

Wireless Infrastructure Solutions to Enhance the Digital Media Experience

IDT ADDRESSES NEXT GENERATION WIRELESS BY ACCELERATING THE DATA PATH AND OFFLOADING FUNDAMENTAL PROCESSING TASKS

The consumer of wireless communication devices demands higher performance to gain faster access to their desired digital media content, while expecting error-free accuracy at ever-decreasing price points. To achieve success in the marketplace, today's system designer must balance the demand for increased performance with continued focus on reliability, predictability and quality of service as well as reducing power and lowering product costs.

FEATURED PRODUCTS

- Serial RapidIO® switches
- Functional InterConnect (FIC) devices
- Serial buffers
- SAW filters
- Timing solutions
- Digital logic

The highly competitive nature of the wireless communications field makes time-to-market and evolving industry standards critical components of a successful design.

System designers need a partner who works to identify, understand and resolve system bottlenecks one-by-one and throughout the whole system. IDT helps designers gain a significant edge by applying our years of experience in innovative, low-power, mixed signal integrated circuit design to optimize the performance of Serial RapidIO® (S-RIO) switches, serial buffers, Functional InterConnects, SAW filters, timing solutions and digital logic system components in wireless applications.

Because IDT technology can perform fundamental core tasks such as offloading packet-and byte-level data manipulation functions, FPGAs, ASICs and ASPs become increasingly more efficient. IDT pre-processing switches and central packet switches, based on Serial RapidIO technology, efficiently process the quality of service (QoS), prioritization and multicasting tasks that have historically slowed down (and heated up) processors. This allows the processor to concentrate on what it does best: process higher-level content. Add our wide array of timing solutions, filter devices and advanced digital logic elements and today's system designer has an unparalleled set of choices from one company they can rely on to deliver higher performance systems to market more rapidly, using less power while reducing system costs.

Serial RapidIO® switches

Serial RapidIO interconnect switches have become the standard in communication systems, but there are a number of considerations which govern the particular type of switch appropriate to each system design. Optimized for wireless baseband processing applications, the IDT pre-processing switch (PPS) is an advanced semiconductor solution which complements its high performance Serial RapidIO switching by integrating an innovative suite of byte- and packet-level manipulation capabilities designed to offload specific bandwidth-intensive tasks from the DSP.

IDT currently offers several Serial RapidIO switches for baseband applications: PPS, PPS Gen 2, central packet switch (CPS) and the recently introduced CPS-10/6Q, so the designer can pick the combination of port count, performance and functionality most pertinent to their system design.

Serial RapidIO Switch Comparison Matrix

PPS devices			CPS devices				
Device	PPS 70K2000	PPS Gen 2 80KSW0001	CPS-16 80KSW0002	CPS-12 80KSW0004	CPS-8 80KSW0003	CPS-10Q 80KSW0005	CPS-6Q 80KSW0006
Ports	22 1x ports 10 4x ports Mix of both	12 1x ports 3 4x ports Mix of both	16 1x ports 4 4x ports Mix of both	12 1x ports 3 4x ports Mix of both	8 1x ports 2 4x ports Mix of both	16 1x ports 10 4x ports Mix of both	16 1x ports 6 4x ports Mix of both
Package							
27 x 27 mm, 676 pin	✓	✓				✓	✓
19 x 19 mm, 324 pin		✓	✓	✓	✓		
Features							
Store and forward	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Cut through			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Multicast	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Non-blocking within each S-RIO priority	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
No. of pre-processing scenarios	10	4					
Error Handling	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Packet Trace/Mirror		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Packet Filter/Kill		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
SerDes BIST	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Aggregate Peak Throughput	100 G pre-processing 10 G switch 100 G combined (port limited)	30 G pre-processing 30 G switch 30 G combined (port limited)	40 G	30 G	20 G	100 G	60 G

