Virtex-6 FPGA Clocking Resources User Guide* (UG362).
- All BUFIOs used must be kept to a single clock region to minimize clock distortion. Therefore, all SGMII Tx and Rx ports in use must be LOC-ed to a single I/O Bank. Any SGMII ports that are required to be placed in additional I/O Banks require a new instantiation of [I/O Bank Level of the Example Design](#) for each I/O Bank utilized, thereby duplicating all of this clocking logic.
- The phase of the global 625 MHz clock source is automatically phase shifted by the [Clock Alignment State Machine](#), using the MMCM dynamic phase shifting function, to correctly sample the received data from the oversampling ISERDES elements to the FPGA logic flip-flops of the DRU.
  - The BUFIO and BUFR clock sources must *not* be subjected to this dynamic phase shifting to allow the global 625 MHz clock source to be shifted with respect to the BUFIO 625MHz clock sources.
  - Furthermore, to allow the ISE® tools to meet setup and hold times across all global clock buffer boundaries, this necessitates that the 312.5 MHz and 125 MHz global clocks are also subjected to the same dynamic phase shifting as per the global 625 MHz clock source.
- The [OSERDES](#) primitives used by the LVDS transceiver must use the BUFIO 625 MHz clock source to provide the cleanest possible serial output (rather than using the global 625 MHz clock source). This necessitates that the [OSERDES](#) parallel clock (DIVCLK) must be provided from a 125 MHz regional clock buffer (BUFR). This necessitates that the Output Serializer/Deserializer (OSERDES) parallel clock (CLKDIV) must be provided from a 125 MHz regional clock buffer (BUFR) that is derived from the same MMCM. This requirement is used to satisfy the parallel to serial clock phase relationships within the [OSERDES](#) primitives. See the *Virtex-6 FPGA User Guide* ([Virtex-6 FPGA product page](#)).
- The [Tx Phase Buffer](#) sits between the 125 MHz global and regional clock domains in the LVDS transceiver. This buffer is used to reliably transfer the 10-bit data between these domains as there is no fixed phase relationship between these two clock sources.

- An IDELAY Controller module is provided in the [I/O Bank Clocking](#) module for use with the IDELAYs required on the receiver input serial path. This *must* be provided with a 310 MHz clock source.
- The top level of the example design creates a 310 MHz clock source using an additional MMCM; this logic is not illustrated in [Figure 10-1](#). However, customers can source this clock source by other methods.
- The 310 MHz clock source does not need to be duplicated once per bank; a single source can be provided on global clock routing and shared across the entire FPGA.

## Clock Alignment State Machine

The remaining logical block illustrated in [Figure 10-1](#) consists of a logical state machine to dynamically control the variable phase shift which is applied to the global buffer MMCM clock outputs. This is designed to deskew the clock domain crossing of the oversampled data from the ISERDES elements, to the FPGA logic flip-flops of the DRU.

The calibration circuit used by the clock phase alignment state machine requires the use of a single IOB from the I/O bank (which cannot then be used for any other I/O). Within this consumed IOB, a known clock data pattern (0101) is routed through an [OSERDES](#) to provide serial data synchronous to the 625 MHz global clock source. This serial data is then looped back through an ISERDES to capture the serial data synchronously to the `clk625m_rx_bufio_0` BUFIO clock source. The phase alignment state machine looks for the correct 01010 clock pattern and uses this to adjust the phase of the MMCM clock outputs to phase align the global 625 MHz clock source with the `clk625m_rx_bufio_0` BUFIO clock (as seen at the ISERDES of the calibration circuit). This results in the reliable data transfer.

The consumed IOB used by the calibration circuitry uses internal loopback between the OSERDES and ISERDES primitives; the loopback data does not appear on the physical pad of the FPGA and no pad termination logic is required.

## SGMII Tx and Rx Ports are in Different I/O Banks

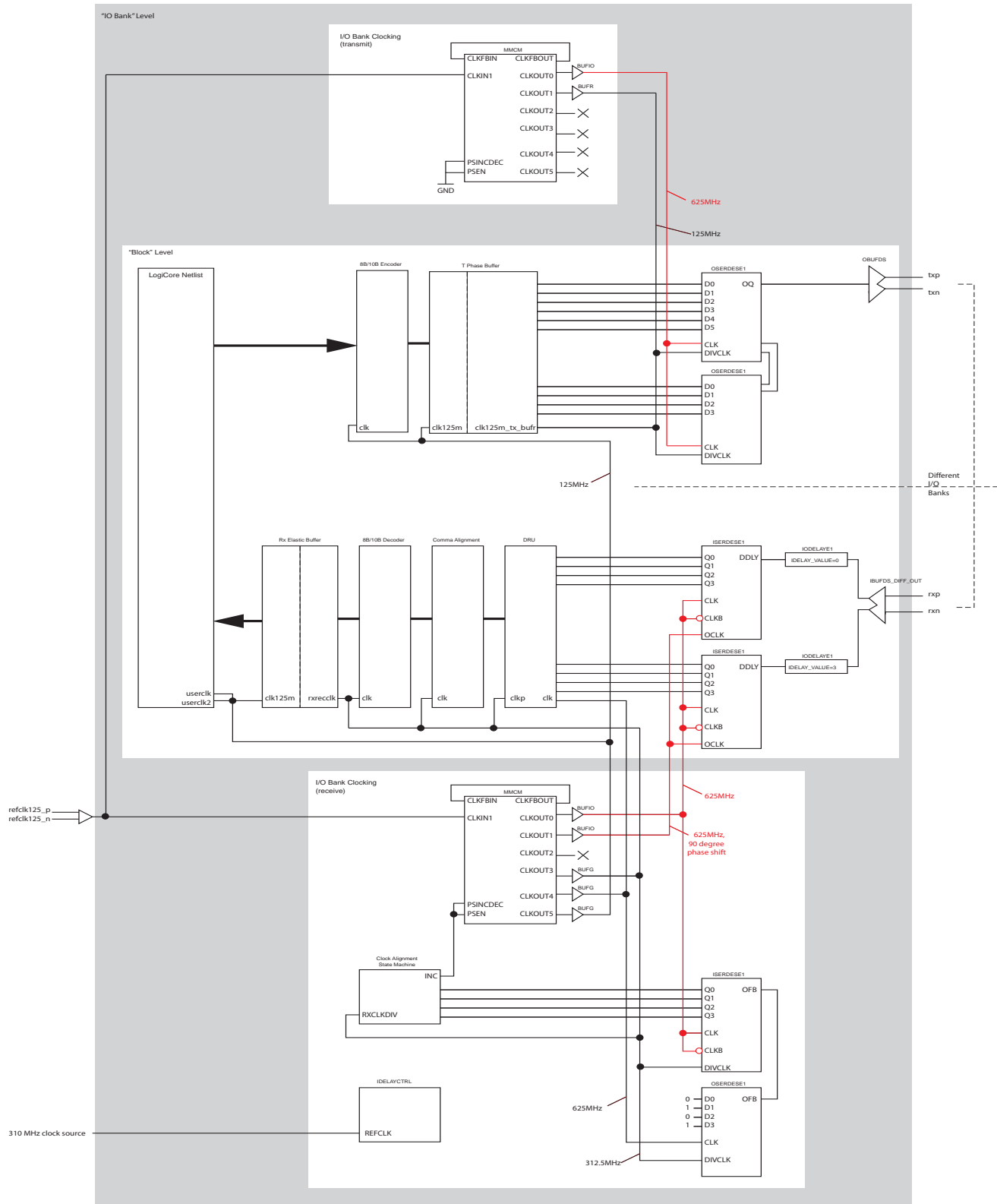


Figure 10-2: Asynchronous Oversampling LVDS Clocking logic (Tx and Rx Placed in Different I/O Banks)

Figure 10-2 provides a detailed illustration of the clocking logic provided when the TX\_AND\_RX\_SHARE\_CLOCK parameter is set to false. This necessitates that associated SGMII Tx and Rx ports are split up and placed into separate I/O Banks.

Only a single SGMII port is illustrated but the clocks are identically wired up to all SGMII ports of which the Rx SGMII ports share one bank and the Tx SGMII ports share a different I/O Bank.

Major components of the I/O Bank clocking logic are the two MMCM modules. These should both be provided with the same high quality 125 MHz clock reference as illustrated. The MMCMs are configured to provide the frequency related clocks defined in Table 10-2 and Table 10-3 which are used by all SGMII ports using these Rx and Tx I/O banks.

Table 10-2: MMCM Generated Clocks That Are Shared across the Rx SGMII I/O Bank (plus global clocks)

MMCM Output	Frequency	Clock Buffer Used	HDL Clock name	Description
CLKOUT0	625 MHz	BUFIO	clk625m_rx_bufio_0	<p>A 625 MHz clock source with no phase shift. This is provided on BUFIO clock routing to act as a clock source for all ISERDES primitives (and the single OSERDES of the Clock Alignment State Machine calibration circuitry).</p> <p>The route from the MMCM to the ISERDES and OSERDES primitives use high performance clock routing (shown in red on Figure 10-2).</p> <p>This clock output is not affected by the dynamic MMCM phase shift.</p>
CLKOUT1	625 MHz	BUFIO	clk625m_rx_bufio_90	<p>A 625 MHz clock source with 90 degree phase shift with respect to clk625m_rx_bufio_0. This is provided on BUFIO clock routing to act as a clock source for the ISERDES primitives.</p> <p>The route from the MMCM to the ISERDES primitives uses high performance clock routing (shown in red on Figure 10-2).</p> <p>This clock output is not affected by the dynamic MMCM phase shift.</p>
CLKOUT2	Unused			
CLKOUT3	312.5 MHz	BUFG	clk312p5m	<p>A 312.5 MHz global clock source, used for the DRU and the receiver path within the LVDS transceiver.</p> <p>This clock output is affected by the dynamic MMCM phase shift (performed by the Clock Alignment State Machine.)</p>
CLKOUT4	625 MHz	BUFG	clk625m	<p>A 625 MHz global clock source, required by the DRU and Clock Alignment State Machines.</p> <p>This clock output is affected by the dynamic MMCM phase shift (performed by the Clock Alignment State Machine.)</p>
CLKOUT5	125 MHz	BUFG	clk125m	<p>A 125 MHz global clock source, used as the 125 MHz reference clock for the entire core netlist and the transmitter path of the LVDS transceivers.</p> <p>This clock output is affected by the dynamic MMCM phase shift (performed by the Clock Alignment State Machine.)</p>
CLKOUT6	Unused			

Table 10-3: MMCM Generated Clocks That Are Shared across the Tx I/O Bank

MMCM Output	Frequency	Clock Buffer used	HDL Clock name	Description
CLKOUT0	625 MHz	BUFIO	clk625m_tx_bufio	A 625 MHz clock source. This is provided on BUFIO clock routing to act as a clock source for all <a href="#">OSERDES</a> primitives. The route from the MMCM to the ISERDES and <a href="#">OSERDES</a> primitives use high performance clock routing (shown in red on <a href="#">Figure 10-2</a> ).
CLKOUT1	125 MHz	BUFR	clk125m_tx_bufr	A 125 MHz clock source with no phase shift relative to clk625m_tx_bufio. This is used to satisfy the parallel to serial clock phase relationships within the <a href="#">OSERDES</a> primitives used by the SGMII transmitter ports.
CLKOUT2	Unused			
CLKOUT3	Unused			
CLKOUT4	Unused			
CLKOUT5	Unused			
CLKOUT6	Unused			

Important notes relating to [Figure 10-2](#):

- The differential 125 MHz clock (refclk125\_p/n) that is routed to the CLKIN1 pin of the MMCM should enter the FPGA on a global clock pin. This enables the clock signal to be routed to any number of device MMCM modules using dedicated clock routing. The clock source should conform to Ethernet specifications (100 ppm of accuracy).
- Routing from the MMCM to the BUFIOs should utilize High Performance Clocks (illustrated in red). A given I/O Bank has a choice of MMCM primitives that can be selected to utilize this routing; see the *Virtex-6 FPGA Clocking User Guide (UG362)*.
- All BUFIOs used must be kept to a single clock region to minimize clock distortion. Therefore:
  - All Rx SGMII ports in use must be LOC-ed to a single I/O Bank and are serviced by the clk625m\_rx\_bufio\_0 and clk625m\_rx\_bufio\_90 clock sources.
  - All SGMII Tx ports used must be LOC-ed to a different I/O Bank and are serviced by the clk625m\_tx\_bufio clock source.
- The phase of the global 625 MHz clock source (see [Table 10-3](#)) is automatically phase shifted by the [Clock Alignment State Machine](#), using the MMCM dynamic phase shifting function, to correctly sample the received data from the oversampling ISERDES elements to the FPGA logic flip-flops of the DRU.
  - The clk625m\_rx\_bufio\_0 and clk625m\_rx\_bufio\_09 BUFIO clock sources must *not* be subjected to this dynamic phase shifting to allow the global 625 MHz clock source to be shifted with respect to these BUFIO 625 MHz clock sources.
  - Furthermore, to allow the ISE® tools to meet setup and hold times across all global clock buffer boundaries, this necessitates that the 312.5 MHz and 125 MHz global clocks of [Table 10-3](#) are also subjected to the same dynamic phase shifting as per the global 625 MHz clock source.

- The **OSERDES** primitives used by the LVDS transceiver must use the `clk625m_tx_bufio` BUFIO 625 MHz clock source to provide the cleanest possible serial output (rather than using the global 625 MHz clock source). This necessitates that the **OSERDES** parallel clock (`DIVCLK`) must be provided from a 125 MHz regional clock (`clk125m_tx_bufir`). This necessitates that the **OSERDES** parallel clock (`CLKDIV`) must be provided from a 125 MHz regional clock (`clk125m_tx_bufir`) that is derived from the same MMCM. This requirement is used to satisfy the parallel to serial clock phase relationships within the **OSERDES** primitives: see the *Virtex-6 FPGA User Guide* ([Virtex-6 FPGA product page](#)).
- This sits between the 125 MHz global and regional clock domains in the transmitter of the LVDS transceiver. This buffer is used to reliably transfer the 10-bit data between these domains because there is no fixed phase relationship between these two clock sources.
- An IDELAY Controller module is provided in the **I/O Bank Clocking** module for use with the IDELAYs required on the receiver input serial path. This *must* be provided with a 310 MHz clock source.
  - The top level of the example design creates a 310 MHz clock source using an additional MMCM; this logic is not illustrated in [Figure 10-2](#). However, customers can source this clock source by other methods.
  - The 310 MHz clock source does not need to be duplicated once per bank; a single source can be provided on global clock routing and shared across the entire FPGA.

## Clock Alignment State Machine

The remaining logical block illustrated in [Figure 10-2](#) consists of a logical state machine to dynamically control the variable phase shift which is applied to the global buffer MMCM clock outputs. This is designed to deskew the clock domain crossing of the oversampled data from the **ISERDES** elements, to the FPGA logic flip-flops of the DRU.

The calibration circuit used by the clock phase alignment state machine requires the use of a single IOB from the I/O bank (which cannot then be used for any other I/O). Within this consumed IOB, a known clock data pattern (0101) is routed through an **OSERDES** to provide serial data synchronous to the 625 MHz global clock source. This serial data is then looped back through an **ISERDES** to capture the serial data synchronously to the `clk625m_rx_bufio_0` BUFIO clock source. The phase alignment state machine looks for the correct 01010 clock pattern and uses this to adjust the phase of the MMCM clock outputs to phase align the global 625 MHz clock source with the `clk625m_rx_bufio_0` BUFIO clock (as seen at the **ISERDES** of the calibration circuit). This results in the reliable data transfer.

The consumed IOB used by the calibration circuitry uses internal loopback between the **OSERDES** and **ISERDES** primitives; the loopback data does not appear on the physical pad of the FPGA and no pad termination logic is required.

## Layout and Placement

A hands-on approach is required for placing this design. The steps provided here are a useful guide, but other knowledge is assumed. To aid with these guidelines, users of the core in this mode would benefit from:

- A detailed understanding of Virtex-6 FPGA Clocking Resources and SelectIO Resources. See *Virtex-6 FPGA User Guide* ([Virtex-6 FPGA product page](#)).
- A working knowledge of the Xilinx® PlanAhead™ tool (or alternatively FPGA Editor) in order to locate particular clock buffers and slices.

Following are some guidelines:

1. Select an I/O Bank in your chosen device for use with for your transmitter and receiver SGMII ports (this will be either in the same bank, or with the transmitter ports in a separate bank; see [Clocking Logic](#)).
2. LOC down the BUFIO and BUFR clock buffers that are required:
  - a. Identify the precise BUFIOs and BUFRs that are associated with and available for the chosen I/O Bank(s): there are four available BUFIOs per bank, and up to 8 available BUFRs per bank.
  - b. LOC down the two 625 MHz clock BUFIO buffers that are required for the `clk625m_rx_bufio_0` and `clk625m_rx_bufio_90` clock nets (see [Table 10-1](#) or [Table 10-2](#)) using two of the available BUFIOs. The following UCF syntax achieves this in the example design provided:

```
INST "core_bank_wrapper/clock_logic_per_bank/clk625m_rx_bufio_0_inst" LOC =BUFIODQS_X0Y1;
INST "core_bank_wrapper/clock_logic_per_bank/clk625m_rx_bufio_90_inst" LOC =BUFIODQS_X0Y2;
```

If necessary (only when using the [SGMII Tx and Rx Ports are in Different I/O Banks](#), [page 185](#) clocking scheme) then LOC down the BUFIO for the `clk625m_tx_bufio` clock net (see [Table 10-3](#)) to one of the BUFIOs associated with the transmitter I/O Bank. Use the following UCF syntax as a guide:

```
INST "core_bank_wrapper/clock_logic_per_bank/*clk625m_tx_bufio_inst" LOC = BUFIODQS_XxYy;
```

- c. LOC down the BUFR buffer that is required for the `clk125m_tx_buf` clock net (see [Table 10-1](#) or [Table 10-3](#)) using just one of the available BUFRs. The following UCF syntax achieves this in the example design provided:

```
INST "core_bank_wrapper/clock_logic_per_bank/*regional_oserdes_clk" LOC = BUFR_X0Y1;
```

3. A single IDELAYCTRL is instantiated by the [I/O Bank Level of the Example Design](#) for use with a single I/O Bank. This primitive needs to be associated with the various IODELAYE1 elements used in that I/O Bank. The following UCF syntax achieves this in the example design provided:

```
# Link the IDELAY Controller to the IODELAYs of the I/O Bank
INST "core_bank_wrapper/clock_logic_per_bank/dlyctrl" IODELAY_GROUP = "oversample_bank12";
INST
"core_bank_wrapper/instantiate_ethernet_ports[*].core_wrapper/transceiver_inst/lvds_rx/IOD
ELAYE1_RXP"
IODELAY_GROUP = "oversample_bank12";
INST
"core_bank_wrapper/instantiate_ethernet_ports[*].core_wrapper/transceiver_inst/lvds_rx/IOD
ELAYE1_RXN"
IODELAY_GROUP = "oversample_bank12";
```

4. LOC down the RLOC origin of the DRU module to a particular slice for every SGMII port in use.

The oversampled data is transferred from the ISERDESE1 oversampling elements into the DRU module at 625 MHz; a proportion of the logic with the DRU is required to run at 625 MHz. To help the tools achieve this, flip-flops of this logic are placed relatively to each other using RLOC constraints integrated in the HDL of the DRU. It now remains for you to LOC the origin of this RLOC group to a particular slice in the design.

The slice assigned to the RLOC origin for each SGMII port should be to the slice at the lower left of the group of two slices that are immediately to the right of the oversampling ISERDESE1 pair. In turn this ISERDESE1 pair will be immediately to the right of the differential LVDS pair which is used for the receiver ports of the SGMII.

The following UCF syntax achieves this in the example design provided for the SGMII numbered as 0:

```
# Tx
Net txp<2>    LOC = AK33;
Net txn<2>    LOC = AK32;

# Rx
Net rxp<2>    LOC = AL31;
Net rxn<2>    LOC = AK31;

# Place the critical 625MHz sampling flip-flops adjacent to the oversampling ISERDESE1
elements
INST
"*core_bank_wrapper/instantiate_ethernet_ports[2].core_wrapper/transceiver_inst/lvds_rx/dy
namic_realignment/ii_0" RLOC_ORIGIN=X0Y8;
```

Figure 10-3 shows an FPGA Editor with an RLOC Origin description.

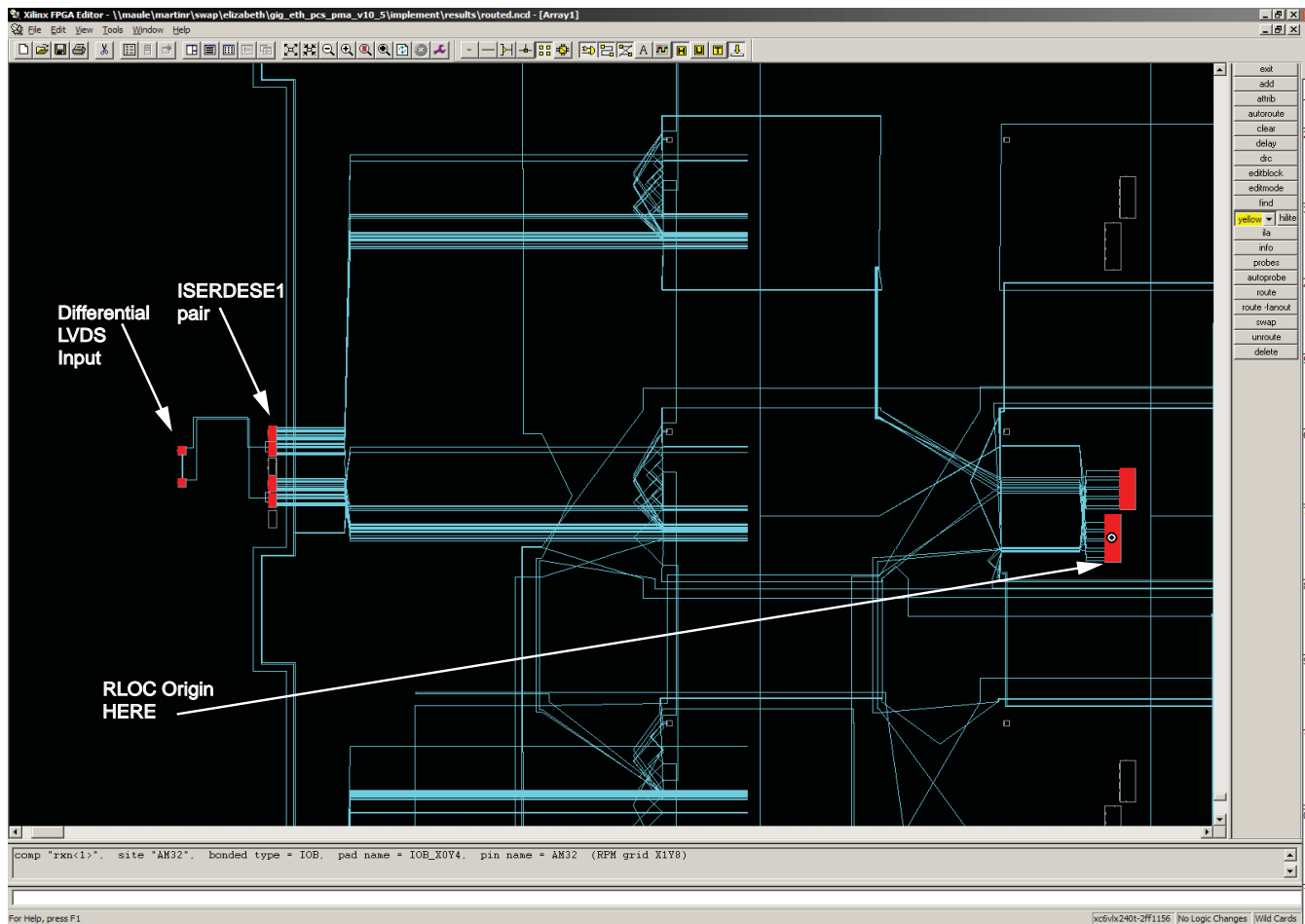


Figure 10-3: RLOC Origin Slice Location Captured from FPGA Editor

## Example Design Implementation

[Chapter 4, CORE Generator Tool Deliverables](#) provides a full list and description of the directory and file structure that is provided with the core, including the location of the HDL example design provided.

[Figure 10-4](#) illustrates the HDL example design that is provided for the SGMII Asynchronous Oversampling over Virtex-6 FPGA LVDS implementation. As illustrated, the example is split between several hierarchical layers.

The top level of the example design creates a specific example that can be simulated, synthesized and implemented.

The I/O Bank hierarchical level is designed so that it can be instantiated directly into customer designs. As the name of the I/O Bank suggests, this logic can be shared across a single Virtex-6 FPGA I/O Bank. This I/O Bank can be used for multiple instances of the core with LVDS I/O to create several independent SGMII ports (four ports are delivered by the example design by default as shown in [Figure 10-4](#)). Additional ports can be added to the I/O Bank simply by editing a single parameter when instantiating the I/O Bank hierarchical level in your design.

The core netlist in this implementation remains identical to that of [Ethernet 1000BASE-X PCS/PMA or SGMII Using A Device Specific Transceiver](#), described in [Chapter 6, Core Architecture](#).

Also illustrated in [Figure 10-4](#), the HDL example design for this implementation provides additional logic to form the "LVDS transceiver" module, which fully replaces the functionality otherwise provided by a Virtex-6 FPGA GTX Transceiver. The LVDS transceiver block contains [IODELAYS](#) and [ISERDES](#) elements along with a Data Recovery Unit (DRU). This uses the Virtex-6 FPGA ISERDES elements in a new asynchronous oversampling mode as described in XAPP 881 *1.25Gbs 4x Asynchronous Oversampling over Virtex-6 FPGA LVDS*. The full transceiver functionality is then completed with Comma Alignment, 8B/10B Decoder and Rx Elastic buffer blocks.

The example design logical blocks and files are discussed in detail in the next sections.

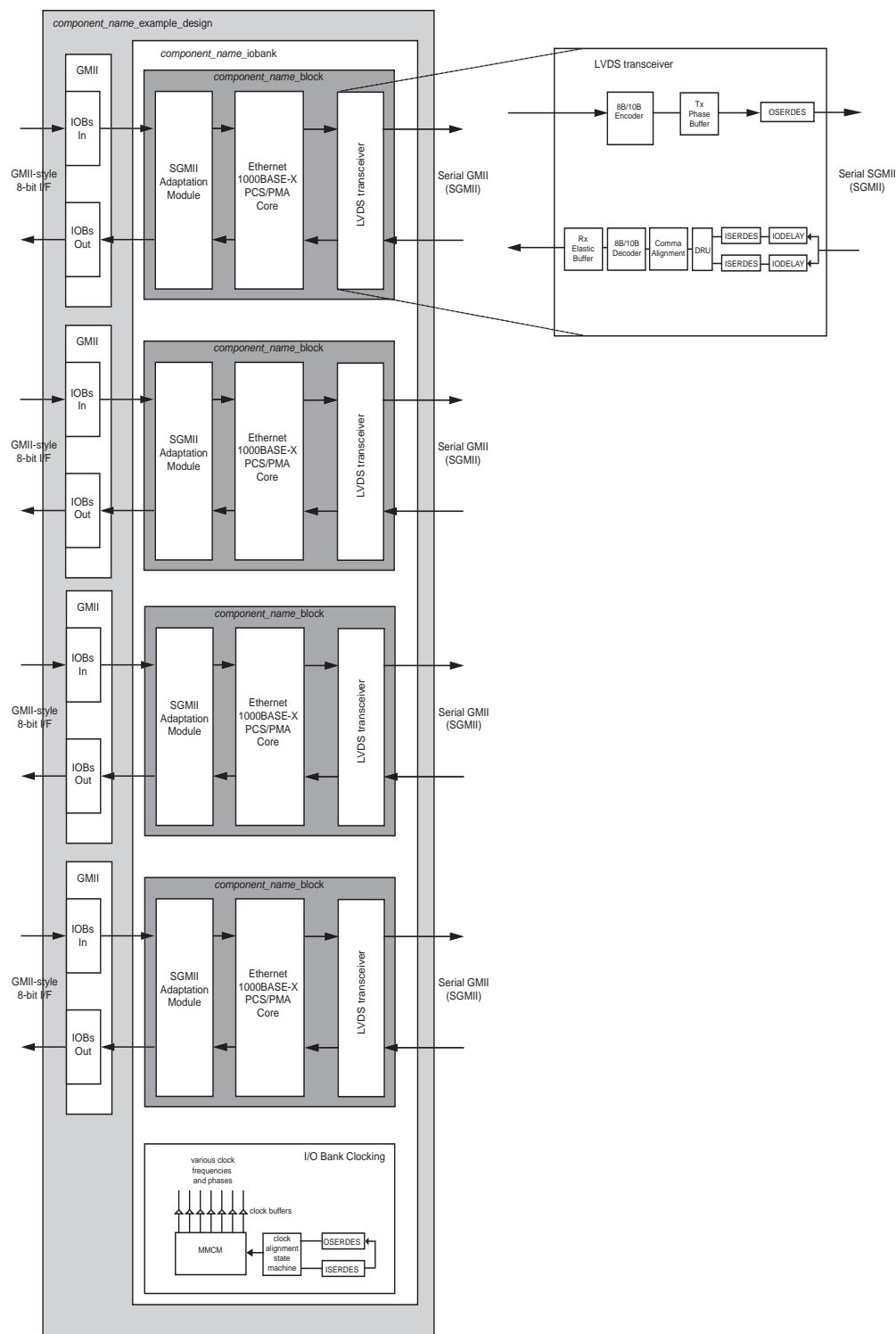


Figure 10-4: Virtex-6 FPGA Asynchronous Oversampling Example Design

## Example Design Top Level

The top-level example design for the core with SGMII using Asynchronous Oversampling over Virtex-6 FPGA LVDS is described in the following files:

### VHDL

```
<project_dir>/<component_name>/example_design/<component_name>_example_design.vhd
```

### Verilog

```
<project_dir>/<component_name>/example_design/<component_name>_example_design.v
```

The example design HDL top level contains the following:

- An instance of the I/O Bank level HDL
- External GMII logic, including IOB and DDR register instances, where required
- The parameter NUM\_ETH\_PORTS; this value is set to 4 by default to create four unique SGMII ports as illustrated in [Figure 10-4](#). To decrease or increase the number of ports, simply change the value of this parameter.

This module adds I/O logic to the GMII of the SGMII ports. This is included only to create a standalone design that can be implemented in an FPGA and simulated in both functional and timing simulation for the purposes of providing a complete SGMII design example.

*Discard this level of hierarchy and instantiate the [I/O Bank Level of the Example Design](#) in your own design.*

## I/O Bank Level of the Example Design

The I/O Bank level for the core with SGMII using Asynchronous Oversampling over Virtex-6 FPGA LVDS is described in the following files:

### VHDL

```
<project_dir>/<component_name>/example_design/  
<component_name>_iobank.vhd
```

### Verilog

```
<project_dir>/<component_name>/example_design/  
<component_name>_iobank.v
```

The I/O Bank level HDL contains the following:

- The parameter NUM\_ETH\_PORTS; this value is set to 4 by default to create four unique SGMII ports (as illustrated in [Figure 10-4](#)). To decrease or increase the number of SGMII ports used in a single I/O Bank, simply change the value of this parameter when instantiating this module.
- Instances of the Block Level to create unique SGMII ports (the number of instances is set by the NUM\_ETH\_PORTS parameter).
- A single instance of the logic.

*This is the most useful part of the example design and should be instantiated in all customer designs that use the core in this mode.*

Up to ten separate SGMII ports can be achieved in most FPGA device I/O Banks. If additional SGMII ports are required (to be placed in additional I/O Banks), then a new instance of the entire I/O Bank Level component is required per I/O Bank in use.

## Block Level of the Example Design

The following files describe the block level for the Ethernet 1000BASE-X PCS/PMA core in SGMII mode:

### VHDL

```
<project_dir>/<component_name>/example_design/  
<component_name>_block.vhd
```

### Verilog

```
<project_dir>/<component_name>/example_design/<component_name>_block.v
```

The block level of the example design connects together all of the components for a single SGMII port. These are:

A core netlist (introduced in [Ethernet 1000BASE-X PCS/PMA or SGMII Using A Device Specific Transceiver](#)).

- The [LVDS Transceiver](#), connected to the PHY side of the core netlist, to perform the SERDES functionality using the Asynchronous Oversampling method.
- The [SGMII Adaptation Module Top Level](#), connected to the MAC (GMII) side of the core netlist, containing:
  - The clock management logic required to enable the SGMII example design to operate at 10 Mb/s, 100 Mb/s, and 1 Gb/s.
  - GMII logic for both transmitter and receiver paths; the GMII style 8-bit interface is run at 125 MHz for 1 Gb/s operation; 12.5 MHz for 100 Mb/s operation; 1.25 MHz for 10 Mb/s operation.

## LVDS Transceiver

The LVDS transceiver block fully replaces the functionality otherwise provided by a Virtex-6 FPGA GTX Transceiver. This is *only* possible at a serial line rate of 1.25 Gb/s. See [Figure 10-4](#) for a block diagram of the LVDS transceiver. This is split up into several sub-blocks which are described in further detail in the following sections.

On the transmitter path, data sourced by the core netlist is routed through the [8B/10B Encoder](#) to translate the 8-bit code groups into 10-bit data. The 10-bit data is then passed through the [Tx Phase Buffer](#), then routed into the parallel interfaces of a Virtex-6 FPGA primitive master slave pair; the parallel 10-bit data is then clocked out serially at a line rate of 1.25 Gb/s.

The receiver path has further complexity. Serial data received at 1.25 Gb/s is routed in parallel to two [IODELAYs](#) and [ISERDES](#) elements as illustrated in [Figure 10-4](#). Each of the two ISERDES elements is used in a new oversampling mode to sample the input data. By controlling the respective routing delays through the IODELAYs prior to the ISERDES, the two ISERDES devices are each able to oversample at different points in time, resulting in a combination of four times oversampling of each bit received.

The oversampled data is then routed through a [Data Realignment Unit \(DRU\)](#) to detect the correct sampling point and to recover parallel data.

The functionality provided by the [IODELAYS](#) and [ISERDES](#) and [Data Realignment Unit \(DRU\)](#) is covered in Xilinx Application Note XAPP881, *1.25Gbps 4x Asynchronous Oversampling over Virtex-6 FPGA LVDS*.

Having recovered parallel data from the serial stream, the [Comma Alignment](#) module, next on the receiver path, detects specific 8b/10b bit patterns (commas) and uses these to realign the 10-bit parallel data to contain unique 8b/10b code groups. These code groups are then routed through the [8B/10B Encoder](#) module to obtain the unencoded 8-bit code groups that the core netlist can accept.

The final piece of the receiver path is to use a [8B/10B Encoder](#).

The datapath thus far, from the DRU through to the [8B/10B Encoder](#), is synchronous to a 312.5 MHz clock source; a clock enable sourced from the DRU indicates valid data. Using the 312.5 MHz clock and associated clock enable, data is written into the elastic buffer. Data is read out of the elastic buffer on a pure 125 MHz clock frequency; this is the clock source used for the transmitter path and for all logic within the core netlist.

The following files describe the top level of the hierarchical levels of the LVDS transceiver:

#### VHDL

```
<project_dir>/<component_name>/example_design/lvds_transceiver/
    lvds_transceiver.vhd
<project_dir>/<component_name>/example_design/lvds_transceiver/tx/
    lvds_transceiver_tx.vhd
<project_dir>/<component_name>/example_design/lvds_transceiver/rx/
    lvds_transceiver_rx.vhd
```

#### Verilog

```
<project_dir>/<component_name>/example_design/lvds_transceiver/
    lvds_transceiver.v
<project_dir>/<component_name>/example_design/lvds_transceiver/tx/
    lvds_transceiver_tx.v
<project_dir>/<component_name>/example_design/lvds_transceiver/rx/
    lvds_transceiver_rx.v
```

### 8B/10B Encoder

The implemented 8B/10B coding scheme is an industry standard, DC-balanced, byte-oriented transmission code ideally suited for high-speed local area networks and serial data links. As such, the coding scheme is used in several networking standards, including ethernet.

The 8B/10B Encoder block is taken from Xilinx Application Note XAPP1122, *Parameterizable 8b/10b Encoder*.

XAPP1122 provides two possible approaches: a choice of a block RAM-based implementation or a LUT-based implementation. The SGMII LVDS example design uses the LUT-based implementation, but XAPP1122 can be used to swap this for the block RAM-based approach if this better suits device logic resources.

The following files describe the 8B/10B Encoder:

## VHDL

```
<project_dir>/<component_name>/example_design/lvds_transceiver/tx/  
    encode_8b10b_pkg.vhd  
    encode_8b10b_lut_base.vhd
```

## Verilog

```
<project_dir>/<component_name>/example_design/lvds_transceiver/tx/  
    encode_8b10b_lut_base.v
```

## Tx Phase Buffer

The parallel data that is clocked into the [OSERDES](#) must use a 125 MHz BUFR regional clock buffer. But the data received from the core netlist uses a 125 MHz global clock buffer (BUFG). The job of the Tx Phase Buffer is therefore to account for the phase relationship between the BUFG and BUFR 125 MHz clocks.

Data is written into the Tx Phase Buffer synchronously to the global clock and read out synchronously to the regional clock. Because these clocks are derived from the same clock source (see [Clocking Logic](#)), there is no frequency drift. So the Tx Phase Buffer is implemented as a simple asynchronous FIFO. The occupancy of the FIFO is kept low to minimize latency and no precautions are taken against underflow/overflow conditions.

The following files describe the Tx Phase FIFO:

## VHDL

```
<project_dir>/<component_name>/example_design/lvds_transceiver/tx/  
    tx_phase_buffer.vhd
```

## Verilog

```
<project_dir>/<component_name>/example_design/lvds_transceiver/tx/  
    tx_phase_buffer.v
```

## OSERDES

The [OSERDES](#) primitive (actually a MASTER-SLAVE pair of primitives) is used in a standard mode; 10-bit input parallel data synchronous to a 125 MHz regional clock buffer source (BUFR) is clocked into the [OSERDES](#). Internally within the [OSERDES](#), the data is serialized and output at a rate of 1.25 Gb/s. The clock source used for the serial data is a 625 MHz clock source using a BUFIO regional clock buffer at double data rate.

- The 625 MHz BUFIO and 125 MHz BUFR clocks for serial and parallel data are both derived from the same MMCM (see [I/O Bank Clocking](#)) so there is no frequency drift.
- The use of the BUFIO clock buffer for the serial data rate provides the [OSERDES](#) primitives with a clock of lower duty cycle distortion than could be obtained by using a global clock source.
- The use of the BUFR regional clock buffer for the parallel clock is a requirement of the [OSERDES](#): when using a BUFIO clock for serial data, a BUFR clock source, derived from the same MMCM source, must be used for the parallel data to satisfy clock phase alignment constraints within the [OSERDES](#) primitives.

## IODELAYs and ISERDES

This logic, along with the DRU, have been taken from the accompanying reference design to Xilinx Application Note XAPP881, *1.25Gbps 4x Asynchronous Oversampling over Virtex-6 LVDS*.

The ISERDES primitives are used in a new oversampling mode to oversample the input data; the ISERDES can perform four times oversampling with respect to the input reference clock. The reference clock used in this implementation is 625 MHz (half the frequency of the serial data rate), resulting in each serial bit received being sampled, nominally, twice by each ISERDES.

By controlling the respective routing delays through the IODELAYs prior to the two ISERDES elements, the two ISERDES devices are each able to sample the input data at different points in time, resulting in a combination of four times oversampling of each data bit received. See [IODELAYs and ISERDES](#).

## Data Realignment Unit (DRU)

This logic, along with the IODELAY and ISERDES logic, have been taken from the accompanying reference design to Xilinx Application Note XAPP881, *1.25Gbps 4x Asynchronous Oversampling over Virtex-6 LVDS*. See [IODELAYs and ISERDES](#).

The four times oversampled data from the ISERDES pair is received synchronously to the 625 MHz ISERDES reference clock. Using a voter scheme that compares the oversampled data and selects the best data sample, the module will output parallel data synchronously to a 312.5 MHz clock source (frequency related to the 625 MHz clock). A clock enable will be driven with the 312 MHz clock to indicate valid data to the downstream modules.

The following files describe the DRU:

### VHDL

```
<project_dir>/<component_name>/example_design/lvds_transceiver/rx/  
dru.vhd
```

### Verilog

```
<project_dir>/<component_name>/example_design/lvds_transceiver/rx/  
dru.v
```

## Comma Alignment

Data received from the DRU is in parallel form, but the bits of the parallel bus have not been aligned into correct 10-bit word boundaries.

By detecting a unique 7-bit serial sequence known as a 'comma' (however the commas can fall across the 10-bit parallel words), the comma alignment logic will control bit shifting of the data so as to provide correct alignment to the data leaving the module. The bit slip input of the DRU is driven by the comma alignment module's state machine, so the actual bit shift logic is performed by the DRU.

In 8b/10b encoding, both +ve and -ve bit sequences exist for each defined code group. The comma alignment logic is able to detect and control realignment on both +ve and -ve comma versions.

The following files describe the Comma Alignment block:

## VHDL

```
<project_dir>/<component_name>/example_design/lvds_transceiver/rx/  
bit_alignment.vhd
```

## Verilog

```
<project_dir>/<component_name>/example_design/lvds_transceiver/rx/  
bit_alignment.v
```

## 8B/10B Decoder

The implemented 8b/10b coding scheme is an industry standard, DC-balanced, byte-oriented transmission code ideally suited for high-speed local area networks and serial data links. As such, the coding scheme is used in several networking standards, including ethernet.

The 8B/10B Decoder block is taken from Xilinx Application Note XAPP1112, *Parameterizable 8b10b Decoder*.

XAPP1112 provides two possible approaches: a choice of a block RAM-based implementation or a LUT-based implementation. The SGMII LVDS example design uses the LUT-based implementation, but XAPP1112 can be used to swap this for the block RAM-based approach if this better suits device logic resources.

The following files describe the 8B/10B Decoder:

## VHDL

```
<project_dir>/<component_name>/example_design/lvds_transceiver/rx/  
decode_8b10b_pkg.vhd  
decode_8b10b_lut_base.vhd
```

## Verilog

```
<project_dir>/<component_name>/example_design/lvds_transceiver/rx/  
decode_8b10b_lut_base.v
```

## Rx Elastic Buffer

The final piece of the receiver path is to use a [Rx Elastic Buffer](#). The datapath thus far, from the DRU through to the [8B/10B Encoder](#), is synchronous to a 312.5 MHz clock source; a clock enable sourced from the DRU indicates valid data. Using the 312.5 MHz clock and associated clock enable, data is written into the elastic buffer. The clock enable will be active, on average, to clock enable the data stream written into the buffer at a rate of 125 MHz.

Data is read out of the elastic buffer on a pure 125 MHz clock frequency; this is the clock source used for the transmitter path and for all logic with the core netlist. This clock is asynchronous to the resultant 125 MHz data rate received by the LVDS receiver; Ethernet clock sources are defined to be accurate to 100 parts per million.

To deal with the asynchronous nature of the data rates on its write and read ports, the Receiver Elastic Buffer attempts to maintain a constant occupancy by inserting or removing Idle sequences as necessary during the Inter Packet Gap between received Ethernet frames. This causes no data corruption to the ethernet frames themselves.

The following files describe the Rx Elastic buffer:

## VHDL

```
<project_dir>/<component_name>/example_design/lvds_transceiver/rx/  
rx_elastic_buffer.vhd
```

## Verilog

```
<project_dir>/<component_name>/example_design/lvds_transceiver/rx/  
rx_elastic_buffer.v
```

## I/O Bank Clocking

[Figure 10-4](#) also illustrates the inclusion of the I/O Bank Clocking module that creates all of the clock frequencies and clock phases that are required by the LVDS transceiver block.

The MMCM and associated logic in this module are based on clocking logic present within Xilinx Application Note XAPP881, *1.25Gbps 4x Asynchronous Oversampling over Virtex-6 LVDS*.

As the name of the block suggests, this logic can be shared across a single Virtex-6 FPGA I/O Bank. This I/O Bank can be used for multiple instances of the core with LVDS I/O to create several independent SGMII ports (as illustrated in [Figure 10-4](#)).

The HDL for this file contains the parameter TX\_AND\_RX\_SHARE\_CLOCK; this value is set to true by default, implying that the Tx and Rx logic of the SGMII ports will share the BUFIO clocks. To minimize jitter in this implementation, the BUFIO clocks used by the logic must only be used across a single Virtex-6 FPGA I/O Bank.

Therefore, setting the parameter TX\_AND\_RX\_SHARE\_CLOCK to true necessitates that the transmitter and receiver ports of the SGMII are LOC-ed into the same Virtex-6 FPGA I/O bank.

Setting the parameter TX\_AND\_RX\_SHARE\_CLOCK to false will duplicate the clock circuitry that is required by the transmitter, allowing the receiver and transmitter ports to be separated and placed into different Virtex-6 FPGA I/O banks.

The main component of the I/O Bank clocking logic required by the LVDS receiver is an MMCM module. This should be provided with a high quality 125 MHz clock reference. The MMCM is configured to provide the frequency related clocks which are described fully in [Clocking Logic, page 180](#).

The remaining logic within this block consists of a logical state machine to dynamically control the variable phase shift which is applied to certain MMCM clock outputs. This is designed to deskew the clock domain crossing of the oversampled data from the ISERDES elements, to the FPGA logic flip-flops of the DRU and is described in the [Clock Alignment State Machine](#) subsection of [Clocking Logic](#).

The following files describe the logic provided in the I/O Bank Clocking block:

## VHDL

```
<project_dir>/<component_name>/example_design/iobank_clocking/  
iobank_clocking.vhd  
bus_align_machine.vhd
```

### Verilog

```
<project_dir>/<component_name>/example_design/iobank_clocking/  
iobank_clocking.v  
bus_align_machine.v
```

## SGMII Adaptation Module

The SGMII Adaptation Module is described in the following files:

### VHDL

```
<project_dir>/<component_name>/example_design/sgmii_adapt/  
sgmii_adapt.vhd  
clk_gen.vhd  
johnson_cntr.vhd  
tx_rate_adapt.vhd  
rx_rate_adapt.vhd
```

### Verilog

```
<project_dir>/<component_name>/example_design/sgmii_adapt/  
sgmii_adapt.v  
clk_gen.v  
johnson_cntr.v  
tx_rate_adapt.v  
rx_rate_adapt.v
```

The GMII of the core always operates at 125 MHz. The core makes no differentiation between the three speeds of operation; it always effectively operates at 1 Gb/s. However, at 100 Mb/s, every data byte run through the core should be repeated 10 times to achieve the required bit rate; at 10 Mb/s, each data byte run through the core should be repeated 100 times to achieve the required bit rate. Dealing with this repetition of bytes is the function of the SGMII adaptation module and its component blocks.

The SGMII adaptation module and component blocks are described in detail in the [Additional Client-Side SGMII Logic Provided in the Example Design](#).

## Demonstration Test Bench

Figure 10-5 illustrates the demonstration test bench for the Ethernet 1000BASE-X PCS/PMA or SGMII core in SGMII mode with the Asynchronous Oversampling over Virtex-6 FPGA LVDS. The demonstration test bench is a simple VHDL or Verilog program to exercise the example design and the core itself.

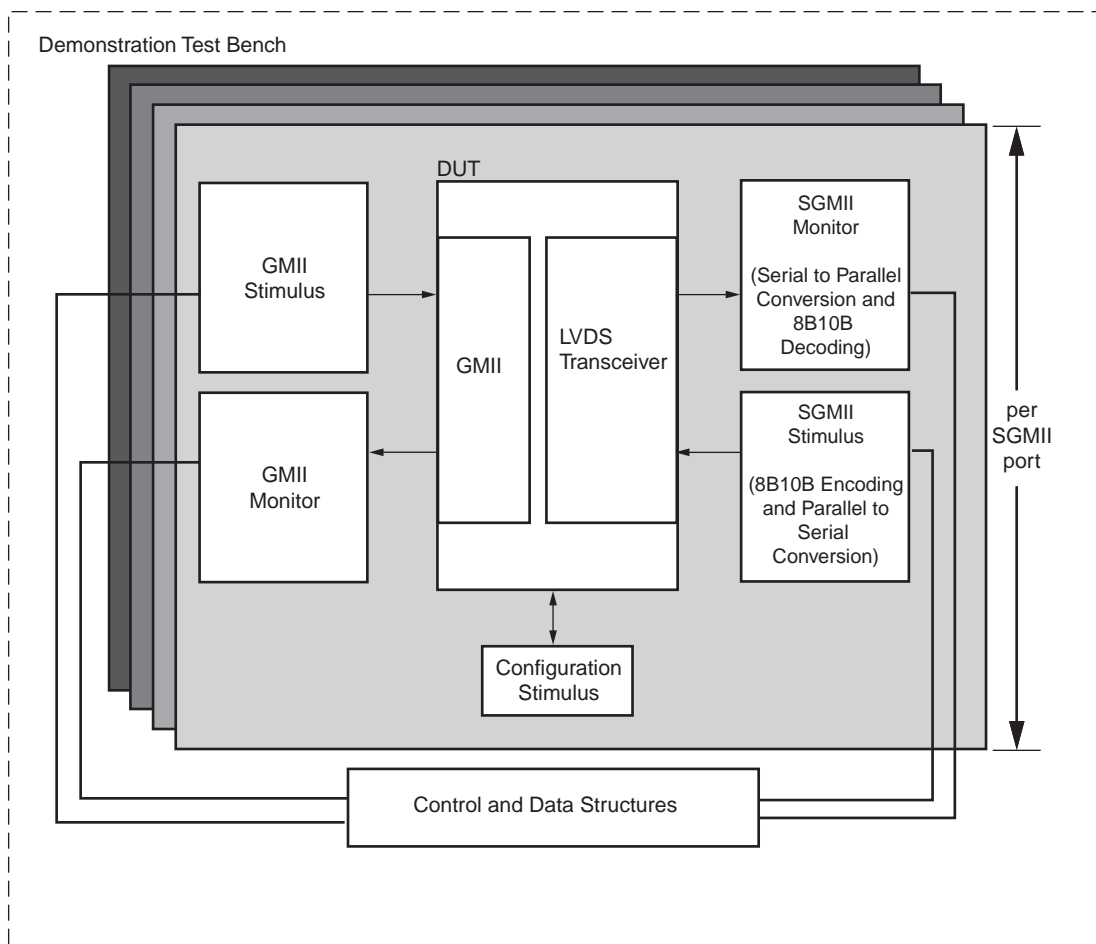


Figure 10-5: **Demonstration Test Bench for the Ethernet 1000BASE-X PCS/PMA or SGMII Core in SGMII Using Asynchronous Oversampling with Virtex-6 FPGA LVDS**

The top-level test bench entity instantiates the example design for the core, which is the Device Under Test (DUT). A stimulus block (per SGMII port) is also instantiated and clocks, resets and test bench semaphores are created. The following files describe the top-level of the demonstration test bench.

### VHDL

```
<project_dir>/<component_name>/simulation/demo_tb.vhd
```

### Verilog

```
<project_dir>/<component_name>/simulation/demo_tb.v
```

The stimulus block entity, instantiated from within the top-level test bench, creates the Ethernet stimulus in the form of four Ethernet frames, which are injected into GMII and SGMII serial interfaces of the DUT. The output from the DUT is also monitored for errors. The following files describe the stimulus block of the demonstration test bench.

#### VHDL

```
<project_dir>/<component_name>/simulation/stimulus_tb.vhd
```

#### Verilog

```
<project_dir>/<component_name>/simulation/stimulus_tb.v
```

Together, the top-level test bench file and the stimulus block combine to provide the full test bench functionality which is described in the sections that follow.

### *Test Bench Functionality*

The demonstration test bench performs the following tasks:

- Input clock signals are generated.
- A reset is applied to the example design.
- Then, for each SGMII port instantiated in the example design:
  - The core is configured through its MDIO interface by injecting an MDIO frame into the example design. This disables Auto-Negotiation and takes the core out of Isolate state.
  - The following frames are injected into the GMII transmitter by the GMII stimulus block at 1 Gb/s.
    - the first is a minimum length frame
    - the second is a type frame
    - the third is an errored frame
    - the fourth is a padded frame
  - The data received at the SGMII serial LVDS transceiver interface is 8B/10B decoded. The resulting frames are checked by the SGMII Monitor against the stimulus frames injected into the GMII transmitter to ensure data integrity.
  - The same four frames are generated by the SGMII Stimulus block. These are 8B/10B encoded and injected into the SGMII serial LVDS transceiver interface.
  - Data frames received at the GMII receiver are checked by the GMII Monitor against the stimulus frames injected into the LVDS transceiver to ensure data integrity.

## Customizing the Test Bench

**Note:** The changes described in the following subsections are applied simultaneously to all SGMII ports instantiated in the example design.

### Changing Frame Data

You can change the contents of the four frames used by the demonstration test bench by changing the *data* and *valid* fields for each frame defined in the stimulus block. New frames can be added by defining a new frame of data. Modified frames are automatically updated in both stimulus and monitor functions.

### Changing Frame Error Status

Errors can be inserted into any of the predefined frames in any position by setting the *error* field to '1' in any column of that frame. Injected errors are automatically updated in both stimulus and monitor functions.

### Changing the Core Configuration

The configuration of the Ethernet 1000BASE-X PCS/PMA core used in the demonstration test bench can be altered.

**Caution!** Certain configurations of the core cause the test bench to fail or cause processes to run indefinitely. For example, the demonstration test bench does not auto-negotiate with the design example. Determine the configurations that can safely be used with the test bench.

The core can be reconfigured by editing the injected MDIO frame in the demonstration test bench top level. See [Chapter 12, Configuration and Status](#) for information about using the MDIO interface.

### Changing the Operational Speed

SGMII can be used to carry Ethernet traffic at 10 Mb/s, 100 Mb/s or 1 Gb/s. By default, the demonstration test bench is configured to operate at 1 Gb/s. The speed of both the example design and test bench can be set to the desired operational speed by editing the following settings, recompiling the test bench, then running the simulation again.

#### 1 Gb/s Operation

```
set speed_is_10_100 to logic 0
```

#### 100 Mb/s Operation

```
set speed_is_10_100 to logic 1
set speed_is_100 to logic 1
```

#### 10 Mb/s Operation

```
set speed_is_10_100 to logic 1
set speed_is_100 to logic 0
```

# Using the Client-Side GMII Datapath

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This chapter provides general guidelines for using the client-side GMII of the Ethernet 1000BASE-X PCS/PMA or SGMII core. In most applications, the client-side GMII is expected to be used as an internal interface, connecting to either:

- Proprietary customer logic

This chapter describes the GMII-styled interface that is present on the netlist of the core. This interface operates identically for both 1000BASE-X and SGMII standards.

The chapter then also focuses on additional optional logic (which is provided by the example design delivered with the core when SGMII mode is selected). This logic enhances the internal GMII-styled interface to support 10 Mb/s and 100 Mb/s Ethernet speeds in addition to the nominal 1Gb/s speed of SGMII.

- The Xilinx® LogiCORE™ IP Tri-Mode Ethernet MAC

The 1000BASE-X PCS/PMA or SGMII core can be integrated in a single device with the Tri-Mode Ethernet MAC core to extend the system functionality to include the MAC sublayer. See [Chapter 16, Interfacing to Other Cores](#).

In rare applications, the Client-Side GMII datapath can be used as a true GMII, to connect externally off-chip across a PCB. This external GMII functionality is included in the HDL example design delivered with the core by the CORE Generator™ tool for 1000BASE-X designs to act as an illustration. The extra logic required to create a true external GMII is detailed in [Appendix F, Implementing External GMII](#).

## Using the Core Netlist Client-side GMII for the 1000BASE-X Standard

It is not within the scope of this document to define the Gigabit Media Independent Interface (GMII)—see clause 35 of the IEEE 802.3-2008 specification for information about the GMII. Timing diagrams and descriptions are provided only as an informational guide.

### GMII Transmission

This section includes figures that illustrate GMII transmission. In these figures the clock is not labeled. The source of this clock signal varies, depending on the options selected when the core is generated. For more information on clocking, see Chapters 6, 7 and 8.

## Normal Frame Transmission

Normal outbound frame transfer timing is illustrated in [Figure 11-1](#). This figure shows that an Ethernet frame is preceded by an 8-byte preamble field (inclusive of the Start of Frame Delimiter (SFD)), and completed with a 4-byte Frame Check Sequence (FCS) field. This frame is created by the MAC connected to the other end of the GMII. The PCS logic itself does not recognize the different fields within a frame and treats any value placed on `gmii_txd[7:0]` within the `gmii_tx_en` assertion window as data.

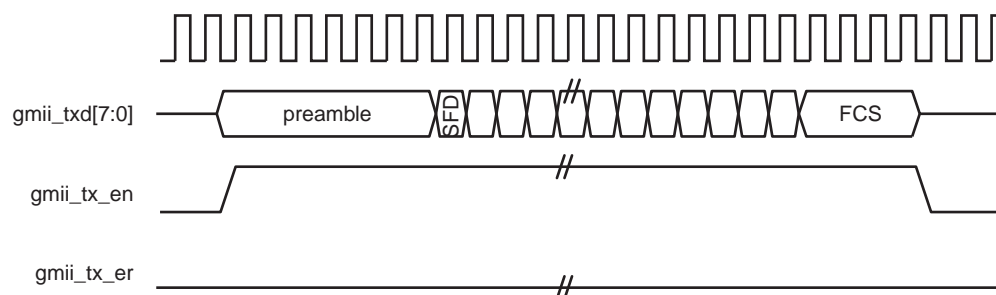


Figure 11-1: GMII Normal Frame Transmission

## Error Propagation

A corrupted frame transfer is illustrated in [Figure 11-2](#). An error can be injected into the frame by asserting `gmii_tx_er` at any point during the `gmii_tx_en` assertion window. The core ensures that all errors are propagated through both transmit and receive paths so that the error is eventually detected by the link partner.

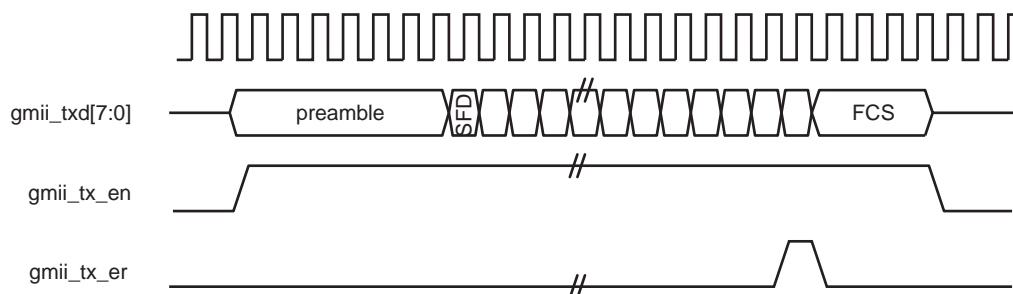


Figure 11-2: GMII Error Propagation Within a Frame

## GMII Reception

This section includes figures that illustrate GMII reception. In these figures the clock is not labelled. The source of this clock signal vary, depending on the options used when the core is generated. For more information on clocking, see Chapters 6, 7 and 8.

