# **PT22 Advanced Composite Video Interface: Decoder**



# **User Manual**

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### **1. Introduction**

<span id="page-3-0"></span>PT22 is a decoder IP (intellectual property) core compatible with the aCVi Advanced Composite Video Interface.

aCVi is a method to transmit HD video over existing RG-59/UTP coaxial/twisted-pair cable networks or allow the use of less expensive RG-59/UTP coaxial/twisted-pair cable in long distance installations. Details on the interface may be found here: [http://www.singmai.com/acvi/aCVi\\_technology.htm.](http://www.singmai.com/acvi/aCVi_technology.htm)

The decoder IP accepts digital aCVi encoded video at 10 bit resolution, which it decodes to a 20 bit YCbCr (BT601 format) output with separate horizontal and vertical synchronizing pulses and 74.25MHz clock. PT22 supports 720p/50Hz, 720p/60Hz, 1080p/25Hz, 1080p/30Hz, 1080p/50Hz and 1080p/60Hz but may also be readily adapted to other standards and also non-standard video formats such as VESA formats.

Control and status registers are written to and read from using a conventional 8 bit wide microprocessor interface.

The intellectual property block is provided as RTL compliant Verilog-2001 source code for FPGAs from all vendors or for ASICs.

Typical resource usage for an Altera FPGA is shown in Table 1.



#### **Table 1 PT22 Altera FPGA resource requirements**

<span id="page-3-1"></span>An approximate equivalent for ASIC resource usage is 11623 LCs (including multipliers) x 14 = 162722 2 input NAND gate equivalent. The memory is single port ROM and RAM.

### **2. PT22 Module description**

<span id="page-4-0"></span>The PT22 aCVi decoder IP core comprises 14 Verilog modules in a hierarchical structure, (see Table 2).



### **Table 2 PT22 Verilog file structure**

<span id="page-4-1"></span>The top level file is aCVi\_decoder.v which, in turn, calls nine of the other modules. aCVi\_Demod.v calls a third level file, Rx\_SinCos\_ROM.v. Chargen.v (the character overlay) call three other modules.

### **3. Signal Interconnections**

<span id="page-5-0"></span>The PT22 signal interconnect diagram is shown in Figure 1.



### **Figure 1 PT22 Block symbol.**

<span id="page-5-1"></span>The signal descriptions are shown in Table 3, below.





### **Table 3 PT22 Input/Output signals**

<span id="page-6-0"></span>The Verilog instantiation of PT22 is shown below:

#### **// Instantiate aCVi decoder (PT22)**

**aCVi\_decoder aCVi\_decoder\_inst (**

> **.Clk74(Clk74\_sig) , // input Clk74\_sig .Clk148(Clk148\_sig) , // input Clk148\_sig .Reg\_clk(Reg\_clk\_sig) , // input Reg\_clk\_sig .RESETn(RESETn\_sig) , // input RESETn\_sig**



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### **4. aCVi Overview**

<span id="page-8-0"></span>The following is a brief overview of the aCVi interface.

The basic concept of the aCVi interface is to build on the proven and reliable transport method of NTSC, (the advantages of PAL – v.v. multi-path reception – is not relevant to a cable system so NTSC is used as the model). NTSC transmissions are capable of more than 1km across RG-59 cable but the bandwidth is limited to 5MHz. NTSC also has chroma/luma crosstalk issues that are difficult to resolve at the receiver end.

Because the cable system is a closed system, it is only necessary for the transmitter and receiver to 'understand' each other and we can modify the basic NTSC method to suit HD transmissions.

The first thing to overcome is the bandwidth restrictions of the cable. HD 720p/60Hz transmission requires a luma bandwidth of 30MHz according to the SMPTE-296M. Because we have only a single coaxial cable for the transport we have chosen to transmit luma and colour difference signals, (as opposed to component red, green blue), as the colour difference signals, because of the visual perception of the eye being less acute to colour, can be sent at half or less of the luma bandwidth: i.e. 7.5Hz each.

