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ESS WS control system development status

preamble

Software is just a tool that lets you to shift a task from the conceptual side (model) to the computing side (practical implementation of the model)

Head first: before coding anything define a model describing what you want to be performed by an automatic system

Defining a good (enough) model is a complex task that requires to identify the input, the output and the action (transfer function) that have to be performed in order to reach a goal

goal

measuring the transverse beam density profile by WS

what is a WS

WS: an electro-mechanical device which measures the transverse beam density profile in a particle accelerator by means of a moving thin wire (CERN)

WS input: signal generated by a moving wire (wire: primary sensing element)

WS output: transverse beam density profile

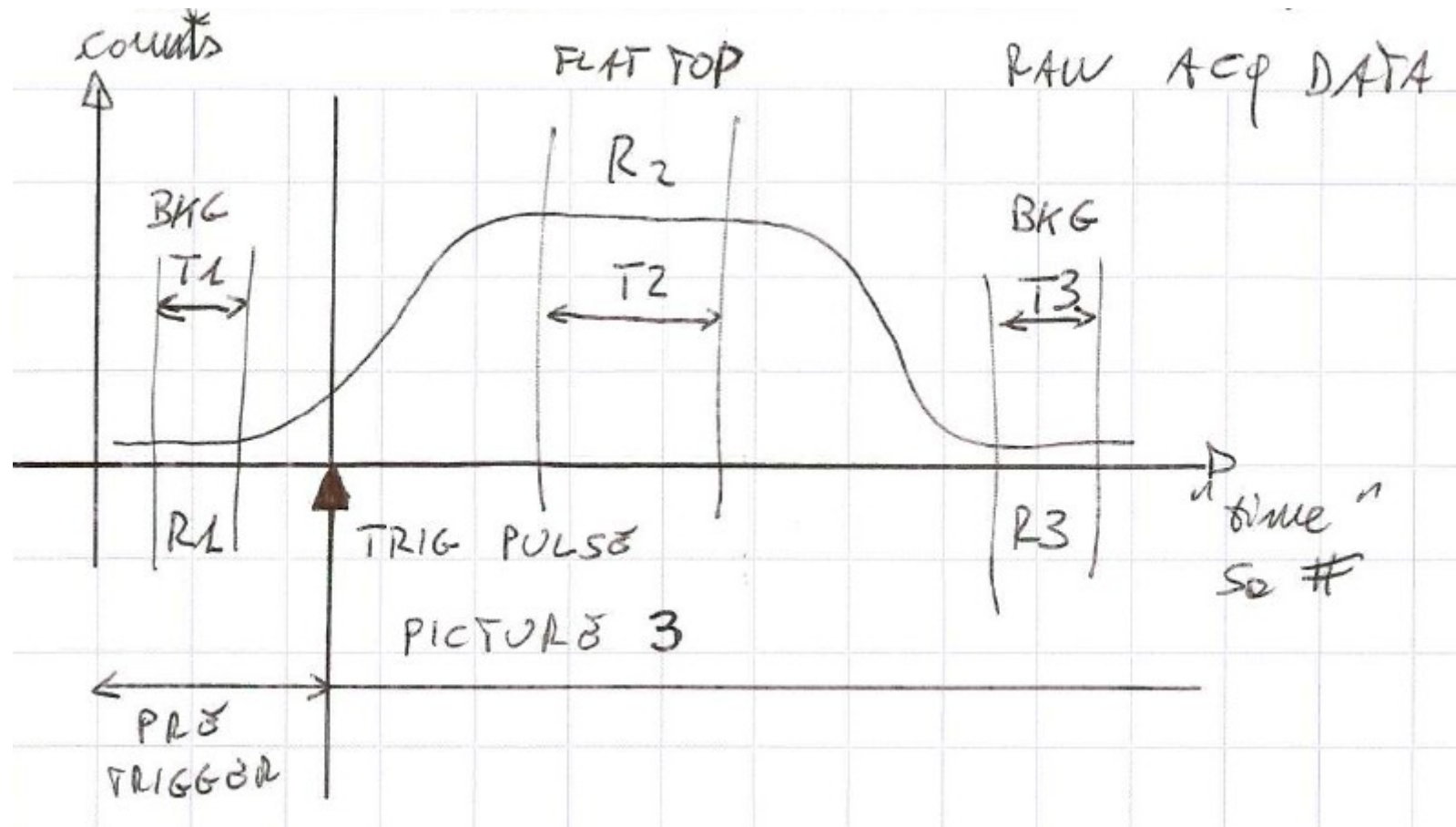
→ beam density profile = $f(\text{wire position, time, ...})$

main SW goal

to implement $f()$ by the identification, development and connection of suited functional blocks that can be built by code

