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1 Introduction

The smartphone revolution has led to a growing demand in mobile data traffic which subsequently has resulted in increased throughput per user. The high mobile data requirements has led to the deployment of advanced 4G services like Long Term Evolution (LTE) by the mobile network operators and this is expected to grow further in the coming years. LTE and LTE Advanced will provide users with higher data rates which will increase data traffic drastically. The increasing data rate puts an enormous burden on the network operator's backhaul networks. The bulk of today's basestation infrastructure is not ready to support the required high data throughput using the existing microwave backhaul techniques. The connection between the basestations is usually planned for lower data rates up to 100 MBit/s which has to be increased significantly to meet the demands for LTE systems. Though optical fiber based backhaul networks can handle a huge data throughput, they are faced with the challenge of easy and cost-effective deployment. The concept of small cells make the deployment of fiber optic based solution even complex and expensive and sometimes even not feasible. This is where the wireless backhaul technology comes into place. A new solution using millimeter wave backhaul opens upto 10 GHz bandwidth in the E-band (71-76 and 81-86 GHz) and 7 GHz bandwidth in the V-band (57–64 GHz). The high bandwidth and channel spacing offered at these frequencies enables data rates higher than 1 Gbps for video and data service even with simple modulation schemes.

Infineon has developed a complete family of packaged RF Transceivers for mobile backhaul applications – supporting both the V-band and E-band frequencies with its BGT60, BGT70 and BGT80 ICs. The modular approach followed by Infineon provides same package dimensions and RF footprint for all the three chipsets which enable customers to quickly setup a radio system at any of the above allowed frequency bands. The highly integrated ICs help to eliminate discrete components, thereby simplifying the customer's system design and time-to-market. This also helps to reduce the total cost of the mmWave backhaul solutions.

The ICs are designed in Infineon's advanced SiGe:C (Silicon Germanium) technology with device transit frequency of 200 GHz, that enable integration of several mmWave building blocks such as Power Amplifier (PA), Low Noise Amplifier (LNA), Up- and Down-Convertor, Programmable Gain Amplifier (PGA), Voltage Controlled Oscillator (VCO) and more with high performance into a single chip. This technology is proven and fully qualified for other Infineon millimeter- and microwave chipsets already. Furthermore, Infineon is the leading company to house these single chipsets into a plastic Embedded Wafer Level Ball Grid Array (eWLB) package which can be processed in standard SMT flow.

In this application note, the performance of Infineon's fully integrated E-Band Transceiver BGT80 for 81 to 86 GHz on its evaluation board is described in detail.

All the measurements presented in this application note are done port-to-port on Infineon's EVB i.e. Board losses (~2dB) are not dembedded. The measurements are done at backside chip temperature of 45°C. This leads to an additional loss of 1dB. For the specifications of BGT80 transceiver IC, please refer the datasheet of BGT80.



2 About E-Band Backhaul Application

Solutions using millimeter wave backhaul in the E-band of 71-76 and 81-86 GHz open up 10 GHz bandwidth for a full-duplex wireless radio link. It allows gigabit data rates with the simplest modulation scheme which minimize linearity requirements of the transmitter power amplifier (PA). With more spectrally efficient modulations, data rates even higher than 10 Gbps can be achieved. Antennas at high frequencies become compact and can provide higher gain than their contemporaries at lower microwave frequencies which can improve the link condition.

The technical specifications for the E-band communication was specified by ETSI within the document **ETSI TS 102 524** "*Fixed Radio Systems; Point-to-Point equipment; Radio equipment and antennas for use in Point-to-Point Millimeter wave applications in the Fixed Services (mmwFS) frequency bands 71 GHz to 76 GHz and 81 GHz to 86 GHz"* in 2006. The approach for E-band backhaul is to allow site-by-site coordination through the so-called "pencil beam" concept of operation, in which strict requirements are placed on the antenna radiation pattern requiring at least 43 dBi antenna gain with a half-power beamwidth of about only 2 degree. To ensure a high data rate communication, 19 channels of bandwidth 250 MHz each and 125 MHz spacing at the band edge are defined within each of the 5 GHz bandwidth. Aggregation of any of the 19 channels is allowed. Minimum radio interface capacity (RIC) of 150 Mbps with the simplest two-state binary modulation and up to 19 Gbps with high level modulation scheme like 128-QAM is specified. Maximum equivalent isotropically radiated power (EIRP) is specified to 45 dBW which is equivalent to about +30 dBm output power at the antenna port.

