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# Software Interface to the PCIe Timing Board

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#### 1 Overview

The PCIe timing interface board is a PCI Express board that interfaces the computer software through a memory mapped interface. As part of the PCI bus enumeration the operating system assign the board a unique memory region in the physical address space. This document describes the register assignment within this region.

The board uses an 8 kb address region divided into 2 blocks of 4 kb. The first block is used for the control registers, whereas the second block is used to read the status of the LIGO timing interface.

Address	Description	Size
0x0000	Control and monitor registers for on-board features, backplane and expansion modules	4096
0x1000	Timing Diagnostics Information	4096

**Table 1:** Memory map of PCIe timing interface.

The PCIe timing board has the following features:

- Part of the Advanced LIGO optical timing distribution system which is based on distributed synchronized 2<sup>26</sup> Hz crystal oscillators driven by a master GPS clock.
- Interfaces the IO interface backplane and provides clocking signals for converters.
- Supports an optional master clock expansion module with GPS capabilities
- Supports an optional fanout expansion module with 12 fiber downlinks.

### 2 Applicable Documents

The applicable documents can be located through the following dcc pages:

- <u>E2000328</u>: PCIe Timing Interface (DCC top node)
- <u>E2000337</u>: PCIe Timing Interface Software Release
- D2000329: PCIe Timing Interface Board
- <u>D2000297</u>: IO Interface Backplane (LVDS)
- <u>D2000301</u>: Master Clock Expansion Option (GPS)
- D2000302: Fanout Expansion Option
- E0900036: Diagnostics Information for the Advanced LIGO Optical Timing Distribution

#### 3 Control Registers

Registers are organized in double words (32 bit). It is envisioned that they are read and written as double words through the PCI Express bus. Reading from unassigned memory addresses within the assign memory region results in zeros. Similarly, writing to an empty address or a read-only address is ignored but treated as successful.

#### 3.1 Current Time

There are two registers to read the current time. The first register needs to be read first. It contains the fractional seconds of the GPS time and it will latch the second register which contains the GPS seconds.

Address	Description	RW	Size
0x0000	Fractional seconds in units of 2 <sup>-32</sup> s Reading this register will latch the GPS seconds. Writing has no effect.	R	4
0x0004	GPS seconds Reads the GPS seconds associated with the last reading of the fractional seconds register. Writing has no effect.	R	4
0x0008	Reserved		8
0x000C			

**Table 2:** Registers to read the current time.

#### 3.2 Converter Backplane Interface

The PCIe timing board interfaces a 10-slot backplane which supports interface cards for the digital converters LIGO is using. Each slot has its own dedicated clock line that can be configured individually. For each clock line the frequency and phase shift can be specified. One can also ask that the clock starts at the next 1 second boundary.

There are 3 options for providing clock signals to the 10 slots:

- 1. Old type TTL ADC/DAC clock (1 per slot)
- 2. Fast LVDS clock (1 per slot)
- 3. Fast LVDS clock and sync lines (shared on neighboring odd/even slots)

Additionally, there a few bits of binary IO that can be controlled for each slot. This is typically used to add the analog DuoTone signal to slot 10, and to route another DuoTone signal from slot 9 to 10. However, these bits are available on all slots, and can be used for other purposes.

#### 3.2.1 Common Functions

The table below shows the common functions for the converter backplane interface. Depending on bit 0 a write to register 0x0018 will either reset the watchdog timer or initialize the SPI devices.

Address	Description	RW	Size
0x0010	Backplane configuration Bit 1: Reset watchdog timer every time the current time is read Bit 0: Disable DuoTone output	RW	4
0x0014	Watchdog reset or SPI initialization Bit 0: Init SPI bus when 1, Reset watchdog when 0	W	4
0x0018	Backplane status Bits 3110: Reserved Bit 9: Backplane is present Bit 8: X5 input Bit 7: X3 input Bit 6: X1 input Bit 5: Temperature alarm Bits 43: Backplane revision Bit 2: Watchdog monitor Bit 1: Indicates that all clocks are running Bit 0: Indicates that all clocks are active	R	4
0x001C	Reserved		4

**Table 3:** Common registers for the backplane interface.

The analog DuoTone signal is only routed to slots 9 and 10.

