ADQ30 Datasheet

The ADQ30 is a high-end 12-bit single-channel data acquisition board optimized for use in high-throughput scientific applications. The ADQ30 features:

- **One analog input channel**
- **1 GSPS**
- **7 GByte/s transfer rate to CPU / GPU / SSD**
- **Peer-to-peer streaming support**
- **Two external triggers**
- **General Purpose Input/Output (GPIO)**
- **Open FPGA for real-time signal processing**

Ordering information

- ADQ30 digitizer including firmware FWDAQ, order code **ADQ30**.
- ADQ30 digitizer with warranty extension to 5 years, order code **ADQ30-W5Y**.[1]
- Firmware development kit for FWDAQ, order code **ADQ30-DEVDAQ**.
- Application firmware for averaging FWATD, order code **-FWATD**.

[1] Included warranty is 3 years from the date the product is shipped by Teledyne SP Devices. The option extends the warranty to 5 years from the date the product is shipped by Teledyne SP Devices. Warranty extension must be ordered before included 3 years warranty is expired.

1 ADQ30 INTRODUCTION

1.1 Features

- One analog input channel
- 1 GSPS sampling rate
- 12 bits vertical resolution
- DC-coupled with 1 GHz bandwidth
- Programmable DC-offset
- Internal and external clock reference
- Internal and external sampling clock
- Clock reference output
- Internal and external triggers
- 8 GBytes data memory
- 7 GByte/s data rate to CPU / GPU / SSD
- Data interface PCIe Gen3 x8
- Averaging firmware FWATD

1.2 Applications

- Scientific instruments
- Time-of-flight Mass Spectrometry
- Distributed Optical Fiber Sensing
- LIDAR

1.3 Advantages

- A compact high-performance digitizer that optimize the system solution
- Real-time processing and high data throughput
- Teledyne SP Devices' design services are available for fast integration to reduce time-to-market

1.4 System design optimization; open FPGA and streaming to CPU and GPU

High-performance data acquisition systems require high speed real-time analysis. ADQ30 offers a variety of options for efficient system design:

Streaming to GPU
ADQ30 supports up to 7 GByte/s peer-to-peer streaming and streaming via pinned buffer to GPU. A GPU offers a powerful platform for implementing application-specific signal processing algorithms.

Streaming to CPU
ADQ30 supports up to 7 GByte/s streaming to host PC. Implementing the application-specific algorithms in the CPU results in a flexible system.

Open FPGA for real-time processing
ADQ30 offers an open FPGA for implementation of the application-specific computations in the FPGA. This gives the most compact system design. Firmware development kit is ordered separately.

2 TECHNICAL DATA

Technical parameters are valid for ADQ30 operating with firmware FWDAQ. All parameters are typical unless otherwise noted.

Table 1 Analog input (front panel label A)

Parameter	Condition	Min	Typical	Max	Unit
Basic parameters					
Number of channels			1		
Sampling rate per channel			1		Gsample/s
Bandwidth	-3dB		1000		MHz
Input range			0.5		Vpp
Input impedance			50		Ω
Coupling			DC		
Connector type		SMA			
Programmable DC-offset					
DC-offset range		-0.25		+0.25	V
Dynamic performance					
Noise power density	10 to 490 MHz		-144		dBFS/Hz
SNR	0 to 500 MHz, -1dBFS		55		dBc
SFDR	0 to 500 MHz, -1dBFS		64		dBc
ENOB relative full scale	0 to 500 MHz, -1dBFS		8.9		bits
Dynamic performance, FIR filter[2]					
SNR	110 MHz, -1dBFS		57		dBc
ENOB relative full scale	110 MHz, -1dBFS		9.4		bits

[2] Built-in user-programmable digital FIR filter; symmetrical, 17 taps. Filter coefficients used for this test are [57, 92, –279, 21, 704, –720, –1163, 4127, 10784] / 2^{14}.

Table 2 Clock generator and front panel CLK connector.

