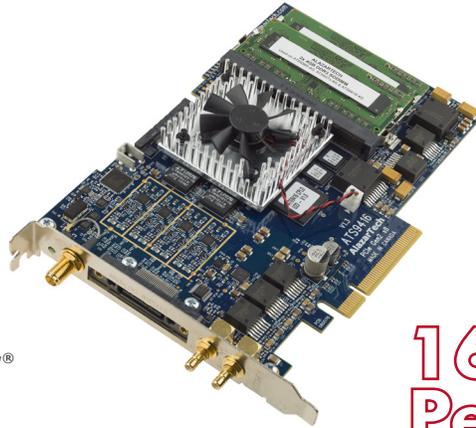


- 16 analog channels per card
- Sample rate of 100 MS/s per channel
- 14 bit vertical resolution
- PCI Express Gen 2 interface
- 3.5 GB/s sustained throughput
- Up to 4 Gigasample dual-port memory
- Continuous streaming mode
- Asynchronous DMA device driver
- AlazarDSO<sup>®</sup> oscilloscope software
- Software Development Kit supports C/C++, C#, Python, MATLAB<sup>®</sup>, LabVIEW<sup>®</sup>
- Support for Windows<sup>®</sup> & Linux<sup>®</sup>



# 16 Inputs Per Card

| Product | Bus          | Operating System                     | Channels | Sampling Rate        | Bandwidth                  | Memory Per Channel                 | Resolution |
|---------|--------------|--------------------------------------|----------|----------------------|----------------------------|------------------------------------|------------|
| ATS9416 | PCIe Gen2 x8 | 32-bit/64-bit Windows & 64-bit Linux | 16       | 100 MS/s to 100 KS/s | 65 MHz<br>Optional 100 MHz | Up to 4 Gig in single channel mode | 14 bits    |

### Overview

AlazarTech ATS<sup>®</sup>9416 is an 8-lane PCI Express Gen 2, 16-channel, high speed, 14 bit, 100 MS/s waveform digitizer card capable of streaming acquired data to PC memory at rates up to 3.5 GB/s or storing it in its deep on-board dual-port acquisition memory buffer of up to 4 Gigasamples.

Each ATS9416 board has 16 analog to digital converters (ADCs) that are clocked simultaneously using a low jitter VCO to provide absolute synchronization.

A high density RF connector is used to increase the I/O density on the back-panel of ATS9416.

Up to four ATS9416 boards can be configured as a Master/Slave system to create a simultaneous sampling system of up to 64 input channels.

Users can capture data from one trigger or a burst of triggers. Users can also stream very large datasets continuously to PC memory or hard disk.

ATS9416 is supplied with AlazarDSO software that lets the user get started immediately without having to go through a software development process.

Users who need to integrate the ATS9416 in their own program can purchase a software development kit, ATS-SDK, for C/C++, C#, Python, MATLAB, and LabVIEW<sup>®</sup> for both Windows and Linux operating systems.

All of this advanced functionality is packaged in a low power, half-length PCI Express card.

### Applications

**Fiber Sensing**

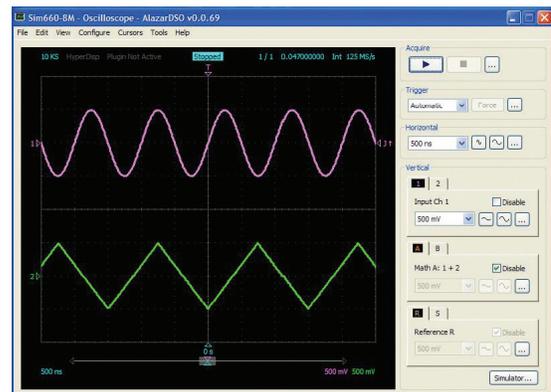
**Microscopy**

**Multi-Channel RF Recording**

**Terabyte Storage Oscilloscope**

**High Resolution Oscilloscope**

**Spectroscopy**



### PCI Express Bus Interface

ATS9416 interfaces to the host computer using an 8-lane PCI Express bus. Each lane operates at 5 Gbps (Gen 2). By definition, ATS9416 is also compatible with PCI Express Gen 1 and Gen 3.

According to PCIe specification, an 8-lane board can be plugged into any 8-lane or 16-lane slot, but not into a 4-lane or 1-lane slot. As such, ATS9416 requires at least one free 8-lane or 16-lane slot on the motherboard.

The physical and logical PCIe x8 interface is provided by an on-board FPGA, which also integrates acquisition control functions, memory management functions and acquisition datapath. This very high degree of integration maximizes product reliability.

The AlazarTech® 3.5 GB/s bus throughput benchmark was done on an ASUS X99 Deluxe motherboard based on the X99 chipset.

Other motherboards, such as Asus P9X79 and ASROCK X79 Extreme 11, produced similar results. Older machines, such as the Dell T7400, also supported 3.5 GB/s.

Some multi-processor server boards that used Sandy Bridge CPUs were found to behave very poorly under Windows. The same server boards with the more modern Ivy Bridge CPUs behaved normally and provided the expected 3.5 GB/s throughput. AlazarTech recommends that customers not use the older Sandy Bridge CPUs in multi-processor server boards.