#### 3.2.2 Slot Functions

The table below lists the configuration and monitor registers for each slot of the back plane. There are 10 slots, with 2 10 configuration registers and 1 monitor register each. Slot 1 starts at address 0x0020, slot 2 at 0x0030 and so on. All registers are initialized to zero at the beginning and no clock signals are sent to the backplane.

Address	Description	RW	Size
0x0020	Slot 1 (odd) configuration Bits 3123: Reserved Bit 22: Ignored Bit 20: Bit 1 output high Bit 19: Bit 1 is binary output Bit 18: Enable DAC DuoTone on second to last ADC channel Bit 17: Enable Duotone on last ADC channel Bit 16: Use LVDS clock lines Bits 1513: Reserved Bit 12: Pull idle clock line high Bit 11: Start clock at next transition from idle value Bit 10: Start clock at next second boundary after a 0.25 s countdown Bit 9: Inverted clock signal Bit 8: Enable clock signal Bits 70: Log2 frequency 2 <sup>26</sup> Hz is the highest allowed frequency	RW	4
0x0024	Slot 1 (odd) phase shift Bit 310: Phase shift in units of 2 <sup>-32</sup> s.	RW	4
0x0028	Slot 1 (odd) status Bits 3123: Reserved Bit 22: Undefined Bit 20: Monitor of bit 1 Bit 19: Monitor of DAC DuoTone select on last DAC channel Bit 18: Monitor of DAC DuoTone select on second to last ADC channel Bit 17: Monitor of DAC DuoTone select on last ADC channel Bit 16: Undefined Bits 152: Reserved Bit 1: Indicates that clock is running Bit 0: Indicates that clock is active	R	4
0x002C	Reserved		4

0x0030	Slot 2 (even) configuration Bits 3123: Reserved Bit 22: Bit 2 output high Bit 21: Bit 2 is binary output (shared on neighboring odd/even slots) Bit 20: Bit 1 output high Bit 19: Bit 1 is binary output Bit 18: Select DAC DuoTone on second to last ADC channel Bit 17: Select Duotone on last ADC channel Bit 16: Use LVDS clock lines Bits 1513: Reserved Bit 12: Pull idle clock line high Bit 11: Start clock at next transition from idle value Bit 10: Start clock at next second boundary after a 0.25 s countdown Bit 9: Inverted clock signal Bit 8: Enable clock signal	RW	
	Bits 70: Log2 frequency 2 <sup>26</sup> Hz is the highest allowed frequency		
0x0034	Slot 2 (even) phase shift Bit 310: Phase shift in units of 2 <sup>-32</sup> s.	RW	4
	Slot 2 (even) status Bits 3123: Reserved Bit 22: Monitor of bit 2 (shared on neighboring odd slot) Bit 21: Undefined Bit 20: Monitor of bit 1 Bit 19: Monitor of DAC DuoTone select on last DAC channel Bit 18: Monitor of DAC DuoTone select on second to last ADC channel Bit 17: Monitor of DAC DuoTone select on last ADC channel Bit 16: Undefined Bits 152: Reserved Bit 1: Indicates that clock is running Bit 0: Indicates that clock is active	R	4
0x003C	Reserved		4
0x0040	Configuration and status registers for slots 2 to 10.		128
0x00BC			

**Table 4:** Registers to setup clock signals for the ADCs and DACs.

An 8-bit value,  $N \le 26$ , is used to select the frequency with the equation  $2^N$  Hz. The period is then  $2^{-N}$  s. To get the clock signal applied one also must enable it. If the clock is disabled, the clock output is set to the idle value. If the clock must start at a 1 second boundary, one can choose to delay the enable to the next 1 second boundary after a fixed minimum delay of 0.25 sec has passed. The clock can also be enabled immediately, or on the next transition away from the idle value. The two options can be combined: wait for the 1PPS boundary and then wait again for the next transition away from idle. If the clock is enabled immediately, it may result in a very short half cycle at the beginning; it could be as short as  $2^{-27}$  sec which may be too short for the converters of the data acquisition system.

