

M4i.22xx-x8 - 8 bit Digitizer up to 5 GS/s

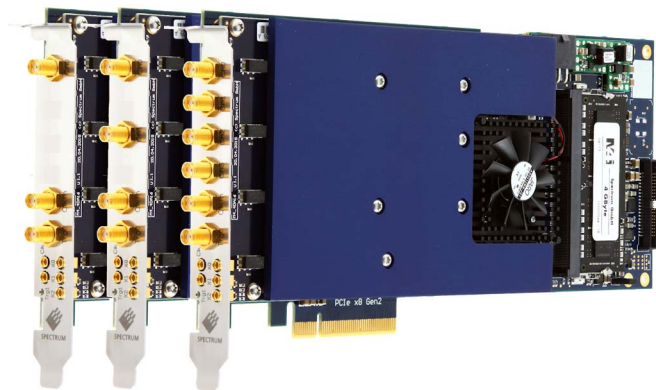
- 5 GS/s on one channel
- 2.5 GS/s on two channels
- 1.25 GS/s on four channels
- up to 1.5 GHz bandwidth
- Ultra Fast PCI Express x8 Gen 2 interface
- Simultaneously sampling on all channels
- 4 input ranges: ± 200 mV up to ± 2.5 V
- Low voltage input range option ± 40 mV up to ± 500 mV
- Programmable input offset of $\pm 200\%$
- 4 GSample on-board memory
- Window, re-arm, OR/AND trigger
- Synchronization of up to 8 cards per system
- Features: Single-Shot, Streaming, Multiple Recording, Gated Sampling, ABA, Timestamps
- Direct data transfer to CUDA GPU using SCAPP option

| Speed | SNR | ENOB |
|-----------|----------|----------|
| 5 GS/s | >44.5 dB | >7.1 bit |
| 2.5 GS/s | >45.6 dB | >7.3 bit |
| 1.25 GS/s | >46.9 dB | >7.5 bit |

FPGA Options:

- Block Average up to 128k
- Block Statistics/Peak Detect

SCAPP
Spectrum's CUDA Access – Parallel Processing

- PCIe x8 Gen 2 Interface
- Works with x8/x16* PCIe slots
- Sustained streaming mode more than 3.4 GB/s**

| Operating Systems | Recommended Software | Drivers |
|---|--|--|
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Windows 7 (SP1), 8, 10 • Linux Kernel 2.6, 3.x, 4.x • Windows/Linux 32 and 64 bit | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Visual Basic, Visual C++, C++ Builder, GNU C++, Delphi, VB.NET, C#, J#, Java, Python • SBench 6 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MATLAB • LabVIEW • LabWindows/CVI • IVI |

| Model | Bandwidth | 1 channel | 2 channels | 4 channels |
|-------------|-----------|-----------|------------|------------|
| M4i.2234-x8 | 1.5 GHz | 5 GS/s | 2.5 GS/s | 1.25 GS/s |
| M4i.2233-x8 | 1.5 GHz | 5 GS/s | 2.5 GS/s | |
| M4i.2230-x8 | 1.5 GHz | 5 GS/s | | |
| M4i.2221-x8 | 1.5 GHz | 2.5 GS/s | 2.5 GS/s | |
| M4i.2223-x8 | 1.5 GHz | 2.5 GS/s | 1.25 GS/s | |
| M4i.2220-x8 | 1.5 GHz | 2.5 GS/s | | |
| M4i.2212-x8 | 500 MHz | 1.25 GS/s | 1.25 GS/s | 1.25 GS/s |
| M4i.2211-x8 | 500 MHz | 1.25 GS/s | 1.25 GS/s | |
| M4i.2210-x8 | 500 MHz | 1.25 GS/s | | |

General Information

The M4i.22xx-x8 series digitizers deliver the highest performance in both speed and resolution. The series includes PCIe cards with either one, two or four synchronous channels. The ADCs can sample at rates from 1.25 GS/s up to 5 GS/s with a maximum bandwidth of up to 1.5 GHz.

The digitizers feature a PCI Express x8 Gen 2 interface that offers outstanding data streaming performance. The interface and Spectrums optimized drivers enable data transfer rates in excess of 3.4 GB/s so that signals can be acquired, stored and analyzed at the fastest speeds. The cards are still software compatible with the drivers from earlier Spectrum digitizers starting with M2i series.

*Some x16 PCIe slots are for the use of graphic cards only and can't be used for other cards. **Throughput measured with a motherboard chipset supporting a TLP size of 256 bytes.

Software Support

Windows drivers

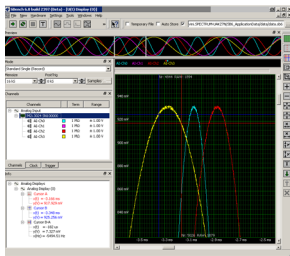
The cards are delivered with drivers for Windows 7, Windows 8 and Windows 10 (32 bit and 64 bit). Programming examples for Visual C++, C++ Builder, LabWindows/CVI, Delphi, Visual Basic, VB.NET, C#, J#, Python, Java and IVI are included.

Linux Drivers



All cards are delivered with full Linux support. Pre compiled kernel modules are included for the most common distributions like Fedora, Suse, Ubuntu LTS or Debian. The Linux support includes SMP systems, 32 bit and 64 bit systems, versatile programming examples for GNU C++, Python as well as the possibility to get the driver sources for your own compilation.

SBench 6



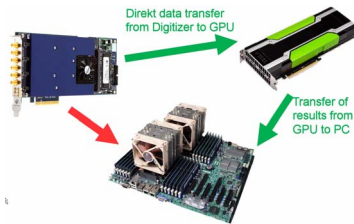
A base license of SBench 6, the easy-to-use graphical operating software for Spectrum cards, is included in the delivery. The base license makes it possible to test the card, display acquired data and make some basic measurements. It's a valuable tool for checking the card's performance and assisting with the unit's initial

setup. The cards also come with a demo license for the SBench 6 professional version. This license gives the user the opportunity to test the additional features of the professional version with their hardware. The professional version contains several advanced measurement functions, such as FFTs and X/Y display, import and export utilities as well as support for all acquisition modes including data streaming. Data streaming allows the cards to continuously acquire data and transfer it directly to the PC RAM or hard disk. SBench 6 has been optimized to handle data files of several GBytes. SBench 6 runs under Windows as well as Linux (KDE, GNOME and Unity) operating systems. A test version of SBench 6 can be downloaded directly over the internet and can run the professional version in a simulation mode without any hardware installed. Existing customers can also request a demo license for the professional version from Spectrum. More details on SBench 6 can be found in the SBench 6 data sheet.

