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## M4i.22xx-x8 - 8 bit Digitizer up to 5 GS/s

- 5 GS/s on one channel
- 2.5 GS/s on two channels
- 1.25 GS/s on four channels
- up to 1.5 GHz bandwidth
- Ultra Fast PCI Express x8 Gen 2 interface
- Simultaneously sampling on all channels
- 4 input ranges:  $\pm 200$  mV up to  $\pm 2.5$  V
- 4 GSamples on-board memory
- Window, re-arm, OR/AND trigger
- Synchronization of up to 8 cards per system
- Features: Single-Shot, Streaming, Multiple Recording, Gated Sampling, ABA, Timestamps

Speed	SNR	ENOB
5 GS/s	>44.5 dB	>7.1 bit
2.5 GS/s	>45.6 dB	>7.3 bit
1.25 GS/s	>46.9 dB	>7.5 bit

### FPGA Options:

- Block Average up to 128k
- Block Statistics/Peak Detect



- PCIe x8 Gen 2 Interface
- Works with x8/x16\* PCIe slots
- Sustained streaming mode more than 3.4 GB/s

### Operating Systems

- Windows XP, Vista, 7, 8, 10
- Linux Kernel 2.6, 3.x, 4.x
- Windows/Linux 32 and 64 bit

### Recommended Software

- Visual Basic, Visual C++, Borland C++, GNU C++, Borland Delphi, VB.NET, C#, J#, Python
- SBench 6

### Drivers

- MATLAB
- LabVIEW
- LabWindows/CVI
- IVI

Model	Bandwidth	1 channel	2 channels	4 channels
M4i.2234-x8	1.5 GHz	5 GS/s	2.5 GS/s	1.25 GS/s
M4i.2233-x8	1.5 GHz	5 GS/s	2.5 GS/s	
M4i.2230-x8	1.5 GHz	5 GS/s		
M4i.2221-x8	1.5 GHz	2.5 GS/s	2.5 GS/s	
M4i.2223-x8	1.5 GHz	2.5 GS/s	1.25 GS/s	
M4i.2220-x8	1.5 GHz	2.5 GS/s		
M4i.2212-x8	500 MHz	1.25 GS/s	1.25 GS/s	1.25 GS/s
M4i.2211-x8	500 MHz	1.25 GS/s	1.25 GS/s	
M4i.2210-x8	500 MHz	1.25 GS/s		

## General Information

The M4i.22xx-x8 series digitizers deliver the highest performance in both speed and resolution. The series includes PCIe cards with either one, two or four synchronous channels. The ADCs can sample at rates from 1.25 GS/s up to 5 GS/s with a maximum bandwidth of more than 1 GHz.

The digitizers feature a PCI Express x8 Gen 2 interface that offers outstanding data streaming performance. The interface and Spectrum's optimized drivers enable data transfer rates in excess of 3.4 GB/s so that signals can be acquired, stored and analyzed at the fastest speeds.

While the cards have been designed using the latest technology they are still software compatible with the drivers from earlier Spectrum digitizers. So, existing customers can use the same software they developed for a 10 year old 200 kS/s multi-channel card and for an M4i series 5 GS/s digitizer!

\*Some x16 PCIe slots are for the use of graphic cards only and can not be used for other cards.

## Software Support

### Windows drivers

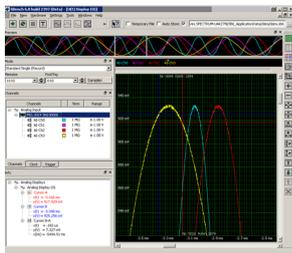
The cards are delivered with drivers for Windows XP, as well as Vista, Windows 7, Windows 8 and Windows 10 (each 32 bit and 64 bit). Programming examples for Visual C++, Borland C++ Builder, LabWindows/CVI, Borland Delphi, Visual Basic, VB.NET, C#, J#, Python and IVI are included.

### Linux Drivers



All cards are delivered with full Linux support. Pre compiled kernel modules are included for the most common distributions like RedHat, Fedora, Suse, Ubuntu LTS or Debian. The Linux support includes SMP systems, 32 bit and 64 bit systems, versatile programming examples for Gnu C++ as well as the possibility to get the driver sources for your own compilation.

### SBench 6



A base license of SBench 6, the easy-to-use graphical operating software for Spectrum cards, is included in the delivery. The base license makes it possible to test the card, display acquired data and make some basic measurements. It's a valuable tool for checking the card's performance and assisting with the unit's initial

setup. The cards also come with a demo license for the SBench 6 professional version. This license gives the user the opportunity to test the additional features of the professional version with their hardware. The professional version contains several advanced measurement functions, such as FFTs and X/Y display, import and export utilities as well as support for all acquisition modes including data streaming. Data streaming allows the cards to continuously acquire data and transfer it directly to the PC RAM or hard disk. SBench 6 has been optimized to handle data files of several GBytes. SBench 6 runs under Windows as well as Linux (KDE and GNOME) operating systems. A test version of SBench 6 can be downloaded directly over the internet and can run the professional version in a simulation mode without any hardware installed. Existing customers can also request a demo license for the professional version from Spectrum. More details on SBench 6 can be found in the SBench 6 data sheet.

