# **UltraScale Architecture Clocking Resources**

# *User Guide*

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# <span id="page-2-0"></span>Overview

## <span id="page-2-1"></span>**Introduction to UltraScale Architecture**

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This user guide describes the UltraScale architecture clocking resources and is part of the UltraScale architecture documentation suite available at: [www.xilinx.com/ultrascale.](https://www.xilinx.com/products/technology/ultrascale.html)

# <span id="page-3-0"></span>**Clocking Overview**

This chapter provides an overview of clocking and a comparison between clocking in the UltraScale architecture and previous FPGA generations. For detailed information on usage of clocking resources, see [Chapter 2, Clocking Resources](#page-7-3) and [Chapter 3, Clock Management](#page-32-3)  [Tile](#page-32-3). For more information refer to the Clocking Guidelines section in the *UltraFast Design Methodology Guide for the Vivado Design Suite* (UG949) [\[Ref 1\].](#page-98-4)

## <span id="page-3-1"></span>**Clocking Architecture Overview**

The UltraScale architecture clocking resources manage complex and simple clocking requirements with dedicated global clocks distributed on clock routing and clock distribution resources. The clock management tiles (CMTs) provide clock frequency synthesis, deskew, and jitter filtering functionality. Non-clock resources such as local routing are not recommended when designing for clock functions.

- The device is subdivided into columns and rows of segmented clock regions (CRs). CRs differ from previous families because they are arranged in tiles and do not span half the width of a device. A CR contains configurable logic blocks (CLBs), DSP slices, block RAMs, interconnect, and associated clocking. The height of a CR is 60 CLBs, 24 DSP slices, and 12 block RAMs with a horizontal clock spine (HCS) at its center. The HCS contains the horizontal routing and distribution resources, leaf clock buffers, clock network interconnections, and the root of the clock network. Clock buffers drive directly into the HCS. There are 52 I/Os per bank and four gigabit transceivers (GTs) that are pitch matched to the CRs. A core column contains configuration, System Monitor (SYSMON), and PCIe® blocks to complete a basic device.
- Adjacent to the input/output block columns are the physical layer (PHY) blocks with CMTs, global clock buffers, global clock multiplexing structures, and I/O logic



management functions. The clocking drives vertical and horizontal connectivity through separate clock routing and clock distribution resources via HCS into the CRs and I/Os.

- Horizontal clock routing and distribution tracks drive horizontally into the CRs. Vertical routing and distribution tracks drive vertically adjacent CRs. The tracks are segmentable at the CR boundaries in both the horizontal and vertical directions. This allows for the creation of device-wide global clocks or local clocks of variable size.
- The distribution tracks drive the clocking of synchronous elements across the device. Distribution tracks are driven by routing tracks or directly by the clocking structures in the PHY.
- I/Os are directly driven from the PHY clocking and/or an adjacent PHY via routing tracks.
- A CMT contains one mixed-mode clock manager (MMCM) and two phase-locked loops (PLLs).

### **Clock Routing Resources Overview**

Each I/O bank contains global clock input pins to bring user clocks onto the device clock management and routing resources. The global clock inputs bring user clocks onto:

- Clock buffers in the PHY adjacent to the same bank
- CMTs in the PHY adjacent to the same bank

Each device has three global clock buffers: BUFGCTRL, BUFGCE, and BUFGCE\_DIV. In addition, there is a local BUFCE\_LEAF clock buffer for driving leaf clocks from horizontal distribution to various blocks in the device. BUFGCTRL has derivative software representations of types BUFGMUX, BUFGMUX1, BUFGMUX\_CTRL, and BUFGCE\_1. BUFGCE is for glitchless clock gating and has software derivative BUFG (BUFGCE with clock enable tied High). The global clock buffers drive routing and distribution tracks into the device logic via HCS rows. There are 24 routing and 24 distribution tracks in each HCS row. There is also a BUFG\_GT that generates divided clocks for GT clocking. The clock buffers:

- Can be used as a clock enable circuit to enable or disable clocks either globally, locally, or within a CR for fine-grained power control.
- Can be used as a glitch-free multiplexer to:
	- select between two clock sources.
	- ° switch away from a failed clock source.
- Are often driven by a CMT to:
	- ° eliminate the clock distribution delay.
	- ° adjust clock delay relative to another clock.



[Chapter 2, Clocking Resources](#page-7-3), has further details on global clocks, I/O, and GT clocking. It also describes which clock routing resources to utilize for various applications.

### **CMT Overview**

Each device has a CMT as part of the PHY next to each of the I/O banks. A CMT consists of one MMCM and two PLLs. The MMCM is the primary block for frequency synthesis for a wide range of frequencies, and serves as a jitter filter for either external or internal clocks, and deskew clocks among a wide range of other functions. The PLL's primary purpose is to provide clocking to the PHY I/Os, but can also be used for clocking other resources in the device in a limited fashion. The device clock input connectivity allows multiple resources to provide the reference clock(s) to the MMCM and PLL.

MMCMs have infinite fine phase shift capability in either direction and can be used in dynamic phase shift mode. MMCMs also have a fractional counter in either the feedback path or in one output path, enabling further granularity of frequency synthesis capabilities.

The LogiCORE™ IP clocking wizard is available to assist in utilizing MMCMs and PLLs to create clock networks in UltraScale architecture designs. The GUI interface is used to collect clock network parameters. The clocking wizard chooses the appropriate CMT resource and optimally configures the CMT resource and associated clock routing resources.

[Chapter 3, Clock Management Tile](#page-32-3), has further details on the CMT block features and connectivity.

### <span id="page-5-0"></span>**Clocking Differences from Previous FPGA Generations**

UltraScale architecture-based devices have significant innovations in the clocking architecture. In general, there is a minimal difference between global and local clock buffers. Thus, the 7 series regional clock buffers have been replaced by new clock buffers with more global reach while automatically utilizing local clock buffers for local distribution of the clocks. The CMT block consists of one MMCM and two PLLs. The MMCM is very similar to the 7 series family while the PLL has new features for the I/O PHY clocking, but a reduced set of functionality and connectivity with respect to clocking the rest of the device.



### **Key Differences from 7 Series FPGAs**

- BUFMRs, BUFRs, and BUFIOs, and the associated routing resources have been removed from this architecture and are replaced by new clock buffers, clock routing, and a completely new I/O clocking architecture.
- The BUFGCTRL and its derivatives are still available. Two new global clock buffer resources BUFGCE and BUFGCE\_DIV have been introduced in the new architecture. At the local clocking level, a new BUFCE\_LEAF clock buffer provides local, vertical clocking with additional features.
- A BUFG\_GT buffer for clock division of GT clocks has been added.
- A new and improved clock routing architecture is available. There are now two types of global routing tracks called routing and distribution. Both types of routing provide a segmentable clock network at the CR level. Both types can be driven by the global clock buffers. The distribution tracks can be driven by routing tracks or directly by clock buffer resources. The distribution tracks provide connectivity to all clocking points in UltraScale devices.
- The CMTs now have two PLLs instead of one.
- MMCMs are similar to the MMCM in the 7 series devices. PLLs have new features related to I/O PHY clocking. However, other clocking related functionality and connectivity has been reduced as compared to the 7 series FPGAs. For example, the PLLs do not support phase compensation or external feedback, have fewer outputs, share a voltage-controlled oscillator (VCO) with the PHY clocking, and have other features removed as compared to the 7 series devices. For this reason, most customers should use the MMCM for general clocking. However, leftover PLLs are also available for use.
- The MMCM output clock frequencies can be dynamically changed without resetting the MMCM.
- The definition of clock region has changed. A clock region no longer spans half a device width in the horizontal direction. UltraScale architecture clock regions have a rectangular shape with a fixed width and height and are organized in tiles. Horizontal and vertical clock tracks are segmented at the clock region boundaries.
- The clock capable pins (CC) have been replaced by global clock pins (GC). In addition, the UltraScale+ architecture has high-density (HD) I/O banks. These banks contain four global clock pins called HDGC which can connect to the BUFGCEs.



# <span id="page-7-3"></span><span id="page-7-0"></span>Clocking Resources

### <span id="page-7-1"></span>**Overview**

UltraScale™ architecture-based devices have several clock routing resources to support various clocking schemes and requirements, including high fanout, short propagation delay, and extremely low skew. To best utilize the clock routing resources, the designer must understand how to get user clocks from the PCB to the UltraScale devices, decide which clock routing resources are optimal, and then access those clock routing resources by utilizing the appropriate I/O and clock buffers.

## <span id="page-7-2"></span>**Global Clock Inputs**

External global user clocks must be brought into the UltraScale device on differential clock pin pairs called global clock (GC) inputs. There are four GC pin pairs in each bank that have direct access to the global clock buffers, MMCMs, and PLLs that are in the CMT adjacent to the same I/O bank. The UltraScale+ architecture has four HDGC pins per HD I/O bank. HD I/O banks are only part of the UltraScale+ family. Since HD I/O banks do not have a XIPHY and CMT next to them, the HDGC pins can only directly drive BUFGCEs (BUFGs) and not MMCMs/PLLs. Therefore, clocks that are connected to an HDGC pin can only connect to MMCMs/PLLs through the BUFGCEs. To avoid a design rule check (DRC) error, set the property CLOCK\_DEDICATED\_ROUTE = FALSE. GC inputs provide dedicated, high-speed access to the internal global and regional clock resources. GC inputs use dedicated routing and must be used for clock inputs where the timing of various clocking features is imperative. General-purpose I/O with local interconnects should not be used for clock signals.

Each I/O bank is located in a single clock region and includes 52 I/O pins. Of the 52 I/O pins in each I/O bank in every I/O column, there are four global clock input pin pairs (a total of eight pins). Each global clock input:

- Can be connected to a differential or single-ended clock on the PCB.
- Can be configured for any I/O standard, including differential I/O standards.
- Has a P-side (master), and an N-side (slave).



Single-ended clock inputs must be assigned to the P (master) side of the GC input pin pair. If a single-ended clock is connected to the P-side of a differential clock pin pair, the N-side cannot be used as another single-ended clock pin—it can only be used as a user I/O. For pin naming conventions, refer to the *UltraScale Architecture Packaging and Pinout User Guide* (UG575) [\[Ref 2\]](#page-98-5).

GC inputs can be used as regular I/O if not used as clocks. When used as regular I/O, global clock input pins can be configured as any single-ended or differential I/O standard. GC inputs can connect to the PHY adjacent to the banks they reside in.

# <span id="page-8-0"></span>**Byte Clock Inputs**

Byte-lane clock (DBC and QBC) input pin pairs are dedicated clock inputs directly driving source synchronous clocks to the bit slices in the I/O banks. In memory applications, these are also known as DQS. When not used for I/O byte clocking these pin have other functions such as general purpose I/Os. For more information, consult the *UltraScale Architecture SelectIO Resources User Guide* (UG571) [\[Ref 3\]](#page-98-6).

# <span id="page-8-1"></span>**Clock Buffers and Clock Routing**

Global clocks are a dedicated network of interconnects specifically designed to reach all clock inputs to the various resources in a device. These networks are designed to have low skew and low duty cycle distortion, low power, and improved jitter tolerance. They are also designed to support very high-frequency signals.

Understanding the signal path for a global clock expands the understanding of the various global clocking resources. The global clocking resources and network consist of these paths and components:

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### AMDA **XILINX Clock Structure**

<span id="page-9-0"></span>The basic device architecture is composed of blocks of CRs. CRs are organized into tiles and thus build columns and rows. Each CR contains slices (CLBs), DSPs, and 36K block RAM blocks. The mix of slice, DSP, and block RAM columns in each CR can be different, but are always identical when stacked in the vertical direction, thus building columns of those resources for the entire device. I/O and GT columns are then inserted with columns of CRs. In addition, there is a single column that contains the configuration logic, SYSMON, and PCIe blocks. An HCS runs horizontally through the device in the center of each row of CRs, I/Os, and GTs. The HCS contains the horizontal routing and distribution tracks as well as leaf clock buffers and clock network interconnects between horizontal/vertical routing and distribution. Vertical tracks of routing and distribution connect all CRs in a column, while vertical routing spans an entire I/O column. There are 24 horizontal routing and 24 distribution tracks [\(Figure 2-1](#page-10-0)), and 24 vertical routing and 24 distribution tracks ([Figure 2-2](#page-11-0)). The purpose of the clock routing resources is to route a clock from the global clock buffers to a central point from where it is connected to the loads via the distribution resources. This central point of the clock network is called a clock root in the UltraScale architecture. The root can be in any CR in a device from where it is routed to the loads via the clock distribution resources. This architecture optimized clock skew. Routing and distribution resources can either connect to adjacent CRs or disconnect (isolated) at the border of the CR as needed. This concept extends to SSI devices as well.

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*Figure 2-1:* **Horizontal Clocking**



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*Figure 2-2:* **Vertical Clocking**

The clocks can be distributed from their sources in one of two ways ([Figure 2-3\)](#page-12-0):

• The clocks can go onto routing tracks that take the clocks to a central point in a CR without going to any loads. The clocks can then drive the distribution tracks unidirectionally from which the clock networks fan out. In this way, the clock buffers can drive to a specific point in the CRs from which the clock buffers travel vertically and then horizontally on the distribution tracks to drive the clocking points. The clocking



points are driven via leaf clocks with clock enable (CE) in that CR and adjacent CRs, if needed. Distribution tracks cannot drive routing tracks.

This distribution scheme is used to move the root for all the loads to be at a specific location for improved, localized skew. Furthermore, both routing and distribution tracks can drive into horizontally or vertically adjacent CRs in a segmented fashion. Routing tracks can drive both routing and distribution tracks in the adjacent CRs while the distribution tracks can drive other horizontal distribution tracks in adjacent CRs. The CR boundary segmentation allows construction of either truly global, device-wide clock networks or more local clock networks of variable sizes by reusing clocking tracks.

