



Design and Implementation of Low Power Single Phase Clock Distributor

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ABSTRACT

The clock distribution network consumes nearly 70% of the total power consumed by the IC since this is the only signal which has the highest switching activity. Normally for a multi clock domain network we develop a multiple PLL to cater the need, this project aim for developing a low power single clock multiband network which will supply for the multi clock domain network. This project is highly useful and recommended for communication applications like Bluetooth, Zigbee. WLAN frequency synthesizers are proposed based on pulse-swallow topology and the designed is modeled using Verilog simulated using Modelsim and implemented in Xilinx.

INTRODUCTION

LAN (WLAN) in the multigigahertz bands such as HiperLAN II and IEEE 802.11a/b/g,

are recognized as leading standards for high-rate data transmissions, and standards like IEEE802.15.4 are recognized for low-rate data transmissions. The demand for lower cost, lower power, and multiband RF circuits increased in conjunction with need of higher level of integration. The frequency synthesizer, usually implemented by a phase-locked loop (PLL), is one of the power-hungry blocks in the RF front-end and the first stage frequency divider consumes a large portion of power in frequency synthesizer. The integrated synthesizers for WLAN applications at 5 GHz consume up to 25 mW in CMOS realizations, where the first-stage divider is implemented using an injection-locked divider which consumes large chip area and has a narrow locking range. The best published frequency synthesizer at 5 GHz consumes 9.7 mW at 1V supply, where its complete divider consumes power around 6

mW, where the first-stage divider is implemented using the source-coupled logic (SCL) circuit which allows higher operating frequencies but uses more power. Dynamic latches are faster and consume less power compared to static dividers. The TSPC and E-TSPC designs are able to drive the dynamic latch with a single clock phase and avoid the skew problem. However, the adoption of single-phase clock latches in frequency dividers has been limited to PLLs with applications below 5 GHz. Proposed dynamic logic multiband flexible Divider. The frequency synthesizer uses an E-TSPC prescaler as the first-stage divider, but the divider consumes around 6.25 mW. Most IEEE 802.11a/b/g frequency synthesizers employ SCL dividers as their first stage while dynamic latches are not yet adopted for multiband synthesizers. In this paper, a Dynamic logic multiband flexible integer-n divider based on pulse-swallow topology is proposed which uses a low-power wideband 2/3 prescaler and a wideband multimodulus 32/33/47/48 prescaler as shown in Fig.1 The divider also uses an improved low power loadable bit-cell for the Swallow S-counter.

II.DESIGN CONSIDERATIONS

The key parameters of high-speed digital circuits are the propagation delay and power consumption. The maximum operating frequency of a digital circuit is calculated and is given by

$$f_{\max} = 1/(t_{pLH} + t_{pHL}) \quad (1)$$

Where t_{pLH} and t_{pHL} are the propagation delays of gates, respectively. The total power consumption of the CMOS digital circuits is determined by the switching and short circuit power. The switching power is linearly proportional to the operating frequency and is given by the sum of switching power at each output node as in P

$$P_{\text{switching}} = \sum f_{clk} C_{Li} V_{dd}^2 \quad (2)$$

Where n is the number of switching nodes, f_{clk} is the clock frequency, C_{Li} the load capacitance at the output node of the i th stage, and v_{dd} is the supply voltage. Normally the shortcircuit power occurs in dynamic circuits when there exists direct paths from the supply to ground which is given by

$$P_{SC} = I_{SC} * v_{dd} \quad (3)$$

Where I_{SC} is the short-circuit current. The analysis in ETSPC shows that the short-circuit power is much higher in E-TSPC

logic circuits than in TSPC logic circuits. However, TSPC logic circuits exhibit higher switching power compared to that of E-TSPC logic circuits due to high load capacitance. For the E-TSPC logic circuit, the short-circuit power is the major problem. The E-TSPC circuit has the merit of higher operating frequency than that of the TSPC circuit due to the reduction in load capacitance, but it consumes significantly more power than the TSPC circuit does for a given transistor size. The following analysis is based on the latest design using the popular and low-cost 0.18 μ CMOS process.

A. Swallow (S) Counter The 6-bit s-counter shown in Fig.4. consists of six asynchronous loadable bit-cells, a NOR-embedded DFF and additional logic gates to allow it to be programmable from 0 to 31 for low-frequency band and from 0 to 47 for the high-frequency band. The asynchronous bit cell used in this design shown in Fig.4. is similar to the bit-cell except it uses two additional transistors M6 and M7 whose inputs are controlled by the logic signal MOD. If MOD is logically high, nodes S1 and S2 switch to logic “0” and the bit-cell does not perform any function. The MOD signal goes logically high only when the S-

counter finishes counting down to zero. If MOD and LD are logically low, the bit-cell acts as a divide-by-2 unit. If MOD is logically low and LD is logically high, the input bit PI is transferred to the output. In the initial state, MOD=0, the multimodulus prescaler selects the divide-by-N+1 mode (divide-by-33 or divide-by- 48) and P, S counters start down counting the input clock cycles. When the S-counter finishes counting, MOD switches to logic “1” and the prescaler changes to the divide-by-n mode (divide-by-32 or divide-47) for the remaining P-S clock cycles. During this mode, since Scounter is idle, transistors M6 and M7 which are controlled by MOD, keep the nodes S1 and S2 at logic “0,” thus saving the switching power in S-counter for a period of (N*(P-S)) clock cycles. Here, the programmable input (PI) is used to load the counter to a specified value from 0 to 31 for the lower band and 0 to 48 for the higher band of operation.