Parameter	Condition	Min	Typical	Max	Unit
Internal clock reference					
Frequency			10		MHz
Accuracy			±3 ±1/year		ppm
Internal sampling clock generator					
Frequency			1000		MHz
External clock reference input (from front panel CLK connector)[3]					
Frequency		1	10	500	MHz
Frequency [4]	Jitter cleaner enabled	10 -10 ppm	10	500 +10 ppm	MHz
Frequency	Delay line used		10	100	MHz
Delay line tuning range			500		ps
Signal level		0.5		3.3	Vpp
Input impedance	AC		50		Ω
Input impedance	DC		10k		Ω
Input impedance (high) [5]	AC		200		Ω
Clock reference output (on front panel CLK connector)[6]					
Frequency			10		MHz
Signal level	Into 50-Ω load		1.2		Vpp
Output impedance	AC		50		Ω
Output impedance	DC		10k		Ω
External direct sampling clock input (Front panel CLK connector)[7]					
Frequency		1000	1000	1000	MHz
Signal level	Recommended	0.5		3.3	Vpp
Impedance AC			50		Ω
Impedance DC			10k		Ω
Physical connector label CLK					
Connector type		SMA			

[3] Using a clock reference from an external source to synchronize the ADQ30 to the external source.
[4] The jitter cleaner requires the reference frequency to be a multiple of 10 MHz within ± 10ppm.
[5] Software-selectable high-impedance mode.
[6] The internal clock reference of the ADQ30 is made available to synchronize external equipment.
[7] Use an external clock. Bypass the internal clock generator. The external clock frequency is 5 GHz for 10 GSPS in 1 channel mode. The external clock frequency is 5 GHz for 5 GSPS in 2 channels mode.

Table 3 Front panel TRIG connector

Parameter	Condition	Min	Typical	Max	Unit
Connector type		SMA			
Used as input (trigger in or GPIO)					
Impedance	DC		50		Ω
Impedance (high) [8]	DC		500		Ω
Signal level	50-Ω mode	-0.5		3.3	V
Adjustable threshold	50-Ω mode	0		2.8	V
Signal level	High impedance	-0.5		5.5	V
Adjustable threshold	High impedance	0		2.3	V
Pulse repetition frequency	As trigger			10	MHz
Time resolution	As trigger		50		ps
Update rate	As GPIO			62.5	MHz
Used as output (trigger out or GPIO)					
Impedance	DC		50		Ω
Output level high VOH	Into 50-Ω load	1.8			V
Output level low VOL	Into 50-Ω load			0.1	V
Pulse repetition frequency				62.5	MHz

Table 4 Front panel SYNC connector (sync is a trigger signal with limited timing resolution)

Parameter	Condition	Min	Typical	Max	Unit
Connector type		SMA			
Used as input (sync in or GPIO)					
Impedance	DC		50		Ω
Impedance (high) [8]	DC		500		Ω
Signal range	50-Ω mode	-0.5		3.3	V
Adjustable threshold	50-Ω mode	0		2.8	V
Signal level	High impedance	-0.5		5.5	V
Adjustable threshold	High impedance	0		2.3	V
Pulse repetition frequency	As trigger			10	MHz
Time resolution	As trigger		8		ns
Update rate	As GPIO			62.5	MHz
Used as output (sync out or GPIO)					
Impedance	DC		50		Ω
Output level high VOH	Into 50-Ω load	1.8			V
Output level low VOL	Into 50-Ω load			0.1	V
Pulse repetition frequency				62.5	MHz

[8] Software-selectable high-impedance mode.

Table 5 Front panel GPIO connector

Parameter	Condition	Min	Typical	Max	Unit
Connector type		SMA			
Used as input					
Impedance			50		Ω
Impedance (high) [8]			10		kΩ
Input level high VIH		2			V
Input level low VIL				0.8	V
Update rate				62.5	MHz
Used as output					
Output Impedance			50		Ω
Output level high VOH	Into 50-Ω load	1.5			V
Output level high VOH	No load	3.2			V
Output level low VOL	Into 50-Ω load			0.1	V
Output level low VOL	No load			0.1	V
Update rate				62.5	MHz

Table 6 Custom GPIO expansion. See section 8.

Parameter	Value
Connector type	40-pin FFC/FPC connector, pitch 0.5 mm
Number of differential IO signals LVDS	8
Number of single-ended IO signals 3.3V	5

Table 7 Environment and mechanical parameters

Parameter	Condition	Min	Typical	Max	Unit
Power and temperature					
Power consumption [9]	FWDAQ		25		W
Power supply		10.8	12	13.2	V
Operating temperature	At fan inlet	0		45	°C
Size					
Width			1		slot
Length			225.7		mm
Height			111.2		mm
Compliances					
RoHS3		Yes			
CE		Yes			
FCC	Exclusion according to CFR 47, part 15, paragraph 15.103(c)				

[9] Power consumption depends on firmware option and use case. Power consumption is measured during acquisition and streaming of data at 2 Gbyte/s to PC.

