MIPI DSI/CSI-2 to OpenLDI LVDS Interface Bridge

Reference Design

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Acronyms in This Document

A list of acronyms used in this document.

Acronym	Definition
AP	Application Processor
DSI	Display Serial Interface
CSI-2	Camera Serial Interface 2
DDR	Double Data Rate
FV	Frame Valid
GPLL	General Purpose PLL
HBP	Horizontal Back Porch
HFP	Horizontal Front Porch
HS	High Speed
LP	Low Power
LV	Line Valid
LVDS	Low Voltage Differential Signal
MIPI	Mobile Industry Processor Interface
OpenLDI	Open LVDS Display Interface
PLL	Phase Locked Loop
RD	Reference Design
RX	Receiver
TX	Transmitter
VBP	Vertical Back Porch
VFP	Vertical Front Porch
VCO	Voltage Controlled Oscillator

1. Introduction

Mobile Industry Processor Interface (MIPI®) Display Serial Interface (DSI) is one of the most popular display interfaces in the consumer market today. On the other hand, OpenLDI LVDS is still popular in some areas as the main predecessor of display interface. Most image sensors and application processors (AP) in the consumer market use MIPI Camera Serial Interface 2 (CSI-2) as a video signal interface. In some cases, the interface and/or format conversion is useful to connect devices which cannot connect directly.

The Lattice Semiconductor MIPI DSI/CSI-2 to OpenLDI LVDS Interface Bridge reference design for CrossLink™ devices takes DSI or CSI-2 MIPI data and converts them to OpenLDI format on LVDS. The MIPI RX module can also be realized by a MIPI hard macro-IP or soft macro utilizing general DDR modules (D-PHY Soft IP) while LVDS TX module is realized by soft macro utilizing general DDR modules.

1.1. Supported Devices and IP

This reference design supports the following devices with IP versions shown below.

Table 1.1. Supported Devices and IP

Device Family	Part Number	Compatible IP
CrossLink	LIF-MD6000 LIA-MD6000	• D-PHY Receiver IP version 1.6 • Byte-to-Pixel Converter IP version 1.3 • LVDS Transmitter Interface IP version 1.2
CrossLinkPlus	LIF-MDF6000	• D-PHY Receiver IP version 1.6 • Byte-to-Pixel Converter IP version 1.3 • LVDS Transmitter Interface IP version 1.2

Note: *CrossLink* refers to both CrossLink and CrossLinkPlus in this document unless noted.

1.2. Features

- Single DSI input (RGB888 or RGB666) to single or dual channel LVDS outputs (RGB888 or RGB666)
- Single CSI-2 input (RGB888, RAW8, RAW10, or RAW12) to single or dual channel RGB888 LVDS outputs (RGB888)
- RX channel can have one, two, or four lanes with the bandwidth up to 1.2 Gbps per lane using RX D-PHY Soft IP.
- The bandwidth can be up to 1.5 Gbps per lane when Gear 16 and RX Hard D-PHY IP is used.
- The number of TX data lanes is three (RGB666) or four (RGB888) per TX channel.
- Maximum TX bandwidth is 1.2 Gbps per lane.
- Image cropping option is available in case of CSI-2 input.
- Dynamic parameter setting is possible via I2C in case of CSI-2 input.

1.3. Block Diagram

Figure 1.1 shows the block level diagram of the MIPI DSI/CSI-2 to OpenLDI LVDS Interface Bridge reference design with single TX channel.

There exist two main clock domains for main video data path: byte clock and pixel clock. GPLL is required to generate the edge clock of LVDS TX module. Also, it might be used to generate the continuous byte clock when RX D-PHY is in HS_LP mode. I2C Slave modules enable parameter change on the fly if necessary for CSI-2 RX.

Figure 1.1. DSI/CSI-2 to OpenLDI LVDS Interface Bridge Block Diagram

1.4. RX and TX Permutations

Table 1.2 shows the available permutations of RX and TX configurations. Some permutations exist only for DSI and some only for CSI-2 due to the limitations of the Byte-to-Pixel IP used in this reference design. Note that TX Data Type is the same as the RX Data Type in the case of DSI. The TX Data Type is always RGB888 in the case of CSI-2.

In the case of dual channel TX with RGB888, ten LVDS output pairs are required. This means that the two I/O Banks must be set to 2.5 V since Bank 1 has only 14 I/O and Bank 2 has only 16 I/O (LIF-MD6000-6KMG80I). On the other hand, one of these two Banks must be set to 1.2 V when using Soft D-PHY on MIPI RX channel. To avoid this, Hard D-PHY IP has to be used on RX channel.

Table 1.2. RX and TX Permutation

D-PHY Type	Data Type	Number of RX Lanes	RX Gear	Number of Pixels/ Pixel Clock	TX Gear	Number of TX Channel
DSI	RGB888 or RGB666	1	8	1	7	1
			16	1	7	1
		2	8	1	7	1
			16	1	7	1
				2	7	2
					14	1
		4	8	1	7	1
				2	7	2
					14	1
			16	2	7	2
					14	1
				4	14	2
CSI-2	RGB888, RAW8, RAW10, or RAW12	1	8	1	7	1
			16	1	7	1
				2	7	2
					14	1
		2	8	1	7	1
				2	7	2
					14	1
			16	1	7	1
				2	7	2
					14	1

D-PHY Type	Data Type	Number of RX Lanes	RX Gear	Number of Pixels/ Pixel Clock	TX Gear	Number of TX Channel
		4	8	1	7	1
				2	7	2
					14	1
			16	2	7	2
					14	1

The Microsoft Excel sheet (mipi2lvds_clock.xlsx) is provided to get the byte clock, TX edge clock, and others from RX bandwidth, in addition to other information. This sheet is useful in configuring IPs. A sample entry is shown in Figure 1.2. By entering MIPI bandwidth and other information, the Byte clock, LVDS bandwidth, and TX ECLK are automatically calculated. The results can be used to configure TX LVDS IP and GPLL.

Figure 1.2. Bandwidth and Clock Frequency Calculator

2. Parameters and Port List

There are two directive files for this reference design:
- synthesis_directives.v – used for design compilation by Lattice Diamond® and for simulation.
- simulation_directives.v – used for simulation.

The user can modify these directives according to the user's own configuration. The settings in these files must match RX D-PHY IP, Byte-to-Pixel IP, and TX LVDS IP settings created by Clarity Designer.

2.1. Synthesis Directives

Table 2.1 shows the synthesis directives that affect this reference design. These are used for both synthesis and simulation. As shown in Table 2.1 and Table 2.2, some parameter selections are restricted by other parameter settings.

Table 2.1. Synthesis Directives

Category	Directive	Remarks
External reference clock[1]	EXT_REF_CLK	Enable this when the reference clock is fed from a pin.
RX D-PHY Type	RX_TYPE_DSI	Define the D-PHY type on the RX channel. Only one of these directives must be defined.
	RX_TYPE_CSI2	
RX Data Type	RX_RGB888	Define the data type on the RX channel. Only one of these directives must be defined. In the case of DSI, only RGB888 and RGB666 are allowed. In case of CSI-2, only RGB888, RAW8, RAW10, and RAW12 are allowed.
	RX_RGB666	
	RX_RAW8	
	RX_RAW10	
	RX_RAW12	
Number of RX Channel Lanes	NUM_RX_LANE_1	Number of lanes in the RX channel. Only one of these three directives must be defined.
	NUM_RX_LANE_2	
	NUM_RX_LANE_4	
RX D-PHY Clock Gear	RX_GEAR_8	Number of RX clock gears on the RX channel. Only one of these directives must be defined.
	RX_GEAR_16	
RX Hard D-PHY	RX_DPHY_HARD	Enable this to use Hard D-PHY. If undefined, Soft D-PHY is used.
RX D-PHY Clock Mode[2]	RX_CLK_MODE_HS_ONLY	RX D-PHY clock mode. Only one of these two directives must be defined.
	RX_CLK_MODE_HS_LP	
Hard D-PHY Word Alignment	WORD_ALIGN	Enable word aligner in RX Hard D-PHY IP. Ignored when Hard D-PHY is not used.
Line Buffer Depth	LB_DEPTH_512	Define the depth of the line buffer in case the RX Data Type is RAW8, RAW10, or RAW12. This depth must be equal or greater than the active pixel count per line, irrespective of the data type.
	LB_DEPTH_1024	
	LB_DEPTH_2048	
	LB_DEPTH_4096	
Sync Signal Polarity	SYNC_POLARITY_POS	Define sync signal (VSYNC, HSYNC) polarity. Only one of these two directives must be defined.
	SYNC_POLARITY_NEG	
Data Enable Polarity	DE_POLARITY_POS	Define data enable (DE) polarity. Only one of these two directives must be defined.
	DE_POLARITY_NEG	
TX Data Type[3]	TX_RGB888	Define the data type on TX channel. Only one of these two directives must be defined. RGB666 must be defined in the case of RX_RGB666. RGB888 must be defined in all other cases.
	TX_RGB666	
Number of TX Channels	NUM_TX_CH_1	Number of channels in TX. Only one of these two directives must be defined. Two channel is only allowed for DSI input.
	NUM_TX_CH_2	
TX LVDS Gear	TX_GEAR_7	Number of TX clock gears on RX channel. Only one of these directives must be defined.
	TX_GEAR_14	

Category	Directive	Remarks
Parameter set by I^{2}C	USE_I2C	Define this to use I^{2}C I/F to set the parameters on the fly. This is applicable to CSI-2 input only.
I^{2}C Slave Address (MSB) [4]	I2C_SLAVE_ADR_MSB {value}	Define MSB 5bits of I^{2}C Slave Address. Value must be 5'h00 – 5'h1F. Applicable only when USE_I2C is defined. This value overwrites the value set in Clarity when IP is created.
Software Reset Register[5]	SW_RST_N {value}	Default value of the software reset register of I^{2}C Slave module. Value must be 1'b0 or 1'b1 Applicable only when USE_I2C is defined. Active low.
Shift Register Delay[6]	SR_DELAY {value}	Define shift register delay. This value is used as a fixed value when USE_I2C is not defined and used as the default value of the I2C register when USE_I2C is defined. Value must be 8'd2 – 8'd255. Applicable only to CSI-2 input with RGB888.
Bayer Pattern[7]	BAYER_PATTERN {value}	Define the Bayer pattern. This value is used as a fixed value when USE_I2C is not defined and used as the default value of the I2C register when USE_I2C is defined. Value must be 2'b00 – 2'b11. Applicable only to CSI-2 input with RAW8/RAW10/RAW12.
Horizontal Front Porch[8]	HFP {value}	Define the horizontal front porch. This value is used as a fixed value when USE_I2C is not defined and used as the default value of the I^{2}C register when USE_I2C is defined. Value must be 8'd1 – 8'd255. Applicable only to CSI-2 input.
HSYNC Pulse Length[8]	HS_LENGTH {value}	Define HSYNC pulse length. This value is used as a fixed value when USE_I2C is not defined and used as the default value of the I^{2}C register when USE_I2C is defined. Value must be 8'd1 – 8'd255. Applicable only to CSI-2 input.
Vertical Front Porch[9]	VFP {value}	Define the vertical front porch. This value is used as a fixed value when USE_I2C is not defined and used as the default value of the I^{2}C register when USE_I2C is defined. Value must be 6'd1 – 6'd63. Applicable only to CSI-2 input.
VSYNC Pulse Length[9]	VS_LENGTH {value}	Define VSYNC pulse length. This value is used as a fixed value when USE_I2C is not defined and used as the default value of the I^{2}C register when USE_I2C is defined. Value must be 6'd1 – 6'd63. Applicable only to CSI-2 input.
Left Pixel Trimming[10]	LEFT_TRIM {value}	Define the number of pixels to be trimmed before TX. This value is used as a fixed value when USE_I2C is not defined and used as the default value of the I^{2}C register when USE_I2C is defined. Value must be 6'd0 – 6'd63. Applicable only to CSI-2 input.
Horizontal Active Pixels on TX[10]	H_TX_PEL {value}	Define the number of active pixels to send on TX. This value is used as a fixed value when USE_I2C is not defined and used as the default value of the I^{2}C register when USE_I2C is defined. Value must be 12'd1 – 12'd4095. The value must be even in case of TX_GEAR_14 or NUM_TX_CH_2. Applicable only to CSI-2 input.
Top Line Trimming[11]	TOP_TRIM {value}	Define the number of lines to be trimmed before TX. This value is used as a fixed value when USE_I2C is not defined and used as the default value of the I^{2}C register when USE_I2C is defined. Value must be 6'd0 – 6'd63. Applicable only to CSI-2 input.
Vertical Active Lines on TX[11]	V_TX_LINE {value}	Define the number of active lines to be sent on TX. This value is used as a fixed value when USE_I2C is not defined and used as the default value of the I^{2}C register when USE_I2C is defined. Value must be 12'd1 – 12'd4095. Applicable only to CSI-2 input.

