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FY10 tasks and status of Pixel RDO and Electronics

The major tasks planned for the next year include:

1. Probe testing
2. RDO firmware / software and documentation
3. Infrastructure testing and cable development
4. Beam test of Phase-2 sensors
5. Project CD2-3
6. Beam test at PHENIX

Each of these tasks can be summarized below:

The project timeline shown with each project below corresponds only to my estimate of the real task duration. The tasks are not yet resource loaded and are intended to serve as a starting point for a schedule discussion. The full schedule showing cross-task dependencies is attached at the end of the document.

Probe Testing

Status:

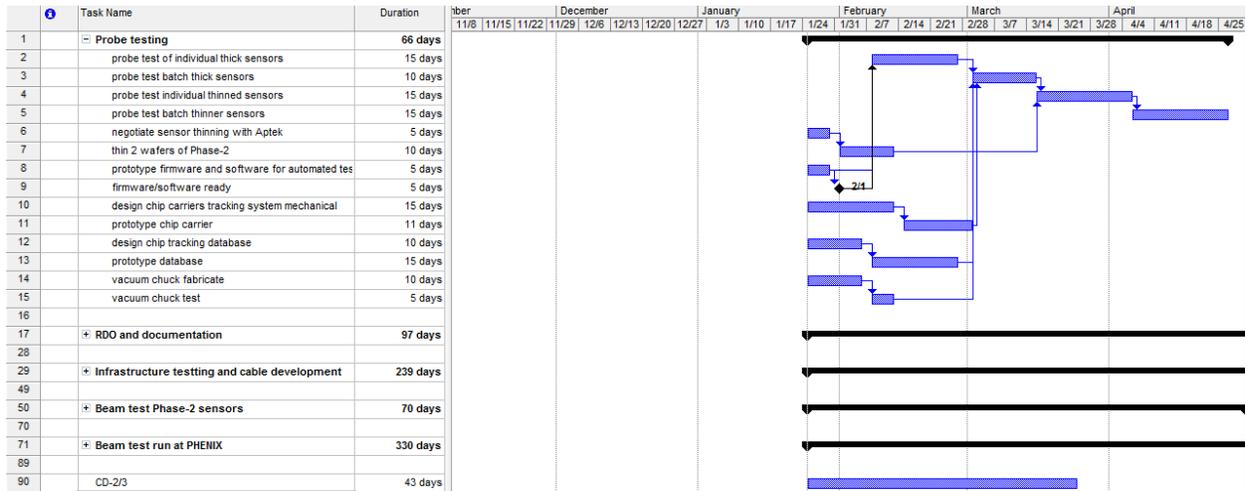
We have a set of documentation that describes what we are attempting to do. It may be found at http://rnc.lbl.gov/hft/hardware/docs/Phase1/Probe_Testing_Phase1.pdf. As the system converges and we gain more information, we should check periodically if what is described in the document is still valid and update as required.

We have in hand:

- Loaded probe card with Phase-2 sensor mounted and wire bonded to probe contact points. This has been tested and is working
- Loaded probe card with probe pins mounted.
- Probe testing machine, tested and working.
- Firmware and software to allow for the automated testing of sensors. This is mostly tested. There are a few minor issues to be worked out. We expect to have the whole system working to the level described in the documentation within 2 weeks.
- The design for the 20 sensor vacuum chuck is complete (2nd version) and has been sent out for fabrication. We expect the vacuum chuck to be completed within 2-3 weeks.

We have some electro-mechanical things to add such as source/LED holders and actuators. We should fix requirements and design these. This should be accomplished in the next few weeks as well.

