

SVEC FMC-TDC developer's manual

Support document for the SVEC TDC driver developers.

Description of the register mapping and the establishment of basic communication.

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A. TDC CHARACTERISTICS

Table 1 lists the characteristics of the FMC TDC board. In this TDC application we are only interested in time difference between rising edges of pulses. Note also that pulses of width <100 ns are considered as noise and are rejected. Typical measurements of this application are 10 ns - 500 us (time difference between pulses).

The ACAM chip is registering all the arriving edges, rising and falling, and the subtraction and pulse rejection takes place at the software level.

Input channels	5 channels TTL with software selectable 50 Ohm termination. Inputs need to be protected against +15V pulses with pulse width > 10us at 50Hz.
Channels enable	Software controlled switch that enables/ disables all 5 channels
Timestamps buffer	Circular buffer that keeps the last 128 pulses (256 rising and falling edges); programmable interrupts implemented based on the number of accumulated timestamps or the amount of elapsed time.
Timestamps precision	+/- 700 ps deviation
Timebase accuracy	+/- 4 ppm from a local TCXO on the FMC board; much better accuracy would be reached when used on a White Rabbit enabled FMC carrier.
Max input pulse rate	31.25 MHz from all 5 channels. If the input rate overpasses this value the user is notified with an interrupt.
Timestamps	Timestamps apply to both rising and falling edges of incoming pulses; on the software level the falling edges are only used for the calculation of the pulse width so that pulses < 100 ns are ignored; rising edges are subtracted between them.
Min input pulse width	100 ns, narrower pulses are ignored on software level by subtracting a falling edge from the previous rising one.
ACAM mode	I-mode, 81ps resolution, +/- 500ps precision (6σ)
Connectors	LEMO 00
FMC connector	Low Pin Count
PCB	6 layers

Table 1: TDC specifications

B. SPEC TDC

The SVEC board can house two FMC TDC mezzanine boards. The communication with the VME interface takes place through the VME64x core that is instantiated in the TDC gateway.



Figure 1: TDC mezzanines and SVEC carrier

C. DATA FORMAT

For each one of the mezzanines the TDC gateway is retrieving timestamps generated by the ACAM chip, it is adapting them to a comprehensive format and it is then making them available in a circular buffer to the PCIe interface. Each final timestamp is a 128-bit word with the following structure:

Bits	Description
[127:96]	Metadata: rising/falling tstamp, channel number [127..125]: Input Channel, 0 to 4 [123] : Edge Type “1” means rising edge, “0” means falling [122..96] : used for debugging
[95:64]	Local UTC time: the resolution is 1 s
[63:32]	Coarse time within the current UTC time: the resolution is 8 ns
[31:0]	Fine time: the resolution is 81.03 ps

Table 2: Timestamp format. $\text{Timestamp [ps]} = (\text{Local UTC} * 10^{12}) + (\text{Coarse time} * 8 * 10^3) + (\text{Fine time} * 81.03)$

As the structure indicates, each timestamp is referred to a UTC second. The coarse and fine times indicate with 81.03 ps resolution the amount of time passed after the last UTC second.

D. ADDRESS MAPPING

The SVEC FMC TDC gateway is a modular design including the components described in Table 3. The communication with all the components takes place through VME; Table 3 lists the base addressing of the different components.

Component	Base Address
Crossbar SDB records	0x00000
Carrier 1-wire (only on the gateway without White Rabbit)	0x10000
Carrier info	0x20000
VIC	0x30000
TDC#1 1-wire	0x50000
TDC#1 configuration	0x51000
TDC#1 EIC	0x52000
TDC#1 EEPROM I2C	0x53000
TDC#1 timestamps circular buffer	0x54000
TDC#2 1-wire	0x70000
TDC#2 configuration	0x71000
TDC#2 EIC	0x72000
TDC#2 EEPROM I2C	0x73000
TDC#2 timestamps circular buffer	0x74000
White Rabbit core (only on the gateway with White Rabbit)	0x80000

Table 3: Components addressing

Hereon follows a description of each component and a suggested operation procedure. Note that the components for TDC#1 and TDC#2 are identical, only the addressing is different.