Third-party products

Spectrum supports the most popular third-party software products such as LabVIEW, MATLAB or LabWindows/CVI. All drivers come with detailed documentation and working examples are included in the delivery. Support for other software packages, like VEE or DasyLab, can also be provided on request.

SCAPP - CUDA GPU based data processing



For applications requiring high powered signal and data processing Spectrum offers SCAPP (Spectrum's CUDA Access for Parallel Processing). The SCAPP SDK allows a direct link between Spectrum digitizers and CUDA based GPU cards. Once in the

GPU users can harness the processing power of the GPU's multiple (up to 5000) processing cores and large (up to 24 GB) memories. SCAPP uses an RDMA (Linux only) process to send data at the digitizers full PCIe transfer speed to the GPU card. The SDK includes a set of examples for interaction between the digitizer and the GPU

card and another set of CUDA parallel processing examples with easy building blocks for basic functions like filtering, averaging, data de-multiplexing, data conversion or FFT. All the software is based on C/C++ and can easily be implemented, expanded and modified with normal programming skills.

Hardware features and options

PCI Express x8



The M4i series cards use a PCI Express x8 Gen 2 connection. They can be used in PCI Express x8 and x16 slots with Gen 1, Gen 2 or Gen 3. The maximum sustained data transfer rate is more than 3.3

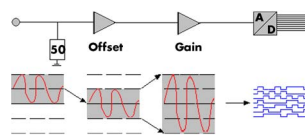
GByte/s (read direction) or 2.8 GByte/s (write direction) per slot. Server motherboards often recognize PCI Express x4 connections in x8 slots. These slots can also be used with the M4i series cards but with reduced data transfer rates.

Connections

- The cards are equipped with SMA connectors for the analog signals as well as for the external trigger and clock input. In addition, there are five MMCX connectors that are used for an additional trigger input, a clock output and three multi-function I/O connectors. These multi-function connectors can be individually programmed to perform different functions:
 - Trigger output
 - Status output (armed, triggered, ready, ...)
 - Synchronous digital inputs, being stored inside the analog data samples
 - Asynchronous I/O lines



Input Amplifier



The analog inputs can be adapted to real world signals using a wide variety of settings that are individual for each channel. By using software commands one can select a matching input range and the signal offset can be compensated by programmable AC coupling or offset shifting.

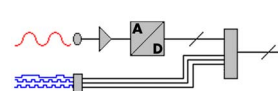
Software selectable lowpass filter

Each analog channel contains a software selectable low-pass filter to limit the input bandwidth. Reducing the analog input bandwidth results in a lower total noise and can be useful especially with low voltage input signals.

Automatic on-board calibration

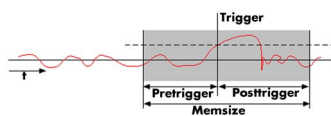
Every channel of each card is calibrated in the factory before the board is shipped. However, to compensate for environmental variations like PC power supply, temperature and aging the software driver includes routines for automatic offset and gain calibration. This calibration is performed on all input ranges of the "Buffered" path and uses a high precision onboard calibration reference.

Digital inputs



This option acquires additional synchronous digital channels phase-stable with the analog data. As default a maximum of 3 additional digital inputs are available on the front plate of the card using the multi-purpose I/O lines.

Ring buffer mode



The ring buffer mode is the standard mode of all oscilloscope instruments. Digitized data is continuously written into a ring memory until a trigger event is detected. After the trigger, post-trigger samples are recorded and pre-trigger samples can also be stored. The number of pre-trigger samples available simply equals the total ring memory size minus the number of post trigger samples.

FIFO mode

The FIFO or streaming mode is designed for continuous data transfer between the digitizer card and the PC memory. When mounted in a PCI Express x8 Gen 2 interface read streaming speeds of up to 3.4 GByte/s are possible. The control of the data stream is done automatically by the driver on interrupt request basis. The complete installed onboard memory is used to buffer the data, making the continuous streaming process extremely reliable.

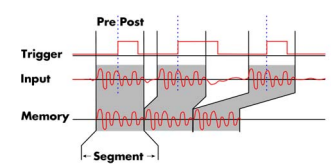
Channel trigger

The digitizers offer a wide variety of trigger modes. These include a standard triggering mode based on a signals level and slope, like that found in most oscilloscopes. It is also possible to define a window mode, with two trigger levels, that enables triggering when signals enter or exit the window. Each input has its own trigger circuit which can be used to setup conditional triggers based on logical AND/OR patterns. All trigger modes can be combined with a re-arming mode for accurate trigger recognition even on noisy signals.

External trigger input

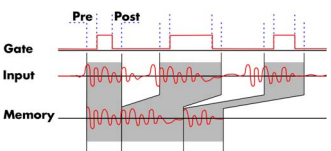
All boards can be triggered using up to two external analog or digital signals. One external trigger input has two analog comparators that can define an edge or window trigger, a hysteresis trigger or a rearm trigger. The other input has one comparator that can be used for standard edge and level triggers.

Multiple Recording



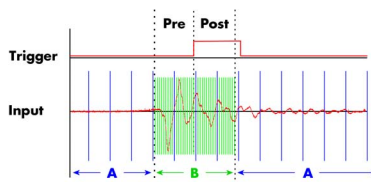
The Multiple Recording mode allows the recording of several trigger events with an extremely short re-arming time. The hardware doesn't need to be restarted in between. The on-board memory is divided in several segments of the same size. Each of them is filled with data if a trigger event occurs. Pre- and posttrigger of the segments can be programmed. The number of acquired segments is only limited by the used memory and is unlimited when using FIFO mode.

Gated Sampling



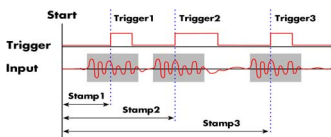
The Gated Sampling mode allows data recording controlled by an external gate signal. Data is only recorded if the gate signal has a programmed level. In addition a pre-area before start of the gate signal as well as a post area after end of the gate signal can be acquired. The number of gate segments is only limited by the used memory and is unlimited when using FIFO mode.

ABA mode



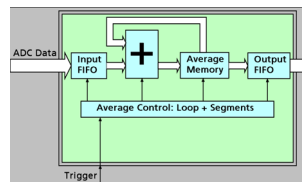
The ABA mode combines slow continuous data recording with fast acquisition on trigger events. The ABA mode works like a slow data logger combined with a fast digitizer. The exact position of the trigger events is stored as timestamps in an extra memory.