Users must always be wary of throughput specifications from manufacturers of waveform digitizers. Some unscrupulous manufacturers tend to specify the raw, burst-mode throughput of the bus. AlazarTech, on the other hand, specifies the benchmarked sustained throughput. To achieve such high throughput, a great deal of proprietary memory management logic and kernel mode drivers have been designed.

### High Density Input Connector

ATS9416 uses a high density high bandwidth connector to connect to the outside world. This connector is SAMTEC QSS-025-01-L-D-RA-MTI.

More information on this connector can be found at [http://www.samtec.com/ftp/pub/pdf/qss\\_ra.pdf](http://www.samtec.com/ftp/pub/pdf/qss_ra.pdf)

All 16 analog input channels pass through this connector. External Trigger, AUX I/O and External clock signals use their own coaxial connectors. This was done to minimize crosstalk between these signals and the 16 analog inputs.

AlazarTech can supply a number of different cables that mate with this connector. Alternatively, customers can order their own cables from SAMTEC.

| ATS9416 CONNECTOR PINOUT |               |      |               |
|--------------------------|---------------|------|---------------|
| Pin                      | Signal        | Pin  | Signal        |
| 1                        | Not Connected | 2    | AGND          |
| 3                        | AGND          | 4    | CH 16         |
| 5                        | CH 13         | 6    | AGND          |
| 7                        | AGND          | 8    | AGND          |
| 9                        | AGND          | 10   | CH 14         |
| 11                       | CH 15         | 12   | AGND          |
| 13                       | AGND          | 14   | AGND          |
| 15                       | AGND          | 16   | CH 12         |
| 17                       | CH 9          | 18   | AGND          |
| 19                       | AGND          | 20   | AGND          |
| 21                       | AGND          | 22   | CH 10         |
| 23                       | CH 11         | 24   | AGND          |
| 25                       | AGND          | 26   | AGND          |
| 27                       | AGND          | 28   | CH 8          |
| 29                       | CH 5          | 30   | AGND          |
| 31                       | AGND          | 32   | AGND          |
| 33                       | AGND          | 34   | CH 6          |
| 35                       | CH 7          | 36   | AGND          |
| 37                       | AGND          | 38   | AGND          |
| 39                       | AGND          | 40   | CH 4          |
| 41                       | CH 1          | 42   | AGND          |
| 43                       | AGND          | 44   | AGND          |
| 45                       | AGND          | 46   | CH 2          |
| 47                       | CH 3          | 48   | AGND          |
| 49                       | AGND          | 50   | Not Connected |
| SHIELD                   |               | AGND |               |

### RF cables

The most popular cable (sold separately) is one that terminates to 16 BNC plugs. This cable is called QSS-BNC16 cable.

External trigger signal and AUX I/O signals use SMB connectors. Optional External Clock input uses an SMA connector.



If customers want to design an identical QSS-025-01-L-D-RA-MTI connector on their circuit board, it is also possible to purchase a cable that can mate the two QSS connectors. This cable is called QSS-QSS cable.

### Analog Input

An ATS9416 features 16 analog input channels. Each channel has up to 65 MHz of full power analog input bandwidth. Note that the bandwidth can be increased to 100 MHz by purchasing the Wideband Input Upgrade.

Channels 1 to 8 have a common gain control. Similarly, Channels 9 to 16 have a common gain control, i.e. if you change the gain of, say, Channel 3, it will change the gain for Channels 1 to 8.

Within the above-mentioned constraint, users can select a full scale input range of  $\pm 1$  V or  $\pm 500$  mV.

Input impedance of all channels is fixed at 50  $\Omega$ . Input coupling of all channels is fixed at DC coupling.

### Acquisition System

ATS9416 PCIe Express digitizer board uses two state of the art octal (x8) 100 MSPS, 14-bit ADCs to digitize the input signals. This means there are a total of 16 individual A/D converters, each running at 100 MS/s.

The 16 channels are guaranteed to be simultaneous, as they use a common clock.

The real-time sampling rate ranges from 100 MS/s down to 100 KS/s for internal clock and 5 MS/s for external clock.

An acquisition can consist of multiple records, with each record being captured as a result of one trigger event. A record can contain both pre-trigger and post-trigger data.

Infinite number of triggers can be captured by ATS9416, when it is operating using dual-port memory.

In between the multiple triggers being captured, the acquisition system is re-armed by the hardware within 64 sampling clock cycles.

This mode of capture, sometimes referred to as Multiple Record, is very useful for capturing data in applications with a very rapid or unpredictable trigger rate. Examples of such applications include medical imaging, ultrasonic testing, OCT and spectroscopy.

### On-Board Acquisition Memory

ATS9416 supports on-board memory buffer of 4 Gigasamples. Note that one sample is stored as two bytes, so 4 Gigasample means there is 8 GByte memory on-board.

Acquisition memory can be divided equally between the selected input channels.

For example, ATS9416 provides 4 Gigasamples of on-board memory when sampling in one-channel mode. In two-channel mode, it provides 2 Gigasamples per channel of on-board memory. In four-channel mode, it provides 1 Gigasamples per channel of on-board memory and so on.