A large channel bandwidth with a higher modulation scheme demands higher carrier-to-noise ratio (CNR), which imposes stringent requirements on the high frequency transmitter and receiver design. For example, a typical receiver with 12 dB noise figure at the antenna port in an E-band radio system using 500 MHz channel bandwidth and 16-QAM modulation would need about the same minimum receiver signal power level as a system using 1250 MHz BW and FSK to ensure the bit error rate (BER) of 1E-6. This also limits the maximum distance of an E-band radio link to 2 to 3 km.

The radio link can be either in full-duplex (FDD) or half-duplex (TDD) system configuration. In FDD E-Band systems, one of the two frequencies sub-bands 71 – 76 GHz or 81 - 86 GHz is used for transmission and the other for reception. In a TDD system, the same frequency band is used for transmit or receive mode.



3 Infineon E-Band BGT80 RF Front-End Transceiver Chipset

3.1 Key Features

- BGT80 covers the E-Band frequency range from 81 to 86 GHz
- Fabricated with Infineons advanced Silicon-Germanium (SiGe) technology
- Housed in Infineon's Embedded Wafer Level Ball-Grid Array (eWLB) Package
- BGT80 can be programmed via SPI interface to work either in transmit (TX) or/and receive (RX) mode
- Zero IF differential I/Q interface direct conversion architecture
- Differential RF transmit output signaling
- Differential RF receive input signaling
- Differential intermediate frequency I/Q signaling
- Peak detector at VGA input at transmit path
- Peak detector at PA output at transmit path
- Built-in temperature sensor
- SPI interface
- ESD protected device
- BITE (Built-In-Test Equipment) for self-test and calibration in production at Infineon to verify RF performance
- Can support TDD or FDD systems

Applications:

- E-Band from 81 to 86 GHz FDD or TDD systems for telecommunication applications



Product Name	Package	Marking
BGT80	PG-WFWLB-119-1	BGT80TR11



3.2 Description of BGT80

Currently, different mmWave system implementations based on III/V-compound semiconductor, silicon bipolar or silicon CMOS technologies have been reported. The advancements in SiGe based technologies in the last years have resulted in their increased use for applications in the mmWave regime with their successful deployment in several existing commercial mmWave applications. Infineon has a long history of research & development with SiGe based technologies and the BGT80 transceiver IC is designed with one of Infineons inhouse advanced SiGe bipolar process.

The single-chip transceiver chipset BGT80 is manufactured with Infineon's 200 GHz-f_T SiGe-technology and applicable for telecommunication applications in the microwave and mmWave range. Infineon's 200 GHz Silicon Germanium (SiGe) technology is proven and qualified for Millimeter (e.g. 77 GHz automotive radar) and Microwave chipsets (e.g. 24 GHz automotive/industrial radar). BGT80 uses fully-differential direct conversion architecture for the transmitter and receiver. A Fully-differential (balanced) architecture helps to mitigate the effects of common-mode interference and RF grounding issues, which become extremely critical at higher operating frequencies. Also a differential architecture offers the advantage of reduced even-order harmonics.

The direct conversion architecture simplifies the frequency up/down-conversion process and can reduce bulky and expensive off-chip filtering components. Through the direct conversion architecture of the transceiver, the interface between RF and baseband is simplified significantly compared to currently available discrete millimeter wave solutions. Furthermore, the offering of the single chip solution in a eWLB plastic package makes a major difference to the market. With the packaged chipset, customers can save cost and reduce the time-to-market significantly.

The outstanding RF performance of SiGe technology – such as deliverable saturated output power of up to 11 dBm, a low receiver noise figure of 9.5 dB and excellent VCO phase noise performance better than -83 dBc/Hz at 100kHz offset – allow designers to implement systems with high modulation schemes up to QAM64 with a sample rate of more than 1 Giga Samples per second (GS/s) or simple systems with QPSK with large bandwidth through channel aggregation. ESD (Electrostatic Discharge) performance of more than 1 kV increases robustness. The low power consumption of less than 2 W for this backhaul transceiver family also allows network operators to reduce related fixed expenses.