Notes:

1. The external clock is required in most cases since the clock ratio between RX side and TX side is usually not simple.
2. HS_LP mode means non-continuous clock mode and HS_ONLY means continuous clock mode. HS_LP mode works only if RX byte clock can be generated internally or directly fed from I/O pin.
3. TX data type must match RX data type in case of RGB input. RGB888 output is used for all RAW input.

4. LSB two bits of I2C slave address is automatically set when I2C IP is created by Clarity.
5. Logical OR between this register and system reset (reset_n_i) is used to reset modules other than I2C slave module.
6. Refer to the Sync Signal Generation section for details.
7. Refer to the RGB Data Creation section for pattern details.
8. (HFP + HS_LENGTH) must be less than the horizontal blanking period after the byte-to-pixel conversion. It is the user's responsibility to manage this. Small values are recommended if the user has no idea about the length of the blanking period.
9. (VFP + VS_LENGTH) must be less than the vertical blanking period after the byte-to-pixel conversion. It is the user's responsibility to manage this. Small values are recommended if the user has no idea about the length of the blanking period.
10. (LEFT_TRIM + H_TX_PEL) cannot exceed the horizontal active pixel count of the incoming RX data. It is the user's responsibility to manage this.
11. (TOP_TRIM + V_TX_LINE) cannot exceed the vertical active line count of the incoming RX data. It is the user's responsibility to manage this.

2.2. Simulation Directives

Table 2.2 shows the simulation directives for this reference design.

Table 2.2. Simulation Directives

Category	Directive	Remarks
Simulation setup	SIM	Define to select the right behavioral model in simulation.
Reference clock period	REF_CLK {value}	Reference clock period in ps
RX D-PHY clock period	DPHY_CLK {value}	RX DPHY clock period in ps
Number of frames to run	NUM_FRAMES {value}	Number of video frames fed by testbench
Number of active lines	NUM_LINES {value}	Number of active video lines per frame
Number of active pixels	NUM_PIXELS {value}	Number of active video pixels per line
HSYNC period in DSI	DSI_HSA_PAYLOAD {value}	HSYNC active count in the unit of payload byte. Applicable to DSI RX.
Blanking period in DSI	DSI_BLLP_PAYLOAD {value}	Blanking period in the unit of payload byte. Used in HS_ONLY mode. Applicable to DSI RX.
Horizontal Back Porch in DSI[1]	DSI_HBP_PAYLOAD {value}	Horizontal Back Porch or Low Power period in the unit of payload byte count. Used in HS_LP mode or non-burst sync pulse in HS_ONLY mode. Applicable to DSI RX.
Horizontal Front Porch in DSI[1]	DSI_HFP_PAYLOAD {value}	Horizontal Front Porch or Low Power period in the unit of payload byte count. Used in HS_LP mode or non-burst sync pulse in HS_ONLY mode. Applicable to DSI RX.
VSYNC period in DSI	DSI_VSA_LINES {value}	Number of VSYNC active lines. Applicable to DSI RX.
Vertical Back Porch in DSI	DSI_VBP_LINES {value}	Number of Vertical Back Porch lines. Applicable to DSI RX.
Vertical Front Porch in DSI	DSI_VFP_LINES {value}	Number of Vertical Front Porch lines. Applicable to DSI RX.
EOTP packet on/off in DSI	DSI_ETOP_ENABLE {value}	Enable/Disable EOTP (End of Transmission Packet). Applicable to DSI RX. Value must be 1 (enable) or 0 (disable).
Blanking period in DSI	DSI_LPS_BLLP_DURATION {value}	Blanking (LP) period in ps. Used in HS_LP mode. Applicable to DSI RX.
Horizontal Back Porch period in DSI[1]	DSI_LPS_HBP_DURATION {value}	Horizontal Back Porch period (using LP mode) in ps. Used for non-burst sync events and burst mode in HS_LP mode. Applicable to DSI RX.
Horizontal Front Porch period in DSI[1]	DSI_LPS_HFP_DURATION {value}	Horizontal Front Porch period (using LP mode) in ps. Used for non-burst sync events and burst mode in HS_LP mode. Applicable to DSI RX.
Initial delay on RX channel	READY_DURATION {value}	Initial delay to activate RX channel in ps.
Line Gap period in CSI-2	DPHY_LPS_GAP {value}	Line Gap time in ps. Applicable to CSI-2 RX.
Frame Gap period	FRAME_LPM_DELAY {value}	Frame Gap time in ps. This is LP period between Frame End and Frame Start in case of CSI-2 and LP period after VFP period end and before VSYNC start in case of DSI.

Category	Directive	Remarks
Software Reset Register[2]	I2C_SW_RST_N {value}	Write value to the software reset register of I^{2}C Slave module. Value must be 1'b0 or 1'b1. Applicable only when USE_I2C is defined. Active low.
Shift Register Delay[3]	I2C_SR_DELAY {value}	Write value to the shift register delay register of I^{2}C Slave. The value must be 8'd2 – 5'd255. Applicable only to CSI-2 input with RGB888.
Bayer Pattern[4]	I2C_BAYER_PATTERN {value}	Write value to the Bayer pattern register of I^{2}C Slave. Value must be 2'b00 – 2'b11. Applicable only to CSI-2 input with RAW8/RAW10/RAW12.
Horizontal Front Porch[5]	I2C_HFP {value}	Write value to the horizontal front porch register of I^{2}C Slave. Value must be 8'd1 – 8'd255. Applicable only to CSI-2 input.
HSYNC Pulse Length[5]	I2C_HS_LENGTH {value}	Write value to HSYNC pulse length register of I^{2}C Slave. Value must be 8'd1 – 8'd255. Applicable only to CSI-2 input.
Vertical Front Porch[6]	I2C_VFP {value}	Write value to the vertical front porch register of I^{2}C Slave. Value must be 6'd1 – 6'd63. Applicable only to CSI-2 input.
VSYNC Pulse Length[6]	I2C_VS_LENGTH {value}	Write value to VSYNC pulse length register of I^{2}C Slave. Value must be 6'd1 – 6'd63. Applicable only to CSI-2 input.
Left Pixel Trimming[7]	I2C_LEFT_TRIM {value}	Write Value to the pixel trim register of I^{2}C Slave. Value must be 6'd0 – 6'd63. Applicable only to CSI-2 input.
Horizontal Active Pixels on TX[7]	I2C_H_TX_PEL {value}	Write value to the active pixel register of I^{2}C Slave. Value must be 13'd1 – 13'd8191. The value must be even in case of TX_GEAR_14. Applicable only to CSI-2 input.
Top Line Trimming[8]	I2C_TOP_TRIM {value}	Write value to the line trim register of I^{2}C Slave. Value must be 6'd0 – 6'd63. Applicable only to CSI-2 input.
Vertical Active Lines on TX[8]	I2C_V_TX_LINE {value}	Write value to the active line register of I^{2}C. Value must be 12'd1 – 12'd4095. Applicable only to CSI-2 input.

Notes:

1. Refer to MIPI® Alliance Specification for Display Serial Interface (DSI) Version 1.1 for details.
2. Logical OR between this register and system reset (reset_n_i) is used to reset modules other than I2C slave module.
3. Refer to the Sync Signal Generation section for details.
4. Refer to the RGB Data Creation section for pattern details.
5. (I2C_HFP + I2C_HS_LENGTH) must be less than the horizontal blanking period after the byte-to-pixel conversion. It is the user's responsibility to manage this. Small values are recommended if the user has no idea about the length of the blanking period.
6. (I2C_VFP + I2C_VS_LENGTH) must be less than the vertical blanking period after the byte-to-pixel conversion. It is the user's responsibility to manage this. Small values are recommended if the user has no idea about the length of the blanking period.
7. (I2C_LEFT_TRIM + I2C_H_TX_PEL) cannot exceed the horizontal active pixel count of the incoming RX data. It is the user's responsibility to manage this.
8. (I2C_TOP_TRIM + I2C_V_TX_LINE) cannot exceed the vertical active line count of the incoming RX data. It is the user's responsibility to manage this.

2.3. Top-Level I/O

Table 2.3 shows the top level I/O of this reference design. Actual I/O depends on the customer's channel and lane configurations. All necessary I/O ports are automatically declared by compiler directives.

Table 2.3. DSI/CSI-2 to OpenLDI LVDS Interface Bridge Top Level I/O

Port Name	Direction	Description
Clocks and Resets		
ref_clk_i	I	Input reference clock. Used to feed a clock to TX D-PHY PLL directly or indirectly. This port is declared only when EXT_REF_CLK is defined in synthesis_directives.v.
reset_n_i	I	Asynchronous active low system reset
Control Interface (optional for CSI-2 RX)		
scl	I/O	I^{2}C clock

Port Name	Direction	Description
sda	I/O	I^{2}C data
DSI/CSI-2 RX Interface		
rx_clk_p_i	I	Positive differential RX D-PHY input clock
rx_clk_n_i	I	Negative differential RX D-PHY input clock
rx_d0_p_i	I	Positive differential RX D-PHY input data 0
rx_d0_n_i	I	Negative differential RX D-PHY input data 0
rx_d1_p_i	I	Positive differential RX D-PHY input data 1 (in case of 2-lane or 4-lane configuration)
rx_d1_n_i	I	Negative differential RX D-PHY input data 1 (in case of 2-lane or 4-lane configuration)
rx_d2_p_i	I	Positive differential RX D-PHY input data 2 (in case of 4-lane configuration)
rx_d2_n_i	I	Negative differential RX D-PHY input data 2 (in case of 4-lane configuration)
rx_d3_p_i	I	Positive differential RX D-PHY input data 3 (in case of 4-lane configuration)
rx_d3_n_i	I	Negative differential RX D-PHY input data 3 (in case of 4-lane configuration)
LVDS TX Interface		
tx0_clk_p_o	O	Positive differential TX LVDS output clock
tx0_clk_n_o	O	Negative differential TX LVDS output clock
tx0_d0_p_o	O	Positive differential TX LVDS output data 0
tx0_d0_n_o	O	Negative differential TX LVDS output data 0
tx0_d1_p_o	O	Positive differential TX LVDS output data 1
tx0_d1_n_o	O	Negative differential TX LVDS output data 1
tx0_d2_p_o	O	Positive differential TX LVDS output data 2
tx0_d2_n_o	O	Negative differential TX LVDS output data 2
tx0_d3_p_o	O	Positive differential TX LVDS output data 3 (in case of TX_RGB888)
tx0_d3_n_o	O	Negative differential TX LVDS output data 3 (in case of TX_RGB888)
tx1_clk_p_o	O	Positive differential TX LVDS output clock on 2nd TX channel (in case of dual TX channel configuration)
tx1_clk_n_o	O	Negative differential TX LVDS output clock on 2nd TX channel (in case of dual TX channel configuration)
tx1_d0_p_o	O	Positive differential TX LVDS output data 0 on 2nd TX channel (in case of dual TX channel configuration)
tx1_d0_n_o	O	Negative differential TX LVDS output data 0 on 2nd TX channel (in case of dual TX channel configuration)
tx1_d1_p_o	O	Positive differential TX LVDS output data 1 on 2nd TX channel (in case of dual TX channel configuration)
tx1_d1_n_o	O	Negative differential TX LVDS output data 1 on 2nd TX channel (in case of dual TX channel configuration)
tx1_d2_p_o	O	Positive differential TX LVDS output data 2 on 2nd TX channel (in case of dual TX channel configuration)
tx1_d2_n_o	O	Negative differential TX LVDS output data 2 on 2nd TX channel (in case of dual TX channel configuration)
tx1_d3_p_o	O	Positive differential TX LVDS output data 3 on 2nd TX channel (in case of dual TX channel configuration with TX_RGB888)
tx1_d3_n_o	O	Negative differential TX LVDS output data 3 on 2nd TX channel (in case of dual TX channel configuration with TX_RGB888)

3. Design and Module Description

The top-level design (mipi2lvds.v) consists of the following modules:
- rx_dphy
- byte2pixel
- rgb2rgb (used only for CSI-2 RGB888)
- raw2rgb (used only for CSI-2 RAW8/RAW10/RAW12)
- tx_lvds
- int_gpll
- i2c_slave (optional for CSI-2)

The top-level design has a reset synchronization logic.