When operated as dual port memory, the on-board memory acts as a very deep FIFO between the Analog to Digital converters and PCI Express bus, allowing very fast sustained data transfers across the bus, even if the operating system or another motherboard resource temporarily interrupts DMA transfers.

### Maximum Sustained Transfer Rate

PCI Express support on different motherboards is not always the same, resulting in significantly different sustained data transfer rates.

For example, it is possible that a motherboard may have an x8 PCI Express connector, but only one PCIe lane is connected on the motherboard. Motherboard documentation will refer to such a slot as "x8 mechanical, x1 electrical". In such a system, the maximum data throughput may be as low as 200 MB/s.

ATS9416 users can quickly determine the maximum sustained transfer rate for their motherboard by inserting their card in a PCIe slot and running the Tools: Benchmark: Bus tool provided in AlazarDSO software.

ATS9416, which is equipped with dual-port on-board memory, will be able to achieve this maximum sustained transfer rate.

### Recommended Motherboards or PCs

Many different types of motherboards and PCs have been benchmarked by AlazarTech. The ones that have produced the best throughput results (3.5 GB/s) are listed here: [www.alazartech.com/images-media/2246-AlazarTechRecommendedMotherboards.pdf](http://www.alazartech.com/images-media/2246-AlazarTechRecommendedMotherboards.pdf).

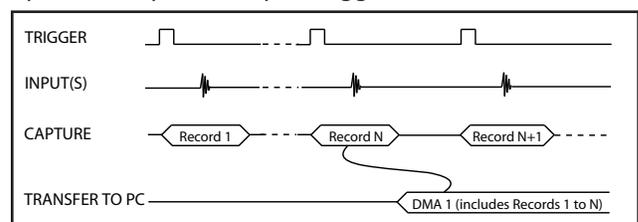
AlazarTech recommends that customers not use SandyBridge CPUs with ATS9360.

### No Pre-Trigger (NPT) AutoDMA

Many ultrasonic scanning and medical imaging applications do not need any pre-trigger data: only post-trigger data is sufficient.

NPT AutoDMA is designed specifically for these applications. By only storing post-trigger data, the memory bandwidth is optimized and the entire on-board memory acts like a very deep FIFO.

More recently, some customer applications have required a limited amount of pre-trigger data to be available even in NPT AutoDMA. This capability has been added to ATS9416 and now it is possible to acquire up to 4096 points of pre-trigger data in NPT mode.



Note that a DMA is not started until RecordsPerBuffer number of records (triggers) have been acquired and written to the on-board memory.

NPT AutoDMA buffers support footers, so it is possible to get a 40-bit timestamp as well as other information about the record. The footer is called NPT Footer.

More importantly, a BUFFER\_OVERFLOW flag is asserted only if the entire on-board memory is used up. This provides a very substantial improvement over Traditional AutoDMA.

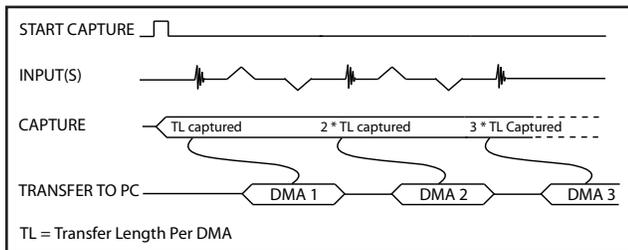
NPT AutoDMA can easily acquire data to PC host memory at the maximum sustained transfer rate of the motherboard without causing an overflow.

This is the recommended mode of operation for most ultrasonic scanning, OCT and medical imaging applications.

### Continuous AutoDMA

Continuous AutoDMA is also known as data streaming mode.

In this mode, data starts streaming across the PCI bus as soon as the ATS9416 is armed for acquisition. It is important to note that triggering is disabled in this mode.



Continuous AutoDMA buffers do not include headers, so it is not possible to get trigger time-stamps.

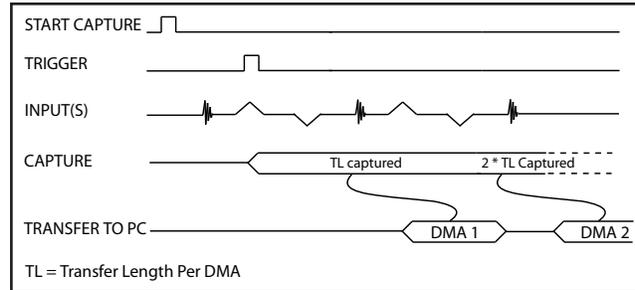
A BUFFER\_OVERFLOW flag is asserted only if the entire on-board memory is used up.

The amount of data to be captured is controlled by counting the number of buffers acquired. Acquisition is stopped by an AbortCapture command.

Continuous AutoDMA can easily acquire data to PC host memory at the maximum sustained transfer rate of the motherboard without causing an overflow. This is the recommended mode for very long signal recording.

### Triggered Streaming AutoDMA

Triggered Streaming AutoDMA is virtually the same as Continuous mode, except the data transfer across the bus is held off until a trigger event has been detected.



Triggered Streaming AutoDMA buffers do not include headers, so it is not possible to get trigger time-stamps.