### Normal Frame Reception

The timing of normal inbound frame transfer is illustrated in [Figure 11-3](#). This shows that Ethernet frame reception is preceded by a preamble field. The *IEEE 802.3-2008* specification (see clause 35) allows for up to all of the seven preamble bytes that precede the Start of Frame Delimiter (SFD) to be lost in the network. The SFD is always present in well-formed frames.

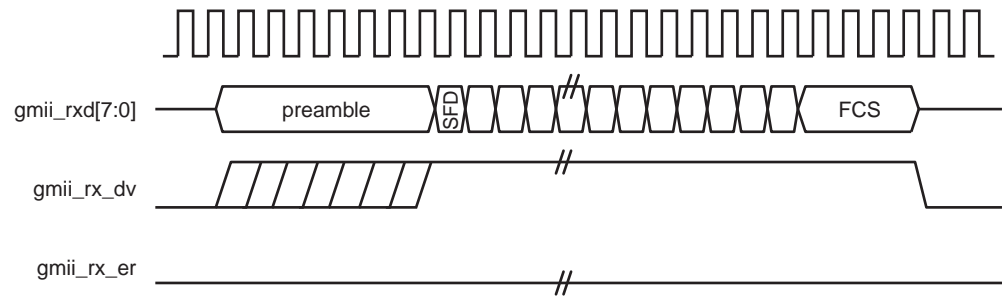


Figure 11-3: GMII Normal Frame Reception

### Normal Frame Reception with Extension Field

In accordance with the IEEE 802.3-2008, clause 36, state machines for the 1000BASE-X PCS, `gmii_rx_er` can be driven high following reception of the end frame in conjunction with `gmii_rxd[7:0]` containing the hexadecimal value of 0x0F to signal carrier extension. This is illustrated in Figure 11-4. See [Appendix D, 1000BASE-X State Machines](#) for more information.

This is not an error condition and can occur even for full-duplex frames.

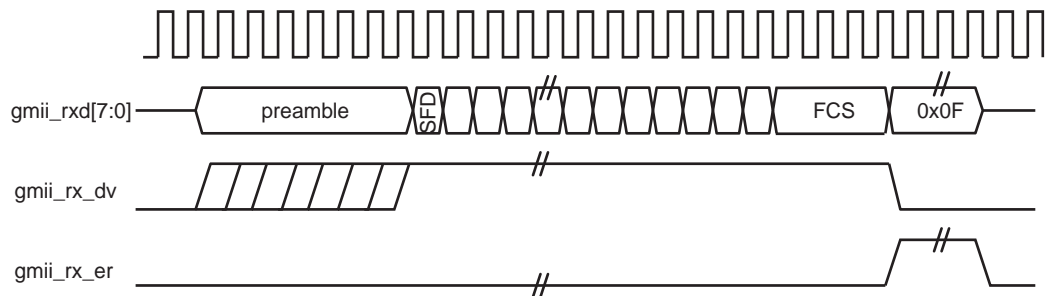


Figure 11-4: GMII Normal Frame Reception with Carrier Extension

## Frame Reception with Errors

The signal `gmii_rx_er` when asserted within the assertion window signals that a frame was received with a detected error (Figure 11-5). In addition, a late error can also be detected during the Carrier Extension interval. This is indicated by `gmii_rxd[7:0]` containing the hexadecimal value 0x1F, also illustrated in Figure 11-5.

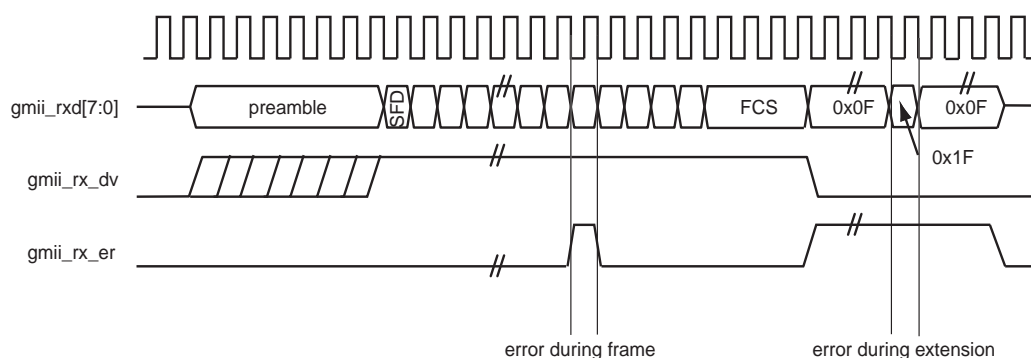


Figure 11-5: GMII Frame Reception with Errors

## False Carrier

Figure 11-6 illustrates the GMII signaling for a False Carrier condition. False Carrier is asserted by the core in response to certain error conditions, such as a frame with a corrupted start code, or for random noise.

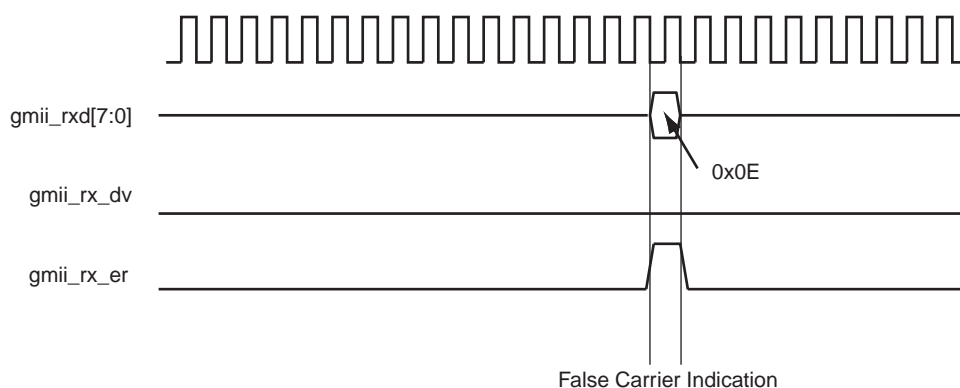


Figure 11-6: False Carrier Indication

## status\_vector[15:0] signals

### Bit[0]: Link Status

This signal indicates the status of the link. This information is duplicated in the optional PCS Management registers, if present (bit 1.2). However, this always serves a useful function as a Link Status LED.

When high, the link is valid; synchronization of the link has been obtained **and** Auto-Negotiation (if present and enabled) has completed.

When low, a valid link has not been established. Either link synchronization has failed or Auto-Negotiation (if present and enabled) has failed to complete.

## Bit[1]: Link Synchronization

This signal indicates the state of the synchronization state machine (IEEE 802.3-2008 figure 36-9). This signal is similar to Bit[0] (Link Status), but is *not* qualified with Auto-Negotiation.

When high, link synchronization has been obtained. When low, synchronization has failed.

## Bit[7]: PHY Link Status (SGMII mode only)

When operating in SGMII mode, this bit represents the link status of the external PHY device attached to the other end of the SGMII link. **However, this bit is only valid after successful completion of Auto-Negotiation across the SGMII link.** If SGMII Auto-Negotiation is disabled, then the status of this bit should be ignored.

- When high, the PHY has obtained a link with its link partner;
- When low, the PHY has not linked with its link partner.

When operating in 1000BASE-X mode this bit remains low and should be ignored.

## Bits[6:2]: Code Group Reception Indicators

These signals indicate the reception of particular types of groups, as defined in the following subsections. [Figure 11-7](#) illustrates the timing of these signals, showing that they are aligned with the code groups themselves, as they appear on the output `gmii_rxd[7:0]` port.

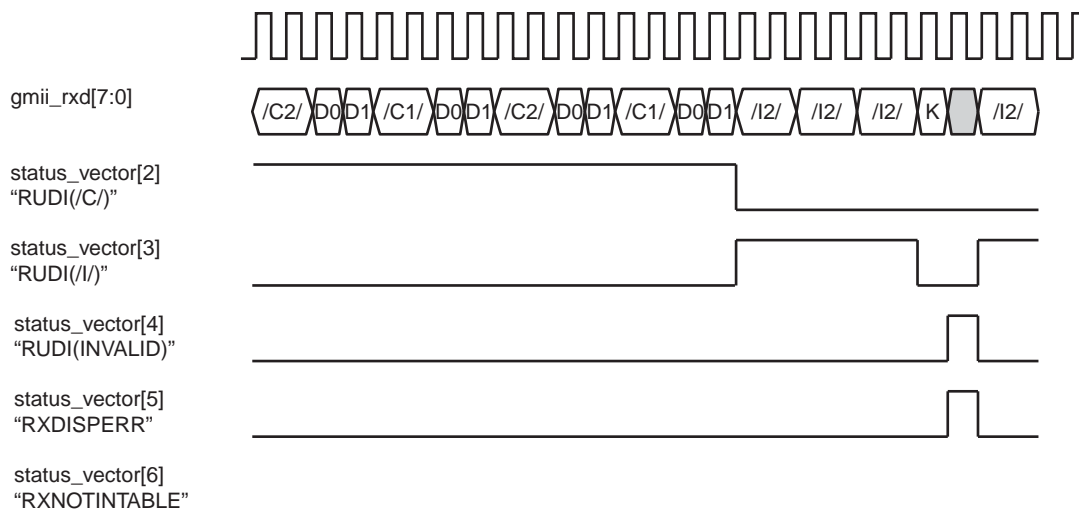


Figure 11-7: status\_vector[4:2] timing

### Bit[2]: RUDI(/C/)

The core is receiving /C/ ordered sets (Auto-Negotiation configuration sequences) as defined in IEEE 802.3-2008 clause 36.2.4.10.

### Bit[3]: RUDI(/I/)

The core is receiving /I/ ordered sets (Idles) as defined in IEEE 802.3-2008 clause 36.2.4.12.

**Bit[4]: RUDI(INVALID)**

The core has received invalid data whilst receiving /C/ or /I/ ordered set as defined in IEEE 802.3-2008 clause 36.2.5.1.6. This can be caused, for example, by bit errors occurring in any clock cycle of the /C/ or /I/ ordered set. [Figure 11-7](#) illustrates an error occurring in the second clock cycle of an /I/ idle sequence.

**Bit[5]: RXDISPERR**

The core has received a running disparity error during the 8B/10B decoding function. [Figure 11-7](#) illustrates a running disparity error occurring in the second clock cycle of an /I/ idle sequence.

**Bit[6]: RXNOTINTABLE**

The core has received a code group that is not recognized from the 8B/10B coding tables. If this error is detected, the timing of the RXNOTINTABLE signal would be identical to that of the RXDISPERR signal illustrated in [Figure 11-7](#).

**Bits[9:8]: Remote Fault Encoding**

This signal indicates the remote fault encoding (IEEE 802.3-2008 table 37-3). This signal is validated by bit 13 of status\_vector and is only valid when Auto-Negotiation is enabled.

This signal has no significance when the core is in SGMII mode with PHY side implementation and indicates "00". In all the remaining modes indicates the remote fault encoding.

**Bits [11:10]: SPEED**

This signal indicates the speed negotiated and is only valid when Auto-Negotiation is enabled. The signal encoding is as shown:

Bit[11] Bit[10]

1	1	Reserved
1	0	1000 Mb/s
0	1	100 Mb/s
0	0	10 Mb/s

**Bit[12]: Duplex Mode**

This bit indicates the Duplex mode negotiated with the link partner

1 = Full Duplex

0 = Half Duplex

**Bit[13] Remote Fault**

When this bit is logic one, it indicates that a remote fault is detected and the type of remote fault is indicated by status\_vector bits[9:8].

**Note:** This bit is only deasserted when an MDIO read is made to status register (register1 [Table 12-4](#)). This signal has no significance in SGMII PHY mode.

## Bits[15;14]: Pause

These bits reflect the bits [8:7] of Register 5 (Link Partner Base AN Register)

Bit[15] Bit[14]

0	0	No Pause
0	1	Symmetric Pause
1	0	Asymmetric Pause towards Link partner
1	1	Both Symmetric Pause and Asymmetric Pause towards link partner

## Using the Core Netlist Client-Side GMII for the SGMII Standard

### Overview

When the core is generated for the SGMII standard, changes are made to the core that affect the PCS Management registers and the Auto-Negotiation function (see [Component Name, page 20](#)). However, the datapath through both transmitter and receiver sections of the core remains unchanged.

### GMII Transmission

#### 1 Gigabit per Second Frame Transmission

The timing of normal outbound frame transfer is illustrated in [Figure 11-8](#). At 1 Gb/s speed, the operation of the transmitter GMII signals remains identical to that described in [Using the Core Netlist Client-side GMII for the 1000BASE-X Standard](#).

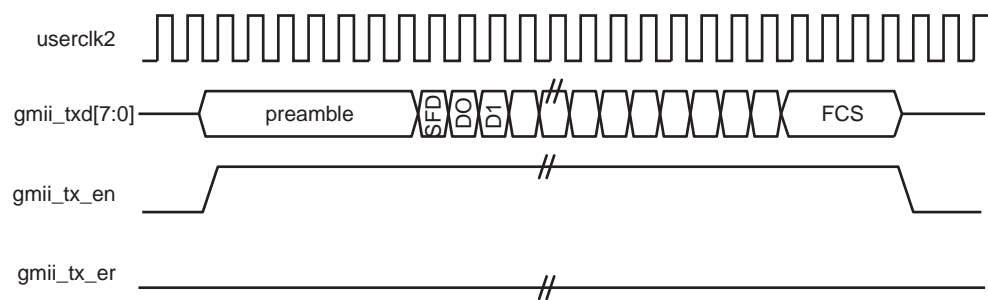


Figure 11-8: GMII Frame Transmission at 1 Gb/s

## 100 Megabit per Second Frame Transmission

The operation of the core remains unchanged. It is the responsibility of the client logic (for example, an Ethernet MAC) to enter data at the correct rate. When operating at a speed of 100 Mb/s, every byte of the MAC frame (from preamble field to the Frame Check Sequence field, inclusive) should each be repeated for 10 clock periods to achieve the desired bit rate, as illustrated in Figure 11-9. It is also the responsibility of the client logic to ensure that the interframe gap period is legal for the current speed of operation.

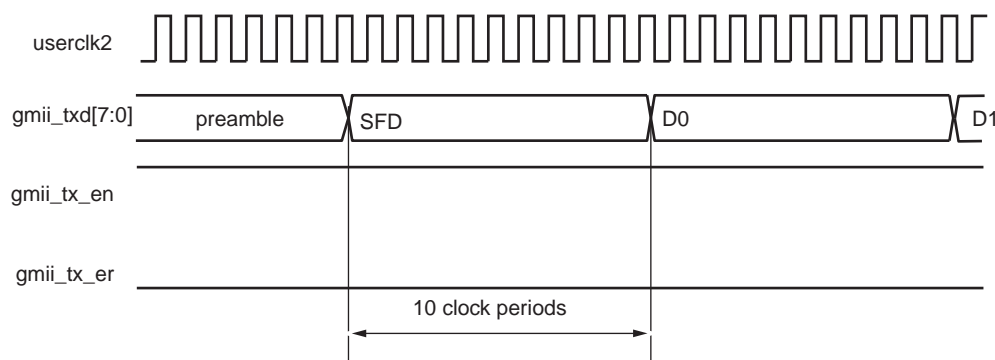


Figure 11-9: GMII Data Transmission at 100 Mb/s

## 10 Megabit per Second Frame Transmission

The operation of the core remains unchanged. It is the responsibility of the client logic (for example, an Ethernet MAC), to enter data at the correct rate. When operating at a speed of 10 Mb/s, every byte of the MAC frame (from destination address to the frame check sequence field, inclusive) should each be repeated for 100 clock periods to achieve the desired bit rate. It is also the responsibility of the client logic to ensure that the interframe gap period is legal for the current speed of operation.

## GMII Reception

### 1 Gigabit per Second Frame Reception

The timing of normal inbound frame transfer is illustrated in Figure 11-10. At 1 Gb/s speed, the operation of the receiver GMII signals remains identical to that described in [Using the Core Netlist Client-side GMII for the 1000BASE-X Standard](#).

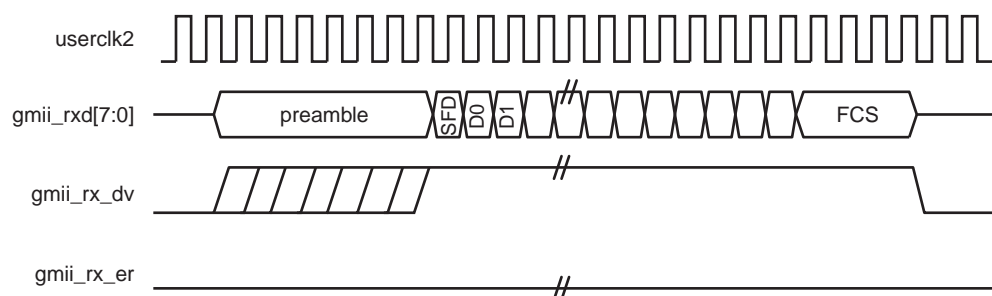


Figure 11-10: GMII Frame Reception at 1 Gb/s

## 100 Megabit per Second Frame Reception

The operation of the core remains unchanged. When operating at a speed of 100 Mb/s, every byte of the MAC frame (from destination address to the frame check sequence field, inclusive) is repeated for 10 clock periods to achieve the desired bit rate. See [Figure 11-11](#). It is the responsibility of the client logic, for example an Ethernet MAC, to sample this data correctly.

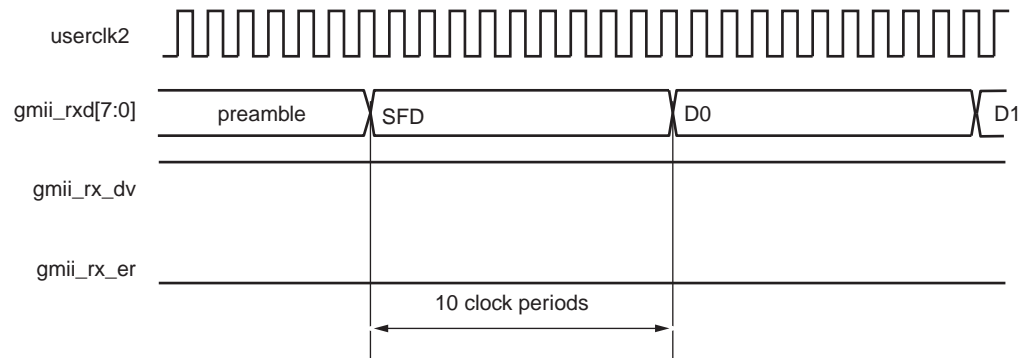


Figure 11-11: GMII Data Reception at 100 Mb/s

## 10 Megabit per Second Frame Reception

The operation of the core remains unchanged. When operating at a speed of 10 Mb/s, every byte of the MAC frame (from destination address to the frame check sequence field, inclusive) is repeated for 100 clock periods to achieve the desired bit rate. It is the responsibility of the client logic (for example, an Ethernet MAC) to sample this data correctly.

## Additional Client-Side SGMII Logic Provided in the Example Design

When the core is generated in SGMII or Dynamic Switching mode, the block level of the core contains the SGMII Adaptation Module (this is illustrated in [Figure 11-12](#) for a core using a device specific transceiver as the physical interface). This SGMII adaptation module is described in the remainder of this section.

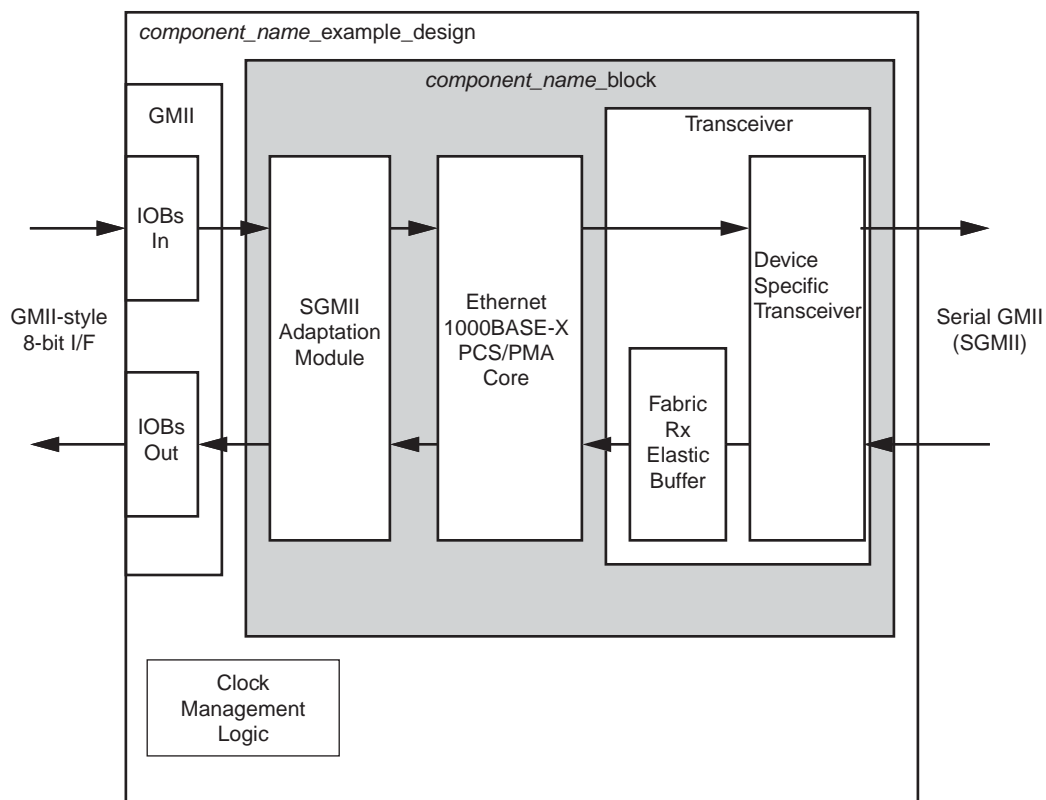


Figure 11-12: Block Level Diagram of an SGMII Example Design

Because the GMII of the core always operates at 125 MHz, the core makes no differentiation between the three SGMII speeds of operation, it always effectively operates at 1 Gb/s. However, as described previously in [Using the Core Netlist Client-side GMII for the 1000BASE-X Standard](#), at 100 Mb/s, every data byte run through the core is repeated ten times to achieve the required bit rate; at 10 Mb/s, each data byte run through the core is repeated 100 times to achieve the required bit rate. Dealing with this repetition of bytes is the function of the SGMII adaptation module.

The provided SGMII adaptation module ([Figure 11-13](#)) creates a GMII-style interface that drives/samples the GMII data and control signals at the following frequencies:

- 125 MHz when operating at a speed of 1 Gb/s (with no repetition of data bytes)
- 12.5 MHz at a speed of 100 Mb/s (each data byte is repeated and run through the core 10 times)
- 1.25 MHz at a speed of 10 Mb/s (each data byte is repeated and run through the core 100 times)

The result of the SGMII adaptation module is therefore to create a proprietary interface that is based on GMII (true GMII only operates at a clock frequency of 125 MHz for an ethernet line rate of 1.25 Gb/s). This interface then allows a straightforward internal connection to an Ethernet MAC core when operating in MAC mode or the GMII can be brought out on pads to connect to an external PHY when the core operates in PHY mode. For example, the SGMII adaptation module can be used to interface the Ethernet 1000BASE-X PCS/PMA or SGMII core, operating in SGMII configuration with MAC mode of operation, to the Xilinx Tri-Mode Ethernet MAC core directly (see [Chapter 16, Interfacing to Other Cores](#)). The GMII interface of the SGMII adaptation module can be brought out to the pads and connected to external PHY module that converts GMII to Physical Medium Dependent (PMD) signal when the Ethernet 1000BASEX PCS/PMA or SGMII core, operating in SGMII configuration and PHY mode of operation.

## SGMII Adaptation Module Top Level

The SGMII adaptation module is described in several hierarchical submodules as illustrated in [Figure 11-13](#). These submodules are each described in separate HDL files and are described in the following sections.

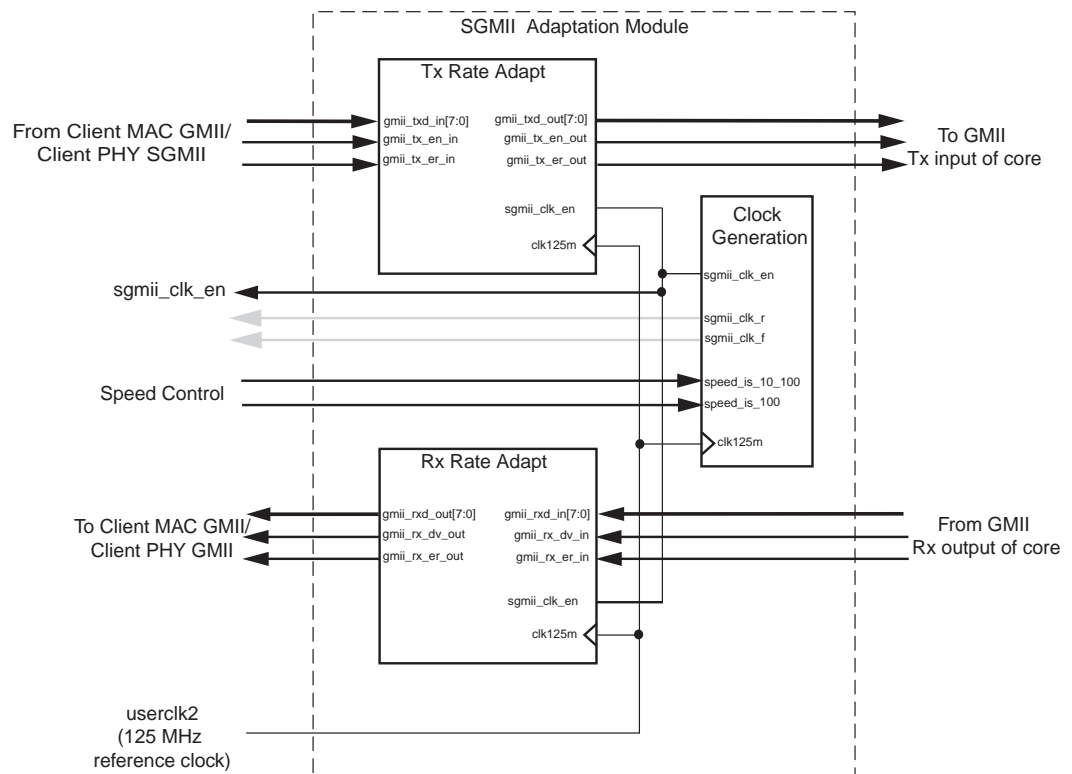


Figure 11-13: SGMII Adaptation Module

## Transmitter Rate Adaptation Module

This module accepts transmitter data from the GMII-style interface from the attached client MAC/External PHY, and samples the input data on the 125 MHz reference clock, `clk125m`. This sampled data can then be connected directly to the input GMII of the Ethernet 1000BASE-X PCS/PMA, or SGMII netlist. The 1 Gb/s and 100 Mb/s cases are illustrated in Figure 11-14.

At all speeds, the client MAC/External PHY logic should drive the GMII transmitter data synchronously to the rising edge of the 125 MHz reference clock while using `sgmii_clk_en` (derived from the Clock Generation module) as a clock enable. The frequency of this clock enable signal ensures the correct data rate and correct data sampling between the two devices.

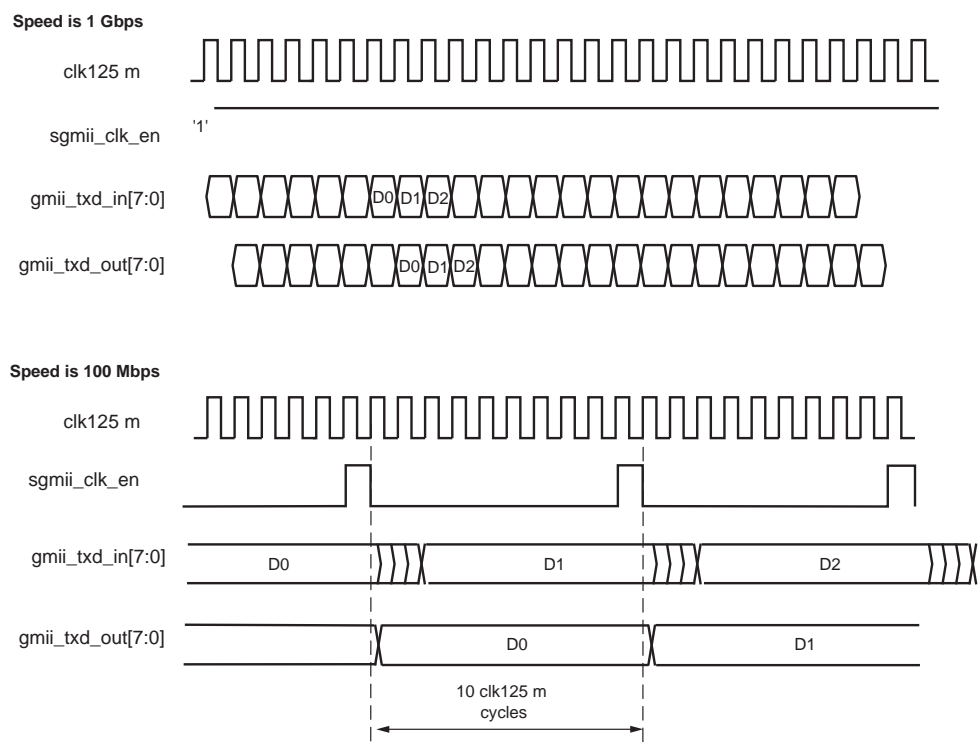


Figure 11-14: Transmitter Rate Adaptation Module Data Sampling

## Receiver Rate Adaptation Module

This module accepts received data from the Ethernet 1000BASE-X PCS or SGMII core. This data is sampled and sent out of the GMII receiver interface for the attached client MAC/External PHY. The 1 Gb/s and 100 Mb/s cases are illustrated in Figure 11-15.

At 1 Gb/s, the data is valid on every clock cycle of the 125 MHz reference clock ( $\text{clk125m}$ ). Data received from the core is clocked straight through the Receiver Rate Adaptation module.

At 100 Mb/s, the data is repeated for a 10 clock period duration of  $\text{clk125m}$ ; at 10 Mb/s, the data is repeated for a 100 clock period duration of  $\text{clk125m}$ . The Receiver Rate Adaptation Module samples this data using the  $\text{sgmii\_clk\_en}$  clock enable.

The Receiver Rate Adaptation module also performs a second function that accounts for the latency inferred in Figure 11-15. The 8-bit Start of Frame Delimiter (SFD) code is detected, and if required, it is realigned across the 8-bit datapath of  $\text{gmii\_rx\_out}[7:0]$  before being presented to the attached client MAC. It is possible that this SFD could have been skewed across two separate bytes by MACs operating on a 4-bit datapath.

At all speeds, the client MAC/External PHY logic should sample the GMII receiver data synchronously to the rising edge of the 125 MHz reference clock while using  $\text{sgmii\_clk\_en}$  (derived from the Clock Generation module) as a clock enable. The frequency of the  $\text{sgmii\_clk\_en}$  clock enable signal ensures the correct data rate and correct data sampling between the two devices.

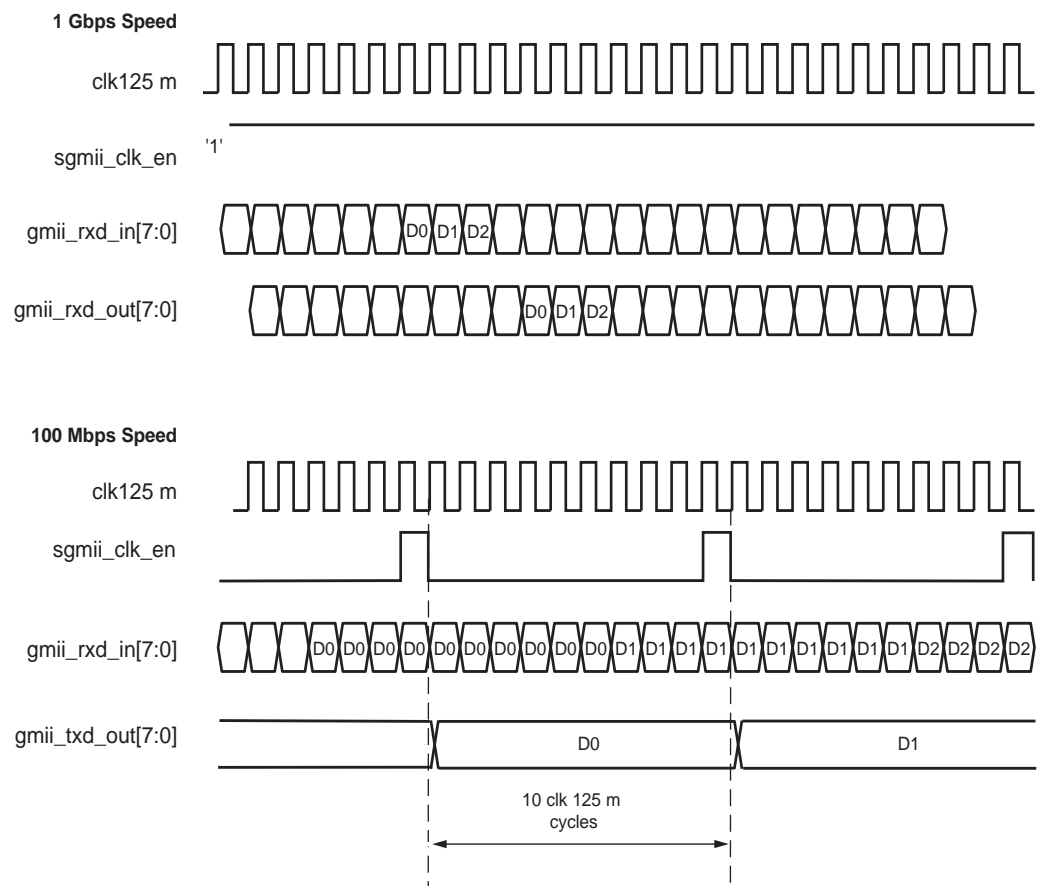


Figure 11-15: Receiver Rate Adaptation Module Data Sampling

## Clock Generation

This module creates the `sgmii_clk_en` clock enable signal for use throughout the SGMII adaptation module. Clock enabled frequencies are:

- 125 MHz at an operating speed of 1 Gb/s
- 12.5 MHz at an operating speed of 100 Mb/s
- 1.25 MHz at an operating speed of 10 Mb/s

Figure 11-16 illustrates the output clock enable signal for the Clock Generation module at 1 Gb/s and 100 Mb/s speeds.

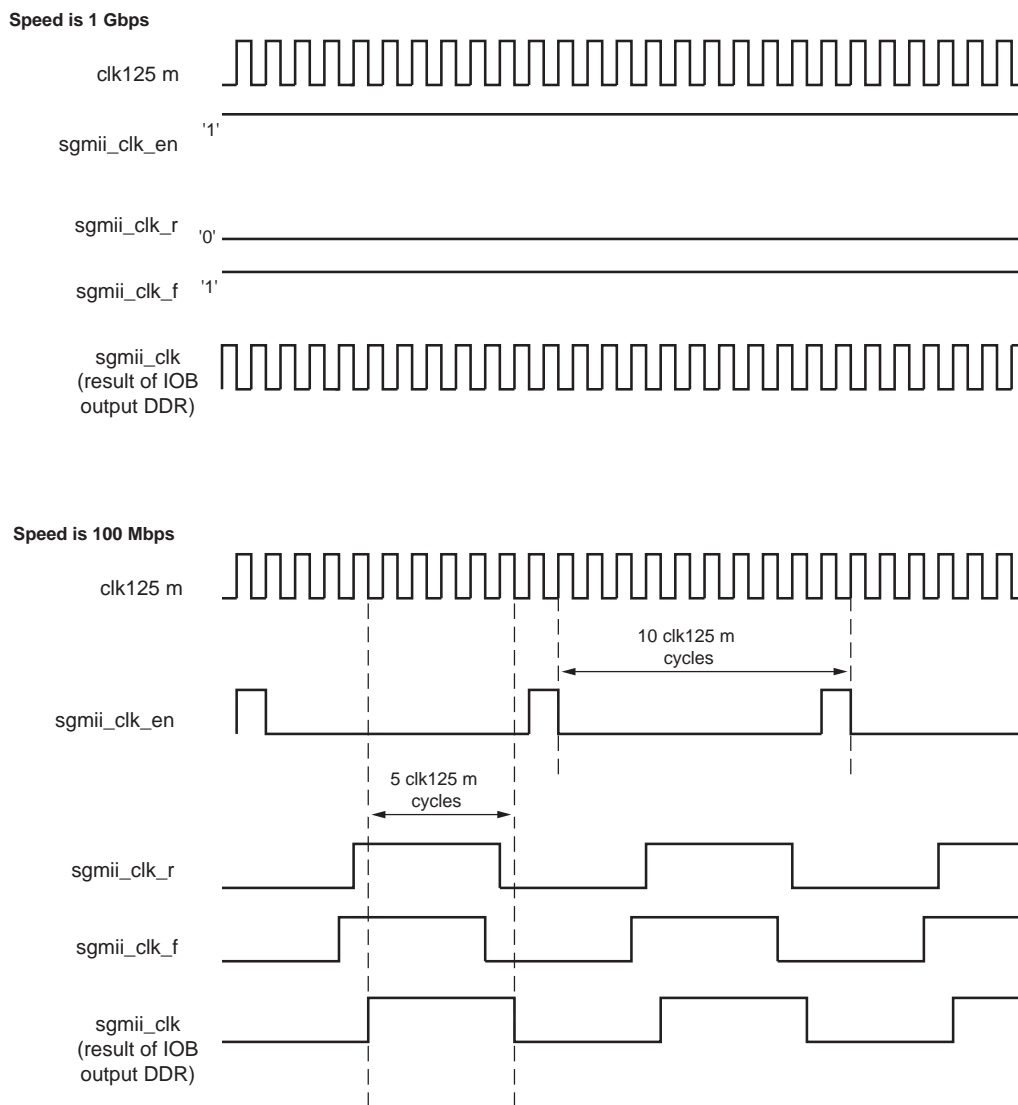


Figure 11-16: Clock Generator Output Clocks and Clock Enable

Figure 11-16 also illustrates the formation of the `sgmii_clk_r` and `sgmii_clk_f` signals. These are used only in the example design delivered with the core, where they are routed to a device IOB DDR output register. This provides SGMII clock forwarding at the correct frequency; these signal can be ignored when connecting the core and SGMII Adaptation module to internal logic.

# Configuration and Status

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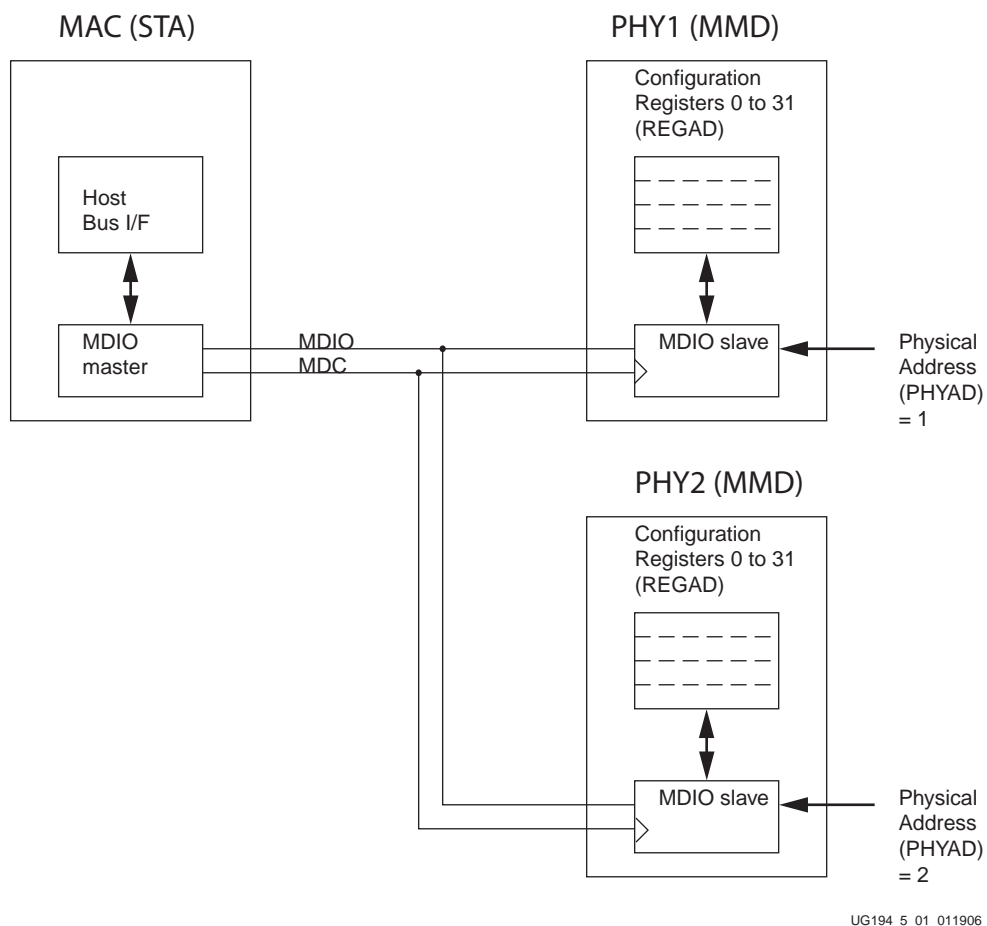
This chapter provides general guidelines for configuring and monitoring the Ethernet 1000BASE-X PCS/PMA or SGMII core, including a detailed description of the core management registers. It also describes Configuration Vector and status signals, an alternative to using the optional MDIO Management interface.

## MDIO Management Interface

When the optional MDIO Management interface is selected, configuration and status of the core is achieved by the Management registers accessed through the serial Management Data Input/Output Interface (MDIO).

### MDIO Bus System

The MDIO interface for 1 Gb/s operation (and slower speeds) is defined in IEEE 802.3-2008, clause 22. [Figure 12-1](#) illustrates an example MDIO bus system. This two-wire interface consists of a clock (MDC) and a shared serial data line (MDIO). The maximum permitted frequency of Management Data Clock (MDC) is set at 2.5 MHz. An Ethernet MAC is shown as the MDIO bus master (the Station Management (STA) entity). Two PHY devices are shown connected to the same bus, both of which are MDIO slaves (MDIO Managed Device (MMD) entities).



**Figure 12-1: A Typical MDIO-Managed System**

The MDIO bus system is a standardized interface for accessing the configuration and status registers of Ethernet PHY devices. In the example illustrated, the Management Host Bus I/F of the Ethernet MAC is able to access the configuration and status registers of two PHY devices via the MDIO bus.

## MDIO Transactions

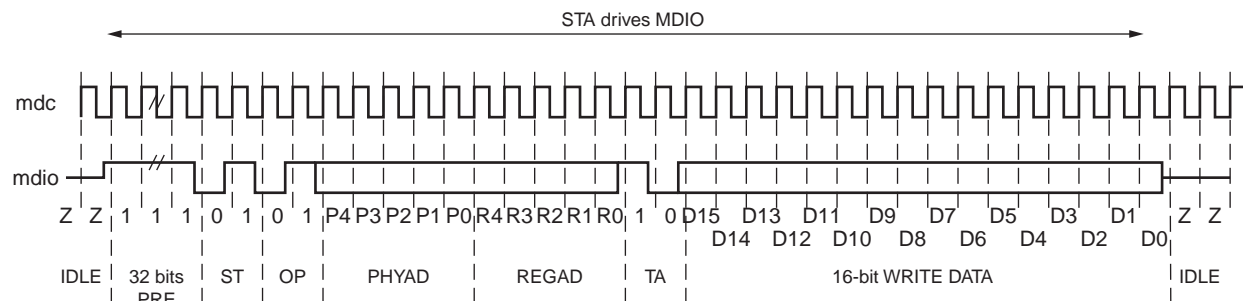
All transactions, read or write, are initiated by the MDIO master. All MDIO slave devices, when addressed, must respond. MDIO transactions take the form of an MDIO frame, containing fields for transaction type, address and data. This MDIO frame is transferred across the MDIO wire synchronously to MDC. The abbreviations are used in this section are explained in [Table 12-1](#).

**Table 12-1: Abbreviations and Terms**

Abbreviation	Term
PRE	Preamble
ST	Start of frame
OP	Operation code
PHYAD	Physical address
REGAD	Register address
TA	Turnaround

### Write Transaction

[Figure 12-2](#) shows a write transaction across the MDIO, defined as OP="01." The addressed PHY device (with physical address PHYAD) takes the 16-bit word in the Data field and writes it to the register at REGAD.



**Figure 12-2: MDIO Write Transaction**

## Read Transaction

Figure 12-3 shows a read transaction, defined as OP="10." The addressed PHY device (with physical address PHYAD) takes control of the MDIO wire during the turnaround cycle and then returns the 16-bit word from the register at REGAD.

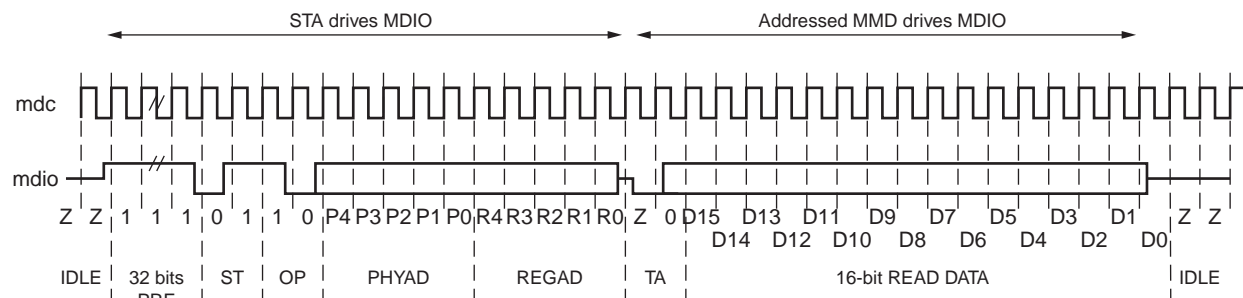


Figure 12-3: MDIO Read Transaction

## MDIO Addressing

MDIO Addresses consists of two stages: Physical Address (PHYAD) and Register Address (REGAD).

### Physical Address (PHYAD)

As shown in Figure 12-1, two PHY devices are attached to the MDIO bus. Each of these has a different physical address. To address the intended PHY, its physical address should be known by the MDIO master (in this case an Ethernet MAC) and placed into the PHYAD field of the MDIO frame (see MDIO Transactions).

The PHYAD field for an MDIO frame is a 5-bit binary value capable of addressing 32 unique addresses. However, every MDIO slave must respond to physical address 0. This requirement dictates that the physical address for any particular PHY must not be set to 0 to avoid MDIO contention. Physical Addresses 1 through to 31 can be used to connect up to 31 PHY devices onto a single MDIO bus.

Physical Address 0 can be used to write a single command that is obeyed by all attached PHYs, such as a reset or power-down command.

### Register Address (REGAD)

Having targeted a particular PHY using PHYAD, the individual configuration or status register within that particular PHY must now be addressed. This is achieved by placing the individual register address into the REGAD field of the MDIO frame (see MDIO Transactions).

The REGAD field for an MDIO frame is a 5-bit binary value capable of addressing 32 unique addresses. The first 16 of these (registers 0 to 15) are defined by the IEEE 802.3-2008. The remaining 16 (registers 16 to 31) are reserved for PHY vendors own register definitions.

For details of the register map of PHY layer devices and a more extensive description of the operation of the MDIO Interface, see IEEE 802.3-2008.

## Connecting the MDIO to an Internally Integrated STA

The MDIO ports of the Ethernet 1000BASE-X PCS/PMA or SGMII core can be connected to the MDIO ports of an internally integrated Station Management (STA) entity, such as the MDIO port of the Tri-Mode Ethernet MAC core (see [Chapter 16, Interfacing to Other Cores](#))

## Connecting the MDIO to an External STA

[Figure 12-4](#) shows the MDIO ports of the Ethernet 1000BASE-X PCS/PMA or SGMII core connected to the MDIO of an external STA entity. In this situation, `mdio_in`, `mdio_out`, and `mdio_tri` must be connected to a 3-state buffer to create a bidirectional wire, `mdio`. This 3-state buffer can either be external to the FPGA or internally integrated by using an IOB IOBUF component with an appropriate SelectIO™ interface standard suitable for the external PHY.

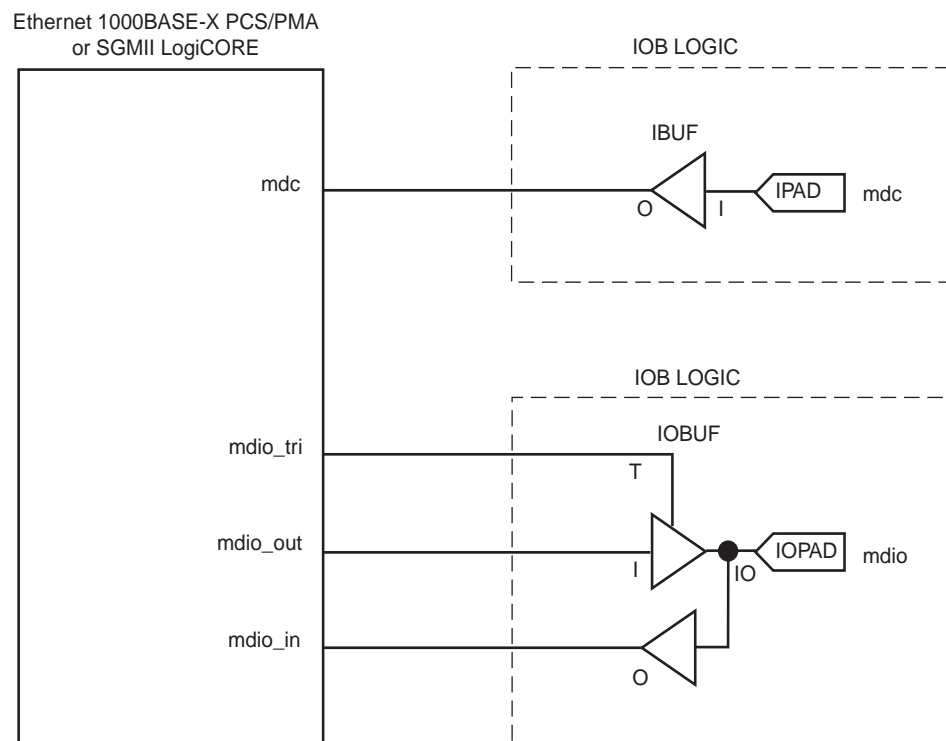


Figure 12-4: Creating an External MDIO Interface

## Management Registers

The contents of the Management registers can be accessed using the REGAD field of the MDIO frame. Contents will vary depending on the CORE Generator™ tool options, and are defined in the following sections in this guide.

- [1000BASE-X Standard Using the Optional Auto-Negotiation](#)
- [1000BASE-X Standard Without the Optional Auto-Negotiation](#)
- [SGMII Standard Using the Optional Auto-Negotiation](#)
- [SGMII Standard without the Optional Auto-Negotiation](#)
- [Both 1000BASE-X and SGMII Standards](#)

The core can be reset three ways: reset, DCM\_LOCKED and soft reset. All of these methods reset all the registers to the default values.

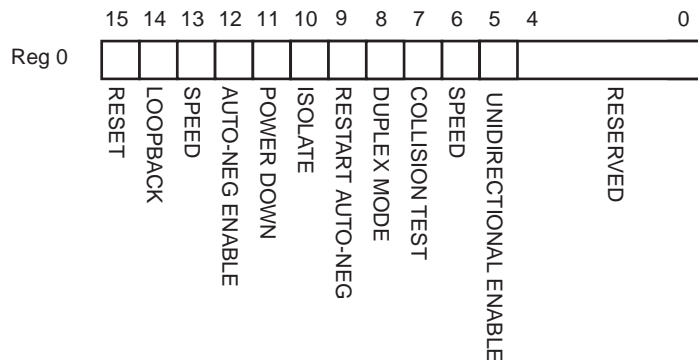
### 1000BASE-X Standard Using the Optional Auto-Negotiation

More information on the 1000BASE-X PCS registers can be found in clause 22 and clause 37 of the IEEE 802.3-2006 specification. Registers at undefined addresses are read-only and return 0s. The core can be reset three ways: reset, DCM\_LOCKED and soft reset. All of these methods reset all the registers to the default values.

**Table 12-2: MDIO Registers for 1000BASE-X with Auto-Negotiation**

Register Address	Register Name
0	Control Register
1	Status Register
2,3	PHY Identifier
4	Auto-Negotiation Advertisement Register
5	Auto-Negotiation Link Partner Ability Base Register
6	Auto-Negotiation Expansion Register
7	Auto-Negotiation Next Page Transmit Register
8	Auto-Negotiation Next Page Receive Register
15	Extended Status Register
16	Vendor Specific: Auto-Negotiation Interrupt Control

## MDIO Register 0: Control Register



Bit(s)	Name	Description	Attributes	Default Value
0.15	Reset	1 = Core Reset 0 = Normal Operation	Read/write Self clearing	0
0.14	Loopback	1 = Enable Loopback Mode 0 = Disable Loopback Mode When used with a device-specific transceiver, the core is placed in internal loopback mode. With the TBI version, Bit 1 is connected to ewrap. When set to '1,' indicates to the external PMA module to enter loopback mode. See <a href="#">Loopback</a> .	Read/write	0
0.13	Speed Selection (LSB)	Always returns a 0 for this bit. Together with bit 0.6, speed selection of 1000 Mb/s is identified	Returns 0	0
0.12	Auto-Negotiation Enable	1 = Enable Auto-Negotiation Process 0 = Disable Auto-Negotiation Process	Read/write	1
0.11	Power Down	1 = Power down 0 = Normal operation With the PMA option, when set to '1' the device-specific transceiver is placed in a low-power state. This bit requires a reset (see bit 0.15) to clear. With the TBI version this register bit has no effect.	Read/ write	0

Table 12-3: Control Register (Register 0) (Cont'd)

Bit(s)	Name	Description	Attributes	Default Value
0.10	Isolate	1 = Electrically Isolate PHY from GMII 0 = Normal operation	Read/write	1
0.9	Restart Auto-Negotiation	1 = Restart Auto-Negotiation Process 0 = Normal Operation	Read/write Self clearing	0
0.8	Duplex Mode	Always returns a '1' for this bit to signal Full-Duplex Mode.	Returns 1	1
0.7	Collision Test	Always returns a '0' for this bit to disable COL test.	Returns 0	0
0.6	Speed Selection (MSB)	Always returns a '1' for this bit. Together with bit 0.13, speed selection of 1000 Mb/s is identified.	Returns 1	1
0.5	Unidirectional Enable	Enable transmit regardless of whether a valid link has been established. This feature is only possible if Auto-Negotiation Enable bit 0.12 is disabled	Read/ write	0
0.4:0	Reserved	Always return 0s, writes ignored.	Returns 0s	00000

## Register 1: Status Register

## MDIO Register 1: Status Register

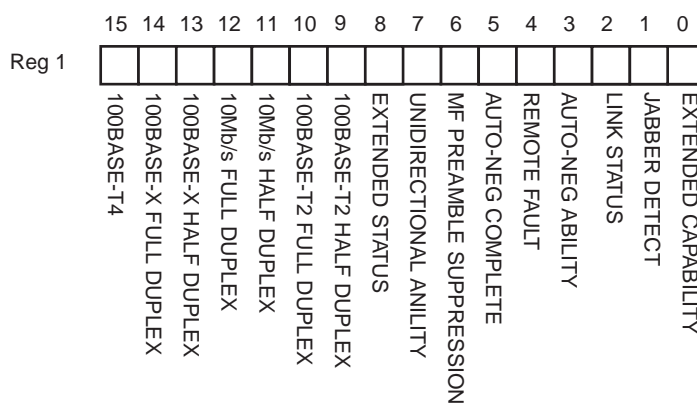


Table 12-4: Status Register (Register 1)

Bit(s)	Name	Description	Attributes	Default Value
1.15	100BASE-T4	Always returns a '0' as 100BASE-T4 is not supported.	Returns 0	0
1.14	100BASE-X Full Duplex	Always returns a '0' as 100BASE-X full duplex is not supported.	Returns 0	0
1.13	100BASE-X Half Duplex	Always returns a '0' as 100BASE-X half duplex is not supported.	Returns 0	0
1.12	10 Mb/s Full Duplex	Always returns a '0' as 10 Mb/s full duplex is not supported.	Returns 0	0
1.11	10 Mb/s Half Duplex	Always returns a '0' as 10 Mb/s half duplex is not supported	Returns 0	0
1.10	100BASE-T2 Full Duplex	Always returns a '0' as 100BASE-T2 full duplex is not supported.	Returns 0	0
1.9	100BASE-T2 Half Duplex	Always returns a '0' as 100BASE-T2 Half Duplex is not supported.	Returns 0	0
1.8	Extended Status	Always returns a '1' to indicate the presence of the Extended Register (Register 15).	Returns 1	1
1.7	Unidirectional Ability	Always returns a '1,' writes ignored	Returns 1	1
1.6	MF Preamble Suppression	Always returns a '1' to indicate that Management Frame Preamble Suppression is supported.	Returns 1	1
1.5	Auto- Negotiation Complete	1 = Auto-Negotiation process completed 0 = Auto-Negotiation process not completed	Read only	0
1.4	Remote Fault	1 = Remote fault condition detected 0 = No remote fault condition detected	Read only Self-clearing on read	0
1.3	Auto- Negotiation Ability	Always returns a '1' for this bit to indicate that the PHY is capable of Auto-Negotiation.	Returns 1	1

Table 12-4: Status Register (Register 1) (Cont'd)

Bit(s)	Name	Description	Attributes	Default Value
1.2	Link Status	1 = Link is up 0 = Link is down (or has been down) Latches '0' if Link Status goes down. Clears to current Link Status on read. See the following Link Status section for further details.	Read only Self clearing on read	0
1.1	Jabber Detect	Always returns a '0' for this bit because Jabber Detect is not supported.	Returns 0	0
1.0	Extended Capability	Always returns a '0' for this bit because no extended register set is supported.	Returns 0	0

### Link Status

When high, the link is valid and has remained valid after this register was last read; synchronization of the link has been obtained and Auto-Negotiation (if enabled) has completed.