3.1. rx_dphy

This module must be created for the RX channel according to channel conditions, such as the number of lanes, bandwidth, and others. Figure 3.1 shows an example of IP interface settings in Clarity for the CSI-2/DSI D-PHY Receiver Submodule IP. The user can use the .sbx file (rx/rx.sbx) included in the sample project and reconfigure according to the user's needs. Refer to CSI-2/DSI D-PHY Receiver Submodule IP User Guide (FPGA-IPUG-02025) for details.
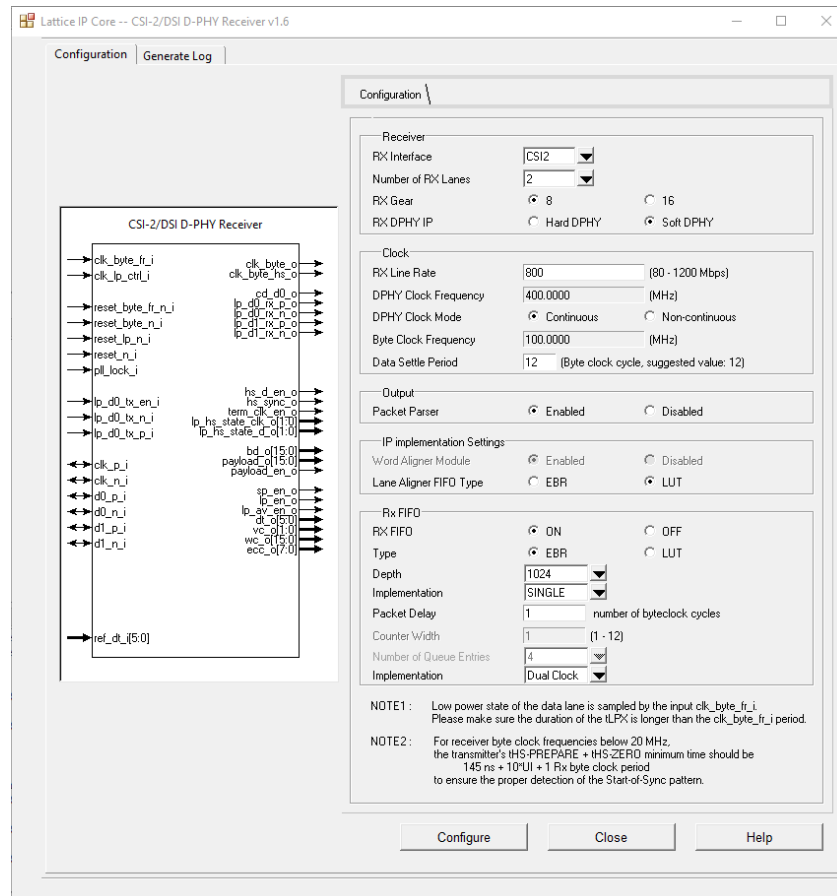

Figure 3.1. rx_dphy IP Creation in Clarity Designer

The following provides the guidelines and parameter settings required for this reference design.
- RX Interface – Select DSI or CSI-2.
- Number of RX Lanes – Set according to channel configuration. The value must match NUM_RX_LANE_* setting.

- RX Gear – Select 8 or 16; 16 is recommended when the RX byte clock speed exceeds 100 MHz with Gear 8.
- RX D-PHY IP – Select Soft D-PHY or Hard D-PHY. Must match with the setting in synthesis_directives.v.
- RX Line Rate – Set according to channel configuration. 800 or below is recommended for 4 lane configuration.
- D-PHY Clock Mode – Select Continuous or Non-continuous. Must match RX*_CLK_MODE_* setting (Continuous = HS_ONLY, Non-continuous = HS_LP).
- Packet Parser – Select Enabled.
- Word Aligner Module –Select Enabled.
- Lane Aligner Module – Select Enabled when 2 or 4 lane configurations. FIFO Depth of 8 and EBR is recommended.

This module takes serial DSI/CSI-2 data and outputs pixel data after de-serialization in DSI/CSI-2 High Speed mode and protocol decoding. If a user is creating this IP from scratch, it is recommended to set the design name to rx and the module name to rx_dphy. This way, the user does not need to modify the instance name of this IP in the top-level design, as well as the simulation setup file. Otherwise, the user must modify the names accordingly.

3.2. byte2pixel

This module must be created for the RX channel according to D-PHY type, data type, the number of lanes, RX Gear, and others. Figure 3.2 shows an example of IP interface settings in Clarity for the byte2pixel IP. The user can use the .sbx file (b2p/b2p.sbx) included in the sample project and reconfigure according to user's needs. Refer to Byte-to-Pixel Converter IP User Guide (FPGA-IPUG-02027) for details.
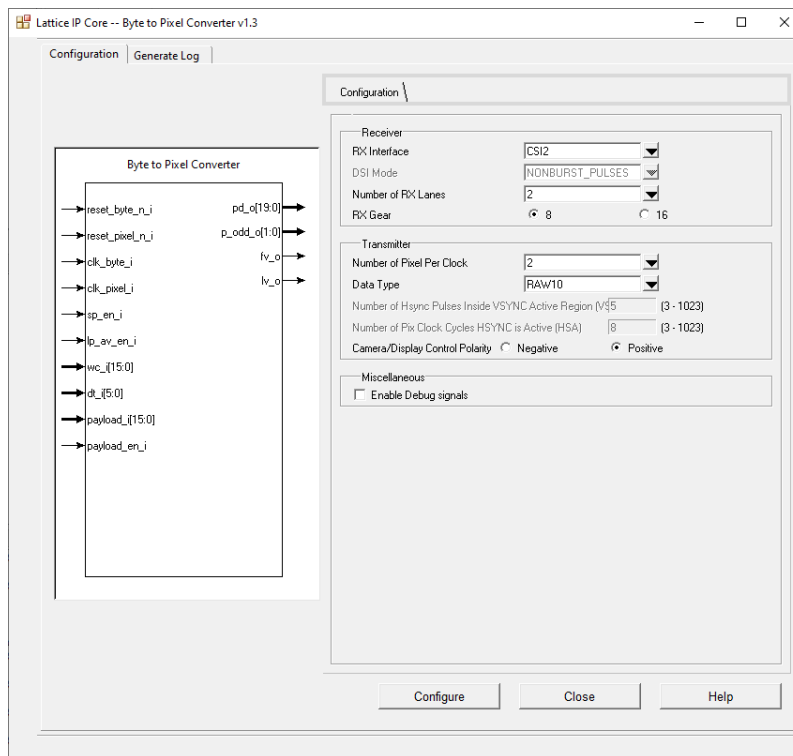

Figure 3.2. byte2pixel IP Creation in Clarity Designer

The following provides the guidelines and parameter settings required for this reference design.
- RX Interface – Select DSI or CSI-2. Set the same type as RX D-PHY IP.
- Number of RX Lanes – Set the same value as RX D-PHY IP.
- RX Gear – Set the same value as RX D_PHY IP.
- Number of Pixel Per Clock – Set 1, 2, or 4. 4 is applicable only to two TX channels with TX Gear 14. 2 is applicable to one TX channel with TX Gear 14 or two TX channels with TX Gear 7. Selection is limited in some configurations (refer to Table 1.2).

- Data Type – Set RGB888 or RGB666 for DSI and RGB888, RAW8, RAW10, or RAW12 for CSI-2. Others are not supported in this reference design.
- Camera/Display Control Polarity – Set Positive. Polarity setting of sync and data enable is done outside of this IP.

If a user is creating this IP from scratch, it is recommended to set the design name to b2p and the module name to byte2pix so that user do not need to modify the instance name of this IP in the top-level design as well as the simulation setup file. Otherwise, the user must modify the names accordingly.

This module receives byte data from RX D-PHY along with packet enable signal, among others, and reorganizes the data to form the desired pixel data via FIFO according to the data type specified. FIFO is used as a data buffer as well as clock domain conversion. Byte data are written to FIFO in byte clock domain and read in pixel clock domain. Pixel clock is provided from TX LVDS module. Depending on the D-PHY type (DSI or CSI-2), different types of sync and data enable signals are generated. Figure 3.3 shows the interface timing diagram for DSI. VSYNC, HSYNC, and DE are generated based on short packet enable and payload enable signals. In case of DSI, these signals are sent to LVDS TX module as is. Depending on the configuration, output data (pd_o) could have one, two, or four pixels per pixel clock. Figure 3.4 shows global output timing for DSI. Due to the clock domain crossing, the pulse length and/or sync signal intervals may vary slightly.
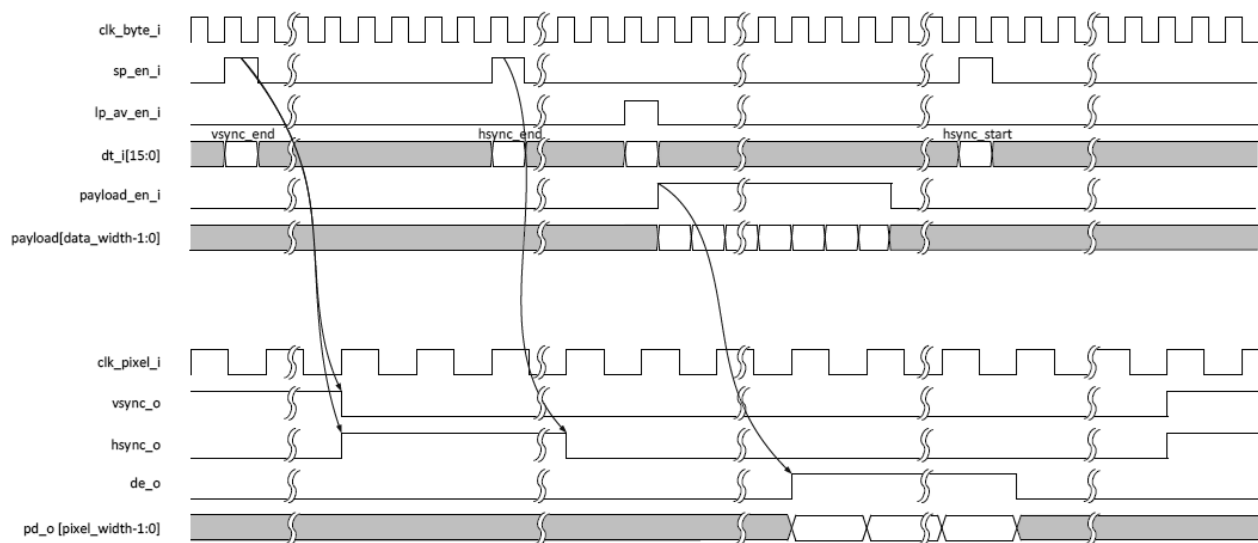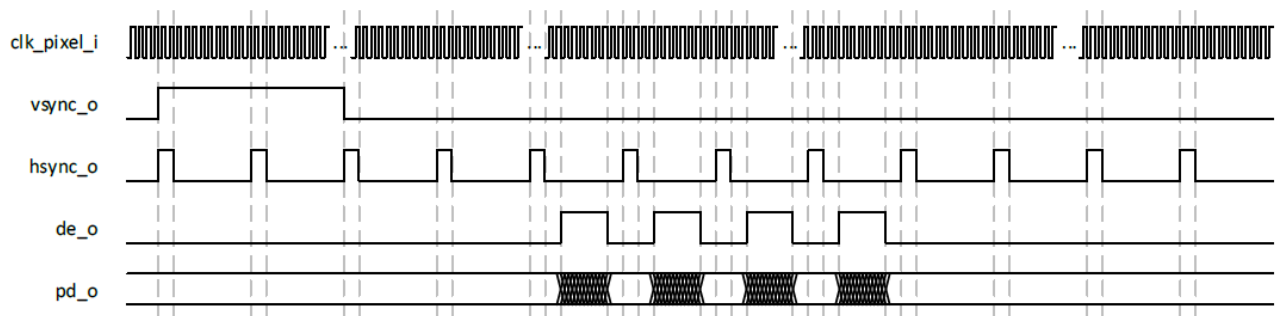