Timestamp



The timestamp function writes the time positions of the trigger events in an extra memory. The timestamps are relative to the start of recording, a defined zero time, externally synchronized to a radio clock, an IRIG-B or a GPS receiver. Using the external synchronization gives a precise time relation for acquisitions of systems on different locations.

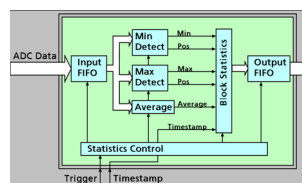
Firmware Option Block Average



The Block Average Module improves the fidelity of noisy repetitive signals. Multiple repetitive acquisitions with very small dead-time are accumulated and averaged. Random noise is reduced by the averaging process improving the visibility of the repetitive signal. The complete averaging process is done inside the FPGA of the digitizer generating no CPU load at all. The amount of data is greatly decreased as well as the needed transfer bandwidth is heavily reduced.

Please see separate data sheet for details on the firmware option.

Firmware Option Block Statistics (Peak Detect)



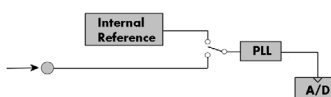
The Block Statistics and Peak Detect Module implements a widely used data analysis and reduction technology in hardware. Each block is scanned for minimum and maximum peak and a summary including minimum, maximum, average, timestamps and position information is stored in memory. The complete averaging process is done inside the FPGA of the digitizer generating no CPU load at all. The amount of data is greatly decreased as well as the needed transfer bandwidth is heavily reduced.

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External clock input and output

Using a dedicated connector a sampling clock can be fed in from an external system. Additionally it's also possible to output the internally used sampling clock on a separate connector to synchronize external equipment to this clock.

Reference clock



The option to use a precise external reference clock (normally 10 MHz) is necessary to synchronize the instrument for high-quality measurements with external equipment (like a signal source). It's also possible to enhance the quality of the sampling clock in this

way. The driver automatically generates the requested sampling clock from the fed in reference clock.

Star-Hub



The Star-Hub is an additional module allowing the phase stable synchronization of up to 8 boards of a kind in one system. Independent of the number of boards there is no phase delay between all channels. The Star-Hub distributes trigger and clock information between all boards to ensure all connected boards are running with the same clock and trigger. All trigger

sources can be combined with a logical OR allowing all channels of all cards to be the trigger source at the same time.

External Amplifiers



For the acquisition of extremely small voltage levels with a high bandwidth a series of external amplifiers is available. Each of the one channel amplifiers is working with a fixed input impedance and allows - depending on the bandwidth - to select different amplification levels between x10 (20 dB) up to x1000 (60 dB). Us-

ing the external amplifiers of the SPA series voltage levels in the μV and mV area can be acquired.

Technical Data

Analog Inputs

| | | |
|---|----------------------------------|---|
| Resolution | | 8 Bit |
| Input Type | | Single-ended |
| ADC Differential non linearity (DNL) | ADC only | ±0.35 LSB |
| ADC Integral non linearity (INL) | ADC only | ±0.9 LSB |
| ADC Bit Error Rate (BER) | sampling rate 1.25 GS/s | 10 ⁻¹⁶ |
| Channel selection | software programmable | 1, 2, or 4 (maximum is model dependent) |
| Analog Input impedance | fixed | 50 Ω |
| Input Ranges (standard ranges) | software programmable | ±200 mV, ±500 mV, ±1 V, ±2.5 V (programmable input offset at 0%) |
| Input Ranges (Low Voltage Option) | software programmable | ±40 mV, ±100 mV, ±200 mV, ±500 mV (programmable input offset at 0%) |
| Programmable Input Offset | software programmable | ±200% (allowing bi-polar ranges to become uni-polar) |
| Input Coupling | software programmable | AC/DC |
| Max DC voltage if AC coupling active | | ±30 V |
| Offset error (full speed) | after warm-up and calibration | < 0.5 LSB |
| Gain error (full speed) | after warm-up and calibration | < 2.0 LSB |
| Crosstalk 20 MHz sine signal (standard ranges) | ≥ ±500 mV standard range | < -96 dB (all channel same input range) |
| Crosstalk 20 MHz sine signal (standard ranges) | = ±200 mV standard range | < -88 dB (all channel same input range) |
| Crosstalk 100 MHz sine signal (standard ranges) | ≥ ±500 mV standard range | < -78 dB (all channel same input range) |
| Crosstalk 100 MHz sine signal (standard ranges) | = ±200 mV standard range | < -65 dB (all channel same input range) |
| Over voltage protection | input range (standard ranges) | ±200 mV ±500 mV ±1 V ±2.5 V |
| | input range (low voltage option) | ±40 mV ±100 mV ±200 mV ±500 mV |
| | max. continuous input power | 22.5 dBm 27.0 dBm 27.0 dBm 27.0 dBm |
| | max. peak input voltage | ±3 V ±7.5 V ±15 V ±30 V |

Trigger

| | | |
|--|--|--|
| Available trigger modes | software programmable | Channel Trigger, External, Software, Window, Re-Arm, Or/And, Delay, PXI (M4x only) |
| Channel trigger level resolution | software programmable | 8 bit |
| Trigger engines | | 1 engine per channel with two individual levels, 2 external triggers |
| Trigger edge | software programmable | Rising edge, falling edge or both edges |
| Trigger delay | software programmable | 0 to (8GSamples - 32) = 8589934560 Samples in steps of 32 samples |
| Multi, ABA, Gate: re-arming time | 1.25 GS/s or below 2.5 GS/s 5 GS/s | 80 samples (+ programmed pretrigger) 160 samples (+ programmed pretrigger) 320 samples (+ programmed pretrigger) |
| Pretrigger at Multi, ABA, Gate, FIFO | software programmable | 32 up to 8192 Samples in steps of 32 |
| Posttrigger | software programmable | 32 up to 16G samples in steps of 32 (defining pretrigger in standard scope mode) |
| Memory depth | software programmable | 64 up to [installed memory / number of active channels] samples in steps of 32 |
| Multiple Recording/ABA segment size | software programmable | 64 up to [installed memory / 2 / active channels] samples in steps of 32 |
| Trigger accuracy (all sources) | | 1 sample |
| External trigger | | Ext0 |
| External trigger impedance | software programmable | 50 Ω / 1 kΩ |
| External trigger coupling | software programmable | AC or DC |
| External trigger type | | Window comparator |
| External input level | | ±10 V (1 kΩ), ±2.5 V (50 Ω), |
| External trigger sensitivity (minimum required signal swing) | | 2.5% of full scale range |
| External trigger level | software programmable | ±10 V in steps of 1 mV |
| External trigger maximum voltage | | ±30V |
| External trigger bandwidth DC | 50 Ω 1 kΩ | DC to 200 MHz DC to 150 MHz |
| External trigger bandwidth AC | 50 Ω | 20 kHz to 200 MHz |
| Minimum external trigger pulse width | | ≥ 2 samples |
| | | Ext1 |
| | | 1 kΩ |
| | | fixed DC |
| | | Single level comparator |
| | | ±10 V |
| | | 2.5% of full scale range = 0.5 V |
| | | ±10 V in steps of 1 mV |
| | | ±30 V |
| | | n.a. |
| | | DC to 200 MHz |
| | | n.a. |
| | | ≥ 2 samples |

