

Hardware changes on ADC and DAC for JESD204B Tx and RX Porting on Elitestek FPGA

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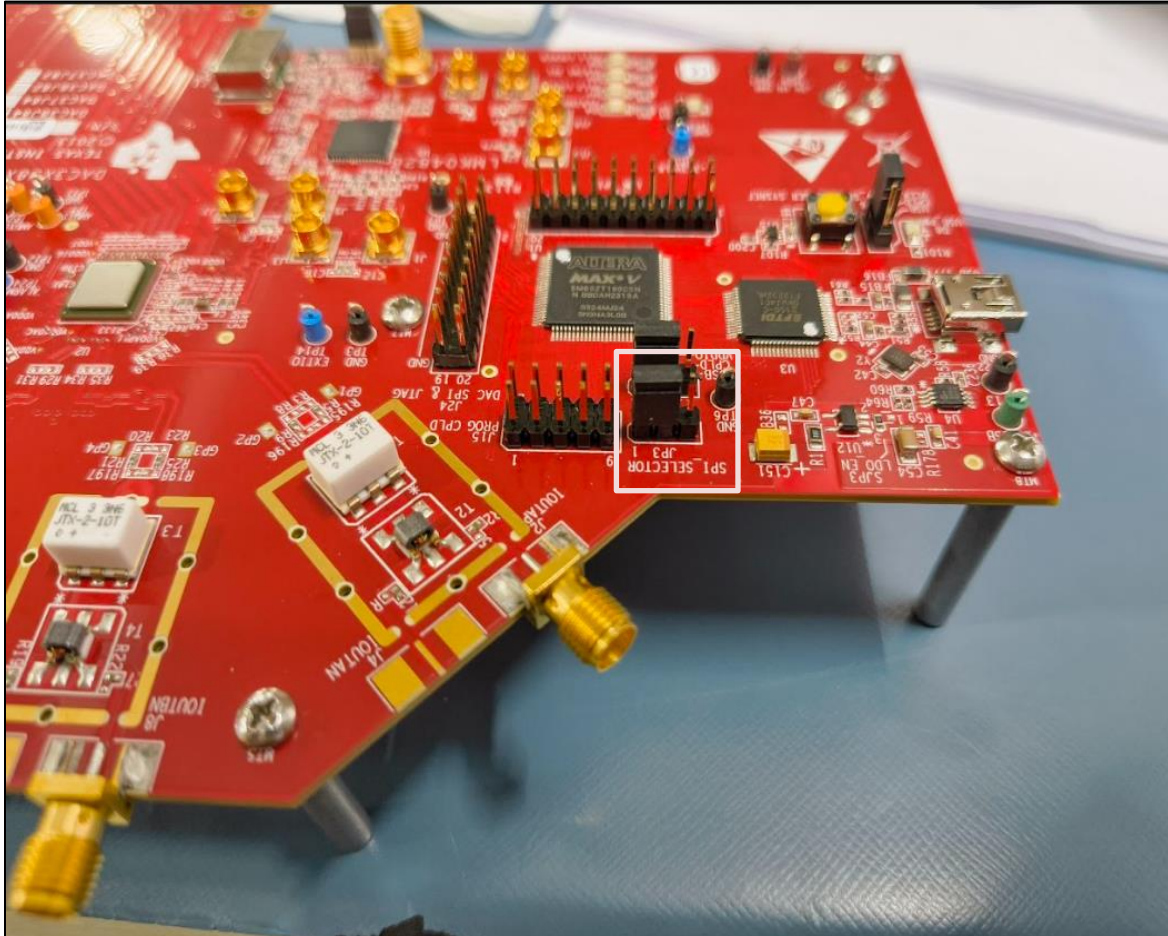
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1 DAC Hardware changes

