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Abstract

CMOS analog-to-digital converters (ADCs) are used as basic building blocks in many types of data acquisition systems.

This application report describes the interface between the high-speed Texas Instruments (TI™) TLC5540 8-bit parallel-output ADC and the TI TMS320C203-80 digital signal processor (DSP). The 8-bit resolution ADC can operate at a rate of up to 40MSa/s (megasamples per second). On-chip voltage reference circuit can be used to create a very accurate 2V full-scale analog input conversion range. The C callable application program (assembly code) used to initialize the TMS320C203-80 and execute the code is also discussed.

This report serves as reference information for further development of hardware and software. The contents include hardware schematics and associated program software, block and timing diagrams, and a program flow chart.



Product Support

Related Documentation

The following list specifies product names, part numbers, and literature numbers of reference documents:

☐ Texas Instruments, Converting The Wyle 40MHz C2xx Development Board to TMS320C203-80 DSP, Literature number SLAA030 □ *TMS320C2xx User's Guide*, Literature number SPRU127B □ TMS3200C1x/C2x/C2xx/C5x Assembly Language Tools, User's Guide, Literature number SPRU018D ☐ TI C2xx Development System User's Manual, from Wyle Electronics, http://www.wyle.com □ TLC5540/TLC5510 Evaluation Module, Literature number SLAU007 ☐ Texas Instruments, Data Book: Data Acquisition Circuits, Data Conversion, and DSP Analog Conversion Interface, Literature number SLAD001 ☐ Texas Instruments, Data Sheet: *TLC5510, TLC5510A 8-Bit* High-Speed Analog-to-Digital Converters, Literature number SLAS095I □ Texas Instruments, Data Sheet: 74AC11004 Hex Converter. Literature number SCAS033B ☐ Texas Instruments, Data Sheet: *TMS320C203*, *TMS320C209*, TMS320LC203 Digital Signal Processors, Literature number SPRS025 ☐ Texas Instruments, Data Sheet: *TLC5510*, Literature number SLAS095B ☐ Texas Instruments, Data Sheet: 74AHCT1G04 Single Inverter Gate, Literature number SCLS319E ☐ Texas Instruments, Data Sheet: 74AHC1G32 Single 2-Input Positive-OR Gate, Literature number SCLS317G



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Introduction

The TLC5540 ADC maximum conversion speed is twice that of the TLC5510. The device reference is implemented with matched resistors. The analog input signal is translated into a binary digital form for data processing. Applications for the TLC5540 ADC include:

- CCD camera
- □ Set-top box
- □ Cable modem

Generally, parallel ADCs are used for high-speed applications, for example, video frequencies (>5 MHz). However, there is often a trade off between the converter maximum sampling frequency and its resolution. Fast and very accurate ADCs usually have 6 to 10 bits of resolution because of the trade-off between high-speed digital circuits and high-accuracy linear passive/active elements on the same chip.

This application report focuses on the hardware configuration and assembly code implementation. First, the TLC5540 Evaluation Module (EVM) is reviewed. A detailed discussion of the TMS320C203-80 Development Module (DVM) interface to the TLC5540 EVM follows. Finally, an overview of the software is presented.

Figure 1 shows a cost-effective solution consisting of a fixed point TMS320C203-80 DSP device, a TLC5540 ADC, and control logic circuits to access the data bus.

Figure 1. TLC5540 to TMS320C203-80 Interface Block Diagram

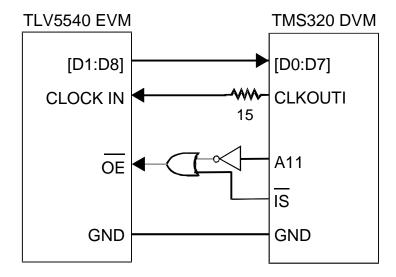
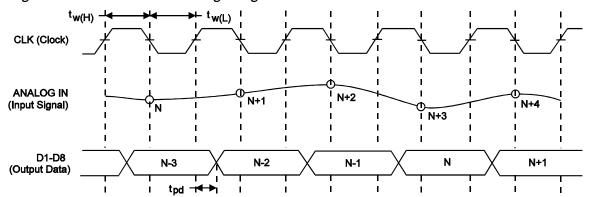




Figure 2 shows the idealized timing waveforms.

Figure 2. TLC5540 I/O Timing Diagram



The digital data is valid after a delay time t_{pd} = 15 ns (max) for the TLC5540. Table 1 summarizes important TLC5540 parameters.