A BUFFER\_OVERFLOW flag is asserted only if the entire on-board memory is used up.

As in Continuous mode, the amount of data to be captured is controlled by counting the number of buffers acquired. Acquisition is stopped by an AbortCapture command.

Triggered Streaming AutoDMA can easily acquire data to PC host memory at the maximum sustained transfer rate of the motherboard without causing an overflow. This is the recommended mode for RF signal recording that has to be started at a specific time, e.g. based on a GPS pulse.

### Master/Slave Systems

Users can create a multi-board Master/Slave system by synchronizing up to four ATS9416 boards using an appropriate SyncBoard-9416.

SyncBoard-9416 is a mezzanine board that connects to the Master/Slave connector along the top edge of the ATS9416 and sits parallel to the motherboard. For additional robustness, users can secure the SyncBoard-9416 to a bracket mounted on each of the ATS9416 boards.

SyncBoard-9416 is available in different widths: 2x, 4x, 2x-W, 3x-W or 4x-W.

SyncBoards with the -W suffix provide 2-slot spacing between ATS9416 cards to support some of the newer motherboards that space out the on-board x8 or x16 slots by two slots. The -W SyncBoards are also a better solution from thermal point of view, as there is better air flow with 2-slot spacing.

The 2x and 2x-W models allow a 2-board Master/Slave system; the 3x-W model allows a 2 or 3-slot Master/Slave system; and the 4x and 4x-W models allow 2, 3 or 4 board Master/Slave systems.



The Master board's clock, trigger and initialization signals are copied by the SyncBoard-9416 and supplied to all the Slave boards. This guarantees complete synchronization between the Master board and all Slave boards.

It should be noted that SyncBoard-9416 does not use a PLL-based clock buffer, allowing the use of variable frequency clocks in Master/Slave configuration.

A Master/Slave system samples all inputs simultaneously, triggers all boards simultaneously and also starts the acquisition simultaneously on all board (on the same clock edge).

For optimal trigger accuracy, only the Master board is allowed to trigger the acquisition system.

### Asynchronous DMA Driver

The various AutoDMA schemes discussed above provide hardware support for optimal data transfer. However, a corresponding high performance software mechanism is also required to make sure sustained data transfer can be achieved.

This proprietary software mechanism is called Async DMA (short for Asynchronous DMA).

A number of data buffers are posted by the application software. Once a data buffer is filled, i.e. a DMA has been completed, ATS9416 hardware generates an interrupt, causing an event message to be sent to the application so it can start consuming data. Once the data has been consumed, the application can post the data buffer back on the queue. This can go on indefinitely.

One of the great advantages of Async DMA is that almost 95% of CPU cycles are available for data processing, as all DMA arming is done on an event-driven basis.

To the best of our knowledge, no other supplier of waveform digitizers provides asynchronous software drivers. Their synchronous drivers force the CPU to manage data acquisition, thereby slowing down the overall data acquisition process.

### Triggering

ATS9416 is equipped with sophisticated digital triggering options, such as programmable trigger thresholds and slope on any of the input channels or the External Trigger input.

While most oscilloscopes offer only one trigger engine, ATS9416 offers two trigger engines (called Engines J and K).

The user can specify the number of records to capture in an acquisition, the length of each record and the amount of pre-trigger data.

A programmable trigger delay can also be set by the user. This is very useful for capturing the signal of interest in a pulse-echo application, such as ultrasound, radar, lidar etc.

### External Trigger Input

The external trigger input on the ATS9416 is labeled TRIG IN.

External trigger is a digital 3.3 V TTL (5 V compliant) input with 6.7 kiloOhm impedance. Note that external trigger input cannot accept an analog signal.

### Timebase

ATS9416 timebase can be controlled either by on-board low-jitter VCO or by optional Fast External Clock or by an external 10 MHz REF IN.

On-board low-jitter VCO uses an on-board 10 MHz TCXO as a reference clock.

### Fast External Clock

While the ATS9416 features low jitter VCO and a 10 MHz TCXO as the source of the timebase system, there may be occasions when digitizing has to be synchronized to an external clock source.

ATS9416 External Clock option provides an SMA input for an external clock signal, which can be a sine wave or LVTTTL signal.

Input impedance for the External Clock input is fixed at 50  $\Omega$ . External clock input is always ac-coupled.

A new sample is taken by the on-board ADCs for each rising edge of this Fast External Clock signal.

In order to satisfy the clocking requirements of the ADC chips being used, Fast External Clock frequency must always be higher than 5 MHz and lower than 100 MHz.

It should be noted that ATS9416 does not support variable frequency external clocking. In other words, external clock frequency must remain constant during an acquisition.

### 10 MHz Reference Clock Input

It is possible to generate the sampling clock based on an external 10 MHz reference input. This is useful for RF systems that use a common 10 MHz reference clock.

ATS9416 uses an on-board low-jitter VCO to generate the sampling clock used by the ADC. This sampling clock can be set to any value between 5 MHz and 100 MHz with a 1 MHz resolution.

### Auxiliary (AUX) I/O

ATS9416 provides an AUX (Auxiliary) I/O signal that can be used to input or output various signals.