An optional phase shift can be applied and is specified in units of  $2^{-32}$  sec. The least significant bits below the clock's resolution are ignored, as well as the most significant bits that would indicate a phase shift larger than a clock cycle. Additionally, there is a bit to invert the final output clock signal. This is equivalent to a 180° phase shift.

There are two status readbacks for the clock output: active and running. The difference is that running will wait for the first transition away from idle, when this option is selected, whereas active will go high immediately after the optional wait for the 1PPS.

Several binary IO channels are available too. The binary IO channels associated with the DuoTone were previously only available on slots 9 and 10 but were physically the same signals. In this implementation, separate binary IO channels are routed to each slot. If they are not used for DuoTone, they can be used for other purposes—together with two additional bits. Bit 1 and 2 have configurable direction. Bit 1 is a per slot channel, whereas bit 2 is shared among two neighboring odd/even slots.

#### 3.3 Interrupt Configuration

The board supports 4 message-based interrupts (MSI) over the PCI Express bus. These interrupts can be configured to be issued at regular intervals. The setup is the same as a converter clock with the rising edge of the configured clock signal being used to initiate the interrupt. PCI Express interrupts must be configured and enabled by the root complex during the initial setup process. The interrupt processing is done by the device driver, which is loaded by the operating system. Interrupt configuration registers for the first MSI are located at 0x00C0. The second, third and fourth MSI are at 0x00D0, 0x00E0 and 0x00F0, respectively.

Address	Description	RW	Size
0x00C0	MSI 0 configuration Bit 12: Pull idle clock line high Bit 11: Start clock at next transition from idle value Bit 10: Start clock at next second boundary after a 0.25 s countdown Bit 9: Inverted clock signal Bit 8: Enable interrupt signal Bits 70: Log2 frequency 2 <sup>26</sup> Hz is the highest allowed frequency	RW	4
0x00C4	MSI 0 phase shift Bit 310: Phase shift in units of 2 <sup>-32</sup> s.	RW	4
0x00C8	MSI 0 status Bit 1: Indicates that interrupts are issued at regular intervals Bit 0: Indicates that the interrupt is configured	R	4
0x00CC	Reserved		4
0x00D0  0x00FC	Configuration of interrupts MSI 1 through 3.		24

**Table 5:** Registers to configure interrupts over the PCI Express bus.

#### 3.4 GPS Expansion Module

It is possible to connect an expansion module to the DB25 and SMA connectors of the PCIe timing board. This expansion module implements an OCXO and a GPS receiver, an RS422 port, an additional SFP, both a 1 PPS input and output, as well as an external frequency input. If both GPS and OCXO are present, the PCIe interface board will default to be a timing root node (master clock). The OCXO is connected to the SMA on the PCI board and its frequency must be 2<sup>25</sup> Hz. For a timing root node, it serves as the main clock source for the entire timing distribution system. The GPS receiver provides a time stamp that relates to UTC through a 1 PPS signal and a serial interface. If the expansion board is not equipped with a GPS or an OCXO, the PCI board acts as a normal downstream timing interface.

The GPS expansion module implements an external frequency input. Normally, this input is just used as a frequency counter. However, it can also be used to lock the frequency of an external OCXO. This must be enabled explicitly, and the desired frequency must be set through the PCI. Since this OCXO will only be locked to the 1 PPS, its RF phase error can be relatively large.

Address	Description	RW	Size
0x0100	GPS expansion configuration Bits 318: Reserved Bit 7: Use frequency input and DAC output to lock an external OCXO (only possible if not a root node) Bit 6: Output an IRIG-B (2 <sup>nd</sup> channel) rather than an 1 PPS Bit 5: Disable binary output (1 PPS normally) Bit 4: Disable RS422 Bits 32: 1 PPS control (for a timing root node)	RW	4
0x0104	Preset frequency Bits 310: Preset frequency in Hz for an external OCXO	RW	4
0x0108	GPS expansion status Bits 315: Reserved Bit 4: GPS is locked Bit 3: External OCXO is locked Bit 2: External frequency input is present Bit 1: External 1 PPS is used Bit 0: Root node flag	R	4
0x010C	Frequency counter Bits 310: External frequency in Hz	R	4

**Table 6:** Registers for the GPS expansion module.

The expansion module also has an external 1 PPS input which can be used to synchronize the master with an external frequency standard. A digital output is available which is normally configured as a 1 PPS output but can also output an IRIB-B signal instead.