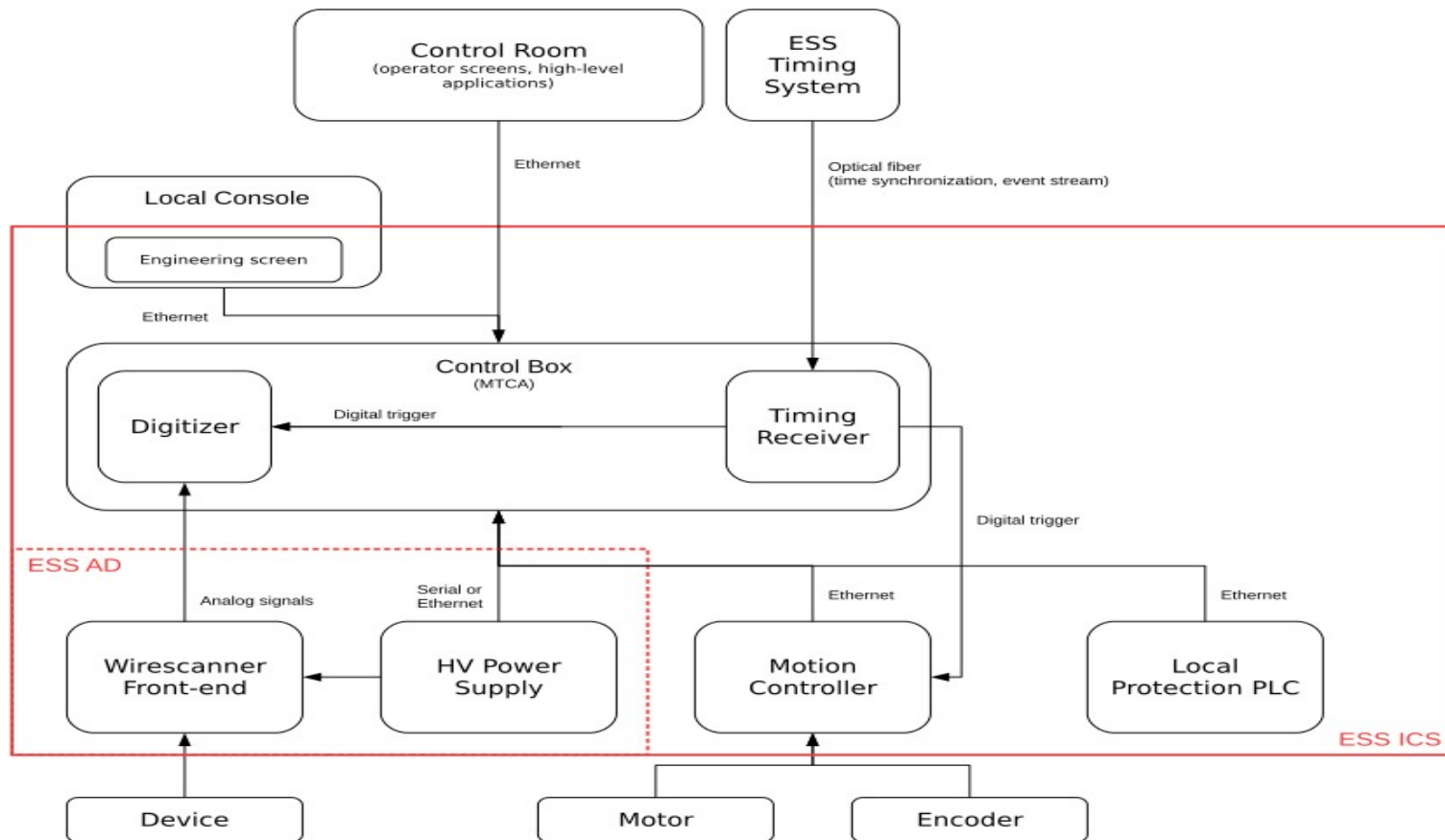
Expected input pulse (theoretical shape)

- per channel;
- per mechanical position;
- synchronized by timing system;



Conceptual HW-SW architecture

WS conceptual HW layout suggests a two layers client/server SW architecture



Two layers SW architecture

The high level layer (client side) is in charge of human interaction activities (control panel (OPI) and Engineering Screen)

The low level layer (server side) is in charge of all kind of HW access (device driver) and the logical functionality strictly related to the implementation of the WS transfer function

Ancillary low level tasks are protection and servicing

Constrain: EPICS based

Expected SW functions – raw estimation

Motion control: scan “trajectory” (step/fly mode) synchronized with the timing system

Data acquisition synchronized with the timing system

Elaboration of the acquired raw data accordingly to specified algorithms

Data presentation

Data archiviatio

Auto and procedure driven testing

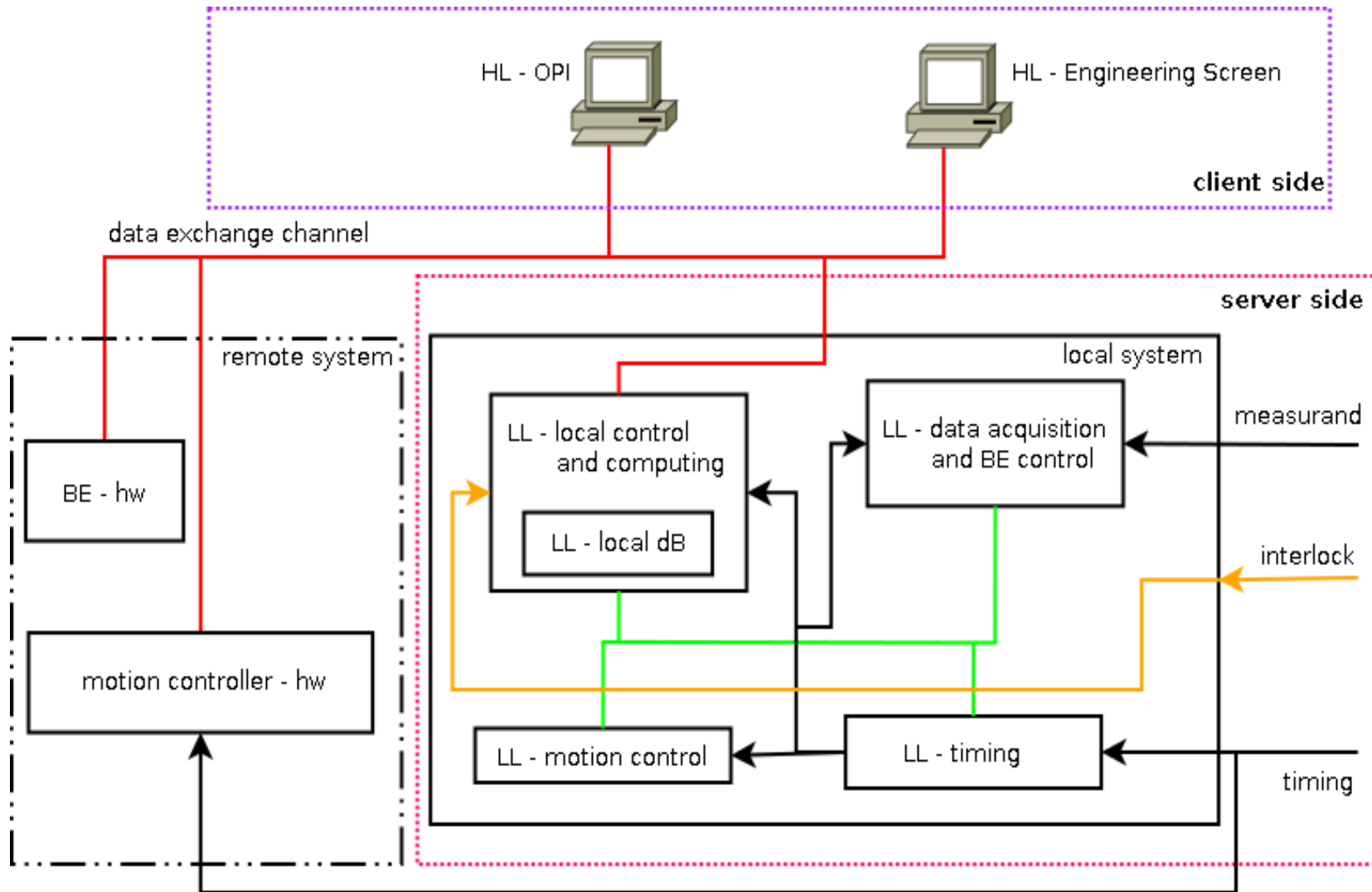
Data exchange (communication protocols – CA, TCP/IP, Ethercat, ...)

