# An FPGA-Based Transceiver Module

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Traditionally, hams have wired together multiple standard integrated circuits to construct radios, TNCs and other devices. However, modern devices manufactured in high volume integrate most functionality on one chip that is customized for the purpose. Feature sizes in integrated circuits have now become so small that field programmable gate arrays (FPGAs) can be used to achieve what once required a custom chip. Since the logic in the FPGA can be used in parallel rather than sequentially, it is a much more powerful tool than a microprocessor. Recent FPGAs also contain larger amounts of dedicated memory, making it possible to incorporate microprocessors within the FPGA.

My goal was to make a small high-speed digital signal processor that can be embedded in amateur radio devices. The original hardware platform was developed while I was a member of the ARRL high-speed multimedia (HSMM) working group and was described in QEX<sup>1</sup>. However, the combination of an FPGA and an external microcontroller was costly and interchip communication imposes design restrictions and a speed penalty. Therefore, I developed a soft processor that was recently described in PSR<sup>2</sup>. However, this CPU comprises only 8% of the logic required to implement an OFDM modem. This document describes the specialized signal processing modules that accompany the CPU. Each implements a specific algorithm, but can be customized by loading new parameters. The result is a device that looks like a custom integrated circuit that can have software downloaded to program it for specific applications.

### 1. Overview

The hardware platform is a 2.5" x 2.4" PCB with a Xilinx XC3S500E FPGA surrounded by an 80 Msps analog to digital converter (ADC), 80 Msps digital to analog converter (DAC), 100 Mbps Ethernet physical layer interface (PHY) and 4-megabits of flash memory. There is also a JTAG port, a low-speed DAC and an RS-485 port for debugging and control. The 10-pin header connects directly to 5 FPGA I/O pins that may be used for debugging, controlling analog circuitry and/or attaching an audio CODEC. The schematic diagrams are in appendix A.

The ADC analog input and DAC analog output are provided directly on 2-pin connectors and analog filtering takes place externally. This allows the use double-sided boards or even copper-clad perforated board for analog circuitry. The FPGA configuration is automatically loaded from the flash memory when power is applied. It contains three main sections – the tuner, the modem and the CPU.





Figure 1 – DCP-3 PCB

The tuner section, shown in figure 2, interfaces to the ADC and DAC and provides digital upconversion, downconversion, filtering and signal level control. Some functions operate at twice the sampling rate in order to share resources. The single lines in the block diagram are paths where the in-phase (I) and quadrature (Q) samples are processed sequentially at 160 MHz. The double lines are paths where I and Q samples are processed in parallel at 80 MHz.

The signal processing hardware starts with the direct digital synthesizer (DDS) whose frequency may be set with a resolution of 0.02 Hz. During reception, the input from the ADC is sequentially multiplied by the cosine and sine outputs of the DDS to generate baseband I and Q outputs. One cascaded integrator comb (CIC) filter and two finite impulse response (FIR) filters provide downsampling and establish the receiver bandwidth. A noise blanker is located between the FIR filters. The AGC levels the signals and converts from two 20-bit to two 16-bit samples. Optionally, the received signal may pass through the resampling filter to be converted to a rate that is not an integer fraction of the ADC sampling rate.

When transmitting, the resampler can convert the baseband signal to a rate compatible with the DAC. The signal may then be compressed or clipped to reduce the peak to average power ratio (PAPR) and passed on to the filter chain. The order of the filters is reversed for transmission with the two FIR filters first and the CIC filter last. Upsampled I and Q baseband signals are mixed with the cosine and sine DDS outputs and added together to produce the final output to the DAC.



Figure 2 – Tuning, Filtering and Level Control Circuitry

The modem section, shown in figure 3, uses CORDIC (coordinate rotation digital computer) to modulate or demodulate the signal when a single carrier is used. This is an algorithm that performs trigonometric functions using only adds and shifts. For amplitude modulation (AM) and phase modulation (PM), it can rotate the input signal to alter its phase or measure the phase and magnitude of the input. For frequency modulation (FM), the input is integrated or the output is differentiated. SSB reception and transmission use a 16-bit accumulator that continuously rotates the phase. It functions as the BFO and provides 0.12 Hz resolution at 8 ksps. The CPU accesses the modem via a 15-word FIFO with two 16-bit entries containing either magnitude and phase or I and Q information.



Figure 3 – Modulation and Demodulation Circuitry

The timing recovery unit generates error signals for use in optimizing the sampling of FSK and PSK waveforms. The null detector and phase correlator provide timing recovery for OFDM reception. Both are described in more detail later in this document.

A fast Fourier transform (FFT) is provided for OFDM or MFSK modems. It moves data between two RAMs while converting between time and frequency domains. The time domain buffer connects directly to the tuner and the frequency domain buffer is read or written by the CPU. When receiving, I and Q samples of the input signal accumulate in one RAM, the processing module then calculates the FFT and places the phase and magnitude for each demodulated subcarrier in the second RAM. When transmitting, the CPU places data in the subcarrier RAM and this is converted to a series of samples in the I/Q RAM.

An 80 MHz 16-bit CPU controls the tuner and modem. It has a RISC instruction set that includes bit manipulation for protocol processing and hardware multiply, multiply-accumulate and divide for signal processing. It also allows addition, subtraction, loading or comparison of 8-bit constants in one instruction or the same operations with 16-bit constants using a prefix instruction. In addition, memory read and memory write instructions support indirect addresses with offsets while input and output instructions use direct addressing. This produces fast compact code. The complete instruction set is described in appendix B.



The CPU has 8 kB of dedicated instruction and data memory that is accessed simultaneously via two ports. It is augmented by a number of modules that provide I/O and speed up common algorithms for digital communication and digital signal processing such as filtering and error detection and correction. These are accessed via I/O ports and two-port buffer memory as shown in figure 4. An advantage of this architecture is that the CPU can start multiple operations that proceed in parallel.

# 2. Tuner

The heart of the DDS is a phase accumulator that increments by the value in the center frequency register on alternate cycles of the 160 MHz clock. The upper 10 bits of the phase output address a dual-port 1024 x 18 ROM sine look up table. Adding a 90-degree offset on alternate clock cycles generates cosine and sine outputs. The ROM address inputs select adjacent entries and linear interpolation is used to smooth the output. The difference between adjacent entries is multiplied by bits 4-21 of the phase accumulator and then added to the first entry. Extensive pipelining is used with delays inserted between stages to align results. The shift registers provided in the Xilinx architecture minimize the amount of resources used as one FPGA logic cell can provide a 1 to 16 stage shift register. 8 clock cycles are used to generate each output. The algorithm was originally described in a Motorola application note<sup>3</sup> and spurs should be below –112 dBc.



Figure 5 – DDS VFO

The CIC filter, shown in figure 6, can downsample or upsample by an integer value between 10 and 640, converting between 80 Msps and 8000-125 ksps. A CIC filter is used as it can provide large decimation and interpolation ratios while using only addition and subtraction. It is essentially a moving average filter that has been optimized to use less hardware. Instead of summing a fixed number of samples in each pass, the process has been simplified to summing all samples in an accumulator (integration) and then calculating the difference between accumulator states at two different times – the first and last taps of the moving average. The frequency response of the differentiator is a comb shape so that portion is called a comb filter. The accumulator can overflow as long as there are enough bits to cover the time span over which the filter averages. Cascading multiple filters improves the frequency response and the integrators and differentiators can be grouped together. This simplifies downsampling as intervening samples can be ignored. The differentiators need only have one delay register as long as they are enabled only for each output sample. The accumulators must process all input samples. When upsampling the differentiators precede the integrators.

The CIC circuitry contains four 56-bit integrators and four 28-bit differentiators for each channel. The integrators are split in two and the carry between the two 28-bit halves is buffered to minimize propagation delays. The CIC filter has an inherent gain that varies with the interpolation or decimation factor so this is offset by setting a gain factor that controls a

shifter and multiplier. The CIC gain is the third power of the interpolation factor or the fourth power of the decimation factor.

When receiving, the minimum CIC gain is  $10^4$  and the maximum gain is about  $1.68 \times 10^{11}$ . The received data input (RDI) is multiplied by 0-1024 and shifted by 0-15 bits by two 4-input multiplexers before being applied to the first integrator. The shifter provides a 43-bit output so it is expanded to 56 bits by adding 13 sign bits. This gives a gain range of  $2^{25}$  or about  $3.3 \times 10^7$ . The top 28 bits of the last integrator are then fed to the first differentiator and the received data output (RDO) is obtained from the top 18 bits of the last differentiator. Thus, the input signal is expected to grow by 38 bits ( $2.75 \times 10^{11}$ ) by the time that it reaches the output. When the minimum decimation factor of 10 is used, the gain compensation can be set to  $2.75 \times 10^7$ . When the maximum decimation factor of 640 is used, the gain compensation can be set to  $1.63 \times 10^{0}$ .



Figure 6 – CIC Filter

The transmit data input (TDI) is multiplied by 0-8 before being applied to the bottom 21 bits of first differentiator. The upper 7 bits are copies of the sign bits. This is necessary as the required resolution grows by at least 1 bit per state. The full 28-bit differentiator output is then shifted by 0-15 bits and applied to the first integrator. This gives a gain adjustment range of  $2^{18}$  or about 2.6 x  $10^5$ . The minimum CIC gain is  $10^3$  and the maximum gain is about 2.6 x  $10^8$ . The total gain can be kept at about 2.6 x  $10^8$ , so the 18-bit input grows to 46 bits. Consequently the transmit data output (TDO) is tapped down on the last integrator and the top 10 bits are ignored.