### Third-party products

Spectrum supports the most popular third-party software products such as LabVIEW, MATLAB or LabWindows/CVI. All drivers come with detailed documentation and working examples are included in the delivery. Support for other software packages, like VEE or DasyLab, can also be provided on request.

## Hardware features and options

### PCI Express x8



The M4i series cards use a PCI Express x8 Gen 2 connection. They can be used in PCI Express x8 and x16 slots with Gen 1, Gen 2 or Gen 3. The maximum sustained data transfer rate is more than 3 GByte/s

(read direction) or 1.5 GByte/s (write direction) per slot. Server motherboards often recognize PCI Express x4 connections in x8 slots. These slots can also be used with the M4i series cards but with reduced data transfer rates.

### Connections

- The cards are equipped with SMA connectors for the analog signals as well as for the external trigger and clock input. In addition, there are five MMCX connectors that are used for an additional trigger input, a clock output and three multi-function I/O connectors. These multi-function connectors can be individually programmed to perform different functions:

- Trigger output
- Status output (armed, triggered, ready, ...)
- Synchronous digital inputs, being stored inside the analog data samples
- Asynchronous I/O lines



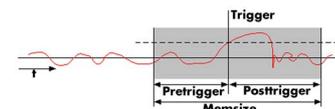
### Input Amplifier

The analog inputs can be adapted to real world signals using a variety of settings that are individual for each channel. By using software commands one can select a matching input range and the signal offset can be compensated by programmable AC coupling.

### Automatic on-board calibration

Every channel of each card is calibrated in the factory before the board is shipped. However, to compensate for environmental variations like PC power supply, temperature and aging the software driver includes routines for automatic offset and gain calibration. This calibration is performed on all input ranges of the "Buffered" path and uses a high precision onboard calibration reference.

### Ring buffer mode



The ring buffer mode is the standard mode of all oscilloscope instruments. Digitized data is continuously written into a ring memory until a

trigger event is detected. After the trigger, post-trigger samples are recorded and pre-trigger samples can also be stored. The number of pre-trigger samples available simply equals the total ring memory size minus the number of post trigger samples.

### FIFO mode

The FIFO or streaming mode is designed for continuous data transfer between the digitizer card and the PC memory. When mounted in a PCI Express x8 Gen 2 interface read streaming speeds of up to 3.4 GByte/s are possible. The control of the data stream is done automatically by the driver on interrupt request basis. The complete installed onboard memory is used to buffer the data, making the continuous streaming process extremely reliable.

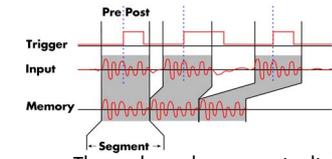
### Channel trigger

The digitizers offer a wide variety of trigger modes. These include a standard triggering mode based on a signals level and slope, like that found in most oscilloscopes. It is also possible to define a window mode, with two trigger levels, that enables triggering when signals enter or exit the window. Each input has its own trigger circuit which can be used to setup conditional triggers based on logical AND/OR patterns. All trigger modes can be combined with a re-arming mode for accurate trigger recognition even on noisy signals.

### External trigger input

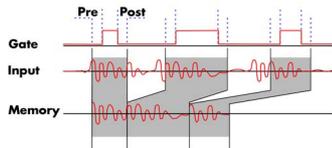
All boards can be triggered using up to two external analog or digital signals. One external trigger input has two analog comparators that can define an edge or window trigger, a hysteresis trigger or a rearm trigger. The other input has one comparator that can be used for standard edge and level triggers.

## Multiple Recording



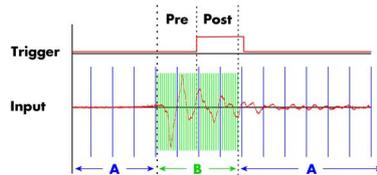
The Multiple Recording mode allows the recording of several trigger events with an extremely short re-arming time. The hardware doesn't need to be restarted in between. The on-board memory is divided in several segments of the same size. Each of them is filled with data if a trigger event occurs. Pre- and posttrigger of the segments can be programmed. The number of acquired segments is only limited by the used memory and is unlimited when using FIFO mode.

## Gated Sampling



The Gated Sampling mode allows data recording controlled by an external gate signal. Data is only recorded if the gate signal has a programmed level. In addition a pre-area before start of the gate signal as well as a post area after end of the gate signal can be acquired. The number of gate segments is only limited by the used memory and is unlimited when using FIFO mode.

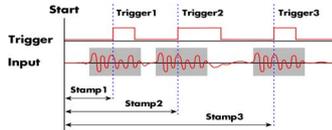
## ABA mode



The ABA mode combines slow continuous data recording with fast acquisition on trigger events. The ABA mode works like a slow data logger combined with a fast digitizer. The exact position of the trigger events is stored as timestamps in an extra memory.