Table 1. TLC5540 Parameters

Parameter			MIN	NOM	MAX	UNIT
Pulse duration, clock high, t _{W(H)}		12.5			ns	
Pulse duration, clock low, t _{W(L)}		12.5			ns	
	Parameter Test Conditions					
f_{conv}	Maximum conversion rate	$V_{I(ANLG)} = 0.5 \text{ V} - 2.5 \text{ V}$	40			MSa/S
BW	Analog input bandwidth	At –3 dB		>75		MHz
t _{dd}	Delay time, digital output	$C_L \le 10 \text{ pF}$		9	15	ns

Note: The following conditions apply: V_{DD} = 5 V, V_{RT} = 2.5 V, V_{RB} = 0.5 V, f_s = 40 MSPS, T_A = 25°C



TLC5540 Overview

The TLC5540 is a CMOS, 8-bit, 40 MSa/S (megasamples per second) ADC utilizing a semi-flash architecture. The TLC5540 ADC includes internal reference resistors, a sample and hold circuit, and 8-bit parallel outputs with high impedance mode. The ADC typically consumes 85 mW of power and operates with a single 5 V supply. Figure 3 shows the TLC5540 ADC block diagram and the input and output signals.

Resistor Reference Œ Divider RFFR 270 C NOM ower Sampling REFT Lower Encoder Comparators D1(LSB) (4 Bit) REFBS (4 Bit) Lower Data D2 **80**Ω Latch D3 NOM AGND D4 AGND ower Sampling Lower Encoder Comparators (4 Bit) (4 Bit) V _{DDA} D5 **320** Ω Upper Data D6 NOM Latch D7 REFTS **Upper Sampling** Upper Encoder ANALOG IN Comparators D8(MSB) (4 Bit) (4 Bit) Clock CLK Generator

Figure 3. TLC5540 Functional Block Diagram

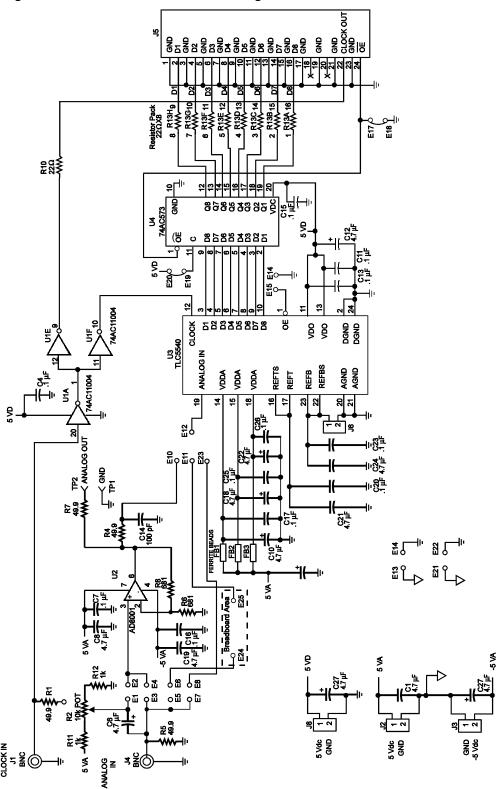
TLC5540 EVM

The Texas Instruments TLC5540 evaluation module (EVM) is designed specifically develop hardware utilizing the 8-bit high-speed TLC5540 ADC.

The ADC is capable of 40 MSa/S with an error of just ½ LSB and a typical analog input bandwidth >75 MHz. Above 1 or 2 MHz sampling rate, the board layout is critical to the performance of the ADC and requires careful consideration of several issues, such as grounding and cross-coupling of digital and analog signals on the board. These parasitic effects are somewhat worse on a breadboard; therefore, using a breadboard to evaluate an ADC is not recommended. Figure 4 shows the TLC5540 EVM board schematic.



Figure 4. TLC5540 EVM Circuit Diagram





Supply Voltages

For best performance, the TLC5540 EVM board must be provided with the following three (3) separate voltages:

■ Analog +5V

□ Analog -5V

□ Digital +5V

Table 2 details the jumpers and applications for the supply voltages.

Table 2. TLC5540 Supply Voltages

Voltage	Jumper	Application
+5V	J2	Analog supply voltage and +ve supply of the input op amp
-5V	J3	-ve supply voltage of the input op amp
+5V	J8	Digital logic supply voltage

The TLC5540 EVM board has a common analog ground area (0 V) for the analog +/- 5V supply voltages. The digital ground area for the digital supply voltage is isolated from analog ground to prevent noise spikes from the digital logic from influencing the analog circuits on the board.