As we are transmitting video for a complete system, from camera to DVR or monitor, we should take into account system bandwidth limitations such as the Kell factor and the camera Bayer colour filter. The luma bandwidth may be set to either 30MHz (default) or 12MHz. The chroma bandwidth is set to 7.5MHz which produces no visible degradation of the image.

To further reduce the bandwidth of the transmission the colour difference signals are modulated onto a carrier in quadrature so they effectively use the same bandwidth. However, to minimise the signal recovery problems of NTSC, (and as we have no backward compatibility issues), the upper sideband of the chroma and the luma baseband do not overlap; for 720p/60Hz transmission the carrier is ~24.7Hz.

The effective bandwidth of the complete signal is therefore approximately 9.3MHz (chroma upper sideband + filter roll off) + 24.7MHz or about 34MHz, setting a minimum sampling frequency of 2 x 34MHz or 68MHz. For convenience we choose 74.25MHz as a sampling frequency as this is related to the 720p/60 SMPTE standard; (see Figure 12).

For 300m of RG-59 cable we can expect 18dB loss at this frequency (6.2dB/100m @ 50MHz). However the synchronizing signals are at a much lower frequency where the loss is only about 1-2dB so reliable rastering of the received signal should always be assured.

To simplify the high frequency compensation of the transmission pre-emphasis is used. The degree of pre-emphasis is programmable to allow for different cable lengths. The maximum pre-emphasis is set at 40dB and the frequency response is set to approximate the cable characteristics.

A further improvement in the SNR is achieved through transmitting a peak to peak video level of 1.5V which maintains compatibility with any legacy SD equipment on the network and also allows common low-power 5V drivers to be used.



**Figure 2 aCVi Spectrum.**

<span id="page-9-0"></span>At extreme distances the bandwidth will start to further fall off. The chroma signal will be the first affected by this being the highest frequency component. However automatic colour control in the receiver can maintain the colour saturation over a further ~9dB signal attenuation. The luma bandwidth will be 'gracefully' reduced as the distance is increased.

Because of the similarity in the transmission method to NTSC both the transmitter and receiver can easily be made to accommodate conventional NTSC/PAL transmissions.

ACVi also allows for the bidirectional transfer of data between receiver and transmitter. One byte of data is transmitted in each direction per frame (i.e. 50 or 60 bytes/second data rate depending on the video frame rate). The data rate is deliberately kept low to reduce the effects of cable attenuation. Data is sent using two dedicated lines in the vertical blanking interval.

### **5. Technical Overview**

<span id="page-10-0"></span>A simplified block diagram of the PT22 aCVi decoder is shown in Figure 2.



**Figure 3 PT22 Block diagram**

<span id="page-10-3"></span>The aCVi input from the ADC is a straight binary, 10-bit input sampled at 74.25MHz.

Analogue clamping prior to the ADC ensure the most negative value of the input signal (the sync tips) are clamped to the negative reference of the ADC (code value 0).

The following is a brief description of each Verilog module.

#### **aCVi\_decoder.v**

<span id="page-10-1"></span>This is the top level module for the PT22. It provides the interconnection between all the other modules.

### **aCVi\_Rx\_Register\_control.v**

<span id="page-10-2"></span>A conventional 8 bit microprocessor style control is used to write and read to the PT22 control registers. Details of the interface may be found in Chapter 5 and the register descriptions may be found in Chapter 6.

#### **aCVi\_Demod.v**

<span id="page-11-0"></span>A free-running subcarrier frequency is generated using a 32 bit ratio counter clocked from the input 74.25MHz clock.

 $\frac{16}{32}$  $\int$ sc  $\frac{\Delta V}{s}$ 2 subcarrier seed 360 θ 74.25 MHz F pixels per line phase change per line  $F_{sc} = \frac{F_{sc}}{F_{sc} \cdot F_{sc}} = \frac{\Delta \theta_{sc}}{2.58 \cdot 10^{-4}}$ P  $ratio = \frac{phase change per line}{\frac{F_{sc}}{24.057 \text{ MHz}}} = \frac{\Delta}{24.057 \text{ MHz}}$ 

The free-running frequency of the subcarrier is depends on the colour standard; (see table 5).