Two FIR filters follow the CIC filter. The first is used for downsampling by a factor of 2-50 and the second is used to establish the shape of the final passband. It may also downsample or

upsample by a factor of up to 20 depending on the steepness of the filter skirts. The first FIR filter outputs 18-bit results and the second FIR filter outputs 20 bit results. A CIC filter is essentially a FIR filter with all coefficients equal to one and has a fixed frequency response of which only a fraction of the center portion is flat. FIR filters operate by multiplying a set of signal samples (data) by a set of positive and negative coefficients and summing the products. They consume more resources than the CIC but this allows tailoring the frequency response to specific requirements. Both FIR filters use 24-bit coefficients to reduce the level of spurious responses. Spurs are down 4-5 dB per coefficient bit depending on the filter shape factor and the amount of downsampling or upsampling.



Figure 7 – FIR Filter

Figure 7 shows the common architecture of the two FIR filters. Each uses two dual-port 18k block RAMs. One port of the data RAM is used to store samples as they arrive. The sample counter determines the address used and it always incremented after each write. When the filter starts the contents of the sample counter are saved and used as the base address for the other port which is used to retrieve samples for processing by the filter. I and Q samples are stored serially in the RAM and are accessed on opposite phases of the 80 MHz master clock. The filter runs on a double-rate clock at 160 MHz.

The second block RAM stores instructions consisting of a 9-bit index, a 24-bit coefficient, a write enable bit and an end of filter bit. The CPU may load instructions via a 9-bit wide port. Instructions addressed by the program counter are retrieved over two clock cycles and are used to process I samples on one clock cycle and Q samples on the next clock cycle. Data is read from the data RAM at the address obtained by subtracting the index from the base address register. It is then multiplied by the coefficient using two dedicated 18x18 multipliers and two adders to sum the partial products. This creates a 42-bit product that is summed alternately in two 42-bit accumulators. The accumulators are split into three 14-bit sections to reduce carry propagation delays and addition occurs over 3 clock cycles. Each section

contains an adder and a multiplexer. This provides a 2-clock delay so two channels are supported. The multiplexers have one port tied to zero so that they can be used to switch between loading and accumulating by the signals Z3, Z4 and Z5. The final sum of products is then rounded to either 18 or 20 bits.



Figure 8 – Noise Blanker

The noise blanker is shown in figure 8. It generates the absolute value of I samples and Q samples by complementing negative values. These are compared to a limit and if it is exceeded in either axis the output is set to zero. Two registers clocked on opposite edges of the single-rate clock (sclk) align the comparitor output with the two related samples. The signal is delayed in three registers and the fourth register is reset as the offending samples pass by. This logic is placed between the FIR filters so that blanking occurs prior to the steep-skirted final filter. This minimizes stretching of noise pulses.

	Register	15	14	13	12	11	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0
58	Center								LS	ŚW							
59	Frequency								MSW (	update	)						
5A	CIC Gain					Inte	ger	v.						Fra	ction		
5B	CIC Int./Dec.		Exp	onent						Inte	rpolatio	n/Decii	mation (	10-640	)) - 1		
5C	Noise Blanker			Tł	reshol	d (defa	ult = 12	27)			1						
5D	FIR Decimation				FIF	R 2 Dec	imation	i - 1	20				FIF	1 Dec	imation	- 1	о.
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Figure 9 – Tuner Configuration Registers

The tuner is configured via the 8 registers shown in figure 9. The center frequency is a 32-bit word, loaded LSW first in two 16-bit segments. The FIR instructions are loaded into the filter

selected by the FIR bit in 9-bit segments, LSW first. The RST bit resets the FIR address counter and inhibits filter operation during loading. The two FIR decimation values initialize counters that delay the start of the FIR filters until a specified number of new samples have been accumulated in data memory. Interpolation is handled by putting multiple write instructions in the filtering programs.

The status register contains overflow flags that are set when an overflow occurs and reset when read. The ADC overflow comes from the overflow output on the ADC. The MIX and DAC flags signal overflow in the quadrature mixer and adder, respectively. FL1 and FL2 are overflow flags from the two FIR filters.

# 3. AGC, Resampler and Clipper/Compressor

The AGC module levels the output and reduces the word size to 16 bits. It implements a complete hang AGC system in hardware. The desired AGC output level, attack time, release time, hang threshold and hang time are all programmable by the CPU. The AGC gain may vary between 0 and 96 dB and the CPU may read the current value.



Figure 10 - Automatic Gain Control

The AGC logic is shown in figure 10 and makes extensive use of serial arithmetic to reduce resources and power requirements. This is possible because the signal has been fully filtered and down-sampled to 2.5 Msps or less. The circuit operates at 80 MHz so 32 clock cycles are available for each sample. I and Q samples are loaded into two shift registers and then shifted left for a number of clock cycles determined by the counter. The counter is loaded with the gain

exponent at the same time that data is loaded. It then counts down to zero and stops the shifting, multiplying the data by the binary exponent. Not shown is logic that detects and flags overflows. The gain mantissa is used in two serial multipliers to multiply by a factor of 1 to 2. It is loaded into another shift register and the bits are shifted out MSB first. If a bit is one the shifted signal samples are added to the shifted contents of another register. The accumulated sum shifts left on each clock cycle. After 13 cycles, the results are available at the output.

The AGC gain is set by the top 16 bits of a 24-bit accumulator that integrates the difference between the magnitude of the output signal and the AGC setpoint. The magnitude determination logic is described further in the compressor/clipper section of this document. Loop gain is controlled by a serial multiplier created by shifting the output of the setpoint subtracter. It multiplies by a power of two that is determined by a time delay in a shift register. Xilinx logic elements may be configured as a 16-bit shift register with an output multiplexer. That multiplexer determines the number of stages used, the time delay and the gain. There are three possibilities for gain. If the output signal is higher than the setpoint, the attack gain is selected. If the signal is below the setpoint but above the hang threshold, the release gain is used. If the signal is below the hang threshold and the hang timer has not expired, the loop gain is set to the minimum. This allows the AGC gain to be held constant for a period after the signal disappears and then be rapidly reduced after that period. This mechanism reduces AGC pumping on CW and SSB signals<sup>4</sup>. It is also useful for OFDM signals that use null symbols as delimiters.



Figure 11 - Resampling Filter

A resampling filter may be switched in for applications using baud rates that are not an integer fraction of the ADC and DAC sampling rates. The output sample rate (OSR) may be increased or decreased as specified by a 4-bit integer and a 24-bit fraction that determine the time

between output samples. The output sample rate is the input sample rate divided by this 28-bit number and may be set to an accuracy of 0.06 PPM.

The phase accumulator controls the resampling filter. It is incremented by the OSR before the start of each filtering cycle. If a new input sample is needed the integer portion of the output will be non-zero. New samples are requested by decrementing the sample counter by that value. The sample counter will go negative if the required samples are not present and the processing pipeline will stall. It will then continue when new samples arrive and the sample counter output goes positive. The integer portion of the phase accumulator output is treated as overflow and does not accumulate between cycles.

The upper 12 bits of the fractional portion of the phase accumulator are added to the phase offset from the offset shift register. The lower 12 bits of the result are used to select the coefficients to be used in the filtering process. The upper 4 bits are added to the data index from the tap counter so the sequence of data samples to be processed to be shifted backwards in time. The resampling filter implements a 16-tap filter with 64 possible coefficients for each tap. The tap counter increments from 0 to 15, 31, 47 or 63 depending on whether there are 1, 2, 3 or 4 outputs to be generated per filtering cycle. The bottom 4 bits select data samples and coefficients and the upper 2 bits are used to select the phase offsets stored in a 4-entry shift register.

The coefficients are stored in a 1024x18 dual-port ROM and provide a flat passband to 0.4 times the input sample rate. Coefficients are linearly interpolated in the same manner as the DDS when the desired output sample falls between ROM entries. Incoming data is stored in two 32-entry shift registers as it arrives. Multiplexers embedded in the shift register select the required samples. As new samples arrive, the sample counter is incremented and added to the data index to compensate for shifts that occur during computation. Both channels are multiplied by the same coefficient and the results accumulated. The distortion introduced by the resampling process should be less than -96 dBc and is less than -85 dBc on a spectrum analyzer. A more thorough description of the arbitrary resampling process can be found in chapter 7 of reference 5.

When transmitting, a RF compressor is available to reduce the peak to average power ratio (PAPR) of SSB and OFDM signals. It consists of two multipliers and a memory containing 64 coefficients that are selected by the magnitude of the incoming signal. The gain profile may be adjusted for clipping, compression or bypass. Figure 12 shows the logic used.

The magnitude of the input is estimated by the formula 7\*(max + min/2)/8. Since compression only occurs at high signal levels only the upper 8 bits of the input are examined. Gain coefficients are stored in a shift register and the upper 6 bits of the magnitude select the appropriate entry. Each 8-bit entry consists of a 4-bit integer and a 4-bit fraction. Low signals levels may be boosted by up to 24 dB while high signal levels can be left unchanged or even attenuated. The look-up table and multipliers ensure that the clipping level or compression profile is independent of signal phase. Processing the I and Q channels independently would have resulted in a 3 dB increase in output level when the phase is 45, 135, 225 or 315 degrees. It would also have altered the phase of the output.



Figure 12 - Compressor/Clipper

The resampler, AGC and compressor are configured via the 8 registers shown in figure 13. The output sample rate is loaded in two 16-bit segments with the lower bits saved in a temporary register until the upper bits are loaded. The output phases are loaded in reverse order and the first N are used as determined by the INT bits.