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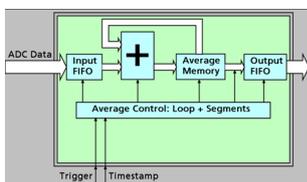
## Timestamp



The timestamp function writes the time positions of the trigger events in an extra memory. The timestamps are relative to the start of recording, a defined zero time, externally synchronised to a radio clock, or a GPS receiver. With this option acquisitions of systems on different locations can be set in a precise time relation.

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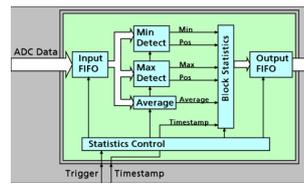
## Firmware Option Block Average



The Block Average Module improves the fidelity of noisy repetitive signals. Multiple repetitive acquisitions with very small dead-time are accumulated and averaged. Random noise is reduced by the averaging process improving the visibility of the repetitive signal. The complete averaging process is done inside the FPGA of the digitizer generating no CPU load at all. The amount of data is greatly decreased as well as the needed transfer bandwidth is heavily reduced.

Please see separate data sheet for details on the firmware option.

## Firmware Option Block Statistics (Peak Detect)



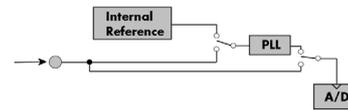
The Block Statistics and Peak Detect Module implements a widely used data analysis and reduction technology in hardware. Each block is scanned for minimum and maximum peak and a summary including minimum, maximum, average, timestamps and position information is stored in memory. The complete averaging process is done inside the FPGA of the digitizer generating no CPU load at all. The amount of data is greatly decreased as well as the needed transfer bandwidth is heavily reduced.

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## External clock input and output

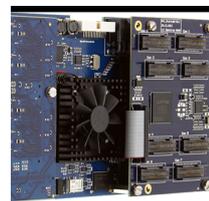
Using a dedicated connector a sampling clock can be fed in from an external system. Additionally it's also possible to output the internally used sampling clock on a separate connector to synchronize external equipment to this clock.

## Reference clock



The option to use a precise external reference clock (normally 10 MHz) is necessary to synchronize the instrument for high-quality measurements with external equipment (like a signal source). It's also possible to enhance the quality of the sampling clock in this way. The driver automatically generates the requested sampling clock from the fed in reference clock.

## Star-Hub



The star-hub is an additional module allowing the phase stable synchronization of up to 8 boards of a kind in one system. 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 to ensure all connected boards are running with the same clock and trigger. All trigger sources can be combined with a logical OR allowing all channels of all cards to be the trigger source at the same time.

## External Amplifiers



For the acquisition of extremely small voltage levels with a high bandwidth a series of external amplifiers is available. Each of the one channel amplifiers is working with a fixed input impedance and allows - depending on the bandwidth - to select different amplification levels between  $\times 10$  (20 dB) up to  $\times 1000$  (60 dB). Using the external amplifiers of the SPA series voltage levels in the  $\mu\text{V}$  and  $\text{mV}$  area can be acquired.

## Technical Data

### Analog Inputs

Resolution		8 Bit
Input Type		Single-ended
Programmable Input Offset		±100%
ADC Differential non linearity (DNL)	ADC only	±0.35 LSB
ADC Integral non linearity (INL)	ADC only	±0.9 LSB
ADC Bit Error Rate (BER)	sampling rate 1.25 GS/s	10 <sup>-16</sup>
Channel selection	software programmable	1, 2, or 4 (maximum is model dependent)
Analog Input impedance	software programmable	50 Ω
Input Ranges	software programmable	±200 mV, ±500 mV, ±1 V, ±2.5 V
Input Coupling	software programmable	AC/DC
Offset error (full speed)	after warm-up and calibration	< 0.5 LSB
Gain error (full speed)	after warm-up and calibration	< 2.0 LSB
Over voltage protection	range = ±200 mV	2.5 Vrms
Over voltage protection	range ≥ ±500 mV	5 Vrms
Max DC voltage if AC coupling active		
Relative input stage delay		
Crosstalk 20 MHz sine signal	range ≥ ±500 mV	< -96 dB (all channel same input range)
Crosstalk 20 MHz sine signal	range = ±200 mV	< -88 dB (all channel same input range)
Crosstalk 100 MHz sine signal	range ≥ ±500 mV	< -78 dB (all channel same input range)
Crosstalk 100 MHz sine signal	range = ±200 mV	< -65 dB (all channel same input range)

