

CERN-IPMC: Update status

xTCA Team Meeting

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General overview

- New hardware designed in 2019 (vers. 4)
 - Compliant with original connector specification
 - Add a third UART interface on pins 58 (Tx) /61 (Rx)
 - Frame contract established and qualified
 - Up to 1000 modules can be produced until end 2022
 - Produced and qualified in Q4 2020 via the frame contract
- Software moved to the latest version from Pigeon Point
 - Porting from version 1.2 to 1.3

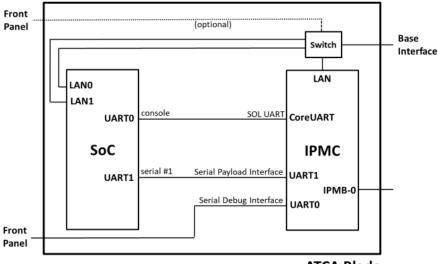




Hardware vers. 4

- Improve SoC < > IPMC connectivity
 - Communication to get IPMC info and status to the SoC
 - Based on UART interface Payload Interface
 - Allows getting blade position in a crate (used for HPM.3)
- 3 UART interfaces:
 - Original UART port remains on pin 57 (Tx)/60 (Rx)
 - Additional UART interface located on GPIO can be routed to:
 - User I/O [0:1]
 - User I/O [24:26]
 - New UART interface on pins 58 (Tx) /61 (Rx)
 - Allow enabling all of the UART features:
 - · Serial Debug Interface (SDI)
 - Serial Over LAN (SOL)
 - Payload Interface (PI)
 - Configuration is made in XML configuration file (static)
- Compliant with original connector specification
 - Pin 58/61 were non-connected on previous versions
 - Connectivity to new pins can be can be removed by taking off the 0 Ohm resistors

Possible configuration using all three interfaces:

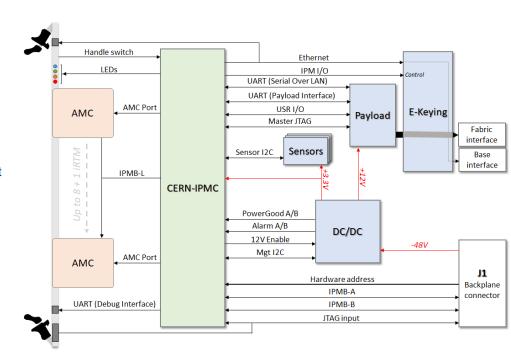


ATCA Blade

Typical use of the CERN-IPMC

- HPM.3: Ethernet configuration via the IPMC.
 - IP address depending on the blade position in the system and not on a MAC address
- HPM.2: IPMI on LAN
 - Allows getting the supervision system (e.g.: DCS) fully redundant.
 - No need to handle differently communication via Ethernet or IPMB buses.
 - Implement Serial Over LAN to redirect UART to Ethernet.
 A nice to have to communicate with a S.o.C.
- HPM.1: Upgrade via IPMI
 - Ensure stable configuration with image checker
 - Implements automatic/manual rollbacks
 - Keep of non volatile parameters
 - E.g.: thresholds modified during a run are not updated by a reconfiguration.

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Software porting to v.1.3

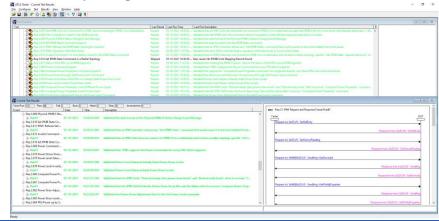
- Based on latest version of the Pigeon Point solution:
 - Fixes IPMB-0 bus instabilities that were observed by the L1Calo team
 - Adds support for HPM.2 R1.1 and HPM.3 R2.0
 - Stability improvement (e.g.: sensor interface updated, HPM.1 on power cycle issue...)
- V.1.2 to v.1.3 "How to":
 - New configurations: UART, Non volatiles parameters (e.g.: sensor thresholds)
 - Release note and how-to: https://gitlab.cern.ch/ep-ese-be-xtca/ipmc-project/-/tags/v.1.3



Software porting to v.1.3

Extensive tests performed:

- Active test ran for all of the interfaces during several hours/days
- Allowed finding conflicts on IPMB-L bus detected (issue was found on our MMC configuration)
- HPM.1 stability [Upgrades in a loop] (watchdog reset detection issue was fixed)
- Non-volatile parameters issue on HPM.1 upgrade (e.g.: IP address not reset to default)
- Compilation errors depending on UART configuration were solved by fixing the code
- TCP/IP issue on extensive use and add Linux support
- Tested with Polaris Tester:
 - Number of tests: 123
 - Passed: 86
 - Failed: 2
 - As the iRTM is emulated, it cannot be accessed by the Polaris tester without configuring the setup .. This was tested manually
 - · Skipped: 35
 - AMC not implemented, e-keying not set





Software porting to v.1.3

Status

- Test performed locally with the CERN-IPMC tester
- Test performed by the ATLAS L1Calo team in real environment
- Additional test for sensor integration are on-going with the CMS DTH team
- Release note, including a guide for the software migration, was written

Plans (coming weeks)

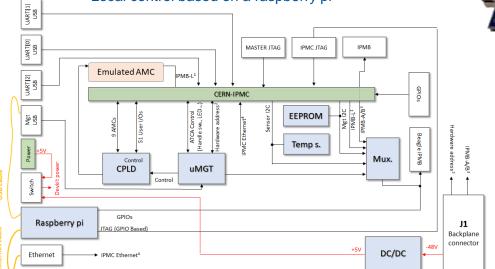
- Accelerated aging using climatic chamber
- Fully populated crate using the tester
 - Extensive polling of a large number of sensors
 - ATCA Insertion/extraction emulation
 - AMC/iRTM insertion/extraction emulation



Fully populated crate with CERN-IPMC devkit.



