ToroidMeeting-Apr-12-06

Toroid Electronics Meeting Minutes, April 4, 2006



Attendees:

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Steve Smith	John Dusatko	Tim Montagne
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Agenda:

- 1. Injector Install Solution: What circuitry will be ready for Injector Install?
- 2. System Architecture: Imaging requirements? MPS EPICS dependency?

Action: (summary; see details below)

- 1. M. Cecere Pursue an Analog Electronics solution for Injector Install.
- 2. M. Cecere Determine MPS requirements, Interim and Permanent.
- 3. D. Dowell Send revised Toroid specifications to M. Cecere
- 4. M. Cecere Investigate network BW options for sending video/waveform data (from waveform imaging) back to MCC.
- 5. M. Cecere Develop ESD based on Analog Interim Solution for next week

Minutes:

1. Discussed Digital FPGA/DSP Design

- a. Has many nice features:
 - i. Beam Charge Determination
 - ii. EPICS Independence for MPS signal generation
 - iii. Complete waveform imaging capability
- b. Steve thought this project could be done in 6 months, if enough resources were dedicated. This was judged risky at this time.
- 2. Pre-Amp might not be needed at all
 - a. it was briefly mentioned that the pre-amp can be elliminated from this design and it's functions (calibration pulse generation, possible pulse stretching/conditioning) can be subsumed by the electronics board itself.
- 3. MPS Requirements
 - a. Comparator mode and Single Toroid modes both needed.
 - b. Need independence from EPICS processing for reliability.
 - i. This requires remebering MPS threshold values in case the host IOC locks-up.
 - ii. and a watchdog timer so Toroid board can notify MPS of problem.

4. Imaging Requirements, Still needed for Toroids?

- a. If toroid designed to spec, it should provide a recoverable image of the dark current pulse.
- b. Dave says this requirement can be dropped for toroids, will rely on Faraday cups for imaging needed during tune-up and diagnostics.
- c. Therefore, Imaging requirements still needed for Faraday cup.
 - i. can be supplied by an analog signal tap that can be fed to an o-scope or digitizing card for readback over the network.
 - ii. need to investigate network BW options for sending imaging data (video signals, digital waveform data...) back to MCC for remote observation.
- 5. Interim Analog-based Solution
 - a. can still supply imaging requirements
 - MPS signal generation needs made much more difficult without the presence of digital electronics on board. adding digital electronics complicates project timeline.
 - i. relax MPS requirements for Interim, injector install solution?