Clock

| | | |
|---|-----------------------|--|
| Clock Modes | software programmable | internal PLL, external reference clock, Star-Hub sync (M4i only), PXI Reference Clock (M4x only) |
| Internal clock accuracy | | ≤ ±20 ppm |
| Internal clock setup granularity | | divider: maximum sampling rate divided by: 1, 2, 4, 8, 16, ... up to 262144 |
| External reference clock range | software programmable | ≥ 10 MHz and ≤ 1.25 GHz |
| External reference clock input impedance | | 50 Ω fixed |
| External reference clock input coupling | | AC coupling |
| External reference clock input edge | | Rising edge |
| External reference clock input type | | Single-ended, sine wave or square wave |
| External reference clock input swing | | 0.3 V peak-peak up to 3.0 V peak-peak |
| External reference clock input max DC voltage | | ±30 V (with max 3.0 V difference between low and high level) |
| External reference clock input duty cycle requirement | | 45% to 55% |
| Clock setup granularity when using reference clock | | divider: maximum sampling rate divided by: 1, 2, 4, 8, 16, ... up to 262144 |
| Internal reference clock output type | | Single-ended, 3.3V LVPECL |
| Internal reference clock output frequency | | 2.5 GHz / 64 = 39.0625 MHz |
| Star-Hub synchronization clock modes | software selectable | Internal clock (standard clock mode only), External reference clock |
| ABA mode clock divider for slow clock | software programmable | 16 up to (128k - 16) in steps of 16 |
| Channel to channel skew on one card | | < 60 ps (typical) |
| Skew between star-hub synchronized cards | | < 130 ps (typical, preliminary) |

| | M4i.223x DN2.223-xx DN2.225-xx DN6.225-xx | M4i.222x DN2.222-xx | M4i.221x DN2.221-xx DN6.221-xx | All versions |
|-------------------------------------|--|------------------------|--------------------------------------|--------------------|
| Input Ranges | Standard Ranges | Standard Ranges | Standard Ranges | Low Voltage Ranges |
| ADC Resolution | 8 bit | 8 bit | 8 bit | 8 bit |
| max sampling clock | 5 GS/s | 2.5 GS/s | 1.25 GS/s | model dependant |
| min sampling clock | 4.768 kS/s | 4.768 kS/s | 4.768 kS/s | 4.768 kS/s |
| lower bandwidth limit (DC coupling) | 0 Hz | 0 Hz | 0 Hz | 0 Hz |
| lower bandwidth limit (AC coupling) | < 30 kHz | < 30 kHz | < 30 kHz | < 30 kHz |
| -3 dB bandwidth (no filter active) | 1.5 GHz | 1.5 GHz | 500 MHz | 700 MHz |
| -3 dB bandwidth (BW filter active) | ~400 MHz | ~400 MHz | ~370 MHz | ~380 MHz |

Block Average Signal Processing Option M4i.22xx/DN2.22x/DN6.22x Series

| | | Software | Firmware ≥ V1.14 (August 2015) | Firmware < V1.14 |
|--|---------------------------|----------|---|---------------------------------------|
| Data Mode | software programmable | | 32 bit mode 16 bit mode | 32 bit mode only |
| Minimum Waveform Length | | | 64 samples 128 samples | 64 samples |
| Minimum Waveform Stepsize | | | 32 samples 64 samples | 32 samples |
| Maximum Waveform Length | 1 channel active | | 64 kSamples 128 kSamples | 32 kSamples |
| Maximum Waveform Length | 2 channels active | | 32 kSamples 64 kSamples | 16 kSamples |
| Maximum Waveform Length | 4 or more channels active | | 16 kSamples 32 kSamples | 8 kSamples |
| Minimum Number of Averages | | | 2 | 4 |
| Maximum Number of Averages | | | 16777216 (16M) 256 | 16777216 (16M) |
| Data Output Format | fixed | | 32 bit signed integer 16 bit signed integer | 32 bit signed integer |
| Re-Arming Time between waveforms | 1.25 GS/s or below | | 80 samples (+ programmed pretrigger) | 80 samples (+ programmed pretrigger) |
| Re-Arming Time between waveforms | 2.5 GS/s | | 160 samples (+ programmed pretrigger) | 160 samples (+ programmed pretrigger) |
| Re-Arming Time between waveforms | 5 GS/s | | 320 samples (+ programmed pretrigger) | 320 samples (+ programmed pretrigger) |
| Re-Arming Time between end of average to start of next average | | | Depending on programmed segment length, max 50 μs | 80/160&320 samples as above listed |

Block Statistics Signal Processing Option M4i.22xx/DN2.22x Series/DN6.22x Series

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|---|----------------------|--|
| Minimum Waveform Length | | 64 samples |
| Minimum Waveform Stepsize | | 32 samples |
| Maximum Waveform Length | Standard Acquisition | 2 GSamples / channels |
| Maximum Waveform Length | FIFO Acquisition | 2 GSamples |
| Data Output Format | fixed | 32 bytes statistics summary |
| Statistics Information Set per Waveform | | Average, Minimum, Maximum, Position Minimum, Position Maximum, Trigger Timestamp |
| Re-Arming Time between Segments | 1.25 GS/s or below | 80 samples (+ programmed pretrigger) |
| Re-Arming Time between Segments | 2.5 GS/s | 160 samples (+ programmed pretrigger) |
| Re-Arming Time between Segments | 5 GS/s | 320 samples (+ programmed pretrigger) |

Multi Purpose I/O lines (front-plate)

