

BLM Upgrade Users' Guide

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1 System Overview

The new BLM readout system is designed to perform several tasks: to provide a flexible and reliable abort system to protect Tevatron magnets; to provide loss monitor data during normal operations of the Tevatron, Main Injector and Booster; and to provide detailed diagnostic loss histories when an abort happens. Beam losses are detected using the ion chambers that have been used with the legacy system.

The Basic principle of operation of the new BLM system is to integrate for a short period of time, typically 21 μ s, and digitize to 16 bits. There are two integrators channel, running in a “Ping-Pong” mode, alternating between charge integration and digitization, so that no loss is missed. While one channel is integrating, the other is digitized, its integrator is reset, and the data are processed. The reset and processing time set a lower limit of 20 μ s. The digital data are used to construct several numbers that are compared against thresholds to generate abort signals. These constructed data are sliding sums, which are a measure of the integrated loss over a variety of time scales from a single reading to the integrated loss over a period of up to 64k cycles. The abort signal is made in firmware by looking at these sums and thresholds as well as the number of channels requesting an abort.

The new BLM system uses a standard 6Ux160mm VME format crate. Besides the VME crate computer in Slot 1 that communicates data to the main control system, the BLM system includes five types of custom cards:

- Digitizer Cards (DC)
- Timing Card (TC)
- Control Card (CC)
- High Voltage card (HV)
- Abort Card (AC).

A custom J2 backplane is used for local system communication. A Control Bus using the user-defined pins on the J2 VME connector handles all of the critical BLM controls. This bus has 13 address lines and 8 data lines. The Controller Card is the only master on this bus, and the other cards are slaves. Also on the J2 connector is an Abort

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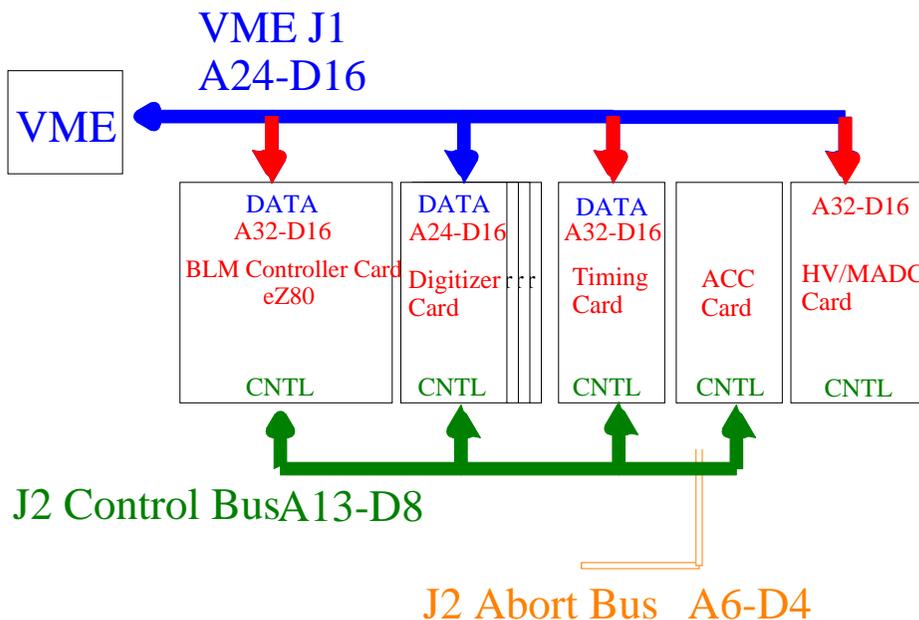


Figure 1: Block diagram of a BLM crate

Bus where the AC is the master and the digitizer cards are the slaves.

The sliding sum time scales and corresponding buffers and abort channels are referred to either by the sum (or abort number) or intended time scale. These are as follows:

Number	Name	Typical Time Scale	Circular Buffer Depth
0	Immediate	20 μ s	64k
1	Fast	1 ms	16k
2	Slow	50 ms	8k
3	Very Slow	1 s	8k

In this document, we include a summary description of each of the components followed by a description of the bus and communications protocol and detailed descriptions of the functions performed by each module including address maps.

1.1 Digitizer Card

The Digitizer Card (DC) integrates and digitizes the current from four loss monitor chambers each beam revolution. To avoid dead time between measurements, signals for each input are switched between the two channels of a TI/Burr-Brown ACF2101 integrator chip. Results are digitized from the two channels on alternate cycles and fed to on-board programmable logic devices.

The digitizer has a 16 bit resolution. Scaling is such that one digitizer count represents 15.26 fC of charge in the integrator. The sensitivity of the BLM ion chamber is approximately 70 nC of charge per Rad.

The logic maintains three running sums per channel with programmable durations of up to 65,536 base clocks (1.4 seconds for the Tevatron) and compares the current measurement and the running sums to abort thresholds (4 thresholds in all). Each threshold can be set independently for each channel. There can be up to 15 digitizer cards in a crate. We envision sliding sums with periods of approximately 1 ms, 50 ms and 1s for normal operation.

The block diagram in Fig. 1 illustrates the signal processing for each channel. Note that the Sum registers will be read and the Threshold Registers written over the BLM Control Bus. The SRAM memory which stores the integrator output values can be read over the VME bus (J1) by the crate computer.

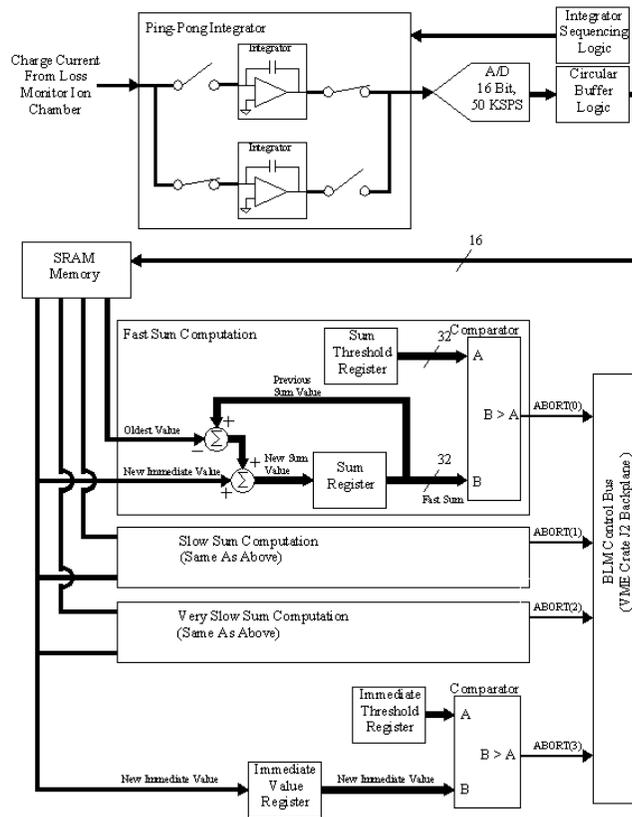


Figure 2: Block diagram of the signal processing for one of the four channels on the Digitizer Card.

1.2 Timing Card

The Timing Card (TC) receives accelerator system-wide timing information from three sources, the Tevatron Clock (TCLK), the Beam Sync Clock (BSYNC) and Machine state Data (MDAT).

The TC decodes BSYNC to generate the BLM system master clock which it distributes on the BLM Control Bus. For the Tevatron this will be generated from the AA marker with a $21\mu\text{s}$ period. For the Main Injector it will be half the AA marker frequency for a period of $22\mu\text{s}$. The master clock signal is known as *Make_Meas* (“Make Measurement”).

The TC maintains a 64k circular buffer of timing information for each cycle including a 32-bit time of day and a 24-bit microsecond counter which is reset at one second intervals; this buffer is in parallel with the circular buffer of loss measurements in the Digitizers. The master clock defines the integration interval of the Digitizers and sets the threshold-comparison timing and abort-logic comparison timing. The TC also generates signals at appropriate intervals to cause the Digitizers to latch the current values of the sliding sums and the Controller Card to read these sums with the latched timing information.

