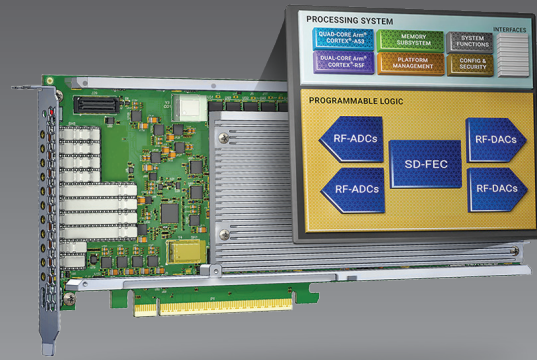




RFX 770

RFSoc PCIe Card



RFSoc Amplified Transceiver Card with PCIe Data Plane

Available with optional amplification and filtering on the card

The BittWare RFX 770 card is a digital direct sampling transceiver featuring the third generation AMD Zynq® UltraScale+™ RFSoc. This innovative solution uses the RFSoc for direct sampling between 50 MHz and 6 GHz. BittWare's card implementation optionally integrates filters and amplification, displacing external devices. Integrating this on the card results in higher performance and reduced cost. The RFX 770 uses PCIe for data movement. The card is available integrated in our optional WaveBox Sigma, a server specifically optimized for the RFX 770.

The AMD Zynq® UltraScale+™ RFSoc integrates RF-class A/D and D/A converters into the Zynq® FPGA fabric and multi-core ARM processor subsystem, creating a multi-channel data conversion and processing solution on a single chip.

The RFX 770 offers PCIe Gen3 x16 bandwidth, which is 16 GB/sec at the physical level. Sending packets through a host CPU to host DRAM will deliver roughly 10 GB/sec. Get twice that bandwidth by configuring PCIe as dual Gen4 x8 paths; however, this option comes with a few restrictions and errata. If you need even more bandwidth, talk to us about our RFX 880 product that uses Ethernet as its data plane instead of PCIe.