An RS422 port writes the timing status information once a second and can be read by the slow controls system to provide diagnostics o the timing system. Since fanout modules collect the diagnostics information of their direct downstream partners, all diagnostics information is available by monitoring the fanout chassis.

The master clock expansion module also implements a fiber port. This fiber port can be used for either an uplink or a downlink. The logic is as follows: if the PCIe timing interface acts as a timing master, the fiber port is a fanout port. If this is a standard downstream timing interface, the fiber port is an uplink port. It can be used instead of the port mounted on the board. If both ports are connected, the on-board port has priority. However, the port on the expansion module can be forced to be a fanout port through software.

#### 3.5 Fanout Expansion Module

The fanout expansion module requires a PCIe daughter board to provide the additional signal lines. It provides up to 16 fiber downlink ports and makes the PCIe timing interface a fanout timing module. The daughter board implements 4 fiber ports, and it can be used stand-alone in systems that don't need the full number of fanout ports.

One fiber port is implemented on the main timing interface board. Typically, this will be used for the uplink to a timing fanout. It is possible to add expansion boards which implement additional fiber ports. This can make the PCIe timing interface a master clock with fanout. There are 12 fiber ports located on the fanout expansion board. 4 fiber ports are located on the daughter board and one extra fiber port is located on the GPS expansion board. The GPS expansion board is connected through a DB25 to the main timing interface. The daughter board connects to the timing interface through the Samtec connectors and makes the PCIe board double width. The fanout expansion board connects to the daughter board through a SCSI-2 type high density cable.

Address	Description	RW	Size
0x0110	Fanout expansion configuration Bits 3112: Reserved Bits 117: Port number for identification (Use 31 for uplink) Bit 6: Enable port identification Bit 5: Reuse uplink SFP for fanout (requires bit 43 to be non-zero) Bit 43: Uplink SFP selection	RW	4

0x0114	IRIG-B configuration Bits 3120: Leap seconds Bit 19: Delete rather than add a leap second Bit 18: Append a leap second (at end of next quarter) Bit 17: Daylight saving time Bit 1611: Time zone (signed value in units of 0.5h) Bits 109: IRIG-B selection (2 <sup>nd</sup> channel)	RW	4
0x0118	Fanout expansion status Bits 3117: Reserved Bits 1615: DIP switch position (SW12/SW11) Bits 1410: Position of port reused as fanout Bits 95: Number of enabled fanout ports Bits 40: Number of configured fanout ports	R	4
0x011C	Time difference between the internal and the IRIG-B/1 PPS signal, 2's complement in units of 2 <sup>-32</sup> s	R	4
0x0120	Time difference between the internal GPS and the IRIG-B signal, 2's complement in units of 1 s	R	4
0x0124 to 0x012C	Decoded bits of the received IRIG-B signal 89 bits in little endian format, bits 89 to 95 are used for an error counter This bits are reported on the next second after the IRIG-B signal has been decoded, so it is 2 seconds behind	R	12

**Table 7:** Registers for the fanout expansion module.

The fiber ports on the expansion boards can be enabled or disabled by setting the corresponding bits in the configuration register. Furthermore, the last port on an expansion board can be reassigned to be the uplink. This is useful in situations where the fiber port on the timing interface is not easily accessible. If the uplink has been reassigned, the port on the timing interface can optionally be reused as a fanout port.

Since the numbering of the fanout ports can be confusing, a port identification option is available to enable double blinking of the LED on a selected fanout or uplink port.

The fanout expansion module also implements two BNC connectors that are used for the input and output of an IRIG-B signal. The IRIG-B signals are TTL based square wave signals and not analog sine waves. Alternatively, the IRIG-B input can also be reassigned for an additional 1 PPS input, whereas the IRIG-B output can be used to output a square wave at a fixed frequency of  $2^N$  Hz.

