

THE MRF TIMING SYSTEM. THE COplete CONTROL SOFTWARE INTEGRATION IN TANGO

Timing key functions

- Synchronously distribute timing signals to the whole machine, locked to RF frequency.
- Fast interlocking of the whole machine in 4.2 μ s.
- Logging of events with globally distributed timestamps is available for machine postmortem analysis.
- Permit top-up and arbitrary filling pattern of the machine.

How it works

- The EVG creates and sends out the events to the EVRs. The optical event stream transmitted is phase locked to the RF clock reference.
- EVRs decode events from the EVG. Each event code can be associated to different actions, amongst which the most common ones:
 - Trigger a pulse in any of its outputs (up to 10 outputs per EVR). A configurable delay of the trigger since the event is got can be set, as well as the pulse width. Both delay/width can be set in 8 ns steps.
 - Set a given output to high. A delay is configurable.
 - Reset a given output to low. A delay is configurable.
 - Log the event. Events can be stored with globally distributed timestamps into a log memory.
 - Forward the event downstream.
- EVRs also have 2 inputs: an event can be sent upstream when activity is detected, and then it can be redistributed downstream to the rest of EVRs by the EVG. This is the Fast Interlock system.
- Fanouts/concentrators distribute 1 up-link Rx port to 8 Tx downstream ports and concentrates 8 Rx downstream to 1 upstream Tx port.

Some numbers

- 100 EVRs.
- 85 cPCI control machines.
- 418 output signals.
- 49 interlock input signals.
- 10 km of fibre cable.

Software

- Drivers for linux kernel 2.6 developed both for EVG and EVR.
- Pythonized API for EVG, EVR and fanouts.
- Tango device servers written in python (using the PyTango binding) for controlling all the hardware:
 - EventG gives full control of a EVG.
 - EventR gives full control of a EVR.
 - MrfFanOutDs for controlling a fanout.
- Tango device servers for globally managing/monitoring the system:
 - TimingManager allows to set/retrieve the configuration of all the EVRs and also configure/retrieve the logs.
 - TimingMonitor is continuously monitoring the status of the EVG, EVRs and fanouts to find any problem.
- Tango device servers for filling an top-up:
 - Filling device server for controlling filling of the storage ring.
 - Top-up device server (under development).

Graphical User Interfaces

- EVG and EVR expert GUIs for controlling all their features.
- TimingManager GUI is the users main interaction point with the system. It is the front end for the TimingManager device server.
- TimingMonitor GUI is the front end for TimingMonitor device server, allowing a human readable display of its warnings.
- Filling GUI is the front end for Filling device server.
- Top-up GUI (to do) will be the front end for top-up device server.

