

DP Photon System Readout - Envisioned System and DAQ Interfaces

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Joint effort between several In2p3 laboratories in France

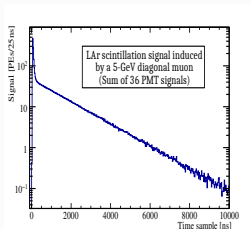
- Omega** Microelectronics Design Center for Physics and Medical Imaging - ASIC development and testing
- LAPP** Particle and Nuclear Physics - PCB layout, routing and FMC board production
- APC** Cosmology and Astroparticle Physics - ASIC testing, PCB schematics, Firmware
- IPNL** Nuclear Physics - General support, advice and firmware

Develop (Micro)electronics front end for PMTs

Scintillating light in LAr : reference numbers (to revisit)

Time properties of light signal

Simulated data



Primary scintillation in LAr

- fast component 7ns (~23% of light)
- slow component 1.6 μ s (~77% of light)

Falling tail constant of 500 ns

Overall signal duration of 5 μ s

Dynamic Range 1 to 4k PhotoElectrons

Amplitude of light signal

1 GeV neutrino $\sim 1.6 \times 10^7$ photons @500V/cm

Ref: *ArXiv:1408.0848*

Ligh collection efficiency 0.1 %

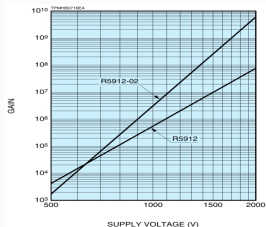
Simulated neutrino / Gev \Rightarrow 20k PE

500 PE/PMT/GeV neutrino ($4 \cdot 10^3$ @ 8 Gev)

Pulse Width SPE = 20 ns.

I_p (8 Gev) = $(4 \cdot 10^3) \times (1 \cdot 10^6) \times (1,6 \cdot 10^{-19}) / (2 \cdot 20^{-9})$

$I_p \times 50 \text{ Ohms} \sim 800 \text{ mV}$. $\sim 100 \text{ pC}$.



A. Beyond ASIC functionality

Implement an PMT dedicated, latest generation ASIC
+ integrate with an state of the art Stratix IV FPGA

Advanced, non ASIC features

- Dead timeless monitoring system + digital event tagging
- Online trigger efficiency computing
- Endless (x-bits) time stamping, etc.

B. Digital Pulse Processing

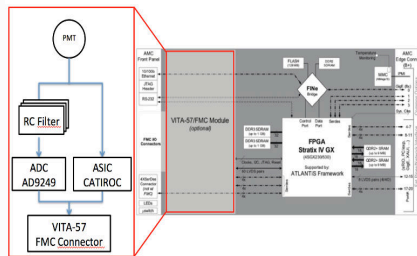
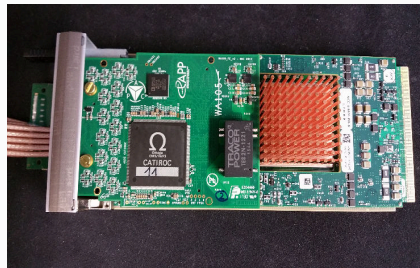
Perform DPP on the samples within FPGA fabric

- Sampling of analog signals
- Computing falling tail, averaging, windowing, etc.
- Event rejection, pile up handling, etc.

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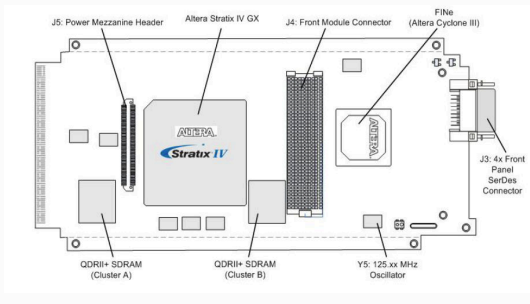
Motherboard + mezzanine + sma cabling

- Splitting of 16 PMT analog inputs
- Anti aliasing, low pass filter
- VITA 57 FMC connector
- Full analog processing in dedicated ASIC
- Provides light trigger to experiment
- Readout from ASIC to FPGA
- ADC-9249, 65 MHz, 14 bits
- ADC improve measurement of charge by correlation
- Samples are merged and processed in FPGA
- 1 ASIC, software controlled, calibration signal conditionally replaces all analog inputs
- 4 Spare I/O signals handle positive/negative polarity signals (-400 mV / 1.5 V, software selectable)



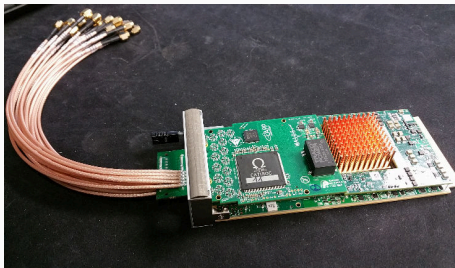
Block diagram

COTS mother board : Bittware S4 AMC



- High performance computing platform
- COTS: Reduced risk of failure
- Stable operating temperature
- Strong power supply stability

- Altera Stratix IV GX FPGA
- 1 BittWare FINE Host/Control Bridge
- 10/100/1000 Ethernet, SerDes, LVDS, RS-232, and JTAG
- 2 GBytes of memory
- Fully connected to AMC (16 ports SerDes, 4 ports GPIO)
- VITA 57 FMC site for I/O expansion
- Six backplane clocks