I. SDB crossbar

The WISHBONE crossbar implements SDB records ^[1]. The records describe the WISHBONE slaves and their mapping on the bus. The SDB records ROM is located at offset 0x0. In order to identify the gateware the following SDB meta-information records are used: integration, repo-url, synthesis tool.

II. Carrier 1-wire

Consult [2] for a detailed description of the 1-wire core register map.

Note that in the design with White Rabbit, the carrier 1-wire core is not instantiated, as the White Rabbit core has direct access to the 1-wire line.

III. Carrier info:

The following registers are used:

Register name	R/W		Description	Byte Address
Carrier type and PCB version	R	[bits 3..0]	Binary coded PCB layout version	0x20000
		[bits 31..16]	Carrier type : 0x1 = SPEC 0x2 = SVEC 0x3 = VFC 0x4 = SPEXI	
		[bits 15..4]	not used	
Status	R	[bit 0]	FMC 1 presence, active low	0x20004
		[bit 2]	clk_62m5_sys PLL status, active high	
		[bit 4]	FMC 2 presence, active low	
		[bit 3, 31..5]	not used	
Reset	W	[bit 0]	TDC#1 reset, active low	0x2000C
		[bit 1]	TDC#2 reset, active low	
		[bits 31..2]	not used	

Table 4: Carrier info registers map for SVEC

IV. VIC

In order to redirect interrupts from different cores to the corresponding driver in the Linux kernel in a generic way, a two layers scheme is used. The first layer is the Embedded Interrupt Controllers, described in section VII, which is multiplexing the different interrupt sources into one single line. The second layer is the Vectored Interrupt Controller, VIC, which is multiplexing interrupt lines from different EICs into a single line to the host. In this case, the VIC interrupt request output is connected to the GPIO 8 of the GN4124 chip. The GN4124 must be configured to generate a MSI when a rising edge is detected on GPIO 8. The VIC keeps a table (IVT_RAM) initialized with the base addresses of the EICs connected to each one of its inputs. Here there is only the TDC EIC at address 0x52000. Table 5 describes all the VIC registers.

Register name	R/W		Description	Byte Address
CTL VIC Control reg	R/W	[bit 0]	ENABLE Write '1' to enable the VIC operation Write '0' to disable the VIC operation	0x30000
		[bit 1]	POL Write '1' to set the IRQ output active high Write '0' to set the IRQ output active low	
		[bit 2]	EMU_EDGE Write '1' to force a low pulse of EMU_LEN-clock-cycles at each write to EOIR. Write '0' for a normal IQR master line behavior	
		[bit 3]	EMU_LEN Length of the delay between write to EOIR and re-assertion of irq_master_o	
RISR Raw Irq Status	R	[bit 0]	Current state of the FMC TDC mezzanine #1 interrupt	0x30004
		[bit 1]	Current state of the FMC TDC mezzanine #2 interrupt	
		[bits 31..2]	Not used	
IER Irq Enable Reg	W	[bit 0]	Write '1' to enable the FMC TDC mezzanine #1 interrupt Write '0' has no effect	0x30008
		[bit 1]	Write '1' to enable the FMC TDC mezzanine #2 interrupt Write '0' has no effect	
		[bits 31..2]	Not used	
IDR Irq Disable Reg	W	[bit 0]	Write '1' to disable the FMC TDC mezzanine #1 interrupt Write '0' has no effect	0x3000C
		[bit 1]	Write '1' to disable the FMC TDC mezzanine #2 interrupt Write '0' has no effect	
		[bits 31..2]	Not used	
IMR Irq Mask	R	[bit 0]	Read '1' means FMC TDC mezzanine #1 interrupt is enabled Read '0' means FMC TDC mezzanine #1 interrupt is disabled	0x30010
		[bit 1]	Read '1' means FMC TDC mezzanine #2 interrupt is enabled Read '0' means FMC TDC mezzanine #2 interrupt is disabled	
		[bits 31..2]	Not used	
VAR Vector Address reg	R	[bits 31..0]	Address of the pending interrupt vector, read from the IVT_RAM	0x30014
SWIR Software Irq Reg	W	[bits 31..0]	Writing '1' to one of the bits causes a software emulation of the respective interrupt.	0x30018
EOIR End Of Irq Ack Reg	W	[bit 0]	Writing '1' acknowledges an FMC TDC mezzanine #1 pending interrupt	0x3001C
		[bit 1]	Writing '1' acknowledges an FMC TDC mezzanine #2 pending interrupt	
		[bits 31..2]	Not used	
MEM RAM with Interrupt Vector Table	R	[bits 31..0]	Contain the address "0x52000" of the FMC TDC mezzanine #1 EIC WISHBONE slave	0x30020
		[bits 31..0]	Contain the address "0x72000" of the FMC TDC mezzanine #2 EIC WISHBONE slave	0x30024
			Rest of the RAM not used	0x30028
				...
				0x3003F

