New Development: Tentative Plan for Rod Production

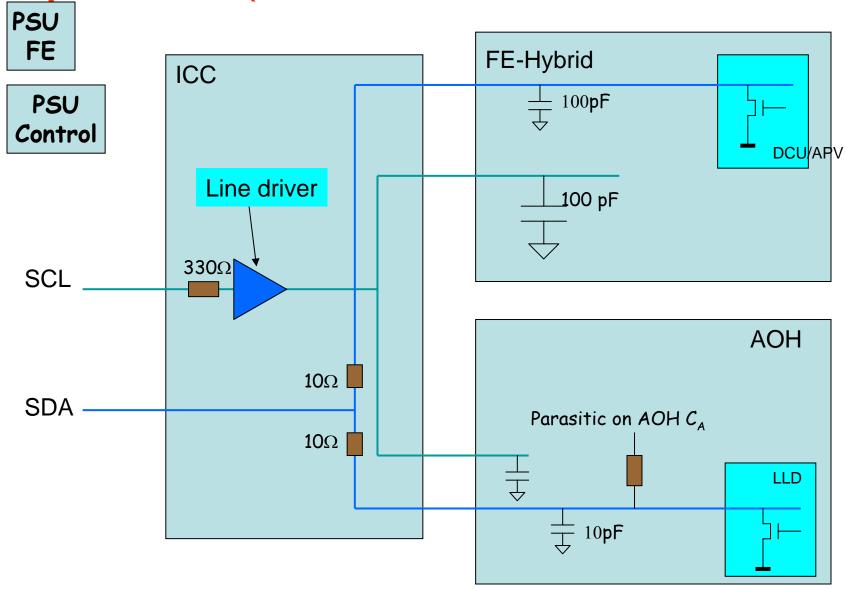
 As relayed to me by Joe, following the discussion at yesterday's management meeting

- As far as I understand, still tentative
 - Input from us can make a difference

Option 7

- Recall presentation from Marchioro 1-2 weeks ago had 6 options to fix the I²C problem
- They now have come up with a 7th option

Option 7 (from Marchioro's slides)

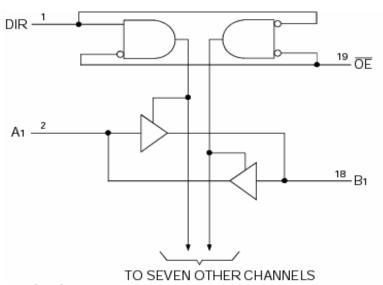


The buffer: CRT245

Description:

The CRT245 is a bi-directional octal 2.5 V driver realized in a radiation tolerant technology. The part is pin compatible with the family of commercial '245 devices. The typical rise time on a capacitive load of 10pF is 3 ns.

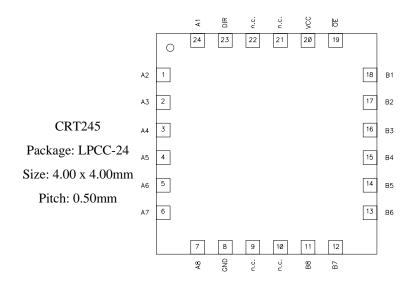
Block diagram



Features

- Rad Tolerant 0.25µm CMOS (2.5V)
- Package: LPCC-24 (4 x 4mm)
- Slew Rate Controlled CMOS Buffer

Package and pinout (LPCC24)



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Option 7 (cont.)

- Introduction of line driver (buffer), presumably powered from front end, decouples the front end from the CCU
- Prevents problems at power up
- It also gives more margin w.r.t. jumper solution
 - Like R=0 Ω solution, I think

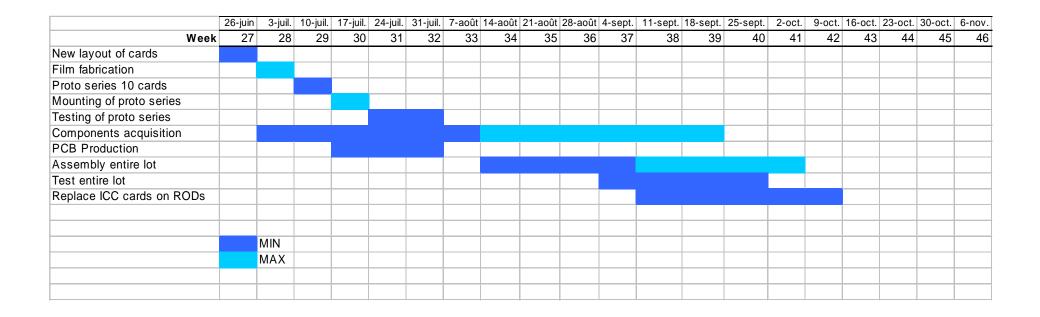
Safety Margin (from Marchioro's slides)



Main drawback of Option 7

- Need to re-design and re-fabricate all ICC cards
- This has been discussed at yesterday's meeting
- There is a 1st order plan

Schedule (from Marchioro's slides)



Tentative Plan

- Each of FNAL and UCSB will build ~ 30 rods now with jumpers, ship to CERN
 - To be used for integration practice
 - We will add the jumpers in US
 - Manpower question
- 2. If everything goes well, will build more rods like this to complete L6, then stop
 - L6 is ~ 150 rods
 - Who does the modifications?
 - Joe (and I) suggests CERN.
 - Means that we ship empty rod frames back

Tentative Plan (cont.)

- 3. In the meantime, prototype solution 7 ICC boards are fabricated
- If OK, then fabricate more, and equip all rods
 - Rod production would then re-start in Septmeber or October
- 5. L6 rods would then be pulled and retrofitted to
 - Although there will be pressure to keep as-is
 - Question of re-test of retrofitted L6 rods

Other questions/issues

- What about header errors?
 - Building more rods and shipping them to CERN will give more statistics and allow them to study these in more detail
 - Personal opinion: we know that header errors are there. The tracker group should tackle them ASAP and not hope that they will go away.
- What about I²C errors 64 & 68 at FNAL
 - Same as above
 - Although, still do not understand (AFAIK) why UCSB does not see them

Other questions/issues (part 2)

- My opinion: Before restart of production need a well defined testing protocol for digital problems
 - To be defined by experts (CERN)
 - I think we have many of the pieces, but it should be looked at again
- Storage of modules
- Bookkeeping
 - We have modified rods and unmodified rods
 - With several flavors of modifications
 - We will ship rods with jumpers, and later rods with "solution 7"
 ICC cards
 - We still have (I think) rods that have not been "cleaned" and/or rods with switched thermistor lines
- > need to take stock of where we are in the two labs
- → need to see if existing database can be of help

Should we start with this program now?

- Probably not quite yet, but should be ready for it
- Do we see any other problems with this?
- Not sure when the decision will be made, what the decision mechanism is