

SCT has developed a new ATLAS trigger card

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Functionality Overview

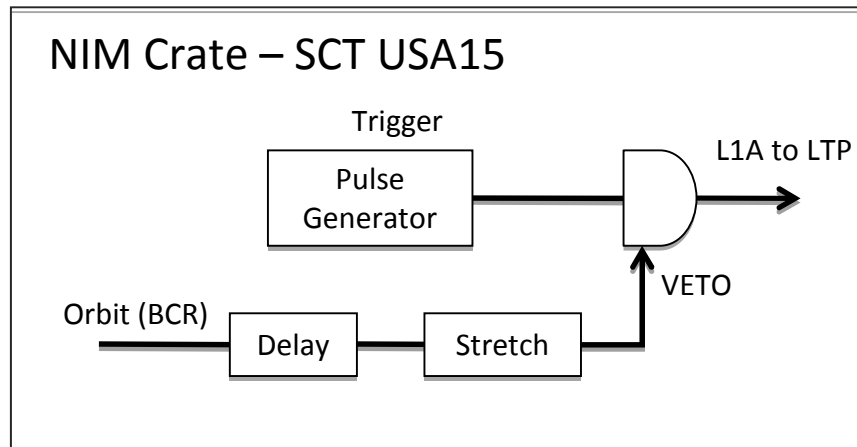
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What is it?

- 6U VME Digital Atlas VmeElectronics (DAVE) card
(acronym reflects a certain sense of humour by our engineers)
- Design, production and firmware by UCL and Cambridge
 - Maurice Goodrick, Rick Shaw (Cambridge)
 - Matt Warren, Martin Postranecky (UCL)
- Support and encouragement from ATLAS
 - Strong support and ideas from ThiloPauly, Carolina Gabaldone
 - User case suggestions from IskanderIbragimov, Bruce Barnett, Andrej Gorisek

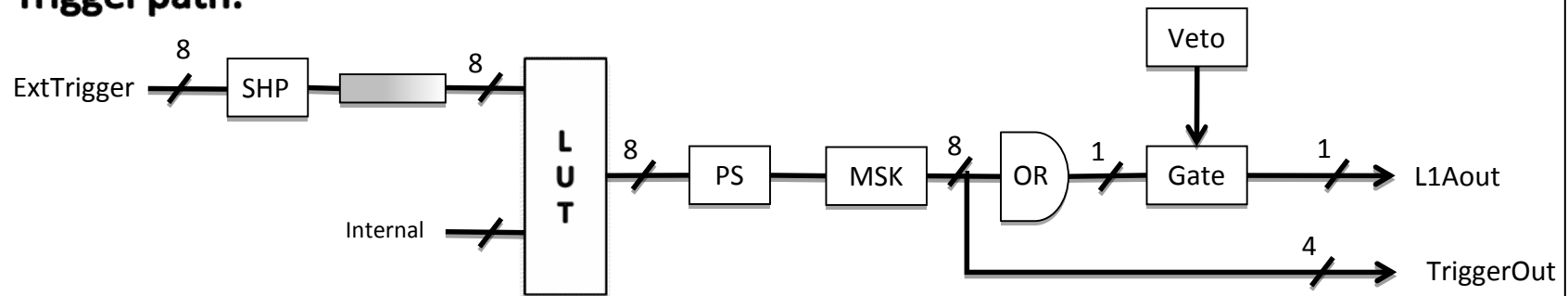
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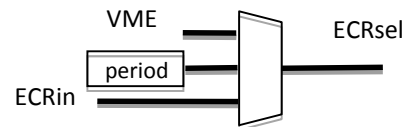
- We long wanted to eliminate use of a NIM crate in USA15 which provides our trigger for standalone physics runs
- Contains veto logic (prevent BCR/L1A clash) which drifts
- Need to go downstairs to adjust trigger rate
- Non-realistic conditions

- First thoughts were replace this simple logic in a VME card
- Concept quickly grew to add more generic features
- Significant enhancement to adopt ATLAS CTP functionality to exactly duplicate running conditions, whilst incorporating much generic functionality, has evolved the card into a powerful and flexible logic card, potentially useful to all ATLAS subsystems as well as for non-ATLAS use