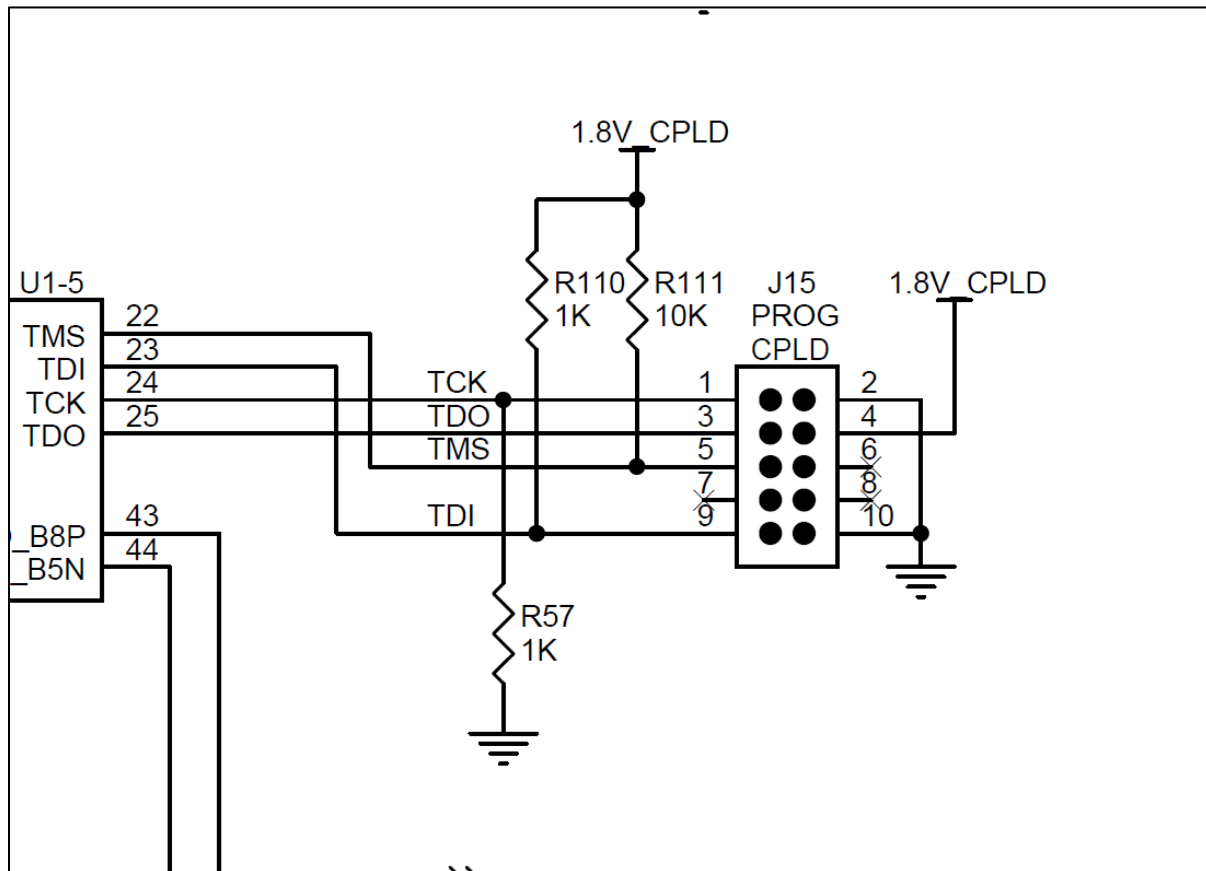
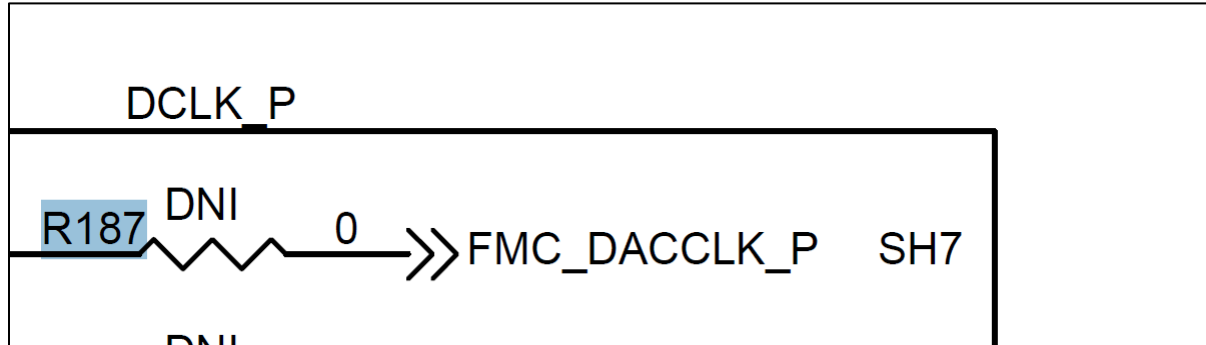
1. For SPI header position changed to 1-2 for configuration through FPGA



2. SYNC from header J21 mapped to FMC_SYSREF, which is mapped on the FMC connector

To prove the deterministic latency, the sample trigger needs to be mapped to the GPIO header, but the Elitestek Evaluation board doesn't have any GPIO's, also the DAC card doesn't have any GPIO's mapped to any of the header. So, the following changes are made to map the trigger signal:

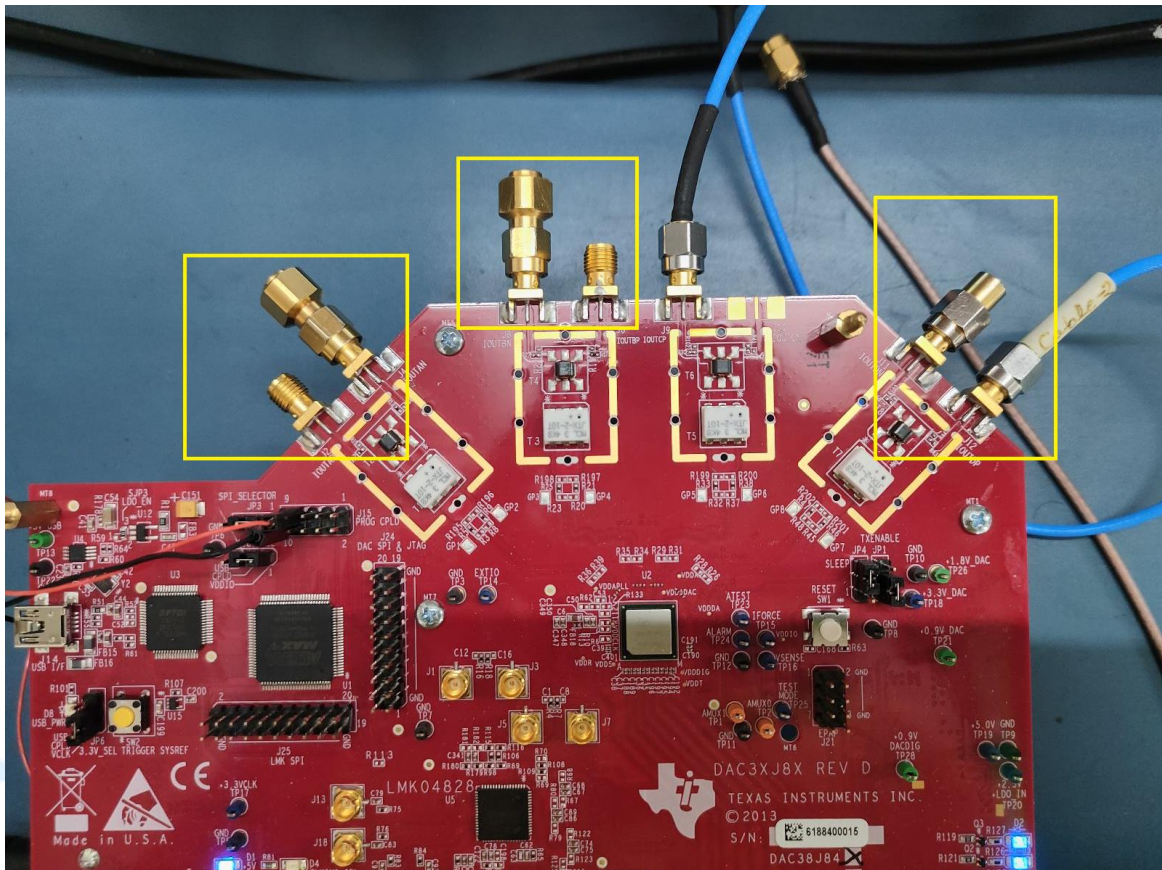
- The FMC_DACCLK_P signal from the FPGA is not used in the current design.
- The signal R187 on the DAC EVM has a DNP resistor. Connect a wire from one pad of the resistor on the FMC side to the J15 header PIN 7.



There were SMA connectors mapped on alternate polarities on channel AB and CD. To get same output on all the channels **add the SMA female connectors on other polarities wherever they are not present.**