Serial RapidIO benefits	Features
IDT has just the part you need	PPS, CPS or CPS-10/6Q
Port speed, width and reach can be individually configured	Up to 22 1x or 10 4x ports with 3.125 Gbps performance
PPS frees the DSP to run differentiating algorithms	Performs end-point functions (e.g., lower level data operations)
Enhances DSP and other end point connectivity	Optimally distributes data to multiple DSPs during Serial RapidIO switch interface
Eases system design implementation	Off-the-shelf components supports base station system bring-up and debug; CPS is pin-compatible with PPS
Diverse design implementations are possible	Scalable to address wide range of wireless and non-wireless applications
Minimizes FPGA and ASIC costs	Standard component with Serial RapidIO connectivity
Eases and speeds design-in	Dedicated hardware/software development platform

For additional information about IDT Serial RapidIO products and parts, visit www.IDT.com/go/SRIO.

Functional InterConnect (FIC) devices

As new high-performance interfaces are adopted in Wireless Infrastructure applications, such as Serial RapidIO and CPRI™ (Common Public Radio Interface), there is a requirement for cost-effective, off-the-shelf solutions that provide translation between these interfaces and legacy or less expensive ASICs and FPGAs. IDT meets this need with their family of Functional InterConnect (FIC) devices that offer low-cost connectivity between Serial RapidIO, CPRI, TDM (Time Division Multiplexor) and standard parallel interfaces.

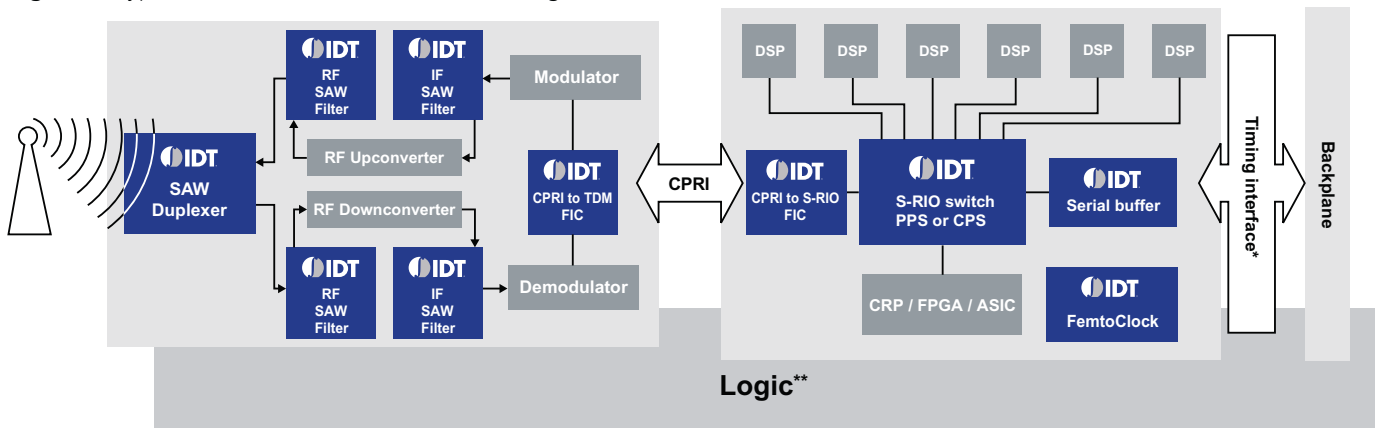
IDT FIC devices provide full-functional translation between the interfaces, eliminating the need for designers to implement this functionality in an ASIC or FPGA. Utilizing FIC off-the-shelf components allows the designer to use valuable programmable logic resources on the high-value processing tasks that will differentiate his product in the marketplace. This also reduces design time and risk, saving development expenses and improving overall time-to-market, as well as minimizing system cost by off-loading the ASIC or FPGA of logic gate or serial transceiver requirements that can drive up their cost.