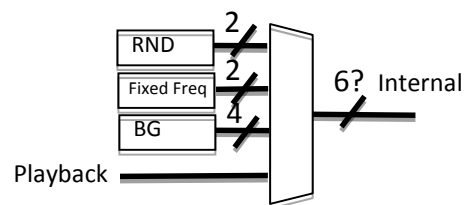
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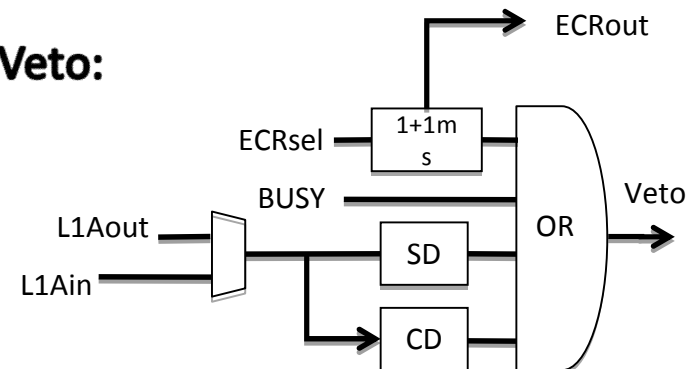
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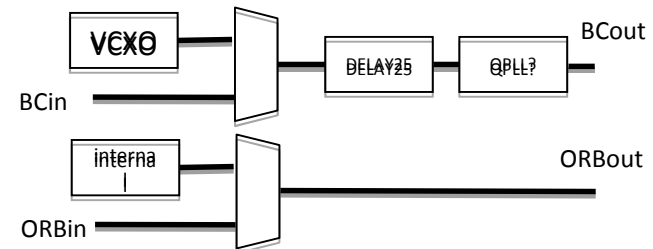
Internal Triggers:



Veto:



BC/ORBIT:



Interesting use-cases

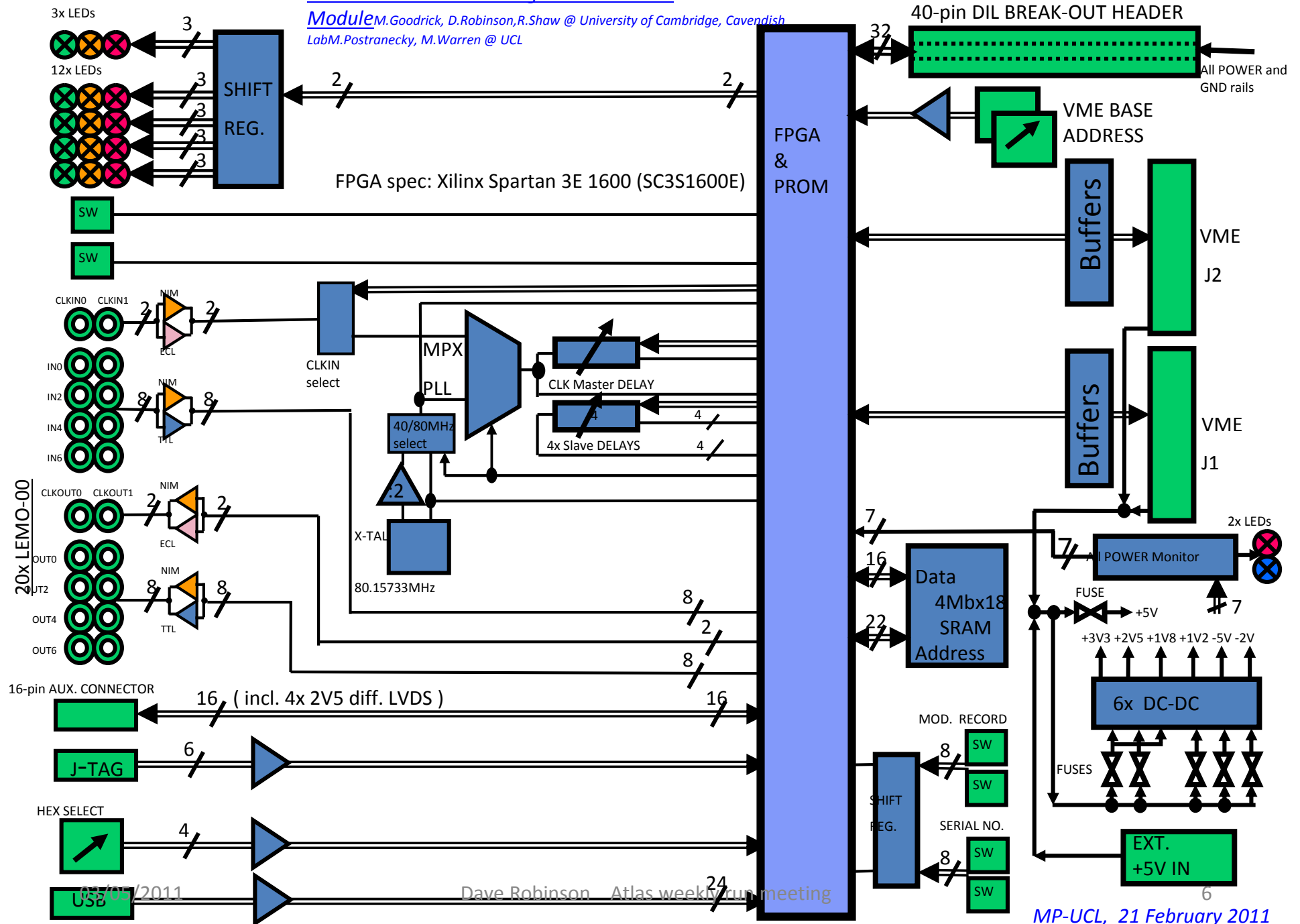
- Trigger generator for LTP (via LEMO)
 - no busy gating, feed-forward of deadtime to LTP
- Standalone trigger generator without LTP
 - busy gating
- ECR generator
- VETO generator
- L1A (or other signal) sequence analyser
- Sequence playback
 - Eg capture and replay trigger sequences that causes subsystem busy etc
- BC/ORBIT source, fine-delay ($dt=0.5-1ns$) for timing scans
- Generic delay line
- Generic counter facility
 - a few counters
 - per-bunch counters?
- Generic logic unit
 - Programmable “NIM crate”