The TC decodes TCLK and sends a signal to freeze the data buffers in the Control card, Timing Card and Digitizers in the case of an abort. Other events from TCLK are used to signal the BLM system to collect and store synchronous ring-wide data samples for beam studies. The MDAT signal is decoded to determine the machine state and

generate an interrupt to the Control Card causing it to load the appropriate abort thresholds and logic when the Tevatron machine state changes.

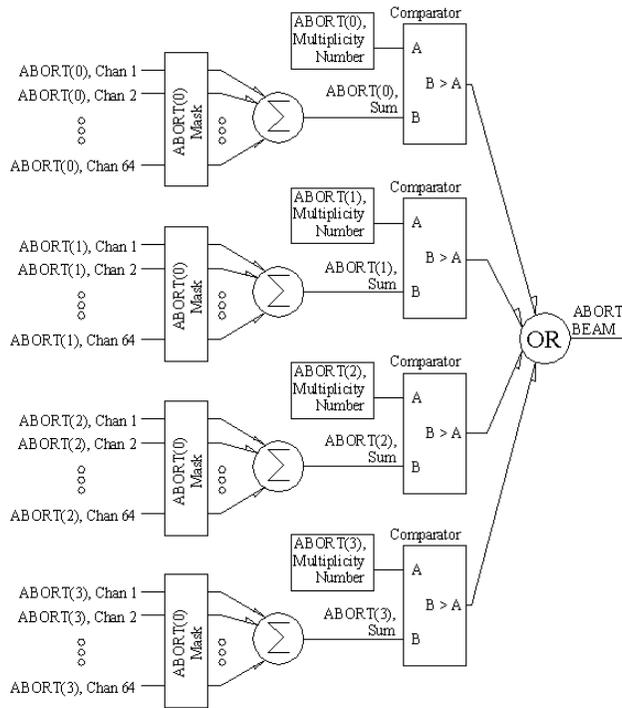
1.3 Control Card

To ensure that data communications and other tasks running on the VME crate computer do not impact the reliability of the BLM abort logic, the Control Card (CC) provides an independent dedicated processor that manages the setting of abort thresholds and other parameters used in the abort logic. The Control Card CPU is a Zilog eZ80--a 24-bit address, 8-bit data, 50 MHz microcontroller. The CC communicates with the other system cards over the dedicated custom J2 backplane keeping local communications separate from VME data transfers. The CC also maintains circular buffers that store the histories of the three running sums for each digitizer channel with time stamps provided by the TC. The histories will be at least 4096 time bins deep. The history can be read out via VME either on command from VME crate computer or saved in response to an accelerator control signal. The CC also stores abort thresholds for each of the sums for each channel for up to 256 machine states.

When a change in accelerator state is detected, the CC updates the thresholds in the digitizer cards as well as the abort masks and multiplicity requirements in the Abort Control Card.

1.4 Abort Card

The four abort signals from each channel on each Digitizer Card are read by the Abort Card (AC) every integration interval. The aborts of a particular type are counted and compared to a programmable multiplicity requirement for that abort type. It is possible to mask channels off in the AC so they do not participate in the count. If the multiplicity for that integration interval equals or exceeds the threshold, a beam abort signal is generated. This logic is illustrated in Fig. 3. To accommodate the different operating conditions, the abort masks and multiplicity thresholds in the Abort Card can change depending on the Machine State. We have also included a serial link on the Abort Card to allow a single point to receive information from all the BLM crates around the ring to be able to implement a ring-wide abort condition



.Figure 3: Abort Card multiplicity logic.

1.5 Chassis

The Chassis is an integrated 6Ux160mm VME crate, power supply and fan fabricated by Weiner. In addition to the J1 backplane that is being fabricated by Weiner, each crate includes a custom J2 backplane that handles the BLM control bus with all lines bussed on the A and C rows for slots 4-21. Slots 1-3 will have no backplane connections on rows A and C. Row B includes the standard extensions for A32D32 VME operation. The power supply blocks the rear of the backplane, so transition modules cannot be used in a BLM crate. The Wiener fan tray also provides an interface to provide slow control and monitoring via Ethernet.

2 BLM Crate Normal Operations Sequence

Once the settings are loaded into the TC, DCs and AC, the system is ready to run. The BLM operations are initiated by a clock event such as “Prepare for Beam” which will cause the TC to issue a Digitizer Card Reset (*DC_Reset*) on the control bus. The *DC_Reset* causes the DCs to zero all sliding sums and causes the DCs and the TC to set all circular buffer pointers to FFFF. This assures that all buffers are synchronized and ready to take data.

The primary clock for the BLM system, *Make_Meas*, is derived from the AA marker on the beam sync clock (typically 21 μ s). *Make_Meas* is transmitted on the BLM control bus to all BLM cards. Optionally the *Make_Meas* signal can be created by dividing the AA marker or by dividing down an internal clock. The shortest allowable period for this signal is 20 microseconds due to the reset time needed by the integrators.

On the digitizer cards the *Make_Meas* signal defines the sample period, causing the ACF2101 integrators to switch between channels for each input triggers the ADCs to digitize the charge for the channel not being integrated. After that, the sliding sums are updated and all abort comparisons are made. At this time the new ADC readings are written to a 64k deep circular buffer which is used for diagnostic purposes as well as the source of the sliding sums. The new ADC data may also be written to one of two turn-by-turn (TBT) dedicated studies buffers. The abort states are latched on the next *Make_Meas*. Thus the DC has the full sample period to do its conversions, make the sliding sums and do the abort compare with thresholds. The timing card stores real-time clock data on each cycle in a 64k deep circular buffer that is synchronized with those of the digitizers.

On the AC, the *Make_Meas* signal causes the abort summing state machine to cycle through each BLM channel by putting the channel address ACS(5:0) on the abort bus and to read back from each channel the state of each of its abort requests ABORT(3:0). For each abort type, each channel has an abort mask bit which determines if that channel is allowed to request an abort of that type. A count is made for each of the four abort types of allowed AND requesting channels (i.e. those above threshold). If the number of channels requesting an abort for any of the four abort types equals or exceeds the abort multiplicity setting for that abort type, an abort request is transmitted from the card on a 50 Ω TTL line driver.

The *Make_Meas* signal, therefore, causes the data to be taken and the abort logic to be updated every cycle. While a sliding sum might be the sum over 500 samples (10 ms) its abort threshold is compared every 21 μ s.

During each 21 μ s cycle, the DCs make and update the three sliding sums of samples. These sliding sums are compared every cycle to their abort limits. However, for diagnostic purposes, these sums are stored periodically in circular buffers on the Control Card. This process is controlled by the TC, which periodically generates 3 latch signals, one for each sliding sum. The latch signals cause the DCs to latch the appropriate sum and the TC to latch the time stamp and to interrupt the CC so that it knows the data is latched and ready to be read and stored in the appropriate circular buffer. The individual ADC readings are 16 bits; however, the sliding sums are 32 bit numbers. Therefore, the dynamic range of, for example, the 1 second sliding sum is almost 32 bits. These sliding sums are the total integrated loss over the sum interval, not

just samples of losses spaced in time.

At any given time, the BLM has a variety of stored loss histories with different time resolutions: the 64k deep raw measurement buffer provides 1.4 seconds of loss data with 21 μ s resolution; the 8k Fast circular buffer provides 8 seconds of integrated loss data with 1 ms resolution, the 4k Slow circular buffer provides 200 seconds of integrated loss data with 50 ms resolution; and the 4k Very Slow buffer provides 4096 seconds, over an hour, of integrated loss data with 1 second resolution. As one can see, in the event of an abort, there is a very detailed history of losses prior to the abort, which may be examined to aid in diagnosing the problem.

3 Internal Communication

The system communicates with the outside world via ACNET through a standard VME host CPU. This VME host sets the parameters in the BLM system through a block of shared memory in the Control Card. An overview of the addressing scheme is given in Table 1. In this document, unless otherwise specified, all VME and control-bus addresses are specified in hexadecimal. VME addressing is based on 8-bit bytes, but the BLM system uses 16-bit data. Therefore, the lowest address bit (A0) is always assumed to be 0 for VME. Because they are unique to the BLM system, the base address for the AC, CC, and TC are set with soldered jumpers rather than switches.

