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SYSTEMENTWICKLUNG MICROELECTRONIC GMBH

MI.20xx - 8 bit transient recorder up to 200 MS/s

- Standard PCI format
- Up to 200 MS/s on two channels
- Up to 100 MS/s on four channels
- Simultaneously sampling on all channels
- 7 input ranges: ± 50 mV up to ± 5 V
- Up to 512 MSample memory
- FIFO mode for slower samplerates
- Window and pulsewidth trigger
- Input offset up to $\pm 400\%$
- Synchronization possible
- Windows program SBench 5.x included



Product range overview

All boards of the MI.20xx series may use the on-board memory completely for the currently active number of channels.

| Model | 1 channel | 2 channels | 4 channels |
|---------|-----------|------------|------------|
| MI.2020 | 50 MS/s | 50 MS/s | |
| MI.2021 | 50 MS/s | 50 MS/s | 50 MS/s |
| MI.2030 | 200 MS/s | 100 MS/s | |
| MI.2031 | 200 MS/s | 200 MS/s | 100 MS/s |

Software/Drivers

A large number of drivers and examples are delivered with the board or are available as an option:

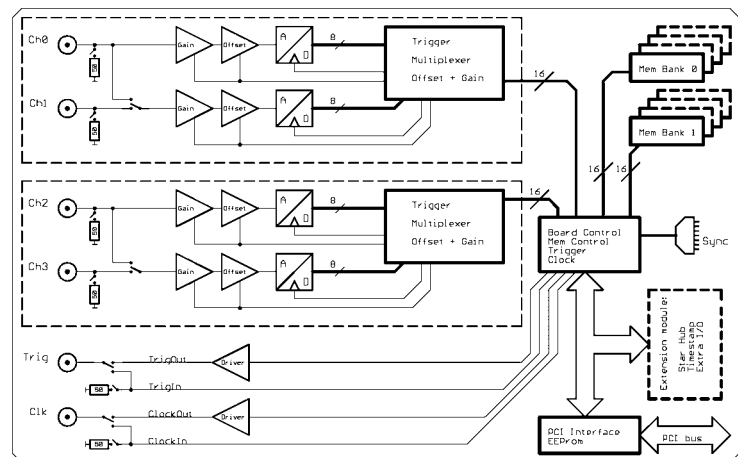
- Windows 98/ME/NT/2000/XP - drivers
- Linux - drivers
- SBench 5.2
- Streaming Software SPviewIT 6.1 (as option)
- Microsoft Visual C++ examples
- Borland Delphi examples
- Microsoft Visual Basic examples
- Microsoft Excel examples
- LabWindows/CVI examples
- FlexPro support with SBench
- LabVIEW - drivers (as option)
- DASYLab - drivers (as option)
- MATLAB - drivers (as option)
- Agilent VEE - drivers (as option)

General Information

The 4 models of the MI.20xx series are designed for the fast and high quality data acquisition. Every of the up to four input channels has its own A/D converter and its own programmable input amplifier. This allows to record signals with 8 bit resolution without any phase delay between them. The inputs could be selected to one of seven input ranges by software and could be programmed to compensate an input offset of $\pm 400\%$ of the input range.

The extremely large on-board memory allows long time recording even with highest samplerates. A FIFO mode is also integrated on the board. This allows to record data continuously and to process it in the PC or to store it to hard disk.

Hardware block diagram



Software programmable parameters

| | |
|--------------------------------|--|
| Samplerate | 1 kS/s to max samplerate, external clock, ref clock |
| Input Range | ± 50 mV, ± 100 mV, ± 200 mV, ± 500 mV, ± 1 V, ± 2 V, ± 5 V |
| Input impedance | 50 Ohm / 1 MOhm |
| Input Offset | $\pm 400\%$ in steps of 1% |
| Clock impedance | 50 Ohm / 1 MOhm |
| Trigger impedance | 50 Ohm / 1 MOhm |
| Trigger mode | Channel, External, Software, Auto, Windows, Pulse |
| Trigger level | 1/64 to 63/64 of input range (6 bit) |
| Trigger edge | rising edge, falling edge or both edges |
| Trigger pulsewidth | 1 to 255 samples in steps of 1 sample |
| Memory depth | 64 up to installed memory in steps of 64 |
| Posttrigger | 64 up to 128 M in steps of 64 |
| Multiple Recording segmentsize | 64 up to installed memory / 2 in steps of 64 |

Application examples

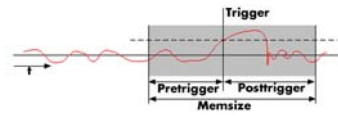
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| LDA/PDA | Production test | Laboratory equipment |
| Radar | Spectroscopic | Test of mobile communication |
| Ultrasound | Medical equipment | |

Possibilities and options

Input impedance

All inputs could individually be switched by software between 50 Ohm and 1 MOhm input impedance. If using fast signals and high sampling rates or have 50 Ohm cable impedance the use of the 50 Ohm termination is recommended to minimise noise and signal reflections. If using weak signal sources or standard probes the use of the 1 MOhm termination is helpful.