### Trigger

Available trigger modes	software programmable	Channel Trigger, External, Software, Window, Re-Arm, Or/And, Delay	
Trigger level resolution	software programmable	8 bit	
Trigger edge	software programmable	Rising edge, falling edge or both edges	
Trigger delay	software programmable	0 to (8GSamples - 32) = 8589934560 Samples in steps of 32 samples	
Multi, ABA, Gate: re-arming time	1.25 GS/s or below 2.5 GS/s 5 GS/s	80 samples (+ programmed pretrigger) 160 samples (+ programmed pretrigger) 320 samples (+ programmed pretrigger)	
Pretrigger at Multi, ABA, Gate, FIFO	software programmable	32 up to 8192 Samples in steps of 32	
Posttrigger	software programmable	32 up to 16G samples in steps of 32 (defining pretrigger in standard scope mode)	
Memory depth	software programmable	64 up to [installed memory / number of active channels] samples in steps of 32	
Multiple Recording/ABA segment size	software programmable	64 up to [installed memory / 2 / active channels] samples in steps of 32	
Internal/External trigger accuracy		1 sample	
Minimum external trigger pulsewidth		≥ 2 samples	
External trigger		<b>Ext0</b>	<b>Ext1</b>
External trigger impedance	software programmable	50 Ω / 1 kΩ	1 kΩ
External trigger coupling	software programmable	AC or DC	fixed DC
External trigger type		Window comparator	Single level comparator
External input level		±10 V (1 kΩ), ±2.5 V (50 Ω), 2.5% of full scale range	±10 V 2.5% of full scale range = 0.5 V
External trigger sensitivity (minimum required signal swing)			
External trigger level	software programmable	±10 V in steps of 1 mV	±10 V in steps of 1 mV
External trigger maximum voltage		±30V	±30 V
External trigger bandwidth DC	50 Ω / 1 kΩ	DC to 200 MHz / 150 MHz	DC to 200 MHz
External trigger bandwidth AC	50 Ω	20 kHz to 200 MHz	n.a.

### Clock

Clock Modes	software programmable	internal PLL, external reference clock, sync
Internal clock accuracy		≤ ±20 ppm
Internal clock setup granularity	standard clock mode	divider: maximum sampling rate divided by: 1, 2, 4, 8, 16, ... up to 262144
External reference clock range	software programmable	≥ 10 MHz and ≤ 1 GHz
External reference clock input impedance	software programmable	50 Ω fixed
External reference clock input coupling		AC coupling
External reference clock input edge		Rising edge
External reference clock input type		Single-ended, sine wave or square wave
External reference clock input swing		0.3 V peak-peak up to 3.0 V peak-peak
External reference clock input max DC voltage		±30 V (with max 3.0 V difference between low and high level)
External reference clock input duty cycle requirement		45% to 55%
Internal reference clock output type		Single-ended, 3.3V LVPECL
Internal reference clock output frequency		2.5 GHz / 64 = 39.0625 MHz
Star-Hub synchronization clock modes	software selectable	Internal clock (standard clock mode only), External reference clock
ABA mode clock divider for slow clock	software programmable	16 up to (128k - 16) in steps of 16

	M4i.223x DN2.223-xx	M4i.222x DN2.222-xx	M4i.221x DN2.221-xx
ADC Resolution	8 bit	8 bit	8 bit
max internal/external clock	5 GS/s	2.5 GS/s	1.25 GS/s
min internal clock	4.768 kS/s	4.768 kS/s	4.768 kS/s

	M4i.223x DN2.223-xx	M4i.222x DN2.222-xx	M4i.221x DN2.221-xx
lower bandwidth limit (DC coupling)	0 Hz	0 Hz	0 Hz
lower bandwidth limit (AC coupling)	< 30 kHz	< 30 kHz	< 30 kHz
-3 dB bandwidth	1.5 GHz	1.5 GHz	500 MHz

### Block Average Signal Processing Option M4i.22xx/DN2.22x Series

		Firmware ≥ V1.14 (August 2015)		Firmware < V1.14
Data Mode	software programmable	32 bit mode	16 bit mode	32 bit mode only
Minimum Waveform Length		64 samples	128 samples	64 samples
Minimum Waveform Stepsize		32 samples	64 samples	32 samples
Maximum Waveform Length	1 channel active	64 kSamples	128 kSamples	32 kSamples
Maximum Waveform Length	2 channels active	32 kSamples	64 kSamples	16 kSamples
Maximum Waveform Length	4 or more channels active	16 kSamples	32 kSamples	8 kSamples
Minimum Number of Averages		2	2	4
Maximum Number of Averages		16777216 (16M)	256	16777216 (16M)
Data Output Format	fixed	32 bit signed integer	16 bit signed integer	32 bit signed integer
Re-Arming Time between waveforms	1.25 GS/s or below	80 samples (+ programmed pretrigger)	80 samples (+ programmed pretrigger)	80 samples (+ programmed pretrigger)
Re-Arming Time between waveforms	2.5 GS/s	160 samples (+ programmed pretrigger)	160 samples (+ programmed pretrigger)	160 samples (+ programmed pretrigger)
Re-Arming Time between waveforms	5 GS/s	320 samples (+ programmed pretrigger)	320 samples (+ programmed pretrigger)	320 samples (+ programmed pretrigger)
Re-Arming Time between end of average to start of next average		Depending on programmed segment length, max 50 μs		80/160&320 samples as above listed