The BLM system has essentially 3 busses, a VME bus, the BLM Control bus on the A row of J2, and the Abort Bus on the C row of J2. All operations on the Abort bus are done from the AC via its state machine. All operations on the Control bus are done from the CC via eZ80 software. In systems without a CC, VME can access the control bus only via a bridge on the TC. Normally the VME places data into the shared memory on the CC, and the CC puts that data into the hardware. The pin assignments of the J2 backplane are shown in Table 2. Note the slots 1-3 on J2 are standard VME A32D32 with straight-through pins on rows A and C. All hardware parameters are set from the CC over the dedicated BLM control bus. This control bus has 13 address lines(CA12:0) and 8 data lines(CD7:0). The digitizers use A24D16 addressing on VME. There can be up to 15 digitizers per crate. Four switches on the digitizers set the high four bits of the VME address (A23:20). They also set the high four bits of the control bus address and for the abort channel select (AbortCS). Each card has 256 bytes of address space (CA(7:0)) which makes up its memory register space. This register space is defined elsewhere. The Control Cards maintains a setup table for each of a possible 256 machine states, and will load this data into the hardware in response to an MDAT state change. These settings affect only the Digitizer Cards and the Abort concentrator card. The settings for the Timing card do not change with machine state, and should only be changed during beam off periods. An important feature of the BLM system is that all abort operations are handled by state machines, once setup by the CC, these operations

Board Type and #	Switch Setting (hex)	VME Address Type	VME Address range	Control Bus Address Range
Controller Card	00	A32	00000000 – 00FFFFFFE	Master
Timing Card RAM	10	A32	10000000 – 100FFFFFFE	1000 – 10FF
Timing Card Bridge	10	A32	10100000 – 10101FFFE	Master
Abort Card	20	A32	20000000 – 203FFFFFFE	1100 – 11FF
HV Card	30	A32	30000000 – 30000FFFE	N/A
Digitizer #0	0	A24	000000 – 0FFFFFFE	0000 – 00FF
Digitizer #1	1	A24	100000 – 1FFFFFFE	0100 – 01FF
Digitizer #2	2	A24	200000 – 2FFFFFFE	0200 – 02FF
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Digitizer #D	D	A24	D00000 – DFFFFFFE	0D00 – 0DFF
Digitizer #E	E	A24	E00000 – EFFFFFFE	0E00 – 0EFF

Table 1: Overview of BLM addressing scheme.

proceed without intervention from either VME or eZ80. The only things that the CPUs do is setup the parameters. In order to smoothly update the new settings in the DCs and AC, these cards must double buffer all registers with the first register being written via the BLM Control bus. The data is transferred to the actual usage register via a backplane signal *Update_Settings* which will occur after all settings have been written and will be generated on the TC in response to a command from the CC to be synchronous with the *Make_Meas* signal.

3.1 Backplane Signal Functions

The operation of the digitizer card is controlled by signals on the control bus. These signals are:

- *Reset* [C21]: This signal is the BLM Crate reset signal driven by the Controller Card (CC). It resets the state machine on the DC and TC.
- *Reset_DC* [C20] “Reset Digitizer Card.”: This signal clears the sliding sums and resets the DC raw measurement data (RMD) pointer and TC time-stamp pointer to FFFF. This signal typically is used to initialize the DC and TC and get ready for data taking.
- *Make_meas* [C22] “Make Measurement”: This signal causes the DC to switch integrator channels, latches the previous abort states, digitizes the reading, resets the integrator, calculates the sliding sums, and makes the abort comparisons. This signal is generated on the Timing Card (TC) and typically runs continuously at about once every 20 microseconds. The sliding sums are made by adding the current reading to the sum and subtracting the oldest reading from the sum. The 3 sliding sums have 3 oldest data pointers, which point to the data in the RMD that is to be subtracted. There is also new data pointer, which sets the location in the RMD where the newest reading is stored. Once the sliding sums are calculated, the state machine might “pre-Fetch” the 3 oldest data readings that will need to be subtracted during the next cycle. When *Make_Meas* is generated, the TC also stores the real time in the 64k deep time-stamp buffer. *Make_Meas* triggers the AC to query the abort states of the digitizers.
- *Fast_Latch* [C15]: This signal is produced on the TC to tell the DC state machine to latch the current *Fast_Sum* into a register so the controller can read it. The TC latches the time stamp as well. Each of these latch signals also sets a bit in a register and causes the TC to assert the IRQ2 line so that the CC knows to fetch data into its larger circular buffers.
- *Slow_Latch* [C16]: This signal is produced on the TC to tell the DC state machine to latch the current *Slow_Sum* into a register so the controller can read it. The TC latches the time stamp as well.
- *VSlow_Latch* [C17]: This signal is produced on the TC to tell the DC state machine to latch the current *Very_Slow_Sum* into a register so the controller can read it. The TC latches the time stamp as well.
- *Abort_CS(0:5)* [C10:14,27] “Abort Channel select”: These signals come from the Abort Controller (AC) and are used to poll all the channels to request abort demand conditions. The DC state machine compares *Abort_CS(2:5)* with the address switch values to determine if the requested channel is on the board. *Abort_CS(0:1)* signify channels 0-3 on the board. When selected, each channel’s

- four abort lines are driven onto the bus's Abort(0:3) lines. A channel requesting an abort drives the corresponding line low.
- *Abort(0:3)* [C5:8] “Abort lines 0,1,2,3”: These are the abort requests driven by the DC to the AC in order for the AC to determine how many channels are requesting an abort for each of the four abort types.
 - *CA(0:12)* [A1:12] “Control Bus Address”: These are used to address control and data within the state machine. These are driven by the CC.
 - *CD(0:7)* [A19:26] “Control Bus Data”: These are the data lines used to read and write data to and from the state machine.
 - *MREQ** [A15] “Memory Request”: This active-low signal indicates to the DC, AC, and TC that the CC is sending a valid address on the control bus for them to parse. The eZ80 on the CC uses the same address space for i/o operations as well as memory (*i.e.* control bus) operations. Thus addresses are valid on the bus only if *MREQ** is low.
 - *MemRD** [A16] “Memory Read”: Indicates that the current Control Bus cycle is a read from the bus by the CC. This is active low and should go down at the same time as *MREQ**.
 - *WE** [A17] “Memory Write Enable”: This is the write strobe for data, data should be latched on the rising edge of *WE**. *WE** is pulled low by the eZ80 on the CC (or by the control-bus bridge on the TC).
 - *Update_Settings* [C29]: The abort thresholds, masks and multiplicities are double buffered on the DC and AC with current values and set values. After the CC is notified by the TC of an MDAT event, it updates the set values. When all values have been written, it sets *Update_Settings* to notify the DC and AC to move the set values to be the current values which are then used in abort decisions.
 - *ITBT_Trig* [C2] “Injection Turn-by-Turn Trigger”: Causes the raw data to be written into the 8k ITBT buffer. Once the buffer is full or the system stops, this data is readable via VME. The trigger is caused by the TC receiving the injection marker on BSClk.
 - *STBT_Trig* [C3] “Studies Turn-by-Turn Trigger”: Causes the next 8k raw measurement data to be written into the STBT Buffer. Once the buffer is full or the system stops, this data is readable via VME. Note: that is a STBT trigger happens while an ITBT is in progress, the ITBT is terminated and the STBT operation is initiated. If either of these is in operation a bit is set in a status register and VME is not allowed to read the TBT data. The TC sends ITBT after receiving a programmable TCLK event.
 - *ChOK* [C1] “Channel OK”: Sent by the digitizer to the abort card with the abort data to indicate that the channel is working properly. If *ChOK* is low, the AC ignores the data and interrupts the CC.
 - *AIP* [C19] “Abort in Progress”: In normal operation *AIP* is sent by the TC with a programmable delay after receiving the Abort-in-progress TCLK event (\$47). *AIP* on the control bus stops all circular buffers and allows the 64k-deep raw data buffers on the DCs and TC to be read. *AIP* is latched until reset by external control. *AIP* can also be set by-hand in the TC.
 - *IRQ0* [A28] “Interrupt Request 0”: Timing Card notification to Control Card that a TCLK event has been loaded into the TCLK FIFO.
 - *IRQ1* [A29] “Interrupt Request 1”: Timing Card notification to Control Card that an MDAT state change has occurred and the new state is ready to be read.