In general, Infineon's single-chip E-Band transceiver offers customers the following advantages:

- lower production cost
- broadband high data rate telecommunication which enable Gbps radio link
- compact single chip integration leading to much smaller form factor
- excellent device performance
- individual VCO centering taking into account process and temperature variation
- robust design & insensitive to interference through direct conversion architecture and fully differential topology
- standard plastic package allows industrial assembly and cleaning tool can be used
- product family approach with the same foot print i.e. same PCB layout possible for E-Band radios

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Typical Measurement Results

4 Typical Measurement Results

In Chapter 4, typical measurement results of the E-Band 81 to 86 GHz transceiver BGT80 are summarized. Please note that these measurements are executed <u>on the Infineon evaluation board at room temperature</u>.

Table 1	Measurement	Results - DC	Parameters

Parameter	Symbol	Unit	Value	Condition
Voltage Supply	Vcc	V	3.300	
Current Consumption				
- IC powered on, TX off, RX off	ICoff		315	
- TX on, RX off	ICTX	mA	550	@ max power
- TX off, RX on	ICRX		440	
- TX on, RX on	ICTRX		620	@ max power

The current values are of complete EVB. For BGT80 current consumption only please refer Datasheet.

Table 2 IF Port Features and Sensor Characteristic
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Parameter	Symbol	Unit	Value	Condition		
Output Power Vs PA Peak Detector Readout Relation	Pout	dBm	$Pout = t_1 * 1$	$\ln(\frac{PPD_PA - y_0}{A})$		
* PPD_PA selected via MUXout	PPD PA	V		A_{l}		
* This provides the output power level at	(MUX out)		$y_0 = 0.92899$			
the landing pad			$A_1 = 0.1408$	34		
			$t_1 = 6.04829$)		
Temperature Sensor Sensitivity	Tsense	mV/K	5			
Load Impedance for Tsense Output	Rsens _{load}	MΩ	1	single-ended		
IF Input Interface at TX						
Signaling				differential		
IF Load Impedance	IFload	Ω	100	differential		
IF Bandwidth	IFBW	MHz	500			
IF Lower Cutoff Frequency	IFlow	kHz	3	external Capacitance > 1µF required		
IF Higher Cutoff Frequency	IFhigh	MHz	500			
IF Coupling on Board			AC	value to be specified		
I/Q Amplitude Imbalance	IQAI	dB	0.5			
I/Q Phase Imbalance	IQPI	deg	8			
IF Output Interface at RX						
Signaling				differential		
IF Load Impedance	IFload	Ω	400	Differential, minimum value		
IF Bandwidth	IFBW	MHz	500			
IF Lower Cutoff Frequency	IFlow	kHz	3	external Capacitance > 1µF required		
IF Higher Cutoff Frequency	IFhigh	MHz	500			
IF Coupling on Board			AC	value to be specified		
I/Q Amplitude Imbalance	IQAI	dB	1			
I/Q Phase Imbalance	IQPI	deg	7			



BGT80 Transceiver for E-Band Backhaul Applications from 81 to 86 GHz Typical Measurement Results

Parameter	Symbol	Unit		Value		Condition
Frequency	Freq	GHz	81	83	86	
TX Output						
Output Signaling				differentia	al	
TX-Port Load Impedance	TX load	Ω		100		differential
TX Chain Gain	G _{TX}	dB	18.9	20.9	24	From one IF port to Waveguide port
Output Referred P-1dB	$OP-1dB_{TX}$	dBm	3.9	4.9	6.9	differential 100 Ω load
Saturated Power	P _{sat}	dBm	8.3	9.2	10.8	differential 100 Ω load
Output Referred IP3	OIP3 _{TX}	dBm	12.5	13	14.5	differential 100 Ω load
PA Control Dynamic Range	P_ctrl _d	dB		18.7		
LO feed-through Suppression	LOs	dBc		-67		before LO calibration
PA Control Step	P_ctrl _s	dB		1		6 bits
Image Rejection	IMR	dB		30		w/o feedback loop

Table 3 Measurement Results - Transmitter

Table 4 Measurement Results – LO Generation

Voltage Control Sensitivity	Kvco	GHz/V	2.3	1.6	1.1	@TX output
Phase Noise						
@100kHz Offset	PN _{ssb100k}	dBc/Hz	-82	-83	-84	SSB
@1MHz Offset	PN _{ssb1M}	dBc/Hz	-105	-105	-106	SSB
@10MHz Offset	PN _{ssb10M}	dBc/Hz	-125	-126	-125	SSB
Divider Output Power	PDIV _{out}	dBm		-9		differential 100 Ω load
VCO Tuning Voltage	V _{tune}	V	0		5.5	single tuning port