Table 8 Data acquisition

Parameter	Condition	Min	Typical	Max	Unit
Re-arm time				20	ns
Acquisition memory (Data FIFO)	Shared by all channels		8		Gbyte
Record length		16		2^{31}	samples
Pre-trigger[10]		0		16 360	samples
Length granularity, pre-trigger		8			samples
Trigger delay[11]		0		2^{32}-8	samples
Length granularity, trigger delay		8			samples

Table 9 Data transfer

Parameter	Value	Unit
Supported versions of data transfer standard PCIe	Gen1 Gen2 Gen3	
Supported number of lanes[12]	1 4 8	
Data rate sustained	2	GByte/s
Data rate peak	7	GByte/s

Table 10 Software support

Parameter	Value
Operating system[13]	Windows Linux
GUI	Digitizer Studio
Example code	C, Python
API	C / C++

[10] Pre-trigger is set by assigning the parameter “horizontal offset” a negative value
[11] Trigger delay is set by assigning the parameter “horizontal offset” a positive value
[12] The ADQ30 must be installed in a 16 lanes slot or a slot with a connector with an open end.
[13] See 15-1494 Operating system support for a detailed listing of supported distributions

3 FEATURES FOR DATA FLOW CONTROL, SYNCHRONIZATION AND PROCESSING

The ADQ30 features an advanced machine for flow control, synchronization, and signal processing. The block diagrams are shown in Figure 1 and Figure 2. The features are described in the following tables.

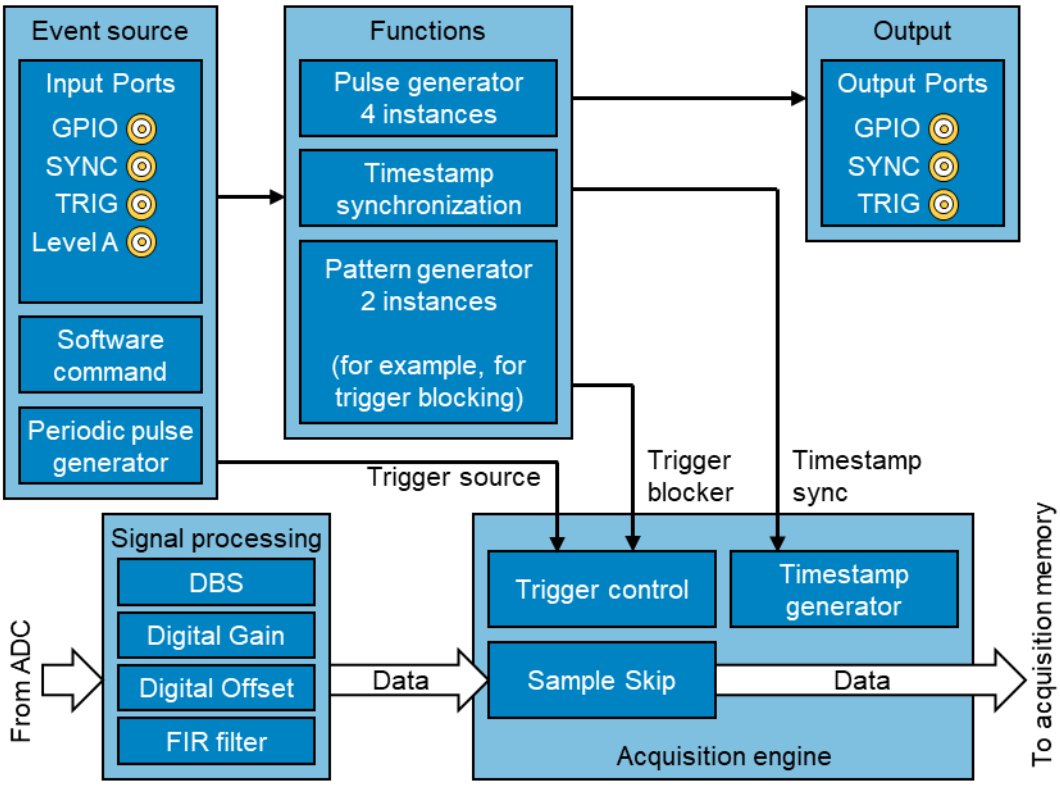


Figure 1 Flow control and synchronization block diagram.