- *IRQ2* [A30] “Interrupt Request 2”: Timing Card notification to Control Card that one or more of the Fast, Slow, or Very Slow latches has fired and the data is ready to read and placed in the circular snapshot buffers on the CC
- *IRQ3* [A31] “Interrupt Request 3”: Abort Card notification to Control Card that the AC needs servicing, either it has channel NOT OK bits, or is requesting ABORT.
- *CPU_Detect* [C23]: Pulled low by CC when plugged into the crate. This disables the control-bus bridge on the TC.
- *Error* [A32]: Set if any of the cards senses an internal error. This allows the CC to set a VME interrupt to notify the front-end CPU to send an alarm.
- *Osc* [C31] Oscillator: **What’s this for????**
- *BusReq* [C25] and *BusAck* [C26]: For future expansion if needed. These allow for a second master such as a DMA controller to request control of the bus from the eZ80 by pulling the BusReq low, The eZ80 responds by placing all of its control and address lines into a high impedance state and pulling the BusAck low to signal that the requesting device can now use the bus.

Pin	Row A			Row B	Row C		
	Function	Write	Read	Function	Function	Write	Read
1	CA0	C	DTA	+5V	ChOK	D	A
2	CA1	C	DTA	Gnd	ITBT_Trig	T	D
3	CA2	C	DTA	Reserved 1	STBT_Trig	T	D
4	CA3	C	DTA	VME-A24	Abort4 (spare)		
5	CA4	C	DTA	VME-A25	Abort0	D	A
6	CA5	C	DTA	VME-A26	Abort1	D	A
7	CA6	C	DTA	VME-A27	Abort2	D	A
8	CA7	C	DTA	VME-A28	Abort3	D	A
9	CA8	C	DTA	VME-A29	Gnd		
10	CA9	C	DTA	VME-A30	Abort_CS0	A	D
11	CA10	C	DTA	VME-A31	Abort_CS1	A	D
12	CA11	C	DTA	Gnd	Abort_CS2	A	D
13	CA12	C	DTA	+5V	Abort_CS3	A	D
14	Gnd			VME-D16	Abort_CS4	A	D
15	MREQ*	C	DTA	VME-D17	Fast_Latch	T	D
16	MEMRD*	C	DTA	VME-D18	Slow_Latch	T	D
17	WR*	C	DTA	VME-D19	V Slow_Latch	T	D
18	Gnd			VME-D20	Gnd		
19	CD0	All	All	VME-D21	AIP	T	DA
20	CD1	All	All	VME-D22	Reset DC	C	DTA
21	CD2	All	All	VME-D23	Reset	C	DTA
22	CD3	All	All	Gnd	Make_Meas	T	DA
23	CD4	All	All	VME-D24	CPU_Detect	C	T
24	CD5	All	All	VME-D25	Gnd		
25	CD6	All	All	VME-D26	BusReq		C
26	CD7	All	All	VME-D27	BusAck	C	
27	Gnd			VME-D28	Abort_CS5	A	D
28	IRQ0	T	C	VME-D29	Spare3		
29	IRQ1	T	C	VME-D30	Update_Settings	T	DA
30	IRQ2	T	C	VME-D31	Gnd		
31	IRQ3	A	CT	Gnd	Osc		
32	Error	DTA	C	+5V	Spare2		

Table 2: Pin assignments for J2 backplane. The the A and C row, we indicate which modules can read or write data on each of the bussed backplane lines.

4 Digitizer Card

The digitizer card is the primary data collector in the system. It includes the following features:

- 4 loss-monitor channels, 4 dual integrators, 4 16-bit ADCs
- 4 16-bit DACs for analog (MADC) outputs
- Control Bus Interface for setting parameters
- 512 Kbytes of RAM for storing Raw Measurements Data (RMD)
- 128 Kbytes of RAM for storing 2 banks of 8k TBT data
- A VME interface used primarily for reading raw measurement data when the system is stopped and for reading TBT data when TBT is not in operation.
- A 4-bit switch-selectable card number that sets the base address for the Control Bus, Abort Bus and VME. For digitizer cards on the Control Bus, CA12=0 and CA8:11=Switch for card select.
- A state machine that runs the digitizer section and makes the 4 sliding sums for each channel. It also maintains the RMD RAM circular buffer.
- An Abort channel select and 4 abort line drivers, these 4 lines are for:
 - Immediate Loss Abort threshold (few microseconds)
 - Fast Loss Abort Threshold (few milliseconds)
 - Slow Loss Abort Threshold (few 10s of milliseconds)
 - Very Slow Loss Abort Threshold (few seconds)

The reading of the raw measurement data (RMD) is allowed only when the state machine is stopped, and this data is only available via the VME interface. This is the only data available to VME on this card. The VME Address lines 20:23 are compared with the 4-bit address switch to determine if the card is being addressed. VME Address lines 1:2 are channel select, VME address 0 is byte select (only used if reading in byte mode) and VME address lines 3:18 are the 64k RMD pointer. Note that the RMD is a 64k deep circular buffer used to store raw data; the time stamps for this data are stored on the TC. VME is also able to read the Card ID Block at 000000 and the board status at 30000.

The internal address map of the digitizer is described in Table 3. These are the offsets from the control-bus base address for data communication with the Control Card.

4.1 Turn-by-Turn Buffers

In addition to the diagnostic buffers maintained by the Controller Card, which are circular buffers that are periodically overwritten, the BLM system has two linear buffers in the Digitizer that are triggered and are not automatically overwritten. These buffers are Turn-By-Turn (TBT) and are each 8k deep. The TBT Buffers are designed to match the capability of the new BPM system and allow the simultaneous sampling of beam position in the BPM and beam losses in the BLM.

The injection TBT buffer (ITBT) is designed to match the BPM injection TBT buffer and is triggered by ITBT_Trig at injection. The studies TBT buffer is designed to match the BPM TBT buffer used for beam studies. The STBT is triggered by

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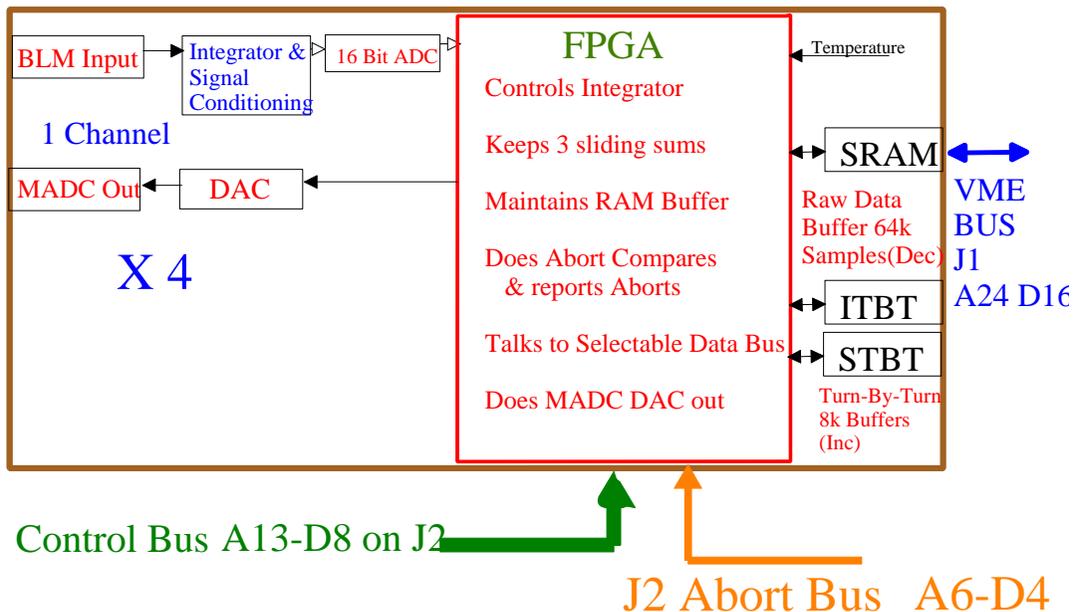


Figure 4

STBT_Trig, both of these triggers are generated on the TC by clock events on TCLK or BSCLK. When either of these TBT buffers is triggered, the DCs and TC will set a bit in a status register indicating the TBT operations are in progress and that the TBT memory is not accessible from VME. Once the TBT operation completes, or if an abort happens, the DCs and TC will reset the status bit, and VME will have access to the TBT memory.