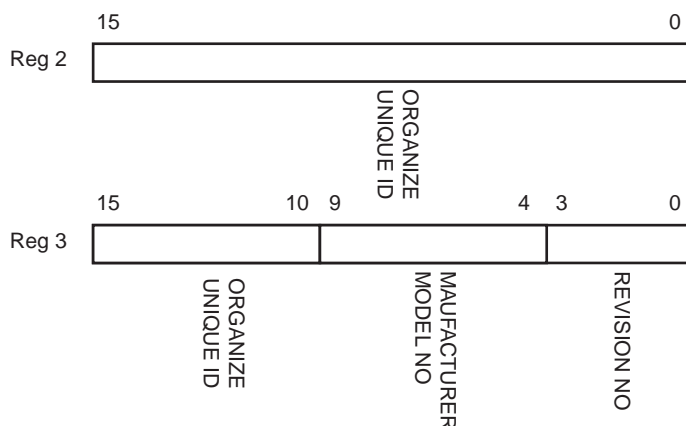
When low, either:

- A valid link has not been established: link synchronization has failed or Auto-Negotiation (if enabled) has failed to complete.  
OR
- Link synchronization was lost at some point after this register was previously read. However, the current link status may be good. *Therefore read this register a second time to get confirmation of the current link status.*

Regardless of whether Auto-Negotiation is enabled or disabled, there can be some delay to the deassertion of Link Status following the loss of synchronization of a previously successful link. This is due to the Auto-Negotiation state machine which requires that synchronization is lost for an entire link timer duration before changing state. For more information, see the 802.3 specification (the *an\_sync\_status* variable).

## Registers 2 and 3: PHY Identifiers

**Registers 2 and 3: PHY Identifiers**



**Table 12-5: PHY Identifier (Registers 2 and 3)**

Bit(s)	Name	Description	Attributes	Default Value
2.15:0	Organizationally Unique Identifier	Always return 0s	returns 0s	0000000000000000
3.15:10	Organizationally Unique Identifier	Always return 0s	returns 0s	000000
3.9:4	Manufacturer model number	Always return 0s	returns 0s	000000
3.3:0	Revision Number	Always return 0s	returns 0s	0000

## Register 4: Auto-Negotiation Advertisement

**MDIO Register 4: Auto-Negotiation Advertisement**

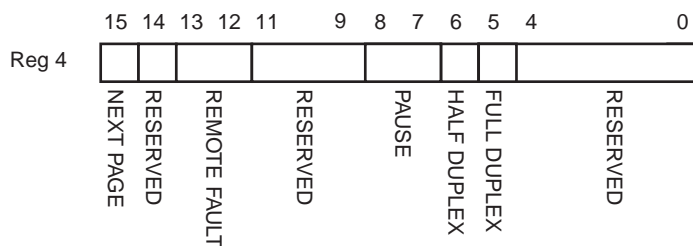


Table 12-6: Auto-Negotiation Advertisement Register (Register 4)

Bit(s)	Name	Description	Attributes	Default Value
4.15	Next Page	Core currently does not support Next Page. Can be enabled, if requested. Writes ignored.	read/write	0
4.14	Reserved	Always returns '0,' writes ignored	returns 0	0
4.13:12	Remote Fault	00 = No Error 01 = Offline 10 = Link Failure 11 = Auto-Negotiation Error	read/write self clearing to 00 after Auto-Negotiation	00
4.11:9	Reserved	Always return 0s, writes ignored	returns 0	0
4.8:7	Pause	00 = No PAUSE 01 = Symmetric PAUSE 10 = Asymmetric PAUSE towards link partner 11 = Both Symmetric PAUSE and Asymmetric PAUSE towards link partner	read/write	11
4.6	Half Duplex	Always returns a '0' for this bit because Half Duplex Mode is not supported	returns 0	0
4.5	Full Duplex	1 = Full Duplex Mode is advertised 0 = Full Duplex Mode is not advertised	read/write	1
4.4:0	Reserved	Always return 0s , writes ignored	returns 0s	00000

## Register 5: Auto-Negotiation Link Partner Base

## MDIO Register 5: Auto-Negotiation Link Partner Base

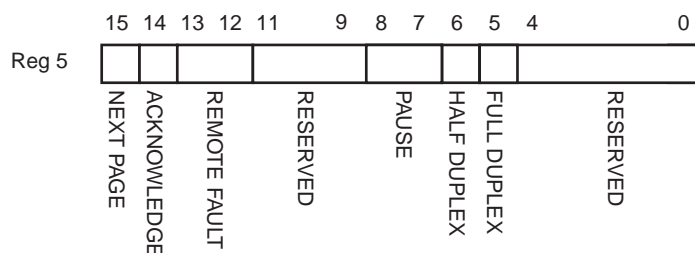


Table 12-7: Auto-Negotiation Link Partner Ability Base Register (Register 5)

Bit(s)	Name	Description	Attributes	Default Value
5.15	Next Page	1 = Next Page functionality is supported 0 = Next Page functionality is not supported	read only	0
5.14	Acknowledge	Used by Auto-Negotiation function to indicate reception of a link partner's base or next page	read only	0
5.13:12	Remote Fault	00 = No Error 01 = Offline 10 = Link Failure 11 = Auto-Negotiation Error	read only	00
5.11:9	Reserved	Always return 0s	returns 0s	000
5.8:7	Pause	00 = No PAUSE 01 = Symmetric PAUSE 10 = Asymmetric PAUSE towards link partner 11 = Both Symmetric PAUSE and Asymmetric PAUSE supported	read only	00
5.6	Half Duplex	1 = Half Duplex Mode is supported 0 = Half Duplex Mode is not supported	read only	0
5.5	Full Duplex	1 = Full Duplex Mode is supported 0 = Full Duplex Mode is not supported	read only	0
5.4:0	Reserved	Always return 0s	returns 0s	00000

## Register 6: Auto-Negotiation Expansion

### MDIO Register 6: Auto-Negotiation Expansion

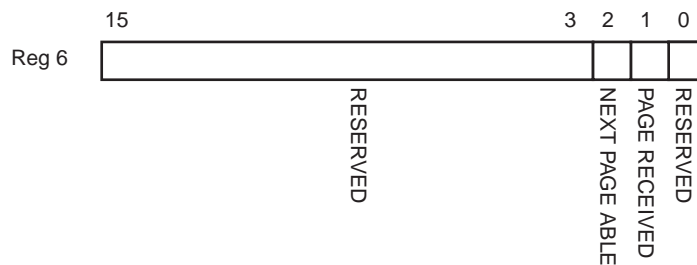


Table 12-8: Auto-Negotiation Expansion Register (Register 6)

Bit(s)	Name	Description	Attributes	Default Value
6.15:3	Reserved	Always returns 0s	returns 0s	00000000000000
6.2	Next Page Able	This bit is ignored as the core currently does not support next page. This feature can be enabled on request.	returns 1	1
6.1	Page Received	1 = A new page has been received 0 = A new page has not been received	read only self clearing on read	0
6.0	Reserved	Always returns 0s	returns 0s	0000000

## Register 7: Next Page Transmit

## MDIO Register 7: Next Page Transmit

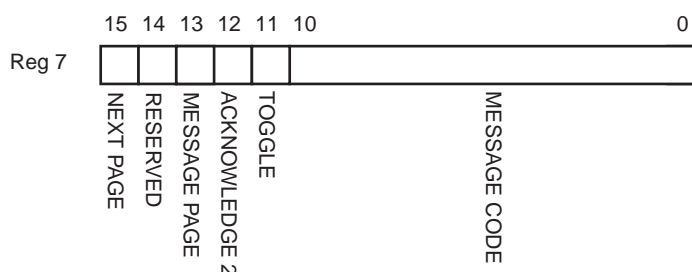


Table 12-9: Auto-Negotiation Next Page Transmit (Register 7)

Bit(s)	Name	Description	Attributes	Default Value <sup>(1)</sup>
7.15	Next Page	1 = Additional Next Page(s) will follow 0 = Last page	read/ write	0
7.14	Reserved	Always returns '0'	returns 0	0
7.13	Message Page	1 = Message Page 0 = Unformatted Page	read/ write	1
7.12	Acknowledge 2	1 = Comply with message 0 = Cannot comply with message	read/ write	0

Table 12-9: Auto-Negotiation Next Page Transmit (Register 7) (Cont'd)

Bit(s)	Name	Description	Attributes	Default Value <sup>(1)</sup>
7.11	Toggle	Value toggles between subsequent Next Pages	read only	0
7.10:0	Message / Unformatted Code Field	Message Code Field or Unformatted Page Encoding as dictated by 7.13	read/write	0000000000 1 (Null Message Code)

**Notes:**

1. This register returns the default values as the core currently does not support next page. This feature can be enabled on request.

## Register 8: Next Page Receive

### MDIO Register 8: Next Page Receive

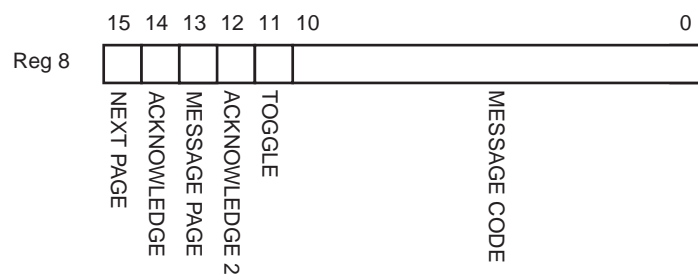


Table 12-10: Auto-Negotiation Next Page Receive (Register 8)

Bit(s)	Name	Description	Attributes	Default Value
8.15	Next Page	1 = Additional Next Page(s) will follow 0 = Last page	read only	0
8.14	Acknowledge	Used by Auto-Negotiation function to indicate reception of a link partner's base or next page	read only	0
8.13	Message Page	1 = Message Page 0 = Unformatted Page	read only	0
8.12	Acknowledge 2	1 = Comply with message 0 = Cannot comply with message	read only	0
8.11	Toggle	Value toggles between subsequent Next Pages	read only	0
8.10:0	Message / Unformatted Code Field	Message Code Field or Unformatted Page Encoding as dictated by 8.13	read only	0000000000

## Register 15: Extended Status

MDIO Register 15: Extended Status Register

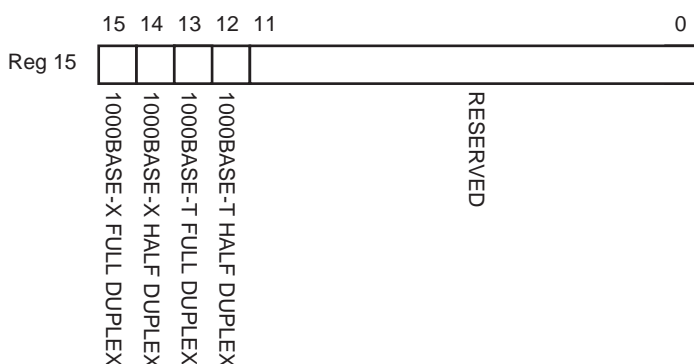
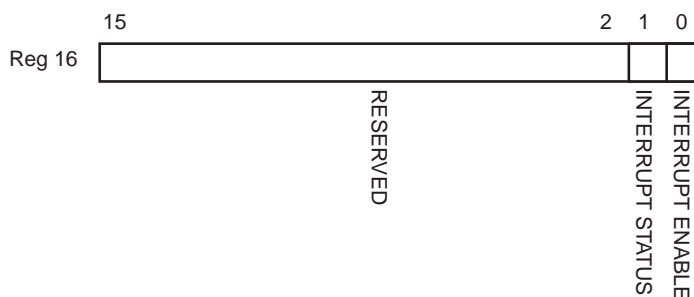


Table 12-11: Extended Status Register (Register 15)

Bit(s)	Name	Description	Attributes	Default Value
15.15	1000BASE-X Full Duplex	Always returns a '1' for this bit because 1000BASE-X Full Duplex is supported	returns 1	1
15.14	1000BASE-X Half Duplex	Always returns a '0' for this bit because 1000BASE-X Half Duplex is not supported	returns 0	0
15.13	1000BASE-T Full Duplex	Always returns a '0' for this bit because 1000BASE-T Full Duplex is not supported	returns 0	0
15.12	1000BASE-T Half Duplex	Always returns a '0' for this bit because 1000BASE-T Half Duplex is not supported	returns 0	0
15:11:0	Reserved	Always return 0s	returns 0s	000000000000

## Register 16: Vendor-Specific Auto-Negotiation Interrupt Control

MDIO Register 16: Vendor Specific Auto-Negotiation Interrupt Control



**Table 12-12: Vendor Specific Register: Auto-Negotiation Interrupt Control Register (Register 16)**

Bit(s)	Name	Description	Attributes	Default Value
16.15:2	Reserved	Always return 0s	returns 0s	00000000000000
16.1	Interrupt Status	<p>1 = Interrupt is asserted 0 = Interrupt is not asserted</p> <p>If the interrupt is enabled, this bit is asserted on the completion of an Auto-Negotiation cycle; it is only cleared by writing '0' to this bit.</p> <p>If the Interrupt is disabled, the bit is set to '0.'</p> <p><b>Note:</b> The an_interrupt port of the core is wired to this bit.</p>	read/ write	0
16.0	Interrupt Enable	<p>1 = Interrupt enabled 0 = Interrupt disabled</p>	read/ write	1

## 1000BASE-X Standard Without the Optional Auto-Negotiation

It is not the intention of this document to fully describe the 1000BASE-X PCS registers. See clauses 22 and 37 of the IEEE 802.3-2008 specification for further information.

Registers at undefined addresses are read-only and return 0s. The core can be reset three ways: reset, DCM\_LOCKED and soft reset. All of these methods reset all the registers to the default values.

**Table 12-13: MDIO Registers for 1000BASE-X without Auto-Negotiation**

Register Address	Register Name
0	Control Register
1	Status Register
2,3	PHY Identifier
15	Extended Status Register

## Register 0: Control Register

## MDIO Register 0: Control Register

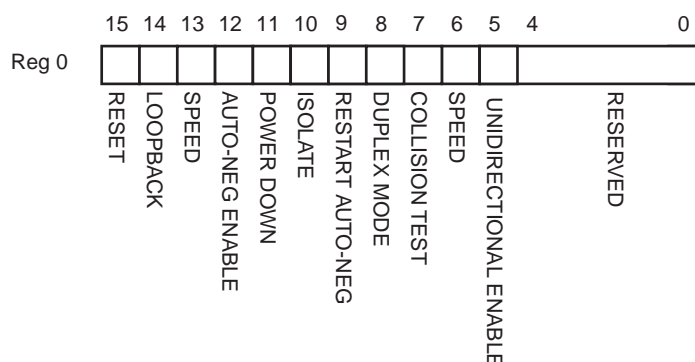


Table 12-14: Control Register (Register 0)

Bit(s)	Name	Description	Attributes	Default Value
0.15	Reset	1 = PCS/PMA reset 0 = Normal Operation	read/write self clearing	0
0.14	Loopback	1 = Enable Loopback Mode 0 = Disable Loopback Mode When used with a device-specific transceiver, the core is placed in internal loopback mode. With the TBI version, Bit 1 is connected to ewrap. When set to '1' indicates to the external PMA module to enter loopback mode. See <a href="#">Loopback</a> .	read/write	0
0.13	Speed Selection (LSB)	Always returns a 0 for this bit. Together with bit 0.6, speed selection of 1000 Mb/s is identified.	returns 0	0
0.12	Auto-Negotiation Enable	Ignore this bit because Auto-Negotiation is not included.	read/ write	1
0.11	Power Down	1 = Power down 0 = Normal operation With the PMA option, when set to '1' the device-specific transceiver is placed in a low- power state. This bit requires a reset (see bit 0.15) to clear. With the TBI version this register bit has no effect.	read/ write	0
0.10	Isolate	1 = Electrically Isolate PHY from GMII 0 = Normal operation	read/write	1

Table 12-14: Control Register (Register 0) (Cont'd)

Bit(s)	Name	Description	Attributes	Default Value
0.9	Restart Auto-Negotiation	Ignore this bit because Auto-Negotiation is not included.	read/ write	0
0.8	Duplex Mode	Always returns a '1' for this bit to signal Full-Duplex Mode.	returns 1	1
0.7	Collision Test	Always returns a '0' for this bit to disable COL test.	returns 0	0
0.6	Speed Selection (MSB)	Always returns a '1' for this bit. Together with bit 0.13, speed selection of 1000 Mb/s is identified	returns 1	1
0.5	Unidirectional Enable	Enables transmit irrespective of receive. Unidirectional feature will be enabled automatically when this bit is set since optional Auto-Negotiation is not present.	read/ write	0
0.4:0	Reserved	Always return 0s , writes ignored.	returns 0s	00000

## Register 1: Status Register

### MDIO Register 1: Status Register

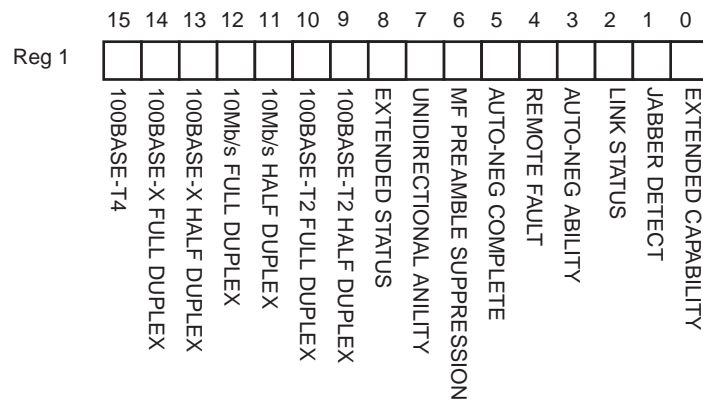


Table 12-15: Status Register (Register 1)

Bit(s)	Name	Description	Attributes	Default Value
1.15	100BASE-T4	Always returns a '0' for this bit because 100BASE-T4 is not supported	returns 0	0
1.14	100BASE-X Full Duplex	Always returns a '0' for this bit because 100BASE-X Full Duplex is not supported	returns 0	0
1.13	100BASE-X Half Duplex	Always returns a '0' for this bit because 100BASE-X Half Duplex is not supported	returns 0	0
1.12	10 Mb/s Full Duplex	Always returns a '0' for this bit because 10 Mb/s Full Duplex is not supported	returns 0	0
1.11	10 Mb/s Half Duplex	Always returns a '0' for this bit because 10 Mb/s Half Duplex is not supported	returns 0	0
1.10	100BASE-T2 Full Duplex	Always returns a '0' for this bit because 100BASE-T2 Full Duplex is not supported	returns 0	0
1.9	100BASE-T2 Half Duplex	Always returns a '0' for this bit because 100BASE-T2 Half Duplex is not supported	returns 0	0
1.8	Extended Status	Always returns a '1' for this bit to indicate the presence of the Extended Register (Register 15)	returns 1	1
1.7	Unidirectional Ability	Always returns 1, writes ignored	returns 1	1
1.6	MF Preamble Suppression	Always returns a '1' for this bit to indicate that Management Frame Preamble Suppression is supported	returns 1	1
1.5	Auto-Negotiation Complete	Ignore this bit because Auto-Negotiation is not included.	returns 1	1
1.4	Remote Fault	Always returns a '0' for this bit because Auto-Negotiation is not included.	returns 0	0
1.3	Auto-Negotiation Ability	Ignore this bit because Auto-Negotiation is not included.	returns 0	0

Table 12-15: Status Register (Register 1) (Cont'd)

Bit(s)	Name	Description	Attributes	Default Value
1.2	Link Status	1 = Link is up 0 = Link is down Latches '0' if Link Status goes down. Clears to current Link Status on read. See the following Link Status section for further details.	read only self clearing on read	0
1.1	Jabber Detect	Always returns a '0' for this bit because Jabber Detect is not supported	returns 0	0
1.0	Extended Capability	Always returns a '0' for this bit because no extended register set is supported	returns 0	0

### Link Status

When high, the link is valid and has remained valid after this register was last read; synchronization of the link has been obtained.

When low, either:

- A valid link has not been established; link synchronization has failed.  
OR
- Link synchronization was lost at some point after this register was previously read. However, the current link status may be good. *Therefore read this register a second time to get confirmation of the current link status.*

### Registers 2 and 3: Phy Identifier

#### MDIO Registers 2 and 3: PHY Identifier

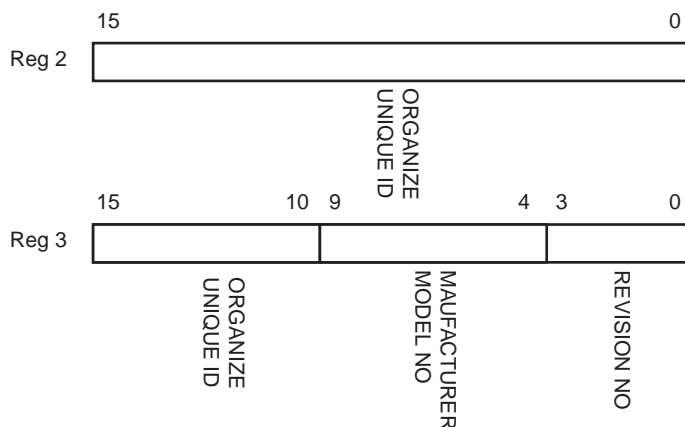


Table 12-16: PHY Identifier (Registers 2 and 3)

Bit(s)	Name	Description	Attributes	Default Value
2.15:0	Organizationally Unique Identifier	Always return 0s	returns 0s	0000000000000000
3.15:10	Organizationally Unique Identifier	Always return 0s	returns 0s	000000
3.9:4	Manufacturer model number	Always return 0s	returns 0s	000000
3.3:0	Revision Number	Always return 0s	returns 0s	0000

## Register 15: Extended Status

## MDIO Register 15: Extended Status

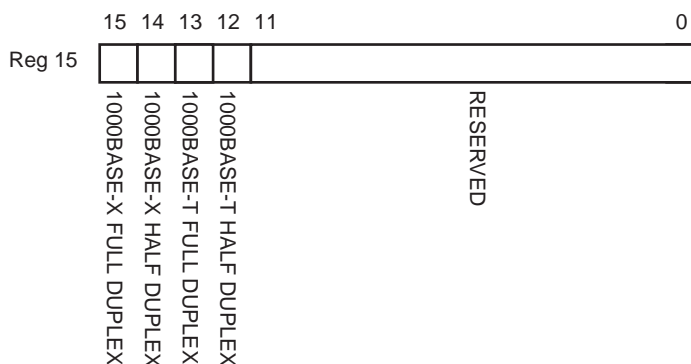


Table 12-17: Extended Status (Register 15)

Bit(s)	Name	Description	Attributes	Default Value
15.15	1000BASE-X Full Duplex	Always returns a '1' because 1000BASE-X Full Duplex is supported	returns 1	1
15.14	1000BASE-X Half Duplex	Always returns a '0' because 1000BASE-X Half Duplex is not supported	returns 0	0
15.13	1000BASE-T Full Duplex	Always returns a '0' because 1000BASE-T Full Duplex is not supported	returns 0	0
15.12	1000BASE-T Half Duplex	Always returns a '0' because 1000BASE-T Half Duplex is not supported	returns 0	0
15:11:0	Reserved	Always return 0s	returns 0s	000000000000

## SGMII Standard Using the Optional Auto-Negotiation

The registers provided for SGMII operation in this core are adaptations of those defined in clauses 22 and 37 of the IEEE 802.3-2008 specification. In an SGMII implementation, two different types of links exist. They are the SGMII link between the MAC and PHY (SGMII link) and the link across the Ethernet Medium itself (Medium). See [Figure 13-2](#).

Information regarding the state of both of these links is contained within the following registers. Where applicable, the abbreviations *SGMII link* and *Medium* are used in the register descriptions. Registers at undefined addresses are read-only and return 0s. The core can be reset three ways: reset, DCM\_LOCKED and soft reset. All of these methods reset all the registers to the default values.

**Table 12-18: MDIO Registers for SGMII with Auto-Negotiation**

Register Address	Register Name
0	SGMII Control Register
1	SGMII Status Register
2,3	PHY Identifier
4	SGMII Auto-Negotiation Advertisement Register
5	SGMII Auto-Negotiation Link Partner Ability Base Register
6	SGMII Auto-Negotiation Expansion Register
7	SGMII Auto-Negotiation Next Page Transmit Register
8	SGMII Auto-Negotiation Next Page Receive Register
15	SGMII Extended Status Register
16	SGMII Vendor Specific: Auto-Negotiation Interrupt Control

### Register 0: SGMII Control

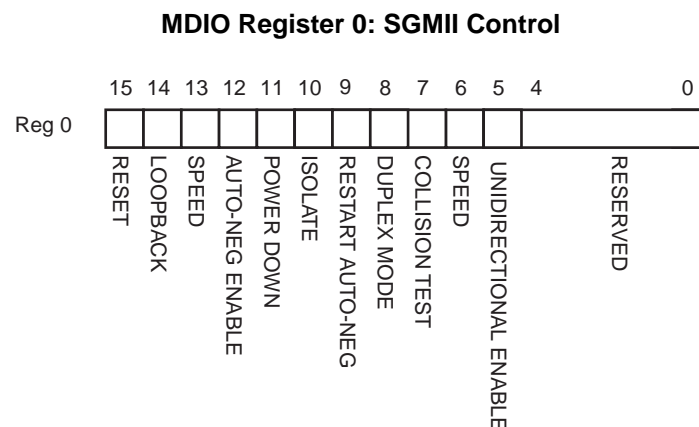


Table 12-19: SGMII Control (Register 0)

Bit(s)	Name	Description	Attributes	Default Value
0.15	Reset	1 = Core Reset 0 = Normal Operation	read/write self clearing	0
0.14	Loopback	1 = Enable Loopback Mode 0 = Disable Loopback Mode When used with a device-specific transceiver, the core is placed in internal loopback mode. With the TBI version, Bit 1 is connected to ewrap. When set to '1' indicates to the external PMA module to enter loopback mode. See <a href="#">Loopback</a> .	read/write	0
0.13	Speed Selection (LSB)	Always returns a '0' for this bit. Together with bit 0.6, speed selection of 1000 Mb/s is identified	returns 0	0
0.12	Auto-Negotiation Enable	1 = Enable SGMII Auto-Negotiation Process 0 = Disable SGMII Auto-Negotiation Process	read/write	1
0.11	Power Down	1 = Power down 0 = Normal operation With the PMA option, when set to '1' the device-specific transceiver is placed in a low-power state. This bit requires a reset (see bit 0.15) to clear. With the TBI version this register bit has no effect.	read/ write	0
0.10	Isolate	1 = Electrically Isolate SGMII logic from GMII 0 = Normal operation	read/write	1
0.9	Restart Auto-Negotiation	1 = Restart Auto-Negotiation Process across SGMII link 0 = Normal Operation	read/write self clearing	0
0.8	Duplex Mode	Always returns a '1' for this bit to signal Full-Duplex Mode	returns 1	1
0.7	Collision Test	Always returns a '0' for this bit to disable COL test	returns 0	0
0.6	Speed Selection (MSB)	Always returns a '1' for this bit. Together with bit 0.13, speed selection of 1000 Mb/s is identified	returns 1	1

Table 12-19: SGMII Control (Register 0) (Cont'd)

Bit(s)	Name	Description	Attributes	Default Value
0.5	Unidirectional Enable	Enable transmit regardless of whether a valid link has been established. This feature is only possible if Auto-Negotiation Enable bit 0.12 is disabled.	read/ write	0
0.4:0	Reserved	Always return 0s , writes ignored	returns 0s	00000

## Register 1: SGMII Status

## MDIO Register 1: SGMII Status

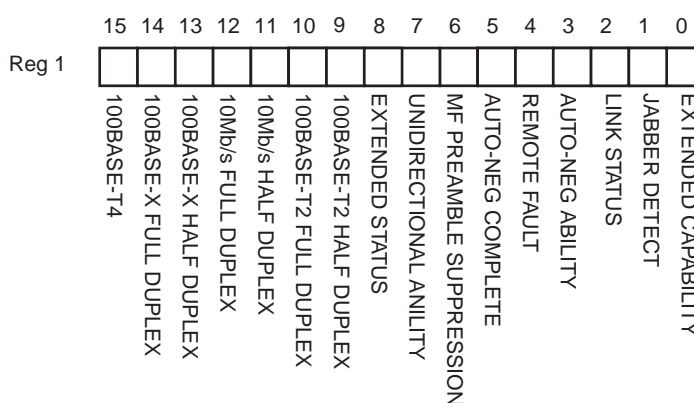


Table 12-20: SGMII Status (Register 1)

Bit(s)	Name	Description	Attributes	Default Value
1.15	100BASE-T4	Always returns a '0' for this bit because 100BASE-T4 is not supported	returns 0	0
1.14	100BASE-X Full Duplex	Always returns a '0' for this bit because 100BASE-X Full Duplex is not supported	returns 0	0
1.13	100BASE-X Half Duplex	Always returns a '0' for this bit because 100BASE-X Half Duplex is not supported	returns 0	0
1.12	10 Mb/s Full Duplex	Always returns a '0' for this bit because 10 Mb/s Full Duplex is not supported	returns 0	0
1.11	10 Mb/s Half Duplex	Always returns a '0' for this bit because 10 Mb/s Half Duplex is not supported	returns 0	0
1.10	100BASE-T2 Full Duplex	Always returns a '0' for this bit because 100BASE-T2 Full Duplex is not supported	returns 0	0

Table 12-20: SGMII Status (Register 1) (Cont'd)

Bit(s)	Name	Description	Attributes	Default Value
1.9	100BASE-T2 Half Duplex	Always returns a '0' for this bit because 100BASE-T2 Half Duplex is not supported	returns 0	0
1.8	Extended Status	Always returns a '1' for this bit to indicate the presence of the Extended Register (Register 15)	returns 1	1
1.7	Unidirectional Ability	Always returns '1,' writes ignored	returns 1	1
1.6	MF Preamble Suppression	Always returns a '1' for this bit to indicate that Management Frame Preamble Suppression is supported	returns 1	1
1.5	Auto- Negotiation Complete	1 = Auto-Negotiation process completed across SGMII link 0 = Auto-Negotiation process not completed across SGMII link	read only	0
1.4	Remote Fault	1 = A fault on the Medium has been detected 0 = No fault of the Medium has been detected	read only self clearing on read	0
1.3	Auto- Negotiation Ability	Always returns a '1' for this bit to indicate that the SGMII core is capable of Auto-Negotiation	returns 1	1
1.2	SGMII Link Status	1 = SGMII Link is up 0 = SGMII Link is down Latches '0' if SGMII Link Status goes down. Clears to current SGMII Link Status on read. See the following Link Status section for further details.	read only self clearing on read	0
1.1	Jabber Detect	Always returns a '0' for this bit because Jabber Detect is not supported	returns 0	0
1.0	Extended Capability	Always returns a '0' for this bit because no extended register set is supported	returns 0	0

### Link Status

When high, the link is valid and has remained valid after this register was last read: synchronization of the link has been obtained and Auto-Negotiation (if enabled) has completed.

When low, either:

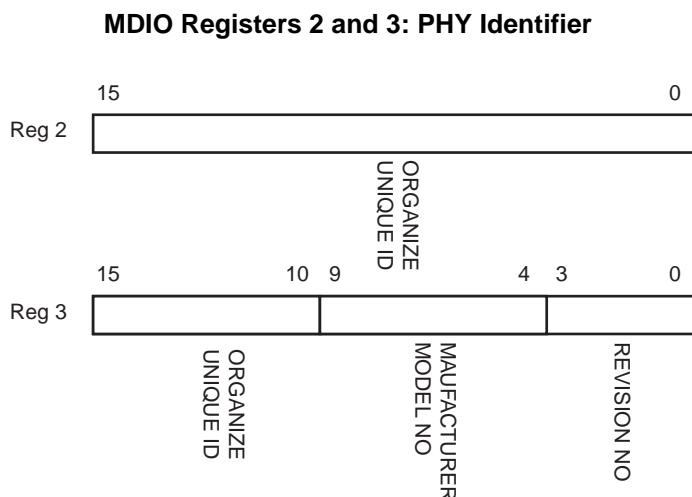
- A valid link has not been established; link synchronization has failed or Auto-Negotiation (if enabled) has failed to complete.

OR

- Link synchronization was lost at some point when the register was previously read. However, the current link status may be good. *Therefore read this register a second time to get confirmation of the current link status.*

Regardless of whether Auto-Negotiation is enabled or disabled, there can be some delay to the deassertion of Link Status following the loss of synchronization of a previously successful link. This is due to the Auto-Negotiation state machine which requires that synchronization is lost for an entire link timer duration before changing state. For more information, see the 802.3 specification (the *an\_sync\_status* variable).

## Registers 2 and 3: PHY Identifier



**Table 12-21: PHY Identifier (Registers 2 and 3)**

Bit(s)	Name	Description	Attributes	Default Value
2.15:0	Organizationally Unique Identifier	Always return 0s	returns 0s	0000000000000000
3.15:10	Organizationally Unique Identifier	Always return 0s	returns 0s	000000
3.9:4	Manufacturer model number	Always return 0s	returns 0s	000000
3.3:0	Revision Number	Always return 0s	returns 0s	0000

# Register 4: SGMII Auto-Negotiation Advertisement

MAC Mode of Operation

MDIO Register 4: SGMII Auto-Negotiation Advertisement

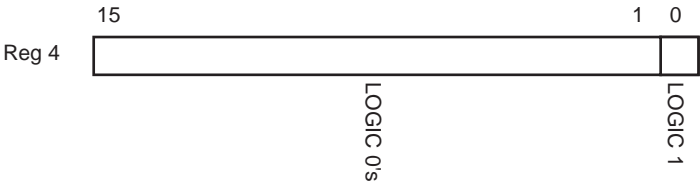


Table 12-22: SGMII Auto-Negotiation Advertisement (Register 4)

Bit(s)	Name	Description	Attributes	Default Value
4.15:0	All bits	SGMII defined value sent from the MAC to the PHY	read only	0000000000000001

PHY Mode of Operation

MDIO Register 4: SGMII Auto-Negotiation Advertisement

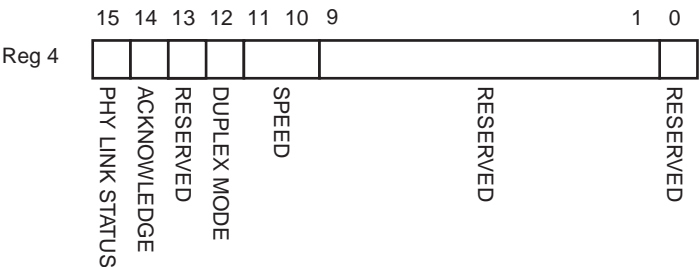


Table 12-23: SGMII Auto-Negotiation Advertisement in PHY Mode (Register 4)

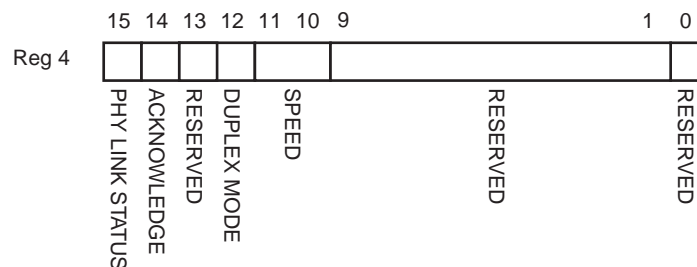
Bit(s)	Name	Description	Attributes	Default Value
4.15	PHY Link Status	This refers to the link status of the PHY with its link partner across the Medium. 1 = Link Up 0 = Link Down	read / write	0
4.14	Acknowledge	Used by Auto-Negotiation function to indicate reception of a link partner's base or next page	read / write	0
4.13	Reserved	Always returns '0,' writes ignored	returns 0	0
4.12	Duplex Mode	1= Full Duplex 0 = Half Duplex	read / write	0

Table 12-23: SGMII Auto-Negotiation Advertisement in PHY Mode (Register 4)

Bit(s)	Name	Description	Attributes	Default Value
4.11:10	Speed	11 = Reserved 10 = 1 Gb/s 01 = 100 Mb/s 00 = 10 Mb/s	read/write	00
4.9:1	Reserved	Always return 0s	returns 0s	000000000
4:0	Reserved	Always returns '1'	returns 1	1

## Register 5: SGMII Auto-Negotiation Link Partner Ability

### MDIO Register 5: SGMII Auto-Negotiation Link Partner Ability



The Auto-Negotiation Ability Base Register (Register 5) contains information related to the status of the link between the PHY and its physical link partner across the Medium.

Table 12-24: SGMII Auto-Negotiation Link Partner Ability Base (Register 5)

Bit(s)	Name	Description	Attributes	Default Value
5.15	PHY Link Status	This refers to the link status of the PHY with its link partner across the Medium. 1 = Link Up 0 = Link Down	read only	1
5.14	Acknowledge	Used by Auto-Negotiation function to indicate reception of a link partner's base or next page	read only	0
5.13	Reserved	Always returns '0,' writes ignored	returns 0	0
5.12	Duplex Mode	1 = Full Duplex 0 = Half Duplex	read only	0
5.11:10	Speed	11 = Reserved 10 = 1 Gb/s 01 = 100 Mb/s 00 = 10 Mb/s	read only	00
5.9:1	Reserved	Always return 0s	returns 0s	000000000
5:0	Reserved	Always returns '1'	returns 1	1

# Register 6: SGMII Auto-Negotiation Expansion

MDIO Register 6: SGMII Auto-Negotiation Expansion

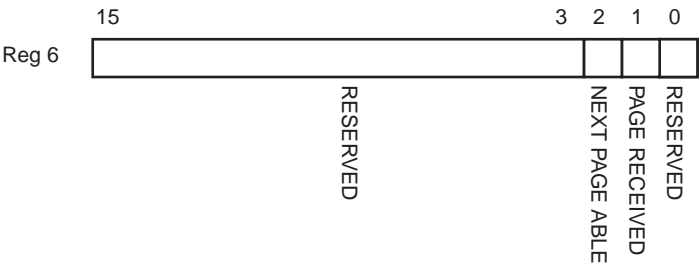


Table 12-25: SGMII Auto-Negotiation Expansion (Register 6)

Bit(s)	Name	Description	Attributes	Default Value
6.15:3	Reserved	Always return 0s	returns 0s	0000000000000
6.2	Next Page Able	This bit is ignored as the core currently does not support next page. This feature can be enabled on request.	returns 1	1
6.1	Page Received	1 = A new page has been received 0 = A new page has not been received	read only self clearing on read	0
6.0	Reserved	Always return 0s	returns 0s	0000000

# Register 7: SGMII Auto-Negotiation Next Page Transmit

MDIO Register 7: SGMII Auto-Negotiation Next Page Transmit

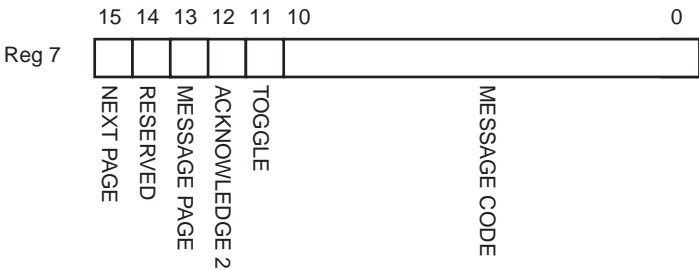


Table 12-26: SGMII Auto-Negotiation Next Page Transmit (Register 7)

Bit(s)	Name	Description	Attributes	Default Value <sup>(1)</sup>
7.15	Next Page	1 = Additional Next Page(s) will follow 0 = Last page	read/ write	0
7.14	Reserved	Always returns '0'	returns 0	0
7.13	Message Page	1 = Message Page 0 = Unformatted Page	read/ write	1
7.12	Acknowledge 2	1 = Comply with message 0 = Cannot comply with message	read/ write	0
7.11	Toggle	Value toggles between subsequent Next Pages	read only	0
7.10:0	Message / Unformatted Code Field	Message Code Field or Unformatted Page Encoding as dictated by 7.13	read/ write	0000000001 (Null Message Code)

**Notes:**

1. This register returns the default values because the core does not support next page. The feature can be enabled, if requested.

## Register 8: SGMII Next Page Receive

### MDIO Register 8: SGMII Next Page Receive

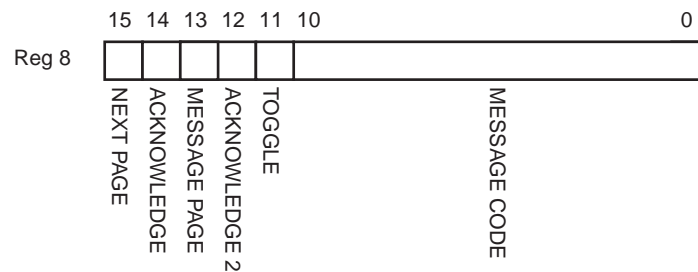


Table 12-27: SGMII Auto-Negotiation Next Page Receive (Register 8)

Bit(s)	Name	Description	Attributes	Default Value
8.15	Next Page	1 = Additional Next Page(s) will follow 0 = Last page	read only	0
8.14	Acknowledge	Used by Auto-Negotiation function to indicate reception of a link partner's base or next page	read only	0
8.13	Message Page	1 = Message Page 0 = Unformatted Page	read only	0

Table 12-27: SGMII Auto-Negotiation Next Page Receive (Register 8) (Cont'd)

Bit(s)	Name	Description	Attributes	Default Value
8.12	Acknowledge 2	1 = Comply with message 0 = Cannot comply with message	read only	0
8.11	Toggle	Value toggles between subsequent Next Pages	read only	0
8.10:0	Message / Unformatted Code Field	Message Code Field or Unformatted Page Encoding as dictated by 8.13	read only	000000000000

## Register 15: SGMII Extended Status

## MDIO Register 15: SGMII Extended Status

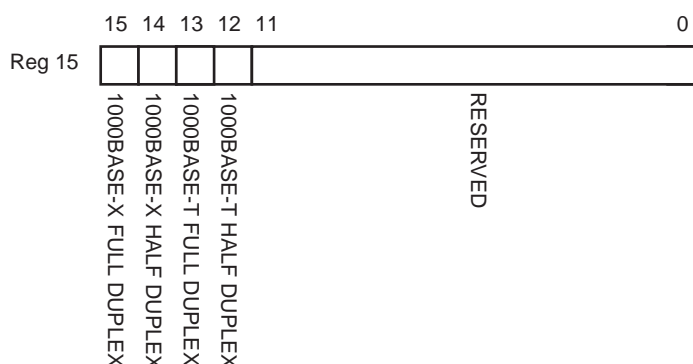


Table 12-28: SGMII Extended Status Register (Register 15)

Bit(s)	Name	Description	Attributes	Default Value
15.15	1000BASE-X Full Duplex	Always returns a '1' for this bit because 1000BASE-X Full Duplex is supported	returns 1	1
15.14	1000BASE-X Half Duplex	Always returns a '0' for this bit because 1000BASE-X Half Duplex is not supported	returns 0	0
15.13	1000BASE-T Full Duplex	Always returns a '0' for this bit because 1000BASE-T Full Duplex is not supported	returns 0	0
15.12	1000BASE-T Half Duplex	Always returns a '0' for this bit because 1000BASE-T Half Duplex is not supported	returns 0	0
15:11:0	Reserved	Always return 0s	returns 0s	000000000000

## Register 16: SGMII Auto-Negotiation Interrupt Control

## MDIO Register 16: SGMII Auto-Negotiation Interrupt Control

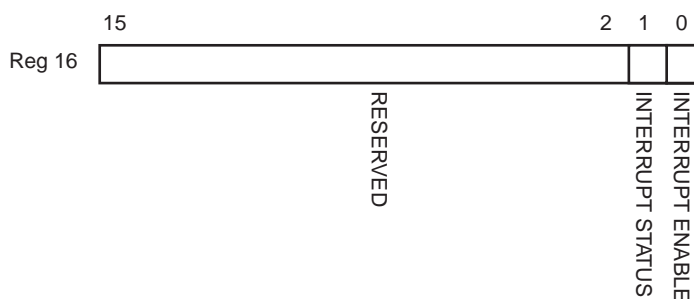


Table 12-29: SGMII Auto-Negotiation Interrupt Control (Register 16)

Bit(s)	Name	Description	Attributes	Default Value
16.15:2	Reserved	Always return 0s	returns 0s	00000000000000
16.1	Interrupt Status	<p>1 = Interrupt is asserted 0 = Interrupt is not asserted</p> <p>If the interrupt is enabled, this bit is asserted on completion of an Auto-Negotiation cycle across the SGMII link; it is only cleared by writing '0' to this bit.</p> <p>If the Interrupt is disabled, the bit is set to '0.'</p> <p><b>Note:</b> The an_interrupt port of the core is wired to this bit.</p>	read/ write	0
16.0	Interrupt Enable	<p>1 = Interrupt enabled 0 = Interrupt disabled</p>	read/ write	1

# SGMII Standard without the Optional Auto-Negotiation

The registers provided for SGMII operation in this core are adaptations of those defined in clauses 22 and 37 of the IEEE 802.3-2008 specification. In an SGMII implementation, two different types of links exist. They are the SGMII link between the MAC and PHY (SGMII link) and the link across the Ethernet Medium itself (Medium). See [Figure 13-2](#). Information about the state of the SGMII link is available in registers that follow.

The state of the link across the Ethernet Medium itself is not directly available when SGMII Auto-Negotiation is not present. For this reason, the status of the link and the results of the PHYs Auto-Negotiation (for example, Speed and Duplex mode) must be obtained directly from the management interface of connected PHY module. Registers at undefined addresses are read-only and return 0s. The core can be reset three ways: reset, DCM\_LOCKED and soft reset. All of these methods reset all the registers to the default values.

Table 12-30: MDIO Registers for SGMII with Auto-Negotiation

Register Address	Register Name
0	SGMII Control Register
1	SGMII Status Register
2,3	PHY Identifier
4	SGMII Auto-Negotiation Advertisement Register
15	SGMII Extended Status Register

## Register 0: SGMII Control

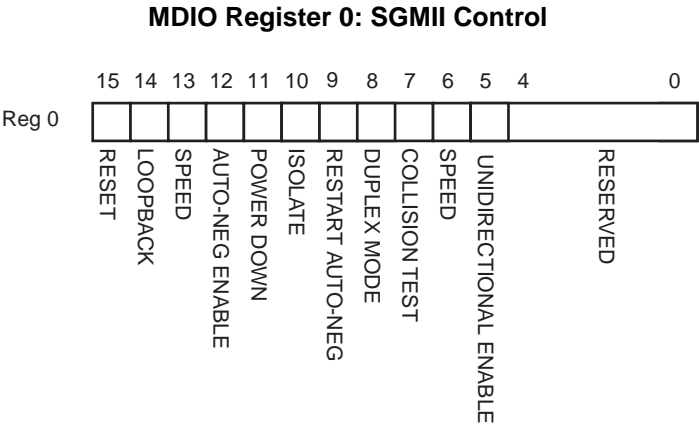


Table 12-31: SGMII Control (Register 0)

Bit(s)	Name	Description	Attributes	Default Value
0.15	Reset	1 = Core Reset 0 = Normal Operation	read/write self clearing	0
0.14	Loopback	1 = Enable Loopback Mode 0 = Disable Loopback Mode When used with a device-specific transceiver, the core is placed in internal loopback mode. With the TBI version, Bit 1 is connected to ewrap. When set to '1' indicates to the external PMA module to enter loopback mode. See <a href="#">Loopback</a> .	read/write	0
0.13	Speed Selection (LSB)	Always returns a '0' for this bit. Together with bit 0.6, speed selection of 1000 Mb/s is identified	returns 0	0
0.12	Auto-Negotiation Enable	1 = Enable SGMII Auto-Negotiation Process 0 = Disable SGMII Auto-Negotiation Process	read/write	1
0.11	Power Down	1 = Power down 0 = Normal operation With the PMA option, when set to '1' the device-specific transceiver is placed in a low-power state. This bit requires a reset (see bit 0.15) to clear. With the TBI version this register bit has no effect.	read/ write	0
0.10	Isolate	1 = Electrically Isolate SGMII logic from GMII 0 = Normal operation	read/write	1
0.9	Restart Auto-Negotiation	1 = Restart Auto-Negotiation Process across SGMII link 0 = Normal Operation	read/write self clearing	0
0.8	Duplex Mode	Always returns a '1' for this bit to signal Full-Duplex Mode	returns 1	1
0.7	Collision Test	Always returns a '0' for this bit to disable COL test	returns 0	0
0.6	Speed Selection (MSB)	Always returns a '1' for this bit. Together with bit 0.13, speed selection of 1000 Mb/s is identified	returns 1	1

Table 12-31: SGMII Control (Register 0) (Cont'd)

Bit(s)	Name	Description	Attributes	Default Value
0.5	Unidirectional Enable	Enable transmit regardless of whether a valid link has been established	read/ write	0
0.4:0	Reserved	Always return 0s , writes ignored	returns 0s	00000

## Register 1: SGMII Status

## MDIO Register 1: SGMII Status

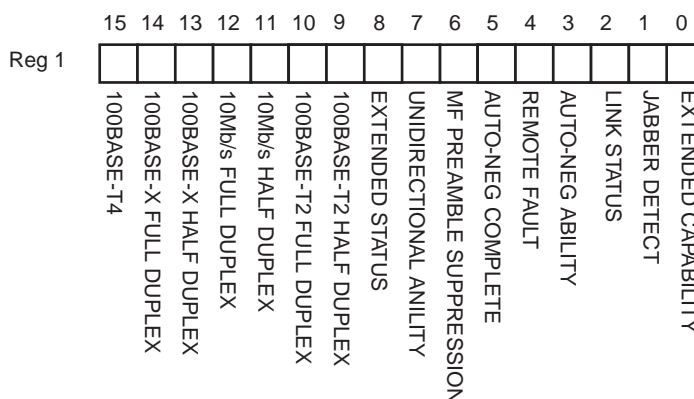


Table 12-32: SGMII Status (Register 1)

Bit(s)	Name	Description	Attributes	Default Value
1.15	100BASE-T4	Always returns a '0' for this bit because 100BASE-T4 is not supported	returns 0	0
1.14	100BASE-X Full Duplex	Always returns a '0' for this bit because 100BASE-X Full Duplex is not supported	returns 0	0
1.13	100BASE-X Half Duplex	Always returns a '0' for this bit because 100BASE-X Half Duplex is not supported	returns 0	0
1.12	10 Mb/s Full Duplex	Always returns a '0' for this bit because 10 Mb/s Full Duplex is not supported	returns 0	0
1.11	10 Mb/s Half Duplex	Always returns a '0' for this bit because 10 Mb/s Half Duplex is not supported	returns 0	0
1.10	100BASE-T2 Full Duplex	Always returns a '0' for this bit because 100BASE-T2 Full Duplex is not supported	returns 0	0

Table 12-32: SGMII Status (Register 1) (Cont'd)

Bit(s)	Name	Description	Attributes	Default Value
1.9	100BASE-T2 Half Duplex	Always returns a '0' for this bit because 100BASE-T2 Half Duplex is not supported	returns 0	0
1.8	Extended Status	Always returns a '1' for this bit to indicate the presence of the Extended Register (Register 15)	returns 1	1
1.7	Unidirectional Ability	Always returns '1,' writes ignored	returns 1	1
1.6	MF Preamble Suppression	Always returns a '1' for this bit to indicate that Management Frame Preamble Suppression is supported	returns 1	1
1.5	Auto- Negotiation Complete	Ignore this bit because Auto-Negotiation is not included.	returns 1	0
1.4	Remote Fault	Ignore this bit because Auto-Negotiation is not included	returns 0	0
1.3	Auto- Negotiation Ability	Ignore this bit because Auto-Negotiation is not included	returns 0	0
1.2	SGMII Link Status	1 = SGMII Link is up 0 = SGMII Link is down Latches '0' if SGMII Link Status goes down. Clears to current SGMII Link Status on read. See the following Link Status section for further details.	read only self clearing on read	0
1.1	Jabber Detect	Always returns a '0' for this bit because Jabber Detect is not supported	returns 0	0
1.0	Extended Capability	Always returns a '0' for this bit because no extended register set is supported	returns 0	0

### Link Status

When high, the link is valid and has remained valid after this register was last read; synchronization of the link has been obtained.

When low, either:

- A valid link has not been established; link synchronization has failed.  
OR
- Link synchronization was lost at some point when this register was previously read. However, the current link status may be good. *Therefore read this register a second time to get confirmation of the current link status.*

# Registers 2 and 3: PHY Identifier

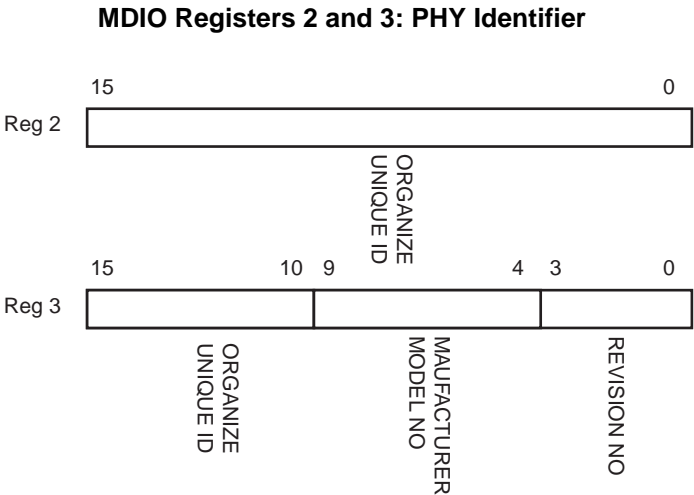


Table 12-33: PHY Identifier (Registers 2 and 3)

Bit(s)	Name	Description	Attributes	Default Value
2.15:0	Organizationally Unique Identifier	Always return 0s	returns 0s	0000000000000000
3.15:10	Organizationally Unique Identifier	Always return 0s	returns 0s	000000
3.9:4	Manufacturer model number	Always return 0s	returns 0s	000000
3.3:0	Revision Number	Always return 0s	returns 0s	0000

# Register 4: SGMII Auto-Negotiation Advertisement

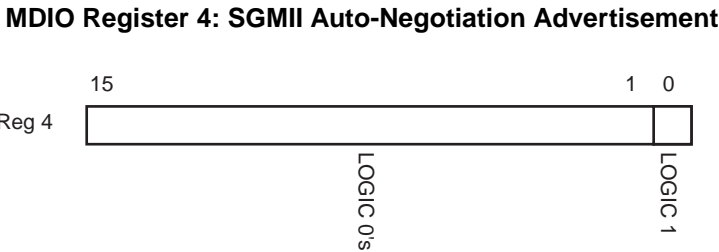
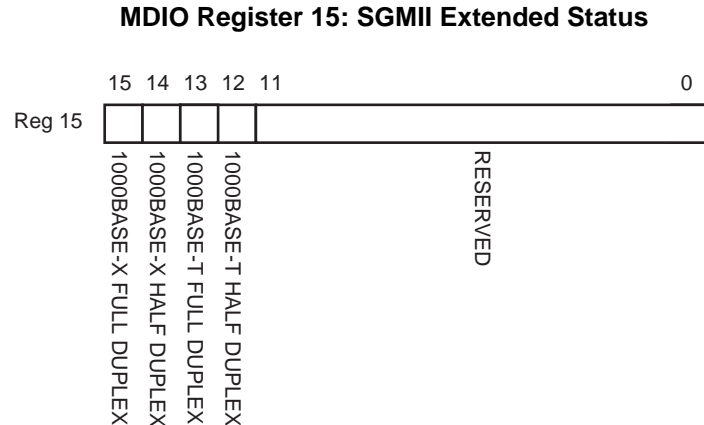


Table 12-34: SGMII Auto-Negotiation Advertisement (Register 4)

Bit(s)	Name	Description	Attributes	Default Value
4.15:0	All bits	Ignore this register because Auto-Negotiation is not included	read only	0000000000000001

## Register 15: SGMII Extended Status



**Table 12-35: SGMII Extended Status Register (Register 15)**

Bit(s)	Name	Description	Attributes	Default Value
15.15	1000BASE-X Full Duplex	Always returns a '1' for this bit because 1000BASE-X Full Duplex is supported	returns 1	1
15.14	1000BASE-X Half Duplex	Always returns a '0' for this bit because 1000BASE-X Half Duplex is not supported	returns 0	0
15.13	1000BASE-T Full Duplex	Always returns a '0' for this bit because 1000BASE-T Full Duplex is not supported	returns 0	0
15.12	1000BASE-T Half Duplex	Always returns a '0' for this bit because 1000BASE-T Half Duplex is not supported	returns 0	0
15:11:0	Reserved	Always return 0s	returns 0s	000000000000

## Both 1000BASE-X and SGMII Standards

[Table 12-36](#) describes Register 17, the vendor-specific Standard Selection Register. This register is only present when the core is generated with the capability to dynamically switch between 1000BASE-X and SGMII standards. The component name is used as the base name of the output files generated for the core. See [Component Name](#).

When this register is configured to perform the 1000BASE-X standard, registers 0 to 16 should be interpreted as per [1000BASE-X Standard Using the Optional Auto-Negotiation](#) or [1000BASE-X Standard Without the Optional Auto-Negotiation](#).

When this register is configured to perform the SGMII standard, registers 0 to 16 should be interpreted as per [SGMII Standard Using the Optional Auto-Negotiation](#) or [1000BASE-X Standard Without the Optional Auto-Negotiation](#). This register can be written to at any time. See [Chapter 14, Dynamic Switching of 1000BASE-X and SGMII Standards](#) for more information.

Register 17: Vendor-Specific Standard Selection Register

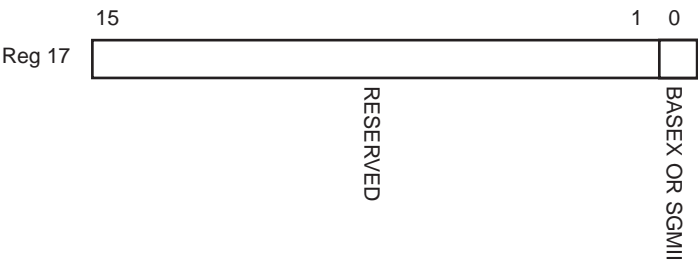


Figure 12-17: Dynamic Switching (Register 17)

Table 12-36: Vendor-specific Register: Standard Selection Register (Register 17)

Bit(s)	Name	Description	Attributes	Default Value
17.15:1	Reserved	Always return 0s	Returns 0s	0000000000000000
16.0	Standard	0 = Core performs to the 1000BASE-X standard. Registers 0 to 16 behave as per <a href="#">1000BASE-X Standard Using the Optional Auto-Negotiation</a> 1 = Core performs to the SGMII standard. Registers 0 to 16 behave as per <a href="#">SGMII Standard Using the Optional Auto-Negotiation</a> .	read/write	Determined by the basex_or_sgmii port

## Additional Configuration Vector

Additional signals are brought out of the core to program Register 0 independent of the MDIO Management Interface. These signals are bundled into the CONFIGURATION\_VECTOR signal as defined in [Table 12-37](#).