### Block Statistics Signal Processing Option M4i.22xx/DN2.22x Series

Minimum Waveform Length		64 samples
Minimum Waveform Stepsize		32 samples
Maximum Waveform Length	Standard Acquisition	2 GSamples / channels
Maximum Waveform Length	FIFO Acquisition	2 GSamples
Data Output Format	fixed	32 bytes statistics summary
Statistics Information Set per Waveform		Average, Minimum, Maximum, Position Minimum, Position Maximum, Trigger Timestamp
Re-Arming Time between Segments	1.25 GS/s or below	80 samples (+ programmed pretrigger)
Re-Arming Time between Segments	2.5 GS/s	160 samples (+ programmed pretrigger)
Re-Arming Time between Segments	5 GS/s	320 samples (+ programmed pretrigger)

### Multi Purpose I/O lines (front-plate)

Number of multi purpose lines		three, named X0, X1, X2
Input: available signal types	software programmable	Asynchronous Digital-In, Synchronous Digital-In, Timestamp Reference Clock
Input: impedance		10 kΩ to 3.3 V
Input: maximum voltage level		-0.5 V to +4.0 V
Input: signal levels		3.3 V LVTTTL
Output: available signal types	software programmable	Asynchronous Digital-Out, Trigger Output, Run, Arm, PLL Refclock, Marker Output
Output: impedance		50 Ω
Output: signal levels		3.3 V LVTTTL
Output: type		3.3V LVTTTL, TTL compatible for high impedance loads
Output: drive strength		Capable of driving 50 Ω loads, maximum drive strength ±48 mA

### Connectors

Analog Inputs/Analog Outputs	SMA female (one for each single-ended input)	Cable-Type: Cab-3mA-xx-xx
Trigger 0 Input	SMA female	Cable-Type: Cab-3mA-xx-xx
Clock Input	SMA female	Cable-Type: Cab-3mA-xx-xx
Trigger 1 Input	MMCX female	Cable-Type: Cab-1m-xx-xx
Clock Output	MMCX female	Cable-Type: Cab-1m-xx-xx
Multi Purpose I/O	MMCX female (3 lines)	Cable-Type: Cab-1m-xx-xx

### Environmental and Physical Details

Dimension (Single Card)		241 mm (¾ PCIe length) x 107 mm x 20 mm (single slot width)
Dimension (Card with option SH8tm installed)		241 mm (¾ PCIe length) x 107 mm x 40 mm (double slot width)
Dimension (Card with option SH8ex installed)		312 mm (full PCIe length) x 107 mm x 20 mm (single slot width)
Width (Standard and option SH8Ex)		1 slot
Width (option SH8tm installed)		2 slots
Weight (M4i.44xx and M4i.77xx series)	maximum	290 g
Weight (M4i.22xx and M4i.66xx series)	maximum	420 g
Weight (Option star-hub -sh8ex, -sh8tm)	including 8 sync cables	130 g
Warm up time		10 minutes
Operating temperature		0°C to 50°C
Storage temperature		-10°C to 70°C
Humidity		10% to 90%

### **PCI Express specific details**

PCIe slot type	x8 Generation 2
PCIe slot compatibility (physical)	x8/x16
PCIe slot compatibility (electrical)	x1, x4, x8, x16, Generation 1, Generation 2, Generation 3

### **Certification, Compliance, Warranty**

EMC Immunity	Compliant with CE Mark
EMC Emission	Compliant with CE Mark
Product warranty	2 years starting with the day of delivery
Software and firmware updates	Life-time, free of charge

### **Power Consumption**

	<b>PCI EXPRESS</b>		
	<b>3.3V</b>	<b>12 V</b>	<b>Total</b>
M4i.2230-x8, M4i.2220-x8, M4i.2210-x8	0.2 A	2.6 A	32 W
M4i.2233-x8, M4i.2221-x8, M4i.2223-x8, M4i.2211-x8	0.2 A	2.7 A	33 W
M4i.2234-x8, M4i.2212-x8	0.2 A	2.9 A	35 W

### **MTBF**

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## RMS Noise Level (Zero Noise)

M4i.223x and DN2.223-xx and DN2.225-xx, 8 Bit 5 GS/s								
Input Range	±200 mV		±500 mV		±1		±2.5 V	
Voltage resolution (1 LSB)	1.6 mV		3.9 mV		7.8 mV		19.5 mV	
DC, fixed 50 Ω, typical	<0.3	<0.5 mV	<0.3	<1.2 mV	<0.3	<2.3 mV	<0.3	<5.9 mV
DC, fixed 50 Ω, maximum	<0.6	<0.9 mV	<0.6	<2.3 mV	<0.5	<4.7 mV	<0.5	<11.7 mV

M4i.222x and DN2.222-xx, 8 Bit 2.5 GS/s								
Input Range	±200 mV		±500 mV		±1		±2.5 V	
Voltage resolution (1 LSB)	1.6 mV		3.9 mV		7.8 mV		19.5 mV	
DC, fixed 50 Ω, typical	<0.3	<0.5 mV	<0.3	<1.2 mV	<0.3	<2.3 mV	<0.3	<5.9 mV
DC, fixed 50 Ω, maximum	<0.6	<0.9 mV	<0.7	<2.7 mV	<0.5	<4.7 mV	<0.5	<11.7 mV