Table 5 Measurement Results - Receiver

Parameter	Symbol	Unit	Value		Condition	
Frequency	Freq	GHz	81	83	86	
RX Chain						
Input Signaling						differential
Conversion Gain	CG _{diff}	dB	16.3	18.2	19.3	differential in 400Ω load at IF Ports
Double-Side-Band Noise Figure	NFdsb	dB	10.9	10	10.9	
Input Referred P-1dB	IP-1dB _{RX}	dBm	-12	-12	-12	
Input Referred IP3	IIP3 _{RX}	dBm	-4.3	-4.1	-5.2	
LO Residual Power at the RX Input	LO _{res}	dBm		-67.5		
RF-Port Load Impedance	RF _{load}	Ω		100		differential



5 Package

5.1 BGT80 in PG-WFWLB-119-1 Package

The BGT80 chipset is in eWLB type package PG-WFWLB-119-1 with bump balls of $300\mu m$ diameter and $150\mu m$ height as shown in **Figure 1**. The physical dimension of $6.0 \times 6.0 \text{ mm}^2$ with a bump pitch of $500 \mu m$ is shown in **Figure 2**. The maximum height of the package is 0.8 mm with 0.1 mm planarity variation. The maximum variation of bump coplanarity is 80 μm . On top of the package, Pin 1 is marked by a laser marking. The product name and its production date code are also described there.



Figure 1 Top View (left), Bottom View (right) and Side View of BGT80 in eWLB Package

For mmWave applications, eWLB offers excellent electrical and thermal characteristics. With a well-engineered design, it offers a comparable loss like a bonding wire package version but has large bandwidth which is required for broadband mmW applications. Furthermore, its outstanding thermal resistance of 15 K/W ensures its proper working even under critical environment. The BGA-like package form enables customers to use industrial standard reflow process to solder it.





Figure 2 Dimension of eWLB Package PG-WFWLB-119-1 for BGT80 (left: top view; center: side view; right: bottom view)

5.2 Pin Definition and Function

Figure 3 shows the top view of BGT80 package eWLB PG-WFWLB-119-1 with the pin number assignment.

The function of each pin is described in **Table 6** below.

The ground pins (in black color) are used not only for RF and DC but also as a heat sinker for the BGT80 chipset on the PCB.

It has to be noted that the four edge ground pins A1, A12, M1 and M12 are in fact not used in the transceiver IC but it is recommended to connect them to the RF ground for mechanical stability reason.



Figure 3 Pin Number Assignment of BGT80 package eWLB PG-WFWLB-119-1 (Top View)



Pin No.	Name	Function
A3, A4, A11, B4, B10, C3,	Vcc	DC supply for the transceiver chip – 3.3V
F10, F11, F12,		
G10, G11, G12,		
L10, M11		
K3, L3, M2, M3	Vcc_Temp	Supply voltage for the temperature sensor – 3.3V
F1, F2	Vcc_VCO	Supply voltage for the VCO – 3.3V
E1, E2	Vtune	VCO tuning voltage
D1, D2	SP1	SPI Enable - chip select
C1, C2	SP2	SPI Dataout - SPI data sequence (device → control board)
B1, B2	SP3	SPI Data - SPI data sequence (control board \rightarrow device)
A2, B3	SP4	SPI clock
G1, G2	MUXout	MUX output (PPD_PA or PPD_MOD DC level output)
H1, H2	D_MOD	Modulator detector output
L1, L2	Temp	Temperature sensor output – DC voltage
J1, J2	Div	Frequency divider output
K1, K2	DivX	Complementary frequency divider output
B7	RX_In	RF input of receiver
B8	RX_Inx	Complementary RF input of receiver
B11, B12	IFx_I_RX	Complementary inphase IF output of receiver
C11, C12	IF_I_RX	Inphase IF output of receiver
D11, D12	IFx_Q_RX	Complementary Quadrature IF output of receiver
E11, E12	IF_Q_RX	Quadrature IF output of receiver
L7	TX_Out	RF output of transmitter
L8	TX_OuTX	Complementary RF output of transmitter
L11, L12	IF_I_TX	Inphase IF input of transmitter
K11, K12	IFx_I_TX	Complementary inphase IF input of transmitter
J11, J12	IF_Q_TX	Quadrature IF input of transmitter
H11, H12	IFx_Q_TX	Complementary Quadrature IF input of transmitter
A5, A6, A9, A10,	GND	Ground and thermal pads
B5, B6, B9,		
C4, C5, C6, C9, C10,		
D3, D4, D5, D6, D9, D10,		
E3, E4, E5, E6, E9, E10,		
F3, F8, F9, G3, G9,		
H3, H4, H5, H6, H9, H10,		
J3, J4, J5, J6, J9, J10,		
K4, K5, K6, K9, K10,		
L4, L5, L6, L9,		
M4, M5, M6, M9, M10		
A1, A12, M1, M12	GND	A1, A12, M1, M12 are electrically not connected in chip but
		should be connected to ground for mechanical stability.