The block diagram in Figure 1 demonstrates how the IDT CPRI-FIC devices provide the connection between the RF card and the baseband processing system in the wireless base station. Translation options supported by the FIC devices include CPRI-to-Serial RapidIO, CPRI-to-TDM and Serial RapidIO-to-Parallel Interface.

FIC benefits	Features
Reduces design time	Standards based interfaces (Serial RapidIO rev 1.3, CPRI v2.1, QDRII) are used to seamlessly connect to other components to save time
Dramatically reduces FPGA and ASIC costs	Elimination of transceivers and extra logic provides up to 90 percent cost savings in FPGA expense
Eases system design complexity and risk	Proven, off-the-shelf components for shorter time-to-market
Simplifies overall design architecture	Pre-processing capabilities of PPS can be combined with FIC devices to do all translation and initial sample processing
Provides system flexibility	Data translation and formatting options available for sample manipulation
Complete system solution	When combined with the PPS and Serial Buffer, the FIC devices form the complete core solution for baseband processing applications

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Figure 1: Typical Wireless Infrastructure Block Diagram



* IDT has the industry's widest array of timing devices. Visit www.IDT.com/go/timing for more information.

** For additional information about IDT digital logic products and parts, visit www.IDT.com/go/logic.

Serial buffers

With tech-savvy consumers now demanding high value-added services such as mobile video at attractive price points, designers understand that wireless networks for 3G (third generation) and beyond require higher performance and lower cost base station systems. To satisfy the demands of both service providers and consumers, low-cost, high-throughput implementations are needed.

The high-throughput environments of 3G wireless base stations, for example, rely on multiple digital signal processors (DSPs) to deliver value-added services, which require high speed and large amounts of memory to execute consecutive sample-compare functions.

The IDT 10 G serial buffer, when coupled with the IDT pre-processing switch (PPS) and FICs, forms a chipset solution for wireless base station applications (see figure 1). The combination provides customers with a complete processing and storage solution enabling scalable, flexible and cost-effective systems. According to base station designers, the combination of the 10 G serial buffer and the PPS not only reduces DSP loading by up to 20 percent, but also slashes bill of material (BOM) cost by 50 to 75 percent, as compared to alternative solutions.

The 10 G serial buffer is a recent offering in the IDT ongoing commitment to provide leading-edge wireless baseband solutions. In addition to cellular base stations, IDT Serial RapidIO solutions provide excellent support for other DSP-intensive applications, such as medical imaging and high-speed communications applications, as well as radar, data-acquisition and sampling.

Serial buffer benefits	Features
Dramatically improve performance	Eliminates local memory bottlenecks
Reduces silicon area (board space)	Eliminates or reduces the need for local memory entirely
Significantly simplifies design	Eliminates complex memory management schemes
Dramatically reduces the BOM (bill of materials)	Only 16 I/Os are needed, compared to alternative approaches requiring 100 I/Os
Maintains data synchronicity	Contains intelligent monitoring and control circuitry which automatically identifies and compensates for dropped data packets
Provides a complete processing and storage solution enabling scalable, flexible and cost-effective systems	10 G serial buffer solves the sample-compare problem—and the PPS solves the throughput-intensive data processing and switching problems
Reduces DSP loading by up to 20% and slashes BOM by 50 to 75%, as compared to alternative solutions	Combined chipset solution of 10 G serial buffer and PPS

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Functional InterConnect (FIC) and Serial Buffer Matrix