Table 11 Digital signal processing blocks

Object type	Available selections
Digital Signal Processing Included signal processing in the data path for enhanced signal quality.	Digital Baseline Stabilizer (DBS) Digital gain Digital offset Digital FIR filter

Table 12 Flow control blocks

Object type	Available selections
Input ports Electrical connections to the ADQ30 for real-time operation (excluding the PCIe data interface) Used as event source.	Front panel TRIG Front panel SYNC Front panel GPIO Front panel CLK (clock reference or clock input only) Analog channel A
Event sources Signals for real-time control of activities in the firmware of ADQ30.	Software command External TRIG External SYNC External GPIO Internal periodic event generator Level analog channel A
Functions Included operations for real-time control of activities in the firmware of ADQ30.	Pattern generator for timestamp synchronization Pattern generator general purpose, 2 instances Pulse generator, 4 instances
Output ports Electrical connections to the ADQ30 for real-time operation (excluding the PCIe data interface).	Front panel TRIG Front panel SYNC Front panel GPIO Front panel CLK (clock reference output only)

Table 13 Firmware functions for flow control

Function	Modes/selections	Event sources as stimuli
Pattern generator for timestamp sync Control the time of the ADQ30.		Software command External TRIG External SYNC Internal periodic event generator
Pulse generator Control output pulse shapes. Three instances.	Rising edge Falling edge Pulse length Polarity	Software command External TRIG External SYNC Internal periodic event generator
Pattern generator general purpose For example, used for trigger blocking.	Once Window Gate Trigger counter	Software command External TRIG External SYNC Internal periodic event generator

Table 14 Firmware functions for acquisition

Function	Modes	Event Sources as stimuli
Trigger Initiate the acquisition of a data record.		Software command External TRIG External SYNC Internal periodic event generator Level analog channel A
Data acquisition modes Configurations for sending digital data to the host PC.	Streaming with header Streaming without header	

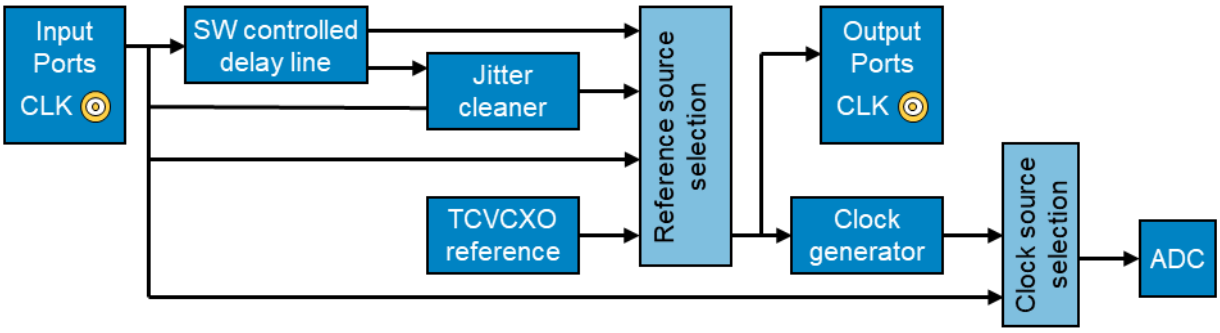


Figure 2 Clock generation block diagram.

Table 15 Clock generation

Function	Modes
Clock reference source Phase and frequency reference for the clock system.	Internal External External with jitter cleaner and/or delay line
Sampling clock sources Actual clock for taking the samples of the analog data.	Internal clock generator Direct external clock
Clock output	Selected clock reference

4 ABSLOUTE MAXIMUM RATINGS

Table 16 Absolute maximum ratings

Parameter	Condition	Min	Max	Unit
Power supply to GND		-0.4	14	V
Operating temperature		0	45	°C
Analog in to GND		-2.5	+2.5	V
TRIG to GND	50-Ω mode	-2	5	V
SYNC to GND	50-Ω mode	-2	5	V
TRIG to GND	500-Ω mode	-2	6	V
SYNC to GND	500-Ω mode	-2	6	V
CLK REF to GND AC amplitude			5	Vpp
CLK REF to GND DC-level		-5	5	V
GPIO to GND		-1.5	5	V
FFC / FPC differential signal to GND	Powered[14]	-0.5	2.3	V
	Not powered[14]	-0.5	0.5	V
FFC / FPC single-ended signal to GND[14]	Powered[14]	-0.3	3.8	V
	Not powered[14]	-0.3	0.5	V

Exposure to conditions exceeding these ratings may reduce lifetime or permanently damage the device. The digitizer with PCIe format has a built-in fan to cool the device. The built-in temperature monitoring unit will protect the digitizer from overheating by temporarily shutting down parts of the device in an overheat situation.