Table 5: VIC register map

Table 6 describes how the VIC should be configured.

VIC control register
ENABLE = '1'
POL = '1'
EMU_EDGE = '0'
IER(0) = IER(1) = '1'

Table 6: VIC configuration for SVEC

V. Mezzanine 1-wire

Similarly to the Carrier 1-wire of section, consult [2] for a detailed description of the 1-wire core register map.

VI. TDC configuration

To operate the FMC TDC board it is necessary to give values to certain configuration registers. This includes registers for the configuration of the ACAM chip and other local registers for the TDC core.

TDC configuration: ACAM chip Registers

The following registers are part of the TDC core and are used for the communication with the ACAM chip. For a detailed description of the registers please consult the TDC-GPX documentation ^[3].

Name	R/W	Description	Byte Address TDC#1/ TDC#2	Typical Value
Acam config reg. 0	R/W	rising/falling edges config	0x51000/ 0x71000	x01F0FC81
Acam config reg. 1	R/W	Channel adjustments (other modes)	0x51004/ 0x71004	x00000000
Acam config reg. 2	R/W	mode I and disable unused channels according to the application	0x51008/ 0x71008	x00000E02
Acam config reg. 3	R/W	resolutions and tests (other modes)	0:5100C/ 0x7100C	x00000000
Acam config reg. 4	R/W	start timer set to 16 and resets	0:51010/ 0x71010	x0200000F
Acam config reg. 5	R/W	start retrigger OFF and offset set to 2.000	0:51014/ 0:71014	x000007D0
Acam config reg. 6	R/W	LF flags levels to be defined according to the application	0:51018/ 0:71018	x00000003
Acam config reg. 7	R/W	PLL values: RefClkDiv=7, HSDiv=234, PhaseNeg	0:5101C/ 0:7101C	x00001FEA
Acam config reg. 11	R/W	ERR flag config on the 8 Hit FIFOs	0:5102C/ 0:7102C	x00FF0000
Acam config reg. 12	R/W	INT flag config on Start nb overflow + HFIFO & IFIFO status flags	0:51030/ 0:71030	x04000000
Acam config reg. 14	R/W	16-bit mode control	0:51038/ 0:71038	x00000000

Table 7: ACAM configuration registers

Acam config reg. 0: Is set to enable the internal oscillator and the rising and falling edges for the TTL inputs 1 to 5.

Acam config reg. 1: Not used in the ACAM mode chosen for this application.

Acam config reg. 2: Sets the operational mode of the ACAM chip to the I-mode. Disables channels 6 to 8.

Acam config reg. 3: Not used in the ACAM mode chosen for this application.

Acam config reg. 4: Sets the StartTimer to 16; i.e. 512 ns. Sets the EF pin to drive all the time.

Acam config reg. 5: Sets start retrigger to OFF. Sets the programmable internal start offset to 2000.

Acam config reg. 6: Sets the threshold level for the LF flags arbitrary to 3. Can be changed if required for further developments of the application.

Acam config reg. 7: Sets the ACAM internal PLL values. RefClkDiv=7, HSDiv=234 and inverts the phase output.