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|--------------------------------|------------------------------|---|
| Number of multi purpose lines | | three, named X0, X1, X2 |
| Input: available signal types | software programmable | Asynchronous Digital-In, Synchronous Digital-In, Timestamp Reference Clock |
| Input: impedance | | 10 kΩ to 3.3 V |
| Input: maximum voltage level | | -0.5 V to +4.0 V |
| Input: signal levels | | 3.3 V LVTTTL |
| Output: available signal types | software programmable | Asynchronous Digital-Out, Trigger Output, Run, Arm, PLL Refclock, System Clock |
| Output: impedance | | 50 Ω |
| Output: signal levels | | 3.3 V LVTTTL |
| Output: type | | 3.3V LVTTTL, TTL compatible for high impedance loads |
| Output: drive strength | | Capable of driving 50 Ω loads, maximum drive strength ±48 mA |
| Output: update rate | 14bit, 16 bit ADC resolution | sampling clock |
| Output: update rate | 8 bit ADC resolution | Current sampling clock ≤ 1.25 GS/s : sampling clock Current sampling clock > 1.25 GS/s and ≤ 2.50 GS/s : ½ sampling clock Current sampling clock > 2.50 GS/s and ≤ 5.00 GS/s : ¼ sampling clock |

Dynamic Parameters

| Input Path | M4i.223x, M4x.223x and DN2.223-xx, DN2.225-xx and DN6.225-xx, 8 Bit 5 GS/s | | | | | | | | | | | |
|------------------------------|--|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| | DC or AC coupled, fixed 50 Ohm | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | 10 MHz | | | | 40 MHz | | 70 MHz | | 240 MHz | | 600 MHz | |
| Test signal frequency | ±200 mV | ±500 mV | ±1 V | ±2.5 V | ±200 mV | ±1V | ±200 mV | ±1V | ±200 mV | ±1V | ±200 mV | ±1V |
| Input Range | ±200 mV | ±500 mV | ±1 V | ±2.5 V | ±200 mV | ±1V | ±200 mV | ±1V | ±200 mV | ±1V | ±200 mV | ±1V |
| THD (typ) (dB) | <-60.2 dB | <-60.3 dB | <-60.3 dB | <-60.3 dB | <-58.9 dB | <-58.2 dB | <-58.8 dB | <-58.0 dB | <-54.0 dB | <-54.0 dB | <-45.0 dB | <-46.3 dB |
| SNR (typ) (dB) | >44.5 dB | >44.8 dB | >44.8 dB | >44.5 dB | >44.7 dB | >44.7 dB | >44.3 dB | >44.3 dB | >42.9 dB | >42.9 dB | >40.3 dB | >40.2 dB |
| SFDR (typ), excl. harm. (dB) | >53.7 dB | >54.9 dB | >54.9 dB | >54.2 dB | >50.3 dB | >50.8 dB | >50.2 dB | >49.7 dB | >49.4 dB | >49.5 dB | >44.3 dB | >44.6 dB |
| SFDR (typ), incl. harm. (dB) | >53.7 dB | >54.7 dB | >54.8 dB | >54.2 dB | >50.3 dB | >50.8 dB | >50.2 dB | >49.7 dB | >49.4 dB | >49.5 dB | >44.3 dB | >44.6 dB |
| SINAD/THD+N (typ) (dB) | >44.4 dB | >44.7 dB | >44.7 dB | >44.4 dB | >44.5 dB | >44.4 dB | >44.2 dB | >44.1 dB | >42.6 dB | >42.6 dB | >39.1 dB | >39.3 dB |
| ENOB based on SINAD (bit) | >7.1 bit | >7.1 bit | >7.1 bit | >7.1 bit | >7.1 bit | >7.1 bit | >7.1 bit | >7.0 bit | >6.8 bit | >6.8 bit | >6.2 bit | >6.2 bit |
| ENOB based on SNR (bit) | >7.1 bit | >7.1 bit | >7.1 bit | >7.1 bit | >7.1 bit | >7.1 bit | >7.1 bit | >7.1 bit | >6.9 bit | >6.9 bit | >6.4 bit | >6.4 bit |

| M4i.222x, M4x.222x and DN2.222-xx, 8 Bit 2.5 GS/s | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|--|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|
| DC or AC coupled, fixed 50 Ohm | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Input Path | 10 MHz | | | | 40 MHz | | | | 240 MHz | | 600 MHz | |
| Test signal frequency | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Input Range | ±200 mV | ±500 mV | ±1 V | ±2.5 V | ±200 mV | ±1V | ±200 mV | ±1V | ±200 mV | ±1V | ±200 mV | ±1V |
| THD (typ) (dB) | >56.2 dB | <56.3 dB | <56.5 dB | <56.4 dB | <55.9 dB | <55.9 dB | <54.9 dB | <55.3 dB | <53.9 dB | <53.4 dB | <43.9 dB | <45.2 dB |
| SNR (typ) (dB) | >45.6 dB | >45.8 dB | >45.6 dB | >45.5 dB | >44.7 dB | >44.9 dB | >44.5 dB | >44.6 dB | >43.9 dB | >44.0 dB | >42.1 dB | >41.9 dB |
| SFDR (typ), excl. harm. (dB) | >57.2 dB | >57.3 dB | >55.7 dB | >55.1 dB | >50.9 dB | >50.5 dB | >50.9 dB | >50.6 dB | >49.8 dB | >49.0 dB | >46.3 dB | >45.2 dB |
| SFDR (typ), incl. harm. (dB) | >56.5 dB | >56.3 dB | >55.1 dB | >54.5 dB | >50.9 dB | >50.5 dB | >50.9 dB | >50.6 dB | >49.8 dB | >49.0 dB | >45.2 dB | >45.2 dB |
| SINAD/THD+N (typ) (dB) | >45.2 dB | >45.4 dB | >45.3 dB | >45.2 dB | >44.4 dB | >44.4 dB | >44.2 dB | >44.3 dB | >43.5 dB | >43.5 dB | >39.9 dB | >40.2 dB |
| ENOB based on SINAD (bit) | >7.2 bit | >7.3 bit | >7.2 bit | >7.2 bit | >7.1 bit | >7.1 bit | >7.1 bit | >7.1 bit | >6.9 bit | >6.9 bit | >6.3 bit | >6.4 bit |
| ENOB based on SNR (bit) | >7.3 bit | >7.3 bit | >7.3 bit | >7.3 bit | >7.1 bit | >7.1 bit | >7.1 bit | >7.1 bit | >7.0 bit | >7.0 bit | >6.7 bit | >6.7 bit |