These signals can be changed by the user application at any time. The *Clock Domain* heading denotes the clock domain the configuration signal is registered in before use by the core. It is not necessary to drive the signal from this clock domain.

Table 12-37: Optional Configuration and Status Vectors

Signal	Direction	Clock Domain	Description
configuration_vector [4:0]	Input	See note <sup>(1)</sup>	<p><b>Bit[0]: Unidirectional Enable</b> When set to 1, Enable Transmit irrespective of state of RX (802.3ah). When set to 0, Normal operation</p> <p><b>Bit[1]: Loopback Control</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>When used with a device-specific transceiver, the core is placed in internal loopback mode.</li> <li>With the TBI version, Bit 1 is connected to ewrap. When set to '1,' this indicates to the external PMA module to enter loopback mode. See <a href="#">Loopback</a>.</li> </ul> <p><b>Bit[2]: Power Down</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>When a device-specific transceiver is used, a setting of '1' places the device-specific transceiver in a low-power state. A reset must be applied to clear.</li> <li>With the TBI version, this bit is unused.</li> </ul> <p><b>Bit[3]: Isolate</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>When set to '1,' the GMII should be electrically isolated.</li> <li>When set to '0,' normal operation is enabled.</li> </ul> <p><b>Bit[4] Auto-Negotiation Enable</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>This signal is valid only if the AN module is enabled through the CORE Generator™ tool Graphical User Interface (GUI).</li> <li>When set to 1, the signal enables the AN feature. When set to 0, AN is disabled.</li> </ul>

**Notes:**

- Signals are synchronous to the internal 125 MHz reference clock of the core; this is `userclk2` when used with a device-specific transceiver; `gtx_clk` when used with TBI.



## Auto-Negotiation

This chapter provides general guidelines for using the Auto-Negotiation function of the Ethernet 1000BASE-X PCS/PMA or SGMII core. Auto-Negotiation is controlled and monitored through the PCS Management registers. For more information, see [Chapter 12, Configuration and Status](#).

### Overview of Operation

For either standard, when considering Auto-Negotiation between two connected devices, it must be remembered that:

- Auto-Negotiation must be either enabled in **both** devices, or:
- Auto-Negotiation must be disabled in **both** devices.

### 1000BASE-X Standard

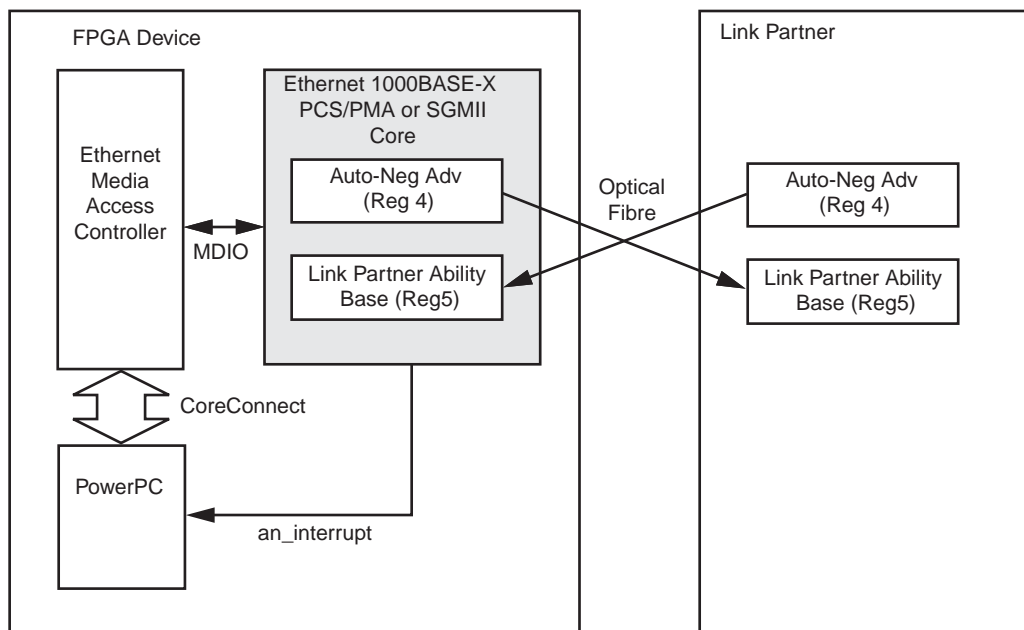


Figure 13-1: 1000BASE-X Auto-Negotiation Overview

IEEE 802.3-2008 clause 37 describes the 1000BASE-X Auto-Negotiation function that allows a device to advertise the modes of operation that it supports to a device at the remote end of a link segment (the link partner) and to detect corresponding operational modes that the link partner advertises. [Figure 13-1](#) illustrates the operation of 1000BASE-X Auto-Negotiation.

The following describes typical operation when Auto-Negotiation is enabled.

1. Auto-Negotiation starts automatically when any of the following conditions are met.
  - Power-up/reset
  - Upon loss of synchronization
  - The link partner initiates Auto-Negotiation
  - An Auto-Negotiation Restart is requested (See [MDIO Register 0: Control Register](#) and `an_restart_config` in [Table 6-5](#).)

2. During Auto-Negotiation, the contents of the Auto-Negotiation Advertisement register are transferred to the link partner.

This register is writable through the MDIO, therefore enabling software control of the systems advertised abilities. See [MDIO Register 4: Auto-Negotiation Advertisement](#) for more information.

This register is also writable through dedicated interface signal `an_adv_config_vector`. If optional MDIO is present, the additional signal `an_adv_config_valid` quantifies the contents of `an_adv_config_vector`. See definitions of `an_adv_config_vector` and `an_adv_config_valid` in [Table 6-5](#) for more information.

Information provided in this register includes:

- Fault Condition signaling
  - Duplex Mode
  - Flow Control capabilities for the attached MAC.
3. The advertised abilities of the Link Partner are simultaneously transferred into the Auto-Negotiation Link Partner Ability Base Register.
 

This register contains the same information as in the Auto-Negotiation Advertisement Register. See [MDIO Register 5: Auto-Negotiation Link Partner Base](#) for more information.
  4. Under normal conditions, this completes the Auto-Negotiation information exchange.
 

It is now the responsibility of system management (for example, software running on an embedded PowerPC® or MicroBlaze™ processor) to complete the cycle. The results of the Auto-Negotiation should be read from Auto-Negotiation Link Partner Ability Base Register. Other networking components, such as an attached Ethernet MAC, should be configured accordingly. See [MDIO Register 5: Auto-Negotiation Link Partner Base](#) for more information.

There are two methods that a host processor uses to learn of the completion of an Auto-Negotiation cycle:

- Polling the Auto-Negotiation completion bit 1.5 in the Status Register (Register 1).
- Using the Auto-Negotiation interrupt port of the core (see [Using the Auto-Negotiation Interrupt](#)).

## SGMII Standard

### Using the SGMII MAC Mode Configuration to Interface to an External BASE-T PHY with SGMII Interface

Figure 13-2 illustrates the operation of SGMII Auto-Negotiation as described in [Overview of Operation](#). Additional information about SGMII Standard Auto-Negotiation is provided in the following sections.

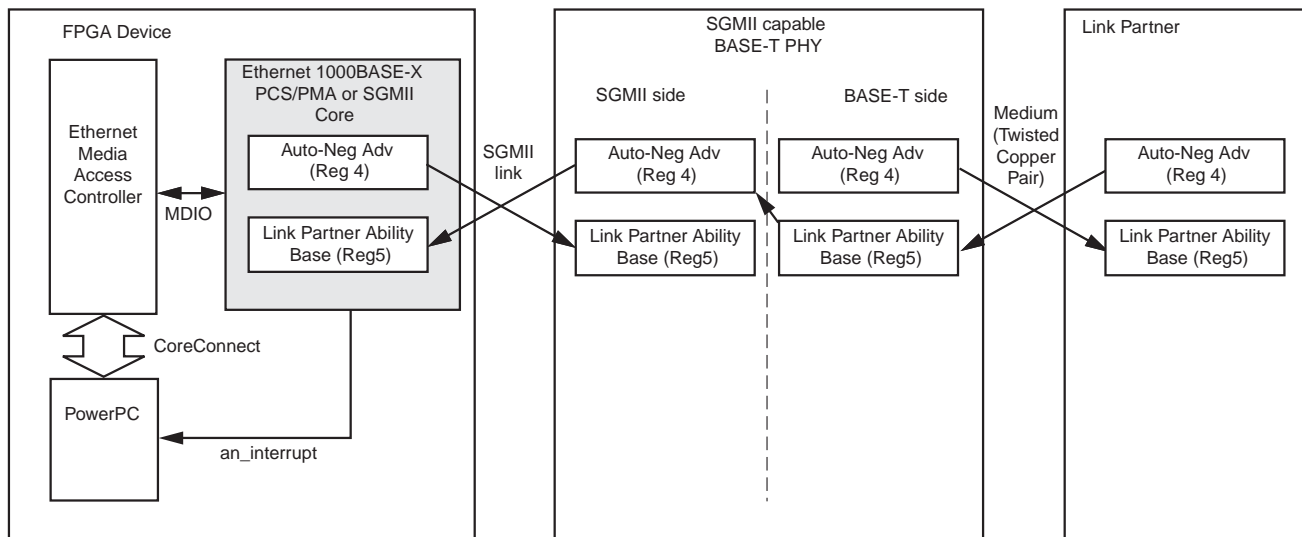


Figure 13-2: SGMII Auto-Negotiation in MAC Mode

The SGMII capable PHY has two distinctive sides to Auto-Negotiation.

- The PHY performs Auto-Negotiation with its link partner using the relevant Auto-Negotiation standard for the chosen medium (BASE-T Auto-Negotiation is illustrated in [Figure 13-2](#), using a twisted copper pair as its medium). This resolves the operational speed and duplex mode with the link partner.
- The PHY then passes the results of the Auto-Negotiation process with the link partner to the Ethernet 1000BASE-X PCS/PMA or SGMII core (in SGMII mode), by leveraging the 1000BASE-X Auto-Negotiation specification described in [Figure 13-1](#). This transfers the results of the Link Partner Auto-Negotiation across the SGMII and is the only Auto-Negotiation observed by the core.

This SGMII Auto-Negotiation function, summarized previously, leverages the 1000BASEX PCS/PMA Auto-Negotiation function but contains two differences.

- The duration of the Link Timer of the SGMII Auto-Negotiation is shrunk from 10 ms to 1.6 ms so that the entire Auto-Negotiation cycle is much faster. See [Setting the Configurable Link Timer](#).
- The information exchanged is different and now contains speed resolution in addition to duplex mode. See [MDIO Register 5: Auto-Negotiation Link Partner Base](#).
- There are no other differences and dealing with the results of Auto-Negotiation can be handled as described previously in [Figure 13-1](#).

## Using Both the SGMII MAC Mode and SGMII PHY Mode Configurations to interface to an External BASE-T PHY with a GMII interface

Figure 13-3 illustrates the operation of SGMII Auto-Negotiation. Additional information about SGMII Standard Auto-Negotiation is provided in the following sections.

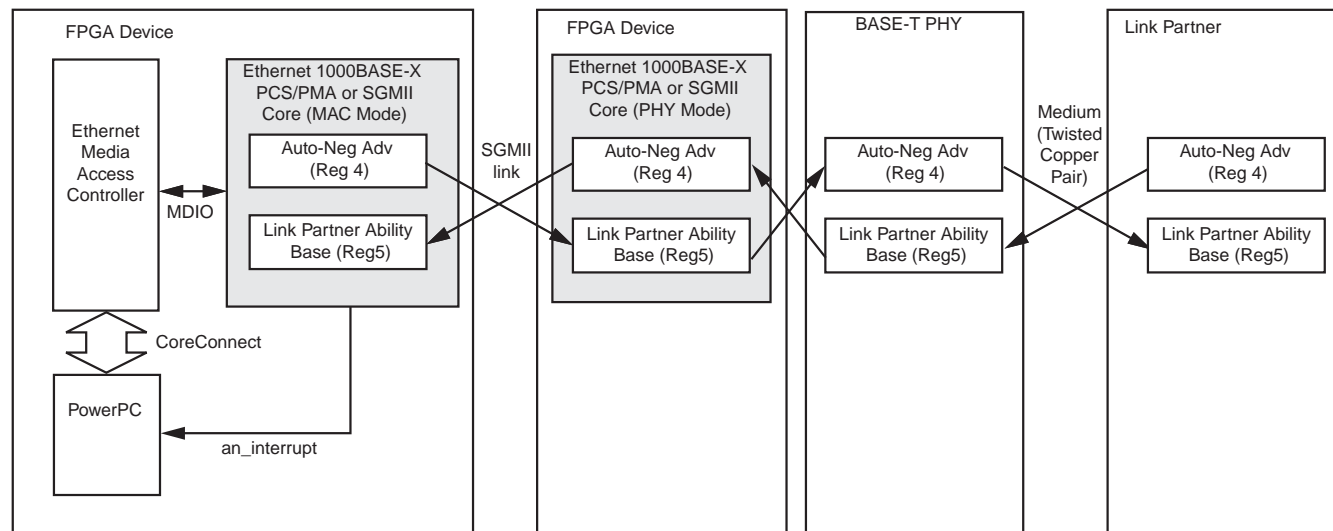


Figure 13-3: SGMII Auto-Negotiation

The SGMII capable PHY has two distinctive sides to Auto-Negotiation.

- The PHY performs Auto-Negotiation with its link partner using the relevant Auto-Negotiation standard for the chosen medium (BASE-T Auto-Negotiation is illustrated in Figure 13-3, using a twisted copper pair as its medium). This resolves the operational speed and duplex mode with the link partner. The BASE-T PHY transfers the link partner abilities through the MDIO interface to the Ethernet 1000 BASE-X PCS/PMA or SGMII core (in SGMII configuration and PHY mode).
- The Ethernet 1000 BASE-X PCS/PMA or SGMII core (in SGMII configuration and PHY mode) then passes the results of the Auto-Negotiation process to the Ethernet 1000BASEX PCS/PMA or SGMII core (in SGMII configuration and MAC mode), by leveraging the 1000BASE-X Auto-Negotiation specification described in [Overview of Operation](#). This transfers the results of the Link Partner Auto-Negotiation across the SGMII and is the only Auto-Negotiation observed by the core.

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- The information exchanged is different and now contains speed resolution in addition to duplex mode. See [MDIO Register 5: Auto-Negotiation Link Partner Base](#). There are no other differences and dealing with the results of Auto-Negotiation can be handled as described previously in [Overview of Operation](#).

## Setting the Configurable Link Timer

The optional Auto-Negotiation function has a Link Timer (`link_timer[8:0]`) port. This port sets the period of the Auto-Negotiation Link Timer. This port should be permanently tied to a logical binary value, and a binary value should be placed on this port. The duration of the timer is approximately equal to the binary value multiplied by 32.768 microseconds (4096 clock periods of the 125 MHz clock provided to the core). See [Auto-Negotiation Signal Pinout](#).

**Note:** See [Chapter 14, Dynamic Switching of 1000BASE-X and SGMII Standards](#) for details of programming the Auto-Negotiation Link Timer when performing dynamic switching between 1000BASE-X and SGMII Standards.

The accuracy of this Link Timer is within the following range.

+0 to -32.768 microseconds

### 1000BASE-X Standard

The Link-Timer is defined as having a duration somewhere between 10 and 20 milliseconds. The example design delivered with the core sets the binary value as follows:

100111101 = 317 decimal

This corresponds to a duration of between 10.354 and 10.387 milliseconds.

### SGMII Standard

The Link-Timer is defined as having a duration of 1.6 milliseconds. The example design delivered with the core sets the binary value to

000110010 = 50 decimal

This corresponds to a duration of between 1.606 and 1.638 milliseconds.

### Simulating Auto-Negotiation

Auto-Negotiation requires a minimum of three link timer periods for completion. If simulating the Auto-Negotiation procedure, setting the `link_timer[8:0]` port to a low value greatly reduces the simulation time required to complete Auto-Negotiation.

## Using the Auto-Negotiation Interrupt

The Auto-Negotiation function has an `an_interrupt` port. This is designed to be used with common microprocessor bus architectures (for example, the CoreConnect bus interfacing to a MicroBlaze processor or the Virtex®-5 FXT FPGA embedded IBM PowerPC processor). For more information, see [Auto-Negotiation Signal Pinout](#).

The operation of this port is enabled or disabled and cleared via the MDIO Register 16, the Vendor-specific Auto-Negotiation Interrupt Control Register.

- When disabled, this port is permanently tied to logic 0.
- When enabled, this port is set to logic 1 following the completion of an Auto-Negotiation cycle. It remains high until it is cleared by writing 0 to bit 16.1 (Interrupt Status bit) of the [Register 16: Vendor-Specific Auto-Negotiation Interrupt Control](#).

## Use of Clock Correction Sequences in Device Specific Transceivers (1000BASE-X Standard)

The device-specific transceivers are configured by the appropriate transceiver wizard to perform clock correction. The output of the transceiver wizard is provided as part of the example design. Two different clock correction sequences can be employed:

1. The mandatory clock correction sequence is the /I2/ ordered set; this is a two byte code-group sequence formed from /K28.5/ and /D16.2/ characters. The /I2/ ordered-set is present in the inter-frame-gap. These sequences can therefore be removed or inserted by the transceiver's receiver elastic buffer without causing frame corruption.
2. The default transceiver wizard configuration for the device-specific transceivers varies across device families. Some of the transceiver wizards enable the `CLK_COR_SEQ_2_USE` attribute. When this is the case, the transceiver is also configured to perform clock correction on the /K28.5/D21.5/ sequence; this is the first two code-groups from the /C1/ ordered set (the /C1/ ordered-set is 4 code-groups in length). Because there are no /I2/ ordered-sets present during much of the Auto-Negotiation cycle, this provides a method of allowing clock correction to be performed during Auto-Negotiation. Because this form of clock correction inserts or removes two-code groups into or from a four-code group sequence, this causes ordered-set fragments to be seen by the cores Auto-Negotiation state machine. It is therefore important that the transceivers `RXCLKCORCNT[2:0]` port is correctly wired up to the core netlist; this indicates a clock correction event (and type) to the core. Using this signal, the cores state machine can interpret the clock-correction fragments and the Auto-Negotiation function can complete cleanly.

When the device-specific transceivers `CLK_COR_SEQ_2_USE` attribute is not enabled, no clock correction can be performed during much of the Auto-Negotiation cycle. When this is the case, it is possible that the transceivers receiver elastic buffer could underflow or overflow as asynchronous clock tolerances accumulate. This results in an elastic buffer error. It is therefore important that the transceivers `RXBUFSTATUS[2:0]` port is correctly wired up to the core netlist; this indicates a buffer error event to the core. Using this signal, the cores state machine can interpret the buffer error and the Auto-Negotiation function can complete cleanly.

## Conclusion

The device-specific transceivers can be configured to optionally perform clock correction during the Auto-Negotiation cycle, and their default configuration varies from family to family. Regardless, if correctly connected, as per the example design, the core's state machine can determine the transceivers elastic buffer behavior and Auto-Negotiation will complete cleanly.

# Dynamic Switching of 1000BASE-X and SGMII Standards

This chapter provides general guidelines for using the core to perform dynamic standards switching between 1000BASE-X and SGMII. The core only provides this capability if generated with the appropriate option, as described in [Chapter 3, Generating and Customizing the Core](#).

## Typical Application

[Figure 14-1](#) illustrates a typical application for the Ethernet 1000BASE-X PCS/PMA or SGMII core with the ability to dynamically switch between 1000BASE-X and SGMII standards.

The FPGA is shown connected to an external, off-the-shelf PHY with the ability to perform both BASE-X and BASE-T standards.

- The core must operate in 1000BASE-X mode to use the optical fibre.
- The core must operate in SGMII mode to provide BASE-T functionality and use the twisted copper pair.

The GMII of the Ethernet 1000BASE-X PCS/PMA or SGMII core is shown connected to an embedded Ethernet Media Access Controller (MAC), for example the Tri-Mode Ethernet MAC core from Xilinx.

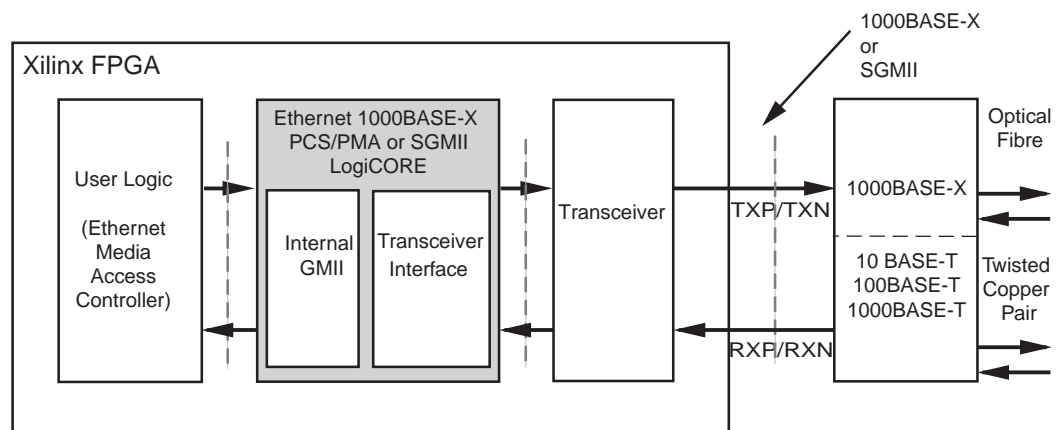


Figure 14-1: Typical Application for Dynamic Switching

## Operation of the Core

### Selecting the Power-On / Reset Standard

The external port of the core, `basex_or_sgmi` (see [Dynamic Switching Signal Pinout](#)), selects the default standard of the core as follows:

- Tie to logic '0' in the core instantiation. The core powers-up and comes out of a reset cycle operating in the 1000BASE-X standard.
- Tie to logic '1' in the core instantiation. The core powers-up and comes out of a reset cycle operating in the SGMII standard.

The `basex_or_sgmi` port of the core can be dynamically driven. In this configuration, it is possible to drive a logical value onto the port, followed by a core reset cycle to switch the core to the desired standard. However, it is expected that the standard will be switched through the MDIO Management Registers.

### Switching the Standard Using MDIO

The 1000BASE-X or SGMII standard of the core can be switched at any time by writing to the [Register 17: Vendor-Specific Standard Selection Register](#). Following completion of this write, the MDIO Management Registers immediately switch.

- Core set to 1000BASE-X standard. Management Registers 0 through 16 should be interpreted according to [1000BASE-X Standard Using the Optional Auto-Negotiation](#).
- Core set to SGMII standard. Management Registers 0 through 16 should be interpreted according to [SGMII Standard Using the Optional Auto-Negotiation](#).

### Auto-Negotiation State Machine

- Core set to the 1000BASE-X standard. The Auto-Negotiation state machine operates as described in [1000BASE-X Standard](#).
- Core set to perform the SGMII standard. The Auto-Negotiation state machine operates as described in [SGMII Standard](#).
- Standard is switched during an Auto-Negotiation sequence. The Auto-Negotiation state machine does not immediately switch standards, but attempt to continue to completion at the original standard.
- Switching the standard using MDIO. This does not cause Auto-Negotiation to automatically restart. Xilinx recommends that after switching to a new standard using an MDIO write, immediately perform the following:
  - If you have switched to the 1000BASE-X standard, reprogram the Auto-Negotiation Advertisement Register (Register 4) to the desired settings.
  - For either standard, restart the Auto-Negotiation sequence by writing to bit 0.9 of the MDIO Control Register (Register 0).

## Setting the Auto-Negotiation Link Timer

As described in [Chapter 13, Auto-Negotiation](#), the duration of the Auto-Negotiation Link Timer differs with the 1000BASE-X and the SGMII standards. To provide configurable link timer durations for both standards, the following ports are available. These ports replace the `link_timer_value[8:0]` port that is used when the core is generated for a single standard.

- `link_timer_basex[8:0]` The value placed on this port is sampled at the beginning of the Auto-Negotiation cycle by the Link Timer when the core is set to perform the 1000BASE-X standard.
- `link_timer_sgmi[8:0]` The value placed on this port is sampled at the beginning of the Auto-Negotiation cycle by the Link Timer when the core is set to perform the SGMII standard.

Both ports follow the same rules that are described in [Setting the Configurable Link Timer](#).



## Constraining the Core

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This chapter defines the constraint requirements of the Ethernet 1000BASE-X PCS/PMA or SGMII core. An example UCF is provided with the HDL example design for the core to implement the constraints defined in this chapter.

### Device, Package, and Speed Grade Selection

The Ethernet 1000BASE-X PCS/PMA or SGMII core can be implemented in Virtex®-7, Kintex™-7, Artix™-7, Virtex-6, Virtex-5, Virtex-4, Spartan®-6, Spartan-3, Spartan-3E, Spartan-3A/3AN and Spartan-3 Digital Signal Processor (DSP) devices. When selecting a device, be aware of the following considerations:

- Device must be large enough to accommodate the core.
- Device must contain a sufficient number of IOBs.
- -4 speed grade for Spartan-3, Spartan-3E, Spartan-3A/3AN/3A DSP devices
- -10 speed grade for Virtex-4 devices
- -1 speed grade for Virtex-5, Virtex-6, Virtex-7, Artix-7, and Kintex-7 devices (except [Chapter 10, SGMII Support Using Asynchronous Oversampling over Virtex-6 FPGA LVDS](#) in which case a -2 speed grade or faster is required).
- -2 speed grade for Spartan-6 devices
- The transceiver is only supported in Virtex-4 FX, Virtex-5 LXT, Virtex-5 SXT, and Virtex-5 FXT and TXT FPGAs, Spartan-6 LXT, Virtex-6, Virtex-7, Artix-7, and Kintex-7 devices.

### I/O Location Constraints

No specific I/O location constraints required.

However, when employing BUFIO and BUFR regional clock routing (Virtex-5, Virtex-6, Virtex-7, Kintex-7, Artix-7, and Spartan-6 devices), ensure that a BUFIO capable clock input pin is selected for input clock sources and that all related input synchronous data signals are placed in the respective BUFIO region. The device user guide should be consulted.

### Placement Constraints

No specific placement constraints required except for one exception; see [Layout and Placement](#) when designing [Chapter 10, SGMII Support Using Asynchronous Oversampling over Virtex-6 FPGA LVDS](#).

## Virtex-4 FPGA MGT Transceivers for 1000BASE-X Constraints

The constraints defined in this section are implemented in the UCF for the example designs delivered with the core. Sections from the UCF are copied into the following descriptions to serve as examples and should be studied in conjunction with the HDL source code for the example design. See also [Virtex-4 FX Devices](#).

### Clock Period Constraints

The clock `txoutclk` is provided by the MGT transceiver for use in the FPGA logic. It is connected to global clock routing to produce the `usrclk2` signal. This is the main 125 MHz clock used by all core logic and must be constrained.

DCLK is a clock with a frequency between 25 and 50 MHz, which must be provided to the Dynamic Reconfiguration Port and to the calibration block of the MGT transceiver. In the example design, this is constrained to 50 MHz.

The following UCF syntax shows these constraints being applied.

```
#####
# PCS/PMA Clock period Constraints: please do not relax      *
#####

NET "userclk2" TNM_NET = "userclk2";
TIMESPEC "TS_userclk2" = PERIOD "userclk2" 8 ns HIGH 50 %;

NET "dclk" TNM_NET = "dclk";
TIMESPEC "TS_dclk" = PERIOD "dclk" 20 ns HIGH 50 %;
```

### Setting MGT Transceiver Attributes

The Virtex-4 FPGA MGT transceiver has many attributes. These attributes are set directly from HDL source code for the transceiver wrapper file delivered with the example design. These are in the `transceiver.vhd` file (for VHDL design entry) or `transceiver.v` (for Verilog design entry). See [Chapter 4, CORE Generator Tool Deliverables](#) for a detailed description of the example design files provided with the core.

This HDL transceiver wrapper file was initially created using Architecture Wizard. See the *Virtex-4 RocketIO Multi-Gigabit Transceiver User Guide* (UG076) for a description of available attributes.

### MGT Transceiver Placement Constraints

The following UCF syntax illustrates the MGT transceiver placement constraints for the example design. Because Virtex-4 FPGA MGT transceivers are always available in pairs, two MGT transceivers are always instantiated in the example design, even if one is inactive.

```
#####
# Example Rocket I/O placement                                *
#####
# Lock down the REFCLK pins:
NET  brefclk_p   LOC = F26;
NET  brefclk_n   LOC = G26;

# Lock down the GT11 pair and GT11 clock module
INST "core_wrapper/RocketIO/GT11_1000X_A" LOC = GT11_X0Y5;
```

```

INST "core_wrapper/RocketIO/GT11_1000X_B" LOC = GT11_X0Y4;
INST "GT11CLK_MGT_INST" LOC = GT11CLK_X0Y3;

# Lock down the RocketIO transceiver pins:
NET "rxp0" LOC = J26;
NET "rxn0" LOC = K26;
NET "txp0" LOC = M26;
NET "txn0" LOC = N26;
NET "rxp1" LOC = U26;
NET "rxn1" LOC = V26;
NET "txp1" LOC = P26;
NET "txn1" LOC = R26;

```

## Virtex-4 FPGA RocketIO MGT Transceivers for SGMII or Dynamic Standards Switching Constraints

All the constraints described in the section [Virtex-4 FPGA MGT Transceivers for 1000BASE-X Constraints](#). In addition, if the FPGA Logic Rx Elastic Buffer is selected, an extra clock period constraint of 16 ns is required for rxrecclk1.

With the MGT transceiver Rx Elastic Buffer bypassed, rxrecclk1 is provided by the MGT transceiver to the FPGA logic for the recovered receiver data signals leaving the transceiver. This data is then written into the replacement Rx Elastic Buffer implemented in the FPGA logic. See [Virtex-4 Devices for SGMII or Dynamic Standards Switching](#).

The following UCF syntax shows the necessary constraint being applied to GT11 A.

```

#*****
# PCS/PMA Clock period Constraints for the GT11 A *
# recovered clock: please do not relax *
#*****

NET "core_wrapper/RocketIO/rxrecclk10" TNM_NET = "rxrecclk10";
TIMESPEC "ts_rxrecclk10" = PERIOD "rxrecclk10" 16 ns;

```

## Virtex-5 FPGA RocketIO GTP Transceivers for 1000BASE-X Constraints

The constraints defined in this section are implemented in the UCF for the example designs delivered with the core. Sections from the UCF are copied into the following descriptions to serve as examples and should be studied with the HDL source code for the example design. See also [Virtex-5 LXT and SXT Devices](#).

### Clock Period Constraints

The clk<sub>in</sub> clock is provided to the GTP transceiver. It is a high-quality reference clock with a frequency of 125 MHz and should be constrained.

The refclk<sub>out</sub> clock is provided by the GTP transceiver for use in the FPGA logic, which is then connected to global clock routing to produce the usrclk<sub>2</sub> signal. This is the main 125 MHz clock used by all core logic and must be constrained.

The following UCF syntax shows these constraints being applied.

```
#####
# PCS/PMA Clock period Constraints: please do not relax      *
#####

NET "*clkin" TNM_NET = "clkin";
TIMESPEC "TS_clkin" = PERIOD "clkin" 8 ns HIGH 50 %;

NET "*refclkout" TNM_NET = "refclkout";
TIMESPEC "TS_refclkout" = PERIOD "refclkout" 8 ns HIGH 50 %;
```

## Setting GTP Transceiver Attributes

The Virtex-5 FPGA RocketIO™ GTP transceiver has many attributes that are set directly from HDL source code for the transceiver wrapper file delivered with the example design. These can be found in the `RocketIO_wrapper_gtp_tile.vhd` file (for VHDL design entry) or the `RocketIO_wrapper_gtp_tile.v` file (for Verilog design entry); these files were generated using the GTP transceiver wizard. To change the attributes, re-run the wizard. See [Virtex-5 FPGA RocketIO GTP Transceiver Wizard](#).

## Virtex-5 FPGA RocketIO GTP Transceivers for SGMII or Dynamic Standards Switching Constraints

If the core is generated to use the GTP transceiver Rx Elastic Buffer, all of the constraints apply, as defined in [Virtex-5 FPGA RocketIO GTP Transceivers for 1000BASE-X Constraints](#). However, if the FPGA Logic Rx Elastic Buffer is selected, an extra clock period constraint of 8 ns is required for `rxrecclk`: with the GTP transceiver Rx Elastic Buffer bypassed, `rxrecclk` is provided by the GTP transceiver to the FPGA logic for the recovered receiver data signals leaving the transceiver. This data is then written into the replacement Rx Elastic Buffer implemented in the FPGA logic. See [Virtex-5 LXT or SXT Devices for SGMII or Dynamic Standards Switching](#) for more information about this logic.

The following UCF syntax shows the necessary constraint being applied to the `rxrecclk` signal sourced from GTP 0.

```
#####
# PCS/PMA Clock period Constraints for the GTP 0            *
# recovered clock: please do not relax                      *
#####

NET "core_wrapper/RocketIO/rxrecclk0" TNM_NET = "rxrecclk0";
TIMESPEC "ts_rxrecclk0" = PERIOD "rxrecclk0" 8 ns;
```

## Setting GTP Transceiver Attributes

Additionally, if the FPGA Logic Rx Elastic Buffer is selected, then the attributes of the Virtex-5 FPGA RocketIO GTP transceiver which are set directly from HDL source code do differ from the standard case. These can be found in the `RocketIO_wrapper_gtp_tile.vhd` file (for VHDL design entry) or the `RocketIO_wrapper_gtp_tile.v` file (for Verilog design entry); these files were generated using the GTP RocketIO Transceiver Wizard. To change the attributes, re-run the wizard. See [Virtex-5 FPGA RocketIO GTP Transceiver Wizard](#).

## Virtex-5 FPGA RocketIO GTX Transceivers for 1000BASE-X Constraints

The constraints defined in this section are implemented in the UCF for the example designs delivered with the core. Sections from the UCF are copied into the following descriptions to serve as examples, and should be studied with the HDL source code for the example design. See also [Virtex-5 FXT and TXT Devices](#).

### Clock Period Constraints

The `clkin` clock is provided to the GTX transceiver. It is a high-quality reference clock with a frequency of 125 MHz and should be constrained.

The `refclkout` clock is provided by the GTX transceiver for use in the FPGA logic; this is the main 125 MHz clock reference source for the FPGA logic and should be constrained. This is then connected to a DCM. The ports `CLK0` (125 MHz) and `CLKDV` (62.5 MHz) of this DCM are then placed onto global clock routing to produce the `usrclk2` and `usrclk` clock signals respectively. The Xilinx tools then trace the `refclkout` constraint through the DCM and automatically generate clock period constraints for the DCM output clocks. So constraints `usrclk2` and `usrclk` do not need to be manually applied.

The following UCF syntax shows these constraints being applied.

```
#####
# PCS/PMA Clock period Constraints: please do not relax      *
#####

NET "*clkin" TNM_NET = "clkin";
TIMESPEC "TS_clkin" = PERIOD "clkin" 8 ns HIGH 50 %;

NET "*refclkout" TNM_NET = "refclkout";
TIMESPEC "TS_refclkout" = PERIOD "refclkout" 8 ns HIGH 50 %;
```

### Setting GTX Transceiver Attributes

The Virtex-5 FPGA RocketIO GTX transceiver has many attributes that are set directly from HDL source code for the transceiver wrapper file delivered with the example design. These can be found in the `RocketIO_wrapper_gtx_tile.vhd` file (for VHDL design entry) or the `RocketIO_wrapper_gtx_tile.v` file (for Verilog design entry); these files were generated using the GTX transceiver wizard. To change the attributes, re-run the wizard. See [Virtex-5 FPGA RocketIO GTX Wizard in Chapter 8](#).

## Virtex-5 FPGA RocketIO GTX Transceivers for SGMII or Dynamic Standards Switching Constraints

If the core is generated to use the GTX transceiver Rx Elastic Buffer, then all of the constraints documented in [Virtex-5 FPGA RocketIO GTX Transceivers for 1000BASE-X Constraints](#), apply.

However, if the FPGA Logic Rx Elastic Buffer is selected, then an extra clock period constraint of 16 ns is required for `rxrecclk`. With the GTX transceiver Rx Elastic Buffer bypassed, `rxrecclk` is provided by the GTX transceiver to the FPGA logic for the recovered receiver data signals leaving the transceiver. This data is then written into the replacement Rx Elastic Buffer implemented in the FPGA logic. See [Virtex-5 FXT and TXT Devices for SGMII or Dynamic Standards Switching](#) for more information about this logic.

The following UCF syntax shows the necessary constraint being applied to the `rxrecclk` signal sourced from GTX 0.

```

#*****
# PCS/PMA Clock period Constraints for the GTP/X 0      *
# recovered clock: please do not relax                  *
#*****

NET "core_wrapper/RocketIO/rxrecclk0" TNM_NET = "rxrecclk0";
TIMESPEC "ts_rxrecclk0" = PERIOD "rxrecclk0" 16 ns;

```

Additionally, if the FPGA Logic Rx Elastic Buffer is selected, then the attributes of the Virtex-5 FPGA RocketIO GTX transceiver which are set directly from HDL source code do differ from the standard case. These can be found in the `RocketIO_wrapper_gtx_tile.vhd` file (for VHDL design entry) or the `RocketIO_wrapper_gtx_tile.v` file (for Verilog design entry); these files were generated using the GTX RocketIO Transceiver Wizard. To change the attributes, re-run the wizard. See [Virtex-5 FPGA RocketIO GTX Wizard](#).

## Virtex-6 FPGA GTX Transceivers for 1000BASE-X Constraints

The constraints defined in this section are implemented in the UCF for the example designs delivered with the core. Sections from the UCF are copied into the following descriptions to serve as examples, and should be studied with the HDL source code for the example design. See also [Virtex-6 Devices](#).

### Clock Period Constraints

The `mgtrefclk` clock is provided to the GTX transceiver. It is a high-quality reference clock with a frequency of 125 MHz and should be constrained.

The `txoutclk` clock is provided by the GTX transceiver for use in the FPGA logic, which is then connected to global clock routing to produce the `usrclk2` signal. This is the main 125 MHz clock used by all core logic and must be constrained.

The following UCF syntax shows these constraints being applied.

```

#*****
# PCS/PMA Clock period Constraints: please do not relax  *
#*****

NET "mgtrefclk" TNM_NET = "mgtrefclk";
TIMESPEC "ts_mgtrefclk" = PERIOD "mgtrefclk" 8 ns HIGH 50 %;

NET "*txoutclk" TNM_NET = "txoutclk";
TIMESPEC "TS_txoutclk" = PERIOD "txoutclk" 8 ns HIGH 50 %;

```

### Setting Virtex-6 FPGA GTX Transceiver Attributes

The Virtex-6 FPGA GTX transceiver has many attributes that are set directly from HDL source code for the transceiver wrapper file delivered with the example design. These can be found in the `gtx_wrapper_gtx.vhd` file (for VHDL design entry) or the `gtx_wrapper_gtx.v` file (for Verilog design entry); these files were generated using the Virtex-6 FPGA GTX Transceiver Wizard. To change the attributes, re-run the wizard. See [Virtex-6 FPGA GTX Transceiver Wizard](#).

## Virtex-6 FPGA GTX Transceivers for SGMII or Dynamic Standards Switching Constraints

If the core is generated to use the Virtex-6 FPGA GTX transceiver Rx Elastic Buffer, all of the constraints apply, as defined in [Virtex-6 FPGA GTX Transceivers for 1000BASE-X Constraints](#). However, if the FPGA Logic Rx Elastic Buffer is selected, an extra clock period constraint of 8 ns is required for rxrecclk: with the GTX transceiver Rx Elastic Buffer unused, RXRECCLK is provided by the GTX transceiver to the FPGA logic for the recovered receiver data signals leaving the transceiver. This data is then written into the replacement Rx Elastic Buffer implemented in the FPGA logic. See [Virtex-6 Devices for SGMII or Dynamic Standards Switching](#) for more information about this logic.

The following UCF syntax shows the necessary constraint being applied to the RXRECCLK signal sourced from the GTX transceiver.

```
#####
# PCS/PMA Clock period Constraints for the GTP 0          *
# recovered clock: please do not relax                    *
#####

NET "core_wrapper/gtx/RXRECCLK" TNM_NET = "rxrecclk";
TIMESPEC "ts_rxrecclk" = PERIOD "rxrecclk" 8 ns;
```

Additionally, if the FPGA Logic Rx Elastic Buffer is selected, then the attributes of the Virtex-6 FPGA GTX transceiver, which are set directly from HDL source code, do differ from the standard case. These can be found in the gtx\_wrapper\_gtx.vhd file (for VHDL design entry) or the gtx\_wrapper\_gtx.v file (for Verilog design entry): these files were generated using the Virtex-6 FPGA GTX Transceiver Wizard. To change the attributes, re-run the wizard. See [Virtex-6 FPGA GTX Transceiver Wizard](#).

## Spartan-6 FPGA GTP Transceivers for 1000BASE-X Constraints

The constraints defined in this section are implemented in the UCF for the example designs delivered with the core. Sections from the UCF are copied into the following descriptions to serve as examples and should be studied with the HDL source code for the example design. See also [Spartan-6 LXT Devices](#).

### Clock Period Constraints

The clkin clock is provided to the GTP transceiver. It is a high-quality reference clock with a frequency of 125 MHz and should be constrained.

The refclkout clock is provided by the GTP transceiver for use in the FPGA logic, which is then connected to global clock routing to produce the usrclk2 signal. This is the main 125 MHz clock used by all core logic and must be constrained.

The following UCF syntax shows these constraints being applied.

```
#####
# PCS/PMA Clock period Constraints: please do not relax    *
#####

NET "*clkin" TNM_NET = "clkin";
TIMESPEC "TS_clkin" = PERIOD "clkin" 8 ns HIGH 50 %;

NET "*gtpclkout" TNM_NET = "gtpclkout";
TIMESPEC "TS_gtpclkout" = PERIOD "gtpclkout" 8 ns HIGH 50 %;
```

## Setting Spartan-6 FPGA GTP Transceiver Attributes

The Spartan-6 FPGA GTP transceiver has many attributes that are set directly from HDL source code for the transceiver wrapper file delivered with the example design. These can be found in the `gtp_wrapper_tile.vhd` file (for VHDL design entry) or the `gtp_wrapper_tile.v` file (for Verilog design entry); these files were generated using the Spartan-6 FPGA GTP Transceiver Wizard. To change the attributes, re-run the wizard. See [Spartan-6 FPGA GTP Transceiver Wizard](#).

## Spartan-6 FPGA GTP Transceivers for SGMII or Dynamic Standards Switching Constraints

If the core is generated to use the GTP transceiver Rx Elastic Buffer, all of the constraints apply, as defined in [Spartan-6 FPGA GTP Transceivers for 1000BASE-X Constraints](#). However, if the FPGA Logic Rx Elastic Buffer is selected, an extra clock period constraint of 8 ns is required for `rxrecclk`: with the GTP transceiver Rx Elastic Buffer bypassed, `rxrecclk` is provided by the GTP transceiver to the FPGA logic for the recovered receiver data signals leaving the transceiver. This data is then written into the replacement Rx Elastic Buffer implemented in the FPGA logic. See [Spartan-6 LXT Devices for SGMII or Dynamic Standards Switching](#) for more information about this logic.

The following UCF syntax shows the necessary constraint being applied to the `rxrecclk` signal sourced from GTP 0.

```
#####
# PCS/PMA Clock period Constraints for the GTP 0          *
# recovered clock: please do not relax                    *
#####

NET "core_wrapper/gtp/rxrecclk0" TNM_NET = "rxrecclk0";
TIMESPEC "ts_rxrecclk0" = PERIOD "rxrecclk0" 8 ns;
```

Additionally, if the FPGA Logic Rx Elastic Buffer is selected, then the attributes of the Virtex-5 FPGA GTP transceiver which are set directly from HDL source code do differ from the standard case. These can be found in the `gtp_wrapper_tile.vhd` file (for VHDL design entry) or the `gtp_wrapper_tile.v` file (for Verilog design entry); these files were generated using the Spartan-6 FPGA GTP Transceiver Wizard. To change the attributes, re-run the wizard. See [Spartan-6 FPGA Transceiver GTP Wizard](#).

## 7 Series FPGA Transceivers for 1000BASE-X Constraints

The constraints defined in this section are implemented in the UCF for the example designs delivered with the core. Sections from the UCF are copied into the following descriptions to serve as examples and should be studied with the HDL source code for the example design. See also [Virtex-7 Devices](#), [Kintex-7 Devices](#) and [Artix-7 Devices](#).

### Clock Period Constraints

The `gtrefclk` clock is provided to the transceiver. It is a high-quality reference clock with a frequency of 125 MHz and should be constrained.

The `txoutclk` clock is provided by the transceiver which this is then routed to a MMCM via a BUFG (global clock routing). From the MMCM, the `CLKOUT1` port (62.5 MHz) is placed onto global clock routing and is input back into the transceiver on the user interface clock ports `rxusrclk`, `rxusrclk2`, `txusrclk` and `txusrclk2`. The `CLKOUT0` port (125 MHz) of MMCM is placed onto global clock routing and can be used as the 125 MHz clock source for all core logic.

```
# *****
# PCS/PMA Clock period Constraints: do not relax      *
# *****

NET "gtrefclk" TNM_NET = "gtrefclk";
TIMESPEC "ts_gtrefclk" = PERIOD "gtrefclk" 8 ns HIGH 50 %;

NET "txoutclk" TNM_NET = "txoutclk";
TIMESPEC "TS_txoutclk" = PERIOD "txoutclk" 8 ns HIGH 50 %;
```

### Setting 7 Series FPGA Transceiver Attributes

The 7 series FPGA transceiver has many attributes that are set directly from HDL source code for the transceiver wrapper file delivered with the example design. These can be found in the `gtwizard_gt.vhd` file (for VHDL design entry) or the `gtwizard_gt.vhd.v` file (for Verilog design entry); these files were generated using the 7 series FPGA Transceiver Wizard. To change the attributes, re-run the wizard. See [Virtex-7, Kintex-7, and Artix-7 FPGA Transceiver Wizard Files](#).

## 7 Series FPGA Transceivers for SGMII or Dynamic Standards Switching Constraints

If the core is generated to use the 7 series FPGA Transceiver Rx Elastic Buffer, all of the constraints apply, as defined in [Virtex-7, Kintex-7, and Artix-7 FPGA Transceiver Wizard Files](#).

### Constraints

However, if the FPGA Logic Rx Elastic Buffer is selected, an extra clock period constraint of 8 ns is required for `rxrecclk`: with the transceiver Rx Elastic Buffer unused, `RXRECCLK` is provided by the transceiver to the FPGA logic for the recovered receiver data signals leaving the transceiver. This data is then written into the replacement Rx Elastic Buffer implemented in the FPGA logic. See [Virtex-7 Devices for SGMII or Dynamic Standards Switching](#), [Kintex-7 Devices for SGMII or Dynamic Standards Switching](#), and [Artix-7 Devices for SGMII or Dynamic Standards Switching](#) for more information about this logic.

The following UCF syntax shows the necessary constraint being applied to the RXRECCLK signal sourced from the GTX transceiver.

```
*****
# FPGA Logic Rx Elastic Buffer Timing Constraints:
*****

NET "core_wrapper/transceiver_inst/RXRECCLK" TNM_NET = "rxrecclk";
TIMESPEC "ts_rxrecclk" = PERIOD "rxrecclk" 8 ns;
```

## Setting 7 Series FPGA Transceiver Attributes

Additionally, if the FPGA Logic Rx Elastic Buffer is selected, then the attributes of the 7 series FPGA transceiver, which are set directly from HDL source code, do differ from the standard case. These can be found in the `gtwizard_gt.vhd` file (for VHDL design entry) or the `gtwizard_gt.v` file (for Verilog design entry); these files were generated using the 7 series FPGA Transceiver Wizard. To change the attributes, re-run the wizard. See [Virtex-7, Kintex-7, and Artix-7 FPGA Transceiver Wizard Files](#).

## SGMII Using Asynchronous Oversampling over Virtex-6 LVDS Constraints

The constraints defined in this section are implemented in the UCF for the example designs delivered with the core. The constraints should be studied in conjunction with the HDL source code for the example design. See also [Chapter 10, SGMII Support Using Asynchronous Oversampling over Virtex-6 FPGA LVDS](#).

### Clock Period Constraints

The [I/O Bank Clocking](#) module uses an MMCM to create various frequency and phase related clock sources. The input clock to this MMCM must be constrained appropriately and the tools then automatically provide clock period constraints for all MMCM clock outputs. The following UCF syntax shows this constraint being applied.

```
NET "*refclk125_p" TNM_NET = "refclk";
TIMESPEC "ts_refclk" = PERIOD "refclk" 8000 ps HIGH 50 %;
```

### Clock Domain Crossing Constraints

The UCF provides constraints targeting specific paths using FROM-TO constraints. See the UCF comments for guidance. All of these constraints additionally contain the text “DO NOT EDIT” in their related comments.

### Placement and Layout Constraints

See [Layout and Placement](#).

### Ten-Bit Interface Constraints

The constraints defined in this section are implemented in the UCF for the example designs delivered with the core. Sections from this UCF have been copied into the descriptions in this section to serve as examples, and should be studied with the HDL

source code for the example design. See also [Chapter 7, The Ten-Bit Interface](#).

## Clock Period Constraints

The clocks provided to pma\_rx\_clk0 and pma\_rx\_clk1 must be constrained for a clock frequency of 62.5 MHz. The clock provided to gtx\_clk must be constrained for a clock frequency of 125 MHz. The following UCF syntax shows the constraints being applied to the example design.

```
#####
# TBI Clock period Constraints: do not relax      #
#####
NET "pma_rx_clk0" TNM_NET = "pma_rx_clk0";
TIMESPEC "ts_pma_rx_clk0" = PERIOD "pma_rx_clk0" 16000 ps HIGH 50 %;

NET "pma_rx_clk1" TNM_NET = "pma_rx_clk1";
TIMESPEC "ts_pma_rx_clk1" = PERIOD "pma_rx_clk1" 16000 ps HIGH 50 %;
NET "gtx_clk_bufg" TNM_NET = "clk_tx";
TIMESPEC "ts_tx_clk" = PERIOD "clk_tx" 8000 ps HIGH 50 %;
```

Period constraints should be applied to cover signals into and out of the block memory based 8B/10B encoder and decoder.

```
# Constrain between flip-flops and the Block Memory for the 8B/10B
encoder and decoder
INST "gig_eth_pcs_pma_core/BU2/U0/PCS_OUTPUT/DECODER/LOOK_UP_TABLE"
TNM = "codec8b10b";
INST "gig_eth_pcs_pma_core/BU2/U0/PCS_OUTPUT/ENCODER/LOOK_UP_TABLE"
TNM = "codec8b10b";
TIMESPEC "ts_ffs_to_codec8b10b" = FROM FFS TO "codec8b10b" 8000 ps;
TIMESPEC "ts_codec8b10b_to_ffs" = FROM "codec8b10b" TO FFS 8000 ps;
```

## Ten-Bit Interface IOB Constraints

The following constraints target the flip-flops that are inferred in the top level HDL file for the example design. Constraints are set to ensure that these are placed in IOBs.

```
INST "tx_code_group_reg*" IOB = true;
INST "ewrap_reg" IOB = true;
INST "en_cdet_reg" IOB = true;
INST "rx_code_group0_reg*" IOB = true;
INST "rx_code_group1_reg*" IOB = true;
```

**Note:** For Virtex-4, Virtex-5, Virtex-6, Kintex-7 and Spartan-6 devices, the example design directly instantiate IOB DDR components and the previous constraints are not included.

Virtex-6 devices support TBI at 2.5 V only and the device default SelectIO™ technology standard of LVCMOS25 is used. See the *Virtex-6 FPGA Data Sheet: DC and Switching Characteristics* for more information. In Virtex-5, Virtex-4, Spartan-6 and Spartan-3 devices support is 3.3 V by default and the UCF contains the following syntax. Use this syntax together with the device I/O Banking rules.

```
INST "tx_code_group<?>" IOSTANDARD = LVTTTL;
INST "pma_tx_clk" IOSTANDARD = LVTTTL;

INST "rx_code_group<?>" IOSTANDARD = LVTTTL;
INST "pma_rx_clk0" IOSTANDARD = LVTTTL;

INST "loc_ref" IOSTANDARD = LVTTTL;
INST "ewrap" IOSTANDARD = LVTTTL;
```

```
INST "en_cdet" IOSTANDARD = LVTTTL;
```

In addition, the example design provides pad locking on the TBI for several families. This is included as a guideline only, and there are no specific I/O location constraints for this core.

## TBI Input Setup/Hold Timing

### Input TBI Timing Specification

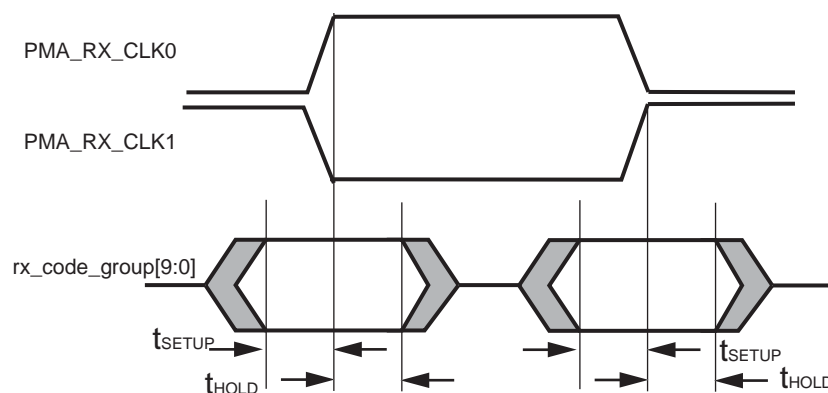


Figure 15-1: Input TBI timing

Figure 15-1 and Table 15-1 illustrate the setup and hold time window for the input TBI signals. These specify the worst-case data valid window presented to the FPGA pins. There is only a 2 ns data valid window of guaranteed data presented across the TBI input bus. This must be correctly sampled by the FPGA devices.

Table 15-1: Input TBI Timing

Symbol	Min	Max	Units
$t_{\text{SETUP}}$	2.00	-	ns
$t_{\text{HOLD}}$	0.00	-	ns

### Spartan-3, Spartan-3E, and Spartan-3A Devices

Figure 7-3 illustrates the TBI input logic provided by the example design for the Spartan-3 class family. DCMs are used on the pma\_rx\_clk0 and pma\_rx\_clk1 clock paths as illustrated. Phase-shifting is then applied to the DCMs to align the resultant clocks so that they correctly sample the 2 ns TBI data valid window at the input DDR flip-flops.

The fixed phase shift is applied to the DCMs using the following UCF syntax.

```
INST "core_wrapper/tbi_rx_clk0_dcm" CLKOUT_PHASE_SHIFT = FIXED;
INST "core_wrapper/tbi_rx_clk0_dcm" PHASE_SHIFT = -10;
INST "core_wrapper/tbi_rx_clk0_dcm" DESKEW_ADJUST = 0;

INST "core_wrapper/tbi_rx_clk1_dcm" CLKOUT_PHASE_SHIFT = FIXED;
INST "core_wrapper/tbi_rx_clk1_dcm" PHASE_SHIFT = -10;
INST "core_wrapper/tbi_rx_clk1_dcm" DESKEW_ADJUST = 0;
```

The values of PHASE\_SHIFT are preconfigured in the example designs to meet the setup and hold constraints for the example TBI pinout in the particular device. The setup/hold

timing which is achieved after place-and-route is reported in the data sheet section of the Trace (TRCE) report (created by the implement script).

For customers fixing their own pinout, the setup and hold figures reported in the TRCE report can be used to initially setup the approximate DCM phase shift values. [Appendix G, Calculating the DCM Fixed Phase Shift or IODelay Tap Setting](#), describes a more accurate method for fixing the phase shift by using hardware measurement of a unique PCB design.

## Virtex-4 Devices

[Figure 7-3](#) illustrates the TBI input logic provided by the example design for the Virtex-4 devices. A DCM is used on the `pma_rx_clk0` clock path as illustrated. Phase-shifting is then applied to the DCM to align the resultant clock so it correctly samples the 2 ns TBI data valid window at the input DDR flip-flops.

The fixed phase shift is applied to the DCM using the following UCF syntax.

```
INST "core_wrapper/tbi_rx_clk0_dcm" CLKOUT_PHASE_SHIFT = FIXED;
INST "core_wrapper/tbi_rx_clk0_dcm" PHASE_SHIFT = -35;
INST "core_wrapper/tbi_rx_clk0_dcm" DESKEW_ADJUST = 0;
```

The value of `PHASE_SHIFT` is preconfigured in the example designs to meet the setup and hold constraints for the example TBI pinout in the particular device. The setup/hold timing which is achieved after place-and-route is reported in the data sheet section of the TRCE report (created by the implement script).

For customers fixing their own pinout, the setup and hold figures reported in the TRCE report can be used to initially setup the approximate DCM phase shift values. [Appendix G, Calculating the DCM Fixed Phase Shift or IODelay Tap Setting](#) describes a more accurate method for fixing the phase shift by using hardware measurement of a unique PCB design.

In addition, for Virtex-4 FPGA designs, the following UCF syntax is included:

```
#-----
# To check (analyze) TBI Rx Input Setup/Hold Timing      -
#-----
NET "rx_code_group<?>" OFFSET = IN 2 ns VALID 2 ns BEFORE "pma_rx_clk0"
RISING;
NET "rx_code_group<?>" OFFSET = IN 2 ns VALID 2 ns BEFORE "pma_rx_clk0"
FALLING;
```

This syntax causes the Xilinx implementation tools to analyze the input setup and hold constraints for the input TBI bus. If these constraints are not met, the tools do report timing errors. However, the tools do *not* attempt to automatically correct the timing in the case of failure. These must be corrected manually by changing the DCM `PHASE_SHIFT` value in the UCF.

## Virtex-5 Devices

[Figure 7-7](#) illustrates the TBI input logic provided by the example design for the Virtex-5 devices. `IODELAY` elements are instantiated on the TBI data input path as illustrated. Fixed tap delays are applied to these `IODELAY` elements to delay the `rx_code_group[9:0]` bus so that data is correctly sampled at the IOB IDDR registers, thereby meeting TBI input setup and hold timing constraints.

