

Commands for MPX3 server communication

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Changes

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Testing

Testing can be done on the server computer with the command:

```
nc localhost 6351
```

List of commands

The commands are based on the existing communication protocol to the Merlin Detector (MPX3) developed at DLS. Each command can be of type CMD, SET, GET, has a header with length information and a keyword and can also have arguments following the keyword.

In the over below a list of all possible commands are given including examples that can be copied for test purposes.

The first 14 characters of a command are used for the header:

	1	2	3	4
XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX	1234567890	1234567890	1234567890	1234567890

CMD commands

STARTACQUISITION

MPX, 0000000021, CMD, STARTACQUISITION

STOPACQUISITION

MPX, 0000000020, CMD, STOPACQUISITION

RESETSLOPESANDOFFSETS

Reset energy (keV) to chip setting calibration (DAC unit).

MPX, 0000000026, CMD, RESETSLOPESANDOFFSETS

THSCAN

starts and stops the THSCAN

MPX, 0000000011, CMD, THSCAN

MPX, 0000000021, CMD, STOPEQUALIZATION

Get/set parameter commands

SOFTWAREVERSION

MPX, 0000000020, GET, SOFTWAREVERSION

CONFIGFILE

Open a configuration file (.json) for the acquisition and chip settings

MPX, 0000000071, SET, CONFIGFILE, /home/asi/TestData/51000108/20181025-eq-spm/
config.json

MPX, 0000000015, GET, CONFIGFILE

EQUALIZATIONFILE

Upload pixel configuration to the detector based on the equalization files from the given server directory

MPX, 0000000065, SET, EQUALIZATIONFILE, /home/asi/TestData/51000108/20181025-eq-spm

MPX, 0000000021, GET, EQUALIZATIONFILE

SAVECONFIGS

Save acquisition and chip settings

MPX, 0000000072, SET, SAVECONFIGS, /home/asi/TestData/51000108/eq-tmp-remove-tst/
mpx3.json

COLOURMODE

Not used for fine pitch assemblies

0=off, 1 is on

MPX, 0000000017, SET, COLOURMODE, 0

MPX, 0000000015, GET, COLOURMODE

CHARGESUMMING

Requires both counters, relevant threshold is thh (thl1)

0=off, 1 is on

MPX, 0000000020, SET, CHARGESUMMING, 1

MPX, 0000000018, GET, CHARGESUMMING

GAIN

(0,1,2,3) corresponds to super low, low, high, super high

MPX, 0000000011, SET, GAIN, 1

MPX, 0000000009, GET, GAIN

CONTINUOUSRW

0=off/SRW, 1 is on/CRW

MPX, 00000000019, SET, CONTINUOUSRW, 1

MPX, 00000000017, GET, CONTINUOUSRW

ENABLECOUNTER1

This is for acquiring with two thresholds and for CSM (in SRW).

MPX, 00000000021, SET, ENABLECOUNTER1, 1

MPX, 00000000019, GET, ENABLECOUNTER1

COUNTERDEPTH

1,6,12,24 for SRW

1,6,12 for CRW

MPX, 00000000020, SET, COUNTERDEPTH, 12

MPX, 00000000017, GET, COUNTERDEPTH

ACQUISITIONTIME

frame acquisition time, shutter open time SRW (in ms)

MPX, 00000000025, SET, ACQUISITIONTIME, 1000

MPX, 00000000020, GET, ACQUISITIONTIME

ACQUISITIONPERIOD

full acquisition period, shutter open and close time in SRW, frame time in CRW (in ms)

MPX, 00000000027, SET, ACQUISITIONPERIOD, 1002

MPX, 00000000022, GET, ACQUISITIONPERIOD

NUMFRAMESTOACQUIRE

MPX, 00000000027, SET, NUMFRAMESTOACQUIRE, 100

MPX, 00000000023, GET, NUMFRAMESTOACQUIRE

TRIGGERMODE

Trigger modes to control the shutter by software or external trigger:

0 = auto, 1 = positive ext, 2 = negative ext, 3 = positive ext timer, 4 = negative ext timer, 5 = positive ext counter

MPX, 00000000018, SET, TRIGGERMODE, 0

MPX, 00000000016, GET, TRIGGERMODE

INHIBITSHUTTER

Allows inhibit shutter trigger signal to temporary stop counting within an acquisition

0 = off, 1=on

MPX, 00000000021, SET, INHIBITSHUTTER, 0

MPX, 00000000019, GET, INHIBITSHUTTER

CHIPTEMPERATURE, FPGATEMPERATURE, BOARDTEMPERATURE, HUMIDITY

get the humidity (%) and temperatures (deg C)

MPX, 00000000020, GET, CHIPTEMPERATURE

MPX, 00000000020, GET, FPGATEMPERATURE

MPX, 00000000021, GET, BOARDTEMPERATURE

MPX, 00000000013, GET, HUMIDITY

THRESHOLD0-7

set th1 in keV for fine pitch assembly only th0 and th1 are relevant,

requires SLOPE and OFFSET parameters to be set first based on a threshold calibration

```
MPX,0000000018,SET,THRESHOLD0,10
MPX,0000000018,SET,THRESHOLD1,10
MPX,0000000018,SET,THRESHOLD2,10
MPX,0000000018,SET,THRESHOLD3,10
MPX,0000000018,SET,THRESHOLD4,10
MPX,0000000018,SET,THRESHOLD5,10
MPX,0000000018,SET,THRESHOLD6,10
MPX,0000000018,SET,THRESHOLD7,10
MPX,0000000015,GET,THRESHOLD0
MPX,0000000015,GET,THRESHOLD1
MPX,0000000015,GET,THRESHOLD2
MPX,0000000015,GET,THRESHOLD3
MPX,0000000015,GET,THRESHOLD4
MPX,0000000015,GET,THRESHOLD5
MPX,0000000015,GET,THRESHOLD6
MPX,0000000015,GET,THRESHOLD7
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THRESHOLD0-7CHIP

set thresholds in dac units (from 0 to 511) per chip