Ring buffer mode



The ring buffer mode is the standard mode of all oscilloscope boards. Data is written in a ring memory of the board until a trigger event is

detected. After the event the posttrigger values are recorded. Because of this continuously recording in a ring buffer there are also samples prior to the trigger event visible: Pretrigger = Memsizes - Posttrigger.

FIFO mode

The FIFO mode is designed for continuous data transfer between measurement board and PC memory (up to 100 MB /s) or hard disk (up to 50 MB/s). The control of the data stream is done automatically by the driver on interrupt request.

Channel trigger

The data acquisition boards offer a wide variety of trigger modes. Besides the standard signal checking for level and edge as known from oscilloscopes it's also possible to define a window trigger. All trigger modes could be combined with the pulsewidth trigger. This makes it possible to trigger on signal errors like too long or too short pulses.

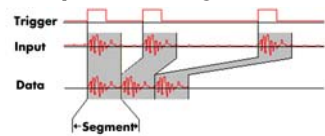
External trigger I/O

All boards could be triggered using an external TTL signal. It's possible to use positive or negative edge also in combination with a programmable pulsewidth. An internally recognised trigger event could - activated by software - routed to the output connector to start external instruments.

Pulse width

Defines the minimum or maximum width that a trigger pulse could have to generate a trigger event. Could be combined with channel trigger, pattern trigger and external trigger.

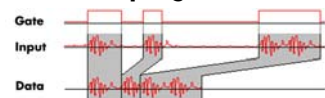
Multiple Recording



The Multiple Recording option allows the recording of several trigger events without restarting the hardware. With this option very fast repetition rates could be achieved. The

on-board memory is divided in several segments of same size. Each of them is filled with data if a trigger event occurs.

Gated Sampling



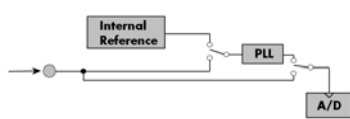
The Gated Sampling option allows data recording controlled by an external gate signal. Data is only recorded if the gate signal has a pro-

grammed level.

External clock I/O

Using an external connector a sampling clock could be fed in from an external system. It's also possible to put out the internally used sampling clock to synchronise external equipment to this clock.

Reference clock



The option to use a precise external reference clock (normally 10 MHz) is necessary to synchronise the board for high-quality mea-

surements with external equipment (like a signal source). It's also possible to enhance the quality of the sampling clock this way. The driver automatically generates the requested sampling clock from the fed in reference clock.

Cascading

The cascading option synchronises up to 4 Spectrum boards internally. It's the simplest way to build up a multi channel system. There is a phase delay between two boards of about 500 pico seconds when this synchronisation option is used.

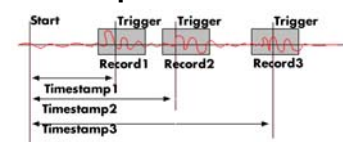
Star hub

The star hub is an additional module allowing the phase stable synchronisation of up to 16 boards. Independent of the number of boards there is no phase delay between all channels. The star hub distributes trigger and clock information between all boards. As a result all connected boards are running with the same clock and the same trigger.

Extra I/O

The Extra I/O module adds 24 additional digital I/O lines and 4 analog outputs on an extra connector. These additional lines are independent from the standard function and could be controlled asynchronously. There is also an internal version available with 16 digital I/Os and 4 analog outputs that could be used directly at the rear board connector.

Timestamp



The timestamp option writes the time positions of the trigger events in an extra memory. The timestamps are relatively to the start of recording, to a defined zero time

or externally synchronised to a radio clock or a GPS receiver. With this option acquisitions of systems on different locations could be set in a precise time relation.

Technical Data

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|-------------------------------------|--------------------------|--|-----------------------|
| Resolution | 8 bit | Dimension | 312 mm x 107 mm |
| Differential linearity error (ADC) | 0.5 LSB typ. | Width (Standard) | 1 full size slot |
| Integral linearity error (ADC) | 0.5 LSB typ. | Width (with star hub option) | 2 full size slots |
| Multi: Trigger to 1st sample delay | fixed | Analogue Connector | 3 mm SMB male |
| Multi: Recovery (re-arm) time | < 20 samples | Overvoltage protection (range < ±500 mV) | ±5 V |
| Trigger accuracy 2/4 channel mode | 1 Sample | Overvoltage protection (range > ±500 mV) | ±50 V |
| Trigger accuracy 1 channel mode | 2 Samples | Warm up time | 10 minutes |
| Ext. clock: delay to internal clock | 42 ns ± 2 ns | Operating temperature | 0°C - 50°C |
| input signal with 50 Ω termination | max 5 V rms | Storage temperature | -10°C - 70°C |
| Trigger output delay | 1 Sample | Humidity | 10% to 90% |
| Input impedance | 50 Ohm / 1 MOhm 25 pF | Power consumption 5 V @ full speed | max 3.4 A (17.0 Watt) |
| Min internal clock | 1 kS/s | Power consumption 5 V @ power down | max 1.9 A (9.5 Watt) |
| Min external clock | 1 MS/s | | |