Figure 3.3. Interface Timing Diagram for DSI

Figure 3.4. Global Output Timing Diagram for DSI

Figure 3.5 shows the interface timing diagram for CSI-2. FV and LV are generated based on short packet enable and payload enable signals. Figure 3.6 shows global output timing for CSI-2. In the case of CSI-2, sync signals (VSYNC, HSYNC) must be created from FV and LV to match the interface format of LVDS. Also, in case of RAW8/RAW10/RAW12, RGB pixel data must be created from RAW data. For these purposes, an additional module (rgb2rgb or raw2rgb) is required for CSI-2 between byte2pixel and tx_lvds. In the case of TX Gear 14 or two TX channel outputs, output data (pd_o) has two pixels per pixel

clock. Note that TX Gear 14 and two TX channel configuration must not happen together in case of CSI-2 (refer to Table 1.2).
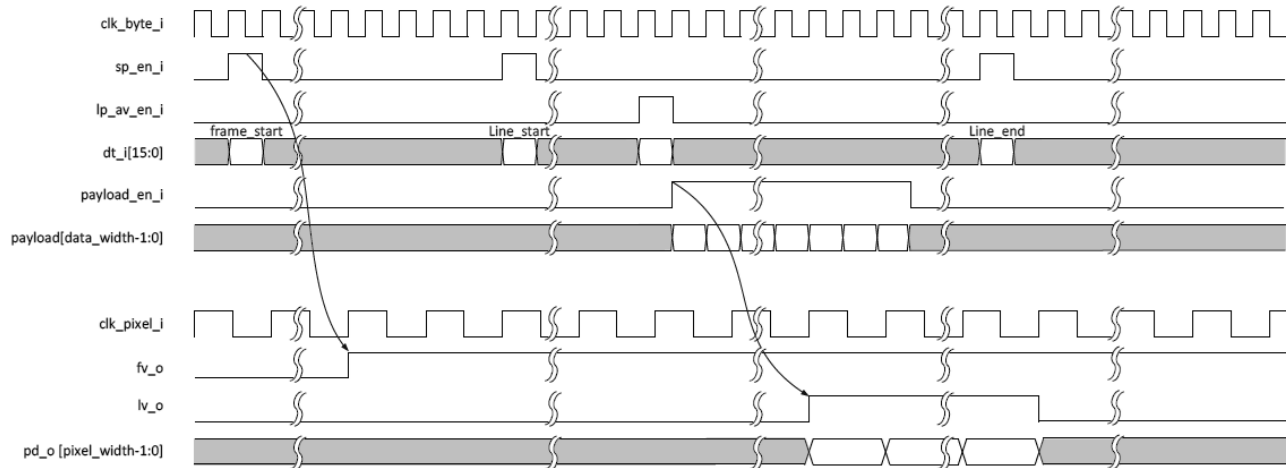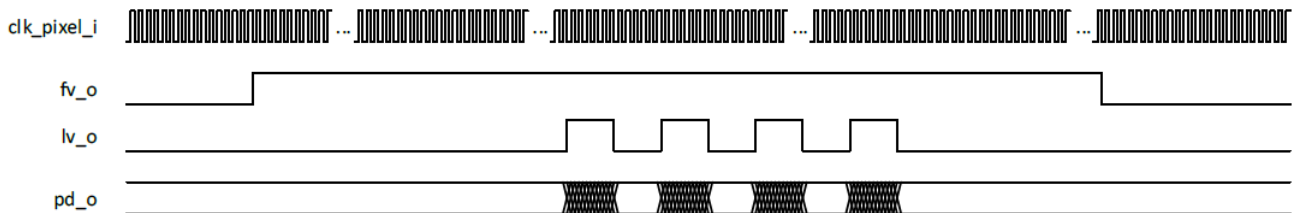

Figure 3.5. Interface Timing Diagram for CSI-2

Figure 3.6. Global Output Timing Diagram for CSI-2

3.3. rgb2rgb

This module is instantiated for CSI-2 RX with RGB888 and has two major functions, sync signal generation and video data trimming.

3.3.1. Sync Signal Generation

Since sync signal format is different between CSI-2 and LVDS, VSYNC and HSYNC signals must be created from FV and LV comes from byte2pixel. For that purpose, the following parameters are prepared:

- HFP (Horizontal Front Porch)
- HS_LENGTH (Horizontal Sync Length)
- VFP (Vertical Front Porch)
- VS_LENGTH (Vertical Sync Length)

The above parameter values can be changed through register writes when USE_I2C is defined. Otherwise, the values specified in synthesis_directives.v are applied. Note that (HFP + HS_LENGTH) must be shorter than the horizontal blanking period. Otherwise, HSYNC active period and DE active period overlap, and we cannot expect the anticipated image on the display. If the user has no idea about the length of the horizontal blanking period, small values should be set. For example, HFP = 2, HS_LENGTH = 2, and others, if the display accepts it. In addition, (VFP + VS_LENGTH) must be smaller than the vertical blanking period for the same reason. HFP and VFP counts begin at the end of non-trimmed active pixel and active line. That means the actual blanking periods are larger than HPF or VFP if trimming happens on the right edge or bottom edge.
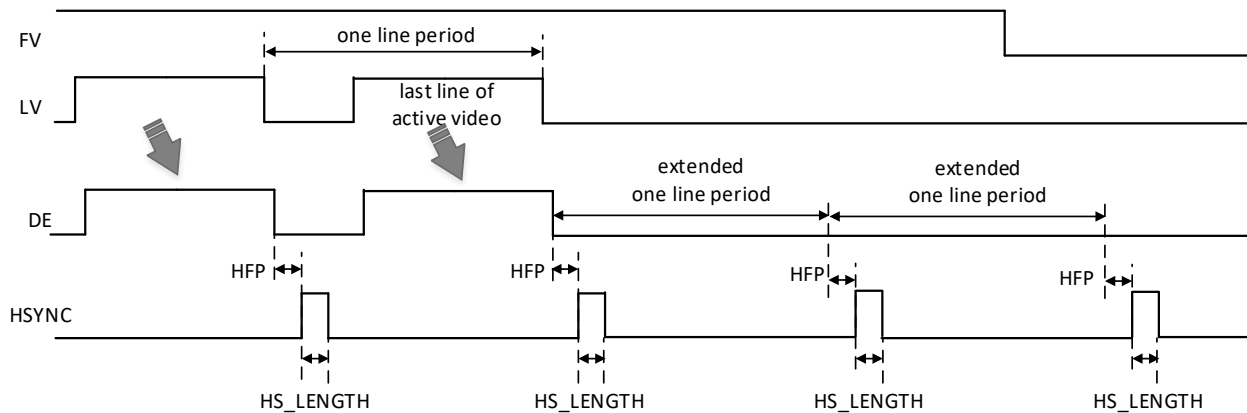
Figure 3.7. HSYNC Generation

During the vertical blanking period, HSYNC is generated by extending the line interval obtained by LV falling edges during the active line period as shown in Figure 3.7. One potential problem, however, is that HSYNC assertion could happen when the first DE of the next frame comes since there is no guarantee that the length of the vertical blanking period is multiple of one horizontal line period. To avoid this situation, a shift register is provided. FV/LV and payload data are all written to the shift register FIFO and comes out after the specified pixel clock cycle delay set by the parameter SR_DELAY. Figure 3.8 shows the masking of HSYNC which overlaps DE period. If the display has the minimum requirement of HBP (Horizontal Blanking Period: period from the end of HSYNC to the beginning of DE), SR_DELAY value should satisfy the following equation:

SR_DELAY > HS_LENGTH + minimum HBP

VSYNC/HSYNC assertions are controlled based on these delayed signals, but HSYNC assertion is disabled when the original LV is active. By changing this parameter value, the user can change the HSYNC mask period. This parameter can also be changed through register write when USE_I2C is defined.
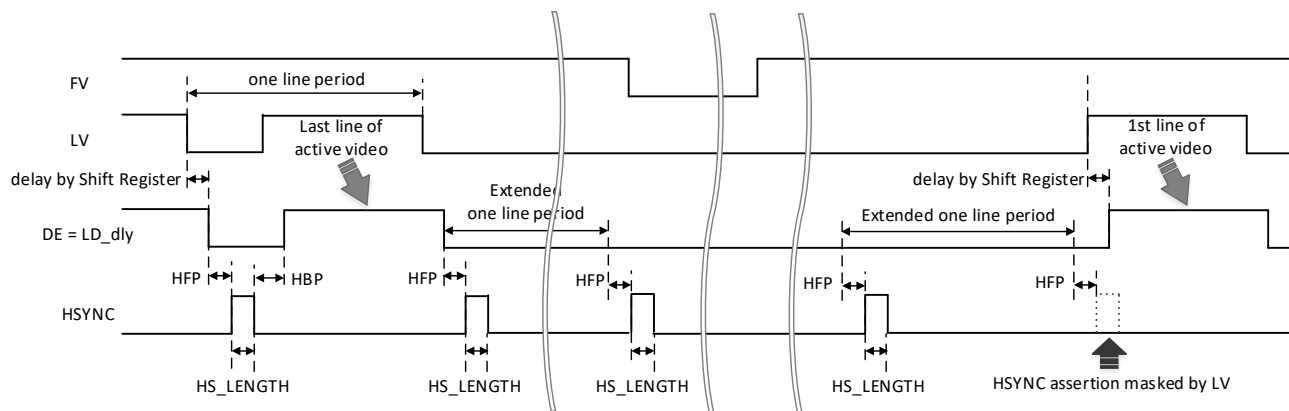

Figure 3.8. HSYNC Masked by LV

Since VSYNC generation is based on the assertion timing of HSYNC, and HSYNC assertion is based on the falling edge of LV, VSYNC of the current outgoing frame requires the previous incoming video timings. Therefore, no VSYNC assertion happens for the first incoming video frame and DE is masked for that frame. Valid VSYNC and video data outputs begin from the second incoming frame.

3.3.2. Active Data Trimming

In some cases, video data from sensor devices have an area that is larger than what is required by the display. For this reason, edge trimming capability is provided using following parameters:
- LEFT_TRIM (trimming pixels from the left edge)

- H_TX_PEL (active pixel count)
- TOP_TRIM (trimming lines from the top edge)
- V_TX_LINE (active line count)

The above parameter values can be changed through register write when USE_I2C is defined. Otherwise, the values specified in synthesis_directives.v are applied. Note that (LEFT_TRIM + H_TX_PEL) must not exceed the original horizontal active pixel count, otherwise output image is corrupted. In addition, (TOP_TRIM + V_TX_LINE) must not exceed the original active line count for the same reason. In the case of TX Gear 14, H_TX_PEL must be an even value.

3.4. raw2rgb

This module is instantiated for CSI-2 RX with RAW8/RAW10/RAW12 and has three major functions: RGB data creation, sync signal generation and video data trimming.

3.4.1. RGB Data Creation

In the case of RAW data format, one pixel contains only one-color component of RGB. Therefore, missing color components must be created by interpolation to form RGB888. Figure 3.9 shows four scenarios of Bayer patterns of the color components at the top-left pixels come from the image sensor.
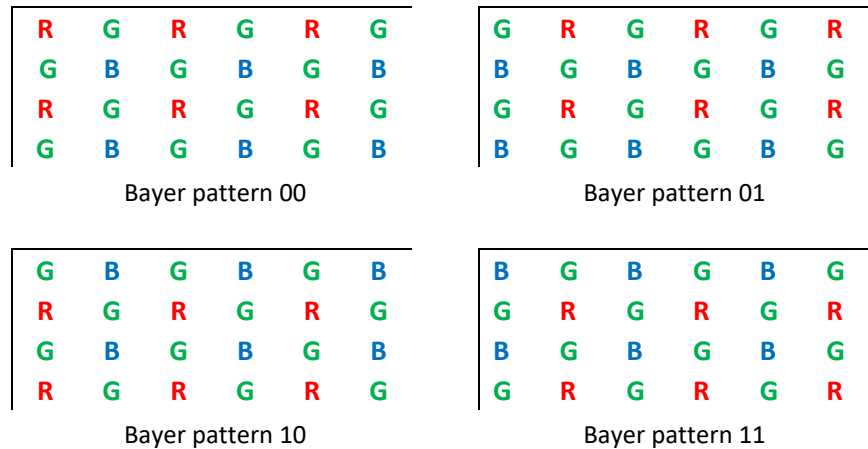

Bayer pattern 00

Bayer pattern 01

Bayer pattern 10

Bayer pattern 11

Figure 3.9. Bayer Pattern of RAW Data

Missing color components are created by interpolation using the neighborhood pixels. Figure 3.10 shows examples of interpolations to create all three-color components for the center pixel. Either 2-pixel averaging, or 4-pixel averaging is applied, depending on the location of the pixel, to create the missing color components.
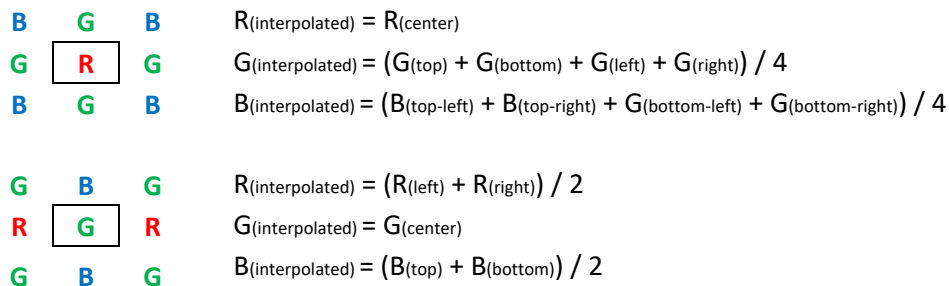

$R_{(interpolated)} = R_{(center)}$

$G_{(interpolated)} = (G_{(top)} + G_{(bottom)} + G_{(left)} + G_{(right)}) / 4$

$B_{(interpolated)} = (B_{(top\text{-}left)} + B_{(top\text{-}right)} + G_{(bottom\text{-}left)} + G_{(bottom\text{-}right)}) / 4$

$R_{(interpolated)} = (R_{(left)} + R_{(right)}) / 2$

$G_{(interpolated)} = G_{(center)}$

$B_{(interpolated)} = (B_{(top)} + B_{(bottom)}) / 2$

Figure 3.10. RGB Data Creation from RAW Data

Due to the necessity of vertical interpolation, this module has two-line buffers with the depth specified by the directive LB_DEPTH_*. In the case of edge and corner pixel interpolations (top line, bottom line, left edge, right edge), mirroring is

applied to cover the non-existing pixels. For example, there is no top pixels for the first line pixel interpolation and the bottom (second line) pixels are used instead of the non-existing top pixels. The same method applies to left edge, right edge, and bottom-line pixel interpolations. Note that the first line output is roughly aligned with the second incoming line due to the line buffering delay.