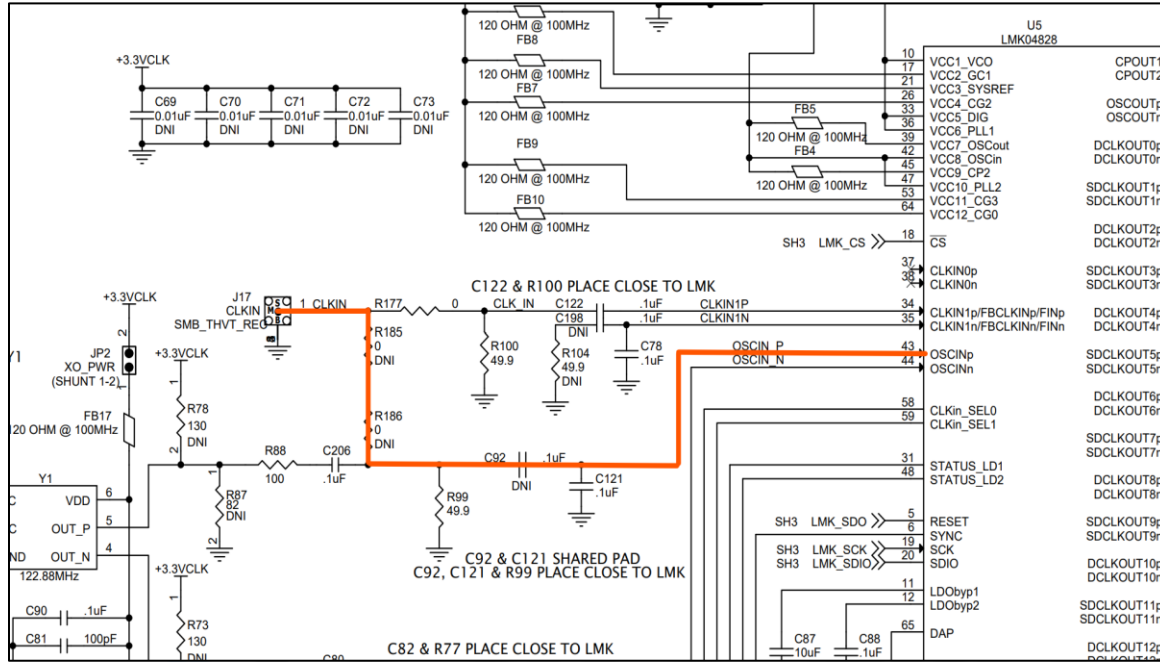
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5. External VCXO input :

- Due to the less PDF2 value for PLL2, there was jitter on output clock which is the cause of 1.6ns variation in the output.
- So to reduce this jitter on the output clock we need to change the VCXO clock input to the LMK chip, since there is only 122.88 MHz VCXO on board, we cannot change that.
- Hence, we need to give a clock directly from some external source.
- On board there is no SMA on the OSCIN pin on LMK, so we will be using CLKIN1 SMA for this external input and through some register changes we will enable the path from CLKIN1 to OSCIN input of LMK.