The SMA connectors have an expected lifetime of 500 operations. For frequent connecting and disconnecting of cables, connector savers are recommended.

[14] The absolute maximum ratings depend on whether the ADQ32 is powered or not. It is recommended to use the respective power rail in the FFC connector to power or enable the external drivers to avoid driving overvoltage into an unpowered digitizer. Use the 1.8 V rail for the differential signals and 3.3 V for the single-ended signals.

5 TYPICAL PERFORMANCE

5.1 Frequency response

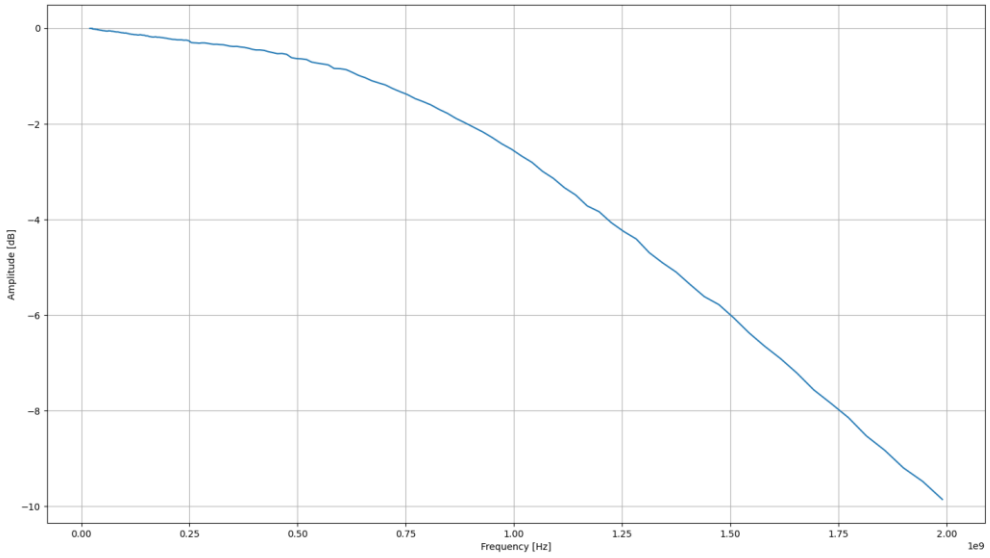


Figure 3 Frequency response, linear frequency scale.