• Alternatively, clock buffers can drive straight onto the distribution tracks and distribute the clock in that manner. This reduces the clock insertion delay.

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*Figure 2-3:* **Clock Region Clocking**

• Each of the four bytes in the XIPHY BITSLICE have six connections from the HCS to their global clocking pins. Therefore, only six BUFGs can drive the BITSLICE clocking pins in either half of an I/O bank (a maximum of 6 clocks can drive any half of an I/O bank).

### **AMDA XILINX Clock Buffers**

<span id="page-13-0"></span>The PHY global clocking contains several sets of BUFGCTRLs, BUFGCEs, and BUFGCE\_DIVs. Each set can be driven by four GC pins from the adjacent bank, MMCMs, PLLs in the same PHY, and interconnect. The clock buffers then drive the routing and distribution resources across the entire device. Each PHY contains 24 BUFGCEs, 8 BUFGCTRLs, and 4 BUFGCE\_DIVs but only 24 of them can be used at the same time.



**IMPORTANT:** *It is recommended to only allow the Vivado® Placer to assign all global clock buffers to specific locations. Each CR contains 24 BUFGCEs, 8 BUFGCTRLs and 4 BUFGCE\_DIVs. These clock buffers share the 24 routing tracks and therefore collisions may occur resulting in unroutable designs. If the design requires a number of global clock buffers to be in a certain CR then it is recommended to attach the CLOCK\_REGION property to these buffers instead of a specific LOCATION property.*

<span id="page-13-1"></span>In the clocking architecture, BUFGCTRL multiplexers and all derivatives can be cascaded to adjacent clock buffers, effectively creating a ring of eight BUFGMUXes (BUFGCTRL multiplexers). [Figure 2-4](#page-13-1) shows a simplified diagram of cascading BUFGCTRLs.



*Figure 2-4:* **Cascading BUFGCTRLs**

The following subsections detail the various configurations, primitives, and use models of the clock buffers.

### <span id="page-14-0"></span>**BUFGCTRL Clock Buffer Primitives**

The primitives in [Table 2-1](#page-14-1) are different configurations of the clock BUFGCTRL buffers. The Vivado tools manage the configuration of all these primitives, and the *Vivado Design Suite User Guide: Using Constraints* (UG903) [\[Ref 4\]](#page-98-7) describes the LOC constraint.

Primitive	Input	Output	Control
<b>BUFGCTRL</b>	10, 11	O	CEO, CE1, IGNOREO, IGNORE1, SO, S1
<b>BUFGCE 1</b>		O	<b>CE</b>
<b>BUFGMUX</b>	10, 11	O	S
<b>BUFGMUX 1</b>	10, 11	Ο	5
BUFGMUX_CTRL	10, 11	Ο	5

<span id="page-14-1"></span>*Table 2-1:* **BUFGCTRL Clock Buffer Primitives**

#### *BUFGCTRL*

The BUFGCTRL primitive shown in [Figure 2-5](#page-14-2) can switch between two asynchronous clocks. All other global clock buffer primitives are derived from certain configurations of BUFGCTRL.

<span id="page-14-2"></span>BUFGCTRL has four select lines, S0, S1, CE0, and CE1. It also has two additional control lines, IGNORE0 and IGNORE1. These six control lines are used to control the inputs I0 and I1.



*Figure 2-5:* **BUFGCTRL Primitive**

BUFGCTRL is designed to switch between two clock inputs without the possibility of a glitch. When the presently selected clock transitions from High to Low after S0 and S1 change, the output is kept Low until the other (to-be-selected) clock transitions from High to Low. Then, the new clock starts driving the output.The default configuration for BUFGCTRL is falling-edge sensitive and held at Low prior to the input switching. BUFGCTRL can also be rising-edge sensitive and held at High prior to the input switching by using the INIT\_OUT attribute.

In some applications, the conditions previously described are not desirable. Asserting the IGNORE pins bypasses the BUFGCTRL from detecting the conditions for switching between two clock inputs. In other words, asserting IGNORE causes the MUX to switch the inputs at the instant the select pin changes. IGNORE0 causes the output to switch away from the I0 input immediately when the select pin changes, while IGNORE1 causes the output to switch away from the I1 input immediately when the select pin changes.

Selection of an input clock requires a "select" pair (S0 and CE0, or S1 and CE1) to be asserted High. If either S or clock enable (CE) is not asserted High, the desired input is not selected. In normal operation, both S and CE pairs (all four select lines) are not expected to be asserted High simultaneously. Typically, only one pin of a "select" pair is used as a select line, while the other pin is tied High. The truth table is shown in [Table 2-2](#page-15-1).

<b>CEO</b>	CE1	
		Old Input <sup>(1)</sup>

<span id="page-15-1"></span>*Table 2-2:* **Truth Table for Clocking Resources**

#### **Notes:**

<span id="page-15-0"></span>1. Old input refers to the valid input clock before this state is achieved.

2. For all other states, the output becomes the value of INIT\_OUT and does not toggle.

Although both S and CE are used to select a desired output, only S is suggested for glitch-free switching. This is because when using CE to switch clocks, the change in clock selection can be faster than when using S. A violation in the setup/hold time of the CE pins causes a glitch at the clock output. On the other hand, using the S pins allows the user to switch between the two clock inputs without regard to setup/hold times. As a result, using S to switch clocks does not result in a glitch. See [BUFGMUX\\_CTRL, page 22](#page-21-0).

The timing diagram in [Figure 2-6](#page-16-0) illustrates various clock switching conditions using the BUFGCTRL primitives. Exact timing numbers are best found using the speed specification.

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*Figure 2-6:* **BUFGCTRL Timing Diagram**

- Before time event 1, output O uses input I0.
- At time TBCCCK\_CE, before the rising edge at time event 1, both CE0 and S0 are deasserted Low. At about the same time, both CE1 and S1 are asserted High.
- At time TBCCKO\_O, after time event 3, output O uses input I1. This occurs after a High-to-Low transition of I0 (event 2) followed by a High-to-Low transition of I1.
- At time event 4, IGNORE1 is asserted.
- At time event 5, CE0 and S0 are asserted High while CE1 and S1 are deasserted Low. At TBCCKO\_O, after time event 6, output O has switched from I1 to I0 without requiring a High-to-Low transition of I1.

Other capabilities of BUFGCTRL are:

- Pre-selection of the I0 and I1 inputs are made after configuration but before device operation.
- The initial output after configuration can be selected as either High or Low.
- Clock selection using CE0 and CE1 only (S0 and S1 tied High) can change the clock selection without waiting for a High-to-Low transition on the previously selected clock.





[Table 2-3](#page-17-1) summarizes the attributes for the BUFGCTRL primitive.

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#### **Notes:**

<span id="page-17-0"></span>1. Both PRESELECT attributes cannot be TRUE at the same time.

#### *BUFGCE\_1*

BUFGCE\_1 is a clock buffer with one clock input, one clock output, and a clock enable line. This primitive is based on BUFGCTRL with some pins connected to logic High or Low. [Figure 2-7](#page-17-2) illustrates the relationship of BUFGCE\_1 and BUFGCTRL. The LOC constraint is available for manually placing the BUFGCE\_1 location. See the *Vivado Design Suite User Guide: Using Constraints* (UG903) [\[Ref 4\]](#page-98-7) for more information.

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*Figure 2-7:* **BUFGCE\_1 as BUFGCTRL**

The switching condition for BUFGCE\_1 is similar to BUFGCTRL with INIT\_OUT set to 1. If the CE input is Low prior to the incoming falling clock edge, the following clock pulse does not pass through the clock buffer, and the output stays High. Any level change of CE during the incoming clock Low pulse has no effect until the clock transitions High. The output stays High when the clock is disabled. However, when the clock is being disabled, it completes the clock Low pulse.

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**IMPORTANT:** *Because the clock enable line uses the CE pin of the BUFGCTRL, the select signal must meet the setup time requirement. Violating this setup time can result in a glitch.*

<span id="page-18-0"></span>[Figure 2-8](#page-18-0) illustrates the timing diagram for BUFGCE\_1.



*Figure 2-8:* **BUFGCE\_1 Timing Diagram**

#### *BUFGMUX and BUFGMUX\_1*

BUFGMUX is a clock buffer with two clock inputs, one clock output, and a select line. This primitive is based on BUFGCTRL with some pins connected to logic High or Low.

[Figure 2-9](#page-18-1) illustrates the relationship of BUFGMUX and BUFGCTRL. The LOC constraint is available for manually placing the BUFGMUX and BUFGCTRL locations. See the *Vivado Design Suite User Guide: Using Constraints* (UG903) [\[Ref 4\]](#page-98-7) for more information.

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*Figure 2-9:* **BUFGMUX as BUFGCTRL**

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**IMPORTANT:** *Because BUFGMUX uses the CE pins as select pins, when using the select, the setup time requirement must be met. Violating this setup time can result in a glitch.*

Switching conditions for BUFGMUX are the same as the CE pins on BUFGCTRL. [Figure 2-10](#page-19-0) illustrates the timing diagram for BUFGMUX.

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*Figure 2-10:* **BUFGMUX Timing Diagram**

#### In [Figure 2-10](#page-19-0):

- The current clock is 10.
- S is activated High.
- If I0 is currently High, the multiplexer waits for I0 to deassert Low.
- After I0 is Low, the multiplexer output stays Low until I1 transitions from High to Low.
- When I1 transitions from High to Low, the output switches to I1.
- If setup/hold times are met, no glitches or short pulses can appear on the output.

BUFGMUX\_1 is rising-edge sensitive and held at High prior to input switch. [Figure 2-11](#page-20-0) illustrates the timing diagram for BUFGMUX 1. The LOC constraint is available for manually placing the BUFGMUX and BUFGMUX\_1 locations. See the *Vivado Design Suite User Guide: Using Constraints* (UG903) [\[Ref 4\]](#page-98-7) for more information.

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*Figure 2-11:* **BUFGMUX\_1 Timing Diagram**

#### In [Figure 2-11](#page-20-0):

- The current clock is I0.
- S is activated High.
- If I0 is currently Low, the multiplexer waits for I0 to be asserted High.
- After I0 is High, the multiplexer output stays High until I1 transitions from Low to High.
- When I1 transitions from Low to High, the output switches to I1.
- If setup/hold times are met, no glitches or short pulses can appear on the output.

[Table 2-4](#page-20-1) summarizes the attributes for the BUFGMUX primitive.

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#### <span id="page-21-0"></span>*BUFGMUX\_CTRL*

BUFGMUX\_CTRL is a clock buffer with two clock inputs, one clock output, and a select line. This primitive is based on BUFGCTRL with some pins connected to logic High or Low. [Figure 2-12](#page-21-1) illustrates the relationship of BUFGMUX\_CTRL and BUFGCTRL.

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*Figure 2-12:* **BUFGMUX\_CTRL as BUFGCTRL**

BUFGMUX\_CTRL uses the S pins as select pins. S can switch anytime without causing a glitch. The setup/hold time on S is for determining whether the output passes an extra pulse of the previously selected clock before switching to the new clock. If S changes as shown in [Figure 2-13](#page-22-1) prior to the setup time TBCCCK\_S and before I0 transitions from High to Low, the output does not pass an extra pulse of I0. If S changes following the hold time for S, the output passes an extra pulse. If S violates the setup/hold requirements, the output might pass the extra pulse but it will not glitch. In any case, the output changes to the new clock within three clock cycles of the slower clock.

The setup/hold requirements for S0 and S1 are with respect to the falling clock edge, not the rising edge as for CE0 and CE1.

Switching conditions for BUFGMUX\_CTRL are the same as the S pin of BUFGCTRL. [Figure 2-13](#page-22-1) illustrates the timing diagram for BUFGMUX\_CTRL.

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*Figure 2-13:* **BUFGMUX\_CTRL Timing Diagram**

Other capabilities of the BUFGMUX\_CTRL primitive are:

- I0 and I1 inputs can be preselected after configuration.
- Initial output can be selected as High or Low after configuration.

#### <span id="page-22-0"></span>*Additional BUFGCTRL Use Models*

#### **Asynchronous MUX Using BUFGCTRL**

In some cases an application requires immediate switching between clock inputs or bypassing the edge sensitivity of BUFGCTRL. An example is when one of the clock inputs is no longer switching. If this happens, the clock output would not have the proper switching conditions because the BUFGCTRL never detected a clock edge. This case uses the asynchronous MUX. [Figure 2-14](#page-23-0) illustrates an asynchronous MUX with BUFGCTRL design example.



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*Figure 2-14:* **Asynchronous MUX with BUFGCTRL Design Example**

[Figure 2-15](#page-23-1) shows the asynchronous MUX timing diagram.

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*Figure 2-15:* **Asynchronous MUX Timing Diagram**

In [Figure 2-15](#page-23-1):

- The current clock is from I0.
- S is activated High.
- The clock output immediately switches to I1.
- When ignore signals are asserted High, glitch protection is disabled.

#### **BUFGMUX\_CTRL with a Clock Enable**

A BUFGMUX\_CTRL with a clock enable BUFGCTRL configuration allows you to choose between the incoming clock inputs. If needed, the clock enable is used to disable the output. [Figure 2-16](#page-24-0) illustrates the BUFGCTRL usage design example and [Figure 2-17](#page-25-0) shows the timing diagram.