M4i.221x and DN2.221-xx, 8 Bit 1.25 GS/s								
Input Range	±200 mV		±500 mV		±1		±2.5 V	
Voltage resolution (1 LSB)	1.6 mV		3.9 mV		7.8 mV		19.5 mV	
DC, fixed 50 Ω, typical	<0.2	<0.3 mV	<0.2	<0.8 mV	<0.2	<1.6 mV	<0.2	<3.9 mV
DC, fixed 50 Ω, maximum	<0.3	<0.5 mV	<0.3	<1.2 mV	<0.3	<2.3 mV	<0.3	<5.9 mV

## Dynamic Parameters

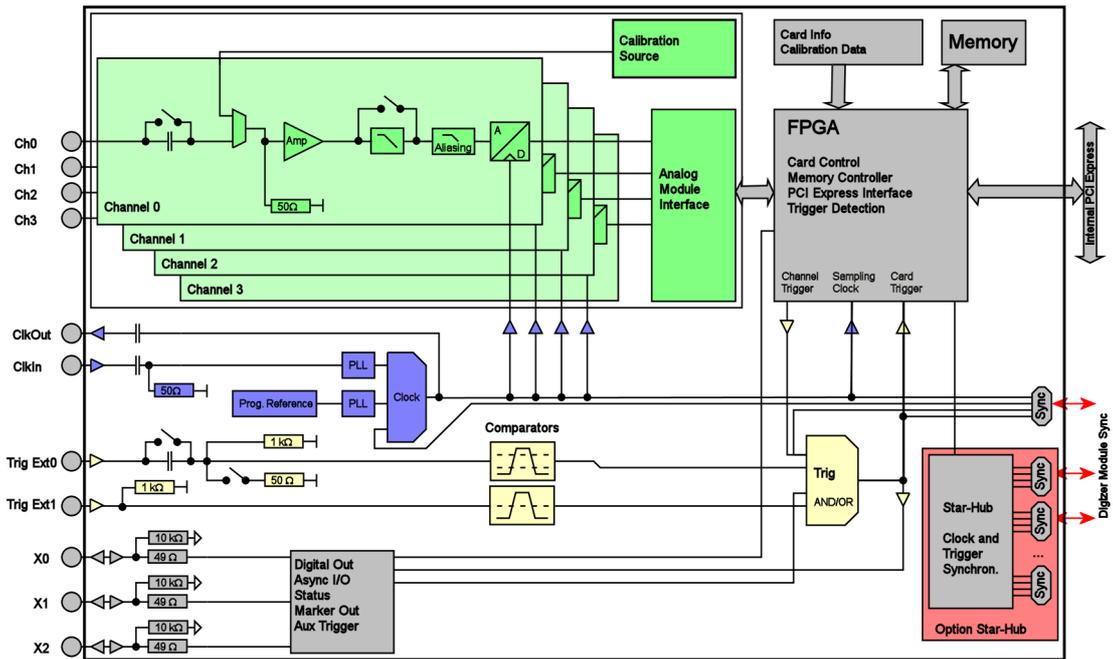
M4i.223x and DN2.223-xx and DN2.225-xx, 8 Bit 5 GS/s													
Input Path		DC or AC coupled, fixed 50 Ohm											
Test signal frequency		10 MHz			40 MHz		70 MHz		240 MHz		600 MHz		
Input Range		±200 mV	±500 mV	±1 V	±2.5 V	±200 mV	±1V						
THD (typ) (dB)		<60.2 dB	<60.3 dB	<60.3 dB	<60.3 dB	<58.9 dB	<58.2 dB	<58.8 dB	<58.0 dB	<54.0 dB	<54.0 dB	<45.0 dB	<46.3 dB
SNR (typ) (dB)		>44.5 dB	>44.8 dB	>44.8 dB	>44.5 dB	>44.7 dB	>44.7 dB	>44.3 dB	>44.3 dB	>42.9 dB	>42.9 dB	>40.3 dB	>40.2 dB
SFDR (typ), excl. harm. (dB)		>53.7 dB	>54.9 dB	>54.9 dB	>54.2 dB	>50.3 dB	>50.8 dB	>50.2 dB	>49.7 dB	>49.4 dB	>49.5 dB	>44.3 dB	>44.6 dB
SFDR (typ), incl. harm. (dB)		>53.7 dB	>54.7 dB	>54.8 dB	>54.2 dB	>50.3 dB	>50.8 dB	>50.2 dB	>49.7 dB	>49.4 dB	>49.5 dB	>44.3 dB	>44.6 dB
SINAD/THD+N (typ) (dB)		>44.4 dB	>44.7 dB	>44.7 dB	>44.4 dB	>44.5 dB	>44.4 dB	>44.2 dB	>44.1 dB	>42.6 dB	>42.6 dB	>39.1 dB	>39.3 dB
ENOB based on SINAD (bit)		>7.1 bit	>7.1 bit	>7.1 bit	>7.1 bit	>7.1 bit	>7.1 bit	>7.1 bit	>7.0 bit	>6.8 bit	>6.8 bit	>6.2 bit	>6.2 bit
ENOB based on SNR (bit)		>7.1 bit	>7.1 bit	>7.1 bit	>7.1 bit	>7.1 bit	>7.1 bit	>7.1 bit	>7.1 bit	>6.9 bit	>6.9 bit	>6.4 bit	>6.4 bit