| M4i.221x, M4x.221x, DN2.221 and DN6.221-xx, 8 Bit 1.25 GS/s - standard input ranges | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|--|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|---------|--|
| DC or AC coupled, fixed 50 Ohm | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Input Path | 10 MHz | | | | 40 MHz | | | | 70 MHz | | 240 MHz | |
| Test signal frequency | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Input Range | ±200 mV | ±500 mV | ±1 V | ±2.5 V | ±200 mV | ±1V | ±200 mV | ±1V | ±200 mV | ±1V | | |
| THD (typ) (dB) | <59.0 dB | <58.9 dB | <58.9 dB | <59.0 dB | <53.6 dB | <53.2 dB | <54.4 dB | <54.6 dB | <52.1 dB | <52.4 dB | | |
| SNR (typ) (dB) | >46.9 dB | >47.0 dB | >47.0 dB | >47.0 dB | >46.8 dB | >47.0 dB | >47.0 dB | >47.0 dB | >46.1 dB | >46.2 dB | | |
| SFDR (typ), excl. harm. (dB) | >62.1 dB | >62.1 dB | >62.2 dB | >62.0 dB | >58.2 dB | >59.8 dB | >62.2 dB | >61.9 dB | >59.5 dB | >58.5 dB | | |
| SFDR (typ), incl. harm. (dB) | >60.7 dB | >60.4 dB | >60.5 dB | >60.4 dB | >56.1 dB | >56.2 dB | >57.7 dB | >57.6 dB | >52.5 dB | >52.7 dB | | |
| SINAD/THD+N (typ) (dB) | >46.6 dB | >46.7 dB | >46.7 dB | >46.7 dB | >46.0 dB | >46.1 dB | >46.3 dB | >46.3 dB | >45.1 dB | >45.3 dB | | |
| ENOB based on SINAD (bit) | >7.5 bit | >7.5 bit | >7.5 bit | >7.5 bit | >7.4 bit | >7.4 bit | >7.4 bit | >7.4 bit | >7.2 bit | >7.2 bit | | |
| ENOB based on SNR (bit) | >7.5 bit | >7.5 bit | >7.5 bit | >7.5 bit | >7.5 bit | >7.5 bit | >7.5 bit | >7.5 bit | >7.3 bit | >7.4 bit | | |

| M4i.221x, M4x.221x and DN2.221-xx, 8 Bit 1.25 GS/s - low voltage input ranges | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|--|----------|----------|----------|----------|--------|---------|--------|---------|--------|---------|---------|--|
| DC or AC coupled, fixed 50 Ohm | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Input Path | 10 MHz | | | | 40 MHz | | | | 70 MHz | | 240 MHz | |
| Test signal frequency | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Input Range | ±40 mV | ±100 mV | ±200 mV | ±500 mV | ±40 mV | ±100 mV | ±40 mV | ±100 mV | ±40 mV | ±100 mV | | |
| THD (typ) (dB) | <57.0 dB | <57.0 dB | <57.1 dB | <57.2 dB | | | | | | | | |
| SNR (typ) (dB) | >44.0 dB | >44.9 dB | >44.9 dB | >44.9 dB | | | | | | | | |
| SFDR (typ), excl. harm. (dB) | >62.1 dB | >62.1 dB | >62.1 dB | >62.2 dB | | | | | | | | |
| SFDR (typ), incl. harm. (dB) | >60.1 dB | >60.2 dB | >60.2 dB | >60.4 dB | | | | | | | | |
| SINAD/THD+N (typ) (dB) | >44.0 dB | >44.8 dB | >44.8 dB | >44.8 dB | | | | | | | | |
| ENOB based on SINAD (bit) | >7.0 bit | >7.2 bit | >7.2 bit | >7.2 bit | | | | | | | | |
| ENOB based on SNR (bit) | >7.0 bit | >7.2 bit | >7.2 bit | >7.2 bit | | | | | | | | |

Dynamic parameters are measured at ± 1 V input range (if no other range is stated) and 50 Ohm termination with the samplerate specified in the table. Measured parameters are averaged 20 times to get typical values. Test signal is a pure sine wave of the specified frequency with > 99% amplitude. SNR and RMS noise parameters may differ depending on the quality of the used PC. SNR = Signal to Noise Ratio, THD = Total Harmonic Distortion, SFDR = Spurious Free Dynamic Range, SINAD = Signal Noise and Distortion, ENOB = Effective Number of Bits. For a detailed description please see application note 002.

RMS Noise Level (Zero Noise)

| M4i.223x, M4x.223x and DN2.223-xx, DN2.225-xx, DN6.225-xx, 8 Bit 5 GS/s | | | | | | | | | |
|--|----------|---------|----------|---------|----------|---------|----------|----------|--|
| Input Range | ±200 mV | | ±500 mV | | ±1 | | ±2.5 V | | |
| Voltage resolution (1 LSB) | 1.6 mV | | 3.9 mV | | 7.8 mV | | 19.5 mV | | |
| DC, fixed 50 Ω, typical | <0.3 LSB | <0.5 mV | <0.3 LSB | <1.2 mV | <0.3 LSB | <2.3 mV | <0.3 LSB | <5.9 mV | |
| DC, fixed 50 Ω, maximum | <0.6 LSB | <0.9 mV | <0.6 LSB | <2.3 mV | <0.5 LSB | <4.7 mV | <0.5 LSB | <11.7 mV | |

| M4i.222x, M4x.222x and DN2.222-xx, 8 Bit 2.5 GS/s | | | | | | | | | |
|--|----------|---------|----------|---------|----------|---------|----------|----------|--|
| Input Range | ±200 mV | | ±500 mV | | ±1 | | ±2.5 V | | |
| Voltage resolution (1 LSB) | 1.6 mV | | 3.9 mV | | 7.8 mV | | 19.5 mV | | |
| DC, fixed 50 Ω, typical | <0.3 LSB | <0.5 mV | <0.3 LSB | <1.2 mV | <0.3 LSB | <2.3 mV | <0.3 LSB | <5.9 mV | |
| DC, fixed 50 Ω, maximum | <0.6 LSB | <0.9 mV | <0.7 LSB | <2.7 mV | <0.5 LSB | <4.7 mV | <0.5 LSB | <11.7 mV | |

| Standard Version | | | | | | | | | |
|---|----------|---------|----------|---------|----------|---------|----------|---------|--|
| M4i.221x, M4x.221x and DN2.221-xx, 8 Bit 1.25 GS/s | | | | | | | | | |
| Input Range | ±200 mV | | ±500 mV | | ±1 | | ±2.5 V | | |
| Voltage resolution (1 LSB) | 1.6 mV | | 3.9 mV | | 7.8 mV | | 19.5 mV | | |
| DC, fixed 50 Ω, typical | <0.2 LSB | <0.3 mV | <0.2 LSB | <0.8 mV | <0.2 LSB | <1.6 mV | <0.2 LSB | <3.9 mV | |
| DC, fixed 50 Ω, maximum | <0.3 LSB | <0.5 mV | <0.3 LSB | <1.2 mV | <0.3 LSB | <2.3 mV | <0.3 LSB | <5.9 mV | |