	FIC devices			Serial buffer devices
Device	FIC 80HFC1000	FIC 80HFC1001	FIC 80KFC1002	Serial buffer 80KSBR201
Ports	3 CPRI	3 CPRI	1 S-RIO (1x or 4x)	2 S-RIO (1x or 4x)
	1 S-RIO (1x or 4x)	2 TDM (16 bit ports)	1 Parallel (QDRII burst of 2)	1 Parallel (QDRII burst of 2)
Package	19 x 19 mm, 324 pin	19 x 19 mm, 324 pin	23 x 23 mm, 484 pin	23 x 23 mm, 484 pin
Features	CPRI v2.1 compliant	CPRI v2.1 compliant	S-RIO 1.3 compliant	S-RIO 1.3 compliant
	CPRI Master mode	Each CPRI port configurable as Master or Slave to support chain configurations	Parallel port for external processor, FPGA, or memory	18 Mbits on-chip memory, expandable to 90 Mbits with external memory
	S-RIO 1.3 compliant	TDM interfaces support dual channel configurations	10 Gbps throughput	10 Gbps throughput
	Programmable mapping	TDM control pins provided for seamless connection to popular ADC/DAC, DUC/DDC devices	Status flags and water marks	Status flags and water marks
	Supports S-RIO maintenance operations	Multiplexing mode options		Configurable queue sizes
Performance	CPRI: 614.4 / 1228.8 / 2457.6 Mbaud	CPRI: 614.4 / 1228.8 / 2457.6 Mbaud	S-RIO ports: 1.25 / 2.5 / 3.125 Gbaud	S-RIO ports: 1.25 / 2.5 / 3.125 Gbaud
	S-RIO: 1.25 / 2.5 / 3.125 Gbaud	TDM: up to 150 MHz per port	Parallel: 64-bits up to 200 MHz per port	Parallel: 64-bits up to 200 MHz per port

SAW filters

Today's crowded radio frequency spectrum from baseband through 3 GHz requires system designers to meet stringent regulatory requirements without sacrificing performance. Filter requirements demand high selectivity, low insertion loss, flat passbands, and uniform group delay to meet performance criteria. In addition, these filters must be highly repeatable, small size, low cost, and operate in adverse environmental conditions. Surface acoustic wave (SAW) filters are a perfect match to such requirements.

There are a multitude of commercial applications of SAW filters. They include, but are not limited to, telecommunications (base station and handheld), WiMAX, set top box and cable modems, navigation (GIS/GPS), automotive, and medical. There are also space and military applications, including functions from simple time delay to dispersive devices for complex matched filtering applications.

Early CDMA (code division multiple access) filters were very high-performance devices, demanding high selectivity and out-of-band rejection as well as very low phase and amplitude ripple. These requirements resulted in large filters having insertion losses between 20 dB and 25 dB. The costly filters were packaged in large through-hole metal packages up to 3 inches in length.

As base station design progressed, the selectivity and out-of-band requirements placed on the SAW filters were relaxed. Lowering insertion loss and size of the filters, and therefore cost, became the driving forces in filter design. IDT developed "low loss" filter design capability to meet the needs of the 3G (third generation) IF base station market.

IDT SAW filters have been used as IF (intermediate frequency) filters in wireless base stations for many years. Today, IDT designs and manufactures SAW filters utilizing advanced state-of-the-art semiconductor manufacturing techniques to meet the demanding criteria expected by their customers. SAW filters can easily be integrated by the RF designer as part of the front-end solution to provide duplex operation, RF filtering, and IF filtering after down conversion, or can be combined in a single hybrid module with the appropriate amplifiers and mixers to provide a complete front-end solution. (See figure 1.)

A SAW filter design may be geared to any number of applications, such as:

- Bandpass filters for high-volume commercial applications
- Duplexers to meet stringent operational and regulatory requirements, or
- More complex silicon on ceramic (SOC) hybrids, combining SAW filters with various other devices in a single hybrid package to meet specific requirements and functionality

A number of IDT SAW filters meet the requirements for 3G infrastructure protocols. With so many SAW filters available from IDT, and each with custom capabilities, IDT can provide the proper solution to meet customer requirements.

SAW filter benefits	Features
Meets the needs of the 3G IF base station market	"Low loss" filter design capability, highly reliable, low cost, excellent shape factor
Used in high volume commercial applications	Bandpass filters
Meets the needs of the 3G IF base station market	Very low passband distortion
Families of filters of various bandwidths will meet most 3G infrastructure protocols	Center frequencies from 70 MHz to 350 MHz are available
Easier implementation in a single hybrid package	More complex SOC hybrids combining SAW filters with other devices
Families of filters of various bandwidths will meet most 3G infrastructure protocols	RF SAW filters operate in the 800–900 MHz and 1800–1900 MHz bands

For additional information about IDT SAW filter products and parts, visit www.IDT.com/go/SAWfilters.