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*Figure 2-16:* **BUFGMUX\_CTRL with a CE and BUFGCTRL**

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*Figure 2-17:* **BUFGMUX\_CTRL with a CE Timing Diagram**

#### In [Figure 2-17](#page-25-0):

- At time event 1, output O uses input I0.
- Before time event 2, S is asserted High.
- At time TBCCKO\_O, after time event 2, output O uses input I1. This occurs after a High-to-Low transition of I0 followed by a High-to-Low transition of I1 is completed.
- At time TBCCCK\_CE, before time event 3, CE is asserted Low. To avoid any output clock glitches, the clock output is switched Low and kept at Low until after a High-to-Low transition of I1 is completed.

### **AMDA XILINX BUFGCE Clock Buffers**

<span id="page-26-1"></span><span id="page-26-0"></span>BUFGCE is a clock buffer with one clock input, one clock output, and a clock enable line ([Figure 2-18\)](#page-26-1). This buffer provides glitchless clock gating. BUFGCE can directly drive the routing resources and is a clock buffer with a single gated input. Its O output is 0 when CE is Low (inactive). When CE is High, the I input is transferred to the O output.



*Figure 2-18:* **BUFGCE Buffer**

[Table 2-5](#page-26-2) lists the BUFGCE pins.

#### <span id="page-26-2"></span>*Table 2-5:* **BUFGCE Pins**



[Table 2-6](#page-26-3) shows the BUFGCE attributes.

#### <span id="page-26-3"></span>*Table 2-6:* **BUFGCE Attributes**





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*Figure 2-19:* **BUFGCE Timing Diagram**

### <span id="page-27-0"></span>**BUFG Clock Buffer**

<span id="page-27-3"></span>BUFG is a clock buffer with one clock input and one clock output. This primitive is based on BUFGCE with the CE pin connected to High, as shown in [Figure 2-20](#page-27-3).



*Figure 2-20:* **BUFG Buffer**

### <span id="page-27-1"></span>**BUFCE\_LEAF Clock Buffer**

BUFCE\_LEAF is a clock buffer with CE for leaf driving off horizontal HCS row. This buffer is an interconnect leaf clock buffer driving the clocking point of the various blocks with a single gated input. Its O output is 0 when CE is Low (inactive). When CE is High, the I input is transferred to the O output. [Table 2-7](#page-27-4) shows the BUFCE LEAF attributes.

<span id="page-27-4"></span>*Table 2-7:* **BUFCE\_LEAF Attributes**

<b>Attribute</b> <b>Name</b>	<b>Values</b>	<b>Default</b>	Type	<b>Description</b>
CE TYPE	SYNC, ASYNC	<b>SYNC</b>	<b>STRING</b>	Sets the clock enable behavior where SYNC allows for glitchless transition while ASYNC allows immediate transition.

The BUFGCE\_LEAF is documented for information purpose only and is not user accessible in Vivado design suite (e.g., for instantiation, placement, etc.).

### **AMDA XILINX BUFGCE\_DIV**

BUFGCE\_DIV is a clock buffer with one clock input (I), one clock output (O), one clear input (CLR) and a clock enable (CE) input. BUFGCE\_DIV can directly drive the routing and distribution resources and is a clock buffer with a single gated input and a reset. Its O output is 0 when CLR is High (active). When CE is High, the I input is transferred to the O output. CE is synchronous to the clock for glitch-free operation. CLR is an asynchronous reset assertion and synchronous reset deassertion to this buffer. BUFGCE\_DIV can also divide the input clock by 1 to 8.

When CLR (reset) is deasserted, the output clock transitions from Low to High on the first edge after the CLR is deasserted, regardless of the divide value. Therefore, BUFGCE\_DIV output clocks are always aligned, regardless of the divide value. The output clock then toggles at the divided frequency. When CLR is asserted, the clock stops toggling after some clock-to-out time. For an odd divide, the duty cycle is not 50% because the clock is High one cycle less than it is Low. For example, for a divide value of 7, the clock is High for 3 cycles and Low for 4 cycles.

When CE is deasserted, the output stops at its current state, High or Low. When CE is reasserted, the internal counter restarts from where it stopped. For example, if the divide value is 8 and CE is deasserted two input clock cycles after the last output High transition, the output stays High. Then when CE is reasserted, the output transitions Low after two input clock cycles. If the reset input is used, upon assertion the output transitions Low immediately if the current output is High, otherwise it stays Low.

Since reset is synchronously deasserted, when reset is deasserted in the previous example, the output transitions High at the next input clock edge and transitions Low four input clock cycles later.

[Table 2-8](#page-28-0) shows the BUFGCE DIV pins.



#### <span id="page-28-0"></span>*Table 2-8:* **BUFGCE\_DIV Pins**

[Table 2-9](#page-28-1) shows the BUFGCE\_DIV attributes.

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### AMDA **XILINX BUFG\_GT and BUFG\_GT\_SYNC**

The BUFG\_GTs are driven by the gigabit transceivers (GTs) and the ADC/DAC blocks in the RFSoC devices. BUFG\_GTs provide the only means for those blocks to drive the clock routing resources. Only GTs, ADCs, and DACs can drive BUFG\_GTs. BUFG\_GT ([Figure 2-21\)](#page-30-0) is a clock buffer with one clock input (I), one clock output (O), one clear input (CLR) with CLR mask input (CLRMASK), a clock enable (CE) input with a CE mask input (CEMASK) and a 3-bit divide (DIV[2:0]) input. BUFG\_GT\_SYNC is the synchronizer circuit for the BUFG\_GTs and is shown here explicitly. The BUFG\_GT\_SYNC primitive is automatically inserted by the Vivado tools, if not present in the design. This buffer can directly drive the routing and distribution resources and is a clock buffer with a single gated input and a reset. When CE is deasserted (Low) the output stops at its current state, High or Low. When CE is High, the I input is transferred to the O output. Both edges of CE and the deassertion of CLR are automatically synchronized to the clock for glitch-free operation. The Vivado tools do not support timing for the CE pin, therefore, a deterministic latency cannot be achieved. CLR is an asynchronous reset assertion and synchronous reset deassertion to the BUFG\_GTs. The synchronizers have two stages, but the CLR pin does not have a setup/hold timing arc assigned. Therefore, the latency is not deterministic. BUFG\_GTs can also divide the input clock by 1 to 8. The DIV[2:0] value is the actual divide minus 1 (i.e., 3'b000 corresponds to 1 while 3'b111 corresponds to 8). The divide value (DIV inputs), CEMASK, and CLRMASK must be changed while the buffer is held in reset. The input clock is allowed to change while CE is deasserted or reset is asserted. However, there is a minimum deassertion/assertion time for those control signals.

**IMPORTANT:** *In RFSoC devices, the ADC and DAC tiles replace the GTH transceivers that are present in the MPSoC devices. Therefore, ADC and DAC utilize the existing BUFG\_GT clock buffers to drive the global clock trees in the device and then back into the ADC/DAC tiles from the fabric. However, the DIV function cannot be used when connecting to the ADC/DAC clocks. Hence the BUFG\_GT functions more like a simple global clock buffer with CE and CLR.*

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**IMPORTANT:** *For devices in Zynq Ultrascale+ and selected devices in Kintex Ultrascale+ families (XCKU9P and above), assigning the clock root in the same region as the BUFG\_GT driver (X0 column) can cause an unroutable situation and prevent the output clocks from reaching loads that are placed in the clock regions to the right of the Zynq UltraScale+ device PS or Kintex UltraScale+ empty PL regions in the Y0, Y1, and Y2 rows. To avoid the issue, users need to assign clock root one clock region to the right, in this case the X1 column.*

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UltraScale devices have 24 BUFG\_GTs and 10 BUFG\_GT\_SYNCs per GT Quad. UltraScale+ devices also have 24 BUFG\_GTs but they have 14 BUFG\_GT\_SYNCs per GT Quad. Any of the GT output clocks in a Quad can be multiplexed to any of the BUFG\_GTs. In UltraScale devices, there are 10 CE and CLR pins which correspond to the 10 BUFG\_GT\_SYNCs and that can drive the 24 BUFG\_GTs. In UltraScale+ devices, there are 14 CE and CLR pins which correspond to the 14 BUFG\_GT\_SYNCs and that can drive the 24 BUFG\_GTs. Each of the BUFG\_GT buffers have an individual mask for both CE and CLR (24). All BUFG\_GTs driven by the same clock source must also have a common CE and CLR signal. Tying off CE and CLR to a constant signal in this case is not allowed, but a mask can be set to provide the same functionality. The output clocks of the BUFG\_GTs connected to the same input clock are synchronized (phase aligned) to each other when coming out of reset (CLR) or on CE assertion. Individual mask pins can be used to control which BUFG\_GT(s) out of the group of 24 respond to CE and CLR and therefore are synchronized to each other or retain their previous phase and divide value. These clock buffers are located in the HCS and are directly driven by the GT output clocks. Their purpose is to directly drive hard blocks and logic in the CRs via routing and distribution resources. GTs have no other direct, dedicated connections to other clock resources. However, they can connect to the CMT via the BUFG\_GT and the clock routing resources.

When CLR (reset) is deasserted, the output transitions High at the next input clock edge and transitions Low divide value/2 input clock cycles later. Because reset is synchronously deasserted, two clock cycles of synchronization latency need to be added to the output to transition it to High. The next transition to Low then occurs four input clock cycles after that (divide by 8). The output transitions to High a number of clock cycles later, determined by the divide value specified, after which the output clock toggles at the divided frequency.

When CLR is asserted, the clock stops toggling at Low after some clock-to-out time. For an odd divide, the duty cycle is not 50% because the clock is High one cycle less than it is Low. For example, for a divide value of 7, the clock is High for 3 cycles and Low for 4 cycles.

When CE is deasserted, the output stops at its current state, High or Low. When CE is reasserted, the internal counter restarts from where it stopped. For example, if the divide value is 8 and CE is deasserted two input clock cycles after the last output High transition, the output stays High. Then, when CE is reasserted, the output transitions Low four input clock cycles later (two for synchronization and two to complete the High time period of the output clock because of being a divide by 8). If the reset input is used, upon assertion the output transitions Low immediately if the current output is High, otherwise it stays Low. Because reset is synchronously deasserted, when reset is deasserted in the previous example, the output transitions High two input clock cycles later due to synchronization and transitions Low four input clock cycles after that (divide by 8).

The mask pins (CEMASK and CLRMASK) control how a specific, single BUFG\_GT responds to the CE/CLR control inputs. When a mask pin is deasserted, its respective control pin has their normal function. When a mask pin is asserted, the respective control pin is ignored, in effect allowing the clock to propagate through (i.e., CE is effectively High and reset is effectively Low). The internal synchronizers phase align the clock outputs of the BUFG\_GTs that are not masked. Both edges of CE are synchronized while only the deassertion of reset is synchronized. Assertion of reset immediately causes the output of the BUFG\_GT to go Low if it was previously High. This can cause a potential glitch or runt pulse. If this is not acceptable, CE should be used to stop the output. A reset should then be asserted after two input clock cycles plus half the "divide value." This ensures that the output clock High time (if the output clock happened to be disabled High) is no less than normal.



**IMPORTANT:** *While the synchronizers ensure that all BUFG\_GTs driven by the same clock come out of reset in phase, they might not be in phase with BUFG\_GTs that have not been reset (i.e., that have their reset mask asserted).*

### **BUFG\_PS**

The BUFG\_PS is a simple clock buffer with one clock input (I), one clock output (O). This clock buffer is a resource for the Zynq UltraScale+ MPSoC processor system (PS) and provides access to the programmable logic (PL) clock routing resources for clocks from the processor into the PL. Up to 18 PS clocks can drive the BUFG\_PS. This clock buffer resides next to the PS.

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# <span id="page-32-3"></span><span id="page-32-0"></span>Clock Management Tile

### <span id="page-32-1"></span>**Overview**

In UltraScale™ architecture-based devices, the clock management tile (CMT) includes a mixed-mode clock manager (MMCM) and two phase-locked loops (PLLs). The main purpose of the PLL is to generate clocking for the I/Os. But it also contains a limited subset of the MMCM functions that can be used for general clocking purposes.

The clock input connectivity allows multiple resources to provide the reference clock(s) to the MMCM. The number of output counters (dividers) is eight, with some of them capable of driving out an inverted clock signal (180° phase shift). MMCMs have infinite fine phase shift capability in either direction and can be used in dynamic phase shift mode. The resolution of the fine phase shift depends on the voltage-controlled oscillator (VCO) frequency. Fractional divide functionality in increments of 1/8th (0.125) for CLKFBOUT and CLKOUT0 are available to support greater clock frequency synthesis capability. UltraScale architecture-based devices have a spread spectrum (SS) capability. If the MMCM spread-spectrum feature is not used, a spread spectrum on an external input clock will not be filtered and thus passed on to the output clock.

# <span id="page-32-2"></span>**MMCMs**

UltraScale architecture-based devices contain one CMT per I/O bank. The MMCMs serve as frequency synthesizers for a wide range of frequencies, and as jitter filters for either external or internal clocks, and deskew clocks.

Input multiplexers select the reference and feedback clocks from either the global clock I/Os or the clock routing or distribution resources. Each clock input has a programmable counter divider (D). The phase-frequency detector (PFD) compares both phase and frequency of the rising edges of both the input (reference) clock and the feedback clock. If a minimum High/Low pulse is maintained, the duty cycle is ancillary. The PFD is used to generate a signal proportional to the phase and frequency between the two clocks. This signal drives the charge pump (CP) and loop filter (LF) to generate a reference voltage to the VCO. The PFD produces an up or down signal to the charge pump and loop filter to determine whether the VCO should operate at a higher or lower frequency. When VCO operates at a frequency that is too high, the PFD activates a down signal causing the control



voltage to be reduced, thus decreasing the VCO operating frequency. When the VCO operates at a frequency that is too low, an up signal increases voltage. The VCO produces eight output phases and one variable phase for fine-phase shifting. Each output phase can be selected as the reference clock to the output counters ([Figure 3-1\)](#page-33-0). Each counter can be independently programmed for a given customer design. A special counter M is also provided. This counter controls the feedback clock of the MMCM, allowing a wide range of frequency synthesis.