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61	Rate Control		Intege	er Part						М	S Fract	ional P	art				
62	Output Phases		Intege	er Part							Fractio	nal Par	t				
63	Rsmpl. Control													INT	- 1	RSE	VFO
64	AGC Config.		Attack	Gain			Releas	e Gain					Out	put Set	point		
65	Hang Config.			Tin	ne (San	nples/2	56)						Т	hresho	ld		
66	AGC Gain Limit										Expo	onent			Man	tissa	
67	Comp. Gain										Inte	eger			Fra	ction	
Input sam	ple rate is a fraction of	output sa	mple rate	$(N = 2^{24} \times$	FIN/FOUT)												

VFO: 0) output clock is input clock, 1) enable 32-bit timing DDS for fractional output clock

AGC attack and release gain are powers of two Compressor has 64 entries loaded in reverse order corresponding to input magnitude



# 4. Single-Carrier Modem

The CORDIC logic is shown in figure 14. There are three stages – coarse rotation, fine rotation and output correction. The coarse rotation logic rotates the inputs by 90° or 180° so that calculations can be done in the first guadrant. It can negate the X and/or Y inputs and may then swap the inputs. This is determined by looking at the signs of the X and Y inputs or the guadrant of the angle Z. The fine rotation engine consists of the three multiplexers, two 0-15bit shifters and three 22-bit adder-subtractors in the center of the diagram. The six extra bits ensure the accuracy of the computations. Two extra MSBs allow for magnitude growth during computation. Four extra LSBs limit the loss of resolution as X and Y shift right. 16 fine rotations are performed by adding or subtracting fractions of X from Y and fractions of Y from X. At the

same time, the arctangent is subtracted from or added to Z. In the first rotation the multiplexers let in the coarsely rotated data. In the next 15 rotations, the output is fed back to the input and the shift value is incremented.





At each step, the rotation may be clockwise or counter-clockwise as determined by the signal subxz. In the rotate mode Z is driven towards zero by a series of rotations by  $45^{\circ}$ ,  $22.5^{\circ}$  and ever-smaller increments. In the vector mode, Y is driven towards zero. The length of the signal vector increases by a known value with each rotation. Correction logic multiplies the final X and Y outputs by a constant so that the magnitude remains in the  $\pm 1$  range. It also alters the Z output to correct for the coarse rotation. The accuracy of the algorithm is 15 bits with full magnitude data and decreases as the magnitude decreases. The AGC system keeps input levels near the maximum to minimize errors. For a full description of the CORDIC algorithm and its computational accuracy, see chapter 25 of reference 6.

The resampling filter may be configured to generate more than one output with a fixed delay between samples. The timing recovery module then processes the phase or frequency for each sample. Early, nominal and late samples are used to measure the slope of the signal prior to and after the sampled data as shown in figure 15. Samples are present when IV is true and the last sample is indicated by setting the final flag. Adjacent samples are stored in registers and subtracted. When the final sample arrives, the clock enable signal goes true for two cycles. This enables the adder/subtracter and the nominal-early and late-nominal signals are accumulated. Subtraction is performed when the difference is negative so the magnitude of

the error is recorded. The register following the adder/subtracter stored the first result as the second is being processed. The accumulator, shift register and subtracter form a moving average filter that averages the two error signals over 8 sample periods. The CPU can use this information to alter the time delay and optimize the sampling point for PSK and FSK modems.



Figure 15 – Timing Recovery

OFDM requires a different type of timing recovery. The null detector, shown in figure 16, is a variable-length moving average filter for the signal magnitude plus additional logic and is used to accurately detect the end of the null symbol. The input is the signal magnitude from the CORDIC module and is added to a 24-bit accumulator. The contents of the RAM are then read and subtracted from the top 18 bits of the accumulator to provide a received signal strength indication (RSSI). Simultaneously, the accumulator value is written into the RAM. The address counter is incremented after each write and is reset to zero when the symbol length is reached. The RAM thus acts as a variable-length time delay.

The RSSI is applied to three comparators and two registers. If the RSSI is greater than the previous maximum, the new maximum is stored in a register and used to set a low signal threshold. While the RSSI is less than this threshold, the minimum signal level register is updated whenever RSSI is less its current value. Each update also loads a counter with a time delay. When the minimum signal level has passed, the count will proceed to zero and the counter will stop. A flip-flop and gate detect this transition and issue a start of frame (SOF) pulse. The FFT may be configured to start automatically when SOF occurs or manually by software intervention. The time delay is usually set to be the cyclic prefix interval.



Figure 16 – Null Detector

The phase correlator, shown in figure 17, compares the cyclic prefix of each received symbol with the end of the symbol from which it was copied. The input is the top 8-bit of the phase output of the CORDIC module. As each sample arrives, the 1024 x 8 RAM is read and subtracted from the input. At the same time, it is written to the RAM and the address counter is incremented. The RAM acts as a variable-length shift register with the length determined by resetting the counter when the FFT size is reached. The phase difference is added to a 12-bit value when positive or subtracted from that value when negative and the magnitude of the phase difference is accumulated. This is applied to a variable-length shift register whose output is subtracted from the current accumulated value to give the average phase error over that time interval. When the average phase error is less than 90° (¼ full scale), the minimum value of the phase error is tracked by updating the minimum value register whenever it is greater than the current average. An update also loads a down counter with a time delay. Once the minimum phase error has passed the counter proceeds to zero, stops counting and a sync pulse is emitted. The FFT module uses the sync pulse to save the current sample counter and this information may be used to monitor the placement of the OFDM sampling window.



Figure 17 – Phase Correlator

Eight registers, shown in figure 18, configure the modem. The first two registers are used to load baseband data, with the X register loaded first and the 2 samples placed in the FIFO when the Y register is written. There are also 4 status registers. The X and Y registers should be read in sequence and the FIFO entry will be updated after the Y input is read. The E and F bits indicate that the FIFO is empty or full. RSSI is updated after every sample is processed, but is not buffered as it changes slowly.

Modem Command

	Register	15	14	13	12	11	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0
40	X Input	10	1.4	10	14		10	In-pha	se or M	agnitug	le Data		-		~	5. <b>•</b> .:	v
41	Y Input	10						Quad	rature o	r Phas	e Data						
42	Configuration						2		TRE	F	M Dela	ay (1-16	5)			SSB	FM
43	-																
44	Phs. Correlator			CP Ler	ngth - 1	6						FFT	Size				
45	Null Detector		S	OF Out	put Del	ay		Н				Syn	nbol Le	ngth			
46	BFO		BFO Frequency														
47	Control														INI	RST	XMT

FM: 0) AM/PM or 1) AM/FM transceive (only when SSB = 0)

TRE: 0) analog 16-bit receiver outputs or 1) enable resampler and clock recovery for digital modes H: 0) -12 dB threshold or 1) -6 dB threshold for null detector

RST: flush FIFO

INI: initialize null detector by making current magnitude the maximum magnitude

Мc	de	m :	Sta	tus

	Register	15	14	13	12	11	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0
40	X Output					In-phas	se or M	agnituc	le Data	or Rec	overed	Symbo	l Value				
41	Y Output					5.4 -	Quadra	ature o	Phase	Data c	r Timin	g Error					
42	RSSI							Av	erage I	Magnitu	Ide						
43	FIFO Status	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	Е	F

Figure 18 – Modem I/O Registers

The FM bit enables phase accumulation on transmit and phase differentiation on receive. The FM delay determines the number of samples over which differentiation is done. There is always one output per sample. The SSB bit enables the BFO for receive and transmit.

An additional FIR filter is provided that may be used for audio filtering, sideband separation, pilot carrier tracking or FSK waveform shaping. It may be configured to implement 2 to 16 filters of 31-255 taps and may downsample by any integer factor and upsample by a factor of 1 to 7. The CPU writes data to the filter, initiates a convolution and then reads the result(s). The filtering occurs at a rate of one tap per clock cycle and in parallel with any program that the CPU is executing.



Figure 19 – FIR Filter

A single 1024-word dual-port RAM is used to store 16-bit data and 18-bit coefficients. Coefficients are initialized using two output ports. The most significant 2 bits are stored in a temporary register at one port and then combined with the least significant 16 bits written to the second port. All coefficients for all filters must be written in sequence and the address counter (actr) increments on the LSW write. Data is written to another output port and is stored at an address supplied by one of 16 address counters (dctr) that are implemented with a 16 x 8 RAM. The counter used is selected by the base address register. The base address is combined with the counter (actr or dctr) in a 4:1 multiplexer. The length configuration register determines which RAM address bits are obtained from the counters and the base address register. This allows the creation of 32, 64, 128 or 256-word data buffers. The base address used must be on a 32, 64, 128 or 256-word boundary, respectively.

The filtering process starts by writing the base address of the coefficient set to a special output port. This address loaded into the coefficient address counter (caddr) where it is incremented as coefficients are retrieved. The base address of the current data buffer is decremented and

loaded into the data index counter (dindx). The index decrements as data is retrieved from the one port of the RAM and multiplied by coefficients from the other port. The number of filters taps is determined by the taps configuration register and is load into a down counter (cctr) when the filter starts. The filter engine runs until that counter reaches zero. The data/coefficient products are added to an accumulator implemented in a 34-bit wide shift register. The length of that shift register is one if no interpolation is done. The first product must be loaded into the shift register so a multiplexer switches the feedback from the shift register output to zero for the first sample in the filter.

Loading multiple data words and then starting the filter provides downsampling. Upsampling is more complicated and uses the data interpolation counter (dint). Normally this counter is zero and does not change value. When the intrp configuration register is non-zero the counter increments until that value is reached and resets to continue incrementing again until the coefficient counter (cctr) goes to zero and the signal cz is true. Intrp also controls the length of the accumulator shift register and the length of the rstacc signal that causes loading instead of adding. A 1-bit wide shift register implements a delay line that controls the length of rstacc.