TBT operations will require the DCs and TC to not only write the large 64k circular buffer each sample period, but to also write the data into the TBT buffer each sample period.

Once it has been triggered, the ITBT will fill to its limit of 16k and stop. It will not be overwritten until another injection clock event happens. If another ITBT_Trig happens, prior to the completion of the ITBT operation, the ITBT pointer will be reset to 0, and 16k of new TBT data will be written into the ITBT buffer. Only the first 8k are protected from an STBT_Trig.

The STBT buffer once triggered, will fill to the limit of 16k and stop. It will not be overwritten until another Studies clock event happens. If another STBT_Trig happens, prior to the completion of the STBT operation, the STBT pointer will be reset to 8k and 8k of TBT data will be written into the STBT buffer.

If a STBT_Trig happens during an ITBT operation, the ITBT operation is ended and the STBT pointer is set to 0 and an STBT operation is started. Thus only a single TBT operation is allowed at any given time. If this happens the host should be able to fully reconstruct the ITBT data using the ITBT and STBT buffers and their time stamps.

It is also possible to provide a software TBT_Trig permit for each type of TBT buffer, so that the buffer could be "locked" and not overwritten unless it is "un-locked".

4.2 Modes of Operation

The operation of the digitizer can be customized in several ways.

- The integration capacitor for the integrator chips can be set to either 100pF or 500pF giving a factor 5 change in the least count and range for the data. **Where is this set?** This can be changed only when the state machine is stopped.
- The Very Slow Sum can be set as a cumulative integration since the last *ResetDC* signal. This sum can then be used for the Main Injector to get the integrated loss per cycle. **Where is this set?** This can be changed only when the state machine is stopped.
- The analog output for each channel can provide **N** different signals derived from the raw data. These are **what?** The program for the analog output is set via the Mode Select word communicated on the control bus.

4.3 VME Address Map

BLM digitizer cards respond to A24D16 and may take nearly all of the A24D16 address space (16 MB) since there may be up to 15 digitizer cards. Each card uses the addresses N00000-NFFFFE where N is card number 0-E. The base address is set by switches on the board which determine bits 20-23. The data are stored as follows as offset from the base address.

- 00000-00FFE 8KB of Settings, ID, etc
- 10000-1FFFE 64KB of Injection TBT Data (8k Turns, Increments)
- 20000-2FFFE 64KB of Studies TBT Data (8k Turns, Increments)
- 30000 Status Register
- 80000-8FFFE Raw Measurement Circular Buffers

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VME DC and TC Status Register

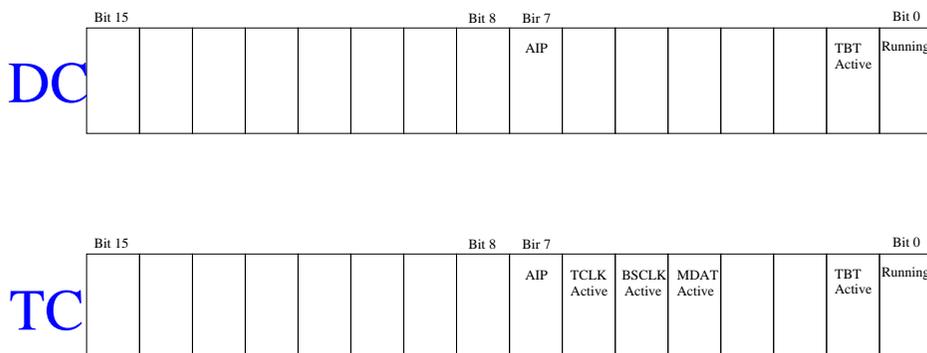


Figure 5: Digitizer and timing card status registers.

The turn-by-turn linear buffers and raw circular buffers are addressed as follows:

- A2:A1 = Channel 0/1/2/3
- A18:A3 = Index

The index for the raw buffer is set to FFFF on a reset and decrements on each *Make_Meas*. It resets when it reaches 0000.. The current location is indicated by the RMD pointer which is located in the settings block that is yet to be documented.

Function	Type	Address	Bytes	Bits
Channel 0		00	(34)	
Fast Sum Threshold	R/W	00	4	32
Slow Sum Threshold	R/W	04	4	32
Very Slow Sum Threshold	R/W	08	4	32
Immediate Threshold	R/W	0C	2	16
Fast Sum Latched	R	10	4	32
Slow Sum Latched	R	14	4	32
Very Slow Sum Latched	R	18	4	32
Mode select	R/W	1C	2	16
MADC Manual setting	R/W	1E	2	16
Current reading	R	20	2	16
Channel 1			(34)	
Fast Sum Threshold	R/W	30	4	32
Slow Sum Threshold	R/W	34	4	32
Very Slow Sum Threshold	R/W	38	4	32
Immediate Threshold	R/W	3C	2	16
Fast Sum Latched	R	40	4	32
Slow Sum Latched	R	44	4	32
Very Slow Sum Latched	R	48	4	32
Mode select	R/W	4C	2	16
MADC Manual setting	R/W	4E	2	16
Current reading	R	50	2	16
Channel 2		60	(34)	
Channel 3		90	(34)	
General		F0		
Fast Sum Length	R/W	F0	2	16
Slow Sum Length	R/W	F2	2	16
Very Slow Sum Length	R/W	F4	2	16
TBT Ram Pointer	R	F6	2	16
FPGA Control Register	R/W	F8	2	16
Test DAC	R/W	FA	2	16
ADC Temperature	R	FC	2	16

Table 3: Digitizer Card internal register map

5 Timing Card

The timing card (TC) is the primary controller for data collection in the BLM system. It includes the following features:

- Control Bus Interface for setting parameters
- A TCLK decoder. This is used to receive the encoded TCLK events such as Clock Reset, Abort-in-Progress, and Profile requests. Receiving a TCLK event causes IRQ0 to be asserted. A 1 MHz clock is derived from this clock. In locations without a TCLK, an optional 10 MHz oscillator is provided. The list of interesting TCLK events is stored in registers. The TC loads the events in a FIFO for the CC to read.
- A BSCLK decoder. This is used to receive the encoded Beam-Sync Clock events such as \$AA. This AA marker is optionally used to make the *Make_Meas* signal. *Make_Meas* can also be derived by dividing the AA marker such as for Main Injector where *Make_Meas* is $AA/2$.
- An MDAT decoder. This is used to receive machine state information from the MDAT system. Different machine states require different abort thresholds etc. Receiving an MDAT event causes IRQ1 to be asserted. The MDAT frame of interest is set in a register. For the Tevatron, it is \$12. An MDAT event is defined as a change in the value of the relevant frame. Only the lowest 8 bits of the frame are considered.
- A real-time clock. The 32-bit Unix time in seconds is incremented by the TCLK 1 Hz event (\$8F). A 24-bit microseconds counter increments from each 1 Hz event. These time values are used to mark the digitizer raw and sum data.
- 512 Kbytes of RAM for storing 64k of Raw Measurements Data Time Stamps (RMDTS) these are stored as 8 bits of state, 32 bits Unix time in seconds, and 24 bits of microseconds.
- 128 Kbytes of RAM for storing TBT time stamps.
- A VME interface used for reading RMDTS when system is stopped and for reading TBT Time Stamps when TBT is not in operation.
- *Make_Meas* backplane output. Make meas can be generated from either of two sources:
 - The 1 MHz clock with an 8-bit divisor
 - The AA marker from BSCLK, or from the AA Marker /2 for MI.The *Make_Meas* signal also latches the 64-bit time-stamp data and writes it into the RMDTS ram array and increments the RAM Pointer. The *Reset_DC* signal resets this pointer.
- Divisors of the *Make_Meas* signal used to make the *Fast_Latch*, *Slow_Latch*, and *Very_Slow_Latch* signals. The first is 8 bits, and the others are 16. These latch signals set a bit in a register and cause IRQ2 to be asserted so that the CC knows to read the latched data from the digitizers. These three latch signals also latch the current time stamp into three registers so that the time stamp can also be read.
- Writeable registers to force the creation of *Reset_DC*, *AIP*, *Clear AIP* etc
- Front Panel lemo inputs which also make *Reset_DC*, *AIP*, and *Clear AIP*

