Hybrid Burn-in Hardware for Preproduction

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Outline

- Hardware requirements for preproduction
- Challenges of running at 50 MHz
- Prototype Multiplex Scrambler (MPX) modifications for preproduction
- Prototype Pattern (PATT) board modifications for preproduction
- Conclusions



Buffer card: • Provides pass-through for input pattern and control lines

PC

 Converts returning data from differential to single-ended format



Switch board: • Provide power switching and I/O routing to and from each of the 8 arms

PC

VCAL

• Select arm for current and voltage reading





Pattern board: • FIFOs for sending patterns to hybrids(PATT) • FIFOs for receiving data from hybrids

Clock (aiming for 50 MHz)



New Multiplex Scrambler Board!

MPX: • Distributes initialization, pattern, and control to 8 hybrids (sends to all 8 at once)

- Distributes analog and digital voltage to hybrids (either all on or all off for a given MPX)
- Selects among hybrids for readout
- Selects among hybrids for current and voltage monitor







For Preproduction

- Prototypes will be equipped to burn-in 10 to 16 hybrids
- Tests complex features of hardware
- Keeps up with preproduction



Challenges of Running at 50 MHz

- Clock skew between two ends of MPX
 - Additional 1.5 ns delay in arrival time at PATT FIFO of output data from each of the successive 8 ports of MPX ⇒ 10.5 ns difference between port 1 and port 8
 Compare this with the store period of 20 ns (50 Mhz)

• "bit9" selection on PATT board adds additional delay

- There are 10 bus lines, but only 9 PATT board FIFO bits
- "bit9" carries either "data valid" or "priority out"
- The logic on the PATT board that selects between the two adds additional delay with respect to the other 8 bus lines
- Both effects have been reduced through modifications, but running at 50 MHz is a *new* challenge

MPX Modifications for Preproduction

- Inverted bits found in two of the input lines (fixed in software)
- Termination added to input and output bus lines
- Driver chips added to output bus lines
- Lowest driver current setting gives poor differential signal (an item for discussion)
- Swaps between connections to pins of current and voltage Monitoring chips (fixed on MPX board)
- Swap between AVDD and DVDD connections (fixed)
- Delay added to back-end clock as sent to ports 1-4
 - Delays the readout of ports 1-4 to match the readout of ports 5-8
 - Reduced the clock skew to two sub-groups

PATT board Modifications for Preproduction

- Clock signal, as used for FIFO store, cleaned up (diodes and resistors added to PATT board)
- More direct ground paths established
- Circuit that selects bit9 has been sped up (from ~12 ns to ~5 ns)

Conclusions

Plan is to run at 50 MHz

- There have been challenges, but we are on target
- Prototyping concept has been a success
 - Problems have been identified and <u>fixed</u>
- Prototype MPX board has undergone modifications
 - In preparation for preproduction
 - Changes will be included in layout for next (production?) version
- PATT board is ready for submission
 - Need for more boards has given an opportunity to improve them
- Hardware for preproduction is on hand, with ongoing work on MPX to allow for preproduction burn-in of 10-16 hybrids simultaneously