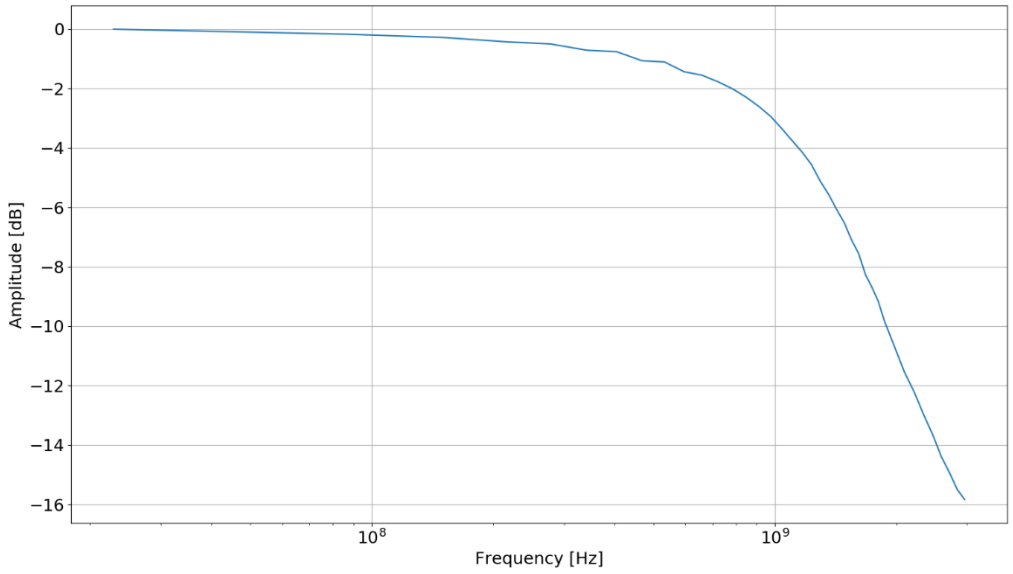


Figure 4 Frequency response, logarithmic frequency scale

5.2 FFT

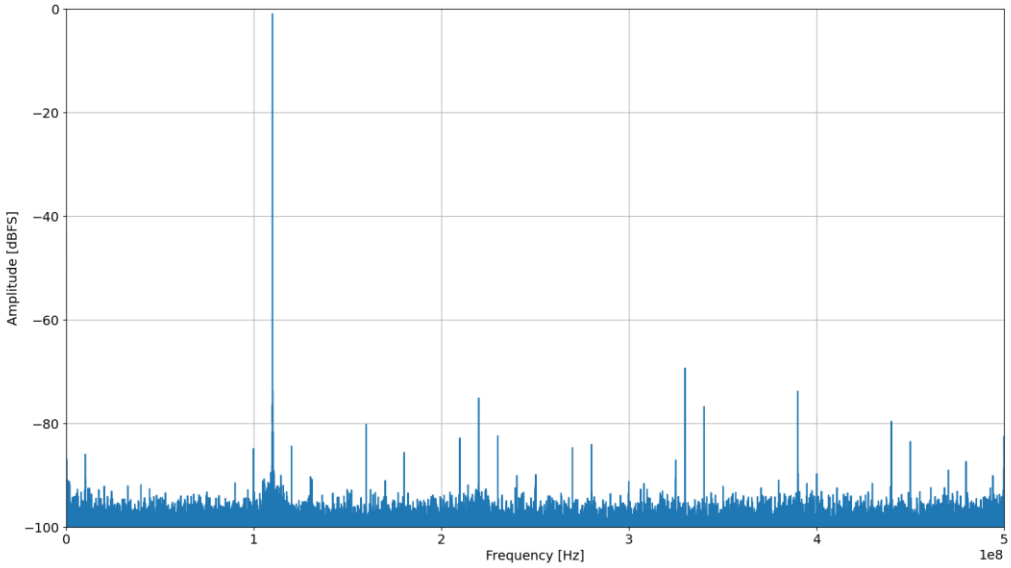


Figure 5 FFT typical performance.