| Input range | ±50 mV | ±100 mV | ±200 mV | ±500 mV | ±1 V | ±2 V | ±5 V |
|--|-----------------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| Software programmable offset | ±200 mV | ±400 mV | ±800 mV | ±2 V | ±4 V | ±8 V | ±20 V |
| Offset error | < 1 LSB, adjustable by user | | | | | | |
| Gain error | < 2 % | < 2 % | < 2 % | < 2 % | < 2 % | < 2 % | < 2 % |
| MI.202x: Noise (rms): 50 Ohm, 50 MS/s | < 0.5 LSB | < 0.5 LSB | < 0.5 LSB | < 0.5 LSB | < 0.5 LSB | < 0.5 LSB | < 0.5 LSB |
| MI.203x: Noise (rms): 50 Ohm, 100/200 MS/s | < 2.0 LSB | < 1.5 LSB | < 1.0 LSB | < 1.0 LSB | < 1.0 LSB | < 1.0 LSB | < 1.0 LSB |
| Crosstalk 5 MHz signal, ±50 mV input, 50 Ohm | < 62 dB | | | | | | |

| | MI.2020 MI.2021 | MI.2030 MI.2031 |
|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| max internal clock | 50 MS/s | 200 MS/s |
| max external clock | 50 MS/s | 100 MS/s |
| -3 dB bandwidth | > 25 MHz | > 90 MHz |

Dynamic Parameters

| | MI.2020 MI.2021 | MI.2030 MI.2031 |
|------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| Test - Samplerate | 50 MS/s | 100 MS/s |
| Testsignal frequency | 1 MHz | 1 MHz |
| SNR (typ) | > 47.5 dB | > 45.9 dB |
| THD (typ) | < -56.5 dB | < -49.1 dB |
| SFDR (typ), incl harm. | > 60.0 dB | > 59.5 dB |
| SINAD (typ) | > 47.0 dB | > 44.2 |
| ENOB (based on SINAD) | 7.5 | >7.1 |

Dynamic parameters are measured at ± 1 V input range and 50 Ohm termination with the samplerate specified in the table. Measured parameters are averaged 20 times to get typical values. Test signal is a pure sine wave of the specified frequency with > 99% amplitude. SNR and RMS noise parameters may differ depending on the quality of the used PC. SNR = Signal to Noise Ratio, THD = Total Harmonic Distortion, SFDR = Spurious Free Dynamic Range, SINAD = Signal Noise and Distortion, ENOB = Effective Number of Bits. For a detailed description please see application note 002.

Order information

| Order No | Description | Order No | Description |
|---------------|---|-------------|---|
| MI2020 | MI.2020 with 16 MSample memory and drivers/SBench 5.x | MI2xxx-32M | Option: 32 MSample memory instead of 16 MSample standard mem |
| MI2021 | MI.2021 with 16 MSample memory and drivers/SBench 5.x | MI2xxx-64M | Option: 64 MSample memory instead of 16 MSample standard mem |
| MI2030 | MI.2030 with 16 MSample memory and drivers/SBench 5.x | MI2xxx-128M | Option: 128 MSample memory instead of 16 MSample standard mem |
| MI2031 | MI.2031 with 16 MSample memory and drivers/SBench 5.x | MI2xxx-256M | Option: 256 MSample memory instead of 16 MSample standard mem |
| | | MI2xxx-512M | Option: 512 MSample memory instead of 16 MSample standard mem |
| MI2xxx-smod | Star Hub: Synchronisation of 2 - 16 boards, one option per system | MI2xxx-up | Additional handling costs for later memory upgrade |
| MIxxxx-xio | Extra I/O, internal connector: 16 DI/O, 4 Analog out | | |
| MIxxxx-xmf | Extra I/O, external connector: 24 DI/O, 4 Analog out, incl. cable | MI2xxx-mr | Option Multiple Recording: Memory segmentation |
| MI2xxx-time | Timestamp option: Extra memory for trigger time | MI2xxx-gs | Option Gated Sampling: Gate signal controls acquisition |
| | | MI2xxx-cs | Synchronisation of 2 - 4 boards, one option per system |
| Cab-3f-9m-80 | Adapter cable: SMB female to BNC male 80 cm | MI20xx-dl | DASYLab driver for MI.20xx series |
| Cab-3f-9m-200 | Adapter cable: SMB female to BNC male 200 cm | MI20xx-hp | VEE driver for MI.20xx series |
| Cab-3f-9f-80 | Adapter cable: SMB female to BNC female 80 cm | MI20xx-lv | LabVIEW driver for MI.20xx series |
| Cab-3f-9f-200 | Adapter cable: SMB female to BNC female 200 cm | MATLAB | MATLAB driver for all MI.xxxx, MC.xxxx and MX.xxxx series. |

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