	Register	15	14	13	12	11	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0
28	Input Sample		C.	а.	5.		3		Da	ata	ă		24	io	à .	ż.	
29	Load Filter								LS	SW							-
2A	Coefficients															M	SB
2B	Reset Config.						Inte	rpolatio	n-1			Fil	ter Len	gth (Ta	ps)		
2C	Configure											Ler	ngth	Da	ata Bas	e Addre	ess
2D	Start Filter										C	oefficie	nt Base	Addre	SS		
2E	Rst. Coef. Addr.																
angth i ata ba	is power of two minus fiv se address is in 32-word ilter Status	e (0=32, 1 segment	1=64, 2=1 s	128, 3=256	5)												
	Pogistor	45	14	12	12	11	10	0	0	7	c	5	4	2	2	1	Г

	Register	15	14	13	12	11	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0
28	Result 0								Da	ata							
29	Result 1								Da	ata							
2A	Result 2			Data													
2B	Result 3		Data														
2C	Result 4								Da	ata							
2D	Result 5								Da	ata							
2E	Result 6			Data													
2F	Status	OVF	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	RDY

Figure 20 – FIR Filter Configuration and Status Registers

The I/O ports used by the filter coprocessor are shown in figure 20. Note that the first 7 status registers map to the accumulator shift register. Only the first is used when there is no downsampling. The last status register contains flags. The RDY flag is 0 when the coprocessor is busy and 1 when the coprocessor is idle. The OVF flag is set if the currently selected accumulator has overflowed.

# 5. Fast Fourier Transform Module

The FFT module is shown in figure 21 and uses free intellectual property from Xilinx. The Xilinx IP is not shown in detail but a simplified version of the surrounding logic is shown and it is useful to understand how the FFT is controlled. A good description of the FFT algorithm can be found chapter 4 of reference 7.

The leftmost dual-port RAM is 512 entries by 32-bits and is split in half with one half containing the data in the process of being received or transmitted and the other half containing the data being loaded or unloaded by the FFT. The swap bit is inverted to switch halves when a new sample period starts. The counter (sctr) on the left-hand side of the diagram controls sampling. It is reset when not receiving or transmitting and enabled when transmission starts or when the SOF (start of frame) input is pulsed. It counts when RIV is true (reception) or TOE is true (transmission). The output is the address for reading data from (TDO) or writing data to (RDI) the RAM and counts up until the number of samples in the FFT (fftlen) is reached. At that point it is loaded with the inverted cyclic prefix length (cplen) and counts up from that negative number. Writing to the RAM is inhibited during the cyclic prefix. The upper 1, 2 or 3 bits of the RAM address are removed by the mask logic for 128, 64 and 32-point FFTs, respectively. During reception, the FFT starts when the data carrier detect (DCD) input is true and the counter is loaded with cplen. During transmission, DCD is ignored.



Figure 21 – FFT and Buffer Memory

The Xilinx FFT module provides 5-8-bit addresses when reading data into the N input or writing data from the X output. These addresses are multiplexed into the port B RAM address port for time-oriented data. Three clock cycles are provided for reading data so there is a 2-clock delay in the data path from the leftmost RAM. The rightmost RAM stores data ordered by frequency and is connected directly to the CPU on the port A side. The other side is accessed by the FFT via logic that converts between rectangular and polar coordinate systems. Conversion to polar coordinates (phase and magnitude) takes time so there are six pipeline registers in the address path. The address is modified by a 4-input multiplexer to center the zero-frequency sample in each buffer with positive and negative frequency samples on either side. The RAM is 1024x16-bits but is divided into four 256-sample by 16-bit buffers. The upper 2 address bits are provided by a base address counter which is incremented when the FFT is complete

(receive) or the FFT is started (transmit). This value is incremented or decremented by one and provided as status to the CPU.

The other status port is the sample phase register that saves the sample counter value when SYNC pulses are received. When the ensof configuration bit is true these pulses will also reset the sample counter. There are four other status bits that are not shown in the logic diagram but are shown in the I/O port diagram, below.



Figure 22 – Polar to Rectangular Conversion

The input to the IFFT consists of a 4-bit phase and a 4-bit magnitude. These are converted to Cartesian coordinates by the circuit in figure 21. Two 16 entry by 6-bit ROMs contain sine and cosine look-up tables. The outputs can be increased by approximately 3 dB by multiplying by 1.5. 6 dB steps are obtained by using two 8-input multiplexers as shifters. One multiplexer input is zero to allow disabling the subcarrier. This gives a 39-dB range.



Figure 23 – Rectangular to Polar Conversion

The output of the FFT is converted from 16 x 16-bit Cartesian coordinates to 5 x 7-bit polar coordinates by the circuit in figure 23. CORDIC is not used as it would require more resources given such limited precision. The inputs are first converted to a floating-point format with a 4-bit exponent, two sign bits and two 4-bit fractions. One X/Y pair is converted per clock cycle by

using four 2-input multiplexers and making a decision at each stage to shift by 8, 4, 2 or 1 bit positions as the samples travel through the circuit. The 5 x 5-bit output is then rotated into the first quadrant by taking the absolute value and swapping X and Y when necessary. The arctangent is obtained from a 256x4 ROM and the output is adjusted back to the correct guadrant by an adder. This process reduces the size of the ROM by a factor of 4. The output is 5 bits of phase that is suitable for soft-decision Viterbi decoding of 8PSK. The logarithm of the magnitude is obtained from the 64x3 ROM and added to the exponent. This gives a 7-bit logarithmic magnitude output.

### **FET/IEET** Command

1 1 1/11	i i communa																
	Register	15	14	13	12	11	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0
48	FFT Reset	FWD												FF	T Size	(2 <sup>x</sup> )	
49	FFT Configure				Cyclic	Prefix	Length						FFT Le	ngth - 1			
4A	FFT Start													SYN	SOF	RST	RUN
4B	FFT Transmit																
4C	FFT Scaling	7	7	6			5	4	4		3	3	2		1		0

SYN = synchronize FFT to phase correlator output SOF = start FFT when start of frame (null symbol) detected

RST = flush FIFO

RUN = manually start IFFT

Scaling factors are 0-3 right shifts per iteration.

### **FFT/IFFT Status**

	i i etatas	S	ST	76	107	5. D			107	GL 01		6. The second	107	G2	r		107°
	Register	15	14	13	12	11	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0
48	Current Addr.	0	0	1	0	0	0	Base	Addr.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
49	Status Flags	INT	BSY	EOF	RUN	SOF	0	0		Syn	chroniz	zation D	Detector	Phase	(samp	les)	
	TAFFT	1.6 1	1.0.000	in .													

T complete interrupt (reset when read) BSY = FFT/IFFT in progress

EOF = end of received frame (RSSI below threshold when sampling complete - no FFT started)

RUN = sampling SOF = start of frame (null symbol detected)

#### FFT/IFFT I/O Buffer Format

Use	15	14	13	12	11	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0
ТΧ	Mag	nitude (	(3 dB s	teps)					Ph	ase (22	2.5° ste	ps)				
RX		M	agnitud	de (1.5	dB step	os)		0		Phase	(11.25)	<sup>o</sup> steps)		0	0	0

### IFFT Magnitude Encoding

								-								
SC	FO	E0	D0	C0	B0	A0	90	80	70	60	50	40	30	20	10	00
1	-15	-18	-21	-24	-27	-30	-33	-36	-39	-42	-45	-48	-51	-54	-∞	-∞
32	+15	+12	+9	+6	+3	0	-3	-6	-9	-12	-15	-18	-21	-24	-∞	-∞
64	+21	+18	+15	+12	+9	+6	+3	0	-3	-6	-9	-12	-15	-18	-∞	-∞
128	+27	+24	+21	+18	+15	+12	+9	+6	+3	0	-3	-6	-9	-12	-∞	-∞
256	+33	+30	+27	+24	+21	+18	+15	+12	+9	+6	+3	0	-3	-6	-∞	-∞

Figure 24 – FFT Configuration and Status Registers

The FFT module is configured via the 5 registers shown in figure 24. The FFT should be reset before changing other parameters. The current address register contains the address of the 256-word buffer to be used to prepare the next symbol to be transmitted or the location of the buffer with the last received symbol. The INT bit is set when the buffer address changes. The SOF and EOF bits can be used to determine the start and end of the frame. SOF is set when a null symbol is detected and EOF is set when RSSI drops by 6 or 12 dB depending on the setting of the H bit in the modem configuration.

### 6. Error Control Logic

Many communications protocols use cyclic redundancy checks (CRCs) for error detection. Calculations on a general-purpose processor are time consuming, as it requires bit manipulation. The CRC hardware shown in figure 25 provides a means to generate and check the two most commonly used CRCs quickly. The CPU writes bytes or words in parallel to the

two shift registers. This sets a counter to the number of dibits to be processed and enables the CRC-16 and CRC-32 logic. The shift register outputs are multiplexed at twice the CPU clock rate so the CRC logic operates at 160 Mbps. Thus a word can be processed in 8 clock cycles or a byte in 4 clock cycles.

CRCs can be computed in parallel with data copying by the CPU. The block copy routine is modified to output a word between the memory read and memory write. After the transfer is complete, the CPU inputs one of the accumulated CRCs and appends it to the data. CRC-32 is the algorithm used by Ethernet and CRC-16 is the algorithm used by HDLC and AX.25.



Figure 25 – Cyclic Redundancy Check Logic

CPC	Common	~
URU	Comman	u

	Register	15	14	13	12	11	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0
38	Byte Input												Da	ata			
39	Word Input			1. 					Da	ata							
3B	Initialize CRC																

CRC Status

	Register	15	14	13	12	11	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0
38	CRC32L	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·		1				LSW	CRC-3	2 (~x[1	6:31])	1	al con			1	
39	CRC32H							MSW	CRC-	32 (~x[(	D:15])						
3A	CRC16							С	RC-16 (	~x[0:1:	5])						

Figure 26 – CRC Configuration and Status Registers

CRCs only allow error detection, but convolutional codes, including trellis-coded modulation, allow error correction. They may be implemented using the programmable convolutional encoder and Viterbi decoder modules.

