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1 Abstract

FPGA development can encompass many different applications and needs. In some cases, the addition of mezzanines cards may present a challenge to mate with its host due to space constraints or even ease of access. Samtec has developed the FMC+ HDR Cable Extension which gives the FPGA developer an additional 397.8 mm of length to test the carrier cards away from the host without signal / performance degradation.

The cable is ideal for benchtop testing, system debugging, probing, FPGA development, or for regularly accessing a system where cards would need to be separated from the host board. This paper will explore:

- Mechanical & Electrical design of the FMC+ HDR Cable Extension.
- FPGA development using the FMC+ HDR Cable Extension.
- Qualification testing results for the FMC+ HDR Cable Extension.
- Specific applications for the FMC+ HDR Cable Extension.



2 Mechanical Design of the HDR Cable Assembly for FMC+ Applications

Some FPGA mezzanine cards may present a challenge to unmate from their host due to ease of access and size constraints. FPGA developers now have an option to extend the reach of the host board 397.8 mm without signal / performance degradation through the Samtec developed HDR Cable Assembly for FMC+.

The HDR-199453-01-FMC is designed for use with VITA 57.4 systems. The HDR cable assembly uses Samtec's High Speed Twinax and Coax cables as the medium to extend the reach of the system. The Samtec SEARAYTM connector assemblies are also mounted on opposite sides. See Image 1 for the layout.



Image 1. HDR-199453-01-FMC HDR Cable Assembly



2.1 Mechanical Design Factors in the FMC+ HDR Cable Assembly

Since many of the applications that involve VITA 57.4 systems are on highly populated boards with sensitive components; it is important to have an easy way to access the FMC+ carrier. The FMC+ HDR Cable Assembly provides this access as shown in Image 2. The cable assembly fulfils the following features:

- 1. FPGA development is the focus of the cable. Additional length should be allowed without a degradation to the signal / performance in the system.
- 2. The FMC+ carrier can be located in an area when space constraints exist, and there is a need to move the connection point to easily assessable location to avoid damage.
- 3. Boards on the cable assembly should be designed to work in conjunction with the <u>Micro Jack Screw Standoff (JSOM)</u>.
- 4. Disassembly should remain easily accessible to not interfere with other components.

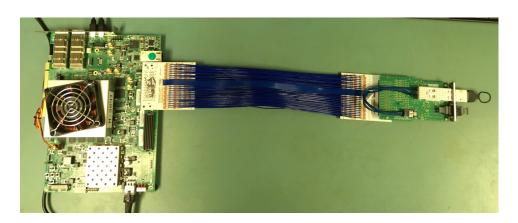


Image 2. VITA 57.4 application of the Xilinx UltraScale+ VCU118 FPGA utilizing the FMC+ HDR Cable Assembly

2.2 Design and Pinout of the HDR Cable Assembly for FMC+

The FMC+ HDR Cable Assembly is designed at a length of 397.8mm with connector mounting on opposite sides of the cable. This was designed to emulate the mating directly to the host board without effecting the performance of the system. Side 1 the cable uses the Samtec socket ASP-184330-01 and Side 2 uses the Samtec terminal ASP-184329-01.

The pinout is mapped 1—1 for the system and is shown below in Table 1. This ensures that any system designed to meet VITA 57.4 will function with this cable assuring near invisibility to the system.





Table 1 -FMC+ HDR Cable Assembly Signal Map

2.3 Testing the FMC+ HDR Cable Assembly

2.3a Test Setup

To determine electrical performance of the HDR-199453-01-FMC, the Xilinx VCU118 was used in two different configurations. Test Setup 1 utilizes the FMC+ copper loopback (REF-194914-01) vs Test Setup 2 utilizing the 28G FireFly FMC+ loopback (REF-200772-28G-16-01). The VCU118 was utilized as the FMC+ carrier along with the two different loopback cards, see Figure 1 and Figure 2. Details of the signal paths are shown below for both loopback setups.