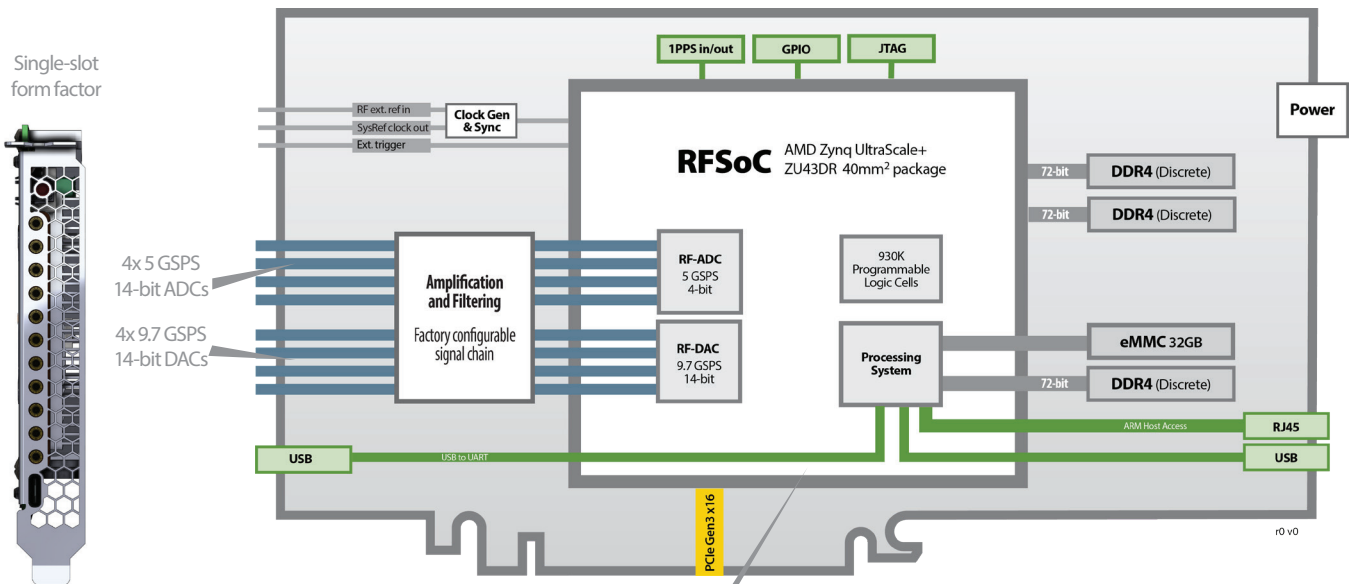
key features

Third Generation
AMD Zynq® Ultra-
Scale+™ RFSoc

Integrated
amplification and
filtering

Gen3 x16 or
dual Gen4 x8
PCIe

Single-slot
form factor



3rd generation RFSoc with
dual ARM and FPGA

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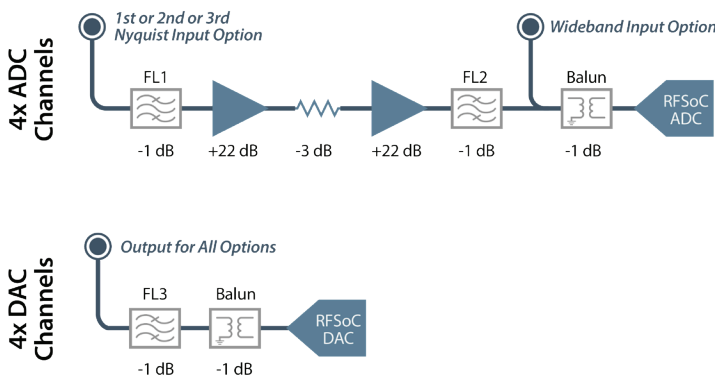
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ADC Options

The RFSoc chip at 5 GSPS offers a 2.5 GHz bandwidth at up to 6 GHz. Aliasing challenges require filtering in the path. The card's Wideband configuration targets customers willing to provide most filtering and amplification external to the card. BittWare provides a DC block and a 6 GHz LPF. The RFX 770 has build options for on-card bandpass filtering and amplification with filters available for Nyquist 1, 2, and most of 3. BittWare also offers the RFX 771 with a mixer and LO for up and down conversion up to 35 GHz.

How the ADC/DAC Configuration Options Work

Each card is factory-configured for one set of 4x input and 4x output options



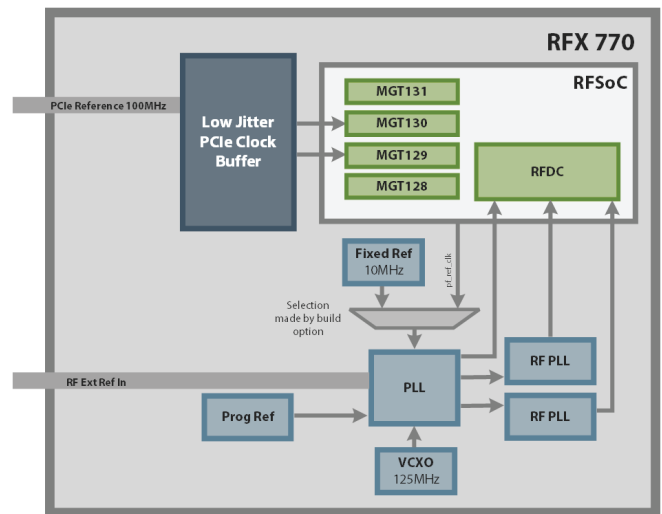
Included IP

BittWare RFX cards ship with an application that converts between analog data and timestamped, VITA-49.2 packets. It works in both ADC and DAC directions. The application also transfers raw data between the RFSoc and the ARM memory or eMMC. The RFSoc's ARM Processing System runs Linux and acts as a control plane. More specifically, BittWare has integrated card management functions through customized Linux drivers. BittWare has also ported AMD's RF Tool application, a socket library that configures an RFSoc chip. Above both Linux and RF Tool, BittWare provides its own RFUtils commands and examples. RFUtils can generate synthetic waveforms as well as load and stream waveforms from files. All of this is fully supported by BittWare, and we provide source code.

BittWare also supplies an unsupported port of AMD's RF Analyzer which we use to help characterize our cards. The RFX 770 version of BittWare's application uses a PCIe "data mover" to transfer the VITA 49 packets into host memory. That data mover might be a third-party offering that customers can also license, if interested.

Clock Tree

The RFX 770 card offers a very flexible clock tree. In addition, the default card configuration has a 10 MHz OCXO and a 125 MHz fixed VCXO. Some of the RFX 770 clock tree flexibility is established through build options when the card is manufactured. BittWare will configure optimized cards for each customer, with a minimum quantity requirement in each order.



Analog Characterization Data

BittWare fully tests and documents the analog characteristics of each RFX 770 configuration, be it wideband or amplified. That data is available for each significant printed circuit board (PCB) revision, roughly one month after a new PCB passes through manufacturing. The reports are available to customers through developer.bittware.com.