- New development kit available
 - ATCA form factor compliant (features a zone 1 connector)
 - Powered from the backplane input
 - Local control based on a raspberry pi



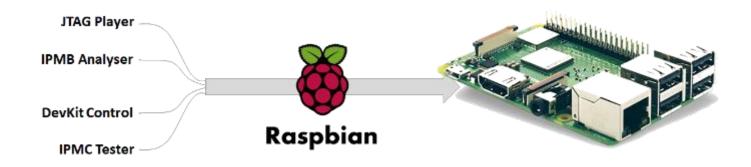


Can be used on a desk as well as in an ATCA shelf

Block diagram available in backup slides



- New features available
 - Run on local Raspberry pi
 - Based on Raspbian distribution (Linux)
 - Need Ethernet and USB connectivity to the Ethernet and Management ports





JTAG Player

- Used to reset the CERN-IPMC to CERN default firmware
- Can be used to flash firmware upgrade according to the CERN-IPMC support team
- Only one command in raspberry terminal: jtag_player –reset

DevKit control

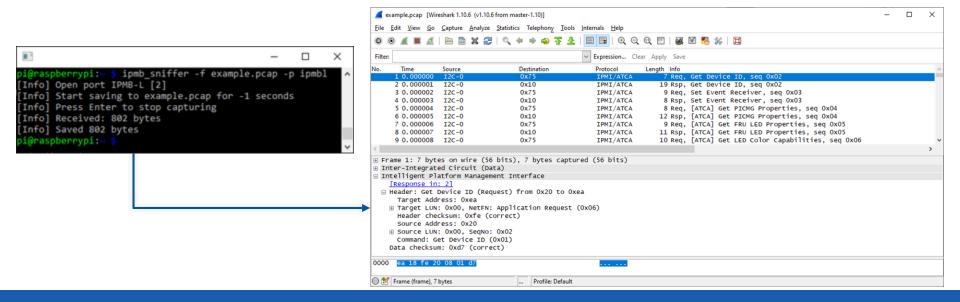
- Allows configuring the test setup via the command line interface of the raspberry pi
- One command per action e.g.: devkit_ctrl -a SETHA -v 0x43
- Implements all of the actions supported by the devkit controller

IPMC Tester

- Allows running a full hardware test for a CERN-IPMC
- Using it reconfigures the module with the CERN default firmware
- Generates a report and a log file, which can help debugging a module



- IPMB Analyser
 - Captures IPMB-A, IPMB-B or IPMB-L packet and format them for Wireshark
 - Only one command in raspberry terminal: ipmb_sniffer -p <port> -o <output file>

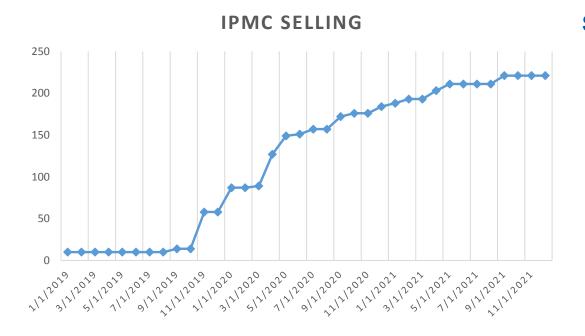




- IPMC Tester
 - Testing improvement: automatic module flashing via raspberry pi interface
 - Was originally done manually
 - Avoid operator intervention and make the test fully automatic
 - Reports automatically generated
 - Test can be executed externally (allow user to test their own hardware)



CERN-IPMC Distribution



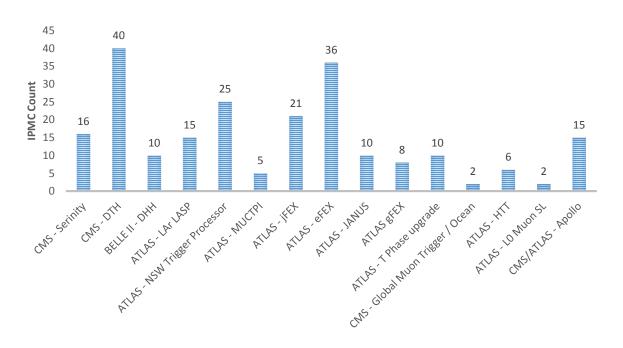
Stock:

• V3: 63

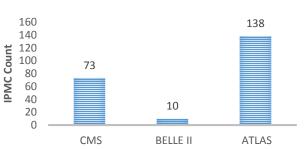
• V4: 64



CERN-IPMC Distribution



IPMC PER EXPERIMENTS





Summary

- New hardware version
 - Produced using a frame contract allowing the production of up to 1000 IPMCs until end 2022
 - First modules produced in November 2020
 - Can be ordered on https://cern-ipmc.web.cern.ch/order
 - need of V4 shall be specified as V3 are also still available
- Software upgrade:
 - Porting to the latest version of the Pigeon Point solution
 - Improve stability and has been extensively tested
 - Released and documented
 - Available through remote compilation since January
- New development kit available
 - ATCA standard compliant for in-crate use
 - · Adds functionality based on raspberry pi controller
 - First prototype arrived at CERN in November
 - Final version received in March and successfully tested
 - Available for purchase (1500 CHF)
 - Currently used in 3 institutes