| Low Voltage Version | | | | | | | | | |
|---|----------|---------|----------|---------|----------|---------|----------|---------|--|
| M4i.221x, M4x.221x and DN2.221-xx, 8 Bit 1.25 GS/s | | | | | | | | | |
| Input Range | ±40 mV | | ±100 mV | | ±200 mV | | ±500 mV | | |
| Voltage resolution (1 LSB) | 0.3 mV | | 0.8 mV | | 1.6 mV | | 3.9 mV | | |
| DC, fixed 50 Ω, typical | <0.4 LSB | <0.2 mV | <0.4 LSB | <0.3 mV | <0.4 LSB | <0.6 mV | <0.4 LSB | <1.6 mV | |
| DC, fixed 50 Ω, maximum | <0.5 LSB | <0.2 mV | <0.5 LSB | <0.4 mV | <0.5 LSB | <0.8 mV | <0.5 LSB | <2.0 mV | |

Connectors

| | | |
|------------------------------|--|---------------------------|
| Analog Inputs/Analog Outputs | SMA female (one for each single-ended input) | Cable-Type: Cab-3mA-xx-xx |
| Trigger 0 Input | SMA female | Cable-Type: Cab-3mA-xx-xx |
| Clock Input | SMA female | Cable-Type: Cab-3mA-xx-xx |
| Trigger 1 Input | MMCX female | Cable-Type: Cab-1m-xx-xx |
| Clock Output | MMCX female | Cable-Type: Cab-1m-xx-xx |
| Multi Purpose I/O | MMCX female (3 lines) | Cable-Type: Cab-1m-xx-xx |

Environmental and Physical Details

| | | |
|--|-------------------------|--|
| Dimension (Single Card) | | 241 mm (¾ PCIe length) x 107 mm x 20 mm (single slot width) |
| Dimension (Card with option SH8tm installed) | | 241 mm (¾ PCIe length) x 107 mm x 40 mm (double slot width) |
| Dimension (Card with option SH8ex installed) | | 312 mm (full PCIe length) x 107 mm x 20 mm (single slot width) |
| Weight (M4i.44xx series) | maximum | 290 g |
| Weight (M4i.22xx, M4i.66xx, M4i.77xx series) | maximum | 420 g |
| Weight (Option star-hub -sh8ex, -sh8tm) | including 8 sync cables | 130 g |
| Warm up time | | 10 minutes |
| Operating temperature | | 0°C to 50°C |
| Storage temperature | | -10°C to 70°C |
| Humidity | | 10% to 90% |

PCI Express specific details

| | |
|--------------------------------------|---|
| PCIe slot type | x8 Generation 2 |
| PCIe slot compatibility (physical) | x8/x16 |
| PCIe slot compatibility (electrical) | x1, x4, x8, x16, Generation 1, Generation 2, Generation 3 |
| Sustained streaming mode | > 3.4 GB/s (measured with a chipset supporting a TLP size of 256 bytes, using PCIe x8 Gen2) |

Certification, Compliance, Warranty

| | |
|-------------------------------|---|
| EMC Immunity | Compliant with CE Mark |
| EMC Emission | Compliant with CE Mark |
| Product warranty | 5 years starting with the day of delivery |
| Software and firmware updates | Life-time, free of charge |

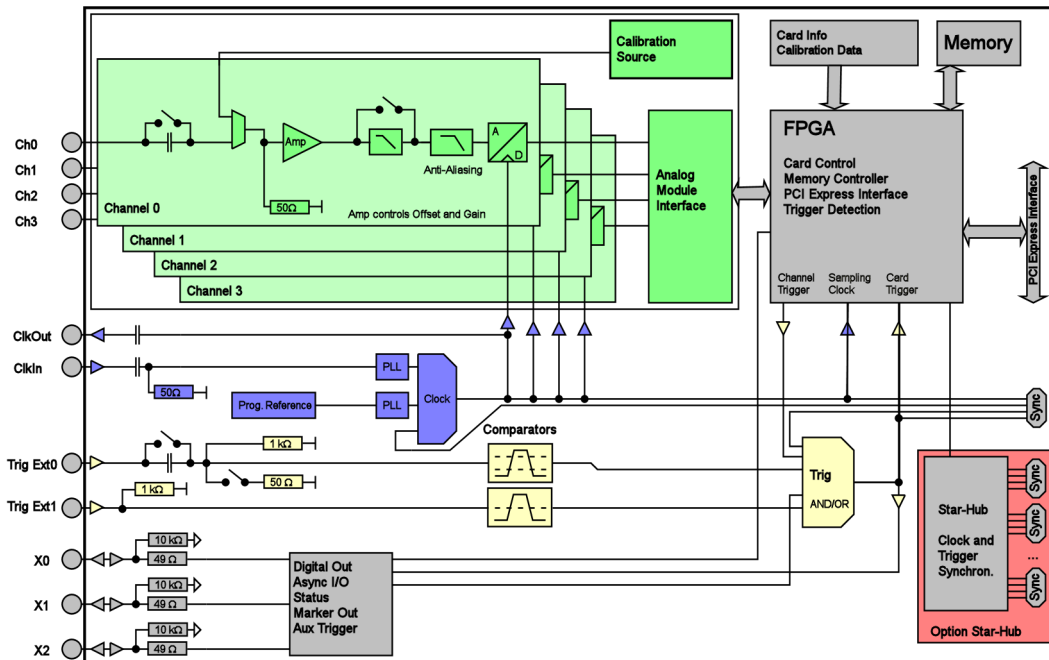
Power Consumption

| | PCI EXPRESS | | |
|---|-------------|-------|-------|
| | 3.3V | 12 V | Total |
| M4i.2230-x8, M4i.2220-x8, M4i.2210-x8 | 0.2 A | 2.6 A | 32 W |
| M4i.2233-x8, M4i.2221-x8, M4i.2223-x8, M4i.2211-x8 | 0.2 A | 2.7 A | 33 W |
| M4i.2234-x8, M4i.2212-x8 | 0.2 A | 2.9 A | 35 W |

MTBF

| | |
|------|--------------|
| MTBF | 100000 hours |
|------|--------------|

Hardware block diagram



Order Information

The card is delivered with 4 GSample on-board memory and supports standard acquisition (Scope), FIFO acquisition (streaming), Multiple Recording, Gated Sampling, ABA mode and Timestamps. Operating system drivers for Windows/Linux 32 bit and 64 bit, examples for C/C++, LabVIEW (Windows), MATLAB (Windows and Linux), LabWindows/CVI, IVI, .NET, Delphi, Visual Basic, Java, Python and a Base license of the oscilloscope software SBench 6 are included. Drivers for other 3rd party products like VEE or DASYLab may be available on request.

