ToroidMeeting-May-17-06

Toroid Electronics Meeting Minutes, May 17, 2006

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Attendees:

Steve Smith	John Dusatko	Hamid Shoaee
Bob	Cecile	Michael
Simmons	Limborg	Cecere

Agenda:

- 1. uController based design
- 2. IOC Implications
- 3. Project Timeline Overview

Presentation Materials:

MicroController Electronics, M. Cecere (PPT Format)

Minutes:

- 1. Discussed using microcontroller in place of FPGA
 - a. Microchip PIC processor, 40 MHz, 40 MIPS
 - i. also supports TCP/IP
- 2. Don't need MPS dynamic threshold

 setting from IOC
 - a. microController lets us do ratiometric 10%, 50% calculations for Comparator mode
 - b. might need for Over-Charge threshold setting on future toroids
- 3. Still use Akre's fast ADC board for waveform acquisition
- 4. Ethernet capabilities of PIC processor could become main comm link with IOC
 - a. If fast enough for 120Hz update rate
- 5. Bob simmons has used a PIC18 controller in a similar project

Action Items:

- 1. M. Cecere: Any Toroid cables that are in comparator mode appear in seperate racks?.
- 2. M. Cecere: Develop Project Timeline with assistance
- 3. M. Cecere: Estimate PIC performance, from ICE and Bob Simmons work
- 4. M. Cecere: Check with Ron Akre on availability of his 4-channel board
- 5. M. Cecere: Develop PIC flowchart and timing charts
- 6. M. Cecere: Develop Materials for CDR next wed. May 24