State management (normal operation, alarms, ...)

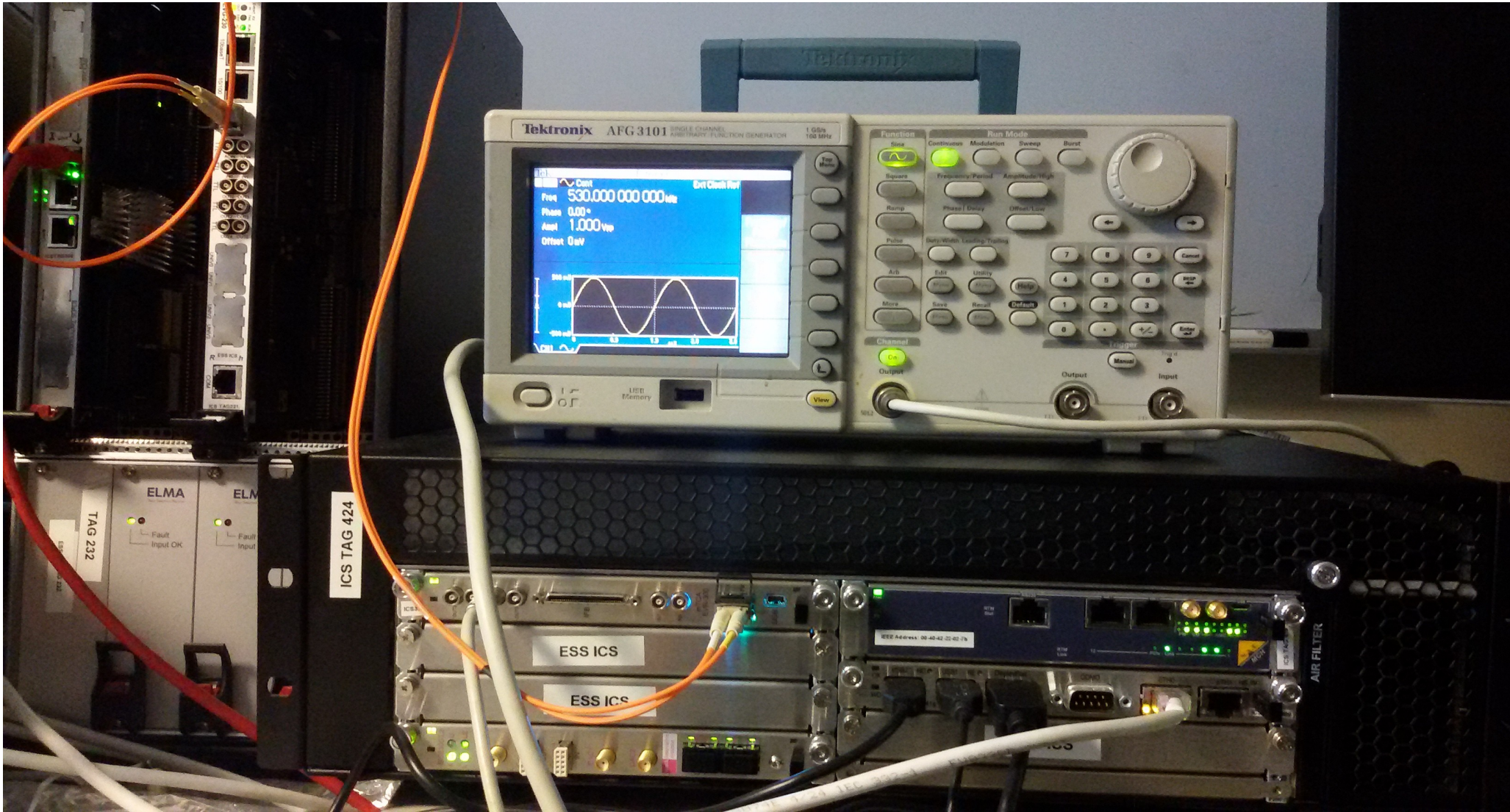
Local control

HL: HMI

Putting all together: tasks/functions



Real equipment by ESS



VME crate

- CPU board;
- EVG board;

MicroTCA crate

- CPU board (i7);
- EVR board;
- Struck 8300 L2 board (digitizer);