Timing solutions

A low phase noise clock design is critical in order to minimize serial link bit error rate and DAC/ADC (digital to analog / analog to digital converters) errors for wireless infrastructure equipment. IDT offers a family of integrated circuits designed to generate and distribute the clock frequency for synchronous components in wireless infrastructure systems, such as SerDes, ADC/DAC circuits, local oscillators, DSPs and control processors. Optimized for low phase noise, the IDT FemtoClock® clock synthesizers and jitter attenuation devices are flexible solutions that support high level integration, while replacing the more traditional (and more expensive) VCXO circuits.

Examples of wireless output clock frequencies supported by IDT integrated clock synthesizers

15.36 MHz

30.72 MHz

122.88 MHz

153.6 MHz

156.25 MHz

491.52 MHz

614.4 MHz

In contrast to competitive solutions, the IDT FemtoClock devices integrate the clock oscillator and offer configuration flexibility. As seen in the wireless output frequencies table, even more integrated solutions have the capability to generate several output frequencies and include fan-out buffers, reducing the component count for more effective board designs.

Wireless infrastructure applications with digitally synthesized or recovered clock signals require jitter attenuation to meet the low phase jitter requirements of the Serial RapidIO transceivers or ADC/DAC devices. Traditionally this was achieved by expensive VCXO circuits. The family of IDT jitter-attenuation and frequency generation devices based on the IDT FemtoClock technology offers a more effective and higher integrated solution, and consists of several devices, such as ICS813076i, ICS814075i, ICS813076i-02, ICS813076i-30 and ICS813076i-31. These devices support the common reference clock frequencies of 2G, 3G (RP3, CPRI) and LTE systems.

The IDT WAN-PLL family supports wireless applications with demanding clock synchronization needs. WAN-PLL devices are optimized single-chip solutions for synchronization between time division multiplexer (TDM), synchronous optical network/ synchronous digital hierarchy (SONET/SDH) and common baseband system frequencies and can function as effective frequency translators. The WAN-PLL devices offer Stratum-compliance, holdover and master/slave support.

Timing solutions benefits	Features
Efficiency: IDT is your one-stop clock shop	Large portfolio of optimized timing solutions
Easy to use, standard compliant, frequency translators	Family of WAN-PLL devices optimized for system synchronization
Reduce jitter design problems	Dedicated jitter attenuation solutions for baseband and RF
Support a high integration level	Low-phase noise reference clock solutions for low bit-error rates designs
Reduces component count for more effective board designs	More integrated solutions capable of generating several output frequencies
More flexible clock solutions than oscillators	Higher integration level

For additional information about IDT timing products and parts, visit www.IDT.com/go/timing.

Digital logic

The IDT high-performance, low-voltage standard logic ICs and bus switch logic ICs are key to high-speed computing and communications systems, including wireless base stations. The advanced portfolio offered by IDT of advanced low-voltage CMOS (ALVC/ALVCH), low-voltage CMOS (LVC/LVCH), and fast CMOS TTL-compatible (FCT) digital logic families allows designers to reduce power consumption, increase data throughput and shrink form factors—while providing needed functions and speeds in cost-effective space-saving packages.

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Conclusion

IDT wireless infrastructure solutions are an integral part of the worldwide communications network. From core routers enabling the network upon which the Internet operates to base stations and mobile devices that allow wireless communications, IDT devices enable a faster, more powerful digital media experience.

For more detailed information about how IDT can help you solve your wireless infrastructure solutions needs, technical documentation, press releases, as well as comprehensive information on the wide variety of related parts that IDT offers, please visit www.IDT.com/go/wireless.

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