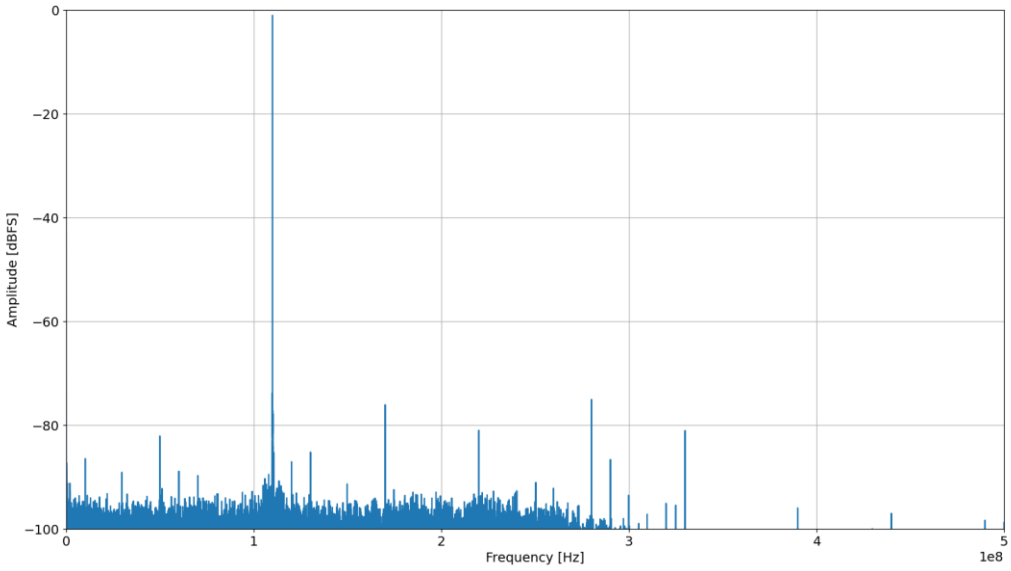


Figure 6 Typical FFT using FIR filter

6 BLOCK DIAGRAM

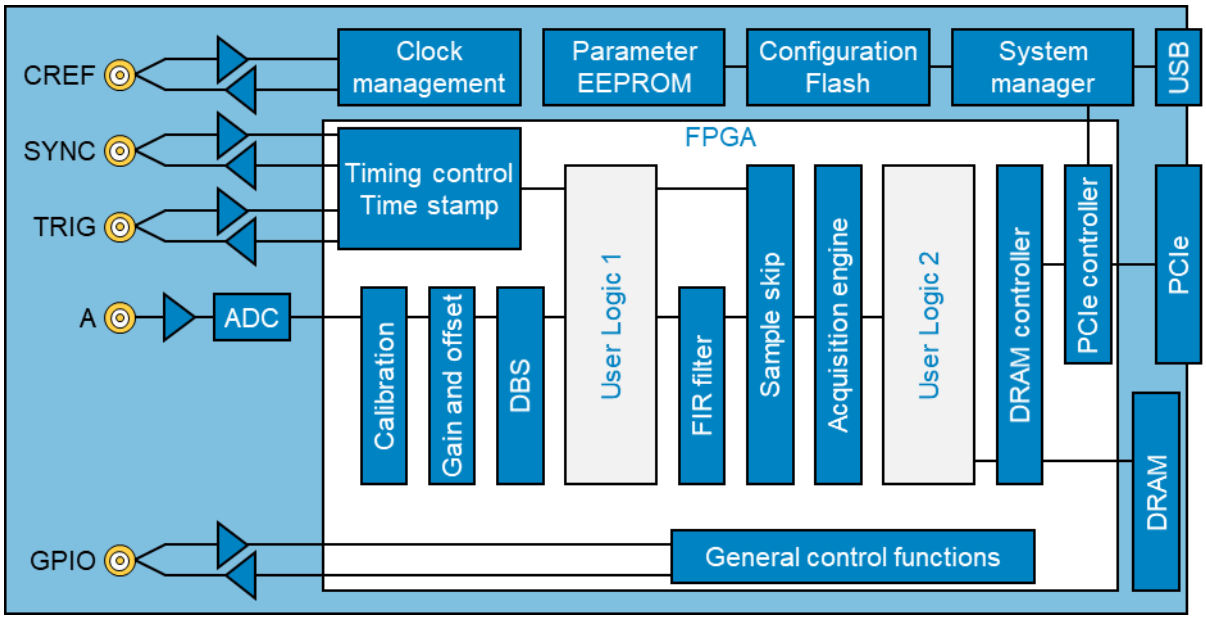


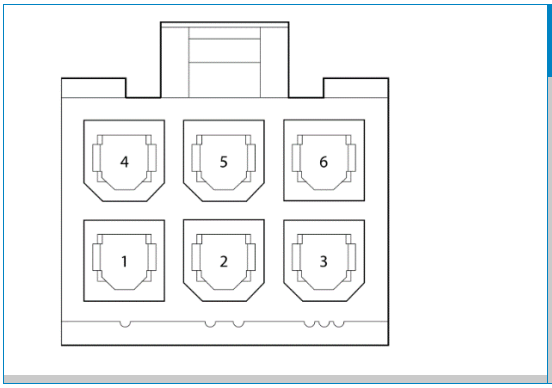
Figure 7 Block diagram.

Figure 7 shows a block diagram of ADQ30. The boxes “User Logic” are open for custom real-signal processing thought the firmware development kit (purchased separately).

7 HOST PC INTERFACE PCIE

The ADQ30-PCIe is powered from the power supply of the PC via a PCI Express 6-pin (2x3) auxiliary power supply connector. The connection in the cable should be as in Figure 8. A suitable connector is for example Molex 45559-0002.

It is important that the auxiliary power supply is turned on immediately when the PC starts. Otherwise, the digitizer will not be recognized on the PCI Express bus.



Pin	Signal
1	+12 V
2	+12 V
3	+12 V
4	Ground
5	Sense (Ground)
6	Ground

Figure 8 Power supply connection. Cable connector, looking into the connector end.

8 GPIO EXPANSION

The FCP connector allows direct access to the FPGA for building custom expansion boards. The FCP connector requires custom firmware and is accessible through the FPGA development kit. The ADQ32 user guide document number 21-2539 contains a description of connector.

Note that this connector is connected directly to the FPGA. Damage caused by custom hardware failure is not covered by warranty.

Contact Teledyne SP Devices' sales representative for more information.