In addition to integer divide output counters, MMCMs add a fractional counter for CLKOUT0 and CLKFBOUT.

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*Figure 3-1:* **Detailed MMCM Block Diagram**

### AMDA **XILINX General Usage Description**

#### *MMCM Primitives*

The UltraScale device MMCM primitives, MMCME3\_BASE and MMCME3\_ADV, are shown in [Figure 3-2.](#page-34-0) The UltraScale+ devices have the same primitives with an E4 instead of an E3. In this user guide, MMCME4\_ADV is the same as the MMCME3\_ADV, and MMCME4\_BASE is the same as MMCME3\_BASE.

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#### **MMCME3\_BASE or MMCME4\_BASE Primitives**

The MMCME#\_BASE primitives provide access to the most frequently used features of a stand-alone MMCM. Clock deskew, frequency synthesis, coarse phase shifting, and duty



cycle programming are available to use with the MMCME#\_BASE. The ports are listed in [Table 3-1](#page-35-0).

#### <span id="page-35-0"></span>*Table 3-1:* **MMCME#\_BASE Ports**



#### **MMCME3\_ADV and MMCME4\_ADV Primitives**

The MMCME#\_ADV primitive provides access to all MMCME#\_BASE features plus additional ports for clock switching, access to the dynamic reconfiguration port (DRP), and dynamic fine-phase shifting. The MMCME#\_ADV ports are listed in [Table 3-2](#page-35-1).

<span id="page-35-1"></span>*Table 3-2:* **MMCME#\_ADV Ports**

<b>Description</b>	<b>Ports</b>
Clock input	CLKIN1, CLKIN2, CLKFBIN, DCLK, PSCLK
Control and data input	RST, CLKINSEL, DWE, DEN, DADDR, DI, PSINCDEC, PSEN, CDDCREQ
Clock output	CLKOUT0 to CLKOUT6, CLKOUT0B to CLKOUT3B, CLKFBOUT, and CLKFBOUTB
Status and data output	LOCKED, DO, DRDY, PSDONE, CLKINSTOPPED, CLKFBSTOPPED, CDDCDONE
Power control	PWRDWN

The MMCM is a mixed-signal block designed to support clock network deskew, frequency synthesis, and jitter reduction. These three modes of operation are discussed in more detail in this section. The VCO operating frequency can be determined by using the following relationship:

$$
F_{VCO} = F_{CLKIN} \times \frac{M}{D}
$$
 *Equation 3-1*

$$
F_{OUT} = F_{CLKIN} \times \frac{M}{D \times O}
$$
 Equation 3-2

where the M, D, and O counters are shown in [Figure 3-2, page 35](#page-34-0). The value of M corresponds to the CLKFBOUT\_MULT\_F setting, the value of D to the DIVCLK\_DIVIDE, and O to the CLKOUT\_DIVIDE.

The seven "O" counters can be independently programmed. For example, O0 can be programmed to do a divide-by-two while O1 is programmed for a divide-by-three. The only constraint is that the VCO operating frequency must be the same for all the output counters because a single VCO drives all the counters.
### AMDA **XILINX Clock Network Deskew**

In many cases, designers do not want to incur the delay on a clock network in their I/O timing budget. Therefore, an MMCM is used to compensate for the clock network delay. This feature is supported in UltraScale architecture-based devices. A clock output matching the reference clock CLKIN frequency (always CLKFBOUT) is connected to a clock buffer of the same type driving the logic and fed back to the CLKFBIN feedback pin of the MMCM. The remaining outputs can still be used to divide the clock down for additionally synthesized frequencies. In this case, all output clocks have a defined phase relationship to the input reference clock.

### **Frequency Synthesis Only Using Integer Divide**

The MMCMs can also be used for stand-alone frequency synthesis. In this application, the MMCM is not used to deskew a clock network. Rather, it generates an output clock frequency for other blocks. In this mode, the MMCM feedback paths are internal, which keeps all the routing local, minimizing the jitter. [Figure 3-3](#page-36-0) shows the MMCM configured as a frequency synthesizer. In this example, an external 33 MHz reference clock is available. The reference clock can be a crystal oscillator or the output of another MMCM. Setting the M counter to 32 makes the VCO oscillate at 1056 MHz (33 MHz x 32). The MMCM outputs are programmed to provide (for example) a 528 MHz processor clock, a 264 MHz gasket clock, a 176 MHz clock, a 132 MHz memory interface clock, a 66 MHz interface, and a 33 MHz interface. In this example, there are no required phase relationships between the reference clock and the output clocks, but there are required relationships between the output clocks.

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*Figure 3-3:* **MMCM as a Frequency Synthesizer**

### **Frequency Synthesis Using Fractional Divide in the MMCM**

Devices support fractional (non-integer) divides in the CLKOUT0 output path. The resolution of the fractional divide is 1/8 or 0.125, effectively increasing the number of synthesizeable frequencies by a factor of eight. For example, if the CLKIN frequency is 100 MHz and the M divide value is set to 8, the VCO frequency is 800 MHz. CLKOUT0 can be used to further fractionally divide the 800 MHz VCO frequency (e.g., CLKOUT0\_DIVIDE = 2.5, resulting in a 320 MHz output frequency).

When using the fractional divider, the duty cycle is not programmable for outputs used in the fractional mode.

### **Jitter Filter**

MMCMs reduce the jitter inherent on a reference clock. The MMCM can be instantiated as a stand-alone function to only support filtering jitter from an external clock before it is driven into another block. As a jitter filter, it is usually assumed that the MMCM act as a buffer and regenerate the input frequency on the output (e.g.,  $F_{IN}$  = 100 MHz,  $F<sub>OUT</sub> = 100 MHz$ ). In general, greater jitter filtering is possible by using the MMCM attribute BANDWIDTH set to Low. Setting the BANDWIDTH to Low can incur an increase in the static offset of the MMCM.

### **Limitations**

The MMCM has some restrictions that must be adhered to. These are summarized in the MMCM electrical specifications in the UltraScale device data sheets [\[Ref 5\]](#page-98-0). In general, the major limitations are VCO operation range, input frequency, duty cycle programmability, and phase shift. In addition, there are connectivity limitations to other clocking elements (pins, GTs, and clock buffers). Cascading MMCMs can only occur through the clock routing network.

### *VCO Operating Range*

The minimum and maximum VCO operating frequencies are defined in the electrical specification of the UltraScale device data sheets [\[Ref 5\].](#page-98-0) These values can also be extracted from the speed specification.

### *Minimum and Maximum Input Frequencies*

The minimum and maximum CLKIN input frequencies are defined in the electrical specification of the UltraScale device data sheets [\[Ref 5\].](#page-98-0)

### *Duty Cycle Programmability*

Only discrete duty cycles are possible given a VCO operating frequency. Depending on the CLKOUT\_DIVIDE value, a minimum and maximum range is possible with a step size that is also dependent on the CLKOUT\_DIVIDE value. The Clocking Wizard tool gives the possible values for a given CLKOUT\_DIVIDE.

### *Phase Shift*

In many cases, there needs to be a phase shift between clocks. The MMCM has multiple options to implement phase shifting. Static phase shifting can be achieved by selecting one of the eight VCO output phases with additional fine phase shifting available in the CLKOUT output counters depending on the CLKOUT divide value. There is also an interpolated phase shifting capability in either fixed or dynamic mode. The MMCM phase shifting capabilities are very powerful, which can lead to complex scenarios. By using the Clocking Wizard, the allowable phase shift values are determined based on the MMCM configuration settings.

### <span id="page-38-0"></span>**Static Phase Shift Mode (MMCM and PLL)**

The static phase shift (SPS) resolution in time units is defined as:

$$
SPS = \frac{1}{8F_{VCO}} period \text{ or } \frac{D}{8MF_{IN}} period
$$
 Equation 3-3

Because the VCO can provide eight phase-shifted clocks at 45° each; always providing possible settings for 0°, 45°, 90°, 135°, 180°, 225°, 270°, and 315° of phase shift. The higher the VCO frequency is, the smaller the phase shift resolution. Because the VCO has a distinct operating range, it is possible to bound the phase shift resolution using from

 $\frac{1}{1}$  to  $\frac{1}{25}$  period. 8*FVCOMIN*  $\frac{1}{25}$  to  $\frac{1}{25}$ 8*FVCOMAX* -----------------------

Each CLKOUT output counter is individually programmable allowing each to have an additional phase shift resolution in degrees based on the phase of the VCO selected and the CLKOUT counter divide value. The granularity of the CLKOUT phase shift value can be calculated as 45°/CLKOUT\_DIVIDE value. The maximum phase shift range is also determined by the CLKOUT\_DIVIDE value. The maximum phase shift is 360° when CLKOUT\_DIVIDE  $\leq 64$ . When CLKOUT\_DIVIDE is  $> 64$ , the maximum phase shift is:

Maximum Phase Shift = 
$$
\left(\frac{63}{CLKOUT\_DIVIDE} \times 360\right) + (7 \times Phase Shift Value)
$$
 Equation 3-4

It is possible to phase shift the CLKFBOUT feedback clock. In that case, all CLKOUT output clocks are negatively phase shifted with respect to CLKIN.



The two fractional counters (CLKFBOUT and CLKOUT0) also have static phase shift capability. A phase shift step is defined as:

$$
SPS(frac) = \frac{360}{8 \times fractional\_divide\_value} or \frac{45}{fractional\_divide\_value}
$$
 *Equation 3-5*

For example, if the fractional divide value is 2.125, a static phase shift step is  $360/(2.125 \times 8) = 21.176$  degrees.

#### **Interpolated Fine Phase Shift in Fixed or Dynamic Mode in the MMCM**

Interpolated fine phase shift (IFPS) mode in the MMCM has linear shift behavior independent of the CLKOUT\_DIVIDE value, and the phase shift resolution only depends on the VCO frequency. In this mode, the output clocks can be rotated 360° round robin

in linear increments of  $\frac{1}{\sqrt{55}}$ . 56*FVCO* ----------------

If the VCO runs at 600 MHz, the phase resolution is approximately (rounded) 30 ps, and at 1.6 GHz is approximately (rounded) 11 ps.

No initial phase shift value can be programmed during configuration. When using fine phase shift, no initial phase shift amount can be set. The phase always starts at zero and can then be dynamically incremented or decremented. The dynamic phase shift is controlled by the PS interface of the MMCME#\_ADV. This phase shift mode equally affects all CLKOUT output clocks that are selected for this mode by setting the USE\_FINE\_PS attribute to TRUE. In interpolated fine phase shift mode, a clock must always be connected to the PSCLK pin of the MMCM. Regardless of the interpolated fine phase shift mode (fixed or dynamic) a clock is in, the clock must always be connected to the PSCLK pin of the MMCM. Each individual CLKOUT counter can independently either select the interpolated phase shift, the previously described static phase shift mode, or none. Fractional divide is not allowed in either fixed or dynamic interpolated fine phase shift mode. Fixed or dynamic phase shifting of the feedback path results in a negative phase shift of all output clocks with respect to CLKIN. The dynamic phase shift interface cannot be used when the phase shift mode is set to fixed.

### **Dynamic Phase Shift Interface in the MMCM**

The MMCME#\_ADV primitive provides three inputs and one output for dynamic fine phase shifting. Each CLKOUT and the CLKFBOUT divider can be individually selected for phase shifting. The attributes CLKOUT[0:6]\_USE\_FINE\_PS and CLKFBOUT\_USE\_FINE\_PS select the output clocks to be dynamically phase shifted. The dynamic phase shift amount is common to all the output clocks selected.

The variable phase shift is controlled by the PSEN, PSINCDEC, PSCLK, and PSDONE ports ([Figure 3-4](#page-40-0)). The phase of the MMCM output clock(s) increments/decrements according to the interaction of PSEN, PSINCDEC, PSCLK, and PSDONE from the initial or previously performed dynamic phase shift. PSEN, PSINCDEC, and PSDONE are synchronous to PSCLK. When PSEN is asserted for one PSCLK clock period, a phase shift increment/decrement is initiated. When PSINCDEC is High, an increment is initiated and when PSINCDEC is Low, a decrement is initiated. Each increment adds to the phase shift of the MMCM clock outputs by 1/56th of the VCO period. Similarly, each decrement decreases the phase shift by 1/56th of the VCO period. PSEN must be active for one PSCLK period. PSDONE is High for exactly one clock period when the phase shift is complete. The number of PSCLK cycles is deterministic (12 PSCLK cycles). After initiating the phase shift by asserting PSEN and the completion of the phase shift signaled by PSDONE, the MMCM output clocks gradually drift from their original phase shift to an increment/decrement phase shift in a linear fashion. The completion of the increment or decrement is signaled when PSDONE asserts High. After PSDONE has pulsed High, another increment/decrement can be initiated. There is no maximum phase shift or phase shift overflow. An entire clock period (360°) can always be phase shifted regardless of frequency. When the end of the period is reached, the phase shift wraps around round-robin style.

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*Figure 3-4:* **Phase Shift Timing Diagram**

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### <span id="page-41-1"></span>**MMCM Clock Divide Dynamic Change**

The Clock Divide Dynamic Change (CDDC) feature supports the dynamic change of the clock output dividers (CLKOUT[6:0]\_DIVIDE) in conjunction with the DRP interface without the need for resetting the MMCM. Effectively, one or more of the MMCM output clock frequencies can be changed while leaving other output clocks untouched and running continuously. Two pins (CDDCREQ and CDDCDONE) control the handshaking. The application requests a change of output counter values (the CLKOUT\_DIVIDE value) by asserting the CDDCREQ signal. New values are written through the standard DRP interface one port at a time and governed by standard DRP protocol (DEN, DWE, and DRDY). The DRP address of the CLKOUT[6:0] counter written to determines which output clocks are affected. After a CLKOUTx counter is written to, the associated clock output stops toggling. This can be followed by more changes (DRP writes) to other CLKOUT counters in an identical fashion. When all DRP writes have been completed (after the last DRDY), the CDDCREQ input must be deasserted, after which the affected output counter(s) are synchronously restarted. The MMCM acknowledges that the changes have taken place and the new output clocks (frequencies) are available for use by asserting CDDCDONE.

