

Direct commands for Copenhagen CCD3 controllers (to be continued):

General format:

The character input buffer of the controller is a 20 char linear buffer. It is reset upon reception of a '@' or a '?' character, and the content is forwarded to a command interpreter when a CR or LF character is received.

All commands and requests to the controller are in general following the same rules:

@xmpl n m<cr> is the command xmpl with the arguments n and m, and
?xmpl n<cr> is the corresponding request

In both cases the controller will reply with:

!xmpl n m and maybe some text

Examples:

@time 60000 will set the wanted integration time to 60000 msecs
and the controller will reply with !time 60000.

@vbha 0 23.5 will set the channel 0 ha-voltage (usually the OD) to 23.5volts, and the controller will reply !vbha 0
23.500

Note 1: Commands are in lower case! (090905PNØ Both lo and up case should work)

Note 2: Some commands will take a few seconds to execute before the controller reply. Especially if the timing and readout is changed, the controller need to recalculate all the clock-waveforms accordingly. These commands are marked with a T.

Commands can be put in functional groups to support exposure control, readout format, timing- and bias- setup.

Exposure control (all times in msec):

Command	Request	Reply	Action
@sint	-	!sint	Start integration
@time n	?time	!time%8d	Initial integration time in msec (n>1)
@timr n	?timr	!timr%8d	Residual exposure time in msec (n>1)
-	?tima	!tima%8d	Actual elapsed time in msec
@timw n	-	!timw%8d	new total wanted time in msec (n>1)
@sdly n	?sdly	!sdly %8d	Shutter delay in msec (n>1)
-	?stat	!stat %5d	status[31..16] : all zeroes status[15..08] : status from ctrl-sequencer status[07..00] : status from ctrl-program [0] : sequencer start/stop [1] : - [2] : shutter enable [3] : reset sequencer [8] : sequencer prompts for a start timing [9] : sequencer prompts for a PSU-sync [14,12]=0 idle [14,12]=1 integrating [14,12]=2 readout [14,12]=3 clear [14,12]=4 shutter delay
@imod n,m	?imod n	!imod %1d %1d	Integration mode: n=0 => shutter n=1 => clear before exposure n=2 => readout after exposure m=0 => off; m=1 => on;
@brek		!brek	Hard break of integration or readout. Aborts integration and/or readout without any saving and closes shutter. If the integration is to be terminated with a normal saving use the timr or timw commands.

Readout format control:

Command	Request	Reply	Action	
@fres	-	!fres	Format reset : xtot and ytot to hardprogrammed values xsiz=xtot; ysiz=ytot (no windowing) xbeg=ybeg=xbin=ybin=1 (no binning)	
@xtot n	?xtot	!xtot%5d	Total x size (for engineering only)	
@ytot n	?ytot	!ytot%5d	Total y size (for engineering only)	
@xsiz n	?xsiz	!xsiz%5d	x size for window	
@ysiz n	?ysiz	!ysiz%5d	y size for window	
@xbeg n	?xbeg	!xbeg%5d	x coordinate of lower left corner of window (First pixel is 1)	
@ybeg n	?ybeg	!ybeg%5d	y coordinate of lower left corner of window (First pixel is 1)	
@xbin n	?xbin	!xbin=%4d, Tpix=%4d => %4dkpix/s	x binning Recalculates: xsiz = (xsiz*xbin_old) div xbin_new;	T
@ybin n	?ybin	!ybin%4d	y binning Recalculates: ysiz = (ysiz*ybin_old) div ybin_new;	
@read n	?read	!read %1d	Readout direction; 0:Left; 1:Right; 2: Dual	T

Note: For the moment windowing is only implemented in read 0 mode (left readout)

Readout timing control:

Command	Request	Reply	Action	
@tsam n	?tsam	!tsam %4d, Tpix=%4d => %4dkpix/s	Clamp and sample times in clocks	T
@tspw n	?tspw	!tspw %4d, Tpix=%4d => %4dkpix/s	Serial pulse width in clocks	T
@tsol n	?tsol	!tsol %4d, Tpix=%4d => %4dkpix/s	Serial pulse overlap in clocks	T
@tsnd n	?tsnd	!tsnd %4d, Tpix=%4d => %4dkpix/s	Serial neutral delay in clocks	T
@tstr n	?tstr	!tstr %4d, Tpix=%4d => %4dkpix/s	Serial rise/fall times in clocks	T
@tres	-	!tres %4d, Tpix=%4d => %4dkpix/s	Reset all timing	T

Gain and offset control:

Command	Request	Reply	Action
@gain n m	?gain n	!gain %2d %7.3f	Individual Digital gain m in channel n
@zero n m	?zero n	!zero %2d %8d	Digital zero m in channel n
@offs n m	?offs n	!offs %2d %7.0f	Analog offset m in channel n
@cdsg n	?cdsg	!cdsg %8d	Fundamental cds-gain (n is integer)

Bias voltage control:

Command	Request	Reply	Action
@vbha n m	?vbha n	!vbha %2d %7.3f	Set HA high voltage channel n to m volts 5.0<=m<=24.0; Usually used for OD *1
@vbhb n m	?vbhb n	!vbhb %2d %7.3f	Set HB high voltage channel n to m volts 5.0<=m<=24.0; Usually used for RD *1
@vbhc n m	?vbhc n	!vbhc %2d %7.3f	Set HC high voltage channel n to m volts 5.0<=m<=24.0; *1
@vbla n m	?vbla n	!vbla %2d %7.3f	Set LA low voltage channel n to m volts -4.0<=m<=+4.0; Usually used for OG1 *1
@vblb n m	?vblb n	!vblb %2d %7.3f	Set LB low voltage channel n to m volts -4.0<=m<=+4.0; Usually used for OG2 *1
@vbod n m	?vbod n	!vbha %2d %7.3f	Same as vbha (for backward compatibility)
@vbrd n m	?vbrd n	!vbhb %2d %7.3f	Same as vbhb (for backward compatibility)
@vbdx n m	?vbdx n	!vbhc %2d %7.3f	Same as vbhc (for backward compatibility)
@vbog n m	?vbog n	!vbla %2d %7.3f	Same as vbla (for backward compatibility)
@vbgx n m	?vbgx n	!vblb %2d %7.3f	Same as vblb (for backward compatibility)

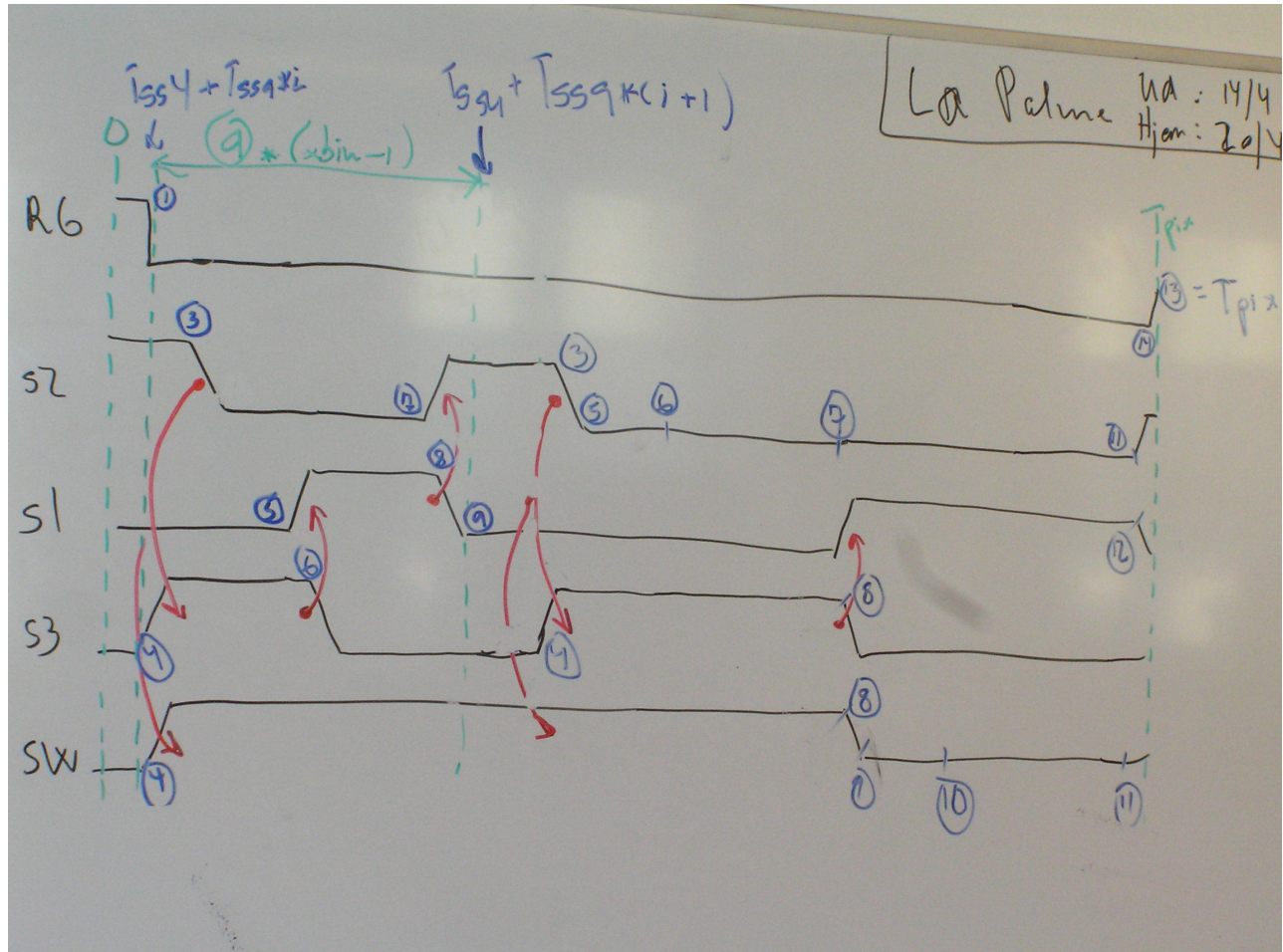
Misc. commands:

Command	Request	Reply	Action
@rest	-	!rest	Reset OptoRing
-	?pixc	!pixc %8d %8d	Pixel counter (for test purpose) new_pixcnt,(new_pixcnt-old_pixcnt)
	?temp n		

Additional usefull information

Why some command takes time

Some commands change parameters that alters the pixel timing. These commands will automatically call routines that recalculates all necessary waveform-tables.



Definitions of serial clock timing parameters:

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/*
 * S_pw:    serial pulse width
 * S_ol:    serial overlap
 * S_tr:    serial rise time
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 * RG_pw:   RG pulse width
 * RG_tr:   RG rise time
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 * Tnd:     noise deay
 * Tsam:    sample time
 */
{
  Tp1 = RG_pw - RG_tr;

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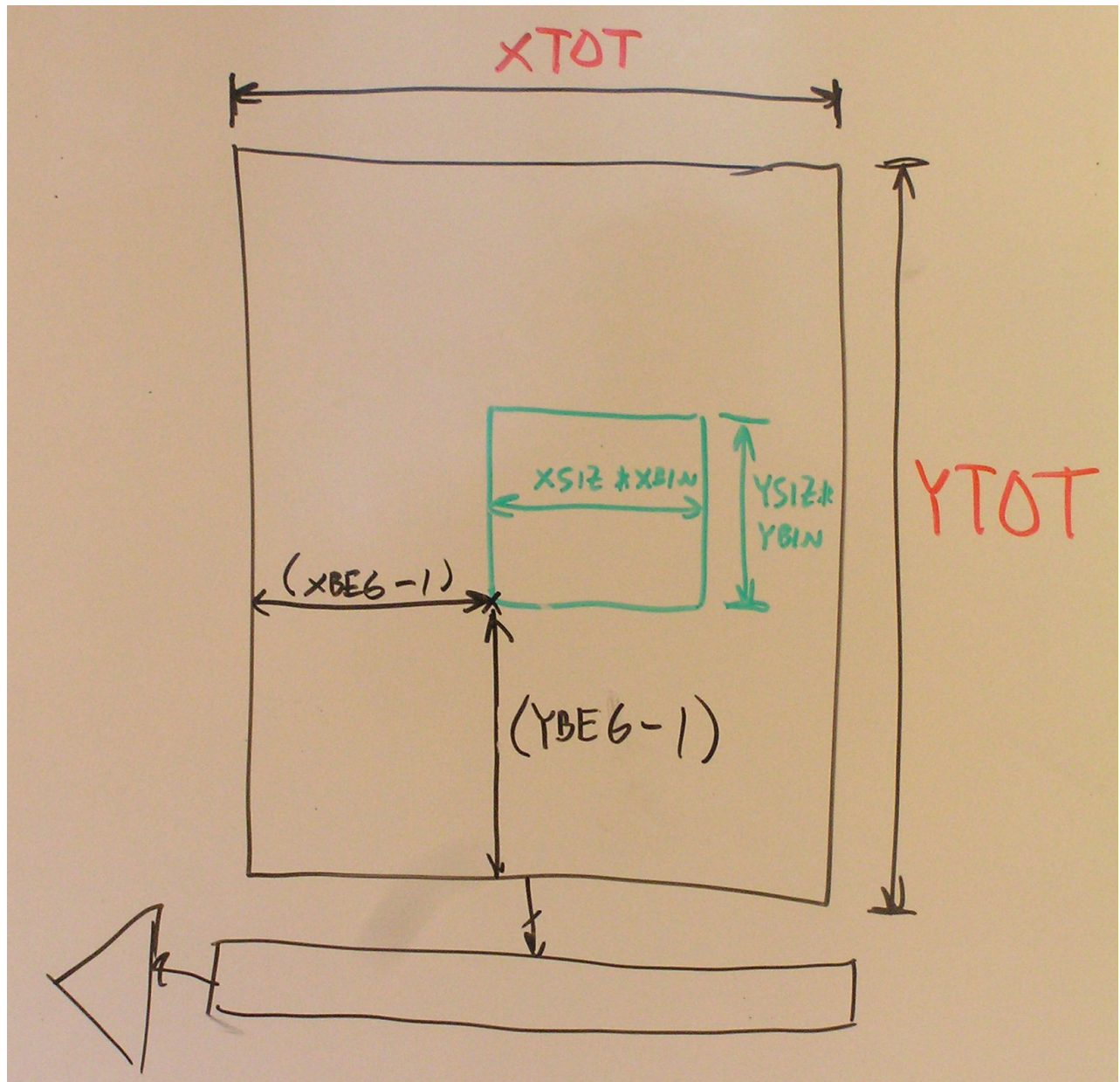
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Tp2 = Tp1 + RG_tr;
Tp3 = S_pw - S_ol - S_tr; // Fundamental
Tp4 = Tp3 - S_ol; // Derived from T3
Tp5 = Tp3 + S_tr; // Derived from T3
Tp6 = Tp5 + Tnd; // noisy delay
Tp7 = Tp6 + Tsam;
Tp8 = Tp7 + S_ol;
Tp9 = Tp8 + S_tr;
Tp10 = Tp9 + Tnd;
Tp11 = Tp10 + Tsam;
Tp12 = Tp11 + S_ol;
Tp13 = Tp12 + S_tr; // pixlength
Tp14 = Tp13 - RG_tr - 1;
//
Tss1 = RG_pw - RG_tr;
Tss2 = Tss1 + RG_tr;
Tss3 = S_pw - S_ol - S_tr; // Fundamental
Tss4 = Tss3 - S_ol; // Derived from T3
Tss5 = Tss3 + S_pw;
Tss6 = Tss5 + S_ol;
Tss7 = Tss5 + S_pw;
Tss8 = Tss7 + S_ol;
Tss9 = Tss8 + S_tr; // Tss9 = 3*S_pw = sswlength
Tss10 = Tss9 - RG_tr - 1;
//
pixlength = Tp13;
sswlength = Tss9;