Timing OPI - 1



MRFIOC2 EVR

Device Prefix

EVR-MTCA

EVR-MTCA

Platform	Firmware	Software	Position
mTCA	0x207	2.7.13	8:0.0

Enable

Rx Error

FIFO HW overfl

FIFO SW overrra

Interrupts

FIFO Event

FIFO Loop

FIFO Capacity

Fraq Synth Lock

PLL Lock

PLL Bandwidth

Link

Status

Speed

Clock Error

Clock Period

Timeout

Time Valid

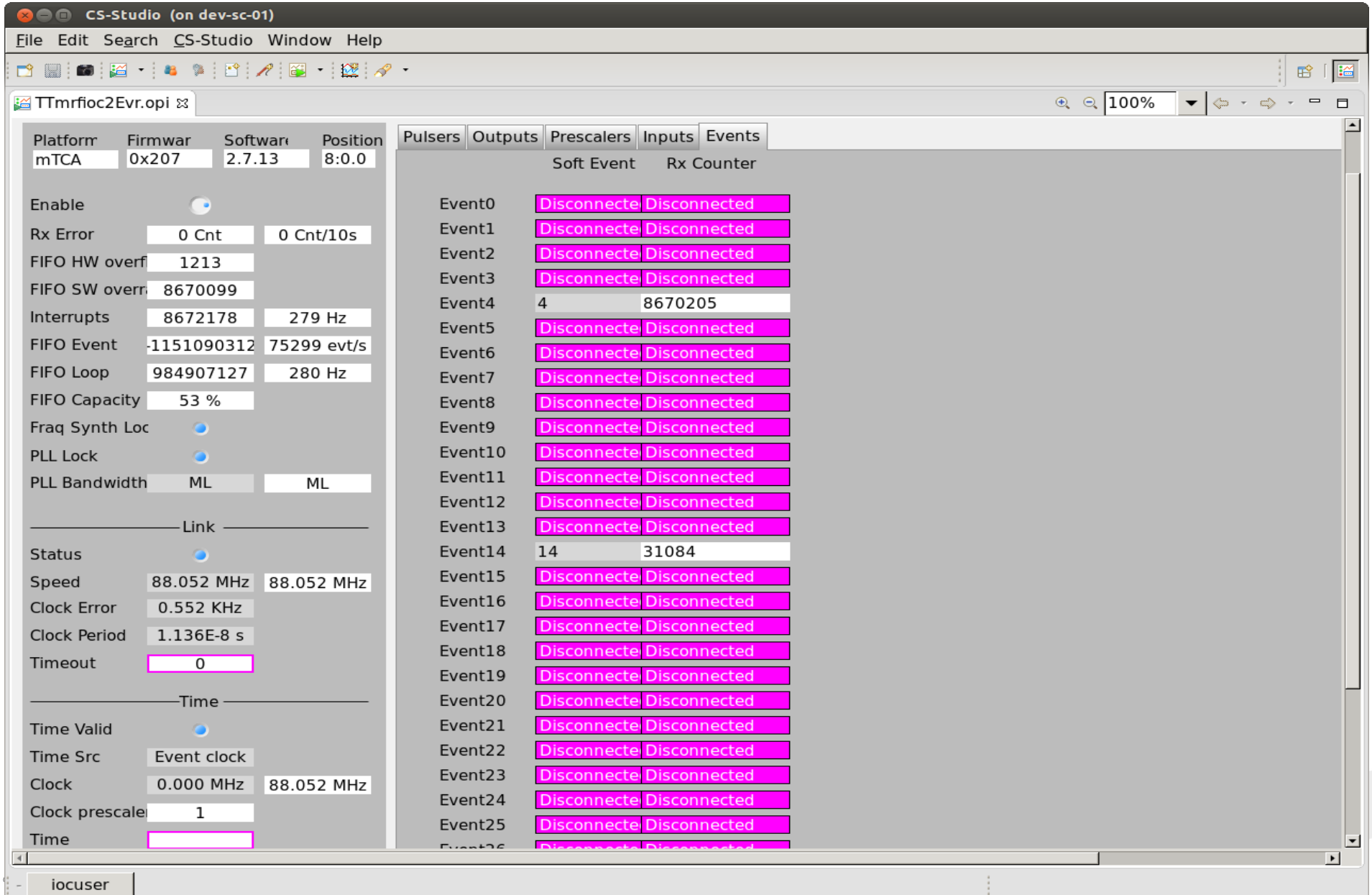
Time Src

Clock

Clock prescaler

Time

Pulsers	Outputs	Prescalers	Inputs	Events	Width	Delay	Prescaler	Mapped events		
								Trig Set Reset		
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The screenshot shows the CS-Studio interface for the TTmrfioc2Evr.opi device. The left panel displays various configuration and status parameters, while the right panel shows a table of event counters.

Platform	Firmwar	Software	Position
mTCA	0x207	2.7.13	8:0.0

Parameter	Value
Enable	<input type="checkbox"/>
Rx Error	0 Cnt / 0 Cnt/10s
FIFO HW overf	1213
FIFO SW overr	8670099
Interrupts	8672178 / 279 Hz
FIFO Event	-1151090312 / 75299 evt/s
FIFO Loop	984907127 / 280 Hz
FIFO Capacity	53 %
Fraq Synth Loc	<input type="checkbox"/>
PLL Lock	<input type="checkbox"/>
PLL Bandwidth	ML / ML
Link	<input type="checkbox"/>
Status	<input type="checkbox"/>
Speed	88.052 MHz / 88.052 MHz
Clock Error	0.552 KHz
Clock Period	1.136E-8 s
Timeout	0
Time Valid	<input type="checkbox"/>
Time Src	Event clock
Clock	0.000 MHz / 88.052 MHz
Clock prescale	1
Time	

Event	Soft Event	Rx Counter
Event0	Disconnecte	Disconnected
Event1	Disconnecte	Disconnected
Event2	Disconnecte	Disconnected
Event3	Disconnecte	Disconnected
Event4	4	8670205
Event5	Disconnecte	Disconnected
Event6	Disconnecte	Disconnected
Event7	Disconnecte	Disconnected
Event8	Disconnecte	Disconnected
Event9	Disconnecte	Disconnected
Event10	Disconnecte	Disconnected
Event11	Disconnecte	Disconnected
Event12	Disconnecte	Disconnected
Event13	Disconnecte	Disconnected
Event14	14	31084
Event15	Disconnecte	Disconnected
Event16	Disconnecte	Disconnected
Event17	Disconnecte	Disconnected
Event18	Disconnecte	Disconnected
Event19	Disconnecte	Disconnected
Event20	Disconnecte	Disconnected
Event21	Disconnecte	Disconnected
Event22	Disconnecte	Disconnected
Event23	Disconnecte	Disconnected
Event24	Disconnecte	Disconnected
Event25	Disconnecte	Disconnected
Event26	Disconnecte	Disconnected

