

# To Do List from Perth Meeting, September 2009

## High Priority

- ~~phase cal extraction (nearly done) (Bonn)~~
- ~~DiFX to HOPS converter (HR,JM,RO)~~
- Regression/benchmark testing scripts
- Mk5C/VDIF support (AD,CP)
- VEX review (WB et al.)
- MPIFxCORR to alert whether difxmessage is being used (AD)
- ~~calserver running on a 32 bit VM (CR)~~
- Migrating to python3.0 (ensure current compatibility with python2.6) (everyone)
- ~~Commenting in setup.bash about IPP library mess. (AD)~~
- DiFX2fits uv shifting in trunk (JM/AD)

## Medium Priority

- ~~DiFX internal buffer monitoring (difxmessage sends about once per second or so) (AD) done in DiFX2.0 only~~
- ~~"Neutered" version of DiFX (runtime? compile time?) that does no processing at the Core (AD) done in DiFX2.0 only~~
- ~~Monitoring at the FxManager of how many subints have arrived from each Core, difxmessage that every integration (AD) done in DiFX2.0 only~~
- Documentation Algorithms
  - ~~SWIN format (channel ordering) (AD) see <http://cira.ivec.org/dokuwiki/doku.php/difx/files>, at the bottom~~
  - ~~Nchannel+1 issue (AD) see <http://cira.ivec.org/dokuwiki/doku.php/difx/channelisation>~~
  - parameter optimisation (AD)
  - monitoring, etc - (list of error codes) (AD)
  - setting up native Mark5 access (WB+)
- evlbi
  - reconnection/long term drop-outs (CP)
  - real-time delay/rate adjustment (CP)
- FITS converter
  - ~~Deal with complicated configurations in a more optimal way (WB)~~
- ~~Input file parse errors to be returned only from the master node (AD) (Done in DiFX2.0 only)~~
- Test datasets:
  - Add large (~1 TB) dataset with variety of modes (NRAO)
  - Mirror at several sites. (Bonn, Curtin, NRAO)
- Maintain database of benchmarking results (JM)
- ~~Bug fix: last integrations have less than 100% weight (early core shutdown) (AD) Fixed in DiFX2.0?~~
- Phased array (RS, CR).
- ~~Input file: Done (in DiFX2.0 only obviously)~~
  - ~~Phased array (AD)~~
  - ~~phasecal specifications (AD)~~
- Benchmarking scripts (CP,JM,CZ)
- Auto machine/thread file creation - genmachines (CR)

- Improvements to errormon filtering (HR)
- Explore general version of NRAO Monitoring GUI (HR)
- Rationalize setup.bash (remove NRAO specifics) (CP) *Done - ATD*
- visplot (Aquib)
- Investigate sampler stats monitoring (AD/WB/CP)
- subband distribution/parallelisation (with VDIF) (AD/CP)
- Play back from both Mk5 banks in parallel (WB)
- Transition to using band centres instead of band edges (WB)
- Baseband data generator for producing test datasets. (WB)
- Parallelised calc server
- Store polynomial tau(l, m) generalized delay model in FITS (WB,JM)

### Low Priority

- Single process multi-threaded non-mpi program for DiFX-specific CPU benchmarking.
- Future proofing via non-prescriptive format (AD)
- K5 format support
- Space VLBI
  - Orbit model
  - Baseline dependent averaging
- eVLBI gui
- Tsys determination
- Compare infiniband and 1G-E performance (HR, CP)
- IPP alternatives
- Generic startup scripts (CR)
  - Documentation of startup philosophy
- Shifted FT (moving channel boundary to edge of band) (AD)
- RFI mitigation in correlator (AD)

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