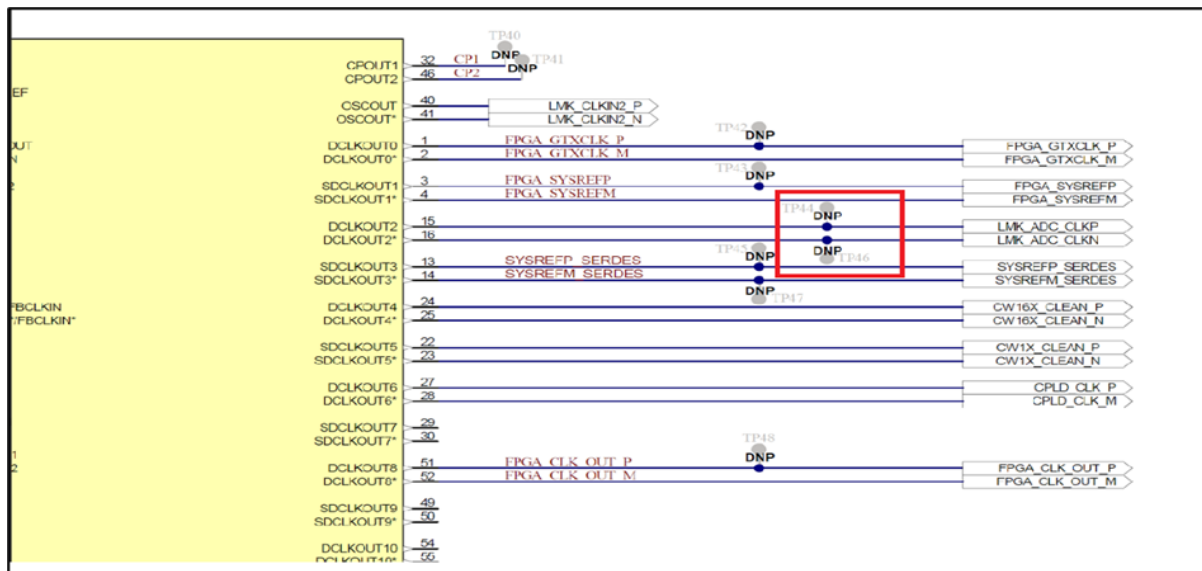


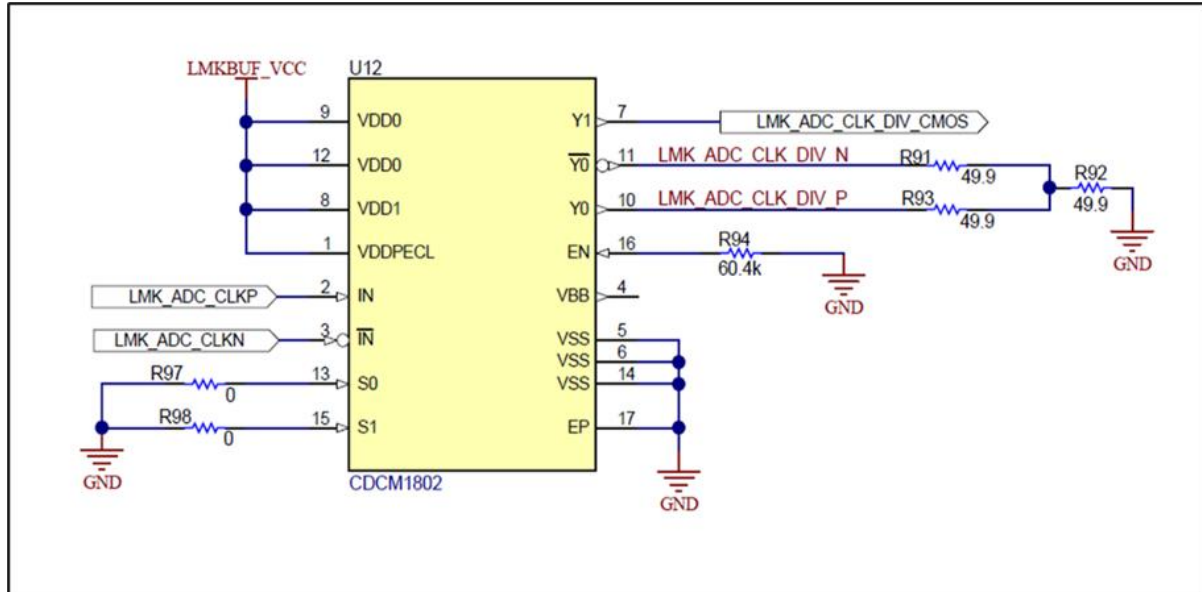
To enable the highlighted path, we need to do following modifications

Reference	current state	Requirement	Remarks
R177	0 ohm	DNP	Required
R185	DNP	0 ohm	Required
R186	DNP	0 ohm	Required
C92	DNP	0.1uF	Required
C121	0.1uF	DNP	Required
R77	49.9 ohm	0 ohm	Not Required
C80	0.1uF	DNP	Required
C206	0.1uF	DNP	Required