sis8300.opi 90%

SIS8300 Digitizer Device Prefix: SIS8300

Device: ON

AI Channel Group: **PROCESSING** Trigger

DAQ Control: Start Stop

DAQ Setup

Sample Count: 1024 **1024.00000**

Clock Source: Internal **Internal**

Clock Frequency: 125000000 Hz **125000000 Hz**

Clock Divisor: 1 **1**

Trigger Source: backplane1 **backplane1**

Trigger Delay: 0 **0**

Retrigger Count: 0 **0**

AI Channel Control

Enable All Channels: Enabled Linear Conversion

Decimation Factor: 1 **0.00003052 V/adc**

Decimation Offset: 0 **-1.000 V**

Ai0	Enabled	0.000 V
Ai1	Enabled	0.000 V
Ai2	Enabled	0.000 V
Ai3	Enabled	0.000 V
Ai4	Enabled	0.000 V
Ai5	Enabled	0.000 V
Ai6	Enabled	0.000 V
Ai7	Enabled	0.000 V
Ai8	Enabled	0.000 V
Ai9	Enabled	0.000 V

Channel Data Display: AI9

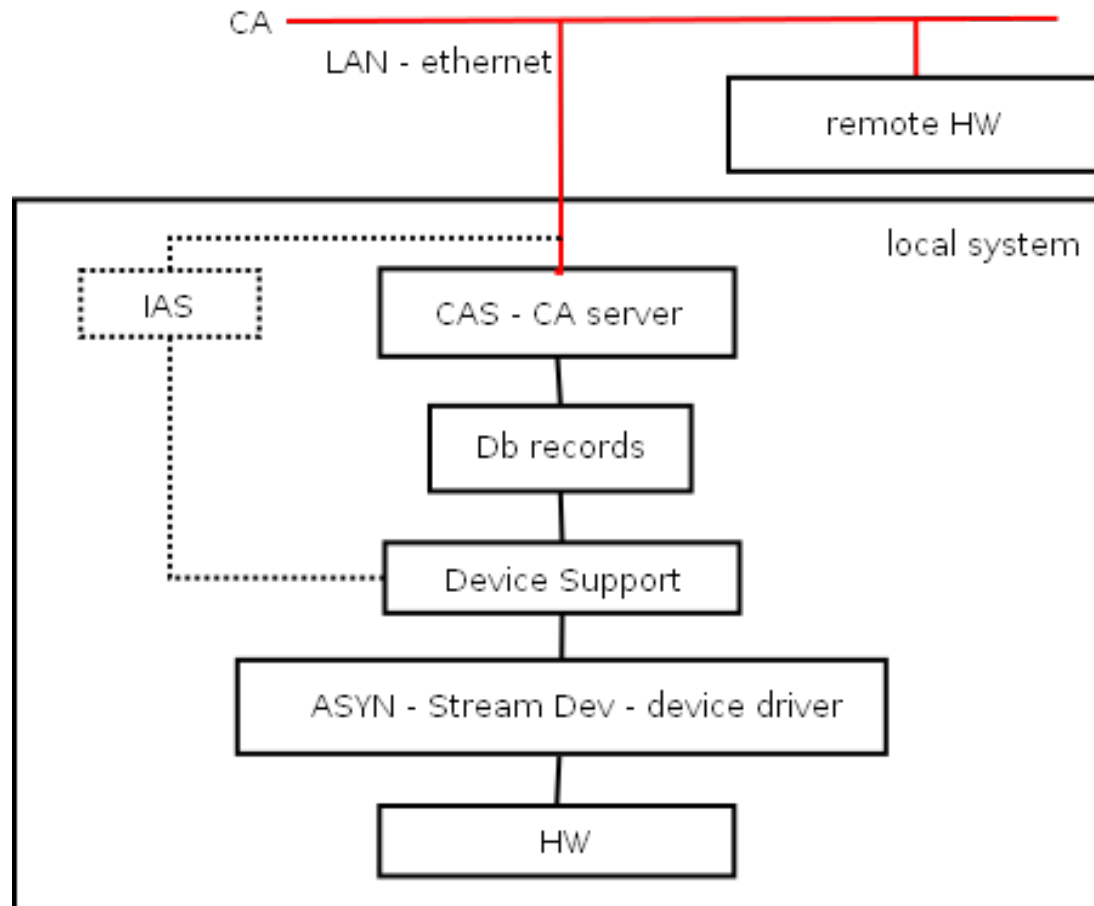
AI9 Data

Decimation Factor: 1 **1.00000** Conversion Factor: 0.00003052 V/adc **0.00003 V/adc**

Decimation Offset: 0 **0.00000** Conversion Offset: -1.000 V **-1.00000 V**

EPICS IOC

LL local control runs as EPICS IOC



PVs - 1

1 wire generates 2 Analog Input signals (measurand) that are acquired by 2 ADCs:

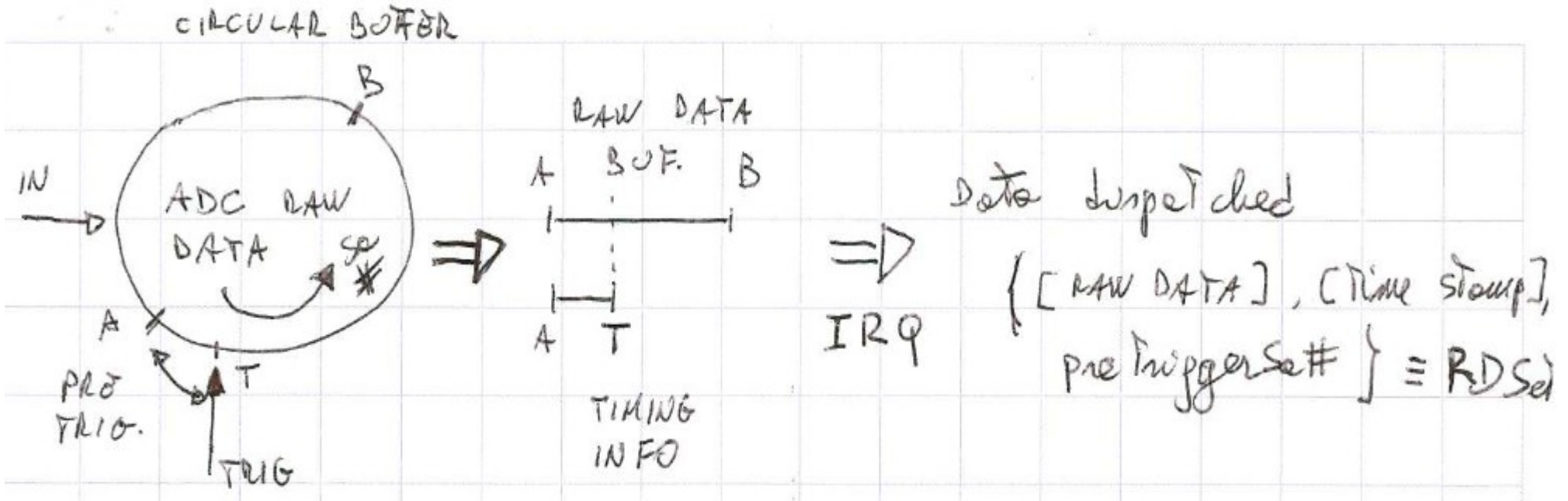
- low gain wide range raw current;
- high gain small range raw current;

Interlock signal: digital input

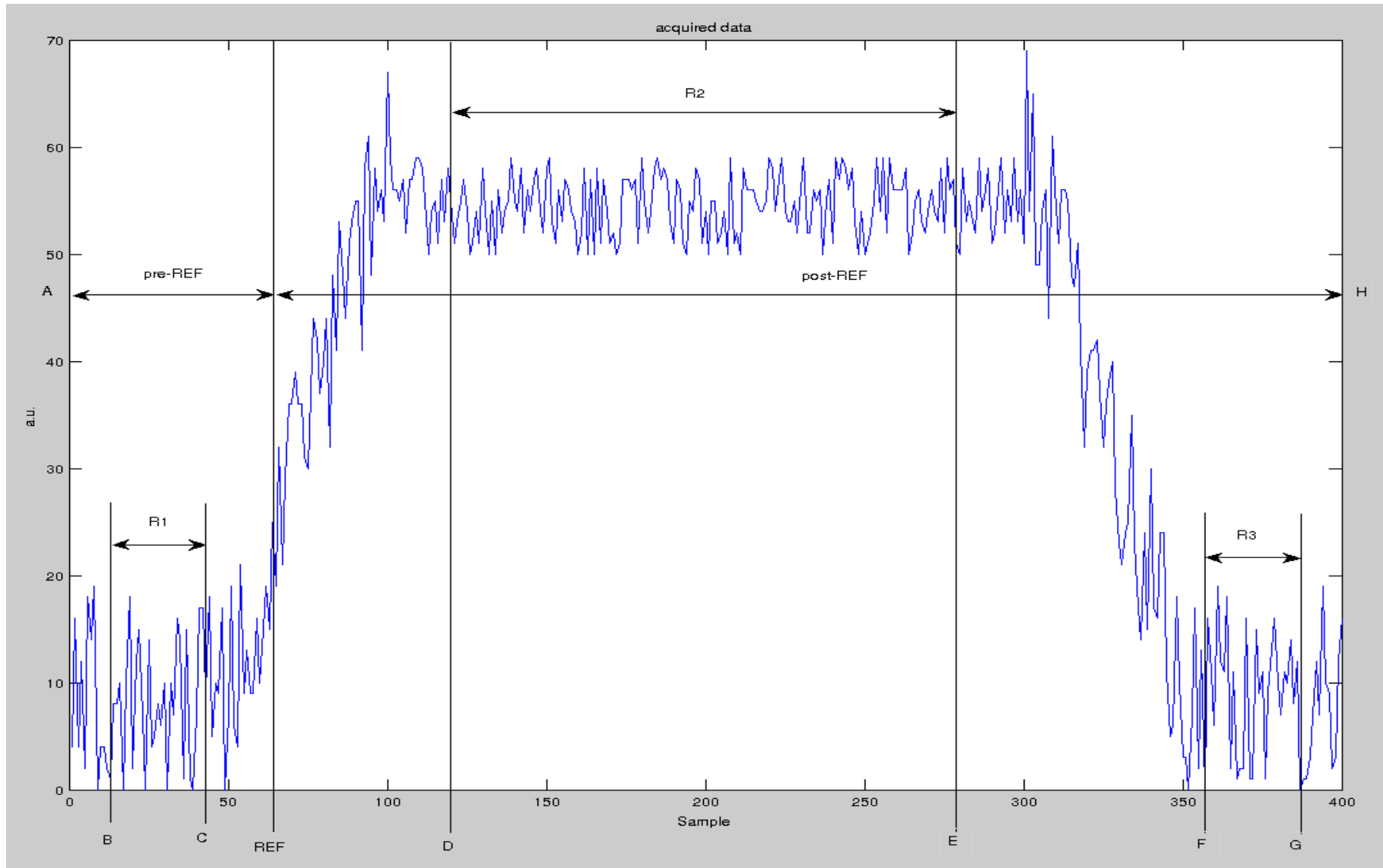
Timing signal: digital input

Waveform output: beam shape, obtained following one or more assigned data processing algorithms that define the transfer function

Sampling and Timestamping



SW + EPICS – 4: Pulse shape (simulated)



PVs - 2

Controlled remote “Analog” Outputs:

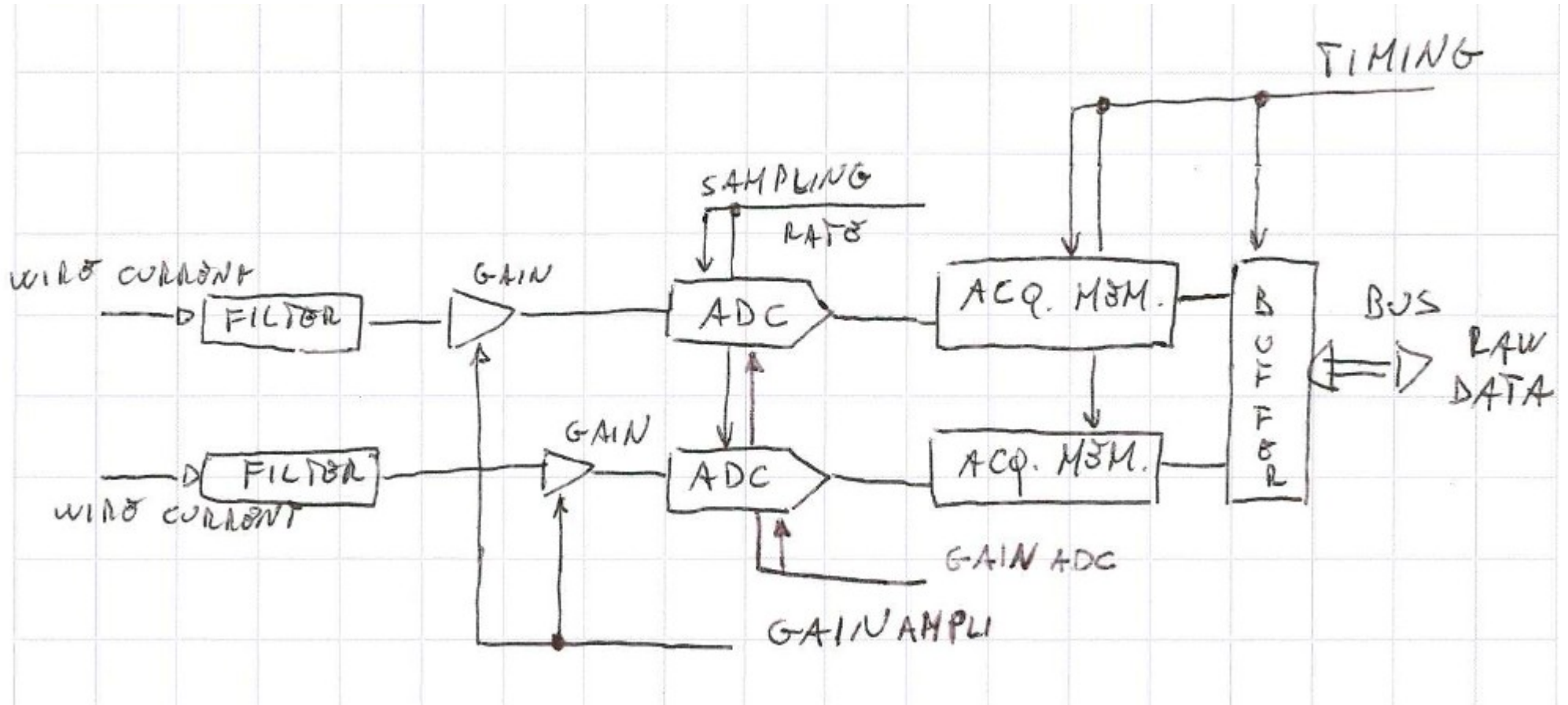
- AFE amplifiers gain (set by ethernet messages sent to BE);
- AFE HVPS set point (set by ethernet messages sent to BE);
- Wire position, 1 or 2 axis (set by ethernet messages);

Acquired remote “Analog” Inputs:

- Wire position (encoders), 1 or 2 axis (get by ethernet messages);
- Limit Switches (get by ethernet messages);



SW + EPICS - 6





BE: protocol file

```
Terminator = CR;
```

```
ReadStatus {  
  out "RS?";  
  in "%s";  
  ExtralInput = Ignore;  
}
```

```
SetBits {  
  out "SB:%s";  
  in "%{OK|KO}";  
  ExtralInput = Ignore;  
}
```

```
ReadBits {  
  out "RB?";  
  in "%s";  
  ExtralInput = Ignore;  
}
```

```
ReadVoltage {  
  out "RV?";  
  in "%s";  
  ExtralInput = Ignore;  
}
```

```
ReadTemp {  
  out "RT?";  
  in "%s";  
  ExtralInput = Ignore;  
}
```

```
SetVoltage {  
  out "SV:%s";  
  in "%{OK|KO}";  
  ExtralInput = Ignore;  
}
```

```
Abort {  
  out "AB";  
  in "%{OK|KO}";  
  ExtralInput = Ignore;  
}
```

```
Unsupported {  
  out "fc";  
  in "%s";  
  ExtralInput = Ignore;  
}
```

```
get_IDN {  
  out "*IDN?";  
  in "%s";  
  ExtralInput = Ignore;  
}
```

BE: protocol simulation

Example: status readback

SETVOLTAGE:READVOLTAGE:BITS:SWVERSION:
SWTYPE:BESTATUS:CHECK_DIGIT

```
reply = str(counter) + ':' + str(counter - 100)  
+ ':' + str(counter + 40) + ':' + '1234'  
+ ':' + '1' + ':' + 'R' + ':' + str(counter1) + '\r'
```

SWTYPE : 1 = WS 5=SCINT

BE bits readback	12
BE status readback	196:96:236:1234:1:M:57263
BE voltage	-28
BE set voltage	-28
BE set bits	12
BE temperature	196

PVs - 3

Several auxiliary PVs are foreseen in order to fully control the WS acquisition system:

- ADCs gain (if required/available);
- System integrity detection signals (e.g. dark current, wire integrity, ...);
- System integrity auto testing signals (simulated inputs);
- SW generated triggers and interlocks;
- ...

