Commands for MPX3 server communication

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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 XXXXXXXXXXXXXX123456789012345678901234567890

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,0000000019,SET,CONTINUOUSRW,1 MPX,0000000017,GET,CONTINUOUSRW

ENABLECOUNTER1

This is for acquiring with two thresholds and for CSM (in SRW). MPX, 0000000021, SET, ENABLECOUNTER1, 1 MPX, 0000000019, GET, ENABLECOUNTER1

COUNTERDEPTH

1,6,12,24 for SRW 1,6,12 for CRW MPX,0000000020, SET, COUNTERDEPTH, 12 MPX,0000000017, GET, COUNTERDEPTH

ACQUISITIONTIME

frame acquisition time, shutter open time SRW (in ms) MPX,0000000025, SET, ACQUISITIONTIME, 1000 MPX,0000000020, GET, ACQUISITIONTIME

ACQUISTIONPERIOD

full acquisition period, shutter open and close tine in SRW, frame time in CRW (in ms) MPX, 0000000027, SET, ACQUISITIONPERIOD, 1002 MPX, 0000000022, GET, ACQUISITIONPERIOD

NUMFRAMESTOACQUIRE

MPX,0000000027,SET,NUMFRAMESTOACQUIRE,100 MPX,0000000023,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,0000000018,SET,TRIGGERMODE,0 MPX,0000000016,GET,TRIGGERMODE

INHIBITSHUTTER

Allows inhibit shutter trigger signal to temporary stop counting within an acquisition 0 = off, 1=on
MPX,0000000021,SET,INHIBITSHUTTER,0
MPX,0000000019,GET,INHIBITSHUTTER

CHIPTEMPERATURE, FPGATEMPERATURE, BOARDTEMPERATURE, HUMIDITY

get the humidity (%) and temperatures (deg C) MPX, 0000000020, GET, CHIPTEMPERATURE MPX, 0000000020, GET, FPGATEMPERATURE MPX, 0000000021, GET, BOARDTEMPERATURE MPX, 0000000013, GET, HUMIDITY

THRESHOLDO-7

set thl 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

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MPX,0000000018,SET,THRESHOLD5,10
MPX,0000000018,SET,THRESHOLD6,10
MPX,0000000018,SET,THRESHOLD7,10
MPX,0000000015,GET,THRESHOLD1
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,THRESHOLD6
MPX,00000000015,GET,THRESHOLD7
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THRESHOLD0-7CHIP

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set thresholds in dac units (from 0 to 511) per chip
MPX,0000000031, SET, THRESHOLDOCHIP, 0, 42.000000
MPX,0000000032,SET,THRESHOLD1CHIP,0,044.000000
MPX,0000000031, SET, THRESHOLDOCHIP, 1, 42.000000
MPX,0000000032,SET,THRESHOLD1CHIP,1,044.000000
MPX,0000000031,SET,THRESHOLDOCHIP,2,42.000000
MPX,0000000032,SET,THRESHOLD1CHIP,2,044.000000
MPX,0000000031, SET, THRESHOLDOCHIP, 3, 42.000000
MPX,0000000032, SET, THRESHOLD1CHIP, 3,044.000000
MPX,0000000021,GET,THRESHOLDOCHIP,0
MPX,0000000021,GET,THRESHOLDOCHIP,1
MPX,0000000021,GET,THRESHOLDOCHIP,2
MPX,0000000021,GET,THRESHOLDOCHIP,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
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SLOPE, OFFSET

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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
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DOEQUALIZATION

Perform noise edge pixel to pixel equalization, expert function, the folder should exist MPX, 0000000038, SET, DOEQUALIZATION, /home/asi/TestData

MASKPIXEL, UNMASKPIXEL

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(Un)Mask pixel (x,y)
MPX,0000000022,SET,MASKPIXEL,194,255
MPX,0000000024,SET,UNMASKPIXEL,194,255
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FILEDIRECTORY

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Read back and set the server file directory
MPX,0000000018,GET,FILEDIRECTORY
MPX,0000000045,SET,FILEDIRECTORY,/home/asi/projects/mpx3gui
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FILEENABLE

Enable file saving

MPX,0000000017,SET,FILEENABLE,1

THSCAN, THSTART, THSTOP, THSTEP, THFRAMES, THPATH

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Commands to perform threshold scanning.

MPX, 0000000013, SET, THSCAN, 0

MPX, 0000000011, GET, THSCAN

MPX, 0000000015, SET, THSTART, 40

MPX, 0000000012, GET, THSTART

MPX, 0000000014, SET, THSTOP, 80

MPX, 0000000011, GET, THSTOP

MPX, 0000000013, SET, THSTEP, 1

MPX, 0000000011, GET, THSTEP

MPX, 0000000015, SET, THFRAMES, 1

MPX, 0000000013, GET, THFRAMES

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

MPX, 00000000011, GET, THPATH
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Not implemented

Commands below are defined but not implemented in the MPX3 server

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MPX,0000000023,SET,OPERATINGENERGY,10
MPX,0000000020,GET,OPERATINGENERGY
MPX,0000000015,SET,PROFILES,0
MPX,0000000013,GET,PROFILES
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