The number of tap delays are applied using the following UCF syntax.

```
#-----
# To Adjust TBI Rx Input Setup/Hold Timing
#-----
```

```

INST "core_wrapper/tbi_rx_data_bus[9].delay_tbi_rx_data" IDELAY_VALUE
= "20";
INST "core_wrapper/tbi_rx_data_bus[8].delay_tbi_rx_data" IDELAY_VALUE
= "20";
INST "core_wrapper/tbi_rx_data_bus[7].delay_tbi_rx_data" IDELAY_VALUE
= "20";
INST "core_wrapper/tbi_rx_data_bus[6].delay_tbi_rx_data" IDELAY_VALUE
= "20";
INST "core_wrapper/tbi_rx_data_bus[5].delay_tbi_rx_data" IDELAY_VALUE
= "20";
INST "core_wrapper/tbi_rx_data_bus[4].delay_tbi_rx_data" IDELAY_VALUE
= "20";
INST "core_wrapper/tbi_rx_data_bus[3].delay_tbi_rx_data" IDELAY_VALUE
= "20";
INST "core_wrapper/tbi_rx_data_bus[2].delay_tbi_rx_data" IDELAY_VALUE
= "20";
INST "core_wrapper/tbi_rx_data_bus[1].delay_tbi_rx_data" IDELAY_VALUE
= "20";
INST "core_wrapper/tbi_rx_data_bus[0].delay_tbi_rx_data" IDELAY_VALUE
= "20";

```

The number of tap delays are preconfigured in the example designs to meet the setup and hold constraints for the example TBI pinout in the particular device. The setup/hold timing which is achieved after place-and-route is reported in the data sheet section of the TRCE report (created by the implement script). See [Understanding Timing Reports for Setup/Hold Timing](#).

In addition, for Virtex-5 FPGA designs, the following UCF syntax is included:

```

#-----
# To check (analyze) TBI Rx Input Setup/Hold Timing      -
#-----
NET "rx_code_group<?>" OFFSET = IN 2 ns VALID 2 ns BEFORE "pma_rx_clk0"
RISING;
NET "rx_code_group<?>" OFFSET = IN 2 ns VALID 2 ns BEFORE "pma_rx_clk0"
FALLING;

```

This syntax causes the Xilinx implementation tools to analyze the input setup and hold constraints for the input TBI bus. If these constraints are not met, the tools do report timing errors. However, the tools do *not* attempt to automatically correct the timing in the case of failure. These must be corrected manually by changing the number of tap delays for the IODELAY elements in the UCF.

## Kintex-7 and Virtex-6 Devices

[Figure 7-9](#) illustrates the TBI input logic provided by the example design for the Kintex-7 and Virtex-6 devices. IODELAY elements are instantiated on the TBI data input path as illustrated. Fixed tap delays are applied to these IODELAY elements to delay the rx\_code\_group[9:0] bus so that data is correctly sampled at the IOB IDDR registers, thereby meeting TBI input setup and hold timing constraints.

The number of tap delays are applied using the following UCF syntax.

```

#-----
# To Adjust TBI Rx Input Setup/Hold Timing
#-----
INST "core_wrapper/tbi_rx_data_bus[9].delay_tbi_rx_data" IDELAY_VALUE
= "5";

```

```

INST "core_wrapper/tbi_rx_data_bus[8].delay_tbi_rx_data" IDELAY_VALUE
= "5";
INST "core_wrapper/tbi_rx_data_bus[7].delay_tbi_rx_data" IDELAY_VALUE
= "5";
INST "core_wrapper/tbi_rx_data_bus[6].delay_tbi_rx_data" IDELAY_VALUE
= "5";
INST "core_wrapper/tbi_rx_data_bus[5].delay_tbi_rx_data" IDELAY_VALUE
= "5";
INST "core_wrapper/tbi_rx_data_bus[4].delay_tbi_rx_data" IDELAY_VALUE
= "5";
INST "core_wrapper/tbi_rx_data_bus[3].delay_tbi_rx_data" IDELAY_VALUE
= "5";
INST "core_wrapper/tbi_rx_data_bus[2].delay_tbi_rx_data" IDELAY_VALUE
= "5";
INST "core_wrapper/tbi_rx_data_bus[1].delay_tbi_rx_data" IDELAY_VALUE
= "5";
INST "core_wrapper/tbi_rx_data_bus[0].delay_tbi_rx_data" IDELAY_VALUE
= "5";

```

The number of tap delays are preconfigured in the example designs to meet the setup and hold constraints for the example TBI pinout in the particular device. The setup/hold timing, which is achieved after place-and-route, is reported in the data sheet section of the TRCE report (created by the implement script). See [Understanding Timing Reports for Setup/Hold Timing](#).

In addition, the following UCF syntax is included:

```

#-----
# To check (analyze) TBI Rx Input Setup/Hold Timing      -
#-----
NET "rx_code_group<?>" OFFSET = IN 2 ns VALID 2 ns BEFORE "pma_rx_clk0"
RISING;
NET "rx_code_group<?>" OFFSET = IN 2 ns VALID 2 ns BEFORE "pma_rx_clk0"
FALLING;

```

This syntax causes the Xilinx implementation tools to analyze the input setup and hold constraints for the input TBI bus. If these constraints are not met, the tools do report timing errors. However, the tools do *not* attempt to automatically correct the timing in the case of failure. These must be corrected manually by changing the number of tap delays for the IDELAY elements in the UCF.

## Spartan-6 Devices

[Figure 7-11](#) illustrates the TBI input logic provided by the example design for the Spartan-6 devices. IDELAY2 elements are instantiated on the TBI data input path as illustrated. Fixed tap delays are applied to these IDELAY2 elements to delay the rx\_code\_group[9:0] bus so that data is correctly sampled at the IOB IDDR registers, thereby meeting TBI input setup and hold timing constraints.

The number of tap delays are applied using the following UCF syntax.

```

#-----
# To Adjust TBI Rx Input Setup/Hold Timing
#-----
INST "core_wrapper/tbi_rx_data_bus[9].delay_tbi_rx_data" IDELAY_VALUE
= "20";
INST "core_wrapper/tbi_rx_data_bus[8].delay_tbi_rx_data" IDELAY_VALUE
= "20";

```

```

INST "core_wrapper/tbi_rx_data_bus[7].delay_tbi_rx_data" IDELAY_VALUE
= "20";
INST "core_wrapper/tbi_rx_data_bus[6].delay_tbi_rx_data" IDELAY_VALUE
= "20";
INST "core_wrapper/tbi_rx_data_bus[5].delay_tbi_rx_data" IDELAY_VALUE
= "20";
INST "core_wrapper/tbi_rx_data_bus[4].delay_tbi_rx_data" IDELAY_VALUE
= "20";
INST "core_wrapper/tbi_rx_data_bus[3].delay_tbi_rx_data" IDELAY_VALUE
= "20";
INST "core_wrapper/tbi_rx_data_bus[2].delay_tbi_rx_data" IDELAY_VALUE
= "20";
INST "core_wrapper/tbi_rx_data_bus[1].delay_tbi_rx_data" IDELAY_VALUE
= "20";
INST "core_wrapper/tbi_rx_data_bus[0].delay_tbi_rx_data" IDELAY_VALUE
= "20";

```

The number of tap delays are preconfigured in the example designs to meet the setup and hold constraints for the example TBI pinout in the particular device. The setup/hold timing, which is achieved after place-and-route, is reported in the data sheet section of the TRCE report (created by the implement script). See [Understanding Timing Reports for Setup/Hold Timing](#).

In addition, for Spartan-6 FPGA designs, the following UCF syntax is included:

```

#-----
# To check (analyze) TBI Rx Input Setup/Hold Timing      -
#-----
NET "rx_code_group<?>" OFFSET = IN 2 ns VALID 2 ns BEFORE "pma_rx_clk0"
RISING;
NET "rx_code_group<?>" OFFSET = IN 2 ns VALID 2 ns BEFORE "pma_rx_clk0"
FALLING;

```

This syntax causes the Xilinx implementation tools to analyze the input setup and hold constraints for the input TBI bus. If these constraints are not met then the tools do report timing errors. However, the tools do *not* attempt to automatically correct the timing in the case of failure. These must be corrected manually by changing the number of tap delays for the IODELAY elements in the UCF.

## Constraints When Implementing an External GMII

The constraints defined in this section are implemented in the UCF for the example designs delivered with the core. Sections from this UCF have been copied into the following examples and should be studied in conjunction with the HDL source code for the example design. See also [Appendix F, Implementing External GMII](#).

### Clock Period Constraints

When implementing an external GMII, the Transmitter Elastic Buffer delivered with the example design (or similar logic) must be used. The input transmitter GMII signals are then synchronous to their own clock domain (gmii\_tx\_clk is used in the example design). This clock must be constrained for a clock frequency of 125 MHz. The following UCF syntax shows the necessary constraints being applied to the example design.

```

#####
# GMII Clock period Constraints: do not relax      #

```

```
#####
NET "gmii_tx_clk_bufg" TNM_NET = "gmii_tx_clk";
TIMESPEC "ts_gmii_tx_clk" = PERIOD "gmii_tx_clk" 8000 ps HIGH 50 %;
```

## GMII IOB Constraints

The following constraints target the flip-flops that are inferred in the top level HDL file for the example design. Constraints are set to ensure that these are placed in IOBs.

```
#####
# GMII Transmitter Constraints: place flip-flops in IOB #
#####
INST "gmii_txd*" IOB = true;
INST "gmii_tx_en" IOB = true;
INST "gmii_tx_er" IOB = true;

#####
# GMII Receiver Constraints: place flip-flops in IOB #
#####
INST "gmii_rxd_obuf*" IOB = true;
INST "gmii_rx_dv_obuf" IOB = true;
INST "gmii_rx_er_obuf" IOB = true;
```

Virtex-7 devices support GMII at 3.3 V or lower only in certain parts and packages; see the Virtex-7 Device Documentation. Virtex-6 devices support GMII at 2.5 V only and the device default SelectIO technology standard of LVCMOS25 is used. See the *Virtex-6 FPGA Data Sheet: DC and Switching Characteristics* for more information. In Virtex-5, Virtex-4, Spartan-6 and Spartan-3 devices, GMII by default is supported at 3.3 V and the UCF contains the following syntax. Use this syntax together with the device I/O Banking rules.

```
INST "gmii_txd<?>" IOSTANDARD = LVTTTL;
INST "gmii_tx_en" IOSTANDARD = LVTTTL;
INST "gmii_tx_er" IOSTANDARD = LVTTTL;

INST "gmii_rxd<?>" IOSTANDARD = LVTTTL;
INST "gmii_rx_dv" IOSTANDARD = LVTTTL;
INST "gmii_rx_er" IOSTANDARD = LVTTTL;

INST "gmii_tx_clk" IOSTANDARD = LVTTTL;
INST "gmii_rx_clk" IOSTANDARD = LVTTTL;
```

In addition, the example design provides pad locking on the GMII for several families. This is provided as a guideline only; there are no specific I/O location constraints for this core.

## GMII Input Setup/Hold Timing

### Input GMII Timing Specification

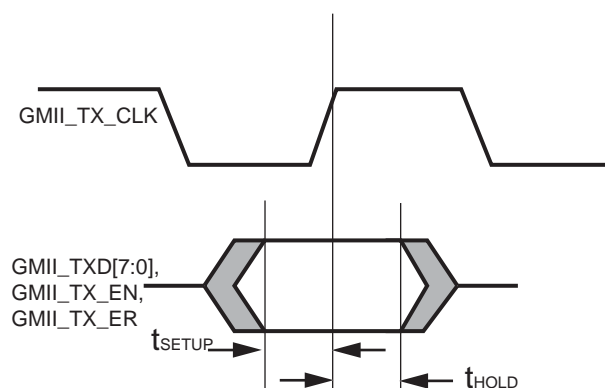


Figure 15-2: Input GMII Timing

Figure 15-2 and Table 15-2 illustrate the setup and hold time window for the input GMII signals. These are the worst-case data valid window presented to the FPGA pins.

Observe that there is, in total, a 2 ns data valid window of guaranteed data which is presented across the GMII input bus. This must be correctly sampled by the FPGA devices.

Table 15-2: Input GMII Timing

Symbol	Min	Max	Units
$t_{\text{SETUP}}$	2.00	-	ns
$t_{\text{HOLD}}$	0.00	-	ns

### Spartan-3, Spartan-3E, and Spartan-3A Devices

Figure F-1 illustrates the GMII input logic which is provided by the example design for the Spartan-3 devices. A DCM must be used on the `gmii_tx_clk` clock path as illustrated. Phase-shifting is then applied to the DCM to align the resultant clock so that it correctly samples the 2 ns GMII data valid window at the input flip-flops.

The fixed phase shift is applied to the DCM using the following UCF syntax.

```
INST "gmii_tx_dcm" CLKOUT_PHASE_SHIFT = FIXED;
INST "gmii_tx_dcm" PHASE_SHIFT = -20;
INST "gmii_tx_dcm" DESKEW_ADJUST = 0;
```

The value of `PHASE_SHIFT` is preconfigured in the example designs to meet the setup and hold constraints for the example GMII pinout in the particular device. The setup/hold timing which is achieved after place-and-route is reported in the data sheet section of the TRCE report (created by the implement script).

For customers fixing their own pinout, the setup and hold figures reported in the TRCE report can be used to initially setup the approximate DCM phase shift. [Appendix G, Calculating the DCM Fixed Phase Shift or IODelay Tap Setting](#), describes a more accurate method for fixing the phase shift by using hardware measurement of a unique PCB design.

## Virtex-4 Devices

[Figure F-1](#) illustrates the GMII input logic provided by the example design for the Virtex-4 devices. A DCM must be used on the `gmii_tx_clk` clock path as illustrated. Phase-shifting is then applied to the DCM to align the resultant clock so that it correctly samples the 2 ns GMII data valid window at the input flip-flops.

The fixed phase shift is applied to the DCM using the following UCF syntax.

```
INST "gmii_tx_dcm" CLKOUT_PHASE_SHIFT = FIXED;
INST "gmii_tx_dcm" PHASE_SHIFT = -20;
INST "gmii_tx_dcm" DESKEW_ADJUST = 0;
```

The value of `PHASE_SHIFT` is preconfigured in the example designs to meet the setup and hold constraints for the example GMII pinout in the particular device. The setup/hold timing which is achieved after place-and-route is reported in the data sheet section of the TRCE report (created by the implement script).

For customers fixing their own pinout, the setup and hold figures reported in the TRCE report can be used to initially setup the approximate DCM phase shift. [Appendix G, Calculating the DCM Fixed Phase Shift or IODelay Tap Setting](#), describes a more accurate method for fixing the phase shift by using hardware measurement of a unique PCB design.

In addition, for Virtex-4 FPGA designs, the following UCF syntax is included:

```
#-----
# To check (analyze) GMII Tx Input Setup/Hold Timing      -
#-----
INST "gmii_txd*"   TNM = IN_GMII;
INST "gmii_tx_en"  TNM = IN_GMII;
INST "gmii_tx_er"  TNM = IN_GMII;

TIMEGRP "IN_GMII" OFFSET = IN 2 ns VALID 2 ns BEFORE "gmii_tx_clk";
```

This syntax causes the Xilinx implementation tools to analyze the input setup and hold constraints for the input GMII bus. If these constraints are not met, the tools do report timing errors. However, the tools do *not* attempt to automatically correct the timing in the case of failure. These must be corrected manually by changing the DCM `PHASE_SHIFT` value in the UCF.

## Virtex-5 Devices

Figure F-2 illustrates the GMII input logic provided by the example design for the Virtex-5 devices. IODELAY elements are instantiated on the GMII data input path as illustrated. Fixed tap delays are applied to these IODELAY elements to delay the GMII input data signals so that data is correctly sampled at the IOB IDDR registers, thereby meeting GMII input setup and hold timing constraints.

The number of tap delays are applied using the following UCF syntax.

```
#-----
# To Adjust GMII Tx Input Setup/Hold Timing      -
#-----
INST "delay_gmii_tx_en"  IDELAY_VALUE = "20";
INST "delay_gmii_tx_er"  IDELAY_VALUE = "20";

INST "gmii_data_bus[7].delay_gmii_txd" IDELAY_VALUE = "20";
INST "gmii_data_bus[6].delay_gmii_txd" IDELAY_VALUE = "20";
INST "gmii_data_bus[5].delay_gmii_txd" IDELAY_VALUE = "20";
INST "gmii_data_bus[4].delay_gmii_txd" IDELAY_VALUE = "20";
INST "gmii_data_bus[3].delay_gmii_txd" IDELAY_VALUE = "20";
INST "gmii_data_bus[2].delay_gmii_txd" IDELAY_VALUE = "20";
INST "gmii_data_bus[1].delay_gmii_txd" IDELAY_VALUE = "20";
INST "gmii_data_bus[0].delay_gmii_txd" IDELAY_VALUE = "20";
```

The number of tap delays are preconfigured in the example designs to meet the setup and hold constraints for the example GMII pinout in the particular device. The setup/hold timing which is achieved after place-and-route is reported in the data sheet section of the TRCE report (created by the implement script). See [Understanding Timing Reports for Setup/Hold Timing](#).

In addition, for Virtex-5 FPGA designs, the following UCF syntax is included:

```
#-----
# To check (analyze) GMII Tx Input Setup/Hold Timing      -
#-----
INST "gmii_txd*"  TNM = IN_GMII;
INST "gmii_tx_en" TNM = IN_GMII;
INST "gmii_tx_er" TNM = IN_GMII;

TIMEGRP "IN_GMII" OFFSET = IN 2 ns VALID 2 ns BEFORE "gmii_tx_clk";
```

This syntax causes the Xilinx implementation tools to analyze the input setup and hold constraints for the input GMII bus. If these constraints are not met, the tools do report timing errors. However, the tools do *not* attempt to automatically correct the timing in the case of failure. These must be corrected manually by changing the number of tap delays for the IODELAY elements in the UCF.

## Virtex-7, Kintex-7, Artix-7, and Virtex-6 Devices

Figure F-2 illustrates the GMII input logic provided by the example design for the Artix-7, Virtex-7, Kintex-7 and Virtex-6 devices. IODELAY elements are instantiated on the GMII data input path as illustrated. Fixed tap delays are applied to these IODELAY elements to delay the GMII input data signals so that data is correctly sampled at the IOB IDDR registers, thereby meeting GMII input setup and hold timing constraints.

The number of tap delays are applied using the following UCF syntax.

```
#-----
# To Adjust GMII Tx Input Setup/Hold Timing -
#-----
INST "delay_gmii_tx_en" IDELAY_VALUE = "5";
INST "delay_gmii_tx_er" IDELAY_VALUE = "5";

INST "gmii_data_bus[7].delay_gmii_txd" IDELAY_VALUE = "5";
INST "gmii_data_bus[6].delay_gmii_txd" IDELAY_VALUE = "5";
INST "gmii_data_bus[5].delay_gmii_txd" IDELAY_VALUE = "5";
INST "gmii_data_bus[4].delay_gmii_txd" IDELAY_VALUE = "5";
INST "gmii_data_bus[3].delay_gmii_txd" IDELAY_VALUE = "5";
INST "gmii_data_bus[2].delay_gmii_txd" IDELAY_VALUE = "5";
INST "gmii_data_bus[1].delay_gmii_txd" IDELAY_VALUE = "5";
INST "gmii_data_bus[0].delay_gmii_txd" IDELAY_VALUE = "5";
```

The number of tap delays are preconfigured in the example designs to meet the setup and hold constraints for the example GMII pinout in the particular device. The setup/hold timing, which is achieved after place-and-route, is reported in the data sheet section of the TRCE report (created by the implement script). See [Understanding Timing Reports for Setup/Hold Timing](#).

In addition, the following UCF syntax is included:

```
#-----
# To check (analyze) GMII Tx Input Setup/Hold Timing -
#-----
INST "gmii_txd*" TNM = IN_GMII;
INST "gmii_tx_en" TNM = IN_GMII;
INST "gmii_tx_er" TNM = IN_GMII;

TIMEGRP "IN_GMII" OFFSET = IN 2 ns VALID 2 ns BEFORE "gmii_tx_clk";
```

This syntax causes the Xilinx implementation tools to analyze the input setup and hold constraints for the input GMII bus. If these constraints are not met then the tools do report timing errors. However, the tools do *not* attempt to automatically correct the timing in the case of failure. These must be corrected manually by changing the number of tap delays for the IODELAY elements in the UCF.

## Spartan-6 Devices

Figure F-3 illustrates the GMII input logic provided by the example design for the Spartan-6 devices. IODELAY2 elements are instantiated on the GMII data input path as illustrated. Fixed tap delays are applied to these IODELAY2 elements to delay the GMII input data signals so that data is correctly sampled at the IOB IDDR registers, thereby meeting GMII input setup and hold timing constraints.

The number of tap delays are applied using the following UCF syntax.

```
#-----
# To Adjust GMII Tx Input Setup/Hold Timing      -
#-----
INST "delay_gmii_tx_en"  IDELAY_VALUE = "10";
INST "delay_gmii_tx_er"  IDELAY_VALUE = "10";

INST "gmii_data_bus[7].delay_gmii_txd"  IDELAY_VALUE = "10";
INST "gmii_data_bus[6].delay_gmii_txd"  IDELAY_VALUE = "10";
INST "gmii_data_bus[5].delay_gmii_txd"  IDELAY_VALUE = "10";
INST "gmii_data_bus[4].delay_gmii_txd"  IDELAY_VALUE = "10";
INST "gmii_data_bus[3].delay_gmii_txd"  IDELAY_VALUE = "10";
INST "gmii_data_bus[2].delay_gmii_txd"  IDELAY_VALUE = "10";
INST "gmii_data_bus[1].delay_gmii_txd"  IDELAY_VALUE = "10";
INST "gmii_data_bus[0].delay_gmii_txd"  IDELAY_VALUE = "10";
```

The number of tap delays are preconfigured in the example designs to meet the setup and hold constraints for the example GMII pinout in the particular device. The setup/hold timing which is achieved after place-and-route is reported in the data sheet section of the TRCE report (created by the implement script). See [Understanding Timing Reports for Setup/Hold Timing](#).

In addition, for Spartan-6 FPGA designs, the following UCF syntax is included:

```
#-----
# To check (analyze) GMII Tx Input Setup/Hold Timing      -
#-----
INST "gmii_txd*"  TNM = IN_GMII;
INST "gmii_tx_en" TNM = IN_GMII;
INST "gmii_tx_er" TNM = IN_GMII;

TIMEGRP "IN_GMII" OFFSET = IN 2 ns VALID 2 ns BEFORE "gmii_tx_clk";
```

This syntax causes the Xilinx implementation tools to analyze the input setup and hold constraints for the input GMII bus. If these constraints are not met then the tools do report timing errors. However, the tools do *not* attempt to automatically correct the timing in the case of failure. These must be corrected manually by changing the number of tap delays for the IODELAY elements in the UCF.

## Understanding Timing Reports for Setup/Hold Timing

Setup and Hold results for the TBI or GMII input buses for the following devices are defined in the Data Sheet Report section of the Timing Report. The results are self-explanatory and show an obvious correlation and relationship to Figure 15-1 and Figure 15-2.

The following example shows the GMII report from a Spartan-3A DSP device. The implementation requires 1.531 ns of setup (this is less than the 2 ns required, to allow for slack). The implementation requires -0.125 ns of hold (this is less than the 0 ns required, to allow for slack).

Data Sheet report:

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All values displayed in nanoseconds (ns)

Setup/Hold to clock gmii\_tx\_clk

Source	Setup to clk (edge)	Hold to clk (edge)	Internal Clock(s)	Clock Phase
gmii_tx_en	1.531(R)	-0.141(R)	gmii_tx_clk_bufg	0.000
gmii_tx_er	1.531(R)	-0.141(R)	gmii_tx_clk_bufg	0.000
gmii_txd<0>	1.531(R)	-0.141(R)	gmii_tx_clk_bufg	0.000
gmii_txd<1>	1.525(R)	-0.135(R)	gmii_tx_clk_bufg	0.000
gmii_txd<2>	1.531(R)	-0.141(R)	gmii_tx_clk_bufg	0.000
gmii_txd<3>	1.525(R)	-0.135(R)	gmii_tx_clk_bufg	0.000
gmii_txd<4>	1.515(R)	-0.125(R)	gmii_tx_clk_bufg	0.000
gmii_txd<5>	1.515(R)	-0.125(R)	gmii_tx_clk_bufg	0.000
gmii_txd<6>	1.520(R)	-0.130(R)	gmii_tx_clk_bufg	0.000
gmii_txd<7>	1.520(R)	-0.130(R)	gmii_tx_clk_bufg	0.000



# Interfacing to Other Cores

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The 1000BASE-X PCS/PMA or SGMII core can be integrated in a single device with the Tri-Mode Ethernet MAC core to extend the system functionality to include the MAC sublayer. The Tri-Mode Ethernet MAC core provides support for operation at 10 Mb/s, 100 Mb/s, and 1 Gb/s.

A description of the latest available IP update containing the Tri-Mode Ethernet MAC core and instructions can be found in the Tri-Mode Ethernet MAC product Web page:

[www.xilinx.com/systemio/temac/index.htm](http://www.xilinx.com/systemio/temac/index.htm)

**Caution!** The Tri-Mode Ethernet MAC should always be configured for full-duplex operation when used with the 1000BASE-X PCS/PMA or SGMII core. This constraint is due to the increased latency introduced by the 1000BASE-X PCS/PMA or SGMII core. With half-duplex operation, the MAC response to collisions will be late, violating the Code-Division Multiple Access (CDMA) protocol.

The Tri-Mode Ethernet MAC (TEMAC) core v4.5 and older) supports Virtex®-6, Virtex-5, Virtex-4, Spartan®-6, Spartan-3, Spartan-3E, and Spartan-3A/3AN/3A DSP. The Tri-Mode Ethernet MAC core version 5.1 (TEMAC core v5.1, AXI) supports Virtex-7, Kintex™-7, Artix™-7, Virtex-6, and Spartan-6 devices.

See the following sections as applicable:

- [Integration of the Tri-Mode Ethernet MAC for 1000BASE-X Operation](#)
- [Integration of the Tri-Mode Ethernet MAC for Tri-speed SGMII Operation](#)

## Integration of the Tri-Mode Ethernet MAC for 1000BASE-X Operation

In this section, it is assumed that the Tri-Mode Ethernet MAC core is generated with only 1 Gb/s Ethernet speed and full-duplex only support. This provides the most optimal solution.

### Integration of the Tri-Mode Ethernet MAC to Provide 1000BASE-X PCS with TBI

#### TEMAC Core v4.5 and older

[Figure 16-1](#) illustrates the connections and clock management logic required to interface the Ethernet 1000BASE-X PCS/PMA or SGMII core (when used in 1000BASE-X mode with the parallel TBI) to the Tri-Mode Ethernet MAC core (TEMAC core v4.5 and older).

Features of this configuration include:

- Direct internal connections are made between the GMII interfaces between the two cores.
- If both cores have been generated with the optional management interface, the MDIO port can be connected to that of the Tri-Mode Ethernet MAC core, allowing the MAC to access the embedded configuration and status registers of the Ethernet 1000BASE-X PCS/PMA or SGMII core.
- Due to the embedded Receiver Elastic Buffer in the Ethernet 1000BASE-X PCS/PMA, the entire GMII is synchronous to a single clock domain. Therefore, `gtx_clk` is used as the 125 MHz reference clock for both cores, and the transmitter and receiver logic of the Tri-Mode Ethernet MAC core operates in the same clock domain.

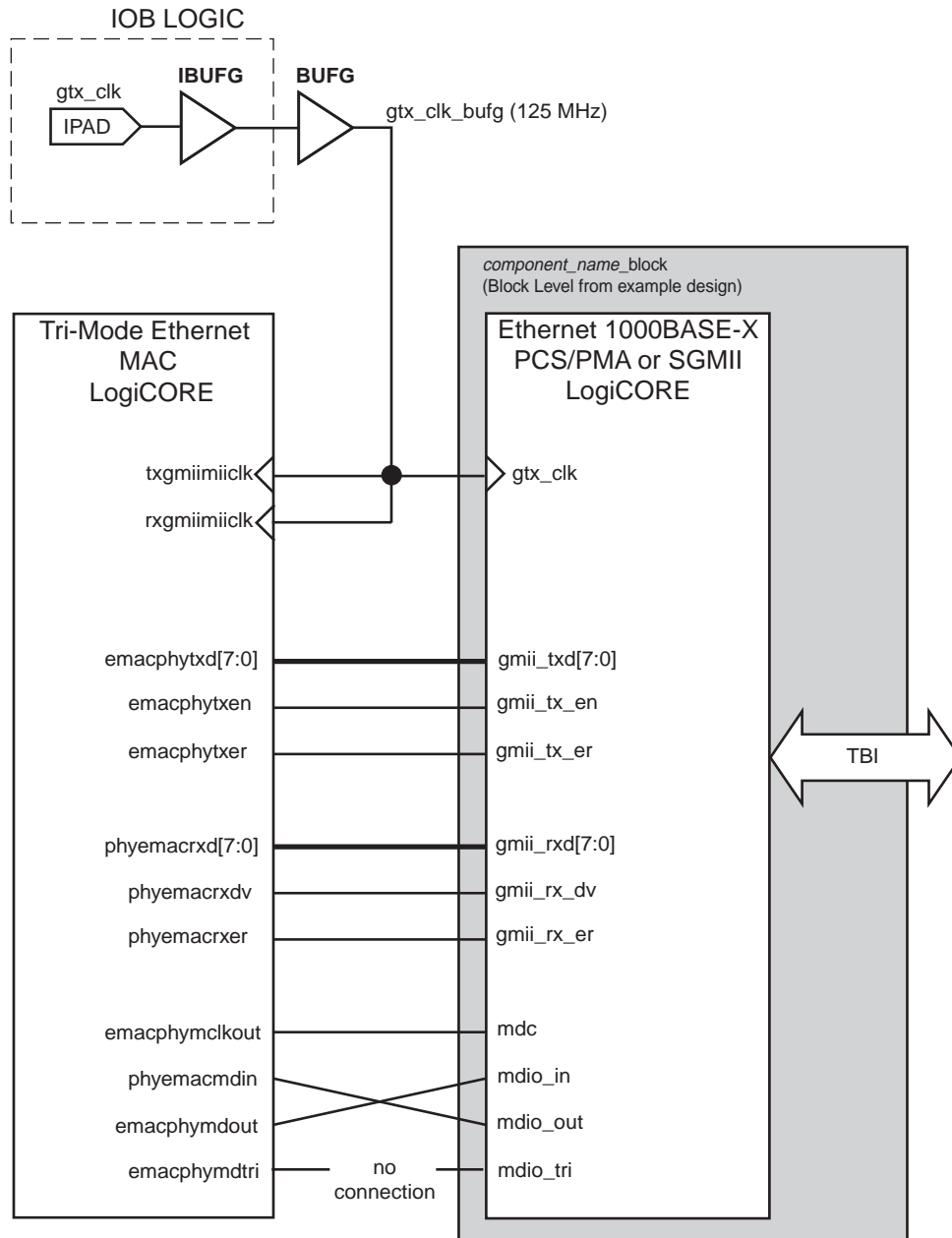


Figure 16-1: Tri-Mode Ethernet MAC Extended to Include 1000BASE-X PCS with TBI

## Tri-Mode Ethernet MAC core (TEMAC Core v5.1, AXI)

Figure 16-2 illustrates the connections and clock management logic required to interface the Ethernet 1000BASE-X PCS/PMA or SGMII core (when used in 1000BASE-X mode with the parallel TBI) to the Tri-Mode Ethernet MAC core (TEMAC core v5.1, AXI).

TEMAC core v5.1, Advanced eXtensible Interface (AXI), must be generated with the “interface” variable set as “Internal” for interfacing with Ethernet 1000BASE-X PCS/PMA or SGMII core.

Features of this configuration include:

- Direct internal connections are made between the GMII interfaces between the two cores.
- If both cores have been generated with the optional management interface, the MDIO port can be connected to that of the Tri-Mode Ethernet MAC core, allowing the MAC to access the embedded configuration and status registers of the Ethernet 1000BASE-X PCS/PMA or SGMII core.
- Due to the embedded Receiver Elastic Buffer in the Ethernet 1000BASE-X PCS/PMA, the entire GMII is synchronous to a single clock domain. Therefore, `gtx_clk` is used as the 125 MHz reference clock for both cores, and the transmitter and receiver logic of the Tri-Mode Ethernet MAC core operates in the same clock domain.

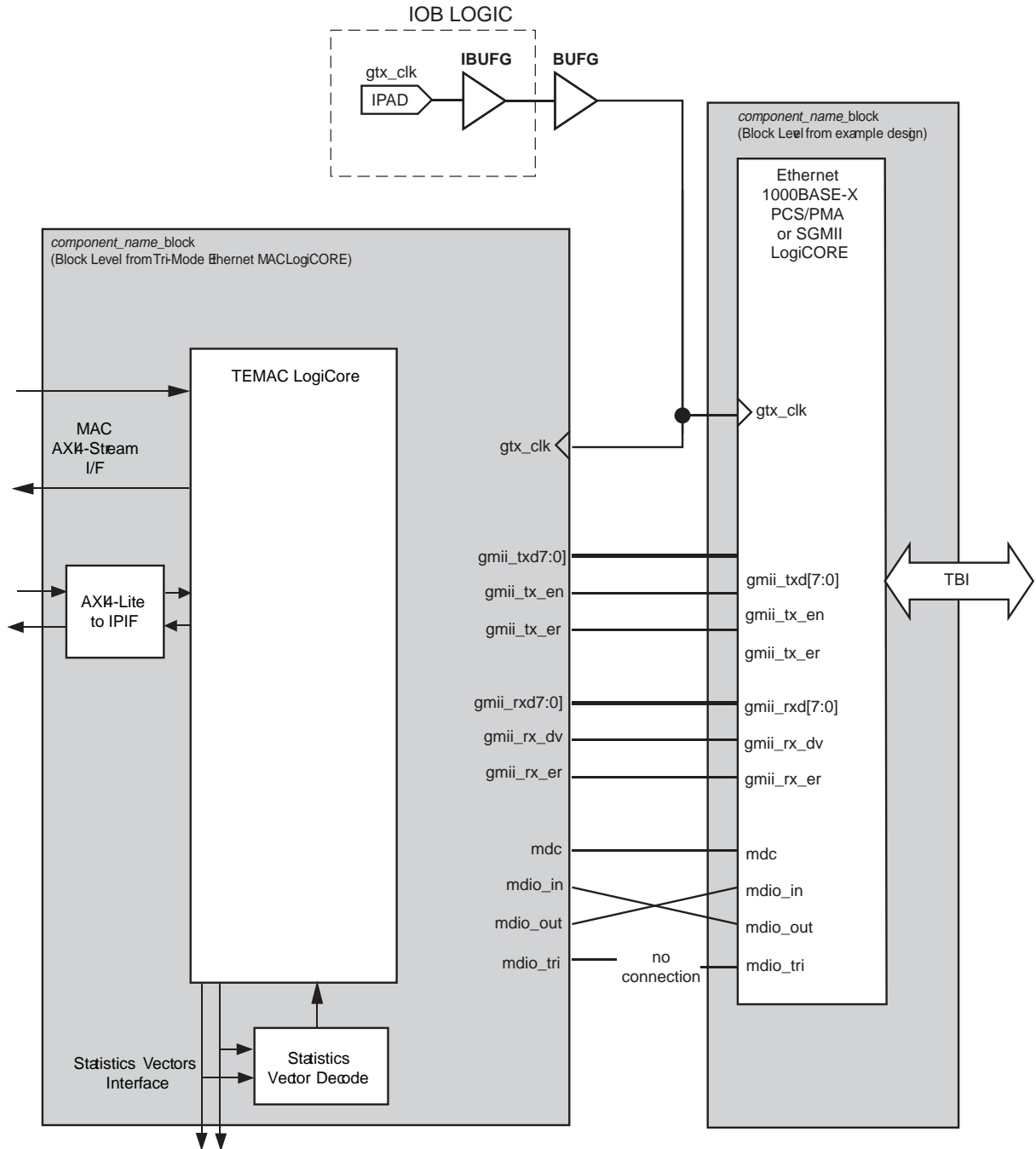


Figure 16-2: AXI Tri-Mode Ethernet MAC Extended to Include 1000BASE-X PCS with TBI

## Integration of the Tri-Mode Ethernet MAC to Provide 1000BASE-X Using Transceivers

### TEMAC Core v4.5 and Older

#### Virtex-4 Devices

Figure 16-3 illustrates the connections and clock management logic required to interface the Ethernet 1000BASE-X PCS/PMA or SGMII core (when used in 1000BASE-X mode) to the Tri-Mode Ethernet MAC core (TEMAC core v4.5 and older).

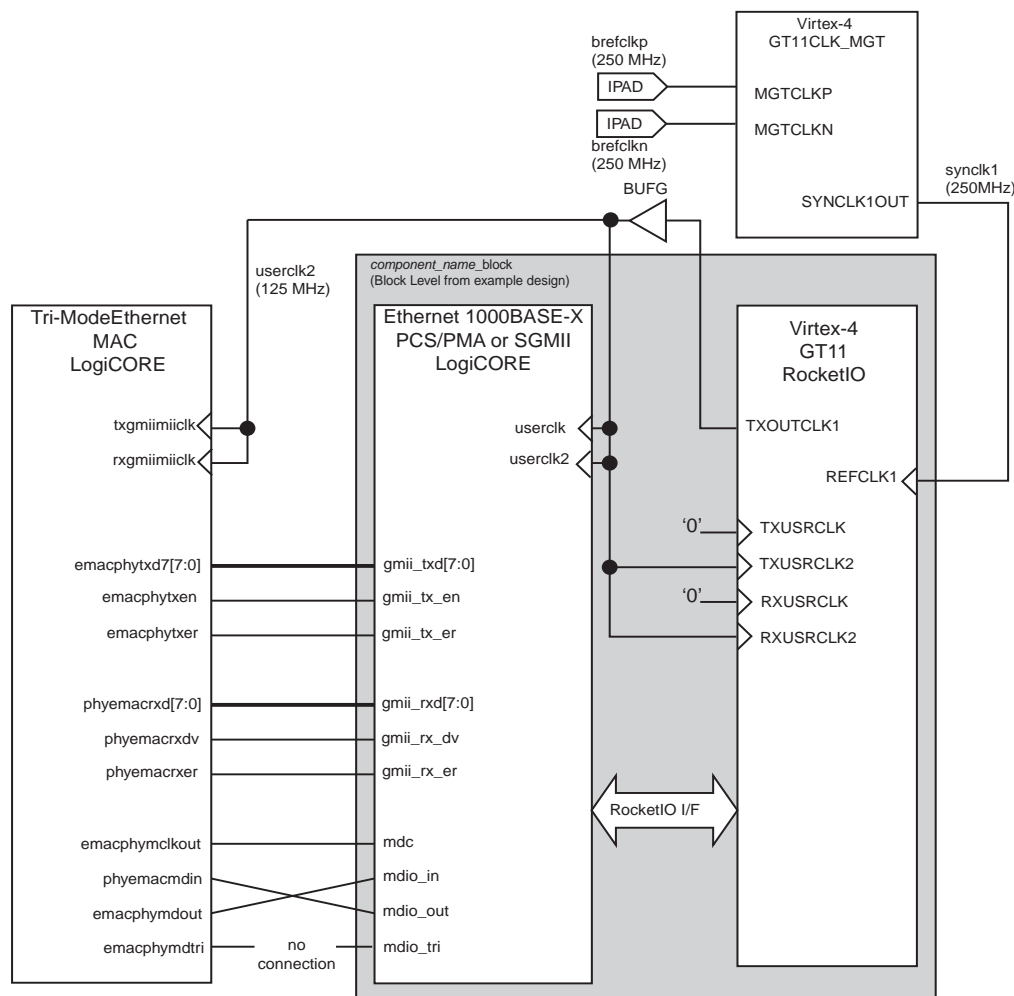


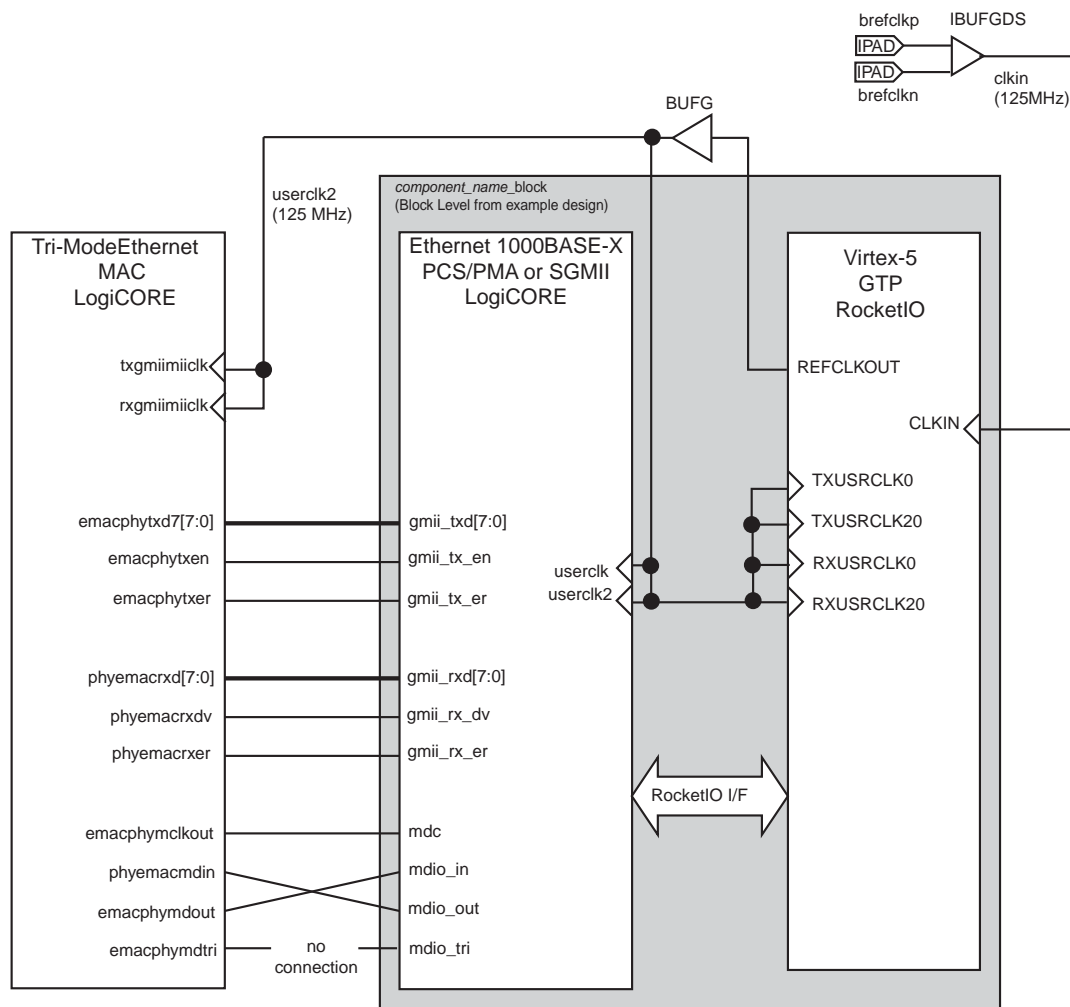
Figure 16-3: Tri-Mode Ethernet MAC Extended to Include 1000BASE-X PCS and PMA Using a Virtex-4 FPGA RocketIO MGT Transceiver

Features of this configuration include:

- Direct internal connections are made between the GMII interfaces between the two cores.
- If both cores have been generated with the optional management interface, the MDIO port can be connected up to that of the Tri-Mode Ethernet MAC core, allowing the MAC to access the embedded configuration and status registers of the Ethernet 1000BASE-X PCS/PMA or SGMII core.
- Due to the embedded Receiver Elastic Buffer in the serial transceiver, the entire GMII is synchronous to a single clock domain. Therefore `userclk2` is used as the 125 MHz reference clock for both cores, and the transmitter and receiver logic of the 1 Tri-Mode Ethernet MAC core now operate in the same clock domain.

## Virtex-5 LXT and SXT Devices

Figure 16-4 illustrates the connections and clock management logic required to interface the Ethernet 1000BASE-X PCS/PMA or SGMII core (when used in 1000BASE-X mode) to the Tri-Mode Ethernet MAC core (TEMAC core v4.5 and older).



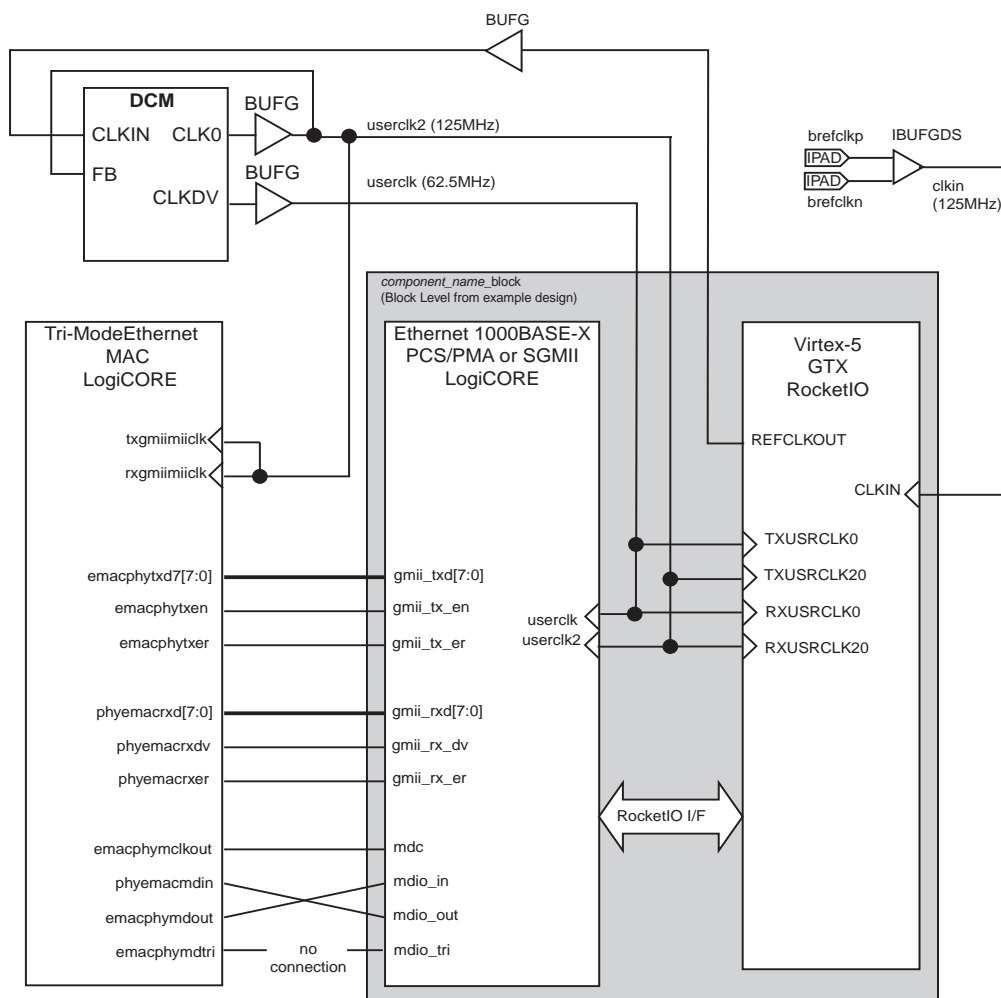
**Figure 16-4: Tri-Mode Ethernet MAC Extended to Include 1000BASE-X PCS and PMA Using a Virtex-5 FPGA RocketIO GTP Transceiver**

Features of this configuration include:

- Direct internal connections are made between the GMII interfaces between the two cores.
- If both cores have been generated with the optional management interface, the MDIO port can be connected up to that of the Tri-Mode Ethernet MAC core, allowing the MAC to access the embedded configuration and status registers of the Ethernet 1000BASE-X PCS/PMA or SGMII core.
- Due to the embedded Receiver Elastic Buffer in the GTP transceiver, the entire GMII is synchronous to a single clock domain. Therefore `userclk2` is used as the 125 MHz reference clock for both cores, and the transmitter and receiver logic of the Tri-Mode Ethernet MAC core now operate in the same clock domain.

## Virtex-5 FXT and TXT Devices

Figure 16-5 illustrates the connections and clock management logic required to interface the Ethernet 1000BASE-X PCS/PMA or SGMII core (when used in 1000BASE-X mode) to the Tri-Mode Ethernet MAC core (TEMAC core v4.5 and older).



**Figure 16-5: Tri-Mode Ethernet MAC Extended to Include 1000BASE-X PCS and PMA Using a Virtex-5 FPGA RocketIO GTX Transceiver**

Features of this configuration include:

- Direct internal connections are made between the GMII interfaces between the two cores.
- If both cores have been generated with the optional management interface, the MDIO port can be connected up to that of the Tri-Mode Ethernet MAC core, allowing the MAC to access the embedded configuration and status registers of the Ethernet 1000BASE-X PCS/PMA or SGMII core.
- Due to the embedded Receiver Elastic Buffer in the GTX transceiver, the entire GMII is synchronous to a single clock domain. Therefore `userclk2` is used as the 125 MHz reference clock for both cores, and the transmitter and receiver logic of the Tri-Mode Ethernet MAC core now operate in the same clock domain.

## Virtex-6 Devices

Figure 16-6 illustrates the connections and clock management logic required to interface the Ethernet 1000BASE-X PCS/PMA or SGMII core (when used in 1000BASE-X mode) to the Tri-Mode Ethernet MAC core (TEMAC core v4.5 and older).

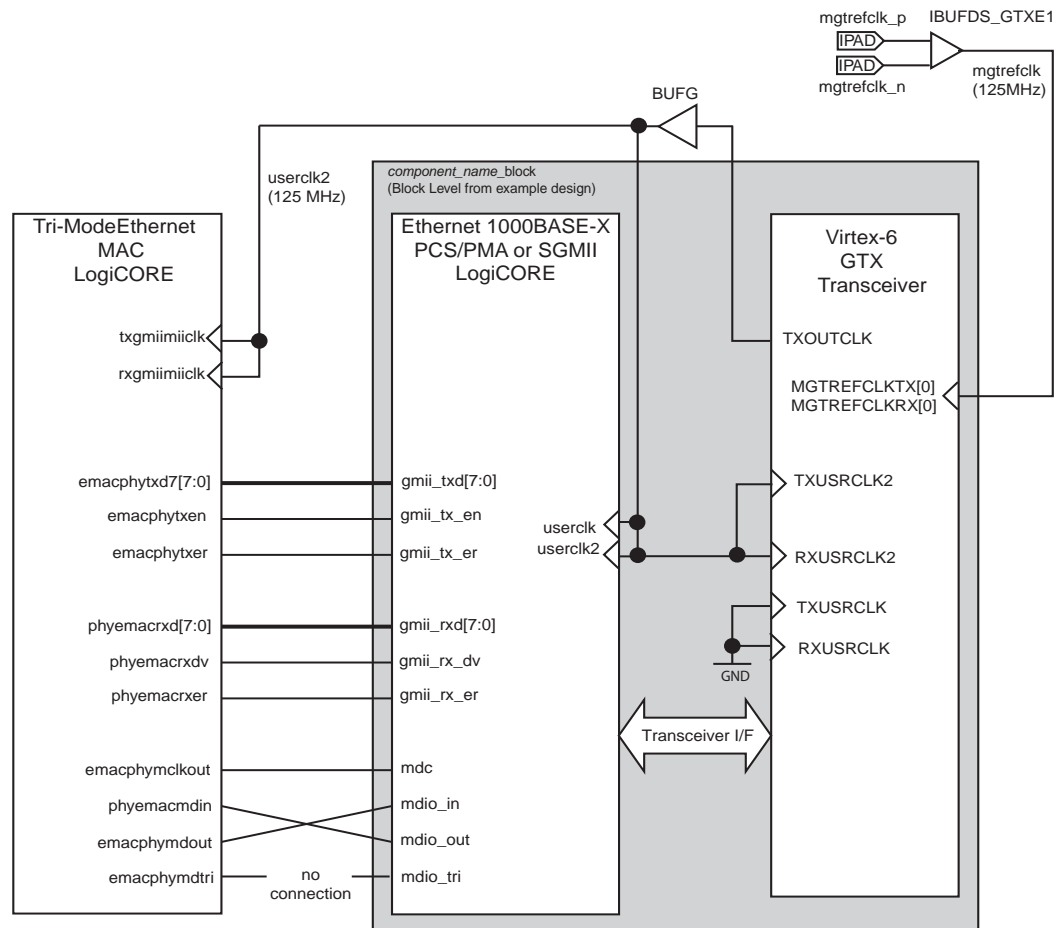


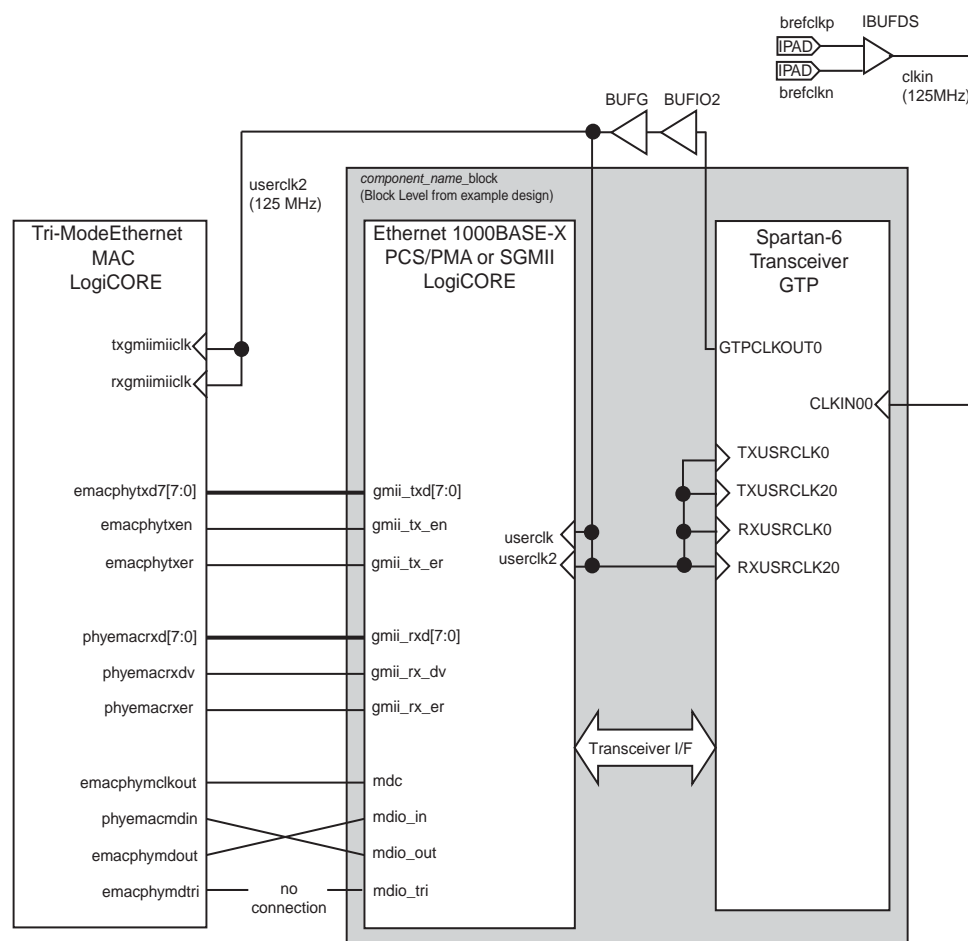
Figure 16-6: Tri-Mode Ethernet MAC Extended to Include 1000BASE-X PCS and PMA Using a Virtex-6 FPGA GTX Transceiver

Features of this configuration include:

- Direct internal connections are made between the GMII interfaces between the two cores.
- If both cores have been generated with the optional management interface, the MDIO port can be connected up to that of the Tri-Mode Ethernet MAC core, allowing the MAC to access the embedded configuration and status registers of the Ethernet 1000BASE-X PCS/PMA or SGMII core.
- Due to the embedded Receiver Elastic Buffer in the transceiver, the entire GMII is synchronous to a single clock domain. Therefore `userclk2` is used as the 125 MHz reference clock for both cores, and the transmitter and receiver logic of the Tri-Mode Ethernet MAC core now operate in the same clock domain.

## Spartan-6 LXT Devices

Figure 16-7 illustrates the connections and clock management logic required to interface the Ethernet 1000BASE-X PCS/PMA or SGMII core (when used in 1000BASE-X mode) to the Tri-Mode Ethernet MAC core (TEMAC core v4.5 and older).