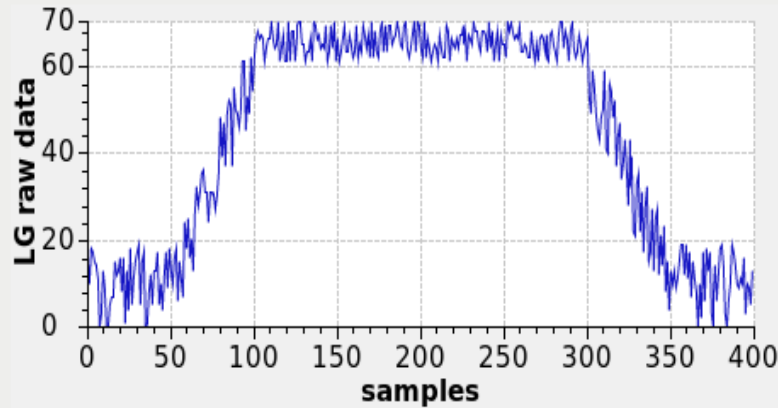


SW + EPICS - 10

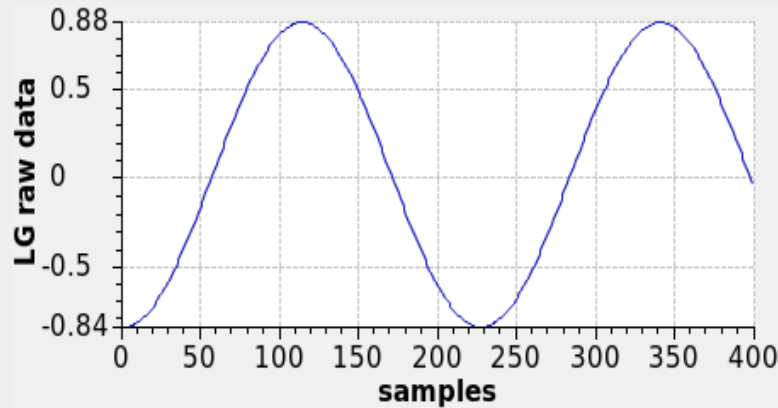


Status Flags

PS	MOTORS
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> AFE 1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> H axis
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> AFE 2	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> V axis
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> AFE 3	
BEAM	WIRE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> permit	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> wire integrity

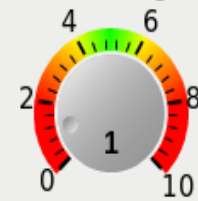


—osboxesHost:CSdata1 —



—osboxesHost:CSdata3 —

LG channel gain



RMS over pulse

50.3580

mean over pulse

41.2225

HG channel gain



BE bits readback

245

BE status readback

40:-60:80:1234:1:M:9244

BE voltage

-34

BE set voltage

-34

BE set bits

245

BE temperature

40

Bunch Number

3801

scan setup

scan direction

- H axis
- V axis

type of scan

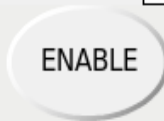
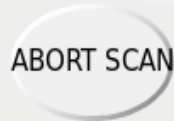
- on the fly
- step by step

scan position

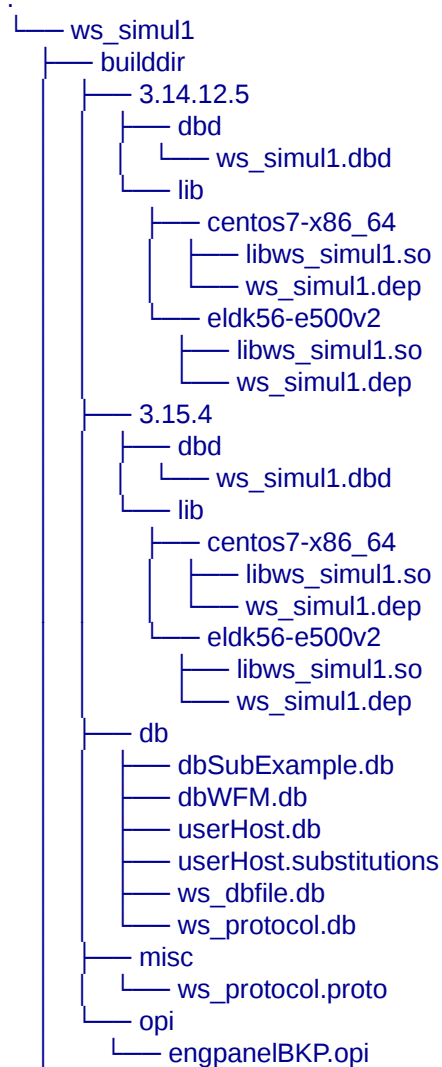
2 start

10 end

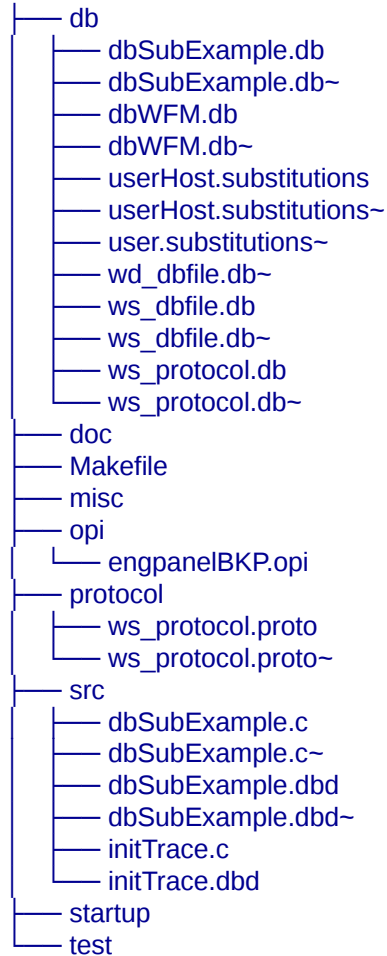
0 steps



Current IOC module development status



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Signal Processing

Several measurement procedures and models to be fit to the acquired data are foreseen in order to compute the beam profile;

Data acquisition auto switching between channels (HG vs LG);

Local Protection System

Its primary function should be to avoid damages generated by user actions: several details have to be defined

Scanning Logic and Motion Control

Several details have to be defined

The global picture describing the SW is now clear enough to develop the first release (NON Real-Time) of the controlling code of the WS and it's OPI.

Thanks to the availability of the real HW the porting of the original simulated code/IOC has been ported to reality but...

... a lot of details have to be still investigated, depending on:

- HW issues (e.g. motion controller driving, real time approach to the buffer acquisition and storage, ...);
- Low level drivers issues (motion controller and its EPICS demo ioc);
- OPI and Engineering screen definitions;
- Code porting to Real Time operation issues;
- ...