#### **Table 4 SC10 Line and subcarrier frequencies**

<span id="page-11-1"></span>The top 11 bits of this ratio counter (the phase word) are used by the demodulator to generate the sine and cosine waveforms.

For the demodulation to correctly operate the generated subcarrier must be frequency and phase locked to the aCVi video subcarrier which is done by measuring the amplitude of the demodulated and low pass filtered V output during the colour burst. If the frequency and phase of the free-running subcarrier and the colour burst are the same then this error will be zero. The reference for the BLO is the demodulated and filtered V output from the demodulator low pass filter. 32 samples of this waveform are taken during the burst pulse; the burst gate pulse from the SPG is used for this purpose.

The seed word is thus modified using the phase error signal until the input colour burst and the ratio counter are phase locked.

The aCVi chroma signal is originally generated as follows:

$$
chroma = U \sin(\omega t) + V \cos(\omega t)
$$

When the burst lock loop (BLO) is in lock, the frequency and phase will be the same as when the signal was being modulated. Thus, multiplying the aCVi composite video by the sine and cosine of the same frequency and phase gives the following:

$$
U' = [U \sin(\omega t) + V \cos(\omega t)] \times \sin(\omega t)
$$

$$
U' = U \sin^2(\omega t) + V \sin(\omega t) \cos(\omega t)
$$

$$
U' = U \left[ \frac{1 - \cos(2 \times \omega t)}{2} \right] + \frac{V}{2} \times 2 \sin(\omega t) \cos(\omega t)
$$

$$
U' = \frac{U}{2} - \frac{U\cos(2 \times \omega t)}{2} + \frac{V\sin(2 \times \omega t)}{2}
$$

…and for the V component:

$$
V' = [U \sin(\omega t) + V \cos(\omega t)] \times \cos(\omega t)
$$
  
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$$
V' = U \sin(\omega t) \cos(\omega t) + V \cos^2(\omega t)
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$$
V' = \frac{U}{2} \times 2 \sin(\omega t) \cos(\omega t) + V \left[ \frac{1 + \cos(2 \times \omega t)}{2} \right]
$$
  
\n
$$
V' = \frac{U \sin(2 \times \omega t)}{2} + \frac{V}{2} + \frac{V \cos(2 \times \omega t)}{2}
$$

The lower 9 bits of the 11-bit phase output from the BLO, (burst locked oscillator), are used to address a sine and cosine lookup table. These 9 bits comprise the phase angle, at subcarrier frequency, within a single quadrant and the top two bits are the quadrant – this method save memory by only requiring a single quadrant to be stored in the LUT. The output of the Sin/Cos LUT is a 24 bit word; 12 bits cosine and 12 bits sine. The quadrant signs are used to manipulate the sine and cosine data such as to construct a full waveform.

The reconstructed sine and cosine waveforms are then multiplied by the input 74.25MHz freerunning composite video. The output of the sine channel is the demodulated U signal and the cosine is the demodulated V output. One over-range bit caters for at the output to allow for twice subcarrier frequency components, (removed by the subsequent low pass filter).

#### **aCVi\_DemodLPF.v**

<span id="page-12-0"></span>The output of the demodulator also comprises twice subcarrier frequencies. The output is therefore low pass filtered using a 63 tap filter, the response for which is shown in Figure 4. The output of the filter is the clean 'simple' demodulated U and V.



**Figure 4 Chroma demodulator low pass filter.**

### **aCVi\_SPG.v**

The luma output from the comb filter (with the subcarrier removed) is further low pass filtered to reduce noise. The response of this filter, an 11 tap FIR, is shown in Figure 5.

<span id="page-13-1"></span><span id="page-13-0"></span>

<span id="page-13-2"></span>**Figure 5 Sync filter frequency response.**

A fixed offset is subtracted from the low pass filtered luma video such that the midpoint of the sync pulse is at value 0. Values 1-44 from the horizontal counter address a look up table whose output coefficients form a FIR low pass filter to further reduce noise from the writing the coefficients form a Fig. tow pass liner to further reduce holds from the composite video. The coefficients are multiplied by the offset video and accumulated across the 44 samples, being updated once per horizo the 44 samples, being updated once per horizontal line. The frequency response of the sync filter is shown in Figure 6.