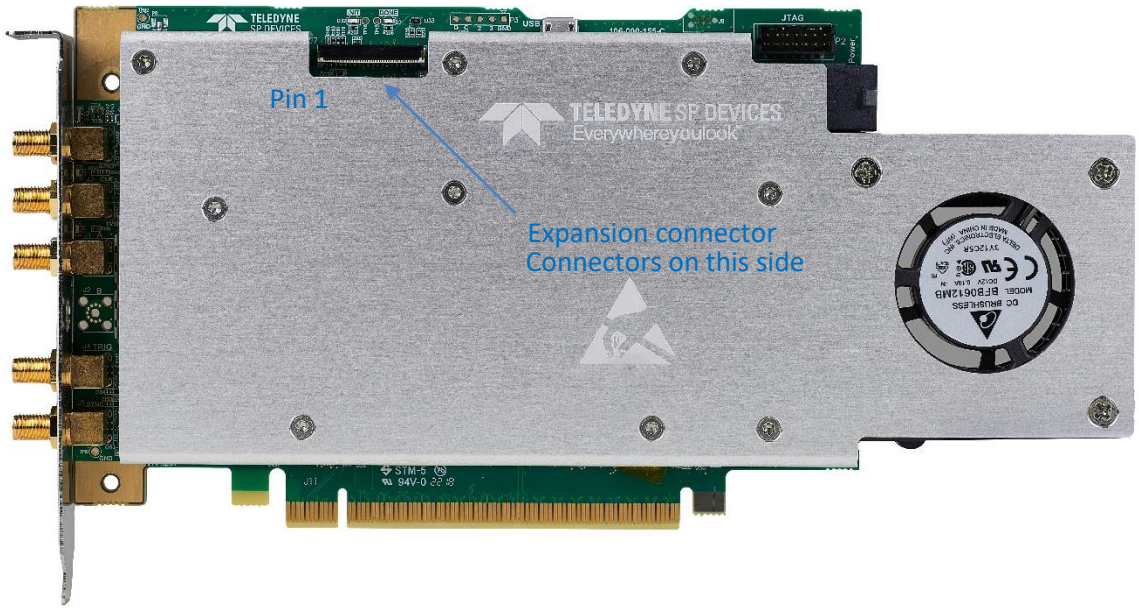


Figure 9 ADQ30 photo showing GPIO expansion connection on the top side.

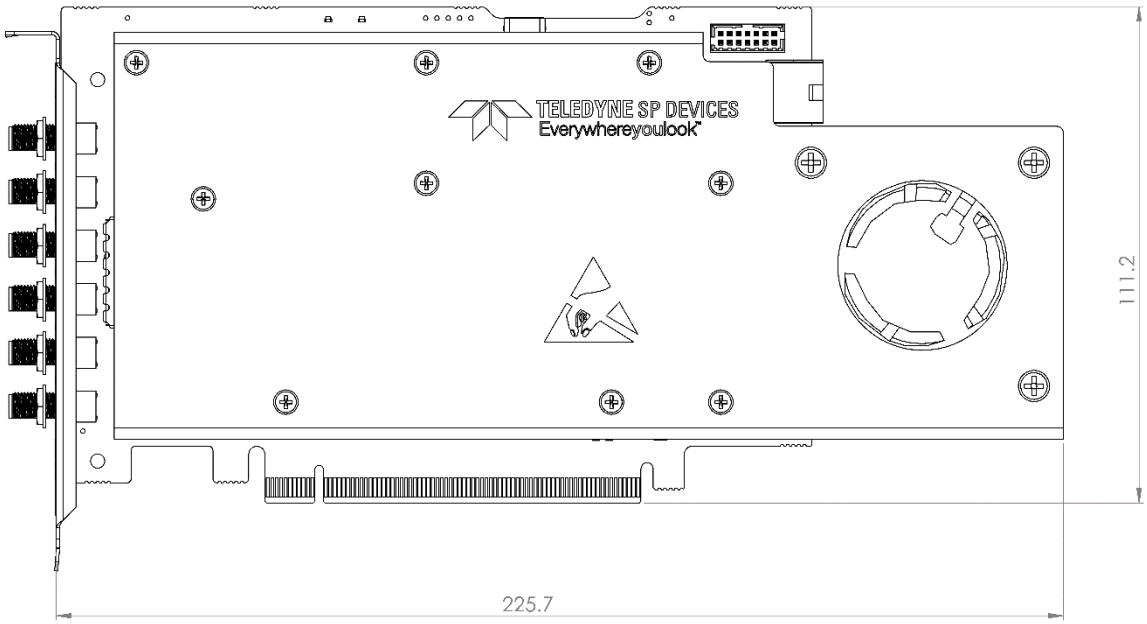


Figure 10 Mechanical drawing (typical)

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