CLKOUT ports not affected by the CDDC change continue to function uninterrupted during this operation and maintain their phase relationship to each other ([Figure 3-5\)](#page-41-0). However, the output clocks (ports) that were changed via the CDDC procedure are not phase aligned (synchronized) to the other output clocks not affected by CDDCREQ. Clocks affected by CDDCREQ should not be used after the signal has been asserted because the output might glitch and the clocks stop toggling. This feature is not available in fractional mode.

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*Figure 3-5:* **CDDC Timing Diagram**

### AMDA **XILINX MMCM Counter Cascading**

The CLKOUT6 divider (counter) can be cascaded with the CLKOUT4 divider. This provides the

capability of an output divider that is larger than 128. CLKOUT6 feeds the input of the CLKOUT4 divider. There is a static phase offset between the output of the cascaded divider and all other output dividers.

### **MMCM Programming**

Programming of the MMCM must follow a set flow to ensure configuration that guarantees stability and performance. This section describes how to program the MMCM based on certain design requirements. A design can be implemented in two ways, directly through the GUI interface (the Clocking Wizard) or implementing the MMCM through instantiation. Regardless of the method selected, the following information is necessary to program the MMCM:

- Reference clock period
- Output clock frequencies (up to seven maximum)
- Output clock duty cycle (default is 50%)
- Output clock phase shift in number of degrees relative to the original 0 phase of the clock
- Desired bandwidth of the MMCM (default is OPTIMIZED and the bandwidth is chosen in software)
- Compensation mode (automatically determined by the software)
- Reference clock jitter in UI (i.e., a percentage of the reference clock period)

### *Determine the Input Frequency*

The first step is to determine the input frequency. This allows all possible output frequencies to be determined by using the minimum and maximum input frequencies to define the D counter range, the VCO operating range to determine the M counter range, and the output counter range. There can be a very large number of frequencies. When using integer divides, in the worst case there are 106 x 64 x 136 = 868,363 possible combinations. In reality, the total number of different frequencies is less because the entire range of the M and D counters cannot be realized, and there is overlap between the various settings.

As an example, consider  $F_{IN}$  = 100 MHz,  $F_{VCO}$  = between 600 MHz and 1600 MHz, and  $F_{\text{PFD}}$  = between 10 MHz and 550 MHz.

For a  $F_{\text{PFDMIN}}$  of 10 MHz, the value of D can only be between 1 and 10.

 $D_{MIN}$  (see [Equation 3-6](#page-43-0)) = 1

 $D_{MAX}$  (see [Equation 3-7](#page-43-1)) = 10

- For  $D = 1$ , M can only have a value between 6 and 16.
- For  $D = 2$ , M can only have a value between 12 and 32.
- For  $D = 3$ , M can only have a value between 24 and 64.

In addition,  $D = 1 M = 4$  is a subset of  $D = 2 M = 8$ ,  $D = 4 M = 16$ , and  $D = 8 M = 32$ allowing these cases to be dropped. For this case, only  $D = 1, 3, 5, 6, 7$ , and 9 are considered because all other D values are subsets of these cases. This drastically reduces the number of possible output frequencies. The output frequencies are sequentially selected. The desired output frequency should be checked against the possible output frequencies generated. After the first output frequency is determined, an additional constraint can be imposed on the values of M and D. This can further limit the possible output frequencies for the second output frequency. This process is continued until all the output frequencies are selected.

<span id="page-43-1"></span><span id="page-43-0"></span>The constraints used to determine the allowed M and D values are shown in these equations:

$$
D_{MIN} = rounding \frac{f_{IN}}{f_{PFD \, MAX}} \qquad \qquad \text{Equation 3-6}
$$

$$
D_{MAX} = rounddown \frac{f_{IN}}{f_{PFD\ MIN}(1)}
$$
 *Equation 3-7*

$$
M_{MIN} = rounding \left(\frac{f_{VCOMIN}}{f_{IN}} \times D_{MIN}\right)
$$
 *Equation 3-8*

$$
M_{MAX} = rounddown(\frac{f_{VCOMAX}}{f_{IN}} \times D_{MAX})
$$
 *Equation 3-9*

### *Determine the M and D Values*

Determining the input frequency can result in several possible M and D values. The next step is to determine the optimum M and D values. The starting M value is first determined. This is based off the VCO target frequency, the ideal operating frequency of the VCO.

$$
M_{IDEAL} = \frac{D_{MIN} \times f_{VCOMAX}}{f_{IN}}
$$
 Equation 3-10

The goal is to find the M value closest to the ideal operating point of the VCO. The minimum D value is used to start the process. The goal is to make D and M values as small as possible while keeping  $f_{VCO}$  as high as possible.



### **AMDA XILINX MMCM Ports**

[Table 3-3](#page-44-0) summarizes the MMCM ports.

#### <span id="page-44-0"></span>*Table 3-3:* **MMCM Ports[\(1\)](#page-45-0)**



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#### *Table 3-3:* **MMCM Ports(1)** *(Cont'd)*



#### **Notes:**

<span id="page-45-0"></span>1. All control and status signals except PSINCDEC are active High.



**TIP:** *The port names generated by the clocking wizard can differ from the port names used on the primitive.*

#### *MMCM Port Descriptions*

#### <span id="page-45-1"></span>**CLKIN1 – Primary Reference Clock Input**

CLKIN1 can be driven by a global clock I/O directly when in the same bank adjacent to the PHY tile.

#### <span id="page-45-2"></span>**CLKIN2 – Secondary Clock Input**

CLKIN2 can be driven by a global clock I/O directly when in the same bank adjacent to the PHY tile.

#### <span id="page-45-3"></span>**CLKFBIN – Feedback Clock Input**

CLKFBIN must be connected either directly to the CLKFBOUT for internal feedback, or to the CLKFBOUT via a BUFG for clock buffer feedback matching, or IBUFG (through a global clock pin for external deskew) or interconnect (not recommended). For clock alignment, the feedback path clock buffer type should match the forward clock buffer type.





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**IMPORTANT:** *The internal compensation mode setting is determined by a direct connection (wire) from the CLKFBOUT to the CLKFBIN port in the source. However, synthesis optimizes this connection away such that the CLKFBOUT to CLKFBIN connection is removed from all subsequent representations in Vivado design suite. However, the INTERNAL compensation attribute attached to the MMCM/PLL indicates that the compensation is still internal to the MMCM/PLL.*

#### <span id="page-46-5"></span>**CLKFBOUT – Dedicated MMCM Feedback Output**

For possible configuration of CLKFBOUT, see [MMCM Use Models, page 56](#page-55-1). CLKFBOUT can also drive logic if the feedback path contains a clock buffer.

#### <span id="page-46-6"></span>**CLKFBOUTB – Inverted CLKFBOUT**

This signal should not be used for feedback. It provides an additional, inverted CLKFBOUT output clock. CLKFBOUTB can drive logic if the feedback path contains a clock buffer.

#### <span id="page-46-0"></span>**CLKINSEL – Clock Input Select**

The CLKINSEL signal controls the state of the clock input multiplexers. High = CLKIN1, Low = CLKIN2 (see [Reference Clock Switching, page 56\)](#page-55-0). The MMCM must be held in RESET during clock switchover.

#### <span id="page-46-1"></span>**RST – Asynchronous Reset Signal**

The RST signal is an asynchronous reset for the MMCM. The MMCM is synchronously re-enabled when this signal is deasserted.

#### <span id="page-46-2"></span>**PWRDWN – Power Down**

This signal powers down instantiated but currently unused MMCMs. This mode can be used to save power for temporarily inactive portions of the design and/or MMCMs that are not active in certain system configurations. No MMCM power is consumed in this mode.

#### <span id="page-46-3"></span>**DADDR[6:0] – Dynamic Reconfiguration Address**

The dynamic reconfiguration address (DADDR) input bus provides a reconfiguration address for dynamic reconfiguration. The address value on this bus specifies the 16 configuration bits that are written or read with the next DCLK cycle. When not used, all bits must be assigned zeros.

#### <span id="page-46-4"></span>**DI[15:0] – Dynamic Reconfiguration Data Input**

The dynamic reconfiguration data input (DI) bus provides reconfiguration data. The value of this bus is written to the configuration cells. The data is presented in the cycle that DEN and DWE are active. The data is captured in a shadow register and written at a later time. DRDY indicates when the DRP port is ready to accept another write. When not used, all bits must be set to zero.



#### <span id="page-47-0"></span>**DWE – Dynamic Reconfiguration Write Enable**

The dynamic reconfiguration write enable (DWE) input pin provides the write/read enable control signal to write the DI data into or read the DO data from the DADDR address. When not used, it must be tied Low.

#### <span id="page-47-1"></span>**DEN – Dynamic Reconfiguration Enable Strobe**

The dynamic reconfiguration enable strobe (DEN) provides the enable control signal to access the dynamic reconfiguration feature and enables all DRP port operations. When the dynamic reconfiguration feature is not used, DEN must be tied Low.

#### <span id="page-47-2"></span>**DCLK – Dynamic Reconfiguration Reference Clock**

The DCLK signal is the reference clock for the dynamic reconfiguration port. The rising edge of this signal is the timing reference for all other port signals. The setup time is specified in the UltraScale device data sheets [\[Ref 5\].](#page-98-0) There is no hold time requirement for the other input signals relative to the rising edge of the DCLK. The pin can be driven by an IBUF, IBUFG, BUFGCE, or BUFGCTRL. There are no dedicated connections to this clock input.

#### <span id="page-47-3"></span>**PSCLK – Phase Shift Clock**

This input pin provides the source clock for the dynamic phase shift interface. All other inputs are synchronous to the positive edge of this clock. The pin can be driven by an IBUF, IBUFG, BUFG, or BUFGCE. There are no dedicated connections to this clock input.

#### <span id="page-47-4"></span>**PSEN – Phase Shift Enable**

A dynamic (variable) phase shift operation is initiated by synchronously asserting this signal. PSEN must be activated for one cycle of PSCLK. After initiating a phase shift, the phase is gradually shifted until a High pulse on PSDONE indicates that the operation is complete. There are no glitches or sporadic changes during the operation. From the start to the end of the operation, the phase is shifted in a continuous analog manner.

#### <span id="page-47-5"></span>**PSINCDEC – Phase Shift Increment/Decrement Control**

This input signal synchronously indicates if the dynamic phase shift is an increment or decrement operation (positive or negative phase shift). PSENCDEC is asserted High for increment and Low for decrement. There is no phase shift overflow associated with the dynamic phase shift operation. If 360° or more are shifted, the phase wraps around, starting at the original phase.



#### **CLKOUT[0:6] – Output Clocks**

These user-configurable clock outputs (CLKOUT0 through CLKOUT6) can be divided versions of the VCO phase outputs (user controllable) from 1 (bypassed) to 128. The input clock and output clocks can be phase aligned.



**RECOMMENDED:** *CLKOUT0 is first used to place the root clock point. In ZHOLD mode, it is used to set the compensation. Therefore, Xilinx recommends using CLKOUT0 as the main clock.*

For possible configurations, see [MMCM Use Models, page 56](#page-55-1). In the MMCM, CLKOUT0 and CLKFBOUT can be used in fractional divide mode. All CLKOUT outputs can be used in non-fractional mode to provide a static or dynamic phase shift. In fractional mode, only fixed phase shift is allowed. See [Static Phase Shift Mode \(MMCM and PLL\), page 39](#page-38-0) for more information.

#### <span id="page-48-0"></span>**CLKOUT[0:3]B – Inverted Output Clocks**

This is the inverted (180° phase shift) CLKOUT[0:3].

#### <span id="page-48-1"></span>**CLKINSTOPPED – Input Clock Status**

This is a status pin indicating that the input clock has stopped. This signal is asserted within two CLKFBOUT clock cycles of clock stoppage. The signal is deasserted after the clock has restarted and LOCKED is achieved, or the clock is switched to the alternate clock input and the MMCM has re-locked.

#### <span id="page-48-2"></span>**CLKFBSTOPPED – Feedback Clock Status**

This is a status pin indicating that the feedback clock has stopped. CLKFBSTOPPED is asserted within one clock cycle of clock stoppage. The signal is deasserted after the feedback clock has restarted and the MMCM has re-locked.

#### **LOCKED**

This is an output from the MMCM used to indicate when the MMCM has achieved phase and frequency alignment of the reference clock and the feedback clock at the input pins. Phase alignment is within a predefined window and frequency matching within a predefined PPM range. The MMCM automatically locks after power on; no extra reset is required. LOCKED is deasserted within one PFD clock cycle if the input clock stops, the phase alignment is violated (e.g., input clock phase shift), or the frequency has changed. The MMCM must be reset when LOCKED is deasserted. The clock outputs should not be used prior to the assertion of LOCKED.

#### <span id="page-49-0"></span>**DO[15:0] – Dynamic Reconfiguration Output Bus**

The dynamic reconfiguration output bus provides MMCM data output when using dynamic reconfiguration. If DWE is inactive while DEN is active at the rising edge of DCLK, this bus holds the content of the configuration cells addressed by DADDR. The DO bus must be captured on the rising edge of DCLK when DRDY is active. The DO bus value is held until the next DRP operation.