When configured as a Trigger Output, AUX connector outputs a 5 Volt TTL signal synchronous to the ATS9416 Trigger signal, allowing users to synchronize their test systems to the ATS9416 Trigger.

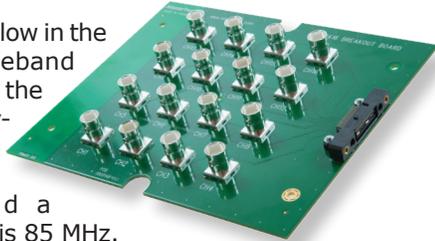
When combined with the Trigger Delay feature of the ATS9416, this option is ideal for ultrasonic and other pulse-echo imaging applications.

AUX connector can also be used as a Trigger Enable Input that can be used for frame capture applications.

### Optional Breakout Board

ATS9416 Breakout Board connects to the ATS9416 using a QSS-QSS cable and provides a separate female BNC connector for each analog input. This makes it very easy to connect analog signals to ATS9416 using standard BNC cables.

As mentioned below in the section on Wideband Input Upgrade, the maximum achievable bandwidth using a breakout board and a QSS-QSS cable is 85 MHz.



### Wideband Input Upgrade

ATS9416 Wideband Input option provides up to 100 MHz analog input on each of the 16 channels on the ATS9416. Input impedance of all channels is fixed at 50  $\Omega$ .

It should be noted that 100 MHz bandwidth can only be achieved with the use of the QSS-BNC16 cable and not the breakout board. The maximum bandwidth achievable using the breakout board is 85 MHz.

### Calibration

Every ATS9416 digitizer is factory calibrated to NIST- or CNRC-traceable standards. To recalibrate an ATS9416, the digitizer must either be shipped back to the factory.

### On-Board Monitoring

Adding to the reliability offered by ATS9416 are the on-board diagnostic circuits that constantly monitor over 20 different voltages, currents and temperatures. LED alarms are activated if any of the values surpasses the limits.

### AlazarDSO Software

ATS9416 is supplied with the powerful AlazarDSO software that allows the user to setup the acquisition hardware and capture, display and archive the signals.

The Stream-To-Memory command in AlazarDSO allows users to stream a large dataset to motherboard memory.

AlazarDSO software also includes powerful tools for benchmarking the computer bus and disk drive.

### Software Development Kits

AlazarTech provides easy to use software development kits for customers who want to integrate the ATS9416 into their own software.

A Windows and Linux compatible software development kit, called ATS-SDK, includes headers, libraries and source code sample programs written in C/C++, C#, Python, MATLAB, and LabVIEW. These programs can fully control the ATS9416 and acquire data in user buffers.

The purchase of an ATS-SDK license includes a subscription that provides the following benefits for a period of 12 months from the date of purchase:

- Download ATS-SDK updates from the AlazarTech website;
- Receive technical support on ATS-SDK.

Customers who want to receive technical support and download new releases beyond this 12 month period should purchase extended support and maintenance (order number ATS-SDK-1YR).

### ATS-GPU

ATS-GPU is a software library developed by AlazarTech to allow users to do real-time data transfer from ATS9416 to a GPU card at rates up to 3 GB/s.

Modern GPUs include very powerful processing units and a very high speed graphical memory bus. This combination makes them perfectly suited for signal processing applications.

ATS-GPU-BASE is supplied with an example user application in source code. The application includes GPU kernels that use ATS-GPU to receive data, do very simple signal processing (data inversion), and copy the processed (inverted) data back to a user buffer. All this is done at the highest possible data transfer rate.

Programmers can replace the data inversion code with application-specific signal processing kernels to develop custom applications.

ATS-GPU-OCT is the optional OCT Signal Processing library for ATS-GPU. It contains floating point FFT routines that have also been optimized to provide the maximum number of FFTs per second. Kernel code running on the GPU can do zero-padding, apply a windowing function, do a floating point FFT, calculate the amplitude and convert the result to a log scale. It is also possible to output phase information.

FFTs can be done on triggered data or on continuous gapless stream of data. It is also possible to do spectral averaging. Our benchmarks showed that it was possible to do 750,000 FFTs per second when capturing data in single-channel mode and using a NVIDIA GeForce GTX Titan X GPU.

ATS-GPU supports 64-bit Windows and 64-bit Linux for CUDA<sup>®</sup>-based development.

### ATS-GMA

ATS-GMA is a software library developed by AlazarTech that allows users to DMA data from ATS9416 to an AMD Radeon™ Pro GPU card at full bus speed, with a latency as low as 100  $\mu$ s. ATS-GMA does not use any host memory buffers for temporary storage.

ATS-GMA-BASE is supplied with an example user application in source code. The application includes GPU kernels that use ATS-GMA to receive data, do very sim-



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ple signal processing (data inversion), and, if required, copy the processed (inverted) data to a user buffer. All this is done at the highest possible data transfer rate.

Programmers can replace the data inversion code with application-specific signal processing kernels to develop custom applications.

ATS-GMA-OCT is the optional OCT Signal Processing library for ATS-GMA. It contains floating point FFT routines that have also been optimized to provide the maximum number of FFTs per second. Kernel code running on the GPU can do zero-padding, apply a windowing function, do a floating point FFT, calculate the amplitude and convert the result to a log scale. It is also possible to output phase information.