**Figure 16-7: Tri-Mode Ethernet MAC Extended to Include 1000BASE-X PCS and PMA Using a Spartan-6 FPGA GTP Transceiver**

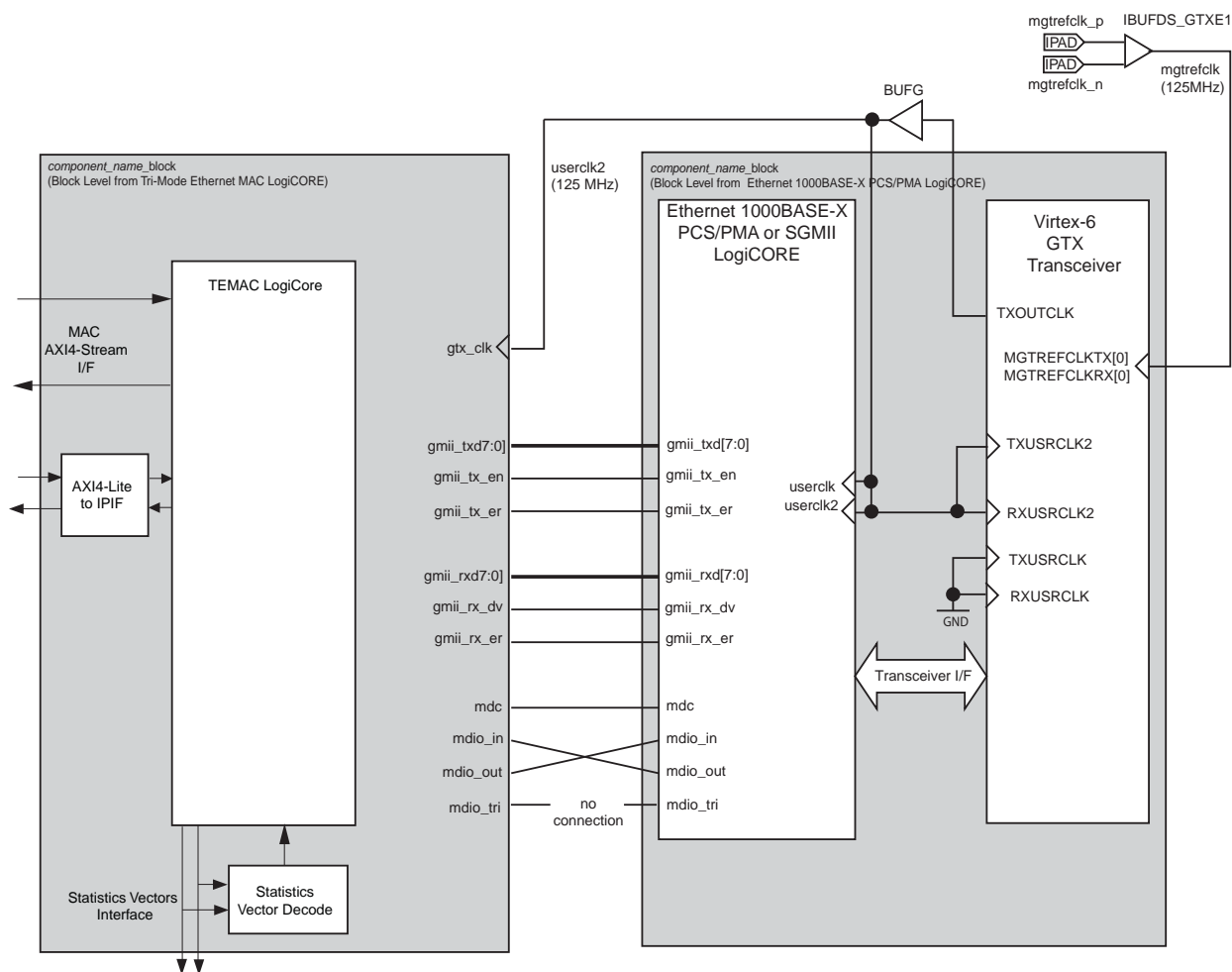
Features of this configuration include:

- Direct internal connections are made between the GMII interfaces between the two cores.
- If both cores have been generated with the optional management interface, the MDIO port can be connected up to that of the Tri-Mode Ethernet MAC core, allowing the MAC to access the embedded configuration and status registers of the Ethernet 1000BASE-X PCS/PMA or SGMII core.
- Because of the embedded Receiver Elastic Buffer in the GTP transceiver, the entire GMII is synchronous to a single clock domain. Therefore `userclk2` is used as the 125 MHz reference clock for both cores, and the transmitter and receiver logic of the Tri-Mode Ethernet MAC core now operate in the same clock domain.

## Tri-Mode Ethernet MAC Core (TEMAC Core v5.1, AXI)

### Virtex-6 Devices

[Figure 16-8](#) illustrates the connections and clock management logic required to interface the Ethernet 1000BASE-X PCS/PMA or SGMII core (when used in 1000BASE-X mode) to the Tri-Mode Ethernet MAC core: (TEMAC core v5.1, AXI).



**Figure 16-8: AXI Tri-Mode Ethernet MAC Extended to Include 1000BASE-X PCS and PMA Using a Virtex-6 FPGA GTX Transceiver**

Features of this configuration include:

- Observe that the “block” level of the TEMAC is instantiated. This provides the MAC with extra functionality that is not provided by the TEMAC core netlist. When using the MAC to connect the 1000BASE-X core, the “Internal” PHY Interface mode must be selected from the TEMAC GUI prior to core generation. See the TEMAC documentation.
- Direct internal connections are made between the GMII interfaces between the two cores.
- If both cores have been generated with the optional management interface, the MDIO port can be connected up to that of the Tri-Mode Ethernet MAC core, allowing the MAC to access the embedded configuration and status registers of the Ethernet 1000BASE-X PCS/PMA or SGMII core.
- Because of the embedded Receiver Elastic Buffer in the transceiver, the entire GMII is synchronous to a single clock domain. Therefore `userclk2` is used as the 125 MHz reference clock for both cores, and the transmitter and receiver.

## Spartan-6 Devices

Figure 16-9 illustrates the connections and clock management logic required to interface the Ethernet 1000BASE-X PCS/PMA or SGMII core (when used in 1000BASE-X mode) to the Tri-mode Ethernet MAC core (TEMAC core v5.1, AXI).

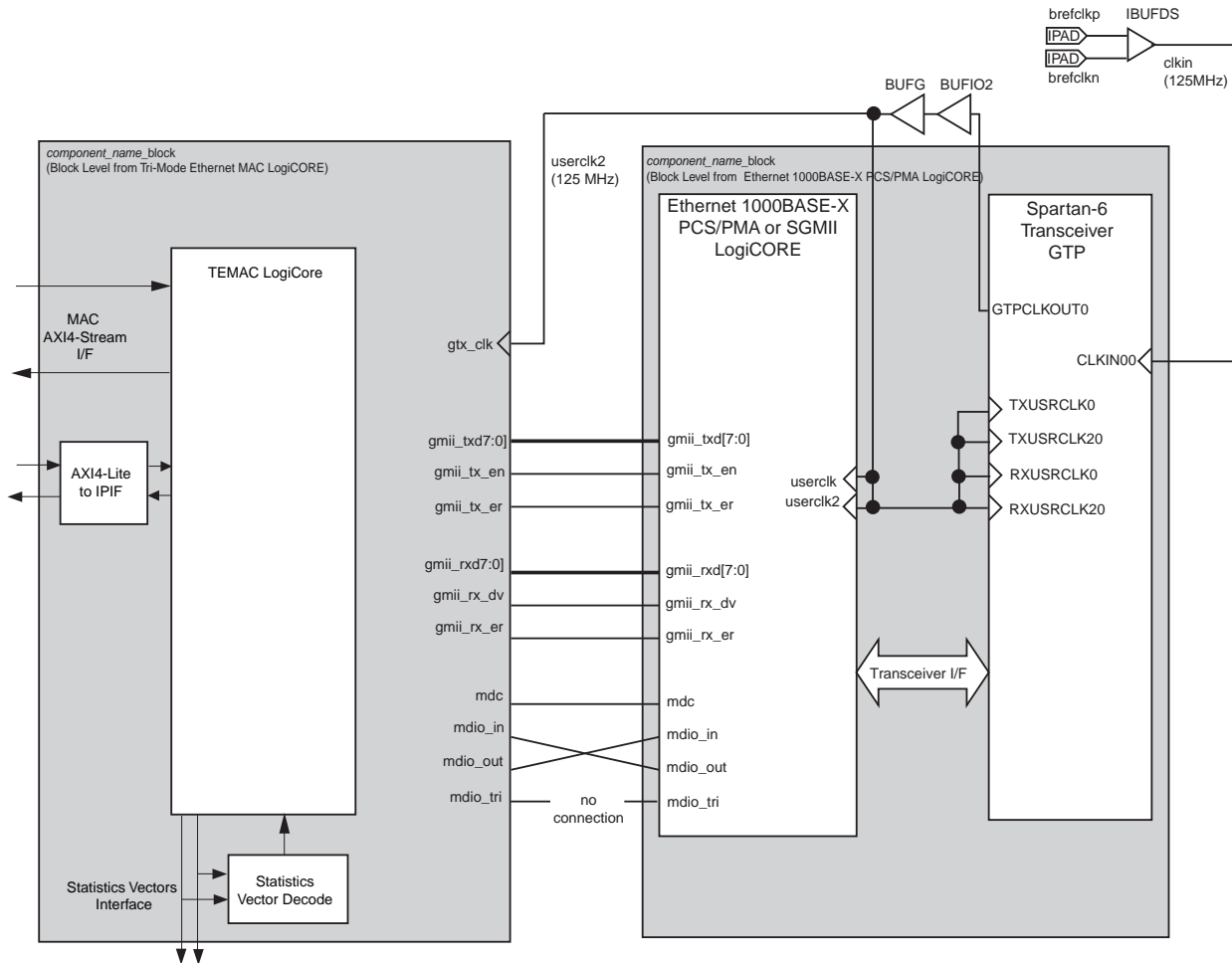


Figure 16-9: AXI Tri-Mode Ethernet MAC Extended to Include 1000BASE-X PCS and PMA Using a Spartan-6 FPGA GTP Transceiver

Features of this configuration include:

- Observe that the “block” level of the TEMAC is instantiated. This provides the MAC with extra functionality that is not provided by the TEMAC core netlist. When using the MAC to connect the 1000BASE-X core, the “Internal” PHY Interface mode must be selected from the TEMAC GUI prior to core generation. See the TEMAC documentation.
- Direct internal connections are made between the GMII interfaces between the two cores.
- If both cores have been generated with the optional management interface, the MDIO port can be connected up to that of the Tri-Mode Ethernet MAC core, allowing the MAC to access the embedded configuration and status registers of the Ethernet 1000BASE-X PCS/PMA or SGMII core.

Because of the embedded Receiver Elastic Buffer in the transceiver, the entire GMII is synchronous to a single clock domain. Therefore `userclk2` is used as the 125 MHz reference clock for both cores, and the transmitter and receiver.

## Virtex-7 Devices

Figure 16-10 illustrates the connections and clock management logic required to interface the Ethernet 1000BASE-X PCS/PMA or SGMII core (when used in 1000BASE-X mode) to the Tri-Mode Ethernet MAC core (TEMAC core v5.1, AXI).

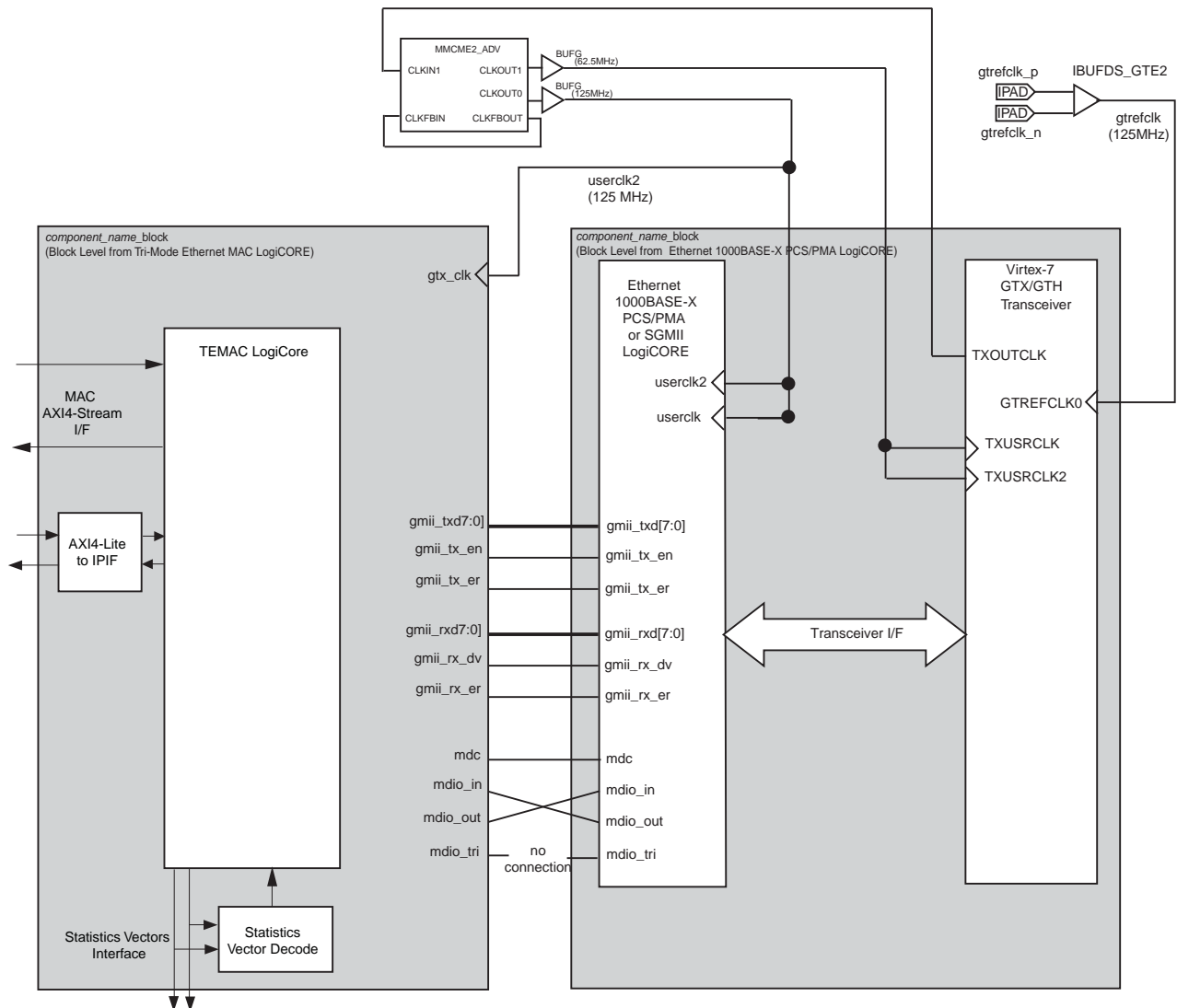


Figure 16-10: AXI Tri-Mode Ethernet MAC Extended to Include 1000BASE-X PCS and PMA Using a Virtex-7 FPGA GTX/GTH Transceiver

Features of this configuration include:

- Observe that the “block” level of the TEMAC is instantiated. This provides the MAC with extra functionality that is not provided by the TEMAC core netlist. When using the MAC to connect the 1000BASE-X core, the “Internal” PHY Interface mode must be selected from the TEMAC GUI prior to core generation. See the TEMAC documentation.
- Direct internal connections are made between the GMII interfaces between the two cores.
- If both cores have been generated with the optional management interface, the MDIO port can be connected up to that of the Tri-Mode Ethernet MAC core, allowing the

MAC to access the embedded configuration and status registers of the Ethernet 1000BASE-X PCS/PMA or SGMII core.

- Because of the embedded Receiver Elastic Buffer in the transceiver, the entire GMII is synchronous to a single clock domain. Therefore `userclk2` is used as the 125 MHz reference clock for both cores, and the transmitter and receiver.

### Kintex-7 Devices

Figure 16-11 illustrates the connections and clock management logic required to interface the Ethernet 1000BASE-X PCS/PMA or SGMII core (when used in 1000BASE-X mode) to the Tri-Mode Ethernet MAC core.

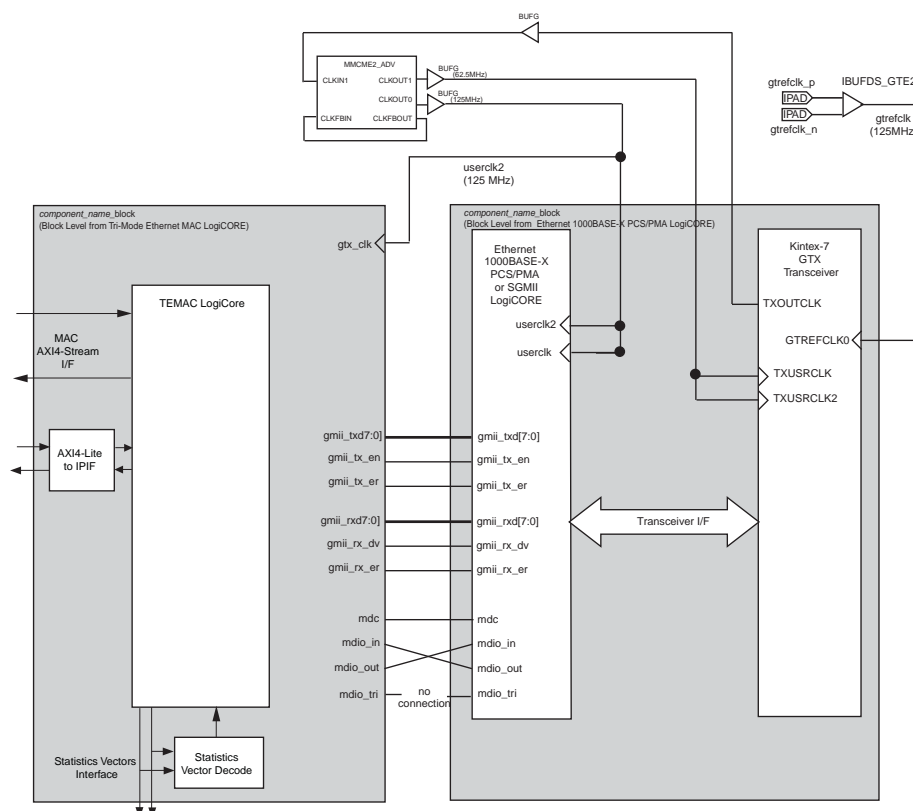


Figure 16-11: **AXI Tri-Mode Ethernet MAC Extended to Include 1000BASE-X PCS and PMA Using a Kintex-7 FPGA GTX Transceiver**

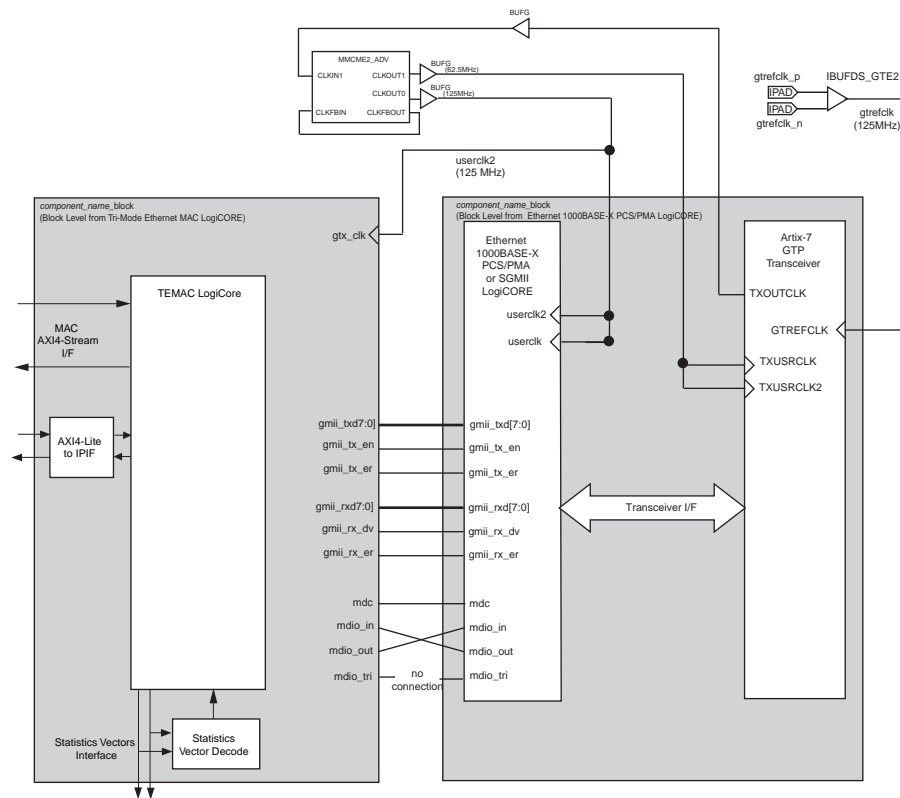
Features of this configuration include:

- Observe that the “block” level of the TEMAC is instantiated. This provides the MAC with extra functionality that is not provided by the TEMAC core netlist. When using the MAC to connect the 1000BASE-X core, the “Internal” PHY Interface mode must be selected from the TEMAC GUI prior to core generation. See the TEMAC documentation.
- Direct internal connections are made between the GMII interfaces between the two cores.
- If both cores have been generated with the optional management interface, the MDIO port can be connected up to that of the Tri-Mode Ethernet MAC core, allowing the MAC to access the embedded configuration and status registers of the Ethernet 1000BASE-X PCS/PMA or SGMII core.

- Because of the embedded Receiver Elastic Buffer in the transceiver, the entire GMII is synchronous to a single clock domain. Therefore `userclk2` is used as the 125 MHz reference clock for both cores, and the transmitter and receiver.

## Artix-7 Devices

Figure 16-12 illustrates the connections and clock management logic required to interface the Ethernet 1000BASE-X PCS/PMA or SGMII core (when used in 1000BASE-X mode) to the Tri-Mode Ethernet MAC core.



**Figure 16-12: AXI Tri-Mode Ethernet MAC Extended to Include 1000BASE-X PCS and PMA Using a Artix-7 FPGA GTP Transceiver**

Features of this configuration include:

- Observe that the “block” level of the TEMAC is instantiated. This provides the MAC with extra functionality that is not provided by the TEMAC core netlist. When using the MAC to connect the 1000BASE-X core, the “Internal” PHY Interface mode must be selected from the TEMAC GUI prior to core generation. See the TEMAC documentation.
- Direct internal connections are made between the GMII interfaces between the two cores.
- If both cores have been generated with the optional management interface, the MDIO port can be connected up to that of the Tri-Mode Ethernet MAC core, allowing the MAC to access the embedded configuration and status registers of the Ethernet 1000BASE-X PCS/PMA or SGMII core.

- Because of the embedded Receiver Elastic Buffer in the transceiver, the entire GMII is synchronous to a single clock domain. Therefore `userclk2` is used as the 125 MHz reference clock for both cores, and the transmitter and receiver.

## Integration of the Tri-Mode Ethernet MAC for Tri-speed SGMII Operation

In this section, it is assumed that the Tri-Mode Ethernet MAC core is generated for Tri-speed operation and full-duplex only support. This provides the most optimal solution.

This section assumes only SGMII or Dynamic switching operation and MAC mode configuration. PHY mode configuration of SGMII is used to interface to a external PHY device. For SGMII in PHY mode configuration, see [SGMII Example Design / Dynamic Switching Example Design with Ten-Bit Interface](#) and [Chapter 9, SGMII Example Design / Dynamic Switching Example Design Using a Transceiver](#). For 1000BASEX only designs, see [Integration of the Tri-Mode Ethernet MAC for 1000BASE-X Operation](#).

### Integration of the Tri-Mode Ethernet MAC to Provide SGMII (or Dynamic Switching) Functionality with TBI

#### TEMAC Core v4.5 and Older

[Figure 16-13](#) illustrates the connections and clock management logic required to interface the Ethernet 1000BASE-X PCS/PMA or SGMII core (when used in SGMII mode with the TBI) to the Tri-Mode Ethernet MAC core (TEMAC core v4.5 and older). The following is a description of the functionality.

- The SGMII Adaptation module, provided in the example design for the Ethernet 1000BASE-X PCS/PMA or SGMII core when generated to the SGMII standard, can be used to interface the two cores.
- If both cores have been generated with the optional management interface, the MDIO port can be connected to that of the Tri-Speed Ethernet MAC core, allowing the MAC to access the embedded configuration and status registers of the Ethernet 1000BASE-X PCS/PMA or SGMII core.
- Due to the Receiver Elastic Buffer in the core, the entire GMII (transmitter and receiver paths) is synchronous to a single clock domain. Therefore, the `txcoreclk` and `rxcoreclk` inputs of the Tri-Speed Ethernet MAC core can always be driven from the same clock source.

[Figure 16-13](#) illustrates the Tri-Mode Ethernet MAC core generated with the optional clock enable circuitry. This is the most efficient way to connect the two cores together in terms of clock resource usage and so is recommended. See the *Tri-Mode Ethernet MAC User Guide* for more information.

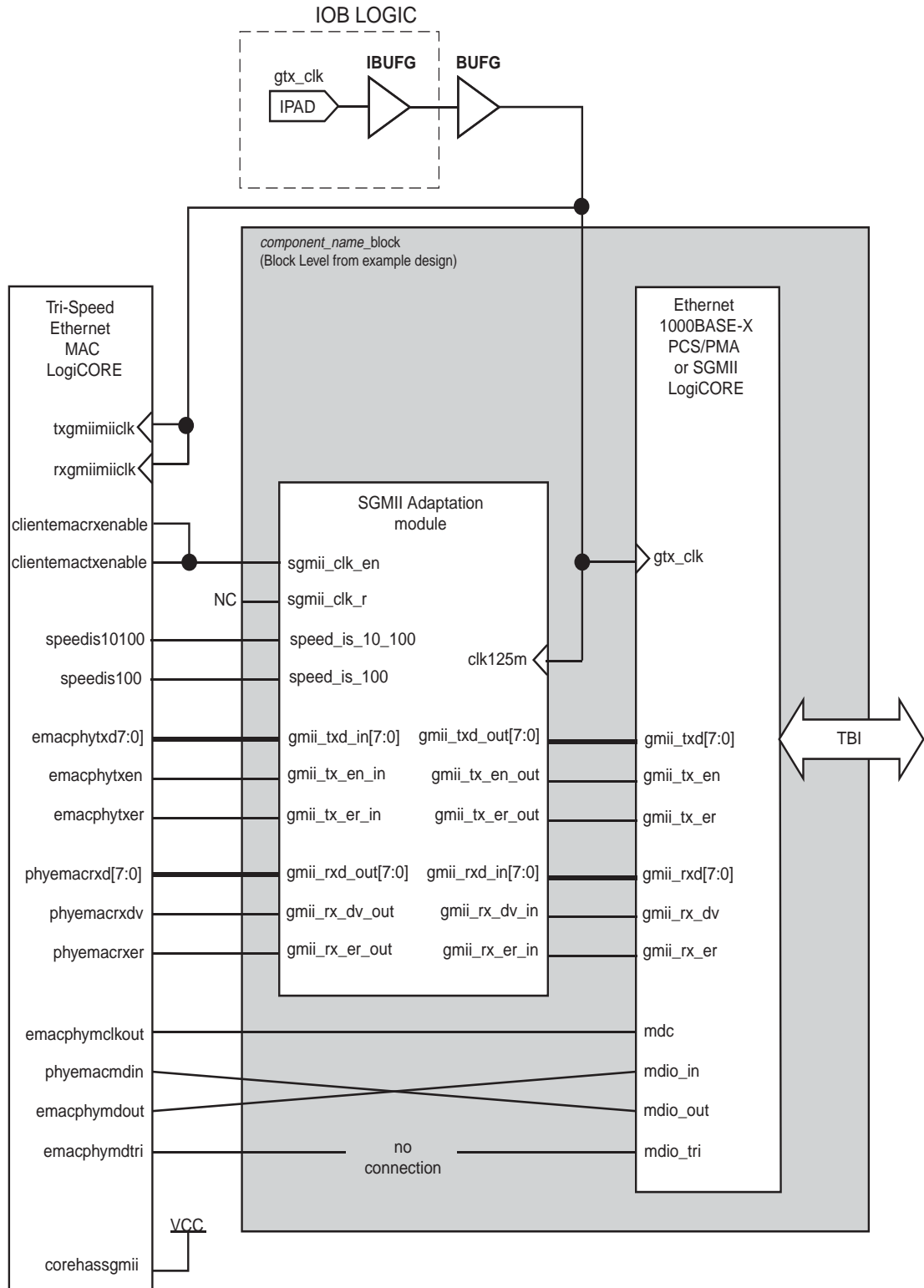


Figure 16-13: Legacy Tri-Speed Ethernet MAC Extended to Use an SGMII with TBI

## Tri-Mode Ethernet MAC Core (TEMAC core v5.1, AXI)

Figure 16-14 illustrates the connections and clock management logic required to interface the Ethernet 1000BASE-X PCS/PMA or SGMII core (when used in SGMII mode with the TBI) to the Tri-Mode Ethernet MAC core (TEMAC core v5.1, AXI).

TEMAC core v5.1, AXI, must be generated with “interface” variable set as “Internal” for interfacing with Ethernet 1000BASE-X PCS/PMA or SGMII core.

Features of this configuration include:

- The SGMII Adaptation module, provided in the example design for the Ethernet 1000BASE-X PCS/PMA or SGMII core when generated to the SGMII standard, can be used to interface the two cores.
- If both cores have been generated with the optional management interface, the MDIO port can be connected to that of the Tri-Speed Ethernet MAC core, allowing the MAC to access the embedded configuration and status registers of the Ethernet 1000BASE-X PCS/PMA or SGMII core.

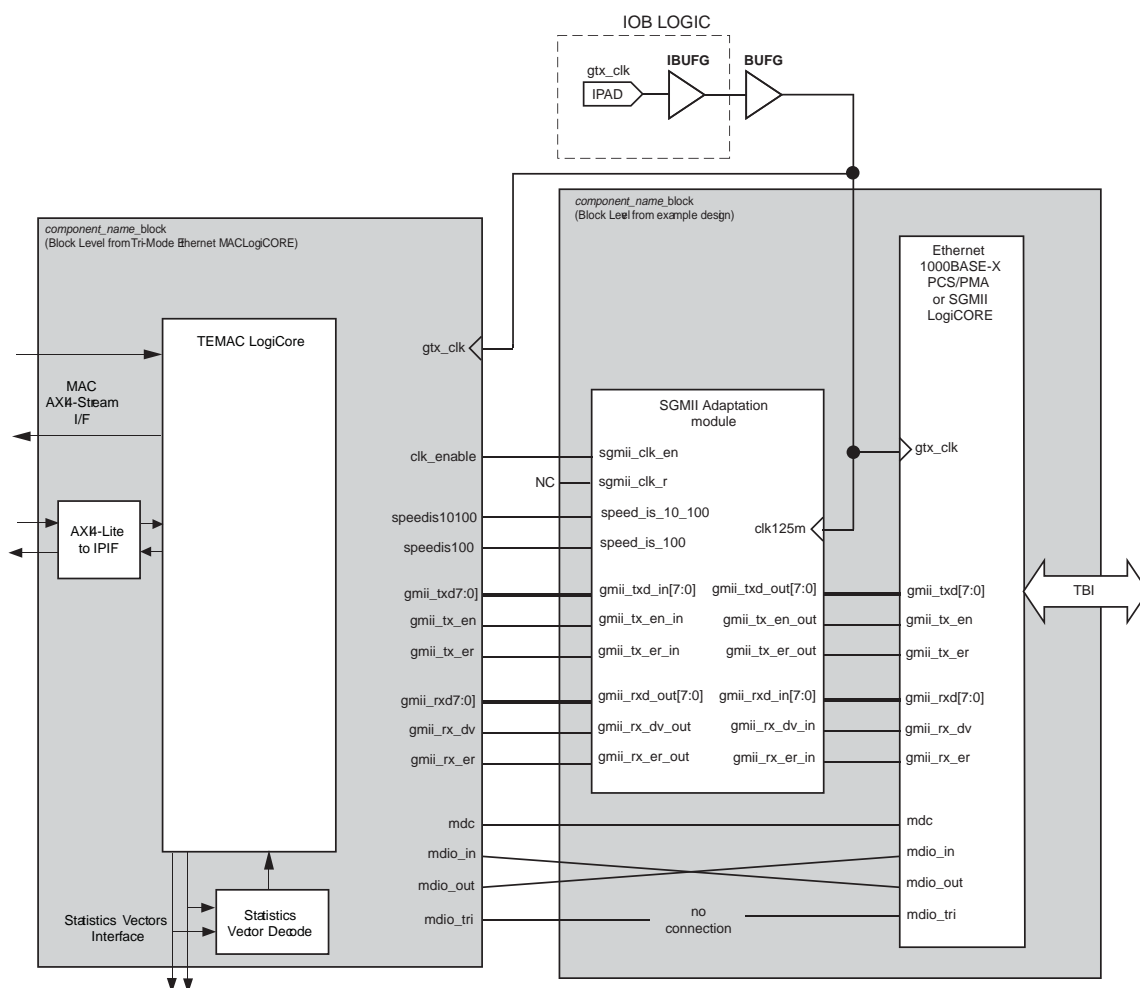


Figure 16-14: AXI Tri-Speed Ethernet MAC Extended to Use an SGMII with TBI

## Integration of the Tri-Mode Ethernet MAC Using Device Specific Transceivers

### TEMAC Core v4.5 and Older

#### Virtex-4 Devices

Figure 16-15 illustrates the connections and clock management logic required to interface the Ethernet 1000BASE-X PCS/PMA or SGMII core (when used in SGMII Configuration and MAC mode with the Virtex-4 FPGA MGT transceiver) to the Tri-Mode Ethernet MAC core: TEMAC core v4.5 and older.

The following conditions apply.

- The SGMII Adaptation module, as provided in the example design for the Ethernet 1000BASE-X PCS/PMA or SGMII core, can be used to interface the two cores when generated to the SGMII standard.
- If both cores have been generated with the optional management interface, the MDIO port can be connected up to that of the Tri-Speed Ethernet MAC core, allowing the MAC to access the embedded configuration and status registers of the Ethernet 1000BASE-X PCS/PMA or SGMII core.
- Due to the Receiver Elastic Buffer, the entire GMII (transmitter and receiver paths) is synchronous to a single clock domain. Therefore, the `txcoreclk` and `rxcoreclk` inputs of the Tri-Speed Ethernet MAC core can always be driven from the same clock source. The entire design is synchronous to the 125 MHz reference clock derived from the `CLK2X180` output of the DCM.

Figure 16-15 illustrates the Tri-Mode Ethernet MAC core generated with the optional clock enable circuitry. This is the most efficient way to connect the two cores together in terms of clock resource usage and so is recommended. See the *Tri-Mode Ethernet MAC User Guide* for more information.

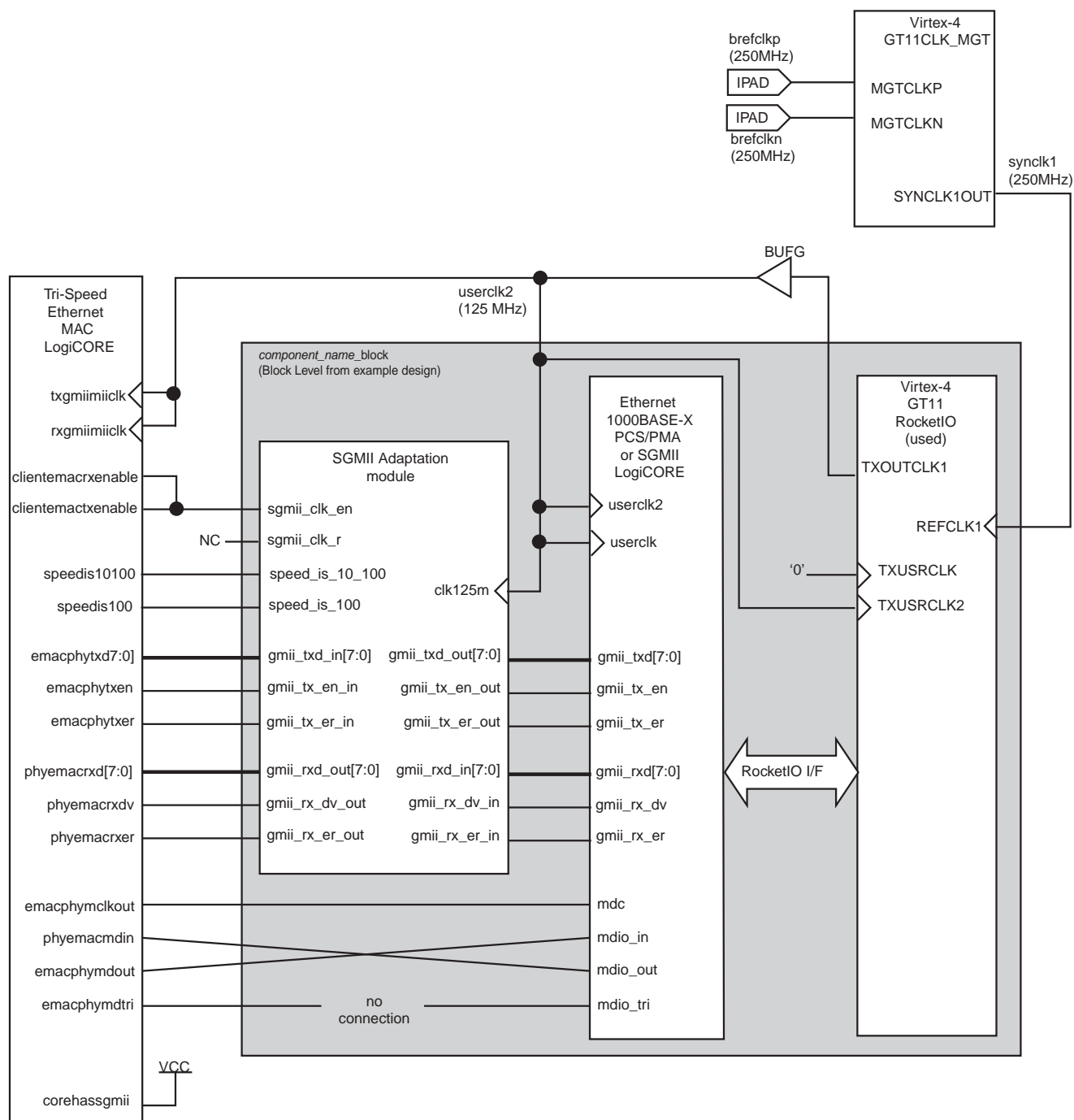


Figure 16-15: Tri-Speed Ethernet MAC Extended to Use an SGMII in a Virtex-4 FPGA

## Virtex-5 LXT and SXT Devices

Figure 16-16 illustrates the connections and clock management logic required to interface the Ethernet 1000BASE-X PCS/PMA or SGMII core (when used in SGMII Configuration and MAC mode with the Virtex-5 FPGA GTP transceiver) to the Tri-Mode Ethernet MAC core (TEMAC core v4.5 and older).

The following conditions apply.

- The SGMII Adaptation module, as provided in the example design for the Ethernet 1000BASE-X PCS/PMA or SGMII core, when generated to the SGMII standard and MAC mode, can be used to interface the two cores.
- If both cores have been generated with the optional management interface, the MDIO port can be connected up to that of the Tri-Speed Ethernet MAC core, allowing the MAC to access the embedded configuration and status registers of the Ethernet 1000BASE-X PCS/PMA or SGMII core.
- Because of the embedded Receiver Elastic Buffer in the GTP transceiver, the entire GMII is synchronous to a single clock domain. Therefore `userclk2` is used as the 125 MHz reference clock for both cores, and the transmitter and receiver logic of the Tri-Mode Ethernet MAC core now operate in the same clock domain.

Figure 16-16 illustrates the Tri-Mode Ethernet MAC core generated with the optional clock enable circuitry. This is the most efficient way to connect the two cores together in terms of clock resource usage and so is recommended. See the *Tri-Mode Ethernet MAC User Guide* for more information.

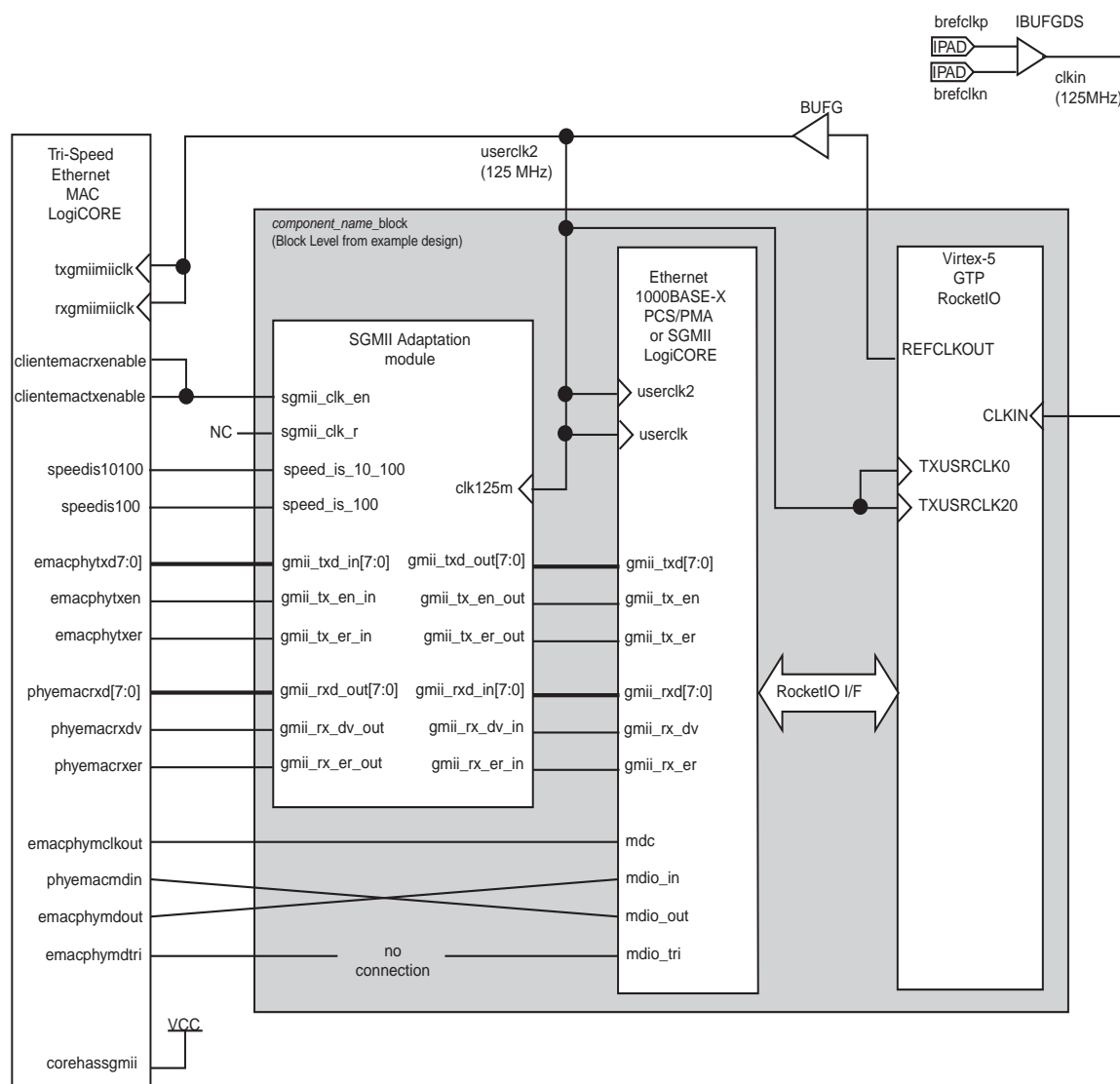


Figure 16-16: Tri-Speed Ethernet MAC Extended to Use an SGMII in a Virtex-5 LXT/SXT Device

## Virtex-5 FXT and TXT Devices

Figure 16-17 illustrates the connections and clock management logic required to interface the Ethernet 1000BASE-X PCS/PMA or SGMII core (when used in SGMII Configuration and MAC mode with the Virtex-5 FPGA GTX transceiver) to the Tri-Mode Ethernet MAC core (TEMAC core v4.5 and older).

The following conditions apply.

- The SGMII Adaptation module, as provided in the example design for the Ethernet 1000BASE-X PCS/PMA or SGMII core, when generated to the SGMII standard and MAC mode, can be used to interface the two cores.
- If both cores have been generated with the optional management interface, the MDIO port can be connected up to that of the Tri-Speed Ethernet MAC core, allowing the MAC to access the embedded configuration and status registers of the Ethernet 1000BASE-X PCS/PMA or SGMII core.
- Due to the Receiver Elastic Buffer, the entire GMII (transmitter and receiver paths) is synchronous to a single clock domain. Therefore the `txcoreclk` and `rxcoreclk` inputs of the Tri-Speed Ethernet MAC core can always be driven from the same clock source. The entire design is synchronous to the 125 MHz reference clock derived from the `CLK2X180` output of the DCM.

Figure 16-17 illustrates the Tri-Mode Ethernet MAC core generated with the optional clock enable circuitry. This is the most efficient way to connect the two cores together in terms of clock resource usage and so is recommended. See the *Tri-Mode Ethernet MAC User Guide* for more information.

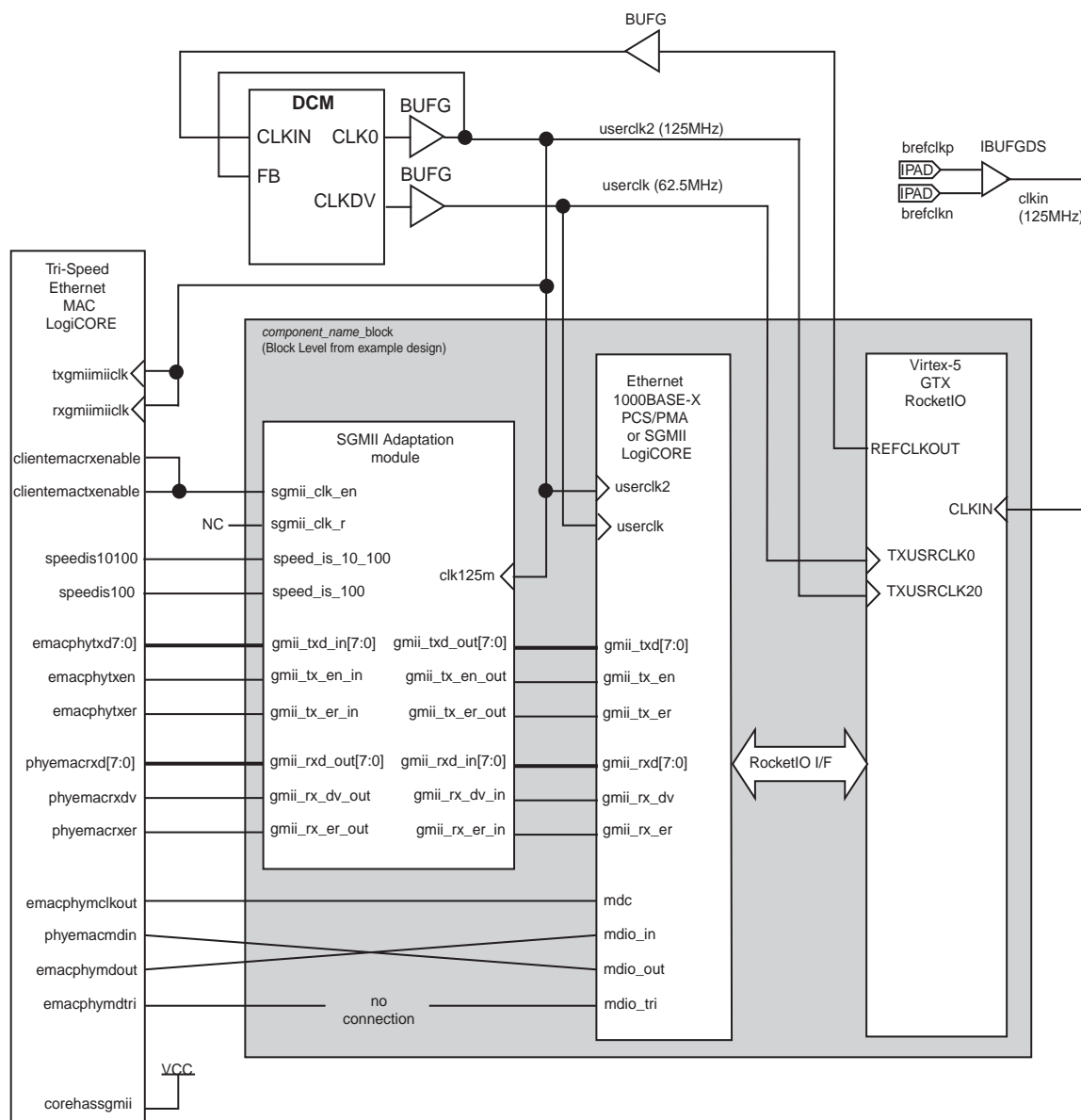


Figure 16-17: Tri-Speed Ethernet MAC Extended to Use an SGMII in a Virtex-5 FXT and TXT Device

## Virtex-6 Devices

Figure 16-18 illustrates the connections and clock management logic required to interface the Ethernet 1000BASE-X PCS/PMA or SGMII core (when used in SGMII mode with the Virtex-6 FPGA GTX transceiver) to the Tri-Mode Ethernet MAC core (TEMAC core v4.5 and older).

The following conditions apply.

- The SGMII Adaptation module, as provided in the example design for the Ethernet 1000BASE-X PCS/PMA or SGMII core, can when generated to the SGMII standard and MAC mode, can be used to interface the two cores.
- If both cores have been generated with the optional management interface, the MDIO port can be connected up to that of the Tri-Speed Ethernet MAC core, allowing the MAC to access the embedded configuration and status registers of the Ethernet 1000BASE-X PCS/PMA or SGMII core.
- Because of the embedded Receiver Elastic Buffer, the entire GMII is synchronous to a single clock domain. Therefore `userclk2` is used as the 125 MHz reference clock for both cores, and the transmitter and receiver logic of the Tri-Mode Ethernet MAC core now operate in the same clock domain.

See also the *Tri-Mode Ethernet MAC User Guide* for more information.

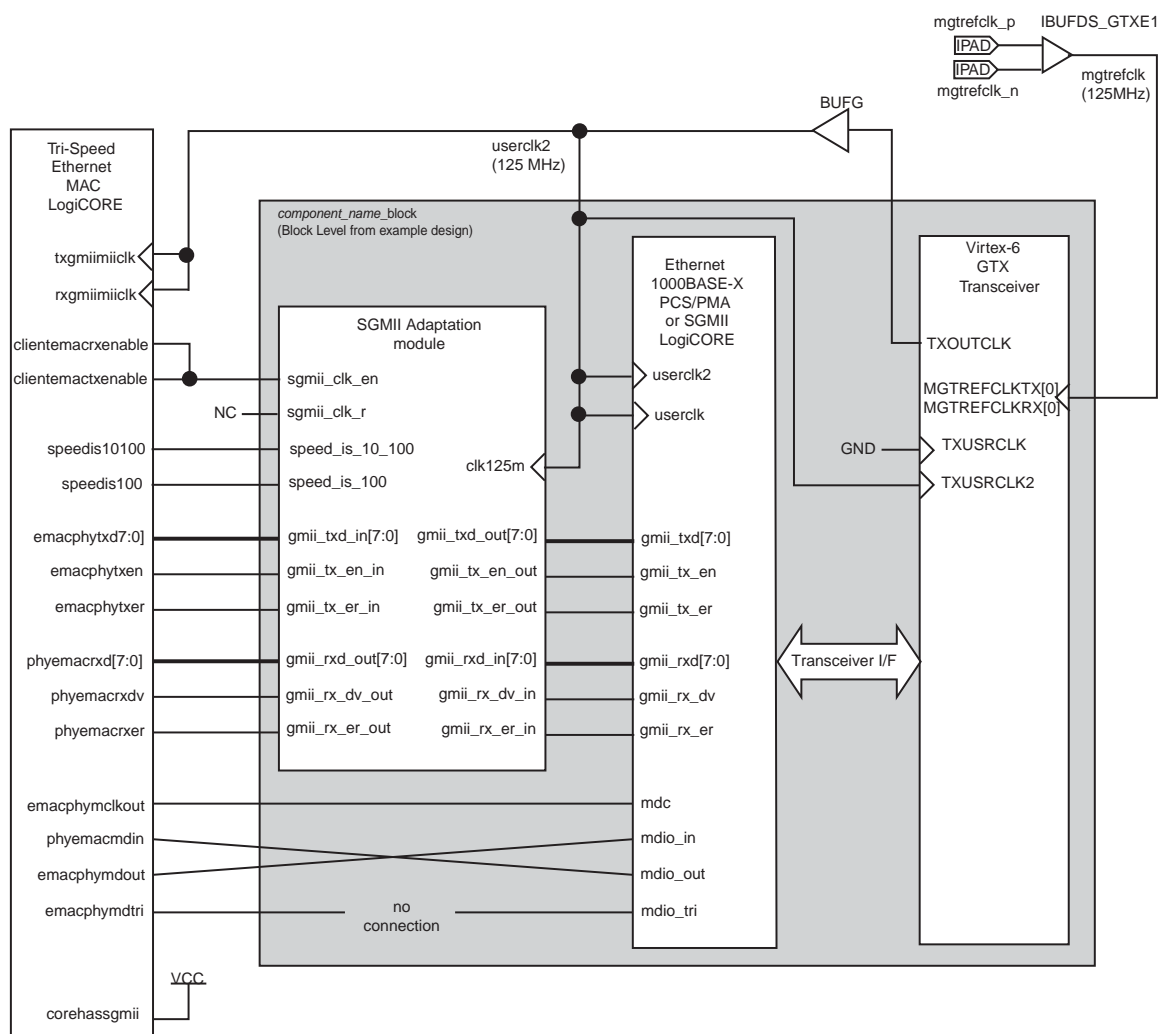


Figure 16-18: Tri-Speed Ethernet MAC Extended to use an SGMII in Virtex-6 Devices

## Spartan-6 LXT Devices

Figure 16-19 illustrates the connections and clock management logic required to interface the Ethernet 1000BASE-X PCS/PMA or SGMII core (when used in SGMII configuration and MAC mode with the Spartan-6 FPGA GTP transceiver) to the Tri-Mode Ethernet MAC core (TEMAC core v4.5 and older).

The following conditions apply.

- The SGMII Adaptation module, as provided in the example design for the Ethernet 1000BASE-X PCS/PMA or SGMII core, when generated to the SGMII standard and MAC mode, can be used to interface the two cores.
- If both cores have been generated with the optional management interface, the MDIO port can be connected up to that of the Tri-Speed Ethernet MAC core, allowing the MAC to access the embedded configuration and status registers of the Ethernet 1000BASE-X PCS/PMA or SGMII core.
- Due to the embedded Receiver Elastic Buffer in the GTP transceiver, the entire GMII is synchronous to a single clock domain. Therefore `userclk2` is used as the 125 MHz reference clock for both cores, and the transmitter and receiver logic of the Tri-Mode Ethernet MAC core now operate in the same clock domain.

Figure 16-19 illustrates the Tri-Mode Ethernet MAC core generated with the optional clock enable circuitry. This is the most efficient way to connect the two cores together in terms of clock resource usage and so is recommended. See the *Tri-Mode Ethernet MAC User Guide* for more information.

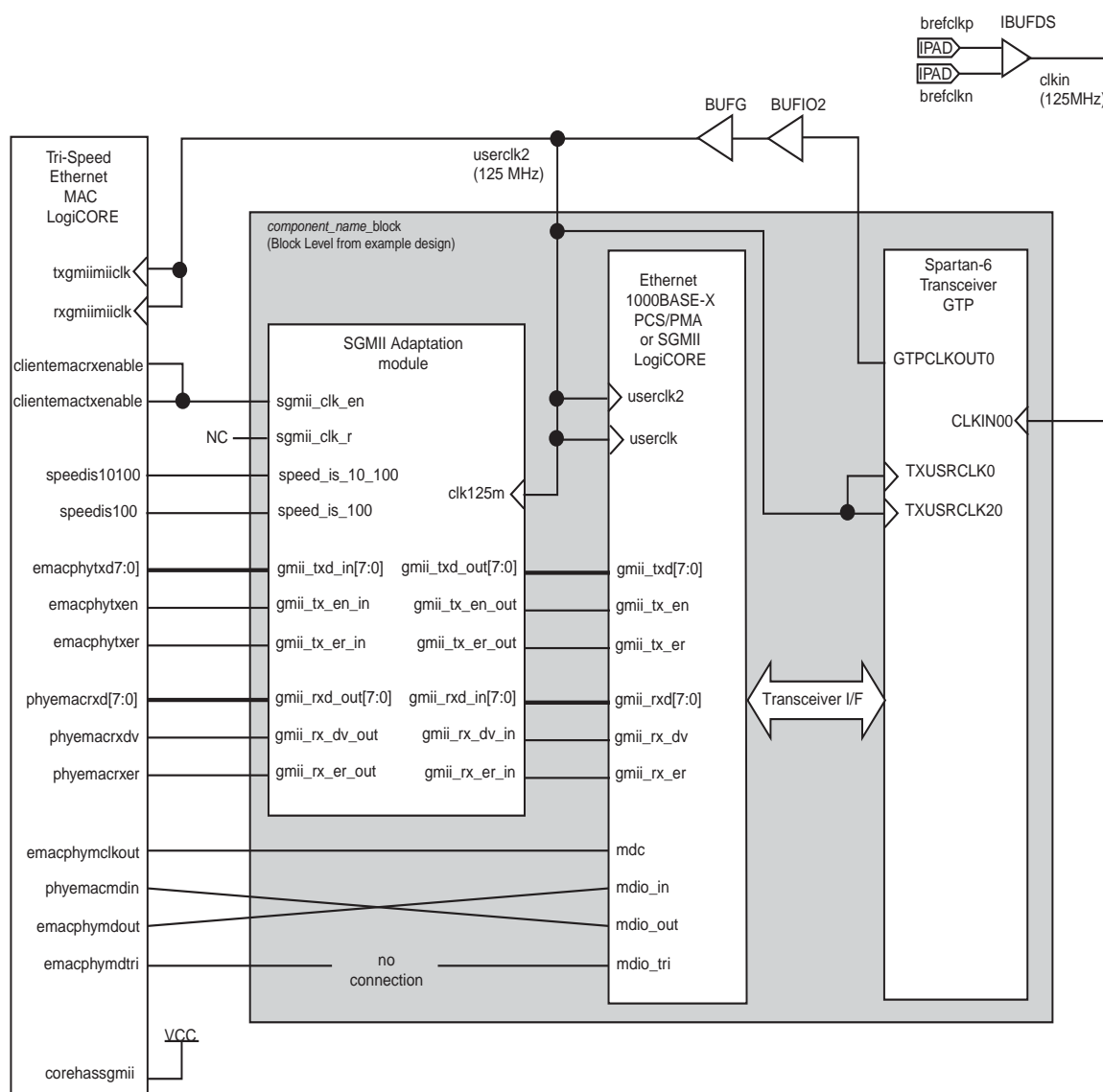


Figure 16-19: Tri-Speed Ethernet MAC Extended to Use an SGMII in a Spartan-6 LXT Device

## Tri-Mode Ethernet MAC Core (TEMAC core v5.1, AXI)

### Virtex-6 Devices

Figure 16-20 illustrates the connections and clock management logic required to interface the Ethernet 1000BASE-X PCS/PMA or SGMII core (when used in SGMII mode with the Virtex-6 FPGA GTX transceiver) to the Tri-Mode Ethernet MAC core (TEMAC core v5.1, AXI).

Features of this configuration include:

- Observe that the “block” level of the TEMAC is instantiated. This provides the MAC with extra functionality that is not provided by the TEMAC core netlist. When using the MAC to connect the 1000BASE-X core, the “Internal” PHY Interface mode must be selected from the TEMAC GUI prior to core generation. See the TEMAC documentation.
- The SGMII Adaptation module, as provided in the example design for the Ethernet 1000BASE-X PCS/PMA or SGMII core, when generated to the SGMII standard and MAC mode, can be used to interface the two cores.
- If both cores have been generated with the optional management interface, the MDIO port can be connected up to that of the Tri-Speed Ethernet MAC core, allowing the MAC to access the embedded configuration and status registers of the Ethernet 1000BASE-X PCS/PMA or SGMII core.
- Because of the Receiver Elastic Buffer, the entire GMII (transmitter and receiver paths) is synchronous to a single clock domain. Therefore, `userclk2` is used as the 125 MHz reference clock for both cores, and the transmitter and receiver logic of the Tri-Speed Ethernet MAC core now operate in the same clock domain.

