

Data Acquisition System of the PANDA Micro-Vertex Detector



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PANDA (antiProton ANnihilation at DArmstadt) will be an experiment at the "Facility for Antiproton and Ion Research". In this experiment proton-antiproton annihilation will be used to study the properties of the strong force. The PANDA detector will comprise of different sub-detectors for precise trajectory reconstruction, energy measurements and particle identification. In this contribution, the developed concept of the readout chain of the innermost subdetector, the Micro-Vertex Detector (MVD), is described. The realized readout chain for the MVD microstrip sensors is presented. The sensors and readout front-end have been integrated with the Module Data Concentrator (implemented on FPGA) to form the first fully functional detector module. This setup has been tested and approved in a beam test at COSY, which is also presented.

Target system Magnet Detector



olded fan-out flex cable

Micro-Vertex Detector

Innermost subdetector



Microstrip Detector Readout Chain

- High granularity & expected occupancy \rightarrow significant challenges in design of DAQ
- # 296 microstrip detector modules readout by IpGBT @ 10 Gb/s



Front-end ASIC

- ToASt Torino Amplifier for silicon Strip detectors
- UMC 110 nm CMOS technology
- 64 input channels
- Time of Arrival (ToA) & Time over Threshold (ToT) measurements
- Two output serial links @ 160 Mb/s
- Serial configuration protocol @ 80 Mb/s
- SEU protection via Triple Modular Redundancy

Module Data Concentrator (MDC) ASIC UMC 110 nm CMOS technology

- Provides information on specific energy loss, tracking & particle identification
- Silicon pixel and microstrip sensors:

Pixel sensors: 2 barrel layers, 6 disks \rightarrow 20 Mio. pixels

Microstrip sensors: 2 barrel layers, 2 disks \rightarrow 200 000 chs

Internal architecture of the ToASt ASIC

ToA & ToT definitions

To IpGBT

FSM

e-link

320 Mb/s

FIFO

32 x 1024

Frame alignment check

Trailer check



Internal architecture of the MDC ASIC



MVD Multiplexer Board (MMB)

- AMC form factor, compatible with µTCA & ATCA systems
- Each AMC card can manage up to 36 links @ 10 Gb/s (from/to detector)
- Readout based on ETH data link, 2x 100 GbE uplink to compute node
- Connection to Synchronization Of Data Acquisition (SODANET)
- Al algorithms for data processing, detector configuration & data quality monitor (DQM)
- Common and versatile DAQ system
- Standalone mode possible for testing

Integration of MDC with ToASt and sensor

- Commissioning of the setup @ KIT
- MDC-Implementation on FPGA

- Zero-suppression
- Dynamic configuration of the high-speed links
- Intelligent multiplexing of up to 8 ToASt links
- Frame alignment logic
- Local detector configuration and slow control



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Beam Test Setup & Results

- Beam test @ COSY (Cooler Synchrotron, Jülich)
- Proton beam at different intensities

- Readout multiple ToASt \rightarrow mimic detector module
- Readout based on FPGA-GPU-Direct communication
- Direct data transfer from FPGA to GPU memory \rightarrow low latency

Data throughput up to 120 Gb/s



MDC logic implemented on FPGA

Sensor + ToASt ASIC on detector card

adout card

microstrip orientation



Mechanical frame provided by Giessen University

High-uniformity of the channels (very low threshold, gain dispersion)





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