#### 3.6 Advanced Timing Features

The fanout expansion module requires a PCIe daughter board to provide the additional signal lines. It provides up to 16 fiber downlink ports and makes the PCIe timing interface a fanout timing module.

Address	Description	RW	Size
0x0130	Advanced timing configuration Bits 310: Reserved	RW	4
0x0134	Writing the value 0xFEEDC0DE to this register will write the 1 kbyte located at 0x1C00 back to the EEPROM on the daughter board.	W	4
0x0138	Advanced timing status Bit 3127: Unused Bit 2624: Timing link version Bit 23: Analog output for XO locking enabled Bit 22: RAM option enabled for timing diagnostics Bit 21: PCIE option enabled Bit 20: IRIG option enabled Bit 19: RS422 option enabled Bit 19: RS422 option enabled Bit 17: OCXO option enabled Bit 17: OCXO option enabled Bit 15: EEPROM on daughterboard has been read Bits 143: Future expansion options Bit 2: Fanout expansion is present Bit 1: GPS expansion is present Bit 0: Daughter board is present	R	4
0x013C	Unused		4

 Table 8:
 Registers for advanced timing features.

#### 3.7 On Board Features

Several on board diagnostics features are available. They are mostly related to the power supply.

Address	Description	RW	Size
0x0180	Board configuration: Bits 314: Reserved Bits 30: Value describing the external synchronization frequency, 28+N Hz. Allowable values N = 115. Setting N to 0 will disable the output.	RW	4
0x0184	XADC configuration: Currently not used	RW	4
0x0188	Board and power supply status: Bits 319: Reserved Bits 8: Switching regulator applied interrupt Bits 72: Interrupt flags od switching supply Temperature, low input voltage, power good for supplies 4 to 1 Bit 1: Power good signal from PCIe supplies Bit 0: Power good signal from switching supply (ADP5050)	R	4
0x018C	XADC status: Bits 316: Reserved Bit 5: XADC enabled Bit 4: VCCAUX alarm (>3% deviation) Bit 3: VCCINT alarm (>3% deviation) Bit 2: User temperature alarm (>75°) Bit 1: Over temperature alarm (>95°) Bit 0: Any alarm		4
0x0190	Temperature and internal power supply 1 Bits 3116: VCCINT (nominally 1.0V) Bits 150: Current internal chip temperature	R	4
0x0194	Internal power supply 2 Bits 3116: VCCBRAM (nominally 1.0V) Bits 150: VCCAUX (nominally 1.8V)	R	4
0x0198	External power supply 1 Bits 3116: Current of VCCINT Bits 150: Current of VDD	R	4
0x019C	External power supply 2 Bits 3116: Current of VCC Bits 150: Current of VCCAUX	R	4
0x01A0	External power supply 3 Bits 3116: VDD (nominally 2.5V) Bits 150: VCC (nominally 3.3V)	R	4

0x01A4	External power supply 4 Bits 3116: AVTT (gigabit transceivers, nominally 1.2V) Bits 150: AVCC (gigabit transceivers, nominally 1.0V)	R	4
0x01A8	External power supply 5 Bits 3116: P10 (analog supply, nominally +10V) Bits 150: V12 (main supply voltage, nominally 12V)	R	4
0x01AC	External power supply 6 Bits 3116: VREG (nominally 5.1V) Bits 150: P5 (analog voltage, nominally +5V)	R	4
0x01B0	External power supply 7 Bits 3116: N12 (analog supply, nominally –10V) Bits 150: VADC (XADC supply voltage, nominally 1.8V)	R	4
0x01B4	External power supply 4 Bits 3116: Current of V12 Bits 150: V12 (main supply voltage, nominally –5V)	R	4

**Table 9:** Registers for board diagnostics.

The external power synchronization frequency is selected by the following equation:  $2^{N+8}$  Hz, where N is a 4-bit number ranging from 0 to 15. This supports frequencies from ~512 Hz up to ~8 MHz. N=0 turns it off.