The analog and digital grounds can be connected together by making a connection from E21 to E22 or E13 to E14 (see Figure 4). With this arrangement, it is possible to create and evaluate alternative methods of grounding.

Analog Input

Interfacing to the TLC5540 EVM with an analog signal source is simple because the analog input signal is taken via the BNC connector J4. This signal is taken to the input of the TLC5540 via one of four (4) alternative routes:

- □ Direct
- Via the amplifier input with DC coupling
- Via the amplifier input with AC coupling
- User-defined input

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Direct Input

The input signal can be directly fed to the ANALOG IN pin of the TLC5540 device by jumpering E7 to E8 and E23 to E12. In the circuit shown in Figure 4, the reference voltage for the TLC5540 ADC is generated by the device internal resistors. If the jumper J6 is inserted, the reference voltage will be 2.28 V with respect to 0 V; otherwise, it will be 2.6 V with respect to 0.6 V.

DC Coupled Amplifier Input

The TLC5540 EVM board input stage uses an AD8001 operational amplifier. With a gain of +2, the amplifier –3dB bandwidth is 400 MHz. This op amp is suitable for driving the ADC because it has low distortion and fast settling time.

The amplifier gain is set to +2 by resistor R6 and R8. Removing R6 sets the gain to +1 (unity gain). The AD8001 is a current feedback transimpedance amplifier device. The non-inverting input is at high impedance and the inverting input is at low impedance; hence, there is a good possibility that the device will oscillate when R6 is removed from the circuit. To avoid oscillation at unity gain (+1), R8 must be retained in the circuit and its value changed to 953 Ω .

Capacitor C14 and resistor R4 are used for antialiasing low-pass filtering of the op amp output. Frequencies above 20 MHz (fs/2) are filtered out when C14 = 100 pF and R4 = 49.9 Ω .

Having resistor R4 in series with the output of the op amp helps reduce the capacitive loading at the output. Resistor R7 prevents capacitive loading at the test point TP2 by an oscilloscope probe used for making measurements.

The AD8001 output is connected to the ANALOG IN pin of the TLC5540 by a jumper wire connecting E10 to E12. The amplifier input can be DC or AC coupled to the input at J4. Table 3 lists the connections needed for these options.

Table 3. DC and AC Coupling Connections to J4 Input

Input Coupling	Jumper Connection
DC	E3 to E4
AC	E1 to E2



AC Coupled Amplifier Input

For an AC coupled input signal, resistor R2 provides voltage offset. The offset voltage range is 0 V to +5 V (analog). With an amplifier gain of +2, the positive dynamic range of the op amp is reached with an offset value of 2.5 V.

The cutoff frequency of the input low-pass filter is set by C6 (4.7 uF) and resistance value set by potentiometer R2.

TLC5540 Analog Input Range

The permissible analog-input voltage range of the TLC5540 depends on jumper J6 settings. The way in which the jumper configuration affects the voltage conversion range is illustrated in Table 4. For example, when jumper J6 is inserted, analog inputs $\geq 2.28 \ V$ produces all 1s at the ADC output, and $\leq 0 \ V$ analog input produce all 0s at the converter output.

Table 4. Jumper Configuration and Voltage Conversion Range

Jumper J6	Input Voltage Range
Not inserted	0.6V to 2.6V
Inserted	0V to 2.28V

See the Texas Instruments data sheet, *TLC5540 8-Bit High-Speed Analog-to-Digital Converters*, for information about other voltage settings.

Test Points

The analog output voltage of the AD8001 op amp is measured at test points TP1 and TP2 (see Figure 4). Table 5 lists the signals monitored by each test point.

Table 5. Signals Monitored by Test Points

Test Point	Signal
TP1	Analog ground
TP2	Output of the op amp

Input Defined by the User

If it is necessary to bypass the AD8001 op amp and directly feed the analog input signal into the TLC5540 ADC, jumper E5 to E6 and jumper E23 to E12.



ADC Digital Data Output

The digital data of the TLC5540 ADC is buffered by an octal D-type latch (SN74AC573). A 22 Ω resistor is placed in series with Q1 through Q8 outputs to minimize ringing. The individual data lines are taken to the connection strip J5. The $\overline{\text{OE}}$ pin of the SN74AC573 latch controls the interface access to the TMS320C203-80 data bus.