**Figure 6 Phase detector low pass filter response**

<span id="page-14-0"></span>When the midpoint of the falling edge of the horizontal pulse is coincident with the centre tap of the FIR filter the accumulated result will be zero. When they are not coincident an error will be generated.

This error is filtered using a recursive filter (integrator) and proportional and integral terms are added to create an error word which is converted to a PWM signal to control and external voltage controlled oscillator (VCO). (See Figure 7).

The horizontal pixel counter is used by the SPG, (sync pulse generator), to provide the horizontal timing pulses required by the decoder, including the black level clamp pulse to the analogue front end and the burst gate pulse for the demodulator.

The vertical field pulses are recovered by using a digital integrator on the sliced composite video.



**Figure 7 External VCO schematic**

#### **aCVi\_Comb\_filter.v**

<span id="page-15-2"></span><span id="page-15-0"></span>The upper luma frequencies and the lower sideband of the chroma overlap. Although there is very little luma energy in this region for most applications it is still better to completely separate them. This can separated because the chroma information has a known line based phase relationship whereas the HF luma and cross colour does not. The comb filter provides this filtering operation.

A line comb filter is used which has an aperture of 3 lines: (1/4\*0H + 1/2\*1H + 1/4\*2H) (1 line spacing). For the comb filter to operate correctly the phase relationship of the colour component must be maintained. If not the HF luma will not be cancelled and can even be reinforced. It is therefore necessary to detect when the comb filter fails and switch to another mode. Normally this failure mode is detected using luminance differences across the comb taps but there are instances where the same luminance value can occur but there are different chroma values which still cause the comb to fail. The SC10 comb adaptation detects value differences in luma, U and V comb taps thereby detecting all comb failure instances.

The output of the comb filter is combed U and V without high frequency luma.

The combed chroma signal is then frequency shifted back to the subcarrier frequency and subtracted from the low pass filtered aCVi video.

The sine and cosine waveforms from the demodulator are delayed to compensate for the low pass filter delay; the waveforms are then multiplied by the combed U and V outputs and then added together to reconstruct a chrominance signal centred on the aCVi referenced subcarrier frequency. This chrominance signal is then subtracted from the delayed low pass filtered luma video which provides a clean luma signal with no residual chroma.

#### **aCVi\_measure.v**

<span id="page-15-1"></span>The aCVi decoder makes a number of measurements of the video signal to aid in it automatic adaption and to provide control of the transmitter pre-emphasis and luma and chroma automatic gain controls.

The luminance measurements are performed on the low pass filtered video from the sync filter.

The back porch value and the most negative video amplitude values are used to calculate the sync pulse amplitude which in turn is used to control the gain of the analogue programmable gain amplifier.

The back porch value is also used to subtract an offset from the output luma value (remove the syncs).

#### **aCVi\_Procamp.v**

<span id="page-16-0"></span>The low pass filtered luma is conditioned by the processing amplifier. First the black level offset is subtracted from the luma signal to set the black level at zero. The luma is then amplified to provide a 960 code (10 bit) output for a 100% colour bar input. The luma output is valid on the rising edge of the 74MHz clock.

The low pass filtered chroma outputs are amplified separately to provide a nominal 700mV output for a 100% colour bar input. These outputs are then multiplexed into a Cb/Cr output. The output is valid on the rising edge of the 74MHz clock and the Cmux output (37MHz) is used to de-multiplex the video ( $\text{Cmu}x=0 = \text{Cb}$ ,  $\text{Cmu}x=1 = \text{Cr}$ ).

The SPG also provides Vout (vertical), Fout (frame ID for interlaced video) and Hout (horizontal) synchronizing pulses.

#### **aCVi\_data.v**

<span id="page-16-1"></span>The aCVi interface allows for the bi-directional transmission of control data between the transmitter and receiver. The data is transferred during to two dedicated lines of the vertical blanking interval, one for transmitter to receiver transmission, the other for receiver to transmitter.

One byte of data is sent for each line, allowing a maximum of 60 bytes to be transferred each second, (for a 60Hz frame rate).