#### 4 Timing Diagnostics Information

The available timing information is described in detail in <u>E0900036</u>. The amount of available information depends whether we are configured as an end point in the timing distribution, or whether we are master or fanout module. The PCIe timing interface can support master and fanout functions through expansion modules. Every timing interface module sends some information back to the upstream fanout module through the uplink fiber port. Fanout modules collect this information and make it available through a RS422 port, which in turn is read by the slow controls system.

The same is true for the PCIe timing interface with the addition that this information is mapped into the timing diagnostics block and available through the PCIe interface. The PCIe interface implements version of the protocol which allocates an additional 128 bytes of data before the information form the downstream ports.

The memory layout is as follows:

Address	Description	Size
0x1000	Status & Configuration Information	64
0x1040	Records from up to 16 downlink records	128
0x10C0	GPS status	32
0x10E0	CRC error counters from fanout modules	16
0x10F0	Reserved	16
0x1100(v2)	Additional information from the PCIe board (version 2 only)	128
0x1100(v1) 0x1180(v2)	Information sent back from the downlink nodes, each has 32 bytes of status information 96 bytes of node specific information	2048
0x1900(v1) 0x1980(v2)	CRC	4
0x1904(v1) 0x1984(v2)	Reserved	764(v1) 636(v2)
0x1C00	Data from EEPROM on daughter board (if present)	1024

**Table 10:** Memory map of timing diagnostics information.

We explicitly list the first 16 double words and refer to <u>E0900036</u> for any additional information.

Address	Description	Size
0x1000	Board ID and revision First 7 digits are the dcc number (D), last digit is the revision. Set to 0x2000329R with R the revision	4
0x1004	Board serial number. Currently used to indicate if this is a root or fanout node (0x0000) or a normal timing interface (0x0001)	4
0x1008	Software ID and revision First 7 digits are the dcc number (E), last digit is the revision. Set to 0x2000337R with R the revision	4
0x100C	Software revision number This is the subversion revision of the loaded FPGA program	4
0x1010	GPS time in seconds	4
0x1014	Module address. The first nibble (hex digit) is the nesting level and each following nibble represents a leaf in the timing distribution system with the master always set to 0x0. The first fanout port of the master gets assigned 0x1000000, the second port is 0x11000000, etc.	4
0x1018	Status Bits 3116: Control voltage applied to the VCXO Bits 158: Status of the DIP switches Bits 76: Status of SW10 and SW9 Bit 5: Loss of signal (LOS) at the uplink port Bits 41: Number of consecutive seconds with missing 1PPS Bit 0: Uplink is up and running normally	4
0x101C	Configuration (master and fanout) Bits 3116: Unused Bit 15: An OCXO is present Bit 14: External 1PPS present Bit 13: A GPS module is present Bit 12: GPS is locked Bit 11: OCXO is locked Bit 10: External 1PPS is used for timing reference Bit 9: GPS 1PPS is used for timing reference Bit 8: Uplink 1PPS is used for timing reference Bit 7: Uplink up and running Bit 6: Uplink loss of signal Bits 52: Number of fanout ports (0 represents 16 ports) Bit 1: This is a fanout module Bit 0: This is a master module	4

0x1020	OCXO Controls Bits 3116: Unused Bits 150: OCXO control voltage	4
0x1024	OCXO Error Time difference between the internal 1PPS obtained from the OCXO clock signal, and the external 1PPS, 2's complement in units of 2 <sup>-32</sup> s	4
0x1028	Uplink 1PPS delay Time difference between the uplink 1PPS input and the internal 1PPS	4
0x102C	Ext 1PPS delay Time difference between the external 1PPS and the internal 1PPS.	4
0x1030	GPS 1PPS delay Time difference between the GPS 1PPS and the internal 1PPS.	4
0x1034	Fanout Up/LOS Bits 3116: Fanout ports are up (LSB is port 0) Bits 150: Loss of signal at fanout port	4
0x1038	Fanout Missing downlink 1PPS and delay error Bits 3116: Missing 1PPS in downlink return Bits 150: Fiber delay is out of range	4
0x103C	Error count Bits 3112: Unused Bit 11: GPS error (if master) Bit 108: GPS error count (if master) Bits: 70: CRC error count	4

 Table 11: Memory map of the status information form the timing diagnostics.