The jumper between E17 and E18 must be removed and the outputs of SN74AC573 controlled by means of J5-24 on the connecting strip (see Figure 4). The outputs are then only active when the DSP addresses the ADC during data access.

Clock Buffer Circuit

The maximum conversion rate of the TLC5540 ADC is 40 MHz. The 40 MHz clock signal is fed in via the BNC input J1. It is buffered by two (2) 74AC11004 inverters before it is applied to both the clock pin of the TLC5540 and J5-22. Resistor R1 should be removed when driven by CLKOUT1 from the DSP.

TLC5540 EVM to TMS320C203-80 DVM Interfacing Signals

An outline schematic of the TLC5540 EVM interface to the TMS320C203-80 DVM is shown in Figure 6. The TMS320C203-80 DVM is a standalone board carrying a TMS320C203PZ80 DSP, analog interface circuit (AIC), flash memory, high-speed SRAM, a divider, 80MHz oscillator and serial interface for communication with a PC via the serial COM port.

The fixed point TMS320C203PZ80 has an instruction cycle time of 25 ns and is optimized for the efficient implementation of digital signal processing algorithms. Referring to Figure 6, the data bus, D1 – D8, is connected via the data bus driver SN74AC573 (J5 pins 2,4,6,8,10,12,14, and 16) through a short ribbon cable to the TMS320C203-80 DSP data bus lines (D0 – D7).

To prevent bus contention, the SN74AC573 device must only be in an active state when data is being read from the ADC.

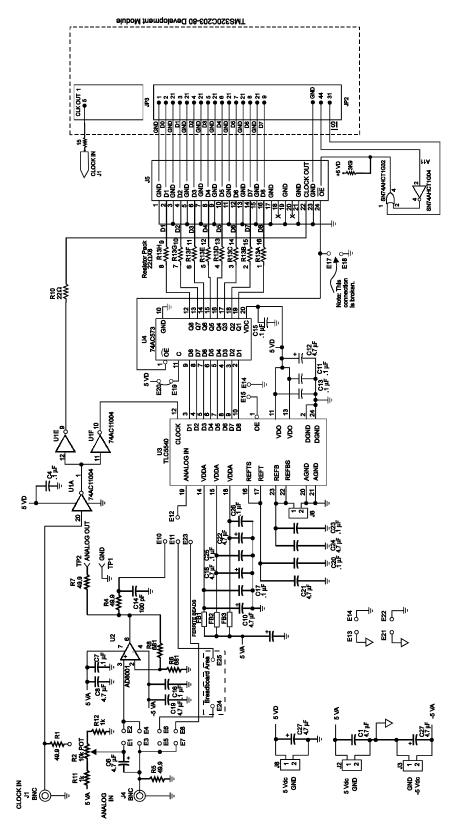
Each time the DSP wishes to read data from the ADC, address line A11 is set to a logic high level and \overline{IS} is set to logic low. A11 and \overline{IS} form the inputs to the control logic that drives the \overline{OE} pin to logic low and thus switches the data bus driver SN74AC573 from 3-state to an active state.



The ADC 40 MHz sampling frequency is generated by the DSP, which outputs the 40 MHz signal at CLKOUT1 pin. The CLKOUT1 signal is connected directly to the BNC input J1 of the TLC5540 EVM. A pair of 74AC11004 inverters buffers the clock before it is taken to both the ADC and the connecting strip J5-22.



Figure 5. TLC5540 EVM toTMS320C203-80 DVM Interface Schematic





Software Overview

The program editing and assembly are done on the host PC and downloaded to the TMS320C203-80 DVM for real time processing.

The DSP executes the interface program and acquires and processes *n* input samples from the ADC. Figure 6 shows the program flowchart.

The Crystal is 80 MHz. The internal CPU CLK for the C203 DSP is 40 MHz. CLOCKIN for the TLC5540 is driven by CLKOUT1, which is 40 MHz.

The program starts with a common initialization procedure for the DSP followed by the initialization of several auxiliary registers (ARs).

The following steps initialize the DSP:

- 1) Set the data page pointer to 0h.
- Set starting Address.
- 3) Disable the global interrupts.
- 4) Set number of samples.
- 5) Set ADC address.

