STURM2 Evaluation Board

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Overview

- What is the STURM2?
- My role
- What has been done
- What is left to complete

What is the STURM2

- Sampler of Transient Uniform Redundant Mask version 2
- Sample rate of over 10 GSa/s
- Custom chip with the capability to sample at very high rates



My Role

Test out the ASIC and to see if it functions as intended This includes but not limited to:

- Design and fabricate evaluation board for testing
- Write firmware for said board
- Hopefully have data readout

What has been done?



- Board schematic and layout has been created using PADS Mentor
- Went though extensive review from others before being sent out (thanks for all the help everybody)
- Received boards from PCBuniverse



- Looked towards the TargetX board for inspiration
- Four Layer board
 - 1. Top Signal
 - 2. Ground
 - 3. Power
 - 4. Bottom Signal
- Designed to keep 50-ohm impedance along analog lines





What is left to complete

EVERYTHING

What is left to complete

- Assemble board
- Write Firmware for board (Hopefully finished a few modules by end of summer)
- Next semester, will hope to be to see ASIC fully implemented

Recap

- STURM2 is a sampler with sample rate of over 3GSa/s
- My role is to characterize the STURM2 ASIC
- The design and fabrication of Evaluation board has been completed
- Assembly, Firmware needs to be finished. Then the real fun begins

Things I've Learned/ will Learn

- Implemented material learned in previous courses when dealing with impedance control
- Learned PCB design
- Has gained greater urgency for time management
- Will learn micro soldering/ surface mount soldering
- Will build upon knowledge of VHDL









Wilkinson ADC Monitor



Wilkinson Conversion ADC





- Wilk CLR, START, STOP controls sampling
- Vdly controls sampling speed