Proposed Timeline milestones:

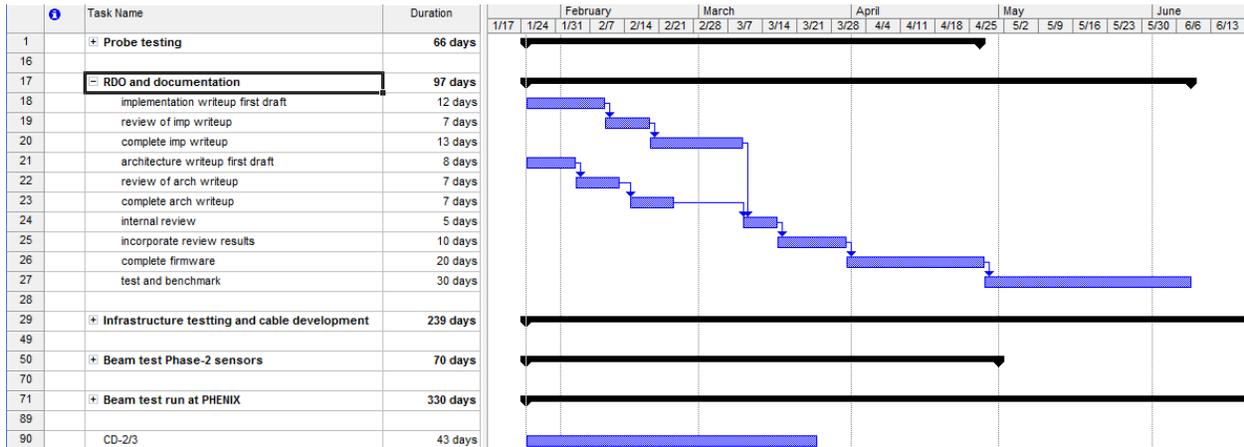


RDO and Documentation

Status:

The new architecture design is currently being implemented in a test manner to gauge feasibility and performance of the firmware components. This process is sufficiently advanced to begin the documentation process. Xiangming will begin this process by generating architecture and implementation documentation that allows for a non-project person to read and understand the function and implementation of our system. Thorsten will assist by providing feedback. We will then prepare an internal-to-the-group review including Jo and perhaps one external person (Gerard?). We need benchmarking and simulation to show dead time performance. We will need to generate the testing plan and procedures. In addition, we will work out with Jo, when he has time available, the plans for slow controls, data monitoring and quality assurance and the other tasks that aren't addressed above. These will be added later.

Proposed Timeline milestones:



Infrastructure Testing and Cable Development

We have extensive write-ups on this including what was submitted after the cd-1 review. I think that it is still valid. This may be found here

http://rnc.lbl.gov/hft/hardware/docs/cd1/PXL_flex_cable_and_sys_test_v1.1.doc.

The development effort is a multi step process, we need to complete at least 2 stages this year.

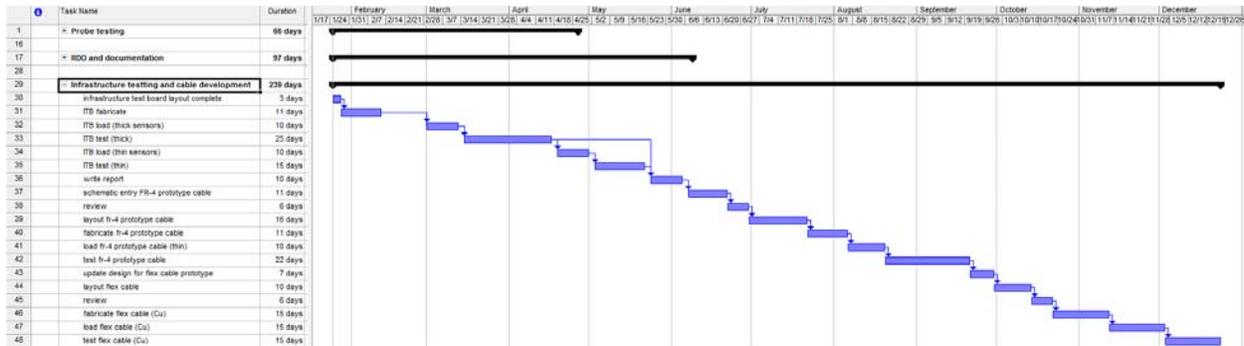
Hopefully we will do more stages and also do a small test of the AI capability of our selected vendor.