Table 6 Pin Definition and Function

Note: all pins described in the same line need to be connected on the PCB.



6 BGT80 Evaluation Board

6.1 Overview of the Evaluation Board

Figure 4 shows the top view of evaluation board for BGT80. In addition to the BGT80 chip, the PLL circuit with a reference oscillator is also implemented on the evaluation board as showin in **Figure 4**.



Figure 4 Evaluation Board for BGT80 – Top View





Figure 5 Evaluation Board for BGT80 – Bottom View

Table 7 Interface Description of BGT80 Application Board

Pin	Function	Description					
SMA Connecto	rs						
DMOD	Wideband PPD MOD output	Envelop tracking detector					
Muxout	Provides DC voltage corresponding to PPD PA or PPD MOD	PPD PA or PPD MOD selectable through SPI control					
IF_I_TX/	Inphase/Complementary I input of transmitter	Source impedance at input:					
IF_Ix_TX		differential 100 Ω					
IF_Q_TX/	Quadrature/Complementary Q input of transmitter	Source impedance at input:					
IF_Qx_TX		differential 100 Ω					
IF_I_RX/	Inphase/Complementary I output of receiver	Load impedance at output:					
IF_Ix_RX		differential 400 Ω					
IF_Q_RX/	Quadrature/Complementary Q output of receiver	Load impedance at output					
IF_Qx_RX		differential 400 Ω					
RF interface							
TX/RX Port	Transmitter/Receiver WR-12 waveguide	WR-12 waveguide					



7 Performance of BGT80 Transmitter

The output spectrum at the TX port of BGT80 is shown in **Figure 6**. The measurement setup is shown in **Figure 7**. A Direct Digital Synthesizer (DDS) from Analog Devices (AD9959) is used to generate the IF signals for the transmitter. By adjusting the phase of the I and Q output signals from the DDS an image rejection greater than 50 dBc is achieved at the transmitter output. An E-band smart harmonic mixer is used to measure the output signal. The transmitter output power level is kept low by setting the DAC VGA value to 27 in order not to drive the smart harmonic mixer in compression. The carrier feedthorugh suppression is achieved by sweeping the values of DAC_MOD_I and DAC_MOD_Q registers. LO suppression of >50dB is achieved with this particular setup.

Figure 8 shows the linear and saturated output power at the transmitter output between 81-86 GHz. The transmitter gain over frequency is plotted in **Figure 9**. **Figure 10** shows the measured output 1-dB compression point over frequency. **Figure 11** shows the measured third order intermodulation performance of the transceiver over frequency. The transmitter output power can be varied by changing the DAC VGA and enabling/disabling the VGA buffer. **Figure 12** shows the transmitter performance vs different DAC VGA settings.



Figure 6 Output Spectrum of BGT80 at TX Waveguide Port on the evaluation board @ f_{TX}=83.2 GHz (DAC VGA=27)



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Figure 7 Measurement Setup used to measure TX Output Spectrum of BGT80 @ f_{TX}=83.2 GHz



Figure 8 Linear (P_{IF/TX}=-27 dBm) and Saturated Power variation over Frequency of BGT80 (DAC VGA=63)





Figure 9 Linear Gain (P_{IF/TX}=-27 dBm) over Frequency @ DAC VGA=63



Figure 10 Output P1dB over Frequency @ DAC VGA=63





7.1 Measurement Results of 3rd-Order Intermodulation Products

Figure 11 OIP3 versus Frequency at PIF/TX=-27 dBm





7.2 Measurement Results of VGA and Buffer Amplifier

Figure 12 DAC VGA Setting versus Output Power at different IF Input Power levels (f_{TX}=82.78 GHz)