M4i.222x and DN2.222-xx, 8 Bit 2.5 GS/s													
Input Path		DC or AC coupled, fixed 50 Ohm											
Test signal frequency		10 MHz			40 MHz		70 MHz		240 MHz		600 MHz		
Input Range		±200 mV	±500 mV	±1 V	±2.5 V	±200 mV	±1V						
THD (typ) (dB)		>56.2 dB	>56.3 dB	>56.5 dB	>56.4 dB	>55.9 dB	>55.9 dB	>54.9 dB	>55.3 dB	>53.9 dB	>53.4 dB	>43.9 dB	>45.2 dB
SNR (typ) (dB)		>45.6 dB	>45.8 dB	>45.6 dB	>45.5 dB	>44.7 dB	>44.9 dB	>44.5 dB	>44.6 dB	>43.9 dB	>44.0 dB	>42.1 dB	>41.9 dB
SFDR (typ), excl. harm. (dB)		>57.2 dB	>57.3 dB	>55.7 dB	>55.1 dB	>50.9 dB	>50.5 dB	>50.9 dB	>50.6 dB	>49.8 dB	>49.0 dB	>46.3 dB	>45.2 dB
SFDR (typ), incl. harm. (dB)		>56.5 dB	>56.3 dB	>55.1 dB	>54.5 dB	>50.9 dB	>50.5 dB	>50.9 dB	>50.6 dB	>49.8 dB	>49.0 dB	>45.2 dB	>45.2 dB
SINAD/THD+N (typ) (dB)		>45.2 dB	>45.4 dB	>45.3 dB	>45.2 dB	>44.4 dB	>44.4 dB	>44.2 dB	>44.3 dB	>43.5 dB	>43.5 dB	>39.9 dB	>40.2 dB
ENOB based on SINAD (bit)		>7.2 bit	>7.3 bit	>7.2 bit	>7.2 bit	>7.1 bit	>7.1 bit	>7.1 bit	>7.1 bit	>6.9 bit	>6.9 bit	>6.3 bit	>6.4 bit
ENOB based on SNR (bit)		>7.3 bit	>7.3 bit	>7.3 bit	>7.3 bit	>7.1 bit	>7.1 bit	>7.1 bit	>7.1 bit	>7.0 bit	>7.0 bit	>6.7 bit	>6.7 bit

M4i.221x and DN2.221-xx, 8 Bit 1.25 GS/s												
Input Path		DC or AC coupled, fixed 50 Ohm										
Test signal frequency		10 MHz			40 MHz		70 MHz		240 MHz			
Input Range		±200 mV	±500 mV	±1 V	±2.5 V	±200 mV	±1V	±200 mV	±1V	±200 mV	±1V	
THD (typ) (dB)		<59.0 dB	<58.9 dB	<58.9 dB	<59.0 dB	<53.6 dB	<53.2 dB	<54.4 dB	<54.6 dB	<52.1 dB	<52.4 dB	
SNR (typ) (dB)		>46.9 dB	>47.0 dB	>47.0 dB	>47.0 dB	>46.8 dB	>47.0 dB	>47.0 dB	>47.0 dB	>46.1 dB	>46.2 dB	
SFDR (typ), excl. harm. (dB)		>62.1 dB	>62.1 dB	>62.2 dB	>62.0 dB	>58.2 dB	>59.8 dB	>62.2 dB	>61.9 dB	>59.5 dB	>58.5 dB	
SFDR (typ), incl. harm. (dB)		>60.7 dB	>60.4 dB	>60.5 dB	>60.4 dB	>56.1 dB	>56.2 dB	>57.7 dB	>57.6 dB	>52.5 dB	>52.7 dB	
SINAD/THD+N (typ) (dB)		>46.6 dB	>46.7 dB	>46.7 dB	>46.7 dB	>46.0 dB	>46.1 dB	>46.3 dB	>46.3 dB	>45.1 dB	>45.3 dB	
ENOB based on SINAD (bit)		>7.5 bit	>7.5 bit	>7.5 bit	>7.5 bit	>7.4 bit	>7.4 bit	>7.4 bit	>7.4 bit	>7.2 bit	>7.2 bit	
ENOB based on SNR (bit)		>7.5 bit	>7.5 bit	>7.5 bit	>7.5 bit	>7.5 bit	>7.5 bit	>7.5 bit	>7.5 bit	>7.3 bit	>7.4 bit	

Dynamic parameters are measured at ±1 V input range (if no other range is stated) 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.

# Hardware block diagram



## Order Information

The card is delivered with 4 GSample on-board memory and supports standard acquisition (Scope), FIFO acquisition (streaming), Multiple Recording, Gated Sampling, ABA mode and Timestamps. Operating system drivers for Windows/Linux 32 bit and 64 bit, examples for C/C++, LabVIEW (Windows), MATLAB (Windows and Linux), LabWindows/CVI, IVI, .NET, Delphi, Visual Basic, Python and a Base license of the oscilloscope software SBench 6 are included. Drivers for other 3rd party products like VEE or DASYLab may be available on request.