3.4.2. Sync Signal Generation

The scheme is same as CSI-2 RGB888 input except for the non-existence of the shift register. In case of RAW data processing, a single line process delay happens due to the line buffer mentioned in the RGB Data Creation section, the HSYNC masking feature is not required using the shift register. Refer to the Sync Signal Generation section for details.

3.4.3. Active Data Trimming

The scheme is same as CSI-2 RGB888 input. Refer to the Active Data Trimming section for details.

3.5. tx_lvds

The user must create this module according to channel conditions, such as number of lanes, bandwidth, and others. Figure 3.11 shows an example IP interface setting in Clarity Designer for the OpenLDI/LVDS Transmitter Interface IP. The user can use the sbx file (tx/tx.sbx) included in the sample project and re-configure according to the user's needs. Refer to OpenLDI/FPD-LINK/LVDS Transmitter Interface IP User Guide (FPGA-IPUG-02022) for details.
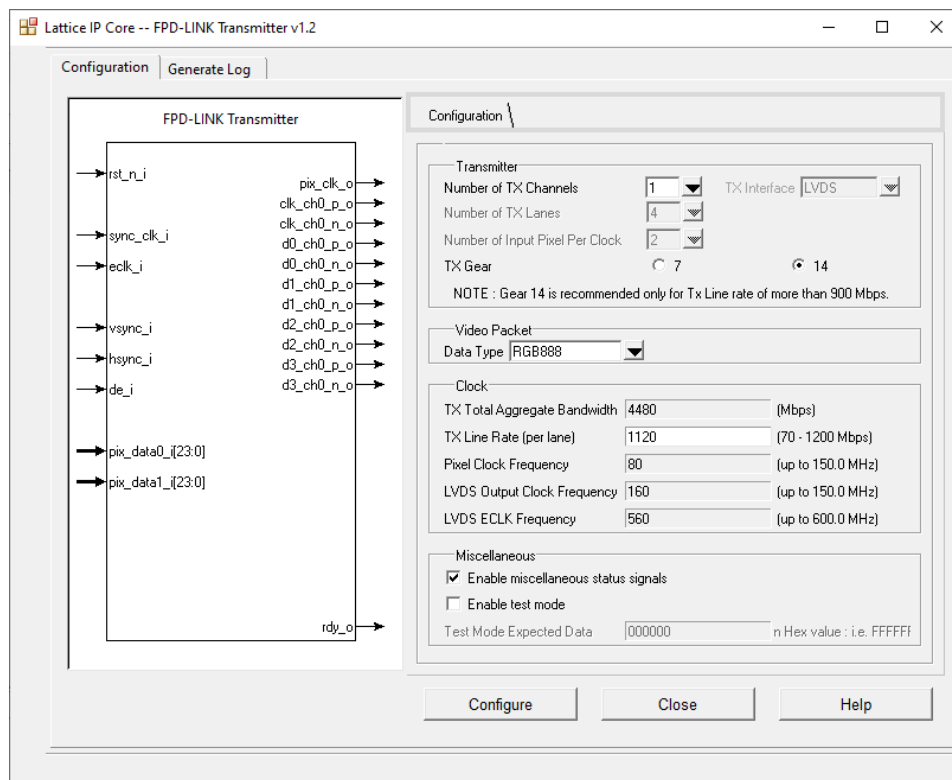

Figure 3.11. tx_dphy IP Creation in Clarity Designer

The following provides the guidelines and parameter settings required for this reference design.
- Number of TX Channels – Set according to channel configuration. Must match NUM_TX_CH_* setting. Refer to Table 1.2 for possible TX channel setting.
- TX Gear – Set 7 or 14. Must match TX_GEAR_* in synthesis_directives.v.
- Data Type – Select RGB666 in case of RX_RGB666. Otherwise, select RGB888.
- TX Line Rate – Set the value derived from the equation below.

- Enable miscellaneous status signals – Must be enabled (checked).
- Enable test mode – Must be disabled (unchecked).

This module takes the pixel data and outputs LVDS data after 7:1 or 14:1 serialization. If the user is creating this IP from scratch, it is recommended to set the design name to tx and module name to tx_lvds so that user do not need to modify the instance name of this IP in the top-level design as well as simulation setup file. Otherwise, the user needs to modify the names accordingly.

TX Line Rate is derived from the following equation:

$$TX\_lane\_bandwidth = \frac{RX\_lane\_bandwidth * number\_of\_RX\_lane * 7}{RX\_pixel\_bus\_width * number\_of\_TX\_channel}$$

Example 1: CSI-2 RAW10 RX with 4-lane at RX lane bandwidth = 400 Mbps

TX lane bandwidth = (400 x 4 x 7) / (10 x 1) = 1120 Mbps.

Example 2: DSI RGB888 RX with 4-lane at RX lane bandwidth = 1200 Mbps with dual channel TX outputs

TX lane bandwidth = (1200 x 4 x 7) / (24 x 2) = 700 Mbps.

Figure 3.12 to Figure 3.15 show the output data timings of single and dual channel configuration with RGB888 and RGB666. RGB888 uses four data lanes per channel and RGB666 uses three data lanes per channel.
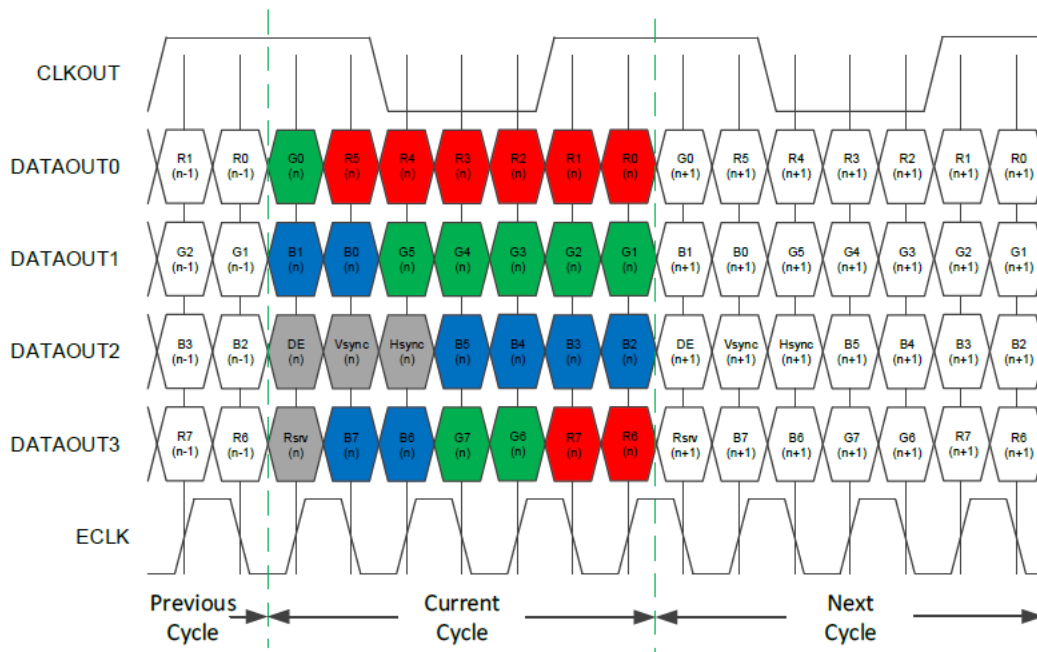

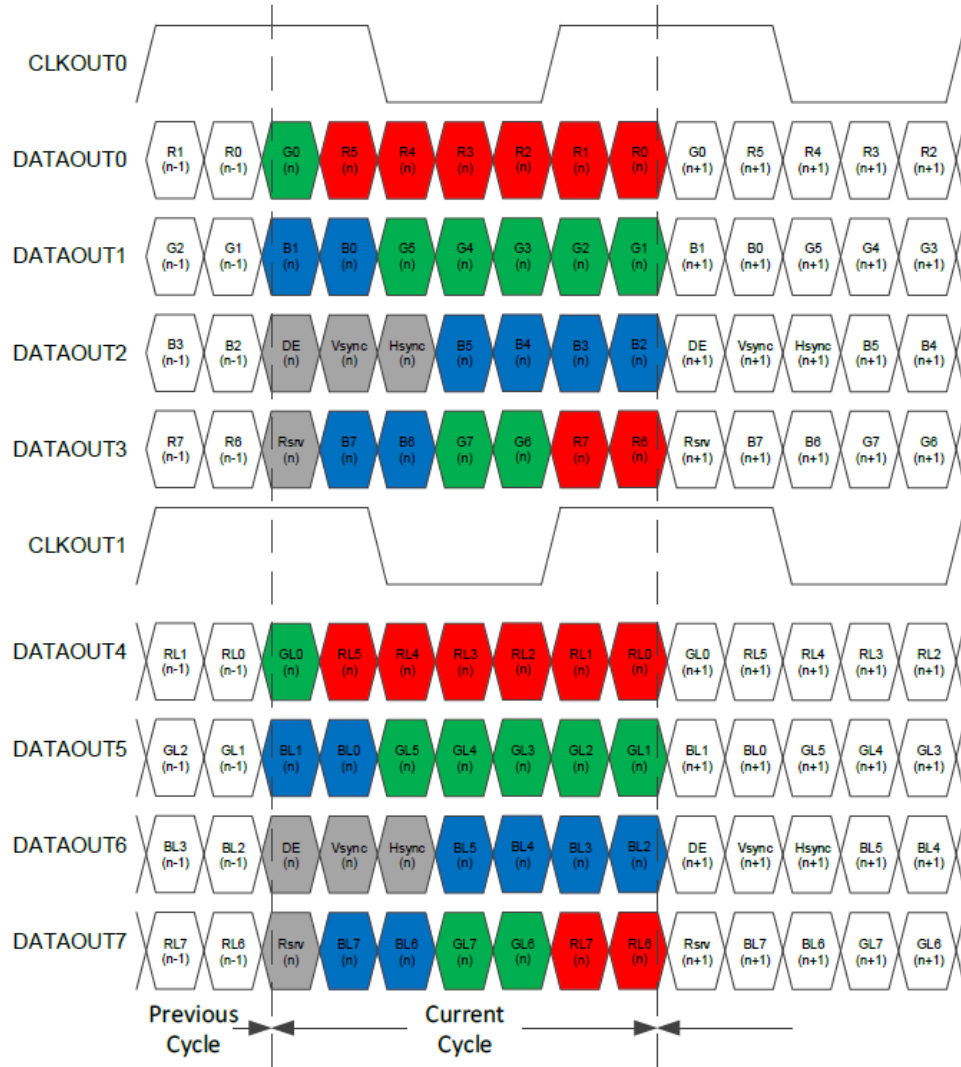**Figure 3.12. Single Channel LVDS Output of RGB888**

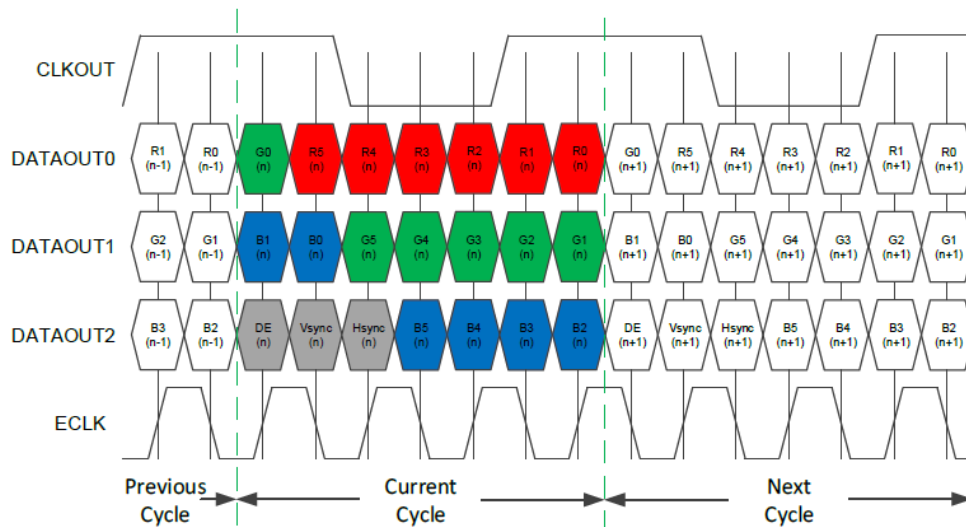**Figure 3.13. Dual Channel LVDS Output of RGB888**

Figure 3.14. Single Channel LVDS Output of RGB666

Figure 3.15. Dual Channel LVDS Output of RGB666

3.6. int_gpll

The user must create GPLL module to feed the edge clock to tx_lvds. Additionally, the continuous byte clock could be generated when RX D-PHY is in HS_LP mode. The user can use the sbx file (int_gpll/int_gpll.sbx) included in the sample project and re-configure according to user's needs. In case that user makes this IP from scratch, it is recommended to set the design name to int_gpll so that the user does not need to modify the instance name of this IP in the top-level design as well as simulation setup file. Otherwise, the user needs to modify the names accordingly.