#### <span id="page-49-1"></span>**DRDY – Dynamic Reconfiguration Ready**

The dynamic reconfiguration ready output (DRDY) provides the response to the DEN signal for the MMCM's dynamic reconfiguration feature. This signal indicates that a DEN/ DCLK operation has completed.

#### <span id="page-49-2"></span>**PSDONE – Phase Shift Done**

The phase shift done output signal is synchronous to the PSCLK. When the current phase shift operation is completed, the PSDONE signal is asserted for one clock cycle indicating that a new phase shift cycle can be initiated.

#### **CDDCREQ – Request a Clock Output Divide Change**

This is a request signal for dynamically changing the output clock divide value and therefore the frequency. When asserted High, a request is sent to all affected counters and must stay asserted until the last change via the DRP has been completed.

#### **CDDCDONE – Clock Output Change Done**

This is an acknowledge signal from the MMCM that the output clock divide change is complete and the output is valid.

### **MMCM Attributes**

[Table 3-4](#page-50-0) lists the attributes for the MMCME#\_BASE and MMCME#\_ADV primitives.

#### <span id="page-50-0"></span>*Table 3-4:* **MMCM Attributes**



#### *Table 3-4:* **MMCM Attributes** *(Cont'd)*



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#### *Table 3-4:* **MMCM Attributes** *(Cont'd)*



#### **Notes:**

- <span id="page-52-0"></span>1. The Vivado tools round up or down to the nearest multiple of 0.125 if the value is not specified as an exact 1/8th fraction.
- <span id="page-52-2"></span>2. When using the variable fine phase shift, the initial phase shift value is always zero and cannot be preset to a static, initial phase.
- <span id="page-52-3"></span>3. The COMPENSATION attribute values are documented for informational purpose only. The Vivado tools automatically select the appropriate compensation based on circuit topology. Do not manually select a compensation value, leave the attribute at the default value.
- 4. The specifications for the VCO frequencies MMCM\_FVCOMIN/MMCM\_FVCOMAX and minimum out frequency MMCM\_FOUTMIN are different for the UltraScale and UltraScale+ families. Consult the appropriate data sheets.
- <span id="page-52-4"></span>5. The direct source code connection (wire) from CLKFBOUT to CLKFBIN is optimized away during synthesis.
- <span id="page-52-1"></span>6. When using an SEM-IP in Ultrascale devices only, additional noise is coupled into VCO of MMCM and PLL. This results in higher TIE jitter value as described in [AR:71314.](https://www.xilinx.com/cgi-bin/docs/ndoc?t=answers;d=71314.html) Refer to the AR for guidance and mitigation techniques. To resolve the issue of TIE jitter for SEM-IP, there are two new configurable properties: BITSTREAM.MMCM.BANDWIDTH and BITSTREAM.PLL.BANDWIDTH. If the properties are set to POSTCRC, each MMCM instance that has the BANDWIDTH attribute set to OPTIMIZED, or to a PLL instance with an implicit BANDWIDTH=OPTIMIZED attribute, will get configured to POSTCTRC bandwidth settings. Refer to the *Vivado Design Suite User Guide* [\[Ref 13\]](#page-99-0) for BITSTREAM property information.



### AMDA **XILINX MMCM Clock Input Signals**

The possible clock sources for the MMCM include:

- IBUF Global clock input buffer. The MMCM compensates the delay of this path. IBUF represents a global clock pin in the same region. The IBUF must be located at a global clock pin location.
- BUFGCTRL Internal global clock buffer. The MMCM does not compensate the delay of this path.
- BUFGCE Global clock buffer. The MMCM does not compensate the delay of this path.

### **Counter Control**

The MMCM output counters provide a wide variety of synthesized clocks using a combination of DIVIDE, DUTY\_CYCLE, and PHASE. [Figure 3-6](#page-53-0) illustrates how the counter settings impact the counter output.

The top waveform represents the output from the VCO.

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*Figure 3-6:* **Output Counter Clock Synthesis Examples**

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### **Detailed VCO and Output Counter Waveforms**

[Figure 3-7](#page-54-0) shows the eight VCO phase outputs and four different counter outputs. Each VCO phase is shown with the appropriate start-up sequence. The phase relationship and start-up sequence are guaranteed to ensure the correct phase is maintained. This means the rising edge of the 0° phase happens before the rising edge of the 45° phase. The O0 counter is programmed to do a simple divide-by-two with the 0° phase tap as the reference clock. The O1 counter is programmed to do a simple divide-by-two but uses the 180° phase tap from the VCO. This counter setting can be used to generate a clock for a DDR interface where the reference clock is edge aligned to the data transition. The O2 counter is programmed to do a divide-by-three. The O3 output has the same programming as the O2 output except the phase is set for a one cycle delay. Phase shifts greater than one VCO period are possible.

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*Figure 3-7:* **Selecting VCO Phases**

If the MMCM is configured to provide a certain phase relationship and the input frequency is changed, this phase relationship is also changed because the VCO frequency changes and therefore the absolute shift in picoseconds changes. This aspect must be considered when designing with the MMCM. When an important aspect of the design is to maintain a certain phase relationship among various clock outputs, (e.g., CLK and CLK90), this relationship is maintained regardless of the input frequency.

All O counters can be equivalent; anything O0 can do, O1 can do. The O0 counter has the additional capability to be used in fractional divide mode. The MMCM outputs are flexible when connecting to the global clock network because they are identical. In most cases, this



level of detail is imperceptible because the software and Clocking Wizard determine the proper settings through the MMCM attributes and Wizard inputs.

### <span id="page-55-0"></span>**Reference Clock Switching**

<span id="page-55-2"></span>The MMCM reference clock can be dynamically switched by using the CLKINSEL pin. The switching is done asynchronously. After the clock switches, the MMCM is likely to lose LOCKED and automatically lock onto the new clock. Therefore, after the clock switches, the MMCM must be reset. The MMCM clock MUX switching is shown in [Figure 3-8.](#page-55-2) The CLKINSEL signal directly controls the MUX. No synchronization logic is present.





### *Missing Input Clock or Feedback Clock*

When the input clock or feedback clock is lost, the CLKINSTOPPED or CLKFBSTOPPED status signal is asserted. The MMCM deasserts the LOCKED signal. After the clock returns, the CLKINSTOPPED signal is deasserted and a RESET must be applied.

### <span id="page-55-1"></span>**MMCM Use Models**

The examples in this section show the MMCM. There are several methods to design with the MMCM. The Clocking Wizard in the Vivado tools can assist with generating the various MMCM parameters. Additionally, the MMCM can be manually instantiated as a component. It is also possible for the MMCM to be merged with an IP core. The IP core would contain and manage the MMCM.



### *Clock Network Deskew*

One of the predominant uses of the MMCM is for clock network deskew. [Figure 3-9](#page-56-0) shows the MMCM in this mode. The clock output from one of the CLKOUT counters is used to drive logic within the device and/or the I/Os. The feedback counter is used to control the exact phase relationship between the input clock and the output clock (if, for example a 90° phase shift is required). The associated clock waveforms are shown to the right for the case where the input clock and output clock need to be phase aligned. The configuration in [Figure 3-9](#page-56-0) is the most flexible, but it does require two global clock networks.

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*Figure 3-9:* **Global Clock Network Deskew Using Two BUFGs**

There are certain restrictions on implementing the feedback. The CLKFBOUT output can be used to provide the feedback clock signal. When an MMCM is driving both BUFGs and BUFGCTRL, only one of the clock buffers that is also used in the feedback path is deskewed. The fundamental restriction is that both input frequencies to the PFD must be identical. Therefore, this relationship must be met:

$$
\frac{f_{IN}}{D} = f_{FB} = \frac{f_{VCO}}{M}
$$
 Equation 3-11

As an example, if  $f_{IN}$  is 166 MHz, D = 1, M = 6, and O = 2, then VCO is 996 MHz and the clock output frequency is 498 MHz. Because the M value in the feedback path is 6, both input frequencies at the PFD are 166 MHz.



Another more complex scenario has an input frequency of 66.66 MHz and  $D = 2$ , M = 30, and  $O = 4$ . The VCO frequency in this case is 1000 MHz and the CLKOUT output frequency is 250 MHz. Therefore, the feedback frequency at the PFD is 1000/30 or 33.33 MHz, matching the 66.66 MHz/2 input clock frequency at the PFD.

#### **MMCM with Internal Feedback**

The MMCM feedback can be internal to the MMCM when the MMCM is used as a synthesizer or jitter filter, and there is no required phase relationship between the MMCM input clock and the MMCM output clock. The MMCM performance increases because the feedback clock is not subjected to noise on the core supply since it never passes through a block powered by this supply. However, noise introduced on the CLKIN signal and the BUFG are still present ([Figure 3-10\)](#page-57-0).

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*Figure 3-10:* **MMCM with Internal Feedback**

### **Zero Delay Buffer**

The MMCM can also be used to generate a zero delay buffer clock. A zero delay buffer can be useful for applications where there is a single clock signal fanout to multiple destinations with a low skew between them. This configuration is shown in [Figure 3-11](#page-58-0). Here, the feedback signal drives off chip and the board trace feedback is designed to match the trace to the external components. In this configuration, it is assumed that the clock edges are aligned at the input of the UltraScale device and the input of the external component. The input clock buffers for CLKIN and CLKFBIN must be in the same bank.

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*Figure 3-11:* **Zero Delay Buffer**

In some cases, precise alignment cannot occur because of the difference in loading between the input capacitance of the external component and the feedback path capacitance of the UltraScale device. For example, the external components can have an input capacitance of 1 pF to 4 pF while the part has an input capacitance as specified in the UltraScale device data sheets  $[Ref 5]$ . There is a difference in the signal slope, which is basically skew. Designers should be aware of this effect to ensure timing.

### **CMT to CMT Connection**

The MMCM can be cascaded through the routing resources only. There is no compensation for routing delays.

# **Spread-Spectrum Clock Generation**

Spread-spectrum clock generation (SSCG) is widely used by manufacturers of electronic devices to reduce the spectral density of the electromagnetic interference (EMI) generated by these devices. Manufacturers must ensure that levels of electromagnetic energy emitted do not interfere with the operation of other nearby electronic devices. For example, the clarity of a phone call should not degrade when the phone is next to a video display. In the same way, the display should not be affected when the phone is used.

Electromagnetic compatibility (EMC) regulations are used to control the noise or EMI that causes these disturbances. Typical solutions for meeting EMC requirements involve adding expensive shielding, ferrite beads, or chokes. These solutions can adversely impact the cost of the final product by complicating PCB routing and forcing longer product development cycles.

SSCG spreads the electromagnetic energy over a large frequency band to effectively reduce the electrical and magnetic field strengths measured within a narrow window of frequencies. The peak electromagnetic energy at any one frequency is reduced by modulating the SSCG output.

The MMCME# can generate a spread-spectrum clock from a standard fixed frequency oscillator when SS\_EN is set to TRUE (see [Figure 3-12](#page-59-0)). Within the MMCME#, the VCO frequency is modulated along with CLKFBOUT and CLKOUT[6:4,1,0]. Clock outputs CLKOUT[3:2] are used to control the modulation period and are not available for general use. As long as the clock frequency is adjusted slowly, the spread-spectrum does not affect the period jitter of the MMCME#.

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*Figure 3-12:* **Center-Spread Modulation**

Adjusting the modulation period SS\_MOD\_PERIOD allows you to direct the tools to select the closest modulation period based on the MMCME# settings. The spread-spectrum modulation reduces EMI as long as the modulation frequencies are higher than the audible frequency range of 30 KHz. Typically, lower modulation frequencies are preferred to minimize the impact of the introduction of spread-spectrum.



Increasing the frequency deviation with SS\_MODE (CENTER\_HIGH or DOWN\_HIGH) increases the overall EMI reduction, but care must be taken to ensure that the increased range of frequencies does not affect the overall system operation (see [Figure 3-13\)](#page-60-0). Because the spread-spectrum clock and the input clock are operating at different frequencies, any data being transferred between the clock domains should use an asynchronous FIFO to ensure that data is not lost. Increasing the frequency deviation requires a larger FIFO.

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*Figure 3-13:* **Center-Spread Modulation (CENTER\_LOW vs. CENTER\_HIGH)**

Another design trade-off is the decision to use a center spread or down spread. Selecting SS MODE (DOWN HIGH, DOWN LOW) spreads the frequencies to lower frequencies as shown in [Figure 3-14](#page-61-0). DOWN HIGH has similar frequency deviation to CENTER LOW.

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The decision to use down spread is often the result of considering the timing analysis impact of spread-spectrum. When using a spread-spectrum clock, the design must meet timing at the highest frequency in the frequency deviation. Therefore, if a 100 MHz clock with SS\_MODE (CENTER\_LOW) produces a 3% (±1.5%) center spread, the 100 MHz clock with 3% center spread must pass timing analysis as a 101.5 MHz clock. However, if SS\_MODE (DOWN\_HIGH) produces a 3% down spread, the input frequency is the highest frequency within the frequency deviation. Consequently, for a 100 MHz clock with 3% down spread, the down-spread clock would continue to be analyzed by timing analysis as a 100 MHz clock.



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#### *Table 3-5:* **Manual SS Timing Adjustment Using Input Frequency for UltraScale Devices** *(Cont'd)*

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For a 25 MHz input clock, the new timing constraints would be:

- SS MODE(CENTER HIGH) = 25 x 56/55 = 25.45 MHz
- SS MODE (CENTER LOW) = 25 x 112/111 = 25.23 MHz
- SS MODE (DOWN HIGH) = 25 MHz
- SS MODE (DOWN LOW) = 25 MHz

For an 80 MHz input clock, the new timing constraints would be:

- SS MODE(CENTER HIGH) = 80 x 44/43 = 81.86 MHz
- SS MODE (CENTER LOW) = 80 x 88/87 = 80.92 MHz
- $\cdot$  SS\_MODE (DOWN\_HIGH) = 80 MHz
- $SS_MODE (DOWN_LOW) = 80 MHz$

[Table 3-5](#page-61-1) and [Table 3-6](#page-62-0) provide information which allows the manual adjustment of timing constraints to the frequency range of the spread-spectrum enabled clock. This is for the generation of timing constraints in an XDC file used by Vivado tools.

