This application note explains how to configure the Combo Mode Filter when using the Combo bus of ClockMatrix devices.

1. Introduction

The ClockMatrix architecture allows the option for the Master Combo channel to filter the frequency information before it is transferred to the Slave Combo channel. Figure 1 shows a filter between the Combo Mode master and the Combo Mode slave. This low pass filter provides a lower bandwidth than what is used in the regular loop filter, without affecting the DPLL’s output clock. The filter feature was included in the ClockMatrix device with the anticipation that the ITU standards committee would recommend such a filter in the future to filter syncE phase transients. However, enhanced syncE has a tighter specification for phase transients.

The filtered output provides an additional low-pass filter that can filter some of the Combo Master SyncE noise before the frequency information is passed to the Combo Slave. For example, if the combo filter is set to attenuate down to 1100mHz before it passes the frequency information to the Slave Time (PTP) PLL Channel, then it will eliminate noise from 1100mHz on the output of the master combo SyncE PLL. The combo low pass filter is in addition to the regular DPLL loop filter.
2. Filter Configuration Steps with Example

2.1 Step 1
The input to the combo filter type can be selected by setting the DPLL_CTRL_{x}.DPLL_COMBO_MASTER_CFG bit, where “x” is the DPLL channel. It can be selected between the integrator value or the sum of the proportional and the integrator values. The integrator value is the frequency offset (holdover value), as it is integrated over time. The sum of the proportional and the integrator value is the loop filter output value of the DPLL. An excerpt from the 8A3xxx Family Programming Guide is shown in Figure 2. By default, the “integrator value only” is selected, with a bandwidth setting of 0, which means the filter is bypassed.

![Figure 2. Register Description for the Combo Master Configuration](image-url)
Figure 3 is the DPLL configuration window in Timing Commander, showing Channel 4 as the Master SyncE Channel.

The SyncE loop filter bandwidth is 10Hz (G.8262 EEC Option 1) in this example. The combo filter must be smaller than the Master DPLL loop filter bandwidth. In this example, the combo filter bandwidth is 1100mHz.

In the GUI, select the input to the filter as shown in Figure 4.
2.2 Step 2

Set the Filter bandwidth using the DPLL_CTRL\_\{x\}.DPLL\_COMBO\_MASTER\_BW and the DPLL_CTRL\_\{x\}.BW\_UNIT settings as shown in Figure 5.

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<th>Offset Address (Hex)</th>
<th>DPLL_CTRL_{0}.DPLL_COMBO_MASTER_BW Bit Field Locations</th>
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<tr>
<td>038h</td>
<td>DPLL_COMBO_MASTER_BW[7:0]</td>
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<td>039h</td>
<td>BW_UNIT[15:14]</td>
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<td>DPLL_COMBO_MASTER_BW[13:8]</td>
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Table 273: DPLL\_CTRL\_\{0\}.DPLL\_COMBO\_MASTER\_BW Bit Field Locations and Descriptions

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<th>Bit Field Name</th>
<th>Field Type</th>
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<tr>
<td>BW_UNIT[15:14]</td>
<td>R/W</td>
<td>0</td>
<td>Combo filter bandwidth unit. 0 = uHz, 1 = mHz, 2 = Hz, 3 = kHz</td>
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<tr>
<td>DPLL_COMBO_MASTER_BW[13:0]</td>
<td>R/W</td>
<td>0</td>
<td>Unsigned 14-bit Combo filter bandwidth value.</td>
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These are the settings in the GUI as shown in Figure 6.

Figure 5. Register Description for the Combo Master Filter Bandwidth

Figure 6. Filter Bandwidth Combo Master Settings as shown in the GUI
2.3 Step 3

The Combo mode slave primary source configuration can be set through the DPLL_{x}.DPLL_COMBO_SLAVE_CFG_{x} register, where “x” is the DPLL channel as shown in Figure 7.

**DPLL_{0}.DPLL_COMBO_SLAVE_CFG_{0}**

Combo mode slave primary source configuration.

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**Table 215: DPLL_{0}.DPLL_COMBO_SLAVE_CFG_{0} Bit Field Locations and Descriptions**

**Figure 7. Register Description for the Combo Slave Configuration**

Figure 8 shows the DPLL configuration window in Timing Commander, with Channel 5 displayed as the Slave Time (PTP) PLL Channel. Notice how the filtered source is used, which means the 1100mHz combo filter is used as defined in Channel 4 above. If an unfiltered source is used, the combo filter is bypassed.
### 3. Revision History

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Figure 8. Filter Selection Combo Slave Settings as Shown in the GUI
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