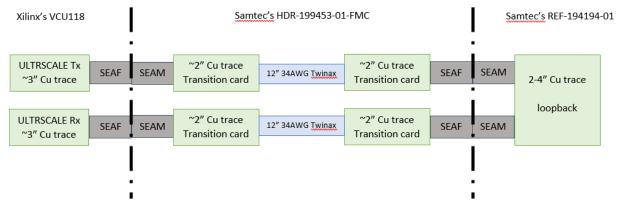


Figure 1: Test setup 1 utilizing the FMC+ Copper Loopback Card



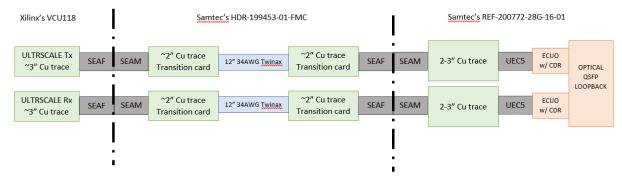


Figure 2: Test setup 2 utilizing the 28G FireFly FMC+ Loopback Card

Both setups utilize similar setups, with the exception of the loopback cards, and was to show that the FMC+ HDR Cable System will perform with varying end setups.

2.3b Testing Results

Test Setup 1 ran over all 24 channels and was found to be error free for over 15 hours of testing with a BER < 1e-15. There was no pre-emphasis and DFE was enabled for the test. The eye diagram is shown in Figure 3 and the resulting data in Table 2.

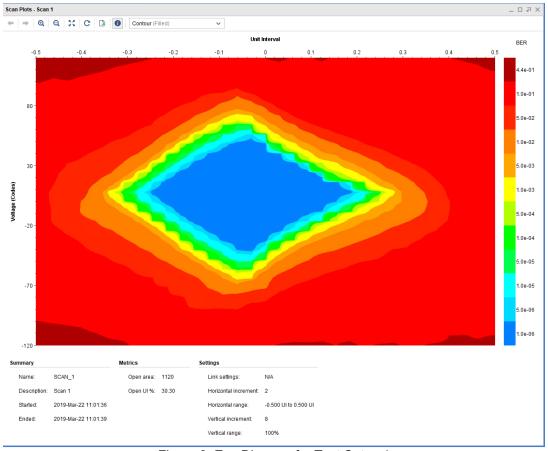


Figure 3: Eye Diagram for Test Setup 1



Name	IX	RX	Status	Bits	Errors	BER
Ungrouped Links (0)						
√ ⑤ Found Links (24)						
% Found 0	MGT_X0Y4/TX	MGT_X0Y4/RX	28.010 Gbps	1.493E15	0E0	6.7E-16
% Found 1	MGT_X0Y5/TX	MGT_X0Y5/RX	28.000 Gbps	1.493E15	0E0	6.7E-16
% Found 2	MGT_X0Y6/TX	MGT_X0Y6/RX	28.000 Gbps	1.493E15	0E0	6.7E-16
% Found 3	MGT_X0Y7/TX	MGT_X0Y7/RX	28.000 Gbps	1.493E15	0E0	6.7E-16
% Found 4	MGT_X0Y8/TX	MGT_X0Y8/RX	27.994 Gbps	1.493E15	0E0	6.7E-16
% Found 5	MGT_X0Y9/TX	MGT_X0Y9/RX	28.000 Gbps	1.493E15	0E0	6.7E-16
% Found 6	MGT_X0Y10/TX	MGT_X0Y10/RX	28.000 Gbps	1.493E15	0E0	6.7E-16
% Found 7	MGT_X0Y11/TX	MGT_X0Y11/RX	28.000 Gbps	1.493E15	0E0	6.7E-16
% Found 8	MGT_X0Y12/TX	MGT_X0Y12/RX	28.000 Gbps	1.493E15	0E0	6.7E-16
% Found 9	MGT_X0Y13/TX	MGT_X0Y13/RX	28.000 Gbps	1.493E15	0E0	6.7E-16
% Found 10	MGT_X0Y14/TX	MGT_X0Y14/RX	27.968 Gbps	1.493E15	0E0	6.7E-16
% Found 11	MGT_X0Y15/TX	MGT_X0Y15/RX	28.000 Gbps	1.493E15	0E0	6.7E-16
% Found 12	MGT_X0Y24/TX	MGT_X0Y24/RX	27.965 Gbps	1.493E15	0E0	6.7E-16
% Found 13	MGT_X0Y25/TX	MGT_X0Y25/RX	27.973 Gbps	1.493E15	0E0	6.7E-16
% Found 14	MGT_X0Y26/TX	MGT_X0Y26/RX	28.000 Gbps	1.493E15	0E0	6.7E-16
% Found 15	MGT_X0Y27/TX	MGT_X0Y27/RX	28.000 Gbps	1.493E15	0E0	6.7E-16
% Found 16	MGT_X0Y28/TX	MGT_X0Y28/RX	28.000 Gbps	1.493E15	0E0	6.7E-16
% Found 17	MGT_X0Y29/TX	MGT_X0Y29/RX	27.943 Gbps	1.493E15	0E0	6.7E-16
% Found 18	MGT_X0Y30/TX	MGT_X0Y30/RX	28.000 Gbps	1.493E15	0E0	6.7E-16
% Found 19	MGT_X0Y31/TX	MGT_X0Y31/RX	28.041 Gbps	1.493E15	0E0	6.7E-16
% Found 20	MGT_X0Y32/TX	MGT_X0Y32/RX	27.991 Gbps	1.493E15	0E0	6.7E-16
% Found 21	MGT_X0Y33/TX	MGT_X0Y33/RX	27.987 Gbps	1.493E15	0E0	6.7E-16
% Found 22	MGT_X0Y34/TX	MGT_X0Y34/RX	28.000 Gbps	1.493E15	0E0	6.7E-16
% Found 23	MGT_X0Y35/TX	MGT_X0Y35/RX	28.000 Gbps	1.493E15	0E0	6.7E-16