[Table 3-5](#page-61-1) and [Table 3-6](#page-62-0) show that timing constraints should be modified when spread-spectrum clocking parameter SS\_MODE is set to CENTER\_LOW or CENTER\_HIGH. When SS\_MODE attribute is set to DOWN\_LOW or DOWN\_HIGH timing constraint adjustment is not necessary.

Also note that manually adjusting timing constraints is not needed because the Vivado tools detect when spread-spectrum clocking in a design. Vivado tools (static timing analysis) automatically account for any timing spread caused by the spread-spectrum enabled clocks. When spread-spectrum clocks are used, Vivado static timing analysis adds a spread-spectrum (SS) uncertainty value of the total uncertainty calculation formula. The formula used by the static analysis tools is as follows:

*Equation 3-12*

$$
\frac{((TS)^2 - Dj^2)^{\frac{1}{2}}}{2} + PE + SS
$$



where:

- $TS_f^2$  = Total system jitter
- $D_f^2$  = Discrete jitter
- *PE* = Phase error
- *SS* = Spread-spectrum

**CAUTION!** *When using spread-spectrum clocking in a design, it is necessary to use appropriated clock domain crossing (CDC) circuitry for all signals, data and non-data, crossing clock and spread-spectrum clock domains, and vice versa.* 

Asynchronous FIFOs should be used to transfer data between two clock domains. The depth of the FIFO depends on the modulation frequency in the clock. The slower the modulation, the deeper the FIFO needs to be:

FIFO depth is proportional to = 
$$
\frac{frequencyDeviation}{ModulationFrequency}
$$
 *Equation 3-13*

When spread-spectrum clocking is used with SS\_MODE set as DOWN\_LOW or DOWN\_HIGH the calculated  $F~\sim$ IN\_SS $~\sim$  frequency (using data from [Table 3-5](#page-61-1) and/or [Table 3-6](#page-62-0)) is lower than the original clock frequency (Refer to the examples after [Table 3-6](#page-62-0)). If no precautions are taken, the used FIFO can fill up and over-run. Prevent this by using a FIFO with throttle control.

<b>Parameter</b>	Value	
<b>F</b> MODULATION	Minimum	25 [KHz]
	Maximum	250 [KHz]
Input Clock Frequency	Minimum	25 [MHz]
	Maximum	150 [MHz]
SS_MODE (CENTER_HIGH)	25 MHz < $F_{IN}$ < 35 MHz	$M = 28$ $D = 1$
	35 MHz < $F_{IN}$ < 50 MHz	$M = 21, 22$ $D = 1$
	50 MHz < $F_{IN}$ < 75 MHz	$M = 28$ $D = 2$
	75 MHz < $F_{IN}$ < 100 MHz	$M = 21, 22$ $D = 2$
	100 MHz < $F_{IN}$ < 150 MHz	$M = 21, 22$ $D = 3$

*Table 3-7:* **Spread-Spectrum Generation Restrictions for UltraScale Devices**







#### *Table 3-8:* **Spread-Spectrum Generation Restrictions for UltraScale+ Devices**











When using spread-spectrum generation, the VCO frequency is set by the clocking wizard based on the input frequency and SS\_MODE. As a result, the clocking wizard is recommended to set the output frequencies for CLKOUT[6:4,1,0].

Based on the VCO frequency and SS\_MOD\_PERIOD, the clocking wizard also determines the correct modulation settings to set the modulation frequency within 10% of SS\_MOD\_PERIOD. Because the modulation frequency is dependent on the VCO frequency, the modulation frequency scales as the input frequency changes for a given compilation.

### **AMDA XILINX MMCM Application Example**

These MMCM attribute settings result in a wide variety of synthesized clocks:

```
CLKOUT0_PHASE = 0;
CLKOUT0 DUTY CYCLE = 0.5;
CLKOUT0_DIVIDE = 2;
CLKOUT1_PHASE = 90;
CLKOUT1_DUTY_CYCLE = 0.5;
CLKOUT1_DIVIDE = 2;
CLKOUT2 PHASE = 0;CLKOUT2 DUTY CYCLE = 0.25;
CLKOUT2_DIVIDE = 4;
CLKOUT3_PHASE = 90;
CLKOUT3 DUTY CYCLE = 0.5;
CLKOUT3_DIVIDE = 8;
CLKOUT4_PHASE = 0;
CLKOUT4 DUTY CYCLE = 0.5;
CLKOUT4_DIVIDE = 8;
CLKOUT5 PHASE = 135;CLKOUT5_DUTY_CYCLE = 0.5;
CLKOUT5_DIVIDE = 8;
CLKFBOUT_PHASE = 0;
CLKFBOUT MULT F = 8;DIVCLK DIVIDE = 1;CLKIN1 PERIOD = 10.0;
```
[Figure 3-15](#page-68-0) displays the resulting waveforms.

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*Figure 3-15:* **Example Waveform**



# **PLLs**

There are two PLLs per CMT that provide clocking to the PHY logic and I/Os. In addition, they can be used as frequency synthesizers for a wide range of frequencies, serve as jitter filters, and provide basic phase shift capabilities and duty cycle programming. The PLLs differ from the MMCM in number of outputs, cannot deskew clock nets, and do not have advanced phase shift capabilities, Multipliers and input dividers have a smaller value range and do not have many of the other advanced features of the MMCM.

### **General Usage Description**

### *PLL Primitives*

The UltraScale device PLL primitives, PLLE3\_BASE and PLLE3\_ADV, are shown in [Figure 3-16.](#page-69-0) For UltraScale+ devices have the same primitives with an E4 instead of an E3. In this user guide, PLLE4\_ADV is the same as the PLLE3\_ADV, and PLLE4\_BASE is the same as PLLE3\_BASE.

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*Figure 3-16:* **PLL Primitives**



#### **PLLE3\_BASE and PLLE4\_BASE Primitive**

The PLLE#\_BASE primitive provides access to the most frequently used features of a stand-alone PLL. Clock deskew, frequency synthesis, and duty cycle programming are available to use with the PLLE#\_BASE. The ports are listed in [Table 3-9](#page-70-0).

#### <span id="page-70-0"></span>*Table 3-9:* **PLLE#\_BASE Ports**



#### **PLLE3\_ADV and PLLE4\_ADV Primitive**

The PLLE#\_ADV primitive provides access to all PLLE#\_BASE features plus additional ports for access to the DRP. The ports are listed in [Table 3-10](#page-70-1).

<span id="page-70-1"></span>*Table 3-10:* **PLLE#\_ADV Ports**

<b>Description</b>	<b>Ports</b>
Clock input	CLKIN, DCLK, CLKFBIN
Control and data input	RST, CLKOUTPHYEN, DWE, DEN, DADDR, DI
Clock output	CLKOUT0, CLKOUT1, CLKOUT0B, CLKOUT1B, CLKOUTPHY, CLKFBOUT
Status and data output	LOCKED, DO, DRDY
Power control	PWRDWN

### **PLL Ports**

[Table 3-11](#page-70-2) summarizes the PLL ports.

#### <span id="page-70-2"></span>*Table 3-11:* **PLL Ports**



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#### *Table 3-11:* **PLL Ports** *(Cont'd)*

### *PLL Port Descriptions*

#### **CLKIN – Reference Clock Input**

This is a general clock input to the PLL.

#### **RST – Asynchronous Reset Signal**

The RST signal is an asynchronous reset for the PLL. The PLL is synchronously re-enabled when this signal is deasserted.

#### <span id="page-71-0"></span>**PWRDWN – Power Down**

This signal powers down instantiated but currently unused PLLs. This mode can be used to save power for temporarily inactive portions of the design and/or PLLs that are not active in certain system configurations. No PLL power is consumed in this mode.


#### **CLKOUT[0:1] – Output Clocks**

These are user-configurable clock outputs and can be divided versions of the VCO phase outputs (user controllable) from 1 (bypassed) to 128. The input clock and output clocks can be phase aligned.

#### **CLKFBOUT – Dedicated PLL Feedback Output**

For the possible configurations of CLKFBOUT, see [Figure 3-17](#page-72-0) and [Figure 3-18](#page-72-1). Unlike the MMCM, the CLKFBOUT cannot drive logic.



<span id="page-72-2"></span>*Figure 3-17:* **Clock Deskew Using BUF\_IN Compensation Mode**

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<span id="page-72-3"></span><span id="page-72-1"></span>*Figure 3-18:* **PLL Internal Feedback**



#### **CLKFBIN – Feedback Clock Input**

CLKFBIN must be connected either directly to the CLKFBOUT for internal feedback, or to the CLKFBOUT through a BUF\_IN. Using BUF\_IN in the feedback path compensates for the clock network delay in the same XIPHY bank as shown in [Figure 3-17](#page-72-0) where the nodes 1 and 5 are phase aligned.

#### **CLKOUTPHY – PHY Clock Output**

This is a dedicated clock output for use by the PHY byte logic and I/O. It can be 2X, 1X, or 0.5X of the VCO frequency.

#### <span id="page-73-0"></span>**CLKOUTPHYEN – PHY Clock Enable**

CLKOUTPHYEN enables the CLKOUTPHY clock outputs. The PLL employs enable logic to synchronize the asynchronous CLKOUTPHYEN signal from your design and controls when the CLKOUTPHY clocks are released. After the CLKOUTPHY clock is released, the rising edge is aligned to the rising edge of the input clock CLKIN. Glitch-free enabling and disabling of the CLKOUTPHY output clock is assured for all configurations.

However, phase alignment between multiple PLL CLKOUTPHY clocks is only assured when both the CLKFBOUT\_MULT and CLKOUT[0:1]\_DIVIDE values are set to 1, 2, 4, or 8. Rising edges do not align for CLKFBOUT =  $3, 5, 6, 7, 9,...$ 

#### **CLKOUT[0:1]B – Inverted Output Clocks**

This is the inverted (180° phase shift) CLKOUT[0:1].

#### **LOCKED**

This output from the PLL is used to indicate when the PLLs have achieved frequency alignment of the reference clock and the internal feedback. Frequency alignment is within a predefined window of frequency matching within a predefined PPM range. The PLL automatically locks after power on; no extra reset is required. LOCKED is deasserted within one PFD clock cycle if the input clock stops or the frequency has changed. The PLL must be reset when LOCKED is deasserted. The clock outputs should not be used prior to the assertion of LOCKED.

#### **DADDR[6:0] – Dynamic Reconfiguration Address**

The dynamic reconfiguration address (DADDR) input bus provides a reconfiguration address for the dynamic reconfiguration. The address value on this bus specifies the 16 configuration bits that are written or read with the next DCLK cycle. When not used, all bits must be assigned zeros.

#### **DI[15:0] – Dynamic Reconfiguration Data Input**

The dynamic reconfiguration data input (DI) bus provides reconfiguration data. The value of this bus is written to the configuration cells. The data is presented in the cycle that DEN and



DWE are active. The data is captured in a shadow register and written at a later time. DRDY indicates when the DRP port is ready to accept another write. When not used, all bits must be set to zero.

#### **DWE – Dynamic Reconfiguration Write Enable**

The dynamic reconfiguration write enable (DWE) input pin provides the write/read enable control signal to write the DI data into or read the DO data from the DADDR address. When not used, DWE must be tied Low.

#### **DEN – Dynamic Reconfiguration Enable Strobe**

The dynamic reconfiguration enable strobe (DEN) provides the enable control signal to access the dynamic reconfiguration feature and enable all DRP port operations. When the dynamic reconfiguration feature is not used, DEN must be tied Low.

#### **DCLK – Dynamic Reconfiguration Reference Clock**

DCLK is the reference clock for the dynamic reconfiguration port. The rising edge of this signal is the timing reference for all other port signals. The setup time is specified in the UltraScale device data sheets [\[Ref 5\]](#page-98-0). There is no hold time requirement for the other input signals relative to the rising edge of DCLK. This signal can be driven by an IBUF, IBUFG, BUFGCE, or BUFGCTRL. There are no dedicated connections to this clock input.

#### **DO[15:0] – Dynamic Reconfiguration Output Bus**

The dynamic reconfiguration output bus provides PLL data output when using dynamic reconfiguration. If DWE is inactive while DEN is active at the rising edge of DCLK, this bus holds the content of the configuration cells addressed by DADDR. The DO bus must be captured on the rising edge of DCLK when DRDY is active. The DO bus value is held until the next DRP operation.

#### **DRDY – Dynamic Reconfiguration Ready**

The dynamic reconfiguration ready output (DRDY) provides the response to the DEN signal for the PLL's dynamic reconfiguration feature. This signal indicates that a DEN/ DCLK operation has completed.

### **AMDA XILINX PLL Attributes**

<span id="page-75-1"></span>[Table 3-12](#page-75-0) lists the attributes for the PLLE#\_BASE and PLLE#\_ADV primitives.

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#### *Table 3-12:* **PLL Attributes** *(Cont'd)*

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#### <span id="page-76-4"></span>**Notes:**

<span id="page-76-0"></span>1. The specifications for the VCO frequencies PLL\_FVCOMIN/PLL\_FVCOMAX and minimum out frequency PLL\_FOUTMIN are different for the UltraScale and UltraScale+ families. Consult the appropriate data sheets.