ATS-GMA supports 64-bit Windows 7 and 64-bit Windows 10 for OpenCL™-based development.

### Support for Windows

Windows support for ATS9416 includes Windows 7, Windows 8.x, Windows 10, Windows Server 2008 R2, Windows Server 2010 and Windows Server 2013.

Due due to lack of demand and due to the fact that Microsoft no longer supports these operating systems, AlazarTech no longer supports Windows XP, Windows Vista, and Windows Server 2008.

### Linux Support

AlazarTech offers ATS9416 binary drivers for most of the popular Linux distributions, such as CentOS, Ubuntu,...

Users can download the binary driver for their specific distribution by choosing from the available drivers here:

<ftp://release@ftp.alazartech.com/outgoing/linux>

Also provided is a GUI application called AlazarFrontPanel that allows simple data acquisition and display.

ATS-SDK includes source code example programs for Linux, which demonstrate how to acquire data programmatically using a C compiler.

If customers want to use ATS9416 in any Linux distribution other than the one listed above, they can have the AlazarTech engineering team generate an appropriate driver for a nominal fee, if applicable.

Based on a minimum annual business commitment, the Linux driver source code license (order number ATS9416-LINUX) may be granted to qualified OEM customers for a fee. For release of driver source code, a Non-Disclosure Agreement must be executed between the customer's organization and AlazarTech.

All such source code disclosures are made on an as-is basis with limited support from the factory.

### Export Control Classification

According to the Export Controls Division of Government of Canada, ATS9416 is currently not controlled for export from Canada. Its export control classification is N8, which is equivalent to ECCN EAR99. ATS9416 can be shipped freely outside of Canada, with the exception of countries listed on the [Area Control List](#) and [Sanctions List](#). Furthermore, if the end-use of ATS9416, in part or in its entirety, is related to the development or deployment of weapons of mass destruction, AlazarTech is obliged to apply for an export permit.

### RoHS Compliance

ATS9416 is fully RoHS compliant, as defined by Directive 2015/863/EU (RoHS 3) of the European Parliament and of the Council of 31 March 2015 on the restriction of the use of certain hazardous substances in electrical and electronic equipment.

All manufacturing is done using RoHS-compliant components and lead-free soldering.

### EC Conformity

ATS9416 conforms to the following standards:

Electromagnetic Emissions:  
CISPR 22:2006/EN 55022:2006 (Class A):  
Information Technology Equipment (ITE). Radio disturbance characteristics. Limits and method of measurement.

Electromagnetic Immunity:  
CISPR 24:1997/EN 55024:1998 (+A1 +A2):  
Information Technology Equipment Immunity characteristics — Limits and methods of measurement.

Safety:  
IEC 60950-1:2005: Information technology equipment — Safety — Part 1: General requirements.

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ATS9416 also follows the provisions of the following directives: 2006/95/EC (Low Voltage Equipment); 2004/108/EC (Electromagnetic Compatibility).

### FCC & ICES-003 Compliance

ATS9416 has been tested and found to comply with the limits for a Class A digital device, pursuant to part 15, subpart B of the FCC Rules, and the Canadian Interference-Causing Equipment Standard ICES-003:2004.



# ATS9416

## 100 MS/s 16 channel PCIe Digitizer

### System Requirements

Personal computer with at least one free x8 or x16 PCI Express slot, 16 GB RAM, 100 MB of free hard disk space, SVGA display adaptor and monitor with at least a 1024 x 768 resolution.

### Power Requirements

|        |                |
|--------|----------------|
| +12 V  | 1.8 A, typical |
| +3.3 V | 2.0 A, typical |

### Physical

|        |   |
|--------|---|
| Size   | Single slot, half length PCIe card (4.377 inches x 6.5 inches excluding the connectors protruding from the front panel) |
| Weight | 250 g   |

### I/O Connector

|                            |                              |
|----------------------------|------------------------------|
| Analog connector           | SAMTEC QSS-025-01-L-D-RA-MTI |
| External Trigger connector | SMB - female                 |
| Auxiliary I/O connector    | SMB - female                 |
| External Clock connector   | SMA - female                 |

### Environmental

|                       |                           |
|-----------------------|---------------------------|
| Operating temperature | 0 to 55 degrees Celsius   |
| Storage temperature   | -20 to 70 degrees Celsius |
| Relative humidity     | 5 to 95%, non-condensing  |

### Acquisition System

|                              |   |
|------------------------------|---|
| Resolution                   | 14 bits   |
| Bandwidth (-3 dB)            |   |
| DC-coupled, 50 $\Omega$      | DC - 65 MHz, typical for all input ranges                     |
|                              | With wideband option, the bandwidth increases to DC - 100 MHz |
| Number of channels           | 16, simultaneously sampled                                    |
| Maximum Sample Rate          | 100 MS/s single shot  |
| Minimum Sample Rate          | 100 KS/s single shot for internal clocking                    |
| Full Scale Input range       |   |
| 50 $\Omega$ Input impedance: | $\pm 1$ V, fixed  |
| DC accuracy                  | $\pm 2\%$ of full scale in all ranges                         |
| Input coupling               | DC coupling only  |
| Input impedance              | 50 $\Omega$ $\pm 5\%$   |
| Input protection             | $\pm 4$ V (DC + peak AC)                                      |