```
MPX,0000000031,SET,THRESHOLD0CHIP,0,42.000000
MPX,0000000032,SET,THRESHOLD1CHIP,0,044.000000
MPX,0000000031,SET,THRESHOLD0CHIP,1,42.000000
MPX,0000000032,SET,THRESHOLD1CHIP,1,044.000000
MPX,0000000031,SET,THRESHOLD0CHIP,2,42.000000
MPX,0000000032,SET,THRESHOLD1CHIP,2,044.000000
MPX,0000000031,SET,THRESHOLD0CHIP,3,42.000000
MPX,0000000032,SET,THRESHOLD1CHIP,3,044.000000
MPX,0000000021,GET,THRESHOLD0CHIP,0
MPX,0000000021,GET,THRESHOLD0CHIP,1
MPX,0000000021,GET,THRESHOLD0CHIP,2
MPX,0000000021,GET,THRESHOLD0CHIP,3
MPX,0000000021,GET,THRESHOLD1CHIP,0
MPX,0000000021,GET,THRESHOLD2CHIP,0
MPX,0000000021,GET,THRESHOLD3CHIP,0
MPX,0000000021,GET,THRESHOLD4CHIP,0
MPX,0000000021,GET,THRESHOLD5CHIP,0
MPX,0000000021,GET,THRESHOLD6CHIP,0
MPX,0000000021,GET,THRESHOLD7CHIP,0
```

SLOPE, OFFSET

for example for chip 0: TH 50 = 10 keV , TH 90 = 10 keV:

```
MPX,0000000017,SET,SLOPE,0,0.25
MPX,0000000018,SET,OFFSET,0,-2.5
```

get slope and offset for chip 1

```
MPX,0000000012,GET,SLOPE,1
MPX,0000000013,GET,OFFSET,1
```

DOEQUALIZATION

Perform noise edge pixel to pixel equalization, expert function, the folder should exist

```
MPX,0000000038,SET,DOEQUALIZATION,/home/asi/TestData
```

MASKPIXEL, UNMASKPIXEL

(Un)Mask pixel (x,y)

MPX, 00000000022, SET, MASKPIXEL, 194, 255

MPX, 00000000024, SET, UNMASKPIXEL, 194, 255

FILEDIRECTORY

Read back and set the server file directory

MPX, 00000000018, GET, FILEDIRECTORY

MPX, 00000000045, SET, FILEDIRECTORY, /home/asi/projects/mpx3gui

FILEENABLE

Enable file saving

MPX, 00000000017, SET, FILEENABLE, 1

THSCAN, THSTART, THSTOP, THSTEP, THFRAMES, THPATH

Commands to perform threshold scanning.

MPX, 00000000013, SET, THSCAN, 0

MPX, 00000000011, GET, THSCAN

MPX, 00000000015, SET, THSTART, 40

MPX, 00000000012, GET, THSTART

MPX, 00000000014, SET, THSTOP, 80

MPX, 00000000011, GET, THSTOP

MPX, 00000000013, SET, THSTEP, 1

MPX, 00000000011, GET, THSTEP

MPX, 00000000015, SET, THFRAMES, 1

MPX, 00000000013, GET, THFRAMES

MPX, 00000000038, SET, THPATH, /home/asi/projects/mpx3gui

MPX, 00000000011, GET, THPATH

SERVERSTATUS

MPX, 00000000017, GET, SERVERSTATUS

returns:

MPX, 00000000021, GET, SERVERSTATUS, 0, 0 If server is free.

MPX, 00000000023, GET, SERVERSTATUS, 101, 0 server is busy with taking data

MPX, 00000000023, GET, SERVERSTATUS, 102, 0 Server is busy with equalization

MPX, 00000000023, GET, SERVERSTATUS, 103, 0 Server is busy with DAC scanning

MPX, 00000000023, GET, SERVERSTATUS, 104, 0 Server is busy with threshold scanning

Not implemented

Commands below are defined but not implemented in the MPX3 server

MPX, 00000000023, SET, OPERATINGENERGY, 10

MPX, 00000000020, GET, OPERATINGENERGY

MPX, 00000000015, SET, PROFILES, 0

MPX, 00000000013, GET, PROFILES

Camera busy example

```
asi@cube1:~/dexter/mpx3gui$ nc localhost 6351
```

Camera is not busy

```
MPX,0000000017,GET,SERVERSTATUS
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```
MPX,0000000021,GET,SERVERSTATUS,0,0
```

Camera is taking data

```
MPX,0000000017,GET,SERVERSTATUS
```

```
MPX,0000000023,GET,SERVERSTATUS,101,0
```

Camera is taking data and server returns an error code

```
MPX,0000000015,GET,THRESHOLD0
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MPX,0000000020,GET,THRESHOLD0,,101
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