Acam config reg. 11: Sets the ErrFlag pin to report for any full flags on the HitFIFOs.

Acam config reg. 12: Sets the IntFlag to the highest bit of the Start# (Start number) counter.

TDC configuration: ACAM read-back Registers

A different set of registers is used to store the values of the registers that are read-back directly from the ACAM chip. This set of registers includes the configuration registers detailed above, plus the Read-only registers to access the Interface FIFOs registers as well as the Start01 register.

Name	R/W	Description	Byte Address TDC#1/ TDC#2	Typical Value
Acam readback reg. 0	R	rising/falling edges config	0x51040/ 0x71040	xc1F0FC81
Acam readback reg. 1	R	Channel adjustments (other modes)	0x51044/ 0x71044	xc0000000
Acam readback reg. 2	R	mode I and disable unused channels	0x51048/ 0x71048	xc0000E02
Acam readback reg. 3	R	resolutions and tests (other modes)	0x5104C/ 0x7104C	xc0000000
Acam readback reg. 4	R	start timer set to 16 and resets	0x51050/ 0x71050	xc200000F
Acam readback reg. 5	R	start retrigger OFF and offset set to 2.000	0x51054/ 0x71054	xc00007D0
Acam readback reg. 6	R	LF flags levels to max	0x51058/ 0x71058	xc00000FC
Acam readback reg. 7	R	PLL values: RefClkDiv=7, HSDiv=234, PhaseNeg	0x5105C/ 0x7105C	xc0001FEA
Acam readback reg. 8	R	IFIFO 1	0x51060/ 0x71060	
Acam readback reg. 9	R	IFIFO 2	0x51064/ 0x71064	
Acam readback reg. 10	R	Start01	0x51068/ 0x71048	
Acam readback reg. 11	R	ERR flag config on the 8 Hit FIFOs	0x5106C/ 0x7106C	xc0FF0000
Acam readback reg. 12	R	INT flag config on Start nb overflow + HFIFO & IFIFO status flags	0x51070/ 0x71070	xc4000800
Acam readback reg. 14	R	16-bit mode control	0x51078/ 0x71078	xc0000000

Table 8: ACAM read-back registers

TDC configuration: Local Registers

The following table lists the local configuration registers and the value they should be set to through PCIe writes. Note that the default reset value of the registers is 0x0, apart from the IRQ tstamp thresh (reset value: 0xFF), IRQ time thresh (reset value: 0xC8) and DAC word (reset value: 0xA8F5).

Name	R/W		Description	Byte Address TDC#1/ TDC#2	Typical Set Value
Starting UTC time	R/W	[bits 31..0]	updated on demand by PCI-e or reset	0x51080/ 0x71080	
Inputs enable	R/W	[bit 0]	input ch 1 termination enable	0x51084/ 0x71084	0x0000009F
		[bit 1]	input ch 2 termination enable		
		[bit 2]	input ch 3 termination enable		
		[bit 3]	input ch 4 termination enable		
		[bit 4]	input ch 5 termination enable		
		[bit 7]	general enable for all channels		
		[bits 5,6,31..8]	not used		
IRQ tstamp thresh	R/W	[bits 7..0]	an interrupt is issued if the number of accumulated timestamps since the last irq exceeds this threshold	0x51090/ 0x71090	0x000000FF = full mem
		[bits 31..8]	not used		
IRQ time thresh	R/W	[bits 31..0]	an interrupt is issued if this amount of ms has passed after the last irq and at least a timestamp has been registered	0x51094/ 0x71094	0x000000C8 = 200 ms
DAC word	R/W	[bits 23..0]	word to be sent to the DAC	0x51098/ 0x71098	0x0000A8F5 = 1.65 V
		[bits 31..24]	not used		
Deactivate channel	R/W	[bit 0]	Deactivate timestamps from ch 1	0x5109C/ 0x7109C	0x00000000 = all ch active
		[bit 1]	Deactivate timestamps from ch 2		
		[bit 2]	Deactivate timestamps from ch 3		
		[bit 3]	Deactivate timestamps from ch 4		
		[bit 4]	Deactivate timestamps from ch 5		
Current UTC time	R	[bits 31..0]	calculated by the core according to the local 125 MHz clk and the "starting utc time" register	0x510A0/ 0x710A0	
Circular buffer write pointer	R	[bits 11..0]	number of 8-bit-words to be read from the circular buffer = number of 128-bit-timestamps*16	0x510A8/ 0x710A8	
Da Capo counter		[bits 31..12]	number of times the circular buffer has been overwritten		
White Rabbit ctrl	R/W	[bit 0]	Enables White Rabbit	0x510B0/ 0x710B0	