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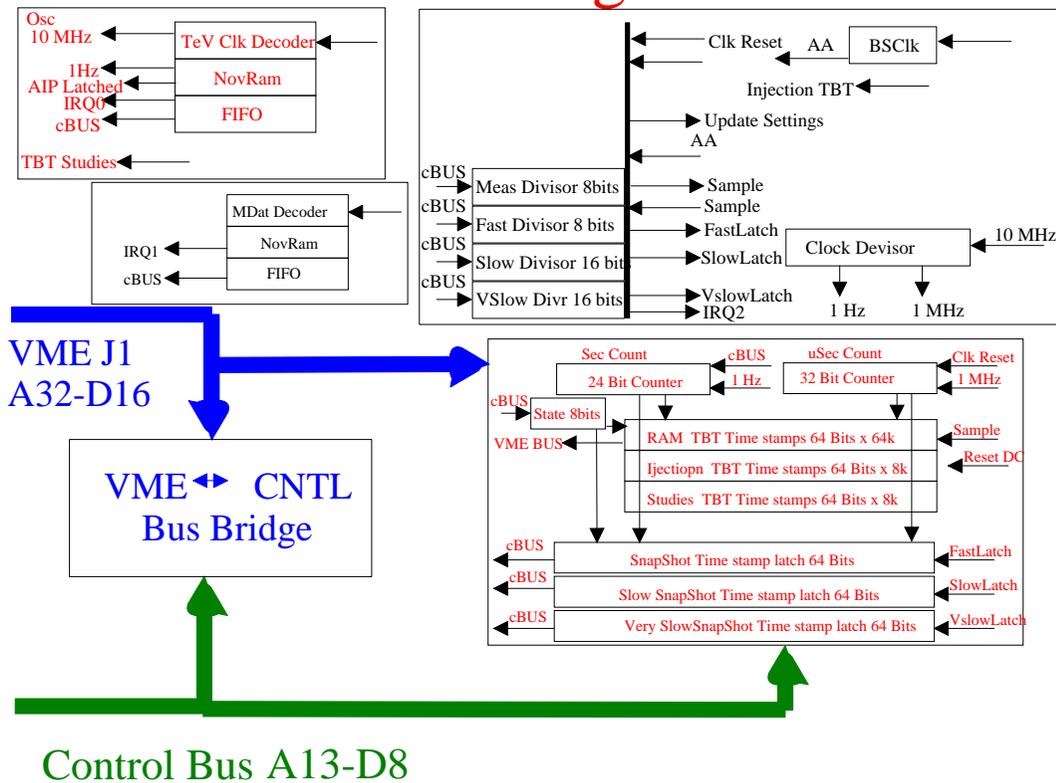


Figure 6: Timing Card functional overview

- Abort-in-Progress (AIP) signal. *AIP* being asserted causes the state machine to stop making all control pulses: *Make_Meas*, *xxxx_Latch*, etc., effectively freezing all buffers in the system. *AIP* is a latched signal cleared by *Clear_AIP* and by *Reset*.
- ITBT Trigger. This line is driven onto the backplane in response to a BSCLK Injection clock event, it causes the 8k Injection TBT buffer to be filled on the digitizer cards as well as the injection TBT time stamps to be filled on the TC.
- STBT Trigger. This line is driven onto the backplane in response to a TCLK Studies clock event, it causes the 8k Studies TBT buffer to be filled on the digitizer cards as well as the Studies TBT time stamps to be filled on the TC.

The internal registers for the Timing Card are described in Table 7. The Timing Card is controlled by signals on the control bus and by TCLK, BSCLK, and MDAT events.

The reading of the Raw Measurement Time Stamp (RMDTS) circular buffer is allowed only when the state machine is stopped, *i.e.* *AIP* is true. The TBT time stamp buffers can be read whenever a turn study is not in progress. The address map is described in section 5.1 below.

The TC also includes a VME to Control Bus Bridge to allow for setting up the DC and TC hardware in situations where a CC module is not present. VME Address line 20 set to 1 indicates that the Bridge is being accessed. VME Address lines 1:13 are copied

to Control Bus address lines 0:12 and control bus data lines 0:7 are connected to VME data lines 0:7. The bridge must also use appropriate VME signals to create the following Control Bus signals: *MEMRD**, *MREQ**, and *WE**. The TC will pull Bus line *CPU_Detect* high. If this line is sensed low, the bridge will be disabled since there is a CC present.

5.1 VME Memory Map

BLM Timing Cards respond to A32D16 and takes 2Mb. Each card uses the addresses N000000-N1FFFFFFE where N is the base address. The base address is set by switches on the board which determine bits 24-31. The default value is 0x0010. The data are stored as follows as offset from the base address.

- 00000-00FFE = 8KB of Settings, ID etc
- 10000-1FFFE 64KB of TBT Data (8k Turns) Injection, linear buffer
- 20000-2FFFE 64KB of TBT Data (8k Turns) Studies, linear buffer
- 30000 Status Register
- 80000-FFFFE 512KB of TBT Data (64k Turns), Circular buffer
- 100000-103FFE VME to CNTL Bus Bridge

The time data is encoded as follows

- A2:A1 = Time Stamp Words (0-3)
- A18:A3 = Turns number

The structure of the data is:

Word	Byte 0	Byte 1
0	Microseconds, byte 0	Microseconds, byte 1
1	Microseconds, byte 2	MDAT State
2	Unix Time, byte 0	Unix Time, byte 1
3	Unix Time, byte 2	Unix Time, byte 3

For the 64k turns of raw measurement data, the index decrements from FFFF to 0000 and wraps when it reaches 0000. This data can be read only the system is stopped (*i.e.* *AIP* is true). The timestamps for turn-by-turn data may not be read during a turn study.

When using the control bus bridge VME A13:1 map to CA12:0, and A19:14 are ignored. The 8-bit Control bus data is on VME D7:0

Function	Type	Address (Hex)	Bytes	Bits
Setup				
CSR	R/W	00	2	16
State Number	R/W	02	1	8
Status	R	03	1	8
Seconds Time Clock setting	W	04	4	32
Set Clock on next (\$8F)		08	1	0
Update Settings on next Make_Meas		09	1	0
MDAT Frame ID	R/W	0A	2	16
TCLK or BSCLK Number	R/W	0C	1	8
TCLK Prom Setting	W	0D	1	8
BSClk Prom Setting	W	0E	1	8
Control				
Make_Meas Divisor	R/W	10	1	8
Immediate Sum Length	R/W	11	1	8
Fast Sample Length	R/W	12	1	8
Slow Sample Length	R/W	14	2	16
Very Slow Sample Length	R/W	16	2	16
TBT Ram Pointer	R	20	2	16
TCLK Event FIFO	R	30	1	8
BSCLK Event FIFO	R	31	1	8
MDAT Event FIFO	R	32	2	16
Clocks/Timing				
Fast Latch Time Stamp	R	40	8	64
Slow Latch Time Stamp	R	48	8	64
Very Slow Latch Time Stamp	R	50	8	64
General				
Force Clear	W	F0	1	0
Force Start (Reset DC)	W	F1	1	0
Force Stop	W	F2	1	0
Force ClkReset (\$8F)	W	F3	1	0
Force AIP	W	F4	1	0
Force Sum Latches	W	F5	1	0
Force ITBT Trigger	W	F6	1	0
Force STBT Trigger	W	F7	1	0
IRQ2 Status Reg Fast	R/W=Clr	F8	1	0
IRQ2 Status Reg Slow	R/W=Clr	F9	1	0
IRQ2 Status Reg Very Slow	R/W=Clr	FA	1	0
Diagnostics				
ADC Temperature		FE	2	16

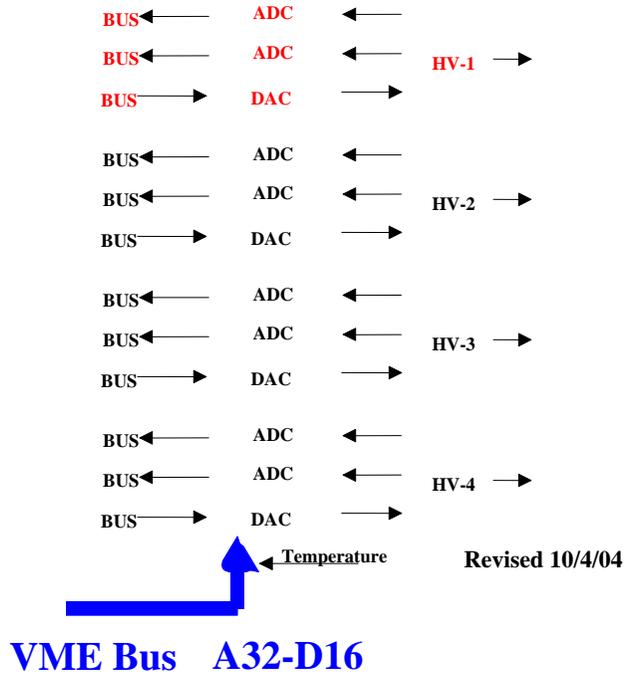
Table 4: Timing Card internal register map. The address is the offset from the control-bus base address.