The encoder exclusive-ORs delayed versions of the uncoded data bits to generate coded outputs. Configuration registers select the bits to be used. Figure 27 shows the logic for encoding one bit. The configuration register, AND gates and exclusive-OR gate are replicated 4 times. Two to four outputs may be generated for each input so that BPSK, QPSK and 8PSK can be accommodated. Either natural or gray coding may be selected.



Figure 27 – Convolutional Encoder

The data input port is used to start encoding and the result may be read from a status port with the next instruction. Two bits may be encoded into 8PSK or one bit may be encoded into QPSK. Alternatively, one bit may be encoded into two BPSK channels.

	Register	15	14	13	12	11	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0
10	Data Input															Da	ata
11	Output Mag.									N	lagnitud	de					
14	Chan. 0 8PSK									U1	S10	S11	UO	S00	S01	S02	S03
15	Chan. 0 QPSK	-								U1	S10	S11	UO	S00	S01	S02	S03
16	Chan. 0 BPSK									U1	S10	S11	UO	S00	S01	S02	S03
17	Chan. 1 BPSK									U1	S10	S11	UO	S00	S01	S02	S03

**Convolutional Encoder Status** 

	Register	15	14	13	12	11	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0
10	Binary Chan. 0	Magn	itude	0	0	0	0	0	0		8PSK		0	0	0	0	0
11	Binary Chan. 1	Magn	itude	0	0	0	0	0	0	BPSK	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
12	Gray Channel 0	Magn	itude	0	0	0	0	0	0		8PSK	·	0	0	0	0	0
13	Gray Channel 1	Magn	itude	0	0	0	0	0	0	BPSK	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Figure 28 – Encoder Configuration and Status Registers

The Viterbi algorithm is an efficient method to decode convolutionally encoded data. It keeps track of the distance between symbols in a sequence in order to estimate the most-likely transmitted symbol in a noisy environment. The encoder assumes a variety of states as it transmits data and the decoder determines the probability of it being in a particular state by comparing distances.



Figure 29 – Viterbi Decoder

Received symbols are written to a 16-entry FIFO in the Viterbi decoder. As symbols are extracted from the FIFO, they are processed once for each possible new state of the transmitting convolutional coder. The received symbol is compared to the expected symbol for a particular previous state and the phase error is converted to a distance. This new distance is added to the cumulative distance to the previous state retrieved from the 32-entry dual-port metrics RAM and compared to the current minimum distance. If it is less than the minimum it replaces the minimum and the previous state is saved. This process generates a set of metrics measuring the probability that each input symbol matches each possible transmitted symbol. The likely previous state for each possible new state is stored in a dual-port block RAM.

The block RAM can store path information for up to 256 symbols. After all symbols have been processed, the contents of the ROM are scanned in reverse order, tracing back over the most likely path that the transmitting encoder took. The traceback logic requires that the last state be zero. As traceback occurs, the states are looked up in a bit map and the decoded data bits are shifted into an eight-dibit register. The bit values corresponding to each state are loaded in reverse order via the bit decoding configuration register. The traceback process stops on every eight symbol and the OV bit is set to allow the CPU to read the decoded byte or word via the first two status registers. The number of symbols remaining is contained in the lower 8 bits of the third status register.

	Register	15	14	13	12	11	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0
18	Input Signal	S	Symbol	1	5	-			3		S	Symbol	0				
19	Configuration	Two											Paths	s to eva	luate		
1A	Path List Input						EOS	LP	FP	S	Symbol	0	Sig1		Previou	s State	
1B	Bit Decoding											1				Va	ue
1C	Start Traceback																
1D	Reset																
litark	oi Decoder Status																
viteir							1	100.0	r	-	-	-					~
viteri	Register	15	14	13	12	11	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	U
18	Register Byte Output	<b>15</b> 0	<b>14</b> 0	13 0	<b>12</b> 0	11 0	<b>10</b> 0	9 0	<b>8</b> 0	7	6	5	4 Da	3 ita	2	1	U
18 19	Register Byte Output Word Output	<b>15</b> 0	<b>14</b> 0	13 0	<b>12</b> 0	11 0	<b>10</b> 0	<b>9</b> 0	8 0 Da	7 ata	6	5	4 Da	3 ita	2	1	U

IF: input FIFO full

Figure 30 – Viterbi Decoder Configuration and Status Registers

The states and symbols assumed in the decoding process are stored as a program in a 64entry by 11-bit shift register. The decoder can be programmed for any forward error-correcting code with less than 16 states using 2, 4 or 8-level signaling. Instructions are loaded via the path list input register shown in figure 30. The number of paths to evaluate is also specified and determines the number of clock cycles required for decoding. Each path requires 4 clocks and 4 additional clocks are required for pipeline delays.



Figure 31 – BCH Encoder/Decoder

A Bose Chaudhuri Hocquenghem (BCH) CODEC module supports block codes with 8-247 data bits and 3-8 parity bits. It may be configured for specific codes by specifying the length of the shift register and placement of the feedback taps ( $G_{1-7}$ ). The word width (N) is variable so that encoding or decoding of 1 to 16 data bits may occur in parallel at one clock cycle per bit.

The BCH algorithm is executes simultaneously on multiple bit streams where each bit in a word is part of an independent stream. When transmitting, the CPU writes data to an output port with ACC set to 1. This loads the shift register and on each of the following clock cycles one data bit passes through the exclusive-OR on the extreme right side of the diagram where it is combined with the currently selected bit in each shift register. On each clock cycle, all shift registers advance and the next bit is processed. Setting ACC to 0 causes the written data to be ignored but the next accumulated parity bits are moved into the shift register where they can be accessed at an input port and transmitted serially. When receiving, ACC is set to 1 and both data and parity words are written to the output port. The accumulated syndrome for each bit can be read by setting the width register to the bit number. The CPU then uses any non-zero syndrome for error correction.

BCH CODEC Command

	Register	15	14	13	12	11	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0
50	Data								Da	ata							
51	Configuration		L	ength -	1					G7	G6	G5	G4	G3	G2	G1	
52	Configuration									ĺ.					Widt	h - 1	
53	Control																ACC

BCH CODEC Status

DCH (	CODEC Status			75.													
	Register	15	14	13	12	11	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0
50	Parity								Pa	rity							
51	Syndrome	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0				Synd	rome			
,																	

Figure 32 – BCH Configuration and Status Registers

# 7. I/O Ports

Several methods are provided for the DCP-3 to communicate digitally with other devices. The internal circuitry is not described in this document, as it concentrates on the signal-processing hardware.

Etherne	t Command

	Register	15	14	13	12	11	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0
0	Receive Done																
1	Start Transmit										Len	gth (by	tes)				
2	MDIO Bits														DIR	CLK	DAT
3	Control																ENA

DIR: PHY management data (DAT) direction (0=receive, 1= ENA: enable (1) or disable (0) MAC and PHY

Ethernet Status

	ior ordered	54 S		7	2	54 S.			2	5. S.			- 3	5. S.		7 · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	
	Register	15	14	13	12	11	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0
0	Status	MDI	INT	TXE	RXR	RXF					Len	gth (by	tes)				
MDI PH	Y management data inn	ut															

INT: PHY management data input INT: PHY management interface interrupt input

Figure 33 - Ethernet Configuration and Status Registers

The Ethernet port uses a single transmit buffer and double-buffered receive. 2 kB of dual-port RAM is provided to store the frame to be transmitted and 4 kB of dual-port RAM is provided to buffer received frames. The CPU may access one received frame at the same time another is being received. The hardware supports only full-duplex operation at 100 Mbps at this time. Transmission is accomplished by writing a frame and its preamble to the transmit buffer and then outputting the length to port 1 as shown in figure 33. The CPU then checks the TXE bit in the status register for completion of transmission before writing another frame. The CPU may also check the RXR bit for received frames and obtain the length of the received frame. It then

accesses the receiver buffer memory to retrieve the frame. One half of the buffer is visible which contains the first frame received. When the CPU signals done by writing to port 0, the next frame is presented.

A universal asynchronous receiver/transmitter (UART) is provided for low-speed communication. It is used by the loader firmware for downloading software and may be used for other purposes, such as implementing a TNC. Signaling rates between 110 and 460,800 baud are supported. The baud rate divisor is set to generate the appropriate clock at 16 times the symbol rate. 15-byte receive and transmit FIFOs are provided and may be read and written via port 20. Status flags indicate when the transmit FIFO is empty (TXE), the transmit FIFO is ready for data (TXR), the receive FIFO is full (RXF) and received data is available (RXR). The receive FIFO has a framing error bit for each entry. The UART supports only 8-bit characters without parity.

UART	Command																
	Register	15	14	13	12	11	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0
20	Data												Da	ata			÷
21	Baud Rate							Bau	ud Rate	Diviso	r - 1						
UARI	Status																
	Register	15	14	13	12	11	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0
20	Data	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	FE	2			Da	ata			

Figure 34 - UART Configuration and Status Registers

0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 TXE TXR RXF RXR

Note that the Ethernet interface and UART do not implement CRC generation and checking. This may be done by using the CRC hardware described previously.

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FIFO Status

0

0

0

0

There are two SPI ports. One is used to operate the low-speed DAC and the other is connected to the onboard serial flash memory. Writing a byte to the SPI transmit data port sends a command to the flash memory. Simultaneously, data is transmitted from the flash memory and appears in the received data port. The data transmission rate is fixed at 20 Mbps and the CPU must wait 32 clock cycles for operations to complete. Ports A and B control the slave select line, which must be active when sending commands to the flash memory.