Name	R/W	Description	Byte Address TDC#1/ TDC#2	Typical Set Value	
White Rabbit status	R	[bit 1]	high if White Rabbit is synthesized		
	R	[bit 2]	tm_link_up		
	R	[bit 4]	tm_aux_clk_locked	0x510B4/ 0x710B4	
	R	[bit 5]	tm_time_valid		
	R	[bit 9]	tm_aux_clk_lock_en		
Control Register	W	[bits 11..0]	Commands the main core FSM	0x510FC/ 0x710FC	See Table 10
		[bits 31..12]	Not used		

Table 9: TDC core local registers

Amongst the registers for the operation of the TDC core, one in particular is utterly important: the Control Register allows commanding the main Finite State Machine. The control register is located in address 0x510FC for TDC#1 and address 0x710FC for TDC#2.

Control Register Bit	Action Description	Control Register Value
Bit 0	Activate acquisition	x00000001
Bit 1	De-activate acquisition	x00000002
Bit 2	Load ACAM config	x00000004
Bit 3	Read ACAM configuration	x00000008
Bit 4	Read ACAM status	x00000010
Bit 5	Read ACAM IFIFO 1	x00000020
Bit 6	Read ACAM IFIFO 2	x00000040
Bit 7	Read ACAMStart01 register	x00000080
Bit 8	Reset ACAM chip	x00000100
Bit 9	Load UTC time	x00000200
Bit 10	Clear Da Capo flag	x00000400
Bit 11	Configure DAC by sending the DAC word	x00000800

Table 10: Control register actions

Read/Write

Starting UTC time: Sets the initial value for the TDC core internal time base to which all timestamps will be referenced. Note that since in this application we are only interested in differences between timestamps, the actual UTC time is not significant (it is eliminated in the subtraction).

Input enable controls: Controls the terminations on each input as well as the general enable of the inputs.

DAC word: Word to be sent to the TDC mezzanine DAC. Note that the control register has to be activated for the reconfiguration of the DAC to take place (11th bit). Note also that the reconfiguration of the DAC is always followed by the reconfiguration of the local PLL. The default value sets the DAC to its middle value.

IRQ timestamps threshold: Sets the threshold according to which interrupts on IRQ register bit 0 are issued. If the accumulated timestamps after the last IRQ (or the beginning of time) exceed this threshold then an interrupt is raised. The default value is 256 timestamps, which is the full memory.

IRQ time threshold: Sets the threshold according to which interrupts on IRQ register bit 1 are issued. If the amount of ms that have passed since the last IRQ (or the beginning of time) exceeds this threshold and at least one timestamp has been registered, then an interrupt is raised. The default value is 0xC8 that is 200 ms.

Deactivate channel: Each of the last 5 bits of the register is used for the deactivation of a channel. Note that the deactivation takes place inside the TDC core and not at the ACAM level; the ACAM continues giving all the timestamps and if a channel is deactivated (through the corresponding register bit), the received timestamps are not being registered in the circular buffer.

White Rabbit control: Bit 0 enables the startup of White Rabbit synchronization.

Read only

Current UTC time: As the TDC core keeps track of UTC time according to its local oscillator, this registers provides the current local value used for the timestamps, in order for the software application to perform the correspondent correction with respect to the official UTC. Whenever the drift between the local UTC and the official UTC needs to be corrected, the new value for the local UTC is set and updated through the corresponding command of the Control Register. It is not necessary to stop the acquisition for this.