6 HV Card

The High Voltage powers the loss monitor tubes. It is a double-wide VME module that can carry one to four daughter boards that provide the voltage to strings of BLM tubes. The board can be accessed by VME but not the control bus. It has an 8 bit switch selectable card number which sets VME address corresponding to address bits 24:31.

The daughter cards include:

- High voltage DC-DC converters (2kV, 30μA)
- 16 bit Digital to Analog Converters 0-10V for reading back the HV out, HV return and HV current.



6.1 VME Memory Map

Address Offset (hex)	R/W	Bytes	Function
	R/W		Channel 0, HV setting
	R		Channel 0, HV supply reading
	R		Channel 0, HV return
	R		Channel 0, HV current
	R		Channel 0, LV current to DC-DC converter

All readings are with a 12-bit ADC. The HV setting is with a 12-bit DAC. Full scale for HV is 2500V.

7 Abort Card

The Abort Controller Card AC is the primary controller for abort collection and reporting, it has on board

- Control Bus Interface for setting parameters
- A state Machine which upon receipt of a Make_Meas signal, cycles through all 64 possible channel numbers, puts Abort_CS(0:5) out on the bus and reads the results back on Abort(0:3). For each of the abort types, this state machine counts the number of channels that are requesting an abort AND which are not masked OFF. Once it has read all channels, it does a comparison of the number for each abort type against the abort type's Multiplicity number. If the count is greater than the multiplicity then that abort line is asserted. The "OR" of all 4 abort types is also asserted. The
- Serial Data Link that will allow for the ring-wide abort data to be collected.
- 64k deep circular Abort data buffer to keep abort state for last 64k *Make_Meas* cycles.

The register map for control bus data is given in Table 9.

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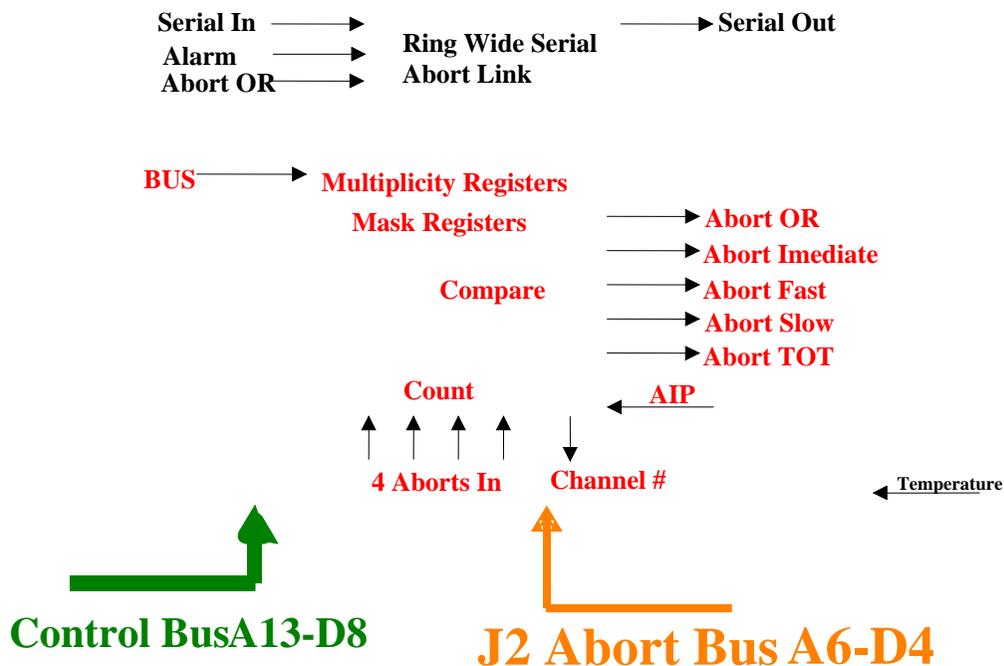


Figure 7: Overview of Abort Card functions.

Function	Type	Address	Bytes	Bits
Masks				
Abort Mask	R/W	00	1	6
Abort Channel Count	R	01	1	6
Immediate Abort Mask	R/W	10	8	64
Fast Abort Masks	R/W	18	8	64
Slow Abort Masks	R/W	20	8	64
Very Slow Abort Masks	R/W	28	8	64
NA (Formerly “New Abort Masks”)		30	8	64
Multiplicities				
Immediate Multiplicity	R/W	40	1	6
Fast Multiplicity	R/W	41	1	6
Slow Multiplicity	R/W	42	1	6
Very Slow Multiplicity	R/W	43	1	6
NA (Formerly “New Multiplicity”)		44	1	6
General				
Force Abort H	R/W	45	1	6
Force Abort L	R/W	A4	1	6
Force Abort Permit	R/W	A5	1	6
Diagnostic				
ADC Reading Temperature	R	4E	2	16

Figure 8: Abort Card internal register map.

7.1 VME Memory Map

The base address of the AC is 20000000. The address offset and data for the Abort Card are as follows:

8 Controller Card

The Controller Card (CC) is the primary controller for the Tevatron BLM system. It includes the following features:

- Control Bus Interface Master for setting parameters and reading back sliding sums, etc.
- A 8 Megabyte Block of shared memory with the VME bus, this is used for getting setup parameters and for storing the circular buffers and other frame memories.
- An MDAT decoder. This is used to receive machine state information from the MDAT system. Different machine states require different abort thresholds etc. Receiving an MDAT event causes IRQ1 to be asserted. This is an option for the CC.
- An 8 bit switch selectable card number which sets VME address 24:31 addresses. Shared memory is then from 000000-7FFFFE (A1:23).

The Controller Card access the following lines on the BLM control bus:

- Interrupt control lines IRQ(0:3) which alert the controller that hardware need servicing.
- CA(0:12), Control Bus Address lines. These are used to address control and data within the state machine. These are driven by the CC.
- Cdata(0:7) Control Bus Data Lines. These are the data lines used to read and write data to and from the state machine.
- MemRD*, Memory read. This indicates that the current Control Bus cycle is a read.
- MemWR*, Memory write. This indicates that the current Control Bus

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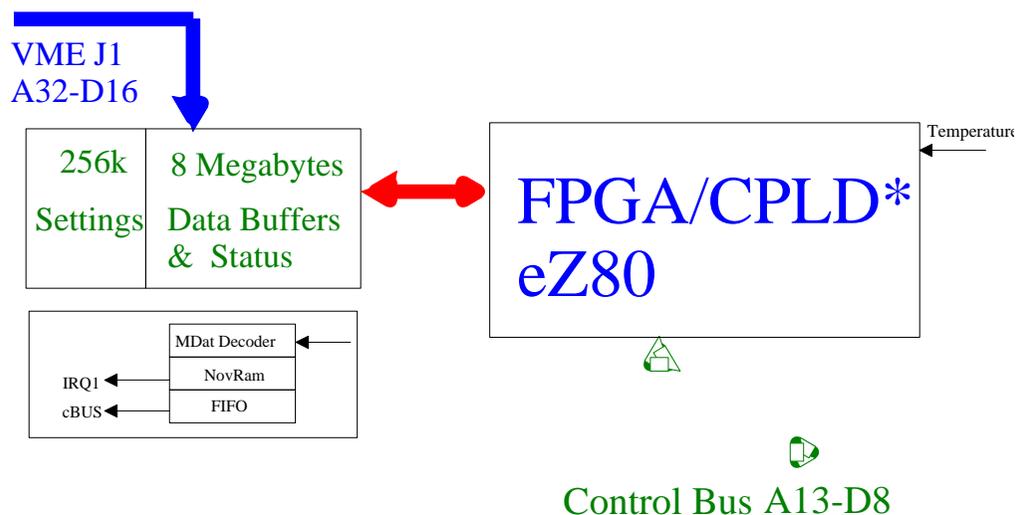


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cycle is a write.