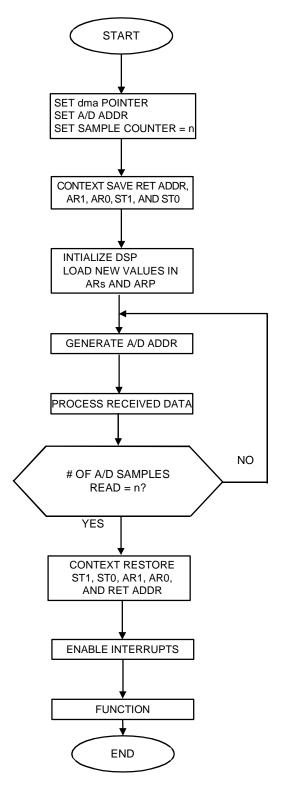
The program executes the following steps:

- 1) On interrupt, disable global interrupts and save PC, ARs, and Status Registers.
- Initialize the C203 DSP.
- 3) Load the appropriate ARs.
- Send the device address to the TLC5540 and load the ADC output into the memory
- 5) After obtaining a predefined number of A/D converter samples, the DSP exits the "loop" subroutine.
- 6) Restore the PC, Status registers, and ARs.
- 7) Enable global interrupts.

The data is now available for use in customer-defined functions (algorithms).



Figure 6. TLC5540 to TMS320C203-80 DSP Interface Program Flow Chart





Appendix A. Program Listing

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* (C) TEXAS INSTRUMENTS, INC., 1997
* File: TLC5540.ASM
* Interface 'C203-80 C2xx DSP Development Board to the TLC5540
*********************
; This routine allows the TMS320C203-80 DSK+ to interface with the TLC5540
; on the external data bus of the DSP. The TLC5540 is a CMOS, 8-bit,
; 40 MSa/S analog-to-digital converter(ADC) that utilizes a semiflash
; architecture and operates with a single 5V supply.
                 .length 55
;
                                   ; Page length = 55 lines
                                   ; Page width = 80 characters
                 .width 80
                .title "TLC5540EVM Interface"
                                  ; Include C2xx memory-mapped registers.
                .mmregs
* Variables
ADC Addr
               .set 0800h
                                   ; Define octal latch SN74AC573 output
                                   ; enable(OEn) control bit. Address bit
                                   ; All is gated with IS\ and STRB\ to
                                   ; formed the OE\ input signal. The
                                   ; digital data [D1:D8] from the ADC
                                   ; are buffered by the SN74AC573.
Mem_Pointer
               .set 0F00h
                                   ; Define starting address in data
                                   ; memory.
Sample_Count
               .set 001Eh
                                   ; Define the number of analogue input
                                   ; samples read into data memory.
               .ps 0
            B _TLC5540
                                  ; Reset vector -jump to label _TLC5540
                                   ; on reset.
           CLRC INTM
                                  ; 2h INT1, external interrupt.
           RET
           CLRC INTM
                                  ; 4h INT2/INT3, external interrupt.
           RET
           CLRC INTM
                                  ; 6h TINT, external interrupt.
           RET
               .def _TLC5540
                                  ; Comment out this line when using Wyle
                                   ; TASM
locals
               .set 0
                                   ; Set equal to the number of local
                                   ; variables.
               .ps 1000h
               .entry
* Our program begins at address 1000h
_TLC5540:
;Context save
           POPD *+
                                  ; Save return address
                                   ; Save FP
           SAR ARO, *+
           SAR AR1, *
                                   ; Save SP
           LAR ARO, *+, AR1
                                 ; Set-up new FP
           ADRK locals
                                   ; Set-up new SP for local variables
           SST #1, *+
                                  ; Save status registers
           SST #0, *+
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;Save is complete
*Initialisation
;
          LAR AR2, #ADC_Addr ; Address for A/D converter, set Al1 LAR AR3, #Mem_Pointer ; Pointer to data memory for conv.
                                 ; values
          LAR AR4, #(Sample_Count-1); Counter for the number of samples
          MAR *, AR3 ; Select AR3.
* Transfer ADC data
W_LOOP: IN *+, ADC_Addr, AR4
                               ; Save each read A/D converter sample
         ; in data memory.

Banz W_LOOP, *-, AR3 ; Loop for n = sample_count-1
******************
* Stack Management on Exit
****************
; Context restore
          MAR *, AR1
                                ; Set ARP = SP
          MAR *-
                                 ; Point to saved STO
                                ; Restore ST0
; Restore ST1 and ARP
          LST #0, *-
          LST #1, *
                           ; Pop old SP
; Pop FP
          LAR AR1, *-
          LAR ARO, *-
          PSHD *
                                ; Put return address on H/W stack
          CLRC INTM
                                ; Enable interrupts
          RET
     .END
                                 ; Assembler module end directive
                                 ; -optional.
```