White Rabbit status: White Rabbit status register carries information of different White Rabbit signals. In particular [bit 4] shows if the synchronization has been established.

WR pointer: Keeps track of the next position to be written in the circular buffer memory for the timestamps (12 LSb). It includes the 'Da Capo counter' that keeps track of the number of overruns of the memory block (20 MSb).

Write only

Control register: Only one bit at a time can be activated since each bit carries a command. The value is cleared upon writing.

VII. TDC EIC

The TDC EIC gathers the interrupts from the TDC core. The TDC core can generate an interrupt in any of the following three cases:

- when the amount of timestamps written in the "circular_buffer", since the last interrupt or since the startup of the acquisition, exceeds the PCIe settable threshold `irq_tstamp_threshold`. We refer to this interrupt as "timestamps interrupt".
- when some timestamps have been written in the circular_buffer (≥ 1 timestamp) and the amount of time passed since the last interrupt or since the acquisition startup, exceeds the PCIe settable threshold `irq_time_threshold`. We refer to this interrupt as "time interrupt".
- when the ACAM raises the Error flag; this means that the ACAM Hit FIFOs have been receiving pulses with a frequency > 31.25 MHz. We refer to this interrupt as "acam error interrupt".

The three inputs are multiplexed in the EIC and the result is forwarded to the VIC. Interrupt sources can be masked using the enable and disable registers. Table 11 describes the TDC EIC registers.

Name	R/W	Description	Byte Address for TDC#1/ TDC#2
EIC IRR Interrupt disable register		Writing '1' disables the handling of the interrupt associated with the corresponding bit. Writing '0' has no effect.	
	W	[bit 0] write '1' to disable "tstamps irq"	0x52000/
		[bit 1] write '1' to disable "time irq"	0x72000
		[bit 2] write '1' to disable "acam error irq"	
		[bits 31..3] not used	
EIC IER Interrupt enable register		Writing '1' enables the handling of the interrupt associated with the corresponding bit. Writing '0' has no effect.	
	W	[bit 0] write '1' to enable "tstamps irq"	0x52004/
		[bit 1] write '1' to enable "time irq"	0x72004
		[bit 2] write '1' to enable "acam error irq"	
		[bits 31..3] not used	
EIC IMR Interrupt mask register		Shows which interrupts are enabled. Reading '1' means that the interrupt associated with the bitfield is enabled.	
	R	[bit 0] read '1' means "tstamps irq" is enabled	0x52008/
		[bit 1] read '1' means "time irq" is enabled	0x72008
		[bit 2] read '1' means "acam error irq" is enabled	
		[bits 31..3] not used	
EIC ISR Interrupt status register		Each bit represents the state of the corresponding interrupt. Reading '1' means the interrupt is pending. Writing '1' to a bit clears the corresponding interrupt. Writing '0' has no effect.	
		[bit 0] read '1' means "tstamps irq" is pending read '0' means no pending interrupt write '1' to clear the "tstamps irq" write '0' has no effect	
	R/W	[bit 1] read '1' means "time irq" is pending read '0' means no pending interrupt write '1' to clear the "time irq" write '0' has no effect	0x5200C/ 0x7200C
		[bit 2] read '1' means "acam error irq" is pending read '0' means no pending interrupt write '1' to clear the "t acam error irq" write '0' has no effect	
		[bits 31..3] not used	

Table 11: TDC EIC registers

VIII. Mezzanine EEPROM I2C

Consult [3] for a detailed description of the I2C EEPROM core register map.

IX. TDC timestamps circular buffer

The timestamps that are retrieved from the ACAM and are formatted in the 128-bit words of Table 2 are finally stored in a circular buffer accessible through base address 0x54000. The “write pointer” described in Table 9 indicates how many bytes (= timestamps*16) are available for reading.

Name	R/W	Byte Address for TDC#1/ TDC#2
timestamp #0	R	0x54000/ 0x74000
timestamp #1	R	0x54016/ 0x74016
...
timestamp #256	R	0x54FFF/ 0x74FFF

Table 12: Circular buffer map

E. CONFIGURATION SEQUENCE

The following points describe the steps that need to be followed on the software level so as to operate the TDC boards right after powering them up.