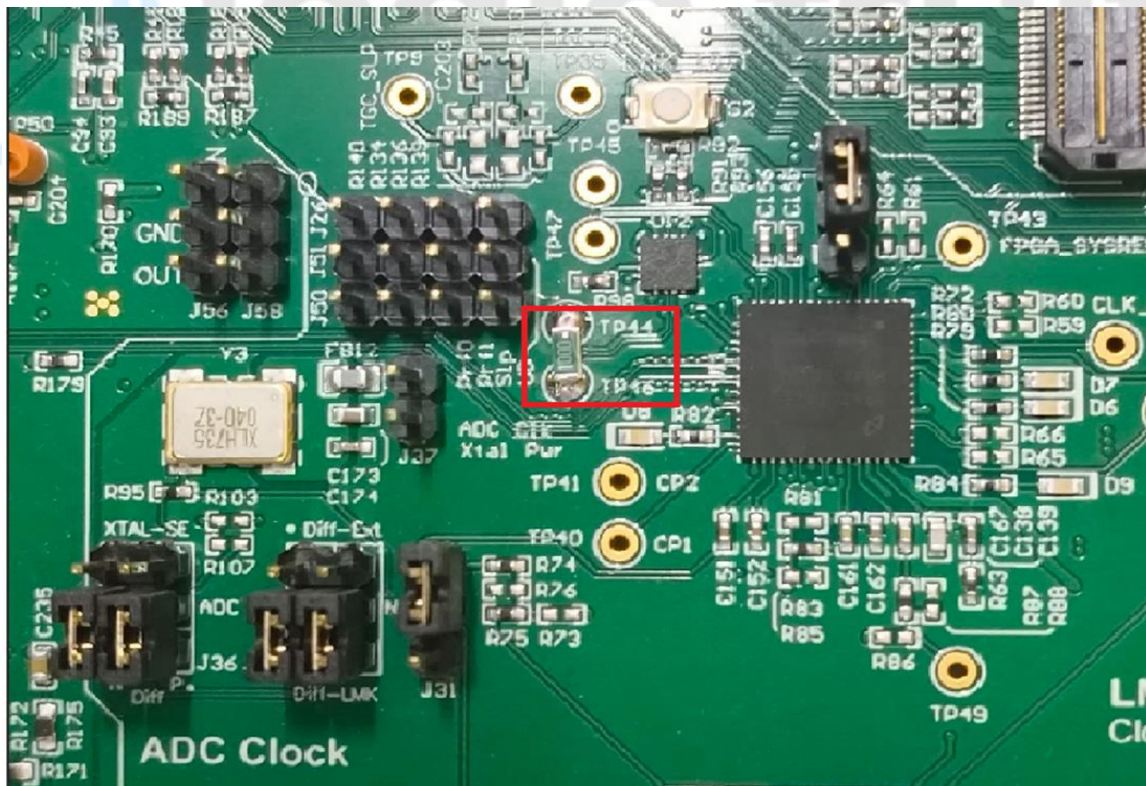
2 ADC Hardware changes

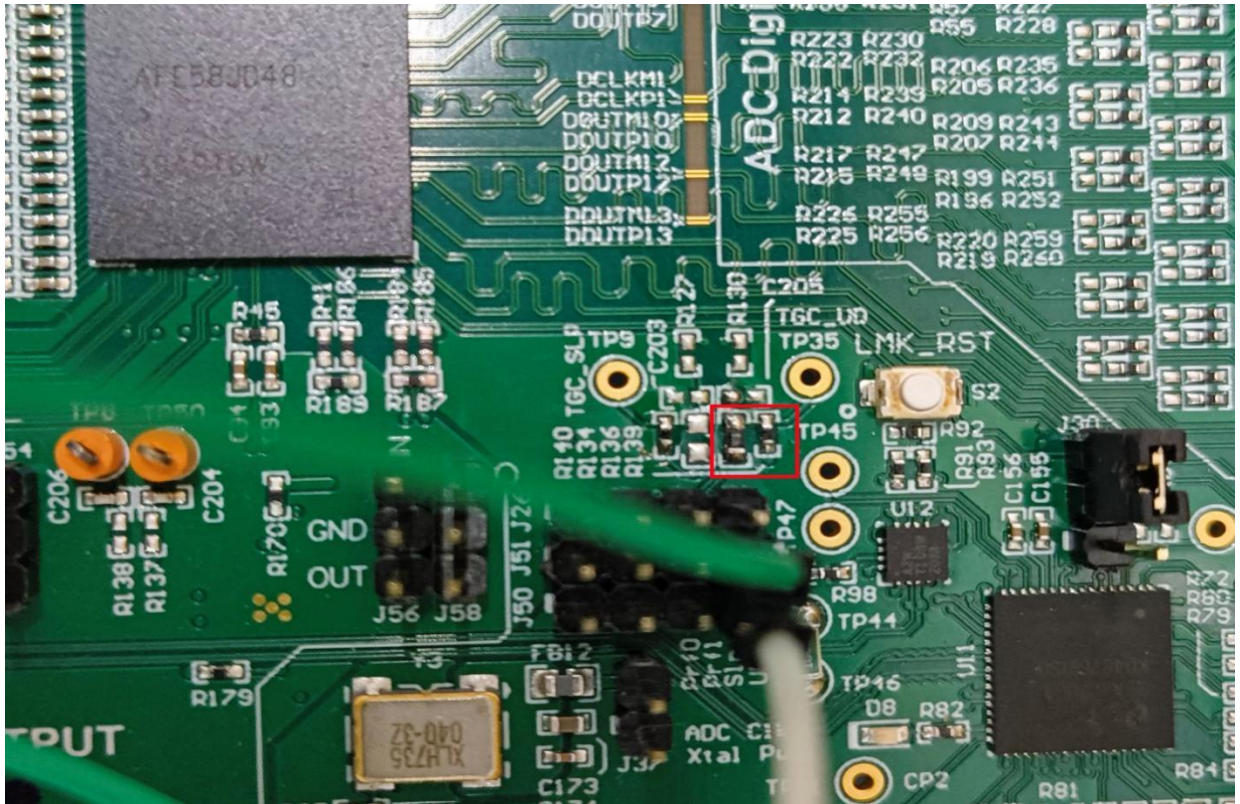
1. While testing the 40X PLL mode, the PLL was locked, but the output of the clock buffer used on the LMK to ADC path was noisy and the clock frequency was unexpected (some randomly changing frequency was observed on the scope).
2. The clock buffer datasheet recommends adding a 100ohm termination at the input for LVDS clock input because the clock buffer input is high impedance. But on the eval board there was no termination on the input.
3. To overcome this issue, we added a 100ohm termination between the test points (TP44 and TP46) provided on board on the differential clock output