7.3 PPD Power Amplifier – MUX out

Figure 13 PPD PA Output Voltage versus Output Power @ f_{TX} =82.78 GHz





Figure 14 Receiver Gain over Frequency for BGT80



Figure 15 Input P1dB of Receiver @ f_{RX}=83.2 GHz





Figure 16 P1dB over Frequency of BGT80 Receiver



Figure 17 Noise Figure variation over Frequency for BGT80





8.1 Intercept Point Measurement of Receiver





Figure 19 Input IP3 of Receiver over Frequency at P_{RX-RF}=-31 dBm



9 VCO Signal Generation

The BGT80 is designed to cover the complete tuning range of 81-86GHz with 0-5.5V of tuning voltage. All the chips are tested during production and VCO is centered with the help of divider output signal. The tuning range is shown in the **Figure 20** below. The Kvco is in the range of 3.3GHz/V to 0.8GHz/V being higher on lower tuning voltages and lower on higher tuning voltages. The phase noise shown below is measured directly at TX port of the EVB.



Figure 20 VCO Frequency over Tuning Voltage





Figure 21 Tuning Sensitivity (Kvco) versus Tuning Voltage



Figure 22 Phase Noise over Frequency for BGT80



10 Getting Started with Evaluation Board

10.1.1 Configuring as Transmitter

To configure BGT80 as transmitter the following steps should be followed:

- 1) Apply Vcc=6 V to the BGT60/70/80 board and connect USB cable from PC to the Evaluation Board. The current consumption should be in the range of 315 mA.
- 2) In the software folder supplied with this transceiver navigate to "E-Band V-Band SPI-Programmer.exe" and double click on it. A window will open as shown in **Figure 23** below.

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Register Settir	ngs						
GENERAL	0x0	V			🔶 📴 BGT 80		·
sw_PA	0 - disable 🔻				-		-
sw_buff_mod	0 - disable 👻				107		_
MOD_I	0 - disable 🔻				LO frequency	83	GHz
MOD_Q	0 - disable 🔻				Ref Frequency	40	
sw_LO_TX	0 - disable 🔻				nel frequency	40	MHz
sw_LO_RX	0 - disable 🔻				R Counter	2	•
RX_spi	0 - disable 🔻						
VGA	0x0				Prescaler	4/5	•
sw_buff_VGA	0 - disable 🔻	í					
sw_DAC_VGA	0 - disable 🔻				CP Current	0,3125	▼ mA
DAC_VGA	0 - min. value 🔻	j					
TX_MOD_Q	0x0						
sw_DAC_Q	0 - disable 🔻	í I					
DAC_MOD_Q	0 - min. value 🔻	í I					
TX_MOD_I	0x0						
sw_DAC_I	0 - disable 🔻	í I					
DAC_MOD_I	0 - min. value 🔻	j					
MUX	0x0						
DMod	0 - enable 🔻						
MUX	0 - PPD MOD enabled 🛛 👻						
nable/disable the pov	wer amplifier.	r					

Figure 23 E-Band V-Band SPI-Programmer Main Window and PLL Window

- Click on the "PLL" button in top right corner of this window. Another window will open which looks like as Figure 23.
- 4) In this PLL window one can select the appropriate chip i.e. BGT60 or BGT70 or BGT80 from the drop down list. Then enter the required frequency in "LO frequency".
- In "Ref Frequency" box just enter the oscillation frequency of the reference used for PLL. In our case its 40 MHz reference. But exact frequency is also mentioned in the datalog or written on the backside of the board.



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- 6) In "R Counter" box one can choose between different divider values >1. It should be noted that the PLL IC ADF4158, which is assembled on the Evaluation Board, accepts maximum PFD frequency of 32 MHz. "Prescaler" should be set to 4/5 and "CP Current" can be set to 2.5 mA. "CP Current" value will change the bandwidth of the loop filter used on the board.
- 7) After setting everything one should click on the "Green Arrow" in top left side of the PLL window.
- 8) Before you proceed to this step make sure that there is no IF signal applied to the TX IF inputs. Then in the main window press button. This step will automatically execute the LO leakage calibration and set the right value to the DAC_MOD_Q and DAC_MOD_I registers. The current consumption in this case will jump to 550mA. The typical setting for the Transmitter would look like as shown in Figure 24. After LO calibration is done, IF can be applied to TX IF inputs of BGT80.