I. At power-up

- Load the carrier FPGA with the SVEC TDC core **bitstream**.
- **Reset** both TDC#1 and TDC#2 through the corresponding bits of the carrier info reset register (see Table 4). This launches the configuration of the PLLs on the TDC mezzanines that will last for ~1ms. After that the 1-wire and I2C cores for the mezzanines can be accessed. At this point the reading of the mezzanine EEPROMs could take place for the calibration of the boards. This document however does not include the calibration details; please consult [4].
- After the resets, the **FSM** for each mezzanine is in the “**inactive**” state, which means that the configuration registers can be accessed. Write the configuration registers described in Table 7 for both TDC#1 and TDC#2.
- For both TDC#1 and TDC#2 load the ACAM configuration registers **to the ACAM chip**. The command to load them is issued by enabling the control register bit 2 (see Table 10).
- Optionally, for **verification**, read back the configuration of the ACAM chips by enabling the control register bit 3 (see Table 10) and reading the corresponding Read-back Registers (see Table 8).
- For TDC#1 and TDC#2 **reset the ACAM** chips through the control register bit 8 (see Table 10).
- Optionally, for TDC#1 and TDC#2 read back for verification the **Status Register of the ACAM** chips, by issuing the corresponding command through the control register bit 4 (see Table 10) and reading the corresponding Read-back Register (see Table 8).
- Configure the **VIC** (see Table 6) and enable the **TDC#1 EIC** and **TDC#2 EIC** (see Table 11).
- Optionally, for TDC#1 and TDC#2 configure the **DAC** by writing a new DAC word on the corresponding TDC core local register (see Table 9) and setting the control register bit 11 (see Table 10); the default value is 1.65 V, in the middle of the range.
- Optionally, for TDC#1 and TDC#2 configure the **interrupt thresholds** by writing on the corresponding TDC core local registers (see Table 9); the default value for the `tstamps_irq` is 256 (circular buffer full) and for the `time_irq` 200 ms.
- The reference starting time for the TDC#1 and TDC#2 **local UTC** (where the timestamps are referred to) can be set through the corresponding TDC core local register (see Table 9) and loaded for operation with a command on the control register bit 9 (see Table 10).
- For both TDC#1 and TDC#2 enable the **inputs** and the desired termination resistors through the dedicated registers (see Table 9).
- Optionally, enable White Rabbit through the White Rabbit control register bit 0; wait until the synchronization is established by checking the White Rabbit status register bit 4 (see Table 9).
- For both TDC#1 and TDC#2 **launch the acquisition** by enabling the control register bit 1 (see Table 10). This generates the **TStart** signal for the ACAM chips, and from that moment on, every

pulse arriving to the ACAM inputs will generate a timestamp that will be immediately fetched by the TDC core and stored in the corresponding circular buffer for each mezzanine.

II. Operation

- The software should be in mode of **expecting interrupts**.
- When an interrupt arrives, the VIC VAR (see Table 5) should be checked to verify to which of the mezzanines the interrupt refers to.
- If the VIC VAR register contains the address 0x52000, then the TDC#1 “write pointer” register at address 0x510A8 (see Table 9) should be read so as to know how many timestamps are available in the **circular buffer**. If the VIC IMR register contains the address 0x72000, then the TDC#2 “write pointer” register at address 0x710A8 should be read.
- The timestamps are retrieved by reading this amount of bytes starting from address 0x54000 for TDC#1 and 0x74000 for TDC#2.
- The interrupt should then be cleared and the driver should go back to the mode of waiting for a new interrupt.

Note that in the responsibilities of the driver is to discard pulses narrower than 100 ns. Every rising edge timestamp of a channel should be subtracted by the following falling edge (of the same channel) so as to confirm this pulse length.

F. References

[1]: SDB records: <http://www.ohwr.org/projects/fpga-config-space/wiki>

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