Exceeding the RFSoc Specification

AMD tests each RFSoc chip to 6 GHz. However, BittWare's characterization reports show that the full third Nyquist, up to 7.5 GHz performs well with an additional 3 dB of gain roll-off from 6 to 7.5 GHz in the ADC. The roll-off between 6 and 7.5 GHz is acceptable for many applications.

AMD also offers RFSoc chips screened for faster rates. AMD SCD 5814 increases the DAC from 9.8 GSPS to 10 GSPS. In addition, The ZU58DR, a limited distribution version of the ZU48DR, can run the ADCs at 5.4GSPS. These and other options are available for minimum order quantities and at different price points and business terms, passed through from AMD.

Chassis Options

BittWare offers a WaveBox Sigma chassis that holds up to two RFX 770 cards in 1U. There is an x86 motherboard inside qualified to communicate with the RFX 770 in bifurcated Gen4 x8 mode.



WaveBox

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Board Specifications

RFSoc	<ul style="list-style-type: none">AMD Zynq UltraScale+ RFSoc<ul style="list-style-type: none">ZU43DR (G1517 package), core speed grade -2
Processing Subsystem (PS)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Application Processing Unit Quad-core Arm Cortex-A53 MPCore at 1.2 GHzReal-Time Processing Unit Dual-core Arm Cortex-R5F MPCore at 525 MHz
Analog	<ul style="list-style-type: none">4x 5 GSPS 14-bit ADCs<ul style="list-style-type: none">Wideband build option provides +0 to -27 dB gain from 50 MHz to 6 GHz (or 7.5 GHz) with no filtration1st Nyquist (L-Band) build option provides +41 to -29 dB on all 4 channels, constrained between 400 MHz and 2.5 GHz by filters FL1 and FL22nd and 3rd Nyquist filters are also available on amplified channels as a special orderMax input power -22 dBm on the amplified version and +15 dBm on the wideband4x 9.7 GSPS 14-bit DACs<ul style="list-style-type: none">Range of +3 to -24 dBm (high power end of this range is a function of frequency)Constrained by a 4.8 GHz LPF (FL3)Balun used in both ADC and DAC channels begins its frequency roll-off at 6 GHzProgrammable clocksExternal reference and triggersPush-on SMPM connectors with optional SMA pigtails
Host interface	<ul style="list-style-type: none">x16 Gen3 or bifurcated dual x8 Gen4 interfaces direct to PL (dual PCIe Gen 4 x8 with restrictions and errata)
On-board flash	<ul style="list-style-type: none">PS connects to a pair of 2Gb QSPI parts configured in "Dual Parallel" mode. The PS boots from the QSPI to configure itself, then pulls the logic bitstream from the QSPI and configures the PL32GB eMMC for ARM disk
External memory	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Processing system: 16GB, 64-bit DDR4-2400 with ECCProgrammable logic: 32GB, 2x banks 64-bit DDR4-2666 with ECC (our example uses it as 36GB no ECC, 72-bit)
External digital interfaces	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Processing system<ul style="list-style-type: none">RJ45 Ethernet inside the chassisSingle USB for UART and JTAG, dual connectors (one on the front panel, second inside the chassis)

Cooling	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Standard: single-width passive heatsinkContact BittWare for other cooling options
Electrical	<ul style="list-style-type: none">On-board power derived from a 6-pin AUX connector (i. e. not from the PCIe slot). This physically separates the card's power circuits from the card's analog circuitsPower dissipation is application dependentTypical max power consumption 50W
Environmental	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Designed to operate between +5C and +40C chassis air inlet temperature, noncondensing (air temperature inside the chassis between +5C and +60C)
Quality	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Manufactured to IPC-A-610 Class 2RoHS compliantCE, FCC, UKCA & ICES approvals
Form factor	<ul style="list-style-type: none">¾-length, standard-height PCIe single-slot card (x16 mechanical)BittWare's WaveBox Sigma chassis was specifically designed to house RFX 770 cards

Development Tools

Firmware development	Bittware provides interface software support for an example bitstream that fully configures the RFSoc chip using a scripting language running on the RFSoc's ARM. AMD Vivado development tools are fully supported for development of custom designs.
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Deliverables

- RFX 770 RFSoc Transceiver
- Data capture and relay example - Full source code
- 1-year hardware warranty

Sales Order Numbers

For **initial evaluation**, we urge customers to buy an RFX 770 integrated into a WaveBox Sigma chassis.

RFX-770-0001	RFX 770 Wideband card
RFX-770-0002	RFX 770 1st Nyquist amplified card

Interested in purchasing? We offer direct sales at BittWare.com, or you can check stock with our distributors at BittWare.com/rfx770.

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