Status:

The layout for the Phase-1 based infrastructure test board is complete and out to the group for internal review. The board files may be found here

http://rnc.lbl.gov/hft/hardware/docs/Phase1/infrastructure_test.zip

Proposed Timeline milestones:



Beam test of Phase-2 Sensors

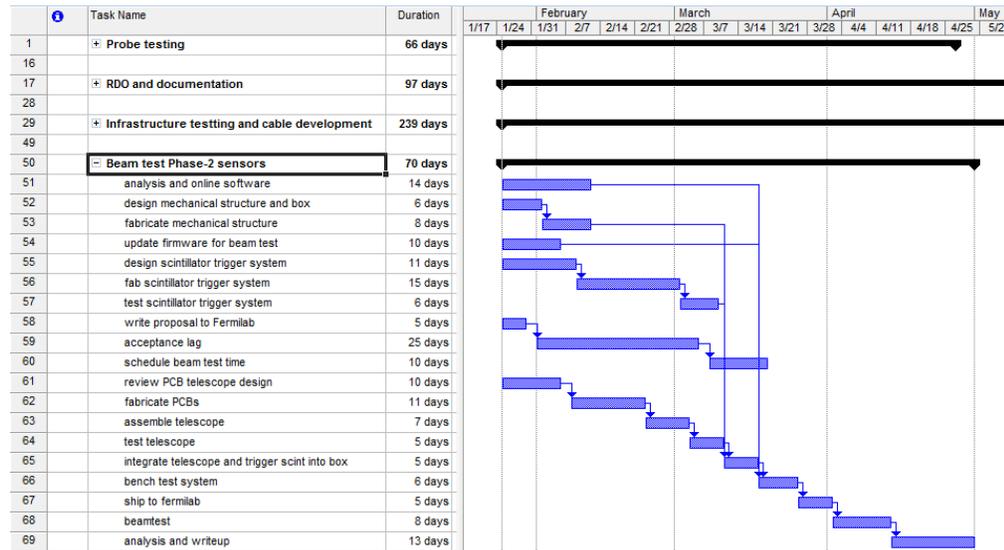
Status:

A plan for using existing testing boards to serve as components in a beam test telescope and preliminary run plan may be found here http://rnc.lbl.gov/hft/hardware/docs/Phase1/Phase-1_telescope_proposal.pdf. The beam testing is planned for the Fermilab test beam facility. The proposal

and detailed planning for this test beam still needs to be arranged. Additional hardware needed for triggering and DAQ interface needs to be designed and fabricated. Software and firmware need to be developed.

We will use characterized sensors and a testing plan that tests efficiency as a function of discriminator settings and biases. This plan needs to be refine.

Proposed Timeline milestones:



Project CD2-3

Status:

It is hoped that we will be in a position to have our project CD-2/3 review sometime near the middle of this year. Though preparation for this review is not explicitly listed in our project effort estimates, if the effort required for the CD-1 review is any guide, there will probably be ~1 month of effort required for review preparation. The schedule for the review is not yet set and some homework tasks from the CD-1 review remain to be completed. The most likely outcome of this task will manifest itself as a several month period where LG will have limited availability for the other tasks listed above.

Beam test run at PHENIX -

We hope to install a working prototype sector in the PHENIX experimental area for the FY11 run. This will require permission and space from the PHENIX collaboration and a full setup for assembly, test, rdo, and a custom cooling solution. The details and plan for this effort still need to be worked out.

Proposed Timeline milestones:

The large gap seen in the schedule shown below corresponds to the dependency of needing the flex cable development to be completed before sector assembly can begin.



Miscellaneous Items

We need to begin versioning and tracking our software and firmware. Nothing has come from our efforts at getting CVS installed on the LBNL server that handles our web pages, so I am thinking of going to an outside company that was recommended by software professionals that work outside the lab. There are three options, CVS, SVN and GIT. CVS or SVN would be hosted for us, GIT we could host ourselves.

<http://www.nongnu.org/cvs/>

<http://subversion.tigris.org/>

<http://git-scm.com/>

Any opinions on this would be welcome.