**Adapter cables are not included. Please order separately!**

### PCI Express x8

Order no.	Bandwidth	Standard mem	1 channel	2 channels	4 channels
M4i.2210-x8	500 MHz	4 GSample	1.25 GS/s		
M4i.2211-x8	500 MHz	4 GSample	1.25 GS/s	1.25 GS/s	
M4i.2212-x8	500 MHz	4 GSample	1.25 GS/s	1.25 GS/s	1.25 GS/s
M4i.2220-x8	1.5 GHz	4 GSample	2.5 GS/s		
M4i.2223-x8	1.5 GHz	4 GSample	2.5 GS/s	1.25 GS/s	
M4i.2221-x8	1.5 GHz	4 GSample	2.5 GS/s	2.5 GS/s	
M4i.2230-x8	1.5 GHz	4 GSample	5 GS/s		
M4i.2233-x8	1.5 GHz	4 GSample	5 GS/s	2.5 GS/s	
M4i.2234-x8	1.5 GHz	4 GSample	5 GS/s	2.5 GS/s	1.25 GS/s

### Options

Order no.	Option
M4i.xxxx-SH8ex (1)	Synchronization Star-Hub for up to 8 cards (extension), only one slot width, extension of the card to full PCI Express length (312 mm). 8 synchronization cables included.
M4i.xxxx-SH8tm (1)	Synchronization Star-Hub for up to 8 cards (top mount), two slots width, top mounted on card. 8 synchronization cables included.
M4i-upgrade	Upgrade for M4i.xxxx: Later installation of option Star-Hub

### Firmware Options

Order no.	Option
M4i.xxxx-spavg	Signal Processing Firmware Option: Block Average (later installation by firmware - upgrade available)
M4i.xxxx-spstat	Signal Processing Firmware Option: Block Statistics/Peak Detect (later installation by firmware - upgrade available)

### Standard Cables

for Connections	Length	Order no.				
		to BNC male	to BNC female	to SMA male	to SMA female	to SMB female
Analog/Clock-In/Trig-In	80 cm	Cab-3mA-9m-80	Cab-3mA-9f-80			
Analog/Clock-In/Trig-In	200 cm	Cab-3mA-9m-200	Cab-3mA-9f-200			
Clk-Out/Trig-Out/Extra	80 cm	Cab-1m-9m-80	Cab-1m-9f-80	Cab-1m-3mA-80	Cab-1m-3fA-80	Cab-1m-3f-80
Clk-Out/Trig-Out/Extra	200 cm	Cab-1m-9m-200	Cab-1m-9f-200	Cab-1m-3mA-200	Cab-1m-3fA-200	Cab-1m-3f-200
Information	The standard adapter cables are based on RG174 cables and have a nominal attenuation of 0.3 dB/m at 100 MHz and 0.5 dB/m at 250 MHz. For high speed signals we recommend the low loss cables series CHF					

### Low Loss Cables

Order No.	Option
CHF-3mA-3mA-200	Low loss cables SMA male to SMA male 200 cm
CHF-3mA-9m-200	Low loss cables SMA male to BNC male 200 cm
Information	The low loss adapter cables are based on MF141 cables and have an attenuation of 0.3 dB/m at 500 MHz and 0.5 dB/m at 1.5 GHz. They are recommended for signal frequencies of 200 MHz and above.

### Amplifiers

Order no.	Bandwidth	Connection	Input Impedance	Coupling	Amplification
SPA.1841 (2)	2 GHz	SMA	50 Ohm	AC	x100 (40 dB)
SPA.1801 (2)	2 GHz	SMA	50 Ohm	AC	x10 (20 dB)
SPA.1601 (2)	500 MHz	BNC	50 Ohm	DC	x10 (20 dB)
SPA.1412 (2)	200 MHz	BNC	1 MOhm	AC/DC	x10/x100 (20/40 dB)
SPA.1411 (2)	200 MHz	BNC	50 Ohm	AC/DC	x10/x100 (20/40 dB)
SPA.1232 (2)	10 MHz	BNC	1 MOhm	AC/DC	x100/x1000 (40/60 dB)
SPA.1231 (2)	10 MHz	BNC	50 Ohm	AC/DC	x100/x1000 (40/60 dB)
Information	External Amplifiers with one channel, BNC/SMA female connections on input and output, manually adjustable offset, manually switchable settings. An external power supply for 100 to 240 VAC is included. Please be sure to order an adapter cable matching the amplifier connector type and matching the connector type for your A/D card input.				

### Software SBench6

Order no.	
SBench6	Base version included in delivery. Supports standard mode for one card.
SBench6-Pro	Professional version for one card: FIFO mode, export/import, calculation functions
SBench6-Multi	Option multiple cards: Needs SBench6-Pro. Handles multiple synchronized cards in one system.
Volume Licenses	Please ask Spectrum for details.

(1) : Just one of the options can be installed on a card at a time.

(2) : Third party product with warranty differing from our export conditions. No volume rebate possible.

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