- WE*, Memory Write Enable. This is the write strobe for data, data should be latches on the rising edge of WE
- The CC will drive Bus Control line CPU_detect Low to cause The VME to Control Bus Bridge on the TC to be disabled. This is required since the control bus is a single master bus.
- Two RS-232 ports for diagnostics and standalone operation
- A TCP/IP 10/100 baseT port for standalone operation.

8.1 Data Structures

BLM data is reported in several two different ways: Snapshots and Profiles. A profile is taken in response to a TCLK event. Profile data are the most recent data from the Fast Sum (typically 1ms) from each BLM channel. “Flash” and “Display” frames are the same as a Profile, but are taken in response to a different TCLK event. In order to make a smooth transition from the legacy system, all three types of events are retained. It is possible to store up to 128 Flash frames and 128 Profile frames in the CC for later readout and analysis. There is only one Display Frame. The current frame indexes are stored in registers. The Snapshot buffers contain the history of losses for all channel for data from each of the sliding sums. These data are stored in the circular buffers of the Control Card and can be read by the front-end CPU from the CC’s dual-port memory and then reported to ACNET. Snapshot data is stored in the same format as the Profile data and is essentially circular buffers of the same data events.

A BLM data entry has the following format

Byte Offset	Length	Function
0	1	Machine state (0-255)
1	1	Measurement Divisor
2	2	Sum Divisor
4	1	Abort Status
5	1	Channel Count
6	4	Time stamp: seconds since T ₀
A	3	Time stamp: MicroSeconds since last 1 Hz Event
D+n*4	240	Sliding Sum data for channel <i>n</i>
FD	3	Spare

In the abort status word, bits 0-3 are the status of the abort from the Immediate, Fast, Slow, and Very Slow measurements, respectively. Bits 4-7 are not used. Loss data are stored as a 32-bit word with data in order from least significant to most significant byte.

8.2 BLM Controller Card Memory Map (8 MB)

The controller card has the shared memory in the system, and thus contains all settings and parameters as well as the large circular buffers.

A24-31=switch setting, default = 00000001

ID Block for CC is at 1000000-1000FFE

A32-D16 (01800000-01FFFFFFE)

All addresses are added to card base address.

Dual Port Begins at 1800000. Addresses described below are added to this address. The channel number (0-59) is trivially derived from the $d*4+i$ where d is the digitizer number and i is the channel within the digitizer.

8.2.1 System Status

000000	System Status
000012	Time Setting Status
000014	Time Setting 16 MSb
000016	Time Setting 16 LSb

8.2.2 Settings: General:

000100	Channel Count
000102	Immediate Sum Length
000104	Fast Sum Length
000106	Slow Sum Length
000108	Very Slow Sum Length
00010A	Digitizer Control Settings 1
00010C	Digitizer Control Settings 2
00010E	Timing Card Control Settings 1
000110	Timing Card Control Settings 2
000200	Channel 0 MADC Control
000202	Channel 0 MADC Setting
.....
0002FC	Channel 63 MADC Control
0002FE	Channel 63 MADC Setting
000300	Channel 0 Mode Control
000302	Channel 1 Mode Control
.....
00037E	Channel 63 Mode Control

8.2.3 Abort Machine States

256 states are contained in the following Block:

8.2.3.1 State Type 0: (001000-0013FE)

001000	State Number, Action Marker 0=NO-OP
001002	Channel Masks 0 1 for Immediate Abort
001004	Channel Masks 2 3 for Immediate Abort
001006	Channel Masks 4 5 for Immediate Abort
001008	Channel Masks 6 7 for Immediate Abort
00100A	Channel Masks 0 1 for Fast Abort
00100C	Channel Masks 2 3 for Fast Abort
00100E	Channel Masks 4 5 for Fast Abort
001010	Channel Masks 6 7 for Fast Abort
001012	Channel Masks 0 1 for Slow Abort
001014	Channel Masks 2 3 for Slow Abort
001016	Channel Masks 4 5 for Slow Abort
001018	Channel Masks 6 7 for Slow Abort
00101A	Channel Masks 0 1 for Very Slow Abort
00101C	Channel Masks 2 3 for Very Slow Abort
00101E	Channel Masks 4 5 for Very Slow Abort
001020	Channel Masks 6 7 for Very Slow Abort
001022	Abort Multiplicity for Immediate and Fast Abort
001024	Abort Multiplicity for Slow and Very Slow Abort

001026-00102E Spares

001030	Channel 0 Immediate Threshold LSBs
001032	Channel 1 Immediate Threshold LSBs
.	.
.	.
0010AE	Channel 63 Immediate Threshold MSBs

0010B0	Channel 0 Fast Threshold LSBs
0010B2	Channel 0 Fast Threshold MSBs
0010B4	Channel 1 Fast Threshold LSBs
0010B6	Channel 1 Fast Threshold MSBs

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.....
00119C Channel 59 Fast Threshold LSBs
00119E Channel 59 Fast Threshold MSBs

0011B0	Channel 0 Slow Threshold LSBs
0011B2	Channel 0 Slow Threshold MSBs
0011B4	Channel 1 Slow Threshold LSBs
0011B6	Channel 1 Slow Threshold MSBs

.....
.....
00129C Channel 59 Slow Threshold LSBs
00129E Channel 59 Slow Threshold MSBs

0012B0 Channel 0 Very Slow Threshold LSBs
 0012B2 Channel 0 Very Slow Threshold MSBs
 0012B4 Channel 1 Very Slow Threshold LSBs
 0012B6 Channel 1 Very Slow Threshold MSBs

 0013AC Channel 63 Very Slow Threshold LSBs
 0013AE Channel 63 Very Slow Threshold MSBs
 0013B0-0013FE Spares

 001400-0017FE State 1 settings with offsets as in state 0
 001800-001FFE State 2 settings

 03F800-03FFFE State 255 Settings
 040100-07FFFE Copy of settings that are in use

8.2.4 BLM Display Frames

080000-0800FF BLM Display Frame Fast
 080100-0801FF BLM Display Frame Slow
 080200-0802FF BLM Display Frame Very Slow

8.2.5 BLM Flash Frames

080300-0803FF Flash Frame 0
 080400-0804FF Flash Frame 1

 088300-0883FF Flash Frame 127
 080400 BLM Flash Frame Counter

8.2.6 BLM Profile Frames

088402 BLM Profile Frame Counter
 088500-0885FF Profile Frame 0 Fast
 088600-0886FF Profile Frame 0 Slow
 088700-0887FF Profile Frame 0 Very Slow
 088800-0888FF Profile Frame 1 Fast

 090400-0904FF Profile Frame 127 Very Slow

8.2.7 Circular Buffers:

Each circular buffer is made from BLM frames each being 256 bytes in length (0x100). The first words of each buffer is the pointer to the most recent measurement. The buffer lengths are different for the three different sliding-sum time scales. In analogy with the legacy system, the circular buffers can be used to generate “Snapshot” displays.

- Fast Sum Circular Buffer (16K)
 - 090600-090602 24-bit pointer to most recent frame
 - 091000-490FFE (16k * 256) Circular Buffer
- Slow Sum Circular Buffer (4K)
 - 090604-090606 24-bit pointer to most recent frame
 - 491000-590FFE (4k * 256) Circular Buffer
- Very Slow Snapshot Buffer (4K)
 - 090608-09060 24-bit pointer to most recent frame
 - 591000-6690FE (4k * 256) Circular Buffer
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8.2.8 Pedestal Storage

669100	Channel 0 Pedestal (16-bit)
669102	Channel 1 Pedestal
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6691F6	Channel 59 Pedestal

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1.00.0	10/14/04	AB	First Posting in Doc DB.
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