### Acquisition Memory System

|                   |   |
|-------------------|---|
| Memory size       | 4 GigaSamples   |
| Record length     | Software selectable with 128-point resolution. Record length must be a minimum of 256 points. There is no upper limit on the maximum record length. |
| Number of records | Software selectable from a minimum of 1 to a maximum of infinite number of records  |

|                    |   |
|--------------------|---|
| Pre-trigger depth  | From 0 to 8176 for single channel<br>From 0 to 4088 for dual channel<br>From 0 to 2044 for quad channel<br>From 0 to 1022 for 8 channels<br>From 0 to 511 for 16 channels |
| Post-trigger depth | Record Length - Pre-Trigger Depth   |

### Timebase System

|                         |   |
|-------------------------|---|
| Timebase options        | Internal Clock or External Clock (Optional)   |
| Internal Sample Rates   | 100 MS/s, 50 MS/s, 20 MS/s, 10 MS/s, 5 MS/s, 2 MS/s, 1 MS/s, 500 KS/s, 200 KS/s, 100 KS/s |
| Internal Clock accuracy | $\pm 2$ ppm   |

### Dynamic Parameters

Typical values measured on CH 1 of a randomly selected ATS9416. Input signal was provided by a SRS SG384 signal generator, followed by a 9-pole, 10 MHz band-pass filter (TTE Q36T-10M-1M-50-720BMF). Input frequency was set at 10 MHz and output amplitude was 0.670 Vrms, which was approximately 95% of the full scale input. FFT was averaged.

|       |          |
|-------|----------|
| SNR   | 66.8 dB  |
| SINAD | 65.6 dB  |
| THD   | -72.1 dB |
| SFDR  | -73.5 dB |

Note that these dynamic parameters may vary from one unit to another, with input frequency and with the full scale input range selected.

### Optional ECLK (External Clock) Input

|                   |                                 |
|-------------------|---------------------------------|
| Signal Level      | 200 mVp-p to 1 Vp-p             |
| Input impedance   | 50 $\Omega$                     |
| Input coupling    | AC                              |
| Maximum frequency | 100 MHz for Fast External Clock |
| Minimum frequency | 5 MHz for Fast External Clock   |
| Sampling Edge     | Rising                          |
| Maximum amplitude | 2 Vp-p                          |

### Optional 10 MHz Reference PLL Input

|                      |                      |
|----------------------|----------------------|
| Signal Level         | 200 mVp-p to 1 Vp-p  |
| Input impedance      | 50 $\Omega$          |
| Input Coupling       | AC coupled           |
| Input Frequency      | 10 MHz $\pm$ 0.1 MHz |
| Maximum frequency    | 10.1 MHz             |
| Minimum frequency    | 9.9 MHz              |
| Sampling Clock Freq. | 100 MHz              |

### Triggering System

|                            |   |
|----------------------------|---|
| Mode                       | Edge triggering with hysteresis   |
| Comparator Type            | Digital comparators for internal (CH 1 ~ CH 16) triggering and TTL receiver for TRIG IN (External) triggering |
| Number of Trigger Engines  | 2   |
| Trigger Engine Combination | Engine J, engine K, J OR K, software selectable   |

|                        |   |
|------------------------|---|
| Trigger Engine Source  | Any one of CH 1 ~ CH 16, TRIG IN, Software or None, independently software selectable for each of the two Trigger Engines   |
| Hysteresis             | ±5% of full scale input, typical  |
| Trigger sensitivity    | ±10% of full scale input range. This implies that the trigger system may not trigger reliably if the input has an amplitude less than ±10% of full scale input range selected |
| Trigger level accuracy | ±5%, typical, of full scale input range of the selected trigger source  |
| Bandwidth              | 65 MHz  |
| Trigger Delay          | Software selectable from 0 to 9,999,999 sampling clock cycles   |
| Trigger Timeout        | Software selectable with a 10 μs resolution. Maximum settable value is 3,600 seconds. Can also be disabled to wait indefinitely for a trigger event                           |

**TRIG IN (External Trigger) Input**

|                      |  |
|----------------------|--|
| Input range          | 3.3 V TTL (5 V compliant)                        |
| Input impedance      | 6.7 kΩ ±10% for TTL input                        |
| Input Coupling       | DC only  |
| Bandwidth (-3 dB)    | DC - 65 MHz                                      |
| Min. pulse width     | 32 ADC sampling clocks                           |
| Min. pulse amplitude | 2 Volts  |
| Input protection     | ±5 V (DC + peak AC without external attenuation) |

**Auxiliary I/O (AUX I/O)**

|                  |  |
|------------------|--|
| Signal direction | Input or Output, software selectable. Trigger Output by default  |
| Output types:    | Trigger Output, Busy Output, Software controlled Digital Output  |
| Input types:     | Trigger Enable<br>Software readable Digital Input  |
| Output           |  |
| Amplitude:       | 5 Volt TTL   |
| Synchronization: | Synchronized to a clock derived from the ADC sampling clock. Divide-by-8 clock (dual channel mode) or divide-by-16 clock (single channel mode) |
| Input            |  |
| Amplitude:       | 3.3 Volt TTL (5 Volt compliant)  |

