



8-channel 20-bit
Bipolar Picoammeter
with MTCA.4 Rear I/O Series



AMC-PICO-8

- The AMC-PICO-8 series is composed of a full-size standard AMC board with 8 Bipolar 20-bit current-input electrometer channels
- Input channels are capable of floating up to ± 300 V respect to chassis ground
- Two independent full-scale ranges for each channel

FEATURES

- Double-width AMC board
- MTCA.4 standard
- High resolution Multi-Channel current measurements
- 8 Bipolar Current-Input Channels
- Two independent full-scale ranges
- Up to 1 MSPS simultaneous and independent sampling
- 20-bit resolution
- Low conversion time delay
- Input channels floating up to ± 300 V
- Data processing on Virtex-5 FPGA
- Board Management on Spartan-6 FPGA
- uRTM D1.1 connectivity
- External Clock input on front panel

APPLICATIONS

- Photon Beam Position Monitors
- Multi-Channel Fast Current Acquisition
- Detector Readout
- Accelerator Controls

AMC-PICO-8. The AMC-PICO-8 is an eight-channel double-width picoammeter AMC board in MTCA.4 format. The analog front-end allows measuring bipolar currents up to 1 mA in the standard version with a maximum sampling rate of 1 MSPS per channel.

The analog front-end is composed of a specially designed transimpedance input stage for current sensing combined with analog signal conditioning and filtering stages making use of state-of-the-art electronics. The 20-bit resolution is obtained from independent, simultaneous sampling and low-delay SAR (Successive Approximation Register) Analog to Digital Converters (ADCs).

Each channel has two full-scale measuring ranges (up to ± 1 mA and ± 1 μ A respectively in the

standard version) and the current source can be floating up to ± 300 V respect to the chassis ground. This floating capability of the inputs is perfectly suitable for applications where the detector or current source needs to be biased.

The analog front end is designed in order to achieve low noise, low temperature dependence and very small unbalance between channels. The analog characteristics are further improved with calibration. Calibration data are stored in the on-board EEPROM memory and are loaded in the signal processing logic on power-up.

The on-board Virtex-5 FPGA performs the conversion from "raw" values acquired from ADCs to a single-precision floating point numbers, representing the measured current in Ampere. The floating point format is highly suitable for additional post-

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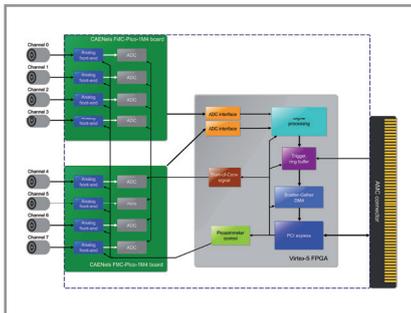
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AMC-PICO-8 - Block Diagram



processing. The signal-processing logic can also be configured to capture the signal on certain trigger condition. Additionally, the internal memory can also be programmed to store data before trigger condition happens, providing a valuable data to the user.

The communication with the

Virtex-5 FPGA is performed with the PCI express bus. All system parameters (e.g. analog front end range, sampling frequency) can be achieved by writing to appropriate registers from PCI express. The FPGA also embeds a Scatter-Gather DMA which can be used to transfer data to PCI express root port (e.g. CPU).

Technical Specifications

AMC-PICO-8

		Standard	"C1"	"C2"	"C3"
Board Size	Double-Width - Mid-Size				
Standard	MicroTCA.4: AMC.0, AMC.1 Module Management: IPMI Version 1.5, MMC V1.0				
Input Channels	8				
Input Current Polarity	Bipolar				
Input Channel Potential	±300 V respect to chassis ground (continuous)				
Current Measuring Ranges	RNG0	±1 mA	±110 µA	±10 mA	±1 mA
	RNG1	±1 µA	±3 µA	±500 µA	±100 µA
Sampling Resolution	20-bit				
Analog Bandwidth (-3 dB)	10 kHz	35 kHz	300 kHz	30 kHz	
Rise Time (10-90%)	35 µs	10 µs	1.2 µs	12 µs	
Sampling Rate	up to 1 MSPS				
Conversion Time	650 ns				
Trigger Inputs	- Internal - AMC port #17, #18, #19, #20				
Compatibility	Zone3 Classification: Class D1.1 AMC Backplane Support: Full				
Input Connectors	Triaxial - LEMO 00.650 Series (EPL.00.650)				
Operating Temperature	0 ... 50 °C				

Ordering Code	Acronym	Description
AMCPICO8XAAA	AMC-PICO-8	8-channel AMC-MTCA.4 Bipolar Float. Picoammeter (±1 mA, ±1 µA, BW=10 kHz)
AMCPICO8C1XA	AMC-PICO-8-C1	8-channel AMC-MTCA.4 Bipolar Float. Picoammeter (±110 µA, ±3 µA, BW=35 kHz)
AMCPICO8C2XA	AMC-PICO-8-C2	8-channel AMC-MTCA Bipolar Float. Picoammeter (±10 mA, ±500 µA, BW=300 kHz)
AMCPICO8C3XA	AMC-PICO-8-C3	8-channel AMC-MTCA Bipolar Float. Picoammeter (±1 mA, ±100 µA, BW=30 kHz)