Figure 3.16. GPLL IP Creation

The TX edge clock frequency is half of the TX lane bandwidth set for tx_lvds. This clock must be assigned to CLKOP. If the byte clock must be generated, assign it to CLKOS. Note that the VCO clock of GPLL must be a common multiple of these two clocks. There is a case wherein TX edge clock and byte clock cannot be generated together. In this instance, give up generating the byte clock by GPLL and perform either of the following options:

- Change RX D-PHY to HS_ONLY mode; or
- Feed the continuous byte clock directly from one of the available I/O pins.

If the RX D-PHY is in HS_ONLY mode and GPLL can generate the TX edge clock using the byte clock as the input clock of GPLL (CLKI), the external reference clock is not necessary. int_gpll instantiation based on the configuration is shown below as a code snippet of mipi2lvds.v:

```
////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////
///// GPLL instantiation                                            /////
///// User has to modify this if necessary                          /////
////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////
`ifdef EXT_REF_CLK
      `ifdef RX_CLK_MODE_HS_LP
            int_gpll pll_inst (
                  .CLKI  (ref_clk_i),        // ref clock
                  .CLKOP (pll_eclk),         // tx edge clock
                  .CLKOS (pll_byte_clk),     // byte clock
                  .LOCK  (pll_lock)
            );
      `elsif RX_CLK_HS_ONLY
            int_gpll pll_inst (
                  .CLKI  (ref_clk_i),  // cannot create eclk from byte clock
                  .CLKOP (pll_eclk),
                  .LOCK  (pll_lock)
            );
      `endif
`elsif RX_CLK_HS_ONLY
      int_gpll pll_inst (
            .CLKI  (rx_clk_byte_fr),
            .CLKOP (pll_eclk),
            .LOCK  (pll_lock)
      );
`endif
////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////
```

If user can use ref_clk_i (or simply divided clock of this) as byte_clk in HS_LP mode, the user should disable CLKOS and add the following in mipi2lvds.v:

```
assign pll_byte_clk = ref_clk_i;        // ref_clk_i could be simply divided clock of this
```

3.7. i2c_slave

This module is instantiated when USE_I2C is defined and enables the user to change CSI-2 related parameters on the fly through I2C connections. I2C Hard IP is instantiated and used as an I2C slave device. The user can use the .sbx file (i2c_s/i2c_s.sbx) included in the sample project and re-configure. In case that user make this IP from scratch, it is recommended to set the design name to i2c_s so that user do not need to modify the instance name of this IP in the top-level design as well as simulation setup file. Otherwise, the user needs t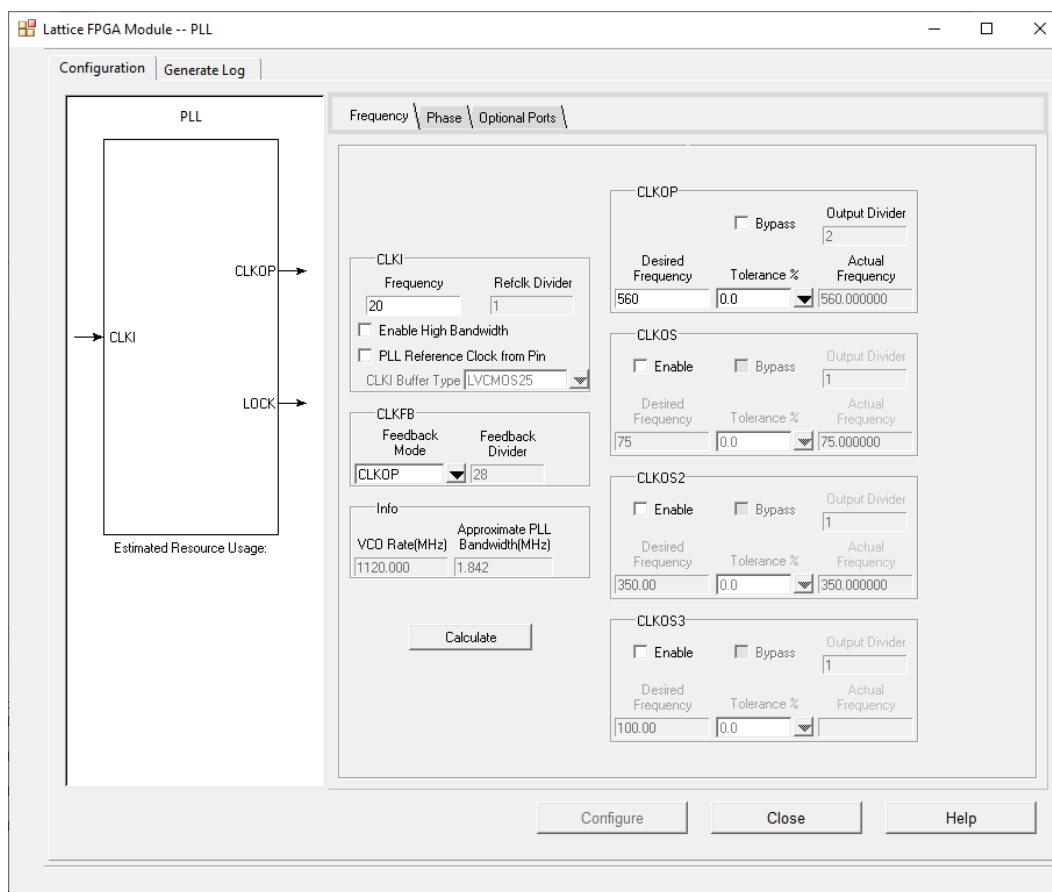o modify the names accordingly. There exist two I2C Hard IP modules in CrossLink and I2C0 is used in this IP as shown in Figure 3.17. The user must change the setting if the other IP (I2C1) is used. Also, the System Bus clock frequency must be changed according to the clock fed to this module.

Figure 3.17. I²C IP Creation #1

Figure 3.18 shows the basic settings of I2C IP. The user can change the settings according to own needs, but the following should be enforced:
- FIFO Mode must be disabled (unchecked)
- Address Match must be enabled (checked)

MSB 5 bits of I2C slave address can be set here. In the case of I2C0, LSB 2 bits are fixed to 2'b10.

Figure 3.19 shows the interrupt settings. At least Tx/Rx Ready must be enabled (checked).

Figure 3.18. I²C IP Creation #2

Figure 3.19. I²C IP Creation #3

This module is equipped with parameter registers of 4-bit address area of I2C sub address shown in Table 3.1.

Table 3.1. I²C Slave Register Map
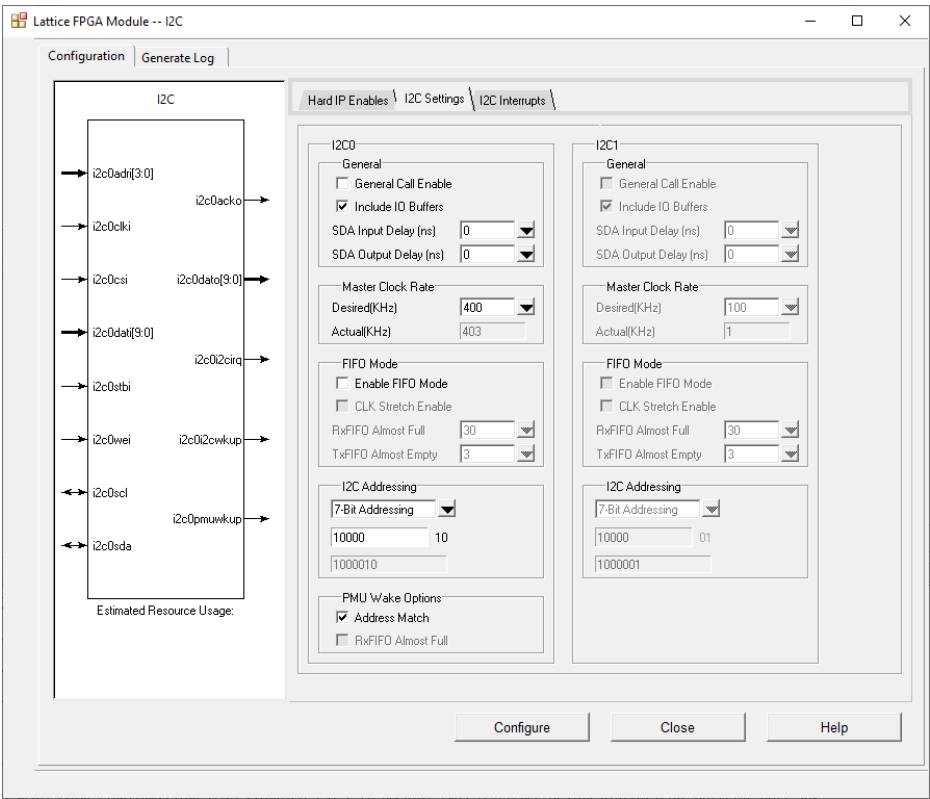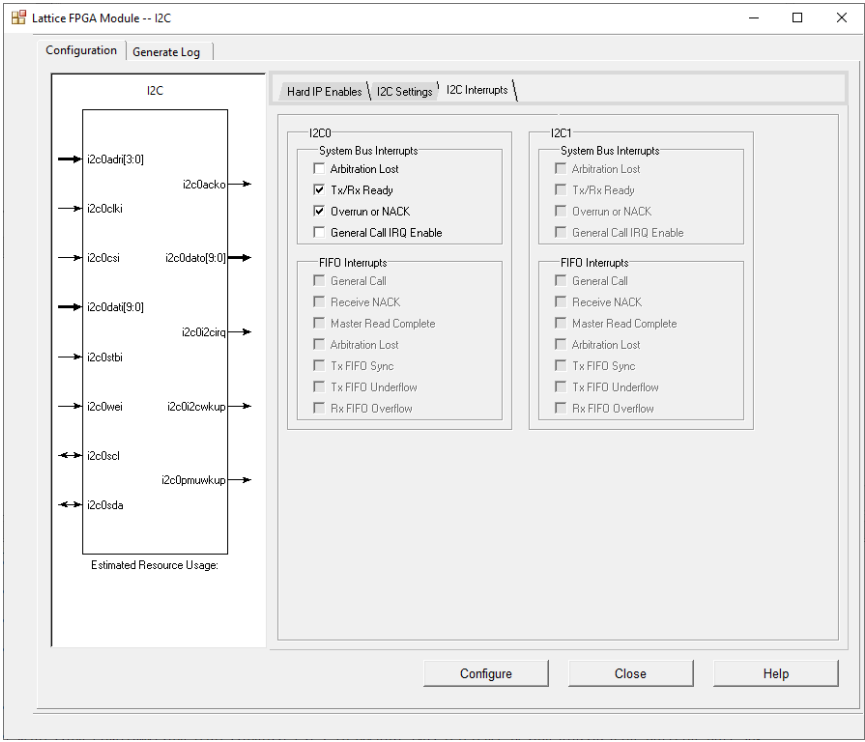
Sub address	Name	Bits	Description
0	SW Reset	[0]	Software reset register. When this is active, all modules except for i2c_slave are in reset condition. Active low.
1	SR Delay	[7:0]	Shift Register delay register. Sync and data from byte2pixel are delayed before processed in rgb2rgb. The value must be 8'd2 – 8'd255.
2	Bayer Pattern	[1:0]	Bayer Pattern register. The value must be 2'00, 2'b01, 2'b10, or 2'b11.
3	HFP	[7:0]	Horizontal Front Porch register. The value must be 8'd1 – 8'd255.
4	HS_LENGTH	[7:0]	HSYNC Length register. The value must be 8'd1 – 8'd255.
5	VFP	[5:0]	Vertical Front Porch register. The value must be 6'd1 – 6'd63.
6	VS_LENGTH	[5:0]	VSYNC Length register. The value must be 6'd1 – 6'd63.
7	LEFT_TRIM	[5:0]	Left Edge Trim register. The value must be 6'd0 – 6'd63.
8	H_TX_PEL_LSB	[7:0]	Horizontal Active Pixel register. The value must be 12'd1 – 12'd4095.
9	H_TX_PEL_MSB	[11:8]	
10	TOP_TRIM	[5:0]	Top Edge Trim register. The value must be 6'd0 – 6'd63.
11	V_TX_LINE_LSB	[7:0]	Vertical Active Line register. The value must be 12'd1 – 12'd4095.
12	V_TX_LINE_MSB	[11:8]	
13	—	N/A	Reserved
14	—	N/A	Reserved
15	—	N/A	Reserved

Note: All registers less than 8-bit data width are aligned to LSB of 8-bit data area.