AMC unit and three mezzanines



Home made, custom design

Three units produced

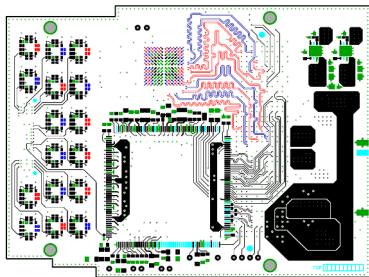
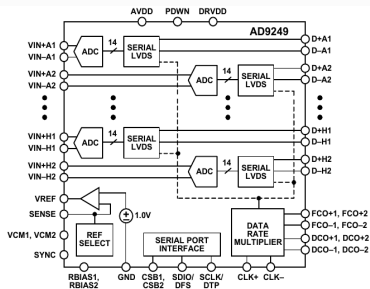
Cabling priority

- RG393 (0,6 dB/100 feet @ 400 MHz)
- RG303 (8,6 dB/100 feet @ 400 MHz)
- RG316 (20 dB/100 feet @ 400 MHz)

Main features

- SMA, 20 channels splitter cable (16 analog + 4 spare)
- Analog frontend
- Highly integrated
- 16 channels CatiROC ASIC
- High bandwidth, 400 pins VITA 57
- 65 MHz, 14 bits ADC
- FMC form factor

Sampling ADC



65 MSPS / 650 MHz Bandwidth

16 data out lines, fully differential

Serial LVDS

2 V_{p-p} - 14 bits - 75 dBFS SNR

DNL < 0.6 LSB; INL < 0.9 LSB

- AD9249, fully configurable device
- Low voltage & low power
- Small footprint
- Configurable sampling frequency
- Anti aliasing filter necessary
- Capture FCO, DCO and clock available
- SPI Serial port control for slow control

Sophisticated routing



16 channels readout chip for PMTs with fully independent charge and time measurements

16 negative inputs: each voltage input is sent to high/low noise amplifiers for small and large signals to ensure a good charge precision (~ 30 fC)

Variable 8 bit gain / amplifier / channel

Charge: preamp followed by 2 variable slow shapers sent to analog memories to measure up to 50pC

Time: coarse + fine timing

10 bits Wilkinson ADC to convert charge and fine time @ 160 MHz

Dead time ~ 5 us.

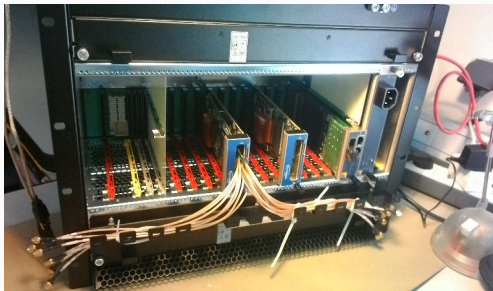
2 x 16 effective channels (two capacitors)

A fast shaper / channel followed by a discr for auto-trigger

Digital section handles the acq, conversion and readout, providing a 26 bits coarse time measurement (TS)

... but only one common, leading edge 10 bit threshold

Planned developments



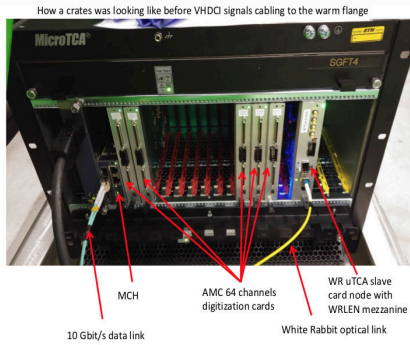
Once the current design is validated

- Full NAT uTCA crate
- 10 AdvancedMC (AMC), double width slots
- 2 redundant MCH controller
- 1 AMC dedicated card for synchronizing
- 1 AMC dedicated card for trigger ORing

Home made hardware with 2 ASICs + 2
ADCs => 32 channels

Architecture compatible with charge
readout DAQ

To be integrated in charge readout global DAQ.



Developed by / image from IPNL

32-Channels In sync within the same AMC hardware

AMC Units Each AMC mother board takes a clock through the uTCA backplane

Crate Sync A dedicated White Rabbit, uTCA slave node acts as a sync receiver, distributing clocks to the back plane

System sync All system electronics are in sync using White Rabbit and dedicated receiver units

Data readout Through the data link

32 channels x 11 slots = 352 channels / uTCA crate

All channels run synchronously, all events are time stamped

Integrated with the charge readout electronics via the common time base and the back-end receiving the data

32-Channels Triggerless mode, with locally generated triggers (discriminator output of leading edge on fast shapper channel within the CatiROC ASIC)

AMC local trigger ORing of all 32 triggers within the FPGA; output through spare outputs

Crate trigger Daisy chain / star readout of AMC local triggers

System trigger Global OR trigger of all channels

Triggerless operation or during beam time in an external trigger mode via white rabbit

Several crates in sync with the dedicated AMC slave node

Conclusions

- Work in progress ...
- Currently three 16 channels units
- Doing the firmware / software
- CatiROC fully characterized and understood

ADC Charge Measurement	14 bits	65 MHz
CatiROC ASIC	Analog processing	Time + Charge
Stratix IV FPGA	2 GB Memory	FMC
Event size	10 bytes	Customizable