Adapter cables are not included. Please order separately!

PCI Express x8

| Order no. | Bandwidth | Standard mem | 1 channel | 2 channels | 4 channels |
|-------------|-----------|--------------|-----------|------------|------------|
| M4i.2210-x8 | 500 MHz | 4 GSample | 1.25 GS/s | | |
| M4i.2211-x8 | 500 MHz | 4 GSample | 1.25 GS/s | 1.25 GS/s | |
| M4i.2212-x8 | 500 MHz | 4 GSample | 1.25 GS/s | 1.25 GS/s | 1.25 GS/s |
| M4i.2220-x8 | 1.5 GHz | 4 GSample | 2.5 GS/s | | |
| M4i.2223-x8 | 1.5 GHz | 4 GSample | 2.5 GS/s | 1.25 GS/s | |
| M4i.2221-x8 | 1.5 GHz | 4 GSample | 2.5 GS/s | 2.5 GS/s | |
| M4i.2230-x8 | 1.5 GHz | 4 GSample | 5 GS/s | | |
| M4i.2233-x8 | 1.5 GHz | 4 GSample | 5 GS/s | 2.5 GS/s | |
| M4i.2234-x8 | 1.5 GHz | 4 GSample | 5 GS/s | 2.5 GS/s | 1.25 GS/s |

Options

| Order no. | Option |
|----------------|---|
| M4i.22xx-ir40m | Low voltage input range option for 22xx series. 4 Input ranges with ± 40 mV, ± 100 mV, ± 200 mV, ± 500 mV, bandwidth limited to 700 MHz |

Options

| Order no. | Option |
|-------------------------------|--|
| M4i.xxxx-SH8ex ⁽¹⁾ | Synchronization Star-Hub for up to 8 cards (extension), only one slot width, extension of the card to full PCI Express length (312 mm). 8 synchronization cables included. |
| M4i.xxxx-SH8tm ⁽¹⁾ | Synchronization Star-Hub for up to 8 cards (top mount), two slots width, top mounted on card. 8 synchronization cables included. |
| M4i-upgrade | Upgrade for M4i.xxxx: Later installation of option Star-Hub |

Firmware Options

| Order no. | Option |
|-----------------|--|
| M4i.xxxx-spavg | Signal Processing Firmware Option: Block Average (later firmware - upgrade available) |
| M4i.xxxx-spstat | Signal Processing Firmware Option: Block Statistics/Peak Detect (later firmware - upgrade available) |

Services

| Order no. | |
|-----------|--|
| Recal | Recalibration at Spectrum incl. calibration protocol |

Standard Cables

| for Connections | Length | Order no. | | | | |
|-------------------------|---|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|---------------|
| | | to BNC male | to BNC female | to SMA male | to SMA female | to SMB female |
| Analog/Clock-In/Trig-In | 80 cm | Cab-3mA-9m-80 | Cab-3mA-9f-80 | | | |
| Analog/Clock-In/Trig-In | 200 cm | Cab-3mA-9m-200 | Cab-3mA-9f-200 | | | |
| Probes (short) | 5 cm | | Cab-3mA-9f-5 | | | |
| Clk-Out/Trig-Out/Extra | 80 cm | Cab-1m-9m-80 | Cab-1m-9f-80 | Cab-1m-3mA-80 | Cab-1m-3fA-80 | Cab-1m-3f-80 |
| Clk-Out/Trig-Out/Extra | 200 cm | Cab-1m-9m-200 | Cab-1m-9f-200 | Cab-1m-3mA-200 | Cab-1m-3fA-200 | Cab-1m-3f-200 |
| Information | The standard adapter cables are based on RG174 cables and have a nominal attenuation of 0.3 dB/m at 100 MHz and 0.5 dB/m at 250 MHz. For high speed signals we recommend the low loss cables series CHF | | | | | |

Low Loss Cables

| Order No. | Option |
|-----------------|---|
| CHF-3mA-3mA-200 | Low loss cables SMA male to SMA male 200 cm |
| CHF-3mA-9m-200 | Low loss cables SMA male to BNC male 200 cm |
| Information | The low loss adapter cables are based on MF141 cables and have an attenuation of 0.3 dB/m at 500 MHz and 0.5 dB/m at 1.5 GHz. They are recommended for signal frequencies of 200 MHz and above. |

Amplifiers

| Order no. | Bandwidth | Connection | Input Impedance | Coupling | Amplification |
|-------------------------|--|------------|-----------------|----------|---------------|
| SPA.1841 ⁽²⁾ | 2 GHz | SMA | 50 Ohm | AC | x100 (40 dB) |
| SPA.1801 ⁽²⁾ | 2 GHz | SMA | 50 Ohm | AC | x10 (20 dB) |
| SPA.1601 ⁽²⁾ | 500 MHz | BNC | 50 Ohm | DC | x10 (20 dB) |
| Information | External Amplifiers with one channel, BNC/SMA female connections on input and output, manually adjustable offset, manually switchable settings. An external power supply for 100 to 240 VAC is included. Please be sure to order an adapter cable matching the amplifier connector type and matching the connector type for your A/D card input. | | | | |

Software SBench6

| Order no. | |
|-----------------|--|
| SBench6 | Base version included in delivery. Supports standard mode for one card. |
| SBench6-Pro | Professional version for one card: FIFO mode, export/import, calculation functions |
| SBench6-Multi | Option multiple cards: Needs SBench6-Pro. Handles multiple synchronized cards in one system. |
| Volume Licenses | Please ask Spectrum for details. |

Software Options

| Order no. | |
|-------------|--|
| SPc-RServer | Remote Server Software Package - LAN remote access for M2i/M3i/M4i/M4x/M2p cards |
| SPc-SCAPP | Spectrum's CUDA Access for Parallel Processing - SDK for direct data transfer between Spectrum card and CUDA GPU. Includes RDMA activation and examples. Signed NDA needed for access. |

⁽¹⁾ : Just one of the options can be installed on a card at a time.

⁽²⁾ : Third party product with warranty differing from our export conditions. No volume rebate possible.

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