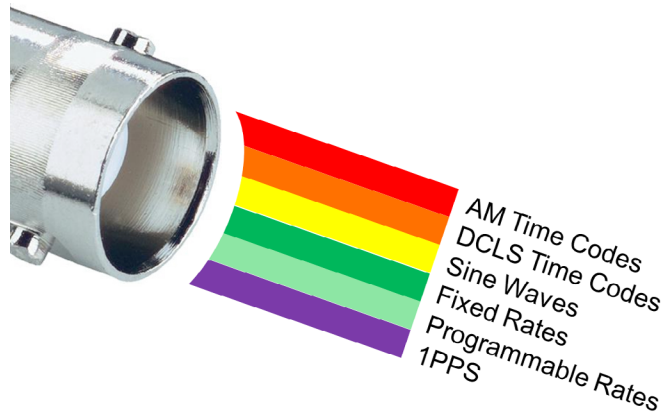


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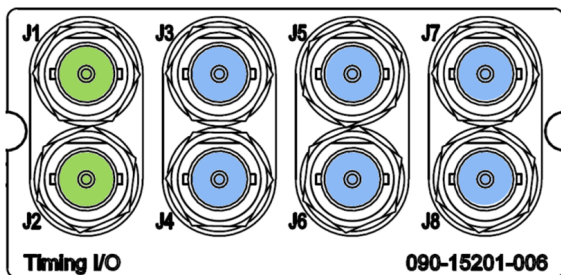
Overview

FlexPort™ is an innovative technology that allows on-the-fly configuration of input/output (I/O) signal types such as IRIG time codes, pulse rates, and sine waves for a bank of BNC connectors. In the SyncServer S650 time and frequency standard, these signals are generated by Timing I/O Modules, which are locked to the very accurate S650 clock. Historically, dedicated circuitry was required to generate each discrete signal type and to output them on fixed signal connectors. The innovative FlexPort technology eliminates this constraint by allowing the user to assign specific input/output signal types to each BNC connector via a web interface.

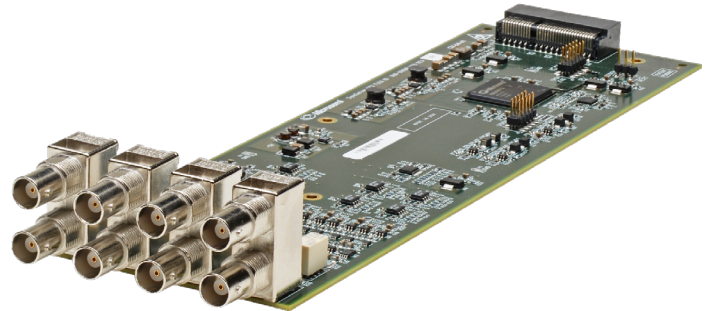


Isolated Inputs and Outputs

Locking to input signals requires separate circuitry independent of the circuitry used to generate output signals. The J1 connector handles all input signal types except 1/5/10 MHz sine waves, which are handled by the J2 connector. J3 through J8 connectors are all outputs. The FlexPort technology can optionally be enabled for all Timing I/O Modules in an S650. (A single FlexPort license enables the feature for all connectors.)



The Timing I/O Module supports input signals (J1/J2) and output signals (J3-J8).



SyncServer S650 Timing I/O Module

Advantages of FlexPort Technology

The Timing I/O Module comes standard with a fixed I/O configuration. This configuration provides a set of inputs and outputs commonly used in aerospace and communications applications. The optional FlexPort capability offers several advantages over the standard configuration, including:

- Flexible “any signal, any connector” configuration to accommodate existing and new installations
- Elimination of wasted space (for unused connectors/signals) inherent with legacy style fixed-signal modules/BNCs
- Coherent signals on all outputs
- Software configurability
- Ability to be added without hardware change to the Timing I/O Module

→ BNC Connectors		Input		Output					
		J 1	J 2	J 3	J 4	J 5	J 6	J 7	J 8
Standard	1PPS	●					●		off
	IRIG B AM	●		●					
	IRIG B DCLS					●			
	10 MHz		●		●				
FlexPort	IRIG B AM/DCLS	■		■	■	■	■	■	■
	Selectable/ Programmable Rates	■		■	■	■	■	■	■
	1/5/10 MHz Sine Wave		■	■	■	■	■	■	■

Standard vs. FlexPort Configuration

In this figure, ● represents the standard configuration with fixed signal types while ■ represents the FlexPort configuration with user-configurable and programmable time codes, pulse rates, and sine waves.

