ePIC Electronics, Readout, & DAQ working group Part 2 (RDO -> Data Center)

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Current Efforts

- RDO
- Slow Controls
- Data Volumes
- DAQ Computing
- Connection to S&C Streaming WG

Name

Sharing

Function

Attributes

EPIC Electronics / DAQ

Standard Component Names and Functions



Sensor	Adapter	Front End Board (FEB)	Readout Board (RDO)	Data Aggregation Module (DAM)	Computing
Detector Specific	Detector Specific	Detector Specific	Few Variants	Common	Common
-Multi-Channel Sensor	-HV/Bias distribution -HV divider -Interconnect routing	-Amplification -Shaping -Digitization -Zero Suppression	-Communication -Aggregation -Formatting -Data Readout -Config & Control -Clock &Timing	-Computing Interface -Aggregation -Software Trigger -Clock & Timing -Config & Control	-Data buffering and sinkin -Run Control -Calibration Support -QA / Scalers -Collider Feedback -Event ID/Building? -Software Trigger
-MAPS -AC-LGAD -MCP-PMT -SiPM -LAPPD	-Sensor Specific -Passive	-ASIC/ADC -Discrete -Serial Link	-FPGA -Fiber Link	-Large FPGA -PCIe -Potentially Ethernet	-wontoning

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RDO Discussions

- Physical Characteristics
 - Locations
 - Size
 - Power / Cooling
 - Radiation Requirements
 - Link distances/rates
- Optical Protocol Requirements
 - Timing (5ps / 50-100ps)
 - I2C for ASICs/FEBs
 - Real-Time Command / Control
 Protocol
 - Data Transfer Protocol (10Gb/s / 25 Gb/s)
- Optical Protocol Choices
 - ePIC simple custom protocol
 - GPT in FPGA
 - Dedicated Clock/Reconstructed Clock (2 or 3 fibers/RDO?)

RDO Specifications/Guidance

- Nominally 2.5 in² for common RDO components including FPGA and optical link options (for example if it is integrated on the same PCB as the FEB). For standalone RDO, allow for up to 4 in² to provide space for copper-based connectors to FEBs.
- Power requirements: 3-5 Watts. Allow for at least two LV levels nominally 5V (for optics) and a lower voltage for FPGA power and ASIC signal management.
 - Consider using radiation tolerant switching voltage regulators (e.g. from CERN).
- Multiple optical link interfaces allow for flexible implementation of the RDO as either a standalone readout solution or use with the DAM boards. They can also be used for accepting an alternative low-jitter clock input.
 - Samtec Firefly connectors are also a potential option as they have a footprint similar to VTRX and also provide MTP options.





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RDO Discussions

- RDO / Timing subgroup to mock up GTU/DAM/RDO to answer these questions
 - Slow startup due to time constraints of group members
 - Devkits being distributed
 - Arrangements for FELIX 182 slow but progressing
- Hope to start getting answers this fall
 - Protocol document
 - Timing measurements



Slow Controls Integration

- Listed under 6.10.9 (DAQ) in the project
 - The slow controls efforts for each detector listed under the detector
 - Integration will
 - Coordinate with collider
 - Coordinate with detector systems (common hardware/software)
 - Provide common computing/network infrastructure
- Project hire (Lee Flader)
 - Working with Norbert Novitzky on HCALs as model project
- Standardize to:
 - EPICs for control
 - Allen Bradley for PLC's

ePIC High-Level Plan



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Data Volumes

- Distilled volumes from
 - Background Group Simulations provide hits/sec above detector thresholds
 - Synchrotron Radiation
 - Hadron Beam
 - Electron Beam
 - DIS (18x275 scaled to 500khz)
 - Noise estimates from
 - "digitization spreadsheet"
 - E&DAQ WG presentations
 - No charge share/time share
 - Bits / hit = Charge Sharing * Hit Duration * Bits Per Hit
 - Cluster finding (where possible) reduces hit size to BitsPerHit
 - Cluster finding (when possible) reduces noise x 10^-5
 - Software "triggering" for Far Backward/dRICH
- Charge sharing / Time Sharing / noise estimates should be considered VERY preliminary



Preliminary Throughput Summary: (no surprises so far!)



See Electronics & DAQ WG indico for 7/20/23 for spreadsheet Need to get the granularity to specific channels / FEB / RDO These need to be formalized and incorporated into S&C metrics

DAQ Computing

- Time Frames (~1ms)
 - Up to \sim 500 events
 - ~10MB output data
 - ~100kB avg / DAM
- Routing data
- Formatting data
- Processing data
 - DAM FPGA & CPUs
 - Cluster finding
 - Software triggering
 - Sanity Checkers
 - QA Monitoring
 - Metadata
 - Slow controls integration
- Scalers / continuously running DAQ components



S&C Streaming DAQ WG

- Two streaming concepts
 - (Electronic) No Level-0 trigger
 - (Institutional) Rapid turn around of reconstructed data (streaming as opposed to batch processing)
- The focus of the group is the institutional requirements and organization
 - International Collaboration
 - Tasks to be done and associated institutional requirements
 - Support for streaming model
 - Automated data handling
 - Automated calibration tools
 - Automated monitoring tools
- We expect this may lead also to links between the DAQ and the streaming reconstruction for rapid turn around of critical information such as calibrations

Batch options: (reconstruction is human driven)



Streaming options: (reconstruction is data driven)