All registers are set to the default values specified by corresponding directives defined in synthesis_directives.v.

Software reset works as the system reset (reset_n_i) for all modules other than i2c_slave, therefore the user can assert this while updating other I2C registers, then release Software reset upon completing the register update to avoid an unexpected operation during register update. Refer to the rgb2rgb and raw2rgb sections for register details.

4. Design and File Modification

This reference design is based on version 1.6 of the RX D-PHY IP, version 1.3 of the Byte-to-Pixel Converter IP, and version 1.2 of the OpenLDI/LVDS Transmitter Interface IP. Due to the limitation of these IPs, some modifications are required depending on the user configuration in addition to two directive files (synthesis_directives.v, simulation_directives.v).

4.1. Top Level RTL

In case of HS_LP mode and the external reference clock can be used as byte_clk without using GPLL, the user must modify the related code as described in the int_gpll section.

In addition, instance names of RX D-PHY, Byte-to-Pixel, and TX LVDS IP must be modified if the user created these IP with different names.

4.2. RX D-PHY IP

After creating RX D-PHY IP in Clarity Designer with 4-lane, Gear 16 configuration, the user must add the following signals as outputs shown below in rx_dphy.v:

output wire   sp2_en_o,

output wire   lp2_en_o,

output wire   lp2_av_en_o,

output wire [5:0]   dt2_o,

output wire [1:0]   vc2_o,

output wire [15:0]   wc2_o,

output wire [7:0]   ecc2_o,

Since all of these comes with the lower module *rx_dphy_dphy_rx*, similar modifications should be done as shown below in the same file:

.sp2_en_o   (sp2_en_o),

.lp2_en_o   (lp2_en_o),

.lp2_av_en_o   (lp2_av_en_o),

.dt2_o   (dt2_o[5:0]),

.vc2_o   (vc2_o[1:0]),

.wc2_o   (wc2_o[15:0]),

.ecc2_o   (ecc2_o[7:0]),

The above modifications apply to only 4-lane with Gear 16.

5.   Design Simulation

The script file (mipi2lvds_fsim.do) and testbench files are provided to run the functional simulation by QuestaSim. If the user keeps the current design names and instance names when RX D-PHY, Byte-to-Pixel, TX LVDS, GPLL, and I2C IPs are created by Clarity Designer, the following are the only changes required in the script file:

- Diamond installation directory path
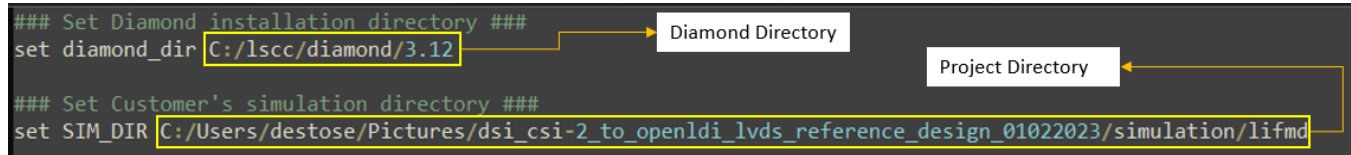- User project directory

Figure 5.1. Script File Modification

The user need to modify simulation_directives.v according to user's configuration (refer to the Simulation Directives section for details). By executing the script in QuestaSim, compilation and simulation are executed automatically. The testbench takes all data comparison between the expected data and output data from the design. Note that data comparison begins from the second input frame in case of CSI-2 input due to VSYNC signal creation delay. It shows following statements while running and doing data comparison:

KERNEL: 917327442 DPHY Lane 2: Driving with data = 67

KERNEL: 917327442 DPHY Lane 3: Driving with data = 74

KERNEL: Frame 1, Line   0, Pixel 142 CH0 Active Data: R = 1c, G = d8, B = 68 matched

KERNEL: Frame 1, Line   0, Pixel 143 CH0 Active Data: R = e9, G = 8a, B = 5f matched

KERNEL: 917340786 DPHY Driving Data

KERNEL: 917340786 DPHY Lane 0: Driving with data = 5f

KERNEL: 917340786 DPHY Lane 1: Driving with data = 5a

KERNEL: 917340786 DPHY Lane 2: Driving with data = 2b

KERNEL: 917340786 DPHY Lane 3: Driving with data = 2b

KERNEL: Frame 1, Line   0, Pixel 144 CH0 Active Data: R = 78, G = 9b, B = ce matched

KERNEL: 917354130 DPHY Driving Data

Data comparison is based on the detection of the DE assertion after the deserialization by the testbench. Simulation stops when the data comparison failure happens.

Also, the user should find the following statements during the vertical blanking periods since there is no DE assertion:

KERNEL: ##### tx0 VSYNC assertion

KERNEL: ##### tx0 HSYNC assertion

KERNEL: ##### tx0 HSYNC de-assertion

KERNEL: ##### tx0 VSYNC de-assertion

KERNEL: ##### tx0 HSYNC assertion

KERNEL: ##### tx0 HSYNC de-assertion

KERNEL: ##### tx0 HSYNC assertion

KERNEL: ##### tx0 HSYNC de-assertion

KERNEL: ##### tx0 HSYNC assertion

KERNEL: ##### tx0 HSYNC de-assertion

KERNEL: ##### tx0 HSYNC assertion

KERNEL: ##### tx0 HSYNC de-assertion

KERNEL: ##### tx0 HSYNC assertion

KERNEL: ##### tx0 HSYNC de-assertion

When the simulation is finished, the following statements are displayed (example of CSI-2):

KERNEL: ##### tx0 HSYNC de-assertion

KERNEL: ##### tx1 HSYNC de-assertion

KERNEL: 1910935000 DPHY CSI-2 after frame gap

KERNEL:

KERNEL: 1915935000 DPHY CLK CONT: Driving CLK-Trail

KERNEL: 1915995000 DPHY CLK CONT: Driving CLK-Stop

KERNEL: Total pixels checked were   38360 = 2 Frames x 1918 x pixels x   10 lines: all matched!!!!!

KERNEL: Simulation Succeeded!!!!!

KERNEL: 1916035000 TEST END

The above is the result after running three frames. In the case of CSI-2, DE is not asserted in the first frame and data comparison occurs in the second frame and after.

Figure 5.2 shows the global timing of DSI RGB888 with single channel LVDS output. In case of DSI, all signals are passed through and de-serialized LVDS signals (tx0_des_*) by the de-serializer model in the testbench shows the same behavior as rx_dphy outputs (rx_vsync/hsync/de) and tx_lvds inputs (tx_vsync/hsync/de). In this case, LP period exists before VSYNC assertion and that leads to the un-even interval of HSYNC.
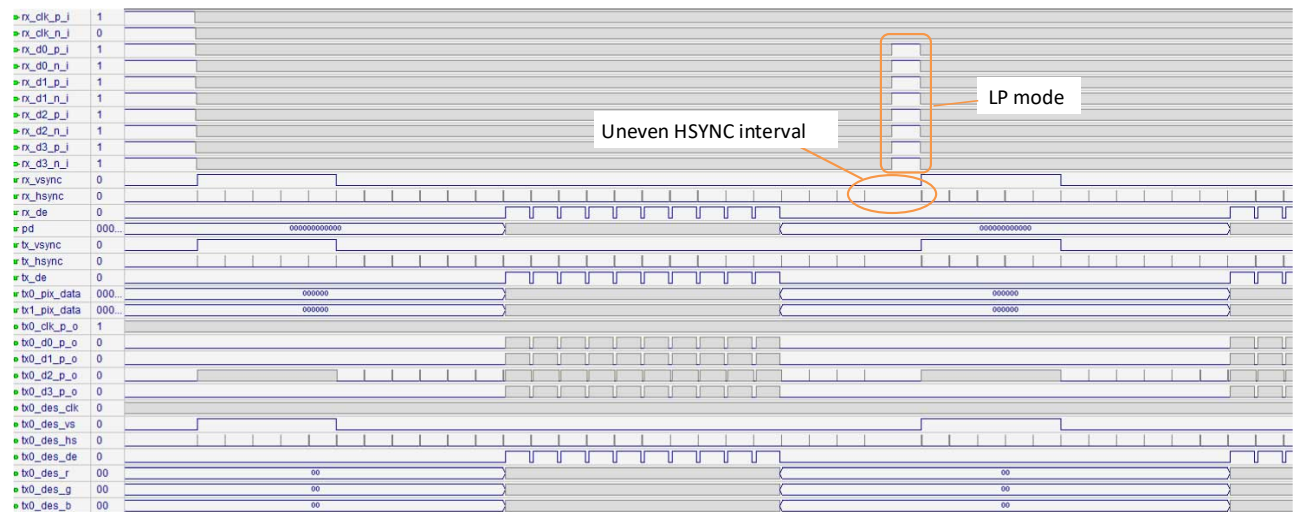

Figure 5.2. Global Timing of DSI RGB888 without Vertical Trimming

Figure 5.3 shows the global timing of CSI-2 RGB888 without vertical trimming. HSYNC is created during the LP mode period between two frames. In this simulation, VFP = 2 and VS_LENGTH = 2 are set.
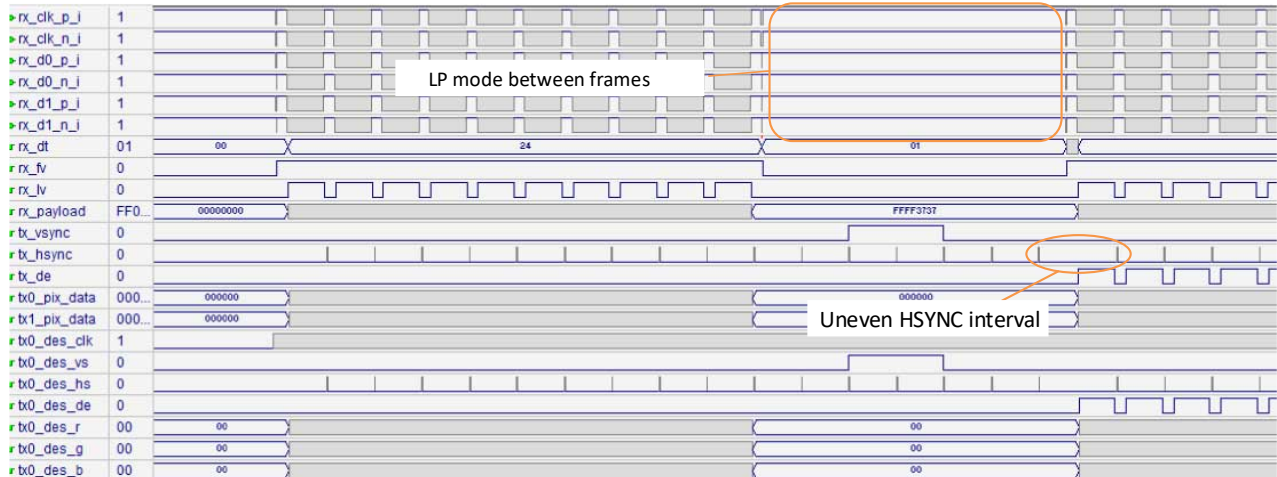
Figure 5.3. Global Timing of CSI-2 RGB888

Figure 5.4 shows the global timing of CSI-2 RAW10 without vertical trimming. DE assertion begins from the second frame after VSYNC creation with VFP = 2 and VS_LENGTH = 2. Due to RAW to RGB conversion, there exists one-line delay between RX data and TX data.