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Register Settir	ngs			Register Setti	ngs		
GENERAL	0xBC	V	Tbackside = 27.7°C	GENERAL	0xBC	V	Tbackside = 31.6°C
sw_PA	1 - enable 🔹		MUXOUT = 0.973 V	sw_PA	1 - enable	-	MUXOUT = 1.959 V
sw_buff_mod	1 - enable 🔹	1		sw_buff_mod	1 - enable	•	Pout = 12.4 dBm
MOD_I	1 - enable 🔹			MOD_I	1 - enable	-	
MOD_Q	1 - enable 🔹			MOD_Q	1 - enable	-	
sw_LO_TX	1 - enable 🔹			sw_LO_TX	1 - enable	-	
sw_LO_RX	0 - disable 🔹			sw_LO_RX	0 - disable	•	
RX_spi	0 - disable 🔹			RX_spi	0 - disable	-	
VGA	0xFF	V		VGA	0xFF	V	
sw_buff_VGA	1 - enable 🔹			sw_buff_VGA	1 - enable	-	
sw_DAC_VGA	1 - enable 🔹			sw_DAC_VGA	1 - enable	-	
DAC_VGA	63 - max. value 🔹			DAC_VGA	63 - max. value	-	
TX_MOD_Q	0x5B	V		TX_MOD_Q	0x5B	V	
sw_DAC_Q	1 - enable 🔹			sw_DAC_Q	1 - enable	•	
DAC_MOD_Q	27 🔹			DAC_MOD_Q	27	-	
TX_MOD_I	0x6F	V		TX_MOD_I	0x6F	V	
sw_DAC_I	1 - enable 🔹			sw_DAC_I	1 - enable	-	
DAC_MOD_I	47 -			DAC_MOD_I	47	-	
MUX	0x5	V		MUX	0x5	V	
DMod	1 - disable 🔹			DMod	1 - disable	-	
MUX	1 - PPD PA enabled 💌] '		MUX	1 - PPD PA enabled	-	
MUX	1 - PPD PA enabled			MUX	1 - PPD PA enabled	• MOD	

Figure 24 Typical Transmitter Settings for the BGT80

- 9) Pressing the "Red Arrow" button → will update the chip temperature i.e. reading of the integrated temperature sensor and also display DC voltage at Muxout. The DC voltage at Muxout corresponds to the reading of PPD PA or PPD MOD. One of them can be selected at a time from the drop down list under MUX register.
- 10) Pressing the "Meter" button its button will give you the approximate power output of the device at its landing pad, when IF is applied on the TX input. The measurement is accurate up to -5 dBm of



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output power. The power at the output of the transmitter can be controlled by changing the value of DAC_VGA register.

10.1.2 Configuring as Receiver

To configure BGT80 as receiver the following steps should be followed:

- 1) Follow step 1 to 7 from the above Section 10.1.1
- 2) Then in the main window enable the registers as shown in **Figure 25**. The supply current will jump to 415 mA.

E-Band V-Band S	PI-Programmer			x
0-EBP211	• 😔 🛨 🔿 🏹 📿		PLL ID.	0 -
Register Settin	ngs			
GENERAL	Dx3	V	Tbackside = 26.4°C	-
sw_PA	0 - disable 🔻		MUXOUT = 0.967 V	
sw_buff_mod	0 - disable 🔻			
MOD_I	0 - disable 🔻			
MOD_Q	0 - disable 👻			
sw_LO_TX	0 - disable 🔻			
sw_LO_RX	1 - enable 🔹			
RX_spi	1 - enable 🔹			
VGA	0x0	V		
sw_buff_VGA	0 - disable 🔹			
sw_DAC_VGA	0 - disable 👻			
DAC_VGA	0 - min. value 💌			
TX_MOD_Q	0x0	v		
sw_DAC_Q	0 - disable 💌			
DAC_MOD_Q	0 - min. value 🔻			
TX_MOD_I	0x0	1		
sw_DAC_I	0 - disable 👻			
DAC_MOD_I	0 - min. value 🔻			
MUX	0x0	v		
DMod	0 - enable 🔻			
MUX	0 - PPD MOD enabled 🔹			
Select output either from	m PPD PA or from PPD buffer MOI)		

Figure 25 Typical Receiver Settings for the BGT80



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