The format of the data transfer is shown in Figure 17.



**Figure 8 aCVi Data format.**

<span id="page-16-2"></span>The format is the same regardless of the direction of transfer.

The first 8 bits are the framing byte which is a unique code signifying the beginning of data. The receiving device must monitor the pre-defined vertical blanking line for this framing byte which is a unique code.

The next four bits are a control word which defines the function of the following data byte. The control words between transmitter and receiver and receiver and transmitter are different. (See Tables 6 and 7).



#### **Table 5 Data transfer instructions: Receiver > Transmitter**

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#### **Table 6 aCVi Control words Transmitter > Receiver**

<span id="page-17-1"></span>The next three bits must be a 010 sequence (to ensure the uniqueness of the framing byte). The next 9 bits are the data for that control function. This is an 8-bit byte with any value between 0 and 255. The data byte is separated into 'nibbles' each of 4 bits, separated by a '0', again to ensure the uniqueness of the framing byte.

The last two bits are parity bits, one for the control word and one for the data word. The parity bits are both even parity.

The total length of the data sequence is 27 bits. Each symbol (bit) is  $32 \times 1/74.25$ MHz long = 430ns. The low bit rate ensures that the data is received over long cable lengths even if the pre-emphasis is incorrectly set, (the symbol length equates to a 2.23MHz data rate, which is attenuated <2dB/100m of cable).

The total data sequence length is just under 12µs and it should be positioned centrally in the active video period, although the exact position is not important.

The pre-defined video lines used for the transfer of data are the same for all standards. Data is transmitted between transmitter to receiver on Line 7 and between receiver and transmitter on line 8.

The process to send data is the same for transmitter and receiver. First the control word must be written to the register \$48. Next the data word is written to register \$49. Once this is written the two words are signaled for transfer on the next video frame. A status bit, write busy, is set during this time. Further data transfers should not be initiated until this bit is reset.

#### **aCVi\_Chargen.v**

<span id="page-18-0"></span>The PT22 has a character generator built in that allows the display of error or information messages. The display is a centrally located 20 character x 8 line display (20 character x 7 line display for 720p formats); each character is 48x64 pixels in height. The address map of the display is shown in Figure 9.



### **Figure 9 Character overlay address map.**

<span id="page-18-1"></span>The characters are displayed as yellow on a dimmed monochrome background to aid visibility. Over 100 pre-programmed characters and symbols may be chosen from; (see Table 7).

The character display may be enabled or disabled using bit 7 of the Control 1 register.







### **Table 7 Character generator map.**

<span id="page-20-0"></span>The sync pulse generator detects the embedded TRS signals in the BT656 stream and generates horizontal and vertical addresses for the character memory. Each horizontal row of characters is 64 bytes long, of which the first 60 are displayed. There are 32 rows of characters for 625 line formats and 30 rows for 525 line formats.

The addressing of the character is shown graphically in Figure 10.

The character display is linearly memory mapped. Each horizontal row has 64 addressable characters of which only 60, (address 0-59), are displayed. Address lines A[5..0] are used to select the horizontal character.

Each column from the top to the bottom of the image is contiguous, so the first (top) row starts at address 0 and finishes at address 63 (with addresses 60-63 not displayed). The second row starts at address 64 and ends at address 127 with addresses 124-127 not displayed. Address lines A[10..6] select one of the 32 rows, (30 for 525 lines standards). 625 line standards have 576 active (displayed) lines. However 32 rows of characters, (each character being 16 lines high), occupy 512 lines leaving 64 lines or 4 rows that cannot be written to. The characters are arranged so that there are 2 rows at the top and bottom of the screen that cannot be written to.



### **Figure 10 Character mapping**

<span id="page-21-0"></span>The output of the character memory selects one of 128 characters; each character is 12 pixels wide (74ns/pixel) by 16 lines high. 112 of the characters are pre-programmed, see Table 3. 16 of the characters are programmable by the user.

### **6. Register interface**

<span id="page-22-0"></span>Figure 9 shows the timing diagram for the register interface; it is a conventional microprocessor interface. Each register is selected via an 8 bit address bus. Writes to unused register locations are ignored.