FlexPort Input Signal Choices

Separate input connectors accommodate the distinct circuitry requirements for locking and tracking different supported signal types. If multiple inputs of the same kind are needed, a second Timing I/O Module can be installed. Signal types are divided between J1 and J2 connectors as follows:

- **J1:** IRIG B124/B004/B120/B000, IEEE-1344, 1PPS, and 10MPPS
- **J2:** 1/5/10 MHz

FlexPort Output Signal Choices

FlexPort output circuitry is very versatile in terms of the different signal types that can be output from the J3 to J8 connectors. These include:

Time codes: IRIG B000/004/1344 DCLS, 120/124/1344 AM

Fixed rate pulses: 10/5/1MPPS, 100/10/1KPPS and 100/10/1/0.5PPS

Programmable pulse rates: 100 ns to 2 sec periods; 10 ns step size (0.5PPS and 10MPPS)

Sine waves: 1/5/10 MHz

All time-code signals are time-aligned with the accurate internal S650 clock. The fixed-rate output signals are phase-aligned with the 1PPS output of the clock and are coherent with other fixed signal types and amongst each other. Sine waves with 1/5/10 MHz sine waves are not phase-aligned with the 1PPS output. These sine waves exhibit the frequency stability of the S650 clock but without a zero crossing exactly on time with the 1PPS edge. It is also important to note that these sine wave outputs are not designed to be low-phase noise 1/5/10 MHz signals.

Selectable and Programmable Pulses

To make it easy to quickly configure common output rates, some rates are directly selectable and are preconfigured menu choices. These include 10/5/1MPPS, 100/10/1KPPS, and 100/10/1/0.5PPS rates, which are phase-aligned to the S650 1PPS output and coherent with one another. The S650 1PPS output is aligned to the extremely accurate (15 ns RMS to UTC (USNO) while tracking GPS) internal S650 clock.

The programmable pulse rates out are configured by specifying the desired pulse period. The incremental pulse period step size is 10 ns for all available pulse rates. With the FlexPort option, each of the six output connectors can have a different rate.

Dual Timing I/O Card Support

Some applications may require additional inputs or more than six outputs. The S650 is equipped to cater to the needs of such applications as it can accommodate two Timing I/O Modules. A single **Flex Timing license** option enables the FlexPort functionality for all installed modules. With two Timing I/O Modules installed, the S650 can accommodate up to four inputs of similar or different kinds and up to 12 outputs, all of which are user-definable. This allows for very efficient use of connectors and rack space.

Distribution Chassis Alternative

With two Timing I/O Modules supporting up to 12 outputs, the S650 alone can serve as a cost-effective alternative to both a GPS clock and a signal distribution chassis that would otherwise need to be installed separately. For example, configuring the same signal to be output from all 12 connectors eliminates the need for a distribution chassis to fan out the signal.

Easy Port Configuration

Configuring one or all of the Flex Ports is a simple task. Individual ports are first configured via logical drop-down menus on the **Port Configuration** web page for each installed module. Once this is done, all inputs and outputs are instantly reconfigured by a single press of the **Apply** button.

Accuracy and Flexibility Where It Matters

The FlexPort technology is designed to deliver the most desirable time and frequency signals with a high degree of accuracy and precision while providing the signal-configuration flexibility to economically meet application requirements. This flexibility provides cost and space savings and effectively meets changing application requirements. Users can standardize a single hardware configuration for the S650 to meet a wide range of existing and future timing demands.

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