**Materials Supplied**

ATS9416 PCI Express Card  
ATS9416 Installation Disk (on USB Flash Drive)

**Certification and Compliances**

RoHS 3 (Directive 2015/863/EU) Compliance  
CE Marking — EC Conformity  
FCC Part 15 Class A / ICES-003 Class A Compliance

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**ORDERING INFORMATION**

|  |             |
|--|-------------|
| ATS9416-4G   | ATS9416-002 |
| ATS9416: External Clock Upgrade  | ATS9416-005 |
| SyncBoard-9416 2x  | ATS9416-007 |
| SyncBoard-9416 4x  | ATS9416-008 |
| ATS9416: Wideband Input Upgrade  | ATS9416-009 |
| SyncBoard-9416 2x-W  | ATS9416-020 |
| SyncBoard-9416 3x-W  | ATS9416-021 |
| SyncBoard-9416 4x-W  | ATS9416-022 |
| ATS9416: QSS-BNC16 Cable 36 inches (Purchased with board)  | ATS9416-030 |
| ATS9416: QSS-QSS Cable 36 inches (Purchased with board)  | ATS9416-031 |
| ATS9416: Breakout Board + Cable  | ATS9416-032 |
| ATS9416: QSS-BNC16 Cable 36 inches (Purchased separately)  | ATS9416-033 |
| ATS9416: QSS-QSS Cable 36 inches (Purchased separately)  | ATS9416-034 |
| ATS9416-4G: One Year Extended Warranty   | ATS9416-061 |
| Software Development Kit<br>1 Year Subscription<br>(Supports C/C++, Python, MATLAB, and LabVIEW) | ATS-SDK     |
| ATS-GPU-BASE: GPU Streaming Library<br>1 Year Subscription                                       | ATSGPU-001  |
| ATS-GPU-OCT: Signal Processing Library<br>1 Year Subscription (requires ATSGPU-001)              | ATSGPU-101  |
| ATS-GMA-BASE: GPU Streaming Library<br>1 Year Subscription                                       | ATSGMA-001  |
| ATS-GMA-OCT: Signal Processing Library<br>1 Year Subscription (requires ATSGMA-001)              | ATSGMA-101  |

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| Updated product image   | pg. 1                                       |
| Clarified Operating System Support  | Features & Feature Table, pg. 1             |
| Updated <i>Recommended Motherboards or PCs</i>  | Recommended Motherboards or PCs, pg. 3      |
| Correction of trigger engines: changed to J and K (instead of X and Y)  | Triggering, pg. 4                           |
| Specified that External Trigger Input 3.3 V TTL input is 5 V-compliant  | External Trigger Input, pg. 5               |
| Added information on ATS-SDK license  | Software Development Kits, pg. 6            |
| Specified 64-bit version for Windows and Linux support  | ATS-GPU, pg. 6                              |
| Added <i>ATS-GMA</i> section  | ATS-GMA, pg. 6                              |
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| Added <i>Acquisition Memory System</i> section  | Acquisition Memory System, pg. 8            |
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| Corrected Trigger Engine Combination  | Triggering System, pg. 8                    |
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| Added subscription length for ATS-SDK, ATSGPU-001, ATSGPU-101<br>Added products ATSGMA-001, ATSGMA-101            | Ordering Information, pg. 9                 |
| Added Trademark information   | pg. 9                                       |

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| Added NPT AutoDMA buffer footer name                    | No Pre-Trigger (NPT) AutoDMA, pg. 4 |
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| Added -BASE and -OCT to ATS-GPU description for clarity | ATS-GPU, pg. 6                      |
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| Updated email address                                   | Manufactured By, pg. 9              |

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| Added connector types for External Trigger and Optional External Clock   | RF Cables, pg. 2                        |
| Modified External Trigger Input description. External trigger is now digital TTL input only.                   | External Trigger Input, pg. 5           |
| Added note: ATS9416 does not support variable frequency external clocking                                      | Fast External Clock, pg. 5              |
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| Added section on Wideband Input Upgrade  | Wideband Input Upgrade, pg. 6           |
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| Modified Software Development Kit description, added Linux support   | Software Development Kit, pg. 6         |
| Added section on ATS-GPU   | ATS-GPU, pg. 6                          |
| Replaced section <i>ATS-Linux</i> with <i>Linux Support</i> ; now includes download link & updated description | Linux Support, pg. 6                    |
| Added Export Control Classification information  | Export Control Classification, pg. 7    |
| Added section on RoHS compliance   | RoHS Compliance, pg. 7                  |
| Added section on EC Conformity   | EC Conformity, pg. 7                    |
| Added section on FCC & ICES-003 Compliance   | FCC & ICES-003 Compliance, pg. 7        |
| Updated Input Range and Input Impedance for External Trigger   | TRIG IN (External Trigger) Input, pg. 9 |
| Updated list of Certification and Compliances  | Certification and Compliances, pg. 9    |



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