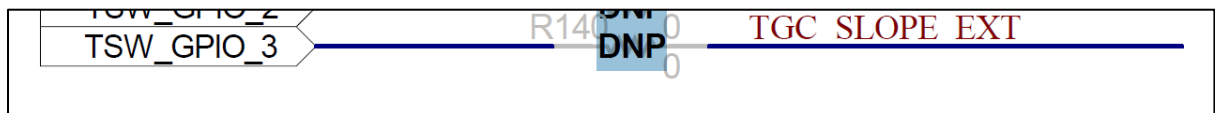


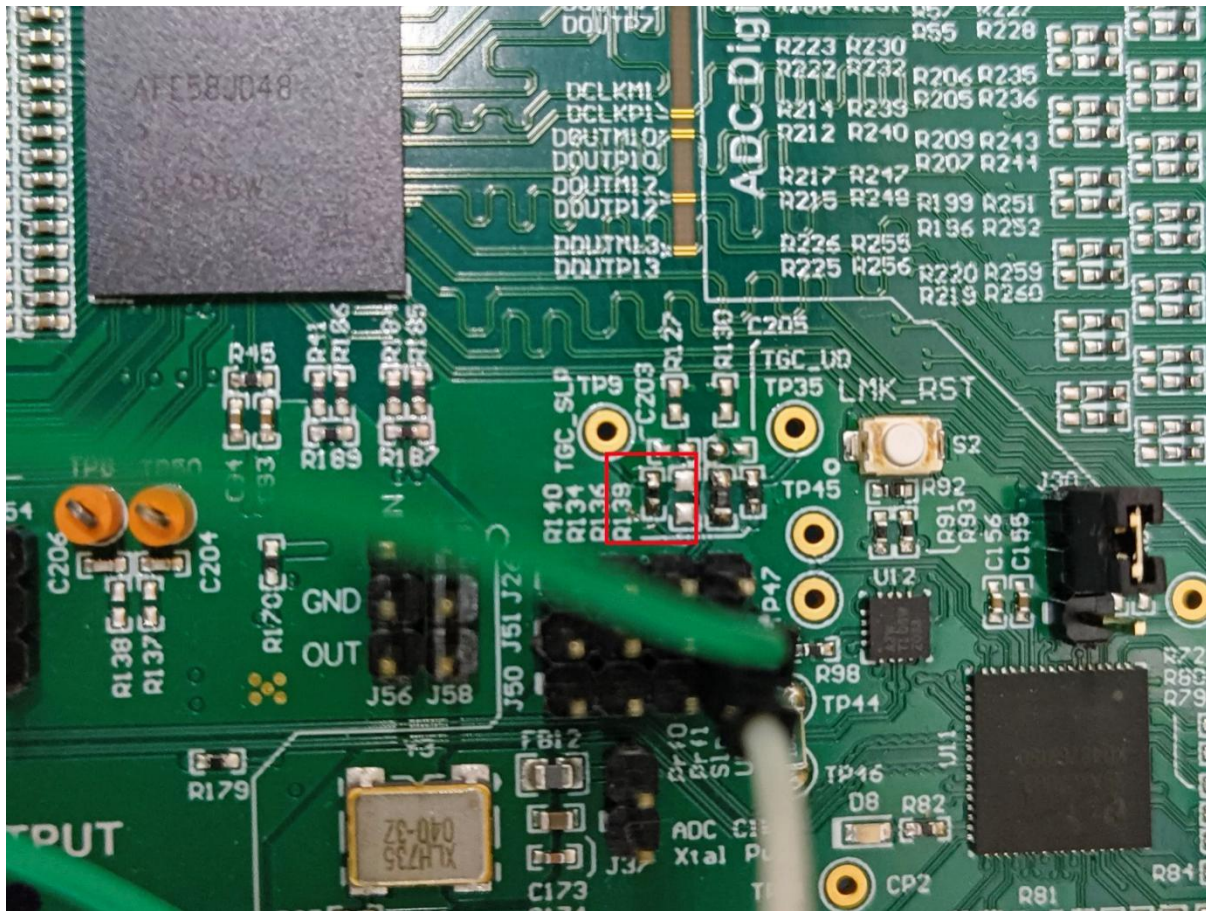
The below image is the 100ohm termination done on ADC Evaluation Board