	Register	15	14	13	12	11	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0
8	Transmit Data												Da	ata			
Α	SS Off																
в	SS On																
SPI S	tatus			r			-		-								
	Register	15	14	13	12	11	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0
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Figure 35 - SPI Configuration and Status Registers

The lower portion of the serial flash memory contains the FPGA configuration that is loaded automatically when power is applied so it must not be disturbed. However, the upper portion may be used for data and program storage.

The DAC port is 16-bits wide and is write-only. The lower 12 bits control the DAC and the upper 4 bits must be set to zero. 64 clock cycles are required after the write for data to be transferred to the DAC.

Low-S	Speed DAC																
	Register	15	14	13	12	11	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0
68	LS DAC	0	0	0	0						Va	lue					

Figure	36 –	Low-S	peed	DAC	Output	Register

An I<sup>2</sup>S port is provided to attach an external 1 or 2-channel 16-24-bit audio CODEC operating at 32 ksps. Data for the left and right channels is written to separate pairs of output ports. The least significant byte (LSB) is written first and is zeroed after every write to the most significant word (MSW). The MSW write causes data to be transmitted. Use of the left and right channels must be alternated for stereo CODECs. Left and right channel data is read from a common pair of input ports and the "Left" status flag indicates the active channel. Both ports have a 15-entry FIFO. Status flags indicate FIFO status and input sample source (left or right channel).

I <sup>2</sup> S Co	ommand																
	Register	15	14	13	12	11	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0
30	Right Channel				LSB												
31	Data								MS	ŚW							
32	Left Channel				LSB												
33	Data								MS	ŚW							
I <sup>2</sup> S Sta	atus																
	Register	15	14	13	12	11	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0
30	Right and Left				LSB				0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

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The combination of a fixed hardware configuration stored in flash memory plus downloadable software has proven to be very flexible. Much development time was spent optimizing the use of FPGA resources. For example, dedicated multipliers are used in the FIR filters where high speed is necessary and serial multipliers are used in the AGC logic after the sample rate has been reduced. Logic such as the CORDIC module was designed for reuse when switching from transmit to receive so little standard IP was used other than the FFT module. That hardware can now be leveraged for multiple applications by changing the software. The current program implements a transceiver for AM, FM and SSB plus a high-speed OFDM modem. The resampler and timing recovery hardware should allow implementation of a high-speed AX.25 TNC in the future.

Several PC-based programs were developed for use with the DCP-3, including an assembler for the CPU and utilities to format configuration information for loading into flash memory. These programs and the complete Verilog source code for the FPGA are available on the TAPR web site. The source code and it derivatives are provided for personal non-profit educational use in the Amateur Radio Service and are not licensed for redistribution.

Since the hardware is defined in Verilog it can be ported to newer and denser FPGAs. The XC3S500 was first shipped in 2006. An XC3S1400A FPGA can now provide more than twice the logic and 60% more memory for little additional cost. This would allow use of ADCs and DACs up to 160 Msps, faster filters and more complex signal constellations for higher data rate OFDM modems. At a somewhat higher price, Spartan-6 series FPGAs can eventually provide even more memory and logic. I plan to make a new version of the board in the near future. In the mean time, I'll be using this one on the air.

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# Appendix A – DCP-3 Schematic Diagram

The following 6 pages contain the schematic diagram of the DCP-3 digital signal processing PCB:

- 1. Ethernet Interface
- 2. High-speed Analog to Digital Converter
- 3. Serial Flash Memory and Low-speed DAC
- 4. High-speed Digital to Analog Converter
- 5. Voltage Regulator and JTAG Interface
- 6. Clock Oscillators

The schematic shows a Xilinx XC3S250E FPGA but the XC3S500E has the same pin configuration in the 100-pin TQFP package.













# Appendix B - CPU16B instruction Set

# **B1. Introduction**

The CPU16B is a 16-bit Von Neuman architecture processor with a single address space shared between data and instructions. The dual-port memory provided by FPGAs allows simultaneous instruction fetches and data manipulation giving the performance of a Harvard architecture machine. The instruction set uses 5 basic formats as shown in figure 1.

	15	14	13	12	11	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0
CALL	Ту	ре						Abs	olute	Add	ess					
JMP/LOOP/RET	Ту	ре	0	Op.		onditi	on			R	elativ	/e Ad	ddres	S		
Immediate Data	Ту	ре	0	Op.		Constant								A	٩	
I/O	Ту	ре	Op	Operation		on			Port					A		
ALU	Ту	ре	Op	Operatio		M	odifi	er		B/	С			ŀ	4	

Figure 1 – Basic Instruction Format

Program-control instructions use two address formats. Call instructions use a 14-bit absolute address and can access 16,384 words of program memory. Jump instructions use a 9-bit relative address and can access the previous 255 or next 256 instruction locations. The jump is taken if the condition specified by a 3-bit field is satisfied. Otherwise instruction execution continues in sequence. The full program address space can be accessed by loop instructions that use a 14-bit absolute addresses stored by the mark instruction. This allows backward jumps to any location.

ALU instructions may operate on 16-bit words, the lower 4 or 8-bits of a word or any single bit. Most use register A as the source for one operand and the destination for the result. The second operand may be register B or a signed 8 or 16-bit constant.

I/O instructions use a 7-bit direct address to identify up to 128 16-bit wide I/O ports. Memory access instructions use 14-bit indirect addresses stored in register B plus an offset from the modifier field. Register A contains the data to be written to memory and is the repository for any data read from memory.

Assembler syntax uses 3 fields. The label field contains either blank space or an alphanumeric name followed by a colon. The operation field contains a 2-4-character instruction name. The operand field contains nothing, a single parameter or two to three parameters separated by commas.

Label: OP Rd,Rs,mod ; comments

Operands may be register names (SP and R1-R15), address labels or constants in binary, decimal, hexadecimal or alphanumeric format. A binary number starts with "#", a hexadecimal number starts with "\$" and a 1 or 2 character string is delimited by single quotes (').

# **B2. Program Flow Control**

The program control instructions are listed in figure 2. Calls are unconditional and the call uses absolute addresses. The jump, loop and return instructions may be conditional or unconditional. Jump instructions use addresses that are relative to the program counter.

	15	14	13	12	11	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0
CALL	0	0						Abs	olute	Add	ress					
JMP	0	1	0	0	Co	onditi	on			R	lelativ	/e Ac	ddres	S		
RET	0	1	0	1	Co	onditi	on	0								
LOOP	0	1	0	1	Co	onditi	on	1								
MARK	0	1	1	0	0	0										
STRA	0	1	1	0	0	1										
REP	0	1	1	0	1		000					Co	unt			

Figure 2 – Program Control Instructions

Three condition flags may be tested as shown in figure 3. The C, V and Z bits are the carry, overflow and zero flags for comparison operations and for 16-bit arithmetic operations, including add, subtract, increment and decrement. The C bit is also altered by bit test and shifting operations. The Z bit is necessary for loop control and the C bit is necessary for multi-word shifts and software multiplication and division routines.

Condition	Description
000	Always
001	Never (NOP)
010	V set by previous arithmetic or comparison instruction
011	V reset by previous arithmetic or comparison instruction
100	Z set by previous arithmetic or comparison instruction
101	Z reset by previous arithmetic or comparison instruction
110	C set by previous arithmetic, comparison, shift or bit test instruction
111	C reset by previous arithmetic, comparison, shift or bit test instruction

Figure 3 – Jump Conditions

The assembly language representation is an instruction name that specifies any condition code followed by an operand specifying the absolute address for calls or the relative address for jumps. Mark, return and loop instructions have no operand. Repeat has a single numeric operand.

JMP loads the program counter (PC) with the specified address and continues program execution from that location. JV, JNV, JZ, JNZ, JC and JNC jump if the V bit is true, the V bit is false, the Z bit is set, the Z bit is reset, the C bit is set or the C bit is reset. Otherwise, execution continues with the next instruction in sequence. The operand may be a label or a numeric value.

Here: JMP \$0 JNZ there

CALL pushes the next instruction address onto the return address stack and then jumps to the specified address. The address is stored temporarily in a register while the stack pointer is incremented and then written into the dedicated RAM holding the return address stack. It contains up to 16 return addresses to allow subroutine nesting up to 16 levels. There is no overflow or underflow indication. The operand may be a label or a numeric value.

Here: CALL \$0 CALL There

The RET (return) instruction restores the address in the address stack to the program counter and continues execution from that location. RV, RNV, RZ, RNZ, RC and RNC return if the V bit is true, the V bit is false, the Z bit is set, the Z bit is reset, the C bit is set or the C bit is reset. The stack pointer is decremented after the address is read. There are no operands.

There: RET

The MARK instruction pushes the next instruction address onto the return address stack without jumping. It is used with the LOOP instructions for long backward jumps.

The STRA instruction pushes the contents of the selected register onto the return address stack. It is used with the RET instruction for indirect jumps.

# STRA R15

The LOOP instruction restores the address in the return address stack to the program counter and continues execution from that location. LV, LNV, LZ, LNZ, LC and LNC loop if the L bit is true, the V bit is false, the Z bit is set, the Z bit is reset, the C bit is set or the C bit is reset. The stack pointer is decremented if the loop is exited.

LDL R1,256 MARK NOP ; do this 256 times DEC R1 LNZ

The REP (repeat) instruction causes the next instruction to execute count + 2 times. It inhibits incrementing the program counter so the same instruction is issued multiple times with no additional overhead. The assembler calculates the correct value for the count field given the number of times to repeat the next instruction.

REP 256 NOP ; do this 256 times

## B3. Memory Access and I/O

Figure 4 shows the format of the immediate data, I/O and memory access instructions. They do not alter any flags.