III. Programmable (P) Counter

The programmable P-counter is a 7-bit asynchronous down counter which consists of 7 loadable bit-cells and additional logic gates. Here, bit P7 is tied to the Sel signal of the multi modulus prescaler and bits P4 and

Minimum input arrival time before clock:
2.470ns

Maximum output required time after
clock: 4.063ns

F. RTL SCHEMATIC

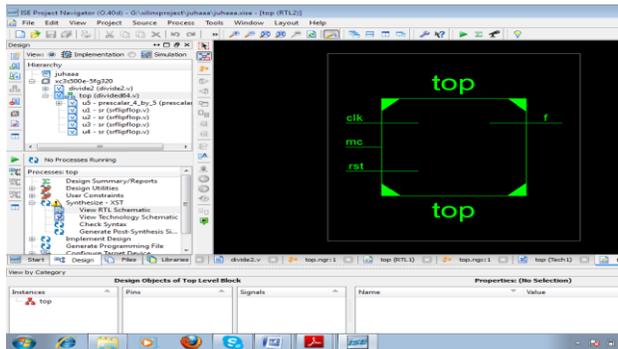


Fig. 4.4 Top Level Circuit

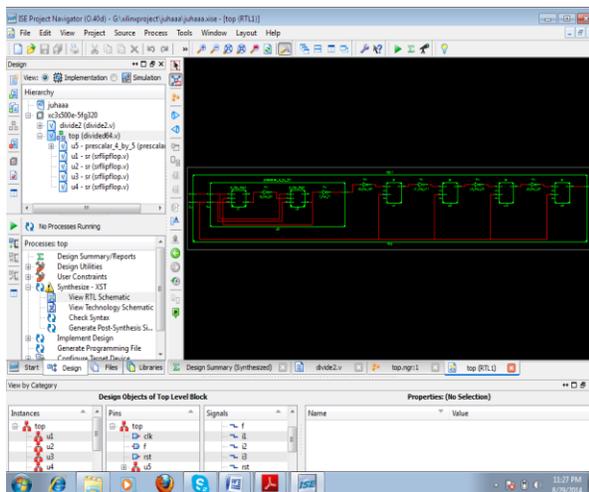


Fig4.5 Rtl Schematic diagram

G. TECHNOLOGY SCHEMATIC

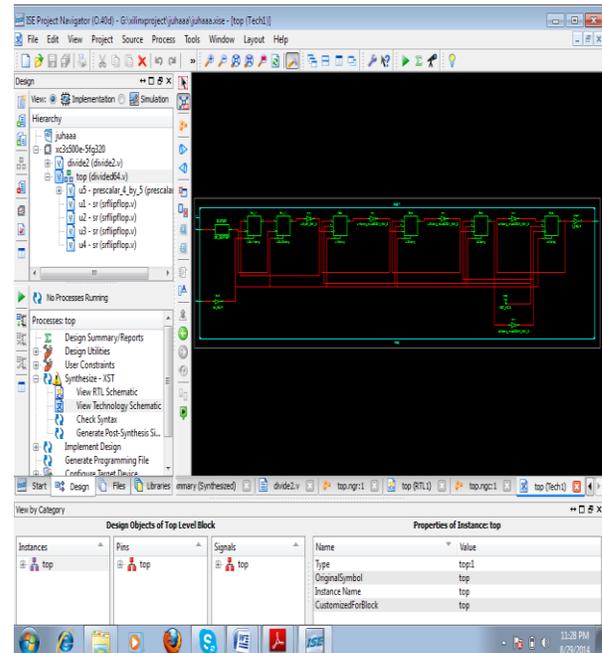


Fig. 4.6 Technology Schematic

IV CONCLUSION

In this paper, a wideband 2/3 prescaler is verified in the design of proposed wide band multi modulus 32/33/47/48 prescaler. A dynamic logic multiband flex-ible integer N divider is designed which uses the wide-band 2/3 prescaler, multi modulus 32/33/47/48 prescaler, and is silicon verified using the 0.18 μ m CMOS technology. Since the multi modulus 32/33/47/48 prescaler has maximum operating frequency of 6.2 GHz, the values of P- and S-counters can actually be programmed to divide over the whole range of frequencies from 1 to 6.2 GHz with finest resolution of 1 MHz and variable

channel spacing. However, since interest lies in the 2.4- and 5–5.825-GHz bands of operation, the P- and S-counters are programmed accordingly. The proposed multiband flexible divider also uses an improved loadable bit-cell for Swallow S-counter and consumes a power of 0.96 and 2.2 mW in 2.4- and 5-GHz bands, respectively, and provides a solution to the low power PLL synthesizers for Bluetooth, Zigbee, IEEE 802.15.4, and IEEE 802.11a/b/g WLAN applications with variable channel spacing.

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