To write to the selected register the aCVi\_Rx\_CSn (chip select) input must be asserted low. Whilst this is low the aCVi\_Rx\_WRn must be taken low. An internal write enable pulse is created at the next rising edge of the Reg\_Clk clock and writing occurs at the next clock edge following that enable.

For the write to occur reliably the address (A[7:0]) and data (Din[7:0]) must be stable and valid during the aCVi\_Rx\_WRn pulse. The minimum width of the aCVi\_Rx\_WRn pulse is 2 Reg\_clk periods or 74ns for a 27MHz clock.

The address input also selects the register data that is presented on the aCVi\_Rx\_Register\_out[7:0] bus. This output is independent of the other control signals or the Reg\_Clk clock.

![](_page_22_Figure_6.jpeg)

<span id="page-22-1"></span>**Figure 11 PT22 Register timing**

### **7. Register descriptions**

<span id="page-23-0"></span>Table 7 lists all of the control and status registers. All of the registers are 8 bit; unused register bits read back as zeros.

#### **Please note that some registers can be set to values that are illegal and will produce invalid outputs.**

Asserting the RESETn input sets the PT22 registers to their default values.

![](_page_23_Picture_339.jpeg)

![](_page_24_Picture_685.jpeg)

![](_page_25_Picture_275.jpeg)

<span id="page-25-0"></span>**Table 8 Register description**

### **8. PGA amplifier control**

<span id="page-26-0"></span>For more flexibility the analogue front end can utilize a programmable gain amplifier, allowing automatic gain control to compensate automatically for cable length.

The evaluation board uses an Analog Devices AD8337 voltage controlled amplifier for this purpose. The control voltage/gain response for the AD8337 is shown in Figure 6.

![](_page_26_Figure_4.jpeg)

![](_page_26_Figure_5.jpeg)

<span id="page-26-1"></span>As the AD8337 is power from a single supply (+5V) the 0mV gain point is at 2.5V. To provide a control voltage the PT22 has an 8-bit register (PGA\_control) which can be used to control a pulse width modulator. Example Verilog code for a PWM as used on the evaluation boards is shown below.

```
 // PWM control of PGA
// Generate 100kHz
      always @ (posedge XTAL_clk or negedge RESETn) begin
         if (!RESETn) begin
         Counter_100k <= 5'd0;
         end else if (Counter_100k[4:0] == 5'd26) begin
               Counter_100k <= 5'd0;
               end else begin
         Counter_100k <= Counter_100k + 5'd1;
         end
end
// PWM counter
      always @ (posedge XTAL_clk or negedge RESETn) begin
         if (!RESETn) begin
         PWM_counter <= 8'd0;
         end else if (Counter_100k[4:0] == 5'd26) begin
               PWM_counter <= PWM_counter + 8'd1;
               end else begin
         PWM_counter <= PWM_counter;
         end
```
![](_page_27_Picture_111.jpeg)

 **end**

```
always @ (posedge XTAL_clk or negedge RESETn) begin
         if (!RESETn) begin
       PWM_latch <= 1'b0;
       end else if (Counter_100k[4:0] == 5'd26) begin
                  if (PWM_counter == 8'd0) begin
                        PWM_latch <= 1'b1;
                        end else if (PWM_counter == PGA_gain[7:0]) begin
                        PWM_latch <= 1'b0;
                        end else begin
                        PWM_latch <= PWM_latch;
                        end
               end else begin
               PWM_latch <= PWM_latch;
               end
// (Note: PWM Gain control is inverted on DP17
```
**assign Gain = !PWM\_latch;**

The output (Gain) is a PWM signal whose width is controlled by the PGA\_control register. This output may then be low pass filtered to produce an analogue control voltage.

![](_page_27_Figure_5.jpeg)

**Figure 13 PWM analogue control.**

<span id="page-27-0"></span>Figure 7 shows the circuit used on the DP17 evaluation module. The PWM gain signal is first buffered to move it from the digital powered circuit to the cleaner analogue power. That output is low pass filtered (R8, C17) to produce an analogue output. This is then buffered by U7, the output of which drives the AD8337 control voltage input.