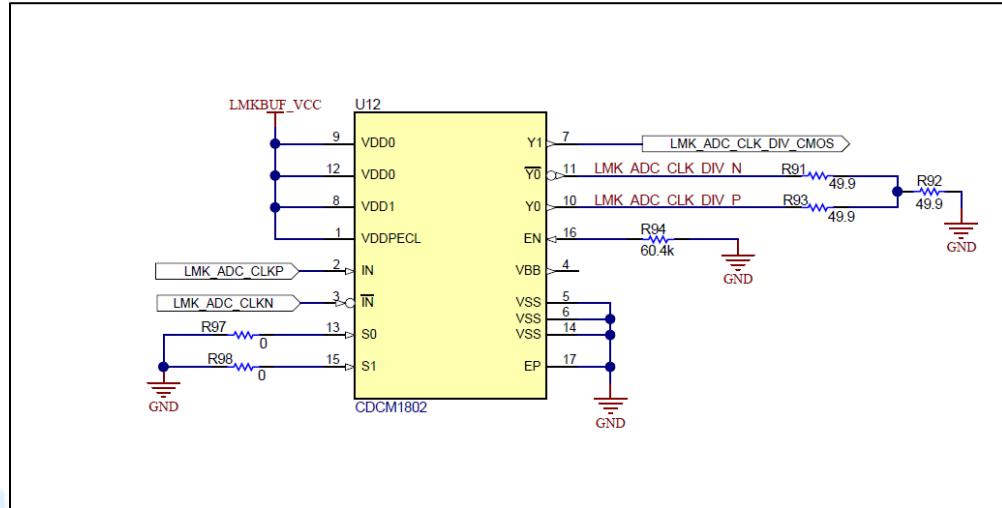


- Another GPIO is needed to prove deterministic latency, here an ADC_MSB signal from FPGA must be checked in the scope. For this purpose, one test point or header is required
- Connect the **TSW_GPIO_3** for this purpose, but there is one DNP resistor in between the path, which needs to be mounted. The resistor references are R140, so mount zero-ohm resistors on this.





- Changed the divider value of buffer in the path of LMK to ADC sampling clock



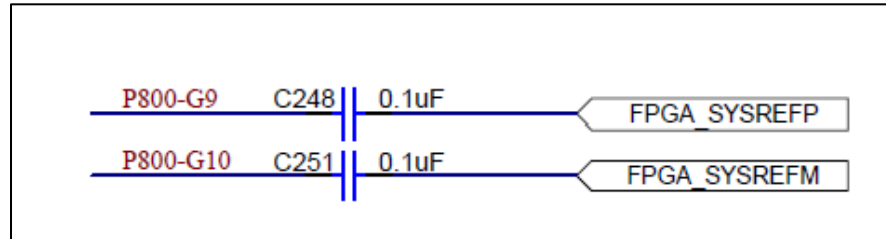
- S0 and S1 pins on CDCM1802 are for divider value setting for the device, currently it is set on four that means the buffer will generate a output clock which is /4 of the input clock.
- **We need to change this divider to one.**
- As per TI this divider in the path can lead to length mismatching and since there is a factor of four between input and output so this can lead to phase variation between SYSREF and Device clock output from this divider. So, it's better to keep this divider to one to remove this ambiguity.
- As per the datasheet to make this divider one we need to change the R97 resistor value from 0ohm to 60k ohm.

Table 1. Selection Mode Table

MODE	EN	S1	S0	LVPECL ⁽¹⁾	LVCNOS
				Y0	Y1
0	0	X	X	Off (high-z)	Off (high-z)
1	V _{DD} /2	0	V _{DD} /2	/1	/1
2	V _{DD} /2	V _{DD} /2	1	/1	/2
3	1	0	0	/1	/4
4	V _{DD} /2	0	1	/2	/2
5	1	0	1	/2	/4
6	V _{DD} /2	0	0	/4	/4
7	V _{DD} /2	1	0	/4	/8
8	V _{DD} /2	V _{DD} /2	V _{DD} /2	/8	/1
9	1	1	0	/8	/4
10	1	1	1	Off (high-z)	/4

- (1) The LVPECL outputs are open emitter stages. Thus, if you leave the unused LVPECL output Y0 unconnected, then the current consumption is minimized and noise impact to remaining outputs is neglectable. Also, each output can be individually disabled by connecting the corresponding VDD input to GND.

- Removal of AC caps on the sysref path to FPGA.
 - Remove the 0.1uF capacitor on the path and replace it with 0 ohm resistor to improve the slew rate on the sysref path.
 - Change C248 and C251 on the path to 0ohm resistor.



- Increase of DVDD_1V15 swing to improve the amplitude on the FPGA RX side.
 - Change the feedback resistor R1 value to 5.9k or 5.7k whatever available.