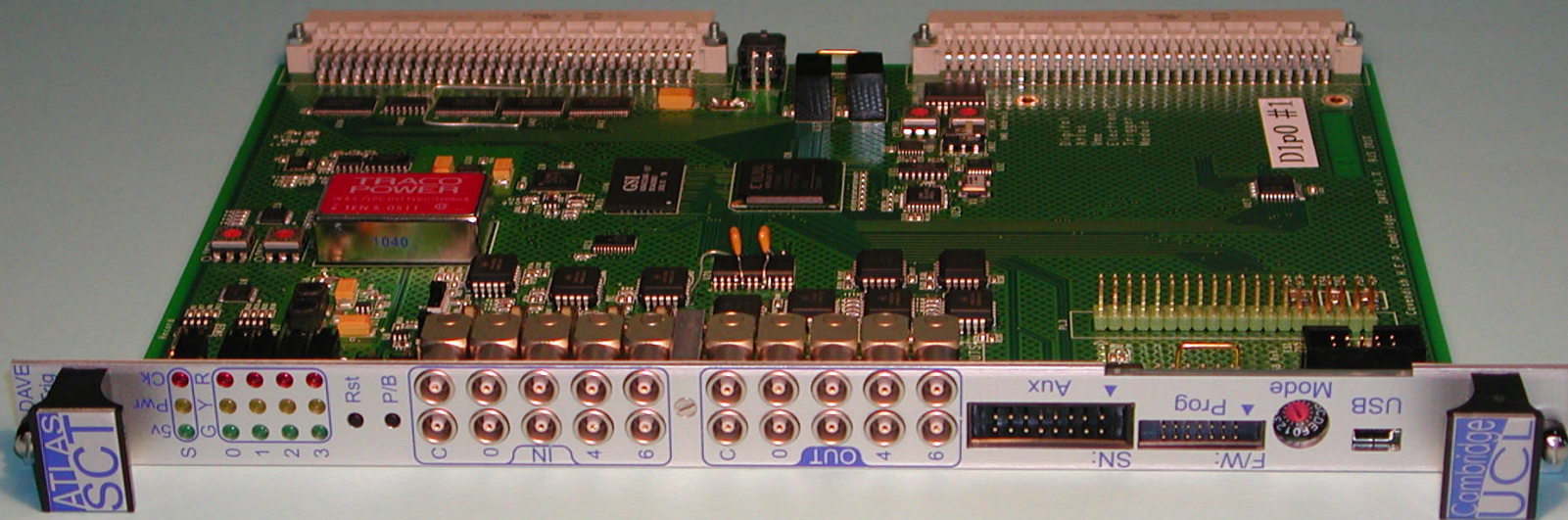
SCT Use:

- Trigger generator to LTP via lemo
- Programmable random rate up to 100kHz
- BGS appropriate to take care of BCR/L1A clash
- feed-forward of deadtime (simple/complex) to LTP