	15	14	13	12	11	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0
MVI	0	1	1	1				Da	ata					A	١	
LDH	1	0		101			101					Da	ata			
WR	1	0		110			000			E	3			A	١	
WRO	1	0		110		(	Offse	t		E	3			A	١	
OUT	1	0		111					Port					A	١	
IN	1	1		000					Port				A			
RD	1	1		001			000			E	3		A			
RDO	1	1	001			(	Offse	t		E	3		A			

Figure 4 – I/O and Memory Access Instructions

The MVI instruction replaces the lower 8 bits of register A with immediate data and the sign is extended to the upper 8 bits. This can be modified by the LDH instruction that loads 8 bits of data into a special register. Those 8 bits replace the MSB in any MVI, ADI or CPI instruction that follows. The MVIW and LOAD pseudo-operations generate one LDH and one MVI instruction to load a 16-bit constant into a register. The LDA pseudo-operation does the same for loading a 14-bit address into a register.

MVI #01111110 MVIW \$3AB4 LDA label

Output instructions use direct addressing to access up to 128 ports up to 16 bits wide. OUT copies the contents of register A to the selected port by placing the port address on IOADDR, the data on DOUT and asserting IOWR. Input instructions use direct addressing to access up to 128 ports up to 16 bits wide. IN copies the contents of the selected port from the DIN bus to register A and asserts IORD. IN takes 2 clock cycles to allow for propagation delays.

OUT	R1,48	; numeric port number
IN	R1,data	; port number defined by EQU

Memory access instructions use register indirect addressing of up to 65,536 words of memory. Writes complete in one clock cycle and reads take two cycles. Write with offset (WRO) copies the contents of register A to the memory location at the address in register B plus a 3-bit offset contained in the instruction. Read with offset (RDO) copies the contents of the memory location at the address in the instruction to register A. The write (WR) and read (RD) instructions are the same but with a fixed offset of zero.

RDO	R2,R1,0	; contents of memory at address in R1 copied to R2
RD	R2,R1	; contents of memory at address in R1 copied to R2
WR	R3,R2	; contents of R3 copied to memory at address in R2

# **B4. Arithmetic Operations**

The 4, 8 and 16-bit arithmetic instructions are encoded as shown in figure 5. The carry, overflow and zero flags are updated for 16-bit arithmetic operations but not for 4-bit or 8-bit operations.

	15	14	13	12	11	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0	
ADI	1(	0	0	0				(	)					A	4		
INC	1(	0	0	0			(	0000	0000					A	4		
SBI	1(	0	0	0				-(	0					A	4		
DEC	1(	0	0	0				1111	1111					A	4		
CPI	1(	0	0	1				(	)					A	4		
CPZ	1(	0	0	1				0000	0000					A	4		
СМР	1(	0		101			011			E	3			A	4		
CLC	1(	0		101			110			00	00			00			
STC	1(	0		101			110			00	01			00	00		
CMPC	1(	0		101			111			E	3			A	4		
MOV	1 <sup>-</sup>	1		010			000			E	3			A	4		
MVN	1 <sup>-</sup>	1		010			001			E	3			A	4		
NEG	1	1		010			001			A	۱						
ADD	1	1		010		010 B								A	4		
SUB	1 <sup>-</sup>	1		010		011 B								A	4		
MOVC	1 <sup>-</sup>	1		010			100			E	3			A	4		
MVNC	1	1		010			101			E	3			A	4		
NEGC	1'	1		010			101			A	۱			A	4		
ADC	1'	1		010			110			E	3			A	4		
SBC	1 <sup>-</sup>	1		010			111			E	3			A	4		
MOV8	1 <sup>-</sup>	1		011			000			E	3			A	4		
MVN8	1'	1		011			001			E	3			A	4		
ADD8	1 <sup>-</sup>	1		011			010			E	3			A	4		
SUB8	1 <sup>-</sup>	1		011			011			E	3			A	4		
MOV4	1 <sup>-</sup>	1		011		000 B							A				
MVN4	1 <sup>-</sup>	1		011		001 B							A				
ADD4	1 <sup>-</sup>	1		011			010			E	3		A				
SUB4	1 <sup>-</sup>	1		011			011			E	3		A				

Figure 5	Arithmetic	Instructions
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ADI adds an 8-bit signed constant to register A (A=A+C). SBI generates the same instruction but negates the constant to subtract from register A (A=A-C). INC and DEC provide an alternate way of specifying ADI  $R_A$ , 1 and SBI  $R_A$ , 1. ADIW and SBIW prefix an LDH instruction for 16-bit operations.

ADI R2,1 ; 2 ways to increment R2 by 1 INC R2 CPI subtracts and 8-bit signed constant from register A and sets the zero and carry flags. No register is modified. CPZ provides a shorthand way of specifying CPI R<sub>A</sub>, 0. CPIW generates an LDH followed by a CPI for 16-bit comparisons.

CPI R1,0 ; 2 ways to compare R1 to zero CPZ R1 CPIW R2,3456

STC and CLC set and clear the carry flag, respectively.

STC	; set carry
CLC	; clear carry

CMP subtracts register B from register A and sets the zero and carry flags. No register is modified. CMPC is the same, but propagates the carry bit for larger comparisons.

CMP R2,R1 ; compare R2 to R1

MOV copies register B to register A. MVN copies the two's complement of register B to register A. MOVC and MVNC perform the same operations but propagate the carry bit. NEG and NEGC provide an alternate way to specify MVN  $R_N$ ,  $R_N$  and MVNC  $R_N$ ,  $R_N$ .

MOV	R2,R1	; copy R1 to R2 and set flags
NEG	R2	; negate R2
MVN	R2,R1	; copy negative of R1 to R2

ADD adds register B to register A and leaves the result in register A (A=A+B). SUB subtracts register B from register A and leaves the result in register A (A=A-B). ADC and SBC are the same, but propagate the carry bit for larger arithmetic operations.

ADD R1,R3 ; 32-bit add (R2,R1 + R4,R3) ADC R2,R4

MOV8 copies the contents of register B into the lower byte of register A. MVN8 negates the byte being copied. NEG8 provides an alternate way to specify MVN8 R<sub>N</sub>,R<sub>N</sub>.

MOV8R2,R1	; copy LSB of R1 to R2 without affecting flags
MVN8 R2,R1	; same, but resultant byte is negated

ADD8 and SUB8 add or subtract the lower byte in B from the lower byte in A without affecting the upper byte ( $A_{7-0} = A_{7-0} \pm B_{7-0}$  and  $A_{15-8} = A_{15-8}$ ).

ADD8 R2,R1 SUB8 R2,R1

MOV4, MVN4, NEG4, ADD4 and SUB4 perform the same operations on the lower 4 bits without affecting the upper 12 bits.

# **B5. Logical Operations**

The logic unit operates on two 16-bit inputs (A and B) or on one bit from input A. The encoding is shown in figure 6.

	15 14	13	12	11	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0
NOT	11		100		000				E	3		А			
AND	11	11 100		001				E	3		А				
OR	11	11 100			010				E	3		A			
XOR	11	11 100			011				E	3		A			
MASK	11	100			100				(	)		A			
RST	11	I 100			101			С				A			
SET	11	11 100			110			С				A			
INV	11	11 100			111			С				A			

Figure 6 – Logical Instructions

Four instructions perform logical operations between register A and register B and four instructions perform logical operations on bits in register A.

NOT copies the one's complement of register B to register A. OR sets bits in register A when either of the corresponding bits in register A or register B are 1. XOR sets bits if only one of the two corresponding bits is 1. AND sets bits in register A if the corresponding bits in register A and register B are both 1.

NOT	R1,R1	; R1 <- ~R1
OR	R2,R1	; R2 <- R2   R1
XOR	R3,R1	; R3 <- R3 <sup>^</sup> R1
AND	R4,R1	; R4 <- R4 & R1

MASK selects the lower 0-15 bits of register A by zeroing the upper bits.

MASK R6,8 ; zero upper byte of R0

The bit manipulation instructions modify register A. RST and SET change the value of the bit selected by C to 0 and 1, respectively. INV complements the value of the selected bit.

RST	R7,1 ; clear bit	0
SET	R7,15 ; set bit 1	5
INV	R7,7 ; invert bit	t 7

# B6. Shift, Rotate and Sign Extension Operations

Shift and rotate operations are implemented by changing the order of bits in registers. In addition, individual bits can be copied into the carry bit. Jumps can then be made conditional on the value of that bit. The sign bit on 8-bit bytes may also be extended to 16-bit words.

Figure 7 shows how these instructions are encoded. Note that additional operations are available by using different values for bits 7-4 in the instruction. The most useful instructions are documented here.

	15	14	13	12	11	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0	
TST	1(	0		101			100			0	)			А			
MLLS	1	1		101			000		В					А			
SXL	1	1		101			000			A	1		Α				
MHLS	1	1		101			001			E	3			Α			
SXH	1	1		101			001			A	4			Α	١		
INS4	1	1		101			010			E	3			A	١		
ROR4	1	1		101			010			A	4			A	١		
INS8	1	1		101			011			E	3			A	١		
SWAP	1	1		101			011			A	٩		A				
IN16	1	1		101			100			E	3		A				
ROL4	1	1		101			100			A	4		A				
REV	1	1		101			101			E	3		A				
ROR	1 <sup>-</sup>	1		101			110			00	00		A				
ROL	1 <sup>-</sup>	1		101			111			01	01			A	١		
RRC	1 <sup>-</sup>	1		101			110			10	00			A	١		
RLC	1 <sup>-</sup>	1		101			111			10	01			A	١		
LSR	1	1		101			110			11	00		A				
LSL	1	1		101			111			11	01		A				
ASR	1	1		101		110				01	00		A				
SHL	1	1		101			110			C	)		A				
SHR	1	1		101			111			(	)		A				

Figure 7 – Shift and Rotate Instructions

TST copies bit C of register A to the carry flag.

