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Finite Impulse Response (FIR) filtering technology allows users to filter digitized data in realtime with a completely flexible and user-customizable FIR filter.

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APPLICATIONS

Communications Ultrasonic Testing Lidar Testing Optical Fiber Testing Radar Testing Stimulus/Response Test Systems Network Analysis

eXpert[™] FIR Filtering

Advanced On-board FPGA Technology



Filtering of analog voltage signals is a powerful method for removing unwanted signal features (like noise) from a single waveform acquisition and emphasizing signal features of interest. Traditional analog filters are usually limited to rather simple filtering methods, such as low-pass filtering, high-pass filtering and band-pass filtering. Numerical filtering of digitized waveform data, such as that now available on-board GaGe's new-generation digitizers, allows much more complex filtering methods to be implemented with no CPU loading.

FEATURES

- Allows processing by an FIR filter with up to 20 taps; can be extended in software to up to 39 symmetric taps
- FIR filter coefficients can be tailored to emphasize signal pulses of a specific shape
- FIR filtering is performed by GaGe hardware, allowing the host-PC to handle other tasks in parallel
- Data is filtered during transfer to the PC so that the repetitive signal capture rate of the digitizer is not reduced
- FIR filter algorithm covers a wide range of common numerical filters such as moving average filters and Gaussian filters
- Compatible with CompuScope Software Development Kits (SDKs) for C/C#, LabVIEW and MATLAB

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The output from a numerical FIR filter depends only on a finite number of input points. The generalized FIR filter algorithm covers a wide range of common numerical filters such as moving average filters and Gaussian filters. The FIR filter coefficients can be tailored to emphasize signal pulses of a specific shape.

The general form of the FIR filter is:



where:

 ${X_i}$ is the *input data set*, ${Y_i}$ is the *output data set*, ${A_j}$ is the set of *FIR filter coefficients* $(0 \le j < N)$ and *N* is the *number of taps* and is equal to the number of coefficients.



ORDERING INFORMATION

Note: Refer to the Advanced Functionality Matrix on the GaGe Web site for CompuScope card compatibility information.

eXpert FIR Filtering Firmware Option 250-181-002

eXpert Firmware Option bundle 888-100-026 (Signal Averaging, FIR Filtering and Peak Detection)

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