Table 2: Data for Test Setup 1



Test Setup 2 ran over all 16 loopback channels and was found to be error free over the duration of 2.5 hours of testing with a BER < 4e-15. The eye diagram is shown in Figure 4 and the resulting data in Table 3

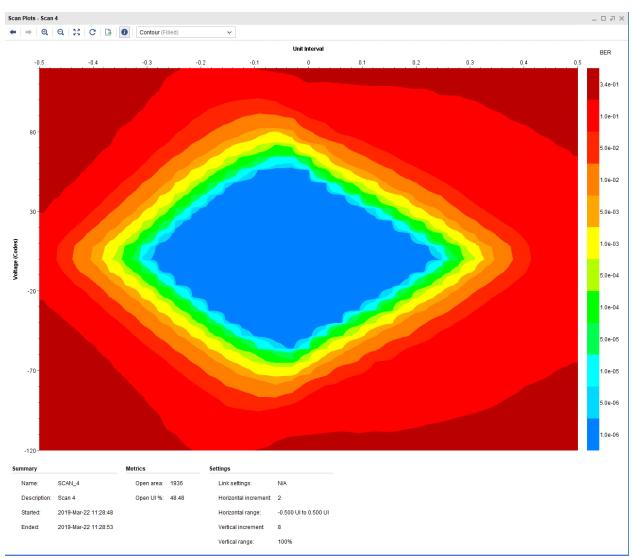


Figure 4: Eye Diagram for Test Setup 2

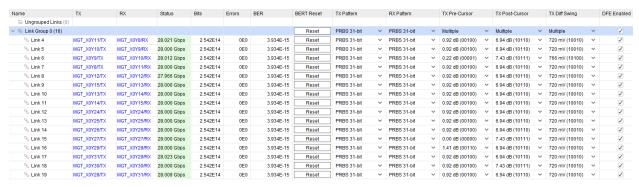


Table 3: Data for Test Setup 2



2.4 Application Recommendations

The FMC+ HDR Cable Extension is designed to offer FPGA designers the ability to easily access the FMC+ carrier for VITA 57.4 applications, see Image 2. The assembly is ideal for benchtop testing, system debugging, probing, FPGA development, or for regularly accessing a system where cards would need to be separated from the host board. The specified cable for VITA 57.4 applications is as follows:

- 397.8 mm end to end length options w/ connectors mounted Opposite Side
 - o High Data Rate Cable, (HSPC) female to (HSPC) male HDR-199453-01-FMC

3 Conclusions

With Samtec's FMC+ HDR Cable Assembly, FPGA development in heavily populated areas becomes much easier to manage. The FMC+ HDR Cable Assembly expands the work area for FMC+ applications and provides the user with more room and easier access to mate and unmate a mezzanine card.

Those who need additional room for benchtop testing, system debugging, probing, FPGA development, or regularly accessing a system where the card needs to be separated from the host board can utilize the FMC+ HDR Cable Assembly without degradation of signal / performance within the system. Samtec offers the FMC+ HDR Cable Assembly as a standard offering to work with all VITA 57.4 applications.



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