TST R5,4 ; copy bit 4 to carry flag

MLLS copies the least significant byte of register B to the least significant byte of register A and then extends the sign in A to fill 16 bits. MHLS copies the most significant byte of register B to the least significant byte of register A and then extends the sign in A to fill 16 bits. SXL and SXH provide alternate ways of specifying MLLS R<sub>A</sub>, R<sub>A</sub> and MHLS R<sub>A</sub>, R<sub>A</sub>.

MLLS R3,R1 ; split word in R3 into LSB in R1 and MSB in R2 MHLS R3,R2 SXL R3 ; remove upper byte in R0 and sign extend lower byte INS4 copies the lower 4 bits of register B to the upper 4 bits of register A after shifting the upper 12 bits of register A to the right. INS8 copies the lower 8 bits of register B to the upper 8 bits of register A after shifting the upper 8 bits of register A to the right. INS4 copies the lower 12 bits of register B to the upper 12 bits of register A after shifting the upper 12 bits of register A after shifting the upper 12 bits of register A after shifting the upper 4 bits of register A to the right. ROR4, SWAP and ROL4 provide alternate ways of specifying INS4  $R_A$ ,  $R_A$ ,  $R_A$ ,  $R_A$  and IN12  $R_A$ ,  $R_A$ .

INS4 R1,R2; copy LS 4 bits of R2 to bits 15-12 of R1 and shift bits 15-4 to 11-0 ROR4 R1 ; rotate R0 right by 4 bits

REV reverses the order of the bits while copying from register B to register A. Bits 15 and 0 are swapped, bits 14 and 1 are swapped, etc.

LDL R1,\$57 REV R1,R1 ; 01010111 -> 11101010

ROL and ROR rotate the contents of register A left or right by one bit with bit 15 replacing bit 0 or bit 0 replacing bit 15, respectively. RLC and RRC rotate the contents of register A left or right by one bit with the carry bit replacing bit 0 or bit 15, respectively. The carry bit contains the previous value of bit 15 after ROL or RLC and bit 0 after ROR or RRC.

LOAD	R1,\$F0	; R1=11110000
ROR	R1	; R1=01111000, C=0
ROL	R1	; R1=11110000, C=0
RLC	R1	; R1=11100000, C=1
RRC	R1	; R1=11110000, C=0

LSL shifts the contents of register A left by one bit and clears bit 0 while setting the carry bit to the previous value of bit 15. LSR shifts the contents of register A right by one bit and clears bit 15 while setting the carry bit to the previous value of bit 0.

LOAD	R2,\$FF	; R2=11111111
LSL	R2	; R2=11111110, C=1
LSR	R2	; R2=01111111, C=0

ASR shifts the contents of register A right by one bit without affecting bit 15. The carry register contains the previous value of bit 0.

LOAD R1,-2	; R1=1111110
ASR R1	; R1=11111111 (-1), C=0

The SHL and SHR instructions provide a means to generate additional types of 1-bit shifts as shown below:

С	Carry Flag	LSB or MSB
00x0	Bit 0	Bit 0
00x1	Bit 15	Bit 0
01x0	Bit 0	Bit 15
01x1	Bit 15	Bit 15
10x0	Bit 0	Carry flag
10x1	Bit 15	Carry flag
1100	Bit 0	0
1101	Bit 15	0
1110	Bit 0	1
1111	Bit 15	1

Figure 8 – SHL and SHR Modifier Field Encoding

The value of the bit shifted into the LSB during a left shift (SHL) or into the MSB during a right shift (SHR) may be obtained from the carry flag or fixed at 0 or 1. Either the most or least significant bit can be copied to the carry flag.

# **B7. Optional Multiply-Accumulate Instructions**

There are 10 multiply-accumulate instructions, as listed in figure 9. Type 2 instructions are used to start multiplication with options selected by the modifier field. The instructions complete in 1 cycle but results require 2 instruction cycles to become available. Type 3 instructions are used to copy the results into general-purpose registers.

	15	14	13	12	11	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0
UMUL	1	0		100		000				E	3		A			
UMLN	10 100		001				E	3		A						
UMAC	1	0	100			010				E	3		A			
UMSB	1	0	100			011			В				A			
MUL	1	0	100		100			В				A				
MULN	1	0		100		101			В				A			
MAC	1	0	100			110				E	3		A			
MSUB	1	0	D 100				111		В				A			
LPL	1	11 110			000			0000			A					
LPH	1	1		110		001			0000				A			

Figure 9 – Multiply Instructions

MUL performs a 16-bit by 16-bit signed multiply and leaves the result in a 32-bit accumulator. UMUL performs an unsigned multiply. MULN and UMLN perform signed and unsigned multiplies and negate the result.

MAC and UMAC perform signed and unsigned multiplies and add the result to the existing accumulator contents. MSUB and UMSB perform signed and unsigned multiplication and subtract the result from the accumulator. Operands may be introduced at a rate of one pair per instruction cycle and the results will be available on the next instruction cycle after the final operands are loaded.

LPH provides the upper 16-bits of the accumulator and LPL provides the lower 16 bits of the accumulator.

The MAC unit is useful for complex multiplies.  $C_I = A_IB_I - A_JB_J$  can be implemented with a MUL instruction followed by MSUB, LPH and LPL instructions.  $C_J = A_IB_J + A_JB_I$  can be implemented with a MUL instruction followed by MAC, LPH and LPL instructions. The following code fragment performs a complex multiply on R1/R2 and R3/R4 and returns the result in R5-R8.

MUL	R1,R3	; A <sub>I</sub> BI
MSUB	R2,R4	; A <sub>I</sub> B <sub>I</sub> - A <sub>J</sub> B <sub>J</sub>
LPL	R5	
LPH	R6	
MUL	R1,R4	; A <sub>I</sub> BJ
MAC	R2,R3	; A <sub>I</sub> B <sub>J</sub> + A <sub>J</sub> B <sub>I</sub>
LPL	R7	
LPH	R8	

# **B8. Optional Division Instructions**

There are 4 division-related instructions that are formatted as shown in figure 10. The division operations consume many clock cycles, but may occur in parallel with other operations. The programmer must insure that a new division operation is not issued until the previous one has been completed.

	15 14	13 12 11	10 9 8	7 6 5 4	3 2 1 0			
FDIV	10	101	000	0000	0000			
IDIV	10	101	001	В	A			
LQ	11	110	010	0000	A			
LR	11	110	011	0000	A			

Figure 10 – Division Instructions

IDIV performs a 16-bit by 16-bit unsigned integer division leaving a 16-bit quotient and 16-bit remainder. A is divided by B and the result is left in the quotient and remainder registers after 17 clock cycles.

FDIV continues the calculation in order to generate the fractional portion of the quotient in Q after 17 more clock cycles.

The LQ and LR instructions read the quotient and remainder registers. The upper bit of R may be monitored to determine when the calculation is complete. It is 1 during computation.

LOAD R2,255									
LOAD R1,4									
IDIV	R2,R1	; 255 ÷ 4							
REP	17								
NOP									
LQ	R1	; 63							
LR	R2	; 3							
FDIV		; 3 ÷ 4							
REP	16								
NOP									
LQ	R3	; R3 = 11000000000000 = <sup>3</sup> / <sub>4</sub>							

## **B9. Stack Operations**

The register R0 may be specified by SP and is commonly used as a stack pointer for data storage. The assembler will generate 2-instruction sequences for PUSH and POP as follows:

By default, the use of R0 is suppressed to minimize register allocation errors.

## B10. Pseudo-Instructions

The PRAM instruction is used to accommodate different types and amounts of program memory. UCF files are used to initialize program memory when the FPGA is configured. Hexadecimal format files may be downloaded after FPGA configuration.

Modifier	Result
0	Generate hex file (any length)
1	UCF file for one 1k x 16 RAM
2	UCF file for two 2k x 8 RAMs
4	UCF file for four 4k x 4 RAMs

Figure 11 – PRAM Instruction

REG assigns a label to the specified register and EQU assigns a label to the specified numeric constant.

Label REG R7 one EQU 1

DW and DB initialize the value of a word or the 2 bytes within a single word, respectively.

DW 28 DB 37,48

DS assigns a label to the current address and increments the data address by the specified number of words.

long: DW 2

The ORG pseudo-instruction is used to set the program address to the specified value. The program address defaults to zero.

ORG 0

# B11. Summary

Figure 12 shows how instructions are allocated within the space provided by the type, operation and modifier fields. All instructions are 16 bits and all except IN, RD, IDIV and FDIV execute in one clock cycle.

	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	А	в	С	D	Е	F
0	CALL															
2																
4	JMP 1		NO	OP	JV		JNV		JZ		JNZ		JC		JNC	
5	RET	LOOP	NOP	NOP	RV	LV	RNV	LNV	RZ	LZ	RNZ	LNZ	RC	LC	RNC	LNC
6		MA	RK			ST	RA		RPT							
7								M	VI							-
8								A	DI							
9								С	PI						-	
AΓ	UMUL	UMLN	UMAC	UMSB	MUL	MULN	MAC	MSUB	FDIV	IDIV		CMP	TST	LDH	CL/STC	CMPC
вГ	WR										0	UT				
сГ	IN							RD								
D	MOV	NEG	ADD	SUB	MOVC	NEGC	ADC	SBC	MOV8	NEG8	ADD8	SUB8	MOV4	NEG4	ADD4	SUB4
ΕĹ	NOT	AND	OR	XOR	MASK	RST	SET	INV	SXL	SXH	ROR4	SWAP	ROL4	REV	SHR*	SHL*
F	LPL	LPH	LQ	LR												

### CPU16B Operation Code Matrix

\*Shift instructions include variants ROR, ROL, RRC, RLC, LSR, LSL and ASR.

Figure 12 – Operation Code Matrix

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