ATLAS-SCT "DAVE-1" Programmable VME

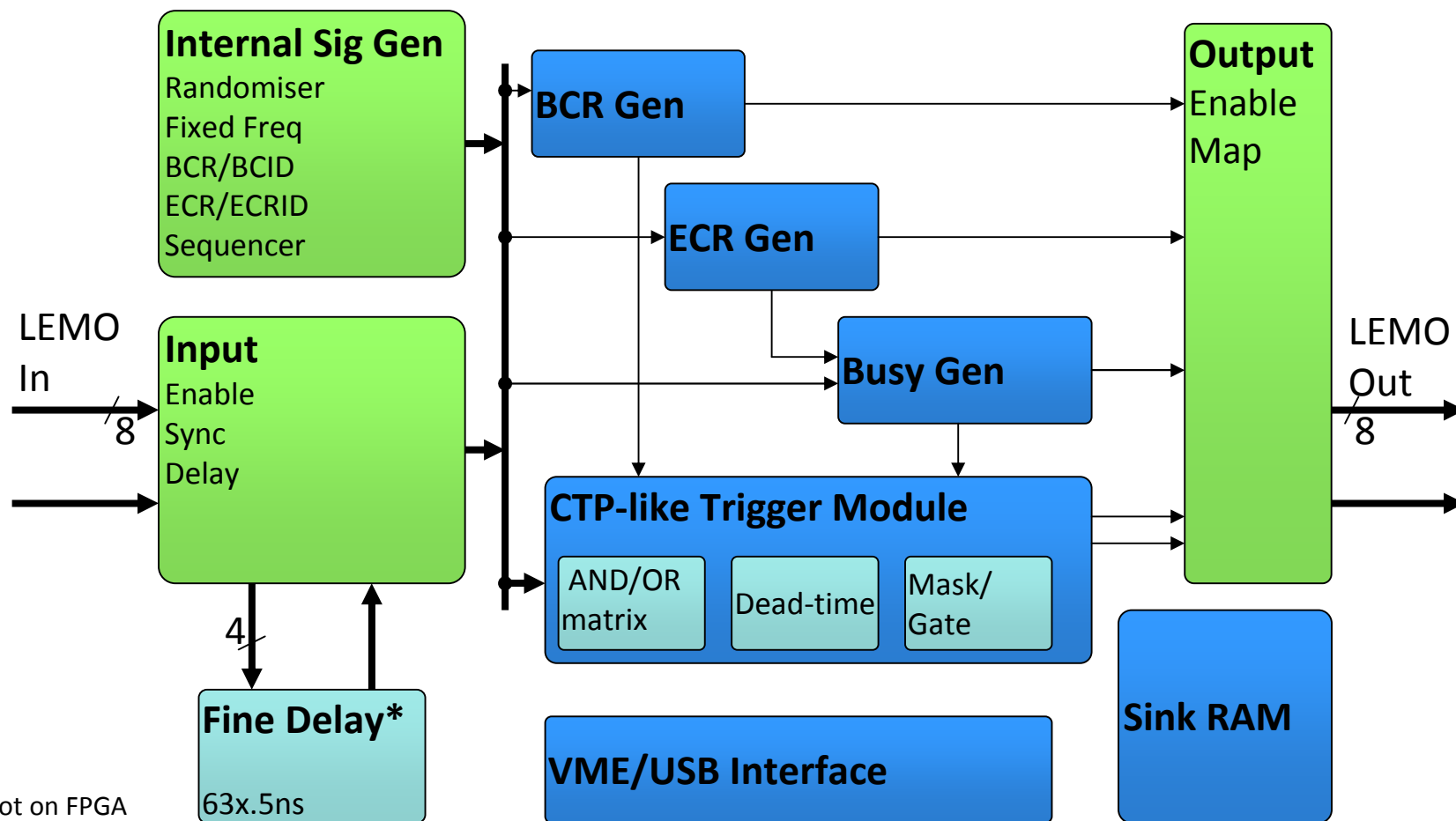
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DAVE card – first prototype

DAVE card Firmware Blocks



- Not on FPGA
- using CERN Delay25 chip

Firmware mainly by Matt, USB by Maurice, testing by Rick

CTP blocks originally by Stefan Haas.

Higher level software to be provided by ThiloPauly and/or Dave Robinson

Production

- 3 prototypes already built Jan/Feb
 - Some minor design iterations were identified
 - Corrections made by wire-tack
- Firmware already well underway and some basic functionality demonstrated
 - USB functionality still pending
- Final design iterations in place
- Production is underway
- A further 17 production modules to be built
 - Delivery by late summer
- Production cost ~ 1.6K CHF per module

ATLAS Orders

- SCT
- TRT
- Pixels
- BCM
- ATLAS central trigger
- Strong interest by L1Calo and LAr
- ...others are likely?
 - Interest too from outside ATLAS!

Summary - Key Points

- Communication by VME or USB
 - In vme/TTC crate or on desktop with power supply
- Exact CTP functionality
 - Random trigger, simple and complex deadtime, ECR, BCR etc to give exact same conditions in standalone as experienced in combined runs
- Trigger sequence playback
 - 64M word SRAM gives us up to 52 seconds history of trigger playback for 75kHz L1 rate (eg on interrupt by system BUSY)
- Powerful generic functionality
- Available by late summer
- ... when you will see them in TTC crates in USA15!