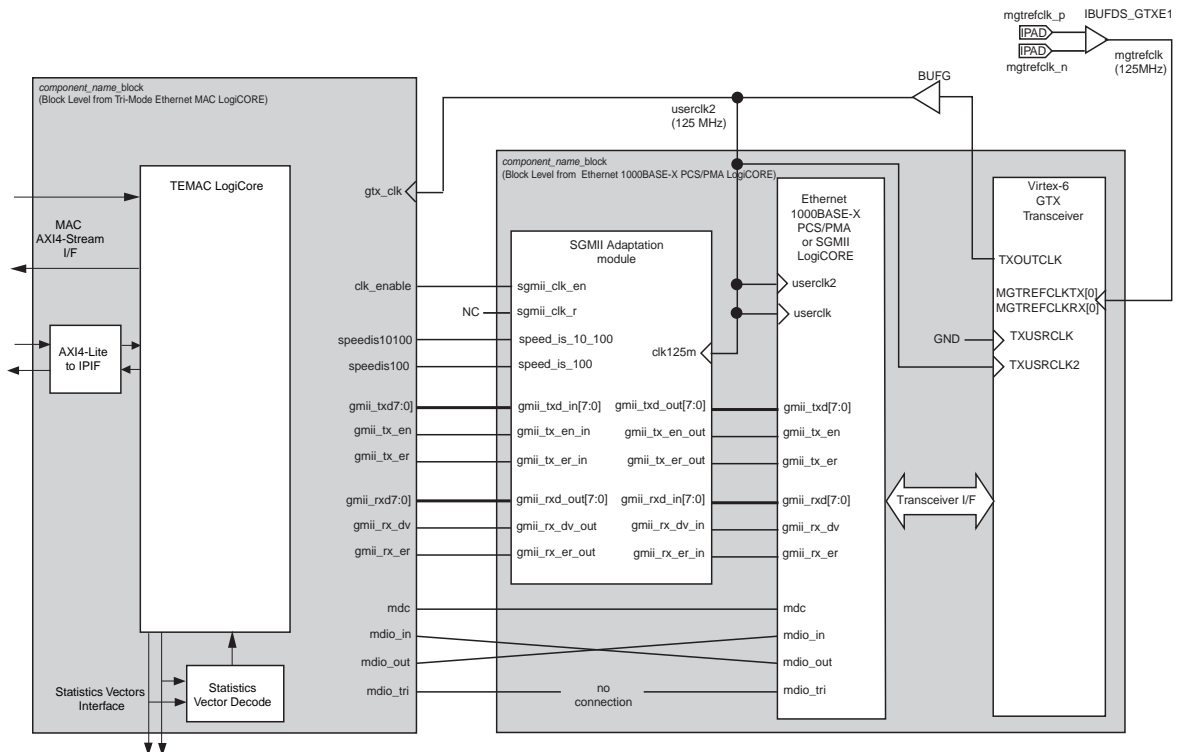


Figure 16-20: AXI Tri-Speed Ethernet MAC Extended to use an SGMII in Virtex-6 Devices

### Spartan-6 Devices

Figure 16-21 illustrates the connections and clock management logic required to interface the Ethernet 1000BASE-X PCS/PMA or SGMII core (when used in SGMII mode with the Spartan-6 FPGA GTP) to the Tri-Mode Ethernet MAC core (TEMAC core v5.1, AXI).

Features of this configuration include:

- Observe that the “block” level of the TEMAC is instantiated. This provides the MAC with extra functionality that is not provided by the TEMAC core netlist. When using the MAC to connect the 1000BASE-X core, the “Internal” PHY Interface mode must be selected from the TEMAC GUI prior to core generation. See the TEMAC documentation.
- The SGMII Adaptation module, as provided in the example design for the Ethernet 1000BASE-X PCS/PMA or SGMII core when generated to the SGMII standard and MAC mode, can be used to interface the two cores.
- If both cores have been generated with the optional management interface, the MDIO port can be connected up to that of the Tri-Speed Ethernet MAC core, allowing the MAC to access the embedded configuration and status registers of the Ethernet 1000BASE-X PCS/PMA or SGMII core.
- Due to the Receiver Elastic Buffer, the entire GMII (transmitter and receiver paths) is synchronous to a single clock domain. Therefore, `userclk2` is used as the 125 MHz reference clock for both cores, and the transmitter and receiver logic of the Tri-Speed Ethernet MAC core now operate in the same clock domain.

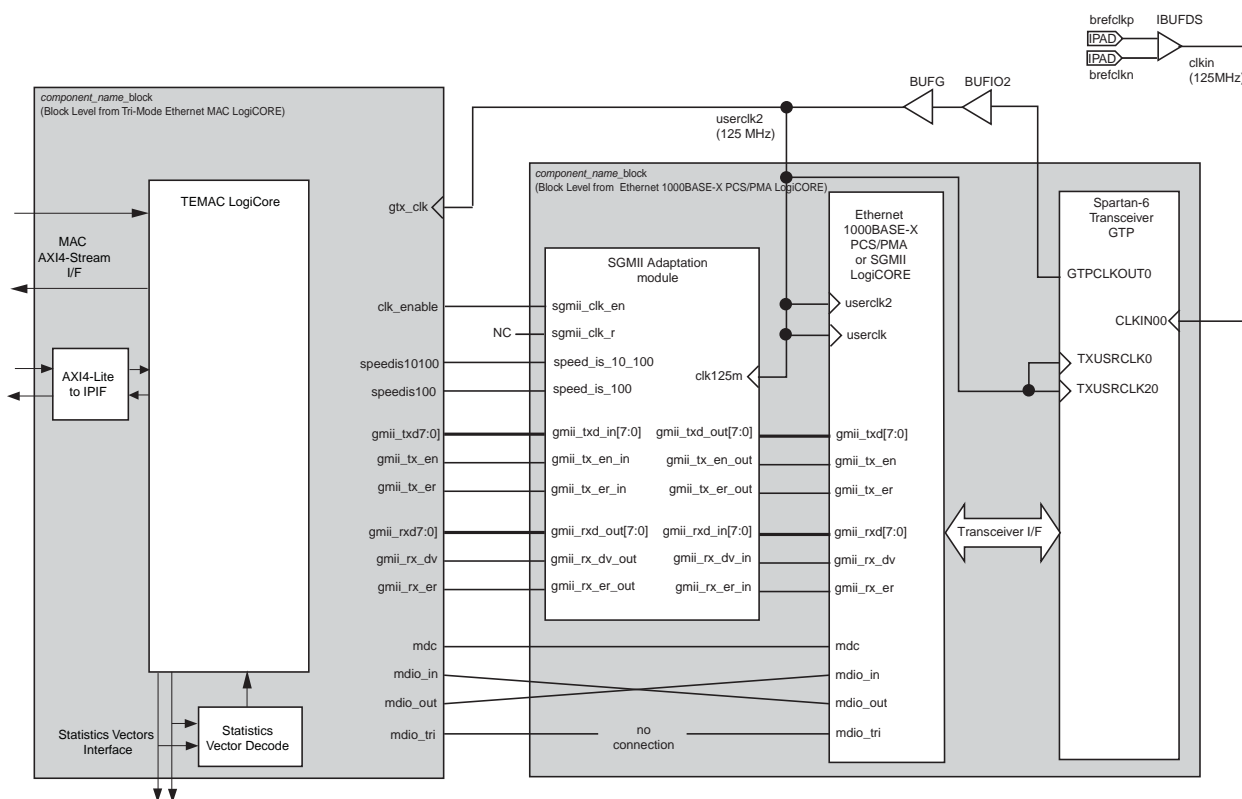
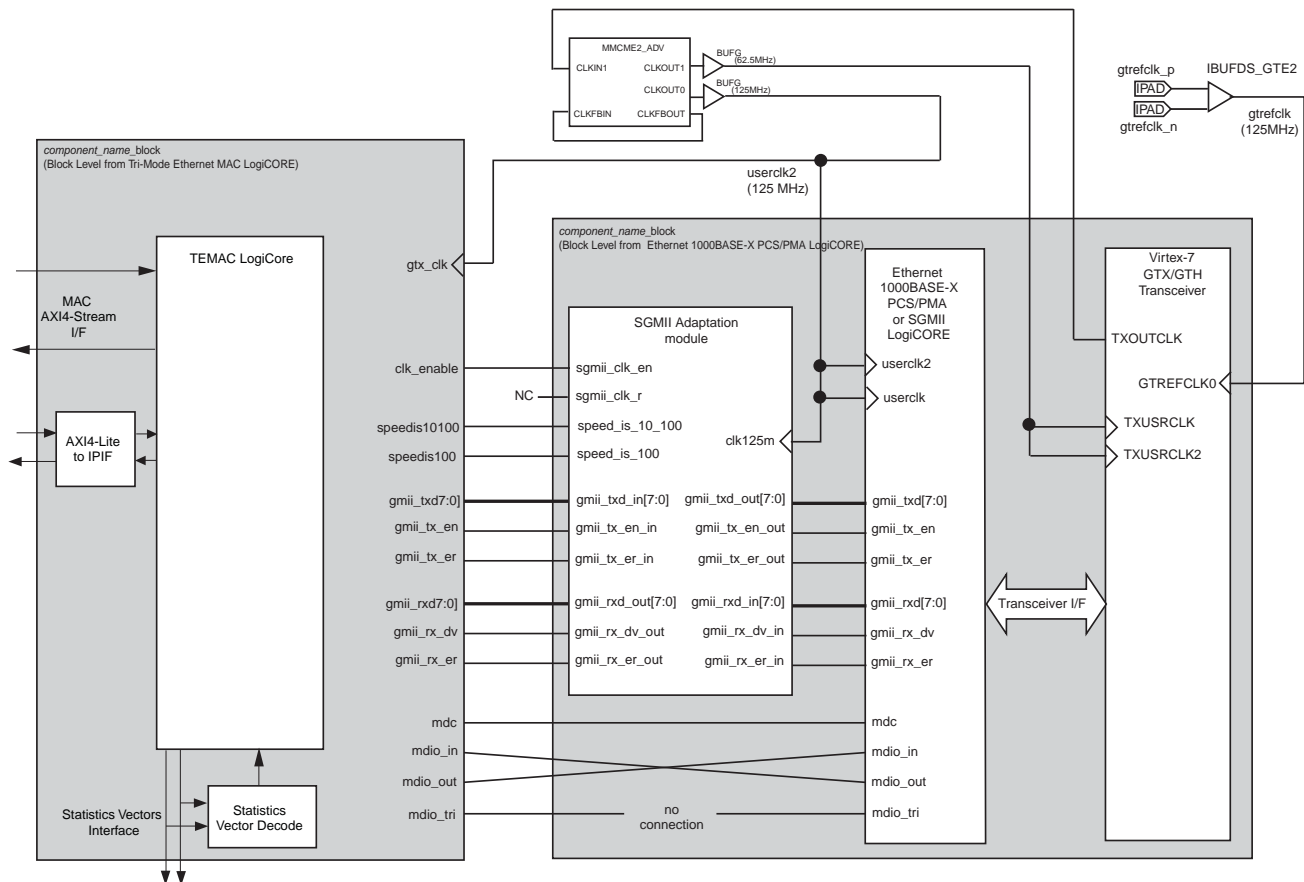


Figure 16-21: Tri-Speed Ethernet MAC v5.1 Extended to use an SGMII in Spartan-6 Devices

### Virtex-7 Devices

Figure 16-22 illustrates the connections and clock management logic required to interface the Ethernet 1000BASE-X PCS/PMA or SGMII core (when used in SGMII Configuration and MAC mode with the 7 series FPGA transceiver) to the Tri-Mode Ethernet MAC core (TEMAC core v5.1, AXI).

- Observe that the “block” level of the TEMAC is instantiated. This provides the MAC with extra functionality that is not provided by the TEMAC core netlist. When using the MAC to connect the 1000BASE-X core, the “Internal” PHY Interface mode must be selected from the TEMAC GUI prior to core generation. See the TEMAC documentation.
- The SGMII Adaptation module, as provided in the example design for the Ethernet 1000BASE-X PCS/PMA or SGMII core when generated to the SGMII standard and MAC mode, can be used to interface the two cores.
- If both cores have been generated with the optional management interface, the MDIO port can be connected up to that of the Tri-Speed Ethernet MAC core, allowing the MAC to access the embedded configuration and status registers of the Ethernet 1000BASE-X PCS/PMA or SGMII core.
- Because of the Receiver Elastic Buffer, the entire GMII (transmitter and receiver paths) is synchronous to a single clock domain. Therefore, `userclk2` is used as the 125 MHz reference clock for both cores, and the transmitter and receiver logic of the Tri-Speed Ethernet MAC core now operate in the same clock domain.



**Figure 16-22: Tri-Speed Ethernet MAC v5.1 Extended to use an SGMII in Virtex-7 Devices**

## Kintex-7 Devices

Figure 16-25 illustrates the connections and clock management logic required to interface the Ethernet 1000BASE-X PCS/PMA or SGMII core (when used in SGMII Configuration and MAC mode with the 7 series FPGA Transceiver) to the Tri-Mode Ethernet MAC core (TEMAC core v5.1, AXI).

Features of this configuration include:

- Observe that the “block” level of the TEMAC is instantiated. This provides the MAC with extra functionality that is not provided by the TEMAC core netlist. When using the MAC to connect the 1000BASE-X core, the “Internal” PHY Interface mode must be selected from the TEMAC GUI prior to core generation. See the TEMAC documentation.
- The SGMII Adaptation module, as provided in the example design for the Ethernet 1000BASE-X PCS/PMA or SGMII core when generated to the SGMII standard and MAC mode, can be used to interface the two cores.
- If both cores have been generated with the optional management interface, the MDIO port can be connected up to that of the Tri-Speed Ethernet MAC core, allowing the MAC to access the embedded configuration and status registers of the Ethernet 1000BASE-X PCS/PMA or SGMII core.
- Because of the Receiver Elastic Buffer, the entire GMII (transmitter and receiver paths) is synchronous to a single clock domain. Therefore, `userclk2` is used as the 125 MHz reference clock for both cores, and the transmitter and receiver logic of the Tri-Speed Ethernet MAC core now operate in the same clock domain.

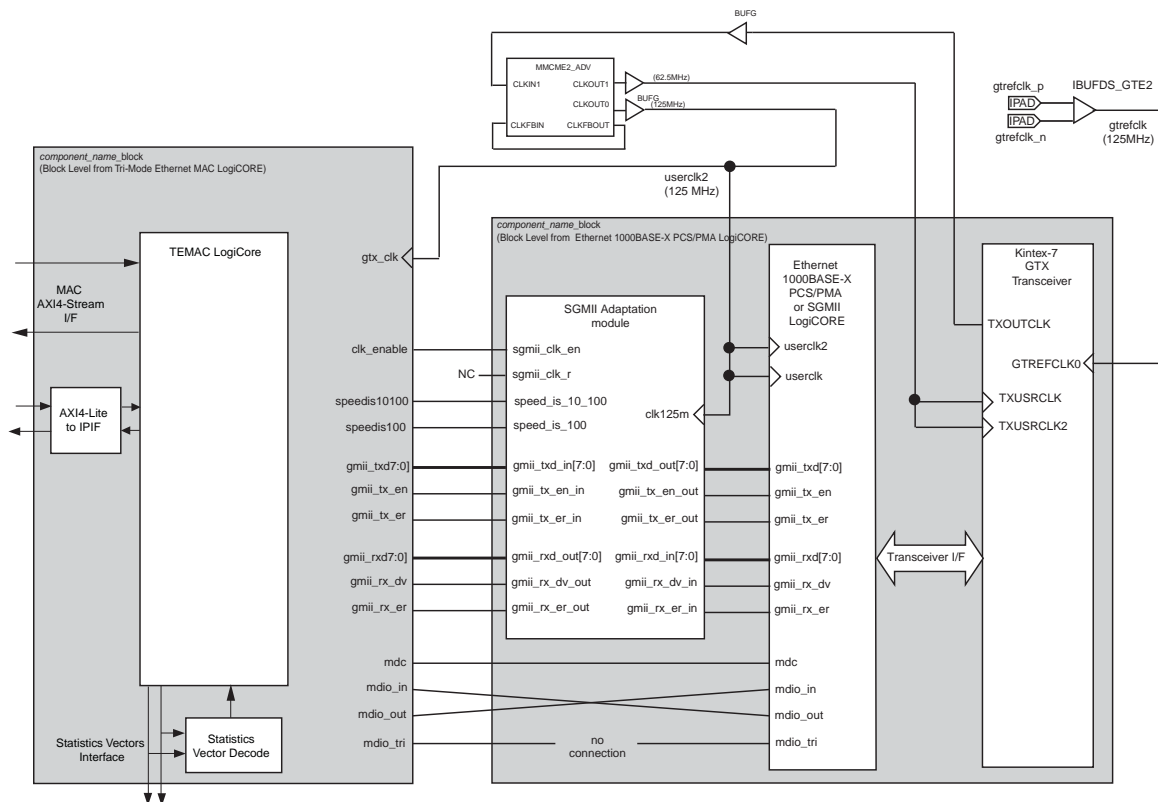


Figure 16-23: AXI Tri-Speed Ethernet MAC Extended to use an SGMII in Kintex-7 Devices

## Artix-7 Devices

Figure 16-24 illustrates the connections and clock management logic required to interface the Ethernet 1000BASE-X PCS/PMA or SGMII core (when used in SGMII Configuration and MAC mode with the 7 series FPGA Transceiver) to the Tri-Mode Ethernet MAC core (TEMAC core v5.1, AXI).

Features of this configuration include:

- Observe that the “block” level of the TEMAC is instantiated. This provides the MAC with extra functionality that is not provided by the TEMAC core netlist. When using the MAC to connect the 1000BASE-X core, the “Internal” PHY Interface mode must be selected from the TEMAC GUI prior to core generation. See the TEMAC documentation.
- The SGMII Adaptation module, as provided in the example design for the Ethernet 1000BASE-X PCS/PMA or SGMII core when generated to the SGMII standard and MAC mode, can be used to interface the two cores.
- If both cores have been generated with the optional management interface, the MDIO port can be connected up to that of the Tri-Speed Ethernet MAC core, allowing the MAC to access the embedded configuration and status registers of the Ethernet 1000BASE-X PCS/PMA or SGMII core.
- Because of the Receiver Elastic Buffer, the entire GMII (transmitter and receiver paths) is synchronous to a single clock domain. Therefore, `userclk2` is used as the 125 MHz reference clock for both cores, and the transmitter and receiver logic of the Tri-Speed Ethernet MAC core now operate in the same clock domain.

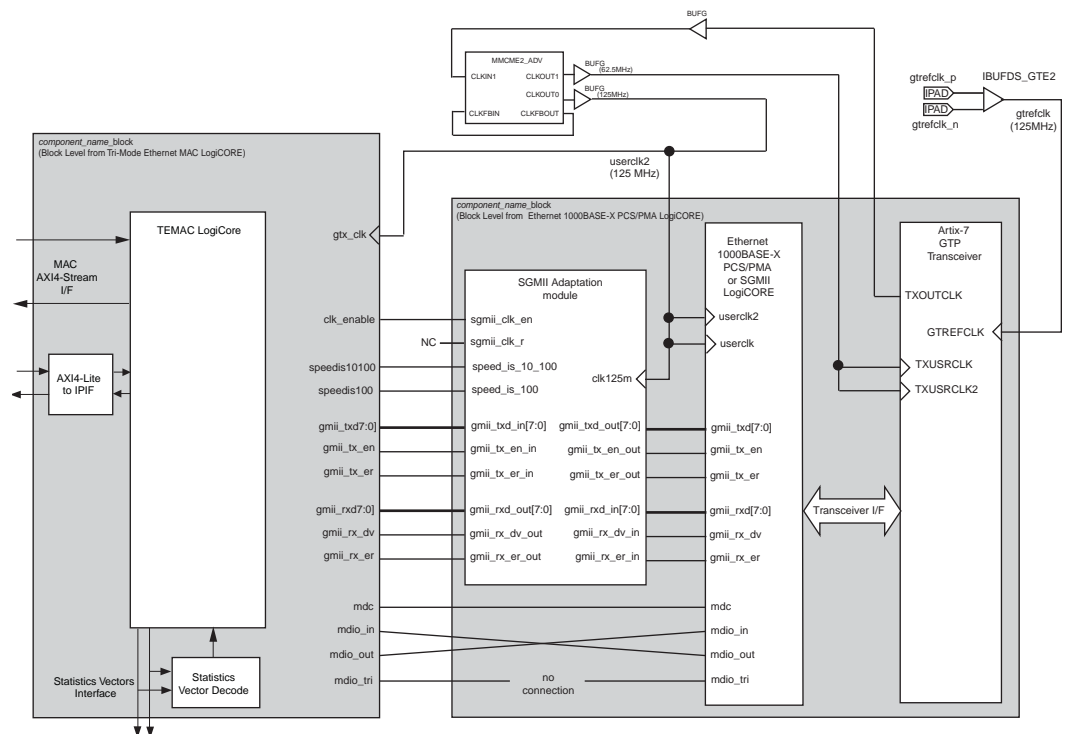


Figure 16-24: AXI Tri-Speed Ethernet MAC Extended to use an SGMII in Artix-7 Devices

## Integration of the Tri-Mode Ethernet MAC Using Asynchronous Oversampling over Virtex-6 LVDS

Figure 16-25 illustrates the connections and clock management logic required to interface the Ethernet 1000BASE-X PCS/PMA or SGMII core (when used in SGMII Asynchronous Oversampling over Virtex-6 LVDS) to the Tri-Mode Ethernet MAC core.

The [I/O Bank Level of the Example Design](#) should be taken from the example design and instantiated for connection to the Tri-Mode Ethernet MAC. This I/O Bank module can contain multiple SGMII port instantiations (only one SGMII port is illustrated). Connections from a unique Tri-Mode Ethernet MAC core to each unique SGMII port are identical and are as shown in [Figure 16-25](#).

The following conditions apply to each connected Tri-Mode Ethernet MAC and SGMII port pair:

- The SGMII Adaptation module, as provided in the example design for the Ethernet 1000BASE-X PCS/PMA or SGMII core when generated to the SGMII standard, can be used to interface the two cores.
- If both cores have been generated with the optional management interface, the MDIO port can be connected up to that of the Tri-Speed Ethernet MAC core, allowing the MAC to access the embedded configuration and status registers of the Ethernet 1000BASE-X PCS/PMA or SGMII core.
- Due to the embedded Receiver Elastic Buffer in the LVDS transceiver, the entire GMII is synchronous to a single clock domain. Therefore `clk125m` is used as the 125 MHz reference clock for both cores, and the transmitter and receiver logic of the Tri-Mode Ethernet MAC core now operate in the same clock domain.

[Figure 16-25](#) illustrates a Tri-Mode Ethernet MAC core generated with the optional clock enable circuitry. This is the most efficient way to connect the two cores together in terms of clock resource usage and so is recommended. See the *Tri-Mode Ethernet MAC User Guide* for more information.

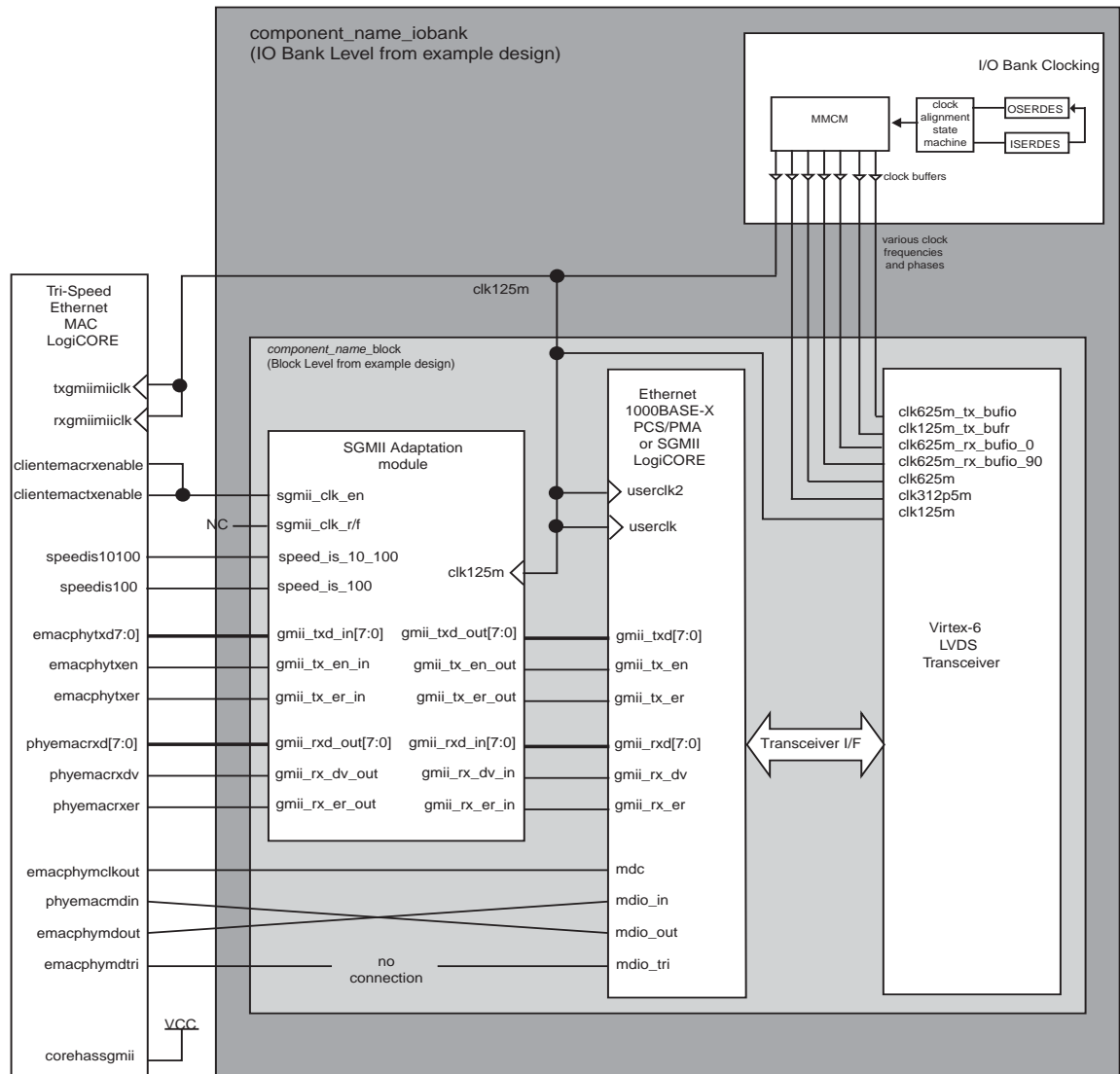


Figure 16-25: Tri-Speed Ethernet MAC Extended to Use SGMII Using Asynchronous Oversampling over Virtex-6 LVDS



# Special Design Considerations

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This chapter describes the unique design considerations associated with implementing the Ethernet 1000BASE-X PCS/PMA or SGMII core.

## Power Management

No power management considerations are recommended for the Ethernet 1000BASE-X PCS/PMA or SGMII core when using it with the TBI. When using the Ethernet 1000BASE-X PCS/PMA or SGMII core with a Virtex®-5, Virtex-6, Virtex-7, Kintex™-7, Artix™-7 or Spartan®-6 device, the transceiver can be placed in a low-power state in either of the following ways:

- Writing to the PCS Configuration Register 0 (if using the core with the optional Management Interface). The low-power state can only be removed by issuing the core with a reset. This reset can be achieved either by writing to the software reset bit in the PCS Configuration Register 0, or by driving the core reset port.
- Asserting the Power Down bit in the `configuration_vector` (if using the core without the optional Management Interface). The low-power state can only be removed by issuing the core with a reset by driving the reset port of the core.

## Start-up Sequencing

IEEE 802.3-2008 clause 22.2.4.1.6 states that by default, a PHY should power-up in an isolate state (electrically isolated from the GMII).

- If you are using the core with the optional Management Interface, it is necessary to write to the PCS Configuration Register 0 to take the core out of the isolate state.
- If using the core without the optional Management interface, it is the responsibility of the client to ensure that the isolate input signal in the `configuration_vector` is asserted at power-on.

## Loopback

This section details the implementation of the loopback feature. Loopback mode is enabled or disabled by either the [MDIO Management Interface](#) or by the [Additional Configuration Vector](#).

### Core with the TBI

There is no physical loopback path in the core. Placing the core into loopback has the effect of asserting logic 1 on the ewrap signal of the TBI (see [1000BASE-X PCS with TBI Pinout](#)). This instructs the attached PMA SERDES device to enter loopback mode as illustrated in [Figure 17-1](#).

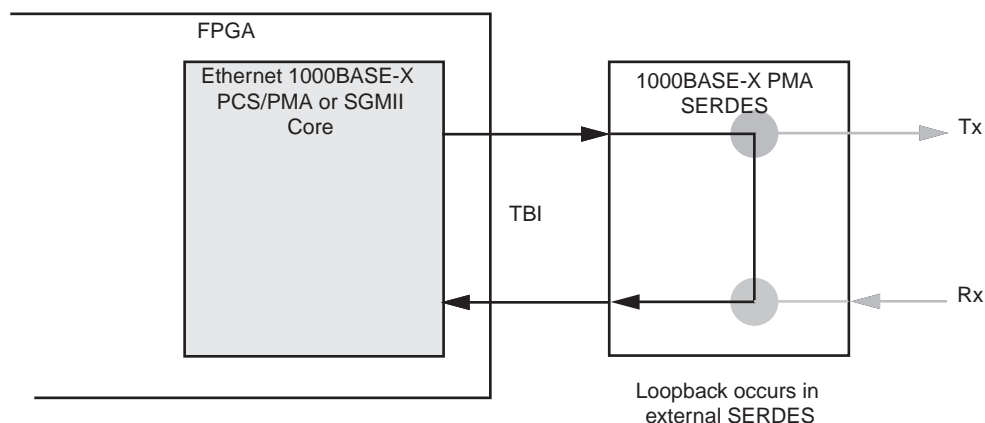


Figure 17-1: Loopback Implementation Using the TBI

### Core with Transceiver

The loopback path is implemented in the core as illustrated in [Figure 17-2](#). When placed into loopback, the data is routed from the transmitter path to the receiver path at the last possible point in the core. This point is immediately before the device-specific transceiver (or LVDS transceiver) interface. When placed in loopback, the core creates a constant stream of Idle code groups that are transmitted through the serial or GTP transceiver in accordance with the IEEE 802.3-2008 specification.

Earlier versions (before v5.0) of the core implemented loopback differently. The serial loopback feature of the device-specific transceiver was used by driving the `LOOPBACK[1:0]` port of the device-specific (serial or GTP) transceiver. This is no longer the case, and the `loopback[1:0]` output port of the core is now permanently set to logic "00." However, for debugging purposes, the `LOOPBACK[1:0]` input port of the device-specific transceiver can be directly driven by the user logic to place it in either parallel or serial loopback mode.

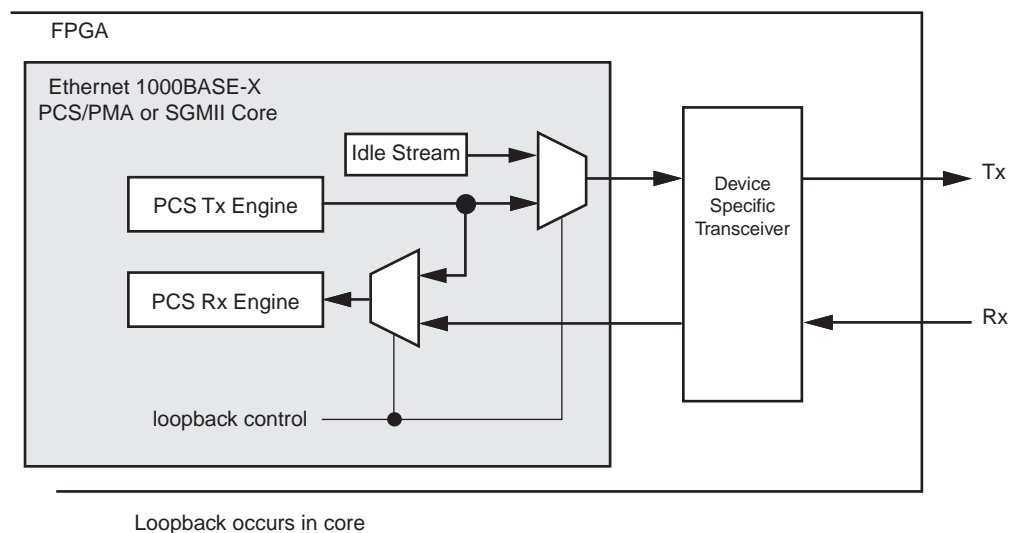


Figure 17-2: **Loopback Implementation When Using the Core with Device-Specific Transceivers**



# Implementing the Design

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This chapter describes how to simulate and implement your design containing the Ethernet 1000BASE-X PCS/PMA or SGMII core.

## Pre-implementation Simulation

A functional model of the Ethernet 1000BASE-X PCS/PMA or SGMII core netlist is generated by the CORE Generator™ tool to allow simulation of the core in the design phase of the project.

## Using the Simulation Model

For information about setting up your simulator to use the pre-implemented model, consult the *Xilinx Synthesis and Verification Design Guide*, included in your Xilinx software installation.

The model is provided in the CORE Generator tool project directory.

VHDL Design Entry

```
<component_name>.vhd
```

Verilog Design Entry

```
<component_name>.v
```

This model can be compiled along with your code to simulate the overall system.

## Synthesis

### XST - VHDL

In the CORE Generator tool project directory, there is a <component\_name>.vho file that is a component and instantiation template for the core. Use this to help instance the Ethernet 1000BASE-X PCS/PMA or SGMII core into your VHDL source.

After the entire design is complete, create the following:

- An XST project file `top_level_module_name.prj` listing all the user source code files
- An XST script file `top_level_module_name.scr` containing your required synthesis options.

To synthesize the design, run

```
$ xst -ifn top_level_module_name.scr
```

See the *XST User Guide* for more information on creating project and synthesis script files, and running the `xst` program.

## XST - Verilog

There is a module declaration for the Ethernet 1000BASE-X PCS/PMA or SGMII core in the CORE Generator tool project directory:

```
<component_name>/implement/<component_name>_mod.v
```

Use this module to help instance the Ethernet 1000BASE-X PCS/PMA or SGMII core into your Verilog source.

After the entire design is complete, do the following:

- Generate an XST project file `top_level_module_name.prj` listing all user source code files.

Make sure to include the following as the first two files in the project list.

```
%XILINX%/verilog/src/ise/unisim_comp.v
```

and

```
<component_name>/implement/component_name_mod.v
```

- Generate an XST script file `top_level_module_name.scr` containing your required synthesis options.

To synthesize the design, run:

```
$ xst -ifn top_level_module_name.scr
```

See the *XST User Guide* for more information on creating project and synthesis script files, and running the `xst` program.

## Implementation

### Generating the Xilinx Netlist

To generate the Xilinx netlist, the `ngdbuild` tool is used to translate and merge the individual design netlists into a single design database—the NGD file. Also merged at this stage is the UCF for the design. An example of the `ngdbuild` command is:

```
$ ngdbuild -sd path_to_core_netlist -sd path_to_user_synth_results \
  -uc top_level_module_name.ucf top_level_module_name
```

### Mapping the Design

To map the logic gates of the user design netlist into the Configurable Logic Blocks (CLBs) and IOBs of the FPGA, run the `map` command. The `map` command writes out a physical design to an Native Circuit Description (NCD) file. An example of the `map` command is:

```
$ map -o top_level_module_name_map.ncd top_level_module_name.ngd \
  top_level_module_name.pcf
```

## Placing and Routing the Design

The `par` command must be executed to place and route your design logic components (mapped physical logic cells) within an NCD file, in accordance with the layout and timing requirements specified within the Physical Constraints File (PCF) file. The `par` command outputs the placed and routed physical design to an NCD file.

An example of the `par` command is:

```
$ par top_level_module_name_map.ncd top_level_module_name.ncd \  
    top_level_module_name.pcf
```

## Static Timing Analysis

The `trce` command must be executed to evaluate timing closure on a design and create a Timing Report file (TWR) that is derived from static timing analysis of the Physical Design file (NCD). The analysis is typically based on constraints included in the optional PCF file.

An example of the `trce` command is:

```
$ trce -o top_level_module_name.twr top_level_module_name.ncd \  
    top_level_module_name.pcf
```

## Generating a Bitstream

The `bitgen` command must be executed to create the configuration bitstream (BIT) file based on the contents of a physical implementation file (NCD). The BIT file defines the behavior of the programmed FPGA.

An example of the `bitgen` command is:

```
$ bitgen -w top_level_module_name.ncd
```

# Post-Implementation Simulation

The purpose of post-implementation simulation is to verify that the design as implemented in the FPGA works as expected.

## Generating a Simulation Model

To generate a chip-level simulation netlist for your design, the `netgen` command must be run.

### VHDL

```
$ netgen -sim -ofmt vhdl -ngm top_level_module_name_map.ngm \  
    -tm netlist top_level_module_name.ncd \  
    top_level_module_name_postimp.vhd
```

### Verilog

```
$ netgen -sim -ofmt verilog -ngm top_level_module_name_map.ngm \  
    -tm netlist top_level_module_name.ncd \  
    top_level_module_name_postimp.v
```

## Using the Model

For information about setting up your simulator to use the pre-implemented model, consult the Xilinx *Synthesis and Verification Design Guide*, included in your Xilinx software installation.

In addition, use the following guidelines to determine the simulator type required:

Designs incorporating a device-specific transceiver require a Verilog LRM-IEEE 1364-2005 encryption-compliant simulator. Currently supported simulators are:

- Mentor Graphics ModelSim v6.6d
- Cadence Incisive Enterprise Simulator (IES) v10.2
- Synopsys VCS and VCS MX 2010.06

For VHDL simulation, a mixed HDL license is required.

## Other Implementation Information

For more information about using the Xilinx implementation tool flow, including command line switches and options, consult the software manuals provided with the Xilinx<sup>®</sup> ISE<sup>®</sup> Design Suite.

# *Additional Resources*

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## **Xilinx Resources**

For support resources such as Answers, Documentation, Downloads, and Forums, see the Xilinx Support website at:

<http://www.xilinx.com/support>.

For a glossary of technical terms used in Xilinx documentation, see:

[http://www.xilinx.com/support/documentation/sw\\_manuals/glossary.pdf](http://www.xilinx.com/support/documentation/sw_manuals/glossary.pdf).

## **Solution Centers**

See the [Xilinx Solution Centers](#) for support on devices, software tools, and intellectual property at all stages of the design cycle. Topics include design assistance, advisories, and troubleshooting tips.

## **References**

To search for Xilinx documentation, go to <http://www.xilinx.com/support>

- Virtex-4 RocketIO Multi-Gigabit Transceiver User Guide (UG076)
- Virtex-4 FPGA User Guide
- Virtex-5 FPGA RocketIO GTP Transceiver User Guide (UG196)
- Virtex-5 FPGA RocketIO GTX Transceiver User Guide
- Virtex-5 FPGA User Guide
- Virtex-6 GTX Transceiver User Guide
- Virtex-6 FPGA User Guide
- Virtex-6 FPGA Clocking Resources User Guide (UG362)
- Spartan-6 FPGA User Guide
- Spartan-6 FPGA GTP Transceiver User Guide
- 7 Series FPGAs GTX Transceivers User Guide
- 7 Series FPGAs Transceivers User Guide
- Tri-Mode Ethernet MAC User Guide
- XST User Guide
- CORE Generator Guide
- Ethernet 1000BASE-X PCS/PMA or SGMII Data Sheet

- Xilinx Synthesis and Verification Design Guide
- Calibration Block User Guide

## Additional Core Resources

After generating the core, the following documents are available in the document directory:

- *Ethernet 1000BASE-X PCS/PMA or SGMII Release Notes*
- *Ethernet 1000BASE-X PCS/PMA or SGMII User Guide*

## Related Xilinx Ethernet Products and Services

For information about all Xilinx® Ethernet solutions, see [www.xilinx.com/products/design\\_resources/conn\\_central/protocols/gigabit\\_ethernet.htm](http://www.xilinx.com/products/design_resources/conn_central/protocols/gigabit_ethernet.htm).

## Specifications

- IEEE 802.3-2008
- *Serial-GMII Specification* (CISCO SYSTEMS, ENG-46158)

# *Core Verification, Compliance, and Interoperability*

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## **Verification**

The Ethernet 1000BASE-X PCS/PMA or SGMII core has been verified with extensive simulation and hardware verification.

## **Simulation**

A highly parameterizable transaction based test bench was used to test the core. Testing included the following:

- Register Access
- Loss of Synchronization
- Auto-Negotiation and error handling
- Frame Transmission and error handling
- Frame Reception and error handling
- Clock Compensation in the Elastic Buffers

## **Hardware Verification**

The core has been tested in a variety of hardware test platforms at Xilinx to represent different parameterizations, including the following:

- The core with device-specific transceiver and performing the 1000BASE-X standard was tested with the Tri-Mode Ethernet MAC core from Xilinx.

This follows the architecture shown in [Figure 16-3](#). A test platform was built around these cores, including a back-end FIFO capable of performing a simple ping function, and a test pattern generator. Software running on the embedded PowerPC® processor was used to provide access to all configuration and status registers. Version 3.0 of this core was taken to the University of New Hampshire Inter operability Lab (UNH IOL) where conformance and inter operability testing was performed.

- The core with device-specific transceiver (all supported families) and performing the SGMII standard was tested with the Tri-speed Ethernet MAC core from Xilinx.

This was connected to an external PHY capable of performing 10BASE-T, 100BASE-T and 1000BASE-T. The system was tested at all three speeds, following the architecture shown in [Figure 16-8](#) and included the PowerPC processor based test platform.



## Core Latency

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The stand-alone core does not meet all the latency requirements specified in IEEE 802.3-2008 because of the latency of the Elastic Buffers in both TBI and device-specific transceiver versions. However, the core can be used for backplane and other applications where strict adherence to the IEEE latency specification is not required.

Where strict adherence to the IEEE 802.3-2008 specification is required, the core can be used with an Ethernet MAC core that is within the IEEE specified latency for a MAC sublayer. For example, when the core is connected to the Xilinx® Tri-Mode Ethernet MAC core, the system as a whole is compliant with the overall IEEE 802.3-2008 latency specifications.

### Latency for 1000BASE-X PCS with TBI

The following measurements are for the core only and do not include any IOB registers or the Transmitter Elastic Buffer added in the example design.

#### Transmit Path Latency

As measured from a data octet input into `gmi_i_txd[7:0]` of the transmitter side GMII until that data appears on `tx_code_group[9:0]` on the TBI interface, the latency through the core in the transmit direction is 5 clock periods of `gtx_clk`.

#### Receive Path Latency

Measured from a data octet input into the core on `rx_code_group0[9:0]` or `rx_code_group1[9:0]` from the TBI interface (until that data appears on `gmi_i_rxd[7:0]` of the receiver side GMII), the latency through the core in the receive direction is equal to 16 clock periods of `gtx_clk`, plus an additional number of clock cycles equal to the current value of the Receiver Elastic Buffer.

The Receiver Elastic Buffer is 32 words deep. The nominal occupancy will be at half-full, thereby creating a nominal latency through the receiver side of the core equal to  $16 + 16 = 32$  clock cycles of `gtx_clk`.

## Latency for 1000BASE-X PCS and PMA Using a Transceiver

These measurements are for the core only; they do not include the latency through the Virtex®-4 FPGA serial transceiver, Virtex-5 FPGA GTP transceiver, Virtex-5 FPGA GTX RocketIO™ transceiver, Virtex-6 FPGA GTX transceiver, Spartan®-6 FPGA GTP transceiver, Virtex-7 GTX/GTH transceiver, Kintex™-7 GTX transceiver, Artix™-7 GTP transceiver, or the Transmitter Elastic Buffer added in the example design.

### Transmit Path Latency

As measured from a data octet input into `gmii_txd[7:0]` of the transmitter side GMII (until that data appears on `txdata[7:0]` on the serial transceiver interface), the latency through the core in the transmit direction is 4 clock periods of `userclk2`.

### Receive Path Latency

As measured from a data octet input into the core on `rxdata[7:0]` from the serial transceiver interface (until that data appears on `gmii_rxd[7:0]` of the receiver side GMII), the latency through the core in the receive direction is 6 clock periods of `userclk2`.

## Latency for SGMII

When performing the SGMII standard, the core latency figures are identical to the Latency for 1000BASE-X PCS and PMA using the serial transceiver. Again these figures do not include the latency through the serial transceiver or any Elastic Buffers added in the example design.

## 1000BASE-X State Machines

This appendix is intended to serve as a reference for the basic operation of the 1000BASE-X IEEE 802.3-2008 clause 36 transmitter and receiver state machines.

### Introduction

[Table D-1](#) illustrates the Ordered Sets defined in IEEE 802.3-2008 clause 36. These code group characters are inserted by the PCS Transmit Engine into the transmitted data stream, encapsulating the Ethernet frames indicated via the GMII transmit signals.

The PCS Receive Engine performs the opposite function; it uses the Ordered Sets to detect the Ethernet frames and from them creates the GMII receive signals.

Cross reference [Table D-1](#) with the remainder of this Appendix. See IEEE 802.3-2008 clause 36 for further information on these Orders Sets.

**Table D-1: Defined Ordered Sets**

Code	Ordered_Set	No. of Code-Groups	Encoding
/C/	Configuration		Alternating /C1/ and /C2/
/C1/	Configuration 1	4	/K28.5/D21.5/Config_Reg <sup>1</sup>
/C2/	Configuration 2	4	/K28.5/D2.2/Config_Reg <sup>1</sup>
/I/	IDLE		Correcting /I1/, Preserving /I2/
/I1/	IDLE_1	2	/K28.5/D5.6/
/I2/	IDLE_2	2	/K28.5/D16.2/
	Encapsulation		
/R/	Carrier_Extend	1	/K23.7/
/S/	Start_of_Packet	1	/K27.7/
/T/	End_of_Packet	1	/K29.7/
/V/	Error_Propagation	1	/K30.7/

1. Two data code-groups representing the Config\_Reg value (contains Auto-Negotiation information)

## Start of Frame Encoding

### The Even Transmission Case

Figure D-1 illustrates the translation of GMII encoding into the code-group stream performed by the PCS Transmit Engine. This stream is transmitted out of the core, either serially using the device-specific transceiver or in parallel across the TBI.

It is important to note that the encoding of Idle periods /I2/ is constructed from a couple of code groups—the /K28.5/ character (considered the *even* position) and the /D16.2/ character (considered the *odd* position). In this example, the assertion of the `gmii_tx_en` signal of the GMII occurs in the even position. In response, the state machines insert a Start of Packet code group /S/ following the Idle (in the *even* position). This is inserted in place of the first byte of the frame preamble field.

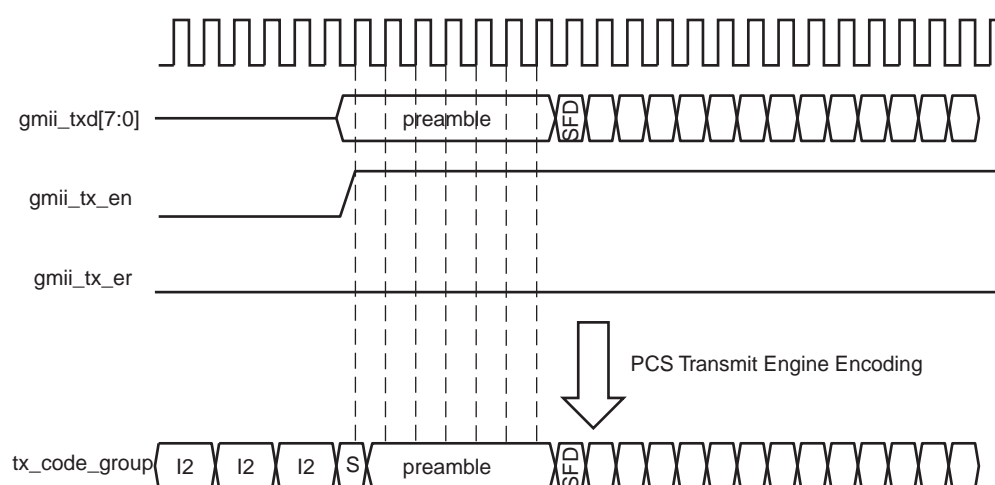


Figure D-1: 1000BASE-X Transmit State Machine Operation (Even Case)

## Reception of the Even Case

Figure D-2 illustrates the reception of the in-bound code-group stream, received either serially using the device-specific transceiver, or in parallel across the TBI, and translation of this code-group stream into the receiver GMII. This is performed by the PCS Receive Engine.

The Start of Packet code group /S/ is replaced with a preamble byte. This results in the restoration of the full preamble field.

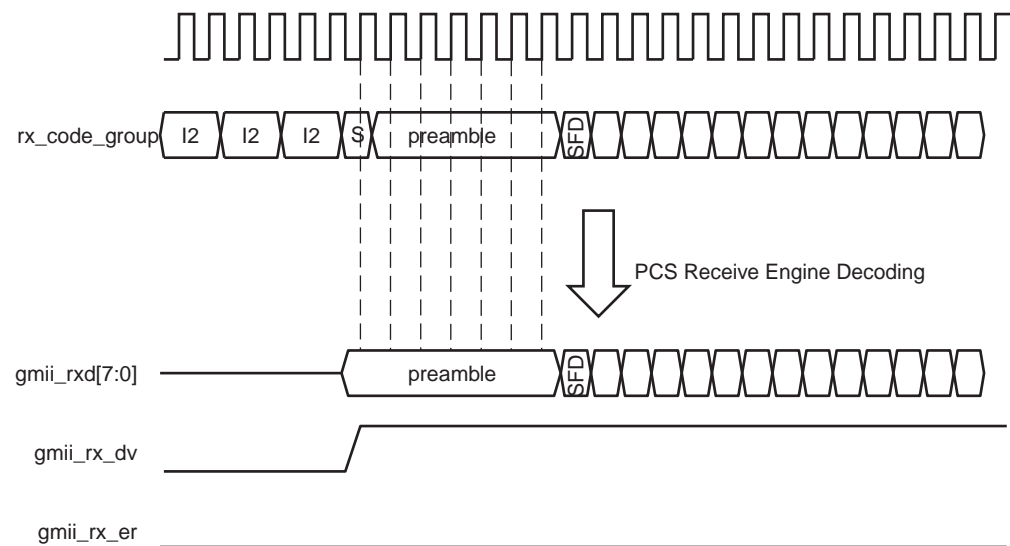


Figure D-2: 1000BASE-X Reception State Machine Operation (Even Case)

# The Odd Transmission Case

Figure D-3 illustrates the translation of GMII encoding into the code-group stream performed by the PCS Transmit Engine; this stream is transmitted out of the core, either serially using the device-specific transceiver, or in parallel across the TBI.

In this example, the assertion of the `gmii_tx_en` signal of the GMII occurs in the *odd* position; in response, the state machines are unable to immediately insert a Start-Of-Packet code group `/S/` as the Idle character must first be completed. The Start of Packet code group `/S/` is therefore inserted (in the *even* position) after completing the Idle. This results in the `/D16.2/` character of the Idle `/I2/` sequence being inserted in place of the first byte of the preamble field, and the Start-Of-Packet `/S/` being inserted in place of the second byte of preamble as illustrated.

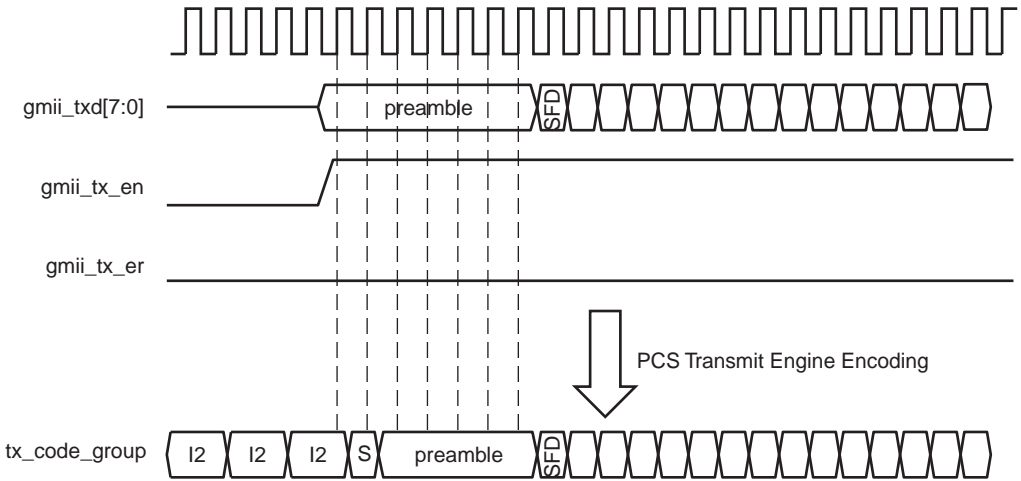


Figure D-3: 1000BASE-X Transmit State Machine Operation (Odd Case)

## Reception of the Odd Case

Figure D-4 illustrates the reception of the in-bound code-group stream, received either serially using the device-specific transceiver, or in parallel across the TBI, and translation of this code-group stream into the receiver GMII. This is performed by the PCS Receive Engine.

The Start of Packet code group /S/ is again replaced with a preamble byte. However, the first preamble byte of the original transmit GMII (see Figure D-3) frame (which was replaced with the /D16.2/ character to complete the Idle sequence), has not been replaced. This has resulted in a single byte of preamble loss across the system.

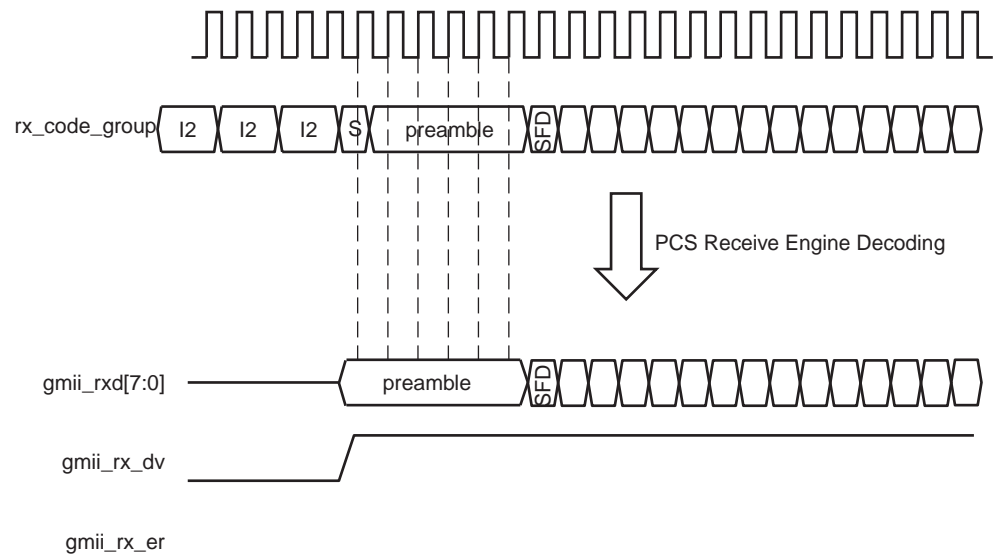


Figure D-4: 1000BASE-X Reception State Machine Operation (Odd Case)

## Preamble Shrinkage

As previously described, a single byte of preamble can be lost across the 1000BASE-X system (the actual loss occurs in the 1000BASE-X PCS transmitter state machine).

- There is no specific statement for this preamble loss in the IEEE 802.3-2008 specification; the preamble loss falls out as a consequence of the state machines (see figures 36-5 and 36-6 in the IEEE 802.3-2008 specification).
- *IEEE 802.3ah-2004* does, however, specifically state in clause 65.1.3.2.1:
 

“NOTE 1 – The 1000BASE-X PCS transmit function replaces the first octet of preamble with the /S/ code-group or it discards the first octet and replaces the second octet of preamble with the /S/ code-group. This decision is based upon the even or odd alignment of the PCS transmit state diagram (see Figure 36-5).”

# End of Frame Encoding

## The Even Transmission Case

Figure D-5 illustrates the translation of GMII encoding into the code-group stream performed by the PCS Transmit Engine. This stream is transmitted out of the core, either serially using the device-specific transceiver or in parallel across the TBI.

In response to the deassertion of `gmii_tx_en`, an End of Packet code group /T/ is immediately inserted. The even and odd alignment described in [Start of Frame Encoding](#) persists throughout the Ethernet frame. If the /T/ character occurs in the even position (the frame contained an even number of bytes starting from the /S/ character), then this is followed with a single Carrier Extend code group /R/. This allows the /K28.5/ character of the following Idle code group to be aligned to the even position.

**Note:** The first Idle to follow the frame termination sequence will be a /I1/ if the frame ended with positive running disparity or a /I2/ if the frame ended with negative running disparity. This is illustrated as the shaded code group.

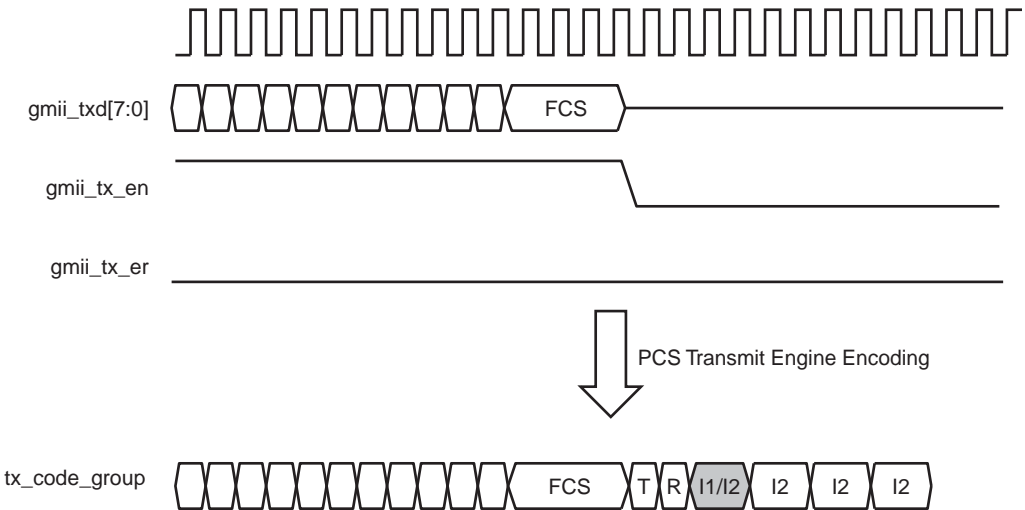


Figure D-5: 1000BASE-X Transmit State Machine Operation (Even Case)

## Reception of the Even Case

Figure D-6 illustrates the reception of the in-bound code-group stream, received either serially using the device-specific transceiver, or in parallel across the TBI, and translation of this code-group stream into the receiver GMII. This is performed by the PCS Receive Engine.