## <span id="page-77-0"></span>**Dynamic Reconfiguration Port**

In most circumstances, the MMCM and/or PLL used in a design are configured using static calculated values to setup the used outputs. A wizard can be used to calculate all the values and generate an instantiable wrapper containing a configured MMCM or PLL. The MMCM and/or PLL primitive can also be instantiated as primitives and the values to make the primitive function correctly can be calculated using the equations provided in the [MMCM](#page-42-0)  [Programming](#page-42-0) section.

The DRP port provides the ability to use a MMCM and/or PLL as a dynamic element in a design. The DRP port setup is that of a common microcontroller peripheral and gives the user access to a set of registers in the MMCM or PLL. These registers allow the user to fully control the MMCM or PLL. Inputs pins and the values to define output clocks are turned into register bits making it possible to use the primitives as active elements in a design.

Using the DRP port means reading and writing of registers of a peripheral. When using the Clocking Wizard the DRP port can be enabled through an AXI-Lite controller to a hard or soft microcontroller in the FPGA. Nevertheless, it might be necessary by design and other requirements to use the DRP port in a bare metal configuration (also selectable in the Clocking Wizard). The DRP port can then be used as such through a state machine based design. To help with this the provided description of the functioning of the DRP port can be used.

For additional DRP usage information, see *MMCM and PLL Dynamic Reconfiguration*  $(XAPP888)$  [\[Ref 6\]](#page-99-0) and the associated reference.

The DRP port connections are shown in the following figure.



*Figure 3-19:* **DRP Port Connections**

*Table 3-13:* **DRP Port Signals**

Port	<b>Size</b>	I/O	<b>Description</b>
<b>DCLK</b>	1	Input	The DCLK signal is the reference clock for the dynamic reconfiguration port. This clock is normally about 100 MHz to 200 MHz. The newer the technology of the FPGA family used, the faster this clock can be.
<b>DEN</b>	1	Input	The dynamic reconfiguration enable (DEN) provides the enable control signal to access the dynamic reconfiguration feature. When the dynamic reconfiguration feature is not used, DEN must be tied Low.
<b>DWE</b>	1	Input	The dynamic reconfiguration write enable (DWE) input pin provides the write enable control signal to write the data on the DI port into the register selected by the DADDR address. When not used, DWE must be tied Low.
<b>DADDR</b>	n <sup>(1)</sup>	Input	The dynamic reconfiguration address (DADDR) input bus provides a reconfiguration address to access a specific register in the primitive for dynamic reconfiguration. When not used, all bits must be assigned zeros.
DI	16	Input	The dynamic reconfiguration data input (DI) bus provides reconfiguration data that is written into a specified address (DADDR) of the register set. When not used, all bits must be set to zero.
DO	16	Output	The dynamic reconfiguration output bus provides data output of the register selected by the DADDR bus. This port can be used to control DRP register contents.
<b>DRDY</b>	1	Output	The dynamic reconfiguration ready output (DRDY) provides the response to the DEN signal for the PLLs dynamic reconfiguration feature. This signal is pulsed high when a write or read operation is successful.

#### **Notes:**

<span id="page-78-0"></span>1. The width of the DADDR bus depends on the primitive that the DRP port is a part of. For a MMCM, the address bus is 7-bit wide and for a PLL the DRP address bus is 7-bit wide (DADDR(6:0)). The DADDR port of an ADC/DAC in a RFSoC device is 12-bit wide while the DADDR port of a GTP is 10-bit wide.

### **Writing to the DRP Port**

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- 1. Put the address to write to and the data that needs to be written on the buses, DADDR[n:0] and DI[15:0] respectively.
- 2. Make the DWE (Data Write Enable) signal High.
- 3. Pulse the DEN signal High for one clock cycle. The DEN signal is the trigger that makes the DRP port function. When this signal is captured on the rising edge of the clock the internals of the DRP port capture address and data and fill the correct register in the DRP map.
- 4. When the DEN signal goes Low for one pulse, make the DWE signal Low.
- 5. The DRP ports pulse the DRDY High for a clock cycle to confirm that the provided data is written into the provided address space. This also signals that a new write or read operation can start.





#### **Reading from the DRP Port**

- 1. Put the address of the register to read from on the DADDR[n:0] bus.
- 2. Leave the DWE signal Low at all times when reading.
- 3. The value ON/OFF of the DI[15:0] bus does not matter.
- 4. Pulse the DEN signal High for one clock cycle. The DEN signal is the trigger that makes the DRP port function. When this signal is captured on the rising edge of the clock the internals of the DRP port capture the address to make sure that the contents of the correct register in the DRP map are reflected on the DO[15:0] output.
- 5. The DRP ports pulse the DRDY High for a clock cycle to confirm that the provided data is written into the provided address space. This also signals that a new write or read operation can start.





### **Read—Write Operation**

A read-write operation must always be executed with respect to the DRDY signal. Only when the DRDY signal pulses High, a new read or write operation can be initiated. If the DRDY signal is not controlled after a read or write operation, from or to the DRP port, it is not certain that the written bits are set or the obtained bits are representing the value of the register.



*Figure 3-22:* **Read—Write Operation**

### AMDA **XILINX DRP Register Set**

The user accessible DRP register set is described in this section. The DRP register map spans from address  $0 \times 00$  to address  $0 \times 7$  F (7-bit address bus). The figure below shows the layout of the register map of user accessible registers. Be aware that values of different counters overlap register boundaries.



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**IMPORTANT:** *When operating a DRP port, it is recommended that the existing contents of the register that is going to be changed are first read. Write back the register contents where only the required bits are modified. Modify only the colored bits and always maintain the state of the gray bits.*

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Registers 0x4F and 0x4E define the values for the loop filters. Pick the appropriate values for these filters from the *MMCM and PLL Dynamic Reconfiguration* (XAPP888) [\[Ref 6\].](#page-99-0)



#### **Notes:**

1. If any of the output counters is using fine phase shift then mc\_interp\_en[3:0] must be set to 1111 otherwise mc\_interp\_en[3:0] must be set to 0000.

2. mc\_interp\_en(4) is always set to 1.

3. If any of the output counters is using a phase of VCO other than 0 or 180, uses fractional division for a counter, or uses spread-spectrum mode then mc\_interp\_en[7:5] must be set to 111 otherwise mc\_interp\_en[7:5] must be set to 000.







Refer to *MMCM and PLL Dynamic Reconfiguration* (XAPP888) [\[Ref 6\]](#page-99-0) to determine the values for registers 0x1A, 0x19, and 0x18.



Register 0x16 controls the divider (D counter) shown in [Figure 3-1.](#page-33-0)







Registers 0x15, 0x14, and bits [15:12] of 0x13 control the fractional feedback (M counter) shown in [Figure 3-1](#page-33-0).



Bits [10:0] of register 0x13 and register 0x12 control the CLKOUT6 counter.





Registers 0x11 and 0x10 control the output counter for CLKOUT4.







Registers 0x0F and 0x0E control the output counter for CLKOUT3.





Registers 0x0D and 0x0C control the output counter for CLKOUT2.





Registers 0x0B and 0x0A control the output counter for CLKOUT1.







The fractional output counter for CLKOUT0 is controlled by registers 0x09, 0x08, and bits [15:12] of register 0x07.



Bits [10:0] of register 0x07 and register 0x06 control the CLKOUT5 counter.

The MMCM clock outputs are all defined by a configurable counter. The parameters defining the clock outputs CLKOUT6 to CLKOUT1 are explained in the following table. Refer to *MMCM and PLL Dynamic Reconfiguration* (XAPP888) [\[Ref 6\]](#page-99-0) for calculation instructions and methods.







#### *Table 3-14:* **Clock Output Parameters** *(Cont'd)*

Two of the counters, CLKFBOUT and CLKOUT0, are fractional counters. A fractional counter uses two non-fractional counters, an extra state, and adder logic. This is the reason a fractional counter has two enables (one for each counter to allow non-fractional use) and two VCO phase selection settings. For the adder and state logic, the VCO phase selection is extra split in rising and falling settings. Additional register configuration options defining the fractional counters are listed in the following table.

Type	<b>Description</b>	
<b>FRAC</b>	Select a VCO phase to operate the fractional counter.	
FRAC_EN	Enable the fractional counter.	
FRAC WF R	Fractional counter wait for rising edge.	
FRAC WF L	Fractional counter wait for falling edge.	
$PM_R$	Select one of the eight VCO phased outputs as rising edge counter clock.	
PM_L	Select one of the eight VCO phased outputs as falling edge counter clock.	

*Table 3-15:* **Register Configuration Options**

Fractional counter mode is enabled when both mc\_ckout\_en and mc\_ckout\_frac\_en are set. Both counters take different phases from the VCO outputs.

#### **Example 1**

Assume that a division of 2.5 is required, then:

- Counter A would take phase 0 (0 degrees) of the VCO
- Counter B would take phase 4 (180 degree offset)

Output starts High with rising edge on counter A and goes Low with second rising edge counter B. It goes High again with second rising edge of counter A after that and so on.





*Figure 3-24:* **Fractional Counter Mode Example 1**

#### **Example 2**

Assume a division by 2.125 is required, then:

- Counter A would take phase 0 (0 degrees) of the VCO
- Counter B would take as start phase 2 (45 degree offset)

Output starts High with rising edge on counter A and goes Low with second rising edge counter B. It goes High again with next rising edge of counter B, counter B switches to VCO phase 90 and the output goes Low again by the second rising edge of that phase and so on.







The settings for register 4 are controlled by the SS\_MODE attribute of the MMCM. Refer to the [Spread-Spectrum Clock Generation](#page-59-0) section for detailed information on spread-spectrum clocking set up and behavior.





Register 0 represents the bits that are also available as attributes of the MMCM primitive. For the functional explanation of these bits, refer to the [MMCM Attributes](#page-50-0) section.

#### **PLL Registers**

The PLL DRP register set is similar and runs parallel with that of the MMCM. The number of possible changeable registers in the PLL DRP resister set is smaller than that of the MMCM because the PLL has only two clock outputs and doe not use a selectable VCO output multiplexer and interpolator.





























### **VHDL and Verilog Templates and the Clocking Wizard**

The VHDL and Verilog code for all clocking resource primitives and Vivado tools language templates are available in the *UltraScale Architecture Libraries Guide* (UG974) [\[Ref 7\]](#page-99-1).

The Clocking Wizard helps to correctly set up the MMCM and PLL resources. Additionally, the Clocking Wizard reports the jitter and supports phase and frequency synthesis. See *LogiCORE IP Clocking Wizard User Guide* (PG065) [\[Ref 8\]](#page-99-2) for more information.

# <span id="page-97-0"></span>**Clocking Guidelines**

Clocking in a design is not just applying clock buffers, instantiating MMCM and/or PLL, and applying one or a couple of constraints in a XDC file. Clocking and the setup of a clocking network needs attention. To create a design, that is implemented (synthesize, place, and route) using all of Vivado Design Suite features, and when downloaded makes the FPGA function at optimal conditions, follow the guidelines provided in the chapters Clocking Guidelines and Clock Domain Crossing of the *UltraFast Design Methodology Guide for the Vivado Design Suite* (UG949) [\[Ref 1\].](#page-98-1)

The *UltraFast Design Methodology Guide for the Vivado Design Suite* (UG949) [\[Ref 1\]](#page-98-1) offers a set of best practices intended to help streamline the design process for new devices. The size and complexity of these designs require specific steps and design tasks to ensure success at each stage of the design. Following these steps and adhering to the best practices will help you achieve your desired design goals as quickly and efficiently as possible. Two other documents that can be useful for designing are:

- *UltraFast Design Methodology Quick Reference Guide* (UG1231) [\[Ref 9\]](#page-99-3)
- *UltraFast Design Methodology Checklist* (XTP301) [\[Ref 10\]](#page-99-4)

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*Appendix A*

# Additional Resources and Legal Notices

### **Xilinx Resources**

For support resources such as Answers, Documentation, Downloads, and Forums, see [Xilinx](https://www.xilinx.com/support)  [Support](https://www.xilinx.com/support).

### **Solution Centers**

See the [Xilinx Solution Centers](https://www.xilinx.com/support/solcenters.html) for support on devices, software tools, and intellectual property at all stages of the design cycle. Topics include design assistance, advisories, and troubleshooting tips.

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- 2. *UltraScale Architecture Packaging and Pinout User Guide* ([UG575\)](https://docs.xilinx.com/access/sources/ud/document?url=ug575-ultrascale-pkg-pinout&ft:locale=en-US)
- 3. *UltraScale Architecture SelectIO Resources User Guide* ([UG571\)](https://docs.xilinx.com/access/sources/framemaker/map?url=ug571-ultrascale-selectio)
- 4. *Vivado Design Suite User Guide: Using Constraints* ([UG903](https://docs.xilinx.com/access/sources/dita/map?url=ug903-vivado-using-constraints))
- <span id="page-98-0"></span>5. UltraScale and UltraScale+ device data sheets:
	- ° *UltraScale Architecture and Products Overview* [\(DS890](https://www.xilinx.com/cgi-bin/docs/ndoc?t=data_sheets;d=ds890-ultrascale-overview.pdf))
	- ° *Zynq UltraScale+ MPSoC Overview* [\(DS891](https://www.xilinx.com/cgi-bin/docs/ndoc?t=data_sheets;d=ds891-zynq-ultrascale-plus-overview.pdf))
	- ° *Kintex UltraScale Architecture Data Sheet: DC and AC Switching Characteristics* ([DS892\)](https://www.xilinx.com/cgi-bin/docs/ndoc?t=data_sheets;d=ds892-kintex-ultrascale-data-sheet.pdf)
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- *13. Vivado Design Suite User Guide* ([UG908](https://docs.xilinx.com/access/sources/dita/map?url=ug908-vivado-programming-debugging))

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