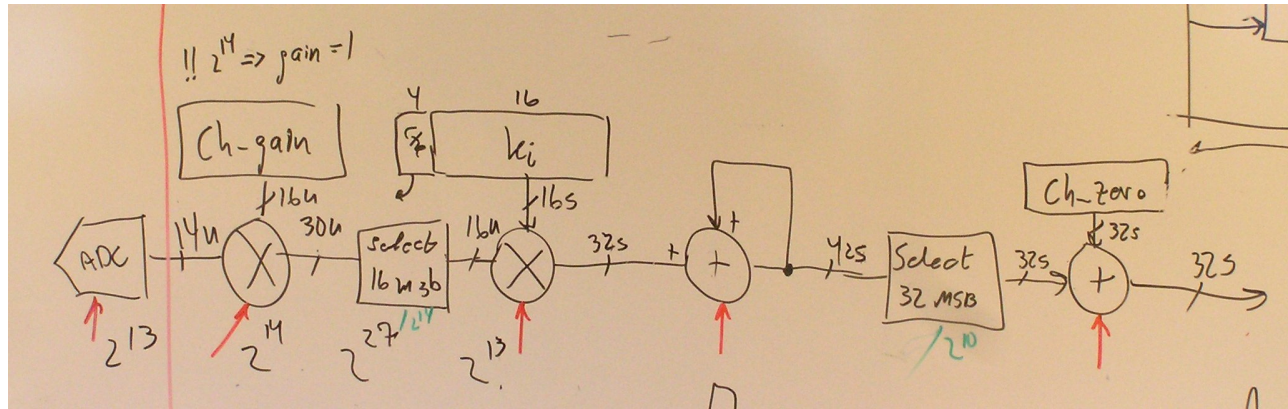
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Definitions for windowing:



A little on the digital signal chain:



Known SW bugs:

- 1) 20 character input buffer to command interpreter will overflow if more than 20 characters are input without a CR or LF.
- 2) Some commands or requests will reply without the '!' sign. sint, xbin
- 3) Commands vbod, vbrd, vbdx, vbog and vbgx are old names of vbha, vbhb, vbhc, vbla and vblb. They work, but the '!'-reply will carry the new names. Advise: Do not use the old names.
- 4) Imod is right now only controlling the shutter, but is described as it should be, ie. also controlling the pre-clear and post-readout.
- 5) reset sequencer cmdbit 3 not connected!!