Figure 5.4. Global Timing of CSI-2 RAW10 without Vertical Trimming

Figure 5.5 shows the global timing of CSI-2 RAW10 with vertical trimming with VFP = 2 and VS_LENGTH = 2. The first line and last line are trimmed. The actual VFP is 3 due to the trimming. Before the first frame data are fed, parameter update happens through I2C while software reset (int_rst_n) is asserted. Upon the completion of parameter update, the reset is released, and the first frame data input begins.

Figure 5.5. Global Timing of CSI-2 RAW10 with Vertical Trimming

6. Design Package and Project Setup

MIPI DSI/CSI-2 to OpenLDI/LVDS Interface Bridge Reference Design for CrossLink is available on www.laticesemi.com. Figure 6.1 shows t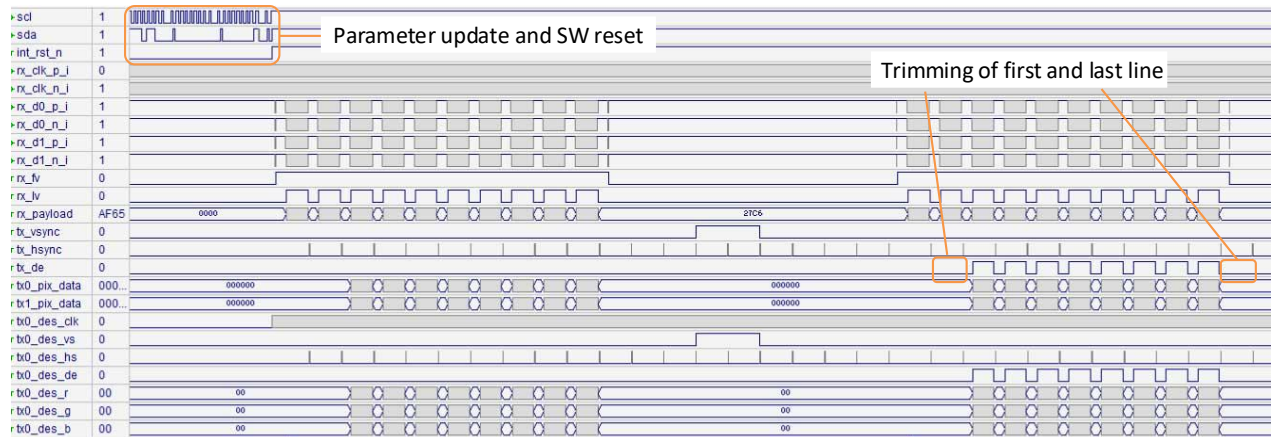he directory structure. The design is targeted for LIF_MD6000-6KMG80I. *synthesis_directives.v* and *simulation_directives.v* are set to configure an example shown below:

- RX: RGB888 four lanes with Soft D-PHY, Gear 8 in continuous clock mode, I2C disabled
- TX: RGB888 four lanes with Gear 14

The user can modify the directives for their own configuration.

Figure 6.1. Directory Structure

Folders b2p, i2c_s, int_gll, rx, and tx are created by Clarity Designer for corresponding IPs. The ngo\lifmd folder contains mapped netlists of raw2rgb with all possible configurations designated by suffixes. The following provides the descriptions of the suffixes:

- _R*: * RAW data width; 8, 10, or 12
- _LB*: * Line Buffer depth; 512, 1024, 2048, or 4096
- _TXC*G**: Number of TX channels; 1 or 2, ** TX Gear; 7 or 14

The blackbox files (*_bb.v) are also contained in the ngo\lifmd folder. The user can include corresponding _bb.v files as design files in Diamond according to their own configuration. Alternatively, it is possible to include all _bb.v files as long as mipi2lvds is specified as the top-level design. Figure 6.2 shows design files used in the Diamond project. Clarity Designer creates five .sbx files. In this example, all 36 _bb.v files are included in the project. By specifying mipi2lvds as a top-level design, all unnecessary files are ignored.
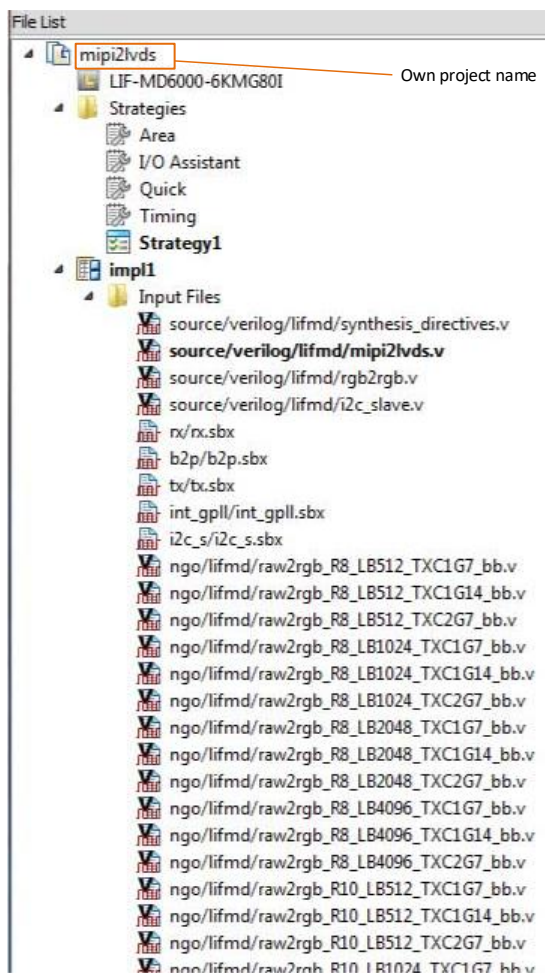
Figure 6.2. Project Files

The user needs to set the path for .ngo files in the translation stage. This can be done by editing strategy file (Strategy1) shown in Figure 6.2. Select Translate Design and set Macro Search Path as shown in Figure 6.3.
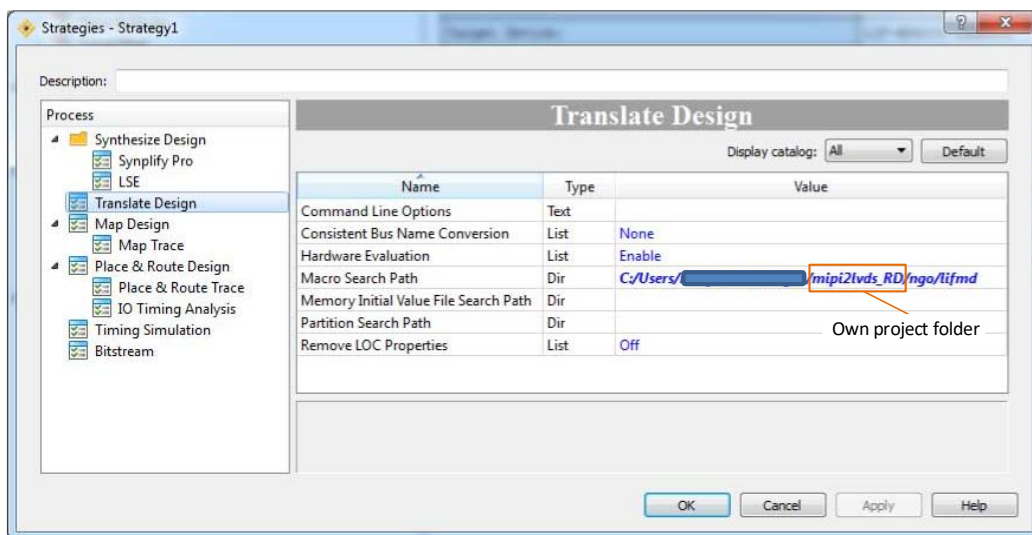

Figure 6.3. Path Setting for .ngo Files

7. Resource Utilization

Resource utilization depends on the configurations. Table 7.1 shows resource utilization examples under certain configurations. LB depth is 2048 in the case of CSI-2 RAW8/10/12. Actual usage may vary.

Table 7.1. Resource Utilization Examples

Configuration	LUT %	FF %	EBR	I/O
DSI RGB888 with four lanes, Gear 16 to single channel TX with Gear 14	39	27	10	22
CSI-2 RGB888 with two lanes, Gear 16 to single channel TX with Gear 14 + I^{2}C	29	23	8	20
CSI-2 RAW10 with four lanes Gear 8 to single channel TX with Gear 14 + I^{2}C	51	29	13	24
CSI-2 RAW12 with two lanes Gear 16 to single channel TX with Gear 7 + I^{2}C	47	28	11	20
CSI-2 RAW8 with one lane Gear 8 to single channel TX with Gear 7 + I^{2}C	23	15	4	18

References

- [MIPI Alliance](#) web page for D-PHY Version 1.1, Display Serial Interface 2 (DSI) Version 1.1, and Camera Serial Interface 2 (CSI-2) Version 1.1
- [CSI-2/DSI D-PHY Receiver Submodule IP User Guide (FPGA-IPUG-02025)](#)
- [Byte-to-Pixel Converter IP User Guide (FPGA-IPUG-02027)](#)
- [OpenLDI/FPD-LINK/LVDS Transmitter Interface IP User Guide (FPGA-IPUG-02022)](#)
- [Advanced CrossLink I2C Hardened IP Reference Guide (FPGA-TN-02020)](#)
- [CrossLink](#) webpage
- [CrossLinkPlus](#) webpage
- [Lattice Diamond Software](#) webpage
- [Lattice Insights](#) for Lattice Semiconductor training courses and learning plans

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For frequently asked questions, refer to the Lattice Answer Database at www.latticesemi.com/Support/AnswerDatabase.

Revision History

Revision 1.3, December 2025

Section	Change Summary
All	Minor editorial fixes.
Inclusive Language	Added inclusive language boilerplate.

Introduction	• Updated Features section by splitting the third bullet point into two bullet points:
	   • *RX channel can have one, two, or four lanes with the bandwidth up to 1.2 Gbps per lane using RX D-PHY Soft IP.*
	   • *The bandwidth can be up to 1.5 Gbps per lane when Gear 16 and RX Hard D-PHY IP is used.*
	• Updated content in Block Diagram to support Hard D-PHY.
	• Updated content in RX and TX Permutations to support Hard D-PHY.

Parameters and Port List	Removed *RX Hard D-PHY* in Table 2.1. Synthesis Directives.

Design and Module Description	• In rx_dphy:
	   • Updated parameter setting of *RX D-PHY IP*.
	   • Updated content in this section to support Hard D-PHY.
	• Updated parameter setting of *TX Gear* in tx_lvds section.

Design and File Modification	Updated IP versions of *RX D-PHY IP*, *Byte-to-Pixel Converter IP*, and *OpenLDI/LVDS Transmitter Interface IP*.
Design Simulation	Updated simulator from *Active HDL* to *QuestaSim*.
Known Limitations	Removed this section.
Design Package and Project Setup	Updated sentence from *RAW10 two lanes with Soft D-PHY, Gear 8 in continuous clock mode, I2C enabled* to *RGB888 four lanes with Soft D-PHY, Gear 8 in continuous clock mode, I2C disabled.*
References	Updated references.

Revision 1.2, October 2023

Section	Change Summary
Disclaimer	Updated this section

Introduction	• Updated IP versions of below in Table 1.1. Supported Devices and IP:
	   • D-PHY Receiver IP version from *1.2 and 1.3* to *1.6*.
	   • Updated the IP version of Byte-to-Pixel Converter from *1.1 and 1.2* to *1.3*.
	   • LVDS Transmitter Interface IP version from *1.1 and 1.2* to *1.2*.
	• Updated sentence from *The bandwidth can be up to 1.5 Gbps per lane when the RX Hard D-PHY IP is used* to *The bandwidth can be up to 1.5 Gbps per lane when Gear 16 and RX Hard D-PHY IP is used* in Features section.

Design and Module Description	Updated below figures as per the versions of *dphy_rx Version 1.6, Byte-to-Pixel Converter version 1.3, FPD Link Transmitter v1.2, Lattice FPGA Module – PLL*, and *Lattice FPGA Module - I2C*: • Figure 3.1. rx_dphy IP Creation in Clarity Designer • Figure 3.2. byte2pixel IP Creation in Clarity Designer • Figure 3.11. tx_dphy IP Creation in Clarity Designer • Figure 3.16. GPLL IP Creation • Figure 3.17. I2C IP Creation #1 • Figure 3.18. I2C IP Creation #2 • Figure 3.19. I2C IP Creation #3.
Design Simulation	Updated Figure 5.1. Script File Modification for Diamond Directory and Project Directory in Design Simulation section.
References	Added reference links for CrossLink and CrossLinkPlus webpages, and Lattice Insights webpage.

Revision 1.1, September 2019

Section	Change Summary
All	Newly added to support CrossLinkPlus.

Revision 1.0, May 2019

Section	Change Summary
All	Initial release.