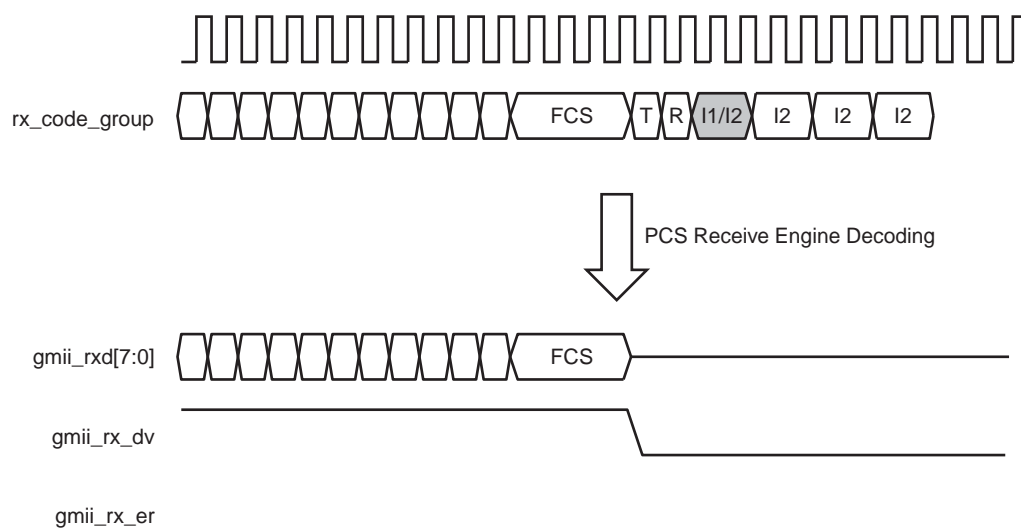


Figure D-6: 1000BASE-X Reception State Machine Operation (Even Case)

## The Odd Transmission Case

Figure D-7 illustrates the translation of GMII encoding into the code-group stream performed by the PCS Transmit Engine; this stream is transmitted out of the core, either serially using the device-specific transceiver, or in parallel across the TBI.

In response to the deassertion of `gmii_tx_en`, an End of Packet code group `/T/` is immediately inserted. The even and odd alignment described in [Start of Frame Encoding](#) persists throughout the Ethernet frame. If the `/T/` character occurs in the odd position (the frame contained an odd number of bytes starting from the `/S/` character), then this is followed with two Carrier Extend code groups `/R/`. This allows the `/K28.5/` character of the following Idle code group to be aligned to the even position.

**Note:** The first Idle to follow the frame termination sequence will be a `/I1/` if the frame ended with positive running disparity or a `/I2/` if the frame ended with negative running disparity. This is illustrated as the shaded code group.

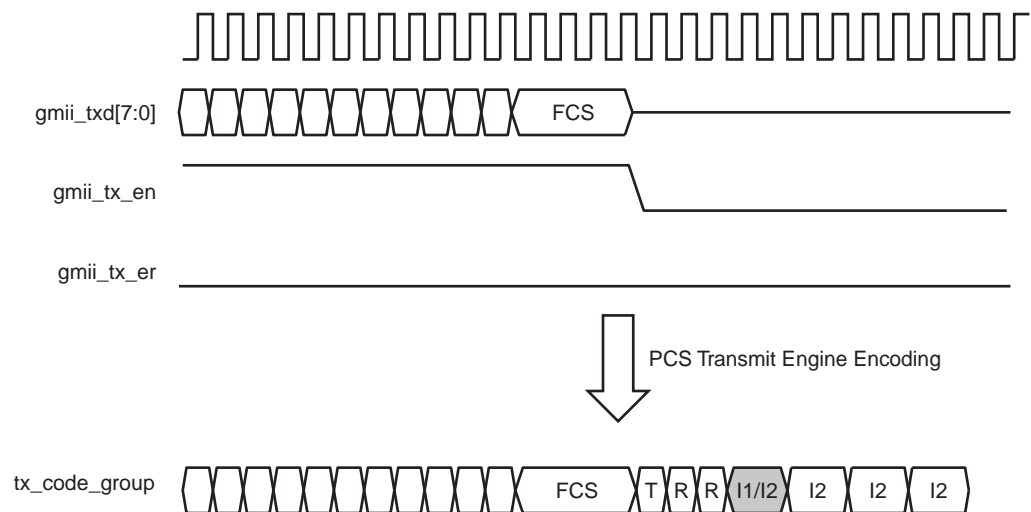


Figure D-7: 1000BASE-X Transmit State Machine Operation (Even Case)

## Reception of the Odd Case

Figure D-8 illustrates the reception of the in-bound code-group stream, received either serially using the device-specific transceiver, or in parallel across the TBI, and translation of this code-group stream into the receiver GMII. This is performed by the PCS Receive Engine.

As defined in IEEE 802.3-2008 figure 36-7b, the combined /T/R/R/ sequence results in the GMII encoding of Frame Extension. This occurs for a single clock cycle following the end of frame reception; the `gmii_rx_er` signal is driven high and the frame extension code of 0x0F is driven onto `gmii_rxd[7:0]`. This occurs even in full-duplex mode.

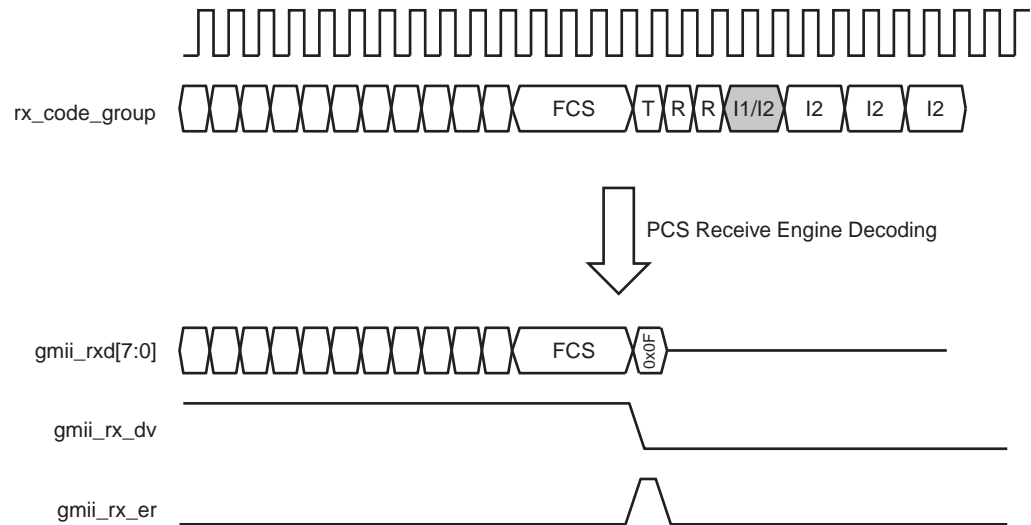


Figure D-8: 1000BASE-X Reception State Machine Operation (Odd Case)



# *Rx Elastic Buffer Specifications*

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This appendix is intended to serve as a reference for the Rx Elastic Buffer sizes used in the core and the related maximum frame sizes that can be used without causing a buffer underflow or overflow error.

Throughout this appendix, all analyses are based on 100 ppm clock tolerances on both sides of the elastic buffer (200 ppm total difference). This corresponds to the Ethernet clock tolerance specification.

## **Introduction**

The need for an Rx Elastic Buffer is illustrated in [The Requirement for the FPGA Logic Rx Elastic Buffer](#). The analysis included in this chapter shows that for standard Ethernet clock tolerances (100 ppm) there can be a maximum difference of one clock edge every 5000 clock periods of the nominal 125 MHz clock frequency.

This slight difference in clock frequency on either side of the buffer accumulates and either starts to fill or empties the Rx Elastic Buffer over time. The Rx Elastic buffer copes with this by performing clock correction during the interframe gaps by either inserting or removing Idle characters. The Rx Elastic Buffer always attempts to restore the buffer occupancy to the half full level during an interframe gap. See [Clock Correction](#).

## Rx Elastic Buffers: Depths and Maximum Frame Sizes

### Device Specific Transceiver Rx Elastic Buffers

Figure E-1 illustrates the transceiver Rx Elastic Buffer depths and thresholds in Virtex®-4 FX, Virtex-5 LXT, SXT, FXT and TXT families, Spartan®-6 LXT family, Virtex-6, Virtex-7, Artix™-7, and Kintex™-7 families. Each FIFO word corresponds to a single character of data (equivalent to a single byte of data following 8B/10B decoding).

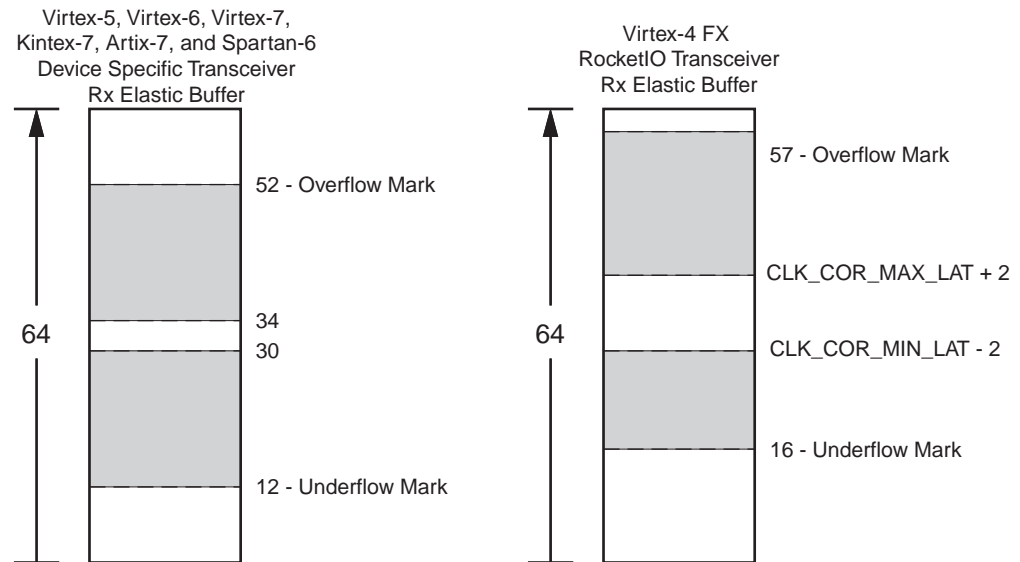


Figure E-1: Elastic Buffer Sizes for all Transceiver Families

### Virtex-5, Virtex-6, Virtex-7, Kintex-7, Artix-7, and Spartan-6 Devices

Consider the example, where the shaded area represents the usable buffer availability for the duration of frame reception.

- If the buffer is filling during frame reception, there are  $52 - 34 = 18$  FIFO locations available before the buffer reaches the overflow mark.
- If the buffer is emptying during reception, then there are  $30 - 12 = 18$  FIFO locations available before the buffer reaches the underflow mark.

This analysis assumes that the buffer is approximately at the half-full level at the start of the frame reception. As illustrated, there are two locations of uncertainty, above and below the exact half-full mark of 32, resulting from the clock correction decision, and is based across an asynchronous boundary.

Because there is a worst-case scenario of one clock edge difference every 5000 clock periods, the maximum number of clock cycles (bytes) that can exist in a single frame passing through the buffer before an error occurs is:

$$5000 \times 18 = 90000 \text{ bytes}$$

Table E-1 translates this into maximum frame size at different Ethernet speeds. At SGMII speeds lower than 1 Gb/s, performance is diminished because bytes are repeated multiple times (see [Using the Core Netlist Client-Side GMII for the SGMII Standard](#)).

**Table E-1: Maximum Frame Sizes: Transceiver Rx Elastic Buffers (100ppm Clock Tolerance)**

Standard / Speed	Maximum Frame Size
1000BASE-X (1 Gb/s only)	90000
SGMII (1 Gb/s)	90000
SGMII (100 Mb/s)	9000
SGMII (10 Mb/s)	900

### Virtex-4 FX Device

Consider the Virtex-4 FX device case also illustrated in [Figure E-1](#). The thresholds are different to that of other families, but the overall size of the buffer is the same. Instead of the half full point, there are configurable clock correction thresholds. During the interframe gap, clock correction attempts to restore the occupancy to within these two thresholds.

However, by setting both CLK\_COR\_MAX\_LAT and CLK\_COR\_MIN\_LAT thresholds to the same value, symmetrically between overflow and underflow marks, it is possible to obtain the same figures as for other families. For this reason, by adjusting the threshold attributes accordingly, [Table E-1](#) is also applicable.

## SGMII FPGA Logic Rx Elastic Buffer

Figure E-2 illustrates the FPGA logic Rx Elastic Buffer depth. This logic elastic buffer is used with the core when:

- performing [SGMII Support Using Asynchronous Oversampling over Virtex-6 FPGA LVDS](#).
- this buffer can optionally be used to replace the Rx Elastic Buffers of the transceiver when performing (see [SGMII / Dynamic Standards Switching with Transceivers](#) (see [Receiver Elastic Buffer Implementations](#))).

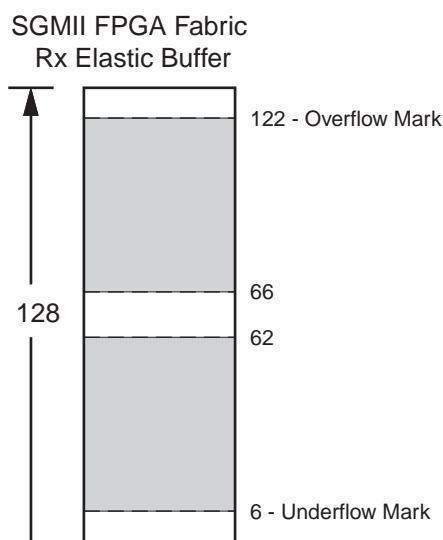


Figure E-2: Elastic Buffer Size for all Transceiver Families

The shaded area of Figure E-2 represents the usable buffer availability for the duration of frame reception.

- If the buffer is filling during frame reception, there are  $122 - 66 = 56$  FIFO locations available before the buffer reaches the overflow mark.
- If the buffer is emptying during reception, then there are  $62 - 6 = 56$  FIFO locations available before the buffer reaches the underflow mark.

This analysis assumes the buffer is approximately at the half-full level at the start of the frame reception. As illustrated, there are two locations of uncertainty, above and below the exact half-full mark of 64. This is as a result of the clock correction decision, and is based across an asynchronous boundary.

Because there is a worst-case scenario of one clock edge difference every 5000 clock periods, the maximum number of clock cycles (bytes) that can exist in a single frame passing through the buffer before an error occurs is:

$$5000 \times 56 = 280000 \text{ bytes}$$

Table E-2 translates this into maximum frame size at different Ethernet speeds. At SGMII speeds lower than 1 Gb/s, performance is diminished because bytes are repeated multiple times. See [Using the Core Netlist Client-Side GMII for the SGMII Standard](#).

**Table E-2: Maximum Frame Sizes: Fabric Rx Elastic Buffers (100ppm Clock Tolerance)**

Standard / Speed	Maximum Frame Size
1000BASE-X (1 Gb/s only)	280000
SGMII (1 Gb/s)	280000
SGMII (100 Mb/s)	28000
SGMII (10 Mb/s)	2800

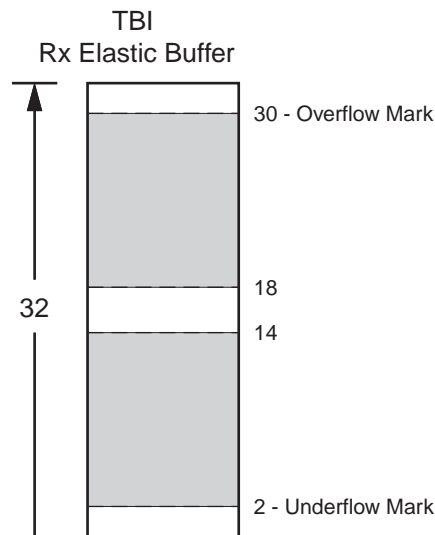
## TBI Rx Elastic Buffer

### For SGMII / Dynamic Switching

The Rx Elastic Buffer used for the SGMII or Dynamic Standards Switching is identical to the method used in [SGMII FPGA Logic Rx Elastic Buffer](#).

### For 1000BASE-X

[Figure E-3](#) illustrates the Rx Elastic Buffer depth and thresholds when using the Ten-Bit-Interface with the 1000BASE-X standard. This buffer is intentionally smaller than the equivalent buffer for SGMII/Dynamic Switching. Because a larger size is not required, the buffer is kept smaller to save logic and keep latency low. Each FIFO word corresponds to a single character of data (equivalent to a single byte of data following 8B/10B decoding).



**Figure E-3: TBI Elastic Buffer Size for All Families**

The shaded area of [Figure E-3](#) represents the usable buffer availability for the duration of frame reception.

- If the buffer is filling during frame reception, then there are  $30 - 18 = 12$  FIFO locations available before the buffer reaches the overflow mark.
- If the buffer is emptying during reception, then there are  $14 - 2 = 12$  FIFO locations available before the buffer reaches the underflow mark.

This analysis assumes that the buffer is approximately at the half-full level at the start of the frame reception. As illustrated, there are two locations of uncertainty above and below the exact half-full mark of 16. This is as a result of the clock correction decision, and is based across an asynchronous boundary.

Because there is a worst-case scenario of 1 clock edge difference every 5000 clock periods, the maximum number of clock cycles (bytes) that can exist in a single frame passing through the buffer before an error occurs is:

$$5000 \times 12 = 60000 \text{ bytes}$$

This translates into a maximum frame size of 60000 bytes.

## Clock Correction

The calculations in all previous sections assumes that the Rx Elastic Buffers are restored to approximately half occupancy at the start of each frame. This is achieved by the elastic buffer performing clock correction during the interframe gaps either by inserting or removing Idle characters as required.

- If the Rx Elastic Buffer is emptying during frame reception, there are no restrictions on the number of Idle characters that can be inserted due to clock correction. The occupancy will be restored to half full and the assumption holds true.
- If the Rx Elastic Buffer is filling during frame reception, Idle characters need to be removed. Restrictions that need to be considered are described in the following sections.

### Idle Character Removal at 1 Gb/s (1000BASE-X and SGMII)

The minimum number of clock cycles that can be presented to an Ethernet receiver, according to the IEEE 802.3-2008 specification, is 64-bit times at any Ethernet speed. At 1 Gb/s 1000BASE-X and SGMII, this corresponds to 8 bytes (8 clock cycles) of interframe gap. However, an interframe gap consists of a variety of code groups, namely /T/, /R/, /I1/ and /I2/ characters (see [Appendix D, 1000BASE-X State Machines](#)). Of these, only /I2/ can be used as clock correction characters.

In a minimum interframe gap at 1 Gb/s, we can only assume that two /I2/ characters are available for removal. This corresponds to 4 bytes of data.

Looking at this from another perspective, 4 bytes of data need to be removed in an elastic buffer (which is filling during frame reception) for a frame which is  $5000 \times 4 = 20000$  bytes in length. So if the frame being received is 20000 bytes in length or shorter, at 1 Gb/s, we can assume that the occupancy of the elastic buffer will always self correct to half full before the start of the subsequent frame.

For frames that are longer than 20000 bytes, the assumption that the elastic buffer will be restored to half full occupancy does not hold true. For example, for a long stream of 250000 byte frames, each separated by a minimum interframe gap, the Rx Elastic Buffer will eventually fill and overflow. This is despite the 250000 byte frame length being less than the maximum frame size calculated in the [Rx Elastic Buffers: Depths and Maximum Frame Sizes](#) section.

However, because the legal maximum frame size for Ethernet frames is 1522 bytes (for a VLAN frame), idle character removal restrictions are not usually an issue.

## Idle Character Removal at 100 Mb/s (SGMII)

At SGMII, 100 Mb/s, each byte is repeated 10 times. This also applies to the interframe gap period. For this reason, the minimum of 8 bytes for the 1 Gb/s case corresponds to a minimum of 80 bytes for the 100 Mb/s case.

Additionally, the majority of characters in this 80-byte interframe-gap period are going to be the /I2/ clock correction characters. Because of the clock correction circuitry design, a minimum of 20 /I2/ code groups will be available for removal. This translates into 40 bytes, giving a maximum run size of  $40 \times 5000 = 200000$  bytes. Because each byte at 100 Mb/s is repeated ten times, this corresponds to an Ethernet frame size of 20000 bytes, the same size as the 1 Gb/s case.

So in summary, at 100 Mb/s, for any frame size of 20000 bytes or less, it can still be assumed that the Elastic Buffer will return to half full occupancy before the start of the next frame. However, a frame size of 20000 is larger than can be received in the device-specific transceiver Elastic Buffer (see [Rx Elastic Buffers: Depths and Maximum Frame Sizes](#)). Only the SGMII FPGA Logic Rx Elastic buffer is large enough.

## Idle Character Removal at 10 Mb/s (SGMII)

Using a similar argument to the 100 Mb/s case, it can be shown that clock correction circuitry can also cope with a frame size up to 20000 bytes. However, this is larger than the maximum frame size for any Elastic Buffer provided with the core (see [Rx Elastic Buffers: Depths and Maximum Frame Sizes](#)).

## Maximum Frame Sizes for Sustained Frame Reception

Sustained frame reception refers to the maximum size of frames which can be continuously received when each frame is separated by a minimum interframe gap.

The size of frames that can be reliably received is dependent on the two considerations previously introduced in this appendix:

- The size of the Elastic Buffer, see [Rx Elastic Buffers: Depths and Maximum Frame Sizes](#)
- The number of clock correction characters present in a minimum interframe gap, (see [Clock Correction](#))

[Table E-3](#) summarizes the maximum frame sizes for sustained frame reception when used with the different Rx Elastic Buffers provided with the core. All frame sizes are provided in bytes.

**Table E-3: Maximum Frame Size: (Sustained Frame Reception) Capabilities of the Rx Elastic Buffers**

Ethernet Standard and Speed	Rx Elastic Buffer Type		
	TBI	Device Specific Transceiver	SGMII FPGA Logic Buffer (used with the Virtex-6 FPGA LVDS transceiver and optional for use with device specific transceivers)
1000BASE-X (1 Gb/s)	20000 (limited by clock correction)	20000 (limited by clock correction)	20000 (limited by clock correction)
SGMII 1 Gb/s	20000 (limited by clock correction)	20000 (limited by clock correction)	20000 (limited by clock correction)
SGMII 100 Mb/s	20000 (limited by clock correction)	9000 (limited by buffer size)	20000 (limited by clock correction)
SGMII 10 Mb/s	2800 (limited by buffer size)	900 (limited by buffer size)	2800 (limited by buffer size)

## Jumbo Frame Reception

A jumbo frame is an Ethernet frame which is deliberately larger than the maximum sized Ethernet frame allowed in the IEEE 802.3-2008 specification. The size of jumbo frames that can be reliably received is identical to the frame sizes defined in [Maximum Frame Sizes for Sustained Frame Reception](#).

# Implementing External GMII

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In certain applications, the client-side GMII datapath can be used as a true GMII to connect externally off-device across a PCB. This external GMII functionality is included in the HDL example design delivered with the core by the CORE Generator™ tool for 1000BASE-X designs. This extra logic required to accomplish this is described in this Appendix.

**Note:** Virtex®-7 devices support GMII at 3.3 V or lower only in certain parts and packages; see the Virtex-7 Device Documentation. Virtex-6 devices support GMII at 2.5 V only. See the *Virtex-6 FPGA Data Sheet: DC and Switching Characteristics* for more information. Artix™-7, Kintex™-7, Virtex-5, Virtex-4, Spartan®-6 and Spartan-3 devices support GMII at 3.3 V or lower.

## GMII Transmitter Logic

When implementing an external GMII, the GMII transmitter signals will be synchronous to their own clock domain. The core must be used with a Transmitter Elastic Buffer to transfer these GMII transmitter signals onto the cores internal 125 MHz reference clock (`gtx_clk` when using the TBI; `userclk2` when using the device-specific transceiver). A Transmitter Elastic Buffer is provided for the 1000BASE-X standard by the example design provided with the core.

### Spartan-3, Spartan-3E, Spartan-3A/3A DSP and Virtex-4 Devices

A DCM must be used on the `gmi_i_tx_clk` clock path, as illustrated in [Figure F-1](#). This is performed by the top-level example design delivered with the core (all signal names and logic match [Figure F-1](#)). This DCM circuitry can optionally be used in other families.

Phase-shifting should then be applied to the DCM to fine-tune the setup and hold times at the GMII IOB input flip-flops. The fixed phase shift is applied to the DCM with the example UCF for the example design. See [Constraints When Implementing an External GMII](#).

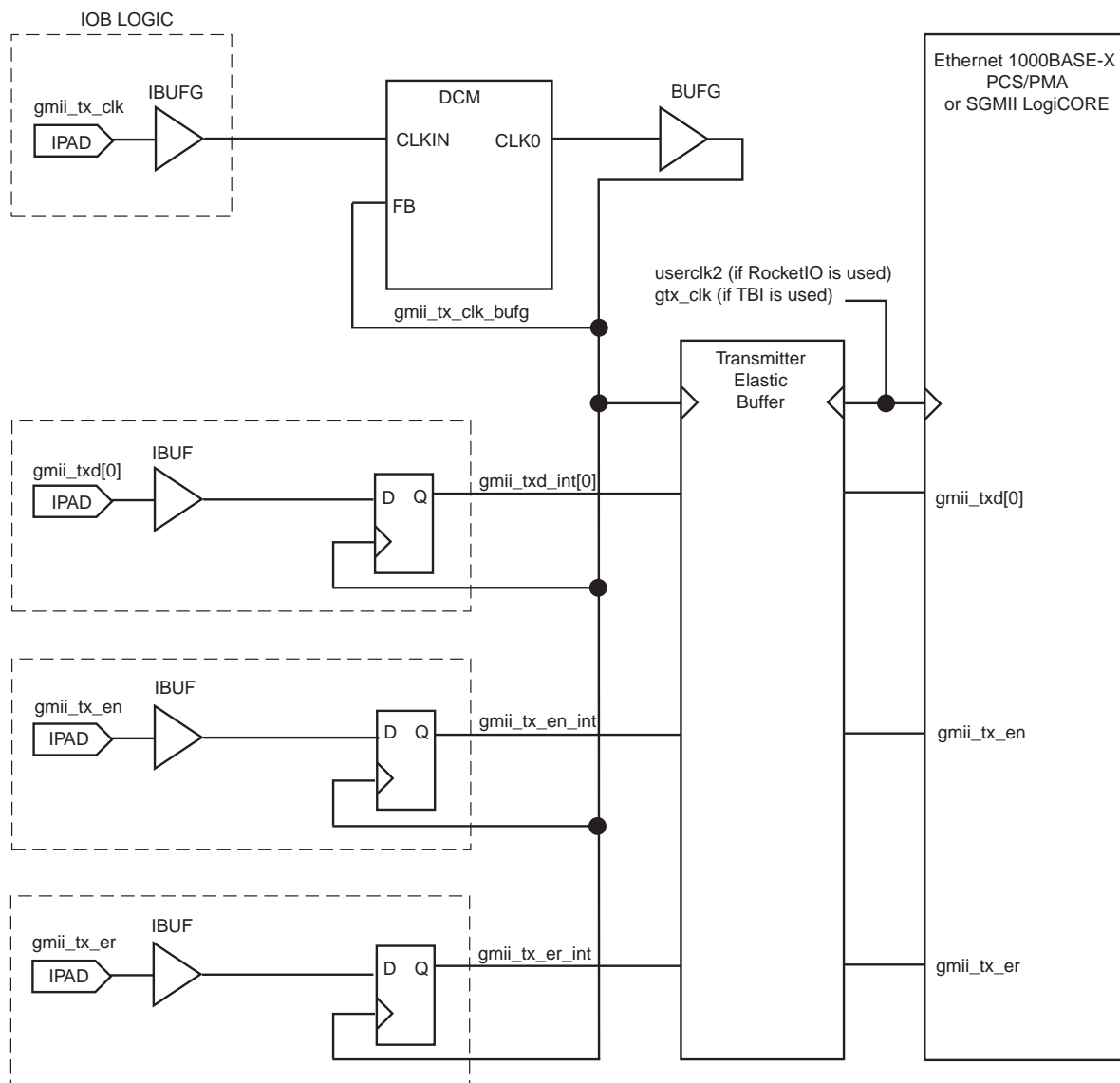


Figure F-1: External GMII Transmitter Logic for Spartan-3, Spartan-3E, Spartan-3A/3A DSP and Virtex-4 Devices

## Virtex-5 Devices

Three possible solutions follow:

### Case 1

For Virtex-5 devices, a DCM can be used on the `gmii_tx_clk` clock path, using global clock routing, and illustrated in [Figure F-1](#) for the Spartan-3 and Virtex-4 family.

### Case 2

Input Delay Elements can be used on the GMII data and clock path, using global clock routing (not illustrated). This implementation was provided as the default example design for Virtex-5 devices in versions of this core prior to version 10.1.

### Case 3

Use a combination of IODELAY elements on the data, and use BUFIO and BUFR regional clock routing for the `gmii_tx_clk` input clock, as illustrated in [Figure F-2](#).

The design for Case 3 provides a simpler solution than the DCM logic of Case 1 and provides better input setup and hold time margins than Case 2. It has therefore been chosen as the default example design from version 10.1 of the core onwards.

In this implementation, a BUFIO is used to provide the lowest form of clock routing delay from input clock to input GMII Tx signal sampling at the device IOBs. Note, however, that this creates placement constraints; a BUFIO capable clock input pin must be selected, and all other input GMII Tx signals must be placed in the respective BUFIO region. The *Virtex-5 FPGA User Guide* should be consulted.

The clock is then placed onto regional clock routing using the BUFR component and the input GMII Tx data immediately resampled as illustrated.

The IODELAY elements can be adjusted to fine-tune the setup and hold times at the GMII IOB input flip-flops. The delay is applied to the IODELAY element using constraints in the UCF; these can be edited if desired. See [Constraints When Implementing an External GMII](#) for more information.

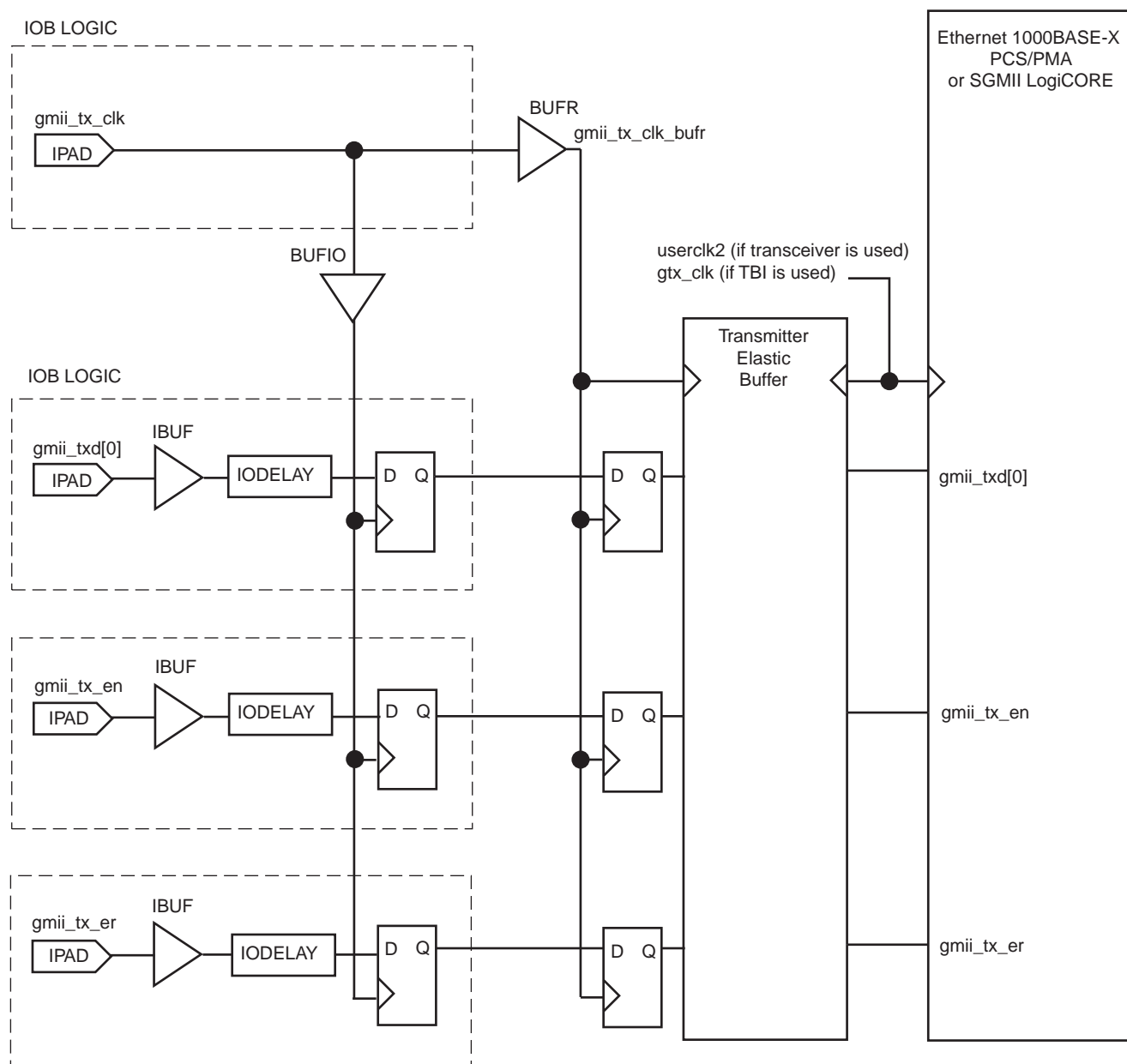


Figure F-2: External GMII Transmitter Logic for Virtex-5, Virtex-6, Virtex-7, Artix-7, and Kintex-7 Devices

## Artix-7, Virtex-7, Kintex-7 and Virtex-6 Devices

Two possible solutions follow:

### Case 1

A MMCM can be used on the `gmii_tx_clk` clock path, using global clock routing. This is illustrated in [Figure F-1](#) for the Spartan-3 and Virtex-4 family; simply replace the DCM for a MMCM.

### Case 2

Use a combination of IODELAY elements on the data, and use BUFIO and BUFR regional clock routing for the `gmii_tx_clk` input clock, as illustrated in [Figure F-2](#).

The design for Case 2 provides a simpler solution than that of Case 1. It has therefore been chosen as the default example design for Artix-7, Virtex-7, Kintex-7 and Virtex-6 devices.

In this implementation, a BUFIO is used to provide the lowest form of clock routing delay from input clock to input GMII Tx signal sampling at the device IOBs. Note, however, that this creates placement constraints; a BUFIO capable clock input pin must be selected, and all other input GMII Tx signals must be placed in the respective BUFIO region. The device FPGA user guides should be consulted.

The clock is then placed onto regional clock routing using the BUFR component and the input GMII Tx data immediately resampled as illustrated.

The IODELAY elements can be adjusted to fine-tune the setup and hold times at the GMII IOB input flip-flops. The delay is applied to the IODELAY element using constraints in the UCF; these can be edited if desired. See [Constraints When Implementing an External GMII](#) for more information.

## Spartan-6 Devices

Two possible solutions are:

### Case 1

For Spartan-6 devices, a MMCM can be used on the `gmii_tx_clk` clock path, using global clock routing, and illustrated in [Figure F-1](#) for the Spartan-3 and Virtex-4 devices.

### Case 2

Using a combination of IODELAY elements on the data, and using BUFIO2 and BUFG global clock routing for the `gmii_tx_clk` input clock, as illustrated in [Figure F-3](#).

The design for Case 2 provides a simpler solution than that of Case 1. It has therefore been chosen as the default example design for Spartan-6 devices.

In this implementation, a BUFIO2 is used to provide the lowest form of clock routing delay from input clock to input GMII Tx signal sampling at the device IOBs. Note, however, that this creates placement constraints: a BUFIO capable clock input pin must be selected, and all other input GMII Tx signals must be placed in the respective BUFIO2 region. The *Spartan-6 FPGA User Guide* should be consulted.

The clock is then placed onto global clock routing using the BUFG component and the input GMII Tx data immediately resampled as illustrated.

The IODELAY2 elements can be adjusted to fine-tune the setup and hold times at the GMII IOB input flip-flops. The delay is applied to the IODELAY2 element using constraints in the UCF; these can be edited if desired. See [Constraints When Implementing an External GMII](#) for more information.

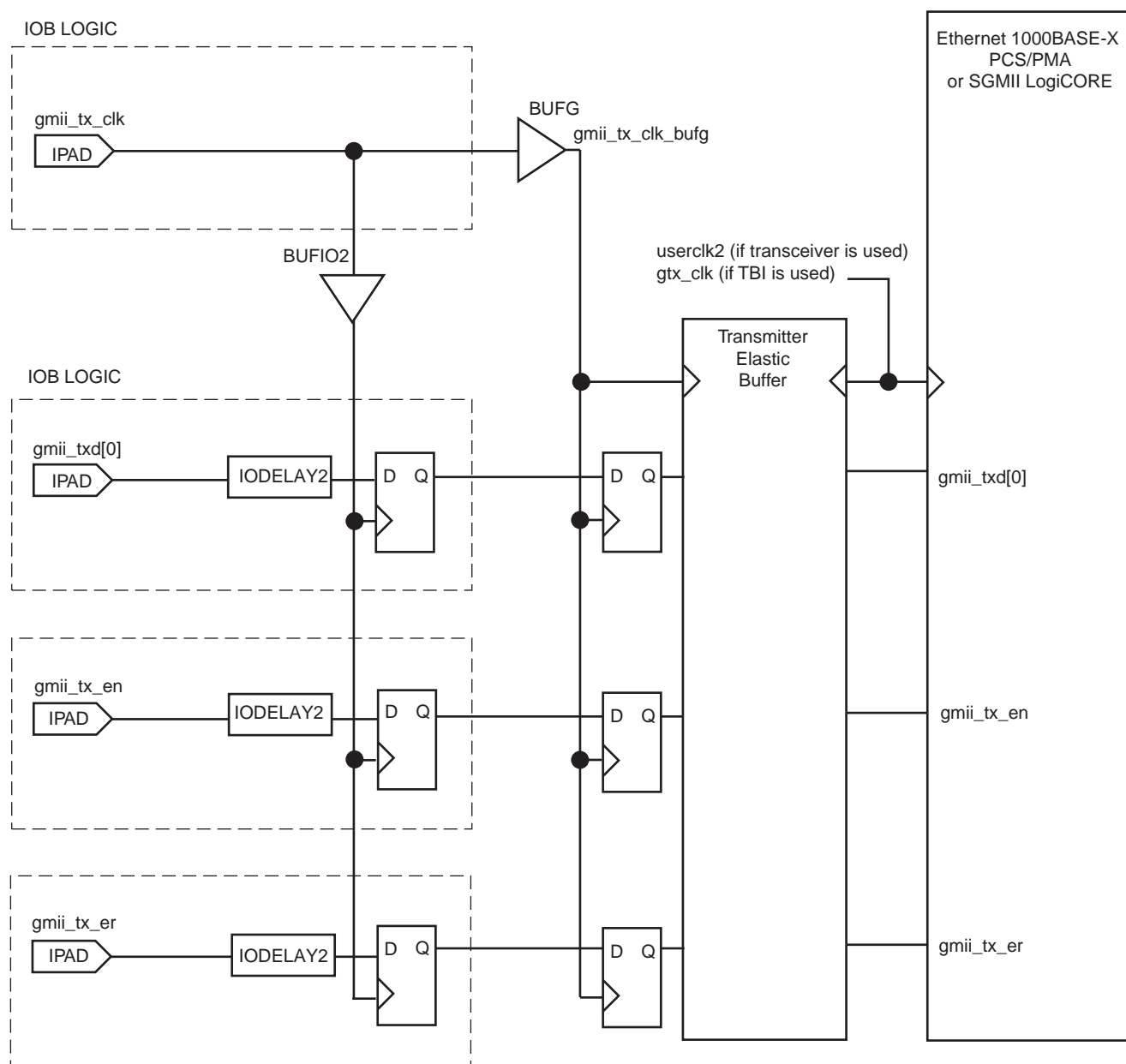


Figure F-3: External GMII Transmitter Logic for Spartan-6 Devices

## GMII Receiver Logic

Figure F-4 illustrates an external GMII receiver created in a Virtex-5 family device. The signal names and logic shown in the figure exactly match those delivered with the example design when the GMII is selected. If other families are selected, equivalent primitives and logic specific to that family is automatically used in the example design.

Figure F-4 also shows that the output receiver signals are registered in device IOBs before driving them to the device pads. The logic required to forward the receiver GMII clock is also shown. This uses an IOB output Double-Data-Rate (DDR) register so that the clock signal produced incurs exactly the same delay as the data and control signals. This clock signal, `gmi_rx_clk`, is inverted so that the rising edge of `gmi_rx_clk` occurs in the center of the data valid window, which maximizes setup and hold times across the interface. All receiver logic is synchronous to a single clock domain.

The clock name varies depending on the CORE Generator tool options. When used with the device-specific transceiver, the clock name is `userclk2`; when used with the TBI, the clock name is `gtx_clk`. For more information on clocking, see [Chapter 6, Core Architecture](#), [Chapter 7, The Ten-Bit Interface](#), and [Chapter 8, 1000BASE-X with Transceivers](#).

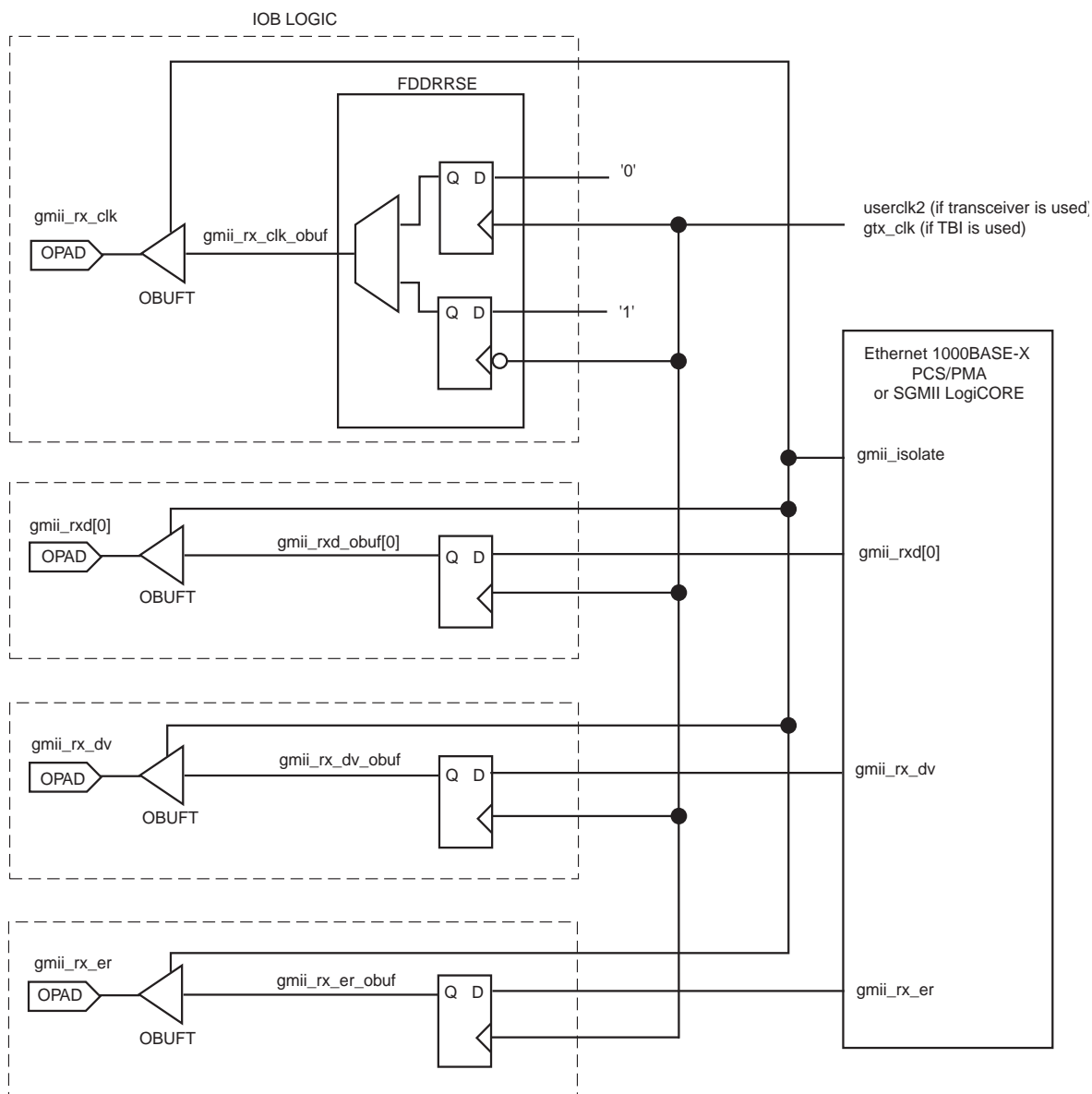


Figure F-4: External GMII Receiver Logic

## Calculating the DCM Fixed Phase Shift or IODelay Tap Setting

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Two differing methods are used by the core to meet input bus (GMII or TBI) setup and hold timing specifications. There are:

- [DCM Usage](#)

A DCM is used on the input bus synchronous clock path to meet the input setup and hold requirements when implementing GMI and TBI using the core in Spartan®-3, Spartan-3E, Spartan-3A, Spartan-3A DSP and Virtex®-4 devices.

- [IODelay Usage](#)

IODelays are used on the input bus synchronous clock path to meet the input setup and hold requirements when implementing GMII and TBI using the core in Spartan-6, Virtex-5 and Virtex-6 devices.

### DCM Usage

#### Requirement for DCM Phase Shifting

A DCM is used in the clock path to meet the input setup and hold requirements when using the core with a TBI (see [Chapter 7, The Ten-Bit Interface](#)) and with an external GMII implementation in Spartan-3, Spartan-3E, Spartan-3A/3AN/3A DSP devices (see [Spartan-3, Spartan-3E, Spartan-3A/3A DSP and Virtex-4 Devices](#)).

In these cases, a fixed phase shift offset is applied to the DCM to skew the clock. This initiates a static alignment by using the clock DCM to shift the internal version of the clock so that its edges are centered on the data eye at the IOB DDR flip-flops. The ability to shift the internal clock in small increments is critical for sampling high-speed source synchronous signals such as TBI and GMII. For statically aligned systems, the DCM output clock phase offset (as set by the phase shift value) is a critical part of the system, as is the requirement that the PCB is designed with precise delay and impedance-matching for all the GMII/TBI data bus and control signals.

Determine the best DCM setting (phase shift) to ensure that the target system has the maximum system margin required to perform across voltage, temperature, and process (multiple chips) variations. Testing the system to determine the best DCM phase shift setting has the added advantage of providing a benchmark of the system margin based on the UI (unit interval or bit time).

System margin is defined as:

$$\text{System Margin (ps)} = \text{UI(ps)} * (\text{working phase shift range}/128)$$

## Finding the Ideal Phase Shift Value for Your System

Xilinx cannot recommend a singular phase shift value that is effective across all hardware platforms. Xilinx does not recommend attempting to determine the phase shift setting empirically. In addition to the clock-to-data phase relationship, other factors such as package flight time (package skew) and clock routing delays (internal to the device) affect the clock-to-data relationship at the sample point (in the IOB) and are difficult to characterize.

Xilinx recommends extensive investigation of the phase shift setting during hardware integration and debugging. The phase shift settings provided in the example design UCF is a placeholder and works successfully in back-annotated simulation of the example design.

Perform a complete sweep of phase-shift settings during your initial system test. Use a test range which covers at least half of the clock period or 128 taps. This does not imply that 128 phase-shift values must be tested; increments of 4 (52, 56, 60, and so forth) correspond to roughly one DCM tap at 125 MHz, and consequently provide an appropriate step size. Additionally, it is not necessary to characterize areas outside the working phase-shift range.

At the edge of the operating phase shift range, system behavior changes dramatically. In eight phase shift settings or fewer, the system can transition from no errors to exhibiting errors. Checking the operational edge at a step size of two (on more than one board) refines the typical operational phase shift range. After the range is determined, choose the average of the high and low working phase shift values as the default. During the production test, Xilinx recommends that you re-examine the working range at corner case operating conditions to determine whether any adjustments to the final phase shift setting are needed.

You can use the FPGA Editor to generate the required test file set instead of resorting to multiple PAR runs. Performing the test on design files that differ only in phase shift setting prevents other variables from affecting the test results. FPGA Editor operations can even be scripted further, reducing the effort needed to perform this characterization.

## IODelay Usage

### IODelay Tap Setting Requirements

With this method, an IODelay is used on either the clock or Data (or both) to adjust the Clock/Data relationship such that the input data is sampled at the optimum time. The ability to adjust this relationship in small increments is critical for sampling high-speed source synchronous signals. For statically aligned systems, the IODelay Tap setting is a critical part of the system, as is the requirement that the PCB is designed with precise delay and impedance-matching for all the GMII or TBI input data bus and control signals.

You must determine the best IODelay Tap setting to ensure that the target system has the maximum system margin to perform across voltage, temperature, and process (multiple chips) variations.

## Finding the Ideal Tap Setting Value

Xilinx cannot recommend a singular tap value that is effective across all hardware families. Xilinx does not recommend attempting to determine the tap setting empirically. In addition to the clock-to-data phase relationship, other factors such as package flight time (package skew) and clock routing delays (internal to the device) affect the clock to data relationship at the sample point (in the IOB) and are difficult to characterize.

Xilinx recommends extensive investigation of the tap setting during hardware integration and debugging. The tap settings provided in the example design constraint file are placeholders, and work successfully in back-annotated simulation of the example design.

Perform a complete sweep of tap settings during your initial system test. If possible, use a test range which covers at least half of the clock period. This does not imply that all values must be tested as it might be simpler to use a large step size initially to identify a tighter range for a subsequent run. Additionally, it is not necessary to characterize areas outside the working range. If an IODelay is used on both Clock and Data then ensure this test range covers both clock only and data only adjustments.

At the edge of the operating range, system behavior changes dramatically. In four tap settings or less, the system can transition from no errors to exhibiting errors. Checking the operational edge at a step size of two (on more than one board) refines the typical operational range. After the range is determined, choose the average of the high and low working values as the default. During the production test, Xilinx recommends that you re-examine the working range at corner case operating conditions to determine whether any final adjustments to the final setting are needed. Where IODelays are used on the data it might be necessary or beneficial to use slightly different values for each bit.

You can use the FPGA Editor to generate the required test file set instead of resorting to multiple PAR runs. Performing the test on design files that differ only in tap setting prevents other variables from affecting the test results. FPGA Editor operations can even be scripted further, reducing the effort needed to perform this characterization.



## Debugging Guide

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This appendix provides assistance for debugging the core within a system. For additional help, contact Xilinx by submitting a WebCase at [support.xilinx.com/](http://support.xilinx.com/).

### General Checks

- Ensure that all the timing constraints for the core were met during Place and Route.
- Does it work in timing simulation? If problems are seen in hardware but not in timing simulation, this could indicate a PCB issue.
- Ensure that all clock sources are clean. If using DCMs in the design, ensure that all DCMs have obtained lock by monitoring the LOCKED port.

### Problems with the MDIO

- Ensure that the MDIO is driven properly. See [MDIO Management Interface](#) for detailed information about performing MDIO transactions.
- Check that the mdc clock is running and that the frequency is 2.5 MHz or less.
- Read from a configuration register that does not have all 0s as a default. If all 0s are read back, the read was unsuccessful. Check that the PHYAD field placed into the MDIO frame matches the value placed on the phyad[4:0] port of the core.

### Problems with Data Reception or Transmission

When no data is being received or transmitted:

- Ensure that a valid link has been established between the core and its link partner, either by Auto-Negotiation or Manual Configuration: `status_vector[0]` and `status_vector[1]` should both be high. If no link has been established, see the topics discussed in the next section.
  - [Problems with Auto-Negotiation](#)
  - [Problems in Obtaining a Link \(Auto-Negotiation Disabled\)](#)

**Note:** Transmission through the core is not allowed unless a link has been established. This behavior can be overridden by setting the Unidirectional Enable bit.

- Ensure that the Isolate state has been disabled.

By default, the Isolate state is enabled after power-up. For an external GMII, the PHY will be electrically isolated from the GMII; for an internal GMII, it will behave as if it is isolated. This results in no data transfer across the GMII. See [Start-up Sequencing](#) for more information.

If data is being transmitted and received between the core and its link partner, but with a high rate of packet loss, see [Chapter 17, Special Design Considerations](#).

## Problems with Auto-Negotiation

Determine whether Auto-Negotiation has completed successfully by doing one of the following.

- Poll the Auto-Negotiation completion bit 1.5 in [MDIO Register 1: Status Register](#)

Use the Auto-Negotiation interrupt port of the core (see [Using the Auto-Negotiation Interrupt](#)).

If Auto-Negotiation is not completing:

1. Ensure that Auto-Negotiation is enabled in *both* the core and in the link partner (the device or test equipment connected to the core). Auto-Negotiation cannot complete successfully unless both devices are configured to perform Auto-Negotiation.

The Auto-Negotiation procedure requires that the Auto-Negotiation handshaking protocol between the core and its link partner, which lasts for several link timer periods, occur without a bit error. A detected bit error causes Auto-Negotiation to go back to the beginning and restart. Therefore, a link with an exceptionally high bit error rate might not be capable of completing Auto-Negotiation, or might lead to a long Auto-Negotiation period caused by the numerous Auto-Negotiation restarts. If this appears to be the case, try the next step and see [Problems with a High Bit Error Rate](#).

2. Try disabling Auto-Negotiation in both the core and the link partner and see if both devices report a valid link and are able to pass traffic. If they do, it proves that the core and link partner are otherwise configured correctly. If they do not pass traffic, see [Problems in Obtaining a Link \(Auto-Negotiation Disabled\)](#).

## Problems in Obtaining a Link (Auto-Negotiation Disabled)

Determine whether the device has successfully obtained a link with its link partner by doing the following:

- Reading bit 1.2, Link Status, in [MDIO Register 1: Status Register](#) when using the optional MDIO management interface (or look at `status_vector[1]`).
- Monitoring the state of `status_vector[0]`. If this is logic '1,' then synchronization, and therefore a link, has been established. See [Bit\[0\]: Link Status](#).

If the devices have failed to form a link then do the following:

- Ensure that Auto-Negotiation is disabled in *both* the core and in the link partner (the device or test equipment connected to the core).

- Monitor the state of the `signal_detect` signal input to the core. This should either be:
  - connected to an optical module to detect the presence of light. Logic '1' indicates that the optical module is correctly detecting light; logic '0' indicates a fault. Therefore, ensure that this is driven with the correct polarity.
  - Signal must be tied to logic '1' (if not connected to an optical module).

**Note:** When `signal_detect` is set to logic '0,' this forces the receiver synchronization state machine of the core to remain in the loss of sync state.

- See [Problems with a High Bit Error Rate](#) in a subsequent section.

When using a device-specific transceiver, perform these additional checks:

- Ensure that the polarities of the TXN/TXP and RXN/RXP lines are not reversed. If they are, this can be easily fixed by using the TXPOLARITY and RXPOLARITY ports of the device-specific transceiver.
- Check that the device-specific transceiver is not being held in reset by monitoring the `mgt_tx_reset` and `mgt_rx_reset` signals between the core and the device-specific transceiver. If these are asserted then this indicates that the PMA PLL circuitry in the device-specific transceiver has not obtained lock; check the PLL Lock signals output from the device-specific transceiver.
- Monitor the RXBUFERR signal when Auto-Negotiation is disabled. If this is being asserted, the Elastic Buffer in the receiver path of the device-specific transceiver is either under or overflowing. This indicates a clock correction issue caused by differences between the transmitting and receiving ends. Check all clock management circuitry and clock frequencies applied to the core and to the device-specific transceiver.

## Problems with a High Bit Error Rate

### Symptoms

The severity of a high-bit error rate can vary and cause any of the following symptoms:

- Failure to complete Auto-Negotiation when Auto-Negotiation is enabled.
- Failure to obtain a link when Auto-Negotiation is disabled in both the core and the link partner.
- High proportion of lost packets when passed between two connected devices that are capable of obtaining a link through Auto-Negotiation or otherwise. This can usually be accurately measured if the Ethernet MAC attached to the core contains statistic counters.

**Note:** All bit errors detected by the 1000BASE-X PCS/PMA logic during frame reception show up as Frame Check Sequence Errors in an attached Ethernet MAC.

## Debugging

- Compare the problem across several devices or PCBs to ensure that the problem is not a one-off case.
- Try using an alternative link partner or test equipment and then compare results.
- Try putting the core into loopback (both by placing the core into internal loopback, and by looping back the optical cable) and compare the behavior. The core should always be capable of Auto-Negotiating with itself and looping back with itself from transmitter to receiver so direct comparisons can be made. If the core exhibits correct operation when placed into internal loopback, but not when loopback is performed via an optical cable, this can indicate a faulty optical module or a PCB problem.
- Try swapping the optical module on a misperforming device and repeat the tests.

Perform these additional checks when using a device-specific transceiver:

- Directly monitor the following ports of the device-specific transceiver by attaching error counters to them, or by triggering on them using the ChipScope™ tool or an external logic analyzer.

RXDISPERR

RXNOTINTABLE

These signals should not be asserted over the duration of a few seconds, minutes or even hours. If they are frequently asserted, it might indicate a problem with the device-specific transceiver. Consult [Answer Record 19699](#) for debugging device-specific transceiver issues.

- Place the device-specific transceiver into parallel or serial loopback.
  - If the core exhibits correct operation in device-specific transceiver serial loopback, but not when loopback is performed via an optical cable, it might indicate a faulty optical module.
  - If the core exhibits correct operation in device-specific transceiver parallel loopback but not in serial loopback, this can indicate a device-specific transceiver problem. See [Answer Record 19699](#) for details.
- A mild form of bit error rate might be solved by adjusting the transmitter TX\_PREEMPHASIS, TX\_DIFF\_CTRL and TERMINATION\_IMP attributes of the device-specific transceiver.